

Wade is perplexed.

WADE

Silas, that has to be one of the
tallest tales I've ever heard
uttered from a man's mouth.

SILAS

God's honest truth Mr. Wade. Donkey
drowned later that night.

Wade's mouth drops. Silas stands.

SILAS (CONT'D)

Still, makes ya think, maybe you
got more purpose in ya than ya
know.

(beat)

Shake it off Mr. Wade. One step at
a time.

Silas walks out of the locker room leaving Wade befuddled.

EXT. GREAT AMERICAN GRASS OFF - PARKING LOT - DAY

Wade walks through the parking lot of cars. A hot rod pulls
up next to him. It is Tess.

She comes to a halt next to him. He stops and looks at her.

TESS

Need a ride?

Wade looks away. He looks back at her.

WADE

Nah it's alright Tess. Thank ya.

TESS

Get in the damn car Wade.

WADE

No really it's--

TESS

Get in the damn car Wade! Or keep
walking and I'll run ya over.

Wade reluctantly walks around the car and gets in.

Tess peels out.

INT./EXT. TESS'S CAR - MOVING - DAY

Tess and Wade drive in silence. Tess looks over at him finally.

TESS
So what happened out there?

WADE
I swear for a buncha spectators,
ya'll sure don't seem to do a lot
of spectatin.

Tess doesn't respond, she just keeps driving and eyeing him.
The silence gets uncomfortable.

WADE (CONT'D)
I choked. Plain and simple.

TESS
I've known ya basically my whole
life Wade. And I ain't ever seen ya
choke.

WADE
Ya well, first time for everything.

Tess smirks. She knows she isn't getting anywhere with this.
Not yet.

TESS
You remember that spot we used to
go when we were kids?

WADE
How could I not?

TESS
Been wantin to show it to ya. But
don't go gettin any ideas.

WADE
Ideas?

Tess looks over at him like he is stupid.

TESS
Don't play dumb Wade Mattheson.

WADE
What are you gettin at?

TESS

Are you really gonna sit there and pretend like you didn't used to call yourself Blade Runner and beg me to go up the ridge to "plow my field?"

WADE

Oh good God Tess! That was 20 years ago! Grow up!

Tess starts laughing.

TESS

Whatever you say "Blade Runner".

WADE

See, ok, now your just being rude.

TESS

And what is it you used to call me?

(beat)

The hose wrangler?

WADE

That's it. Let me out of the car.

Tess continues to laugh. She drives on.

EXT. RIDGE OVER LOOKING POTTSVILLE - SUNSET

A beautiful view of Pottsville sets in front of Tess's car as the sun sets on the town. Tess and Wade sit on the hood of the car taking it in.

WADE

Wow. It really has changed.

TESS

Yeah. Thought you might like to see.

Wade and Tess sit in silence for a moment. Then--

WADE

Tess, I'm sorry.

Tess doesn't look at Wade.

WADE (CONT'D)

I shouldn't have left the way I did. I just--

(beat)

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