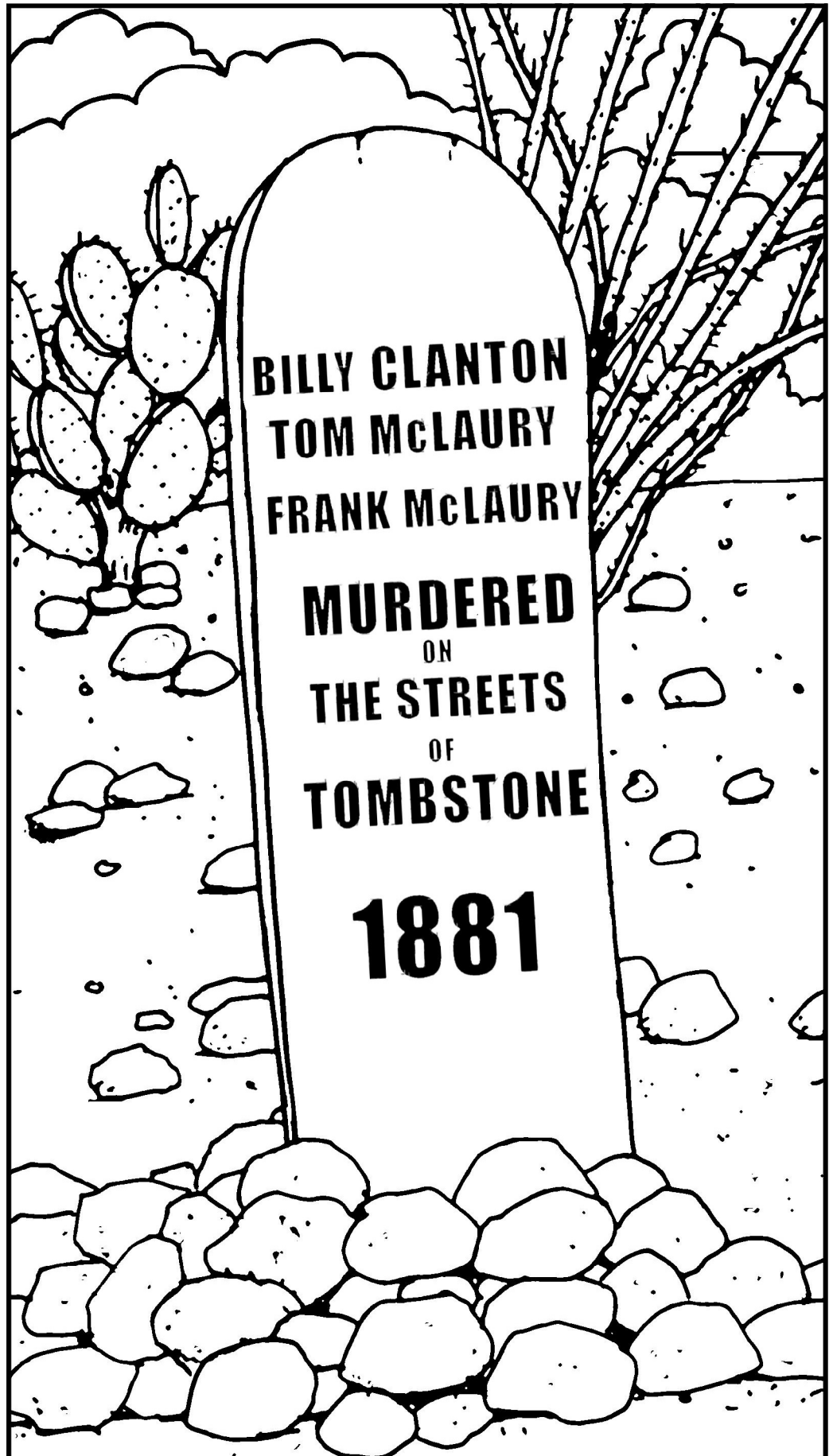


In a small cemetery on the outskirts of Tombstone, Arizona, lie the bodies of three men from one of the most famous gunfights of the Old West. Frank and Tom McLaury and Billy Clanton were killed during the shootout and buried in the dusty Boot Hill graveyard. The gun battle barely lasted 30 seconds, but yet it has become a lasting part of history and lore.

On October 26, 1881, lawmen Wyatt Earp, Virgil Earp, Morgan Earp, and "Doc" Holliday faced down cowboys "Ike" Clanton, Billy Clanton, Frank McLaury, Tom McLaury, and Billy Claiborne on the streets of Tombstone near the O.K. Corral.

After some angry words, shots were exchanged. During the gunfight Virgil Earp suffered a leg wound, Morgan Earp was shot in the shoulder, and Doc Holliday was grazed on the hip. Wyatt Earp somehow made it through the gun battle uninjured. Ike Clanton and Billy Claiborne ran from the shootout and were unhurt. However the other cowboys were not as lucky. Frank and Tom McLaury were killed. Billy Clanton lay dying from a blast from Doc Holliday's shotgun.

On October 30, 1881 Ike Clanton filed murder charges against the Earps and Holliday. After a month-long trial the judge ruled that there was not enough evidence to convict the men and the charges were dropped.



A grave marker in Boot Hill



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