

SHERIFF (CONT'D)

I know too much about your kind of life to want that for her. She'd be better off a spinster but no girl wants that.

TATE

I'm not a gunfighter.

SHERIFF

I know, you're too slow to be a gunfighter. You'll be dead soon at the speed you're going. We saved your butt this time. You might not be so lucky the next time... How could you ask someone to marry into that? That's what broke up me and her mother. Women don't like to think that you might not come home the next day. She asked me to quit and when I didn't; well you know the rest.

TATE

But, I'm done with all that.

SHERIFF

But are the other gunfighters done with you?.. They won't be done with you, Son, until you're dead and six feet under...Watch your back.

He gets on his horse and rides off into the beautiful countryside.

INT. GENERAL STORE - DAY



Katherine works with her mother. Her MOTHER, is a white haired senior woman who has trouble with the physical requirements of the job.

KATHERINE

Let me do that for you, Mother.

She goes to her rescue.

MOTHER

No, I can still handle things around here myself. I'm not in my grave yet.

KATHERINE

Mother, don't talk like that.

MOTHER

Most people my age are already in their graves.

KATHERINE

I don't like to think about that.

MOTHER

Well we have to talk about what's going to happen around here when I die eventually. I'm an old woman, I can't live forever. You have to know what to do.

KATHERINE

I'll call the undertaker. Alright?

MOTHER

But do you know what dress I want to be buried in? I've got the plot next to your grandmother reserved for me. There's one for you there too and one for a husband if you ever get one. And I pray to God its not that Tate.

KATHERINE

Oh Mother.

MOTHER

You need to know these things.

KATHERINE

Well, now I do.

MOTHER

And you need to know how to order the merchandise for the store, too.

KATHERINE

OK...

Mother reaches down below the counter and takes out one of the store's ledgers.

MOTHER

Now this is how the store is run...

KATHERINE

I'll learn it.

