

"RAFFERTY'S RULES"

Synopsis



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He plays by only one set of rules...

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HE GOES BY THE NAME RAFFERTY.....

A former cop, now a private investigator, tough, clever, cynical, with his own peculiar sense of humor and honor. He shows compassion to the underdog, tenderness to the woman he loves and downright brutality to anyone who gets in his way. Wealth does not impress him, threats only make him mad and his needs are very basic -- earning enough money to keep food in his stomach and his battered 1969 Mustang on the road.

RAFFERTY'S TEAM.....

When Rafferty needs a hired hand he turns to the only people he can call his friends --

COWBOY, the most ornery, dangerous man on earth; and

MIMI, Cowboy's petit, gun-slinging wife.

RAFFERTY'S ASSIGNMENT.....

Beautiful debutante VIVIAN MOLLISON was working toward her

Masters in Sociology. Her thesis -- "a study of hierarchy in modern tribes", specifically motorcycle gangs. She gained the confidence of the DEATH STARS, an outlaw biker gang, and on a weekend road trip, her Sociological study turned into a study in terror. The Death Stars sold her to another biker gang who drugged her, sexually abused her and left her little more than a vegetable.

With Vivian barely comprehensible, the leader of the DEATH STARS no longer alive and a distinct lack of evidence and clues, Vivian's mother, socialite, MARGE MOLLISON, hires Rafferty to track down the biker thugs who destroyed her daughter's life. She doesn't want them getting off on some loophole. She wants them dead. But Rafferty has a rule against murder for hire.

RAFFERTY'S RULE #1 -- "It's up to them if they want to die."

THE INVESTIGATION.....

With the help of an old crony at police headquarters, Rafferty tracks down the former girlfriend of one of the Death Star bikers. FRAN ZIFRETTI is a stripper at a biker bar. But she's trying to turn her life around. Her dream is to have a real job, a good family and a house in the suburbs.

Rafferty is a sucker for the underdog and takes an immediate liking to Fran. Hanging out at the bar, asking too many questions, Rafferty gets into a confrontation with GOOSE, a huge, slimy pot bellied biker. Rafferty deliberately provokes Goose and they agree meet in a neutral alley where they can have a "fair fight."

RAFFERTY'S RULE #8 -- "There's no such thing as a fair fight".

Goose drives into the alley, steps off his bike and before he can say "brass knuckles" Rafferty puts several shot gun blasts through the biker's beloved Harley. Then, he shoots the stunned Goose in the ankle and sends him hopping home with the warning, "Tell the Death Stars I'm investigating the Vivian Mollison case"

RAFFERTY'S RULE #6 -- "Raising hell is a basic fact finding technique".

Rafferty explains to his girlfriend, sexy antique dealer HILDA GARDNER that his provocational tactics cut down on the leg work in an investigation. "Now, I won't have to look for them, the Death Stars'll come looking for me."

And it doesn't take long for that to happen. A few days

later, coming out of the strip joint, Rafferty is surrounded by 3 bikers. Two more charge out of the building, guns drawn, and just when it looks like Rafferty's going to become a permanent part of the landscape, a pick-up driven by cowboy roars into the parking lot, cutting off the bikers. Then another pick-up races down the street crashing into a row of bikes. Cowboy's rifle-wielding wife Mimi is behind the wheel. Shots ring out in every direction.

Rafferty jumps into Mimi's pick-up and takes off, followed by a machete wielding biker. As the machete biker gains on them, Mimi cuts him down with a blast through the stomach. The biker is sprawled across his bloodied Harley. Rafferty interrogates him as Cowboy pulls up behind and admires the machete bikers' wound.

"Gut shot," says Cowboy. "Mimi shoots a little low sometimes."

"Sorry", says Mimi contritely.

Machete moans and gurgles and tries to move as Rafferty pulls a greasy wallet out of the bikers hip pocket and examines the license.

"Bill Becker, you 've been shot in the stomach with a twelve gauge. You're going to die. You know that don't you, Bill?"

Bill gargles something that sounds like a yes.

"Does it hurt?" asks Rafferty.

"It's bad man, real bad," gasps Bill

"well," says Rafferty, "I sure as hell am happy about that."

Rafferty's investigation leads him to a nearby town where he and Cowboy attract trouble like flies to manure.

...They butt heads with a ruthless land developer who employs outlaw bikers to help negotiate his real estate deals...

...They're the number one suspects in the police investigation into the death of the same land developer...

...They narrowly escape an all out assault that turns their motel into a bullet riddled inferno.

For Rafferty and his buddy Cowboy, it's all in a days work. For the bikers who victimized an innocent girl, it's time to learn about "Rafferty's Rules".

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