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BUFFALO BILL JR.





You need a fast horse



when you've got to stop . . .



a slick movin' outlaw . . .



—and a runaway stage!

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SECRET OF SILVERADO

YOUR INFORMATION WAS RIGHT, BILL! LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT OURSELVES ONE OF THE SILVER DRUGGLERS!

REMEMBER: NO SHOOTING! WE WANT TO TAKE HIM ALIVE!



REIN IN!

SAY! IT'S TONY CASTELAR!

WHAT'S THE IDEA, AMIGO?

JUDGE WELBY APPOINTED BILL AN ACTING DEPUTY TO INVESTIGATE THE SILVER DRUGGLING IN THESE PARTS! HE SAID YOU'LL CROSS THE BORDER!

GIRAA!

I'LL STOP HIM!



BANVILLE, IN WILEYVILLE.

DON'T TELL US TO GIMMER DOWN, JUDGE! BEFORE THE ISLAND-ALLISON ACT WAS PASSED, WE OLIVER SILVERS WERE ALL DOING BRADLEY!

BUT WHEN THE GOVERNMENT RAISED THE PRICE OF SILVER, IT PUT US BACK IN BUSINESS!



YES, AND IT ALSO ENCOURAGED SMUGGLING, SINCE SILVER IS NORTH TWENTY-NINE CENTS AN OUNCE MORE ON THIS SIDE OF THE BORDER!

THAT'S THE POINT! THE HARDEST BEING FLOODED WITH MEXICAN SILVER!



IF THE GRASSLINGS ISN'T STOPPED, THE ISLAND-ALLISON ACT WILL BE REPEALED.



... AND WE'LL BE BACK WHERE WE WERE! WITH OUR MINDS SHUT DOWN!

LARE, YOUR SNEAKING IS THE BIGGEST HINE AROUND THESE PARTS—WHAT DO YOU SAY?

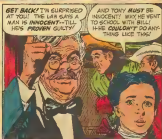
I DON'T THINK JUDGE WILEY IS TO BLAME! HE'S ONLY GOT ONE DEPUTY—AND HE'S BUFFALO BILL JUNIOR! YOU CAN'T EXPECT A BOY TO DO A MAN'S JOB!



MY BROTHER'S A BETTER SHOT AND A BETTER HIDE-MAN THAN ANYONE IN WILEYVILLE, LARE COLLINS! AND HE'S QUARTER, TOO!

THAT'LL BE ALL FROM YOU, 'CALANITY'!







YOU FOLKS CAN BREAK UP YOUR PROTEST MEETINGS! YOU CAN SEE WE ARE DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THE SNAUSLERS! THE ONLY GUY TO BE LOCKED UP!



I'D LIKE TO GET WORD TO MY MOTHER!

WELL--SOMEbody HAS TO TELL HER, AND I GUESS ONE WOMAN CAN TELL ANOTHER WOMAN ABOUT THE BEST! I'LL GO!



YOU GURE PUT ON A GOOD SHOW!

GRACIAS! GLAD YOU LIKED IT, BILL! I STARTED MY ACT ACROSS THE BORDER! I AM A BIG SNAUSLER, NOW!



SORRY ABOUT THAT WOUND! BRANDON GOT SICKER!

WELL, WE'VE GOT THE STAGE! WHOEVER'S DOING THE REAL SNAUSLING OUGHT TO BE PLUNTY INTERESTED IN THE MEXICAN SNAUS SUPPLY I BRANDED ABOUT!



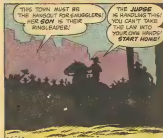
IF THIS WORKS, ALL I HAVE TO DO NOW IS WAIT FOR SOMEONE TO BAIL ME OUT OF JAIL...

...OR HELP YOU BREAK OUT!

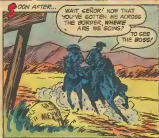


ONLY ONE THING I BOTHED ME! I WISH I COULD TELL MY MOTHER WHAT I AM ACTUALLY DOING!

YOU CAN'T, TONY! AS I SAID WHEN WE PLANNED THIS--IF SHE KNEW SHE MIGHT INACCIDENTLY SAY OR DO SOMETHING THAT WOULD TIP OFF THE SNAUSLERS!









MARK, THIS IS TONY CASTELAR!

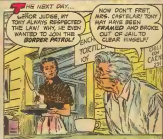
I GOT YOU OUT BECAUSE THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ARE MAKING IT TOUGH FOR AMERICANS TO BUY SILVER HERE! YOU CLAIMED YOU HAD A LOT OF THE STUFF! I CAN HANDLE IT!

I WAS DOING QUITE WELL ALONE!



IT WON'T BE HEALTHY FOR YOU ON THE AMERICAN SIDE OF THE BORDER NOW! YOU SUPPLY THE SILVER, I'LL GET RID OF IT OVER THERE! WE SPLIT FIFTY-FIFTY-DEAL!

