

FARM GIRL

EXT. FARMHOUSE - DAY

A small white farmhouse sits amidst green fields on the brink of harvest. A GUNSHOT rings out. Birds scatter.

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In the living room of the house, JED TAYLOR, 40's, drops his newspaper from in front of his face and looks up, worried.

Another shot rings out.

Jed tosses the paper to the floor and leaps from his comfy recliner.

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Jed races out the back door that leads into the land used by a plethora of different animals. The animals all trot away from one direction as another shot fires.

Jed races off in the direction of the gunfire and comes upon MILLY TAYLOR, a farmgirl of 15, loading bullets into a clip for a rifle as big as she is.

She slams the clip home, cocks the weapon, and brings it up to aim at something she and Jed can both see. She doesn't turn to him as he approaches.

JED

Milly! What are you doing?

Milly holds her aim and doesn't lower the rifle.

MILLY

What you told me, Dad. Gettin' my own food.

JED

This ain't huntin', Milly.

MILLY

It's huntin' for me.

JED

We talked about the importance of

certain types of food, girl...

MILLY

Yeah, and I told you that I wasn't killin' anything, but you went and said I was no daughter of yours if I couldn't go out and shoot my own food. Well, I'm shootin' it, Dad.

She fires again. Something thuds O.S.

JED

Ok, you don't need to do this.

She checks her prey and aims again.

MILLY

So are you sorry?

JED

Milly, you're always going to be my daughter. I'm just a meat and potatoes guy. I've never been one for all of this.

He waves his hand around. The view widens to reveal a large vegetable garden. Several cucumbers rest on the ground next to a couple of tomatoes. In the distance are several apple trees.

MILLY

So argument that I can shoot?

Milly fires and clips the stem of one of the apples. It falls to the ground. She lowers the weapon and looks at Jed. She smiles proudly.

JED

None at all.

He holds out an arm. She walks to him and he guides her back to the house.

JED

But I don't think your veggies are that dangerous.

MILLY

The broccoli is good this year.
You should try it.

JED

Not a chance.

THE END