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Was the RELIC OF FORT TEJON
a miracle or mirage?
Maverick had to find out.

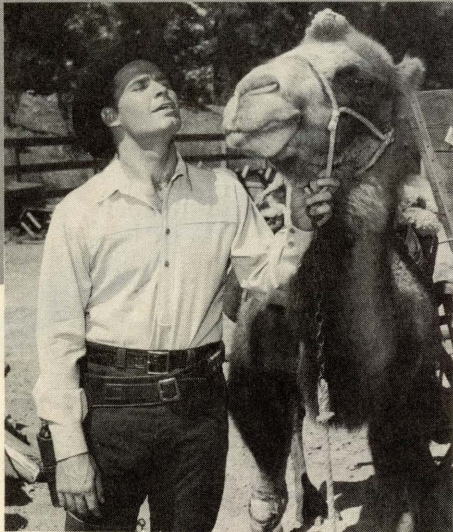
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A Bluff is Called

LADY LUCK deals Bret Maverick a strange hand . . . one that means plenty of trouble!

But as a man of chance, he faces the situation, stacking his skills against desperate odds;



and with the help of a strange companion, he carries the battle to the desert and a hot, dry reckoning!

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MAVERICK

ONE DAY IN THE TOWN OF CLAYVILLE...

RELIC OF FORT TEJON

I'M TAPPED OUT, MAVERICK... I CAN'T CALL YOUR RAISE WITH CASH... BUT I'D LIKE TO OFFER YOU A BUSINESS PROPOSITION!

GO AHEAD AND OFFER! THE WORST I CAN DO IS TURN YOU DOWN!



I'VE GOT A FULL-BLOODED ARABIAN MOUNT! I'LL PUT HER UP AGAINST YOUR TWO HUNDRED RAISE!

IMPORTED ARABIAN? IF SHE'S THAT, YOU'VE GOT A DEAL!

SHE'S PURE-BLOODED! I'LL STAND BEHIND EVERY WORD!

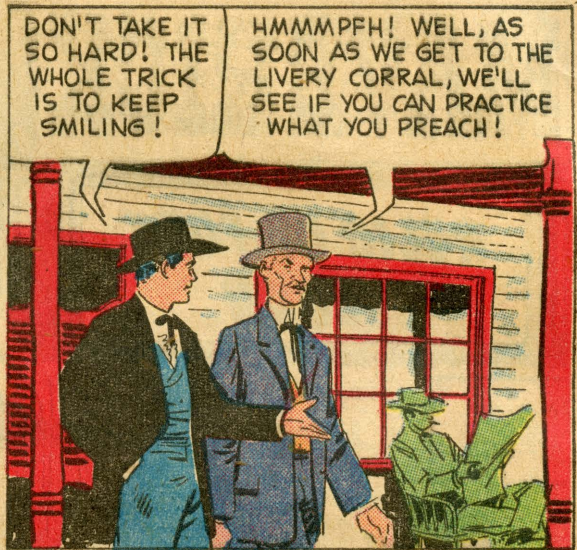
ALL RIGHT THEN, SHOW YOUR HAND! IF I WIN, YOUR MOUNT IS MINE!





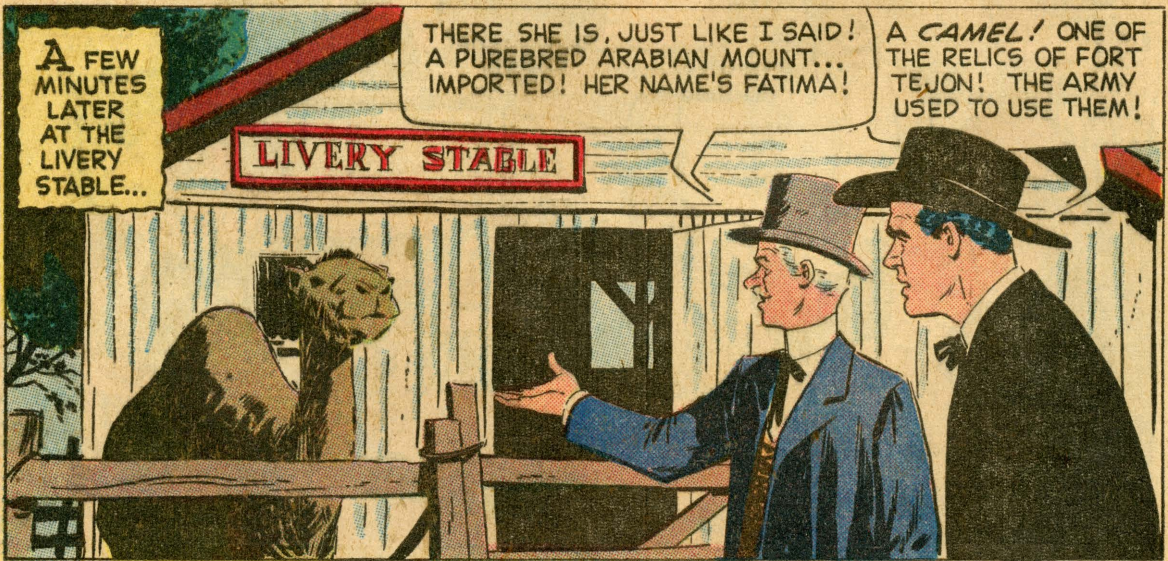
THREE ACES!

SORRY, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE MONEY AND THE ARABIAN ARE BOTH MINE!



DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD! THE WHOLE TRICK IS TO KEEP SMILING!

HMMMPH! WELL, AS SOON AS WE GET TO THE LIVERY CORRAL, WE'LL SEE IF YOU CAN PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH!



A FEW MINUTES LATER AT THE LIVERY STABLE...

THERE SHE IS, JUST LIKE I SAID! A PUREBRED ARABIAN MOUNT... IMPORTED! HER NAME'S FATIMA!

A CAMEL! ONE OF THE RELICS OF FORT TEJON! THE ARMY USED TO USE THEM!



SHE'S NOT VERY PRETTY, BUT SHE DOES HAVE NICE EYES, DOESN'T SHE?

MISTER...YOU JUST ROBBED ME OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS! I THOUGHT YOU WERE PUTTING UP A HORSE!



I NEVER SAID SHE WAS A HORSE, JUST A MOUNT...AND LIKE YOU SAID YOURSELF, MAVERICK, A MAN'S GOT TO KEEP SMILING! THE FACT IS, FATIMA NOW BELONGS TO YOU!

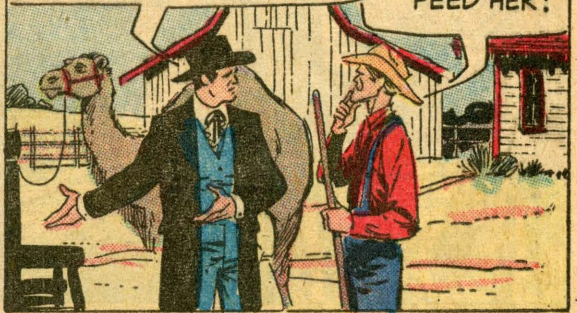
WELL, OLD GIRL, I'VE WON A LOT OF STRANGE PRIZES IN MY DAY, BUT YOU TOP THEM ALL! IT SEEMS THE ONLY THING TO DO IS FIND YOU A DECENT HOME BEFORE I PULL UP STAKES!



A SHORT WHILE LATER, AT A FARM JUST OUTSIDE OF TOWN...

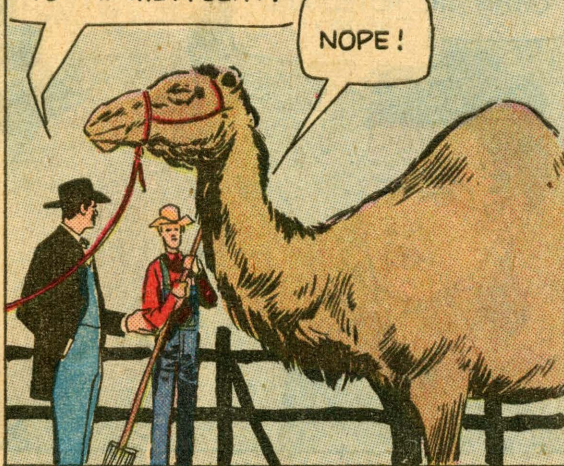
I'LL LET YOU HAVE HER FOR TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS, MR. JOHNSON! SHE'S A GOOD WORK ANIMAL AND HAS A HEART AS BIG AS THE HUMP ON HER BACK!

AND AN APPETITE TO MATCH, I RECKON! IT'D COST ME A FORTUNE TO FEED HER!



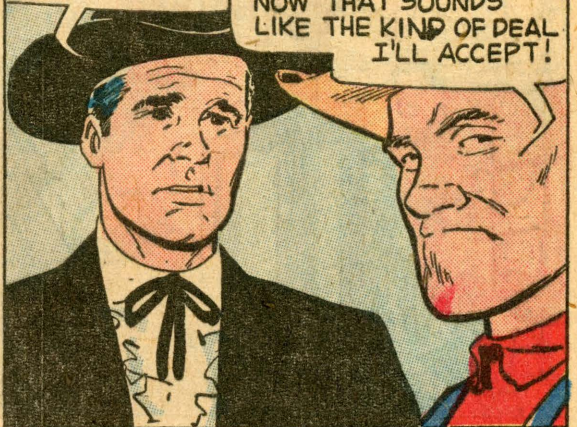
THEN TAKE HER AND FORGET THE MONEY! YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY ME A CENT!

NOPE!



LOOK, I JUST WANT TO SEE THAT SHE GETS A GOOD HOME! SUPPOSE I GIVE HER TO YOU AND PAY YOU TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS?

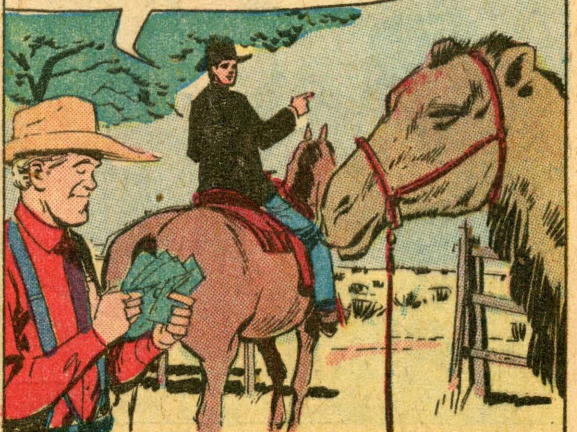
NOW THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE KIND OF DEAL I'LL ACCEPT!

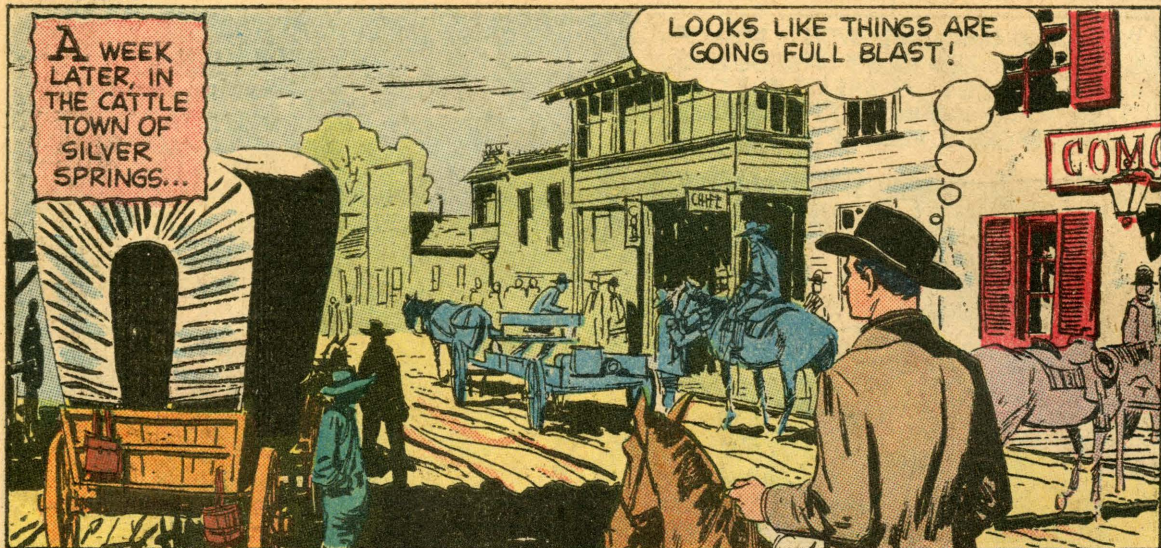


SO LONG, OL' GIRL! IT WAS NICE KNOWING YOU! BEHAVE YOURSELF AND YOU'LL BE WELL TAKEN CARE OF HERE ON THE FARM!



