

EXT. SOMEWHERE IN THE DESERT - DAY

Helen and Dot are walking in the desert on their quest to find Dude. Buddy is at their side.

HELEN

So what is around here?  
Looks pretty desolate.

DOT

It is but it isn't.  
Mostly ranchers,  
cowboys, small town folk  
like me and Sam.

HELEN

How long have you lived  
here?

DOT

My whole life. Married  
Sam when I was 18. It's  
peaceful. Quiet.

HELEN

Hm. I hope I can use  
those words to describe  
my life someday.

Helen looks out into the desert. It's not going well.

HELEN (CONT'D)

Dude! Dude! Where is he?

DOT

He's alive darlin',  
let's just keep him in  
our prayers.

HELEN

I don't pray much. No  
disrespect.

DOT

None taken.

Helen spots the tomato greenery in the distance.

HELEN

What is that?

DOT

That's George Sheppard's  
place. He's a rancher.  
That there is a hobby of  
his. He grows tomatoes.  
Tasty ones, too.

Helen's phone RINGS.

HELEN

Excuse me just a sec.  
Hello?

Helen turns to Dot.

HELEN (CONT'D)

Thank you! We'll be  
right there.

DOT

What is it?

HELEN

Where is Deer Creek?