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An Adaptation of
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The town of El Dorado was being strangled by the iron grip of ruthless bandits! Only the coming of the railroad could save it! But all the forces of evil were arrayed against the life-giving lines of steel advancing across the prairie! Then Rocky Lane, Railroad Detective, took the trail against the outlaw overlord and found himself facing a desperate gamble! If he lost, his own life was forfeit! But if he won, his best friend would die at the hands of the...

Powder River Rustlers!
I'm warning you, Owlhoot! It ain't healthy to rile Old Nugget Clark when he's taking the stage through!

Stagecoach holdups are as common as cactus spines along the El Dorado stage line!
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BANG-BANG! DIE LIKE A DOG, YOU PESKY VARMINT!

AND THAT'S JUST WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF A REAL BANDIT TRIED TO HOLD ME UP! HE WOULDN'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE!

WHY, WHEN I WAS DRIVING FOR BUTTERFIELD, I MIND THE TIME TWO-GUN TATUM TRIED TO... UH-OH! IT LOOKS LIKE A STRANGER HEADING FOR EL DORADO, TOO!

WITHOUT WARNING, NUGGET BECOMES WITNESS TO A TABLEAU OF VIOLENCE!

HEY! YOU CAN'T DO THAT!

REACH!

MOUNTAIN WESTERN R.R.

TOO FAR AWAY TO INTERFERE, NUGGET WATCHES THE BOLD KIDNAPPING!

HI-YI! HIKE, YOU CRITTERS! WE GOT TO SAVE THAT POOR FELLOW!

HEY! WHAT TH...?

COME BACK HERE, YOU JUGHEADED, LOP-EARED POLECATS!
At that moment, Rocky Lane is riding quietly toward El Dorado along a converging trail. He hears the thunder of hoofs.

A runaway stagecoach! Come on, Black Jack!

Made it!

In a matter of moments, Rocky Lane has hauled the runaway team to a stop!

Got to (puff) get to El Dorado just as fast as I can!

Be better if you and the coach got there together, wouldn't it, old timer?

Thanks for stopping 'em, stranger—even if I could've done it myself in another minute!

Sure! You were gaining on them by the hour! What's the excitement?

I just saw a holdup and kidnapping right back there! I fired at 'em, but they were outta range of my deadly gun!

Busy day around here!

Hmmm! They got out of sight mighty fast! Funny I didn't hear your shots!

You must be deaf! They were right over there, I tell you!
Hi-yi-yi! Git along, you bob-tailed sidewinders! Nnike!

Well, Black Jack, there goes an old timer with a vivid imagination!

Soon, in El Dorado.....

Mr. Statton! Hey, Mr. Statton!

I saw him! I saw that railroad feller in his buckboard. It was awful!

Was he being gnaewed on by a gila monster ten feet high, Nugget?

I tell you. I saw him plain! I got sharp eyes!

Hey, Shears, windy nugget's off again!

Aw, get outta my way, you dumb stump owls! I'm reporting to my boss, Mr. Statton!

Tech-tech! Black Jack, I'd say our friend Nugget has a reputation for tall stories!

Organize a posse, Mr. Statton! Them bandits took the railroad man, pulled down his team and hauled him off!

Now, why would bandits do a thing like that, Nugget?

'Cause them bandits know if we can ship our cattle and money by railroad, they're licked! They gotta stop the railroad! Shears, you gotta make Mr. Statton listen to me!
LAST TIME MR. STATTON LISTENED TO YOU, HE RODE TWO NIGHTS WITHOUT SLEEP, AND WHAT DID HE FIND?

AW, THAT MIRAGE COULD'VE FOOLÉD ANYBODY THEN, BUT THIS WASN'T NO MIRAGE!

YOU SAY SOMETHING, MISTER?

HE WAS THERE! HE LOST CONTROL OF HIS HORSE WHEN I PASSED HIM SO I STOPPED TO HELP HIM CATCH THE CRITTER!

HEY, NUGGET! COME HERE AND HAVE A LOOK AT SOMETHING!

AFRAID I DIDN'T, SIR!

HOWDY, GENTLEMEN! I'M BOB MANNING, THE RAILROAD SURVEYOR!

THAT'S THE FELLER! HOW'D YOU GET AWAY FROM THEM ROAD AGENTS?

BANDITS? WHY, Ididn'T SEE A SOUL THE WHOLE TRIP—EXCEPT A STAGECOACH A MILE OR TWO AWAY! WHAT BANDITS?

YAHOO! ANOTHER WINDY NUGGET YARN BLEW UP IN HIS FACE! HO-HO! YOU STILL WANT A POSSE, NUGGET?
I'm Statton! This is Shears Williams, our tailor; and Mr...?

