

Tommie Jones

Tommie gets a phone call from a surveyor that the Smith's hired. He wants to meet with him to ask him some questions about the Smith property. Tommie's just about had it with the Smiths bothering them about every thing, so he's pretty short with the Surveyor. Tommie tells the surveyor to pound sand, in no uncertain terms. The surveyor is pretty insistent that this meeting could be beneficial to Tommie and his grandmother and might just help them resolve some of the problems they are having with the Smiths. Tommie realizes that his grandmother is quite upset how this feud has affected the neighborhood. Tommie agrees to meet with the surveyor on Saturday morning.

Tommie's Emotional State

I can't believe how these jerks have tried to push me around! They think they can walk into a neighborhood and call the shots just because they have a lot of money. They want to make this neighborhood into the city, putting up fences, always complaining ... bitch, bitch, bitch! Called the sheriff about my Fourth of July party ... some B.S. about chickens. Called zoning about Granny's shed, claimed it was hazardous and an eyesore. Called animal control about my dog, Spike, (a great big, beautiful, Rottweiler-Pitbull cross). Can you believe it – they call animal control when their vicious pack of so-called show dogs is terrorizing the neighborhood! Their dogs are out all the time barking at me and Spike, and even poor old Granny – coming onto our property all the time. And then they have this ridiculous squinchy little black pig who is too weird looking and not big enough to make a decent sized strip of bacon, and the stupid pig runs right out in front of my truck and now my truck is all dented up. And they want me to pay them! I just wish they would move out so things could be peaceful in the neighborhood like they used to be.

Other Facts about Tommie

1. You are 23, finished the 11th grade, work odd jobs when you can. You live with your Granny because you hate your step-father.
2. The night you had the wreck, you were doing some serious partying. You were pretty high. When the runty pig ran in front of the truck, you gunned the motor to scare the hell out of the pig, then you hit a muddy spot and lost control of the truck.
3. The damage to your truck is not serious. Since you're pretty handy with the tools, you figure that you can fix it for about \$100 in parts.
4. You have lived with Granny during the summers since Gand dad passed away when you were 12 years old. You and Granny go way back.
5. You used to work for a framing contractor, so you're pretty handy with a hammer. You really are quite an accomplished carpenter if you put your mind to it. You just can't afford the materials or you'd fix up that old weatherbeaten shed for Granny.

Positions – Tommie

1. Get the Smiths to keep their dogs in their yard.
2. Get the Smiths to tell you if there is some problem, instead of calling the sheriff, zoning, or animal control.
3. Find out what the Smiths are planning to do with all of their building projects.
4. Have the Smiths talk to you before they do stuff like tearing down fences.
5. Pay as little money as possible since you are between jobs.
6. The access to the irrigation ditch is important as Granny irrigates her garden from it. You need to maintain the ditch and have access to the turnout located on the other end of the Smith property. When Granny gave the deed to the Smiths, she forgot about the ditch and failed to reserve an easement for its access and use.
7. Get the payments current on the real estate contract ASAP. Granny counts on that money to make ends meet. Granny needs the \$1100 immediately.