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WHAT CAN  
KID COLT  
DO, WHEN...  
"THE  
SHERIFF  
SAYS  
'DRAW!'"

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FIGHT ALONGSIDE OF  
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WHEN  
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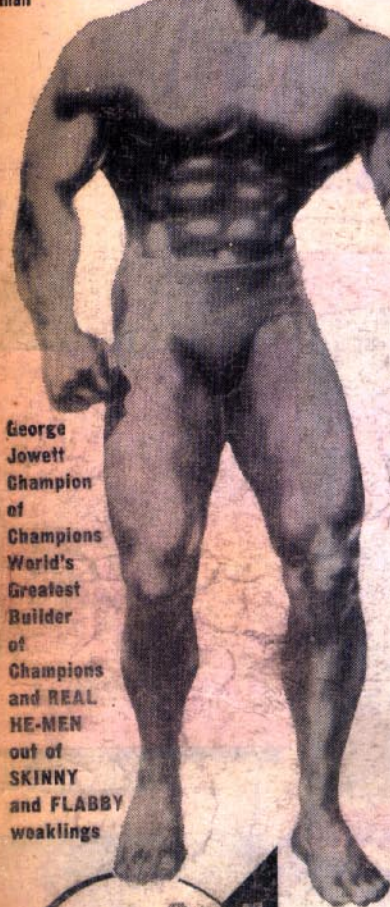


Are YOU  
SKINNY  
like I was?

a 90 lb.  
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who became  
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George  
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BEFORE



George  
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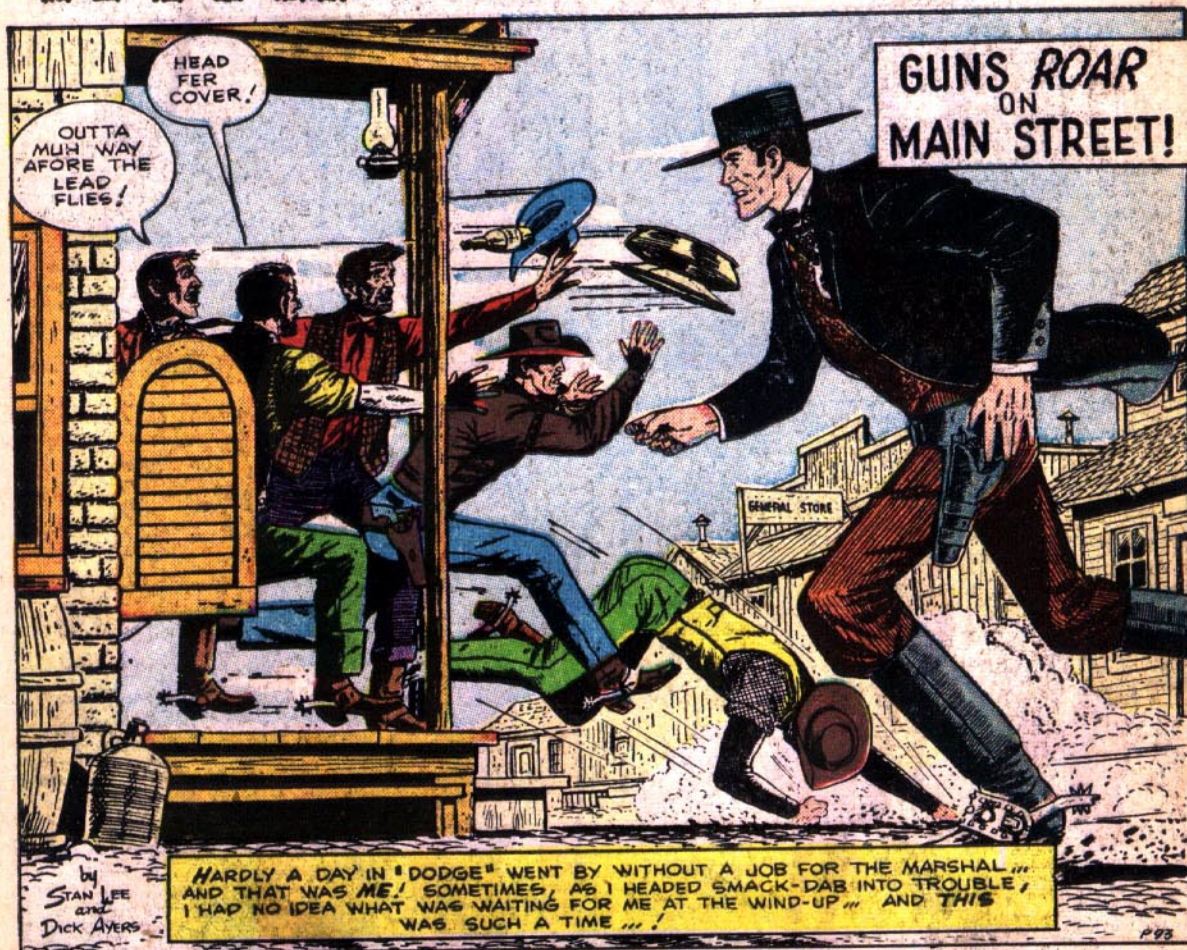
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PAGES OF TRUE TALES FROM THE LIFE OF THE WEST'S MOST FAMOUS PEACE OFFICER

# WYATT EARP

## FRONTIER MARSHAL







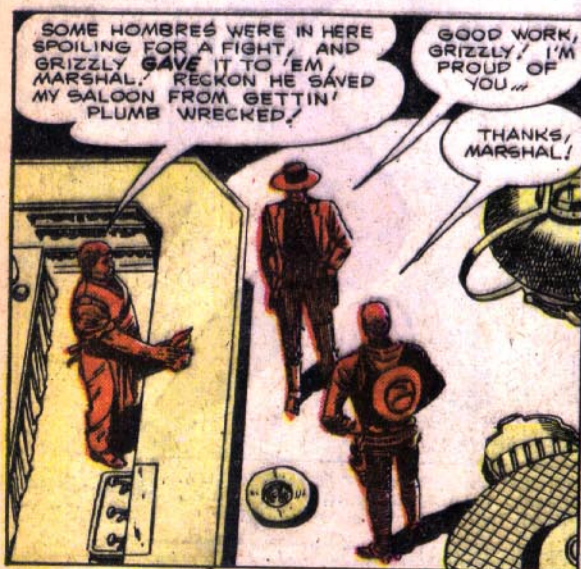
I DREW MY COLTS AND STORMED INSIDE, NOT KNOWING WHAT TO EXPECT — BUT READY FOR ANYTHING!

PUT THOSE COLTS AWAY, MARSHAL. YUH WON'T BE NEEDIN' 'EM!



GRIZZLY! I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS YOU!

FIGGERED Y'D EARN MUH PAY AS YORE DEPPITY BY DOIN' A LITTLE HOUSE-CLEANIN' AROUND TOWN!



SOME HOMBRES WERE IN HERE SPOILING FOR A FIGHT, AND GRIZZLY GAVE IT TO 'EM, MARSHAL. RECKON HE SAVED MY SALOON FROM GETTIN' PLUMB WRECKED!

GOOD WORK, GRIZZLY! I'M PROUD OF YOU!!!

THANKS, MARSHAL!



HUMPH, SOMEONE OUGHTTA TAKE THAT BADGE AWAY FROM GRIZZLY GRANT. AIN'T FITTIN' FER AN EX-CONVICT TO BE A DEPPITY!!

YOU GONNA TRY TO TAKE IT AWAY? I AIN'T!

RECKON THE MARSHAL WON'T TAKE TOO KINDLY TO THAT IDEA!

\* TO LEARN HOW GRIZZLY GRANT BECAME MY DEPUTY, REFER TO WYATT EARP COMICS, #17 JUNE.

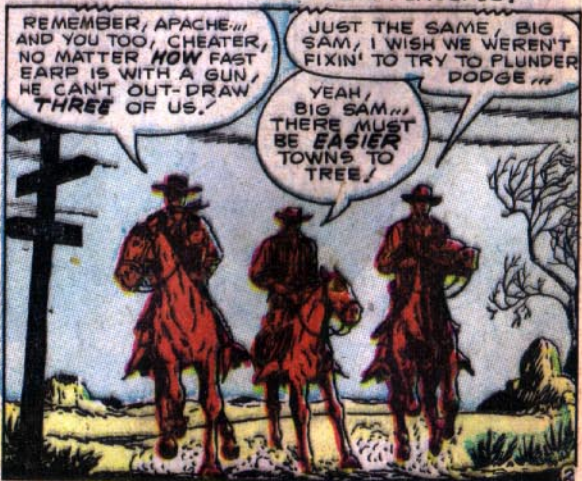
I HOLSTERED MY COLTS AND WALKED BACK TO MY OFFICE WITH GRIZZLY, GRATEFUL THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR ANY SHOOTING ...



GRIZZLY, YOU'VE BEEN DOING A GOOD JOB. DODGE IS A LOT MORE PEACEFUL SINCE I HIRED YOU!!!

AND I AIM TO KEEP IT THAT WAY, MARSHAL!

BUT WE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING THAT A FEW MILES OUT OF TOWN, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, THREE OWL-HOOTS WERE HEADED OUR WAY!!! AND WHAT THEY HAD PLANNED, WAS FAR FROM PEACEFUL!



REMEMBER, APACHE!!! AND YOU TOO, CHEATER, NO MATTER HOW FAST EARP IS WITH A GUN, HE CAN'T OUT-DRAW THREE OF US.

JUST THE SAME, BIG SAM, I WISH WE WEREN'T FIXIN' TO TRY TO PLUNDER DODGE!!!

