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Key Characters



Mr William Johnson (b. 1877). A middle class Hull fish merchant. A rather benign patriarch, whom Amy preferred to her nervous mother.



Mrs Amy 'Ciss' Johnson (b. 1885). His shy but well-connected wife who suffers badly with 'nerves'. Has a difficult relationship with her daughters, though Amy later softened towards her.



Aunt Evelyn Johnson. A respectable widow and tennis player in Bridlington.



Amy Johnson (b. 1903). Ciss and Andrew's eldest daughter. A headstrong rebel throughout her school days. Suffers from black moods and bad period pains.



Irene Johnson (b. 1904). Amy's younger sister. Suffers badly from depression, and wants to be an actress. Has a fraught relationship with Amy. Amy did not attend her wedding. Irene marries young and then commits suicide in 1929.



Molly Johnson (b. 1912). In awe of her older sisters.



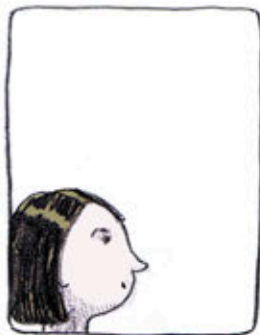
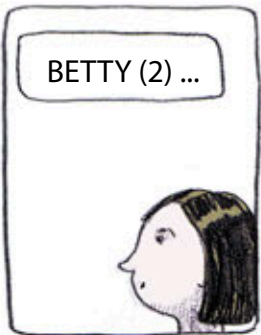
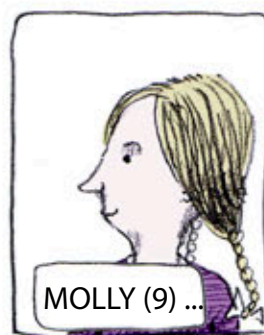
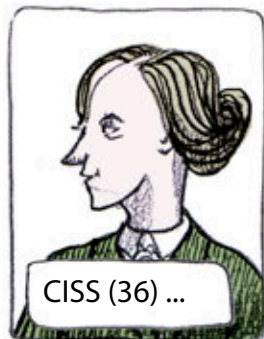
Betty Johnson (b. 1919). Kept Amy's flame alive in later life.



Hans Arregger (b. 1895). Amy's Swiss businessman lover. Short and stocky, but also dashing, a former officer in the Swiss Army, who came to Hull to work for the Swiss Consul, then became an entrepreneur and importer of vegetables. He also teaches French at night class. Loved by Amy and very much disliked by her parents.

The story takes place between 1921 and 1929.

HANS ARREGGER ARRIVED IN ENGLAND IN 1921. HE MET AMY'S AUNT EVELYN AT BRIDLINGTON TENNIS CLUB, AND THE FAMILY...



AND AMY (18) ...

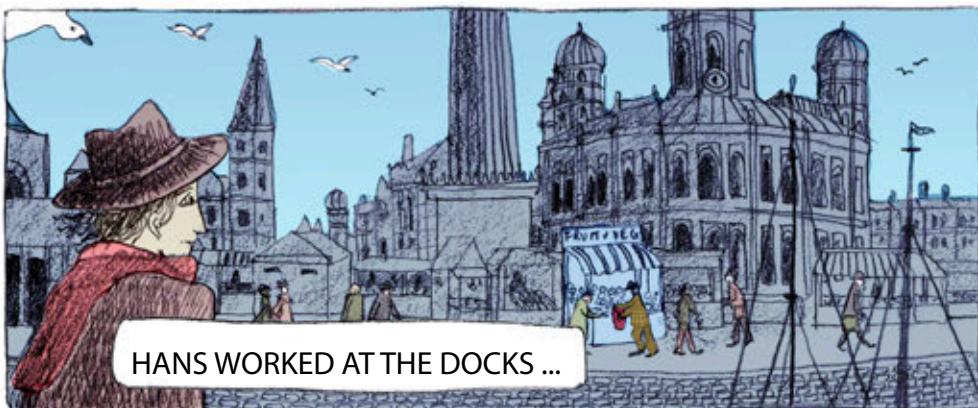


AMY TRAINED 3 TIMES A WEEK AT HULL YOUNG PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE



My greatest joy was trapeze work

SHE REGULARLY PLAYED TRUANT FROM SCHOOL, AND RAN AWAY FROM HOME ON MANY OCCASIONS



HANS WORKED AT THE DOCKS ...



