

Where This Service Will Separate

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Scene One

A crematorium full of people listening to a eulogy. The odd movement of feet, or reaction. Possibly even the odd blowing of a nose. We come in towards the end. During the speech, we hear *someone entering at the back*. *It's a crowded room, and he's trying to find space in a pew.*

- 1. Gareth (we fade up on him reading a eulogy from a sheet) ...and by then of course we were the leading sprocket provider in north Oxfordshire, so already riding a wave...

won the contract with ARC Foods. A happy and memorable time in all our lives. And that lunch break we celebrated the winning of the contract with, surprise surprise, one too many beers...
- 2. David (whispering)
- 3. Gareth (still going) ...and then had to get through the scheduled conference call to Belgium. Our final afternoon together as a team. Of

bonding perhaps, than the orienteering weekend in the

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Music starts to play. It's the theme tune to Ski Sunday. (or if we think that's too comedy, maybe Another One Bites the Dust by Queen or I'm Still Standing by Elton John)

6. Susie (as the music starts she comes back on the mike)

mean we did wonder if he was joking actually, but anyway... this is what he said, so...

Scene Two

The funeral's finished. Music playing. (Probably a different track now) People are

47. David Well what does it make us both? (beat) Sorry. Just trying to make us a team. Bit clumsy of me... under the...
48. Susie
49. David No, I know.
50. Josh (arriving)
51. Susie
52. David Bye.
53. Josh
54. David No no I mean I hear he was a very nice man.
55. Susie
56. David
57. Josh Cheers.
58. David And I mean t obviously. But...
59. Josh Good turn out.
60. David Good turn out.
61. Susie (to Josh)
Next bit now...
62. Josh (to David) Are you... coming to the house?
63. Susie No!
64. David Well, no...
65. Susie
66. David
67. Josh
68. David
69. Josh

70. Susie Well, not actually every-
71. Josh
72. David The house? Well I do remember, yes...
73. Susie -
74. Josh See you there then.
75. David Yes, ok. See you there... (to Susie) Will I?
76. Susie Oh
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Scene Three

96. David
concentrate-
97. Susie
98. David
99. Susie
100. David
carry off the-
101. Susie
102. David
It was lovely.
103. Susie
It was lovely.
104. David
strangers.
105. Susie
makes us strangers.
106. David
And then the-
107. Susie
have stopped all that. The surprising each other.
Supermarkets... Offices... And now... Frank. Which I
Me and Frank!

112. David Did you... before you go... I just wanted to ask you something. I mean I feel silly even mentioning it, but I did suppose you had a chance to.... that book...
113. Susie What book?
114. David The one I lent you. Do you remember? The detective you...
115. Susie
116. David
117. Susie My husba
118. David Yes of course. Of course.
119. Susie This is his funeral party.
120. David
121. Susie it...?
122. David

Scene Four

146. David Well people are idiots. Generally speaking. Best to ignore the lot of them.

147. Josh Right.

148. David 296f(6.8570idTMyDad died when he was 16

149. Josh

150. David

151. Josh

152. David Oh excellent. I might get a T shirt made up. Anyway, you probably a bit more... these days... more clued up.

familiar. Sorry, none of my business.

153. Josh

154. David I know.

155. Josh

156. David

165. Josh Ok. See you.

Josh goes

166. Susie What are you doing? What are you saying to Josh?

167. David Upsetting him. Telling him a few home truths. Explaining my sexual feelings for his mother. I was talking to him.

168. Susie Ok.

169. David
not top of your.... but, that book... from before...

170. Susie

171. David No! No no no. Only-

172. Susie

173. David

174. Susie

to hear about your husband... terrible news etc... but did

175. David -

176. Susie I lent it to Frank. Your book.

177. David Did you?

178. Susie A few weeks ago. I thought it sounded up his street.

179. David And did he read it?

180. Susie

181. David
have it back,

182. Susie
you a book review.

183. David
where he might have-

Scene Six

A while later. They've just finished having sex on the bed in the spare room.

226. Susie Oh.
227. David Yes. Oh.
228. Susie I mean that was really very bad.
229. David Always what you want to hear...
230. Susie
very...
231. David Oh God, it was...
232. Susie It was SO...
233. David Oh good.
234. Susie
235. David It certainly seemed to be.

She kisses him.

236. Susie But it was... Jesus Christ.... his
it?
237. David Possibly not.
238. Susie
we...?
239. David -

Susie starts frantically getting dressed.

240. Susie
thing about shouting out in the theatre. You always think
you could, but you never would. Not in a million years. I
-
certainly not anyone in Banbury - has EVER done this.
Not ever. It might be a completely new thing. We might
have invented it. I ne
a nightmare.

241. David It is a tricky one actually.
242. Susie N
nightmare.
243. David Well it is a slight nightmare.
244. Susie ything about nightmares. Right.
Shoes! Where are my-
245. David
246. Susie (putting them on) Where are Lucy and Josh? Oh
- She kisses him again.
247. Susie e you.
- She unlocks the door, opens it and starts to leave.
248. David
- She puts her head back round the door.
249. Susie
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Scene Seven

Back at the party. David's coming downstairs

250. Josh

251. David Nope.

252.

265. David Brian Harvey. Before you were born too probably, but he was a popstar once upon a time, who ran himself over. While eating a jacket potato.
266. Josh Ok.
267. David
And he was fine! But when he does go... when that sad
268. Josh How many has he had?
269. David Go

284. David

comforting.

They're on their own.

