

MARY ELLEN SIDE #2

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Janine: For the company I guess. I don't know.

Vi: My God, Janine. I didn't know you were so indifferent where relationships are concerned. So laissez faire. Did you pick this attitude up when you traveled to all those European cities? Because I don't think you could pick it up here.

Janine: Are you offended, Vi? Does my attitude offend your moral core? Is that what this is?

Vi: I just thought better of you.

Janine: Stop saying that. You've got no reason to think less of me unless I think less of myself, and I don't. So stop saying that.

Vi: Fine. I won't voice my opinion then.

Janine: No, I want you to voice your opinion. I value your opinion. I just don't want the judgment that comes along with it.

Vi: You value my opinion?

Janine: Of course I do. I value all of your opinions. Rita's, Mary Ellen's. I need those voices in my life.

Vi: Fine. No more judgment then.

Janine: Thank you.

Vi: You slut.

(The women laugh. Mary Ellen enters.)

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M.Ellen: Hello!

Rita: Mary Ellen. You're late. Oh by the way, Martine came into the bakery this afternoon.

M.Ellen: Loaf of bread?

Rita: The tip jar.

M.Ellen: I'll tell her to bring it back.

Rita: So, where have you been?

M.Ellen: Well, it's been quite the afternoon.

Janine: Coffee?

M.Ellen: Please.

(Janine pours Mary Ellen a coffee.)

Rita: So, what happened?

M.Ellen: Well, I got home from work at about one, the usual time, and I had a bite to eat and then I put a load of laundry in..

Vi: Well, it's Tuesday.

M.Ellen: That's right. So, I put the laundry in and I sat down to pay some bills and out of the blue Kyle walks in the door.

Vi: In the middle of the afternoon?

M.Ellen: That's right.

Rita: Was he sick?

M.Ellen: No.

Janine: Did he get fired?

M.Ellen: No, nothing like that. No, I guess he felt badly about my birthday, because you know I gave them quite the tongue lashing last night when I went home to get changed for The Cavalier.

Vi: So, he came home in the middle of the afternoon to apologize?

M.Ellen: Yes. Two o'clock in the afternoon and in he walks. It was quite the surprise.

Janine: Two o'clock?

M.Ellen: Yes.

Janine: But it's four-thirty now.

M.Ellen: I know. *(Mary Ellen smiles a big smile.)*

Rita: Oh, Mary Ellen you didn't.

M.Ellen: Oh Mary Ellen did. In the dead of the afternoon. Sun shining in just as bright as can be. And I didn't care.

Vi: So, this was his way of making it up to you? Coming home for sex in the afternoon?

M.Ellen: It appears so.

Vi: Isn't that just like a man? They are so narcissistic that they think having sex with us is a cure all. And you fell for it?

M.Ellen: Hook line and sinker. Twice.

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Vi: Well if it was twice that's different. That means he's actually applying himself.

M.Ellen: So, that's why I'm late. What did I miss?

Rita: Janine's going to Halifax with Doctor Feel Good.

M.Ellen: What?

Janine: I'm thinking about it. That's all. He invited me to go along with him and show him the sites and stay in separate rooms. That's it.

M.Ellen: Oh.

Vi: Oh? That's all you have to say? Oh?

M.Ellen: Well, what do you want me to say?

Vi: I want you to talk her out of it.

M.Ellen: Why?

Vi: Because she already has a man at home.

M.Ellen: He's not at home. He's two thousand miles away.

Vi: Mary Ellen?

M.Ellen: What?

Vi: Don't you think a person should be faithful to another person even if that person is away for a while.