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EXPLORING the SUPERNATURAL!

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KILROY ^{is} HERE!

IN A SENSATIONAL SMASH
COMICS MAGAZINE THAT'S
TURNED THE TOWN TOPSY-
TURVY!

the KILROYS

HOT OFF THE PRESS AND
A BOMBSHELL OF BELLY-
LAFFS... SO BUY YOUR
COPY NOW! LATCH ON TO
'NATCH, THE TERRIFIC TEEN-
AGER! MEET **JUDY**, HIS LITTLE
LOVIN' OVEN... **JACKSON**, THE
DOWNBEAT ATOM BOMB... AND
MOM AND POP KILROY, IN
PERSON!

THEY'RE ALL ON HAND FOR
GIGGLES! SO IF YOU WANT
TO SAY **KILROY WAS
HERE**, AND MEAN IT,



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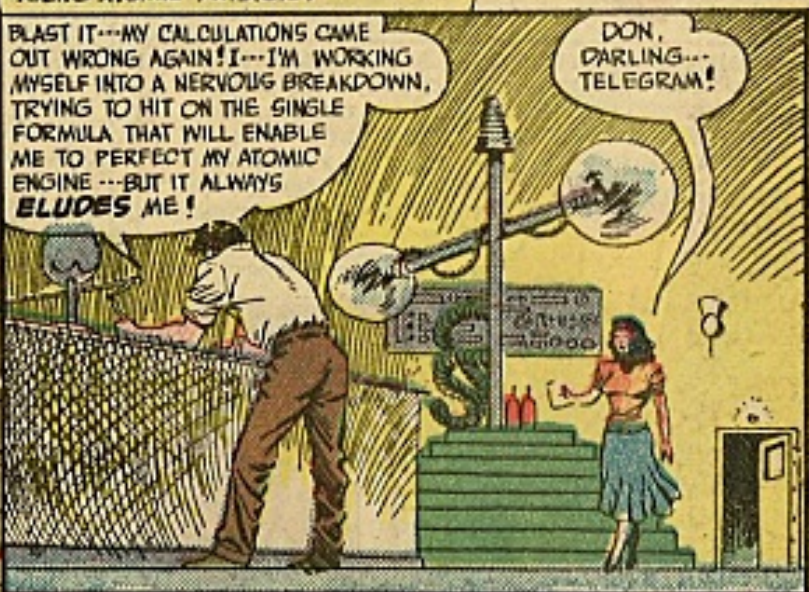
YOU'D BETTER
HURRY!

DEMON of DESTRUCTION

HERE IT IS, READER... THE MOST AMAZING STORY OF THE AGE... THE HITHERTO UNPUBLISHED ACCOUNT OF HOW A DREAD DEMON OF DESTRUCTION STALKED THE EARTH ON HIS MAD, MURDEROUS RAMPAGE! BAR THE DOORS AND TURN THE LIGHTS LOW... FOR HE MAY BE COMING YOUR WAY!



IN THE LABORATORY OF DON BRADY, YOUNG ATOMIC PHYSICIST...



BLAST IT... MY CALCULATIONS CAME OUT WRONG AGAIN! I... I'M WORKING MYSELF INTO A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN, TRYING TO HIT ON THE SINGLE FORMULA THAT WILL ENABLE ME TO PERFECT MY ATOMIC ENGINE... BUT IT ALWAYS ELUDES ME!

DON, DARLING... TELEGRAM!



THANKS, MARY... HMM, IT'S FROM MY GRANDUNCLE'S EXECUTOR... YOU KNOW, THE MAD CHARACTER WHO DIED LAST MONTH AFTER A LIFETIME OF DELVING INTO THE SUPERNATURAL! THE WIRE GAYS HE LEFT ME HIS HOUSE... MYSTIC MANOR!

OH, THAT ANCIENT, LONELY HOUSE YOU TOLD ME ABOUT? I THINK IT'S THE PERFECT SPOT FOR YOU TO TAKE A REST IN, DON... TO GET AWAY FROM YOUR LAB FOR A WHILE!

RIDICULOUS...WHAT GANE MAN WOULD WANT TO STAY IN THAT SPOOKY BROKEN-DOWN PILE OF BRICKS?

BUT YOU'RE WORKING YOURSELF TO DEATH ON THAT INVENTION OF YOURS! YOU NEED A CHANGE, A REST...AND AFTER YOU COME BACK FROM YOUR VACATION AT MYSTIC MANOR, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ATTACK YOUR WORK WITH REDOUBLED VIGOR!

ALL RIGHT, DEAREST...YOU'RE RIGHT, AS USUAL! I'LL HEAD UP THERE AND TRY TO FORGET MY ATOMIC ENGINE! BUT YOU'VE GOT TO COME ALONG AND HELP LOOK AFTER ME!

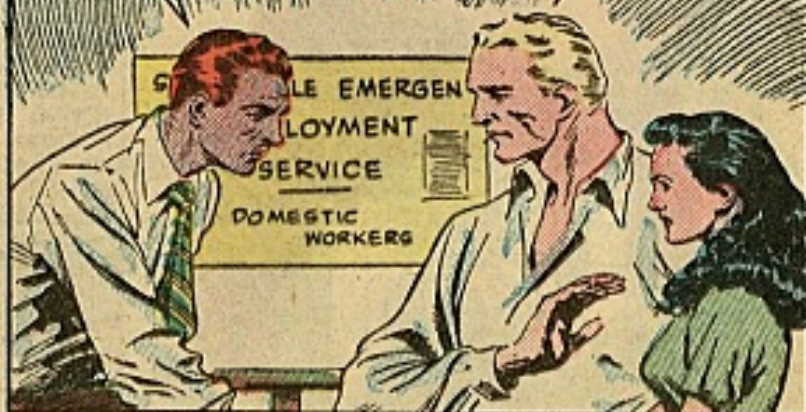
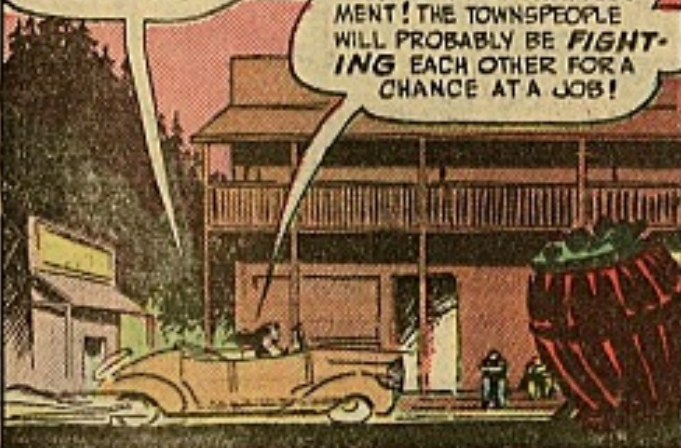
SWEETHEART...!

THIS IS JONESVILLE, NEAREST TOWN TO MYSTIC MANOR...THINK I'LL STOP OFF HERE AND HIRE SOME SERVANTS TO OPEN UP THE PLACE FOR US!

THAT OUGHT TO BE EASY...THE PAPERS SAY THIS PART OF THE STATE HAS BEEN BADLY HIT BY UNEMPLOYMENT! THE TOWNSPEOPLE WILL PROBABLY BE **FIGHTING** EACH OTHER FOR A CHANCE AT A JOB!

MYSTIC MANOR? MISTER...I WOULDN'T **DARE** SEND ANYONE OUT TO **THAT** DEVIL-RIDDEN PLACE!

YOU MUST BE **CRAZY!** BUT IF YOU WON'T HELP ME, I'LL FIND SOMEONE WHO WILL IF I HAVE TO GO TO EVERY HOUSE IN TOWN!



MYSTIC MANOR? WELL, SIR, AS A PHYSICIAN I HATE TO ADMIT IT...BUT THE TOWNSPEOPLE HAVE GOOD REASON TO BE TERRIFIED OF THAT PLACE! AN AURA OF FIENDISH EVIL HOVERS OVER THE HOUSE, ALMOST LIKE SOME PRESENCE FROM OUT OF THE VAST **UNKNOWN**...A GRISLY SOMETHING IN THE AIR THAT WORKS ITS EVIL WAY INTO YOUR VERY SOUL AND FILLS YOU WITH ANCIENT, CLAMMY DREAD!

THAT'S **RIDICULOUS,** DOCTOR...HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE SUCH SUPERSTITIOUS NONGENSE?

BUT EVERYWHERE IN TOWN, THE SAME STRANGE TERROR!

I'D STARVE BEFORE I'D WORK IN THAT HOUSE OF DEMONS! SATAN HIMSELF IS MASTER **THERE!**

HAS THE WHOLE TOWN GONE MAD?...COME ON, MARY...LET'S LOOK UP THE LOCAL DOCTOR! MAYBE A MAN OF SCIENCE WILL TELL US WHAT THIS SUPERNATURAL POPPY-CKOCK IS ALL ABOUT!



W. W. W. W.

I'LL TELL YOU---AND THEN MAYBE **YOU'LL BELIEVE!** YOUR GRANDUNCLE'S HOUSEKEEPER WAS BROUGHT TO MY OFFICE SOME TIME AGO---SHE WAS DELIRIOUS, SCREAMING INCOHERENTLY ABOUT SOMETHING SHE CALLED **MARZO!** I WENT TO MYSTIC MANOR MYSELF TO FIND OUT WHAT HAD FRIGHTENED HER---BUT I DIDN'T STAY THERE LONG---I **COULDN'T!** SOMETHING HORRIBLY EVIL SEEMED TO REACH INTO THE DEPTHS OF MY BEING THE MOMENT I NEARED THAT ACCURSED HOME---SOMETHING COLD AND MALIGNANT---SOMETHING THAT WANTED MY **SOUL!**

ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME THAT MY UNCLE'S **GHOST** IS HAUNTING THAT HOUSE?

NO---IT ALL STARTED **BEFORE** HE DIED---WHEN A HUGE, COFFIN-LIKE CARTON ARRIVED FROM SOMEWHERE IN THE ORIENT! YOUR UNCLE BEGAN DYING BY INCHES SOON AFTER THAT---EACH TIME I SAW HIM, HIS EYES WERE MORE HAUNTED! WHEN HE FINALLY DIED, I ISSUED A DEATH CERTIFICATE FOR HEART FAILURE---BUT I NEVER DARED ASK MYSELF **WHAT** STOPPED HIS HEART! FOR IF EVER I SAW STARK TERROR ON A DEAD MAN'S FACE, IT WAS ON **HIS!** BE WARNED---**STAY AWAY FROM MYSTIC MANOR!**

I---I'M BEGINNING TO BE SORRY I EVER SUGGESTED COMING HERE, DON! LET'S GO BACK---**PLEASE!**

SO THIS MASS HYSTERIA IS BEGINNING TO AFFECT YOU, TOO, EH? WELL, IT'S NOT GOING TO GET **ME** DOWN---I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU TO MYSTIC MANOR AND **PROVE** THAT THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS THE SUPERNATURAL!

UP---UP THE LONELY, WINDING MOUNTAIN ROAD, UP TO WHERE THE CLAMMY MISTS HANG LOW AND A STRANGE AURA OF SOME UNKNOWN MENACE HOVERS OVER THE FORBIDDING GABLES OF A HOUSE CRUMBLING WITH THE WEIGHT OF THE AGES---

THAT---THAT CREEPY OLD PLACE MUST BE MYSTIC MANOR, DON---AND **LOOK**---IT IT SEEMS AS IF A GIGANTIC PHANTOM HAND IS CLUTCHING THE HOUSE!

STRANGE, I GUESS TO SEE IT TOO---BUT IT'S PROBABLY JUST THE FINGERS OF MIST CURLING AROUND THE HOUSE! THERE'S **NOTHING** TO BE AFRAID OF!

Then, past the creaking door and into the musty interior, where flickering shadows writhe on furniture shrouded like white, crouching corpses---

DON, I---I'M AFRAID---**TERRIFIED!**

DON'T BE SILLY, DARLING! THIS CANDELABRA I FOUND OUGHT TO GIVE US ENOUGH LIGHT TO EXPLORE THE OLD JOINT---AND YOU'LL SEE HOW CHILDISH YOUR FEARS ARE!

THIS MUST HAVE BEEN YOUR UNCLE'S ROOM---HIS DEATH CHAMBER! AND IT---IT LOOKS AS IF SOME DEMONICAL POWER HAD BEEN LET LOOSE IN HERE---TO RAVAGE AND DESTROY!

NONSENSE---UNCLE PHINEAS ALWAYS WAS UNTIDY! HMM, HERE'S AN ANCIENT-LOOKING BOOK---PROBABLY PART OF HIS STUDIES INTO THAT OCCULT POPPYCOCK! LET'S SEE WHAT IT SAYS---IT OUGHT TO GIVE US A **LAUGH!**

And so it came to pass that MARZO, the eternal incarnation of the spirit of destruction, the devil's disciple who is far more evil even than Satan, was finally conquered sons ago... Yea, MARZO, the most dreaded power on earth, was imprisoned in an ancient stone coffin which was then hidden on the peak of Thachap Bangri in Tibet and cursed forever!

