

KAREN Have to watch you then. Unless you do defending? Then could put some work your way?

RACHEL I'm sure you could. But I'm just concentrating on my finals.

KAREN Want a drink? (*holds up wine bottle*)

RACHEL No thanks.

KAREN Have to drink the evidence on my own will I?

RACHEL Seen Faye?

AIDEN No, why?

RACHEL I'm not sure if she'll show. She took some persuading.

KAREN She's off her head, she won't be missed.

RACHEL Dad asked she be here.

KAREN She's not even dad's kid, she's only a stepsister.

RACHEL She's still family.

KAREN No, we're family, us three.

AIDEN Rachel's right, dad wanted the four of us here, and that's that.

KAREN Maybe, but she's still off her head.

RACHEL Faye reckons she had a different upbringing than the rest of us, she/

KAREN / She's a lying bitch that's full of shit, end story.

RACHEL You just can't say that Karen, you weren't there.

KAREN Just have, want me to say it again?

RACHEL Faye's had her problems, try showing a bit of sympathy.

KAREN Her problems are all in her head. And my sympathy, left the building with Elvis

*Knock on door.*

AIDEN Chill out, if that's her leave it alone.

KAREN She'd better not start that's all.

*AIDEN goes to the door and returns with solicitor LILY HUNTER.*

AIDEN        Everyone this is Lily Hunter from the solicitors.

KAREN        You alright Lily?

AIDEN        You'll know Lou, this is my girlfriend Deena and sister Rachel.

HUNTER       Hello. So Rachel, you are Aiden's and Karen's half sister is that right?

KAREN        Yeah, same dad different mum.

AIDEN        Rachel's doing law at uni

HUNTER       Which one?

RACHEL       Kings in London

HUNTER       I'm impressed, how long to go?

RACHEL       Final year.

HUNTER       Nightmare. Still, soon be over?

RACHEL       I'm dreading it.

HUNTER       Enjoy it while you can, after you qualify it's all down hill.

*Both laugh, HUNTER opens file and scans it.*

HUNTER       So we are missing... Faye is it?

KAREN        Probably not coming.

RACHEL       She did say she'd be here.

HUNTER       I'm sure we can give her a few minutes. There is a point made by your father regarding the reading of the will. He did stipulate that only the four named should be present. That is Karen, Aiden, Rachel and Faye.

KAREN        So what about Lou?

HUNTER       To comply with your father's request, Lou and Deena should leave.

KAREN        But I don't want Lou to leave.

AIDEN        If that was what dad wanted?

KAREN        Me and Lou are partners, we share everything, don't we babe?

LOU            Yeah.

KAREN        And you want to stay for the will don't you?

LOU            Not bothered. We're still going to Ibiza right?

KAREN        Should be, yeah.

LOU            Not bothered then.

AIDEN        You don't mind do you?

DEENA        Course not, I'm only here to support you.

AIDEN        Thanks.

KAREN        OK, let's do it then.

RACHEL      We are still waiting for Faye.

KAREN        Well how long you going to give her?

HUNTER      She's only a few minutes late, let's give her a bit longer.

KAREN        If little Miss Precious is having one of her turns we'll be waiting forever. She's a psychiatrist's dream she is. Head full of fucking magic that one.

*Faye enters behind Karen*

KAREN        Fuck me, she can turn a broken nail into a national disaster.

FAYE         So nice you're still concerned about me Karen.

KAREN        Shit, where did you come from?

FAYE         Door was open, should be careful with all the villains around here.

KAREN        Didn't think you'd show.

FAYE         What, and miss seeing you guys. In truth, I came just to confirm that the bastard was in fact dead.

KAREN        You're out of order. You show some respect.

FAYE         Wow, is someone sorry he's dead?

AIDEN        Not the best time Faye.

RACHEL      Let's read the will shall we.

FAYE Sure, I'm looking forward to see what wealth and riches daddy Eddie has left. Might get a mars bar out of it .Or am I being wildly optimistic?

KAREN Don't take the piss, I'm warning you.

FAYE You are so much like your dad Karen. What are you going to do? Take off your belt and batter me?

KAREN I don't need a belt to sort you bitch.

AIDEN Look let's sit down and get this done. Deena can you go to the offy and get some drinks?

DEENA Sure, what do you want?

