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BOGEY MAN

WARNING!
the BOGEY MAN
will get you
if you don't
watch out!

LATE ONE NIGHT, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

YOU CAN STOP GRILLING PIPES, INSPECTOR... HERE'S ONE OF YOUR COP-KILLERS!

WHAT? HE CONFESSED!

IT TOOK A LITTLE LONGER THAN USUAL, BUT HE SANG LIKE A ROBIN! HIS BROTHER, RUSTY, IS IN ON THE KILLIN' TOO!

IZZAT-SO? SEND OUT THE ALARM... BRING IN RUSTY BLADE!!

THE WHOLE POLICE AFTER HIM, AND A MYSTERY WRITER HAS TO BRING IN THE MURDERER! IT'S HUMILIATING!!

TA-TA, INSPECTOR... SEE YOU IN JAIL!

HEY, WHAT ABOUT ME, INSPECTOR?

GET OUT OF HERE... BEFORE I TURN YA IN FOR OBSTRUCTIN' TRAFFIC!

EASY, INSPECTOR! I C'N TAKE A HINT!





INTO THE BRIEF-CASE WITH THE STORY...AND INTO BED WITH ME...
HO-HUM!

DERE HE IS! BUT YA BETTER BE CAREFUL... HE'S LIKE A TORNADO!!



ABRUPTLY...

WE'LL PUT YA TO SLEEP, CHUMP!

HUH!!



UH-UH! WANT TO PLAY ROUGH, EH?

GOTCHA!

OOPS!



HAVE A SEAT WITH YOUR PAL!

UH! BUT I AIN'T TIRED!

BOP!



RUSTY AIN'T GONNA BELIEVE DIS! WELL, RICHARDS' BRIEF-CASE'LL PROVE WE BEEN HERE!

THIS IS FOR NOTHING! NOW, BEAT IT AND LET A MAN SLEEP!

CRACK!



OH, WELL...EXERCISE NEVER HURTS BEFORE HITTING THE HAY...(YAWN)...

I AIN'T GONNA ARGUE WIT'YA-- LEMME OUTTA HERE!!

AND SO...BACK AT RUSTY'S---

IT'S ABOUT TIME
YOU CAME BACK!
WHAT TOOK YOU...
WHAT HAPPENED?



DE GUY
FIGHTS
LIKE A
PRO... WE
WUZ TAKEN
BY
SURPRISE!

YOU BUNGLING DOPES! NOW
IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO
GET NEAR HIM! HE'LL HAVE
A CORDON OF COPS A MILE
LONG SURROUNDING HIM
FROM NOW ON!



DON'T BE SORE, RUSTY!
LOOK, I HEIST DIS BRIEF-
CASE FROM HIS ROOM...
MAYBE IT'S LOADED
WIT' DOUGH...

LET ME
SEE...



DOUGH? ARE YOU
KIDDING? THERE'S
NOTHING HERE BUT
A MANUSCRIPT...
THROW IT OUT!!

GEE... AN' I
T'HOUGHT IT WAS
VALUABLE...



WAIT A MINUTE!
GIVE ME THAT
MANUSCRIPT!!
THAT TITLE...
IT SOUNDED
GOOD!!

AW... MAKE UP
YER MIND!
FOIST I T'ROW
IT OUT... DEN
I DON'T!



INTERESTING...VERY
INTERESTING!--YOU
BOYS AMUSE YOUR-
SELVES WHILE I READ
THIS! NOW, SCAT!



HMMM!



NOT BAD...



NOT BAD
AT ALL...



PERFECT...
IS RIGHT!







SUDDENLY, FROM ABOVE, A HUGE FISHERMAN'S NET FALLS, AND...

WHAT THE... **THE NET!**
MY PLOT IS WORKING...
BUT I NEVER THOUGHT
I'D BE THE BAIT!

PRECISELY, RICHARDS!
YOU MUST ADMIT I'VE
STUDIED YOUR MANU-
SCRIPT QUITE
THOROUGHLY! COME
DOWN, BOYS!

NOW I GET
IT, RUSTY!
GEE...
YOU'RE A
GEENIUS!!

THANKS, PIPES!
I ONLY HOPE
MR. RICHARDS
APPRECIATES
THIS AS MUCH!

I IMAGINE THE REST
WILL BE BORING TO
YOU, RICHARDS, SINCE
YOU ALREADY KNOW
HOW YOU'RE TO DIE!

ONLY TOO WELL!
THIS IS A SPOT
KEN! BETTER
LOOK FOR SOME-
THING... ANYTHING!
GOT TO...

DO I MAYBE
KONK HIM
NOW, RUSTY?

NO! HE DOESN'T CALL
FOR IT IN THE BOOK...
AND WE WANT TO
FOLLOW IT TO A "T"
DON'T WE?

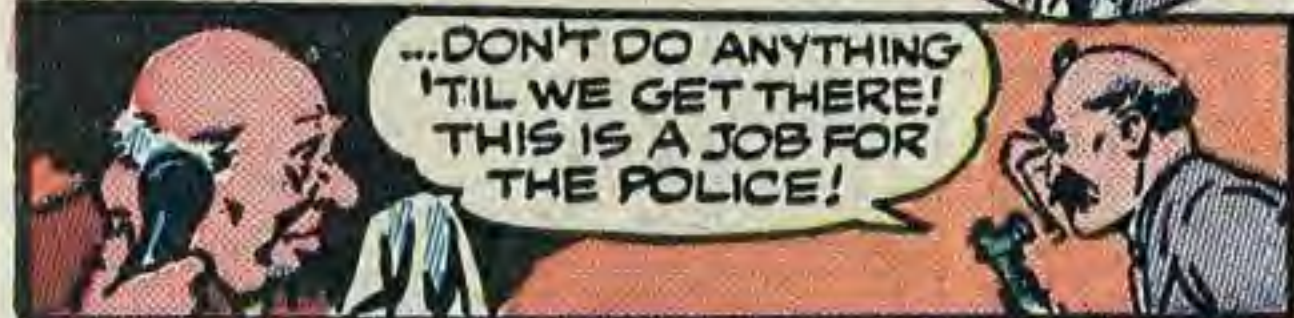
ONLY TOO WELL!
THIS IS A SPOT,
KEN! BETTER LOOK
FOR SOMETHING...
ANYTHING...

MINUTES LATER... AT
THE DOCKS...

PAGE 202 SAYS WE
"PLACE THE VICTIM
INTO THE STEEL
CASKET..."

"...CLOSE IT
TIGHTLY, AND
FINALLY..."

"...INTO THE WATER! NOW
FOR THE LAST CHAPTER
OF... **"THE PERFECT
MURDER"**!! LET'S GET
TO A PHONE!





SAY, MISTER...DID YOU SEE SOMEONE GET OFF AT THE NINTH FLOOR?

WHY, YES, I DID! HE SURE WAS IN A HURRY, TOO!



SEARCH THE NINTH FLOOR! FIND RICHARDS ...AND RUSTY! WE CAN'T LET HIM BEAT US THIS TIME!

RIGHT, INSPECTOR! WE'LL SEARCH EVERY INCH O' THIS PLACE!



BUT AFTER A THOROUGH SEARCH...

WE CAN'T FIND HIDE NOR HAIR OF THE GUY, INSPECTOR... HE'S GONE... **DISAPPEARED!**

YOU'RE **CRAZY!** DID YOU SEARCH THE ROOF, THE WINDOWS EVERY ROOM, EVERY...



EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY, INSPECTOR... AND S'HELP US... HE AIN'T TO BE FOUND!

I'LL GET GRAY HAIR, I TELL YOU! THIS IS **CRAZY!!** I'LL GO BATS!

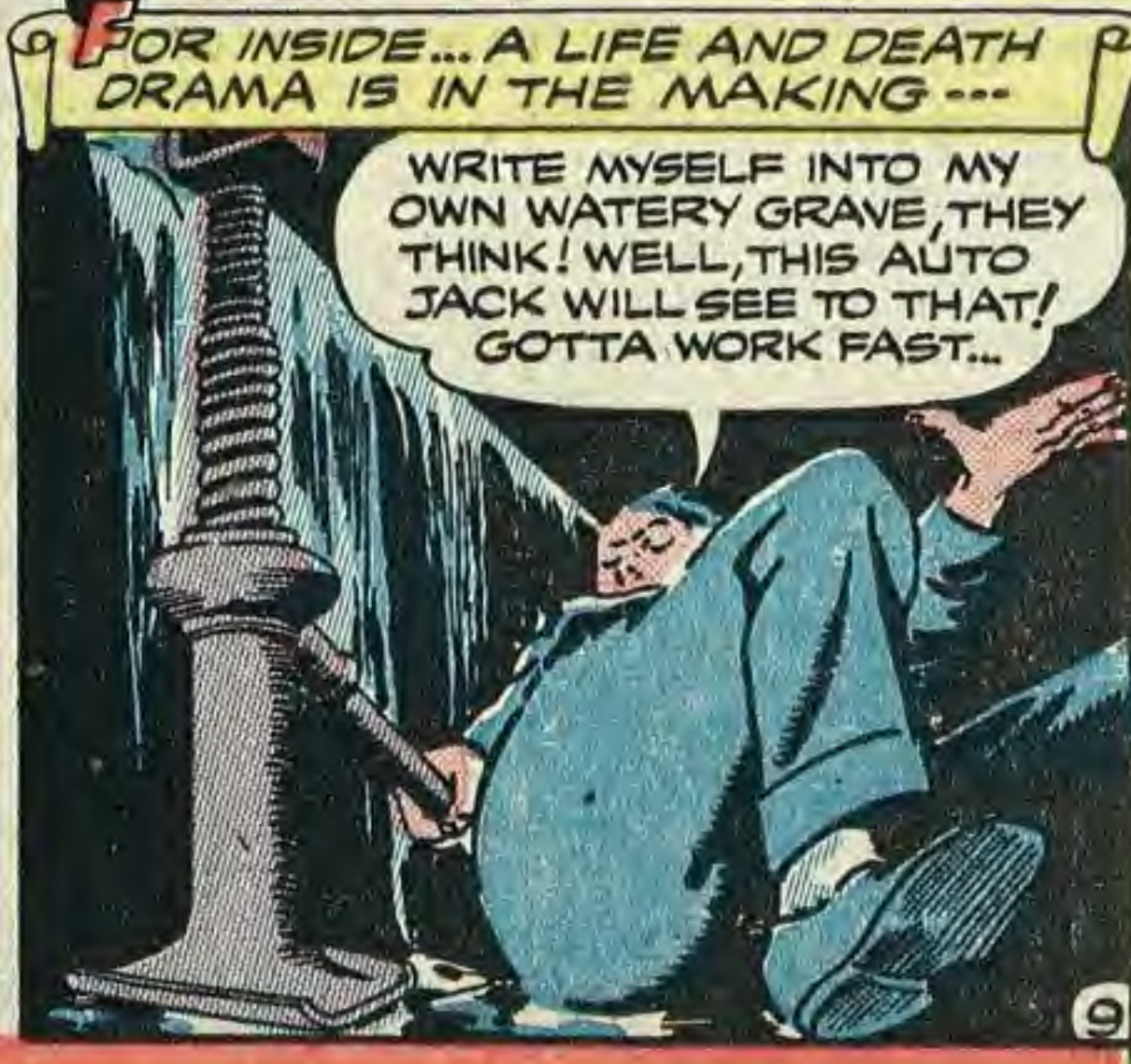


OKAY, RUSTY-- THEY FELL FOR IT! **HAW!** THOSE COPS MUST STILL BE LOOKING FOR HIM! IF THEY ONLY **KNEW!**

THEY NEVER WILL! AFTER ALL...**THEY** WERE THE LAST TO SEE HIM! WE HAVE COMMITTED THE **PERFECT CRIME!!**



DON'T LAUGH YET, RUSTY! FOR AT THIS VERY MOMENT, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER...



