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LIFE AT THE LAZY-X ISN'T ALWAYS QUIET AND PEACEFUL, BUT THIS TIME THERE IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF TURMOIL.

PLEASE! PRETTY PLEASE, GRAMPS! JUST THIS ONCE!

NO! NO! YOU CAN'T CAJOLE ME WITH YORE PRETTY WAYS! WE'RE NOT GOING TO THAT BLASTED CARNIVAL!

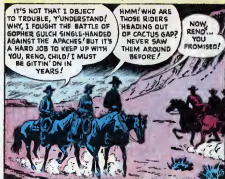


EVERY TIME WE GO SOME PLACE YOU GIT INTO SOME KIND O' TROUBLE! FER A SLIP OF A FILLY, RENO, YOU KIN FIND MORE MESSSES TO GIT INTO! NO! WE'RE NOT GOIN'! YO'RE MORE PESKISOME THAN GERONIMO!

I PROMISE, GRAMPS! I WON'T GET MIXED UP IN ANYTHING THIS TIME, NO MATTER WHAT! IT'S A PROMISE!



A MAID HAS A WAY WITH A MAN, SO RENO GETS HER WAY...



BUT RENO'S SUSPICIONS ARE WELL-FOUNDED! THE RIDERS ARE THE CARNIVAL CREW, ROBBING NEARBY RANCH-HOUSES WHILE THE OWNERS ARE WATCHING THE CARNIVAL!



MEANWHILE, NOT KNOWING THAT THEIR HOMES ARE BEING ROBBED, THE RANCHERS OF THE VALLEY ENJOY THE CARNIVAL!



NOT ONLY DOES THE CARNIVAL CREW CONSIST OF ROBBERS... A PICK-POCKET PLIES HIS TRADE!





CROSS MY PALM WITH SILVER, PLEASE!

HERE... **HEY!** MY WALLET'S GONE!

WHAT? OH, IT'S PROBABLY LOST, STRETCH! IT'LL TURN UP! HERE, LET ME PAY FOR THIS!



THAT'S MIGHTY FUNNY! I COULDN'T HAVE LOST IT! SOMEBODY MUST HAVE PICKED MY POCKET...THE LOW-LIFE SNIVELING COYOTE!

NOW WHO'S LOOKIN' FOR TROUBLE? CALM DOWN, STRETCH! YOU GO KEEP GRAMPS COMPANY AND I'LL REPORT THIS TO THE CARNIVAL MANAGER! SOMEBODY PROBABLY FOUND IT AND TURNED IT IN TO HIM!



WHAT A SUSPICIOUS CONPOKE STRETCH IS! AND THEY SAY THAT I'M ALWAYS IN HOT WATER! THIS IS A VERY SIMPLE THING! HMM! THE MANAGER'S OFFICE IS EMPTY! NO ONE AROUND AT ALL!

PLUS HAFER, MR.



A QUICK INVESTIGATION PROVES TO REVEAL THAT EVERYONE WITH AUTHORITY IS OFF THE GROUNDS ...

A PROMISE IS A PROMISE... AND I DID GIVE GRAMPS MY WORD... BUT THEIR HORSES AREN'T HERE EITHER... AND THERE ARE TRACKS GOING OUT OF TOWN! THEY MUST HAVE BEEN THOSE RIDERS I SAW IN SUCH AN ALL-FIRED HURRY! OH, WELL, IT'S NOT MY CONCERN WHERE THEY GO!



I'LL JUST AMBLE ALONG AND FOLLOW THEM AND TELL THEM ABOUT STRETCH'S WALLET! SURELY THERE'S NO HARM IN THAT... AND I'LL BE BACK BEFORE GRAMPS AND STRETCH MISS ME!



MEANWHILE ...

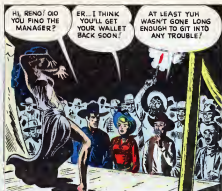
OKAY, BOYS! NOW FOR THE BANK!

IT'S ABOUT TIME, PLUG! WE'LL EMPTY THAT AND GIT!







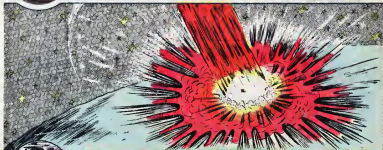


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FIFTY THOUSAND YEARS BEFORE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST, A GIGANTIC BALL OF UNEARTHLY FIRE, WEIGHING OVER TEN MILLION TONS, RIPPED THROUGH THE DARK-BLUE VELVET OF CELESTIAL SPACE AND BLAZED WITH THE BRILLIANCE OF A THOUSAND SUNS! A GLOWING TAIL OF RED-ORANGE VOLCANIC BLASTS MARKED THE FIERY TRAIL OF THIS URANIC MONSTER, ACROSS THE HEAVENS AND PURSUED ITS FLAME-BELCHING MASTER IN ITS SATANIC PLUNGE TOWARD THE EARTH!



WITH THE THUNDEROUS RUMBLE AND ROAR OF AN ARSENAL OF ATOMIC BOMBS, THE HEAVENLY FIREBALL SMASHED AND EXPLODED AGAINST OUR UNIVERSE, VOMITING A SCORCHING AND SEETHING SPRAY OF FLAME AND FIRE, THE SMOKING AND SMOLDERING SPHERE BORE INTO THE EARTH LIKE A WHITE-HOT TORPEDO! THE GROUND TREMBLED AND SHOOK UNDER THE HERCULEAN SLAM, AND BURST INTO A TEMPESTUOUS SEA OF FLAMING, MOLTEN METAL!



TODAY, MORE THAN 50,000 YEARS LATER, A HUGE, GAPING CRATER YAWNS AT THE SLEEPY INDIAN TRADING POST OF TWO GUNS, ARIZONA, AT THE FRINGE OF THE PAINTED DESERT, MARKING THE SPOT WHERE THE ZODIAC FIREBALL CRASHED AND EXPLODED INTO THE EARTH! THIS MAMMOTH CAVITY IS A MILE WIDE AND DEEP ENOUGH TO SWALLOW UP THE PYRAMIDS OF EGYPT AND THE LEANING TOWER OF PISA! THIS YEAR, THOUSANDS OF TOURISTS WILL FLOCK TO THE CRATER TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE HOLE THAT TOOK SOME MIGHTY POWERFUL SHOOTIN' TO PRODUCE!





