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THE STORY

CHAPTER I.—Joe Barry, country newspaper man, stops at a lonely house on a darkened highway and is greeted by a girl who mistakenly thinks he is her lover. Joe is caught in a blizzard, and Pete, the girl's father, and "Scotty," a gangster, force him to remain at the house. Pete is a former prison guard, and Scotty is a fugitive from justice. Joe is forced to drive them to a town where Pete plans to rob a bank. Joe's car is wrecked in the snow, and he is forced to remain with the gangsters.

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CHAPTER IV.—Swift Maxwell, a detective, appears friendly. Maxwell finds Joe's story of a frame-up "fishy." Joe is returned to prison, convicted of murder, and sentenced to death. In the condemned cell, Joe finds a letter from Dorothy, telling him she is coming to see him. Joe's mother, who is ill, is unable to come. The day before the execution, Joe's mother dies.

CHAPTER V.—Joe finds Dorothy has gone to New York. Joe escapes from prison, and Dorothy, who has been hiding him in her home, persuades him to go to a refuge. He is surprised to find Maxwell there. Joe is forced at gun point to drive Maxwell's car.

CHAPTER VI.—Joe makes inconvenient stop in the car, which proves a lucky one, for it gives him a chance to put on his disguise. Maxwell is angered at Joe's "trick" and tells him he is "through." Joe is ordered to "take the wheel." Joe is ordered to "take the wheel." Joe is ordered to "take the wheel