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# “Mum” (Season 1, Episode 3)

**Carol** All right?

**Mum** Yeah!

**Carol** I like apples. I'm like my mum. She likes apples. It's great. I love it. I'm the same with cider. Get that down me, no one's safe.

*[Kelly comes down the stairs, giggling nervously. She looks at her mother and continues out the door.]*

**Mum** I was going to say Carol, it's going to be difficult, isn't it, Carol, if Jason and Kelly move to Australia?

**Carol** Pardon?

**Mum** No. I mean... you know. I know we can't stop them. But, if both our kids are going to move to Australia, maybe it's something we should get together about.

**Carol** What do you mean?

**Mum** I'm sorry Carol. I thought you knew! *(Pause)* Jason's looking for a job there.

**Carol** No he's not! I think Kelly would have mentioned it to me, Kathy! She's my daughter! No offense! But, I think she would have talked to me about something as big as that before she talked to you, you silly old cow.

**Mum** Maybe she's worried you're going to laugh at her.

**Carol** *(Pause)* What'd you mean?

**Mum** You laugh at her quite a lot, don't you.

**Carol** She finds it funny.

**Mum** Okay. Maybe she just hasn't got around to telling you.

**Carol** That's what we do. I take the piss out of her... it's funny.

**Mum** Yeah. Okay.

*[Mum turns and leaves. Carol tries to process what Mum has just said to her.]*

*[Later, outside in the parking lot in front of the house.]*

**Jason** What was Kelly like as a baby?

**Carol** Oh my God! I tell you what...

**Kelly** I was a silly, ugly little thing, wasn't I? I was a right idiot. Dumbo baby. That's me. Yeah. I was probably the stupidest baby. I was really thick. Is that what it was like Mom?  
(Pause) Go on! Tell everyone what a knob I was...

**Carol** No, Kel! You were... you were the most beautiful, silly little thing I'd ever seen.

**Kelly** [Laughing, almost maniacal] I've changed now though, haven't I? Ugly witch! Look at the state of me now! My arse is so big, you could put a...

**Carol** Come on, Kel! As if! You're still the most beautiful thing I've ever seen.

[Silence]

**Kelly** You taking the mickey out of me?

**Carol** No! Of course I'm not! You're my Kel!

[Silence]

**Kelly** My God, Mom. You're going to make me cry!

**Carol** Oh Jez! Don't do that! Don't cry for God's sake, you'll never stop!

**Kelly** [Crying] I don't know what's wrong with me!

**Carol** Let's all just calm down and have a cup of tea... that's if we can work out which tin it's in! Baaa ha ha!!! The label? On her tin of tea? Baaaa ha ha!!!

**Kelly** It's such a Cathy thing to do! Have you seen what she's wearing? She dresses like that all the time! You should have seen what she was wearing on her birthday!

**Mum** Alright, Kelly! That's enough!

**Kelly** Oh no! I don't mean it! You great big hullabaloo!

[Kelly moves to Mum and hugs her a bit too hard]

**Kelly** Sorry!