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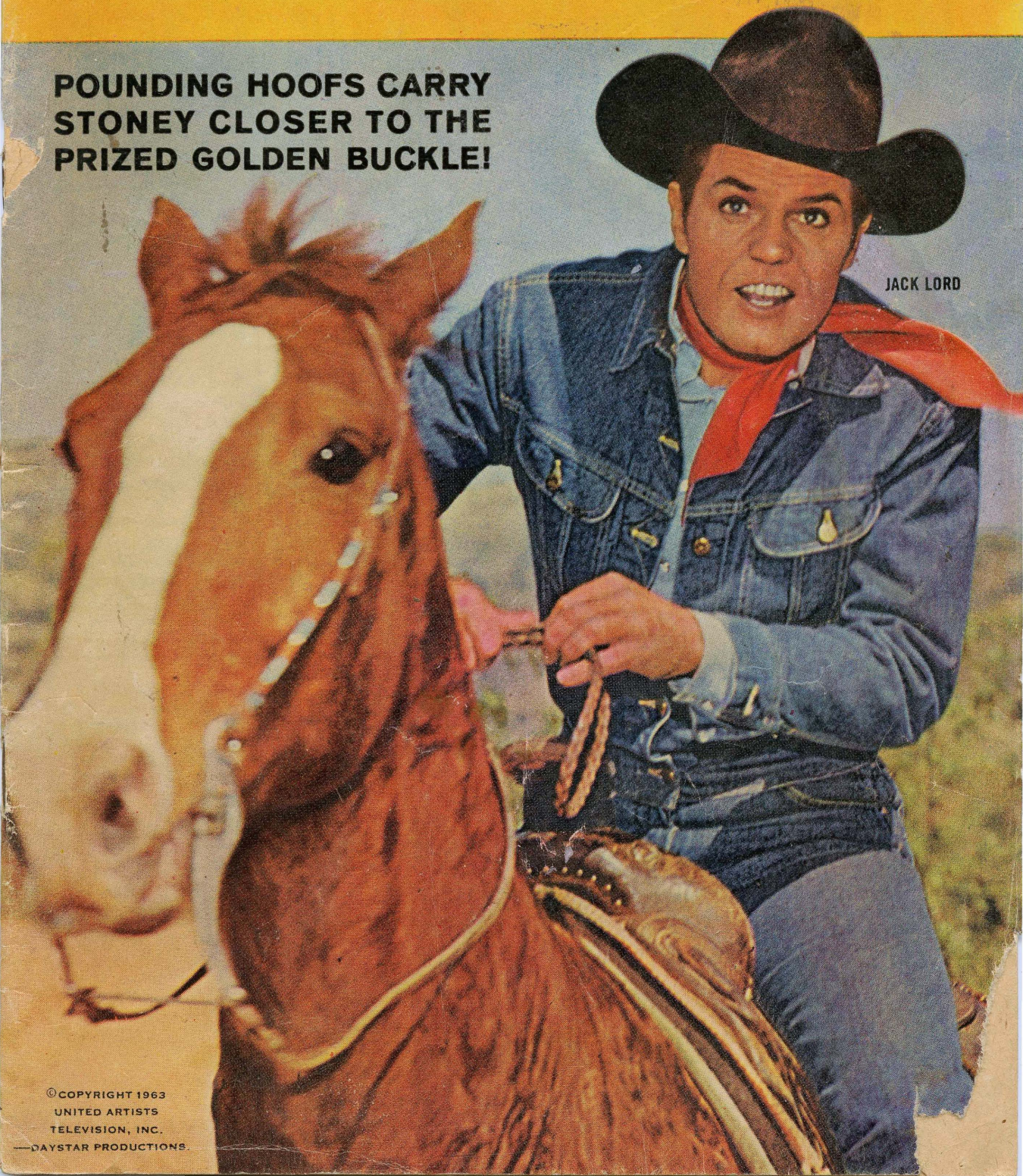
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**POUNDING HOOFS CARRY
STONEY CLOSER TO THE
PRIZED GOLDEN BUCKLE!**

JACK LORD



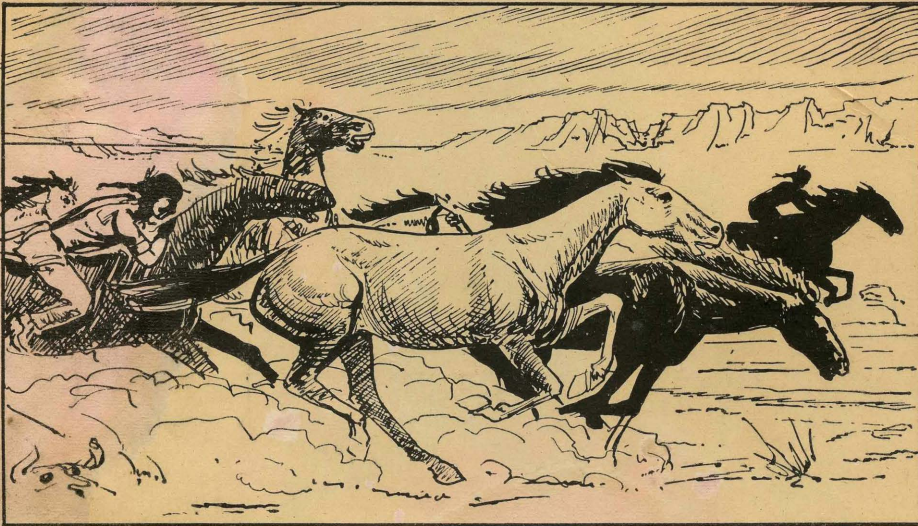
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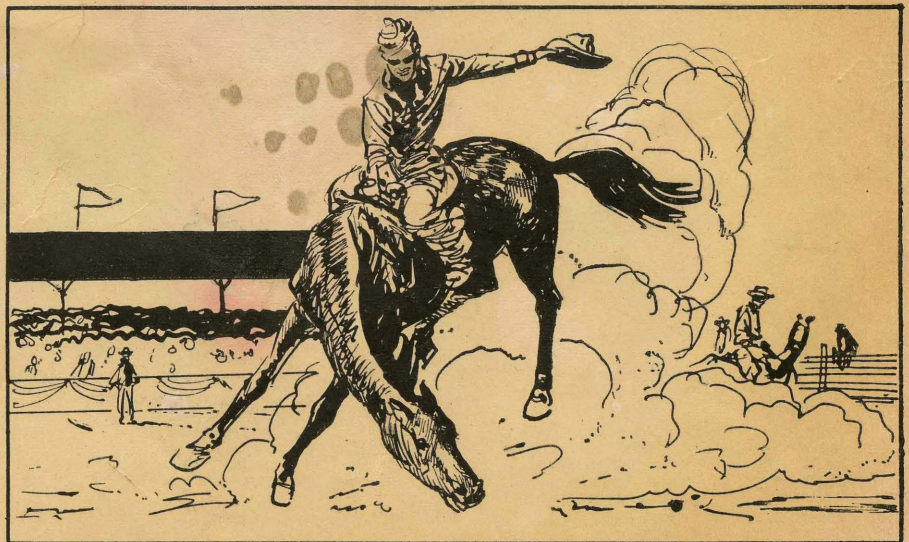
MUSTANG

WHEN THE SPANISH EXPLORERS FIRST SET FOOT IN MEXICO HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO, THEY BROUGHT WITH THEM MAGNIFICENT ARABIAN HORSES. THOSE EXCELLENT ANIMALS WERE THE PRIDE OF THE SPANIARDS, AND THEY CARRIED THEIR RIDERS ON THEIR JOURNEY THROUGH THE SOUTHWEST AND INTO WHAT IS NOW CALIFORNIA...



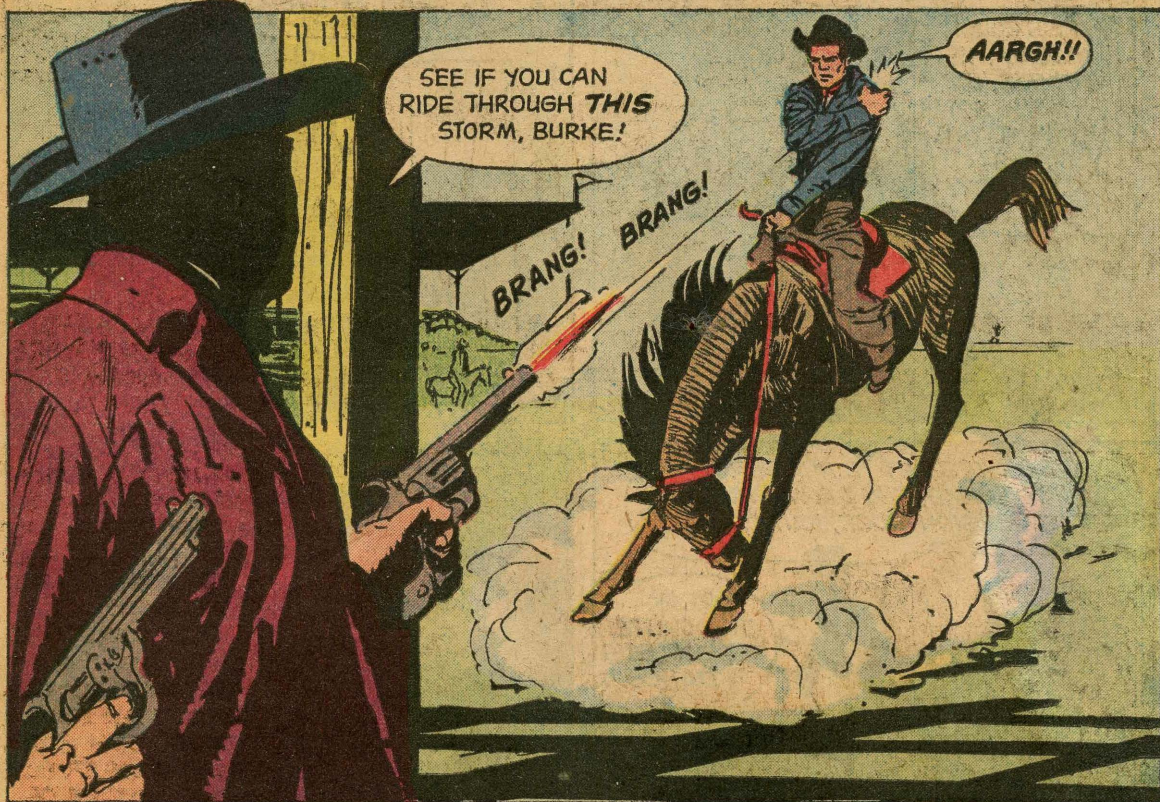
EVENTUALLY, MANY OF THESE ANIMALS ESCAPED AND FOUNDED LARGE HERDS OF WILD HORSES. THEY CAME TO BE KNOWN AS MUSTANGS AND LARGE NUMBERS OF THEM WERE GRADUALLY CAPTURED BY THE INDIANS. THIS SITUATION HAD A TREMENDOUS EFFECT ON THE CULTURE OF THE GREAT PLAINS. AS A RESULT, THE PLAINS INDIANS PROSPERED, INCREASING IN NUMBERS AND POWER.

AS THE YEARS PASSED, THE MUSTANG BECAME A LIVING LEGEND. ITS REPUTATION AS A STRONG, SWIFT SPIRITED HORSE IS AS STRONG AS EVER TODAY. THUS, THEY ARE A KEY PART OF EVERY MAJOR RODEO IN THE COUNTRY. THE UNTAMED MUSTANG, CALLED THE BRONCO, IS CONSTANTLY BEING CALLED UPON TO TEST THE HORSEMANSHIP AND COURAGE OF THE GREATEST RIDERS IN THE LAND...



IN THE CROWDED ROPEO ARENA--WHILE HIS RIP-SNORTING BRONC TWISTED AND PLUNGED UNDER HIM-- STONEY BURKE ENCOUNTERED A NEW AND UNEXPECTED PERIL WHEN HE SERVED AS THE...

TARGET for a SNIPER



AT COPPER CITY, COMPETITION FOR THE COVETED SADDLE BRONC GOLD BUCKLE IS RAZOR-SHARP...

... HERE COMES THE SCORE FOR DEVIL-MAY-CARE BREEZE RALSTON! HIS SMOOTH RIDE NETS HIM A HARD-TO-BEAT 182!!



RALSTON'S SURE PILING ON THE PRESSURE, STONEY! THERE'S ONLY A WHISPER SEPARATING YOU TWO IN THE STANDINGS!

THE BOY'S NO TENDERFOOT... THAT'S FOR SURE. HE RIDES HARD... CLEAN... AND TO WIN!



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PUSHED INTO IT BY WHO... A GLORY-RIDER NAMED BREEZE RALSTON? YOU DANG WELL KNOW STONEY BURKE HASN'T BULLDOGGED FOR YEARS!

MY! AIN'T OL' CODY BRISTOL ALL SHOOK UP!

I TOLD YOU BOYS THAT THE BIG MAN WOULDN'T BE INTERESTED IN OUR CHALLENGE.

HOLD ON, RALSTON! EVERYONE KNOWS STONEY HURT HIS BACK IN THAT SPILL OVER AT HONDO VALLEY. IT'S NO SECRET HE'S HAD THE MISERIES EVER SINCE!

I REMEMBER THAT LI'L TUMBLE OF STONEY'S... SURE IS TAKING A HOUND'S AGE TO HEAL, AIN'T IT? IF A MAN WANTS TO BACK AWAY FROM A CHALLENGE, HE DON'T NEED A PASSEL OF EXCUSES WITH THE FRINGE ON TOP!

LET'S ELIMINATE THE FLOWERS, BREEZE. YOU HAVE YOURSELF A BULL-DOGGING CONTEST!

YOUR BRAIN'S BEEN SCRAMBLED BY THE HOT SUN, STONEY! WITH YOUR BACK AILING LIKE IT IS--

NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY WHEN MY OL' SCHOOLMATE STONEY'D BE FAST-TALKED INTO COMMITTING SUICIDE!

HOG-TIE IT, BOTH OF YOU! I TOLD RALSTON I'D BULLDOG WITH 'IM AND THAT'S WHAT I AIM TO DO!

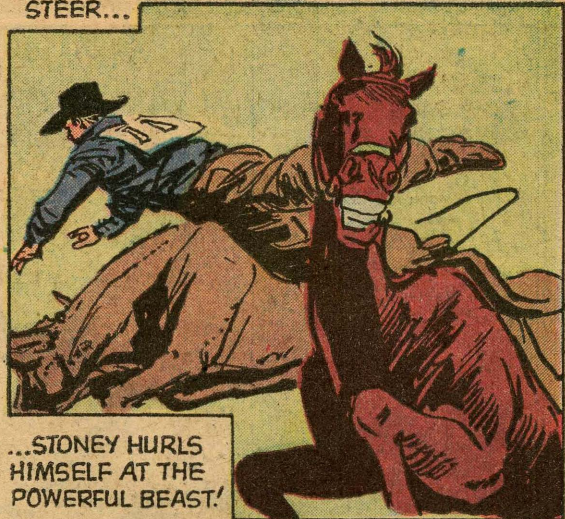
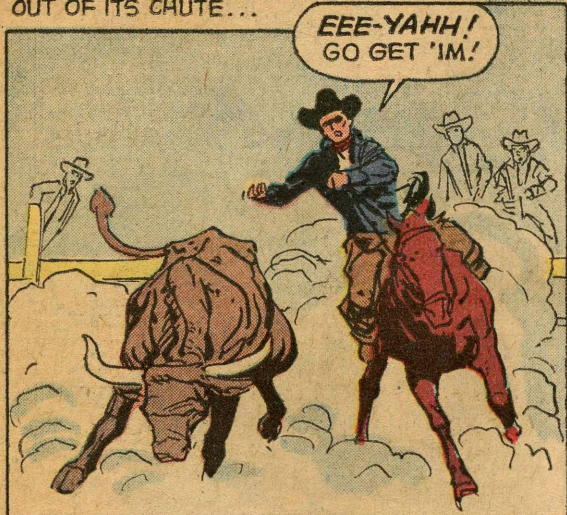
LATER, WHEN THE RODEO IS OVER FOR THE DAY, THE INFORMAL CONTEST BEGINS...

