

EDDIE I knew you'd be late.  
RITA Where are the kids? I'll take them.  
EDDIE They're coming back to Mum's.  
RITA The arrangement was that I'd pick them up from here.  
EDDIE Yeah, but being a mother to my kids ain't enough for you, is it?  
Saving the world –

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RITA – Eddie, I've got to do this. I've got a lot on my plate at the moment, but that won't last forever. I've got to do this.  
EDDIE Kids need looking after, feeding, washing, I dunno.  
RITA No, I know you, Eddie, it's cos you didn't have a clean shirt. Ironed the way your mother does.  
EDDIE Don't blame me, you done this.  
RITA You stole my kids away in the middle of the night!  
EDDIE It wasn't the middle of the night. It was the middle of the night when you got home and first noticed them missing.  
*(A ball bounces across the stage, chased by SHARON.)*  
RITA Hiya m'love.  
EDDIE We're going back to Gran's.  
SHARON I don't want to go. Grandma licks her plate!  
EDDIE If you'd been through the war, you'd lick your plate.  
*(Enter GRAHAM.)*  
GRAHAM Hiya mum.  
RITA Hi. Do you understand why I can't be at your concert?  
GRAHAM It's alright.  
EDDIE Come on, get your stuff, we're going.  
RITA You've got to go with your dad, babe.  
EDDIE Graham! Come on now!  
RITA *(To SHARON.)* It's just for this week, Sugar. I promise.  
EDDIE It's broken.  
RITA What's broken?

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ACT TWO

EDDIE Our marriage.  
RITA You walked out.  
EDDIE I didn't walk out, you did.