# Flour of Reckoning

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#### EXT. ABANDONED-ISH TOWN - DAY

Camera pans to abandoned Western town. We assume it has people, but we see no people. A tumbleweed rolls past.

We SEE BAD GUY riding horse into town. He gets off his horse and ties it to a post. Bad Guy slinks into a general store. He is wearing a poncho, a cowboy hat, a bandit mask, and cowboy boots.

#### INT. GENERAL STORE - DAY

As he enters the store, we HEAR the old wooden floor creak under his boots. He wanders up and down isles and finds a bag of flour, a can of noodles, and a rope. He puts these in his satchel.

BAD GUY

Wow. I can commit so much crime using this bag of flour and this can of noodles and this rope.

He stares at bag of flour for three seconds. BAD GUY

Oh no. Whole wheat? Ew.

He throws the whole wheat flour over his shoulder.

The door of the store behind Bad Guy opens to reveal SHERIFF. Sheriff is wearing sheriff boots and a sheriff hat. He is wearing a white buttonup with a black sheriff vest. A polished, gold sheriff badge is pinned to the left side of his

The bag of flour flies in a beautiful arch to Sheriff's face. The bag explodes. Sheriff's face is now covered in whole wheat flour.

SHERIFF

(insulted and disgusted, making flour particles fly as he talks)

> How dare you say "Ew" to this whole wheat flour. Whole wheat is the best wheat.

> > BAD GUY

(judgmentally)

Who are you?

SHERIFF

(proudly and hero-like) I am this town's defender of whole wheat. I am the destroyer of all-purpose flour heretics. I am the one who will destroy your sacrilegious ways. Your people's era of terror finally comes to an end, with me. Look upon this wheat--

Camera close-up of a pristine bag of whole wheat JUMP CUT flour that Sheriff holds up.

#### SHERIFF

--90% of all nutrients in bread is contained in this processed whole wheat flour. Those who enjoy the factoryrefined grade of all-purpose flour do not know the splendor of this flour in its natural form.

Sheriff closes his eyes and imagines taking a big bite of his whole grain bread made with his whole wheat flour. He opens his eyes again.

SHERIFF

Now heretic, are you ready to perish amongst your uncultured brethren?

Sheriff snaps back to reality and realizes Bad Guy is no longer in front of him. He turns around to see Bad Guy outside of the store looking right back at him.

BAD GUY

You fool. I have outsmarted you. I have no time for your filthy monologues.

Bad Guy gets on his horse and runs away into the sunset.

SHERIFF

(waving his fist angrily) Mark my words, I will get my revenge!

Bad Guy has already ridden a mile away and cannot hear nor see Sheriff.

FADE OUT

EXT. WILD WEST DESERT, TWO WEEKS LATER - DAY

We SEE a montage of Sheriff riding his horse across a desert.

SHERIFF (V.O.)

It's been two weeks since I last saw that bandit. I have been tracking him nonstop and I have ridden miles and miles in search of him. My morale is low, and I'm slowly running out of supplies.

He looks into his satchel and counts a whopping seven whole bags of whole wheat flour.

SHERIFF (V.O.)

But I will not rest until justice prevails and that bandit is behind bars, for he has insulted both me and my fellow whole wheat brethren.

A small vaguely familiar town appears in the distance. However, Sheriff does not find this town familiar.

SHERIFF (V.O.)

Ok you know what, maybe I'll have just a small break.

SWIPE CUT

#### EXT. ABANDONED-ISH TOWN - DAY

Sheriff rides into town on his horse. He parks his horse next to a suspiciously familiar horse. We showcase the town with the exact same shot we opened with, tumbleweed and all. It's the same town.

As Sheriff turns around the door of a nearby shop opens. The bandit walks out.

BAD GUY (oblivious)

Woohoo, time to steal more stuff!

Sheriff and Bad guy both spot each other at the same time. They jump into a Mexican standoff position.

Western cliché Mexican standoff music plays. Camera switches back and forth between the two characters. Close ups on their fingers twitching. Bad guy suddenly stands up straight and points at something behind Sheriff.

BAD GUY

Hey! Look over there! It's a truck filled with flour!
And there's a sign on it that says "Free for everyone" on it!

SHERIFF

Ha! You think I'm so dumb I

would fall for the same thing twice? I know you lie.

