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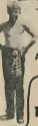


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There's that skinny weakling JOHN. Let's pass him by!



John still before



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ROCKY LANE'S

BLACK JACK

IN THE HAUNTED SHAFT



HELP! DON'T LEAVE ME! I CAN HEAR YOU UP THERE!

DON'T FIGHT HIM, BORG! DO WHAT HE WANTS US TO DO -- HAUL THAT RANNEY OUTA THE SHAFT!

THE HOARSE, WEAK READINGS FROM THE BLACKNESS OF THE SHAFT WERE IGNORED! TUCK GARNEY COULD EXPECT NO HELP FROM BORG TANNER AND TED DONLAN! BOTH WERE OUTLAWS... AND ONLY BLACKJACK WAS THERE TO KEEP THEM FROM ABANDONING GARNEY TO HIS FATE!

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ONE PLAYFUL COLT STARTED THE INCIDENT! BLACKJACK SAW HIM STRAYING FROM THE HIGH MESA AND FOLLOWED...



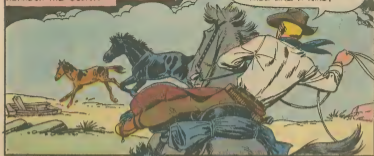
LOOK AT THAT HORSE RUN! IT'S BLACKJACK! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO GET A ROPE ON HIM!



BLACK JACK

BLACK JACK COULD OUTFRISK TICK GARNEY'S MOUNT ANY TIME -- BUT HE WOULDN'T ABANDON THE COLT...

I'VE GOT YOU, BABY! I'M GONNA SADDLE YUH AND RIDE LIKE A KING!



THE COLT WENT OVER! THIS OLD MINE IS PLENTY DEEP TOO!



BLACK JACK FORGOT THE DANGER OF THE MAN / HE TOO CAME BACK AND LOOKED DOWN...

RELAX, BLACK JACK, THE COLT'S ON A TIMBERED LEDGE A FEW FEET DOWN / I THINK I CAN BOOST HIM OUT!



THERE YOU ARE, BOY! A FEW MORE INCHES AND YOU'RE...



BLACK JACK

THE YOUNG RIDER GAVE ONE LAST HEAVE! THE COLT SCRAMBLED TO SAFETY BUT...



I DID IT THIS TIME! THERE'S NO ROPE OR LADDER! IT LOOKS BAD! BLACK JACK WON'T HANG AROUND LONG EITHER!



THE SUN WENT DOWN AND DAWN CAME TWICE... BUT BLACK JACK, ENDURING HUNGER AND THIRST, STAYED! ON THE THIRD DAY...



WE GOT NO TIME FOR GAMES, BORG! THAT POSSE'S ON OUR TRAIL!

THIS IS NO GAME, TED! WITH THAT HORSE UNDER ME, I CAN LOSE ANY SHERIFF OR BUNCH!



BLACK JACK SAW THEM APPROACH! HE COULD'VE ESCAPED EASILY... BUT HE STAYED AT THE SHANTY UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE...

MISSED! BUT I WON'T MISS NEXT... WHAT WAS THAT?

HEY! WHOEVER'S UP THERE, HELP! HELP ME OUT!





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BLACK JACK

SOMEONE'S DOWN THERE, TED! LOOK OUT, YOU FOOL!

GRAB ME, BORG!

DONLAN HEARDLY WENT INTO THE SHAFT TOO! BUT HE STOPPED ON THE REMAINS OF THE TIMBER THAT HAD BROKEN UNDER TUCK GARVEY...

WHEW... THAT WAS... HEY! LOOK, BORG! IT'S GOLD! GOLD!

YOU'RE RIGHT, IT'S A PURE GOLD NUGGET!

EVERYTHING ELSE WAS FORGOTTEN... THE MAN IN THE PIT, BLACK JACK NEARBY WATCHING. THE OUTLAW SCRABBLED AND DUG FRANTICALLY AT THE POCKET OF PURE GOLD...

THAT'S ALL THERE WAS, TED -- BUT WE'RE RICH!

YEAH, IT'S A FORTUNE! LET'S RIDE OUT, BORG!

HEY, UP THERE! HURRY UP! I'M GETTIN' WEAKER!

