

Dr. Obersteen was wrapping a glass in paper.

He looked around as he wrapped the glass.

He had no sleep for the past two nights.

Dr. Obersteen was fired from the big city hospital administrator.

He was fired from being a practicing medical doctor of the big city hospital.

The board filed the papers to strip him of his medical license, that he could never practice medicine again.

The board called him into the meeting when they had completed all of their business.

Dr. Obersteen walked into their meeting and around at the twelve men.

He spoke and said, "Good morning."

One spoke and the rest mumbled.

The two doctors who wanted to experiment on Mattie and Wes said, "no" were present but not members of the board.

Bryce, who the governor fired was conducting the meeting.

Bryce made the announcements against Dr. Obersteen.

Dr. Obersteen said, "You could have asked for your hospital administrator job back. I am not the one who fired you Bryce. The governor did. You, whether all of you have performed treason. I am sure the governor will deal with you all once he recovers. And by the way he is doing a remarkable job at recovery. You could have asked me to remove myself or resign, I would have gladly done so, but to fire me because I am not incompetent. You have taken a false report to the state's licensing board to strip me of my medical degree and license so I can not practice gain. That I can never help the sick again. That I cannot be a healer, as I have been called..."

Dr. Obersteen walked and leaned on the table with his fists and said, "Dear sirs you have gone too far."

The secretary, Bryce's wife was sitting and taking notes.

Her heart broke for Dr. Obersteen.

Her husband, Bryce, stood and yelled at Dr. Obersteen, "Get out!!"

Dr. Obersteen looked at Bryce and the rest of the doctors' in the room and said, "This is pure jealousy. You all are poor medical doctors and very incompetent and when others come who are better than you and genuinely care for the patients and their health you try to destroy them."

Andrew walked in the boardroom.

He walked in with his hands behind his back.

He stood with a very arrogant demeanor.

He stood by Dr. Obersteen.

Dr. Obersteen turned and looked at this boy who has walked into a hornet's nest of evil.

Dr. Obersteen thought, "Where is Emma!!"

Andrew said, "Hello uncle."

The Uncle on his father side.

The Uncle said, "Hello Andrew."

Andrew pointed to Dr. Obersteen and said, "Dr. Obersteen is father's official medical doctor. He is the only doctor in the entire state that father trust beside another. I hope you are telling these medical doctors that twenty seven percent of my trust fund goes to operate the medical school..."

The uncle said, "That's true."

The two medical doctors were returning to the board meeting.

Bryce had re-assign Skip to them.

They entered the ward with all the military brass, so to big shot doctors and told Skip they were taking over his care, because one of them shrugged his shoulders and said, "Well Dr. Obersteen wasn't qualified to practice medicine."

Andrew said, "How so."

The two doctors looked at Andrew.

Skip looked at the doctors and said, "The commander asked you a question. Answer him. I want to hear this."

The doctors could not explain themselves.

The other commanders walked over and surrounded the doctors.

The Christian doctor heard the gossip that Bryce and the rest was firing Dr. Obersteen. The doctor looked at the two doctors and said, "Huh."

Sondra, Bryce's wife, told Dr. Obersteen of the plot against him.

Dr. Obersteen continued to work all day and all night.

When he arrived at home that night.

He slowly unlocked the front door.

He walked over to his bar and poured a glass of brandy.

He looked at his house, which he really liked.

It was big enough for him, Emma and Joshua.

He walked to the kitchen and unlocked the back door and stepped out in the backyard.

He sat in a chair he put in the backyard, until Emma would come and decorate the house to her liking.

Dr. Obersteen sat in the chair with his legs crossed and swinging the glass of brandy in the glass.

He could not think.

All of his thought was "I am a good doctor."

He took a sip of brandy and another and another and said, "I am a damn good doctor. How could this happen to me?"

He bowed his head over and wait for a long time.

The strange man stood by the right corner of the house and looked at Dr. Obersteen.

The attendant walked next to the strange man and said, "Everything is ready."

JESUS was sitting and watching Dr. Obersteen.

JESUS begin thinking about Dr. Obersteen, when he was in medical school, how he thought he was going to fail out of school.