YEAH, BIG SAM!!! THERE MUST BE EASIER TOWNS TO TREE!



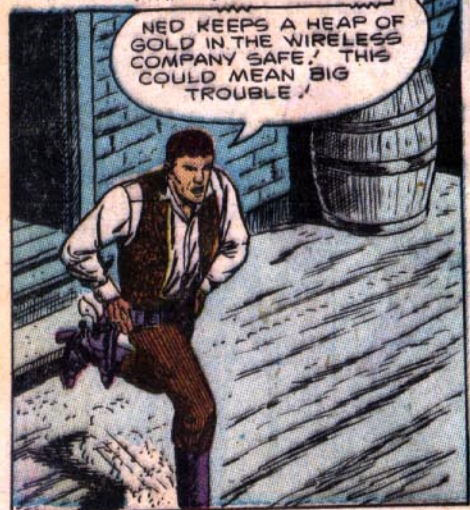


ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T LIKE THEIR LOOKS THE FIRST TIME I SET EYES ON THEM, YOU CAN'T ARREST A MAN BECAUSE OF HIS LOOKS! BUT I FIGURED I'D KEEP MY EYE ON THEM FOR A SPELL...

THINGS WERE PEACEFUL FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS, AND I GUESS I SORT-OF FORGOT ABOUT THE THREE STRANGERS, UNTIL...



I RACED OUT OF MY OFFICE, BUCKLING ON MY GUN BELT AS I RAN!







APACHE, RUN INTO EARP'S OFFICE AND GRAB PLENTY OF HARDWARE AND AMMO! WE'LL NEED IT IN ORDER TO MAKE THE BORDER!

YOU CAN'T TAKE ENOUGH TO ESCAPE ME! WHATEVER YOU'VE DONE, YOU'LL PAY FOR IT! I PROMISE!



YOU AIN'T IN A POSITION TO PROMISE NOBODY NOTHIN', EARP!

I GOT THE GOLD FROM THE WIRELESS SHACK, BIG SAM. IT WENT EASY... JUST LIKE YUH SAID!



PUT IT IN MUH SADDLE-BAG! THEN TIE UP EARP! WE'LL LEAVE 'IM LOCKED IN HIS OWN CELL!

IF YOU SHOT NED LATHRUP...

EARP? YOU'RE MARSHAL EARP?! DON'T WORRY, MARSHAL, I DIDN'T SHOOT THE WIRELESS OPERATOR! I JUST FIRED ONE SHOT TO SCARE 'IM!



YUH MANGY FOOL! YUH DON'T HAVE TA EXPLAIN NOTHIN' TO EARP! I GOT THE WHIP HAND HERE!

BUT WHAT ABOUT EARP'S DEPUTY?

WHAT DEPUTY? I NEVER HEERD TELL OF NONE!

AS THOUGH IN ANSWER TO THE MENTION OF HIS NAME, GRIZZLY GRANT CAME LUMBERING DOWN THE STREET... HIS AGING EYES TRYING TO PIERCE THE DARKNESS... AS HE HEADED RIGHT INTO THE WAITING GUN HANDS OF BIG SAM AND HIS MEN!



MARSHAL! I HEARD A SHOT! WHAT HAPPENED?

HERE HE COMES NOW!

AIN'T THAT NICE OF 'IM!



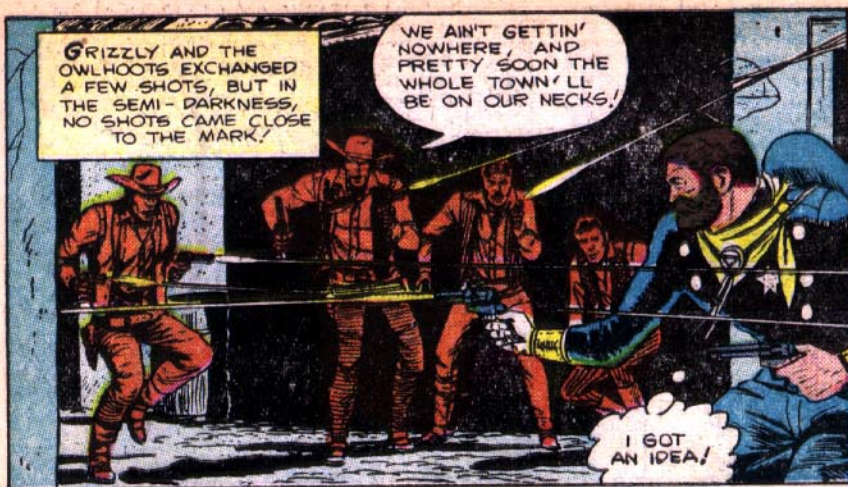
THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING TO DO... AND I DID IT FAST...

GRIZZLY! HIT THE DIRT! I'M A PRISONER!

SHOOT! SHOOT! YUH FOOLS!

WYATT!





I KNEW WHAT MUST BE GOING ON IN GRIZZLY'S MIND... THE TERRIBLE CHOICE HE HAD TO MAKE... EITHER LET THE THREE OWLHOOTS ESCAPE JUSTICE, OR TAKE A CHANCE ON HITTING ME!





IT ONLY TOOK ONE SHOT EACH TO DISARM CHEATER AND APACHE.



AND THEN I TURNED MY ATTENTION TO BIG SAM...



JUST AS I THOUGHT IT WOULD, HIS NERVE BROKE...







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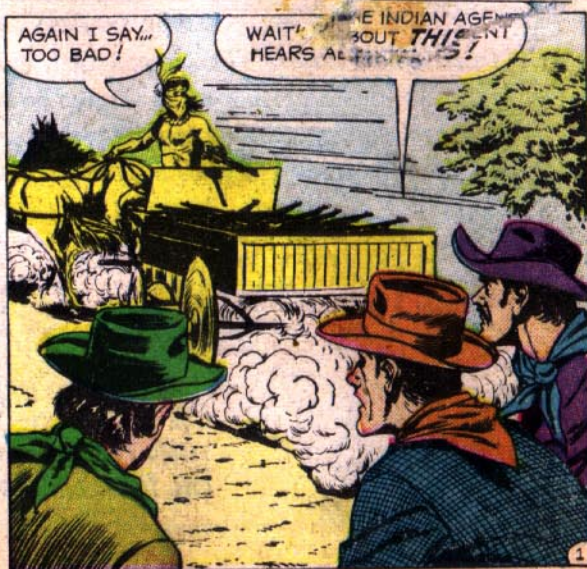
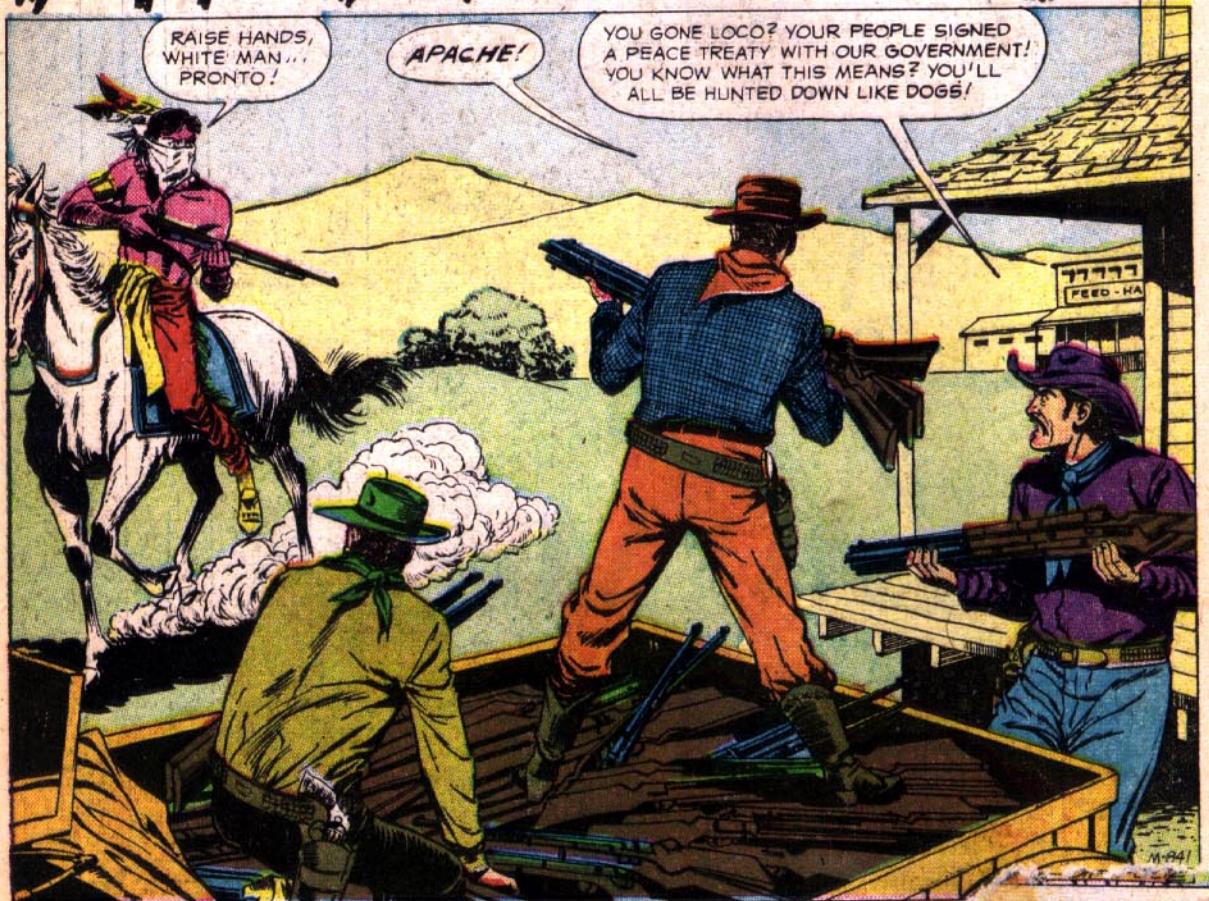
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TRouble ON THE FRONTIER! BAD TROUBLE! FOR WHEN A GUN SHIPMENT WAS STOLEN AND EVIDENCE FOUND THAT THIS HAD BEEN DONE BY AN INDIAN, THE WHITES REMEMBERED THE DAYS OF THE MASSACRES AND THE DREAD CRY ROSE AGAIN IN THE WESTERN SKIES...

