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Graham wipes the razor, blade open, on his coat.

GRAHAM

Sheriff. Would you be so kind as to hold the prisoner's head?

LEMMY

Gladly.

Lemmy, face puffy and bruised from the brawl, wraps his arm around Paul's neck, putting him in a choke hold. Paul fights with all the energy he can muster.

GRAHAM

As still as possible.

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They hear the struggle from the next room. Jonathan puts his good gun hand around the one on his belt. It hurts to hold.

Ms. Wade sits where Jonathan did, a spoon of food in her hand, offered to the captive woman.

Mabel. Please eat.

The woman can't be distracted by the sounds, filled with shame in Jonathan's presence.

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Graham puts his face next to Paul's.

GRAHAM

Where are they?

Paul struggles to breathe from Lemmy's grasp.

GRAHAM

If you do not tell me, I will be forced to remove your power of speech. And then you will only be able to point in their direction.

Paul spits on the Marshal with the little strength he has left. The white saliva drips down Graham's black coat. Graham raises the razor.

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GRAHAM

Where... are... they.

He brings the razor to Paul's lips.

LEMMY

Marshal.

Lemmy brings his face closer, his voice lower.

On Smithey: watching them, not sure if he wants to be here at all.

LEMMY

I know what you're after.

Graham does not want to be distracted.

LEMMY

So does my deputy.

Graham continues to wait for the sheriff's purpose, impatient. He moves the razor across Paul's lips.

LEMMY

He knows because she told him in a letter.

Graham is attentive now. He presses the razor into Paul's cheek as the secrete conference continues.

LEMMY

And I would not be surprised if she knows where to find the horses.

Paul tries to move, the razor cutting into his skin as the Marshal becomes more and more engaged with Lemmy's story. The conniving sheriff increases his choke hold on the prisoner.

GRAHAM

How could she?

They're both conscious of Smithey, many feet away, able to hear part of what they're saying.

LEMMY

She was there the whole time.

Graham knew he had felt someone's presence.

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