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THE DEPUTY

A LONE RIDER, HEADING TOWARD LARAMIE, WYOMING, SUDDENLY PULLS UP SHORT AS HE PASSES BY A SMALL HILLSIDE CEMETERY... LARAMIE'S BOOT HILL...
THWACK!
WHACK!



THERE, DAVE! WITH I COULD HAVE GOTTEN YOU THIS NEW MARKER SOONER!



WHAT...?

SORRY! DIDN'T MEAN TO SURPRISE YOU!



YOU DIDN'T! WAS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANTED?

JUST LOOKING!



H-M-H! I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO SAM? I KNEW HIM REAL WELL!

SAM BLAKE? YOU KNEW HIM?



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BRIEFLY, THE LONE MAN IS RIDING HIS HORSE DOWN THE MAIN STREET OF LARAMIE, SIZING UP THE TOWN...



ABRUPTLY, HE HALTS AT A RUN-DOWN WOODEN BUILDING...



YOU'RE WASTIN' YOUR TIME, MISTER! THERE'S NO WAY TO GET INTO THE LARAMIE JAIL! IT'S CLOSED FOR A SPELL!



HEY!
WHAT'S
HE UP
TO?



SAY, NON! IT CAN'T
BE THAT BAD!



THE ALONGNESS IS INTERRUPTED BY THE
APPEARANCE OF TWO MEN...

ER-UMPH! I MUST SAY I LIKE A
DIRECT MAN! YOU MUST BE
MR. TROOP!

UH...WHY,
YES!



I'M TOW PIKE, SPEAKING FOR
THE TOWN COUNCIL! AND THIS
IS CARL SIDEMAKER, THE MAN
YOU DID MOST OF THE
CORRESPONDING WITH!
WELCOME TO LARAMIE!

WE...WE
CAME TO
OPEN THE
DOOR FOR
YOU...BUT I
SEE YOU BEAT
US TO IT!



HERE ARE YOUR
BADGE AND KEYS,
MARSHAL! YOU'LL
BE NEEDING THEM!

UH...I SUPPOSE THE
PEOPLE IN ARLENE
WERE DISAPPOINTED
WHEN YOU TOLD THEM
YOU WERE LEAVING!



NOT AT ALL! YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW UNNECESSARY I START LOOKING ONCE TROUBLE HAS DIED DOWN!

WELL, YOU WON'T FIND LARAMIE UNGRATEFUL! WE NEED YOU HERE!

I LIKE MY GRATITUDE ONCE A MONTH, PAYABLE AT THE NEAREST BANK!

WELL, IT WASN'T EASY TO GET THE COUNCIL TO MEET YOUR PRICE, MR. TROOP! BUT CARL AND I HELD OUT FOR YOU! WE DON'T MIND TRYING FOR THE BEST!

NOW...UH...THE COUNCIL HAS SOME PRETTY DEFINITE IDEAS ABOUT WHAT WE WANT HERE IN LARAMIE! WE'RE MORE OR LESS DECIDED ON HOW THE TOWN SHOULD BE RUN...!

UH-HUH...!

WE WANT A TOWN WHERE OUR WIVES AND KIDS WON'T BE AFRAID TO WALK DOWN THE STREET! THINK YOU CAN GIVE IT TO US?



ER...YES...AND BY THE WAY, PIKE... DON'T FORGET TO HAVE THAT DOOR FIXED!

WHAT? OH...UH... SURE! SURE!

WE'RE GOING TO GET ALONG FINE, MARSHAL! AND NOW WE'LL BE GOING!

WAIT! THERE'S ONE THING I'D LIKE TO KNOW!





A FEW DAYS LATER, DAN TROOP STEPS OUT OF HIS NEW OFFICE, HIS ATTENTION RIVETED ON THE WILD NOISES COMING FROM THE BLUE BONNET JUST ACROSS THE STREET...



MINUTES LATER, AS DAN ENTERS THE CAFE, THE HUBBUB SUBSIDES... THE CUSTOMERS TURN, NODDING ONE ANOTHER...



