**SCENE I. Before JEDEDIAH'S house.**

*Enter JEDEDIAH, DAISY, and VIOLET, with a Messenger*

**JEDEDIAH**

Ba Thundahs! Clem here, brings us the news that Cap’n Jethro Purvis and his company of Mountain Men, comes to “Pine Mountain” this very evenin’!

**Messenger**

He’s very close behind me and oughtn’ to be comin’ down the draw to the holler any time, now.

**JEDEDIAH**

Yuins’ lost any men in this Moonshine War? Dad burnt Revenuers!

**Messenger**

Not harldy. They hain’t never messed with no Mountain men afore, I reckon.

**JEDEDIAH**

Victry smell’s sweetern molasses in the mornin’ when nobody get’s kilt. Your also a tellin’ me that Jethro’s done promoted that boy ABNER we been a hearin’ so much about.

**Messenger**

He shore nuff deserved it seein’s he’s showed bravery and mountain knowin’s far beyond Jethro’s expectations of a man twice his age, doing, in the figure of a lamb, the feats of a lion.

**JEDEDIAH**

Glad to hear it, Clem. I’d be glad ta have that boy hangin’ his hat right cheer on Pine Mountain.

**VIOLET**

I’m just a askin’, is Mr. Washburn with the Cap’n, also?

**Messenger**

I speck I don’t know nobody what goes by the name a Washburn.

**JEDEDIAH**

Whachya askin the man that fer, niece?

**DAISY**

My cousin, Violet means Mr. Bubba Washburn of Possum Junction; everbody just calls him “Bubba.”

**Messenger**

O, he’ll be a comin with Cap’n Jethro and the rest a the boys fer shornuff and about the best danged friend any mountain man ever had is that Bubba. Talkin’ bout yur good ol’ boy!

**VIOLET**

He ‘s done busniss in Pine Mountain afore, and I woudn’t be surprised if’n he pulls the same hog wash again this time around. I pray you, how many hast he kilt in these wars? Fer if’n he’s a gonna impress me, it shore as heck better be a passle full of them revenuers.

**JEDEDIAH**

I sware, niece, you slander Mr. Bubba too much; but yer shur to see ‘em soon enough, I reckin.

**Messenger**

He’s been a good hand in this here Moonshine war: And a good soldier too, Missy.

**VIOLET**

And a good soldier too Missy: Is he a good man, then?

**Messenger**

A good man indeed, Miss Violet; stuffed with all honorable virtues.

**VIOLET**

Well, I’d agree he ought ta be stuffed and put above somebody’s farplace!

**JEDEDIAH**

Don’t let her fool you, Clem. She’s jus pokin’ fun at Bubba. She hardly knows the man.

**VIOLET**

Why, pray tell does evrybody defend and praise that mule headed hog slopper! He ain’t got no learnin’. He’s not near as attractive as his horse, and he’s about as funny as bein’ trapped in the outhouse with a skunk! How could anybody with any self respect hang out with Bubba Washburn?

**Messenger**

Well Missy, right now, him an young ABNER hang out an’ they is probly the Cap’ns two best men.

**VIOLET**

O’ lawdy, Bubba’ll attach himself to ABNER like the poxy, and ABNER my never recover, I’m a thinkin’.

**Messenger**

I thank I’ll be a wantin’ you on my side, Miss Violet.

**VIOLET**

Do, good friend, do.

**JEDEDIAH**

You shore are a piece a work, niece.

**VIOLET**

Don’t fergit it, Uncle.

**Messenger**

Cap’n Jethro, I’m shore glad to be a seein’ you.

*Enter JETHRO, BUTCH, ABNER, BUBBA, and ELVIS*

**JETHRO**

Well, if’n it aint Jedediah Hogue, Patriarch of Pine Mountain. It’s been way too long ol’ friend.

**JEDEDIAH**

Welcome, Cap’n Jethro. It’s always a pleasure to see that smilin’ face. The sun don’t shine quite as bright when yore not here!

**JETHRO**

I always said you was indeed, the Gentleman of the Mountains. Is this yore daughter all growed up?

**JEDEDIAH**

Well, that’s what her Momma always told me.

**BUBBA**

Was there ever any doubts?

