

WILSON (CONT'D)

I don't know why they wrote all those books about you... You don't seem so fast to me... When I was in my prime; I was faster than you.

WAITRESS

You were never a fast draw, Wilson, and you never had a prime. Now you shut up and stop bothering my customers.

WILSON

He just killed a man in cold blood, again out in the middle of the street then he casually strolls in here and eats a meal. A man that can do that ain't bothered by anything I say.

WAITRESS

Well if he's not bothered, I am; so shut up.

WILSON

Just speaking my mind; ain't a man allowed to do that...

TATE

... I'm not a gunfighter and never was. Those are made up stories that never happened. The truth is boring, so that writer just made up lots of stuff to sell books. He should have never used my name but he liked the way my name sounded.

WILSON

How much did he pay you for all those made up stories?

TATE

Nothing.

WILSON

Nothing! Well it sounds like you got taken.



EXT. CAMPSITE - A FEW DAYS LATER

The Sheriff arrives just as Tate finishes his bath.

SHERIFF

Isn't it a little cold for that?

TATE

I just like to be clean.

SHERIFF

Why don't you just marry her.

TATE

Her mother and father hate me.

SHERIFF

We know she's not getting any younger.

TATE

Neither am I.

SHERIFF

Why don't you take the reward money and leave. Go far away and start over.

TATE

I took your advice from before and looked up that Preacher in Riverton.

SHERIFF

Good.

He hands over the reward cash.

TATE

I'm buying a place there. Going to change my name and settle down.

SHERIFF

Taking Katherine with you, I suppose?

TATE

I'm going to ask.

SHERIFF

For her sake I hope she's strong enough to turn you down. She don't need your kind of trouble in her life.

Tate gives him a dirty look.

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.