BLACKJACK HADN'T BOTHERED THEM, UNTIL THEY TRIED TO GET THEIR MOUNTS!

GET BACK! I'LL FIX YOU IF YOU DON'T!

BLACKJACK WOULDN'T LET THEM LEAVE! HE MEANT TO MAKE THEM RESCUE THE MAN IN THE SHAFT FIRST...



BLACK JACK

WHAT'LL WE DO, BORG? IF WE REACH FOR A GUN, THAT HORSE WILL JUMP US!

SHUT UP! I GOT A PLAN! DOWN BELOW! I'M DROPPIN' A ROPE TO YUH!



THAT HORSE IS SMARTER THAN A MAN! HE KNOWS I WANT HIM TUH HAUL THE RANNEY OUT! BUT AS SOON AS HE TRIES...



...THE BEAM'LL CUT THE ROPE! BUT BLACK-JACK WON'T PULL!



HE'LL KNOW ENOUGH NOT TO CUT THE ROPE! AN' HE'LL STAND THERE UNTIL HE CAN'T STAND UP ANY LONGER!



THE OUTLAWS RODE FAST AND FAR! THEY CAMPED A LONG WAY OFF THAT NIGHT! BUT NOT FAR ENOUGH...

A DEPUTY! YOU MUST'VE BEEN THE ONE IN THE SHAFT! HOW DID Y...

NEVER MIND, TANNER! YOU'RE BOTH UNDER ARREST, THANKS TO BLACK-JACK!



THEY WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT IF I TOLD THEM! YOU FIGURED A SAFE WAY TO HAUL ME OUT! GO, BLACK JACK, YOU HAVE A HERD TO PROTECT-- AND I'VE GOT A JOB TO DO! AND THANKS-- THANKS A LOT!



END

**ROCKY
LANE'S**

BLACK JACK

GET AWAY, YUH
BLACK... BEEAHY!
NOT IN THERE!

'POISON SPRING'

SHAG MORTON HAD BEEN
WARNED TWICE BY ROCKY
LANE... IF HE KEPT PUTTING
OUT POISONED MEAT FOR
WOLVES, AND TRYING TO
TRAP THE WILD HORSES,
HE'D BE PUNISHED.
NEITHER SHAG NOR MAR-
SHAL LANE KNEW HOW
FITTING HIS PUNISHMENT
WOULD BE...

W. WATSON

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AN INNOCENT LOOKING CHUNK OF MEAT STARTED SHAG MORTON'S DOWNFALL! A CHUNK OF MEAT AND A DEAD WOLF...

SEE, BLACKJACK? MORE OF MORTON'S NASTY TRICKS! THIS POISONED MEAT KILLED THE WOLF...

... BUT IT'LL KILL DOGS TOO! AND HE SHOOTS AT THE WILD HORSE HERD! YOU'D KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT! YOU RUN WITH THE MUSTANGS WHEN I LET YOU RUN FREE!

BLACKJACK

THE MARSHAL WAS LOOKING FOR MORTON... AND FOUND HIM EASILY ENOUGH...

'AEEYAAH!!' HE GOT AWAY, MORTON!

'YUH MEDDUN' IDIOT! THAT MESSING WURED AWAY TWO OF MY STOCK!'



KEEP 'EM PENNED UP AND TREAT 'EM RIGHT, MORTON! THEY WON'T RUN AWAY!

'YAH! BABY 'EM LIKE YUH DO THAT BLACK O' YOURS!'



I SEEN HIM RUNNING WITH THE WILD ONES TOO! I'LL GET HIM IF I CAN!



IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO BLACKJACK, MORTON, I'LL HUNT YOU DOWN!

ALL RIGHT, LEAVE GO!



I'LL FIX YOU! I'LL... OOOFF!



BLACK JACK

I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BLACK JACK! HE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF AND YOU TOO, MORTON! REMEMBER, NO MORE POISONED MEAT!



BUT AS ROCKY LANE RODE AWAY...

I'D LIKE TO GET HIM UP ON OAK SPRINGS WHEN HE'S WITH THE WILD HERO! I WILL! I KNOW HOW!



