

Jim moves to the door and exits. Missy watches him leave.

EXT. CEMETERY - TEXAS PLAINS -- DAY

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A wagon carrying a casket is followed by several carriages, followers on foot and on horseback, making their way to the burial spot. Some carry flowers. The grassy plain graveyard is peppered with wood and marble. Some plots surrounded by decorative iron and wood work. The clergyman, Missy, Sally, Print, Jim, Red, Frankie, Doc, Jack, and procession of black folk make their way to the grave. Jim, Red and Frankie lag behind with Doc.

RED

Doc, watch your step, lots o' rattlers out here.

START

Doc looks down, and watches his step. Several men remove the casket from the wagon and place it over the grave, with ropes beneath it. Those paying respect collect to hear the sermon; it is quiet.

CLERGYMAN

Deliver us oh God from the fear of the mortal soul, and free Will from the evil of this mortal world. Lord God, deliver Will to everlasting love, light and freedom. Although his departure has been premature, we must understand why he has gone. Will has gone home to God. God has sent his message to the mortal world. Be not attached to the physical, reach out to the spiritual; look past the darkness.

BLACK LADIES

Amen!

The clergyman looks at Jim, Red, Frankie and Doc.

CLERGYMAN

To Mr. Olive's men I say vengeance is treachery, it is not virtuous. Turn the other cheek, let God do his work... Everyone, please join me in the Lord's prayer. Our God who...

Sally runs to Jim, and buries her head in his thigh; Doc turns away so as not to show emotion.

CLERGYMAN (CONT'D)

... and the glory forever, Amen.

BLACK LADIES

Amen.

STOP