HA, WHAT BOSH... LISTEN, IT GETS EVEN FUNNIER! ... "IF HIS COFFIN IS REMOVED FROM THAT PLACE, HIS EVIL AURA WILL SEEP OUT AND STRIKE DREAD INTO THE HEARTS OF MEN! BUT IF EVER HIS COFFIN IS OPENED AND HE ESCAPES, THEN TERROR AND DESTRUCTION WILL STALK FOREVER AMID THE FLAMES AND RUINS OF A RAVAGED WORLD!"

DON, IT *ISN'T* BOSH... THAT HUGE COFFIN-LIKE CARTON WHICH CAME TO YOUR UNCLE FROM THE ORIENT MUST HAVE BEEN MARZO'S COFFIN... BECAUSE THE AURA OF EVIL AND DREAD AROUND THIS HOUSE ARRIVED TOGETHER WITH THAT CARTON!



MARZO IS SOMEWHERE IN THIS HOUSE... I... I CAN ALMOST FEEL HIS CLAMMY SPIRIT GROPING FOR MY SOUL!

THE ONLY WAY TO RESTORE YOUR SANITY, MARY, IS TO TURN THIS HOUSE UPSIDE DOWN UNTIL YOU'RE CONVINCED THE MYTHICAL MARZO ISN'T HERE... OR ANYWHERE! **COME ON!**



ROOM AFTER SHROUDED ROOM IS SEARCHED IN VAIN... BUT FINALLY IN THE DIM RECESSES OF THE SUBTERRANEAN CELLAR...

THE ATMOSPHERE OF HOVERING EVIL SEEMS TO BE MORE INTENSE DOWN HERE... AS... AS IF WE'RE GETTING WARM! OH, LOOK... THAT HEAVY IRON DOOR! IT'S BOLTED ON THIS SIDE... AS IF TO KEEP SOMETHING IN THERE FROM GETTING OUT!

WELL, THAT JUST MAKES IT EASY TO OPEN... AND **DON'T** TRY TO STOP ME!



AS THE UNBOLTED DOOR IS FLUNG OPEN, AN OVERWHELMING AURA OF ALMOST TANGIBLE, DEMONIAL EVIL SURGES OUT... LIKE A STAGGERING BLAST FROM THE DEPTHS!

MARZO'S COFFIN... HE'S IN THERE!

OH, YEAH? I'LL SHOW YOU THERE'S NOTHING SUPERNATURAL IN THAT BOX... I'LL BREAK IT OPEN AND **PROVE IT!**



NO, DON, **DON'T...**!

THERE... THAT DID IT! NOW TO SEE WHAT'S **INSIDE!**





NOW LET'S SEE, I'LL NEED A CROWBAR OR LEVER OF SOME KIND TO GET THAT HEAVY LID OPEN...

YOU...YOU WON'T NEED IT, DON...IT...IT'S OPENING BY ITSELF!

CR-REAK



DON...THAT... THAT HAND UNDER THE LID...!

GREAT SCOTT... SOMEONE IS IN THERE... BUT WHO... OR WHAT?

SUDDENLY...



OH!!



STAND BACK... WHATEVER YOU ARE!

FEAR NOT! ALTHOUGH I AM MARZO, THE SPIRIT OF DESTRUCTION, SWORN TO KILL AND DESTROY, I SHALL SPARE YOU... BECAUSE YOU HAVE DELIVERED ME FROM AGE-OLD CAPTIVITY AND FREED ME TO STALK AND RAVAGE THE EARTH ONCE MORE!



AS A REWARD TO YOU WHO SHATTERED MY PRISON, I WILL CONFER UPON YOU THE PRICELESS GIFT OF **THREE WISHES!** NO MATTER WHAT THREE WISHES YOU MAKE, THEY SHALL BE GRANTED... AND NO POWER IN THE UNIVERSE, NOT EVEN I MYSELF, WILL BE ABLE TO DENY THEM TO YOU! BUT NOW, AFTER ALL THESE CENTURIES, I AM READY TO GO FORTH ONCE MORE...



CRASH!

...TO DESTROY!

SRR-RRIP!

**STUNNED BY THE FALLING WRECKAGE...
DON REVIVES!**

OH, MY...MY HEAD! THE WHOLE HOUSE
COLLAPSED AROUND OUR EARS... BUT
WE WERE MIRACULOUSLY SPARED SOME-
HOW! MARY'S BEGINNING TO STIR... I'VE
GOT TO GET HER
OUT OF HERE!



I DON'T KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED,
DARLING... I GUESS THE PLACE WAS
SO OLD AND UNSAFE THAT IT WAS
READY TO COLLAPSE THE MOMENT
ANYONE STEPPED FOOT IN IT! I MUST'VE
BEEN REALLY KNOCKED OUT COLD,
THOUGH... BECAUSE I SEEM TO
REMEMBER SOME AWFUL DREAM
ABOUT HOW I UNWITTINGLY RELEASED
A DREAD SPIRIT NAMED **MARZO**,
WHO SAID HE WOULD GRANT ME
THREE WISHES! CRAZY
DREAM FOR A SCIENTIST,
EH?

BUT... BUT THAT'S
WHAT I THOUGHT
I'D DREAMED!
AND IF WE **BOTH**
EXPERIENCED IT,
IT MUST HAVE
BEEN **REALITY!**



WE'VE GOT TO GET A GRIP ON
OURSELVES, MARY... IT
COULDN'T HAVE REALLY
HAPPENED! THE MAGS HYPNOSIS
THAT GRIPPED THE PEOPLE
OF SMITHVILLE MUST HAVE
STARTED WORKING ON
US, TOO!

THINK SO?
**LOOK...
DOWN
THERE!**



SEE, DON?... ALL OF SMITHVILLE
IS IN FLAMES! AND **MARZO**
SAID HE WAS GOING OUT
TO WREAK DESTRUCTION ON
THE WORLD!

LET... LET'S GET OUT
OF HERE AND HEAD FOR
HOME, MARY! WE'RE **BOTH**
OVERWROUGHT... THAT
FIRE IS JUST A **COIN-
CIDENCE**, AND NOTHING
MORE!



COINCIDENCE? WELL, IN THE DAYS
THAT FOLLOW...

NO...
NO...
HELP!



THIS IS THE TWENTY-NINTH GHASTLY
MURDER LIKE THIS IN THESE PARTS
... BUT WE CAN'T SEEM TO LAND
THE KILLER! HE SLIPS THROUGH
THE HEAVIEST POLICE CORDON
... ALMOST AS IF HE'S A
SPIRIT!

YEAH, AND THE TRAIL OF
MURDERS SEEMS TO BE
HEADING TOWARDS NEW
YORK... WE'D BETTER
WARN THE POLICE THERE
TO EXPECT HIM...
OR IT!



BUT THE POLICE OF NEW YORK HAVE NOT BEEN WARNED TO EXPECT A SPIRIT OF DESTRUCTION THAT CAN BECOME **IN-VISIBLE...MONSTROUS...THAT CAN STALK THROUGH A CITY AND LEAVE A TRAGIC TRAIL OF DEATH AND HORROR BEHIND!**



HA
HA
HA!

RR-RIP!

MEANWHILE, IN DON BRADY'S LAB...

YOU'VE JUST WITNESSED THE MOST HORRIFYING AND UNBELIEVABLE SIGHT IN HISTORY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE TELEVISION AUDIENCE...A MASSIVE BRIDGE OF STEEL AND CONCRETE, RIPPED APART BY SOME INVISIBLE FORCE, PINIONING HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN THE WRECKAGE...!

DON...THAT...
THAT MUST BE
MARZO'S
TERRIBLE
WORK!



NOW, WHILE THE SCREAMS OF THE DYING FILL THE AIR, THE HAVOC AND DESTRUCTION SEEM TO HAVE TEMPORARILY HALTED! BUT WHO KNOWS WHEN OR **WHERE** THIS UNKNOWN FORCE WILL STRIKE AGAIN...

YOU KNOW WHAT
THAT FORCE IS...
BECAUSE **YOU**
RELEASED IT!

I...I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT...THIS
IS THE 20TH CENTURY
...THINGS LIKE THIS
JUST **CAN'T**
HAPPEN!



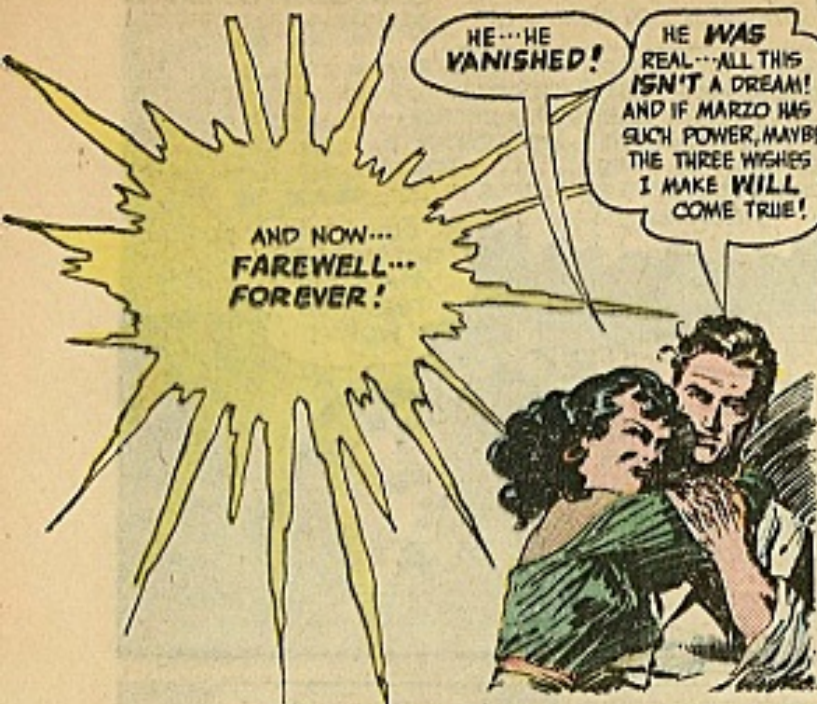
AH, BUT THEY
JUST **DID**
HAPPEN!

CRASH!

YOU!

YES, I...THE **SPIRIT OF DESTRUCTION** WHO WILL GO ON AND ON...BURNING...KILLING...DESTROYING! WHAT I'VE DONE SO FAR IS **NOTHING** COMPARED TO WHAT I'M ABOUT TO DO... BUT I CAME TO REASSURE YOU THAT NO MATTER WHAT DESTRUCTION I WREAK, YOU WILL BOTH BE SPARED! AND YOU WHO RELEASED ME FROM MY COFFIN WILL BE ALL-POWERFUL...BECAUSE THE THREE WISHES I GRANTED YOU WILL ENABLE YOU TO ACCOMPLISH **ANYTHING** YOUR HEART DESIRES...
ANYTHING!





HE...HE VANISHED!

HE WAS REAL...ALL THIS ISN'T A DREAM! AND IF MARZO HAS SUCH POWER, MAYBE THE THREE WISHES I MAKE WILL COME TRUE!

AND NOW... FAREWELL... FOREVER!



YES, YOUR THREE WISHES...THE REWARD YOU RECEIVED FOR BE-TRAYING HUMANITY! IS THAT ALL YOU CAN THINK ABOUT AT A TIME LIKE THIS...WHEN MARZO IS ABOUT TO DESTROY THE WHOLE WORLD?

THAT'S ALL I WANT TO THINK ABOUT! I CAN USE MY FIRST WISH TO OBTAIN THE SECRET OF THE ATOMIC ENGINE THAT'S BEEN ELUDING ME SO LONG... THAT WILL GIVE ME POWER! ANOTHER WISH WILL MAKE ME THE RICHEST MAN IN HISTORY...



YOU...YOU MURDERER! ALL YOU CARE ABOUT IS RICHES AND POWER...WHEN YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FREED THAT MURDEROUS SPECTER FROM OUT OF THE UNKNOWN...TO PREY UPON A HELPLESS WORLD! YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE...YOU'RE AS MUCH A KILLER AS MARZO!



YES, YOU'RE FURIOUS AT ME...BLIND WITH RAGE, BECAUSE DEEP IN YOUR HEART YOU KNOW I'M RIGHT AND YOU'RE GUILTY...BUT YOU CAN'T ADMIT IT TO YOURSELF...

GET AWAY FROM ME! I'M GOING TO BE THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE WORLD...WHY SHOULD I LET YOU AND YOUR CHILDISH RAVING STAND IN MY WAY? I...I WISH YOU WERE DEAD!



INSTANTLY...

CRACK!
OHH...HH!



SHE...SHE'S DEAD...AND MY WISH KILLED HER! BUT...BUT I JUST BLURTED OUT THOSE WORDS WITHOUT MEANING THEM... I NEVER WANTED HER TO DIE... SHE'S ALL I EVER LOVED! AND NOW I'VE LOST HER...BECAUSE I UNWITTINGLY USED THE TERRIBLE POWER MARZO CONFERRED ON ME! SHE'S GONE... FOREVER!



