**Episode 113**

**In the Reception with Ross, Liam and Luna; amongst a crowd of people watching policemen walking into the Dirty Duck Pub**

Liam – What’s going on?

Luna – They’re nowhere near solving the crime yet! It’s a disgrace.

Liam – They’re doing the best they can though, aren’t they?

Luna – They’re not trying hard enough, are they?! The Killer’s here; in this Hotel and they’re right under their noses! I want to know who’s getting the Dirty Duck Pub; we want our local back!

**Liam exits, walking into the Restaurant and Ross turns to Luna madly**

Ross – Haven’t you got ANY respect? My Niece’s Dad died in there, and all you care about is your next gin and tonic!

**Ross’ mobile ring, he takes it out his pocket and puts it to his ear**

Ross – Hello? Yeah, it’s Ross. Solicitors? No, you got the wrong—

**Ross looks shocked**

**In a Restaurant Kitchen with Liz cutting some vegetables, Liam enters**

Liam – Congratulations on getting the Hotel restaurant, Mum—

Liz – I called you here to help me to prepare some meals!

Liam – What—?

Liz – I’m sorry, it’s only for an hour or so! Deborah was meant to cover Harry’s shift, and it turns out she was too busy to show up! Please, just help me prepare some side dishes, Liam!

Liam – Since when was Harry at the Hotel?

Liz – Since your Brother got invited her; he’s been here for the past week!

Liam – Mum, this is crazy! Just call Harry, then and—

Liz – As he couldn’t be bothered to turn up; he’s FIRED!

Liam – Why? He owes you for dumping you in on this!

Liz – It’s fine; I can manage!

Liam – But you can’t can you? I mean, you could’ve just waited until Jordan actually comes here? I mean, you even introduced him to Imane; why?! Now, they obviously have the Heart’s for each other!

Liz – Oh for goodness sake! Can’t you just be happy for your Brother for once in your life?! Imane and Jordan could make a good couple! So could you and someone else, attractiveness always—

Liam – I’m not attractive.

**Liz looks at Liam sadly**

Liz – Yes, you are, Liam! I’m sure when Imane gets more time with Jordan; their relationship will blossom and then—

Liam – And then, it’ll be like Romeo and Juliet; but it’ll end happily.

Liz – Exactly!

**Liz continues preparing the food and Liam sighs**

**In Ryan’s flat’s corridor with Ryan. Luna enters carrying some carrier bags and she hands them to Ryan**

Luna – Give that to Jas, will you?

**Ryan sighs and nods**

Luna – The Boy’s in blue are clearing out the Pub! Must’ve got all the evidence they need.

**Luna exits, walking into the living room where Amanda is watching Elliot on some ladders putting up some balloons on the wall**

Amanda – Higher. No, lower!

Elliot – What do you think this is; Play your Cards right?

Amanda – I like things to be symmetrical!

Luna – Why don’t you go and make yourself beautiful, Amanda? We can handle the rest!

Amanda – Oh, no! I get nervous if I’m not busy! It’s been YEARS since I’ve had a party!

**Amanda laughs**

**In the Kitchen with Jasmine putting a huge plate of Sandwiches on the table, Ryan enters**

Ryan – Jas, It’s definitely getting bigger; I can see it!

Jasmine – Ryan, don’t even say that! What’s my Mum gonna say when she sees? I can’t stand this anymore.

Ryan – We can’t have people asking questions can we? It’s difficult, I know. But the longer we keep quiet about it, the better!

**Jasmine looks at Ryan nervously**

**In the Market with Sophs looking at the clothes on the clothes rack at the clothes stall. People walk past her, staring at her. Sophs sighs sadly and Rach enters, walking to her**

Rach – Are you okay?

Sophs – I’m used to it. Even Kieran can’t look at me in the eye! He thinks I’m a murderer; just like everyone else! He’s made up his mind, what can I do?

