

**Session/Game:** Hacksaw, Savage Worlds 2

**Date:** August 11, 2024

**Episode 2: Shot a Farmer in the Face**

**Campaign Date:** October 12-13, 1876

**Characters:**

Sheriff J.J. Sherman (Craig)

Doctor Samuel Elder (Travis)

Jasper Cole, Newspaperman (Andrew)

Boy, the Mysterious Stranger (Bob)

“Honest” Harvey Boone, Attorney at Law (Pete)

Diego Redwood, Bounty Hunter (Quinton) and his trusty Mexican Wolf, Taco

**Judge:** Dave N.

**LOG:**

**Scene 1: Lightning Round:**

**A—Diego:** As Diego and Taco turn the corner in town, they are spotted by a crowd of 8 angry homesteaders who say “There he is, get him!” They attempt to attack Taco with axe handles, but don’t accomplish anything. Diego shoots and kills Herbert Viola, one of the farmers, and the others run off.

**B—Harvey:** in the courthouse, he’s in the middle of a trial whereby his client, Rancher Richard Evans of the Triple Z is trying to have a homesteader named George Costanza forced off his land. The claim is based on a deed saying that Evans owns the land by an old Mexican Government Land Grant, with a bill of sale from a previous owner “Slim” Murchison to Evans. Evans told Harvey it was a slam dunk with the paper work he gave him. However, when his opponent, Peter Falk, esq., brings up the land claim book from the clerk’s office, it clearly says that the land west of the river was Federal Government Land since the treaties with Mexico after the Mex-Am war. The Homestead Act claim for Costanza is perfectly clear. Harvey looks like an ass.

**C—Dr. Elder:** Little Timmy is brought into the office by Big Timmy with a big, long lumber splinter sticking out of his arm. The good doctor removes the splinter and finds out that it came from an explosion at an old tool shed outside of town. He reports the facts to the sheriff.

**D—Sheriff J.J.** Bartender Rufus from Palace Saloon says that Sidewinder Combs is flush with cash and seems to be cheating at Faro. However, at this moment, the sheriff hears a commotion in the street as two of the farmers rush in to report that Diego has just murdered Herbert Viola. They explain that wolves have been raiding their homesteads on a regular basis, wolves that had no right being there. They were within their rights to kill dangerous vermin in the streets. J.J. gathers the facts and arrests Diego.

**E—Jasper:** Scoops comes rushing in. Chief! There’s a lady to see you. It’s Mrs. Abby Gosling who says that there’s something fishy going on. She talks about wolves, lawsuits, and the fact that Augustus St. Cloud, a two-bit rancher, has been hassling them. The agricultural value of the homesteader land is too minimal for anyone to want to steal it, she thinks (cotton or sheep).

**F—Boy:** Boy is coming out of the Cigar Shop, having picked up some smokes. Mrs. Sheen confronts him, accusing him, quite rightly, of murdering her husband, whom he claims was murdered by Indians. He notices that there are a couple of greasy looking miners from Digginsburg watching her very carefully.

## **Scene 2: To the Shed and Beyond**

The posse gathers together at the sheriff's office. The Sheriff orders Diego to turn in all his weapons, except a knife on suspicion of murder. He lets the Dr. carry them.

After taking up Diego's case, Harvey goes to the judge. Judge issues a formal warrant and remands Diego into custody of the sheriff. Meanwhile, Boy crosses the street and confronts some creepy miners. When they laugh at his "secret mine" he punches two of them in noses. He then goes into the Palace Saloon and is taunted by Sidewinder and his gang for awhile.

They all, except Boy, ride out to the blown up shed and discover the corpse of Augustus St. Cloud in the shed, with 5-\$20 gold pieces in his pocket. They decide to ride back to town, to drop off the wolf, pick up Boy and head over to Homestead country.

They questioned the Costanza family about the wolf raid when young Myra was bit by a wolf. The sheriff deduces that the Romano place would be the next place to be hit by the wolves. They go to the Romano's and hide out in their barn.

About 9pm, a pack of 8 wolves creep onto the farmstead. Jasper shoots one. The rest run off. Boy tracks them to a camp where Wolfman Joe, Texas Travis, Texas Craig, Stan Marsh and Red Foreman are gathering in the wolves for the wolf-wagon. Sheriff JJ kills Stan Marsh. 4 of the wolves rush the party. Harvey shoot one. Boy crushes one with his fist. The sheriff shoot down Texas Travis.

The wolves run off. Diego shoot down Red Foreman. Boy sneaks up and shoots down Texas Craig. One wolf escapes, Dr. Elder shoots another. Boy catches up with Wolfman Joe and pounds him into unconsciousness.

They question Wolfman Joe and search the bodies, finding a pile of \$20 gold pieces of the same minting as they've seen today. They arrest and question Joe who points at Sidewinder Combs as the one who hired him to hassle homesteaders with his wagon full of trained wolves.

## **Scene 3: New Day**

They drop Wolfman and Diego at jail. Jasper goes into the Palace Saloon and confronts Sidewinder. Sidewinder breaks a beer glass in his face. He continues to fight with Jasper. Boy comes in but Bundy menaces him with a rifle. The Sheriff tells everyone to put down their weapons. Harvey tries to punch Butch. Dr. Elder levels his gun from the window. Jasper manages to punch Sidewinder in the nose. Harvey joins in against Sidewinder. So does the doctor, trying and failing to pistol whip him. Jasper breaks one of Sidewinder's ribs badly. Harvey then cracks a chair over his head knocking him out. His pals slip away and the posse drags Sidewinder to the jail.

Dr. Elder tries to convince Sidewinder that they are bringing in another judge for attempted murder charges. Harvey comes to see Sidewinder who thinks that they are allies. Harvey deduces that Evans might be behind the plot.

Jasper went to the Palace Saloon and got Alvin Bundy to spill about Sidewinder's setting the dynamite shed trap for St. Cloud. Boy throws Bundy a sack of gold and offers him a job and he takes it. Jasper publishes big story on Sidewinder's crimes. Harvey confronts Evans who confesses that the documents he provided were false.

HOT OFF THE PRESSES! HACKSAW HERALD, OCTOBER 14, 1876

Breaking News! Sean "Sidewinder" Combs apprehended for a plot to drive Homesteaders off their land on the west side of the Santa Rosa River! Even while he keeps silent on who has funded his operation, the gears of the law work to deliver justice for this despicable act on the lawful citizens of Hacksaw County, AZ!