

Packer is on his horse, Liane, who is running at an amazing speed through the canyon. Packer has a huge smile.

The canyon is filled with tired, dirty men who are digging at the ground. All of them seem miserable except Packer.

Packer notices that a group of miners have gathered in one place. He rides over to see what's going on.

When he rides up, Packer sees FRANK MILLER, an intelligent miner, standing on an apple box with a newspaper in his hand.

The miners around him seem excited.

MILLER

(shouting as he reads)

...and is the largest gold strike since 1868.

Predictions are that only a tenth of the gold in Breckenridge has been discovered to date, and that there is still enough to equal millions of dollars!

MINERS

Wow.

GEORGE NOON, a young miner, speaks up.

NOON

Where is Breckenridge?

MILLER

Colorado Territory, in the Rocky mountains.

Several of the miners laugh, laughing loudest is SHANNON BELL, a grumpy miner.

BELL

You want to go through the Rocky mountains? It's almost winter!

MILLER

(excited)

Well, we can't wait...All the gold will be worked out by spring. This thing's BIG, I mean, everybody's going and it's not going to last long.

(shouting)

Who's with me?!

Deep silence.

Finally, a pleasant old man, ISRAEL SWAN, steps up.

SWAN

I'll go, it sounds like a WONDERFUL trip.

The miners laugh.

BELL

Oh that's great, Swan, you couldn't even make it in the middle of summer! This is ridiculous!

NOON

Not as ridiculous as staying around here! There hasn't been a strike made in this canyon for over a year. I'll go.

BELL

Swell, now the Kid is gonna go, too. This isn't just some little hike you know, there's rivers, 14 thousand foot high mountains, Indians-

MILLER

We'll hire a guide.

BELL

He'd have to be an IDIOT to go this time of year!

PACKER

I could guide you.

The miners turn and look at Packer and again burst out laughing.

BELL

And what are you going to do
when you come across Indians,
Packer, apologize them to
death?!

PACKER

You're right, I'm sorry.

MILLER

How much would you be
charging, Packer?

PACKER

Oh, uh, I don't know, just
enough to make the trip. I've
really been wanting to go
back to Colorado Territory.

BELL

These guys are beyond help.

Bell walks away and almost all the other miners follow
him. Leaving Miller, Packer, Noon and Swan.

NOON

So when do we leave?

MILLER

We should leave right away,
we can get a jump on the
winter. We can you leave,
Packer?

PACKER

Anytime.

SWAN

Well then I don't know what
we're waiting for!

NOON

This is gonna be great!

MILLER

There's a place for you and I
where mountains soar into the
Sky's the limit nothing can
stop us now!

NOON

Where rivers run so crystal
clear, listen closely you
will
here and now is the time for
us to go!

MINERS

AND it's a long way for us to
go, But
there's a mountain to be made
in Colo-Ra-Do!

As the miners move around, they run into JAMES
HUMPHREY, a dumpy, stupid miner who is digging at the
ground.

MILLER

Humphrey! We're going to
Breckenridge, you wanna join
us?

HUMPHREY

What's that?

MILLER

(Inspired)

It's a place where we can
make something of ourselves.
Be the wealthy men we always
dreamed of!

HUMPHREY

(pulling his pants out of his
butt) Oh...okay.

MINERS

And it's a long, long way,
for us to go, but there are
mountains to be made in Colo-
ra-do!

Suddenly, Bell and all the other miners break in.

ANTAGONISTIC MINERS

Don't be stupid - wait until
spring!
The mountains in the winter
are a treacherous thing!

MILLER

I can already smell the pine,
it may be cold but I'm
feeling
fine-ally I can make
something of myself!
Back to the Rocky Mountain
air, and all the gold and all
the-

ANTAGONISTIC MINERS

-Bears!- Don't be stupid -
wait until spring
Those critters in the hills
are treacherous things!

Our 6 heroes pack happily as the other miners follow
them.

ANTAGONISTIC MINERS

Just look at these fools
They think they can make it!
It'll be twenty below
and they say they can take
it!
There's lots of gold, that's
what they've said-

BELL

-they'll have a hard time
finding it when they're dead!

MINERS

And it's a long long way!

ANTAGONISTIC MINERS

Don't be stupid, wait here!

MINERS

For us to go-

ANTAGONISTIC MINERS

You're gonna die for sure!

MILLER

But there's a mountain to be
made in Colo-ra-do!

MINERS

There are mountains to be
made in Colo-ra-do!