**Sophs exits. Imane walks out one of the shops carrying Connor**

Imane – Right, Connor, your Mummy Judy asked me to look after you, OK? And—

**Liz enters, looking worn out walking along the market, Imane walks over to her**

Imane – You look really tired, Liz!

Liz – I’ve been on my feet since 7am!

Imane – I don’t expect we’ll see you tonight, then?

Liz – Tonight?

Imane – Yeah, I’m not seeing myself going either, I mean with Tori; I haven’t even read the book! Don’t tell Deborah.

Liz – Book club?! No, you must be mistaken!

Imane – I thought you wanted to host it yourself? I mean, for the anniversary!

Liz – “*Anniversary*”?

Imane – Yeah, it’s been a month since it started! Y-You did get the invite, didn’t you?

Liz – Yes! Yes, of course!

Imane – It’s gone to an awful lot of trouble! Deborah’s made a cake and everything! I’m sure she’ll understand if you’re too tired! I hope you don’t mind me asking, but are you—?

Liz – Pregnant? I don’t mind you asking, Imane! As I’m about to pop anyway!

**Liz laughs, and Imane smiles at her slightly**

**In Ross’ corridor with Court and Lauren**

Lauren – Where’s that cab?! We don’t want to be late for Laura’s hearing, do we?

Court – I’ll get Jamie!

Lauren – No! We’ll be circling round the Hotel for hours! Just make sure the cab’s on its way, yeah?

Louise – **\*From the kitchen\*** Lauren!

**Lauren sighs**

Lauren – Now what does that woman want?! She’s driving me mad! I knew I should never have let her come through the front door!

**Lauren exits, walking into the Kitchen, Court gets out her mobile and puts it to her ear**

**In the Kitchen with Louise making a buffet on the table. Lauren enters**

Lauren – Yes, Louise?

Louise – I hope you don’t mind me taking over the Kitchen!

Lauren – Oh no, not at all! Make yourself at home!

Louise – It’s just living in France; you get used to preparing lunch everyday, and I thought you’d need your strength for court!

Lauren – Well, that’s nice of you! But, we’re running late as it is.

Louise – Oh, what a shame!

**Louise gets out two glasses and puts them on the table**

Louise – Never mind, eh? I can have Amy and Sasha to myself!

**Lauren looks at Louise madly and exits**

**Outside the Hotel with Court, a while later, Lauren walks out the Hotel**

Lauren – Where is it?! I hope you said it was urgent!

Court – What do you think? I don’t want to let Laura down, do I? Look, you go inside and I’ll come and get you when it comes.

Lauren – I’d rather freeze to death than spend another second with that woman!

**Court’s mobile rings and she puts it to her ear**

Lauren – Louise; born an actress, she was! But she’s here because she’s after something, you mark my words!

Court – Hello, It’s Courtney! Well, if it was, I wouldn’t be calling, would I? Tell him to hurry up, will you?!

**Court puts her mobile in her pocket**

Lauren – Do you know what she used to call me?

Court – Lauren—

Lauren – “*Tweetie-Pie*” and she let it slip the other day! “*Tweetie-Pie*”! Same old Louise.

Court – Lauren, its Laura we should be worrying about! Not some daft cow you haven’t seen for months! Just get a grip, will you?

**Court turns away from Lauren, and Lauren glares at Court madly**

**In Liz’s living room with Liam sat down with Oliver’s laptop on his knee, Sarah’s stood by him**

Liam – Sorry I smell of onions! Mum made me prepare the vegetables.

Sarah – Well, what do you reckon? Can you get my files back?

Liam – Well, it could be hard; with someone like me anyway—

Sarah – Please, Liam!

Liam – When I last deleted all my files, there was a back-up file, and there should be one on here as well!

Sarah – Thank you!

Liam – I’m not promising anything, Sarah.

Sarah – Thank you.

