

Scene Five

(SCENE: Outside The Grill, later that morning.)

(AT RISE: EFFY hails JOE and hands him mail.)

EFFY. You were forty-five minutes late picking up your mail. I was going to have the Sheriff send out a search party. But since you're the Sheriff, I didn't know who to call.

JOE. Thanks Effy, I appreciate your worry.

EFFY. You look like you've been spit at and hit.

JOE. Long night.

EFFY. She turned you down?

JOE. Effy, it's not really your damn business.

EFFY. Well, you bought a piece of ribbon yesterday, I figured it was for a package. Fifteen cents of ribbon won't wrap around much. Small package. Figured it was a ring.

JOE. It wasn't.

EFFY. Really, hmm. Now you got me curious.

JOE. Effy, you were born curious.

EFFY. Better than being born with six toes and a cowlick.

JOE. I suppose.

EFFY. Well, just remember what my mother always said.

JOE. What's that?

EFFY. "If you've got the thread, you'll find the needle."

JOE. What's that supposed to mean?

EFFY. ...Think about it.

JOE. Thanks, Effy, you've been a real help.

EFFY. Anytime, Joe. Anytime.

**[MUSIC NO. 20B - END EFFY-JOE
SCENE]**

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