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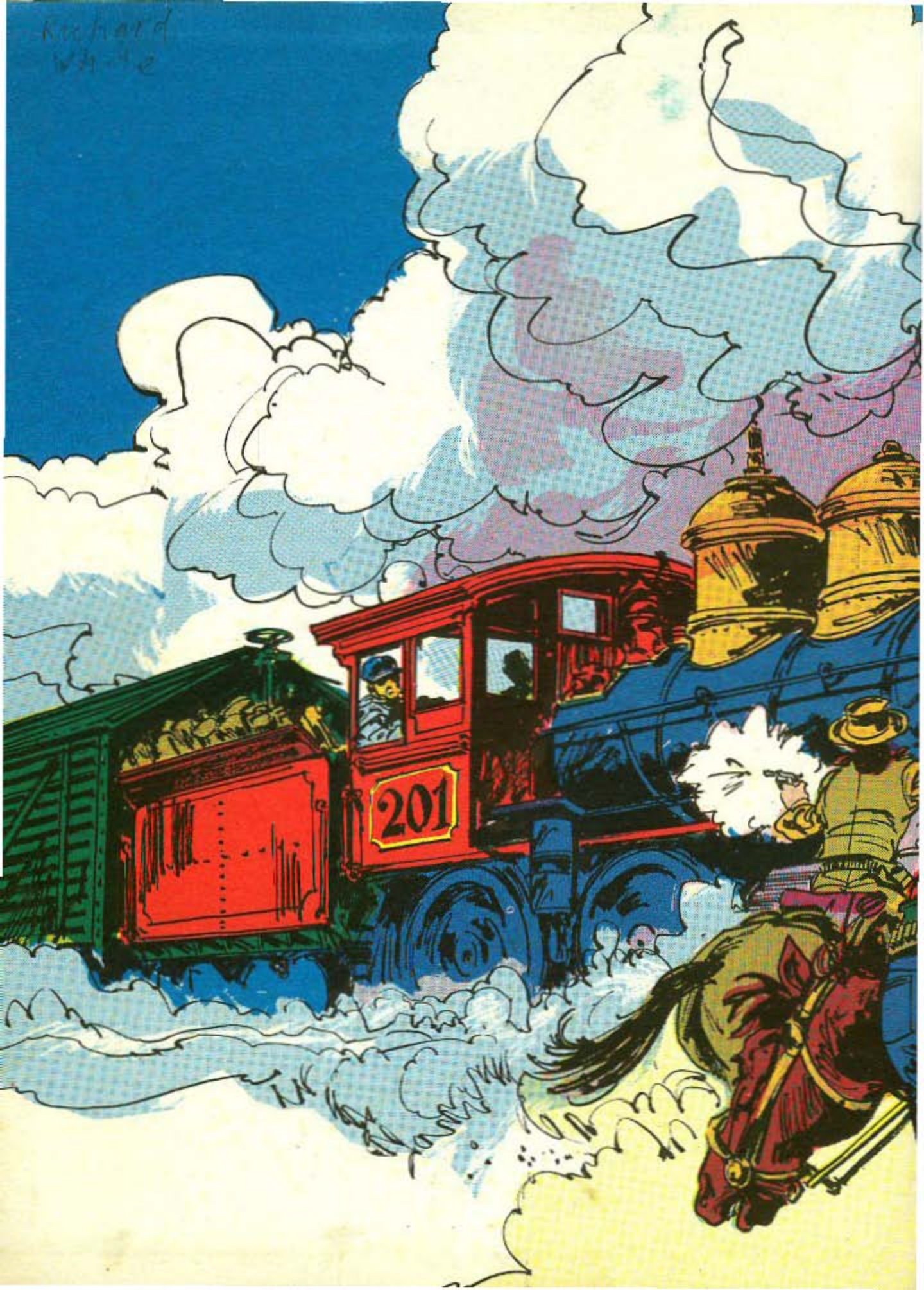
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as Marshal
MATT DILLON