**Sarah kisses Liam and smiles at him**

**In Ryan’s living room with Jasmine looking at Maddison out the window. Ryan enters holding plates of food, he places them on the table and Jasmine turns to him**

Jasmine – Ryan...

**They look outside the window and Maddison walks into the Hotel**

Ryan – They’ve got nothing on me, Jas. I mean no one even knows I was in the Pub on the night Alex died, that’s the way we need to keep it, alright? Just—Just stop worrying, yeah?

**Jasmine turns to Ryan**

**In Corridor outside the living room door, Amanda walks out the kitchen with a plate of sandwiches**

Ryan - **\*From the living room\*** It’s only a few more weeks!

**Amanda freezes and walks into the Kitchen, where Luna and Elliot are**

Luna – Amanda, what’s wrong?

Amanda – Ryan and Jasmine; they’re whispering in corners! Something’s not right.

Elliot – Well, they must find it hard, Amanda! I mean with last week with Meg being rushed into hospital. There’s no place in this flat, is there? No privacy.

Amanda – I thought they liked it here?

Elliot – They do!

Amanda – Well, Ryan said, “*Just a few more weeks!*” What if they’re gonna move out?

Luna – Don’t be daft! Where are they gonna find a rent?

**Luna takes one of the sandwiches from the plate Amanda’s holding and eats it, smiling at Amanda**

**In Ross’ Kitchen with Amy, Sasha and Louise sat around the table with glasses of wine and food around the table**

Louise – You would love it there! I mean, you could go for a short rides to the mountains or the coast or—

Sasha – Sounds perfect(!)

Amy – Yeah.

**There’s knocking at the front door and Sasha stands**

Sasha – I’ll get it!

**Sasha exits, walking to the corridor. She walks to the front door and opens it, Jamie’s stood at the door. Jamie passes Sasha a cardigan**

Jamie – I found this tucked away in the wardrobe!

**Sasha takes the cardigan and smiles at Jamie**

Sasha – Thank you.

Jamie – I’m going to Amanda’s Birthday Party later; Ryan talked me into it! I don’t suppose—Y’know? You might want to come?

**Louise walks out the Kitchen and stands behind Sasha**

Sasha – I’m sorry, I’m busy tonight.

Louise – Aren’t you going to introduce me?

Sasha – Jamie, this is Alex’s Girlfriend; Louise.

**Jamie shakes Louise’s hand, smiling**

Jamie – Nice to meet you!

Louise – Likewise! It looks like Sasha has my taste for the handsome men!

Sasha – It’s not like that, Jamie’s just a friend.

**Jamie hides a laugh, smiling at Sasha**

**In Liz’s living room with Liam sat down, he has Oliver’s laptop on his knee and Liz is by the sofa**

Liz – What was she thinking?! That Anniversary Party; It should be here! I mean, I’m the one that started the book club; it was my idea!

Liam – Mum—

Liz – Did she think I wouldn’t find out?!

Liam – Mum, look, I’m trying to concentrate!

**Liz looks behind Liam’s shoulder and a picture of Deborah hugging Izzy comes up on the screen**

Liz – What on Earth are you doing with THAT?!

Liam – Sarah deleted some stuff; I’m just trying to get it back! But with someone with the same IQ as me, it’s complicated; so if you wouldn’t mind—!

Liz – Well, I hope she’s paying you for it! That family’s always after something for nothing.

Liam – Mum, she’s my friend.

Liz – It’s always Deborah, isn’t it?

**Liz exits, madly and Liam rolls his eyes**

**In Laura’s cell with Laura. The door opens and Lauren enters**

Lauren – The Cab was late, then we got stuck in traffic! Laura, I’m so sorry! Court; she was going out of her mind and she’s stood outside there now! But, they could only let one of us in. Laura? Please talk to me!

**Laura turns**

Laura – Eighteen months I got. You happy now?

Lauren – No! No, of course not!

Laura – Well, Amy and Sasha will be! So, why don’t you run along and tell everyone the good news?!