FOR INSIDE... A LIFE AND DEATH DRAMA IS IN THE MAKING ---

WRITE MYSELF INTO MY OWN WATERY GRAVE, THEY THINK! WELL, THIS AUTO JACK WILL SEE TO THAT! GOTTA WORK FAST...



TENSE MOMENTS, THEN... SUCCESS!



WHEW! AND I THOUGHT I HAD A PERFECT MURDER! WELL, THANK HEAVENS I DIDN'T!!



THIS SETTLES ONE THING! MY CAREER AS A NOVELIST IS OVER... AND ALSO MY SOLVING AND MAKING CRIMES WITH A TYPEWRITER... THAT'S OVER, TOO!

LATER... AT HOME...



THESE MONKEYS MEAN BUSINESS... COLD-BLOODED BUSINESS! THEY'VE GOT TO BE STOPPED... AND I'VE GOT TO STOP THEM!



IF THEY'VE CARRIED OUT MY PLOT--- THAT MEANS I'VE DISAPPEARED! WELL, LET KENDALL RICHARDS VANISH... BUT IN HIS PLACE I'LL BECOME...

...BOGEY MAN!! I WILL AVENGE EVERY DEATH, EVERY CRIME COMMITTED BY THESE VULTURES! AND FIRST... I'LL MAKE THEM PAY FOR KENDALL RICHARDS' DEATH!!



DAYS LATER... A SLEEK SEDAN SPEEDS NOISELESSLY THROUGH DARK SLUM STREETS...

YOU'RE TAKIN' CHANCES RIDIN' IN DE OPEN LIKE DIS, RUSTY!

FORGET IT! WITH RICHARDS GONE-- WHO'VE I GOT TO BE SCARED OF? SAY, ISN'T THAT ACTOR BY THAT LAMP POST?

LISTEN, ACTOR!
THE PLAY'S
OVER! STOP
HAMMING...
OH... IT'S NOT
YOU, ACTOR!
SORRY, BUD...

I'M NOT
SORRY,
RUSTY
BLADE!
THANKS FOR
STOPPING...
SAVES ME THE
TROUBLE OF
LOOKING
FOR YOU!

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?
WHY THE
MASK,
BUD... WHO
ARE
YOU?

BOGEY MAN!
AND I'M GOING
TO MAKE YOU
PAY FOR THE
MURDER OF...
KENDALL
RICHARDS!!

WHAT? HOW DO YOU... NO!!
YOU CAN'T KNOW---IT WAS
PERFECT! SOMEONE
TALKED... THAT'S IT...



ONE OF YOU!! IT HAD
TO BE ONE OF YOU
RATS! I'LL KILL YOU
BEFORE...

NO, RUSTY... NO!!!
WE NEVER SAW
DIS BOGEY MAN...
S'HELP ME! NO...



TAKE
THIS...
HUH--?

WANNA BUMP
US OFF, YA RAT?
I'LL SHOW YA...

I'LL TAKE THIS,
RUSTY... IT
MIGHT
GO OFF!



SQUEALING
RATS!!

I'LL
GETCHA!

GET IT OVER
WITH, WILL YOU,
FELLOWS?
YOU'RE HOLDING
ME UP!



MIGHTY ACCOMODATING OF
YOU MUGGS... SAVES WEAR
AND TEAR ON THE KNUCKLES!
NOW FOR A SHORT RIDE
TO THE CEMETERY!!



SECONDS LATER...

THIS TIME I'VE GOT
A NEW PLOT--- BUT
PERFECT!!



IN YOU
GO, PIPES!



NEXT YOU,
TRIGGER...
AND RUSTY!



AND THAT IS THE
BEST PIECE OF
WORK I'VE EVER
DONE!



WE'RE... WE'RE IN A MAUSO-
LEUM... A GRAVE! THERE'S
NO DOOR, NO WINDOWS---
NOTHING! WE'RE TRAPPED!
WE'RE BURIED ALIVE!!

LOOK,
RUSTY...
HERE'S
A NOTE!

WH-WHAT
HAPPENED?
WHERE
ARE WE?



LET 'EM COME! JUST LET ME
OUT OF HERE! I'LL CONFESS TO
ANYTHING! I'M SCARED!!

HERE'S ANOTHER
PERFECT MURDER,
RUSTY! IF I DON'T
CALL THE POLICE
YOU'LL PROBABLY BE
HERE FOR AT LEAST
100 YEARS! BUT
DON'T WORRY---
THEY'LL BE HERE
SOON!
Bogey Man.



SCARED... WELL, THAT'S EXACTLY
WHAT I WANT TO HEAR! HEAR ME,
ALL YOU OF THE UNDER-
WORLD! FROM NOW ON...
TAKE HEED! ONE FALSE
MOVE, AND... THE BOGEY
MAN WILL GET YOU... IF
YOU DON'T WATCH OUT!



Buy WAR BONDS
and STAMPS!

First Aid

TERRY SCHIANO

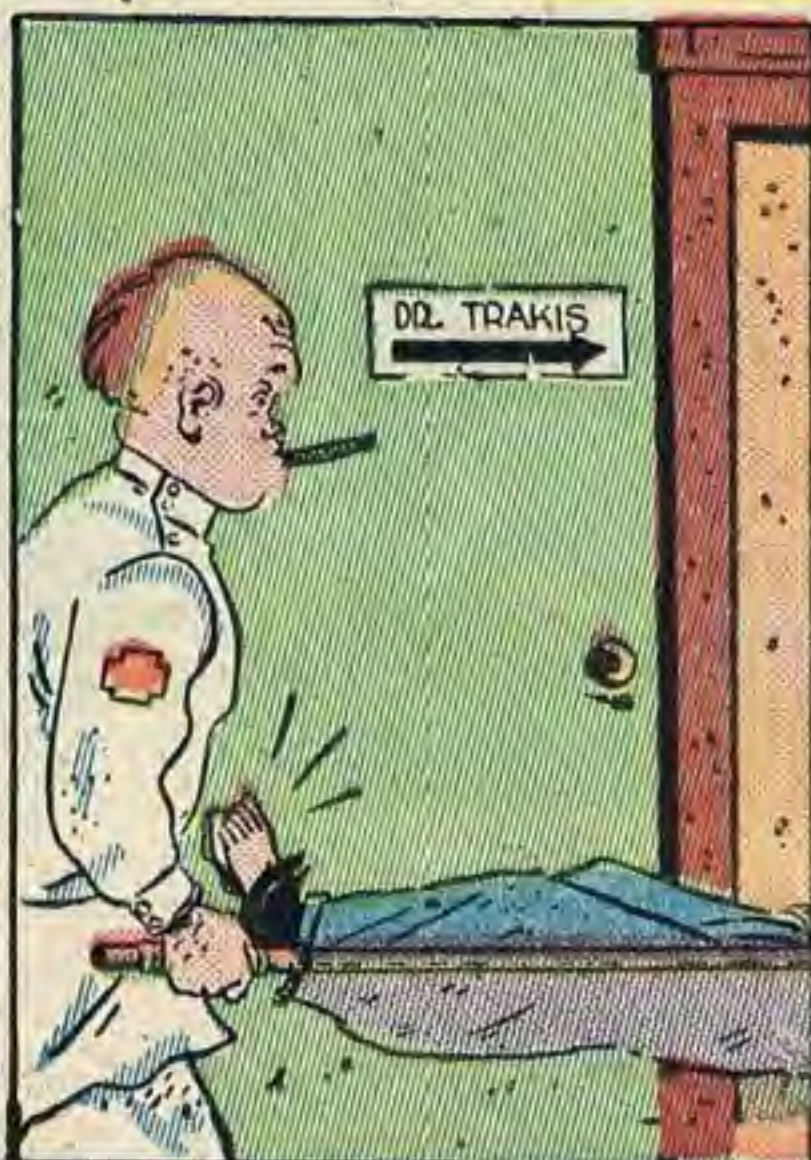
"GEE! MUST HAVE BEEN A TERRIFIC ACCIDENT!"



"BOY! AM I GLAD I BROUGHT MY FIRST AID KIT ALONG!"



"MAY I PRACTICE ON YOU?"



The **SORCERER** and His APPRENTICE



VENICE, FOUR HUNDRED YEARS AGO... STRANGE, DARK INTRIGUES ARE THE ORDER OF THE DAY AND... INVOLVED AGAINST HIS WILL, IN MANY OF THESE FOUL PLOTS IS... THE SORCEROR, MASTER OF MANY MAGICS AND... OF ALL PEOPLE, HIS APPRENTICE!!

IN AN ANCIENT VENETIAN DEN, THE SORCEROR BEGINS HIS MOST BIZARRE CONJURATION!

My Venerable one... it is time I renewed thy youth!

Time and past time, mighty master of magic!



By Cthulu and Mélék Tawus, I conjure! quickly, aged one... if dost desire youth, hand me the dried dragon's blood!





Azaliel, aid me!
Mnenos, be with
me! Hurry the
jar of toad-
jewels!





Bespeak me true,
or by the power of
my wand, thou
shalt a toad
become!

'Tis true...I
swear it! She
muttered as
she passed... 'dried
dragon's blood... I'll
drink none of that!
Better age than...



SO IT WAS, THAT THE SORCEROR, LEFT
WITHOUT AN AIDE APPRENTICED LITTLE
JOE DJERK!

and so, seeing her leave, you
attempted to help me! 'Twas
not YOUR fault you gave me
the wrong ingredients...
Wouldst be my apprentice,
and learn the ancient
lore?

wouldst!



By fang and
tooth and claw,
I bind thee
to my law!

what are
these...

Thy FAMILIARS!
they will help thee
in thy duties!

Guess I'll try
to get along
without help!



JUST THEN AN INSISTENT KNOCK
FILLS THE ROOM...

