

SCENE 25

BOB

Watching the news all day, some of us are starting to lose it. So these people here, they decide to have a big cook out for the whole community — just trying to get our minds off of everything. And Derm, the Mayor of Appleton, says to me...

DERM

Right, m'son, do me a favor and start to round up some grills.

BOB

Round up some grills?

DERM

Yeah, just go to people's yards and take their grills.

A pause.

BOB

... Take their grills? Someone's gonna shoot me.

DERM

No, no, no, no, no... Just go to people's yards and grab their grill.

Another pause.

BOB

(to audience)

So I'm going from yard to yard and I keep thinking, someone is going to shoot me in the back.

MALE TOWNSPERSON (ACTOR 12)

Hello there!

BOB freezes.

MALE TOWNSPERSON

Are you taking my barbecue?

BOB

... This is your barbecue?

MALE TOWNSPERSON

Yeah, buddy.

BOB

Listen, I am so sorry -

MALE TOWNSPERSON

The wife's got the kettle on, if you want a cuppa.

BOB

I get offered a cup a tea in every single backyard—and most of them offer to help me steal their own barbecues. We bring them all over to the community center—no names on them. I don't know how they ever get 'em back. But that's how we have a big cookout—completely free. After that I stop worrying so much about my wallet.

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