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HOWDY FOLKS.

THIS IS YOUR PRAIRIE RANGER, TEX
RITTER, WITH WHITE FLASH! A GOOD COW—
HAND SEES THAT HIS HORSE IS WELL-GROOMED
AND PROPERTY CARED FOR EVERY COWNDY TAKES

MIGHTY GOOD CARE OF HIS HORSES AND DOGS. THEY'RE HELPERS AND PALS TO HIM AND HE TREATS THEM WITH KINDMESS. HE SEES THAT THEY GET PLEATTY OF FRESH WATER, GOOD FOOD AND PROPER GROOMING! IF A MAN HAS AN AMIMAL, HE QUENT TO TAKE CARE OF IT AND TREAT IT THE WAY HE'D WANT TO BE TREATED HIMSE! F!

THE OTHER DAY I WAS WITCHING SOME COMPONES CORRAL-RODING, ONE OF THEM WAS THE REGISET BRIGGART AND SHOW-OFF LEVER SAM. HE WAS SAYING HE COULD RIDE ANY HORSE THAT WAS ALIVE! WHEN THEY BROUGHT OUT A BROW, OF COMPAND CUMBED ON AND ASSOON AS HE HAT THE SADDLE, THAT REPONSTALL OIL SOME BUCKING THAT LANGED THE ELEMINAND ON HIS EAR! CAN STILL HEAR THAT TO THE TENDERFORM.

ONE THING MOST COWHANDS KNOW ABOUT IS NEIGHBORLINESS. IF A RANCHER IS SHORT-HANDEQ AT ROUNDUP TIME, HIS NEIGHBORS ARE GLAD TO HELP HIM OUT. AND WHEN A MAN'S BARN CATCHES FIRE, HE CAN COUNT ON ALL THE FOLKS AROUND TO HELP PUT IT OUT. ON OR OF THE RANCH, A GOOD COWHAND LENDS



GRIZZLY KILLER



A RED ROAN Adventure



ED ROAN was uneasy. As he atood, half-hidden in the thick foliage of the mountainside, his ears pricked forward, and his luminous dark eyes probed the valley below. From time to time, he heard distant shouts, and once he heard the sharp sound of a rifle shot

Men were combing the valley floor, men who carried guns, and moved forward with

deadly purpose.

It was not for himself or his herd that the men were hunting, the great strawberry atallion knew, Instead, they were combing the forest recesses for a giant killer grizzly, a great brown hear that had been attacking their herds and flocks. Red Roan knew the bear well. He was a huge, scarred veteran of many a fight. Unable now to catch his prey in the forest, the grizzly had turned to stealthy, sudden raids on the cattle and abeen of the ranchers.

It was for this that they were pursuing the bear, determined to find and kill him. Red Roan had heard them coming, early in the morning. Immediately, he had led his mares and young colts to a distant spot, high on the mountainside, to graze while the bunt went on. Then he had returned to the valley to see what was bappening. As he watched, Red Roan detected two men, walking slowly and warily up a trail toward him. They were still several hundred yards away. He watched them carefully.

"No sign of the grizzly yet," young Rob Rachurn said. He wiped his forehead with a crimson bandanna and put hia rifle down. "Shore is hot, eh, dad?"

His father nodded, eves probing the thick undergrowth ahead,

"Hot isn't the word," the older man said. "Reckon that grizzly, in his fur coat, is

finding it pretty uncomfortable, too!" Rob Raeburn grinned. He picked his rifle up. "If I spot bim, I'll make him twice as uncomfortable," be said. "Killin' twelve of our best calves in a single night. An' not to eat them-just to kill them!" pointed up through the underbrush. "Dad, suppose you cut through that section. I'll go off at an angle. Keep your ears open for rifle shots. I'll do the same!" His father nodded, and the two men aeparated.

Red Roan watched, as the thinner, younger man headed up toward him. It was of this that he was worried. For this reason he had stood on guard. If these hunters-and there were many of them in the woods today-were to see any of his mares through the screen of underbrush, they might mistake them for the bear. One large dark form looked much like another. and once the trigger was pressed, it was too late to call the bullet back.

So Red Roan watched, his scarlet form barely discernible against the shifting back-

drop of leaves and slender branches. The man was coming toward him. Gradually the man began to walk along a more level trail. The strawberry stallion was relieved. That path would not take the hunter to where the herd was hidden. Suddenly, Red Roan stiffened, and his dark nostrila quivered? There was a musky, strange odor in the air-an odor that spoke of violence and cunning and danger

It was the scent of the great brown bear -the killer grizzly! He was somewhere unwind of both the borse and the searching man.

EPAPIDLY, Red Roan's keen eyes probed the thicket. At first he could make nothing out. There was a buge, motionless shape . . . but no, that was a boulder. And a dark, bent form . . . but that was a fallen tree. Then he saw it-a shambling, giant monater that lurched through the forest. tiny red eyes glinting angrily. The horse atood motionless, not a movement betraving his position. This was between the man and the heast. Whatever hannened. Red Roan and the herd would be safe!

Slowly, and with a silence remarkable for

a creature of his bulk, the huge grizzly moved through the forest. His purpose was clear now. He was stalking the hunter, gradually coming closer and closer to him. Now he was only twenty yards away, and now only fitteen. Soon be would be near enough to lunge fotward, to clutch the man in a nighty, sawage embrace!

Red Roan watched intently. It was not his business, he knew. But he felt strangely moved, perhaps by the ghost of some ancestor, loyal to a human master, as he watched the bear come closer and closer

to the unsuspecting man.

Now the bear was only five yards away.

Lowering his head, great claws ripping the
earth savagely, he lunged forward.

A T that moment, Red Roan, not knowing why he did it, whinned shrilly, his warning eutting through the underbrush, like some sieren "Neigghblish" he eried. And again he whinnied, loud and clear.

In the underbrush, Rob Raeburn heard the sound of the whinny, and whirled around.

"The grizzly!"

Reflex-driven, he swittly brought his rife up, finger clutching at the trigger. But, before he could aim and shoot, the great hear was upon him a mighty muck-melling form, that slashed with long, steel-sharp claws. The riffle was hurdef from Rob's nerveless hands, and he was thrown heavily to the ground! He tumbled over would retentlessly pursue him! It would be useless. He could not exceed.

But even as he rolled over the ground, Rob Raeburn saw another form enter his range of vision. It was Red Roan—who had neighed a sudden warning—and then

sped down through the underbrush.

Rearing high in the air, the mighty stallion launehed trigger-quiek blows at the
bear with his front hooves. The attack
caught the bear by surprise. Furiously, he
whirled about, slashing at this new op-

ponent. But Red Roan gracefully swerved away from the grizzly's attack. Gasping, Rob Raeburn crouched on the ground. His gun was lying by a tree stump, scant feet from the battling forest ereatures.

ground. His gun was lying by a tree stump, scant feet from the battling forest ereatures. If he could reach it . . . Stealthily, he bent forward, and began to crawl toward the rifle.

Again the roan stallion plunged toward the bear. His hooves tore great chunks of fur from the grunting monster!

But now the bear had recovered from his surprise. Shrewd in the ways of warfare, his drew back for a moment, tiny eyes searthing for his opponent. Then, seeing him, he snarled angrily, and hurtled forward. He feinted with his right paw. Then, as Red Roan flung himself to the left, he struck out again. This time with a sawage, scythe-like blow that burned deep into the horse's foreleg!

Suddenly belpless, the stallion fell to the ground, his leg doubled beneath him. Now the killer grizzly moved forward . . . ready to finish his opponent off. He reared high on his bind legs, then came forward, claws seeking a vital spot. But, before be could deliver the finishing wound—

"BAM!" A rifle shot shattered the forest. The grizzly grunted and staggered slightly. He swung about. There was the man, kneeling on the ground airping he rifle at hei-

ing on the ground, aiming his rifle at him.

Ponderously, the brown bear moved toward him. Again the rifle spoke. And again, The crizzly lurched forward, almost

eollapsing now. Onee more the rifle spoke. This time, his life blood pouring from four wounds, the bear fell . . . dead I Rob Raeburn stood up, and moved a hand

Kop Raeburn stood up, and moved a hand across his forehead.

He walked up and stood beside the great

stallion. Red Roan lay there, his huge dark eyes looking up, his side heaving in and out. The man bent, and examined the horse's leg carefully. He probed the depth of the wound, and ran his hand up and down the leg. When he stood up, his face broke into a smile.

"Mister," he said, "your leg isn't brokejust some muscles have been ripped. We're taking you down to our ranch. We'll take eare of you till that leg's strong enough to walk on. Then we'll let you on accie!"

walk on. Then we'll let you go again!"

stallion's glossy trembling side.
"I reckon," he said, "tradin' a life for a
life is a fair swap any time!"

THE END











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THE INHERITANCE







































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TEX RITTER WESTERN WOULDN'T HAVE HUNT FER THEM! HORTLY AFTER I'M NOT A TO GIT HIM OUT, MAM

CHIEF GRAY MATTER





























