

LAWRENCE

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I'm sorry, Freddy, I seem to have gotten under your skin.

FREDDY

Yeah, well, y'know –

LAWRENCE

And that's why you'll never make it in this game.

FREDDY

Listen –

LAWRENCE

No, you listen! This is an arm's length business, my friend. As the man said 'We are the stuff that dreams are made on.' Their dreams, not ours. What they want, not you. If you can have the patience and stay detached, which I highly doubt, you'll get your castle in time. But make sure you build your walls high, because as soon as you let someone else in, the game is over.

FREDDY

Yeah? Well, as the Coasters said, 'Yakety-yak.'

LAWRENCE

I'm wasting my breath.

FREDDY

You know what? I think you're scared.

LAWRENCE

Of what?

FREDDY

Me. Face it, Pops, I'm younger than you, I'm charmer than you –

LAWRENCE

'Charminger?'

FREDDY

And I'm better looking than you.

LAWRENCE

All right, now you've gone too far.

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FREDDY

If I was working this place, you'd be finished.

LAWRENCE

My boy, you wouldn't last two minutes.

FREDDY

Wanna bet?

LAWRENCE

Are you challenging me?

FREDDY

Why not?

LAWRENCE

Very well, Freddy, suppose we do this. We select a woman, set a price, and the first man who extracts the proper amount wins.

FREDDY

How much?

LAWRENCE

I'll make it easy for you. Say, fifty thousand dollars.

FREDDY

Fifty thousand dolla - Yeah, sure. I could use a little pocket money.

LAWRENCE

If you lose, you leave town graciously.

FREDDY

And if I win?

LAWRENCE

Then I abdicate.

FREDDY

Great! (beat) Um-?

LAWRENCE

Step down.