

occurrence for me. Getting tired of going from this room to that room, going crazy... (Notices HOPE is not really listening)

HOPE

I hope you hit mute. (Seeming distracted)

Start ↓

ROSE

(Pause) What's up?

HOPE

Nothing. (Pause) How's Cole and Elsie doing at university? Bet it is hard for them.

ROSE

Don't try and change the subject. Come on. Out with it. I know something's up. Written all over your face.

HOPE

I've met someone.

ROSE

What? You're married!

HOPE

I know that. I've met someone else.

ROSE

I gathered that. You're having an affair. Who has an affair during COVID?

HOPE

He's kinda my bubble.

ROSE

You have an affair bubble?

HOPE

Work...affair bubble, as such. And, I wouldn't really call it an affair, more like, like hanging out.

ROSE

Are you having sex?

HOPE

Oh yeah!

ROSE

It's an affair. (ROSE gets the wine pours HOPE a glass)

HOPE

Oh my God, Rose he is amazing in every way! This man is meant to be on this earth to spread his seed. We need to clone him. It's like an Outlander episode, out of body experience, every time. Up against the wall, on a gurney, in the supply closet. We had sex three times in one day, I could barely walk after! I didn't know my body could bend the way that it's been bending. Mind you the back seat of his Fiat 500 got a little tight.

ROSE

Outlander guy has a Fiat 500?!

HOPE

I know. But that's not the point Rose.

ROSE

What about Joe?

HOPE

Joe is Joe. You know him, you know what I mean! Twenty-three years, my one and only. It's like eating Twix all your life and suddenly you fancy a Cadbury Cream Egg for a change because it's oozier.

ROSE

What?

HOPE

I'm bored Rose! I'm tired of Twix! I've tried to tell Joe that we need some spicing up, but he isn't interested. Oh, and he's Irish!

ROSE

Isn't Outlander Scottish?

HOPE

Rose!

ROSE

Sorry.

HOPE

I love his accent. So sexy. His name is, get ready for it, Shay. Isn't that hot? Apparently, it means hawk-like.

ROSE

Yeah, circling dying marriages.

HOPE

Hey, you can talk, you had that thing with your ex Kevin.

ROSE

It wasn't a thing.

HOPE

You kissed him. It's a thing.

ROSE

I didn't! You know that. You're supposed to be on my side! You're my person remember, not Coops.

HOPE

And you're supposed to be on mine! Backing me on the sexy Outlander Irish guy!

ROSE

That's not fair. My thing isn't the same as your thing.

HOPE

So it was a thing.

ROSE

Stop! I didn't kiss him. He kissed me. After lunch as we were saying goodbye, I was in mid conversation and he just surprised me with this kiss. I pushed him away.

HOPE

Did you linger though, before you pushed him away?

ROSE

What?

HOPE

You know. Linger. Did you open your mouth, linger, and then push away or, did you just push away?

ROSE

My mouth was open because I was talking. There was no lingering. *(Looking at HOPE's reaction of unbelief)* Stop! Now you are confusing me. No, I didn't linger. But you are definitely lingering. How long has this been going on with Shay?

HOPE

Two months.

ROSE

Two months! I can't believe you've kept this from me.

HOPE

I'm telling you now. I thought you'd be kind of judgy, which you obviously are, so I was avoiding telling you.

ROSE

I don't agree with what you are doing but I'm always on your side. *(Pause)* Do you want to be with him? Leave Joe?

HOPE

No. No. I don't know. Besides it's easy for you to say, you have a great sex life.

ROSE

Not always.

HOPE

Oh sure you do. Very healthy I bet.

ROSE

Define healthy.

HOPE

Five times a week?

ROSE

Oh my god! I could never do it five times a week! Seriously?!

*End*