

BIG LITTLE LIES

Season 1, Episode 3

Renata & Gordon

INT. GORDON KLEIN'S OFFICE - DAY

RENATA

I think Amabella should go to therapy.

GORDON

Therapy?

RENATA

(sighs)

It couldn't hurt.

GORDON

She's six.

RENATA

Yeah, but she's gifted, which makes her intuitively advanced and emotionally more vulnerable.

GORDON

Honey...

RENATA

Please don't "honey" me. I know she enjoyed her party, but you have to admit, her excitement seemed tempered. And that's because Chloe and a couple of other favorite friends weren't there.

GORDON

Yeah, but to seek medical help?

RENATA

Medical? It's not medical. Gordon, don't be so old-fashioned. Come on! I just -- we've talked about this. Amabella internalizes. And a social slight could cause more psychological harm than a choking.

GORDON

I come back to: she's six!

RENATA

Well, trust me, those wounds can last forever. And she doesn't need to know she's seeing a child psychologist. Some of the best ones now dress up as clowns. We could sell it as another birthday surprise.

Gordon chuckles.

RENATA (CONT'D)

You're laughing at me? Gordon, please. I spend all day long never letting my guard down. Just let me be a scared mom. It's our daughter.

GORDON

Look, one of the things that makes you so successful is that you're able to see every hiccup. You know, it's one of your many gifts. One of the pitfalls is that you tend to way overthink everything. Amabella had a great time at the party. How could she not? That thing blew Disney on Ice away.

RENATA

Have I become tragically un-fun?

GORDON

Oh, honey, no. Come on, no. Of course not.

RENATA

Oh my God, I have. I'm now one of those people I swore I would never turn myself into. Some corporate, controlling, anxious --

GORDON

-- No, don't. Don't. Stop it!

RENATA

On our third date we went skydiving. Do you remember that?

GORDON

Indeed I do.

RENATA

Well I think that was the last time I let myself just free fall. When did we become past our spontaneous prime?

GORDON

You want spontaneous? Let's make love on that desk right now. No, you know what? I take that back. Let's fuck on that desk right now.

RENATA
Don't make fun of me.

GORDON
I am not making fun of you. I am
looking at my wife, and I want to
fuck her right here and right now.

RENATA
Don't be ridiculous.

GORDON
Why not? Ridiculous is totally
commensurate with spontaneous. Take
off your clothes.

RENATA
Gordon!

GORDON
Do I have to rip them off?

RENATA
People will see!

GORDON
No one will see.

RENATA
Well, they'll hear. You know how I
get.

GORDON
Fine. No desk. Bathroom.