I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES WITHOUT INSTRUCTION, PROFESSOR!

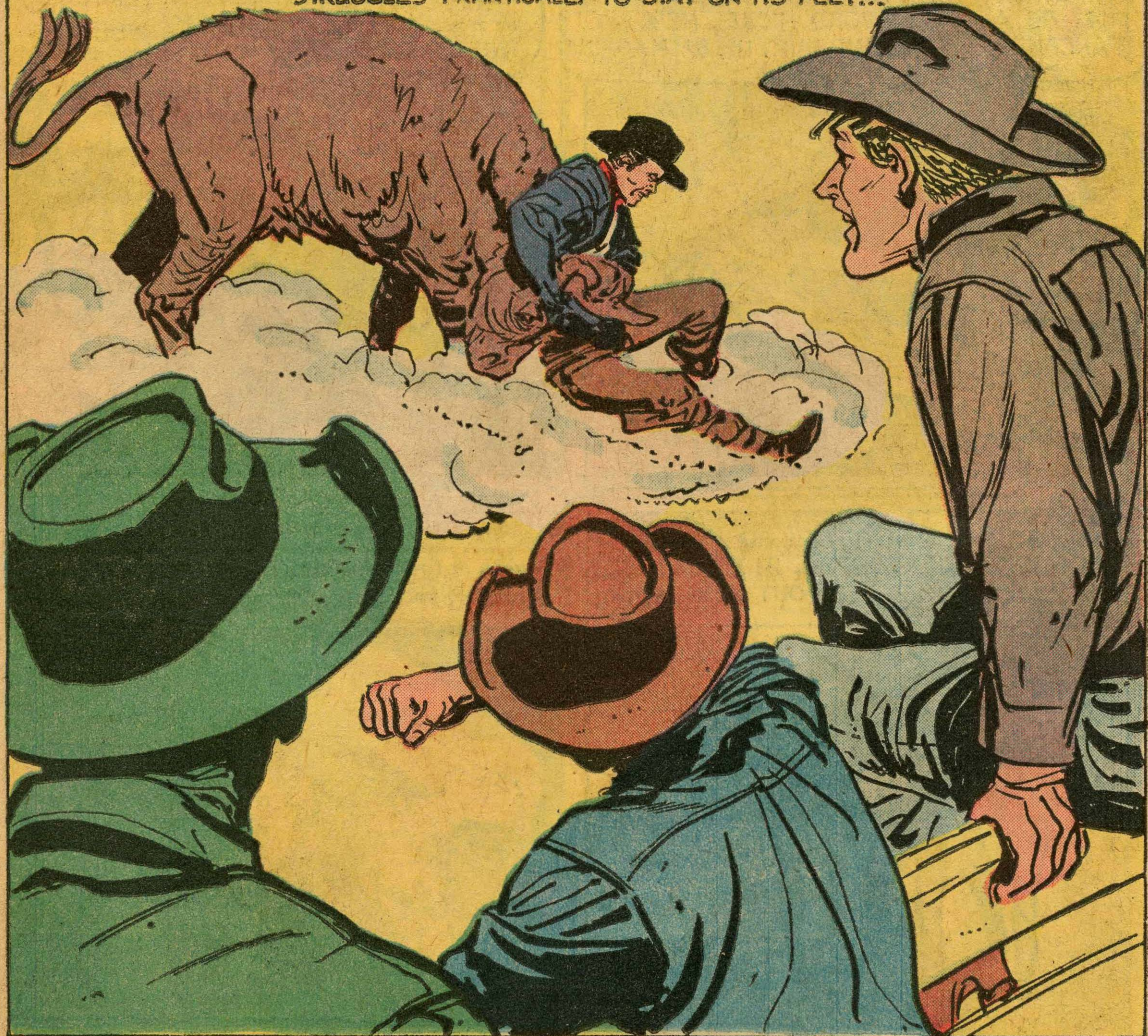
GATE THAT STEER FOR ME... I'M GOING FIRST!

AT A SIGNAL FROM STONEY, A STEER THUNDERS OUT OF ITS CHUTE...

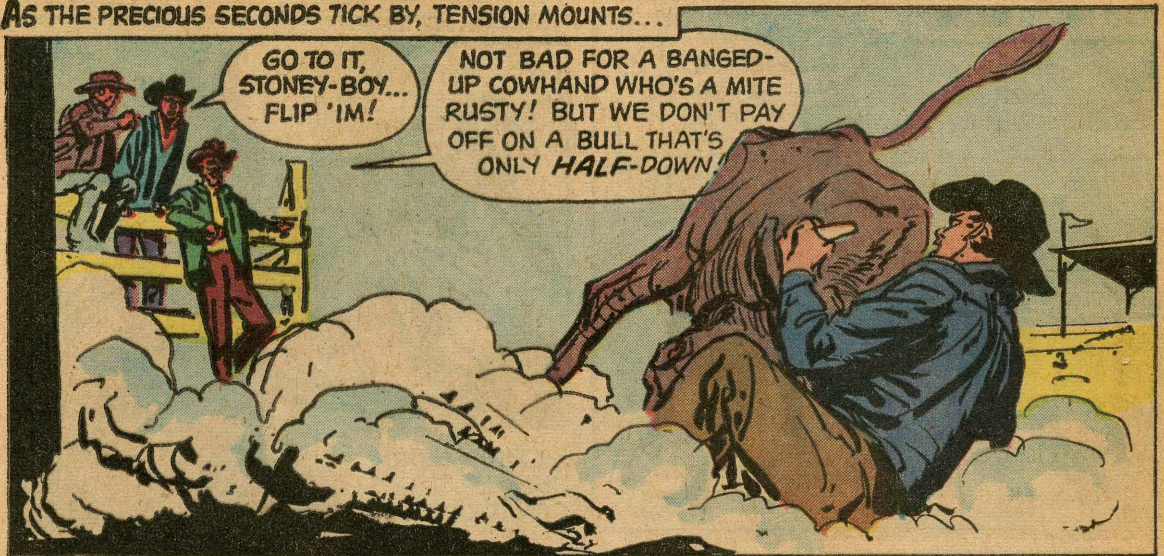
AS HIS HORSE CLOSES WITH THE CHARGING STEER...



GRIPPING THE HORNS WITH ALL HIS STRENGTH, STONEY BATTLES TO TWIST THE ANIMAL TO THE GROUND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. SNORTING DEFIANCE, THE STEER STRUGGLES FRANTICALLY TO STAY ON ITS FEET...



AS THE PRECIOUS SECONDS TICK BY, TENSION MOUNTS...



GO TO IT, STONEY-BOY... FLIP 'IM!

NOT BAD FOR A BANGED-UP COWHAND WHO'S A MITE RUSTY! BUT WE DON'T PAY OFF ON A BULL THAT'S ONLY HALF-DOWN!



DOWN? THAT STEER'S FLAT AS A PANCAKE!

I... I DON'T LIKE THAT LOOK ON STONEY'S FACE. I'LL BET A PLUGGED NICKEL HE'S GONE AND HURT HIS BACK AGAIN!



C-CAN SOMEONE GIVE ME A HAND UP? I MUST'VE TWISTED SOMETHING.

RED! YOU HEARD THE MAN! QUICK!



WHAT A TOM-FOOL STUNT! SOMETIMES YOU NEED A KEEPER, STONEY!

DON'T GET RILED BOYS. A SHORT SPELL IN MY BUNK'LL STRAIGHTEN OUT THE KINKS.



SIDES, CODY... A MAN CAN'T DUCK AWAY FROM A CHALLENGE THAT'S THROWN IN HIS FACE! C'MON, HELP ME GET OUTTA HERE SO I CAN REST UP A BIT!



THAT'S A GOOD MAN
LIMPING OUTA HERE...
ALL CRIPPLED UP
BECAUSE OF YOU,
BREEZE RALSTON!

YOU GOT NO CALL
TO LACE INTO ME,
VES PAINTER!
ALL I DID--



ALL YOU DID WAS
NOT GIVE A HOOT
ABOUT ANYTHING
THAT MIGHT
KEEP YOU FROM
WINNING THAT
BLAMED GOLD
BUCKLE! WITH
STONEY OUTA
THE WAY--



NOW JUST STAND
OFF FOR A SECOND,
VES...
YES...

WHAT IN TARNATION'S
GOING ON AROUND HERE?
SOMETHING HAPPEN
TO BURKE?

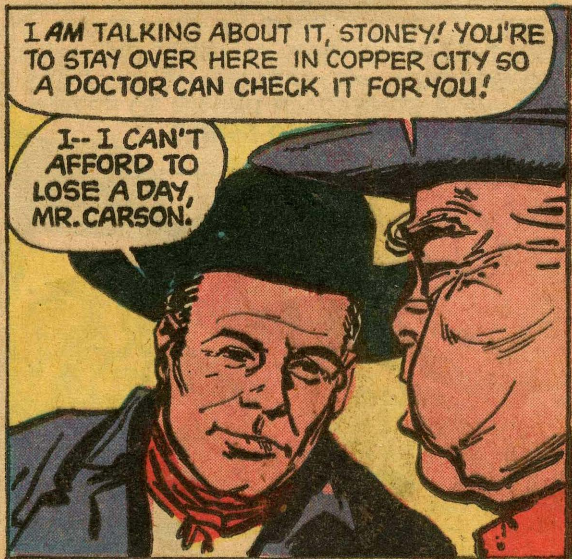


GUESS I PULLED ONE OF THEM DEVILISH
LITTLE LIGAMENTS OR SOMETHING, MR.
CARSON. BE RIGHT AS
RAIN BY MORNING. MEBBE SO, STONEY...



... BUT DON'T THINK I'M NOT
AWARE OF THAT BACK TROUBLE
YOU'VE BEEN FRETTING OVER!

THAT? NOT EVEN
WORTH TALKING ABOUT,
MR. CARSON.



I AM TALKING ABOUT IT, STONEY! YOU'RE
TO STAY OVER HERE IN COPPER CITY SO
A DOCTOR CAN CHECK IT FOR YOU!

I-- I CAN'T
AFFORD TO
LOSE A DAY,
MR. CARSON.

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE *YOU*, STONEY. YOU'RE TOO VALUABLE TO THE RODEO TO HAVE YOU RISK A PERMANENT INJURY! WHILE THE REST OF US MOVE ON TO EL DIABLO, *YOU'RE* GONNA STAY HERE AND GET A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH!

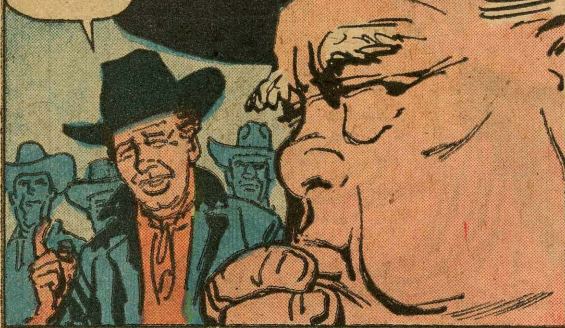


HAVE A HEART, MR. CARSON! A FEW DAYS LOST FROM COMPETITION COULD COST ME THE GOLD BUCKLE!

AN IDEA'S TICKLING MY BRAIN THAT MIGHT MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY...



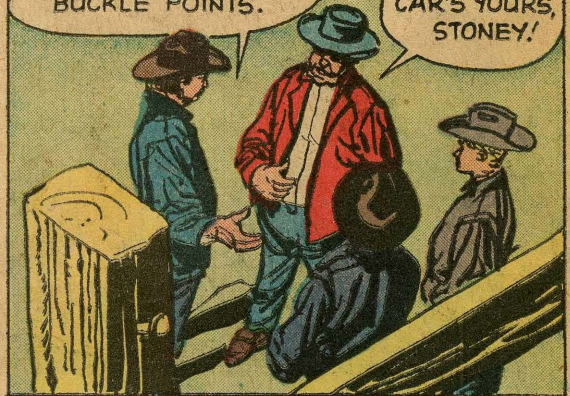
LEAVE YOUR CAR HERE WITH GOOD OL' STONEY... THEN HE COULD GET PATCHED UP BY A MEDIC AND TOOL ON OVER TO DIABLO. HMM... MIGHT BE A SOLUTION AT THAT. LIKE A BUZZ-BOMB!



THAT WAY, MR. CARSON, STONEY MIGHT NOT LOSE EVEN A DAY IN THIS FEUD HE AND RALSTON ARE HAVING FOR THE GOLD BUCKLE POINTS.

I'LL BUY THE IDEA.

THE CAR'S YOURS, STONEY!



HERE ARE THE KEYS!

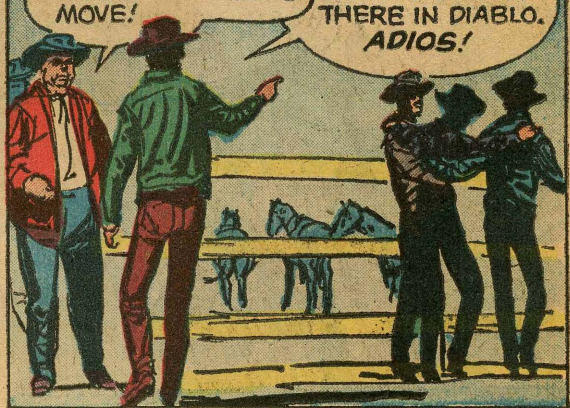
STONEY MIGHT BE REAL TIRED AFTER THAT SAWBONE EXAMINES HIM, MR. CARSON. HE COULD USE A STAGECOACH DRIVER TO FERRY HIM OVER TO DIABLO...



YOU'RE HIRED AS CHAUFFEUR, VES.

REST OF YOU--LET'S MOVE!

YOU GET PATCHED UP GOOD, STONEY-BOY, CAUSE I MEAN TO PIN YOUR EARS BACK PROPER UP THERE IN DIABLO. ADIOS!



EARLY THE NEXT DAY, SOON AFTER THE RODEO REACHES EL DIABLO...

PUSH 'EM ON OUT, BOYS! GIVE THE BRONCS A CHANCE TO STRETCH THEIR LEGS!

BE SURE TO PICK OUT A NICE, SAFE SHOW-BUCKER FOR POOR OL' STONEY...