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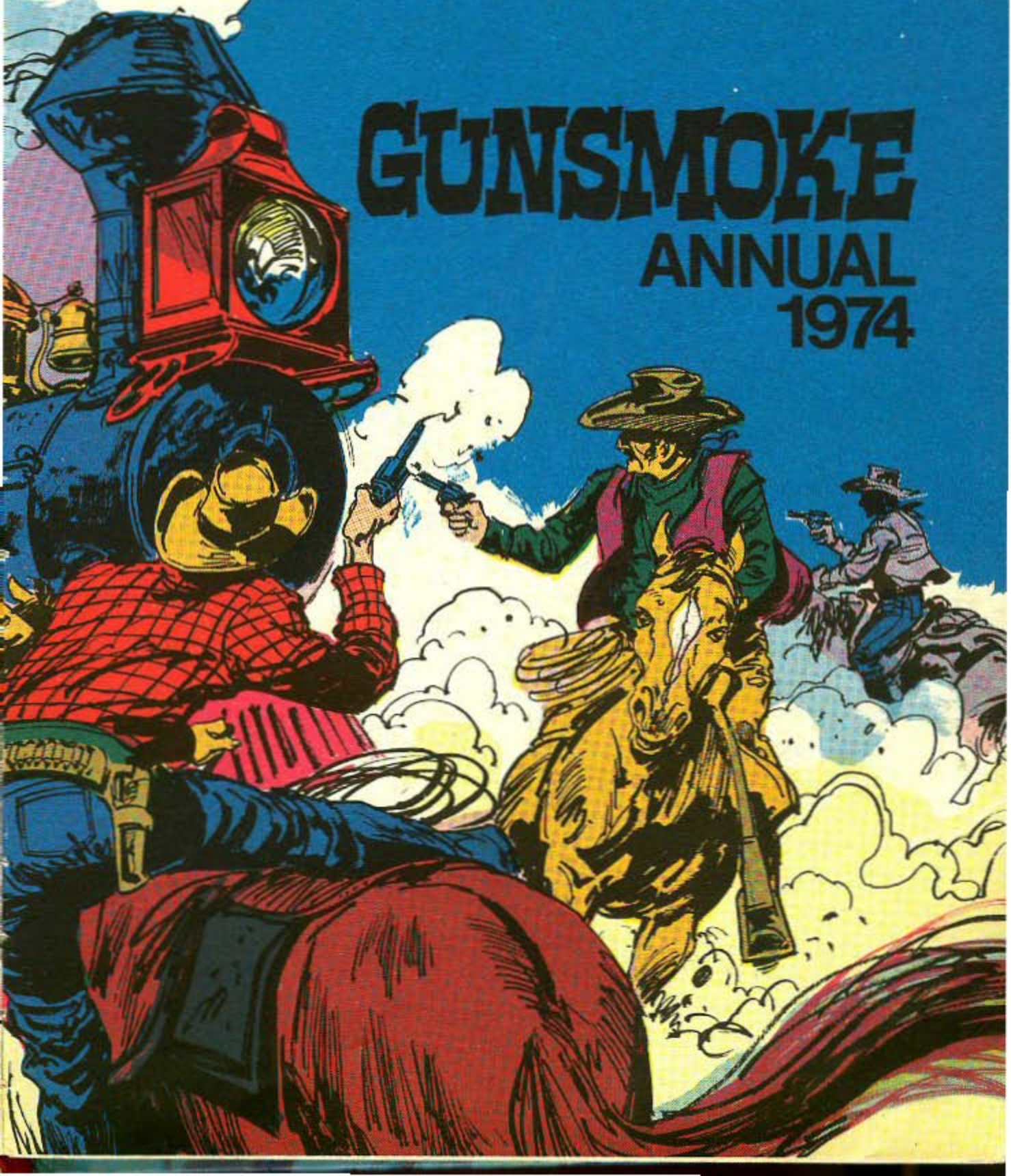
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AFTER THE LAST CUSTOMER FINALLY LEAVES THE LONG-BRANCH, KITTY CLOSES UP, BUT AS SHE STARTS OFF...

FUNNY-- THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHING ABOVE THE STORM'S NOISE! LIKE A WINDOW BREAKING!



I'D BETTER CHECK WHILE I'M HERE!



NOT A SOUND! MOVE IN AND NO TRICKS OR I'LL BE FORCED TO SHOOT!







SHORTLY AFTER...