MORTON'S SHACK WAS FILLED WITH EVIL LIQUIDS OF ALL KINDS! HE FOUND THE TYPE HE WANTED...

LANE WON'T BE ABLE TO PROVE A THING! HE'LL FEEL PLENTY BAD WHEN BLACK JACK DOESN'T COME BACK... AND BLACK JACK'LL FEEL WORSE!



THE WILD HORSES LOVE IT HERE! THEY WON'T AFTER TODAY!



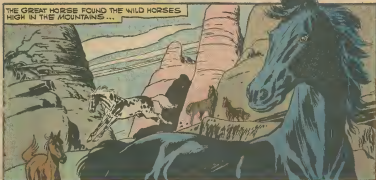
MEANWHILE, AT THE CORRAL ON THE EDGE OF TOWN...

I KNOW, BLACK JACK! YOU WANT TO RAMBLE A FEW DAYS! GO AHEAD -- BUT DON'T STAY TOO LONG!



BLACK JACK

THE GREAT HORSE FOUND THE WILD HORSES
HIGH IN THE MOUNTAINS ...



HE TURNED TOWARD THE
SPOT WHERE HE WAS MOST
AT HOME ...



...THE CLEAR SPRINGS HE
ALWAYS VISITED ...



THIS'LL SQUARE THINGS UP,
YUH BLACK WIP, GO
ON--DRINK DEEP.



BUT THOUGH THE POISON USED WAS
ODORLESS AND TASTELESS, BLACKJACK
DID NOT QUENCH HIS THIRST, HE
SENSED SOMETHING EVIL ...

THERE'S NO WAY
HE CAN TELL,
I'M SURE HE'LL
DRINK.



GET AWAY,
SCAT, YUH
DEVIL.



BLACK JACK

MORTON TRIED TO DODGE TO ONE SIDE ... BUT BLACK JACK BLOCKED HIM! HE TRIED TO RUN THE OTHER WAY AND BLACK JACK BLOCKED THAT TOO ...



WHAT ARE YOU UP TO? LET ME GO, YUH HEAR? I'LL USE MY RIFLE!

HE RAISED HIS RIFLE TO FIRE ... AND BLACK JACK SPRANG ...



NO, IT'S POS ...



HE'S KEEPING ME PRISONER HERE! I HOPE LANE COMES SOON!



ROCKY LANE RODE OUT LATER THAT AFTERNOON / HE ARRESTED MORTON AND GAVE BLACK JACK A MUCH DESERVED REWARD -- CLEAN, PURE, WATER ...

NICE GOIN', BLACK JACK! THIS SECTION OF THE RANGE WILL BE A LOT BETTER WITH SHAG MORTON IN JAIL! DRINK UP, PARD!



THE WATER WAS SHALLOW ... MORTON WASN'T HARMED ... BUT HE COULDN'T GET OUT -- AND BLACK JACK KEPT THE OTHER ANIMALS AWAY ...

END

ROCKY
LANE'S

BLACK JACK

IN **OUTLAW**

RIDE THE
OUTLAW
WIN
\$500

LOOK OUT, WARREN!
YOUR HORSE HATES
YUH WORSE THAN
ANY OF US!

SHUT UP
AN' HOLD
THEM ROPES!
I'LL TEACH
HIM WHO'S
BOSS!

IT WAS EASY TO BELIEVE THE BLACK STALLION WAS AN OUTLAW, WHEN THE MAN WHO CLAIMED TO OWN HIM CAME NEAR. HIS EYES FLAMED RED AND HIS TEETH REACHED OUT FOR HIS TORMENTOR. AND BLACKJACK HAD TO STAY... HE COULDN'T LEAVE THE LIMPING MARE THAT HAD BEEN CAPTURED WITH HIM.



ROCKY LANE'S MAGNIFICENT HORSE WAS ONE OF A DOZEN OTHERS GRAZING NEAR THE CHUCKWAGON! STORM CLOUDS ROLLED IN AND LIGHTNING FLICKERED IN THE SOUTH...

THE CATTLE FELT THE TENSION BUILD... THEY WERE JITTERY, READY TO RUN...



