

## Scene 2

*Setting: Along the trail to Rock Creek*

*CURTAIN OPENS: The Lone Stranger and Pronto are stage right breaking camp as they talk—putting out campfire, saddling horses, putting packs on horses, mounting, etc. Before they speak, Cue Card Girl enters stage right with an applause sign and Piano player plays hero music. When she exits stage right, music stops and Lone Stranger begins speaking*

**Lone Stranger:** Well, Pronto, it has been a great adventure, catching cattle rustlers in Texas, fighting banditos in Mexico, helping that wagon train in Oregon, and protecting those silver miners from claim jumpers in Colorado.

**Pronto:** And don't forget the lovely Native American lady we saved from the evil fur trapper in Quebec.

**Lone Stranger:** Oh, how could I forget her? She really thought you were special!

**Pronto:** Aw my friend, what can I say? But, I will also be very happy to get back to my village for some rest.

**Lone Stranger:** I agree with that. I love fighting for truth and justice, but I really miss my one and only true love, Felicity Cooper. I can't wait to get to Rolling Ridge to see her!

*Gunshots are heard in the background.*

**Lone Stranger:** Gunshots, Pronto! In that direction. We better hurry; someone may need our help! Vacation will have to wait!

*They ride towards centerstage while the stagecoach enters stage left with a driver, a guard, and 2 passengers, followed by 3 or 4 men on stick horses, chasing them and shooting at the stagecoach. There is a trunk on the back or top of the stage. The Lone Stranger and Pronto start shooting at the outlaws, who turn and ride away. The stagecoach stops, and the Lone Stranger and Pronto dismount as everyone gets off of and out of the stagecoach.*

**Lone Stranger:** Is everyone all right?

**Driver:** Yes, we're all fine! Thanks for scaring them off.

**Pronto:** What were those outlaws after?

**Guard:** We are carrying a strong box with the payroll for the railroad workers

who are building the railroad to Rock Creek.

**Driver:** Thanks to you, those dirty varmints didn't get it!

**Lone Stranger:** We are headed to Rock Creek on our way to Rolling Ridge. We'll ride along with you, just in case there is any more trouble.

**Guard:** We'd be much obliged to you.

*The Lone Stranger and Pronto get on their horses and move behind the stagecoach.*

**Female Passenger:** Who is that strange man? And what's with the mask?

**Driver:** Why, that's the Lone Stranger. He travels all over the West, fighting for truth and justice. He wears the mask so his enemies, the bad guys, don't recognize him when he is off duty.

**Male Passenger:** What's with the Indian?

**Guard:** That's his sidekick, Pronto, and I believe the politically correct term is **Native American.**

*Everyone gets back on stagecoach, and the Lone Stranger and Pronto follow the stagecoach across and off stage right. When they are out of sight, Grady McClure and his outlaw gang enter stage left. Grady wears a black suit, black hat and boots and a black string tie. He has a long, bushy moustache, which curls on the ends, which he strokes often. Cue Card Girl enters stage right with BOO sign and Piano player plays villain music. When she leaves stage right, Grady speaks.*

**Grady:** So, the Lone Stranger and Pronto are back. Curses! That will really foul up my plans to get his girlfriend Felicity's ranch, so I can get rich when I force the railroad to buy the ranch, so they can reroute the railroad through the ranch to Rolling Ridge. I'll have to put a stop to the Lone Stranger and Pronto!

**First Outlaw:** What do you want us to do, boss?

**Grady:** I want you boys to rob the Rock Creek Bank today. Then we can still get the railroad payroll, hopefully making the railroad owner so angry that he'll begin to think about rerouting track from Rock Creek to Rolling Ridge.

**Second Outlaw:** What are you going to do, boss?