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DON'T SHOOT, GRAMPS! WAIT!

THE UNINVITED GUEST!

IT'S A SCORCHING HOT AUGUST AFTERNOON AT RENO'S SPREAD AND ALL THE BOYS ARE LYING IN THE SHADE, LIVING UP TO THE RANCH'S NAME...**THE LAZY-X!**



I WISH I HAD THE ENERGY TO BRUSH THE FLIES OFF ME!

QUIET, CURLY! EVEN THE IDEA FATIGUES ME!

REMINDS ME O' THE TIME WHEN I FOUGHT TEN INDIANS SINGLE HANDED 'CAUSE THEY DISTURBED MY SIESTA!



IT'S NO USE TRYING TO GET ANY WORK OUT OF THEM TODAY! NOTHING COULD STIR THEM, STRETCH!

I GUESS NOT, RENO! OH, WELL, LET 'EM SNOOZE! IT'S A HOT AFTERNOON ANYWAY... SAY! WHO'S THAT COMING ON SI'S BUCKBOARD?



THE NEXT TWO WEEKS ARE HEAVEN TO THE MEN OF THE LAZY-X, BUT MISERABLE TO RENO AND WIDOW KENT!



HERE YOU ARE, DORINE! I COOKED THIS SPECIAL!

WHY, CURLY! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

LOOKIT THE NEW GLOVES I BROUGHT YOU!

HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS NECKERCHIEF, DORINE? IT'S YOURS!

DID YOU EVER SEE GROWN MEN MAKE SUCH FOOLS OF THEMSELVES OVER A PAINTED FEMALE?

HMM! BY THE LOOKS OF THINGS IT SEEMS OUR UNINVITED GUEST IS OVERSTAYING HER WELCOME!

STRETCH, DON'T YOU-ALL PROMISE TO TAKE LITTLE ME FOR A RIDE TO-DAY?

WHY... YES, MA'M. I DID!



BYE-BYE, RENO! MY, BUT THIS RANCH IS REALLY SUCH A DELIGHTFUL PLACE!

GLAO YOU THINK SO!



COME ON, WIDOW KENT! THIS SPECTACLE IS TOO MUCH FOR ME!

HMPH! LOOK AT CURLY! I KNEW HE WAS A BAD COOK... BUT NOW I KNOW HE'S A WORSE FOOL!



RENO, WHERE'S OUR PRIDE AND GUMPTION? ARE WE GOING TO SIT AROUND AN' LET THAT DANCE-HALL QUEEN HORN-SWOGGLE OUR MEN-FOLK?

IT APPEARS THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT, WIDOW KENT!



LATER...

OH, AH'M SO GLAD THE HOTEL WAS FULL UP! THIS PLACE IS WONDERFUL! THANK YOU SO MUCH, STRETCH!

NOTHING IS TOO GOOD FOR OUR GUESTS, IS IT, STRETCH?

RENO, YOU'RE NOT PEEVED, ARE YOU? I WAS JUST BEING POLITE!





WHAT IS IT, GAL? YOU LOOK AS IF YOU'VE SEEN A GHOST!

I HAVE! YOU'VE GOT TO HIDE ME! I'M IN TROUBLE! TERRIBLE TROUBLE!

NOW SIMMER DOWN, DORINE, AND TELL US WHAT IT IS! IF YOU'RE IN A SPOT, WE'LL HELP YOU!

YOU BETCHA! NOBODY'S GOIN TO HURT YOU!

OH, HUSH LET HER TALK!



IT'S THIS WAY... YOU SEE... I'M MARRIED! BUT MY MARRIAGE WAS A BIG MISTAKE! HE TURNED OUT TO BE A CROOKED GAMBLER AND HE BEAT ME! THAT'S WHY I RAN AWAY FROM HIM AND BECAME A DANCE-HALL GIRL! HE SAID IF HE EVER FOUND ME... HE'D KILL ME! WELL... HE'S IN TOWN, LOOKING FOR ME! HIDE ME! YOU'VE GOT TO HIDE ME!

WHY... THE DIRTY, LOW-DOWN BUSH-WHACKER! SURE, WE'LL PROTECT YOU!... WITH GUNS IF NECESSARY!!



JUST A MINUTE! HOW DO YOU KNOW SHE'S TELLING THE TRUTH?

NOW, RENO... THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK! JUST LOOK AT HER! HOW COULD A GAL LIKE THIS LIE?

OH, THANK YOU, GRAMPS! PLEASE HIDE ME, QUICK! HE'S ON HIS WAY HERE!

OVER RENO'S PROTESTS THE MEN HIDE DORINE AND STATION THEMSELVES AGAINST THE INVADING STRANGER...



RENO, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

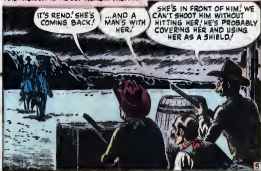
THOSE MEN ARE ACTING LIKE LOVE-SICK PUPS, WIDOW, AND I'M GOING TO PROVE IT TO THEM!



RENO! COME BACK! HE'S OUT THERE... HE MIGHT SHOOT YOU, TOO!

TEND TO YOUR INDIAN-FIGHTING, GRAMPS, I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES!

TENSE MINUTES PASS AS THE MEN PEER OUT, WAITING FOR THE STRANGER AND WORRYING ABOUT RENO... THEN...



IT'S RENO! SHE'S COMING BACK!

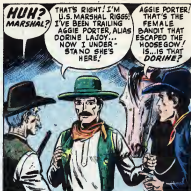
...AND A MAN'S WITH HER!