CLIMB DOWN, DOC!

NO NEED TO HURRY ME, MISTER! I CAN'T WAIT TO GET IN OUT OF THIS RAIN!



THERE HE IS!

HE LOOKS WORSE THAN THE WEATHER!



WELL?

THE BULLET THAT "ACCIDENTALLY" GOT INTO HIS ARM **MUST** COME OUT! THIS ISN'T AN IDEAL OPERATING ROOM, KITTY, BUT IT WILL HAVE TO DO!



FOR AN HOUR, DOC ADAMS WORKS SKILLFULLY AND THEN...

IT'S OUT! NOW HE NEEDS REST AND **DON'T** MOVE HIM!

WE CAN'T RISK STAYING **HERE!** I'M MOVING SHELTON TONIGHT!



THAT'S **AGAINST** MY ADVICE! BESIDES, I SHOULD LOOK IN ON HIM IN THE MORNING--

THAT WILL BE EASY, DOC! YOU AND THIS LADY ARE HELPING **MOVE** MY BROTHER AND **STAYING** WITH US!



THIS IS A FOOL THING TO BE DOING--

STAYING HERE COULD BE JUST AS FATAL! NOW GET HIM ONTO THE BUCKBOARD AND FOLLOW ME! I KNOW A CAVE WE CAN TAKE SHELTER IN!



NEXT MORNING...

FESTUS, HAVE YOU SEEN DOC ADAMS? SOMEONE WAS ASKING FOR HIM!

NO, MATTHEW! HAVEN'T SEEN HIM! AND HIS BUCKBOARD IS GONE TOO! MUST BE OUT ON CALL!



DOC ISN'T THE ONLY ONE MISSING! SEEMS MISS KITTY HASN'T OPENED SHOP YET EITHER!

FUNNY, THAT'S NOT LIKE HER!



MEANWHILE SEVERAL MILES AWAY...

LISTEN, MISTER, I'VE DONE ALL I CAN FOR YOUR BROTHER! HE JUST NEEDS REST, BUT OTHER FOLKS NEED ME!

NO, DOC! YOU AND THE LADY ARE REMAINING HERE TILL I SAY YOU CAN GO!



OUR MAN SEEMS TO BE GETTING TIRED--AND CARELESS! IF I CAN JUST EASE OUT HIS BROTHER'S GUN WITHOUT HIM SEEING ME!

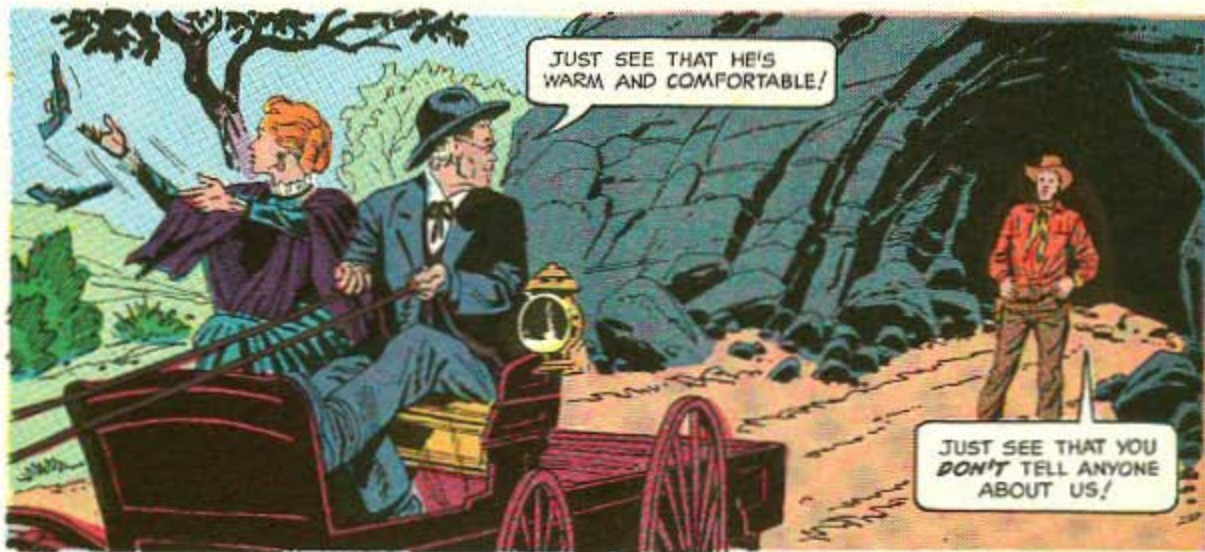


WHAT IN --

DON'T DRAW!
DOC, TAKE HIS
GUN AND
EMPTY IT!



