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Trapped In A Cellar

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COME ON, DAD, TELL ME SOME MORE SHERIFF STORIES

I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT THE NARROWEST ESCAPE I EVER HAD



ONE QUIET NIGHT I WAS PREPARING FOR BED EARLY FOR THE NEXT DAY I WAS TO ESCORT THE STAGE COACH WHICH WAS CARRYING A CONSIGNMENT OF GOLD FROM THE MINE WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN -



SOMEONE STARTED SHOOTING THROUGH MY WINDOW - THE FIRST BULLET PUT MY LAMP OUT - I FELL TO MY KNEES AND CRAWLED TO THE WINDOW -

BANG

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-AND SAW A MAN MOUNTING A HORSE TO RIDE AWAY - I GRABBED MY BELT AND HOLSTER -



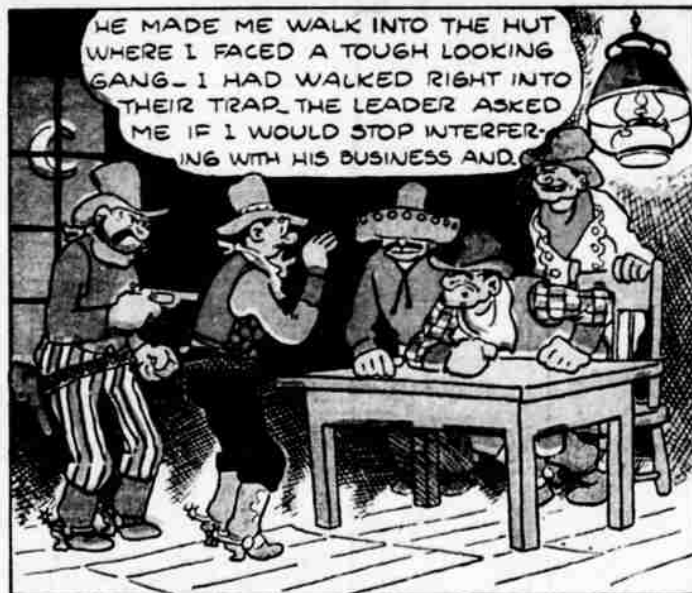
I SADDLED MY FASTEST HORSE AND IN NO TIME I WAS AFTER HIM



HE HAD A FAST HORSE AND HAD A GOOD START BUT I KEPT GAINING ON HIM AFTER CHASING HIM FOR NEARLY AN HOUR.



I SAW HIM ENTER AN OLD HUT - I REACHED FOR MY REVOLVER PREPARING TO GO IN AFTER HIM AND FOUND IT GONE - JUST THEN A MAN STEPPED FROM BEHIND A TREE - COVERED ME WITH HIS GUN AND ORDERED ME TO PUT MY HANDS UP.



HE MADE ME WALK INTO THE HUT WHERE I FACED A TOUGH LOOKING GANG - I HAD WALKED RIGHT INTO THEIR TRAP - THE LEADER ASKED ME IF I WOULD STOP INTERFERING WITH HIS BUSINESS AND -



-RESIGN AND LEAVE THE COUNTRY? I DEFIED THEM, TELLING THEM I WOULD NEVER QUIT UNTIL I HAD EVERY ONE IN JAIL WHEN SUDDENLY I FELT THE FLOOR GIVE WAY - I WAS STANDING ON A TRAP DOOR.



I FOUND MYSELF IN A DARK CELLAR AND I SAW THEIR HIDEOUS FACES LAUGHING AND TAUNTING ME THROUGH THE TRAP DOOR - YOU BET I DIDN'T FEEL SO HAPPY JUST THEN -



I COULD HEAR THEM LAUGHING AND TALKING ABOUT ROBBING THE STAGE OF THE CONSIGNMENT OF GOLD WITHOUT MY INTERFERENCE - THEY WERE A TOUGH GANG ALL - RIGHT.



SURE I GOT OUT - I'M HERE AIN'T I? - I NEVER GOT INTO TROUBLE THAT I COULDN'T GET OUT OF BUT THAT'S A STORY I'LL HAVE TO TELL YOU SOME OTHER TIME

WELL DID YOU GET OUT, PAPA?

