AUDITION SIDE 2 ROLAND LEAD

Roland Am I boring?

Marianne What?

Roland Do I bore you?

Marianne Of course not.

Roland We don't talk about space enough, is that it?

Marianne It's nothing to do with work.

Roland That doesn't make it better, y'know. If you'd said yes, if you'd said yes, it's because we don't talk about space enough, it might have made a bit more sense. I'd kick myself for not making more of an effort, but at least it'd make a bit more sense.

Marianne There's no linear explanation I'm afraid.

Roland Where have you been?

Marianne Work.

Roland I sent you a text.

Marianne I know.

Roland You've not texted me back?

Marianne I know.

Roland What does that mean?

Marianne It means I know that you sent me a text.

Roland I didn't know where you were.

Marianne Why are you being so tetchy? I was at work and I missed the seven thirty-seven and then the eight oh-four didn't turn up. What's wrong, what's the matter?

Roland Mary I'm really sorry but I had sex with Alison O'Connor Tuesday the week before last.

Marianne Alison O'Connor.

Roland Yeah.

Marianne I thought she was going bald?

Roland What?

Marianne She's going bald, Roland, she's going fucking bald. Well how many times? How many times did you have sex with her, Roland?

Roland Once.

Marianne Once?

Roland Tuesday the week before last, yeah.

Marianne What were you doing, what were the two of you doing?

Roland I was helping her set up a hive.

Marianne Is this a fucking joke?

Roland No.

Marianne You were helping her set up a fucking *hive*?

Roland Yes.

Marianne Speak up.

Roland I said yes. Yes, I was helping her –

Marianne Is it serious?

Roland I don't know.

Marianne You don't know?

Roland I need some time to think about it.

Marianne Oh you need some time to think about it?

Roland Preferably, yes.

Beat.

Marianne Does this mean you're moving out?

Roland Up to you, really.

Marianne If it were up to me, Roland, you wouldn't have fucked fucking Alison O'Connor.

Roland All right.

Marianne I beg your pardon?

Roland Calm down.

Marianne Fuck you actually.

Beat.

I've never been happier. Living with you. Just so you know.

Roland That doesn't make it better, y'know. If you'd said yes if you'd said yes, it's because we don't talk about space enough, it might have made a bit more sense. I'd kick myself for not making more of an effort, but at least it'd make a bit more sense.

Marianne There's no straightforward explanation I'm afraid.

Roland Don't make me leave.

Marianne Roland –

Roland This is the best fucking thing that's ever happened to me, I'm serious.

Marianne You'll be fine.

Roland I don't know what I'm gonna do.

Marianne You can move back to Tower Hamlets.

Roland Is that meant to be a joke?

Marianne Of course it's not. I just meant that you've got lots – There's lots you can do.

Roland I don't care.

Marianne Come on.

Roland I don't.

Marianne You're being melodramatic.

Roland How long have you been waiting to tell me?

Marianne A week.

Roland I was going to propose.

Marianne Roland –

Roland I need some time to think about it.

Marianne Oh you need some time to think about it?

Roland Preferably, yes.

Beat.

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Roland Up to you, really.

Marianne If it were up to me, Roland, you wouldn't have fucked fucking –

Roland All right.

Marianne I beg your pardon?

Roland I don't wanna fight.

Marianne Tough.

Roland What?