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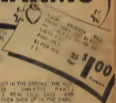
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BUSTER CRABBE

in "DARK OF THE MOON"



CUT! GOOD WORK, BUSTER! THAT WREAKS IT UP! ITS IN THE CAN!

GOOD! I WAS BEGINNING TO SEE BUG-EYED MONSTERS IN MY DREAMS!



TO GO WITH THAT WE START SHOOTING YOUR NEXT PICTURE! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IN THE MEANTIME?

I'M GOING UP TO MY CABIN AT LAKE ARROWHEAD AND FISH THE LAKE DRY!



TWO NIGHT ON A MOUNTAIN ROAD AN EIGHTER
HEADS TOWARD THE CAVE...



STOP!
STOP!

WHAT
THE...

I NEED HELP!
MY FATHER...
SOMEONE'S
GOT TO
STOP
HIM!



HOLD ON!
TAKE
IT EASY!
STOP
FOR A MOMENT
WHAT?

MY FATHER IS PROFESSOR
GIBER, THE MAN WHO
BUILT THE GOLD ROCKET!
HE IS GOING TO TAKE
OFF IN IT UNLESS
WE STOP
HIM!



YOU MEAN
THE FELLOW
WHO SAYS HE
CAN FLY TO
THE
MOON?

YES, THERE'S NO TIME
TO WASTE! HE'S ON HIS
WAY TO THE LAUNCHING
SITE NOW! HE...HE'LL
KILL HIMSELF!

ACCORDING TO THE
NEWSPAPER HE
WENT ONLY TWO
FEET OFF THE
GROUND THE LAST
TIME HE TRIED
IT!



HE'S BUILT A NEW ROCKET!
THE LAUNCHING SITE IS JUST
DOWN THE ROAD--PLEASE!
WE'RE WASTING TIME.
HELP ME!

WHAT?
HOW
HIM?



MOMENTS LATER...

HURRY!
HE'S IN
THERE!

WOW! THIS
IS RIGHT
OUT OF MY
LAST
PICTURE!



DAD!
GIBER!

BUS! WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?





THE HATCH IT'S CLOSED!

IT'S TOO LATE TO SET OUT! THE CONTROLS ARE AUTOMATIC! HANDS OFF! WE'RE BLASTING OFF!



AN INSTANT LATER WE'RE PLACING THE ROCKET HEADLETS INTO THE SKY



BEHIND THE ROCKET, A STARTLED BUTTERFLY WINGS TO 4-8 FEET...

AN ARRANGER. WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO THE MOON!

WHAT? I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

HE'S RIGHT. THIS TIME DAD DID IT JUST THE WAY WE'D CREATED!



HOW NOW, WHO?

I OUGHT TO! I'VE SEEN ENOUGH OF YOUR PICTURES AND TV SHOWS... LOOK AT THAT!



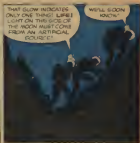
AMAZING! I'VE PLAYED IN SO MANY SPACE-FICTION FILMS AND NOW... HERE I AM PLAYED IT STRAIGHT!



THIRTY-SEVEN HOURS LATER, PROFESSOR GIBBS'S ROCKET LINGS ON THE SURFACE OF THE MOON! AND THE THREE TRAVELERS IN SPACE SET OUT TO EXPLORE.

SOME THINGS GONE WRONG! WE'RE ON THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON. AN ARCA SCIENCE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT!

IT GIVES ME THE CREEPS! DEAD, DESOLATE, AIRLESS... LIGHT!



RELEASED FROM THE SPACE SHIP BLISTER AND THE OTHERS ARE MARCHED TO THE CITY...

WHAT DO WE DO NOW PROFESSOR, WAS A BREAK FOR IT?

WE WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE! THESE CREATURES COMMUNICATE TELEPATHICALLY! THEY KNOW WHAT WE WERE PLANNING AS THE THOUGHT ENTERED OUR MINDS!



ENTERING THE CITY THROUGH A HUGE AIRLOCK, THE VISITORS FROM EARTH ARE TAKEN BEFORE THE CITY RULER...

EARTHINGS! HOW DID YOU COME HERE?

BY ROCKETS! AND YOU? OLD YOUR ANCESTERS ONCE LIVE UPON EARTH? ARE THEY DESCENDED FROM MAN?



