

# HOPALONG CASSIDY

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SPEIGLE

HOPPY IS INTERCEPTED AT ABIGAIL FOGG'S CATTLE FERRY BY THE SHERIFF WHO DEMANDS CUSTODY OF THE BAR-20 HERD UNTIL TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS IN TOLL CHARGES ARE PAID. WHEN NO CATTLE ARE FOUND AT LOST HILLS, THE SHERIFF AND A PARTY OF FERRY HANDS SET OUT TO LOCATE THE HERD, LEAVING MONK TO GUARD HOPPY....

WHILE TH' OTHERS ARE OFF SCOUTIN' FER TH' CATTLE, S'POSE WE SQUARE OUR ACCOUNT, CASSIDY. YOU MADE TH' MISTAKE O' POKIN' YER NOSE TOO FAR INTO OUR CATTLE FERRY BUSINESS.

AND LEARNED ABOUT ABIGAIL FOGG'S SHADY GAME TO AROUSE EVERY RANCHER IN BUCKSKIN.

FERRYIN' CATTLE ACROSS THAT DVERTED RIVER AT FIVE DOLLARS A HEAD WILL SOON MAKE US RICH. I'D BE A FOOL TO LET YOU LIVE LONG ENOUGH T'RUIIN OUR PLANS!

AND A **BIGGER** ONE TO RISK MURDER! I THOUGHT MISS FOGG LIKED TO DO THINGS LEGALLY.

I'LL MAKE THIS LOOK LEGAL. I'LL TELL TH' SHERIFF YOU WENT FER YER GUN AN' I SHOT YUH IN SELF-DEFENSE.



HORSES! THE SHERIFF'S PARTY MUST HAVE HEARD THAT SHOT AND IS HEADING BACK!

FOLLOW ME, HOPPY! THERE'S AN OLD MINE TUNNEL HIDDEN BEHIND THESE ROCKS.

I WAITED HERE FOR YOU WHILE CALIFORNIA AN' TH' BOYS DROVE TH' CATTLE THROUGH! TH' PASSAGE SEEMS T'RUIIN UNDER TH' RIVER,..... BACK TOWARDS TH' BAR-20!

THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO GIVE US THE EDGE IN THIS FIGHT!



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