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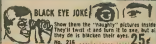


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BLACK JACK

THEN THE BERRY CALM WAS SHATTERED WITH AN EARSPLITTING ROAR! THE LIGHTNING STRUCK AND THE CATTLE STAMPEDED...



STAMPEDE! THEY'RE HEADING FOR THE HORSE REMUDA!

CRACK!



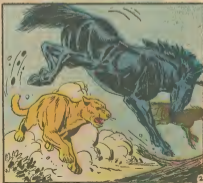
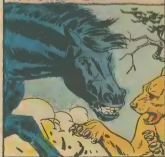
BLACK JACK COULD EASILY OUTDISTANCE THE HURLING CATTLE... BUT A SORREL MARE NEEDED HELP...



THE STORM PASSED AND THE STAMPEDE WAS FAR BEHIND. BLACK JACK REFUSED TO ABANDON THE MARE...

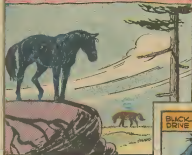


THERE WERE OTHER DANGERS IN THE HIGH DESERT. MOUNTAIN LIONS LOOKING FOR PREY...



BLACK JACK

THE MARE'S FORELEG WAS BADLY SPRAINED! BLACK JACK STAYED CLOSE WHILE THE MARE GRAZED AND FAVORED IT...



HEY, LOOK AT THAT MUSTANG! HE'D BE WORTH A COUPLE OF HUNDRED DOLLARS!

YEAH -- BUT CATCHIN' HIM WON'T BE EASY!



BLACK JACK SENSED THEIR DANGER ... HE TRIED TO DRIVE THE MARE TO SAFETY, BUT...



GET A ROPE ON THE BLACK, BILL! HURRY UP, HE'S A MEAN ONE!

THERE'S TWO OF THEM! THE BLACK SEEM TUM BE LOOKIN' OUT FOR THE SORREL MARE! AN' THAT'S ALL THE ADVANTAGE I NEED!



THEN BLACK JACK FELT THE ROPE ON HIS NECK ... AND HE WAS CAUGHT! SHARK WARDEN HAD WON -- HE THOUGHT...



STEADY, BOY! I'LL BREAK YUH IF ...



I'LL GENTLE YUH! YUH'D FIGHT ME, WOULDN'T YUH?

BLACKJACK

WARREN DISCOVERED HOW TO CHASTISE BLACKJACK... HE DID IT BY ACCIDENT WHEN HE THREATENED THE MARE...

HEY! THAT SHAKES YUH UP DOESN'T IT, YUH BLACK DEVIL! THATS HOW I CAN TAME YOU!



KNOW I KNOW! YUH'LL STAY PEACEFUL AS LONG AS I HOLD ONTO THE MARE, WERE RIDING INTO TOWN!



THEY ALL TRIED... BUT BLACKJACK REFUSED TO BE RIDDEN...



WARREN KNEW A WILD WEST SHOW OWNER, HE HAD NO TROUBLE SELLING HIS ACT TO HIM...

ALL RIGHT, WARREN, YUH GOT THE JOB-- BUT IT'S YOUR FINE HUNDRED BEIN' PUT UP FOR ANYONE WHO RIDES HIM.

I'M NOT WORRIED, NO ONE WILL RIDE THE OUTLAW.



I MADE A SIDE BET ON THAT ONE! THIS IS A SWEET RACKET!



THEN A NEW RIDER SAW THE HORSE... AND LEARNED HOW WARREN HAD USED THE HORSE TO SWINDLE EVERYONE...

THAT'S RIGHT, FIVE HUNDRED IF YUH CAN RIDE 'EM!

I OIN TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS FOR TRYING-- AND YOU CHARGE AD-MISSION TOO? I'LL TRY IT... AND I'LL MAKE A SIDE BET BESIDES!



BLACK JACK

COME ON -- YOU WON
PLENTY FROM OTHERS
WHO TRIED TO RIDE
THE HORSE.

YOU'RE TOO
ANXIOUS -- BUT
YOU GOT A BET!
NO ONE CAN RIDE
THAT HORSE.



THE WORD SPREAD FAST... ANOTHER CHUMP
WAS GOING TO TRY TO RIDE THE OUTLAW...

GO AHEAD,
CLIMB ON!

