

# EXTRACT

# The Kiss

a ten minute play

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**The Kiss**

**Characters**

KENT

EMMA

ROLAND

ANGELA

**Time**

Morning.

**Setting**

Cafe.

**The Kiss**

Café. Morning.

**EMMA** and **KENT** sit at a table, drinking coffees.

**ANGELA** and **ROLAND**, sit at a nearby table. They are kissing.

EMMA: So what was wrong?

KENT: Well, apparently the figures Alan provided for the pie graph were incorrect.

EMMA: Who said that?

KENT: The client.

EMMA: Christ. How would they know?

KENT: They had them checked.

EMMA: Who by?

KENT: Worthings.

EMMA: Christ! What did Trevor say?

KENT: He hasn't seen the email. Yet.

**KENT IS BECOMING UNSETTLED BY ANGELA AND ROLAND KISSING AT THE NEARBY TABLE.**

EMMA: What are you going to do?

KENT: I've got two options.

EMMA: Which are?

KENT: One, I can get the new figures, and re-do the graph.

EMMA: That would work.

KENT: Except all the reports have already been printed and bound.

EMMA: How many?

KENT: A hundred.

EMMA: Christ.

KENT: I'd have to unbind them, replace the page and then bind them again.

EMMA: When's the presentation?

KENT: This afternoon.

EMMA: Christ.

KENT: Or ...

**KENT GLANCES AT ROLAND AND ANGELA AGAIN.**

EMMA: Or ...

KENT: I back Michael against the client and stay with the original figures.

EMMA: Do you want to do that?

KENT: Not a whole lot.

**KENT GLANCES AGAIN.**

EMMA: Because ...

KENT: It pisses off the client and sticks up for Michael ...

EMMA: And ...

KENT: Michael is a complete asshole ... (STANDING) Wait a sec.

EMMA: Kent, where are you ...

**KENT GOES OVER TO ROLAND AND ANGELA.**

KENT: Excuse me, do you mind?

ROLAND: (CONTINUING KISSING) Mind what?

KENT: Stopping that.

ANGELA: (CONTINUING KISSING) Stopping what?

KENT: That! (BEAT) It's very ... unsettling.

ROLAND: (CONTINUING KISSING) Really?

KENT: Not to mention unhygienic. People are trying to eat.

**EMMA STOPS KISSING.**

ANGELA: Unhygienic? Is that true?

ROLAND: Yeah? How is it unhygienic?

KENT: Because if the rest of us have to keep watching you – we'll vomit in to our coffees.

ANGELA: You don't have to watch?

ROLAND: Yeah. It's a free world.

KENT: It's a bit hard not to notice when two people across the other side of the café are trying to swallow each other's faces!

**BEAT. THEY KISS AGAIN.**

EMMA: (COMING OVER) Kent, what's wrong?

KENT: It's okay. I'm handling it.

EMMA: Handling what?

KENT: I'm trying to stop them.

EMMA: Doing what?

KENT: That!

EMMA: Why? It's sweet.

**ANGELA AND ROLAND START USING TONGUES.**

EMMA: Okay that's a bit gross. But sweet.

KENT: (TO **ROLAND AND ANGELA**) Get a room!

ROLAND: (CONTINUING KISSING) We will.

ANGELA: (CONTINUING KISSING) Later.

**ROLAND AND ANGELA LAUGH. THEY CONTINUE KISSING.**

**KENT GETS OUT HIS WALLET.**