

Best Laid Plans – Characters

Clarissa Howard, a terribly polite, not wanting to offend anybody, fifty something married to David, is having an extension built on to the ground floor of her semi-detached house in Islington, London, and an extensive refurbishment throughout. She falls over backwards trying to please everyone and seems to have a bit of an eye for Aaron.

Aaron is the foreman/carpenter in his late twenties who is Clarissa's main point of contact. He lives with his girlfriend Julia. He is confident and affable but suffers a bit from finding himself in a slightly flirtatious relationship with Clarissa.

Terry is the confident, cheeky chappie Electrician in his late 40s. He is married to Dougie's sister Liz, a nurse, and uncle to Ariadne. He has 3 daughters.

Dougie is a dry humoured mid 50s plumber. He is married to Panayiota (Penny) with 2 daughters, the youngest of whom is his apprentice, who he relies on to do most of the work.

Ariadne is an 18 year old plumber's apprentice. A bit of a tomboy, she has an insatiable thirst for knowledge, highlighted by her constant reference to reading articles on seemingly everything. She gets on well with everyone and banters well with her uncle Terry. Her delivery is quite deliberate and a bit deadpan.

Audrey is from Glasgow. She is a 30 something decorator who lives with her girlfriend Belle. She sings and plays guitar in a band and is also guilty of bantering with Terry.

Richard is Clarissa's somewhat errant brother who turns up out of the blue. Clarissa's language and tone with him is noticeably different from her 'butter wouldn't melt' tone with the builders. He has had an affair with Hermione years before and an on/off relationship with David's secretary Naomi. He ingratiates himself in with the builders for the most part but there is a suspicion that he has an ulterior motive for being there.

Billy is a roofer in his 60s. He turns up to view the job unaware that it is Clarissa's house, someone who he knew in the past.

Hermione is Clarissa's best friend and designer on the job. She is getting divorced from the owner of the building firm Charles and has 2 boys at college. She has had an affair with Richard. She is a swearsy, no nonsense 50 year old who speaks her mind.

Clarissa's husband David, his secretary Naomi and the building firm's owner Charles are referred to but never seen or heard.