Lane! Rocky Lane! Glad to know you, Mr. Manning! Mind if I listen in? I'm interested in the railroad, too!

My news isn't good. It'll cost a hundred thousand dollars to bridge Powder River--and that's too much! However, I've persuaded them to play along!

We must have the railroad, Manning! People are moving away now because life and property aren't safe on the trails!

The railroad will pay fifty thousand dollars if El Dorado can raise the other fifty thousand dollars within three days. We've got around ten thousand dollars myself! Maybe some other people will kick in the rest!

I can sell some cows for cash, Statton! If we don't get the railroad, we're wiped out anyhow! We'll all contribute!

That's the spirit! We'll put the money in the hotel safe here until it's all collected. We'll save El Dorado yet!

His face grim, his eyes cold, Rocky Lane edges out of the crowd.

Where can I find the old boy they call Nugget?

He's got a little shack about five miles out on the east road!

But someone else is also interested in Nugget Clark!

Darn puff-headed idiot! I saw what I saw! Let 'em laugh!
OWOO! WHOA! HELP!

LIGHT OUT, BLACK JACK! THAT SOUNDS LIKE OUR FRIEND IN TROUBLE!

KEEP YOUR HEAD UP, OLD TIMER! I'LL STOP HIM!

A SUPERB THROW CATCHES THE RUNAWAY'S SADDLE HORN!

THAT DOES IT! IF I TRIED TO ROPE THE HORSE, HE'D HAVE TRAMPLED NUGGET!

PRAISE BE!

YOU AGAIN? HOW COME YOU'RE ALWAYS IN TROUBLE? HOW COME YOU'RE ALWAYS AROUND WHEN I'M IN TROUBLE?

JUST WAIT AND SEE WHO THEY BURY TOMORROW! I PUT SIX SLUGS IN THE BUSHWACKING BUZZARD!

AND NOW YOUR CYLINDERS ARE FULL OF LEAD AGAIN! YOU MUST BE TERRIBLY FAST ON THE RELOAD!
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THAT'S RIGHT! LAUGH AT ME! I SAW YOU LAUGHING WITH THOSE OTHER HYENAS WHEN I WAS TELLING ABOUT THE BANDITS!

BUT I WASN'T LAUGHING, NUGGET! IT HAPPENS THAT I BELIEVE YOU!

THAT'S JUST WHAT I SAID! YOU... HEY! DID YOU SAY YOU BELIEVE ME? HALLELUJAH! A SMART MAN'S COME TO TOWN AT LAST!

I HAPPEN TO KNOW YOU WERE TELLING THE TRUTH!

YOU SEE, I'M A RAILROAD DETECTIVE! THE REAL BOB MANNING IS MY BEST FRIEND, NUGGET! THAT FELLOW'S A FAKE!

THEN WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S HURRY TO TOWN AND MAKE THOSE COYOTES LAUGH OUTTA THE OTHER SIDE OF THEIR MOUTHS!

HOLD IT, NUGGET! IF BOB MANNING'S STILL ALIVE, EXPOSING THE FAKE MIGHT GET HIM KILLED! WE'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM IF POSSIBLE!

DAWGONE! YOU MEAN I GOTTA SHUT UP AND LET THEM HYENAS GIVE ME THE LAUGH? WELL... I RECKON, IF I HAVE TO...

MEANWHILE, BACK IN EL DORADO, A GRIM SECRET UNFOLDS!

THIS LINING HAS BEEN BOTHERING ME FOR A WEEK! I GOT THE SUIT...

...OFF A MAN NAMED BOB MANNING ON THE EAST TRAIL! YOU AIN'T MANNING! YOU'RE DEVEREAUX, A HAM ACTOR WHO TOOK THE JOB OF IMPERSONATING HIM!

YOU'VE DONE FAIRLY WELL SO FAR, I MUST ADMIT. BULL MACON WORKS FOR ME!

UH? WHY... ER...

DIDN'T I PICK A DAISY OF AN ACTOR, SHEARS? CALL ME MR. WILLIAMS, BULL! AND STAY BACK OUT OF THE LIGHT, YOU FOOL! THE SHERIFFS ARE LOOKING FOR THIS DEVEREAUX, I HEAR!
This is a larceny after my own heart! An elaborate web to steal everybody's savings!

Including mine! I've volunteered my few pennies to swell the fund, too! The railroad never asks for bridge-building money, but the folks around here don't know that. We'll clean up!