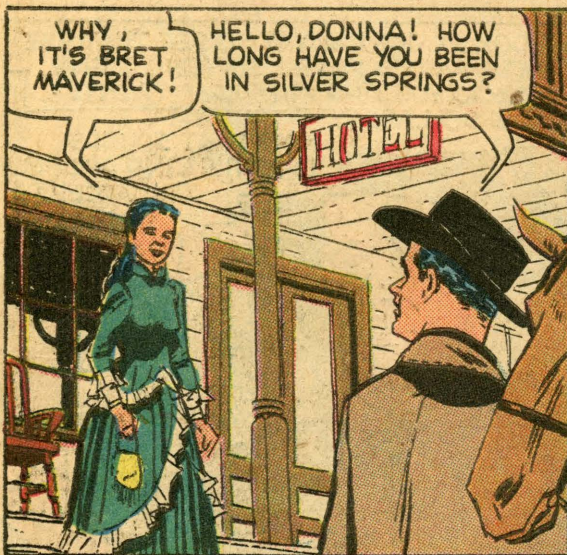
IF ANYONE TREATS YOU BADLY, JUST LET THEM KNOW THAT WHERE YOU CAME FROM, YOU WERE A QUEEN!





A WEEK LATER, IN THE CATTLE TOWN OF SILVER SPRINGS...

LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE GOING FULL BLAST!



WHY, IT'S BRET MAVERICK!

HELLO, DONNA! HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN SILVER SPRINGS?



ALMOST A YEAR! I'M ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED TO CARL JIMSON! HE OWNS THE HOTEL AND CASINO!

YES, I'VE HEARD OF HIM!



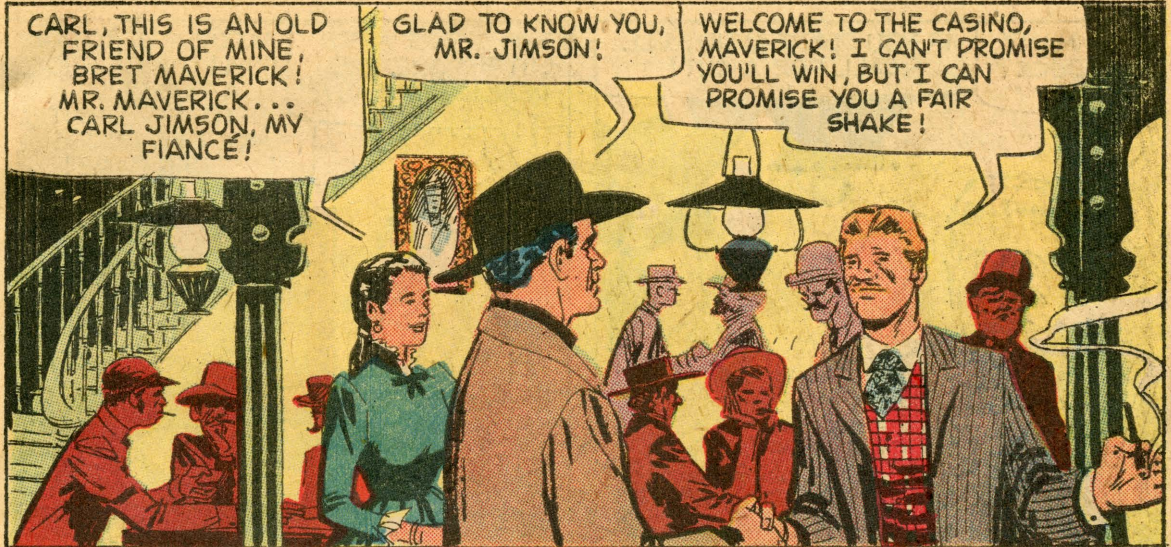
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO TOWN?

JUST RAMBLING, YOU KNOW!



YOU NEVER GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT A REASON, BRET, BUT FOR NOW, I WON'T PRY! COME ON INSIDE! I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET CARL!

GOOD! I'D LIKE TO!



CARL, THIS IS AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE, BRET MAVERICK! MR. MAVERICK... CARL JIMSON, MY FIANCEE!

GLAD TO KNOW YOU, MR. JIMSON!

WELCOME TO THE CASINO, MAVERICK! I CAN'T PROMISE YOU'LL WIN, BUT I CAN PROMISE YOU A FAIR SHAKE!



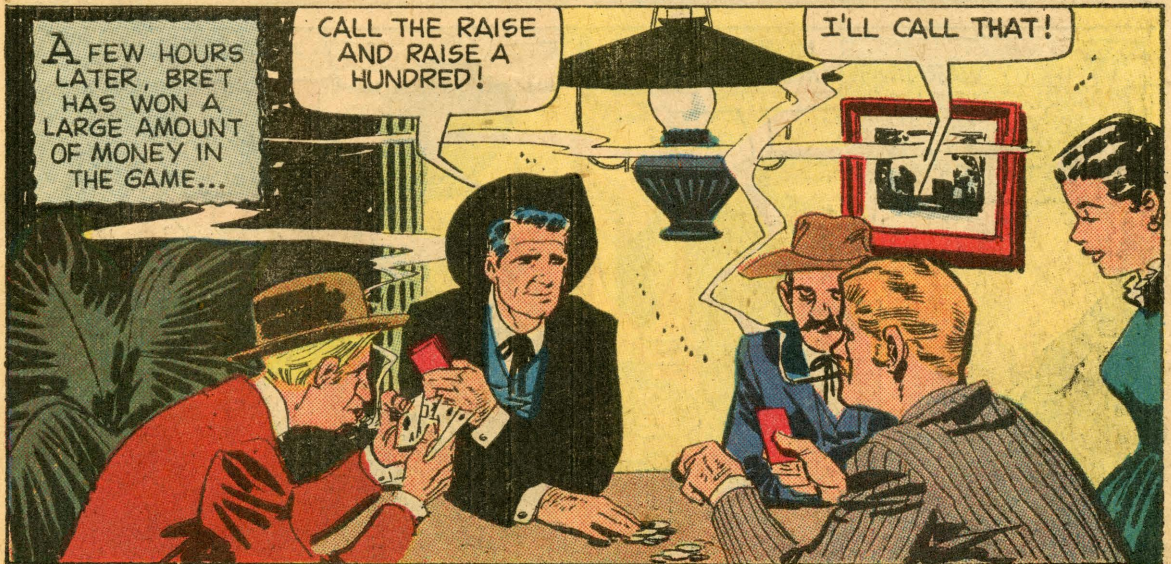
I CAN'T ASK FOR A BETTER DEAL THAN THAT! I JUST MIGHT TRY MY LUCK!

WHY NOT RIGHT NOW? I'LL EVEN SIT IN ON THE GAME SEEING AS HOW YOU'RE A FRIEND OF DONNA'S!



THANKS, BUT I THINK I'LL CLEAN UP A BIT! I'LL MEET YOU DOWN HERE IN AN HOUR!

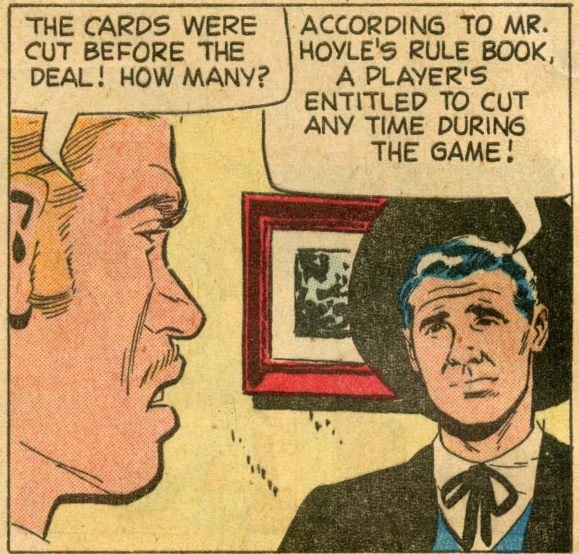
FINE! I'LL BE EXPECTING YOU!

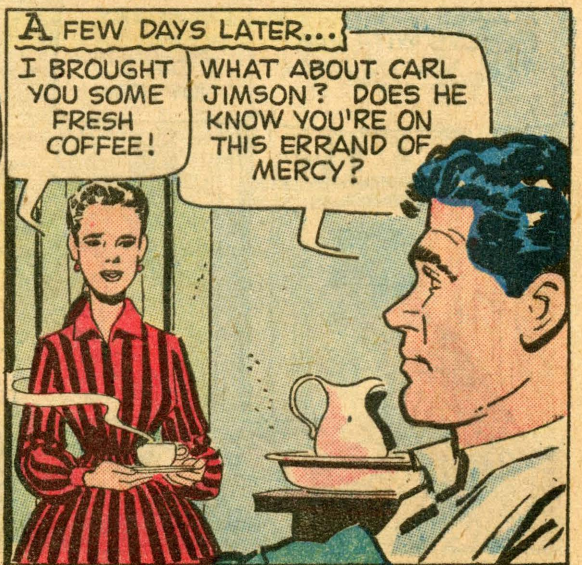
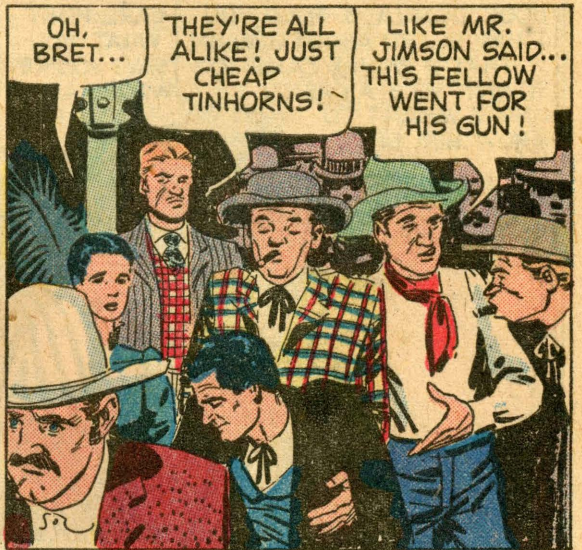


A FEW HOURS LATER, BRET HAS WON A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GAME...

CALL THE RAISE AND RAISE A HUNDRED!

I'LL CALL THAT!







NO... BUT, BRET... EVERYONE IN TOWN SAYS YOU'RE JUST WAITING TO GET ON YOUR FEET SO YOU CAN GO BACK AND FINISH YOUR FIGHT WITH CARL!

UMM... I KIND OF LET THAT WORD GET AROUND!



DON'T DO IT! FORGET IT! GO AWAY!

THE MAN RIPPED A HOLE IN MY SHOULDER! THAT'S HARD TO FORGET!



LOOK, DONNA, I TOLD YOU I HAD HEARD ABOUT JIMSON... THAT'S WHY I CAME TO TOWN! HE'S A CHEAT... AND I MEANT TO SHOW HIM UP!

CARL ISN'T WHAT YOU SAY! YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT HIM!



BESIDES, WHAT GOOD WILL IT DO FOR YOU TO FIGHT AGAIN? ONE OF YOU HAS TO LOSE!

THAT'S USUALLY THE WAY IT WORKS!



PLEASE, BRET... I'M IN LOVE WITH HIM! WILL YOU GO AWAY FOR ME?

