

INT. GENERAL STORE - DAY

The Sheriff enters and confronts Katherine, and her mother goes into the back room in an attempt not to see the Sheriff. He tries to keep his anger under control.

SHERIFF

I saw you out there earlier. You can't protect him from behind a barrel and even if you do this time, there's always another one that wants to kill him.

KATHERINE

So.

SHERIFF

Stay away from that Tate, he's no good.

KATHERINE

I'm a grown woman and I do what I want.

SHERIFF

I can't stand by and let you make a mistake. What kind of a father would let his only daughter get hurt without saying something?

KATHERINE

You said your piece, now leave... You lost the right to be my father a long time ago when you left my mother.

SHERIFF

You won't be Tate Butler's wife; you'll be his widow.

He leaves with hesitation.

INT. CAFE - LATER

Tate's plate is empty and he's got pie now. The Sheriff enters and sits down at the same table. Wilson stays a little longer even though he's finished with his meal; to overhear their conversation. Wilson has a copy of the dime novel "A Guide to Gunfighters of the Wild West" open to Tate's picture on the table in front of him.

WAITRESS

Coffee Sheriff?