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RANGER BILL #2

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PROGRAM

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USED

## CAST:

Announcer

Bill

Henry

## MUSIC:

Signature:

See script for moods and  
bridges

## SOUND:

Usual opening

Wolf Howl

Night Noises

Camp Fire

Leaf through Bible

Wood on Fire

Stir up Fire

Sootsteps on Grass

Rock Rifle

Body Fall

Scuffling and Scrambling

Rattlesnake Rattle

Three Gun Shots

Open First Aid Kit

Open Wooden Box

*Wate. affected Sound  
Sound over speech*

1. SOUND: CRASH OF THUNDER:

2. BARK AND HOWL OF WOLF:

3. ANNOUNCER: R-A-N-G-E-R B-I-L-L -- Warrior of the Woodland.

4. SOUND: CRASH OF THUNDER:

5. ANNOUNCER: Ranger Bill -- Warrior of the woodland...Struggling against  
6. extreme odds; traveling dangerous trails; fighting the  
7. many enemies of nature; this is the job of the guardian  
8. of the forest, Ranger Bill...Pouring rain, freezing cold,  
9. blistering heat; snow, floods, bears, rattlesnakes and  
10. mountain lions....Yes, all this in exchange for the sat-  
11. isfaction and pride of a job well done.

12. ORGAN: PAYOFF

13. ANNOUNCER: Half of Pendleton valley is on fire and Colonel Anders  
14. and his men fight desperately to keep ~~the fire~~ <sup>it</sup> from  
15. spreading across the valley and into the praries and  
16. forests beyond...but the fire creeps forward in spite of  
17. all the rangers can do....The Colonel has stationed  
18. Ranger Bill at Pine Ridge Dam to dynamite it if the fire  
19. gets out of control...

20. SOUND: NIGHT NOISES FADE IN BKGD (CONTINUE THRU SCENE)

21. Meanwhile, our friends have arrived at Pine Ridge Dam  
22. and have set up camp. Bill is getting ready to sleep and  
23. Henry his young pal, prepares for his lonesome midnight  
24. watch...

25. SOUND: WOLF HOWL

*more*

1. ANNOUNCER: Sasay listen to that wolf howl, makes you feel kind of  
2. spooky, doesn't it?

3. SOUND: WOLF AGAIN

4. BILL: Funny, isn't it, how a wolf howl can make you feel lone-  
5. some. Oh, by the way, (FIRM VOICE, NOT STERN) Henry, I  
6. want to warn you about the woods here, Whenever you walk  
7. off the trail be very careful about rattlesnakes and  
8. copperheads. Keep a sharp eye when stepping over logs  
9. because the snakes hide on the other side.

10. HENRY: Yeah, give the log a good kick to find out if there's  
11. anybody home. Right, Bill?

12. BILL: Right, but even then keep your eyes peeled and ears open.  
13. And remember a good fire will discourage any social visit  
14. from bears, wolves, or mountain lions.

15. SOUND: STIR FIRE

16. BILL: Hey, whatcha stirring up the fire for?

17. HENRY: Just discouraging social visits...Sure wouldn't like to  
18. wake up with my arm around ol' Uncle Joe. I like cats  
19. but not as big as he is.

20. BILL: You and me both, Henry. Uncle Joe's the biggest mountain  
21. lion around these parts. Here's mosquito ointment and  
22. my wrist watch. Wake me up at eleven-thirty. If you  
23. get the signal, rouse me out at once.

24. HENRY: Okay, Bill...got it.

1. BILL: (KINDLY VOICE) And now, partner, let's have a little talk
2. with the Creator of this wonderful garden. Read John 1:12
3. will you, Henry?
4. SOUND: - - - LEAF THROUGH BIBLE:
5. HENRY: Let's see, John 1:2,5,10,12 here we are. "But as many as
6. received him, to them gave he the power to become the sons
7. of God, even to them that believe on his name."
8. BILL: That's my favorite verse of Scripture.
9. HENRY: Why, Bill?
10. BILL: Remember the time I was ambushed by a wounded bear and
11. got a severe mangling?
12. HENRY: Yeah, when you were trying to find a lost girl.
13. BILL: Yes, that was the time.
14. HENRY: Boy, that ol' bear sure made a mess out of you. Even the
15. doctor gave up hope of you pulling through.
16. BILL: I knew only the Lord could help me, but I wasn't saved.
17. Then I remembered this verse of Scripture I learned in
18. Sunday School and right then and there I received Jesus
19. as my Savior.
20. HENRY: And the Lord put you right back pounding the trail again.
21. BILL: That's right and I enjoy every minute of it...(PAUSE)...
22. Would you pray, Henry.

