

Snow Angels

By Leslie Budewitz

Ashes, ashes, all falling down. Cory put out the fire – stomped on it, the earth’s last heat scorching the worn rubber soles of her boots, slipping through her thin skin, no longer warm enough to touch her.

Nothing can touch me, she thought. I am already dead.

She raised her arms to the sky, praying one last time. “I am returning to you,” she said out loud, or maybe not. For a long time now, Cory had not known what voices spoke inside her and what sounds others could hear.

In this sacred place, in the woods beside the creek, where she had built a fire and roasted wienies with the kids, she no longer cared.

Arms wide, she spun around and around like an angel dancing. Like snow falling.

Like ashes.

The piles on Sheriff’s Detective Pat Natali’s desk reminded her of a cross-stitched plaque her mother-in-law – ex-mother-in-law, now – gave them the Christmas they drove through the blizzard to visit his family, deep in the north Idaho woods. The plaque showed an outhouse, leaning precariously, a cutout moon and star x’d neatly on the door. “No job is ever finished until the paperwork is done.” Pat never hung it up. It lay in some box or another, in her rented house or his. Two hundred miles of Montana between them now. Most days, that was far enough.

“Yeah,” Pat muttered. “Shit you flush, shit you file. It’s all the same.”

“You talking to yourself again, Natali?” Deputy Wagner stood in the doorway, maroon and silver University of Montana mug in one hand, dog-eared manila file folder in the other. Wagner’s constant coffee drinking always startled Pat – such a clean-cut, clean-living Mormon boy in every other way. The thin file sported the numbered red stickers for cases opened this year, the colored edges of previous years’ stickers still visible. Recycling. She wished she could recycle all this paper so easily.

“Only way to be sure of intelligent conversation around here.” She returned her gaze to the mess on her desk, wondering where to start.

Wagner perched on the corner of her desk, one long leg stretched in front of him, the other bent, ankle on knee. “You close up that double murder?”

“Yup. Charges are filed. I sent the last reports upstairs this morning.” Gathering the formal evidence had taken weeks after the arrests. She hadn’t earned a detective’s rank without learning the importance of documentation, but paperwork never seemed like real law enforcement. “Now I’ve got some catching up to do.”

“Well, this...” Wagner raised the scruffy folder, “...is your chance to procrastinate a little longer.”

“What?” She lifted her own chipped white cup, but her lips touched cold coffee and she set the cup back on her desk.

“Missing persons. Woman and three kids. They went out to gather firewood two days ago and haven’t been seen since.”

“Search and Rescue?”

Wagner shook his head. “They’re on it, but tribal police requested our assistance.”

“Go on.”

“She’s a tribal councilman’s daughter, and they want all the help they can get. Quietly, of course.”

Right. Like the wind quietly whipping down the rock canyons. Like the river quietly rushing over the dam. Pat knew all about keeping secrets in a small town. “Which councilman?”

“Frank Bird.”

“No shit?”

“Frank Bird,” he repeated.

Pat leaned back in her chair and it creaked in protest. Frank Bird. Pat hadn’t been at the Granger Rotary Club lunch three weeks ago – she wasn’t much of a joiner. But she’d heard the story from the under-sheriff, who got it straight from Sheriff Hayes. Poor guy’d been sitting next to Bird at the head table.

Every year, the Granger Rotary Club invited the tribal chairman to speak. It was a courtesy, extended from the leaders of the predominantly white business and professional community in the county seat to the leaders of the tribe whose reservation they occupied. Only reservation in the state where a person who wasn’t Indian could own land free and clear, where whites and a handful of other minorities outnumbered Indians five to one. Predictable tensions ebbed and flowed.

This year, the chairman was recovering from bypass surgery and designated another tribal councilman as a replacement. No one in Rotary was bigoted enough or cruel enough to schedule an Indian speaker right after Columbus Day on purpose. This year, though, the coincidence spelled trouble.

Spell that trouble B-I-R-D.

