

The phone is ringing as Jessica gets out of the bath. Her heart jolts with fear. 'Hello', she says. There is silence. She waits for a moment before replacing the receiver. She feels some fear and resignation as though she deserves this; it was, after all, adultery. A grim little smile flickers on her face. What a prim word, adultery! The phone rings again. She breathes deeply as she picks it up. 'Hello.'

'Hi, Jessica. Why don't you come early? We can have a drink before the movie.'

'Hi, Layla. ... That'd be nice. I'll come ... straight away. Bye.' But she holds on to the receiver.

'Is anything the matter?' Layla asks. She, too, has not put the phone down also.

She pauses. 'She's still phoning. She called just now.'

"We have to think of a way to make her stop."

A few moments later Jessica is in her car, driving down Harrow road, on a humid Saturday afternoon in November. She's going to a movie with her friends, Layla and Matt. They live together in an old brick house in Bez Valley. They are her oldest friends. She's known Matt since high school. He was the headboy of their school. She is closest to Layla, whom she met through Matt.

Driving relaxes her slightly; the seven to ten minutes to her friends's home makes a difference. All the traffic lights are green. The traffic is light this afternoon - morning, no sports events on at Ellis Park.

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