

CHARACTER SIDES

Maynard

MAYNARD (45), White, the sloven second plantation owner and pedifile.

(Jacob knocks on Maynard's door. Jacob's mob stays back. MARGARET, Maynard's sister and only slightly more put together than Maynard, answers the door.)

MARGARET

HELLO SIR AND WELCOME! WELCOME TO OUR HOME.
YOUR A LITTLE EARLY FOR OUR CELEBRATIONS,
4TH OF JULY IS HERE,
BUT WE HAVE YET TO SERVE THE LIBATIONS.

JACOB

THANK YOU. WORRY NOT, WORRY NOT AT ALL.
ALLOW ME TO GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT.
I HAVE COME FROM AFAR. TO SEARCH FOR MY PROPERTY. SLAVES. A
WOMAN, A MAN AND A YOUNGIN.

(Jacob enters the living room. He sees Maynard sitting down with Emala on his lap.)

(whispers)

That's her!

MAYNARD

GREETINGS SIR! MIND HER NOT AT ALL.
I LOVE THE YOUNG ONES, ISN'T SHE A DOLL.

(Bali is working outside and sees Jacob through the window)

JACOB

SIR. SHE IS MY PROPERTY. ESCAPED DAYS AGO.
I HADN'T HAD HER BRANDED, BUT ALLOW ME TO RETRIEVE HER AND
I'LL GO.

MAYNARD

No. I HAVE ACQUIRED HER. SHE IS MINE FAIR AND SQUARE. WHO
ARE YOU TO THINK TO TAKE HER FROM ME-

JACOB

YOU DARE?!?! AND WHY DO YOU HAVE HER DRESSED SO?
SHE IS A FIELD SLAVE, SHE SHOULD BE WORKING WITH A HOE.

MAYNARD

WORRY NOT ABOUT THESE THINGS.
SHE IS MINE TO DO WITH AS I PLEASE.

JACOB

I HAVE TAUGHT MANY A NEGRO TO BEHAVE.
BUT, ONLY A SICK MAN WOULD COURT A GIRL AS YOUNG AS HER.

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EVEN IF SHE IS A SLAVE.

AND WHERE ARE THE OTHERS THAT CAME WITH HER? A MAN AND A GIRL?

(Maynard pauses.)

MAYNARD

NO. THERE IS NO ONE NEW HERE.
MY OTHER PROPERTY HAS BEEN HERE FOR...
OVER A YEAR.

Sir, YOUR INVITATION IS RESCINDED.
YOU ARE WELCOME NO MORE.
THIS GIRL WAS PURCHASED LEGALLY,
FROM THIS I SHALL NOT WAVER.
IF YOU WANT HER BACK,
COME WITH THE LAW AND YOUR PAPERS.

JACOB

I will be back... Yes sir, I will...

(Jacob and mob take their leave. They do not travel far from the plantation.)

MAYNARD

Good riddance... Enough of this drudgery, its the 4th of July! Break out the booze!

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