

1 October 1972: North Vietnam. Two crewmembers of an F-4 Phantom are shot down deep in North Vietnam. Fortunately, they eject over rugged terrain and land safely away from populated areas. Unfortunately, the enemy has observed their descent, and even before the two survivors land, recovery teams are sent to intercept them. Joining up, the two men quickly size up their situation and decide to climb to higher ground to put distance between themselves and the pursuing bad guys and aid the Jollies in recovery.

The Jolly Greens, in fact, are approaching at maximum airspeed. Pararescuemen Dan Nungesser and Charles Kinser are on the Low Bird. It now becomes a race between them and the closing ground forces. The latter are so close to the survivors, the two men can hear the shrill signal whistles and yelping dogs. Both men race up the steep slopes driven with new energy when they hear the approaching thundering of the 40th ARRS HH-53Cs. Low Bird drives in under the protective umbrella of the Sandys. Nungesser and Kinser exact tolls on the enemy forces with their mini-guns. The extraction is swift and flawless, denying the enemy the opportunity to add two more POWs to its cells in Hanoi.