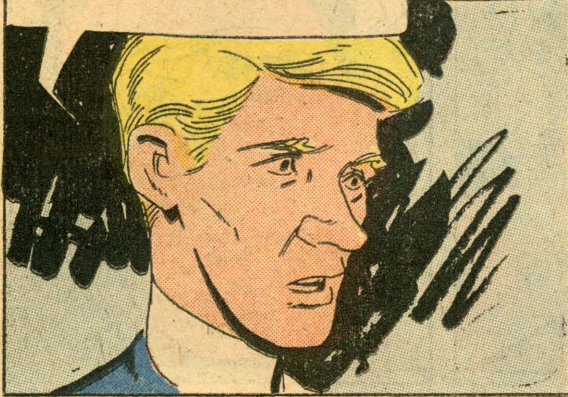
I'M SORRY, DONNA... I CAN'T... NOT NOW!



OH, EXCUSE ME! I'M HARRIS, THE HOTEL CLERK! I JUST CAME TO INQUIRE ABOUT HOW LONG YOU INTENDED STAYING, MR. MAVERICK?

THAT ALL DEPENDS... WHY?

WELL...I...UH, HAVE HEARD THAT YOU INTEND TO ENGAGE IN A GUNFIGHT WITH MR. JIMSON... AND I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE WISE TO HAVE YOU PAY IN ADVANCE... I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL BILLS, YOU KNOW... THAT'S MY JOB!



YOU'RE A REAL WORRIER, MR. HARRIS, I CAN SEE THAT... BUT DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL GET YOUR MONEY!



SUDDENLY, WITHOUT SO MUCH AS A SNORT, FATIMA, THE CAMEL, STICKS HER HEAD IN THE HOTEL WINDOW...

WHA... WHAT'S THAT?



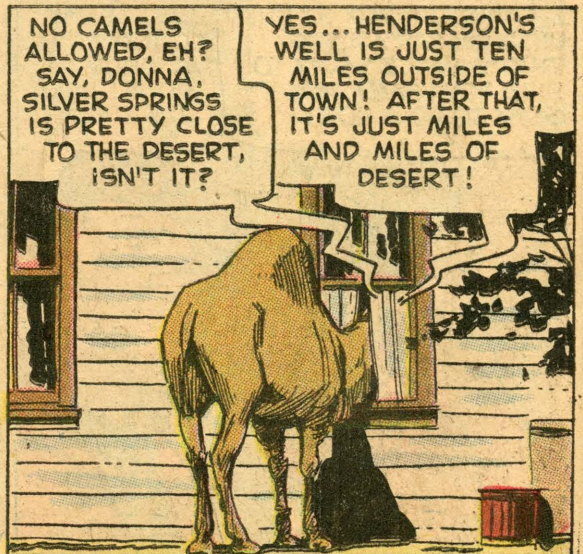
IT'S A CAMEL, AS ANY FOOL CAN PLAINLY SEE! AND NOT JUST AN ORDINARY CAMEL, BUT FATIMA, THE QUEEN OF THE DESERT! SHE'S AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE!

BUT... YOU CERTAINLY CAN'T KEEP THAT BEAST IN YOUR ROOM, MR. MAVERICK! AFTER ALL, THE HOTEL DOES HAVE RULES!



NO CAMELS ALLOWED, EH? SAY, DONNA, SILVER SPRINGS IS PRETTY CLOSE TO THE DESERT, ISN'T IT?

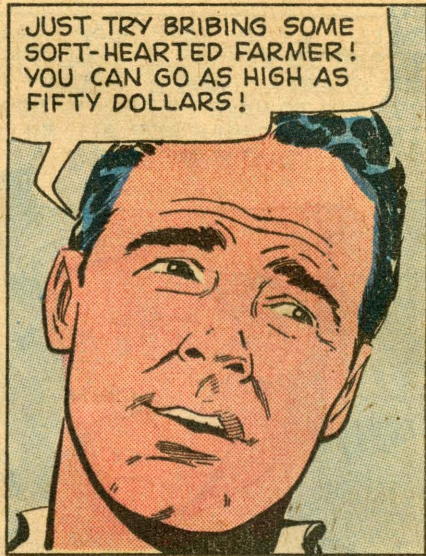
YES... HENDERSON'S WELL IS JUST TEN MILES OUTSIDE OF TOWN! AFTER THAT, IT'S JUST MILES AND MILES OF DESERT!



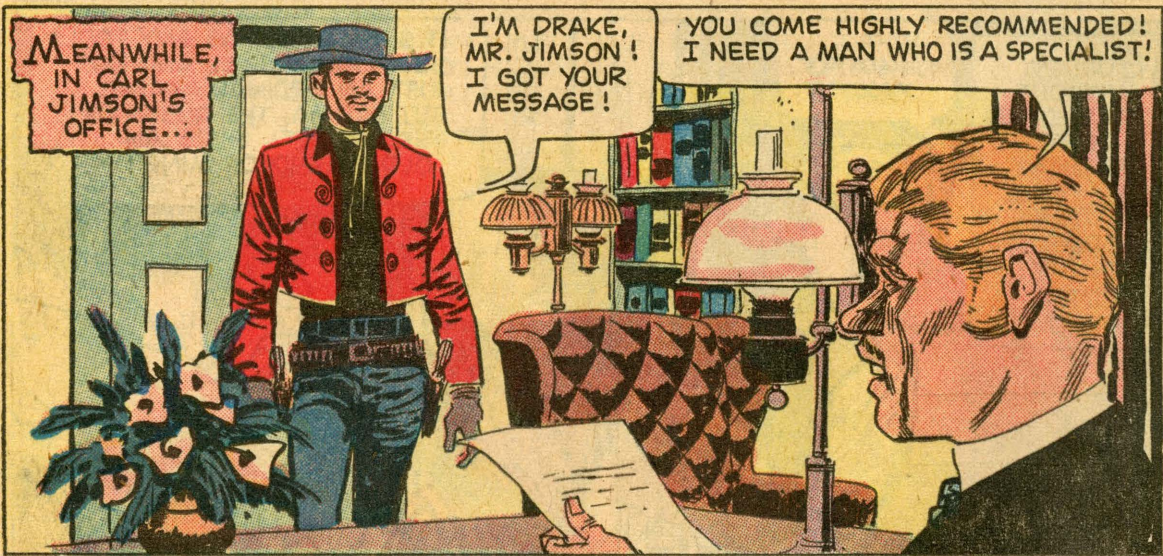


GOOD, THEN IT SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARD A JOB TO FIND FATIMA ANOTHER GOOD HOME! I'LL LEAVE THAT IN YOUR HANDS, MR. HARRIS, AND I'LL PAY YOU FOR YOUR TROUBLE! JUST SEE THAT SHE IS TREATED KINDLY!

WELL, I... UH, THAT IS, I'LL DO MY BEST... BUT I CAN'T MAKE ANY PROMISES!



JUST TRY BRIBING SOME SOFT-HEARTED FARMER! YOU CAN GO AS HIGH AS FIFTY DOLLARS!



MEANWHILE, IN CARL JIMSON'S OFFICE...

I'M DRAKE, MR. JIMSON! I GOT YOUR MESSAGE!

YOU COME HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! I NEED A MAN WHO IS A SPECIALIST!



I CAN'T AFFORD TO RUN UNNECESSARY RISKS, THAT'S WHY I WANT TO HIRE YOU *AND YOUR GUN* TO DO A JOB!

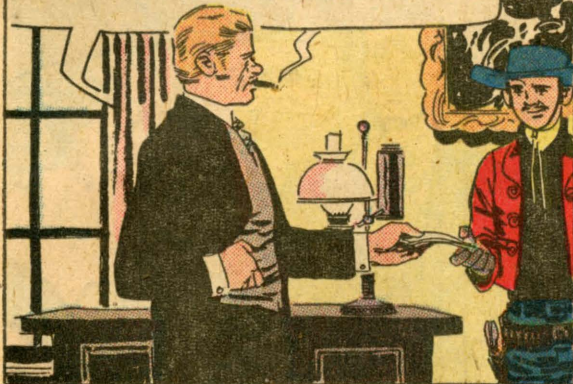
JUST NAME IT AND IT'S AS GOOD AS DONE! WHO DO I GUN?



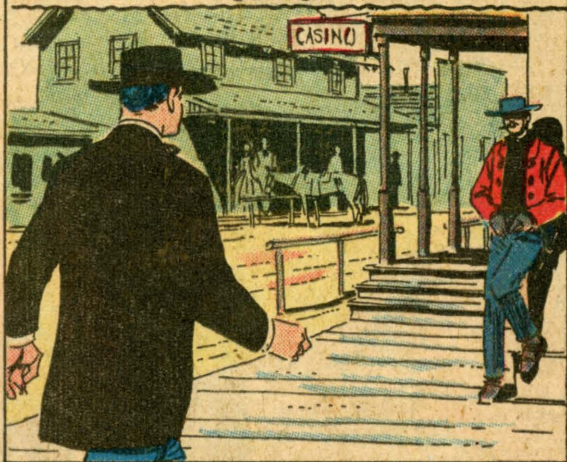
HIS NAME IS BRET MAVERICK, BUT I'VE GOT TO WARN YOU... HE'S NO SADDLE TRAMP! HE'S FAST WITH CARDS! MAYBE HE'S FAST WITH A GUN!

I'M *FASTER!* ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS POINT HIM OUT!

HERE'S YOUR MONEY! YOU'LL GET THE SAME AMOUNT WHEN MAVERICK'S TAKEN CARE OF! BUT, REMEMBER... MAKE IT A FIGHT BETWEEN YOU AND HIM!... I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW YOU'RE FRONTING FOR ME!

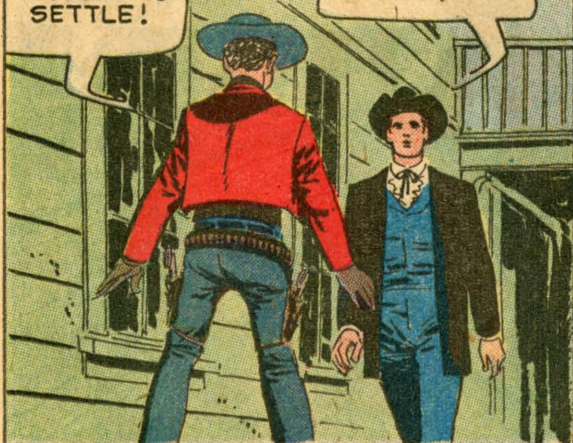


THE NEXT DAY, BRET APPROACHES THE CASINO FOR A SHOWDOWN WITH CARL JIMSON...



HOLD IT, MAVERICK! WE'VE GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE!

YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG MAN, FRIEND! STEP ASIDE! I'VE GOT BUSINESS INSIDE!



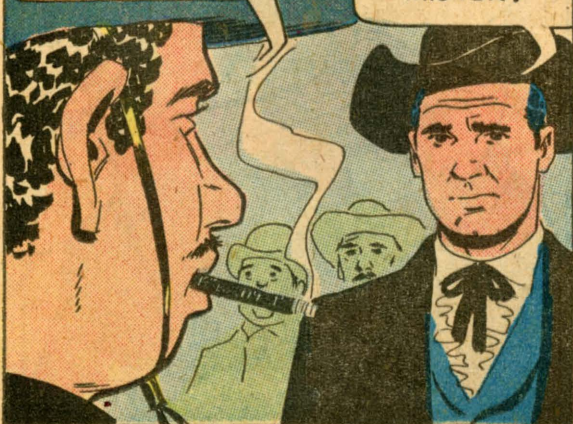
YOU'VE GOT BUSINESS WITH ME FIRST!

I'M BEGINNING TO GET THE IDEA THE TWO THINGS ARE TIED UP TOGETHER! JIMSON HIRED YOU, DIDN'T HE?



