### **BROKEN**

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Roz's Story

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Father Michael (in an open necked shirt) and three of his brothers. He's dealing 13 cards to each of the four of them.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN

So we do it. Yeah?

CHRI STOPHER KERRI GAN

Yeah.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN We draw up a roster. Beth will still do her two nights. I'll do my one. That leaves four nights between seven of you.

CHRI STOPHER KERRI GAN

Phil won't do one.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN
He will. He didn't know Mam was
dying but he knows now and he'll do
it.

JOE KERRIGAN
(of his cards)
Just when you need a miracle, it
happens. Last three cards absolute beauts.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN
It works out at just over onceT -o]TJ E-1 0 8yndq 1 0 S1a

### JOE KERRIGAN It didn't stop you going for me two

CHRI STOPHER KERRI GAN

Yes.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN So who's gonna organise that?

CHRI STOPHER KERRI GAN

You.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN No!! Not me. That's a cert. Not me!

Too, too angry. A terrible atmosphere now.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN (CONT' D)

I'm going.

EDDIE KERRIGAN

What!

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRIGAN

Goi ng.

EDDIE KERRIGAN

What about us?

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN You'll have to have a three hander.

EDDIE KERRIGAN

Three handers are shi te.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRIGAN

Sorry.

4 EXT FATHER MI CHAEL' S MOTHER' S STREET NI GHT 18 20, 45 4

Father Michael walking past ex-council houses. He gets to his \*mother's, rings the doorbell. Beth opens it almost immediately.

MI CHAEL' S SI STER BETH

Hi.

(I oud)

Michael's here, Mam.

MI CHAEL'S SISTER BETH Not good. She won't tell you that but she's not good. Who won?

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN

Guess

She doesn't need to.

MI CHAEL'S SISTER BETH

Bye, Mam.

MI CHAEL' S MOTHER

Bye, I ove.

MI CHAEL' S SI STER BETH

Bye.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN

Bye.

She goes.

MI CHAEL' S MOTHER' S BEDROOM NI GHT 18 21.00 5 INT

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Cut hard to air being pumped into a blow-up single bed. It's Father Michael doing this.

Cut hard to Father Michael in the blow-up bed, his mother's hand in his.

> FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN It was the night Joe played in the Sheffield and Hallamshire Final and those two coppers came for Dad. He hadn't paid a fine or something...

MI CHAEL' S MOTHER A court order.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN The last thing Joe sees before he disappears up the street is Dad getting marched down it by the two coppers. But they only take him to the bottom and they let him go. (MORE)

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN (CONT' D)

Dad comes back and I say, "Why did they let you go?" And he says, "You can't get blood out of a stone, son." But Joe hasn't seen any of this. He thinks Dad's in the nick. So we're up in the stands at Bramall Lane. Me and Dad. Floodlights and everything. And the teams come out. And I'm desperate for Joe to see that Dad's with me so I'm shouting out "Joe! Joe!" and pointing out Dad beside me but Joe can't see because of the floodlights. He can hear but he can't see me so I start shouting, "Me Dad's here! Me Dad's here!" Everyone in the stand is looking round at me, wondering why I'm shouting this out but I don't care: Just so long as our Joe doesn't have to play the biggest game of his life thinking me Dad's in the nick. "Me Dad's here! Me Dad's here! "

Almost a laugh at this from Mam.

6 EXT MOVING TRAIN DAY 19 08.00

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Father Michael on the train, heading back to Liverpool.

7 INT. ROZ DEMICHELIS'S KITCHEN - DAY 19 CONT.

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CHLOE DEMICHELIS is holding a pair of pink jeans.

Her brother JAKE DEMICHELIS is stood eating cereal.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

I told you to separate the whites!

JAKE DEMICHELIS I thought I did.

CHLOE DEMICHELIS You're paying for them!

JAKE DEMICHELIS

As if.

CHLOE DEMICHELIS
They're ruined. Actually ruined.

goes to pour cereal into his bowl

but there's none left.

LEO DEMICHELIS

What's the need?

CHLOE DEMICHELIS

Di ckhead.

LEO DEMICHELIS

(Starts opening cupboards)

He's had all the cornies.

JAKE DEMICHELIS (Still with a mouthful)

Mum told me to do the washing and I have.

CHLOE DEMICHELIS

He did it on purpose. You did it on purpose.

JAKE DEMICHELIS

No I never!

CHLOE DEMICHELIS

You did. You so did.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

I said, didn't I? Leave the whites.

JAKE DEMICHELIS

I did! I made a pile of them. They must have been rolled up somewhere.

LEO DEMICHELIS

(Still looking for something for breakfast)

There's nothing to eat.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

They must have been in the machine. check the machine before you

load it.

JAKE DEMICHELIS

You didn't say that.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

I did.

JAKE DEMICHELIS

You didn't.

