

**THE JORDAN TRACT SITE RITUAL,
MOUNT PLEASANT, SC:**

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① VINCE GRAHAM READS A MOVING EXCERPT FROM "THE PRINCE OF TIDES".
"breathe deeply ...the smell of the South in heat, a smell like new milk, semen, and spilled wine, all perfumed with seawater."



③ THE CHARRETTE GROUP IS TRANSFIXED BY THE ENTHRALLING HISTORY OF HOBCAW CREEK.
It suddenly dawns on Peter that he cannot pull his feet out of the muck.



④ AS VINCE INVOKES JANE JACOBS, ANDRES REFLECTS ON THE PROFOUND RELEVANCE OF THE STIRRING WORDS.
"This is way too much Nature for me to handle at one time. Get me to civilization...NOW!"



② VINCE PREPARES THE SPECIAL ANNOINTING BALM BY FOLDING VARIOUS MEANINGFUL SUBSTANCES INTO A CUP OF MARSH MUD.
"OK..., I 've got the new milk, the spilled wine, and the seawater; but who's got the other ingredient?"



⑤ AFTER THE EMOTIONAL 'MUD ANNOINTING' CEREMONY, THE EBULLIENT GROUP POSES FOR A PORTRAIT.
A motion in favor of having the group not bathe again until the town of Mt. Pleasant grants a final approval to begin construction, proposed by Douglas as a bond of solidarity, is narrowly defeated. Manuel casts the swing vote.