

Swansong has taken the stage, with Dr. Em and Tonya, in order to receive a Butler's Award for her performance the previous night ...

Tonya: [to Swansong] ...the award is really, really, really heavy. So, I just need somebody's help to [voices overlapping]--

[Crowd stirs]

FAN: Oh, shit.

Tonya: –it is huge. It is really heavy. [Turns to address doorway behind us] Um, my special friend, could you come and help me give this award?

[Tonya hands microphone to Dr. Em and approaches doorway]

FAN: Jesus, God help me. No. Jesus, God, Lord help me. No.

[Various crowd comments overlapping as anticipation builds.]

[Gerard James Butler appears in the doorway. Squealing comparable to teenage girls witnessing the appearance of “The Beatles” and/or “Elvis” occurs. It's mass hysteria.]

FAN: Swan's gonna pass out.

FAN: [Yelling] BREATHE, SWANNIE! BREATHE, SWANNIE!

[Crowd still atwitter as GJB takes the stage. He exchanges inaudible words with Tonya and then approaches Swansong. Crowd noise swells as GJB exchanges private words with Swansong, a few hugs and a kiss or two. GJB then turns and waves to the crowd. A tidal wave of GerryJuice hits the floor – more squealing]

FAN: [Yelling] Does [Swannie] get to take him home?

[Mass cackling and laughter]

GJB: I've sacrificed my whole career to become a present– an award.

[More squealing]

Spot: [Yelling] Thank you!!

GJB: There was too much pressure. I couldn't take it any more, so– I'm all yours now, and you can sing to me every night.

Swansong: [indistinguishable to GJB] ... every night.

GJB: [to Swannie] Yeah? So, do I. Unfortunately [giggle]

[Gerry turns to crowd]

GJB: Well. Um. Hello, everybody.

[Squeals of unparalleled delight]

GJB: Oh, this is incredible. You look fantastic. Although it's hard to see because of all these flashes. I'm gonna walk outta here blind, I think. Is everyone having a good time?

[More Squeals of unparalleled delight]

FAN: Especially now!

GJB: [Gesturing to Tonya - audio indistinguishable]

[Yells and Clapping]

GJB: So, uh-- ...[indistinguishable] ... a little crazy and I'm surprised she's, uh-- I'm surprised she's stuck me for this long. And, then there's Jeremy, who--

[Hoots and Hollers for Jeremy]

GJB: Jeremy was just so charmed by all of you, he just kept calling me going, "Oh, I love these guys. I love these guys. They're so amazing. You don't understand Gerry. They're so pretty. They're so nice." I understand, I understand. "No, no you have to come now. You have got to come now."

Crowd: Thanks Jeremy!

[Yelling and cheering]

Spot: Jeremy needs a raise!! [Gerry laughs]

GJB: Yeah. [pause] I just-- I hope you understand my, my predicament. I don't know how many actors actually have conventions. But-- [pause for giggling fans] And you-- and you have to understand that-- So, so, the fact that you guys have done this-- you did it in Scotland-- you're doing it here-- really, is overwhelming to me. And so there's-- It's amazing. But it's a strange thing for me to turn up to. It's like if I am doing an interview and somebody says, "Why did they choose you for the role?" I, I find that difficult to answer because you have to start talking about your good points. You know-- [assumes role of interviewer] "What are they?" [reverts to Gerry answering interviewer] "Well, I'm a very talented actor. I'm handsome, intelligent, you know--"

Tonya: [sneaks up and speaks over his shoulder] You don't have any bad points.

GJB: [to Tonya] Yeah, yeah, yeah, sure. [He laughs and motions to Tonya] I'm just waiting for the bloody book to come out. [all laughing] When she's finished working with me and I'll have no fans any more. [acts as if reading a book] "He did what?! That's disgusting!

GJB: [taking silver bracelet off podium] Who made me this wonderful bracelet?

[Screaming and clapping]

GJB: It's really beautiful. It's really, really beautiful.

Dr. Batista: I hand carved [indistinguishable].

GJB: [to Dr. Batista] I know. I heard. It took you like 36 days or something.

Dr. Batista: You know-- We have a mutual friend, Patrick Wilson.

GJB: Aye, so, you made him one as well?

Dr. Batista No, I didn't make him one.

