Begging Mercy

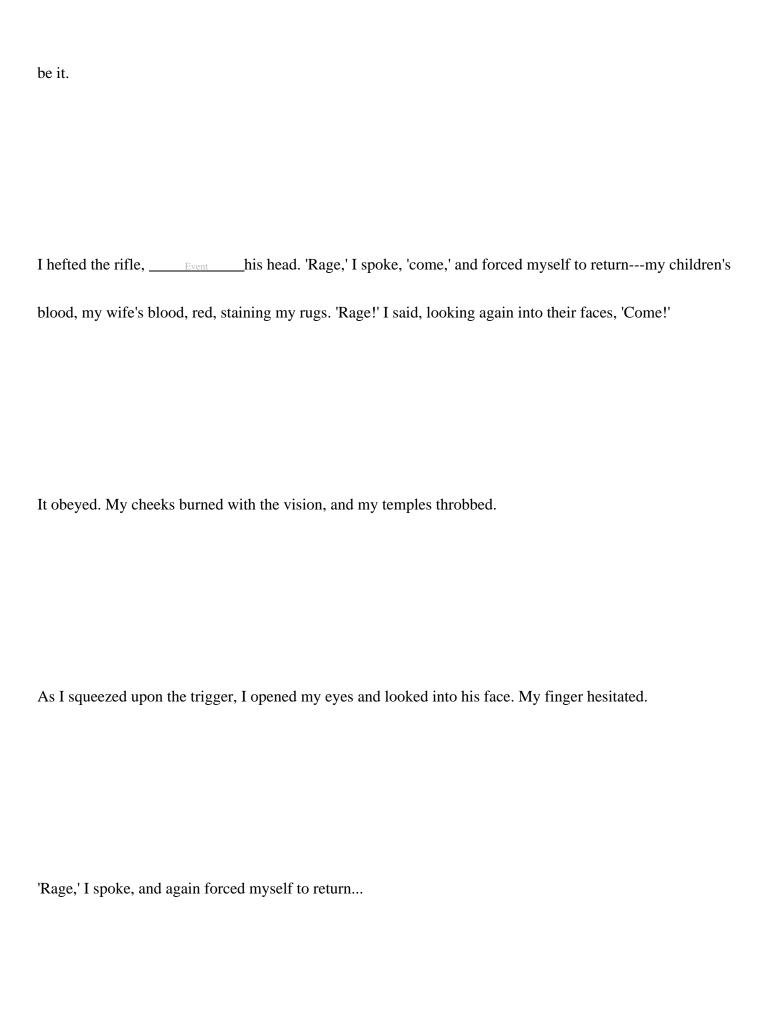
1.	Adverb
2.	Noun
3.	Verb
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5.	Proper Noun Plural
6.	Verb Ending In Ing
7.	Noun
8.	Location
9.	Proper Noun
10.	Past Tense Verb
11.	Conjunction
12	Event

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The murderer of my family	before me, eyes	toward heaven, bound hands outstretch	ned, palms up,
gesturing upward, then down. He pr	epared to receive his exe	ecution.	
And I prepared to deliver it.			
He was mumbling.			
'I must hear,' I said. But theNot	n they Verb	too loudly, forcing me forward, hop	oing
I halted, held my breath, listened, ho	oped		

He prayed.
My features remained stone, witheyes for the crowd to behold, but I bit hard on the inside of my
cheek. 'Recall the Sharia,' I spoke to him in my mind. 'Recall the code. Mercy!'
He continued praying. I waited.
At first, the onlookers believed I honored his prayer, butgrew quickly impatient, their
voices soon <u>Verb ending in ing</u> in pitch.

Still as stone, 'Recall the Sharia,' I said, only for his In response, he gestured more fervently,
admonishing heavenonly
Forward I dragged therifle, grunting, 'Recall! Beg my mercy!' Heno
heed.
Mercy! If I could beg for himthe Sharia spoke. Mercy came only to those who asked. And
he refused.



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