

COP

From a store?

CUMIE

Deputy please.

COP

This is the third time your boy has had a run-in with the law. First time you said it wasn't him. He was here with you. Against my better judgement, I took your word. Second time, when he was identified by a witness, you said you would take care of it. Now, I don't know how you handled it but obviously it had no effect on the boy 'cause here we are again. I'm gonna have to take him down to the station.

YOUNG CLYDE

I'M GONNA MAKE A WHOLE LOT OF MONEY
I WON'T COUNT CENTS LIKE MY MA AND PA
I WILL WEAR SUNDAY CLOTHES ON A
TUESDAY—SOME DAY
NO ONE WILL STAND IN MY WAY

CUMIE

He's only twelve. You can't put him in jail.

COP

I can throw him in juvenile detention.

YOUNG CLYDE

That'd be a a step up from the damn tent we're livin' in.

The COP escorts YOUNG CLYDE off. HENRY and CUMIE follow.

On scrim: WEST DALLAS, PARKER HOME—1925 (4 YEARS LATER)

YOUNG BONNIE (age 15) and EMMA still wear fashionable dresses but they're faded and worn.

EMMA

You are too young to get married, Bonnie!

YOUNG BONNIE

I am fifteen, mama.

EMMA

Getting married to Roy is not going to get you out of this bog.

YOUNG BONNIE

He promised we'd all move to California.

EMMA

And you think he can do that?

SCENE 10: A Courthouse

#9a - The Courtroom

CLYDE and BUCK stand before the Judge. BLANCHE and BONNIE sit with HENRY and CUMIE. SHERIFF SCHMID, TED and REPORTERS stand off to the side.

JUDGE

Marvin Ivan Barrow. The court has reviewed your record and for turning yourself back in and for your good behavior you shall be released into the custody of your wife, Blanche Caldwell Barrow.

BLANCHE

Amen! Amen! Daddy!

A COP takes the handcuffs off Buck. BLANCHE runs to him and they hug.

JUDGE

Clyde Chestnut Barrow. You have been found guilty of seven counts of robbery over fifty dollars and are sentenced to receive two years on each count.

CUMIE

What does that mean?

JUDGE

Plus an additional two years for your escape.

CUMIE

I don't understand!

JUDGE

For a total of sixteen years at the Eastham Penitentiary.

CUMIE

No! No!

SHE rushes to Clyde but is immediately restrained by a cop.

CLYDE

Ma! Let her go!

Before anyone knows what happened, CLYDE has his handcuffed hands around the cop's throat and throws him to the floor. TED pulls his gun on Clyde.

CUMIE

My boy! Do not hurt my baby!

BUD

(nervous)

Move and I shoot!

CLYDE turns to face Bud.

CLYDE

Jesus.

BUD

Raise your hands and put the gun down.

CLYDE

I can't put the gun down if I'm raisin' my hands.

BUD

You know what I mean. Put the gun down and then put your hands in the air.

CLYDE

What if I say no?

BUD

Everybody out.

CUSTOMERS start to go.

CLYDE

Nobody moves.

EVERYONE stops.

Seems we got ourselves a standoff.

BUD

Drop the weapon.

CLYDE

You really think you can pull that trigger?

BUD

You really wanna find out?

CLYDE

Now, I am gonna walk outta here.

BUD

Not gonna happen.

CLYDE

Listen to me, Deputy ...