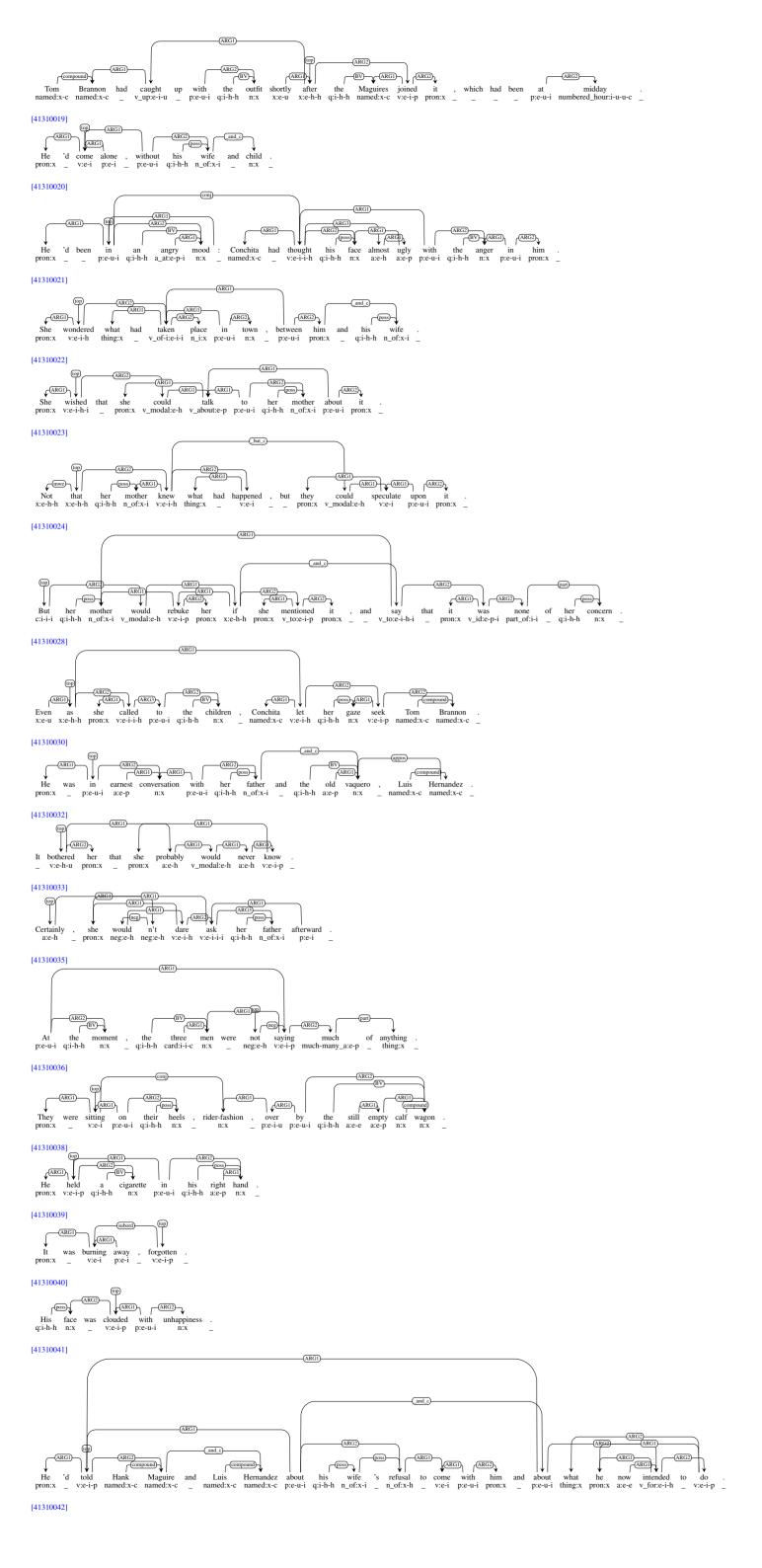
Segment N10 The herd was watered and then thrown onto a broad grass flat which was to q:i-h-h n_of:x _ v:e-i-p _ _ v:e-i-p-h p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x n:x _ _ _ v h was to be the first night 's bedground - _ v_id:e-p-i q:i-h-h ord:i-i-c n_of:x _ n:x Two of the new hands , a Mexican named Jose Amado and a kid known only as Laredo , were picked for the first trick of riding night herd card:i-i-c _ q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i-i-i named:x-c _ q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i-i-i named:x-c _ named:x-c _ _ v:e-i-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h ord:i-i-c n:x p:e-x-i v:e-i-p n_of:x n_of:x ____and_c The rest of the crew offsaddled their mounts and turned them into the remuda v_into:e-i-p-i pron:x _ q:i-h-h n:x _ But they deliberately avoided the one subject that had them all curious : the failure of the boss 's wife and son to join the outfit c:i-i-i pron:x a:e-e v:e-i-p q:i-h-h card:i-i-c n_of:x-i _ v:prd:e-i-i-h pron:x _ a_about:e-p-i _ q:i-h-h n:x p:e-x-i q:i-h-h n:x _ n_of:x-i _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x _ It especially bothered the older hands pron:x a:e-e v:e-i-p q:i-h-h a:e-i n:x The cook , Mateo Garcia , had arrived there long before the herd . q:i-h-h n.x _ named:x-c named:x-c _ _ v:e-i place_n:x a:e-e p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x _ (ARG2) ARG1)— He was readying a batch of sourdough biscuits for the Dutch oven pron:x v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n_of:x-i n:x n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x Supper would be ready within the hour n:x v_modal:e-h a:e-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x The Maguire family was setting up a separate camp nearby q:i-h-h named:x-c n_of:x-i _ v_up:e-i-i _ q:i-h-h a_from:e-p-i n:x p:e-i ____and_c Hank had gathered wood for a cookfire , and his wife was busy at it now . named:x-c _ v_coll:e-i-p n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _ _ q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ a:e-p p:e-u-i pron:x time_n:x _ ____subord Conchita kept an eye on the twins and little Elena , trying to keep them from falling into the creek by which they persisted in playing named:x-c v_prd:e-i-i-h q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i _ pron:x v_in:e-i-i _ v:e-i-p _ Conchita nagged at the younger children , attempting without success to keep her thoughts off Tom Brannon . named:x-c v:e-i-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-i n:x _ v:e-i-h p:e-u-i n:x _ v-prd:e-i-i-h q:i-h-h n_of:x-i p:e-u-i named:x-c _