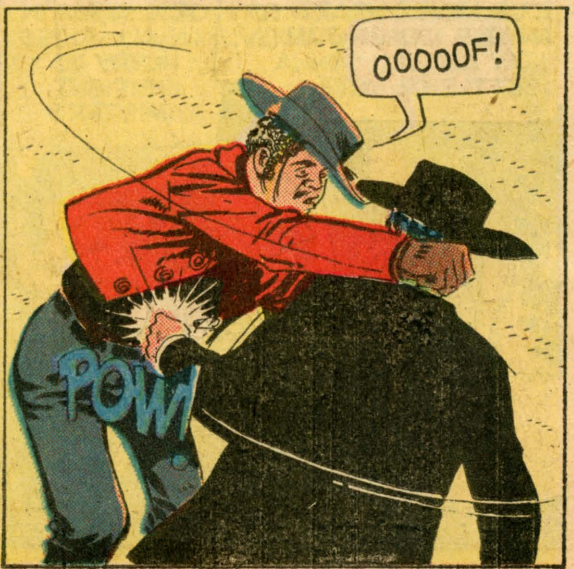
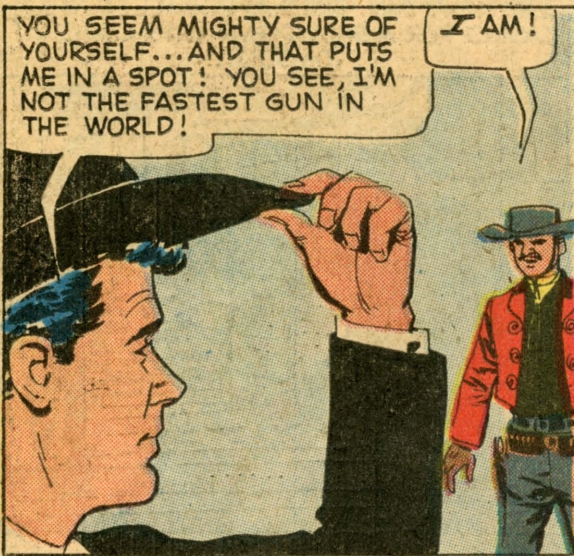
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF ANYONE NAMED JIMSON! NOW ARE YOU GONNA SETTLE OR NOT?

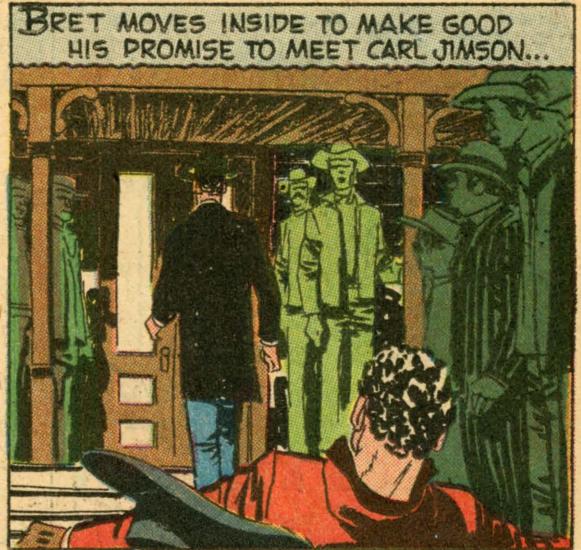
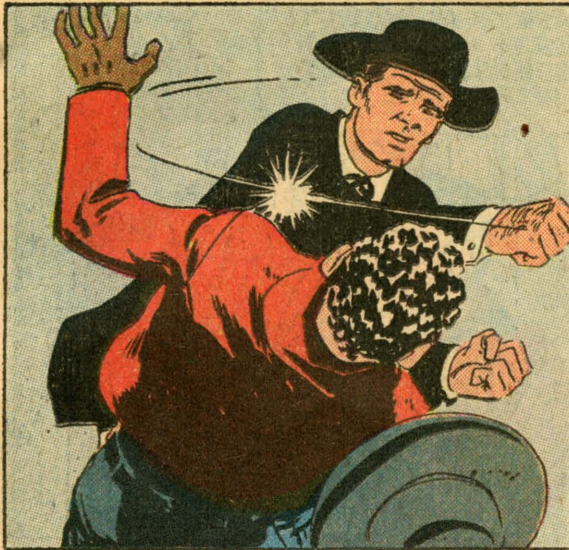
YOU SEEM IN AN ALL-FIRED HURRY TO GUNFIGHT, MISTER!

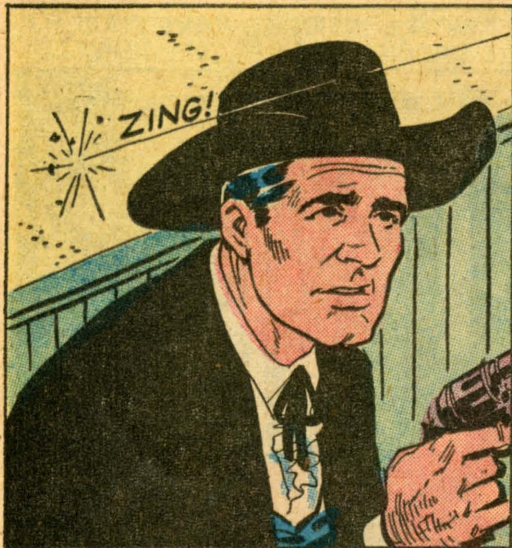


THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SETTLE THINGS... NOW GO FOR YOUR GUN OR I WILL!





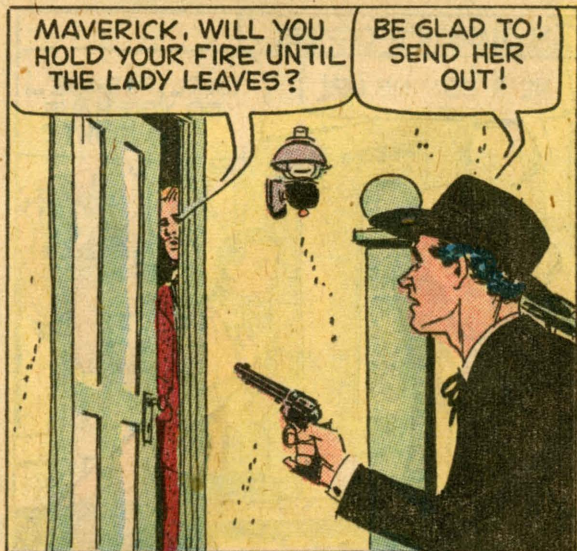




PLEASE GO AWAY, BRET!
THERE'S BEEN ENOUGH
SHOOTING! IT DOESN'T
HELP ANYONE!

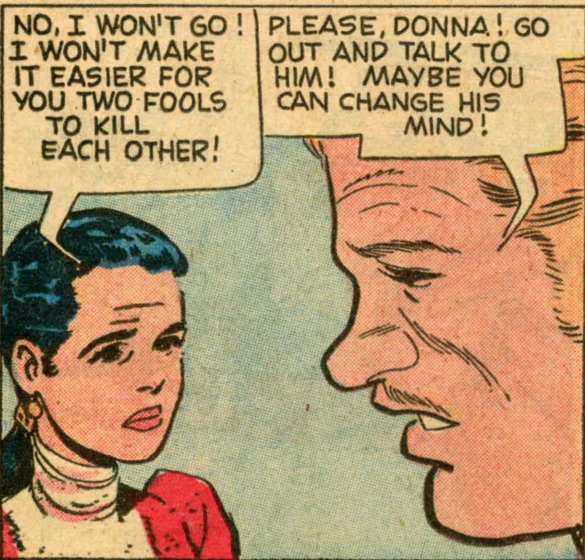


DONNA! I
DIDN'T KNOW
YOU WERE
IN THERE!



MAVERICK, WILL YOU
HOLD YOUR FIRE UNTIL
THE LADY LEAVES?

BE GLAD TO!
SEND HER
OUT!



NO, I WON'T GO!
I WON'T MAKE
IT EASIER FOR
YOU TWO FOOLS
TO KILL
EACH OTHER!

PLEASE, DONNA! GO
OUT AND TALK TO
HIM! MAYBE YOU
CAN CHANGE HIS
MIND!

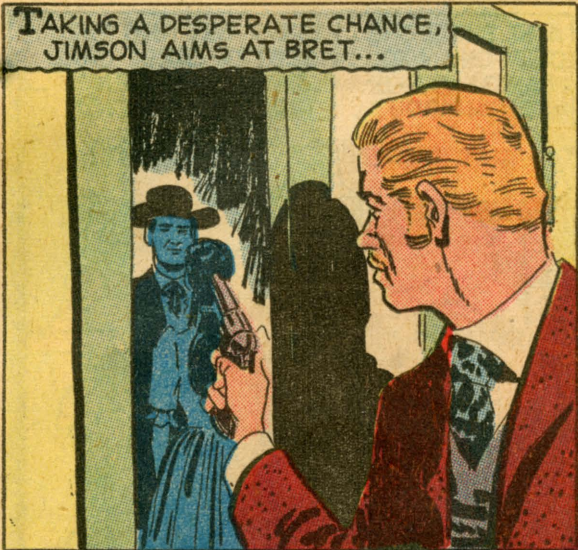


DONNA WALKS INTO THE HALLWAY...

BRET... PLEASE
BE SENSIBLE!

SORRY, DONNA ...
THIS HAND'S GOT TO
BE PLAYED OUT!

TAKING A DESPERATE CHANCE,
JIMSON AIMS AT BRET...



BUT HIS AIM IS BAD...



DONNA!

BANG!

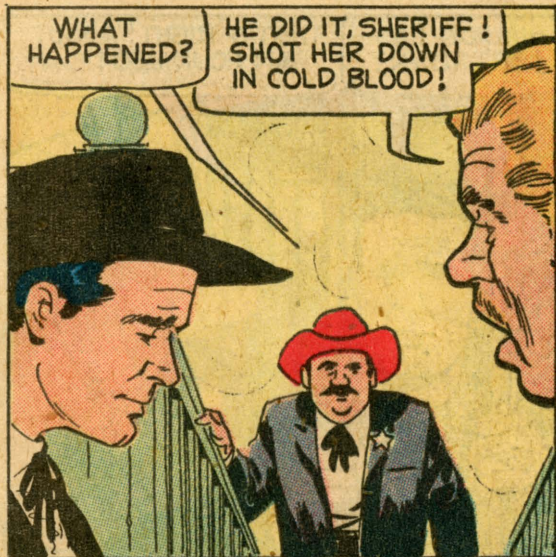
IT...IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO HIT HER,
MAVERICK!

IT'S TOO LATE FOR
THAT NOW!
SHE'S BADLY
WOUNDED!



WHAT
HAPPENED?

HE DID IT, SHERIFF!
SHOT HER DOWN
IN COLD BLOOD!



THAT'S A LIE!
JIMSON
SHOT HER!