DESCENDED FROM POOR CREATURES LIKE YOURSELF? NO EARTHINGS! OUR ANCESTERS CAME FROM THE PLANET AGOON OF ANOTHER SOLAR SYSTEM!

BUT MUST BE A SORT OF PLACE IF YOU WERE HERE!



HOLD YOUR TONGUE! THE SPACE SHIP THAT BROUGHT OUR ANCESTERS WAS DESTROYED! WE COULD NOT LEAVE— THAT IS UNTIL RECENTLY.

NOW YOU CAN TRAVEL THROUGH SPACE AGAIN!



YES! OUR PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS HUNGRED FOR SLAUGHTER AND ARE NOW WE CAN HAVE IT! WE ARE GOING TO TAKE YOUR PLANET! IF THE MEN OF EARTH LET YOU!

THEY HAVE NO CHOICE! ALL WILL BE DEEP TROPE OR LOOK UPON THE SCREEN AND SEE FOR YOURSELF! THERE IS NO ESCAPE!



THROUGH THAT ROCK SHIRT WILL POUR A CONSTANT STREAM OF DEADLY RAY THAT WILL KILL ALL LIFE ON EARTH!



THE END OF THAT SHAWT WILL OPEN
WIDE A CROZER THAT PACES
EARTH! AS YOUR PLANET SPAYS
BY THE WAY WILL BLANDET HER
FROM POLE TO POLE!



TAKE THEM TO THE
HYPERVAULT THEN
LET THEM HELP IN
THE DESTRUCTION
OF THEIR OWN
WORLD!



DROGGED TO THE HYPERVAULT
BLANDET AND THE PROFESSOR
UNDERGO STRANGE TREATMENT...

EMAGS THEIR
MINDS AND
DEGAINS THEIR
WILLS AND
DOPES
THEM
WITH THE
BEST OF THE
CLASSES
IN THE
COSMIC
TUBE!



TURNED INTO WAXED BEE-SHELLS, THE THREE ARE
DRAGN TO THE SHAWT THAT WILL DOOM THE EARTH...

ALL THE EARTHINGS
THE TWO MEN WILL MAKE
GOOD WORKERS, BUT
WHAT ABOUT
THE FEMALE?



EMAGS OFFERS
TO PUT HER IN
TODD SHE IS STRONGER
THAN THE LOOKS!

ALL - ONE,
GET TO WORK!
MOVE!



I HEAR

DAY AFTER DAY THE THREE CAPTIVES ROIL IN THE
GRANT SHAWT. THEN...



EMAGS WAS
SHAWT! THOSE
EARTHINGS HAVE
THE STRENGTH
OF TEN OF
US!

BLANDT
LOOK!

WE'VE
BROKEN
THROUGH
IT - WE
BE LEAV
NOW!



YOU THERE!
CLEAR THOSE
ROCKS AWAY!
MOVE!

YES!

AS THEY REAR THE GAUNT MURFALS OF THE ALCON, AN ODD THING HAPPENS! THE MILLIONS OF THE HYPERMAST DISAPPEAR!



BUSTER! WHAT HAPPENED? WHO WERE THEY? ARE WE?

I DON'T KNOW... HELP! WE'RE IN THE SHAFT! THEY'RE GOING TO LEAD TO BOMBARD EARTH!

THE GUARD! HE FINALLY REALIZES WHAT HAS HAPPENED, BUT BEFORE HE CAN DO ANYTHING...



THE EARTHINGS HAVE ESCAPED THE USE OF THEIR MINDS... I MUST...

WE'VE GOT TO GET THE OTHERS BEFORE THEY CAN SOUND AN ALARM! COME ON!



BUSTER! LOOK OUT!

THIS IS THE WAY THAT HAD BETTER LOOK OUT!

HELP!



THAT TAKES CARE OF THOSE CREEPER

BUSTER! BEHIND YOU!



THEY'RE TRYING TO TURN THE RAY MACHINE ON US!

I'LL STOP THEM!



THE LOWERED GRAVITY AND HIS EARTH MUSTERS ONE BUSTER THE FIRMNESS OF A SAINT AS HE LEADS US TO THE NEW ATTACKER...

THIS TIME YOU DO, EARTH! NO!

HEY ABRAH! MISTER!