# APACHE!





BUT OTHERS HEARD ABOUT IT FIRST AND OLD FEARS WERE STIRRED UP BY THE QUICKLY-PANICKED!

THIS MEANS THEY'RE GONNA BUST OUT OF THEIR RESERVATION AND GO ON THE WAR-PATH!

I SAY WE OUGHTTA BEAT THEM TO IT! LET'S GO THERE AND FIGHT 'EM **BEFORE** THEY START!



THEY'RE HALF-STARVED! THEIR CROPS WERE RUINED THIS YEAR, SO THEY DECIDED TO ROB US!

THAT'S MIGHTY SERIOUS CHARGES TO MAKE, GENTS! CHIEF LONG TREE SIGNED THE PACT OF PEACE AND THE APACHES ARE STICKING TO IT!



LISTEN, STEVE PORTER, JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE THE INDIAN AGENT, DON'T MEAN YUH GOTTA TAKE **THEIR** SIDE **ALL** THE TIME!

I **WILL** WHEN THEY'RE IN THE **RIGHT**! THEY'RE IN THE RIGHT THIS TIME! GIVE ME A DAY TO PROVE IT!



AND GIVE THEM SAVAGES A CHANCE TO GET THE JUMP ON US? NOT ON YORE LIFE! LET'S GO GET 'EM, MEN!



HOLD IT RIGHT THERE! YOU'RE TURNING INTO SAVAGES YOURSELVES! IF YOU WANT TO GET TO THE APACHES, YOU'LL HAVE TO SHOOT **ME** DOWN AND GET PAST ME FIRST!



THERE WASN'T A MAN WHO DARED ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE!

ALL RIGHT, STEVE! WE'LL GIVE YUH THAT ONE DAY, THOUGH WE'RE TAKIN' A BIG CHANCE! BUT JUST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS... NO MORE! AFTER THAT, IT'LL BE UP TO **US**!





JUST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO AVERT FRONTIER WARFARE... TO SALVAGE THE PEACE BETWEEN REDMEN AND WHITE THAT HAD TAKEN YEARS OF PATIENCE AND STRUGGLE TO WORK OUT! AND THE WHOLE THING RESTED UPON THE SHOULDERS OF ONE MAN AS HE RODE TO THE APACHE RESERVATION...

NO, BROTHER STEVE! NO ONE OF MY BRAVES DID THIS! WE STARVE, YES! BUT OUR WORD IS OUR WORD! WE WILL **NOT** BREAK IT!



I KNOW THAT, CHIEF LONG TREE! I WANTED TO MAKE SURE!

WHITE MAN, TELL US THERE WILL BE NO WAR! WE HAVE TOO MUCH TROUBLE NOW! WE NEED NO WAR TO MAKE IT WORSE!



I GIVE YOU MY WORD, MY RED BROTHERS! THERE SHALL BE NO WAR BETWEEN OUR PEOPLE!



STEVE'S NEXT STEP WAS TO INVESTIGATE THE SCENE OF THE GUN ROBBERY...

WHAT'S THIS ON THE WALL? RED BERRY DYE... THE KIND A WHITE MAN WOULD PUT ON HIS SKIN TO GIVE IT THE COLOR OF AN APACHE!



NEXT, HE FOLLOWED THE WAGON TRACKS AS FAR AS THEY LED HIM... INTO THE HARD-BAKED PLAINS...

THIS WAS SURELY NO INDIAN, NOR NO SMART WHITE MAN! HE TRAVELED IN A STRAIGHT LINE... AND HE MUST HAVE KEPT GOING THAT WAY!



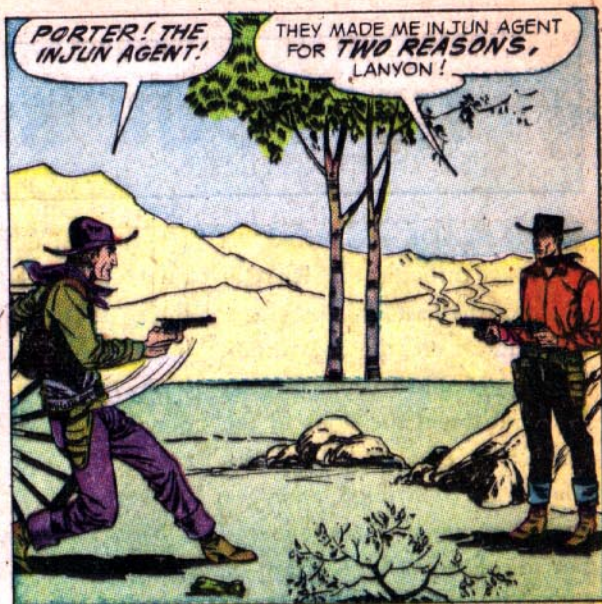
STEVE'S HUNCH WAS RIGHT! MILES AHEAD, HE FOUND WHERE THE THIEF HAD CACHED HIS LOOT!

HERE'S THE STUFF, JED! THAT APACHE OUTFIT I WORE DID THE TRICK! IT HELPED ME GET AWAY WITH IT... AND NOW YOU CAN SELL THESE GUNS BACK TO THE WHITES, WHEN THE INJUN WARS START UP AGAIN!

GOOD! HERE'S VORE PAYOFF!

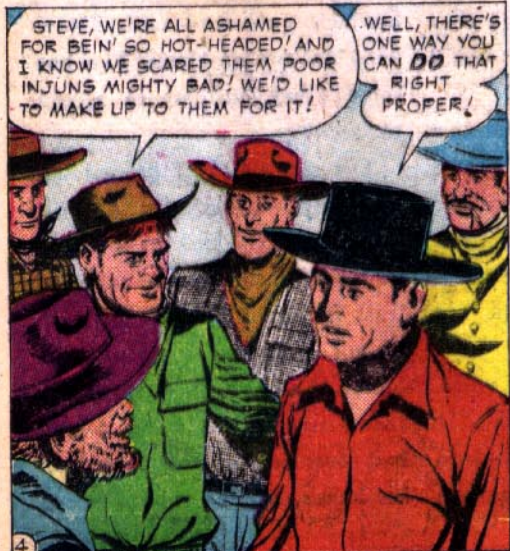






LATER, AFTER LANYON CONFESSED...

AND SO, THE WHITE MEN "INVADED" THE APACHE RESERVATION... BUT WITH PEACE OFFERINGS OF FOOD AND CLOTHING!





# TIE YOUR SIXGUN LOW

**B**OB SLADE shouldered his way through the batwing doors of the Last Chance Saloon, and stood on the boardwalk waiting. He hitched up his gunbelt and tested the draw of the gun in its greased holster tied low on his right thigh. Soon the sun, that hung just above the horizon like a huge drop of blood, would sink. Sundown. And then Jeb Briggs would come walking down that wheel-rutted street, slow-like, with his spurs jingling like they always did. Jeb Briggs, rustler, bank robber, murderer and the fastest-drawing outlaw this side of the Pecos, had walked into his office this morning and said:

"Slade. We don't want no marshals in Bonanza City. Get out of town by sundown or draw when you see me."

Bob Slade, newest marshal appointed by the governor to clean up Bonanza City, leaned against the hitching rack now, and built a smoke. The sound of footsteps behind him, made him whirl, slapping the leather on his thigh.

"It's only me Mr. Slade. Jerry Knowles."

Bob's eyes narrowed as he looked at the gangling young boy moving towards him. "What are you doing out here, son? Get inside," he said, "there's going to be shooting out here soon."

"I know," whispered Jerry. "I come out here to warn you. I—

I heard 'em talking out behind Gantry's General Store. There's three of 'em, all Jeb Briggs' boys and they're looking to bushwhack you. When you walk down Main Street to meet Jeb, they'll get you in a four-way crossfire."

Bob looked at the boy thoughtfully, and inhaled deeply on his cigarette. He blew the smoke through his nostrils and his jaw was tight as he muttered. "I knew that belly-crawling sidewinder would never meet me in a fair showdown." He looked at the sun perched ominously on the horizon. Soon it would go down, but maybe there was time. He said to the boy, "Show me where they are."

Jerry Knowles looked up at Bob and there was a worshipful look in the boy's eyes. Then without saying a word, he turned and motioned for Bob to follow him. They moved quietly around the side of Johnson's barber shop, and although they were out of sight they could still hear the voices.

"—You got everything straight, Jenks?"

"Yeah, I take him from the hotel window. George here hides in the alley near the hardware store, and you come out of the saloon."

"Right," snapped the voice. "Now let's get going."

At this Bob stepped into view. He flipped his cigarette

into the air and it made a fiery arc that ended at the feet of the three men. Before it hit the ground, Bob had drawn his gun and covered them.

"You boys ain't going anywhere just now," he said. "Drop your gunbelts—quick now—and don't anyone be so foolish as to let his hand stray near the butt of a gun."

"But, marshal, we ain't done nothing," the one called Jenks said.

