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*For Monica Derham*

“All you need for a movie is a gun and a girl.”

—JEAN-LUC GODARD

## Chapter 1

**ALL HE WANTED** was Bloody River Blues (Location Scout Mystery Book 2) a case of beer.

And it looked like he was going to have to get it himself.

The Bloody River Blues (Location Scout Mystery Book 2) way Stile explained it, “I can’t hardly get a case of Bloody River Blues (Location Scout Mystery Book 2) Labatts on the back of a Yamaha.”

“That’s okay,” Pellam said into the cellular phone.

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“You want a six-pack, I can handle that. But the rack’s a little loose. Which I guess I owe you. The rack, I mean. Sorry.”

The Bloody River Blues (Location Scout Mystery Book 2) motorcycle Bloody River Blues (Location Scout Mystery Book 2) was the film company’s but had been issued to Pellam, who had in turn loaned it to Stile. Stile was a stuntman. Pellam chose not to speculate on Bloody River Blues (Location Scout Mystery Book 2) what he had been doing when the rack got broken.

“That’s okay,” Pellam said again. “I’ll pick up a case.”

He hung up the phone. He got his brown bomber jacket from the front closet of the Winnebago, trying to remember where he’d seen the discount beverage store. The Riverfront Deli was not far away but the date of his next expense check was and Pellam did not feel inclined to pay \$26.50 for a case even if Bloody River Blues (Location Scout Mystery Book 2) it had Bloody River Blues (Location Scout Mystery Book 2) been imported all the way from Canada.

He stepped into the kitchenette of the camper, stirred the chili and put the cornbread in the small oven to heat. He had thought about cooking something else for a change. Nobody seemed to notice that whenever Pellam hosted the poker game he made chili. Maybe he would serve it on hot dogs, maybe on rice, but it was always chili. And oyster crackers. Bloody River Blues (Location Scout Mystery Book 2) He didn’t know how to cook much else.

He thought about doing without Bloody River Blues (Location Scout Mystery Book 2) the beer, calling back Stile and saying, yeah, just bring a six-pack. But he did the calculation and decided they needed a whole case. There would be five of them playing for six hours and Bloody River Blues (Location Scout Mystery Book 2) that meant even a case would be stretched pretty thin. He would have to break out the mezcal and Wild Turkey as it was.

Pellam stepped outside, locked Bloody River Blues (Location Scout Mystery Book 2) the camper door and walked along the road paralleling the gray plane of the Missouri River. It was just after dark, an autumn weekday, and by rights ought to be rush hour. But the road dipped and rose away from him and it was deserted of traffic. He zipped his jacket tight. Pellam was tall and thin. Tonight he wore jeans and a work shirt that had been black and was now mottled gray. His cowboy boots sounded in loud, scraping taps on the wet asphalt. He wished he had worn his Lakers cap or his Stetson; a cold wind, salty-fishy smelling, streamed off the river. His eyes stung, his ears ached.

## **Bloody River Blues Location Scout Mystery Book 2**

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