No customers must view my room
in this disrepute! Clean it well...
I'll meet them
in the ante-
chamber!



Not a bad job at all! Plenty of
chance for advancement, too!
h'mm...funny
looking book...
Wonder what's
in it?

MEANWHILE, IN THE ANTECHAMBER...

How now, Magus would argue with ME, with Borgia?

This thing you want is evil...I will Not!!



Kill me if you will, but I won't give a murderous beast like you, the robe of INVISIBILITY! You'd kill half of Venice!

Off with his head!



Hold the varlet! Let's see if his magic can restore his head... after I cut it off!



MEANWHILE...

...and would you bereft yourself of warts, wens and the like...bury a toad beneath a tombstone at midnight, saying...



'Wart to toad...to earth returneth!' Huh...that's easy! wonder what's next?



'To mount a broom and ride as tho' it were a steed!' That's for me! All you have to say is...







I thank thee for thy unexpected aid! But now, to work, for this day we made an enemy of the most treacherous, murderous man in all Venice! This room is a veritable pig-sty...to work!



To protect us against the evil Borgia I shall need strong magic! To make strong magic, I'll need strong herbs... I go for some GARLIC! When I return, this room must be clean!



PHEW! This is hard work...but hold! The Sorcerer said my **FAMILIARS** would help me! Hey...come on you guys...get to work!



Uh...if you don't mind would you give me a hand here, Gentlemen?



Come on, hurry up! No slackers around here! Boy...this is the life!



IN THE MEANTIME, BORGIA HAS WASTED NO TIME! FOR, IN THE HALL...

I'll take no chance against witchcraft **THIS** time! Here is a beautiful flower for the brat! One whiff of this powder means... **DEATH!!**





Before the flower withers he will breathe no more! Next...his master...



Will wonders never cease? A rose, from out of the air!

May we leave, master? Our chores are done!

Sure...scat! Go on...I'll call you when I need you! I wonder where this rose came from? Can it smell as sweet as it looks?



MEANWHILE, BORGIA PREPARES FOR HIS NEXT VICTIM...THE SORCEROR HIMSELF!



Now truly...vengeance is mine!



Ah! Now...into the canal with this Refuse!



By this time the rose should have done the job!

BUT JUST AS JOE LIFTS THE POISONED ROSE TO HIS NOSE...



The rose...it-it... it's turning into a skull...



THAT is what Borgia intended the rose to do to thee! Come... let us see what he makes of the bundle which he THINKS contains me!

UGH!

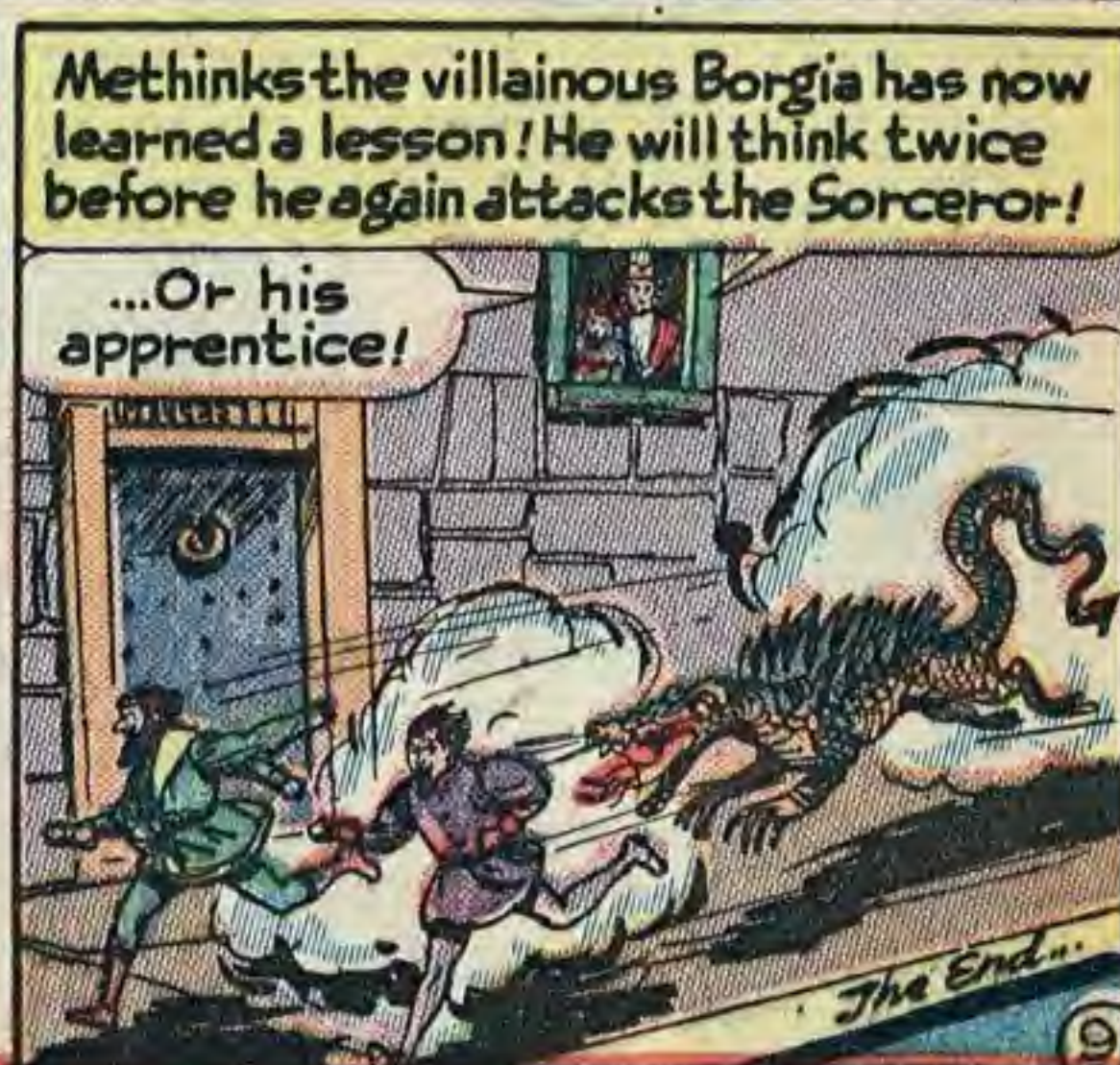


This time I was prepared! When I felt the cloth descend I made a bit of magic...watch!



Gee...that's a little dragon!

What he lacks in size he makes up for in ferocity! He hates water!

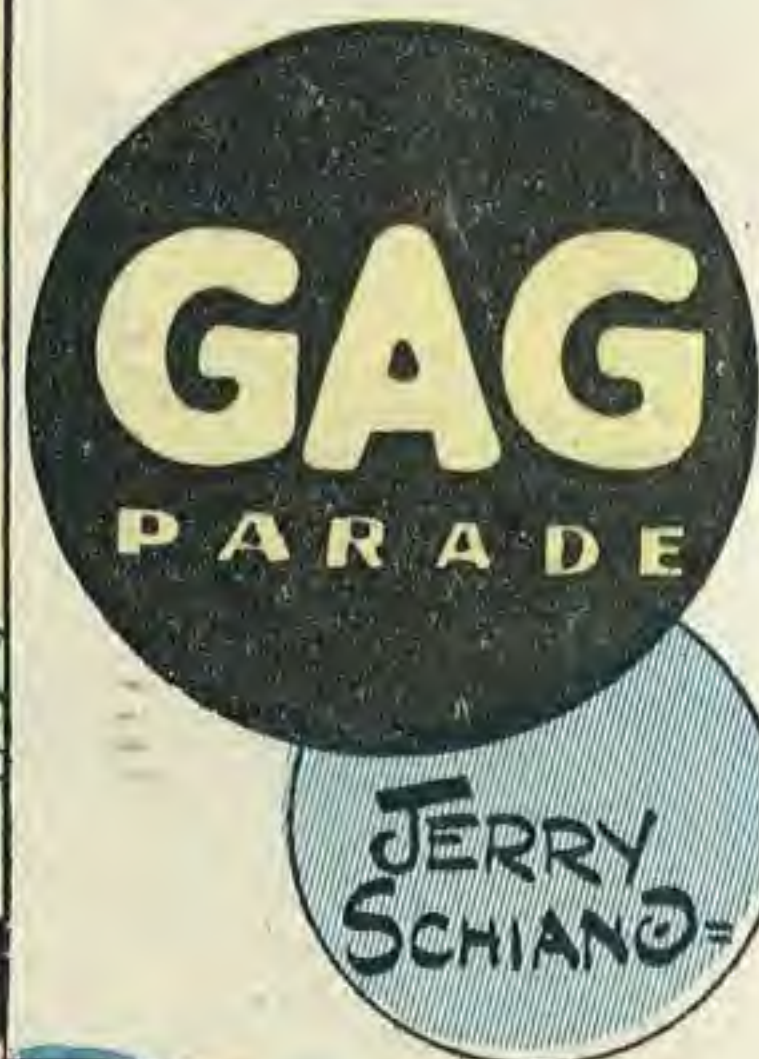


Methinks the villainous Borgia has now learned a lesson! He will think twice before he again attacks the Sorcerer!

...Or his apprentice!

The End

"I'M AFRAID THAT NEW SALESMAN WON'T DO - HE DOES THAT EVERY TIME A CUSTOMER ASKS FOR A PAIR OF SOCKS!"



"I'M A GOOD RUNNER TOO! MY DOC SAYS I HAVE ATHLETES FOOT!"