How he earnestly went into the chapel and got on his knees and prayed.

JESUS turned and pulled Dr. Obersteen's book and began to read his prayers.

JESUS read each of Dr. Obersteen's prayers about his medical desire to help people and be a benefit to people.

JESUS saw none of Dr. Obersteen's prayers were for people to exalt him or he puff himself up or want riches or wealth.

JESUS knew Dr. Obersteen loved his women and alcohol, but he did not seek fame or fortune.

JESUS thought about Wes.

Dr. Obersteen went in the house and locked the door and was about to put the half full glass of brandy on the cabinet but drank and went upstairs and barely got dressed for bed.

He fell across the bed and slept.

He heard someone call his name.

Sleep left him.

He raised himself up on his right arm and lifted off the bed to see who call him.

He rested his back on the pillows.

Dr. Obersteen looked at the door and no one was there and he turned his head to look at the windows.

He saw the sun beginning to peek through the morning darkness.

Dr. Obersteen thought, "That's like GOD always bring lightness to my darkness."

He sat up on the bed and covered his eyes and cried.

He said, "All I ever wanted to be was a very good doctor. Why do they want to take that away? I don't understand why."

The strange man called Dr. Obersteen to wake him.

The strange man looked at the time.

Dr. Obersteen stood and walked into the bathroom and heated the water the housekeeper brought in the day before.

He walked downstairs in the kitchen and started a pot of coffee.

He poured a cup of black coffee and leaned against the kitchen cabinet and drink a swallow of the hot coffee and stared into the cup.

He took another swallow of the hot black coffee and stared ahead of him at the doorknob.

Sondra was sitting and brushing her hair at her vanity.

She was so worried about that ten am morning board meeting.

Bryce walked over and grabbed her by her shoulders and planted a heavy kiss on her temple.

Sondra smiled at her husband.

She wanted to know was the second bad marriage she entered into.

The first was when she was young and thought a marriage to an older man would open doors and opportunities to her to scape her poverty and see the world.

Neither materialized.

She thought about how the governor fired him and put Dr. Obersteen in his position and he swore to her he was fine with that.

She was wondering how he got to the board and called a meeting to have these horrible things to be done to Dr. Obersteen, who has done nothing to him, but brought good business to the hospital.

Could this be the type of person she married.

She thought I will see today in this meeting.

It will be either divorce or annulment.

Dr. Obersteen went upstairs and got in the bathtub and sit for a good time until the water started getting cool.

He got out and shaved and dressed for the day.

He thought, "I haven't prayed this morning. What can I say to GOD."

Dr. Obersteen bowed on his knees and asked the same prayer he always asked GOD, "Dear FATHER. I am in trouble. I tried to be a good doctor and asked for YOUR help..."

Dr. Obersteen waved his hands and said, "Not that I am saying YOU have not helped. But I just don't know what wrong I have done. I have not back bitten anyone I have not killed a patient. I have been with the patients day and night. I have any paid some of their bills. I have tried to read and study so I can learn more. Can YOU fix this? But please help my patients to get better and be healed. I know JESUS to be a healer I have seen HIM heal. Can YOU heal me?"

He chuckled.

He held his head down in total misery.

He thought, "If Emma was here she would go and fist fight them."

Dr. Obersteen waved his hand for 'no' and started laughing.

The thought of Emma and Mattie beating up the board members delighted Dr. Obersteen.

He was sitting on his heels and took a deep breath and said, "In JESUS' name."

Dr. Obersteen said, "LORD GOD Almighty, please help Emma and Mattie. In JESUS' name. Amen."

Dr. Obersteen liked his eggs in the morning, but he knew he was running late and breakfast was over.

He passed his favorite restaurant and the waiter waved at him and pointe to his watch.

Dr. Obersteen pointed at his watch and said, "No time." The waiters and patrons looked at Dr. Obersteen.

He continued to the hospital and thought about his patients, what type of care he need to give to each.

He thought about Skip and said, "His test results should be back this morning. I should be able to give him a diagnosis.

Dr. Obersteen continued to work.

He noticed the hospital was dark. He wondered why.

He entered the lobby and spoke to the nurses.

