

Gunfighter's Return

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CHAPTER 11
The hot glare of noon's shadowless sunlight was on Main Street when Sam Rimboud came out of the Alhambra Hotel. He had slept the clock around, yet he didn't feel rested. He had downed two cups of black coffee in the dining room but still felt sluggish and depressed. Even the cigarette he smoked didn't taste right.

day, he supposed. At least the headquarters crew, which, according to Lumpy Smith, consisted of five men. Two others, who held down a line camp in the Potholes probably hadn't seen in on yesterday's man hunt. But there was another Roman Four man unaccounted for in town last night—a fellow Lumpy called Booger Bill. "Big as a Percheron stud," Smith had described him, "and a trifle loco in the noggin."

But he knew it was more than that. This wasn't an ordinary hangover caused by indulgence after long abstinence. It was spawned by a bleak sense of futility and frustration. He had come to Junction with the most peaceful intentions a man could have, wanting food and rest and another look at Eye Odegarde. But he had been challenged at every turn. Resolved to quit the gun game, he had been obliged to take on the sorriest chore in the book—protecting a homestead against big-outfit invasion. And Eye Odegarde was engaged to the man he was obligated to. It seemed as if the whole deck was stacked against him.

Rimboud discarded the cigarette and gave Main Street a squint-eyed appraisal. The town had looked good to him when he rode in last night. A moonlit oasis. But now Junction's warped planks and dilapidated buildings stood revealed in all their harsh reality. Sheriff Bob Robillard came out of the Shanghai Cafe and stood there peering at his teeth with a look that told Rimboud exactly what he thought. "Good morning," Robillard greeted in a blandly impersonal voice. "What's this I hear about you riding for Sam Malben?"

"You heard right," Rimboud said. "But the man is a fugitive from justice," Robillard insisted. "A wanted son of a bitch. Why get mixed up with him?" "My business," Rimboud said. "I'm warning you that any interference with the capture of Malben will not be tolerated." Rimboud laughed at him. He asked, "Would that be a threat or a warning, Bob?"

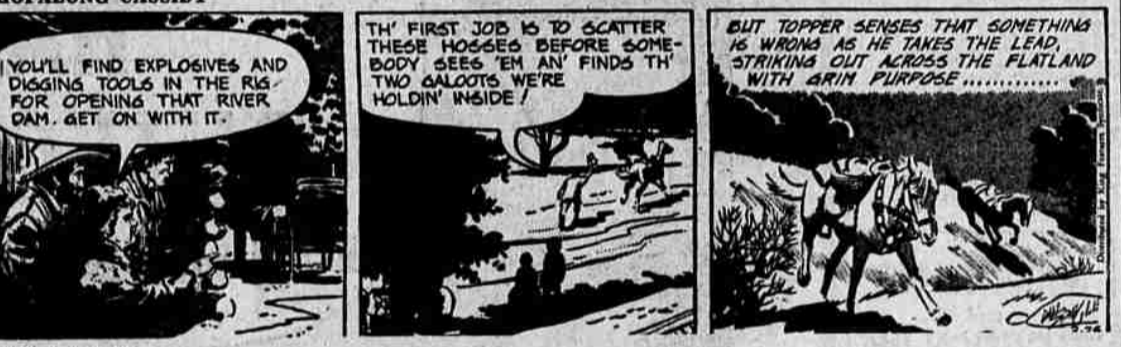
"A warning. My political future may depend on what takes place in the next few days. I want no more trouble for the newspapers," Rimboud said. "You're just asking for trouble," Robillard warned again. "Just asking for it?" "Sure," Rimboud said. "I asked Eris Link to take a pot shot at me from the Smith's back door."

Then he went on to the stable to have his horse saddled. Joe Gebbert came out of the harness room, soured and yawning. "A big night," the liverman remarked. "You leavin' so soon?" Rimboud nodded, handed him a silver dollar, and asked, "Which is the best way to Sam Malben's place?"