DAN WALKS TOWARD THE BACK OF THE BLUE BONNET, PASSING CLOSE TO A TABLE WHERE THREE MEN SIT... THE HAWKE BROTHERS...

WELL, LOOK HERE! IF IT'S NOT OUR NEW LAWMAN! WONDER WHAT HE'S UP TO NOW?



WELL, BOYS, SEEMS LIKE WE'RE GONNA GET OURSELVES A BRAND-NEW SET OF "POMIS AND DO'S"!

WHAT'S IT THIS TIME, MARSHAL? CHECK YOUR GUNS AT THE LADIES AID AND NO FOOT-BACIN' ON SUNDAY!



SO YOU'RE DAN TROOP, HUH? THE ONE WHO MADE HIMSELF SUCH A REPUTATION BACK IN KANSAS! AND LOOKIN' FOR A MAN TO BACK YOU UP, HUH?

THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS!



JUST ONE THING
BOTHERS ME! WHO'S
GONNA BACK YOUR
DEPUTY UP?
HAW! HAW!

SINCE I'M NEW
HERE, EVERYBODY'S
ALLOWED ONE MISTAKE!
YOU'VE JUST HAD YOURS!

AND NOW, IF ANY OF YOU MEN ARE
INTERESTED IN THE JOB OF DEPUTY
...OR IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO..

WAIT A MINUTE, MISTER!
YOU AND I AREN'T FINISHED
YET! DO YOU KNOW WHO
I AM?

YEP! I NEVER WALKED INTO A TOWN YET
WHERE I DIDN'T HAVE TO WHIP
SOMEBODY WHO THOUGHT HE WAS
REAL TOUGH! YOU'RE *HAW!*

I'LL SHOW YOU HOW
TOUGH I AM!

THAT'S THE
BOY, WALT!

DEPUTY WANTED
APPLY
DAN TROOP
#444444

WHY, YOU! I'LL...

THAT'S ENOUGH,
LACY! GET WALT
OUT OF HERE!

AW, FLYNN! YOU CAN'T LET THE LAWMAN GET AWAY WITH THAT!

I SAID THAT'S ENOUGH! NOW GET HIM OUT OF HERE! I'LL DEAL WITH THE MARSHAL!



THAT WAS YOUR ONE MISTAKE, MARSHAL! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT!



AS I WAS SAYING, MEN... THE JOB PAYS FIFTY A MONTH! I'LL BE GLAD TO TALK TO ANYONE WHO'S HAD A LITTLE EXPERIENCE!



FINDING NO TAKERS IN THE DISINTERESTED GROUP DAN FINALLY LEAVES! THEN...



OH, MARSHAL! MARSHAL!

DID MY HEART GOOD, THE WAY YOU HANDED THOSE HAWKS BROTHERS! SURE WISH I COULD TAKE THAT JOB, BUT I'VE GOT A WIFE AND GROWING FAMILY! WHY, I'D...

I UNDERSTAND, OLD-TIMER!



SAY, WAIT A MINUTE! MAYBE YOU CAN TELL ME WHERE TO FIND MRS. LEAP!

DAVE'S WIDOW 'T SURE! SHE TOOK OVER THE WASH HOUSE AFTER HE...ER... IT'S OVER THERE!





MRS. LEAP?

DINNER WON'T BE READY FOR ... OH, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, MARSHAL?



MY NAME'S DAN TROOP! I ... ER ... YOUR HUSBAND LEFT THIS IN THE OFFICE!

MY PHOTOGRAPH!



NOT MUCH LEFT OVER FROM A MAN'S WHOLE LIFE, IS IT, MARSHAL?

YOUR HUSBAND DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO LIVE HIS WHOLE LIFE, MRS. LEAP! ... WHO KILLED HIM? DO YOU KNOW?



NO ... NO, I DON'T! IT COULD HAVE BEEN ANYBODY ... EVERYBODY ...! AFTER ALL, AREN'T TOWN MARSHALS FAIR GAME?

