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## The Pig War: How a Porcine Tragedy Taught England and America to Share

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In 1859, a hungry pig and two groups of cranky settlers sparked a military confrontation on San Juan Island. Watch human tempers flare as wide-eyed animals look on in this true tale of a maybe needless international tangle—a story with a strong lesson about not letting feelings boil over. The bucolic island scenery is rendered against a cracked sepia tone background, and the proportions of people and animals alike are exaggerated to highlight the silliness of the situation.

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