


"THE FALL OF  
EIGHTEEN EIGHTY-SIX  
WAS ONE OF THE  
DARKEST IN GIDEON  
FALLS' HISTORY.

"OR MAYBE IT WAS JUST  
THE START OF THE  
DARKNESS. A DARKNESS  
THAT'S NEVER LEFT US.


"THE KILLINGS  
STARTED THAT  
FALL.



"ONE AFTER ANOTHER.  
THEY CAME QUICKLY.



"BY CHRISTMAS,  
TWELVE MEN AND  
WOMAN HAD BEEN  
BUTCHERED. THEIR  
BODIES LEFT LIKE  
TROPHIES.



"THERE WAS A WITNESS TO  
THE ELEVENTH MURDER, BUT  
THE ONLY DESCRIPTION THAT  
MAN GAVE OF THE KILLER  
WAS OF A 'SMILING MAN.'



"TWO DAYS LATER, THIS WITNESS HUNG HIMSELF, BUT IT DIDN'T END THERE."



"ONE WEEK LATER, ANOTHER MAN WAS TAKEN. THIS TIME THE WITNESS WAS FAR MORE SPECIFIC...THIS TIME SHE SAW WHO IT WAS."

ABEL LACROIX IS MISSING, FATHER! HIS WIFE SAID HE WAS TAKEN RIGHT FROM THEIR BEDROOM!

AND I TOLD YOU MEN, WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO FIND HIM. AN ANGRY MOB IS JUST LIABLE TO GET MORE INNOCENTS HURT.

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, SHERIFF. THIS TIME THERE WAS A WITNESS. WE FINALLY KNOW WHO THE KILLER IS!

IT'S NORTON! THE KILLER IS NORTON SINCLAIR!

"THERE IS NOT A LOT KNOWN ABOUT NORTON SINCLAIR. HE WAS FROM OUT OF TOWN. HE CAME TO GIDEON FALLS ONLY TWO YEARS EARLIER WHEN HE INHERITED A HUGE PARCEL OF LAND FROM A DISTANT UNCLE."

"BY ALL REPORTS, HE WAS RECLUSIVE AND ECCENTRIC."



"HE DID SOME SORT OF WORK OUT IN HIS OLD BARN. NO ONE REALLY KNEW WHAT, BUT HE DID LET THE FARM GO TO WASTE. HE DIDN'T WORK THE LAND OR TEND TO IT AT ALL.

"SO NO ONE WAS SURPRISED WHEN SINCLAIR WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE KILLER."

COME OUT, SINCLAIR!

WE HAVE YOU SURROUNDED!  
IT'S OVER!

BETTER  
STAY BACK,  
FATHER  
BURKE.

I CAN  
HANDLE  
MYSELF,  
SHERIFF.

THIS IS  
YOUR LAST  
CHANCE TO LET  
ABEL GO,  
SINCLAIR!

FORGET  
IT, LET'S  
GO!

**SLAM**



DEAR  
GOD!



"NO ONE KNOWS WHAT  
HAPPENED NEXT, NEITHER  
NORTON SINCLAIR, ABEL  
LACROIX OR ANY OF THE SIX  
OTHER MEN WHO ENTERED  
THAT OLD BARN WERE  
EVER SEEN AGAIN.

"AND NEITHER  
WAS NORTON  
SINCLAIR'S OLD  
BLACK BARN.







"FATHER JACOB BURKE STARTED  
THE FIRST ITERATION OF THE  
PLOUGHMEN SOON AFTER."

