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THE LONE RANGER'S COMPANION

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# TONTO





## THE WORLD according to Potogojos, a

*Potomac chief as told to Reverend De-Smet, a missionary*

Nanaboojoo, a good manitou, during his different excursions on earth, killed all such animals as were harmful to us, as the mastodon, the mammoth,

- He has placed four beneficial spirits at the four cardinal points of the earth for the purpose of contributing to the happiness of the human race.

That of the north procures for us ice and snow, in order to aid us in discovering and following the wild animals.

That of the south gives us that which germinates the growth of our pumpkins, melons, maize and tobacco.

The spirit placed at the west gives us rain and that of the east gives us light and commands the sun to make his daily walks around the globe.

The thunder we hear is the voice of the spirits, having the form of large birds, which Nanaboojoo has placed in the clouds. When they cry very loud, we burn tobacco in our cabins to make them a smoke offering and appease them.

Nanaboojoo yet lives, resting himself after his labors upon an immense lake in the great lake (the North Sea). We fear that the whites will one day discover his retreat and drive him off. Then the rest of the world is at hand, for as soon as he puts foot on the earth the whole universe will take fire, and every living creature will perish in the flames.

AS TONTO STARTS OFF FROM LEADINGTON, WHERE HE HAD STOPPED FOR SUPPLIES, SUDDENLY

# Six-Gun Troublemaker



OUT OF THE WAY, KID!

HEY! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, PUSHIN' ME AROUND LIKE THAT?

HANK LYNN IS MY HANDLE, KID, NOW BRAGGADOLE BEFORE YOU GET HURT!

NOW I WANT WHO YOU ARE, LYNN— A PROFESSIONAL GUNMAN? BUT I'M NOT BEEN SHOOED OUT OF THE WAY BY ANYONE! I WAS HERE FIRST!



I'M STARTIN' TO COUNT, KID! IF YOU'RE STILL HERE WHEN I REACH THREE, THEY'LL HAVE TO CART YOU HOME!— ONE —

— I'M NOT AFRAID AND I'M NOT MOVIN'!



"STEADY, BOOBY!" LYNN PULLED NEAR BAW! HE TRY HELP BAW?

**TWO!**



AS HANK LYNN COUNTS THREE, TWO GUNS BLAZE AT THE SAME INSTANT!

YEDDOW!— MY GUN'S HIT!





THE KID GOT  
HARIT LET'S  
FIX HIM?

I'LL PASS THE  
YOUNG MANERICK  
BEFORE HE FIXES  
AGAIN!



DEEP BONE  
PLENTY  
FAST!

AN' INJUR!

BETTER GO  
LIKE HE SAYS,  
HE'S GOT US  
COVERED!



HIT LEATHER, MEN!  
I'LL SETTLE SCORES  
WITH THAT KID AND  
PROB'LY!

ANY TIME, LYNN, ANY  
TIME! I OUTFIRE  
YOU SINCE ---  
I CAN DO IT REAR!



THANKS FOR COVERIN' ME,  
JESSE! THOSE OTHER  
LEAD-SUCKERS BE MIGHT'VE  
JUMPED ME IF YOU WEREN'T  
BALKIN' ME UP!

TONTO BLAD TO HELP!  
BUT YOU BE CAREFUL!  
LYNN FELLER  
PLENTY MAD!



HE KNOWS I  
CAN OARR  
FASTER AND  
SHOOT STRAIGHT-  
ER THAN HE CAN!  
HE WON'T BE STICK-  
IN OUT HIS NECK  
AGAIN!

I'LL NOT HURT HIS PRIDE BY TELLING  
HOW IT WAS MY BULLET THAT DISMAYED  
LYNN! BUT I HOPE HE WILL NOT  
BECOME BOASTFUL AND OVER-  
CONFIDENT -- THAT  
MIGHT LEAD TO  
TROUBLE!



TWO WEEKS LATER

HEY, JIM! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF RUBBING YOUR HORSE IN FRONT OF ME? I WAS HERE FIRST!

