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*Jace Pearson*  
of the **TEXAS**  
**RANGERS**



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TO PARENTS**

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# Jace PEARSON

OF  
THE TEXAS RANGERS

*Trouble on Wings*

*SHERIFFS JACE PEARSON AND CLAY MORSEY REPORT FOR DUTY AT THEIR DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS...*

YOU AND CLAY ARE TO GO TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN CAHOGA CITY IMMEDIATELY, JACE! I KNOW YOU'VE HANDLED SOME ODD CASES, BUT THIS ONE TAKES THE PRIZE!

TWO SHERIFFS, BAINES OF CAHOGA COUNTY AND GIBBY OF MESA COUNTY, HAVE ASKED US FOR HELP IN INVESTIGATING A MAN NAMED WILL FIFE, SUSPECTED OF SMUGGLING AND MURDER!

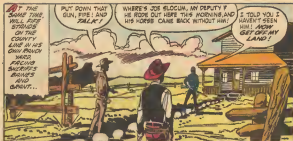
FIFE OWNS A RANCH ON THE LINE BETWEEN CAHOGA AND MESA COUNTIES! HE ELUDES THE SHERIFFS OF BOTH COUNTIES BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HIS LOCATION!

SO FAR, THEY HAVEN'T ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO ARREST HIM! HIS RANCH IS IN BACK COUNTRY, SO YOU'D BETTER TAKE YOUR HORSES!

WE'RE ON OUR WAY, CAPTAIN!

*A SHORT TIME LATER, JACE AND CLAY ARE HERDING SOUTH...*

WE MIGHT AS WELL PARK THE CAR IN CAHOGA CITY! I KNOW A SHORT CUT FROM THERE BY HORSEBACK!



**AT THE SAME TIME, WILL FIND STRINGS ON THE COUNTY LINE IN HIS OWN HANDS WERE FOUND SHERIFFS BONES AND GUN...**

PUT DOWN THAT GUN, FIFE! AND TALK!

WHERE'S JOE SLOCUM, MY DEPUTY? HE RODE OUT HERE THIS MORNING, AND HIS HORSE CAME BACK WITHOUT HIM!

I TOLD YOU I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM! NOW GET OFF MY LAND!

**THE DEPUTY SHERIFFS REPORT THESE FINDINGS...**



NO SIGN OF JOE, SHERIFF! BUT THERE'S DEER BLOOD ON THE GROUND NEAR THE PRISON COOP!

I FOUND BLOOD ON THE MESA SIDE OF THE COOP, TOO!

IT'S COYOTE BLOOD! I SHOT A COUPLE OF THEM SNEAKIN' UP ON MY EYES!



I'M TAKING YOU TO TOWN FOR QUESTIONING, FIFE!

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU, TOO!

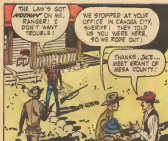


I CAN'T BE IN FIVE LOCKUPS! SO I AIN'T GOIN' TO EITHER. NOW GET OUT!



PUT DOWN THAT GUN, MISTER!!

RANGERS!!



THE LAW'S GOT  
AWAY! ON HIS,  
RANGER! I  
DON'T WANT  
TROUBLE!

WE STOPPED AT YOUR  
OFFICE IN CANOGA CITY,  
SHERIFF! THEY TOLD  
US YOU WERE HERE,  
SO WE ROSE OUT!

THANKS, JACE...  
MEET GRANT OF  
NEZA COUNTY!



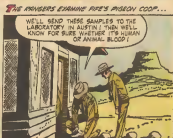
*THE SHERIFF TELLS JACE WHAT  
HAPPENED...*

SHERIFF GRANT AND I WERE  
WAITING FOR YOU WHEN MY  
DEPUTY'S HORSE CAME IN!



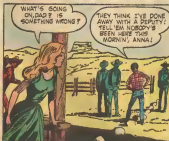
OUR BOYS FOUND BLOOD ON  
THE GROUND NEAR THE PIGEON  
COOP BACK OF THE HOUSE!  
FIFE SAYS IT'S COYOTE BLOOD!

YOU AND GRANT KEEP  
FIFE HERE WHILE  
CLAY AND I TAKE  
A LOOK!



*THE RANGERS EXAMINE FIFE'S PIGEON COOP...*

WE'LL SEND THESE SAMPLES TO THE  
LABORATORY IN AUSTIN! THEN WE'LL  
KNOW FOR SURE WHETHER IT'S HUMAN  
OR ANIMAL BLOOD!



WHAT'S GOING  
ON, DAD? IS  
SOMETHING WRONG?

