

TUCKER:

What you talking about, Sir. Investigate what? The Klan killed that fella sure as you and me talking about it. Sheriff talking about an investigation.

SIR:

Well that's better than what they have done before.

TUCKER:

I'll give you that. I've seen them don't do nothing. The Klan will kill you for no reason or for any reason, and nobody will do a thing about it. You can see them now, five or six of them at a time just walking down the street trying to scare somebody.

SIR:

You haven't seen them in Greenwood doing that.

TUCKER:

You don't think Greenwood is next? If they walk down

RED-MANNING:

We ain't going to put up with Klan intimidation here in Greenwood. They won't march on Greenwood, Archer, Pine or nowhere else here.

TUCKER:

They around on West Pine already, Red. They're around there all the time. What's to stop them from marching right on into Greenwood?

RED-MANNING:

They can walk around on West Pine all they want. Long as they stay over there in Tulsa who cares. For Greenwood to count, we have to have reenforcements in place. Greenwood is too important to Tulsa's economy. I would think city government and law enforcement would recognize that.

SIR:

That's right. Gurley will deal with the city directly.

TUCKER:

Gurley? Gurley can't do nothing. His nose too far up their tail to do any such thing when it comes to these Crackers. If it's Gurley we're waiting on, we in a mess a trouble.

SIR:

Gurley has a lot more power than you think. Gurley started Greenwood. He works with the white folks, not against them.

TUCKER:

Oh, that's Gurley talk right there. He walk around here ready to put us in jail, talking down to us and he just as black as we is. What's Ray Lewis' cousin's name. Red, you know who I'm talking about.

RED-MANNING:

He got a lot of cousins.

TUCKER:

What's his name. The one--his mother-in-law old gray headed lady got them big ole country legs Shriners be looking at all the time.

RED-MANNING:

Oh, good lawd, that woman. I can't think of her name.

TUCKER:

Not her. Ray's cousin. The one married to her daughter. They got arrested the other day for refusing to sit in the back of the street car. Got arrested! You think Gurley did something with all that power he got?

SIR:

You got to pick your battles, Tucker. You can't save everybody who come to you. If you try to handle everybody's problem they're just going to keep coming. And if you make a big deal out of every little thing the white man going to stop listening to you.

TUCKER:

They don't listen now. If it's a little thing like you say they should have let it go. If he paid, a man ought to be able to sit where he want.