Are you sure nobody saw through the impersonation, Bull? Nobody but that windbag, Nugget! And I'd have gotten a slug into him if somebody hadn't happened by!

You let Nugget alone, Bull! Nobody believes him anyhow! You saw how they greeted his story!

But I'm the guy who uses the gun! It's my neck I'll go in a noose if they listen to him!

Ulp! No, Boss! I wouldn't argue with you, Mr. Williams!

If you're so anxious to shoot—ride out tonight and finish off the real Bob Manning so he can't endanger our plan!

A cinch, Shears... er... Mr. Williams! I'll do it right after dark!

Meanwhile, Rocky Lane and Nugget are returning to town.

You say the telegraph office is in the hotel lobby? Fine! You keep the telegraph operator busy while I do my job!

I can do it, Rocky! Anything to stamp on them varmints!

Fine! I've got to save Bob and his wife, too! He wrote me that he was bringing his new bride here!

Bride? Nobody was with him, Rocky! I can swear to that! He was alone in that buckboard!
PART OF ROCKY LANE'S RAILROAD TRAINING INCLUDES TELEGRAPHY. HIS SHARP EYES SWIFTLY TRACE THE INCOMING WIRES.

PETE, I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED TO ME IN DODGE CITY!

THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE BOB MANNING IS TO CONVINCE THOSE BUZZARDS HE'S VALUABLE TO THEM ALIVE! I HOPE THIS DOES IT!

SHUT UP, NUGGET! THERE'S A MESSAGE COMING IN FOR MANNING AND I GOT TO COPY IT DOWN!

MANNING WIRE AT ONCE, PROPER SEAL AND OVER TO RODEO COUNTRY.

HERE, NUGGET! WILL YOU DELIVER THIS TO MANNING OVER AT SHEARS WILLIAMS' TAILOR SHOP?

I WOULDN'T GIVE MANNING THE... OOPS! SURE I WILL, PETE!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER, ACROSS THE STREET...

ULP! ER- I'LL HAVE TO POSTPONE MY FITTING, MR. WILLIAMS! WHERE IS BULL MACONS?

MACONS? WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH A POLECAT LIKE HIM?

OH-ER-I HIRED HIM TO CARRY MY HEAVY BOOKS! I'LL-UH-NEED THEM TO ANSWER THIS WIRE FROM THE RAILROAD! EXCUSE ME, GENTS!

IT DIDN'T WORK, ROCKY! HE JUST TOOK THE WIRE AND SAID HE'D ANSWER IT WHEN HE Got HIS BOOKS!

THEN IT WORKED PERFECTLY, NUGGET! MY PLAN IS SUCCEEDING!
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I GET IT! HE'S GOTA GO TO MANNING TO GET THE RIGHT ANSWER! AND YOU SAID "ROCKY COUNTRY"—MEANING ROCKY LANE, YOUR NAME!

RIGHT! I WANTED BOB TO KNOW I WAS TRYING TO FIND HIM! IF WE FOLLOW THIS FAKER OR BULL MACONS, WE SHOULD SUCCEED!

THERE HE GOES NOW! IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO DRIVE THE STAGE TODAY, I'D GO ALONG TO HELP YOU!

IF I GET STUCK, I'LL FIRE THREE SHOTS, NUGGET! SO LONG, FIGHTING MAN!

A FEW MINUTES LATER....

OH- OH! THERE'S SOME- BODY FOLLOWING ME! I'LL BETTER DROP DOWN AND SEE WHO IT IS!

ALL RIGHT, YOU GET YOUR HANDS... NUGGET CLARK!

A FEW MINUTES LATER....

WHOA! I HAD TO FOLLOW YOU, ROCKY! SOMETHING IMPORTANT JUST HAPPENED! I PLAYED SICK SO'S I COULD TIP YOU OFF!

AN HOUR LATER....

THERE GOES BULL, STRAIGHT TOWARD BOB MANNING'S PRISON! HE DOESN'T SUSPECT I'M FOLLOWING HIS TRAIL!

WE JUST GOT A TELEGRAM! BOB MANNING'S WIFE IS COMING IN ON THE NEXT STAGE! MR. STATTON'S ON HIS WAY TO THE JUNCTION POINT NOW TO DRIVE THE STAGE!

THEN WHOEVER'S BEHIND THIS DIRTY GAME MUST KNOW SHE'S COMING IN, TOO! SHE CAN WRECK THEIR SCHEME WITH ONE WORD!

THEY'LL HAVE TO STOP HER BEFORE SHE REACHES TOWN! WHERE'S THE LIKELIEST PLACE FOR A STAGE HOLDUP, NUGGET?

