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Jimmy Saves the Limited

Jimmy Blue Story by SAM BRANT



and he was quite excited about it all. He was going East to visit his friend Monty who lived in New York. Jimmy had spent all of his life on the big Bar B Ranch out West, so this journey was quite an event to the thirteen-year-old boy.

tore on across the country. and Jimmy sat peering out the window at the lights flashing by. They were still traveling through wild Western country so the lights did not appear often. Suddenly the train came to a quick ston

It grew dark as the train

From outside there came the roar of guns, and the shouts of excited men

"Holdup!" cried a trainman as he dashed through the car in which limmy was seated. "Don't try to fight them or you will be killed."

Jimmy had encountered badmen out on the range and he wasn't afraid of them though he was too wise to give them a chance to hurt him if he could possibly help it.

He grabbed up the package that contained the real rawhide lariat that he was taking with him as a present for Monty and then slipped down to the end of the car. In the excitement no one paid any attention to the little boy dressed in range clothes.

It was dark when Jimmy reached the end of the rear car and he climbed down the steps and ran across the tracks to the brush on the other side of the train

The shooting had stopped so he was sure that the train robbers had convinced the



passengers and the train crew that it was dangerous to fight. Jimmy wanted to help some way but he couldn't decide just how. After all he was just one boy against a lot of armed bandits and he didn't even have a gun with him.

"That's it," said Jimmy to himself as he heard a horse whinny, "Their horses!"

E went in the direction of the sound and discove ered one man was guarding the ten horses that belonged to the train robbers. Jimmy unwrapped the lariat in the package and shook out the rope. He flung the noose and it landed over the head of the man guarding the horses.

"Got him!" exclaimed Jimmy as he gave the rope a quick jerk and drew it tight around the man's neck.

The man fell as the rope tightened, and struck his head on the hard ground, being knocked unconscious. Jimmy quickly unfastened the reins of the horses, which had been tied to a long pole that the robbers had found near the track. He waved his hat and shouted and all the horses except one went galloping away.

Jimmy caught the single horse and swung into the saddle. He rode madly to the next station about a mile away along the tracks. Here he told of the holdup and the sheriff and a posse started out at once with Jimmy riding with them. They reached the train just as the robbers discovered their horses were gone and were trying to force the engineer to start the Limited and take them back into the moun-

With guns roaring the posse captured the outlaws. "Never would have caught them if it hadn't been for this boy," said the sheriff, pointing to Jimmy, "He told us how he frightened the hosses away and rode to get us."

































































The Spirit Drum

A Jungle Adventure Story by KERRY McROBERTS



native drums
was a sinister sound in
the darkness
of the African night.
B o b b i e
Green listened tensely for he

THE boom-

ing of the

knew that somewhere back there in the jungle two white men were being held prisoners by the savages. One of those men was big Tim Larkin, stationed at the army post

two miles up the river.
"The drums sing of war,
Bwana," said the little native
boy who crouched beside
Bobbie in the brush. "Looks
bad for man that beats big
drum."

"I know," said Bobbie. "I can tell there is something wrong. Little Simba. But we've got to save Tim Larkin and the man with him some way."

The natives had captured Larkin and Smith just as the two soldiers were unloading a big bas dum that had been shig bass dum that had been steamer and then carried through the jungle by native bearers. The bass drum was needed for the regimental hand at the fort.

The natives had suddenly turned on the two white men and captured them while they were traveling through the brush. Bobbie and his little native friend, called Little Simba—which meant small

lion—had been playing in the jungle and had seen all that had happened.

They had followed the natives and their prisoners, planning to go back to the fort and tell what they had seen as soon as they learned where the savages had taken to two white men. But the trail had been a long one and night had descended before the two boys realized it.

Were close to the place where the natives had camped. On the trail, they found the



packing case containing the big bass drum.

The boys unpacked the drum and brought it along with them—though neither one of them knew exactive why. It was just a nice big drum and they didn't want it to get lost in the jungle and destroyed there.

"Those natives not my

tribe," said Little Simba.
"They bad, Maybe we find some way to get evil spirits after them. Those men much afraid of spirits."
"Oh, they are," said Bobbie.
"Then I've got an idea."

Later that night Bobbie Green bravely rolled the big bass drum right into the camp of the natives. He saw the two white men tied to trees—but he pretended not to notice

"What come boy here for?"
asked a chief who could speak
a little English as he saw
Bobbie. "What bring big
drum?"
"Drum spirit." said Bobbie.

"Drum tell me come here. Say you let white men go free," "Not believe," said the chief. "Drum not speak."

"The drum speaks with the wisdom of the great spirit of the river," said a voice in the native language—a voice that came from inside the drum. "I speak and you listen!" "I—I listen, O Drum," said

the chief, trembling with fright, "I hear and obey." At the command of the drum the natives released the two white men. At Bobble's suggestion Tim Larkin picked up the drum and the two men and the boy hastily departed. When they were safe on the way back to the fort - they stopped and took off one of the drum heads and there was Little Simba inside the drum. He had pretended to be the spirit voice and had frightened the natives so that they had released the prisoners.

"But it was your idea, Bwana." said Little Simba. "And I wish you had been inside drum — for it make me very sick to be rolled around like that so that I am upside down half of time."

Brave Boy Outwits An African Native Chief!















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