AIDEN Anything, some wine and beer's fine.

DEENA OK.

LOU I'll come with you.

DEENA Where's the nearest, Bargain Booze isn't it?

LOU Yeah.

DEENA Is that where tonka tits works?

LOU Sure is.

DEENA That's where we'll go then.

LOU I'll wait round the corner. My photo is up by the till and...

*Deena looks quizzically.*

LOU Order runs out end of next month... I'll tell you on the way...

DEENA Whatever. Should I give Tina your love Aiden?

*AIDEN looks embarrassed; DEENA laughs and with LOU exits.*

AIDEN You and your big gob.

KAREN What? Everybody's shagged her.

AIDEN Did you?

KAREN God no. Wouldn't go near anything you'd been through.

HUNTER     Much as your private lives always fascinate me, shall we make a start?

*FAYE, RACHEL and AIDEN sit down KAREN stands*

HUNTER     Are you having a seat Karen?

KAREN       *(looks to FAYE)* I'll stand.

HUNTER     As you wish, everyone ready?

KAREN       Are we going to sort out the funeral stuff as well?

HUNTER     I think that is best done after the reading of the will. And after I've left.

KAREN       But you're his solicitor.

HUNTER     I was his solicitor Karen.

KAREN       The cops won't even release his body. Can't you do something about that?

HUNTER     Like what?

KAREN       Tell them to.

HUNTER     Your dad is a victim of an unsolved murder. The police tend to dictate what happens in those circumstances.

KAREN       How can we sort out the funeral directors and book the crem then?

HUNTER     I don't think they will allow cremation, it will have to be burial.

KAREN       What's it got to do with them?

HUNTER     Putting it bluntly, your father's body is evidence. The police nor the Coroner will let you destroy that evidence.

KAREN       So if they bury him, what they going to do, dig him up to go to court?

RACHEL     Lily is right Karen, the body may be required should the defence want a second post mortem.

HUNTER     Tell you what, I'll write a letter requesting the release of the body for burial.

FAYE       And how much is that going to cost?

KAREN       What's it got to do with you how much it costs?

FAYE           It does if it comes out of his estate. Maybe you're giving my Mars bar away, just to write some letter.

HUNTER        Look, as the family has been such good customers, I'll do it on the house.

FAYE           So I still might get my Mars bar then?

KAREN         Oh you'll get a Mars bar, and I'll shove it where the sun don't shine.

HUNTER        If we can get on please.

AIDEN         Yeah, give it a rest you two, let's get this done.

HUNTER        Thank you Aiden. Your father came to the office on the twenty seventh of last month requesting we draw up his last will and testimony. Do you wish me to read the document in full, or give a simplified version of the relative issues concerning the four of you?

AIDEN         The full one, is being of sound mind, and a load of legalese yeah?

HUNTER        Correct.

KAREN         Hit us with the quickie then.

HUNTER        Very well. After paying all outstanding debts, the assets are to be divided equally between the four of you.

AIDEN         That's it?

HUNTER        That's it.

KAREN         So what's he got then?

HUNTER        How do you mean?

KAREN         What does it say his assets are?

HUNTER        It doesn't.

RACHEL        No mention of savings, bonds or insurance policies?

HUNTER        Nothing.

KAREN         What no bank accounts or anything?

HUNTER        Nothing, unless you know of any? I believe he rented this flat, so it will be the furniture, contents and a car perhaps?

FAYE           Good old dad, reliable to the end.

RACHEL May I look at the will?

HUNTER Feel free (*passes document to Rachel who reads*) As you will see it is a standard format and there is nothing of relevance I have omitted. Oh yes, there is, this.

*She takes from the envelop a packet of tomato seeds which she places on the table.*

KAREN (*picks up seeds*) Tomato seeds, are you having a laugh?

HUNTER Not me. Your father gave it to me to put with the will.

KAREN Why?

HUNTER I haven't the slightest idea.

FAYE He didn't want us to starve.

KAREN (*throws seeds on table*) I fuckin' hate tomatoes.

AIDEN How was he?

HUNTER In what respect?

AIDEN When he made the will, how was he?

HUNTER Well he was... as he usually was.

AIDEN He'd had a drink then?

HUNTER Er.. he may have, Mr. Stubbs was well, normal.

FAYE Not two words you often hear together, Mr. Stubbs and normal.

