

Hello, Ma'am. I was just on my way out.

MARY HENDRIX

Is that your support system?

SHERIFF HENDRIX

Yeah.

MARY HENDRIX

Well, at least it won't be entirely on your shoulders to find Harry Young.

SHERIFF HENDRIX

I suppose...

MARY HENDRIX

What is it?

SHERIFF HENDRIX

...it seems they are ready to hang him, no witnesses...

MARY HENDRIX

You believe he could be innocent?

SHERIFF HENDRIX

I don't know.

MARY HENDRIX

But he's run away--

SHERIFF HENDRIX

How could their father be such a good man, a good friend, but these boys are--

MARY HENDRIX

--Some people are just bad, Marcell. You knew that when you took the job.

**SHERIFF HENDRIX**

But you knew these boys... they had a stretch of bad luck... they weren't always bad. Were they?

**MARY**

Hmmm. I'll see you at home.

**INT. SHERIFF'S STATION - DAY**

**SOUND:** We hear a fade up of the switchboard taking calls that continues underneath the following scene.

**ELIZABETH**

Oh! Hello, Mary.

**MARY HENDRIX**

Elizabeth, is that the tip line?

**ELIZABETH**

Yes, m'am, it is. The phones are ringing like I've never seen... er, heard.

**MARY HENDRIX**

Indeed. Anything interesting?

**ELIZABETH**

I guess just the sheer number is interesting, isn't it? How can so many people have seen the same man in so many different places? Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas...

**INT. SHERIFF'S STATION - DAY**

**SOUND:** The switchboard gets slightly louder and continues under the following scene.

**PHONE 1:**

Yes, I'm writing it down... "Harry Young spotted by woman at bank in Kansas City."

PHONE 2:

"Harry Young car spotted. Lucky Roadside on Rte 66." Got it.

PHONE 3:

Just a minute, sir---"Man claiming to be Harry Young asking to speak to the Sheriff." Sir? Sir?

SOUND: The phone buzz fades into sounds of winter, snow and a Holiday tune. (O, CHRISTMAS TREE?)

LONGER FILL/Passage of time

INT. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - DAY 12 MONTHS LATER.

TONY OLIVER

Hey Sheriff, did you see the today's headline? "Trail Completely Cold on Harry Young" It's been almost a year. With all these tips....I'm startin' to feel like we're the only people who haven't seen Harry Young in the last year.

DAN NEEL

Detective Olive. Sheriff.

SHERIFF HENDRIX

District Attorney Neel.

DAN NEEL

Heard the Ash Grove gang is betting we'll be too busy with the holiday to notice their shipment of moonshine coming in.

SHERIFF HENDRIX

We won't be deterred, sir.

DAN NEEL

You'll need backup, Sheriff.

SHERIFF HENDRIX