SHE'S IN FRONT OF HIM! WE CAN'T SHOOT HIM WITHOUT HITTING HER! HE'S PROBABLY COVERING HER AND USING HER AS A SHIELD!



RENO/RIDE HARD AND GET AWAY FROM HIM! I'LL DROP HIM IN HIS TRACKS!

OH, SHUSH, GRAMPS! GO AHEAD, MARSHAL! YOU'LL FIND THE GIRL YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HIDING IN THE HOUSE SOMEWHERE!



HUH? MARSHAL?

THAT'S RIGHT! I'M U.S. MARSHAL RIGGS. I'VE BEEN TRAILING AGGIE PORTER, ALIAS DORINE LAJOY... NOW I UNDERSTAND SHE'S HERE!

AGGIE PORTER! THAT'S THE FEMALE BANDIT THAT ESCAPED THE HOOSEGOW! IS...IS THAT DORINE?



HMPH! WELL, CURLY, YOU GOING TO COOK ANYTHING SPECIAL FOR HER NOW?

GULP!



ALL RIGHT, MARSHAL! PUT DOWN YOUR GUN! I DON'T WANT TO BE SHOT! I GIVE UP!

SMART GAL, AGGIE! BUT NOT SMART ENOUGH TO ESCAPE THE LAW!



JUST ONE MORE THING I'D LIKE TO KNOW, RENO BROWNE! HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS LYING?

WELL, A MAN WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN, BUT BEING A WOMAN, I KNEW!



AGGIE... YOU DIDN'T MENTION YOU HAD A HUSBAND UNTIL THE MARSHAL WAS PRESSING YOU! YOU AND I KNOW NO WOMAN COULD KEEP A SECRET THAT LONG!

THANKS, RENO, FOR RIDIN' INTO TOWN FER ME! COME ON, AGGIE, LET'S GO!

'BYE, BOYS! IT WAS NICE KNOWING YOU-ALL!



AND SO LIFE AT THE LAZY-X SETTLES DOWN TO ITS ORDINARY ROUTINE...WITH A FEW SLIGHT CHANGES...

HERE YUH ARE, RENO! I COOKED THIS SPECIAL!

LOOKIT TH' NEW SPURS I BROUGHT YOU!

D'YUH LIKE THIS, RENO? IT'S YOURS!

MEN! BAH!

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WHY, CURLY... THIS CHOW IS WONDERFUL... MARVELOUS!



THAT WAS SURPRISE NUMBER ONE... NUMBER TWO FOLLOWED LATER...

NOW, CURLY, YOU WORKED HARD ENOUGH! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE DISHES! YOU TAKE A REST!





SAY, SMOKEY, WHAT D'YUH S'POSE IS EATIN' THE WIDOW KENT TODAY? SHE'S NEVER HAD A GOOD WORD TO SAY FOR MY COOKIN' AN' NOW SHE'S BEIN' SO NICE TO ME! 'TAIN'T LIKE HER AT ALL!

DON'T YOU KNOW, CURLY? HERE... LOOK AT THIS!



YIPE! YUH... YUH MEAN... OH... NO!!!

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DANCE MUSIC. COME
ONE! COME ALL!



YUP! 'PEARS LIKE SHE'S GOT HER CAP SET ON YOU TAKIN' HER DANCIN', CURLY! TSCH! TSCH! AN' YUH WAS SECH A GOOD MAN, TOO!

SAVE ME! SMOKEY, YOU'RE MY PAL... MY BUDDY! YUH CAN'T LET THIS AWFUL THING HAPPEN TO ME!



YOO-HOO!
CURLY!

ULP! THERE SHE IS AGAIN! LEMME OUTTA HERE!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, CURLY? YOU ANO ME FOUGHT INDIANS TOGETHER... AND NOW YOU'RE AFRAID OF ONE FEMALE? STAY AN' FACE IT LIKE A MAN! I'M GETTIN' OUTTA HERE!



COME BACK! YUH LOW-LIFE! YUH YELLOW-BACK! YUH TWO-FACE! OBEERT A PAL, HUH? SOME BUDDY!

OH, CURLY, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I CAN DO TO HELP MAKE YOUR DAY PLEASANT? JUST NAME IT, DEAR BOY!



YES! YUH KIN LEAVE ME BE! I AIN'T TAKIN' YUH TO NO DANCE SO YUH BETTER GIVE UP TRYIN' / NOW GO 'WAY!

WHY, CURLY, YOU LOOK SO MANLY WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY! I JUST LOVE IT! I WOULDN'T DREAM OF LETTING ANYONE ELSE TAKE ME TO THE DANCE / OF COURSE I DONT MEAN FOR YOU TO TAKE ME... BUT NOW THAT YOU BROUGHT IT UP... VERY WELL! YOU MAY TAKE ME!



NO! I DON'T SAY THAT! I MEAN... WHAT'RE YUH TALKIN' ABOUT, WOMAN? LEMME OUTTA HERE 'FORE I'M TRAPPED FOR SURE!

TA-TA, CURLY! I'LL BE READY AT SEVEN ON SATURDAY NIGHT!

WHEW! WHAT A WOMAN!
THE MORE I SAY "NO"
THE MORE SHE SEZ "YES"
WHAT'LL I DO, SMOKEY?
I'M IN A TERRIBLE
PICKLE!

HMM! SEEMS LIKE THE
WIDOW KENT LIKES
THE STRONG, ROUGH,
MANLY TYPE, EH?
THAT'S WHY SHE GOES
FOR YOU AND WON'T
GIVE UP ON YOU!
LEMME PONDER
THIS A BIT!



I GOT IT! CURLY, YUH GOTTA
USE A DIFFERENT LINE! INSTEAD
O'TREATIN' HER ROUGH, PLAY
UP TO HER! BE SWEET
AND POLITE-LIKE!
SHE WON'T LIKE THAT
ONE BIT AND SHE'LL
QUIT ON YOU!

WHAT? YUH
MEAN I GOTTA
BE NICE TO
HER? ARE YUH
PLUMB LOCO?
THAT'LL RUIN
ME FOR
SURE!



