## Tick

TICK

Hello.

**MARION** 

Ding dong, Avon calling!

TICK

Marion! It's so good to hear your voice. There's nothing wrong is there? I hope you don't need money darls cos –

**MARION** 

Don't get your tits in a tangle. Did you like the photos?

TICK

I loved the photos. He's looking so grown up.

**MARION** 

He sure is, Tick, and guess what? - He's started asking about you.

TICK

Oh... what have you told him?

**MARION** 

That his dad works in showbiz in Sydney.

TICK

Show business! More like target practice. You should see it here.

**MARION** 

Good idea. How's next weekend?

TICK

Are you kidding?

**MARION** 

He needs to meet his father, Tick.

TICK

Marion, I'm not a father – I'm a drag queen on the verge of a nervous breakdown...

**MARION** 

How about this then? I need a show and it sounds like you need a change of scenery. Why don't you come out here?

TICK

Oh, Marion, I'd love to see him really; I just...I just don't think I'm ready yet....

**MARION** 

You've had six years, husband. Rehearsal's over...

TICK

I think about him every day....

## **MARION**

Thoughts are cheap Tick – get your act together and head for the Alice. It's time to meet your son.

## TICK

Listen, I've been offered a show out of town. Why don't you come with me? BERNADETTE

No Tick. I went down with the last curtain at "Les Girls."

TICK

Well it's time for a come-back tour. Besides, it'd get you away from all this heartbreak.

**BERNADETTE** 

That's true, I suppose. Out of town where?

TICK

Alice Springs.

BERNADETTE

You've got to be fucking joking.

TICK

Come on. It'll be fun - just like old times.

BERNADETTE

And where would we play? Third humpy from the left?

TICK

The casino. Four weeks, two shows a night, accommodation included!

**BERNADETTE** 

There's no point sitting at home, crying my eyes out... And I won't need to pack, look, all the bags are

under my eyes.

TICK

Louis Vuitton never looked better, darling.

**BERNADETTE** 

Well, I'll never know unless I give it a go.

TICK

Ah, that's the spirit.

BERNADETTE

Here's hoping the desert is big enough for the two of us.

TICK

Three of us.

**BERNADETTE** 

Three?

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