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ROY ROGERS, THE KING OF THE COWBOYS returns to the four color pages in AC COMIC's latest addition to their COLLECTOR CLASSICS... ROY ROGERS WESTERN CLASSICS! This big, 44 page book features two ROY ROGERS action adventures from the 1950s in full color. Don't miss "TORNADO WEATHER" and "SNOW ON THE WARFIELD TRAIL" both illustrated by John Buscema.

Also in this book is DALE EVANS, QUEEN OF THE WEST in "THE VOICE OF THE EAGLE" as drawn by Russ Manning.

IT'S THE
KING
OF THE
COWBOYS-

The King and Queen of Westerns ...
**TOGETHER
AGAIN!**



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KING OF THE COWBOYS

in
SNOW ON THE WARFIELD TRAIL

BACON AND WHEATCAKES--
YUMMY! YOUR CUSTOMERS ARE
GOING TO BE OUT OF LUCK WHEN
YOU GET MARRIED AND LEAVE
TOWN, RENA!

THANKS, ROY!
BUT YOU'D HAVE
BEEN OUT OF
LUCK IF YOU HAD
COME IN A FEW
MINUTES LATER!



WHAT'S THE
MATTER, RENA?
YOU AND JOHNNY
THORSON AREN'T
GETTING MARRIED
TODAY, ARE
YOU?

NO-- BUT I'M CLOSING THE
RESTAURANT FOR THE DAY--AS
SOON AS YOU'VE FINISHED
BREAKFAST!



I'M WORRIED, ROY! JOHNNY WAS TO
HAVE COME IN FROM HIS SHEEP RANCH
EARLY THIS MORNING-- SO WE COULD GO
TO DENVER AND DO SOME SHOPPING!
NOTHING BUT REAL TROUBLE WOULD
HAVE KEPT HIM!
I'M GOING OUT
THERE TO SEE!



UMM...WELL, HE MAY HAVE
HAD TROUBLE WITH HIS SHEEP!
IT SNOWED HEAVILY YESTERDAY
AFTERNOON-- WET SNOW THAT
WOULD BE HARD ON ANY
FLOCK! NOTHING TO
WORRY ABOUT...

ALL THE SAME,
I AM WORRIED!
AND I'M GOING
TO JOHNNY'S
PLACE!



OKAY-- I'LL RIDE ALONG WITH
YOU, RENA! GET ON YOUR RIDING
OUTFIT WHILE I SADDLE OUR
HORSES!

ROY, YOU'RE
A DEAR! I
MEAN IT!



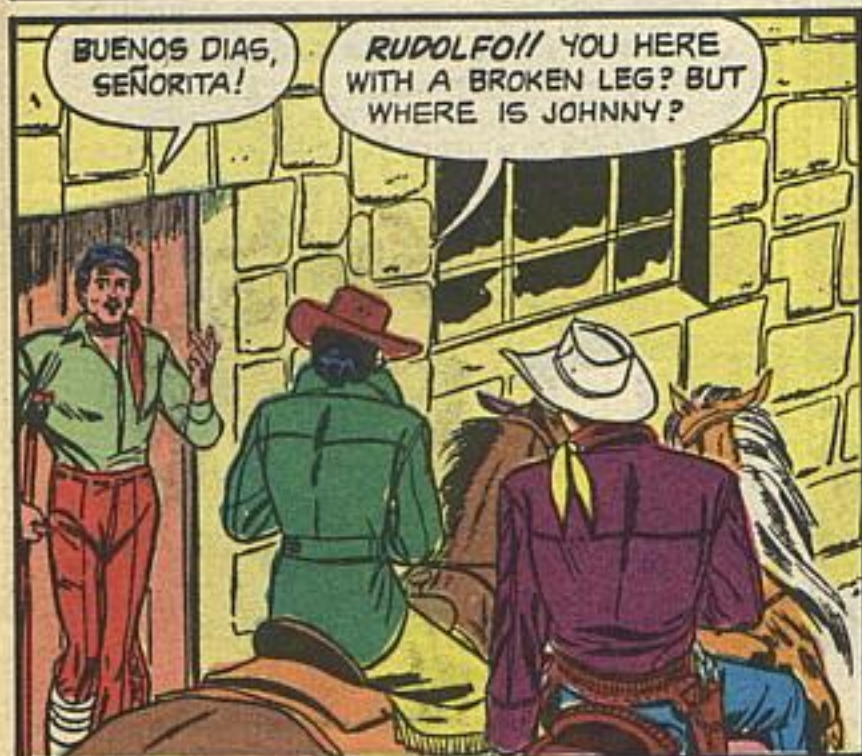
TWO HOURS LATER, IN
SIGHT OF JOHNNY
THORSON'S RANCH...

ROY! THERE'S SMOKE COMING FROM THE
CHIMNEY! JOHNNY MUST BE THERE!



BUENOS DIAS,
SEÑORITA!

RUDOLFO! YOU HERE
WITH A BROKEN LEG? BUT
WHERE IS JOHNNY?



SEÑOR THORSON HAS NOT COME
HOME, SEÑORITA! I AM WORRIED! HE
BROUGHT ME IN YESTERDAY, WHEN HE
FOUND ME WITH THE BROKEN LEG...
THEN HE WENT BACK TO BRING IN
MY SHEEP FROM PIUTE WELLS!



RUDOLFO! WHAT
DO YOU THINK
COULD HAVE
HAPPENED?

QUIEN SABE? THE
SHEEP WOULD NOT
GIVE HIM TROUBLE,
EVEN IN THE SNOW!

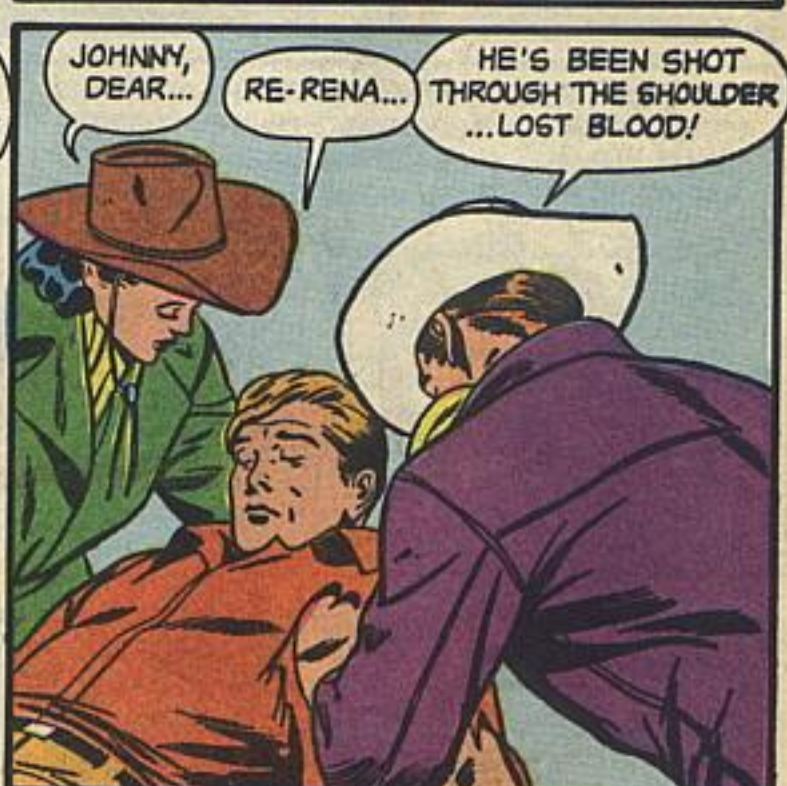
YOU'RE
RIGHT!



I'LL HEAD FOR
PIUTE WELLS AND
FIND OUT WHAT'S
WRONG, RENA!

AND I'M
COMING WITH
YOU, ROY!







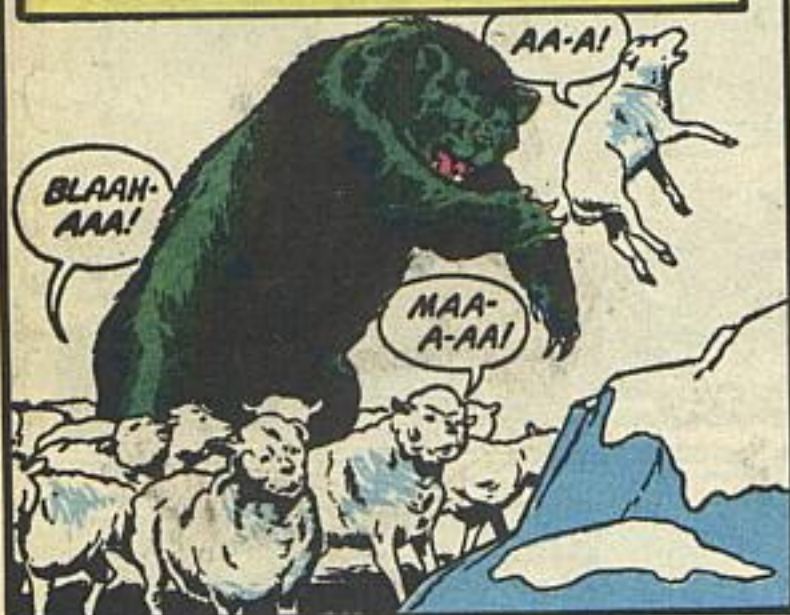


AN HOUR FROM SUNDOWN...

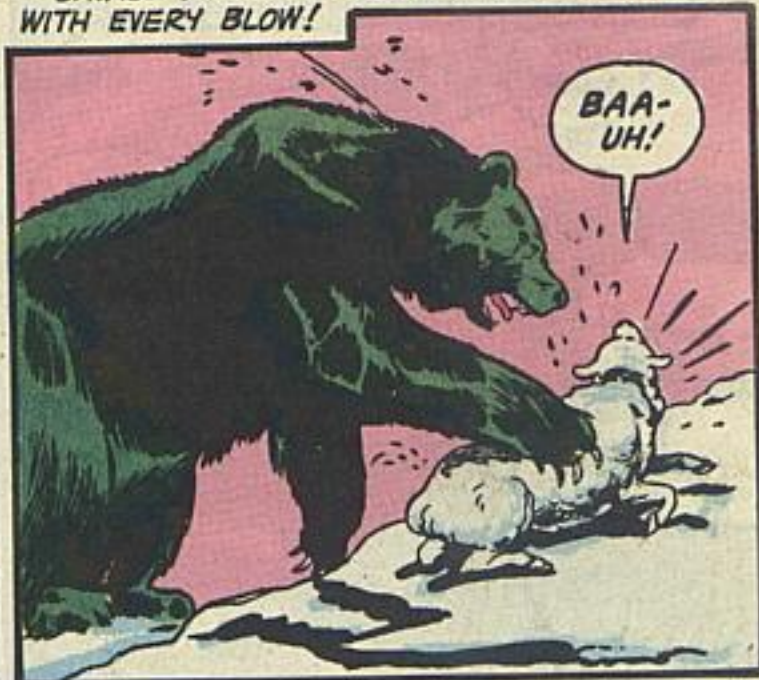




SUDDENLY, THE PANICKED WOOLIES CROWD TO ESCAPE A SHAGGY HORROR THAT PLOWS THROUGH THEIR MIDST...



STRIKING RIGHT AND LEFT, THE BLACK BEAR-- SAVAGE AFTER A HUNGRY WINTER-- KILLS WITH EVERY BLOW!





WHUP!

MAA-AA!

Roy's aim is excellent! The thud of the striking bullet echoes back to him as the bear spins about and crumbles...



COME ON, TRIGGER, BOY! LOOKS LIKE I GOT HIM, FIRST SHOT!



WITH A FINAL LEAP, THE GALLANT DOGS REACH THE CANYON FLOOR...

YIP-YARP!

YIP!

BAA-AA!



FIRST THEY MAKE SURE THAT THE BEAR IS NO LONGER A THREAT...

GRRRR-GRRHH!!

...THEN THEY RACE ON TO ROUND UP THEIR PANICKED CHARGES AND STILL THE FRIGHT WHICH CAN KILL SHEEP WHO RUN TOO FAR AND TOO FAST!



