

FROM THE NEBRASKA TOURIST BROCHURE, 1986 :-

"COME TO HOPE FALLS! THERE'S ALWAYS A FRIENDLY FACE WAITING FOR YOU!"

"WE HAVE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY HERE, WITH REGULAR TOWN MEETINGS AND COOKOUTS!"



"OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT IS SECOND TO NONE, AND CRIME IS VIRTUALLY NON EXISTENT!"

HOPE FALLS SHERIFF D

"AND AS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT, WITH SEVERAL STEEL MILLS IN THE VICINITY, THERE'S ALWAYS EMPLOYMENT GOING --"

McCLUSKY'S MILL

"- IF YOU CAN HANDLE GOOD HARD WORK!"

"SO COME ALONG TO HOPE FALLS, WHERE TO VISIT IS TO BE FAMILY --"

"- WE KNOW YOU'LL LOVE IT SO MUCH --"

"-- YOU'LL ALWAYS WANT TO RETURN!"

WELCOME
TO
HOPE FALLS

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TWO DRINK GUYS IN A BAR
PRODUCTIONS PRESENT

Chapter One - "Homecoming"

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MARIE'S DINER. NEVER CHANGES.

IT FEELS ODD - TO BE
HERE, LOOKING AT IT...

...WHEN IT LOOKS
JUST LIKE IT DID --

-- BACK THEN.

CHING!

HEY -
WHAT CAN I
GET YA?

I DON'T
REALLY KNOW,
ACTUALLY --

-- IT ALL
LOOKS SO
GOOD.

WHAT'S
TODAYS
SPECIAL?





HERE YOU GO MISS, THE OMELETTE WILL BE OVER SHORTLY.

THANKS.



LOOK, THIS MIGHT SOUND STRANGE AND ALL THAT - BUT DO I KNOW YOU?

FFF - I DON'T THINK SO. WHY?



YOU LOOK REAL FAMILIAR. LIKE I'VE SEEN YOU ON A POSTER, BUT FROM A LONG TIME AGO.

ARE YOU AN ACTRESS OR SOMETHING? LIKE FROM THE TEE VEE OR MOVIES?

WELL NO, NOTHING LIKE THAT -

- BUT I USED TO LIVE 'ROUND HERE.



GET OUTTA HERE! I'VE LIVED HERE ALL MY LIFE! HOW LONG AGO WAS IT?

OH, I CAN'T REALLY REMEMBER -

DID YOU GO TO JEFFERSON? WHERE DID YOU HANG OUT?



I'M SORRY - IT WAS ABOUT TWENTY YEARS AGO.



REALLY? THEN YOU MUST HAVE LEFT WHEN YOU WERE LIKE FIVE THEN.

HEH - I MUST BE CONFUSING YOU WITH SOMEONE ELSE. SORRY.

YES. YOU PROBABLY ARE.

HEY --



-- CAN I GET A REFILL?

AND DO YOU HAVE A COPY OF TODAY'S PAPER?



"-- SALLY, YOU COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT CITY HALL. BILL, YOU NEED TO BE AT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BY AROUND THREE --"

"KIDS HOSPITAL? I DID THAT LAST MONTH! WHY CAN'T I GET THE MAYOR'S SPEECH?"

BECAUSE SALLY COVERED THE GOPHER DAY PARADE LAST MONTH, SO IT'S HER TIME IN THE LIMELIGHT.

GUYS - WE'RE A LOCAL NEWSPAPER. WE NEVER EXPECTED PULITZERS HERE - BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE DO THE BEST WE CAN --

-- BECAUSE WE'VE GOT ETHICS!!

OKAY, SO I MIGHT GO ON A BIT ABOUT THEM, BUT WITHOUT ETHICS --

"-- WHAT DO YOU REALLY HAVE?"

WHOA! - YOUR PHOTO FRAME JUST EXPLODED?

WASN'T ME. NOWHERE NEAR IT. HONEST.

KRACK!!

THAT'S WIERD --

-- HOW THE HELL DID THAT HAPPEN?