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Sophie, Ali, Lisa

The Beach

It is a bright, sunny day – the morning before SOPHIE and SKY'S wedding.

ALI and LISA throw a bag over the wall and clamber over it –

ALI & LISA

Sophie!

SOPHIE, ALI, LISA

(Screaming with delight at seeing each other)

Aahhh!

SOPHIE

Ali! Lisa! Where've you been? I thought you'd get here hours ago.

ALI

What a journey! Guess who left her ticket on the kitchen table?

LISA

We said we have to get on this plane! It's our best-friends wedding tomorrow.

ALI

We made such a fuss – but you weren't getting married without your bridesmaids!

SOPHIE, ALI, LISA

(THEY do a "group hug" celebration)

LISA

Where is he then? Your Sky? We're dying to meet him.

ALI

How's your mum? I bet Donna's going nuts over this wedding?

SOPHIE

Listen, I've got a secret and you're the only ones I can tell –

ALI

Oh my God, you're pregnant!

SOPHIE

No. I've invited my Dad to my wedding!

LISA

Your Dad!

ALI

You mean you've found him at last.

SOPHIE

Not exactly.

(SHE produces the diary)

Look. I found this in mum's desk.

LISA

Sophie! You're not supposed to go around reading your mum's diary ...

ALI

... No, she's supposed to go around reading your's ...

SOPHIE

But look! 1979, it's the one she kept the year she got pregnant with me. You know how she won't talk about my dad, she says she can't remember, well listen ...

(Reads from the diary)

'July 17th. What a night! After the show, Sam rowed me over to the little island. We danced on the beach and we kissed on the beach, and dot, dot, dot ...'

LISA

What?

SOPHIE

Dot, dot, dot—that's what they did in the olden days.

SOPHIE reading from the diary again

'Sam's the one, I know he is —, I've never felt like this before ...'

SOPHIE continues as if reading from the diary,

#3 – *Honey, Honey*

I'VE HEARD ABOUT HIM BEFORE
I WANTED TO KNOW SOME MORE
AND NOW I KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN
HE'S A LOVE MACHINE

ALI

A 'Love machine'?!

LISA

So this guy Sam is your dad?

SOPHIE

The plot thickens. Sam told mum he was going back home to get married ...

LISA

... bastard ...

ALI

... typical bloody man ...

SOPHIE

... hang on ... August 4th. What a night! I was still feeling depressed about Sam, but after the show, Bill rented a motor-boat, and I took him over to the island. One thing led to another and ... dot, dot, dot ...

LISA

Bill?

SOPHIE

(finding another page)

... 'August 15th. What a night! Harry turned up out of the blue, so I said I'd show him the island. I must need my head examined, but he was so sweet, I couldn't help it and—

SOPHIE, LISA, ALI

Dot, dot, dot.

ALI

Harry.

SOPHIE

Yep. The sperm donor has a name. Well, three names. Sam, Bill or Harry.

ALI

And they're all arriving for the wedding!

SOPHIE

Yes ...

LISA

Flippin' eck Sophie—do they know?

SOPHIE

What do you write to a total stranger? 'Come to my wedding—by the way, you might be my Dad'? No, they think mum sent the invitations—and after what's written in here I'm not surprised they all said yes!

The THREE GIRLS laugh

LISA

Oh my god—are you sure about this?

SOPHIE

Yes! I want the perfect wedding and I want my Dad to give me away.

ALI

Let's hope it's a wide aisle.

SOPHIE

We've got to keep mum out the way. She mustn't know what I've done—

ALI

She's bound to see them sooner or later

SOPHIE

I don't want her frightening them off before I've got to know them. With any luck I'll know my dad straight away.

ALI

What if you don't?

SOPHIE

Then I've got twenty four hours to find out ...!

SOPHIE, ALI, LISA

Aaarrghh!

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