

Sarah Nothing illegal?
Jasmine Nothing in the pictures.
Sarah Does he speak?
Tom This is happening, right now, to people like me, to my family. And if you don't believe me ...

He gets papers out of his bag.

Letters, photographs, measurements. Rainfall, crop growth, all from my family in Eritrea. Now, I realise you probably don't even know where Eritrea is but –

Sarah Borders in the west, in the south, and in the southeast ...

Tom Yeah okay, yeah, exactly, and they're struggling to –

Sarah The population's an estimated five million? The capital is – I assume you're going to tell me about the current and tangible effects of climate change on the agriculture, on the villages, your family.

Tom You're aware of all that.

Sarah That's sort of my job.

Tom Then it's worse. You know what's going on and you still allow runways and flight paths. You don't listen, we've raised petitions, spoken to our MPs, all you say is you 'appreciate our view', you 'encourage the debate' – but nothing happens.

Sarah You don't know what we're going to announce.

Tom I can guess.

Sarah You can guess absolutely you can have a wild stab in the dark but you don't *know*.

I want you to understand a couple of things Tom. Firstly my sister's a student. She has sex. So what? You think the public are going to be interested? *I'm* not interested.

Secondly, in this country you elect your government, and then we consult and make decisions based on what is right for the people. We take into account different factors – environmental, economic, social. It's complicated because we have to consider everything. Transport means investment. Investment means greater employment. Greater employment means less poverty, which presumably you're in favour of? That's why you have people like me, to make a *judgement*. So what are you doing, Tom? Blackmail? Of a democratically elected member of parliament?

Tom *slams his papers on her desk.*

Tom It's a protest.

Sarah Good. There. You've protested. It's over. Now delete the photos, get out of my office, stop wasting my time.

Tom Are you going to read all this?

Sarah I'm certainly going to file it.

Tom You can't dismiss me.

Sarah This isn't the student union Tom. We're the fucking government. Go away.

Tom *turns to go. Jasmine turns as well.*

Not you.