

By PETE HOFFMAN

JEFF COBB

CAN'T YOU PICTURE KNUCKLES EXPLAINING HOW A "DEAD" MAN ORDERED HIM TO SHOOT TABNER?

I CAN ALSO PICTURE HIS SHARE OF THE PAYROLL LOOT, GILL!

WE'LL GO GET IT ALL, MILLIE... RIGHT AFTER I CALL THE COPS!

BETTER HURRY! TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR MR. T.

50 SECONDS... 45 SECONDS... UH-H...

AS THE CAR, DRIVEN BY MILLIE BARKER, STOPS BESIDE A PHONE BOOTH...

MAKE YOUR CALL, GILL!... WE'VE GOT A PAYROLL TO GET!

...THE COUNTDOWN CONTINUES ON FLIP TABNER'S LIFE...

...40 SECONDS... 35 SECONDS...

THEN, SUDDENLY, THE EX-REPORTER'S EYES FOCUS ON A FAMILIAR SIGHT.

...30 SECONDS... 25... UH, TABNER, I'VE GOT ENOUGH TROUBLE COUNTING BACKWARDS WITHOUT THAT NOISE!

FER GOSH SAKES!... WHAT'S BLAGGIN' YOU?

O-C-C-CAN'T WE HAVE JUST ONE FEAT. DINNER TOGETHER, KNUCKLES?

BUT I DON'T TOUCH THE STUFF!

YOU WOULDN'T REFUSE A CONDEMNED MAN'S... GILL... LAST REQUEST, WOULD YOU?

RED RYDER

By Fred Harman

NEW! WE GOT A COUPLE OF KILLERS TIED UP IN A WAGON OUTSIDE! THIS IS MISS SUMMERS. SHE'LL TESTIFY AGAINST 'EM!

WHAT'S ALL THIS?

AFTER RED AND HIS STOKK... YOU HAD A SCOUT THE DAYN! BUT I'LL STAY IN TOWN AND BE A WITNESS!

I NEVER WANT TO LOOK AT THEM AGAIN! BUT I'LL STAY IN TOWN AND BE A WITNESS!

RED: I'LL GONNA MAKE THOSE FELLEES TALK! MAYBE WE'LL CLEAR UP SOME OTHER CRIMES! COME BACK TO MEER AND WE'LL DRAW UP THE CHARGES AGAINST 'EM!

OKAY, NEWT! I'LL BE HERE IN TH' MORNIN'!

FRANK AN JOE TALKED CLIBTY? THEY HAD TWO PINE TREES IN THAT TRAIL ROBBERY... A BLOOD FELLER NAMED WHITEY AN' A LONG, TALL ONE CALLED STOKK CRANE!

WHERE WERE THEY?

FRANK AN JOE ARE SO SCARED THEY'RE SPILLIN' TH' TRUTH! TH' OTHER TWO SPLIT OFF AFTER THEY KILLED TH' OTHERS AGESIT!

WELL, THEY'LL GO SET 'EM!

NOT SO FAST! OUR TWO DON'T KNOW WHERE TH' CABIN IS, BEPT IT'S SOMEWHERE NEAR A TRADING POST! COULD BE COYOTE WELLS, OR TH' RED CLIFF POST!

WE CAN CHECK 'EM BOTH!

WE CAN'T LOSE ANY TIME FINDIN' THAT CABIN! WHITEY AN' STOKK MIGHT GET SPOOKY AN' RUN OUT, WHEN THEY HEAR YOU CAUGHT FRANK AN JOE!

NOW, I'LL TAKE A POSSE AN' GO TO TH' COYOTE WELLS TRADING POST! YOU GO TO RED CLIFF AN' TALK TO TRADER, MAC, 'CAUSE HE'S HEARD SOMETHIN' ABOUT TWO STRANGERS IN TH' AREA!

WELL, LITTLE BEAVER, HERE WE GO AGAIN! DON'T EVEN GET THE FEEL OF OUR BREATH! WE'LL GET FRESH SUPPLIES AT TH' RANCH, AN' START IN TH' MORNIN'!

FRANK AN JOE, KILLERS AND TRAIL ROBBERZ ARE NINE AT KINROSS' AND WOODS' PARTNERS, WHITEY AN' STOKK CRANE, ARE STILL FREE! RED AND LITTLE BEAVER START FOR THE TRADING POST IN RED CLIFF TO TRY TO PICK UP A TRAIL!

MEANWHILE, IN A LOVELY CABIN NOT FAR FROM THE RED CLIFF TRADING POST...

STOKK, WE AIN'T HEARD FROM JOE AN' FRANK! MAYBE WE OUGHTA HIGHTAIL IT OUTA HERE 'UP THE MOUNTAIN! THEY'LL GET 'EM, THEIR NECKS, AN' THEY GOT A GENERAL IDEA WHERE WE'RE AT!

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, WHITEY... BUT WE NEED GUN AN' AMMUNITION! WE'LL HIT TH' TRADING POST LATE TONIGHT, TAKE WHAT WE NEED, AN' HULL OUT TONROW! THAT OL' TRADER'LL BE EASY 'N HANDLE IF WE CATCH HIM ALONE!

LATE THAT NIGHT...

WE'RE IN LUCK! THERE AIN'T NOBODY HERE! NOW WE DON'T HAVE TO SNOOK THE BOY IN THE HEAD!

RED CLIFF TRADING POST

OKAY, PUT YOUR SHOULDER TO TH' DOOR! NOBODY'S HERE! WE'VE STAY IN TH' CABIN, HE'LL JUST FIGURE SOME INDIAN BUSTED IN WHILE HE WAS AWAY!

THIS LOCK WOULDN'T STOP A FIVE-YEAR-OLD KID!

HANG A BLANKET OVER TH' WINDOW, THEN FILL A BAG WITH FEW BOXES OF #4 CARTRIDGES!

OKAY!

WELL, WELL! I NEED A NEW STETSON! THAT WHITE ONE LOOKS GOOD... AN' IT'S FREE!

JUST MY SIZE! I'LL PLAY FAIR AN' LEAVE MY OLD ONE IN EXCHANGE!

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