WANT TO ARGUE THE POINT?



WHO, JIM? KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF YOUR GUNS, I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO A GUN FIGHT WITH YOU! BUT YOU KNOW WHAT IS FAIR AND--

--- THAT'S BETTER! JUST BACK UP! AND MAKE ROOM FOR A REAL MAN! SOME OF MY HALLS ARE WAITING AND I WOULD'N'T WANT TO DEAR-POINT 'EM!



HOW, JIM!... TONTO WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU ALONE?

SURE, TONTO? I DON'T FORGET A FRIEND AND YOUR SO-SUN COVERED ME FROM LYNN'S GUNNIN' AFTER I BOTHERED THEIR BOSS!



JIM, IT BETTER YOU KNOW TRUTH, THEN MESS. YOU NOT SEE YOUR GUNS BROAD? --- WHEN LYNN DREW HIS GUN, WE BOTH SHOOT, BUT TONTO'S BULLET HIT LYNN'S GUN!

WHAT? --- YOU BE LYNN?



TONTO NOT LIE? BOTH GUNS FIRE AT SAME TIME? YOUR BULLET GO WILD? TONTO SAY IT STRIKE FORN-ROOF! TONTO'S BULLET HIT LYNN!

LISTEN, HOWAN, I DON'T SARRY WHY YOU'RE TRYIN' TO CLAIM CREDIT FOR MY BROTHER, BUT I OBTAINED LYNN!



IF THAT BE TRUE, THEN YOU SHOW TONTO HOW HOW! GOOD YOU SHOOT! WE PUT UP TARGET AND SEE WHO HIT US!

I DON'T HAVE TO PROVE ANYTHING TO YOU! --- FELLERS, THIS INDIAN SAYS HE SHOT LYNN'S GUN OUT OF HIS HAND, NOT ME! GET ME OUT OF HERE BEFORE I GET TEMPTED TO DRAW!

WE'LL GET RID OF HIM PROCTO!





IF ALL RIGHT, FELLERS?  
I'LL THROW IN WITH YOU!

GOOD! WE'LL MEET  
AT TEN TONIGHT BY  
SPLIT ROCK'ADIOS  
---PARTNER!



MEANWHILE---

WHO'ABOUT?--- WE STAY NEAR  
LEADINGTON? TONTO WANTS TO MAKE JIM THINK HIM PLENTY  
GOOD WITH GUNS? WELLS, JIM JOHN BAD FELLERS  
NOW? TONTO SHOULD BE TO BLAME! WE GO BACK TO  
TOWN AND WATCH AND TRY TO HELP!



THAT NIGHT, TONTO SEES JIM RIDE FROM TOWN AND  
FOLLOWS HIM UNCLE'S

EAST, SOUTH?--- JIM STOP BY SPLIT ROCK?  
HE TALK TO OTHER FELLERS THERE?  
TONTO GO CLOSE ON FOOT AND  
TRY TO HEAR HIM!



RIGHT ON  
TIME, JIM!

AND READY TO  
RIDE! WHERE'S  
OUR HERO?



WE'LL HIT THE BAR &  
SPEAK IF THEY'VE GOT A  
GOOD SIZED HERO COM-  
RALED UP THERE AND  
MOST OF THEIR MEN ARE  
OFF MENDING FENCES!  
THERE WON'T BE MANY  
AROUND TO FIGHT US  
IF WE'RE SPOTTED!

THEY'LL BE SMART TO KEEP  
OUT OF MY GUNS!  
RANKE!

I MUST GO!  
JIM BEFORE  
HE REACHES  
THE RANCHO!

TRAILING AHEAD BEHIND THE MUSTANGS  
TONTO KEEPS WATCH

JIM IS FALLING  
BACK! NOW IS  
MY CHANCE!



WHAT IS  
BLAZES? ---  
TONTO!



HOLDING THE BOY IN HIS STRONG GRIP, TONTO  
FORCES HIS HORSE INTO THE WOODS



JIM? --- JIM?

YOU NOT ANSWER-  
IM!



