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CLAIRE:

How can you have rats?

NINA:

It's a personality defect.

CLAIRE:

I'm serious.

NINA:

I haven't spoken with them, Claire. I have tried, but they won't answer.

CLAIRE:

There is an odour... a strange odour.

NINA:

Well, we put out the poison and that rats are dying, Claire. That is basically the problem on the smell front.

CLAIRE:

I wish you'd come and stay with us. You could have people in and have it all done properly. Then you could sell this place. I can't bear to think of you living here all on your own.

NINA:

I am fine. How's Nick?

CLAIRE:

Nick's busy as ever. Do you know about Everest?

NINA:

Everest?

CLAIRE:

Nick's going to climb Mount Everest.

NINA:

You're joking. When?

CLAIRE:

Well, after Christmas sometime.

NINA:

What? When is your baby due?

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CLAIRE:

Oh, no no. The baby will be two or three by then. It will be fine. It will be fine. He probably won't go. He's hopeless with babies anyway, so... (PAUSE) Nina, Harry wants me to ask you something?

NINA:

How is he doing at school?

CLAIRE:

Great. He has been taking cello lessons.

NINA:

Oh, really? Isn't that wonderful?

CLAIRE:

Well, Harry was wondering he's having these lessons and, uhm, at some point... well, the school provides the boys with an instrument until some point when the boys decide whether they are serious ... whether they are going to persevere ... then obviously he is going to need his own cello.

NINA:

Yes. What are you getting at?

CLAIRE:

Well, obviously tell me if this is a bad idea but we did wonder... we were wondering whether Jamie's cello is... is that a terrible idea? You don't play it and perhaps...

NINA:

You want me to give you Jamie's cello?

CLAIRE:

Oh, no, not give. Umm. Either for Harry to borrow it or... we could buy it.

NINA:

Do you have any idea how much that cello is worth?

CLAIRE:

Well, I know it's a good one, of course.

NINA:

I can't believe you'd be so insensitive. It's practically all I've got of him. It is him. It is him. It's like asking me to give you his body.

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Nina, it is not.

CLAIRE:

Well, anyway, you can't have it!

NINA:

Okay. I'm sorry. You were right. It was stupid to...

CLAIRE:

You should never have even asked. So horrible...

NINA:

Well, I had no idea you'd react so. Nina? Nina.

CLAIRE:

Just... just leave me alone.

NINA: