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UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS

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ANNOUNCER

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REMARKS

1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers

2. MUSIC: Ranger Song

3. ANNOUNCER: Skis, snowshoes, and toboggans have long been every day
4. necessities for winter travel for Rangers and other folks
5. who live and work in the snow country. Now, however, ever-increasing
6. numbers of winter forest visitors are using skis, snowshoes and toboggans
7. for recreation as well.

8. The United States Forest Service, with the help of CCC
9. enrollees and WPA workers, has developed hundreds of winter sports areas
10. in the National Forests. Ski trails have been cleared, warming shelters
11. have been built, parking areas have been constructed, and many of the
12. other essential features for popular and safe winter playgrounds have been
13. provided.

14. More than ninety of our one hundred and sixty National Forests
15. are covered with snow at least sixty days during the average winter. Some
16. National Forests even provide a longer season for winter sports enthusiasts
17. than they do for summer vacationists. And, it is here that those visitors
18. who prefer the untracked snow slopes for what they call "ski touring" may
19. find suitable cross-country courses. The location and marking of such
20. cross-country ski trails requires intimate knowledge of snow conditions
21. and winter weather. But now, let's tour a bit ourselves. And, as we look
22. in at the Ranger Station on the Pine Cone National Forest we find our
23. friends Ranger Jim Robbins and his assistant, Jerry Quick, looking intently
24. at a map spread out on an office table. Here they are!

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1. JIM: See, Jerry? Our Blue Lake Winter Sports Area is right here on
2. the Pine Cone National Forest. Now, way across here this north
3. and south line marks the boundary between our Forest and the
4. Moccasin National Forest ... and here, just across the boundary
5. is the Red Creek Winter Sports Area on the Moccasin ...

6. JERRY: Uh, huh. But why?

7. JIM: It's about twenty miles cross-country from Blue Lake to Red
8. Creek, isn't it?

9. JERRY: Yeah, sure. I've been up at the Red Creek Area with Ranger
10. Davis. Bill's got a swell lay-out up there. But what are you
11. getting at, Jim? What's this supposed to be, a lesson in
12. map-reading?

13. JIM: Uh huh. Ray De Witt came to see me the other day ... when you
14. were out on that railroad-tie sale ... We had quite a stormy
15. session, he and I did.

16. JERRY: DeWitt? Ray DeWitt? Oh yeah, he's president of the Willow
17. Glenn Winter Sports group, isn't he?

18. JIM: Yeah, that's right. Well, he and some of the others in his
19. winter sports group have about decided they want to branch
20. out with their skiing. They've been switching about between
21. the Red Creek Area on the Moccasin and our Blue Lake Area here
22. on the Pine Cone. You know, spending one week end up there and
23. another week end up here.

24. JERRY: Well, gosh, what do they want now? Still another recreation
25. area?

1. JIM: No ... it isn't that, Jerry. What they're after is some
2. cross-country skiing. Like I said, they want to branch out ...
3. try some long-distance skiing.

4. JERRY: Well, what's wrong with that, Jim? Cross-country skiing is going
5. on in a lot of places. Some of our other National Forests have
6. swell cross-country courses.

7. JIM: Uh-huh, cross-country skiing's all right, Jerry. But what
8. DeWitt and I had our run-in about was the particular cross-
9. country route he and his group picked out for their long-distance
10. skiing ... The trail he had mapped out up here started at Blue
11. Lake. It went straight along Buck Ridge to Beaver Gap and ...

12. JERRY: Looks like a swell course to me, Jim. Overlooking Shadow Lake
13. like it does and ...

14. JIM: Wait, Jerry. Okay so far, but look now. Their proposed course
15. keeps heading straight as a crow flies to the Red Creek Area
16. on the Moccasin.

17. JERRY: Why, that puts the trail along the edge of Dogleg Canyon, Jim.
18. That's mighty tough country, and dangerous too. They don't have
19. to go that way. They could miss that bad climb and dangerous
20. stretch by working around Tumbling Run to the South and the
21. cross-country trail would be just as good.

22. JIM: That's exactly what I told DeWitt. But he insisted he and the
23. other fellows weren't a bunch of sissies and they could follow
24. the trail he had outlined without any trouble at all. He figured
25. the Forest Service cabin at the head of Tumbling Run could serve
as an over-night stop and that the men could start out fresh in
the morning and lick Dogleg Canyon or anything like it they
might come across.

1. JERRY: Well, there's some pretty good skiers in that outfit.

2. JIM: Yeah, but just the same I'm not going to let any dare-devil
3. bunch of fellows take unnecessary chances on this forest. I told
4. him that I was as interested in winter sports as he was, but
5. that I was doggoned if I'd let them ski along the edge of
6. Dogleg Canyon.

7. JERRY: What'd DeWitt say to all that?

8. JIM: Well, he suggested that maybe somebody else might have more to
9. say about it than I did. You see, Jerry, I told him right out
10. I'd be glad to scout a cross-country course from Blue Lake to
11. Red Creek but that I wouldn't even consider going over the
12. Dogleg Canyon trail. I guess I got a little hot under the
13. collar. He seemed to think I was being pretty arbitrary, so I
14. suppose he'll go see Bert Ellsworth about it.

15. JERRY: Well, that's his privilege all right, but it seems to me any
16. forest supervisor would stand behind a ranger on a thing like
17. that. There's a safety angle involved here, as I see it. The
18. Forest Service don't want to encourage folks to risk their necks.

19. JIM: No, but I couldn't get him to see it that way, Jerry. As far
20. as DeWitt's concerned I'm probably just a pain in the neck tryin'
21. to mess up what seems to him a jim-dandy project. He probably
22. even thought I disagreed with him because I didn't want to be
23. bothered putting up trail signs and first-aid stations and the
24. like. That wasn't it at all. I don't think I was unreasonable.
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1. JERRY: Well, he doesn't know you like I do, Jim. If he did, he'd
2. know you were trying to be fair about it. I think he's ...
3. oh, here comes Mrs. Robbins ... Hello, Mrs. Robbins.

4. BESS: Sorry to interrupt, Jerry. But here's a telegram for you, Jim.
5. Mrs. Bishop brought it by on her way from town.

6. JIM: Yeah. Thanks, Bess. (SOUND OF PAPER TEARING) H-m-m-m ... Yeah,
7. just about what I expected. Well

8. JERRY: What's up, Jim? Bad news?

9. JIM: Here, read it yourself.

10. JERRY: Let's see. It's from the Supervisor, huh. (READING ALOUD) He
11. says: "Please arrange to meet Raymond DeWitt, President Willow
12. Glen Winter Sports Club at Blue Lake Recreation Area 8 o'clock
13. tomorrow morning to help scout cross-country ski course to Red
14. Creek Area on Moccasin National Forest. Suggest you travel
15. DeWitt's proposed Dogleg Canyon route. Signed Ellsworth,
16. Forest Supervisor." ... Jim, let's wire Bert right back and tell
17. him your side of the story.

18. BESS: What's the matter, Jerry? Why shouldn't Jim go with Mr. DeWitt?

19. JERRY: (HEATEDLY) It's just this, Mrs. Robbins. Jim's already had it
20. out with Mr. DeWitt about that Dogleg Canyon trail. It's
21. dangerous ... too hazardous to be used as a ski course, and Jim
22. told him so. So he went to the Supervisor. And look at this
23. telegram, here. Bert's backing him up. Why, Jim, Bert Ellsworth
24. knows that Dogleg Canyon country. Why would he insist on ...?
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1. JIM: Yes, Bert Ellsworth does know that country ... but maybe he
2. figured the best way to convince DeWitt is to go ahead as
3. DeWitt suggests, and travel the Dogleg Canyon trail. This
4. DeWitt is a fine fellow even if he does seem to us to be
5. pretty stubborn about this thing.
6. BESS: But Jim, if it's so dangerous on that Canyon trail why ...?
7. JIM: Now, don't worry, Bess. I'm goin' to take Jerry, here, along
8. ... We'll be all right.
9. JERRY: (ENTHUSED) That's swell, Jim. I've been aching to wax up the
10. old boards,
11. BESS: Old boards... Why don't you call them skis for once, Jerry...
12. But look, can't you convince Mr. DeWitt not to take that
13. dangerous trail?
14. JIM: We'll be all right, Bess. I reckon Bert's right. The best way
15. to convince him is to let him try it... H-m-m, we'll spend the
16. first night at the Tumbling run cabin, and ...
17. BESS: You're as stubborn as he is, Jim... Oh well, I guess I might as
18. well start getting your packs ready ...
19. MUSICAL INTERLUDE
20. FADE IN CLATTER OF DISHES, SOUND OF CHAIR BEING PUSHED BACK ON WOODEN
21. FLOOR.
22. DEWITT: You Rangers sure can dish out a dandy breakfast.
23. JIM: You feeling all right, DeWitt? No aches or pains?
24. JERRY: Yeah, Mr. DeWitt, you seemed kinda peaked last night. That was
25. pretty rough goin' on skis all day, even for a veteran... an'
with it snowing like it did ...

1. DEWITT: Never felt better in my life, Jerry. I don't think I was any
2. more tired than you fellows were at that.
3. JERRY: Well yesterday was nothing compared to what today will be if
4. we go by ...
5. DEWITT: Listen, Jerry and you too, Ranger Robbins, you fellows have
6. worked mighty hard to steer me clear of the idea of taking the
7. Dogleg Canyon trail. Well, you might just as well quit trying.
8. I'm going that way if I have to go alone. I think you
9. overexaggerate the dangers of that route. I'm not worried about
10. a few holes or crevices or anything like that. I'm no amateur
11. at this thing.
12. JIM: It's others that are amateurs that'll want to try this route if
13. we lay it out, that I'm worried about .. but suit yourself,
14. DeWitt. Dogleg Canyon it is. But you know we won't let you go
15. alone. There's one thing we all ought to keep in mind though.
16. JERRY: Loose snow, huh, Jim?
17. JIM: Yeah. The snow we had yesterday hasn't had time to pack down.
18. It's sittin' on top the crust caused by that thaw and freeze last
19. week. We've got to be careful, mighty careful ... along Dogleg
20. Canyon, especially.
21. DEWITT: There you go again, Ranger, well, I think I'll head out.
22. JERRY: You mean, by yourself?
23. DEWITT: Oh, I'll take it easy so you fellows can catch up with me. Well,
24. so long.
25. JIM: Wait a minute, DeWitt. How about the first-aid kit?

Lower level below the main level. I don't think I was

most likely than the others were at that

Wells yesterday was nothing compared to what today will be

we go to

Blaine, Jerry and you too. Ranger Robbins you follow

worked right hand to study the side of the lake of

Deer Canyon trail. Well, you might just as well

It's going to be all I like to go down. I think you

overestimate the danger of that work. It's not

a few holes or crevices or anything like that. It's

an old thing

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we let it out. Well, it's a thing that you

Deer Canyon. Being down it is. It's a thing

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well. It's a thing that you should know

about, especially

There, you go again, Jerry, I think I'll

you want, by yourself

Oh, well, it's a thing that you should

at home

It's a thing that you should know

1. DEWITT: Oh-oh, sorry. Forgot it was my turn to lug it. Where is it,
2. Jerry?

3. JERRY: Over there in the corner.

4. DEWITT: Okay. (SLIGHTLY OFF) Say, how about leaving this long wooden
5. splint here, Ranger? We won't be needing it, an' it's a clumsy
6. thing to carry.

7. JIM: I believe I'd take it along, DeWitt. I'm hoping we won't need
8. it, too, but you never can tell about things like that. Best
9. to have it along. Here (GOES SLIGHTLY OFF) I'll help you with
10. the rig ...

11. DEWITT: (OFF) Thanks.

12. JIM: Up with it.... This splint, now, fits this way, up and along
13. your back. It's won't interfere with your skiing. There ...
14. that does it. You're all set, now. You don't even know the
15. splint's there, do you?

16. DEWITT: I still don't think we need to bother with it. But just as
17. you say.

18. JERRY: We'll be with you soon's we clean the cabin and put things
19. straight, Mr. DeWitt.

20. JIM: I'd suggest you wait for us this side of the climb to the edge
21. of the canyon.

22. DEWITT: Oh, I'll be all right. Might as well keep going 'till you fellows
23. catch up with me. Well ... I'll be seeing you. (DOOR OPENS AND
24. CLOSES)

25. JIM: C'mon, let's get a hustle on, Jerry. I don't want DeWitt
(FADE) to get too far ahead of us.

FAUSE

SOUND: OF SKIS SWISHING OVER SNOW

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1. JERRY: (PUFFING) Whew! Take it easy, Jim. Take it easy. Plugging
2. uphill this way is hard going.
3. JIM: (PUFFING) I was afraid he'd try it alone, Jerry. He should
4. have waited back there like I told him.
5. JERRY: I know, Jim. I know. But he can't be very far ahead. We're
6. almost up to the edge of Dogleg Canyon now. An' we've been
7. pushing along like this ever since we left the cabin ... His
8. ski tracks still up ahead?
9. JIM: Yeah, they're heading right up toward the edge.
10. JERRY: Let's rest a minute, Jim. When we reach the top we'll find
11. DeWitt sitting up there, calm as you please, and probably
12. grinning. He's just aching for the chance to say, "See, I told
13. you. Nothing to it."
14. JIM: All right, Jerry ... No ... look, up there ahead!
15. JERRY: Say, there's been a snow-slide, Jim. Gosh, do you suppose ...?
16. JIM: I hope not, Jerry. C'mon, no time to lose ... We've got to get
17. up there (FADE) and make sure ...
18. PAUSE
19. JERRY: You're right, Jim. That's exactly what happened. It's a fresh
20. slide, and there's his ski tracks right up to the edge. The
21. fool, we warned him to keep away from the rim ... Hey, where you
22. goin'? That's too steep that way, Jim!
23. JIM: (SLIGHTLY OFF) We've got to find him, Jerry. He's piled up
24. below somewhere. (FADE) Don't chance coming down if you don't
25. want to, Jerry.

(MURKIN) Where's the... Take it easy...

...hand going...

(MURKIN) I was afraid to try it alone...

...have walked back there like I told him...

I know, Jim, I know, but he can't be very far ahead...

...almost up to the edge of Boggy Canyon now...

...pushing along like this ever since we left the cabin...

...let trouble still us ahead?

...Yeah, they're heading right on toward the edge...

...Let's rest a minute, Jim. When we reach the top we'll...

...Don't sit up there, calm as you please and probably...

...Explain... this is for the chance to see...

...you looking to it?

...All right, sorry... look up those peaks!

...Yeah, there's been a snow-slide, Jim, look, do you suppose...

...I hope not, Jerry, I hope, as this is just...

...up there (LAH) and make sure...

...You're right, Jim. That's exactly what happened, it's a snow...

...slide, and there's this big snow right up to the edge...

...Look, we warned him to keep away from the rim...

...Going? That's too deep that way, Jim!

...GODDAMN IT GUY! Where you go? Jim, Jerry, you're stuck...

...Below... don't waste coming down it...

...same old story...

1. JERRY: Chance nothing. Go ahead, Jim. I'm (FADE) right behind you.

2. FAST MUSIC UP AND OUT

3. JERRY: (WORRIED) - Is he all right, Jim. You don't think he's ...?

4. JIM: No, he's breathing all right. Just unconscious. Can't tell

5. if he's broken any bones til we get him out of this snow he's

6. wrapped in. We better work fast.

7. JERRY: (BREATHLESSLY) Boy, was he lucky, Jim. Rolling down here in

8. the snow like he did, and stopping up against this tree with his

9. arm and head still sticking out. If he head had been buried

10. he'd've suffocated sure.

11. JIM: Keep working with that little shovel, Jerry. We've almost got

12. him out now. There that's it ... (GRUNTS) easy now ... (GRUNTS)

13. I think we can pull him clear ...

14. JERRY: Hold him a minute, Jim. I'll spread this blanket. OK, let him

15. down ...

16. JIM: (GRUNTS) Easy, Jerry ... There, that's fine. Now, let's see

17. what shape he's in ... H-m-m-m, arms are all right... and there's

18. nothing the matter with his legs either.

19. JERRY: But Jim, look at the way he's lying. It's his back. Jim, his

20. back's not broken, is it?

21. JIM: Can't tell... Wait'll I get this knapsack off ... There ... Well,

22. I'll be doggoned... Look, Jerry ... At this splint, there.

23. JERRY: Gosh, it's busted, Jim.

24. JIM: Yeah, but not clear in two. Jerry, this wooden splint saved his

25. back. I'm sure it did ... I'll bet he gets off with nothing

worse than a little sprain ... Wait a minute ..He's coming to .

Gimme that amonia again. Take a deep breath DeWitt ... That's

it. Now again ...

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1. DEWITT: (GROANS) Ohhhh ... Ohhhh... Where ... What happened.... Ohhhh,
2. I remember now ... Say, what a ride that was ...
3. JIM: Take it easy, DeWitt. You're all right... Just lie still a
4. while ...
5. JERRY: Yeah, you're OK, Mr. DeWitt. Everything's all right. We'll
6. get you out of here... Don't worry.
7. DEWITT: We're in Dogleg Canyon?
8. JERRY: Yep. That little tree there kept you from going down to the
9. bottom.
10. DEWITT: You know ... I feel just about like I used to when I was a kid
11. and Mother caught me in the jam closet. I wish I could tell
12. you how ...
13. JIM: No need to say anything, DeWitt.
14. JERRY: Shucks, no.
15. DEWITT: Well ... after we get back to the cabin and rest up a bit maybe
16. we can go ahead and scout that other route. (FADE) I guess you
17. were right all the time, Jim.
18. MUSIC UP AND OUT
19. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each Friday in the
20. National Farm and Home Hour as a presentation of the National
21. Broadcasting Company, with the cooperation of the United States
22. Forest Service.
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