

BULLY Says YOU WO

YOU GET WHAT YOU VOTE FOR!"



BUT I TALKED TO MY
UNCLE ABOUT COMING TO
HIS FARM 'HE WAS
GOING TO LET US RIDE
THE HORSES AND GO
SWIMMING IN THE POND.'

WEREN'T YOU
AT THE
ATTHE
ATTH



I KNOW JUST HOW YOU FEEL, JOE.'
LAST YEAR THE TOWN COUNCIL, IN AN
OPEN FORUM, VOTED DOWN HAVING A NEW
PLAYGROUND AND SWIMMING POOL. I HAD
A PLAN THAT MIGHT HAVE WORKED
WITHOUT RAISING TAXES TOO MUCH. BUT]
COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT THE DATE OF
THE MEETING.



YOU'RE LUCKY YOU CAN DO THAT.
YOU CAN'T ALWAYS HAVE ANOTHER
CHANCE.

YOU'RE RIGHT, POP. IT'S A GOOD THING TO REMEMBER TO TAKE YOUR VOTE SERIOUSLY-BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GET WHAT YOU WANT IF YOU'RE NOT EVEN THERE TO CAST YOUR VOTE.

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YOU GET ANY

THOUGHT OF THAT GIMMICK MONTHS AGO ... POSING AS THE D. A. TO SPRING PHONY RAIDS ON GAMBLING DENS AND CONFISCATE THEIR DOUGH ... IN OTHER WORDS. IT WAS A TAKING IT ALL. GOOD IDEA, BUT I WAS ALONE AND IT WASN'T A ONE MAN JOB! HUH?

I'VE BEEN FED UP FOR MONTHS DISHING OUT MY TALENT TO THOSE MORONS ... AND FOR PEANUTS! WHY, I SHOULD BE RETIRED NOW! YOU CAN COUNT ME IN ON YOUR

FOR A THIRD YOU COMPANY IF YOU JUST IN CASE COOPERATE! BUT CROSS US AND GO TO THE COPS AND WE'LL GET YOU! THE 8055

OKAY ...

LANDRU!

YOU'RE IN

YOU CAN BEAT IT FOR I'M IN NOW! WILLIE, HERE, THE IS GONNA KEEP PHONE BOOK. BENTON. WHEN YOU IDEAS! I'LL 4 WANT ME. CONTACT YOU SO LONG. AFTER I SPEAK



DEAL, BENTON! BUT I WANT A FAIR CUT!

AS THE SHRILL WHISTLE SOUNDED THROUGH THE

WITH

THE PAIR HAILED A CAB AND PROCEEDED UP-

TOWN ... J DO YA A 3 A AH. MY BOY! YOU'RE GOTTA WHISTLE MUCH TOO TENSE! SETTLE LIKE THAT, LANDRU? BACK AND ENJOY THE IT REMINDS ME OF RIDE! STIR!

CAB, THE DRIVER QUICKLY JOTTED DOWN NOTES AND TRANSLATED THEM ... A-C-C-E-P-T-E-D 1-N-T-O G-A-N-G -- M-U-5-7

L-E-A-R-N 1-D-E-N-T-1-TY O-F R-1-N-G L-E-A-D-E-R -- S-T-A-N-D B-Y! GOSH! THE D.A.'S REALLY HIT ON SOMETHING



THEN.

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YES! THE GANG HAD UNWITTHIGUT KINDAPPED ME BACKSTAGE OF THE THEATER EARLIER THAT EVENING. THE PHONE CALL HAD ACTUALLY DEEN A PLANT TO DRAW ME OUT OF THE AUDIENCE SO THE SWITCH COULD BE MADE! BY PREARRANGEMENT, LANDRU HAD AGREED TO TAKE MY PLACE

WHY, YES, MR. D. A.!

VISIT THE ART CLUB

THE PROVOCATION FOR THIS STUNT CAME QUITE BY ACCIDEN DURING A POLICE LINE-UP SOME THREE WEEKS PREVIOUS. SEVERAL SUSPECTS WERE BROUGHT IN FOR QUESTIONING.

NONE OF THESE
FITS THE DESCRIPTION,
WHAT I FOUND IN
GEE-GEE MONROES
COAT POCKET!
MONTHS
MONTHS
MONTHS
MONROE INTO

WANT TO QUESTION

HIM!

THE TICKETS WERE FOR LANDRUS TY SHOW, WE CONTACTED THE MANAGER IMMEDIATELY AND LEARNED THE TICKETS WERE OBTAINED LEGIT-IMATELY, THAT LEFT ONE QUESTION UNANSWERED... I LIKE ONE MINUTE

MAATELY. THAT LEFT ONE QUESTION

VANAMERED... I LIKE ONE MINUTE

TALK, MONROE!

THE HARRINGTON

WHAT'S A PUNK ACT... THIS SILE

LIKE YOU'POING

WITH TEN TICKETS

ALL!

HE'S APPARENTLY

HE'S APPARENTLY

INE YOU DOING THAT'S OF PAPER INTHIT TEN TICKETS ALL FOUND IN HIS WALLET. HIS WALLET. HIS WALLET. HIS WALLET. HIS WALLET. HIS APPARENCE SOMEONE'S DAILY HABITS! LET'S VISIT THE THEATER!

WE VIGOROUSLY QUESTIONED EVERYONE IN LANDRU'S CAST... POSSIBLY SOMEONE WAS IN DANGER. IT WAS NEARLY AN HOUR LATER WHEN WE STRUCK A LEAD... YES

DA! THIS

IS THE GUY!

IT WASN'T UNTIL WE WATCHED LANDRU'S ACT THAT EVENING THAT WE BECAME SUSPICIOUS OF A DARING UNDERWORLD PLAN...

REGULARLY, AND I MONROE'S THAT'S THE BEEN KEEP- BIG TABS ON, LANDRU!

AND DID YOU KNOW?

ON, LANDRU!

YES. LOOK, CHIEF! IT MAKES SENSE, HARRINGTON! IT'S LANDRU HARRINGTON! IF CRIMINALS COULD KIDNAP LANDRU A KIDNAP LANDRU A KIDNAP LANDRU A

BUT WHY... IMPERSONATING CRIMINALS COULD FINAT'S THE YOU! SAY, YOU KIDNAP LANDRU AND DON'T THINK-- FORCE HIM TO IMPERSONATE ME, IT COULD BE DISASTROUS! LET'S SEE... THE SHOW DOESN'T END FOR THREE WEEKS! THAT GIVES US TIME TO ARRANGE SOMETHING!

THUS IT WAS THAT OUR SUSPICIONS PROVED CORRECT AND I FOUND MYSELF A HIRED HENCH-MAN FOR THE YERY GANG I HOPED TO BRING TO HISTOFF



WILLIE GUARDED ME CLOSELY. THEN, ON THE NIGHT OF THE \$21, WE WERE SUMMONED TO THE GANG'S HIDEOUT WHERE HOODS WERE DISGUISED AS PATROLMEN...









