

12 EXT. TIFFY FARM - DAY

One of Tiffy's African slaves, named GABE (20s), diligently works on a fence post, repairing it.

Suddenly, the house door SLAMS open and Ruth stumbles out, crying. She has a black eye and a cut on her lip.

Gabe looks into the house - inside, partially hidden in the shadows, Tiffy tucks in his shirt and lights a tobacco pipe.

Ruth limps toward Gabe as Tiffy closes the door.

GABE
He hit you again?

RUTH
Worse

GABE
I reckon that's enough

Gabe, in anger, picks up his hammer and marches toward the house. Ruth grabs him.

RUTH
Gabe, don't! You will put our whole
family in danger

GABE
I cannot bear to see my sister like
this. Something must be done

RUTH
Then pray

GABE
Pray?

RUTH
Yes. Pray and trust that the good
Lord will deliver us from evil

Gabe throws the hammer in anger - it CLATTERS on the fence and hits the dirt with a THUD.