**JEDEDIAH**

No Mr. Bubba; you know bettern that!

**JETHRO**

There’s your answer Bubba. Miss Daisy, I’m pleased to make the acquaintance of the daughter of Jedediah Hogue.  
**BUBBA**

Well, me and evrbody in Pine Mountain is plenty thankful she don’t look too much like her pappy!

**VIOLET**

Should a knowd that was you a talkin when I heard such a intelligent statement.

**BUBBA**

What, my dear Miss Violet! are you still yet livin?

**VIOLET**

How could I possibly die and risk not hearing all the wisdom that drools from the corners of yer mouth, tubaccy breath.

**BUBBA**

As per the usual, all women ceptin’ you seem to dearly love me, and for that, I’m a thankin’ my lucky stars! But, I must admit, I truly do enjoy women, but even if’n thay wasta fall in love with me, I won’t be a fallin’ in love with any a them in the near or far future.

**VIOLET**

That should be good news to any women I know. I had rather heard my dog bark at a crow than a man swear he loves me.

**BUBBA**

If there be any justice, men should stay clear a you as to not get there face scratched.

**VIOLET**

Scratchin’ couldn’t make a face look worse, if’n it be a face such as yours!

**BUBBA**

Well, when you’re a talkin like that, you sound just like a chicken when it gets excited!

**VIOLET**

I’d rather sound like a chicken any day than look and act like one!

**BUBBA**

I sher as heck wish my horse was as fast as yer tongue. I’m finished! No more!

**VIOLET**

You always git the last word. I remember you.

**JETHRO**

Well, that’s all good, Jedediah. Mr. ABNER and Mr. Bubba, my dear friend Jedediah hast  
invited us all. I tole him we’ll stay here at least a month; and he says we’re welcome as long as we want to stay!

**JEDEDIAH**

Welcome, my friends!

*To BUTCH*

Let us also be a welcomin’ you Butch. Any brother of my friend, Cap’n Jethro, is a brother o mine.

**BUTCH**

I’m a tBubbain’ you: I am not of many words, but I’m a thankin’  
you.

**JEDEDIAH**

After you, Jethro!

**JETHRO**

Come On, JEDEDIAH; we’ll be a goin’ together.

*Exit all except BUBBA and ABNER*

**ABNER**

Bubba, did you see the daughter of Mr. JEDEDIAH?

**BUBBA**

Well, I **seen** her, but I really didn’t **LOOK** at ‘er.

**ABNER**

Is she not somethin’ special?

**BUBBA**

Do you want an honest answer, or one that’ll make you feel good?

**ABNER**

Just tell me the truth. Whadja tBubba?

**BUBBA**

Well, I seen bettern, an I seen worse. She’ll probly look better the more the sun goes down.

**ABNER**

Don’t be a jokin with me Bubba. Tell me what you thank.

**BUBBA**

What wouldja give to have ‘er

**ABNER**

You can’t put a price on somethin’ that beautiful.

**BUBBA**

Shur you can, and a box to put it in too. She’s OK, but don’t be a gittin’ no ideas.

**ABNER**

Daisy is the most beautiful thang I have ever laid my eyes on.

**BUBBA**

If’n you had yourself some spectacles, you’d be a seein’ that she ain’t even as purty as her witch of a cousin. Neither one of them girls is good enough to catch one of us. Saayyy! You ain’t thinkin’ what I’m a thinkin’ your thinkin’, are ya? You ain’t a thinkin’ marriage are ya?

**ABNER**

I’d give up everthang, if’n Daisy would be my wife.

**BUBBA**

Are you crazy? What’n the world is wrong with you? Are there no more bachelors over 30 years of age. Am I the onliest man what got any sense left?

*Re-enter JETHRO*

**JETHRO**

What the heck’s goin’ on here that you two ain’t joined us at JEDEDIAH's?

**BUBBA**

I’m too ashamed to say, Cap’n.

**JETHRO**

If’n you be one o my mountain men, you’ll be a tellin’ me right now.

**BUBBA**

Well, you ast fer it. You ain’t a gonna believe this, but our boy Abner, here, is in love! And are you bein’ ready fer this part. With Daisy! Jedediah’s onliest, loneliest daughter. Cousin of that rattlesnake, Violet!

