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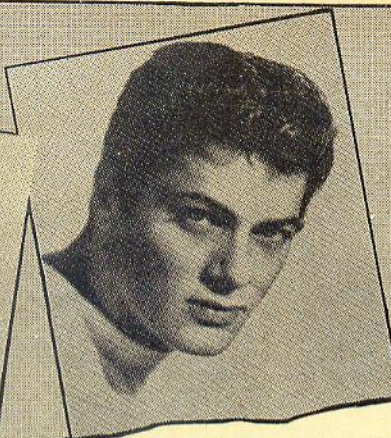
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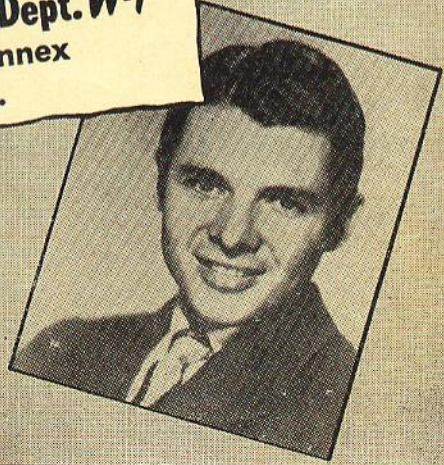
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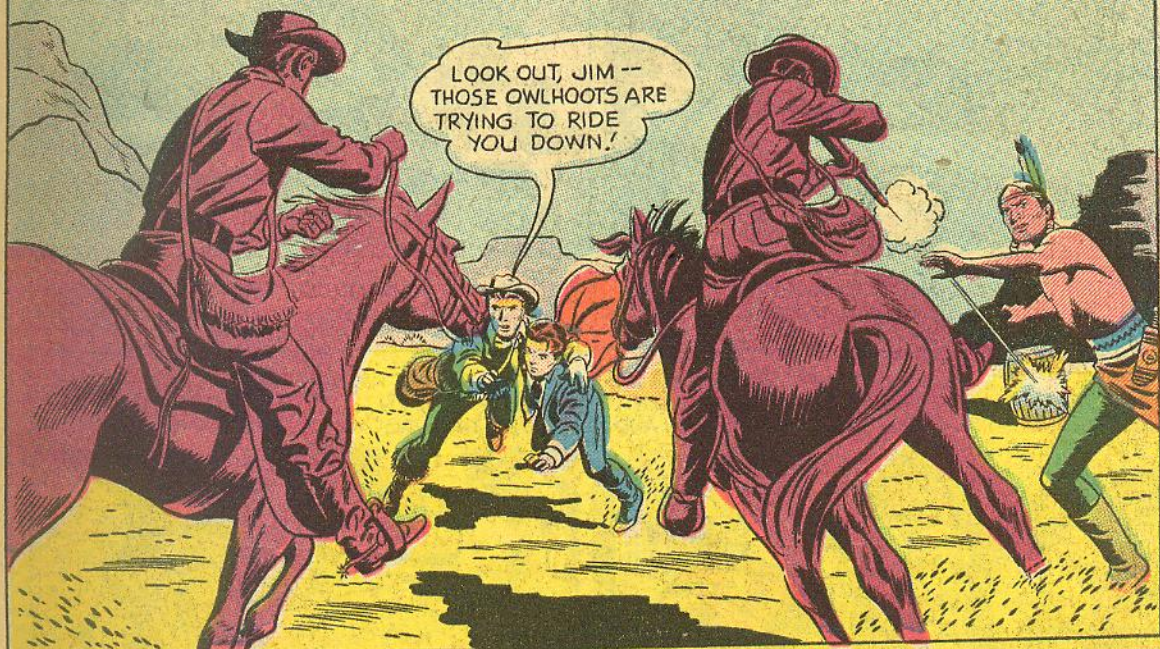




# KIT CARSON

WAS YOUNG JIM BARNABY A MAN -- OR WASN'T HE? THE ANSWER LAY IN KIT CARSON'S TREK ACROSS THE BURNING DESERT SANDS WITH THE BOY. BUT HOSTILE DIGGER INDIANS AND SCHEMING OWLHOOTS WERE DETERMINED TO KEEP THEM FROM...

## "The TREASURE of DEATH VALLEY!"



ONE STARRY NIGHT, A YOUNG MAN STEPS OFF THE WESTBOUND COACH AT FORT SANTA FE TO BE MET BY FRONTIERSMAN KIT CARSON...

I'M JIM BARNABY, MR. CARSON! I THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER ABOUT UNCLE DAN'S DEATH! BUT WHY IS MY PRESENCE HERE SO URGENT?

FIRST, MEET UP WITH MY GOOD FRIEND, SILENT DEER! THEN WE'LL TAKE TO MY QUARTERS WHERE I'LL EXPLAIN MATTERS!



LATER, AS THE THREE MEN GATHER BEFORE A WARMING FIRE IN KIT'S RUSTIC QUARTERS...

FEAST YOUR EYES ON THIS, JIM! DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS?

A CRUDE MAP OF SOME SORT, MR. CARSON!



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THAT IS RIGHT!  
AND IT WILL LEAD  
THE BEARERS TO  
A FORTUNE IN  
GOLD NUGGETS!

WHAT SILENT DEER IS  
TRYING TO SAY IS THIS,  
JIM-- YOUR UNCLE, **DEATH  
VALLEY DAN**, HAS MADE  
YOU SOLE HEIR OF HIS  
WILL!



I WAS AWARE THAT UNCLE  
DANIEL HAD FOUND GOLD--  
BUT NOTHING OF ANY  
SUBSTANTIAL  
PROPORTION!

THAT'S WHAT **DEATH  
VALLEY DAN** WANTED  
EVERYONE TO BELIEVE,  
LAD! BUT THERE WERE  
SOME SOURDOUGHS, WISE  
TO THE WAYS OF MINING,  
HE COULDN'T FOOL...



"NATURALLY, DAN WANTED TO KEEP HIS STRIKE  
SECRET! BUT HE NEEDED SUPPLIES IN TOWN--  
AND THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO PAY FOR  
THEM..."

WELL, SINGE  
MY WHISKERS! THIS  
GOLD NUGGET'S NEAR  
THE SIZE OF MY  
FIST!

**DEATH VALLEY DAN'S**  
FOUND HIMSELF A RICH  
FIELD, ALL RIGHT! AND  
I AIM TO CUT IN ON  
IT!



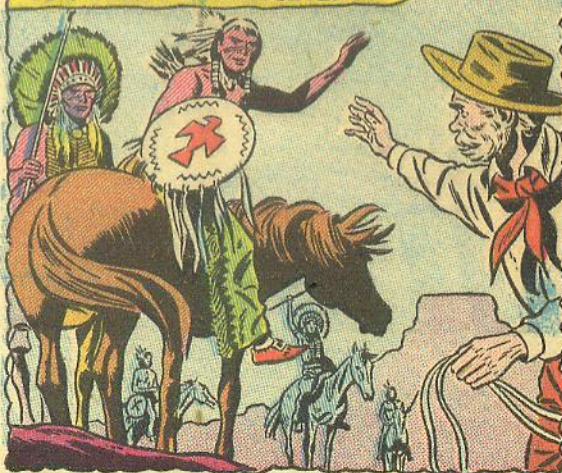
"BUT SOURDOUGHS WHO TRIED TO SNEAK-  
TRAIL OLD DAN FOUND HIM A MITE TOO  
CLEVER FOR THEM..."

CONSARN! HE HAD  
WATER HIDDEN  
UNDER THE WAGON!

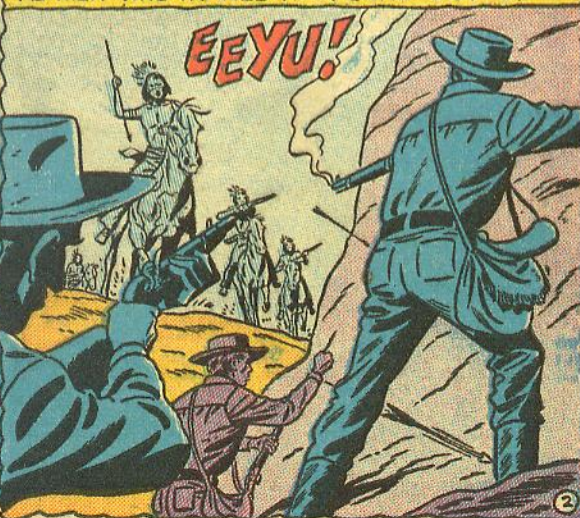
RECKON HE'S OUT-DONE  
US, BURT! IT'LL BE OUR  
END IF WE GO ON!



"THE DESERT WASN'T DAN'S ONLY FRIEND! HE  
ONCE SAVED THE LIFE OF A **DIGGER INDIAN**  
AND WAS ALLOWED TO PASS THROUGH THEIR  
TERRITORY UNMOLESTED..."



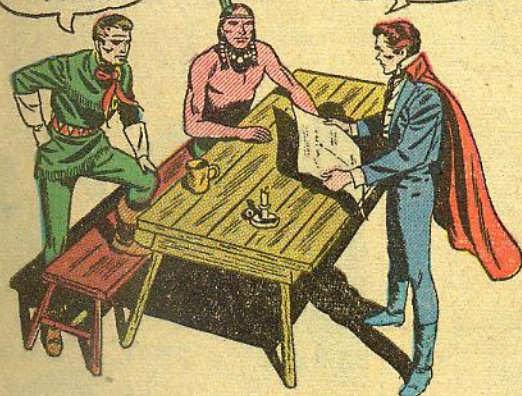
"BUT DAN WAS THE ONLY PALEFACE SO HONORED--  
AS MEN WHO TRAILED HIM FOUND OUT..."





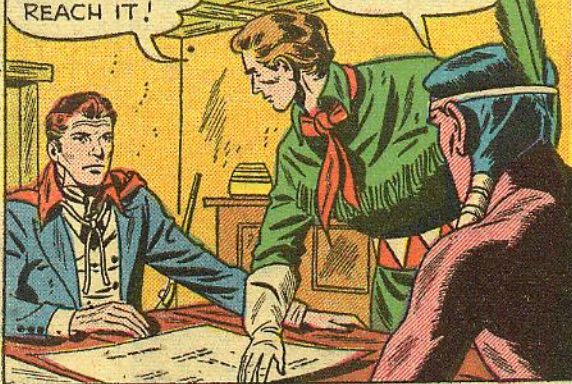
NOBODY EVER FOUND DAN'S STRIKE, JIM! AND YOUR UNCLE HID THE GOLD IN THE WILDERNESS... FOR YOU!

BUT UNCLE DAN ALWAYS CONSIDERED ME IRRESPONSIBLE! WHY DID HE LEAVE ME HIS FORTUNE?