They spoke, but he did not know they were the night shift nurses.

Dr. Obersteen walked up the stairs to his office.

Andrew and Skip saw him when he passed the ward.

Dr. Obersteen arranged for the commanders to stay with Skip in the ward.

The orderlies and Samuel and Zachry were thrilled.

Andrew looked at Skip they knew something was wrong.

Skip looked at Andrew and said, "Find out."

Andrew walked to the ward door and looked for an orderly.

He did not see an orderly, he did see Samuel and Zachery running into the lobby.

They were jostling each other and elbowing each other.

Until they nearly ran into Andrew who was standing and watching them.

Andrew said, "Good morning sirs."

Samuel and Zachery could not speak.

Everyone was talking about the young commander with the hair.

Andrew pointed to the ward.

They could not figure out what for.

They walked in the ward.

One of the commanders was snoring.

Andrew walked with his hands behind his back and walked in front of Samuel and Zachery.

He stopped at Skip's bed.

Samuel and Zachery mouths flew open.

Andrew said, "Gentlemen this the head commander of the military Skip Costner.

Samuel and Zachery stood speechless.

Skip said, "Good morning young gentlemen. You Zachery came with Dr. Obersteen to the new settlement but left after a few days."

Zachery was spellbound. "You remembered me?"

Andrew smiled because had his hook in him.

Skip said, "Yes. What is wrong with Dr. Obersteen?"

Samuel tipped to ward door.

Zachery was peeping at the commanders that were pretending to be sleep.

Andrew looked at Samuel and Zachery, "Thinking are they serious."

Samuel ran back to Skip's bed and he and Zachery began to blabbered out sentences.

Andrew looked at them and said, "The board is going to fire Dr. Obersteen this morning and he doesn't know."

They both looked at Andrew and said, "Yes."

Skip said, "Thank You. Have a nice day."

Samuel and Zachery looked at Skip with such admiration.

Commander Wallace pulled he curtain back from his bed.

All the commanders were awake and fully dressed.

Andrew looked at a worried Skip.

Skip said, "Dr. Obersteen said, my tests results will be back today and he will give me a diagnosis. I know Dr. Obersteen and I trust him. I don't trust no body else."

Skip looked at the commanders and said, "Where's Malcolm?"

The commanders looked around and was shocked he slipped out and no one saw him.

Skip was thinking.

He had hand selected thirty commanders over each section of the military and thirteen were assassins and they were scheduled to be executed.

Commander Wallace's son was one of the dead assassins.

Commander Wallace requested of Skip to take his son home and be buried in the family plot.

Skip signed an order and had a telegram sent to the family to have his grave dug.

Commander Wallace was still grieving but when the headquarters received the telegrams about Skip.

Commander Wallace told his wife he had to go and support Skip.

His wife was angry with Skip.

Commander Wallace was standing in his son's doorway looking around.

He had not been in the room for several weeks.

He decided he would go and begin to search his room to see if he could put pieces together that drove his son to be a part of such a diabolical plot.

Commander Wallace yelled at his wife and said, "You want to angry with anybody be angry at yourself. I told you not to spoil our son. I told you to let him go to school and learn a trade because he was lazy like your side of the family. Skip had nothing to do with you being a bad mother. Blame yourself and keep Skip out of this. Be thankful he allowed me to bring our son home and bury him with the family. Many were buried in a large hole in the ground. I pray he accepted Salvation through JESUS. You need to also. I got my peace."

The little girl was watching from her prayer room.

She looked up at JESUS.

JESUS held out HIS hand to her.

She looked at HIS hand and reached her hand to HIM.

Skip was in deep thought.

The commanders including Andrew went to the cafeteria for breakfast.

Sheryl and a distraught Vivian were having coffee in the hotel lobby.

Sheryl leaned over and said, "Vivian come to yourself. You are a commander's wife everyone is looking."

Vivian looked around at the women and continued to drink her coffee.

Sheryl said, "Look at me. I am the wife of the head of the military. My husband is sick, and I am Polish."

Vivian said, "And sick."

Vivian stood and said, "Pay for my coffee."

Sheryl looked at Vivian and sighed she tried to save face and said, "I will join you shortly."

