

Synopsis

Young drifter Gale G'Wain arrives in Bittersmith, Wyoming on the hunt for the man who raped his mother twenty years earlier. He is obsessed with finding this vile creature, unsure if he will confront his biological father or simply observe who this man truly is.

Taking a job as a hired hand on a local farm, Gale becomes enamored with Gwen, the promiscuous daughter of his employer. This mutual attraction causes much conflict within the family, however there is precious little time for the farmer to focus on the growing relationship as tension is brewing within the town. Sheriff Bittersmith, leader of the local militia, has tasked the farmer and his son with taking care of a troubling faction plotting a variety of terroristic acts on domestic soil.

Gale discovers the sheriff is his father, and must decide if he will take action against this monster who has kept the town under his thumb for decades or leave to make a new life with Gwen. Things quickly evolve when the farmer's body is discovered balanced against the barn door with a pitchfork through his neck, leaving Gale as the prime suspect. To make matters worse, Gwen is missing. Sheriff Bittersmith has just one day left on the job and vows to solve the crime before the end of his shift—all during the worst storm in a century.

The screenplay is based on Clayton Lindemuth's critically acclaimed debut novel of the same name.