

Big Fish

Audition Cuttings

Edward

Yes, good evenin'! My name is Edward Bloom. On behalf of me and my wife Sandra -- she's the gorgeous one right there -- it is a pleasure to welcome y'all to this beautiful wedding here in Alabama! Will thinks I talk too much -- but I would have loved to have a talkative father. My own Daddy, he was a farmer. Lucky to get four words outta him. But one day -- one day I heard him out in the field, just blathering at length. Said he couldn't get a word in between me and my mother, but the corn -- the corn was all ears. On the topic of fatherhood, I have an announcement. After careful consideration, I have decided to become a grandfather. Now, I'm sworn to secrecy, but I'm told my ambition may be fulfilled sooner than I dared hope. C'mon, Will. It's good news! Nothing can go wrong!

Will

Why did you do that? It's too early. A thousand things could go wrong. I'm realist, Dad. And yes, its good news. Josephine's pregnant and it's very good news. But its our news. Why do you have to make everything about you? You always get carried away, and I'm sick of it! And you ask, what son doesn't let his father give a toast at his wedding? The son whose father does this! I grew up, but you didn't. You weren't there. You were never there. Dad, you weren't building a business. You were running away- from me, from reality. All I got from you was a bunch of crazy stories about how awesome you are and I'm sorry Dad, that's not the man I see.

Karl the Giant

Get out of my cave. I don't want to talk. I just want to be alone. You don't know me. Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance. And I know there's nothing out there for me. I never leave this cave. I'm...agoraphobic. The world is huge. One hundred and ninety seven square miles. I'm good with numbers- at least the big ones. But, there's nothing out there for me. I don't fit in. I've never even been in a car. I can't fit in a house. I'll never find a girl.

Sandra

I wanted to tell you right away, but your father didn't want anyone to know he was sick. How dare anyone think Edward Bloom is mortal. The treatment was a long shot. But your father was convinced it would work. The doctor says comforting things. But we all know where this is headed. I'm just glad you finally know, Will. Family shouldn't have secrets. No, don't worry. We have plenty of money, paid off the mortgage years ago. The day we sent in the last check, we had champagne. Your father opened it with a sword. There was glass in the carpet for weeks. I am not worried about the house. I'm not worried about me- I'm worried about you. You say, "oh, I'm fine." You sound like your father. You are the two most stubborn men on earth, and it is my curse that I love you both.

Jenny

You're Will? Eddie's son? You look so much like him. Your father was the one who saved our whole town- probably the biggest thing he's ever done. But the story doesn't end there. A girl only gets one true love and for me that was Edward Bloom. But he loved his wife. He never came back here and I'm guessing he never said a word about saving Ashton. The greatest thing he ever did, and not a story to go with it. He could never risk you coming here, finding out. You don't understand your father at all, do you? Honey, you're the key to all of this- the way Eddie smiled when he talked about you- well, you were just a boy, but you were smart. He was so proud of you. You knew that, didn't you? He wanted you to be proud of him too.

The Witch

(to Price) I can tell you the future with uncanny accuracy. Your loves, your lives, your deaths. Dollar apiece. (*gazing into crystal ball*) Oh. yes. The future is quite clear. You lead an unexceptional life, filled with minor triumphs and major disappointments. (beat) And then you die. That's all the spirits see for you. What? Why, you want to know how rich you'll be. Why, a dollar poorer than when you started. (to Edward) And you, Edward, don't you want your fortune? Why of course, everyone dies Edward Bloom but your death is glorious. Yours in no ordinary life.