

Killing Room

SAMPLE SCRIPT

INT- BEDSIT

Ronnie wakes, looks about. Valerie enters, the cat with the cream. Macready is by the window, a big man with a gun.

VALERIE
How's our guest?

MACREADY
She's had a bad night.

VALERIE
(catty) I'm so pleased. (to
Ronnie) Your husband's called the
police!

RONNIE
Good for Sean

VALERIE
This doesn't change a thing but
it's...inconvenient. How's the
bed? Comfy?

Ronnie climbs off the bed, dangerous.

RONNIE
Try it and find out...

VALERIE
Now now, dear- no need to get
angry. We don't want the
histrionics of yesterday!

INT- BEDSIT / SERIES OF IMAGES FROM DAY ONE

Ronnie waking up alone / disbelief / struggling with the
chain / trashing her bed in anger / pleading with Macready
/ depression, sat alone on the floor, back to the wall,
hugging her knees and head down with face hidden.

INT- BEDSIT

RONNIE
What do you suggest I feel? This
is insane, Val!

VALERIE
No, no...not at all...

RONNIE
You bring me here, tell me I've
three days to live and for what?

VALERIE

To make you realise you can't escape, can't fight me, you can't win. Not this time. There's no-one you can control like a puppet to make this go away.

RONNIE

I don't control people!

VALERIE

You can twist anyone round your finger to do whatever you want!

But Valerie can't leave it there. Her temper rises like a storm, the reason...

VALERIE (CONT'D)

You seduced Sean when he should have been mine...!!!

RONNIE

We tossed a coin! It was a double date and we couldn't decide so we tossed a coin!

VALERIE

You couldn't decide!

RONNIE

Is that what this is about?

The dam of restraint broken, the memories unleashed.

VALERIE

That was just the start! All my Friends came through you! All my respect comes from knowing you! I'm not known for being Valerie, oh no! I'm just your friend. I'm just your Solicitor! (*mimic*) "Please, Val, be a dear and ask Ronnie to do me a birthday card, a thank-you card, a sympathy card" I'm only known for being part of your Empire!

RONNIE

It's only a card shop for God's sake! I don't understand...

VALERIE

I really thought you'd have accepted your fate by now!

RONNIE

I haven't done anything wrong!

VALERIE

Sean will be told you've had an affair...

RONNIE

No I haven't! I've been faithful!

VALERIE

(speaking over her)

You've had an affair, and after three days of reflection, overcome with remorse...

RONNIE

Val! I've never had an affair!!!

VALERIE

...you decided you can't live

RONNIE

(calmer, a single tear)

Val, this is wrong

VALERIE

...so overcome with guilt, you've killed yourself in a reservoir. In two more days, to be precise.

RONNIE

(launching herself)

You BITCH!!!!

Macready holds onto her and drags her back to the bed.

MACREADY

You're making her angry!

VALERIE

I don't see why she's so upset! This is right! I've been denied my chance in life and all because of her! Anyone would say so!

MACREADY

Just go! Please!

Valerie goes to answer, but stomps out. Macready holds Ronnie until she finishes thrashing, he sits on the bed, her on the floor in front of him, trapped in his arms.