

A CLIMATE FOR REVENGE by Tom Riley

EXCERPT

With Style

“I cannot get you an appointment with your hair stylist before this trip. The first appointment I could get you is not until the day after.”

“OK, accept the appointment,” said Sarah, “and freshen up our playlist too. You know, I think I might I go for a weave, since we have some free money. Which do you think will look best: a body wave, a water wave, or a loose curl?”

Sarah was using the Mirror-Mirror App on her cellphone to look at images of herself with each of these hairstyles.

Janet didn’t seem to care. “This new job will not take us back to the club. You have no need to look that fancy. You will be tired of all the work it takes to maintain such a hair style like that within a week. Just because we got some unexpected money does not mean you should throw it away.”

“How about a manicure, then?” asked Sarah.

“I might try a full Extendo, or Pixie Crystals. And white, I have never done white. Or a pastel pink. I can certainly herd my ducks with any fancy nails you can name, all it takes is a cane switch.”

“You do not only herd the ducks. You have to take your turn at the dirty jobs too. What happens if one of your ducks makes a run for it, and you have to go scrambling through the bushes.