THAT TAKES CARE OF THEM!

LET'S HEAD INTO THE CITY! MAYBE WE CAN REACH THE ROCKET!



FIRST WE'VE GOT SOME THING TO DO!

HURRY! THE WHOLE CITY WOULD BE UP IN ARMS!



THAT DOES IT! IT'LL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE THEY BREAK THROUGH THAT WALL... AT LEAST IT GIVES US A LITTLE TIME!

I HOPE SO! BUT IF WE DON'T STOP THEM FOR GOOD, THAT'S ALL ANY HUMAN HAS - A LITTLE TIME!



THAT'S THE ENTRANCE! OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO FIND THE SECRET!

DON'T BE TOO HOPEFUL! THE GODS ARE AGAINST US!



AS THE THREE DASH FROM THE SCENE, THEY WERE BACK, WAITING FOR THEM.

WE'RE TRAPPED! OH, BUSTER! WHAT WILL WE DO?

THERE'S STILL A CHANCE! THERE'S THE SECRET!



SURRENDER! SURRENDER! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY!

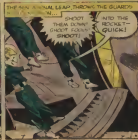
PAY NO ATTENTION TO HIM! WHEN I COUNT-THREE, JUMP! AS YOU'VE NEVER JUMPED BEFORE! GRAVITY'S ON OUR SIDE!



AN INSTANT LATER...

NOW!

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GIVE UP! SURRENDER OR WE'LL BLAST! STOP THEM!



THE MAN IN THE MASK LEAPS THROUGH THE GUARDS AND IS GONE...

SHOOT THEM DOWN! SHOOT THEM DOWN! SHOOT!

AND THE SECRET - QUICK!

THE STREETS OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM CLANGING AS THE BOULDER WHIRLS BACK AT IT—TO LOSE!



INSIDE THE ROCKET...

WIFE IN LIAISON! THEY HAVEN'T SOLVED A THING!
THEY TAKE OFF! IT'S THE ONE WAY TO STOP THEM! IT MAY WRECK US, BUT IT'S WORTH IT—TO SAVE THE EARTH!



WITH A BOOM THE ROCKET LEAPS TO LIFE AND ZOOMS THROUGH THE PLASTIC DOME THAT PROTECTS THE CITY...



LIKE A PUNCTURED BALLOON THE CITY IS WRECKED IN ONE INSTANT AS THE AIR RUSHES OUT OF THE BROKEN DOME...

WELL WE'RE ON OUR WAY HOME!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D DO IT AGAIN! HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN GONE?



JUST ABOUT SIX WEEKS!
...NOT! AND I WAS GOING TO TAKE A REST FROM SUB-EYED MONSTERS! WE'LL LAND JUST IN TIME FOR ME TO START OFF ON A MOVIE TRIP... TO VENUS!



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The adventure of mine which you will read on the following pages happened while I was on a jungle safari with my friend Professor Johnson, and his daughter Janet!

Professor Johnson was looking for a lost ancient city of Ngonbe, an abandoned pile of stone built many centuries ago by unknown African tribes!

But the Makabi jungle land, where we were searching, is the most desolate and terrible land I've ever seen! And when our paths crossed that of five desperate convicts who escaped from the island prison of Le Nigre . . .

But let the writer take it from here! Perhaps he is right, and the story begins with the escape of these prisoners . . . the story I call . . .

THE JUNGLE DUEL OF DEATH!

BUSTER CRABBE

in "THE JUNGLE OF DEATH"



MOMENTS LATER...

WE'RE FREE OF THAT PESTHOLE OF A PERSON! BUT WHERE TO NOW, CRABBE?

THE AFRICAN COAST IS ONLY TWENTY MILES FROM HERE! I KNOW THAT PART OF THE COUNTRY LIKE THE BACK OF MY HAND!



IT'S A TRACKLESS, ALMOST WATERLESS JUNGLE. WAIT! FOR TWO HUNDRED MILES INLAND! NO SEARCH PARTY CAN FOLLOW US THERE! AND THESE ARE ANOTHER WHITE MAN - BESIDES MYSELF - WHO WOULD DARE TO CROSS IT!



IT TWO DAYS LATER DEEP IN THE HARBOR WILDER-
NESS BLAZER COURAGE AND HIS FRIENDS ARE
ALSO MADE TO THE DANGEROUS TASK WHEN...