ROOM BARKING ORDERS, I PLACED THE FULL WEIGHT OF MY FEET ON THE HEAVY CARPET.



FOLLOWED WHEN ...

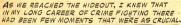














HE HAD ME CORNERED NEAR THE DOOR, BUT I GOT A SHOT IN BEFORE HIS SLUG HIT ME.."

CHIEF! HE GOT YOU!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, HARRINGTON!)
JUST A FLESH WOUND!
COLLAR



THIS LITTLE PROBLEM'S A SMAPTO STRAIGHTEN OUT! WE'LL TELL IS THERE ANY IN A SECOND IF HE'S QUESTION? WHO BUT REALLY THE P. A. LANDRU CAN IMPERSONATE OR LANDRU



IT HAPPENED THREE YEARS AGO AT MONTE'S CLUB! WE HAD A GOOD GAMBLING SET-UP WHEN THE D.A. BUSTED IN!



I WAS UP THE RIVER TWO MONTHS WHEN DICE ANDERSON WAS SENT UP AND TOLD ME WHAT MY SLUG HAD DONE...

THAT'S FANTASTIC!

I RECEIVED THIS

WOUND LAST YEAR IN

A STAGE ACCIDENT!



OKAY, WISE GUY! START
IMPERSONATING OR IN
FIVE SECONDS YOU'LL
BE PLAIN MR.
CORPSE!

IN MY TECHNIQUES ARE
TRADE SECRETS! I'D
RATHER DIE THAN REVEAL
THEM! I INSIST UPON
DISGUISING MYSELF IN
SECLUSION!... BEHIND
THAT SCREEN!









MY LIFE HUNG BY A THREAD THAT MOMENT. NEEDED ALL MY NERVE AND MORE ...

AW, BENTON, JUST LET ME SEND A COUPLE OF SLUGS THROUGH THAT SCREEN! I TELL YOU THE GUY IS A PHONY! HE CAN'T PULL NO

TAKE IT EASY, WILLIE! A MINUTE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER WON'T MATTER! HE'LL GET CHILLED QUICK ENOUGH IF YOU'RE RIGHT!



I DARTED BACK BEHIND THE SCREEN ONCE AGAIN. AND SHORTLY EMERGED AS ...

> JIMMY DURANTE! HOLY MACKEREL! I DON'T KNOW HOW HE DOES IT ...



FOUR MINUTES LATER, I STEPPED OUT FROM BEHIND THE SCREEN, AND ... F

IT-- IT DON'T HEY! HE SURE LOOKS MAKE SENSE! LIKE ... BOB HOPE!



MY DECEPTION HAD WORKED FOR THE TIME BEING. BUT TIME WAS IN FAVOR OF THE HOODLUMS. NOW I WAS FORCED TO MAKE A DARING MOVE ..

ALL RIGHT, BENTON! I'VE HAD TO PROVE MYSELF LONG ENOUGH! YOU PROMISED ME A MONEY-MAKING DEAL AND YOUR AWKWARD GUNMEN SPOILED OUR PROFITS! I'VE GOT SOME OTHER IDEAS IN MIND ... BUT EITHER I MEET YOUR BIG BOSS RIGHT OFF OR I QUIT AS OF NOW!

SURE, SURE, LANDRU! WILLIE .. TELEPHONE THE BOSS! TELL HIM LANDRU IS OKAY!

AS WE LEFT THE HIDEOUT ...

DON'T BLAME THE L I UNDER-BOSS FOR PLAYING IT STAND! I CAGEY! HE'S GOT TO JUST HOPE BE CAREFUL! OUR NEXT

THEFT WILL PAY OFF!

A RIDE ACROSS TOWN BROUGHT US TO A SWANK, MID-TOWN APARTMENT HOUSE. WE ENTERED, WERE WHISKED BY ELEVATOR TO THE PENTHOUSE ...

A PLEASURE, I 1 WELCOME. LANDRU! ASSURE YOU, THAT GLAD TO -YOU WILL NEVER HAVE YOU IN REALIZE! 1 AT LAST! OUR HAPPY FAMILY!

THE TOP MAN ... RAY BRADY BEHIND THESE CRIMES!

TO WEAR THAT D.A. DISGUISE HERE! PUT YOUR OWN FACE ON! HA, HA! I'VE SEEN YOUR REAL FACE AT THE THEATRE! IT'S MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE FOR ME TO LOOK AT THAN THE D. A.'S!

BUT YOU DON'T HAVE

GREAT SCOTT! THIS IS THE LOOPHOLE OUR SCHEME DIDN'T COVER! Ou OF COURSE ... ER

JUST A MOMENT











LATER, AS WE WRAPPED UP THE CASE AT

HEADQUARTERS ... I USED THESE THIN RUBBER B-BUT THOSE MASKS. LANDRU WAS GOOD IMPERSON ATIONS ENOUGH TO REVEAL HIS H-HOW DID SECRET TO HELP ROUND YOU ...? YOU UP! HE USED THESE MASKS TO DO HIS IMPERSONATIONS. AND I, FORTUNATELY. BORROWED SEVERAL FROM HIS DRESSING ROOM

BY A MIRACLE OF TIMING, HARRINGTON AND HIS MEN WERE READY

GOOD WORK, HARRINGTON! ANOTHER TEN SECONDS WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO LATE!

ALL RIGHT, YOU CHARACTERS! DROP YOUR GUNS OR WE'LL DROP YOU!



YOU WERE BEATEN ALL THE WAY, BRADY! THE CHIEF HAD ME FOLLOWING EVERY MOVE YOU MADE. WHEN HE DROPPED HIS HANDKERCHIEF, IT WAS THE SIGNAL THAT HE WAS GOING TO MEET YOU AT LONG LAST! AND HE SURE

DID!













I WAS JUST GIVING HIM ME ANY NO WONDER SORE TO DUBBLE BUBBLE / DUBBLE BUBBLE HE WAS BEFORE - SORE AT US!



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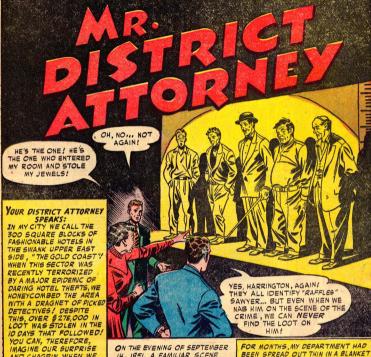
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IMAGINE OUR SURPRISE AND CHAGRIN WHEN WE EVENTUALLY LEARNED THAT OUR QUARRY WAS NOT A GIANT GANG, BUT JUST ONE MAN...A

CRAFTY, CLEVER CROOK WHO GAVE THE DEPART-MENT ITS BIGGEST HEADACHE IN...

me GLS3 of the

MODERN RAFFLES! ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 1951, A FAMILIAR SCENE WAS BEING ENACTED ON THE 114 FLOOR OF THE SWANK

HOTEL ROYAL ... STOP HIM...