OH! TOMORROW, I BRING THE FIRST LOAD!



THE NEXT DAY...

LEAVE JUDGE, MY TONY ALWAYS RESPECTED THE LAW! WHY HE EVEN WANTED TO JOIN THE BORDER PATROL!

NOW DON'T FRET, MRS. CASTELAR! TONY MAY HAVE BEEN FRAMED AND BROKE OUT OF JAIL TO CLEAR HIMSELF!



SEÑORA CASTELAR! I NEED MORE TORTILLAS!

BUSINESS MUST BE GOOD PERITA!



THESE ARE NICE AND HOT! ENCHILDRAS TORTILLAS

FUNNY... THAT GIRL LOOKS FAMILIAR, BUT I JUST CAN'T PLACE HER!







AN HOUR LATER, ON THE AMERICAN SIDE OF THE BORDER...







TONY!

SI, WE WERE BOTH TRYING TO AND OUT THE GANG THING!



IT'S A RIGHTY SLICK SCHEME! THEY LOAD THE ORE ON SHERAZADO WAGONS ON THE MEXICAN SIDE OF THE BORDER, CROSS UNDER IT AND TAKE THE SILVER TO THE CHESTER AND NO ONE'S THE WISER!

EXCEPT JEFF BRANDON! HE HAS TO BE IN ON IT! HE KNOWS TOO MUCH ABOUT ORES!



AN INTERESTING REDUCTION!



TOO BAD IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD! NOW DROP YOUR GUNBELTS!

A MINUTES LATER, AS BRANDON LEADS THEM OUT OF THE MEXICAN END OF THE TUNNEL...



THE JUDGE AND BILL MUST HAVE PLANNED THIS DEAL TO GET TONY IN WITH US!

THEY'LL BE FOUND TOMORROW ON THE OTHER SIDE, EACH GRAB BY THE OTHER'S GUN! IT'LL LOOK LIKE BILL SHOT IT OUT WITH THE ESCAPED "SAUGGLER" AND THE JUDGE WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTRADICT THINGS!



LATER...

THEY WILL BE BACK FOR US AS SOON AS THEY FINISH MAKING THE SILVER ACROSS THE BORDER!

I'VE ALMOST GOT MY ROPES OUT, TONY! KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED!







BUFFALO BILL JR.

DOUBLE CROSS
MONEY

REIN IN!



WHA,
BOYS,
WHA!



JUST GOT BACK,
GENTS! ALL WE WANT
IS THE CASH!

WH-WHAT
CASH?



THIS--THE MONEY WE KNOW YOU WERE
CARRYING TO THE BLUE RIVER BANK!

JUST LOOK
AT THAT PILE
OF BILLS!



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A HOLIDAY!
LET'S GO!







FOLLOWING ONE OF THE RIDERS, BUFFALO BILL JUNIOR SOON RUNG HIS TRAIL TO ITS END...

HE CERTAINLY FOUND THE RIGHT PLACE TO LOSE HIMSELF!



MR. CAMERON, DID YOU FORGET YOUR VACATION STARTS TODAY?

NED BANTON, ARE YOU TRYING TO GET RID OF ME?



WHY SHOULD I DO THAT?

GO YOU CAN RUN THE BANK THE WAY YOU WANT TO--NOT LIKE YOUR UNCLE AND I RAN IT ALL THE YEARS WE WORKED TOGETHER, TO BUILD IT!



MY UNCLE'S IDEAS WERE OLD-FASHIONED! HE'LL LEFT THE BANK TO ME AND I INTEND TO RUN IT FOR A GOOD PROFIT!

YOU CAN'T SQUEEZE THE LIFE OUT OF THE WILD TERRITORY FOR YOUR OWN POCKET! WHY DO YOU THINK WE'VE LOST SO MANY ACCOUNTS TO THE BLUE RIVER BANK?



FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, THE BLUE RIVER BANK MAY CLOSE--THEIR ONLY CHANCE TO STAY OPEN IS AN EMERGENCY SHIPMENT OF CASH! IF THEY DON'T GET IT--THEY'RE OUT OF BUSINESS!

GOOD-BAY, MR. CAMERON, ENJOY YOUR VACATION!



THERE'S STILL
OUR BANK AT
GRANITE CITY!

NO REFLECTION ON YOU, HENRY,
BUT SINCE NEB TOOK ONE I, IT'S
BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO DO
BUSINESS THERE!

I SEE!
THEN WHAT
ARE YOU
GOING
TO DO?

WE WERE KIND OF TALKING
OVER THE IDEA OF SCRAPING
TOGETHER ALL OUR READY
CASH AND STARTING OUR
OWN BANK HERE!

JUDGE, I WAS LEAVING
ON MY VACATION—JUST
STOPPED TO SAY GOODBYE
TO ELLEN! BUT SHE'VE A
CHANCE TO TALK TO YOUNG
NEB! MAYBE I CAN GET
HIM TO CHANGE
HIS POLICY!

