

Kenneth Loud.

Sandra Always shouting.

Kenneth Remind you of anyone?

Sandra Not like we do, nothing like us, they do it in public, out the door, they seem a bit violent if you ask me.

Kenneth Up to them how they want to be, none of our business.

Sandra Up to them alright yes yes, although it's annoying first thing in the morning when you want some peace and quiet, sorting out your car first thing and there she is, the mum, shouting her face off out the front door.

Not sure how they're even in that house. They can't have bought it.

Not being . . .

You know what I mean.

It's not cheap round here.

Pause.

Kenneth The bill came today.

Sandra What?

Kenneth School fees.

Sandra How much?

Kenneth . . .

Sandra Christ.

Kenneth I know.

So.

Beat.

What was it tonight?

Sandra A meeting.

Kenneth With?

Sandra Chris.

Beat.

Kenneth Chris again.

Sandra What? Chris again yes again Chris again yes. What?

Kenneth These late meetings.

Sandra It's busy at the moment we don't get a chance in the days and then we bump into each other at five o'clock and we're like oh God there's about twelve things we need to sort out before tomorrow so we have to sit down and go through them there and then.

Kenneth Sit down?

Sandra Yes, we sit down.

Kenneth What do you mean?

Sandra A meeting.

Kenneth You sit down.

Sandra Yes we sit down we tried standing up but our legs got tired.

Kenneth Where?

Sandra What?

Kenneth Where do you sit down together?

Sandra Alright Columbo.

Kenneth Just a question. Don't make me / feel stupid asking.

Sandra 'Sit down together.'

Kenneth Sandra I'm not –

Sandra You're implying something.

Kenneth When you arrived tonight you smelt of gin.

Sandra We had a drink together.

Kenneth A drink together.

Sandra Together yes.

Kenneth Always *together*.

Sandra It's kind of what a *meeting* implies, Kenneth.

Kenneth So the meeting was . . .

Sandra Yes? The meeting was . . . what?

Kenneth Where. Where was the meeting?

Sandra Well . . .

She looks at him.

Sometimes we go to the pub, shocking I know but it's the evening and we can't *bear* to stay in the office. Look at you. Your face quivering. Me and him in the pub. Ooo what might happen. Kenneth you think I'm having an affair.

Kenneth How many?

Sandra Affairs? None.

Kenneth Not affairs. How many –

Sandra Meetings? With Chris? *We work together.*

Kenneth How many gins?

Sandra Gins.

Kenneth Before you drove.

Sandra Oh how many gins. I see. I don't know.

Kenneth That's the worst answer to that question.

Sandra A couple?

Kenneth A couple like two, or a couple like five.

Sandra Like two.

Kenneth *Like* two?

Sandra Oh stop.

Kenneth Stop what? You're all over the place I think you're completely off the leash at the moment, I don't know what you're up to.

A moment.

Sandra Alright.

Kenneth What?

Sandra What if I was?

Kenneth What?

Sandra Having an affair, what if I was?

Kenneth Are you?

Sandra Let's have a conversation.

Kenneth So you are.

Sandra No. But what if I was?

Kenneth I'm not playing a game. Not tonight. We can do this some other time.

Sandra Ken . . .

Kenneth What? This is hypothetical or something.

Sandra Yes! Hypothetical. Exactly.

Kenneth I'm serious. I want to talk to you, I want you to be honest, this isn't funny.

Sandra I'm just talking Kenneth. I'm just asking what you'd do if I was.

Kenneth This is a test now?

Sandra This is a question.