THIEF! STOP HIM,

STOP HIM!

WATCH FOR THIS SLIPPERY BURGLAR!
ONE OF OUR BOYS SEIZED HIM JUST
AS HE LEFT THE BLEVATOR ...
THAT'S THE MAN, JI'LL LET THE

THAT'S THE MAN,
DETECTIVE! HE JUST
STOLE MY BROOCH!
H-HE CAME RIGHT INTO
MY ROOM WHILE I WAS
ASLEEP! GET IT BACK
FOR ME, OFFICER!

D.A. FRISK HIM, LADY ... ORDERS! MIND CALLING HIM FOR ME, MR. TOMPKINS?





THIS IS AN

OUTRAGE! YOU

CAN'T HOLD ME!

T'M

WHERE'S THE

HARRINGTON AND I HAD JUST RETURNED TO MY OFFICE AFTER PLINNING FOWN A FALSE LEAD ON THIS CASE WHEN THE NEWS REACHED US! WE ARRIVED AT THE HOTEL W MINUTES ...

CHIEF ... IT'S HARRY SAWYER! THE ONLY JEWEL THIEF WITH ENOUGH SAVVY TO WAGE A ONE-MAN CRIME WAVE! WHY WE DID ... REMEMBER ? BUT WE RULED HIM OUT BECAUSE LIVING THE LIFE OF A RETIRED BARON IN ITALY! CATCHING HIM RED-HANDED WITH THE LOOT IS A LUCKY

BUT WHEN I FRISKED SAWYER ... HE'S CLEAN! ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE MAN WHO ENTERED YOUR ROOM, MADAM?

IEWELRY SUPPOSED TO HAVE JUST OF COURSE! I SAW STOLEN? HIM AS PLAIN AS THE NOSE ON YOUR FACE!



CHIEF. YOU'RE YES ... EVERY-LETTING HIM THING BUT

I'M AFRAID HE'S RIGHT! LETHIM GO! BUT TAIL HIM AND FIND OUT WHERE HE LIVES! RIGHT CHIEF

GO ..? BUT HE'S WHAT WE GOT TO BE NEED FOR A "RAFFLES" -SURE CONVICTION HIS RECORD THE LOOT! I'D SURE HIS DESCRIPTION GIVE A LOT THIS WOMAN'S TO KNOW HOW DENTIFICATION. HE DITCHED THAT BROOCH,

IF "RAFFLES" SAWYER HADN'T SUCCEEDEL IN ELUDING HIS POLICE SHADOW, WE MIGHT HAVE LEARNED HIS SECRET THE NEXT EVENING, WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE SCENE OF HIS CRIME WITH A YOUNG HOOD HE WAS BREAKING IN.

NOTHING TO IT, JOEY! SEE, ALL I DID WAS THROW IT OUT OF THE WINDOW OF HER ROOM INTO THIS BUSH! THEN, IN CASE

YOU'RE 'M NABBED ... NO THE TOPS. EVIDENCE! B055!

AS IT WAS, BY THE TIME I TUMBLED TO HIS TRICK. IT WAS TOO LATE ...

NO QUESTION NOW ABOUT HOW HE DID IT. HARRINGTON! NOTICE THOSE FOOTPRINTS? IF



MEANWHILE. WITH ANOTHER UNSOLVED HOTEL HAUL, PANIC GRIPPED THE CITY'S CAFE SOCIETY ...







MEANWHILE, MY OFFICE WAS TAKING IT ON THE CHIN FROM THE NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER QUARTERS...

AS INSURANCE COMPANY EXECUTIVES, WE DON'T MINCE WORDS, MR. D. A.! IF YOU CAN'T STOP THESE THEFTS, SAY SO, AND WE'LL CALL IN THE NATIONAL GUARD, OR SOMETHING! WE'RE RAISING OUR PREMIUMS AND WE'RE LETTING THE PEOPLE KNOW WHY... BECAUSE YOUR OFFICE



WE'LL HAVE TO INCREASE THE "GOLD COAST DETAIL! AND, MISS MILLER, TAKE A MEMO! I WANT A 24-HOUR WATCH ON SAWYER! I DON'T WANT HIM OUT OF OUR SIGHT FOR



AS WE SOON LEARNED, THE DETECTIVES WEREN'T FAR FROM WRONG...

OF ALL THE LUCK! HERE I AM WITH A HONEY OF A JOB



MAYBE IF THESE RICH MATRONS STOPPED FLAUNTING THEIR VALUABLES IN PUBLIC ... AND STOPPED LEAVING THEIR

I KNOW, I KNOW, HARRINGTON ... BUT IT'S NO EXCUSE FOR US!



FOR THE NEXT EIGHT DAYS, HARRY SAWYER STAYED HOLED UP IN HIS 14 & STREET FLAT. THEM ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 25 &, HE WAS ON THE MOVE AGAIN. WITH TWO DETECTIVES ON

HIS TRAIL...

IF SO, HE'LL MAKE A RUN FOR HOLD IT... I THINK IT... IF HE'S GOING ANY-WHERE SPECIAL.

WHERE SPECIAL.



IN THE STATION BELOW. SAWVER PULLED EVERY DODGE IN THE BOOK, AND MY BOYS HAD THEIR HANDS FULL. SUDDENLY, WHEN "RAFFLES" SCOOTED INTO A DOWNTOWN TRAIN...







IT WAS A SMART PIECE OF STRATEGY ON LT. MASON'S PART, AND IT WORKEO! I RECEIVED EIGHT DIFFERENT MESSAGES AS TO SAWVER'S SHIFTY TRAIN CHANGES, BUT WHEN HE FINALLY EMERGED AT FERRY STREET, WARRINGTON AND I WERE

WAITING ...

HE'S HEADING FOR A HARBOR PATROL BOAT THE FERRY SLIP, STATION JUST BELOW, WE'LL CHIEF! PROBABLY FOLLOW IN ON ONE OF THEIR BOATS!

A FERRY!

FOLLOW IN ON ONE OF
THEIR BOATS!

AFTER THE FERRY DOCKED, SAWYER KILLED A FEW MINUTES BUYING POSTCARDS, THEN STARTED OUT FOR A CLOSER LOOK AT LADY LIBERTY. WE FOLLOWED AT A DISCREET DISTANCE...

CHIEF, I THINK I'VE GOT THE ANSWER! WE KNOW SAWYER HAS AN ACCOMPLICE! MAY BE

THEY 'RE

COULD BE! KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON, HARRINGTON... WE'LL SON



BUT IT WAS PRECISELY AT THIS POINT THAT I GOT THE SHOCK OF MY LIFE... LOOK, CHIEF, IT... IT



EXCEPT FOR THAT DISTINCTIVE BLACK DERBY HAT OF HIS, SAWYER LOOKED LIKE ANY INNOCENT SIGHTSEER ON HIS WAY TO THE HISTORIC STATUE

OF LIBERTY...