NICE GOING, KITTY!
AFTER I EMPTY
THIS REVOLVER,
WE'LL CLIMB ON-
TO THE BUCKBOARD
AND TAKE OUR
LEAVE!



JUST SEE THAT HE'S
WARM AND COMFORTABLE!

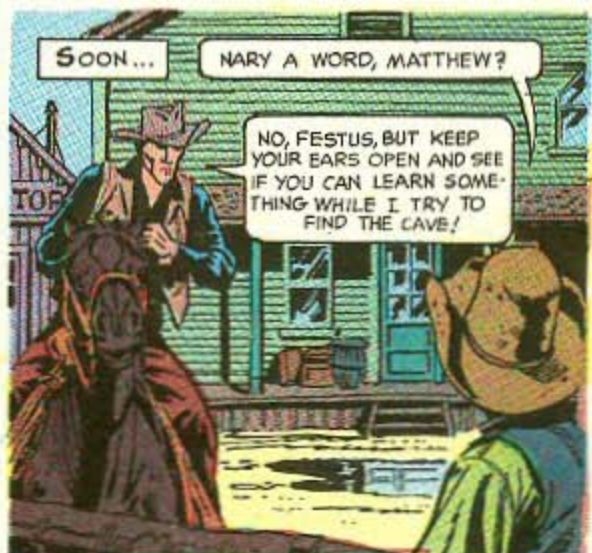
JUST SEE THAT YOU
DON'T TELL ANYONE
ABOUT US!



RETURNING TO DODGE, KITTY QUICKLY TELLS
WHAT HAPPENED...

IT WAS A
GUN WOUND,
ALL RIGHT!

I'LL CHECK AND SEE IF ANY
NEARBY TOWN REPORTED
A SHOOTING, KITTY! THEY
SOUND LIKE OUTLAWS ON
THE RUN!



SOON...

NARY A WORD, MATTHEW?

NO, FESTUS, BUT KEEP
YOUR EARS OPEN AND SEE
IF YOU CAN LEARN SOME-
THING WHILE I TRY TO
FIND THE CAVE!



WHEN A DISAPPOINTED MATT DILLON RETURNS BY ANOTHER ROUTE, FESTUS TELLS HIM OF THE THREE RIDERS...

THAT'S WHY THE GENT WAS WOUNDED, MATTHEW, ATTEMPTING TO HOLD UP A CAFE!



IF WHAT THOSE STRANGERS SAID IS TRUE!

WHY, THAT THEY *DID*, MATTHEW! KIND OF LIKE THE *SAME* FAMILY ---



THEN I HAVE A HUNCH *HOW* SHELTON GOT WOUNDED! I JUST HOPE I CAN PICK UP HIS AND HIS BROTHER'S TRACKS!

IF? GOSH, MATTHEW, I SURE BELIEVED 'EM, BUT MAYBE I WAS A BIT GULLIBLE..