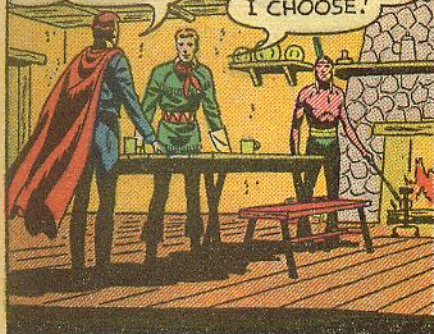
**DEATH VALLEY DAN** BURIED HIS TREASURE IN THE HEART OF TROUBLE! YOU'LL HAVE TO FACE A HEAP OF HARDSHIPS TO REACH IT!

IT WAS HIS WAY OF PUTTING YOU TO THE TEST! IN FINDING THE TREASURE, YOU WILL HAVE PROVEN THAT YOU ARE --



--A MAN, SILENT DEER? I NEVER MEASURED UP TO HIS STANDARDS SIMPLY BECAUSE I LIVED LIKE A GENTLEMAN INSTEAD OF A BACKWOODSMAN!

DAN MADE A PROVISION IN HIS WILL THAT I WAS TO ACCOMPANY YOU, JIM! IN RETURN, A SMALLER CACHE WAS PLACED ASIDE FOR ANY CHARITY I CHOOSE!



YOUR UNCLE DAN DIDN'T THINK YOU HAD GUMPTION, LAD--THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO PROVE HIM WRONG!

SURE... ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GO OUT IN THE WILDS AND LIVE LIKE AN ANIMAL FOR WEEKS OR MONTHS...



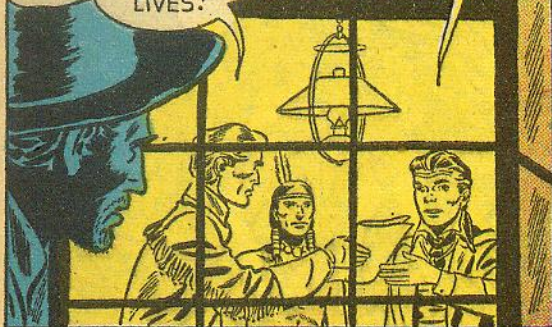
HMM, IT APPEARS OLD DAN HAD YOU PEGGED PROPER FROM THE START, JIM!

WAIT A MINUTE, MR. CARSON! I'M NOT GOING TO LET UNCLE DAN GET THE LAST LAUGH ON ME! WHEN DO WE LEAVE?



COME DOWN, JIM! BUT I WARN YOU--WE'VE GOT DESERT HEAT AND HOSTILE INDIANS TO RECKON WITH! IT... IT COULD COST US OUR LIVES!

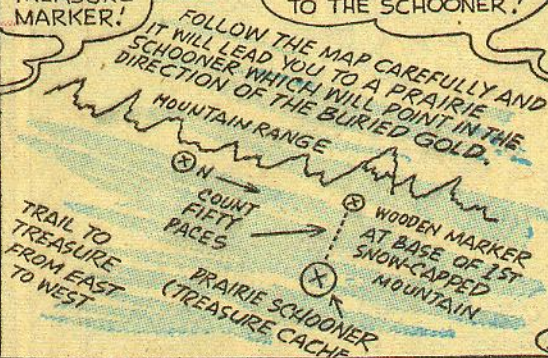
COME WHAT MAY... I INTEND TO FIND UNCLE DAN'S TREASURE, SIR!



THROUGH THE NIGHT, THE TRIO STUDY THE FABULOUS TREASURE MAP...

A DERELICT PRAIRIE SCHOONER IS THE TREASURE MARKER!

AND TO LOCATE THE FORTUNE, WE MUST FIRST FOLLOW DIRECTIONS TO THE SCHOONER!





AT THE CRACK OF DAWN, THE PARTY MOVES OUT OF FORT SANTA FE UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYES OF OMINOUS MEN...

THE BOY'S GOT THE MAP--I SAW CARSON HAND IT TO HIM LAST NIGHT!

WE'LL HAVE TO PLAY IT REAL CAUTIOUS WHEN WE TRAIL-JUMP 'EM! KIT CARSON'S A TOUGH MAN TO TANGLE WITH!



FOR FIVE LONG SUN-SEARING WEEKS, KIT AND HIS PARTY MOVE EVER WESTWARD TO ENTER **DEATH VALLEY...**



AND AS THE BONE-CHILLING MOUNTAIN AIR SWEEPS ACROSS THE VAST DESERT ONE NIGHT...

UNCLE DAN'S MAP DIRECTS US IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ACROSS DEATH VALLEY, KIT! WHICH WAY WOULD THAT BE?

THAT'S FOR YOU TO DECIDE, JIM! YOUR UNCLE INSTRUCTED SILENT DEER AND ME TO LEND A HAND IF YOU WENT ASTRAY!



WELL, I'D SAY WE SHOULD HEAD IN **THAT** DIRECTION...

SILENT DEER--LOOK YONDER! OWLHOOTS UNTETHERING OUR HORSES!



WE'VE GOT TO STOP THEM--LOSS OF THOSE HORSES COULD MEAN OUR LIVES OUT HERE IN THE DESERT!



COME BACK--!



SUDDENLY...

KIT! SILENT DEER...HELP!

THEY'RE JUMPING THE BOY, SILENT DEER! C'MON...





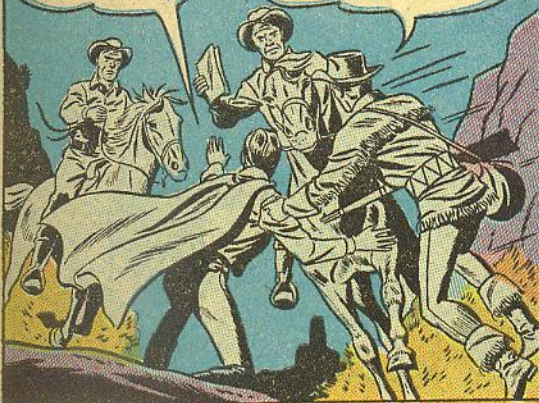
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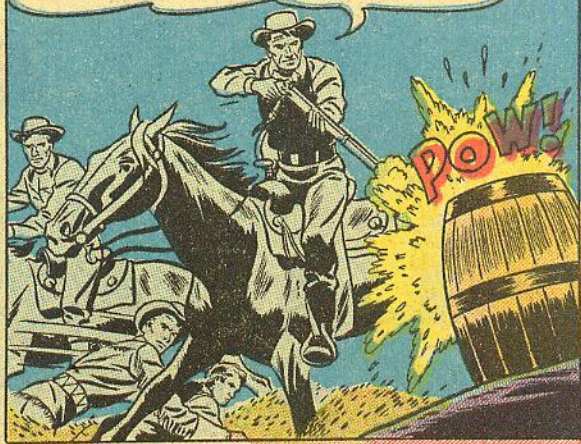
THEN, AFTER THE OUTLAWS MOUNT UP...

GIVE ME BACK THAT MAP--!

GREAT THUNDER! THEY AIM TO RIDE JIM DOWN...



THEY CAN'T TRAIL US NOW! WITHOUT HORSES AND WATER, THEY'RE AS GOOD AS DEAD!



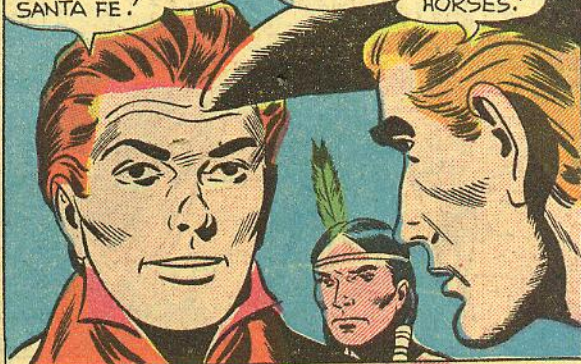
WE HAVE TROUBLE! WE CANNOT CONTINUE WITHOUT WATER!

WE WOULDN'T KNOW THE WAY, ANYHOW, SILENT DEER! THOSE VARMINTS MADE OFF WITH THE TREASURE MAP!



MAYBE THEY DID-- BUT I **MEMORIZED** UNCLE DAN'S MAP BEFORE WE LEFT SANTA FE!

GOOD FOR YOU, LAD! THEN WE CAN GO ON! BUT IT WILL BE RUGGED GOING... WITHOUT WATER AND HORSES!



KIT... HOW DANGEROUS WILL IT BE? I MEAN... WHAT ARE OUR CHANCES OF MAKING IT?

SLIM-- BUT A MAN CAN DO ANYTHING HE SETS HIS MIND TO, JIM! WELL, WHAT'S YOUR DECISION-- DO WE TRY TO HEAD BACK TO SAFETY OR TRACK DOWN THE TREASURE?



**WE'LL GO AFTER THE GOLD!** I TOLD YOU UNCLE DAN WASN'T GOING TO HAVE THE LAST LAUGH ON ME!

THE LAD'S GOT SOME SPUNK, SILENT DEER! BUT IS IT COURAGE THAT'S DRIVING HIM... OR A LUST FOR WEALTH?





UNDER A BROILING SUN NEXT DAY, KIT USES HIS FRONTIER KNOW-HOW TO CONTINUE THE PERILOUS JOURNEY...

YOU SAY THIS CLAY WILL PLUG THE BULLET HOLES IN THE CANTEEN?

RIGHT, JIM! NOW, WE'LL TAKE THE SECTIONS OF THE **SAGUARO CACTUS** SILENT DEER IS CUTTING AND PUT THEM INTO A CLOTH!



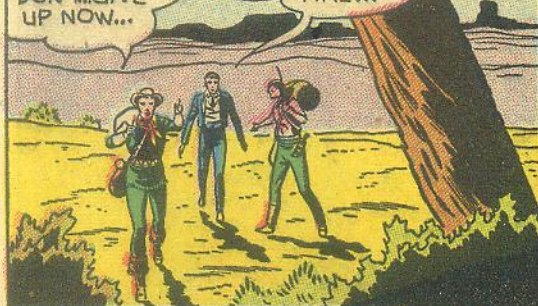
THEN I SQUEEZE THE JUICE FROM THE CACTUS PULP BY TIGHTENING THE CLOTH! IT'S BITTER-TASTING STUFF -- BUT LEASTWAYS IT WILL KEEP US ALIVE!



FOR THREE FULL DAYS, THE MEN PLOD ACROSS THE HOT DESERT SANDS! FINALLY, A PATCH OF GREEN APPEARS ON THE HORIZON...

FERTILE LAND YONDER, LADS! DON'T GIVE UP NOW...

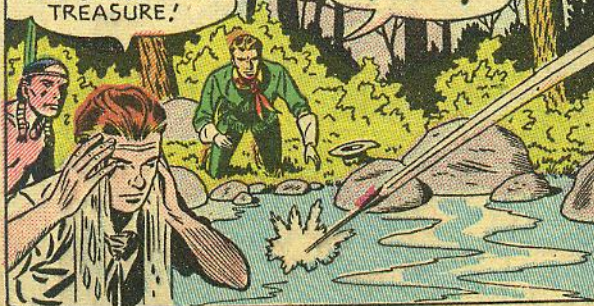
I FEEL...**GASP**... AS IF I AM...**GASP**... ON FIRE...