285. Susie

What might happen now?

286. David

287. Susie

Upstairs.

After that.

288. David

What, because it was...nice? Or because you feel guilty?

289. Susie

I think I feel guilty it was nice.

290. David

So it was nice?

291. Susie

I feel...

292. David

Yes, so do I!

293. Susie

294. David

I suspect I might think about it a bit.

Scene Eight

Few minutes later

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319. David
320. Susie David!
321. David Take care Josh...
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Scene Nine

In a quiet corner of the hall...

322. Susie

323. David

in it.

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324. Susie

What note?

325. David

I gave the book to you at dinner. With a note in. It wao1T1 0 0 1 208

334. Susie Daughter. I know who Stella is.

335. David

...

336. Susie Right!

337. David

338. Susie No.

339. David With anxiety and so on. So she needs a bit of support.

But then this job came up for me. Which seemed... ideal in many ways. So we discussed it. And I said yes.

340. Susie

341. David

the note doing the asking. It was me. Asking you. To come with me. To live in-

342. Susie Chicago?

343. David With me. For a while. Or however long you-

344. Susie

345. David Well I did give you a book to read... But before all this of course. Before any of this. A million years ago. Because I just thought... if you and Frank were separated. And me and Julia were separated. It might be-

346. Susie

347. David

373. David Now Susie, if we can just... for a moment...
374. Susie Is it on the banister?
375. David Where are we going?
376. Susie
377. David Do the police need to know that?
378. Susie Frank was driving his car! In a state of... well distress certainly, as it turns out.

She opens the front door.

379. David Now hold on-
380. Susie We killed him.
381. David What?
382. Susie
are your car keys?
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Scene Ten

They're in the car. David's driving.

383. Susie Are they even open? Police stations? Because when you ring them you have to hold forever, and then get put ke in films. Any more. If
384. David Listen, seriously, I think we need to-
385. Susie They gave me a number and a name, when they came round to tell me. PC somebody. Now where did I... ? Anyway you have t

Scene Eleven

Inside the police station. A few minutes later. David comes rushing in.

395. David Sorry. Excuse me! I just... there was a woman. Who came in. About 10 minutes ago. She was in a bit of a... in a black dress. Or sort of blouse. And skirt. With shoes. And a coat. Also black. Or certainly dark at least. And
Did she actually...? Maybe she...

Scene Twelve

Outside in the street. It's raining.

396. David (calling) pause -
he's rushing down the street - then spots her sitting at a bus stop) Oh God. (rushes over to her) What are you doing?

397. Susie Waiting for a bus.

398. David Right. Is this where you...? I mean do you know the timetable?

399. Susie No.

400. David (sitting with her)
Ok. Do they have countdowns? Digital countdown things? In Banbury?

401. Susie

402. David So how long do you have to wait?

403. Susie NMCID 2I TJETETBT1 0 0 1 226.sd2_(_)630003g (en-US) >ET EMC

408. David -

409. Susie Not about the parking space.

410. David

411. Susie Frank... Oh God, this is real life.

412. David

413. Susie

414. David Shhhh.

415. Susie At his funeral! Like a pair of... it was...

416. David Terrible.

417. Susie Wonderful

418. David Yes! It was quite wonderful!

419. Susie

420. David Well not in the same way as Frank.

421. Susie

422. David You could still... None of this is your fault.

423. Susie The kids... God, I have to go back.

424. David
unreliable, buses.

425. Susie
eat all those sausage rolls.

426. David Oh they always get eaten.

427. Susie We can turn ourselves in tomorrow.

428. David

429. Susie

430. David

431. Susie We caused it.
432. David -
433. Susie And -
434. David Because nothing.
435. Susie Because I got on that train!
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Scene Thirteen

They're sitting in the car with the engine off, outside Susie's house.

436. Susie Thanks for driving me back. Hardly any cars now. Thank

king sadly
at me.
437. David We should go back in.
438. Susie Yes ok. *(neither of them move. There's a pause.*
been at mine all afternoon. Stupid really, that he still
came to do the garden. But it was his garden. He liked
even talk much, that day. I just took

really. And then he was going back to his flat. And he
said he was going to pick up some bread on the way. He

and he said he never got through a full one so I gave him
half a loaf I had in the freezer. And he was looking at the
book you gave me. It was on the side in the kitchen. And
I was trying to be blasé about it... playing it down... so I

from I said. Like an idiot. And I told him he should take it.
He was quite pleased. Said he liked the look of it. So he
went. He was flicking through it on the way to the car.
And then on his way home, on the road past the petrol
station, someone was coming towards him and they think
he was texting. The other guy. Not Frank. So he was
swerving towards Frank. And Frank - ve
been in a state - if he saw that note. And he jerked the
wheel. And hit the barrier.
439. David Christ.

Scene Fourteen

Inside

455. Susie Lucy? Josh? Hello? Have you seen...?
456. Josh (coming downstairs) Mum?
457. Susie
458. Josh
459. Susie
460. Josh (to David)
461. David Not as easy as you think, as it turns out.
462. Josh I found your book.
463. Susie What?
464. Josh That book you were on about. It was with his gardening stuff and half a bag of manky bread. Here you go.
465. David
466. Josh
467. Susie Is she?
468. Josh having a fag.
469. Susie trouble.
470. Josh Ok.
471. Susie Love you.
472. Josh (leaving) See ya.
473. David (whispering)
474. Susie What?
475. David The note!
476. Susie In an envelope?
477. David Unopened! Unopened!

