

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

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I WOULD HAVE PAID YOUR NOTE, HEEVER-- BUT FAST AS MY THOROUGHBREDS ARE READY FOR MARKET, THEY'RE STOLEN AND MONGREL LONG-HORNS ARE LEFT IN THEIR PLACE

GRRUMP! A LIKELY STORY, JINX WEST! I LENT YE TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, 'CAUSE YER RANCHES ARE GOOD--NOT 'CAUSE YERE TRYIN' 'T RAISE FANCY STOCK! I WANT MY MONEY OR I'M FORECLOSIN'-- G'NIGHT!

KING, I CAN'T RAISE TEN THOUSAND ON THOSE SCRAWNY LONG-HORNS!

AND UNLESS WE CATCH THE RUSTLER RED-HANDED--IT MAY BE HARD TO PROVE YOU EVER HAD A VALUABLE HERD!

GOOD GRIEF! I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!

KID, YOU RIDE HOME WITH JINX--I'M GOING TO KEEP AN EYE ON HEEVER PAGE!

HMM--HE'S STOPPING HIS TEAM IN THAT CLUMP OF TREES--

--AND TAKING SOMETHING OUT OF HIS WAGON! LOOKS LIKE A--WELL, I'LL BE--!

GRRUMP! LET'S SEE-- M, TWO DASHES; O, TWO DOTS; U, TWO DOTS AND A DASH--

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