

**Scene 1 - Aubergines**

**I! T. KITCHES! - DAY**

24th March 2020

First full day of lockdown begins.

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**SHE**

I mean just being in the same r

**SHE**

... colo-rectal... When I think about you, I get exactly the same feeling as when I think about my dead dad's cancer.           the same.

**HE**

No – it's the lips. Your fucking lips.

**HE (ALTERNATIVE LINE) (CONT'D)**

**SH**

**HE**

I believe in hard work.

**SHE**

believes in hard work.

**HE**

Whereas she's an old-fashioned, unreconstructed sociali



**SHE**

That

**SHE**

Last time

**HE**

You want me... to talk?

**SHE**

Well



**SHE**

Which is unusual for her, normally she's lovely

**HE**

So I go ' Excuse me, excuse me – erm, look, I hear what you say but I just happened to glance inside there u

**HE** (CONT'D)

'What?'

'One thousand pounds. A grand, right her

**SHE**

Oh my god...

Oh my god! Oh my god oh my god oh my god...

**HE**

What?

**SHE**

You are just... awf

**HE**

Believe me, our former feelings for each other are as inexplicable to me as they are to you.

**HE (CONT'D)**

But it's true. We were... in love.

I thought she was incredible.

**SHE**

And I thought he was charming.

**HE**

Now I think you're repugnant.

**SHE**

And now I think he has all the charm of diarrhoea in a pint glass.

**SHE (CONT'D)**

So lockdown - it's gonna be hard.

**HE**

It's gonna be really hard.

**SHE**

It's gonna be really, really hard.

## Scene 2 - Mushrooms

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**SHE**

Mushrooms...

**HE**

Oh Christ - tell them about the mushrooms. Go on, tell

**H**



**HE**

One of us picked the wrong mushrooms

**SHE**

I mean they look stupidly like the good ones

**HE**

and they ended up in a fricassee – which I



**SHE**

No, no, he's ri

**SHE** (CONT'D)

It hasn't been as bad as we thought. Lockdown.

**HE**

No...

**SHE**

Two weeks of lockdown done, and... and we're kind of getting through it.

**HE**

We are.

**SHE**

Don't get us wrong, it's not                      – being to

**SHE**

Tell them what you do.

**HE**

Don't start with

**SHE**

Go on – tell them.

**HE**

Look, don't start because

**SHE**

No-one understands what he does.

**HE**

Yes they do, they...

**SHE**

I don't understand what you do

**HE**

Well, that's not exactly...

People do understand what I, they -

**SHE**

Then tell them. Go on.

**HE**

Alright. I have

a boutique consultancy that specialises in data analytics and finding multi-media technological solutions...

**SHE**

I mean ?

**HE**

...for linear broadcast marketing providers specialising in cost efficiency savings, I mean what is so complicated about tha

**SHE**

When we

**HE**

So there has been a lot to

**HE**

Saving the world, this one...

**SHE**

Mainly dealin

**SHE**

But he's lovely.

**HE**

Oh he's a lovely, level







**SHE**

So I just

**SHE**

She did. She really did. She got mum into that home.

**HE**

That care home - remember?

**SHE**

She persuaded her to go in there.

**HE**

That lovely care home - amazing place. God knows how she did it. But someh

**HE**

This evening I harvested asparagus.

Never done that before. And actually, I shouldn't have done that now because I only planted it a few months ago

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**HE (CO ! T'D)**

He's the main nurse that's looking after the old girl over there in intensive



**HE**

Right.

Why?

I mean does that...?

Does that matter anymore?

**SHE**

No, I suppose not.

**(MORE)**

**SHE**



**SHE (CO!T'D)**

And that I was so, so sorry that I'd never said any of those things when she could actually hear me. And that I loved her so much that my life was already hurting without her in it and that I was scared that the hurt might never go a







**HE**

I mean I never thought I'd go there again.

**SHE**

Last man on earth? Fine, give me celibacy – now.

**HE**

But...

**SHE**

we

you know. We have

been having sex.

**HE**

And

it's been

**SHE**

It has been...

Well, what has it been?

**HE**

It's been goo



**(MORE)**

**HE (CO!T'D)**

I remember with dad – he was a sheet metal worker, taciturn old shit he was: it was like being fathered by granite – but at his funeral I remember this huge, tob



**SHE**

I loved that funeral.

I did. And I know I shouldn

**SHE**

I never said anything coz... well, you know...

