

One Act Audio Theatre Presents  
GREAT MOMENTS IN HISTORY  
"STANDING TALL"

CAST

NARRATOR

EDDIE, a caveman (homo habilis)

SOL, a caveman (homo habilis)

ROXY, a cavewoman (homo habilis)

BOB, a caveman (homo erectus)

- 1 NARRATOR: The One Act Players Present: Great Moments in History!
- 2 NARRATOR: Plains of the Serengeti, 1 million 500,000 BC
- 3 SOL: Here, you want this one?
- 4 ROXY: What, you don't want it?
- 5 SOL: Nah, more than six legs, they give me gas.
- 6 ROXY: Thanks. Hey, who's that coming?
- 7 SOL: Looks like Eddie
- 8 ROXY: He looks different.
- 9 EDDIE: Hi-ya, Roxy. Hey-ya, Sol.
- 10 SOL & ROXY: Hi.
- 11 EDDIE: Notice anything different?
- 12 ROXY: You lost weight.
- 13 EDDIE: Nooooo ...
- 14 SOL: Haircut?
- 15 EDDIE: Nooooo ... I'm standing upright!
- 16 ROXY: That's nice.

17 SOL: I should care?

18 EDDIE: It's my latest invention—

19 SOL: Ha! Just like your "tools" invention? I still got a blister here on my  
20 chiposable ... disposable ...

21 EDDIE: Your opposable thumb.

22 SOL: Yeah, the fat stumpy on. God! It's killing me! "Tools"! Pppphh!

23 EDDIE: But you couldn't get at those fat, juicy termite grubs without the  
24 tools, right?

25 SOL: Nnnnnhhhhh ...

26 ROXY: He's right, Sol.

27 EDDIE: And this is even better, Sol. Up here, you can look around. You can  
28 see everything.

29 SOL: Eddie, what's there to see? Volcanoes. Volcanoes and sky.

30 ROXY: I seen a butterfly once.

31 SOL: Yeah?

32 ROXY: Yeah. It was real pretty, all pink and yellow, and blue, fluttering  
33 around all delicate and fine. Tasted pretty good, too.

34 SOL: Yeah, I heard they were good eating.

35 EDDIE: Doesn't anybody care about this? Standing upright is a major  
36 advancement!

37 SOL: Like coming down from the trees? Remember that idea of yours,  
38 Eddie?

39 EDDIE: That has been a major advancement.

40 SOL: We used to eat fruit, and now we eat bugs.

41 ROXY: The fruit was nice.

42 SOL: And up in the trees we were safe. Now we get chased by tigers and  
43 armadillos and that really big ugly one Mega ... Mega --

44 EDDIE: Megatherium.

45 SOL: Yeah. So, Eddie, I'm thinking maybe you didn't think that tree thing  
46 through so good. And now you got this new idea --

47 EDDIE: This is different, Sol. This is really --

48 SFX: KLONK

49 EDDIE: Ow!

50 ROXY: What's the matter?

51 EDDIE: I hit my head on this tree branch here.

52 SOL: (mocking) "You can see everything from up here!"

53 EDDIE: Just an accident. I was too busy talking and --

54 SFX: KLONK

55 EDDIE: Ow!

56 SFX: HORNETS

57 EDDIE: Ow! Ow! Ow! (etc)

58 SFX: MUCH CRASHING & BUZZING FADES AWAY.

59 SOL: There goes the neighborhood, I tell you.

60 SFX: FOOTSTEPS APPROACH

61 BOB: Ahhhh would ya look at this! Homo Habilis still crawling around in the  
62 mud!

63 SOL: Who are you?

64 BOB: Homo Erectus. Three caves down. We've been bipedal for a couple  
65 months now, you know.

66 SOL: Woo-Hoo. How's the head?

67 BOB: But walking upright's nothing. Fire's where it's at these days.

68 ROXY & SOL: Fire?

69 BOB: Ohhhh yeah ... if you really want to consider yourself evolved, you  
70 gotta master fire.

71 SOL: Sounds stupid, if you ask me.

72 EDDIE RETURNS, BUZZING UP

73 BOB: Like you're some expert? -- Hey! Watch it, hornet head! (joining  
74 Eddie) Ow! Ow! ...

75 MUCH CRASHING ABOUT

76 ROXY: Oh, look here, Sol ... termite grubs! You want some?

77 SOL: Naahh ... I lost my appetite.

78 EDDIE & BOB & BUZZING CONTINUES

79 SOL: You know, Roxy, the future ... it don't look too bright.

80 NARRATOR: Tune in again for another Great Moment in History!

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