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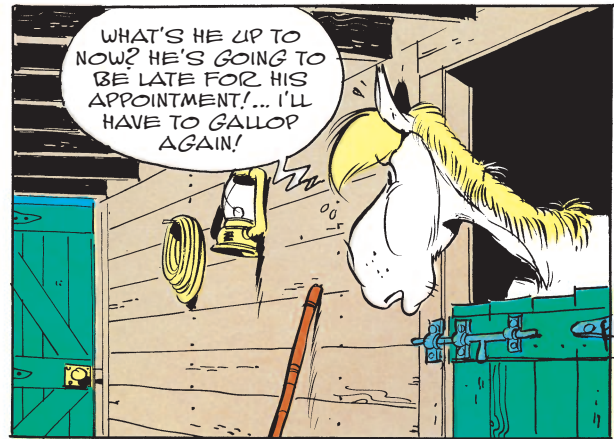
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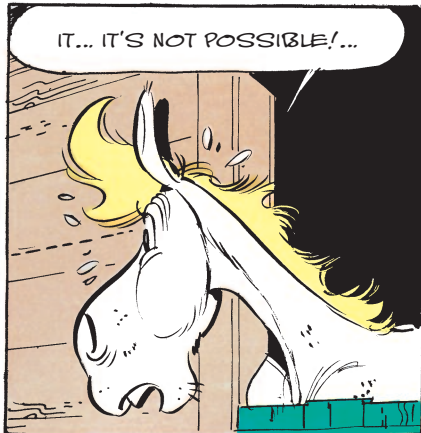




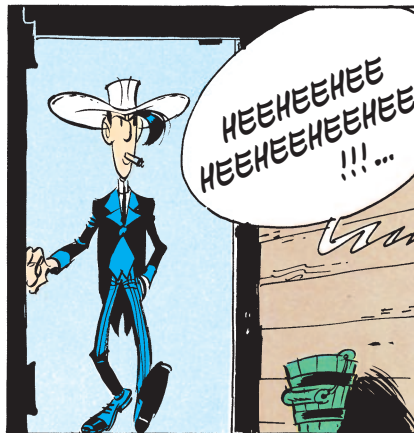
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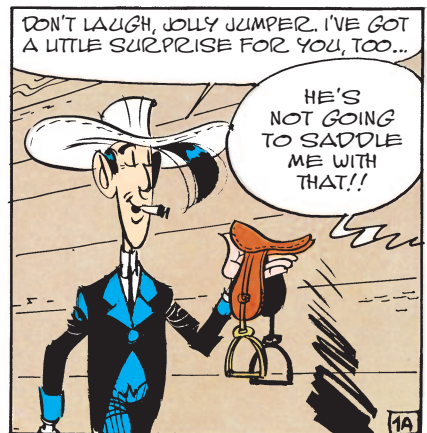
WHAT'S HE UP TO NOW? HE'S GOING TO BE LATE FOR HIS APPOINTMENT!... I'LL HAVE TO GALLOP AGAIN!



IT... IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!...

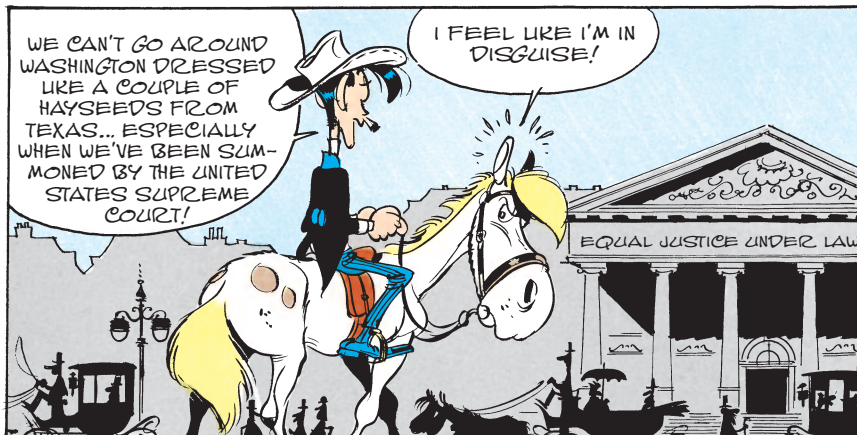


HEEHEEHEE  
HEEHEEHEE !!!...



