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Bullets over Barry

SETTING

Noon. A classic old west saloon. The swinging doors. Sawdust on the floor. Vaulted ceilings. Battered tables with chairs.

Sitting at the bar is HARVEY FRAKES, 35, a man who is well past his prime. Beard, raggedy hair, rotten teeth, and a lazy eye. He's finishing a shot of whiskey.

Across the bar is GARY JACKSON, 50, a neat and tidy bartender. He is reading from a leaflet.

7 PATRONS sit behind them drinking and playing cards.

HARVEY: Gimme another.

(Gary moves over and pours Harvey a shot.)

GARY: Happened again...

(Harvey stops mid-drink. He drops the shot glass on the bar.)

HARVEY: That's a lie.

(Gary shakes his head. Nope. Truth.)

HARVEY (CONT'D): That's it...

(Harvey pulls out his Colt .45. He opens it, makes sure it's loaded. SHUTS the chamber, turns around and SHOOTS six people in the bar. There is only one person left, a scared-looking runt named BARRY, 18.)

HARVEY (CONT'D): You wanna live?

(Barry nods nervously. Harvey pulls the trigger. CLICK. Gun empty. Harvey sets the gun down on the bar and sits back down.)

HARVEY (CONT'D): It's your lucky day.

(Harvey slides his shot glass back to Gary who fills it up. He hands it back to Harvey. Barry sits down next to Harvey at the bar. Gary pours him a shot of whiskey.)

GARY: It happened again...

BARRY: You don't say...

(Gary shows him the leaflet. Barry reads it. He sets his shot glass down, pulls out his gun, and shoots Harvey in the head. He turns to Gary. Aims at him. CLICK. No more bullets. He sits back down at the bar and finishes his shot of whiskey.)

BANG. Gary just shot him. Now, everyone in the saloon is dead except Gary.

We pan down on the leaflet: "Another huge drop in bullet prices."

Gary pours himself a shot and downs it.

3 PATRONS walk in the front door. They casually step over all of the bodies and sit down at the bar.)

PATRON 1: What's the good word?

(Gary slides him the leaflet while clutching his loaded gun.)

GARY: It happened again...

(Gary draws. The patrons draw. Aim and...BANG.)

BLACK.