Sarawak Women for Women Society

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SWWS Retreat
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1st or 2nd weekend March
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Well, Well, Well

a story by Kate Hall

“Well you obviously can’t keep it.”
“What do you mean, CAN’T keep it? Who says I can’t?”
“It’s obvious - you’ll have to have an abortion.”
“I don’t want an abortion. I want to…”
“You can’t, just think about it for a minute.”
“I have thought about it. I’ve thought about it a lot.”
“But you’ve just started college.”
“I know I’ve started college but there’s a crèche there.”
“Oh, I see, you’re going to go in pregnant and have the baby in between lectures.”
“It’s due in the holidays and anyway I can get time off, other people have done it before, you know.”
“That doesn’t mean you have to, though, does it? And what about money?”
“I’ll manage.”
“With no father?”
“Yes - with no father! That’s what’s really worrying you, isn’t it? Bloody hell, in this day and age!”
“Well, it would help if you would say who the father is, or don’t you know?”
“Of course I know, but I don’t want him.”
“Why not… he ought to pay for it - you could get maintenance, you know. He’s not married is he?”
“No, he’s not married.”
“Then I don’t see…”
"I just don't want anyone interfering, that's all."
"Well, you needn't worry on my account - I'm not having anything to do with it and don't expect me to baby-sit either."
"No-one asked you to."
"Not yet. Honestly, I though YOU were old enough to know better. It's embarrassing. People will think things - especially if there's no father. At least tell me who it is."
"No, I've made a decision. I got pregnant on purpose. I want to have this baby."
"But, Mum - at your age!"