THE GRADE UP FROM THE POWDER RIVER FORD, ROCKY! AND I'M GOING WITH YOU!
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MEANWHILE, AT THE OUTLAW’S SECRET CAMP

HERE’S A TELEGRAM FROM THE RAILROAD, MANNING! READ IT OVER AND TELL ME WHAT TO WIRE FOR AN ANSWER!

WHY SHOULD I TELL YOU WHAT TO SAY?

BECAUSE IF IT’S IMPORTANT, WE GOTTA KEEP YOU ALIVE TO ANSWER MORE OF THEM! GET WISE AND START READING!

IT SAYS OVER ROCKY COUNTRY! ROCKY! WHY, THAT MEANS ROCKY LANE’S ON THE JOB! MAN, I’M AS GOOD AS SAVED NOW!

MEANWHILE, A FEW MILES TO THE SOUTH

WIRE HIM TO USE THE LIVING ROCK! IT MEANS ROCK THAT’S NATIVE TO THE GROUND THERE!

O.KAY, WISE GUY, BUT IT BETTER NOT BE A TRICK! SHEARS WILLIAMS IS SMART AND HE’LL GET WISE IF IT’S A PHONY!

WHAT’S THE MEANING OF THIS, NUGGET? ARE YOU TWO CRAZY?

I HAVEN’T TIME FOR LONG-WINDED EXPLANATIONS, MR. STATTON! ASK THE LADY YOU HAVE AS PASSENGER TO STEP OUT, PLEASE!

IF YOU’VE FALLEN FOR ONE OF NUGGET’S CRAZY YARNS...?

YOU’D DO WELL TO FALL FOR SOME OF THEM YOURSELF, MR. STATTON! I’M ROCKY LANE, MRS. MANNING!

HE’S BEEN TAKEN BY BANDITS, MAM, AND I BELIEVE THEY WANT TO KILL YOU! MAY WE TRICK THEM WITH YOUR HAT AND SHAWL?

BOB’S BEST FRIEND—THE RAILROAD DETECTIVE! OH, WHERE IS MY HUSBAND?
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NUGGET WILL EXPLAIN! I WANT TO DRIVE THE COACH DOWN TO THE FORD!

HE'D BETTER EXPLAIN--AND IT'D BETTER MAKE SENSE!

HALF MILE AHEAD, UP THE RISING SLOPE OF THE TRAIL......

HERE IT COMES! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!

BANG! HOLD UP AND REACH FOR THE SKY!

BANG! GET DOWN, MAM! I'M DRIVING THROUGH!

THE MAD CHASE IS ON!

BANG! GET THEM, YOU FOOLS! IF THEY GET AWAY, OUR NECK'S WILL PAY!

YAHOO!
LICKER COVER OF PURSUIT, ROCKY HAULS FURIOUSLY AT THE KING-BOLT THAT PINS THE TEAM TO THE BOUNDING STAGECOACH.

MY LUCK'LL HOLD ALL RIGHT SO FAR! IF IT HOLDS ONCE MORE...

LUCK! DON'T DESERT ME NOW!

MADE IT... I THINK!
MOMENT LATER...

THAT'S THAT! THERE WON'T BE ANYBODY ALIVE IN THERE TO CALL DEVEREAUX A LIAR!

MRS. MANNING'S TRAPPED INSIDE ALL RIGHT! I GOT A GLIMPSE OF HER HAT AND SHAWL JUST BEFORE THE STAGE HIT!

WE CAN GO BACK AND REPORT A GOOD JOB WELL DONE THIS TIME!

EVEN IF STATTON IS STILL ALIVE, HE'LL JUST BACK OUR STORY!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

OH! BULL MUST BE LEFT ALONE UNTIL HE LEADS US TO THE MAN BEHIND THIS WHOLE SCHEME!

NUGGET, YOU AND MR. STATTON RIDE THE STAGE HORSES IN AND REPORT MRS. MANNING'S DEATH! I'LL HIDE HER IN YOUR SHACK, NUGGET!

I'LL DO ANYTHING I CAN TO BRING THOSE FIENDS TO JUSTICE, MR. LANE! COME ALONG, NUGGET!

LATER THAT AFTERNOON, BACK IN EL DORADO...

OH, MY BRIDE! MY BEAUTIFUL BRIDE! WHAT FIENDS COULD HAVE MURDERED HER LIKE THIS?

THE TEAM RAN AWAY AND THE COACH WENT INTO THE RIVER! I'M SORRY!

STOP HAMMING IT, YOU FOOL! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE YOU SPOIL EVERYTHING!