I DON'T HAVE
TO -- COME
HERE, BLACK-
JACK!



WARREN WATCHED, DUMBFOUNDED, AS
BLACKJACK CAME TO HIS MASTER AND
KNELT; ROCKY CALMLY STEPPED INTO
THE SADDLE...

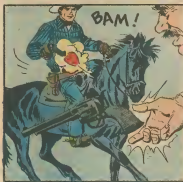
HE FLEECED
US, BILL!
GET HIM!



THAT BLACK DEVIL
IS... AAAHHH!

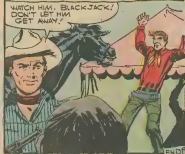


BAM!



THAT ENDED BLACKJACK'S CAREER AS A
CARNIVAL OUTLAW, AND IT ENDED SHARK
WARREN'S CRIME CAREER...

WATCH HIM, BLACKJACK!
DON'T LET HIM
GET AWAY!



END!

THE MAIL GETS THROUGH

The mail is delivered to your house by the post man. Or perhaps you call him the letter carrier. When he brings you good news, you smile. When you get too many bills in your mail box, you probably scowl. The letter carrier generally has few dangers to face in his daily route. He has to be careful when he crosses the street. A careless auto driver may skip a red light. But his greatest danger consists of unfriendly dogs. They want to take a bite out of him.

Turn back the clocks of time for almost a century and you will find yourself in the days of the Pony Express. Rain or shine, night or day, Indians or no Indians, the pony rider was able to put the mails through. For more than six months, from April 3, 1860 to October 24, 1860, the pony riders kept the fast mail service in operation between St. Joseph and Sacramento. It only ended on the latter date when the transcontinental telegraph line was completed by the linking of the wires at Salt Lake City, Utah.

There has been much discussion as to who rode the first horse out of St. Joseph at the opening of the Pony Express. Many claimed the rider was John Frye. But as the years went by, the discussions became very heated over the topic. Unfortunately, there were no accurate records kept as to who really mounted that horse and went West with the precious letters.

J. H. Keetley was one of the early Pony Express Riders, and in 1907, Mr. Hustan Wyeth one of Missouri's leading citizens wrote a letter to Keetley and asked who made the first ride. What you are now going to read is the answer to that letter.

Salt Lake City,
Utah,
August 21, 1907

Mr. Huston Wyeth,
St. Joseph, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 17th inst. received, and in reply

BLACK JACK

will say that Alex Corlyle was the first man to ride the Pony Express out of St. Joe. He was a nephew of the superintendent of the stage line to Denver, called the "Pike's Peak Express." The Superintendent's name was Ben Fickland. Corlyle was consumptive and could not stand the hardships, and retired after about two months trial, and died within about six months after retiring. John Frye was the second rider, and I was the third, and Gus Cliff was the fourth.

I made the longest ride without a stop, only to change horses. It was said to be 300 miles, and was done a few minutes inside of twenty-four hours. I do not vouch for the distance being correct as I only have it from the division superintendent, A. E. Lewis. He said that the distance given was taken by his English roadometer which was attached to the front wheel of his buggy with which he used to travel over his division which was from St. Joe to Fort Kearney.

The ride was made from Big Sandy to Ellwood, opposite St. Joe, carrying the eastgoing mail, and returning with the westbound mail to Seneca without a stop, not taking time to eat but eating my lunch as I rode. No one else came within sixty miles of equaling this ride and their time was much slower.

The Pony Express, if I remember correctly, started at 4 o'clock p.m., April 16, 1860, with Alex Corlyle riding a nice brown mare. And the people came near taking all the hair out of the poor beast's tail as souvenirs. His ride was to Guittard's, 125 miles from St. Joe. He rode this once a week. The mail started as a weekly delivery, and then was increased to semi-weekly inside of two months.

The horses, or relays, were supposed to be placed only ten miles apart, and traveled a little faster than ten miles per hour so as to allow time to change. But this could not always be done as it was difficult then in the early settlement of the country to find places where

one could get feed and shelter for man and beast. And sometimes horses had to go twenty-five to thirty miles. But in such cases there were more horses placed at such stations to do the work. They did not go as often as the horses on the shorter runs.