LEO DEMICHELIS

Mum?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

What?!

LEO DEMICHELIS

There's no brekkie!

CHLOE DEMICHELIS

(to Jake)

You knob.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

There's muesli.

JAKE DEMICHELIS

(to Chloe)

Mi ng.

LEO DEMICHELIS

Muesli!

Roz going to the cupboard and swinging it open.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Yes.

CHLOE DEMICHELIS

(to Jake)

Pri ck.

LEO DEMICHELIS

I'm not having muesli.

JAKE DEMICHELIS

Ti t.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

(Eyes shut, to Leo)

Why is that?

LEO DEMICHELIS

I want cornies.

CHLOE DEMICHELIS

Mum, tell him.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Tell him what, Clo?

CHLOE DEMICHELIS

That he'll have to pay.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

You'll have to pay.

Leo picks his bag up.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D)

Where you going?

LEO DEMICHELIS

School.

ROZ DEMICHELIS Without eating?

LEO DEMICHELIS I'll get something there.

He's gone.

CHLOE DEMICHELIS Why did you tell him to do the washing anyway?

ROZ DEMICHELIS Cause he's got to learn, that's why.

CHLOE DEMICHELIS He can't even wash himself.

JAKE DEMICHELIS Shut your face right now.

ROZ DEMICHELIS
(to Chloe)
I won't be doing it in future and if you've got any sense you won't be either so they've got to learn. Right?

Jake throws his bowl in the sink, and heads for his room.

Chloe digs him in the arm as he goes past, then lashes the jeans back into a pile of wet, clean washing, and heads for her room.

This all happens before Roz can even speak.

She looks around the kitchen. It's a tip. Her dog is looking at her.

Roz finds a tin of dog food, starts opening it...

ROZ DEMICHELIS

No.

CHLOE DEMICHELIS Why didn't you say?

ROZ DEMICHELIS Make sure everywhere's locked.

Roz drives off. Jake, at the door, and Chloe Look at each other.

9 INT SAINT NICK'S CHURCH DAY 19 09.15

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FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN (struggling)
Brother and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Father Michael and the congregation begin to examine their consciences but suddenly...

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11 INT SAINT NICK'S CHURCH DAY 19 CONT.

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FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN
The school stopped asking me for
dinner money so I stopped asking
Mam for it. Went on for over a
year. Then they realised their

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRIGAN (CONT'D) I confess to Almighty God...

All join in.

Al I

And to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints...

We jump ahead...

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN Bernadette Jenkins is here...

We go to her. She's wearing a wig.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN (CONT'D) She gets the results of her scan tomorrow morning and she's asked us to remember her in our prayers. And Helen Oyenusi's with us again today and that reminds me to remind you of tonight's candlelit vigil outside Laurel Road Police Station.

Helen Oyenusi's reaction.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN (CONT'D) All are welcome. Including police officers, Andrew...

PC Andrew Powell is here...

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN (CONT'D) There's no implied criticism here.

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But, oh, there is...

12 INT FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN'S HOUSE DAY 19 12.30

The radio is on. A local phone-in show (see appendix). Father Michael Kerrigan opens his fridge. Not much in there. He takes out a noodle dish, checks the date, pierces the top.

The phone goes. He answers it.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN Mi chael Kerri gan.

ROZ DEMICHELIS It's Roz Demichelis here, Michael.

We intercut as we wish.

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Michael Lowers the radio.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN How are you?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Fine. You?

He pops the noodles into the microwave.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRIGAN

Fi ne.

He slams the door, startles her.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

What was that?

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN Microwave. I'm doing Singapore noodles. Is there no end to this man's talents?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

I can see into the boss's office.

Most of what Roz now describes we SEE.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D)
He's on the phone. There's a cheque
for one thousand nine hundred
pounds on his desk, you see,
payable to Elaine Coombs and there
is no Elaine Coombs. Elaine Coombs
is me. If he's on to accounts - and
I think he is - he'll be getting
told there have been well over a
hundred similar cheques, all
payable to Elaine Coombs, all
signed by me. Two hundred and
thirty two thousand, six hundred
and forty eight pounds in total. I
think he's just said, "I can't
believe it." I think he's just said
it again. He's seen me. He's going

JAMI E

Can I see you in the office, Roz?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Sure. Just finish this call, yeah?

**JAMIE** 

Yeah.

The boss walks away.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Not to put too fine a point on it, Michael, I am fucked.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN

Can I help?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Can I come and see you?

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN

Yes. When?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Well he's just about to sack me so I'm free for the rest of the day. Unless he calls the police but I'm going to ask him to defer that till tomorrow. So this afternoon?

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRIGAN

Three o' clock?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Yeah. Thanks. Enjoy your noodles.

She cuts the call. She starts walking to the boss's glass-partitioned office. She enters.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D)

What is it?

JAMI E

I'm hoping you can sort something out, Roz.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Right.

