

O'NEILL

All I'm saying is what I SEE. Them Redskins will cut you in two.

THOMAS

And we won't? You need to wake up, fool, this is war. Everybody's cuttin' everybody in two. The only question is who's side of the CUTTIN' should you be on. I'm saying we should get away from these white folks, side up with them indians.

O'NEILL

Fool is you drunk! They'd have your nappy head on the end of a pole.

PARKS

I'm sorry Mose but I ain't siding up with no Indians.

THOMAS

I been around indians they ain't no different that us.

JEFFERSON

I been around indians too! I seen how the Choctaw's down in Oklahoma did them negroes they owned.

O'NEILL

Say what!

JEFFERSON

That's right! Choctaws owned slaves, Chickasaws, Creeks, Cherokees...Seminoles all of um owned us.

PARKS

You lying.

JEFFERSON

You didn't know that! Yes sir! It was what they called the civilized tribes. They the ones that owned us...see they figured if they could be like white folks, own some of us, white folks might get up off um.

THOMAS

Just like we figured, if we kill them, white folks might like US. ( Aside.) It's a wonder we ain't all dead.

O'NEILL

I'll be damned even the indians owned us!

THOMAS

That still don't make what we doing right! White folks just knew getting indians involved in the slave trade would keep them from taking in runaways. Besides, not all indians owned us...not all Choctaws was wrong...what about them Seminoles, hell, them Seminoles let colored people in they tribe!