

Billy _ Pine Ridge

Billy: Did you see the sculpture of the guardian over there?

Kevin: With the blanket? Yes. What do you know about that? Yeah. What is that?

Billy: We don't know the name of the sculptor, the guy who did that. Maybe they do.

Kevin: Yeah, it was gorgeous. Saw that. Yeah, it was beautiful.

Billy: So where else have you been?

Kevin: We came here in time to see a sunset last night up on the ridge behind Rosie's Trading? So that was great. And then we boiled hot dogs for dinner. But then this morning we got up and went up on the bluffs there over Anderson, and just hung out up there, took some pictures, beautiful walk around. And then we've been over Thunder Valley with Nick and those guys. They're doing great over there. When I started coming here, the store was closed. There was nothing here, right?

Billy: Yup.

Kevin: And then didn't someone run over the gas pump, didn't that happen, too? Right before you opened.

Billy: Well, we'd actually been open for a few weeks and they warped the side of the building. That's why that metal is on that building. They hit the gas pump so hard it ricocheted off the building. Actually, that gas pump is still at Pinky's house. So it warped this front window here. They pulled the air conditioner out. Then they crawled inside, they took tobacco and candy. So the owner of the store called me at night, said there was an accident, I'm down here with the police. I'll be here all night. I got here in the morning, and we just started ripping that stuff out, it was all rotted wood. It was like a walk-up window.

Kevin: The store looks great, though. It's full and stocked with everything.

Billy: We still need to do some work on the outside, maybe some paint. Do what I can a little at a time.

Kevin: Is your brother not well? Is it your brother that was sick?

Billy: Yeah. He has liver cancer. He didn't let many people know. You know that Pinky's sister passed on. Did she ever mention that?

Kevin: I had heard that, too. Was that recently that happened?

Billy: That was like two weeks ago. Yeah.

Kevin: Did she live here? I don't know if I ever met her.

Billy: She moved here about 6 years ago. And she had a bad back, so she went back to Arizona to be with her daughter. And that's where she spent most of her time.

Kevin: Gotcha. Are you going home to visit your brother?

Billy: Yeah. In July I went down there. And I waited and I waited, and while I was down there, he finally passed. And we had the services. [inaudible] I was kind of caught off guard by that. And so when I finally did take off, I got caught in that blizzard and it was 3 hours to get to the border to Nebraska. [inaudible] That was on a Friday afternoon, and I got over...

Kevin: You got to go to page 370 to find the handsome guys.

Billy: So do you see that display over there, with the bow and arrow?

Kevin: I was looking at it. What is it?

Billy: Oh, a local guy got [inaudible]

Kevin: Oh, really? So then these guys went here the other day. Over by Shawnee, Wyoming. They have a drone they took up above the herd, and they got the whole herd running. The whole herd almost ran all the way to Nebraska.

So right by my desk at home, I keep that bow.

Billy: That bow flew in the background.

Kevin: Yes. So my desk at home, there's a window inside of it, and I keep that bow right there. We still look pretty good. We haven't aged much.

Billy: Oh, you do.

Kevin: We do. You might be getting younger, actually.

Billy: I don't think so.

Kevin: Oh my goodness. Good to see you. I'm going to see you in a little while.

Verola: I know, I didn't expect to see you.

Kevin: Thank you. Good. Always a great job. Tomorrow we will be by in the morning.