GJB: Good, good. Just for me-- ok. [laughing] [voices overlapping]

Dr. Batista: You are the only special guy [voices overlapping]

GJB: It's beautiful-- and, and--

Dr. Batista: I've known him since he was a kid, so I know his bad side.

GJB: Oh, ok. You still have to get to know mine or you wouldn't have made me this. It's really beautiful. It's extremely heavy-- and I'm becoming more like Colin Farrell every day. [proceeds to don bracelet] I now have four of these things-- I have four of these things and I'm walking down the street like this. [acts as if left side is weighted down] Em, now also-- [smacks] Where did my water go, because my mouth is so dry? I gotta tell you. I got really nervous about coming along, here. Honest-- [pauses for laughs] It's true. I'm like, you know-- and he's [Jeremy] filming it-- and I'm like "My God--" I'm like "feel my heart--" Because I haven't done any, any public speaking for, for a-- [Dr. Em places water upon podium] Because I haven't had any movies come out for a long time ... [indistinguishable] [Drinks water].

Songbird: Feel the love, Gerry!

GJB: I do! It's drying up my mouth. [Laughing fans] You guys are sucking the

water right out of me.

FAN: Oh my, God. You have *no* clue!

GJB: Ok, now-- ok, I didn't mean it the way that you thought it was, ok [voices overlapping - indistinguishable - pauses for laughing] You notice my accent's disappeared a bit-- I spoke-- The last film I did-- which almost fooking killed me-- [pauses for fans to stop giggling over the fact that he said, "fook"] I can't play any more of those those crazy guys-- It's like 14 hours a day going, [dramatically] "Oh, no, don't kill my daughter-- don't make me hang off the edge of that skyscraper-- don't make me take all my life's savings out the bank and don't make me fook up my career. Don't make me shoot my boss in the head, and also don't crash my car while we're doing a stunt." I don't know if you heard about that, but, em, literally, Pierce Brosnan and I were in a car crash. We smashed into a wall-- [fans gasp] I don't know how fast we were going-- At four stories up, with only a two foot wall, and I said, "This is the stupidest fooking stunt I have ever seen, I can't believe you're making us do this." And he says, "Oh, my granny could do this, there's no way in a million years that any harm will come to you." So what happened? We smashed straight into a wall in a Range Rover and I threw my neck out, my back--

[Crowd "ooohs and aws" for his injuries]

GJB: I know, I need some sympathy. [voices overlapping - indistinguishable] Yah. Ok. Ok. And Tonya said, "They want to know what you do in your spare time?" I said, "Well, there's the chiropractor, there's the deep tissue massage, then there's the neurologist--" That's pretty much what I do in my spare time, right now. But listen, um, honestly-- eh, you know-- It's a pri-- I, I-- [hesitates] You know, I think a lot of you guys identify with me because you know I'm a bit of a fook-up. [he laughs at himself] And-- I know-- I, I might be generally happy-go-lucky, but the reason that I can give the, the performances that I give-- like in the *Phantom* and the pain and all, is I go through it. I make myself crazy-- and then suddenly, for that same reason, to, you know, turn up and one of these things and have to sound like you know what you're talking about-- I'm like [cringes]. I don't know-- But the one thing I can say is it feels like a whole team effort, you guys have done so much for me. And it constantly amazes me what you go through to help me and help each other, you know, and I do think that's one of the main reasons *Beowulf* now has a release in the US. [pauses for crowd to cheer] And I get all these, these crazy awards cause you're all like: email, email, email!

Cheryl: Gerry, will you bring it to Australia please? [Aussies "group plead" to bring *Beowulf* to Australia]

GJB: Unfor-- I don't have as much power as you think I do. I heard-- I don't know

if you've heard about New Zealand, but-- Actually, I'm doing a "Billy Connolly," right now. I am completely digressing because I never-- talking about this fooking accent thing-- I can't get rid of it, now. I had to speak in an American accent for four months and then the film finished and I'm-- you know-- I'm like what happened to my-- [in dramatic Scottish burr] What happened to it?! What happened to my Scottish accent? I'm doing the "ar--" You know-- [in crisp Chicago accent] and speaking like that-- and things like that-- and I don't know what happened to me. I've, I've become one of you guys. [Crowd Noise - indistinguishable] ... I didn't mean to drown out the Scottish...

