

**HORSE OPERA PICTURES PRESENTS:**

# **RIO LOCO**

**A Western Saga of Loss and Redemption**

**Part Two** ★ *starring:*



**REX STERLING,**  
King of the  
PM Cowboys



**SWEET NELL MCGILLACUTTY,**  
the Virtuous Schoolmarm



**SCRATCHY BUTTES,**  
the Trusty Sidekick

*and* **featuring:**



**Prissy  
Eastern  
Dude**



**Evil  
Jack  
Slade**



**Little  
Timmy**

JOE KUBERT

OUR STORY TAKES PLACE ONE MORNING IN THE OLD WEST TOWN OF DUSTY BRITCHES. IN OUR LAST EPISODE, REX STERLING HAD FALLEN INTO DESPAIR.

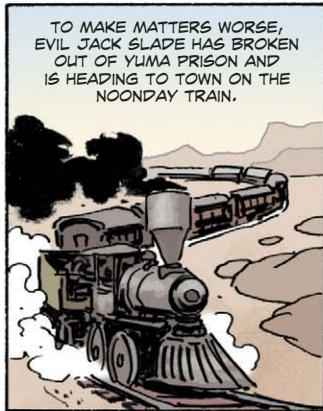


AFTER A HORRIBLE LUBING ACCIDENT (A.K.A. *THAT FATEFUL DAY*) INJURED LITTLE TIMMY MCGILLACUTTY, REX HUNG UP HIS GREASE GUNS, VOWING NEVER AGAIN TO PERFORM PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE.



HAUNTED BY GUILT FOR HIS PART IN THE ACCIDENT, THE ONCE-GREAT LAWMAN AND PM PRACTITIONER HAS HIT ROCK BOTTOM, REDUCED TO EMPTYING CUSPIDORS IN SALOONS.

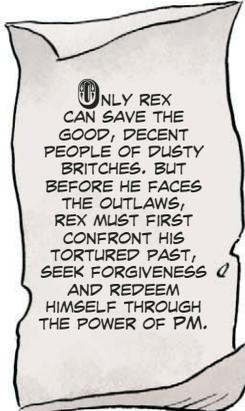




TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, EVIL JACK SLADE HAS BROKEN OUT OF YUMA PRISON AND IS HEADING TO TOWN ON THE NOONDAY TRAIN.



HE AND HIS OUTLAWS (THE HOLE-IN-THE-HEAD GANG) ARE PLANNING AN ORGY OF SHOOTING, BURNING AND PLUNDERING.



ONLY REX CAN SAVE THE GOOD, DECENT PEOPLE OF DUSTY BRITCHES. BUT BEFORE HE FACES THE OUTLAWS, REX MUST FIRST CONFRONT HIS TORTURED PAST, SEEK FORGIVENESS AND REDEEM HIMSELF THROUGH THE POWER OF PM.



LITTLE TIMMY'S BEDROOM IN THE HOME OF HIS BIG SISTER, SWEET NELL...



DO NOT FORESAKE PM, MY DARLING. THE GOOD, DECENT PEOPLE OF DUSTY BRITCHES DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP. WHY, NOBODY'S DONE A LICK OF PM IN THIS TOWN SINCE...



... THAT FATEFUL DAY.



REX, YOU'RE ALL THAT STANDS BETWEEN US AND THE OUTLAWS. THEY'RE FIXIN' TO GUN DOWN THE MEN, BURN THE TOWN AND CARRY OFF OUR WIMMENFOLK.



HOW CAN I EVEN THINK ABOUT PM AFTER THE TERRIBLE WRONG I'VE DONE TO LITTLE TIMMY?



I FEEL PLUMB AWFUL ABOUT THAT FULL-SERVICE CHASSIS LUBING I GAVE YOU, YOU SLIPPERY LITTLE RASCAL.



DON'T BLAME YOURSELF, REX. LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE. AT LEAST I DON'T NEED AS MUCH FIBER IN MY DIET AS I ONCE DID.



CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME, LITTLE TIMMY?

I ALREADY HAVE, REX.



THEN I'LL DO IT! I PLEDGE TO YOU THIS DAY, I'LL REDEDICATE MYSELF TO PM WITH A BURNING PASSION!



LIKE THE BURNING PASSION I GET AFTER FIVE BOWLS OF FRIJOLE BEANS AND CAYENNE PEPPERS?



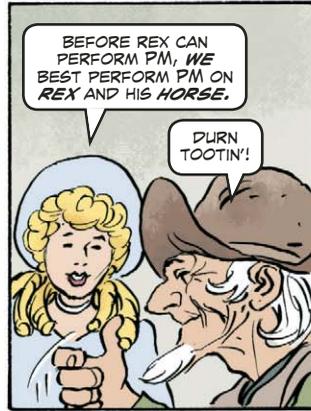
¡MUY CALIENTE!



I'LL REGAIN MY LOST PRIDE. I'LL SAVE THE GOOD, DECENT PEOPLE OF DUSTY BRITCHES. I'LL **NOT** LET THE OUTLAWS GUN DOWN THE WOMEN, BURN THE TOWN AND CARRY OFF OUR MENFOLK.



SAY WHAT!?



BEFORE REX CAN PERFORM PM, WE BEST PERFORM PM ON REX AND HIS HORSE.

PUHN TOOTIN'!



SPLASH



OLD STUFF



NOW TO CHECK THE EXHAUST...



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MEANWHILE, DOWN AT THE TRAIN DEPOT...

DARLIN', SAVE THE LAST DANCE FOR ME.

TRAIN DEPOT

LOOK, FELLERS, ANOTHER TELEGRAM!

THIS HERE'S EVIL JACK'S FINAL WARNING: DO YOUR SIX-SHOOTER, HORSE AND TACK PM-AND HE DON'T MEAN MAYBE!



MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TOWN OF DUSTY BRITCHES...

GO QUICKLY, REX. FULFILL YOUR PM DESTINY, FACE DOWN THE DEADLY OUTLAWS, AND ONCE MORE YOU SHALL KNOW...

...THE LOVE OF A GOOD WOMAN, THE LOYALTY OF A GOOD FRIEND, AND THE PUNGENT AROMA OF A GOOD HORSE.



I CAN ALMOST SMELL IT NOW.

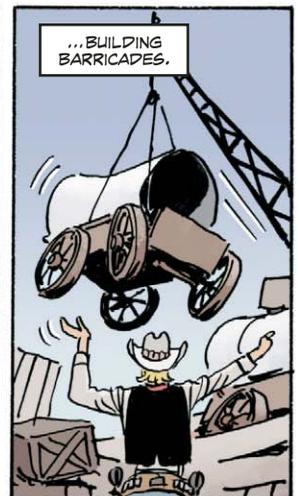


REX LAUNCHES INTO A FRENZY OF PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE...

...CLEANING WEAPONS...



...SHOEING HORSES...

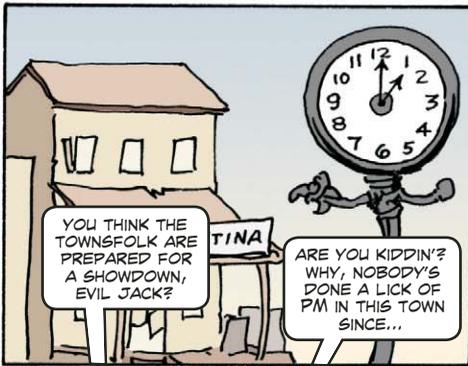


...BUILDING BARRICADES.

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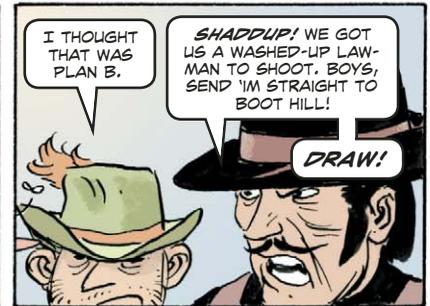
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