Vivian looked back at her and continued to walk out the door.

She continued to walk to the hospital to see Skip.

Men on the street would give her a double look.

Before Vivian would be flirty but now she wanted her husband, even though he was twenty five years older than she.

Harold just told people he was twenty years older so it would not seem improper or perverted.

Vivian laughed and said, "It's perverted Mr. Harold."

Vivian could not have children at all.

Sheryl would become pregnant and lose them.

Vivian said, it was because they were malnourished.

Vivian met Harold at the restaurant she worked.

She was cleaning tables at two different restaurants.

One for breakfast and one for dinner.

Vivian worked at a beautician during the lunch hours.

She learned how to style hair.

She and Sheryl would have the best looking hair for the barns.

Harold came in one day while she was bent over getting some plates.

Vivian said, "He made a crude remark. And I cursed him out. He did not leave. He kept tossing napkins and forks on the floor for me to bend over and pick them up. I did not see him for months. Then he came back with the same crude remark. And forks and napkins were on the floor and I realized he was purposefully tossing them on the floor. He gave a big tip. I looked at him and missed the beautician that day and every day he came into town. After six months I did not see him. I decided to move out of state with Sheryl and her new husband that was older than she. I started working at a restaurant in the capital and staying in a studio apartment. I did not eat but when I was at work and made extra money from doing hair. One day Harold walked into the restaurant. She saw a napkin on the floor and she looked up and it was Harold.



She ran to him.

They embraced and kissed.

They had been together for the next fifteen years.

Now Harold is gone. He is gone for good.

Vivian sighed over Harold.

She stepped on the hospital's steps.

Vivian thought, "What is wrong with Sheryl?" She's acting like she is the queen. And Andrew is not having it. He is letting her know she is blue collar and cannot compare to that powder princess mother of his. Skip lucked out with Shirley. He did not have to change the initials with Sheryl."

Vivian walked into the lobby of the hospital.

Vivian smiled and did not speak because she was being watched because of her and Harold fighting in front of everybody yesterday.

The nurses begin to whisper and watched her as she walked into the ward.

Skip looked at her as she entered.

She sat in Andrew's chair.

Vivian said nothing but stared into space.

Skip said, "Vivian what are you going to do?"

Andrew walked back with the commanders and Percy.

Vivian looked at Skip.

Skip said, "Percy who do you have training the horses?"

Percy named the three soldiers.

Dr. Obersteen was in his office reviewing his patients charts for that day.

He got up and started his rounds.

He was nearly through with his patients when Zachery found him with his patient.

Zachery told Dr. Obersteen the board wanted him in the board room.

The patient looked at Zachery.

Dr. Obersteen pulled his stethoscope from his ears and said, "Zachery..."

Zachery said, "I know, but they said it was very important."

The patient said, "Sounds like trouble."

Dr. Obersteen looked at the patient then bucked his eyes at Zachery.

Zachery said, "Sorry sir."

Dr. Obersteen said, "I'm coming. Zachery. Tell them I am coming."

He stood and Zachery nearly cried.

Dr. Obersteen put his hands on his hips and turned back to his patient.

The patient watched Zachery who lowered his head and walked out and closed the door.

Dr. Obersteen looked back at the door and said to the patient, "They want to fire me."

The patient yelled, "What? Why?"

Dr. Obersteen said, "I told you that so you can hear me and what I said your treatment should be. Do not let anyone change what I am saying to you. Understand. Listen."

The patient's wife was sitting in the chair listening.

Dr. Obersteen explained everything to the patient and said, "I don't have any more of the herbs for pain. You don't need anything for the pain but it eases the pain. They want to give you morphine."

The wife said, "No. Sorry."

Dr. Obersteen said, "GOD made the body to heal itself. Sometimes we need a push to get the healing process started, that is what the herbs do."

Nurse Watson walked in and said, "Dr. Obersteen the board is demanding you cease see the patients and come immediately to them."

Nurse Watson looked at the patient and his wife.

Dr. Obersteen said, "What is the rush?"

The patient said, "Doc, can I go home?"

