INT. O'BRIEN'S HOUSE - MORNING

The three of them enter. They set down the luggage. The table is made up for breakfast.

DARLEEN
I know you don't like a big breakfast, so I just did some eggs, a bagel, I couldn't remember if you liked sausage or bacon so I made both, and a little quiche. Oh, and some fresh orange juice.

SHERIFF O'BRIEN
Darleen, you're overwhelming him.

DARLEEN
I'm not overwhelming him. Am I overwhelming you?

MAX
It's alright. Haven't had a home cooked meal since since my vacation with the Taliban.

DARLEEN
You vacationed with the Taliban?

SHERIFF O'BRIEN
Honey, that was his second book. Won the Pulitzer.

DARLEEN
Sorry, I switched to a Kindle and gave away all my physical books.

Sheriff O'Brien sees he's still wearing Benji's old necklace.

SHERIFF O'BRIEN
You're still wearing Benji's necklace?

MAX
Well, I didn't know the guy, but, he was my brother.

DARLEEN
Come, sit, eat.

Everyone moves to the table and sits down to eat.

SHERIFF O'BRIEN
So how's your new book coming along?

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MAX
It’s almost finished.

SHERIFF O’BRIEN
And what’s this one?

MAX
I joined a gang. Some real sick people.

DARLEEN
Do you know what your next one is?

A beat.

MAX
I was thinking about Benji’s case.

This gets the Sheriff’s attention.

SHERIFF O’BRIEN
What about it?

MAX
I mean it started everything for me. His murder is why I’m still here. And Harold’s execution... have you ever witnessed an execution?

SHERIFF O’BRIEN
Can’t say that I have.

DARLEEN
I certainly haven’t.

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