**JAMIE** 

PRAYING you can sort it out.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

I'll do my best.

JAMI E

A cheque's been returned.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

You want the truth?

**JAMIE** 

Yes.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

The idiotic truth?

JAMI E

Yes.

But she can't, just can't, tell him.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Coke.

JAMI F

Nah. A large gin and tonic, you're off your head. Snort two hundred and thirty K's worth of coke, I would notice.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

It's gone, Jamie. Every penny. I lived the good life for a while and now it's gone.

JAMI E

You're lying. You look good, Roz. You always look good but I do not think you've spent a quarter of a million on yourself over the last few years. You've lived in the same house since the day you married that gobshite. Your last holiday was a fortnight in Windermere which doesn't quite count as an exotic location. So where's all this money?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

It's gone.

He doesn't believe her.

JAMI E

You pay me it back, I don't phone the police. You're sacked, yeah, but no police involved. But if you DON'T pay me it back, you go down, Roz. You go down for years. And if you think it's worth it, if you think you can do a few years and come out to two hundred grand stashed away somewhere, think again, 'cause they'll...

ROZ DEMICHELIS It's all gone, Jamie.

JAMI E

...be all over you like a rash. They'll go through everything, Roz, every penny you've...

ROZ DEMICHELIS They'll find nothing.

**JAMIE** 

...spent, every bloody postage stamp you bought. They won't let you away with a carrot. And I'll do my bit too because I want my money back, Roz. I want every single penny back and...

ROZ DEMICHELIS

It's all gone.

JAMI E

... I won't rest till I've got it. I'll be watching you like a hawk 'cause...

ROZ DEMICHELIS It's all gone, Jamie.

**JAMIE** 

... I want my... IT CAN'T BE ALL GONE!

He's thinking of punching her.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Not my face.

Nothing happens. He turns away from her, picks up the phone, punches a number in. Waiting for an answer, he moves to the door and shouts to everybody in the open plan office around his own glass-partitioned place...

JAMI E

Two hundred and thirty grand she's robbed, this thieving bitch. Two hundred and thirty grand.

Poor Roz in this goldfish bowl of an office...

JAMIE (CONT'D)

(down phone)

Police please,

ROZ DEMI CHELI S

Can I ask you to ring them

tomorrow?

**JAMIE** 

Why?

ROZ DEMICHELIS I've got things to do tonight.

**JAMIE** 

What sort of things?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Thi ngs.

**JAMIE** 

Tough.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

With the KIDS. Things with the kids.

He considers this. He nods, puts the phone down.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D)

Thanks.

She leaves. He has to fight back the tears.

Roz walking back to her desk, eyes burning into her. She picks up a few things and walks right through the open plan 12 aeice ..Tj ET Q q 1 0 0 -1 0 842cm BT -0.0174 Tc 12 0 0 -12 252

### ROZ DEMICHELIS

Yeah.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRIGAN
I do too. There are lots of
versions of the stations of the
cross. Some have Christ falling
once, some three times. Some end
with Christ entombed, some with him
rising. But no matter what version
you're looking at, there's one
that's NEVER there and it's Christ
calling out, on the cross, in
despair, "My god, my god, why have
you forsaken me?" I think that's
because they can't handle it:
Christ, the Son of God, in despair.
What chance have WE got?

(beat)
But I'd always have that one He

But I'd always have that one. He knew despair. He understands.

She smiles. They reach another one.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN (CONT'D) One of the last people he spoke to alive, Roz, was a common thief. He'll speak to you. He'll be saying, right up to the very end, "Choose hope, not despair. Life, not death."

She doesn't answer. She sits down. He sits next to her.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN (CONT'D) Is there any way you could pay it back?

She shakes her head.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN (CONT'D) Have you got money tied up in the house?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

No.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN Convince the judge you'll pay it back, you see, you'd be looking at three years rather than four or FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN (CONT'D) You do half, don't forget. Get three years, that's only eighteen months. And it's white collar so you'll be in an open prison for most of it.

ROZ DEMICHELIS How d'you know all this?

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRIGAN

Internet.

ROZ DEMICHELIS
I'm grateful, Michael, but I won't
be going to prison, I'm afraid.
I'll be dead.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN Why? I mean why NOW? You've done the hardest bit: faced him and told him.

She's shaking her head.

ROZ DEMICHELIS
Nah. Hardest bit is everyone
knowing. Neighbours. Friends. All
wetting themselves in glee. You
said you can live with shame,
Michael, but you never have. It's
guilt you've lived with, guilt over
how you treated those women. Tell
the whole world about it, and then
it's shame.

He accepts this.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN Did you tell him it went on machines?

She shakes her head.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN (CONT' D)

Why not?

ROZ DEMICHELIS I'd sooner him despise me than pity me.

She studies him for a bit.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D) Would you fuck me, Michael, please?

