

GOLD FEVER

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Was this your place?

It used to be.
Everything's dead
and gone.

Mine, too!

The war destroyed it all.
I don't know what to do.

You've got to start over, mister.

With what?

Miners are getting rich out West.
That's where I'm going. If you're smart, you will, too.

So Billy Cobb joined the
desperate people going West.



There were ex-soldiers, hungry
farmers, thieves and killers in
the mix — all drawn by greed.

Billy got a little claim near Camp
Broken Claw, a lawless little
town on Black Mountain.



Nothin', blast it!

Billy worked like a dog, just trying to
survive. He trusted no one, until...

Big Mike Clausen,
is that really you?

Billy Cobb?

I heard you
died in prison.

I'm too mean to die.

Billy, this is my boy, Jake.

Your Pa
saved my
life a time
or two!

Humph!

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That war was horrible, Mike.*
We did so many terrible things.



It was like a slaughter
house, Billy.

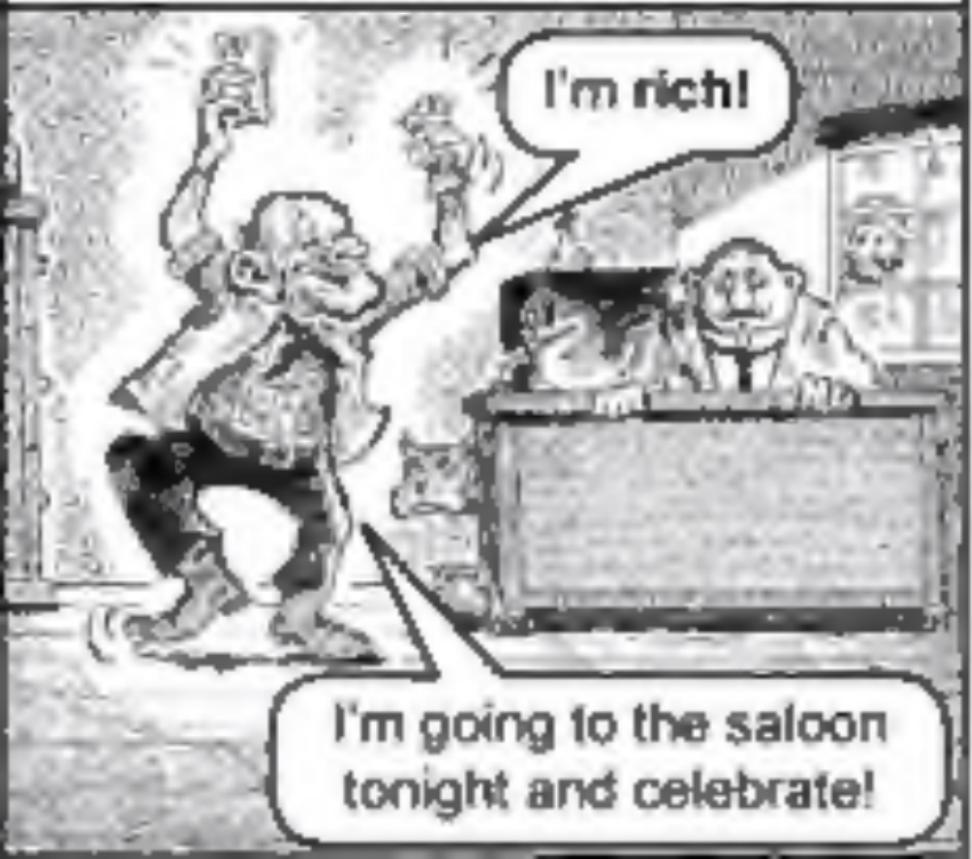
**For every battle of the warrior is
with confused noise, and garments
rolled in blood...** Isaiah 9:5

It's also dangerous up
here, Billy. 19 have died.

Tell me about
Old Sam.

Funny thing is,
each man had
struck it rich,
like Old Sam.

When old Sam cashed in his gold,
it was worth \$10,400.



The ladies made a big
fuss over Sam.



They got him drunk, and
next morning they found
old Sam dead!

Was all his
money gone?



Every penny! They found two
bullet holes in his back.

"For the love of money is the root
of all evil..." 1 Timothy 6:10

If you hit gold like old Sam
did, tell nobody but me.

Okay. I know I can
count on you, Mike!



Sure you can.

