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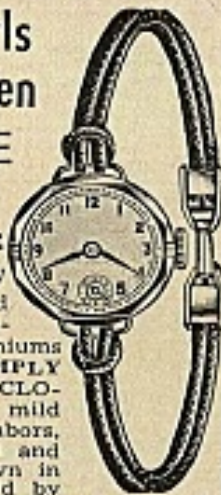
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# The Tomb of Terror

ON MANY A RAW AND WINDY NIGHT, A TRAVELER IN NEED OF SHELTER HAS PAUSED AT THE STARING DOORWAY OF STORMWAY HALL---AND WITH A SHUDDER, HAS HURRIED ON! FOR THE OLD MANOR HELD MORE THAN MEMORIES AND THE ANCIENT ECHOES OF RUSTLING BROCADE AND CLANGING ARMOR---IT KNEW AN EVIL THAT COULD NEVER DIE---HARBORED IN  
**The Tomb of Terror!**



LATE ONE NIGHT---AT AN OLD ENGLISH INN---

I'VE GOT REASONS FOR WANTING TO SPEND A FEW MORE DAYS HERE---BUT ACCORDING TO THIS ANTIQUE MAP, THERE ISN'T A SINGLE PLACE OF INTEREST IN THE DISTRICT! AND SINCE THERE'S STILL PLENTY TO SEE BEFORE I RETURN TO THE STATES NEXT WEEK---I'D BETTER CHECK OUT IN THE MORNING!



SUDDENLY---

THAT SOUNDS LIKE NANCY! I CAN'T GUESS WHAT SHE WANTS---BUT A WALK IN THE MOONLIGHT WILL MAKE IT A LOT EASIER TO SAY GOODBYE!



DOCTOR!  
DOCTOR!



HELLO THERE! I DON'T REMEMBER MEETING YOU!

DOCTOR---YOU'VE GOT TO COME TO STORMWAY HALL! HURRY---HURRY!



AS JIM DARTS INTO HIS ROOM---

BLAZES! NANCY PROMISED SHE'D KEEP MY SECRET---AFTER I TOLD HER HOW MUCH I NEEDED A REST FROM THESE EMERGENCY CALLS!



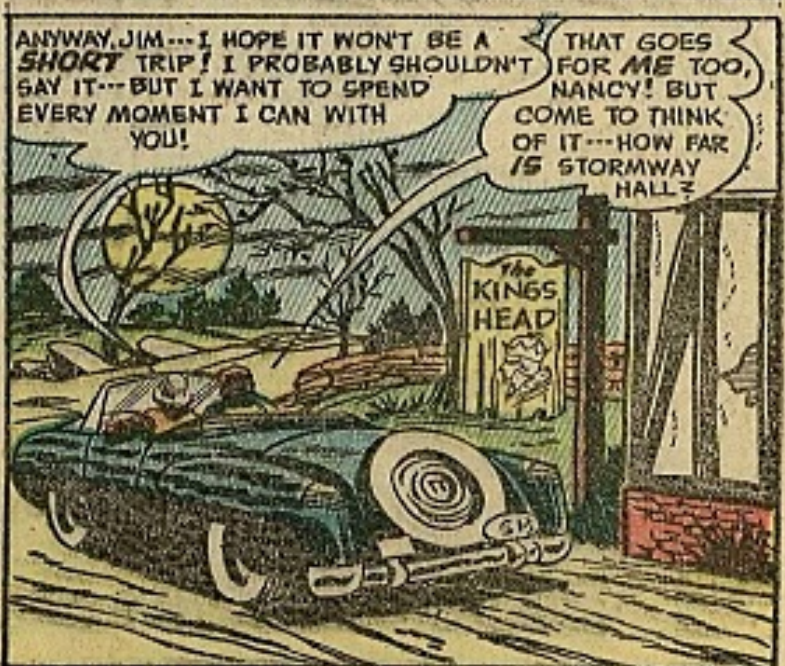
SECONDS LATER--- MY GOSH---SHE COULDN'T HAVE HURRIED OFF THAT FAST---BUT WHERE IS SHE?

JIM---I HEARD VOICES! IS ANYTHING WRONG?



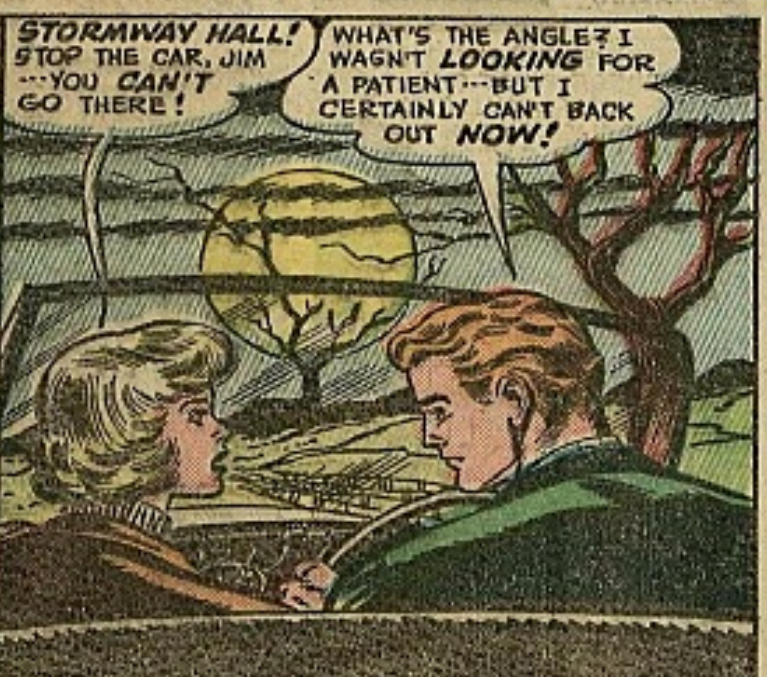
JUST A GIRL WANTING HELP IN A HURRY! LOOK, HONEY---DID YOU TELL ANYONE I'M A DOCTOR?

NOT A WORD, JIM---HONESTLY! BUT LET ME GO ALONG---THERE MAY BE SOMETHING I CAN DO!



ANYWAY, JIM---I HOPE IT WON'T BE A SHORT TRIP! I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T SAY IT---BUT I WANT TO SPEND EVERY MOMENT I CAN WITH YOU!

THAT GOES FOR ME TOO, NANCY! BUT COME TO THINK OF IT---HOW FAR IS STORMWAY HALL?



STORMWAY HALL! STOP THE CAR, JIM---YOU CAN'T GO THERE!

WHAT'S THE ANGLE? I WAGN'T LOOKING FOR A PATIENT---BUT I CERTAINLY CAN'T BACK OUT NOW!



NANCY---WAIT!

IF YOU *MUST* GO TO STORMWAY HALL, JIM---IT'S A MILE UP THE NEXT CROSS ROAD! BUT I COULDN'T BEAR SETTING FOOT IN THE PLACE---NOT EVEN WITH YOU!

SOON AFTERWARD...

THERE'S SOMETHING MIGHTY STRANGE ABOUT THIS PLACE --- AND I DON'T JUST MEAN THE WAY IT LOOKS! HOW'D THAT GIRL HAPPEN TO KNOW I'M A DOCTOR --- AND HOW COME AN ANCIENT STRUCTURE LIKE THIS ISN'T SHOWN ON THE OLD MAP BACK AT THE INN?



THEN --- STANDING OUT AGAINST THE SHADOWED MASS OF STONE ---

THAT PATCH OF LIGHT WASN'T THERE A SECOND AGO --- AND IT'S GROWING --- SWIRLING INTO A DEFINITE SHAPE!



YE GODS --- THAT'S THE GIRL WHO CAME TO THE INN! BUT SHE ISN'T ALIVE --- SHE'S THE GHOST OF SOMEONE WHO DIED CENTURIES AGO!



I CAN SEE HOW WHY NANCY DREAMS STORMWAY HALL! WHY DID YOU BRING ME HERE?

YOU COULD HAVE SAVED THE OLD CARE-TAKER, EVEN AFTER HE DIED --- BUT IT'S TOO LATE! THEY'RE COMING FOR HIM --- ANY SECOND --- AND YOU MUSTN'T GO IN!



HOLD IT! BEFORE YOU VANISH AGAIN --- YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE ME SOME EXPLANATION! I CAN SENSE SOMETHING SINISTER HERE --- WHAT IS IT?

THE TOMBS OF TERROR! GO BACK --- GO BACK! GO BACK!

AS THE GHOSTLY FIGURE FADES INTO THE DARKNESS ---

THERE'S ONLY ONE REASON WHY SHE WOULDN'T WAIT LONG ENOUGH TO TELL ME WHO THEY ARE --- FEAR! AND WHEN A GHOST IS AFRAID --- I'M INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHY!



GUESS THAT'S THE CARETAKER! THOSE CANDLES HAVEN'T BEEN BURNING LONG --- SO HE MUST HAVE DIED JUST A FEW MINUTES BEFORE I GOT HERE!



AS JIM MAKES A ROUTINE EXAMINATION...

FOOTSTEPS! THEY'RE SCUTTling ALONG THE CORRIDOR... AND WHATEVER THEY ARE... THOSE MUTTERING VOICES AREN'T ANYTHING HUMAN!



Then...

GREAT GUNS!



ANOTHER CORPSE IN STORMWAY HALL!

ANOTHER TOMB AWAITS OUR CALL!



A BODY PLACED WITHIN OUR TOMB... BECOMES LIKE US A FIEND OF DOOM!



THAT'S WHAT THE GHOST MEANT WHEN SHE SAID I COULD HAVE SAVED THE OLD MAN AFTER HE DIED! SHE WAS HOPING I'D AT LEAST GET HERE IN TIME TO PREVENT THIS!

WELL, YOU CREEPS... I'M STILL TAKING A STAB AT IT!



Then... WITH THE UNHOLY STRENGTH OF THINGS BEYOND THE GRAVE...



AS THE FIENDS MOVE OFF WITH THEIR GRISLY BURDEN...



ROOF AND ROOM SHALL HUMANS OWN... BUT THE VAULT OF STORMWAY IS OURS ALONE!

THOSE MONSTERS HAVE SOME KIND OF CLAIM ON THIS PLACE... AND I'M NOT LEAVING UNTIL I LEARN WHAT IT IS!

SUDDENLY... STABBING THE DARKNESS WITH AN EERIE GLOW...



THERE'S ANOTHER LIGHT... AND IT'S MOVING! I'M TAKING A BIG CHANCE... BUT IT COULD BE THE GHOST... TRYING TO LEAD ME SOMEWHERE!

**(A) MOMENT LATER--ALONG A CORRIDOR RANK WITH MUSTY ODOR----**

**BUT AS THE UNCANNY GLOW HOVERS OVER THE MASSIVE BOLTS----**

THAT CAN'T BE THE PLACE / THOSE OLD LOCKS LOOK AS IF THEY HAVEN'T BEEN OPENED FOR CENTURIES-- AND THERE'S NO SIGN OF A KEY!

GREAT GUNG! NOTHING UNLOCKED THOSE HASPS-- BUT THEY'VE POPPED OPEN!

**CLANK!**

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT--**THIS** IS THE KIND OF CHAMBER FORMERLY USED FOR **BLACK MAGIC!** THAT LIGHT'S TAKING SHAPE AGAIN-- SHE'LL GIVE ME THE ANSWER!

*Then...IN A FLASH BRIMMING WITH EVIL---*

**CRRRAK!**

**HA-HA!** DID YOU EXPECT HER --- WHOSE ANCESTORS BURNED ME AS A SORCERER CENTURIES AGO? I CURSED THEIR CASTLE AND THE VAULT WITHIN WHICH THEY LAID ME---TURNING IT INTO A **TOMB OF TERROR!**

YOU'RE NOT SCARING ME--- BUT I'M **CURIOUS!** HOW COME "TOMB OF TERROR?"

THAT WAS MY REVENGE ON THEM! THE SPIRITS OF THOSE WHO DIED AFTER ME, AND WERE LAID WITHIN THE VAULT--- I **CHANGED THEM INTO FEARSOME FIENDS, OBEYANT TO MY WILL!**

IN FEAR, THE LOCAL PEASANTRY HAS AVOIDED STORMWAY HALL, AND WILL NOT EVEN MARK IT ON A MAP! THE GIRL WHOSE GHOST YOU SAW --- SHE WANDERED INTO THE TOMB OF TERROR, SAW MY FIENDS --- AND FAINTED! AND HER PARENTS ENTOMBED HER THERE --- IN THE CURSED VAULT --- **THINKING SHE WAS DEAD!**

SHE STRUGGLED HELPLESSLY IN THOSE STIFLING CONFINES BEFORE HER FINAL GASP--- BUT **THAT WAS HER GALVATION --- THE FIENDS COULD NOT CLAIM A SPIRIT THAT HAD BEEN ENTOMBED ALIVE!**

BUT THE FIENDS STILL WAIT TO CARRY BODIES INTO THE **TOMB OF TERROR**... THE BODIES OF CARETAKERS TOO OLD TO KNOW FEAR... THE BODIES OF FOOLS LIKE YOU!



HATE TO DISAPPOINT YOUR JABBERING FRIENDS... BUT I'M NOT THE TYPE THAT CAN BE **SCARED** TO DEATH!

PERHAPS NOT... BUT HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE YOU TO **STARVE**?

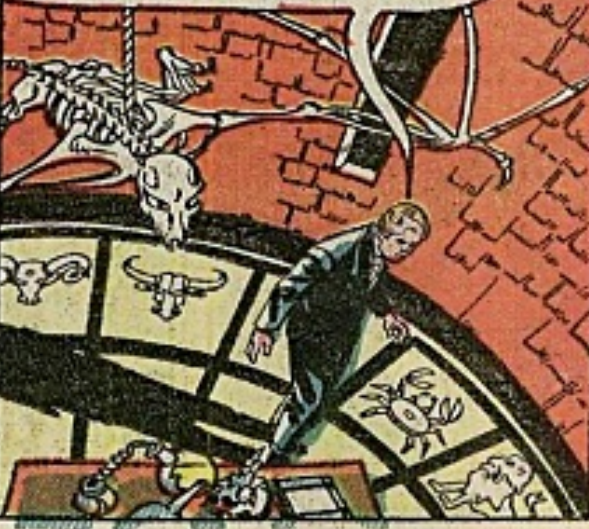


**JIM LUNGES**... AN INSTANT TOO LATE!



BLAZES! THE HASPS ARE GRATING SHUT... I'M **LOCKED IN!**

THAT CREEP HAD THE RIGHT IDEA... A PERSON **COULD** STARVE IN A TRAP LIKE THIS! BUT THERE'S ONE THING HE'S FORGETTING... **THAT GIRL ISN'T EVIL... SHE'S SURE TO HELP ME!**



**MINUTES LATER**...



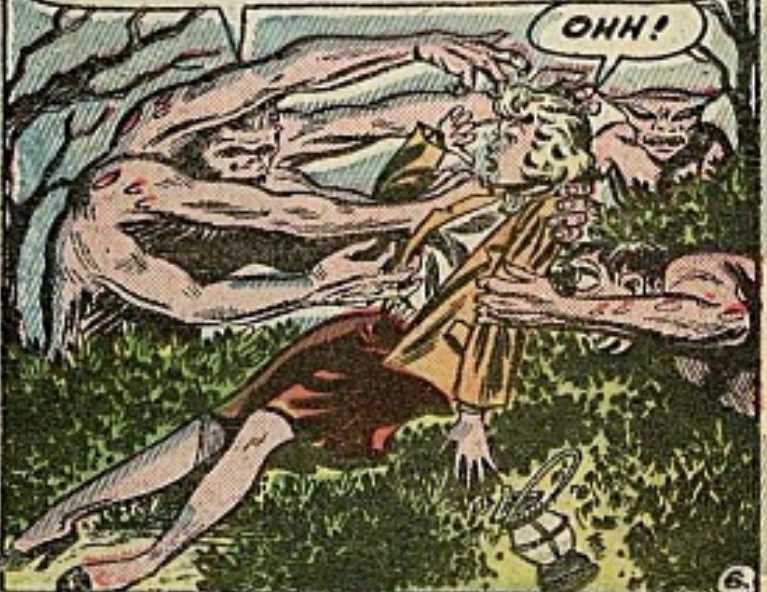
TALK ABOUT HUNCHES... **THERE SHE IS NOW!**

I'VE NEVER DARED GO IN BEFORE... BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT JIM... I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM!



**GOOD LORD... IT'S NANCY!** AND THOSE THINGS... **WATCH OUT!**

**WE SPARE NONE... WE CLAIM ALL WHO COME TO DIE IN STORMWAY HALL!**



**OHH!**



THOSE FIENDS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE INTERESTED ONLY IN THE **DEAD!** THAT MEANS THEY'D HAVE ONLY ONE REASON FOR DRAGGING NANCY TO THE **TOMB OF TERROR**... THEY PLAN TO **KILL HER!**



**S**UDDENLY... FLOODING THE MUSTY CHAMBER WITH A THROBBING LIGHT...

THIS TIME... IT **MUST** BE HER! IF THERE'S ANY WAY TO HELP NANCY... IT'S GOT TO COME FROM THE **BEYOND!**



I TRIED TO WARN YOU! **NOW** THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO... THE FIENDS HAVE A LIVING HOSTAGE... **SOMEONE WHO WILL DIE HORRIBLY IF I INTERFERE!**



BUT CAN'T YOU SEE THAT NANCY WILL BE DOOMED **ANYWAY**... UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING? WE'VE GOT TO TAKE A CHANCE... AND GET HER OUT OF THE **TOMB OF TERROR!**

*They*... WITH A LIGHT TOUCH OF THE **GHOSTLY FINGERS**...

I CAN HELP YOU ESCAPE... FROM **HERE!** BUT ONCE YOU ENTER THE VAULT, YOU WILL BE IN THE UNHOLY PLACE WHERE **THEY** RULE... YOU WILL BE AT THEIR **MERCY!**



AT LEAST NANCY WON'T BE FACING THEM **ALONE!** I'M READY TO FACE THOSE DEMONS ON MY OWN HOOK... **JUST SHOW ME WHERE TO FIND THEM!**

**M**OMENTS LATER... IN THE MURKY DEPTHS OF STORMWAY HALL...

THERE IS WHAT YOU SEEK... **THE TOMB OF TERROR!** BUT BEFORE YOU ENTER... **MAKE SURE YOU CAN FACE WHAT YOU WILL FIND INSIDE!**



IT WON'T MATTER! I'LL FACE **ANYTHING**... FOR HER SAKE!



YE GODS... **NANCY!**

**CRACK!**

SHE **CAN'T** BE DEAD! NOT IN A SPOT LIKE **THIS**... **CRAWLING WITH THINGS** THAT WILL HOLD HER SPIRIT FOREVER!



**HA HA HA!**

THEN... FILLING THE DANK CHAMBER WITH THE STIFLING TOUCH OF EVIL...