Dr. Obersteen said, "All tests are good. Your healing is good. No fever. Blood pressure fine. I guess you can if you want to."

His wife said, "We want to."

He wife stood up and started getting her husband's stuff together.

Nurse Watson went and helped the patient out the bed, she said, "I'll go and get the orderlies to come and take you out."

Dr. Obersteen completed his notes in the patient's chart and handed the chart to Nurse Watson.

She said, "You know they are going to accuse you of telling the patients to leave."

Dr. Obersteen opened the door for Nurse Watson.

They passed the ward.

Skip watched Dr. Obersteen.

Andrew was taking the notes and the commanders were writing their notes.

The commanders met with Skip each morning and he conducted business as usual.

The two new doctors walked in the ward with all the stately commanders.

The commanders looked at them.

The doctors introduced themselves to Skip and the commanders.

Andrew demanded an answer why they were there and not Dr. Obersteen.

Andrew put his note pad on Skip's bed.

He stood and walked out the ward.

He walked down the hall and looked to see where the board meeting was.

Nurse Watson and Nurse Morgan pointed at the door.

Andrew winked at Nurse Morgan.

Andrew opened the door and walked into the board meeting.

The nurses ran to Nurse Morgan giggling.

Nurse Morgan fainted.

Zachery and Samuel ran back to the door and put their ears to the door.

Andrew said, "I am Commander Andrew Stith Simons Costner..."

The board members looked at this boy.

Andrew said, "Your benefactor. My family owns the railroad and the shipping. We donate fifty three percent to your medical school and twenty seven percent is from my trust fund."

His uncle said, "Fifty five percent this year."

Andrew said, "Do not increase my part. Gentlemen our great state gives this hospital sixty three percent of it's operating capital, the other thirty seven percent is raised once per year by my family."

Andrew touch his chest and bowed.

Andrew said, "My family will meet in two weeks to have all the details for the benefit ball. I will be there and present to them your belligerent and treacherous attitude towards Dr. Obersteen, a personal physician to my father the head of military and a staunch supporter of Dr. Obersteen. I will also speak with the governor, who is a childhood friend. I will especially tell him how you sir, who he fired called a board meeting to fire Dr. Obersteen his physician. You sirs did not stop there but filed papers to strip Dr. Obersteen of his license. The reason why the state pumps money into the two hospitals here is so the people can have medical care. Now I doubt the cause is not so noble."

Andrew stared hard at his uncle and said, "Uncle."

The uncle swallowed hard and nodded his head.

Andrew turned to Dr. Obersteen and said, "Dr. Obersteen."

Andrew pointed towards the door.

He opened the door and Zachery and Samuel ran from the door and tried to walk back.

Andrew and Dr. Obersteen walked out the door.

Andrew said to Samuel and Zachery, "You are too slow."

They stared at Andrew with admiration.

The nurses were still fanning Nurse Morgan.

Dr. Obersteen said, "Thank you Andrew. But I am still out of a job. Maybe I can get on at the city baptist hospital.

Andrew said, "Why don't you go to Wes until you get a job?"

Dr. Obersteen said, "I need money to live."

Dr. Obersteen said, "I have to see your father and then I will go and pack my office.

Dr. Obersteen went to his office and had Zachery to send a telegram to Wes and tell him what happened to him.

Andrew went back to the ward and told his father and the commanders what happened.

He said, "I suggested that he go back to help Wes until he gets a job. He said, he needed money."

Skip said, "Chester is in charge of that. He has been busy. Check on that."

Dr. Obersteen went into his office and reviewed Skip's tests.

He kept looking over the tests.

Sondra walked in with Bryce.

Bryce turned his back to Dr. Obersteen's opened door.

Sondra looked at Bryce.

She walked to the door and said, "Good afternoon Dr. Obersteen."

Dr. Obersteen barely looked up and said, "Good afternoon Sondra and Bryce."

He put his head back down in his charts and tests results.

He began to write his recommendations for Skip.

He finished with Skip's chart.

Sondra and Bryce were leaving work to go and order that night's dinner for the commanders.

They stopped at the ward to speak to the commanders.

The commanders gave them a battle look.

Bryce swallowed hard and said, "no dinner."