...THE KIND HE'S BEEN FATTENING HIS SCORE ON! YOU KNOW--A NAG WHO SEEMS TO BE KICKING UP A BIG FUSS, BUT MY AUNT MATILDA COULD RIDE WITHOUT GETTING HER HAIR MUSED!



GREAT LITTLE BOY WITH THE NEEDLE, AREN'T YOU, RALSTON? YOU'RE REALLY ASKING FOR TROUBLE!

YOU CHALLENGING ME, RED? I WARN YOU...



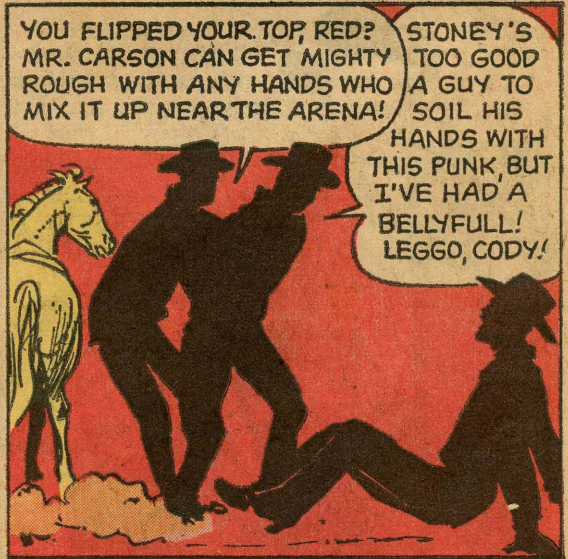
...I DON'T BACK OFF THE WAY YOUR PAL-- UGHHH!

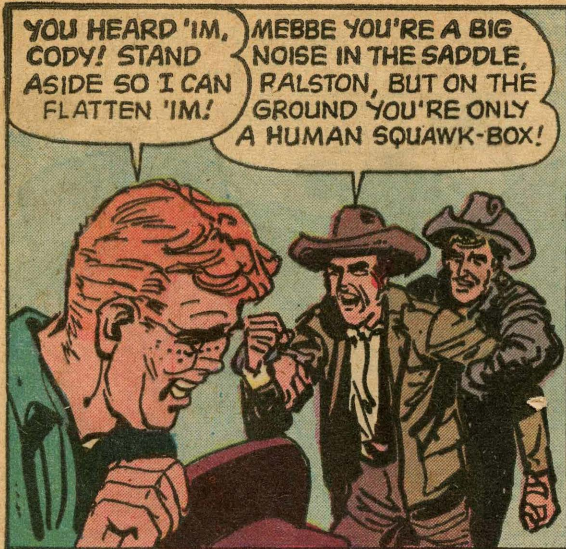
THAT SASSY MOUTH'S BEEN ASKING TO GET ITSELF CLOSED!



YOU FLIPPED YOUR TOP, RED? MR. CARSON CAN GET MIGHTY ROUGH WITH ANY HANDS WHO MIX IT UP NEAR THE ARENA!

STONEY'S TOO GOOD A GUY TO SOIL HIS HANDS WITH THIS PUNK, BUT I'VE HAD A BELLYFULL! LEGGO, CODY!





YOU HEARD 'IM, CODY! STAND ASIDE SO I CAN FLATTEN 'IM!

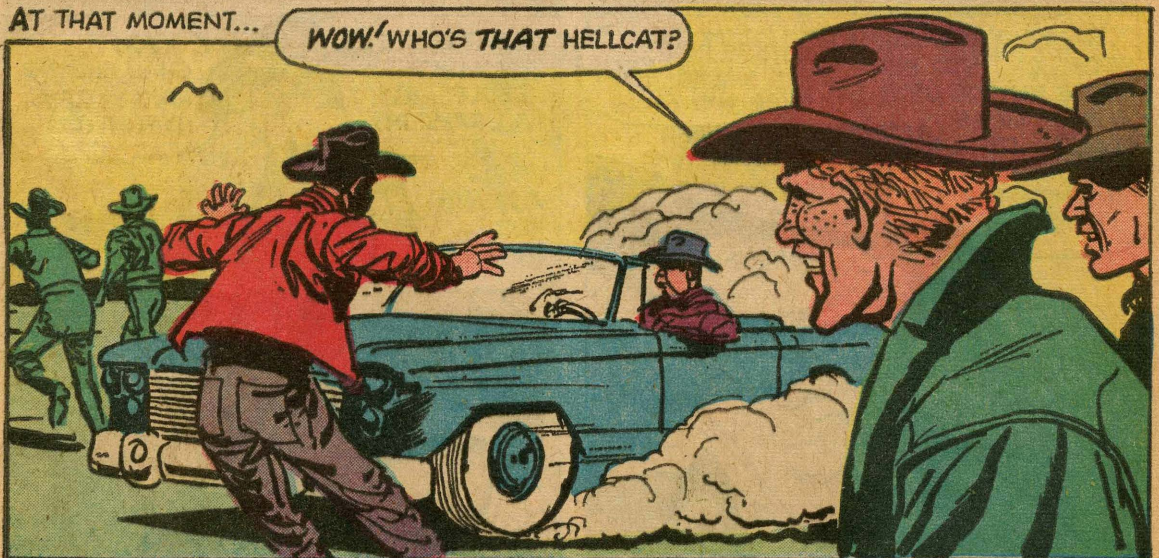
MEBBE YOU'RE A BIG NOISE IN THE SADDLE, RALSTON, BUT ON THE GROUND YOU'RE ONLY A HUMAN SQUAWK-BOX!



I AIM TO DISCONNECT YOUR VOCAL--

HOLD IT, RED! HE'S NOT WORTH GETTING BUSTED OUT OF THE RODEO!

AT THAT MOMENT...

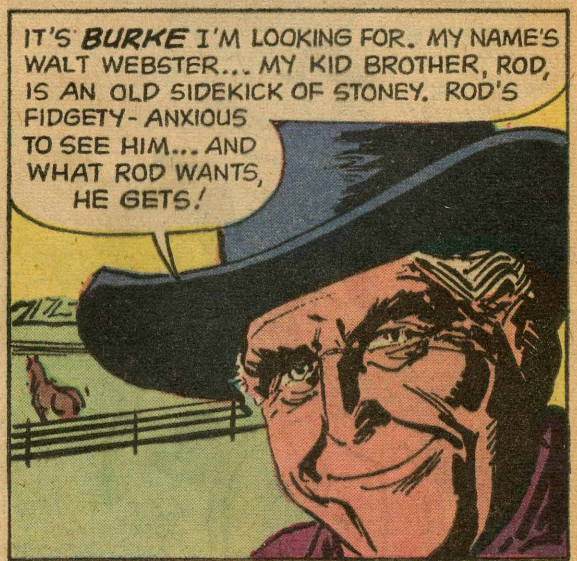


WOW! WHO'S THAT HELLCAT?

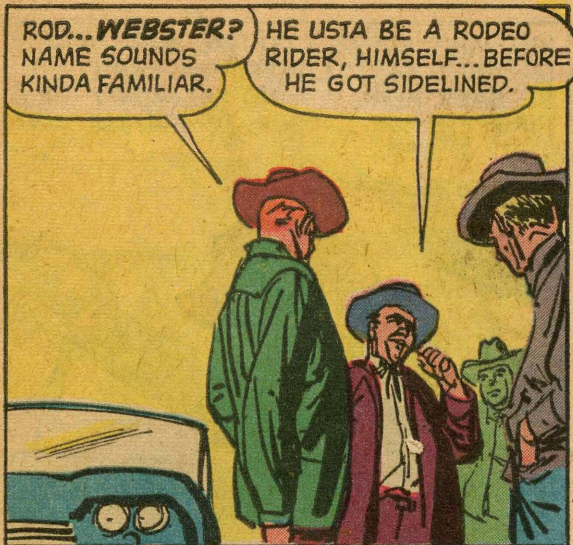


A GUY NAMED **STONEY BURKE** AROUND HERE? I'M ANXIOUS TO LOCATE THE GENT... IT'S MIGHTY IMPORTANT.

THE GREAT MAN IS OUTA TOWN RIGHT NOW, MISTER. IF IT'S A **REAL BRONC RIDER** YOU WANT--



IT'S **BURKE** I'M LOOKING FOR. MY NAME'S WALT WEBSTER... MY KID BROTHER, ROD, IS AN OLD SIDEKICK OF STONEY. ROD'S FIDGETY- ANXIOUS TO SEE HIM... AND WHAT ROD WANTS, HE GETS!



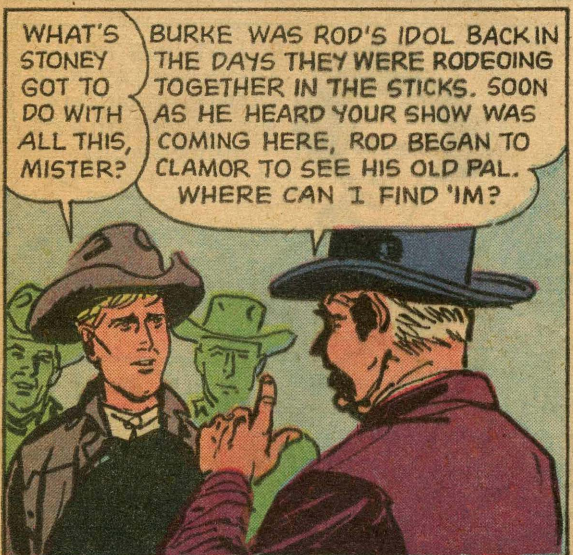
ROD... WEBSTER? NAME SOUNDS KINDA FAMILIAR.

HE USTA BE A RODEO RIDER, HIMSELF... BEFORE HE GOT SIDELINED.



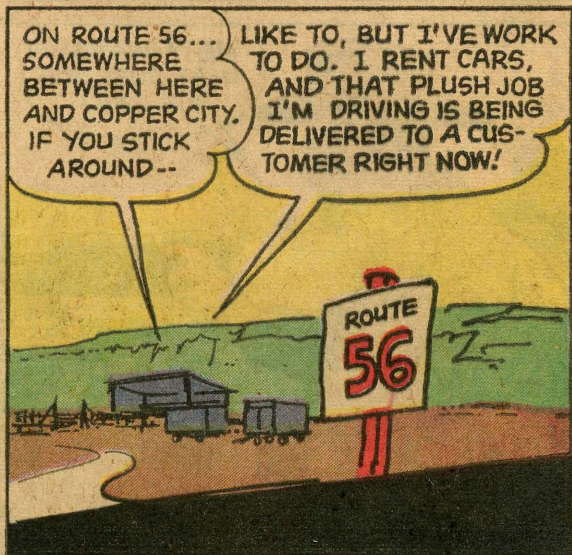
SIDELINED? HE LOSE INTEREST... GET A BETTER JOB... OR...

OR! A BRONC ROLLED ON HIM AND CRIPPLED MY KID BROTHER FOR LIFE!



WHAT'S STONEY GOT TO DO WITH ALL THIS, MISTER?

BURKE WAS ROD'S IDOL BACK IN THE DAYS THEY WERE RODEOING TOGETHER IN THE STICKS. SOON AS HE HEARD YOUR SHOW WAS COMING HERE, ROD BEGAN TO CLAMOR TO SEE HIS OLD PAL. WHERE CAN I FIND 'IM?

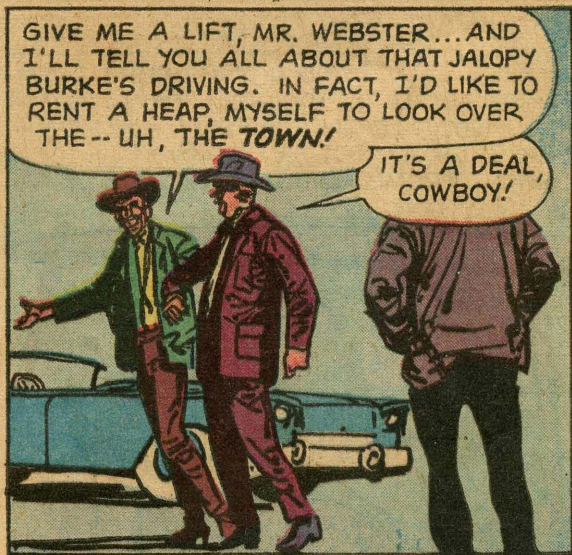


ON ROUTE 56... SOMEWHERE BETWEEN HERE AND COPPER CITY. IF YOU STICK AROUND--

LIKE TO, BUT I'VE WORK TO DO. I RENT CARS, AND THAT PLUSH JOB I'M DRIVING IS BEING DELIVERED TO A CUSTOMER RIGHT NOW!

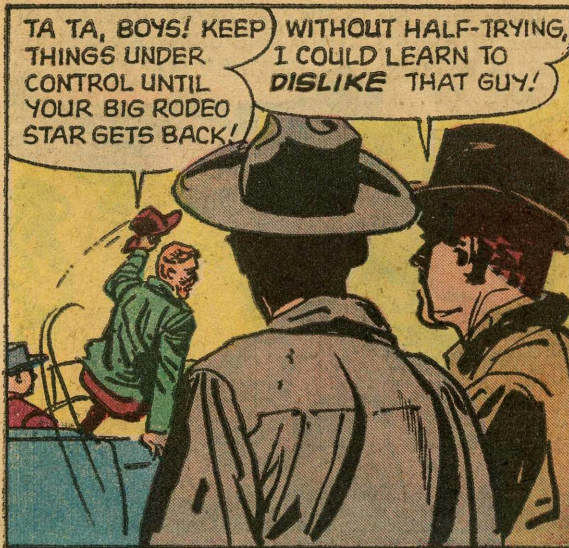


SAY... I'LL BE ON ROUTE 56 SOON, MYSELF! GIVE ME A DESCRIPTION OF BURKE'S CAR. MAYBE I CAN INTERCEPT HIM AND BRING HIM HOME TO ROD FOR A SHORT VISIT!



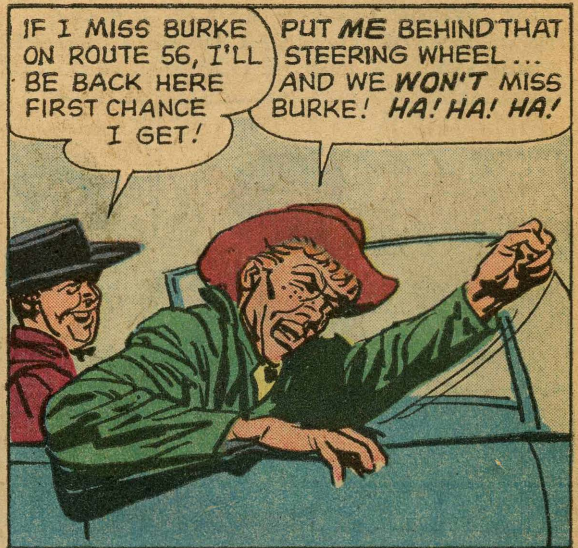
GIVE ME A LIFT, MR. WEBSTER... AND I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THAT JALOPY BURKE'S DRIVING. IN FACT, I'D LIKE TO RENT A HEAP, MYSELF TO LOOK OVER THE-- UH, THE TOWN!

IT'S A DEAL, COWBOY!



TA TA, BOYS! KEEP THINGS UNDER CONTROL UNTIL YOUR BIG RODEO STAR GETS BACK!

