

## SYNOPSIS for "Scattered Harvest"

WILL is a dairy farmer in Indiana in 1914. His wife, REBECCA, is sick and they are struggling to make her better. Rebecca suggests that HATTIE come live with them, an old college friend of theirs whom Will used to fool around with.

The local Doctor, DOC, is seeing the town's new veterinarian, KATHERINE, and Hattie. The two of them go up to Will's farm, Doc to see Rebecca, and Katherine to check on Will's bull.

Whilst checking her heart with a stethoscope, Doc gropes Rebecca's breast. Rebecca screams out and Will throws him to the ground and punches him. Doc and Katherine scramble out of there.

Will is then arrested. In his court hearing it is concluded that Will is having a mental breakdown, is certified insane and ordered to Long Pointe, a state mental hospital.

Will overpowers a hospital guard, steals his uniform and escapes Long Pointe. He jumps on a train back to Hampton.

Meanwhile, Rebecca has died and Will's children are given up for adoption around the town.

Will is captured and sent back to Long Pointe. Doc tells him he will farm for him at Long Pointe, and if he doesn't, he will make Will's life a living hell. And, if he tries running away, he'll have Will's boys sent to reform school.

Will succumbs, and the Long Pointe harvest flourishes. Hattie visits the hospital and tells Doc that she is carrying his baby. Doc agrees to release Will, on Hattie's request. Hattie is taken and murdered.

The judge eventually signs Will's release papers but dies falling down a flight of stairs.

Time passes in the hospital. ANN, the patient next door to Will smells something putrid coming from his cell. She calls for help and Will is discovered with his leg full of gangrene. Katherine treats it with live maggots.

Doc is given Will's release papers and throws them in the fire. He then orders MAX to get Will from his cell. When he does, a fight ensues and Will knocks Max down a flight of stairs.

Doc comes up from behind Will and strikes him over the head. Doc puts Will on a gurney and wheels him to the surgery room, where he straps him down.

Doc threatens Katherine with Will's life and makes her cooperate. He is going to saw Will's leg off. Katherine makes Doc some coffee and poisons him. Doc falls and hits his head on the side. It bleeds.

Will and Katherine wheel him out in a wheelbarrow, planning to bury him. Doc comes round and tries to kill Will, but the bull comes from the barn and charges him from behind. Doc is impaled on the bull's horn.

Will is given his release. He gets his children back and works on his farm with Katherine.