

Mrs Robinson (with Benjamin)

Benjamin Mrs Robinson, you are trying to seduce me.

Mrs Robinson Why no. I hadn't thought of it. I feel rather flattered that you ...

Benjamin (*mortified*) Mrs Robinson, would you forgive me?

Mrs Robinson What?

Benjamin Will you forgive me for what I just said?

Mrs Robinson It's all right.

Benjamin It's not all right. That's the worst thing I've ever said to anyone!

Mrs Robinson I've heard worse.

Benjamin Please forgive me. Because I don't think of you that way. It's just I'm all mixed up.

Mrs Robinson Benjamin?

Benjamin Yes?

She stands and turns her back to him.

Mrs Robinson Would you unzip my dress?

Benjamin Un your what?

Mrs Robinson Your mother said I should lie down. The spare bed is piled high with coats. Do you mind if I lie down, Benjamin?

Benjamin No. Be my guest. Good night,

Mrs Robinson Benjamin, would you please unzip the dress?

Benjamin I'd rather not.

Mrs Robinson Do you still think I'm trying to seduce you?

Benjamin No I don't.

Mrs Robinson With your parents just downstairs?

Benjamin I ought to go down ...

Mrs Robinson You've known me all your life.

Benjamin I know that.

Mrs Robinson Would you please? It's hard for me to reach.

After a moment, Benjamin unzips her dress. Thank you.

Benjamin You're welcome.

Mrs Robinson What are you scared of?

Benjamin I'm not scared of anything.

Mrs Robinson Then why do you keep moving away?

Benjamin Because this is my room and if you're going to lie down I don't think I should be here.

She lets her dress fall.

Mrs Robinson Haven't you ever seen anyone in a slip before?

Benjamin Not in my parents' house, no.

Mrs Robinson You still think I'm trying to seduce you, don't you?

Benjamin No. But what if they walked in?

Mrs Robinson Would you like me to seduce you?

Benjamin What?

Mrs Robinson Is that what you're trying to tell me?

Benjamin I'm going downstairs now. I apologise for what I said. I hope you can forget about it.

He steps out the door.

Mrs Robinson Benjamin.

Benjamin What?

Mrs Robinson Could you bring me my purse before you go?

Benjamin No.

Mrs Robinson Please?

Benjamin Where is it?

Mrs Robinson In the spare room. Beside the bed.

Benjamin I'll get your purse. Then I have to go downstairs.

He leaves. Mrs Robinson finishes her drink and goes into the bathroom, leaving the door ajar. Benjamin returns.

Mrs Robinson?

Mrs Robinson (off) I'm in the bathroom.

Benjamin Well, here's your purse.

Mrs Robinson (off) Could you bring it in?

Benjamin I'll hand it to you.

Mrs Robinson (off) For God's sake Benjamin, will you hand me the goddam purse.

He crosses and goes into the bathroom. We see him but not her. Mrs Robinson is (supposedly) naked.

Benjamin Oh, God. Oh, my God.

Mrs Robinson Don't be nervous.

Benjamin You're naked. Let me out.

Mrs Robinson Benjamin?

Benjamin Get away from that door.

Mrs Robinson I want to say something first.

Benjamin Jesus Christ.

Mrs Robinson Benjamin, I want you to know that I'm available to you ...

Benjamin Oh, my God ...

Mrs Robinson I want you to know you can call me up any time you want and we'll make some kind of arrangement.

Benjamin Let me out.

Mrs Robinson Do you understand what I said?

Benjamin Yes! Yes! Let me out!