BAD GUY

(gasping dramatically)
Wait, its not just flour,
it's all whole wheat flour!

Sheriff immediately turns around.

SHERIFF

(excitedly)

Where?!?

BAD GUY

HA! You fell for it fool! That's the oldest trick in the book.

Bad Guy pulls a modern bomb out from behind his back and throws it at the ground.

BAD GUY

If you want to save this town, you better diffuse this bomb! You only have 5 minutes!

Bad Guy throws a smoke grenade down on the ground.

Camera pans to Bad Guy running away into the distance behind the small cloud of smoke.

SHERIFF

Argh! I can't believe he tricked me like that. I promised myself that that would never happen again after the incident of last summer.

But this is a more pressing matter. I've got to figure this out!

Sheriff rummages through his bag, sifting through all the loose flour in it.

SHERIFF

(frustrated and urgently)
Come on, come on, where is
it?

He rummages more, finally finding Diffusing Bombs for Dummies.

SHERIFF

Aha!

Sheriff opens Diffusing Bombs for Dummies and we SEE a close-up lightsaber carved into the pages of the book. There's no text on the pages of the book. It's simply a lightsaber.

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Sheriff activates the lightsaber. It is a green lightsaber. We HEAR lightsaber noises.

Sheriff raises the lightsaber high above his head. He brings it down with full force aiming at the bomb in front of him. Right before he reaches the bomb, he stops.

Close-up of wires in bomb and lightsaber almost touching it. Sheriff then nudges the lightsaber so that it just grazes the bomb, successfully cutting a single green wire.

Sheriff stands back, sees that the bomb has stopped ticking, and breathes a sigh of relief. He wipes sweat off his forehead with his right hand.

#### SHERIFF

Works every ti--

Sheriff's POV - Bad Guy comes running back from behind the building he ran behind when he was making his escape.

BAD GUY (muttering)

Can't believe I forgot my keys. Must've fallen when I threw that bomb.

Sheriff looks down at his feet to find a key fob. He picks it up. He presses the panic button. We HEAR a neighing behind Sheriff. Sheriff turns around, confused. We SEE a close-up of Bad Guy's horse neighing and stomping around, in a panicked state. Sheriff's horse next to him is silent and calm.

Camera back to Sheriff as he looks back at the key fob and frantically presses the unlock button. Neighing sounds stop. Sheriff looks back at the horse. Close-up on the horse to find that it is now a Chevrolet Corvette Stringray 2020.

### SHERIFF

(stuttering in much shock)
Wha- ha- whe- wh- he- wha(continued)

BAD GUY

Ha! You fool! You have been
tricked all this time! For my
horse--

(bad guy puts his hands in quotations)

--has never been a horse this
entire time! It was actually
a Chevrolet Corvette
Stringray 2020 all along!
Now give me those keys.

Bad Guy snatches the keys from Sheriff's hand and begins to sprint towards the car. Sheriff watches Bad Guy run towards the car. He is unable to process the situation and stands staring for a second.

#### SHERIFF

Wait. Bad Guy, come back! Sheriff runs after Bad Guy. However, Bad Guy has already gotten into his car and has begun backing out slowly when Sheriff finally reaches him.

BAD GUY

> Ha ha, you will never catch me now that I am in my Chevrolet Corvette Stringray 2020.

Wide shot of the street that they are on as Bad Guy backs out but presses the accelerator too hard and accelerates into the store across the street. Shot of store as we SEE it break into many wooden planks and crumbles onto the car.

BAD GUY (O.S.)

(muffled, from inside the debris)
 Dang it! I just had this car
 washed.

The crumbling of the store causes dust to fill the air.

We SEE the smoke (dust) rising for a while. Shot of Sheriff running to the crumbled store. He looks to the ground next to the car, spotting the fallen store sign labeled "Southeast (Whole) Wheat Supply".

Sheriff realizes that the dust is actually flour particles.

He collapses to the ground on his knees, hands desperately grasping at the flour particles in the air.

SHERIFF (in denial) NOOOOOOOOOOOOO! (anguish)

How dare you! You crashed into the home of the holy maker of whole wheat on purpose! You absolute fiend!

(bargaining)

There has got to be some precious wheat flour that survived!

