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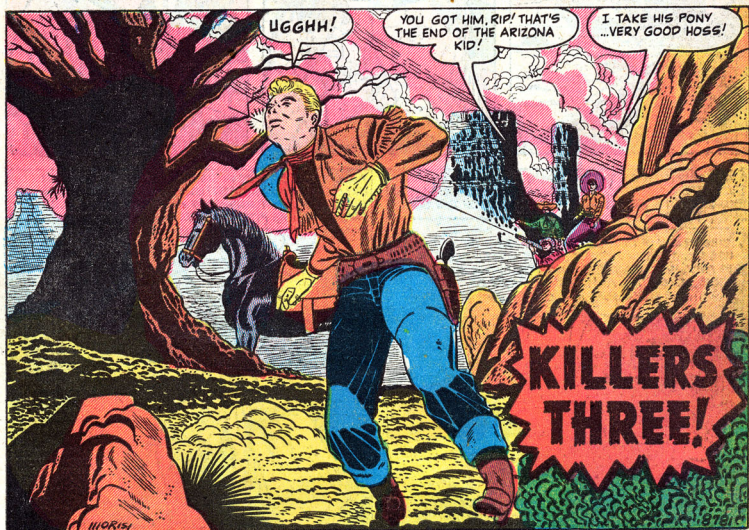
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ARIZONA KID

THREE FLINT-FACED OUTLAWS FORDED THE RIO GRANDE AND RODE INTO TEXAS... AND WHEREVER THEY RODE, DEATH RODE, TOO! FOR THEY WERE KILLERS ALL--CASH HALLEN, THE DANDY...RIP KANE, BRUTAL AND STRONG...AND JIM DEERFOOT, THE VICIOUS HALF-BREED! THEY PILLAGED AND KILLED, AND SOON TWO TEXAS RANGERS FOLLOWED THEIR BLOODY TRAIL! ONE WAS RANGER CAPTAIN CLIFF MACKLIN, THE OTHER THE FAMOUS YOUNG FRONTIER SCOUT, DAVY LARAMIE, THE ARIZONA KID, AND NEVER HAD DEATH BEEN CLOSER TO THE KID THAN ON THE TRAIL OF "KILLERS THREE"!



UGGHH!

YOU GOT HIM, RIP! THAT'S THE END OF THE ARIZONA KID!

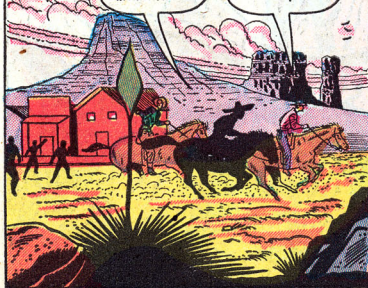
I TAKE HIS PONY...VERY GOOD HOSS!

KILLERS THREE!

THE KILLERS HIT THE BANK AT CARSON'S CROSSING, AND SLAMMED AWAY TOWARD THE ROUGH COUNTRY WITH THEIR LOOT!

PONY GRUNT... HIM HIT!

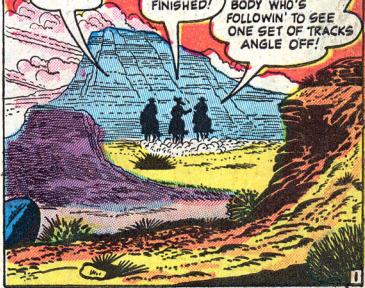
KEEP HIM MOVIN', JIM!



WE'LL RIDE THE RIDGES IN THE WILD HOSS COUNTRY, SO WE KIN SEE IF ANYBODY PICKS UP OUR TRAIL!

PONY ALMOST FINISHED!

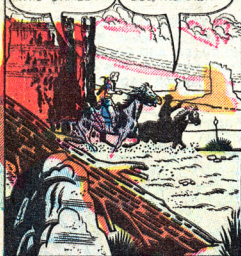
HOP ON BEHIND ME... MY CAYUSE'LL CARRY DOUBLE FOR A SPELL! MIGHT LOUSE UP THE TRAIL FOR ANYBODY WHO'S FOLLOWIN' TO SEE ONE SET OF TRACKS ANGLE OFF!



TWO MILES BEHIND THE DESPERADOS, CLIFF AND THE ARIZONA KID FOLLOW THE FAINT TRAIL!

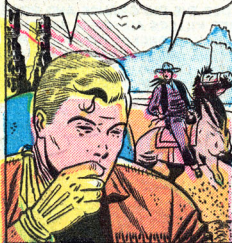
THE TRACKS ARE HARD TO FIND IN THIS SHALE!

LOOK, KID ONE OF THEM ROPE OFF AT AN ANGLE... SEE THE SIGN?



IF THE GROUND WERE SOFTER I COULD TELL YOU MORE ABOUT IT! AS IT IS, ALL I CAN SAY IS ONE PONY ANGLED SOUTH AN' THE OTHER TWO KEPT BEARIN' NORTH!

THEY'LL PROBABLY JOIN UP AGAIN LATER ON! MAYBE WE SHOULD SPLIT UP AN' FOLLOW 'EM SEPARATE!



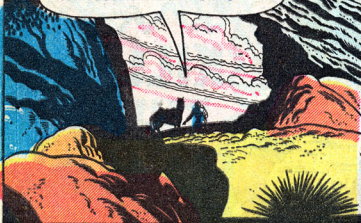
ALL RIGHT CLIFF! YOU FOLLOW THE SINGLE PONY HE'S HEADIN' INTO SOFT GROUND COUNTRY AN' YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FOLLOW HIS TRACKS! I'LL STAY ON THE TRAIL OF THE TWO HOSSES!

KENO, KID! WATCH YOURSELF... THOSE HOMBRES'D BACK-SHOOT YOU SOON AS LOOK AT YUH!



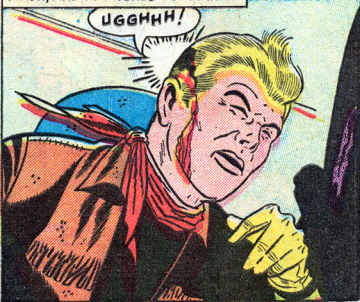
A MILE FURTHER ON, THE KID FINDS A SOFT SPOT IN THE TRAIL WHERE THE TRACKS ARE SHARP AND CLEAR! TO THE YOUNG SCOUT'S PRACTISED EYE, THE STORY OF THE TRAIL IS NOW PLAIN TO SEE!

THIS TRACK IS DEEPER THAN BEFORE... THE HOSS IS CARRYING DOUBLE! THAT MEANS CLIFF IS ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE, FOLLOWING A RIDERLESS PONY, AN' I'VE GOT THREE OF THOSE BUZZARDS IN FRONT OF ME!



THE DROWSY SILENCE IS SHATTERED BY THE SUDDEN CRACK OF A WINCHESTER! BLOOD SPURTS FROM THE SCOUT'S HEAD, TURNING HIS FACE TO A QUICK, BLOODY MASK, AND HE PITCHES FORWARD!

UGGHHH!



YUH GOT HIM, RIP PLUMB CENTER!

YUP, AN' IT'S THE ARIZONA KID HISSELF!

TAKE HIS HOSS... GOOD INDIAN WAR HOSS, HIM!



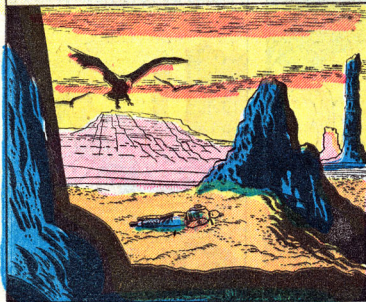
DID YUH GIT HIS HARDWARE, RIP?

YEAH... HE'S STRIPPED! HEY, JIM, THAT CAYUSE AIN'T PARTIAL TO YUH!

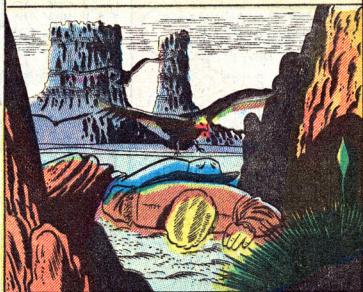
HE BEHAVE! STICK WITH KNIFE IF HE DON'T!



