

Adam & Sheena (pg 53-54)

The following rules are disclosed to the audience for the duration of the scene:

Rule 1: Sheena must drink and interrupt to contradict

Rule 2: Adam must affect an accent to mock

A slash (/) marks the point where SHEENA interrupts the preceding person's speech.

ADAM (affecting an accent, mocking the Information Pack). 'Robbie's mother never told him she loved him and so now he's addicted to sex with strangers. Selena's sister was always getting better grades / than her so now she feels inadequate –'

SHEENA (drinking, interrupting). No, no, don't you dare mock me.

ADAM. I'm not mocking you, I'm mocking the pamphlet / you are wilfully misunderstanding me as usual.

SHEENA (drinking, interrupting). Yes, you are, it's implied, it's always implied. This is how we're helping our daughter, Adam – are you saying you don't want our daughter getting help?

ADAM. Of course I want Emma to get whatever help she needs. I'm just saying we don't need to subject ourselves to this as well, when it's really only Emma who's got a problem / we can just

SHEENA (drinking, interrupting). It is not just Emma who's got a problem. Our behaviour, our marriage, is affecting our child. And until you're prepared to admit that – until you're prepared to take our marriage seriously – then you can stay in a hotel.

ADAM. Of course I take our marriage seriously, that's why I've got no interest in letting a complete stranger tell us what to do with it, and charge me a hundred pounds an hour for the privilege. / Some of us value our privacy.

SHEENA (drinking, interrupting). It's not a hundred pounds an hour, it's not a hundred pounds an hour, it's eighty pounds an hour, which I consider pretty good value if it saves your marriage.

ADAM. Therapy isn't going to magically fix everything. / People have therapy all the time and it doesn't change anything.

SHEENA (drinking, interrupting). Well it's a start, it's a start, it's a start!

ADAM. Keep your voice down. (Beat.) Let me ask you something, do you really think / the two of us being lectured by some bearded

SHEENA (drinking, interruption). No, you need to listen to me.

ADAM. Can I ask you something, / or is nobody else allowed to talk?

SHEENA (drinking, interrupting). No, no, you need to listen to me and hear me.