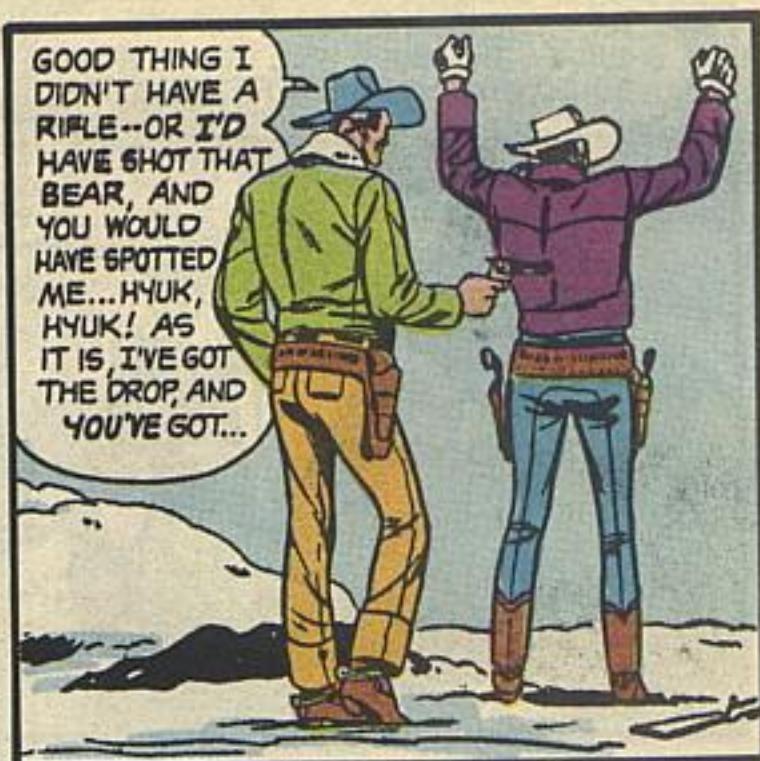
YARP! YARP!

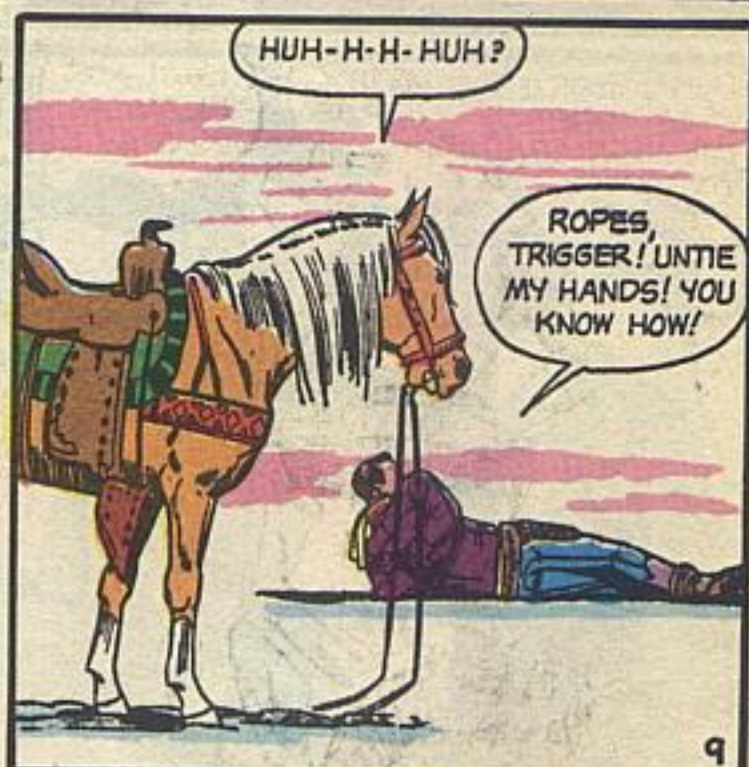
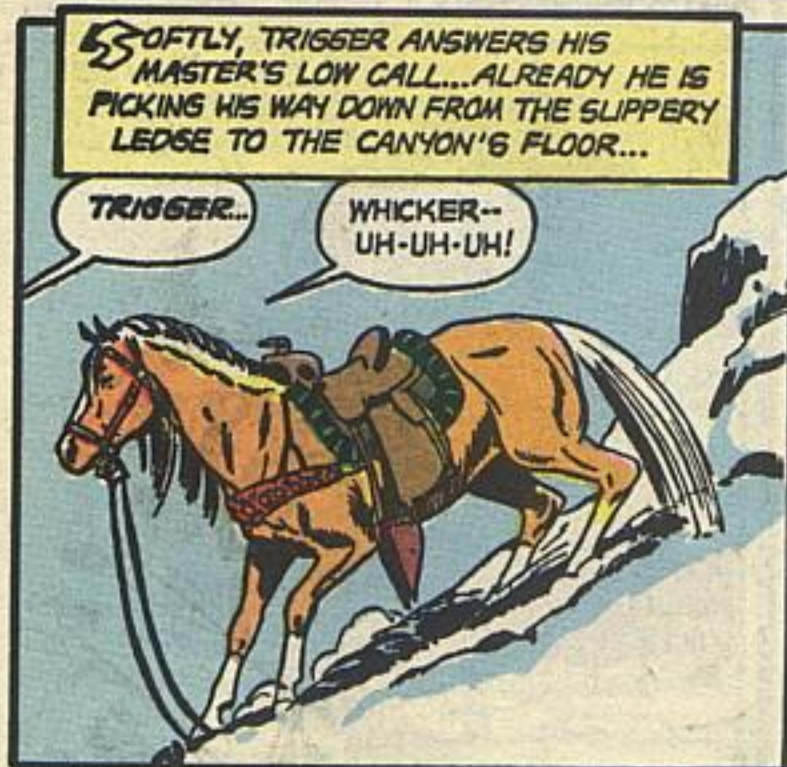
YARP!



COME ON, TRIGGER-- JUMP! WHAT'S AILING YOU? NO MORE BEARS--

WHAUGH!







UH-UH-
HUH...

MAKE IT QUICK,
BOY! IT WON'T BE
LONG BEFORE THAT
SHEEP RUSTLER IS
BACK WITH HIS
PALS!

MINUTES LATER, AS TWO BIG TRUCKS GRIND
UP THE CANYON...



BETTER QUIT NOW,
TRIGGER! DON'T WANT
THEM TO KNOW YOU'VE
BEEN LOOSENING
THOSE KNOTS!

RRR-RRR.
RRR-RRR...



THERE'S THE DEPUTY--OVER BY
THE LEDGE WITH HIS HORSE! BEYOND
THE BEAR! WHAT D'YOU WANT TO
DO WITH HIM, BOSS?



I'VE GOT ONE HAND--ALMOST-- FREE...
AND I CAN SEE-- WHERE HE DROPPED
MY GUNS--IN THE SNOW!



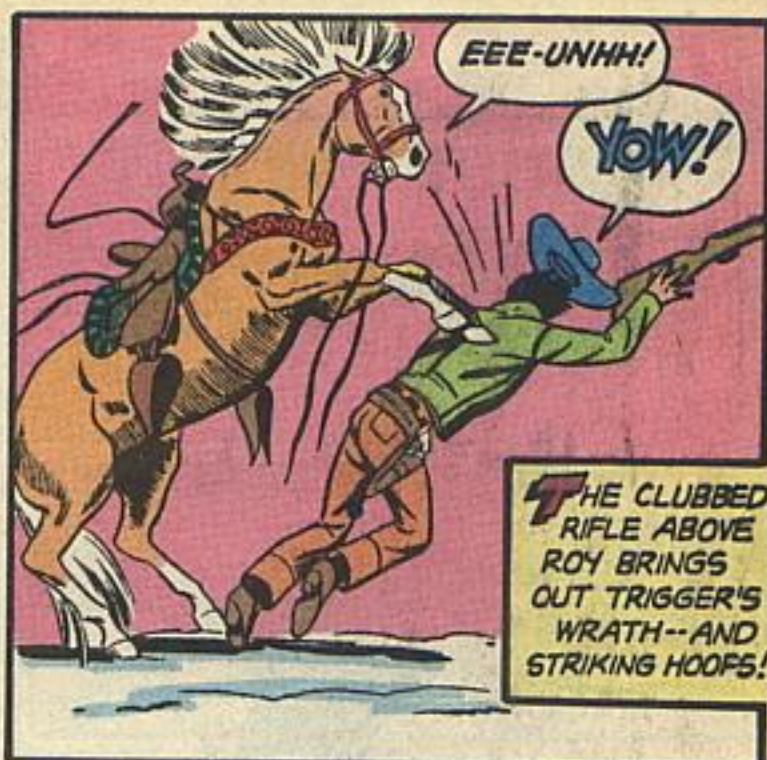
UMPH! SHOOTING A DEPUTY
IS BAD BUSINESS-- BUT HE
COULD DIE OF
SOMETHING
ELSE!

WHAT, FOR
INSTANCE,
BOSS?



KNOCK HIM OUT WITH THAT RIFLE BUTT! THEN
TAKE THE ROPES OFF HIM, AND WEDGE HIS
BOOT INTO HIS HORSE'S STIRRUP! SPOOK THE
HOSS INTO A RUN OVER
ROCKY GROUND...

...AND THAT'LL
FINISH THE JIGGER,
QUICK! DEATH
BY "ACCIDENT"!



GUNS BLAZE, BUT THE SAVAGE BRUTE
KEEPS COMING ON...

STOP HIM, PUG!

KRANG!

BANG!



SUDDENLY, ROY'S HANDS COME FREE...

MY PISTOL--
UNDER THE SNOW--
HERE!



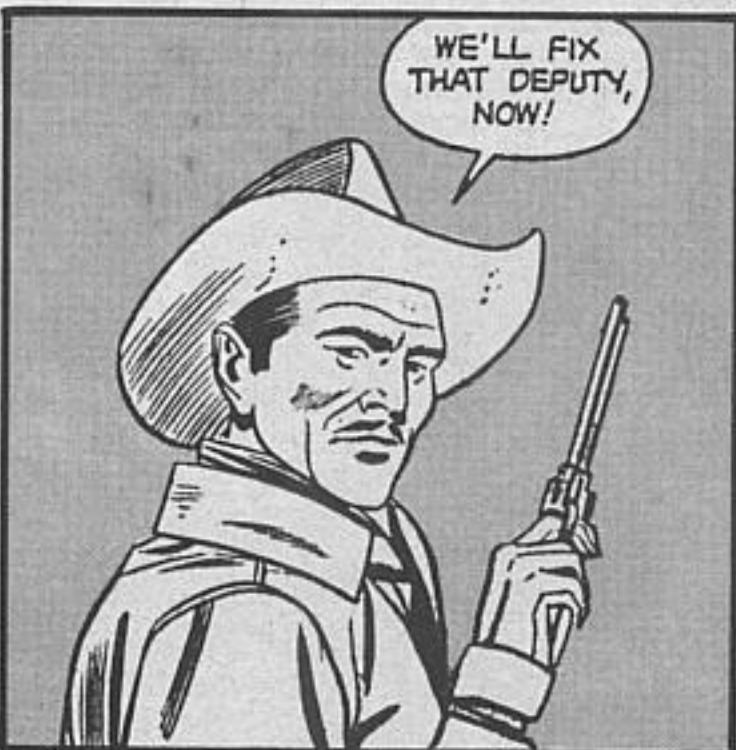
FOR PRECIOUS MOMENTS, ROY IS FORGOTTEN...

OKAY! HE
IS DONE
FOR!

HE SURE CAME
NEAR DOING FOR
US, BOSS!



WE'LL FIX
THAT DEPUTY,
NOW!



BETTER NOT
TRY IT-- ANY
OF YOU!



TWO LIGHTNING FAST SHOTS DISARM THE
BOSS AND THE OTHER SIX-GUN OUTLAW, BUT
THE RIFLEMAN HAS TIME FOR A-- SNAP
SHOT..





...THAT FAILS, AS THE RIFLE'S HAMMER CLICKS ON AN EMPTY SHELL CHAMBER!



THE NEXT INSTANT, TRIGGER'S MIGHTY JAWS CATCH AND SHAKE THE RIFLE-MAN LIKE A RAT!



SWIFTLY ROY TIES THE RUSTLERS, LEAVING THEIR FEET LOOSE...



AGAIN THE THUNDER OF A TRUCK'S EXHAUST FILLS THE CANYONS--DROWNING OUT THE SOFT BLEATING OF CONTENTED SHEEP.

