

ONLY WHEN I LAUGH

Georgia and Toby

Toby: Oh, my God.

Georgia: God....Toby.

Toby: Alright , Sweetheart

Georgia: I didn't know where else to turn.

Toby: Of course, baby. You did the right thing.

Georgia: Oh, Polly can't see me like this. I don't want her to see me like this.

Toby: What happened?

Georgia : WE have to make up a story. I don't want to loose her , Toby. I lost her once, I can't loose her again.

Toby: God, Georgia, that eye looks really bad. I'm gonna call my doctor.

Georgia: No, no, no. No doctors. No police. I don't want it in the newspapers. Please.

Toby: Where you raped?

Georgia: No, thank God.

Toby: But you went out didn't you. Jimmy told me you went out. Why'd you go out Georgia.

Georgia: Please, don't lecture med Toby.
I need a drink. I'm telling you as a friend. If you won't agree I'm gonna have one anyway.

Toby: Christ! Georgia you promised.

Georgia: Alright, I'm not strong enough. I'm sorry.

Toby: Jimmy`s been ringing every five minutes. Hello? Polly. Mmm- where are you?
No- she's on Zoom with me. Uh- she`s um- yes, she`s alright. Uh, Iyes, I swear. I'm hanging up, call her.

Georgia: What am I gonna say?

Toby: You'll think of something.

Georgia: Hi, Hon. No, I'm fine. Well, I couldn't sleep, so I thought I would take a walk.
Polly, I have a lot to apologize for. I do. I just need some time to think about it. Would you mind terribly if I go and spend the night at Toby's house? She always gives me such good advise you know.

And, Polly, dont stay mad at me all night. I love you too much.
I need air.

Toby: What are you going to say to her in the morning? When you walk in with a face like that?

Georgia: It isn't morning yet. Maybe the world will blow up tonight and I'll be off the hook.
Ah.

Well, you've got to admitlast few weeks, I had it going pretty good.

Toby: Sometimes I think when you've got everything going to good, it scares the hell out of you. You never think you deserve anything . Oh- when you take your bow in the theater, you barely look at the audience. You nod your head twice ,and then you run off as fast as you can.

Georgia: They applaud trained seals with beachballs on their noses. I did my job. I just want to go home.

Toby: Is that what you think , Georgia? You're a trained seal?

Georgia: That's the truth of it. Just an evening entertainment for the folks.

Toby: If that's really what you think, I feel sorry for you.

Georgia: You you really?

Toby: Don't patronise me. You're always patronizing me. At least I make an effort to try to make things work. I at least make the effort, but one thing I'm not is self- destructive.

Georgia: Oh, come on Toby. We're the same you and I.
We both manage to screw everything up. The only difference is that you dress better doing it. And the truth of it is that I have never had a lasting relationship with anyone who wasn't as weak and helpless as I am.

Toby: Don't talk to me that way. I deserve better than that from you. You wanna treat yourself like dirt , you do that better than anybody I know. And don't tell me I'm your friend because I'm as weak as you. I'm your friend because I love you, and I'm in awe of you. I'm so jealous of your gifts and commitments coz I never had any of my own to give. I dont know what kind of sickness it is that makes you wanna destroy everything that's beautiful in your life, but I'll be damned if I'm gonna stand around and hold your hand and fill your glass while you do it. You want a quick finish, use the terrace. Otherwise , do me a favor , Georgia - stop being such an astronomical pain in the ass.

Georgia: I didn't say it was a multiple choice question.