TWO FARMERS AND A CROW

CHARACTERS:

Jess – farmer #1

Randy – farmer #2

JESS:

Well, how are you, Randy?

RANDY:

Fine, Jess.

JESS:

What are you up to these days?

RANDY:

I got myself a couple acres of blueberries.

JESS:

Why blueberries?

RANDY:

Good market for nice organic blueberries these days.

JESS:

That’s true. My wheat price is so low, it doesn’t come up to my ankle socks.

RANDY: [LAUGHS]

You can say that again. Now, organic blueberries, they can give you a good income. Make the wife

smile you know.

JESS:

Yep. [pause] What do you do about the birds?

RANDY:

Birds?

JESS:

Yep. You know they love blueberries.

RANDY:

Oh, yes. The birds. I got me a screech machine.

JESS:

Screech machine?

RANDY:

Yep. Every so often it lets off the loudest screech and chases the birds away.

JESS:

Really?

RANDY:

Yep. Works really good except for crows.

JEFF:

Crows?

RANDY:

Yeah. When crows hear the ‘screetch’ they figure they can get their fill of whatever remains.

JESS:

You mean they’re attracted by the ‘screech’?

RANDY:

Yep. It’s like bankers comin’ round when they know you can’t pay your loan.

They’re lookin’ to feast off the leftovers.

JESS:

Oh, bankers. At least crows react. You can figure how to scare them off. But bankers now,

they don’t really feel, now do they? All they see is dollar signs.

RANDY:

Umm. What do you think the bankers are missing?

JESS:

Umm. Well. Umm.

RANDY:

Yes?

JESS:

You see Randy, a little one needs to know he’s safe in the world. That his family will be there for him.

RANDY:

Yep.

JESS:

Just like a swarm of crows. They know they’re part of a larger group. And that group – even birds –

will take care of the group. That’s how they survive. Nature made them this say.

RANDY:

Okay.

JESS:

So we all come out better or worse. Just like them crows. Some are smarter. Some are

Quicker. Some need help. Some give help. But they all hang together.

RANDY:

You bet. And they come after my blueberries.

JESS:

Well, yes, because nature made them that way. But you can figure them out. Make your plans.

Kick their ass, if you can. They won’t kick your ass.

RANDY:

Well…. Yep.

JESS:

But the banker. Somewhere he didn’t get any loving. It was … like … you’re on your own son

and don’t count on your family ‘cause we’re having too hard a time to help the likes of you.

In fact, you’re a pain in my ass.

RANDY:

That’s not a nice picture.

JESS:

Well, a young one like that will try to figure out how to survive. He’ll look around for something he

can count on – and it ain’t humans. He’s taught humans are hard-hearted.

RANDY:

Um. So he figures money will get him a life?

JESS:

Yup. If he can figure how to keep taking more and more of the money, without end,

he’ll never be in the power of his ma or pa, who don’t like ‘em much.

RANDY:

Oh, I see.

JESS:

So, when this young boy gets to be a banker, he figures his money is the most important thing

in the world.

RANDY:

Sort of like the banker ain’t human.

JESS:

Well, being in the business of taking people’s farms from them, when the price of their produce

is driven down with free trade and they can’t pay the bank loan …

RANDY:

Yup. You know, it seems to me free trade has gotten rid of a lot of family farms. It seems the bankers

like free trade. They get lots of family farms bleeding out and turn them into the corporation farms.

JESS:

Wait. You got it Randy. It’s a big scam for the last seventy years. Open our doors to cheap

agricultural products from countries with cheap labor. Drive out the family farmers.

Bankrupt the small rural towns.

RANDY:

And whoops! We feed the world, we help the poor, but … don’t look at our farmers …

you know they’re not … well, can I say ‘efficient’!

JESS:

Well, we know the 40 acre diversified farm is the most productive in the world.

RANDY:

Yes, but it don’t make profits for the bankers.

JESS:

Oh, now, Randy, it’s not just our bankers. You know, their system of bank money

has been going on a long time. It’s come along the whole way with Western Civilization.

RANDY:

Yup. Well, we need some changes. Those bankers have got to eat some ‘crow’, if I may use that

particular bird as an example. Their system of usury – all this unearned income from their bank loans –

more and more debt – why our entire money supply only exists because these commercial banks give

loans. If there weren’t any bank loans, there wouldn’t be any money in our country.

JESS:

Well, if everyone understood this, things would be changed.

RANDY:

Well, I’m gonna figure how I can get rid of the crows on my blueberry patch. The crows will figure

out fast what’s good for them, and they’ll leave my blueberries along.

JEFF:

Yep. We need to do the same with the bankers.

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