AND, ENROUTE, WHEN THE WEARY TRIO LOCATE A POOL...

LET'S NOT DALLY TOO LONG, KIT! WE'VE STILL GOT TO CATCH UP TO THOSE THIEVES BEFORE THEY FIND UNCLE DAN'S TREASURE!

YOU SAY THE MAP DIRECTED US NORTHWARD ALONG THE RIM OF THE DESERT, EH, JIM... **HUH? AN ARROW!**



**DIGGERS!** SNATCH UP YOUR BELONGINGS AND MAKE TRACKS!

**EEXU! YU!**



AS THEY SCURRY THROUGH A NARROW CANYON...

WE'RE FINISHED, KIT. THOSE SAVAGES WILL RUN US INTO THE GROUND!

I'VE GOT AN IDEA THAT MIGHT GIVE US A BREATHING SPELL, SILENT DEER! YOU TWO CONTINUE ON-- I'LL BE ALONG DIRECTLY!







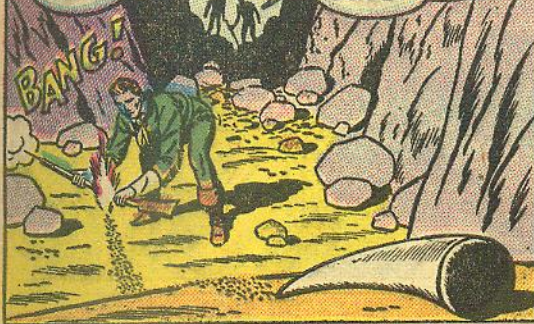
# FRONTIER FIGHTERS



THEN, AS SILENT DEER AND JIM OBEY THE FRONTIERSMAN'S ORDERS...

W-WHAT'S KIT UP TO, SILENT DEER? THOSE DIGGERS ARE ALMOST UPON HIM!

HE TRIES TO BLOCK THE CANYON PASSAGE BY IGNITING HIS POWDERHORN AND CREATING A ROCK-SLIDE!



SUDDENLY, A GREAT EXPLOSION ECHOES THROUGH THE CANYON...

GOOD! HE HAS STOPPED THEM!

BUT NOT FOR LONG! THEY'LL SCRAMBLE OVER THAT DEBRIS ONCE THE DUST CLEARS! LET'S KEEP MOVING!



BUT AS THEY PRESS FORWARD...

GRAB SKY CARSON!

THE OWLHOOTS WHO ATTACKED US IN THE DESERT! WE'RE REALLY IN A KETTLE OF TROUBLE NOW!



SHORTLY, AT THEIR CAPTORS' CAMP...

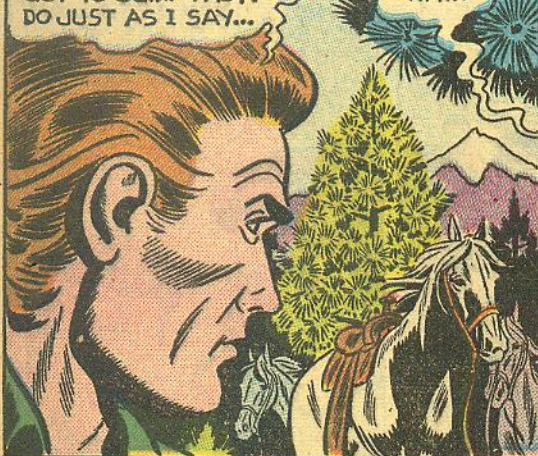
I SAY DO 'EM IN NOW BEFORE THEY CAUSE US MORE TROUBLE!

LISTEN, WE'VE GOT ONE THING RIDING IN OUR FAVOR! THESE OWLHOOTS WON'T BE EXPECTING DIGGERS TO ATTACK!



BUT **WE** KNOW THOSE INDIANS ARE RIGHT ON OUR HEELS! WHEN THEY STRIKE, WE'VE GOT TO JUMP FAST! DO JUST AS I SAY...

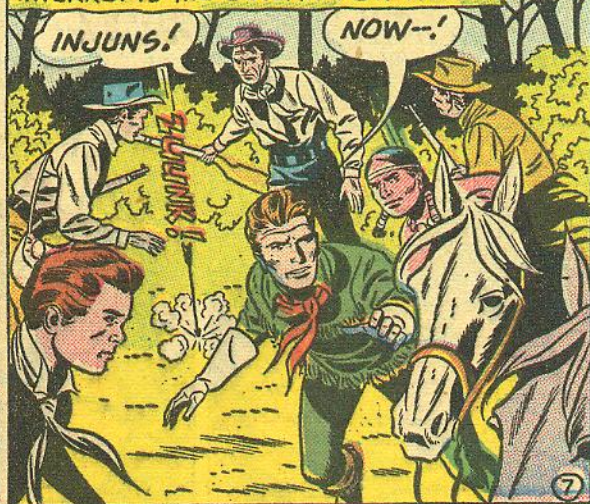
LISTEN, KIT...



A SHORT WHILE LATER, A DIGGER ARROW INTERRUPTS THE OUTLAW POW-WOW...

INJUNS!

NOW--!







# FRONTIER FIGHTERS



LOOK! CARSON AND THE PAIR ARE MAKING OFF ON THEIR HOSSES WE STOLE!

THEY MADE A RUN FOR 'EM WHEN THE INJUNS HIT US! NEVER MIND THEM--WE GOT OUR HANDS FULL WITH DIGGERS!



I RECKON OUR TWO ENEMIES WILL KEEP THEMSELVES BUSY FOR A SPELL! WHICH WAY DO WE HEAD, JIM?

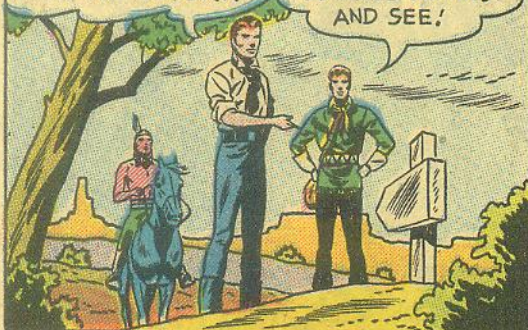
NORTH... TO THE BASE OF THE FIRST WHITE-CAPPED MOUNTAIN WHERE WE'LL FIND A WOODEN MARKER, KIT! THEN, DUE WEST 50 PACES TO THE PRAIRIE SCHOONER!



THE FOLLOWING DAY, AT THE SNOW-CAPPED MOUNTAIN...

THAT'S UNCLE DAN'S MARKER, ALL RIGHT! BUT... IT LEADS **STRAIGHT BACK OUT INTO THE DESERT!**

COULD BE THAT PRAIRIE SCHOONER'S OUT THERE IN THE SAND SOMEWHERE! LET'S COUNT OFF 50 PACES DUE WEST AND SEE!



BUT WHEN THEY REACH THE SPOT...

N-NOthing! NOT A SIGN OF ANY PRAIRIE SCHOONER! RECKON UNCLE DAN FAKED THE MAP TO TORMENT ME--ELSE HE WAS OUT OF HIS MIND WITH FEVER!

I'M SURE **DEATH VALLEY DAN** WOULDN'T DO A THING LIKE THIS ON PURPOSE, LAD! MAYBE YOU GOT THE MAP DIRECTIONS MIXED...



BUT SUDDENLY, AS KIT AND THE PAIR LOOK OFF TO THE HORIZON...

LOOK, KIT! THE OLD MAN **WASN'T** FOOLING THE BOY!

WELL, I'LL BE TINKERED! IT'S A MIRAGE OF A REAL SCHOONER--A SHIP! AND THE BOW POINTS STRAIGHT TO THAT CLUSTER OF ROCKS OVER THERE! **LET'S GO!**



**YAHOO! UNCLE DAN'S TREASURE OF DEATH VALLEY! I FOUND IT!**

YES, JIM! AND IT WILL MAKE YOU A VERY RICH LAD! THAT'S WHAT YOU CAME FOR, WASN'T IT?



YOU'VE GOT THINGS WRONG, KIT--I DON'T NEED THIS MONEY! FACT IS, I HAVE PLENTY BACK HOME!

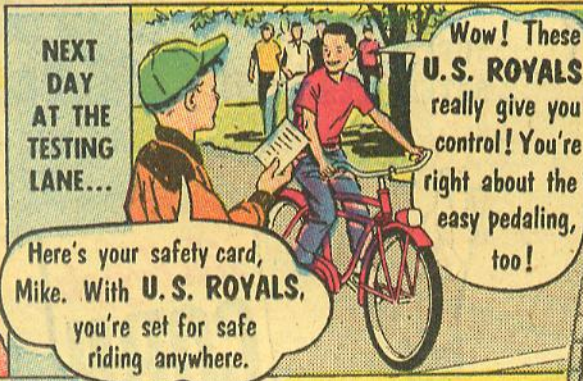
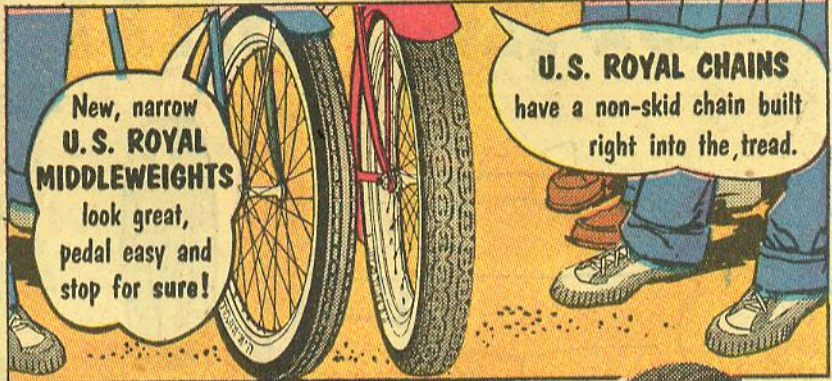
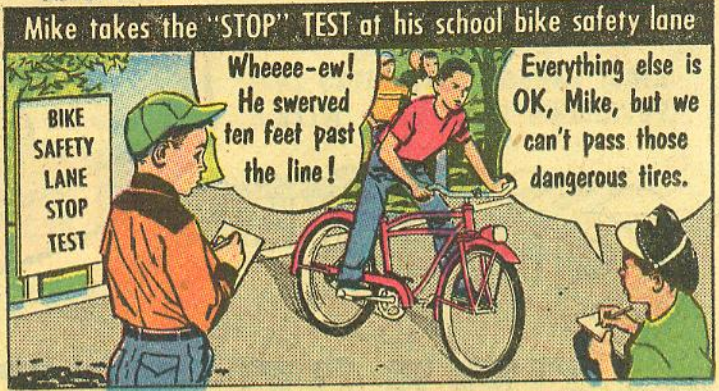
THEN, YOU REALLY CAME OUT HERE TO PROVE YOUR UNCLE WAS WRONG ABOUT YOU, JIM-- **YOU ARE A MAN!** I GUESS YOU ALWAYS WERE--IT JUST TOOK A BIT OF DOING TO BRING IT OUT!





