Ludovico's Negro Y Blanco

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NEGRO Y BLANCO

INT.DESERT ROAD-DAY

The screen fades in to show the red arches of Utah blazing in the sunlight. Cut to a dusty desert road, abandoned. The faint sound of hooves and wheels turning slowly grows nearer. Cut to a closeup of the wheels then back to the road. A stagecoach apears over the horizon leaving a cloud of dust behind it. As it draws closer two men can be seen driving it, while another guards hangs off the side. They continue leaving the huge dust cloud behind them. From the view of the coach a man runs out in front of the coach dishoveld and dirty. They come to a sudden halt.

DISHOVELD MAN

Please help! Th-Them injuns, those damn injuns!

DRIVER 1

Hold up now, move along weve got a schedule to keep.

DRIVER 2

What the hell Murphy?

Driver 2 climbs down from the coach and approaches the poor man. Martha Whitlock looks out confused.

MARTHA

What is the delay coachman?

DRIVER 1

This poor bastard is holding up the road.

MARTHA

What does he want?

DRIVER 1

Passage I suppose.

MARTHA

We got no more room, tell him to get lost.

DRIVER 1

I was trying but Phil here is obliged to help him.

Martha scoffs and leans back in. Driver 1 sighs then relunctantly, inside the tagecoach:

JENNY

Mama why did we stop?

MARTHA

Its nothing dear.

Driver 1 signals for the guard on hanging off the side to follw him. Driver 2 approaches the dishovled man.

DRIVER 1

Get the hell back here, you know how Whitlock doesnt like being kept waiting.

DRIVER 2

What, we just gonna leave this feller out here to dry up like a prune?

DRIVER 1

(sighs)

Just give him yer canteen and point him towards Ogden.

Driver 2 hands the man the canteen.

DISHOVELD MAN

You shoulve listened to your friend.

Dishoveld pulls Driver 2 then draws his pistol and blows out his stomach. Driver 1 and the guard fire at the man but he uses Driver 2's body as a human shield. We zoom out to see a man with a rifle pointed at the coach. He shoots driver through the head, and all over the coach. The children scream and gather close to Martha. Guard turns and is shot down by dishovled man, he gets back up put is shot twice by the rifleman before he can react. A group of riders emerge from the arches, the rest of the Lapeyrouse gang. The Dishoveld man drops his human shield to the ground. The riders sorround the coach. Trent dismounts along with two other riders. They open the coach door to adress the family.

TRENT

Madam.

Trent tips his hat

TRENT

I assume you are the Whitlock family?

Martha nods nervously.

TRENT

Then we held up thr correct coach, your trek shall resume shortly.

He slams the coach door and adresses his gang.

TRENT

Shorty, Martin conduct this vechickle.

MARTIN

Conduct?

TRENT

(Rolls eyes)

Drive the damn thing, halfwit.

MARTIN

Right boss.

The two men board the coach and it slowly trots forward. The rifle man (Fisher) rides up to Trent.

FISHER

Whats the plan now?

TRENT

We wait for old Mr.Whitlock to cacth on. Which reminds me, arrange the bodies so they are easily visible.

FISHER

They already are.

TRENT

Then we shall return to the ranch and celebrate another sucsesfull hold up.

FISHER

Then what?

TRENT

(Laughs)

Whatever do you mean, we repeat.

FISHER

But for how long, when can we return to Louisiana?

TRENT

We can never return to there, too many laws, no many negroes.

FISHER

But there are many negroes here

TRENT

Yes but the have not gorown wise to us like the ones back home have.

FISHER

Then this is our life, bandits in the dryest place on earth.

TRENT

It seems that way.

As they ride off the title appears on the screen and the theme plays.