WITHOUT HALF-TRYING, I COULD LEARN TO **DISLIKE** THAT GUY!



IF I MISS BURKE ON ROUTE 56, I'LL BE BACK HERE FIRST CHANCE I GET!

PUT **ME** BEHIND THAT STEERING WHEEL... AND WE **WON'T** MISS BURKE! **HA! HA! HA!**



HEY! WATCH THAT DUST, YOU BIG APE!

SOMETHING TELLS ME OUR STAY IN EL DIABLO IS-GONNA BE CHOCK FULL OF SURPRISES!



SOME TIME LATER, ON THE ROAD FROM COPPER CITY...

AND NOT A WORD ABOUT THE DOCTOR SUGGESTING I TAKE A FEW DAYS OFF TO REST MY BACK! PROMISE, VES?

HUH? I-I'M YOUR **PAL**, AIN'T I?



FRANKLY, THE SCORE BETWEEN ME AND RALSTON IS SO CLOSE, LOSING A SINGLE DAY COULD COST ME THE GOLD BUCKLE! **BY DEFAULT!**

IF MR. CARSON FINDS OUT I'M TAPED UP LIKE AN EGYPTIAN MUMMY--

I DIDN'T HEAR YOU PROMISE TO KEEP QUIET, YES.

THERE'S ONE WAY TO KEEP A PAINTER'S MOUTH SHUT, OLD FRIEND...

... AND THAT'S TO FILL IT WITH AN ENDLESS SUPPLY OF GOOD, FOAMY BREW! AH... I SEE YOU GET THE MESSAGE, STONEY-BONEY!



THE MILES WHIZ BY. THEN...

DIABLO... SORT OF RINGS A BELL. DON'T YOU HAVE A FRIEND LIVING IN THIS BURG, STONEY?

ROD WEBSTER... ONE OF THE SQUAREST GUYS I EVER KNEW, YES.

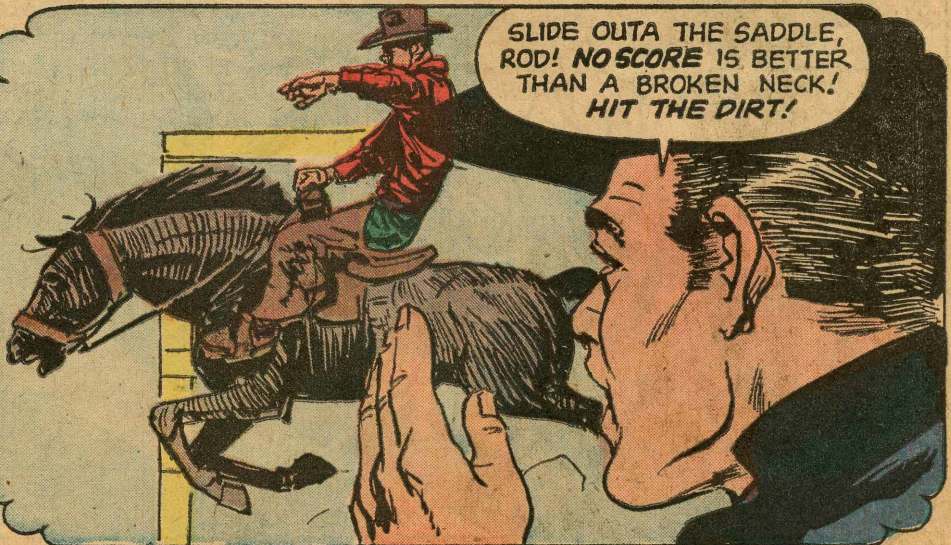
I RECOLLECT HE HAD A RUN OF BAD LUCK... WASN'T IT WITH SOME CLASS D OUTFIT YOU WERE BOTH WORKING?

WORST LUCK A RIDER COULD HAVE... AND LIVE TO TELL ABOUT IT!

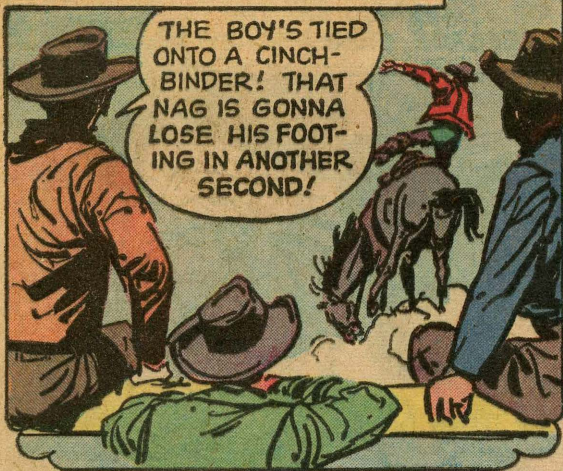


"IT WAS A FEW YEARS AND A HUNDRED FALLS AGO. ROD HADN'T BEEN FEELING RIGHT FOR A SPELL, BUT HE CLIMBED ABOARD A REAL MEAN BRONC ONE AFTERNOON, ANYWAY..."

SLIDE OUT THE SADDLE, ROD! NO SCORE IS BETTER THAN A BROKEN NECK! HIT THE DIRT!



"BUT ROD WEBSTER WAS A DEAD-GAME KID, AND HE HUGGED THAT HORSE AS IF HIS LIFE DEPENDED ON IT..."



JUMP FREE, ROD! GET OUTA THE SADDLE BEFORE HE TOPPLES BACKWARDS!



"BEFORE ANY OF US COULD DO A THING, IT HAPPENED! THE BRONC REARED TOO HIGH... LOST HIS BALANCE AND CRASHED DOWN ON THE POOR RIDER..."

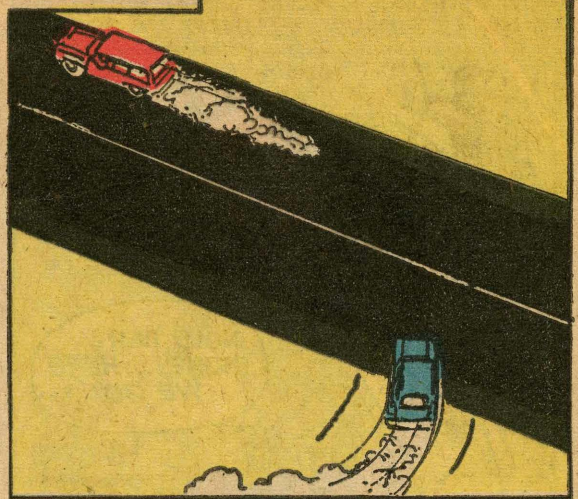


ROD WAS LUCKY TO SURVIVE, I GUESS. HE WAS ALWAYS A KID WITH PLENTY OF GET-UP-AND-GO. BEING CRIPPLED LIKE HE IS MUST BE TORTURE...

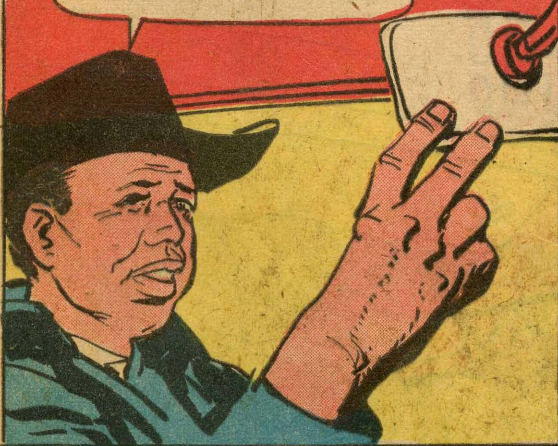
I'VE GOTTA VISIT WITH 'IM WHILE WE'RE HERE IN DIABLO!



A MOMENT LATER, AS THEY ROAR ALONG ROUTE 56...



HEAR THAT RACKET? SOUNDS LIKE A GEN-U-WINE HOT-RODDER COMING UP BEHIND US!

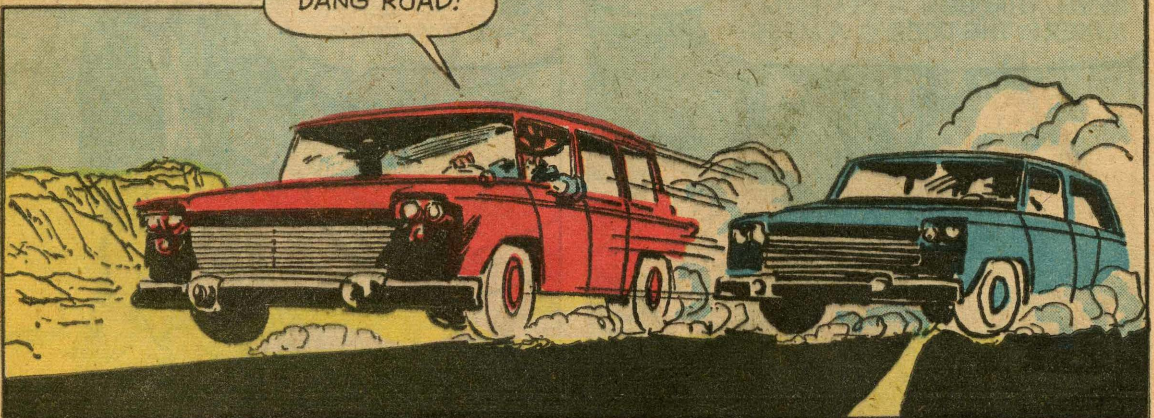


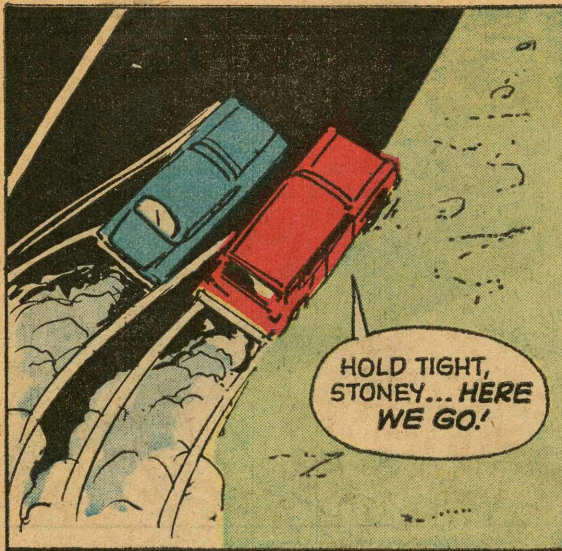
BETTER KEEP WAY OVER TO THE RIGHT, YES... LET'S GIVE THIS DIVE-BOMBER PLENTY OF ROOM TO GO BY!



SECONDS LATER, AS THE TWO CARS THUNDER ALONG ALMOST NECK-AND-NECK...

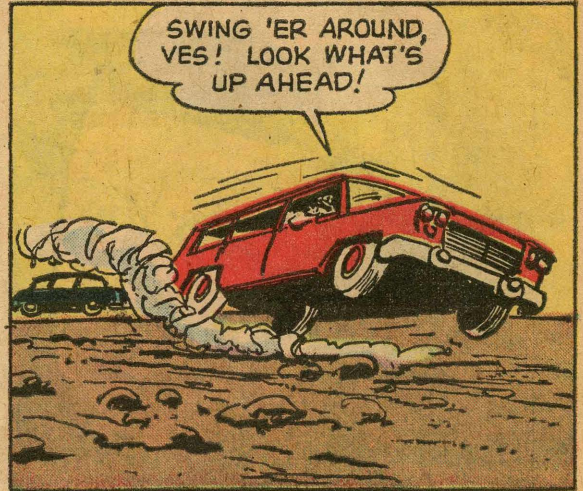
T- THAT IDIOT... HE'S ACTING LIKE HE WANTS TO SHOVE US OFF THE DANG ROAD!





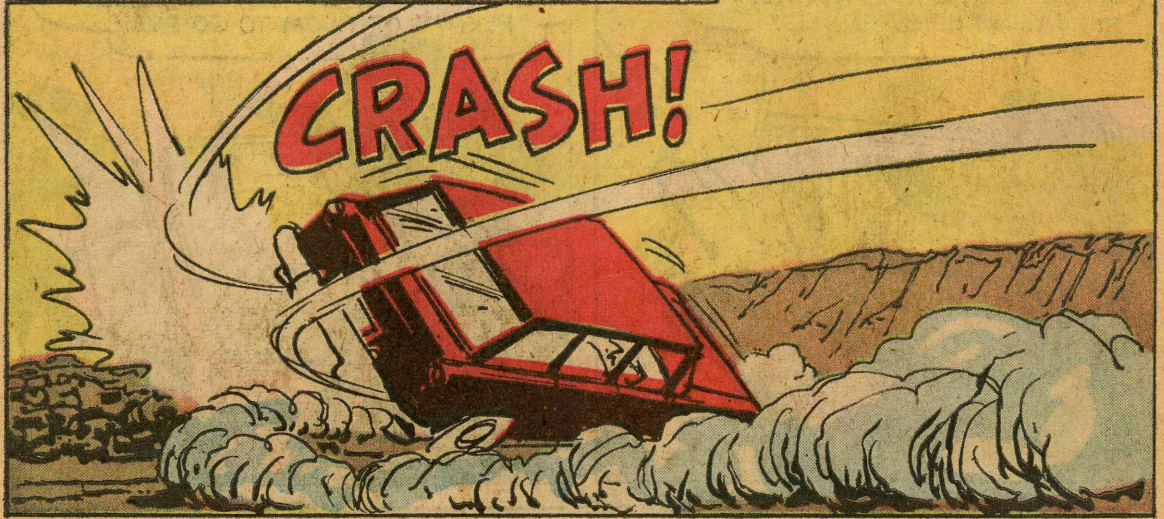
HOLD TIGHT, STONEY... HERE WE GO!

IN ANOTHER MOMENT, THE STATION WAGON IS PLUNGING WILDLY ACROSS THE FIELD...



SWING 'ER AROUND, YES! LOOK WHAT'S UP AHEAD!

THERE IS AN AGONIZED SHRIEK OF BRAKES. THEN...



WITH A DEAFENING ROAR, THE OTHER CAR ZOOMS AWAY, AS...

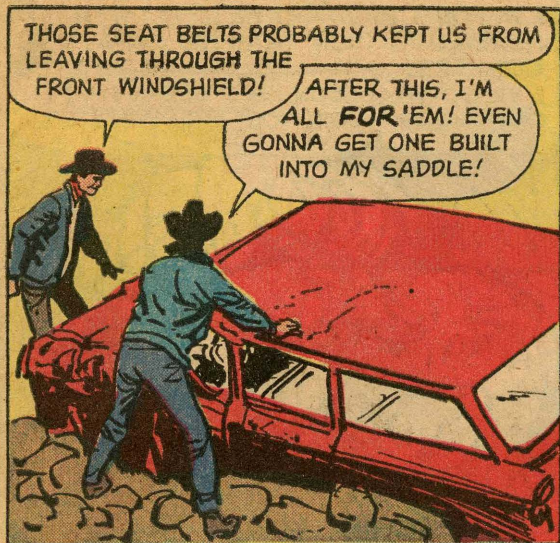


THIS SIDE LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN THROUGH A CEMENT-MIXER! THE DOOR'S A MESS--

YOU OKAY, VES?