AND TAUGHT FRENCH AT NIGHT...



Amy?

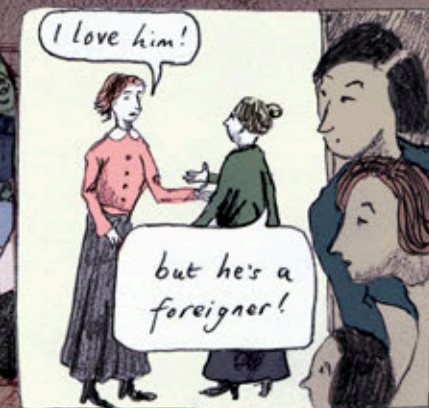


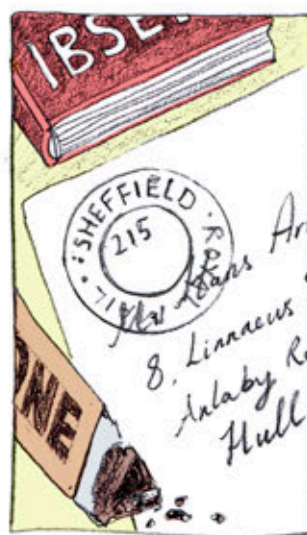
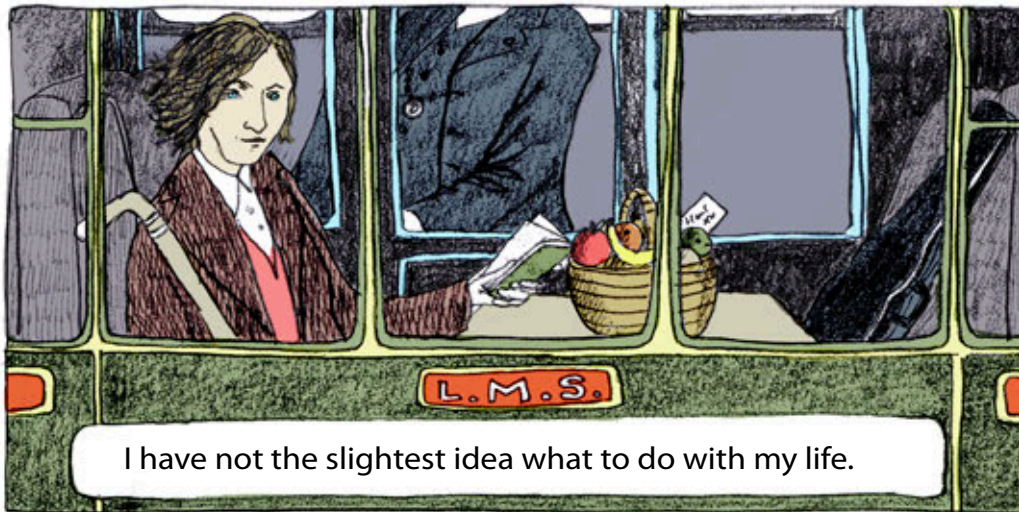
Where's Amy? She's never to be seen!

It's her bad week!

