



JOHN DICKERING, A YOUNG-SCIENTIST, DISCOVERS A GAS THAT IS FIFTY TIMES LIGHTER THAN HYDROGEN, HE ALSO DISCOVERS THAT, BY INJECTING SMALL DOSES OF THE GAS INTO HIS BLOODSTREAM, HIS BODY BECOMES LIGHT ENOUGH TO MAKE GREAT LEAPS THROUGH THE AIR!



SMASH
ADVENTURES
OF
THE MOST
ASTONISHING
MAN ON THE
FACE OF
THE
EARTH

by JACK FOLE

AFTER MANY OF SUCH INJECTIONS, HE FINDS THAT THE GAS ACCUMULATES IN THE EYES AND THROWS OFF TWO POWERFUL BEAMS

THESE RAYS, WHEN THEY CROSS EACH OTHER, CAUSE WHATEVER HE LOOKS AT TO DISINTEGRATE COMPLETELY

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TO PREVENT DISINTEGRATING EVERYTHING HE LOOKS AT, IT BECOMES NECESSARY FOR HIM TO WEAR A GLASS SHIELD OVER HIS EYES, FOR GLASS IS THE ONLY THING THAT THE RAY CANNOT PENETRATE!



REALIZING SUCH A PHENOMENON WOULD WRECK CIVILIZATION IF IT SHOULD FALL INTO EVIL HANDS, HE DESTROYS THE FORMULA AND MAKES A SOLEMN VOW TO USE HIS POWERS EVER FOR THE BENEFIT OF HUMANITY!—
THUS IS BORN THE COMET!



THE SCENE SHIFTS TO A SMALL HOUSE IN CHICAGO.

NO MORE SMALL-TIME FOR US, BOYS!—FROM NOW ON, WE'RE OUT FOR **REAL CASH!**—EVER HEAR OF A LITTLE GAME CALLED, **MURDER-FOR-INSURANCE?**

BUT, AIN'T THAT TOO RISKY, JAKE POISON, I MEAN?



NOT WITH THIS STUFF! **TYPHOID FEVER GERMS, DEATH FROM NATURAL CAUSES—NO TRACE OF ANY POISON—WHY, IT'S FOOLPROOF!!**

CHEEZE! WHERE D'JA GET IT?



THE "BOSS" IS GONNA SHIP US A BATCH EVERY WEEK!—NOW HERE'S THE SET-UP!—WE CONTACT BENEFICIARIES OF LARGE INSURANCE POLICIES AND OFFER TO BUMP OFF THE INSURED WITH THESE GERMS FOR **HALF THE AMOUNT OF THE POLICY!**



SOON AFTERWARDS, NEWS OF A GREAT CATASTROPHE TERRIFIES ALL CHICAGO.

WUXTRA!!
TYPHOID FEVER EPIDEMIC SWEEPS CITY.



JOHN! CAN YOU HOP THE NEXT PLANE FOR CHICAGO? IT'S **URGENT!**

THE COMET RECEIVES A CALL FROM A FRIEND.



YOU! BET!



THAT'S ONE WAY OF HOPPING THE CHICAGO PLANE!

WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHT, THE COMET PIERCES THE NIGHT!



AT HIS FRIEND'S HOME, THE COMET HEARS A STRANGE STORY-

-AND HE WANTED TO KILL MY WIFE WITH GERMS FOR HALF THE INSURANCE!



HE'S COMING FOR MY ANSWER TODAY! - I DIDN'T DARE NOTIFY THE POLICE! - CAN YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?



AT THIS POINT, THE DOORBELL RINGS

HERE'S OUR ANSWER, BUD!

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!!

