

Dark Places

Elvis was dead. Lynn had trashed the wireless when the news was announced. Shut up in her room, away from everyone, was the best place to be right now.

The smashing of the wireless had scared Ali. Why was Mum so upset about a fat, old rocker anyway? She wished Rob was home, not out with that girl.

In the Crown, Taz drained his sixth pint. A raucous silver Jubilee party was kicking off in the function room. He checked his watch, lit a cigarette, and left.

Mandy doodled Rob's name all over the front cover of Jackie. It sucked to be in love with your best friend's brother. Worse, he didn't even know she existed.

Rob was waiting in the alley, nauseous with thoughts that his paranoid sister and crazy mother might somehow find out. Footsteps. Taz. Seeing him made his heart go crazy.