

P R E S S I N G E N G A G E M E N T

A cautionary tale about the danger of not going to the toilet before leaving home.

Outline

Running late for an interview, Nathan Springburn abandons the early morning wait for his own loo and is driven through the rain to Aquafit Health studios, where he is pitching for a job in promotion.

Full of coffee and his sophisticated self image, he cannot ask Mrs Wells or her female associates if he may use the toilet and therefore finds the tour of Aquafit's watery amenities increasingly excruciating.

Yet he gets the job and escapes to a Gents - where an intrigued and impatient queue forms, while Nathan's zip sticks.

Desperate for privacy, he runs to the canal and the apparent shelter of a ship moored at a pontoon. As he urinates, he realises that someone is watching - Mrs Wells. Now the ship moves. Still peeing, struggling to keep hidden, he falls off the pontoon - and very probably drowns.

Georgina Lock, 1991.