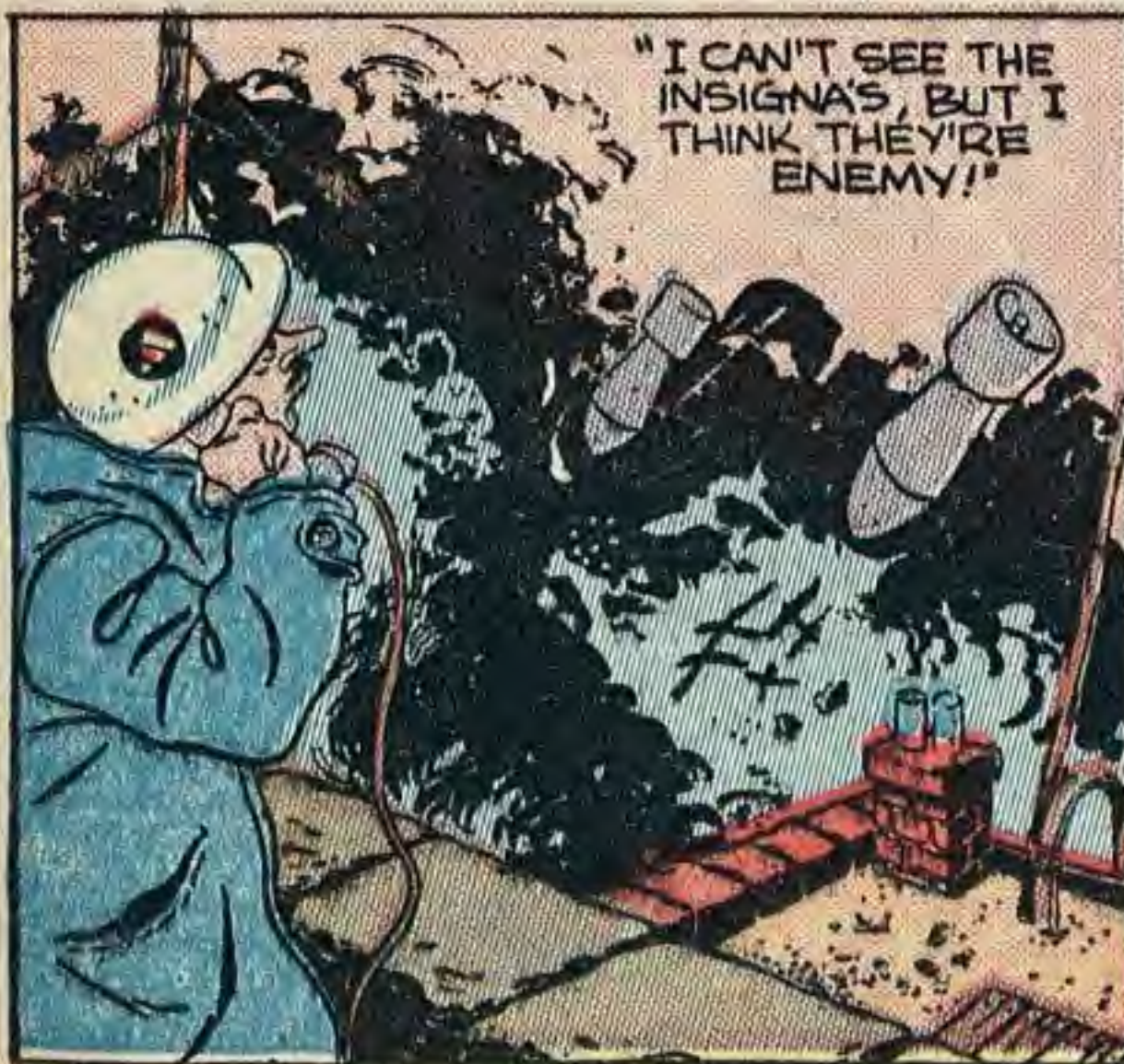
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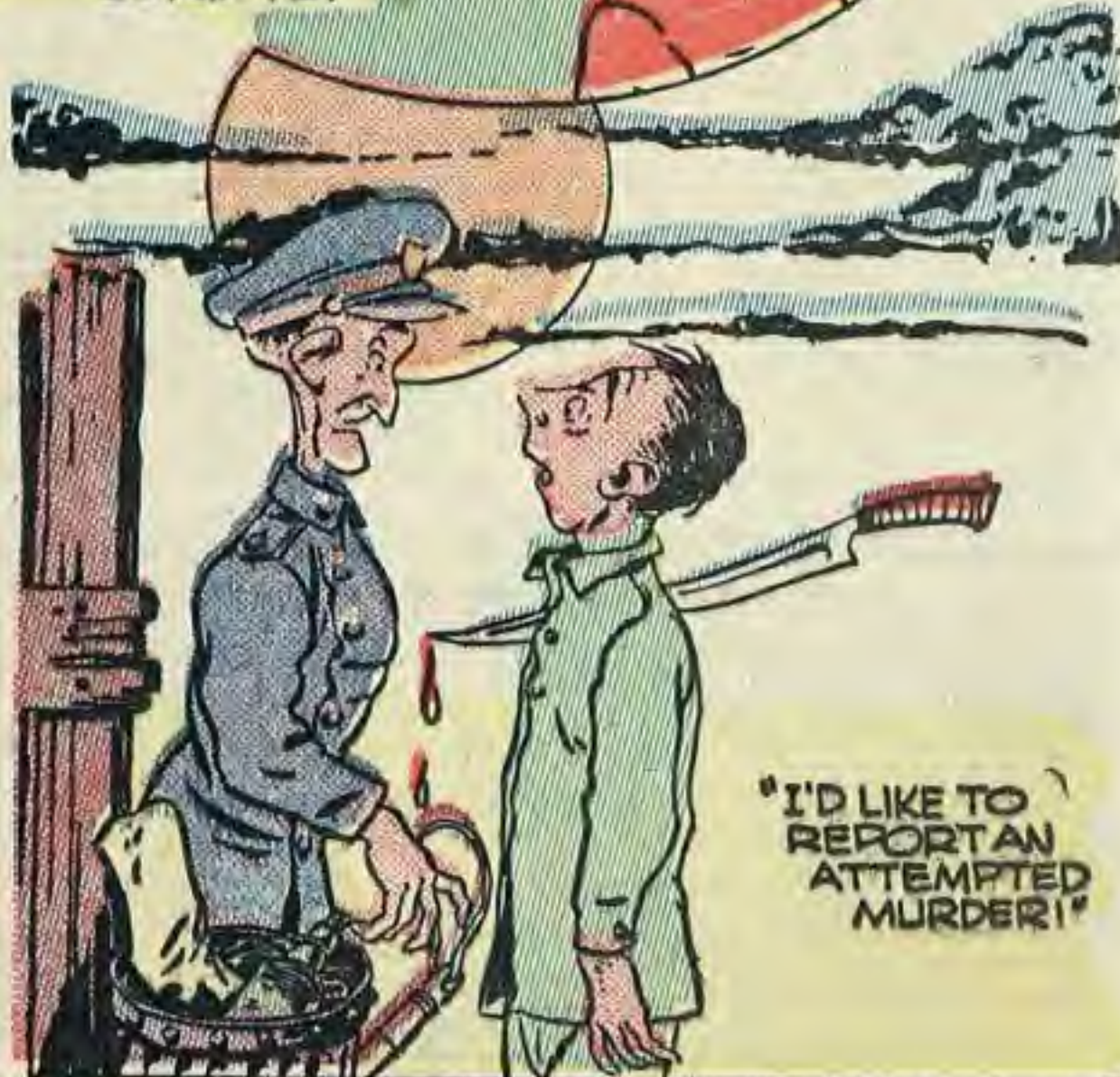
"ALL I KNOW IS THAT HE COMES HERE TO HAND IN MANU-SCRIPTS!"



"I CAN'T SEE THE INSIGNAS, BUT I THINK THEY'RE ENEMY!"



"I'D LIKE TO REPORT AN ATTEMPTED MURDER!"



Sgt. STRONG



SARGE AND ANGEL, OUR TWO LEATHERNECK DEVIL-MAY-CARE RANGERS, EMBARK ON ANOTHER WILD ADVENTURE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—ONE WHICH NEARLY COSTS THEM THEIR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS MARINES IN

"DEVIL DOG MISSION"

COL. BLAKE'S OFFICE...

YOU TWO MEN HAVE BEEN CALLED UPON FOR SPECIAL DETAIL...

FOR THE FIRST TIME WE'VE GOT A CHANCE TO GET THE JAPS IN THE MIDDLE. OUR REPLACEMENTS ARE LAND-ING BEHIND THEIR LINES. IF YOU MEN GET THESE PLANS TO THEM, WE CAN WIPE THEM OFF THE ISLAND. CAN YOU DO IT?



OF COURSE THEY'LL DO IT.... THEY'RE MARINES! AND SO, MINUTES LATER...

NICE EASY JOBS THE OLD MAN GIVES US! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS CUT CLEAR THROUGH THE NIPS' ENCAMPMENT TO DELIVER THESE PLANS. THAT'S ALL!



SUDDENLY...

HOLY COW! SARGE, LOOK ...NIPS!

OH, BROTHER! QUICK, GET BEHIND SOME COVER!



ANGEL!

UGH!



YOU DIRTY RATS!



?COUGH? I--I'M OKAY... SARGE, HE ONLY NICKED ME..IN THE HIP... YA GOTTA GO ON WITHOUT ME!

O...OKAY, KID, I'LL GO!



TAKE IT EASY, AND USE THE TOMMY GUN ON ANYTHING THAT HAS SLANT EYES. I'LL BE BACK FOR YOU AS SOON AS I CAN. S'LONG!



IN A SHORT TIME, SARGE FINDS HIMSELF IN THE MIDDLE OF A NATIVE VILLAGE..



YIPE! A NIP! THIS MUST BE THEIR HEAD-QUARTERS!

I'VE GOT TO CATCH A BREATHER. I'LL DUCK INTO THIS SHACK!



SORRY TO BARGE IN ON YOU LIKE THIS, MISS. BUT I NEED THIS PLACE FOR A WHILE. AND I WOULDN'T ADVISE YOU TO SHOUT FOR HELP!



I NO SHOUT, AMERICAN! QUICK---HIDE! JAPANESE SOLDIERS COME!



OKAY, BABE. I SEE I HAVE NO CHOICE, BUT ANY FUNNY MOVES, AND K-K-K-K-K!

WELL, FOOL, IS YOUR MOTHER'S BODY READY FOR BURIAL?



ER...NO. IT IS NOT READY YET!





I..I'VE GOT TO
KEEP..ON..G..GOT
..TO



AT THAT MOMENT, IN SARGE'S CAMP...

SARGE AND WALLY SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED LONG
AGO. THIS IS IT, BOYS. AND HEAVEN HELP US IF THE
OTHERS DON'T SHOW UP!



AND, AT THE BEACHHEAD...

FUNNY THEY DIDN'T SEND A SQUAD TO ESCORT US,
BUT WE CAN'T WAIT. WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE
IT OURSELVES!