Crowd: No!!! We like the Scottish--

GJB: [voices overlapping] Ok, I will! I wasn't gonna keep it, but I will now.

[Crowd sighs]

GJB: But I think--

Cheryl or TW?: Please come to Australia. Please, please, please--

GJB: I love Australia. I love Australia... [indistinguishable]...

Terry's Witch: And we love you!

GJB: [giggles humbly]

Aussies: YES!

Cheryl or TW?: And we've come all the way to ask.

GJB: You came all the way from Australia?

Aussies: [proudly] YES!!!

GJB: Ok. Let me see what I can do then, let me talk to them. [All laugh] I heard-- I heard that the-- [catches himself and repeats in thick Scottish burr] I "heaaarrd" that the-- I "hearrd" that the--

[Crowd cheers the Scottish burr]

GJB: -- that the film actually has a release in New Zealand, I think. Because the woman-- the woman fell so in love with it and her husband's a distributor and she made him buy it. [Crowd cheers - overlapping - indistinguishable] ... perhaps not a conventional way that film goes from filming to release but-- you know, anything to get it out there. So, you guys-- You all saw it today,

yeah?

[Crowd cheers and applauds]

GJB: Did you like-- You know, it's not, it's not, a, a typical film. We made that film for such a low budget. It was *such* a struggle, I can't tell you. We-- You know-- days when the storms came in and we'd stand there and break our hearts because we thought "we can't film today" -- there were flying rocks. There's-- you know -- the hotel roof next door just disappears. [laughing crowd] There's-- you know-- things just blew away. And we had-- you know, already we had there was no time to film, so really it was such a labor of love, and I look at it now and I think, that what's important is, em, the message. The message--

[Crowd echoes agreement]

GJB: --against intolerance and racism, and just respecting each other, and, and I always felt that in there-- you know, and at the end of the day that's what, what gets me with that film-- and those exceptionally beautiful vistas of Iceland. It's the most amazing place I've ever been.

[Crowd echoes agreement]

FAN: We couldn't take our eyes off of you, you know--

GJB: Neither could I. I just heard those landscapes were beautiful. I was too busy looking at myself. [Crowd laughs] People were going, "God, look at the glaciers" and I'm like, "I've got a hair out of place there. I don't like that angle, I've got a bit of a double chin." [Laughter/voices overlapping - indistinguishable] ... I, um--

Spot: We need a romantic comedy--

GJB: Listen, Listen-- [Crowd stirs] Ok.

Spot: --with lotsa snoggin'

GJB: --trust me, ok I've got-- It's weird-- because, my agents, my representation, describe it as "Gerry Juice," [Gesturing to himself] this, this, this part of me. [Screams] I do *Phantom* and I go over there. And I, you know, do *Attila* and they haven't seen the [motions the length of his body] Gerry Juice, yet. And that's fine. That's fine. I'm happy with that because-- you know, to me-- you guys know it ... [indistinguishable] ... and that's-- I've had plenty of opportunities for scripts but I'm waiting for-- you know-- one that's truly worth it rather than just say "grab any old romantic comedy" [Crowd agrees] and I've got-- I think there's a couple of extremely exciting possibilities [Crowd's gleeful] Yeah, yeah-- and um, if not I'll just make a whole movie where I tell a

couple of jokes with another girl, kiss her, that'll be enough. And then one of us will die, because it has to end tragically, it'll probably be me because I always die.

[Crowd "aws"]

GJB: [to Tonya] Um, how, how am I doing for time? Because my friend's film premiere starts—

Tonya: You're ok. Five-- five minutes.

GJB: You were supposed to say, "No, you have to go now." [giggles] Bitch! [Laughing] [crowd laughing - overlapping- indistinguishable] ... [mimicking Tonya in high-pitched voice] "Oh no, Gerry, you have another three hours left... [crowd laughing - overlapping- indistinguishable]

Dr. Em: [voices overlapping] ... because we have another award.

GJB: Oh, shit! So I shouldn't even be talking. Ok. I want to tell you all what was— what was going on— because you're all here and, and, and, also to say— Look at— you all look so, so amazing. And I'm so touched and moved that you would come here— and I'll tell you something else. Like I said, we're like a team, here. We're like a team. [Crowd shouts in agreement] We're all together on one team—

FAN: We're all connected!

