

TOMMY approaches the group

TOMMY
Now then Craig.

CRAIG
Ey up lad.

TOMMY
You seen Will and them?

CRAIG
Nah mate. Cassie said they might come down
though.

TOMMY
(agressive)
I know she said they might come dahn. I'm
asking if they did come dahn.

CRAIG laughs

TOMMY
What you laughing for Craig?

CRAIG
(Suddenly serious)
Dunno to be honest mate.

TOMMY
Who are all these then Craig?

CRAIG
Just my mates.

TOMMY
You ant got any mates Craig.

Everyone laughs.

TOMMY
Are yous really mates with Craig?

The gang assent, banterously. TOMMY inspects them.

TOMMY
Weird looking lot, aren't ya?
(pause)
Hang on a minute, what's your name?

ROBBIE
Robbie.

TOMMY
Stand up.

ROBBIE

Why?

TOMMY

STAND UP, YOU LITTLE WEASEL.

Nervous, ROBBIE stands up. TOMMY squares up to him. ROBBIE is tall but TOMMY's taller.

TOMMY

What did you say about Will?

ROBBIE

Nowt.

TOMMY

Nowt?

ROBBIE

Nowt.

(Pause)

TOMMY

You're lying.

ROBBIE

I'm not.

TOMMY

You said you were gonna smack him, dint ya?

ROBBIE

No!

TOMMY

Yeah you did Robbie. And he's gonna smack you for it.

CRAIG

He didn't Tommy, I wa there.

TOMMY

What do you mean you wa there Craig?

CRAIG

I wa there when he didn't say it.

TOMMY

That don't make no sense, Craig.

(pause)

What I 'eard is that you told Cassie that Robbie wants to smack Will. Is that true Craig?

CRAIG
(confused)
Erm...

ROBBIE
Is Will gonna smack me?

TOMMY
Yeah, he's gonna absolutely batter you,
mush.

ROBBIE
When's he gonna batter me?

TOMMY
As soon as he sees ya.

Horrible pause.

ROBBIE
Well, maybe I'll smack him first.

TOMMY
Are you saying you want a fight with Will,
Robbie?

Pause.

ROBBIE
Yeah.

TOMMY
Like a proper fight?

ROBBIE
Yeah.

TOMMY
With a circle of kids, shouting 'fight' and
everything?

ROBBIE
Yeah, everything.

TOMMY
Alright, here on Friday at 5 o'clock.
(thinks)
Nah, Will has his tea at 5.
6:30, gives him time for it to go dahn.

ROBBIE
Alright.

TOMMY.
Friday at 6:30. In a bit.

TOMMY leaves.