We Begin at the End

Part one - The Outlaw

One

He knew some people in the crowd since childhood. The reporters were there and the chief was on the porch. He saw Duchess and Robin, the Radley children. Walk then went through streets to the house of Duchess and Robin. When he entered the room, he saw Star on the couch with an empty bottle with a bare foot. He tried to shake her but Star did not wake up. Then Star vomitted. They called ambulance. They were waiting at the hospital, then Duchess answered Walk that the problem was always a man. A nurse let Duchess into her mother's room, and she said she loved Duchess of Cape Haven, and Duchess said she loved her.

Two

Walk took Duchess and Robin back to their house and made some foods. Duchess knew that Chief Walker and her mother had been friends since childhood and he wanted her like other men. Star had been a woman who got into a stranger and got pregnant, but she kept looking for the roots of the family. Then Star learnt that one of her roots was the outlaw named Radley. Robin and Duchess had some knowledge that Vincent King was the one who killed their aunt, and got into prison for ten years, then he killed a man inside, and it added up to thirty years and he was going out today. Duchess and Robin went to the school, and one of the girls tried to tease her but she replied that she was an outlaw and could behead her.

Three

Walk had been in the police for some time, and he was on duty for every day. He went to see Star. He talked about their childhood, and how Star's father showed the scenes and

what her sister was becoming. The judge sent a fifteen-year-old boy into a man prison. Walk tried to talk about therapy but she did not want to. Walk had not seen Vincent for five years. So he was going to get Vincent even though he wrote Walk not to pick him up.

Four

Walk drove past the coasts. He arrived at the gate and Vincent met him with a smile. They talked on their way back to Vincent's house. Vincent had been away for thirty years and the town changed in many ways. Walk called Darke to fix the Vincent's house. Duchess and Robin were coming back from school and saw the shadow moving inside the house of Vincent.

Five

Walk and Vincent were watching the football and talked about the first time they met Star and Julie. Vincent asked Walk about Martha and learnt that Martha had an abortion with Walk as her father wanted her to be a minister. Duchess and Robin were chatting in the bar with Star. Duchess did not like the cloth her mother wore for singing at the bar. She even brought her project, finding out her family tree. Star got teased by some men in the bar and thirteen-year-old DUchess tried to fench them off. When they were going back to their home, Star told Duchess that she was doing it all for them, and got the card from one of the studios in the town. Darke was waiting her mother when they arrived. Star could not afford a house, so she rented it from Darke. Duchess put Robin in their shared bed, and heard her mother's screams. She tried to call Walk but Darke put the phone away. Then Vincent appeared and made Darke go outside of the fence.

Six

Duchsess did not finish her project as she could not find the lineage of her father. Walk saw Duchess and asked if things are alright, and Duchess only said that they are alright. Duchess did not have to show her project as only substitute teacher came into the class. Darked called Walk to tell Dee Lane that he wants his house back. Walk asked him about

the Radley house and his encoutners with Star. Darke told Walk that Dee Lane could have a week to mover her things. Duchess of the Cape Haven went wheeling her bicycle in the town. She went to Vincent's house, one of her favorite place. She saw the man on the ladder, and she told him that they did not need him to save from Darke, she was an outlaw and she could take care of herself. Vincent fixed her bicycle. Duchess saw Darke on her house and heard her mother laughing. She climbed up to her room and kissed Robin.

Seven

Walk and Vincent went to Sissy's grave. Vincent asked Walk about Star. Vincent told Walk that Star's father wrote to him on Sissy's birthday every year. Vincent remembered how he hit Sissy when he was driving to meet a girl. Walk went to the clinic, he told Kendrick that he only had stiffness in his right arm. Kendrick told him to adjust the dose of Levodopa. Walk knew the drug, he read in the library about the drug and Parkinson. Walk knew that the stiffness is just in the right arm and he like being a policeman and did not want to live in the office. Duchess and Robin were playing on the beach, and Ricky's parent asked Duchess to take Robin to play with their son. Duchess told Robin to be good and not to tell anything about her mother. Duchess went to Vincent's house. She told him that he should sell the house but Vincent told it was the only place in the Cape that left some burning for him. Duchess told her that she does not need him to save them from Darke. Vincent gave something to Duchess to protect herself.