"It's not what *you* done that I'm worried about," said Bob, "but what you're aiming to do. Now shuck those belts quick or I'll start doing some things myself."

The three men complied, and as the belts clattered to the ground, Bob said to Jerry. "Now, son, get those guns over here, and then tie those critters up with their own belts."

Jerry did as he was told, and Bob handed him one of the outlaw's guns and said. "Now keep an eye on them. I've got some other business to attend to."

The sun was half hidden behind the rolling hills, as Bob walked quickly back to the spot in front of the saloon. Now at least it would be fair. Now if he got it, it would be only one bullet. And it would be in his front, not in his back. Sweat had formed in the palms of his hands, and he rubbed it off

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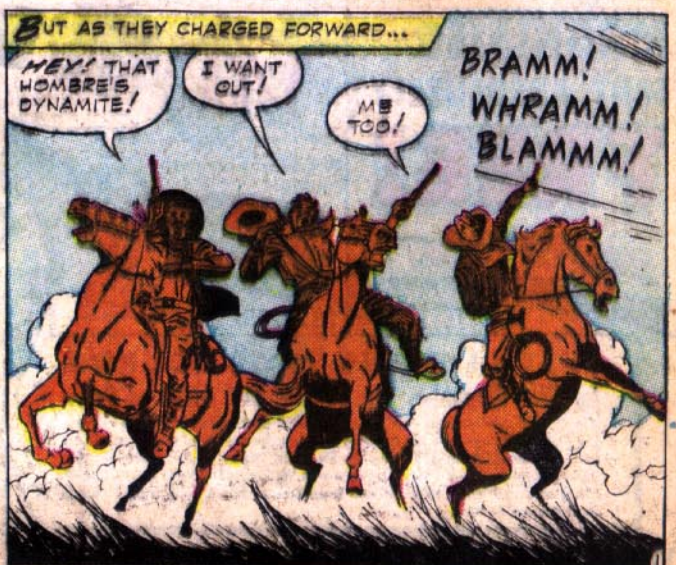
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DESPITE THE OVERWHELMING ODDS,  
THE BLACK RIDER PRESSED FORWARD,  
HIS FAMOUS COLTS BOOMING OUT  
WITH SHATTERING FORCE... LIKE TWIN  
VOICES OF AVENGING DOOM!

**"TROUBLE IN LEADVILLE!"**







LUCKY YOU WERE RIDING BY, BLACK RIDER! THEM VARMINTS WERE UP TO NO GOOD!

THAT WAS DAN BASSETT AND HIS GANG OF MARAUDERS! THERE WAS TALK HE WAS MOVING INTO THIS TERRITORY... NOW WE KNOW!



THEY WERE PEACEABLE ENOUGH AT FIRST, BUT WHEN THEY BEGAN ASKING A LOT OF QUESTIONS, AND WE REFUSED TO ANSWER... THEN THEY BECAME ANGRY!

WHAT SORT OF QUESTIONS DID THEY ASK?



MOSTLY ABOUT LEADVILLE! HOW BIG A TOWN IT WAS, HOW MANY BANKS IT HAD... THINGS LIKE THAT!

I RECKON THE SHERIFF SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THIS...



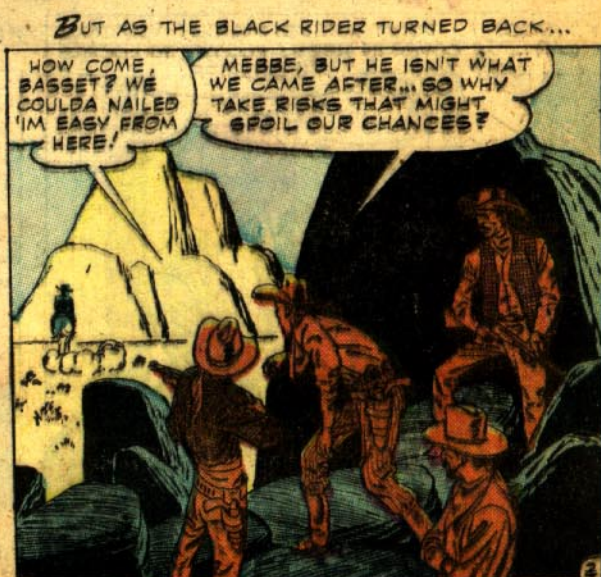
SUPPOSE YOU TELL HIM, MARIE! I'M GOING TO FOLLOW THEIR TRAIL, JUST IN CASE THEY TRY FURTHER MISCHIEF!

RIGHT! I'LL RIDE INTO TOWN RIGHT AWAY!



SHORTLY AFTERWARD...

LOOKS LIKE THEY LEFT A COLD TRAIL! ANYWAY THEY'RE NOT IN SIGHT, SO I MAY AS WELL HEAD BACK FOR TOWN!



BUT AS THE BLACK RIDER TURNED BACK...

HOW COME, BASSETT? WE COULDA NAILED 'IM EASY FROM HERE!

MEBBE, BUT HE ISN'T WHAT WE CAME AFTER... SO WHY TAKE RISKS THAT MIGHT SPOIL OUR CHANCES?



AN HOUR LATER, AS THE BLACK RIDER RETURNED TO LEADVILLE IN HIS AFFABLE ROLE OF DOC MASTERS..

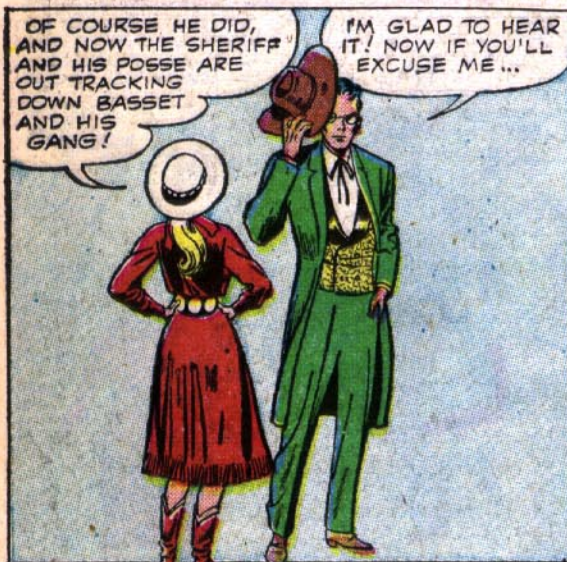


OH, DOC...  
DOC MASTERS!



HAVE YOU HEARD  
THE NEWS? THE  
BLACK RIDER HAD  
A GUN DUEL WITH  
THE NOTORIOUS  
GUNMAN DAN  
BASSET!

AND AS USUAL, YOUR  
HERO MUST HAVE GOTTEN  
THE UPPER HAND!



OF COURSE HE DID,  
AND NOW THE SHERIFF  
AND HIS POSSE ARE  
OUT TRACKING  
DOWN BASSET  
AND HIS  
GANG!

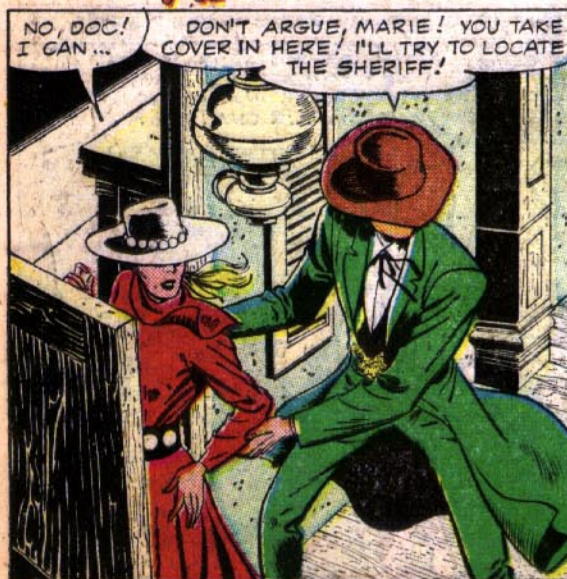
I'M GLAD TO HEAR  
IT! NOW IF YOU'LL  
EXCUSE ME...



SUDDENLY...

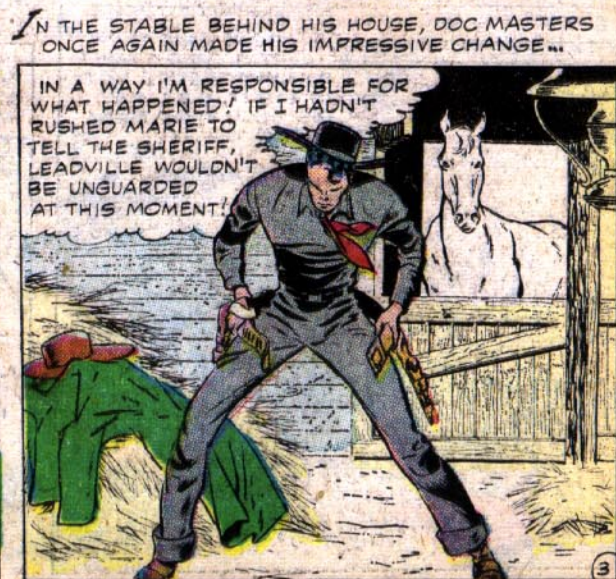
IT'S DAN BASSET AND HIS  
MARAUDERS! RUN FOR  
YOUR LIVES!

AND THE SHERIFF  
AND HIS MEN AREN'T  
EVEN HERE!



NO, DOC!  
I CAN...