WAIT...NOT FOREVER! I'VE STILL GOT TWO MORE WISHES...I CAN USE ONE OF THEM TO...

I...I WISH THAT MARY REVIVES... COMES BACK FROM THE DEAD INTO LIFE, EXACTLY AS SHE WAS!



DON...WHAT...WHAT HAPPENED? THE LAST THING I KNEW...

NEVER MIND, DARLING... YOU'RE BACK WITH ME, AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS! YOU...YOU JUST FAINTED...YOU'LL FEEL BETTER AS SOON AS YOU GET SOME FRESH AIR AT THE WINDOW!



AT THAT MOMENT-THE SOUND OF DESTRUCTION!

HA HA HA!

DON...L... LOOK!

GREAT SCOTT...NEW YORK... IT...IT'S BEING UTTERLY DESTROYED!



THERE...THERE GOES THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING!

CR-PRAK!

THIS IS WHAT MARZO MEANT WHEN HE SAID THAT WHAT HE'D DONE SO FAR WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT HE WAS GOING TO DO! HE...HE'S GOING ON A RAMPAGE OF DESTRUCTION SUCH AS THE WORLD NEVER DREAMED OF...AND ONLY YOU CAN STOP HIM, DON! YOU'VE GOT THE THREE WISHES HE AWARDED YOU... WISHES HE SAID NOT EVEN HE HIMSELF COULD DENY! YOU CAN USE ONE OF THOSE WISHES TO DESTROY HIM...YOU'VE GOT TO DO IT!

NO, NOT THREE WISHES ANYMORE...JUST ONE...



JUST ONE WISH LEFT...
AND WITH IT, I CAN ASK FOR
THE SECRET I NEED TO PER-
FECT MY ATOMIC ENGINE...
THE SECRET I'VE HUNGERED
FOR, THE ONE THAT WILL MAKE
ME THE RICHEST AND MOST
POWERFUL
MAN IN THE
WORLD!

I... I CAN SEE I WAS
WRONG IN ASKING YOU
TO STOP MARZO... YOUR
GREED IS GREATER THAN
YOUR CONCERN FOR
HUMANITY! GO AHEAD,
THEN... **USE YOUR**
LAST WISH FOR WHAT-
EVER YOU WANT! **GAIN**
YOUR WEALTH AND POWER...
BUT LOSE **ME**... BECAUSE
I... I'M GOING OUT THERE
TO DIE WITH ALL
THE OTHERS!



NO, MARY... **WAIT!** I... I REMEMBER
WHAT IT MEANT TO HAVE LOST YOU
ONCE... I COULDN'T GO ON LIVING
WITHOUT YOU, WITHOUT YOUR LOVE!
YOU... YOU'VE MADE ME REALIZE
WHAT'S **REALLY** IMPORTANT IN
LIFE... NOT WEALTH OR POWER...
BUT **LOVE AND HUMANITY!**
I'LL USE MY LAST WISH TO
STOP
MARZO!

OH...
DON!



TURN BACK, TIME, TO BEFORE
I RELEASED MARZO FROM HIS
STONE COFFIN IN MYSTIC MANOR!
LET HIM BE STILL A PRISONER...
SO THAT ALL THE DEATH
AND DESTRUCTION HE
CAUSED WILL BE UNDONE,
AS IF IT HAD NEVER
HAPPENED!



INSTANTLY...

YAAAGHH!



HE... HE VANISHED
... YOU **DID** IT,
DON!

YES, AND THE CITY'S INTACT, AND
ALL THE PEOPLE ARE ALL RIGHT...
EVERYTHING IS JUST THE WAY IT WAS,
AS IF MARZO NEVER ACTUALLY WENT
ON HIS RAMPAGE! AND SINCE THE
DESTRUCTION HE CAUSED WAS ALL
UNDONE, AS IF IT NEVER EVEN
HAPPENED, THE MEMORY OF IT
WILL BE WIPED OUT OF PEOPLE'S
MINDS... NO ONE WILL REMEMBER
MARZO, EXCEPT
US!



YES, HE'S SECURELY IMPRISONED
IN HIS STONE COFFIN AGAIN,
BACK IN MYSTIC MANOR...
AND WE'LL MAKE SURE
THAT HE **STAYS**
THERE!

RIGHT, DARLING! I
DON'T REALLY CARE
ABOUT THOSE WASTED
THREE WISHES NOW...
AS LONG AS I HAVE
YOU!



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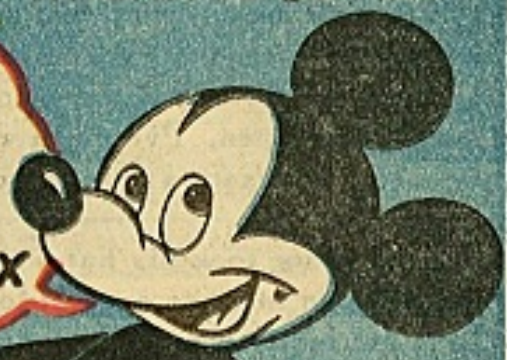


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Monsieur WEREWOLF

AH, COME IN, come in," the old man said, peering out from under enormous eyebrows at the visitor at his door. "No one ever seems to come up this lonely mountain to visit me anymore, and strangers pass by only too infrequently. The last one passed by here more than three weeks ago...and ever since then, I've been rather hungry for...er, conversation and news of the village below."

The visitor took his hat off and followed the old man into the ancient-looking house. "I'm not really a stranger just passing idly by," he said. "I came here expressly to see you, sir. You see, I'm a student at Heidelberg University, studying for my doctorate in Occultology. In the course of writing my dissertation on lycanthropy, I came across your name as the author of some extraordinarily curious books on werewolves. So I decided to look you up and ask you where you got all the information and source material."

"But I must confess I had a devilishly hard time finding out where you live. As soon as I mentioned the name of Monsieur Jacques Turenne, all the villagers down below fled from me as if I'd asked for Satan himself. It was only when I cornered one little lad and promised to buy him all the sweets he could eat, that I learned you lived atop this mountain."

The old man smiled, revealing a perfect set of white, gleaming teeth that seemed incongruous in a face as old and sagging as his. "We explorers of the occult must expect such treatment from the masses, mustn't we?" he said. "But come into my study. I'll show you what the superstitious fools are so afraid of."

Inside the study, M. Turenne took out a strangely shaped bottle from a drawer and

shook the vile green liquid it contained. "See...this is what they fear. They think it's a magical liquid that can turn anyone into a *werewolf*! Actually, it's merely a mixture of eleoselinum, aconitum, frondes populeae, sium, pentaphyllon, uespertilioris sanguis and solanum somniferum."

"Mnn," the visitor murmured. "That means it's composed of hemlock, aconite, poplar leaves, cowbane, cinquefoil, bat's blood and deadly nightshade. But how do the superstitious villagers think it's supposed to work?"

Jacques Turenne laughed this time, revealing incisor teeth that were strangely elongated and pointed, almost like a wolf's. Dipping his hands into the bottle, he said, "They believe that if anyone smears his hands with it, like this...and then rubs the concoction across his face, like this...then one is transformed into a werewolf, with an insatiable desire to kill!"

The visitor shuddered involuntarily. "Well, obviously it *doesn't* work...you're still Jacques Turenne. But it is an interesting belief. I think I'll just jot the details down in my notebook, in case I want to mention it in my thesis."

Bending low over his notebook, the student of occultology didn't notice the sudden change that overtook Turenne, and he didn't even bother to look up as the old man started to speak. "Oh, I neglected to tell you something else," the werewolf said. "It takes a few moments for the mixture to take effect! And now..."

The visitor turned at the hideous animal snarl behind him. For one horrified moment he stared at the awful half-man, half-wolf shape before him...and by the time he turned to flee, it was already too late, for the fangs were at his throat.

IT'S MIDNIGHT, READER, AND A BANSHEE WIND WAILES AMID THE TOSSING TREETOPS! ACROSS THE PALLID MOON DRIFTS THE EERIE SHADOW OF-- A BAT! HERE'S AS STRANGE AND GRIPPING A STORY AS YOU'VE EVER READ-- THE STORY OF A LOST SOUL-- THE TALE OF A VAMPIRE LOVE YOU'LL REMEMBER FOREVER!

LOVE OF A VAMPIRE

IT'S GETTING DARK, KEN-- AND THERE'S A SMALL ROADSIDE HOTEL RIGHT UP AHEAD! LET'S STOP OFF **THERE!**



YES, IT ALL STARTED INNOCENTLY ENOUGH! A HONEYMOON COUPLE, CONFIDENT OF A LIFE OF HAPPINESS BEFORE THEM! LITTLE DID THEY REALIZE THAT THIS WAS A FATEFUL MOMENT-- THAT BEFORE THEM LOOMED NIGHTMARE TRAGEDY!

WE'LL JUST BE HERE FOR ONE NIGHT, MR.-- ER--

BRUNT-- HANG ON, **BRUNT!** I'M THE NIGHT MANAGER! WE WELCOME HONEYMOONERS HERE! AND YOUR WIFE IS VERY-- **BEAUTIFUL!**



HERE'S YOUR ROOM, AND I TRUST YOU'LL BE VERY COMFORTABLE! GOOD NIGHT-- AND PLEASANT DREAMS, **MRS. CUMMINGS!**

I-- I WISH WE HADN'T STOPPED HERE! THERE'S SOMETHING-- EVIL ABOUT THAT OLD MAN!

WHAT A VIEW! LOOK AT THE MOON, BETH!

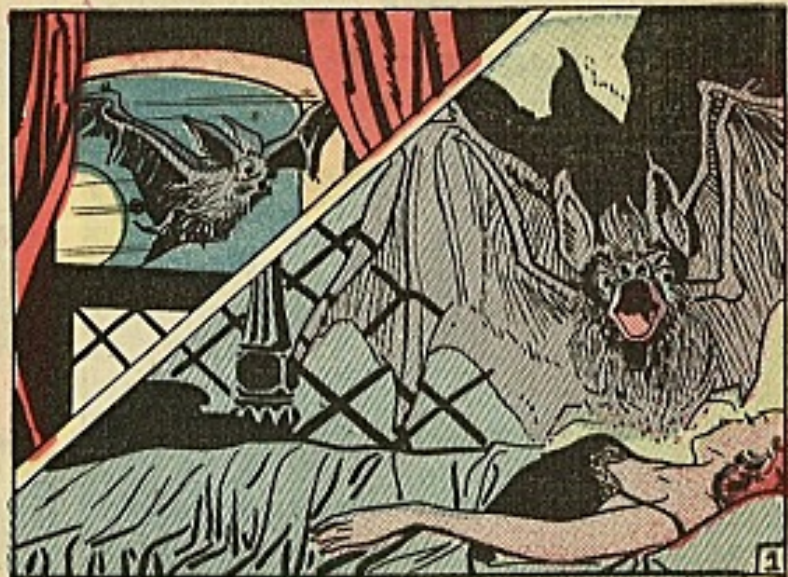


BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT THAT GHOSTLY MOON THAT TERRIFIED BETH! SOMETHING--

SOMETHING HORRIBLE! PROPHETIC WORDS-- FOR IN THE WEIRD HUSH OF MIDNIGHT, A GREAT BAT WHEELED CLOSER-- CLOSER--

GREAT SCOTT, THAT BAT-- LOOK AT THE **SIZE** OF IT! BUT DON'T LET IT SCARE YOU, DARLING-- YOU'RE TREMBLING!

I-- I CAN'T HELP IT! I'VE GOT THE STRANGEST FEELING THAT SOMETHING HORRIBLE IS GOING TO HAPPEN!



KEN SLEPT, ALL UNAWARE, AS THE TERROR-LADEN HOURS PASSED! AND WITH MORNING CAME-- AN AWFUL DISCOVERY!

HI, SWEETHEART! DID YOU-- WHY, SHE'S GONE!



SHE'S NOWHERE AROUND! I-- I'M SURE THE WINDOW HADN'T BEEN OPEN THIS MUCH!



WORRY GAVE WAY TO SUSPICION, PANIC! THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING TO DO-- CALL THE POLICE!

THAT'S RIGHT-- MY WIFE'S MISSING! COME OVER RIGHT AWAY-- PLEASE!



THE POLICE CAME-- SEARCHED-- ASKED QUESTIONS-- ALL FRUITLESSLY! WAS IT KEN'S IMAGINATION-- OR DID THEY DISPLAY A STRANGE SUSPICION-- A STRANGER FEAR?

SHE-- SHE COULDN'T HAVE GONE THROUGH THE WINDOW-- WE'D HAVE FOUND HER, OR AT LEAST LADDER MARKS ON THE GROUND! WAS THERE ANYONE AROUND HERE WHO SPOKE TO HER, OR--

ONLY OLD BRUNT, THE NIGHT MANAGER!

HEY, RILEY! SEND BRUNT UP HERE!



NO-- I DIDN'T HEAR A THING ALL NIGHT! BUT WHO'D WANT TO HARM ANYONE AS LOVELY AS MRS. CUMMINGS? SHE WAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL I'D EVER SEEN!

I DON'T LIKE THE WAY HE TALKS ABOUT BETH! THERE'S SOMETHING-- STRANGE ABOUT HIM!



AND THEN-- KEN SPOTTED SOMETHING THE POLICE HAD MISSED!

LOOK-- WHAT'S THIS? IT-- IT LOOKS LIKE A CLAW!

A-- WHAT?



YES-- A CRUEL-LOOKING TALON! WHY DID THE POLICEMEN STARE AT EACH OTHER SO STRANGELY? WHY WERE THEIR FACES SO WHITE?

I DON'T GET IT! WHAT'S IT DOING HERE-- AND WHAT SORT OF A CREATURE COULD IT HAVE COME FROM?

ER-- I'M SURE IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CASE-- BUT WE'LL TAKE IT ALONG, ANYWAY! AND WE'LL LET YOU KNOW IF ANYTHING DEVELOPS, MR. CUMMINGS!



FOLLOWED DREARY, CAREWORN DAYS OF WAITING, AND STILL NO WORD! FINALLY, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...



WHERE CAN I FIND INSPECTOR JACKSON? HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THIS CASE THREE DAYS AGO-- AND I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM SINCE!

HE'S BEEN SPENDING HIS TIME IN THE LIBRARY-- BUT DON'T ASK ME WHY!

KEN SOUGHT OUT THE DETECTIVE AT THE LIBRARY...



INSPECTOR JACKSON? THERE HE IS-- AT THAT TABLE OVER THERE!

GOOD GOSH-- HE MUSTN'T SEE ME READING THIS BOOK!



PUT THIS AWAY, MISS JONES-- I'M FINISHED WITH IT...

HI, MR. CUMMINGS-- SORRY TO RUSH OFF THIS WAY, BUT I'M LATE! I'LL NOTIFY YOU IF ANYTHING BREAKS!

HE DOESN'T WANT ME TO SEE THAT BOOK! WHY?



MAY I SEE THE BOOK HE WAS READING? WE HAVE THE SAME SORT OF TASTE!

CERTAINLY! MY, I DON'T KNOW WHY ANYONE'D WANT TO READ THIS!



VAMPIRES! WHAT NONSENSE! HMM-- JACKSON MARKED HIS PLACE WITH THIS CARD! MAYBE I'D BETTER READ IT!



AND SO KEN CUMMINGS READ-- AND HIS HEART GREW NUMB WITH A NAMELESS HORROR...



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LEGEND SAYS THAT EARLY IN THE 19TH CENTURY, A GERMAN NOBLEMAN NAMED COUNT VON BRUNT SETTLED IN KRAUSTON. SHORTLY AFTER, BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRLS STARTED TO VANISH FROM THEIR HOMES, AND IT WAS RUMORED THAT HE HAD TAKEN THE FORM OF A HUGE BAT IN ORDER TO PREY UPON THEM. AROUSED TOWNS- PEOPLE DROVE HIM FROM THE REGION AFTER WOUNDING HIM SEVERELY. HIS DEATH WAS ASSUMED SINCE HE DID NOT RETURN AND OVER A CENTURY HAS PASSED, HOWEVER, HIS BODY WAS NEVER FOUND.

WITHIN KEN'S MIND GREW THE MEMORY OF AN OLD MAN CAPTIVATED BY BETH'S BEAUTY-- OF A STRANGE CLAW! IT COULDN'T BE-- BUT--

IT'S-- INCREDIBLE! HANS BRUNT-- THE NIGHT MANAGER-- AND COUNT VON BRUNT-- WHO VANISHED OVER A CENTURY AGO! A-- A VAMPIRE! BUT THAT WOULD EXPLAIN THE STRANGE FEAR THE POLICE SHOWED! WELL, IF THEY WON'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT, I WILL! I'LL FIND BETH IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!

SHH-H!

BACK AT THE HOTEL...

HOW DARE YOU BREAK INTO MY ROOM THIS WAY? GET OUT-- OR I'LL CALL THE POLICE!

THAT BANDAGE ON YOUR FINGER, BRUNT-- DOES IT CONCEAL A MISSING FINGERNAIL? GO AHEAD AND CALL THE POLICE-- MAYBE THEY'LL RETURN A CLAW THAT FITS!

AND THIS HANDKERCHIEF ON THE TABLE-- BETH'S! HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THAT?

I-- I FOUND IT-- I WAS GOING TO TAKE IT TO HEADQUARTERS! WHAT ARE YOU ACCUSING ME OF, YOUNG MAN?

I'M ACCUSING YOU-- COUNT VON BRUNT-- OF THE ABDUCTION OF MY WIFE-- AND HER PROBABLE MURDER! MAYBE I HAVEN'T GOT ANY REAL EVIDENCE, BUT WHEN I GIVE THE POLICE THESE EXTRA FACTS IN THE MORNING, THEY MAY COME UP WITH ENOUGH TO HANG YOU!

THINK SO, EH? WE'LL SEE!

THAT NIGHT, KEN'S SLEEP WAS TROUBLED! ODD, NIGHTMARE VISIONS FLITTED THROUGH HIS TORTURED MIND! AND, FLITTING, CAME A VISION THAT WAS REAL-- THE AWFUL SHAPE OF A HUGE BAT!

HOLY HANNAH! THAT THING---IT---IT'S MONSTROUS!

A SIXTH SENSE WARNED THE SLEEPING MAN, BROUGHT HIM TO WAKEFULNESS-- IN THE NICK OF TIME!



ONLY A BOTTLE OF INK TO THROW AT IT-- AND I **MISSED**, DRAT IT! THERE IT GOES! NOW TO GET DOWNSTAIRS AND SEE IF OLD BRUNT IS AROUND! IF HE **ISN'T**, IT SPELLS **ANOTHER LINK** IN MY CASE!



OH, BRUNT-- BRUNT! WHERE ARE YOU?

GOOD-- HE'S NOT HERE! THAT **COULD** MEAN--



BUT THE NEXT MOMENT...

DID YOU CALL, MR. CUMMINGS? I WAS SITTING OUT ON THE PORCH-- WARM NIGHT FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR!

ER-- I HAD A NIGHTMARE, THAT'S ALL!

GUESS MY IMAGINATION MUST'VE BEEN RUNNING WILD! THERE'RE NO SUCH THINGS AS VAMPIRES-- I'LL HAVE TO SEARCH FOR A NEW CLUE TO BETH'S DISAPPEARANCE!



AND SO KEN RETURNED TO BED, CERTAIN HE'D MADE A FOOL OF HIMSELF! BUT NEXT MORNING, AS BRUNT WENT OFF DUTY...

OH, MR. BRUNT-- I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR --

WHAT! ON HIS COLLAR-- INK STAINS! THEN-- I DIDN'T MISS LAST NIGHT! BUT IF I'M GOING TO BE **SURE**-- THERE'S ONE MORE TEST TO MAKE!



CAUTIOUSLY, KEN MANEUVERED TO GET OLD BRUNT WITHIN RANGE OF A LARGE, FULL-LENGTH MIRROR! AND WITHIN IT HE SAW ONLY HIS OWN IMAGE! FOR A VAMPIRE HAS NO REFLECTION!

WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES, MR. CUMMINGS! NO HARD FEELINGS!

THERE'S-- NO DOUBT ABOUT IT NOW! I'M SHAKING HANDS WITH **COUNT VON BRUNT-- A DEADLY VAMPIRE** OUT OF THE PAST!



THERE WAS ONE THING HE HAD TO DO NOW-- TRAIL THE **EERIE KILLER** TO HIS LAIR!

PERHAPS IT ISN'T TOO LATE, AFTER ALL! MAYBE MY BETH IS **ALIVE**-- AND THIS FIEND WILL LEAD ME TO HER!

THROUGH A THICK AND GLOOMY FOREST THE TRAIL LED, THROUGH SWAMP-LAND AND GLADE! FINALLY, KEN SAW OLD BRUNT DIS-APPEAR INTO A RUINED, DESERTED OLD MANSION THAT SEEMED TO BREATHE FORTH THE AURA OF THE UNKNOWN -- OF DEATH ITSELF!



I'VE -- TRACKED THE BEAST TO ITS LAIR! OH, BETH -- BETH DARLING! IF ONLY--

INSIDE, A MAZE OF CRUMBLING CORRIDORS AND COBWEBBED CHAMBERS -- WITH A DARK MENACE BROODING OVERALL!



OLD BRUNT SEEMS TO HAVE DISAPPEARED -- WHICH SHOULD MAKE MY SEARCH EASIER!

ROOM AFTER ROOM -- NOTHING! AND FINALLY, IN A VAULTED CHAMBER DEEP WITHIN THE OLD PILE, KEN FOUND -- TRAGEDY!



GREAT HEAVENS -- IT'S BETH! AND SHE'S BEYOND HUMAN HELP!

BEHIND HIM, THERE ECHOED A CACKLING DEMONIC LAUGH! IT WAS THE MAN HE HAD FOLLOWED -- BUT HOW CHANGED! THIS WAS A DEVIL OUT OF THE DEAD PAST! THIS WAS COUNT VON BRUNT -- VAMPIRE!

SO -- NOW YOU KNOW! AND BEFORE I KILL YOU, YOU'LL KNOW THE POWER OF A VAMPIRE! FOR YOU -- YOUR WIFE IS DEAD! BUT FOR ME, SHE'LL RISE AT MY COMMAND! WATCH!



YOU -- FIEND!

A CRISP ORDER-- A COMMANDING GESTURE-- AND A DREADFUL RESULT! FOR THE STILL, COLD FORM STIRS-- RISES!

BETH-- BETH! YOU'RE NOT DEAD! TELL ME YOU'RE NOT!



YOU'RE TOO LATE, FOOL! SHE'S DEAD-- AND ALREADY A VAMPIRE LIKE MYSELF! TONIGHT SHE WILL ASSUME HER BAT'S SHAPE-- AND GO FORTH TO SEARCH FOR PREY! AND NOTHING YOU CAN DO CAN STOP HER!



IT WAS THEN THAT GRIEF, HATRED, MADE KEN THROW CAUTION TO THE WINDS! IN A HEADLONG, SUICIDAL RUSH--

I'LL STOP IT-- BY RIPPING YOU APART WITH MY BARE HANDS!



BUT OF WHAT USE RAW COURAGE-- AGAINST THE SUPERNATURAL? WITH AN AWFUL STRENGTH OUT OF THE UNKNOWN, THE VAMPIRE STRUCK A MORTAL BLOW!

DIE, YOU FOOL!

OH-HH!



DOWN WENT THE FATALLY-WOUNDED MAN, CLUTCHING AT THE METAL CHAIN THAT EN-GIRDLED HIS WIFE'S WAIST! IT SNAPPED, CAME LOOSE IN HIS HAND--



THIS CHAIN-- MADE OF PURE SILVER-- THE ONLY METAL THAT CAN KILL A VAMPIRE! OH, GIVE ME STRENGTH-- GIVE ME STRENGTH!



IT WAS A STRENGTH BORN OF DESPERATION-- OF LOVE! DYING, KEN FLUNG HIMSELF ON THE SURPRISED VON BRUNT-- AND--

I-- CAN'T LIVE-- BUT I'LL-- TAKE YOU WITH ME!

ARGHH!



YES, THE SILVER CHAIN DID ITS WORK WELL-- AND TIME CLAIMED THE MOULDERING BODY OF VON BRUNT! AND AS THE VAMPIRE DREW HIS LAST BREATH--

KEN-- OH, KEN, MY HUSBAND--

HER-- HER VOICE-- AS IF SHE LIVED AGAIN--



OH, BETH, BETH, YOU HEAR-- YOU UNDERSTAND! TAKE ME-- IN YOUR ARMS! ONE LAST KISS BEFORE I-- I--

IT'S-- TOO LATE! YOU'RE DYING-- AND I'M CONDEMNED TO A LIVING DEATH AS A VAMPIRE-- FOREVER! GOODBYE, DARLING-- GOODBYE!



HE'S-- DEAD! AND-- AND ALREADY I FEEL THE OVER-POWERING VAMPIRE URGE WITHIN ME! BUT I STILL HAVE A TRACE OF THE HUMAN-- I'VE NEVER CLAIMED A VICTIM-- I CAN STILL WEEP! PERHAPS I STILL HAVE ENOUGH MORTAL LOVE WITHIN ME TO SAVE US BOTH! I MUST TRY-- TRY!



THEN IT WAS THAT THE CURSE OF THE VAMPIRE TOOK EFFECT, AND WHAT HAD ONCE BEEN A LOVELY WOMAN BECAME-- A FLITTING BAT! WAS IT TOO LATE-- WAS BETH EMBARKED ON HER GRISLY MISSION? NO! THE REMNANTS OF A HUMAN HEART SURGING STRONGLY WITHIN HER, SHE SOARED TO THE VAULTED CEILING! THEN, IN A SINGLE, SWIFT, SUICIDAL PLUNGE, SHE CRASHED DOWNWARDS-- JOINING HER HUSBAND IN EVERLASTING DEATH!



AND THUS IT WAS THAT TRUE LOVE CONQUERED THE VAMPIRE'S EVIL, AND EMERGED TRIUMPHANT! NOW, FINALLY, THE SOULS OF BETH AND KEN WERE AT PEACE AND THEY FACED ETERNITY-- TOGETHER-- FOR ALWAYS!