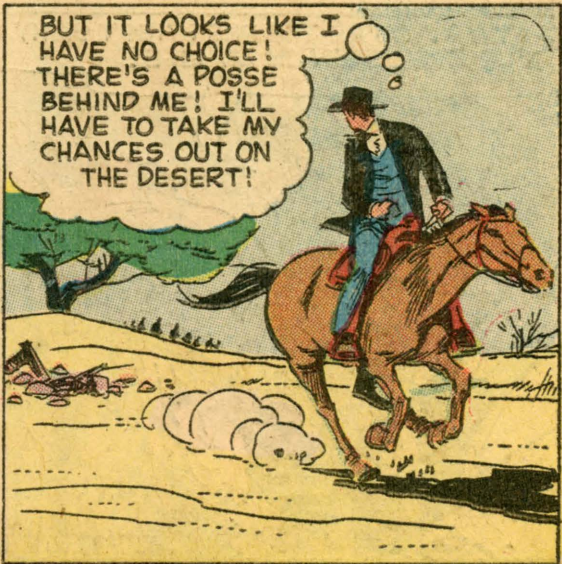
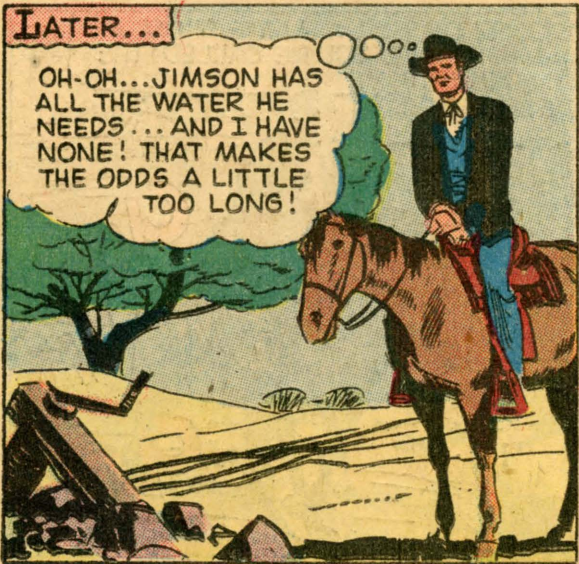
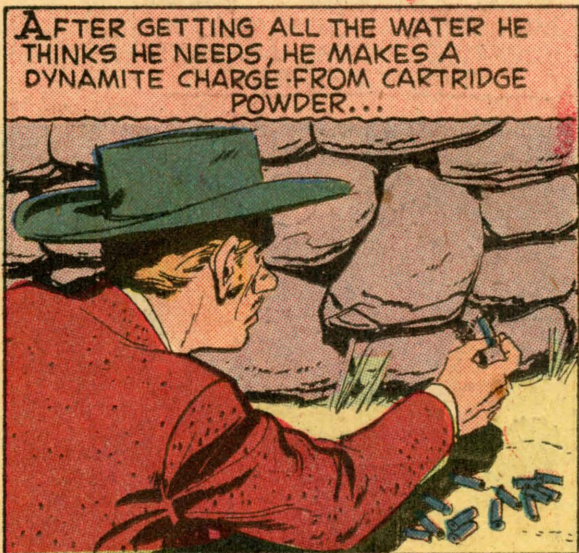
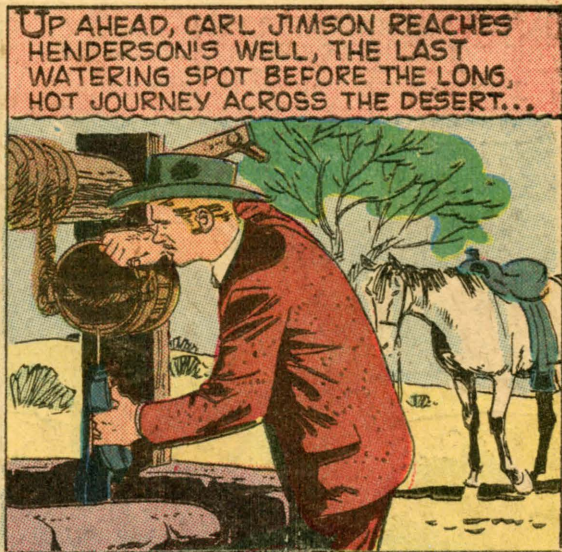
HE SAID HE'D HOLD HIS
FIRE TO LET DONNA
OUT... BUT HE DIDN'T!
HE SHOT HER!



EVERYONE IN
TOWN KNOWS
YOU'VE BEEN
SPOILING FOR
A FIGHT,
MAVERICK!
AS SOON AS
WE GET
DONNA TO A
DOC, I'M
JAILIN' YOU!
CARL WAS
GOING TO
MARRY THE
GIRL! WHAT
REASON
WOULD HE
HAVE FOR
SHOOTING
HER?







A FEW HOURS LATER, ON THE SCORCHING DESERT...

I'VE PUSHED YOU HARD ENOUGH, FELLOW... GET GOING! I'LL MAKE IT THE REST OF THE WAY ON FOOT!

JIMSON REINS UP ON A RISE... COLDLY SURVEYING THE SITUATION, HE SPOTS BRET...

LOOKS LIKE MAVERICK BIT OFF MORE THAN HE CAN CHEW! BUT HE'S OUT OF JAIL! THE SHERIFF MUST KNOW THAT I SHOT DONNA!

LOOKS LIKE I'LL NEVER CATCH HIM NOW! FACT OF IT IS, I'LL BE LUCKY TO GET OUT OF THIS DESERT ALIVE!

BUT THEN, MUCH TO BRET'S SURPRISE, FATIMA APPEARS OUT OF NOWHERE...

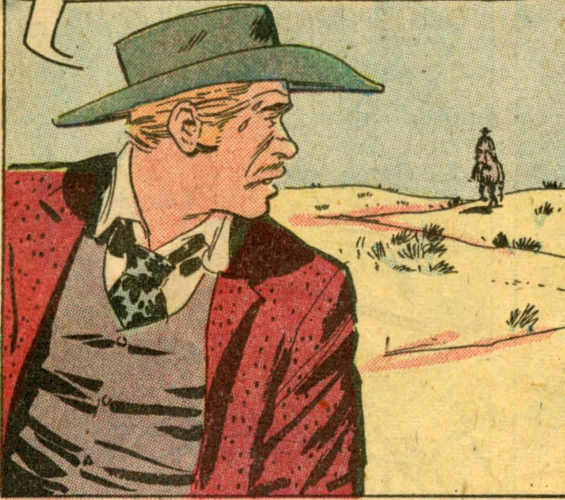
I MUST BE SEEING THINGS!

FATIMA, YOU'RE THE PRETTIEST SIGHT I'VE EVER SEEN IN MY LIFE!

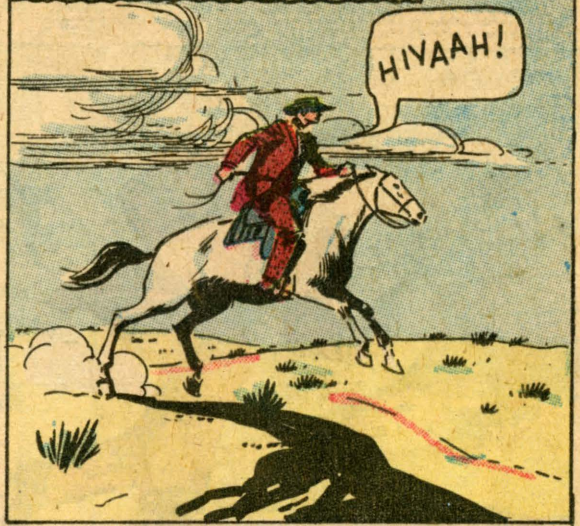
COME ON, GIRL... LET'S SHOW JIMSON WHY YOU'RE CALLED THE "QUEEN OF THE DESERT"!

CLOPITY CLOP!

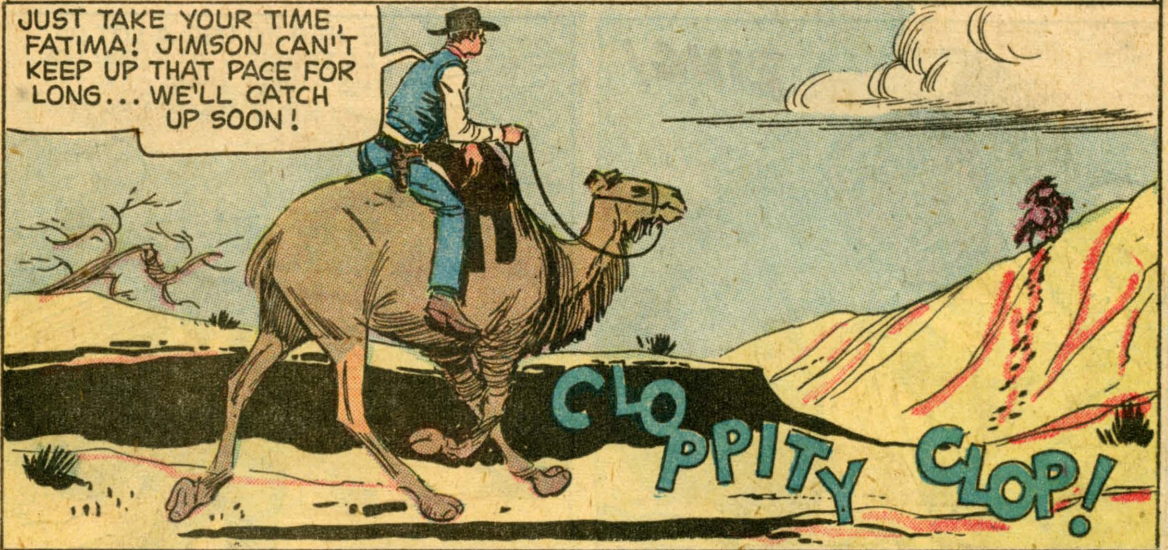
WHAT ??? MAVERICK'S ON A CAMEL !



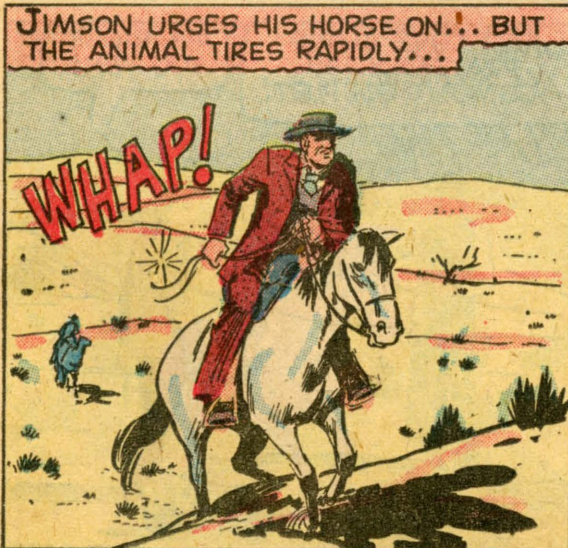
JIMSON SPURS OUT HARD...



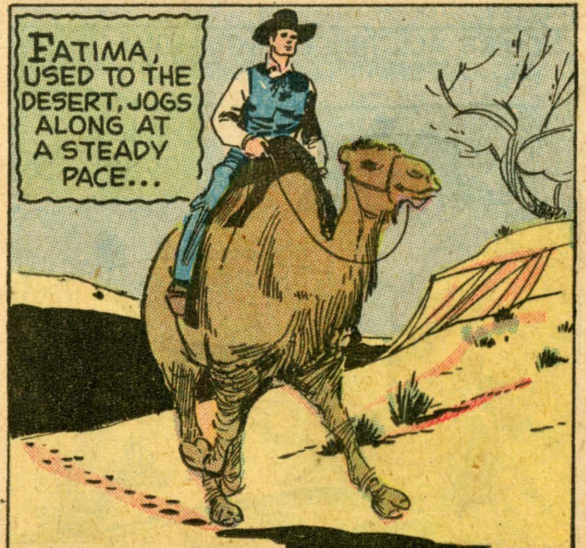
JUST TAKE YOUR TIME, FATIMA! JIMSON CAN'T KEEP UP THAT PACE FOR LONG... WE'LL CATCH UP SOON!