NO, YUH STUBBORN MULE! YUH JUST
DON'T UNDERSTAND WIMMIN, THAT'S
WHAT! IF YUH TREATS 'EM ROUGH,
THEY LOVE IT! YUH TREATS 'EM
NICE AN' THEY LOSE INTEREST!
SO... YUH GOTTA TREAT THE WIDOW
KENT NICE IF YUH WANNA
GET RID OF HER!

NOT ME! I DON'T
BELIEVE IT!
YUH GOTTA
SHOW ME! I'M
TAKIN' NO
CHANCES!



OKAY, YUH IGNORANT COYOTE! I'LL SHOW
YUH! I'LL PROVE IT TO YUH! I'LL BE NICE
TO THE WIDOW AND YUH'LL SEE HOW SHE
KEEPS AWAY
FROM ME!

GO AHEAD, SMOKEY!
SHE'S ALL YOURS!



SO... A LITTLE LATER, THE NOBLE
EXPERIMENT BEGINS...

HOW O'YUH DO, WIDOW
KENT! LET ME HELP
YUH WITH ONE OF
THEM THERE
BUCKETS!

WHY,
SMOKEY!
ARE YUH
AULIN'? THIS
ISN'T LIKE
YOU!



THAT I REGRET! A CHARMING
WOMAN SUCH AS YOURSELF,
WIDOW KENT, SHOULD HAVE
MORE ATTENTION PAID TO HER
BY US CUSSES! BY THE WAY,
I'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU FOR
A WALK TONIGHT
IF YUH'D
HONOR ME,
MA'AM!

WA-A-L-L...
I DON'T KNOW,
SMOKEY...



YUH SEE, CURLY?
SHE'S DISCOURAGIN'
ME ALREADY!
I TOLD YUH
IT'D WORK!

WE'LL SEE!
BRING YOUR
GETAR
AND I'LL
SEE HOW I
LIKE YOUR
SINGING!



LATER... THAT NIGHT...

NOW YOU WATCH, CURLY--
I'M GOIN' TUH SING MUSHY
LOVE SONGS TUH HER!
SHE WON'T LIKE THAT
ONE BIT, AND SHE'LL
SEND ME SCOOTIN'
OFF!

OKAY, SMOKEY!
I'M WATCHIN'!...
AN' LISTENIN'!

BE TROOOO
ME DARLIN'...
(UHP!)

I'M TROOO TO-
YOOOO,
DEAR-R-R!

STOP
THAT HOG-
CALLIN'--
WE'RE
TRYIN' TO
SLEEP!

WHY, SMOKEY,
I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
COULD
SING SO
GOOD!

SHUCKS! 'TAIN'T
NOTHIN'! ONCE
I HYNOTIZED
A WHOLE
TRIBE OF
WARRIN' SIOUX
BY SINGIN' TWO
HUNDRED
VERSES OF
"TWO-AX HARRY"
'TWERN'T NOTHIN'
AT ALL!

BUT SINGIN' TO YOU, FAIR LADY,
IS A GREAT JOY! AN' TO HEAR
YOUR VOICE RING OUT WITH
MINE...
AH!
THAT'S
HEAVEN!

SMOKEY
MCLEAN, DO
YOU REALIZE
WHAT YOU'RE
SAYIN'? ARE
YOU TRYING TO
FLATTER ME?

YUH ' EAR, CURLY?
FORE IT COMES!
SHE'S MAD
CLEAN THROUGH!
NOW SHE'LL
SEND ME
PACKIN'!

SMOKEY!

DO YOU
HEAR ME?
ANSWER ME
AT ONCE! DO
YOU MEAN ALL
THAT SMOOTH
BLARNEY YOU'VE
BEEN GIVING
ME?

I SURE DO, WIDOW
KENT! YOU'RE TH'
APPLE OF MY EYE...
TH' CREAM
IN MY
COFFEE!

LEAN OVER CLOSE,
SMOKEY MCLEAN!
I'VE GOT SOME-
THING TO
TELL YOU!

AND SO... THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY NIGHT...

TELL ME MORE ABOUT
HOW NICE YOU THINK
I AM, SMOKEY!

YUH GOT ANY MORE
BRIGHT IDEAS,
SMOKEY?

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I WANTED A COWPUNCHER



WHEN I heard that Skip Turner was coming back home, I didn't know whether to ignore him or greet him at the station like a lost friend who had returned to the fold. Skip had been away at an eastern school studying to be a teacher and I hadn't seen him for four years. I was only fifteen when he left, but I remembered that we said goodbye on bitter terms since I've always had a bad taste in my mouth when I said the words, "eastern green-horns". That's what Skip will be when he returns, I told myself, a dude from the East who has lost all his western spirit.

Skip and I had grown up together, playing and fighting hard in all our games. Silly games, perhaps, but I always felt bitter defeat when Skip won, and he took pride in rubbing in his victory. Skip was the only kid around Sandy Hook who could ride and rope a steer better than I could.

I had missed Skip's company while he was away at school, but I never answered his letters. They always sounded so happy and full of interesting facts about the East that I felt that he must be laughing at me and my loyalty to western living. Give me old Jack to ride at sunset and my world was complete. Skip was trying to tell me that there was more to be had of life—but I closed my ears and refused to listen.

The day that Skip arrived I compromised and went to the station to see him, but I stayed

far out of sight. Why should he have the pleasure of knowing that he'd won again?

When he stepped off the train, he seemed so different that I barely recognized him. His face had lost its deep tan and his clothes were as I expected them to be—dude-ish. I watched him kiss his Mom and Dad, and then the three of them rode away in the buckboard with Mr. Turner in the driver's seat. I'd never seen Mr. Turner drive the old buckboard when Skip was aboard, but maybe he thought that Skip would ruin his stylish clothes handling the reins.

I rode back home torn between two feelings, that of being sorry he had changed so much, and that of being glad to see him again. I had almost forgotten just how handsome he really was.

