

50 Speeches From The
Contemporary Theatre

Female Comic

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Ashbe - 16 (Southern) A young girl is not impressed by her competition.

ASHBE. G.G. that's just her working name. Her real name is Myrtle Reims, she's Kay Reims older sister. Kay is in my grade at school ... I never liked her either ... Let's see ... she's, ah, well, Myrtle had acne and there are a few scars left. It's not bad. I think they sort of give her character. Her hair's red only I don't think it's really red. It sort of fizzles out all over her head. She's got a pretty good figure—big top—but the rest of her is kind of skinny ... Well, she was a senior when I was a freshman; so I never really knew her. I remember she used to paint her finger nails lots of different colors—pink, orange, purple. I don't know, but she kind of scares me. About the only time I ever saw her true personality was around a year ago. I was over at Kay's making a health poster for school. Anyway, Myrtle comes busting in screaming about how she can't find her spangled bra anywhere. Kay and I just sat on the floor cutting pictures of food out of magazines while she was storming about slamming drawers and swearing. Finally, she found it. It was pretty garish—red with black and gold sequined G.'s on each cup. That's how I remember the name—G.G.

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