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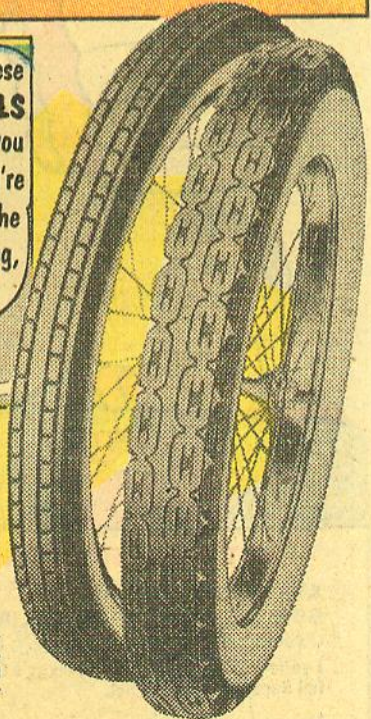
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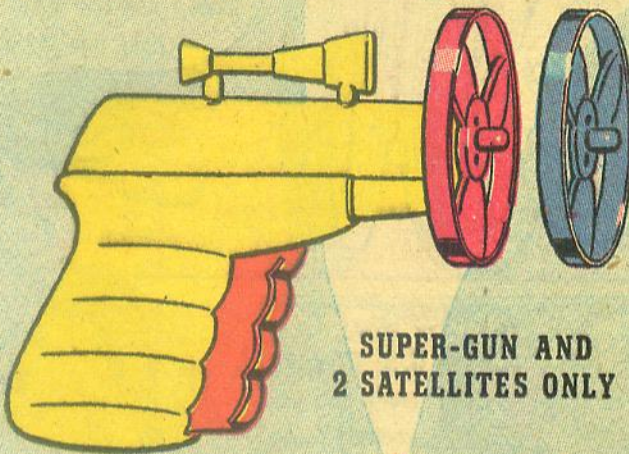


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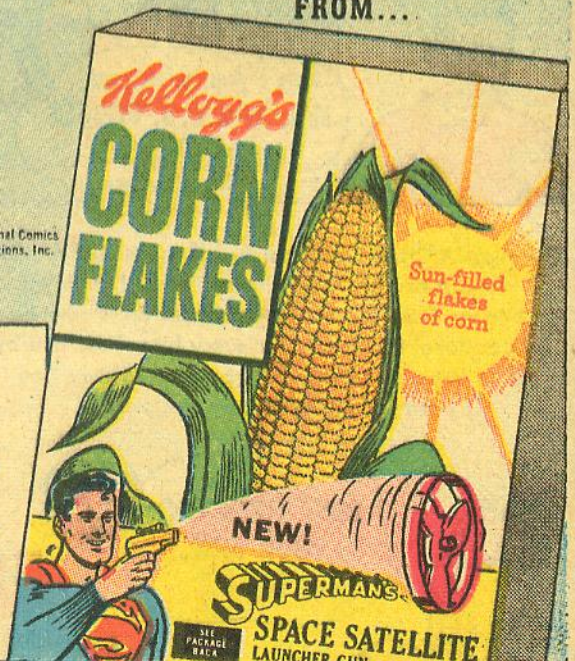
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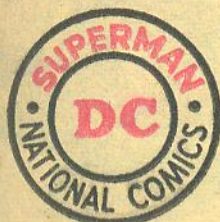
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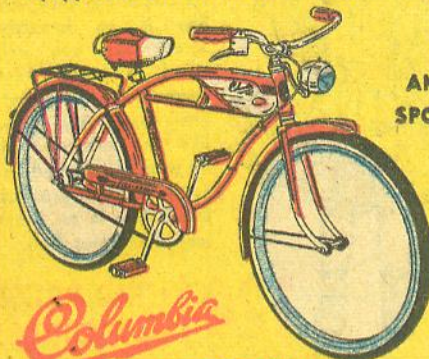
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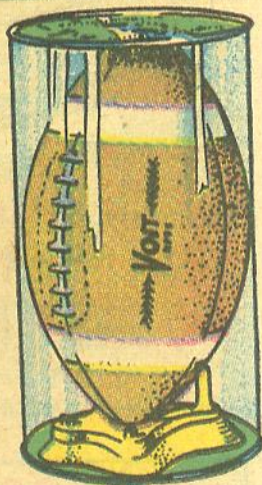


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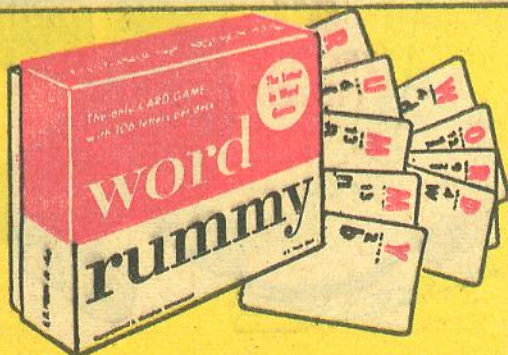
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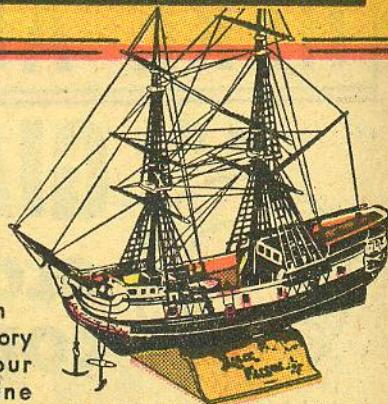
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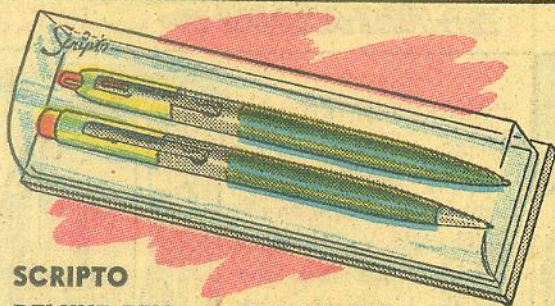
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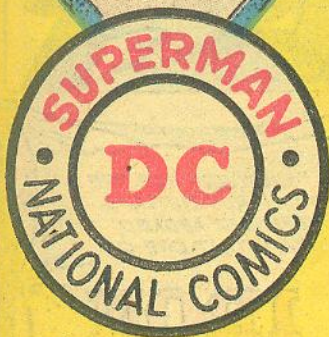
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## FRONTIER FIGHTERS



GUARD A FORTUNE IN GOLD, FAMED **BUFFALO BILL** RIDES "SHOTGUN" FOR THE RAILWAY! FOR IT WAS KNOWN THAT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE 1500 MILE RUN OUTLAWS WOULD MAKE A BRAZEN ATTACK UPON THE TRAIN! AND EVERY PASSENGER ABOARD FELL UNDER BILL'S SUSPICIOUS EYE! FOR HE WAS CERTAIN THAT ONE OF THEM WAS TO TAKE PART IN...

# THE ROBBERY OF THE IRON HORSE





## FRONTIER FIGHTERS

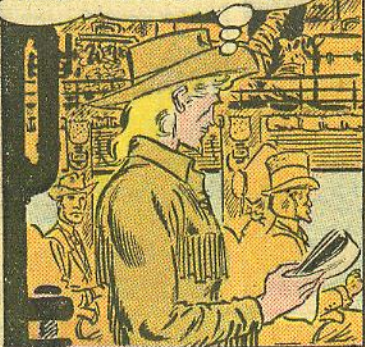


**1865**... AN IRON HORSE  
CHUGS ACROSS THE FRONTIER  
CARRYING **ONE MILLION**  
DOLLARS IN CALIFORNIA  
GOLD TO THE EAST...

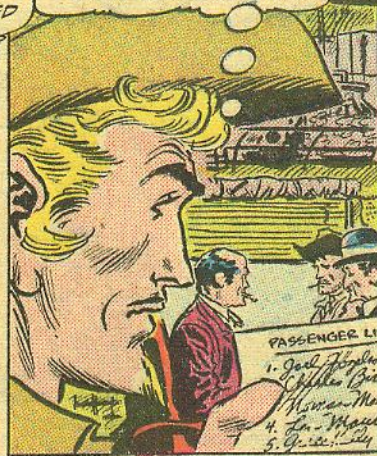


AND RIDING "SHOTGUN" ON THE  
TRAIN IS FRONTIERSMAN  
**BUFFALO BILL CODY**...

THE RAILROAD OFFICIALS ARE SURE  
THAT AN OWLHOOT GANG HAS PLANTED  
SOMEONE ABOARD THE TRAIN TO  
AID IN A ROBBERY ATTEMPT OF  
THE GOLD! BUT **WHO...**  
WHICH PASSENGER IS IT?



HMM... I'VE QUESTIONED NEAR  
EVERYONE ON THE PASSENGER  
LIST... EXCEPT THE THREE GENTS  
THERE! RECKON I'LL STRIKE  
UP A CONVERSATION...



PASSENGER LIST  
1. Genl. J. H. H.  
2. Charles B.  
3. H. M. M.  
4. L. M. M.  
5. J. M. M.

AFTER THE  
FRONTIER SCOUT  
INTRODUCES  
HIMSELF...

SAMSON PRINGLE'S THE  
NAME, SIR!-- SALESMAN OF  
FIREARMS! IT WOULD BE AN  
HONOR TO SELL THE FAMOUS  
**BUFFALO BILL** A PAIR  
OF SIX-SHOOTERS!

MUCH OBLIGED...  
I'LL KEEP YOU IN  
MIND WHEN I NEED  
A NEW SET OF  
GUNS!

GOOD GRIEF! THIS  
WESTERN HEAT IS  
**UNBEARABLE!**



I TAKE IT  
YOU'RE **NOT**  
FROM THESE  
PARTS, MR.  
WILKS!

**HARDLY**... I JOURNEYED INTO  
THIS FORSAKEN WILDERNESS  
IN ORDER TO GAIN INFORMATION  
FOR MY NEW NOVEL!

WELL, I'LL BE TINKERED!  
**HE'S** ONE OF THOSE  
**BOOK-WRITING**  
DUDES!

