Matt Dillon takes "THE MARSHAL'S GAMBLE"
"I'm Matt Dillon, Dodge City Marshal."

"When gunslicks go steamin' for trouble."

"This town's in plenty of hot water . . ."

"Then it's my job to cool things off."

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Maybe your luck'll change this hand... -- Not with marked cards, Dodd!

Marked cards? Yo—you're crazy! -- We're getting our money back and fast!

Look out! He's heeled!

M—My gun... -- I'll fix that Tinhorn card dealer!
Hold it! We're trying to cut down on noise here in Dodge City!

Now what was this all about? He used a marked deck!

That's a lie! They're just bad losers, Marshal!

There's one way to settle this! Let's see the deck!

Hey! Wh-what's the idea?

There! See any markings? - No! Not on this deck!

Now let's check this deck of cards -- the one you tried to hide!
SEEMS THE GENTLEMEN WERE RIGHT! BETTER GIVE THEM BACK THEIR LOSINGS!

THANKS, MARSHAL! WE'LL WARN THE REST OF THE BAR W TRAIL CREW TO STEER CLEAR OF THIS ROBBERS' ROOST!

NEXT TIME I FIND YOU CHEATING OR LYING -- I'LL RUN YOU OUT OF TOWN!

LATE THAT NIGHT... DODD, LOCK UP THE MONEYBAG WHILE I GET MY HORSE! I WANT TO DEPOSIT TODAY'S PICKINGS AT THE BANK.

SURE!

OWW!

PUT EM HIGH!
WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT?

--DON'T ACT DUMB, DEALER!

Minutes later, Dodd finishes telling of the robbery...

AND THEY WERE BAR W MEN, MARSHAL! I'M SURE OF THAT!

WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE?

MR. DILLON, WASN'T HE IN A FIGHT TODAY WITH TWO BAR W HANDS?

YES, CHESTER! AND YOU'RE PROBABLY WONDERING THE SAME THING I AM--

HERE! DO--DON'T SHOOT!

JUST KEEP REACHING FOR THE CEILING AND YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT!

I SAW THE BAR W BRAND ON ONE ROBBER'S HOLSTER! -- YOU CAN RECOGNIZE ANOTHER ONE OF EM BY HIS BROKEN SPUR!

I'LL RIDE OVER TO WHERE THAT TRAIL CREW IS CAMPING AND CHECK! MEANWHILE, YOU'D BETTER LOOK AFTER YOUR BOSS!

IS DODD OUT FOR REVENGE -- DESCRIBING THE TWO MEN OF EARLIER AS THE ONES WHO TOOK PART IN THE ROBBERY? OR IS HE IN CAHOOTS WITH THE REAL ROBBERS AND TRYING TO THROW US OFF THEIR TRAIL? OR IS HE TELLING THE TRUTH FOR ONCE?
 Shortly after dawn...
LINE UP YOUR MEN,  
I WANT TO CHECK THEM!
SURE, MARSHAL! BUT  
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?  
I'VE GOT WORK FOR 'EM TO DO!

There was a robbery in Dodge last night and someone thinks he saw your men!

Someone's loco! Look 'em over if you like!

You... stand over there!

Me? Why me?

When did you bust that spur last night?

No, Marshal, busted it two days ago!

Too bad! You both fit the description of two of the men! You're coming to town with me!

Hold on, Marshal! I don't let anyone haul off my men!
MAYBE YOU'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION IN MY CASE!

GOT ANY EVIDENCE AGAINST 'EM?

GAMBLER NAMED DODD SAID ONE OF THE ROBBERS HAD A BAR W BRAND ON HIS HOLSTER—ANOTHER HAD A BROKEN SPUR!

THAT TINHORN'S YOUR WITNESS?

I'M GOING ALONG WITH HIM ON THIS!

GO AHEAD, MARSHAL! BUT WE'LL PULL THE JAIL DOWN OVER YOUR EARS AND YOU CAN TELL DODD THAT HE'LL BE CASHING IN HIS CHIPS TODAY!

MARSHAL! MARSHAL, I HEARD THE BAR W CREW THREATENED TO GET ME!

BAD NEWS TRAVELS FAST, DOESN'T IT?

LOOK, I KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE ME, BUT YOU'RE THE LAW HERE! I'VE BEEN THREATENED SO YOU HAVE TO SAVE MY SKIN!

SOON... HOW LONG'S THIS FOR?

COURT CONVENES TOMORROW!
May I have my own reputation to worry about first? How do I know that an admitted cheat like you isn't lying?

Lo-look at me! Do you think I'd lie to get myself into a fix like this?

Mr. Dillon, he's sure stirring up a hornet's nest!

Yes, Chester! Better check the weapons before the barroom crew comes calling.

If we were only sure that he was right about identifying the robbers! We'll just have to play along with his word till something comes up to show us it's wrong!

Yesterday, you told me the cards were unmarked! I had to shake the truth out of you!

So this is what I get for helping the law! I give you a lead on the four robbers and now you're going to throw me to the wolves!
Later that afternoon.

We all here, boys?

Yes, Wells! I've rounded up every bar w' rider in Dodge!

Let's make plans about how to bust our pals out of the cooler. But first I'll stand everyone to a round! Miss...

I've got the order.

A triangle mark... that chip came from the robbed casino!

But I'd better pretend I saw nothing!
IF I TRY TO GO TO MATT, THE CROOK WHO DROPPED IT WILL KNOW WHAT I'M UP TO, BUT I MUST GET WORD TO MATT!

HELLO, KITTY! I WANT A DINNER TO GO OUT FOR OUR VISITOR!

IF YOU MEAN DODD, MAKE IT A GOOD MEAL! YES, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE HIS LAST!

IF I WERE YOU, BOYS, I'D LET THE COURT SETTLE THIS!

WE'RE JUST PASSING THROUGH! DODD WORKS HERE! HIS WORD'LL PULL WEIGHT! BUT OUR TWO MEN WON'T BE AROUND FOR ANY COURT TRIAL IN THE MORNING! AND YOU CAN TELL THAT TO YOUR STAR-TOURING PAL!

MR. DILLON, THE CAFE IS CRAWLING WITH BAR W HANDS!

TRAIL CREWS GET HUNGRY, TOO!

YES, BUT THEY'RE HUNGRY FOR A FIGHT!

--HEY!!

WHAT'S THE TROUBLE? ISN'T THE DINNER GOOD ENOUGH?

I DIDN'T ORDER THIS CHIP IN MY FOOD!
Kitty's getting a little careless! No, Chester! It's from the robbed casino! Kitty must have wanted me to know that one of the bar hands in her place dropped this there!

Then come with me, Dodd, if you want someone to hold your hand! Go over there and face that bunch? Not me! Even without you, it's safer here!

TH-THEN HE WASN'T LYING? - And that means the other two bar hands who were in on the holdup will really be out to free their pals from here before they might talk!

Maybe Kitty can point out the fellow who dropped the chip! That's what I'm going over to find out!

No, you're not! That deputy of yours can't hold the fort alone! Remember, I'm your star witness! I want you here!

CRAASH!
GET DOWN!

TYPHON! IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR
OFFICE VENTILATED WITH BULLET HOLES-
SEND OUT MY TWO MEN AND SEND
DODD ALONG WITH 'EM!

IF YOU WANT TO COLLECT YOUR TWO
MEN, COME TO COURT TOMORROW! IF THE
JUDGE FREES THEM, THEY'RE YOURS! AG
FOR DODD, HE'S HAPPY HERE!

THIS WILL SHOW YOU WE
AREN'T PLAYING GAMES!
Better do as they say, Marshal! There isn't much glory in being planted in Boot Hill!

No—there isn't!

Marshal! Yo-you're not turning your back on me...

We'll, they're going to make a stand!

Cut loose with your dogs!
They're going to rush us!

-- Fire close to their horses, Chester!

I want to make them bolt!

Bang! Blam!

Neigh!

Png! Zing!

Make your bullets head them for the bar w crew!

I see what you're aiming to do, Mr. Dillon, and it might work!

And as the men start to dash for the marshal's office...

Wells!

Stop, you fool critters, stop!

Run!
MR DILLON!

--CHESTER,
COVER ME!

I'LL HERD THE HORSES AND LET
THEM HERD THE BAR W CREW!

WELLS, IT'S A
DEAD END!

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OUT--
PAST ME! DROP YOUR GUNS!

BETTER DO AS
HE SAYS!

NOT ME! I'LL BLAST
MY WAY OUT OF HERE!
A minute later...

Dodd, can you pick out the rest of the casino robbers?

I sure can try, Marshal, and it'll be a privilege to aid the law!

Him—He's one—That fellow—and this joker!

Step out!
YOU SAID ONLY FOUR MEN ROBBED THE PLACE! WE ALREADY HAVE TWO IN THE CELL.

SURE, BUT THERE WERE TWO OTHER MEN OUTSIDE WITH THE HORSES!

HE’S LYING! I WASN’T IN A MILLION MILES OF THE PLACE!

HE’S JUST TRYING TO PIN THIS ON US BECAUSE OF THE FIGHT WE HAD WITH HIM THERE EARLIER!

YOU’RE SURE ALL THESE FOUR WERE IN ON THE HOLDUP...

POSITIVE!

I’M NOT GETTING LOCKED UP FOR SOMETHING I DIDN’T DO! THAT TINHORN WAS RIGHT WHEN HE PICKED OUT FRANK AND BLACKIE!

I SAW THEM RIDE IN LATE AND DIVIDE SOME MONEY WITH THE TWO YOU JAILED THIS...

...I’LL FIX THAT SQUEALING POLECAT!
I knew Dodd was lying when he picked out two extra men, but I hoped your anger would make you spill the truth about the others! It did—and you'll be here tomorrow as a witness or you'll be jailed for contempt of court!

The next day—

Those four robbers won't be bothering anyone for quite a spell and I reckon that hundred dollar fine on the bar w crew for breaking the peace will tame them!

Well—what do you know, Marshal—you beat me!

And he's going to use this deck to draw against me! If I have the high card, he leaves Dodge! If he has the high card, he stays!

Shortly after...

Still can't figure how Dodd lost with his own deck!

He didn't, Chester! Dodd knew I wanted him out of town—and I was sure if I gave him the chance, he'd pick the right card!
I WAS ON THESE STEPS FIRST, SO YOU CAN WAIT!

WHEN JIM JASPS TELLS YOU TO GIVE WAY -- YOU JUMP!

HOLD ON, STRANGER! DON'T TRY DRAWING AGAINST JASPS!

NO DODGE CITY GUNSLICK LIKE HIM IS ORDERING ME AROUND!

OWW!
PUT IT UP, JASPS!

SURE, MARSHAL! I wasn't planning on gunning him any more! All I did was fire one shot-- and that was in SELF-DEFENSE!

CHESTER, GET THE DOC! HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT! I DIDN'T AIM TO PLANT HIM!

JASPS, YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH SHOOTING AROUND DODGE--

--THEN RUN ME IN, MARSHAL! BUT WHAT'S THE CHARGE? EVERYONE HERE'S MY WITNESS THAT I HAD TO CUT LOOSE-- IN SELF-DEFENSE!

YOU GOT HIM, JIM! YES, SIRREE! JUST LOOK AT THAT MARSHAL! HE'S BLOWING BIG, BUT HE HAVEN'T A LEGAL LEG TO STAND ON-- NOT AGAINST MY BIG BROTHER

SAY, MARSHAL, WHY DON'T YOU TRY DRAWING AGAINST JIM? OR AREN'T YOU FAST ENOUGH?

THE ONLY TIME I DRAW, ED JASPS, IS IN SELF-DEFENSE!
THE NAME IS ED—ED JASPS, MY BROTHER IS JIM JASPS! NOW DO YOU "REMEMBER" SAYING IT WAS ALL RIGHT FOR US TO TRADE HORSES?

JIM JASPS' BROTHER!—SURE THE SWITCH IS OKAY.

MISTER, THE LAW WILL BACK YOU IF YOU ARE BEING ROBBED— AND BROTHER JIM BACKS ME!
I didn't make any trade, Marshal!

Come along, Ed! We've a special cell for horse thieves!

Save it!

An hour later...

Mi-mister Dillon!

M-my hand!

I warned you that I'd draw like Jim--in self-defense!

Where's that meddling Star-toter?
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR ME, JA'SPS, CLIMB DOWN!

YOU WANTED TO SEE ME!

BETTER LET GO OF MY HORSE!

I WANT MY BROTHER FREED!

--I WILL, SOON AS HE CLEARS OUT OF MY OFFICE!

THAT'S UP TO THE JUDGE AND THE JURY WHO'LL TRY HIM FOR HORSE STEALING THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW!

