

Chapter Fifteen

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Shave Head's Code of Honor

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Shave Head was of the Hunkpapas. There have been men of his tribe who were better known to the white men. Sitting Bull, whose medicine was not good for the white man, who lurked in the background of all the evil that his people wrought for many a blood drenched year while the Sioux nation was putting up a merciless and dread protest against the Hunkpapa.

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The best of the fighting men of the Sioux were they and even while the smoke from Strikes the Kettle's gun still mingled with the steam of their breath, there was a fierce fusilade and then it was over the men of Sitting Bull's band were running for the timber and five other policemen besides Shave Head and Bull Head lay on the ground, their blood an atonement for the deeds of their people. And eight of Sitting Bull's band would dance no more.