

INT. JOHN BARROW'S HOUSE - DAY

The SLAVES wrap JOHN BARROW'S BODY with a QUILT.

NELSON places a PLUG OF TOBACCO on the dead white man's chest. Then he begins humming his HOODOO INCANTATION again.

The SLAVES exit the house.

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LUCY wanders around to the front of the house, still dazed from her struggle with MRS. BARROW.

LUCY
Stupid white bitch.

LUCY wanders to the front of the house where she finds NELSON mounting his HORSE.

LUCY
I wants to come fight de war wid
y'all.

NELSON
Us fight for you.

NELSON rides off.

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MOSES BARROW, one of JOHN'S slaves, is already busy rambling through his former master's cabinets.

LUCY enters and joins in with him. She finds a big cache of SILVER. MOSES takes a FEATHER BAG and begins to shovel the SILVER into it. He and LUCY hide this BAG under a bench.

SIMON BLUNT (V.O.)
In the bible days of Joshua there
was a thief named A'chan. A'chan
went ahead and took some property
that didn't belong to him. He
stole some clothes, he stole some
gold and he stole some silver.
Then he buried all of this under
his tent.

INT. SIMON BLUNT HOUSE - DAY

SIMON BLUNT (seated as usual), his overseer SHADRACH FUTRELL and his 15 year old son, SIMON JR., and 3 OTHER WHITE MEN stand before three dozen BLUNT SLAVES. The White's GUNS sit close by. SIMON gnaws on a PIECE OF MEAT as he continues.

SIMON BLUNT

Well, when Joshua found out about this he confiscated the stolen property and them Israelites stoned A'chan to death. Burned him too. But they didn't just kill A'chan. They killed A'chan's sons and A'chan's daughters too.

BLUNT'S SLAVES pay close attention.

SIMON BLUNT

Now each of you niggers is my property. I paid for you with my hard earned money. Some of you worth more than others, but that don't matter.

MARY smiles.

SIMON BLUNT

What does matter is I can do as I like with my property and cain't no man white or black take what belongs to me. Howsomever recently some niggers in Southampton county have stolen themselves some guns and taken to killin' innocent people so they could steal themselves away from their rightful owners.

The SLAVES look at each other and mumble in surprise after hearing this news.

SIMON BLUNT

See these niggers done gone ahead to steal theyselves free. But just like A'chan theys only gone get theyselves and they children dead. Now, I'm a kind feller so I wants to propose a choice to my people.

SAHDRACH FUTRELL opens the door to the HOUSE.

SIMON BLUNT

If any of you niggers feel you'd be better off without a master to take care of you, without a master to clothe you and feed you, without a master to keep you from gettin' killed by a whole boodle of angry white folk, then you can run off and steal yourself from me right now...or you can stay and fight FOR ME, a white man who's been takin' good care of you and will continue taking care of you and also make sure you and your children don't end up gettin' killed when all this is said and done. So, what's it going to be, niggers?

EXT. WOODS - DAY

NAT rides up to HARK and the other FOOT SOLDIERS, who are actually no longer foot soldiers since they all have HORSES. There are even several NEW REBELS amongst them, including MARMADUKE.

HARK

Genr'l Nat!

NAT TURNER

Report.

HARK

Us did like you said...

FLASHBACK:

EXT. SOME FARM - DAY

The events that HARK is describing unfold before us.

HARK (V.O.)

...us kilt Doyle 'long de road.

The SLAVES MASSACRE TRAJAN DOYLE, chopping him to mince meat. HARK grabs DOYLE'S POCKETBOOK.

HARK (V.O.)

But de farm was empty.

The SLAVES wander around a farm devoid of all people, completely abandoned.

END FLASHBACK