DO YOU THINK ANYONE LEAVES THE TOMB OF TERROR ALIVE? SHE HAS FAINTED, AS ANOTHER VICTIM FAINTED CENTURIES AGO... BUT THIS TIME WE WILL NOT BE CHEATED! THIS TIME HER SPIRIT WILL BE OURS... BECAUSE SHE WILL BE KILLED BEFORE SHE IS GEARED IN HER WAITING TOMB!

THAT'S GOING TO BE A BIG ORDER, OREEPS! TRY IT... AND FIND OUT!



SUDDENLY... AS THE GAPING WALL BRISTLES WITH A NEW HORROR...

THE FIENDS! IN ANOTHER FEW SECONDS... THEY'LL BE SWARMING ALL AROUND ME!

POW!



IN THE NEXT INSTANT...

NOW OUR VICTIMS SHALL BE TWO!

THE FIRST IS HER... THE SECOND YOU!



AS JIM RUSHES FROM STORMWAY HALL... WITH THE DREAD PURSUERS CLOSING IN...

NEVER BEFORE HAS THIS UNHOLY PACK LEFT THE TOMB OF TERROR! AND NEVER BEFORE HAVE I HAD A CHANCE LIKE THIS... A CHANCE TO DESTROY THEIR LAIR OF EVIL!



THEN... AS A RUDDY GLARE MOUNTS ABOVE THE STARK WALLS...

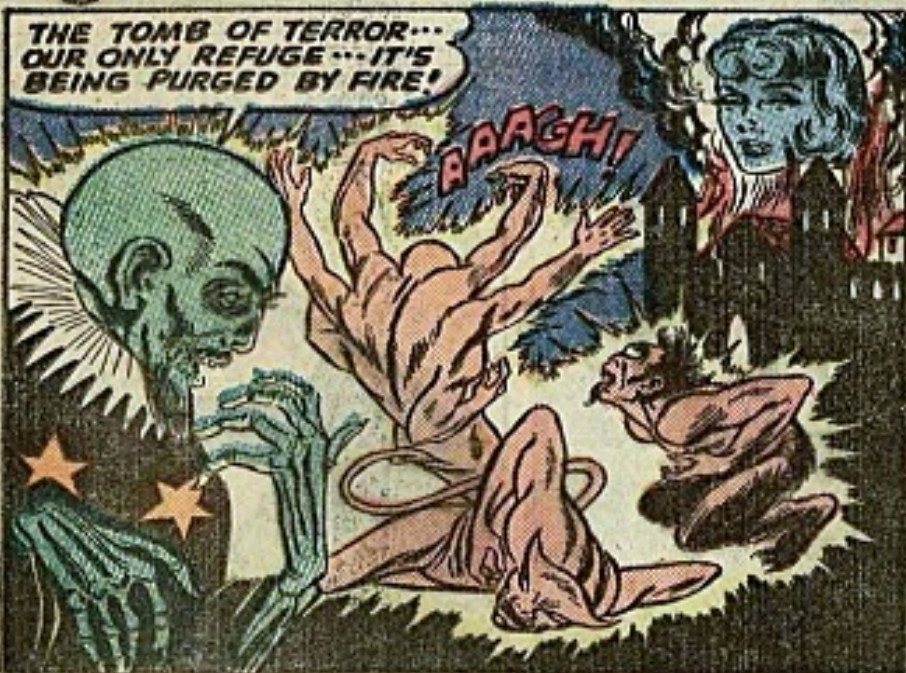
THANK HEAVEN THEY'VE STOPPED... I CAN'T GO MUCH FURTHER!

FIENDS... LOOK! SHE'S AT THE WINDOW... LAUGHING... LAUGHING AGAINST THE FLAMES!



THE TOMB OF TERROR... OUR ONLY REFUGE... IT'S BEING PURGED BY FIRE!

BAAGH!



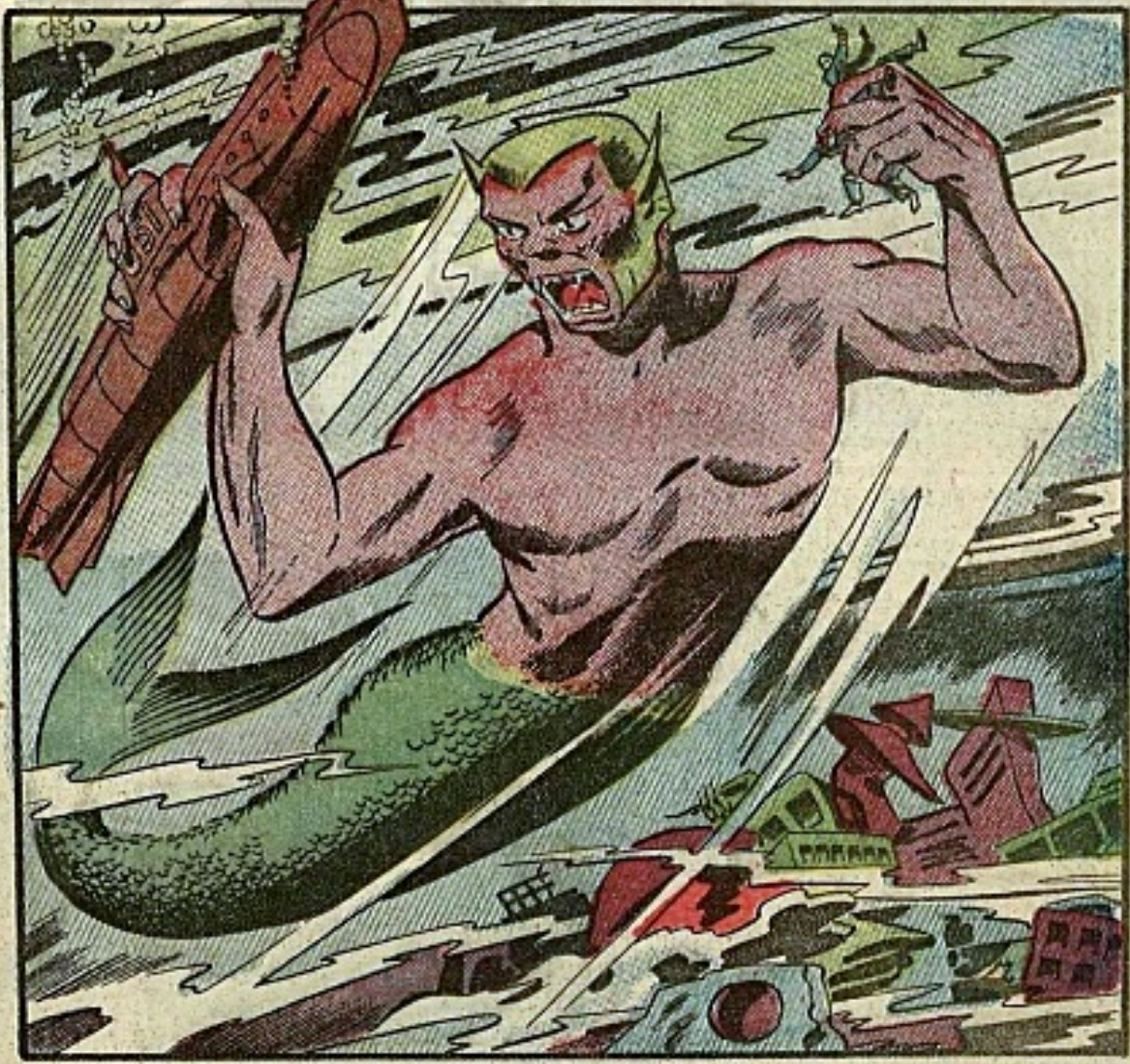
FOR A MOMENT, FAINT LAUGHTER RINGS ABOVE THE ROARING FLAMES... AND THEN STORMWAY HALL COLLAPSES INTO A SEETHING SHELL!

THIS ENDS THE CURSE OF THE TOMB OF TERROR, JIM... BUT I'LL ALWAYS SHUDDER WHENEVER I PASS THESE JAGGED, BLACKENED WALLS! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO PREVENT THAT, HONEY! SUPPOSE YOU NEVER SEE THEM AGAIN... SUPPOSE I ASK THE QUESTION THAT'S BEEN ON THE TIP OF MY TONGUE... SUPPOSE WE LEAVE FOR THE STATES TOGETHER?



# THE MERMAN MENACE

**A**NCIENT LEGENDS  
THROW WITH STRANGE  
TALES OF MERMAIDS AND  
MERMEN... AND WHERE  
THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S  
FIRE! HERE'S AN ASTOUND-  
ING STORY OF A WEIRD  
DENIZEN OF THE DEEP...  
A THRILLING ACCOUNT  
OF THE EERIE DISCOVER-  
ERY OF A SUBMARINE'S  
CREW! READ IT...AND  
CHILL!



SINCE WE'RE NEARING OUR DESTINATION, LIEUTENANT, I CAN TELL YOU NOW WHAT OUR SECRET ORDERS ARE! OUR DETECTING INSTRUMENTS ON THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS RECORDED AN UNDERWATER ATOMIC EXPLOSION A FEW DAYS AGO AT A SPOT 200 MILES OFF THE SIBERIAN COAST...AND THIS SUBMARINE HAS BEEN ORDERED TO INVESTIGATE THE SITE!

BUT THIS IS NOWHERE NEAR OUR ATOMIC PROVING GROUNDS, CAPTAIN WADE... SO THE REDS MUST HAVE DETONATED THAT ATOM BOMB!



THAT'S RIGHT, LIEU...  
...GREAT SCOTT  
...LOOK AT THAT  
MONSTROUS  
TAIL!

IT...IT MUST BE A MIRAGE!  
NOTHING THAT  
SIZE COULD  
EXIST!



IT'S...NOT A MIRAGE  
...IT'S A NIGHTMARE!  
THAT GIGANTIC HEAD...  
IT'S HUMAN!



WHAT...WHAT DO YOU  
FIGURE IT IS...SOME  
PREHISTORIC MONSTER?

NO, NOT THAT!  
IT'S INCREDIBLE  
...BUT WE'VE RUN  
INTO A GIANT  
MERMAN!

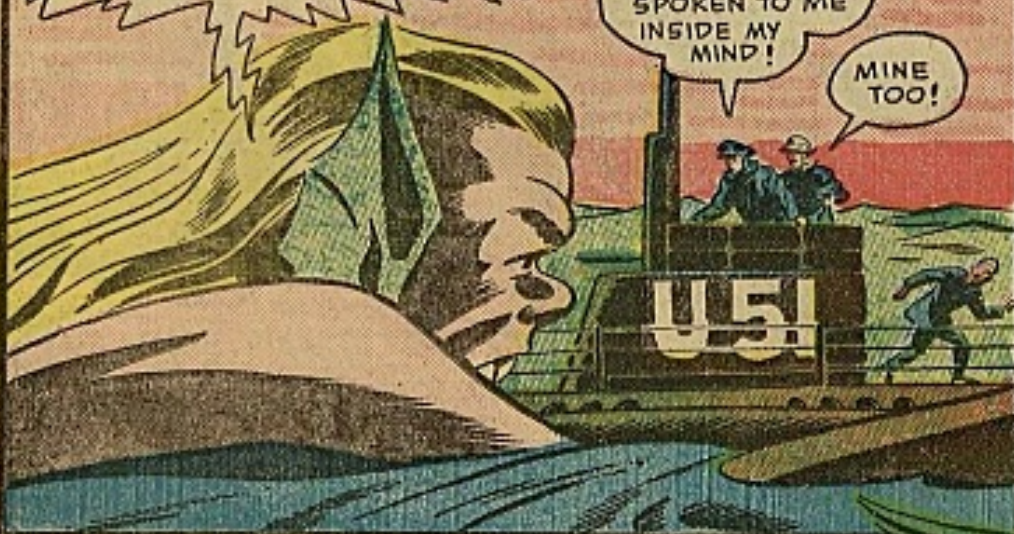


AND YOU...YOU MUST BE THE SAVAGE  
LITTLE BEASTS WHO DESTROYED THE  
CITY OF THE MER-PEOPLE AND ALL  
ITS INHABITANTS!

I...I DIDN'T HEAR  
ANYTHING... BUT A  
BOOMING VOICE  
SEEMS TO HAVE  
SPOKEN TO ME  
INSIDE MY MIND!

MINE  
TOO!

OF COURSE...WE MER-PEOPLE HAVE  
DEVELOPED THE ARTS OF READING  
MINDS AND CONVERGING TELE-  
PATHICALLY...SINCE SPEECH IS  
IMPOSSIBLE UNDERWATER! IT  
WAS YOUR RACE WHICH DETONATED  
THAT DEVICE YOU CALL AN ATOM-  
BOMB! YOU DESTROYED MY CITY  
AND MY PEOPLE...AND FOR THAT  
YOU WILL ALL DIE!



WAIT--WE'RE AMERICANS...  
IT WAS ANOTHER NATION  
THAT SET OFF THE UNDER-  
WATER EXPLOSION!

I KNOW NOTHING OF  
NATIONS! ALL OF US  
MER-PEOPLE WERE ALIKE,  
AND WE KNOW THAT ALL  
FISHES OF THE SAME SPECIES  
ARE ALIKE...SO ALL OF YOU  
HUMANS MUST BE ALIKE!  
AND NOW I EXACT MY  
REVENGE!





**B**UT WITH INCREDIBLE SWIFTNES...



WAIT...A THOUGHT MESSAGE FROM THE MERMAN!

FIRST I WILL TAKE YOU DOWN TO MY CITY AND SHOW YOU THE DEVASTATION YOUR BOMB CAUSED! AND THEN I WILL CRACK THE HULL OF YOUR SHIP LIKE AN EGG...AND DEVOUR YOU ONE BY ONE!



DOWN...DOWN... DOWN THROUGH THE COLD, MURKY DEPTHS...ALMOST TO THE LIMIT OF PRESSURE THE SUB CAN WITHSTAND...

LOOK...THROUGH THE PERISCOPE... AN UNDERWATER CITY!



GREAT SCOTT...IT MUST HAVE BEEN A FABULOUS CITY BEFORE THE ATOMIC EXPLOSION WRECKED IT!

YES...AND BEFORE ALL THOSE MERMEN AND MERMAIDS WERE KILLED!



AHE, THEY ARE ALL DEAD...I AM THE ONLY ONE OF MY ANCIENT RACE TO SURVIVE! AND THAT WAS ONLY BECAUSE I WAS HUNTING FOR WHALES A FEW HUNDRED MILES AWAY AT THE TIME OF THE EXPLOSION! ALL THE MER-PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT KILLED OUTRIGHT DIED SOON AFTERWARDS FROM STRANGE POISONS IN THE WATER...POISONS UNDOUBTEDLY CAUSED BY YOUR BOMB!



AND YOU HUMANS ARE THE ONES WHO DID ALL THIS! NOW YOU PAY FOR YOUR CRIME...WITH YOUR LIVES!





THE HULL'S CRACKING!  
IT'S GIVING WAY!

WATER'S STARTING  
TO COME IN! WE---  
WE'LL DROWN  
LIKE  
RATS!



BUT JUST THEN---

OHHHH!

SMASH!



WHA --- WHAT  
HAPPENED?

ANOTHER  
SUB JUST KNOCKED  
THE MERMAN OUT---THEY'RE  
FASTENING GRAPPLING IRONS  
ONTO IT! QUICK---SEND THEM  
A RADIO FLASH THAT WE'RE  
TAKING WATER FAST AND  
MUST BE TOWED TO THE  
SURFACE IMMEDIATELY!



MINUTES LATER, ABOARD THE OTHER  
SUBMARINE---

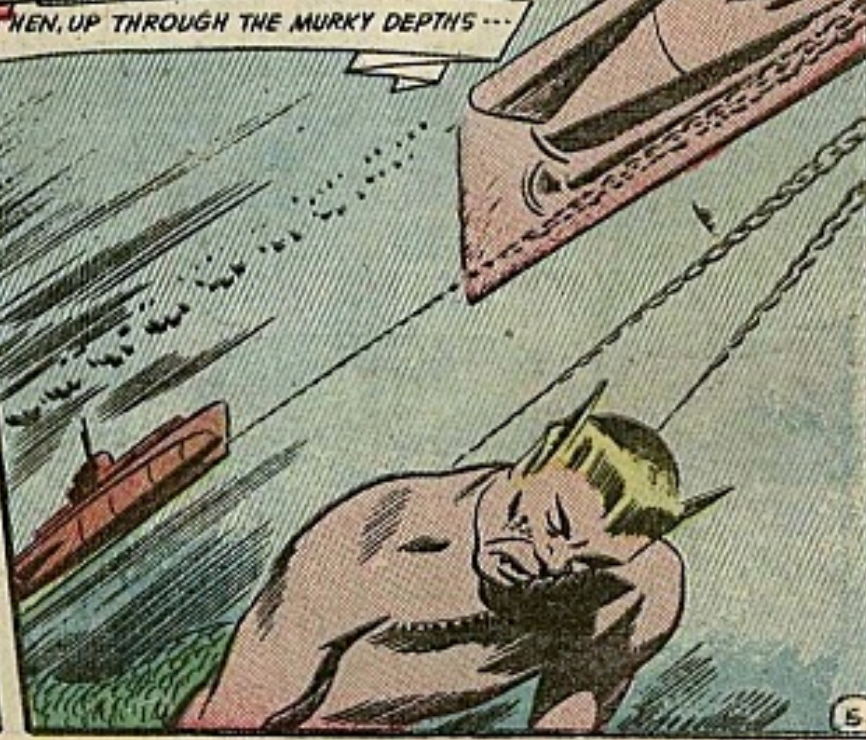
SO THE AMERICANS WISH  
TO BE RESCUED, EH? RADIO  
THEM THAT WE WILL TOW THEM  
TO THE SURFACE ONLY IF THEY  
JETTISON THEIR REMAINING  
TORPEDOES---AND CON-  
SIDER THEMSELVES **OUR**  
**PRISONERS!**



WHEN THE ANSWER CRACKLES BACK---

THEY---THEY WANT  
US TO **SURRENDER!**  
IT'S A **RED SUB-**  
**MARINE!**

WE HAVE NO CHOICE  
---IT'S EITHER DIE LIKE  
RATS OR DO AS THEY  
SAY! AT LEAST WE'LL  
FIND OUT WHAT THEIR  
GAME IS ONCE WE'RE  
UP ON THE SUR-  
FACE!



THEN, UP THROUGH THE MURKY DEPTHS---

THROW YOUR SMALL ARMS OVERBOARD IMMEDIATELY!

BETTER DO IT, BOYS... WITHOUT TORPEDOES, WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THEM!

NOW QUICKLY, COMRADES... GET OUT THE COMPLETE STOCK OF ANAESTHETICS AND SEDATIVES... FROM OUR MEDICAL SUPPLIES... AND START INJECTING ALL OF IT INTO THE MERMAN! WE CAN'T TAKE THE CHANCE OF HAVING HIM REVIVE FROM THAT BLOW ON THE HEAD BEFORE WE REACH OUR SIBERIAN BASE!

