

Never Look Back

The dad teaches his son to not look back. He taught him to run away from situations where he would be in danger. He also protected the son by being willing to use the gun to protect them. "He cocked the pistol and held it on the man" (pg. 62).

While stopping on their journey to sleep or to rest, the dad stays up on lookout for intruders. The son was curious about why; "If you're on the lookout all the time does that mean you're scared all the time? Well, I suppose you have to be scared enough to be on the lookout in the first place. – Do you always expect it? Papa? I do." (pg. 151) This is when the son realized that though his father was a questionable man, he had always kept his son on his mind, and was willing to give up everything to protect him.

Always Be Aware

Dad Has Lost It

A man tried to steal all of their food and belongings. The father caught him and forced the man to strip naked, giving them everything he had on him. The man pleaded for mercy as the father collected all of the mans belongings. The son begged his father not to kill the man, but he does it anyway (or we think he did). The son refuses to speak to his father, devastated and dissappointed in him.

On the night of the dad's death. "He slept close to his father that night and held him but when he woke up in the morning his father was cold and stiff." (pg. 281) The son stayed by his deceased father for days before he ventured out onto the road. Once he got to the road, a man was approaching. The man knew he was with a man, and came to find out that it was the boys dad. They went to where he lay to rest, and the man said that they needed to move on, but the son didn't want to leave his dad in a bad state. He spread a blanket over him and said his goodbyes.

Can't Let Go of the Dead