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Drunken Fireworks



Synopsis

Only on audio! A brand-new, never-before-published Stephen King short story unavailable in any other format! Alden McCausland and his mother are what they call an accident rich; thanks to an unexpected life-insurance policy payout and a winning Big Maine Millions scratcher, Alden and his Ma are able to spend their summers down by Lake Abenaki, idly drinking their days away in a three-room cabin with an old dock and a lick of a beach. Across the lake, they can see what a real rich looks like: the Massimo family's Twelve Pines Camp, the big white mansion with guest house and tennis court that Alden's Ma says is paid for by an ill-gotten gains courtesy of Massimo Construction. When Alden's holiday-weekend sparklers and firecrackers set off what over the next few years comes to be known as the Fourth of July Arms Race, he learns how far he and the Massimos will go to win an annual neighborly rivalry one that lands Alden in the Castle County jail. Read by beloved Down East storyteller Tim Sample praised by Stephen King for his wit and talent and good-heartedness "Drunken Fireworks makes for explosive audio listening.

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The story is plain simple indeed. On one side a Yankee family from Maine that got into some money by chance, the mother and her son, and they enjoy six months or more in a cabin by some lake.

They are permanent drunks who never see one moment without any alcohol, and yet the son drives to New York or whatever city in Rhode Island or New York state without finding it lucky he never got stopped by some cops or highway troopers for Driving Under the Influence (DUI "I am sure

it is not DUTI â “ that should have competed with the DIY quoted once). On the other side of the lake a very rich Italian family from Rhode Island who spends three months or so in their mansion. For a reason no one will be able to explain, on the Italian side there is a trumpet player and on the Yankee Doodle side there is no trumpet lover and in fact there are two trumpet haters. Donâ™t ask me why because love and hate have no reason whatsoever. They just are. Add to that the vanity of the two sides and the alcoholism of one side and you have all the ingredients to build a terrorist attack or an anarchistic bomb. Rasputin not very far away indeed. And they sure did blow it up, the peace and quite of that lake. The story itself does not require to be told. You have to listen to it if you want to know more. Letâ™s say the only sane people are the American Indians, or Native Americans who are selling the Yankee side the Chinese firecrackers or fireworks or even fire-mongers for the 4th of July wild celebrations that turn into a yearly competition between the two sides. These Native Americans tell the Yankee side that it is dangerous to play with fire, to be anti-Italian, that Italians in America are Italian Americans hence Americans just like the Yankee Doodle or not Doodle.

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