

Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

(In last month's episode, after Frisco Eddie beat the Texas Kid in a 3 out of 5 'one-shot-deal' for \$10,000, Dollar Dan was determined that Lil and Eddie would not leave with the cash.)

Eddie didn't know what the next move would be. The Ape-Man had blocked his exit out of the front door of the Horses Head Saloon. His first inclination was to try and "cold-cock" the giant, but he knew that if that didn't put him down, he would turn into a hockey puck real quick.

Lil was in a similar predicament, as Dollar Dan had placed his hand over the \$10,000 stake. The two were still staring each other down when the Money Man made his proposition: "Here's how this is going to work, Lil. You pick up your purse there and head for the front door, and then you and your hustler partner can walk right on out of here without anyone getting busted up. Of course, the \$10,000 will stay right here in my hand. I'll guarantee you won't like any other option, lady, so I suggest that you and your purse just disappear, O.K.?"

Lil maintained eye contact as she made a move for her purse. Dollar Dan started to smirk, but then almost as quickly got a look for surprise on his face. Lil's hand reached her purse all right, but instead of picking it up, she spread the already opened top and placed her hand inside.

Lil had a very threatening look on her face now. She partly lowered the left side of the purse and showed Dollar Dan something he really didn't expect to see. Lil revealed a very shiny nickel-plated, two-barrel, single-shot 357 Magnum Deringer. After she got his attention, she responded to his threats: "I've listened to what you've said, Dan. Now, you listen to me. Three things are going to happen here. One, you're going to shove that \$10,000 right over to me. Second, you're gonna signal that 'Cave Man' to back way off; and third, the stake, my partner, and Yours Truly are walking out of here and no one will follow. If what I've just said doesn't happen RIGHT NOW, my friend, the first round is going to take about half of your face off. The second round will stay in the chamber 'cause when I'm through with you, that Ape bastard is going to crap his pants at the same time he's trying to get out the front door."

The Money Man had fear written all over his face. He very gently shoved the money over to Lil. She reached over with her left hand and placed it in the purse. She motioned for him to take care of the Ape Man. He turned and signaled him to get out of the way and allow Lil and Eddie to pass. Ape Man didn't hesitate and moved backward, well out of range.

Lil and Eddie passed by the Texas Kid on the way out. He said: "Hey, I really didn't know that this was going to...." Lil cut him off and said: "Don't bother, Kid. You lost on the board, but you're really gonna lose when Dan and that Ape finish up on you. Too bad, Kid -- you used to be straight."

They continued walking backward to the door. They moved quickly once they were outside. Eddie got the engine started, while Lil dove into the front passenger's seat. Everyone inside the Horses Head stayed inside until they heard the car peel out of the parking area. Then Dollar Dan hollered out: "Get out there and see which way they went and get the car started!"

The Ape Man stuck his head out of the front door first, just to make sure they were gone, and then rushed out to get their Jaguar going. He saw which way they were headed.

After the pursuit started, Dollar Dan got on the car phone and began to alert some of his other flunkies. They also had a lot of firepower, and the Money Man wasn't about to be beaten by this woman called Long Beach Lil.

Eddie drove as fast as he thought he could get away with. He zigzagged through the side streets, heading in the general direction of their motel. His adrenalin level was about peaked out and he knew he had just gotten out of the biggest jam of his life....or so he thought, anyway.

Just then Lil remarked: "I think you better check your rearview mirror, Champ. I think I may have spotted that black Jaguar that was parked near us back at the saloon."

(CONTINUED NEXT MONTH)

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