

DELL

GUNSMOKE

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He had to hunt
"THE HUNTER"





1. I'm Matt Dillon, U.S. Marshal.



2. Lawmen need sharp eyes . . .



3. And steady nerves.



4. In wide-open Dodge City.



5. Where a man walking outside . . .



6. Needs eyes in the back of his head!

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THE HOT SPELL

AS MATT DILLON RETURNS TO
DODGE CITY, THE HEAT SHIMMERS
OFF THE DRY PLAINS, AND THE
SUN BEATS DOWN MERCILESSLY

WHOA, BOY! WE BOTH
COULD DO WITH SOME
WHADE BEFORE
PUSHING ON
TO TOWN!



WONDER WHAT BRINGS
THAT CROWD OUT FROM
DODGE ON A BLAZING
DAY LIKE THIS?



THIS WILL DO!



A LYNNING!



















A MINUTE LATER



RANCE!

STRAY OUT OF IT, MARSHAL!
HE KILLED MY NEPHEW AND
I'M GOING TO KILL HIM!



IT WAS SELF-DEFENSE, RANCE,
AND YOU KNOW IT!

I'LL LET NO PERSON
CUMMAN COME HERE
AND GET AWAY WITH
SHOOTING DOWN
THAT BOY!



GET OUT OF MY LINE
OF FIRE, MARSHAL! I
CAN HANDLE HIM--AND
HIS PAIS, TOO!

NO ONE IS GOING TO DO
ANY SHOOTING! CHESTER,
TAKE CARE TO MY OFFICE!



COME ON!



I WANT HIM, MARSHAL!
AND I'M GOING TO
GET HIM!

I'VE TOLD YOU ONCE
TODAY, I'M TELLING YOU
AGAIN -- GO HOME!

PAID ME YOUR GUN! -- THAT'S A GOOD MAN
OUT THERE! WORTHY SON OF YOU! HE'S NEVER
DONE A WRONG THING IN HIS LIFE! NOW -- THREE
IN ONE DAY, HE WANTS TO START KILLING!



I'M NO COWARD, MARSHAL! WE DON'T WANT
I'D JUST AS SOON HANDLE MY SIX-GUN
OWN ARGUMENTS! JUSTICE HERE,
COPE!



MR. BILLY!



IN A LITTLE WHILE, THE MARSHAL
WILL LET THAT KILLER LOOSE IN
OUR TOWN AGAIN! I'M NOT
STANDING FOR IT!

WE'RE
WITH YOU!



THEY'RE GOING TO
TRY TO COME RIGHT
IN HERE!

NICE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS
YOU GOT, MARSHAL! EVERY
TIME I TURN AROUND, THEY'RE
OUT TO KILL ME!



WE WANT THAT MAN! --
MARSHAL, ARE YOU GOING TO
GIVE HIM TO US OR DO WE
HAVE TO TAKE HIM FROM YOU?













MR. DELON!
MR. DELON!

GUNSMOKE

THE BUFFALO HUNTER



YES, CHESTER?

COMMAND JUST RODE
IN! SAYS HE SPOTTED
SOME BUFFALO
HUNTERS CROSSING
INTO THE INDIAN
TERRITORY!

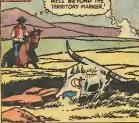


AFTER THE TREATY THE
GOVERNMENT JUST SIGNED
WITH THE INDIANS, NO
WHITE MAN IS ALLOWED
THERE -- AND THOSE
HUNTERS KNOW IT!



SOON...

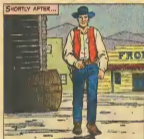
YES -- THEIR DUST IS
WELL BEYOND THE
TERRITORY MARKER!



SWING BACK!















SOON...

YOU'RE A LONG WAY FROM HOME, AREN'T YOU, BLACKFOOT?



DON'T LOOK SURPRISED! THE OUT OF YOUR MOCCASIN TOLD ME YOUR TRIBE!

"I'M MATT DILLON, U.S. MARSHAL! WHAT DOES JASE CALL YOU?"

WHEW! WHEN HE IS NOT ANGRY!



DOG EATER WHEN HE IS ANGRY!

JASE KNOWS ALL THE INDIAN INSULTS! BUT WHAT'S A BRAGG LIKE YOU COMING WIGY DOWN HERE-- FAR FROM YOUR TRIBE--SERRRO-BUFFALO FOR A MAN LIKE JASE MURDOCK?



IN THE LODGES AT NIGHT, MY PEOPLE SPEAK OF THE TRUE WARRIOR WITH THE LONG ARM! WHEN HE WAS WITH US, HIS MEDICINE WAS GOOD! WE HAVE NO GOOD MEDICINE NOW!

SO YOU'VE JOINED HIM, HOPING SOME OF THE GOOD MEDICINE MIGHT RUB OFF ON YOU!



BUT WHY ARE YOU GOING INTO INDIAN TERRITORY WITH HIM? WHY HELP HIM BREAK THE TREATY THE PRESIDENT MADE WITH ALL THE CHEFS AT MEDICINE LODGE?



ONCE THE BUFFALO GAVE THE INDIAN ALL HE NEEDED -- FOOD, CLOTHES, BEES, LODGE-SHONG! BUT MEN LIKE JASE HERD OUT THE HERDS FOR THEIR HIDES, LEAVING GOOD MEAT TO ROT ON THE PLAINS! THE FEW SMALL HERDS LEFT WERE GIVEN BY TREATY TO THE INDIANS! ARE YOU GOING TO HELP JASE ROB YOUR BROTHERS?

SUDDENLY MATT SEES GOLDEN CHAP'S EYES FLICKER ...



COME ON OVER, JAKE,
AND SIT DOWN!

YOU GOT NO RIGHT SHOOTING, DILLON! TRYING TO
TURN MY SKINNER AGAINST ME!



YOU'RE NO RIGHT TO HAVE HIM
WITH YOU! I COULD SEND HIM
BACK TO HIS RESERVATION! AND IT
MIGHT BE BETTER
FOR YOU!



WHAT DOES
THAT MEAN?

THE WAY YOU TREAT HIM -- HE
MAY NOT BE SO FRIENDLY.
ONCE YOU TWO ARE
ALONE, IN INDIAN
TERRITORY!



I DON'T FEAR ANY INDIAN! CERTAINLY NOT HIM!
-- I KNOW 'EM, LIVED WITH 'EM. I BROUGHT THE
LONG ARM -- THE FIRST BULL THEY EVER SAW!
SAW 'EM MORE HEAT
THAN THEY'D EVER SEEN!
SURE, I WAS GOOD
MEDICINE!



YOU DON'T TAKE CHANCES WITH YOUR BUFFALO!
MUST BE OVER A HUNDRED GRAMS OF POWDER
HERE! YOU STILL SHOOT A BIG FIFTY--THOUGHT YOU'D
HAVE CHANGED TO ONE OF
THE NEW
RESERVATIONS
BY NOW!



THIS HAS DONE ME! I CAN LOAD AND FIRE FASTER
THAN ANOTHER MAN CAN WORK ONE OF THOSE
RESERVATIONS! AND I CAN DROP A
BULL AT NEAR A MILE--OR
A MAN!

















ANY WAY YOU TRY
TE, THAT BIBLE'S
USELESS!

A PLEDGE **DELL** TO PARENTS
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SOON....

GO ON-- CUT
ME FREE!

NO! IT IS OVER
BETWEEN US!



THE MARSHAL WAS RIGHT--
AND YOU HAVE SHOWN ME YOUR
RESOLVE-- IT IS NOT GOOD!
NOT ANY MORE!



SO HE CROSSED THE
LINE, MR. DILLON!

YES, CHESTER! JADE
STEPPED OVER THE
LINE ONCE TOO OFTEN!
NOW HELL PAY FOR IT!

THE END

Bill Wisdom Says:

YOUR VACATION IS SO SHORT— Don't lose part of it by having an accident—**PLAY SAFE!**



Riding a Bike

Don't take chances. Riding behind cars, pig sagging, riding "without hands," carrying things on bike. Look carefully when coming to intersection. Ride on right side of roadway. Wear white when it gets dark, and use bright headlight and red, rear reflector. Be sure tires and brakes are in good shape. Keep alert!



Swimming

Swim where there is a lifeguard, if possible. If you swim anywhere else, be sure there is no fast current or undertow. Check with long pole for depth, hidden rocks, logs before diving. Always swim with a "buddy." Don't swim when tired, unbalanced or chilled. Be sure a rope, boat, or life preserver is handy.



Playing Games

Make the place you play safe—by clearing away broken glass, rocks and other dangerous things. When climbing, hold on with both hands. Don't get too close to fire. Avoid strange dogs. Make the street "out of bounds." Be careful of all sharp or pointed articles.



Going Places

"Watch your step" before crossing street. Look right, left and around corners. Never stop between parked cars or areas in middle of the block. Don't run after buses or cars. Don't accept rides with strangers. Wherever you go, be smart—play safe!



HEY KIDS!

Remind your Mom that **JUICY FRUIT GUM** is a pure, wholesome treat that won't spoil your appetite. Tell her to keep plenty on hand.

