

~~Marguerite walks around a tree and sees~~

~~Samuel jerks Kuykendall's arm, gutting the groom in front of his daughter. She stumbles back in shock and slumps against a tree.~~

~~Kuykendall's eyes fade and he drops to the ground. Samuel pulls the blue cape from his neck and walks back towards the party, dropping it at Marguerite's feet as he passes her.~~

~~CHAPTER V: EXT. MASON'S CABIN - DAY~~

~~The cabin is quiet, the party over. Samuel loads a sack on the wagon, packed with the rest of the Mason family and their belongings. He nods to Thomas.~~

~~Thomas tugs on the reins and the wagon lurches forward. Marguerite sits on the back of the wagon, a piglet with a red ribbon tied around its neck curled on the blue cape on her lap. She strokes it slowly, staring blankly past her father at the fresh grave behind the cabin.~~

~~Samuel shoulders a musket and heads to the front to lead the way.~~

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CHAPTER V: EXT. CAVE IN ROCK - DAY

A man with long knife leads a large pig by a red ribbon tied around the neck.

Thomas Mason and other outlaws sit on the shore of the Ohio river, dividing spoils from their latest river raid under the watchful eye of Samuel Mason. A soaked PRISONER, hands tied behind him, slumps near the group and stares as they rifle through his possessions. Thomas stands and aims a water logged pistol at the prisoner.

THOMAS

This thing any good?

PRISONER

It's never failed me before. Well
'cept for...

SAMUEL

It weren't the pistol that was
asleep on the watch.

A BABY'S CRY echos and everyone looks to see the three Harpe women walking along the shore. Each one carries a baby on her back and a rifle in her arms. They head past the group on the shore and up towards Cave in Rock.

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PRISONER
 You sure do start 'em thieving
 young 'round here.

The Prisoner smirks and a few outlaws chuckle, but Samuel looks grim.

SAMUEL
 Thomas, take him up to the cave,
 keep him tied tight, we'll figure
 out what to do with him later.

Thomas nods and pulls the Prisoner up, leading him away.

THOMAS
 You lot finish this up.

CHAPTER V: EXT. CAVE IN ROCK - NIGHT

Various outlaws crowd around campfires. Despite the size of the cave, it seems crowded and bustling. The Mason gangs sit with their backs to a wall, watching the entrance, a pig roasting over their fire. Samuel sips from a jug of whiskey.

SAMUEL
 It's gotta be them. Three women,
 all with babies, traveling together
 without men.

THOMAS
 Maybe they're just passin' through.
 We could ask 'em...

SAMUEL
 No. Keep away from them. Make ready
 to break camp. It's already gettin'
 too crowded to be safe here. If the
 Harpes show, the regulators won't
 be far behind.

THOMAS
 Where we goin'?

SAMUEL
 I don't know, wherever they ain't.

~~SALLY HARPE (O.S.)
 I knew you'd come!~~

~~Sally leaps up and runs into the arms of Little Harpe. Big Harpe lumbers in behind him and Susan and Betsy embrace him.~~

~~BIG HARPE~~~~Course we did. If I said we'd come,
we'd come.~~~~Samuel grimaces, spits a mouthful of whiskey into the fire
and it flares as he tosses the jug to Thomas.~~**CHAPTER V: EXT. CAVE IN ROCK - DAY**

Samuel directs his gang as they pack a wagon. Other outlaws gather on the shore making ready to raid.

SAMUEL

Thomas, fetch the prisoner, we ain't taking him with us, so we'll need to arrange a place to drop him.

Thomas nods and heads into Cave in Rock. Samuel goes back to supervising the wagon.

~~OUTLAW~~~~But Sam, the work is mighty easy on
this river. Some of the boys been
talking, why don't we just make 'em
leave. There's only two of 'em.~~

SAMUEL

Five.

~~OUTLAW~~~~The women? Shit maybe, I don't
know. But they ain't here to raid,
they don't care about the river,
they'd leave.~~~~Samuel turns to his gang.~~

SAMUEL

~~That what you been talking about?~~~~The gang members, some hesitant, nod.~~

SAMUEL

~~Well it wouldn't do no good.
Regulators'd come lookin' anyway,
and take out their misfortune of
missing the Harpes on anyone left.
I'm leavin. Anyone who wants to
take his chances here is free to
stay.~~~~The gang gets back to packing the wagons, no takers.~~

CHAPTER V: INT. CAVE IN ROCK - CONTINUOUS

Thomas heads into Cave in Rock, and walks up to a blanket bundled up by the burned-out campfire.

THOMAS

Up and at 'em.

Thomas kicks the blanket but it slides aside revealing the Prisoner's clothes in a pile.

Thomas runs out of the cave waving the Prisoner's shirt.

CHAPTER V: EXT. CAVE IN ROCK - CONTINUOUS

THOMAS

I can't find him!

SAMUEL

What do you mean? I told you to tie him tight!

THOMAS

I did! He was still asleep when we left, but now there's just a pile of clothes.

SAMUEL

Dammit Thomas, if he escaped...

END-----

~~A LOUD WHOOP echoes from the top of the cliff above the cave. The outlaws watch, dumbstruck as the naked Prisoner, tied to a blindfolded horse, gallops off the top of the cliff.~~

~~The pair plummet down the cliff face and land in a sickening thud on the rocks below.~~

~~Up above, the Harpe brothers come staggering out, doubled over in laughter.~~

~~BIG HARPE~~

~~Holy shit! Bet you boys ain't never seen nothin' like that before!~~

~~LITTLE HARPE~~

~~Hell, no one has!~~

~~The outlaws on shore are disgusted by the spectacle and gather around Samuel Mason.~~

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