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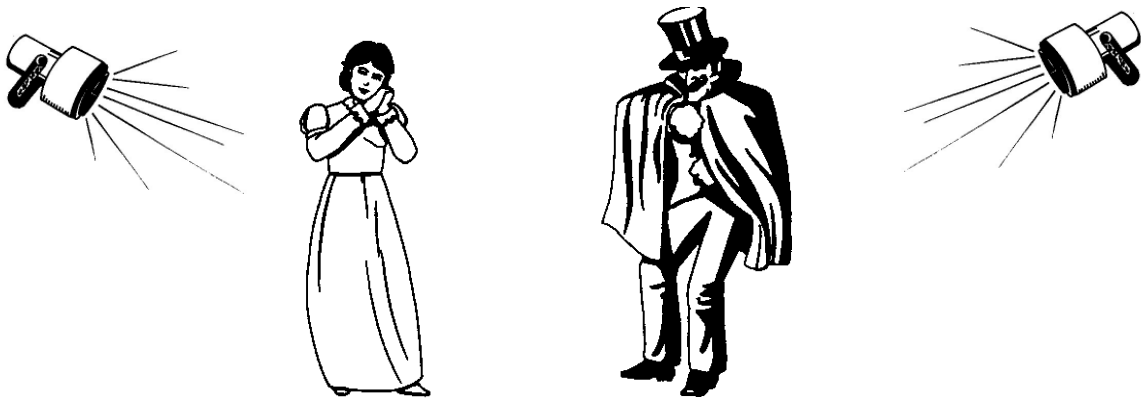


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Boo!

Hiss!

Yeah!

THE GOOD SAMARITAN OR NO GOOD DEED

Scene: A man steps out of a restaurant to see a police officer writing a ticket for the car parked right outside the door.

MAN: Is there a problem, officer?

POLICE OFFICER: The time on this meter has expired. That's a violation.

MAN: Officer, can you make an exception? See, *(puts his hand in his pocket to pull out some change)* I'll feed it right now. Here, more time. *(inserts a coin, looks up expectantly)*

POLICE OFFICER: I'm sorry, sir. There is no way to know how long the time's been expired.

MAN: Jeez, do you have to play hardball? You couldn't just keep on walking? Now, you don't even have any evidence that the time was actually expired!

POLICE OFFICER: *(doesn't look up, just keeps writing)* Sir, this is a warning, there is no need to get belligerent. I'll be finished here momentarily.

MAN: What is this world coming to? No compassion from cops anymore. *(more quietly)* No wonder they call them pigs.

POLICE OFFICER: What did you just say? You know, I *was* being nice. I didn't write up the broken taillight. But now, well...*(flips his pad of paper to start writing a new ticket)*

SUNDOWN AT THE HEARTBREAK MINE

CHARACTERS AND COSTUMES

- **SNIDELY VON SNIPE** - Classic evil and dastardly villain. A dark suit and large black cape with a top hat is the perfect costume. A villain's best tools are his cape and laugh.
- **PROSPECTOR GUS** - Kindly uncle. Costume is tattered, dirty work clothes. Jeans with suspenders and bandana are a must.
- **DAISYBELLE** - Young and lovely heroine. Costume is a sweet and modest prairie-style dress.
- **STERLING POWERS** - Handsome hero. Costume is pants, shirt, and vest all in light colors with perhaps a bow tie and hat (clothes that show a young man from "town").
- **BESS STRONGHEART** - Good old gal. Costume that resembles Annie Oakley with lots of fringe and buckskin.
- **ELVIRA MENCH** - Spinster aunt. Costume is a proper "traveling suit" for an Eastern lady. A hat with a tall feather and bird would be quite funny.

SCENE I

Late Morning Outside of the Heartbreak Mine

VON SNIPE: (*enters laughing*) At long last the day I have been waiting for has arrived. By sundown, I will have forced Prospector Gus to sign over his seemingly worthless mine to me, Snidely Von Snipe. What the fool doesn't know is that the Heartbreak Mine is full of gold! Once it is mine, I shall get rid of that pesky miner, take his lovely niece, DaisyBelle, for my own and have all the gold I'll ever need. I will be rich beyond compare. (*laughs*) My brain reels at the very thought! But wait! I hear someone coming. I must hide myself. (*goes behind rocks*)

GUS: (*enters*) It sure is a beautiful morning. It's hard to worry when the sky is that blue. But worry I must. The mortgage is due on the Old Homestead tomorrow morning, and I have no money to pay it. All I have is this, (*pointing*) the Heartbreak Mine. I've coaxed many a mine to give up her riches in my days as prospector, but this one just couldn't be persuaded. Still, I gotta keep tryin'. I gotta keep a roof over the head of my dear niece and ward, DaisyBelle. Without me and the Old Homestead, she's all alone.