At the start the men rode from 100 to 125 miles, but after the semi-weekly, when it started, they rode about 75 or 80 miles. My ride and those of the other boys out of St. Joe was 125 miles to Giltard's. But later we only rode to Seneca, eighty miles. The first pony started from the one-story brick express office on the east side of Third Street between Felix and Edmond streets. But the office was afterwards moved to the Patee House.

At 7 o'clock a.m., we were ordered from the stables two blocks east of the Patee House by the firing of a cannon in front of the Patee House. This was the signal for the ferry boat to come from Ellwood and to lie in waiting at the landing until our arrival.

We rode to the office and put on the mail which consisted of four small leather sacks, six by twelve inches, fastened on to a square macehier which was put over the saddle. The sacks were locked with little brass locks much like one sees today on dog collars. And the sacks were sewed to the macehier, one in front and one behind each leg of the rider.

When the mail was put on, and the rider mounted on his race horse, which was always used out of St. Joe to the Troy Station, nine miles from Ellwood, he bounded out of the office door. And down the hill at full speed when the cannon was fired again to let the boat know that the pony had started. It was then that all St. Joe, great and small, were on the sidewalks to see the pony go by. Particularly so on the route that they knew the pony was sure to take. We always rode out of town with silver mounted trappings decorating both man and horse. And regular uniforms with plated horn, pistol, scabbard, and belt and gay flower-worked leggings and plated jingly spurs resembling for all the world, a fantastic circus rider.

This was all changed, however, as soon as we got on to the boat. We had a room in which to change and to leave the trappings until our return. If we returned in the night, a skiff or yawl was always ready and a man was there to row us across the river. And to put the horse in a little stable on the bank opposite St. Joe.

Each rider had a key to the stable. The next day we would go to the boat, cross the river, bring our regular horse and trappings across to St. Joe side. We stayed in St. Joe about three days and in Seneca about the same length of time. But this depended pretty much on the time that we received the mail from

the West.

The Pony Express was never started with a view to making it a paying investment. It was a put-up job to change the then Overland mail route which was running through Arizona on the southern route, to run by way of Denver and Salt Lake City, where Ben Holladay had a stage running tri-weekly to Denver and weekly to Salt Lake. The object of the Pony Express was to show the authorities at Washington that the shortest route to Sacramento was by way of Denver and Salt Lake.

I will add that the letters were all wrapped in oil silk to keep the mail dry in case the pony had to swim. And the regular charge was \$5.00 a half ounce.

Yours truly,
J. H. Keetley.

Of course there were many dangers that had to be faced by these fearless men who carried the mail. Short items in the newspapers of the 1860's would tell the story, such as: "The pony expressman has just returned from Cold Springs driven back by the Indians." Or, "The men at Dry Creek have all been killed and it is thought the Robert's Creek Station has been destroyed. Eight animals were stolen from Cold Springs Monday."

One vivid description of a pony rider in action comes to us from a young man who was riding the Overland Stage from Missouri to Nevada. "The pony rider was usually a little bit of a man, brimful of spirit and endurance. No matter what time of night or day his watch came on, and no matter whether it was winter or summer, raining, snowing, hailing or sleeting. Or whether his 'beat' was a level, straight road or a 'crazy trail over mountain crags and precipices. Or whether it led through peaceful regions or regions that swarmed with hostile Indians. He must always be ready to leap into the saddle and be off like the wind!

There was no idling time for a pony rider on duty. He rode fifty miles. He rode a splendid horse that was born for a racer and fed and lodged like a gentleman. Kept him at his utmost speed for ten miles and then he come crashing up to the station where stood two men holding a fast, impatient steed. The transfer of rider and mail bag was made in the twinkling of an eye. And away flew the eager pair and were out of sight before the spectator could get hardly a ghost of a look."

But so long as the memory of the Old West lives, there will always be the resounding hoofs of the fast horse pounding across the plains. In back are mounted Indians. But the pony express rider is pushing his faithful steed to the utmost. And the mails will get through!

— THE END —

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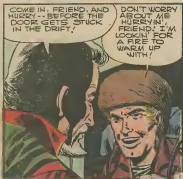
...AND FOR SENDING US NED BEASELY AND HIS HUNTING SKILL IN OUR HOUR OF NEED WE THANK THEE, OH, LORD!