JUST SOME LITTLE THING YOU MIGHT RECOLLECT COULD HELP!



WHY DON'T YOU GET OUT OF TOWN, MARSHAL? LEAVE WHILE YOU'RE STILL ABLE TO T. HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK ONE MAN WITH A BADGE CAN DO?

NOT A LOT ... IF HE CAN'T FIND HELP!

WELL, DON'T COUNT ON MINE! I'M SICK OF THE SENSELESS VIOLENCE ... THE KILLINGS! I BEGGED DAVE TO QUIT SO MANY TIMES! WHAT MAKES A MAN KEEP ON A JOB LIKE YOURS, MARSHAL?



I'M SORRY I'M LATE, MRS. LEMP! I...ER...



OH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT, JOHNNY! MARSHAL, THIS IS JOHNNY MFKAY! HE HELPS ME OUT SOME!



ARE YOU? I'M SURE SORRY ABOUT ... UP THERE ON THE HILL! I DIDN'T MEAN ANY SLIGHT!



FORGET IT! AND THANKS, MRS. LEMP! I'LL BE GOING NOW!



GOOD-BY, MR. TROOP!

TROOP? *MAN TROOP?* AND I PRACTICALLY CALLED HIM A HORSE THIEF UP THERE ON THE HILL!



SOME TIME LATER, AS DAN IS CAREFULLY CLEANING AND OILING HIS HAND GUN ...

MARSHAL!



IT'S ABOUT THAT SIGN OUTSIDE!
I...ER...WELL, I WANT THE JOB!



NO!

AND? BUT WHY? JUST
BECAUSE I WORK IN A
HASH HOUSE PART TIME
... YOU THINK PEOPLE
WILL LAUGH AT ME,
IS THAT IT?



NO! I USED TO WORK
IN A HASH HOUSE
MYSELF WHEN I WAS
YOUR AGE! BUT I
NEED SOMEBODY
WHO'S DRY BEHIND
THE EARS!



GET YOURSELF A COUPLE
OF COWS AND GO TO WORK!
IN TEN YEARS YOU'LL HAVE
A NICE SPREAD... A WIFE
AND KIDS, MAYBE...



I'M NOT CUT OUT
FOR A RANCHER,
MARSHAL! THERE
ARE ONLY TWO WAYS
I CAN GO... YOURS...OR
THE WAY BILLY BONNEY
WENT!



WELL, THIS ISN'T A BAD LIFE ...
IF YOU DON'T MIND PUTTING ON
A SUN EVERY DAY... AND NOT
KNOW IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE
TO USE IT... OR IF SOMEONE'S
GOING TO USE ONE ON YOU!



I CAN
TAKE IT!

BUT I CAN'T! YOU
WOULDN'T LAST THE
WEEK OUT! GO ON
BACK TO THE HASH
HOUSE!



ALL RIGHT! BUT
I'LL TELL YOU
SOMETHING YOU
DON'T KNOW...



FLYNN HAWKS KILLED RAYE!
I SAW IT!



SHORTLY, DAN TROOP LEAVES HIS OFFICE AND CROSSES TO THE BLUE BONNET! THIS TIME, HIS ENTRANCE IS HARDLY NOTICED BY THE MEN INSIDE...



UNTIL... I'M LOOKING FOR FLYNN HAWKS! ANYBODY GOT NERVE ENOUGH TO TELL ME WHERE HE IS?



DID SOMEONE MENTION MY BROTHER'S NAME?



IT'S LACY!

YOU WANT FLYNN, EH? WELL, YOU'VE GOT TO GET PAST ME FIRST, MARSHAL! WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU LOOK A LITTLE GREEN AROUND THE GILLS!



I DON'T WANT TO DRAW WITH YOU, LACY! IT'S NOT YOUR TURN YET!

YOU'RE YELLOW, MARSHAL! BUT I'M GONNA KILL YOU ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL DRAW!

I DON'T DRAW ON SQUIRTS!





WHY, YOU! I'LL...

OH, NO, YOU WON'T!