IF YOU KNOW WHAT WE WERE IN FOR WHEN I
SET OUT ON THIS SEARCH FOR THE LOST CITY
I'D NEVER HAVE COME! THE HARBOR IS A
TERRIFYING STRETCH
OF JUNGLE!



BUSTER CRABE FIGHTS VALIANTLY AGAINST HEAVY ODDS BUT FINALLY...



AND SHORTLY

SHALL WE FINISH THE OLD BRASSER? WE LEAVE, BRIGGS?

IT'D JUST WASTE GOOD AMMUNITION. LET 'EM GO, OR THEY'LL IT SHOULD'NT TAKE LONG...



WHEN A DAZED BUSTER CRABBE RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS...

THEY GOT AWAY... WITH OUR WATER AND SUPPLIES! BUT THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE ALL RIGHT! FOR A WHILE WE WERE AFRAID THAT YOU WERE...

...DEAD! WE'LL ALL BE DEAD, UNLESS WE FIND THEM AGAIN AND GET BACK OUR WATER CANNES!



BUT HOW CAN WE GET THE PROFESSOR TO FOLLOW THIS TRAIL IN A JUNGLE LIKE THIS?

WE HAVE NO CHOICE, PROFESSOR! IT'S EITHER THAT... OR WAIT HERE TO DIE!



BUSTER CRABBE AND HIS FRIENDS FIGHT FOR HOURS THROUGH NEARLY IMPENETRABLE JUNGLE GROWTH!

IF WE CAN'T GO MUCH FURTHER, IT'S USELESS, ANYHOW! WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THEY CAME THIS WAY!

THEY CAN'T GET FAR FROM HERE, PROFESSOR! BE SURE OF THAT!



THE HOT CLOSE AIR OF THE JUNGLE HOLDS ODORS A LONG TIME. RECOGNIZE THAT AROMA, PROFESSOR? THEY'VE BEEN USING YOUR FAVORITE SACKING TOBACCO!



BY HEAVENS, YOU'RE RIGHT! THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE WAY ... OF CLIMBING TO IT!



THIS IS WHERE THE JUNGLE TRAIL SHOWS WE'RE COMING IN TO OPEN COUNTRY NOW!



YOU'VE DONE A BEHAVIORABLE JOB OF TRACKING THEM SO FAR, BUFTLE! BUT WHICH WAY DID THEY GO FROM HERE?

THEY WENT DOWN, PROFESSOR. OVER THERE!



ONCE AGAIN BUFTLE CRASHES! UNCANNY JUNGLE KNOWLEDGE STRUCK HIM IN GOOD STEAD ...

SEE THOSE EXCITED MONKEYS! THEY WERE CHATTERING AND SCULPING IN FRONT BEFORE THEY EVEN SAW US! THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ANOTHER PARTY PASSED THIS WAY!



CAREFUL! A RALE'S STEP CAN BE TROCKY HERE ...

OHAY! I ... I MEAN DITTY!



JAWETT!

WHY-NOT THAT WAS CLOSE!





IF I'D MISSED THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A LONG LONG DROP TO...
BAY! WHAT'S DOWN THERE?



NO WHEN BLISTER AND THE GIRL SCRAMBLE BACK TO SAFETY.

SEE IT PROFESSOR! THOSE FALLEN SLUGS OF STONE AMONG THE TREES!
IT'S THE LOST CITY OF NAGAR! WE'VE FOUND IT!

A QUEEN'S SON, SAFT IT'S WE'VE FOUND THE LOST CITY... ONLY WHEN WE'RE HATELESSLY LOST OURSELVES!

DON'T GIVE UP HOPE YET! IF WE FIND WATERBORN, WE CAN ALWAYS COME BACK!



DESPERATELY THE TINY PARTY PUSHES ON, AND THEN AT LAST...

WATER... WATER!
WAIT PROFESSOR! DON'T TOUCH IT!



DON'T... TOUCH IT! YOU'RE JOKING!
I WISH I WERE PROFESSOR, BUT YOU'LL NOTICE THERE ARE NO ANIMAL TRACKS AROUND THE WATER, AND THERE CERTAINLY WOULD BE TRAILS... IF THE WATER WEREN'T POISONED!