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRIGAN

What?

ROZ DEMICHELIS I think you heard.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN I can't. I'm sure it would be a wonderful experience but I can't.

ROZ DEMICHELIS
I'll be dead tomorrow so who's
gonna know? I'll be dead tomorrow
so, quite frankly, it's the least
you can do, the least any gentleman
could do.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN

I can't.

ROZ DEMICHELIS You get lots of offers?

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRIGAN

A few.

ROZ DEMICHELIS You get more wearing the collar though, yeah?

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN

Yeah.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Yeah.

(pause)
How did you intend to kill
yourself?

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN We're here to talk about you, Roz.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

A train?

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN You got your mobile?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Yes.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN My number's zero, double seven, double zero, nine hundred, four, eight, one.

ROZ DEMICHELIS How were you going to do it?

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN Put my number in, Roz, please.

## Roz knows he's never going to answer her question. $\mbox{ROZ DEMICHELIS}$

They come out of prison and throw themselves into penal reform and campaigns for this, that and the other. Prison's the making of them, Roz, and it can be for you. Fight them. Fight those bloody machines and go to prison and come out and

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN Phone me, Roz, and I'll get to you.

She keeps on walking.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN (CONT'D) I'll get to you, Roz, I promise.

She Leaves.

15 INT. ROZ DEMICHELIS'S KITCHEN - NIGHT 19 18.30

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Roz is teaching Leo how to cook spag bol. Jake is meant to be observing but he's checking his phone at the same time.

ROZ DEMICHELIS
Go to a food bank, ask them what
they want most, they'll tell you
pasta. Nutritious and cheap. Feed
an army with a bit of pasta and a
bit of sauce. How long's that now?

LEO DEMICHELIS

Five minutes.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Any pink showing?

LEO DEMICHELIS

No.

ROZ DEMI CHELIS

That's the main thing: no pink showing. Open the sauce.

Leo will pick up and open a can of bolognese sauce.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D) Pink inside a steak's okay but pink in a pan of mince, that's a no-no. Add the sauce.

He does so.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D)

And stir it in. No need to batter it in. Just...

(to Jake)

Are you watching this?

JAKE DEMICHELIS

Yeah.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

I am no longer cooking for you. Get that straight: I am no longer cooking so what are you going to do?

JAKE DEMICHELIS

She'll do it.

ROZ DEMICHELIS
No, she won't. She'll be no man's skivvy. You want hot food, you cook it so watch how it's done please.

JAKE DEMICHELIS

Right.

Roz - determined to stay patient but, God, it's tough.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

(to Leo)

It's bubbling now, yeah?

LEO DEMICHELIS

Yeah.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

So turn it down and leave it simmering. You don't want to boil it dry but you've got to keep it simmering. Right?

LEO DEMICHELIS

Right.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Spaghetti next. Four people. How much d'you think we'll need?

And we fade out to...

16 INT ROZ DEMICHELIS'S KITCHEN/DINER NIGHT 19 19.15

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The four of them eating. They're really NOT enjoying it. Especially Chloe.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

You think that's bad, yeah?

CHLOE DEMICHELIS

Yeah.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Wait till you taste his pudding.

A few moments of reflection - and they all start giggling.

#### 17 INT ROZ DEMI CHELI S'S HOUSE NI GHT 19 19. 45

Someone switches on the dishwasher.

ROZ DEMICHELIS What are you doing?

JAKE DEMICHELIS

What?

She gets to the dishwasher, opens it.

ROZ DEMICHELIS Oh for God's sake!

JAKE DEMICHELIS

What?

Her patience about to snap...

ROZ DEMICHELIS First of all, you don't switch this on unless it's full and it's nowhere near full. Right?

JAKE DEMICHELIS

(sarcasm)

Right.

ROZ DEMICHELIS
Don't you talk to me like that,
Jake. Running it when it's empty
costs money and I'm the one...

JAKE DEMICHELIS It's not empty.

ROZ DEMICHELIS
... who has to find that money. It's VIRTUALLY empty. And this, right, this is ridiculous. Common sense must tell you that's wrong.

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ROZ DEMICHELIS

'Cause spoons and forks should face

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ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D)

They take up less space when they face the same way and we want it as full as possible before we switch it on because, as we've just established, this bloody thing costs money to run so spoons and forks the same way in future. Right?

JAKE DEMICHELIS

Ri ght.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

And what's that?

JAKE DEMICHELIS

A plate.

ROZ DEMICHELIS It's filthy. They're all filthy.

JAKE DEMICHELIS That's why they're in there.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

You rinse them before you put them in. There are two reasons for that. One, if you rinse them before you put them in, you don't block up the machine. Two, you don't switch this on until it's full. Right?

JAKE DEMICHELIS

Right.

ROZ DEMICHELIS
That's been established beyond all reasonable doubt. Yeah?