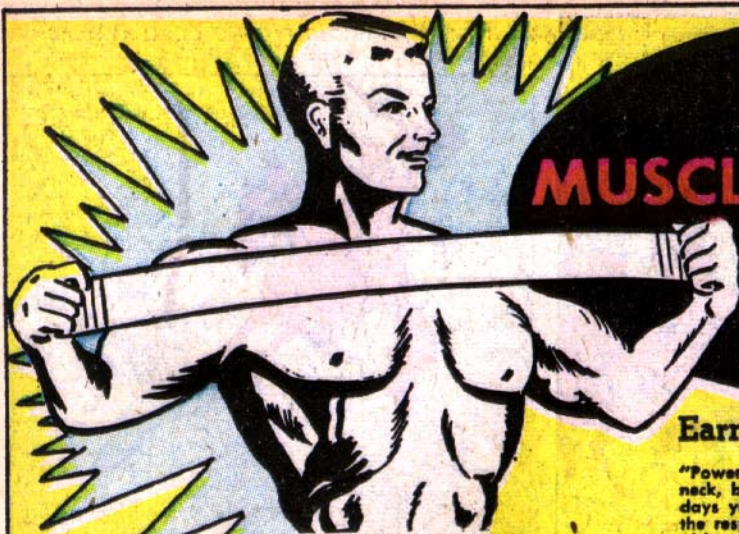
DON'T ARGUE, MARIE! YOU TAKE  
COVER IN HERE! I'LL TRY TO LOCATE  
THE SHERIFF!



IN THE STABLE BEHIND HIS HOUSE, DOC MASTERS  
ONCE AGAIN MADE HIS IMPRESSIVE CHANGE...

IN A WAY I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR  
WHAT HAPPENED! IF I HADN'T  
RUSHED MARIE TO  
TELL THE SHERIFF,  
LEADVILLE WOULDN'T  
BE UNGUARDED  
AT THIS MOMENT!





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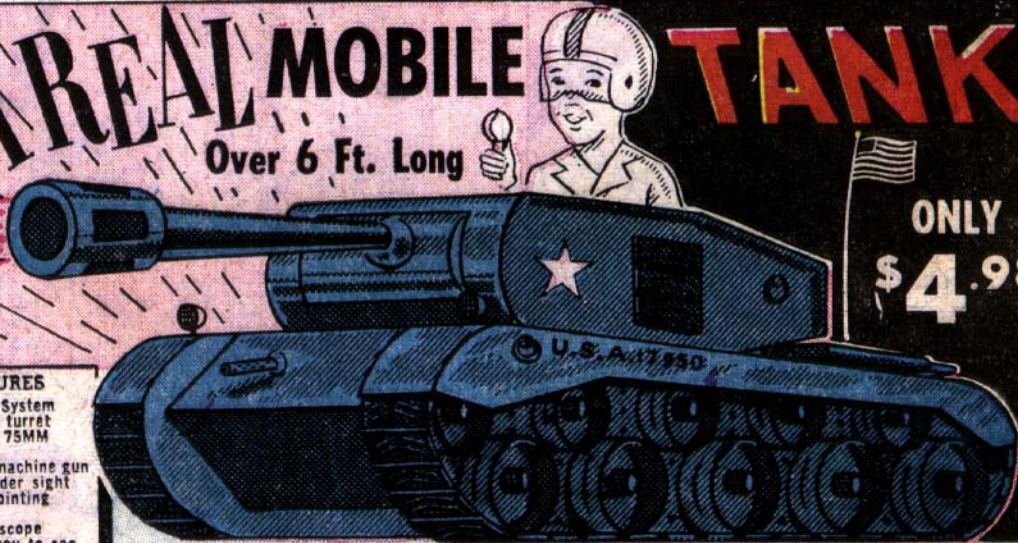
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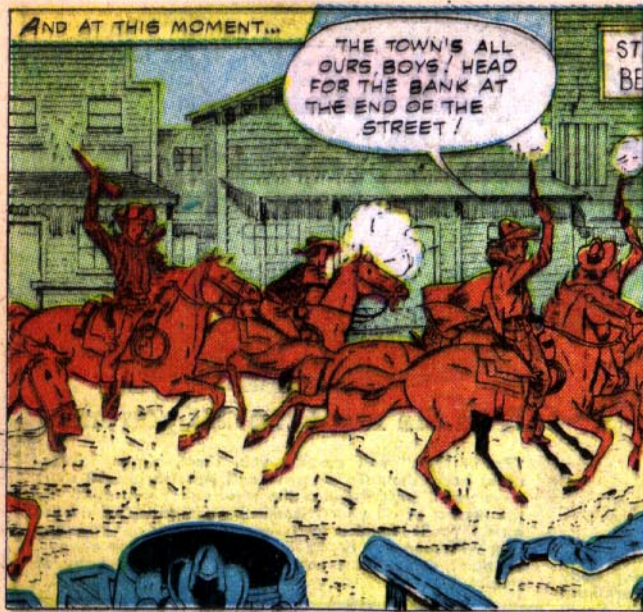
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BUT THEN A HEROIC FIGURE CLAD IN BLACK SUDDENLY APPEARED...



HOLSTERS EMPTIED AND ORANGE-TONGUED FLAME LASHED THE AIR, BUT THE BLACK RIDER'S COLTS WERE FASTER BY FAR!

AND, WHEN HIS GUNS WERE EMPTIED, KNUCKLES OF STEEL FINISHED THE JOB...





WHAT DID A KID DO WHEN HIS ONLY HERITAGE WAS THE AWESOME GUN-REP OF HIS RENEGADE FATHER...TRY TO LIVE DOWN HIS NOTORIOUS BAD NAME, OR RIDE THE DARK TRAILS THAT ALWAYS BECKONED BECAUSE OF HIS...

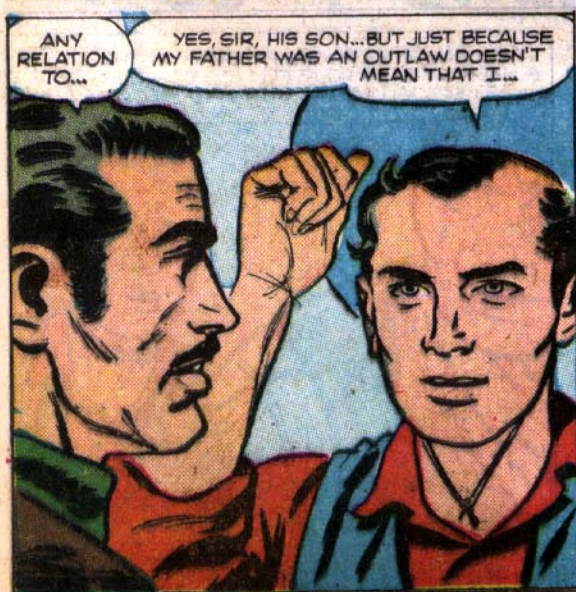
# OUTLAW BRAND



WHAT DID YOU SAY  
YOUR LAST NAME WAS...  
**ELDRIDGE?**

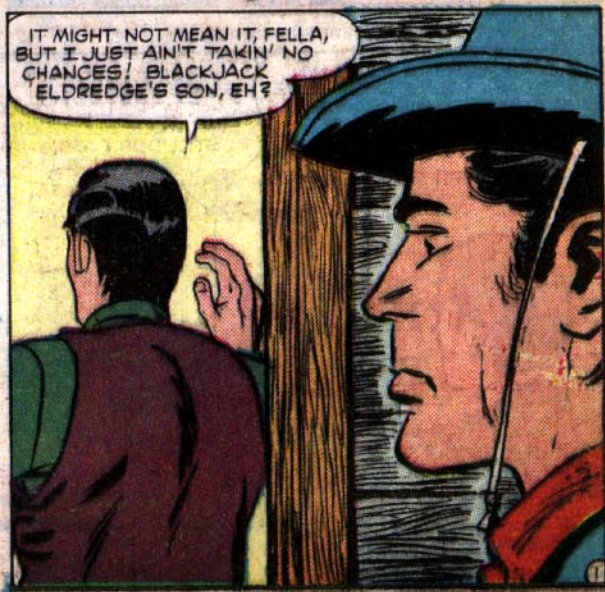
THAT'S RIGHT! THEY SAID  
IN TOWN YOU WERE LOOKING  
FOR A RIDER, SIR!

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ANY  
RELATION  
TO...

YES, SIR, HIS SON...BUT JUST BECAUSE  
MY FATHER WAS AN OUTLAW DOESN'T  
MEAN THAT I...



IT MIGHT NOT MEAN IT, FELLA,  
BUT I JUST AIN'T TAKIN' NO  
CHANCES! BLACKJACK  
ELDRIDGE'S SON, EH?



YES, JOE ELDREDGE'S FATHER HAD BEEN THE MOST DANGEROUS GUNSLINGER EVER TO COME OUT OF THE BADLANDS, AND NOBODY WAS LETTING JOE FORGET IT! AND WHEN NEXT DAY HE TRIED FOR YET ANOTHER JOB...



