



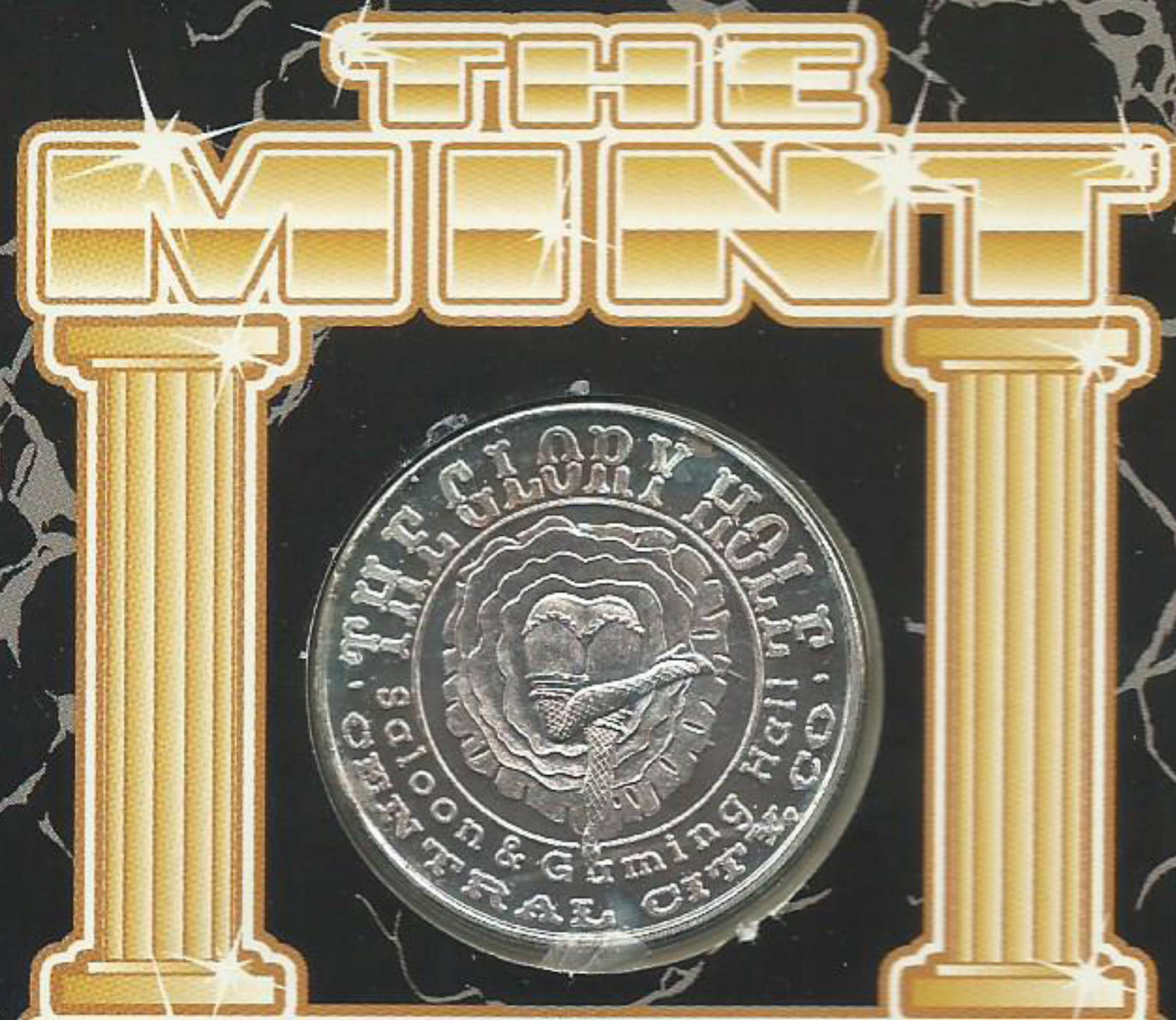
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Fine Silver

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...In the late 1800s and early 1900s, miners came and went. Some were rewarded

with great success while others experienced great tragedy. One famous miner who experienced both was "Wild" Bob Womack. In 1878, Wild Bob found a small piece of silver and spent the next ten years searching for its source. In 1889, he secured a grubstake and ten months later staked a claim on Beacon Hill, the El Paso Load. Due to the high degree of skepticism in the area, Womack's discovery was not taken seriously. Two years later, Womack sold the El Paso Load for a total of \$800. This was all the money that Womack would ever receive, and later died in poverty. The El Paso Load went on to vend over \$5,000,000. ...The Assayer was an important part of the mining industry in Colorado. Assayers determined the worth of claims brought to them by miners. Based on a miner's sample, honest assayers would indicate what type of yield a miner could expect. A dishonest assayer could rob a miner by falsely devaluing his claim. The most famous dishonest assayer was Bill "Leadfinger" Smith, whose false claim in 1902, caused a riot and later the destruction of the local assayer's office. From then on, assayers were regulated by the U.S. Treasury Department. Two years later, Leadfinger was convicted of using his lead finger one time too many and sentenced to life in prison.

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