

Act 3

Scene 1

Two weeks later. Tommy is sitting on the steps of the porch. Both he and the landscape are in bad shape. There are signs of different drilling locations all over the place. The house is in total disarray, with dirty dishes, empty Styrofoam containers all over. Jay walks in carrying two five-gallon containers of water.

Ben

(From offstage, joking) That will be five bucks!

Jay

Put it on my tab!

Tommy

You gonna fix the dinner?

Jay

Don't you think it's about your turn?

Tommy

You know I'm no good at that.

Jay

Are good at anything?

Tommy

Yeah, eating. What's for dinner?

Jay

Whatever you fix, cause I'm through slaving for you.

Tommy

What's eating you?

Jay

I'm sick of this! I'm sick of your stupid ideas. I'm sick of you ordering me around. I'm sick of it all.

Tommy

It's gonna be better soon.

Jay

(Crosses right, under his breath) Bull...

Christine

(entering) Daddy, I brought you some macaroni and cheese. *(Jay exits)*

Tommy

Thank God.

Christine

Man, look at this place! Mom would have a fit.

Tommy

(eating) How is your mother?

Christine

She's...good, yeah, she's good...

Tommy

What do you mean good?

Christine

She's working. She going to church. She's good.

Tommy

Chrissy... What are you not telling me?

Christine

Nothing. She's been going to church a lot...nothing.

Tommy

Church? What's she doing at church?

Christine

I don't know. She's been going to choir rehearsals. I don't know.

Tommy

Rehearsals? For what?

Christine

I DON'T KNOW. She's been going out every night! I'm not here to talk about Mom. She's going to pull me out of Western and make me go to Osborn. I don't want to go to Osborn. I want to stay here with you.

Tommy

How late has she been staying out?

Christine

Daddy! You haven't hear a word I've said.

Tommy

Yes, I have, honey. What was it again?

Christine

Whatever. *(she exits in a huff)*

(Tommy eats slowly, directly out of the container.)

(Ben enters.)

Ben

(Joking) When are you going pay for that water you've been taking.

Tommy

When you pay for the 10,000 cups of coffee you've had here.

Ben

I thought you were offering those in friendship. I didn't know you were charging by the cup.

Tommy

You were the one who brought up money.

Ben

So how much is your friendship worth?

Tommy

More than you'll ever have.

Ben

At least I have some money.

Tommy

Just get the hell out of here.

Ben

Then don't be coming over to get some water (*starts to exit*). And don't be sending Jay over either.
(*exits*)

(Tommy is left in the middle of the mess, suddenly aware that he has lost everything.)

Blackout