GJB: [Adamantly] I wanna say something else, ok. I love ALL the websites! Alright?!

[Crowd cheers!!]

GJB: [overlapping - indistinguishable]... he said this! That means he doesn't love GBUSA or GBGALS or GB dot net ... [applause overlapping - indistinguishable] ...any of you and you're all here and that's great! [Mock crying - indistinguishable] ... love each other. You're all in it for the same reason. You know-- and it's the same with God-- you know whether it's Muslim, Catholic ... [indistinguishable] ... we all fooking believe in God, don't we? [Crowd cheers and cackles - overlapping - indistinguishable] ... I'm just saying [Laughing at himself] It's just that— I just hear every now and again-- you know, bickering between different-- and I'm thinking, "Oh come on, come on." Yeah-- ya know-- Life is-- [sighs] It's such a waste-- you know, anyway-- I know. Because I bicker all the time and I think, what a waste of energy, what a waste of energy.

FAN: What's next on your schedule?

GJB: Ok. [to Fan] What's that?

FANS: What's next on your schedule?

GJB: Um chiropractors, deep tissue massage and neurologists [all laugh]

FAN: –and naming your puppy!

GJB: Um– Oh. My puppy is called “Lolita.” [Crowd cheers] indistinguishable]... I only got her three days ago and that little puppy has brought so much love outta me, I'm telling you. [Crowd “aws”] I'm crippled. I can't go anywhere. I'm like, [mock cry] “I can't leave her.” [Acts as if asking someone to dine] “Do you wanna go have dinner tonight?” No? Ok! Good! [crowd laughing - overlaps - indistinguishable]... An old man and a young girl. [Crowd laughs] ... there's a certain part of the [indistinguishable]... though. [Crowd laughs] But anyway-- [Notices cell phone on podium] Whose cell phone is this? I mean it- - Whose cell phone is this?

Dr. Em: It's Tonya's.

GJB: Oh, it's Tonya's? Ok. [to Tonya] You've got a text. Oh, it's from me. It says, “Bitch!” [Crowd squeals as he giggles at himself] [referring to Tonya] She's claiming worker's compensation for job stress– stressed out. [Laughs] So, anyway– um– I think that we're– um– that I'm to present another award. And, um-- I'd say next year, by the way, is gonna be a big year. [Crowd stirs] And I'm so excited. *Three Hundred* ... [Cheering overlaps - indistinguishable]... anything like this. I, I've never been involved-- Even the *Phantom*-- I have to say-- I've never sensed such a level of excitement from way high up about a film. And it feels to me like-- as the *Matrix*, you find how you can make a movie-- as did *Sin City*-- And, um, this one is gonna do the same thing. [indistinguishable] [Crowd yells] ... and since that day, I haven't worked out once! [Crowd laughs] I've already drank about three thousand full-fat Coca-colas. So, I do know that there's this dieting group you guys have-- [Laughs] I'm hardly an inspiration! [Laughing] I, I'm amazed at that, as well. Listen, um, I'm going to present this next award because, um, I'm gonna have to go. But, um, honestly, honestly– it– I get so worked up about this. I'm telling you– because I thought I was gonna have a pretty tough time coming up “Yes, welcome to this convention in my name!” [Crowd laughs] But, I, I– it feels very strange to do that. But I'm glad I came because ... [Crowd shouts of “thanks” - voices overlapping - indistinguishable] ... and I hope you guys really have had– I've seen the schedule-- It seems as if you've had an amazing weekend. [Crowd - voices overlapping - indistinguishable] ... you all look like friends now and you've had a chance for y'all to meet and, and have fun and, you know– It's, it's– it's beautiful–

AussieFan: Thank you for that, too, Gerry. [Crowd echoes sentiment]



GJB: No, no, no—

Dr. Batista: Gerry, Gerry, Gerry! Dayna is the lady that brought us all together!

GJB: Yes. Where is Dayna? [Tonya direct Gerry to Dayna. Dayna receives her well-deserved Gerry-hug, they exchange words, crowd cheers]

GJB: Huh? Wow. Um, um— weren't you the one to, to, to ask me to call— [Dayna nods] The girl I called-- the girl at Christmas—

Dr. Batista: [Over cheering crowd] Bethy! She's right here!