That night the Turners gave a party for Skip and all the people around Sandy Hook were invited. I declined the invitation at first, but Dad teased me so much about being bashful and afraid to face Skip again, that it was a challenge for me to go.

The Bar Z, where the Turners lived, was a bright light around the countryside as we droye up in early evening. Everybody knew everyone else so there was no need for formality or introductions. By the time we arrived the dancing had begun, and I spotted Skip far off in the corner dancing with Lucy Mae, his brother's fiancée.

When he saw me, he excused himself from Lucy and came over to greet me and my folk.

He had changed his clothes, but his old levis didn't have the same look about them.

"Janie," he said. "Janie Stuart. I hardly recognized you you've changed so much. Why, you're real grown up now."

"You can't stay fifteen forever," I said, trying to hide my blush.

After that Skip monopolized my evening, and I couldn't believe he was the same Skip Turner who pulled my pigtails just four years ago. He didn't badger me or make fun of my manners the way he used to do.

"You'll never be a lady, Janie girl," he'd say, and I'd retort angrily, "You wouldn't know a lady if you met one face to face."

Childish repartee, yes, but I felt more at ease then than I did now with Skip's hand on my elbow ushering me around the large roomful of people. I missed the wild light in his eyes and the rough manner in which he talked. Now he was almost gentle.

I saw a lot of Skip after that night at the Turners, but he wasn't the same. He talked of his new job in the fall teaching at Farms High School about twenty miles away, and how he planned to tear down some of the foolish barriers that stood between the eastern and the western way of life. Skip talked on and on, and I found my mind wandering instead of try-

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IT'S MORE'N LIKELY TO
BE DANGEROUS FOR
THE OUTLAWS!

IT'S RODEO ROUND-UP TIME IN PICOONOS COUNTY AND
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HIT IT, COWBOYS—
AN' GIT YER
NAMES REGISTERED
FER TH' BIG SHOW!

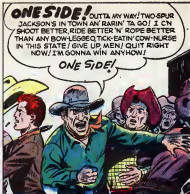
RENO COMING INTO TOWN IS PART OF THE LAZY-X
OUTFIT, TO COMPETE IN THE EVENTS!

YIPPEE! RENO,
THIS EXCITEMENT
SURE STIRS MY
BONES!

IT'S A
GREAT DAY,
ISN'T IT,
GRAMPS?

DON'T GIT HIM
STARTED, RENO,
OR HE'LL TELL
YOU ABOUT HOW
HE BEAT WILD
BILL HICKOK
IN A SHOOTIN'
CONTEST!







WHY..YOU.. YOU FEMALE WILDCAT! YUH CAN'T MAKE A FOOL OUTTA TWO-SPUR JACKSON! IF YUH WUZ A MAN I'D FIX YUH GOOD!

I'M A MAN, BIG MOUTH! LET'S SEE YOU FIX ME!

EASY, BOYS! WE CAN'T HAVE ANY GUN PLAY HERE!



HAW! I SEE A REAL MAN HASN'T GOT A CHANCE TO SHOW HIS MUSCLES IN THIS YELLA-LIVERED TOWN! OKAY, DUDE.. YOU AN' ME'LL FIGHT IT OUT ANYWAY... IN THE RODEO! ARE YUH WILLIN'?

SURE! AN' IF I CAN'T BEAT YOU IN EVERY EVENT, I'LL BE GLAD TO SAY YOU'RE THE BETTER MAN!



GOSH, STRETCH, YOU'RE WONDERFUL! THE WAY YOU STUCK UP FOR ME, AN' NOW YOU'RE GOING TO RIDE FOR ME!

NO...RENO... IT'S JUST THAT IT'S FOR THE HONOR OF TH' RANCH!

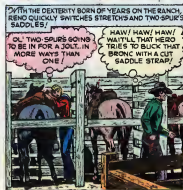
OHNNN!



THE RODEO STARTS, AND AFTER SOME FURIOUS RIDING, STRETCH AND TWO-SPUR JACKSON END UP AS FINALISTS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! THIS IS THE BRONCO-BUSTIN' CHAMPIONSHIP FEATURIN' TWO-SPUR JACKSON AN' STRETCH WILSON!

OH! OH! DIRTY WORK AT THE SWITCH! TWO-SPUR'S CUTTIN' STRETCH'S SADDLE STRAP! I'LL HAVE TO FIX THAT!



WITH THE DEXTERITY BORN OF YEARS ON THE RANCH, RENO QUICKLY SWITCHES STRETCH'S AND TWO-SPUR'S SADDLES!

OL' TWO-SPUR'S GOING TO BE IN FOR A JOLT.. IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!

HAW! HAW! HAW! WAIT'LL THAT HERO TRIES TO BUCK THAT BRONC WITH A CUT SADDLE STRAP!

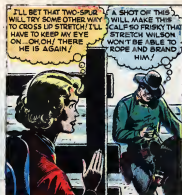


BUT A FEW SECONDS LATER..

BY TH' GREAT HORN SPOON! I GUESS I DIDN'T CUT DEEP ENOUGH! STRETCH'S RIDIN' LIKE A SAILBOAT! OH, WELL... I'LL BEAT HIM ANYHOW!

YAHOO!

ATTABOY, STRETCH! RIDE 'EM, COWBOY!

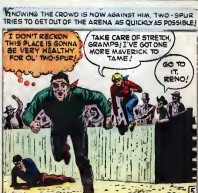


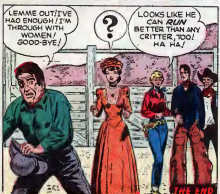
A DAB OF PAIN, AND RENO CHANGES THE HYPOED DOGIE TO LOOK EXACTLY LIKE THE ONE TWO-SPUR IS TO ROPE AND BRAND..



BUT WHEN TWO-SPUR TRIES TO BRAND HIS DOGIE...







I WANTED A COWPUNCHER... CONTINUED

ing to understand his words.