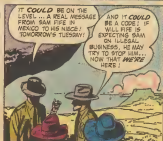
THEY THINK I'VE DONE  
AWAY WITH A DEPUTY!  
TELL 'EM NOBODY'S  
BEEN HERE THIS  
MORNIN', ANNA!



I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYONE EXCEPT  
THE REGULAR RANCH HANDS!

ANNA DON'T LIE! SHE'S  
BEEN WITH MY BROTHER  
SAM DOWN IN MEXICO...  
CAME UP TO  
VISIT ME!







YOU AND GRANT GO ON TO TOWN, RAINES! WE'LL FOLLOW SOON! COME ON, CLAY! WE MIGHT CATCH ANOTHER PIGEON!

WE'LL ORGANIZE THE posse TO HUNT FOR MY DEPUTY!



WHAT'S THE IDEA, JACE? WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

STAY OUT OF SIGHT OF FIRE'S RANCH BUILDINGS, AND WATCH FOR A PIGEON FLYING SOUTH TOWARD MEXICO!



WE'LL STOP HERE, CLAY! IF PIFE DOES SEND OUT A PIGEON TOWARD MEXICO, WE CAN BE PRETTY SURE HE'S WARNING HIS BROTHER!

YES... AND PRETTY SURE THE PIFE'S ARE USING THE PIGEONS TO CARRY MESSAGES WRITTEN IN THEIR OWN PRIVATE CODE!



*AT THAT SAME MOMENT...*

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM YOUR UNCLE! I'D BETTER SEND HIM A MESSAGE!

I'LL GET EMMYLOU! SHE'S THE FASTEST BIRD!



I'VE GOT TO HEAD SAM OFF TILL THOSE RANGERS CLEAR OUT! HE'S DUE TO COME UP SOON!



HERE'S EMMYLOU, DAD! WHAT DID YOU WRITE?

I ASKED HIM WHY HE HADN'T LET US KNOW WHEN HE WAS COMING UP HERE!

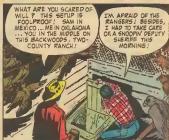






LATE THAT NIGHT, A JEEP TRUCK  
WITHOUT HEADLIGHTS DRIVES INTO  
WILL RIFE'S RANCH YARD...





**THE NEXT MORNING, IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT CHOSER CITY...**

THE BOYS STARTED OUT AGAIN AT SUNUP TO LOOK FOR MY DEPUTY, JOE BLOCCUM!

THAT SOIL FROM PIPE'S RANCH WILL BE IN AUSTIN TODAY! WE'LL SOON KNOW WHETHER IT CONTAINS HUMAN OR ANIMAL BLOOD!



SHERIFF! WE JUST FOUND JOE'S BODY IN A DITCH NEAR DEEP FORD!

THAT'S THIRTY MILES FROM PIPE'S RANCH!



**AT THAT MOMENT, THE PHONE CALL COMES FROM THE LABORATORY AT AUSTIN...**

IT WAS HUMAN BLOOD ALL RIGHT!



THAT CLINCHES IT! LET'S GO OUT AND GET PIPE!

NOT YET! WAIT TILL WE SEE WHAT HAPPENS TONIGHT! CLAY AND I'LL STAY NEAR THE HOUSE! YOU AND SHERIFF GRANT COVER THE ROAD ...OKAY?



**LATE THAT NIGHT...**

WE'VE BEEN WAITING HOURS JACK! HANNO PIPE'S BROTHER IS NOT COMING!

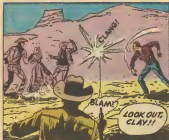
HE SAID HE'D BE HERE IN THAT MESSAGE TO ANNA!











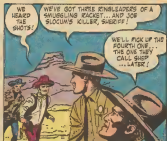
WE'RE ARRESTING ALL OF YOU FOR SHUSSLING! AND WE'RE CHARGING YOU WITH THE MURDER OF DEPUTY JOE SLOCUM, WILL YEE?

LOOK OUT, CLAY!!



I-I D-DIDN'T KNOW...

LET ANNA GO, KANSSES! SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY PART IN WHAT WAS GOING ON!



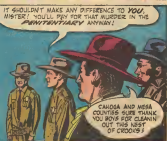
WE HEARD THE SHOTS!

WE'VE GOT THREE KINGSLAPERS OF A SHUSSLING RACKET... AND JOE SLOCUM'S KILLER, SHERIFF!

WE'LL PICK UP THE FOURTH ONE... THE ONE THEY CALL SHUP... LATER!



HAVE YOU DECIDED MAMMY COUNTY JAIL WE'RE GOIN' TO, KANSSES?



