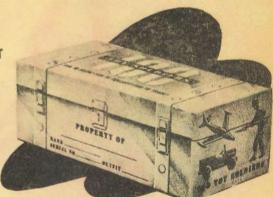




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THIS YOU CALLED ME TO YOUR SIDE TO LEARN TO LIVE WITH TURKEY BUZZARD SIGNAL...?

ME. YE--

TO TELL ME

IT'S FOR YOUR



PAST AS A PANTHER, BOONE CLIMBS A TALL TREE!



HIS EYES, KEEN AS ANY EAGLE'S, PIERCE THE FOREST'S GLOOM!



THAT'S HIRAM WATSON, ONE OF THOSE WHO CAME OUT TO KAINTUCK WITH ME IN THE EARLIEST DAYS... AND HE'S IN MORTAL DANGER ON THAT WINDIN'TPAIL!



CHATTERING FLUENT SHAWNEE-TALK FOR SPEED'S SAKE, BOONE OUTLINE'S A RESCUE PLAN TO HIS YOUNG FRIEND! AND THEN-



THEY HAVE REACHED THE WINDING TRAIL NOW -- JUST PAST ITS SHARPEST BEND!





CAN BOONE BE IN HIS RIGHT MIND? WHY IS HE DROPPING HIS LONG RIFLE TO THE GROUND ...?

THE BEND THE LAND-GRABBERS ARE COMING, EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM CARRYING A FULL-LOADED WEAPON ...?







BUT THEN DAN'L BOONE STEPS INTO A SHAFT OF SUN-LIGHT WITH HIS FAMED TICK-LICKER!

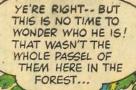


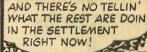






THOSE LAND-GRABBERS WOULD HAVE MOVED ON LONG AGO, DAN'L, BUT FOR ONE MAN! WE DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS -- BUT WE'VE HEARD-TELL HE KEEPS PAYIN' THEM WHEN THEY HAVE TO LAY LOW ... AND HE DOES ALL THEIR EVIL SCHEMIN !!











AT THE SETTLEMENT --YE CAN'T NOTHIN' LET THEM WE CAN DO, DRIVE ME OFF THE LAND ... NOT WHILE MY SON'S OFF JONATHAN --PAPERS TO PROVE FIGHTIN' INDIANS! THE LAND'S RIGHTFULLY











TWO WEEKS LATER-- WE'VE BEEN LAYIN'
LOW AGAIN, LIKE YE

ORDERED. HAVE YE COME UP
WITH A PLAN YET FOR
GETTIN' THOSE LAND
GRANTS AWAY
FROM BOONE?

TOGETHER...?!

MEANWHILE, THE GREAT FRONTIERSMAN STAYS ON AT THE SETTLEMENT, FOR THE MEN HAVE NOT RETURNED YET FROM HOGAN'S STATION...



WHO'S THAT OF THE POREST?

WHO'S THAT OF THE SCHOOLMASTER
HERE! WE'D GIVEN
HIM UP FOR DEAD
OVER TWO YEARS
AGO!

I- I WAS (GASP) TAKEN
CAPTIVE BY THE SHAWNEES
... BUT I MANAGED TO
ESCAPE AT LAST! I'VE
BEEN RUNNING
THROUGH THE FOREST
ALMOST SIX DAYS
NOW!



WHERE
WILL I
STAY
AND IF IT'S TEACHIN'
NOW?
THERE
MUST BE
A NEW
SCHOOLMASTER...

PECKON I CAN PUT YOU
UP FOR A WHILE, TOM.
STAY
AND IF IT'S TEACHIN'
YE WANT TO DO AGAIN
THERE
MUST BE
FOR YOU RIGHT HERE...!
A NEW
SCHOOLMASTER...













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SO THAT'S HOW THINGS STAND, TOM? -- YOU'RE THE HEAD OF THE LAND-GRABBERS! YE LET US THINK YE'D BEEN KILLED A WHILE BACK... AND ALL THAT TIME YE'VE BEEN SCHEMIN' AGAINST US! AND AFTER HEARIN' I WANTED A TEACHER FOR THE YOUNG 'UN, YE CAME...