As plates were being removed, Frank Bird rose. Pat could picture the group: a few lawyers, a dentist and his pharmacist wife, businesspeople, the superintendent of schools. The sheriff, chief of police, and county attorney. Bird spoke in Salish, its rhythms and syllables jarringly unfamiliar. Even in a group of thirty-five tribal members, few would have understood him. Among the Rotarians, the score stood Indians 1, Whites 0. After fifteen minutes, Bird switched to English. “If I had a gun right now,” he said, surveying the audience of people desperate to look tolerant instead of shocked and offended, “I would shoot every one of you.” He sat and finished his coffee. No one came up afterward to chat or thank him for coming. Sheriff Hayes, the way Pat heard the story, kept one hand on his gun until he climbed back in his patrol car.

“Political terrorism,” the weekly newspaper declared. Pat agreed. And stupid, besides. What kind of politician made criminal threats in a public forum, in front of the very people who could bring about the changes he demanded?

“Well,” Wagner said, “whatever you think of Bird’s politics, you know Sheriff Hayes won’t let it affect this investigation.”

Pat swiveled her chair half a turn and took the fresh coffee he handed her. “Right. So what *is* this investigation? What do we know so far?”

Wagner’s file held two sheets of paper: an official report logging Frank Bird’s call to

the dispatcher, and a page of handwritten notes from a follow-up conversation. Pat widened her eyes at the writing. Hayes *was* a politician. Within minutes of Bird's call, he'd phoned the old man himself.

Cory Bird, 23 y.o. Indian female, the report said, last seen Tuesday afternoon at about 1:30. Subject living temporarily with parents. Reportedly going to gather firewood in Revais Creek drainage. Left home with three minor children: Sammy 4, Tina 3, Baptiste 1-1/2. Subject believed to have some food and water, but no camping or survival gear.

Pat's stomach lurched. Babies, all babies. Even Cory, still a baby. Time of call: 2:55 p.m. Thursday afternoon. She flicked her wrist. 3:22 p.m. "It'll be dark before we get to Revais. Why'd they wait so long?" She swigged coffee, pushed back her chair, reached for her brown uniform jacket and notebook.

Wagner gestured at the report in Pat's hand. "When she didn't come back, her parents assumed she'd gone to stay with her husband. There'd been some kind of incident and they separated, but she still saw him. Parents called the husband this morning. He was sober enough to say he hadn't seen her since last week. He's the one who thought she went for wood."

Pat started down the hallway, pulling on her jacket, mentally filling in the details. Cory's husband beat her but she kept going back. The parents hadn't wanted to interfere. That's what turned a search for a missing wood gatherer into a major case investigation.

"Okay," she said as Wagner, a few steps behind her, scribbled notes. "I want a full criminal check on Cory and the husband, including every complaint she's ever filed against him, formal charges or not. County and tribal records. And if the tribal police give you flak, remind them who's missing. If either of them has any kind of record – drugs, DUI, child abuse – I want to know about it. Call Social Services and Tribal Health. Those people see things we never hear about. Who else is on this?"

"Just us, right now. Hayes will direct the search teams and work with tribal police."

Outside, they crunched through the snow, taking a shortcut to the patrol car parked curbside. "Physical evidence? Anyone see her or the car?"

"Not yet. Bird and his sons went to Revais – tire tracks going in and out, but nothing else." The heavily wooded drainage south of the river would be tough to search in full daylight and impossible in the near dark. At least the day's snowfall gave them one advantage.

"I'll drive. You call." She opened the car door. "I want to see Frank, his wife, the girl's husband – what's his name?"

Wagner searched the thin file. "Dwayne Yazzie."

"What's a Navaho doing in northwest Montana? Never mind, we'll find out." She grabbed the radio as she settled into the driver's seat. "Unit three, heading for Mission."

Beside her, Wagner barely had the passenger seat adjusted and his shoulder belt fastened before he started pushing buttons on his cell.

The Birds' house edged the tiny town of St. Mary Mission, thirty miles, twenty-five minutes in good weather. Pat barked into the radio. "I want all departments looking for Dwayne Yazzie." Besides the sheriff's department and tribal police, all the nearby town police departments monitored the same frequency. "Call me before they haul him in – we're mobile."

Dispatch acknowledged her request. She sped down the highway while Wagner made call after call, tracking records and witnesses. Listening to his side of the

conversations, she worked out the patterns in her mind. The late afternoon light was bright, as often just before dusk, and she blinked at the snow-glare. This time of year, dusk was brief, nights long.

Imagine being three, Pat thought, gripping the wheel tighter. Three and cold and hungry.