SAWYER'S NO FOOL! HE MAY

KNOW IS, WHY IN

SAM HILL IS HE

SOMEHOW INTENDS TO PULL

GOING TO THE

STATUE OF

WOULDN'T KNOW HOW, BUT

LIBERTY?

LET'S KEEP HIM IN SIGHT.



IT WASN'T QUITE AS."500N" AS I'D HOPED. SAWYER ADMIRED THE VIEW FOR FULLY HALF AN HOUR, BUT NO ONE WENT NEAR HM! FINALLY, AS HE TURNED AND PREPARED TO LEAVE...

HERE HE JUST LET HIM PASS, HARRINGTON!
COMES,
I INTEND TO KEEP AFTER HIM
CHIEF! NOW THIS TIME IF IT TAKES ME THE



IF WE EVER NEEDED TO BE CONVINCED THAT WE WERE DEALING WITH ONE OF THE CRAFTIEST CROOKS ON RECORD, QUESTIONING THE STRANGER PROVIDED THE FINAL CLINCHER...

SOME CRAZY GUY ON THE FERRY GAVE ME 10 BUCKS JUST TO WEAR HIS DERBY ON THE STATUE OF LIBERTY! SAY, WHAT COULD I

SOMEONE'S GOING TO LOSE ... PLENTY! ON THE DOUBLE, Y! HARRINGTON ... I HAD A FEELING







SOMETIME EARLIER, SAWYER, BACK IN THE CITY, WAS PUTTING INTO MOTION WHAT WAS DESTINED TO BE THE HAUL OF HIS CAREER, HIS FIRST STEP WAS TO PHONE THE NUMBER OF THE APARTMENT



SO FAR, SAWYER HAD HELD ALLTHE TRUMP CARDS. AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, A VIGILANT BETECTIVE, ONE OF A SQUAD ASSIGNED TO GUARD THE APARTMENTS OF WOMEN NOTED FOR THEIR JEWELRY COLLECTIONS, SPOTTED A LIGHT IN A PENTHOUSE WINDOW...

HMM... ACCORDING TO MY LIST, MQS, VANCLEVE LEFT HER APARTMENT AT FOUR-THIRTY, AND THE HOTEL DETECTIVE HAS NOT REPORTED HER AS HAVING COME BACK! YET, THERE IS A LIGHT IN HER APARTMENT! BETTER SAWYER'S METHOD OF ENTRY WAS SIMPLE, HEWEN' UP TO THE ROOF OF AN ADJOINING BUILDING... HOPPED ACROSS THE MARROW LEDGE TO THE HOTEL ROOF, AND THEN DROPPED DOWN THE SKY-LIGHT TO HIS DESTINATION...THE PENTHOUSE SUITE.



SO, ONCE AGAIN OUR HOPES LEAPED ATTHE CHANCE TO NAB "RAFFLES" RED-HANDED. WE ARRIVED AT THE VERY MOMENT MRS. VANCLEVE RETURNED, AND JUST AS SAWYER WAS LEAVING THE ELEVATOR...

WELL, WELL, IF IT ISN'T MR.
SAWYER! WHAT'S THIS
PLACE GOT THAT THE
STATUE OF LIBERTY HASN'T?
MIND STICKING AROUND A BIT
WHILE MRS. VAN CLEVE CHECKS

BOX?

I'M SURE THIS NICE GENTLEMAN WOULDN'T STEAL ANYTHING OF MINE! HOWEVER, IF YOU INSIST...



THE WEALTHY SOCIALITE RETURNED ALMOST AT

MY STAR OF INDIA DIAMOND! IT'S GONE! IT WAS THERE WHEN I LEFT AND NOW

YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS, WOULD YOU, SLIPPERY FINGERS?



WE DID...AND, IF YOU RECALL THE HEADLINES, WE FOUND EXACTLY \$6 IN BILLS AND 60 CENTS IN CHANGE, AND NOTHING ELSE! THIS WAS THE BLACKEST MOMENT IN MY ENTIRE CAREER...

ER ... IF THAT'LL BE CHIEF, DO YOU THINK HE ALL, MR. D. A. I'LL COULD'VE PULLED THE SAME GAG, AND BE RUNNING ALONG! THROWN I DOUBT IT. THE LOOT HARRINGTON ... BUT OUT THE WE'LL HAVE TO WINDOW ? CHECK AND MAKE SURE! I ... I DON'T GET IT ... I JUST DON'T GET IT!





BUT A CAREFUL CHECK OF THE GROUNDS REVEALED NOTHING. THE NEXT DAY, WE WENT THROUGH THE LOOTED APARTMENT WITH A FINE TOOTH-COMB.

BUT IT WAS HOPELESS ... IT'S ... ALMOST ... SUPER-MY LOVELY, LOVELY NATURAL! HE DIDN'T TAKE DIAMOND! THERE IT WITH HIM! HE DIDN'T WASN'T ANOTHER THROW IT OUT OF THE WINDOW! LIKE IT IN THE HE DIDN'T LEAVE IT BEHIND!



IT TOOK A LOT OF DOING. BUT WE FINALLY RAN HIM DOWN ... JOHN MULROONEY, VETERAN MAILMAN ...

LET ME THINK NOW ... MM.) RIGHT! GET IT. YEAH, COME TO THINK HARRINGTON? HE THERE WAS ONE LETTER STUCK IT IN A SELF-THAT SEEMED TO CONTAIN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE A SMALL HARD OBJECT! AND DROPPED THAT WAS THIS IT DOWN THERE'S AN

THE MAIL CHUTE!



AS YOU CAN SEE, SAWYER HAD US ON A MAD MERRY-GO-ROUND, AND WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FOLLOW EVERY CRAZY LEAD. FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER, I HAD MORE MEN IN THE HOTEL MANSON THAN THERE WERE

GUESTS ... OUR BOYS ARE ON EVERY FLOOR , CHIEF. IF HE'S IN THERE, WE'LL FIND HIM! HEY ... LOOK AT THE ARABIAN SHEIK!

MORNING. RIGHT?





THE MAIL CHUTE! I MUST'VE BEEN

DREAMING! LEAN ON THAT BUZZER,

HARRINGTON ... I MUST SPEAK TO THE

MAILMAN WHO PICKED UP AT THIS HOTEL

STREET WALK-UP ... BUT 4









AN HOUR LATER, HARRINGTON AND I WERE IN THE HOTEL RESTAURANT, STILL WAITING FOR A FINAL REPORT FROM THE MEN SEEKING SAWYER...



AS IT HAPPENED, I WAS RIGHT ... SAWYER WAS IN THE HOTEL ... OCCUPYING THE ROYAL SUITE! SOON

AFTER... I STILL DON'T YOU'D NEVER GUESS! SO GET IT, BOSS! WHAT I'LL TELL YOU... JUST SO'S ARE WE DOING IN I CAN GET MY HAND ON THIS EXPENSIVE SUITE?