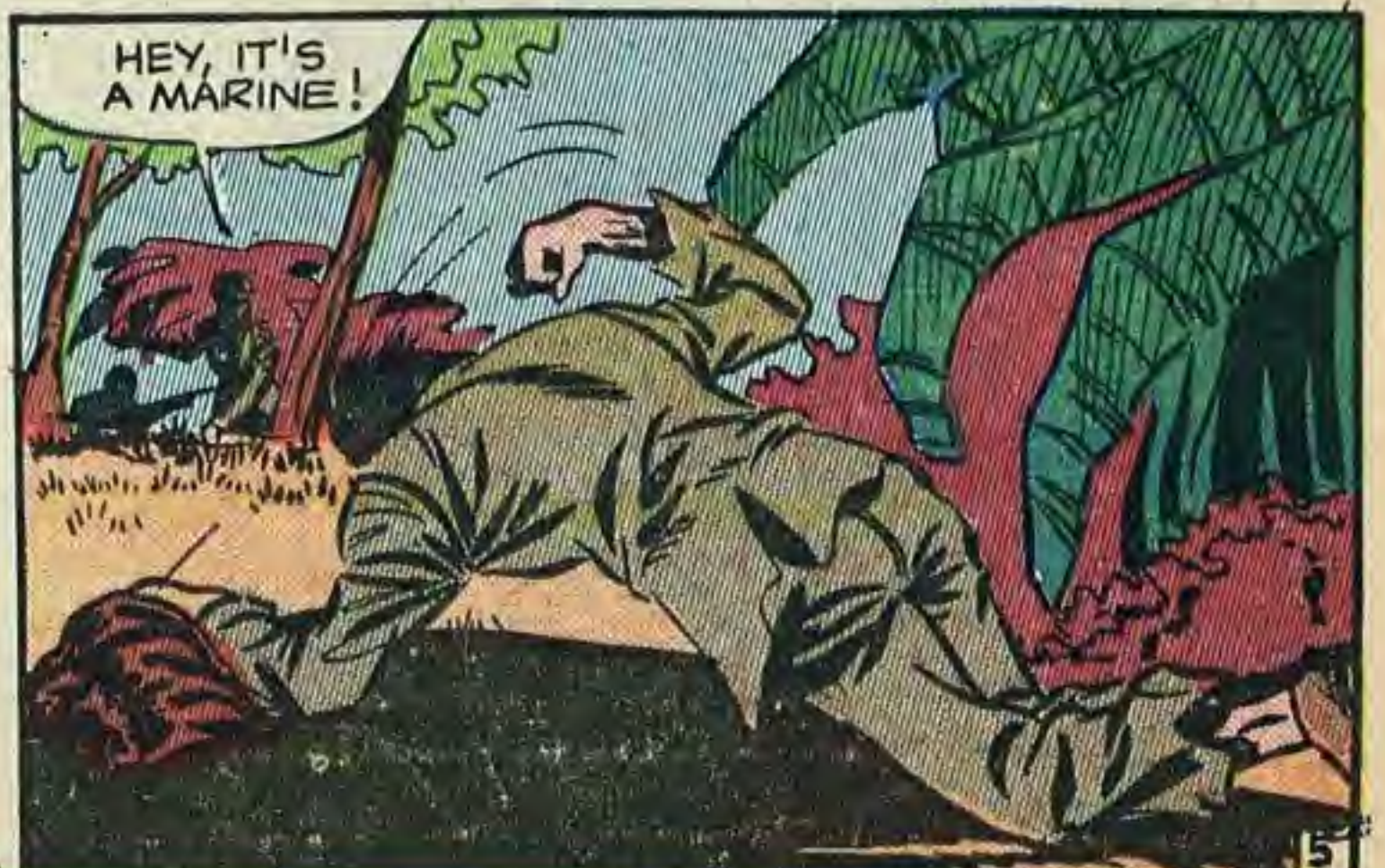


C'MON IKE,
WE'RE PUSHING
OFF!

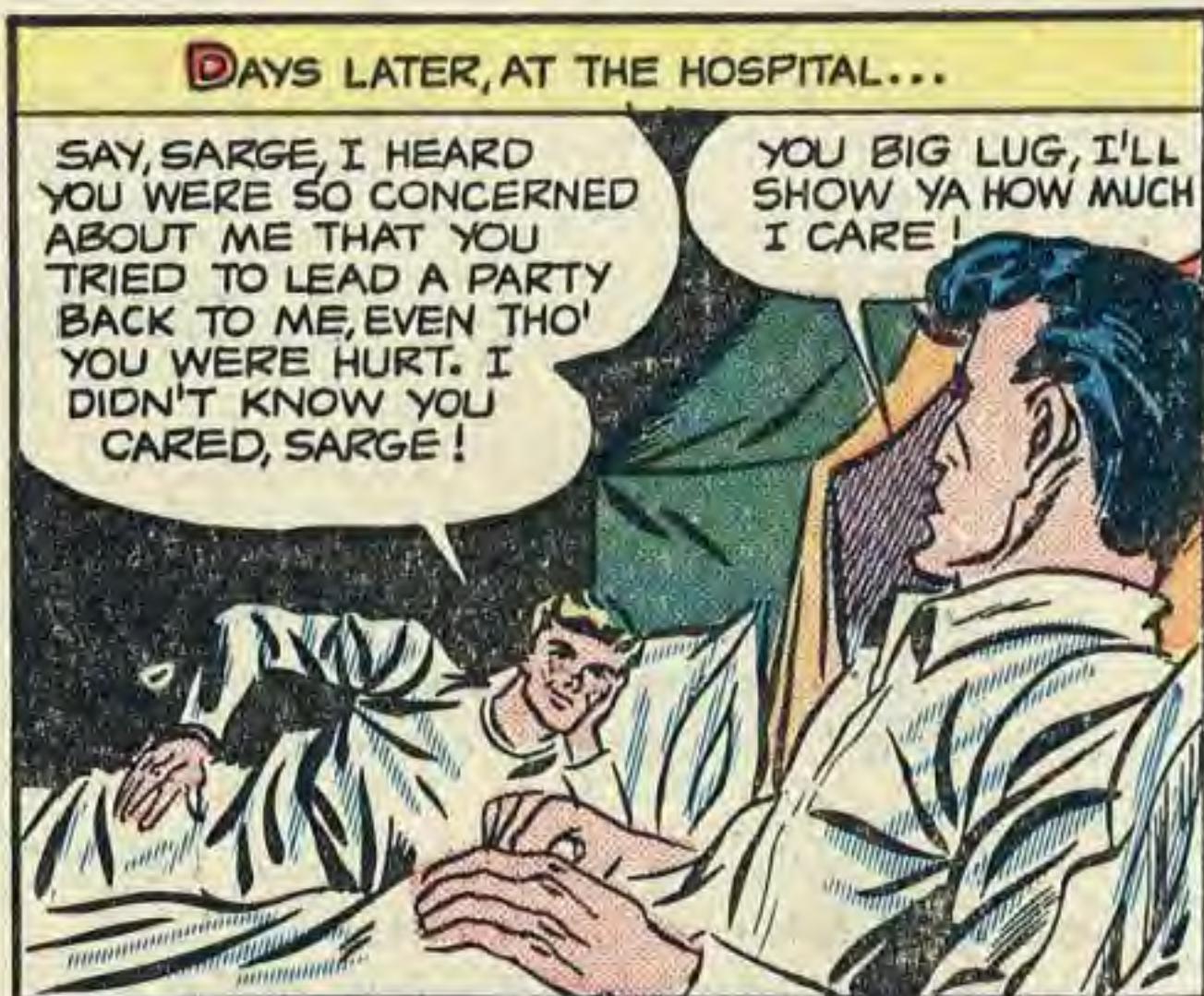
HOLD IT, JOE. I
THINK I SEE A
NIP. I'LL LET HIM
HAVE IT.



HOLD IT! THAT'S
NOT A JAP!



HEY, IT'S
A MARINE!



PASSING THE BUCK

By BRUCE ELLIOTT

Well, well, good morning Jason my good fellow, a beautiful day to be up and doing it is." This boomed out in an orotund baritone.

"Look Artie, my name ain't Jason, I ain't your good fellow, an' it's a rotten day."

This 'get-rich-quick Wallingford' stuff is oke when you're hitting it right, but ever since we hit New York we'd been getting the bumps. The bankroll was way down, the hotel bill was way up, and besides I hate New York in the winter.

"Now now, Jason, just because you wanted to see the bottom of the cup that cheers is no reason for growling. Why when I was shaving this morning I got an idea that will get us out of this hotel and well on our way to the Miami Biltmore."

"Yeh, that's just the trouble, you an' the Ritz, and the Plaza, and the four hundred. If we'd gone to Ma Belling's boarding house like I wanted to we'd have been in the bucks now instead of up the creek."

"Jason! Do you doubt my ability to extricate us from our present dilemma? "

"You're doggone right I do. The last idea you had was the closest shave I ever had. Don't you know the green goods racket went out with the war?"

"Well, Jason, you must admit it had an unusual twist to it."

And with that, Arthur McElroy con-man, bookie, hot-shot, and what have you, gave a final twist to his already perfect tie and left me to worry about hotel dicks, the law and a few other pleasant thoughts.

I guess I ain't got the constitution for a con-man. A good honest stick-up or somethin' like that is oke, but skating on thin ice gets in my hair. So by the time McElroy got back I was chewin' my thumb nails.

That guy gets me down, everything's gotta be dramatic. When he comes through the door he stands still for a minute as if he was waiting for the applause to die down.

Then he pulls an eraser out of his pocket an' says—"Behold the means of our escape from durance vile!"

"Lissen Artie, if you mean that rubber is gonna get us out of this hotel you're crazy. A parachute'd be better."

"Very well then my good fellow—oh, incidentally, I hope you weren't inconvenienced by the fact that I borrowed your wallet, were you?"

"Oh no, no, you can have the whole three bucks."

"Now if you will listen closely, I'll tell you how those three dollars of yours and this eraser are going to get us to Florida."

MUCH as I hate to admit it the big boy did have an idea. The following morning I sat in a chair in the hotel lobby to watch the fireworks.

With the usual bugles blowing, etc., Artie appeared on the scene, strolled up to the cigar counter, threw down a crisp new dollar bill and picked up a Corona-Corona. He smilingly refused the change and ambled over to the paper stand, picked up an out-of-town paper and again paid for it with a new bill. Then as he drifted into the barber shop for his shave and manicure—I got to work.

I leaned on the cigar counter and said, "Listen Mac, I'm a T. man on the track of McElroy, that big guy that bought a cigar here. I've made friends with him and it's time to crack down on him. Lemme see that bill he gave you, will you?"

He got it and looked at it. I said, "Swell imitation ain't it?"

"Boy it looks okay to me. he pipes up pop-eyed.

I said, "Come on." He tagged along while I pulled the same line on the paper boy. When he got out the crisp new bill that Artie'd given him, held the two together and showed them the serial numbers which were exactly the same.

Both the cigar man and the paper boy looked stunned. One said, "Jeez, and he seemed like such a swell guy."

Just then a page boy yells out, "Mister Thorp, paging Mister Thorp!" So I said, "I been expecting a call from Washington. If I don't get back in a couple a minutes get hold of the hotel manager, show him the bills and have the house dick hold McElroy 'till I get back, will you?"

Then I high-tailed out of there and spent the next four hours biting my nails and snarling at the lions in front of the 42nd St. Library where Mc Elroy was goin' to meet me.

About four o'clock when all my nails were-gone, a taxi piled with trunks draws up in front of the library, and out bounces Mc Elroy grinning from ear to ear with his usual Corona-Corona leaving a smoke screen behind him.

He waltzes up to me and I bark, "Where in the name of Father Time have you been?"

"Why Jason, you must cut out coffee. Your nerves are all on edge."

