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IN A FLASH OF LIGHTNING THE LONE RANGERO SEES NO ONE --



TAKE MY WARNING, MASKED MAN GO BACK BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

BUT THE DARKNESS BRINGS THE MYSTERIOUS VOICE AGAIN--



HELP ME!



SO YOU WERE IN THAT TREE!



YOU HAD A CLOSE SHAVE. YOU SHOULD NEVER GET NEAR A TREE IN A THUNDERSTORM! JUST A SECOND, I'LL GET A BLANKET FROM MY HORSE

WHAT-- WHERE--



PLEASE-- D-DON'T BOTHER ABOUT ME. YOUR FRIEND IS GONE. YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE IF YOU'LL GET AWAY FROM HERE AT ONCE! IF YOU STAY, YOU'LL DIE HORRIBLY!



I SAW MY CHANCE TO RUN FROM THAT HORSE TONIGHT I-I DIDN'T EVEN TAKE TIME TO BRESS!

WHAT'S GOING ON THERE? WHY IS TONTO IN RANGERS?



LOOK! THERE IS TONTO NOW!

YOU COME! THIS PLANTY GOOD!









TOMBO DROP-UM  
SOPE TO  
YOU

GET BACK,  
TOMBO. IF  
THEY FIND  
YOU'RE CON-  
SCIOUS THEY'LL-

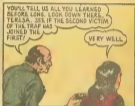


ALL RIGHT, REDSKIN, STAND UP SLOW,  
YOU'RE COVERED!



SO YOU WEREN'T UNCON-  
SCIOUS AT ALL, BAW? YOU  
AND YOUR PAL GOT  
NOSEY?

TOMBO FOLLOW  
NOSE. LEARN  
PLENTY



YOU'LL TELL US ALL YOU LEARNED  
BEFORE LONG. LOOK DOWN THERE,  
TERLSA. SEE IF THE SECOND VICTIM  
OF THE TRAP HAS  
JOINED THE  
FIRST!

VERY WELL



HIS HAT'S FLOATING ON THE WATER, BUT  
NO SIGN OF THE MASKED  
MAN!

JUST AS  
WELL!



JUST KEEP WALKIN' STRAIGHT AHEAD,  
INJUM. YOUR PAL'S A DROWNED RAT  
BY THIS TIME!



FRIEND WITH MASK,  
NO RAT, SO MAYBE  
HIM NOT DROWN.



A SUDDEN FLASH  
OF LIGHTNING.



TAKE A LOOK AT THE  
DUMMY WE BISSLED UP.  
IT'S ALREADY MADE  
TWO CURIOUS MEN  
CALL INTO  
THE TRAP!

SO YOU MAKE FRIEND  
OF DUMMY! THEY SAY  
MAN JUDGE'D BY COM-  
PANY AND FRIENDS  
MAYBE YOU DUMMY.

HURRY TO THE TORTURE  
ROOM AND GET  
IT OVER  
WITH!

GOOD THING THEY DIDN'T LOOK DOWN  
HERE ANY LONGER. I COULDN'T HAVE  
STAYED UNDER THE WATER ANOTHER  
MINUTE.



NOT A CHANCE OF CLIMBING THAT.



WHAT'S THAT?



THE WATER BESIDE THE  
LOVE KAWSER  
SUDDENLY BOBBLES UP.

WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?



YOU COULDN'T HAVE BEEN UNDER WATER  
ALL THE TIME SINCE  
I FELL INTO THIS PIT?  
WHERE WERE  
YOU?

SHHHHHH-NOT  
SO LOUD!



THESE FRIENDS THINK I'VE DROWNED. I'VE  
HEARD EVERYTHING BUT I'M  
HELPLESS! IT WAS MY  
DAUGHTER WHO TRIED  
TO WARN  
YOU!



THEY'VE TAKEN YOUR FRIENDS TO  
THEIR TORTURE-ROOM  
AND HE WON'T TALK.  
HE'S AN INDIAN  
THEY'LL KILL  
HIM!



NOT IF I  
CAN GET  
OUT OF  
THIS HOLE!



