

CHARACTERS:

Jerry, Mac, Reg and Edith can be any age from 20-80.

An art gallery. MAC and JERRY stand on an empty stage, staring at an unseen painting.

JERRY

We should have gone fishing.

MAC

We are fishing.

JERRY

That's not what I meant. I could have had three or four flounder by now.

MAC

You and your flounder.

JERRY

I like flounder.

They move down to the next unseen painting.

MAC

Now this is interesting. I think I like this.

JERRY

I don't get it.

MAC

It's not about getting it. It's how it makes you feel. This makes me feel peaceful. Like, there's sadness in the world, but all and all? Things are going to be all right.

JERRY

It's just some lines. And blotches.

MAC
Open your mind.

JERRY
(*Reaching out.*) Is that yarn?

MAC
Don't touch it. You're a heathen. I'm not judging - but Jesus.

JERRY
It's yarn.

MAC
Don't touch it.

JERRY
It's called "Moonlight Laughter."

MAC
I can see that.

JERRY
Seriously?

MAC
Yeah.

JERRY
They want thirty thousand dollars for it.

MAC
Sure.

Thirty thousand. JERRY

Someone will pay it. MAC

It's got a sticker. Sold. JERRY

See? MAC

For a little paint. And some yarn. JERRY

Look at the byplay of color. MAC

Byplay? JERRY

It's evocative. MAC

Who are you? JERRY

You have to let your senses take over. MAC

He just glued some yarn on there. JERRY

MAC

That's perfect. The texture. When was the last time you ever felt yarn? Just loose yarn, running through your fingers. The feeling... (*Jerry reaches out.*) Don't -

JERRY

You said -

MAC

Touch it with your mind. Not your fingers.

Coming up are well-dressed REG and EDITH. They look at the art.

EDITH

I love this.

REG

I'm not sure.

EDITH

No, look. The colors.

REG

I like the yarn. It's got... texture.

MAC

Yes! See? I was telling him.

EDITH

It's very tactile.

MAC

Yes.

EDITH

It calls to me.

MAC

Yes!

JERRY

But would you pay thirty thousand dollars?

EDITH

Is that all it is? Oh Reg, could we? It would look wonderful over the fireplace.

REG

I'm sorry, darling, but it has been sold. The sticker.

JERRY

You would have paid thirty thousand dollars for this?

REG

I think so.

EDITH

It's a small price to pay for beauty.

JERRY

Not because it's an investment...

EDITH

No.

JERRY

Because you just want it hanging in your house.