

Scene 7

Setting: River bank

Cast: Stump Walton, Virgil

(Stump and Virgil are building a trap for Big Neck out of branches, wire, and hooks)

Stump Walton

I got somethin' for that damn fish!!

Virgil

Just forget about it Stump? No need to keep stewin'.

Stump Walton

You serious, Virg? You see this? (holds up stump arm) I almost died 'cause of that scoundrel. Ain't gon' be no forgettin'. Nobody or nothing does that to Stump Walton. Not without payin' fer it.

Virgil

Guess your mind's made up. How's this thing work, anyhow?

Stump Walton

Real simple pardna. He swims in the big end and can't git out the other. These here sharp stakes keep him from backin' out, and if he starts to spin, the hooks and the wire'll wrap him up..

Virgil

Why on earth would he swim in there anyway, Stump?

Stump Walton

For that big juicy channel cat on a hook at the other end. Greedy sucker cain't help hisself.

Scene 8

Setting: River bank

Cast: Charles, Seno, Stump Walton, Virgil

(Charles and Seno with fishing poles in the water)

Stump Walton

What's yo' name boy?

Seno

Seno.

Stump Walton

Hmmm. One of Seno Heaston's darkies. Named after yo' pappy, I reckon. Ol' man Heaston be huntin' coon tail in the quarters.

(Laughing)

Virgil

Stump, we gotta get up to Bennie Ray's so we can git back to Utica before dark. Already runnin' late.

Stump Walton

Hold on, Virg, let me check this jigaboo out.

Virgil

All right, but you know Bennie ain't partial to waitin'.

Stump Walton

Damn it the hell, he'll wait for me! Besides, I thought we'd go over 'n check the trap for the big one.

Virgil

We checked it this mornin'. We can look again on the way back.

Stump Walton

Alright, alright. Let's get the hell outta here.

(To Seno)

Boy, you bes' be gon' when I git back.