Eight

Walk and Star took a walk as part of their weekly routine in the town. Star talked about how Duchess looked up to Walk. Walk talked about Darke and Vincent, and he asked whether she would forgive Vincent. Duchess found her mother sleeping in the sand, so he woke her up and put her to bed. Duchess knew that her mother had been working at the Darke's place. So she went to the club, and lit up the place with matches. She ran away from the clouds of smoke and went back to the bed beside her brother.

Nine

Walk got a call about Darke's place and saw Vincent. Walk was doing his job, and Vincent told him that he was at home when Darke's club was burnt down. Walk also talked to Duchess, who told him nothing about the Darke's club. Duchess saw Darke at her school. They both knew that it was her who burnt down Darke's club. Darke wanted the security tape for insurance and wanted her to give it to Walk. Duchess knew that Darke was the kind of person who would not call police, so she tried to find the tape but it was gone in the garbage. Duchess wanted to tell her mother about her involvement in burning down Darke's club but Star did not listen.

Ten

Walk felt the numbness in his body, feeling the disease in the bones. Then he got a call and saw Vincent with a pool of blood around Star. Star was dead. Vincent told Walk to cuff him. Duchess was going to a store to buy something for Robin. When she arrived, she saw the police and Walk carrying lifeless Star like a child. Walk said that Robin and Duchess could live with him.

Part Two

Big Sky

Eleven

Walk was driving Robin and Duchess to their grandparents. They drove quietly, and Robin was sleeping. They had buried Star and it was a quiet funeral. Duchess wanted Vincent to rot in the prison. Walk had some doubts about the case. They reached Montana and the farm, and Walk met with Hal. Duchess did not talk to her grandfather. Walk went back to Cape Haven.

Twelve

Walk was thinking about the case, and things did not add up. Vincent called the ambulance but did not say anything about it and kept his mouth shut. They found Star with broken ribs and left arms, shot by a large gun. Walk asked Mitlon about what she had heard. Then Boyd came in and told him that DA office wanted to charge Vincent as they got the motive. Vincent was seen talking to Darke, who told them with a lawyer that he warned Darke about Star. And Vincent's uncle had a weapon registerd in 1970 that had the same calibre. They wanted to go for death penalty. Walk told them that he would get Vincent plead if he is guilty. Walk knew that Vincent would kept his mouth shut.

Thirteen

Duchess handled all the chores but did not talk to Hal. She only cursed and spit in the dirt. Duchess did not like her grandfather, he could have been when Star needed him most. Duchess went out and met with an old lady who gave her a donut to eat. Then Robin and Hal saw her, they were looking for her. Walk went to meet with Vincent, who wrote him to sell his place to Dicke Darke and took the million-dollars offer. Walk said Vincent that he knew that Vincent did not kill Star and Vincent said he wanted a lawyer, Martha May, he did not want no one else. Vincent smiled, a smile that made Walke trusting him.

Fourteen

Duchess slept till eight. Hal asked her to go to the church and Robin was going as he wanted the cake. Duchess fixed the dress and cut it short. Hal drove with Robin and Duchess. Duchess met with Dolly at the church.

Fifteen

Walk was waiting outside of Martha's office. When the office is close, Walk talked to Martha and asked her to be a lawyer for Vincent. Martha said that she forgot Cape Haven a long times ago and Walk walked out of her office. Walk was pushing on the case even though the state police, Boyd, told him not to do it. Walk called an officer,Cuddy, who was kind to

Vincent. Cuddy told Walk that Vincent was not talking to him and was only at the picture of Sissy in his room. Walk started talking to Milton and Den Lee to ask about Star.

