

Gunfighter's Return

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CHAPTER 19

Rimbaud knew the game. He'd seen it many times in Mexico. It was a favorite event at San Juan's Day celebrations, wherein roosters were buried in dirt so that only their necks and heads were exposed as targets for wild riding vaqueros who reached down as they raced past, attempting to grasp the luckless birds.

"You don't look so brash now," Jubal derided.

Rimbaud knew he couldn't evade three ropes. Not for very long, he thought: There'll never be a better chance than now. He waited a moment longer, until Booger Bill and Red went into the wagon ahead. Then, still clutching the pitefork, he ran toward his horse, which stood nearby with dangling reins. If he could get into that saddle there'd be a slight chance. Jubal wheeled swiftly to cut him off, dodged back as Rimbaud stabbed at him with the pitefork, then fired his gun. That first slug sliced a raw furrow across the animal's rump. The roan plunged past Rimbaud in squealing terror and narrowly avoided collision with Red Shalt's wagon.

Rimbaud knew he was hooked. He knew there wasn't one chance in a hundred to avoid the brutal banquet. He'd even had to understand how futile further resistance would be, he backed to the corral fence and stood there grimly clutching the pitefork.

"Smart, ain't you?" Jubal leered. "So goddamn smart you almost got yourself shot!"

Rimbaud shrugged. There was only one thing he could do now—attempts to fight threw off units' dark. But even that seemed wholly futile, for then he'd have to dodge bullets instead of ropes. He watched the three of them climb into their saddles and shake out their reins. He saw the bright glint of anticipation in Hugh Jubal's eyes.

The Roman Four ramrod was enjoying this, Rimbaud realized; it saved Hugh's pride for the beating he'd taken in town.

"Catch him by the neck and make him squawk," Jubal suggested happily. Spurring into a run, he shouted, "El Gallo!" as the horse swerved away from the thrusting pitefork.

Rimbaud narrowly dodged the loop. He fenced off Shalt's rope with the fork, ducked low as Booger Bill made his try, and stood there waiting while Jubal turned for another run.

Three times they galloped past him, shouting and cursing, and cursing their failure. Then, as Rimbaud fenced off Jubal's fifth cast, he saw Booger Bill ride into the corral and understand that he would be outflanked here. Wanting a wall behind him, Rimbaud began a desperate march toward the cabin. And at this moment, as Jubal and Shalt came roaring at him, he remembered the Winchester. If he could reach that doorway, this game would be soon over!

He was within ten feet of the doorway when a loop whished past him. He didn't know he was caught until the rope joined him back and he was jerked down with an impact that knocked the wind out of him.

"You're a saught rooster," Shalt gloated. He had Rimbaud's hands behind him, and now, as Jubal and Booger Bill got out of their saddles, Red asked, "What's next on the program, Hugh?"

"I guess we'll have a short intermission for supper," Jubal said. "Then there'll be an evenin' performance that'll be worth three times the price of admission."

Jubal stepped around Rimbaud, who was still on his knees. "I'll help you up," he said mockingly, and knocked Rimbaud down with a boot in the back.

Dust got into Rimbaud's nose and mouth, choking him so that he gagged. He gagged, Jubal's cackling laughter, and felt a sickening sense of helplessness; of knowing he was to be maimed and could do nothing to protect himself.

"Now it's my turn," Booger Bill mumbled eagerly.

But Jubal said, "Not yet. We'd have no break for our evenin' performance once you went to work on him. You got no restraint, Bill, no restraint at all."

(To Be Continued)



RADIO PROGRAMS

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- Salamander
- Odd
- Wash
- Vehicle
- Vessel
- Different ones
- Musical composition

DOWN

- Beach covering
- American Indian
- Clothing word of a prayer
- American humorist
- Detecting device
- Wheeled of a vehicle
- Solitary
- Boy
- Afresh
- Examination
- Pays out
- Bleat
- Pronoun
- Large Latin
- Web-footed bird
- Form of greeting
- Corroded
- Article
- Poke
- American Indian
- Pike-like fish
- Swords
- Negative
- Witty person
- Serve food
- Moving mechanical
- Brother of Cain
- Arrived
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- Silent
- Region
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