When I first heard that the rodeo would be held in Sandy Hook, I felt that fate had served me a stroke of luck. I remembered that Skip had always been a star performer in previous rodeos, and perhaps I could arouse his interest again by encouraging him to enter the contests. He had told me that he was no longer interested in such violent exercise as he once had been, but I tried to convince him that his attitude was unmanly and cowardly.

"What are you afraid of?" I asked him. "Did those greenhorns convince you that it wasn't gentlemanly to ride a steer?"

"It isn't that, Janie girl," he tried to explain. "I don't want to begin my classroom career with a rodeo tag on me. The time I could use for practicing, I could also use for studying and planning my fall semester. I just want to work at being a good teacher, not a rodeo star. I'm looking to the future, Janie, why can't you?"

He seemed to be waiting for a direct answer to his question, but I didn't know exactly what he was driving at. I had a strange feeling for a moment . . . I felt that he was going to take me in his arms.

I had a new colt to whom I was teaching some fancy walking and I was, also, practicing to enter the fancy roping contest, but for a while Skip made no attempt to make plans for the rodeo. He seemed so completely uninterested.

"You must be afraid," I taunted him. "Too much learning has probably scared you."

"Would it change your opinion about me if I did enter the contests?" he asked me one evening. "Don't you care for me as I am now?"

Looking at him standing just

a few feet away from me with a full western moon shining on his face, he looked handsome and wise and far too good for me. I felt a little silly for the first time in my campaign to make Skip into a common cowpuncher than what he really wanted to be . . . a teacher. I didn't know what to say as he drew me into his strong arms. He held me very close to him and buried his face deep into my long brown hair.

"All right, Janie girl," he said softly. "I'll sign onto the rodeo first thing tomorrow."

Before I could say anything else, he left . . . and I almost



cried. Why would Skip go out of his way to please me. I was still acting like a fifteen year old child, and I had been trying to make him act like one too. I had ignored Skip's ambitions for my silly whims. How could he ever have respect for me again. I asked myself.

I saw very little of Skip after that night, and I heard from his dad that he practised from morning until night for the coming rodeo. He was determined to walk away with top honors for his riding ability.

The day of the rodeo, I was nervous. I had a funny feeling in the bottom of my stomach

that something important would happen that day, and I feared that something might happen to Skip . . . because of me. I had tried to talk to him since that evening, but he always changed the subject until by the time of the contest was about to begin, I was on the edge of hysteria. I tried frantically to find Skip, but the grounds were crowded and I had my own equipment to attend to.

When I finally did catch of glimpse of him catching me doing my roping stunts, I waved to him to wait until I was finished.

"Skip," I cried as I rushed up to him. "Please don't ride today. I was a silly little fool to try to make you do something that you didn't want to do. Forget it, please, Skip darling."

His face broke into a broad grin, and before I realized what had happened he was holding me once again in his arms.

"Janie, girl," he said. "Thanks for the loophole. I'm taking it to mean that you really do care for me . . . maybe as much as I do for you."

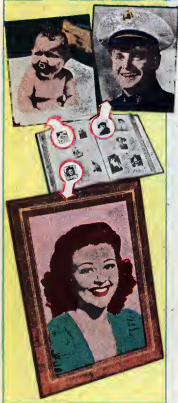
Everybody was staring at us when over the loud speaker came the call for steer roping.

"That means me," Skip said breaking away from me. "Don't worry, honey, it's all right now. I know that our love doesn't depend on my winning, and since I've practised, I might as well test the results."

Skip won a prize in the contest, but only third one, even though he was the best rider in the contest as far as I was concerned. I didn't even bother to ride Sadie Sue in the fancy riding contest, somehow it didn't seem half as important as getting into the Turner buckboard and finding a place where we could talk. Skip wanted to tell me all of his plans about the fall term, and this time I wanted to listen . . . with all my heart.

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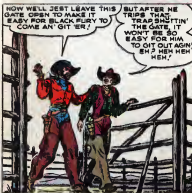


THE
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OF
WHITE
CLOUD!

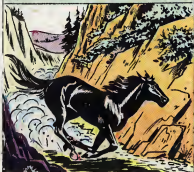
PROUD AS AN EMPEROR, MIGHTY AS A WARRIOR, FLEET AS AN ANTELOPE, AND WISE AS A SAGE... BLACK FURY, OUTLAW LEADER OF AN OUTLAW HERD OF WILD HORSES, SURVEYS HIS WESTERN KINGDOM!

AND NEVER FAR FROM HIS SIDE IS WHITE CLOUD, THE BEAUTIFUL MARE WHO IS HIS MATE!





IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG FOR THE MONARCH OF THE MOUNTAINS TO PICK UP WHITE CLOUDS' TRAIL...



AND IN A FEW HOURS, THE PANICKED, NERVOUS STALLION IS WITHIN SIGHT OF HIS CAPTIVE MATE ...



LIKE AN AVENGING TERROR, BLACK FURY THUNDERS INTO THE CORRAL, SETTING OFF THE TRAP WHICH IS TO IMPRISON HIM...



BUT HIS FIRST CONCERN IS FOR HIS PANICKY MATE! SHARP POWERFUL TEETH TEAR HER BINDING ROPE TO SHREDS, AS BLACK FURY'S WHINNYING ECHOS ACROSS THE RANGE!



WE'VE GOT HIM! HE'S TRAPPED!

SURE! I'VE NEVER SEEN A HOSS THAT COULDN'T BE CAUGHT SOONER OR LATER!



BUT BLACK FURY IS NOT YET CAUGHT! DISTANCE-DEVOURING STRIDES OF STEEL-SHEWED LEGS BRING HIM TO THE EDGE OF THE CORRAL! AND THEN...



A HERCULEAN LEAP, THE LIKE OF WHICH NO MAN HAS EVER SEEN, BRINGS A HALF-TON OF FIGHTING STALLION OVER THE CORRAL FENCE!

HE CLEARED THE FENCE! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

DON'T WORRY -- WE'LL GET 'IM YET! HE WON'T LEAVE HIS MARE BEHIND!



I'LL RUN IN AND GET SOME ROPS! WE'LL LASSO 'IM WHILE HE STAYS NEAR THE WHITE MARE!