MEANWHILE - THE  
BLACKIE PREPARES  
TO TORTURE TONY.

NOW BLESS'N TALK OR I'LL  
LASH 'YUM TILL YOU CAN'T  
STAND! WHERE'S THE  
FORTUNE?



WE NOT  
KNOW!

DON'T ASK  
QUESTIONS  
NOW! JUST  
TRUST ME!



BUT WHO ARE YOU? YOU  
WEREN'T IN THIS PIT WHEN  
I FELL IN! WHERE DID  
YOU COME FROM?

TRUST ME!





BUT SUDDENLY THE LONE RANGER IS DRAGGED UNDER THE WATER!



THEN AN ARM BRINGS HIM SHOULDERS!



THERE, NOW YOU'RE OUT OF THAT PIT!

BUT HOW?



THAT STREAM RUNS THROUGH AN UNDER-WATER HOLE INTO THE PIT! BLACKIE AND TERESA DON'T KNOW THAT. THEY THINK I DROWNED IN THERE! NOW I'LL SHOW YOU SOMETHING THAT WILL STUN YOU!



BLACKIE AND TERESA HEARD OF MY SECRET AND CAME HERE. THEY FIRED A DUMMY SO I'D SEE WHAT I THOUGHT WAS A MAN HARBOR. I WENT TOWARD IT AND FELL INTO THE PIT!

I SAW THAT DUMMY, TOO! THAT'S HOW I FELL IN!



THEY'D BEEN TRYING TO MAKE ME TELL ABOUT THE SECRET I HAVE. I STALLED THEM BY SAYING A FRIEND WAS COMING AND HE KNEW WHERE THE GOLD WAS!

SO THEY THOUGHT TONTO AND I WERE THOSE STRANGERS!



THAT'S RIGHT! I ALONE KNOW THAT THE GOLD IS HERE IN THIS CAVE!

BUT THEY'LL KILL TONTO TRYING TO MAKE HIM TELL ABOUT IT!



BRING HIM TO WITH THAT WATER, TERESA, THEN I'LL USE SOMETHING WORSE THAN THE LASH ON HIM!



THERE'S THE GOLD THAT BLACKIE AND TERESA ARE TRYING TO LOCATE!

NEVER MIND THAT NOW! HOW CAN I GET TO DEN TO THEY'LL KILL HIM!



MEANWHILE!











I CAN'T FIGURE HOW THAT MARRIED MAN STAYED ALIVE IN THE PIT!

OPEN THAT TRAP, OGGIE SLOWLY BECAUSE AND IF HE TRIES ANY TRICKS, I'LL SHOOT HIM!

WITH GUNS AND CARTRIDGES WET, HE CAN'T DO MUCH FROM THE BOTTOM OF THAT PIT!



SUDDENLY A HAND SHOOTS OUT!



SHOOT HIM!



I'LL GET HIM!



FROM NOW ON THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT AROUND HERE!



STILL FULL OF FIGHT, EH?



NOW I'LL GET HIM!



WHO--?

NO, YOU DON'T!









FERESA CONTINUES HER SCREAMING.



































UNEXPECTED  
HELP COMES  
AS FAST!



THOUGHT YOU'D ESCAPE, SA!  
IT LOOKS LIKE WE JUST  
GOT BACK IN TIME!



YOUR WANTED FRIEND  
IS INSIDE THERE!  
LOOKS LIKE HE'S NESSIN'  
HELP. YUH BETTER  
FORGET US, HOLT,  
AN' GO HELP HIM!



THAT DOES THE TRICK! THAT'S  
THE END OF ALL THE  
WITNESSES AGAINST  
US! NOW YUH CAN'T  
PROVE A THING,  
DEAC HOLT!



YUH MAY AS WELL  
LET US GO, HOLT.  
ALL YER FRIENDS  
WERE IN THE  
HOUSE WHEN THE  
ROOF CAVED. YOU'D  
BETTER GET AWAY  
BEFORE THE LAW  
GETS YUH.



SORRY TO  
DISAPPOINT  
YOU!



