

EDDIE Sonny never threw anyone. He was the best horse I ever knew. Even better than those I worked with as a stable boy back in Ireland.

LILY You worked with horses in Ireland?

EDDIE Yeah, I was going to be a jockey, but I just kept growing! Still, I could work with horses, be around them all the time, you can't always live your dreams.

LILY I would have liked to have worked with horses, but I never got the chance. The best I could do was go riding the hacks they had for hire. Still I loved it. That feeling of galloping out on an open field. Or just walking on a bush trail.

EDDIE Did you ever go camping with a horse?

LILY Oh no, the best I could do was just a few hours on a Saturday afternoon. I would have loved to though.

EDDIE It's great fun, there's a little lake a few hours north of here that is reserved for campers with horses.

LILY Really! Imagine it, cooking dinner on a campfire, watching the stars and hearing the horses nearby, just perfect.

EDDIE There are trails and stables too, it is set up just right. Some of the horses even go for a paddle and a swim, The lake isn't deep and there are no currents to worry about.

LILY Sounds like heaven. Is it expensive?

EDDIE Oh no, the old fellow that runs the place has retired and he just loves his horses and loves to see them riding around. He just runs the place to break even.

LILY To me that would be just perfect, to be able to retire doing just what you wanted to do without worrying about anything in particular.

EDDIE So, what is your dream? What would you like to do?

LILY I'd like to travel. I have always wanted to see Asia and America and Europe and Africa everywhere!

EDDIE My dad went to all of those places!

LILY Really?

EDDIE He did his apprenticeship in the British navy – Join the navy and travel the world! He saw a lot of the world alright, from the engine room of an aircraft carrier!

LILY His photo album must be huge!

EDDIE He didn't take a single photo!

LILY But that's crazy! Why would you travel and not take a camera? To me, half the fun would be to look at the pictures after you got home. After all what else do you bring home but memories and photos?

EDDIE He brought home one of those er "social diseases" once.

LILY You mean???

EDDIE The clap.

LILY That's terrible, your poor mother!

EDDIE Oh she was well out of the picture by then, The girlfriend wasn't impressed though.

LILY I'll bet! I'd have killed him.

EDDIE She nearly did, of course, in those days, it wasn't so easy to cure. Dad told me about this little umbrella thingy they used on him.

LILY Ouch!

EDDIE Made my eyes water when he told me!

LILY I hope he learned his lesson!

EDDIE I dunno about that, sailors will be sailors.

LILY That's a pathetic excuse. He promised to be faithful, and he should keep his promises.

EDDIE Yeah, but...

LILY Don't give me any butts, I was always faithful to Ron. But he didn't feel the same need to be faithful to me.

EDDIE I'm sorry Lily, not all men are like that you know.

LILY I wouldn't know, I just know that all the men I have ever gone out with have cheated on me. All of them. They just couldn't keep it where it belongs. Why do they do that? Why do they NEED to do that? Oh and don't give me that crap about compartmentalising stuff and seeing sex and love as separate. That's just a pathetic excuse for a lack of self control. Pathetic!

EDDIE Well, I have never cheated on anyone.

LILY Have you ever been tempted?

EDDIE A couple of times, but never did anything about it.

LILY I nearly did once. I arranged to meet him for lunch, just lunch nothing else, but we both knew what was in the wind. Just before he arrived I got a call from Ron. He was thinking about dinner already (he was always thinking about food!) and wanted to know if I wanted him to pick something up on the way home. Its funny but just that call, jolted me into thinking about home, responsibility and the whole commitment thing. I just couldn't go through with it. I wrote out a quick note to the guy handed it to the waiter and left as fast as I could. That night Ron had the best meal of his life, I felt so guilty. Then he goes and does this to me.

EDDIE You must have felt so betrayed.

LILY I felt stupid. Stupid for trusting him, stupid for believing him and stupid for leaving that restaurant. I also envied him

EDDIE Envied?

LILY You know that feeling when you just meet someone new? The excitement? The passion? That thrill you get when you are first in lust.

EDDIE Oh yeah, I know that feeling.

LILY That's the only thing I missed about being single. The anticipation of it all. The real passion. And he had that, I gave it up for him, and he just went out and took some for himself.

EDDIE So you were jealous?

LILY Yeah, but not of the sex. God knows she's welcome to that. I'm sure there are some 16 year old virgins in a Catholic boarding school that are better at it than he is. (*Uncomfortable pause*) I just envy the excitement of it all. He's had it and I want it too! Does that shock you?

EDDIE Well, I went to a catholic boarding school – but I wasn't a virgin. That was why they sent me... A bit too active in the local town.