

1 A moment with Edna and Roger

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3 ANNCR American Radio Theater presents "A moment with Edna
4 and Roger." No, they're not half-way up in the next
5 block, although they could be.

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7 SFX NEWSPAPER RUSTLING

8 ROGER Edna, this paper is nothing but ads.

9 EDNA That's the Thanksgiving Day issue. Hey, that's who
10 pays for getting the paper printed these days.

11 ROGER I can't find any news or even sports. Nothing but
12 shopping, shopping, shopping.

13 EDNA Well, shopping could be a sport.

14 ROGER Yeah, the dash for the best bargain. Winner goes
15 into debt with the fastest time.

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17 EDNA My Christmas list gets longer and longer every year.

18 ROGER If there was a medal for shopping, you're get the
19 gold.

20 EDNA And you'd get the medal for not-shopping. It's just
21 amazing why guys always leave all the shopping to
22 their wives. Never a thought on their own.

23 ROGER All this fuss about Black Friday. Stores opening at
24 3 AM or 4 AM.

25 EDNA Why do you suppose it's called that?

26 ROGER Well, not because everyone's bank account goes into
27 mourning, that's for sure.

28 EDNA Oh, that'd be funny. Black crepe bordering all the
29 savings accounts, black paper rosettes at the banks'
30 ATM machines.

31 ROGER Edna, it's because it's the first day that the
32 merchants finally achieve a profit for the year.

1 EDNA So they immediately put everything on sale? Seems
2 kind of odd to me.

3 ROGER They entice people in the store with loss leaders.

4 EDNA How can leaders who are lost be of any help?
5 Honestly, Roger, the things you bring up.

6 ROGER Edna! I mean that some things are sold at a loss.
7 That they cost more for the store to buy than they
8 get back when they sell it.

9 EDNA How can anyone make a profit doing that?

10 ROGER It has to do with volume of sales. If they get
11 people in to buy one thing, they'll buy others at
12 the same time.

13 EDNA That's not bait and switch is it?

14 ROGER No, that's when they advertise something but then
15 you can't find it at the store.

16 EDNA Well, I only go after things that are on my list.

17 ROGER Really? What about that porcelain elephant in the
18 hallway?

19 EDNA Roger, that's different.

20 ROGER Was it on your list that day?

21 EDNA The book club was reading Kim—

22 ROGER Kim? Wasn't that about a girl who eloped with...

23 EDNA No, Roger. It's the one written by Rudyard Kipling..

24 ROGER Kipling? Never heard of him.

25 EDNA You've heard of him. You've heard of The Jungle Book
26 haven't you?

27 ROGER Wasn't that a movie by Walt Disney? It had Eddie
28 Murphy in it?

29 EDNA No, not Shrek—or maybe you're thinking of Mulan.
30 This one had somebody Harris in it.

31 ROGER Oh, yeah! That "Bear necessity" guy. Stacy Harris.

1 EDNA No. It was Phil Harris. I bet you can't even
2 remember him.

3 ROGER Wasn't he the Tiger? He was just great.

4 EDNA Can I give you a clue? Bear necessities?

5 ROGER Sure he wasn't the Tiger?

6 EDNA George Sanders was the Tiger. The movie was from
7 1967.

8 ROGER Why did you bring that up?

9 EDNA Look, the author of The Jungle Book is the same one
10 who wrote Kim. His name was Rudyard Kipling.

11 ROGER I don't remember seeing that name on the credits as
12 the screenwriter.

13 EDNA Kipling wrote both BOOKS.

14 ROGER I thought we were talking about movies.

15 EDNA Kim was made into a movie—twice.

16 ROGER They shot two movies at once? Like Lord of the Rings?

17 EDNA Kim was written in 1905. They weren't making movies then.

18 ROGER Kim Bassinger? Kim Stockinger?

19 EDNA That's Ken Stockinger. He's on the radio.

20 ROGER Kim Pressler? Kim Nichols? Kim Turner?

21 EDNA What is this, twenty questions? The first Kim had
22 Errol Flynn in it, not an actor named Kim.

23 ROGER Oh, yeah, that Robin Hood guy.

24 EDNA And Dean Stockwell.

25 ROGER Oh, Kim Stockwell, not Stockinger.

26 EDNA Roger, you're saying things just to annoy me. The
27 next time they re-made it, they pulled Peter O'toole
28 out of retirement and thought he could be a lama.

