

# ***Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return***

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*(In the last episode, Eddie and Shelli lost their swimsuits during a love-making session in the ocean. The key to their honeymoon suite was in Eddie's pocket. With only an abandoned beach towel to cover their nakedness, they entered the lobby to get another key. In the crowded lobby, a man claiming to own the towel snatched it from them, leaving Eddie and Shelli without so much as a fig leaf to cover themselves. They made a mad dash for the stairway....)*

Shelli and Eddie were making a flying dash around the corner of the hallway to get into their rooms. As they rounded the corner, to everyone's total surprise, they ran right into the couple they were going to have dinner with that evening! It was a friend named "Chicago Jack," and his lady Anolga. They all just stood there for a second or two, with shocked looks on their faces. Then Jack kind of broke out into a smile and said: "I know I told you that things were pretty loose here in Florida, but I do think you guys should put on at least a little something in the way of clothes before we go out on the town!"

Then Eddie laughed and said: "If you'll let us get through, we'll go inside. I'll holler when the coast is clear!" They got the key in the door and were finally inside. They looked at each other then and, all of a sudden, broke out in hilarious laughter! They were still laughing while they threw on some clothes. Then Eddie hollered out: "O.K., come on in." He prepared drinks for all. It took a while to explain what had transpired, and when they finished, everyone was laughing so hard, they had to hold their stomachs!

After they had gotten ready, they left for the restaurant that Jack had picked out. It was a beautiful drive into Daytona Beach. The moon they had seen rise while they were still in the water was much higher in the sky now, but it still loomed large and bright. It didn't take long to get where they were going. It was called the "Surfs Up Bistro." Eddie and Shelli were famished now and couldn't wait to get started.

After they had ordered and were sipping their cocktails, Jack began to explain what he knew and had heard about the incident with Long Beach Lil at the wedding ceremony and all. It seemed that after a long talk with her ex-husband Tony, she recanted and broke down and told the truth. She asked Jack and Anolga (if they happened to see them) to tell

them that she wasn't pregnant, and she felt awful for putting on that display during the wedding ceremony. Jack said his guess was that somehow she knew they would spend their honeymoon in Florida. Eddie confirmed Jack's notion then, but didn't go into the details as to how he knew.

The food arrived. Eddie had selected the prawns with a lobster tail. He and Shelli split a Caesar salad because Jack had said they were so large. Eddie's french fried shrimp were huge. They were butter fried and had a thin batter/crumb on the outside. The lobster tail was about medium and had been taken out, then replaced in the shell. There was every kind of sauce and butter imaginable served also. After Eddie took his first lemon-dipped crunchy bite of the shrimp and tasted his butter-washed lobster tail, he knew he was in exactly the right place. The food tasted "just like an angel kissing his tongue."

Now Jack was a retired cop from the Chicago P.D. They spent their fall and winter months in Daytona Beach, and the spring and summer in Chicago. He began to fill Eddie and Shelli in on some of the bright spots that might interest them while on honeymoon. The biggest event would be the "Daytona 500," of course, but there were a whole bunch of other things as well. While he was explaining, Eddie's mind began to wander a bit. A rather weird thought was forming in his mind (and his "frame of reference").

Suddenly he broke into the conversation. With a kind of foolish smile on his face, he said: "Sorry for interrupting, but a thought just crossed my mind, guys. Don't ask me how I know, but I can tell you that Lil knows for sure where we're at. Now, you don't suppose that she in anyway might have something up her sleeve -- do you?"

Eddie took a very careful look into each one of their eyes -- then waited for a reply. All he got was a deafening.....silence.

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*(If Lil does show up, what will she do to disrupt the honeymoon? Don't miss the next episode to find out.)*

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