Cory threw back her head to watch the sky, the stars sparkling like diamonds. That's what people said about stars. To her, they looked far far far away, like everything she had ever dreamed of. Just the other morning, when she went to the Food Pantry to ask for picnic food, she'd seen a diamond on the hand of a woman there. A diamond as big as the marshmallows the woman had given her to put in the kids' cocoa. Cory's own plain band had long ago gone to the pawn shop.

The cocoa, she said, collapsing to the frozen ground. I forgot to give them the cocoa.

In the beckoning light from heaven, a small red mitten glistened, damp with snowflakes. Sammy's mitten. That boy never could keep a matching pair.

Cory picked it up and crawled toward her car, tucking the mitten in a safe place. A safe place, she heard a voice say as she pulled herself into the driver's seat, turned the key, and lay down.

Your father will welcome you to a safe place. Which father is that? she asked, before the stars winked at her, and went out.

Frank Bird's face wore two looks at once: the worried eyes of a father, and the defiant jaw of an angry man. Pat perched on the striped brown and gold sofa, forearms resting on her knees. She saw the strong tilt of his fleshy chin and went straight for the eyes.

"Tell me about Cory."

His hooded brown irises brightened at the same time as the dark fleshy circles underneath seemed to grow deeper. Behind his chair, his wife touched a hand to her lips and focused her damp eyes on the top of her husband's head.

"Our baby," he said. "Our youngest. She never really grew up."

"Mr. Bird, there's been no sign of her, and we know she isn't at Revais. Where else would she go?"

"Such a pretty little angel, after all those boys. And what a jingle dancer."

Better to follow the old man a while, Pat decided. You couldn't rush folks, but she couldn't wait long. "How many children do you have, Mr. Bird?"

"Seven boys, one girl. And two boys and a girl we raised after my sister Nettie died."

"How did your sister die?"

He raised his head sharply, sun-faded eyes focused, voice hardened. "What do you think? We die from alcohol, fast cars, clogged arteries, and diabetes. Once, I heard an honest doctor call fry bread the white man's conspiracy to kill off the Indian. Might work."

He paused. "I used to pray to die of old age. Four of my children have passed on, Detective. I am having second thoughts."

Over Bird's shoulder, through the streaky living room window, Pat saw that dark had fully fallen. Six inches of snow on the ground, with more forecast, would cover up any signs and scents Cory and the children left behind. Tracking would be slow, though footprints in the snow would be easy to follow. If there were any. And temperatures would be in the teens. Cory wasn't properly prepared, and those babies...

As if reading her mind, Frank Bird spoke. "My people done well in the old days. But we lost our customs, don't do so good no more. My children have struggled. Cory had much to learn."

"And your other children? You've called them?"

He nodded. "My boys been here all day. Now they went to help search."

Wagner scratched notes. "We'll need their names and numbers," he said. No one responded.

Pat swallowed, letting her thoughts come at their own speed, from their own logic. The two officers and the two old people sat in a silence broken only by the hiss of the oil burner. "When I was about ten, in Butte," she said, "my uncle ran away. He was sixteen, the youngest of eight. My mother was the oldest. We lived upstairs over the family bakery. Half the town – half the Italians, anyway – drove themselves nuts hunting for Carlo. After a while, my grandfather said he needed to clear his head from all these crazy thoughts. He took a drive. When he came back, Carlo was sitting in the truck beside him."

"Where had he been?" Wagner asked.

She pursed her lips and shook her head. "They never said. Tell me anything you can, Mr. Bird."

"Unroll your maps there," he said, wiggling thick, bent fingers at the long white cylinder on the coffee table.

For twenty minutes, Frank and Myrna Bird pointed out picnic grounds, fishing holes, drainages where the family hunted game and gathered wood. They noted both traditional places and more recent discoveries. With a few low words, they led the two officers on a paper tour of the county. When the phone rang in the kitchen, Myrna put a heavy hand on her husband's shoulder and pushed herself up.

"My wife," Bird said when they heard her soft voice in the other room, "she's sick at heart. Ever since the last baby came, she been worried that Cory – that she'd hurt the baby and maybe herself."

Pat waited. This job demanded patience.

Better patience than paperwork.