WH-- WHAT--

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, LACY! I'M TAKING YOU TO JAIL!

A LITTLE LATER, DAN WALKS INTO JUDGE PATTERSON'S CHAMBERS...



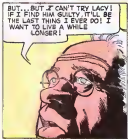
JUDGE! I WANT TO BRING LACY HAWKS TO TRIAL - FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE!

WHAT? LACY HAWKS? ARE YOU SURE?



THE HAWKS BOYS HAVE HAD THEIR WAY AROUND HERE FOR QUITE A WHILE! I DON'T THINK ANY ONE MAN'S GOING TO STOP THEM! BESIDES, WE DON'T HAVE ANY ORDINANCE AGAINST DISTURBING THE PEACE!

YES, WE DO! I JUST MADE IT!



BUT... BUT I CAN'T TRY LACY! IF I FIND HIM GUILTY, IT'LL BE THE LAST THING I EVER DO! I WANT TO LIVE A WHILE LONGER!

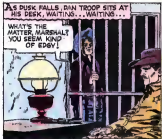


WELL, TRIAL OR NO TRIAL, I'M GOING TO HOLD LACY IN JAIL!

IF YOU DO, FLYNN HAWKS AND HIS BROTHER WILL BE ALONG TO GET HIM OUT BEFORE IT GETS DARK!

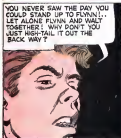


THAT'S WHAT I'M FIGURING ON!



AS DUSK FALLS, DAN TROOP SITS AT HIS DESK, WAITING... WAITING...

WHAT'S THE MATTER, MARSHALL? YOU SEEM KIND OF EDSY!



YOU NEVER SAW THE DAY YOU COULD STAND UP TO FLYNN!... LET ALONE FLYNN AND WALT TOGETHER! WHY DON'T YOU JUST HIGH-TAIL IT OUT THE BACK WAY!

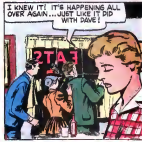


SUDDENLY...



JOHNNY! DON'T YOU KNOW ENOUGH TO KNOCK?

HAW! HAW! WHERE'RE YOUR MANNERS, BOY? YOU ALMOST GOT YOUR HEAD BLOWED OFF!



LONG MINUTES DRAG BY AS DAN TROOP STANDS FACING THE BLUE BONNET. A TENSE HUSH FALLS OVER THE WHOLE TOWN...

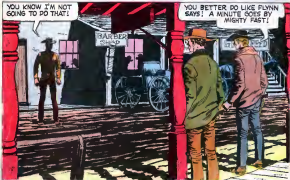


THEN...

MARSHAL! WE'RE GIVING YOU ONE MINUTE TO LET LACY OUT OF JAIL!



YOU KNOW I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT!



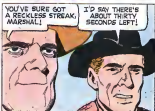
YOU BETTER DO LIKE FLYNN SAYS! A MINUTE GOES BY MIGHTY FAST!

TOSSE YOUR GUNS DOWN BOYS! FLYNN, I'M ARRESTING YOU FOR THE MURDER OF DAVE LEMP!



YOU'VE SURE GOT A RECKLESS STREAK, MARSHAL!

I'D SAY THERE'S ABOUT THIRTY SECONDS LEFT!



ALL RIGHT! LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!

RIGHT!



FLYNN AND WALT MOVE AWAY FROM EACH OTHER, A GAP WIDENING BETWEEN THEM...



USE YOUR HEAD, MARSHAL! YOU MIGHT GET ONE OF US, BUT BETWEEN US, WE'RE ~~GOING~~ TO GET YOU!

IT'S LIKE I SAID!



IN THE NEXT INSTANT, FLYNN'S HAND DARTS FOR HIS SIDE...



DAN TROOP FIRES ONCE, AND SWINGS HIS GUN TO FIRE AGAIN! FOUR SHOTS CRASH OUT ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY...



UH...

I-I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
THE HAWKS BOYS...
BEATEN!

MAYBE THERE'S A CHANCE
FOR THIS TOWN, AFTER ALL!