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THAT'S DAN'L BOONE HIMSELF, THE FIRST





YE WON'T MAKE ME BEG, JEDD MURK! LIFE IS SWEET AND I DON'T RELISH DYIN' - BUT I WAS NEVER ONE FOR GOIN' DOWN ON BENDED KNEE!... YE HATE ME, JEDD MURK! YE'VE HATED



WHO WAS THIS MAN BY THE NAME OF JEDD MURK? AND WHY DID HE HATE DAN'L BOONE SO? WELL, ACCORD-ING TO THE RECORDS, JEDD MURK SUFFERED FROM BEING SECOND BEST! HE OUT. FRONTIERSMEN IN WHATEVER HE LAID HIS HAND TO -- BUT THERE WAS NO OUTSHINING DAN'L BOONE



DON'T JUST STAND THAR LIKE A PASSEL OF STATUES! GET A MOVE ON - HELP THE BEST TRAPPER IN ALL KENTUCKY UNLOAD HIS SKINS!



NOW HOW COULD YE BE CALLIN' YOURSELF
THE BEST TRAPPER IN ALL KENTUCKY, MURKWHEN DAN'L BOONE IS HALE AND HEARTY
AND OUT ROAMIN' THE FORESTS!
WHAT?!

DON'T SAY THE NAME OF BOONE AGAIN - DO YE HEAR! I'M SICK OF HEARIN' IT DAY IN AND DAY OUT!... I CLAIM JEDD MURK TO BE THE BEST-AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I AM!





















GO AHEAD, LAUGH!... BUT WHEN JEDD MURK'S
FINISHED - NOT ONLY BOONE, BUT EVERY WHITE
MAN ON THE FRONTIER WILL BE LAUGHIN'OUT OF
THE OTHER SIDE OF HIS MOUTH!

FOR A LONG SPELL AFTER THAT, NOTHING WAS HEARD OF JEDD MURK! IT WAS AS IF THE THICK SHADOWY FOREST HAD SWALLOWED UP BOTH HIM AND HIS HATRED!



BUT THEN THE WYANDOTS STARTED RAIDING!



TWO MORE RAIDS FOLLOWED IN RAPID-FIRE ORDER BEFORE THE WORD HAD A CHANCE TO SPREAD! THAT'S HOW IT WAS WHEN THERE WAS NO SURVIVORS - NEWS TRAVELLED SLOWLY...



BUT AFTER THE FOURTH RAID --

I- I SAW HIM WITH MY OWN EYES ... JEDD MURK'S TURNED RENEGADE! HE'S AT THE HEAD OF THOSE WYANDOTS!



WHEN DAN'L BOONE HEARD-



BUT MURK AND THE WYANDOTS HAD CLEARED OUT OF KENTUCKY FOR A SPELL TO FEAST ON THE SPOILS OF THE RAIDS -

BEST STAY BACK HERE...THE WAR TRAIL FEVER'S LIABLE TO SPREAD TO OTHER TRIBES!







SO THE WYANDOTS CHARGED WITH JEDD MURK AT THEIR HEAD, SURE OF EASY VICTORY!











THEN, THE WEEK AFTER THAT- WYANDOTS WANT TO

MAKE PEACE. BUT AFRAID THAT PALEFACES TOO ANGRY TO SIT DOWN WITH PEACE PIPE. SO FOR THE FIRST POW-WOW, THE GREAT WHITE HUNTER, WIDE-MOUTH, MUST COME TO WYANDOT CAMP ALONE.



SO DAN'L BOONE, EVER-ACHING FOR PEACE ON THE FRONTIER, WENT ALONE — ONLY TO BE JUMPED AS 500N AS HE ENTERED THE WYANDOT CAMP...



... TO BE BOUND TIGHT, AND CONFRONTED BY A VERY MUCH ALIVE JEDD MURK!

USED RUMORS OF MY DEATH SO YE'D BELIEVE THE WYANDOTS MEANT TO TURN PEACEFUL, BOONE! AND YE WALKED RIGHT INTO THE TRAP!



SO THAT'S HOW MATTERS STAND NOW- WITH BOONE AND THE MAN WHO HATES HIM, FACE TO FACE... AND ALL THE ODDS STACKED IN THE



SUDDENLY BOONE TURNS TO THE WYANDOT CHIEF

ARE YE BLIND?

CAN'T YE SEE MURK'S LEADIN' YE
BY THE NOSE? THIS IS A PRIVATE
QUARREL BETWEEN HIM AND ME...
BUT YOU'LL BE THE LOSER! IF I
MEET MY END HERE TODAY, SOLDIERS
WITH LONG-STICKS WILL COME
AFTER YE...AND THEY WON'T REST
TILL YOUR WHOLE TRIBE'S BEEN











IT TAKES ALL OF BOONE'S STRENGTH AND AGILITY AT FIRST JUST TO KEEP DODG-ING! AND FOR A LONG TIME HE DOES NOTHING ELSE!







NOW BOONE RISES! HE EYES THE SILENT WYANDOTS, WONDERING WHAT THEIR NEXT MOVE WILL BE! MEANWHILE, BEHIND HIM-











JOLLY JIM DANDY















NOTHIN' LIKE A CLOUT ON THE TO WAIT TILL ABIGAIL COMES BACK FROM VISITIN' HER MOTHER AT THE SETTLEMENT-EH?







MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY, A BAND OF TOUGH FOREST-RUNNERS ARE COMING THROUGH THE FOREST....











































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THE BEAR CUB

They came swaggering out of the forest, their cruel faces hot with anger against all decent things.

They were the dregs of the great army that had fought against England—and now, after Yorktown, after all the decent soldiers had gone home, they were still roaming the face of the land. They were still at war—but this time as criminals against their own countrymen. And some of them had roamed as far as the frontier. . . .

The settlers stood fast in front of their cabins, grimly watching the approaching band. The settlers weren't welcoming any ruckus—they had their fill fighting Injuns and beasts of the forest. But if trouble was heading their way, they aimed to protect their families and their cabins.

"We're walkin' tornadoes—and we'll blow down the fool that tries to stand up to us!"

"We're lightnin' and thunder!"

The bullies kept swaggering forward as they shouted their threats. Their leader was a gaunt fox-faced man with a high-pitched voice. His taunts could be heard above all the rest.

The settlers' knuckles bulged palely as they tightened grips on their Kentucky rifles.

The bullies came closer....

Meanwhile, in the nearby forest, Jim Kirby was moving through the thick shad-

ows, quiet as a cat, and smiling.

Kirby's smile was passing strange—for dead ahead could be heard enough grunting, roaring, hard breathing, thumping, and outcries for a dozen ruckuses all rolled into one.

Then, his smile deepening, Kirby reached

the edge of a clearing—and the cause of his jollity was there before him, rolling in the dust, plain to see.

His young friend, Tad Jones, was wres-

tling with a bear!

The two of them, boy and young grizzly, were thrashing about mightily, filling the air with the sight and sound of fury—but without, and this Kirby knew well, a ghost of a chance of either being harmed.

Kirby kept watching with twinkling eyes. He was remembering the day Tad had found the cub, lost and whimpering, on a forest

trail.

And how before he, Kirby, could cry warning to Tad that the cub's mother might be nearby, the cub was up in the boy's arms,

being fondled and cooed at.

And then the thunderous roar as the big grizzly had sighted her offspring . . . the lumbering charge forward . . . Tad frozen into statue-stillness by shock, not moving though square in the path of those huge slashing paws . . and Kirby himself prayerfully sighting along the barrel of his Kentucky rifle, knowing there'd be no time to reload if he missed . . . Kirby squeezing trigger . . . the sharp crack of man-made thunder . . and then the grizzly spinning around as the bullet thwacked into its hide, sighing, and crumpling slowly, like a giant poplar, to the ground.

And so there they'd been, the four of them with the rifle shot's echoes still humming about them—Kirby, Tad, the whimpering cub, and the dead grizzly. And Tad's first words had been to ask if he could keep

the cub for his own.

"After all," he'd said, "it's because of me that he's motherless now,"

Jim Kirby had hesitated for a long minute-knowing that a bear cub took as much handling as a human infant, that they'd be slowed down a heap if. . . .

But then seeing the longing in Tad's eyes, and knowing the love all boys felt for small furry things, Kirby had softened and said

But he had masked his softening with surliness, growling that both he and Tad were fools, and that "this-here is one good turn that will never come home to roost. . . .'

That had been months ago . . . and since then the bear cub had grown fast as a canebrake and broad as thousands of canebrakes banded together and now young grizzly and Tad were as close and fond of each other as two fingers of the same hand. And their special sport, this rasslin' game, was some-thing to turn a stranger's hair white if he didn't know it was all in fun.

Tad had climbed to his feet, and was grinning at Kirby, "We're something fierce, we two-eh?" he said, pointing first to the bear

and then to himself.

Kirby's answer was to cuff the boy gently on the shoulder, and then the three of them-Kirby, Tad, and bear, began walking for the settlement....

"We have fists big as mountains-and our blows are like avalanches!"

Back at the settlement, the bullies had come so close, they didn't have to shout any more; they were jeering their threats softly.

For a long time the settlers said nothing, and their spreading silence was an admission that there was no use trying to sidestep the ruckus. But then, in a last-minute try for peace, one of the older men among them spoke up. "What is it ye want of us?" he

"Now that's hardly a welcomin' tone," the . bullies' fox-faced leader said in his highpitched voice. "Now is it, men?" "Sure ain't!"

"Looks like we'll have to teach 'em proper

"Too bad -- 'cause we're mighty rough teachers. . . ."

This was the moment for the powder keg to explode, for shots to ring out, men start to grapple, some fall to the ground . . . but at this moment, Jim Kirby strode out of the

Kirby was frowning as he walked forward. He'd had time to spot the bullies for what they were-evil men who'd proved themselves cowardly in war, and now in peace had banded together to push brave men around, not caring how much anguish they created-as long as they caused others to fear them. And Kirby knew the settlers could beat them off in a ruckus if need be. But that would mean needless bloodshed that was best avoided. And that was why, before striding out of the forest alone, Kirby had whipped-up a plan. . .

"Howdy," Kirby said, careful to balance his voice between friendliness and firmness. "I'm Jim Kirby, Right glad to see ye passin'

through."

"Who said we're passin' through?" the fox-faced man hissed. "Who said we don't aim to stay awhile?'

"Wouldn't want ye to have to swaller your words," Kirby said softly, "So I reckoned ye'd be better off passin' through."

"What words?!"

"Ye know - about bein' mountains and avalanches. Such like talk about how rough and fearless ye are."

The fox-faced man's voice broke shrilly now. "And WHAT would make us swaller

those words?"

"Just so happens," Kirby said evenly, "every man here can handle two of your likes with one hand tied behind his back. Come to think of it-so could our young 'uns."

"WHAT?!"

"Wal, if ye don't believe me," Kirby said, still unsmiling, "just look over yonder....

And just then, answering Kirby's signal as had been planned - rolling and roaring, grunting and breathing hard, clawing at each other in the fiercest looking rasslin' game they'd ever played, Tad and his bear tumbled out of the forest.

Well, one look at boy and bear seemingly locked in mortal combat, the bear fearsome and the boy fearless, was enough to make those bullies turn pale, sweat ice, and think twice.

If the young 'uns hereabouts rassled with grizzles . . . shucks-what would the grown

men do if riled enough?

Quick as a whip, those bullies turned heel and melted back into the forest. They kept running, fear prodding them, till they'd cleared the frontier . . . and the tale's spread that some of " am were so struck by the strength and courage that honest bear-rasslin' boy had shown, they turned to honesty themselves.

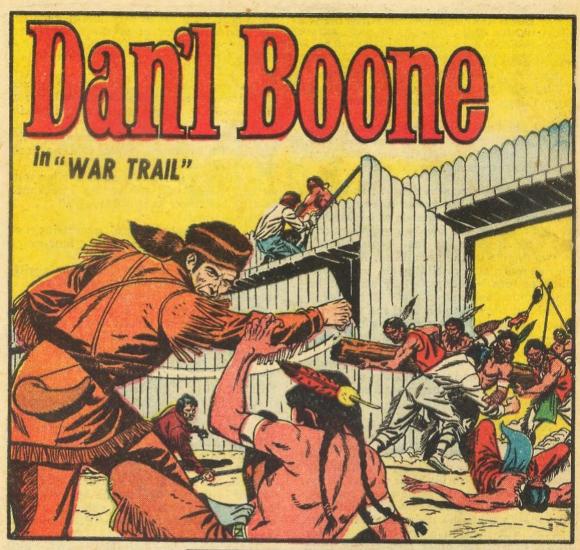
Back at the settlement, everybody laughed so much, they bent over double and kept hit-

ting their knees.