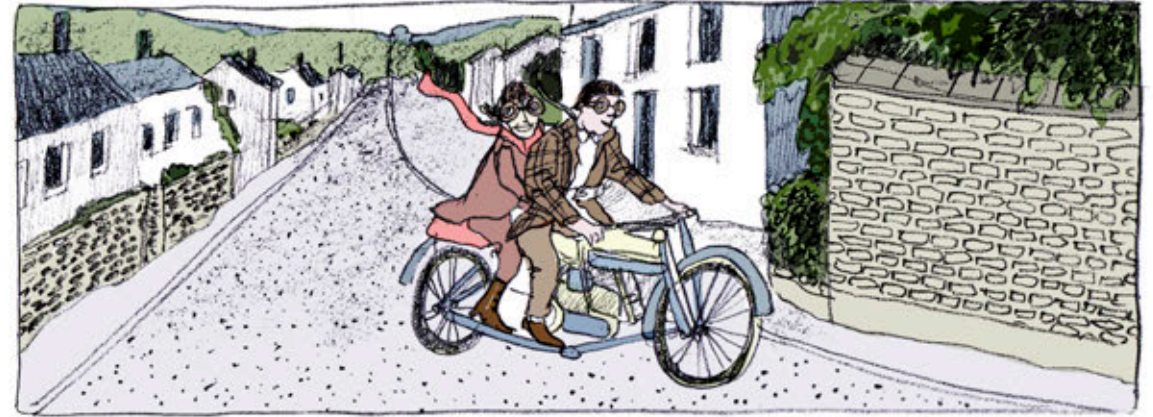
When isn't it a bad week with Amy!

How young and pretty my mother was - yet, married at 18, she was spending the best years of her life looking after troublesome me ...
She was an angel of patience.





I attended the minimum of lectures.



DURING HER THREE YEARS AT UNIVERSITY AMY LIVED AT THIRTY DIFFERENT ADDRESSES, BEFORE SETTLING IN HATHERSAGE, IN THE PEAK DISTRICT. HANS WOULD COME AND VISIT ...

I was perfectly horrid last night, and I'm ever so sorry. You did say I was horrid and you were right...

*... the feeling of being alone in a crowd ...
... I shall never be happy until I have a home of my own ...*

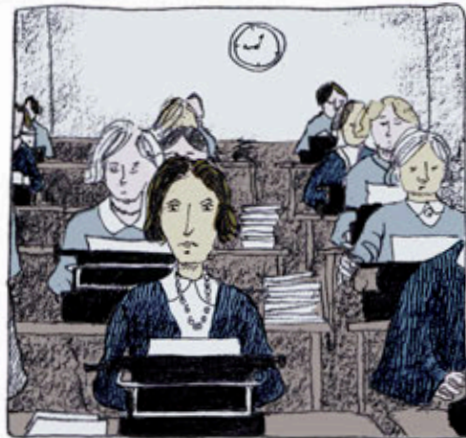


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What are you going to do now, Amy?

Congo Street

What are you going to do now, Amy?



Amy!

Amy!



WHEN SHE HAD ALMOST GIVEN UP HOPE, HANS INVITED HER TO MEET HIS FAMILY



BUT STILL HE DIDN'T PROPOSE ...

I want to change ...

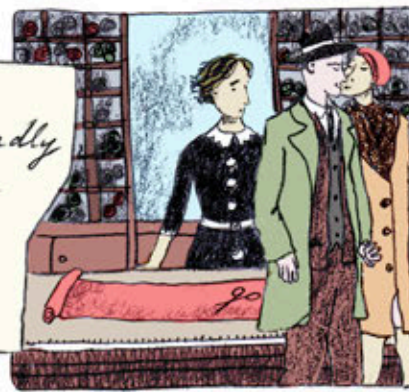
I want
to change
...

IN 1927 AMY MOVED TO LONDON. SHE BEGAN A TRAINING SCHEME AT PETER JONES DEPARTMENT STORE. THE JOB WAS OPEN TO UNIVERSITY GRADUATES AND LADIES OF GENTLE BIRTH AND BREEDING.

The only thing that has kept us together for so long has been your intense desire, and my reciprocatory desire for sexual intimacy (loathsome words...)



You would gladly accept me as a mistress, but not as a wife...



SHE LEFT BEFORE A MONTH'S TRIAL WAS FINISHED, AND GOT A NEW JOB AS A LEGAL SECRETARY ON THREE POUNDS A WEEK.



You would hardly know me now. I have changed such a lot.

AMY FOUND A FLAT CLOSE TO STAG LANE AERODROME. THEN HANS CAME TO LONDON TO VISIT.

Good luck.
I hope she makes
you very happy.



I didn't want you to
hear the news from
anyone else.

The young man finally married someone else and settled down into a rut which sooner or later would have driven me crazy ...



It's two pounds an hour for instruction, thirty shillings an hour solo. Takes from eight to twelve hours to learn.

When can I start?

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