

GOLDEN DREAMS

Recapitulation:

The Flying Dogtor and the bush children found out where a bushranger had hidden treasure, 100 years ago. Unfortunately, Crafty Carson Carpetbag and Old Man Redback found out just a little sooner, dug up the treasure first, and disappeared with it. But there must have been a hole in the chest, for the children found a gold coin on the ground - and then another ...! And they set out to follow the trail - with their faithful friend -
(singing) The Flying Dogtor

Crafty Carson Carpetbag and Old Man Redback slid through the scrub, meaning to carry the treasure chest to some quiet place where they could gloat over their fortune.

A nasty snakey smile almost split Crafty's face in two. He had never before felt so excited. As he slithered across stones and twisted between tree trunks he daydreamed about all the things he would do with all the wonderful money that was suddenly his.

DREAM MUSIC

(hissing) He would build himself the super-colossalest snake palace in the southern hemisphere... spiral staircases and sumptuous tunnels; salons splendid with satin and silk ... He would smoke cigars and have Easter eggs for supper every day... He would slide out of his swimming pools into streamlined cars with solid silver accessories and stereophonic sound... He would have servants and slaves to save him from housework... He would be the boss of the bush...

END DREAM MUSIC

And meantime Old Man Redback, jiggling around on the treasure chest on Crafty's back, was dreaming his own spider dreams.

RESUME DREAM MUSIC

Oh, what couldn't he do with all this beautiful golden money! He would buy the biggest spiders' web castle that the world had ever seen, with eighty rooms all fitted with airconditioning and spidery musak... He would have automatic machines making webs for him so that he would never have to spin another one, and special laboratories full of scientific bottles of poison so that he would never have to work up anymore of his own... He would be the boss of the bush...

END DREAM MUSIC

But, wait a minute (thought Old Man Redback, as he clung to Crafty's back) - will half this money be enough for all the things I want to do?

And just about the same moment Crafty Carson Carpetbag woke from his daydream and thought to himself: 'Will half the treasure be enough for all the things I want to do? I'm supposed to share it with Old Man Redback, am I? But half a treasure isn't nearly as nice as a whole treasure. I might have to give up one of my swimming pools...'

And Old Man Redback thought to himself: 'Who's that stupid sneaky snake think he is to demand half of my treasure? Where would he be without me? He couldn't find a treasure! He couldn't find his own tail if it wasn't stuck to his ears ...'

And Crafty Carson Carpetbag thought: 'Who does that ratbag redback think he is to take half my treasure? He couldn't have dug it up! He couldn't dig a hole in hot butter. Helpless!'

And Crafty sprang round suddenly as if to bite Old Man Redback and get rid of him forever - And he was just in time to see Old Man Redbag bending over him as if to bite him and get rid of him forever.

They glared at each other with terrible looks for a second, and then -

Hiss - screech

- a dreadful fight began ...

At that moment the Flying Dogtor and the bush children, who had been following the trail of dropped coins, came over the brow of the hill. They stood speechless as they saw Crafty winding and coiling and thrashing about horribly with Redback holding grimly on to his neck...

(singing) The Flying Dogtor

VOICE OVER END TITLE

What will be the end of the frightful fight between the two villains, Crafty and Old Man Redback? And what will become of the treasure now? Be sure to see the next surprising episode of

(singing) The Flying Dogtor