

**Marianne** He said I might have trouble selecting words. Selecting the right words. He said I should expect seizures.

**Roland** Jesus Christ.

**Marianne** It's palliative. Whatever they do. It's not – They can't.

**Roland** Okay.

**Marianne** They said this is it.

**Roland** Okay.

**Marianne** This is it, they said.

**Roland** Okay. Okay.

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**Marianne** Why don't you sit down?

**Roland** I need to sit down, do I?

**Marianne** Maybe. I mean. No, standing is fine.

**Roland** I would have come with you if you'd told me, you know.

**Marianne** I know.

**Roland** I would've cancelled –

**Marianne** I know. I wanted to go alone.

**Roland** I'm a bit angry actually, Mary.

**Marianne** Angry?

**Roland** I'm saying so that you know.

**Marianne** You're angry?

**Roland** I'm saying so that you know because I don't want to have an argument.

**Marianne** Glad to fucking hear it.

**Roland** All right.

**Marianne** I'm sorry you missed out on the sheer joy that was collecting the results of my biopsy, Roland.

**Roland** All right.

**Marianne** But, forgive me, I didn't feel like inviting along a fucking entourage of onlookers.

**Roland** All right! Christ. I'm telling you so I can get it off my chest because I want to be as honest with you as I possibly can. Because I don't know what you're about to say but it's clearly bad news and I want to be able to listen and not be thinking I wonder what she did with herself once she heard?

**Marianne** The reason –

**Roland** I wonder why she didn't call me straight away?

**Marianne** I knew that you were –

**Roland** Because I would have dropped absolutely anything and everything and I wonder if she knows that?

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**Marianne** So I got my biopsy results.

**Roland** Today?

**Marianne** They called me and asked me to come in.

**Roland** Who did you see?

**Marianne** Dr Thorne.

**Roland** What did he say?

**Marianne** He said it's benign.

**Roland** What?