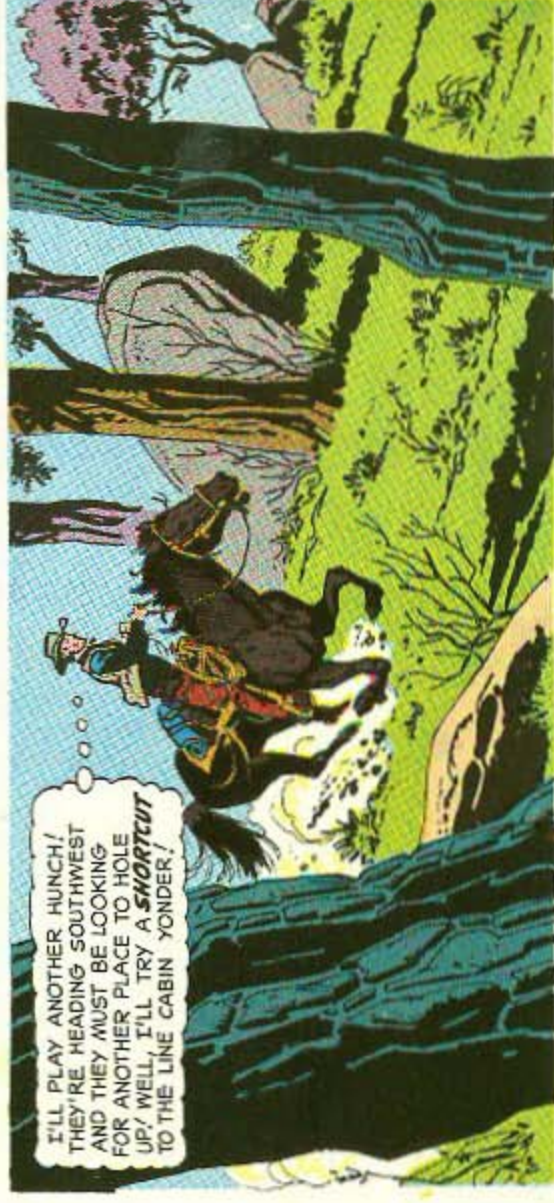
CAN'T BLAME YOU! I TOLD YOU TO TRY TO LEARN *HOW* THE MAN GOT WOUNDED AND YOU TRIED! TELL ME, DID THE MEN LOOK *ALIKE*?

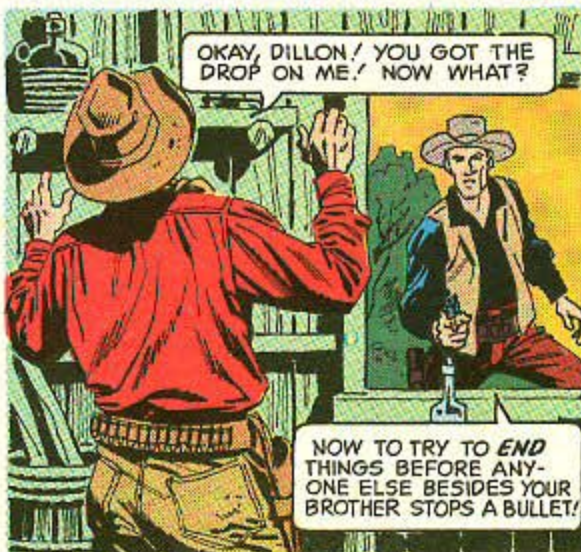
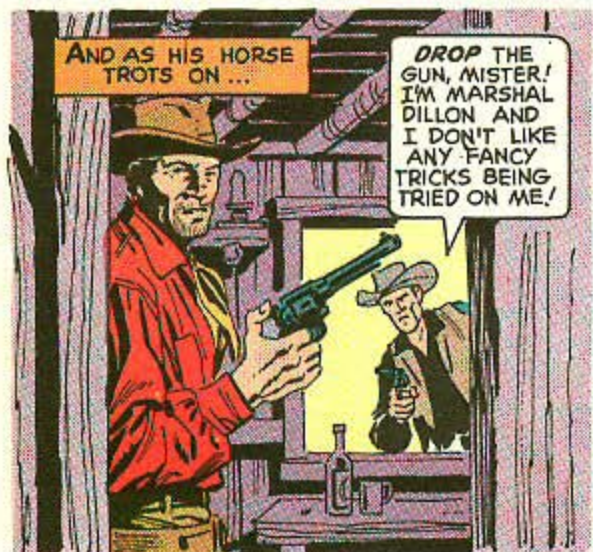
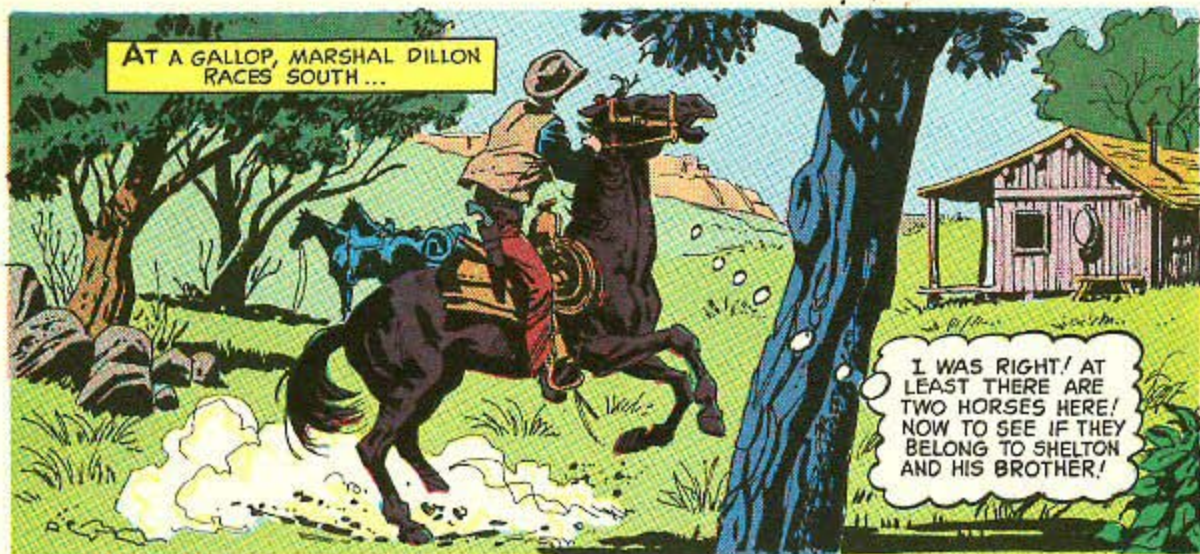
SOON...



