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JUDY

I'm ready.

SANDY

I'm aging. It's taking longer and longer to get ready..

JUDY

What?

SANDY

Is that it?

JUDY

What's wrong with it?

SANDY

It's bordering on the matronly, that's what's wrong with it.

JUDY

You're as bad as Mum. You expect me to get all glammed up just to show Allistair what he's missing.

SANDY

No. I expect you to get "all glammed up" to show Paul what he's got.

JUDY

Well Paul can't come. He 'phoned. He's got to cover a hockey game in Sheffield.

SANDY

I see. It's rather short notice, isn't it?

JUDY

What do you mean by that?

SANDY

Nothing. I would just have thought that Paul would have known what he was doing tonight.

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JUDY

What if war had broken out?

SANDY

A war?

JUDY

Yes.

SANDY

What war?

JUDY

I don't know. Some war. If Paul were a war correspondent he'd be sent off at short notice, wouldn't he?

SANDY

Well, I suppose he would. But it's not on the same scale as a hockey match, is it?

JUDY

But it's the same principle though. Journalists get sent places at short notice.

SANDY

It's never happened before, has it?

JUDY

No, it hasn't happened before. Look, Paul is a nice guy.

SANDY

Of course he is. It's only one evening.

JUDY

Now don't say that you're fond of him.

SANDY

Why not?

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JUDY

Because that's what Mum says whenever she thinks I'm going out with someone who's a disaster.

SANDY

I didn't say that Paul was a disaster.

JUDY

No, fair enough. You'd better call Jean, Mum and me Mother.

SANDY

So you're still wearing that are you?

JUDY

It's comfortable.

SANDY

Comfortable. Why don't you slip into a beige cardigan and have done with it?

JUDY

I'll take one with me just in case it turns cold.

SANDY

This is a very defeatist attitude.

JUDY

I'm not defeatist. Paul can't come, I'm not interested in impressing anyone else.

SANDY

Whatever you say.

JUDY

Oh Sandy, be honest. What chance have I got out-glammin someone called "Mercury":

SANDY

You don't know that she's glamorous.

JUDY

She probably makes Claudia Schiffer look dowdy.

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Even so. SANDY

JUDY
And she probably speaks eight languages into the bargain.

Even so. SANDY

JUDY
Oh stop saying "even so". I'm too old for those kind of games.

Even so. SANDY

JUDY
I'll go and get changed.