

HASSAN
GET A HANDSHAKE?

BAKERS
AHHH
SO SHAKE SHAKE MY HAND

(End of song.)

Music No. 11A: HANDSHAKE PLAYOUT

(Moves us into . . .)

A surprise visitor to the tent

GEMMA is cleaning her workstation when LILY appears. She is 9 years old.

GEMMA *(Warmly.)* Oh hello . . . who are you?

LILY I'm Lily. Who are you?

GEMMA I'm Gemma.

LILY Are you the pot washer?

GEMMA No, I'm one of the contestants. Do I look like the pot washer?

LILY I don't think you want me to answer that.

GEMMA And sorry, you are . . . ?

(LILY offers her hand to shake.)

LILY I'm Ben's daughter – nice to meet you.

GEMMA Oh! Right . . . ! *(She shakes it.)* "Charmed!"

LILY I'm supposed to be in the caravan with my chaperone, but she started talking about how the Earth was flat . . . so I left.

GEMMA Do want me to go and find your Dad?

- LILY No, don't worry – I'm in a heated Whatsapp argument with my best friend Kara . . .
- GEMMA Well that's not very nice, is it . . . arguing . . .
- LILY She thinks Billie Eilish sucks – and let me tell you – she is *wrong*.
- GEMMA Oh totally wrong . . .
- LILY Don't you ever argue with *your* best friend?
- GEMMA Oh . . . I don't really have a best friend. My Mum was my best friend . . .
- LILY Where's your Mum?
- GEMMA She died.
- LILY (*Matter-of-factly.*) Oh . . . mine too.
- GEMMA Really?
- LILY Didn't you know?
- GEMMA (*She had no idea.*) No . . . I didn't . . . I mean, your Dad didn't mention . . .
- LILY It's alright, I'm not going to cry . . . I've had so much therapy.
(*This lingers as BEN enters.*)
- BEN *There you are!* You little . . . (*Spots GEMMA.*) Oh, Gemma . . . (*Awkwardly.*) You've met . . .
- GEMMA Yeah we were just –
- LILY (*Mimicking the presenters.*) "Gemma, a carer from Blackpool"
They keep playing it through the speakers and it's *really* annoying . . . no offence . . .
- GEMMA Well anyway I'd better go and clean myself up – I've got flour all down me!

- LILY And in your hair . . .
- GEMMA Nice to meet you *Lily*.
- LILY You too . . .
- GEMMA (*To BEN, awkwardly.*) See you later Ben . . .
- BEN (*Trying to be casual.*) Yes yes, see you Gemma, yes . . .
- (*GEMMA goes. LILY raises her eyebrows at BEN.*)
- LILY (*Knowingly.*) Hmm . . . *she's* nice . . .
- BEN (*Deflecting.*) Er, yeah . . . is she? I guess . . .
- LILY (*Pointedly.*) You never mentioned *her*.
- BEN Didn't I . . . ?
- LILY I've heard all about Babs, and Russell and the irritating hipster . . .
 but *not* the pretty Northern girl . . .
- BEN Well now enough about her – I've got a bone to pick with you!
- LILY Funny bone perhaps . . . ? You could do with one of those . . .
- BEN They were doing one of those interview thingys earlier – you know
 'how are you *feeling*', that kinda thing – and the presenters were
 asking me about my Bake Off application . . .
- LILY Uh oh.
- BEN *Exactly.* So I told them that it wasn't *me* who applied – but *you* . . .
- LILY Well you kept saying no . . . which was *so* lame . . .
- BEN Well now I want to know what you said!
- LILY That's between me and the producers I'm afraid. A very nice
 woman called Jenny swore on her hamster's life.
- BEN *Lily* . . .

- LILY Okay fine, hold on . . .
- (She takes out her phone.)*
- LILY *(She finds it.)* Here we go. *(As though she's a spy.)* "Private and confidential."
- BEN Well go on then . . . read it out . . .
- LILY *(As if it were obvious.)* It's downloading from the cloud.
- BEN Oh well . . . *(Looks up.)* hope there are no storms up there . . .
- LILY Urgh, that's such a Dad joke . . .
- BEN Well I *am* a Dad – *your* Dad!

Music No. 12: MY DAD

- BEN And this Dad really wants to hear your *mysterious* application!
- LILY *Really?*
- BEN Yes!
- LILY *(Slightly hesitantly.)* Okay . . .
- (She clears her throat.)*

LILY
I'M APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN THE TENT
ON BEHALF OF MY DAD
HIS NAME'S BEN
AND IF MEN COULD BE SCORED OUT OF TEN
THEN MY DAD WOULD BE NINE
AND A HALF . . .

HE LOSES HALF MARKS
COS HIS ICING IS SLOPPY
HIS FONDANT TOO WET
BUT I BET
HE'D BE SO MUCH BETTER
IF HE COULD JUST GET A LESS WETTER TECHNIQUE