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UNCLE $CROOGE

EVERY WINTER IN THE DESERT, THE BIG EVENT OF THE SOCIAL SEASON IS THE WILD BURRO CONTEST AT PIZEN VALLEY COLLIE'S!

THIS YEAR THE PRIZE IS A FULL-BEARING *URANIUM MINE*, AND *I'M* GOING TO WIN IT!

A *URANIUM MINE*! GOLLY! EVERY OLD-TIME DESERT RAT IN THE BUSINESS WILL BE TRYING TO WIN *THAT*!

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THEY HAVEN'T A CHANCE! I'VE BEEN READING EXPERT ADVICE ON HOW TO CATCH BURROS!

WHILE YOU'VE BEEN *READING*, THE DESERT RATS HAVE BEEN *PRACTICING*!

NEVER MIND! I KNOW ALL THE LATEST SCIENTIFIC METHODS! ALSO VOLUMES ABOUT *DESERT RATTING*!

HEY!... *UNCLE SCROOGE*! WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING HERE?

GETTING SET TO WIN A URANIUM MINE! I *USED* TO BE A DESERT RAT, YOU KNOW!

PARKING

YOU MUST BE BADLY OUT OF PRACTICE! HAVE YOU DONE ANYTHING EXCEPT *COUNT MONEY* FOR THE LAST FIFTY YEARS?

NOPE! BUT I STILL REMEMBER HOW TO CATCH BURROS!

THIS YEAR WE'RE HAVING AN ***ALL-AROUND*** CONTEST! IT'S TO FIND THE BEST PROSPECTOR, THE BEST FLAPJACK MAKER, THE BEST BURRO CATCHER, AND SO ON! THE WINNER OF THE MOST POINTS WILL GET THE MINE!

NOW I'LL OPEN THE ENTRY BOX AND SEE HOW MANY DESERT RATS ARE GOING TO COMPETE FOR THE PRIZE!

WELL, SUNBURN MY SADDLEBAGS! ONLY ***THREE*** NAMES IN THE BOX!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU OLD PROSPECTORS? WHY AREN'T YOU WILLING TO DO YOUR STUFF FOR THIS GRAND PRIZE?

AW, SHUCKS, PODNER —

WE MAKE SO MUCH MONEY POSING FOR ***PICTURES***, WE DON'T NEED URANIUM MINES ANYMORE!

HEH! HEH! THAT MAKES ***ME*** A CINCH TO WIN!

NEVER HAS PIZEN VALLEY BEEN SO DISGRACED! THE GREAT ALL-AROUND CONTEST WILL BE SETTLED BY THREE ***TENDERFEET*** FROM THE CITY!

I'M NOT A TENDERFOOT!

THESE THREE BRAVE DUDES ARE DONALD DUCK, SCROOGE McDUCK, AND GLADSTONE GANDER!

GLADSTONE GANDER!

YAHS, ***ME***, RELATIVES! CAN I SELL YOU SOME GOOD LUCK CHARMS?

THAT DOES IT, UNCA DONALD!

YOU MAY AS WELL QUIT! YOUR BOOK LEARNING CAN'T WIN AGAINST GLADSTONE'S *LUCK*!

HE WON'T BE SO HOT IN THIS SORT OF CONTEST!

IT'S ***SKILL*** AND ***SAVVY*** THAT WILL WIN! I'LL BE ABLE TO SCORE MORE POINTS THAN GLADSTONE!

THE FIRST TEST IS IN PROSPECTING — TO SEE WHO CAN FIND AND NAME A VALUABLE MINERAL IN THE SHORTEST TIME!

THE FIRST CONTESTANT IS DONALD DUCK!

I'LL TRY FOR A STRIKE IN THIS DRY WASH!

THE BOOK "*ORE GALORE*" SAID THAT ***GOLD*** IS PLENTIFUL IN THESE WASHES!

I'VE FOUND IT — A ***GOLD NUGGET***!