Sheriff stands up and rummages through the fallen and broken planks of wood. He grasps a ripped, almost empty bag of whole wheat flour. The remaining flour in the bag falls to the ground.

SHERIFF

(depressed)

There is nothing left. There is no purpose to my existence.

Sheriff stares at the ground silently for a moment. Then he closes his eyes tightly, purses his lips with renewed determination.

SHERIFF

(with authority, raising his head slowly)
 No, there is reason to live.
 If you get past me now, there
 is no stopping you from
 destroying other wheat stores
 like this one.

Come out and fight, you coward! Side shot of the broken store and Sheriff standing in front of it, flour particles everywhere, almost obscuring the view. Dramatic music begins to play. Suddenly, two beams of light slice through the cloud of dust.

We SEE a silhouette of a man walking out from the smoke and into the beams of light. Camera is tilted upwards. The man is holding something. The silhouette activates the red lightsaber in his hand. It glows in the dust. The dust clears a little to reveal that the beams of light were the highbeams of the car, poking out from the rubble, and the silhouette was Bad Guy.

BAD GUY

(growling)

You don't have what it takes to defeat me.

Shot of Sheriff, suddenly holding his own lightsaber and activating it.

SHERIFF (smirking)

Oh, but I do.

The two burst into a full sprint at each other, their lightsabers trailing behind them. They clash, their lightsabers sparking.

We HEAR WOO-WOO sounds from the lightsabers swinging.

Dramatic music crescendos.

Slow motion shot as Sheriff gets a large swing in, but the bad guy performs a Matrix dodge, each swing barely missing him.

Shots go back to regular speed.

BAD GUY

You'll never hit me! I'm unstoppable.

SHERIFF

That's what you think! You're already dead.

More lightsaber clashes. Sheriff jumps up onto the hood of the car. Bad guy watches from below.

SHERIFF

(triumphantly)

It's over you idiot, I have the high ground.

BAD GUY

(growling)

You underestimate my power.

Slow motion, wider shot of Bad Guy lunging up towards Sheriff from the side. Dramatic music reaches a climax (fortissimo, drawn out).

Cut to slow motion shot of Bad Guy lunging up towards Sheriff from Sheriff's POV. His facial expression is filled with rage and determination. It looks like he is screaming a war-cry but all we hear is the dramatic music.

Close-up of Sheriff's lightsaber in Sheriff's hand (still in slow motion) as Sheriff deactivates it.

SHERIFF

Be gone, fool. This is for you, my whole wheat flour.

Out of slow motion now, Sheriff promptly whacks Bad Guy on the crown of his head with the butt of his lightsaber.

The dramatic music stops.

Bad Guy crumples and falls to the ground. Shot of Bad Guy unconscious on the ground with his fallen, deactivated lightsaber rolling from his hand.

#### SHERIFF

(addressing the unconscious body, with finality)
With this, I have finally
avenged my whole wheat. Your
disrespect shall be no more.

Cut to a shot of Sheriff arriving at his horse. He takes a pristine bag of whole wheat flour out of his satchel. He smiles as he looks down at the bag, like a father looking proudly at his daughter at a recital.

Cut to Sheriff getting into the car, still half covered in rubble with Bad Guy lying to the side. Close-up shot of Sheriff's hand as he daintily places his bag of whole wheat flour in a large cup-holder-like compartment next to him. The wheat bag fits perfectly into the compartment, as if it was meant to be there.

Cut to shot of the store from the front as Sheriff drives the car out from the rubble. We SEE that the car is good as new, maybe even cleaner than when it crashed. Not a single scratch to be seen.

Cut to a drone shot, zooming outwards and showing more of the town as Sheriff drives out of the town and onto a main road that we did not see before.

Cut to another drone shot following Sheriff driving on the main road as NARRATOR begins:

#### NARRATOR

Now, you too can experience the thrill of wielding lightsabers as a wild-west sheriff.

Cut to Sheriff driving in the car as he holds a thumbs up towards the camera.

## NARRATOR

Introducing the all-new Chevrolet Stingray 2020. Now with included whole wheat holders. Taste the whole wheat. Experience the whole wheat. Live the whole wheat. Made in partnership with Southeast Wheat Supply<sup>TM</sup>.

We HEAR a JINGLE:

Southeast Wheat Supply / If you get your wheat anywhere else you might just die.

FADE TO BLACK

END.