

INT. BARN - DAY

Jed enters. Rose works, or rather bangs, on the same old horizontal wine press.

JED  
Just give it up, Rose?

ROSE  
Is she going to live?

Silence.

ROSE (CONT'D)  
I saw it on the news. Her house.  
Your car. Is she going to live?

JED  
Yes.

ROSE  
How long has this been going on?

JED  
I tried to end it. That's why she-

ROSE  
How long?

JED  
You said not to come home.

ROSE  
What?

JED  
I was in London. You told me not  
to come home! You didn't want me.  
She did.

ROSE  
My dad had just died! I wanted you  
to come home. I needed you, and  
you weren't there! You were with  
her! While I was here carrying our  
child! It's so humiliating! How  
could you do this to me?

JED  
You'd make me beg! Girls out there  
begging me, and I have to beg you!  
My wife! Who do you think you are  
that you can treat me this way and  
not pay? You humiliated me!

(MORE)

JED (CONT'D)

So many times! Telling me that I'm not good enough for you! That you don't want me!

ROSE

I never said that! I never said-

JED

You didn't say the words, but you said it all the time! And, she didn't, Rose! That's why this happened!

ROSE

How many people have to suffer so you can have what you want? You're a selfish child-

JED

I'm a child? You're a spoiled brat! Lost without her daddy! How old were you when we met? Too old for me to be asking him! That should have been the first clue! I should have sped off and never looked back! But, I wanted you, and I couldn't have you! Some things never change!

(to the wine press)

Guess what, Shep? We're gonna be hands off! Just like you wanted! Just like you always wanted!

Jed picks up a metal pipe.

ROSE

No, Jed! No!

Jed bashes the wine press, splinting its planks.

JED

Are you happy? Are you happy?

ROSE

No! No!

Splinters and metal parts are flying. He kicks and stomps it. Rose tries to pull him away.

JED

Of course, you are! Of course, you're happy! You're dead! You're dust! You're dead! You're dead!

He rears back, knocking Rose down. She sobs, then wails.

ROSE  
Get out. Get out!

Panting, Jed drops the pipe and staggers out.