Sixteen

Duchess was cleaning up the barn when she heard the gun shot. She ran to Robin and held him up. Hal took them to teach the gun as they would need to famaliarize the sounds. Duchess shot the gun and she missed in first few tries, and then she started hitting the tree. Walk talked to Dicke, but he did not tell anything to Walk, only told him to call his lawyer. Walk saw that Darke was looking for something.

Seventeen

Walk wrote to Duchess and Robin, and sometimes, Duchess overheard the phone call between Hal and Walk. Duchess drove part of their way to school while Hal drove the rest. Hal told Duchess and Robin to look out for big boys. Walk waited till Martha came out of her office. He offered to buy her dinner, and they ate. Then Martha agreed to be Vincent's lawyer after Walk explained everything about Vincent and Star.

Eighteen

The court offered a deal for Vincent. If he pled guilty, he will get the life without parole. But Vincent did not plead, and Walk and Martha had to find the evidence to support Vincent's innocence. Walk followed a guy named Bud, who went out with Star for a while. Bud told Walk that Star said no and she was meeting with a guy in seventies. Walk went out of the bar.

Nineteen

Duchess looked out for Robin at the school. She sat beside a black boy named Thomas noble, who had a weak hand. She did not answer anything he asked. When she was having lunch under a tree, Thomas noble tried to talk to her but she did not answer his questions. Then she saw an old boy threw the lunch box of Robin, and she threatened to behead the boy. Hal came to the office and told the teacher that Duchess would not say those words again. Hal and Duchess went to a steam far away from their farm. Hal wanted a truce but Duchess did not want anything from Hal.

Twenty

Walk felt colder in Cape Haven. Walk could not ask anything from Darke without his lawyer and Boyd, the state police. Walk and Martha went to see Vincent and they talked about their childhood. When they brought up about the defense, Vincent signaled the officer. Walk and Martha met and drunk, and talked about the case. Walk went to Brandon and learnt that Milton saw the fight between Vincent and Darke. Milton was also going out with Darke for hunting. Walk knew that Milton saw something at the place of Star.

Twenty one

Walk and Martha talked about Darke's accounts, and they saw nothing strange. Darke was from Oregon, and bought the bar in the Cape, then bought other places. He was a real estate. Walk doubted his income but the accounts were straight. Then Walk got a call. He saw two men looking for Darke. Walk asked them to step out of their car but they drove away. Robin told Duchess that she should not have said the things to Tyler. Duchess said she was trying to protect him, and Robin knew Duchess was an outlaw but he wanted to be a normal kid. Dolly came by, and gave Robin a cake. She told Duchess that Hal visited their birthday every year but Star would not let him see them. Hal knew about their birthday from Walk. It was raining loud, and Duchess told Hal that a man was looking for her. Duchess did not say anything to Hal.

Twenty Two

Walk went to Julie, one of the girls who worked at Darke's. He got her address from Martha and learnt that Darke protected Julie from her ex-boyfriend and other men. Julie had nothing bad to say about Darke. Walk went to Darke and told him that two men were looking for him. Darke was going a trip but did not tell where. Walk went out of the place and called Montana.

Twenty Three

Robin got sick for a week. He screamed at night and they warmed him with soup. Duchess and Hal watched Mexican movies together. She went to the church, but did not take the communion. Thomas Noble rode her bicycle to Hal's place, and Duchess allowed him to work on her math for a month. Duchess told him that a man was looking for her, and Thomas Noble told her that he would tell if he saw the man. He also said that Tyle's borther was looking for her.

Twenty Four

Hal took Duchess and Robin to the county parade. Thomas noble told Duchess that the older borther of Tyler was looking for her. Then they saw a fat boy beside Tyler. He told Duchess that she appologize to his brother. Then Thomas noble tried to fight him and got punched in his face. Duchess called it stupid. Then she saw Black Escalade, and got panic. She ran for the gun and the car is gone. She did not get the plate. Hal and Walk became more attentive to the watchout.