**HE**

Well it's a covid funeral, you're not supposed to be happy about a covid funeral. And I suppose when we came home... well we got distracted talking about Artie.

Artie was... he was...

**SHE**

He was upset.

**HE**

Yeah. Because he wanted to look at the body.

**SHE**

he loved his gran.

**HE**

And he wanted to touch it.

**SHE**

So what - I wanted to touch it, that's normal

**HE**

And he wanted to taste it

**SHE**

Bu



**SHE**

Oh, there he is.

**HE**

And at no point during all this do we at all even think of having sex. Even when the lockdown to save Christmas starts, we're still not doing it, are we?

**SHE**

No! God no, just, no, no. Not in a million years.

**HE**

Then they announce a vaccine's been discovered

and we just start ploughing

**SHE**

You will be getting the vaccine long before any front-line worker in Sierra Leone has even the remotest chance - and what the fuck do you do?

**HE**

I'd run out there and get it tomorrow if I could.

**SHE**

You would, wo ,d



**HE**

No, no. All the ins and outs

**HE (CONT'D)**

Oh please...

**SHE**

Sorry.

**HE**

How old are you?

**SHE**

How old are you?



**SHE**

You too?

**HE**

Yeah. Sort of. I think the sex has helped.

**SHE**

Well, yeah, the sex, but maybe... not exactly the sex, but the contact.

**HE**

Yeah, you're right – the contact, it's the contact.

And... the sex as well, to be honest. For me anyway. To be h





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**SHE (CO ! T'D)**

My Top Team top was a zip up, navy blue and white

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**SHE (CO ! T'D)**

I shook my head because that

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**SHE (CO ! T'D)**

'You get charity. That's how you ea

**SHE (CONT'D)**

That was the last time we ever saw Nancy. She never came back after that. And my mum...

I remember when she found out about it, after the explosion and the shouting and the recriminations and the grounding and everything - I remember her calming herself. And then - weirdly - trying to be nice.

But I could see it in her eyes. A look that







**SHE**

It's very American

**HE**

No, other people make

**SHE**

Have you been watching Seinfeld again?

**HE**

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**SHE**

Last night though. I really thought there...

**HE**

I know

**SHE**

I really, really thought

**HE**

I know, I know

**SHE**

I actually thought I was gonna die.

**HE**

I know. I know you did. You did... think that.

**SHE**

What are you...?

**HE**

No, I'm just saying. You thought you were going to die.

But...

you didn't, did you.

**SHE**

Excuse me?

**HE**

You didn't die. You thought you were going to die...

but you weren't gonna die. Because you didn't.

**SHE**

I nearly did.

**HE**

I don't know if that's true...

**SHE**

I was at death's door!

**HE**

Yeah. You were at the door...

but you weren't on the premises, were you.

**SHE**

Oh you ...

**HE**

Yo

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**SHE (CO ! T'D)**

But the difference between the start of the ninth week and the end of the ninth week is 786,432.

Same amount of days – hugely different numbers.

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**SHE (CO ! T'D)**

This time they weren'

**(MORE)**

**SHE (CO ! T'D)**

She wasn't even killed by a virus.

She was killed by stupidity.

She was killed by dumbfuckery.

She was killed by looking at something that is clearly coming at you



**SHE**

You remember that week when we all expected the lockdown to sta

**(MORE)**

**SHE (CO!T'D)**

**SHE**

That's rea









**HE**

Well, you were being such a dick – and I saw the mushrooms and I thought, you know...  
what would it be like to shove that in her fricassee





**I!T. KITCHER! - EVE!I!G**

Things between

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**HE (CO!T'D)**

I c

**HE** (CONT'D)

You know?

And I'm looking at him

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**HE (CO ! T'D)**

'Thank you. For... this. For keeping t

**SHE**

I am not

a shitty person...

**HE**

Look when I sa

**HE**

Okay.

Okay. No, that's erm...

No, no. I get it. I to



**SHE**

We're not splitting up, what makes you think we're splitting up?

**HE**

You just said...

**SHE**

I didn't say we're splitting up.

**HE**

Then... then what did you say?

**SHE**

I said I don't want to get married - that's what I said.

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**SHE (CO!T'D)**

**SHE**

In our garden?

**ARTHUR**

Yeah.

**SHE**

Are you sure it's a

**HE**

You didn't?

**SHE**

No.

**HE**

Okay. Right.

Okay, that's erm.... Okay.

**SHE**

It was because of your

**HE**

Yeah. I think I do actually.

**E!D**