Even Tad's bear, whom they all knew to be tame, standing on his hind legs, begging Tad to scratch his underchin, seemed to be laugh-

ing too.

And you can be sure that Jim Kirby was right glad he'd let Tad keep that cub . . . and he was right glad too that he'd been dead wrong about this-here bein' one good turn that would never come home to roost. . . . ! THE END



A LONE CHEROKEE RUNS THROUGH THE FOREST--

WAIT TILL MY TRIBESMEN HEAR THE NEWS I BRING OF THE GREAT WIDE-MOUTH!



EDITOR'S NOTE: DANIEL BOONE WAS CALLED "WIDE-MOUTH" BY THE INDIANS OF KENTUCKY,



LONG HAVE WE WAITED FOR NEWS OF WIDE-MOUTH'S LEAVING, FOR YOU REMEMBER MY DREAM...



EDITOR'S NOTE: DREAMS OF VICTORY OR DISASTER ON THE EVE OF A WAR TRAIL, WERE REGARDED AS SURE PORTENTS BY THE SUPERSTITIOUS INDIANS.

"I DREAMED THAT WHEN WE ATTACKED, THE GREAT WIDE-MOUTH ROSE UP AMONG US, AND LAID WASTE OUR WARRIORS WITH HIS LONG STICK AND BIG FISTS!"



WIDE-MOUTH HAS THE COURAGE OTEN PANTHERS, THE STRENGTH OF TEN BUFFALO, AND THE WISE MEDICINE OF TEN SACHEMS! BUT NOW HE HAS LEFT TO HUNT IN THE FOREST-

AND WE CAN ATTACK THE SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FEARING HIM!



BUT WHAT IF
WE MEET WIDEMOUTH IN THE
FOREST AS WE
MOVE TOWARD
THE SETTLEMENT

WE SHALL TELL HIM WE ARE HUNTING! AND AS SOON AS HE PASSES, WE SHALL RACE ON AND ATTACK!





YELLOW BEAVER IS THE ADVANCE SCOUT!
YELLOW BEAVER, WHOSE EYES ARE THE KEENEST
OF ALL THE WARRIORS, AND WHOSE EARS ARE THE
SHARPEST!





ONLY BOONE COULD HAVE HIDDEN SO UNSEEN!



FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD-TELL, THESE CHEROKEES HAVE HAD THEIR FULL OF BUFFALO STEAK THIS SEASON! AND NONE OF THESE WARRIORS LOOKS STARVED! ..!

RECKON I'LI TRAIPSE ALONG TO HELP YE OUT. I'M A FAIR HAND WITH THE



HE SUSPECTS! NO -- THE WHY DO WE MAGIC OF NOT USE OUR WAR-WIDE-MOUTH IS SO STRONG, AXES ON HE WOULD HIM NOW? RETURN FROM THE HAPPY HUNTING GROUND TO DESTROY



SUDDENLY --STAND BACK FRIENDS --I'VE SPOTTED A DEER ON YONDER RIDGE-LINE! YE'LL BE FILLIN'YOUR STOMACHS RIGHT SOON NOW!





LATER --NOT ONE OF 'EM IS TOUCHIN' THE VENISON ... AND I KNOW WHY! WHENEVER THEY'VE SET OUT OUT ON THE WAR TRAIL, THE FIRST DEER BROUGHT DOWN MUST BE OFFERED TO THE GODS! LOOKS LIKE I BETTER BE MOSEYING ALONG TO WARN



BUT WHEN BOONE MAKES A MOVE TO GO--





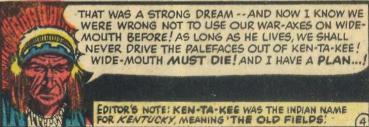


















... WHERE THE GRIM CHEROKEES ARE ALREADY WAITING, COVERING EVERY APPROACH!



WE STAND GUARD TOO SOON! IT WILL BE AT FOREST THAN WIDE-DAY BEFORE WIDE-MOUTH COMES!

WE STAND NOBODY MOVES FASTER THROUGH THE FOREST THAN WIDE-MOUTH!
BUT EVEN HE --







NO!NO!...I AM
ANOT WIDE-MOUTH!
HE SURPRISED US AT OUR
POST! HE TIED-UP THE
OTHER WARRIOR -- AND
FORCED ME TO RUSH
FORWARD...











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