

50 EXT. CHERRY BOMB FARMHOUSE - MORNING 50

Vernon and Officer Marney walk up the driveway into the clearing, the farmhouse looks completely abandoned.

OFFICER MARNEY

Where are we?

Vernon doesn't pay Marney's question any mind. He approaches the front door, which is half open. He steps up onto the porch, looks in the front windows, nobody. He opens the door and steps inside.

VERNON

Fala?

51 INT. CHERRY BOMB FARMHOUSE - MOMENTS LATER 51

Vernon and Officer Marney walk down the front hallway, moving slowly. It's eerily silent. Vernon comes to a door, he pushes it open, he sees a bunch of articles on ARMRA, a map with Littleton circled on it, and the picture of the Chief of Police. He inspects the map, and some of the surrounding post-it notes. CLICK. The sound of a gun being cocked. Vernon and Officer Marney turn. Fala is standing with a sawed-off shotgun pointed right at them. Marney draws his pistol.

Start

VERNON

Marney, put your gun down!

FALA

What are you doing here Vernon? I'm in my legal right to put down a pair of trespassers.

VERNON

We're not here for you Fala. Marney put your gun down!

Officer Marney slowly lowers his pistol.

FALA

You got some balls showing up here.

OFFICER MARNEY

You're talking to the sheriff lady!

FALA

He wasn't a sheriff the last time I saw him. You remember that?

VERNON

Yeah Fala, I remember. (beat) I just want you to know that those ARMRA guys? They're complete psychos, and they're deep in with the police.

FALA

Nice seein' you Vernon.

VERNON

I'm trying to help.

FALA

She doesn't need your help.

Vernon knows there's no point in pushing this any further.

OFFICER MARNEY

If you know anything, you are required by law to...

FALA

You're out of your league kid.

VERNON

Marney come on!

OFFICER MARNEY

Should I at least cuff her?

VERNON

Only if you want to die a virgin.

Marney chases after Vernon who is almost out the door.

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EXT. CHERRY BOMB FARMHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

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Vernon and Marney are almost at the car, Fala emerges.

FALA

I'm serious Vernon, she doesn't need your help.

VERNON

A while back the federal office suspected the cops in Littleton of running a human trafficking ring. They sent in an agent, undercover. She turned up missin' a head. Tactically trained federal officer. I ain't willin' to let that happen to Sal, even if you are.

Vernon gets in the car and drives off. Fala is concerned.

End

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