DON'T LAUGH, JOLLY JUMPER, I'VE GOT A LITTLE SURPRISE FOR YOU, TOO...

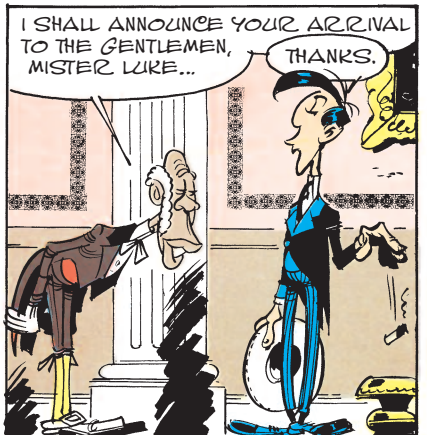
HE'S NOT GOING TO SADDLE ME WITH THAT!!



WE CAN'T GO AROUND WASHINGTON DRESSED LIKE A COUPLE OF HAYSEEDS FROM TEXAS... ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'VE BEEN SUMMONED BY THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT!

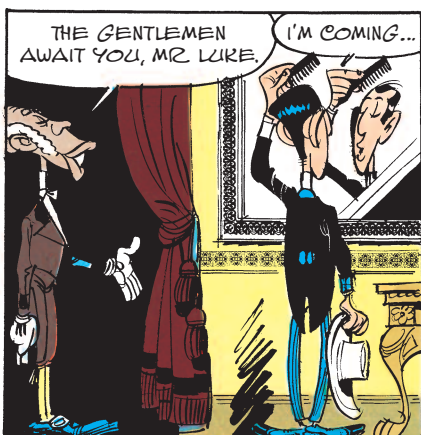
I FEEL LIKE I'M IN DISGUISE!

EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW



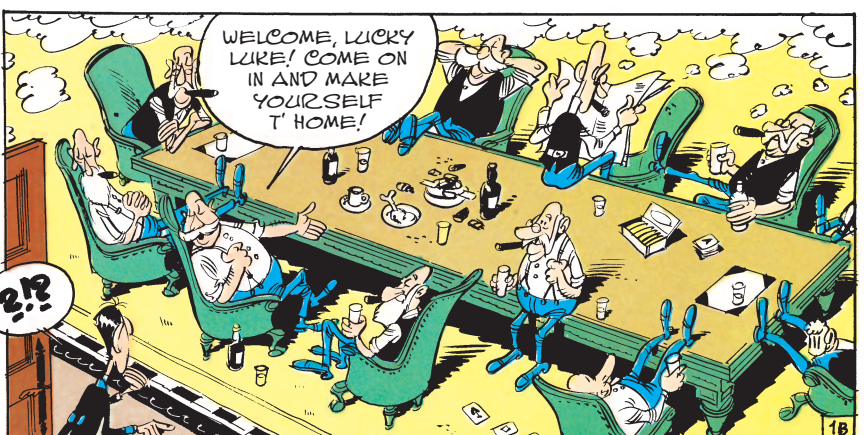
I SHALL ANNOUNCE YOUR ARRIVAL TO THE GENTLEMEN, MISTER LIKE...

THANKS.