Lauren – Laura—

Laura – You tried to point the finger at me for Alex’s murder! And you expect me to forget it?!

Lauren – No! No, of course not! But, please, you can’t turn your back on your friends!

Laura – Oh, and why not?!

**Laura walks to the door, shoving past Lauren and bangs on the door madly**

Lauren – Listen, in Ten or Twelve months you’ll be out of here, you’ll be a free woman! And I’ll be here for you; I SWEAR to God!

**Laura turns to Lauren, shaking her head**

Laura – No. No, because you’ll let me down like you always do! I’m better off without you.

Lauren – Laura—Please—

Laura – No! Because when I get out of here, I’m gonna make something of my life! I’m gonna start again!

**The door opens**

Laura – Get her out of here. Bye, Lauren.

**Lauren looks at Laura sadly and exits. The door slams as she exits and Laura wipes a tear from her eye**

**In Rach’s kitchen with Sophs sat down, looking down at her cup of tea on the table. There’s knocking and the door and Sophs stands, walking out the kitchen to the front door**

Sophs – Rach, are you expecting anyone?!

**Sophs opens the door and Maddison’s stood in front of her**

Maddison – Can I come in, Sophie?

Sophs – I’ve already spoken to one of your Officer’s.

Maddison – We’ve had an anonymous tip-off; that I’m abridged to follow up! So, if you don’t mind—

**Maddison walks in, and Rach walks out the living room; Sophs rolls her eyes and closes the door as Maddison enters**

Maddison – Is there somewhere we can talk in private?

**Sophs turns to Rach**

Sophs – I’ll be fine.

**Sophs leads Maddison into the Kitchen, exiting**

**In Izzy’s living room with Deborah stood up smiling. Judy enters holding Connor, followed by Imane and Tori. Deborah turns to Judy**

Deborah – You can take him up to my room if you like! It’s nice and quiet in there!

**Tori glares at Imane madly**

Imane – You alright, Tori?

Deborah – Judy, take Connor up and I’ll get some drinks on the go!

Tori – I might as well give you a hand.

**Tori exits, walking into the Kitchen followed by Deborah**

**In Ryan’s living room crowded with people, in the corridor with Ryan holding a box full of beers; Jasmine enters, walking out the bedroom and holds her tummy in pain**

Ryan – Jas? You OK?

Jasmine – I just felt it!

Ryan – Felt what?

Jasmine – The Baby!

Ryan – No, it’s too soon, surely!

Jasmine – It wasn’t kicking! It was just—fluttering inside like a bird or something!

Ryan – That’s amazing!

**In the living room, crowded with people, focussed on Amanda dancing; she sees Ryan outside the living room in the corridor**

Amanda – Ryan! We need those beers in here, don’t we?

Ryan – Yeah, Amanda! I’ll just get the door!

**Ryan passes the beers to someone and walks to the front door, Jasmine exits, walking into the Kitchen and Ryan opens the door, Derek’s stood in front of him**

Ryan – Derek?!

Derek – You alright, Ryan?

**Derek walks in and Ryan closes the door**

Ryan – Yeah, I’m glad you could make it! Listen, Jamie’s in there already, so you could go straight through!

**Ryan rushes into the Kitchen, exiting and Derek walks into the Living room, walking to Amanda**

Amanda – Derek!

Derek – Alright, Amanda?

**Derek passes Amanda a bottle of champagne**

Derek – Happy Birthday!

**Amanda takes the bottle, smiling at Derek**

Amanda – Thank you! I’ll put it with the others!

**Amanda walks to the side where Jamie is, she smiles at him and Jamie walks to Derek**

Jamie – I think we’ve met before, haven’t we?

Derek – Not to talk to.

Jamie – Here.

**Jamie passes Derek a can of beer and Derek takes it**

Jamie – Jasmine told me about you getting a new job? How’s it going?

Derek – Yeah, it’s going alright! I’ve already had a couple of offers, nothing great yet though.

