



# Old Time Saga

Melodrama Skit/ACT #1

## Characters:

Cousin Rufus  
Cousin Darlene  
Clete the Cheat  
Elli Mae  
The Masked Hero  
Narrator

**Music Up:** *Magnificent 7* Soundtrack or any appropriate music; allow playing time of 30-45 seconds before music fades softly to allow Narrator to speak.

**Narrator:** Welcome to the Old-Times Saga where the Forces of Right meet the Forces of Evil.

Elli Mae has just learned that the Evil Mastermind “Clete the Cheat” is planning to take over the peaceful little town of “PEACEFUL VALLEY” and rename it “Clete’s Calamity Falls”. We join them now.....

**Rufus:** Elli May, I can’t for the life of me figure out why you don’t like Clete the Cheat.

**Elli Mae:** I tell you, Rufus that man is up to **NO GOOD**.

**Rufus:** But Elli Mae, you **Don’t** really **KNOW** the man. How can you be so judgmental?

**Elli Mae:** He’s got an “evil eye” Rufus and he intends to ruin the town !

*[Clete walks onto the scene]*

**Clete:** *[ Speaks with a Colonial Sanders southern drawl]*  
Well, Well, how are you today Ms. Elli Mae? I must say, you are a lookin' as pretty as a cactus flower and as sweet as molasses sugar.

**Elli Mae:** Don't you go sweet talking me Clete the Cheat. I know you mean to take over Peaceful Valley for your own devices.

**Clete:** *[ spoken softly and to the side to the audience]*  
Hum there now....maybe you just know too much Ms. Elli Mae for your own good.....

**Elli Mae:** What'd you say Clete the Cheat?

**Clete:** I mean, I say, I mean, Now, now, Ms. Elli Mae I only have the **Good** of the people in mind you understand...

*[Elli Mae takes off in a huff and leaves area.]*

**Narrator:** Boys and Girls. Ms. Elli Mae must convince the town folk of the real character of Clete the Cheat before it's too late. Tune in next time when we hear Clete say.....

**Clete:** I better work fast....maybe I can trick the towns people into making me MAYOR !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Music Up.**

**NEXT SKIT/ACT** may follow same day; next day; next week; however you wish to present it. This is a continuing saga in 4 parts to illustrate several Biblical principles.



# Old Time Saga

Melodrama Skit/ACT #2

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Elli Mae  
The Masked Hero  
Narrator

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**Narrator:** Last time Boys and Girls, Elli Mae had discovered that the evil Clete the Cheat was out to destroy Peaceful Valley and rename it Clete's Calamity Falls. As we begin Rufus and Darlene are busy raking leaves in Granny's yard.

*[ Rufus and Darlene with rake, leaves and sack.  
Rufus is leaning on the rake while Darlene is working hard]*

**Rufus:** You know Cousin Darlene; it's a beautiful day to clean the yard.

*[Rufus continues to "sandbag" as Darlene works hard...wiping her brow..and working ]*

**Rufus:** Yep, WE can get a lot done today. ....YOU MISSED A SPOT OVER THERE COUSIN DARLENE. Yep, WE can get a lot done today.

*[Clete walks onto the scene]*

**Clete:** *[ Speaks with a Colonial Sanders southern drawl]*  
Well good day to you folks. Working hard I see.

**Rufus:** YES WE ARE.

*[Darlene looks up in disgust and then goes back to work]*

**Rufus:** *[ Speaking towards Darlene]* **What ?! What'd I say?!**

**Clete:** You know Rufus, you are definitely a man of decision and fortitude I can see that plainly.  
**You know what would make it even a more beautiful day?**

**Rufus:** What would that be Clete?

**Clete:** If you could get paid for raking the leaves for the old lady....I mean, I mean....for helping out Granny here. You know a little pocket change.

**Rufus:** Oh WE don't mind helpin' out.  
You see folks in this little town don't have a lot of cash.

**Clete:** Oh clearly you don't' mind helping out..... but cash is nice.  
Just think what you could do with a little extra cash.

**Darlene:** Like what?

**Clete:** Why.....you could ENJOY life more.  
What this town needs is more RECREATION opportunities.

**Rufus:** Like what?

**Clete:** You know...something like Clete's Casino and Pool Hall would bring prosperity to town, MONEY in your pockets, and put this town on the Map.

**Elli Mae:** *[Arrives at close of the conversation]*  
Don't you listen to him Cousin Rufus and Cousin Darlene.  
Money is the root of all evil. That which is not of faith is sin.  
It will all lead to the RUIN OF THE TOWN and you.

