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STEADY, WAR PAINT, WHILE I WRAP THIS END OF MY ROPE AROUND YOUR SADDLE HORN!

NOW TO TOSS THIS END OF THE ROPE OVER THIS OVERHANGING BOUGH AND TRY TO CATCH IT AS I GO BY IT!

DONE FOR!

















RIVER MUCH LONGIER TYL SUP MY ROPE THROUGH THIS SWAFT RING AND MULE THEM CUT TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER!







































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Suddenly... LOOK DUT! HE'S GOT < THE KEG DF AREN'T TURNING ME OVER TO BLASTING THE LAW!



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Are these to be the last words of courageous Rod Cameron as he fearlessly goes to his death? And what of the settlers trapped in the blocked mountain PASSI

Read Chapter Three

# GREAT SNAKES

By John Michel



"Somebody's chopping a tree down!"

Jim, a few months younger than Ken's

"That's against the state law. Those trees are twenty years old—and besides, only the

Arrogo tribe can use them for cuttage!"

Jim reined his horse in toward a narrow
trail that led to the vicinity of the axe sounds.

"Gues we'd better investigate!" he said.

Ken hesitated. "It couldn't be one of your own tribe, could it?" he asked, embarrassed.

"Maybe we'd better not . . ."

Jim's answer to his friend was sharp, de-

"If an Arrogo is cutting down trees under thirty years of age, pop will scalp him!" He

chuckled, the grim look dissolving on his face.

A few hundred feet down the trail they came out into an open space. Jim walked his horse to the edge of a slight rise and gasped.

"Duck back" he warned Ken.

They back-trailed a few yards and dismounted. Then, flat on their bellies, they crawled to the edge of the rise. The sight they saw bugged their eyes out.

Down the incitine, at the base of a pine they adjust cut, stood two men. One was dressed was a lower of the pine. The pine of the pine.

"I know the one on the right," said Ken.
"That's Charlie Swadden—he owns the big saloon in Dog City. My dad says he's one of the bigrest crooks in the state!"

Jim surveyed the scene critically. "That's interesting, Ken-but I'm wondering what he's doing out here." His face contracted with the effort of thought, Jim pondered. Suddenly, as his eyes again fell on the box of dynamite,

a blasted look of comprehension dawned in his eyes. "What-what's the matter, Jim?" asked

Ken, "That dynamite," Jim whispered. "They'r

going to carry it over the gorge. That's what they cut the pine down for." "Far as I can see, all they've done wrong

so far is cut a tree down!" Ken snorted.
"There no law against using dynamite!"
"There is if you use it on public land-or

There is it you use it on point land—on the Arrogo reservation," replied Jim. "And Bear Lake is public land! That means all they could possibly do with that dynamite is blow a hole in the lake wall so that the water could flow down the gorge into the reservation! Himmmann. Now I'm beginning to really see it!"

"See what?" muttered the completely puzzled Ken.
"That gorge cuts our grazing land off from

our corrais on the other side of the Arrogo reservation. If the gorge is full of water our cattle can't cross it—it's too deep! And grazing land that isn't used goes to anyone who steps in to claim it!"
"Charlie Swadden!" Ken exclaimed. In his

excitement, he had forgotten that he had inched forward until he practically overhung the edge of the rise as a tree might hang over a gentle cliff. Ken toppled forward. "Ken!" Jim Arrow clutched at Ken's dis-

"Ken!" Jim Arrow clutched at Ken's disappearing heels, but to no avail. He watched Ken slide down the incline, rolling and bumping, and come to a battered rest at Charlie Swadden's feet!

Swadden whirled from his task as soon as Ken's passage down the incline became audible. The frightened look on his face gave way to relief when he saw that the intruder was only a boy.

"Spying on us, eh?" he grated angrily, picking Ken up by the collar of his macknaw. Swadden's tough-looking accomplice made a significant movement toward a holstered gun-But Swadden stopped him.

"No shooting," he warned. "There's only one kid," he said, scanning the entire circling horizon of trees and rises. "If he's found dead with a bullet in his head there'll be an investigation—and that we can't take!"

The other grunted. "Bash his head in, say

Ken said nothing as Swadden considered

for a minute. Then, an evil smile lit his face.
"Tie him up," Swadden ordered. "As soon
as the lake starts pouring water into the gody,
we'll drown the kid. Then, when the body,
found, they'll think he croaked swimming in

Bear Lake!"

Jim Arrow, whose heart was hammering the earth firt under his leather tunic, cautiously. Jim Arrow, the his leather tunic, cautiously his back and turn again to their preparations. He knew he could do nothing to help Knn all by his lonesome, for he was unarned. But he pain lonesome his back and the his horse and disappeared his hard start shought decided Jim. Swifty he mounted his borse and disappeared in the discretion of the Arrop vollage. The brews and

number of his brothers and friends in the tribe would be there.

Ken lay on his back watching Swadden and his companion bace the pine that had fallen his companion bace the pine that had fallen his companion bace the pine that had fallen gong. Ken's writts water God's with the presentation of the presentation

Swadden carried the last batch of dynamite across the gorge. Then he and the other set them at the very top of the lake wall, their long fuses pointing at the sky, arranged in a row like ninepins.

Ken's heart sank as Swadden gave a curt order to his accomplice. The other got up from the dynamite sticks that Swadden was already lighting, and came toward Ken, a deadly smirk

on his face.

Ken, who had been trying his bonds ex-

perimentally, realized that the moment had come for a last attempt. He strained to pull his wrists apart, strained until the blood came —and the rope held! Then a weird bird call floated suddenly down from the rise, and Ken's blood went boiling through his veins! It was Jim Arrow!

Simultaneously, Ken's Swadden's and the other's eyes fell on the top of the rise, to see fourteen Indian kids of various ages ranged in battle formation along the ridge. Around Gueir shoulders each had strung a short bow. And each carried in one hand a writhing, hissing rattlesmake!

Jim Arrow bounded down the incline toward Ken, followed by his Arrogo friends. It was only the work of a minute to slash the ropes

the bolding the pine tree fast and topple it into the gorge. Swadden and his accomplice stood on the other side and raged, going for their guns.

"You blasted Injun cubs," furned Swadden.

"We'll make crow-bast out of you for this!"
Jim who was busily untying Ken's bonds
save a crisp order, one eye on the fizzing dyn-

gave a crisp order, one eye on the ma amite sticks atop the lake wall.

Fourteen young pairs of arms drew back, each with its deadly freight. Fourteen young arms came forward, swiftly, casting the rattlers to form an unbroken chain of writhing danger at Swadden's feet. The two men immediately backed up the slope.

"Rattlers!" quavered Swadden. "I—I can't stand snakes. They make me nervous!" "I can't either," trembled the other. "Let's

shoot 'em!"

Both lifted their guns and blazed away, hands trembling with fear. When the fusillade died away, only three of the snakes lay quiet. The others hissed and advanced, slipping some-

what on the steep lake wall

Ken pointed to the fuses on the dynamite sticks, getting shorter by the minute. Jim nodded and barked another order. The line of Indian boys suddenly bristled with arrows —and then the air vibrated to the sudden melodious twinging of fourteen bowstrings. Swadden stared in astonishment, forgetting his peril for a moment, as the row of

ting his peril for a moment, as the row dynamite sticks atop the lake wall rose gracefully into the air, impaled on arrows. The flying missiles disappeared over the top of the lake wall and almost instantly came a thunderous crash as they exploded harmlessly over the surface of Bear Lake!

While the snakes, who were unable to completely climb the sharp incline, kept Swadden and his accomplice trapped. Jim sent some of the boys for help. They returned soon after with the sheriff and a posse. As the miscreants were bound on their horses, Ken turned to Jim, a puzzled look in his eyes.

HOSE snakes did a good job of keeping those rats cornered," he said to Jim. "But weren't you afraid the snakes might kill them? Swadden and his pal are low-life rocktoads, but one bite from those rattlers and they'd have been crow-bait!"

Jim and his Arrogo friends laughed. "Oh, no, they wouldn't!" Jim said, still chuckling, "I'll let you in on a tribal secret. Ken. Those snakes are the sacred anakes of the Arrogos! They're fat and lazy. Our medicine men aren't in as much danger as you then they when they hold their old-ashioned when they hold their old-ashioned their six as fane-less as a chicken—but Swadden they is as fane-less as a chicken—but Swadden.

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