

WILL (CONT'D)
I just don't want to take any
chances.

90 EXT. TRUCK STOP, PARKING AREA - DAY

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Caroline hangs back on the curb of the lot. From where she stands amid the din of CB radio, police scanner static, and engine noise, she can see a SECURITY GUARD doing his rounds, listening into an earbud.

Will approaches an 18 wheeler where the DRIVER is standing outside of his cab.

WILL
Any chance you could give us a lift
-- me and my daughter?

The driver glances over at Caroline, noting her age.

DRIVER
(O.S.)
I don't get involved with this
stuff.

Will quickly moves away.

START

91 EXT. TRUCK, PARKED AT TRUCK STOP - DAY

91

Will approaches another truck where the DRIVER is climbing back into his cab. (TBD: Logging tuck)

WILL
Hi there.

TRUCK DRIVER
What can I do for you?

WILL
My daughter and I broke down. Any
chance you could take us up the
road a bit?

The driver quickly takes stock of Will. He leans in, coming closer to Caroline to address her directly.

TRUCK DRIVER
Everything OK here?

Caroline nods.

TRUCK DRIVER (CONT'D)
Let me talk to the kid a minute.

Will is uncomfortable and starts to back away, taking Caroline by the arm. Caroline whispers to Will.

CAROLINE
Dad, it's OK.

Caroline walks back over to the trucker to hear him out.

TRUCK DRIVER
If you're in trouble here -

She spells it out in the most sincere way she can.

CAROLINE
My dad and I just really need a ride.

The driver takes a hard look at Caroline, who shows no signs of distress.

TRUCK DRIVER
I just wanna know that I'm doin' the right thing. Hop in.

WILL
Thanks, man.

92 The trucker gestures to his rig.

The truck is neatly organized. The driver's sleeping area is comfortable and decorated with a nature scene painted on velvet. On the driver's bed is a big cat.

TRUCK DRIVER
The kid can ride back there. Willie Nelson's really friendly - ain't you, Willie?

Caroline crawls to the sleeping cabin. Will settles in shotgun.

END

The driver puts on some music. Caroline pets the cat who's rested its head on her. The truck pulls out.

93 INT. TRUCK - DAY

93

The truck has left the highway and is climbing up a two lane road in the mountains. The driver listens to the news on the radio.

Caroline has fallen asleep. Will is looking out the window.

They pass a clear cut area and imposing power line towers. The driver shakes his head slightly at the news.

PLEASE ALSO PREPARE TO READ THE "PORTER"

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ROLE

132 EXT. DALE'S PROPERTY - DAY

132

Caroline ventures up to the RV with stacked colored crates. She watches PORTER, 60s, the man she had noticed before.

START

PORTER

Do you know what these are?

Caroline shakes her head.

PORTER (CONT'D)

Bee hives.

Caroline stays trained on what he's doing -- using a smoking can to spread smoke around one of the crates.

CAROLINE

Can I look inside?

Porter nods, but has a few things to tell her before she can approach the hives.

PORTER

First important thing to know -- bees don't get aggressive unless they think their hive is being invaded.

Porter allows the bees to land on him.

PORTER (CONT'D)

They're just waking up. This queen I've got now, this is her third year, and she's going strong. You interested in bees?

Caroline, not expecting the question, nods yes.

PORTER (CONT'D)

Good, because old beekeepers like me are looking for some help.

Porter hands her the smoker.

END

133 INT. REMOTE RV - DAY

133

Caroline checks on Will who is staring out the window. She enters his room with two cups of tea and a jar of honey. She hands a cup to Will.

CAROLINE

Dad, there's some interesting things in this place.

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