GOOD... ALL THOSE DRUG INJECTIONS OUGHT TO KEEP HIM UNCONSCIOUS UNTIL WE'RE READY TO MAKE USE OF HIM!

YOU WERE THE ONES WHO DISCOVERED THE MERMAN, BUT HE WILL BECOME *OUR* GLAVE! WE WERE A FEW MILES AWAY FROM YOU, INVESTIGATING THE RESULTS OF OUR ATOM-BOMB EXPLOSION, WHEN WE HEARD THE MERMAN'S THOUGHTS ECHOING IN OUR MINDS... APPARENTLY HIS THOUGHT MESSAGES CARRY QUITE FAR! REALIZING OUR CHANCE, WE TRACKED HIM DOWN AND KNOCKED HIM OUT!

NOW WE WILL TOW HIM TO OUR SIBERIAN BASE, WHERE HE WILL BE INDOCTRINATED WITH A HATRED OF AMERICANS! WE WILL TELL HIM THAT IT WAS A *U.S.* ATOM BOMB THAT DESTROYED HIS PEOPLE... AND HE WILL THEN BE INVALUABLE TO US IN DESTROYING AMERICAN SHIPPING AND PLANTING ATOMIC MINES IN YOUR HARBORS! HE WILL BE ABLE TO DEFEAT ALL DETECTING DEVICES, SINCE HE'S NOT MADE OF METAL... AND SO WILL BE INVULNERABLE!

BUT ENOUGH OF TALK... NOW WE HEAD FOR OUR BASE! AND IF YOU TRY TO CUT THE TOWING CHAIN DURING THE NIGHT, YOU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY TORPEDOED!

WAIT TILL NIGHTFALL... I'VE GOT A PLAN!



**THAT NIGHT---** REMEMBER THE MERMAN SAID IT COULD READ MINDS? WELL, EVERYTHING THAT RED CAPTAIN SAID IS IMPRINTED ON MY MIND, INCLUDING THE STATEMENT THAT THE **REDS** SET OFF THAT ATOM BOMB---SO IF WE CAN REVIVE THE MERMAN AND GET HIM TO READ MY MIND, HE'LL KNOW THE **TRUTH!**

AND THEN HE'LL LACE INTO THE REDS, EH? IT'S A GREAT IDEA, CAPTAIN--- BUT HOW CAN WE REVIVE THE MERMAN?

SIMPLE! I'LL SWIM OUT TO HIM WITH EVERY POUND OF DRUG STIMULANTS THAT WE'VE GOT IN THE SUB'S PHARMACY---AND WE'VE GOT PLENTY! THEN, BY MEANS OF BLOOD TRANSFUSION EQUIPMENT, I'LL POUR EVERY OUNCE OF THEM INTO HIS BLOOD STREAM---AND IF THAT DOESN'T WAKE HIM UP, **NOTHING** WILL!



**S**HORTLY AFTERWARDS---



WHEW, IT SURE IS A CREEPY FEELING TO TOUCH SOMETHING THAT'S SO COLD AND CLAMMILY FISH-LIKE---AND YET HALF HUMAN!

AH, ALL THAT ADRENALIN AND BENZEDRINE IS FINALLY DOING THE TRICK---HE'S BEGINNING TO STIR! I'D BETTER GET UP TO HIS HEAD SO I'LL BE THERE THE MOMENT HE FULLY AWAKENS!



**A**S THE MERMAN'S GIGANTIC EYES SUDDENLY FLICKER AND OPEN---



READ MY MIND, MERMAN, BUT DON'T SEND ME AN ANSWERING THOUGHT---SINCE OUR COMMON ENEMY CAN ALSO RECEIVE YOUR THOUGHT MESSAGES! MERELY READ MY MIND---AND FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED AND WHO YOUR **TRUE** ENEMY REALLY IS!

**F**OR A LONG MOMENT, THE MERMAN STARES AT CAPTAIN WADE, PROBING DEEPLY INTO HIS MIND---AND THEN---



**AAAH!**

THE MERMAN---HE'S REVIVED!



YOU ARE THE ONES WHO DESTROYED MY PEOPLE AND MY CITY!

HELP!



YAAAGHH!



CRACK!

WELL DONE, MERMAN...ANY TIME YOU WANT A COMMISSION IN THE AMERICAN NAVY AS A **BATTLESHIP**, JUST LET ME KNOW!

I SEE NOW THAT I ALMOST MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE, MY AMERICAN FRIEND...AND I THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME KNOW THE TRUTH BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE!



AND NOW THAT I HAVE AVENGED THE DESTRUCTION OF MY CITY AND PEOPLE, I MUST LEAVE YOU! PERHAPS THERE IS A MERMAID SOMEWHERE IN THE OCEAN--ONE WHO WANDERED AWAY AS I DID, AND THUS SURVIVED THE BOMB! AND IF MY RACE DOES SURVIVE, I WILL SURFACE AGAIN SOMETIME AND VISIT YOUR COUNTRY--AND THIS TIME, I WILL KNOW WHICH HUMANS TO TRUST AND HELP!



FAREWELL, MY FRIENDS...UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!

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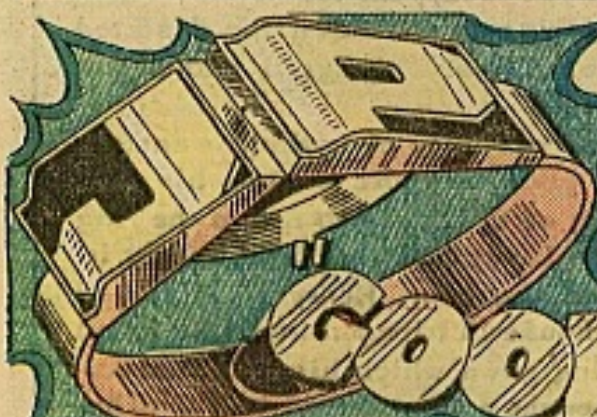
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# ROCKET for TWO

"OH, SHE'S SO dull," moaned Henry Bostwick. "I...I just hate to go home...she's so awfully, boringly, stupidly dull!"

"Who is?"

"My wife, of c...hub? Who are you... where did you come from?" Henry said, gaping at the dark, saturnine man who had so mysteriously appeared from nowhere on the dark, deserted street.

"My name and my manner of appearing unto you are unimportant," the stranger said in a peculiarly hollow voice. "All you need to know is that I can help you get rid of your wife."

"Ohh...but I...I didn't mean I wanted her killed or hurt in any way," Henry said, aghast. "I'm a law-abiding citizen, and if you're suggesting that..."

"She will not be harmed," the stranger broke in impatiently. "She will live a long life, and will have all the comforts imaginable. You see, I am a representative of the Extra-Planetary Rocket Research Corporation...and we need human subjects to test out our new, long-range atomic rockets that can travel for a hundred years into free space without refueling. Our rockets are equipped with all the food, water, exercising machines, books and other objects necessary to keep a human being from dying of boredom on the trip... so I am sure your wife will not mind it."

"But I...I don't understand," Henry quavered. "Even if she *wanted* to go, she couldn't operate the rocket or send back any reports or..."

"She will not have to do anything...but live. We are merely testing our rockets to see how human beings react to such long trips into space. The rocket works automatically, as do all the recording instruments which will flash reports back to us about the state of her health. And it isn't important whether *she* wants to go...you want her to go, don't you, Mr. Bostwick?"

Then here...take this diamond ring from my finger..."

"How...how did you know my name?" Henry asked wonderingly.

"That, too, is unimportant. Place this diamond ring on your finger and tell your wife you bought it for \$500 at the Planetary Diamond Exchange, 117 South Main Street. She will be furious, of course, and will insist on returning the ring for a refund...and when she shows up at the store, she will instantly be placed under hypnosis and brought aboard the rocket ship. When she awakes, she will be traveling through free space between the stars...and you will be free of her!"

Henry looked down at the ring the stranger had placed in his hand. "Hum, I see what you mean...it won't be *my* fault if she's so cheap as to want to return the ring! I'll be in the clear...and you...*bey*, where in blazes did you disappear to?"

After looking up and down the deserted street again, Henry shrugged and began walking home.

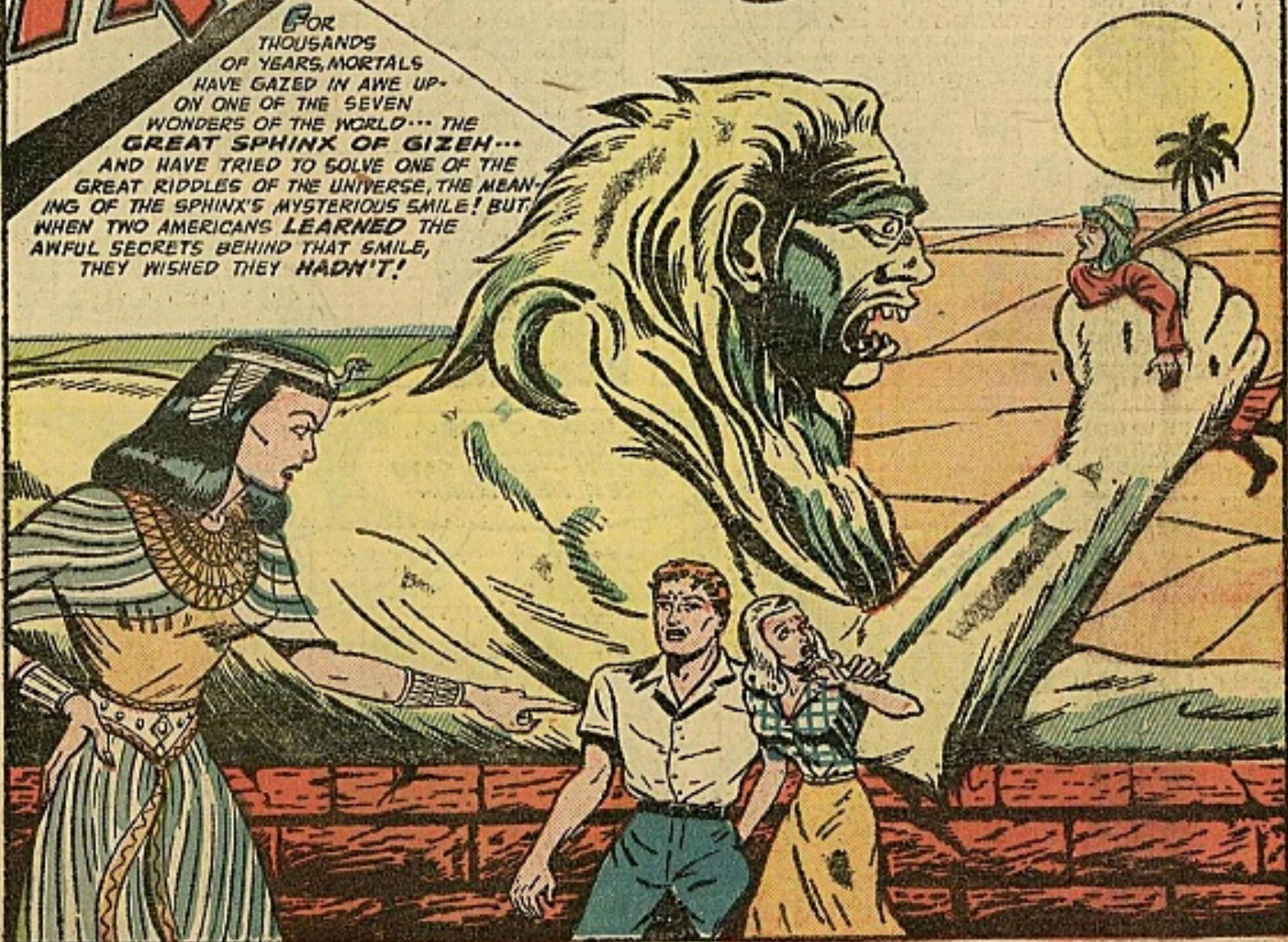
The next morning, everything went according to plan...for sure enough, his wife stormed out of the house to return the ring at the place Henry had said he'd bought it. And for half an hour, Henry wandered around the house in triumph...until he found that evening gown which his wife had apparently bought only yesterday. The price tag of \$379 made Henry furious...and he stormed out of the house to return the dress to the store mentioned on the label.

But the moment Henry entered the store, he knew something was wrong...for there were no dress racks, no sales clerks...nothing but that strange, unearthly light that made him sleepy...so sleepy...

When Henry awoke, the first thing he heard was his wife's voice screaming, "You...**YOU'RE** here too! Oh, what a fate...to be locked up for a hundred years in a space rocket with a man who's so awfully, boringly, stupidly dull!"

# PRIESTESS of the SPHINX

FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, MORTALS HAVE GAZED IN AWE UPON ONE OF THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD... THE GREAT SPHINX OF GIZEH... AND HAVE TRIED TO SOLVE ONE OF THE GREAT RIDDLES OF THE UNIVERSE, THE MEANING OF THE SPHINX'S MYSTERIOUS SMILE! BUT WHEN TWO AMERICANS LEARNED THE AWFUL SECRETS BEHIND THAT SMILE, THEY WISHED THEY HADN'T!



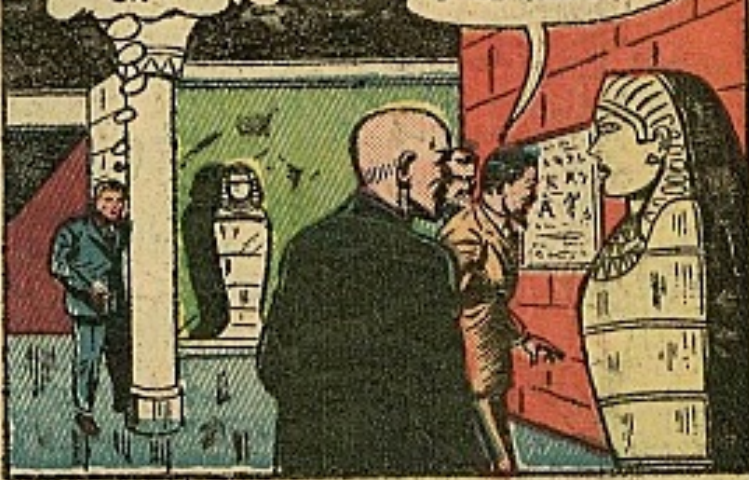
IN THE NEW YORK MUSEUM OF EGYPTOLOGY...

SAY--- THAT CHAP CARRYING THE BRIEFCASE LOOKS VAGUELY FAMILIAR! BUT WHERE HAVE I SEEN HIM BE--- WAIT--- NOW I REMEMBER! HE'S GOT EXACTLY THE SAME FEATURES AS THOSE OF THE STATUE OF IMHOTEP, THE HIGH PRIEST OF EGYPT 4,000 YEARS AGO!



IT---IT'S AN ASTONISHING RESEMBLANCE! PERHAPS I CAN GET INTO A CONVERSATION WITH HIM AND FIND OUT WHETHER IT'S JUST COINCIDENCE OR---

THE HIEROGLYPHICS ON THIS MUMMY CASE TELL ME THAT IT ORIGINALLY HOUSED NUBIA'S MUMMY! BUT HOW CAN I BE SURE THAT NUBIA HERSELF IS STILL INSIDE?





I COULDN'T HELP OVERHEARING YOUR QUESTION, GIR---AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE MUMMY OF NUBIA *IS* INSIDE THAT CASE! I'M KENNETH WALTON, CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM, AND IT WAS I WHO DISCOVERED THE MUMMY IN THE COURSE OF MY EXCAVATIONS IN EGYPT LAST YEAR! IT WAS FLOWN DIRECTLY TO THE MUSEUM, SO THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF ANYONE SWITCHING MUMMIES!

AH, THAT IS ALL I WANTED TO KNOW!



WE WISH TO ADMIRE THE MUMMY CASE UNDISTURBED --- YOU WILL GO NOW! **YOU --- WILL --- GO --- NOW!**

YOUR...YOUR EYES... BURNING...HYPNOTIZING...YES, I...I **WILL...GO...**



GOOD... HE IS GONE! NOW QUICKLY, AHMED --- OPEN THE CASE!

THEY...THEY'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING TO THE MUMMY! I...I'VE GOT TO FIGHT MY WAY --- OUT OF THIS TRANCE --- REGAIN MY WILL! I MUST STOP THEM --- AND I **WILL!**



**AWAKE, O NUBIA, O PRIESTESS OF GIZEH --- SATU SATU AREK NEB-BESU---**

**STOP... CLOSE THAT MUMMY CASE!**



IT'S AGAINST THE MUSEUM RULES TO --- **OH!!**

WELL DONE, AHMED --- THAT WILL DISPOSE OF HIM UNTIL WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR BUSINESS!

**CRASH!**



**AWAKE, O NUBIA --- THROW OFF THE SLEEP OF CENTURIES! AMSU UTEB!**

SHE MOVES --- YOU HAVE REVIVED HER FROM THE DEAD, MASTER!



THEN, AS IF EMERGING FROM THE COCOON OF ETERNAL SLEEP, THE MUMMY STEPS FORWARD, WEAVES BLINDLY---

AH, PATIENCE, NUBIA --- SOON YOUR EYES WILL SEE THE LIGHT THAT HAS BEEN DENIED TO YOU FOR 4,000 YEARS!



IMHOTEP  
--- THOU?

NOT THE HIGH PRIEST  
IMHOTEP YOU KNEW  
4,000 YEARS AGO,  
NUBIA---BUT HIS  
**DIRECT DE-  
SCENDANT!**...  
QUICKLY, ARMED---  
THE CLOTHING---



**A** BRIEF MINUTE LATER---

WAIT--- THIS  
MAN--- IS HE  
ONE OF  
US?

NO--- HE IS AN  
**ENEMY!** COME  
--- WE MUST LEAVE  
BEFORE HE  
REVIVES!



**B**Y THE TIME KEN REGAINS  
CONSCIOUSNESS---

OHH, MY HEAD---  
**GREAT SCOTT!**  
THE MUMMY'S  
**GONE!**



NO, SIR--- WE DIDN'T SEE  
ANYONE CARRYING A  
MUMMY OUT! AND NO  
ONE COULD HAVE  
SMUGGLED ANY-  
THING **THAT**  
SIZE PAST  
US!

AND YET--- IT'S NOT IN THE  
MUSEUM! TELL ME --- DID  
YOU NOTICE THOSE THREE  
EGYPTIAN-LOOKING  
CHARACTERS WHO CAME  
IN HERE AS SOON AS THE  
DOORS OPENED AT NINE  
--- DID THEY LEAVE CARRY-  
ING ANYTHING?



