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LYLE

(to BRADBURY)

Well, I'm sure we can work out some sort of compromise.

The telephone rings: DEVLIN answers it in the background.

SEYMOUR

There's no room for compromise, Mike.

DEVLIN

(gently, to SEYMOUR)
It's your wife ... shall I ask her to call back?

SEYMOUR

No, it's okay, I'll take it.

SEYMOUR takes the phone, leaving the others to doodle in silence.

SEYMOUR

Hello love ... No, no, that's okay.

(pause)

Oh, marvellous ... At the school? No, no, that's fine. Okay, see you later. No, I'll be home about eight. Bye.

SEYMOUR hangs up, then turns back to BRADBURY.

SEYMOUR

Listen, I'd be happy to put you in touch with another Agency who'll simply do what you tell them — and at a fraction of the price we charge. In fact I really don't think we can handle the account unless you give us a relatively free hand.

SEYMOUR checks his watch, then gets up from the table, nodding at DEVLIN.

SEYMOUR

Let's meet again when you've had time to think it over.

SEYMOUR coasts from the room, followed by DEVLIN.