JAKE DEMICHELIS

Yeah.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

So there'll be dirty plates in here overnight and I don't want them to stink out the kitchen so you rinse them before you put them in. You scrape them into the bin and then you rinse them under the tap. Right?

JAKE DEMICHELIS

Right.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Warm water. You're only rinsing. You don't need scalding hot. Right? JAKE DEMICHELIS

Right.

ROZ DEMICHELIS
I am just so sick of this house. I
am just so sick of you and him
acting like bloody idiots. I am
just so sick...

She's crying now. Or, at least, fighting back the tears.

Jake is horrified.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D)

I am just so sick of it.

She walks away.

Jake, devastated, watches her go.

18 INT ROZ DEMICHELIS'S BEDROOM NIGHT 19 21.00

18

She has broken off from writing letters to her kids. She's lost in thought. A knock on the door.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Yeah?

JAKE DEMICHELIS (V. O.)

Can I come in?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Yeah.

Jake enters with a cup of tea, sees the letters from distance.

JAKE DEMICHELIS

What are you doing?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Writing to Aunty Jackie.

JAKE DEMICHELIS

She's on e-mail.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

She likes getting letters.

JAKE DEMICHELIS

I brought you this.

The tea, he means.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Thanks.

JAKE DEMICHELIS

Are you okay?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Yeah. Fine.

JAKE DEMICHELIS

I'm sorry.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Thanks.

JAKE DEMICHELIS

(shaping to Leave.)

Right.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Right.

JAKE DEMICHELIS

(smiling at his own joke)

Wri te.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

(also smiling, laughing

even)

I will.

He goes. We hear

or similar.

19 EXT O/S POLICE STATION NIGHT 19 CONT.

19

Lots of people, holding candles, sing

Lots of photos of Vernon Oyenusi.

Helen Oyenusi is here, of course, and Father Michael.

20 INT POLICE STATION NIGHT 19 CONT.

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Locker room. PC Andrew Powell has just finished his shift. He listens to the vigil. It's getting to him.

21 EXT O/S POLICE STATION NIGHT 19 CONT.

21

The people continue to sing.

22 EXT FATHER PETER FLAHERTY'S HOUSE NIGHT 19 22.00

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fadi ng.

Michael approaches the house, rings the doorbell. Father Peter Flaherty opens the door.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN (entering)
Thanks for this.

23 INT FATHER PETER FLAHERTY'S HOUSE NIGHT 19 22.10

23

Father Peter Flaherty pouring tea.

FATHER PETER FLAHERTY How are the flashbacks?

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN
Oh, I'm excelling myself. Flash
FORWARDS these days. To Purgatory.
Cold wind, thin air, people telling
each other bitter truths. Purgatory
as other people.

(taking a cup)
Thanks.

A steaming cup of tea each.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN (CONT'D) Someone in confession has told me she's going to kill herself.

FATHER PETER FLAHERTY You believe her?

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN
Totally. I asked her if I could
tell someone - openly, I mean - and
she said no.

Peter Flaherty nods.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN (CONT' D)

What can I do?

FATHER PETER FLAHERTY Is it imminent?

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN

Tomorrow.

FATHER PETER FLAHERTY You've said if she changes her mind at any...

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN
Yes. She's got my mobile.
 (a pause)
I used to relish this prospect,
Peter. All those stories of
catholic martyrs going to their
deaths rather than break the seal
of the confession! "
(MORE)

Yes, I'll have some of that. They might even make me a saint." But I never envisaged this.

FATHER PETER FLAHERTY

# FATHER PETER FLAHERTY Lord, lift our weary spirits...

Father Michael joins in.

**BOTH** 

So we can find rest and eternal peace within you. May we stand on mountains and walk on the stormy seas. Give us that unspeakable joy to dance in the rain. Amen.

23A INT. SAINT NICK'S CHURCH - NIGHT 19 23.00

23A

Father Michael alone, deep in thought, looking up at Christ on the cross.

24 INT. ROZ DEMICHELIS'S KITCHEN - DAY 20 07.45

24

Roz preparing a packed lunch.

Cut to three Tupperware boxes lined up on the work top, each with a banana on top.

25 INT. ROZ DEMICHELIS'S BEDROOM - DAY 20 08.20

25

Roz is staring out the window. We see what she sees.

A cloud moving across the sky.

We hear the front door open. We hear Chloe shout, "Bye, Mum". We hear the front door close again.

Roz Looks down into the road and watches Chloe walk away.

Back to Roz. We hear the front door open again. We hear both boys shout their goodbyes. The door closes again.

Roz watches the boys walk away.

Roz now I eaves her bedroom.

26 INT. ROZ DEMICHELIS'S KITCHEN - DAY 20 08.30

26

She starts to clean up the breakfast mess.

Now she's ironing.