29 ROGER It was animated? I bet that was interesting, having
30 the great Peter O'Toole as a relative of the camel.

31 EDNA (incensed) Not a llama, you dolt. A Tibetan priest. It
32 also had John Rhys-Davies in it.

1 ROGER Oh, I know him. The Indiana Jones guy.

2 EDNA The story was about the English boy, raised as an
3 Indian. Does that ring a bell?

4 ROGER Apache or Cherokee?

5 EDNA No, no, no. India Indian—okay, I suppose you can
6 call him a Hindu.

7 SFX RUSTLE OF NEWSPAPER

8 ROGER Enough with the religion already. Just look at this
9 paper! What a waste. Not a single article worth
10 reading.

11 EDNA You wanted to know why I was interested in
12 elephants.

13 ROGER Yes, I do. What about this sudden interest in
14 elephants?

15 EDNA I just told you. Didn't you listen?

16 ROGER Now if you had said the book club was reading Far
17 Pavilions I'd have understood the urge to buy an
18 elephant.

19 EDNA Far Pavilions mentions elephants? I'll have to tell
20 the ladies at the bookclub. Why didn't you tell me?

21 ROGER They're probably full up to here reading about
22 India.

23 EDNA I want to go.

24 ROGER (AGHAST) To India? Do you know how much that would cost?
25 There's poor people everywhere begging, and...

26 EDNA No, not India. Stay on the subject, Roger. I want to
27 go shopping tomorrow, on Black Friday.

28 ROGER (EVEN MORE AGHAST) At 3 AM? Are you crazy?

29 EDNA I hate shopping in crowds. It'll be an adventure.
30 Getting up in the black of night, going off on
31 safari for the wild present...

1 ROGER You couldn't pay me enough to get up at 3AM to go
2 shopping. No matter what kind of sale.

3 EDNA Probably would be a good idea to skip the popular
4 stores like Walmart or Target. They might have a
5 little bit of a crowd.

6 ROGER You could skip it all together, Edna. Is there
7 something on your list you've got to have?

8 EDNA Oh, I have some ideas, but they're based on the ads
9 that you have been disparaging. Lots of families
10 make it a traditional outing. They even have their
11 stores mapped out as to where they want to go first,
12 and the big killing.

13 ROGER Even worse, setting the alarm for 1 AM, to get to a
14 store by 3?

15 EDNA Some people just stay up all night, having a party,
16 before going out on the hunt. They just don't go to
17 bed.

18 ROGER Great. Fighting their way across crowded territory,
19 making decisions that will affect the rest of their
20 lives, without a modicum of adequate rest. Sounds
21 just like being in a war. Is that why you women are
22 so good at it?

23 EDNA Shirley and Helen want to go too. They're going to
24 pick me up at 2:30.

25 ROGER AM? When do you expect to get home?

26 EDNA When we get home. We'll probably have breakfast out.

27 ROGER What about my breakfast?

28 EDNA Oh, you can handle breakfast on your own. There's
29 cereal under the counter and half and half in the
30 frig.

31 ROGER You mean on my day off, I have to forage for myself?

1 EDNA Yes, just like in a war. Roger, I will make you some
2 coffee before I leave.

3 ROGER But that will be hours before I get up. It'll be
4 stale.

5 EDNA You could come along and keep me company.

6 ROGER You're not getting me up at 2 AM for a hen party.

7 EDNA (WHEEDLING) You could drive. The Fisherman's Authority
8 is going to open at 4.

9 ROGER (INTERESTED) They are?

10 EDNA You could drop us off at Jacques Pennay's and be
11 back at Fisherman's Authority in time for its
12 opening at 4.

13 SFX RUSTLE OF NEWSPAPER

14 ROGER Do they have an ad in this paper someplace?

15 EDNA It's right here.

16 SFX TAPPING NEWSPAPER

17 ROGER (EXCITED) Wow! Look at all that stuff! 70 percent
18 off! I've got to get started.

19 EDNA Roger, they're not on sale until tomorrow morning.

20 ROGER I need to pack in some supplies for tonight's party.

21 EDNA Party?

22 ROGER I'll invite the guys over, and you call Shirley and
23 Helen.

24 EDNA Tonight?

25 ROGER I'm not getting up at 2 AM to go shopping, but
26 staying up all night sounds like it'd be great fun.
27 Let's see—I'll get some beer, and potato chips, and
28 pretzels...

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1 ANNCR You've been listening to American Radio Theater's A
2 Moment with Edna and Roger. Come back for another
3 visit. Dan Schindler was Roger and Melinda Mains was
4 Edna. I'm Dave Liesse, your announcer. This is
5 A. R. T. the American Radio Theater.