**Clete:** NOW IF I WERE MAYOR.....

**Narrator:** Boys and Girls. Next time will Clete the Cheat run for mayor. Will we hear Ms. Elli Mae say.....

**Elli Mae:** I TOLD YOU SO.

**Music Up.**

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# Old Time Saga

Melodrama Skit/ACT #3

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Narrator

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**Narrator:** Boys and Girls----As we left Peaceful Valley last time Clete the Cheat had just decided to run for Mayor ! What is he up to?

*[Clete is expounding in front of a crowd consisting of Rufus, Darlene, and Elli Mae .]*

**Clete:** *[ Speaks with a Colonial Sanders southern drawl]*  
**ELECT ME MAYOR and I will put a chicken in every pot and a Harley in every garage and an X-Box in every living room.**

**Rufus & Darlene:** *[clap loudly and cheer briefly]*

*[Masked Man joins crowd quietly]*

**Elli Mae:** *[ Speaking towards Masked Man]*  
As if we don't already have enough TROUBLE, now we have a "Masked Man" in our midst.

**Masked Hero:** Yes, but I'm not the one with **something to hide**, Ms. Elli Mae.

**Elli Mae:** Then why do you wear a mask.....

**Masked Hero:** SUNBURN....gotta awful Sunburn.

*[ Crowds attention is back on Clete]*

**Clete:** Yes, I will put Peaceful Valley on the Map !!!

**Masked H:** What seems to be the "Trouble" here little lady?

**Elli Mae:** Clete the Cheat is running for mayor and he means to take over Peaceful Valley and turn it to ruins. He comes acting like all will be wonderful and better but he really means to destroy our town and ruin lives.

**Masked H:** Hum.....reminds me of someone else I know of.

**Clete:** Rufus, you can be rich, famous, and can have someone to do your raking of leaves for you  
You'll have a PIECE OF THE ACTION, a new car, a super stereo sound system that ALL will envy.

**Rufus:** CLETE THE CHEAT FOR MAYOR. CLETE THE CHEAT FOR MAYOR.

**Elli Mae:** Can we do anything to stop the ruin of Peaceful Valley?  
Can anybody help me?

**Narrator:** Tune in next time when we hear Rufus say.....

**Rufus:** I wonder if we can get free HBO too with this deal.

**Music Up.**

# Old Time Saga

Melodrama Skit/ACT #4



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**Narrator:** Boys and Girls----As we left Peaceful Valley last time Clete the Cheat had just decided to run for Mayor ! He promised peace and prosperity while really looking to ruin the people of Peaceful Valley. A Masked Stranger has come on the scene and has concerns.

*[Clete is expounding in front of a crowd consisting of Rufus, Darlene, and Elli Mae and the Masked Stranger]*

**Clete:** *[ Speaks with a Colonial Sanders southern drawl]*  
**ELECT ME MAYOR and there will be no more worries. Easy Money for everyone. Let the good times roll. Eat, drink , and be merry.**

**Masked H:** **Clete the Cheat....I have a question for you.**

**Clete:** *[ Speaking towards Masked Man]* Oh an inquisitive man among us I see. Admirable attribute my man, admirable.  
What is it you can do for me.....I mean, what can I do for you?

**Masked H:** At what cost? At what expense?  
At what price do you put on this “Great life” you promise to these people.

**Clete:** And how does a masked man come to question my intentions?

**Elli Mae:** I'm not masked and I will dare to ask ! Who will pay for all of this -----no work----no worries----free HBO----free Harleys.....and free chicken.

**Clete:** Now, now, little lady, It's ALL FREE.....NO ONE pays. There is no payday. Only good times and feel-good experiences.

**Masked Hero:** You sir are a deceiver. You come in disguise....not I.  
*[ Drops open a wanted poster and reads.]*

**Wanted in 12 counties for sheep rustling, chicken thief, and all around crook...none other than Clete the Cheat.**

*[ Crowds attention is back on Clete]*

**Clete:** *[ Clete runs]*

**Rufus & Darlene:** **How can we ever repay you Masked Stranger?**

**Masked H:** By being more "aware" and better prepared.

**Elli Mae:** How do we do that?

**Masked H:** You must have wisdom and understanding to determine what is of the deceiver and what is of the Lord. The devil goes about disguised as an ANGEL OF LIGHT.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

**Rufus:** We were almost "taken"

*[ Masked Hero slips away out the side quietly]*

**Elli Mae:** But the Lord sent the Light into the World. Rufus, choose the Light, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Darlene:** Where did the Masked Stranger go? We did not get to thank him.

**Rufus:** Oh, he has his thanks.....from now on, we choose to Humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God.

**Music Up.**