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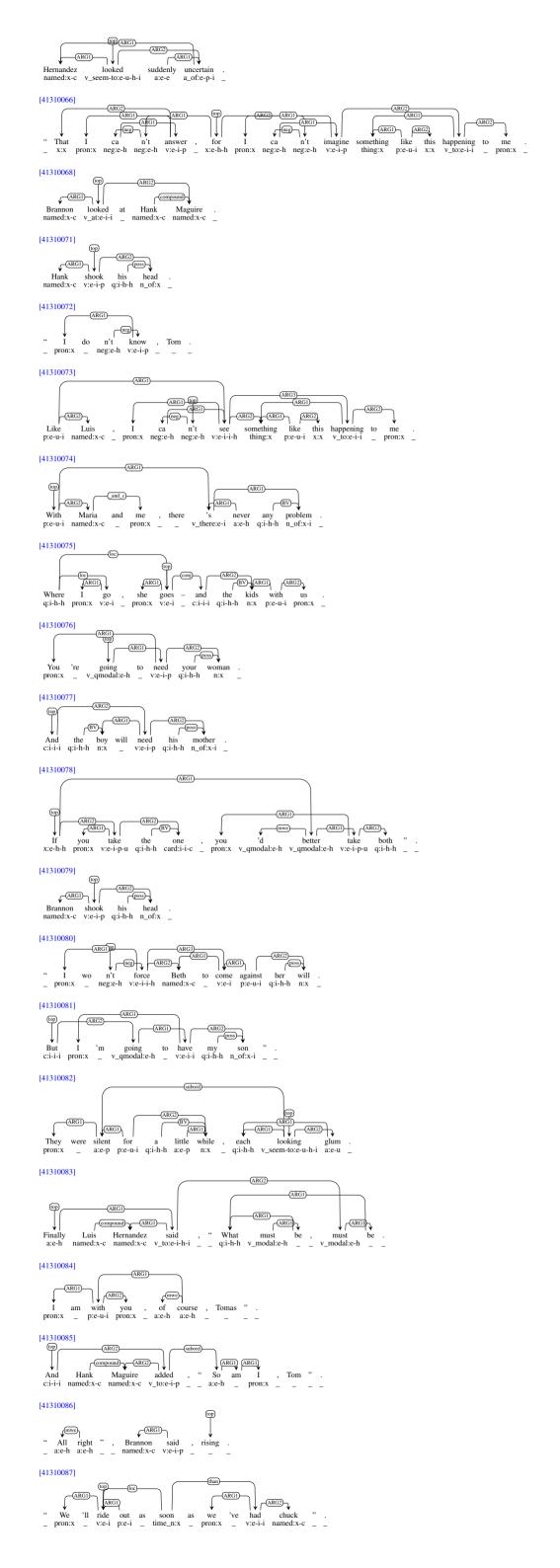