AH, YES! BUT YOU MUST ADMIT MY ACTING IS SUPERB, ISN'T IT?
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IT'S OKAY THAT STATION GOT AWAY, ISN'T IT, MR. WILLIAMS? WE DIDN'T TRY TO PLUG HIM!

OF COURSE! HE'S OUR BEST FUND-RAISER! WE'VE ALREADY COLLECTED OVER TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE--BRIDGE!

MEANWHILE, IN NUGGET'S SHACK....

THE BANDITS ARE DESPERATE! IF THE RAILROAD COMES THROUGH, THEY'RE DOOMED! THAT'S WHY THEY WANT ALL THE MONEY LEFT IN EL DORADO!

I GOT GOOD NEWS, ROCKY! MANNING SENT AN ANSWER TO YOUR TELEGRAM!

IT'S TIME WE GOT HELP FROM THE LAW! YOU GUARD MRS. MANNING, NUGGET! I'LL GO SEE STATION. HE'S A DEPUTY, ISN'T HE?

IT SAID: "USE LIVING ROCK FOR BALLAST!"

THAT MEANS: "I AM LIVING, ROCKY! HOORAY! THEN WE'RE STILL GOT A CHANCE TO GET HIM LOOSE!"

YEP! THE SHERIFF'S OVER AT HELLMAN! THAT'S A DAY'S RIDE FROM HERE! BUT I'LL GUARD THINGS HERE BY MYSELF!

LATER, IN THE STATION HOTEL...

I'M CONVINCED NOW, MR. LANE! AND TO THINK MOST OF THESE PEOPLE CAME HERE BECAUSE THEY TRUSTED ME! I'M RESPONSIBLE!

BUT YOU'VE GOT TO GO ON COLLECTING THEIR MONEY A LITTLE LONGER, MR. STATION!

EVERY DOLLAR IS LIFE INSURANCE FOR BOB MANNING! HOW MANY MEN CAN YOU TRUST TO COMB THAT CAN YON FOR THE HIDE-OUT WHERE HE'S PRISONER?

WIRE THE SHERIFF TO MEET ME AT JUNCTION POINT WITH EVERY MAN HE CAN RAISE! WE'VE GOT TO FIND WHERE THEY'RE HIDING BOB!

NOT ENOUGH! NOT OVER ONE OR TWO I'D DARE DEPEND ON NOW! EVERYTHING IS CONFUSED!

BUT THAT MEANS STRIPPING THE COUNTY OF PROTECTION! LOOK AT MY SAFE! ALL THE MONEY IS IN THERE!
PLEASE CARRY THE MONEY WITH YOU FOR SAFETY. I'M TERRIBLY WORRIED!

ALL RIGHT, MR. STATTON! I DON'T LIKE IT, BUT I RECKON I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL! I'LL TRY TO GUARD IT!

GET THAT WIRE RIGHT OFF, MR. STATTON! TIME IS VITAL, HOW?

RIGHT AWAY, MR. LANE! THE SHERIFF'LL BE WAITING AT JUNCTION POINT!

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT JUNCTION POINT?

SHEARS, COME INSIDE! I'VE GOT TERRIBLE NEWS FOR YOU! THIS WHOLE THING IS A PLOT TO ROB EL CORRADO OF EVERY PENNY!

MANNING ISN'T MANNING AT ALL, BUT A FAKE! THAT COWBOY, LANE, IS A RAILROAD DETECTIVE AND FRIEND OF THE REAL BOB MANNING! HE KNOWS!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I DON'T TRUST THAT SADDLE TRAMP, LANE!

I DO! I GAVE HIM ALL THE MONEY TO CARRY, AND I'M WRITING THE SHERIFF TO BRING A POSSE TO JUNCTION POINT AT ONCE!

THEN SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE AT ONCE, STATTON!

AND THIS IS IT!

WHAT'S UP, BOSS?

THUD!

UGH!

PLENTY! GET THE BOYS TO JUNCTION POINT FAST! PRETEND THEY'RE FROM THE SHERIFF! GET THAT MONEY FROM ROCKY LAKE ANY WAY YOU CAN!

I LIKE THAT ORDER, BOSS! I'LL GET IT FROM HIM MY WAY!
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A FEW MOMENTS LATER, IN THE STREET OUTSIDE....

ROCKY LANE SLUGGED MR. STATION AND GOT AWAY WITH ALL OUR MONEY! COME ON! I'M ROUNDING UP A POSSE TO RUN HIM DOWN!

WHAT'S UP, SHAWS?

LATER, OUT AT JUNCTION POINT....

