

## Hazel and Robin (Rose to read in)

*P37 - P39 This is the first time Hazel and Robin have been left alone without Rose. Hazel is defensive about Lauren and suspicious of Rose's familiarity with the cottage. Robin brushes her concerns aside*

ROBIN. Lauren's had some problems

HAZEL. Robin!

ROBIN. What? You didn't know her Rose, after she was a baby but even as a child, even as a small child she had a / lot of

HAZEL. Robin!

ROBIN. Rage

*HAZEL slams plates down on the table*

We used to call her the Vampire. It was very funny

HAZEL. You don't know, she never went for you. Such sharp little teeth.

ROBIN. Haze made her a little cloak. She was very fond of her little cloak.

HAZEL. But mainly it was so you could hear her coming.

ROBIN. I never knew that.

HAZEL. It made sort of swooshing sound you see

ROSE. Sorry, what was wrong with her?

HAZEL. There's nothing wrong with her

ROBIN. She's just quite angry.

ROSE. About what?

ROBIN. Oh. Everything

*ROBIN takes HAZEL's hand*

*HAZEL smiles, grins, lifts ROBIN's hand and kisses it*

ROSE. Can I use your bathroom?

HAZEL. Do you want a wash?

ROSE. No, sorry, your loo.

HAZEL. Oh, I'm so sorry! Just through there, the green door.

*ROSE goes out. Pause.*

ROBIN. Was that her on the phone?

HAZEL. Yes.

ROBIN. Did you answer it?

HAZEL. ....

ROBIN *sighs*

ROBIN. Hazel

HAZEL. She's left four messages today, it might have been an emergency.

ROBIN. It's never an emergency. What did she say? What did she want? Money?

HAZEL. No

ROBIN. What then?

HAZEL. She was frightened

ROBIN. Of what?

HAZEL. It was a sort of general terror

ROBIN. Oh well, as long as there's nothing specific.

HAZEL *gets up*

*Fetches a loaf of bread and slices it*

HAZEL. It's funny, Rose coming, isn't it?

ROBIN. Not really. Nice to catch up.

HAZEL *tuts.*

*Continues slicing the bread*

*She slices the entire loaf*

*Silence until:*

HAZEL. Oh by the way, I forgot to say, she got me a glass of water.

ROBIN. When?

HAZEL. I'd been out in the sun all afternoon and then I came indoors. I turned my back for a moment and suddenly she was just standing here, it scared me. Even after I realised.....she's just got that sort of presence, hasn't she, like when the TV licence people come and even though you know you've got one you feel guilty, I couldn't stop talking, burbling on about hairs on my chin, I felt like I was going to faint or something so I said I'm sorry, I better have a glass of water, and she said I'll get it.

HAZEL *looks at* ROBIN

She said I'll get it and she got up and she went straight to the cupboard with the glasses in.

ROBIN. Well, she's like that, Rose. She likes to feel useful

HAZEL. Yes, she went straight to the cupboard, where the glasses are kept.

*The sound of the toilet flushing, off*

ROBIN. What are you saying?

HAZEL. Me? Nothing, I'm just saying, she went straight to it.

ROBIN. And?

HAZEL. And nothing,

,ROBIN. It's by the sink, that's where most people keep the / glasses

HAZEL. Is it?

ROBIN. Most people.