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an' too hot fer a 'Jigger,' unless he's a fireman first an' a 'Jigger' after. You put back the men that Moran shifted, an' let it go at that. If yuh do more, yuh'll do worse. An' yuh'll end up in a hole. That's *my* opinion."

The chief said, "Moran's going to get out. There'll be a promotion from the battalion-chiefs. Do you want to quit here an' go on up?"

"D'yuh mean do I want a battalion?"

"Yes."

Keighley shook his head. "Not on yer life."

"Why not?"

He looked out at the pierhouse, which they were approaching. "I like what I got. I been three months gettin' things into shape here. It's a good crew. It's a hell of a good boat."