"Stow it, will you,—how'd everything go over?"

"Well, after you left the manager, the house dick, the cigar man, the paper boy, et al, blew into the barber shop and tore the dollar bill out of that cut red headed manicurist's hand. She let out a squawk. They all told her I was a crook—showed her the serial numbers on all three bills and she darn near fainted. Ah me."

"Look, will you stop moaning and go on; and stop blowing that smoke in my face."

"Jason, your pretty pink ears should have burned all afternoon. I told them how out of the kindness of my heart I rescued you from dire poverty, made you my secretary—then changed my mind, started to bellow at them. I yelled for my lawyer, demanded that they prove the bills were phony. They sent a bell hop to the bank with one bill and the bank changed it.

Then in my most mellifluous tones I whispered to the manager of the possibility of a beautiful damage suit—suit for false arrest—defamation of character—ugly publicity for the hotel, etc. Then just when the manager was ready to cry I intimated that I might be willing to save him a lot of embarrassment. And to make a long story short he cancelled our bill, and we settled for \$500 damages. You know, Jason, it's awfully nice of the banks to give out new money with the serial numbers in rotation,

and I still think it was a swell idea of mine to erase the last number on all three bills so that they all looked alike."

"Yeh, I know, stop patting yourself on the back and tell me where you've been the rest of the afternoon."

WHY, that's most peculiar!" Mc Elroy had lost his bounce. "Just as I left the hotel, a tall, lean, masked character, handed me a slip of paper!"

Mc Elroy fumbled in his pocket and handed me a piece of paper. Written on it was: "The Bogey man will get you if you don't watch out!

"The Bogeyman!" I grunted. "Artie, we gotta hightail outa here, that guy's poison!"

"There are antidotes for poisons!" Mc Elroy looked confident.

"Like how?" I asked.

"Like I ditched him!" Mc Elroy beamed at me through a cloud of cigar smoke. "What a chase! It took me two hours of dodging in and out of subways, hotels and what-have-you but I finally lost the Bogeyman!"

"Did you?" a lazy, suave voice cut in from nowhere. Both Art and me, we do a quick double take. There's no one in sight.

I said, "Who said that?"

Art said, "Who — what — where?"

"Relax, gentlemen," the cool voice said: "The game's over. It is, let us say, a little unlawful to deface government property. And if a dollar bill isn't government property . . ."

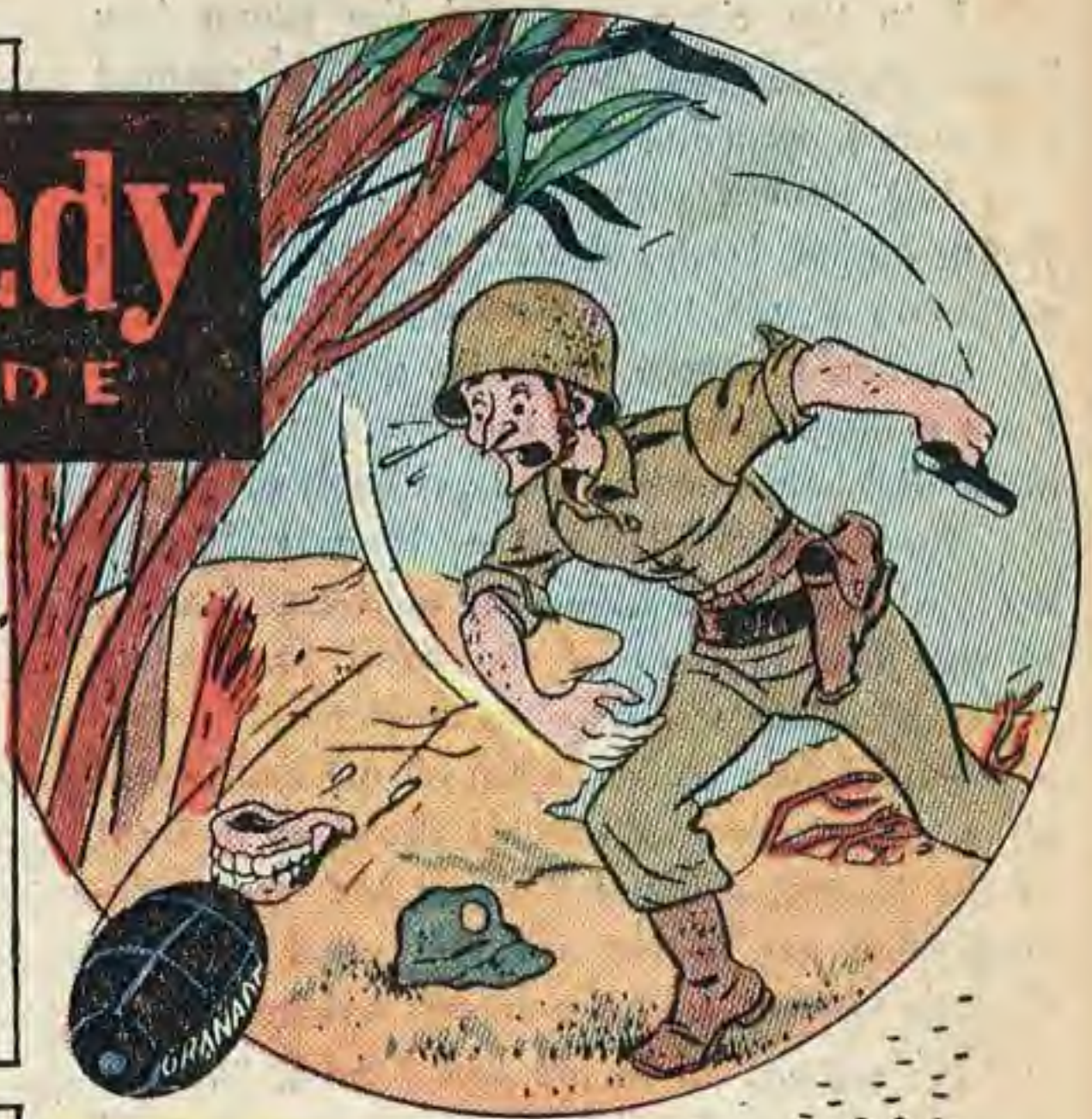
We finally found him. He was stretched out nonchalantly, on top of one of the lions in front of the library.

"Bogeyman!" We both said it at the same time.

"It was a clever con game, boys, but let's see now if you're clever enough to beat the rap." Bogeyman looked deceptively relaxed.

Artie started to run one way, I runs the other. We took maybe two steps when—it was all over. Bogeyman catapaulted off the lion and then collared the pair of us.

P. S. Bogeyman was right. It IS a crime to deface a dollar bill. Artie and me'll be out in a couple of years. Me, I know where I can get a good honest job. You don't have to hit ME on the head. I'm smart. It's smart to be honest. Now, Artie's a dope. He's figured out what HE thinks are some shrewd angles. Shrewd! He'll be back in here before his prison haircut grows out!



CAPTAIN

MILKSOP

**RED BAND
COMICS**

...TAKES GREAT PLEASURE IN PRESENTING MORTIMER X. MORTIMER... NO, WE MEAN... CAPTAIN MILKSOP... THE GRADE-A... SOUR MILK... SAP... NO, WE MEAN... HERO! BY DAY HE'S MORTIMER... NO... WE MEAN... CAPTAIN... NO, WE MEAN... AW, SHUCKS! READ ON AND SEE WHAT WE MEAN!



THIS STARTED OUT AS AN ORDINARY DAY IN THE DULL LIFE OF MORTIMER X. MORTIMER...

MORTIMER--MY MORONIC MISFIT OF A CLERK! PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE DUSTING AND LESS TO THE SINGING!

♪ DUM DE
DUM...LA DE...
DAAA...



DID WE SAY DULL? WELL... NOT EXACTLY!

GOSH AND GOLLY! I DID IT AGAIN!

AHA! I KNEW IT!! THAT WILL COST YOU \$5.25, MORTIMER... WHICH MAKES \$9.03 YOU OWE ME ON THIS WEEK'S WAGES!





HEH! HEH! IF THE FOOL WASN'T SO CLUMSY, I'D HAVE TO CLOSE SHOP! HE'S MY BEST CUSTOMER!

TAKE CARE OF THE CUSTOMERS WHILE I TAKE MY AFTER-NOON NAP, MORTIMER!

YESSIR!

EVERYBODY PICKS ON ME!



IF I WAS SMART I'D QUIT THIS JOB... SAY, THAT BABY IS TAKING THAT VASE!

KEEP MOVIN'--



I BEG YOUR PARDON, BUT I THINK YOUR BABY TOOK---

HE'S HEP TO DE HEX! PUT DE HEAT ON 'IM, MIDGET!

OH, GOSH AND GOLLY---HE SMOKES CIGARS!

HOTFOOT OR ROD, GIANT?

OUTTA DA STORE, CHUMP! WE'RE TAKIN' YA FOR A RIDE!

I CAN'T GO RIGHT NOW---I WORK UNTIL---



...BUT MR. PLOYER IS ASLEEP AN' THERE'S NO ONE IN THE STORE! WHY, GOSH AND GOLLY, SOME CROOKS ARE LIABLE TO COME IN AND STEAL EVERY---

WE'VE ALREADY BEEN THERE! OR HAVEN'T YOU BEEN TOLD YET?



MINUTES LATER... IN A DESERTED SHACK JUST OUTSIDE OF TOWN...

WHY DON'T WE BUMP 'IM OFF NOW, MIDGET?

WHAT! AND END DA STORY? NOT ON YER LIFE! DOSE PEOPLE OUT THERE GOTTA READ FOUR MORE PAGES YET... AN' LIKE IT!!

GOSH AND GOLLY---
IF THEY KILL ME, I
WON'T BE ABLE TO PAY
MR. FLOYER THE
SALARY I OWE HIM!
WOE IS ME!



JUST THEN, BY
MERE CHANCE,
OR SOMETHING...
A COPY OF
RED BAND
COMICS FLIES
IN THROUGH
THE WINDOW...

GOSH! WHY CAN'T
I BE LIKE
BOGEY MAN...



...AND RESTS
ITSELF
DIRECTLY
BEHIND
MORTIMER!

OR SGT.
STRONG!



THEN... A GUST
OF WIND BLOWS
INSIDE THE
ROOM AND
GENTLY FLIPS
THE PAGES OF
THE BOOK...

...OR THE
SORCERER!



...AND RIGHT OFF
THE PAGES COME
THE HARDIEST
HEROES IN ALL
THE WORLD...

SURE IS CROWDED
IN THERE... AND
THAT INK... I
OUGHT TO SUE THE
PRINTER!



POOR MORTIMER!
I WISH THERE WAS
A WAY WE COULD
HELP---

THERE IS A WAY,
BOGEY MAN!



THEN
SPILL IT,
SORCERER!