I KNOW THE ONES  
YOU MEAN, SIR--- ALL  
THEY WERE CARRY-  
ING WHEN THEY LEFT  
WAS THAT BRIEFCASE  
THEY TOOK IN! AND  
THEY CERTAINLY  
COULDN'T HAVE  
HIDDEN A MUMMY  
IN **THERE!**

WAIT--- COME  
TO THINK OF  
IT, ONLY THREE  
OF THEM CAME  
IN--- BUT WHEN  
THEY LEFT,  
THERE WAS A  
**GIRL** WITH  
THEM!

A--- A  
**GIRL?**



YEAH--- AND AS SHE PASSED,  
SHE THREW ME A LOOK  
THAT--- THAT SEEMED TO  
**HYPHOTIZE ME!** IT  
WASN'T UNTIL SHE WAS  
OUT OF SIGHT THAT I  
REMEMBERED I  
**HADN'T SEEN  
HER COME IN!**

IT--- IT'S **INCREDIBLE** ---  
BUT IT ALL FITS IN! I  
HEARD THAT EGYPTIAN  
ORDERING NUBIA TO AWAKE  
--- AND IF HE'D BROUGHT  
ALONG A MODERN AMERICAN  
DRESS FOR HER IN THAT BRIEF-  
CASE, SHE COULD HAVE JUST  
WALKED RIGHT PAST THOSE  
GUARDS!



I KNOW IT SOUNDS CRAZY--- BUT IT'S THE ONLY  
POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR THE DISAPPEARANCE  
OF THAT MUMMY! AT ANY RATE, IT'S A MYSTERY I'VE  
**GOT TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF---** FOR THE  
SAKE OF MY OWN SANITY! I'LL PHONE THE  
POLICE, GIVE THEM A DESCRIPTION OF THE  
3 MEN, AND SAY THEY STOLE SOMETHING  
VALUABLE FROM THE MUSEUM! I CAN'T  
TELL THEM ABOUT MY THEORY--- OR  
THEY'D CLAP ME IN A PADDED CELL  
FASTER THAN I COULD SAY  
**NUBIA!**

**TWO HOURS LATER...**

**CAIRO, EH? THANKS... THAT'S WHERE I'M HEADING FOR, THEN!**

MR. WALTON & THREE MEN WHO ANSWERED THE DESCRIPTION YOU GAVE US LEFT WITH A GIRL ON THE OVERSEAS PLANE TO CAIRO JUST AN HOUR AGO!



**BUT WHEN KEN REVEALS HIS PLANS TO HIS FIANCEE...**

I KNOW HOW FASCINATED YOU ARE ABOUT EGYPTOLOGY, DARLING... AND IF A BEAUTIFUL EGYPTIAN PRIESTESS **HAS** ARISEN FROM THE DEAD, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BECOME FASCINATED WITH **HER** IF I CAN HELP IT! IF YOU'RE GOING TO TRACK HER DOWN, THEN **I'M GOING WITH YOU!**

OH, ALL RIGHT, BETTY... THERE'S NO TIME TO ARGUE... THE NEXT PLANE FOR CAIRO LEAVES IN JUST HALF AN HOUR!



HMM, ACCORDING TO THESE BOOKS YOU BROUGHT ALONG TO STUDY, KEN... NUBIA SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN THE PRIESTESS OF A CULT THAT WORSHIPED AT THE ALTAR OF THE GREAT SPHINX OF GIZEH AROUND 4,000 YEARS AGO!

YES, AND IF SHE **HAS** BEEN REVIVED, SHE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN MANY MYSTERIES ABOUT THAT ERA OF EGYPTIAN HISTORY!



YOU SEE, BETTY, PRACTICALLY EVERY REFERENCE TO THE CULT OF THE SPHINX SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TORN OUT OR DESTROYED IN ALL THE ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS AND TABLETS... AS IF SOMEONE WANTED TO KEEP THE CULT'S DOINGS A DARK SECRET! PERHAPS NUBIA COULD EXPLAIN **THAT**... AND ALSO AN EVEN DEEPER MYSTERY, ONE OF THE GREAT RIDDLES OF THE UNIVERSE... **THE SECRET OF THE TRUE MEANING OF THE SPHINX AND ITS ENIGMATIC SMILE!**



**AFTER A FAST FLIGHT ACROSS OCEAN AND DESERT...**

BUT KEN... WHY DID WE HAVE TO HIRE THESE CAMELS AND RIDE OUT HERE IN THE DESERT? WHY DIDN'T YOU HAVE THE CAIRO POLICE LOOK FOR NUBIA AND THOSE MEN?

BECAUSE I HAVE A HUNCH THEY'RE NOT IN CAIRO AT ALL, BUT OUT AT THE GREAT SPHINX OF GIZEH... AND THAT'S WHERE **WE'RE** GOING!



**INTO THE HEART OF THE VAST, FORBIDDING DESERT, WHERE THE HOT WINDS BLOW ACROSS SANDS AS ANCIENT AND IN-SCRUTABLE AS TIME ITSELF...**

LOOK, KEN... THERE'S THE GREAT SPHINX OF GIZEH AHEAD OF US!

YES, AND IF YOU NOTICE, WE SEEM TO BE FOLLOWING THE TRACKS OF SOME CAMELS THAT PASSED THIS WAY ONLY RECENTLY... AND THAT MAKES ME THINK **WE'RE** ON THE RIGHT TRACK!





**A**S THE SHADOWS OF TWILIGHT FALL ACROSS THE GREAT, BROODING SPHINX...



I WAS RIGHT, BETTY... THOSE THREE MEN ARE THE CHARACTERS I MET IN THE MUSEUM! AND THAT... THAT GIRL MUST BE **NUBIA**! LET'S KEEP QUIET, SO WE CAN HEAR THEIR CONVERSATION!

NOW, O NUBIA, YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO ATONE FOR THE SIN YOU COMMITTED 4,000 YEARS AGO... THE SIN OF NEGLECTING TO PROVIDE THE SACRIFICE THE GREAT SPHINX DEMANDED! AHMED HAS AGREED TO BECOME THE SACRIFICE FOR THE HONOR OF A GREATER EGYPT! YOU HAVE ONLY TO PLUNGE THE SACRED DAGGER INTO HIS HEART... **AND THE GREAT SPHINX WILL AWAKEN AND SPEAK ONCE MORE!**

IT WILL BE DONE, O IMHOTEP!



SEN NETERU ATHUA MENNU... FROM THIS DEATH, AWAKE INTO LIFE, O MIGHTY SPHINX!



SUDDENLY, A VAST RUMBLING SOUND MAKES THE DESERT TREMBLE... AS IF IN TERROR AT THE AWESOME STIRRING AND QUIVERING OF THE GREAT STONE SPHINX! **STONE?** NO... STONE NO LONGER... FOR WHAT STONE EVER RIPPLED WITH LIFE?



Then, as the incredible conversion into life is completed...

KEN... IT... IT'S MOVING... IT'S ALIVE! LET'S RUN!

SO... WE HAVE VISITORS, EH?

GET DOWN, BETTY! OH-OH, TOO LATE... THEY'VE SPOTTED US!



YOU WILL COME DOWN HERE... OR YOU DIE! AND I WARN YOU... I AM AN EXPERT SHOT!

WE... WE'D BETTER DO AS HE SAYS, BETTY... AT LEAST WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT NOW!



SO...THE CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM! IT WAS FOOLISH OF YOU TO FOLLOW ME HERE...BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE GUMBLED ON THE SECRET OF THE SPHINX, YOU WILL NOT LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO INTERFERE WITH MY PLANS FOR CONQUERING THE ENTIRE WORLD AND BECOMING THE MIGHTIEST PHARAOH OF ETERNITY!



BUT BEFORE YOU DIE, I WILL EXPLAIN THE **MYSTERY OF THE SPHINX** TO YOU! THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO, THE GREAT SPHINX OF GIZEH WAS AS ALIVE AS IT IS NOW...A MONSTROUS BEAST WITH THE HEAD OF A HUMAN AND THE BODY OF A LION! AND ITS SMILE IS THE SMILE OF INCOMPARABLE, GODLIKE WISDOM...FOR IT KNOWS ALL THINGS AND CAN IMPART ALL ANSWERS TO ANY QUESTION UNDER THE SUN! BUT...IT REQUIRES A **HUMAN SACRIFICE** AS PAYMENT FOR EACH ANSWER IT GIVES!



THE EARLY PHARAOHS MERELY USED THE SPHINX TO LEARN THE SECRETS OF BUILDING PYRAMIDS, OF ASTRONOMY, AND OF OTHER FOOLISH PASTIMES! BUT NUBIA, WHOSE DUTY IT WAS TO PERFORM THE SACRIFICES, ELOPED WITH A NECROMANCER ONE DAY 4,000 YEARS AGO, SO THE SACRIFICE COULD NOT BE PERFORMED...AND IN RETALIATION, THE SPHINX TURNED ITSELF INTO MUTE STONE, REFUSING TO ANSWER ALL FURTHER QUESTIONS!

IN ANGER, THE REIGNING PHARAOH OF THE TIME ORDERED NUBIA BURIED ALIVE...AND WITHOUT THE SPHINX TO GIVE THE ANSWERS TO ALL THE PERPLEXING PROBLEMS OF STATE, THE GREAT EGYPTIAN EMPIRE DIS-INTEGRATED! BUT I, IMHOTEP AM A DIRECT DESCENDANT OF THE HIGH PRIEST OF EGYPT...THE SAME HIGH PRIEST WHO HAD BEEN AWARE 4,000 YEARS AGO OF NUBIA'S TEMPESTUOUS AND AMOROUS NATURE!



FEARFUL THAT NUBIA WOULD EVENTUALLY RUN OFF AND FAIL TO PERFORM HER DUTIES, MY ANCESTOR ONCE ASKED THE SPHINX WHAT COULD BE DONE IF THAT CAME TO PASS...THE SPHINX ANSWERED THAT AS PUNISHMENT, NUBIA WOULD HAVE TO SLEEP THE DEATH OF 4,000 YEARS! THEN A CERTAIN INCANTATION COULD AWAKEN HER TO RESUME HER DUTIES...AND AT THE FIRST SACRIFICE, THE **SPHINX ITSELF** WOULD AWAKEN! AND SINCE THE SPHINX'S ANSWER WAS SECRETLY PASSED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION IN THE PRIESTHOOD, I KNEW THE ANSWER!



IT...IT'S INCREDIBLE...BUT AFTER WATCHING THE SPHINX DEVOUR THAT SACRIFICE, I KNOW THAT **ANYTHING** IS POSSIBLE!

BUT NOW THAT THE SPHINX HAS BEEN AWAKENED, I WILL NOT ASK SUCH FOOLISH QUESTIONS AS HOW TO BUILD BIGGER AND BETTER PYRAMIDS! I SHALL FIND HOW TO SEIZE CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE WORLD BY MEANS OF NEW PHYSICAL AND OCCULT WEAPONS! AND SINCE ONE SACRIFICE HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE, I AM ENTITLED TO ONE QUESTION!...ABDULLAH... WATCH THEM!



TELL ME, O ALL-KNOWING SPHINX...CAN YOU REVEAL TO ME THE SECRETS THAT WILL MAKE ME THE MIGHTIEST EMPEROR OF THE AGES, WITH ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD AS MY SLAVES?



THEN, IN A VOICE AS HOLLOW AND TERRIFYING AS DOOM ITSELF...

YEA, I CAN MAKE YE EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN OSIRIS, THE GOD OF DEATH... BUT FOR EACH ANSWER I GIVE, ONE SACRIFICE MUST BE MADE TO ME!



HA...AND YOU WILL BE THE NEXT SACRIFICE! ABDULLAH... SEIZE HIM AND TIE HIM TO THE ALTAR!

NO! I WANT HIM SAVED!



WHAT? HASN'T 4,000 YEARS OF DEATH CURED YOU OF YOUR AMOROUS NATURE? AM I TO HAVE THE SAME TROUBLE WITH YOU THAT MY ANCESTORS DID?

I AM THE HIGH PRIESTESS OF THE CULT OF THE SPHINX...AND I HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THE SACRIFICIAL VICTIMS! IF YOU WANT THE SPHINX TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND GIVE YOU POWER, YOU WILL HAVE TO DO AS I SAY...

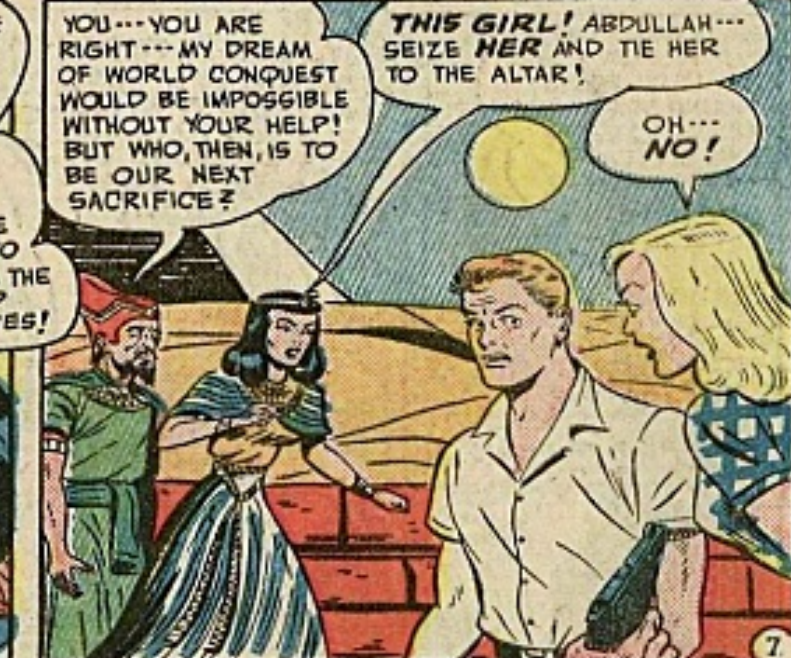
BECAUSE I AM THE ONLY ONE ALLOWED TO PERFORM THE SACRED SACRIFICES!

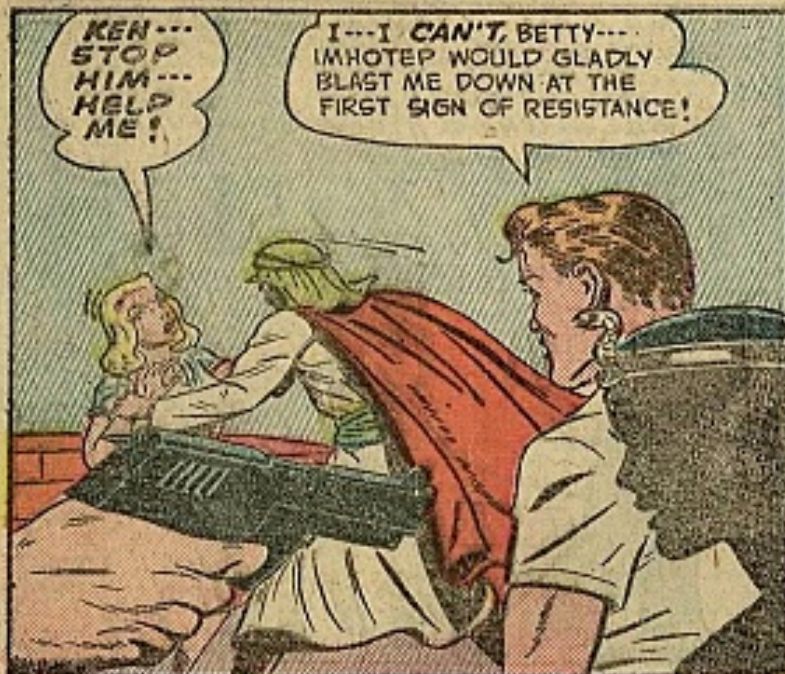


YOU...YOU ARE RIGHT...MY DREAM OF WORLD CONQUEST WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR HELP! BUT WHO, THEN, IS TO BE OUR NEXT SACRIFICE?

THIS GIRL! ABDULLAH... SEIZE HER AND TIE HER TO THE ALTAR!

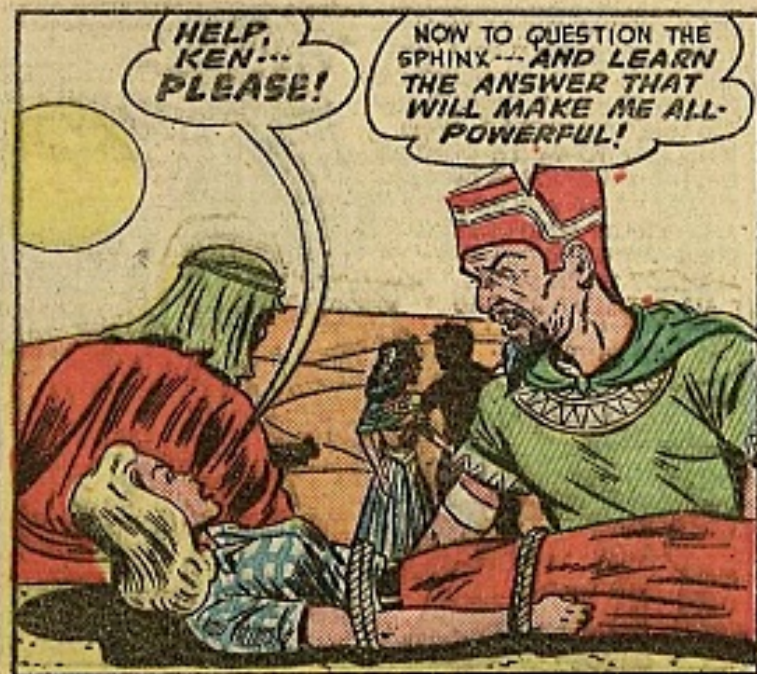
OH... NO!





**KEN... STOP HIM... HELP ME!**

**I---I CAN'T, BETTY--- IMHOTEP WOULD GLADLY BLAST ME DOWN AT THE FIRST SIGN OF RESISTANCE!**



**HELP, KEN... PLEASE!**

**NOW TO QUESTION THE SPHINX--- AND LEARN THE ANSWER THAT WILL MAKE ME ALL-POWERFUL!**



**TELL ME, O ALL-KNOWING SPHINX---WHAT ARE THE SECRETS OF THE OCCULT THAT I MUST KNOW TO CONQUER THE WORLD?**

**I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE GETTING RID OF THAT GIRL, NUBIA---FROM THE MOMENT I SAW YOU, I'VE KNOWN THAT YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE FOR ME! WE COULD STEAL AWAY FOR A FEW MINUTES TOGETHER--- IF NOT FOR ABDULLAH!**

**LEAVE HIM TO ME!**



**THESE ARE THE MANY SECRETS OF THE OCCULT THAT YOU WILL NEED, O IMHOTEP---**

**SLEEP, ABDULLAH---GLEEP THE GLEEP OF THE DEAD--- FROM WHICH ONLY I CAN AWAKEN YOU!**



**GOOD GIRL---YOU DID IT! NOW COME ON---LET'S DUCK AROUND THE SPHINX WHILE IMHOTEP IS BUSY LISTENING TO THE SPHINX'S ANSWER!**

**FIRST, HERE IS THE INCANTATION OF MASS HYPNOTISM THAT WILL ENABLE YOU TO MAKE ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD YOUR SLAVES---**



**---NEFERU-KA GUTEN TEKA-NEHAUT---**

**KEN'S RUNNING OFF WITH HER---HE'S ABANDONED ME! I---I MIGHT AS WELL DIE---NOW THAT I KNOW I'VE LOST HIM!**

BEHIND THE LION'S BODY OF THE LIVING SPHINX...