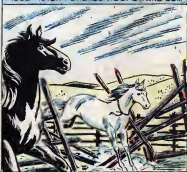
AND I'LL CALL THE REST OF THE BOYS! WE MAY NEED HELP!



BUT BLACK FURY WAITS FOR NO MENACING ROPE! HIS MATE IS TRAPPED BEHIND A FENCE. FOR HIM THERE IS BUT ONE SOLUTION... DESTROY THE FENCE!



NOTHING MADE OF MERE LOGS AND PEGS CAN LONG WITHSTAND THE FURIOUS ASSAULT OF THOSE PISTON-POWERED HOOPS... AND SO...



I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU HAD BLACK FURY TRAPPED!

WE SHOULD'VE KNOWN IT WAS A FALSE ALARM! NO MAN CAN TRAP THAT STALLION!

BUT HE WAS HERE... HIS MATE WAS...!!



LOOK -- THE CORRAL IS BROKEN! THAT HORSE MUST BE HALF HUMAN!

NO, NOT HALF HUMAN... JUST ALL HORSE! JUST BLACK FURY, THE FINEST PIECE OF HORSE FLESH THE WEST HAS EVER PRODUCED! AND, LIKE THE WEST ITSELF, FREE AND FOREVER UNCONQUERED!



THE END

Reno BROWNE

HOLLYWOOD'S
GREATEST
COWGIRL!

THE SADDLE-TRAMP'S SECRET!

LOOK! THE NEW
HAND HAS BEEN
THROWN FROM HIS
MOUNT! I SUSPECTED
HE WASN'T A REAL
COWBOY! BUT WHO
AND WHAT
IS HE?

MAYBE WE CAN FIND
THE ANSWER TO THAT
IN THIS RACK THAT
HE ALWAYS
CARRIES
WITH HIM!

DON'T PICK THAT UP!
NOBODY TOUCHES MY
PACK! STAND
BACK EVERYBODY.
GO AWAY! LEAVE
ME ALONE!



ALONE ON THE RANGE THEY FOUND HIM HALF-STARVED AND INJURED, A DRIFTER WHO ONLY CALLED HIMSELF "WYOMING" BUT RENO KNEW THAT SOMEWHERE IN HIS PAST WAS A GRIM SECRET, A SECRET WHICH HE WAS TRYING TO PROTECT WITH HIS VERY LIFE!

IT IS A ROUTINE DAY ON THE LAZY-X... BUT BENEATH THE PLACID CALM, A TENSE DRAMA IS ABOUT TO UNFOLD AS RENO BROWNE AND STRETCH WILSON TOUR THE RANGE...

LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING
IS UNDER CONTROL
TODAY, RENO! NOTHIN' TO
WORRY ABOUT.

STRETCH!
...LOOK!



COME ON,
STRETCH!

I'M RIGHT
BEHIND YOU!





WITH THE TRAINED EYE OF A SKILLED TRACKER, RENO TRACES THE HORSE'S TRAIL...





MY PACK... SOME VALLABLES IN IT... MY PACK!

YOUR PACK IS ALL RIGHT, MISTER--IT'S RIGHT THERE BESIDE YOU! GIVE HIM A HAND UP! STRETCH...WE'LL BRING HIM BACK TO THE RANCH AN' HAVE CURLY COOK HIM UP A MESS OF VITTLES!



SOON, BACK AT THE LAZY-X... NOW, MISTER, JEST DIG INTO THESE WHEAT CAKES! THEY'RE MY SPECIAL...

THANK YOU! I DON'T KNOW WHEN FOOD HAS TASTED THIS GOOD!

WHAT'S YOUR STORY STRANGER? WHO ARE YOU?



I'M...I'M JUST A SADDLE-TRAMP! THAT'S ALL! MY NAME... WELL, CALL ME WYOMING!



WELL, WYOMING...EVEN THOUGH THAT'S NOT YOUR NAME, WE DONT ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS AROUND HERE! WE ACCEPT A MAN FOR WHAT HE'S WORTH! STRETCH...SIGN HIM ON!

OKAY, RENO! WHAT'S YOUR LINE OF WORK, WYOMING? WHERE CAN WE USE YOU BEST?



WELL...I, UH...I DON'T KNOW QUITE WHAT TO TELL YOU! I...

STRETCH! DON'T YOU HAVE MORE SENSE THAN TO BOTHER A MAN WHEN HE'S STOWIN' AWAY GRUB? LET HIM EAT!

RECKON YOU'RE RIGHT CURLY...I'LL SEE YOU IN THE CORRAL, WYOMING, AFTER YOU GET YOUR GEAR PUT AWAY!



MISTER, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYIN' TO HIDE, AND I WON'T PRY! JUST TELL ME THIS...ARE YOU ON THE RUN FROM THE LAW?

NO, MA'AM! I WAS RUNNING ALL RIGHT, BUT IT ISN'T BECAUSE THE LAW IS AFTER ME!

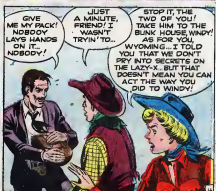
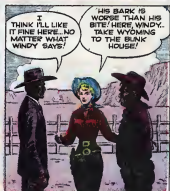


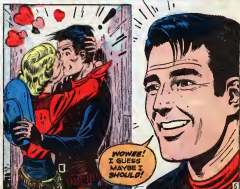
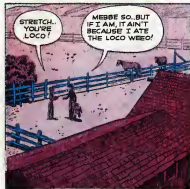
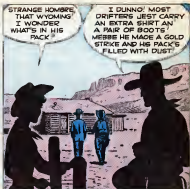
IN THAT CASE YOU CAN STAY, AND BE WELCOME! ALL WE EXPECT HERE, AT LAZY-X, IS FOR A MAN TO DO HIS WORK AND MIND HIS BUSINESS! -I'LL SEE YOU, WYOMING!



WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF HIM, RENO?

