

AGENT X No, I mean which Newspaper.

SIR It doesn't matter.

AGENT X The Australian? The Daily Telegraph? It would really help if I knew which one, Sir.

SIR It's a newspaper. It's white paper with black writing. I think you'll recognise it when you see it.

AGENT X You'd think so, wouldn't you?

SIR You will approach your Target and sit down next to him.

AGENT X What if there's someone else there?

SIR There won't be.

AGENT X But if there is?

SIR *(Losing patience)* There won't be!

AGENT X Ok. Just trying to be thorough, Sir.

SIR Do you remember what you say?

AGENT X What I say? Doesn't the Target speak first?

SIR No. They will respond.

AGENT X To what I say?

SIR Yes.

Pause.

AGENT X And what do I say?

SIR "Do you have a light?"

AGENT X Sorry Sir, I don't smoke. So, what do I say?

Pause

SIR Are you serious?

Pause

TARGET Y I don't think so.

TARGET Z I'd like to know you.

Pause

TARGET Y Sorry, I'm married.

Awkward Silence

TARGET Z Do you have something you want to ask me?

TARGET Y Umm.....no.

Silence

TARGET Z *(Tentative)* Like, "Do you have a light?"

TARGET Y Sorry, I don't smoke.

TARGET Z Good! But shouldn't that have been the other way around?

TARGET Y Please leave me alone.

Pause

TARGET Z So, you don't smoke and you don't have a light.

TARGET Y No.

TARGET Z Neither do I.

TARGET Y *(Getting annoyed)* What?

TARGET Z I don't smoke, so I don't have a light, just in case you were asking. Just in case you were meant to ask, but forgot.

Silence

TARGET Z The Meeting is at midnight.

TARGET Y Oh! The Meeting!

TARGET Z Yes!

TARGET Y But the Meeting was this morning.

TARGET Y Well I'm not. sorry, I don't smoke.

AGENT X Good!

TARGET Y Glad you approve.

AGENT X *(Checking his palm notes again)* So, what time is the Meeting?

TARGET Y The Meeting? If you mean this morning's Meeting, you've missed it.

AGENT X Are you sure?

TARGET Y Well, I was there, so I'm pretty sure.

AGENT X But you were supposed to let me know when it was.

TARGET Y Was I? But I don't even know you.

AGENT X So why are you even here?

TARGET Y I'm reading the paper and relaxing. It was a very tough Meeting.

AGENT X *(Sighs)* I'm very confused and disappointed.

TARGET Y Are you?

AGENT X And Sir will be furious.

TARGET Y Who the hell is Sir?

AGENT X *(Ignoring him)* And you don't want to be anywhere near Sir when things don't go his way. Remember F?

TARGET Y Freddy?

AGENT X Was that his name? I never knew.

Pause

He was a good bloke, God rest his soul.

TARGET Y *(Confused)* I saw him yesterday.

AGENT X *(Dreamily)* I see him all the time.

TARGET Y I'm surprised we've never met, then.