HE WAS RIGHT BEHIND ME  
A MINUTE AGO! BUT NOW  
HE'S CLEAN DISAPPEARED!

THE KID MUST'VE  
TURNED YELLOW! ---  
THEY'LL MAKE THE  
RUSTLIN' JOB A BITE  
TOUGHER! BUT THE PRY-  
DEY'LL BE RIDER!  
COME ON!







KEEP HANDS HIGH  
WHILE TONTO TAKE  
YOUR SURE!



NOW, GET OFF  
HORSE!

WHAT'S THE IDEA?



TONTO TRY TO STOP RUSTLERS!  
YOU STAY HERE TILL TONTO  
COME BACK!

BUT WHAT  
ABOUT MY  
HORSE?



TONTO LEAVE 'EM ON TRAIL, WHERE YOU GOT  
FIND-EM! IT TOO FAR TO WALK TO TOWN!  
YOU WAIT HERE!

WHY, YOU DARNED  
REDNEK, IF I HAD MY  
SURE, I'D STEAL YOUR  
MIDDLE PIECE!



YOU'LL NEVER STOP  
'EM AND I HOPE THEY  
PLUS YOU PRENTO!

GET-EM  
UP,  
BOGOT!



LEAVING JIM'S MOUNT TIES TO A TREE UPTRAIL,  
TONTO GALLERS CROSS-COUNTRY!

YOU  
LATE!



IF THE RANGERS HEAR  
BUMFIRE, THEY MAY COME  
OUT IN TIME TO SEE  
THE RUSTLERS!

BANG!  
BANG!  
BANG!



BANG!  
BANG!

SOME -  
ONE'S  
SHOOTIN'!

IT ISN'T TOO CLOSE  
BUT IT MAY ALERT  
THE RANGERS! MOVE THE CATTLE  
OFF FAST!



MEANWHILE IN THE SUNDUNGE

MIGHT NOT  
HAPPEN!

BRAB YOUR  
GUNS, BOYS -  
RUSTLERS!



RIGHT UP AND  
START THROUGH  
LEAD!



THOSE RANGERS  
ARE COMIN' UP  
PLENTY FAST  
BEHIND US!

YEAH, BUT  
THERE'S SOME  
ONE FIRIN' UP  
AHEAD, TOO!



FORGET THE STEERS! WHITTAIL IT  
FOR THE WOODS! THERE'S ONLY ONE  
HOMER'S BARRIN' OUR WAY OF THEM -  
WE'LL RIDE RIGHT OVER HIS  
HOGGLED CARRIAGE!





BACK BEHIND YOU BIGGER THAN LYNN'S BUN?  
NOW SHOW TONTO IF YOU CAN HIT-UM!

Y-YOU KNOW I HIT HIS BUN? THAT'S  
WHAT EVERY ONE SAYS! BUT I'M  
PICKIN' HE OUT A BIGGER  
TARGET --- YOU!



WHEN TONTO HELPED YOU, WAS SURE YOU GOOD  
FELLER! TONTO STILL SURE --- YOU NOT FALL  
TRIGGER, JIM!

TRYIN' TO MAKE YOUR-  
SELF INTO A BIG HERO, ARE YOU? YOU  
DIDN'T SAVE ME! I HIT LYNN'S BUN  
AND I COULD HAVE HANDED HIS PAIL,  
TOO! BUT NO ONE'S GOIN' TO SAVE  
YOU NOW!



NEIGH!

BACK,  
SCOUT!

WHAT IN  
THUNDER?



NEIGH!

THE HORSE  
--- HE'LL  
KILL ME!



SCOUT NOT  
HARM YOU  
NOW!

YOU KNOW THAT HORSE  
WAS GOIN' TO TAKE ME,  
THAT'S WHY YOU WERE  
SO "BRAVE!"



TONTO NOT THINK  
SCOUT SAVE-UM!  
TONTO TRUST  
JIM'S HEART!

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH OF THIS  
SAPP, INDIAN. NOW I'M  
COMIN' UP SHOOTIN'!