POISONED! IF WE FIGHT AS WELL, DIE! IT NOW... AND DIE!
LOOK, PROFESSOR!



SMOKE! WE'VE FOUND THEM!

SOON...



THERE THEY ARE! WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

HEAR! MAM! WE SEEING THAT TYPE OF JUNGLE LIZARD HERE! VERY INTERESTING...



SUSPENSE! COULD YOU HANDLE THE MATTER WITH YOUR? THIS IS NO TIME TO BE TALKING ABOUT LIZARDS!

EXCEPT THOSE OF THE HUMAN VARIETY. EH, JANET? DO YOU'RE RIGHT!



THEY'RE BUSY BATHING! OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO BUSH THEM AND GET THE BIBLES BEFORE THEY SEE US!



LET'S GO!

WHAT?!



GET THE BIBLES, PROFESSOR!

NO, YOU DONT!



OWWW!

THE WATER CAGE IS!



EETOW!

HOOKED AT THE RIGHT OF THE PRECIOUS WATER BEING LOST, GARRICK WAITS A SPLIT SECOND TOO LONG BEFORE...



YOU'RE A LITTLE SLOW ON THE DRAW, MASTER!



AND SOMETHING THAT CAN BE USED!



WHEN THE BRIM-SLUT FURIOUS BATTLE RAGE...

YOU'VE GOT US— BUT WE'RE ALL BOUND TO DIE. NOW THE WATER'S GONE!

OH THERE'S PLENTY OF WATER— HERE! WATCH!



MISSING A SHARP TURN INTO THE GROUND AT A SPOT WHERE A SMALL HOLE APPEARS...

YOU SEE? WATER IS ONLY A FEW INCHES BELOW THE SURFACE! IT SHOOTS UP AT THE SLIGHTEST TOUCH!



I—I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

ISN'T HOW DO YOU KNOW WATER WOULD BE THERE, BUSTLE?

SIMPLE ENOUGH, JANET! REMEMBER THAT LIZARD I MENTIONED?



IT'S A VARIETY OF WATER LIZARD... THAT ONLY LIVES WHERE WATER IS CLOSE TO THE SURFACE! IT GETS TO THE WATER SIMPLY BY DIGGING A HOLE! WHEN I SAW THAT LITTLE FELLOW I KNEW OUR HORSES WERE O.K.!



BUT YOUR HORSES ARE JUST STARTING! WE'RE TAKING YOU BACK TO PRISON AFTER WHAT YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH. YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY TO GET A DIT OF BREAD AND WATER!

Buster Crabbe

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Hi Gang:

I certainly have a lot of news for you this month.

All of us here, who have been working to put out your favorite magazine, "The Amazing Adventures of BUSTER CRABBE", have been swamped with the enormous responses we have been getting.

Have you sent in yet for your free picture of BUSTER? It's a honey, is suitable for framing and produced in four colors. Have you started a BUSTER CRABBE Fan Club yet? If not, write me today, and I'll send you instructions.

You know we've all got to work together to make BUSTER CRABBE Comics the biggest and the best ever, so be a pal and get all your friends to get a copy of the magazine at the nearest newsstand.

Now, here's a little contest for all you fans that I'm going to conduct, personally. Just write me a letter of 50 words or less and tell me which characters, played by BUSTER CRABBE, you like best and why. Do you like space stories, or jungle stories, or western stories?

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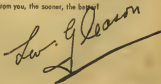
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All right, partners, let's get busy:

1. Get all your friends to buy BUSTER CRABBE Comics.
2. Write for your free picture of BUSTER.
3. Get going and start a fan club.
4. Enter the letter contest and tell me which kind of BUSTER CRABBE story you like best.

I'll be hearing from you, the sooner, the better!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lev. Gleason". The signature is written in a cursive, slanted style and is underlined with a single, thick, horizontal stroke.

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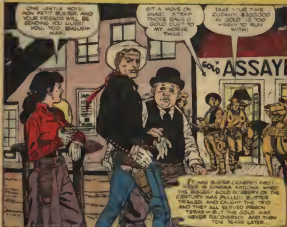
It was hot in Texas the day I walked into the middle of a crime that ended ten years later - in murder!