**ABNER**

I must say, I am guilty of whut Bubba done said.

**BUBBA**

El I BE! I was a hopin’ he was jokin’, but now I’m a seein’ he’s really in love.

**ABNER**

I’m a bein’ hooked like a large mouth bass.

**JETHRO**

Amen, if you love her; for Miss Daisy would be a great catch fer any man!

**ABNER**

Are you a funnin’ with me too?

**JETHRO**

I’m a tellin’ you the truth, ABNER!

**ABNER**

I’m a tellin’ the truth, too, Cap’n Jethro!

**BUBBA**

Well, I’m a tellin’ the truth too, it’s jus differnt than ya’lls!

**ABNER**

That I love her, I feel.

**JETHRO**

That she is worthy, I know.

**BUBBA**

Well, heck! I don’t **FEEL** like she is **WORTHY** and you two done bounced on yer heads too long! That’s whut I **FEEL!**

**JETHRO**

Bubba never did have good sense when it comes to women.

**ABNER**

And I don’t speck he ever will.

**BUBBA**

That a woman conceived me, I’m a thankin’ her; that she  
brought me up, I’ll be a thankin’ her fer that also: but to tie myself down to just one woman, well that just ain’t gonna happen. I will live and die a bachelor.

**JETHRO**

One day, I’ll see you also look in puppy love, just like this’n.

**BUBBA**

Jethro, I don’t believe in love, and all ya’ll are blind that pretend thatchu do!

**JETHRO**

Well, I’ll be a hopin’ that you’ll be a changin’ yur mind one day and prove yerself wrong.

**BUBBA**

If’n I do, hang me up like and skinned cat and shoot me, cause I ain’t never coming down.

**JETHRO**

We’ll see in time my friend; even the savage bull can be yoked.

**BUBBA**

Maybe the savage bull, but you’ll never be a seein’ Bubba Washburn as a married man.

**ABNER**

I don’t tBubba these here mountains are ready for a married Bubba Washburn.

**JETHRO**

We’ll jus havta see if’n Cupid’s got him some a them arrows left in his quiver.

**BUBBA**

The world will end before I take a wife.

**JETHRO**

Well, you jus remember what I said. Now, Bubba, Jedediah has prepared us a welcome feast that is getting’ cold as we speak.

**BUBBA**

All this marriage talk done made me hungry.

**ABNER**

Bubba, do you mind goin’ ahead; I’m a wantin’ to talk to Jethro alone.

*Exit Bubba*

*(Otis overhears)*

**ABNER**

Cap’n, can I ask you some questions?

**JETHRO**

Sure, I’m always here for you, ABNER. What can I do fer ya?

**ABNER**

Hast JEDEDIAH any sons, Cap’n?

**JETHRO**

No child but Daisy; she's his only heir.  
You really like her, dontcha, ABNER?

**ABNER**

Oh, Cap’n. When I signed up with you to fight this here moonshine war, all I keered about was shootin’ and hollerin’, and jus havin’ fun. I didn’t take nothin’ serious. Ya know? But now, I feels terrible difernt inside. Like I’ma flyin,’ floatin,’ missin’ somethin’ that I never seen afor. When I seen Daisy, I’m a thinkin’ Daisy is everthang, and everthang else is jus circlin’ around on the perifial, so’s I don’t see it clear no more.

**JETHRO**

Abner, if’n you’re a wantin’ to marry Daisy, I’ll be glad to talk to Jedidiah fer ya and see if’n he’s a willin’ to have you as a part o his famly. Thays mighty good people to be a marryin’ into.

**ABNER**

Jethro, you don’t know how much I’d be appreciatin’ you a fixin’ me up like that. I can’t believe you’d be a doin’ somethin’ like that fer somebody like me.

**JETHRO**

I’m a gettin’ me a plan, Abner. I know there’s a gonna be a hoe down tonight to celebrate are arrival on to Pine Mountain. We’re a gonna wear costumes like to one o them fancy smancy masquerade balls them city slickers have. I’ll pretend that I’m you and I’ll tell Daisy whats a goin’ on, and if’n she’s of a mind to go along with a marryin’ the likes a you, then I’ll clear it with Pappy Jedediah and you be on your way to the altar, son!

*Exit*