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him that one could easily set fire to the driftwood that had piled up near the bridge after the past winter's flood the man who was actually a northern scout in disguise finished his drink and rode off only to pass by an hour later heading in the opposite direction section iii brings us back to the present at the hanging farquhar loses consciousness as he plummets down from the side of the bridge he is awakened by currents of pain running through his body a loud splash wakes him up even more abruptly and he realizes that the noose has broken sending him falling into the stream below farquhar sees a light flicker and fade before it strengthens and brightens as he rises with some trepidation to the surface he is afraid he will be shot by northern soldiers as soon as he is spotted in the water freeing his bound hands then lifting the noose from his neck he fights extreme pain to break through the surface and take a large gasp of air which he exhales with a shriek

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an occurrence at owl creek bridge is divided into three sections in section i peyton farquhar is standing on a railroad bridge twenty feet above the water his wrists are bound behind his back and around his neck is a noose that is tied to a beam overhead he is positioned on loose planks that have been laid over the crossties of the train tracks to create a makeshift platform two soldiers from the northern army a sergeant and a captain immediately surround him awaiting the execution beyond them armed sentinels stand at attention the bridge is bordered on one side by forest and across the stream open ground that gives way to a small hillock on which a small fort has been erected a motionless company of infantrymen led by their lieutenant stands assembled before the fort as the two soldiers finalize the preparations they step back and remove the individual planks on which they had been standing the sergeant salutes the captain then positions himself on the opposite end of the board supporting farquhar as the captain like the soldiers steps off and away from the crossties awaiting the captain's signal the sergeant is about to likewise step away sending farquhar to dangle from the bridge's edge farquhar stares into the swirling water below he watches a piece of driftwood being carried downstream and notes how sluggish the stream seems to be he shuts his eyes to push away the distractions of his present situation and focus more intently on thoughts of his wife and children he suddenly hears a sharp metallic ringing which sounds both distant and close by the sound turns out to be the ticking of his watch opening his eyes and peering again into the water farquhar imagines freeing his hands removing the noose and plunging into the stream swimming to freedom and his home safely located outside enemy lines these thoughts have barely registered in farquhar's mind when the captain nods to the sergeant and the sergeant steps away from the board in section ii we learn that farquhar was a successful planter ardently devoted to the southern cause unable to join the confederate army he yearned to help the south's war effort in some significant way one evening in the past farquhar and his wife were sitting on the edge of their property when a gray clad soldier rode up seeking a drink of water the soldier appeared to be from the confederate army while his wife was fetching the water farquhar asked for news of the front and was informed that northern forces had repaired the railroads in anticipation of launching another advance having already reached the owl creek bridge any civilian caught interfering with the north's efforts in the area the soldier went on to reveal would be hanged farquhar asked how a civilian could attempt some form of sabotage the soldier told

him that one could easily set fire to the driftwood that had piled up near the bridge after the past winter's flood the man who was actually a northern scout in disguise finished his drink and rode off only to pass by an hour later heading in the opposite direction section iii brings us back to the present at the hanging farquhar loses consciousness as he plummets down from the side of the bridge he is awakened by currents of pain running through his body a loud splash wakes him up even more abruptly and he realizes that the noose has broken sending him falling into the stream below farquhar sees a light flicker and fade before it strengthens and brightens as he rises with some trepidation to the surface he is afraid he will be shot by northern soldiers as soon as he is spotted in the water freeing his bound hands then lifting the noose from his neck he fights extreme pain to break through the surface and take a large gasp of air which he exhales with a shriek

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