

LEON SIDES – THE LOVE OF THE LAND

INT. - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS.

In the distant country side. A farm house sits in an open field at night. LEON and ABEL sit across from one another at a long wooden table having dinner. It's awkwardly silent as all that can be heard is the knocking of forks unto ceramic plates.

ABEL a burly, muscular man reads the paper as he eats his dinner. LEON, fresh graduate out of university, sits staring at the food in front of him until he breaks the silence.

LEON

Dad...it's 5 million dollars...

ABEL

(dropping his fork out
of impatience)

Leon...

LEON

You know what we could do with
that kind of money?

ABEL

Yes, I'm awar-

LEON

We could fix the roofing, the
floors. Brand new house. Brand new
truck. 5 brand new trucks. Extend
the shed. We could even hire
people! so that we don't ever have
to bend our backs again.

ABEL

And who told you I had a problem
doing honest work out there?

LEON

Is that what you want to do for
the rest of your life? Cause
there's no way that's how I'm
spending mine.

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ABEL

Yes, okay, I'm not saying don't be ambitious, but what? You'll sell out all our hard work to some guy in a silk shirt?

LEON

What do you mean sell out? You didn't even speak to the guy properly! Just hear him ou-

ABEL

(tiredly)

Because that is all people like him have to offer Leon. Money. He's looking out for himself, I can promise you that.

LEON

(resentful)

Why are you so pig headed?

ABEL

(now annoyed at the insults)

Why are you so naïve? Listen to yourself, this stranger talk to you not more than a day and you already buy into what he's selling.

LEON

It just not making any sense. You have land that's been in our family for how much ever donkey years,

(gesturing to the house)

Clearly no one really did anything with it - a man walks up to you and offers you a fortune and a way out of this life and you say no? It seriously stupid...

END SCENE

