

M/M

EDWARD + GIANT
(KARL)

SCENE 10

FANTASTICAL FOREST

(A title card: --"THE GIANT.")

(Reaching the entrance to a cave --)

EDWARD

Hello? Hello!

(bats fly out!)

My name is Edward Bloom, and I want to talk to you!

(A deep rumbling voice, seeming to
come from all around)

THE GIANT

Go away!

EDWARD

I will not! Not until you show yourself. Come on out here, and
face me like a man!

THE GIANT

I said GO AWAY!

EDWARD

Fine! I'm coming in.

(EDWARD enters)

SCENE 11

THE CAVE

(Wet and dripping. Empty but for a pile of rubble center stage. EDWARD looks for shapes in the darkness.)

EDWARD

Just like I thought. Only kinda giant you are is a giant coward.

(The cave shudders. EDWARD thinks it's an earthquake. KARL THE GIANT enters from behind the rubble. EDWARD looks up to see KARL towering over him.)

KARL

I will smash your bones and eat you for dinner!

EDWARD

You'll still be hungry. I'm more of an appetizer size.
(offering hand)
Edward Bloom...

KARL

(knocks hand away)
Get out of my cave!

EDWARD

No. I came up here to talk to you.

KARL

I don't want to talk! I just want to be alone.

(KARL moves downstage)

EDWARD

Bullcrap. You are alone, so you're only pretendin' it's what you want. Under those dead animals and death threats, I see a guy who might need a friend.

KARL

You don't know me.

EDWARD

Sure I do! See, up 'til now I've been the biggest thing in Ashton. But you showin' up is a reminder: there's something bigger out there.

KARL

So go.

EDWARD

Come with me.

(off KARL's reaction)

Look, this town is too small for you, and it's too small for a man of my ambition.

(smelling KARL)

When was the last time you left this cave?

KARL

I'm agoraphobic.

EDWARD

I don't know what that means, but you gotta get outside.

KARL

(a laugh)

You're not very bright.

EDWARD

Well, how smart are you?

KARL

Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance.

EDWARD

Whoa! That's deep. Wow.

KARL

There's nothing for me out there. I don't fit in! I've never even been in a car.

EDWARD

You got those big legs! So walk.

KARL

I can't fit in a house.

EDWARD

We'll sleep under the sky!

KARL

(sheepish)
I'll never find a girl.

EDWARD

Giant -- this is the South! We like our women big and beautiful.

KARL

But I-

#8 OUT THERE ON THE ROAD

EDWARD

YOU CAN PINE YOUR LIFE AWAY
WISHIN' THINGS WERE BETTER
WAITIN' HERE FOR JUDGEMENT DAY
WHILE KNITTIN' YOU A SWEATER
BUT I BELIEVE THAT KIND OF LIFE
WON'T SET YOUR SPIRIT FREE
SO MY FRIEND, ONE SMALL SUGGESTION
WHERE YOU OUGHTTA BE...

WE CAN TAKE A JOURNEY
THROUGH THIS COUNTRY'S FLESH AND BLOOD
ON A RIDE PAST COUNTRYSIDE
AND MISSISSIPPI MUD
HIT THE STREET WITH TWO BIG FEET
TO BEAR YOUR HEAVY LOAD
AND LIVE LIFE OUT THERE ON THE ROAD

ANYONE WE WANNA BE
AND ANYTHING WE SAY
COME TOMORROW WE'LL BE FREE
OF WHO WE ARE TODAY
ACTION AND ADVENTURE
WHEN WE CHANGE OUR FIXED ABODE
GO LIVE LIFE OUT THERE ON THE ROAD

*(EDWARD gets THE GIANT to dance a few steps
back, closer to the entrance of the cave.)*

EDWARD (CON'T)

WOULDN'T YOU RATHER BE
LIKE ROYALTY
RESPECTED LIKE A KING
WHERE IT'S ALL CIVILIZED
YOU'LL BE SURPRISED