1. HENRY: Heavenly Father we thank You for the Lord Jesus Christ
2. who came into our hearts. We thank You for the safe
3. trip and please help Colonel Anders and his men put out
4. the fire. Bless everyone at home and help them not to
5. worry. Help me to stand my watch, and thank You for
6. letting me be a real ranger's helper. In Jesus' name.
7. Amen.
8. BILL: Amen....good night, ranger.
9. HENRY: 'night!
10. *Poor* ORGAN: BRIDGE (LULLABY-LIKE) → 10 sec
11. SOUND: WOLF HOWL - FIRE AND NIGHT NOISES:
12. ANNOUNCER: Henry keeps a sharp watch, but every now and again he has
13. to stretch and walk around to keep awake.
14. *No wolf* SOUND: WOOD ON FIRE: — *wood on blanket & cellophane*
15. ANNOUNCER: Now he puts more wood on the fire and as he straightnes
16. up he glances toward Bill.
17. HENRY: (TO SELF) Thought I saw something move behind Bill...
18. Nope, guess my eyes are playing tricks on me. Hmnnnnnn....
19. Only ten more minutes and I'll be off watch. (STRETCH
20. AND YAWN) Boy, will I ever be glad to get some sleep.
21. (YAWN) Guess I'll poke the fire up. (
22. SOUND: FIRE UP SLIGHTLY:

1. HENRY: There that's bet--- (GETS VERY EXCITED) Huh...What. Oh  
2. no! It can't be. (MOAN OF DESPAIR). (LOUD HOARSE  
3. WHISPER) Bill! Bill! Don't move. Bill, please don't  
4. move.....Can you hear me?
5. BILL: (~~HOARSE WHISPER~~) Yes pal, I hear you. What's the matter?
6. HENRY: (PART WHISPER--PART SHOUT) There's a big rattlesnake  
7. stretched across your legs.
8. ~~ORGAN: STINGER (TENSE AND WEIRD)~~
9. ~~SOUND: FIRE AND NIGHT NOISES - UP AND SUSTAIN UNDER:~~
10. BILL: (WHISPER) What a spot! ....As long as I don't move, our  
11. long friend will be sociable....
12. HENRY: (WHISPER) What 'cha gonna do, Bill?
13. BILL: (WHISPER - PONDER) I don't know....I've been in a lot  
14. of snaky spots, but never one like this.
15. HENRY: (WHISPER) Should I get a club?
16. BILL: (WHISPER) No, anything but that.....Get my rifle out of  
17. the saddle holster.
18. ~~SOUND: FOOTSTEPS ON GRASS: (Running)~~
19. HENRY: (WHISPER) (FADE OFF) I'll be right back...PAUSE...  
20. *Cw* (FADE IN) I'm ready, Bill.
21. BILL: (WHISPER) I'm going to try to throw the blanket over  
22. the snake. We've got to get out of this mess before we  
23. get the signal to blow the dam...Stand clear now and

*John: Not quite so much noise*

1. BILL: be ready to shoot.

2. SOUND: --- COCK RIFLE: (SLIDE RIFLE BOLT.)

3. HENRY: (WHISPER) I'm ready when you are. Watch it! Bill! he's  
4. moving!

5. SOUND: --- SCUFFLING AND SCRAMBLING: - BODY FALL:

6. BILL: (FULL VOICE) Now! Henry! (ACTION -- THROWING BLANKET  
7. OVER SNAKE, GETTING OUT OF BLANKET, UP, AND AWAY).....  
8. (TRIP AND FALL) - (GASP AND GROAN) Ow!....Ohhh, my ankle.

9. HENRY: (FULL VOICE) (OFF MIKE) Bill! did he bite you?

10. BILL: No! my foot's caught in a root.

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12. the blanket.