NUBIA... YOU'RE THE LOVELIEST WOMAN ON EARTH!

AND YOU, MY HANDSOME ONE...

MINUTES LATER, AS THE SPHINX FINISHES ITS ANSWER...

...AND NOW, MY PAYMENT FOR THE ANSWER... THE SACRIFICE!

NUBIA... UNSHEATH YOUR SACRED DAGGER!

NUBIA... WHERE ARE... ABDULLAH!... SHE... MUST HAVE HYPNOTIZED HIM AND FLED WITH THE AMERICAN!

QUICKLY, IMHOTEP... MY PAYMENT!

ONLY NUBIA CAN PERFORM THE SACRIFICE... I MUST FIND HER BEFORE THE SPHINX ANGRILY TURNS INTO MUTE STONE ONCE MORE! THAT WOULD SHATTER ALL MY DREAMS OF WORLD EMPIRE... I MUST FIND NUBIA!

MINUTES LATER...

THERE YOU ARE... TRAITOR!

HOW DARE YOU DEFY ME BY...

HOW DARE YOU INGULT THE HIGH PRIESTESS? YOU SHALL DIE FOR IT!

YAGHH!



YOU--- YOU WILL PAY FOR THIS, NUBIA---!

OH!!!

BANG!



Then...

GREAT SCOTT--- NUBIA STABBED IMHOTEP WITH THE SACRED DAGGER--- WHICH MADE HIM THE SACRIFICE! AND THERE GOES THE SPHINX--- GETTING READY TO DEVOUR HIM!



FAREWELL, MY HANDSOME ONE--- I--- I DIE--- BUT PERHAPS WE WILL MEET AGAIN--- IN THE GREAT BEYOND! AND WITH ME DIES THE SPHINX--- FOR HE WILL TURN INTO MUTE STONE AGAIN AS MY LAST BREATH ESCAPES MY BODY!

MOMENTS LATER, AS THE RIPPLING LION FLESH SUDDENLY HARDENS INTO UNYIELDING, MOTIONLESS STONE ONCE MORE---



SHE WAS RIGHT--- IT'S A STONE SPHINX AGAIN!



OH, KEN--- YOU--- YOU CAME BACK FOR ME! I THOUGHT THAT PRIEST-EGG HAD STOLEN YOU FOREVER!

I ONLY PRETENDED TO FALL FOR HER TO LURE HER AWAY FROM THE ALTAR--- BECAUSE I KNEW SHE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD PERFORM THE SACRIFICE!



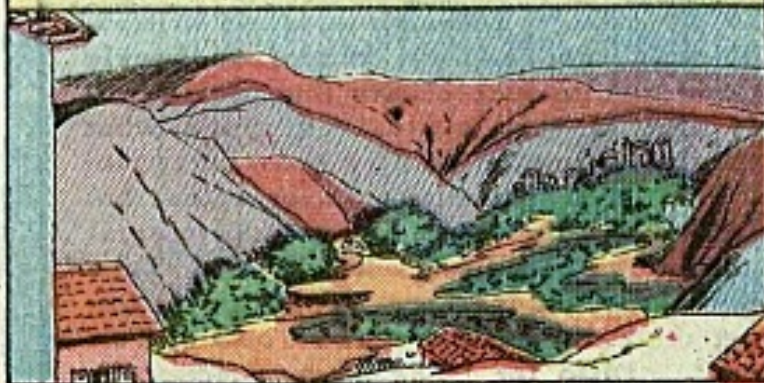
BUT WE'RE TOGETHER AGAIN--- AND NOW THAT NUBIA AND IMHOTEP ARE DEAD, NO ONE WILL EVER AGAIN BE ABLE TO AWAKEN THE SPHINX AND LEARN ITS AWFUL SECRETS!

The END!  
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# UNCANNY MYSTERIES

DANCE  
of the  
SAVAGES

IF YOU'RE EVER IN THE VICINITY OF THE FRENCH TOWNS OF SAUMUR AND PONT-CHANVRE, READER, PAY A VISIT TO THE WEIRD VALLEY THAT LIES BETWEEN THEM -- IF YOU CAN! IT WON'T BE EASY, BECAUSE THE VALLEY IS CLOSED AT BOTH ENDS BY STEEPLY RISING HILLS -- AS IF TO PREVENT ITS HAUNTED INHABITANTS FROM ESCAPING!



EVER SINCE THE DAYS OF KING CHARLES THE BAD, IN 1332, WHENEVER UNKNOWN POWERS SEND THE LIVESTOCK INTO A FRENZY, CAUSING THEM TO DIE MYSTERIOUSLY, THE FRENCH FARMERS KNOW THAT THE WITCHES' SABBATH WILL OCCUR IN THE VALLEY THAT NIGHT!

MON DIEU -- TONIGHT COMES LE BAL DES SAUVAGES -- ZE DANCE OF ZE SAVAGES!



PRECISELY AT MIDNIGHT, GROTESQUE WITCHES EMERGE FROM THE PONTCHANVRE WOODS!



THEN, SATAN HIMSELF IS SAID TO APPEAR, TO BE GREETED WITH WILD, UNEARTHLY CRIES BY THE WITCHES!



THIS BEGINS THE DANCE OF THE SAVAGES, THE DANCE OF THE WITCHES' SABBATH -- THE STRANGEST DANCE EVER TO BE WITNESSED BY MORTAL EYES! FEW HAVE SEEN IT AND LIVED -- BUT THOSE FEW WILL NEVER FORGET THE UNCANNY, HORRIBLE SIGHT FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES!



THE END

# From **YOUR EDITOR-** to **YOU!**

**H**ELLO, READERS...IT'S nice talking to you again!

There's nothing quite as pleasant as these cozy conversations with you, our favorite readers, and the only trouble is that they don't come around often enough. The result is that we sit down for each session just bursting with the news which accumulates between issues. What sort of news? Well, obviously, the type best calculated to fascinate all of us...and that means the *supernatural!* "Forbidden Worlds" has an announcement to make which has much to do with that great and unknown realm, and here it is. Ever since we commenced publication of this fine new magazine, we've been deluged by a torrent of mail from enthusiastic readers. Apparently you and countless thousands like you approve most heartily of what we're bringing you. Tales of ghosts, zombies, vampires, werewolves...strange stories of the startling denizens of the supernatural...this is the fare you want. And it's the fare you're getting, and will continue to get in exciting and ever-increasing doses! One thing we noticed from your letters, however, and that's that you've accepted the daring challenge of the *Unknown*, and can't get enough of

thrilling yarns of high imagination. And so we accept *your* challenge! If it's hair-breadth stories such as you've never before read that you're after, you'll get them in the future! We've given the green light to our editors, research men and writers. They've got explicit orders to buckle down and produce efforts that are *literally* out of this world...and that's what they're going to do...for *your* entertainment! Not senseless terror tales, but spine-tingling, gasp-laden supernatural adventures you'll remember forever! Take this issue, for instance. You'll never forget the eerie thrill of "The Tomb of Terror". Ditto for "The Merman Menace", as gripping a story as you've ever read. You won't find many like "Priestess of the Sphinx", and your pulses will race to the thudding excitement of "The Day The World Died". "Land of The Living Dead" is a gripping exploit into a *truly* forbidden world...and rounds out a star-studded issue!

If you like it, write and tell us...we'll try to print your letter! Address it to *The Editor, Forbidden Worlds, 45 West 45th St., New York 19, N. Y.* And here's a sample of the type of mail we've been getting!

*"Dear Editor:-*

*Why don't you put out 'Forbidden Worlds' monthly...just as you did with 'Adventures Into The Unknown'? It's a magnificent magazine, and deserves it! Here are my ratings on the 2nd issue: (1) 'The League of Vampires'. (2) 'Dead Man's Doom'. (3) 'The Mists of Midnight'. Keep up the great work!*

*--Tom Neveaux, St. Paul, Minn."*

*"Dear Editor:-*

*I think 'Forbidden Worlds' is great! Please write more stories like 'The Way of The Werewolf'. I thought that was the best of the bunch in your last edition...and 'Dead Man's Doom' was also swell! Continue with wonderful stories like these and I'll never miss a single issue!*

*--Robert Russell, Salt Lake City, Utah."*



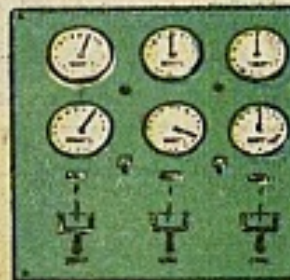
# The DAY THE WORLD DIED

I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE YOUR WORKING OVERTIME, NED-- AND YOU TOO, JEAN! SOMEHOW-- I'VE HAD AN OVERPOWERING URGE TO GET THINGS DONE THESE PAST FEW WEEKS!

WE'RE GLAD TO HELP, DR. WILLARD-- BUT THIS PACE CAN BE DANGEROUS AT YOUR AGE! WE'LL STAY AN HOUR LONGER-- AND THEN WE'RE SEEING YOU HOME!



RADIOACTIVE VAULT  
KEEP OUT



IMAGINE A SILENCE, AS IF THE EARTH HAD SUDDENLY BECOME A MUTED TOMB-- IMAGINE A VOID IN WHICH NOTHING MOVES-- NOTHING EXCEPT YOU AND A SINGLE COMPANION! THEN TRY TO PICTURE THE HIDEOUS CREATURES WHO SWARMED TO CLAIM OUR STRICKEN PLANET-- AND YOU'LL GET SOME IDEA OF HOW TERROR STALKED THE STREETS-- THE DAY THE WORLD DIED!

NED-- WE'VE BOTH KNOWN FOR SOME TIME THAT DR. WILLARD'S HEART IS FAILING-- THAT HE HASN'T MUCH LONGER TO LIVE! DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD MAKE HIM STOP?

NO SENSE DOING THAT, HONEY! WHY SHOULDN'T HE BE HERE WHEN THE END COMES, WORKING ON ATOMIC EXPERIMENTS TO WHICH HE'S DEVOTED HIS LIFETIME?

LET'S LOCK OURSELVES IN THE VAULT AND HAVE A CHECK WITH THAT GEIGER COUNTER, JEAN! DON'T WORRY ABOUT DR. WILLARD-- I'LL SEE TO IT THAT HE QUITS AS SOON AS HE'S WORKED OUT THAT MESON-SPLITTING PROBLEM!

NED! MAYBE BEING ISOLATED IN THIS VAULT IS GIVING ME DELUSIONS-- BUT I ALMOST THOUGHT I SAW SOMETHING LURKING AT THE OTHER END OF THE LAB!

WONDER WHAT'S WRONG WITH THOSE MICE? THE AIR IN THE LABORATORY'S HEAVILY CHARGED WITH ELECTRONS-- BUT THAT WOULDN'T ALARM THEM --AS IF THEY DETECTED A STRANGER!



THEN IT COMES-- THE THING THAT WILL CHANGE THE MEANING OF EVIL AND TERROR FOREVER!



GOOD LORD--  
WHAT IS IT?

OVERWHELMED BY SHOCK, THE GASPING WORDS AND FALTERING HEART FADE OUT TOGETHER-- AND AS DR. WILLARD SLUMPS AT THE CONTROL PANEL--



AAAGH!

**GRRRAK!**

NED-- IT'S  
HIDEOUS!  
THE VERY  
SIGHT  
OF IT  
KILLED DR.  
WILLARD!

YE GODS-- THE  
CYCLOTRON! THE  
SWITCH HE ACCI-  
DENTALLY THREW  
SENT A SURGE  
OF POWER THOUGH  
IT-- STRONG  
ENOUGH TO START  
A MESON CHAIN  
REACTION!



PUSHING FROM THE PROTECTIVE VAULT--

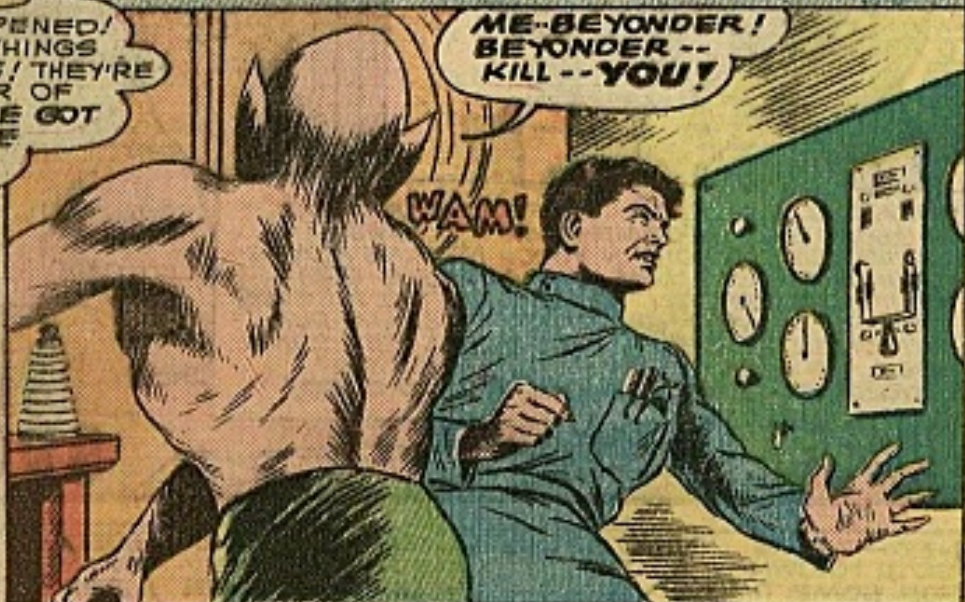
BUT AS NED RUSHES TOWARD THE CONTROL PANEL--

WHERE'S DR.  
WILLARD'S  
BODY? AND  
THOSE CAGED  
MICE, NED--  
THERE'S NO  
SIGN OF  
THEM!

SOMETHING'S HAPPENED!  
MESONS ARE THE THINGS  
THAT UNITE ATOMS! THEY'RE  
THE BASIC FACTOR OF  
EXISTENCE-- I'VE GOT  
TO SWITCH OFF THE  
CYCLOTRON!



ME--BEYONDER!  
BEYONDER--  
KILL--YOU!



DON'T WAIT, JEAN! IT'S  
COMING CLOSER-- GET  
OUT WHILE  
YOU CAN!

NO, NED-- FOR  
HEAVEN'S SAKE  
DON'T TRY TO COPE  
WITH THAT THING  
YOURSELF!  
ANOTHER FEW  
MINUTES WON'T  
MATTER--  
LET'S GET  
THE POLICE!

EXPERIMENT  
ROBOT  
HANDS OFF!

YOU-- NOT ESCAPE!  
BEYONDERS COME--  
MANY--MANY!

NED--  
HURRY!



I'LL TRY TO KEEP MY NERVES UNDER CONTROL WHILE YOU CALL THE POLICE! NO USE MAKING PEOPLE PANICKY BY REVEALING WHAT'S INSIDE!



WILLARD ATOMIC LABORATORY

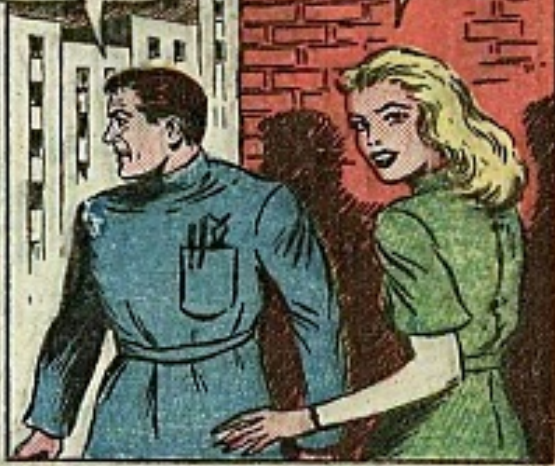
BABY-- WHAT PEOPLE? WHERE ARE THEY?

IN AN UNCANNY VACUUM-- WITHOUT SOUND OR MOVEMENT--



LOOK! SHOPS-- CARS-- THEY'RE ALL EMPTY, JEAN! THERE ISN'T A SOUL AROUND!

WE'VE GOT TO FIND SOMEONE, HONEY! THIS COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED-- NOT TO A CITY OF EIGHT MILLION!



IT DIDN'T, NED-- IT DIDN'T! I HEAR VOICES-- FOOTSTEPS-- THERE ARE PEOPLE!

THANK HEAVEN FOR THAT! THE LEAD-LINED VAULT PROTECTED US FROM THE MESON CHAIN REACTION-- BUT IT'S REMOVED ALL SIGNS OF LIFE FROM THE ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD!



NOW PLAYING

YES-- AND IT MADE ME FEEL HORRIBLY ALONE FOR A FEW SECONDS! NOW AT LEAST THERE WILL BE A CHANCE TO GET SOME HELP-- AND THE MORAL SUPPORT OF JUST SEEING SOMEONE!

THEN--

OHH!



BEYONDERS HAVE COME!  
BEYONDERS HAVE COME!

LIKE A RISING TIDE -- LIKE THE NEARING BEAT OF DOOM--

THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF THEM, NED-- COMING FROM ALL DIRECTIONS!



CLUMP! CLUMP! CLUMP!

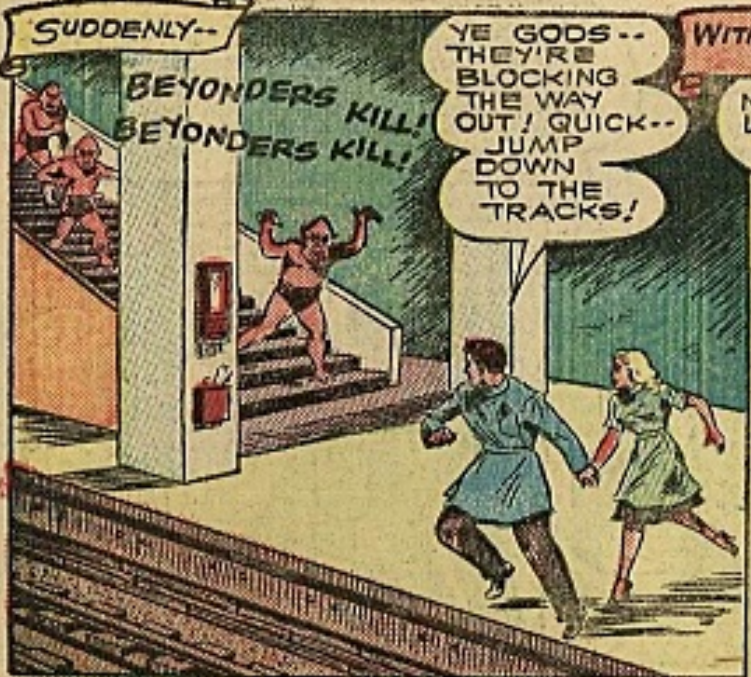
NOW I KNOW CATASTROPHE'S HIT THE CITY! COME ON-- OUR ONLY HOPE NOW IS TO REACH THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON BY PHONE!

