

CARNWATH

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INT. TRAIN - DAY

KEVIN (late 20s) texting intently in a crowded compartment.

KEVIN
Emily Darling I'm Near. Book Usual
Room Grand Hotel.

TITLE: E-D-I-N-B-U-R-G-H (appears letter by letter)

He suddenly realizes fellow passengers can hear. A VICAR and an ELDERLY COUPLE stare at him. Blankly. He explains-

KEVIN (CONT'D)
Valentine's Day. Flying visit...

PING! Return message: WIRRAL (O.S.) Kevin "translates"-

KEVIN (CONT'D)
WHICH IS REGULAR ROOM? ALL LOVE.

Trouble is he can't remember. Keys a "C" then an "R".

ELDERLY MAN
"CAN'T REMEMBER", eh? Hmmph. Stick
in "EVERY WARM EMBRACE".

Kevin dutifully adds the letters. E-W-E. ("CREWE")

ELDERLY LADY
If it were the Grand Hotel we'd
always take Room Seven, wouldn't we
dear? "WOULD ALWAYS RECOMMEND SEVEN
AT WEEKENDS."

Kevin thanks her. Pecks out W-A-R-S-A-W.

PING! Return message: M-O-S-C-O-W.

VICAR
"MOST ODD SINCE COUPLINGS OCCUR
WEDNESDAYS"? She smells a rat!

ELDERLY LADY
It's only right she should be
anxious. I certainly was. Put OSLO.

Kevin looks askance.

ELDERLY LADY (CONT'D)
"OH SILLY LITTLE OWL" and tell her
Room Seven is splendid. "SEVEN
EXCELLENT. ACCOMMODATION TIP-TOP.
Lovely...?" What's her name?

He types in O-S-L-O followed by S-E-A-T-T-L.

KEVIN
Emily. (Adds the "E")

ELDERLY LADY
(to husband)
Do you remember Paris?

ELDERLY MAN
Wrong Room Exhausted and Miserable?

ELDERLY LADY
No, that was WREXHAM. I was
thinking of our honeymoon.

ELDERLY MAN
So was I.

He gently takes her hand and kisses it.

PING! I-N-N-S-B-R-U-C-K. The vicar snatches the device.

VICAR
IS NO NUMBER SEVEN. BLOODY ROOM
UNDER CONSTRUCTION... K... K?

KEVIN
Kevin.

The TICKET INSPECTOR swings by-

TICKET INSPECTOR
CARNWATH!

ELDERLY MAN
Carnal Activities Really Never Wane
At That Hotel.

VICAR
Could Accept Room Nine. With
Alacrity. Temporary Hiccup.

TICKET INSPECTOR
Carnwath next.

ELDERLY LADY
(dreamily)
Calmly Anticipating Rendezvous.
Naked. Wantonly Astride Tiger Hide.

THE END