BY SPECIAL PERMISSION OF
OUR COPYRIGHT OWNERS, WE
CAN GIVE THIS MORTIMER,
ONE... *JUST ONE* OF OUR POW-
ERS! WITH THEM ALL... HE'LL
BE ABLE TO GET HIMSELF
OUT OF ANY TROUBLE!



I'LL GIVE HIM
MY POWERS OF
DETECTION...

--AND I...
MY POWER
OF MAGIC!

THIS IS WON-
DERFUL!
I'LL GIVE
HIM MY POW-
ER OF EVIL!

NO, YOU
DON'T
SATANAS!

...AND FROM ME...
MY POWER OF
GOOD LUCK!



MORTIMER...
MORTIMER...
LISTEN TO ME...

BEAT IT!! STAY ON
YOUR SIDE OF THE
BOOK AND NEVER
DARKEN THESE
PAGES AGAIN!



GOSH AND GOLLY!
IT'S JOE DJERK, THE
APPRENTICE!! HAVE
YOU BEEN KID-
NAPPED, TOO?

NO, MORTIMER
...I'VE BEEN
SENT BY
**RED BAND
HEROES, INC.**
TO HELP YOU...
LISTEN
CAREFULLY...

BY RUBBING THIS BOOK ON TOP OF YOUR HEAD
'ROUND AND 'ROUND, AND BY SAYING THE MAGIC
PHRASE...**RED BAND COMICS**... YOU WILL BECOME
A GREATER HERO THAN US ALL... AND BY RE-
PEATING THIS ACTION, YOU WILL RETURN TO YOUR
NORMAL, **DUMB SELF!** TAKE THESE POWERS
AND USE THEM WISELY, MORTIMER!

WE HEREBY NAME YOU---
CAPTAIN MILKSOP!! NOW
I MUST LEAVE... I'VE GOT A
DATE WITH A STORY!

THANKS,
JOE DJERK!
I SURE
APPRECIATE
THIS! GOLLY...
I-I'M A
CAPTAIN!!

GOSH, IF THIS WORKS-- THINK
OF ALL THE MONEY I CAN MAKE
BEING A HERO! I BET I COULD
EVEN BUY MY WAY OUT OF MR.
PLOYER'S EMPLOY! I'LL SEE
IF IT WORKS! HERE GOES---
RED BAND COMICS!

AND THAT, FRIENDS,
DOES IT! FOR THE
MAGIC INCANTATION
CHANGES MILD
MORTIMER INTO...

BAM!
SPFFFT!

...**CRIME CRUSHING
CAPTAIN MILKSOP!**

IT WORKED! I'M ON THE
CEILING! I HOPE I DON'T
HAVE TO CHANGE INTO
CAPTAIN
MILKSOP
THIS WAY
ALL THE
TIME!

JUST THEN, OUR
VILLAINS ENTER...

WE'D BETTER
GET RID OF... HEY!
HE'S NOT HERE!
HE TOOK IT ON
DE LAM!

SOMEONE
LOOKING
FOR ME?

UG!

THIS IS ME...
OR IS IT?

CRACK!



WITH VICTORY AND THE REWARD MONEY UNDER HIS BELT...OUR GALLANT HERO HASTILY RETURNS TO THE ANTIQUE SHOP...

WHEW! LOOKS LIKE I GOT HERE IN TIME! I'LL PUT THIS VASE BACK SO THAT MR. PLOYER WILL NEVER KNOW WHAT HAPPENED!

MORTIMER! ARE YOU THERE?--I HAVEN'T HEARD A THING BREAK FOR THE PAST HOUR...SO I TAKE IT YOU MUST HAVE SNEAKED OUT FOR A COKE, YOU LOAFER!



OH, GOLLY... HE MUSTN'T SEE ME IN MY COSTUME! I'D BETTER CHANGE! HERE GOES...

RED BAND COMICS!



HE SAID THE MAGIC WORDS, SO HE MUST TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES!



WHICH TRANSFERS MIGHTY MILKSOP TO MEEK MORTIMER!!

GOSH AND GOLLY...I'M ME AGAIN! AND...OOPS! THERE GOES THE VASE! WOE IS ME, AGAIN!



MORTIMER! WHAT DO I CHARGE YOU FOR THIS TIME? HEAVENS... MY MOST EXPENSIVE VASE!

OH, DEAR, THIS IS TERRIBLE! NOW I WON'T GET ANY PAY FOR A YEAR!



WELL, WELL... HERE'S SOME MONEY IN YOUR POCKET! LET'S SEE... 47... 48... 49... FIFTY DOLLARS EXACTLY! THANK YOU, MORTIMER! IF BUSINESS KEEPS UP LIKE THIS...I'LL BE A RICH MAN!



GOSH AND GOLLY! THERE GOES THE REWARD MONEY! NOW I'LL HAVE TO KEEP ON WORKING HERE!

AW, WHAT'S THE USE! IT DON'T EVEN PAY TO BE CAPTAIN MILKSOP! I'LL NEVER, NEVER SAY RED BAND COM...OOPS...I'LL NEVER SAY THOSE WORDS AGAIN!





SATANAS

*The MOST EVIL
MAN IN THE
UNIVERSE!*



FROM OUT OF THE FRIGHTFUL DEPTHS OF INTER-GALACTIC SPACE
COMES THE MOST FOUL PLAGUE OUR WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN!
SATANAS...CYNICAL, SNEERING, TOO EVIL FOR HIS OWN KIND...
COMES TO CONQUER OUR WORLD!

OUR STORY BEGINS A THOUSAND YEARS AGO
ON THE DREAD PLANET OF PLUTO!

WE OF PLUTO ARE NOT A
KINDLY RACE! WE MAKE
NO PRETENSE OF HONOUR,
WE HAVE NO PARTICULAR
VIRTUES...



...BUT YOU, SATANAS, HAVE GONE
TOO FAR! YOU MAKE VICE A VIR-
TUE...CRUELTY A PRACTICE...





YOU, SATANAS, HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY!

HO! AND WHAT POSSIBLE PUNISHMENT CAN YOU GIVE ME?



THERE IS NO KNOWN WAY TO KILL ANY OF OUR PEOPLE! NO JAIL COULD PRISON YOUR SCIENTIFIC GENIUS...

PRECISELY! WHERE DOES THIS FARCE END?



YOUR FATE AWAITS YOU THERE, SATANAS! A SPACE SHIP, ALL FOR YOU, WHERE YOU CAN WREAK NO MORE HARM!



THE ONLY JAIL THAT CAN HOLD YOU--- A ROCKET SHIP WITH NO CONTROLS! BEGONE, SATANAS!

THEN YOU'RE NOT GIVING ME MY FREEDOM!



AND SO IT WAS THAT SATANAS LEFT THE ANCIENT PLANET OF PLUTO!



LOST IN THE IMMENSITIES OF SPACE, THE SHIP RACED ON! HUNDREDS OF YEARS WENT SLOWLY BY---

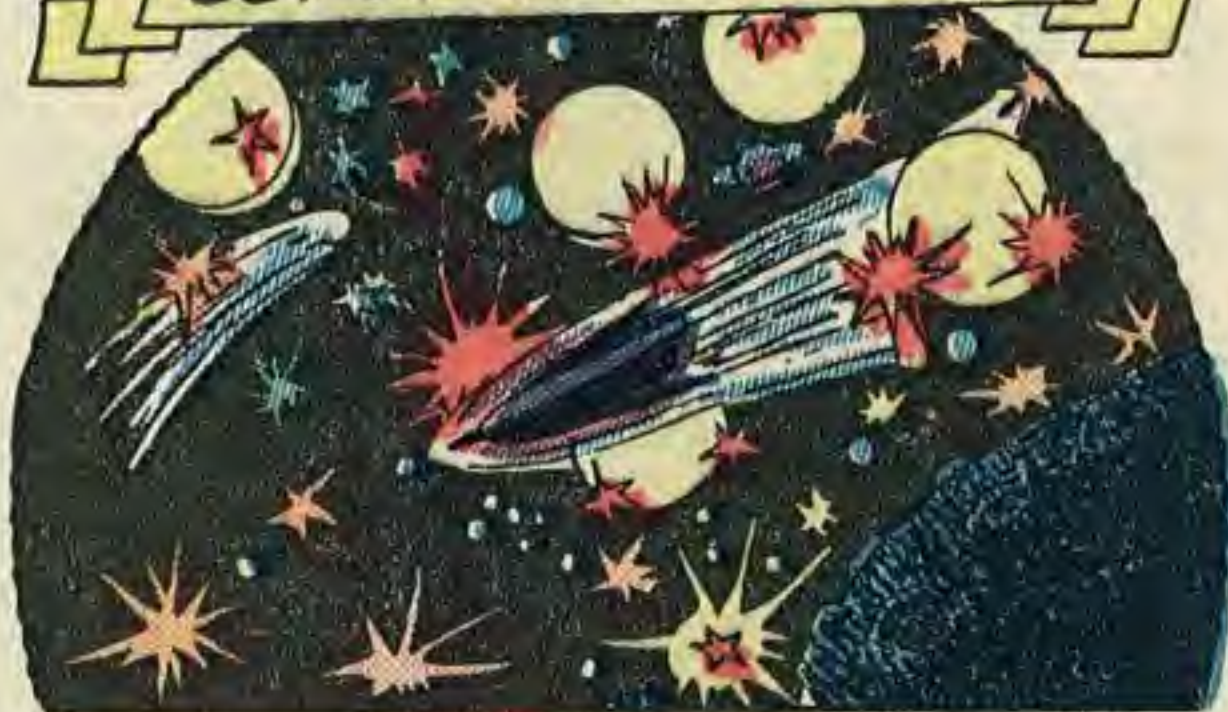
IMBECILES...TO THINK THAT ANY JAIL COULD FOREVER HOLD SATANAS! LITTLE BY LITTLE, I SHALL CONQUER THIS PRISON OF MINE!

AFTER NINE HUNDRED YEARS...

AH! THE ROCKET HAS FINALLY FAILED! ONLY MY MOMENTUM KEEPS ME GOING! NOW IS MY CHANCE!!



BUT SO VAST IS SPACE...



A PRETTY WORLD... MAYHAP A RICH ONE! SINCE I HAVE NO HOME, PERHAPS *THIS* WILL DO!



MY ATOMIC MOTOR IS FINISHED!--NOW, I AM THE MASTER OF MY SHIP AND WOE BETIDE THE FOOLS WHO PRISONED ME!



...THAT, FINALLY...

IT'S NO USE... I SHALL NEVER FIND *PLUTO*! THOSE ENDLESS YEARS, WITH NO INSTRUMENTS TO TELL BY, HAVE DEFEATED ME!--I CAN'T GO BACK! BUT WAIT--WHAT'S *THIS*?