KAREN Don't start.

FAYE Come on Karen, have a laugh about it. Fuck all, four ways is still fuck all.

RACHEL Well there's nothing in the will, unless he's got stuff in the flat?

HUNTER I'll leave you with that one, good luck

KAREN Is that it?

HUNTER Er no I forgot to mention, Aiden, your father nominated you as executor.

AIDEN What does that mean?

HUNTER It means, I send you the bill.

KAREN Hold on, we get our stuff done on legal aid.

HUNTER Not this one Karen, not on this one.

KAREN Well thanks for nothing.

HUNTER *(as exits aside to Rachel)* Good luck with your finals. And I'd stick to prosecuting. *(looks to others)* Defending is such a pain in the arse.

*HUNTER EXITS*

LOU *(off)* You done Lily?

HUNTER *(off)* Yes, oh no. *(Partly enters)* Aiden.

AIDEN Hmm.

HUNTER Sorry forgot. It's important you make an appointment to see me in the next few days. Your father's sad demise may be relevant to your situation.

AIDEN Oh... right... will do.

*HUNTER exits LOU and DEENA enter with drinks.*

LOU Everything sorted?

KAREN Yeah.

LOU So when we going then?

KAREN Where?

LOU Away?

KAREN Right...Not sure babe, got to sort out selling his stuff first.

LOU What the flat, what do you think you'll get for it?

KAREN Probably get a couple of years, it's rented.

LOU Oh, right get you, couple of years.

KAREN No, it's just getting all his stuff together and, what's the thing I'm meaning to say Rachel?

RACHEL You are going to realise his assets.



KAREN That's it, spot on.

LOU *(looks around)* Not much to realise here is there?

KAREN Don't know, we'll have to have a good look round and see what turns up.

LOU Looking at this, the best thing that can turn up is a skip.

KAREN Hey, it's not my fault.

LOU You told me, your dad said we were sorted.

KAREN I know, cos that's what he said.

LOU You said we'd do a few weeks in Ibiza.

KAREN And, we might do.

LOU Might do, you're talking crap, just like your dad.

KAREN Don't bust my arse over it

LOU Fuck this, I'm going down the Red Lion.

KAREN I'll come with you.

LOU Don't bother. Stay here and realise your wotsits.

*LOU exits in a strop*

KAREN Lou don't go.

*LOU returns picks up the opened bottle of wine, takes a swig and exits.*

KAREN Shit.

RACHEL She'll be OK.

KAREN I know, she has these strops, *(shouts)* You mad cow.

RACHEL So, tonight's been a bit disappointing all-round really.

KAREN Tell me about it.

RACHEL I mean anything would have been handy, poor student and all that.

FAYE Hey, I only expected a bloody Mars bar.

*Karen and Rachel laugh*

DEENA What did that solicitor mean about your situation?

AIDEN Oh that, it's nothing.

DEENA She said it was important.

AIDEN It's nothing.

DEENA You've not exactly been honest with me have you Aiden?

KAREN Watch out Aide, she's been talking to Tonka tits.

DEENA No. I've been talking to Lou.

AIDEN You have?

DEENA You told me you worked with your dad in the entertainment industry. Lou says he worked the door in a brothel.

KAREN (*sighs.*) The gobby cow.

AIDEN No, it's a gentleman's club, with dancers. It's not a knocking shop. It's legit.

DEENA Oh? Lou said it's owned by two brothers, that are a million miles from legit

AIDEN That's just rumours. Hey if you knew Lou I mean, she even believes shit she reads in the papers. You know, bus on the moon stuff.

DEENA She told me you got caught with twenty grands worth of stolen laptops.

AIDEN Now, that was just a misunderstanding.

DEENA Getting charged, doesn't seem like a misunderstanding to me.

KAREN Get off his case, he didn't nick them. He was moving them for dad.

DEENA That makes it better does it?

KAREN Well, yeah.

DEENA So, just tell the police who stole them.

KAREN Whoa there, don't talk like that in this house.

AIDEN I can't do that.

DEENA      You can.

AIDEN      I can't.

DEENA      If your father stole them then ..

AIDEN      He didn't.

KAREN      The Anstee brothers had them away.

DEENA      So tell the police that then.

AIDEN      You don't know the Anstee brothers do you?