

SIDE 4

AMOS

(introducing himself)

Amos Calloway. What's your name, Giant? You got a name? Doesn't matter. More exotic if you don't.

KARL

It's Karl.

AMOS

That works. Say, Karl, have you ever considered a career in the world of entertainment? More importantly, have you ever heard of this term--wait, what is it?--um--"unconscionable contract?"

KARL

It's an agreement in which one party grossly misrepresents facts in order to take advantage of the other party's perceived ignorance.

AMOS

Well. That's a thorough definition.

KARL

I want thirty percent off the top and all the food I can eat.

AMOS

Ten percent.

KARL

Twenty--and I won't do nudity.

AMOS

No one's asking!

KARL

Done.

(EDWARD returns, defeated)

KARL

Edward. What's wrong?

EDWARD

Karl, I just saw the woman I'm going to marry. I know it. But then I lost her.

AMOS

Heartbreaking! Most men gotta get married before they lose their wives. But good news! I'm gonna make your friend here a star.

EDWARD

That's great. 'Least one of us should be happy.

AMOS

Jesus, kid. This girl--real pretty? Blue dress? Red hair?

EDWARD

(grabs AMOS)

Who is she? Where does she live?

(AMOS snarls, then catches himself)

AMOS

Kid--don't waste your time. I know her daddy. She's out of your league.

EDWARD

What do you mean? You don't even know me.

AMOS

Lemme guess--you were the Hero of Hickville, a big fish in a small pond. This here is the ocean, and you're drowning. Take my advice and go back to Puddleville. You'll be happy there.

EDWARD

Look, I may not have much, but I have more determination than any man you're ever going to meet. I'm gonna find that woman and marry her and spend the rest of my life with her.

AMOS

Go write your Harlequin Romance somewhere else. I got a circus to run.