

# WASTED

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*He scrambles to his feet, falls off the sofa, manages to keep the whisky at the right angle so as not to spill any.*

Just stretching me legs. I be back soon. Right? Good. Right then. See you in a bit. Lovely.

*He staggers offstage. They sit there in silence for a moment.*

Charlotte That was weird.

Danny Teddy, innit.

Charlotte

Danny It's a good party

Charlotte Yeah, it's alright.

Danny You feel good?

Charlotte Yeah. I'm fucked, Dan.

Danny Me too. Want some of this? (*Cigarette.*)

Charlotte Yeah, go on then.

Danny Amazing, innit.

Charlotte Pretty good, yeah.

Danny Think it's the best fag I ever smoked.

Charlotte It's definitely a contender.

Danny I feel great. Do you feel great?

Charlotte Ted's having fun, ain't he?

Danny Yeah, innit.

Charlotte It's good. It's good to see.

Danny You hear him on the mic earlier?

Charlotte Don't lie! Ted was on the mic?

Danny Yeah. For ages as well.

Charlotte Bless him.

Danny He was pretty good as it goes.

**Charlotte** What was it he used to call himself?

**Danny** Tough Ted.

**Charlotte** Oh yeah, Tough Ted and Tone Deaf! I'd forgotten about that.

**Danny** Remember when it happened?

**Charlotte** What?

**Danny** Tony.

**Charlotte** What about it?

**Danny** Ted was there, wasn't he.

**Charlotte** Does he ever talk about it?

**Danny** Not to me.

**Charlotte** Fuckin' hell.

**Danny** I think it just got him in a different way.

**Charlotte** Poor guy.

**Danny** He ain't really come out since.

**Charlotte** I don't blame him.

**Danny** But he's having it now, ain't he?

**Charlotte** It's nice here. Nice just sitting here, innit.

**Danny** Look, Charlotte, last night was great.

**Charlotte** Yeah, it was.

**Danny** I been thinking about it all day.

**Charlotte** Yeah, me too.

**Danny** There's so much I wanna say to you.

**Charlotte** Me too.

**Danny** But I don't know how.

**Charlotte** Yeah. I know.

**Danny** Coz I have, you know, I've really changed.

**Charlotte** Yeah, so have I.

**Danny** And it's all gonna be different from now on.

**Charlotte** Yeah. It is.

**Danny** Coz I've seen the light, Charlotte. I get it now. I was a knob, but now I'm alright. I'm a fuckin' –. I'm a changed man. I mean it.

**Charlotte** I know you mean it.

**Danny** So, what I'm saying is, you've got nothing to be scared of. You can just let yourself go. And it'll all be OK. And you don't have to be angry with me anymore.

**Charlotte** Yeah, I know.

**Danny** Coz I love you, Charlotte.

**Charlotte** I'm leaving Dan. I'm going away.

**Danny** What?

**Charlotte** I booked a flight. That's it.

**Danny** What? What d'you mean you're going away?

**Charlotte** I'm gonna travel. Live abroad. Teach.

**Danny** How long for?

**Charlotte** Year or two.

**Danny** What? When?

**Charlotte** In like five hours or something.

**Danny** What? You joking?

**Charlotte** No. No, I'm not joking.

**Danny** Why?

**Charlotte** Why? Coz I've been in the same part of town my whole life. I could live anywhere in the world, anywhere, but I've never even moved across the river. I want an adventure. I could go teach somewhere completely new. I could be helping people.

**Danny** You can't go.

**Charlotte** Why not? [Sighs]

**Danny** Well, you teach here. What about your job?

**Charlotte** It's all sorted.

**Danny** What about your flat?

**Charlotte** My sister's gonna take the room.

**Danny** Well, what about me then?

**Charlotte** I can't waste anymore of my time waiting for someone else to make me happy.

**Danny** You don't have to wait.

**Charlotte** I need to do this, Dan.

**Danny** Well, *I'll* wait for *you* then. I'll wait for you, Charlotte, coz I love you and I wanna be /

**Charlotte** You won't wait.

**Danny** I fuckin' will! I will.

**Charlotte** You won't, Dan. You say it because it seems like the thing to say. You want it to be a big romantic gesture. But it isn't, I know you too well. You might miss me, after you've got home with some girl you met at a party and she's said something stupid, but you won't wait. Coz the thing is, Dan, you can't put anyone else's feelings in front of your own. It's not that you don't want to, it's that you don't know how.

**Danny** I do know how. Take as long as you need. I'll be here. And when you come back I'll prove it. I don't want no one else. There's no one else for me. I'll wait for you.

**Charlotte** I don't want to hear you saying things that sound nice coz you think I want to hear them. I want you to be honest.

**Danny** I am being honest.