

TUCKER:

Where you been, Red?

RED-MANNING:

I had to see J.B. then I stopped by A.C.'s office to drop off some medical supplies. Then I went over to see the parade.

TUCKER:

You could have told me. I could have dropped off those supplies.

RED-MANNING:

I had to see him about the surgery on my knee. I ignored doing what he said and now I got scar tissue.

TUCKER:

Dr. A. C. Jackson working on a holiday.

RED-MANNING:

Yeah, that's when most folk can get in to see him without taking time off work. Everybody don't do it but he do. He's the best around. That's for sure.

TUCKER:

Yeah, Doc Jackson. I ain't had no problems since he worked on my back.

RED-MANNING:

We're going to need more pallets.

TUCKER:

No need in getting them until the lift gets fixed.

RED-MANNING:

Can't you get the order in while you work on the lift?

TUCKER:

We can. But if we can't fix the lift we'll have to get a new one. That'll take some time. If I order the pallets ahead they'll just be stacked up and in the way of the supplies.

RED-MANNING:

Well figure it out.

TUCKER:

Will do. Right now it's better to drive to Springfield and get the pallets when we need them.

RED-MANNING:

That's a whole day up and back. You can't be in two places at one time.

TUCKER:

We need to get another hand anyway. Everybody wants orders faster than we can fill them.

RED-MANNING:

I guess that's a good problem.

TUCKER:

I can call Gurley and have him bring somebody in.

RED-MANNING:

Yeah. Go ahead and look in to it.

(It is still for a moment as TUCKER finds a way to bring up what he suspects will be a sensitive topic.)

TUCKER:

Darnit, Red, we got to do something about this Sir situation. I mean can't be no beating around the bush. We got to take it head on.

RED-MANNING:

What is it you suggest we do?

(SHAWNESE returns with TUCKER's sandwich on a plate.)

TUCKER:

First we got to find out what he want.

RED-MANNING:

The man did twenty-five years of my time. Put yourself where he's at.

TUCKER:

I knew you were going to go feeling guilty about this thing. You did what you had to do. You did what he, me or any man would have done. The man gave up Sir and if that's what he did then that's who Sir should

RED-MANNING:

I don't take away what's been done. The man do your time, regardless of why you just can't act like it didn't happen.