

Nightjohn, Chapter 6: It Says, I Say

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What It Says (Include page number)	What I Say
<p>John he down for three nights. Mammy came up right away but we grease and wrapped John's feet in rags mammy boiled in the pot for cooking and he stayed on his back.</p>	
<p>Second night, he called me over to where I lay.</p>	
<p>Everybody else in the field. I thought she might roar at him, maybe gut him.</p>	
<p>“Two more nights and I'm gone.” “On those feet?” “On these feet” “You'll bleed out.”</p>	
<p>“We should have met some other place.” “And some other time.” Mammy she snorted. “I make two of you. Old enough to be your mother.”</p>	
<p>He made shoes out of rawhide and put rags around his toes and on the night he was to leave me made me frotch him lard and pepper. “For the dogs,” he said. “Throws their smell off to the side.”</p>	
<p>But I knew he was just lying. Just being good, saying good things to hear. He ain't coming back, I thought, and watched him leave, hobbling on his stiff shoes and sore feet covered with rags. Man gets out of here, I thought, gets clear again, he won't never come back here again. Never coming back. Not unless the dogs caught him.</p>	