I--I GUESS SO, STONEY. A LI'L DISCOMBOBULATED ... BUT STILL IN ONE PIECE. AT LEAST I--I THINK SO!



THOSE SEAT BELTS PROBABLY KEPT US FROM LEAVING THROUGH THE FRONT WINDSHIELD!

AFTER THIS, I'M ALL FOR 'EM! EVEN GONNA GET ONE BUILT INTO MY SADDLE!

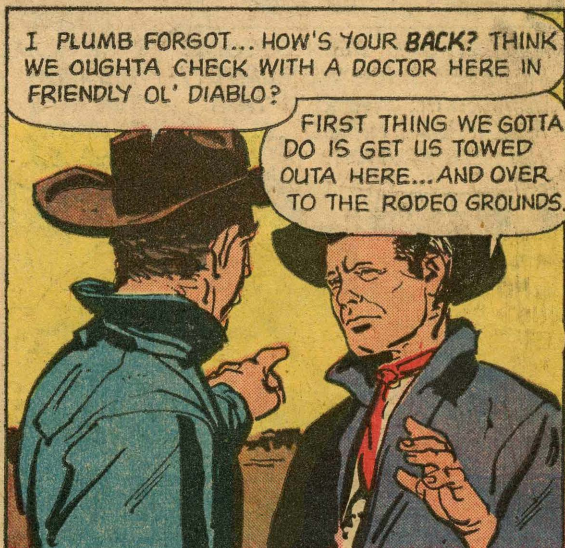


WONDER WHAT IN TARNATION GOT INTO THAT OTHER DRIVER? MUSTA BEEN A WILD KID OUT FOR KICKS!

I DIDN'T GET A LOOK AT THE LUNATIC, BUT I'LL BET A BREW IT WASN'T NO KID!



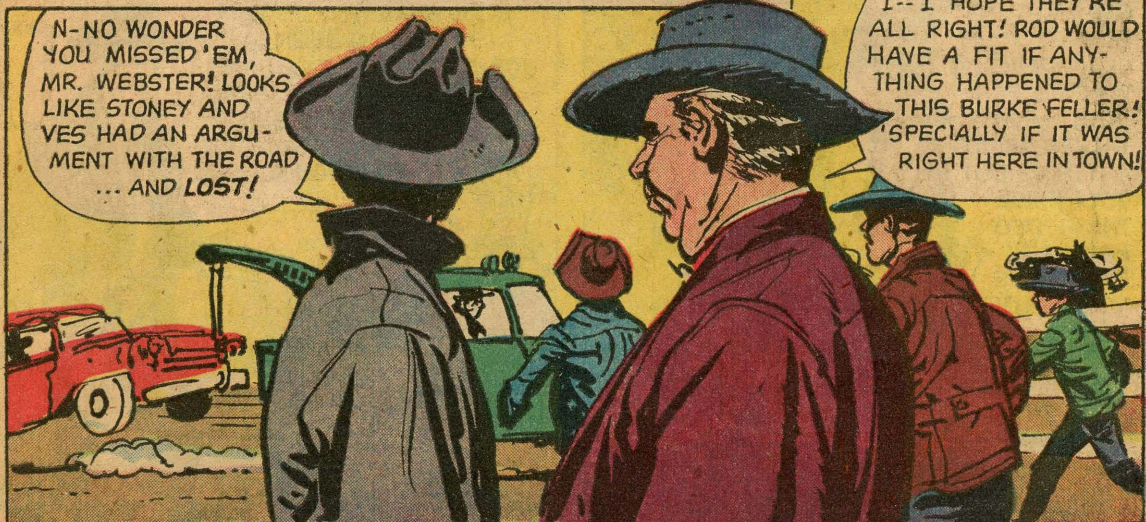
I SUSPICION I KNOW WHO DID IT. ONLY ONE HOMBRE WOULD PULL A DIRTY STUNT LIKE THIS AND I KNOW WHY, TOO!



I PLUMB FORGOT... HOW'S YOUR BACK? THINK WE OUGHTA CHECK WITH A DOCTOR HERE IN FRIENDLY OL' DIABLO?

FIRST THING WE GOTTA DO IS GET US TOWED OUTA HERE... AND OVER TO THE RODEO GROUNDS.

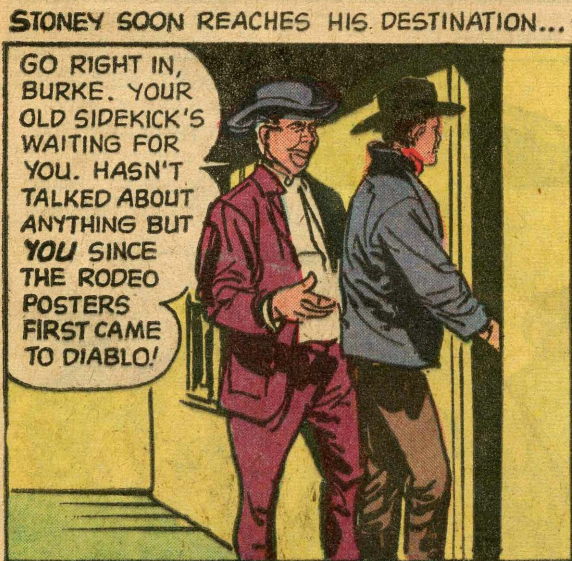
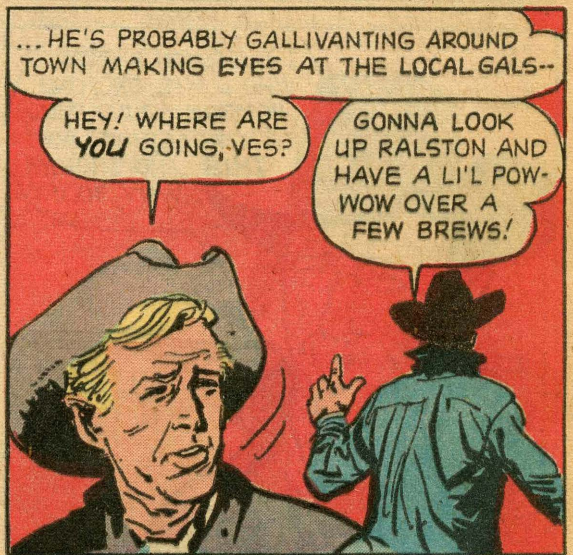
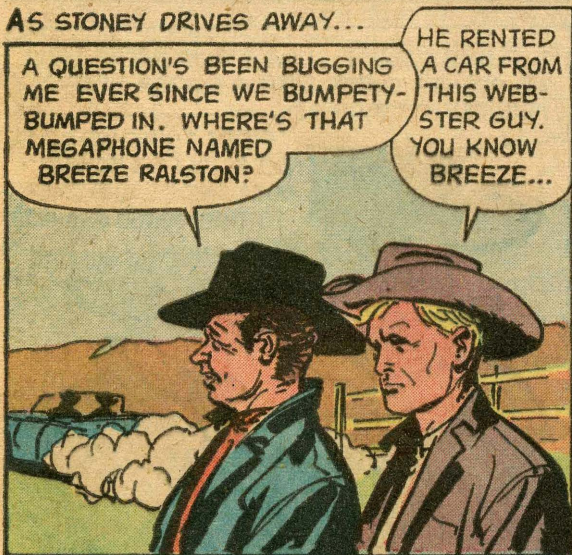
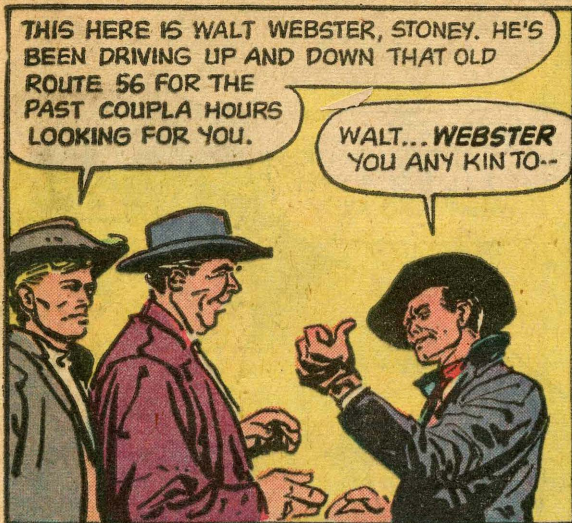
SOME TIME LATER, AN ASTOUNDING AUDIENCE WATCHES AS...



N-NO WONDER YOU MISSED 'EM, MR. WEBSTER! LOOKS LIKE STONEY AND VES HAD AN ARGUMENT WITH THE ROAD ... AND LOST!

I-- I HOPE THEY'RE ALL RIGHT! ROD WOULD HAVE A FIT IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO THIS BURKE FELLER! 'SPECIALLY IF IT WAS RIGHT HERE IN TOWN!

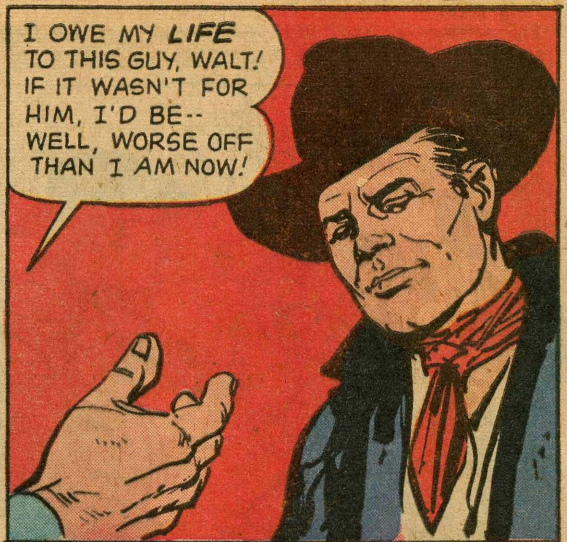
A DOZEN EAGER QUESTIONS LATER...





YOU... FEEL **GUILTY**? NOT AFTER ALL YOU **DID** FOR ME, STONEY!

WHAT **DID** BURKE DO, ROD? I'VE NEVER GOTTEN THE STORY STRAIGHT IN MY MIND!



I OWE MY **LIFE** TO THIS GUY, WALT! IF IT WASN'T FOR HIM, I'D BE-- WELL, WORSE OFF THAN I AM NOW!

"IT WAS ONLY A LITTLE RODEO THAT STONEY AND I WERE WORKING, BUT THE TUMBLES WERE JUST AS PAINFUL AS THEY ARE IN THE BIGTIME..."

"STONEY TRIED TO HELP ME, BUT I WAS YOUNG... AND FOOLISH..."



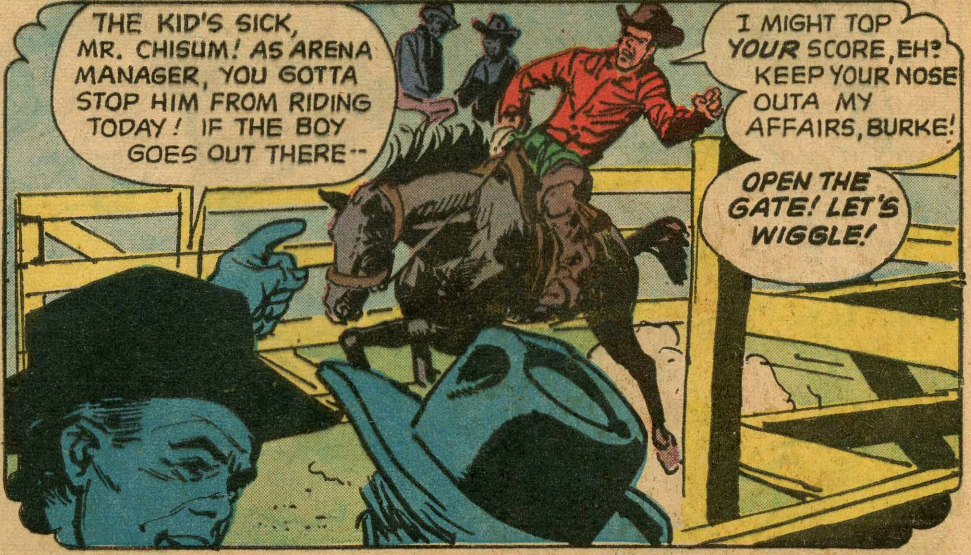
EASY DOES IT, BOY! YOU'D BETTER SIT DOWN FOR A MINUTE!



YOU'D BE BETTER OFF IF YOU SKIPPED TODAY'S BRONC COMPETITION, ROD. THESE HEADACHES OF YOURS...

KEEP THE ADVICE TO YOURSELF!... I'LL DECIDE WHEN I'M GONNA RIDE... **LEGGO!**

"STONEY ARGUED WITH ME RIGHT UP TO THE TIME I CLIMBED INTO THE CHUTE. THE NEXT THING HE DID MADE ME SEE **RED**..."



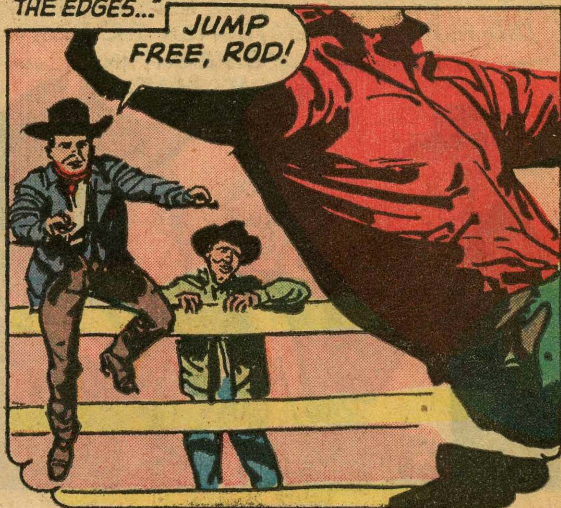
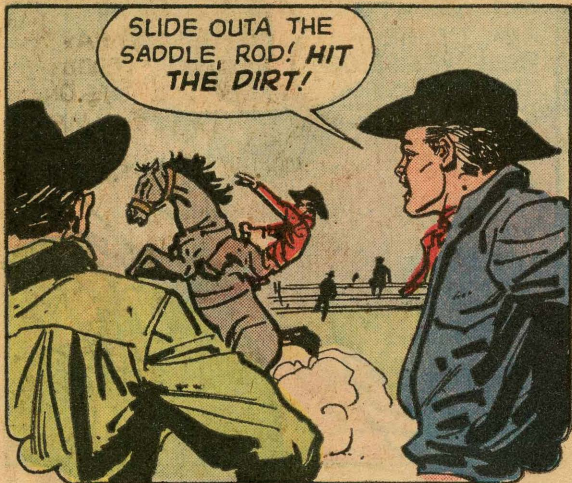
THE KID'S SICK, MR. CHISUM! AS ARENA MANAGER, YOU GOTTA STOP HIM FROM RIDING TODAY! IF THE BOY GOES OUT THERE--

I MIGHT TOP **YOUR** SCORE, EH? KEEP YOUR NOSE OUTA MY AFFAIRS, BURKE!

OPEN THE GATE! LET'S WIGGLE!

"THE MOMENT THAT CRITTER BROKE OUT OF THE CHUTE, I KNEW I WAS HEADED FOR TROUBLE..."