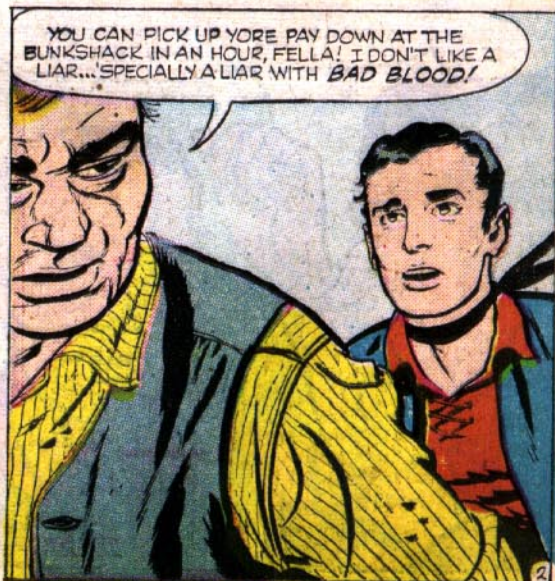
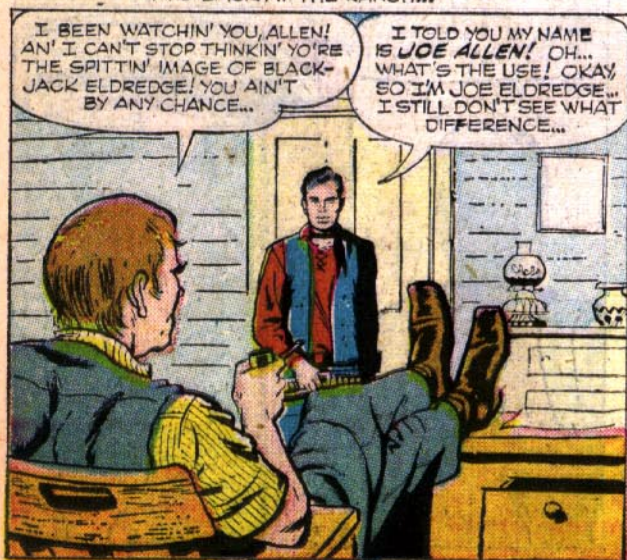
BUT THAT NIGHT, AT HIS LONELY CAMPFIRE, JOE REGRETTED HIS BITTER, SARCASTIC WORDS...



JOE'S BRAVE, BRIGHT HOPES WERE QUICKLY DASHED SEVERAL DAYS LATER, THOUGH...



AND BACK AT THE RANCH...





SO HE HAD \*BAD BLOOD\*, DID HE! ALL RIGHT, JOE DECIDED, THEN HE'D **ACT** THAT WAY!

AND SHORT WEEKS LATER, AS JOE'S WAY WITH A SIX-SHOOTER BECAME NEAR WIZARDRY...



I'LL GET GOOD WITH A GUN FOR ONE THING!



NEXT, I'LL HEAD FOR TOWN AND BUST OPEN SOMEBODY'S SAFE, BEFORE I GET TOO LOW ON FUNDS!

THE PRETTY, FRIENDLY GIRL AT THE RESTAURANT IN TOWN, HOWEVER, WASN'T VERY IMPRESSED WITH JOE'S BRASH WORDS...

BUT, MARY'S WORDS CUT DEEPER INTO JOE THAN HE KNEW, AND THE NEXT NIGHT SHE HAD SOME FURTHER WORDS OF WISDOM FOR HIM...

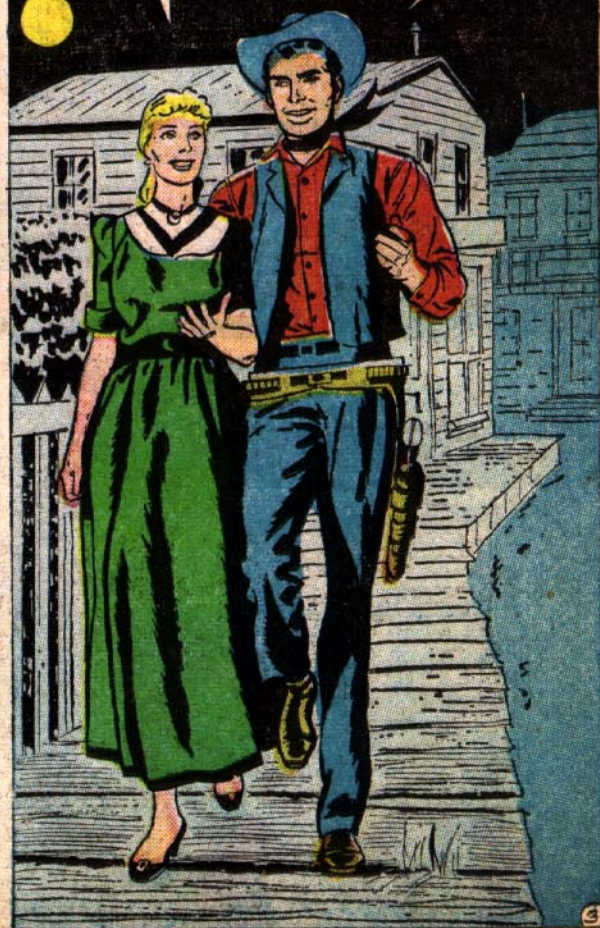


PLEASED TO MEET YOU, MARY BORDEN! ME, I'M JOE ELDREDGE, SON OF THE NOTORIOUS OUTLAW, BLACKJACK ELDREDGE! AND I'M TWICE AS FAST AS MY DADDY WAS WITH A GUN!

WELL, I HOPE YOU'LL BE USING YOUR SKILL WITH WEAPONS ON THE SIDE OF THE LAW!

SINCE YOU HAVE THIS UNUSUAL SKILL WITH A GUN, USE IT TO PROVE YOU'RE **GOOD**, NOT **BAD**! BRING IN THE MOST NOTORIOUS RENEGADE THE LAW IS LOOKING FOR, AND THEN THE **WHOLE WEST** WILL KNOW YOU'RE **GOOD**!

HEY, THAT MIGHT BE AN IDEA AT THAT! I WOULDN'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE GETTIN' A JOB AFTER THAT, WOULD I?



AND THAT NIGHT, AFTER JOE HAD POURED FORTH HIS BITTER STORY AS HE DANCED WITH HIS NEW-FOUND FRIEND...



YOU KNOW THE TROUBLE WITH YOU IS YOU'RE STILL A **CHILD**! A MAN DOESN'T GET IN A BABYISH FURY WHEN HE MEETS OBSTACLES... HE FIGURES A WAY TO **OVERCOME** THEM!

SO I'M A CHILD, AM I? WELL, MAYBE YOU'LL THINK DIFFERENT AFTER I'VE OUTDRAWN A FEW OF THE TOUGHEST TOWN-TAMERS IN THE SOUTHWEST!



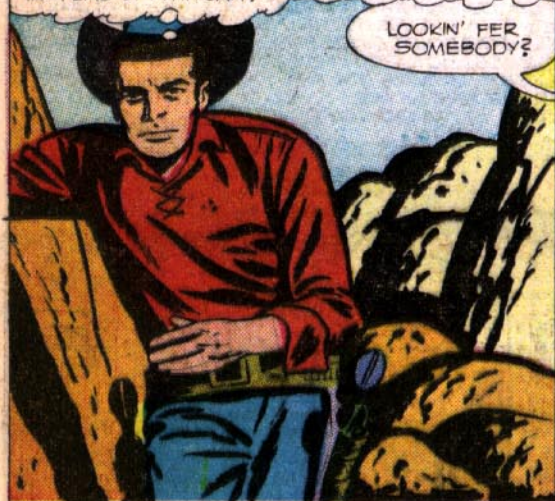
AND FIVE DAYS LATER, AS JOE RODE BOLDLY INTO THE LAIR OF THE LAST OF THE DEADLY LACEY BOYS...



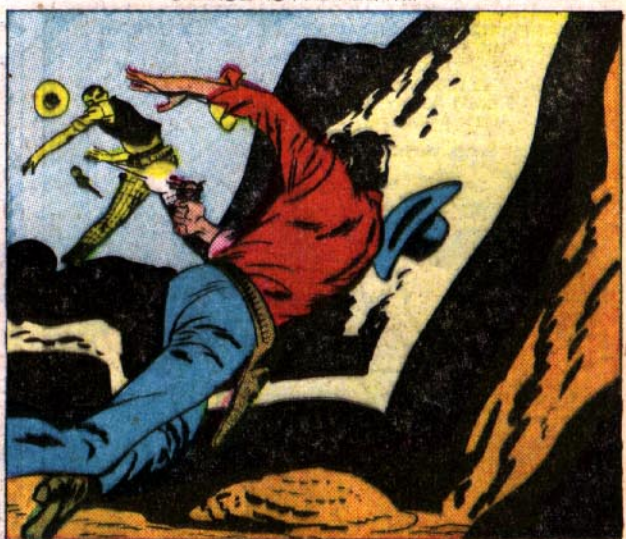
WHEN THE LAW COMES IN FORCE, HE CAN EASILY SNEAK OUT IN PRACTICALLY ANY DIRECTION! AND WHEN ANY BADGE-TOTER COMES ALONE, HE JUST PICKS 'I'M OFF!



THE QUESTION NOW IS, CAN I WHIRL, DRAW AND SCORE A BULL'S-EYE, WHEN MY TARGET IS LUKE LACEY, INSTEAD OF A TIN CAN?



AND EVEN AS JOE ASKED HIMSELF THE QUESTION, HE GOT HIS CHANCE TO ANSWER IT...



SINCE YOU ASKED, I RECKON IT WAS YOU I'VE BEEN LOOKIN' FER, LACEY!



WHICH LEAVES ONLY THAT NIGHT TO TELL ABOUT...

THREE JOB OFFERS ALREADY, NOT TO MENTION THE REWARD MONEY...AND THE MAYOR SAYS THE TOWN WANTS ME TO RUN FOR SHERIFF! YOU CAN'T CALL ME A 'CHILD' NOW, MARY BORDEN!

THAT'S RIGHT, JOE! YOU'RE EVERY BIT A MAN NOW...AN' I KNEW YOU COULD PROVE YOURSELF...DARLIN'!



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on his shirt. You needed dry hands, and steady nerves when you tangled with a lobo like Jeb Briggs, and Bob had the sudden feeling that he possessed neither of these.