No commander answered him.

He looked at Andrew who stared at him.

Andrew let them know he was a blue blood and he gives them charity, including his uncle.

The board did not know he was any kin to the Stiths and Simons.

He told the board he was way down the line and he and his wife and children could not afford to attend the ball for the hospital because they make everyone by a ticket.

Dr. Obersteen walked in the ward fifteen minutes later.

Andrew went to send the telegram to Chester about the pay for Dr. Obersteen and Wes.

Dr. Obersteen stood at the foot of Skip's bed and was going over and over his notes.

Dr. Obersteen stopped and was looking off in space.

Andrew returned from sending Chester the telegram.

Andrew looked at the other commanders.

They shook their heads for no.

Dr. Obersteen said, "Skip?"

Sheryl and Vivian were seated in chairs.

Andrew moved and stood next to Skip.

Skip said, "I want them to know. You can speak."

Dr. Obersteen said, "I can guarantee you two years. You have blockages in your heart. We have not yet discovered how to remove them. I truly believe there is an herb that can do it. I will be researching. There's no medicine we have created that can move the blockage. Take an easy. Don't over work your body. Rest. Take a nap during the day. I don't know what type of house you have..."

Sheryl looked at Andrew.

Andrew gave her a look.

Dr. Obersteen said, "If you have stairs or no steps. If you have to move your bedroom do so. The trip back you can sleep in the wagon. But try to ride your horse for several hours each day. I believe you can be comfortable and live a good quality of life."

Andrew was solemn.

Skip said, "Thank you Dr. Obersteen. Go to Wes. I'll take care of your expenses."

Dr. Obersteen said, "I want to. I now he needs help. But I have a few letters to write to get a job."

Dr. Obersteen said, "I hate it there it is freezing."

Arnold said, "Skip we can build temporary housing for them so they won't be so cold and with gas heaters it can get them through the next couple of months."

Skip said, "Dr. Obersteen will you go back for a few months to help Wes?"

Dr. Obersteen said, "Yes."

Skip looked at Arnold.

Skip said, "I know you will do us proud."

The commanders cheered.

Chester received the telegrams from Skip and Andrew.

He sent back a response.

He said the money has arrived and Betsy Ross is anxious to receive Wes portion.

He can wire Dr. Obersteen portion or send it by two soldiers.

Chester said, "Tell Commander Arnold building supplies and an fifteen carpenters arrived and on base. Bishop's family found two vacant houses and his father and mother found a small vacation home. And Newsome is in much pain and needs a lot of help. His family is on their way to take him home to die. Wes very upset and does not want Newsome to leave."

Andrew read the telegrams in the presence of all.

Skip said, "Tell Chester to send two soldiers with Dr. Obersteen pay so he can pay bills and be ready to leave and go back with the soldiers. He did not say anything about Bruce. Find out Bruce's condition."

Andrew went to Dr. Obersteen's office to send the telegrams.

Dr. Obersteen was packing his office up.

He looked around and was upset.

Andrew said, "Chester wants to know if you want your pay wired or for two soldiers to bring. Father said for two soldiers to bring it for you to pay your bills and leave with the two soldiers when they arrive and turn around and go back."

Dr. Obersteen said, "Really? I am not in the military for Skip to make decisions about me. "

Andrew said, "Wes said Newsom is going home to die."

Dr. Obersteen jumped up and said, "No. Newsome requires a lot of attention that he can't get from any where else."

Andrew said, "Pack and be ready to leave in two days."

Dr. Obersteen turned around in the office and put on his coat and gloves and walked out the office with his box of personal items.

He walked home and thought, "GOD this started out as one of the worst days of my life. My heart was heavy today and last night. But I don't feel as heavy as I did, especially with the soldiers bringing me some money. I don't know how much it will be. I'll send Samuel a notice for he and his sister can stay at my house until I return."

Dr. Obersteen walked home and unlocked the door.

He put down his box.

And walked through his house.

He took his bags and packed books in them and plenty of wool socks and thermals.

He knew the soldiers were laughing at his fur boot and vest, but it knocked the freezing off and enable him to bear the cold.

He stared at his alcohol for a long time.