ACCORDINGLY, LATER THAT SAME DAY ...

WELL, HERE'S THE DUPLICATE BOSS! FINE! BUT THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE! WE MUST CHECK OUT AT ONCE! THAT FOOL, THE D.A., IS NAVING ALL THE ROOMS SEARCHED

HAVING ALL THE ROOMS SEARCHED AND THE GUESTS EXAMINED! I'LL MAKE UP SOME EXCUSE FOR LEAVING RIGHT AWAY!



MOMENTS LATER, A DISCOURAGED DETECTIVE BROUGHT ME THE BAD NEWS. FORME, IT WAS THE LAST STRAW...

THEN CHECK THE GUESTS!

SORRY, CHIEF... SANVER'S IN THIS HOTEL SOME
BUT SAWYER'S WHERE... AND WE'LL FIND HIM
HOUND! COURSE,
WE DIDN'T CHECK
UNDERSTAND?

HE GUESTS!



BUT THIS IS THE KEY TO THIS SUITE! WHAT AM I SUPPOSED

SHUT UP AND I'LL TELL YOU! TAKE IT DOWN TO A KEYMAKER AND HAVE A DUPLICATE MADE, THEN WE'LL CHECK OUT. WHEN THE NEXT TENANT MOVES IN HERE, WE'LL HAVE A KEY TO HIS



FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER ... NOT AT ALL ... IF THA

SORRY, PRINCE AGI. BUT WE CAN'T MAKE ANY EXCEPTIONS! WOULD YOU MIND SUBMITTING

STRANGE AMERICAN CUSTOMS!







THE SEARCH OF THE BOGUS PRINCE WAS FRUITLESS.

HE LEFT THE HOTEL AND PROMPTLY WENT OUT OF
ENSTENCE. SAWYER, ON THE OTHER HAND,
DISAPPEARED FOR EIGHT WEEKS. WHEN HE REAPPEARED, IT WAS AGAIN IN THE ROYAL SUITE AT



BUT INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE TENANT'S DRESSER, SAWYER WENT DIRECTLY TO THE SUITE'S LAVISH STALL SHOWER, I KNOW, BECAUSE I WAS THERE...

SURPRISE, SURPRISE, NOTHING! I DON'T KNOW RAFFLES HOW YOU TUMBLED TO MY PLAN ... SAWYER! BUT I PIP KNOW YOU WERE IN THIS SUITE! YOU SEE, I DIDN'T LIVES HERE? COME BACK TO MAKE A HAUL.



AS YOU CAN SEE, THE RARE STAR OF INDIA DIAMOND! I HAD TO LEAVE IT BEHIND WHEN YOU BEGAN THAT STUPID SEARCH OF ALL THE GUESTS

WAS DIGHT OF HER YOU WERE AGE AND THE REASON I DIDN'T NAB YOU THEN WAS BECAUSE I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T 'VE HAD THE GEM ON YOU. AND I NEEDED IT



DEAD MEN CAN'T
TESTIFY... AND YOU'RE
ABOUT TO DIE...NOW!



ER... YOU SAID
BEFORE ... YOU
KNEW ALL ALONG
THAT I WAS THE
HINDU PRINCE,
AGI! HOW...? I
THOUGHT MY
DISGUISE WAS
PERFECT!

MANNERS WERE
WHAT GAVE YOU
AWAY! IN THE
RESTAURANT, YOU
ORDERERE A
THICK, JUICY STEAK!
HINDUS NEVER, BUT
MEVER, EAT MEAT!
LET'S GO, SAWYER!

IT WAS! YOUR TABLE

FORTUNATELY FOR HIS
MANY VICTIMS, SAWYER
WAS A THEIRTY MAN ANY
WE WERE ABLE TO
RECOVER OVER
\$255,000 IN LOOT,
AS FOR "RAFFLES",
HE WAS GIVEN THE
MAXIMUM SENTENCE
UNDER THE LAW...
TO THE EXTREME
RELIEF OF MY
DEPARTMENT,

Signed Mr. District actorney

THE END







Test YOUR Wits against a Criminal:

@N A BLUSTERÝ DECEMBER EVENING

BLUSTERY DECEMBER EVENING LAST YEAR, A

LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM NEW YORK WAS MADE WHICH WAS TO END

MURDER!

HOPGES, IM GIVING YOU EXACTLY
ONE WEEK TO PAY THAT I.O.U,
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ONE WEEK TO PAY THAT I.O.U
ONE THAT I.O.U
ON



HE HUNG UP ON ME, HE MEANS WHAT HE SAID, TOO! I OUGHT TO KILL HIM. . COME TO THINK OF IT! I COULD, TOO . AND WHAT'S MORE, I COULD GET AWAY WITH IT . . IF I WORKED IT CAREFULLY. LET ME THINK .



THUS, THE IDEA OF MURDER ENTERED THE MIND OF JOHN HODGES, PROMINENT FINANCIER. AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A CAREFULLY-CON-CEIVED PLAN, NEXT DAY, A PAIR OF NEEDY

CEIVED PLAN, NEXT DAY, A PAIR OF NEEDY
ACTORS CALLED.

THE AGENCY SENT US,
MR. HODGES! NY WIFE
AND I'LL DO ANYTHING
WOU SAY FOR A CHANCE
SELE ! YOU'S AND ADDRESS AND A MACE.





ASKED YOU

BEFORE,

STOP

CHATTERING



I'M SO THRILLED. OH STOP CHATTERING ALL OF A SUDDEN. MAREL JOHN DECIDED WE WOULD GO TO LOS ANGELES FOR A VACATION!

FIGURED WE COULD USE A LITTLE SUN-SHINE, THAT'S ALL!

I WISH I COULD LEAVE THIS FREEZING TOWN!

ER . MRS. HODGES ISN'T FEELING VERY WELL, SO WE'LL PROBABLY REMAIN IN OUR STATEROOM MOST OF THE TIME!

YES, SIR, I'LL SEE THAT YOU'RE NOT

DISTURBED

AN HOUR LATER, AS ENGINE WERE BEING SWITCHED AT HARMON ...

WHY, THEKE YOU TWO!





I'VE ARRANGED FOR YOU BOTH TO STAY IN HERE FOR THE ENTIRE TRIP WITHOUT BEING DISTURBED. WE'LL MEET YOU IN LOS ANGELES.

I MUST SAY, THIS IS VERY MYSTERIOUS!

THEN, AFTER A SWIFT RIDE BY LIMOUSINE TO LA GUARDIA FIELD ...

JOHN, I WISH YOU'D TELL COME ALONG, ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT! PROF WHY DID WE DISGUISE OUR-SELVES BACK AT THE HOUSE ? AND WHY IS HE ALLEN! IT'S A MATTER CALLING YOU PROF.



BARLY NEXT DAY, IN LOS ANGELES, WHILE MABEL HODGES TOLLED ON A BEACH.

