

Whale Watching  
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Cast:

Lauren - LOVES nature, enthusiastic  
Chris - A sourpuss, only on the tour because Lauren made him go  
Debbie - Tour Guide, peppy and oblivious  
Bart - Killer Whale, extremely cocky and full of swagger

(Lauren and Chris get settled on the tour  
boat. Debbie stands at the front of the tour  
group.)

LAUREN

I've been waiting to do this whale watching boat tour for years.  
And I know I dragged you along, but it'll be fun.

CHRIS

Yeah, looking for whales between the trillion drops of rain  
hitting my eyes sounds like a frickin' fantastic time.

DEBBIE

Hey folks. I'm your tour guide, Debbie. You're the only ones  
scheduled for this tour group, so you'll get an even more  
intimate experience observing the wildlife!

CHRIS

Yipee.

DEBBIE

Okay, we are out of the harbor, and moving toward some critters!  
If you look to your left, you'll see a mated pair of bald eagles  
perched in that tree over there!

(Lauren and Chris look to their left.)

DEBBIE cont'd

And if you turn to your right, you'll see sea lions playing on  
the cove rocks.

(Lauren and Chris look to their right.)

DEBBIE

Oh! You folks are in for a treat. Back to your left is a local

celebrity: Our resident Killer Whale, Bart!

(Bart swims into view. He's cocky and has a swagger to him. Bart's theme song comes into play.)

BART

Showtime, baby. Time to put on the ritz. Ah, look at these two. They're gonna love them some Bart.

(Bart showcases a small trick to the crowd.)

LAUREN

Oh wow, Chris, look! He's huge!

BART

Ha, yeah that's right. Not the first time I've heard that. A-yo!

CHRIS

It's just a whale, Lauren. Calm down. I can barely even see him through this storm anyway.

(Bart's chummy demeanor instantly sours.)

BART

Who the hell is this chump?

LAUREN

Oh, lighten up, Chris! Look, he's doing tricks for us!

(Bart circles the boat.)

BART

You think you're such a hot shot, huh, Chris? I'll show you a hot shot! I hope you like the splash zone, barnacle boy!

(Bart splashes around, flipping his tail with extra flare. He splashes Chris right in the face.)

CHRIS

Hey!

BART

How 'bout that, huh!? Can you do *that*, Chriiiiiis? Suck on that

seaweed, bottom feeder. High fin!

(Bart gives himself a high fin.)

LAUREN

Wow! It's like he's performing just for us! How majestic! C'mon, Chris you've gotta admit this is awesome!

CHRIS

That stupid blowhole just splashed me right in the face! Debbie, can we move onto the next animal, please?

DEBBIE

Bart doesn't always show up on the tour, so we're gonna stick around a little while longer to see what else he does.

BART

That's goddamn right, Debbie! You tell him. You tell him who's the apex predator! Callin' me a blowhole. Who does he think he is?

LAUREN

See, Chris! We came on the perfect day! He's so vocal and animated. How magnificent! I mean, if I were a whale, I'd be swooning over him for sure.

BART

Oh, you wanna hear vocals, do ya? Check these pipes out.

BART

THINK YOU'RE TOO COOL  
BUT YOU LOOK LIKE A FOOL  
SAYIN' MY TRICKS AIN'T SHIT  
BUT YOU'RE JUST A STRAIGHT UP DICK

YOU BETTER HOPE YOU DON'T FALL IN  
CUZ I'D LOVE TO SEE YOU SWIM

KISS MY BIG OLE BLOWHOLE  
DON'T RAIN ON MY PARADE  
YOU'RE WIFE'S TOO HOT FOR YOU  
YOU'RE LUCKY THAT SHE LETS YOU BANG

DEBBIE

Chris, it really feels like he's singing right to you!

LAUREN

He sounds so spirited, so emotional. I wish I knew what he was saying.

CHRIS

It's probably just gibberish.

BART

DON'T COME BACK TO MY COVE  
UNLESS YOU WANT FIN TO YOUR DOME  
YOUR WIFE, SHE CAN STAY THOUGH  
I KNOW SHE DIGS MY FLUKE FO SHO

I'M A COLD AQUATIC KILLER  
I'LL EAT YOUR SORRY ASS FOR DINNER

KISS MY BIG OLE BLOWHOLE,  
I'LL BITCH SLAP YOU WITH MY DORSAL  
I'LL STEAL YOUR WIFE RIGHT FROM YOU  
I'LL NAME OUR FIRST CHILD SHAMU

(Bart does a show stopping finale trick.)

BART

Eat krill, Chris!

(Lauren and Debbie applaud. Bart bows and winks at Lauren. Lauren blushes and fans herself.)

LAUREN

How... MARVELOUS! I've never heard a whale song with such passion!  
Such -

CHRIS

He just sounded pissed off to me. He kept making eyes at you, though. Like some deep sea Don Juan. Lauren, are you blushing?!

LAUREN

That's your problem, Chris. You never show me passion like that. But Bart...

(Lauren looks over at Bart. Bart is picking his nose with his fin.)

LAUREN

Bart is so suave, so romantic. I think - I think I have to go with him.

CHRIS

What!?

LAUREN

I'm leaving you for Bart. Goodbye, Chris.

(Lauren dives into the water and grabs ahold of Bart's dorsal fin.)

BART

You hear that, Chris? That's the sound of Bart swimmin' away with your lady!

KISS MY BIG OLE BLOWHOLE

CHRIS

What the hell just happened?!

DEBBIE

Ah, I wish I could say this was the first time this has happened. Okay, now if you look to your left you can see the otters splashin' around!

(Blackout.)