I SHOULD HAVE FOLLOWED THEM BEFORE! NOW, THEY'RE BEING DOGGED BY THE OTHER THREE! BUT IT DIDN'T SEEM SO ALL-FIRED IMPORTANT BEFORE!

I'LL PLAY ANOTHER HUNCH! THEY'RE HEADING SOUTHWEST AND THEY MUST BE LOOKING FOR ANOTHER PLACE TO HOLE UP! WELL, I'LL TRY A *SHORTCUT* TO THE LINE CABIN YONDER!







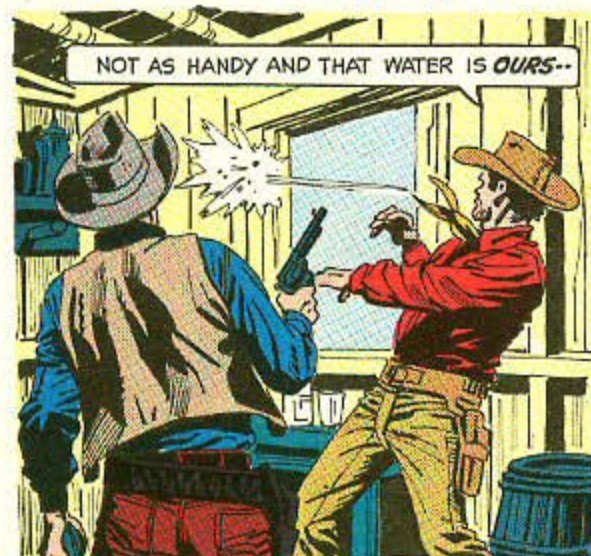
HOW ARE YOU FIGURING ON STOPPING ANY SHOOTING?

BY FINDING OUT *WHAT* IS BEHIND IT! THE WAY I READ THE SIGN, THERE'S A *FEUD* GOING ON BETWEEN YOU TWO BROTHERS AND THREE OTHER BROTHERS! RIGHT?



THOSE GROPER BROTHERS CLAIM *OUR* WATERHOLE! BUT THEY *WON'T* GET IT! THEY CUT DOWN OUR OLDEST, BUT WE GOT ONE OF THEM!

ISN'T THERE ANY OTHER WATER AROUND?

