

Girls' Talk

LOVING AND CARING

PART 3

GIRLS' TALK

“Well, Sandra, what’s the matter?

- It’s... It’s nothing.

- It must be something, you’ve been bugged all day.

- Well, Simon and me had a disagreement.

- What about? What happened?

- Well, it’s quite simple really. I mean, he asked me to sleep with him and...

- He what?

- And I said no.

- I should think so.

- Well, I mean, it’s not that I didn’t want to but...

- What do you mean you didn’t want to? I should think... I mean, how long have you been going out with him?

- I did want to.

- What did he say?

- Well, there’s not much really you can say, is there? I mean...

- He didn’t... I mean, he really wanted you to. After only three months.

- He was a bit annoyed but the thing is I did want to, Joan. I couldn’t.

- Well, I should think... I mean, look. Three months. That’s no time to get a relationship together.

- It’s not the time. That’s not...

- Look, do you, do you love him?

- Well, yes, I suppose I do.

- Do you think he loves you? After three months do you think he loves you?

- Well, he’s told me.

- I know but telling you doesn’t mean to say he does.

- The point is, I don’t know why I didn’t, you know. I mean, I did try to explain. I thought it was just...

- If you had said yes, what would he have thought of you? He would have gone back to his mates and said: ‘Oh yeah, she’s an easy lay’ and he’d drop you just like that. I mean, just because he asks you doesn’t really mean he wants you, he’s probably just trying you out.

- It’s not that. I mean, I didn’t feel just prepared to take that step. I might lose him now, Joan.

- If he likes you enough and if he does love you then he’s not gonna drop you just because you won’t go into bed with him.

- Yeah, but...

- You don’t have to get your relationship together just by going to bed.

- But it is harder for blokes. I mean, it’s hard of them to understand that...

- Oh, of course.

- It is.

- It shouldn’t be.

- Well, it is, they can’t understand that I’ve got to wait.

- It’s not your fault.

- I mean, that’s... I mean, look...

- Hi, there.

- Oh...

- Hi.

- Hi.

- Hi, Sandra. Oh, God!

- What's the matter with you?
- I'm so tired. I didn't get to bed 'til five last night.
- Five? What were you doing 'til...
- I went to that new disco in the High Street.
- That closes at 1 o'clock.
- I went back to Phil's for a bit.
- Typical.
- It's really awfully hard to get a taxi at 5 o'clock in the morning. It's a good thing my mum didn't wake up.
- God, you've got no morals.
- There's nothing to have morals about. I had a good time.
- Guess what's the matter with her? Simon asked her to go to bed with him. She said no so she feels bad. Why should she feel bad because she said no?
- What did you say no for?
- Because she knows what's right.
- It's not a matter of knowing what's right.
- Of course it is.
- It's not a matter of generalising morals, I mean, I just, I just felt it was wrong.
- How long have you been going out with him for, now, Sandra?
- Three months.
- Well, that's long enough, isn't it? It's long enough to show that he loves her.
- Of course it's not. Oh, don't talk wet.
- Well, of course it is.
- She's been going out with him for three months. Do you think they... Do you think they're gonna stay together for another...you know, for years?
- There's no reason for them to have to stay together if they're having a good time. Why shouldn't she sleep with him if she wants to?
- If she goes to bed with him, that means that it's the beginning of a long lasting relationship.
- Of course it isn't. It means she's having a good time.
- But the point is, I mean, I was trying to explain to her, I mean, I did want to, Claire. I just... I just don't know why I didn't. I felt I couldn't make it, you know.
- If you'd gone to bed with him and it... You know, and you didn't actually stay with him...
- But I might lose him now.
- You won't lose him.
- Look, if he loves you enough, he's not, you know, he's not gonna drop you just like that.
- But, Sandra, if you go to bed with him it'll make your relationship really stable.
- Don't take any notes.
- It will.
- Go on.
- If you go to bed with him, it'll just sort of secure everything you've got right now.
- Of course it won't.
- Oh, come on, look.
- It will just put her on the rock.
- If he didn't feel anything for her...
- Claire, do you... Do you sleep with your boyfriend?
- Yes, I do. But if he didn't feel anything for her after three months...
- You'd sleep with anybody, you would.
- Oh, you just watch what you say, alright. If not being an old maid isn't...
- Hold on.
- I don't have to be an old maid to...
- Well, I least I enjoy my life. At least I don't sit at home and lecture everybody.
- I need some advice.

- Are you saying I can't enjoy my life just because I don't go to bed with anybody.
- Well, my life is completely my own business, isn't it?
- I don't throw my body back like you.
- I don't throw my body back either but I just believe that it's part of a relationship.
- But I don't... I don't know why.
- Do you want to go to bed with him?
- Yeah.
- If he's taken no as an answer, she says: 'Okay, I don't feel ready for it', then he's got patience, he's not gonna pack her in.
- You're trying to just follow your inclination. You have to think about these things. What could happen?
- She's thinking about it.
- If she went to bed with him, she could have a baby.
- She won't get pregnant.
- I'm not frightened of that.
- Oh, come on.
- That's right, I'm not. It's not getting pregnant I'm frightened of. I'm just frightened of...
- Alright, if you have a kid.
- No, it's not that.
- She wouldn't end up with a kid.
- Well, what is it then?
- You're living, you're living in the 12th century.
- I'm not living in the 12th century.
- You are. I mean, you know, marriage isn't important any more. I mean, there's contraceptives...
- I wasn't talking about marriage.
- You have absolutely no moral standard.
- It's not a moral thing. Who cares about marriage any more? If it's gonna add to her...
- How can she say... How can you sit there and say marriage isn't moral.
- If it's gonna add to her relationship then it's right, isn't it?
- No, it's wrong.
- It's not wrong at all.
- It is wrong.
- It isn't. Oh, come off it! It's just gonna...
- Well, I think it's wrong.
- It's gonna make things really good for her and for him as well. He must really have something going for her if he can wait three months and not get impatient about it.
- Three months is nothing.
- You just haven't got any idea. You sit there and you preach to other people. But you, you, you're just on the outside.
- I'm not on the outside, Claire. I... If I wanted to have a relationship with my, you know, with Paul, and I thought it was right, I'd marry him. I wouldn't just jump into bed.
- You're not exactly helping me, the pair of you.
- Well, what can we say? It's up to you, isn't it?
- Of course it's not. Look, your parents have told you. you know, I mean, you know what's right and what's wrong. You've been brought up in a moral background.
- There's nothing wrong in it, Sandra.
- If you go to bed with him you're gonna drop all your morals. I don't know how you can sit there and tell her to go to bed with him. It's wrong.
- Because it's what she wants to do. That's what you won't see. It's written all over her face that's what she wants to do.

- There's a lot of things I want to do but it's just respect and there's just morals, you know. You just don't go... You don't do what you want to do just because that's what you want to do. Just do what's right.
- Yeah, but that's all out, you know.
- Oh.
- Who cares?"

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