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M.Ellen: Well, they haven't given me my presents yet. They'll probably do that at supper. But they gave me breakfast in bed this morning. Yes, they did. And they put a single red rose in a little vase and put it right there on the tray. It was like being in a fancy hotel.

Janine: Oh, that is so nice.

M.Ellen: It was lovely. I felt like a queen.

Rita: And you deserve to feel like a queen, Mary Ellen. You're a saint. You're much nicer than the three of us are.

M.Ellen: I know I am, love. That goes without saying.

Janine: All right. Come on, let's have some cake.

Vi: Just give me three small pieces, Janine. One big piece will put me off my diet.

Rita: Are you dieting again?

Vi: For two weeks now.

Rita: And what have you lost?

Vi: At last count, about fourteen days.

*(Janine cuts the cake and gives each woman a piece.)*

M.Ellen: So, who's going to be at my party tonight?

Janine: Well, you and Kyle. Vi and Johnny. Rita. Rita have you got a date?

Rita: Not yet. But I've still got three hours.

Janine: Me. Rachel Coy and her new boyfriend.

Vi: Rachel's got a new boyfriend?

Rita: Tom Sweeney.

Vi: Tom Sweeney? Isn't he going out with..

Rita: It's over.

Vi: Tom and..

Rita: Done.

Vi: Don't tell me those rumours were..

Rita: Every one of them.

Vi: So, she was..

Rita: Twice a week as it turns out.

Vi: Over at the..

Rita: Right there in the office. Every Tuesday and Thursday.

Vi: Well, I'll be damned.

Janine: I don't know Tom. Where's he from?

Vi: He's from Stewiacke.

Rita: No, he's from Milford. He says he's from Stewiacke so he'll sound sophisticated.

M.Ellen: How's Bradley doing, Janine?

Janine: He's fine. He called last night. We talked for about fifteen minutes.

Rita: Was it phone sex?

M.Ellen: Oh, Rita, stop it.

Rita: What? He's been away for a couple of weeks now.

Janine: It wasn't phone sex.

M.Ellen: You see?

Janine: Phone sex takes a good half hour. No, we just talked. About nothing really.

Vi: That's the sign of a solid relationship. When you talk about nothing.

Janine: It is?