

Girls: 17+ years

## Suggestion One

### Flatmates Ellen Dryden

Steve, a wealthy law student, rents the other two rooms in his student flat to LYNN and Tom. He quickly gets bored with Tom and so advertises his room. In this scene, despite her protests, Steve has left LYNN to interview a new potential flatmate. LYNN is fuming and in no mood to interview anyone.

LYNN

I ought to say I'm sorry. But I'm not. Oh! Not you. I only heard about you a few minutes ago. Steve's little joke. He is a wealthy, spoilt brat who's only interested in his stomach. When he's not eating he pushes people around for fun. Tom is a raging neurotic with a chip on his shoulder, who is busy working himself into a really juicy breakdown. They fight. Incessantly. I spend as little time as possible here because both of them, in their different ways, cling to the sweet old-fashioned notion that - deep down - I am longing to do their washing and cooking for them, and I only refuse because I'm scared that the sisters' heavy mob will come and do me over if I give way to my natural instincts and start mothering them both. Steve is reading law - officially. Tom and I are both doing English. He always hands his work in on the dot. I don't even do the work. So tutorials are a permanent embarrassment specially as I'm brighter than he is. He tries to make me work - to fulfil my potential. I refuse. He manages to miss the point about absolutely everything. Life and Literature. And he is scared of girls. In case they don't measure up to Mummy.