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STILL NO SIGN OF THE TOWNSPEOPLE.

HEY! YA HEAR THAT, PHONEY? TH' COAST IS CLEAR!

LOOK AT HIM! WE GOT CHASED OUTTA BONEVILLE OVER TWO WEEKS AGO, AN' HE'S STILL MOPIN' AROUND!

... OH, WELL ... I GUESS YOU CAN WHINE ALL YOU WANT, WHEN YER TH' RICHEST GUY IN TH' WHOLE TOWN.

AAAH!

Oops! Silly me, ex-richest!
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DON'T GET HIM STARTED!

THEY CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO A RICH PERSON THAT HE DOESN'T WANT!

GASP! OH! TH' HORRIBLE INJUSTICE OF IT ALL! I'M STILL REELING WITH SHOCK!!

I'M A RESPECTED COMMUNITY LEADER! A SHINING PILLAR OF MORAL STRENGTH!

... SO A COUPLE OF SHADY BUSINESS DEALS WENT SOUR... IS THAT ANY REASON TO RUN TH' MOST BELOVED BONE IN BONEVILLE OUT ON A RAIL?!

YES.

BELOVED? TH' MAYOR DECLARED A SCHOOL HOLIDAY JUST SO TH' KIDS COULD COME AND THROW ROCKS AT YOU!

INGRATES!

OH, THEY'LL RUE TH' DAY THEY CHASED PHONCIBLE P. BONE OUTTA THEIR CRUMMY OL' TOWN!' SNIFF!!

NOW, NOW, LITTLE BUCKAROO! DON'T BE SAD! IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY! THERE'S NOT A CLOUD IN TH' SKY!
GOOD POINT, SMILEY. IF WE DON'T FIND SOME SHAPE SOON, I'M GONNA HAVE A STROKE!

HEY, I'M JUST TRYIN' TO CHEER HIM UP, OKAY?

TRY THINKIN' ABOUT SOMETHIN' besides your money!

TAKE ME FOR EXAMPLE! I NEVER HAD A PENNY IN MY LIFE!

BUT I'M NOT SAD! I GOT NO RESPONSIBILITIES! I'M FREE! FREE AS A BIRD!

A BIRD? HA! MORE LIKE A MANGY, STRAY DOG WHO DOESN'T EAT VERY OFTEN.

WELL ... TRUE! BUT YOU GET MY POINT!

HEY! FONE BONE!

WHAT?

HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT WHERE WE ARE, YET? WHAT'S TAKIN' SO LONG?

I'M WORKING ON IT. HMMMM ..., THAT'S STRANGE ... THAT MOUNTAIN RANGE ISN'T ON ANY OF OUR CHARTS --
OUT FROM BONEVILLE

Hey—!

Lemme see that!

Here's your problem, Fone Bone. We're off the map! Get a bigger map!

That's as big as maps get! We're in uncharted territory!

Well, get us back!

I can't! We're lost!

To boldly go where no bone has gone before!

Don't get me wrong, Fone Bone— I'm grateful you were able to get me outta town — but tell me... why did you hafta go an' bring him with us?

Stick a sock in it, cabbage head!

To torture you.

I knew that!

Hey, Phoney! Bad news... we're out of water!
THAT'S THE LAST STRAW!
DONT GET MAD AT SMILEY BONE! THIS MESS ISN'T HIS FAULT!

THAT'S RIGHT! TH' TOWNSPEOPLE AIN'T MAD AT US! THEY RAN YOU OUTTA TOWN 'CAUSE YOU'RE A SELFISH, LITTLE GREEBAG!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! NOT ONLY AM I BROKE -- NOW I'M GONNA DIE! I JUST HOPE YOU LEARNED YOUR LESSON!

OH, YOU'RE NOT GONNA DIE! I THINK IT'S A MAP!

WATER! I NEED WATER! I CAN FEEL MY TONGUE CRACKING!

HEY, COUSINS, LOOK WHAT I FOUND! I THINK IT'S A MAP!

SURE ENOUGH! LOOK! IT'S A MAP OF THAT MOUNTAIN RANGE!

I'M SAVED! GIVE IT TO ME!

GIMME A DOLLAR FIRST.

WHAT?

GO ON, PHONEY! GIVE HIM A DOLLAR!

WHAT?!

WE'RE LOST IN THE MIDDLE OF TH' DESERT! GIVE HIM A DOLLAR!
OUT FROM BONEVILLE

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT... HEY! WHAT IS THIS? THIS LOOKS LIKE IT WAS DRAWN BY A FIVE-YEAR-OLD! THIS THING IS WORTHLESS!

IT'S WORTH A DOLLAR!

LET ME GO! I'M GONNA KILL HIM!

COUSINS! HEAPS UP! WE GOT COMPANY!

OMIGOSH! IT'S THE TOWNSPEOPLE! QUICK! HIDE ME!

Shhhh! WAIT A MINUTE!

You HEAR THAT?

SMILEY? WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

IS IT TH' TOWNSPEOPLE?

NOPE, NO PEOPLE...

JUST LOCUSTS.