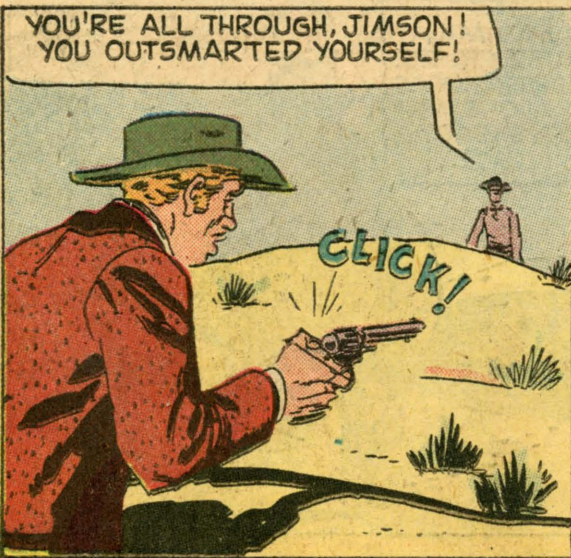
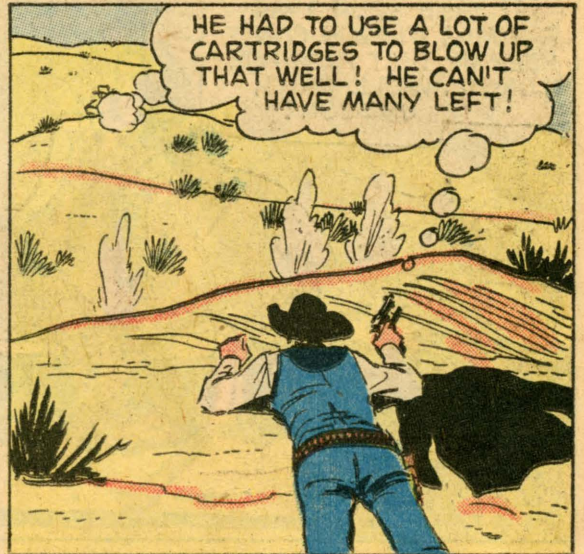
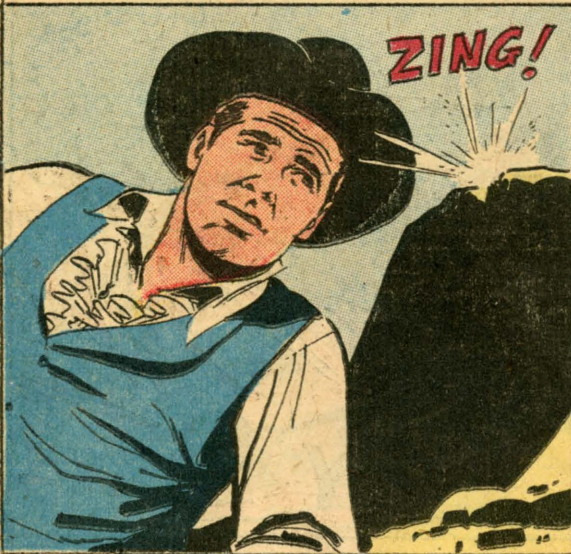
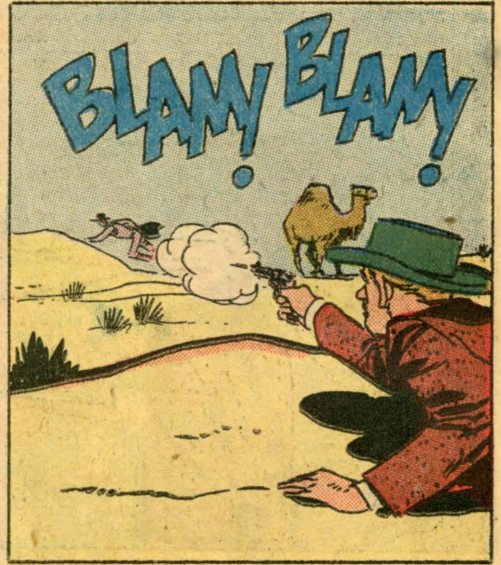
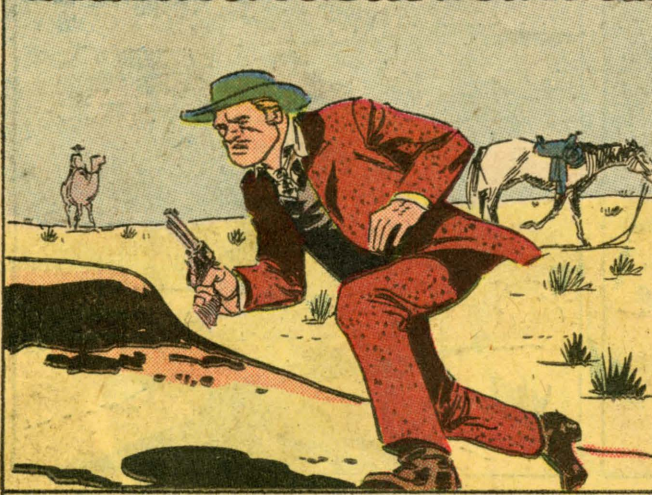
JIMSON URGES HIS HORSE ON... BUT THE ANIMAL TIRES RAPIDLY...

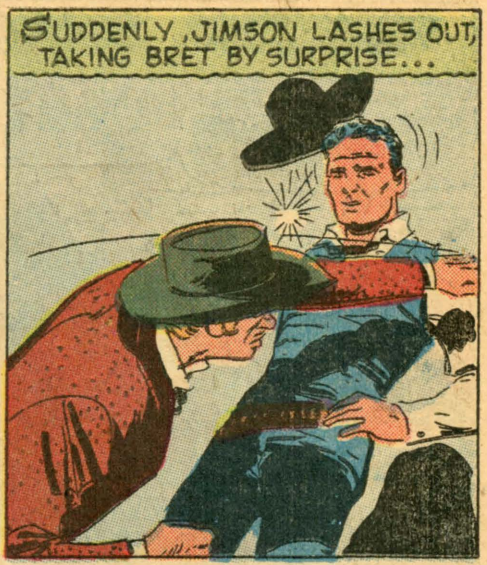


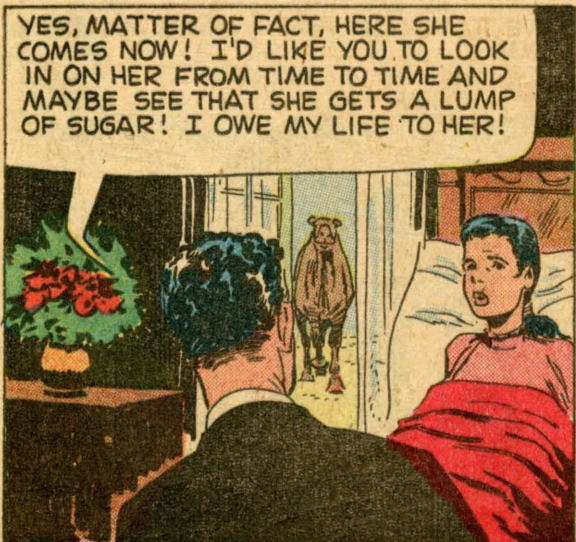
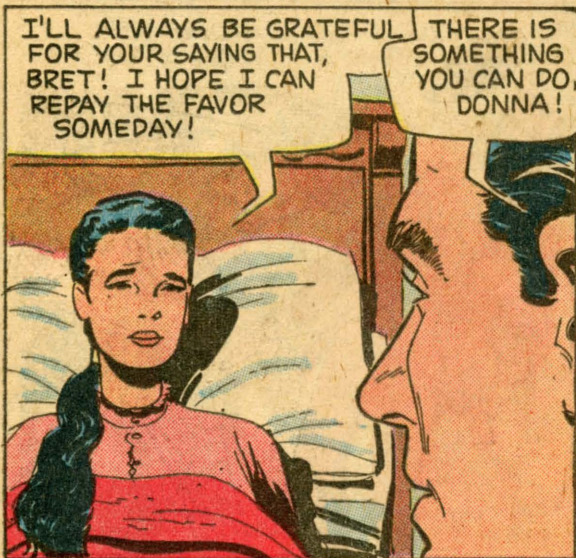
FATIMA, USED TO THE DESERT, JOGS ALONG AT A STEADY PACE...



FINALLY, JIMSON REALIZES HIS MOUNT IS TOO TIRED TO BE PUSHED ON ANY LONGER...







MAVERICK

THOUSAND DOLLAR TROUBLE

BRET MAVERICK, AFTER MANY WEARY DAYS ON THE TRAIL, ARRIVES ONE MORNING IN THE TOWN OF PECOS JUNCTION...

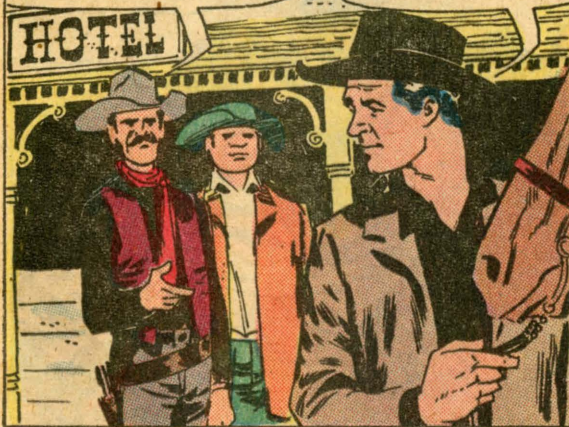
A BARBERSHOP! IT'LL SURE FEEL GOOD TO GET A SHAVE AND CHANGE INTO SOME CLEAN CLOTHES!

HEY, MISTER... THAT HAPPENS TO BE THE SPOT WHERE I HITCH *MY* HORSE!

OH? SEEMS LIKE THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM FOR EVERYBODY!

THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT! NO *SADDLE TRAMP'S* HITCHING UP IN MY SPOT!

YOU'D BETTER *MOVE* YOUR HORSE, STRANGER!

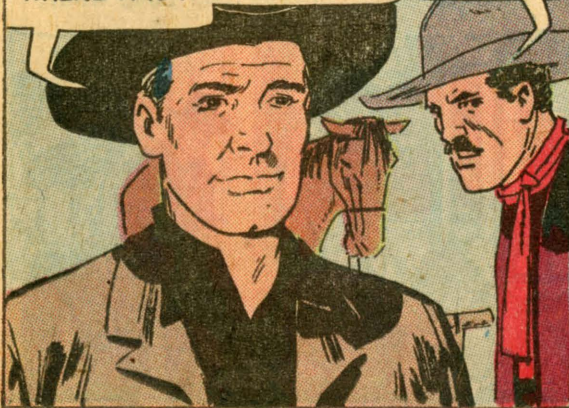


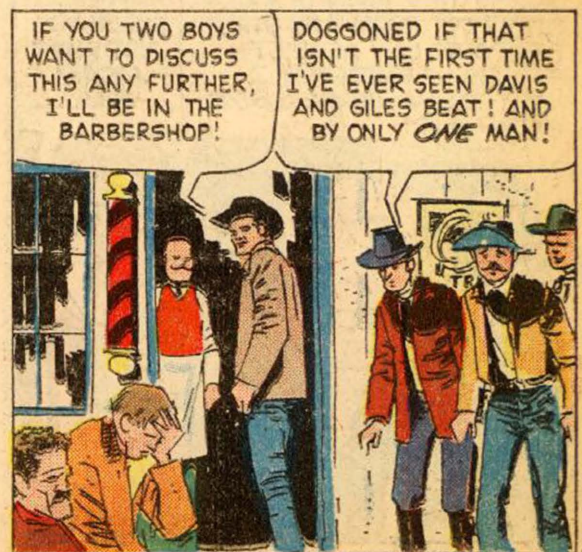
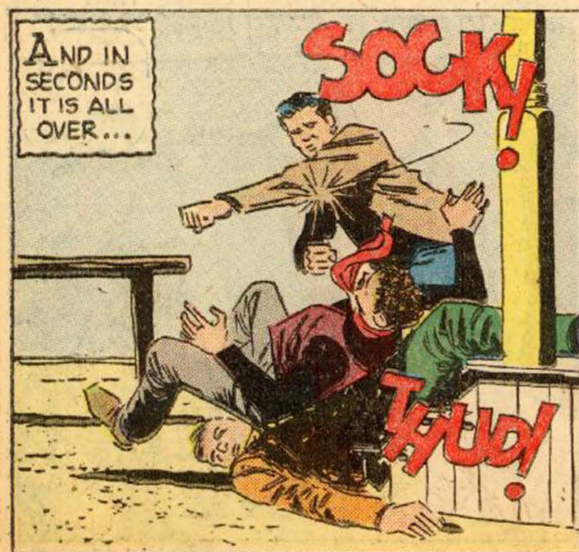
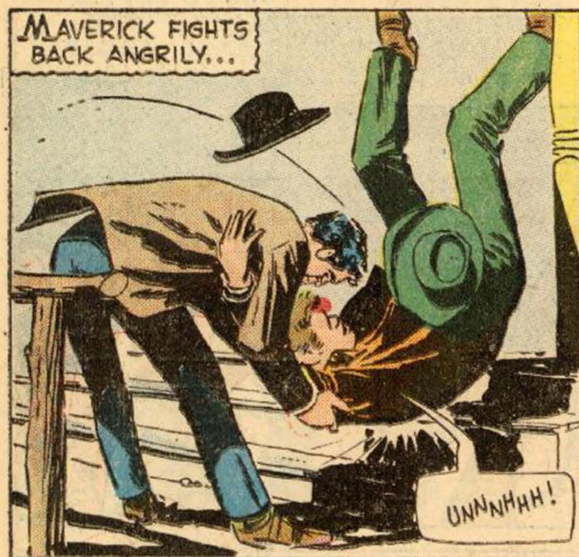
UNLESS THIS TOWN IS A *LOT* DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER, THERE'S NO LAW AGAINST HITCHING UP WHEREVER I WANT TO! MY HORSE *STAYS* WHERE IT IS!