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TIM—THOSE MEN!
BANK ROBBERS!

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GREETINGS, ALL YOU fans of the great *Supernatural*---special greetings, since this is the first time that we're meeting in the pages of a brand-new, actionful and challenging magazine. Welcome to "*Forbidden Worlds*"---and may our friendship be both long and rewarding!

As friends-to-be, we can talk plainly. So let's start off by saying that this isn't just another magazine. It's a *special* kind of publication---for *special* people! For a long time, your editor has known that the dread realm of the *Unknown* exercised a magnetic fascination over thinking people---that the *Supernatural* thronged with thrills and chills that challenged the imagination as does no other subject. It was this thought that gave rise to the creation of our great companion magazine, "*Adventures Into The Unknown*". And the astounding success of this original publication left no room for doubt. This was what the public wanted---and we gave it to them! We delved deeply into weird and eerie subjects---came up with strange, fascinating stories that packed an out-of-the-world punch---and fans flocked to our bandwagon! They demanded greater frequency of issue, and we gave it to them in the shape of a hard-hitting and thrilling monthly magazine. But this wasn't enough---they cried out for a companion publication to "*Adventures Into The Unknown*"---and now we're providing it in the form of "*Forbidden Worlds*"!

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The WAY of the WEREWOLF

DO YOU CONSIDER THE UNKNOWN JUST A PASSING THRILL THAT CAN BE LEFT SAFELY IN THE SHADOWS AT MIDNIGHT... A GLIMPSE OF THE TERROR THAT HAS GRIPPED NAMELESS PEOPLE IN SOME TIMELESS AGE? THEN WAIT... WAIT FOR THE DARK HOUR THAT BRINGS ONDOOK... HIS FANGED MUZZLE RAISED IN A BAYING SUMMONS... HIS RED-RIMMED EYES LURING YOU TO THE WAY OF THE WEREWOLF!

ONE AFTERNOON... AT THE "DAILY HERALD"...

THE LACK OF SENSATIONAL NEWS MAKES THIS A NICE TOWN TO LIVE IN, ROY... BUT IT'S MURDER FOR A REPORTER TRYING TO DIG UP SOMETHING THAT'LL MAKE THE HEADLINES!

I'M WONDERING... MAYBE WE CAN RING IN THAT WEIRD PLAGUE OF MAN-EATING WOLVES THAT ARE SWEEPING THROUGH THE VILLAGES OF CENTRAL INDIA!

YOU KNOW, ROY... THAT'S AN ANGLE LOADED WITH QUESTION MARKS! HORRIBLE AS THOSE WOLF RAIDS ARE, THERE'S SOMETHING EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN PEOPLE BEING DRAGGED FROM THEIR BEDS... NAMELY, WHY HASN'T IT HAPPENED BEFORE?



SEE WHAT I MEAN? SINCE WOLVES DON'T DEVELOP INTO MAN-EATERS OVERNIGHT, IT'S ALMOST AS IF THEY'VE BEEN KEPT IN CHECK BY SOMETHING...AND ARE NOW GOING ON RAMPAGE BECAUSE THE OBSTACLE NO LONGER EXISTS!

LOOK, CHUM...I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR YEN FOR THE SUPERNATURAL! WHAT I'VE GOT IN THE BACK OF MY MIND IS A LOCAL TIE-IN WITH THOSE WOLF ATTACKS...AND IT'S JUST COME TO ME! SEE WHETHER WE'VE GOT ANYTHING FILED ON **DR. AMBROSE WALKER!**

THERE'S NOTHING ON DR. WALKER'S CARD BUT "**INDIA, 1941...WOLVES!**" DOES THAT RING A BELL?

I KNEW THERE'D BE **SOME** CONNECTION...BUT FOR THE LIFE OF ME, I CAN'T REMEMBER THE DETAILS! ANYWAY, LARRY...DROP AROUND AND GET DR. WALKER'S COMMENT ON THOSE PROWLING WOLVES...MAYBE IT'LL GIVE US SOMETHING TO WRAP A STORY AROUND!



A HALF-HOUR LATER...

I CAN THINK OF LIVELIER WAYS TO SPEND THE AFTERNOON THAN INTERVIEWING AN ELDERLY SCIENTIST...BUT AFTER TEN YEARS, DR. WALKER WILL PROBABLY WELCOME A LITTLE PUBLICITY!

WOO-HOO! I-UHH...I'D LIKE TO SEE DR. WALKER, BEAUTIFUL!

WON'T YOU COME IN? I'M HIS DAUGHTER, **CANISA!**



I WISH I HAD SOME EXCUSE TO INTERVIEW **YOU** INSTEAD OF YOUR FATHER...BUT AS IT IS, I DON'T THINK YOU'D GET MUCH OF A BANG OUT OF TALKING ABOUT **WOLVES!**

YOU MEAN **YOU** LIKE THEM, TOO? IF YOU ONLY KNEW HOW LONG I'VE WAITED TO FIND SOMEONE WHO **DOES!**

HONEY...I DON'T MEAN **MY** KIND OF WOLF! I'M TALKING ABOUT THE TYPE THAT **BITE!**

YES...THE ONES MOST PEOPLE FEAR, AND ASSOCIATE WITH ALL SORTS OF HORRIBLE SUPERSTITIONS! I WISH I KNEW WHY I **DON'T**...BECAUSE I'VE ADORED THE CREATURES SINCE I WAS A CHILD...AND I EVEN DIMLY REMEMBER PRETENDING MY **PLAY-MATES** WERE WOLVES!



SUDDENLY---

CANISA!
HAVEN'T I TOLD
YOU TIME AND AGAIN
THAT THERE'S **ONE**
SUBJECT YOU MUSTN'T
DISCUSS? GO TO
YOUR ROOM!

WAIT A MINUTE, DOC! I
DON'T KNOW WHY WOLVES
SHOULD BE TABOO--- BUT
I'M THE ONE WHO BROUGHT
THE SUBJECT UP! I'M **LARRY
DAVIS**---REPORTER FOR
THE "**HERALD**"!

OF COURSE YOU'RE A
REPORTER---WHAT DO YOU
THINK I'M OBJECTING TO?
GET THIS STRAIGHT, YOUNG
FELLOW---ANYTHING I FOUND
IN INDIA TEN YEARS AGO
IS **FINISHED**---IT'S
NO LONGER NEWS,
UNDERSTAND ME?

NOT EXACTLY---
EXCEPT THAT
YOU'RE PRACTI-
CALLY INVITING
ME TO DIG UP
THE FACTS MY
OWN WAY!

BACK AT THE "HERALD"---

WELL, LARRY---DID THAT
SESSION WITH DR. WALKER
FINISH OFF THE WEIRD
SLANT YOU'VE GOT ON
THOSE WOLVES?

FAR FROM IT, CHUM!
THERE SEEMS TO BE
A LOT MORE STORY
THAN I WAS LOOK-
ING FOR---AND I'M
GOING AFTER IT
TONIGHT!

HOURS LATER---

MY INTENTIONS ARE STRICTLY
ON THE UP AND UP--- BUT JUST
THE SAME, I'M GLAD THERE'S
NO ONE AROUND TO
WATCH THIS!

NOPE--- I WOULDN'T GO POKING
AROUND DR. WALKER'S STUDY
FOR AN ORDINARY NEWS BEAT!
EVEN CANISA'S BEING HIPPED
ON WOLVES MIGHTN'T RATE
A PARAGRAPH---**IF** DR. WALKER
DIDN'T OBJECT SO STRONGLY
TO HER TALKING ABOUT THEM!

FOR MY
MONEY, THERE'S
SOMETHING QUEER
AND MYSTERIOUS
ABOUT THE WHOLE
SETUP---AND I'VE
BEEN TRAINED
TO LOOK FOR
ANSWERS!

**AS LARRY RIFFLES THROUGH THE
PAGES---**

"---MY GUIDES REFUSED TO
FOLLOW THE WOLF PACK---
AND PUSHING ALONE THROUGH
A DENSE GROVE OF BAN-
YANG, I SOON
LEARNED WHY!"

YE GODS...
HERE IT IS...
AND **QUEER**
ISN'T THE WORD
FOR IT! IT'S VIVID AS
LIGHTNING---SOME-
THING I CAN SEE AL-
MOST AS CLEARLY AS
IF I'D
BEEN
THERE!

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"THERE WAS A BURROW UNDER THE TOWERING ROOTS... AND FROM IT CAME A SOUND... HIGH PITCHED AND LIKE A WAIL!"

IT'S INCREDIBLE... BUT THAT WAS A HUMAN VOICE! THERE'S A CHILD DOWN IN THAT HOLE!



"CHILD? YES, SHE SOUNDED LIKE ONE... SHE EVEN REMOTELY LOOKED LIKE ONE... BUT THE WRITHING CREATURE I DREW FROM THE DEN FOUGHT WITH THE SAVAGERY OF A SNAPPING BEAST!"

EASY... EASY... I CERTAINLY HOPE MY TONE QUIETS HER DOWN... BECAUSE LANGUAGE DOESN'T MEAN A THING TO HER!

ARRRRGH!



"SOMETHING KEPT TELLING ME I HAD MADE A MISTAKE... AND THE FEELING MOUNTED WHEN I CARRIED HER, STRUGGLING, TO THE NEAREST VILLAGE!"

TAKE HER BACK, SAHIB! LET HER BE CLAIMED BY HIM WHOSE MARK IS UPON HER!

YOU MEAN YOU'RE WILLING TO SEE THE LITTLE WRETCH STAY WITH WOLVES? IF SHE BEARS A MARK, IT'S FROM HUNGER AND PRIVATION... AND I'M GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! IT'S A DUTY... A DUTY TO A FELLOW HUMAN!

"HOW MANY TIMES BEFORE HAD I LAUGHED AT SUPERSTITION... ONLY TO LISTEN NOW, IN THE PANTING DUSK, WITH A JAB OF TERROR?"

NO, SAHIB... NOT HUMAN! A GIRL REARED BY THE PACK WILL BE CLAIMED AS BRIDE BY THE LEADER OF THE WEREWOLVES! THE WOLVES HATE THESE WEREWOLF FIENDS, AND WILL NOT APPROACH A VILLAGE AROUND WHICH THEY LURK!



"I'VE THOUGHT IT OVER FOR A WEEK... KNOWING HOW DEEPLY ROOTED THE WEREWOLF LEGEND IS... AND YET THRUSTING IT OUT OF MY MIND WHENEVER I LOOK INTO THE CHILD'S QUESTIONING EYES! NOW THAT SHE HAS BEGUN TO TRUST ME, I HAVE NO CHOICE... SHE HAS BOTH A CURSE AND THE MEMORY OF A BRUTE EXISTENCE TO OUTGROW... BUT I WILL TAKE HER BACK TO THE STATES AS MY DAUGHTER... AND I WILL CALL HER CANISA..."



WOLVES... GOOD LORD... NO WONDER THE POOR OLD DEVIL DIDN'T WANT HER TALKING ABOUT THEM! AND AS FOR THAT WERE-WOLF NONSENSE...





AS ONE SHAGGY SHADOW FOLLOWS ANOTHER ACROSS THE WALL...



FOR A MOMENT, I THOUGHT MY IMAGINATION'S HOPPED UP BY WHAT I READ... BUT THAT CREEP IN THE CAPE IS OPENING THE FRONT DOOR! THEY'RE AFTER SOMETHING... SOMETHING THEY'RE SURE THEY'LL FIND HERE... CANISA!



A MOMENT LATER...

GOOD HEAVENS... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE AT THIS HOUR?

MONEY... THIS IS NO TIME FOR EXPLANATIONS! WOLVES... DEMONS... **WHAT-EVER THEY ARE, THEY'RE COMING!**



WOLVES! YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS... BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THEM!

NO? WHAT'S THAT SOUND LIKE?

AAAAGH!



HAA HA HA! DID YOU THINK YOU COULD CHEAT ON DOK, DR. WALKER... AFTER HE WAITED TEN YEARS TO CLAIM WHAT IS HIS?

THAT VOICE! IT'S SPEAKING... BUT IT'S ALMOST A GROWL... THE SOUND OF A BEAST!



OR A WOLF? CANISA, YOU'D BETTER NOT FACE THIS! GET BACK TO YOUR ROOM... AND LOCK THE DOOR!

NO! SOMETHING DREADFUL HAS HAPPENED TO FATHER... AND I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT!

SOMETHING DREADFUL...DREADFUL BEYOND ANY WORDS...BEYOND ANY FORGETTING!

FOOL! TAKING HER FROM ME HAS COST YOU TEN YEARS OF NIGHTMARES...AND TRYING TO KEEP HER HAS COST YOU YOUR LIFE!

FATHER!



Then...WITH A HOWLING PURSUIT ECHOING THROUGH A CORRIDOR LADEN WITH DEATH...

AAOOO!
AAOOO!



WITH HIS FURRY FACE A MASK OF LIVING VENOM...

