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Youth's Clever Ruse Outwits Bandit Gang

"DO OR DIE"

Episode 13

"The Cipher Key"

DOLORES rushes out of the house and releases the Mystery Woman in time to see Jack hurled over a steep cliff by Satan's men. Satan upbraids his men for doing away with Merton before the parchment had been taken from him; two men are dispatched to bring him back and search him for the valuable script.

As the pair start down by a side path to get Merton, Dolores and the Mystery Woman, watching Jack from a ledge on the cliff, see Jack, who is feigning unconsciousness, at the cliff's base, stealthily hide the parchment under a rock upon which he is lying. Satan's men come and carry Jack to the top of the cliff where he is searched for the parchment without success.

Satan orders Merton taken to deserted cabin on the road to Crystal Lake. Still in an apparent state of coma, Merton is thrown on the floor and Satan and his men stand by to watch him and wait for him to regain consciousness. An hour passes and still Merton does not reveal the fact that he is "playing

'possum." After another hour of waiting, Satan says they will go out and look for the parchment. Jack overhears, and when the gang has departed, jumps to his feet to reach the parchment's cache before the bandit does. Satan's remark, however, was only a ruse to make Jack reveal his hand, and directly Merton sets foot outside the cabin he is captured by Satan and brought back.

Merton is strung up by the wrists and is threatened with thirty lashes of the "cat-o'-nine-tails." He refuses to divulge the hiding-place of the parchment. The many-tailed whip is poised, ready to leave its cruel welts across Merton's face.

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