

AJ KNOX SIDE

MOTHER BANNON

Charles! Speak!

Bannon tries to start again but can't. Gasping, he pushes the letter across the table to Knox. Bannon's face goes dead.

We stay on Bannon as Knox continues the letter.

KNOX

(reading)

The next morning I woke up and Mrs. Haven had killed their baby. She had killed him in the night. Then she went to look for the other kids.

(beat)

Daniel was shot first as he was milking cows. Leland was shot second. He was milking cows. He was the second cow from Daniel.

Bannon seems to be re-living the entire story as it is being read.

KNOX (CONT'D)

Mary backed into the corner of the barn and waited 'til Mrs. Haven came into the barn. She called two or three times and finally came in. I yelled "look out" and she shot her twice.

Bannon's face is white as a sheet - absolute horror written over his countenance.

KNOX (CONT'D)

I dragged Mr. Haven from the house, where he had been shot twice. She made me help her bury the bodies.

(beat)

I was given \$100 dollars to drive Mrs. Haven to the Williston train station. And she told me to make a contract for the farm. And sign it from Albert.

Now we see Jacobson - disbelief and absolute rage running across his face.

KNOX (CONT'D)

I have told the truth that I
promised I would not tell. Signed,
Charles Bannon.

Knox lowers the letters and looks with grim smugness at Taylor.

Bannon, meanwhile, is drenched in sweat, wide-eyed, panting, holding back a volcano of emotions.

KNOX (CONT'D)

Charles has drawn a map.

Knox unfolds a crumpled piece of paper and sets it on the table. Scrawled hastily on the paper is an overhead map of the Haven's barn, with **X's** marking different labelled locations: Albert, Daniel, Leland, Mary, and Chas.

KNOX (CONT'D)

This is where you'll find the
bodies.

Off of Jacobson's face, still staring in disbelief at Bannon--