"Peroxide"

Based on a short story "orange clocks" by Bita Shabahsng

1-Hello? 2-Excuse me, may I talk to Mr. Sarmad? "Shaida Sarmad" 3-Do you know the time? 4-What's the time? ...Don't know. 5-Who's speaking anyway? 6-"Sima"...Shayda's sister. 7-It's me, Farideh...I'll put her on the phone right now. 8-Hello? ...hello? 9-Shaida 10-Hi, why didn't you call me on my cell phone? 11-Didn't have your new number, after you changed the number. 12-What so urgent this late at night? Is mom dead? 13-Yes 14-She's relieved then. 15-When are you coming? 16-I'll be there right away. 17- Sooner the better. 18- Damn it, I'm coming. 19-Why are you sitting in the dark? Have you call an ambulance? 20-No, should I? She's passed away. 21-It's 4:30. We don't have much time. 22-What for? 23-We have a lot to do, cleaning up the rooms, the house will be full of people in the morning. Have you called anyone except me? 24-Not yet.

- 25- You need to call our uncle early in the morning. He will do the rest.
- 26-Now, we need to make her tidy.
- 27-For what?
- 28-For what? Do you want people to see her like this?
- 29-Like what?
- 30-Like this...
- 31-Bring me the tweezers.
- 32-Tweezers?
- 33-I know what the tweezers is. I mean, what are you up to?
- 34-I'm going to pluck her eyebrows, we should do ours as well. We can't pluck them for 40 days. Yours are ok anyway, mine are thick.
- 35-You don't feel a little bit of grief, do you? Even her death doesn't make you upset!
- 36-Don't act like a moral lecturer, please.
- 37-What is talking you so long?
- 38-What a bitter wind, when the window's broken?
- 39-It hailed last night, window was cracked, easily broke.
- 40-Nothing has changed here...give me a slice of orange, my mouth tastes shitty.
- 41-She wanted to get an orange from fridge, she was crazy about the smell of orange peel.
- 42-She used to get cheerful seeing an orange. You're peeling it off the way she did.
- 43-Well, enough. Where is the color bowl?
- 44-Why are you doing this?
- 45-Doing what?
- 46-Dyeing her hair. What's wrong with it?
- 47-It's dead white, it's ugly.
- 48-So what? Let it be.
- 49-She's my mom. I want her to look gorgeous.
- 50-Now she is your mom? Ha?
- 51-What do you mean? What are you trying to say?

- 52-I mean you walked out on us and now you're acting as if she's important to you. What is changed?
- 53-She's dead! That's what is changed. Got it?
- 54-Don't be silly Sima. I just don't want people to see her like this, I want her to look pretty. She is my "mom". Do I need to explain more?
- 55-No, I don't. I don't want to understand when you talk to me like this...
- 56-You're insane, that's why mom didn't like you.
- 57-Come on in, don't let her head drown.
- 58-Keep holding her head like this!
- 59-Giving birth is extremely tough, supposedly, isn't it?
- 60-How should I know? I didn't get a chance to give birth mine, hold her like this!
- 61-I last saw her when I had my child issue, I guess she would have done the same to us if she could. Your hands been colored.
- 62- Shayda...Our mom's gone, Shayda.
- 63-We will as well, do you think her hair takes the color in?
- 64-I don't know.
- 65-Who knows! Remember I dyed your hair in Mojdeh's wedding night and it didn't work.
- 66- I do.
- 67-You didn't use to tell me your secrets.
- 68-You never asked.
- 69- That's fine.
- 70- You cut out smoking! Right?
- 71-I don't have a baby, plus Farhad remarried. What's the use of dying in good health? Who will get upset if I'm dead.
- 72-I will...
- 73- You're my sweet heart.
- 74-What are you doing?
- 75-I made a mees.
- 76-Pull her up!
- 77-Dry her face!

78-Give me the towel. 79-I 80-Cigarettes ash can remove stains on face? 81-Mom's face doesn't have any. 82-I meant stains of hair dye on her face. 83- I didn't know that. 84-Now, you do then. 85-Who's Farideh anyway? 86- Farideh? She's an old friend from pension house, why did you ask? 87-Cause I didn't recognize her, thought over but I couldn't remember who she was. 88-I've got something to say. 89-What's that? 90-We're going to live together, right? 91-I thought about that, but I somehow forgot about it. 92-Do you like it at all? 93-Yes, I do. 94-You're answering me doubtfully. 95-No, I absolutely do. 96-Do you want me to dye your hair as well? 97-Dosen't work on my hair at this time too. 98-Let's go, I think her hair is ok now. 99-It's better to take this plastic off her, first. 100-Her body's gotten too cold! 101-Don't do that! 102-Hush, wash your hair as well. 103-What should we put her on? 104-Something dressy, where is her blue velvet blouse?

105-That one gets loose for her.

106-AhAh, it's hot. It's burning me. Open up cold water!

107-Do you have any black dress for me?

108-I have lots of black ones. Her hair looks awesome.

109-It will be even better when it dries, just hurry up, sun is rising.

The end

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