I DON'T RIGHTLY KNOW... BUT MY BET IS THAT HE'S HIDING A LOT! IN FACT, I DON'T THINK HE'S A RANCH HAND AT ALL...BUT WE'LL SOON FIND OUT!





SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

WHY THE LONG FACES, BOYS?

WINDY, HERE, JUST TOLD ME THAT THE SICK COW IS LOT'S WORSE! LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO DESTROY IT!



THAT'S BAD. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE A SINGLE HEAD! I SURE HATE TO TELL SMOKEY... IF WE LOSE THE MARKET ON THESE CATTLE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO THE RANCH!

WAA! LET'S WAIT ANOTHER DAY, ANYWAY!



AND THAT NIGHT, AS THE LAZY-X LIES SILENT, WRAPPED IN DARKNESS...

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D DO THIS! BUT I CAN'T HELP MYSELF. I WISH I COULD RESIST. BUT I CAN'T!



THE HOURS PASS, AND AS THE FIRST STREAKS OF DAWN TINT THE SKY...



A STEALTHY FIGURE RACES FROM ANOTHER BARN CLOSE BY THE BLAZING ONE...



THE ALARM ROUSES THE RANCH HANDS, AND AS WINDY COLLINS RUNS TO THE FIRE, HE SEES A SHADY FORM IN THE MORNING DARKNESS...



FOLLOWING HIS MAN, WINDY SEES...



TARNATION! IT'S WYOMING! I WONDER WHAT HE'S UP TO?



I'O GIVE A LOT TO KNOW WHAT'S IN THAT BAG! MEBBE HE'S AN ARGONIST... AN' HE SET FIRE TO THE BARN! I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON HIM--I DON'T WANT HIM TO GET SUSPICIOUS YET!



PIEW! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE! ANY IDEA HOW IT STARTED, STRETCH?

YEAH... IT SEEMS.

I DON'T KNOW HOW IT SEEMS, BUT I HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA HOW IT STARTED! SOMEONE SET FIRE TO THE BARN!



STRETCH! CAN THIS BE TRUE?

I WAS GON' TO SAY, AFORE I WAS INTERRUPTED... IT SEEMS THAT THERE WERE OLY RAGG PILED IN THAT BARN... WE DON'T USE IT FOR ANYTHING NOW... AN' THEY STARTED SMOLDERING BY THEMSELVES...

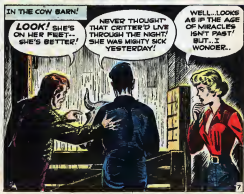


MEBBE SO! BUT I'D ASK WHERE'S WYOMING? YOU DON'T SEE HIM AROUND, DO YOU?

THAT'S SO! I COULD BE WRONG, YOU KNOW, RENO! HE'S A MIGHTY CLOSE-MOUTHED HOMBRE-- THIS WYOMING!



ALL RIGHT, I'LL ADMIT HE'S ACTED MIGHTY SUSPICIOUS... I'LL HAVE A TALK WITH HIM! NOW LET'S GET IN AND HAVE A LOOK AT THAT SICK COW!



IN THE COW BARN!

LOOK! SHE'S ON HER FEET-- SHE'S BETTER!

NEVER THOUGHT THAT CRITTER'D LIVE THROUGH THE NIGHT! SHE WAS MIGHTY SICK YESTERDAY!

WELL... LOOKS AS IF THE AGE OF MIRACLES ISN'T PAST! BUT... I WONDER..

SHORTLY, RENO GOES TO HAVE A TALK WITH WYOMING.



TWO HOURS LATER, AND RENO IS BACK FROM TOWN.





STAND CLEAR!
I'M A
DOCTOR!

YOU?

A DOCTOR? SAVE
HER, WYOMING...
SAVE HER! IF
SHE DIES... DOC...
I LOVE
HER!



YOUR PATIENT
JUST MADE A
REMARKABLE
RECOVERY, DOCTOR
BARNES!

YOU... KNOW?
- THEN
YOU'RE NOT
REALLY
HURT?



IT WAS ALL IN THE WALLET
YOU DROPPED, AND I FOUND
THE CLIPPING THAT ANNOUNCED
YOUR ENGAGEMENT! I TELE-
GRAPHED YOUR FIANCEE...
SHE'S COMING HERE ON
THE OVERLAND STAGE!

YOU...
SHOULDN'T
HAVE DONE
THAT! I CAN'T
FACE HER!



YOU HAVE TO! YOU'RE A DOCTOR! YOU
COULDN'T STAY AWAY FROM IT... YOU
EVEN CURED MY SICK COW! THAT'S HOW THIS FIRE
STARTED! YOU ACCIDENTALLY DID IT!
YOU'RE A DOCTOR...
GO ON BACK
HOME... MARRY
THAT GAL!

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO SAY!
I... I...



GOSH! AN'
I THOUGHT
HE WAS A
FIRE-
BUG!

DOC! WHY'D
YOU GIVE UP
YOUR PROFESSION
AN' BECOME
A SADDLE-
TRAMP?



I LOST... A PATIENT...
I GUESS I TRIED
TO RUN AWAY! BUT
IT'S NO USE-- A MAN
CAN'T RUN FROM
HIS PAST-- HE
CAN'T HIDE
FROM WHAT
HE IS!

I'M
GLAD WE
FOUND YOU
ABOUT YOU,
WYOMING-- VERY
GLAD!



IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO MAKE
YOU SHOW YOURSELF, I'D
NEVER HAVE PULLED THAT
ACT... AND IT TOOK MY BEING
UNCONSCIOUS FOR STRETCH
TO SAY WHAT HE TRULY
FEELS! I WASN'T OUT,
STRETCH-- I
HEARD EVERY
WORD!

LOOKS LIKE
A MINISTER
IS NEEDED
'ROUND HERE...
NOT A DOCTOR!

THE END

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Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you've sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you — are YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of otherwise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are... and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them... if they want to!

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Even Cute Girls Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. BUT MAKE UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS! Not unless it's plaster of paris... maybe! And even good make-up "rips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

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