

Task for *It's Raining in Mango*

Extract from "The Kiss, the Fade-out, the Credits"

He can't stop himself. He's not sure why he does it.

If perhaps one were to say, *It's that Nadine coming out, he would reply vaguely, Who? Who was that? Do you mean mother?*

I'm part of the established Australian social structure, he would say, and I can't help it.

mate

horse

dog

missus

wog

poof

boong

that's

the

pecking

order.

See, he would say, a poem, a kind of poem of structure. And as many girls as you can get on the side.

Do they count? someone might ask.

You're kidding, he would say.