A CHILDISH WORLD! WHY, THEIR BUILDINGS ARE BUT HUTS, COMPARED WITH *PLUTO*! I'LL LAND SECRETLY!



SO IT IS, THAT A SOLITARY, STRANGE FIG-
URE WALKS THE STREETS BY NIGHT...



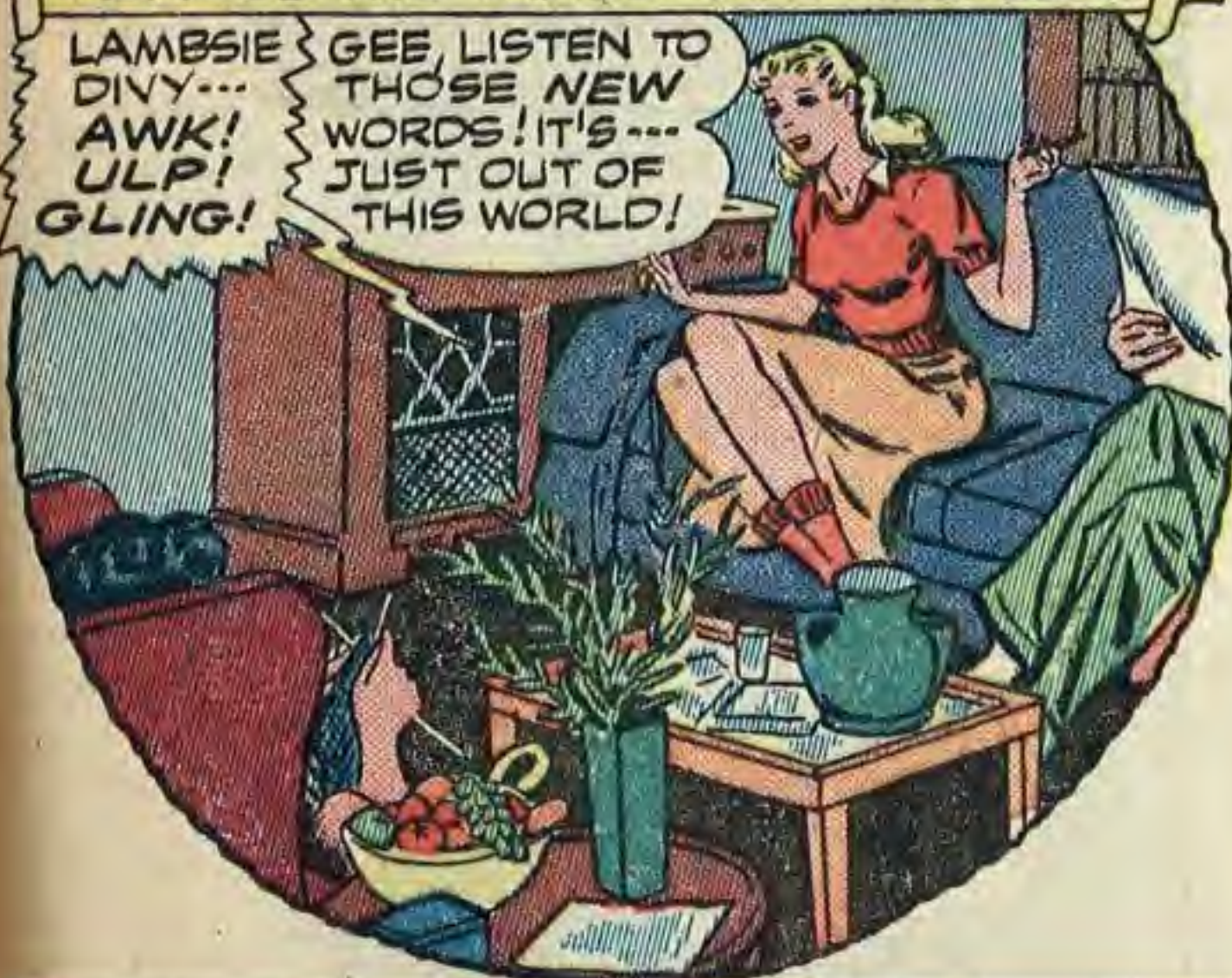
...WREAKING HAVOC WHEREVER HIS
GRIM FIGURE STALKS!



AND SOON, SATANAS HAS MASTERED
ALL THE LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD!



BUT IN HOMES ALL OVER THE WORLD,
LITTLE DOES THE RADIO AUDIENCE
REALIZE THE TRAGEDY IN PROGRESS...



BUT ABRUPTLY... A WEIRD, REAL
OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD VOICE SPEAKS!



I DEMAND YOUR MONEY! THEREFORE, TOMORROW AT DAWN, I RAID THE TREASURY AT FORT KNOX! BE PREPARED... HO! HO!!



SO! MY PARALYSIS RAY DOES WORK ON THESE LOW-GRADE MORONS! I WONDERED IF IT WOULD!



GRAB THAT MAN!! HOW DARE HE INTERRUPT MY SWOON-SINGER! WHAT WILL THE SPONSOR SAY?



WHO'S A LOW GRADE MOR---



SOON, THE NEWS OF THE ONE-MAN INVASION AND HIS WILD BOASTS SPREAD QUICKLY, AND PLANS ARE MADE TO PROTECT FORT KNOX!



HO! A PRETTY PUZZLE FOR THE SO-CALLED SCIENTIFIC GENIUSES HERE!



FRANTICALLY, MEN AND MACHINES LABOR THROUGH THE NIGHT UNTIL EVERY MEANS OF PROTECTION ARE COMPLETED! THEN, MORNING...

ME, I THINK THIS IS ALL SILLY! THE GOLD IS BURIED SO DEEP, THE WALLS OF THE VAULTS ARE SO THICK-- NO ONE CAN GET AT THE GOLD!

I'D AGREE WITH YOU... BUT I SAW THOSE PARALYZED MEN THAT SATANAS LEFT BEHIND HIM!



GOOD GRIEF! WHAT'S THAT THING?

I FEAR THAT THAT IS SATANAS' SHIP!



AN ILLUSION... THAT'S WHAT IT IS... A PUBLICITY STUNT!

THEN WOULD YOU CALL THAT MAGIC?



THE SIGHT OF SATANAS' WEIRD CRAFT, AND THE AIR IS FILLED WITH DEADLY ACK-ACK! BUT CANNON SHELLS MERELY REBOUND HARMLESSLY FROM THE SPACE SHIP!



FOOLS! AS IF THEIR PUNY SLING-SHOTS COULD HURT A SHIP BUILT TO REPULSE METEORS!



I'LL STOP THIS NONSENSE NOW!



ABRUPTLY...THE FIRING CEASES...BOTH MEN AND MACHINES BECOME IMMOBILE...LIKE STATUES! IT'S THE POWER OF SATANAS' PARALYSIS RAY!

THE RAY EVEN PENETRATES THE STEEL OF THE TANKS! WAIT...I HAVE AN IDEA TO STOP THIS MADMAN!

DEEP, DEEP DOWN-- ARE THE VAULTS OF FORT KNOX!

HO-HO-HO! QUIET...ALL IS QUIET!

ANOTHER PUZZLE FOR THE EARTH SCIENTISTS! LITTLE DID I THINK THE ATOMIC POWER FOR MY SHIP WOULD DISSOLVE STEEL!

VICTORIOUS...THE SPACESHIP LANDS ON A FIELD OF STATUE-LIKE SOLDIERS!

I'VE SPRAYED EVERY INCH OF THIS GROUND WITH THE RAY...EVEN THE VAULTS! THE GUARDS ARE IMMOBILE!

AT LAST...THE VAULT! SOON ALL THE GOLD IN AMERICA WILL BE MINE!

THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO SEE! HOW HE WOULD GET THROUGH THE VAULT DOOR!!



TRUE SAYING, THAT! "ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!" I SHAN'T GET ALL THE GOLD, BUT ENOUGH FOR MY NEEDS!



WHEN I DROPPED THE DISINTREGATOR GUN, IT BROKE! MY ONLY WEAPON IS THE PARALYSIS RAY! I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THAT MIRRORED MAN RETURNS WITH REINFORCEMENTS!



TOO LATE! HE GOT AWAY FROM DAN AND TONY! I'LL BET HE STOLE PLENTY OF GOLD, TOO!



THE GREATEST CRIMINAL BRAIN THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN! I WONDER IF HE IS OF OUR WORLD... HA! HAAA!!



NO NEED TO GET HYSTERICAL! UNCLE SAM WILL GET HIM NEXT TIME!

ME? HYSTERICAL? I'M LAUGHING BECAUSE I'M PICTURING SATANAS' FACE--

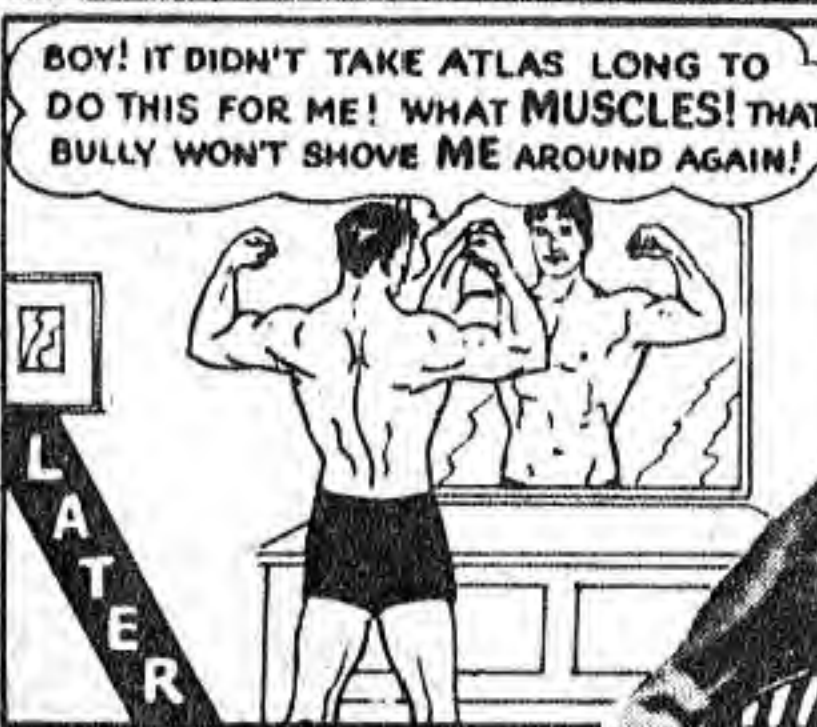


-- WHEN HE FINDS OUT AMERICA HAS BEEN OFF THE GOLD STANDARD FOR YEARS! HO-HO!!

RIGHT! HE WON'T BE ABLE TO SPEND IT HERE IN THE UNITED STATES! HA! HA! ALL THAT WORK FOR NOTHING!!



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