

# "HIS WIVES & DAUGHTERS"

TAMMY - SCENE #1

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EXT. CEMETERY/EDDIE'S FUNERAL - DAY

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Tammy, the bereaved widow, walks to the PODIUM.

TAMMY

Thank you for coming today. As I look around at all you wonderful people, I see what an impact Eddie had. All of you who knew him well know he had an unquenchable appetite for life, and whiskey and bacon. He had a huge heart. Some would even say enlarged. And though that heart was overworked and full of plaque due to cholesterol, I know it was also full of joy for knowing you.

PAN the guests, wiping tears.

TAMMY (CONT'D)

I'll miss his crooked smile... his crooked toes... those three crooked teeth on the bottom row...

LORNA

I sense a theme building.

As Tammy continues her eulogy, we PULL BACK to find an AFRICAN-AMERICAN MAN IN AN OVERCOAT, standing a short distance away, but keeping a close eye on the ceremony.

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TAMMY - SCENE #2

INT. BANKS OF EDEN/LIVING ROOM - DAY

Tammy stands in front of a portrait of Eddie, gazing up. She turns to see DAVE standing behind her and shrieks, startled.

DAVE

Oh God! Sorry! It's me, Dave!

TAMMY

My goodness gracious, you scared the daylights outta me.

DAVE

I thought you heard me come in.

TAMMY

It's not that -- it's... that!

She gestures from Dave to the portrait, amazed.

TAMMY (CONT'D)

It's like seein' a ghost. You sure your momma never met Eddie?

DAVE

Haha. Not that I know of. Folks were always joking about that. I didn't look nothin' like my daddy. He used to bring that up sometimes. Usually after about his fifth beer.

(he shakes off the memory)

Anyway! Here I am, starring in my own show in Branson, playing the legendary Eddie Ray Banks! So I guess it all worked out in the end.

(beat, realizing-)

Um -- except for Eddie, obviously. I'm so sorry for your loss.

TAMMY

Thank you. So, you said you had something important to ask me?

He gestures to the couch, and they both sit.

DAVE

Well, see, that's kinda the thing. I feel like I've got the look down, but no handle on what's underneath the skin, you know? The real Eddie.

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DAVE (CONT'D)

I consider myself a method actor,  
and I want to get to know all of  
Eddie's wives and daughters.  
Intimately.

TAMMY

Oh, well, there was so much more to  
the man than the public knew. He  
really was a deep, complex  
individual.

DAVE

For instance...

She thinks hard for a long beat.

TAMMY

For instance, did you know he loved  
turtles?

DAVE

I- No. I don't think I knew that.

(beat)

I guess I could get a turtle.

TAMMY

I'm going to warn you though, they  
don't smell very good.

(then)

I mean, there's more, but I'm  
blinking at the moment.

DAVE

(blurts)

What about sex?

TAMMY

You know I wondered that too. Like  
how do they get on top of each  
other with their shells and those  
tiny little flippers.

DAVE

I meant with Eddie...

(off her confused look)

You and Eddie.

TAMMY

(flustered)

Oh, of course! I mean who knows  
anything about turtle sex anyway.  
One of the mysteries of the world.

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TAMMY (CONT'D)

But I'm sure they've got scientists looking into it. Or what's the guy called who studies animals?

DAVE

A Zoologist?

TAMMY

No. They made a movie about him.

DAVE

Dr. Dolittle..?

TAMMY

That's the one. I bet he'd know. The real one, not Eddie Murphy.

DAVE

Tammy, if you don't feel comfortable...

TAMMY

No, no. Where do I start- Do you want a drink? Let's have a drink.

(calling off)

Mags, could we get some drinks.

MAGS (O.S.)

Get your own damn drinks.

TAMMY

Thanks, hon!

(then)

Okay, Eddie. Eddie Eddie Eddie. He was a very sensual person. He used to do this thing to me...

DAVE

Mind showing me?

Tammy chuckles, blushes. Considers it for a beat.

TAMMY

Pretend you're Eddie.

DAVE

Already there.

TAMMY

When he'd hold me, he did this thing with finger. Here...

She slides next to him, hugs him around the waist.

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TAMMY (CONT'D)

Get your arms around me. That's it.  
So, he'd take his finger and kind  
of tickle the back of my ear.

Dave awkwardly tries it.

TAMMY (CONT'D)

No, no, he wouldn't flick it. Just  
sort of stroke... No- now you're  
just kind of sticking your finger  
in my earhole.

DAVE

I guess I'm a little nervous...

TAMMY

Like this.

She reaches up and tickles his ear. Dave melts.

DAVE

Oh, God yes. I see what you mean.  
That really is...wow.

TAMMY

See? Then we'd just get lost in  
each other's eyes.

They really do get lost in each other for a beat. He leans in  
to kiss her.

CAROLYN

And what's going on here?

They quickly separate. Tammy is a little breathless. Dave  
tries to play it cool.

TAMMY

Just doing acting stuff!

DAVE

Research is all. In fact I'm glad  
you're here, because I wanted to  
pick your brain at some point.

Carolyn shoots him a flirtatious smile.

CAROLYN

Happy to help.

Off Tammy annoyed and a little jealous.

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