And ironing. A few just-ironed shirts, a couple of tops, a bit of school uniform hanging.

And ironing. Lots of just-ironed shirts and tops and whatnot.

And now she's heading upstairs with a pile of clothes.

27	EXT. CAR PARK - DAY 20 09.20	27
	Roz pulls up in the car park and gets out.	
	Gets a trolley and walks towards the entrance.	
28	INT. SUPERMARKET DAY 20 09.25	28
	The cereal aisle.	

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Roz is the only person in the aisle. She looks tiny, against the huge shelves.

She puts two boxes of 36 Weetabix, two large boxes of Crunchy Nut Cornflakes and two large Rice Crispies into the trolley.

29 INT. SUPERMARKET. - DAY 20 09.40

29

The chilled aisle. The trolley is almost full.

Everything she gets, she gets three or four of. Butter, cheese, milk, bread.

Moves on to another aisle. Multi packs of beans and huge bags of pasta.

30 INT/EXT. ROZ DEMICHELIS'S HALL - DAY 20 10.15

30

Roz brings the ton of shopping from car into house.

31 INT. ROZ DEMICHELIS'S KITCHEN - DAY 20 10.20

31

Roz putting the food away.

The dog is never far from her heels as she works.

Eventually she looks down at him.

She crouches down towards him and kisses him on the head.

And gets his lead.

32 EXT. ROAD NEAR BEACH - DAY 20 11.00

32

Roz gets out of the car with the dog and a thrower and ball.

They walk towards the beach.

33 EXT. THE BEACH - DAY 20 11.05

33

She lets him off the lead and throws the ball. He runs off.

She looks towards the hills and mountains and closes her eyes.

The sounds of the sea and the seagulls.

She opens her eyes and walks.

34 EXT. MAUREEN'S HOUSE - DAY 20 12.00

34

The street Roz grew up on.

She sits for a minute, before getting out with the dog and a large bag filled with his belongings.

35 EXT. MAUREEN'S PATH - DAY 20 CONT.

35

Roz knocks, waits, knocks again.

Eventually Maureen answers. Still in her dressing gown. We see from Roz's reaction that this is unusual.

36 INT. MAUREEN'S LIVING ROOM - DAY 20 12.10

36

Roz looks around the room.

A small side table next to arm chair with TV magazines, an ashtray and a remote control.

Maureen shuffles in with two cups of tea and hands one to Roz.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Why are you walking like that?

MAUREEN

Like what?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

You're shuffling. What's wrong with you?

MAUREEN

I had my hip done.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Repl aced?

**MAUREEN** 

Yes.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

When?

**MAUREEN** 

Few months back now.

They both sip the tea. Silence.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

You been okay? Apart from the hip.

MAUREEN

Yeah. You?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Good, yes.

Pause.

**MAUREEN** 

Ki ds okay?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Yes. Still having Steven's?

**MAUREEN** 

No.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Finally realised they're his, not yours?

Beat.

**MAUREEN** 

They've split up.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Since when?

**MAUREEN** 

Six months. Or so.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Why?

Maureen shrugs.

MAUREEN

She's got the kids. Doesn't come near.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

So that's it? You don't get to see your grandchildren because they're a pair of idiots?

MAUREEN

(lights a cigarette)

They're not the only grandkids I don't see.

Roz throws her a look; don't start.

MAUREEN (CONT'D)

Why are you here?

Roz sits down.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Do I need a reason?

**MAUREEN** 

Usual I y.

Roz strokes the dog.

Maureen puffs on the ciggie.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

I want you to look after Woody.

**MAUREEN** 

Who's Woody?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

The dog!

MAUREEN

Why? Where are you going?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Work's busy. He's on his own too much.

MAUREEN

What would I do with a dog?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

He could keep you company.

**MAUREEN** 

Don't the kids look after it?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

They're always out.

**MAUREEN** 

You can't just give their dog away.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

He's my dog.

This is hard for her to say. He really is her dog.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D)

They won't even notice. Will you take him or not?

. .....

**MAUREEN** 

It'd need walking.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Not much. Just for the toilet and a little run later on.

**MAUREEN** 

Where would I take it?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

The back field. And stop saying it. He's a boy. Him.

Maureen looks at the dog. She likes him.

**MAUREEN** 

How long for?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

I'm not sure. A while.

MAUREEN

Will you come and see him?

Beat.

ROZ DEMI CHELIS

Probably not. No.

Maureen: di sappoi nted.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D)

He won't cost you anything.

Maureen looks at her. She doesn't care about paying for his food, she cares about her daughter coming to visit.

**MAUREEN** 

Whatever.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

He can stay then?

**MAUREEN** 

Yes.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

He sleeps upstairs, on the bed. Is that okay?

Maureen strokes the dog.

MAUREEN

(still looking at the dog)

Are you sick?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

No.

**MAUREEN** 

You met a fella?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

No.

