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"THEY HUNG A 'REFUGEE' ON MAIN STREET OF T. M. MOODY. AND THEY CALLED HIM THAT EVENING AND SAY THEY'S COMING OUT TO KILL HIM. AND THEY WAS. . . REALLY, IT WAS ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE OR THIRTY OR MORE, THAT WAS GETTING TOGETHER TO COME OUT AND RAID HIM. I GUESS THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL IT. AT NIGHT, AFTER DARK--NOT DAYTIME.

"BUT IT WAS SEVERAL OF T. M.'S FRIENDS GOT TOGETHER AND WAS WITH HIM HERE. THEY NEVER DID SHOW UP. IT WAS GOOD THEY DIDN'T, BUT THEY DIDN'T SHOW. AND BEFORE T. M. EXPIRED, HE WAS WELL THOUGHT OF. EVERYBODY RESPECTED HIM. BUT AT ONE TIME, EVERYBODY WAS GOIN' TRY TO KILL 'IM AND EVERYBODY. . . ALL THE BLACKS GOT WITH T. M. SAY 'WELL, IT'S JUST GOIN' BE A SHOWDOWN.' THEN, SURE ENOUGH. . . AND HE RECOGNIZED THE MAN'S VOICE THAT WAS ON THE TELEPHONE, AND HE TOLD HIM, UH. . ."

S.S.: "WHO WAS IT. . .?"

M.M.: "UH. . . PERRY. HE TOLD HIM 'MR. PERRY, YOU COME ON. . . ANYTIME YOU GET READY. IN CASE YOU DONT GET A CHANCE TO COME OUT TONIGHT, YOU CAN COME TOMORROW NIGHT OR WHENEVER. I WILL BE HERE AT HOME. YOU WELCOME ANYTIME YOU WANT TO COME TO MY HOUSE.'"

S.S.: "THAT WAS OVER. . . HE WAS TRYING TO ATTEND. . . GET HIS CHILD TO ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL HERE?"

M.M.: "NO. . . HE DIDN'T HAVE. . . HE NEVER HAD A CHILD. HE WAS. . . HE WAS JUST PUSHING TO HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS FOR THE BLACKS. JUST. . . YOU KNOW. . . WED GET THE BOOKS, BUT IT LIABLE TO TWO KIDS STUDYING ONE BOOK. IT WAS. . . SOME OF THE

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M.M.: [CONTINUED] WHATEVER--IN GROCERY STORES, MARKETS, EVERYTHING--FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY EVENING. THEN SATURDAY EVENING, YOU'RE SEGREGATED. SUNDAY MORNING YOU GO TO YOUR CHURCH--BLACKS GO TO THEIRS. IT WAS THAT-A-WAY THEN, AND IT'S THAT-A-WAY NOW. I NEVER HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT IT'S THE SAME NOW, AS IT WAS BACK THEN. YOU WORK SIDE BY SIDE, EVEN KIDS GO TO SCHOOL. . . AND IT WAS BACKWARDS, TO ME, FROM INTEGRATING THE SCHOOLS. SEEM LIKE THE CHURCHES SHOULD HAVE BEEN INTEGRATED FIRST. THAT'S. . . TO ME, I DONT KNOW."

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