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FADE IN:

EXT. WOODS - DAY

Sunlight cascades down through the giant Redwoods. A pear-shaped man wearing red overalls and a porkpie hat is carving his name at the base of one of these ancient trees. We'll find out later that this man's name is CURTIS. There's a large gap between his two front teeth.

CURTIS
(singing)
Oh my darlin'. Oh my darlin'. Oh my darlin'
Clementine...

As Curtis scoops out a chunk of bark, a no nonsense PARK RANGER zooms up in his jeep. The ranger gets out and takes his shotgun with him.

PARK RANGER
Okay pal. Hold it right there.

Curtis keeps on singing and carving as he ignores the park ranger.

PARK RANGER (CONT'D)
Did you hear me sir?

The ranger pumps his shotgun twice. It gets Curtis' attention. He stops singing and carving.

PARK RANGER (CONT'D)
You are under arrest! Federal law
prohibits anyone from defacing...

CURTIS
Well whoopdy doo for the federaleees.

He drops his knife and raises his hands.

CURTIS
Take me to your leader. Take me to
your leader!

Curtis' laughter sends ripples throughout the forest.

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