

Blood Brothers by Willy Russell

Mrs Lyons, who cannot have children, has bought one of her cleaners twin boys. She is pretending it is her child and is unwilling for Mrs Johnstone to have any further contact with her son. This scene takes place in Mrs Lyons house where Mrs Johnstone is still employed in her cleaning job.

Mrs Lyons:

No, no Mrs Johnstone. He's fine. He doesn't want to be picked up. If he needs picking up I shall pick him up. All right? Yes. Erm, has the bathroom been done? Time is getting on.

I don't want her to hold the baby, Richard. She's.. I don't want the baby to catch anything. Babies catch things very easily, Richard. You don't see her as much as I do. She's always fussing over him; any opportunity and she's cooing and cuddling as if she were his mother. She's always bothering him Richard, always. Since the baby arrived she ignores most of her work. I'm not depressed Richard: it's just that she makes me feel....Richard, I think she should go. I'll find somebody else. I'll find somebody who doesn't spend all day fussing over the baby. Richard, can you let me have some cash? I need about fifty pounds. I've lots of things to buy for the baby, I've got the nursery to sort out...

Mrs Johnstone. Mrs Johnstone, would you come out here for a moment, please. Sit down. Richard and I have been talking it over and, well the thing is, we both think it would be better if you left. It's your work. Your work has deteriorated. Well I'm sorry, we're not satisfied. Yes, well we've thought of that. Here, here's...It's a lot of money...but, well....

Oh no you're not. Edward is my son. Mine. No..no you won't. You gave your baby away. Don't you realise what a crime that is. You'll be locked up. You sold your baby. No you'll tell nobody. Because....because if you tell anyone...and these children learn of the truth then you know what will happen don't you? You do know what they say about twins, secretly parted, don't you? They say...they say that if either twin learns that he was one of a pair, they shall both immediately die. It means, Mrs Johnstone, that these brothers shall grow up, unaware of the other's existence. They shall be raised apart and never, ever told what was once the truth. You won't tell anyone about this, Mrs Johnstone, because if you do, you will kill them.