GUN ? YES, IT'S MEANT FOR YOU, AND NOBODY











I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE HAVE TO STAY HERE, JOHN! YOU SAID WE'D STAY AT THE MORLY HOTEL!

AND WE WILL, AS SOON AS THAT TRAIN PULLS IN, THURSDAY! BUT, REMEMBER, YOU'VE GOT TO BACK UP MY



ON THURSDAY MORNING . . . THERE THEY ARE. LET'S FOLLOW 'EM THANK YOU, SIR. GLAD TO OUTSIDE. KNOW THAT MRS. HODGES 15 FEELING BETTER.

GOOD WORK! HERE'S THE MONEY I PROMISED YOU ... AND YOUR TICKETS TO SOUTH AMERICA. THE PLANE LEAVES IN AN HOUR ..

THANKS, MR. HODGES IT'LL GET US STARTED IN A LITTLE BUSINESS IN

MABEL, IN BODY ASKS YOU , WE OFF THE

REMEMBER,

WE CHECK INTO THAT HOTEL, DEAR! UNTIL YOU SEE THE

I CAN'T

WAIT UNTIL

POLICE, INVESTIGATING THE HOMICIDE, DISCOVERED HODGES' I.O.U. AMONG CRAN SHAW'S PAPERS, AND THAT SAME AFTER-NOON, DETECTIVE MARTIN SILVER PAID HODGES A CALL ...

YOU SAY THE NOTE ACCUSES ME OF WANTING TO KILL HIM? BUT HOW COULD I WHEN I ONLY ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES TODAY ? IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, YOU CAN ASK MY WIFE . . SHE'S ON THE







ER, HONEY .. THIS YOUR HUSBAND TELLS GENTLEMAN IS A ME, THAT YOU JUST ARRIVED, AND THIS DETECTIVE. DON'T BE ALARMED; HE IS YOUR FIRST DAY JUST WANTS TO AT THE BEACH ASK YOU A QUESTION .



SUPPOSE YOU WERE THE DETECTIVE! WOULD YOU LET HODGES OFF ? OR PERHAPS YOU NOTICED SOMETHING, A SMALL CLUE BUT BIG ENOUGH TO PUNCH A HOLE IN THE MURDERER'S ALIBI ? TAKE ANOTHER LOOK BEFORE YOU READ THE NEXT PAGE

DC

MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY









TAKE A LOOK, HERE'S PROOF THAT BOTH OF YOU LIED WHEN YOU SAID THIS WAS YOUR PIRST DAY ON THE BEACH! THE STRAPS ON THIS NEW SUIT ARRIVE IN THE SAME PLACES AS THE STRAPS ON HER OLD SUIT, AND YOU CAN SEE HOW TANNED SHE IS FROM THESE MARKS LEFT BY THE OLD STRAPS! NO ONE CAN GET THAT TANNED IN A FEW HOURS
ON THE BEACH!





RHYMES FOR THE ROAD

IMPRESSED by the number of deaths and

accidents on the streets and highways, educators of Oklahoma City's board prevailed upon the police department to assign one of their number to lecture the children on safety. A rookie trooper, by the name of Howard J. Flanagan, got the assignment. How to catch the pupils' interest troubled him until he hit upon children's nursery verses, recreating them into parodies of safety rhymes.

His audience was delighted, applauded for more, and as they exited after the first performance, they repeated some of his 25

chants:

Mary, Mary, quite contrary, what do your bruises show?

That you never indicated with your hand the direction you wanted to go.

Jack and Jill went to school along a public highway.

They always walked on the left-hand side because that is the right way.

A resourceful publisher soon after put the novel rhymes within book covers and called it "Safety Rhymes with Reason." Heartened by the response, Patrolman Flanagan illustrated his poems with motion pictures, inserted that together with a spelling bee in his lecture.

That was only a few years ago. Today, 2nd Lieut. Flanagan of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol broadcasts his safety show over the radio to an audience of small fry and adults more vast than he formerly visited in person. His verses are being used by 300

troopers in their safety lectures in schools throughout the state.

Have they been of value? Immeasurably, statistics prove. Child-pedestrian accidents and deaths have dropped

BYE-BYE, BOBBY

The high helmet, which has identified the British Bobbies, is on the way out. In its place is a peaked cap, not very much unlike that worn by our police. And how do the constables feel about parting with this traditional topgear? Not too happy, according to a Scotland Yard spokesman, who attributes their dissatisfaction to several reasons. Some discontents claimed that the old helmets were symbolic of law and order; others explained that their height was increased, while many disliked parting with English tradition.

SORRY, WRONG NUMBER

An historic-making incident occurred recently, which may be the basis for future legal action. The United States Senate voted to refund \$100 to a prisoner because a fine imposed on him had been too low!

Some years ago, John Hart was arrested, tried and sentenced to 15 years in Alcatraz for bank robbery in his native state of Kentucky. He also was fined \$100 on three counts. Assigned to the prison library, Hart put in a daily stint dusting books, and when some law books were revealed, he read them studiously.

To his utter surprise, he learned that the minimum fine for each count was \$1,000. Since the smaller fine was illegal, he hired a lawyer to sue for restitution. The court

agreed with Hart's logic but explained that reimbursement of Federal funds required an Act of Congress. When the Senate convened, among the first pieces of business it considered was Hart's refund!

HOW'S THAT AGAIN?

A new Acting Assistant Superintendent of Police recently was announced for the Fiji Islands, which is bound to make natives sit up and take notice. Fresh from New Zealand, where he studied police methods for two years, came Levani V. Tamanikairukurukuiovalau. Quipped the Fiji Royal Gazette, in reporting the appointment: "Obviously, a man of letters!"

GRIM GUNPLAY

One of the strangest records ever to be written into police annals had its origin in the clapboard house in the town of Halsey, Maryland, in May of 1950. When a manservant heard the crack of a pistol and scurcied into the room of his elderly employer, he found him sprawled across his bed, blood oozing from a fatal wound in his temple, staining the chenille bedspread.

Chief of Detectives Harvey Behrens, summoned to the scene, looked in vain for the death weapon, a .45 caliber revolver. The bullet was found, however, in the ceiling where it had crashed after having drilled through old Aaron Baker's skull.

The Chief of Detectives eyed the servant suspiciously. The man had a motive for killing old Baker, who was reputed to be a rich recluse, who didn't trust the banks but preferred to store his wealth somewhere in his ramshackle house. The servant denied owning a .45, and subsequent search revealed the weapon in the late Aaron Baker's closed night table drawer. Blood was spattered on the revolver's butt.

But instead of arresting the stupified servant. Chief of Detectives Behrens offered a startling explanation for the bizarre situation. In committing suicide, old Baker had fired the revolver at his temple, lying at an angle. The discharged gun fell into the open drawer, and Baker, in slumping onto the bed, unwittingly shut the drawer, thereby scaling the identity, too, of his supposed slayer.

