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SPEAKING IN METAPHORS:
A conversation between a fish and a tornado

BY SUSAN LEE

I'M FEELING ANGRY...LOOKS LIKE THE PEOPLE OF OKLAHOMA ARE IN FOR A RIDE.

CRUMBLE...

THERE SHE IS...JO, MY WRETCHED TARGET.

AAAHAHA YEAH YOU BETTER RUN!
Hey! What are you doing in my movie??

Well get out! How are you even talking? You’re a fish!

I took a wrong turn somewhere in Alabama...

Spoken from a giant ball of wind...

Look buddy, I’m as real as they say I am.

Who are you calling bro? My name is Lisa.

The same goes for me too, bro.

Nice to meet you.

Well aren’t you a cordial fish. Why don’t you meet the fam while we’re at it?

This is my sister, Laura.

Hi there.

Wow, I can see the resemblance.
OK, ENOUGH OF YOUR FUNNY BUSINESS. NOW I HAVE TO GO RAVAGE THESE PEOPLE BEFORE JOSH CATCHES UP TO ME.

CAN YOU JUST HELP ME OUT? I'M LOOKING FOR A RIVER—A BIG ONE.

WHERE EXACTLY DO YOU COME FROM, FISH?

A WONDERFUL LITTLE TOWN IN ALABAMA... BUT TOO LITTLE. A BIG FISH LIKE ME WAS INTENDED FOR A BIG RIVER.

RESTLESS ONE, AREN'T YOU? BUT I SURE HAVE MET SOME FANTASTIC CHARACTERS ALONG THE WAY.

SLIPPERY, I'D SAY...
YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU MET A GIANT, A WITCH, A RINGMASTER AND A TWO-HEADED CABARET ACT ON YOUR WAY TO OKLAHOMA?

I'M TELLING YOU THAT'S HOW I EXPERIENCED IT.

BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S POSSIBLE AND NOT POSSIBLE IN MY WORLD? YOU DON'T EVEN LIVE THERE.

WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR WORLD? THEN MAYBE I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY I'M TALKING TO A TORNADO.

WELL, OK...

THIS IS JO. SHE'S A REAL PAIN. I TOOK HER FATHER WHEN SHE WAS A KID AND SHE'S BEEN AFTER ME EVER SINCE.

THAT'S TERRIBLE!

HEY, I'M A TORNADO. I'M DESTRUCTIVE BY NATURE.

NOW JO AND HER TEAM ARE OUT TO STOP THE DESTRUCTION THAT I STARTED YEARS AGO, AND IT ONLY MAKES ME ANGRY...

BECAUSE I'M AFRAID THEY MIGHT WIN.
AND HOW HAVE THEY MANAGED THAT?

BY ANTICIPATING MY MOVES BEFORE I'VE MADE THEM.

THEY EVEN CREATED A BRAINCHILD TO KNOW EXACTLY WHERE I'M GOING...

BUT THESE GUYS? THEY DON'T GET WHO I AM AT ALL. IT DOESN'T END WELL FOR EITHER OF THEM.

WHO YOU ARE? YOU MEAN, A TORNADO?

NOT TOO BRIGHT WHEN YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR ELEMENT, HUH FISHY?

YOU SEE, I'M MUCH MORE THAN A TORNADO. I'M...

RUTHLESS!!

CAPRICIOUS!

TEMPTESTUOUS!

VENGEFUL!!
I DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO...

RIP FAMILIES APART!!

YIKES. YOU SEEM REALLY INTENT ON RUINING THIS PLACE.

THIS IS ALL I KNOW AND ALL I CARE TO KNOW ABOUT.

WELL THIS IS WHERE YOU AND I DIFFER, I GUESS. I'M ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MY NEXT GREAT ADVENTURE.

WELL, WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY? I DIDN'T CATCH YOUR NAME, FISH.

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. WHERE DO I START?

WELL, I'VE BEEN A SALESMAN...
BUT I SUNK THAT JOB...

I'VE BEEN A CIRCUS HAND...

A SOLDIER...

A HUSBAND...A FATHER...

BUT MOST OF ALL, MY WHOLE LIFE I'VE BEEN A VERY BIG FISH.
BUT YOU CAN JUST CALL ME EDWARD BLOOM.

I THINK I'LL JUST CALL YOU LUNCH.

CHOMP!!!

TWISTER
The Dark Side of Nature.

TASTES BETTER THAN COW.

the end