

## **ARIZONA BOB IN “LOOKING FOR HARRY” – CHAPTER THREE**

### *A Larger Than Life adventure*

*Story Advancing Scene: AZ and Sarah Jane are having breakfast in the hotel café. The café is lightly occupied.*

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“I’m telling you AZ, that fellow keeps staring at me,” Sarah Jane whispered. “That baldheaded chap in the corner...there.”

AZ discretely looked over in the general direction and saw the guy she was talking about. Rather non-descript AZ thought.

“Are you sure?” he asked as he turned back to Sarah Jane. “He seems harmless enough.”

“Well you better hope so because he’s coming this way.”

AZ turned around and watched as the odd little man walked up to the table. He cleared his throat and said in halting English.

“Yes. Good morning.” He looked to his left and right nervously. “You...you were one of the people in the Blue Parrot last night, yes?”

“Morning to you,” Sarah Jane replied.

“I’m sorry, I was speaking to the man.” He said with slight irritation. “That was you?”

AZ nodded and said, “Yes. I don’t remember seeing you there though. Can I help you?”

“No, no but perhaps I can help you.” Again he looked around. “Do you mind if I sit?”

Sarah frowned but AZ offered him a chair. “Hungry?”

The bald man smiled a gape-toothed grin and laughed nervously. “Hungry? No. No, but thank you.”

“Suit yourself,” AZ grinned. “You were saying.”

“Yes. You are looking for someone I believe?” Bald Man began.

Sarah obviously gave it away that they were and the Bald Man chuckled. Sarah fought down the urge to punch the man.

“Could be,” AZ replied. He watched the man for any “tells”, trying to read his face. He appeared to be agitated. He saw Saunders and Winnie coming into the café behind the Bald Man.

“Let’s sit here,” Saunders said motioning to a table between the door and where AZ sat. Winnie was about to question when he saw the strange man at the table as well. Understanding he sat down next to Saunders.

“Well I think you are.” The Bald Man reached into his pocket, AZ reached for his gun, but the Bald Man was quicker. He placed a ring on the table between the three of them. With a slight snort he spoke “Blogett said you’d come looking for him. He said that he just wants to be left alone. To tell whoever came looking to leave him alone. He gave this to me to show you. To show you that I’m telling the truth. Look inside.”

AZ picked up the ring and looked inside at the inscription. “To Harry, many thanks. WH”

“It’s Harry’s,” Sarah said. “Father gave it to him as a gift.”

AZ noticed the Bald Man’s eyes widen ever so slightly. All those nights at the card table paid off. Sarah had gotten the Bald Man’s attention.

“So where is Harry?” AZ asked.

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*After the fight at the Blue Parrot Café the next scene was a Story Advancing Scene. This meant that there would be a Clue that would advance the story if it were solved. The group would have to find someone and get the info from him. But before that there would be a Travel Scene. A few die rolls and it was determined that he could be found in town so I set up the scene. I also rolled for a possible encounter during the Travel Scene but didn't get one. Now was the time to see if AZ could get the info from the guy.*

*AZ would use his Influence Skill. As the Bald Man didn't have it he was at a disadvantage. But only after some haggling he agreed to provide info about Blogett. AZ had solved his first clue.*

*Sarah decided she wanted to buy the ring from Bald Man. The Bald Man quickly agreed and for an agreed upon price Sarah bought the ring.*

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*As the man left AZ gave Saunders the high sign that it was okay for him to leave. As Winnie and Saunders made their way to the table AZ said to Sarah.*

*"I don't like it. He was too agreeable with you."*

*"It doesn't matter," she said dismissively. "Father! It's Harry's ring."*

*Winnie took the ring and looked at it. He wasn't smiling.*

*"So who was that?" he began.*

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*With the end of the scene it was time to go back to the Advance the Story Table to see what the next scene would be. A few die rolls and it was determined that the group had to get some info from someone. A Local Authority as a matter of fact. Winnie decided it was time to have a talk with their new acquaintance, Inspector Azizz.*

*FYI – After I had found out that the group had found the Bald Man (I played it where he had found them, same thing) I knew I wouldn't have to set up the scene – use figures, so played it out with a few die rolls. I added the commentary to flesh out the story.*

#### **ARIZONA BOB IN "LOOKING FOR HARRY" – CHAPTER FOUR**

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*Story Advancing Scene – Winnie decided that he would go see Inspector Azizz alone while AZ and Saunders would try and find out more about the Bald Man. Winnie told Sarah to stay at the hotel but she would have nothing of it and went with AZ and Saunders. Again a Travel Scene was called for. Even if the Star is going from one part of the town to the other, as in this case, a Travel Scene occurs. But it's simply a matter of rolling for an encounter during the scene for each group. There wasn't one. There were two!*

*A few die rolls and they were set. This time I'd need my figures!*

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*Winnie turned left as he had been instructed and went down the small alley. Suddenly a figure stepped into the alley a gun flashed into his hand. Winnie drew and fired. He missed but the figure darted behind the wall. Cautiously Winnie moved forward. The man stepped around the corner and Winnie fired again. The man screamed and fell back behind the wall out of sight. Winnie charged around the corner and saw the man bleeding on the ground. Winnie kicked the pistol away and knelt down. The man was still conscious. It was one of men from the night before at the Blue Parrot. Winnie began to question him when he heard the sound of police sirens coming towards him. Placing his gun to the man's head he continued to interrogate him.*

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*The encounter was Winnie being followed to the police station. I rolled a few dice and it was determined that he had run into a lower Rep fellow like the ones from the night before so I decided he would be one of the same guys. Rolling on the Gain The Upper Hand Table went right to combat. Winnie drew first (his*

story would be that the other guy drew first) but in any case he fired, missed and the bad guy ducked back behind the wall. He activated next and popped out to take a shot but Winnie fired first due to the In Sight test. Even with losing 2d6 for rushing his shot and with the guy in cover Winnie still wounded him. Winnie activated first and ran around the corner and captured the defenseless man. The gunfire meant it was only a matter of time before the police would show so Winnie had to work fast.

Taking a task test using Influence and using the pistol for motivation the bad guy spilled the beans. Another Clue was solved but he had wasted enough time for the Police to show up. Deciding he couldn't take a chance of being arrested Winnie slipped away.

Next AZ and....but that's the next chapter.