

At Niagara Falls riverman William "Red" Hill looks over the contraption  
which, he believes, will take him safely over the falls. Hill's rubber  
barrel is made of fourteen tubes held together with fish nets. Local  
odds are six to two against him, but still into the barrel he goes.  
While spectators watch on both shores, at the bottom of the Falls  
a boat bearing Red's two brothers, Major and Slinky Corky, waits  
to pick him up. But only Hill's shoes are found in the battered  
wreckage of the barrel. As he searches for his brother's body, Corky  
vows to go over the Falls himself to conquer the jinx that  
killed his brother.