Jamie – You don’t want to be too fussy though, do you? Not in this place.

**Derek looks at Jamie, sipping his drink. Luna enters holding a mug of punch**

Luna – Come on, boys! Who’s up for a drip of “*Luna’s Sex on an island*”?!

Jamie – It’s “*Sex on a beach*”, Luna.

Luna – Not in this Hotel it isn’t!

Derek – Just a lager for me, thanks, Luna.

**Jasmine and Ryan enter and Luna walks to them**

Luna – How about you, Jas?

Jasmine – No, thanks.

Luna – I put in cherry flavouring especially for you!

Jasmine – Maybe later.

**Luna turns to Amanda**

Luna – That only leaves you, Amanda!

**They laugh**

**In Rach’s kitchen with Sophs and Maddison facing each other at the table. Maddison flicks through her notebook**

Maddison – We’ve spoken to a lot of people, Sophie, and you name comes up time after time.

Sophs – I’m not saying anything to get me into trouble.

Maddison – I can’t say I blame them! You’ve already been associated with tragic deaths! Court’s Uncle; Ian... Lee!

Sophs – Those weren’t my fault!

Maddison – You’ve been very unfortunate, haven’t you, Sophie?!  
Sophs – I was cleared at any involvement of Ian’s death.

Maddison – Can I ask why you were out in the cold on the night of Alex’s murder?

Sophs – I had a stupid row with Alex. We both had been drinking, and I lost it. I gave him the engagement ring back.

Maddison – And then?

Sophs – The next thing I heard; he was dead. I was on my way to apologise. I never got the chance.

**Maddison notes something down in her notebook**

Sophs – I don’t suppose there’s any chance I could get the ring back? It was mine, after all, y’know? It meant a lot to me.

Maddison – I’m not aware of any ring. But, I can look into it for you. There is another thing that seems to crop up from time to time; Alexander’s laptop. Any idea where that is?

Sophs – No. No, sorry.

**Maddison puts her pen and notebook in her coat pocket and stands**

Maddison – Well, if you do remember anything, give me a call.

**Maddison places a note with her number in front of Sophs on the table and exits, closing the door behind her**

**In Izzy’s living room with Tori, Judy and Imane sat down on the sofas. Deborah’s by them pouring a drink for Judy**

Deborah – So, here we all are, then! One month on! I can’t believe it! Let’s have a toast, eh?

Tori – Shouldn’t we wait for Liz?

Deborah – Um—She can’t make it.

Imane – I thought she looked knackered earlier!

Tori – That’s a shame!

**Deborah sits down by Tori**

Tori – This is our book club after all; I mean she’s put so much into it. Anyway, it’s been a right laugh, hasn’t it? Here we go!

**Tori picks up her glass of champagne**

Tori – To absent friends!

**Tori sips her drink and Liz enters, holding a bouquet of flowers**

Liz – Oh, hello, Deborah! Sorry I’m late, everyone! I didn’t know what time to arrive!

**Liz puts her coat on the table and smiles at Deborah**

Liz – Seeing as I wasn’t actually invited!

**Imane and Judy stare at Deborah puzzled**

**In Ryan’s living room crowded with people, focussed on Luna, Amanda and Jamie**

Luna – Jamie, you’re a man who appreciates a cocktail, aren’t you?

Jamie – Yeah, but not that colour, Luna!

Luna – What about you, Amanda?

Amanda – Oh, no thanks! I can hardly feel my legs as it is!

Luna – What a load of party-poopers.

**Focussed on Ryan and Jasmine by the buffet table**

Jasmine – Ryan, it’s moving again!

**Jasmine grabs Ryan’s hand, putting it to her belly**

Ryan – Really?

**Focussed on Elliot facing Amanda**

Elliot – Amanda, I was thinking if we could lend Ryan and Jasmine a few quid or something?

**Amanda laughs slightly and sees Ryan feeling Jasmine’s belly**

Elliot – What do you think? They could get their own space abroad, couldn’t they?!

