

DARREN AND NICK AUDITION PIECE

NICK (early 20s, kind, salt of the earth boy
next door) walks in with his friend,
DARREN (25, fake designer tracksuit, a
glint in his eye and full of lad swagger).

NICK

No-one's back yet. Shame you won't get to see her. Here we go. They're under t' sofa.

NICK grabs the dumbbells from under the
sofa, and starts working out.

DARREN

Is that what all this about? You want a six pack to impress a school girl?

NICK

You've not seen her, Daz. And it's not like she's a school girl. She's seventeen.

DARREN

And still at school... Okay, Warbers. This Italian girl or Kylie Jenner?

NICK

Letizia. Honestly, Daz, we've got loads in common. I ended up talking to her about the
solar system for about an hour last night. We're into the same films, the same books—

DARREN

Since when were you into books?

NICK

She's just great.

DARREN

God, you've got it bad, haven't you?

NICK

I honestly think she could be my future wife.

DARREN

Steady on, Warbers, you've never even had a girlfriend.

NICK

I know, but she's amazing.

DARREN

You're not supposed to marry the first girl you have a thing for, you know. You need to meet different people. Go traveling. Live life. Marriage isn't for people like me and you, Warbers. Marriage is for grown-ups and people that want to get a more extensive range of pans. It's the way of the world. You either live in sin with crap pans or get married and get deluxe pans. My sister got married and she got a wok.

NICK

I've just never met anyone like her before, Daz. It's like we have this connection. It's mental. We even share the same favourite colour. Blue.

DARREN

Everyone's favourite colour is blue. Look, maybe you should just tell her how you feel.

NICK

Oof, I dunno.

DARREN

Why not?

NICK

Boundaries, Daz. She's my sister's foreign exchange student and she's a guest in our house, so it should be a safe space for her. I don't want to make her feel uncomfortable.

DARREN

Your mother raised you well, Warbers. OK, you need a game plan. Didn't you say there's a family day on the weekend?

NICK

Already tried that, Daz, but our Adele told us to fuck off.

DARREN

You leave your Adele to me. Bit of the old Whittaker charm will sort her out.

NICK

She thinks you're a dickhead, Daz.

DARREN

She'll grow to love me. All women do.

NICK

You kind of are a dickhead, Daz.