"I am a practical man. I have come to believe in the old ways. Alcohol and poverty and violence, these are our new traditions. I will use every bit of government money and political power I can find to fight them."

"Not every problem can be solved that way."

"Maybe not, but the fight has saved me." He spread his arms, his big hands empty. "My wife seen something in Cory that troubles her. I can't explain it."

Pat looked up at Myrna Bird, standing in the doorway. When her own grandparents were coming to America by ship, moving west by boxcar, Frank and Myrna's ancestors were being forced on to the reservation. This beautiful valley was not their chosen land.

The woman's narrow eyes lay tucked in deep folds. "Your name is unusual," Pat

said.

“I chose it myself. In boarding school in Kansas, where the government sent us. I wanted to be like Myrna Loy. She came from Montana, too, you know.”

Pat smiled and nodded, and the woman trudged to the blue velvet chair beside her husband’s recliner. She sat on the edge, hands folded between her knees, a pink tissue peeking out of her rolled-up sleeve.

“My brother’s wife called. He...” Myrna hesitated.

Though she could feel Frank Bird’s hostility, Pat kept her eyes on the old woman.

“He sees things,” Myrna said.

The law enforcement academy curriculum did not discuss visions. That took on-the-job training. “Can he tell us where Cory is?”

“No. He sees feelings, mostly. He sees pain, and cold. And...” She covered her mouth with her hand, holding the words inside a moment longer. The dim light glinted off her wedding band. “A red mitten. Sammy, he’s always losing mittens.”

Pat remembered walking to school, mittens clipped to her coat sleeves, or tied together by a long string that ran up one sleeve, across her back, and down the other.

“He had a new red pair.”

At Myrna’s words, Pat shoved her memories away. Focus, she told herself. Right here, right now. “Does your brother see places?”

“No, no. He don’t know where they are.”

Frank Bird’s feet slammed to the floor, the gray carpet worn too thin to muffle the thud. “So what good’s a damned vision if it don’t tell us nothing we don’t already know? We know they’re cold. Trapped somewhere in the snow, goddamn it. Her car broke down or something. That’s what happened. We got to find her, that’s what.” He rose and charged down the hallway.

A door slammed. The john, Pat thought. Refuge.

“Mrs. Bird, if Cory wanted to think for a while, where would she go?”

Myrna leaned forward to study the map again. Finger poised about the river, she looked straight at Pat for the first time. “My girl don’t want to hurt her babies, I know it. Please believe me. They just came too soon and after the last one, she just never got better. And her husband, he ...” Her tired voice trailed off.

“He beat her,” Pat said, refusing to ignore the truth they had learned on the drive down. “And he drank, and used drugs, and she was afraid of what he would do to her.”

“Afraid of what she would do without him.”

Pat’s stomach churned. “So where is he now? Not here with you. Not home waiting for news. Would he know where to look?”

The phone on Wagner’s belt rang and he stepped into the kitchen.

Myrna shook her head. “He’s from Arizona, came for the Job Corps, but he didn’t last. Lookin’ in a bottle, like Frank used to do.”

“Your husband drank?”

“And worse. She married her father all over again, the father she grew up with. You got kids, Detective?”

Caught off guard, Pat shook her head.

“So maybe you don’t understand. Course, you’re young yet.”

Oh, I understand, Pat thought. Too late, I understood, after I was already married, but not too late to protect the children we didn’t have, couldn’t have. He called our

infertility my fault, the perfect excuse to run off with a blonde who already had one kid and wanted more, and it *was* my fault. Every time I swallowed that pill and didn't tell him, it was my fault, but only because I understood. Every time he hit me, I understood.

"My Frank is a changed man. He was young and angry. Couldn't hold his tongue." Still can't, Pat mused, thinking of the Rotary Club speech.

"He'd hit the boys, and me," Myrna continued. "But Cory – she made him softer. He became a leader in the tribe. That, and the grandchildren, gave him a new outlook. Our whole family changed."

Pat watched Myrna Bird, her sad eyes unfocused, not seeing the present. We see the past in our mind's eye all the time, Pat thought. But we change it, to fit how we feel about it. Aren't our feelings as true as the facts?

"But it was too late for some of your children, wasn't it? Too late for Cory?"