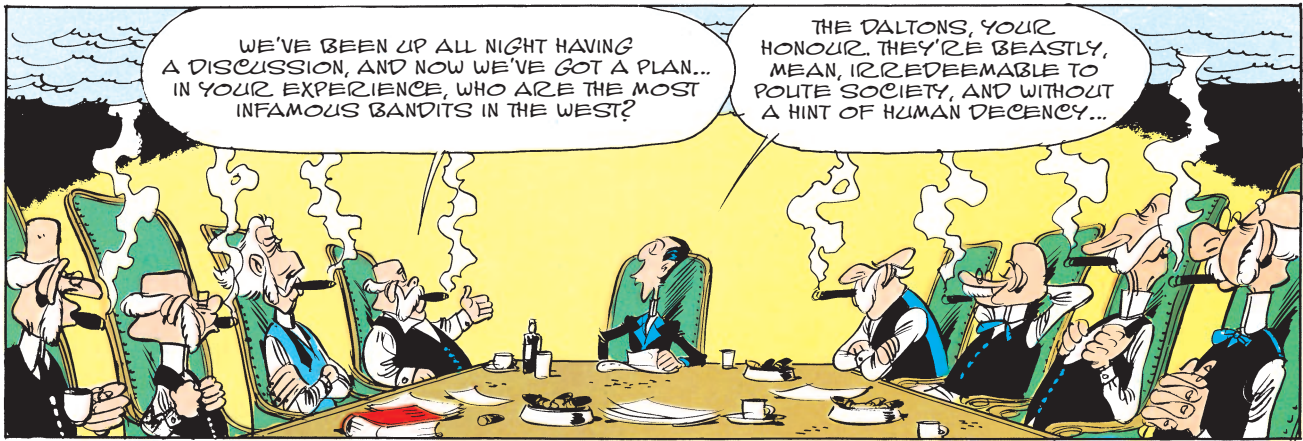
THE GENTLEMEN AWAIT YOU, MR LIKE.

I'M COMING...



WELCOME, LUCKY LIKE! COME ON IN AND MAKE YOURSELF T' HOME!

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WE'VE BEEN UP ALL NIGHT HAVING A DISCUSSION, AND NOW WE'VE GOT A PLAN... IN YOUR EXPERIENCE, WHO ARE THE MOST INFAMOUS BANDITS IN THE WEST?

THE DALTONS, YOUR HONOUR. THEY'RE BEASTLY, MEAN, IRREDEEMABLE TO ROUTE SOCIETY, AND WITHOUT A HINT OF HUMAN DECENCY...

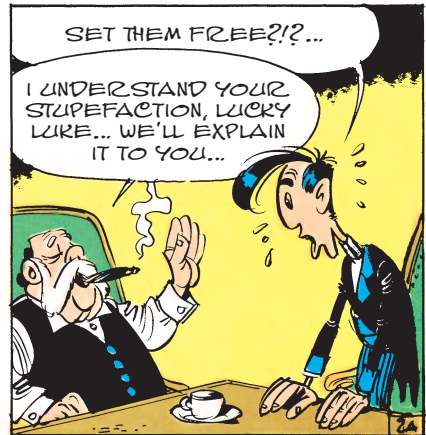


... FORTUNATELY, IF THEY HAVEN'T ESCAPED AGAIN LATELY, THEY'RE SAFELY UNDER LOCK AND KEY.

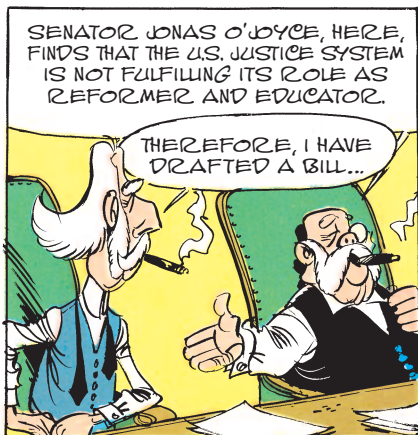


PERFECT! WE'RE GOING TO SET THEM FREE!

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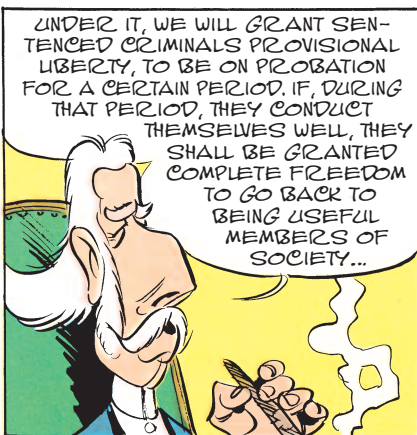


SET THEM FREE?!?... I UNDERSTAND YOUR STUPEFACTION, LUCKY LUKE... WE'LL EXPLAIN IT TO YOU...