[Crowd cheers in delight as Queen Cleobethra takes her rightful place before her King. Gerry hugs Bethy. Gerry lowers the mic and exchanges private words with her. The crowd, realizing they are witnessing a woman's dream come true before their very eyes, hushes itself – respecting the very moment that emotional lightning struck and traveled through all in attendance. Tears of joy and *gratefulness* and compassion are shed by most witnesses to the unique exchange.]

GJB: [still addressing Bethy “privately”] You'll make it because you've got so many people here that love you.

GALS: Yes, we do! She's great!

Bethy: [turning from her recently broken Gerry-embrace, addresses the emotionally-charged crowd] Please, for God's sake, tell me somebody took a picture of that.

[Crowd still “recovering” from BethyMoment; Gerry's speaking privately with Tonya]

GJB: [returns to podium][using “Game Show Host” voice] Well, ladies and gentlemen, for our final award this evening-- [Crowd laughs] This is-- Oh, oh and those videos-- they're just--

Fan: [voices overlapping] Are they not the bomb? They're awesome, they're art.

GJB: They're amazing. [voices overlapping] They're incredible, they're incredible.

Fan: [voices overlapping] These girls are talented!!

GJB: And it's all my life-- it's all my career kinda packed into just a few minutes, and the music you chose-- I mean-- I tell you-- I've been in tears a couple of times watching these things a couple of times. [Crowd “aws” - overlapping - indistinguishable] [Mock emotional drama] ... I know why they put that bit in because-- I-- felt that-- you know-- [Resumes seriousness] That-- they're

really-- they're really amazing. So, to win this award-- because I have seen so many incredible videos and interpretations and the winner is: A-brock. [Crowd cheers!! - overlapping - indistinguishable] ...

GJB: [to Mel] Get up here, Melissa. [Mel clutches to Gerry as they sway back and forth in a hug] Oh, you smell great! [Crowd cackles and cheers - overlapping - indistinguishable] You can take me home as well. [Mel still clutching to swaying Gerry-hug] Superglue? Did someone get superglue? [still swaying in hug]

Mousie: She's my little sister!

GJB: [handing A-brock her award] Congratulations. [Mel and Gerry exchange words]

Mousie: She's my little sister!!

Mel: [pointing to Mousie in crowd] That's my sister.

GJB: Oh, yeah?

Mousie: Can we get a photo together?

GJB: Well, get up here and take a photo then.

[Mousie joins Abrock on stage]

GJB: I'm gonna put this down [place mic on podium]

[Mousie and Abrock make a Gerry "sammich" and smile for photos]

Mel: [to crowd] Somebody email this to me.

Sporran: [to Abrock] I'll make you a "video!" [Crowd and Gerry laugh] Now, that you've taught me how!

GJB: [to Mel - still posing for photos] Can you teach me? I'm clueless. I have no idea ... [indistinguishable]

Mel: [Pokes Gerry in the ribs] Yeah, well [indistinguishable]. [Pose breaks and Gerry continues to exchange words with Mel]

Dr. Em: Y'all he needs to go.

[Crowd protests and shouts "thanks!"] [Gerry continues to exchange words with Mel on stage]

Dr. Em: He doesn't have time for pictures, he's got a premiere. He's got to go and we don't want to be responsible for making him late. Okay?

[Shouts of love and thanks to Gerry]

GJB: I've got to go, yeah. [he picks up mic] Um, proba— Um, I hope the rest of your time in here is as fantastic and, is-- it's actually-- it's [indistinguishable] my heart, so it's actually been quite [indistinguishable]. So, it's been a beautiful experience and, you know— No, it's be a pleasure guys. I've had a great time. Thank you, again. And, uh, have a great night. [Crowd shouts cheers of thanks and love - overlapping - indistinguishable] ... thank you. Bye-bye. [Gerry applauds the crowd]

FAN: Next year, you gotta stay longer!!! [Gerry nods in acknowledgment and exits stage]

[He shakes several hands – graciously gives some quick hugs and POOF he was gone]

Bethy: Lord, Jesus, I need a drink!