MINUTES LATER-- IN A NEARBY SUBWAY STATION --

HELLO! HELLO!-- JEAN, THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD-- I CAN'T GET THROUGH TO WASHINGTON!

NO ANSWER AT ALL? THEN IT ISN'T JUST THE CITY THAT'S BEEN AFFECTED-- THE MESON CHAIN REACTION HAS HIT THE WHOLE EASTERN SEABOARD!

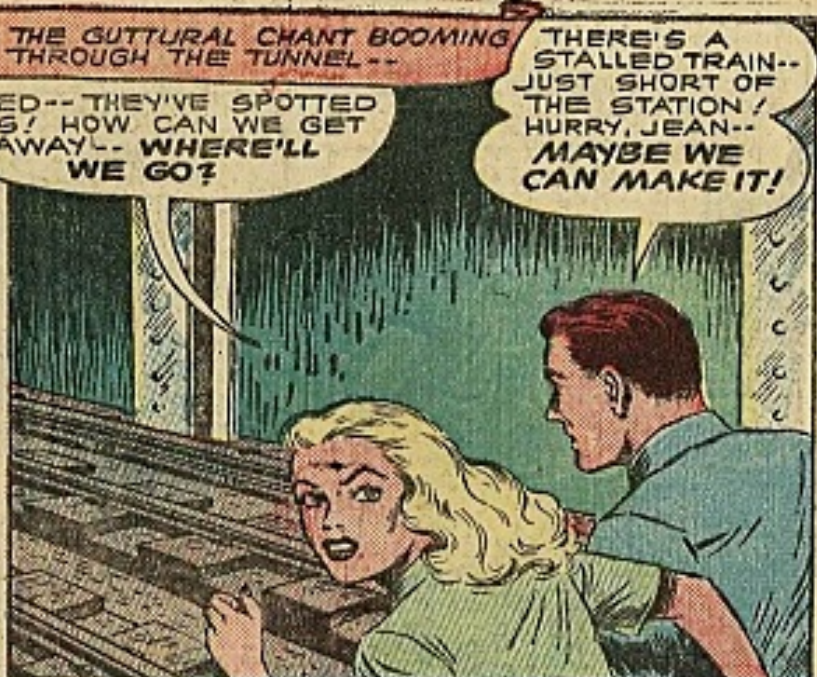




**SUDDENLY--**

**BEYONDERS KILL!  
BEYONDERS KILL!**

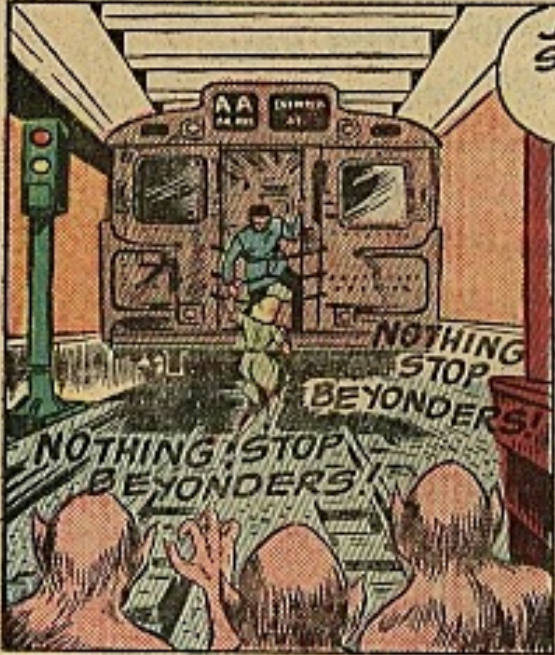
**YE GODS--  
THEY'RE  
BLOCKING  
THE WAY  
OUT! QUICK--  
JUMP  
DOWN  
TO THE  
TRACKS!**



**WITH THE GUTTURAL CHANT BOOMING  
THROUGH THE TUNNEL--**

**NED-- THEY'VE SPOTTED  
US! HOW CAN WE GET  
AWAY-- WHERE'LL  
WE GO?**

**THERE'S A  
STALLED TRAIN--  
JUST SHORT OF  
THE STATION!  
HURRY, JEAN--  
MAYBE WE  
CAN MAKE IT!**



**JEAN--  
SWING THE  
THROTTLE  
OPEN!**

**NOTHING  
STOP  
BEYONDERS!**

**NOTHING! STOP  
BEYONDERS!**



**POW!**



**CRASH!**

**A GRINDING LURCH-- AND THE  
TRAIN PICKS UP SPEED--**

**TWO HUMANS CAREENING THROUGH THE LONELY TUNNELS--  
GRAPPLING WITH A TERRIBLE DECISION--**

**MINUTES LATER--**

**I'M CERTAIN A GOOD  
PART OF THE COUNTRY  
HAS BEEN WIPE OUT,  
NED-- BUT IF WE  
WAIT LONG ENOUGH--  
HELP'S BOUND TO  
COME FROM  
SOMEWHERE!**

**WE CAN'T GAMBLE ON THAT! THE BEYONDERS  
ARE PROBABLY SWARMING THROUGH THE STREETS,  
BUT IT'S NEARLY MIDNIGHT-- WITH LUCK, WE CAN  
REACH THE UNIVERSAL BROADCASTING COMPANY  
WITHOUT BEING NOTICED!**

**UNIVERSAL B**



IT'S USE-  
LESS, NED--  
YOU CAN'T  
MANIPULATE  
THE COMPLI-  
GATED  
BROAD-  
CASTING  
APPARATUS  
ALONE!

MAYBE NOT-- BUT AT  
THE STROKE OF TWELVE,  
ALL THE MAIN STATIONS  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD  
EXCHANGE CALLS!  
THEY'RE SURE TO  
SUSPECT SOMETHING  
WRONG WHEN THEY  
FIND THIS  
STATION'S OFF  
THE AIR!

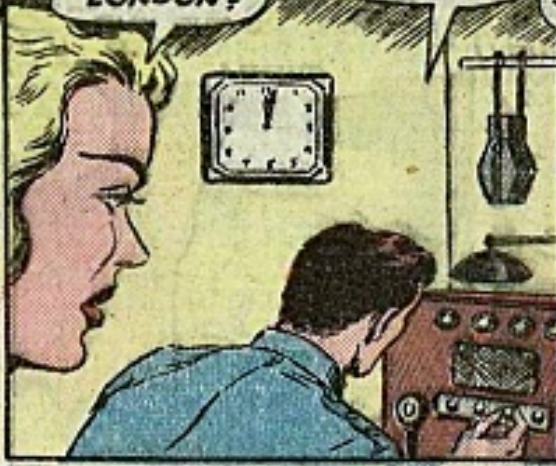
SLOWLY, FATEFULLY, THE SWEEP  
HAND CIRCLES THE STUDIO  
CLOCK... 12.01 ...

12:02 --  
NED-- YOU'RE  
SURE-- NOTHING  
FROM  
LONDON?

POSITIVE!  
NOT A PEEP  
FROM PARIS,  
EITHER!

MAYBE SOME-  
THING ELSE  
RELEASED THE  
BEYONDERS;  
NED/ IF AN  
ENEMY NATION  
FOUND A WAY  
TO USE  
SUPERNATURAL  
FORCES---

NOPE-- MOSCOW  
AND PEIPING  
ARE SILENT,  
TOO! IT'S NOT  
A SECRET  
WEAPON,  
JEAN-- IT'S  
DOOM-- DOOM  
FOR THE  
ENTIRE  
WORLD!



THEN-- BREAKING THE SILENCE LIKE  
A LIGHTNING BOLT--

ATTENTION!  
ATTENTION!

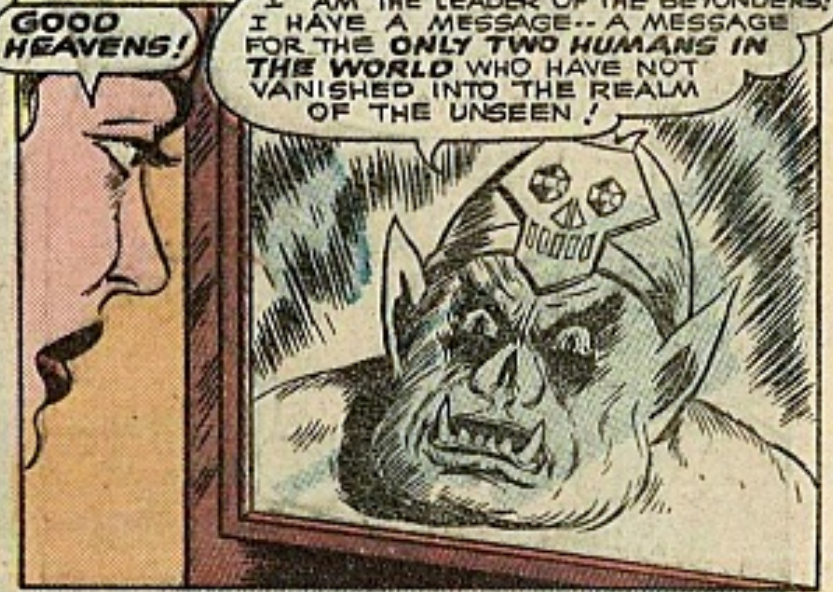
WE AREN'T  
ALONE, NED--  
WE CAN'T  
BE-- WHEN  
SOMEONE  
ELSE IS  
BROAD-  
CASTING!

IT'S COMING  
FROM THAT  
TV SET--  
I'LL SWITCH  
ON THE  
SCREEN!

AS THE BLURRED IMAGE COMES HORRIBLY INTO  
FOCUS--

GOOD  
HEAVENS!

I AM THE LEADER OF THE BEYONDERS!  
I HAVE A MESSAGE-- A MESSAGE  
FOR THE ONLY TWO HUMANS IN  
THE WORLD WHO HAVE NOT  
VANISHED INTO THE REALM  
OF THE UNSEEN!



WE BEYONDERS ARE SO EVIL THAT OUR SOULS  
NEVER KNEW LIFE! BUT WE CAN SENSE WHEN  
A HUMAN IS ABOUT TO DIE-- WE SEND A  
BEYONDER TO SEE IF WE CAN CLAIM THE  
SPIRIT-- BECAUSE THAT WILL ADMIT US TO  
THE WORLD OF THE LIVING! WE HAVE TRIED  
BILLIONS OF TIMES-- WE HAVE WATCHED  
THE DEATH THROES OF THE WORST  
MURDERERS AND TYRANTS IN HISTORY--  
BUT NONE HAVE BEEN FIENDISH ENOUGH  
TO YIELD A SPIRIT TO US!

BUT THE BEYONDER WHO WAS SENT TO WATCH THE  
DEATH OF DR. WILLARD-- AND WAS MADE VISIBLE FOR  
THE FIRST TIME BY THE ELECTRON-CHARGED ATMO-  
SPHERE-- THAT BEYONDER DISCOVERED THE WORLD  
IS OURS! EVERY LIVING ORGANISM HAS BEEN FATED  
FOR SOMETHING WORSE THAN DEATH-- THEY'VE  
BEEN SWEEPED INTO THE INVISIBLE  
WORLD OF NOTHINGNESS--  
FOREVER!



AS NED SWITCHES OFF THE CHILLING FEATURES--

TO THINK IT COULD HAVE HAPPENED IN A SPLIT SECOND FLASH, NED! MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, MYRIADS OF ANIMALS HAVE VANISHED-- BUT IT'S LIKE AN UNENDING TRANCE-- THEY'RE NOT EVEN AWARE IT HAS HAPPENED!



WAIT--THE MESON CHAIN REACTION DID SPREAD ACROSS THE EARTH IN A SINGLE INSTANT-- BUT THE FISSION IS STILL UNDER CONTROL IN ONE PLACE-- THE CYCLOTRON!

IT'S EASY TO FIGURE ROUGHLY HOW LONG THE MESONS IN THE CYCLOTRON WILL LAST! ACCORDING TO THAT-- EVERY LIVING BEING IS GOING THROUGH ITS LAST HOUR OF INVISIBLE EXISTENCE! ONCE THE CHAIN REACTION IN THE CYCLOTRON IS COMPLETE, THAT WILL BE THE END-- THE DAY THE WORLD DIED!



NED-- FOR MY SAKE-- DON'T TRY! YOU'RE BOUND TO BE CAUGHT BY ONE OF THE BEYONDERS-- AND THEN WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME-- THE ONLY LIVING CREATURE IN A WORLD OF HORROR?



BABY-- IT'S NOT TOO LATE YET! THE FISSION PROCESS CAN BE REVERSED-- IF WE REACH THE LABORATORY! SOON ENOUGH!

BUT IF WE CAN END THE HORROR, JEAN-- IF WE CAN RESTORE THE WORLD AND SEND THOSE CREEPS BACK TO THEIR UNSEEN EXILE-- ISN'T IT WORTH A TRY? WHAT WILL LIFE MEAN ANYWAY-- IF WE DON'T TRY?



BEYONDERS OWN THE EARTH!  
BEYONDERS OWN THE EARTH!

SOON AFTERWARD--

IT'S HOPELESS, NED-- THEY'LL KNOW IT'S YOU THE SECOND THEY DETECT SOMEONE IN THE LABORATORY-- IT CAN'T BE ANYONE ELSE!

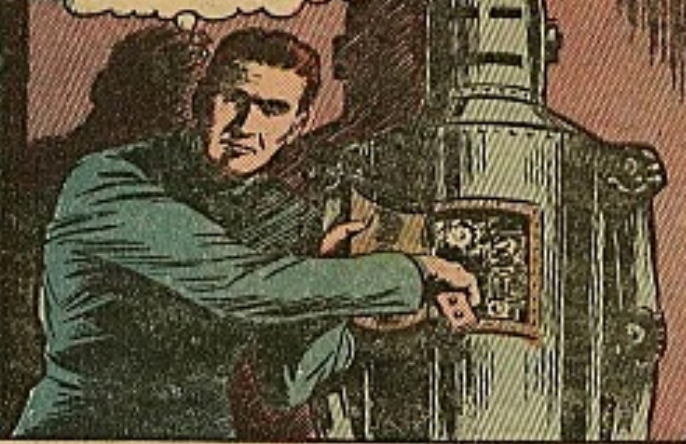


YOU'RE WRONG, BABY-- IT COULD BE THE ELECTRONIC ROBOT DR. WILLARD INVENTED FOR EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES! IT CAN'T THINK-- IT CAN'T ACTUALLY DO ANYTHING TO HELP US-- EXCEPT TRICK THE BEYONDERS INTO THINKING IT'S ME!



THEN-- WITH THE HOARSE BREATHING OF THE BEYONDERS RASPING FROM THE SHADOWS--

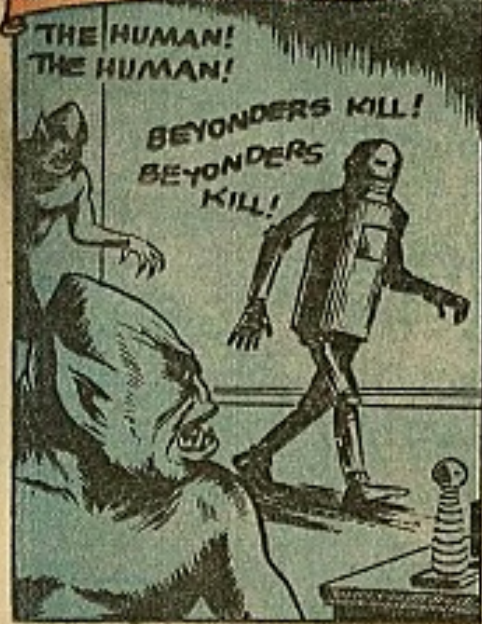
THEY HAVEN'T SPOTTED ME YET! GOOD THING IT'S NEARLY DARK OVER AT THE RADIOACTIVE VAULT -- BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE I'M TAKING THIS ELECTRONIC ROBOT CONTROL!



SO FAR-- SO GOOD! NOW WE'LL SEE HOW THOSE CREEPS REACT-- WHEN THE ROBOT PLODS PAST THEM IN SEMI-DARKNESS!