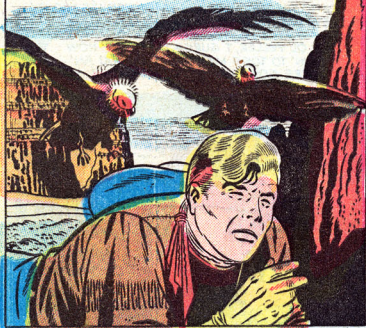
THE KILLERS RACE AWAY, AND SOON BLACK SPECKS GATHER IN THE SKY, GROWING LARGER...VULTURES, EATERS OF THE DEAD, DRAWN TO THE SPOT BY THE SMELL OF BLOOD!



THEY WATCH THE STILL FORM, THEIR HEINOUS NAKED HEADS PEERING LIKE UNWHOLESOME HARBIES ON THE RIVER STYX! BUT THE BODY DOESN'T STIR, AND THEY MOVE IN, CRUEL BEAKS POISED TO STRIKE AND TEAR!



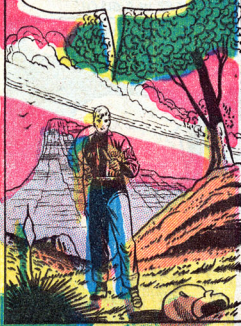
SQUAWWK! SQUAWWK!



OH, MY HEAD! THOSE KILLER COYOTES BUSHWHACKED ME... MUST'VE THOUGHT THEY KILLED ME! LUCKILY THE LEAD ONLY GROOVED MY SCALP!

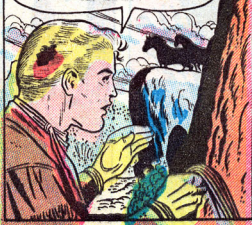


THEY TOOK MY GUNS, AND ARROW! LEFT NOTHIN' BUT MY SADDLE, AN' KNIFE!

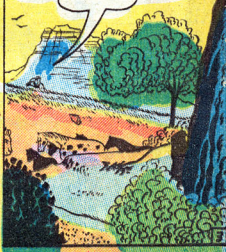


A RATTLE OF HOOFS, BOOMS FROM ABOVE! THE KID LOOKS UP AS A BAND OF WILD HORSES BREAK OVER THE ROCKS, SILHOUETTED FOR A MOMENT IN MOVING SPLENDOR!

WILD HORSES! IF I CAN DAB A ROPE ON ONE OF THOSE CAYUSES, I CAN GET AFTER THOSE THREE SKUNKS! I OWE THEM PLENTY NOW, AN' I AIM TO SQUARE ACCOUNTS WITH 'EM!



THEY'RE GRAZIN' IN THE HOLLOW! NOW, IF I CAN ONLY GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO LAY ROPE OVER ONE OF THEM... THAT BIG, MOTTLLED STALLION! THERE! HE LOOKS LIKE HE COULD CARRY A MAN FROM HERE TO BREAKFAST WITHOUT BREAKIN' INTO A SWEAT!



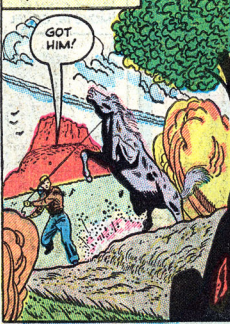
WITH INDIAN-LIKE STEALTH, THE YOUNG SCOUT PATIENTLY STALKS THE HERD, MAKING NO SOUND, MOVING NO BLADE OF GRASS, CLOSER AND CLOSER!

HE SENSES SOMETHING WRONG! HE'LL WHEEL THE HERD OUT IN ANOTHER SECOND...IT'S NOW OR NEVER!



THE ROPE WHISTLES THROUGH THE AIR, LANDING TRUE!

GOT HIM!

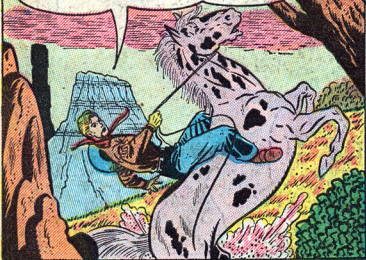


IF I CAN STAY WITH HIM...MASTER HIM, WITH MY HEAD ACHING THIS WAY FROM THE WOUND! IF HE THROWS ME, HE'LL TRAMPLE ME TO DEATH!



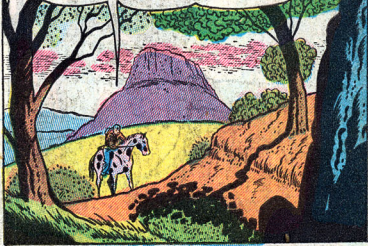
THE WILD STALLION PITCHES WITH SPINE-CRACKING FURY, SCREAMING HIS DEFIANCE OF MAN! AND THE KID GRIMLY HANGS ON, HIS MOUTH AND NOSE POURING BLOOD FROM THE WRACKING, JARRING RIDE!

I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE! IF HE DON'T QUIT IN A MINUTE, I'LL BE ALL THROUGH!

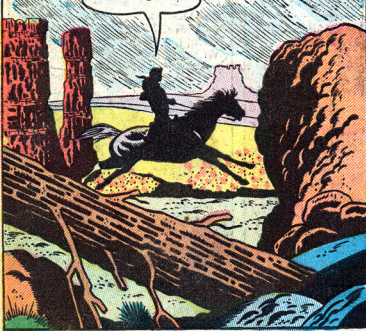


A MOMENT LATER, SPENT, DRIPPING SWEAT, THE STALLION STANDS MOTIONLESS ON WIDE SPREAD LEGS, IN QUIET TRIBUTE TO THE MAN WHO HAS MASTERED HIS MIGHTY STRENGTH AND WILD SOUL!

WELL, OL' FELLER, I GUESS I'M BOSS! NOW I'M GOIN' TO TOSS MY SADDLE ON YOU AN' WE'RE GOIN' HUNTIN'... MAN HUNTIN'!

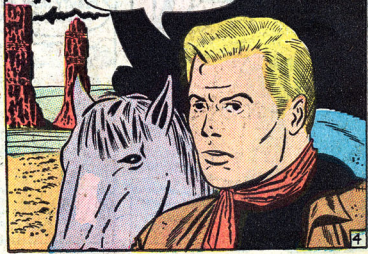


HERE'S THE TRAIL AGAIN... AN' THIS TIME I'LL KEEP MY EYES WIDE OPEN!



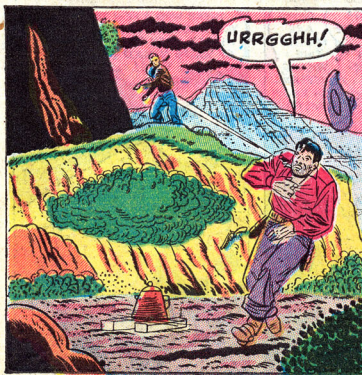
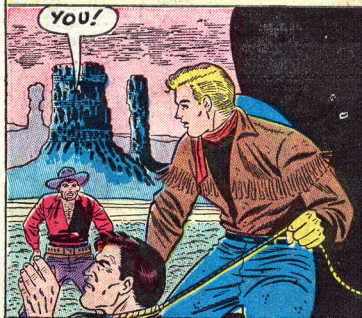
THE PURPLE SHADOWS DEEPEN, AND THE TEXAS NIGHT COMES ON AS THE KID STICKS TO THE TRAIL OF THE KILLERS! THEN IN THE DARKNESS AHEAD, HE SEES DANCING, RED REFLECTIONS OF A CAMPFIRE IN A GULCH!

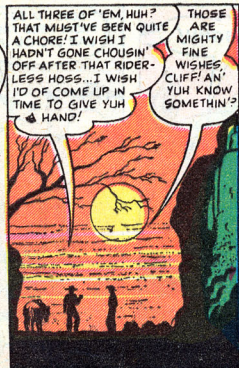
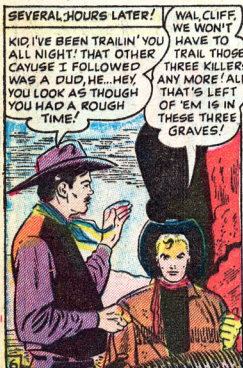
THAT MUST BE THEIR CAMPFIRE! WITH ONLY MY KNIFE AND ROPE FOR WEAPONS, I'VE GOT TO MAKE NO MISTAKES...JUST ONE'LL MEAN BOOT HILL!





FOR A SECOND THE GUNMAN STANDS FROZEN WITH SURPRISE... THEN HIS HANDS FLASH DOWN TO HIS GUNS!





