

Are you ... ?

Another moment.

Should I ...

She looks up and snaps out of it.

Sarah What? Egg? Perfect.

Sarah *crams the sandwich into her mouth as she leaves.*

There's a knock on Freya's door, she goes to answer it.

Tom and **Jasmine** *are going back inside.*

Jasmine My sister's coming along tonight actually.

Tom To what?

Jasmine To what I do now. To my job. It's a bit political too. You could come along if you want. You'll be shocked. First time I've done it. It's *very* political Tom. Very in-your-face kind of political. You might not be able to cope. It might be all too – *political* for you. I've got a costume. So what do you think? Want to risk it?

Tom *smiles.*

Tom Yeah.

Freya *opens the door. It's Peter, a teenage boy with glasses in a grey hoodie.*

Peter Alright miss. You busy?

Freya Peter. / What are you –

Peter Is that whisky? You shouldn't be drinking if you're pregnant, we saw it on a video in Biology, Mr Greg showed it us yeah and it said if you drink your baby ends up disabled or something maybe it dies in you and they have to pull it out with tweezers. Can I come

in? I'm not doing very good. I want your advice.

Freya How did you know where I live?

Peter Went on the internet, put your name in, it's not difficult. Big bump you've got now. I need to talk. Can I come in?

Freya I might get into trouble.

Peter Nah you can't be a paedophile cos you're a woman and the hood's not cos I want to cut you it's cos it's raining, come on miss it's fucking biblical out here pardon my mouth used to talk didn't we? I liked it when we talked but you only come into school two days a week and not even that now. You're not busy clearly, you're watching TV. Is your husband in?

Freya He's gone away.

Peter His car's outside.

Freya He got a taxi to the airport.

Peter Yeah not supposed to fly any more though are you? How long's he gone for then?

Freya Just a couple of days.

Peter Bet you could do with the company then.

Freya No.

Peter Bet you could though.

Freya Peter, you should go back to school.

Peter No one visits you do they?

Freya

Peter

That's cos pregnant women are a bit of a pain. Sweaty and fat, stuck in the house, moaning and moaning, I don't think that

miss, but most people do that's why they don't visit. But I'm here.

I got you a flower.

He holds out a flower. She looks at him.

Freya Thank you.

She takes the flower. He enters.

Sarah *is having a meeting with Carter in her office. She offers him a biscuit.*

Carter Thank you. It's wonderful to meet you at last. Been a year. Thought I'd done something wrong.

Sarah I've been very busy.

Carter Well, better late than never. How are we doing?

Sarah In two days time, after concluding my review, I recommend to the PM.

Carter So I hear.

Sarah And I thought you might want a heads up, to give you time to formulate a public response.

Carter A heads up. Lovely. A response to what?

Sarah We're nice people, Mr Carter.

Carter I'm sure you are. Everyone's *nice* these days aren't they? Even me. I bought my son Adam a bike, for his birthday. Very expensive. He loved it. And what have you nice people got to offer us?

Sarah I thought you might want to come on board with the decision now, rather than wasting time and effort fighting it.

Carter The decision.

Sarah Yes.

Another biscuit?

He looks at her.

Carter Adam's learning quickly, he's six, he looked at his bike, and he said 'what's the bad news Dad?' He said you only buy me presents like this when there's bad news. He was right. His mother had run over the cat. This coalition government, whatever it is, you're supposed to be business friendly.

Sarah We're very business / friendly, yes.

Carter So what do you mean, what are we talking?

Sarah The Heathrow decision played very well for us, the public didn't want that third runway, they were pleased we got in, and stopped it, so now I'll be recommending a complete halt to expansion.

Carter Where?

Sarah Everywhere.

Carter *is surprised.*

Carter Look, Heathrow? Fine, I understand your position, you had to pull back, but it was assumed at the time, it was very strongly hoped, in fact, that in return, there would be balance.

Sarah There isn't the need.

Carter We let Heathrow go, but we get Birmingham, Edinburgh, London City instead – Belfast – that was understood.

Sarah It can't be justified environmentally.

Carter A few miles of concrete here and there, a couple of sheds, it's not the end of the world.