IT'S A GOOD THING WE CAME  
IN TIME TO SPIL YER  
PLOT TO ESCAPE, MARGE,  
AND I BOTH TOOK TONTO  
THROUGH THE REAR  
WINDOW!

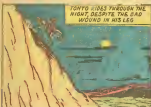


TONTO IS ALL RIGHT!  
NOW WE CAN  
ALL TESTIFY  
AGAINST THOSE  
KILLERS AND  
DEAC HOLT WON'T  
BE AN OUTLAW  
ANY LONGER!



MY PROUD  
TO HAVE  
KNOWN  
DEAC  
HOLT!

HE'S STILL A TEXAS RANGER. HE HAS  
OUR STATEMENTS TO TAKE IN WITH  
THOSE PRISONERS. HE'LL BE CLEARED  
OF THE CHARGES AND THEN I'LL TAKE  
HIM HOWL TO HIS WIFE.



I'M JUST SLOWING YOU UP! DON'T SPEND ANY MORE TIME TAKING ME TO TURT TOWN WHERE YOU SAID I MIGHT FIND WORK. LEAVE ME AND FIND YOUR INDIAN FRIEND!

WAGNER, YOU CAN GO ON ALONE FROM HERE!



RIDE DUE WEST FOR TEN MILES AND YOU'LL FIND STARK'S CABIN. TELL HIM THE LONE RANGER SENT YOU. HE'S A FINE MAN, A RETIRED SHERIFF. STAY THERE TILL I COME!



I'M GOING TO SCOUR THIS COUNTRY TILL I FIND TONTO. THEN I'LL RIDE TO STARK'S CABIN.

GOOD LUCK, LONE RANGER!



STILL NO SIGN OF TONTO? COULD HE HAVE BEEN DYING? INDIANS GO AWAY TO DIE ALONE LIKE ANIMALS. WHERE CAN TONTO BE?



HE PAUSES ONLY FOR A MEAGER FOOD AND REST AND THEN PUSHES ON FOR DAYS WITH INCREASING HOPELESSNESS.

HE CAN'T HAVE SURVIVED THIS LONG WITHOUT HELP SILVER. I'M AFRAID WE'RE BEATEN.



SILVER! WHAT IS IT?



ALL RIGHT, BIG FELLOW. YOU'VE SENSED SOMETHING.



SILVER, YOU'RE HEADING FOR STARK'S CABIN! IS IT POSSIBLE THAT--



THAT'S SCOT TONTO'S HORSE AT STARK'S.





PREPARE FOR A SHOCK! I'LL SHOW YOU THE MERACE!



THIS IS A PICTURE OF THE MERACE DRAWN FROM DESCRIPTIONS THAT HAVE COME TO ME.



THE MERACE IS SAID TO BE PART-MAN AND PART-WOLF!



BUT SUCH A THING IS IMPOSSIBLE!

TONTO HEARS THE CRY OF THE MERACE! HE KNEW ABOUT IT!

LISTEN!



A HOWL RINGS THROUGH THE NIGHT!

THAT'S WHAT TONTO HEARS!

THEN HE RODE OFF ON MY HORSE.

I'M RIDING TOWARD THAT HOWL! TONTO MAY NEED HELP!



WAIT A MINUTE! LOOK WHAT'S COMING!

THAT'S MY HORSE!

THE HORSE YOU LOANED TONTO!





IF NOT MURDER, IF LAW NOT BANG  
IS, MENACE KILL WORSE WHY?



I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT  
THIS MENACE HAS  
ALL THE INDIANS  
DOING HIS  
BIDDING.



WE'LL FIND OUT JUST WHY YOU WANTED TO  
MURDER US!



WE NOT TALK!  
MENACE KILL-OWA!



ALL RIGHT THEM, IF YOU WANT TALK, I  
KNOW SOMEONE WHO WILL!



THIS WILL HOLD THE REDSKINS UNTIL I  
COME BACK, YOU TWO HAD  
BETTER GET TO  
SLEEP.



WHEN WILL  
YOU BE BACK?

I'LL BE HERE AT SUNUP. STEP OUTSIDE A  
MINUTE, WONT YOU?



