



#6 The Feuding Farmers - Olson (skilled)

Information Known to Both

Kramer and Olson are feuding over paying upkeep of their common lane, among other issues. Both farms originally belonged to Kramer's dad. Kramer bought his farm from his father 15 years ago. Kramer's brother farmed Olson's farm until recently. When the brother died of a heart attack two years ago, Olson bought the farm. Kramer and Olson both have teenage children who play on the same baseball team.

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Kramer has slighted you ever since you arrived. His attitude towards you from the beginning has been that you have a second-rate farm and are a third-rate farmer. The day you moved in, Kramer came down and boasted about how good his land is. He insulted your land, saying it has lots of rocks and gullies and erosion problems. Frustrated, you told him that you could handle things without his help and went to your house. Now it seems like every time you talk with him he's trying to tell you how to run your farm.

Worse, Kramer drives dangerously fast on your lane. About six-months ago you installed speed bumps in an effort to protect your family from his flying V.W. You also put \$250 worth of gravel on your section of the lane, and asked Kramer to pay for his half of the cost; Kramer refused. Twice in the last year your cows have gotten out and damaged Kramer's crops. Kramer was angry about this and sent you a bill for \$100 after the second occurrence. You tore it up and put it in his mailbox. You won't consider anything for his crop damage until he pays for his share of upkeep on the lane. After all, he uses your section of the lane as much as you do!

Kramer makes you angry just with his presence, but at the same time you invited Kramer to come over and discuss.