I'LL GIVE YOU A LAST CHANCE --- SOMEBODY YOU LIED! IT WAS MY BROTHER THAT HIT LYNN'S SON!

THAT NOT TRUE... JIM!



NO --- I CAN'T DO IT!



TONTO WAS RIGHT! YOUR HEART SOO! BUT WHEN PEOPLE THINK YOU BEAT LYNN, TOO MUCH BALK TURN YOUR HEART! YOU ALMOST BECOME LIKE LYNN --- A BULLY AND A BRAGMAN!

I I GUESS I DID START THROWING MY WEIGHT AROUND, TONTO! YOU SURE STOPPED ME IN TIME --- THANKS!



NOW TONTO PROVE WHO HIT LYNN'S SON! WE'VE BOTH TRY HIS ROCK!

WE DON'T HAVE TO, TONTO! --- I'VE BEEN SOO WITH A BIG-BUL, NEVER HAD BEEN! I SAW YOUR SON WAS SMOKIN' RIGHT AFTER LYNN'S WAS HIT, BUT NO ONE I LIE OO AND I LIKED THE IDEA OF BEIN' RECOGNED A GOOD MAN WITH A BUL!



A GOOD MAN WITH A BUL IS MAN WHO CAN SHOOT WELL, WHEN HE HAS TO, BUT NOT SHOOT UNLESS THE RIGHT IS ON HIS BODY! IF YOU WANT TO LEARN TO BE THAT MAN, MEET TONTO HERE IN MORNING!

YOU MEAN --- BULLY, YOU'LL TEACH ME HOW TO SHOOT? BY JIMMY, I'LL SURE BE HERE!



NEXT MORNING

YOU HERE EARLY, JIM? NOW TONTO TRY TO SHOW YOU HOW TO SHOOT!

I CAME EARLY BECAUSE IT'S MOST IMPORTANT! I REALLY MUST LEARN HOW TO USE A BIG-BUL, TONTO! I'VE RECEIVED WORD THAT LYNN'S COMIN' BACK AND HE'S GUNNIN' FOR ME!



TRY ME!  
BOOM!

I'M AHEAD AT IT,  
TOMTO... BUT I  
KEEP MISSIN'!

**BANG!**  
**BANG!**  
**BANG!**



TOMTO SEE HOW WHAT YOU DO  
WRONG! YOU PULL TRIGGER  
HARD AND QUICK! --- PULL  
SLOW AND EVEN, THEN DON'T  
MOVE WHEN YOU FIRE!

I THINK I SEE  
WHAT YOU MEAN,  
TOMTO! I'LL TRY  
AGAIN!



WITH DOUBLED DETERMINATION, IMPRACTICES  
AND LATER...

YOU GET-UM  
PLENTY!

IT'S EASY WHEN YOU  
PRESS THE TRIGGER  
GRABBERLY! YOU'VE  
REALLY SHOWN ME  
HOW TO SHOOT!

**BANG!**  
**BANG!**



NOW YOU KNOW HOW TO  
USE GUN, IT'S IMPORTANT  
YOU KNOW WHEN TO  
USE GUN!

I'LL NOT TAKE IT OUT OF  
MY HOLSTER, TOMTO,  
EXCEPT TO DEFEND MY-  
SELF OR WHAT I BELIEVE  
TO BE A RIGHTeous CAUSE!  
--- I HOPE LYNN DOESN'T  
COME BACK TO TOWN, BUT  
IF HE DOES, I'M READY  
FOR HIM!



IF LYNN COME, HIM  
COME WITH HIS MEN!  
TOMTO RIDE BACK  
TO TOWN WITH  
YOU!

THANKS, TOMTO!  
IF THE FURON'S  
RIGHT, HE IS COMIN'  
AND TODAY!

BUT LYNN DOES NOT APPEAR AND AT SUNSET, AS TOMMY RIDES OUT OF TOWN, SUDDENLY...



"WHA, SCOUT! THERE LYNN AND HIS GUNNER! WE HATE 'EM PLENTY! PEE!"