**MAUREEN** 

(looks at her)

What's wrong then?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Nothing.

Maureen gives her a look. She knows something is wrong.

Roz gets up and leaves the folder on the mantel piece.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D) Make sure you take water up to bed with you. And don't feed him shit food, or chocolate.

And walks out.

Maureen opens the folder and takes out five hundred pounds and the dog's documents.

# 36A EXT STREET DAY 20 12.30

36A

Sudden energy. Sudden joy. Bernadette Jenkins is running like the wind.

She takes off her wig as she runs.

# 36B INT SAINT NICK'S CHURCH DAY 20 CONT.

36B

Father Michael Kerrigan hears someone running into the church. He looks.

It's Bernadette Jenkins.

BERNADETTE JENKINS (fast approaching) It's shrunk!

She gets to him, her hand on her breast. Tears of joy.

BERNADETTE JENKINS (CONT'D) It's shrunk!

They embrace.

### 37 INT. ROZ DEMICHELIS'S BEDROOM - DAY 20 13.00

37

A set of clothes are laid out on her bed. Her "going away" outfit.

The sound of a bath running.

# 38 INT. ROZ DEMICHELIS'S BATHROOM - DAY 20 13.10

38

Roz sits in a half full bath, with no bubble bath, looking at her feet.

She picks at the polish on one of her nails.

Her mobile rings. "Chloe"

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Hi.

39 INT CITY COLLEGE DAY 20 CONT.

39

Chloe is in a corridor of an F.E. college.

CHLOE DEMICHELIS

Where are you?

We intercut as and when we wish.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Work.

CHLOE DEMICHELIS

Nan's been on.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

0h.

CHLOE DEMICHELIS

You've given her the dog.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Yeah.

CHLOE DEMICHELIS

Why?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

I don't want to look after him anymore.

CHLOE DEMICHELIS

I'll look after him.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

No, you won't, Chloe. You'll do it for a week and then get fed up. Again.

CHLOE DEMICHELIS

She said you're acting strange.

ROZ DEMICHELIS

She said I'M acting strange!

CHLOE DEMICHELIS

What's wrong?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Nothing. Nothing honestly. Bye.

Roz pulls up in a bay and gets out.

41 INT. A HIGH STREET BEAUTY PARLOUR - DAY 20 13.45 41

Roz is lying on a bed staring up at some dodgy artwork on the walls.

Rubbish 'Relaxation' music plays softly.

A smiley young girl, Orlaith, enters. You can tell she is making a massive effort to give off serene vibes.

ORLAI TH

Hi ya.

Roz smiles briefly.

She begins to brush her eyebrows.

ORLAITH (CONT' D) Going somewhere nice?

JEAN REID

Oh, I'm sorry, Father, but I'm getting a bit sick of this so is it okay if I speak my mind, if I...

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN

Yes.

JEAN REID

... forget your prayer at the start?

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN

Please do.

JEAN REID

Okay. I'm afraid I find this a bit hypocritical. These machines are evil when they're in our betting shops but they're fine when they're in your social club! Two of them you've got, Father. If gambling is so bad, how come so much of it goes on in your parish? The spot-the-ball, the bonus ball, the raffle. Lose that, Father, and you'd be skint. The firm I work for employs fifteen thousand people. Fifteen thousand wage packets on top of rates and corporation tax and God-knows-what-else. Crucial, Father.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN First of all, Jean, I'm sorry I've upset you. Second, the machines in Saint Nick's are nothing like those in your shops, Jean. Ours take ten pence coins, yours ten pound notes. And, third, there is no economic argument for...

He stops because Roz Demichelis has entered the room. She's wearing her "going away" outfit.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN (CONT' D)

We'll come back to this, Jean, if that's okay.

(to all)

This is Roz Demichelis, everyone...
Take a seat, Roz, please... and I
hope you don't mind but I invited
her along today because she can
speak from personal experience on
this matter. Isn't that right, Roz?

ROZ DEMICHELIS

Yes.

She realises he's looking at the clothes she's wearing. She confirms his worst fears with a simple -

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D)

Yes.

Father Michael's reaction.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D)
I'm Roz. I'm thirty eight. I've got
three kids. I've worked full time
for eight years in Bolthurst's as
an office manager. Before that I
was a stay at home mum, which was
nice. A bit boring but... very
nice. A privilege really. Anyway. I
have a good life. a good life.

She swallows (or whatever).

One or two are confused by this random woman.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D)
Yesterday, my boss, who has been a good friend to me, found out that, I, er,
 (beat)
I took, have been, taking, as in, stealing,
 (beat)
from him. From his company.

Pause.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D) £232,648 is the, total, I've, stolen from him.

Reactions around the table.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D) I used the money, the £232,648 to,

She steals a look at Michael.

