

:: Start

[Player walks into the backyard]

You notice a lemon tree heavy with fruit. The bright yellow lemons seem...too many.

[[Approach the tree|Pick Lemons]]

[[Greet Mrs. Ruthman|Neighbor Interaction]]

:: Pick Lemons

You reach for a lemon. Your hand shakes slightly as you grasp it.

Internal Monologue: "I just want to get this tree a little more bare so it can grow more fruit!"

[[Pick another lemon|Pick Lemons]]

[[Stop and observe|Observe Lemons]]

:: Observe Lemons

The lemons lie scattered on the ground. Something feels off.

Internal Monologue: "A circus in the neighborhood. Messy...really messy."

[[Approach garden shears|Shears Interaction]]

[[Walk away|End]]

:: Neighbor Interaction

Mrs. Ruthman is tending her garden. She looks up.

"Good morning! Are you alright?"

[[Reassure her|Reassure]]

[[Deflect with lemons|Pick Lemons]]

:: Shears Interaction

You pick up the sharp garden shears. A thrill runs through you.

Internal Monologue: "Yes. A barren lemon tree."

[[End|End]]

:: Reassure

"Oh yes, I'm doing quite alright, how are you, Mrs. Ruthman?"

She smiles, still concerned.

[[Return to the tree|Pick Lemons]]

[[Walk away|End]]

:: End

The backyard is quiet. The lemon tree stands bare.

The neighbors watch, puzzled. You feel a strange satisfaction.