That night, a bolt of lightning knocks down an old tree next to Billy's tent.



Trapped in its roots is the biggest gold nugget ever found on Black Mountain.

To cash in on his gold nugget, Billy brings along Big Mike and Jake for protection.



Soon everybody knew.

Tomorrow we'll get you safely off the mountain. Get some sleep, Billy.



Nobody's gonna harm
you as long as we're
guarding you!

He's snoring, Pa!



Shhh! Grab
the money!

And I'll take
care of Billy!

I found the
money!

zzzz

Thud!

Bye, Billy Cobb.
I'll see you in hell!

Bang!

People heard two horses racing
through Camp Broken Claw in
the dead of night.



Both riders were laughing!

Somebody shot Billy in the belly



Billy's money is gone.



Billy Cobb is unconscious

Following day

Where
am I?

In my
shack

Who in blazes
are you?

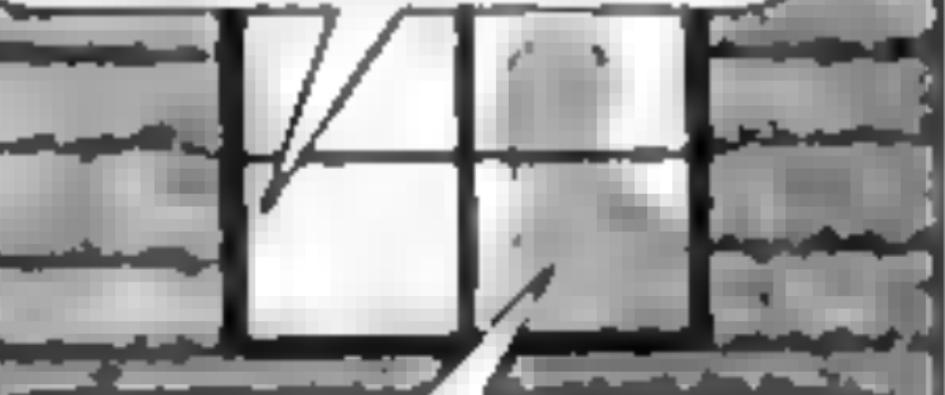
I'm the
preacher

You're an ugly
lookin' cuss

True but I've got a
beautiful heart!

You may die in a day or two and I
don't think you're ready

Preacher just before Big Mike
shot me he said Bye Billy
Cobb I'll see you in hell



He is right As soon as you die
your soul will go like a bullet
down into that burning fire and
brimstone

You were betrayed by your friend
just like Judas betrayed Jesus



I always thought
hell was a joke

By the way preacher
what made you so ugly?

When I was traveling West an Indian war party attacked us killing my family



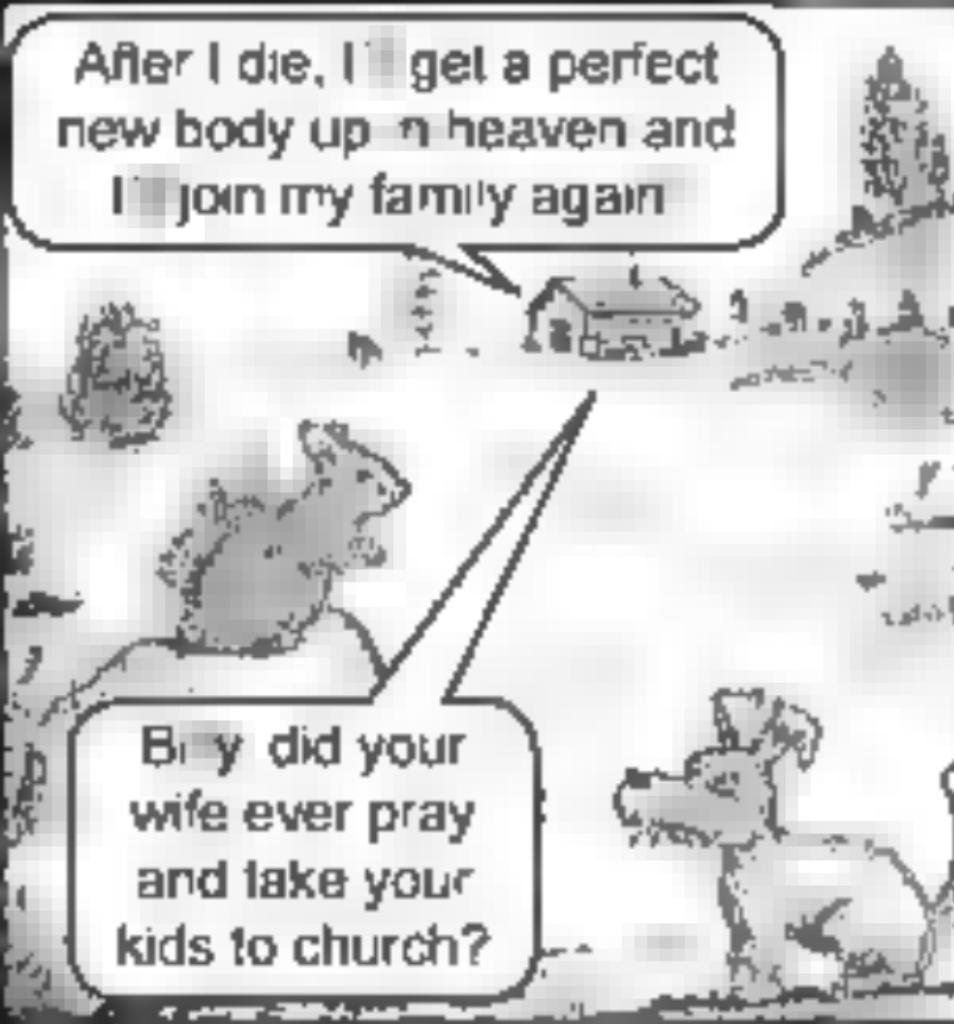
I was scalped set on fire and left for dead Jesus let me live through it praise Him!