Twenty five

Walk and Martha were cooking at Martha's house. They learnt that Richard Darke owned a company that was trying to build a resort over the Cape Haven. But Vincent house was the only thing they could not buy and they needed it to get the permit. Walk and Martha tried to find the ways Vincent would hide the weapons, assuming that he killed Star. But they could not find any way within the short period between phone call and the ambulance. The case has a hole and DA will be pissed. Hal and Duchess talked about Star and Vincent. Hal

wrote to Vincent, and Star learnt that it was a self-defense and an inmate offered to save Vincent for a few hundered dollars. Hal was drunk that night, and said no to Star. Star did not let him visit her family. Walk and Martha talked about making out under the tree when they were young.

Twenty Six

Duchess took the gary to ride and Hal made cocoa for her. Thomas noble asked her to be his dance partner for the winter formal. Duchess only agreed to come, no kissing and hugging. Duchess started gaining muscle and her grades improved. She enjoyed Montana, and played with Robin.

Twenty Seven

Walk talked to a guy named Luis. Luis knew Vincent as a guy who only lived to serve his time and suffer. Vincent did not take cupcake and gave his to Luis. Hal called Walk and told him that Duchess thought she saw Darke. Hal drove Duchess to the Noble's place and she had a dance with Thomas noble after the boys teased his weak hand. When she came back, she saw footprints. Then she saw Hal on the porch with his gun, and blood in his abdomen. Hal told Duchess that he got the guy. Duchess felt the Montana cold.

Part Three, Restitution

Twenty Eight

Walk did not answers any calls from Martha. Walk went to see the funeral and talked to Duchess. Duchess told him that they were a case and numbers, and their case worker's name was Shelly. Duchess did not want Walk to visit her.

Twenty nine

Shelly drove Duchess and Robin to Mr. and Mrs. Price. The family was paid to take care of them as foster parents. They had their own childern, and treated Duchess and Robin just enough for the money. When Duchess went to ask for more sausages, they gave her none, even though there were a few sausages left. Duchess got caught searching about Vincent King on Mr. Price's computer by Mary Lou, one of the children. She told her that they were not the first ones they had other children. Duchess wanted to hit her but she did not, she saw the photo of Walk on the computer.

Thirty

Martha brought foods to Walk. Walk told Martha that he wanted to make a connection about Darke going for Robin. Walk also called the bank manager for the transaction but got nothing from him. Martha told him to ask tellers. Walk went to see Dee Lane and saw her with her children. She was a teller for many years. Walk learnt that Dee Lane and Darke were fucking on the night of Star. Walk asked her a favor.

Thirty one

Thomas noble rode all the way for Duchess. He talked to Duchess and said that he would visit her if they took her further. Duchess kissed him. Walk learnt from Dee that Darke was lying about his alibi with Milton at the night of Star's death. So Walk searched Darke's house, and saw the car idle, he noted down the license plate. Then he went to find Milton, who was missing from his house for some time. Walk looked around his drawers and found the badge 'Neighborhood Watch', and saw the undressed photos of Stars but some photos were missing on the day of Star's death. He called Leah.

Thirty two

They had met with two couples and neither of them took them. Robin wetted his bed one night and told Duchess that he remembered some of the voices in the night of Star's death. Shelly came with a family with a small town doctor and a teacher for Robin. Robin looked

pleadingly till Duchess nodded. Walk and Martha was driving to a hospital where Darke had been paying since the start of the records. Dee gave Walk the reciepts. Walk wanted to kiss Martha. Walk talked to a woman that they were looking for a spot for his relatives. Then he metioned that he was a friend of Darke. The woman told them about his late wife, Kate Darke, and his daughter, Maudelin, who had been on machine after accident. Walk and Martha also learnt that Darke was alive but injured after the shootouts with Hal.

Thirty three

Walk got a call from the bay. They found a body, and it was Milton. Walk explained the situation to Boyd, but he still did not buy it. But Boyd was asking a warrant for Darke. Martha told Walk that Robin needed protection. Duchess and Robin met with Peter and Lucy, and they were open-minded. They liked Robin and Duchess.