THE END

Queen of
the West

DALE EVANS

THE VOICE
OF THE
EAGLE

DALE RIDES OUT TO A SMALL MINE DIGGINGS IN THE HILLS NEAR MINERAL CITY TO VISIT HER OLD FRIEND, JOE MILLS...



HELLO! UNCLE JOE!
IT'S DALE EVANS! I'VE
BROUGHT YOU AN
APPLE PIE! WHERE
ARE YOU?

UNCLE JOE MUST BE
SOMEWHERE AROUND,
BUTTERMILK! HIS MULE'S
HERE... AND THE DOOR'S
OPEN!

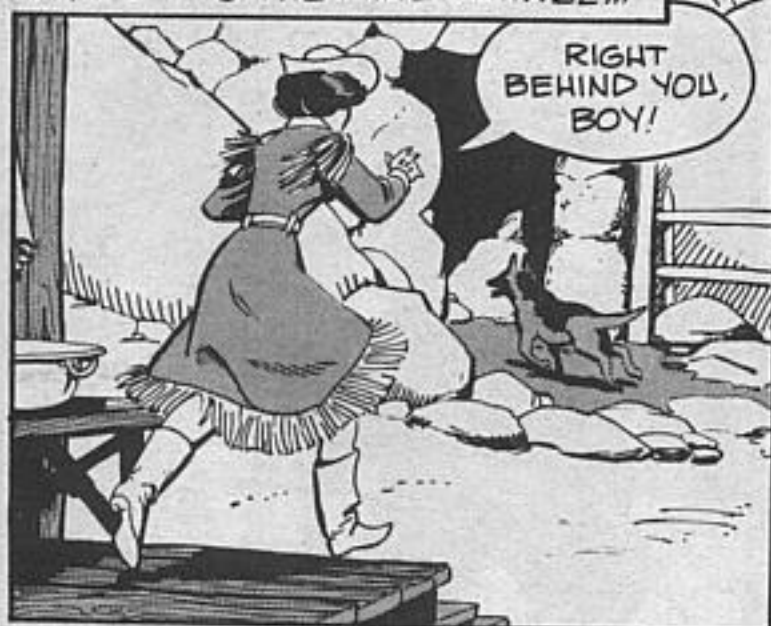


SOMEONE'S
TORN THE
PLACE
APART!
BULLET,
WE'VE GOT
TO FIND
UNCLE JOE!



SUDDENLY BULLET GROWLS AND DARTS INTO THE MINE TUNNEL...

RIGHT
BEHIND YOU,
BOY!



A CAVE-IN!
OR IS IT? MAYBE THERE'S
SOME CONNECTION WITH
THE RANSACKED CABIN!





HE'S STILL ALIVE,
THANK HEAVEN! BUT I
CAN'T MOVE THAT HEAVY
TIMBER FROM HIS LEGS!
YOU'LL HAVE TO GO
FOR HELP, BULLET!



DALE FINDS PAPER AND A PENCIL
IN THE SHACK AND WRITES A NOTE...

TAKE THIS TO
THE SHERIFF,
BULLET!
UNDERSTAND?
THE SHERIFF!
NOW GO!! AS
FAST AS YOU
CAN!



IT'S DALE, UNCLE JOE!
DON'T TRY TO MOVE TILL
HELP COMES! YOU'VE
HAD AN ACCIDENT!!!

N-NOT ACCIDENT...
D-DYNAMITE...
S-STOLE GOLD...
T-TRIED TO KILL
ME... STRANGER
... **EAGLE**...!!



SHH...! DON'T TRY TO
TALK, UNCLE JOE! I'LL
BRING A BLANKET FROM
THE SHACK!



HOWDY! I
RODE BY TO SEE
THE OLD-TIMER!
IS HE AROUND?

HE'S IN THE
MINE! THERE'S
BEEN A CAVE-IN...
HE'S BADLY
HURT!



IS HE
STILL
ALIVE?

YES, BUT HE'S UNCONSCIOUS!
I'VE LIFTED OFF SOME OF
THE TIMBERS, SO HE CAN
BREATHE... BUT I CAN'T
MOVE THE HEAVY ONE!





THE ROY ROGERS FESTIVAL

Happy Trails To You.



Welcome to the first issue of ROY ROGERS WESTERN CLASSICS! We are very excited about bringing back the illustrated adventures of the King of the Cowboys. During my boyhood years ROY ROGERS was there at the Saturday afternoon matinee in the local movie house. He was there on weekly radio broadcasts. Television provided more action with the ROY ROGERS SHOW. And Roy has never left us. He currently hosts HAPPY TRAILS THEATER on the Nashville Network and his television series was recently rebroadcast on CBN, The Family Channel. Through the decades Roy Rogers has maintained an image of the Western hero that has served America proudly.

And we at AC COMICS are proud to be a part of the ROY ROGERS legend, in our own small way, by continuing the comic book adventures of Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, Gabby Hayes, Trigger, Bullet and all other characters associated with the Double R-Bar brand. This magazine will be a quarterly publication. It will feature color reprints of Roy Rogers as drawn by John Buscema, the best of all the Roy Rogers artists. We will recreate some of the Dale Evans stories that were drawn by Russ Manning, an excellent artist who's work is popular with collectors.

In addition to the comic stories, each issue will be chock full of photographs such as you see in this book. Full page, glossy photos on all 4 covers will be a regular feature. We will reproduce movie ads and posters. As a special treat we will print current photos of Roy and Dale.

This section shows Roy's surprise appearance at the 1989 ROY ROGERS FESTIVAL held annually in Portsmouth, Ohio. The Rogers were visiting Roy's hometown for a family reunion and decided to partake in the festivities.

It was a life long dream come true when I got to meet Roy. As one of the guests of the Festival, I was honored to attend several of the functions with the stars. Roy Rogers, Jr. was there, too. He and I discussed the possibility of AC COMICS producing a ROY ROGERS comic book. As you can see things worked out. Roy and Dale are truly wonderful people.

In addition to this book, AC will be producing a ROY ROGERS COLORING BOOK, a series of ROY ROGERS MOVIE POSTERS, and photo history books on the King and Queen of the West.

Roy has some big surprises to announce concerning several thrilling projects planned for the future. Watch future issues for the announcements.

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The ROY ROGERS PARADE, Portsmouth, 1989

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Roy presented an award at Rodeo



Roy and Dale with Lash LaRue

THE ROY ROGERS FESTIVAL

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Dale, Jim, Wilson, Roy

Photo by Mary Lou Polverari



(Left to Right) RUTH TERRY, LINDA HAYES CROSBY, ROY ROGERS, DALE EVANS, BOB BROWN (behind Dale), CHARLIE MALONE of USAir, MARION CARNEY (Mrs. Terry Frost), JOE BOWMAN, TERRY FROST, BILL CAMPBELL all pose in front of the USAir jet at the 1989 ROY ROGERS FESTIVAL.



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The ROY ROGERS PARADE, Portsmouth, 1989

Roy with two of his leading
ladies: Dale and Ruth Terry

Dale and Roy Pose with Rodeo fan



The 5th issue of our companion magazine, GREAT AMERICAN WESTERN, will contain a tribute to ROY ROGERS. In addition to comic stories and photos, it will feature an article on the ROY ROGERS TV program. Watch for it in March, 1990.

Until then, we hope you enjoy this new magazine devoted to an American legend . . . ROY ROGERS, THE KING OF THE COWBOYS!

Bill Black, Editor



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**ROY ROGERS
 DALE EVANS**
MUSEUM

VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA

A must on your travels in California Mementos of Roy and Dale's careers. See Bullet, Nelly Belle and of course Trigger. Everything is displayed that made your life a part of Roy's and Dale's. The museum is open every day from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Admission for Children under 6 is free - 6 to 12 \$1.00 - 13 to 16 \$2.00 and Adults \$3.00. Seniors (65 and up) \$2.00.

Interstate 1-15 in Victorville, California to Palmdale Rd. offramp, west to Kentwood, right to Civic Center Dr., right again to the museum. Reservations not needed. Group and bus tours welcome.

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THE TRAIL OF ROBIN HOOD - This is a handsome **ROY ROGERS** photo album of Republic Picture's favorite "guest star" movie that featured **ROY ROGERS**, **REX ALLEN**, **ROCKY LANE**, **MONTE HALE**, **JACK HOLT**, **CRASH CORRIGAN**, **TOM TYLER**, **KERMIT MAYNARD**, **WILLIAM FARNUM**, **TOM KEENE** and **PENNY EDWARDS**. High quality photos from Republic's "key" book including behind the scenes and on the set photos. In the album are over 20 full page photos, reproductions of the posters, synopsis of the story and production credits. The complete set of all 8 lobby cards is reproduced in **FULL COLOR**! This is a beautiful album no serious collector can afford to miss! Shipped in a sturdy cardboard box. \$11.95 plus \$1.50 shipping.

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1990 marks the 50th Anniversary of **CHARLES STARRETT**'s first screen portrayal of **THE DURANGO KID**. AC celebrates the event with this Golden Anniversary edition featuring many photos of **CHARLES STARRETT** as **DURANGO**. Stories by Fred Guardineer, Joe Certa and Frank Frazetta. Photo article on **CHARLES STARRETT**.

ROCKY LANE WESTERN No. 1 - \$2.50 36 pgs B&W.
Allan "Rocky" Lane rides into action astride Black Jack once again. Photo covers and article on Allan Lane's film career. Stories by Dick Giordano. **COLOR** covers.

THE GREAT AMERICAN WESTERN - In this series each issue pays tribute to a different star or company that has made a notable contribution to the Western genre. Each issue has a color comic section and B&W photo text section; color front covers and glossy B&W photos on back and inside covers.

No. 4 - Tribute to **LASH LA RUE**! 16 page color comic story starring **LASH** plus articles "New Horizons for **LASH LA RUE**" (recent photos of **LASH**) and "The King of the Bullwhip" (**LASH**'s film career with photos and filmography). There's info on **LASH LA RUE** videos, fan club and pin back buttons. Rounding out this big, 52 page book is an article on **ROY ROGERS, Jr.** and comic stories of **TOM MIX** and **GABBY HAYES**. \$3.50

No. 3 - Tribute to **TOM MIX**! Color front cover includes **TOM MIX** and inserts of **THE DURANGO KID** and **ROY ROGERS**. Two **TOM MIX** comic stories in full color. Articles include: "TOM MIX - The Star and the Legend"; The Artist on **TOM MIX** (discussion of Carl Pfeuffer); info on **TOM MIX FESTIVAL** and Fan Club; article on **ROY ROGERS**; the film story of the **DURANGO KID**. A **BILLY THE KID** story by John Severin rounds out the issue. \$2.95

No. 2 - Tribute to **MAGAZINE ENTERPRISES**, publishers of **DURANGO KID**, **TIM HOLT** and **STRAIGHT ARROW Comics**!

Color photo of **THE DURANGO KID** on cover. Back cover photo of Durango, inside cover photos of **TIM HOLT** and **Richard Martin** and **CHARLES STARRETT** and **DURANGO** together! Article on the **DURANGO KID** movie "The Kid From Broken Gun"; "BEST OF THE WEST", on ME comics including **DURANGO**, **HOLT**, **BOBBY BENSON**, **GHOST RIDER**, **BLACK PHANTOM**, **REDMASK**, etc. with photos of 1st issues; color comic stories of **REDMASK** (by Frank Bolle) and **RED HAWK** (by Bob Powell) and a John Severin **BILLY THE KID** story. \$2.95

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GABBY HAYES and HIS ENCHANTED *Lasso!*



THERE IS EXCITEMENT APLENTY AT THE BAR NOTHING RANCH, AS FOREMAN GABBY HAYES TRIES TO SPEED THE DEPARTURE OF THE AMAZING HOWDIDEE, FORTUNE TELLER AND MYSTIC!

Drawn by Leonard Frank

AUNT HESTER IS SOMEWHAT PERTURBED!

GABBY HAYES, I'M ASHAMED OF YOU! HOWDIDEE WAS GOING TO READ MY FORTUNE IN HIS CRYSTAL BALL! NOW YOU'VE SPOILED EVERYTHING!



BOO-HOO! NOW HE WON'T GIVE ME MY FORTUNE!

POO! THAT FAKER DOESN'T WANT TO GIVE YOU YOUR FORTUNE! HE WANTS TO TAKE YOUR FORTUNE!