It concerned a hidden \$200,000, and four people, one of which was a killer! The man the Sheriff held didn't look like a killer to me. What did I do? I did the same thing you'd do - went out to find the coyote who did the killings. It led me on one of my wildest adventures in the West!

This is how it started

BUSTER CRABBE

IN "killer on the loose"



ONE LITTLE MOVE, YOU PETTY BUSTER, AND YOUR FRIENDS WILL BE SENDIN' YOU AILED YOU, TOO, ENGLISH-MAN!

GIT A MOVE ON, STREAP! THOSE BABS O' GOLD DUST TO MY HORSE TRAIL!

TAKE YOUR TIME, CUDY! \$400,000 IN GOLD IS TOO HEAVY TO RUN WITH!

IT WAS BUSTER CRABBE AND DOC JONES IN SONORA, ARIZONA, WHO FOUND THE BIGGEST GOLD DISCOVERY OF THE CENTURY AND CALLED BUSTER CRABBE AND CALLED BUSTER CRABBE AND THEY ALL SERVED PRISON TERMS - BUT THE GOLD WAS NEVER RECOVERED! AND THEN TEN YEARS LATER...

TEN YEARS LATER! CUDY'S RELEASED!



IT'S GOOD TO BE OUT, CHIEF!

YEAH, BABS! NOW WE GOT TO DRIP UP THAT \$400,000, AND GET EVEN WITH FREDDY! FOR HANNON! DOC JONES WHEN B-E WAS TRAILED!



MEN, POP! WHERE'S THE SPREAD THAT DOC JONES AND FREDDY ARE HOLD UP IN!

LOREY! THERE'S CUDY! THERE'S NO TELLIN' WHAT THE CHAP MAY DO TO THEM! I'D BETTER TELL BUSTER CRABBE!



HE'S ASKY FOR - HE HANNON! DOC AND HAT'L HE - HANNON! SOME PEOPLE SAY SHE EVEN DRIP UP HIS GOLD!



SMART THOUGHT!
ALDY! CUDAMY'S
A HOT-TEMPERED
KIDDER! LET'S
GO - PRONTO!



WHORAAA!
TODD LATE!
CUDAMY!
BR AT US
TO THE
DOC! HE'S
STING
DEAD!

LETTA BUT
JURY!
CONJURE!
ALDY! MARY
MEN WERE IN
LOVE WITH
FRENCHY AND
JEALOUS OF
DOC! LET'S
DO BREAK
THE BAD NEWS
TO DOC'S
WIDOW!



WHO ELSE
COULD HAVE
KILLED HIS
FOLK IF NOT
CUDAMY?

I SAID HOW
YOU FEEL, FRENCHY?
BUT NO ONE SAW
WHO SHOT DOC!
WHY BLAME
CUDAMY?



ARE YOU OBSESSIVE?
YOU'RE CUDAMY'S BUSINESS
ADVISED AND FRIEND!

IT'S ALSO A VERY
GOOD FRIEND OF
FRENCHY!



I SAW CUDAMY
IN TOWN, HE SAID
HE WAS HEADING
FOR HIS CABIN
IN PRISONER
CANYON!

THANKS, FRENCHY,
FOR THAT TIP...
LET'S GO ALDY!



COME OUT, CUDAMY!
I ARREST YOU FOR
THE MURDER OF
DOC JONES!

IT'S A FRAME-UP!
I HAVEN'T SEEN DOC
SINCE I GOT OUT
BEAT IT, SHERIFF!
I DON'T WANNA
KILL
NOBODY!



I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING ELSE TO DO LEFT CLAW-CUTTA HERE? IF I STAY HERE OTHERS WILL OR BE KILLED BY THE SHERIFF!



WE'VE GOT TO GIVE CUDAHY A LAST CHANCE TO EXPLAIN HIS SIDE OF THE STORY!

SEE, IT'S RIGHTLY HARD TO GIVE A CHAP A FAIR HEARING IF THE SHERIFF KILLS HIM!



WHILE HE'S HEADING THAT CABIN I CAN'T GET A CLEAR SHOT TO LAUNCH HIM! ALSO LIFE THAT ROCK AND DIVERT HIS ATTENTION!



WHAT THE HELL BUSTER CRABBE! WHOSE DID HE COME FROM?