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They were considering it gravely , neither seeming to like what he planned pron:x _ v:e-i-p pron:x a:e-e _ v_to:e-i-h _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h pron:x v:e-i-p
    Finally Hernandez said , " I could offer you advice , Tomas , but you would n't heed it " . are-h named:x-c v:e-i-p _ pron:x v_modal:e-h v:e-i-i-i pron:x n:x _ _ _ _ pron:x neg:e-h neg:e-h v:e-i-p pron:x _ _
  " Let 's hear it , anyway " . _ q:x-h-h q:x-h-h v:e-i-p pron:x _ a:e-e _ _
  "Wait a little while .
_ v_i:e-i-i q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x _
                                                                                                        ARG2
     Let Senora Brannon live in her father 's house for a time . v:e-i-h n:x named:x-c v:e-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ n_of:x-i _ p:e-u-i card:i-i-c n_of:x _
  Maybe she will then come to you a:e-h pron:x _ time_n:x v:e-i p:e-u-i pron:x _
     After all , you want the senora as much as you want the boy a:e-e a:e-e _ pron:x v:e-i-i q:i-h-h n:x _ a:e-e
  You need her even more than you need him ".pron:x v:e-i-p pron:x x:e-u p:e-h-h pron:x pron:x x:e-
  "She wo n't change her mind ", Brannon said .

pron:x _ neg:e-h v_cause:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x _ _ named:x-c v_to:e-i-h-i _
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John Clayton will see to that "
named:x-c named:x-c v_to:e-i-i _ x:x _ _
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  "But after a time away from you . "

— c:i-i-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x p:e-i p:e-u-i pron:x _ _
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  "In a year she 'll like living in Clayton 's house too much to come back to me ", Brannon said flatly p:e-u-i card:i-i-c n:x pron:x v:e-i-h v:e-i p:e-u-i named:x-c n_of:x-i comp:e-u-h a:e-e v:e-i place_n:x p:e-u-i pron:x named:x-c v_to:e-i-h-i a:e-e
  "And the boy will be too much under his influence by then ci-i-i q:i-h-h n:x _ _ comp:e-u-u x:e-u p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _ p:e-u-i time_n:x _
  I 've got to take Danny away from Clayton before I lose him altogether pron:x _ v_to:e-i- p-h named:x-c p:e-i p:e-u-i named:x-c x:e-h-h pron:x v:e-i-p pron:x a:e-e
                                                                                                ARG2 ARG1
  "But to take him and leave his mother behind is not good ".

