

SIDE #5 - SANDRA, WILL

SANDRA

(to offstage WILL)

I wanted to tell you right away, but your father didn't want anyone to know he was sick. How dare anyone think Edward Bloom is mortal.

(WILL enters with the lawn chairs...he and SANDRA set them up, wiping off the dust)

SANDRA

The treatment was a longshot. But your father was convinced it would work.

WILL

What does Dr. Bennett say?

SANDRA

He says comforting things. But we all know where this is headed.

WILL

I'm so sorry, Mom. I want to do something. How can I help?

SANDRA

I'm just glad you know. Family shouldn't have secrets.

WILL

Mom, have you talked to Dad about money?

SANDRA

We have plenty of money.

WILL

Is the house paid off?

SANDRA

Years ago. The day we sent in the last check, we had champagne. Your father opened it with a sword.

(demonstrates)

There was glass in the carpet for weeks.

WILL

Mom, you won't mind if I look for the mortgage? The insurance...

(off her reaction)

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I'm worried about you, about what's going to happen. We have to keep a roof over your head.

SANDRA

I'm not worried about the house. I'm not worried about me - I'm worried about you.

WILL

I'm fine, Mom. I'll be fine; you don't..

SANDRA

Oh, "I'm fine." You sound like your father.