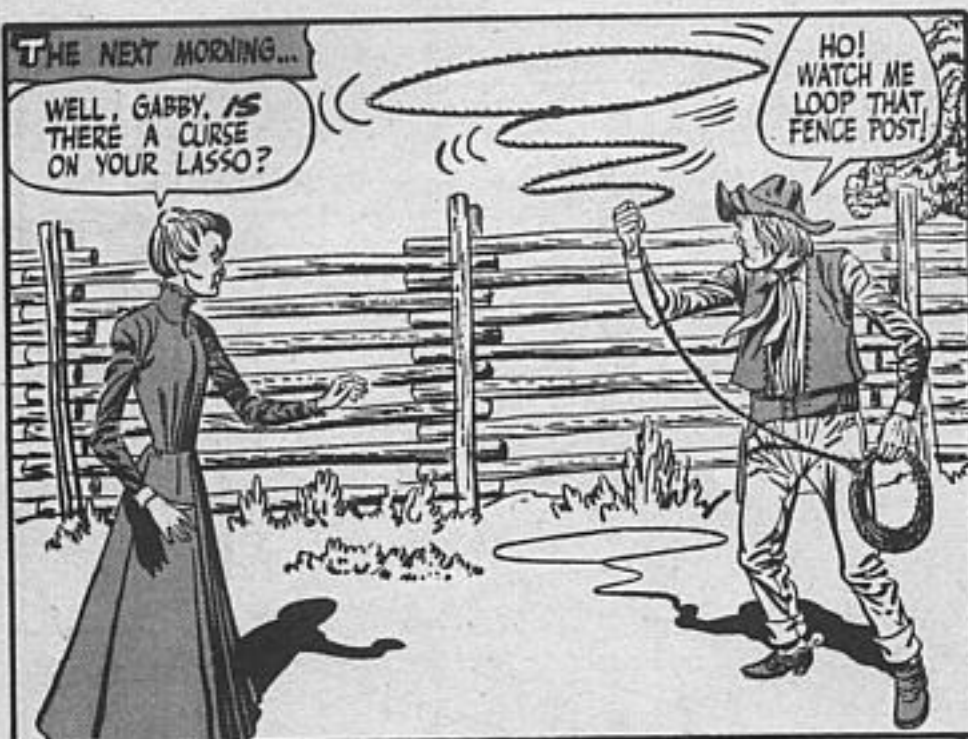


BUT GABBY'S WORDS HAVE ANGERED THE MAGICIAN!

DOG OF AN UNBELIEVER! IN THE NAME OF TWENTY DEVILS I PUT A CURSE ON YOUR LASSO!









SUSPENSE-CRAMMED ADVENTURE!

ROY ROGERS

IN TRUCOLOR

and **TRIGGER**

in
"Susanna Pass"

with
DALE EVANS
FOY WILLING

and The Riders of
the Purple Sage

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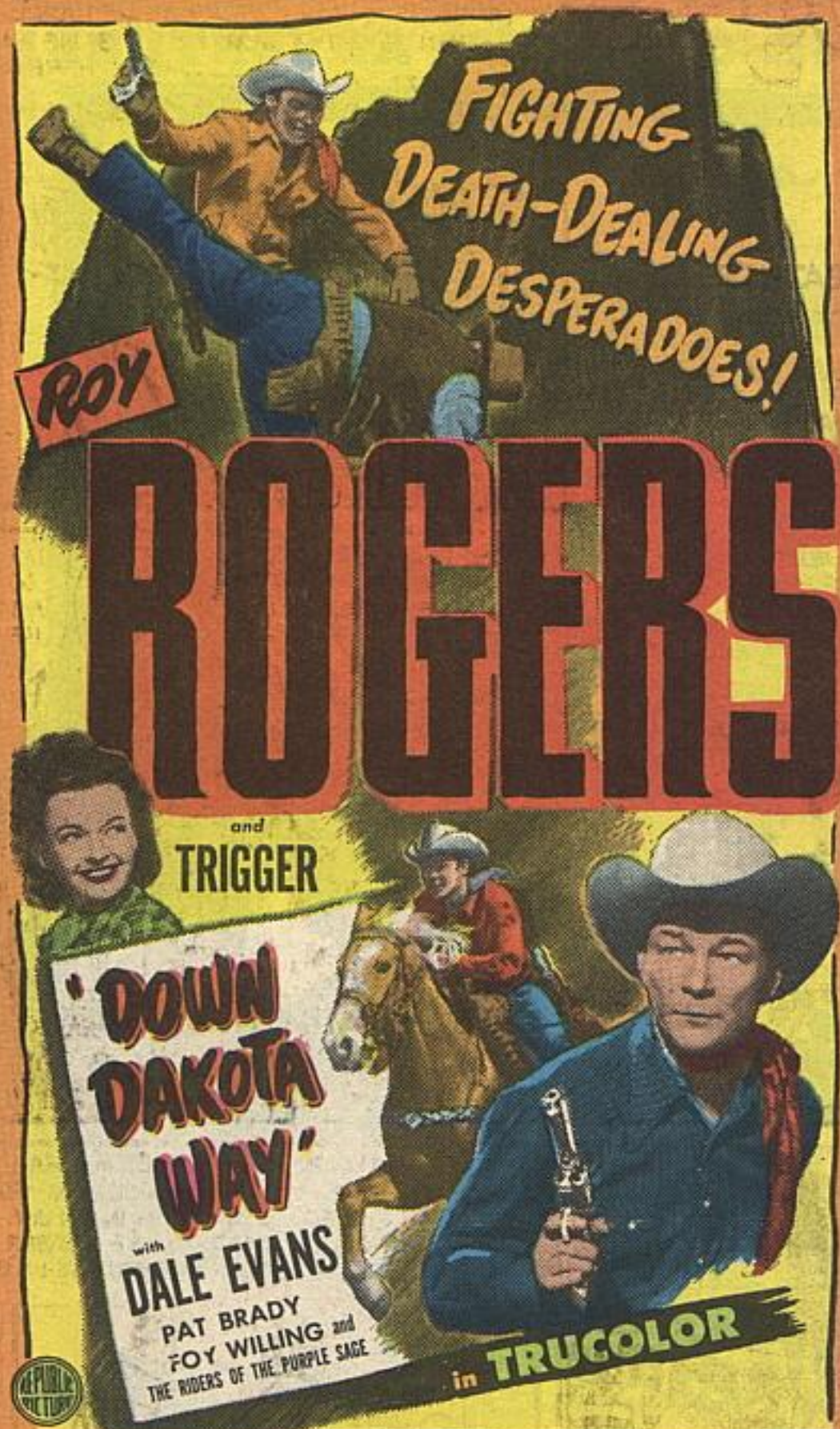
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**Bells of
Coronado**



Roy Rogers

KING OF THE COWBOYS

in **TORNADO WEATHER**



PROBLEM, BOB! THAT INDIAN-- JOE TWO HATS, JUGGED LAST NIGHT FOR BEING CRAZY DRUNK ON THE STREET-- HE WON'T TALK OR EVEN EAT, THIS MORNING!

HARRUMPH! BRING HIM OUT HERE, ROY!



WE'LL TURN HIM LOOSE TO RUSTLE HIS OWN! NO NEED TO KEEP HIM-- SEEING THAT HE DID NOTHING WORSE THAN SCARE SOME FOLKS!

OKAY, BOB! I'LL GET HIM...



JOE, WHERE DID YOU GET THAT "FIREWATER" THAT MADE YOU GO ON THE WARPATH IN TOWN LAST NIGHT? MAN WHO GAVE OR SOLD IT TO YOU IS

NO USE, BOB! I TOLD YOU, HE WON'T TALK!



ALL RIGHT... HERE'S YOUR TOAD STICKER, JOE! TAKE IT AND GET OUT!

YOU GIVE ME MY MONEY, TOO!



MONEY? YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CENT ON YOU WHEN WE PULLED YOU IN, JOE...

YOU LIE! ME HAVE FIFTY DOLLARS--FOR SELL-UM INJUN JUGG TO TRADER MIKE GUMBER! YOU TAKE-UM! YOU GIVE-UM BACK!



LOOK HERE, YOU ORNERY WAR WHOOP! DON'T YOU DARE ACCUSE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF STEALING!

HOLD ON, BOB! REMEMBER THAT HANDFUL OF **STEEL WASHERS** WE FOUND IN HIS POCKETS? MAYBE HE **THOUGHT** IT WAS MONEY!



HMMM! THAT'S RIGHT! I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT THEM!



THERE, JOE! I SWEAR THAT'S ALL WE FOUND IN YOUR POCKETS-- **STEEL WASHERS**! ROY WILL TELL YOU THE SAME!

THAT'S RIGHT, JOE! YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T LIE TO YOU!

UGH!



MAYBE THE BIRD WHO GAVE YOU THE FIREWATER SWITCHED THOSE WASHERS FOR YOUR MONEY...

HUH-- UGH!



MIKE GUMBER-- HE GIVE ME FIREWATER IN BACK ROOM! HE STEAL-UM MY FIFTY DOLLARS! ME FIX-UM, YOU BET!