Thirty four

Walk and Martha met with Vincent. Vincent was not talking about the night but showed them a letter from Darke, saying good luck for his trial. Walk and Martha talked about their childhood. Then they kissed and slept.

Thirty five

Walk got a call from autopsy, saying that Milton was dronwed but no injury. Martha told Walk that it was game changing. Robin started to remember Star screaming. Duchess put Robin back to sleep. Robin saw Mary Lou whispering to his friends and they laughed. Robin told Duchess about it, but he did not want Duchess to do something to Mary Lou. But Duchess could not resist Mary Lou making fun of them, she was an outlaw. So, she asked her and Mary Lou told her that she smelt of piss and her mother was washing her bed. Duchess told her that it was to scare away Mary Lou's father from touching her. Mary Lou tried to hurt Duchess but she stopped her with a punch. Mary Lou lost a tooth.

Thirty six

Shelly and Mr. Price came to the school, and Mr. Price told them to leave from their house. Shelly took Robin and Duchess to a group home, and told Duchess that it was a girl's school, and Robin was allowed to stay because of his age. Walk wrote a letter to them. Shelly told Duchess that Peter and Lucy did not want them after the fight. Robin tried to hurt Duchess but she calm him down. Shelly took Duchess for a day out on the day of trial, and Shelly said that she did not want to separate the sibilings. Duchess asked Shelly to find someone better to take care of Robin.

Thirty seven

Walk and Martha were at the court, listening to the state attoerny, Descamper, aruging the case against Vincent, showing the photos of Star's body, and connecting the case with the gun of Vincent's grandfather. Martha showed the photos of Star taken by Milton and called a witness that he was adept with guns from hunting. Martha then told the jury that Milton took his own life, Descamper objected. Martha left and Walk went to his station. Walk saw a pile of paper on his desk, one of them was the call logs from Darke. Then he saw the Cape Haven PD called Darke on the day of Hal's death.

Thirty eight

Walk watched Leah Tallow cried. She told him that he blocked all the new houses and Tallow construction did not have many contracts and Darked offered her the contract to demolish old houses in exchange for Duchess's address. They were looking for the CCTV from Duchess. Walk called Martha.

Thirty nine

Walk and Martha brought Leah to the court and she testified. Then Martha brought a paper that says there was a break-in at the house of Vincent before his release. One of the stolen

things was the shotgun. Deschamper objected it, but the judge allowed it to submit the report. The case rested and waited for the verdict. Duchess and Robin was watching the verdict when they says Vincent did not kill their mom. Robin remembered that it was Vincent who came into his room and told him not to tell anyone. Duchess put Robin to sleep, and she packed and waited the first light before she left the place. Wlak drove Vincent and when they arrived at the Cape. Later, Walk saw Vincent walking across the street, he followed. Then he saw Vincent climbed over a wall. Walk went and saw a small hole, and pulled out a gun.

Forty

Duchess went to Thomas Noble. He gave her some foods and fifty dollars from his safe. Duchess told him not tell Shelly where she was going. Duchess met with Dolly when she was collecting her grandpa's ashes. She went back to Hal's place and saw a million dollar check from Richard Darke endorsed by Vincent. She was glad that her grandpa ripped it into two. She took the two guns from Hal. She sprayed his ashes into the place where they usually sat.

Forty one

Walk was in his office and Martha talked about Walk not answer her calls. Martha then left and Walk did not want her to be his carer as he loved her. Walk told Leah Tallow to call Darke and tell him she knows where the kids are. Duchess was riding the bicycle of Thomas Noble. She got the flat and so abandoned the bicycle. She then met an old couple hiking, Hank and Busy. They gave foods to Duchess.