ROCKY LANE? THE SHERIFF SAID TO MEET YOU HERE! WE'RE PART OF THE POSSE! HE'S ROUNDING UP!

THAT'S FINE! SORRY I STARTED TO DRAW ON YOU, BUT I WASN'T SURE.

JUNCTION POINT STAGE STATION

WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

WE'RE ARRESTING YOU! FOR SLUGGING STATION AND ROBBING HIS SAFE! COME ALONG QUIET, LANE!

YOU WERE SEEN LEAVING! THE SAFE WAS EMPTY AND STATION SLUGGED--MAYBE DYING! I RECKON THIS IS FINAL PROOF!

IT'S ALL A MISTAKE! TAKE ME BACK TO EL DORADO AND WE'LL STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT!

SUDDENLY, BLACK JACK, ROCKY'S TRAINED STALLION, TAKES A HAND IN THE GAME!

WAIT A MINUTE! BLACK JACK'S GOT SOMETHING IN HIS HOOF! WELL, WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT?

WHAT? I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!

SURE YOU CAN, BOYS! YOU CAN SEE STARS!

YIYIYIYI YEEFOW!

CLOUT!
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I'LL FIX YOU...

GOOD WORK, BLACK JACK!

LET'S GO, FELLOW! WE'RE NEEDED BACK IN EL DORADO!

I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS, LANE! YOU'LL PAY!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT NUGGET'S SHACK......

THEM IDJITS! THEY'RE HUNTING ROCKY LANE FOR ROBBING STATION'S SAFE! SHEARS WILLIAMS IS RAISING A POSSE!

THEY MUSTN'T! HE'LL BE KILLED! AND WE KNOW HE'S INNOCENT!

I'VE GOT TO TELL THAT MR. WILLIAMS HE'S WRONG! ROCKY IS DOING THAT FOR BOB AND ME! WAIT HERE WHILE I EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!

ROCKY SAID TO STAY HERE! BUT I GUESS MAYBE THIS IS AN EMERGENCY! YOU GO AHEAD AND TELL THEM OFF!

A FEW MINUTES LATER....

ROCKY! NOW EVERYTHING'LL BE ALL RIGHT! ME FROM ARIZONA TO DAKOTA! WHO'S TAKEN OVER THE LAW IN EL DORADO?

SURE! JUST WONDERFUL! THEY'VE CHASED ME FROM ARIZONA TO DAKOTA!

SHEARS WILLIAMS! BUT IT'S OKAY! MRS. MANNING HAS GONE TO TELL HIM WHO YOU REALLY ARE AND THAT SHE'S NOT DEAD!

SHE'S GONE TO WILLIAMS? HE'S THE ONLY MAN WHO COULD HAVE SENT BULL MACONS AND HIS THUGS AFTER ME!

IT'S GOT TO BE WILLIAMS BEHIND ALL THIS! I SAW HIM NEADING FOR STATION'S AS I RODE OUT!

AWRRRK! AND I SENT THAT GAL RIGHT INTO HIS CLUTCHES! WHY WASN'T I BORN WITH BRAINS INSTEAD OF A BIG MOUTH?
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YOU DID WHAT YOU THOUGHT BEST, STAY HERE, NUGGET! YOU'RE THE ONLY MAN I CAN DEPEND ON!

YOU DEPEND ON ME? DAHGGONE, I SAID YOU WERE THE SMARTEST MAN EVER HIT THESE PARTS! I'LL DO MY SHARE, ROCKY!

AT THAT MOMENT...

YOU BUNGLING FOOL, BULL! WHY DO I HAVE TO HIRE INCOMPETENTS TO DO MY WORK?

WELL, I GOT THE MONEY BACK, ANYHOW!

RIGHT, BUT IT'S SHORT OF THE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WE PLANNED! SOMEBODY CAN'T HAVE HIS CUT! WE'RE THROUGH WITH DEVEREAUX, HERE!

ULLP! NOW DON'T JOKE, BOYS! I'VE DONE MY PART ADmirably!

SUDDENLY, THE DOOR BURSTS OPEN!

MR. WILLIAMS, YOU MUSTN'T HUNT ROCKY LANE! HE'S INNOCENT! I'M MRS. MANNING! THE REPORT OF MY DEATH WAS A TRICK OF ROCKY'S!

MY DEAR LADY, YOU DID JUST RIGHT BY COMING TO ME WITH YOUR STORY!

BULL!

TAKE HER OUT TO CAMP! IT'LL HELP KEEP MAHAN IN LINE UNTIL WE'RE THROUGH WITH THE DEAL!