13. BILL: I can't, I sprained my ankle. My foot's wedged under  
14. this root.

15. HENRY: ~~MADE IN MIKE~~ *OFF MIKE* I'll help you.

16. BILL: (GROAN) No, stay there and... Henry! the rattler's coming  
17. out. Shoot, man, shoot!

*over*  
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1. BILL: Good boy. Say, while you're over there, stretch out  
2. that trouble maker. Let's see how long he is.
3. HENRY: (OFF MIKE) He sure is a whopper....I'd say about six  
4. feet, wouldn't you?
5. BILL: I think so. Sure would've been curtains if he'd nailed  
6. me.
7. HENRY: (OFF MIKE) Bill, where is the first aid kit ?
8. BILL: Should be in the bottom of the bag.
9. HENRY: (OFF MIKE) Here it is.
10. SOUND: --- WALK INTO MIKE: OPEN KIT:
11. HENRY: (FADE IN) This sure is a nice kit. Snake bite equipment  
12. and everything.
13. BILL: Yes, comes in handy. Give me a three inch bandage and  
14. some vaseline and I'll wrap my ankle.
15. HENRY: <sup>720</sup> I'll help you take your boot and sock off.
16. BILL: (NOAN) Hey!! take it easy.
17. HENRY: I'm sorry Bill. I didn't mean to hurt'cha.
18. BILL: I know, pal, but she's sore as a boil, and I've got to  
19. wrap it up tight.
20. HENRY: I'll rub the vaseline on...Your ankle sure is turning  
21. black and blue....

1. BILL: (GROWL) My fingers are all thumbs, trying to wrap this  
2. ankle.
3. HENRY: Maybe I can wrap it easier than you can. I learned  
4. bandaging in Boy's Club.
5. BILL: Okay, try it....Say, you're pretty good....just a little  
6. tighter....There that's good...Feels better already.
7. HENRY: That's good.
8. BILL: Now, young feller, you're going to sleep while I keep  
9. watch.
10. HENRY: Aww...I'm not tired. Can't I stay up? What if we have  
11. some more visitors?
12. BILL: You're going to sleep. Remember, you're the one that's  
13. going to do all the work because I can't walk very well.  
14. So get all the rest you can.
15. HENRY: (YAWNING) Uh-huh. I'll try. 'Night Bill.
16. BILL: 'Night Ranger.
17. ORGAN: <sup>30</sup> BRIDGE: (TRANQUIL AND SOFT)
18. ANNOUNCER: Well, if you ask me, a sprained ankle is better than a  
19. deadly injection from a rattlesnake's fang. An ankle  
20. swollen from a sprain is better than a leg swollen from  
21. a snake bite. Would you have done things the same way  
22. Bill and Henry did? Yes, boys and girls, Bill and Henry  
23. were in a pretty tight jam and they did a good job of

1. ANNOUNCER: getting out of it (PAUSE) with a whole hide. But....  
2. their troubles are just beginning...Now they're waiting for  
3. a signal from the fire tower. Will they have to blow up  
4. the dam? Let's pull up a knapsack and join Bill as he  
5. watches. Everything's quieted down now.

6. SOUND: --- FIRE AND NIGHT NOISES:

7. HENRY: Bill, what time is it?

8. BILL: Two A.M. -- I thought you were sleeping.

9. HENRY: I can't. I'm not tired.

10. BILL: Well try again.

11. HENRY: Aw....fine pal you are.

12. BILL: Close your 'tater trap or I'll mash it...Go to sleep.

13. HENRY: I can't. I'm too excited...(PAUSE) Maybe we'll have to  
14. blow up the dam? Huh?

15. BILL: Could be. But you'll have to do it. I can hardly walk,  
16. much less shinny along the top of a moss covered dam.