AMEN!



WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT DO YOU WANT?

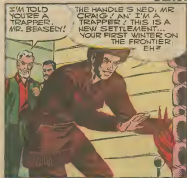
I'M A TRAPPER AND IN NEED OF SHELTER!



COME IN, FRIEND, AND HURRY -- BEFORE THE DOOR GETS STUCK IN THE DRIFT!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME HURRYIN', FRIEND! I'M LOOKIN' FOR A FIRE TO WARM UP WITH!

BLACK JACK

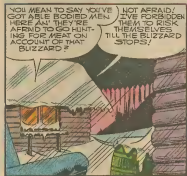


I'M TOLD YOU'RE A TRAPPER, MR. BEASELY!

THE HANDLE'S NED, MR. CRAIG, AN' I'M A TRAPPER. THIS IS A NEW SETTLEMENT... YOUR FIRST WINTER ON THE FRONTIER, EH?



YES, AND I'M AFRAID WE CAN ONLY OFFER SHELTER, THE LAST OF OUR FOOD IS GONE AND I'VE NOT ALLOWED THE MEN TO GO HUNTING IN THIS BLIZZARD!



YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU'VE GOT ABLE BODIED MEN HERE AN' THEY'RE AFRAID TO GO HUNTING FOR MEAT ON ACCOUNT OF THAT BLIZZARD?

NOT AFRAID! I'VE FORBIDDEN THEM TO RISK THEMSELVES TILL THE BLIZZARD STOPS!



IT COULD LAST FOR WEEKS, AN' BY THEN ALL THE GAME WILL BE HOLED UP, YOU TRYIN' TO STARVE THIS SETTLEMENT, MISTER?



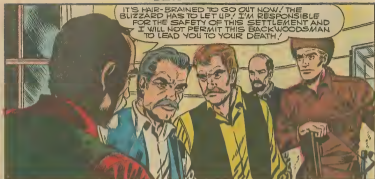
WHAT ARE YOU GOIN' TO DO?

I'M GOIN' TO ARRANGE A HUNTING PARTY SO THIS SETTLEMENT GETS SOME FOOD!



YOU'RE A GUEST HERE, BEASELY! DON'T ABUSE THE PRIVILEGE BY UNDERMINING MY AUTHORITY!

BLACK JACK



I RECKON IT'S UP TO ME TO WET NURSE YOU THROUGH THIS / BUT I'M DOIN' IT ONLY FOR THE WOMEN AND KIDS / THEY CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES!

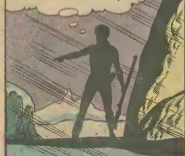


DON'T THINK TOO HARSH OF US-- MR. CRAG IS A GOOD MAN WHO'S HELPED US A LOT / WE CAN'T TURN ON HIM NOW, NED!

GOOD ISN'T ENOUGH OUT HERE / YOU NEED HARDNESS AND FRONTIER KNOW-HOW, IF YOU'RE NOT TO STARVE!



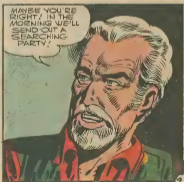
THAT CLUMP LOOKS IT MIGHT BE SHIELDIN' A BUCK / RECKON I'LL TAKE A LOOK-SEE!



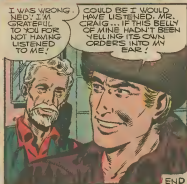
HMM... HE'S A RIGHT BIG ONE!



BLACK JACK



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ROCKY
LANE'S

BLACK JACK

IV - KILLER STALLION



LOOK OUT, BOB!
THAT MEAN DEVIL'S
OUT TUH FINISH
US!

THEY TRIED TUH TELL
ME BLACKJACK WAS
A GOOD HORSE!
HE'S NOT... HE'S
A KILLER!

THE WICKED SNAKE-
LIKE HEAD OF THE
HUGE STALLION FLASH-
ED AT TERRIFIED
MEN! THE POWERFUL
LEGS PULVERIZED
CORRALS AND FENCES!
HE WAS A KILLER, MEN
SAID, AS THEY HUNTED
HIM DOWN! AND THERE
WAS EVIDENCE TO
PROVE IT... BUT WAS
THE KILLER REALLY
BLACKJACK?