He encourages her with his eyes; yes, she can do this.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D) I, er, put it, the vast majority of it, into

She shakes her head at how pathetic it sounds in her head.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D) Machines. The machines in betting shops.

More reaction around the table....

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D) Some of it on online bingo, but most of it, two hundred thousand of it, I'd say, went, on the machines.

Si I ence.

It's like Roz has heard herself say this for the first time, and it's actually sunk in.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D)
I'm normal. A pretty normal person.
Grew up, went to school, went to college, worked, had a family,

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D)
And that's it. That's all. Just,
don't think this happens to other
people. Other people, not like you,
who are different in some way from
you. It doesn't, it can happen to
anyone. You, your kids, your
mother, your brother. Don't let
them near them. Because they really
are...

She shakes her head.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D)

Evi I.

That's it. She's done it. She glances at Father Michael.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (CONT'D)
I don't want to say anything else.
I'd just like to go if that's okay.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN (V.O.) May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL (V. 0.)

Amen

The female tutor talking to Chloe...

46 INT SAINT NICK'S CHURCH DAY 20 CONT.

46

Back to the church.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN Lord have mercy.

THE CONGREGATION

Lord have mercy.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN Christ have mercy.

THE CONGREGATION

Christ have mercy.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRIGAN

Lord have mercy.

THE CONGREGATION

Lord have mercy.

47 EXT MOVING CAR DAY 20 15.15

47

The tutor driving fast. Chloe Demichelis alongside her.

ALL (V. 0.)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

48 INT SAINT NICK'S CHURCH DAY 20 CONT.

48

Back to the church.

**ALL** 

...was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; (MORE)

on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

49 EXT SANDBURY ROAD DAY 20 CONT.

49

The car pulls to a halt.

There is an ambulance here and paramedics are banging on Chloe's front door.

Chloe is out the car almost before it has stopped. She gets to her door, fumbles her key, enters.

The paramedics follow. And her tutor.

ALL (V. 0.)
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen.

50 INT ROZ DEMICHELIS'S HOUSE DAY 20 CONT.

50

Chloe in, through the house, up the stairs...

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN (V. O. )

The Lord be with you.

ALL (V. 0.)

And with your spirit.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN (V. O.)

Lift up your hearts.

ALL (V. 0.)

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ALL (V. 0.)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

She opens the door. The bed is empty. The room is empty.

ALL (V. 0.)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

51 INT SAINT NICK'S CHURCH DAY 20 15, 25

51

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN
Through him and with him and in
him, O God, almighty Father, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory
and honour is yours, for ever and
ever.

**ALL** 

Amen.

52 EXT HIGH RISE BUILDING DAY 20 CONT.

52

Roz Demichelis is at the very top of a high rise building.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN (V.O.) At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say:

ALL (V. 0.)

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...

53 INT ROZ DEMICHELIS'S HOUSE DAY 20 CONT.

53

Three envelopes on a table in the living room.

Chloe Demichelis, in the doorway, is staring at them. She approaches them, opens the one addressed to her...

ALL (V. 0.)

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRIGAN (V. O. ) Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all di stress...

### INT SAINT NICK'S CHURCH DAY 20 CONT. 54

54

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN ... as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

### EXT HIGH RISE BUILDING DAY 20 CONT. 55

55

Roz Demichelis is about to step off. She has her phone to her ear.

> ALL (V. 0.) Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

> Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

#### 56 INT SAINT NICK'S SACRISTY DAY 20 CONT.

56

Father Michael's phone is on a table in the sacristy. It vi brates. "Roz".

> FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN (V. O.) Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the lamb.

### 57 EXT HIGH RISE BUILDING DAY 20 CONT.

57

Roz steps off.

ALL (V. 0.) Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be heal ed.

# 58 INT SAINT NICK'S CHURCH DAY 20 15.55

58

Father Michael is distributing communion.

FATHER MICHAEL KERRIGAN

The body of Christ.

COMMUNI CANT

Amen.

FATHER MI CHAEL KERRI GAN

The body of Christ.

COMMUNI CANT

Amen.

### 59 INT SAINT NICK'S CHURCH DAY 20 16.10

59

Father Michael standing by the door as the people stream past him on their way out. They thank him. He thanks them for coming, etc. But all he really wants to do is to get to the sacristy and check his phone.

# 60 INT SAINT NICK'S SACRISTY DAY 20 16.15

60

The phone on the table.

Father Michael picks it up, checks it, sees there's one from Roz...

He plays it.

ROZ DEMICHELIS (V.O.) Changed my plans, Michael. Worried you might intervene, you see. Which would have been touching but misguided. Bye, Michael.

The message ends.

Father Michael's reaction.

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CALLER cats al

I've kept cats all my life, Roger, and I've never seen one of them go for a bird. And my garden's full of them, Roger: blue tits, jays, robins. What I HAVE seen though is magpies. Magpies attacking other birds and destroying their nests and eating their eggs.

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