Forty two

Duchess stayed at their room at the motel and went to buy a bus ticket. The lady at the office sold the ticket to Denver for forty dollars. But Duchess needed to go further, so she went back to the motel while the old couples were sleeping. She stole the bill from Hank and Busy saw it and did not say anything but saw the sadness in her eyes. Walk flet

drownsiness but kept driving towards the Thomas noble's house. He gave the adress to Leah and did not know if Darke would arrive first. Thomas noble was watching TV and his parents were out camping. The the power is cut and he could not use the phone. Then a voice asked if he knew Duchess and Thomas noble charged towards the darkenes. Walk woke up with the sound of gun shot, he saw Thomas noble unhurt. Walk followed Darke and shot him. Darke was alive and was shot in the shoulder. Darke told Walk that Vincent was not the one who Walk thinks he is and asked Walk to kill him as he needed the insurance money for his daughter. Walk hesistated but Darke insisted. Walk pulled the trigger.

Forty three

Duchess saw couples spilling their love from the aisles and people coming and going out of it. She saw towns. The driver was concerned about her, and then she got no money left. She hitch-hiked with a father who talked about his daughter going to College. The man and Duchess sang songs in a town, bypassers watched them. Duchess opened her heart and took their souls. A man gave her an hundred dollar and pointed to a sign 'Sing to Bill'.

Forty four

Walk controlled the fallout. He resigned from the department and told them he was visiting to Duchess and Robin when he heard gunshots and found Darke. Walk gave a call to Martha but he only got her machine. Walk got a call, he thought it was Martha, but it was from the lab. They told him that they found the blood in Darke's house to be an animal, deer, not Milton. And the print from the gun was from a small child, Robin. Walk called Vincent, who told him that Star and Darke fought, when Darke looked around for the tape. Robin tried to shoot at Darke but hit the Star. Vincent was there and made a deal with Darke. Darke would buy the house and gave him money but would take the gun as insurance for the deal. Vincent tried to resurcitate Star but she did not wake up. So he assisted Robin to get back to his room through the window. Darke did not get the money because he could not get the tape, so he gave the gun back to Vicent, a man of his words. Vincent did not say anything, he wanted to be out. Vincent asked Walk about Martha.

Forty five

Walk drove from Cape Haven to a storage facility. He saw the albums of younger Darke. He saw the photos of his wife and daughter. Then a pile of old mails collapsed, and a single video tape emerged. Walk took it back to Cape Haven and watched. It was the tape from the day Star had a punch on her face and Duchess burned down the club. Walk saw that it was Brandon Rock who punched Star and Duchess burning down the club. He took out the tape and threw it in the trash.

Part Four: Heartbreaker

Forty six

Walk went to Brandon and told him that he knew what he did. Brandon cried and confessed to pushing Milton into the water. Walk called Boyd and they took him. Duchess reached Cape Haven and broke into the house of Vincent. She waited for Vincent. Vincent did not flinch when he saw her with his gun. The gun he gave it to her to protect herself. Duchess took aim at him, and Vincent told her that he would not let her carry it with her. Vincent jumped into the cliff, Duchess tried to grasp the air.

Forty seven

Walk took the urn of Vincent to fulfill his last will. Vincent wanted his ashes to spary in the Elkiton forest. Walk droved past the Fairmount facility, and talked with Cuddy. Then he learnt that Cuddy had been allowing Vincent to have a conjugal visit with Star. Star came to see Vincent in the common room but Vincent was mad when other men used it to trigger him. Cuddy saw Star being pregnant over time. Then the conjugal apartment was taken down and Vincent did not want her to come to the common room. Cuddy did not log their visits, but would not lie if someone asked. He told Wlak that the view from Vincent's cell is the two million acres of Elkiton forest.

Forty eight

Duchess got taken care of by Dolly. She worked for her. Dolly wanted to adopt her. Walk wrote to Duchess with more than twenty pages explaining Vincent and their relation. Vincent left Duchess and Robin a house in Cape Haven. Duchess went to see Robin and he was adpoted by Peter and Lucy. Robin did not see her. Duchess hid inside the car and said goodbye to Robin.

Forty nine

Duchess did not leave her room for days, and Dolly was worried but gave her space. Monday and she went to school with Thomas noble. She had finished her family tree as her assignment. She stood and started to read from his father side, the outlaw, Vincent King.

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