

GEORGE:

Dad. Listen to me. Please. Don't make me beg. I won't beg. Dad. Dad. Please. I'm not asking for much. I'm asking for you to listen to your only son for five goddamned minutes. You asked me a question and I'm trying to answer it. God dammit will you just LISTEN TO ME? You asked me how I could possibly love him, and now I'm trying to answer you. For once in your life, can you please just sit down and let me fucking talk?

*A moment. His father is silent.*

He was extraordinary. And it wasn't because he was handsome, or smart, or talented. It was because he fell head over heels in love with the ordinary. Do you know what I mean? When we were in the fourth grade, and we would have mock weddings during recess, he always picked the girls who were too tall, or who had stringy hair, or braces. He used to cry when people got voted off of America's Next Top Model. And I know to you that just makes him sound like some stupid faggot, but it was because he couldn't bare the thought of anyone thinking they weren't beautiful. He fell in love with me when I was sixteen. When I was at my most vulnerable, and my most ordinary. When I still looked like Macaulay Culkin, and right in the middle of that fucking kilt phase. He took one look at me in gym class, and he smiled this enormous grin, and he started calling me ocean eyes, and he made me feel beautiful, when I felt like my whole world was falling apart. He made me whole again, Dad. I know you don't understand, and you're angry, and you think that I chose this lifestyle to spite you, but this family made me *crumble* and Chris willingly took on the task of rebuilding me and didn't think twice. I loved him because, Christ... how could I not? Now I am going to my boyfriends funeral, and you are going to pat me on the back when I leave, and you are going to *fucking* grieve for me, because the love of my life has just died. I'm not asking you to accept my sexuality; I got over that a long time ago. But for God's sake, show a little respect.

*He walks away. Blackout.*