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(muttering)

I am getting my gun I tell ya. You  
lousy chunk of recycled chicken wire.

EXT. DOCK -- DAY

Earl gets out of the boat still choked. Turns around and kicks  
the motor. Boat starts to leave dock. Grabs it just in time,  
before it's too far away, and ties it to the dock.

Earl walks towards the house. Fishing pole in one hand and rip  
cord in the other

EXT. HOUSE -- DAY

Lilly walks out of the front door.

LILLY

Didn't you see me waving at you?

EARL

(perturbed)

No dear, I just thought you were doing  
some arm stretching

LILLY

Listen smart ass --

EARL

Hey I was having trouble with the boat.

Earl puts down his fishing pole on the outside table on the front  
porch. He walks into the house. Lilly follows him.

INT. LIVING ROOM -- CONTINUOUS

LILLY

Again?

Earl continues on into the kitchen. Lilly stays in the living  
room.

EARL (O.S.)

Don't push it. I am nearly at the  
point of sinking the damn thing or  
giving it a Vikings burial and setting  
it on fire.

LILLY

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Well why don't you?

Earl walks back into the living room.

EARL

Now who is the smart ass. I will be damned to let that thing win. I tell you, it's not the battle that counts but the war.

Gesturing with the rip cord.

LILLY

Yes, my dear, I am sure you would win that one.

EARL

I am going into town to Bernie's to see if I can get a new motor.

Walks out the front door.

LILLY

(slightly louder)

Well can you fix it?

LILLY WALKS OUT THE FRONT DOOR

EXT. DRIVEWAY -- CONTINUOUS

Earl throws her a look and starts walking towards his truck

LILLY

Okay...With that look I take it that the answer is no

Earl stops and looks back at Lilly

EARL

What did you want me for anyway?

LILLY

A package came for you today

EARL

So that was Jed I saw?

LILLY

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Yes. And it seems another contribution from the home shopping network has been made. Do we own any shares with them?

Earl walks back to towards the house. Lilly gestures to the back porch where the package is.

EXT. PORCH -- CONTINUOUS

EARL

Oh quiet woman. It is something that is needed

LILLY

Really? Something needed? What did you get this time?

Earl carries the package to the front table porch and starts to open it.

EARL

It's going to make a difference in our lives. We are going to get a lot more healthy.

LILLY

(smirking)

I am healthy Earl. I don't need any more health

EARL

(excited)

You say that now, but you wait.

Takes the box out of the shipping package and puts it on the table.

EARL (CONT'D)

See it's the Juicer 5000

LILLY

(sarcastically)

No, not the juicer 5000. My God. We are going to be so healthy...Send it back Starts turning around to go back into the house

EARL

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Look Lil', it's a revolutionary new idea. It's a de-pulper. Not only a juicer but it can be used to make stews as well.

LILLY

(looks back at him)

Send it back

EARL

Come on, don't you think our customers would like fresh juice for their breakfast?

LILLY

Send it back

Lilly turns back around and goes into the house.

EARL

Lil' we are going to try it out for a week or two. If it doesn't work, we will send it back. It has a money back guarantee.

Lilly opens the screen door and stands in the doorway

LILLY

I am not going to win this one am I?

EARL

I did not say marriage was going to be easy. 'For richer or poorer, sickness and in health"...

LILLY

Oh there is sickness all right

EARL

..."And for all gadgets in between."

LILLY

Fine, we will give it a try for a week, and if it doesn't work out, we are sending it back. Comprene?

Lilly goes back into the house.

EARL

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Yeah I get it.

(muttering)

Like you have anything to say about it.

(loudly)

Don't touch it. I'll put it together  
when I get back.

LILLY (O.S.)

I wouldn't dream of it. Pick up some  
milk and eggs while you're out.

Earl walks to his truck and gets it. He starts it up and drives  
down the driveway and onto the semi-paved road

CUT TO:

EXT. DOCKSTON MAIN STREET -- AFTERNOON

DOCKSTON MAIN STREET HAS A SMALL TOWN FEEL. ON EITHER SIDE.  
THERE IS A VARIETY OF FAMILY OWNED SHOPS. THERE ARE NO BIG BOX  
OUTLETS, OR ANY CHAIN STORES. FOUR

Earl drives down main street. Earl pulls up in front of  
"Bernie's Hardware" store. A well worn sign in front "Bernie's  
Hardware. Your family friendly hardware store. Est. 1945"

Earl gets out of the truck and walks toward Bernie's. Two older  
men, GUS and TREVOR, are walking across the street. Gus is in  
his mid sixties, stocky build, wearing mechanic overalls.  
Trevor is late fifties, thin build, wearing a button down shirt  
and jeans.

GUS

Hey Earl. What "honey do list" do you  
have this time?

EARL

No, nothing this time. Just working  
on the boat.

TREVOR

You haven't sunk it yet?

EARL

Not yet, but getting close. Where you  
guys heading?

GUS