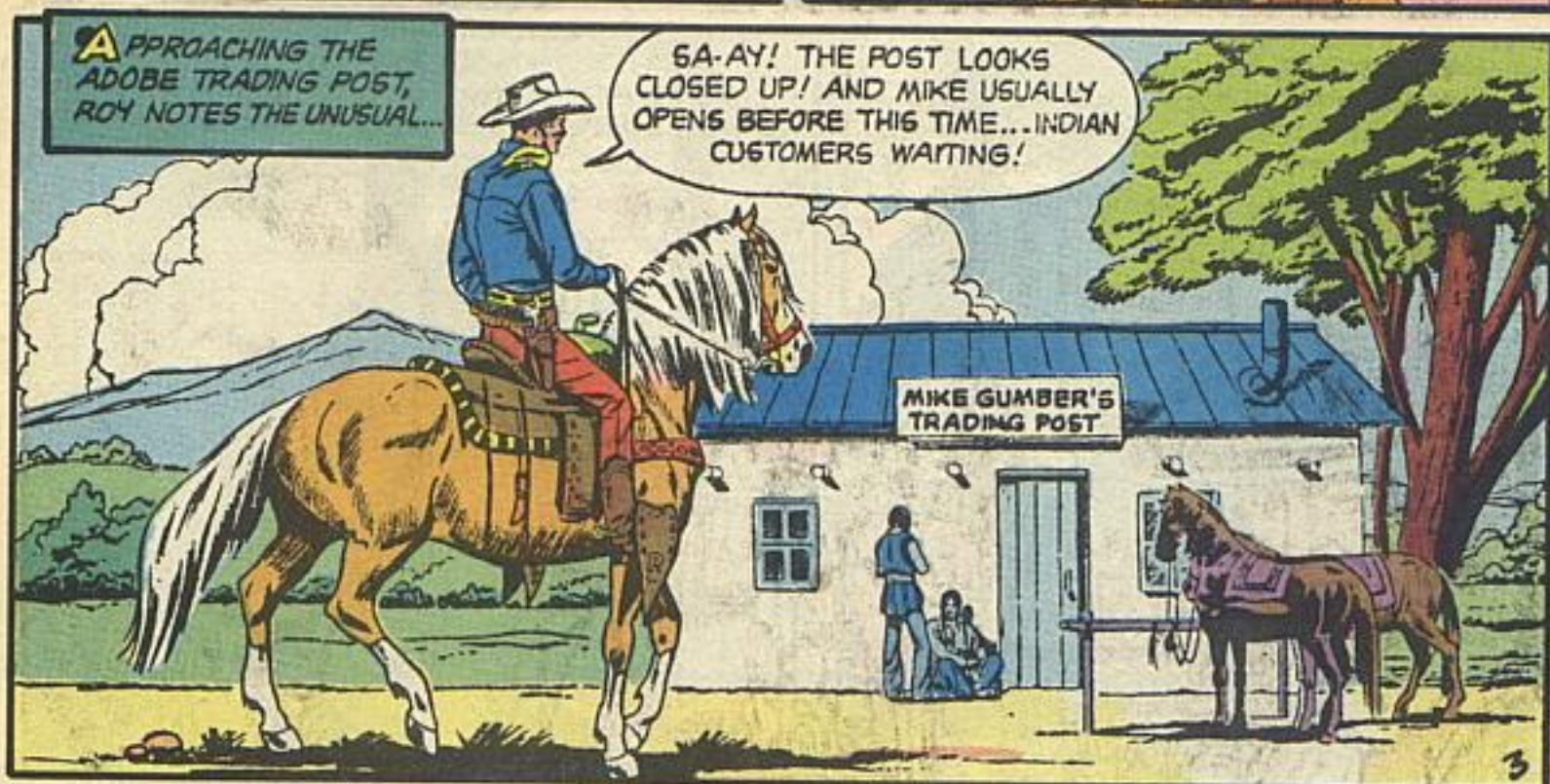
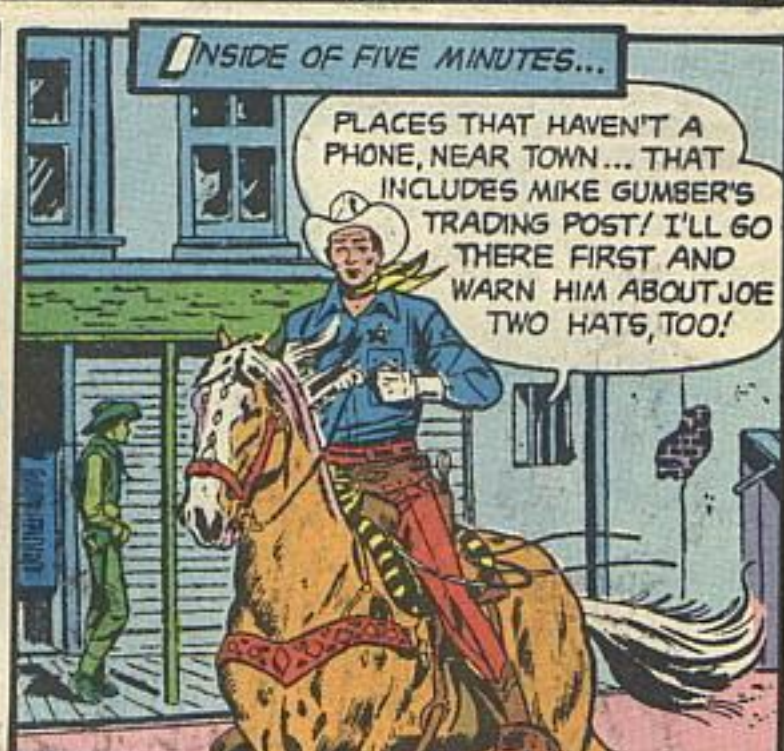
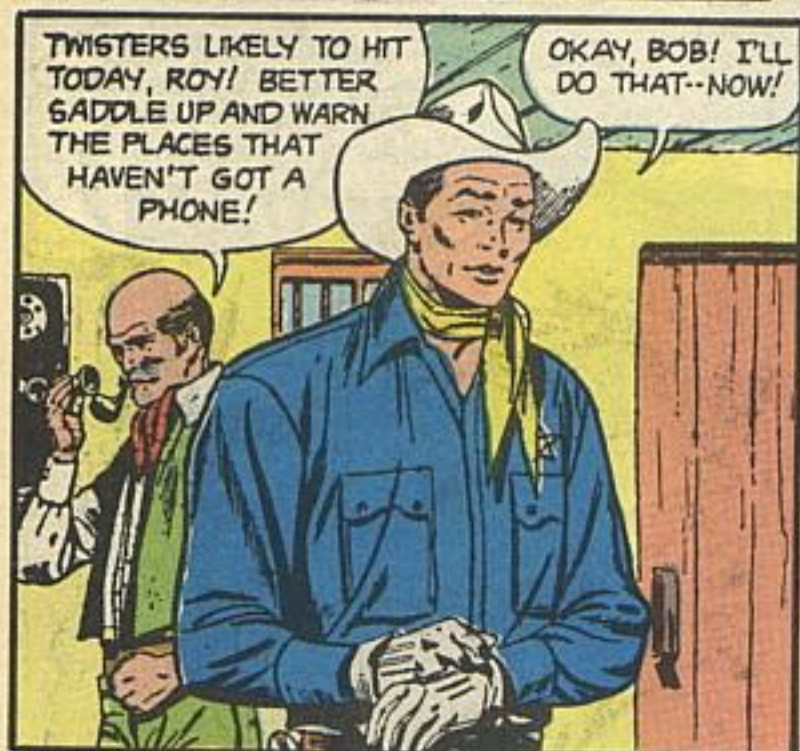
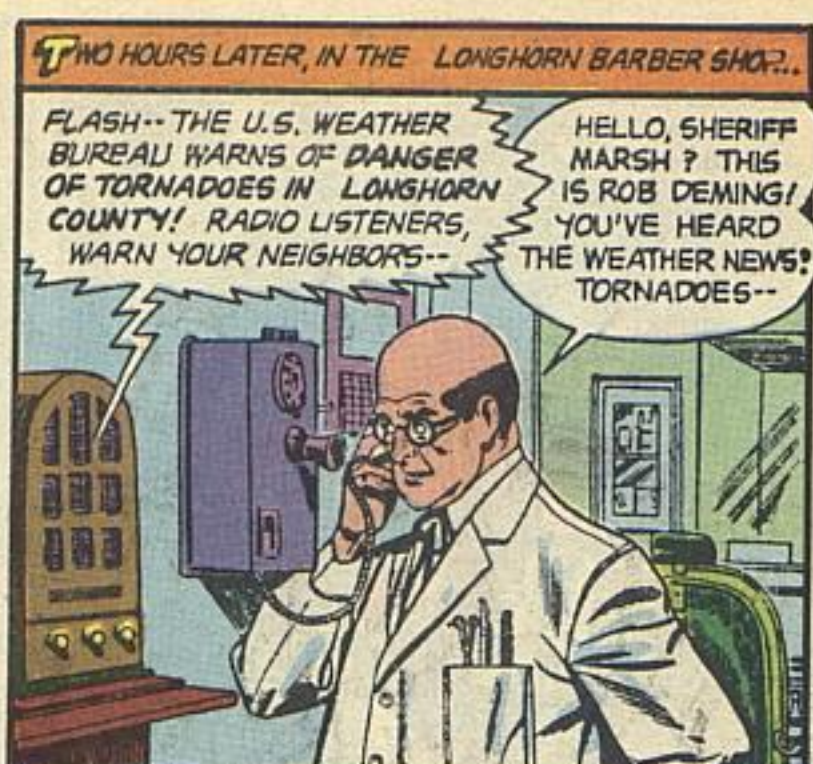


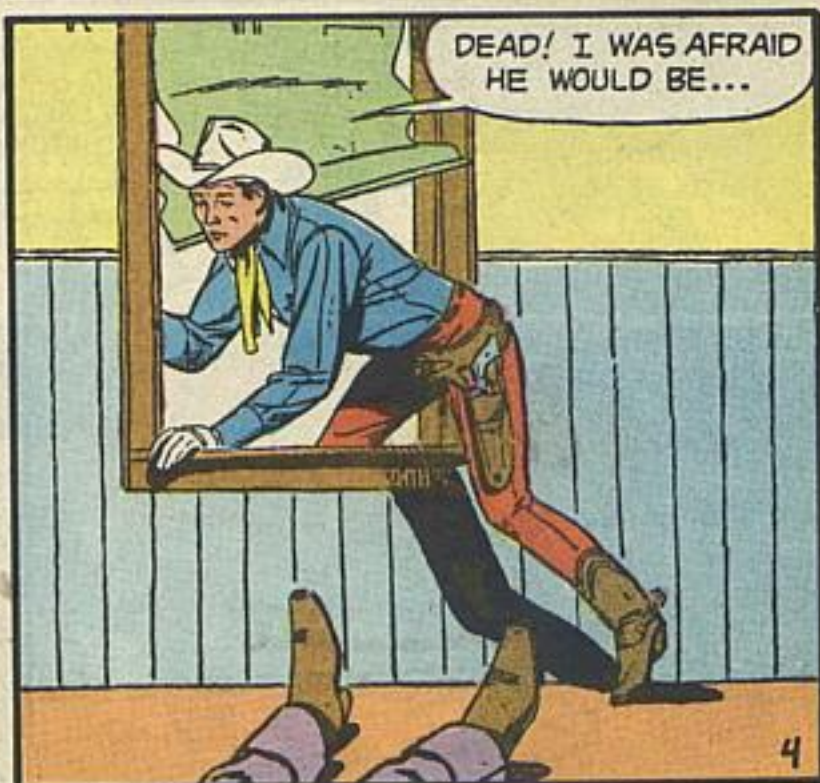
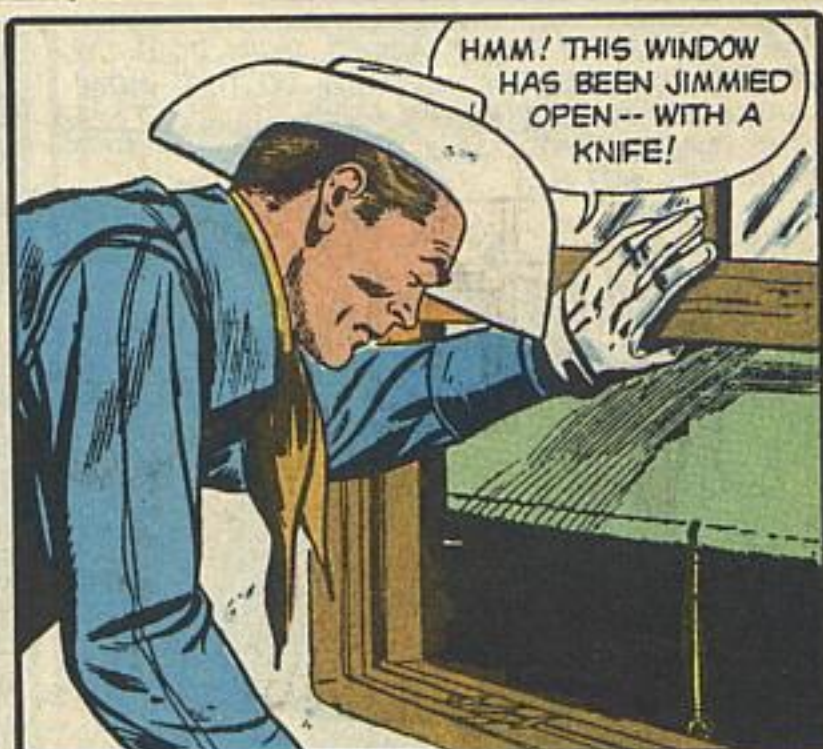
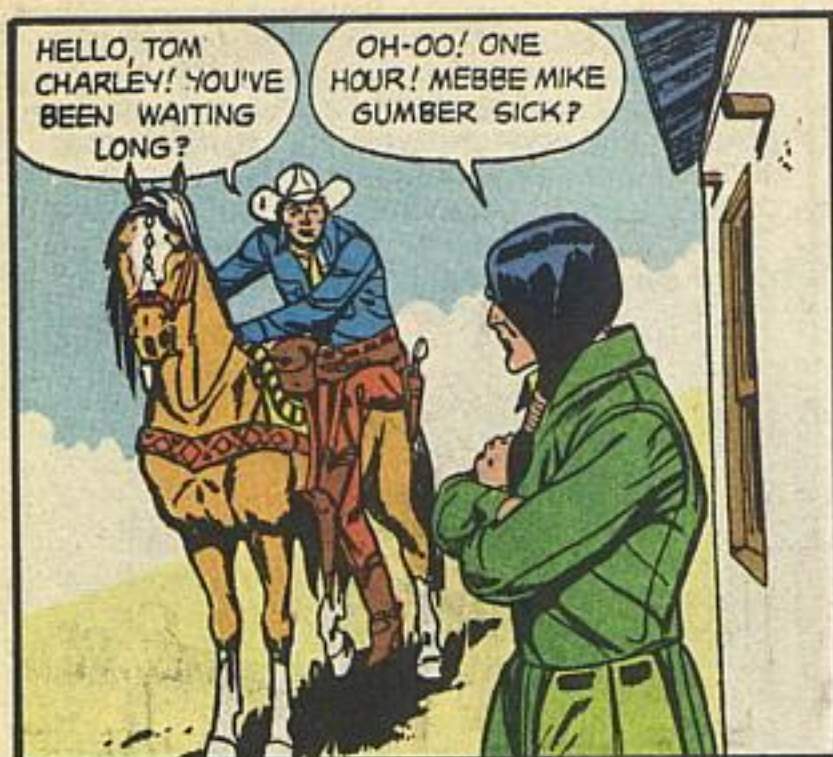
BOB, I RECKON YOU MADE A MISTAKE!