TWELVE THOUSAND MILES FROM INDIA...AND STILL ONDOK FOUND HER! HOW FAR CAN YOU TAKE HER... HOW LONG CAN YOU FLEE...BEFORE ONDOK FINDS HER AGAIN?



FATHER...FATHER!
WHAT DO THOSE
HIDEOUS FIENDS
WANT...WHY DID
THEY KILL HIM?

THERE'S NO USE
LOOKING FOR
REASONS,CANISA
...IT HAPPENED!
WHAT MATTERS
NOW IS THAT
YOU'VE GOT TO
BEAR UP...GO
THAT NOTHING
ELSE
HAPPENS!



FRONT
DOOR...
FAST!



SECONDS LATER...

ARRRGH!



THEN IT **WASN'T** JUST A CHANCE OUTBURST OF EVIL? THOSE CREATURES REALLY **ARE** SEARCHING ... FOR **ME**?

HONEY...IT'S WILD, AND CRAZY, AND FANTASTIC...BUT THAT'S THE WAY IT STACKS UP! FINDING A WAY TO FORESTALL THOSE CREEPS IS GOING TO KEEP ME BUSY FOR THE REST OF THE NIGHT...AND MEANWHILE, I WANT YOU TO STAY PUT AT MY PLACE!



SOON AFTERWARD...

IF HE'S IN SUCH A PLACE AS THE SPIRIT WORLD... DR. WALKER CAN BE HAPPY FOR HAVING DONE A GOOD JOB! SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER ...SHE DOESN'T KNOW **WHY** ONDOK IS AFTER **HER**... AND SHE'LL NEVER LEARN FROM **ME**!



WOLVES RUNNING WILD IN INDIA...AND WERE WOLVES STALKING AROUND **HERE!** I WAS LOOKING FOR THE ANSWER TO THAT WAVE OF MAN-EATING WHEN I TALKED TO ROY TODAY... AND I'VE FOUND IT IN DR. WALKER'S JOURNAL! THE WOLVES ARE FREE TO RAID VILLAGES, NOW...**BECAUSE THE WEREWOLVES HAVE LEFT INDIA TO HUNT DOWN CANISA!**



HERALD BUILDING

CAN I PUT ANY STOCK IN WHAT THAT NATIVE SAID...THAT **WOLVES HATE THESE FIENDS?** IT'LL MEAN TAKING A HAIR-RAISING CHANCE... **BUT I'M GOING AHEAD WITH IT!**



YOU MUST BE CLEAN WORN OUT AFTER KEEPING ME HERE ALL NIGHT WAITING FOR A ROUTINE STORY, PAL! IS THERE ANY LITTLE FAVOR YOU'D LIKE TO ASK BEFORE YOU'RE **FIRED?**

YEP! I WANT YOU TO LEND ME AN ARTIST TO MAKE A SKETCH I CAN TAKE TO A COSTUME COMPANY...AND **THEN** I WANT YOU TO BOOK ME WITH THE CITY ENGINEER FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT...

IT DOESN'T MATTER ANY LONGER **WHY** THEY'RE COMING ...IF I ONLY KNEW **WHEN!**

SUPPOSE YOU LET **ME** WORRY ABOUT THAT? TRY TO GET SOME REST, CANISA...AND REMEMBER ...YOU PROMISED TO COUNT ON ME NO MATTER **WHAT** HAPPENS!



SLOW THOUGHTS MERGE WITH SLOW HOURS...AND THEN...THE DARKNESS STIRS WITH A SLOW APPROACH!

O.K., **ONDOK**...YOU'VE KEPT YOUR WORD...YOU'VE LED THEM HERE! **NOW, BUSTER**...THE REST OF THE WAY IS UP TO **ME!**



A MOMENT LATER...

OH!

KEEP YOUR CHIN UP, HONEY...IT'S **ME!** HERE'S WHERE YOU'VE GOT TO PUT A BRAKE ON YOUR NERVES...**BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO FACE THEM!**



Then...AS THE **HIDEOUS PROWLERS** DRAW CLOSER...

ONDOK! I PROWLED AHEAD, MASTER...FOR THE HONOR OF CAPTURING YOUR **WEREWOLF BRIDE!**

AHH...LET ME CLAIM HER NOW! LET ME GET HER MEMORY OF A FORGOTTEN PAST...LET ME REMIND HER OF **THE MARK OF ONDOK!**

WE MUST REACH A PLACE OF SAFETY FIRST! FOLLOW ME, **ONDOK!** TONIGHT I BROUGHT YOU **HER**...AND TONIGHT I WILL BRING YOU BOTH TO A HAVEN **WHERE HORROR CAN RULE!**



THROUGH THE QUIET STREETS...WITH SHADED WINDOWS STARING BLANKLY AT THE **SHAGGY WAYFARERS**...

THIS IS THE WAY, **ONDOK!** THERE IS HOLLOW SILENCE BELOW...AND COLD SLIME GLISTENING IN THE **MURKY MILES!**

A HALF-HOUR LATER...

I...I'M TRYING TO KEEP MY PROMISE, **LARRY**...BUT MY KNEES ARE BEGINNING TO **BUCKLE!**

HONEY...YOU'VE GOT TO STEEL YOURSELF FOR THE **PAYOFF!** IT WON'T BE LONG NOW...JUST A FEW MORE **YARDS!**



LARRY... I CAN'T DO IT! I CAN'T STAY WITH THEM!

THERE'S NO CHOICE, SWEETHEART... UNLESS YOU WANT TO STAY WITH THEM PERMANENTLY!



WHAT A LAIR WE HAVE FOUND... WHAT A NIGHT OF SURPRISES!



UNEXPECTEDLY...

YE GODS... MY MASK!

A-HAA!

PLOP!



LARRY REACHES DESPERATELY TOWARD THE TRAP DOOR...



O.K., FREAKS... THE MAGQUERADE'S OVER... BUT THE PARTY'S JUST BEGINNING!

POW!



CANIGA! GRAB THE RAIL... AND PULL YOURSELF UP TO THE CAT-WALK!

WAM!





"U.S. ROYAL"

WITH HIS
JET-PROPELLED BIKE



"BEATING THE
BEACH BARRAGE"



U.S. ROYAL AND THE BIKE CLUB BOYS WATCH FROM A SAFE DISTANCE AS A GROUP OF NAVY DESTROYERS AND CRUISERS STEAM IN FOR FIRING PRACTICE...



IN A FEW MOMENTS NOW, THE SHIPS WILL MOVE IN AT FLANK SPEED AND LAY DOWN A BARRAGE ON THAT DESERTED SHORE...

BUT SUDDENLY, THROUGH HIS GLASSES, ROYAL SEES THAT THE SHORE IS NOT QUITE DESERTED!



YOU FELLAS BIKE BACK TO THE NAVAL STATION FAST AND GET THEM TO WARN THOSE SHIPS! I'M GOING AFTER THAT KID IN THE MEANTIME...



WITH SUPER JET-SPEED, ROYAL STREAKS DOWN TO THE TARGET AREA AND --



PHEWW! LUCKY FOR US-- I MADE IT, JUNIOR-- 'CAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE THE BOYS WERE TOO LATE!



JUST AS WE GOT TO THE RADIO-ROOM, WE HEARD THE FIRST SALVO!



YOU DID ALL RIGHT, BOYS... AND A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY WAS AVOIDED -- THANKS TO ROYAL!



ROYAL BIKE TIRES, YOU MEAN... THAT'S WHERE THE SPEED CAME IN!



FELLAS, FOR REAL SPEED, YOU WANT A TIRE THAT COMBINES SAFETY AND EASY PEDALING. TRY U.S. ROYALS, WITH THE SPECIAL BUILT-IN SKID CHAIN. THERE'S EXTRA MILEAGE IN THEM, TOO!



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Vampire's VICTIM

THE TIMES just weren't right for vampires, Rudolf thought bitterly as he drove his car up the lonely country road. Yes, he should have been living in 1700 or 1800, when a vampire didn't have to fear the modern police methods of the 20th century. Back in the olden days, the friends and relatives of a vampire's victim would never dare dream of hunting out the vampire and seeking vengeance... instead, they'd merely bolt their doors and cower in terror in the darkness, praying that the vampire would not pick *them* as his next victims. But when policemen of 1951 came across the white corpse of a vampire's victim, all the resources of modern science and criminology were brought to bear on the case...and the poor vampire had to flee and skulk in his hideout like a common, despicable thief!

Even Rudolf, the most cautious and cunning vampire of recent years, was now a fugitive from the police of eighteen states. His fingerprints, footprints, even teeth-marks, were on file in practically every police headquarters. That was why Rudolf was now driving along the lonely country lane looking for a potential victim. No city or town was safe for him now, not with all those "WANTED" circulars flooding the centers of crime enforcement.

Yes, from now on, he knew, he would have to lead a fugitive's life, living only in the thinly-populated rural areas, where the local police were less informed

and efficient than their city colleagues. And he'd have to be very careful about his choice of victims...he'd have to rely on hoboos, wanderers, hitch-hikers...those without families or friends who would raise a hue and cry upon the disappearance or death of his victims.

Rudolf's burning, hungry eyes lit up suddenly as he spied the hitch-hiker down the road, thumbing for a ride. It was a girl... lovely and healthy-looking, with dark features and a flashing smile that showed strong white teeth.

"Hop in," Rudolf said as he pulled to a halt in front of her. "Visiting friends or relatives around here?"

The girl laughed, charmingly. "Oh, no...I have no friends or family...I'm just wandering around the country! But how about you...do you live around here?"

Rudolf smiled, an exultance welling up within his chest as he knew he had found the perfect victim...someone whose disappearance would not be noticed, whose death would not be mourned!

"No," he said, "I guess I'm a wanderer, just like you...we have at least that much in common. No family, no friends, no... Yaaaghhh!"

As the girl struck like a serpent, Rudolf knew, in his dying moment, that they had one *more* thing in common...and that *he* was about to become the victim of a vampire who had been wandering around the countryside for the same purpose!

"True" GHOSTS of HISTORY

The GHOSTLY ARMY of BETHUNE

EARLY IN 1918, THE GERMAN ARMIES MADE A LAST DESPERATE ATTACK NEAR THE SMALL BELGIAN TOWN OF BETHUNE... AND THE ALLIED LINES WERE SPLIT WIDE OPEN! ONLY A SMALL SQUAD OF BRITISH RIFLEMEN WERE LEFT BEHIND TO STEM THE VAST HUN HORDES...

WE CAN'T STOP 'EM... BUT WE'LL GO DOWN FIGHTING! FIX BAYONETS!



BUT SUDDENLY, AN ARMY OF GHOSTLY CAVALRY SEEMED TO APPEAR FROM NOWHERE IN FRONT OF THE GERMANS... AN ARMY CLAD IN WHITE, ALL MOUNTED ON WHITE HORSES WHOSE LEGS NEVER TOUCHED THE GROUND!

HIMMEL... WAS IST?



WHILE THE KAISER'S MEN GAPED IN PETRIFIED ASTONISHMENT, THE GHOSTLY CAVALRY CHARGED!



FINALLY REGAINING THEIR SENSES, THE GERMANS Poured A TERRIFIC CONCENTRATION OF SHELL AND SHOT INTO THE RANKS OF THE GHOSTLY RIDERS... BUT NOT A WHITE HORSEMAN FELL!



WHEN THE PRIDE OF THE KAISER'S ARMIES TURNED TAIL AND FLED IN SHEER TERROR... AND THE ALLIES WERE SAVED BY THE GHOSTLY ARMY OF BETHUNE! WERE THEY A FIGMENT OF THE FOG... OR...?



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The MONSTER DOLL

OVER THE YEARS, A SHADOW FELL ACROSS THE LIVES OF MANY MEN... THE SINISTER, SWAYING SHADOW OF A NERGED WOMAN! ALWAYS IN ITS WAKE CAME MADNESS AND DEATH! WAS SHE SHADOW OR SUBSTANCE? DID SHE LIVE... OR WAS SHE SOME DREAD CREATURE FROM OUT OF THE UNKNOWN? IT REMAINED FOR ONE MAN... TO HIS UNDYING GORROW... TO DISCOVER THE TRUTH ABOUT THE **MONSTER DOLL!**

I'VE COME FOR YOU, MY LOVE! AND I'LL GIVE YOU THE GIFT OF **ETERNAL LIFE!**

ALICE McLANE... HANGED FOR MURDER... OCT. 17, 1858. MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON HER SOUL.



OUR STORY BEGINS IN 1951... THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF AN EASTERN STATE...

SO... FELLOWES PUT THE BLANK PARDON ON MY DESK AFTER ALL! AFTER I TOLD HIM PLAINLY THAT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF PARDONING THAT KILLER!

FELLOWES! WILL YOU STEP IN HERE, PLEASE?



FELLOWES! AS CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE PAROLE BOARD, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WHEN I REFUSE A PARDON I MEAN IT! THIS MAN IS GUILTY AS...

MAYBE, GOVERNOR! BUT I'VE GOT SOMETHING HERE I WANT YOU TO SEE!



I THOUGHT PRESCOTT WAS GUILTY... TILL I READ THIS! NOW I'M NOT SO SURE! I THINK YOU SHOULD LISTEN, SIR!



