

MCCABE

I found me a white man to sell me 160 acres eleven miles east, forty miles northeast of Oklahoma City. I'm going to purchase another 160 acres. I'll send agents south and recruit more settlers to Oklahoma. Sarah don't ya see! This is it.

SARAH

What?

MCCABE

In Nicodemus white folks owned most of the businesses...correct. That's not independence. With what I'm saying we can gain real independence, real self sufficiency!

SARAH

I don't understand, Edwin.

MCCABE

A black state. We can recruit enough Negroes to create a majority in each district and then have them vote the territory a black state. HA, HA! Oh, I love it.

SARAH

You're crazy!

MCCABE

You're right! It's just crazy enough to work. The McCabe Town Company will offer lots that can never pass to a white man, and upon them no white man can every reside or conduct business.

SARAH

Why you wanna treat white folks like that?

MCCABE

It's the only way we can prosper. White folks with money will come in and use it. It's the only way for us to own something and keep something.

SARAH

A black state? All Negroes?