

WHAT WORKS

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EXT. HOUSE - DAY

Amber walks up to the gate. She looks around and hesitates to enter the yard. After a quick deep breathe she get's her nerve to continue.

INT. HOUSE - DAY

Gary is sitting on the couch listening to Jenny nagging.

GARY

Yeah - Your Right I am sorry.

Jenny peaks her head around the corner to give him a dirty look to show she knows he wasn't really listening to her.

Gary is about to try to say something to get himself out of hot water when they both hear a knock at the door.

GARY (CONT'D)

I'll get it.

JENNY

Yeah smart move.

She ducks back into the other room.

INT. DOOR - DAY

Gary opens the door to see Amber. He smiles and they both just stare at each other for a few seconds.

AMBER

I know I probably shouldn't of come
but -

She looks around like she is in trouble.

GARY

Hey if I can help, Come on in.

Amber walks in and Gary shuts the door.

INT. HOUSE - DAY

Jenny walks out.

JENNY

Who was it?

She is a bit shocked to see someone in the house. Gary panics to find the right words.

GARY

A friend.

Jenny suspicious and a little mad.

JENNY

A friend huh? How do you know her?
How long have you known her. We
have been dating a month I don't
remember you mentioning this so
called FRIEND!.

AMBER

I am sorry - I should go.

GARY

No!

JENNY

At least she is smart. You on the
other hand better explain that
"No".

Gary slowly walks to Jenny to calm her down while trying to explain.

GARY

OK - She is my ex girlfriend. We
all have ex's and it's obvious she
is in trouble and I am not the kind
of person to turn away someone in
need.

JENNY

Are you serious? I am your current
girlfriend and I don't want her
here so that trumps her needs.

GARY

You don't even know why she's here?

AMBER

Look! I didn't want to cause you
trouble Gary Bear.

Jenny's angry just got thrown into overdrive.

JENNY

OH Hell NO!. She has a nickname for
you and she is still using it. She
has to go buddy.

Jenny starts walking towards Amber but Gary gets between them.

GARY

If you care about me you would respect my friends.

JENNY

Yeah well if you cared about me you would respect my feeling..

AMBER

I am so sorry. Please forgive me. _

JENNY

- go ahead say Gary Bear again. I dare you. You little slut.

Amber on the defends now.

AMBER

WOW! You have issue lady.

JENNY

Yeah but I about to deal with them.

Jenny tries to push through Gary.

GARY

Really!

Gary holds her back then she backs off.

GARY (CONT'D)

I never seen you like this before.

JENNY

So what are you saying .. You are glad you found out now...

Jenny grabs her purse.

JENNY (CONT'D)

Me too.

She starts to leave.

GARY

So that's it?

Jenny turns before leaving.

JENNY

This is how you wanted. Live with it.

She leaves slamming the door.

Gary and Amber look at each other again.

AMBER

Well that didn't take to long.

GARY

Yeah, I knew this one was going to be quick. I will get your money.

Gary walks over to the entertainment center.

Amber follows him.

AMBER

You know It's not my place but all these girl aren't right for you.

GARY

I know, it's just I can't seem to find the nice ones. I mean they all start off nice but then I see the red flags and as I said before. Getting them to leave me is just a better peaceful way.

Gary hands amber money.

AMBER

You have to be doing something wrong buddy. I mean my acting career hasn't really taken off so I appreciate the work. But you seem like I nice guy.

GARY

I am! You know what they say "good guys finish last". I guess I will just keep searching for the perfect woman for me. We all can't have the perfect relationship like yourself.

AMBER

Ha! I thought it was but he kept thinking something was up because I would do these strange acting ex-girlfriend roles for you.

GARY

Hey I am sorry. I didn't mean to come between you two.

AMBER

It's not your fault. He didn't trust me.

GARY

I am still very sorry. I feel responsible, can I at least take you to lunch?

Amber looks at her money she just made from him.

AMBER

How about I take you to lunch? We both could use a bit of cheering up.

Gary smiles.

GARY

I would like that but we go dutch if you don't want me to pay.

Amber smiles.

AMBER

Sounds good. I will drive.

Gary walks her to the door.

GARY

Give me a few minutes and I will be out.

Amber leaves and Gary starts dancing.

INT. STEPS - SAME

Gary's roommate Donald is watching from the steps.

DONALD

Did I not tell you it would work.

GARY

Dude! You are a genius.

DONALD

It's not rocket science buddy. Any girl is reachable if you through that jealousy in there.

(MORE)

DONALD (CONT'D)

Just a touch and stand back and let
it eat away at the relationship.
Then bang!! She is back on the
market.

GARY

Now what?

DONALD

Come on buddy I can't do everything
for you.

Donald walks up to Gary.

DONALD (CONT'D)

Do you research, find out what type
of crap she likes, who she
hopefully wants to be one day and
ride that shit as far as you want.

GARY

I feel dishonest.

DONALD

You are and it's what works so who
cares. Is it better to be honest
and her butt doesn't give you the
time of day..

They here a knock on the back door. They look to see Jenny
there then a know on the front door.

GARY

Oh my GOD! What do I do?

DONALD

You know you should be paying me
for this shit.

Donald points to the front door.

DONALD (CONT'D)

You handle door number 1 and I will
take the back.

EXT. FRONT DOOR - DAY

Amber sees Gary open the door just enough to squeeze out.

GARY

I am sorry I took to long.

AMBER

NO! It's fine. I just was wondering if I can use your bathroom before we go.

CUT TO:

INT. BACKDOOR - SAME

Donald opens the door.

JENNY

Look, I came around back so I would not interfere in whatever con Gary is doing. GOD knows I can't afford to return his money but my car won't start.

CUT BACK TO:

EXT. FRONT DOOR- SAME

GARY

Well see my roommate is a bit of a slob and I am trying to get him out, I would be pretty embarrass. I know a diner one block away if you can---

AMBER

- That's fine. I understand.

DONALD

You sure?

As Amber walks down the front steps Gary runs down to get in front of her to open the gate for her.

AMBER

Thank you sir.

GARY

You are welcome my lady. (Smiling)

CUT BACK TO:

INT. BACKDOOR - SAME

Donald peeks to the front.

DONALD

I believe it's safe to come in..

Jenny comes in.

DONALD (CONT'D)

First let me apologize for Gary. I talked to him until I was blue in the face. Be honest, and up front with a lady . Don't play games but all he keeps saying is no woman wants that.

JENNY

That's not true! Some of us do.

DONALD

See!(Smiling) -I am very ashamed to be his roommate but what can I do. I wish I had enough to move, Hell I wish had enough to take a gorgeous woman like you to lunch. I am working on it.

JENNY

Yeah times are hard for everyone.

DONALD

So you want me to jump you right?

Jenny loses her train of thought.

Donald smiles because he knows he has her on his hook then he turns serious.

DONALD (CONT'D)

OH my GOD! I can't believe I just said that like -

JENNY

(Laughs) It's OK - trust me guys have said worse to me.

DONALD

Not if I am around that won't.

Jenny is shocked but has a pleasant happy smile.

Donald turns away from her with conniving smile.

DONALD (CONT'D)
Give me a minute to get my
equipment ready.

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END.

GARY.....

Amber.....

Jenny.....

Donald....