"LOOK! THERE'S THE MEDDLIN' REDDERS, WHO COVERED YOU FELLERS WHEN I HAD THE FIGHT WITH THE RID! GET HIM!"

BUT AS TOMMY SWIRLS ABOUT



"STEADY, SCOUT! STEADY, FELLER!"



"PISTOL WHIP HIM!"

"RIGHT, BOSS!"



"THAT'LL KEEP HIM FROM BOTHIN' US TILL WE FINISH WITH THE RID, BOSS!"



SO, SCOTTY!  
-- FRED JIM!

HANK, THE  
REDESKIN'S  
STILL  
CONSIDER!



THEY'LL SEND HIM  
HALFWAY TO THE  
HAPPY HUNTER'S  
GROUND!



HANK, THAT  
PAINT IS  
GAIN'  
OFF!

FORGET THE CAPTIVE! HEAD  
FOR TOWN! WE ROCK HERE  
FOR JUST  
ONE THING...  
TO GET JIM TOLAN!



SOON AFTER IN LEADERSHIP

THEY SAY, FOR AN USUALLY PESSIMIST  
BY HERE ON THE WAY HOME AT NIGHT!  
I'LL WAIT FOR HIM HERE! MEANWHILE,  
SCOUT AROUND AND IF YOU SPOT THE  
BRAT, RUN HIM DOWN THIS WAY...  
I'LL DO THE REST!

RIGHT, BOSS!  
JUST KEEP  
YOUR GUNS  
HANDY!



MINUTES LATER

HERE HE COMES! AND  
HE DOESN'T SUSPECT  
A THING!



WHAT IN BLAZES! THE  
INDIAN'S PAINT!









# The Captive

IT HAS COME TO THE EARS OF WOLF-VOICE THAT STONE BEAR WILL SIGN A PEACE TREATY WITH THE PALEFACES. WITHIN THREE DAYS I'VEE TALKED!

I HAVE CHOSEN THE WISEST COURSE. WE CANNOT DRIVE THE WHITE MAN FROM OUR LANDS. IT IS BEST WE LIVE IN PEACE TOGETHER!

ON THE PLAINS SITTING HIS TRIBAL CHIEF, LASS, YOU TO WATCH AS GREAT STONE BEAR AND GREAT WOLF VOICE HOLD A POWWOW.

HAS STONE BEAR BECOME A SQUIAW? CAN THE TREATY AND YOU SIGN ANY? ALL YOUR LANDS FOR ALL TIME!

IT IS NOT SO. THE GREAT WHITE FATHER PROMISES US SO MUCH LAND AS A RIDER CAN ENCIRCLASS IN THREE DAYS. THAT IS SUFFICIENT.

THEY PROMISE WITH A FORGED TORQUET? SURELY, YOUR BRAINS DO NOT SUBMIT TO THE PALEFACES EVIL TREATY!

AND THEM? I OBEY MY PEOPLE'S WILL!

WARRIORS? BRAVES WHOSE FATHERS, SCALPING KNIVES ONCE BLED THESE PLAINS, HAVE YOU BECOME SO FEARFUL OF DEATH THAT YOU WILL SUBMIT TO THE PALEFACES?

WE WISH TO LIVE IN PEACE!

THE LAND THEY OFFER AS OURS IS SUFFICIENT FOR OUR NEEDS!

YOU HAVE THEIR ANSWER!

IT IS YOUR ANSWER, FORCED UPON THEM - STRIKE DOWN STONE BEAR AND HIS BRAVES WILL JOIN US ON THE WARPATH!



WALT, MY BRAVEST WE  
HAVE A LITTLE CHANGE  
ABOUT THE TIME  
STON BE HOLDS!  
BUT NEXT TIME ..



--- THERE WILL BE  
NO NEXT TIME. WOLF-  
VOICE! IF YOU HARM  
STONE BEAR, YOU  
WILL LEARN SOONLY  
THAT HIS PEACE-  
LOVING PEOPLE  
CAN STILL FIGHT!

