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NORMA'S LIST

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CAST

NORMA: A seventy-six year old housewife

MOLLY: Also seventy-six, is the next door neighbor and Norma's close friend

PLACE

Norma's living room

TIME

Four-thirty on a weekday afternoon

At Rise: There is a knock on the door. NORMA walks to the door and opens it. MOLLY rushes in and NORMA closes the door behind her.

MOLLY: I'm almost out of breath.

NORMA: You live next door. You didn't have to run.

MOLLY: On the phone, it sounded like an emergency. What's so important?

NORMA: Come sit down. Not here. In the kitchen.

MOLLY: I can't sit. I'm in the middle of a pot roast for Sam.

NORMA: Just sit for a few minutes. Don't worry about the pot roast. You don't have to watch it. A pot roast makes itself after you put it on the stove. I made tea for you. And little finger sandwiches.

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MOLLY: Since when do you make finger sandwiches?

NORMA: I watched a travel program about London. They serve finger sandwiches and tea in the late afternoon...

NORMA: What kind of diet?

MOLLY: You're allowed to eat as much as you want of anything you don't like.

NORMA: If I thought you were serious--

MOLLY: I'm not. I was just trying to be funny.

NORMA: Okay. So you made a joke. But I have something important to tell you.

MOLLY: I'm listening.

NORMA: I'm taking a cruise to England.

MOLLY: So when are you and Victor going?

NORMA: Not with Victor. I'm going by myself.

MOLLY: Without Victor? How does he feel about it?

NORMA: I haven't told him yet.

MOLLY: I think I better sit down. (*MOLLY and NORMA sit down on the two armchairs.*) So when are you telling your husband that after all these years, you're going away without him?

NORMA: I haven't decided. Maybe when I tell him about the African safari.

MOLLY: You're going to Africa?

NORMA: It's on the list...

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