IN ONE ***MINUTE***! THAT'S VERY FAST TIME!

AND VERY ***LIGHT*** GOLD! THIS "NUGGET," TENDERFOOT, IS ***SANDSTONE*** WITH FLECKS OF ***MICA***!

NEXT CONTESTANT IS SCROOGE McDUCK!

I'LL TRY FOR A ***DIFFERENT*** METAL!

AZURITE!

SO IT IS! ***YOU*** KNOW YOUR MINERALS, DESERT RAT McDUCK!

SCROOGE McDUCK NOW LEADS WITH AZURITE IN FORTY SECONDS! LET'S SEE WHAT THIS DAPPER DUDE, GLADSTONE GANDER, CAN DO!

HAVE I GOT TO USE ONE OF *THESE THINGS?*

PHOOEY! THAT WOULD BE TOO MUCH LIKE *WORK*!

PING

A *DIAMOND*! MY PICK UNCOVERED A DIAMOND!

SO IT DID! IN *ONE* SECOND! A GEM THAT HAS FALLEN FROM SOMEBODY'S RING!.. EVEN SO YOU WIN *TEN POINTS* FOR FINDING IT!

I'M *WINNER* OF THE FIRST TEST!

NOW COMES THE CAMPFIRE TEST! WHO CAN BOIL A PINT OF WATER WITH THE *SMALLEST FIRE*?

I'VE BEEN TRAINING MYSELF FOR THIS FOR MONTHS! A TINY PILE OF TWIGS STACKED JUST SO!

AND A TINY TEAKETTLE THAT HOLDS EXACTLY A PINT! HEAT AND VOLUME IN PERFECT BALANCE!

I'LL USE MY OLD DESERT RAT TEAKETTLE – A TOMATO CAN WRAPPED LOOSELY WITH GREASEWOOD SHAVINGS!

I'M GOING TO TRY WITH MY SUPER GOOD LUCK TO BOIL THIS WATER WITH *ONE* LITTLE MATCH!

WUP! WHAT'S *THAT*?

THUD

A *METEOR*! A TINY *WHITE HOT* SHOOTING STAR HAS HIT THE GROUND AND ROLLED UNDER MY WATER CAN!

GLADSTONE GANDER *WINS* BY BOILING WATER WITH *SMOKELESS HEAT* IN TWENTY SECONDS!

SCROOGE McDUCK TAKES SECOND PLACE IN FORTY SECONDS!

AND DONALD DUCK WILL FINISH THIRD IF AND WHEN HIS SHINY TENDERFOOT TEAKETTLE FINALLY BOILS!

I'M TIRED OF BEING CALLED A TENDERFOOT! WAIT UNTIL THE *WILD BURRO* CONTEST STARTS! I'LL SHOW 'EM!

YOU'D BETTER START SHOWING THEM *NOW*!

YOU'RE TWENTY POINTS BEHIND! AND GLADSTONE ISN'T WARMED UP YET!

BY THE TIME THE WILD BURRO CATCHING STARTS, DONALD IS FORTY POINTS BEHIND, BUT HE CAN MAKE IT ALL UP BY CATCHING THE FIRST WILD BURRO!

THE FIRST CONTESTANT TO LEAD, RIDE, OR DRAG A WILD BURRO INTO THIS CORRAL WINS *FIFTY* POINTS, AND, MOST LIKELY, THE *MINE*!

I'M IT! I'VE READ ALL ABOUT WILD BURROS IN "*CANARIES OF THE CACTUS*" BY HEEHAW McBRAY!

I SEE A FLOCK OF THEM ON THAT RIDGE AHEAD!

THE *OATS* WILL LURE THEM INTO REACH OF MY TRUSTY ROPE!

WAK! THEY'RE *GONE*!... BUT *WHERE*? THERE'S NO PLACE THEY COULD GO EXCEPT ACROSS THAT OPEN DESERT!