MISTER, I GUESS YOU JUST DON'T *HEAR* WELL...

LOOKS LIKE I'LL JUST HAVE TO MOVE IT *FOR* YOU!

LEAVE THAT HORSE ALONE!



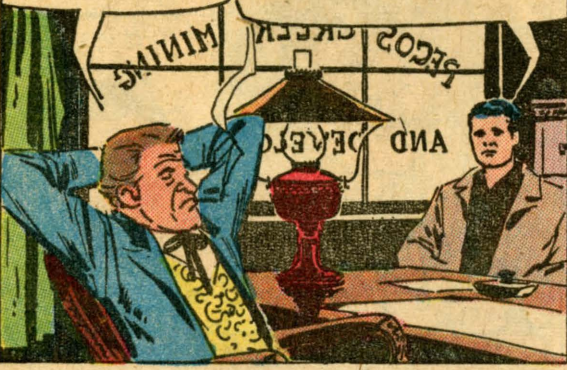




LATER, IN THE MINING COMPANY OFFICE...

I THINK YOU'LL BE MORE THAN HAPPY YOU ACCEPTED MY OFFER ...

WAIT A MINUTE! I *HAVEN'T* ACCEPTED YET! JUST WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO *EARN* THIS MONEY?



I'VE WORKED HARD TO GET THIS COMPANY OF MINE STARTED! ALMOST EVERYONE IN TOWN HAS INVESTED MONEY IN IT! IN TWO MORE WEEKS I SHOULD HAVE ALL THE STOCK SOLD...

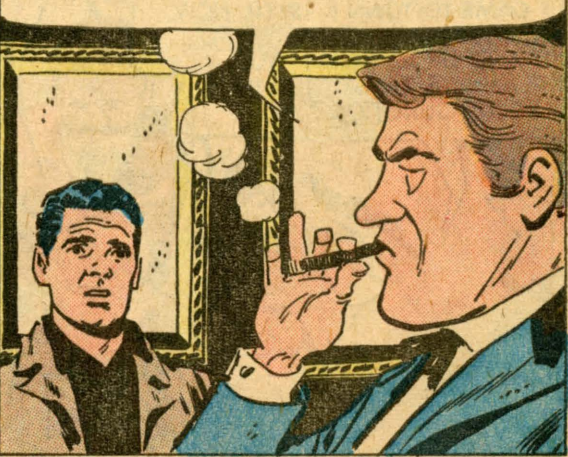
JUST WHAT HAS THAT GOT TO DO WITH *ME*?



THERE'S A CERTAIN MAN SUPPOSEDLY HEADED THIS WAY... I'VE BEEN TIPPED OFF BY A FRIEND OF MINE IN DALLAS THAT HE MIGHT COME TO PECOS JUNCTION! HE'S A THIEF, A ROBBER, AND A SWINDLER... AND I DON'T WANT HIM INTERFERING IN *MY* BUSINESS!



I'LL PAY YOU TO *DISCOURAGE* HIM FROM *STAYING* IN TOWN! THE MAN'S NAME IS *BRET MAVERICK!*



BRET TRIES TO CONCEAL HIS ASTONISHMENT...

MAVERICK?

YOU SEEM SURPRISED! DO YOU KNOW HIM?



I'VE *MET* HIM, YES... HE ALWAYS SEEMED A RATHER NICE SORT OF PERSON TO ME... I SORT OF LIKED HIM!

HE'S FOOLED A LOT OF PEOPLE! BUT AT LEAST YOUR KNOWING HIM WILL MAKE IT A LOT EASIER! I *HAVEN'T* THE VAGUEST IDEA WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE!



BUT IF YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT THIS MAN, WHY ARE YOU AFRAID OF HIM? WHAT COULD HE POSSIBLY DO TO HURT A **RESPECTABLE** MAN LIKE YOU?

MAVERICK IS VERY CLEVER! ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I'M **SURE** HE'D FIND A WAY TO CAUSE ME TROUBLE!

IS IT A DEAL!

I'M AFRAID THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT PUZZLE ME ABOUT THIS... BUT THE THOUSAND DOLLARS IS A LOT OF MONEY! **IT'S A DEAL!**

JUST TWO WEEKS... THAT'S ALL I NEED! KEEP THIS MAVERICK OUT OF MY HAIR FOR TWO WEEKS AND YOU'VE EARNED YOUR MONEY!

IT'S AS GOOD AS DONE!

THAT NIGHT, BRET RIDES OUT A FEW MILES FROM TOWN TO AN OLD MINING SHACK...

IF ANYONE CAN HELP ME FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT, IT'S CY MULLENS!

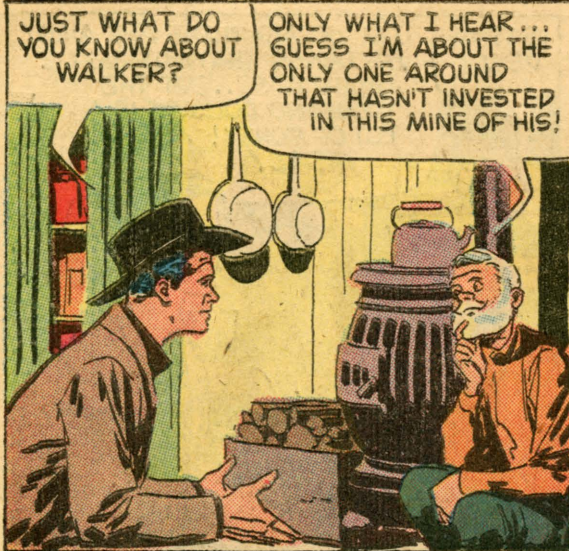
SHORTLY... WELL, MY BOOTS, IF IT'S NOT BRET MAVERICK HIMSELF! WHAT IN TARNATION BRINGS YOU ALL THE WAY OUT HERE?

YOU'RE THE ONLY MAN I KNOW IN THIS AREA, CY... AND I CAN **TRUST** YOU! I WANT TO FIND OUT A FEW THINGS!

BRET TELLS HIS OLD FRIEND ABOUT THE PROPOSITION MADE BY WALKER...

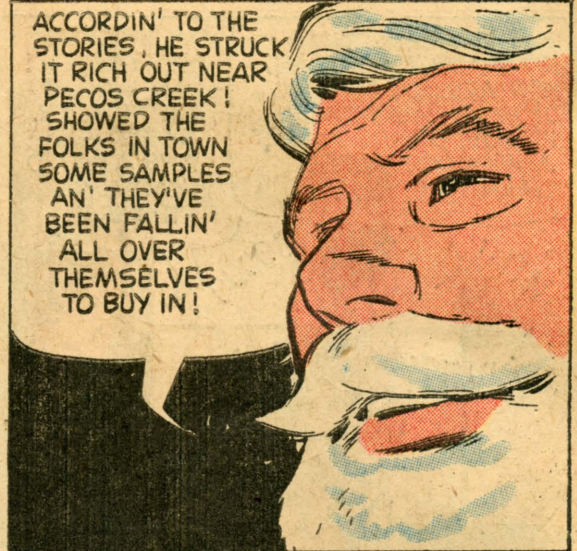
... AND EVEN THOUGH HE DOESN'T **KNOW** ME, HE'S AFRAID OF SOMETHING! WHY?

DOGGONED IF THAT'S NOT THE FUNNIEST THING I'VE EVER HEARD! YOU'RE EARNING A THOUSAND DOLLARS TO KEEP **YOURSELF** OUT OF TOWN!

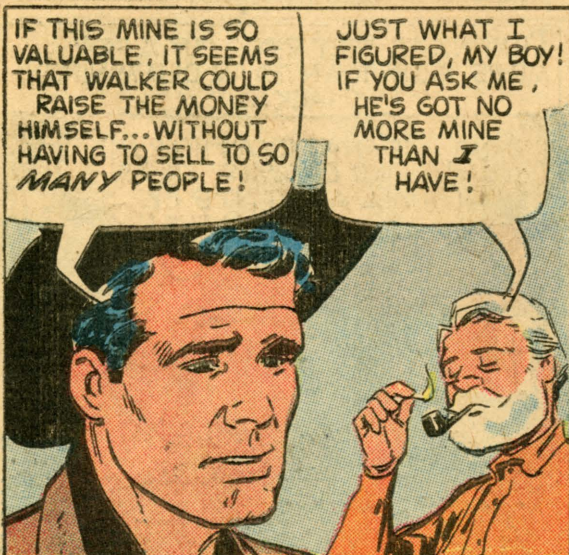


JUST WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WALKER?

ONLY WHAT I HEAR... GUESS I'M ABOUT THE ONLY ONE AROUND THAT HASN'T INVESTED IN THIS MINE OF HIS!



ACCORDIN' TO THE STORIES, HE STRUCK IT RICH OUT NEAR PECOS CREEK! SHOWED THE FOLKS IN TOWN SOME SAMPLES AN' THEY'VE BEEN FALLIN' ALL OVER THEMSELVES TO BUY IN!



IF THIS MINE IS SO VALUABLE, IT SEEMS THAT WALKER COULD RAISE THE MONEY HIMSELF... WITHOUT HAVING TO SELL TO SO MANY PEOPLE!

JUST WHAT I FIGURED, MY BOY! IF YOU ASK ME, HE'S GOT NO MORE MINE THAN I HAVE!

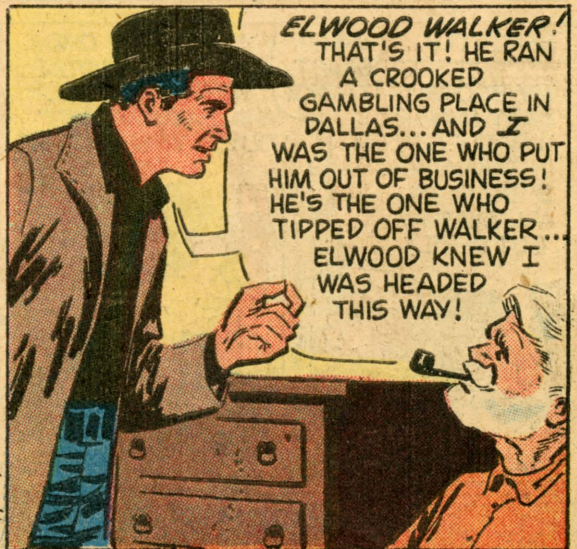


THEN, FOR SOME REASON, WALKER FIGURES BRET MAVERICK WOULD KNOW HE'S A SWINDLER... BUT AS FAR AS I KNOW, I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE!

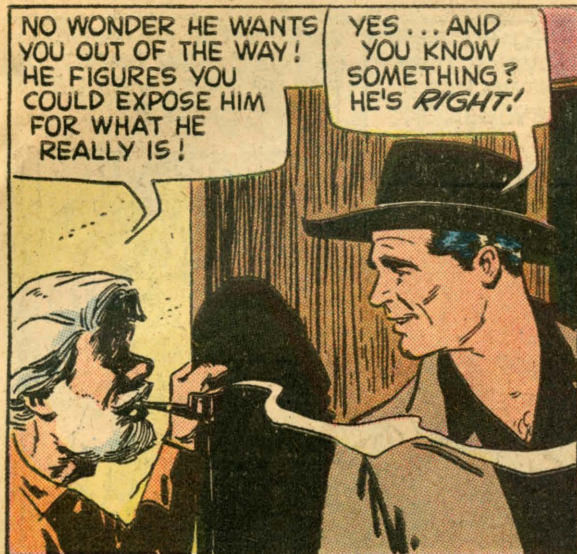


WALKER... IF ONLY I COULD REMEMBER...

