

Bob The roller.

Dennis Ah. (*He stares out at the pitch*) Roller. Just the three of us, is it?

Bob No, just the two of you, I'm off.

Dennis Right then. Just have a quick jimmy riddle. (*He starts to exit into the changing-rooms then turns*) Oh yes—Rog—I've had a word with my contact and we can have all the equipment we need at ten percent below cost—pads, gloves, bats, the lot. (*He touches his nose*) Fixed it.

With another wink at Bob, Dennis exits to the changing-rooms

Roger Good old Dennis. Saves us a fortune, you know.

Bob Yes he has mentioned it.

Roger Yes, well, thanks for letting me know, Bob, you'll be off now, will you? (*He shoos Bob towards the door*)

Bob The thing is, Rog, I mean, it's not definite. I mean, another hour and she could be fine—(*he starts to move towards the board*)—and I'd quite fancy a knock at number ...

Roger (*guiding him towards the door*) Look, old mate, you pop off and look after her—you'll be much happier knowing we're not depending on you—okay? Super.

Dennis breezes in, zipping up his fly

Dennis Right!

Bob (*moving outside*) Yes—well—good game then, Dennis.

Dennis gives him a confident thumbs-up

Might see you later then, Rog, quick pint or something.

Dennis If you happen to bump into a brand-new BMW round the corner in the car park, please don't—it's mine. (*He gives Bob a big wink*)

Roger (*snapping into action*) Smashing, cheers Bob. (*To Dennis*) Where was I?

Dennis Roller.

Roger Ah yes. The roller.

Roger and Dennis stare out towards the dreaded roller. Bob moves dejectedly away

Bob Pity about the weather though.

Roger What?

Bob Forecast reckons rain. Still. What do they know?

Slightly cheerier, Bob exits to the car-park

Roger moves out on to the grass and stares fearfully up at the sky. Dennis, pleased at the thought that rain might stop play, whistles cheerfully for a moment

Dennis Any of the girls here yet?

Roger Sorry?

Dennis Mim here, is she? (*He lounges on a bench*)

Roger Er—she's—er—gone to get the thingies, the salad whatsits. You know, the wajamacallems, the sandwiches.