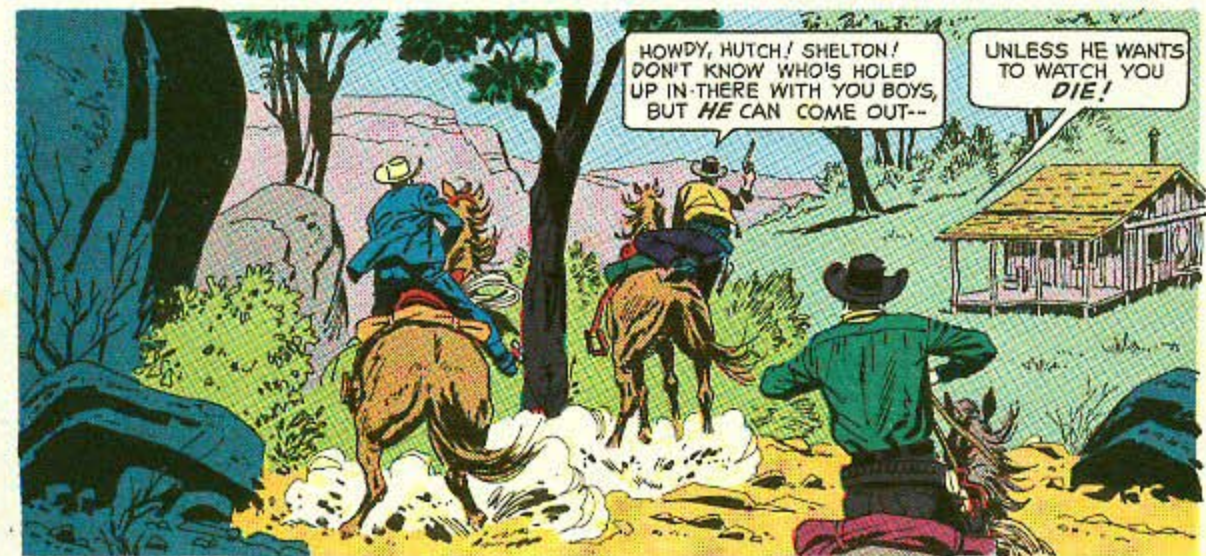


NOT AS HANDY AND THAT WATER IS *OURS*--



SEEMS THEY HAVE THE SAME FEELINGS ABOUT IT--

MARSHAL, THEY'LL KILL SHELTON AND ME UNLESS YOU HAND ME BACK MY *GUN!*



HOWDY, HUTCH! SHELTON! DON'T KNOW WHO'S HOLED UP IN THERE WITH YOU BOYS, BUT *HE* CAN COME OUT--

UNLESS HE WANTS TO WATCH YOU *DIE!*



THERE'LL BE **NO** MORE SHOOTING! I'M MARSHAL DILLON AND I WANT YOUR GUNS PUT **UP!**



CAN'T HEAR YOU, MISTER! GUNFIRE'S TOO LOUD! BUT I'M SUGGESTING YOU FOOT IT OUT OF THERE WHILE YOU CAN!



MY RIFLE! WHAT ARE YOU --

DISARMING YOU FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!



MARSHAL, I **BEG** YOU, LEAVE ME MY GUNS OR THE GROPERS'LL MURDER US!

JUST WHAT I HOPE TO **PREVENT** BY DISARMING YOU!



MARSHAL, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THOSE KILLERS--

MAYBE--WHILE HE'S GOT THE MARSHAL--TURNED AWAY FROM ME--I CAN -- REACH MY--HOLSTER!









DROP IT NOW OR--

DON'T FIRE!



THE GROPER'S WON'T TROUBLE YOU NOW! BRING YOUR BROTHER OUT! WE'RE ALL PAYING A CALL!



NEXT DAY...

EACH OF YOU WILL PUT UP A PEACE BOND FOR TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS! CARRYING A GUN WILL BE A VIOLATION OF THAT BOND! IT WILL RESULT IN THE BOND'S FORFEITURE AND YOUR ARREST!



MEANWHILE, BOTH FAMILIES ARE TO USE THE WATERHOLE EQUALLY WHILE THIS COURT DETERMINES WHICH CLAIM IS VALID!



THINK THE BOND WILL END THE FEUD, MATT?

IT'LL SIMMER IT DOWN, KITTY, AND THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR A START!