Somehow he felt that when this encounter was over, he'd be dead. Briggs was too much the experienced gunman, with too many hundreds of killings to his credit, for a young marshal like Bob Slade to stand a chance in even an honest gun-battle with him.

Suddenly the sun disappeared behind the horizon, and the street grew grey, although the sky still showed slashes of red. As if sensing the moment, the laughter and talk from inside the saloon itself died away. And the tenseness of the moment increased.

He'd said good-bye to Josie, and Pop Reynolds who'd become like a father to him in such a short time. He'd made out a will, leaving half his savings to Josie and the other half to his folks back east.

He tested the draw of his gun once again, and almost as soon as he let the heavy metal slide back into leather, he heard it. The rhythmic jingling of musical spurs. The pace was a slow one, like the way you walked when you were going to a funeral. Whose funeral would they hold tonight? He felt the muscles in his neck bunch up, and his jaw trembled with tension. He had to cut that out. He had to relax or he would never be able to draw with any speed at all.

He relaxed.

Slowly—as slowly as the rhythm of the spurs told him Briggs was walking—he moved into the center of the street, and his boots kicked up little puffs of dust from the crusted wheel-ruts. Then he stopped, and waited. He could see the other man coming slowly, but relentlessly. The man who had nothing but contempt for law and order, and peaceful honest people. The man who had told the law to “get out of town by



sundown—or die!”

Bob stood there loose and relaxed, and caring for nothing except that this should be over and done with. He held his arms wide at his sides in position for the draw.

Jeb Briggs was close now. “I see you ain’t took my advice, lawman.”

Bob’s answer exploded the evening air like a bombshell. “Draw!”

Briggs drew, and Bob drew just as fast. Bob fired, and then Briggs shot, but he seemed

to hesitate a fatal moment and his lead shot up dust as it buried itself in the ground.

Bob stood there and watched the outlaw crumple to the ground. The man made another feeble attempt to fire, but it was a wild shot that buried itself in the side of a building across the street. The young marshal holstered his gun, and let his arms hang limp at his sides as he headed back to haul Jerry’s prisoners off to the jail. He could still not understand why Briggs hesitated before firing. A gunman like him didn’t make mistakes like that without a reason.

Then as he saw the three would-be-bushwhackers—still tied—he knew Briggs’ fatal mistake. The man had expected his friends to cut Bob down before he ever drew, and when there was no sign of help—he had hesitated.

Bob smiled to himself, at the irony of it all. If the man hadn’t planned the unfair set up, he might be alive now, and Bob would be lying there in the middle of the street.

The rugged sheriff knew he owed his life to the gangling youth who had warned him of the bushwhack plans . . . and he knew there was only one way he could thank him properly! Bob walked up to Jerry and pinned a five pointed star on the boy’s chest.

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WELL, I RECKON WE DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE!

GO, BOY!

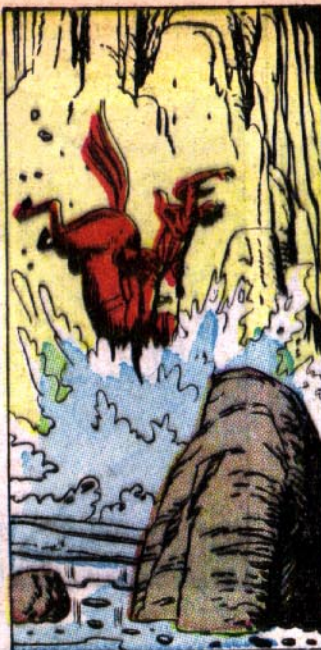
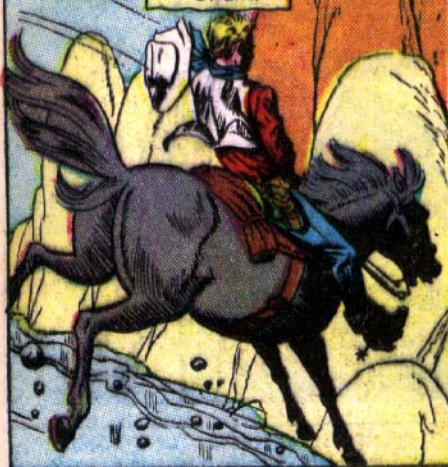


THE  
SHERIFF  
SAYS:  
**"DRAW!"**

IT HAPPENED LONG AGO... BUT ALL THE DETAILS WERE STILL FRESH IN KID COLT'S MIND! THE DEPUTY WHO RECOGNIZED HIM IN ABILINE... THE CRY OF ALARM... THE HASTILY FORMED POSSE, ARMED TO THE TEETH... THE CHASE... AND THEN... BUT HERE, SEE FOR YOURSELF...



OFTEN, A DESPERATE MAN, WITH NOTHING TO LOSE, WILL TAKE A CHANCE WHICH ANOTHER MAN WOULDN'T DARE TAKE! SO IT WAS WITH KID COLT! WITH A SILENT PRAYER, HE AND HIS GALLANT STALLION PLUMMETED INTO SPACE, RIDER AND MOUNT TAKING THE PLUNGE TOGETHER AS THOUGH THEY WERE ONE...



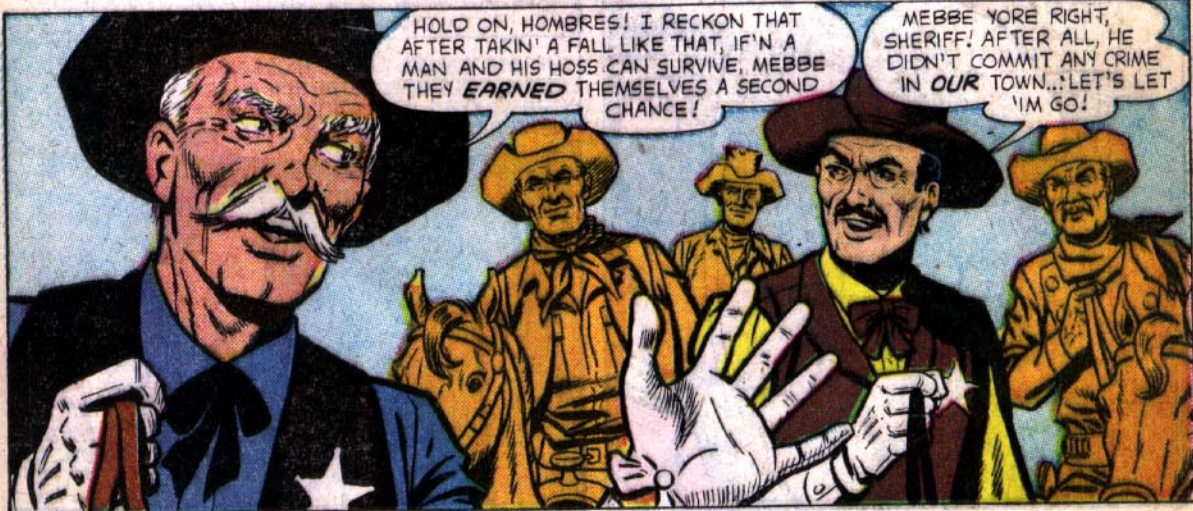
LOOK! HE MADE IT! THEY'RE SWIMMING TOWARD SHORE!

LET'S HEAD DOWN THE SIDE TRAIL! WE MIGHT STILL CATCH UP WITH 'EM! THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO RUN MUCH AFTER A DIVE LIKE THAT!



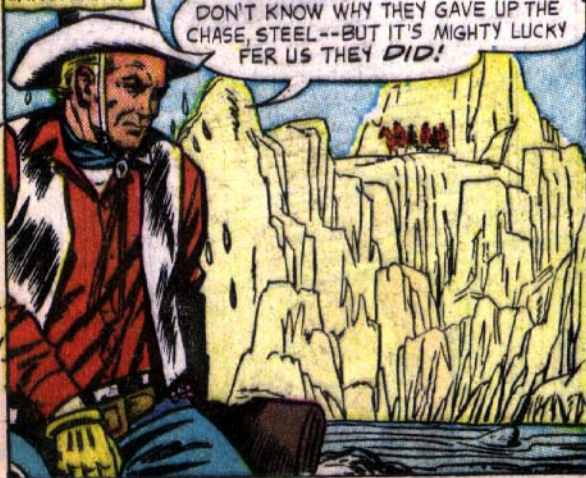
HOLD ON, HOMBRES! I RECKON THAT AFTER TAKIN' A FALL LIKE THAT, IFN' A MAN AND HIS HOSS CAN SURVIVE, MEBBE THEY EARNED THEMSELVES A SECOND CHANCE!

MEBBE YORE RIGHT, SHERIFF! AFTER ALL, HE DIDN'T COMMIT ANY CRIME IN OUR TOWN...! LET'S LET 'IM GO!



AND SO KID COLT LIVED TO SEE YET ANOTHER SUNSET, AS HE AND HIS HORSE CONTINUED THEIR LONELY TREK TO NOWHERE, IN THEIR ENDLESS QUEST FOR A SAFE SANCTUARY!

DON'T KNOW WHY THEY GAVE UP THE CHASE, STEEL--BUT IT'S MIGHTY LUCKY FER US THEY DID!