HURRY ALONG, BULL! MANNING MAY RISK HIS OWN NECK TO CROSS US, BUT HE WON'T RISK HURTING HIS BEAUTIFUL BRIDE!

WE GOT EVERYTHING RIGHT WHERE WE WANT IT, BOSS!

A MOMENT LATER...........

SOMEBODY ROPE OUT OF TOWN IN A HURRY! I'D LIKE TO FOLLOW, BUT I'D BETTER KEEP MY EYE ON SHEARS WILLIAMS! HE'S MORE IMPORTANT!
OH- OH! THERE GOES THAT ACTOR WHO'S BEEN IMPERSONATING BOB! HE DOESN'T LOOK TOO HAPPY ABOUT SOMETHING! I WONDER...

WHAT'S THE MATTER, FRIEND? THE GOING GETTING TOO ROUGH FOR YOU? ARE YOUR PLAYMATES READY TO DITCH YOU NOW?

THAY'RE TALKING OF K-KILLING ME! I'M ON YOUR SIDE NOW! I'LL DO ANYTHING TO HELP YOU!

THEN TELL ME WHERE THEY'RE HIDING MANNING? AND WHERE HIS WIFE IS?

THEY TOOK HER TO JOIN HIM! I'VE ONLY BEEN THERE ONCE! IT'S A CAMP UP IN THE MALAPIE!

A CANYON JUST BEYOND... EEEAHHHH!

WHAAAA?

HE'S BADLY HURT! HE WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANY MORE TALKING IN TIME TO SAVE THE MANNINGS!

SHEARS WILLIAMS MUST HAVE SHOT HIM! AND HE'S OUT THERE LAYING FOR ME!
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Rocky fires one telling shot in reply—and then flight becomes his only hope!

Help! It's Rocky Lane! He killed Manning and he's out to get me!

I've got to get clear! Every moment I delay now means less hope for Bob and Louise!

There he goes!

Just outside of the town.....

I can't shoot men who are honestly fooled! And I can't stop to explain! Reckon this is the best plan! They won't see this rope in the dark!

Ow! Ow!

Ee-ahh!

Ughh!

A few moments later, at Nugget's shack.....

Where in the Malapie? That's like saying somewhere west of Missouri and east of California! The Malapie's a big stretch of land!

We've got to jump fast, Nugget! They've taken Mrs. Manning out to where they're hiding Bob in the Malapie!
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IN EL DORADO, AS DAWN SLIDES UP OVER THE MOUNTAINS......

I DON'T GET THIS, ROCKY? HOW CAN YOU FIGURE THOSE SUITS AND THESE NO-GOOD GUNS? WHY HELP ME FIND THE MANNINGS?

DON'T LET ME DOWN NOW, NUGGET! JUST GIVE ME A HEAD START AND THEN DO YOUR PART!

THAT ROCKY LANE'S SMART! WILLIAMS'LL HEAD FOR HIS CAMP TO SEE WHAT WENT WRONG, AND WE'LL JUST FOLLOW HIM THERE!

IT'S PROBABLY ONE OF NUGGET'S DREAMS, BUT I'VE GOT TO GO! I'LL TAKE ONLY YOU THREE MEN! THE REST STAY HERE!

IT WORKED! HE'S ONLY TAKING HIS OWN TROOPS, AND LEAVING THE HONEST MEN BEHIND!

DAWN'S GONE, THAT ROCKY LANE'S SMART! WILLIAMS'LL HEAD FOR HIS CAMP TO SEE WHAT WENT WRONG, AND WE'LL JUST FOLLOW HIM THERE!

HE'S UP IN THE MALAPIE! HE SHOT BULL MACONS AND TWO OTHERS IN A BIG FIGHT!

THE MALAPIE? OH-OH! SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG!

HELP! GET UP A POSSE, QUICK! I GOT ROCKY LANE CORNERED AND WOUNDED! GET YOUR GUNS AND COME ON!

AW, IT'S JUST THAT WINDY NUGGET AGAIN!

SEDANTLY, NUGGET WAITS FIFTEEN MINUTES AND THEN GOES INTO HIS ACT!

THOSE GUNS WON'T SHOOT, ROCKY! WHEN I RETIRED?” EM I TOOK OUT THE FIRING PINS!

THEM I'LL DO ANYWAY NOW I'VE GOT A TOUGH JOB OR TWO FOR YOU, NUGGET! LET'S GO!

ROBBING A STORE I CAN STAND, ROCKY, BUT TELLING A LIE JUST GOES AGAINST MY GRAIN! BUT I'LL TRY!
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TWO HOURS LATER, ON THE EDGE OF THE VAST MALAPIE COUNTRY........