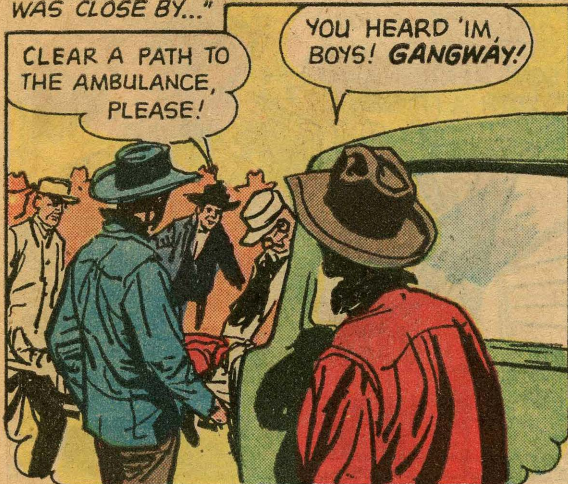
"SUDDENLY EVERYTHING GOT FUZZY AROUND THE EDGES..."



"BEFORE I COULD UNFREEZE, THE BRONC WENT OVER BACKWARDS... ON TOP OF ME! THERE WAS BLINDING PAIN... RUNNING FEET... SCARED VOICES... AND STONEY!"



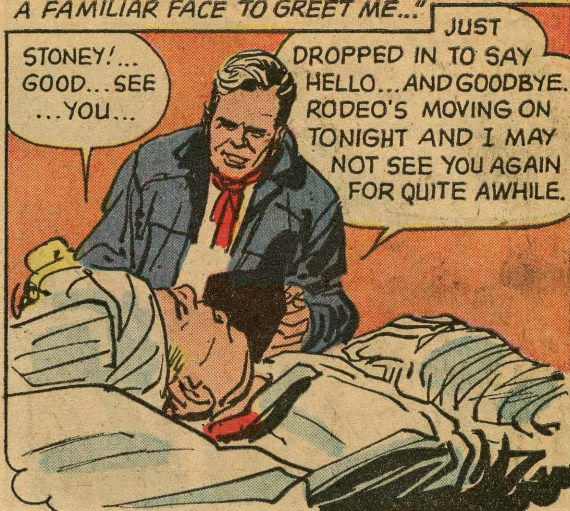
"FROM THEN ON, IT WAS A BLUR OF AGONY. THE LAST THING I KNEW WAS THAT STONEY WAS CLOSE BY..."



CLEAR A PATH TO THE AMBULANCE, PLEASE!

YOU HEARD 'IM, BOYS! **GANGWAY!**

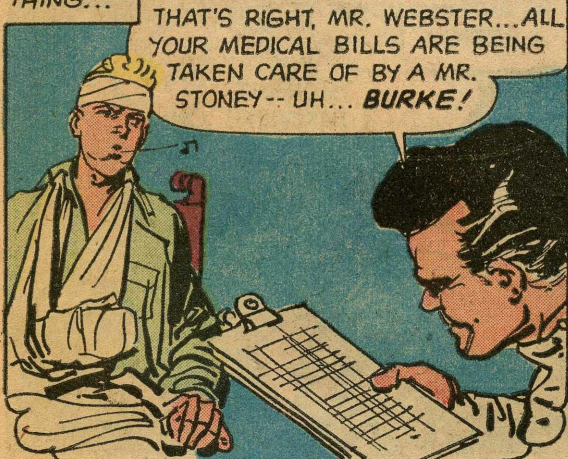
"DAYS LATER, WHEN I CAME TO, THERE WAS A FAMILIAR FACE TO GREET ME..."



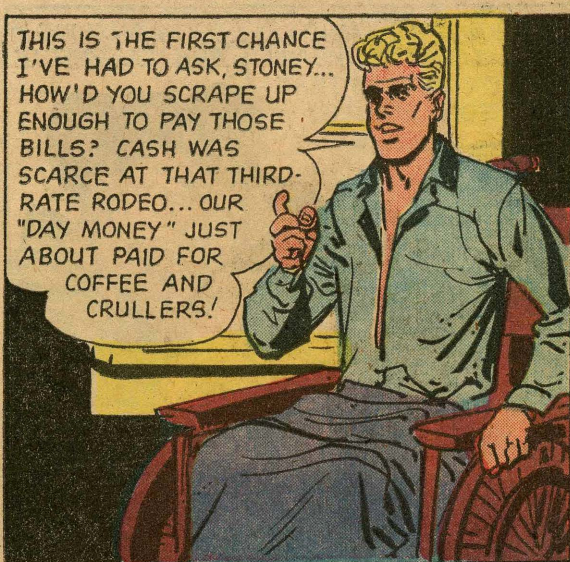
STONEY!... GOOD... SEE ... YOU...

JUST DROPPED IN TO SAY HELLO... AND GOODBYE. RODEO'S MOVING ON TONIGHT AND I MAY NOT SEE YOU AGAIN FOR QUITE AWHILE.

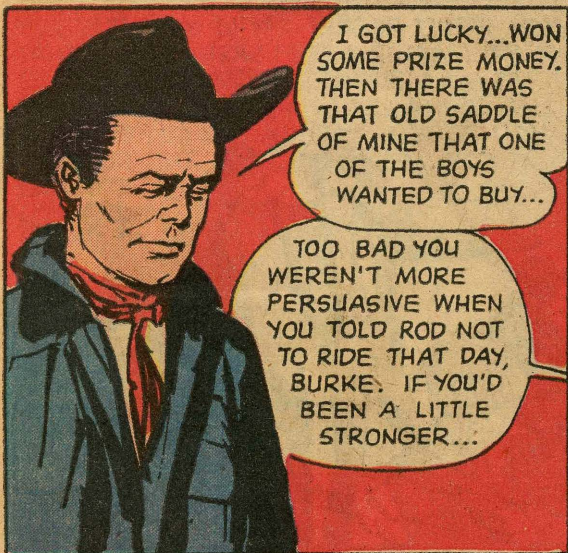
"THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I SAW STONEY UNTIL TODAY! BUT WHILE I WAS RECOVERING, IN THE HOSPITAL, I LEARNED AN ASTONISHING THING..."



THAT'S RIGHT, MR. WEBSTER... ALL YOUR MEDICAL BILLS ARE BEING TAKEN CARE OF BY A MR. STONEY -- UH... **BURKE!**

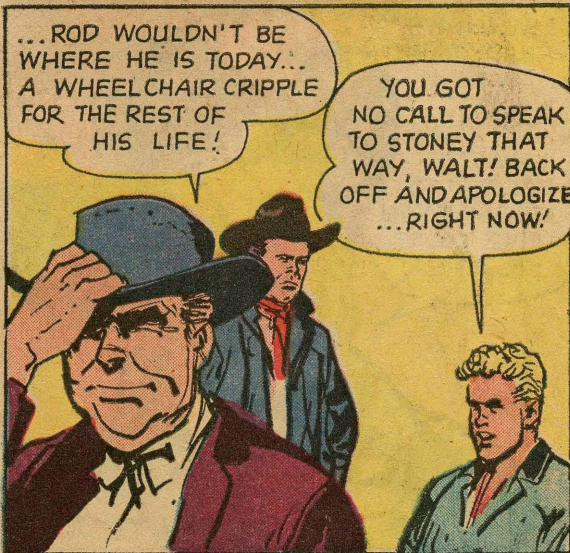


THIS IS THE FIRST CHANCE I'VE HAD TO ASK, STONEY... HOW'D YOU SCRAPE UP ENOUGH TO PAY THOSE BILLS? CASH WAS SCARCE AT THAT THIRD-RATE RODEO... OUR "DAY MONEY" JUST ABOUT PAID FOR COFFEE AND CRULLERS!



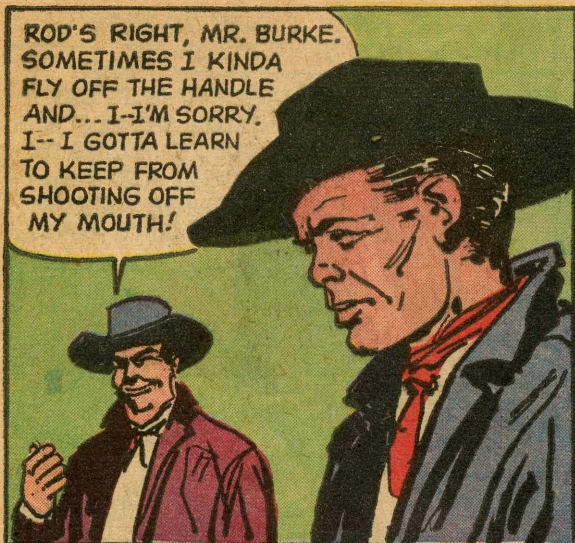
I GOT LUCKY... WON SOME PRIZE MONEY. THEN THERE WAS THAT OLD SADDLE OF MINE THAT ONE OF THE BOYS WANTED TO BUY...

TOO BAD YOU WEREN'T MORE PERSUASIVE WHEN YOU TOLD ROD NOT TO RIDE THAT DAY, BURKE. IF YOU'D BEEN A LITTLE STRONGER...

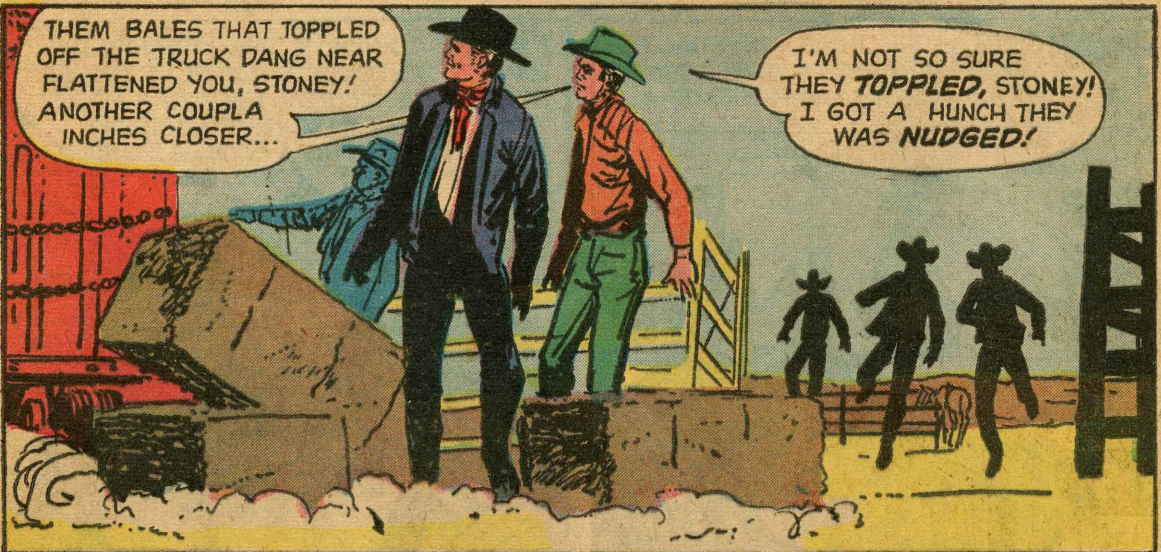
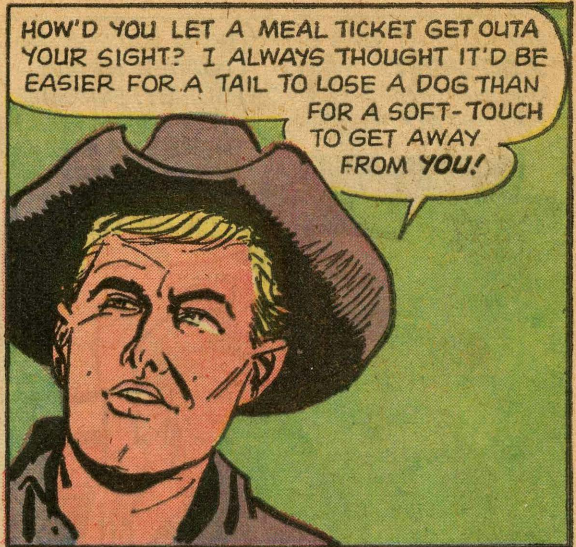
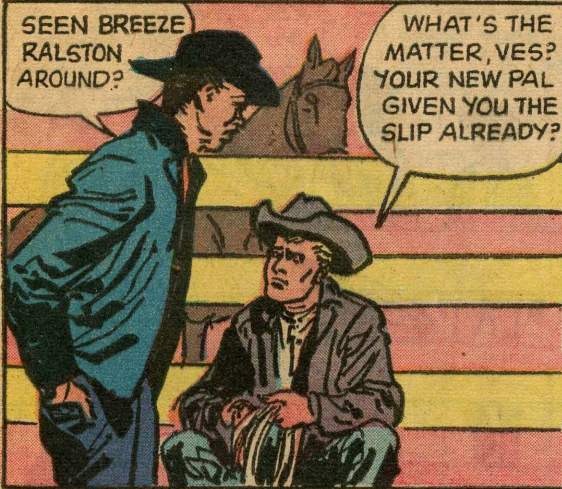


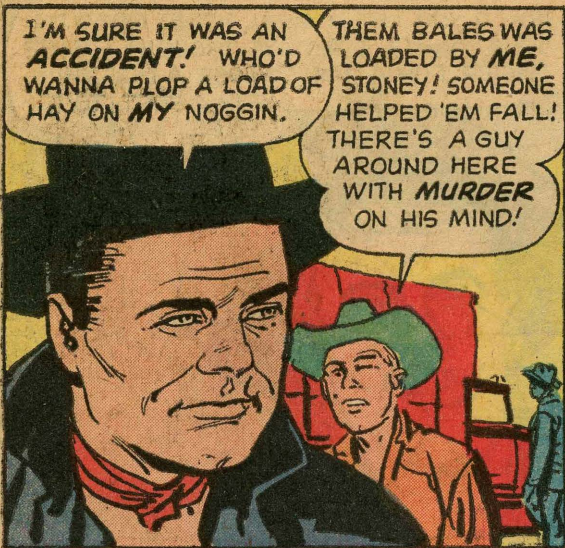
... ROD WOULDN'T BE WHERE HE IS TODAY... A WHEELCHAIR CRIPPLE FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE!

YOU GOT NO CALL TO SPEAK TO STONEY THAT WAY, WALT! BACK OFF AND APOLOGIZE ... RIGHT NOW!



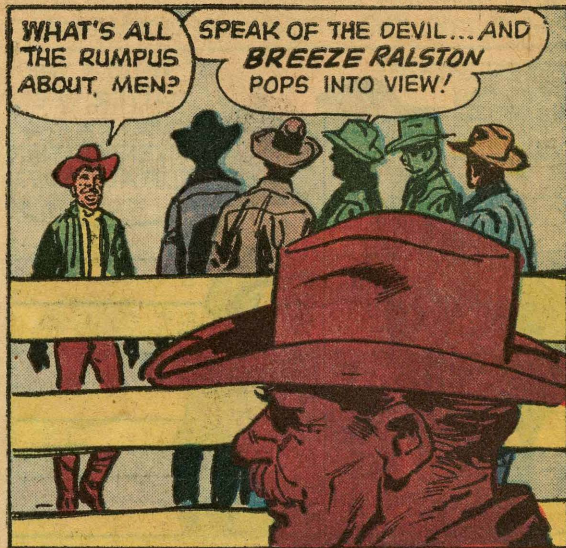
NEXT MORNING, AS PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR THE OPENING PERFORMANCE...





