

Dr. and Mrs. Smith

The Smiths are finally at their wits end. When they first moved onto the property, things were going so well. They'd finally achieved their dream property. Dr. Smith's practice was doing well and business at the hospital was up. They had the plans worked up for remodeling the adobe house. It was going to be quite a project, but not one they couldn't afford. Money wasn't much of a consideration to the Smiths. They were even developing a good relationship with their new neighbor, Granny. She had brought them over some vegetables out of her garden once.

When Tommie moved in, everything changed. Up at all hours, constant noise – engines revving, radios blasting, fireworks, yelling and carrying on until the wee hours. Dr. Smith needs his sleep. He's a busy and important man. They had to put up an ugly 6' chain link fence just to protect their animals, now they've had to block off the irrigation road to keep Tommie off their property. That kid's a terror.

Mrs. Smiths' Emotional State

I can't believe the gall of Jones' to send us a letter demanding repayment for the damages they've caused. That worthless, unemployed, drunk-of-a-grandson, Tommie, is the one who caused all this. He's the one to blame. He comes onto our property – horn a blazing and revving his engine all the while blasting his radio – just to make problems. He's reckless and careless and deserves to wind up in jail for what he's done! Poor, innocent Veronica. My favorite pet – her leg broken. And my trees! I just planted those trees. Ruined – all five of them.

Granny seemed like such a nice old lady. Just fallen on some unfortunate times with her recent hospital stay and all. We even gave Granny her asking price even though we felt it was a little high, just to help her out. Granny told us how she was raised in that old adobe house when she was just a girl. The thought of having it restored to its former glory seemed such an exciting proposition for her. We have grand plans for fixing up the old house and the property.

Everything was going fine until that shiftless Tommie moved in. He's been partying and raising hell since he arrived. He sleeps all day and parties all night. That big, giant dog of his – what a brute. He terrorizes my three little Yorkies half to death. That's why we had to put up that 6' chain link fence. Just to protect our little babies from that beast. Why, just last Fourth of July, that Tommie had another ruckus party. He and his no-account buddies were blasting off fireworks till three a.m. One of them landed in our chicken coop and nearly set it on fire! We didn't get any eggs for a week, the chickens were so distraught.

Extra Facts about the Smiths

1. The Smiths are in their mid thirties, their careers now established are just beginning to take off.
2. Mrs. Smith is a dog trainer and shows her prize winning Yorkshire Terriers and her Vietnamese Pot-bellied Pig.
3. Money is not really an issue for the Smiths, they just think that it's not right for Tommie to be bumming off his Granny like that and that he needs a lesson on responsibility.
4. The trees really didn't cost \$500. The estimate included the labor to plant them. The trees really cost about \$75. Mrs. Smith just doesn't have the time to replant them.
5. Both of the Smiths are very busy with their budding careers and are away from the property often. They'd really like it if they could trust someone to watch over their property while they're gone.

Smiths' Position

1. They knew that Granny used the irrigation ditch to water her garden when they bought the property. They really have no intention to block her access to the turn-out.
2. They want to protect their investment and live next to a neighbor they can trust.
3. They want respect. They both work long hours and just can't be awakened in the middle of the night to loud partying.
4. They want their trees replaced and replanted.
5. They want to know that their animals are safe. They are concerned about Tommie's dog.
6. They want Tommie to realize the consequences of his actions.
7. They really don't want Granny to suffer for Tommie's lack of respect and tomfoolery.