IT SHOULDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO YOU, MISTER! YOU'LL PRY FOR THAT MURDER IN THE PENITENTIARY ANYWAY!

CANDSA AND MESA COUNTESS SURE THANK YOU BOWS FOR CLEANIN' OUT THIS NEST OF CROOKS!



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of the **TEXAS RANGERS**

in *Escape*

I SORE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION, WARDEN! I THINK I'VE GOT ALL THE INFORMATION I NEED!

DON'T MENTION IT, JACE!



ONE EVENING AS RANGER JACE PEARSON VISITS WARDEN STEVENS AT STATE PENITENTIARY...

MY FILES ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO THE RANGERS!

**BAM!**  
**BAM!**



YOU BETTER COME GUICK, WARDEN! THREE OF THE PRISONERS ARE TRYING TO BREAK OUT AND THEY'RE ALL ARMED!



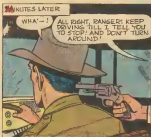
NEAR AS WE CAN FIGURE, NONE OF 'EM HAVE GONE OVER THE WALL YET!




THERE GOES ONE OF THEM! HALT!... HALT OR I'LL SHOOT!










YOU PLAYED IT GOOD, COPPER!  
NOW PULL OVER ON THAT SIDE  
ROAD AHEAD AND STOP!


AS JACE TURNS ONTO THE SIDE  
ROAD, HE SECRETLY TURNS  
ON HIS RADIO TRANSMITTER.



I HATE TO DO THIS, PAL, BUT  
IT'S TIME YOU TOOK A KID!



BEHOLD AN  
OTHER



NOW WE'RE GONNA MAKE A  
LITTLE TRADE — MY CLOTHES  
FOR YOURS!

AFTER A FEW MINUTES...



NOT EXACTLY A PERFECT  
FIT, BUT IT'S BETTER THAN  
WHAT I'VE BEEN WEARIN'!





LATER, AT THE DANKER STATION...



THAT PUTS IT ON A SIDE ROAD CLOSE TO THE SOUTHERN GULF RAILROAD LINE!

I'LL CALL THE PRISON! THEY CAN START A SEARCH ALONG THE TRACKS!

GOOD! CLAY AND I CAN RECOVER THE CAR AND MAYBE PICK UP SOME NEW LEADS!



BOOM

THIS IS THE SPOT, JACE! BUT I DON'T SEE THE CAR!

THAT'S STRANGE!



WAIT A MINUTE! THERE'S A REFLECTION COMING FROM THE BRUSH OVER THERE!



NO WONDER WE COULDN'T SEE IT!



LOOK HERE, JACE! FOOTPRINTS— AND THEY CAN'T BE MORE THAN A FEW HOURS OLD!









WAIT HERE, CLAY! I'LL TAKE A LOOK INSIDE!



I'LL BE A SITTING DUCK IF HE SEES ME FIRST! BUT I'VE GOT TO TAKE THAT CHANCE!



GAS! THAT MAKES THINGS WORSE THAN I EXPECTED!

ANGER  
GAS AREA



I CAN'T RISE USING MY GUN OR THE WHOLE PLACE IS LIABLE TO BLOW UP!



DROP YOUR GUN, RANGER, UNLESS YOU WANT A BULLET IN YOUR BACK!



DON'T BE A FOOL! THIS WHOLE SHAFT IS FULL OF GAS! ONE SHOT WOULD BE YOUR LAST!  
I HAVEN'T GOT AS MUCH TO LOSE AS YOU, COPPER! GET MOVIN' AND DON'T TRY ANYTHING!

NOW TELL YOUR PAL TO  
THROW DOWN HIS GUN!



AS JACE STEPS AROUND THE ORE CAR, HE  
KICKS AWAY THE BOARD HOLDING IT



AND THE CAR STARTS ROLLING  
DOWN THE TRACK INTO THE MINE



YOU'RE NOT GOING  
ANYPLACE JUST YET!

UGH!



AND IF I KNOW WARDEN STEVENS, HE'LL  
SEE TO IT THAT YOU STAY PUT FOR A LONG  
"SOME TO COME!"



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THE  
TEXAS  
RANGERS

## THE ACID TEST



As JACE PEARSON DRIVES ALONG THE PINNACLES HIGHWAY TOWARD COOPERSTOWN, A CAR ROARS OUT OF A SIDE ROAD DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF HIM ...

JACE SKIDS BACKWARD ONTO THE SHOULDER TO AVOID HITTING HIM.







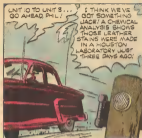


*AFTER JACK REPORTS TO Sheriff Johnson...*











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