

I expect you'll want to do a little something yourself, won't you? Dennis is the one with the new BMW and his wife is called Shirley and she's terribly nice and usually helps out but she can't today because she's looking for a new house—

**Dennis** (*winking at Sharon*) Or so she thinks ...

**Miriam** —this is Virginia—well, she's just said so, hasn't she and she's married to Bob who's sort of over there—(*vaguely indicating*)—doing things.

**Roger** (*to Ginnie*) Plenty of hot drinks, that's the ticket.

**Miriam** Now then, where was I? Oh yes, I'm here and my name is Miriam and I'm married to Roger who's the sort of captain.

*Roger stands*

No, I mean he is the captain. The others aren't here yet but when they do come you'll see how awfully nice they are. (*She beams around*) There now.

*Ginnie sprays her aerosol*

**Alex** I'll get changed then.

*Alex never says anything directly to Sharon. He moves towards the changing-rooms, and Roger goes after him*

**Roger** Now here's the situation as I see it. Iqbal can't play this week so if it's all right with you I'm moving Jeremy up to take first knock which should work out okay because ...

*Roger and Alex exit into the changing-rooms*

*Miriam beckons to Dennis*

**Miriam** Dennis, I wonder if you could spare me a moment?

**Dennis** (*leaning over Sharon*) Duty calls.

*Maggie moves out of the kitchen as Miriam beckons Dennis to follow her through. Miriam and Dennis exit to the kitchen*

*Ginnie returns to her book. Sharon sits unhappily on the bench, staring down at her handbag. Kevin sits on the bench looking moodily at his finger. Maggie drifts out and stands on the steps. She sees Sharon*

**Maggie** Hello.

**Sharon** (*instantly*) I've come from East Molesley.

**Maggie** I don't blame you.

**Sharon** (*standing and moving just a little closer to them*) Saturdays I usually go shopping with me mum because me dad's still on crutches on account of the accident. Well I *call* him me dad, but you know. They were going to Broadstairs this week-end but they had to cancel it.

**Maggie** Well they would, wouldn't they?

**Ginnie** I would have thought so, yes.

**Sharon** It's ever so nice here, isn't it, with all the trees and everything? He's ever such a good dancer, isn't he, Alex, but I was quite surprised when he said he played cricket, well, you don't think, do you? Excuse me, I want to get something out of the car.