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Samuel and **Tom** sit on the bench facing out. A Sainsbury's bag sits in between them, and they both eat a Meal Deal. There is a third Meal Deal in the bag for **Samuel**.

Tom is watching **Samuel** as they eat. **Tom** eats quickly. **Samuel** has a methodical slowness to his eating but is enjoying the food.

Silence.

Samuel pulls something from his mouth and stares at it.

Samuel What's that?

Tom Nmh!

Samuel The hell is that doing in a sandwich?

Tom It's a –

Samuel What in Jesus's name?

Tom It's a –

Samuel In a sandwich.

Tom It's a sun-dried tomato.

Samuel Tastes like a condom.

Tom Tasted a few have you?

Samuel What?

Tom Condoms. You know –

Samuel Don't be a wisearse.

Tom It's Italian.

Samuel Well it should've stayed there.

Tom I thought I'd spice it up a bit. A little pro-European sandwich, let everyone know we're Remain.

Samuel *(Picking through the sandwich and throwing bits away.)* Little Italian bugger won't be remaining in my sandwich, thank you very much.

Tom You don't like it then.

Samuel Ha bloody ha.

Tom They're very...

Samuel S'wrong with a real tomato?

Tom The sun drying gives it a different taste.

Samuel So different it don't even taste like a tomato. Where's the logic in that? You eat a tomato, you want it to taste like a tomato, *not* like rubber dipped in aftershave.

Tom People like to try different things.

Samuel You mean they like eating rubber dipped in aftershave?

Tom No, just something a bit—

Samuel A proper good old-fashioned tomato. A British one.

Tom Okay, fine. No more crossing the border for your sandwiches.

Pause.

Tom Rest of it all right?

Samuel What?

Tom The sandwich?

Samuel *looks at it, takes a bite, and looks at it as he chews.*

Samuel *(Deliberately.)* Almost edible

Tom Right.

Samuel That was a joke.

(Beat.)

I'm very grateful.

Tom If that was a joke, you need to work on your routine.

Samuel I don't do stand up. Far too common. I play the penny whistle.

Tom Tin.

Samuel Exactly.

They catch each other's eye and smile.

Pause.

Tom It's funny, the things you like

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