

Michael comes out from behind the shed, mopping his brow

Michael Roma, you're nibbling!

Roma No Mickey, I'm eating. (She takes a large bite of sausage)

Michael goes behind the shed and then goes into the kitchen

Sandy discreetly enters the Hinson garden, followed by Toby. At her instigation, they talk in whispers and discreetly peep over the fence as:

Toby Yes, of course I enjoy your company but I don't quite understand what we're doing here. (He takes a swig from the bottle)

Sandy That sweet grey-haired old lady has just told me she's about to put it on the market.

Toby Ah yes of course—you're an estate agent!

Sandy Property consultant actually. You know, darling—(she touches his lips) premises, premises.

Toby She wants you to negotiate the sale.

Sandy (with a finger to her own lips) She will do, cherub, she will do. Now you be a clever little pixie and keep your ears open while I have a wander round to see what's on offer.

Sandy blows him a kiss and goes into the Hinson house

During the following, Toby dutifully listens at the fence, but then he gets fed up and wanders into the shed, knocking back the wine

Roma moves from Jennifer to David who is getting himself another beer

Roma Your wife tells me you're going to Spain in September.

David Yeah, we're very fond of Spain.

Roma Habla espanol?

David Sorry?

Roma Habla espanol? (She enunciates, as though to a foreigner) Do you speak Spanish?

David Oh, hablo espanol? Claro, que hablo espanol, hombre. En mi opinion el hecho de que puedo tener una conversacion con los espanoles muestra que tengo un respeto profundo por ellos. Bien?

Roma (beaming) Quite. (She puts David's discarded pull-ring into the bin)

Michael comes out of the kitchen and takes Roma to one side

Michael Roma, that woman is wandering around our house.

Roma (with her fixed "hostess" smile) I don't see that she can be doing any harm.

Michael She's going through the cupboards. And where's thingy and whatisit?

Roma (maintaining her "hostess" smile) I don't know, Michael—I don't know.

Michael Keep them all together.

Mrs Hinson comes out with some china plates