

Side 4

(*Charlie looks at Ellard.*) Knife. That's a knife. Use it to cut things. Cut things. (*Mimes.*) Like—ham. If we had some ham. Or bacon, or sump'm. I can't believe you don't—. (*Looks around for help. There is none.*) Or butter. If we had some butter, you could use it to spread it on—. You don't really need it. No, you don't need it. (*Demonstrating.*) Put it down. Bad. Uh—. (*Charlie now holds a spoon.*) Yeah, now that's your spoon. Use that to put sugar in your coffee, if you had some sugar, here. And you had some coffee—shoot. I don't really know why we got all these things. But your fork—man, I wish somebody else'd help you with this, 'cause I don't know anything, but—I think that your fork—your fork'd be the main thing you'd use. 'Cause you got your eggs, and you got your grits. Y'see? Eat 'em with a fork, just like we been doin'. (*Shows him. Charlie eats. Ellard watches him eat for a while, then speaks slowly, carefully.*) Can—you—say—"fork"? (*Holds up his fork.*) "Faw-werk"? (*Points to Charlie's fork.*) "Faw-werk."

CHARLIE. "Faw. . . ."

ELLARD. "—werk." Two parts. "Faw-werk."

CHARLIE. "Faw . . . werk."

ELLARD. Right. Put 'em together. "Faw-werk."

CHARLIE. "Faw-werk."

ELLARD. Good! That was great! (*Charlie smiles tentatively.*) Yeah. That was great.

CHARLIE. "Faw-werk."

ELLARD. Yeah. (*Pause. Ellard points.*) "Aigs"?

CHARLIE. "Aigs"?

ELLARD. Yep. (*Nods.*) Real good.

CHARLIE. "Aigs"?

ELLARD. Uh-huh. Let's see—"grits"?

CHARLIE. "Gris"?

ELLARD. "Grits." It's called "hominy grits," really. (*Charlie shakes his head.*)

CHARLIE. "Hom—." (*He shakes his head.*)

ELLARD. That's all right. Grits is fine for now. Just "grits."

CHARLIE. "Grits."

ELLARD. Yeah. That's fine. (*Looking around.*) Let's see, what else? (*Points.*) "Plate"?

CHARLIE. "Plate"?

ELLARD. (*Pointing.*) "Sofa"?

CHARLIE. "Sofa"?

ELLARD. (*Going to the stove.*) "Stove"?

CHARLIE. "Stove"?

ELLARD. "Rug"?

CHARLIE. "Rug"?

ELLARD. (*At the lamp.*) "Layump"?

CHARLIE. "Layump"?

ELLARD. "Bottle"?

CHARLIE. "Bottle"?

ELLARD. "Glass."

CHARLIE. "Glass."

ELLARD. (*Looks around.*) Well—that's all the important stuff