## IT'S ABOUT TIME

## Toni Scorsese

We knew each other. I stayed back on direct orders. How pathetic. The things I'd change are many.

I did study her – from a distance (the orders were very clear). Full of piss and vinegar. Funny as hell. The brightest smile in her eyes, satire, performance.

I could have learned from her. Fearless. Bountiful in her compassion. Steeped in joy.

I didn't welcome her glee then. Foolhardy.

But I got a second chance at inviting this brave soul into my sphere. I will not squander the privilege to learn from her; laugh with her now. Finally: I'm honored to call her, *Friend*.

It's about time the universe put right at least one wrong.

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