17. HENRY: Bill?

18. BILL: What?

19. HENRY: Do all people bitten by snakes die?

20. BILL: No, you have a chance to live.

21. HENRY: What do you mean "chance".

1. BILL: Well...people who get no treatment at all have an 8 to 1  
2. chance to live, but if they're treated they have a 30 to  
3. 1 chance to make the grade.
4. HENRY: Bill, where would you put a tourniquet if somebody got  
5. bit in the head or face?
6. BILL: I'd put it about the neck and release in fifteen minutes.
7. HENRY: I never thought of that...(PAUSE) Heyyy...The guy'd choke  
8. to death!
9. BILL: (CHUCKLE) You're right on the beam, Henry. Now let's  
10. see just what would we do...? *FIRST OF ALL A FEW HRS TO*
11. ORGAN: BRIDGE: (SHARP AND IMPORTANT) *Adapted from*  
*original script*
12. ANNOUNCER: It's important boys and girls to know snakes and snake  
13. bite treatment. This is important to all outdoor young  
14. people. Why even around this part of the country there  
15. are rattlesnakes and copperheads. But don't kill harm-  
16. less, non-poisonous snakes. They're your friends. If  
17. you can't identify a snake leave it alone. Remember God  
18. put snakes in our fields and gardens for a purpose.  
19. Protect harmless snakes and they'll protect you. They  
20. eat harmful insects and rodents. Now...back to our  
21. story. Henry finally fell asleep and Bill is keeping  
22. watch but he's not alone...His throbbing ankle keeps  
23. him company.
24. SOUND: FIRE AND NIGHT NOISES:

1. BILL: (TO SELF) Ohhh my aching ankle...Man alive, look at that  
2. lightning, must be a storm brewing. I think I hear thun-  
3. *Thunder* der... A good rain would put the fire out but would make  
4. the moss on the dam awfully slippery...Look's like the  
5. fire's getting worse.
6. HENRY: (TALK IN SLEEP) Snakes -- dynamite -- blow up -- mumble.
7. BILL: (CHUCKLE) Ol' boy's talking in his sleep. Sure is a  
8. good kid....Henry! Henry! wake up! The message is  
9. coming.
10. HENRY: I can't shoot, Bill!
11. BILL: Come on, snake killer, wake up. They're sending the  
12. message.
13. HENRY: Message...what mess -- oh you mean -- what does it say?
14. BILL: *S* S - T - A - N - D B - Y TO B - L - O - W D - A - M.  
15. Stand by to blow dam.
16. SOUND: OPENING BOX *gun cord*
17. HENRY: Wow! Here we go -- where's the dynamite?
18. *Gate* BILL: Hey, calm down...Here, I'll help you fix the bundles...  
19. Be sure there's an extra long fuse...We'll blow the flood  
20. gate off and the water pressure'll do the rest.
21. HENRY: How'm I gonna get out to the gate?
22. BILL: That's easy...Walk out. There isn't any water flowing  
23. over the top of the dam so the moss'll be dry.

1. HENRY: WHAT! that thing's only a foot wide
2. BILL: Don't be afraid, If you go across carefully you'll be
3. all right.
4. HENRY: Hey, Bill! Another message. B-L-O-W T-H-E D-A-M: --
5. (PAUSE) A-N-D-E-R-S. Blow the dam -- signed, Anders.
6. BILL: Henry, fasten those bundles of dynamite to your belt and
7. get started. Now listen carefully, here's what you're
8. to do...Jam the bundles in the flood gate;...the fuse is
9. long enough for you to get back to shore before we light
10. it. *Have backup to start loose* The success of this venture depends on you, Henry
11. entirely on you, and ~~hurry before the storm breaks loose.~~
12. ORGAN: STAB *Hold it under*
13. ANNOUNCER: Whew! Let me sit down and rest a minute. You know,
14. being a Forest Ranger is no sissy's job; it takes a
15. he-man like Ranger Bill and a real boy like Henry to do
16. the trick....But listen here -- is Henry going to be able
17. to blow up the dam in time? (ORGAN) Yes sirree, this is
18. a mighty ticklish situation. What would you do if you
19. had to walk out on a narrow moss covered, ledge with
20. danger all around you. (ORGAN) How would you feel if you
21. were responsible for helping put out a forest fire.
22. (ORGAN) What about the storm that's coming over the
23. horizon. Rain'll make that moss slippery as a banana
24. peel. How will Henry meet that problem? (ORGAN)
25. But to find out what Henry's going to do you'll have to
26. listen next Monday at 4:45 for more adventure with Ranger
27. Bill.
28. ORGAN: UP AND INTO SIGNATURE: