

LADY LUCK RUNS OUT



From the first moment Paladin steps on board, the puddle wheeler, trouble dogs his running down a professional pambler.



The dock is stacked against Paladin, who works to learn the gambler's tricks, but ends up in front of the deadly paddle wheel.

THE INDIAN HEIR



Sent in search of the heir to a gold fortune, Paladin finds the way burred by hostile Hopes and tries to fight his way into their comp.



Paladin tracks down the herr, only to be tricked and trapped in a lonely pueblo, with flying land for unwelcome company.





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The COYOTE



"Sheriffi Sheriff Mahanevi"

As the rider pulled up in front of the sheriff's affice on the main street of Grubstoke he was bowling at the top, of his large.

Squinting in the harsh sunlight, Sheriff Ken Mahaney stepped into the street. "Relax, friend, what's this all about?" he snapped.

Dismounting from his horse the rider reported excitedly. "The express train from Goldville was ambushed in Shawnee Canyon! I was noting by when I saw some gunalics begin the attack."

Ken Mahamey frowned as he stored at the rider and then at the white horse which was tethered to the nearby hitching roll.

"Could you make out who those varmints were?" he queried.

"I figure it was Blackle Carson and his gang," was the reply. "That black outfit he wears---I'd know it anywhere."

"We'll need a posse," snapped the sheriff, "I've got some men deputized. They're down at the railroad station guarding a gold shipment! Come on, we'll pick them up there."

At the relifeed status Makaney faced the bitter protests of Del Black, the express manager. Black gestured toward a pile of wooden chests heoped as the station platform. "Skeriff, I've gat nearly a quarter million in gold here. If you take your depuries you'll be leaving that shipment unquarded."

"Sorry," said Mahoney "But Blackle Carson's the most wanted man is this territory. This is my chance to noll him."

A moment later Mahoney was galloping out of town with every able-badied man in Grubstake behind him

From a nearby ridge Blackie Carson watched the sheriff's exit, a wised grin on his face. "It worked," he glacned, as he turned to face the rest of his gang. "I outfoxed Mahaney. All we have to do is go down there and pick up that gold shipment."

Moments later Blackie and his gong contered into sown and pulled up at the railroad station.

"I knew it," sold Del Blake, as he sow the bandits ride up. "It was just a trick to get the sheriff out of town! Carson! You're the trickiest coyote in this territory."

"Thanks for the compliment," grinned Blackie, as he dismounted. "The coyote's the smortest critter in the West."

"You're smart all right, but not smart enough," called a voice from behind Blackie.

The bondit leader and his men twirled —and found themselves facing the draws guns of Ken Mahanay and his passe which had slipped is behind them. "Better drap your hardware, Blackie,

"Better drop your handware, Blackie, You and your men don't have a prayer," sold the sheriff. One by one the bandits dropped their gues.

"I was sure you'd be heading for Sharware Canyon," muttered Blackie. "Haw'd you know that call for help was a fake?"

Achonery grinted and nodded toward the rider who had braught in the message. "That rider you seth—be was supposed to have gallapied a good ten miller from Sharmee Conyco, but there wasn't a streak of swoot as his horse. And with that gold shipment wailing on the railload station, it wasn't too hard to figure what was cooking."

Mahoney jerked his thumb in the direction of the town joil. "Head for the calaboose, Blackiel You may be a smart caycite, but I just noticed your hide to the wall."















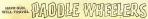














ON THE SMALL RIVERS OF THE OLD WEST, STERN-WHEELERS WERE OFTEN USED FOR CARRYING CARGO AND PASSENGERS, THEIR SHALLOW DRAUGHT REPT THEM OFFE THE FROUND SANDERS.



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