WELL... NATURALLY I WANT TO GIVE THE MAN EVERY CHANCE! BUT HURRY... HE'S TO DIE IN AN HOUR!

THE WHOLE STORY IS IN THIS DIARY, SIR! I'VE INVESTIGATED IT, AND IT'S UTTERLY FANTASTIC... BUT IT MIGHT BE TRUE! LET'S GO BACK A YEAR IN THE ENTRIES...



JUST A YEAR AGO... AND WE SEE DICKSON PRESCOTT, BRILLIANT YOUNG SCIENTIST, TAKING A BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY...

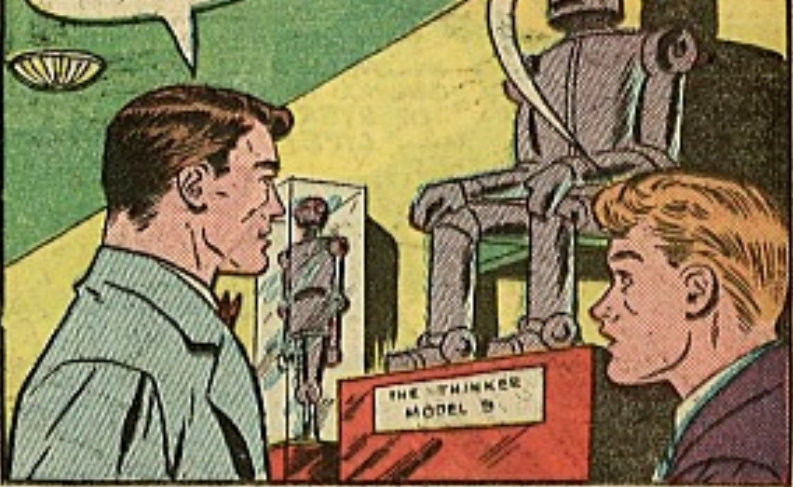
GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. PRESCOTT! SURPRISED TO SEE YOU HERE! I MEAN... WHAT WITH YOUR OWN ROBOTS...

NOT AT ALL, BILL! GOT TO KEEP UP, YOU KNOW! SEE WHAT THE OTHERS ARE DOING IN THE FIELD!



HMM... MIGHT AS WELL HAVE STAYED IN MY OWN LAB! NOT MUCH HERE THAT'S NEW IN THE FABRICATION OF ROBOTS!

EXCUSE ME, MISTER! COULD YA TELL ME SOMETHING, PLEASE?



WHO MADE THAT ONE, MISTER? GEE... AIN'T SHE SWELL? JUST AS LIFELIKE AS...

WHAT? I DON'T THINK I QUITE UNDERSTAND, YOUNG FELLOW! SHE'S NO ROBOT... BUT A BEAUTIFUL GIRL!

THANK YOU, DR. PRESCOTT! YOU'RE VERY GALLANT!... OH, YES, I KNOW WHO YOU ARE! YOU SEE... I'M INTERESTED IN ROBOTS MYSELF!



HUH? SHE... SHE IS REAL!

SHE CERTAINLY IS, SON! NOW YOU'D BETTER RUN ALONG WHILE I MAKE OUR APOLOGIES!

NO APOLOGIES NECESSARY, DR. PRESCOTT... IF YOU'LL PROMISE TO SHOW ME ABOUT! MY NAME IS JANE CROTHERS!

INTERESTING... BUT A LITTLE CRUDE, DON'T YOU THINK? MORE PRIMITIVE THAN I EXPECTED!

PRIMITIVE? BUT MISS CROTHERS... JANE... THESE ARE THE VERY LATEST IN THINKING MACHINES AND ROBOTS! BUT MAYBE YOU'VE SEEN TOO MANY ROBOTS... HOW ABOUT DINNER?

So...

YOU KNOW SOMETHING, JANE... I'M AWFULLY GLAD I WENT TO THAT EXHIBIT TODAY! I WENT TO SEE ROBOTS... AND FOUND YOU!

AND DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING, DICKSON... I FEEL EXACTLY THE SAME WAY!



A FEW WEEKS LATER, DICKSON PRESCOTT AND JANE CROTHERS WERE MARRIED! AFTER THE HONEYMOON---

IT'S BACK TO WORK FOR ME, DARLING! AFTER ALL, THE CYBERNETICS FOUNDATION EXPECTS RESULTS ON THE ROBOTS I DEVISE!

AND AT LAST I GET TO SEE THIS MYSTERIOUS MOUNTAIN LABORATORY OF YOURS!



DOCTOR PRESCOTT! DICKSON! OH, I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE BACK!

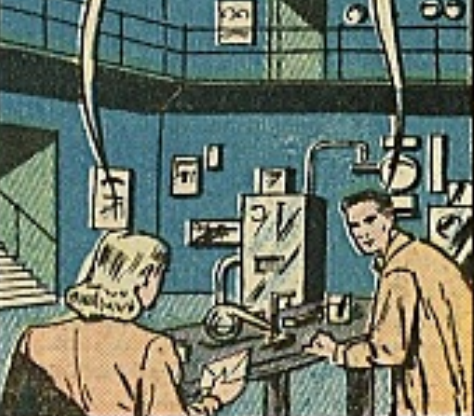
HELLO, SUE! THIS IS MY WIFE, JANE!

DICKSON TALKS ABOUT YOU ALL THE TIME, SUE! SAYS HE COULDN'T RUN THE LAB WITHOUT HIS INVALUABLE ASSISTANT!



I ALMOST FORGOT TO TELL YOU, DICKSON! THIS LETTER CAME SOME TIME AGO! IT LOOKS IMPORTANT--- BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO DISTURB YOUR HONEYMOON!

LET'S SEE IT, SUE!



WHY... IT'S FROM ALAN MACCAMPBELL IN SCOTLAND! AND LISTEN TO THIS! HE THINKS HE'S DISCOVERED A CLUE TO A **ROBOT MADE A HUNDRED YEARS AGO!**

A... A HUNDRED YEARS? IS THAT POSSIBLE?



ALAN'S TALKING ABOUT THE BULMERE ROBOT... BUT THAT'S ONLY A MYTH! STILL, I'M BETTING HE HAS **SOMETHING!** I'LL HAVE TO GO TO GLASGOW AT ONCE!

BUT, DICKSON, YOUR **WIFE!** YOU CAN'T JUST RUN OFF AND---



THAT NIGHT---

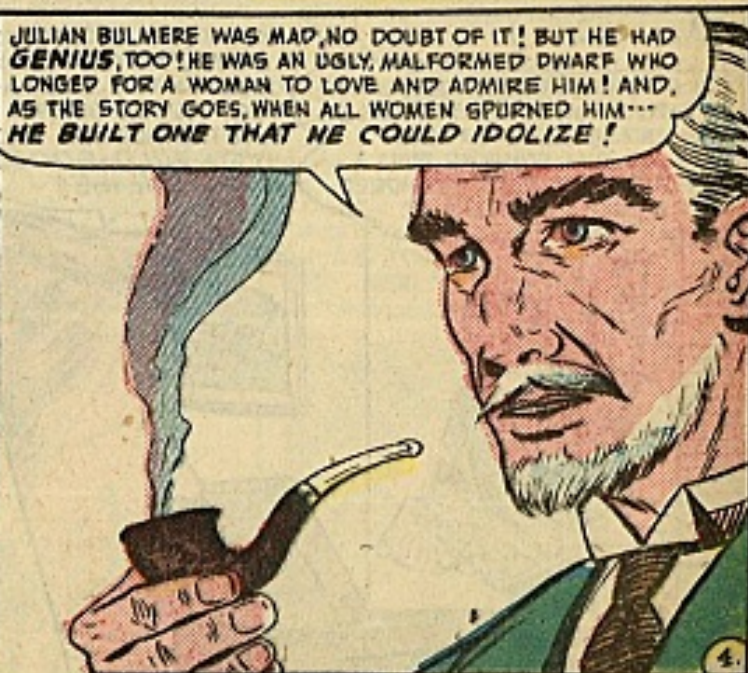
YOU DO UNDERSTAND, JANE? ALAN IS AN EXPERT... MUCH MORE SO THAN I AM... AND HE SEEMS TO HAVE EVIDENCE THAT SOMEONE BUILT A **PERFECT ROBOT A HUNDRED YEARS AGO!** I MUST GO AT ONCE!

I WON'T SAY I LIKE IT, DARLING! I **DON'T!** AFTER ALL, HOW COULD ANYONE BUILD A PERFECT ROBOT BEFORE ELECTRONICS WAS KNOWN? IT'S A **WILD-GOOSE CHASE!**

HOWEVER... GO CHASE YOUR WILD GOOSE AND THEN HURRY BACK TO ME! MEANTIME, I'LL TRY MY BEST TO LEARN TO LIKE THAT FUNNY LITTLE LAB ASSISTANT OF YOURS!

SUE? OH, YOU TWO WILL GET ALONG JUST FINE! SHE'S A TREASURE!







BUT HE NEEDED A WOMAN'S BODY TO SERVE AS THE FRAMEWORK FOR THIS STRANGE DEVICE HE HAD PLANNED! A HANGED MURDERESS ANSWERED THAT NEED!

THERE, MY LOVELY! MY GENIUS WILL MAKE YOU LIVE AGAIN... I SWEAR IT!



THEY WOULD HANG ME TOO IF THEY CAUGHT ME! BUT THEY WON'T! THE FOOLS... HOW COULD THEY GUESS WHAT I'M GOING TO DO?



NOW TO GET BACK TO THE CITY AND MY LABORATORY! AND IF I SUCCEEDED... BUT I WILL! I MUST!



LATER THAT NIGHT, ACCORDING TO BULMERE'S NOTES, HE BEGAN HIS FANTASTIC EXPERIMENT...

SOON NOW, MY DEAR! **SOON!** AND THEN POOR, MAD, UGLY JULIAN BULMERE WILL HAVE AN INCOMPARABLE COMPANION! ONE WHO CAN NEVER LEAVE HIM... **NEVER!**



YOU CAN FEEL NOTHING! BUT SOON YOU BREATHE... **LIVE...**



I NEVER TIRE OF THAT STORY! BUT I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS JUST THAT... A STORY WRITTEN BY A MADMAN TO AMUSE HIMSELF!

SO DID WE ALL... AND IT STILL MAY BE THE CASE! BUT I HAVE POSITIVE PROOF NOW THAT BULMERE DID WORK IN ELECTRONICS, IN THINKING MACHINES... WORK THAT WAS **FAR BEYOND HIS TIME!** NOW, TAKE THIS NEXT NOTATION OF HIS THAT I DISCOVERED...



YOU SEE? **AMY MATTHEWS... ALICE MCLANE!** THE SAME INITIALS AS THE GIRL WHOSE BODY DISAPPEARED FROM THE GIBBET AND WAS NEVER FOUND! AND HE SAYS HE **CREATED HER...** CALLS HER A **MONSTER DOLL!** NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, BULMERE BUILT A GREAT ROBOT... **BUT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO IT?**

Amy Matthews is my masterpiece... but what have I created? a monster... a monster doll...

"THERE WERE OTHER PROOFS... EYEWITNESS REPORTS THAT BULMERE BEGAN TO BE SEEN WITH A GIRL WHO, APPARENTLY, HAD APPEARED FROM NOWHERE..."

SEE! THAT UGLY BULMERE HAS A SWEETHEART AT LAST!

THE NASTY LITTLE CREATURE! HOW CAN SHE ABIDE HIM?

I WONDER WHO SHE IS?



"THEN CAME RUMORS OF QUARRELS, BITTERNESS..."

YOU... YOU FILTY LITTLE CREATURE! I HATE YOU... AND I'M GOING TO LEAVE YOU!

DON'T TRY IT, MY DEAR! YOU'RE MINE... ALL MINE, AND I'LL NEVER LET YOU GO! YOU KNOW WHAT I CAN DO TO YOU IF I CHOOSE!



"AND THEN... TRAGEDY! FOR BULMERE WAS FOUND DEAD ONE DAY... MURDERED!"

LOOKS AS THOUGH THE GIRL TRIED TO BURN ALL HIS PAPERS, SIR! NOT A VERY GOOD JOB OF IT, THOUGH!

NEVER MIND THE PAPERS, M'LAD! FINDING THAT GIRL IS THE THING! AND SHE'S VANISHED LIKE A GHOST!



SO THERE IT IS, DICKSON! EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS, BULMERE'S CHARRED NOTES, MY DISCOVERY THAT HE WAS THE EARLIEST ELECTRONIC EXPERT... ALL POINT TO THE FACT THAT HE REALLY BUILT A GREAT ROBOT... A MONSTER DOLL! IT DISAPPEARED... BUT THROUGH THE YEARS, IT'S LEFT A TRAIL! LOOK!



IBBS WAS THE LAST REPORT... AND THEN THE TRAIL PETERED OUT! I SUPPOSE THAT MURDEROUS ROBOT HAS LONG SINCE CEASED TO EXIST... BUT IF YOU WANT TO TAKE UP THE HUNT FOR IT...