**A MOMENT LATER --**



**THE HUMAN!  
THE HUMAN!**

**BEYONDERS KILL!  
BEYONDERS  
KILL!**

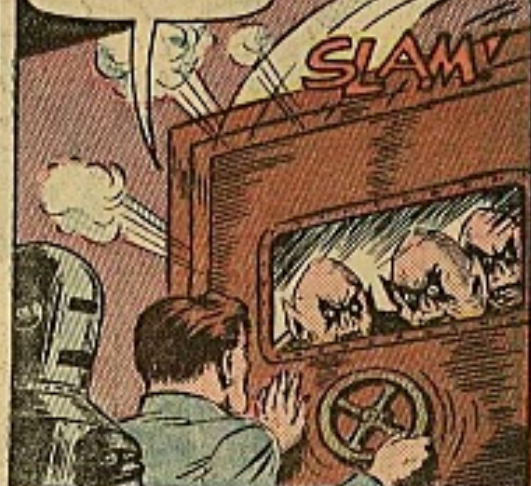
**THEN --**



**IN THERE!  
AFTER HIM!**

**THE DARKNESS HAS  
FOOLED 'EM INTO  
THINKING I'VE  
WALKED INTO THE  
VAULT! NOW --**

**THIS OUGHT TO HOLD 'EM  
AT LEAST UNTIL I GET TO  
THE CONTROL PANEL --  
AND THEN THEY'LL  
BE DOOMED BY THE  
FLASH THAT RESTORES  
THE WORLD!**



**SLAM!**

**UNEXPECTEDLY --**

**ONE BEYONDER --  
NOT INSIDE!**

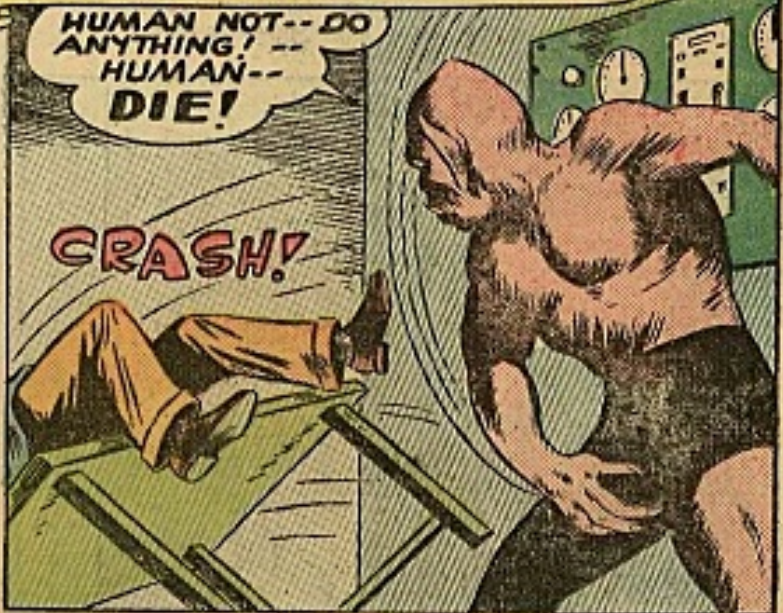
**HOLY SMOKE -- THERE  
GOES THE ROBOT  
CONTROL!**



**WAM!**

**AS NED MAKES A DESPERATE RUSH --**

**HUMAN NOT -- DO  
ANYTHING! --  
HUMAN --  
DIE!**



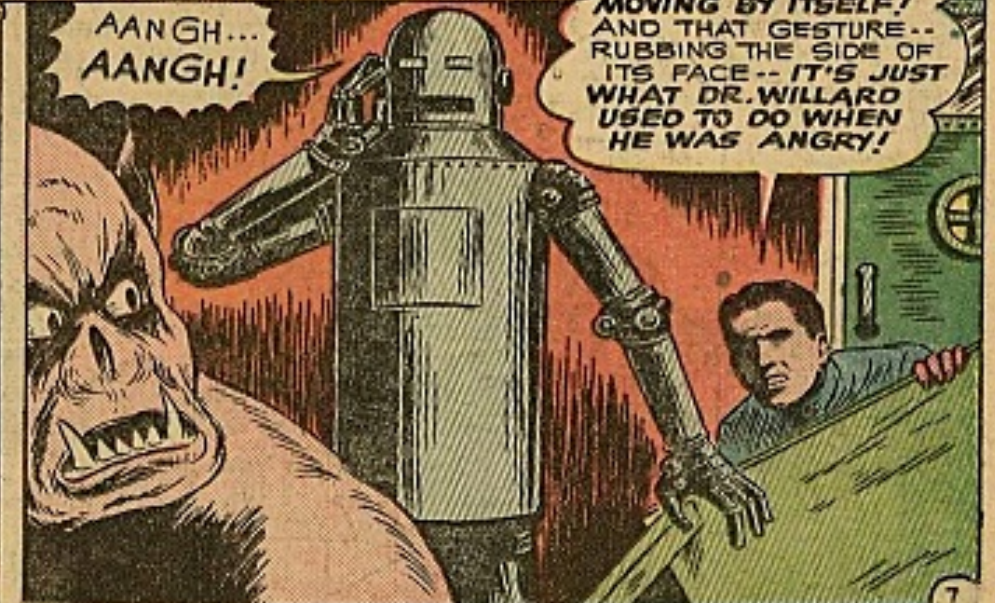
**CRASH!**

**THAT HIDEOUS CREATURE KNOWS  
WHAT NED'S TRYING TO DO! IT'S  
READY TO SMASH THE CONTROL  
PANEL -- THE LAST HOPE OF  
THE WORLD!**



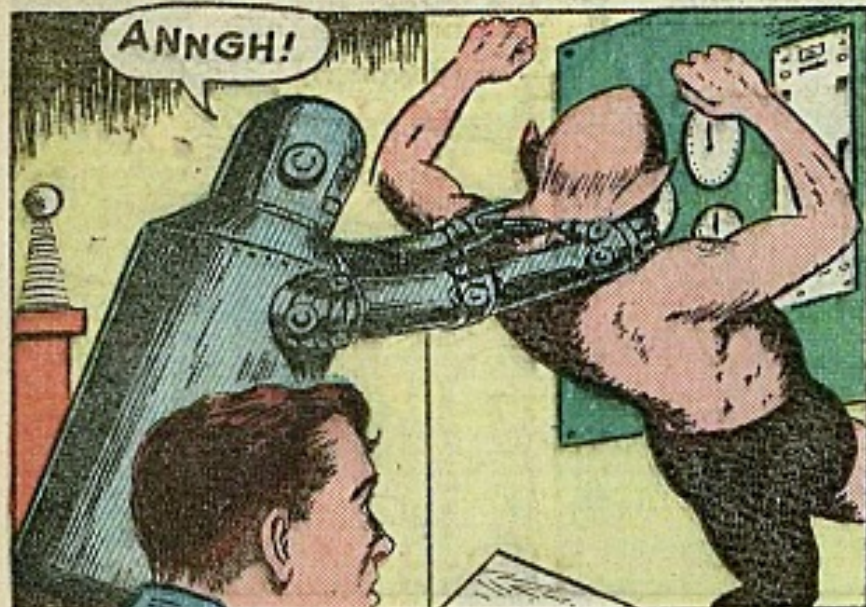
**SUDDENLY -- A WEIRD METALLIC GROWL  
SOUNDS FROM THE SHADOWS!**

**AANGH...  
AANGH!**

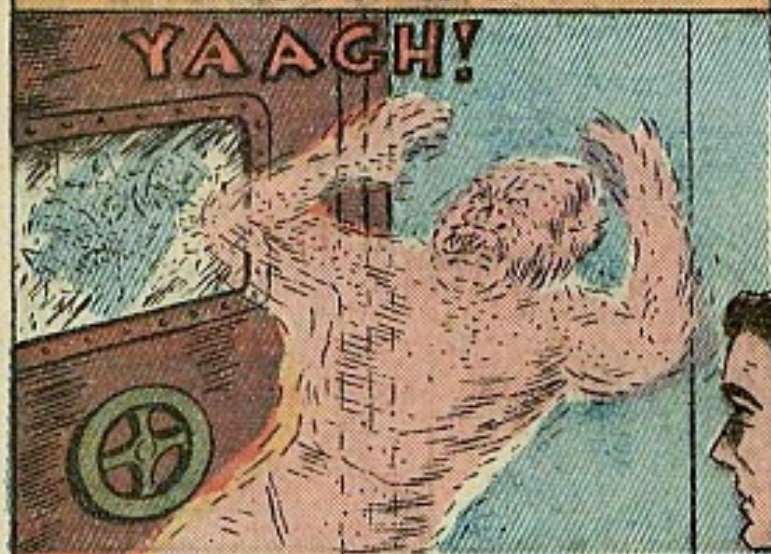


**GOOD LORD -- THE  
ROBOT'S MOVING --  
MOVING BY ITSELF!  
AND THAT GESTURE --  
RUBBING THE SIDE OF  
ITS FACE -- IT'S JUST  
WHAT DR. WILLARD  
USED TO DO WHEN  
HE WAS ANGRY!**

WITH THE UNSWERVING PURPOSE OF A MACHINE-- A MACHINE  
MOTIVATED BY THE SPIRIT OF THE MAN WHO INVENTED IT--



IN THE NEXT INSTANT-- ECHOING THROUGH THE  
LABORATORY AND THROUGH THE CITY--  
WHEREVER THE STALKING BEYONDERS REEL  
INTO THE AGONY OF OBLIVION--



A MOMENT LATER--

THOSE TERRIBLE CREATURES  
ARE GONE, NED-- THE CYCLOTRON  
HAS STARTED A REVERSE  
FISSION PROCESS THAT WILL  
AFFECT MESONS EVERY-  
WHERE -- BUT DID IT  
HAPPEN SOON  
ENOUGH?

LISTEN! I CAN'T  
TRUST MY EARS  
AT THIS STAGE--  
I WANT TO BE  
SURE I'M  
REALLY HEARING  
THINGS!



NED-- IT'S A BIRD--  
SINGING RIGHT  
OUTSIDE THE  
WINDOW!

AND  
AUTO  
HORNS!

I HAD A QUEER  
FEELING A WHILE  
BACK, CASSIDY--  
JUST A KIND  
OF FLASH IN  
FRONT OF MY  
EYES!

YEAH--  
SO DID I!  
PROBABLY  
THE WEATHER--  
BUT WHY  
COMPLAIN--  
WE'RE  
ALIVE,  
AREN'T  
WE?

ALIVE! NED-- WE'LL  
NEVER BE ABLE  
TO EXPLAIN  
WHAT A  
CLOSE  
CALL IT  
WAS!

NOPE-- WE'RE  
THE ONLY ONES  
WHO KNOW HOW  
CLOSELY LIFE HUNG IN  
THE BALANCE, HONEY --  
WHEN THE BEYONDERS  
TOOK OVER FOR A RULE  
OF HORROR-- THE DAY  
THE WORLD DIED!





# Circe, the SORCERESS

GUY BROOKS PAUSED for breath halfway up to the summit of Mount Circeo, and took out the little notebook he always carried with him. "Mount Circeo," he began writing, "isolated promontory on south-west coast of Italy. Surrounded by sea on all sides except north. Summit shrouded by fog. Air of mystery broods over crags, producing a feeling of eerie menace..."

Involuntarily, Guy shuddered...and then grinned ruefully to himself. It must have been the clammy dampness of the fog that made him shiver, he thought. It *couldn't* have been the uncanny atmosphere of the place. Guy Brooks wasn't the type to be frightened by his own words or the warning tales of superstitious natives...not after having traveled all over the world in the last dozen years, hunting up ancient legends of witchcraft and investigating remote, supposedly haunted locales which he later used as the basis for his stories of the supernatural.

But, Guy had to admit as he glanced once more around the fog-shrouded slopes, this locale was the *eeriest* of all he had ever visited. There *was* a weird air of menace hanging over the place. No wonder all the Italian natives at the foot of the mountain had warned him against ascending. They had babbled wildly that Circe, the legendary Greek sorceress who could turn human beings into swine, was living atop the mountain, still using her fiendish power against strangers and tourists who wandered unknowingly into her domain.

And come to think of it, that distant sound of waves breaking against the cliffs *might* be the sound of a large pen of pigs grunting rhythmically and in unison.

For a moment, Guy was almost tempted to turn and run...but his cynicism finally won out, and he merely laughed out loud instead. This *was* a joke...Guy Brooks,

one of the world's most imaginative writers of fantastic tales, being frightened by his own imagination!

Still laughing at himself, Guy pocketed his notebook and continued climbing up the slope, heading deeper and deeper into the fog. Suddenly, out of the shroud-like mists, there loomed the outline of a crude mountain hut. Astonished that any of the natives had the courage to live on top of Circe's Mountain, Guy advanced and knocked boldly on the door.

A moment later, the door opened...and Guy gasped. For there stood the loveliest, most radiant girl his eyes had ever beheld. She was smiling up at him, a dazzling smile that seemed to entice, to bewitch, to ensnare his very soul. Dazedly, Guy followed the beckoning figure dressed in a shimmering white robe such as the ancient Greeks wore...and then the door slammed shut behind him.

Yearningly, Guy stretched out his hands for the girl...but she only laughed charmingly and stepped back to a table, out of his reach. And when Guy walked after her like a man in a hypnotic trance, she smilingly placed a glass of wine in his hands, took one for herself...and merrily clinked glasses with him. As she sipped at her drink, she looked up at him with eyes that spoke eloquently of love...and entranced, scarcely knowing what he was doing, Guy lifted his glass in a toast to her incomparable beauty...and drank.

But the moment the fiery liquid coursed down his throat, Guy suddenly remembered the ancient legend of how Circe had changed Odysseus' sailors into swine...by making them drink drugged wine. Desperately, Guy tried to regain control of his reeling senses...but the girl laughingly waved a wand at him, and then used the wand to prod her new pig into the pen behind the cabin.

# LAND OF THE LIVING DEAD

**A**NCIENT LEGENDS TELL US THAT THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN OUR WORLD AND THE REALM OF THE SPIRITS IS A SLIGHT ONE, AND EASILY CROSSED! HERE'S AN ASTOUNDING TALE THAT SHOWS HOW ONE MAN TRAVELED FROM ONE WORLD TO THE OTHER, NOT ONCE BUT TWICE! WE CAN GUARANTEE THE ACCURACY OF THE ACCOUNT... BUT WE CAN GUARANTEE THAT IT'S AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD STORY THAT WILL SET YOU TO WONDERING UNTIL THE END OF YOUR DAYS!

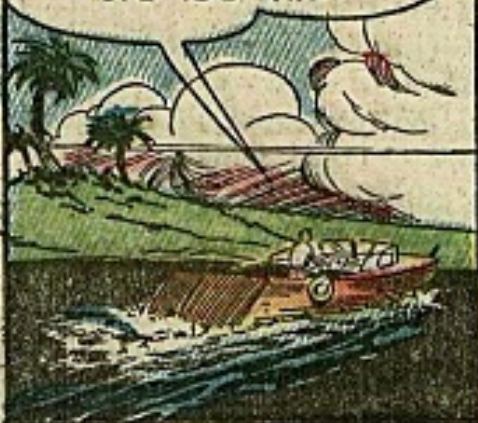


To The Editor of "Forbidden Worlds".....

This is one letter—that's really out of this world—because it's being written by a ghost! I'm sure you're familiar with the name of Philip Wentworth, since it was splashed all over the front pages at the time of the famous Wentworth murder case in Miami... and I'm writing you because yours is the only publication that would dare to print my incredible story—and dear my name!

IT ALL STARTED THAT DAY I HAD TO INTERRUPT MY SOLITARY FISHING VACATION ON A REMOTE ISLET IN THE FLORIDA KEYS... BECAUSE I HAD RUN OUT OF THE CHLOROQUIN TABLETS WHICH CONTROLLED THE RECURRENT FEVER I'D CONTRACTED IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.....

I CAN FEEL THE FEVER SETTING IN! HOPE I CAN GET TO A DRUGSTORE ON THE MAINLAND BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!



"AFTER TYING UP AT THE SMALL DOCK WHERE I HAD LEFT MY CAR, I DROVE TO A RAMSHACKLE GAS-STATION TO FILL MY TANK.... AND THERE...."

**GREAT SCOTT!** THAT NEWS-PAPER... IT'S GOT MY PICTURE!



OHH... NO!



"HORRIFIED, I READ ON.... TO LEARN THAT I WAS SUSPECTED BECAUSE MY FATHER HAD LEFT ALMOST HIS ENTIRE FORTUNE TO ME, WITH ONLY A PITTANCE TO MY BROTHER RALPH.... AND BECAUSE I SEEMED TO BE HIDING OUT, A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE!"

BUT... BUT I TOLD EILEEN WHERE I WAS GOING.... WHY DIDN'T SHE TELL THE POLICE? MAYBE SHE BELIEVES I CAME BACK SECRETLY TO COMMIT THE MURDER.... MAYBE SHE.... SHE WON'T EVEN WANT TO MARRY ME NOW!



"FRANTIC TO LIFT THE MISTS OF SUSPICION FROM MY NAME, I SOON FOUND MYSELF COPING WITH ANOTHER KIND OF MIST... ONE THAT ROSE WITH EERIE, CLAMMY FINGERS FROM ALL SIDES, SURROUNDING ME, CLUTCHING AT ME!"

EVERYTHING'S BECOMING HAZY, UNREAL! IT... IT MUST BE MY FEVER.....



SUDDENLY I FELT MYSELF BEING WRENCHED INTO A WHIRLING, SPIRALLING VORTEX! EXCRUCIATING PAIN SEARED THROUGH ME, AS IF EVERY ATOM OF MY BODY WERE BEING REARRANGED INTO SOME FANTASTIC PATTERN! BLINDED, TERRIFIED, I SLAMMED ON THE BRAKES!"



"I GUESS I LOST MY HEAD THEN! I FORGOT ALL ABOUT MY PILLS! THERE WAS ONLY ONE THOUGHT IN MY FEVERED BRAIN....."

I... I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO MIAMI.... AND CLEAR MY NAME WITH THE POLICE AND EILEEN! THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS NOW!



THE... THE WORLD'S GONE CRAZY... AS IF IT'S ALL BECOME A MADMAN'S NIGHTMARE! OR IS... IS IT ME WHO'S CRAZY?



AND THEN, ON THE DIZZING BORDERLINE BETWEEN REALITY AND DELIRIUM....."

"THE CAR SCREECHED TO A HALT.... AND WHEN I LOOKED UP DAZEDLY..."



OHH... A..A GHOST!

HUH... ME?

BEWILDERED, I LOOKED DOWN AT MYSELF...AND GASPED IN HORROR!

YE GODS! I-I'M TRANSPARENT!



"WAS THIS SOME IN-SANE HALLUCINATION, BROUGHT ON BY THE FEVER? STUNNED, I STEPPED OUT OF THE CAR...AND SEEMED TO FLOAT WEIGHTLESSLY DOWN! AND THEN, AS I NEARED A LOW-HANGING BRANCH, I KNEW THE AWFUL TRUTH.....!"



IT WENT RIGHT THROUGH ME... AND I FELT NOTHING AT ALL! I-I'M BODILESS!



YOU SEEM TO BE FLESH AND BLOOD...MAYBE YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENED! WHERE AM I...AND WHY ARE YOU WEARING CLOTHES LIKE THAT?

BECAUSE THESE WERE THE CLOTHES I WAS WEARING WHEN I DIED!



YOU-YOU MEAN...THIS IS THE SPIRIT WORLD?

YES, BUT ONLY FOR THOSE WHO WILLINGLY LOST THEIR LIVES AT SOME TIME! IT'S ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ANCIENT BIBLICAL PROPHECY THAT HE WHO LOSETH HIS LIFE SHALL FIND IT! BUT...BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...WHY ARE YOU SO...SO GHOSTLY?



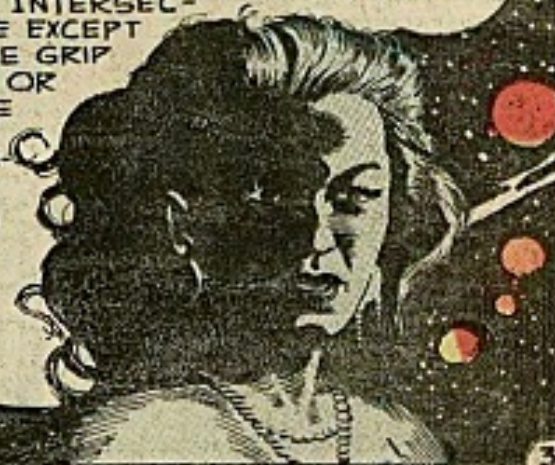
IT WAS THEN THAT THE FIRST FAINT GLIMMER OF UNDERSTANDING DAWNED HORRIBLY IN MY MIND!