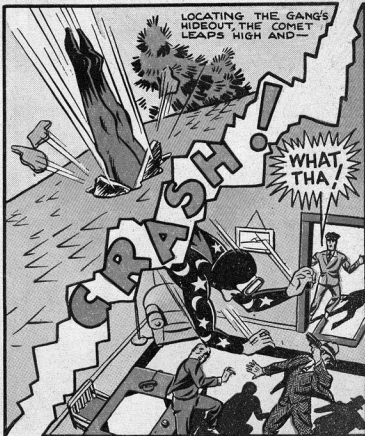


THE THUG SPEEDS AWAY, FOLLOWED BY THE COMET, WHO SNAPS HIS VISOR UP AND FOCUSES HIS DESTRUCTIVE RAY AT THE AIR IN FRONT OF HIM. - THIS CAUSES THE DUST IN THE AIR TO DISINTEGRATE, MAKING AN EFFECTIVE SMOKE SCREEN!



WONDER WHAT'S MAKIN' THIS CAN SMOKE LIKE THAT?!

LOCATING THE GANG'S HIDEOUT, THE COMET LEAPS HIGH AND -





A FEW DAYS LATER
THE COMET SPIES
ONE OF THE THUGS—



JUST A MINUTE!
GIVE ME THAT
SACHEL!

SO! TYPHOID GERMS!
THOUGHT I WAS KIDDING!
EH? — ALLRIGHT, LEECH—
WHERE'S YOUR HANG-
OUT THIS TIME?



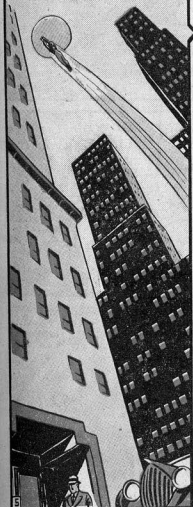
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CHOKE ME!
IT'S ON THE
TOP FLOOR
OF THE TRI-
STATE BUILDING!



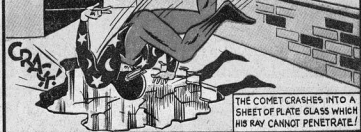
NO! NO!
DON'T!!

BUD YOU'VE
OUTLIVED YOUR
USEFULNESS!

WITH VENGEANCE IN HIS HEART,
THE COMET LEAPS FOR
THE TOP OF THE TRI-STATE.



RAISING HIS PROTECTIVE
VISOR, HE CASTS THE
DISINTEGRATING RAY
ON THE BUILDING, AND
DIVES INTO THE HOLE
MADE BY IT, — BUT —



THE COMET CRASHES INTO A
SHEET OF PLATE GLASS WHICH
HIS RAY CANNOT PENETRATE!

UNCONSCIOUS, THE COMET
IS BROUGHT INSIDE —



NEAT IDEA, JAKE —
LINING THE WALLS
WITH PLATE GLASS!



THIS IS THE
END, WISE
GUY!

JUST IN TIME, THE COMET
REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS. —
HE DESTROYS THE BULLET
IN MID-AIR —



PREPARE TO FACE
YOUR MAKER!

AMID SCREAMS OF TERROR,
THE CRUEL MURDERERS
MELT INTO NOTHINGNESS!



THE COMET LOOKS AROUND
FOR POSSIBLE CLUES OF
THE 'BIG BOSS' IDENTITY.



HOMING PIGEONS!
I'LL BET THAT'S HOW
THEY'VE BEEN
CONTACTING HIM!

FREEDING ONE OF THE
PIGEONS, THE COMET
FOLLOWS! — IT LEADS
HIM TO A BEAUTIFUL
HOME IN THE SUBURBS.



THERE'S A MAN
LEAVING THE
HOUSE!

THE COMET DIVES EARTHWARD



I'LL SNEAK UP
ON HIM!

HUH?!-



DR. ARCHER! —
SO THIS IS HOW YOU
SPEND YOUR IDLE
HOURS! — DEALING
DEATH IN GERMS!!

LET ME DOWN! —
DO YOU HEAR? —
LET ME DOWN!!



AS YOU WISH, DOCTOR! —
THE WORLD HAS TOO
MANY OF YOUR KIND
ALREADY!!



AND SO, WITH THE
GANG DEMOLISHED,
THE COMET FLASHES
AWAY ON ANOTHER
ERRAND OF JUSTICE!

ANOTHER THRILLING "COMET" STORY IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF — PEP COMICS!