Amanda – O-Oh, my gosh!

Elliot – You alright, Amanda?

**Luna walks to Ryan and Jasmine and they turn to her**

Ryan – Luna, I think Jasmine’s alright for orange juice!

Luna – Are you taking the pleasure or something?!

**Jasmine laughs slightly and then sees Amanda looking at her and Ryan**

Amanda – You are—Aren’t you?

**Jasmine freezes and turns to Ryan**

Luna – Jas, what is it?

**Everyone turns to Ryan and Jasmine and Jasmine turns to them**

Jasmine – Um—I-I’m pregnant!

**Jasmine smiles and Amanda begins to cry, running up to Jasmine and hugging her**

**In Izzy’s living room with Deborah sat down on a sofa, Tori’s sat on a sofa nearby Deborah and Liz, Judy and Imane are sat down on the same sofa. Liz looks at the book** *“Betrayal*” **by Sasha Blake**

Liz – Aww, “*Betrayal!*” Was that your choice, Deborah?

Deborah – I didn’t think you’d have time to read it, Liz, and y’know? Parties aren’t that much fun not drinking, are they?

Liz – I never drink.

Deborah – Of course.

Judy – Imane’s not drinking and you invited her.

Tori – Yeah, there’s obviously some sort of a mix-up isn’t there? If anyone’s got the right to be here, it’s Liz... More than some I can mention.

**Tori glares at Imane, sipping her drink**

Imane – What have you got against me, Tori? I knew I shouldn’t have come.

Tori – Oh, so you’ve got a conscience, then?

Judy – What gives you the right to judge her like that?

Tori – Oh, I’ll tell you, shall I?!

Deborah – Wh-What did we all think of the book, then?

Liz – I’d love to comment, but sadly—

Deborah – Anyone else?

Tori – OK, Hollywood glamour—Sex. Cringe. What more do you want?

Judy – I wish I read it now.

Deborah – Imane?

Imane – I’d rather die than read that book.

Deborah – Let’s just forget the book, then, shall we? Let’s just celebrate the month we’ve had together—Tori arriving at the Hotel, Liz; pregnant!

Liz – And my eldest son also arriving to the Hotel so he can find the woman of his life!

Judy – Excuse me while I puke.

Imane – I’ve met him before, haven’t I? When you took me to meet him last week! He’s so nice!

**Deborah stands, walking into the kitchen, exiting**

**In Ross’ living room with Sasha, Amy and Louise sat on the sofas. Lauren enters and Louise stands**

Louise – Aww, Lauren! Ooooh! You look exhausted!

**Louise hugs Lauren**

Lauren – No—I’m fine, Louise.

**Sasha stands and Louise pulls herself away from Lauren**

Sasha – Are you sure?

Amy – Lauren, listen, I know me and Laura didn’t see eye-to-eye, but—

Lauren – Amy, it’s not gonna be forever, is it? I’ve got you two, haven’t I?

**Ross and Court enter; Ross is wearing a suit and he turns to Lauren**

Ross – I heard about Laura.

Lauren – Why are you wearing a suit?

Ross – I got—I got this call out of the blue a few weeks back, I wouldn’t bring it up—But—But, under the circumstances, I think you need to know.

**Sasha stands**

Lauren – Know what?

Ross – I didn’t come here because Sasha invited me here. I came here, because Alex’s brief asked to see me, and they told me that Alex made me his executer of his will. I’ll be reading it in the Pub on Thursday.

**Lauren looks at Ross in shock and Louise sits down, looking at Ross**

**In Ryan’s kitchen with Jasmine. Amanda enters, closing the door**

Amanda – I have been saving this for a special occasion!

**Amanda opens the fridge and pulls out a bottle of champagne, closing the fridge door and walking over to Jasmine**

Amanda – I never imagined in a billion years that it would be—

**Amanda puts the bottle of champagne on the table**

Amanda – Oh, Jasmine!