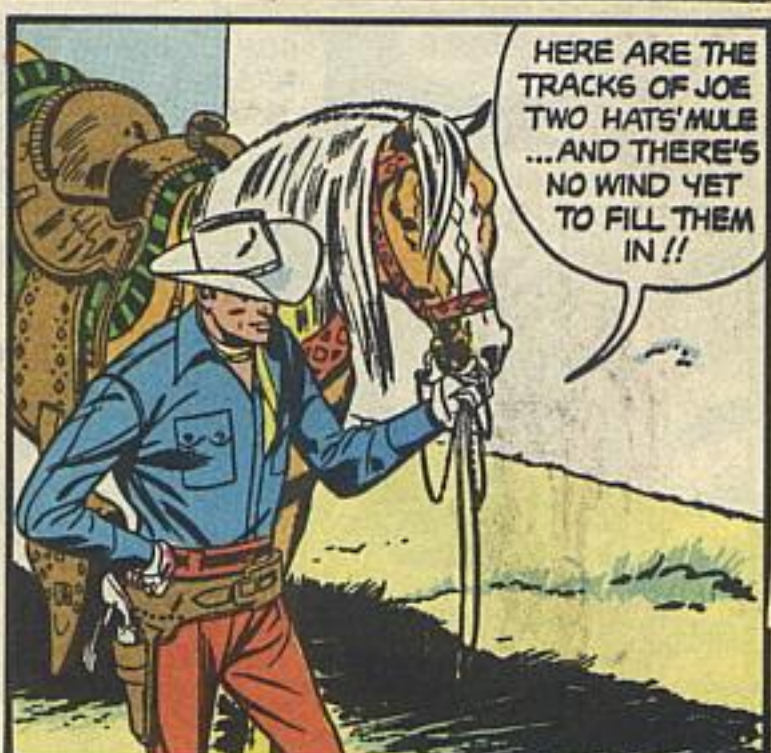
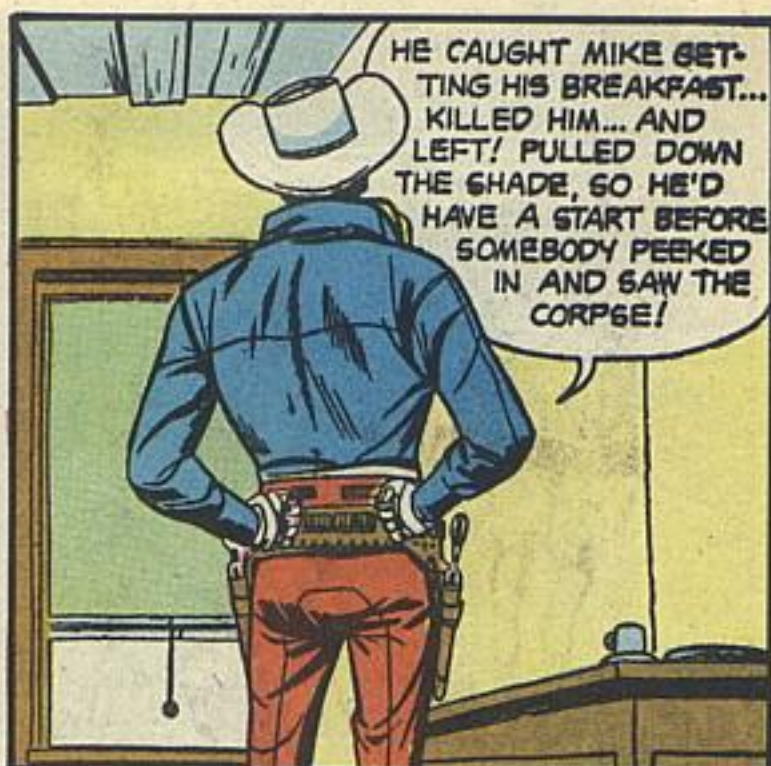
HOW COME, ROY? I WOULDN'T PUT IT PAST MIKE GUMBER TO PULL A TRICK LIKE THAT, WOULD YOU?

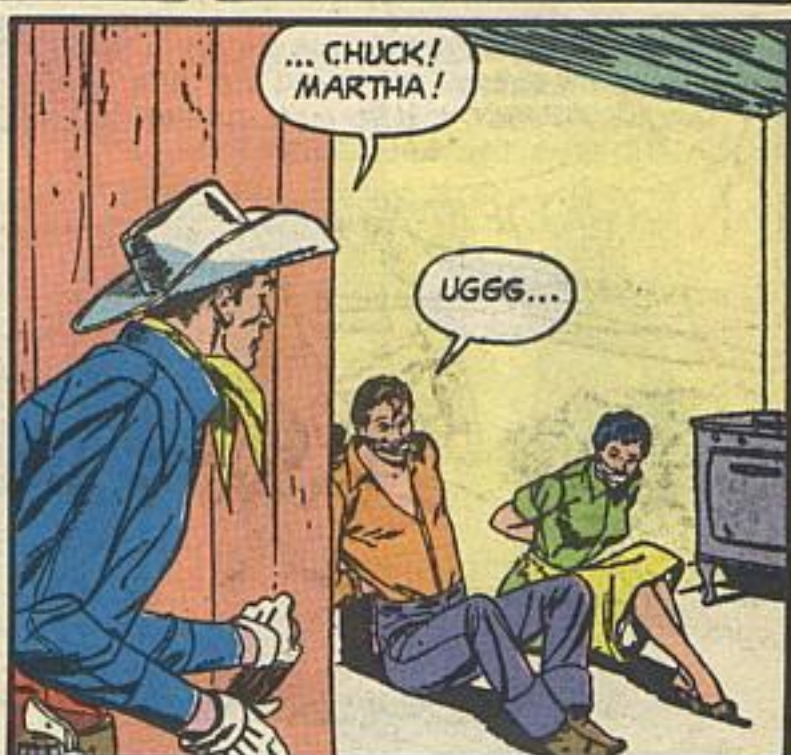
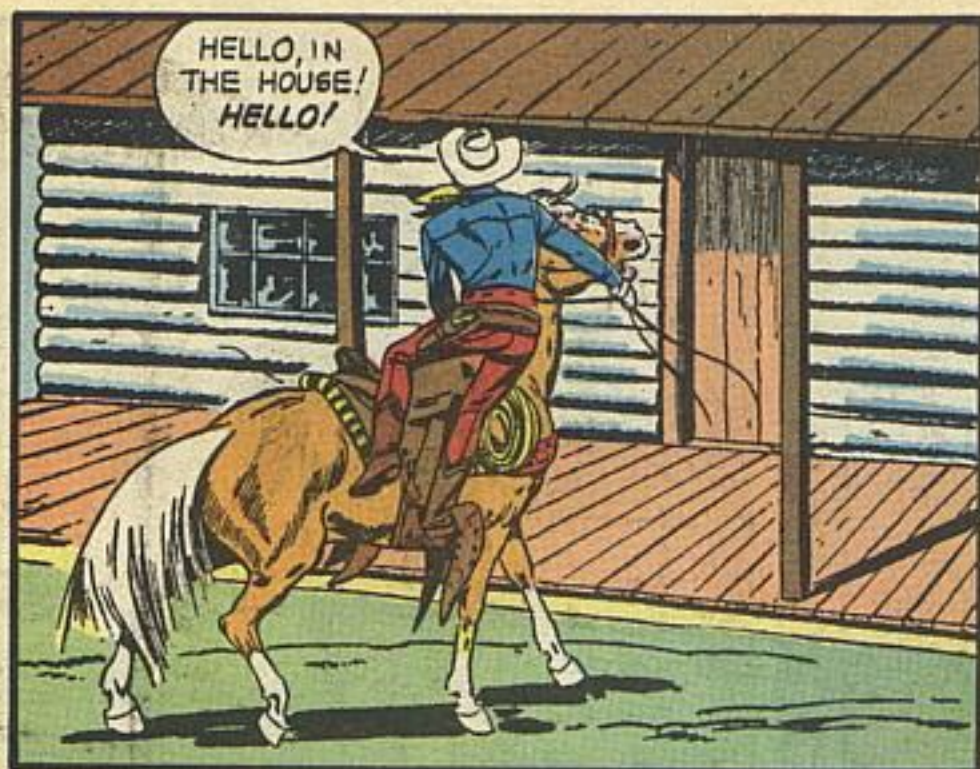


MAYBE NOT! BUT I WOULDN'T PUT IT PAST JOE TWO HATS TO SLIP A KNIFE INTO MIKE GUMBER SOME NIGHT! YOU PUT THE FINGER ON MIKE, IN A WAY, BOB!





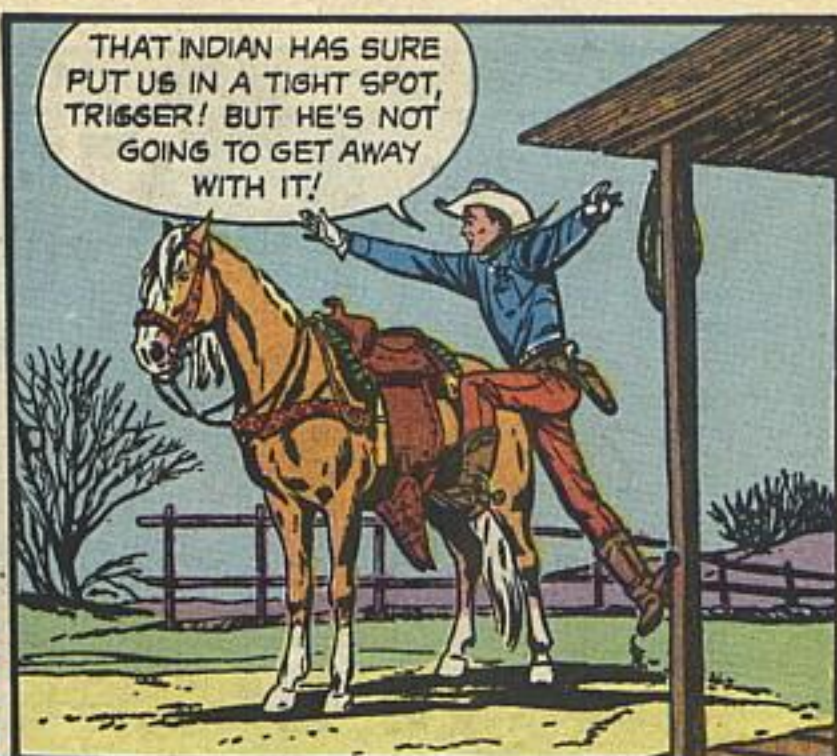




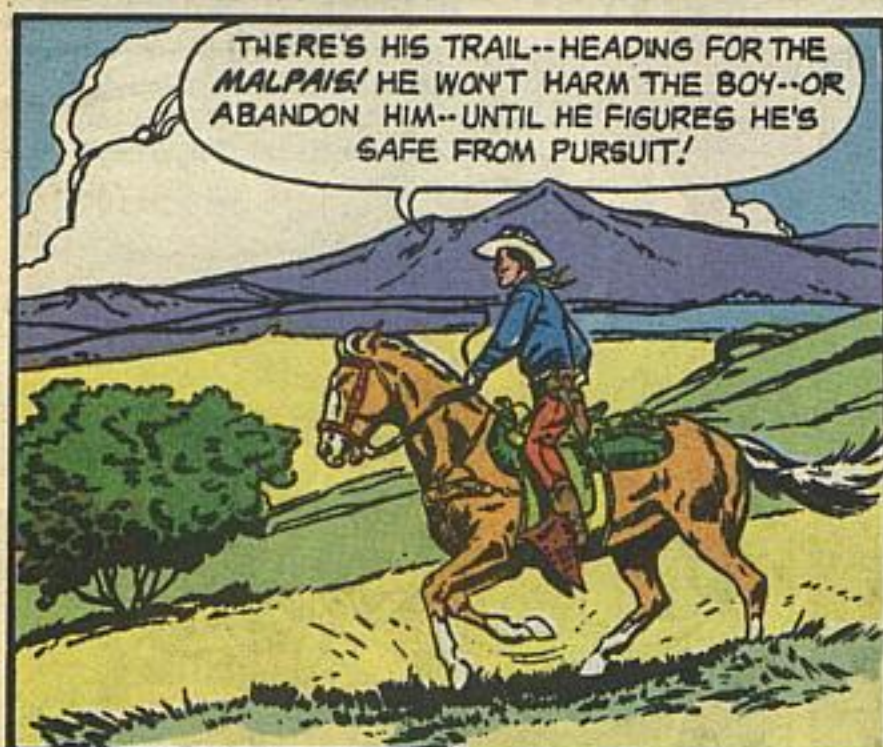


ROY ROGERS!
DON'T LET HIM
HURT MY BABY--
MY TEDDY...