I had arrows in my leg and a doctor had to cut it off But soon I'll get my new leg'



I don't understand you! Why are you so happy? Are you crazy?

No! It's because I'm saved



After I die, I'll get a perfect
new body up 'n heaven and
I'll join my family again

Billy did your
wife ever pray
and take your
kids to church?



Always. They begged me to
get saved so I could go to
heaven with them. I cursed
them and went off to war

That's sad, Billy.
You'll never see them
again, 'cause you'll be
screaming down in hell.

How did you get saved preacher?



I heard that God had a gift for me that would save me from hell

What gift?

I was too scared to turn it down!

God said There is none righteous no not one * for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God **

Heaven was closed to us sinners



None of us could get there! So God made a way for us

*Rom 3:10 **Rom 3:23

God the Father in Heaven knew
that only His holy blood could
wash away our sins *



So He sent His Son Jesus Christ
to us to save us from hell

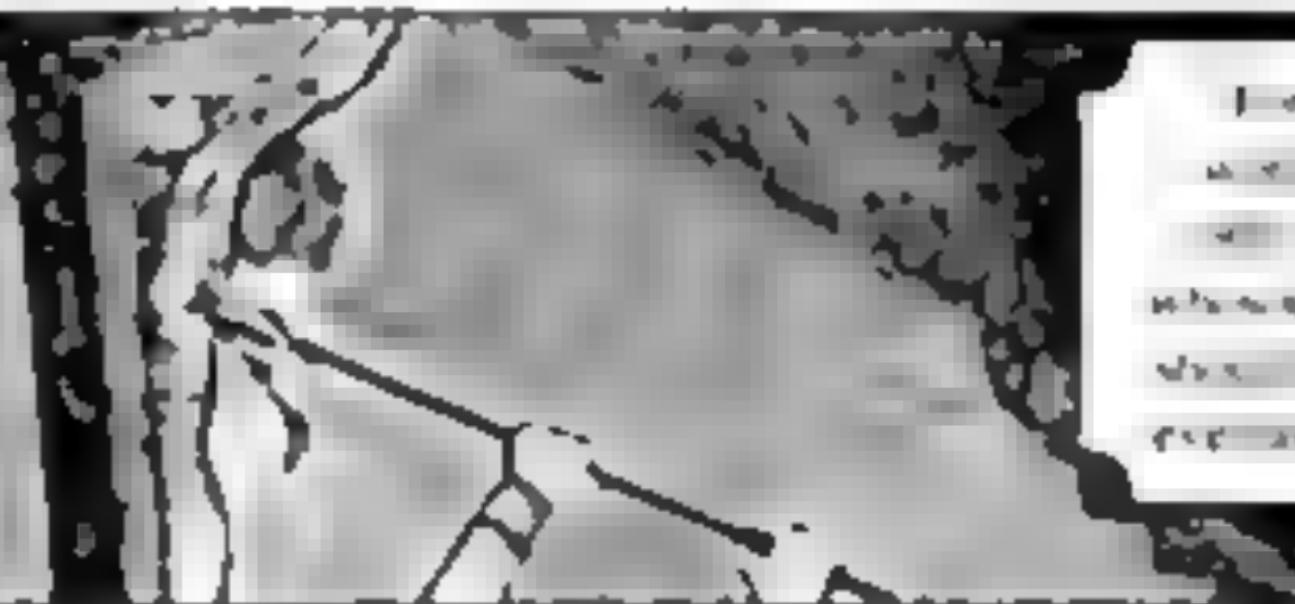
*Acts 20 28

This was God's love gift. Billy

My belly's
on fire

My time's running out tell
me quick what did Jesus
do to save me?

After Jesus told the people that He was the only way to heaven they naked Him, took it upon a cross. He shed every drop of His precious blood
blood to wash away the sins of the world. (See Revelation 1:5)



I have heard you say
that I must be crucified
for the sin of all
the world. But I have
done nothing but love
you and serve you.

Jesus died on that cross, was buried and three days later
he rose from the dead. Now He is alive back in Heaven