CUDAHY IS HOLDING YOU FOR THE GOLD-BLOODED KILLER OF DOC JONES!

COME UP FOR ELECTION BY SHERIFF AND YOU WANT TO MAKE YOURSELF A BIG SHOT? I TOLD YA - WE TRY'N TO GO STRAIGHT!



SURE, I WAS GONE AT DOC FOR STEALIN' TREASURE FROM ME, BUT SITTING IN JAIL TEN YEARS MAKES A MAN COOL OFF!

YOU KNOW MR. SHERIFF IS ON THE SIDE OF LAW AND ORDER, BUT THE EVIDENCE WITH CUDAHY HIS GUN IS A .45 CALIBER AND DOC WAS SHOT WITH A .38!



CRABBE, YOU'RE PLUMB LOON, WHO ELSE HAD A MOTIVE TO KILL DOC?

I DON'T KNOW BUT YOU'VE GOT NO OTHER CHOICE, SHERIFF! YOU'VE GOT TO RELEASE CUDAHY! HE'LL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIM!



THANKS CRASSIE FOR BELIEVING MY STORY—

YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE, OR ELSE—DUCK! SOMEBODY UP THERE DOESN'T LIKE US!



I SUSPECT THE WARRANT WHO KILLED DOC JENNE DOESN'T LIKE ME NEITHER IN THIS AFFAIR— BUT I'VE GOT A HUND OF MY OWN!



THE NEXT DAY...

THEY RELEASED CUDAMPT—CONGRESS SNAKE YOU KILLED DOC BECAUSE YOU TOO HAVE BEEN IN LOVE W-7 HE SINCE THE GOLD ROBBERY!

YOU'RE HAWKING PREACHY! ALL I WANNA DO—WARRERS THE GOLD BURST! CUDAMPT SAID HE TOLD ONLY ONE OTHER PERSON— IT MUST BE YOU!



HE NEVER TOLD ME... BUT YOU WERE WITH CUDAMPT IN PRISON TEN YEARS! YOU MUST KNOW WHERE IT IS!



AND YOU ARE ABOUT TO TOUCH SEE GOLD WHILE CUDAMPT'S ALIVE!

OH OH HERE COMES CUDAMPT'S FRIEND! FAWCETT! ANYONE SEEN WITH YOU IS A MARRIED MAN!



LITTLE DID SHEAN KNOW HOW TRUE WERE THE WORDS HE SPOKE! FOR THAT NIGHT...



CUDAMPT'S STRUCK AGAIN! SNAKE HADN'T BEEN MARRIED— YOU SAID YOU'D BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CUDAMPT! YOU'RE ON A BENT!

WAIT FOR ME SHERMAN! I'LL HAVE MY DUDES ON IN A MINUTE!



WHETHER THE KILLER IS HE MAY GET TO FRIENDLY NEXT! SHERMAN, I GOT YOU TO RELEASE CUDAMPT, BUT IF HE DOUBLE-CROSSED ME... LET'S GO TO PREPARE HOUSE! FRENCH!

AT FRIENDS HOUSE...

I DEFENDED THAT MAN—
MAY CLEAN'S GROOM!
BUT THERE'S NO QUESTION
HE KILLED POOR
SNAG!

THANK YOU
MR. PARCETT
FOR COMING
RIGHT OVER
TO PROTECT
ME!

DO NOT BE ALLEN
SHERIFF! THERE
WAS NO EVIDENCE
BETWEEN SNAG
AND ME—AND
BEFORE, HE KNEW
ME WHERE I'D BE
GOLD IS DUMB!

WELL, SHERIFF,
THERE GOES YOUR
CASE AGAINST
CLEAHY!

OH, YEAH!
MAYBE THE
KILLER HAS A
DIFFERENT
IDEA!

THAT STILL DOESN'T
PROVE CLEAHY DIDN'T
DO IT! HE COULD
HAVE HIS OWN
PERSONAL REASONS!
HE BRINGS 'EM
IN, DEAD
OR ALIVE!

SHERIFF'S
RIGHT!

IF CLEAHY
DID IT,
THERE AIN'T
GONNA BE A
"WELCOME
AUNT AT HIS
SHACK WITHIN
FOR US!

TAKE NO CHANCE
WITH THAT WILD KID,
CRANE! SHOOT FIRST
AND ASK QUESTIONS
LATER!



