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Home Country Taking in nature, sitting in the farmer's recliner

Harley pulled the tractor over to the ditch and cut the engine. He climbed down stiffly, walked to the water and soaked his head and shirt. Then he looked around. No cars were coming down the county road. No one at the house could see him. So he smiled, sat on a rock and leaned back against the ditchbank.

A farmer's recliner, he thought, wiggling slightly to avoid kidney puncture by a twig. He was smiling that dignified farmer's smile on the outside but laughing on the

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inside. So nice to just ing summer fallow rest here for a now. No rush. Do it minute in the sun. any time. Oh, he wouldn't have So Harley locked done it if he'd left his hands behind his the engine running. head, lay back Waste of gas. But the against the ditch engine was off, all grass, and just the seeds were in for looked around. this year, and all he Marshmallow was doing was plowclouds today against

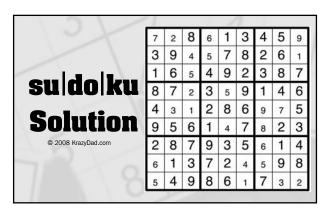
Crows flying in to Harley's fields from Roger's. He paused a moment from pure observation to lean a bit on philosophy. He considered that fences and land deeds and farming contracts meant nothing to these birds. There is more than a bit of envy there, but just for a minute. Harley stood, stretched his back and drank from the canteen on the tractor. Crows didn't

worry about deeds, he thought, but hey, they didn't get to watch football in the fall, either.



a dark blue sky. All in all, on a nice June day, there's nothing wrong with being a farmer.

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