

The Tack

A young man was driving along a country road when he got a flat tire. Opening the trunk, he realized he had no tire jack. Checking his phone he realized he had no cell service. Frustrated, he scanned his surroundings and noticed a farmhouse off in the distance.

As he trudged his way up to the house, the young man imagined himself knocking on the door and asking to borrow a jack. In his imagination, the farmer answering the door was wary of a strange guy on their doorstep.

"I bet the farmer is going to be suspicious and not want to lend me a tire jack," he thought. As he continued to walk towards the house, the young man's mind kept ruminating on how suspicious and wary the farmer would be. He imagined himself trying to assure the farmer that he would return the jack but the farmer still wouldn't lend it to him. His thoughts became more intense as he imagined the farmer refusing to help because the farmer was afraid of strangers coming to his door. Maybe he'd been robbed before? The more he imagined the farmer being afraid and unwilling to help him, the more angry and frustrated the young man became.

By the time he finally knocked on the door of the farmhouse, the young man was red-faced and fuming at the farmer's unwillingness to help him

The farmer opened the door and the young man screamed at him, "You can keep your damn tire jack! I don't need it anyways!"