What do I
do now?

What? That's it?
Just believe?

The Bible says.
Believe on the
Lord Jesus Christ
and thou shall be
saved

'Acts 16:31

Yep God made it real easy
for people to get saved
You do believe all this about
Jesus don'tcha Billy?

With all
my heart

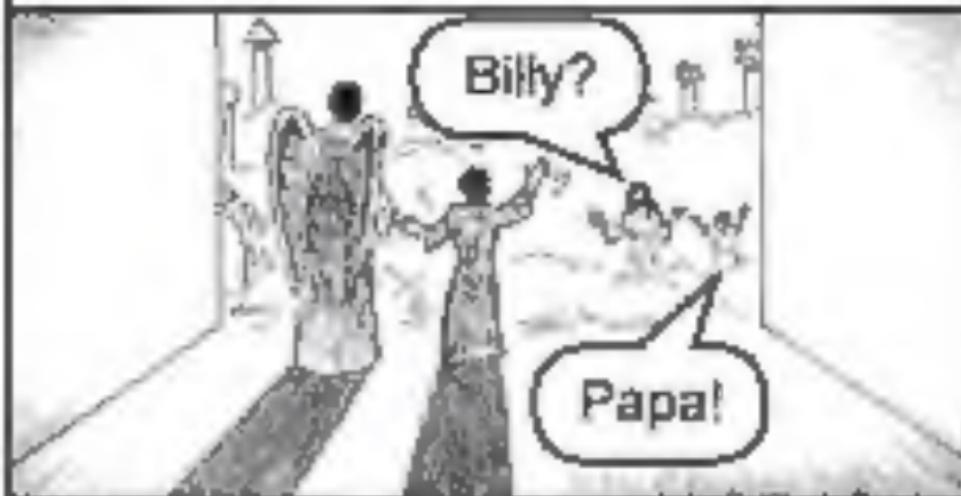
Then pray
to Him

I don't know
how to pray

Praying is just talking to God, Billy.
Admit to Jesus you're a sinner and
you're sorry. Ask Him to save you
from going to hell!



Billy talked to Jesus. And all his
sins were forgiven. Billy Cobb
died with a big smile on his face.



When Billy walked through those
gates into heaven, his family was
thrilled to see him.

Because of Billy's simple trust
in Jesus, he missed being cast
into the lake of fire.*



But not Big Mike and his boy, Jake.
They're still down in hell —screaming.

But Jesus is God's love gift for us.



"I am the way, the truth, and the
life: no man cometh unto the
Father, but by me."^{**}

That gift can give you eternal life,
starting right now.^{**}

*Rev. 20:15 Also see Rom. 12:19, John 3:36

**John 14:6 **Romans 6:23

You made it by the skin
of your teeth, Billy!



None of these others did.

Will you make it?

...So make your choice.



Jesus Christ

OR

Satan



"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be saved..." Acts 16:31

Do you believe Jesus
died for your sins?

YES NO

Did you ask Him to come
into your heart to save you?

YES NO

Name _____ Date _____

If you didn't, please read the next page.

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

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