FROM WHAT I HEAR HE'S GOT A BROTHER IN DALLAS... NAME'S DRIFTWOOD OR DEADWOOD OR SOMETHING...

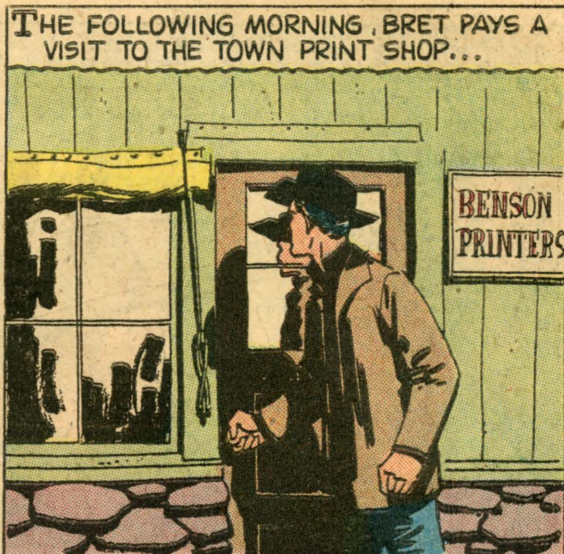


ELWOOD WALKER! THAT'S IT! HE RAN A CROOKED GAMBLING PLACE IN DALLAS... AND I WAS THE ONE WHO PUT HIM OUT OF BUSINESS! HE'S THE ONE WHO TIPPED OFF WALKER... ELWOOD KNEW I WAS HEADED THIS WAY!



NO WONDER HE WANTS YOU OUT OF THE WAY! HE FIGURES YOU COULD EXPOSE HIM FOR WHAT HE REALLY IS!

YES... AND YOU KNOW SOMETHING? HE'S *RIGHT!*

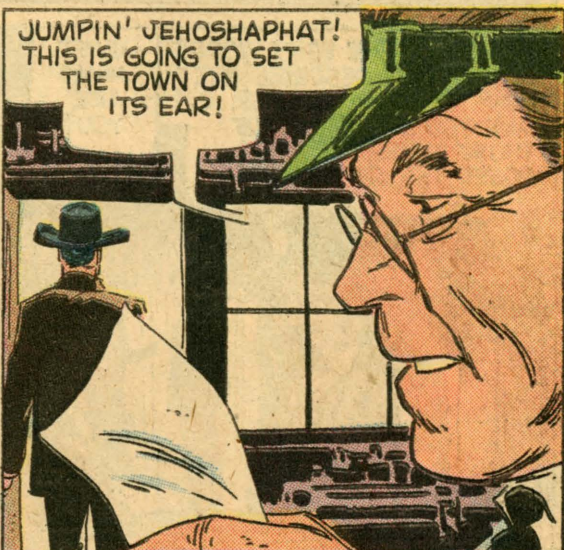


THE FOLLOWING MORNING, BRET PAYS A VISIT TO THE TOWN PRINT SHOP...



I'D LIKE ABOUT FIFTY OF THESE PRINTED UP... IN *LARGE, BLACK TYPE!* I WANT TO BE SURE THAT EVERYONE CAN READ IT!

I'LL HAVE THEM FOR YOU IN THREE HOURS, SIR!



JUMPIN' JEHOSEPHAT! THIS IS GOING TO SET THE TOWN ON ITS EAR!



THAT AFTERNOON, BRET LEAVES THE PRINT SHOP WITH HIS POSTERS...

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!



SOON, THE WORD HAS SPREAD AND TOWNSFOLK GATHER TO READ THE POSTERS...

LOOK AT THIS! JUST LOOK AT IT!

WAIT'LL WALKER SEES IT!

AND BEFORE LONG, WALKER HIMSELF SEES THE RESULTS OF MAVERICK'S WORK...

WHY... I'M RUINED! I'LL SUE! I'LL HAVE HIM HANGED!

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT J.P. WALKER IS A THIEF, SWINDLER, AND CROOK? ANYONE OWNING STOCK IN HIS MINE HAD BETTER MAKE SURE IT IS LEGITIMATE.

SOMETHING WRONG, MR. WALKER? YOU LOOK SICK!

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS? HOW DARE YOU PUT UP THESE VICIOUS LIES?

THOSE ARE THE VERY WORDS YOU USED TO DESCRIBE BRET MAVERICK, MR. WALKER ... AND YOU SAID HE *WAS* THOSE THINGS! I ONLY POSED THE *QUESTION!*

JUST *WHO* ARE YOU?

THE NAME'S *BRET MAVERICK!* AND AS FOR THAT THOUSAND DOLLARS ... FORGET IT! SOMEHOW, I JUST COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO HARM SUCH A NICE PERSON AS *MYSELF!*

I'D SUGGEST YOU TAKE CARE OF ALL YOUR CUSTOMERS, MR. WALKER ... SEEMS LIKE THEY WANT *PROOF* OF YOUR MINE ... OR THEIR *MONEY BACK!*

WE WANT TO *SEE* THAT MINE!

SWINDLER! CHEAT! GIVE US BACK OUR MONEY!

SHORTLY, AT THE REAR OF THE MINE OFFICE...

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE IN TROUBLE, WALKER ... MAYBE WE COULD HELP YOU!

LEAVE ME ALONE!

IF YOU PLAN ON TRYING TO GET PAST THAT CROWD OUT FRONT, YOU'LL NEED HELP ... NOW IF WE WERE TO HELP YOU GET AWAY...

UNLESS OF COURSE YOU PLAN ON SHOWING THOSE PEOPLE YOUR MINE...?

WALKER REALIZES THAT THIS MIGHT BE HIS ONLY CHANCE...

ALL RIGHT! YOU WIN! HERE'S FIVE-HUNDRED DOLLARS! KEEP THEM BUSY WHILE I GET OUT OF HERE... AND WATCH OUT FOR MAVERICK!

WE'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING...

CALM DOWN, FOLKS! MR. WALKER WILL BE OUT IN JUST A MOMENT...

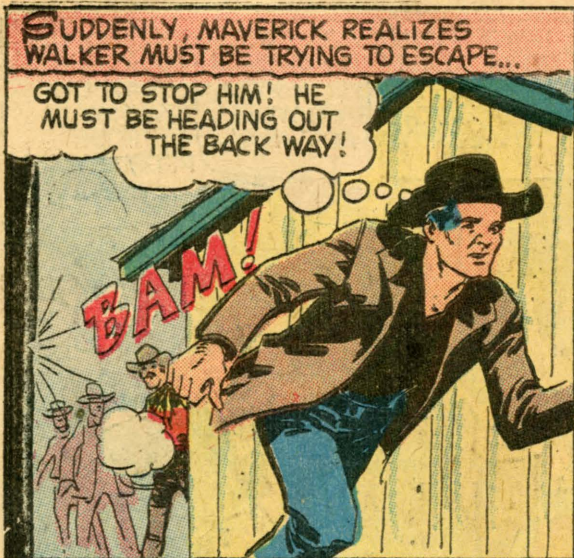
SOMETHING'S GOING ON ... WHAT ARE THOSE TWO DOING MIXED UP IN THIS?

I'M GOING INSIDE!

NOT IF WE CAN HELP IT!

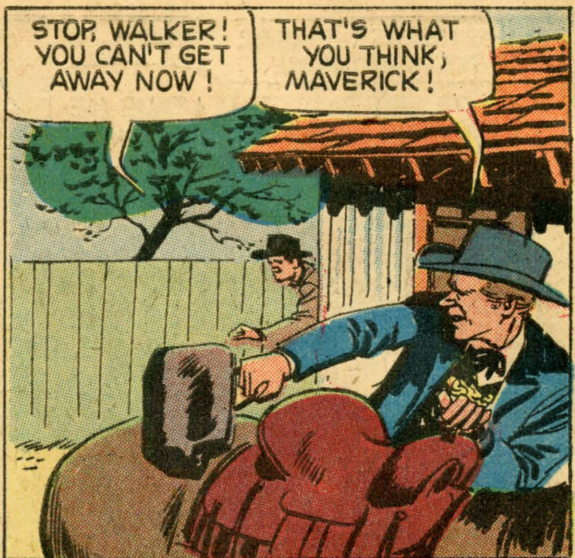
PECO CREEK AND DEVELOPMENT

GILES TAKES A SWING AT BRET BUT NOT IN TIME...



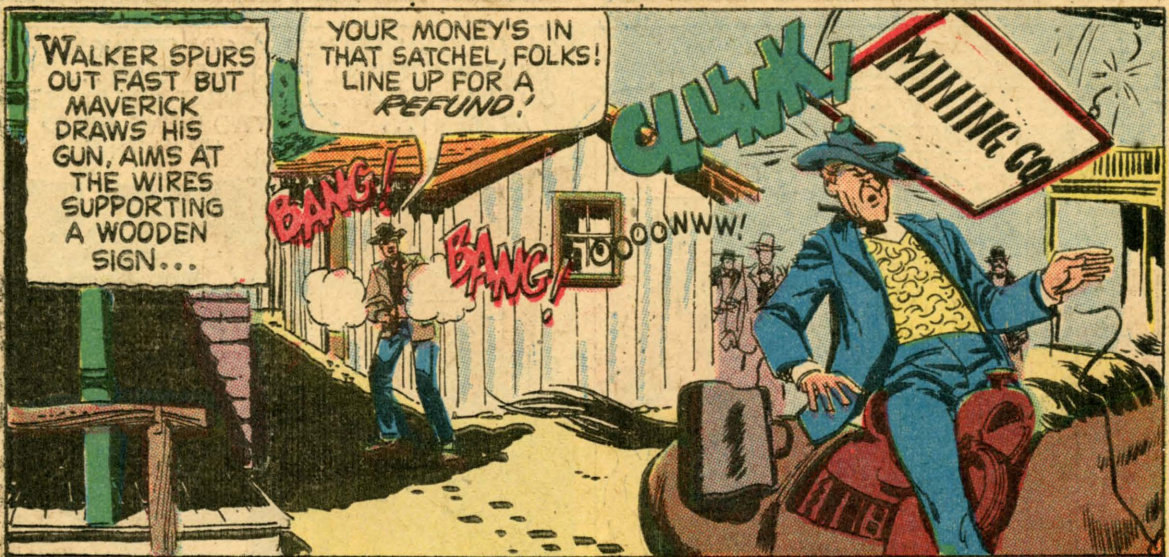
SUDDENLY, MAVERICK REALIZES WALKER MUST BE TRYING TO ESCAPE...

GOT TO STOP HIM! HE MUST BE HEADING OUT THE BACK WAY!



STOP WALKER! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY NOW!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, MAVERICK!



WALKER SPURS OUT FAST BUT MAVERICK DRAWS HIS GUN, AIMS AT THE WIRES SUPPORTING A WOODEN SIGN...

YOUR MONEY'S IN THAT SACHEL, FOLKS! LINE UP FOR A REFUND!

CLUNK!

MINING CO.

BANG!

BANG!

TOOOONWWW!



LOOKS LIKE YOUR BUSINESS FELL DOWN AROUND YOUR EARS, WALKER... BUT THEN, THAT HAPPENS TO ALL SHARP AND DISHONEST OPERATORS!

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Bart Maverick

JUICY FRUIT GUM PRESENTS HAVE FUN SAFELY



DON'T GET HURT



- NEVER play around construction work, broken glass, fire, or rocks.
- NEVER play in a street or road.
- NEVER run between parked cars.
- NEVER run with sharp objects in hand.
- NEVER chase a ball into the street.

BE SMART-PLAY SAFE



- ALWAYS play in a playground, backyard, or other approved play area.
- ALWAYS clear away broken glass, rocks and other dangerous things before playing.
- ALWAYS hold on with both hands when climbing.
- ALWAYS avoid strange dogs.

HERE'S ANOTHER SMART IDEA...

Here's a swell-tasting treat that really lasts . . .
Juicy Fruit Gum. Chewing it helps
keep your teeth clean, too. Ask your Mom
to bring some home.

