

Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

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(Editor's Note: In last month's episode, Eddie had beaten Lil in the finals to claim the championship in Reno, and as he and Shelli were happily planning their wedding, some dark clouds appeared on the horizon.)

The clouds had indeed turned black and threatening on the big day of Shelli and Eddie's wedding. As far as Shelli was concerned though, the sun was shining and everything was going to be perfect for her and Eddie on this day. After all, what she had hoped and prayed for so long was going to happen in a couple of hours!

They had even went so far that they slept in separate rooms the night before. They also had planned not to see each other until the wedding when Shelli walked down the aisle. This wasn't going to be a huge wedding, but it would be formal, and several of their friends were invited. Lil was supposed to meet Shelli that morning and help her with her gown and all, but for some reason she didn't show up and no one could locate her. Shelli's parents had even flown in so she had help from her Mom and her Dad was going to give her away.

The excitement level was starting to peak now for both the bride and groom. It was planned for Eddie and his best man and the rest of the entourage on his side to arrive at the large wedding chapel first. Shelli, her mother, and the bridesmaids and all would come in the limo (which would be whisking them off to their secret honeymoon rendezvous after the ceremony).

They were in separate rooms now in the chapel. Shelli's mom and her friends (minus Lil) were busy making the last-minute adjustments to her gown, and giving the inevitable last tidbits of advice, along with a lot of giggling and tittering, of course.

The atmosphere was slightly different in Eddie's room. There was a bit of joking going on (mainly about the Bachelor Party the night before). But the best man had the task of keeping Eddie away from the Wild Turkey bottle he had brought along -- "just to keep the boys in good spirits for the ceremony!"

They came to call for Eddie none too soon. He was "mellow" but still in pretty good shape. They made sure they had the ring and that everything else was in order. All they had to do now was to wait for Shelli to make her appearance with her dad. Eddie made a visual sweep around the room to see if Lil was there, but she was a "no-show." The only thing he could figure out was that she must have

really gotten angry over losing the title to him. He quickly resigned himself to put that out of his mind, and focus on the wonderful event which was about to take place.

Finally, the organ began playing "Here Comes the Bride." Eddie had not seen Shelli in her wedding gown and he was stunned by her beauty. She was exquisite in every way! Although he knew the deep importance of the vows they were taking, it was hard for him to concentrate completely on the ceremony, because he just wanted it to be over so he could be alone with this beautiful creature who stood before him.

As a result, he wasn't paying a great deal of attention when the minister spoke the words: "...if anyone can show just cause why this couple should not be united in marriage, let them speak now or forever hold their peace." Neither did he or Shelli see the appearance of a person who was suddenly standing in the dimly-lit rear of the chapel. They didn't realize that something was about to happen -- until they heard a voice from the rear that said: "I have just cause why they shouldn't be married, Pastor."

Everyone in the room was taken back by this almost unheard of announcement! When the person took a few steps closer in, they were even more amazed when a face was put to that voice. It was the face of Long Beach Lil!

The pastor hesitated for a moment (this had never happened to him in a ceremony before), then asked: "Can you state your cause, young lady?" Lil replied: "I sure can, sir. It's all pretty simple, you see. That bridegroom up there has a legal obligation to me. I happen to be carrying a baby, and the man up there positively is its fa....."

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Talk about a bombshell! Is this just an act of revenge by Lil or could Eddie possibly be Daddy to not one -- but two -- babies?! Don't miss the next episode to find out.

Again, we encourage readers to let Balboa Ron know that you enjoy his monthly contributions. He's not been in the best of health and your notes would cheer him up a lot:

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