

# Only the Brave

By PAUL EVAN LEHMAN

Chapter 13  
As Jeff pushed back his chair he heard a knock on the kitchen door. "Who is it?" "John Stover."

He opened the door and the town marshal came in. "Gleason not home?"

Jeff explained that Glenn hadn't returned from Briscoe. "Come in and have some supper," he invited.

"Thanks; I might at that," Stover entered and sat down at the place Jeff had fixed for Glenn.

They ate in silence, then Stover spoke.

"I been lookin' for Gleason the best part of the week. Never seem to find him home. There's a couple points I got to get straight about that Tucson shootin'."

"What points?"

"Well, Sam's position, for one. Seems kinda funny that Bud Snyder should find powder marks around the wound."

"I can explain that, I heard about the powder marks and asked Glenn about it. Sam wasn't in the door way; he'd just got a gun from that table by the bunk and handed it to Glenn. He took a step or two towards the door and Glenn could see him against the light outside. It was dark in the cabin, and it looked as though Sam was standing in the doorway, but in reality he was only five or six feet from the window. Slugs probably just pushed him through the pane and let him have it. That way the muzzle of the gun wouldn't be much more than two feet from Sam's head."

"And right close to Gleason's?"

"It was. He said it was."

"Hm-m. Might be the way you see it."

"Anything else?"

"Yes. The gold. It disappeared and Gleason was alone with Sam while the others ran up on the bench. And Gleason knew Sam had it, for he played poker with him nearly every night."

"This was news to Jeff, but he hid his surprise. 'At the cabin?'"

"No. At Mike Pacheco's place across the street. Played a right stiff game, too. One of the boys that sat in with him said Gleason musta dropped six or seven hundred dollars in a couple nights."

Jeff mentally stiffened. There was nothing to say to this except to deny it, and that would be foolish without first talking with Glenn. But he was sure the one who told Stover this must have exaggerated. Glenn didn't have six or seven hundred dollars to lose to begin with. Unless...

He felt a slow anger kindle within him. If Glenn had lied to him, he had gambled away the money Jeff had worked so hard to provide him with—

The marshal went on. "But that ain't all that's puzzlin' me." He shoved a knife of beans into his mouth, chewed energetically, then washed them down with a swallow of coffee. "Gleason emptied his slug through the window at Slug, accordin' to his story. Now there were five live cartridges in that gun. The fella seen him punch 'em out while he told them the story, and he borrowed five fresh ones to reload it with. That means he fired five shots. But if Slug shot Sam, he musta fired a shot, too. That makes six shots in all. Of all the fella that that heard those shots, only one of 'em had sense enough to count 'em. And he only counted five."

"Meaning just what?"

"Well, if only five shots were fired, and Glenn fired all of them, Slug didn't shoot Sam."

"Which is the same as saying that Glenn did." Cold anger stirred in Jeff, but he spoke calmly enough. "The fellow was mistaken; one of those cartridges could have been fired by Sam before he gave the gun to Glenn."

"Maybe," said Stover, but Jeff could see that he was skeptical.

"Look here, John; if you're trying to pin Sam's murder on Glenn, you might as well forget it. The boy had no motive for killing Sam. Slug did. It was common knowledge that Slug intended to get Sam, and there isn't any doubt that he was in the gulch and that he left his home on the bench."

"That's what Gleason says. Nobody else seen that horse."

"But it wasn't Gleason who shot at the men who ran up there! Gosh, Sam, you're stubborn. Then Glenn

didn't know where Sam kept his gold; if Slug was watching the place, as we're pretty certain he was, he could have seen Sam put it in that cigar box. And I found out that Slug could get the dust out of that box by stretching his arm through the broken window. If you don't believe me, go down there and try it yourself."

Stover pushed back his chair and got to his feet. "Well, you sure make out a fine case for Gleason. You ought to be the lawyer instead of him. I'll drop in some other time and talk to Gleason; meanwhile I got a couple other hunches to follow up. Thanks for the meal. I'll be seein' you."

He went out and Jeff heard the clunk of his boots in the alley. For ten, fifteen seconds he stood there, turning over in his mind the questions that Stover had raised. He was still a bit stunned at the knowledge that Glenn had been playing poker for big stakes.

And then the evening quiet was shattered by a shot. It came from the direction of the alley and sounded only a short distance away.

He opened the kitchen door and stood looking up the dark alley, then went out and started toward the point from whence the shot had come. He saw a dark figure enter the alley from the direction of the street, and a moment later a match flared in the darkness. He broke into a run, noticing that the man who had struck the match was bending over looking at something on the ground.

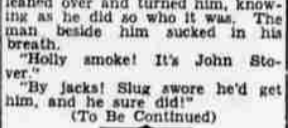
He was lying on his face. Jeff leaned over and turned him, knowing as he did so who it was. The man beside him sucked in his breath.

"Holy smoke! It's John Stover."

"By Jacks! Slug swore he'd get him, and he sure did!"

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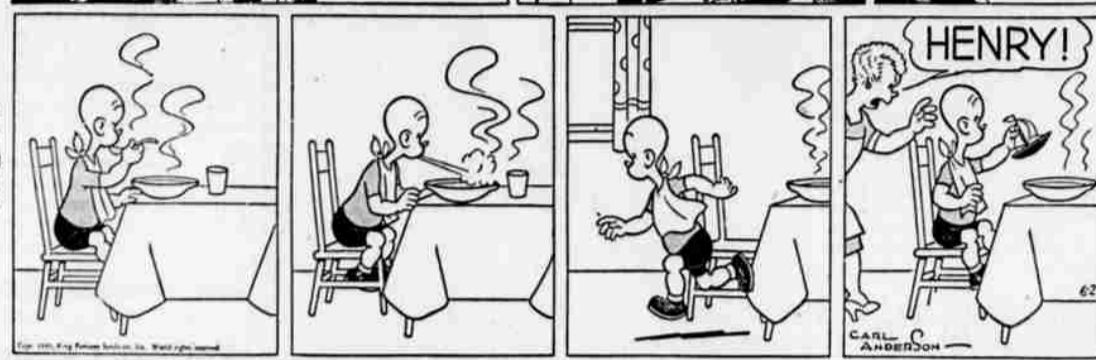
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