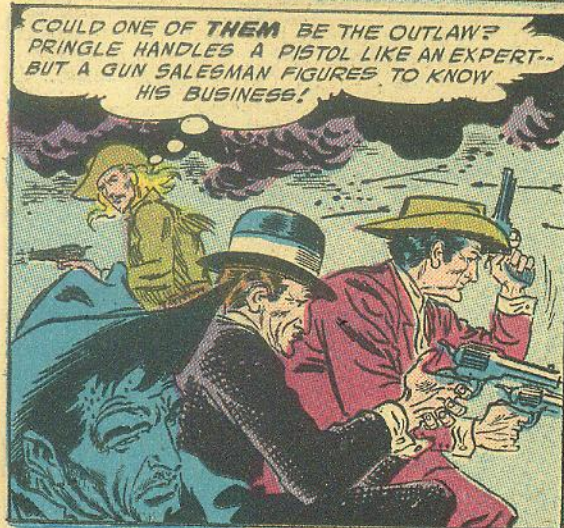
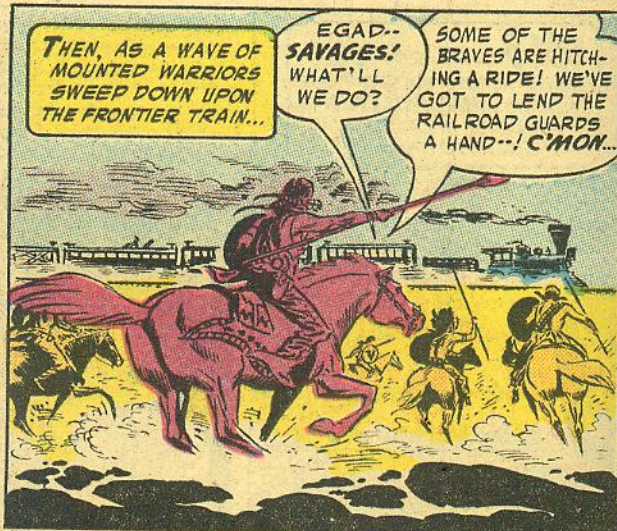
RECKON THAT'S SO,  
COWPOKE! I DIDN'T  
CATCH **YOUR** NAME...







## FRONTIER FIGHTERS







## FRONTIER FIGHTERS



ONE THING'S CERTAIN-- WHOEVER THE OUTLAW MAY BE, HE'S KEEN ON BEATING OFF THE CHEYENNE. IF THE INDIANS STOPPED US, THERE WOULDN'T BE ANYTHING FOR HIS PALS TO ROB!

YAHOO!

WE SET 'EM TO ROUTE BUFFALO BILL!

AND LATER, AS THE IRON HORSE CHUGS ALONG THROUGH THE WINDING HILLS OF THE WEST...

I'VE GOT TO KEEP A HAWK-EYE ON **EVERYONE!** THE OUTLAW'S ON THIS TRAIN FOR A **PURPOSE**-- HE'S BOUND TO REVEAL HIMSELF **BEFORE** HIS ROBBER-FRIENDS ATTACK!

BUT IT MIGHT BE **TOO LATE** BY THEN TO PREVENT THE GOLD THEFT! SOMEHOW, I'VE GOT TO LEARN **WHO** THE VARMINT IS BEFORE THE GANG STRIKES!

SUDDENLY, A DEAFENING SOUND INTERRUPTS BILL'S THOUGHTS AND...

G-GREAT DAY! WHAT'S HAPPENED?

THE ENGINE CREW SLAMMED THE BRAKES ON! SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG UP AHEAD!

SCREEEEEEEE

THEN, AS THE TRAIN GRINDS TO A STOP...

TRAIN ROBBERS-- THEY'VE BARRICADED THE TRACKS!

LET'S MOVE UP TO THE ENGINE-- WE'VE GOT TO POWER THROUGH THAT LOG PILE-- **SOMEHOW!**

POW  
KPOW  
POW

ZING

ZING

BEEEOOW





## FRONTIER FIGHTERS



I RECKON **THIS** IS THE SPOT THE OUTLAW VARMINT WILL SHOW HIS HAND! I'VE GOT TO PLAY THINGS REAL CAUTIOUS...



SHORTLY, AS **BUFFALO BILL** REACHES THE ENGINE...

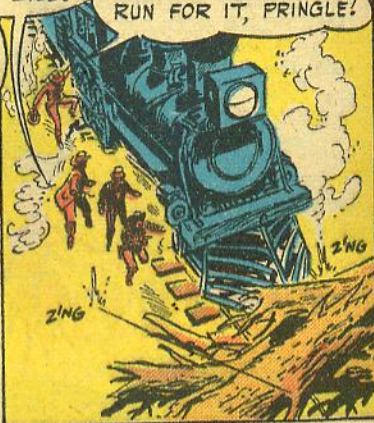
THERE'S TOO MANY LOGS THERE TO POWER THROUGH, BILL! SHOULD I HEAD BACK IN REVERSE?



**NO!** MAYBE I CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT BARRICADE! LET ME HAVE THAT CAB LAMP!

WHAT'S YOUR PLAN, BILL?

TORCHING THOSE LOGS SHOULD WEAKEN THEM ENOUGH FOR THE IRON HORSE TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT, PRINGLE!



OOPS! I'M REAL SORRY, BILL... IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!



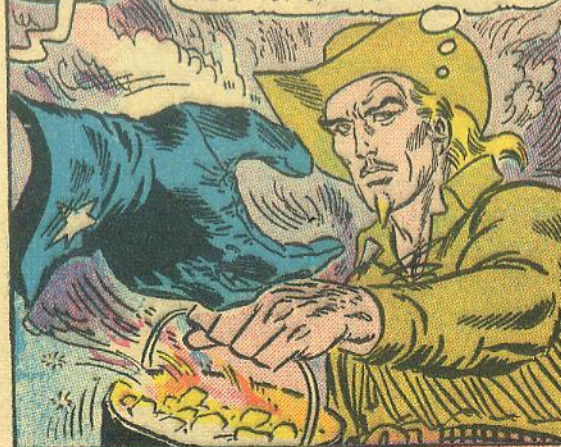
**NOW** YOU'VE DONE IT, MEADE--YOU'VE WRECKED **BUFFALO BILL'S** PLAN!

NOT QUITE, WILKS! **ENGINEER--** HAND ME A BUCKET OF LIVE COALS FROM THAT BOILER!



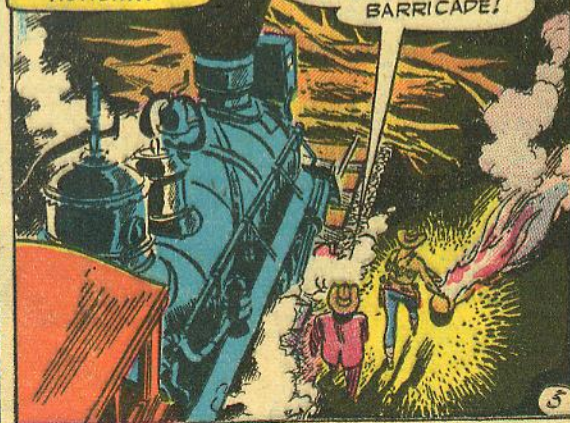
HERE YUH BE, BILL!

MEADE **COULD** HAVE BUMPED INTO ME ON PURPOSE! ANYHOW, HE'S TOP SUSPECT RIGHT NOW!



**THEN, AS THE FAMED FRONTIERSMAN SPRINGS INTO ACTION...**

I'LL COME ALONG AND COVER YOU AS YOU MOVE INTO THROWING RANGE OF THAT BARRICADE!







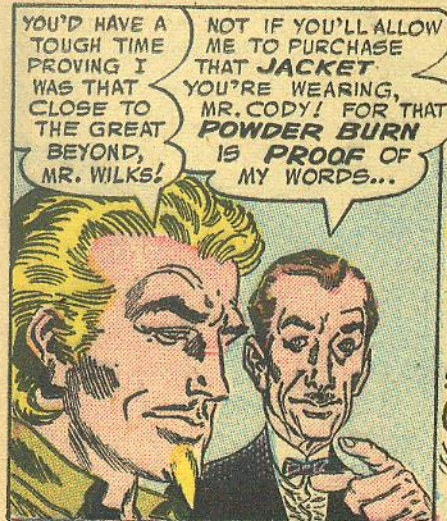
# FRONTIER FIGHTERS



BREATHTAKING MOMENTS LATER, AS THE PAIR APPROACH THE BARRICADE UNDER A HAIL OF FIRE...



NEXT DAY, AS THE IRON HORSE ONCE AGAIN SPEEDS TOWARD ITS DESTINATION...





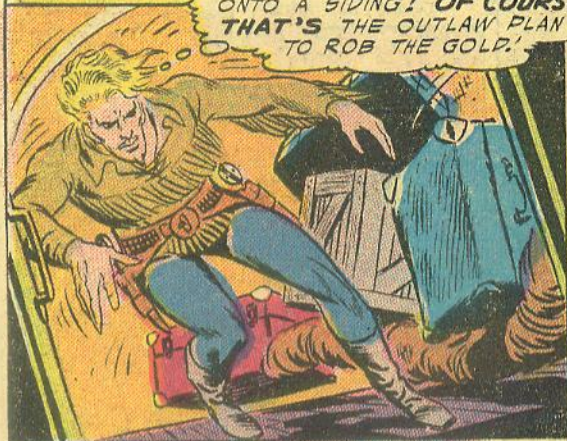


## FRONTIER FIGHTERS



THEN, AS BILL RACES THROUGH THE TRAIN...

THE IRON HORSE IS LURCHING LIKE A CRAZED BUFFALO-- LIKE IT WAS MOVING OFF ONTO A SIDING! OF COURSE... THAT'S THE OUTLAW PLAN TO ROB THE GOLD!



MOMENTS LATER IN THE CAB OF THE IRON HORSE...

JUST KEEP MOVING DOWN THIS SPUR LINE AND NOTHING WILL HAPPEN TO YOU... **OWN!**



A MIGHTY CLEVER ROBBERY SCHEME, PRINGLE! PART OF YOUR GANG FEIGNED A HOLDUP AT THE BARRICADE TO THROW US OFF-GUARD FOR THE **REAL** THEFT HERE!

**BUFFALO BILL!** BUT HOW... UGH!

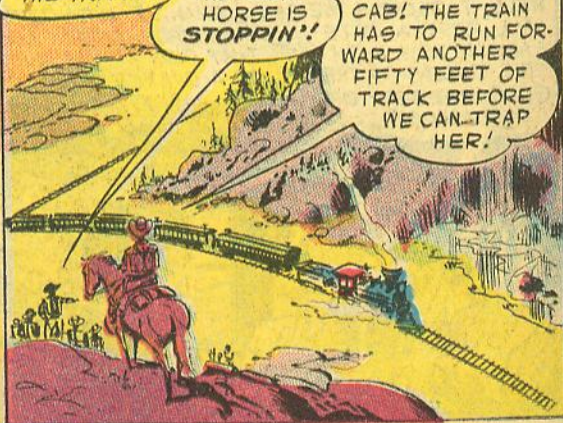
**ENGINEER!** STOP-- AND THROW THIS IRON HORSE IN REVERSE! THIS SPUR LINE WE'RE ON IS LEADING US INTO A **TRAP!**



MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE THE TRAIN...