AT CLEAHY'S SHACK...

IF CLEAHY'S
INNOCENT, HOW
COME HE'S
GREETIN' US
WITH A TWO
GUN SALUTE?

YOU COME TO ARREST A
MAN IN THE
MIDDLE OF
THE NIGHT OR
THE NIGHT WHAT
DO YOU EXPECT,
FLOWERS?

WHY CAN'T YOU
LET ME BE?
ANNOPIN A MAN
IN THE MIDDLE
OF THE
NIGHT!

CLEAHY, I
WANT YOU
FOR THE
MURDER
OF SNAG
MAGGOT! AND
THEY TELL
BLISTER
CLEAHY AIN'T
A TALKIN'
WE OUTFIT
IT!

I STILL THINK HE'S INNOCENT
SHERIFF! LET'S TAKE HIM
ALIVE! BUT YOUR HAT
ON THE END OF
A BRANCH!







FANCETT HAD A SECRET LIVING FOR FRENCHY! I FIGURED HE'D GET TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE BY KILLING DOC JONES!

I GET IT! IF I WAS HUNG FOR THE MURDER, FANCETT COULD HELP HIM—HELP TO FRENCHY AND THE GOLD!



AND WHEN FANCETT SAW BRAD AND FRENCHY TOGETHER IN THE SALOON, HE SAW RED AND KNOCKED OFF BRAD—

I JUST HOPE WE BEAT FANCETT TO THE GOLD, COUSE IT'S BEEN NOTHING BUT TROUBLE! HA RETURNED IT ALL BACK TO THE BUREAU OFFICE!



THERE'S THE SPOT! SEE THE TEEB WITH THE ARROW!

FANCETT BEAT US TO IT! HE'S GOT THE GOLD!



FANCETT'S USING ONE HORSE TO CARRY HIM AND FRENCHY! THEY'RE HEADING NORTH! LET'S GO, MEN!



THERE'S FANCETT, HEADING UP YUCCA CANYON!

BY JOVE, IF HE GETS OVER THE HILL, WE'LL LOSE HIM IN THE HEAVY WOODS ON THE OTHER SIDE!



THE GUNTERS' USING FRENCHY FOR A SHIELD! WE CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE AT SHOOTING!

I HATE TO DO IT, BUT OUR ONLY WAY OF STOPPING HIM— IS BY MOVING THE HORSES!



CRABE AND CARROLL, THIS IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!

DAMN IT! WE'RE FALLING!



MY ANKLE'S
SORE &
SPRAINED!

SO COULDN'T THINK
HE'D GET RE-CORNER-
ED WEL. I STILL
HAVE A TRICK OR
TWO UP MY SLEEVE!
I'LL TAKE THE
GOLD WITH ME!



DEMOUNT ME!
NO LIFE-LIVING HAZARD!
A SITTING DUCK,
TARGET! HOLD YOUR
FIRE, HE'S GOT
ROCKY UP
THOSE!

SOON!
JUST
THE
WAY I
PLANNED
IT!



WE CRABBY
LOOKS FANGETT
CIRCLED US
AND TOOK MY
HORSE!

AJAY STAY WITH
FRENCHY COME
ON WEL, HE'S
HEADED FOR
CUDDEE
BARON!



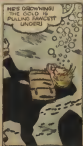
SOMEONE IT! IT LOOKS
LIKE HE'LL MAKE IT...
AND MY JURISDICTION
DOESN'T COVER EITHER
SIDE OF THE RIVER!



DON'T BE TOO
SURE, SHERIFF,
FANGETT'S HORSE
LOST HIS
FOOTING!



WE'VE GOT THE
GOLD DUST TIED
TO HIS BOOT!
WE CAN'T
HELP HIM!



HE'S DOWN!
THE GOLD IS
PULLING FANGETT
UNDER!



TAKE THE GOLD
BUSTER! I CAN'T
BRING THE SHIRT
OF IT! IF EVER I
NEED A FILLING
IN MY TOOTH,
IT'LL BE
ANYTHING BUT
GOLD!

THANKS CLEARLY
FOR COWING
THROUGH
LIKE A MAN.
GOOD LUCK
TO YOU AND
FRENCHY! COME
ON, ALICE,
LET'S RETURN
THE GOLD!

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