

**Sarah** I have a fundamental belief in the role of government. I'm very clear about that.

**Carter** Sarah, it's wonderful your clarity.

**Sarah** And we're very different you and me.

**Carter** Different in many ways, I'm not denying that, I'm simply saying that with your skills, contacts, your background, you don't know how much you're worth.

**Sarah** I'm not interested in money.

**Carter** A thousand a day, possibly more.

**Sarah** It's not what motivates me.

**Carter** I know I know, okay, but the improved quality of life that's something else. I spend my evenings with my children. Do you spend your evenings with your children?

**Sarah** I don't have any children.

**Carter** You don't have any children alright, do you see much of your husband?

**Sarah** Enough.

**Carter** Enough?

*He smiles – you see?*

**Sarah** We're going through a ... thing at the moment it's not ... oh.

**Carter** This is what I mean.

**Sarah** Fuck. What am I doing? I'm telling you about my *marriage* why am I telling you about that? Jesus. Shut up Sarah.

**Carter** We're just talking.

**Sarah** *drinks her Mojito.*

But alright o quality of life, that's not a factor either, because there are important things you care about. I understand. Targets, limits, carbon trading, an international agreement. How's all that going by the way? Cos these days I don't hear so much about it.

**Sarah** There's a lot of momentum to get something done.

**Carter** Momentum.

**Sarah** Yes... I know I know alright.

**Sarah** *grabs a waiter.*

Can I get another Mojito?

*He goes.*

**Carter** Come on Sarah, you like things to *happen*. You know really that the solution will lie in utilising the market. Technology and innovation.

**Sarah** Carbon ingesting algae you mean?

**Carter** Carbon –

**Sarah** An orbiting umbrella.

**Carter** Sarah, you're being / naughty.

**Sarah** No no, my favourite – turning the moon into a huge solar panel.

**Carter** That's kind of how innovation *works*. It's *new*? If people will pay, the world will change, fast. The internet existed for ten years, no one had it, but as soon as it could do adverts it went in every home.

**Sarah** The environment is longer term, less quantifiable, without government incentivising industry there won't / be any commercial activity.

**Carter** Sarah, *Sarah!* You could be doing so much more than incentivising. This is what I'm saying. There aren't many people around like you. If you were in business you could solve environmental issues right now, you could save lives and build economies and you could do it quickly. And then after work you'd go home to your big house, your happy husband, and do what you like. Concerts, painting, cooking.

**Sarah** I used to like cooking.

**Carter** What's your husband's name?

**Sarah** Colin.

**Carter** Colin? Right. Colin?

*They both smile.*

Right.

**Sarah** He's an amazing man.

**Carter** I'm sure he is.

**Sarah** But when I come in these days he just looks at me.

**Carter** Because you're killing yourself with this half-arsed government when you're capable of so much more. He knows it. I know it.

**Sarah** Well ...

We'll have to wait and see.

**Carter** Wait for what?

**Sarah** The next election, see where we are.

**Carter** That could be three years.

**Sarah** Slowly slowly –

**Carter** Why wait?

**Sarah** You mean ...

**Carter** Come to us in the new year.

**Sarah** I thought we were talking theoretically.

**Carter** No.

**Sarah** You want me to work for you.

**Carter** Well actually Sarah, if you came across, I would be working for you.

*She looks at him.*

Proper salary, resources, investment, whatever you want. An expense account. Leading the field. Clean up the industry, from the inside. You tell us what to do.

**Sarah** This is an offer?

**Carter** A great big offer. You get what you want.

**Sarah** Yes.

**Carter** And so do we.

*They look at each other.*

**Sarah** You're a clever boy.

*She drinks. This is the deal.*

**Carter** The things you could do Sarah. So much bigger than planes and runways.

**Robert, Steve and Mrs Andrews are having dinner.**

**Robert** Did you fly here Steve?

Steve I didn't have much choice.

**Robert looks at him.**

**Robert** You haven't read my books have you?

**Steve** I had a look today, while I was waiting.