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MONTFORD

We'll need permission from the tribes to cross their land.

JESSE

Let's go ask 'em. You've earned the right, fair and square.

EXT. HILLSIDE - DAY

In the shade of the trees, Montford and Jesse Chisholm sit with LEADERS OF THE CHEYENNE, COMANCHE, KIOWA AND ARAPAHO NATIONS, including TEN BEARS (70), the legendary Comanche chief.

Jack sits behind Montford.

Ten Bears and the Cheyenne, Kiowa and Arapaho leaders speak amongst themselves.

MONTFORD

(whisper to Jesse)

How do you think it's going?

JESSE

(whispering)

Well, Ten Bears and the other chiefs are still here, which ain't a bad thing.

Ten Bears stands. Montford and Jesse follow suit.

TEN BEARS

Montford Johnson, we have all seen through the years how you have treated our people. We agree that you can drive them through our land, and that there will be peace between us. There are just two conditions; the first is that any of our people can use the cattle for food if they need it.

Montford nods.

TEN BEARS

Second is that you only hire Chickasaw, Indian, or Buffalo Men ... no white men.

MONTFORD

Agreed.