What had prompted this line of reasoning by the detective was the location of the bullet in the ceiling. Further examination of the gun substantiated his theory, for it wasn't the servant's fingerprints but only old man Baker's that were found on the blood-dried butt.

I SCREAM, "ICE CREAM"

Recently, a Topeka, Kansas, high school instructor offered a sample of discipline that was bound to melt the crustiest of students. When he nabbed two students with ice cream cones in their pants pockets, he didn't berate them—but just ordered them to leave the cones precisely where they lay.

POLICE BLOTTER . . .

HOBOKEN, N. J.: A pickpocket slipped away from his latest victim with a wallet and watch, hailed a police car which he mistook for a taxi.

PITTSBURGH: On his first day on the job, a restaurant doorman was arrested in far-off Cleveland, where he "stopped to park a customer's car."

ST. LOUIS: Two thieves learned that it doesn't pay to advertise when police responded to their ad, offering to sell the previous night's loot.

MEADVILLE, Pa.: A napping baseball fan was awakened by some scratching, thought it was a mouse and reached for a ball bat. In the darkened room, he swung at the spot, felled a burglar.

SYDNEY, Australia: Police were seouring the city for an injured motorcyclist, who stole the ambulance carting him from the scene of the accident to the hospital.

CHARLESTON, W. Va.: A pedestrian lost her handbag to an autoist who sped past. . . UNIONTOWN, Pa.: a strange dog loped through a store, made off with a shopper's purse. . . . GOODING, Idaho: A recently complete 20-ton steel bridge was found to be missing. , . . SAYVILLE, L. I.: A hooked bass arched from the water, plopped against the angler's stomach and fell back into the ocean, watch and watch-chain of his captor firmly in his mouth, now freed of the hook.





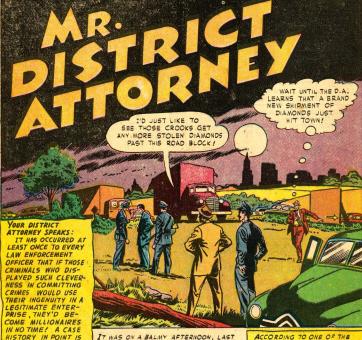
COUGH DROPS

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IT WAS ON A BALMY AFTERNOON, LAST APRIL , THAT A WAVE OF CUNNING ROBBERIES REACHED ITS CLIMAX AT THE WILSON BROTHERS WAREHOUSE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN.

HEY, BOSS --SHOULD WE TAKE THIS LOAD OF TYPEWRITERS

NAW, YOU BLASTED IDIOT! DON'T TAKE ANYTHING THAT AIN'T MARKED DIAMOND - HEAD MACHINE TOOLS!

ACCORDING TO ONE OF THE WORKERS. THE CROOKS THEN MADE THEIR GETAWAY UP PLANK ROAD, INTO THE FARM AREA . HARRINGTON AND I ARRIVED 20 MINUTES LATER

YES, HARRINGTON IT MUST BE THE SAME GANG --- AND THERE'S A FORTUNE IN IT THAT'S BEEN STEALING OTHER FOR THEM! WITH THE PRES-SHIPMENTS OF ENT SHORTAGE INDUSTRIAL

DIAMOND

OF INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS IN OUR TOOLS, D.A. FACTORIES, THESE THUGS WILL BE ABLE TO NAME

THEIR OWN PRICE WHEN THEY TRY



THE ONE I AM ABOUT

TO RELATE --- AND, I

MUST CONFESS. 1

HAD MANY A BAD MOMENT BEFORE

WE WERE FINALLY

CUNNING ...

ABLE TO BREAK THIS





OUR FIRST BREAK IN THE CASE CAME TWO

DAYS LATER AT THE APEX MACHINE



AFTER SOME ROUTINE QUESTIONS, WE COMPLETED OUR INVESTIGATION BY EXAMINING THE TRUCK'S TIRE PRINTS OUTSIDE ...

EVERY FACTORY AND MACHINE-SHOP IN TOWN HAS BEEN WARNED TO BE

EASY, CHIEF. ALERT FOR IT'S ONLY A NEW DIAMOND CHICKEN DEALERS, AND-FEATHER! AND ... WAIT A MINUTE

CORPORATION WHERE A CRITICAL SITUATION HAD ARISEN ... I KNOW, I KNOW. WORK'S PILING UP MR. JACKSON! CAN'T CUT HARD STEEL

WITH ORDINARY BITS, YOU KNOW!

HAVE TO SHUT DOWN IN A WEEK!

PHONE

CALL FOR OFFICE. SIR!

AT THIS RATE WE'LL

YOU IN THE

MINUTES LATER ... BILL , THERE'S A STRANGER

ON THE PHONE, OFFERING TO

DIAMONDS! T WHAT'LL TO BRING THE TELL HIM ?

STUFF UP HERE -- THAT WE'LL PAY ANY PRICE MEANWHILE I'LL CALL THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ON THE OTHER PHONE!

EXACTLY SEVEN MINUTES LATER, TWO SOLEMN-FACED GOONS BRUSHED PAST THE RECEPTIONIST AND STRODE INTO JACKSON'S PRIVATE OFFICE ..

WHAT'S THIS?

YOU --- ER --- GOT HERE A LOT SOONER THAN I --- ER ---EXPECTED!

YEAH, SERVICE IS OUR MOTTO! WHAT'S MORE

WE INTEND TO LEAVE JUST AS FAST! YOU GOT THE MERCHANDISE --- NOW LET'S HAVE THE CASH!

BUT WHEN WE TRIED TO FOLLOW IN PURSUIT.

FATE INTERVENED ... TOUGH LUCK! THIS IS THE CLOSEST WE'VE EVER GOTTEN TO THAT BLAST THAT CHICKEN TRUCK! GANG, TOO!



AND JUST AS HARRINGTON AND I PULLED UP IN FRONT OF THE FACTORY ... LET'S NOT

IT'S THE JACKSON'S POINTING WASTE ANY D.A.! TO THOSE TWO, CHIEF! TIME OUR-

GET THEY SURE DIDN'T SELVES, MOVIN ! WASTE ANY TIME HARRINGTON! GETTING HERE! STEP ON IT!

SO BY THE TIME WE EXTRICATED OURSELVES FROM THE TRAFFIC SNARL LET'S GET BACK

THEY COULD'VE TAKEN TO THAT PLANT, AND ANY OF THESE THREE SEE WHAT WE CAN ROADS, CHIEF! WHAT'LL FIND OUT THERE!









ANOTHER CHICKEN FEATHER! ANY IDEA HOW THIS GOT HERE, MR. JACKSON?) HUH!

NOT THE SLIGHTEST! GOT TO SHOW FOR MONTHS OF INVESTIGATION ARE TWO CHICKEN FEATHERS! SOME DEAL!