I-I SEE NOW THAT THIS ISN'T A HALLUCINATION BROUGHT ON BY MY FEVER! I'M DIFFERENT FROM YOU BECAUSE I'M NOT REALLY DEAD, BECAUSE I DON'T REALLY BELONG IN THIS SPIRIT WORLD! AND JUST AS SPIRITS ARE TRANSPARENT AND GHOSTLY WHEN

THEY STUMBLE INTO THE REAL WORLD OF THE LIVING, SO LIVING HUMANS APPEAR TO BE SHADY IN THE SPIRIT WORLD! BUT HOW...HOW DID I STUMBLE INTO THIS WORLD?



I REMEMBER HEARING OF OTHERS LIKE YOU WHO BLUNDERED INTO THE SPIRIT WORLD! THEY WERE IN THE GRIP OF DELIRIUM OR RAGING FEVERS.....SO I THINK I CAN EXPLAIN YOUR PRESENCE HERE! THE SPIRIT WORLD AND THE REAL WORLD INTERSECT AT SOME POINTS, BUT NO ONE IN THE REAL WORLD CAN RECOGNIZE THE POINT OF INTERSECTION! NO ONE EXCEPT THOSE IN THE GRIP OF DELIRIUM OR FEVER, WHO ARE MENTALLY ATTUNED TO THE UNREAL WORLD AROUND THEM, AND SO ARE DRAWN RIGHT INTO THE SPIRIT WORLD!



"JUST THEN..."

OHHH...  
PIRATES!

THERE'S ANOTHER  
HOSTAGE, ME LADS!  
SEIZE HER!



THEY... THEY'RE AS TERRIBLE IN DEATH AS THEY  
WERE IN LIFE... AND SINCE THEY HAVE NO NEED  
FOR MONEY ANYMORE, THEY GO AROUND SEEK-  
ING HOSTAGES ONLY TO KILL THEM!

WELL, THEY CAN'T KILL ME!  
THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO  
A BODILESS SPIRIT...  
BUT THERE'S PLENTY  
I CAN DO TO  
THEM!



THE-THE BULLETS GO RIGHT  
THROUGH 'EM... THERE'S  
NO WAY OF STOPPIN' 'EM!

A... A  
GHOST!



AYE... BUT BULLETS  
STOP YOU!

RUN FOR  
YER LIVES!



JUST THINK... DEAD  
SPIRITS RUNNING  
FROM A LIVE  
GHOST!

THIS PART  
OF THE SPIRIT  
WORLD NEAR THE FLORIDA  
KEYS IS INFESTED WITH  
PIRATES AND BRIGANDS WHO  
WILLINGLY GAMBLERED THEIR  
LIVES IN THEIR NEFARIOUS  
ADVENTURES... AND LOST  
THEIR GAMBLERES! AND THEY'VE  
BEEN SLOWLY WIPING OUT  
THE COMMUNITY OF GOOD  
SOULS WHO GAVE THEIR  
LIVES IN JUST CAUSES!  
BUT NOW THAT WE  
HAVE YOU ON OUR  
SIDE, GOOD WILL  
TRIUMPH  
OVER  
EVIL!



BUT I CAN'T STAY **HERE**...  
EVEN THOUGH I'D LIKE TO  
HELP YOU! I DON'T BELONG IN  
YOUR WORLD... I'VE GOT TO  
GET BACK TO MINE! AND BE-  
SIDES, YOU'RE ALREADY  
DEAD... YOU CAN'T BE KILLED  
AGAIN IN THE SPIRIT WORLD,  
EVEN BY PIRATES!

BUT SPIRITS **CAN** DIE  
AGAIN! AND IF WE DIE  
IN THE SPIRIT WORLD,  
THERE'S NO OTHER WORLD  
FOR US TO GO TO... WE'RE  
**REALLY** DEAD THEN...  
FOR ETERNITY!



I WAS HOPING YOU'D STAY HERE...NOT ONLY BECAUSE YOU COULD HELP US SO MUCH, BUT BECAUSE I'M AFRAID TO MISS YOU IF YOU WENT!

I CAN'T RESIST YOU WHEN YOU LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT! ALL RIGHT...I'LL STAY AND HELP! IT SHOULDN'T TAKE TOO LONG TO GET RID OF THE PIRATES WITH MY GHOSTLY POWERS!

MAUKEEN.....THAT WAS THE GIRL'S NAME... TOOK ME TO A MEETING OF THE GOOD SPIRITS, AND THERE....."

AYE, THE PIRATES HAVE THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN THE OLD FORT AT POINT LAGOS...AND THEY STORE ALL THEIR ARMS AND AMMUNITION IN THE GREAT UNDERGROUND CELLAR THERE!

GOOD! THAT'S ALL I NEED TO KNOW!

"LATER..."

BEING BODILESS CERTAINLY HAS ITS COMPENSATIONS....LIKE BEING ABLE TO WALK RIGHT THROUGH STONE WALLS!

WE'VE GOT TO FIGGER **SOME** WAY O' GETTIN' RID O' THAT GHOST.....

YOU'RE **TOO LATE**, BOYS!

"I CAME THROUGH IT ALL UNSCATHED, OF COURSE...THE EXPLOSION COULDN'T HURT MY BODY WHEN I DIDN'T HAVE ANY! THEN...."

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, FOLKS.... THOSE PIRATES WILL NEVER BOTHER ANYONE AGAIN IN **ANY** WORLD! AND NOW.....I'LL BE TAKING OFF FOR MY WORLD!

OH...**NO!** YOU... YOU CAN'T GO!

**BOOM!**

THIS WORLD WILL SEEM  
EMPTY WITHOUT YOU,  
PHILIP! PLEASE STAY...  
...FOR ME!

YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL,  
MAUREEN....IF I WEREN'T  
ENGAGED TO A GIRL BACK  
IN MY WORLD, I'D PROBABLY  
FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU! BUT  
I'VE GOT TOO MANY TIES TO  
MY OWN WORLD...AND BESIDES,  
I COULD NEVER REALLY BE  
HAPPY HERE AS A BODILESS  
SPIRIT! I **MUST** LEAVE  
YOU...MUCH AS I HATE TO!



"BACK AT THE SPOT WHERE I'D LEFT MY CAR..."

THE ENGINE WASN'T HURT WHEN I  
BLUNDERED INTO THIS WORLD...AND  
I THINK I KNOW HOW TO GET  
**OUT OF IT!**



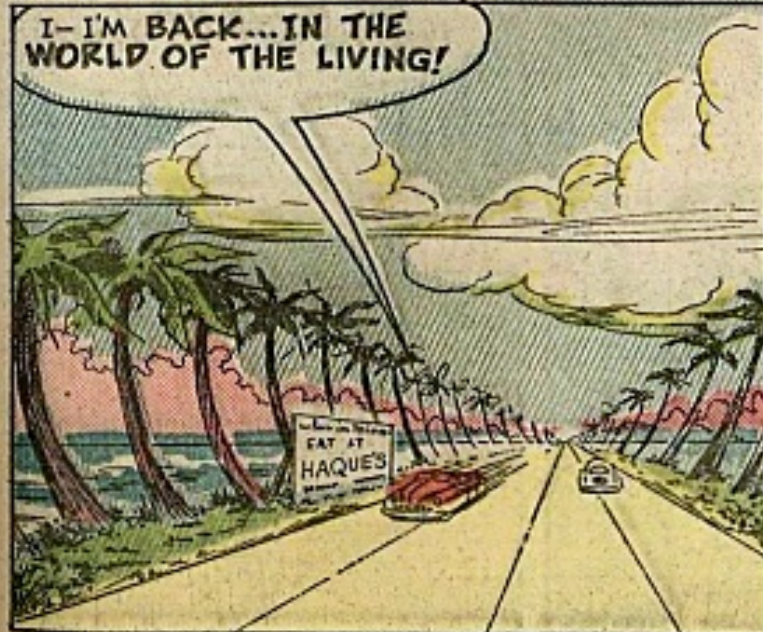
APPARENTLY THIS SPIRIT WORLD DOESN'T HAVE  
ANY DISEASES, BECAUSE MY FEVER HASN'T  
BOtherED ME HERE...SO I'LL HAVE TO USE  
A DIFFERENT METHOD TO GET OUT OF HERE!  
ACCORDING TO ALL THE OLD LEGENDS, THE  
SUREST WAY TO GET BACK TO YOUR ORIGINAL  
DIMENSION IS TO **WISH** HARD  
ENOUGH TO DO SO! AND I'VE GOT PLENTY  
OF REASONS FOR WANTING TO GET BACK....  
TO EILEEN, TO A WORLD  
WHERE I WAS LOVED AND  
HAPPY AND WEALTHY.....



**A**ND WHEN I REACHED THE POINT WHERE I HAD  
ORIGINALLY ENTERED THE SPIRIT WORLD-SUP-  
DENLY, THE WHIRLING, SPIRALLING VORTEX AGAIN!



I-I'M BACK...IN THE  
WORLD OF THE LIVING!



NOW TO GET TO DAD'S PENTHOUSE  
IN MIAMI! RALPH OUGHT TO BE  
HOME, AND I'LL BE ABLE TO  
CALL EILEEN FROM THERE! BUT  
I'D BETTER HURRY...I'M BEGIN-  
NING TO FEEL THE FEVER  
CREEPING UP ON ME AGAIN!



AWARE THAT THE POLICE MIGHT BE WATCHING THE HOUSE FOR MY RETURN, I STOLE UP TO THE PENTHOUSE IN THE SERVICE ELEVATOR... AND THERE, OUTSIDE THE WENTWORTH APARTMENT...

OH, RALPH—IT'S SO WONDERFUL BEING IN YOUR ARMS AGAIN! I WAS GETTING SO TIRED OF PLAYING UP TO THAT STUPID BROTHER OF YOURS, PRETENDING I LOVED HIM!

WELL, THAT'S ALL OVER WITH NOW, EILEEN! I'VE LEFT ENOUGH CLUES TO IMPLICATE HIM IN FATHER'S DEATH—SO THAT IF PHIL EVER DOES RETURN, HE'S SURE TO BE CONVICTED OF THE MURDER I COMMITTED! AND WE'LL HAVE ALL THE WENTWORTH DOUGH!

PHIL!

SO, THIS IS THE KIND OF WORLD I WANTED SO DESPERATELY TO COME BACK TO... A WORLD IN WHICH I WAS BETRAYED BY MY BROTHER AND SWEET-HEART! I-I SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN THAT SPIRIT WORLD!

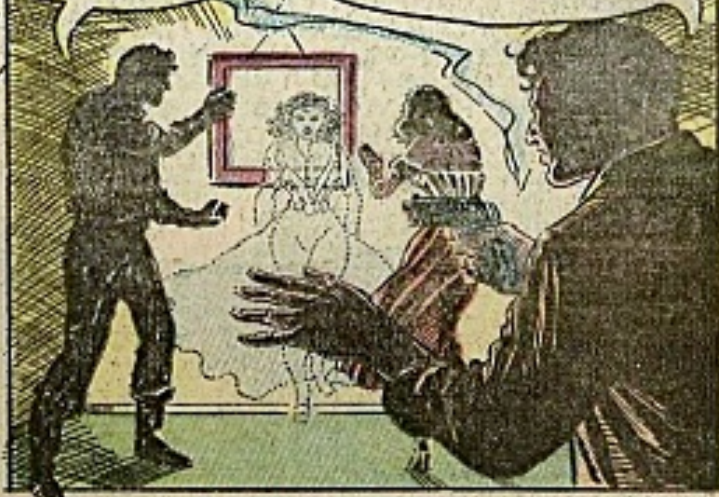


I DON'T KNOW WHAT SPIRIT WORLD YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT... BUT YOU'RE SURE GOING BACK TO IT! AFTER I SHOOT YOU, I CAN TELL THE COPS YOU CAME HERE THREATENING TO KILL ME... AND EILEEN WILL TESTIFY THAT I ACTED ONLY IN SELF-DEFENSE!

RALPH... L-LOOK!

MAUREEN!

IT... IT'S A GHOST! GET OUT OF THE WAY, EILEEN... I'M GOING TO SHOOT!



THE—THE SHOTS WENT RIGHT THROUGH HER!

OH HHHH!

BANG!

BANG!



NOW YOU HAVE TWO MURDERS ON YOUR CONSCIENCE... AND FOR THAT, YOU MUST DIE!

NO... NO... GET AWAY FROM ME!

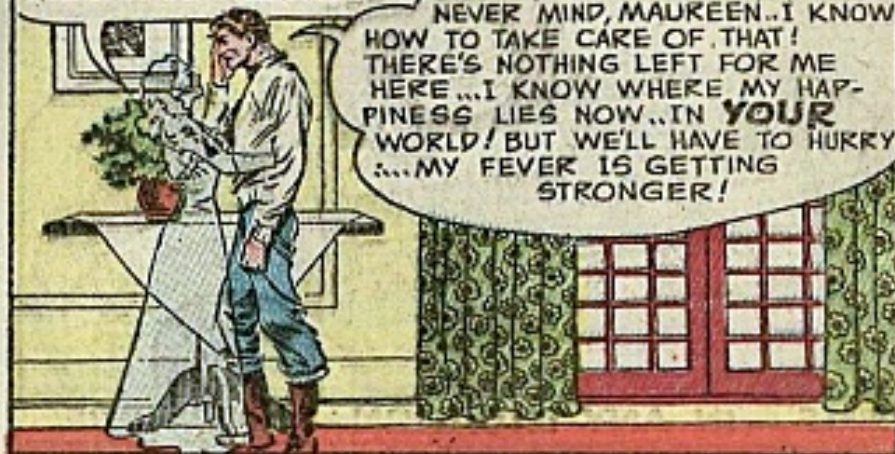


YAAAAAGHHH...



I-I HAD TO HIDE IN YOUR CAR AND COME WITH YOU, PHILIP! I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU IN THE SPIRIT WORLD, AND COULDN'T BEAR TO LOSE YOU! BUT I FORGOT THAT IN YOUR REAL WORLD, I WOULD BE GHOSTLY AND BODILESS!

NEVER MIND, MAUREEN...I KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF THAT! THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR ME HERE...I KNOW WHERE MY HAPPINESS LIES NOW...IN YOUR WORLD! BUT WE'LL HAVE TO HURRY...MY FEVER IS GETTING STRONGER!



BACK ON THE ROAD OUT OF MIAMI—

ALL RIGHT, PHIL...I'VE GOT THE PAD AND PENCIL FROM YOUR GLOVE COMPARTMENT...BUT WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO WRITE?

THIS...TO THE EDITOR OF 'FORBIDDEN WORLDS'... THIS IS ONE LETTER THAT'S REALLY OUT OF THIS WORLD BECAUSE IT'S BEING WRITTEN BY A GHOST!...



NOW DON'T FORGET, SON... JUST DROP THAT ENVELOPE INTO THE FIRST MAILBOX YOU COME TO! AND THAT TEN DOLLARS IS FOR YOU!

Y...YESSIR! I...I'D DO IT FOR YA FOR NOTHIN'...NOW THAT I'VE SEEN MY FUST, HONEST-TO-GOODNESS GHOST!

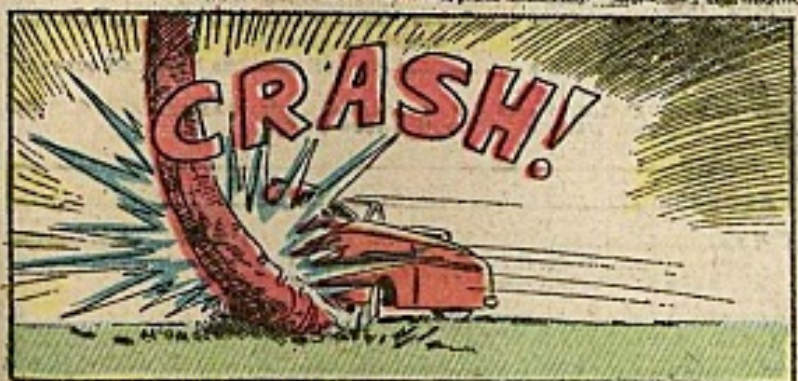


MY...MY FEVER...IT'S MAKING EVERYTHING MISTY AND UNREAL AGAIN! WE MUST BE CLOSE TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE TWO WORLDS, MAUREEN...AND I KNOW JUST WHAT TO DO! I'M GOING TO CRASH THE CAR INTO A TREE RIGHT ON THE BORDERLINE OF THE SPIRIT WORLD...SO THAT WHEN THE CAR CARRIES US OVER THE BOUNDARY, WE'LL BOTH BE FULL-BODIED SPIRITS!

I-I UNDERSTAND, DARLING! AND THEN WE'LL BE TOGETHER...FOR ETERNITY!



CRASH!



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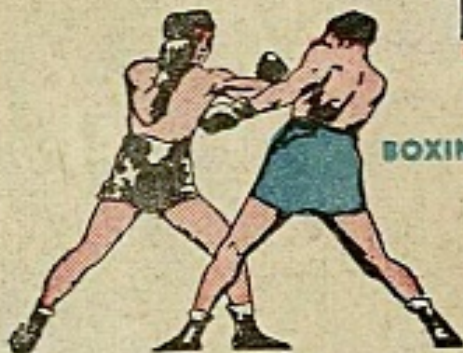
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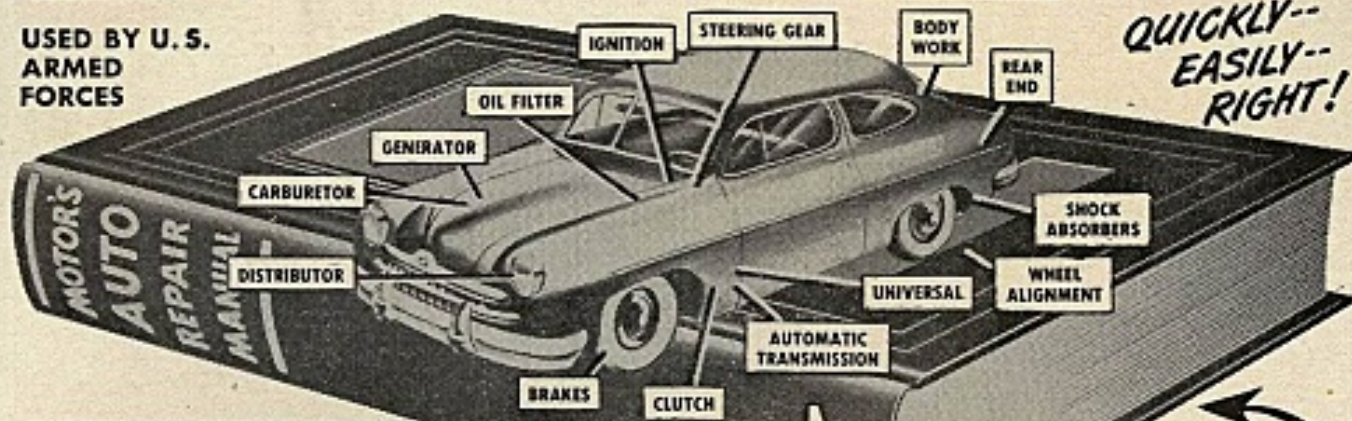
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