THERE WON'T BE ANY TRIAL, MARSHAL. NOT WITHOUT ITS STAR WITNESS!

CRASH!

THAT EVENING
THE BULLET SLAMMING AGAINST HIS HOLSTER AND MOMENTARILY DAZED, CHESTER STARTS TO RISE. HE'S OUT OF RANGE—AND HE'S GOT TOO BIG A LEAD! I'VE LOST HIM!
Mister Dillon stationed me here just in case this happened—and I failed him!

His threat! But unfortunately, it takes more evidence than that to convict a man!

Then Git! I'm a law-abiding citizen! Only shoot in self-defense, only let a marshal search my place when he's got the proper search warrant.

'Soon... I know you tried your best, Chester! Hold the fort while I ride over to Jim Jasps!'

What makes you so sure he was the man?

An hour later at Jasps' ranch got a search warrant that says you can check my gun?

'Night, Jasps! It's good to know Dodge has such a legal-minded resident.'

Later...
RIP!

GET BACK!

SNAAP!

NOW TO SEE WHO WAS TRYING TO RIP OUT THE CELL BAR—AS IF I COULDN'T GUESS!

HALT!
SOMEONE'S LUCK IS STILL HOLDING!

WHERE'S YOUR HORSE?

AT THE HITCHRAIL! CHECK FOR YOURSELF!

AM I? WELL, I'LL BE BACK AT NOON FOR ED! I WANT HIM OUT BY THEN!

NEXT MORNING...

JASPS, I'D LIKE TO SEE YOUR LARIAT!

SEE ANY ROPE?

NO, BUT IF I FOUND ONE, I'M SURE IT WOULD BE A LITTLE SHORTER THAN IT WAS LAST NIGHT! MAYBE THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE COMING TO THE END OF THE ROPE!

COURT MEETS TOMORROW! I'D BE SURPRISED IF HE'S OUT EVEN THEN!

I SAID I'D COME TO FETCH HIM AND THAT'S WHAT I WILL DO AT NOON!
As the day wears on. Five-to-nine says Jasps shows. You won't get any takers no matter what odds you give.

He's right! Everyone knows Jasps will come and that means a shooting showdown.

And as the twelfth stroke resounds through Dodge... Jim Jasps is right on time. Yes! And he's got a horse saddled for Ed!
Dillon, you going to turn my brother loose?

I'm not bluffing!

I never figured you were!

You're on schedule, Jasps — the answer is no!

I want Ed out! And the law wants him in!

Everyone, back off! There's going to be lead flying!
GO ON, DILLON, GRAB FOR YOUR GUN!

MY JOB IS TO KEEP THE PEACE!

I SAID DRAW!

I WILL ... WHEN I HAVE TO!

ALL RIGHT, DILLON! NOW!

NEVER SEEN THE LIKE!

WELL I'LL BE ... A DOUBLE HIT!
They're both unarmed!

I'll fix you, Dillon without a gun!

This is going to cost you quite a spell in the cooler!

First you've got to put me there!

The pleasure'll be all mine!

Kick the door, Jim! Lock him in with us!
HERE'S WHAT WE'RE AFTER!

I SAID I'D FREE YOU!

JIM, I ALWAYS KNEW YOU WOULD!

BUT GETTING CLEAR OF DODGE ISN'T GOING TO BE EASY!

THIS WILL MAKE IT EASIER!

COME ON, WHILE THE MARSHAL'S STILL OUT COLD!

WAIT, JIM! I'VE GOT SOME BUSINESS TO FINISH UP HERE!

WE HAVEN'T TIME -- QUIT SHAKING ME! IT'LL ONLY TAKE ONE PAST SHOT!
TOUGH LUCK, BOYS?

SLAM!

LOOKS LIKE THIS JUST ISN'T YOUR LUCKY DAY!

SNAP!

MATT, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

YES, KITTY! THOUGHT I'D STEP OUTSIDE! HATE TO INTRUDE ON A FAMILY REUNION... AND FOR THAT FAMILY, THE REUNION IS SURE BEING HELD IN THE RIGHT PLACE!

THE KEY! -- GET THE KEY BEFORE HE PULLS IT OUT!

WITH THAT KEY BROKEN OFF, IT'LL TAKE A LOCKSMITH TO OPEN YOUR CELL ... AND SOMEHOW, I CAN'T SEE MYSELF HURRYING TO FIND ONE.

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