

## Episode 37: September 11-17, 2000

(INTRO MUSIC)

### Scene 37.1

OLIVIA

Hello dear listeners, Olivia here. I have been so focused on coursework that I hadn't noticed - but spring is here! It is beautiful - the cherry trees are almost in bloom, and it \*smells\* like spring! Makes me want to run outdoors and never go back inside! And for now I don't have to - we have mid-semester break! Tammi and I and some uni friends are going hiking in the Waitakere Ranges - and I cannot wait! So - for any press folks wanting to talk about Ina - there is even less point of you calling now, as my phone will probably be out of range. OK ? (*beat*) Last week Jess and Rachel moved to their new flat, and Kat got a new job and was heading for Berlin with Johnno. Welcome to the year 2000!

### Scene 37.2

(Modem dial-up tone) (*click*)

JESS

Hi Kat! Sorry about the lack of communication last week - I was exhausted from the move and after that so busy with... everything. But we do have something resembling a home now, and both Bri (*Bree*) and I have a week off from uni, so she's offered to help us fix the last... (*laughs*) 536 things. There is no IKEA in New Zealand, sadly, could have used some cheap and cheerful stuff, but we are making do pretty well. Need to start getting some proper baby stuff soon, too. Try to get most of that used, I think. (*touched*) Thank you so much for offering to 'lend me' your mom. You... Thank you. You made me feel better about this whole parenting thing. Escaping the 'sins of the father' and all that crap. So... (*carefully*) Seems like you're trying to get pregnant again maybe? I... if that's what you want I really hope it works... but also... I worry. You know me. I worry this is not the best time in your relationship, but then - oh who the hell am I to talk about timing. Maybe timing is just crap. Things can work out or not work out regardless of timing. I only... As always. I want to make everything easy and fun for you, and life keeps insisting on sabotaging this plan (*small laugh*). Hope Berlin was good, anyways, and that the new job and the old job and your very exciting TV shoot all go well. Lots going on right now for you! Lots going on here as well really - moving and writing and also - Rachel and I are off to the 20-week-scan on Thursday - I am not missing this one! Though according to Rachel it's pretty hard to understand what is going on (*smiles*). I don't care, I just want to be there. And - hopefully - hear that everything is all right. This

is the half-way point, so - Aaahh! - counting down from here...  
Still can't quite believe it. (beat) Love you so much, my dear.  
Oceans of hugs!

clicks)

### Scene 37.3

(Modem dial-up tone) (click)

KAT

Hey Jess, just completed my second day of ticketing system training. It's going well, I think. I'm sure the work will be OK. We got home from Berlin very late Sunday night, the flight was delayed, so haven't quite caught up on sleep yet, but it's all been good. Even the techno club! Not generally my thing, but I got dancing and since there wasn't a clear break between the tracks I kind of zoned out and kept dancing much longer than I usually do. It was restful, somehow. (beat) And yes... we are trying for a baby again. Still hard to consider the idea it might all go to hell again, but... I can't imagine \*not\* trying either. So next week sometime I will either get my period, or... not. (smiles) Never kept track of my period in my life - you know how I am always surprised yet another month has passed and I have to go buy new tampons! - but I figured I had better get started. So, little red circles in my calendar from now on... I think you are right about timing. There is never going to be a perfect time. So full steam ahead - Steam? Yeah, steam! - and hopefully I'll be pregnant again soon. And maybe we can still have babies born in the same year - Rachel's due date is in January, right? Oh, I just want to put all the horror behind me and get everything back on track. So... fingers crossed, please... Speaking of fingers crossed - I am so excited for EastEnders on Thursday! I will let you know how it goes - can't believe I'll be there, on that set! I'll have to take a train super early - it's \*not\* in fact in the east end, it's at the BBC studios north of London. All fake, I am sure... Wonder if the bricks are real or plastic? If I get a chance I'll go squeeze one (laughs). I feel like this is it - I am finally on the right track to doing what I want. I can't wait. This could open some doors, Jess. Some real actual doors into acting work. Could of course also go completely unnoticed, I know that. But still. Could lead to more exciting things. I feel like the door I've been banging so desperately on is finally opening, even if it's just a crack. (laughs) Mixed door metaphors today! Have fun fixing up your place - and send me pictures once you're done, all right? Love you!