Dawgone, we sure shook the sheep out from the goats! Every no-good saddle tramp in town's riding with Williams!

I figured it would work that way, Nugget! Now we give them a good start and then trail along!

But there's all those fellows plus Bull and his boys besides! That's a heap of trouble for just us two alone!

You're forgetting our ten-man posse through the courtesy of Shears Williams. Let's go!

AFTER A HARD RIDE INTO THE BROKEN FOOTHILLS............

That's what I want to know! Nugget said you had a big battle with Rocky Lane out here! I don't get it!

What's up? Is anything wrong?

Aw, you know that old windbag! Nobody listens to him!

I think it's time we did! He hit too close, naming the Malapie and saying you were here besides...

He said you were out here---dead! That would break my heart!

I don't like that kind of guessing!

We can't take chances on staying here! Get rid of those two! You're so anxious to use your gun! Go ahead and use it!

I'll use it! They know too much to live!
Suddenly.....
FREEZE, ALL OF YOU! DROP THOSE GUNS! YOU'RE COVERED BY A DOZEN RIFLES, ALL ITCHING TO TALK TURKEY!

YIWI! ROCKY LANE AND A WHOLE POSSE!

With Nugget's help, and some changes of voice, Rocky's "posse" is kept lifelike enough to frighten the kidnappers!

AW, LET ME PLUG ONE OF THEM VARMINTS, SHERIFF!

Hold your fire, men! Keep this legal!

Reckon you can use a piece of sharp steel right now, Bob!

Reckon I can, Rocky! You're a sight for sore eyes!

Send 'em out two at a time, Rocky! We'll tie 'em up!

You heard the sheriff, boys! Get moving--and no funny stuff!

Nupe! Now look what I done!

But Nugget stumbles!

We've been tricked! They're dummies! Clothes stolen from my own shop! Get them!
In an instant the enraged outlaws are throwing lead!

Arghh! Bang!

Come on, Shears! We can make it to our horses this way!

Wham!

Bang! Bang!

With the flight of their leaders, the fight goes out of the gang.

Dawgone! They got me unawares, Rocky!

You and Bob mop up here! I've got to stop Shears and Bull before they get away with the money!

Soon... They must have the money cached in Shears' shop or they'd never risk coming back to town!
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A moment later...

Drop it, both of you! You're covered!

BUT DEEPERATION HAS DESTROYED ALL OF SHEARS WILLIAMS' CAUTION!

Rocky Lane!

You'll never take me!

Oooh! My arm!

Stay put until I'm ready for you!

EEEARHHR!

Let's keep this clean, bull!

OwOOO! My hand!

BANG!
YOU'VE MESSED THINGS UP LONG ENOUGH!

I'VE ONLY STARTED MESSING YOUR DIRTY PLANS, BULL!

SWEET DREAMS, BULL!

ARGHHH!

THAT FINISHES HIM!

DROP THAT, YOU MANGY VARMINT!

UGH!

NUGGET!

WE SURE DID, NUGGET! THANKS TO YOUR HELP!

WE SURE CLEANED UP THESE BUZZARDS, EH, PARTNER?
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AND SO, A MONTH LATER, EL DORADO'S GOLDEN DREAM COMES TRUE!

WE GOT OUR TRAIN AND WE GOT BACK THE MONEY WE GAVE THAT THEEVING VARMINT, WILLIAMS! HOORAY FOR ROCKY LANE AND THE MANNINGS! EL DORADO IS SAVED!

WE'RE SURVEYING THE LINE WEST, NUGGET! WHEN THE TRACK'S BUILT, WE HAVE TO MOVE!

DAWGONE, I NEVER SAW SUCH FOLKS! JUST WHEN EL DORADO GETS PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS, THEY HEAD ON LOOKING FOR MORE TROUBLE!

HEY! WHERE ARE THE GUESTS OF HONOR AT THIS CELEBRATION?

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING? YOU'RE GUESTS OF HONOR TODAY!

SORRY, NUGGET, BUT WE'VE GOT A JOB TO DO! YOU WILL BE GUEST OF HONOR! YOU DID THE MOST FOR EL DORADO!

I HEAR COLLECTING VARMINTS IS YOUR SPECIALLY, ROCKY. WE'LL BE HAPPY TO PRESERVE THEM FOR YOU!

AFTE ROCKY'S WOUNDED ARM IS BANDAGED, THE SHERIFF AND POSSE ARRIVE.

GLAD TO SEE YOU, SHERIFF! WE'VE GOT A PRIZE COLLECTION OF VARMINTS FOR YOU TO CAGE!
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