PRETTY NEAT, HUH?
WHOOOOOOOOOOOOOAAH

AAAA
AAAA

WAAAAAAAGH!

PHONEY! ARE YOU OKAY?

WHATEVER YOU DO -- DON'T STICK OUT YOUR TONGUE!
PIT! POO! YUCK!

WAAAAGH!
OUT FROM BONEVILLE

PTT! PTT! PUH!

Drawing of a character falling from a cliff, surrounded by flying insects.
THE MAP

YEEEE! I CAN'T BELIEVE I WASN'T JUST KILLED!

PHONEY! SMILEY! GO BACK! DON'T COME THIS WAY! IT'S A CLIFF!

...MAYBE THEY'RE ALREADY DOWN HERE!

PHONEY BONE! SMILEY!

HEY!

HEY, GUYS! I'M DOWN IN THIS GULLEY! CAN YOU HEAR ME?!!

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PHONEY--
SAY! THERE'S THAT MAP!

HUH? I WONDER IF THIS REALLY IS A MAP OF THAT MOUNTAIN RANGE... MAYBE I BETTER HANG ON TO IT!

I MIGHT NEED IT TO SAVE PHONEY BONE...

...AGAIN!

HMMF.

I'M ALWAYS GETTIN' HIM OUTTA TROUBLE!

WELL, COUSIN OR NOT... WHEN WE GET BACK TO BONEVILLE, PHONEY'S GONNA HAVE TO FACE THE MUSIC BY HIMSELF!

I'VE HAD IT! FROM NOW ON, HE CAN OUTRUN ANGRY MOBS, AN' FALL OFF CLIFFS WITHOUT MY HELP!

WHAT KIND OF A PATSY DOES HE TAKE ME FOR?!! URMF!!

IT'S ALWAYS: "FONE BONE, YOU GOTTA SAVE ME!!" OR: "FONE BONE, YOU GOTTA HELP ME!!"

WHY, I OUGHTA--

HEY! HOW'D I GET SO CLOSE TO THE MOUNTAINS?!?

WHERE IS EVERYBODY? WHERE'S TH' LOCUSTS?!

NO WAY! I CLIMBED UP THE WRONG SIDE!

PHONEY! HELP!! YOU GOTTA SAVE ME!!
OH, MY GOSH! THEY'RE NOWHERE IN SIGHT!

PHONEY! HEY!

A CIGAR BUTT!

ANOTHER ONE!

JEEZ... I HOPE SMILEY DOESN'T RUN OUT OF CIGARS BEFORE I CATCH UP TO HIM.
Huh Huh Huh

Huff!

Where th' heck are those guys? We're goin' straight into th' mountains!

I hope I catch up to 'em before it gets dark . . .

The last thing I want to do is spend the night out here by myself!

. . . Of course, after a day like today, it's hard to imagine that anything worse could happen . . .

Yawn!
...is it him?... is it the one we seek?

...I cannot tell... look for the star on its chest...

...no star... this isn't the one....

...no... it is not he..... very well... kill it... it will be our supper....

Who's gonna be your supper?

Hiss!

Go Away! Do not meddle in affairs that are too big for you, boy!

Who you callin' boy?

Aieeeeeeeeee! The great red dragon!!
OUT FROM BONEVILLE

OOG... I MUST'VE FALLEN ASLEEP. WHERE AM I?

YOU AWAKE?

HUH?

WHO'S THERE?

YOU GOT A LIGHT?

SMILEY? IS THAT YOU?

OH, BOY. AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU! HOLD ON, I'VE GOT A MATCH IN MY BAG, HERE!

SKRITCH

AAAHH!
THANKS FOR TH' LIGHT.

DON'T MENTION IT!

HELLO?

HELLO?

OH, MAN! I GOTTA QUIT GOIN' TO SLEEP ON AN EMPTY STOMACH.
OUT FROM BONEVILLE
**THE MAP**

OH, MAN!
THIS AIN'T GONNA CUT IT!

I ACTUALLY THOUGHT THIS MAP WOULD TAKE ME THROUGH TH' MOUNTAINS TO THIS WATERFALL ON HERE . . .

... BUT IF THIS THING WERE REAL, I WOULD'VE COME TO TH' PASS BY NOW! ERRR! I'M SO STUPID! I BET THIS MAP WAS JUST ONE OF SMILEY'S PRANKS -- AND I FELL FOR IT!

... AND TO TOP IT OFF, I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY MORE CIGAR BUTTS ALL DAY . . . HOW DO I GET MYSELF INTO THESE THINGS?

OH, WELL . . . I'LL FIND THOSE GUYS SOONER OR LATER . . . IF I DON'T DIE OF THIRST . . .

UNTIL THEN, I JUST GOTTA KEEP MOVIN'! KEEP . . .
COOL.

I MADE IT!

THAT STUPID MAP WAS RIGHT! YESSIREE, BOB! THERE'S WATER ON TH' MENU TONIGHT!

I COULD KISS SMILEY BONE FOR FINDING THAT MAP!

I MIGHT EVEN KISS PHONEY RIGHT BEFORE I STRANGLE HIM!