(clicks)

### Scene 37.4

(Modem dial-up tone) (click)

SHIRIN

(very excited) Jess! It's Shirin - I have news! Remember that competition I entered? Where the prize was an internship in New York? Well... I GOT IT! I'd almost forgotten about it to be honest. But I got a letter saying they (paper rustling) thought my work "showed a fresh and invigorating design talent"! (*laughs*) That sounds a little pretentious, but I don't care. I'm going to New York! I leave in a month, and then it's a six-month internship (paper rustling) "with the opportunity for extension and advancement within the company" which is exciting. The pay is minimal, but part of the prize is paid housing, so that is all right. Will probably be a tiny room somewhere but I don't mind. As long as there are no cockroaches (*shudders*) you do hear stories... No, I'm sure it's fine. So... any tips for moving halfway across the world would be greatly appreciated (*smiles*). Hope all is well with you. Yankee hugs today! (*laughs*) Bye!

(clicks)

### Scene 37.5

(Modem dial-up tone) (click)

JESS

Shirin! Jess here - congratulations! That is so wonderful! I am so excited for you! I am sure you will have a wonderful time, and learn so much! So thrilled things are happening for you career-wise! Yay! Advice... let's see... Don't fill up your suitcase with towels and bed linen like I did, one of each is fine and you can get the rest once you get there. What else... Music! Bring your discman and a bunch of CDs - maybe burn some CDs with compilations of your favourites? Those first few weeks were very, very lonely for me, and music definitely helped... Hoping you won't feel as lonely, of course, but can't hurt to be prepared. Don't bring too many books - they'll weigh down your suitcase and you can always go to a used book store and get a stack of novels. Also - I arrived in Auckland without any good light summer clothes so I spent my first few days sweating a \*lot\* before I caved and bought some tank tops. You won't go from winter to summer like I did, but make sure you have lots of layers for any temperature - you don't know if your housing will be air conditioned to freezing point or hot and stuffy. Think that's about it - I am so happy for you! So much happiness today - went with Rachel to the halfway scan for the baby and everything looks great. It was near-impossible to make out the baby on the screen, though, but once I did, I realized the baby was sitting up waving their hands about - it was adorable. And a little freaky! But mostly cute. Anyways. Congratulations again - you deserve this! Canuck hugs I guess! (*laughs*) Bye!

(clicks)

## Scene 37.6

KAT

Hi Jess, it is very, very late and I am home after a looong day at the EastEnders studio. And I'm not done - they moved some scenes around due to weather, so I am going back tomorrow. Should be good but right now I am too exhausted to think about it. *(smiles)* It was such a rush though - my character is one of two women in a human trafficking storyline, and I get to be completely broken and miserable and I love portraying such powerful emotions. I *\*think\** I did OK. I remembered all my lines and all my cues, so at least didn't make a fool of myself. *(smiles)* It was such a friendly set - everyone I met said hello, even the regulars. Oh, I hope I did well! We'll see in... six weeks I think. But you won't be able to see it in New Zealand, right? I'll have to tape it and send it to you! *(yawns)* Time for bed - tomorrow is outdoor scenes. Wish me luck!  
Love you!

clicks)

## Scene 37.7

OLIVIA

Hello again - I'm back. I wonder if I could find that old EastEnders episode on YouTube? Would be fun to see her first TV acting gig. Kat seems happier here, but also there seems to be a lot she is trying to ignore. And my parents moved in together... *(sad smile)* I don't remember this flat - we must have moved again at least once before leaving Auckland. I remember one flat, I know it was in Mount Albert... Hm... I wonder if I should go have a look around the area, and see if I recognize anything. Have definitely not been there since I was little, so it will probably look really different. Bit of a pilgrimage... Or something *(sighs)*. But first, hiking adventures await! Talk to you next week!

(Trailer for Dice Shame)

OLIVIA

If you know anything about my biological father - Mike - please let me know, I would very much like to get in touch with him. *(pause)*  
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