

BttB Script Writing Competition

“New Experiences”

Summer Bay has been so many things to Sally. Sometimes it's been the best place she could ever hope to be, and others...the last place on Earth she'd want to be. But, throughout her time there, there's one thing that she's always done, and that's help others who are less fortunate. Now, Sally feels it's the right time to leave Summer Bay, as she not only wants to travel the world and help other people, but wants to discover what life would be like outside of the place she has called home for twenty years of her life.

INT. CARAVAN PARK HOUSE - DAY

SALLY, RIC and CASSIE are sitting around the table.

SALLY

Now the reason I've called a family meeting is because I've got something to talk to you about.

RIC

Has something happened?

SALLY

Oh, no. Everything's fine, Ric.

CASSIE

So what do you want to talk to us about?

SALLY

Well, I guess these past few months have given me a new outlook on life. You know, what with the wedding and Pippa's accident. A lot has changed.

RIC

C'mon, Sal, the suspense is killing me!

CASSIE

Me too!

(SALLY laughs)

Sally

Okay, okay. I'd better just say this now then; otherwise we'll be here all day.

RIC

(Whispers) And all night if we keep going at this rate.

(CASSIE pinches RIC'S arm)

SALLY

Okay...I've decided...I've decided to leave Summer Bay.

CASSIE

Wow...I don't know what to say.

RIC

This is amazing. Ermm...Are you sure?

SALLY

I know it's definitely something that I'd like to do, but I'd never go ahead with anything unless you two supported it. So...What do you think?

CASSIE

Sal, if it's what you want, then me and Ric will support you 100 %.

RIC

Absolutely.

SALLY

It means so much to me to have your support.

RIC

I've got one question though - Why do you want to leave?

SALLY

Well, my life for the past twenty years has been here in Summer Bay. Everything I know and love is here. My family, my friends...Everything. And I've had experiences here that I'll never forget. Pippa being born, you two coming here...Flynn, meeting Brad. But I feel like it's time for new experiences. I'd like to go to new places, meet new people. Maybe people who aren't as fortunate as us. There are so many opportunities out there and I feel that travelling around the world would be the best way to find them. Maybe it won't be for me, I don't know. But there's one thing that I am certain of...Summer Bay will *always* be my home.

(SALLY starts to get a bit weepy)

CASSIE

Aww, Sal.

(RIC and CASSIE get up and hug SALLY).

SALLY

I'm okay, I'm okay.

RIC

We love you so much.

SALLY

And I love you more than you'll ever know. But there's something else that I wanted to discuss with both of you and I wanted to wait until I knew whether you were okay with me going...Before I suggested anyone else join me.

CASSIE

What do you mean?

SALLY

Me just going with Pippa doesn't feel right, and I was wondering whether you two would like to come with us.

RIC

Sorry, say that again. Me and Cass come with you and travel the world?

SALLY

That was the idea...

(RIC looks shocked. The phone rings)

SALLY

I have to get that. We'll talk about this in a minute, okay?

RIC

I'm sorry, Sal, but my life is here. I'm not going. I'm not leaving Summer Bay.

(RIC walks out of the door)

CASSIE

Ric!

SALLY and CASSIE look on in shock.

END OF SCENE