"She wanted to save Dwayne, like her father been saved." Myrna shook her head. Pat watched her struggle for control, fingers still suspended over the map. The woman's voice quavered as she pointed. "Around here somewhere, I think."

"Revais's south of the river, isn't it?" But if Cory'd gone to the creek, she'd left. They already knew that.

"Ye-e-s." Myrna hesitated, pointing north of the river instead. "Our people camped over here for many years."

"Oh, where the painted rocks are," Pat said. At the old woman's look of surprise, Pat explained. "Pictographs are a hobby of mine. Your husband wants to follow traditional ways, but he doesn't believe in visions."

"My husband is a proud man. All his life, he's been hurt by things he can't see."

Pat heard lumbering footsteps in the hall, a lighter step echoing behind. Bird and Wagner reentered the room.

"Detective," Wagner said, the phone in his fist tight against his chest, "we've got Yazzie."

A shadow crossed Frank Bird's tired face.

Pat stared across the table at Dwayne Yazzie, broad-shouldered, no doubt slickly handsome when sober. Several years older than Cory. Ugly-drunk right now. He lifted his head from his hands and belched.

They sat in the interrogation room of the tribal police department, borrowed for the occasion as it had been borrowed many times before. The tribal police officer who'd found Yazzie in a bar and hauled him in for questioning stood by the closed door. Wagner straddled a chair next to Yazzie, arms crossed over its back, gaze intent on the other man's sullen face.

"So when did you last see your wife?"

"I said already, last week one day. Thursday, maybe. Or Friday. I don't know." Alcohol blurred his clipped reservation cadence.

"She came to see you?"

"Damn woman always lookin' for me, yammerin,' wantin' something. Money, if I had it. Naggin' me to come home." He raised his bleary eyes. "Why'd I want to come home? Girl wouldn't even do it no more. Three kids was enough, she said, and the pill's a

sin. But I weren't gonna use no rubber, iss like taking a shower with a raincoat on." His lips curved and he winked at Wagner, like he thought he'd said something clever. Like he thought he'd made up that line himself. Yazzie pushed his paper coffee cup aside. Wagner slid the wobbling cup out of his reach. "Her old man says the people got to survive. How we gonna survive without more kids?"

"Why did she come to see you this last time?"

"Same as always. Said we were married in this world and the next, we needed to work it out. She always talkin' crazy like that, like she's got some vision or something."

"Cory's uncle sees visions. Did Cory have that ability, too?"

"Nah. She just spoutin' off what she heard at the moron church."

Like most Indians on this reservation, the Birds had raised their children Catholic, but that wasn't the Catholicism Pat knew. "At the Mission?"

"Nah." Yazzie waved a hand before letting it fall back to the table. "That church on the highway. She always going there, week nights and everything, hearing that talk about redemption. Re...re-u something. Said it made sense, gave her hope."

"Reunification," Wagner said. "Those who are united in this life will be reunited in the next."

"Thass it," the drunken husband said. "She wanted me to join, be some kinda saint. *Ha.*"

Slowly, Pat looked from Yazzie to her deputy and back. That *was* it. The reunification of families after death, a central belief of the Mormons – the Latter-Day Saints. "Dwayne, what kind of heat do you have in your house?"

He tilted back his head, his eyes swollen to slits. "What kinda question is that?"

"What kind of heat?"

"S'electric, I think."

"Not wood."

"No." He scowled. "Wouldn't have that in my house, iss dirty and iss hard work."

The work bothers you more than the dirt, Pat thought. She stood, gesturing for Wagner to join her outside.

In the hallway, she laid a hand on his arm. "Do you belong to this ward?" He shook his head. "Do you know the local bishop?" He nodded. "Find out what meetings and services Cory's been attending and whether she came to any of them last week."

Back in the tiny room, with Yazzie and the tribal cop, she set both hands on the table and leaned forward. Yazzie's breath nearly knocked her back. She leaned closer. "So did you and Cory talk since she came to see you?"

"Yeah, I guess. What iss today?"

"Thursday. Her parents last saw her Tuesday afternoon. When did you talk to her, Dwayne?"

"Sunday night? Monday? I called her from a party, get her to come down. She got religion now, she too good for that." He ran a hand through his thick black hair. "No, no. Tuesday. She call me in the morning, woke me up. Said she was goin' to get firewood."

"Why did Cory need firewood, Dwayne?"