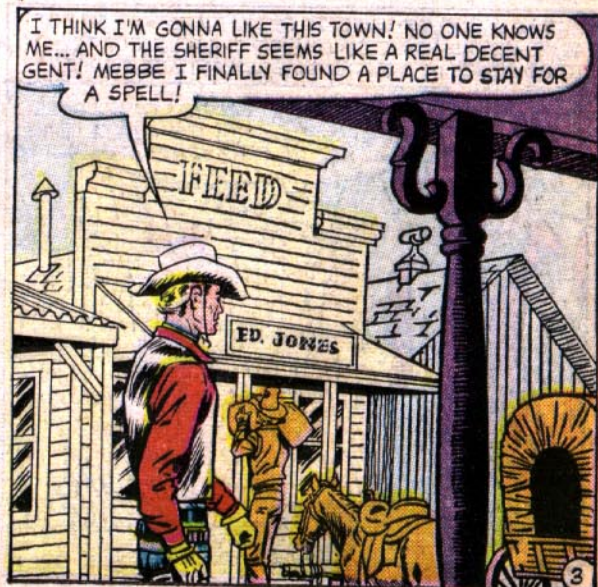
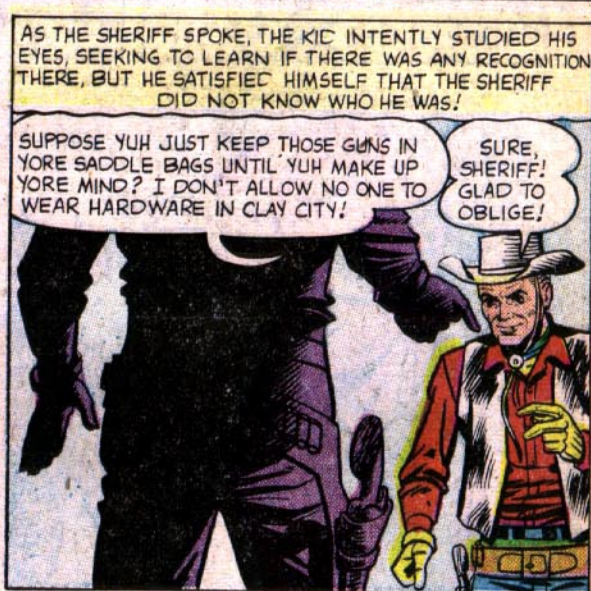
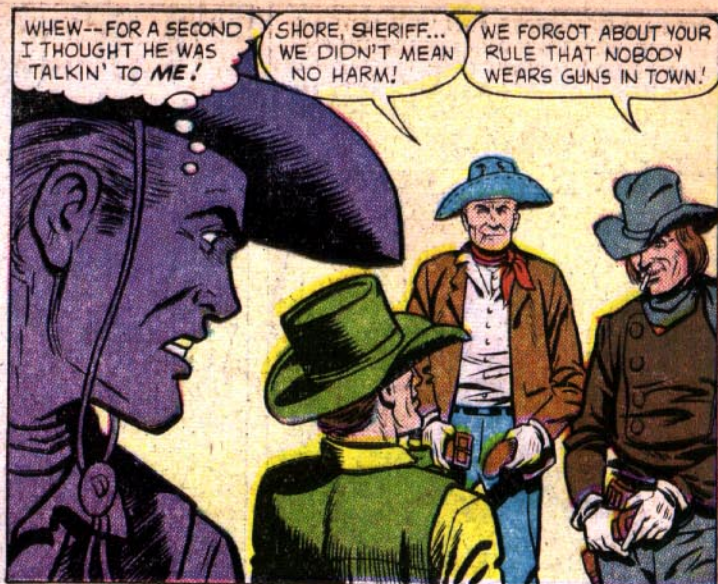
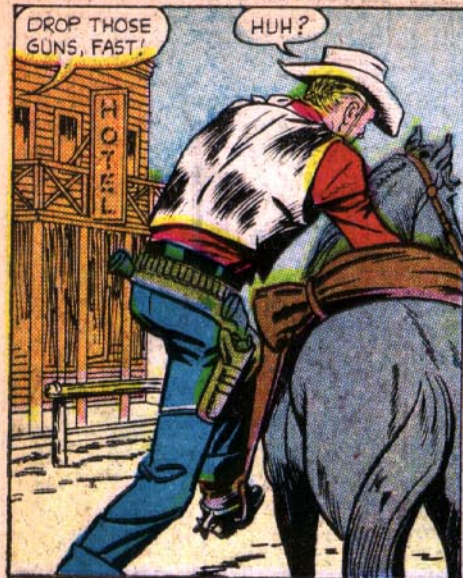


AFTER TWO DAYS OF RIDING, THEY REACHED THE BRAWLING FRONTIER TOWN OF CLAY CITY, AND ANOTHER APPOINTMENT WITH DESTINY!

CLAY CITY! NEVER HEERD OF IT, STEEL! MUST BE ANOTHER OF THOSE TOWNS THAT SPRING UP OVER-NIGHT, LIVE FER A WHILE, AND THEN SEEM TO DRIFT AWAY LIKE TUMBLEWEED!



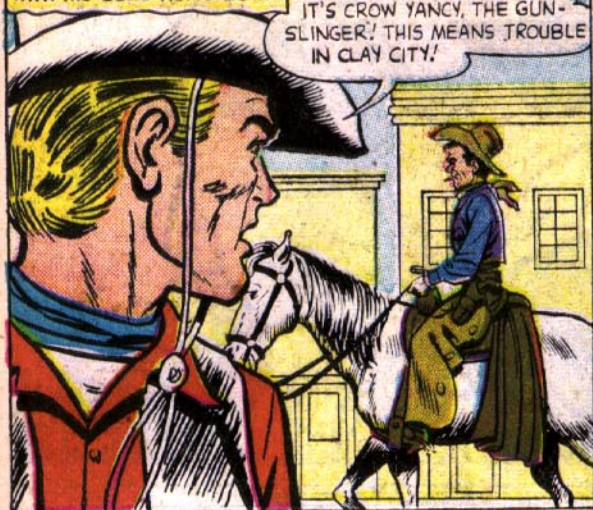






BUT FATE HAD OTHER PLANS FOR KID COLT! FOR, THAT VERY AFTERNOON, A SCOWLING STRANGER RODE INTO CLAY CITY... WITH HIS GUNS HUNG LOW!

IT'S CROW YANCY, THE GUN-SLINGER! THIS MEANS TROUBLE IN CLAY CITY!



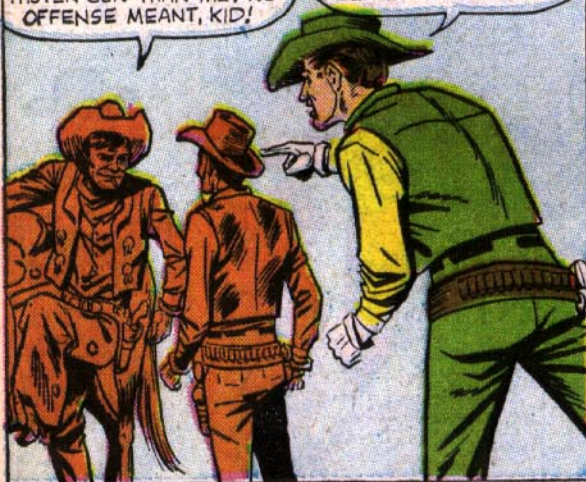
WELL WELL, IF N IT AINT KID COLT! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU SO FAR NORTH!

LOWER YORE VOICE, CROW! I DON'T HANKER TO HAVE FOLKS IN THESE PARTS KNOW WHO I AM!



SHORE, KID, SHORE! I DON'T WANT TO PROD THE ONE MAN IN THESE PARTS WHO'S A FASTER GUN THAN ME! NO OFFENSE MEANT, KID!

YOU! HOMBRE, TAKE OFF THOSE GUNS! NOBODY WEARS GUNS IN CLAY CITY 'CEPTIN' THE LAW!



WELL WELL... AND NOBODY TELLS CROW YANCY TO TAKE OFF HIS GUNS, 'LESS HE'S PREPARED TO TAKE 'EM OFF FOR ME!

MISTER, I'LL TELL YUH TO DRAW IF THOSE GUNS DON'T COME OFF!



YORE PLUMB SCARIN' ME LIKE TO DEATH, MISTER! HAW HAW HAW!

I CAN'T LET THE SHERIFF DRAW AGAINST CROW! CROW IS **TWICE** AS FAST! BUT IF I DRAW AGAINST CROW AND BEAT HIM, THE WHOLE TOWN WILL SUSPECT WHO I AM! THERE'S ONLY **ONE** THING TO DO!



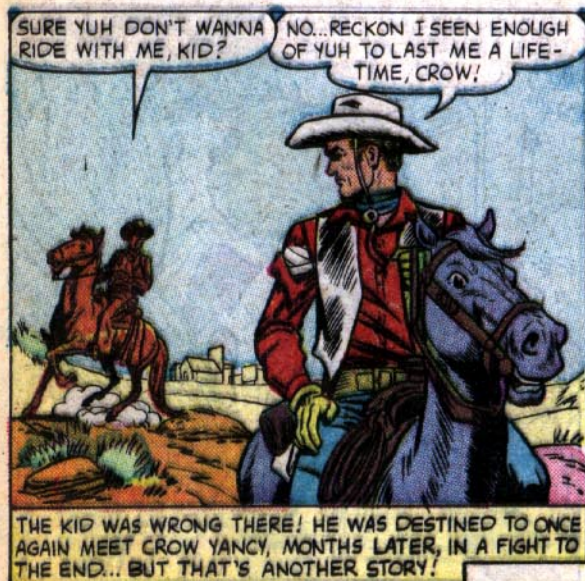
HOLD ON, SHERIFF! I RECKON I'LL BE WEARIN' MY GUNS, TOO!







IT WAS THE HARDEST THING THE KID HAD EVER DONE IN HIS LIFE... EVERY OUNCE OF SELF-CONTROL HAD TO BE EXERTED TO HOLD BACK HIS HAND... TO SLOW HIS DRAW SO THAT THE SHERIFF COULD **OUT-DRAW HIM!**





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