SOMETHING'S GONE **WRONG!** THE IRON HORSE IS **STOPPIN'!**

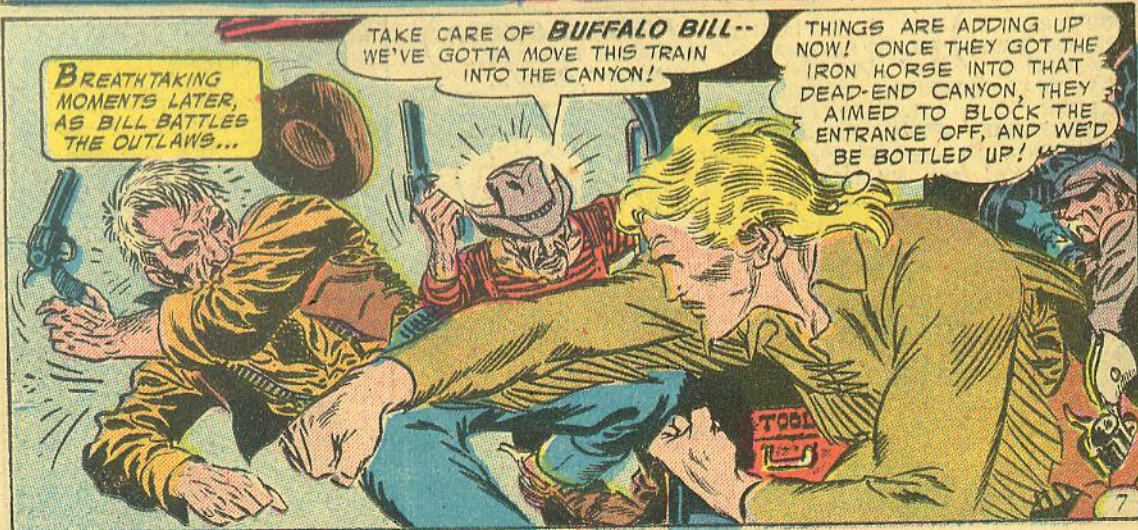
YOU AND MARTIN GO AND HELP PRINGLE IN THE CAB! THE TRAIN HAS TO RUN FORWARD ANOTHER FIFTY FEET OF TRACK BEFORE WE CAN TRAP HER!



**BREATH-TAKING** MOMENTS LATER, AS BILL BATTLES THE OUTLAWS...

TAKE CARE OF **BUFFALO BILL--** WE'VE GOTTA MOVE THIS TRAIN INTO THE CANYON!

THINGS ARE ADDING UP NOW! ONCE THEY GOT THE IRON HORSE INTO THAT DEAD-END CANYON, THEY AIMED TO BLOCK THE ENTRANCE OFF, AND WE'D BE BOTTLED UP!







## FRONTIER FIGHTERS



THEN WE'D BE SITTING  
DUCKS FOR THEM--  
THEY COULD SURROUND  
US AND PICK US OFF  
AT THEIR LEISURE!

THEN, AS THE IRON  
HORSE STUMBLES BACK  
TO THE MAIN LINE...

THAT'S IT!  
NOW, LET'S  
MAKE TRACKS--  
FAST!

H'YAR WE  
GO, BILL!



AND LATER, AS THE TRAIN IS SAFELY UNDER WAY...

BUT, BILL--HOW  
DID YOU KNOW  
PRINGLE  
WAS THE OUTLAW  
AMONG US  
BEFORE THAT  
SECOND ATTACK?

THAT WAS EASY... AFTER I  
TOOK A LOOK AT THE  
**POWDER BURNS**  
YOU POINTED OUT ON MY  
JACKET, WILKS! YOU SEE,  
ONLY A **BLANK** CARTRIDGE  
WOULD MAKE A BURN  
THAT SIZE!

I SEE... AND YOU  
REALIZED THAT  
PRINGLE **WOULDN'T**  
BE USING BLANKS UNLESS  
HE WAS IN CAHOOTS  
WITH THE GANG,  
**BILL!**

**RIGHT, MEADE!** AND ONCE  
LAW OFFICERS START  
QUESTIONING PRINGLE,  
WE'LL FIND OUT WHO HIS  
OUTLAW FRIENDS WERE  
AND START **ROUNDING**  
**THEM UP!**



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# The BIG DANCE

"SO when Daddy told me I'd have to be in by 12 or no dance, that was absolutely the end." Mary Lou finished the tale of woe that had occupied a slow three-blocks walk from school, and looked dismally at Janie. "Maybe Muggsie won't even want to take me now!"

"Sure he will," said Janie. "But honestly, Mary Lou, this is sure kid stuff. And here we are fifteen! I'll probably be in the same boat when Dad and Mother get together about it. Sometimes, I wonder—were parents ever kids themselves?"

"The whole thing is, they're *bossy!*" Mary Lou burst out. "Sometimes my father acts like a—a dictator or something!"

"Yeah, but look at the way he and your mother fixed up the backyard for our barbecue," reminded Janie.

"Well, yes," Mary Lou backed down a little. "And he was really marvelous about getting me a formal . . ."

"Who's marvelous? Anybody in your life but me?" came a voice from behind them.

"Muggsie!" squealed Mary Lou. "I thought you were at football practice."

"Called off," said Muggsie. "What have you two been yakking about for three blocks?"

"Girl talk," supplied Janie, helpfully, while Mary Lou searched for words.

"For Pete's sake!" began Muggsie, baffled.

Mary Lou interrupted. "Muggsie, do your parents ever lay down the law about things?"

"Oh, that!" Muggsie was relieved. "Sure. But I'm two years older than you and I've

got news for you. After a while you get used to it. And sometimes—they've even got a point."

The girls sighed.

"I wish somebody would explain the point—if any—of having to get home from a big dance at 12 o'clock," pouted Mary Lou.

"So that's it!" Muggsie shrugged. "Well, I guess we just grin and bear it."

"You mean you don't *mind*—at our first big dance?" exclaimed Mary Lou, with relief.

Muggsie grinned. "Well—er—as a matter of fact—I didn't know quite how to tell you—but I'll *have* to get you home by 12 to get in under the wire myself!"

"You mean . . . ?" chorused the girls.

"Yep, just this morning, Mother and Dad said 12:30 is absolutely *it!*"

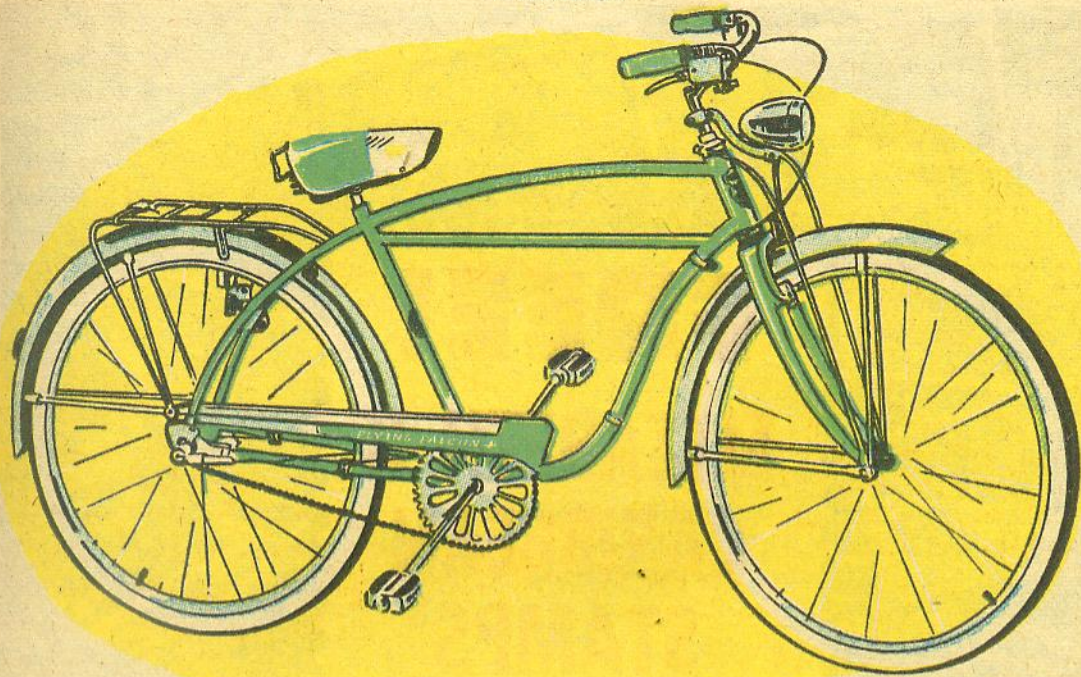
Janie had an idea. "I bet our parents aren't any different. Everybody's going to be in the same boat. Muggsie, you're on the committee—why don't you just noise it around that all the kids have to be home by midnight?"

"Will do," said Muggsie, as they reached Mary Lou's home. "So long, see you later." With a wave of his hand, he was off.

"Well, that's that," said Janie briskly. "Come on, I'm dying to see your new formal!"

They hurried up the steps. "I guess it's going to be fun, after all," said Mary Lou. "Help me before everybody gets home, and I'll model the formal for you and the folks. I'd kind of like Daddy to see how it looks!"





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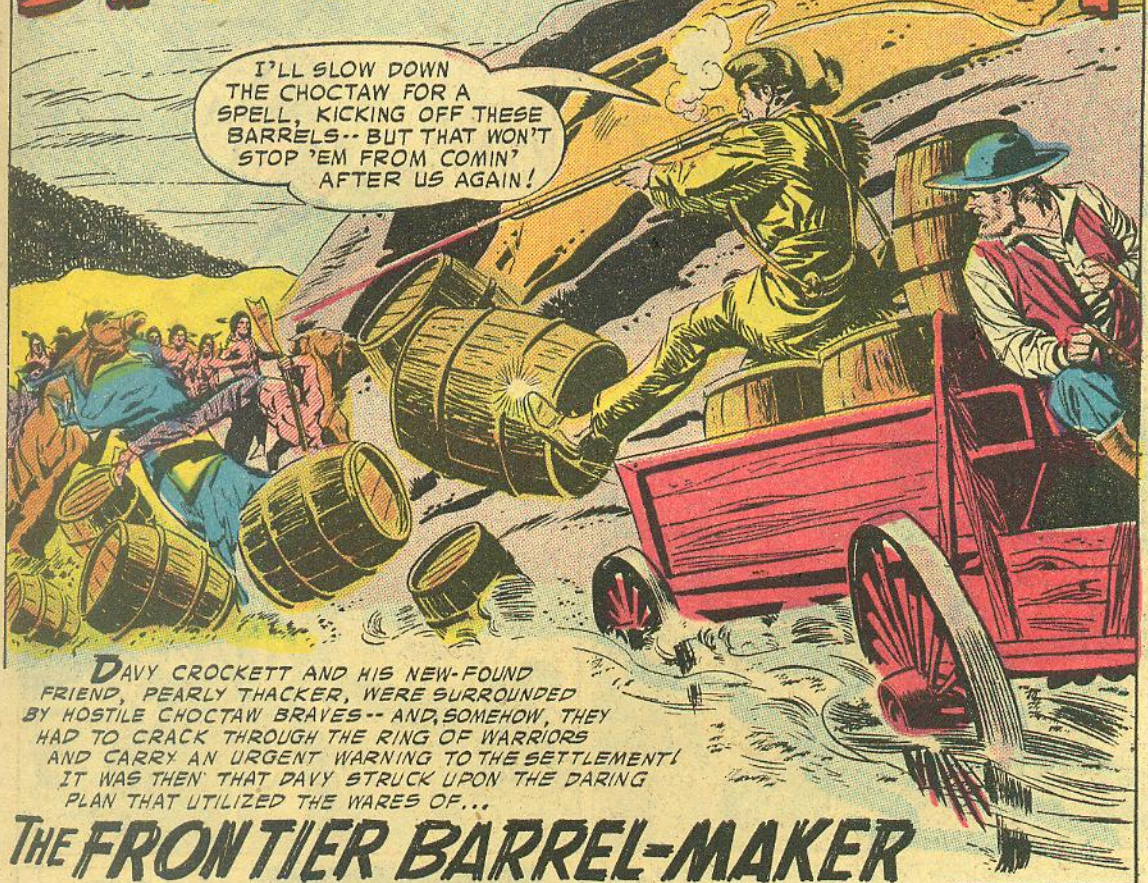