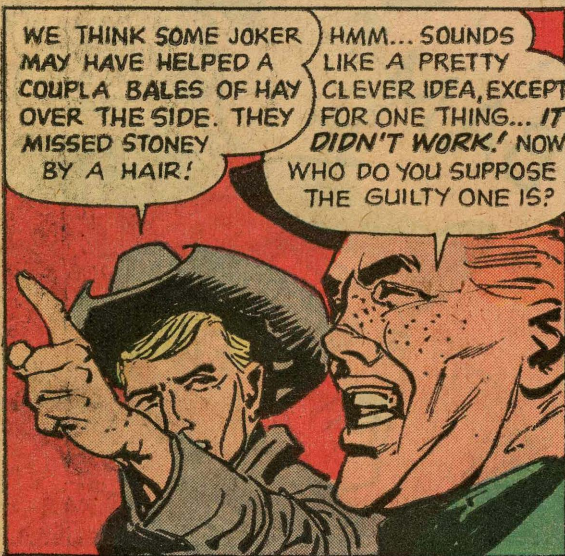
I'M SURE IT WAS AN **ACCIDENT!** WHO'D WANNA PLOP A LOAD OF HAY ON **MY** NOGGIN.

THEM BALES WAS LOADED BY **ME**, STONEY! SOMEONE HELPED 'EM FALL! THERE'S A GUY AROUND HERE WITH **MURDER** ON HIS MIND!



WHAT'S ALL THE RUMPUS ABOUT, MEN?

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL... AND **BREEZE RALSTON** POPS INTO VIEW!



WE THINK SOME JOKER MAY HAVE HELPED A COUPLA BALES OF HAY OVER THE SIDE. THEY MISSED STONEY BY A HAIR!

HMM... SOUNDS LIKE A PRETTY CLEVER IDEA, EXCEPT FOR ONE THING... **IT DIDN'T WORK!** NOW WHO DO YOU SUPPOSE THE GUILTY ONE IS?



YOU'RE AS GOOD A CANDIDATE AS ANYONE, RALSTON! FOR TWO CENTS, I'D--

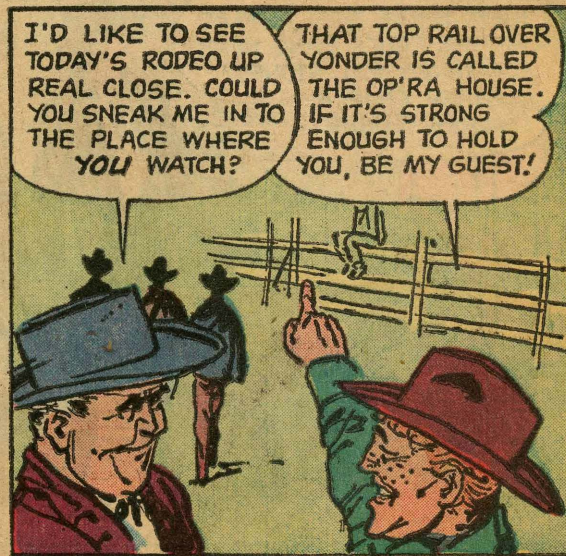
KEEP A-COMIN', MISTER! I GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH YOU!

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HOWDY, GENTS. I'VE A FAVOR TO ASK--

SURE THING, WEBSTER. THE BROTHER OF ONE OF STONEY'S FRIENDS IS A FRIEND OF **ALL!**



I'D LIKE TO SEE TODAY'S RODEO UP REAL CLOSE. COULD YOU SNEAK ME IN TO THE PLACE WHERE **YOU** WATCH?

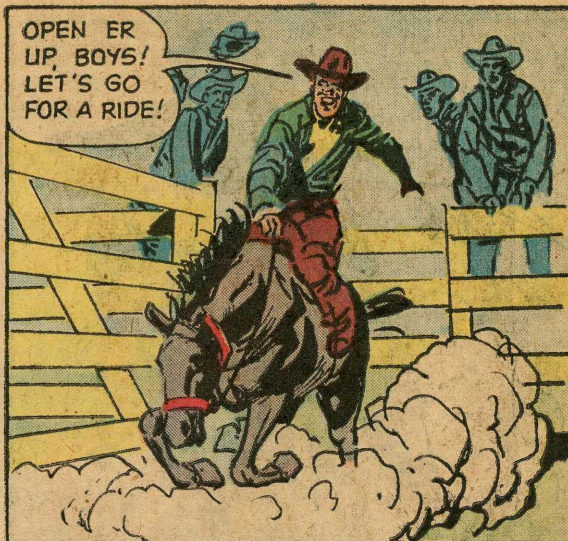
THAT TOP RAIL OVER YONDER IS CALLED THE OP'RA HOUSE. IF IT'S STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD **YOU**, BE MY GUEST!

A SHORT TIME LATER, THE RODEO BEGINS AND SADDLE BRONC RIDING IS ANNOUNCED...



OUR NEXT ENTRY IS THAT NEW SENSATION-- **BREEZE RALSTON!**

I'VE A FEELING THIS IS A DAY NO ONE'S GONNA FORGET!



OPEN ER UP, BOYS! LET'S GO FOR A RIDE!



WATCH THE SMOOTH ACTION OF HIS SPURS, FOLKS! ONE OF RODEO'S MOST THRILLING PERFORMERS IS AT WORK!

LIKE I SAID, THE BOY'S ROUGH... BUT HE'S **TOPS!!**



BREEZE RALSTON ALWAYS GIVES A GOOD ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF... AND TODAY WAS NO EXCEPTION! HERE COMES THE JUDGES' SCORE!



THIS'LL BE A TOUGH SCORE TO BEAT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! ... BREEZE RALSTON REGISTERS A TERRIFIC **186!**



OUR NEXT
COMPETITOR
IS THAT SUPERB
CROWD-PLEASER...
STONEY BURKE!



WITH ALL EYES RIVETED ON STONEY, NO
ONE SEES...

ANOTHER SECOND
AND YOU'RE IN MY
SIGHTS, MR. BURKE!

SUDDENLY, WHILE THOUSANDS OF WITNESSES WATCH WITH HORROR...

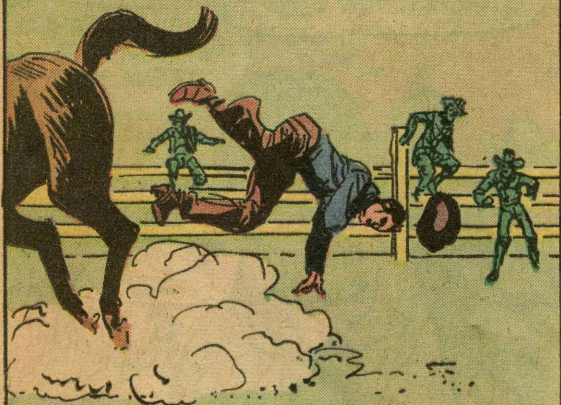


SEE IF YOU CAN
RIDE THROUGH THIS
STORM, BURKE!

UNNGH!

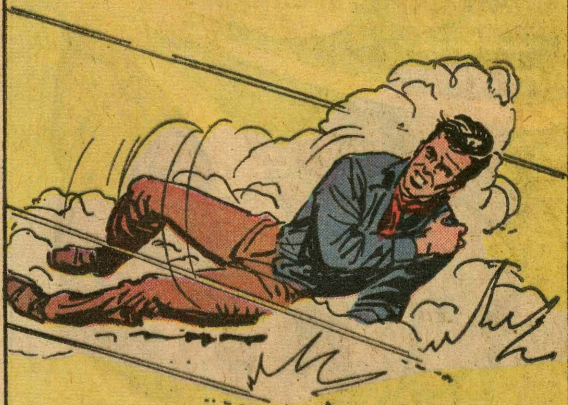
BRA-A-ANG!
BRA-A-ANG!

WHILE AN OMINOUS HUSH FALLS OVER THE ARENA...



...THE GALLANT RIDER FALLS!

THE JAM-PACKED STADIUM WATCHES WITH HORRIFIED FASCINATION...



...AS THE SAVAGE ASSAULT CONTINUES!

SUDDENLY, A LONE FIGURE DARTS FORWARD...



AS BREEZE RALSTON HURLS HIMSELF FORWARD, WALT WEBSTER'S PUDGY FINGER TIGHTENS ON THE TRIGGER...



TRUE TO HIS WORD, VES PAINTER HAS STUCK AS CLOSE AS COURT PLASTER TO BREEZE RALSTON! THROWING CAUTION TO THE WINDS, HE MOVES IN...





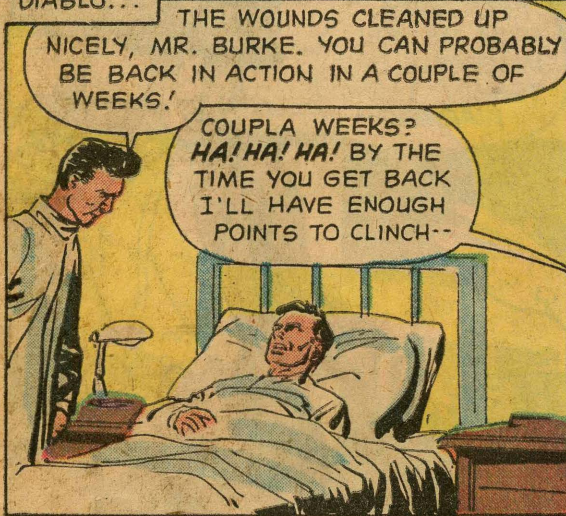
SOMEBODY
UGH! GRAB
THIS RAT!



I OUGHTA FINISH 'IM OFF WITH MY
BARE HANDS, BUT I HAVEN'T TIME!
STONEY... HOW'S HE--

THEY'RE TAKING
'IM OUTA THE
ARENA NOW!

LATER THAT DAY, IN THE HOSPITAL AT EL
DIABLO...



THE WOUNDS CLEANED UP
NICELY, MR. BURKE. YOU CAN PROBABLY
BE BACK IN ACTION IN A COUPLE OF
WEEKS!

COUPLA WEEKS?
HA! HA! HA! BY THE
TIME YOU GET BACK
I'LL HAVE ENOUGH
POINTS TO CLINCH--



AS FOR YOU, MR. RALSTON, YOU'LL
BE SIDELINED FOR EXACTLY THE SAME
LENGTH OF TIME AS MR. BURKE!

IT... IT'S A
CONSPIRACY!

IN A FEW MINUTES, THE PATIENTS HAVE A
VISITOR...



LUCKY THING
I WAS SO CLOSE TO BREEZE
WHEN HE MADE THAT GRAND
STAND PLAY... AND TRIED TO
TAKE ON THE FAT BOY
SINGLE-HANDED!

HOW COME
YOU WERE
SO CLOSE,
YES? IT WAS
ALMOST LIKE
YOU WERE
TAILING ME...



I-- I WAS, BREEZE! LOOKS LIKE I WAS
OFF-BASE ALL ALONG... I HAD YOU
PEGGED AS THE MAVERICK TRYING TO
KILL STONEY! IN ORDER TO WIN THAT
DING-DANG GOLD BUCKLE!



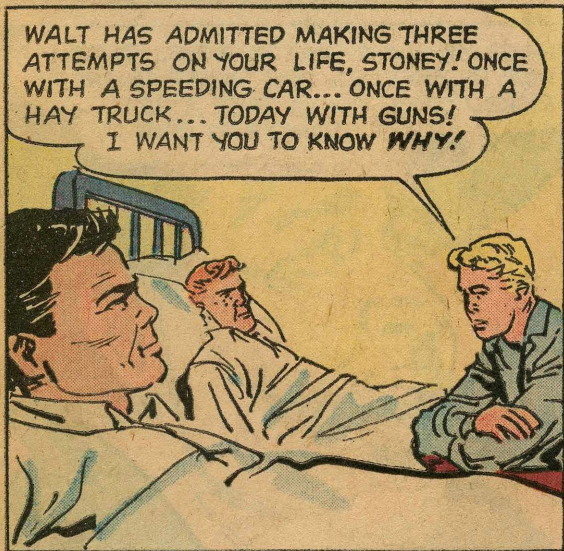
YOU THOUGHT I WAS THE ONE WHO--

ANOTHER VISITOR OUTSIDE, BOYS. HE'S MIGHTY ANXIOUS TO SEE MR. BURKE.

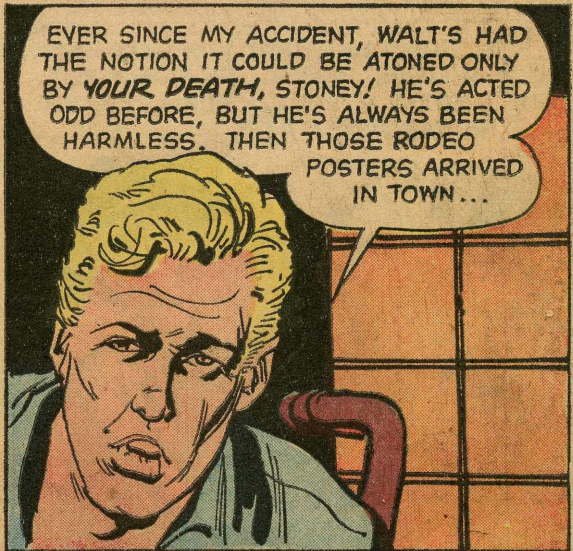


ROD! YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE TO--

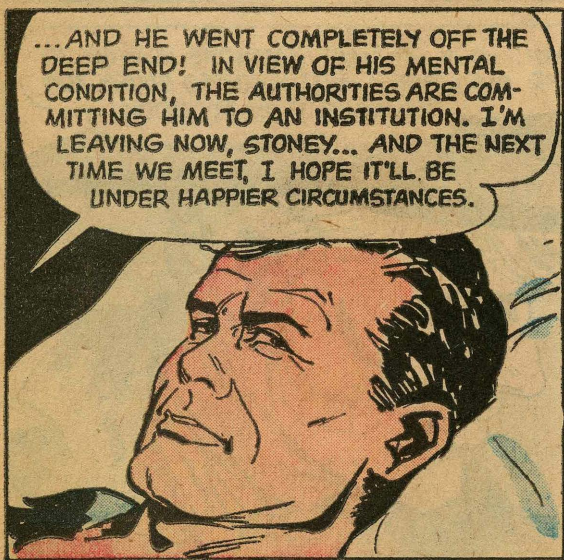
I DID, STONEY! TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU... AND TO BREEZE RALSTON... FOR WHAT MY BROTHER ATTEMPTED TODAY!