**Amanda hugs Jasmine**

Amanda – You have made me the happiest woman in the world!

**Jasmine smiles and hugs Amanda back, Amanda picks up the bottle of champagne**

Amanda – You’re gonna have to watch out for this stuff around you now!

Jasmine – Mum, calm down!

**Amanda puts the bottle of champagne back on the table and gets out two glasses from the cupboards, placing them on the table**

Amanda – Well, who’d of thought it?! I mean, even a few months ago; YOU were married to Ryan and it was the start of me becoming a Grandmother!

**Amanda laughs**

Amanda – “*Nana*”? *“Nan*”?

Jasmine – I would’ve told you sooner, I just needed to get my head round it all!

Amanda – Oh, of course! And—Well—

**Amanda picks up the bottle of champagne**

Amanda – You can only be a few weeks gone! I mean, some people keep it secret for MONTHS!

**Amanda struggles to open the bottle of champagne and laughs**

Amanda – How do you open this?!

**Jasmine takes the bottle of champagne from Amanda and begins to open it**

**In Ross’ living room with Amy and Louise sat on a sofa, Ross and Court are sat on another nearby and Lauren’s sat on another; Sasha’s stood up by Lauren**

Ross – I have to make sure you’re all there for the reading.

Lauren – All of us?

Ross – I’m not sure.

Louise – Well, they could be trying to get hold of me at home?

Ross – There is someone else... Sophs.

Lauren – I’m not sitting in the Pub with that tart!

Ross – Lauren, it’s what Alex wanted! I’ve got to respect his wishes.

**Lauren looks at Ross angrily**

**In Izzy’s kitchen with Deborah opening a bottle of champagne, Rach enters and closes the door behind her**

Rach – Hello, Deborah! Sorry to crash your party! I was checking if Izzy was in?

**Deborah slams the bottle of champagne on the Kitchen Counter and sighs**

Rach – Are you alright?

**Deborah turns to Rach, looking mad**

**In the living room with Tori sat on a sofa. Liz, Judy and Imane are sat on another nearby; they’re all eating sandwiches**

Tori – Well, maybe we should decide who chooses the next book, then? Liz?

Liz – Huh—?

Imane – I’ve got one!

Tori – What’s that then? “*Money Snatcher scarred for life*”?

Judy – Why would you even call her that?

Tori – Y’know what, Judy? I’m not bitter. I’m grateful! Cos at least Imane has showed me what a pathetic little loser she really is. I just hope she’s doing the right thing supporting herself!

Imane – Why would you even ask me about my money?!

Judy – Why are you arguing back, Imane? Just ignore her!

Imane – I’m not letting anyone question me about my money!

**Liz stands, walking to the kitchen door**

Liz – I’m just gonna go now; tell Deborah that it was nice of her to invite me(!)

**Liz exits, closing the door behind her**

**In Ross’ kitchen with Lauren and Louise facing each other**

Louise – How are you bearing, Lauren?

Lauren – Life goes on!

Louise – It must be very stressful for you though! First of all Laura, and now the world!

Lauren – Well, I’m not as strong as you think.

**Amy and Sasha enter**

Lauren – I was thinking about cooking us a nice big dinner tonight! Y’know? Get us all back on track again! So, what do you fancy?

Louise – Well, I booked a table at the restaurant, didn’t I say?

Lauren – No. You didn’t.

**Lauren looks at Louise madly**

**In Ryan’s kitchen with Jasmine sat down looking up at Amanda**

Amanda – And we can decorate your room! Whatever you want! You’ll have to get a cot in there somehow, and—

**Amanda looks down at Jasmine and freezes**

Jasmine – Mum?

Amanda – Just, it’s not gonna be easy, is it? Not like it is for other people.

Jasmine – Well, I’m fine now! I’ve been told by my Doctor I’ll be a great Mum; just like you!

Amanda – And the rest?