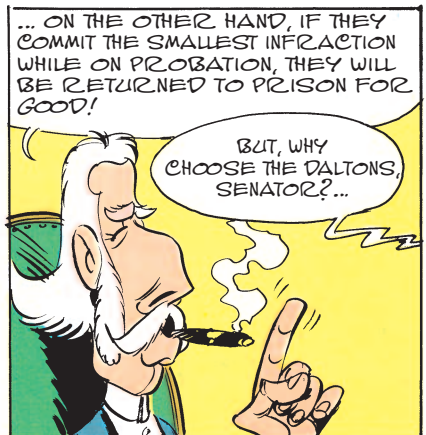


SENATOR JONAS O'JOYCE, HERE, FINDS THAT THE U.S. JUSTICE SYSTEM IS NOT FULFILLING ITS ROLE AS REFORMER AND EDUCATOR.

THEREFORE, I HAVE DRAFTED A BILL...

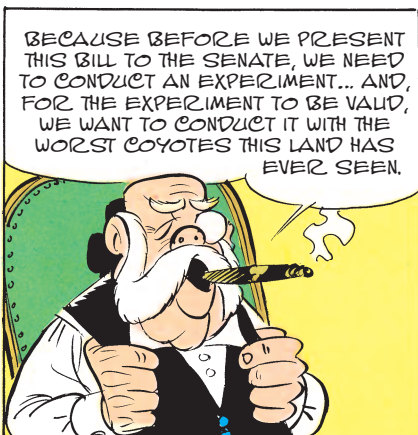


UNDER IT, WE WILL GRANT SENTENCED CRIMINALS PROVISIONAL LIBERTY, TO BE ON PROBATION FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD. IF, DURING THAT PERIOD, THEY CONDUCT THEMSELVES WELL, THEY SHALL BE GRANTED COMPLETE FREEDOM TO GO BACK TO BEING USEFUL MEMBERS OF SOCIETY...

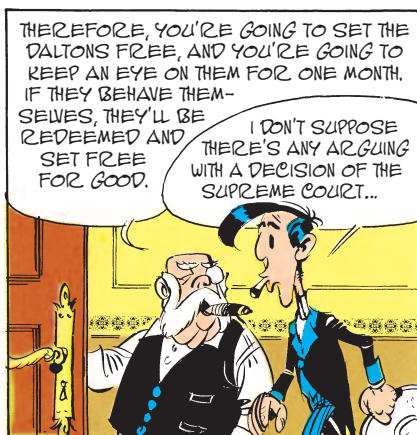


... ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THEY COMMIT THE SMALLEST INFRACTION WHILE ON PROBATION, THEY WILL BE RETURNED TO PRISON FOR GOOD!

BUT, WHY CHOOSE THE DALTONS, SENATOR?...

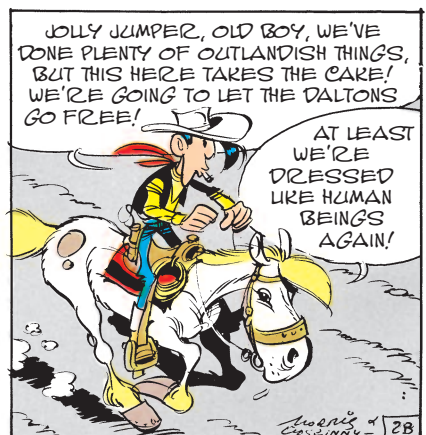


BECAUSE BEFORE WE PRESENT THIS BILL TO THE SENATE, WE NEED TO CONDUCT AN EXPERIMENT... AND, FOR THE EXPERIMENT TO BE VALID, WE WANT TO CONDUCT IT WITH THE WORST COYOTES THIS LAND HAS EVER SEEN.



THEREFORE, YOU'RE GOING TO SET THE DALTONS FREE, AND YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP AN EYE ON THEM FOR ONE MONTH. IF THEY BEHAVE THEMSELVES, THEY'LL BE REDEEMED AND SET FREE FOR GOOD.

I DON'T SUPPOSE THERE'S ANY ARGUING WITH A DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT...



JOLLY JUMPER, OLD BOY, WE'VE DONE PLENTY OF OUTLANDISH THINGS, BUT THIS HERE TAKES THE CARE! WE'RE GOING TO LET THE DALTONS GO FREE!

AT LEAST WE'RE DRESSED LIKE HUMAN BEINGS AGAIN!