## FRONTIER FIGHTERS



# DAVY CROCKETT

I'LL SLOW DOWN  
THE CHOCTAW FOR A  
SPELL, KICKING OFF THESE  
BARRELS-- BUT THAT WON'T  
STOP 'EM FROM COMIN'  
AFTER US AGAIN!



DAVY CROCKETT AND HIS NEW-FOUND  
FRIEND, PEARLY THACKER, WERE SURROUNDED  
BY HOSTILE CHOCTAW BRAVES-- AND, SOMEHOW, THEY  
HAD TO CRACK THROUGH THE RING OF WARRIORS  
AND CARRY AN URGENT WARNING TO THE SETTLEMENT!  
IT WAS THEN THAT DAVY STRUCK UPON THE DARING  
PLAN THAT UTILIZED THE WARES OF...

## THE FRONTIER BARREL-MAKER

DEEP IN THE WILDERNESS, BILLOWING SMOKE SIGNALS  
STUD THE EARLY MORNING SKY TO ATTRACT A  
CHOCTAW HUNTING PARTY...

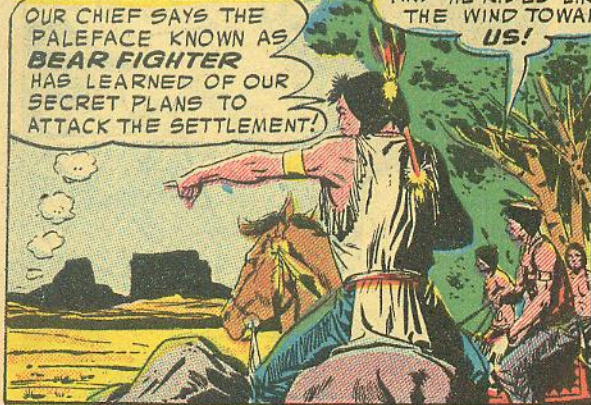
OUR CHIEF SAYS THE  
PALEFACE KNOWN AS  
**BEAR FIGHTER**  
HAS LEARNED OF OUR  
SECRET PLANS TO  
ATTACK THE SETTLEMENT!

AND HE RIDES LIKE  
THE WIND TOWARD  
US!

WE MUST STOP **BEAR FIGHTER**  
BEFORE HE WARNS THE PALEFACE  
SETTLEMENT! SEEK HIM OUT  
WITH THE SLYNESS OF THE WOOD  
FOX-- FOR

HE IS A CRAFTY  
ONE!

HO! HE  
WILL NOT  
GET PAST  
US!







# FRONTIER FIGHTERS



LATER THAT MORNING, AS **BEAR FIGHTER**--ALIAS **DAVY CROCKETT**--EMPLOYS A DARING FRONTIER TRICK TO ESCAPE THE ALERTED HUNTING PARTY...

I ONCE SLIPPED PAST A HORDE OF CHEROKEE LIKE THIS IN KENTUCKY! IT'S A FAIR STUNT, BUT A KEEN-EYED INDIAN CAN TRIP ME UP ON IT!



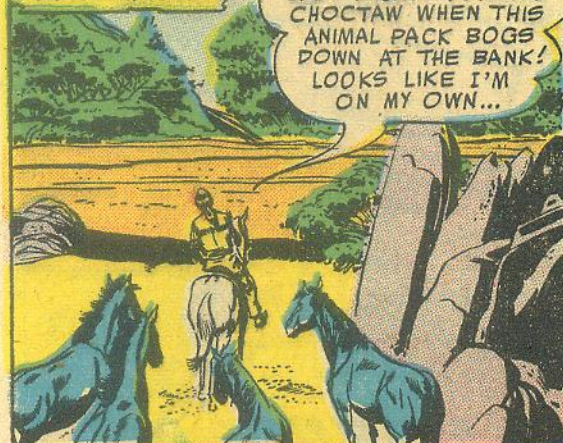
INDEED, A MOMENT LATER...  
LOOK-- HORSESHOE TRACKS! **BEAR FIGHTER** RIDES HIS PALEFACE PONY WITHIN THE HERD!

CONSNR THE LUCK... A KEEN-EYED CHOCTAW! RECKON MY BEST CHANCE IS TO RIDE THIS HERD OUT AND MAKE A RUN FOR IT!



BUT THEN, AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT...

RIVER AHEAD! I'LL BE EASY PICKIN' FOR THE CHOCTAW WHEN THIS ANIMAL PACK BOGS DOWN AT THE BANK! LOOKS LIKE I'M ON MY OWN...



CUTTING LOOSE, DAVY USES THE WILD HORSES AS A TEMPORARY BARRIER...

THE CHOCTAWS WILL HAVE TO WAIT TILL THE HERD PASSES 'FORE THEY CAN TAKE PURSUIT! I'LL MAKE FOR THE MOUNTAIN TRAIL...



SHORTLY, AS THE FAMED BACKWOODSMAN RIDES THE TRAIL FOR ALL HE'S WORTH...

CONSNR-- THIS JUST ISN'T DAVY'S DAY! THE CHOC-TAWS TO MY REAR ARE SIGNALIN' STILL ANOTHER PARTY UP AHEAD! I'M CLEAN CUT OFF!



HMM... A BARREL-MAKER'S SHACK UP AHEAD! RECKON I'D BETTER WARN HIM ABOUT THE INDIAN TROUBLE!





AND PEARLY THACKER, COLORFUL FRONTIER BARREL-MAKER, SOON LEARNS OF THE DANGEROUS SITUATION...

WHY, I CAN'T SO MUCH AS HIT THE SIDE OF A BARN WITH A RIFLE BALL-- AN' I'M A REAL TENDERFOOT WHEN IT COMES TO TRAIL TRAVELIN'!

... SO I'VE GOT TO GET WORD OF THE CHOCTAW WAR PLANS THROUGH TO THE SETTLEMENT, PEARLY-- AND I'M COUNTIN' ON YOU TO HELP ME!

I'D BE RIGHT PROUD TO THROW IN WITH YUH, DAVY-- BUT THE FACT IS, I'D BE A PLUMB POOR PARTNER IN AN INJUN FIGHT!



THAT'S WHY I TOOK TO BARREL-MAKIN'... IT SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY THING I CAN DO PROPER!

STILL, YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE, PEARLY... IT WOULD BE FOOLHARDY TO STAY AROUND WITH THE CHOCTAWS CLOSIN' IN! IS THERE A BACK TRAIL OUT OF HERE?

NOPE! NEITHER MAN NOR BEAST COULD CUT THEIR WAY THROUGH THE THICKETS ON THE MOUNTAINSIDE! THE TRAIL OUT FRONT'S OUR ONLY EXIT!

THEN, WE'RE UP TO OUR NECKS IN TROUBLE, AND... OH, OH-- WE'VE GOT CHOCTAW COMPANY!



GALLOPIN' GOPHERS! THEY GOT US RINGER, DAVY!

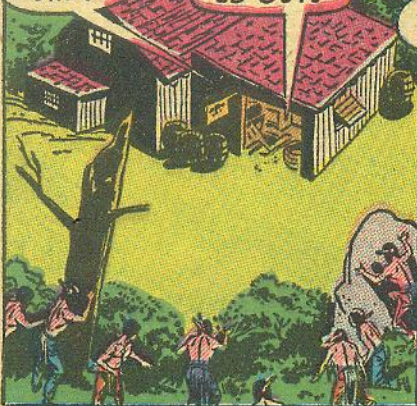
THERE'S NO DOUBTIN' THAT... AND THEY'RE SENDIN' A PAIR OF SCOUTS TO FEEL US OUT!

WE'RE FINISHED, DAVY... RECKON I'VE HAMMERED MY LAST BARREL! I'M PLUMB SORRY I CAN'T BE MUCH HELP TO YUH!

HOLD OFF ON YOUR APOLOGIES, PEARLY! I'VE GOT A NOTION YOUR BARRELS MAY SAVE OUR SKINS!

YUH MEAN THOSE TWO WAGONLOADS I READIED FOR SHIPMENT TO THE SETTLEMENT? HOW KIN THEY HELP US?

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN, PEARLY... JUST FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS AS WE GO ALONG!







# FRONTIER FIGHTERS



MINUTES LATER, AS THE TWO CHOCTAW SCOUTS ENTER CAUTIOUSLY...

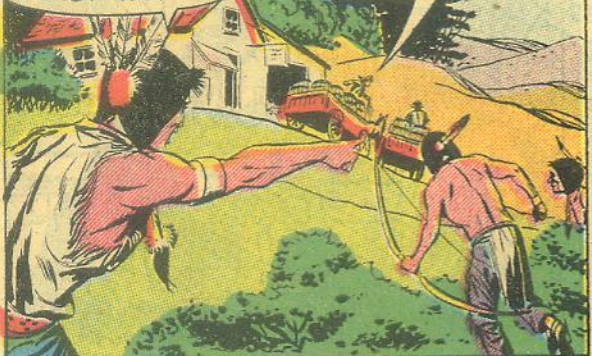


NOW LET'S TAKE TO THE WAGONS AND BOLT OUT OF HERE, PEARLY... IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

NEXT INSTANT...

HO! BEAR FIGHTER! AND THE PALEFACE SEEK TO FLEE OUR TRAP! STOP THEM!

READY THAT SUPPLY OF SPARE BARREL HOOPS, PEARLY... WE'LL BE NEEDING THEM SOON!