c:i-i-i v:e-i-p-u pron:x v:e-i-i-h q:i-h-h n_of:x-i p:e-i _ neg:e-h a_at-for-of:e-p-i _ _
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         Brannon timed it so that they rode in an hour after nightfall named:x-c v:e-i-p pron:x x:e-h-h x:e-h-h pron:x v:e-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i numbered_hour:i-u-u-c
They had for cover both darkness and a summer storm pron:x v:e-i-i p:e-u-i n:x _ n:x _ q:i-h-h season:x-c n:x
    During much of the fifteen-mile ride they had watched a lurid display of lightning in the sky to the east p:e-u-i much-many_a:e-p _ q:i-h-h n:x n:x pron:x _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h a:e-u n_of:x-i _ n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i q:i-
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       Later , they 'd heard the rumble of thunder and then , just outside Rockfork , they ran into rain . time_n:x _ pron:x _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x p:e-x-i n:x _ _ _ x:e-u p:e-u-i named:x-c _ pron:x v_into:e-i-i _ n:x _ .
        ARG1
 The others put on old coats or ducking jackets , whichever they carried behind their saddle cantles . q:i-h-h n:x v_on:e-i-i _ a:e-p n_of:x-i _ v:e-i-p n:x _ q:i-h-h pron:x v:e-i-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _ q:i-h-h pron:x v:e-i-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _ q:i-h-h pron:x v:e-i-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h pron:x _ q:i-h-
                                             were seven of them , enough for a show of strength – to run a bluff v_there:e-i card:i-i-c _ pron:x _ q:i-h-h p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ n:x _ x:e-h-h v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x
  It was to be nothing more than that pron:x _ v_id:e-p-i thing:x p:e-u-i p:e-u-i x:x _
       If the bluff failed and they ran into trouble , Brannon had told the others , they would withdraw – and he would come after his son another time . rx:e-h-h q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i-p _ pron:x v_modal:e-h v:e-i-p _ pron:x v_mod
                                       did n't want to put himself outside the law x _ neg:e-h v:e-i-h _ v:e-i-p-h pron:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x
                                                                                were Hank Maguire , Luis Hernandez , and Luis 's son Pedro named:x-c named:x
                                                                     Compound
    The Ramirez brothers were also along q:i-h-h named:x-c n_of:x-i _ a:e-u p:e-i
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     The seventh man was Red Hogan , a wiry little puncher with a wild streak and a liking for hell-raising .
q:i-h-h ord:i-i-c n:x v_id:e-p-i named:x-c named:x-c _ q:i-h-h a:e-p a:e-p n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-p n_of:x-i _ q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i v:e-i _
     They were all good men . pron:x v_id:e-p-i a:e-e a_at-for-of:e-p-i n:x _
     It was dark early , because of the storm .

pron:x _ a:e-p time_n:x _ p:e-u-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _
    Also because of the storm , the streets of Rockfork were deserted . a:e-u p:e-u-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _ q:i-h-h n:x p:e-x-i named:x-c _ v:e-i-p _
  Lighted windows glowed jewel-bright through the downpour v_cause:e-i-p n:x v:e-i a:e-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _
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They reined in before the town marshal 's office , a box-sized building on Main Street pron:x v_in:e-i _ p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x n:x _ n_of:x-i _ q:i-h-h n:x n:x p:e-u-i named:x-c named:x-c
     A lamp burned inside , but Brannon , peering through the window , saw that the office was empty q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i place_n:x _ named:x-c _ v:e-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _ v:e-i-h _ q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ a:e-p
  He 'd hoped to catch Jesse Macklin there pron:x _ v:e-i-h _ v:e-i-p named:x-c named:x-c place_n:x _
 "Maybe to have supper .

a:e-h _ v:e-i-i n:x _
 The rest of you wait here " . q:i-h-h n_of:x p:e-x-i pron:x v:e-i-p place_n:x _ _ _
With Red Hogan , he rode to the Welcome Cafe pre-u-i named:x-c nam
      Hogan got down from the saddle and had a look inside . named:x-c v_state:e-i-h p:e-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _ v:e-i-i q:i-h-h n_at:x-i place_n:x _
  "Maybe he 's at the hotel ".

a:e-h pron:x _ p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _ _
  They rode to the Rockfork House , a little farther along the opposite side of the street pron:x v:e-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h named:x-c named_n:x-c x:e-u x:e-u x:e-u x:e-u q:i-h-h a_of-to:e-p-i n:x p:e-x-i q:i-h-h n:x
   They reined in there , Brannon remaining in the saddle while Hogan went to look for pron:x v_in:e-i _ place_n:x _ named:x-c v:e-i-h p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i-h named:x-c v:e-i x:e-h-h v_for:e-i-i _ named:x-c named:x-c p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i n:x
 Brannon had no slicker named:x-c v:e-i-i q:i-h-h n:x _
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                ARGI
                                   put on his old brown corduroy coat and it was already soaked .
v_on:e-i-i _ q:i-h-h a:e-p a:i-i n:x n_of:x-i _ pron:x _ a:e-e v_cause:e-i-p _
 He was only vaguely aware of the sluicing rain pron:x _ x:e-u a:e-e a_of:e-p-i _ q:i-h-h v:e-i-p n:x _
  He hardly noticed the blue-green flashes of lightning and the hard claps of thunder pron:x a:e-h v:e-i-p q:i-h-h a:i-i n_of:x-i _ n:x _ q:i-h-h a_for:e-p-i n:x p:e-x-i n:x _
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    Hogan reappeared , stopped on the hotel porch , lifted a hand in signal . named:x-c v:e-i _ v:e-i-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x n:x _ v_cause:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i n:x _
 Brannon dismounted and climbed the steps named:x-c v:e-i v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x _
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