"To keep warm."

"Your heat's electric. Her parents have an oil burner. Why did she need firewood?"

Yazzie looked at her, eyes wide. "I dunno. I never thought."

"Damn right, you never thought." Pat made no effort to control her voice. "You

never thought, and that girl may be dead and your children, too. Because you'd rather drink than think." Because he'd misunderstood Cory and told the Birds she'd gone for firewood. Pat pushed herself upright, still glaring at Yazzie. His cheeks crinkled and his eyes began to fill. He rested his arms on the table and started to cry. She shoved his head on to his arms. "Cry your eyes out, you son of a bitch."

Not knowing how long or late they might be, and not wanting to be tied to the old people, Pat drove the patrol car while Wagner ferried the Birds in their second-hand van. She didn't want them at the scene at all, but they'd insisted. Anyone else, she might still have refused, but not Frank Bird.

And the scene wasn't Revais Creek, but a lonely camp on the north side of the river, at the base of the sandstone cliffs above the old Indian trail. Near where Myrna Bird's finger had hovered above the map, shaking with certainty and fear.

While Wagner had checked with local church leaders, Pat had stood in the hall outside the interrogation room, half-listening to Dwayne Yazzie fight the demons of guilt and Mad Dog 20-20. She'd let his words float in her brain until, like puzzle pieces, like tiny cross-stitches, they rearranged themselves in a discernible picture.

"You were right," Wagner had said, and her heart sank. "She's been coming to church religiously the past few weeks, ever since the Fireside. It was a special one, for people interested in learning more about the Mormon Church, maybe joining."

Together, they finished piecing the puzzle.

"Damned drunk," Wagner said. Pat had never heard him swear before.

"A Fireside," Pat mumbled. Where a fearful, tired, desperate young mother had felt a warm welcome. Where Cory'd heard about eternal marriage – her only hope to heal her shattered family – but hadn't fully understood. There'd been another Fireside scheduled for Tuesday, the day Cory called Yazzie and begged him to join her.

Yazzie, Pat thought, you're the moron. Lord knows I've railed against religion over the years, but you, you're the idiot here.

She'd called Sheriff Hayes and dispatch with the information, and they'd sent search teams across the highway, across the river, to the painted rocks Myrna Bird had pointed out on the map. It was dark, and they'd gotten lucky.

Mid-afternoon, a hunter had seen tire tracks in the snow, shallow tracks from bald tires. He'd also seen elk tracks and followed those in a different direction. When he came back, empty-handed, and saw that the other vehicle had gone in but not come out, he followed the tire tracks on foot, hoping they belonged to a hunter with better luck than his.

Not a hunter, but a gatherer, a seeker. A young woman with no luck at all.

And when the hunter staggered out of the woods, back to his own rig parked by the highway, he met Search and Rescue, an ambulance, and Sheriff Hayes. And a few minutes later, Detective Pat Natali.

When she heard the hunter's story, she wished she had refused Frank Bird's plea to come along. Not for his sake. For his wife, a woman with a heart that had dreamed once, a heart that remembered. A heart that could see the past and the future with more clarity than any politician.

When Pat arrived, Hayes and the rescue crew had already reached Cory's car,

verified the hunter's theory of carbon monoxide poisoning, found the tiny red mitten stuffed in the battered tailpipe. Now, she and Wagner accompanied the crime scene officers down the narrow trail. In a borrowed coat and boots too big for him, Frank Bird followed.

"My little angel," he cried. "What have you done to my little angel?" He grabbed Pat's arm and jerked her around to face him. She didn't shake him off, though she could have.

"You said you were a changed man, Frank, but all I see is that you turned your anger from yourself to the white man." She brushed snowflakes off the sleeve of her heavy brown jacket.

"Where it started," he said.

She gestured toward Cory's car, filled with small bodies. "And this is where it ends."

"No, Detective." He pointed at his own chest, coat hanging open despite the cold, the tender skin underneath his jowls wind-whipped to bright red. "It ends here."

The EMTs carried their stretchers down the snow-packed trail, and the crime scene investigators packed up their gear. The Birds' sons arrived and took their parents home. Far far above, the stars still shone. Pat stood alone in the clearing, holding Sammy's red mitten.

Around her, falling snow swirled like ashes.

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