

Blood Harmony by Matthew Bulgo

*CHLOE's mum has recently passed away and her two older sisters have returned to the family home. In this scene Chloe confronts her two sisters for being absent during their mum's illness.*

CHLOE:

What do you know exactly, either of you? You don't know anything because you haven't been here, I'm the one who's been here, I've been here every single day, I'm the one who helped her get dressed, I'm the one who put food in her mouth when her arms got tired, I'm the one who calmed her down when she got worked up, I'm the one who helped her to the toilet in the night in case she slipped and broke her bloody neck, I gave things up, I missed out, it's me that's been stuck here.

And you're just as bad as her! You used this place like a stopping shop. You'd come home to take the pressure off your overdraft, when you wanted three square meals a day no questions asked, when you'd broken up with another boy, got kicked out of another house share, run out of sofas to surf on, and then you'd be gone again. You came and went whenever you liked. I didn't have that choice, to come and go. I've never had that.

And neither of you have said 'thanks'. Has that even registered? For looking after her, for holding the fort, for keeping this place running, for picking up all the slack, for the funeral, for organising the bloody funeral. Not even for that!

No! My turn now! I did all that, without a word of complaint, because I wanted to, yeah, but because I had to, 'cause who else was going to do it, not you two?

I'm a kid, did you forget that, I've been trying to hold everything together, am still trying to hold everything together while you two bicker and rip chunks out of each other, I'm a kid and I feel old.