OK, HENRY, IT'S
A SHAME TO
SPOIL YOUR
VACATION!

IT'S WORTH IT, ELLEN!
BESIDES, WHAT COULD I DO
ON VACATION AT MY AGE?

YOU COULD MARRY
MISS ELLEN AND SO ON
YOUR HONEYMOON!

CA-CALAMITY!

YOU'LL UNDERSTAND BETTER WHEN
YOU'RE OLDER, CALAMITY! BEFORE A
MAN CAN THINK OF MARRIAGE, HE HAS
TO HAVE A SOUND FINANCIAL
POSITION! I'M ONLY A CASHIER—BUT
I'D BETTER GET BACK TO
GRANITE CITY!



CALAMITY, IF YOU EVER AGAIN--

WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU DO WANT TO WARRY HIM, DON'T YOU?



I-I--

OF COURSE, YOU DO! AND BETWEEN HIS SALARY AND WHAT YOU MAKE WITH YOUR MUSIC LESSONS, YOU COULD AFFORD IT! IF I WERE YOU, I'D FIND AN EXCUSE TO CALL ON HIM RIGHT AWAY AT THE BANK!



COM AFTER, HENRY CARSON TELLS WHAT HE LEARNED...

THIS IS PERFECT! IT GIVES US CONTROL OF EVERY-THING! WE CAN MAKE MORE MONEY IN SIX MONTHS THAN UNCLE DID IN SIX YEARS!

BUT A BANKER CAN'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FOLK!



THE BANKER CAN! THEY'LL HAVE TO PAY WHATEVER INTEREST I NAME! THEY'LL NEVER GET THEIR OWN BANK STARTED! WHY, WHO'D RUN IT?

I WILL!



YO-YOU CAN'T QUIT! YOU'RE A TRADITION HERE! OUR DEPOSITORS MIGHT THINK THE BANK'S IN TROUBLE!

IT IS-- MORALLY! AS SOON AS MY ACCOUNTS ARE UP TO DATE, I'M LEAVING!

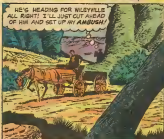
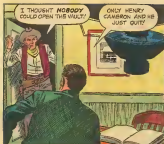


NOTES LATER...

ER, HENRY, I WANTED TO SEE YOU - T-O-CLOSE MY ACCOUNT! I'M HELPING JUDGE WILEY START OUR OWN BANK!

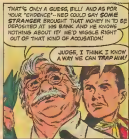
AS MY LAST OFFICIAL ACT, I'LL MAKE THE WITH-DRAWAL FROM THE BANK!











THE NEXT DAY...

I WAS SORRY TO LEARN ABOUT HENRY, JUDGE! I'LL BE AT HIS FUNERAL SERVICES! LAST THING HE SAID TO ME WAS ABOUT YOUR PLANS FOR STARTING YOUR OWN BANK!

THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY! THE BLUE JONK BANK'LL STILL TAKE CARE OF US!



BU-BUT THAT BANK IS CLOSED!

ONLY TEMPORARILY! THEY'LL BE OPEN TOMORROW! THAT EXPLOSIVE SHIPMENT WAS INSURED! THE COMPANY IS MAKING GOOD ON THE MONEY TODAY!



YES! THIS IS CONFIDENTIAL... BUT TODAY?

THEY'RE SENDING OUT ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR SHIPMENT! I'VE GOT TO CALL ON HENRY'S JON HERE! SOON AS THEY GET THE TIME FOR THE SERVICE, I'LL LET YOU KNOW HE'D HAVE WANTED YOU THERE!



SHORTLY AFTER...
HERE, IT COMES!

YOU DID IT ONCE--DO IT AGAIN AND THIS WILL REALLY CLOSE THAT BANK AND PUT YOU IN THE CHIPS!











HERE'S SOMETHING FOR MY ACCOUNT—PLUS INTEREST!

OWWW



YOU'VE CLOSED YOUR LAST BANK, HENRY?

HO—HOW'D YOU FIGURE IT OUT?



HENRY CAMERON PUT US ON TO IT—HE'S STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE! BUT WE NEEDED CONCLUSIVE PROOF SO WE SENT OUT THAT DODDY WAGON WITH THE SUPPOSED CASH SHIPMENT TO FORCE YOUR HAND! YOU TOOK THE BAIT!

LATER



IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR BILL HERE—

YOU MEAN, IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOU? YOU WERE THE ONE WHO KNEW THERE WAS TOO MUCH MONEY IN THE GRANITE CITY BANK VAULT!



M.R. CAMERON, NOW THAT THE BANK'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS ELECTED YOU PRESIDENT, YOU HAVE A SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION—

SAY NO MORE, CALAMITY! I'M ASKING ELLEN FOR HER HAND TODAY!

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