

TEASER

1 EXT. HARVEY DISHER'S FARM - MONTAGE -- DAY (DAY 1) 1

We ESTABLISH: a small, run-down, nearly bankrupt FAMILY FARM in Northern California. About 100 acres.

QUICK SHOTS of the old BARN... a HEN HOUSE... CORN STALKS... a rusting TRACTOR... some CHICKENS... One or two COWS, etc.

2 INT. HARVEY DISHER'S FARM - STABLE -- SAME TIME 2

In the stable: HARVEY DISHER, a simple, hard-working farmer. Mid-50s. He reminds us a little of Randy Disher, for good reason: he's Randy's uncle.

Harvey is feeding a PIG, named NADINE. Harvey loves this stupid pig. It's almost weird. Nadine The Pig has her own stall in the stable; it's adorned with PHOTOS and BLUE RIBBONS.

Harvey strokes the pig, lovingly.

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HARVEY DISHER

That's a good girl... finish all your vegetables... that's right... I mixed them up, just the way you like it...

Then a new PICKUP TRUCK pulls up. Another farmer, DOUG BELMONT, climbs out. Belmont is younger and more successful than Disher. He's the richest man in the valley.

DOUG BELMONT

I figured I'd find you in here.

(indicates pig)

I heard she took another blue ribbon on Sunday.

HARVEY DISHER

That's right. We're going to Sacramento in three weeks.

DOUG BELMONT

Why don't you two get married already, and make it legal?

Harvey scowls.

DOUG BELMONT (cont'd)

Harvey, relax. It's a joke.

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"MONK"  
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HARVEY DISHER

Harvey

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HARVEY DISHER

(down to business)

I was just in the gulch. It's still there. I'm not a fool, Douglas. You said you'd get rid of it by Friday.

DOUG BELMONT

Harvey. Relax. You're a businessman, right?

Belmont takes a BIG WAD OF BILLS from his pocket.

DOUG BELMONT (cont'd)

Ten thousand dollars. Don't tell me you can't use it. It's been a pretty tough year. Tough decade. Am I right?

Harvey Disher looks at the money.

HARVEY DISHER

This isn't about the money. It's about the law.

DOUG BELMONT

Okay. I get it. You're a boy scout. (offering more cash) Fifteen grand. You can buy yourself a lot of merit badges. (indicating the pig) And a pretty pink bonnet for your girlfriend.

HARVEY DISHER

(bitterly)

Keep the money. You're gonna need it- for your lawyer. I'm calling Sheriff Butterfield.

Harvey Disher starts to walk away. Belmont stops him.

DOUG BELMONT

Harvey. Wait. Okay. You win. ~~You win.~~

(sigh)

I'll do it. ~~I'll get rid of it. I promise. But I can't do it tonight. Give me 24 hours. Okay? One day. That's all I'm asking.~~

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A tense beat. Harvey nods. In the stall: Nadine The Pig eyes Belmont, warily, and snorts.

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