

DOCTOR SMITH SIDES

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Are you my next patient?

CASPER ODOM

You're one to talk, Doc. Will said you were in bad shape.

DOCTOR SMITH

It's not nearly as bad it looks.

(beat)

My... assistant here is a fantastic cook. I love her stuffed peppers. Sometimes I get a little carried away. It's hell on the stomach.

CASPER ODOM

And Mary Beth? She as bad as she looks?

DOCTOR SMITH

She certainly seems disturbed.

CASPER ODOM

That's not what I asked, Doc.

DOCTOR SMITH

If the girl was assaulted, I can find no evidence of such an attack.

(beat)

Though evidence is rarely a consideration in these matters.

(beat)

What do you think will happen to the boy?

CASPER ODOM

Nothing if I can help it.

DOCTOR SMITH

Some are cursed by the color of their skin.

CASPER ODOM

Color doesn't mean a damn thing to me, Doc. All I care about is what's true and what isn't.

DOCTOR SMITH

To stand between prejudice and the truth is to line up for a firing squad. Be careful, Marshal. We need you alive.