

# The Lone Stranger Returns

WITHOUT A BACKWARD GLANCE, BUTCH CALENDISH AND HIS GANG GALLOP AWAY FROM THEIR HIDEOUT...

... AS IT GOES UP IN FLAMES!

LOOKS LIKE THE FIRE'S REALLY COOKIN', BUTCH!

HAR, HAR!

YEAH, AN' THE TWO WE LEFT TIED UP INSIDE ARE GONNA BE WELL DONE!



IN OUR LAST EPISODE, A SURVIVING TEXAS RANGER IN THE GUISE OF THE LONE STRANGER WENT OFF TO FIND BUTCH CALENDISH AND HIS GANG.



THE LONE STRANGER GOT THE DROP ON THE OUTLAWS... BUT LACK OF PM GOT THE DROP ON HIM!



THE MASKED RIDER OF THE PLAINS, ALONG WITH CONSTANCE RODD, THE BANKER'S DAUGHTER, WERE ABOUT TO GO UP IN FLAMES.



I SHOULD'VE LISTENED TO PRONTO ABOUT PM!

->COUGH COUGH!-<



IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT NOW!

WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

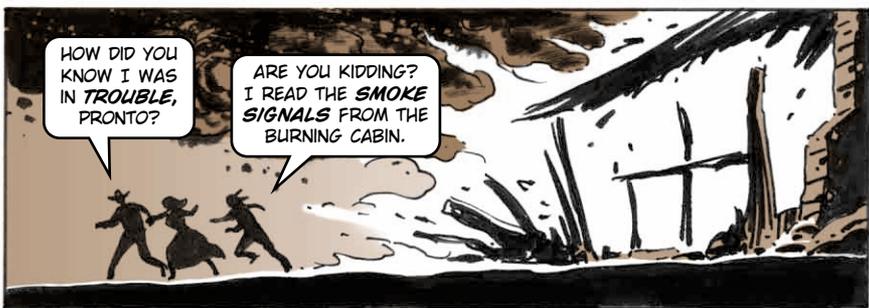


**KEMO SABE.**

**PRONTO!**

**BUT, HOW...?**

**NOT NOW, KEMO SABE. WE MUST GET OUT!**



**HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS IN TROUBLE, PRONTO?**

**ARE YOU KIDDING? I READ THE SMOKE SIGNALS FROM THE BURNING CABIN.**



**IT'S A LUCKY THING YOU CAME ALONG WHEN YOU DID.**

**LUCKY? NO WAY. WITHOUT PM I KNEW YOU'D BE A GONER!**



**I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON, PRONTO. PM WILL BE MY TOP PRIORITY FROM NOW ON.**



**I FOUND THESE IN THE DIRT OUTSIDE THE CABIN, KEMO SABE. DO A COMPLETE PMCS SO CALENDISH WON'T CATCH YOU WITH YOUR GUNS DOWN... AGAIN.**



**PMCS? WHAT'S THAT?**

**PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE CHECKS AND SERVICES.**

**IT INCLUDES ALL BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER MAINTENANCE SERVICES YOUR EQUIPMENT NEEDS ON A REGULAR BASIS.**

**LISTEN TO HER, KEMO SABE! IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE KNOWS PM.**



**I GUESS I HAVE A LOT TO LEARN, CONSTANCE.**

**I'LL DEFINITELY LISTEN TO YOU AND PRONTO.**



**GREAT! LIKE I HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO THAN TO RIDE ACROSS THE PLAINS WITH A MASKED MAN I JUST MET.**

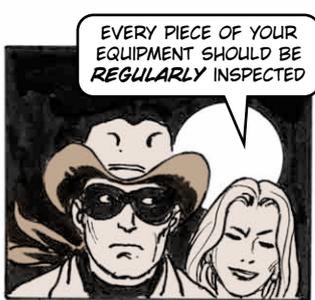


**KEMO SABE IS REALLY A GOOD MAN, MA'AM**

**MAYBE A LITTLE SHAKY ON PM ...BUT, A GOOD MAN.**



**OH, WELL... I GUESS YOU SHOULD LEARN PM ...FOR YOUR OWN SURVIVAL!**



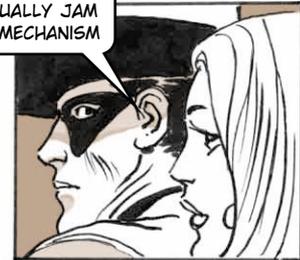
EVERY PIECE OF YOUR EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE **REGULARLY** INSPECTED



"A WORN SADDLE CAN CAUSE CHAFING FOR BOTH **YOU** AND **PLATINUM**."



YOUR SIX-SHOOTERS SHOULD BE **BROKEN-DOWN** AND **CLEANED** AFTER EVERY FIRING.



OTHERWISE, CARBON WILL EVENTUALLY JAM THE FIRING MECHANISM



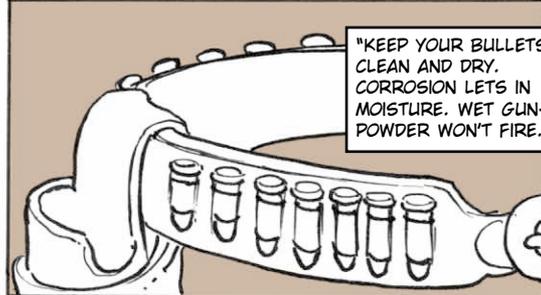
CHECK **REINS** AND **STRAPS** FOR CUTS, TEARS OR WORN LEATHER.



"USE A CLEAN RAG, A SMALL BRUSH AND SOME OIL TO CLEAN AND LUBE. THEN, YOU'LL HAVE WEAPONS YOU CAN **DEPEND** ON."



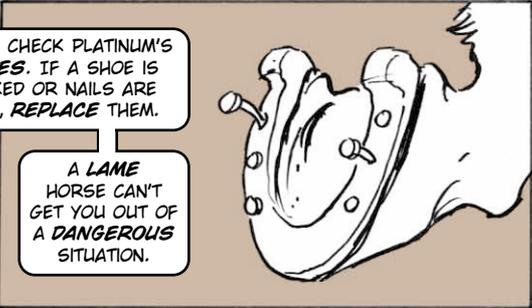
"IF YOUR **STIRRUPS** GIVE OUT, YOU COULD BE THROWN, BRUISED... OR MAYBE WORSE."



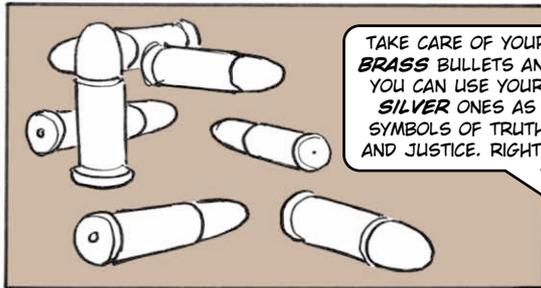
"KEEP YOUR BULLETS CLEAN AND DRY. CORROSION LETS IN MOISTURE. WET GUN-POWDER WON'T FIRE."



ALWAYS CHECK PLATINUM'S **HOOVES**. IF A SHOE IS CRACKED OR NAILS ARE LOOSE, **REPLACE** THEM.



A **LAME** HORSE CAN'T GET YOU OUT OF A **DANGEROUS** SITUATION.



TAKE CARE OF YOUR **BRASS** BULLETS AND YOU CAN USE YOUR **SILVER** ONES AS SYMBOLS OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE. RIGHT?



RIGHT!



A FEW DAYS LATER...

THANKS TO BOTH OF YOU, I'LL NEVER FORGET THE IMPORTANCE OF PM.



I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON. NO MORE POORLY MAINTAINED EQUIPMENT FOR ME!



HI-YO PLATINUM ...AWAY!



SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

DROP THEM MONEY BAGS! AN' DON'T MAKE NO FUNNY MOVES.

IT'S... BUTCH CALENDISH AN' HIS GANG!

OKAY... J-JUST DON'T SHOOT.



LOOKS LIKE A PRETTY GOOD HAUL, BOSS.

SURE DOES! MORE'N THE RANSOM WE GOT FER THE BANKER'S DAUGHTER!



WHO SAYS CRIME DON'T PAY?

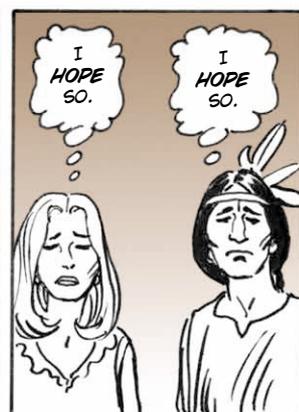
HAR, HAR! WE'RE DOIN' OKAY... EVEN AFTER TAXES! LET'S GO!



DO YOU THINK HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT?



I THINK SO.



I HOPE SO.

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HOLD IT, CALENDISH!

IT'S THE MASKED MAN!

HOW'D HE GIT AWAY?



MAKES NO NEVER-MIND, BOYS!

WHAT'RE Y'GONNA DO THIS TIME, MASKED MAN? SHOOT YER-SELF INNA FOOT?