Newsom came to his mind and he locked the cabinet.

Dr. Obersteen checked his house for food. He only had an egg. He scrambled the egg and had a toast.

He looked at the bags of books and then he looked at the time.

He was able to carry the books down to the transporters for them to take the books to Wes in the new settlement.

He paid them.

He sent a telegram to the job to Samuel and asked if he and his sister would house sit until he returned.

He went home and stayed up for two nights packing up his glasses.

Skip was leaving the hospital the same day Dr. Obersteen was leaving.

Dr. Obersteen was shocked at the amount of money he ran to the bank and paid for his house for six months and paid for Mattie's part of the stay and received a stamp that said full paid.

He bought Joshua a train set and a complete football outfit.

He bought Angelica two pairs of special shoes and a bag.

His heart pained him for Angelica.

He bought Wes another shaving kit and perfume for Betsy.

He was ready and he went to the poultry house and had them to transport chickens and turkeys, eggs and milk and cheese to Wes.

Dr. Obesteen left town with the military caravan.

The caravan split.

Most of the commanders went back to the headquarters.

Skip sent Tony and the three riders to the two different cities to find the identity of the beneficiaries. And to report secretly back to him at headquarters.

Skip, Andrew, Sheryl and Vivian along with Arnold followed the two soldiers and Dr. Obersteen.

When they got to Emma and Mattie's town, Dr. Obersteen wanted to stop and see them but the soldiers kept riding until they were halfway from the town.

They small group camped that night outside Emma and Mattie's town.

Sheryl was complaining about the long and dusty road and having to sleep in the wagon and not a hotel.

Vivian was upset over Harold and was ignoring Sheryl.

The soldiers heard her.

Dr. Obersteen walked to her.

Skip looked her and he saw Dr. Obersteen walked over.

Dr. Obersteen sid, "You don't understand..."

He pointed to Skip and said, "He cannot tolerate this foolishness. You either be quiet and keep your complaining to yourself or leave."

Vivian looked at the fake Sheryl.

Andrew was giving Sheryl a look that it is going to be you.

Sheryl looked at Skip like Do you hear him talking to me.

Skip said, "Sheryl you either shut up or leave."

They made it to the new settlement late that night.

Chester waited for them at the governor's tent.

Sheryl wrapped her coat around her and said, "It's freezing..."

Everyone looked at her.

Vivian said, "You got your husband with you what are you faking so badly about? The man married you for you. Not you faking to be a blue blood, but for a blue collar."

Sheryl turned up her nose and snatched her head off from Vivian.

Skip and Andrew saw Sheryl.

They entered the governor's tent along with Arnold, Chester and Dr. Obersteen.

Dr. Obersteen went directly to Newsom and he and Wes were discussing Newsom.

Newsom's family arrived that evening and went to the command post.

Dr. Obersteen said, "He won't make the trip."



Wes said, "I know."

Dr. Obersteen said, "When are they coming back?"

Wes said, "In the morning."

They walked to Bruce.

Bruce was in and out of consciousness, but he was healing.

Wes was happy.

The first lady was a hit or miss.

Her condition was bad, because of the shrapnel that was in her body.

Andrew walked over to David and spoke.

David said, "I'm freezing."

Wes said, "Governor I'm coming."

David said, "With heat."

Wes grinned.

Andrew looked at Wes.

Arnold looked around the tent.

He saw Wes and Dr. Obersteen slept on the freezing cold floor.

Andrew went to Betsy and Betsy came out the cute house to meet Skip's school teacher wife.

Chester went back to his team.

Arnold, Skip, Andrew, Sheryl and Vivian went to the command post.

Skip slept in the wagon and the next morning they had breakfast with the soldiers.

The soldiers saluted and they sat for breakfast.

Andrew watched Sheryl because he wanted one iota of disrespect to the soldiers he would not tolerate.

Vivian was waiting.

Arnold met with the fifteen carpenters who swore they could get a simple structure up in a week.

Sheryl knew everyone was watching her.

Andrew was ready to send her packing.

Sheryl tried to be polite and spoke to the soldiers.

Vivian said, "Sheryl what you thought about Betsy last night?"