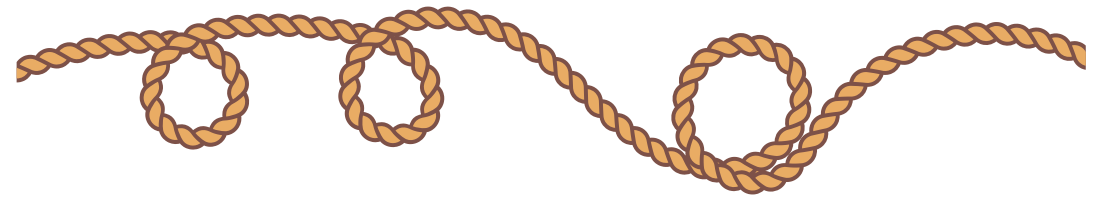


SUMMARY & CHARACTERS



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Scene 1 – The New Arrival:

Jacey Jess arrives in Dusty Creek to begin her new job as sheriff. Bill Wagon warns her that it is a dangerous job, but Jacey remains calm and optimistic. She believes she can make a difference. With her suitcase full of books, the new sheriff prepares herself for the challenges ahead.

Scene 2 – Three Way Duel

Jack, a hot-tempered outlaw, accuses Bill Poker of cheating during a card game and challenges him to a duel. Jacey stops the fight. She introduces herself as the new sheriff, making Jack laugh. Suddenly, Jack shoots the sheriff and leaves. Bill Undertaker inspects the dead sheriff's body, but to everyone's surprise, Jacey is alive! The bullet was stopped by a book she was holding. Deputy Bill arrives late and dismisses Bill Undertaker. Deputy Bill apologises for the terrible welcome and gives Jacey her badge. The new sheriff decides to visit the saloon and introduce herself to the townspeople.

Scene 3 – The Saloon

Rumours start as Jack brags about killing the new sheriff. He is shocked when Jacey walks into the saloon alive. Jacey tells the people of Dusty Creek that she wants to help make their town safer. She announces an important new law: guns and duels are now forbidden. Jack protests; guns are part of the town's identity. Jacey disagrees; freedom should never put other people in danger. Jacey gives Jack a book before leaving, making Jack angry. His sidekick Jim tries and fails to calm him down, as Jack gives Jim the book and storms off in anger.

Scene 4 – The Mayor's Office

Mayor Thomas Chesterfield invites Jacey to his office. He congratulates her on becoming sheriff, but starts questioning her ban on guns. Pretending to be friendly and welcoming, the Mayor proudly explains that he owns the local gun company, Western & Smith. Jacey's new law is bad for sales, and the Mayor tries to bribe the new sheriff. Jacey refuses, realising that the mayor is corrupt.

Scene 5 – Progress in Progress

Bill Newspaper reports the latest headlines each day from the Dusty Creek Gazette. The town slowly begins to change because of Jacey's new laws. Jack complains about every new rule, but cannot do anything about them without his precious guns.

Scene 6 – Sneaky Mayor

Jack and Jim sit at a campfire outside of Dusty Creek. The new laws make it difficult to live as an outlaw. Jack is bored without crime, but Jim has been busy, secretly learning to read. Mayor Thomas Chesterfield arrives at their campfire, surprising the bandits. The Mayor says he also hates the new laws, and he convinces Jack that something needs to be done. The Mayor suggests a bank robbery to prove that the town needs guns to protect itself. Jack will do anything to get his guns back. He is easily manipulated and agrees with the idea, while Jim is much less certain. The Mayor gives the bandits instructions for the robbery. He tells the bandits to keep his involvement a secret. The Mayor leaves. Jack and Jim prepare for the robbery, excited to get back to work.



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Scene 7 – Your Money or Your Life:

The next day, Jack and Jim rob the bank. Jack uses violence and threats, but Jim stays calm and politely asks Bill Banker for the money. Bill Banker gives them the town's money and gold. Jack is impatient and wants to kill the witnesses, but Jim lets Bill Banker get away. The two outlaws successfully escape with the stolen money.