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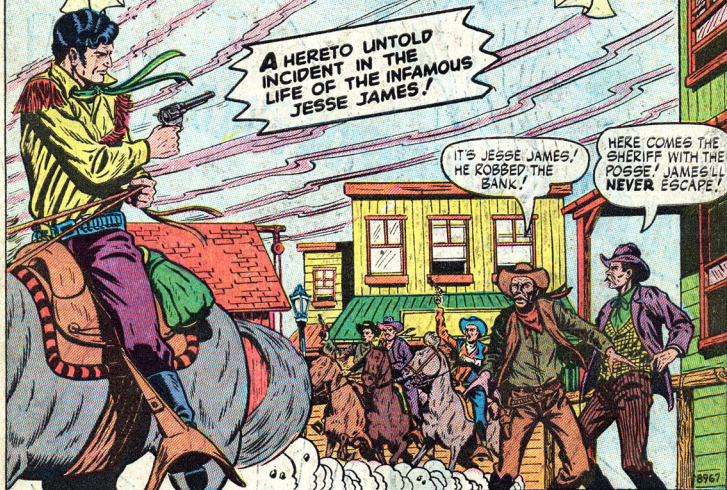
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THE TRUE ACCOUNT OF THE TIME AN OLD MAN HELD THE FATE OF JESSE JAMES IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND... THE PLACE: THE MISSOURI BORDER TOWN OF "TRAIL'S END"....

A HERETO UNTOLD
INCIDENT IN THE
LIFE OF THE INFAMOUS
JESSE JAMES!

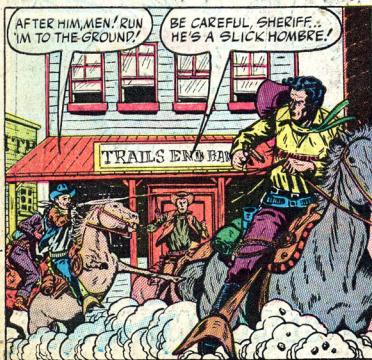
IT'S JESSE JAMES!
HE ROBBED THE
BANK!

HERE COMES THE
SHERIFF WITH THE
POSSE! JAMES'LL
NEVER ESCAPE!

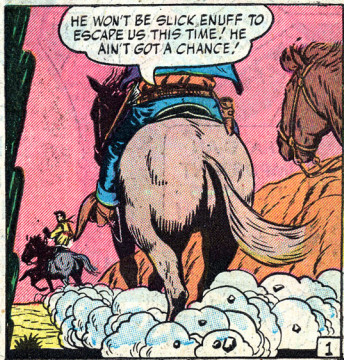


AFTER HIM, MEN! RUN
I'M TO THE GROUND!

BE CAREFUL, SHERIFF...
HE'S A SLICK HOMBRE!



HE WON'T BE SLICK ENUFF TO
ESCAPE US THIS TIME! HE
AIN'T GOT A CHANCE!





LOOK! HE'S DUCKIN' AROUND THAT BEND!

SURROUND THE VALLEY!



HE MUST HAVE PASSED THIS WAY!

HO! OLD TIMER! DID YOU SEE A HORSEMAN RIDE PAST YOU?

IT WAS JESSE JAMES HIMSELF!

JESSE JAMES!!



YOU DON'T CATCH ME A SQUEALIN' ON NO OUTLAW! I AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN'!

TELL US WHICH WAY HE RODE OR WE'LL HANG YOU IN HIS PLACE!



IT WAS AT THAT SECOND THAT AN OLD PROSPECTOR HELD THE LIFE OF JESSE JAMES IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND... AND THEN HE SPOKE....

I AIN'T A HANKERIN' TO SWING FOR NO OTHER HOMBRE! HE RODE OVER YONDER!



THANKS OLD TIMER!

RIDE, YOU CRITTERS! WE'LL TRACK 'IM DOWN NOW!



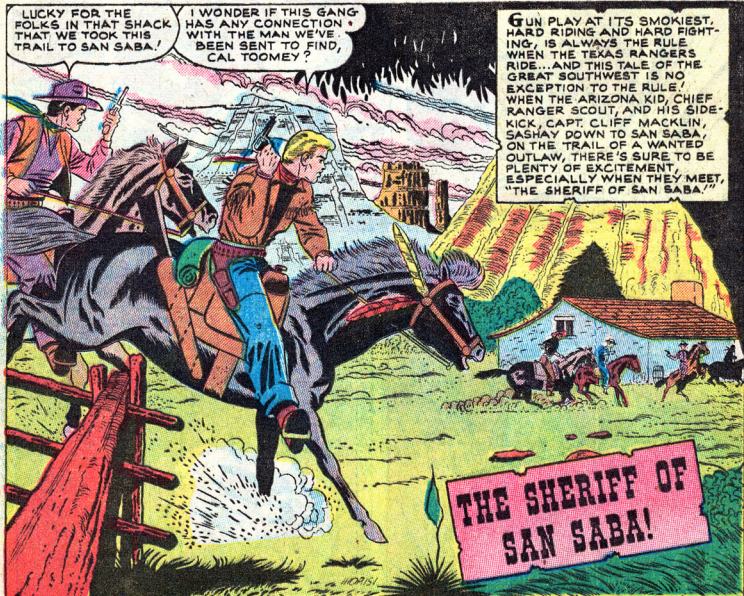
WELL THEY CAIN'T SAY I DIDN'T TELL 'EM! WHEW, IT SHORE IS HOT UNDER THIS STORE-BOUGHT BEARD!

THE END

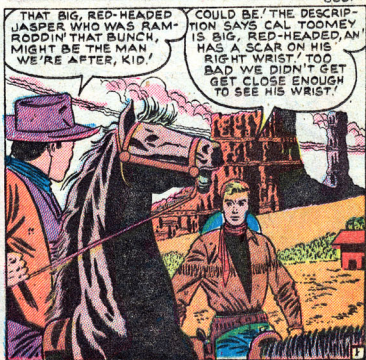
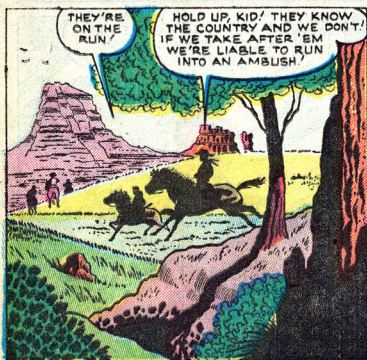
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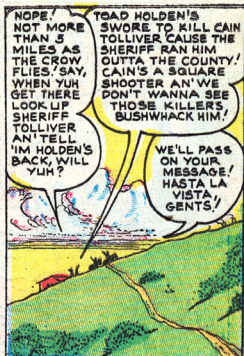
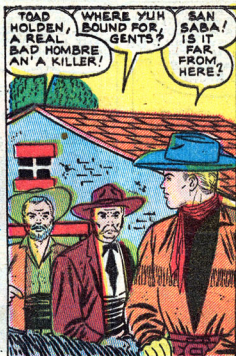
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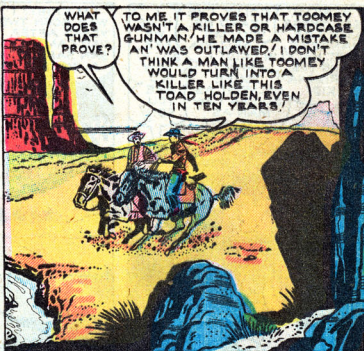
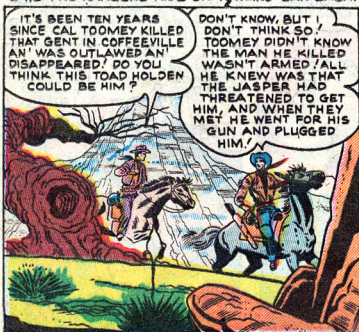


