

# Act One

Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

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*The deafening sound of an engine.*

*Light's up: Around noon: A clearing at the center of a soybean field.*

*DOUG and LEVI stand on either side of an oldschool—circa 1970s—irrigation pivot motor. It's apparent from the way they're dressed that one of them is from the country and one lives in town.*

*Doug stands farther back and has both hands over his ears.*

*Levi stands near the motor, not bothered by the noise.*

*After a long time...*

DOUG  
LOUD!

LEVI  
WHAT?

DOUG  
LOUD!

LEVI  
YEAH. LOUD!

*(Levi turns off the motor.)*

*The quiet after the noise is stunning.*

*The sound of wind. Birds far off. Cicadas.*

*Levi drains the oil on the irrigation motor and changes the filter and puts in fresh oil.)<sup>1</sup>*

LEVI

If it rains on Saturday we can stop running the pivot!

DOUG

Oh Kara'd be mad.

LEVI

If we got rain on the wedding?

DOUG

Yeah.

LEVI

But that's lucky for later.

Spend too much money irrigating.

With this seventies model.(?) Need to upgrade to electric.\*

DOUG

Mmm.

LEVI

\*Big waste of diesel.

Don't "Mmm" like you know.

DOUG

You nervous?

LEVI

Were you?

DOUG *(making a joke)*

Uhhhh, I shoulda been in retrospect.

LEVI

You are better off!

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<sup>1</sup> Just FYI, the reason Levi turns the engine on and then off again before changing the oil is that the used oil drains faster if it's heated up by the engine first. The used oil is black and the fresh oil has an almost translucent yellow-green color to it. The used oil drains into a pan or bucket and will get on Levi's hands and arms, which he's used to, and wipes off with a rag.

DOUG  
I'm actually exhilarated.

LEVI  
Mandy'll be fine.

DOUG  
We got married too fast.

LEVI  
It's nobody's fault!

DOUG  
Life is rebooting and I'm like, "What is out there!"

LEVI  
Yes!

DOUG  
I'm gonna quit Sprint. I gave my two weeks. It's a dead end job.

LEVI  
You can do anything.

DOUG  
Next month I move out of the basement.

LEVI  
That's awesome!

DOUG  
We don't need to talk about my bullshit though, man.

LEVI  
I don't mind.

DOUG  
Are you freaking out?

*(Levi: smile and gesture that suggests, "Yeah, a little.")*

DOUG  
You're gettin married in three days,  
you're allowed a little freak out.

LEVI  
I keep havin these dreams?

DOUG  
Okay.

LEVI  
It's so weird.

DOUG  
What?

LEVI  
Weird tellin you dreams.  
I never remember dreams.  
But I'm standing in the field:  
I'm naked.

DOUG  
Which field?

LEVI  
The home place with the house and the barn and the forty.

DOUG  
Forty what?

LEVI  
Kara and I's organic forty acres.

DOUG  
And you're naked.

LEVI  
Yes.

DOUG  
I'm trying to interpret.

LEVI  
There's every kind of vegetable.  
None of Dad's RoundUp shit.  
Natural food:

Rye, corn, soybeans,  
tomatoes  
not climbin any scaffolding: just growing tall themselves like magic  
Bell Peppers,  
Every kind of vegetable  
Infinite  
Some I don't know the names of,  
just recognize from pamphlets.  
And Kara's there,

DOUG  
Is this some sort of Adam and Eve type thing,  
Like an avocado tastefully in front of your junk?

LEVI  
Kara's not naked. She's wearing the wedding dress.

DOUG  
Like CFNM.

LEVI  
What?

DOUG  
it's a por—  
sorry keep going.

LEVI  
My Dad's at the opposite end of the field.  
Except in the dream Dad's healthy again.  
Mom's alive.  
You're there,  
Everyone we know:  
Mrs. Tullis from first grade\*

DOUG  
The Tull-ster!

LEVI  
\*Guys from the football team  
I'm givin a speech  
Don't remember the speech  
I don't remember words  
And these sounds are coming out,

but no one understands em

DOUG

It's a good dream?

LEVI

Yeah, mostly, it's weird.  
And I walk towards Kara  
And she's turning in circles  
And I'm just about to touch her,  
And then I wake up.

DOUG

WHOA.

LEVI

Yeah.

DOUG

That Is...

LEVI

What?

DOUG

... a pretty basic dream.

LEVI

What?! Come on! No!

DOUG

I'm saying your subconscious isn't that deep!

LEVI

It's an epic dream, fucker.

*(Levi flicks oil from the bucket at him or snaps the grease rag.)*

DOUG

Oilllly!

*(A wrestle-y/shoulder-punchy moment.)*

*Levi goes to tinker with the pivot motor or sits on the ground.)*