I SHALL REMEMBER  
THOSE WORDS! THEY  
HAVE GIVEN ME A  
WAY TO MAKE CERTAIN  
THE PEACE TREATY  
WITH THE WHITE  
MEN IS NEVER  
SIGNED!



STONE BEAR, WHAT DO  
HIS WORDS MEAN?

AN OLD THOUGHT,  
FORTY YEARS IS  
ALL! LET US  
RETURN TO  
CAMP!



AND LATER

DOWN, STONE  
BEAR! DOWN!



THE TOMAHAWK BEARS THE MARK OF WOLF. WHO'S MERRY HIS TOMAWK WAS NOT AN ILL ONE!

HE WISH DIDN'T GARY HAD OLD CAMP! THIS IS THE WORK OF SOME LONG HOTBLOOD! WE WILL MOUNT AND SEEK HIM!



LATER, THAT EVENING

THERE WILL BE NO WOLF HOBBERS! WE HAVE LOST THE BRACK'S TRAIL!

IT IS A LONG RIDE BACK TO CAMP, TONTO! LET US REST AND EAT HERE!



ONCE THE TREATY WITH THE WHITE MEN IS SIGNED, YOU WILLOW BEATERS ON YOUR LANDS AGAIN---HE KNOWS THEY WILL HELP YOU DRIVE HIM OFF!

BUT THERE ARE THREE GAYS UNTIL THE SLOWEST WOLF VOICE MAY YET TRY SOME TRICK!



AROO!

WOLVES!

OUR HORSES ARE GRATING, BUT THERE!



I WILL BRING THE HORSES IN, STONE BY STONE! BUILD UP THE FIRE, THAT WILL KEEP THE WOLF PACE AWAY!

CAREFUL, TONTO! THEY DEAR WEAR!

AROO!



BUT AS TONTO GETS OFF FOR THE HORSES



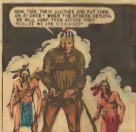


























OUTSIDE, WOLF-VOICE RETURNS AND AN ARROW AFTER AN ARROW KEEPS YONTO AND HIS COMPANIONS PINNED INSIDE THE CAVE.





QUICKLY, A TONNE  
BEARS' HORDES  
SWEEP DOWN  
ON THE  
SURPRISED  
BRAVES .

WOLF VOICE: YOUR CAUSE  
IS HOPELESS! TELL YOUR  
MEN TO SURRENDER!



O-OO  
NOT FIRE!

TAKE THEIR  
WEAPONS!  
LET NONE  
ESCAPE!



YOU CAME  
IN TIME! BUT  
I NEVER  
EXPECTED  
HELP FROM  
MY PEOPLE!

WHEN YOU LEFT US, TORONTO, WE MET  
AGAIN, AND REALIZED YOUR WAR  
WAS THE RIGHT COURSE! WE  
FOLLOWED THE TRAIL OF YOU  
AND YOUR TWO COMPANIONS!  
LATER, WE CAME UPON SIX  
LAKERS AND DISCOVERED  
THE HIDEOUT OF WOLF VOICE AND  
FORCED THEM TO REVEAL  
STONE BEAR'S HIDEING PLACE!



SOON . . .

THEY HAVE LEARNED MAKING  
PEACE WITH THE WHITE MEN  
DOES NOT MAKE A BRAVER A  
SOLDIER! THEY WILL NOT ATTACK  
US AGAIN, FOR ONCE THE TREATY  
IS SIGNED, THE SOLDIERS  
WILL GUARANTEE OUR LANDS!

I HAVE WIPED THE  
WAR PAINT FROM  
MY FACE! IF ONLY  
WOLF VOICE'S  
BRAVES WOULD  
DO THE SAME!



LOOK AT TORONTO! HE IS  
LIVING PROOF THAT  
PEACE WITH THE  
WHITE MEN DOES NOT  
DIM A BRAVE'S PROUD-  
NESS! HE WANTS TO  
MEET HIS CLOSEST  
FRIENDS TO THE  
WHITE MAN!

GET UP!  
UP, SCOUT!