I WON'T, MARTHA! YOU TAKE
CARE OF CHUCK--AND KEEP
YOUR CHIN UP!



THAT INDIAN HAS SURE
PUT US IN A TIGHT SPOT,
TRIGGER! BUT HE'S NOT
GOING TO GET AWAY
WITH IT!



THERE'S HIS TRAIL--HEADING FOR THE
MALPAIS! HE WON'T HARM THE BOY--OR
ABANDON HIM--UNTIL HE FIGURES HE'S
SAFE FROM PURSUIT!



WHEREVER HE GOES, HE'LL
SOON NEED A FRESH HORSE
AND SUPPLIES! WHICH
MEANS, HE'LL HEAD
FOR HOME, OUT
THERE ON THE
DESERT!

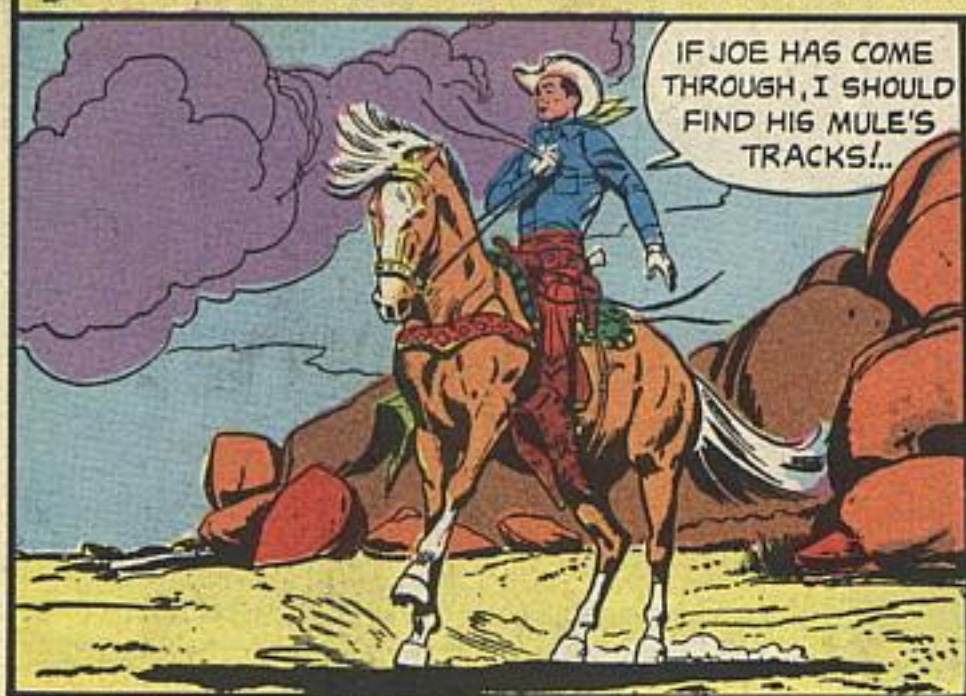


HE'S GONE THROUGH
THE *MALPAIS*--HERE!
BUT THAT'S A TRICK!



JOE TWO HATS KNOWS THAT
NOBODY CAN TRAIL HIS MULE
THROUGH THAT LAVA
COUNTRY-- BUT I'LL FOOL
HIM BY RIDING AROUND
IT! WON'T LOSE MUCH
TIME, EITHER!

TWO HOURS LATER, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAVA STRIP...

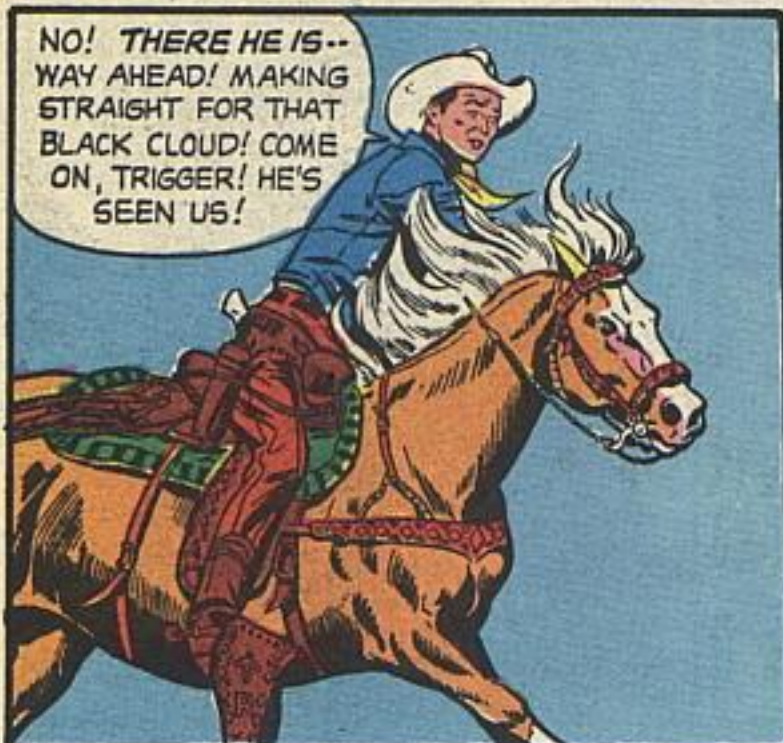


IF JOE HAS COME THROUGH, I SHOULD FIND HIS MULE'S TRACKS!..

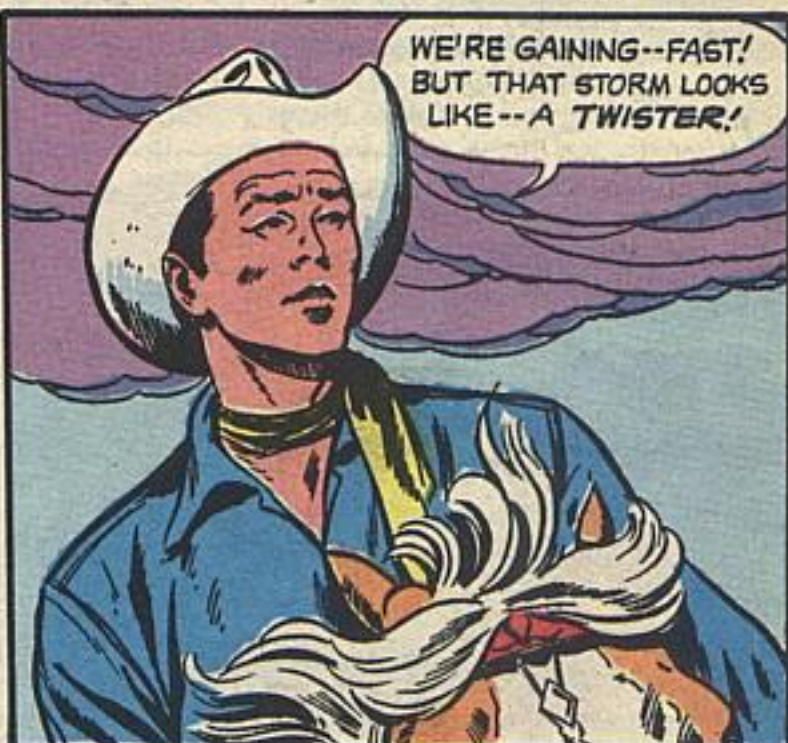
... BUT THE SKY LOOKS MIGHTY THREATENING! A STORM WOULD WIPE OUT THE TRACKS OF AN ARMY! MAYBE THAT'S WHAT JOE IS COUNTING ON!



NO! THERE HE IS-- WAY AHEAD! MAKING STRAIGHT FOR THAT BLACK CLOUD! COME ON, TRIGGER! HE'S SEEN US!



WE'RE GAINING--FAST! BUT THAT STORM LOOKS LIKE--A TWISTER!



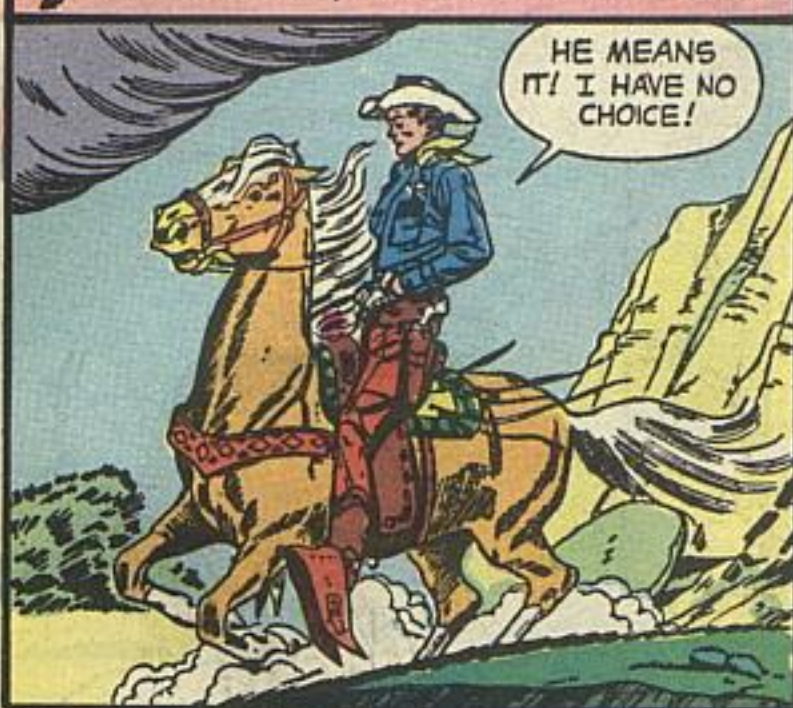
PULL UP, JOE! YOU CAN'T OUTFRAN ME!



YOU DROP GUNS AND GUN BELT--OR ME KILL-UM PAPOOSE!



THINKING SWIFTLY, ROY MAKES A HARD DECISION!



HE MEANS IT! I HAVE NO CHOICE!



ALL RIGHT, JOE! I'LL RIDE YOU DOWN AND TAKE YOU BAREHANDED! WANT TO BET ON IT?

BLUFF-- AND A CHALLENGE TO AN INDIAN'S GAMBLING INSTINCT-- THAT'S WHAT I'M COUNTING ON! HE'S GOT A KNIFE-- MAYBE A HIDE-OUT GUN, TOO! HE'LL FIGURE HE CAN KILL ME-- AND THE BOY-- HIDE OUR BODIES AND DIS-APPEAR!

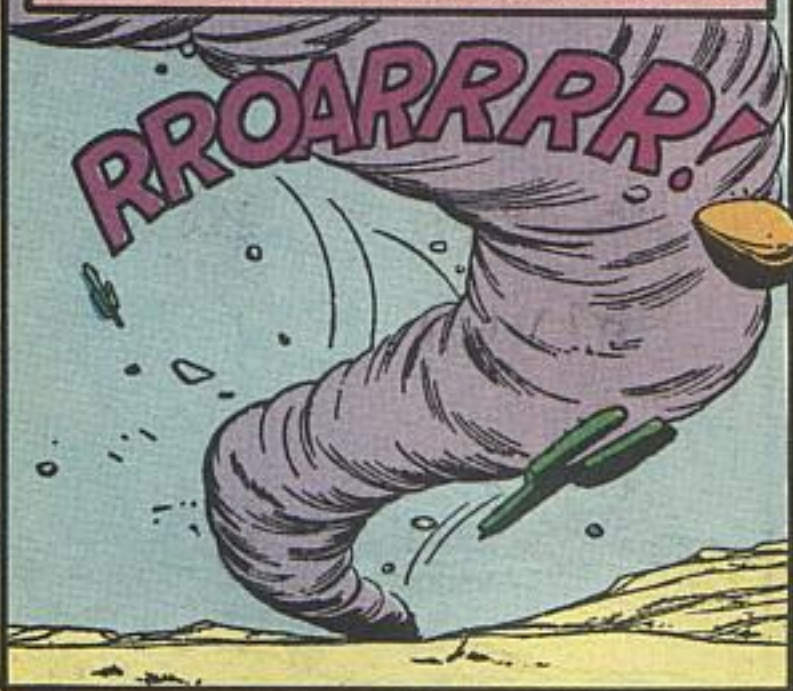


SUDDENLY THE ROAR OF THE TORNADO GROWS DEAFENING...