I... I'M SORRY,
MARSHAL! I...



I NEVER GOT OFF MY
SECOND SHOT! IT WAS
YOU!

ER...UH...
YES, SIR!



WELL, YOU ~~ANSWER~~
DO AT THAT!

YOU MEAN....



COME ON! LET'S GO UP TO THE
RASH HOUSE! I'LL EXPLAIN
YOUR *DUTIES* AS DEPUTY...
OVER A CUP OF COFFEE!

YES, SURE,
MARSHAL!



LAWMAN

DANSON CAME THROUGH
HERE ALL RIGHT, DAN!
TRAIL LEADS INTO THE
ROCKS!

HE CAN'T GET MUCH
FURTHER, JOHNNY!
HE'S CARRYIN' A
BAD ARM WOUND!

TRIAL BY FURY

ONE DAY ON THE TRAIL
NORTH OF LARAMIE...

CAREFUL! KEEP YOUR
EYES OPEN!

RIGHT!

IN THE ROCKS ABOVE...

HIT
THE
DIRT!

BLAM

BLAM

HE'S ABOVE
US, DAN!





DAN! YOU ALL RIGHT?

NOTHIN'S EVEN BRUISED, THANKS TO DAWSON!



DAWSON! I DON'T GET IT!

HE KNOCKED ME OUT FROM UNDER THAT SLIDE! SAVED MY LIFE!



HOW COME, DAWSON? THAT SLIDE WOULD HAVE PUT ME OUT OF THE WAY FOR GOOD!

BEAT'S ME, TROOP! JUST DID... THAT'S ALL!



PROBABLY FIGURED YOU'D GO SOFT, DAN... NOT TAKE HIM BACK TO LARAMIE FOR TRIAL!

MAYBE, JOHNNY... BUT I DON'T THINK SO!



WHATEVER THE REASON, HE'S GOING BACK! YOU ABLE TO SIT A HORSE, DAWSON?

RIGHT TILL THE TIME THEY SLAP IT OUT FROM UNDER ME, MARSHAL... FOR SOMETHIN' I DIDN'T DO!



OUR JOB IS TO BRING YOU IN, NOT JUDGE YOU! THAT'S UP TO THE JURY!

SURE... AND YOU KNOW JUST WHAT THEIR VERDICT WILL BE!





LATER...

HE'S IN A WEAKENED CONDITION, MARSHAL... BUT THE WOUND IS NOT TOO SERIOUS! OUGHT TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE IN A DAY OR TWO!

THAT'S TIME ENOUGH! JUDGE MOORE SAYS HIS DOCKET WILL BE CLEAR FOR THE TRIAL TO START FRIDAY!



I'LL LOOK IN ON HIM AGAIN TOMORROW!

THANKS, DOC!



SOMETHIN'S ON YOUR MIND, DAN! WHAT IS IT?

THE PRISONER... I'VE GOT A FEELING HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH!



YOU THINK HE'S INNOCENT? MAYBE...

PETERS WAS ONE OF YOUR BEST FRIENDS! HOW CAN YOU DEFEND HIS KILLER?

I'M NOT TRYING TO, JOHNNY... I'M JUST SURE WE HAVE THE RIGHT MAN!



I DON'T OFTEN GO AGAINST YOU, DAN... BUT THIS TIME YOU'RE WRONG!

I'VE BEEN WRONG BEFORE!



NOT AS FAR AS I KNOW! BUT THE FACT THAT HE SAVED YOUR LIFE HAS CHANGED YOUR THINKIN'!

A KILLER WOULD HAVE LET THAT SLIDE. FINISH ME! HE DIDN'T!



I STILL SAY THE REASON WAS HE WAS HOPIN' FOR A BREAK! AND IT'S WORKIN'! YOU'RE ON HIS SIDE NOW!

I'M RIGHT WHERE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN, JOHNNY... A TOWN MARSHAL... WITH A JOB TO DO... JUST LIKE YOU!