AND AS THE WARRIORS CLOSE ON THE RACING WAGON TEAMS...

YI-YI! YI-YI!

NOW, PEARLY! THEY'RE WHISKER-CLOSE TO OUR HOSSSES!

ALL RIGHT, DAVY--LET'S OPEN UP ON 'EM!



RING AN INDIAN AND WIN A PRIZE, PEARLY... YOUR LIFE!

NEVER HAD SO MUCH FUN SINCE I WENT TO THE FRONTIER FAIR!

TO OUR PONIES! THE CUNNING BEAR FIGHTER HAS OUTWITTED US AGAIN!





AS THE CONFUSED BRAVES TAKE PURSUIT, DAVY SPRINGS STILL ANOTHER TRICK...

BLOCKIN' THE TRAIL WITH BARRELS WILL DELAY THE CHOCTAW FOR A SPELL! NOW TO JOIN PEARLY IN THE LEAD WAGON...



SHORTLY... HEAD FOR THE RIVER, PEARLY...

THAT WAS RAZOR-SHARP THINKIN', DAVY! WHAT'S YORE MIND HATCHIN' NOW?

WE'VE GOT TO MAKE PREPARATIONS BEFORE THE CHOCTAWS CATCH UP WITH US!



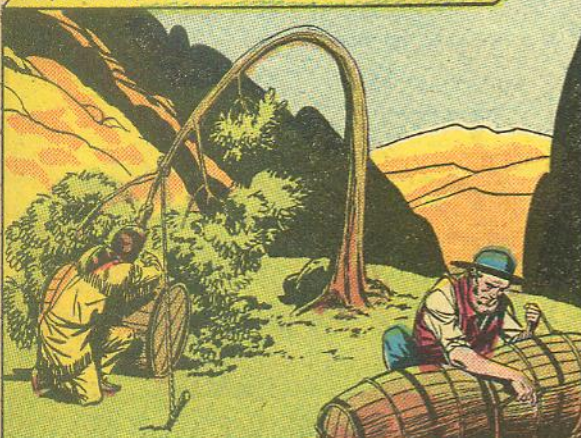
UPON REACHING THE SWIFT-FLOWING RIVER...

YUH WANT A BARREL-RAFT? WELL, RECKON I COULD PUT ONE TOGETHER... BUT IT'LL TAKE TIME, DAVY-- AN' THOSE WARRIORS ARE BREATHIN' DOWN OUR NECKS!

DON'T FRET OVER THEM, PEARLY... I'VE GOT A FANCY IDEA TO DELAY 'EM! LET'S SET TO WORK...



AS THE MINUTES ELAPSE, DAVY AND PEARLY WORK FEVERISHLY TO PREPARE THEIR ESCAPE...



BUT NEARLY AN HOUR LATER...

YI! YI! YI!

THE CHOCTAW! WOE UNTO US... I HAVEN'T STRAPPED THE BARREL SECTIONS TOGETHER YET!

TEND TO IT, PEARLY-- AND HOPE MY LITTLE SURPRISE WILL HOLD OFF THE BRAVES TILL YOU FINISH!



IF MY CALCULATIONS ARE RIGHT, THIS SHOULD SERVE TO CONFUSE 'EM FOR A SPELL...



AS THE BARREL CRASHES TO THE GROUND BEFORE THE CHARGING WARRIORS...

AAIEEE! WE CANNOT SEE THE PALEFACES THROUGH THE GREAT WHITE CLOUD!

SO THAT'S WHY YUH TOOK ALONG MY CABIN SUPPLY OF FLOUR, EH, DAVY?







I HOPE YOU'RE NEAR FINISHED WITH THAT RAFT, PEARLY-- 'CAUSE THIS BARREL OF SUPPLY TACKS WON'T HOLD OFF THE CHOCTAW FOR LONG!

ONCE I PUT THE WAGON SIDEBOARDS ON TOP O' THE RAFT-- FOR PLANKING-- WE KIN SET SAIL, DAVY!

SOON... HA, HA... THOSE TACKS HAVE THE CHOCTAW JUMPIN' LIKE JACK-RABBITS, DAVY! WHATCHA DOIN' WITH THAT BARREL NOW?

TAKIN' A PRE-CAUTION, PEARLY! POLE FOR ALL YOU ARE WORTH... THE BRAVES WILL BE ABLE TO FIRE AT US FROM THE BANK TILL WE CLEAR THE RIVER NARROWS!



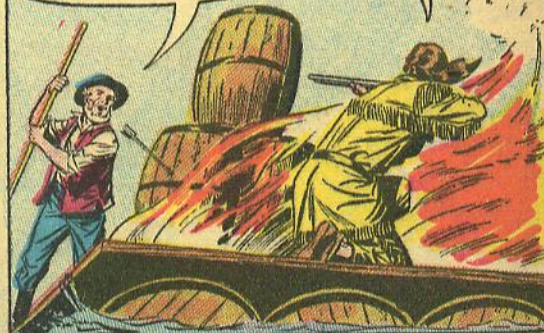
THEN, AS THE INCREDIBLE RAFT SWEEPS ALONG ON THE CURRENT...

THEY'RE SENDIN' FIRE ARROWS AGIN US, DAVY! WE'RE BURNIN' UP!

I'LL TEND TO THAT LATER! KEEP POLIN', PEARLY... WE'RE SITTING DUCKS IN THIS NARROWS!

WITHIN SECONDS... TH-THE FIRE'S SPREADIN', DAVY-- IT'LL BURN OUR BARRELS TO THE WATER LINE IF YUH DON'T DO SOMETHIN' FAST!

WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF THE NARROWS NOW, PEARLY... I CAN WASTE A BALL TO PUT THE FLAME OUT!



WELL, I'LL BE TARR'D AND FEATHER'D! YUH MADE YOURSELF A BUILT-IN BARREL SPRINKLER!

I HAD A GOOD NOTION THE CHOCTAWS WOULD TAKE TO FIRE ARROWS, PEARLY! YOU'VE GOT TO FIGURE ALL THE ANGLES WHEN YOU FIGHT INDIANS!

AND SO, AS THEY PULL OUT OF ARROW-RANGE...

THE CHOCTAW SURE WON'T DARE ATTACK THE SETTLEMENT ONCE WE SPREAD THE WARNIN', DAVY! FUNNY... I NEVER THOUGHT I HAD THE TALENTS TO BRUSH WITH INJUNS BEFORE!

YOU DID YOURSELF PROUD, PEARLY! THANKS TO YOUR BARRELS, WE'VE UPSET THE CHOCTAW WAR PLANS!



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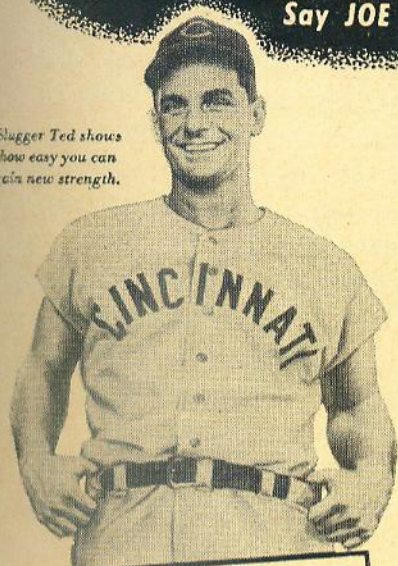
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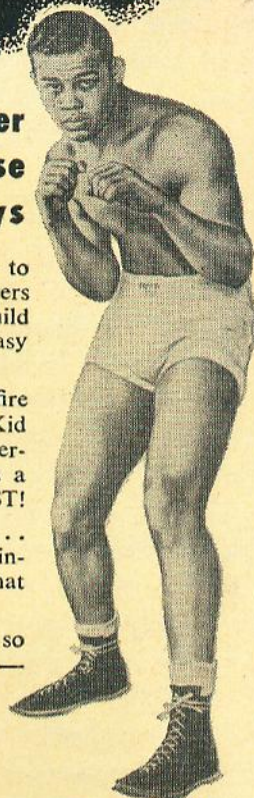
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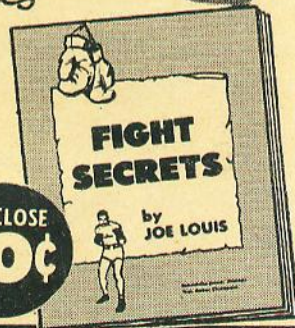
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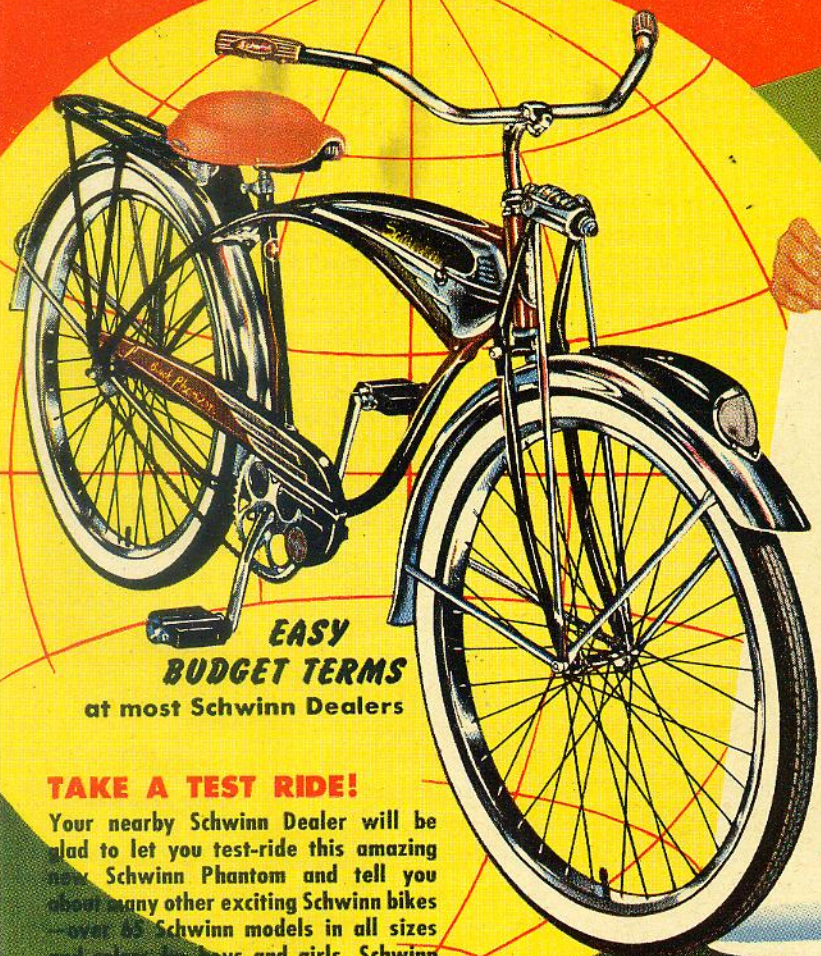
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