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"What day it is?" he asked, without looking at me.

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"It's Friday, Jefferson," I said.

"Friday," he said to himself. "Friday."

He was quiet for a moment, then he slowly let his feet slide to the floor as he sat up on the bunk.

"Look like it's pretty out there," he said, looking up at the window.

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"Yes, it's a nice day," I said. "No clouds anywhere. Just blue."

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"You think it's go'n be like that that day?" he asked.

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I didn't answer him. He was looking out of the window when he said it. Now he looked at me.

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"I hope it's the kind of day you want, Jefferson," I said.

"The kind of day I want?" he said. "The kind of day I want? I never got nothing I wanted in my whole life. Now I'm go'n get a whole day?"

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I didn't know what to say. He looked at me a while, then he looked out of the window again.

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"Do you like fruits, Jefferson?" I asked him. "I can pick up some fruits--and some pecans? Ice cream? Funny books? Things like that."

"I want me a whole gallona ice cream," he said, still looking out of the window. I saw a slight smile come on his face, and it was not a bitter smile. Not bitter at all. "A whole gallona vanilla ice cream. Eat it with a pot spoon. My

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last supper. A whole [#]gallona ice cream." He looked at me again.

Stet "Ain't never had enough ice cream. Never had more than a nickel cone. Used to run out in the quarter and hand the ice cream ^{man} my nickel, and he give me a little scoop on a cone. But now I'm go'n get me a whole gallon. That's what I want ^m-a whole gallon. Eat it with a pot spoon." *man*

Stet "I can bring you ~~some~~ ice cream anytime, Jefferson," I said.

Stet "I'm go'n wait," he said. "I'm go'n wait. I want a whole gallon. Eat it with a pot spoon. Every bit of it ^m-with a pot spoon."

P. 220 below He smiled. ~~Not cynically as he had done other times when we had talked.~~ He smiled now because he had something pleasant → to look forward to, though it would be ^{on} that last day. And he → would save it until ^e that very last moment.

"You want to hear about the news from the quarter?" I → asked him. "Stella had ^{her} that baby."

→ He looked at me, not as he had done in the past, in pain, → with hate. He looked at me with an inner calmness now. Was it the ice cream?

"He favor Gable?" he asked.

"With little babies, they don't favor anybody too much," I said.

"^old Gable," he said, and smiled to himself. "Got hisself a baby, got hisself a baby." Then I saw the face ^echang^{ing}. He was no longer smiling, but staring at the wall. "We was suppose to go hunting that day."

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