**Amanda sits down by Jasmine sadly**

Amanda – Let’s not forget, Jasmine. You’ve only just got yourself sorted from the past. All the changes you’re gonna go through! This could send you spiralling!

Jasmine – No, that’s not gonna happen, Mum! Because I’ve got Ryan, I’ve got you! I’m having a baby; it might be a good thing, it might keep me happy!

Amanda – And you’ve forgot all about what happened, right?

Jasmine – This is so typical of you! One minute everything’s in the garden’s Rosie, then the next it’s the end of the world; I can’t keep up!

Amanda – If you don’t recover from your past you won’t be able to cope with a baby! You haven’t thought this through at all, have you?!

Jasmine – I’ve JUST recovered from my past, Mum, alright?!

**Jasmine stands and exits, slamming the door behind her. Amanda looks at Jasmine’s handbag on the kitchen counter and stands, walking to it and looking inside, she takes out the baby scan photo and looks at it, she smiles, then looks at it in horror**

**In Ross’ Living room, Louise’s suitcase is on the table and Lauren enters, closing the door behind her and walking to it, she looks through Louise’s handbag and pulls out a set of keys, she puts one of the keys in the lock of the suitcases and unlocks it, opening it**

**In Liz’s living room with Liam sat down on Oliver’s laptop**

Sophs - **\*On a tape\*** Shall I take this off too?

**Liz enters and puts her handbag down on the table**

Oliver - **\*On a tape\*** Yes, please! Wow!

Sophs - **\*On a tape\*** What does she call you—?

Liz – LIAM!

**Liz rushes to Liam**

Liz – What is this FILTH?!

Liam – This was in amongst Sarah’s files! I swear!

Liz – That was Sarah?!

Liam – No—

Liz – Play it again!

Liam – Mum—

Liz – NOW!

**Liam presses “*Play*” on the video**

Sophs – **\*On a tape\*** Tell me and I’ll take it all off!

Oliver – **\*On a tape\*** Oh, really?

Sophs – **\*On a tape\*** Mhm!

Oliver – **\*On a tape\*** Well, sometimes she calls me “Captain Holmes”

Sophs – **\*On a tape\*** Well, Captain Holmes, I’d better take all this off or you might make me walk the plank!

Oliver – **\*On a tape\*** Oh, Sophs... Deborah could learn A LOT from you!

**Laughter comes from the tape and Liz smirks**

**In Ryan’s Kitchen with Amanda sat down at the table looking at the Baby Scan photo. Jasmine enters, closing the door behind her and looks down at Amanda**

Jasmine – I’m sorry I shouted at you, Mum. I didn’t mean it; I know you’re just worried about me.

**Amanda has tears in her eyes, looking at the baby scan photo**

Amanda – It’s beautiful, Jasmine. Perfect Head! And those tiny little fingers and toes! But, according to the dates... This baby’s fifteen weeks old.

**Amanda looks at Jasmine puzzled and Jasmine looks down sadly**

**TO BE CONTINUED**

**Jasmine**

**Amanda – Jasmine’s Mum**

**Liz – Judy’s Friend**

**Liam – Liz’s Son**

**Deborah – Izzy’s Mum**

**Ryan – RyanLanbert098**

**Lauren – x.ATurtle.x**

**Louise – Alexander’s Girlfriend**

**Court – Courtneighh**

**Laura – Sasha’s Sister**

**Ross – Sasha’s Cousin**

**Amy – amyrose2024**

**Sasha – PixelRainbow.**

**Sophs – Soaphie**

**Jamie – Court’s Brother**

**Imane – enami**

**Judy – Amy’s Mum**

**Tori – Tribulations**

**Luna – Lickish**

**Elliot – Schlopz**

**Rach – hellokitty273**

**Sarah – Izzy’s Cousin**

**Derek – Jasmine’s Dad**

**Maddison – Policewoman**

**Doctor Oliver Holmes**