ARE YOU GOING TO  
TURN TONTO'S  
HORSE LOOSE,  
THEN FOLLOW  
IT TO  
TONTO?



YES AND IN THE  
MEANTIME, HERE'S  
WHAT I WANT YOU  
TO DO!

DOPE NOT TIGHT, WE GET FREE HELP  
SOON, THEN WE KILL!



AS THE LONE RANGER RIDES AWAY THE  
INDIANS MAKE A DISCOVERY.

THE LONE RANGER SAID WE SHOULD GET  
PLENTY OF REST, MAKING. THOSE INDIANS  
WILL BE SAFE TILL HE  
RETURNS WITH  
TONTO.



IF ONLY THE  
MENACE DOESN'T  
GET HIM!









THE MENACE APPEARS TO WELCOME THE SAVAGES!



WE FOLLOW YOUR COMMAND STEADY AND GIRL BOTH SEAD MASKED MAN ESCAPE.



YOU HEAR REDDISH HILL OUR FRIENDS? STEADY, TONTD! WAIT!



YOU HAVE DONE WELL AND SHALL BE REWARDED! I HAVE ONE MORE TASK FOR YOU!



DELIVER THIS TO THE WHITE MAN WHO RUNS THE BANK. TAKE THE SIGN OF THE MENACE TO BANKER WILSON!



YOU LET US DOWN SO HILL BANKER WILSON? WHY NOT LET TONTD STOP US? I'VE A BETTER PLAN, TONTD LET THEM GET AWAY FROM HERE.



NOW IS THE TIME TO GO AFTER THE MENACE!



THE MASKED MAN! WELL, I'LL SHOW HIM! WE'RE COMING AFTER YOU! SURRENDER OR I'LL START SHOOTING!



WHY FIGHT THEM, WHEN I CAN TURN HUNGRY WOLVES ON THEM WITH ONE SLASH OF THE KNIFE?



HUNGRY WOLVES LEAP AT THE LONG RANGER!



THE LONG RANGER'S BOWS SPEAR WITH AMAZING SPEED AND ACCURACY



MAYBE THAT MAGIC SHOOTING OF YOURS WILL STOP WOLVES, BUT IT WON'T STOP RIFLE BULLETS!



AS THE FINGER OF THE MENACE POINTS ON THE TRIGGER ---



THE LONG RANGER MAKES A LIGHTNING LEAP TO THE SIDE ---



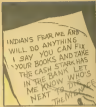
A WEIGHTED ROPE LASHES ABOUT THE MENACE!



NOW, WE'LL SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THE WOLF-MAN!









YOU STAY HERE FOR SHORT TIME!



WE'LL LIGHT THIS PLACE UP AGAIN. IF WILSON HAD STOPPED TO THINK, HE'D HAVE KNOWN I DON'T BRING HIM HERE FOR RESTING.



YES, I HAD TO BRING THE LAWMAN HERE SO THEY COULD HEAR WILSON ADMIT HIS SCHEME.



WE GOT THE BANNER, ALL RIGHT, BUT WE STILL AIN'T GOT THE MENACE!



YOU GET YOU HAVEN'T! AND IF YOU JAIL ME HE'LL LEAD AN INDIAN UPRISING!

PUT ME IN JAIL IF YOU DARE! YOU CAN'T FIND THE MENACE AND HELL SEE THAT I DON'T STAY THERE LONG!



YOU'RE WRONG AGAIN, WILSON.

AS FAR AS THE INDIANS ARE CONCERNED, ANYONE WHO WEARS THIS MASK IS THE MENACE. THEY CAN EASILY BE LED INTO RIGHT DOING, JUST AS THEY WERE INTO WRONG DOING.



- AND IF THE SHERIFF WANTS THE MENACE, HE'S TIED AND WAITING FOR HIM IN THE HILLS. HE'S KNOWN AS BALDY BOTTS, THE MEDICINE MAN.



WE'LL GET HIM AND THANKS TUH YUH!

HI-YO, SILVER, AWAY!

GOOD-BYE, LOVE, RANGER!

