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# This Bitch Called Home

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## THIS BITCH CALLED HOME

### Characters:

Betty: A true Aussie battler. In her seventies but well preserved.

Louise: An advertising executive in her late thirties.

(Please note, suburb names may be changed to localize the play, subject to discussion and agreement with the author.)

Betty: I scrimped and I saved to make this place decent , to make it into a home. Joe (God bless him) he wouldn't help so I did it all on me own. Fixing the roof that leaks when it rains. Painting the ceilings, replacing the drains. Paving the garden, papering the walls. Laying down carpet, tiling the hall.

Spent half my life here, I did, renovating, and I did it all with love. But this place, oh she's an ungrateful bitch so at last I gave her the shove.

Louise: Got soooo tired of renting and getting turfed out and landlords upping the rent. Sharing with people who gave me the shits and treating the place with contempt. So I thought fuck it! Everyone's doing it. I'll get me a place of my own. My own little palace in Bondi or Paddo. I'll get me a bitch to call home.