DO I! I'VE GOT A STRANGE FEELING THAT, SOMEWHERE, IT STILL EXISTS... AND I'LL TRACK DOWN BULMERE'S MONSTER DOLL IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!



FOR A MONTH DICKSON PRESCOTT LOGGEDLY PURSUED THE ELUSIVE SHADOW OF A DEADLY WOMAN ROBOT ACROSS EUROPE! BUT ALWAYS THE TRAIL ENDED IN A BLANK WALL! FINALLY, DISCOURAGED, HE GAVE UP THE HUNT, RETURNED TO GLASGOW...



I GAVE IT A GOOD TRY, ALAN, BUT I'M AFRAID WE'LL NEVER KNOW THE TRUTH NOW! THE WOMAN, OR ROBOT, OR WHATEVER SHE WAS, JUST DISAPPEARED INTO THIN AIR! AND I MUST GET BACK TO MY JOB AND WIFE!

I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT! BUT IT'S MADDENING NOT TO FIND THE CONCRETE PROOF THAT BULMERE REALLY SUCCEEDED IN MAKING A ROBOT FROM A DEAD WOMAN! WELL, SHE STILL MAKES A GOOD STORY... THIS MONSTER DOLL!



THE MONSTER DOLL!

WHAT A CREATURE SHE MUST HAVE BEEN... IF SHE EVER EXISTED AT ALL! A ROBOT'S MACHINERY IN A WOMAN'S BODY! BULMERE WAS A GENIUS... IF HE DID IT!





ST WAS WONDERFUL, FINDING JANE WAITING FOR HIM AT THE AIRPORT...

OH, DICKSON, IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU BACK! TELL ME, DID YOU FIND YOUR ROBOT?

I'M AFRAID YOU WERE RIGHT ALL ALONG, JANE... IT WAS A WILD-GOOSE CHASE! BUT PLEASE DON'T SAY "I TOLD YOU SO"!



I WON'T GLOAT, DARLING! BUT YOU MUST DO ONE THING FOR ME... FIRE SUE JACKSON! I CAN'T STAND HER ANY LONGER! I'VE WAITED TILL YOUR RETURN... BUT NOW SHE HAS TO GO!

FIRE SUE? I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I CAN'T PROMISE THAT, JANE, BUT I'LL TALK TO HER TONIGHT AND SEE WHAT'S WRONG!



That evening...

BUT WHAT'S WRONG, SUE? MY WIFE DISLIKES YOU... AND FROM YOUR ATTITUDE, YOU DISLIKE HER! IT'S PRETTY BAFFLING TO A MERE MAN!

I... I CAN'T TELL YOU, DICKSON! I JUST CAN'T! BUT I'LL LEAVE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!

HOW CAN I TELL HIM I LOVE HIM... AND THAT HIS WIFE KNOWS IT AND HATES ME FOR IT?



YOU'RE WANTED ON THE PHONE, DARLING! IF YOU CAN BREAK UP THAT LITTLE CONFERENCE...

I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!



ST WAS A SUMMONS TO AN URGENT CONFERENCE OF THE CYBERNETICS FOUNDATION!

DRIVE CAREFULLY, DICKSON! THE TRAFFIC IS BAD AND...

VERY TOUCHING, SUE! BUT I COULDN'T HELP OVERHEARING YOUR CONVERSATION JUST NOW IN THE LAB! WHY WAIT TILL MORNING? WHY NOT LEAVE NOW... BEFORE HE COMES BACK?



I REALLY THINK THAT WOULD BE BEST! JUST GO AWAY TONIGHT AND NEVER COME BACK AGAIN! I'LL EXPLAIN TO MY HUSBAND!

ALL RIGHT, MRS. PRESCOTT! BUT BEFORE I GO, I WANT TO TELL YOU WHAT I THINK OF YOU! YOU'RE NOT RIGHT FOR HIM! YOU'RE COLD, HEARTLESS, LACKING IN HUMAN EMOTION... ALMOST AS IF YOU WERE A ROBOT YOURSELF!



ST WAS THEN THAT A SUDDEN AND VERIFYING CHANGE CAME OVER JANE PRESCOTT!

A ROBOT! HOW DARE YOU! I... I'LL KILL ANYONE WHO TALKS TO ME LIKE THAT! DO YOU HEAR? I'LL KILL...

WHY... YOU'RE INSANE! GET AWAY FROM ME!



GET AWAY! NO... I THINK I'LL DO IT NOW! AS I SHOULD HAVE DONE LONG AGO... WITH MY **BARE HANDS!**

NO! PLEASE... I'LL GO! DON'T...



OH! SHE'S... FALLEN!

IN A FRENZY OF RAGE, JANE LUNGED... GLIPPED... AND...

AN-HHH...



SHE MAY BE... BADLY HURT! I'D BETTER CALL DICKSON AT THE CONFERENCE, THEN TAKE SOME X-RAYS ON OUR OWN MACHINE! THAT WILL SAVE TIME...



SHE SUMMONED PRESCOTT, THEN TOOK X-RAYS OF THE STILL UNCONSCIOUS WOMAN! BUT WHEN SHE EXAMINED THEM...

THERE MUST BE... SOME MISTAKE! THESE CAN'T BE THE PLATES... IT'S... TOO INCREDIBLE, TOO HORRIBLE! BUT WAIT A MINUTE! THIS WOULD EXPLAIN SO MUCH! THESE SHOW THAT...



BEHIND HER CAME A STEALTHY SOUND... THE LAST SHE EVER HEARD!

ARGH!



AND WHEN DICKSON PRESCOTT RETURNED...

GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT HAPPENED? NOT... NOT MY WIFE!

NO SIR! BUT IT'S MURDER! YOUR LAB ASSISTANT, MISS JACKSON! YOUR WIFE FOUND THE BODY AND CALLED US...



JANE! JANE, DARLING! WHAT...

OH, DICKSON! I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE! IT WAS TRAGIC, HORRIBLE! I WAS ASLEEP UPSTAIRS AND HEARD A NOISE! WHEN I CAME DOWN, I FOUND HER STRANGLED!

DICKSON PRESCOTT WAS ARRESTED, ACCUSED OF MURDER! WHILE AWAITING TRIAL, HE SENT A CABLEGRAM---AND RECEIVED A STUNNING ANSWER!

ALAN MACCAMPBELL... DEAD OF A HEART ATTACK! THE ONE WITNESS WHO MIGHT HAVE SAVED ME!



AND AT HIS TRIAL---

YOU HAVE NOTHING TO SAY IN YOUR DEFENSE, MR. PRESCOTT?

HOW CAN I TELL THEM I MARRIED A ROBOT---AND THEN DESTROYED HER? THEY'D SEND ME TO THE INSANE ASYLUM---AND I'D RATHER DIE!



I'LL TELL YOU, GENTLEMEN, WHY THE PRISONER DOES NOT TALK! HE HAS NOTHING TO SAY! HE KNOWS HE IS GUILTY! I DEMAND THE EXTREME PENALTY!



YOU HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE! IT IS THEREFORE MY DUTY TO IMPOSE A SENTENCE OF DEATH ON YOU! YOU WILL BE TAKEN FROM THIS PLACE AND---

HOW STRANGE ALL THIS SEEMS! SOME JUDGE MUST HAVE SAID ALMOST THE SAME WORDS TO ALICE MCLANE---A CENTURY AGO, BEFORE BULMERE RESURRECTED HER AS THE MONSTER DOLL! NOW THEY'RE HANGING ME FOR HER DEATH!



WHAT WAS THE STORY OF DICKSON PRESCOTT, AS TOLD TO THE GOVERNOR BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE PAROLE BOARD! WHEN THE STORY WAS ENDED, THERE WAS A SHORT, TENSE SILENCE IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE! THEN---

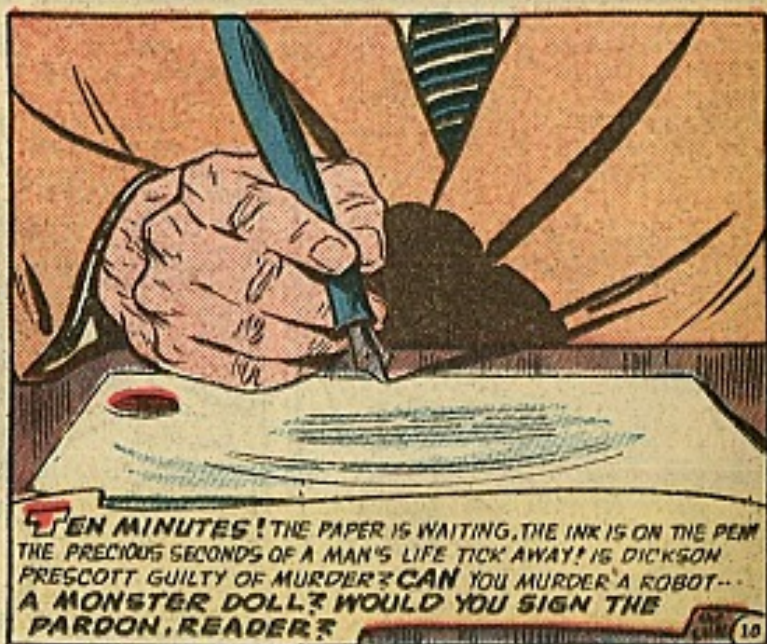
FANTASTIC! DO YOU BELIEVE THIS---THIS CRAZY YARN?

I DON'T EXACTLY KNOW, SIR! BUT I INVESTIGATED! I CABLED SCOTLAND AND THEY BORE OUT SOME OF THE FACTS! PRESCOTT DID VISIT THERE, AND THERE WAS AN ALAN MACCAMPBELL! DEAD NOW!



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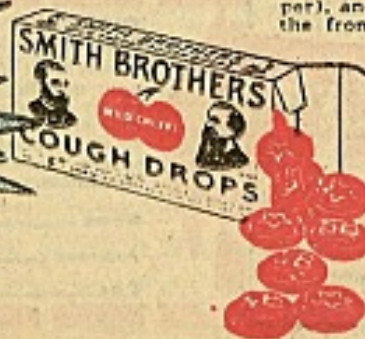
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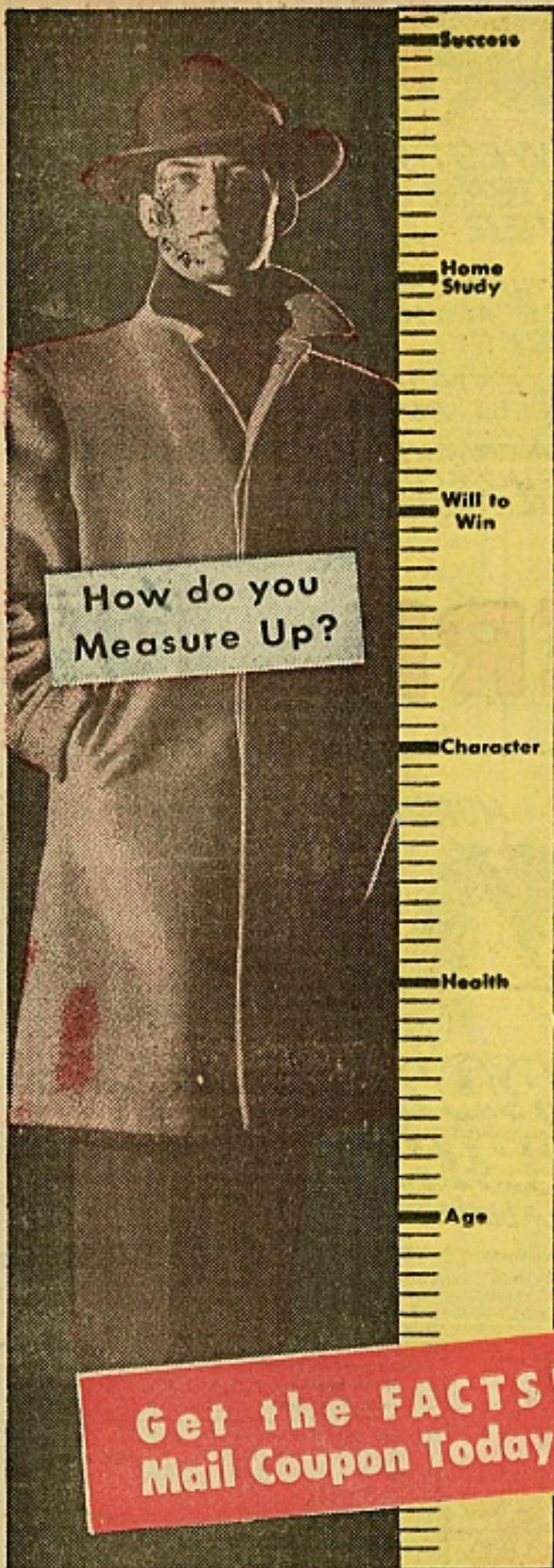
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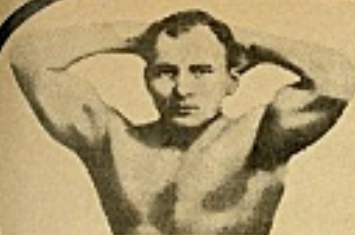
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