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WAS BOB ADAMS RIGHT? BLACKJACK
DIDN'T LOOK EVIL AT THAT MOMENT...



BUT THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT A MEAN,
VICIOUS HORSE WAS LOOSE! EVIDENCE
WAS EVERYWHERE IN THE VALLEY...

WHAT OTHER HORSE COULD
DO IT, SHERIFF? THE
BRUTE KICKED MY DOORS
OFF, THEN DROVE OFF
ALL THE STOCK I HAD!
I'LL GET HIM!

SLOW DOWN,
HANK! LET
ME INVESTI-
GATE!



BLACK JACK

THE SHERIFF KNEW BLACKJACK'S RANGE,
HE RODE NORTH... AND FOUND IT EMPTY!
BLACKJACK WAS BUSY ELSEWHERE...

KEEP 'EM OFF, BLACKJACK! HE
BIT MY HOSS AND
CHASED 'IM!



THE STRANGE STALLION HAD BEEN ABUSED
BY MEN ONCE... AND HIS BRAIN WAS
FILLED WITH HATE FOR ALL MANKIND...



HERE'S PROOF I DIDN'T EXPECT! THAT
LINE CABIN'S KICKED APART
AND BLACKJACK'S
STILL AT IT!



TOO BAD, BOY! I THOUGHT YOU WERE A
GREAT HORSE! YOU'LL HAVE TO
BE CAGED LIKE A MAD WOLF!



STAND STILL, BLAST YOU! IF THE
OTHERS CATCH YOU, THEY'LL
TREAT YOU WORSE...
MISSED!



BLACKJACK

THE WICKED BLACK AND WHITE STALLION WASN'T FAR AWAY! BLACKJACK FOUND HIM AND BEGAN DRIVING HIM RELENTLESSLY!



THE ENRAGED STALLION FOUND MEN AND THEIR POSSESSIONS ALL AROUND! HE WENT ON A RAMPAGE ...

NO, DON'T, YUH
BLACK...AAHH!



LOOK OUT! HERE
COMES THAT MAD
KILLER!



NOTHING COULD STOP THE
HUGE STALLION! HE SEEMED
DETERMINED TO DESTROY!

HE CAN'T
GET TO
US!

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'IM DOWN! HIS
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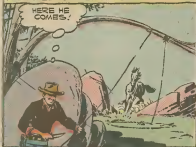
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BLACKJACK

THE SHERIFF HAD HUNTED BAD BRONCS BEFORE! HE SET ONE TRAP AND STATIONED A MAN NEAR IT--A MAN WHO HATED BLACKJACK AND HOPED TO FINISH HIM OFF...

HERE HE COMES!



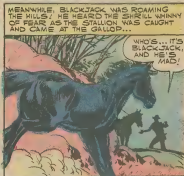
IT'S NOT BLACKJACK-- BUT HE'S THE ONE WE WANT, I'LL BET! GOT HIM!



GOTCHA! NOW I'LL TAME YUH GOOD!



MEANWHILE, BLACKJACK WAS ROAMING THE HILLS! HE HEARD THE SHRILL WHINNY OF FEAR AS THE STALLION WAS CAUGHT AND CAME AT THE GALLOP...



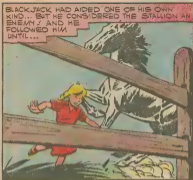
WHO'S... IT'S BLACKJACK, AND HE'S MAD!

I'M GITTIN' WHILE I CAN STILL GIT!



BLACKJACK

BLACKJACK HAD AIDED ONE OF HIS OWN KIND... BUT HE CONSIDERED THE STALLION AN ENEMY! AND HE FOLLOWED HIM UNTIL...



THE STALLION KICKED AND SMASHED AT RANDOM... BUT THE LITTLE GIRL IN THE CORRAL THOUGHT HE WAS AFTER HER...



GET SOME MORE LARIATS ON THE OUTLAW! BLACKJACK MIGHT GET TIRED OF DOIN' OUR JOBS FOR US!



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