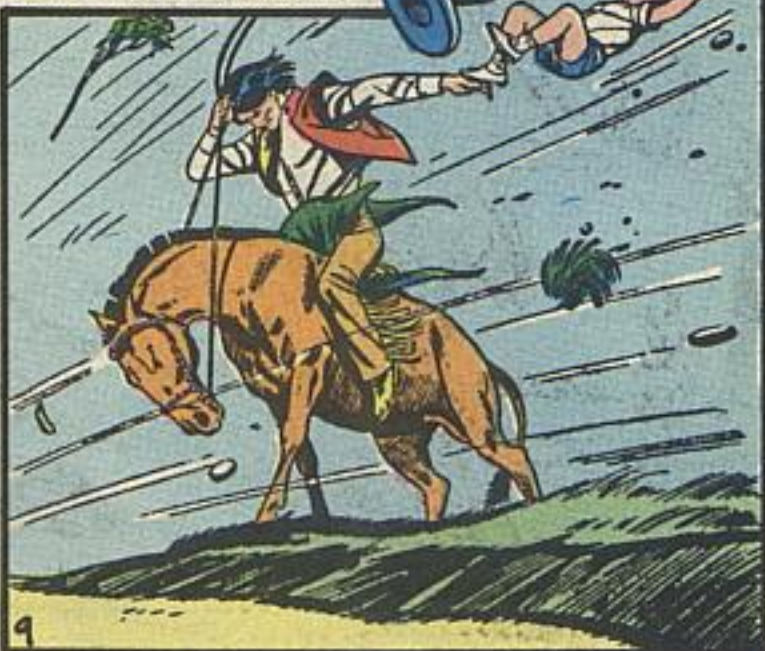
OR PERHAPS HE'S FIGURING I'LL LOSE MY NERVE AND RUN FROM THAT TWISTER BEFORE HE DOES! UNLESS IT SHIFTS DIRECTION-- OR WE DO, WE'RE GONERS!



WITH A SNAKY MOVEMENT, THE TERRIBLE "TAIL" OF THE TWISTER CHANGES DIRECTION...

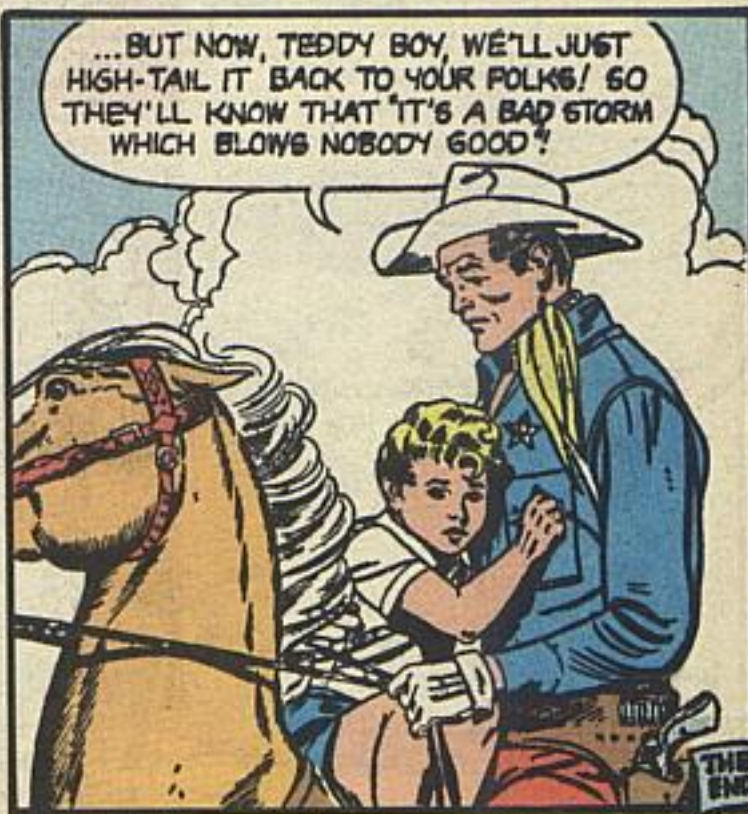
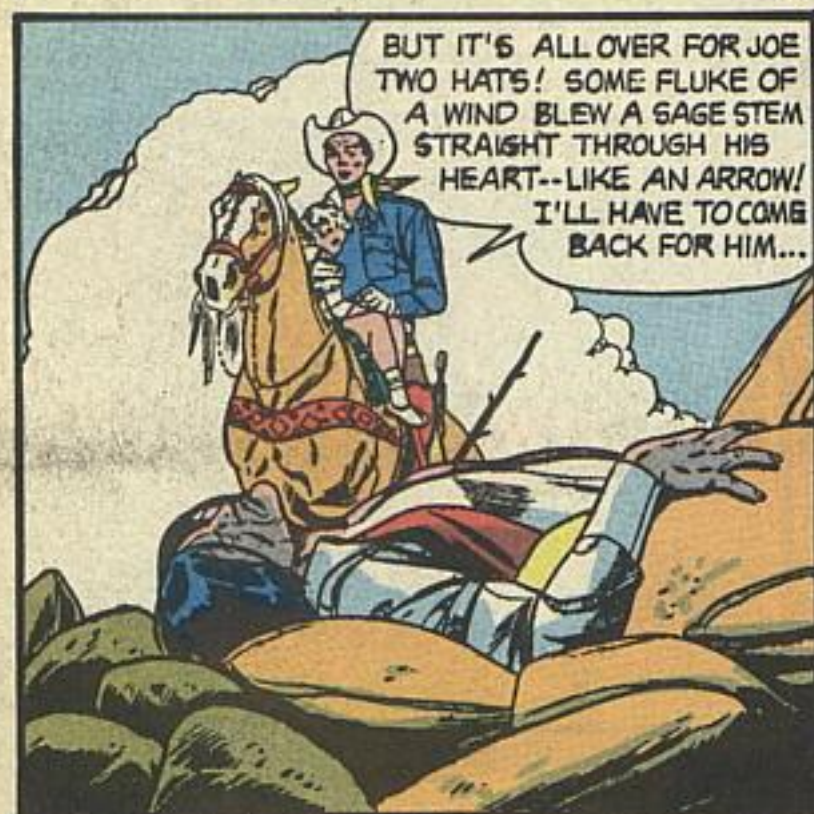
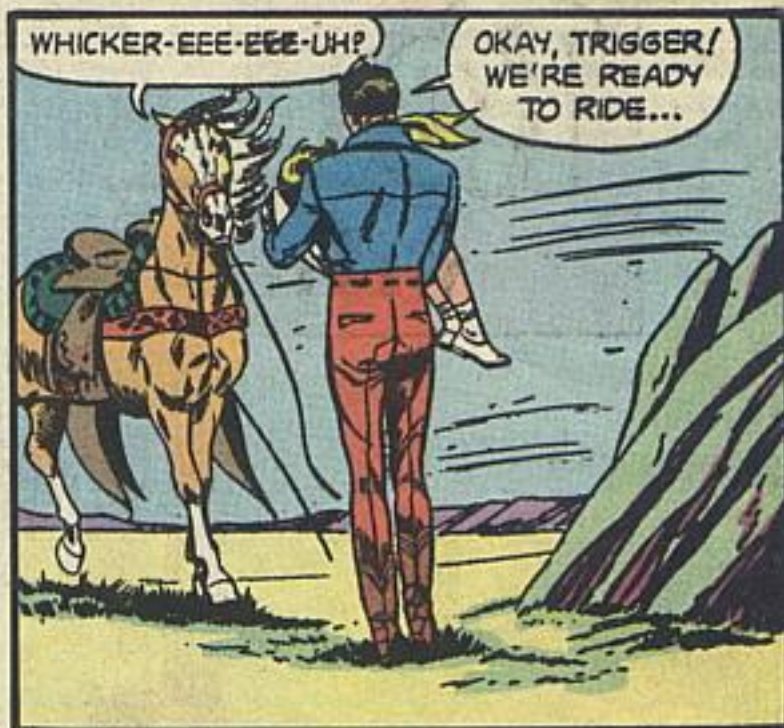
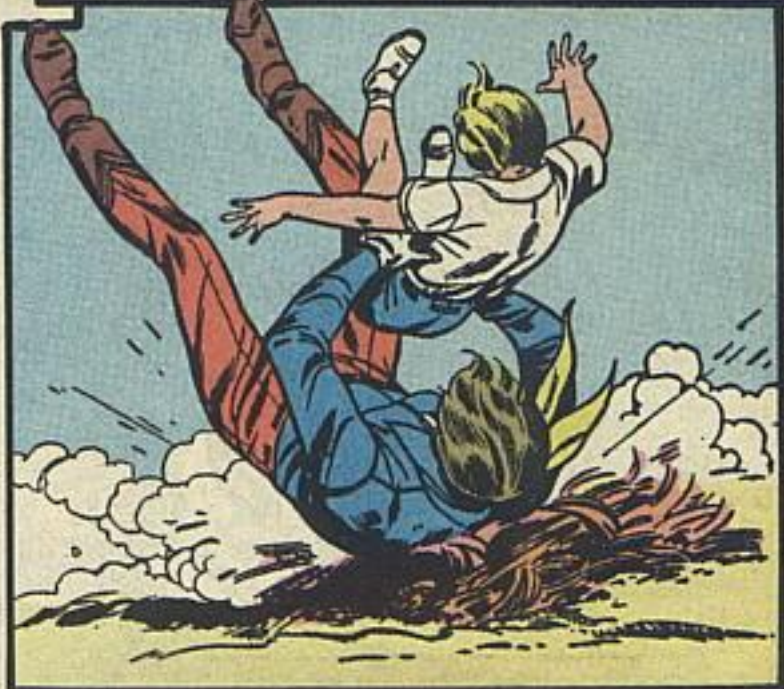
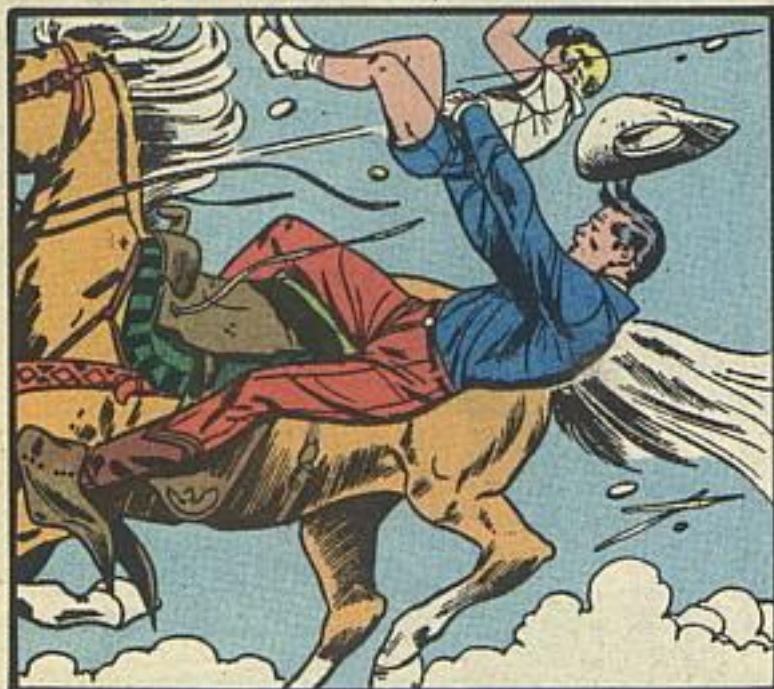


AN INSTANT LATER, A BLAST OF WIND-- THE FIERCE WIND THAT FLANKS A TWISTER'S FUNNEL-- SNATCHES LITTLE TEDDY FROM JOE'S GRASP...



WITH A GASPED PRAYER, ROY CLUTCHES AT THE SMALL, WIND-BORNE FORM, AS HE LEAVES THE SADDLE...

... TO LAND AMONG THE BROKEN STEMS OF SAGE!



THE END



