

# CAPTAIN WIB

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*(The SAILOR runs off after JIGGER.)*

There's another bullet in here. Don't forget that - you. Look behind you! What do you see comin'?

BILLY

*(Slowly turning and looking off left.)*

Two perlicemen.

BASCOMBE

You wanted to know what time it was. I'll tell you - the time for you will be ten or twenty years in prison.

*(The TWO POLICEMEN enter from left.)*

BILLY

Oh, no it won't.

*(He clambers up on the pile with his knife drawn.)*

BASCOMBE

*(Jeering and covering him with his pistol.)*

Where do you think you're escapin' to - the sky?

BILLY

They won't put me in no prison.

*(He raises the knife high in the air.)*

POLICEMAN

Stop him!

BILLY

*(Stabbing himself in the stomach.)*

Julie!

*(He topples off the pile of crates, falling behind them. The TWO POLICEMEN, who have made a vain attempt to stop him, rush behind the crates where they proceed to remove his coat, which is later to be used for his pillow. The CAPTAIN and ANOTHER SAILOR come on the run from left. The CAPTAIN is carrying a lantern, which he puts on the pile, right center.)*

CAPTAIN

*(To BASCOMBE.)*

How about you, Mr. Bascombe? You all right?

BASCOMBE

Yes, I'm all right. Lucky, though. Very lucky. This is the first time I ever took a pistol with me.

CAPTAIN

*(Looking over crates at BILLY.)*

Is he dead?

1<sup>ST</sup> POLICEMAN

I don't think so, he's still breathing.

CAPTAIN

Bring him out here where we can lay him out flat.

*(The CAPTAIN looks around to see what can be used for a bed for BILLY. He spots the bales, crosses to left, and puts the smaller end to end with the larger one center. The TWO POLICEMEN and the SAILOR carry BILLY out and lay him on the bales. The CAPTAIN speaks to the SAILOR.)*

You go for a doctor.

*(To the POLICEMAN who is holding BILLY'S coat.)*

Put that under his head.

*(The POLICEMAN does this. When BILLY is set, the TWO POLICEMEN rise; one stands left end of bale, the other right end.)*

BASCOMBE

The fools – the silly fools. They didn't even notice I was comin' from the ship, not to it.

*(The CAPTAIN is covering BILLY with a tarpaulin he found on the top of crates at right center.)*

CAPTAIN

The money they tried to kill for is locked up in my desk!

*(VOICES off left are heard to be singing "June is Bustin' Out All Over," very softly, as if in the distance.)*

BASCOMBE

The fools.

1<sup>ST</sup> SAILOR

*(The one who chased JIGGER, returning.)*

He got away.

BASCOMBE

*(Hearing the offstage singing as it has become louder.)*

What's that?

CAPTAIN

The folk comin' back from the clambake.

*(The PEOPLE enter left.)*

BASCOMBE

*(To the POLICEMAN.)*

You'd better stop them.

*(BASCOMBE exits.)*