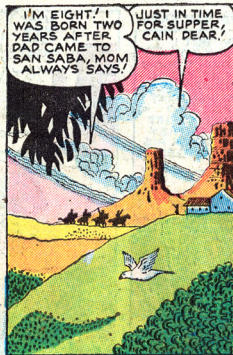
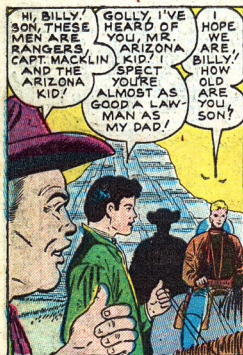
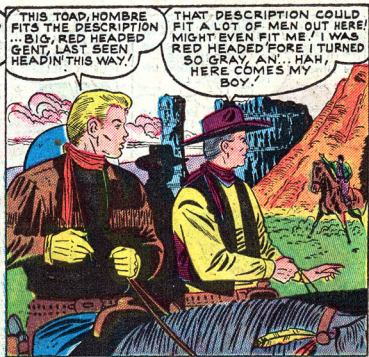
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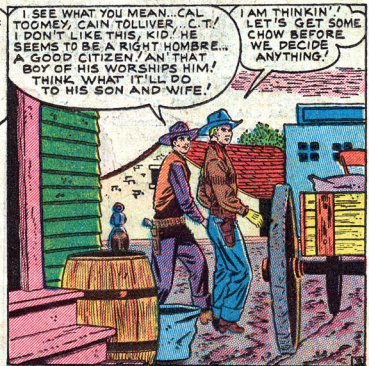
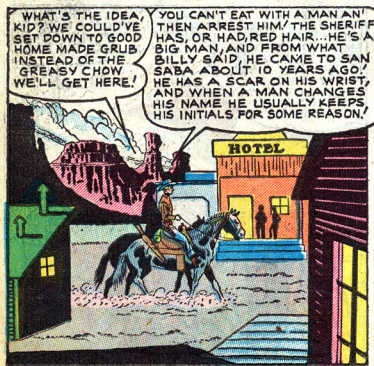


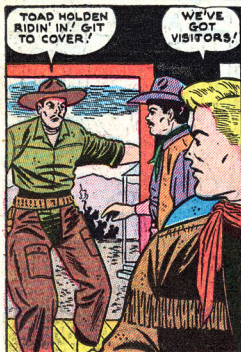
THE TWO RANGERS RIDE ON TOWARD SAN SABA!





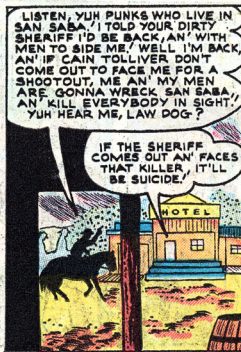
THE SHERIFF OF SAN SABA STRETCHES OUT HIS ARM TO WAVE TO HIS WIFE ON THE PORCH, AND THE KEEN EYES OF THE ARIZONA KID SEE THE SCAR ON HIS WRIST!





TOAD HOLDEN
RIDIN' IN! GIT
TO COVER!

WE'VE
GOT
VISITORS!



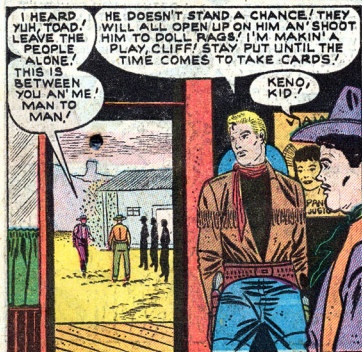
LISTEN, YUH PUNKS WHO LIVE IN
SAN SABA, I TOLD YOUR DIRTY
SHERIFF I'D BE BACK, AN' WITH
MEN TO SIDE ME. WELL, I'M BACK,
AN' IF CAIN TOLLIVER DON'T
COME OUT TO FACE ME FOR A
SHOOTOUT, ME AN' MY MEN
ARE GONNA WRECK SAN SABA,
AN' KILL EVERYBODY IN SIGHT.
YUH HEAR ME, LAW DOG?

IF THE SHERIFF
COMES OUT AN' FACES
THAT KILLER, IT'LL
BE SUICIDE.



WHY THE
DIRTY,
NO GOOD...

HOLD IT, CLIFF...
THERE'S MORE TO
THIS PLAY... LET'S
SEE WHAT COMES
NEXT?

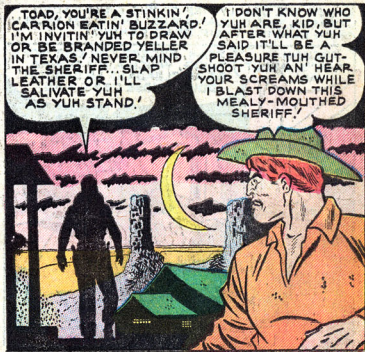


I HEARD
YUH, TOAD!
LEAVE THE
PEOPLE
ALONE.

THIS IS
BETWEEN
YOU AN' ME!
MAN TO
MAN!

HE DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE! THEY
WILL ALL OPEN UP ON HIM AN' SHOOT
HIM TO DOLL RAGS. I'M MAKIN' A
PLAY, CLIFF! STAY PUT UNTIL THE
TIME COMES TO TAKE CARDS!

KENO,
KID!



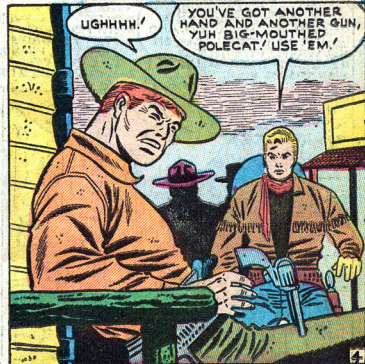
TOAD, YOU'RE A STINKIN'
CARRION EATIN' BUZZARD!
I'M INVITIN' YUH TO DRAW
OR BE BRANDED YELLER
IN TEXAS, NEVER MIND
THE SHERIFF. SLAP
LEATHER OR I'LL
SALIVATE YUH
AS YUH STAND!

I DON'T KNOW WHO
YUH ARE, KID, BUT
AFTER WHAT YUH
SAID IT'LL BE A
PLEASURE TUH GLT-
SHOOT YUH AN' HEAR
YOUR SCREAMS WHILE
I BLAST DOWN THIS
MEALY-MOUTHED
SHERIFF!



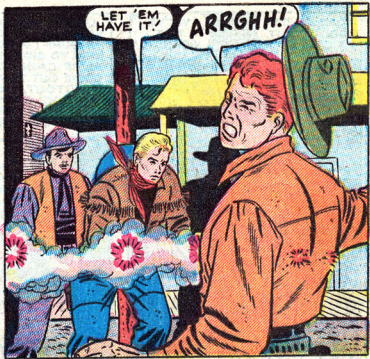
TAKE IT,
YUH...

TOO SLOW,
TOAD!

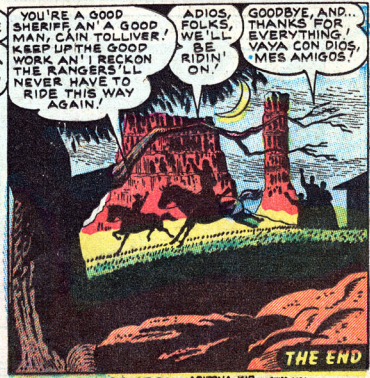
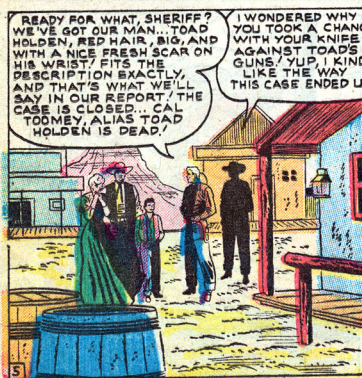
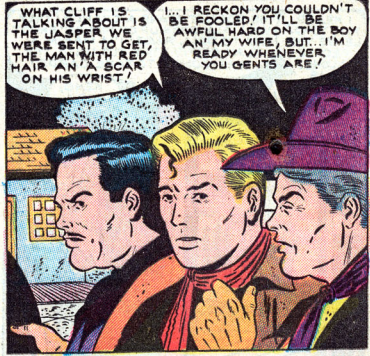


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wasn't funny at all to come to a place like Rawlins, Wyoming, to clean out a bunch of rustlers and murderers, for the federal government, and then have the train he was on held up by that very gang of men. He picked himself off the ground, and dusted off his trousers, whipping his Stetson against the whipcord with a cold fury in each motion. He slipped his .45 back into its holster, and the sixgun slid easily into the greased holster. He shaded his eyes against the waning sunlight and looked down the tracks at the five men who lay dead. Further in the distance he could see the dust puffed up by the escaping owlhoot gang. There were ten of them in all. Ransom Kent swore silently to himself that he would get those ten masked men.

He walked down past the stalled cars, his eyes scanning the ground. If only there was a clue to who those men were. They were known only as the Stocton Gang, and no one knew where they hid out or who the men were under those bandannas. He searched carefully, for half an hour, and found nothing. Over near the baggage car he saw the small knot of passengers clustered around the old porter who had been knocked out by the badmen. Kent shouldered his way over to the conductor who was

standing there.

"What'd they get, conductor?" asked the marshal.

The conductor scratched his stubby chin. "Robbed all the passengers. Took the miners' payroll. And the porter over here says they took a couple of boxes of ammunition bound fer Fort Steele."

Ransom Kent looked over the floor of the baggage car. Some of the passengers' bags were lying on the floor. He went over and looked at the broken boxes. There was a piece of broken boxwood with the black numerals "32" painted on it.

The porter staggered over to where Kent was looking and the man said: "Thet reminds me. 'Fore they conked me with thuh gun-butt, I heared one of them sidewinders say they wuz outta ammunition at the hideout. Mebbe that's why they broke in here."

"Did they say anything else about their hideout?" snapped Ransom.

The old porter scratched his head. "M-mm, come tuh think of it, one of them masked hombres said they better get back tuh the hills afore dark."

Ransom Kent slapped his thighs. "Good, old timer! That means they can't be too far from Rawlins, cause it'll be dark in an hour. Now we're getting somewhere. Hey, Conductor, how soon'll we get into Rawlins? I got to talk to the sheriff."

"Come into town in three-quarters of an hour."

"Good," said Kent. Then he slumped into one of the seats, as the train lurched. He had some thinking to do...

In Rawlins, Wyoming, the sheriff was Lars Newton, a tall, wiry character with a friendly face and a big smile. He looked up from his steak and eggs into the hard blue eyes of Ransom Kent. Then he saw the marshal badge on Kent's shirt and he smiled.

"Hello there. You must be Kent, the government man." He held out his hand.

"Glad to meet you, Sheriff," said Kent. "I just ran into some of your local bad boys. I guess you heard."

The sheriff nodded and took a mouthful of food. When he swallowed, he wiped his lips and said: "Think it was the Stocton Gang?"

"Don't rightly know," said Kent, "but I guess it's a good hunch."

The sheriff nodded again, and went on eating.

Kent drummed his fingers idly on the table. He thought back over the events of the robbery. There was something in the back of his mind that was bothering him. Something that was not right. He went over the sights and sounds, the shooting

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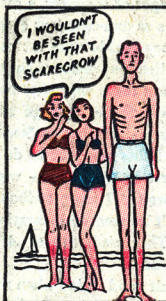
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and screaming. No it was not there. It was something that had happened afterward. Somewhere in his mind, there was a clue. He had to get away by himself and think it out.

He turned to the sheriff. "Got a horse I can borrow?"

The sheriff nodded. "Sure, but you ain't thinkin' of going after that gang, alone, are yuh?"

"That's my job," said the marshal.

"But even if you knew where to find them, in those hills, they'd cut you to ribbons . . ."

"That," said Kent, "is part of the risk a marshal has to take."

It was dark. The sky was studied with diamond stars, and Ransom let the black have its own way as they rode slowly through the Wyoming hills. Here, in the lonely night, a man could think. The cool night air refreshed the mind and let things fall into place more easily than when there were a lot of people around talking and shouting. A man had to be alone to think. He roamed the hills all night — travelling in widening circles in the hills — and watched the dawn break overhead.

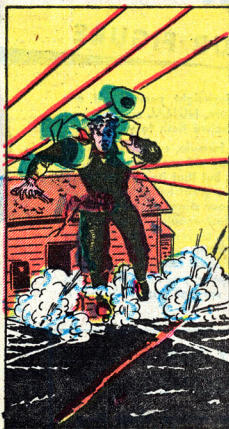
Kent knew that a lawman had to figure out all the angles to a job, and you had to figure them before you went into action. Anyone who just rushed into a shootout would surely end up with a bad case of lead poisoning from a .45 and fill out a coffin in boothill.

Suddenly he saw it. A thin curl of smoke against the morning sky. He spurred his mount, and half an hour later he came on a cabin hidden in the slash of

a canyon. He ground-hitched his horse, and crept up on foot. Through the window he could see them, up already. He counted ten. There were ten men who'd held up that train and run off with jewelry, money, and the boxes of ammunition.

"Ammunition!"

Now he knew what it was that had been bothering him. He smiled to himself. He moved



quickly back to where he'd left the horse. Then he fired a shot through the window of the cabin.

A shriek of pain told him that he'd had a lucky hit. That left nine to account for. In a few seconds, gunfire answered him from the cabin. One of the men ran out the door, and Kent sent him to the ground with a slug in the belly. After a few minutes, the answering fire from the cabin stopped. Kent knew why, and his smile broadened.

He picked his Winchester from the saddle-boot, and setting

it carefully against his cheek began to fire at the crude-brick chimney. Soon big chunks would begin to fall into the cabin, and no more smoke would be coming out.

When this happened, he shouted to the cabin. "Yuh better come 'out now with your hands reaching for the sky."

Only silence answered him.

"You boys better give up now, and let me take you back. I'm a government man, and you'll get a fair trial. Otherwise some of those boys from Rawlins will be settin' up a little necktie party." There was no answer. Then he continued; he played his ace.

"You boys can't hold out this time. You got ammunition from the train yesterday, but you know it won't do you any good."

He chuckled. Now they knew that he knew, and that there would be no bluff. He felt ashamed of himself for not having thought of it sooner, a man who was as gun-conscious as he was. They couldn't use .32 calibre bullets any more than he could, and that's what they had taken out of the baggage car. Those were shells for Fort Steele, for the ladies who like to do a little practice shooting — with thirty-two's. Those owlhoots wouldn't be seen dead carrying a .32. They used .44's or .45's like he did.

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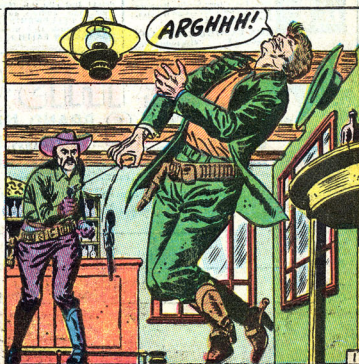
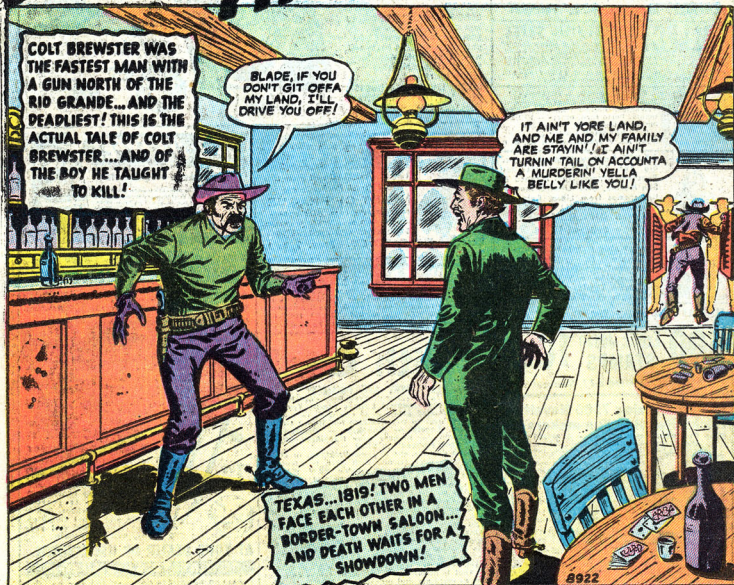
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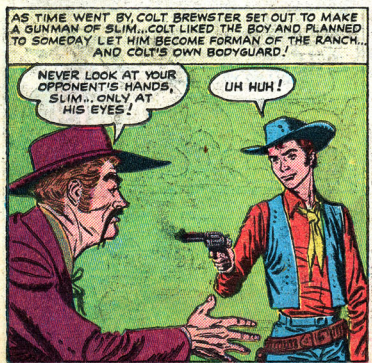
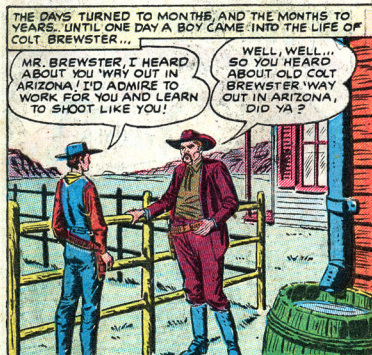
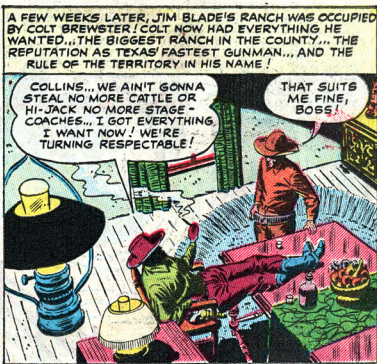
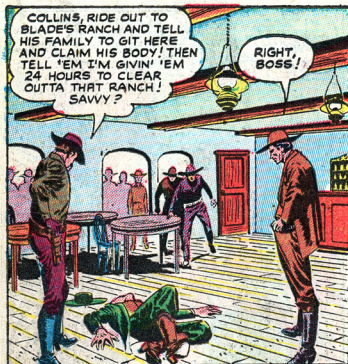
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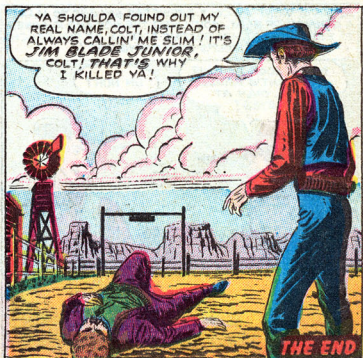
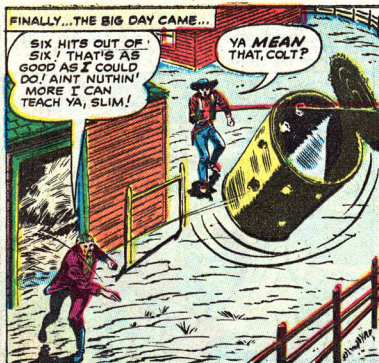
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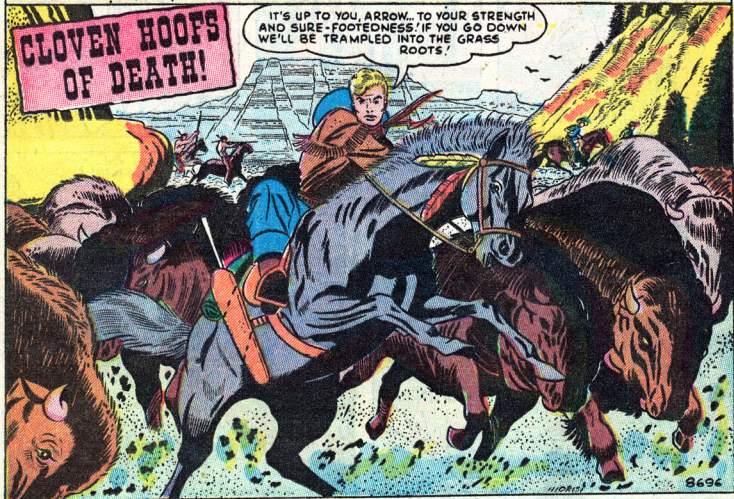


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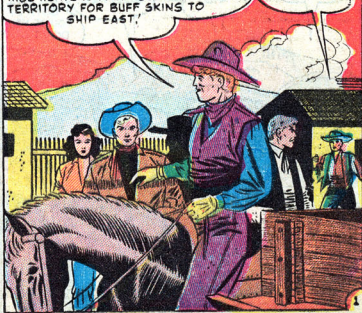
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KEEP YOUR MOUTH OUTTA THIS!

THIS'LL TEACH YUH TO KEEP SHUT, YUH YOUNG PUNK!

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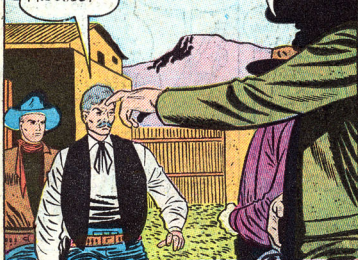
THAT'LL BE ENOUGH! I'LL JAIL BOTH OF YOU IF YOU DON'T QUIT!

CORBIN, MY SCOUT IS RIGHT... I WON'T ALLOW YOU AND YOUR MEN TO HUNT BUFFALO IN INDIAN TERRITORY!

IT AIN'T FOR YOU TO SAY, MAJOR! I GOT WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM SENATOR TALLEY WING! HERE IT IS RIGHT HERE, AN' YOU CAN'T STOP US!

SO THAT'S THE WAY IT IS! ALL RIGHT, I CAN'T STOP YOU, BUT I'M NOT SENDING ANY OF MY MEN ALONG TO PROTECT YOU AND LOSE THEIR SCALPS IN THE PROCESS!

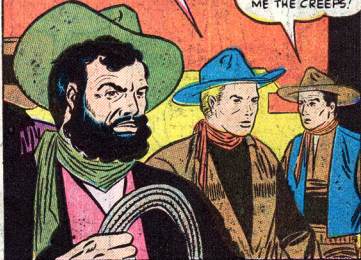
THAT SUITS ME! WE DON'T NEED HELP FROM YOUR MILK-SOP RANGERS; WE'LL HANDLE THE STINKIN' INJUNS OUR OWN WAY!



C'MON, MEN... WE'RE MOVIN' OUT!

THAT'S A HARD-CASE OUTFIT IF I EVER SAW ONE! THEY'LL MAKE TROUBLE!

I HOPE NOT! ME? I'M A PEACEFUL JASPER! I'LL COOK FOR THE OUTFIT, BUT I DON'T WANT NO TRUCK WITH INJUNS... THEY GIVE ME THE CREEPS!

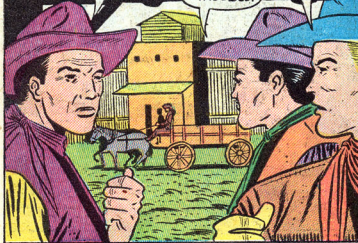


TWO WEEKS PASS! THEN ANOTHER WAGON-TRAIN COMES INTO CHAPAQUA SPRINGS, FROM THE NORTH!

THAT JASPER IN THE BEAVER HAT, IS THE INJUN-HATIN' SENATOR, TALLEY WING! I SAW HIM ONCE IN HOUSTON!

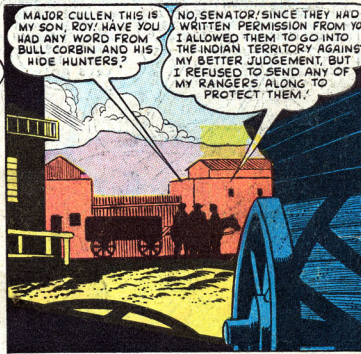
CLIFF, I WONDER WHY TALLEY WING HATES THE INDIANS SO MUCH? IT'S STRANGE!

MORE TROUBLE!



MAJOR CULLEN, THIS IS MY SON, ROY! HAVE YOU HAD ANY WORD FROM BULL CORBIN AND HIS HIDE HUNTERS?

NO, SENATOR! SINCE THEY HAD WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM YOU, I ALLOWED THEM TO GO INTO THE INDIAN TERRITORY AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGEMENT, BUT I REFUSED TO SEND ANY OF MY RANGERS ALONG TO PROTECT THEM!



WHAT RIGHT HAD YOU TO REFUSE? YOUR DUTY IS TO PROTECT WHITE MEN FROM THE SAVAGES! THE TERRITORY THESE BLOODY-HANDED BEASTS OCCUPY IS ONLY THEIRS BECAUSE OF THE CHARITY OF SOFT-HEARTED FOOLS! THEY SHOULD BE ANNIHILATED!

LET'S DISCUSS THIS FURTHER IN MY HEAD-QUARTERS SENATOR!



AN HOUR LATER!

CAPT. MACKLIN, MAJOR CULLEN WANTS YOU, THE ARIZONA KID, AN' HAPPY HICKS TO REPORT TO HIM, PRONTO!

HOPE IT AIN'T NOTHIN' TO DO WITH REDSKINS! I AIN'T GOT MUCH HAIR LEFT, BUT WHAT I GOT I WANTA KEEP! NOW WHAT'S UP?



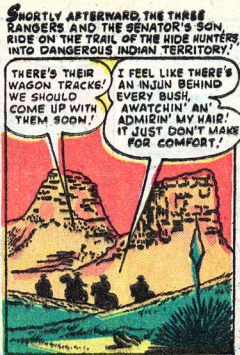
CAPT. MACKLIN, YOU WILL TAKE HAPPY HICKS, AND DAVE AS SCOUTS, CONTACT THE BUFFALO HUNTERS AND GIVE THEM PROTECTION! I WILL MOVE UP WITH THE MAIN BODY OF RANGERS LATER!

BUT MAJOR, IT WILL MEAN AN INDIAN WAR!



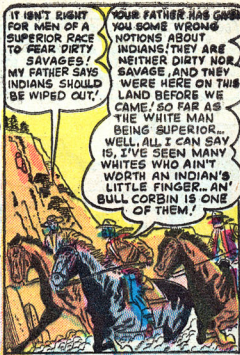


YOUNG MAN, THE MAJOR HAS HIS ORDERS FROM THE GOVERNMENT BODY OF THIS GREAT STATE, AND IT IS NOT WITHIN YOUR PROVINCE TO QUESTION THEM! MY SON, ROY, SHALL RIDE WITH YOU TO SEE THAT YOU DO YOUR DUTY!



THERE'S THEIR WAGON TRACKS! WE SHOULD COME UP WITH THEM SOON!

I FEEL LIKE THERE'S AN INJUN BEHIND EVERY BUSH, AWATCHIN' AN' ADMIRIN' MY HAIR! IT JUST DON'T MAKE FOR COMFORT!



IT ISN'T RIGHT FOR MEN OF A SUPERIOR RACE TO FEAR DIRTY SAVAGES! MY FATHER SAYS INDIANS SHOULD BE WIPED OUT!

YOUR FATHER HAS GIVEN YOU SOME WRONG NOTIONS ABOUT INDIANS! THEY ARE NEITHER DIRTY NOR SAVAGE, AND THEY WERE HERE ON THIS LAND BEFORE WE CAME! SO FAR AS THE WHITE MAN BEING SUPERIOR... WELL, ALL I CAN SAY IS, I'VE SEEN MANY WHITES WHO AIN'T WORTH AN INDIAN'S LITTLE FINGER... AN' BULL CORBIN IS ONE OF THEM!



LISTEN! RIFLE SHOTS OVER THAT RISE! I THINK WE LOCATED THE HIDE HUNTERS!

LONG'S IT AIN'T INDIANS! I WANTA KEEP MY HAIR!!!

HAPPY, YOU'VE BEEN LOSIN' YOUR HAIR FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS! THERE AIN'T ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT KEEPIN'! C'MON LET'S GO!

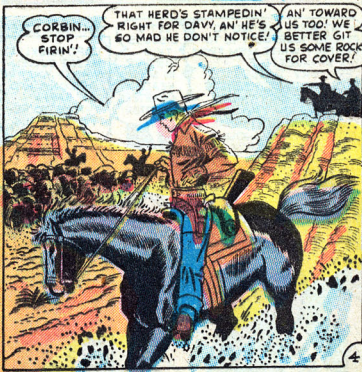


THERE THEY ARE! LOOK AT THEM SLAUGHTERING THE BUFFS! THEY'VE KILLED AS MANY IN ONE STAND AS THE TRIBES WOULD KILL IN A WHOLE SEASON FOR MEAT AND CLOTHING! I'M GOING TO STOP IT!



WAIT, KID, WE WEREN'T SENT HERE TO STOP THEIR HUNTING! IT'S OUR DUTY TO PROTECT THEM!

WE'VE GOT A DUTY TO LOTS OF OTHER TEXANS, THE ONES WHO'LL BE KILLED IN AN INDIAN WAR IF WE DON'T STOP CORBIN! AN' WE'VE GOT A DUTY TO THE INDIAN WOMEN AND KIDS, WHO'LL STARVE AN' DIE IF CORBIN KEEPS SLAUGHTERIN' AN' DRIVES THE BUFF HERDS OFF THE HUNTIN' GROUNDS! C'MON, ARROW!

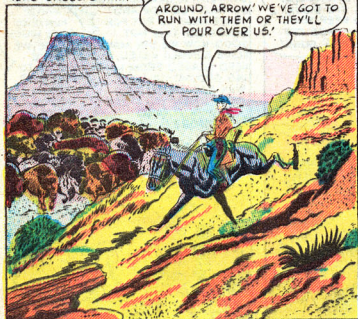


CORBIN... STOP FIRIN'!

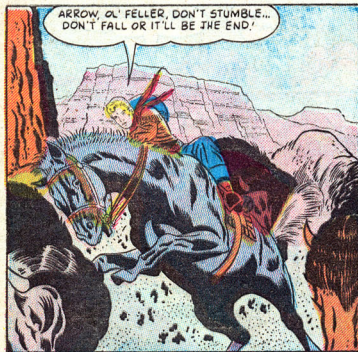
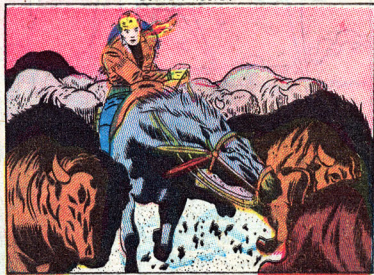
THAT HERD'S STAMPEDIN'! RIGHT FOR DAVY, AN' HE'S SO MAD HE DON'T NOTICE!

AN' TOWARD US TOO! WE BETTER GIT US SOME ROCKS FOR COVER!

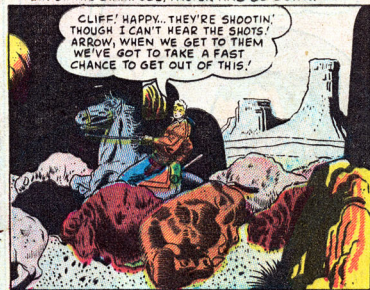
TOO LATE, THE ARIZONA KID SEES HIS DANGER: THE THUNDERING HERD ENGULFS HIM!



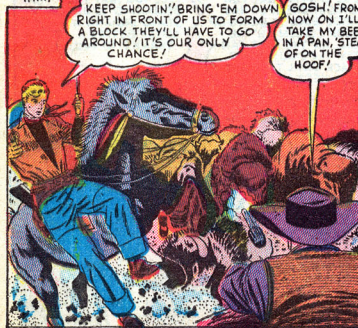
THE GREAT INDIAN WAR HORSE, AS SURE-FOOTED AS A MOUNTAIN GOAT, AND AS SUPPLE AS A PUMA, TWISTS AND TURNS WITH THE SMASHING, FORWARD MOVEMENT OF THE CRAZED WILD CATTLE! NOW THE YOUNG SCOUT IS BORNE ALONG, HEMMED IN ON EVERY SIDE BY TOSsing HORNS, HUGE SHAGGY BODIES AND GRINDING CLOVEN HOOFs!



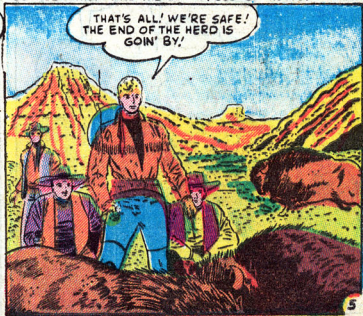
NOW THE THUNDER OF THE CHURNING HOOFs BECOMES SO GREAT THAT IT BLOCKS OUT ALL ELSE... THE MONSTROUS THROBBING BEAT BATTERS AT THE EAR DRUMS CAUSING CONSCIOUSNESS TO STAGGER! SUDDENLY THE KID SEES SEVERAL BULLS, IN THE VAN OF THE STAMPEDE, FALTER AND GO DOWN!



AS THE KID REACHES HIS PARDS' POSITION HE FLINGS HIMSELF FROM HIS HORSE, SHOOTING THE BULLS IMMEDIATELY NEAR HIM!

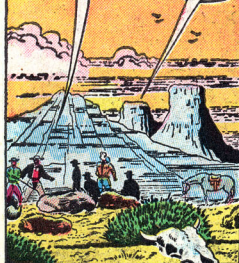


FOR AN HOUR THE RANGERS SHOOT AS FAST AS THEY CAN PULL TRIGGER! THEIR GUNS BECOME ALMOST TOO HOT TO HOLD. BUT A BARRIER OF SHAGGY BODIES IS FINALLY FORMED BETWEEN THEM AND THE LIVING, CLOVEN HOOFs!



YOU HOMBRES DID ALL RIGHT! THIS'S MORE BUFFS THAN WE'D GIT IN A MONTH! WE CAN LOAD OUR WAGONS WITH HIDES!

YOU AIN'T TAKIN' THESE HIDES, CORBIN!



OH, NO? WHO IS?

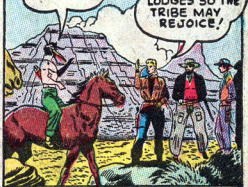
THEY ARE! THE RIGHTFUL OWNERS!

IT'S SUB-CHIEF TOMACHA, OF THE SIOUX! KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF YOUR GUNS!



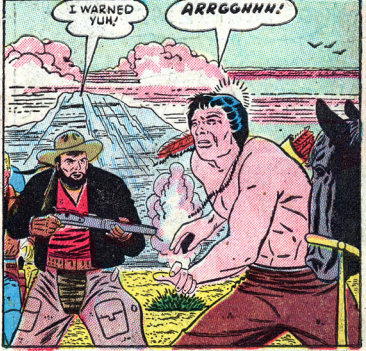
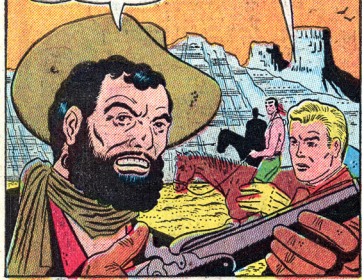
WE SEE WHITE MEN COME TO OUR HUNTING GROUNDS... KILL BUFFALO FOR HIDE AND LEAVE MEAT TO ROT FOR BUZZARDS! THIS NOT GOOD! NOW WE SEE MANY MORE BUFFALO KILLED, AND HERD SCARED FROM HUNTING GROUND! TELL US WHY, EAGLE EYE! THE SIOUX KNOW YOU SPEAK NOT WITH FORKED TONGUE!

NO MORE WILL THE WHITE HUNTERS TAKE HIDES! THESE, WE HAVE KILLED TO SAVE OUR LIVES, ARE YOURS! TAKE THEM TO YOUR LODGES SO THE TRIBE MAY REJOICE!



HOLD ON! I GOT WHAT YUH TOLD THESE THIEVIN' INJUNS! I'M SKINNIN' THOSE BUFFS, AN' THE FIRST DIRTY REDSKIN WHAT TOUCHES ONE, GIT'S KILLED!

PUT AWAY THAT GUN, YOU SNAKE!



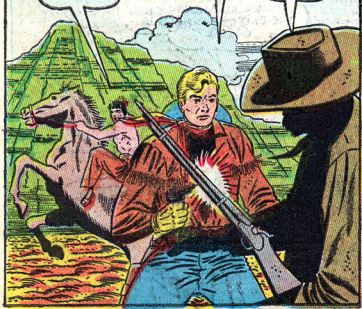
I WARNED YUH!

ARRGGHHH!

YOU HAVE VIOLATED OUR LAND... YOU HAVE KILLED A SIOUX! THIS WILL BE... WAR!

NOW YOU'VE DONE IT.

UGH! YUH DIRTY INJUN-LOVER!

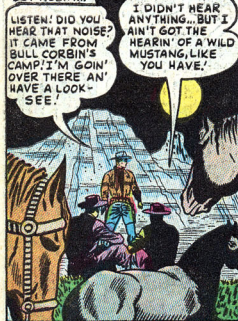


CORBIN, YOU AN' YOUR MEN GET BACK TO YOUR WAGONS! WE'RE CAMPIN' HERE FOR THE NIGHT! ONE OF US HAS TO RIDE BACK TO BRING UP MAJOR CULLEN AN' THE MEN... AN' THE REST CAN PRAY THE SIOUX DON'T ATTACK UNTIL THEY GET HERE!

I'LL RIDE BACK FOR THEM! AND... I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND INDIANS A LITTLE BETTER... THANKS TO YOU!



THAT NIGHT THE LITTLE CAMP IS QUIET BUT ALERT...



LISTEN! DID YOU HEAR THAT NOISE? IT CAME FROM BULL CORBIN'S CAMP! I'M GOIN' OVER THERE AN' HAVE A LOOK-SEE!

I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING... BUT I AIN'T GOT THE HEARIN' OF A WILD MUSTANG, LIKE YOU HAVE.

IN A MOMENT THE YOUNG SCOUT IS BACK!

THEY'RE GONE! TOOK THEIR GUNS BUT LEFT THE WAGONS! I GOT A HUNCH THEY'RE UP TO NO GOOD! I'M TRAILIN' THEM!

I'LL GO WITH YOU WE'LL MARK THE TRAIL SO MAJOR CULLEN CAN FOLLOW!

WAIT FOR ME! I AIN'T STAYIN' HERE IN THE DARK ALONE WITH MILLIONS OF INJUNS!



AN HOUR LATER...

SMELL THAT SMOKE? THERE'S AN INDIAN VILLAGE BEYOND THOSE TREES! LISTEN... SOME-ONE SCREAMED! THAT'S WHERE BULL AN' HIS MEN ARE! THE WARRIORS HAVE LEFT THE VILLAGE, WAITIN' FOR DAWN TO ATTACK US, AN' BULL FIGURED THEY WOULD... SO HIM AN' HIS MEN WENT INTO THE VILLAGE!

THAT WAS A WOMAN WHO SCREAMED!



HE'S MURDERIN' THOSE POOR PEOPLE... THE WOMAN AN' THE ONE'S TOO OLD OR YOUNG TO RIDE WITH THE BRAVES!

THE DIRTY BUZZARD! WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!

DON'T MOVE... WE'RE COVERED!



LUCKY WE SAW YOU JASPERS AN' SNUCK UP ON YUH!

HEY, BULL, LOOK WHAT WE FOUND!



WELL, WELL... WE'LL GET TO YOU HOMBRES IN A MINUTE! FIRST I'M GOIN' TO SHOW YUH HOW TO SCALP AN INJUN KID WITH A BULLET, HA, HA, HA! WATCH!

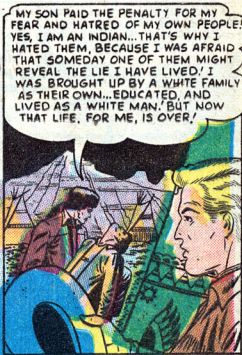
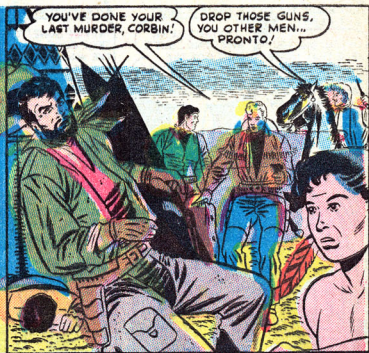
YOU NO GOOD DOG!

YOU MOVE, AN' I'LL PLUG YUH!



STOP IT! LEAVE THAT BOY ALONE!

ANOTHER INJUN-LOVER! MUST BE A RANGER, AN' THE RANGERS HAVE GIVEN ME JUST ABOUT ALL THE ORDERS I KIN SWALLOW!



ROY WING WAS BURIED THERE ON THE PRAIRIE, AND AS THE LAST OF THE SIOUX RODE AWAY A SOLITARY BOWED FIGURE FOLLOWED BEHIND!



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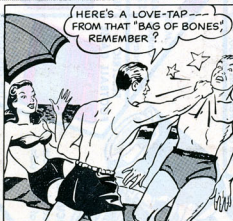
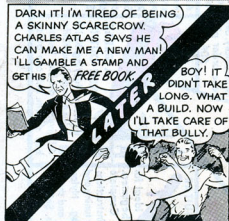
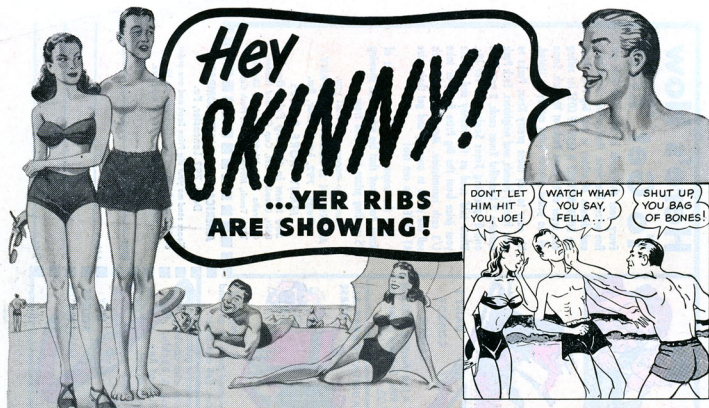
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