I'LL HAVE TO LOOK FOR THEIR *TRACKS*! DOGGONE THEIR SNEAKY HIDES!

ULP! THIS OAT SACK FEELS *LIGHT* ALL OF A SUDDEN!

I MUST HAVE SPILLED SOME WHEN I SET THE SACK DOWN OVER THERE!

WAK! NOW IT'S *LIGHTER* STILL!

THERE'S NO *LEAK* IN THE SACK! SOMEBODY'S PLAYING *TRICKS* ON ME!

YOU'RE HIDING IN THIS CACTUS, WHOEVER YOU ARE!

I'LL DRAG YOU OUT BY THE HEELS!

POW

HEE HAW

I'LL TEACH YOU BRAYING BANSHEES THAT YOU CAN'T MAKE A DONKEY OF DONALD DUCK!

ULP! I'VE BEEN SUCKERED INTO A *BOX CANYON*!

WHERE'D THOSE BURROS GO?... UH, OH!

MEAN-WHILE!

MISTER, WE'VE GOT TO HELP OUR UNCA DONALD! CAN WE *RENT* YOUR BURRO FOR A WHILE?

SURE! HE'S *TAME* AS A KITTEN! JUST CALL HIM CHARLEY!

SOON!

PSST! UNCA DONALD! COME UP HERE!

WE'VE GOT IT ALL FIXED FOR YOU TO "CATCH" A BURRO!

THERE'S A *TAME* ONE HIDDEN IN THAT GULLY!

JUST CALL HIM CHARLEY, AND HE'LL LET YOU RIDE HIM BACK TO THE CORRAL!

I'LL DO IT! THIS ISN'T GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, BUT I HAVEN'T TIME TO QUIBBLE!

THAT MUST BE HIM DOWN BELOW!

WHOA, CHARLEY!

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OH, MY STARS! UNCA DONALD GOT ON A *WILD BURRO* BY MISTAKE!

WHOA, CHARLEY!

THIS IS NO WAY TO TAKE ME BACK TO CAMP!

THEY'RE TANGLED IN THE ROPE! UNCA DONALD CAN'T GET OFF!

AND NOW THE BURRO'S RACING WITH THE WILD HERD INTO THE DESERT!

THEY'RE TAKING UNCA DONALD TO *THEIR* CORRAL!

WHOA, CHARLEY!

MEANWHILE UNCLE SCROOGE HASN'T LEFT THE CORRAL!

I SEE BURRO DUST *DOWNWIND*! THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

THERE'S NO BURRO, WILD OR TAME, THAT CAN RESIST THE SMELL OF *SOUR DOUGH PANCAKES!*

ESPECIALLY IF THEY'RE MADE WITH *SALERATUS!*

THE AROMA SCUDS ACROSS THE WINDY DESERT!

SO YOU FINALLY DECIDED TO **OBEY** ME, EH, CHARLEY?

SNIFF

THAT'S BETTER! RACE BACK TO THE CORRAL! I MAY STILL BE IN TIME TO WIN!

AND SO—

I WIN!

I WIN!

THE GREAT WILD BURRO CONTEST ENDS IN A **TIE**! SCROOGE McDUCK **LURED** HIS BURROS INTO THE CORRAL AT THE SAME MOMENT THAT DONALD DUCK **RODE** IN ON HIS!

WE DON'T KNOW A **THING**!

BY THE WAY, WHAT BECAME OF GLADSTONE GANDER?

DIDN'T HE SET OUT TO CATCH WILD BURROS, TOO?

YES, BUT, DANG HIS HIDE, HE FOUND **TEN** URANIUM MINES OF HIS OWN RIGHT OVER THE HILL! DIDN'T NEED TO COMPETE FOR THIS ONE!

LUCKIEST FELLER I EVER SAW!

YOU'RE NOT JUST CRACKING YOUR CROCKERY, JUDGIE!