"So then rumors is true," Gebbert said. "Well Sam couldn't have a better man a-ridin' him by grab. You got Lew Stromberg eatin' out of your hand. Never saw the best of it the way you bluffed Lew down last night." "I wasn't bluffin'," Rimboud said. "How about some directions?"

"Well the Spanish Strip road forks off to the north a mile beyond the cattle pens. Just keep on it till you top Big Mesa. Then head left on a trail that drops off into Embrace Canyon, cross the creek, and climb Jigsaw Divide. Malben's place is off to the north about five or six miles from the divide. The wagon road winds around from the divide and branches off at Isabelle's Camp. But it's a good piece farther that way."

"Thanks," Rimboud said and rode out. The Roman Four crew would be on the hunt for Malben again to-day.



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Scout Meeting

Woodburn — The monthly meeting of the Woodburn Cub Scouts will be Thursday night, March 26, at the Washington school. Change in the date from Friday to Thursday is made due to conflict with the "Community Action Auction," scheduled for Friday night at the Woodburn armory, according to announcement by Cubmaster Ralph Pickering. Vaudeville acts is the theme for the month.

Benson Wants Ouster Of Foes in Ag. Dept.

Washington — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said yesterday if employees of the department don't accept the administration's farm philosophy he will get rid of them as fast as possible.

Arrest Eugene Man

Albany—Jack Marvin Newsome, Eugene, is at liberty under \$150 bail set in district court when he pleaded innocent to a drunken driving charge following his arrest at the Jefferson junction on the Pacific highway by state police. Arrested with Newsome was Charles Smith, 71, Springfield, who pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk on a public highway. He paid a \$50 fine and costs.

BOON & BOARD

By Ahren

THAT LINIMENT IS DA SECRET MIXTURE I MAKE AN SELL TUH RASSLERS! DEY ALL SAY IT WORKS LIKE A MIRACLE ON SPRAINS AN' PULLED MUSCLES... BUT DA SMELL WOULD BOWL OVER A GOAT! SO IF YUH CAN MIX A PERFUME THATLL MAKE IT SMELL NICE, ILL PAY DA \$100 YUH ASK!

FEE-YOO... THIS AWFUL ODDOR COULD SPRING A RUSTY LOCK!... EASY TO FIGURE HOW THIS CURES A PULLED MUSCLE... IT SHRINKS BACK FROM THE SMELL!

IF ANYONE CALLS I'LL BE AT THE LIBRARY FOR A LITTLE WHILE, MRS. WORTH!

YU'LL NOT HAVE LONG TO WORK, GWE'N! IT'S ALMOST 10 O'CLOCK!

I PAY... TAKE A LITTLE WALK AFTER THEY CLOSE! THIS MOON IS TOO WONDERFUL TO WASTE!

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS	DOWN
1. Cereal seed	28. Color
4. Records the speed	39. Depart
9. Kind of wood	40. Symbol for ruthenium
12. Evergreen	41. God of love
15. Whippable	43. Ventilate
18. Military student	45. Organ of scent
19. Part of a curve	47. Vegetable
20. Exclamation	48. At no time
22. Metal	51. Inscription of passages
24. Relieve	54. Billiard stick
27. Greek letter	57. Vinegar
28. You and me	58. Female sheep
30. Pull after	59. Finish
32. Pull on	60. Armies
33. Commonplace	61. Allow
37. Boy	
1. Away	
2. Trouble	

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

1. Vestige	8. Brittle
2. Bound	9. Alligator pear
3. Bay	10. Transgression
4. Very	11. Possessive
5. Numerous	12. Scale
6. Period of time	17. Anger
30. Pome fruit	11. Pertaining to the eye of a bean
23. Inside the head	25. Turns acid
26. Follow	29. Title of a knight
31. Peruke	34. Took for one's own
35. Beverage for nine	42. Perceives
40. Bay window	48. Curved structural member
50. Large tub	51. Frozen water
52. Father of Joshua	54. Be in debt
55. Openwork fabric	