ON THE CONTRARY ... WE'VE LEARNED PLENTY, HARRINGTON! REMEMBER; IT TOOK THEM ABOUT FIVE MINUTES TO GET HERE AFTER THEY PHONED! SINCE THEY WOULDN'T BE STUPID

IEY WOULDN'T BE STUPID
ENOUGH TO CRUISE AROUND
TOWN WITH HOT DIAMONDS,
WE CAN ASSUME THEY'RE
OPERATING FROM SOME
LOCAL POINT...

I GET IT! FIRST THEN TRUCK)
THE TOOLS OUT TO SOME
COUNTRY HIDEOUT, WHERE THEY
REMONE THE DIAMONDS... THEN
THEY SMUGGLE THE DIAMONDS
BACK TO SOME PLACE IN THE
CITY! BUT, CHIEF... WE'VE HAD
EVERY, HIGHWAY INTO TOWN
ROAD-BLOCKED FOR MONTHS!
HOW ARE THEY GETTING THEM
BACK HERE?... AND WHERE'S



THEIR COUNTRY HIDEOUT?

HOW THEY'RE SMUGGLING
THOSE DIAMONDS INTO
TOWN IS THE 64-DOLLAR
QUESTION! BUT I THINK
THESE CHICKEN FEATHERS
MAY LEAD US TO THEIR
COUNTRY HIDEOUT!

THEN OUR TARGETS
FOR TODAY ARE
THOSE FIVE CHICKEN
FARMS 10 MILES
UP PLANK ROAD,
EH? YOU'RE A
MARVEL, CHIEF.

BY LATE AFTERNOON, WE'D ALREADY GONE THROUGH FOUR FARMS WITH A FINE TOOTH— COMB, AND WE KNEW THE COUNT WAS HEAVY AGAINST US AS WE APPROACHED THE LAST ONE

WELL, CHIEF, IF WE DRAW A BLANK HERE ... WE'RE RIGHT BACK! WHERE WE STARTED! I KNOW, HARRINGTON, AND -- AND I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! EVERY-THING SEEMED SO LOGI-CAL WHEN WE STARTED

OUT!



IT WAS ALMOST DUSK WHEN WE FINISHED UP WITH THE LAST COOP, BUT... HMM... THERE'S

WITH THE LAST COOP, BUT... HMM... THERE'S
YOU FELLAS CAN WASTE
ALL THE TIME YOU WANT,
LOOKIN'- BUT I'M BUSY!
COUPLE O'MARKETS IN FINGER ON IT!
TOWN ARE WAITIN' FOR
THESE EGGS!

AN'T

HARRINGTON, I THINK I'VE GOT IT! BUT
WE CAN'T TIP OUR HAND TILL WE NAB THE
GOONS BEHIND THE RACKET—THE ONES
BACK IN TOWN! I'LL TELL THE FARMER
WE COULDN'T FIND ANYTHING --- AND
THEN WE'LL HURRY BACK TO
HEADQUARTERS!

AND NOT UNTIL MUCH LATER, AS WE WERE

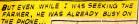
LEAVING, DID THE ANSWER SUDDENLY HIT ME ...



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BOSS, I DON'T-KNOW WHAT THE D.A. SAW, BUT HE SPIED SOMETHING THAT MADE HIM SUSPICIOUS! WHAT'LL I DO? I'M THE ONLY ONE HERE.... I CAN'T HANDLE

EM BOTH!

THEN WE'LL
TAKE CARE OF
THEM ... ON THIS
END! I'VE GOT
A PLAN TO _
TRICK 'EM
INTO COMING
HERE ALONE!

LISTEN

UNAWARE, AT THE TIME, OF A COUNTER-PLOT, I THANKED THE FARMER FOR HIS COOPERATION, THEN HEADED TOWARD THE CAR FOR A FAST GETAWAY...

WHAT'S
OUR NEXT
STEP,
CHIEF?
ON THIS PLACE

ON THIS PLACE,
IN THE HOPE IT'LL
LEAD US TO THEIR
CITY HIDEOUT!

BUT IN THE NEXT MOMENT,
WE KNEW THE WORST HAD
HAPPENED... WHICH MEAN

HAPPENED ... WHICH MEANS OH-OH ... IT THEY SUSPECT WON'T SOMETHING ,

START, AND THEY
CHIEF! DON'T WANT
US TO LEAVE!
TAMPERED THIS CALLS
WITH THE FOR FAST
CAR! THINKING.

THINKING ,
HARRINGTON!
HMM ...THAT CHICKEN TRUCK, JUST
DRIVING IN FOR
A LOAD ...
FOLLOW ME!

CHIEF, YOU'RE --- (PUFF) ... NOT PLANNING TO---; PUFF, PUFF)... SPRINT ALL THE WAY BACK, ARE YOU? NOT AT MY AGE! WE'LL CUT BACK TO THE ROAD AND INTERCEPT THAT CHICKEN DEALER WHEN HE STARTS BACK!

HOUR LATER
BEFORE WE
SPOTTED THE
TWIN LIGHTS OF
THE TRUCK SLICING THROUGH
THE BLACK,
NIGHT...

IT WAS A FULL

HEY ... YOU GUYS
TRYING TOGET
YOURSELVES
KILLED?

OUR CAR BROKE DOWN! CAN YOU GIVE US A LIFT INTO TOWN?

THE DRIVER, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS SAM HASKINS, OWNER OF A LARGE CHICKEN MARKET IN TOWN, INVITED US IN, AND WHEN WE STARTED ROLLING.

ER ... HAVE YOU BEEN DOING BUSINESS

WITH THAT CHICKEN FARM LONG, I BUY CHICKENS FROM ALL OF 'EM Y Y

I -- ER -- JUST WONDERED IF YOU EVER NOTICED ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THE PLACE?

NOPE! I MIND MY
BUSINESS AND
EXPECT OTHER
PEOPLE TO MIND









MEANWHILE, AS WE WERE SOON TO LEARN, A HOT RECEPTION WAS BEING PREPARED FOR US AT HASKINS' CHICKEN MARKET ..

TURN OFF THE LIGHTS ... THEY'LL BE HERE ANY MINUTE! SAM IS GONNA PULL THE TRUCK IN -- AND THE MINUTE THE D.A. AND HARRINGTON HOP OFF, WE'LL LET

'EM HAVE IT!



IT WAS EXACTLY IS MINUTES PAST MIDNIGHT WHEN WE ENTERED THE CITY LIMITS ...



PRESENTLY, AS WE TURNED OFF LAKEMAN



MINUTES LATER, AS WE PULLED UP TO THE SIDE LOADING PLATFORM ...



BUT AT THAT MOMENT, I MOVED SWIFTLY ...











CHICKENS THINK IT'S DAY-TIME SO THEY'LL KEEP ON EATING AND GAINING

WEIGHT



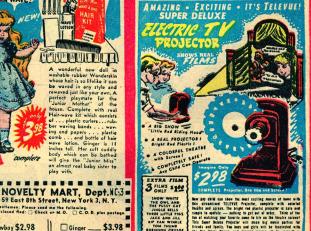


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