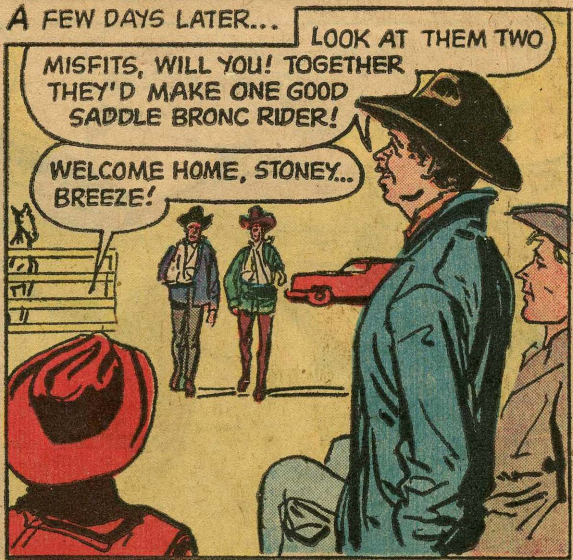
WALT HAS ADMITTED MAKING THREE ATTEMPTS ON YOUR LIFE, STONEY! ONCE WITH A SPEEDING CAR... ONCE WITH A HAY TRUCK... TODAY WITH GUNS! I WANT YOU TO KNOW *WHY!*



EVER SINCE MY ACCIDENT, WALT'S HAD THE NOTION IT COULD BE ATONED ONLY BY *YOUR DEATH*, STONEY! HE'S ACTED ODD BEFORE, BUT HE'S ALWAYS BEEN HARMLESS. THEN THOSE RODEO POSTERS ARRIVED IN TOWN...



...AND HE WENT COMPLETELY OFF THE DEEP END! IN VIEW OF HIS MENTAL CONDITION, THE AUTHORITIES ARE COMMITTING HIM TO AN INSTITUTION. I'M LEAVING NOW, STONEY... AND THE NEXT TIME WE MEET, I HOPE IT'LL BE UNDER HAPPIER CIRCUMSTANCES.



A FEW DAYS LATER...

LOOK AT THEM TWO MISFITS, WILL YOU! TOGETHER THEY'D MAKE ONE GOOD SADDLE BRONC RIDER!

WELCOME HOME, STONEY... BREEZE!

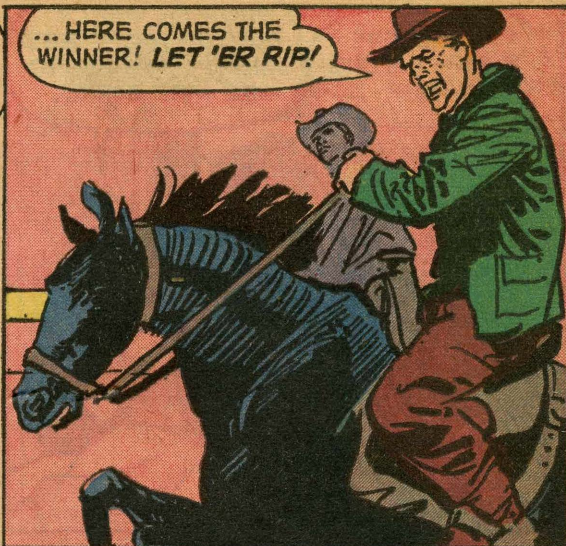
SEVERAL WEEKS PASS. THEN...

WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE BREEZE RALSTON BACK IN COMPETITION, FOLKS! HE MAY BE A TRIFLE RUSTY AFTER HIS LONG VACATION--

NOT ON YOUR LIFE, ANNOUNCER! SHINE UP THAT GOLD BUCKLE...

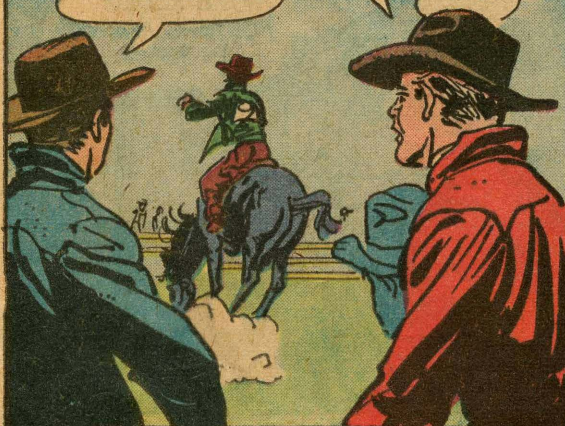


... HERE COMES THE WINNER! LET 'ER RIP!

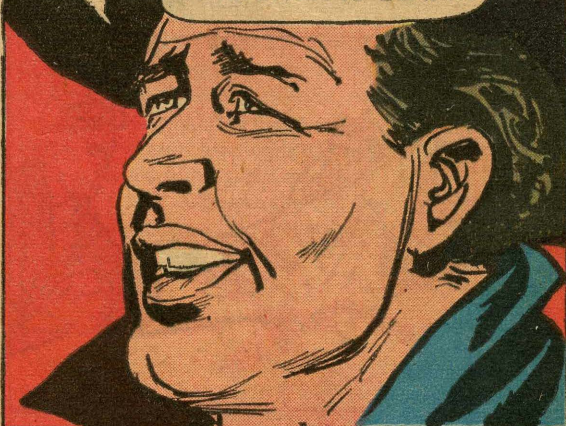


I STILL DON'T LIKE THAT LOUD-MOUTHED JASPER... BUT I GOTTA ADMIT HE CAN RIDE!

YEP! AND STICK HIS NECK OUT FOR A SIDEKICK, TOO!



HANG ME FOR A TRAITOR, BOYS... BUT THAT RIDE OF BREEZE'S WAS SWEET AS FRESH-PICKED CORN! GONNA TAKE A REAL HUNDINGER TO BEAT IT!



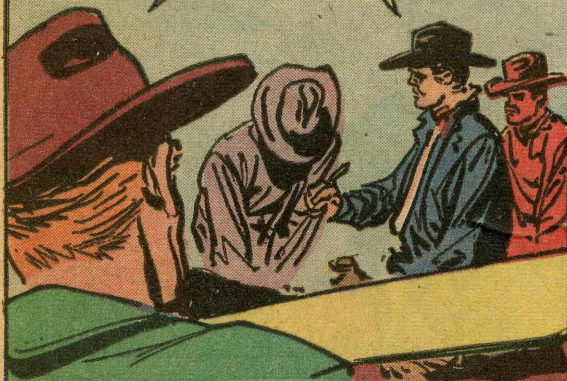
THE JUDGES' SCORE IS IN FOR THAT SENSATIONAL EXHIBITION! BREEZE RALSTON ROLLS UP A SENSATIONAL 186!

BAH! LOOK AT THAT HAMBONE PLAYING TO THE AUDIENCE! HE'D HAVE TO SCORE 300 TO MAKE IT IN MY BOOK!



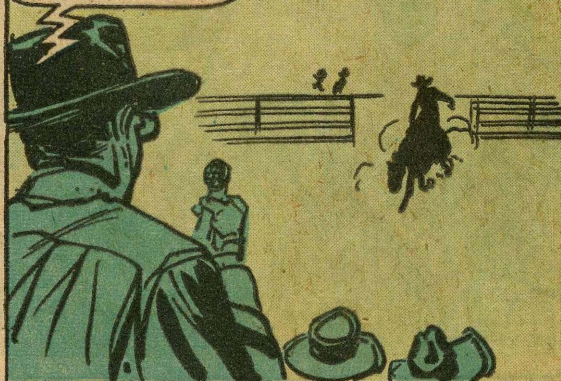
THAT'S THE BEST SCORE I EVER RUN UP, STONEY BURKE! THINK YOU CAN TOP IT?

I DON'T KNOW, BROTHER RALSTON ... BUT I'M SURE NUFF GONNA TRY!

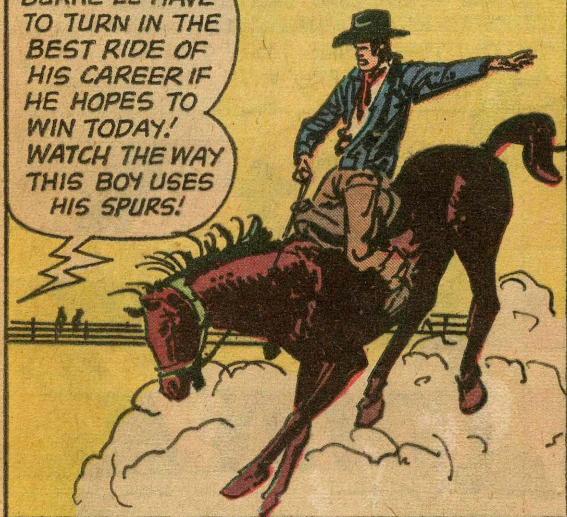


THE CROWD GROWS SILENT AS STONEY BURKE'S NAME IS ANNOUNCED. THEN ...

... AND HERE COMES THE MASTER HIMSELF... FROM MISSION RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA!



BURKE'LL HAVE TO TURN IN THE BEST RIDE OF HIS CAREER IF HE HOPES TO WIN TODAY! WATCH THE WAY THIS BOY USES HIS SPURS!



HE'S TIED INTO A REAL DYNAMO TODAY! THIS HORSE IS TRYING EVERY BACK-BREAKING STUNT IN THE RODEO BOOK... AND BURKE'S STILL WITH 'IM!



YOU'VE SEEN CLOUD-HUNTING, PILE-DRIVING, SUN-FISHING... AND NOW, PIONEER BUCKING! NOTHING THIS GREAT HORSE HAS TRIED CAN GET STONEY OFF HIS BACK!



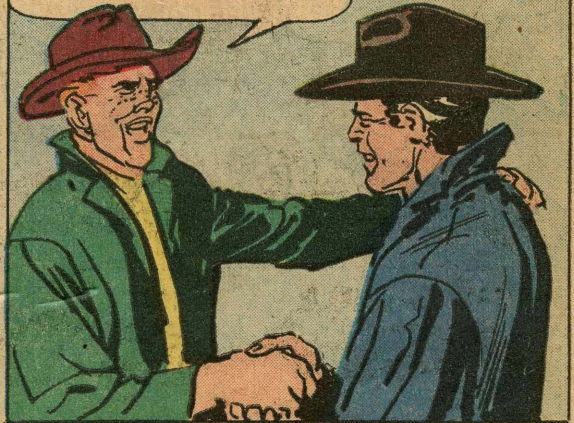
YIP-AROO!! THERE GOES THE WELCOME HORN!

STONEY DID IT!!

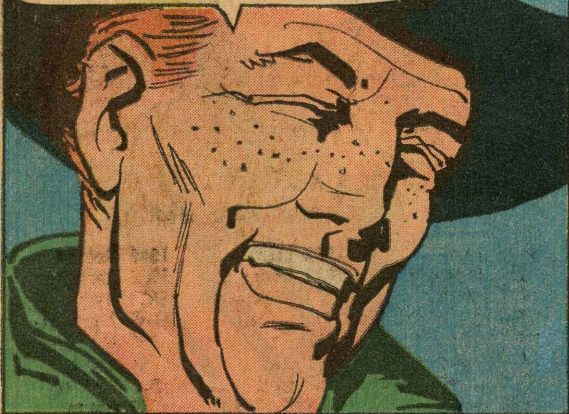
THE SCORES ARE IN... LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
FOR STONEY BURKE IT'S A TREMENDOUS 188!
THAT'S RIGHT, FOLKS-- TWO POINTS AHEAD
OF THAT GREAT RIDE BY BREEZE RALSTON!



GOTTA HAND IT TO YOU, OLD TIMER! THAT WAS
THE MOST EXCITING DURR RIDE I EVER SAW!
YOU WON FAIR AND SQUARE! WATCHING YOU
TAUGHT ME ONE THING...

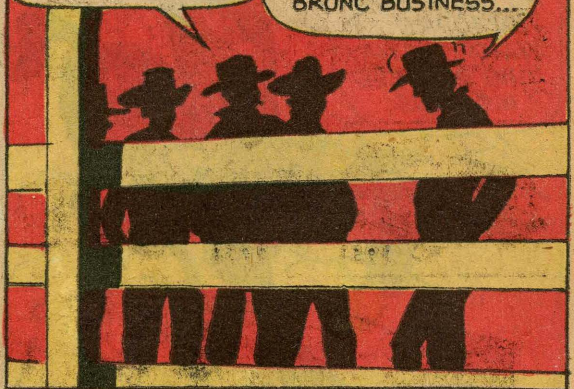


...NO MATTER GOOD I AM, YOU'RE ALWAYS
JUST A WHISKER BETTER! THINGS ARE TOO
TOUGH FOR ME IN SADDLE
BRONC RIDING... I'M QUITTING!



QUITTING!!... YOU?! I AIN'T AN ADMIRER
OF YOURS, BREEZE, BUT I ALWAYS THOUGHT
YOU HAD GUMPTION!
YOU QUITTING-- LIKE A BEATEN COYOTE?

YEP! I'M FINISHED
WITH THE SADDLE
BRONC BUSINESS...



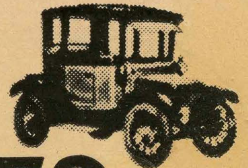
...AND GOING INTO PRACTICALLY PEACEFUL
RETIREMENT! I'M PLANNING TO
CONCENTRATE ON **BULLDOGGING!**



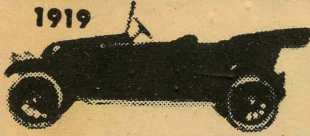
WANNA KNOW WHY? THE ANSWER'S REAL
SIMPLE, BOYS! BULLDOGGING'S WHERE I
WON'T HAFTA RUN SMACK-DAB INTO
RODEO'S TOP RIDER... A CHARACTER
NAMED **STONEY BURKE!**



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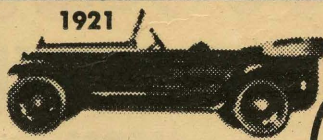
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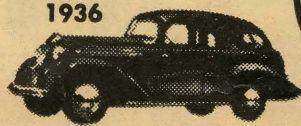
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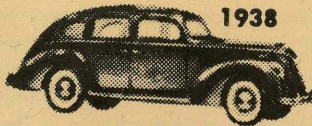
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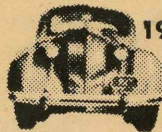
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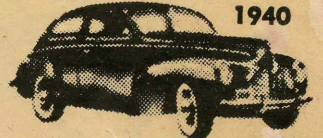
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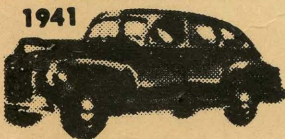
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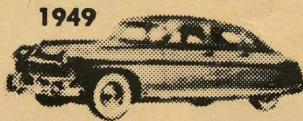
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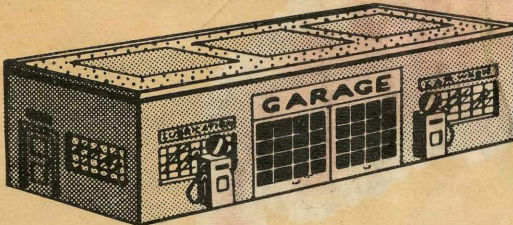
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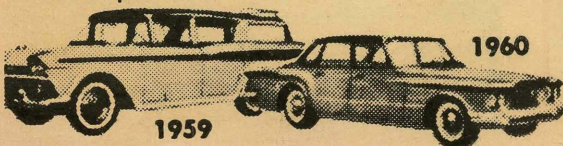
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| 1925 Locomobile | 1942 Lincoln | Thunderbird |
| 1926 Cleveland | 1943 Nash | 1959 Rambler |
| 1927 Jordan | 1944 Willys Jeep | 1960 Valiant |
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