Timeline

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		mother: Alzheimer's, nursing home	he .	in the same hospital room
joins the navy	1986	father killed in car crash → garage	investigates, finds out that he and Larry are half-brothers, confessions, injured by Wallace's dog	.= <u>.</u>
goes away to Oxford college		joins the army, trains as mechanic		
secret relationship with Cindy Walker	Cindy disappears	prime suspect j of Cindy's murder	discovers M & M's body	erford
<i>w</i> >	fight over Carl Ott's gun, end of friendship		returns to Chabot as Constable	Tina Rutherford is missing
	beginning of friendship		retr as	
moves to Chabot with mother Alice	first meeting 1979			
Silas	both	Larry	(2)	

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returns to Chabot as Constable	Tina Rutherford is missing ca. 2008	friendship with Wallace	
©	ca. 1998	scares away Wallace Stringfellow	

3 Characters

Main characters

nickname: Scary Larry

age: 41

ethnicity: Caucasian

job: mechanic, runs the garage of his late father

interests: books (esp. horror stories), animals and nature

character traits: not manly enough (according to his

father), insecure, shy, polite and kind, loyal

relationship with other characters: bullied by his peers, misunderstood and mistreated by his father, close to his mother, former friendship with Silas Jones, isolated and ostracised as potential murderer, as town outcast only friend

Wallace Stringfellow

nickname: 32 (number as a baseball player)

ethnicity: African American iob: police constable in Chabot

interests: baseball

character traits: proud as a young boy, athletic, outspoken, but tries to evade responsibility for his acts, shows courage when he finally confesses and exonerates Larry, feeling of duty

towards Larry (bad conscience)

relationship with other characters: mother Alice Jones, father Carl Ott (which he did not know), former friendship with Larry (his half-brother), former interracial relationship with Cindy Walker, girlfriend Angie, respected in town

death: died in car accident (drunk driving, alcoholic)

ethnicity: Caucasian iob: mechanic

character traits: cruel, abusive, sadistic, redneck, racist relationship with other characters: married to Ina, son Larry (whom he mistreats and despises), affair with former housemaid Alice Jones, illegitimate son Silas (does not acknowledge him), friendship with Cecil Walker and other rednecks

Silas Jones



state of health: lives in a nursing home, suffers from Alzheimer's disease

ethnicity: Caucasian

interests: chickens, church, her son Larry

character traits: sensitive and compassionate, religious

relationship with other characters: husband Carl

(Ina sometimes outspoken against generally dominant Carl),

emotionally attached to her son Larry



ethnicity: African American

job: Otts' maid when Larry was born, later two jobs and cleaning

work to care for her son

character traits: determined, strong-willed, proud,

protective of her son

relationship with other characters: single mother to Silas (after affair with employer Carl Ott), return from Chicago to Chabot after relationship with criminal boyfriend ended, secretly supported by Carl (lives in cabin in the woods)



ethnicity: Caucasian

interests: musicals, boys, her looks, baseball (because of Silas)

character traits: rebellious, manipulative

relationship with other characters: idolised by many of her peers, dysfunctional family (stepfather Cecil molests and probably kills her), secret relationship with Silas, takes

advantage of Larry's admiration for her



ethnicity: Caucasian

character traits: racist, abusive

relationship with other characters: Carl Ott's drinking buddy. Cindy Walker's stepfather (molests and behaves sexually inappropriate towards her, probably her killer)



Wallace Stringfellow ethnicity: Caucasian interests: snakes, dogs, guns, alcohol, cannabis social background: poor, criminal character traits: violent, psychotic, needy, affectionate relationship with other characters: friendship with Larry (cruelly fascinated by his alleged criminal background), violent relationship with women (kills Tina Rutherford)

Minor characters

- Angie Baker: Silas Jones's girlfriend, EMT (emergency medical technician), African American, compassionate and outspoken
- Chief Roy French: district chief investigator, Silas's boss, Caucasian, cynical
- "Miss" Voncille: town clerk and police dispatcher
- Irina Mott, Evelyn and Marsha: flatmates on "White Trash Avenue", find a snake in their mailbox
- Tina Rutherford: daughter of the very wealthy Rutherford Mill's owner, gone missing at the age of 19, found murdered in old cabin in the woods

