
PANSY

EXT. AMOS' 10 FRONT DOOR - DAY 10

FRAN knocks on the screen door, JAY standing behind and to the side.

A silhouette pads towards them, and then opens the screen.

PANSY smiles when she sees FRAN, then masks her face seeing JAY.

PANSY
Franny. What's up.
FRAN
Just wanna have a yarn.

PANSY
What about?

FRAN
Zoe.

PANSY, JAY and FRAN are settled in on the verandah with cups of tea.

PANSY
Nah I didn't want her here, and she didn't wanna be here. And she let everyone know it too.

FRAN
Is that why you say she took off?

PANSY
She did take off, kept saying she was gonna.

FRAN
When was the last time you saw her?

PANSY
I dunno. Fifteen years ago?

FRAN

Where'd she say she was going?

PANSY

Anywhere. Perth probably. Chasing footballers. Getting into drugs.

FRAN

Was she into drugs?

PANSY

Those kids into anything they can get their hands on.

JAY

So she's in Perth. Why hasn't she ever come back to visit her family?

PANSY

How should I know?

She nails JAY with a look.

PANSY (CONT'D)

You reckon those bones are Zoe's?

FRAN

We don't know whose they are.

PANSY

But you reckon they are.

JAY

Do you reckon they could be?

PANSY

Haven't you got tests? You can find out.

JAY

But I want to know what you think.

PANSY

Honestly? I don't care if they are or not. That girl was a proper runamok. Sooner she was out of my house the better, and good riddance to her.

FRAN shuffles, not comfortable hearing this about her friend.

PANSY glares challengingly at JAY, who stares calmly back.

FRAN

Zoe was my friend, you know that.

PANSY

You didn't know her, Frannie, not what she turned into. Why don't you go talk to Father Tom? She was down at that church all the time. He wanted her to move in with him.

This unsettles FRAN, as she thinks through the ramifications.
FRAN

Was there something between them?

PANSY

If there was that girl would've started it. She was running round with half the boys in town. Girls coming round here wanting to bash her, putting bricks through my windows. Ask Amos. It was like having a runaway kid in the place.

JAY

But she wasn't a kid. She was your husband's second wife.

PANSY

Amos didn't want her here any more than I did.

JAY

So she was forced on you. By who?