

# Eddie, The Early Years

## Running Into Each Other

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Over lunch, Eddie tells Mark, “tell them what you heard about the high school track team, bro.” Too busy eating his pizza, Mark replies, “oh, yeah. I heard all that from Mitchell when we ran into each other when we were out on a run. Mitchell can give you all the details.”

Quick to tease the others back, Bobby B. asks, “what? You guys ran into each other? Weren’t you watching where you were going?” Also quick with a comeback, Mark replies, “yeah. That’s it. I rear-ended Mitchell because he wasn’t running fast enough.” Mitchell tells Mark, “yeah, right. At least I never ran into a tree.”

Bobby B. laughs, and asks, “what’s this? Mark ran into a tree?” Mitchell explains, “yeah. It was during track practice last year. You missed that one because you were throwing the shot-put. Mr. Harris sent the team out on a long-distance run off school grounds. We ran up into your neighborhood, around the loop, and back. And, on the way back, Mark saw a really pretty girl and looked back at her when he was running. He went off the sidewalk and ran right into a tree.” Mark is quick to point out, “the only reason Mitchell saw that is because he was way behind me.” Eddie boasts, “that’s a good point. I missed that because I was out in front.” Braden adds, “me too! I wished I could have seen that!”