A WARRANT WAS SWORN OUT FOR DANSON'S ARREST! YOU AND I ARE ONLY THE ARRESTING OFFICERS... NOT A THING MORE! WHAT WE THINK ABOUT A MAN'S INNOCENCE OR GUILT DOESN'T HAVE A THING TO DO WITH IT!



WE HELP GATHER EVIDENCE, FOR AND AGAINST... THEN WE'RE OUT OF IT! WE DON'T PLAY JUDGE, JURY...OR EXECUTIONER!

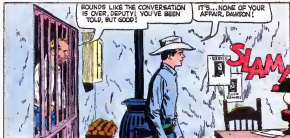
I KNOW, DAN, BUT...



BUT ~~ARRESTING!~~ AND IF YOU EVER FORGET IT, YOU'LL BE LOOKING FOR ANOTHER JOB!

DAN... HOLD ON A MINUTE!





OUNDS LIKE THE CONVERSATION IS OVER, DEPUTY! YOU'VE BEEN TOLD, BUT GOOD!

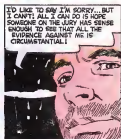
IT'S... NONE OF YOUR AFFAIR, DAMSON!

SLAM!



WHAT'S THE MATTER... NEVER SEEN HIM MAD BEFORE?

SURE... BUT NOT AT ME! AND IT'S ALL OVER A NO-GOOD KILLER LIKE YOU!



I'D LIKE TO SAY I'M SORRY... BUT I CAN'T! ALL I CAN DO IS HOPE SOMEONE ON THE JURY HAS SENSE ENOUGH TO SEE THAT ALL THE EVIDENCE AGAINST ME IS CIRCUMSTANTIAL!



WELL YOU CAN JUST BET YOUR LIFE THERE WON'T BE!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I ~~WANT~~ TO ~~SEE~~, DEPUTY!



MEANWHILE, IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE...

I'M SORRY, DAN... BUT I CAN'T POSTPONE THE TRIAL! IF I TRIED, THE WHOLE TOWN WOULD BE ON ME!

ALL I'M ASKING IS SOME TIME TO TRY AND FIND SOME NEW EVIDENCE!

AND I'M SAYING THAT YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND THAT EVIDENCE BY FRIDAY! THE CITY ATTORNEY IS CONVINCED HE HAS ENOUGH FOR A CASE!

BUT THAT ONLY GIVES ME TWO DAYS!



THAT'S RIGHT, DAN! WHY DON'T YOU FORGET IT? YOU'VE DONE YOUR JOB... YOU WON'T FIND ANYTHING, ANYWAY! LET US TAKE OVER NOW!

THANKS FOR THE ADVICE, JUDGE... BUT I THINK I'LL GIVE IT A TRY! I OWE MY CONSCIENCE THAT MUCH!



THAT SAME AFTERNOON...

DAN! THIS IS CRAZY! YOU'RE GOING ON A WILD-GOOSE CHASE!

MAYBE SO, JOHNNY... BUT THEN, THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO CATCH WILD GEESSE!



YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THE OFFICE! I'LL BE BACK FRIDAY!

WHATEVER YOU SAY, DAN!



LATER, ON THE TRAIL...

THIS IS THE SPOT WHERE PETERS WAS GUNNED... MAYBE I MISSED SOMETHING THE LAST TIME AROUND!



THERE'S BEEN AT LEAST TWENTY RIDERS PAST HERE SINCE THE SHOOTING! I MUST BE LOUD THINKIN' I'D FIND ANYTHING HERE! IT'S ALL GROUND JOHNNY AND I COVERED BEFORE!

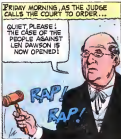


WILD-GOOSE CHASE
OR NOT... I'VE GOT
TO KEEP LOOKING!



FRIDAY MORNING, AS THE JUDGE
CALLS THE COURT TO ORDER...

QUIET PLEASE!
THE CASE OF THE
PEOPLE AGAINST
LEN DAWSON IS
NOW OPENED!



THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR! AS PROSECUTOR,
I WILL PROVE TO THE GENTLEMEN OF THE
JURY, THAT THE DEFENDANT, LEN DAWSON,
IS GUILTY AS CHARGED FOR THE SHOOTING
OF OUR GOOD FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR,
JOHN PETERS. I CALL AS MY FIRST
WITNESS, JEREMIAH LOGAN,
PROPRIETOR OF THE
LUCKY SHOE CAFE!



...AND YOU SAY, MR. LOGAN,
THAT YOU WERE PRESENT WHEN
A VIOLENT ARGUMENT TOOK PLACE
BETWEEN THE DEFENDANT AND
THE LATE JOHN PETERS?

YES, SIR...
I WAS RIGHT IN
MY CAFE...
JUST THE
NIGHT BEFORE
THE SHOOTIN'!



THEY WERE YELLIN' AND SHOUTIN'
SOMETHIN' AWFUL! I WAS AFRAID
THEY'D GO TO SHOOTIN' RIGHT THERE!
AND I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO SAW
IT... MUST'VE BEEN FIVE OR SIX
OTHERS THERE THAT NIGHT!



YES, MR. LOGAN...AND I INTEND TO HAVE EVERY ONE OF THEM ON THE STAND. YOUR WITNESS, COUNSELOR!

NO QUESTIONS!



ON THE TRAIL BACK TO LARAMIE...

TWO DAYS GONE... AND I FOUND EXACTLY NOTHING! LOOKS LIKE DAWSON'S FATE IS REALLY OUT OF MY HANDS NOW!



THAT NIGHT...

YOU FIGURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SLEEP TONIGHT, DAWSON... AFTER HEARIN' ALL THAT TRUTH TODAY IN COURT?

I'M NOT SAYIN' THOSE WITNESSES WERE LYIN'. SURE I ARGUED WITH PETERS, BUT I DIDN'T KILL HIM! I'M NOT GUILTY!



DAN!

YOU FIND ANYTHING, MARSHAL?



NOT A THING, DAWSON! I'M AFRAID ALL THE EVIDENCE IS IN!

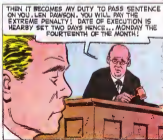
THEN I'M FINISHED!



HOW LONG DO YOU FIGURE THE TRIAL WILL LAST, JOHNNY?

JUST TOMORROW, I'D THINK! MOST ALL THE WITNESSES WERE CALLED TODAY! JURY'LL PROBABLY GO OUT EARLY AFTERNOON!









ANOTHER SECOND AND THE COURT'S SENTENCE WOULD HAVE BEEN PASSED EARLY!

DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE? SEEMS TO ME YOU WOULDN'T HAVE MINDED CARRYIN' IT OUT ANYWAYS!



I'D HAVE JUST BEEN DOING MY JOB... KEEPING A PRISONER FROM ESCAPING!

MARSHAL! LOOK AT THIS! JUST CAME OVER THE WIRES!



WHAT IS IT, DAN? WHO'S IT FROM?

THE SHERIFF IN BUTTE ROCK! HE JUST JAILED A KILLER...



AND WHILE MAKING A CLEAN BREAST OF THINGS, HE CONFESSED TO THE KILLING OF JOHN PETERS! YOU'RE CLEARED, DANSON!



EVEN THIS MESSAGE WOULDN'T HAVE HELPED IF YOU'D PULLED THAT TRIGGER, JOHNNY!

I'M... SORRY, DAN! I SHOULD'VE KNOWN YOU WERE RIGHT! ALL I CAN SAY IS... I'M GLAD YOU GOT HERE WHEN YOU DID!



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Lawman
DAN TROOP...

MARSHAL

The new sheriff, **DAN TROOP**, found the citizens of Laramie, Wyoming, ruled by three ruthless brothers who held the town in a grip of fear with their disregard for law, order, and everything his badge stood for. He soon learned that he could expect no help in his impending showdown with the trio...

But he had one friend, **JOHNNY MCKAY**, who stood by him when the chips were down and proved himself worthy of the deputy's badge he would soon be wearing.

