

Mr. Cogburn? Id like to talk to you a minute. They tell me you're a man with true grit. Here, let me do that. (Rolls a cigarette for him). Your makings are too dry. I'm looking for the man who shot and killed my father frank Ross before the Monarch Boarding House. The man's name is Tom Chaney, and they say he's over in Indian territory and I need somebody to go after him. My name is Mattie Ross, and we're located in Yale County. My mother's at home lookin after my little sister Victoria and my little brother Frank. (he starts to walk away) There is a fugitive warrant out for Chaney, the government will pay you two dollars for bringin him in, plus ten cents a mile for each of you. On top of that I will pay you a fifty-dollar reward. (He takes her gun and looks at it) I intend to kill Tom Chaney with it, if the law fails to do so. (starts to walk away again) nobody here knew my father and I'm afraid nothing is going to be done about Chaney except I do it. my brother is a child, and my mother is indecisive and hobbled by grief. I have a contract with Colonel Stonehelm which you will make payment on tomorrow or the next day...once a lawyer countersigns.