Scene 8 – Change Sides

Jacey and the Mayor are talking about Dusty Creek's progress when they are interrupted by Bill Banker. He announces that the bank has been robbed. The robbery scares the citizens, who now feel unsafe. The Mayor uses the robbery as an example against Jacey's new laws. If the town still had guns, the bank could have defended itself. The town turns against Jacey. The Mayor advertises his own gun company, Western & Smith, and Jacey is left alone and defeated.

Scene 9 – To Be or Not to Be a Good Sheriff

Jacey admits to Deputy Bill that she is disappointed that she was wrong. Deputy Bill challenges Jacey's belief that people cannot change. Jacey wants to give up, but before she can quit, Deputy Bill invites her to the saloon. He has something to show the sheriff.

Scene 10 – Something Is Different

Deputy Bill and Jacey talk to several Bills in the saloon. People are slowly changing. Bill Wagon has started writing, Bill Poker is learning an instrument, and Bill Undertaker has started woodworking. This encourages Jacey. She decides that the town needs something to bring everyone together, something to unite them; a talent show!

Scene 11 – The Town Is Getting Ready

Bill Newspaper advertises the biggest event the town has ever seen, Dusty Creek's Got Talent. Anyone has the chance to perform and show off their skills, instead of their ability to fight.

Scene 12 – Dusty Creek Got Talent

During the talent show, Jack and Jim are nervously waiting backstage. Jack regrets signing up to perform. He panics, but Jim helps him focus. The bandits perform a song & dance about their bank robbery. The performance is amazing, but it accidentally reveals the true story: the Mayor paid the outlaws to rob the bank and steal the citizens' money. The people are shocked. They are confused if the song is fiction or reality. The Mayor desperately claims he is innocent, and Jack and Jim use the chaos to escape.

Scene 13 – The Runaway

Angry about the revealed truth, the citizens attack the Mayor. Jacey arrives and is tempted to let the citizens take revenge. However, she stops the fight because she believes violence is not the answer.

Scene 14 – The End

Jacey leads the citizens in a peaceful vote to decide if the Mayor is guilty, and what his punishment should be. The corrupt Mayor gets whatever punishment democracy chooses for him.

Scene 15 – Epilogue

Jacey knows that her work is finished. She promotes Deputy Bill as the new sheriff, and leaves him to start Dusty Creek's new chapter.



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Jacey Jess:

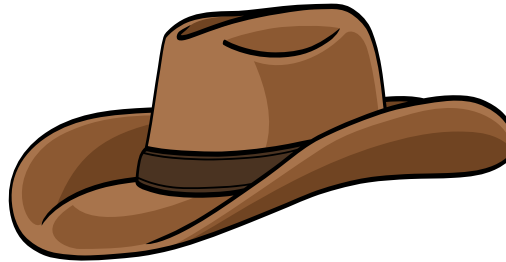
The new sheriff of Dusty Creek, Jacey Jess is a bookworm who believes that people should solve problems with words instead of violence. Determined to make the town a safer place, she tries to outlaw guns and duels in Dusty Creek. For Jacey to succeed, she must first convince a stubborn town that refuses to change.

Deputy Bill:

The deputy sheriff of Dusty Creek. Bill is a friendly, inexperienced rookie character who supports Jacey and encourages her when things become difficult. He believes that people in his town can slowly change, as he himself grows into a future leader.

Jim:

Jack's loyal partner. He is a bandit, but he is also polite and less violent than his boss. Jim is secretly learning to read, even though Jack disapproves. This skill becomes useful later on.



Mayor Thomas Chesterfield:

The corrupt mayor of Dusty Creek, Thomas Chesterfield is also the owner of the local gun company Western & Smith. Jacey's ban on guns threatens his profits, so the mayor betrays the sheriff. He secretly works with the bandits to turn the townspeople against Jacey.

Jack:

The proud but foolish cowboy. An outlaw with a short fuse, Jack is often blinded by his anger and uses violence before thinking. He hates Jacey's new laws, and will do anything to get his precious guns back and return to a life of crime.

The Bills:

The many citizens of Dusty Creek are all called Bill. Each Bill has a different job and personality, but together they represent the people of the town. After Jacey arrives, several of them discover new interests and begin to accept change. The many Bills include Bill Wagon, Bill Poker, Bill Saloon Owner, Bill Undertaker, Bill Banjo, Bill Banker and Bill Newspaper.

