

CHARACTER SIDES

Edmond

EDMOND (25), White, the bumbling overseer of Maynard's plantation. Maynard's nephew and Margarete's son.

(EDMOND snacks on a turkey leg at the edge of the property while the slaves sweat under the sun.)

EDMOND

Huh? Who goes there?!?

(Bali and step out of the forest and reveal themselves to Edmond.)

BALI

It's just two poor slaves beat up from the road.
Could you please help us sir?

EDMOND

Who? What? Someone, I need help!

BALI

No, no, there is no need to cry out.
We know how to submit. We ain't able to help ourselves.
We won't be any harm to you...

EDMOND

What are you doing here?

BALI

We wuz on our way, trying to get to freedom.
We were headed up north. We should have listened to master.
Slaves can't survive on our own.

EDMOND

You say you were on your way to freedom and you couldn't find your way? I don't believe you. And your missus is wounded, she can't pull a full load.

BALI

Let my... wife... bother you not. She is fully sutured up. After a few days, she will be healed right proper. She has several skills, she can help with a number of tasks. She can sew, clean, and cook a fine meal.

(Dembi grabs Bali's hand to bring some truth in Edmond's eyes. She gazes at Bali for a second.)

Will you take us in sir?
we submit ourselves to your charge... master.

EDMOND

Yes, Yes! My uncle will be pleased. Come with me!

(Edmond introduces Dembi and Bali to their new plantation and other slaves)

EDMOND

ATTENTION, ATTENTION!

This is a new slave, bali. He works well and he works hard. If your not careful, he'll take your place out here of this field.

So work well, think about pulling in three times your load! If you can outwork him, i'll double your supper.

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(This is the singing portion of the audition, you can sing a song of your own choosing.)

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