

# SHIELD

'G-MAN EXTRAORDINARY'



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JOE HIGGINS, G-MAN EXTRAORDINARY, IS THE SHIELD. ONLY ONE LIVING MAN KNOWS THE SHIELDS TRUE IDENTITY AND THAT MAN IS THE CHIEF OF THE F.B.I. --- BECAUSE JOE'S FATHER WAS KILLED IN THE FAMOUS BLACK TOM EXPLOSION SET OFF BY FOREIGN SPIES DURING THE WORLD WAR, HE, FROM THAT TIME FORWARD, SWORE TO DEVOTE HIS LIFE TO SHIELDING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND ITS PEOPLE FROM ANY HARM, AND SUCCEEDED IN SECURING AN APPOINTMENT AS G-MAN TO CARRY OUT HIS AVOWED DUTY. BECAUSE OF HIS UNIFORM, HE IS CALLED "THE SHIELD". HIS UNIFORM, OF HIS OWN SECRET CONSTRUCTION, NOT ONLY IS BULLET AND FLAME-PROOF BUT GIVES HIM POWER TO PERFORM EXTRAORDINARY FEATS OF PHYSICAL DARING AND COURAGE. WEARING HIS SHIELD, HE HAS THE SPEED OF A BULLET AND THE STRENGTH OF A HERCULES. WITH THESE POWERFUL FORCES, HE SHIELDS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FROM ALL ENEMIES. --- THE FOUR WHITE STARS ON THE FIELD OF BLUE SIGNIFY TO WHAT HE HAS DEVOTED HIS LIFE --- TRUTH, JUSTICE, PATRIOTISM AND COURAGE...

HIGGINS, I'VE GOT A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU!

YES, SIR. I'LL DO MY BEST.



IN THE CHIEF'S OFFICE - HEADQUARTERS OF THE F.B.I.

THERE IS A STOKIAN SPY RING OPERATING HERE AND WE MUST SMASH IT!





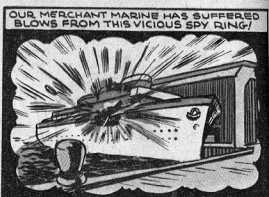
THEY'RE CAUSING A REIGN OF TERROR. THE PUBLIC IS CLAMORING FOR ACTION!



...THEY HAVE BLOWN UP ARSENAL #43



THEY ATTACK AMERICA'S VERY FORTIFICATIONS AND GET AWAY WITH IT!



OUR MERCHANT MARINE HAS SUFFERED BLOWS FROM THIS VICIOUS SPY RING!



HIGGINS— THEY MUST BE STOPPED! START AT ONCE!

I WILL, SIR!



AS HIGGINS LEAVES THE F.B.I. BUILDING TWO SINISTER FIGURES SLINK OUT OF A DARK ALLEY.



I DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS, BUT HE WAS IN THE F.B.I. OFFICE.

HE MUST BE SPYING ON OUR GANG. LET'S GET HIM!

THE TWO MEN PROVE TO BE STOKIAN SPIES.



THEY ATTACK THEIR PREY ON A SIDE STREET.

YOU DIRTY COPPER-  
I'LL KNOCK YOUR  
HEAD OFF!!



BUT WITH THE SPEED OF A FOX, HIGGINS  
DUCKS THE BLOW AND IT SMACKS THE  
OTHER ATTACKER, KNOCKING HIM COLD.



HIGGINS TACKLES THE SECOND STOKIAN  
AND THROWS HIM.

NOW IT'S  
MY TURN!



THE SPY STRIKES HIS HEAD AS HE FALLS.

UGH!



HIGGINS SEARCHES THE STUNNED SPY.

HE'S A STOKIAN  
AGENT, ALL RIGHT.  
HERE'S A NOTE  
FROM HIS CHIEF!



We meet on  
top floor of HOTEL  
BRAGANZA...all  
the building is  
in the hands of  
our friends.  
Klotz



THE G-MAN ARRIVES AT THE HOTEL  
BRAGANZA AND ASKS FOR A ROOM.

SORRY, SIR-  
WE HAVEN'T  
ANY ROOMS  
AVAILABLE



DECIDING  
TO GO UP  
AND LOOK  
AROUND,  
HIGGINS IS  
STOPPED  
BY THE  
BOY.

SORRY, SIR!  
I CAN'T TAKE  
YOU UP  
UNLESS YOU  
STATE YOUR  
BUSINESS!



NOT KNOWING HIGGINS' IDENTITY, THE HOUSE DETECTIVE ASKS JOE TO LEAVE.

YOU CAN'T LOAF  
HERE, BUDDY!



NOT WANTING TO AROUSE SUSPICION, JOE LEAVES THE HOTEL.

I CAN'T CAUSE A FUSS  
IN THE LOBBY WITHOUT  
BEING SURE OF MY FACTS!



IN A CORNER OF THE ALLEY JOE HIGGINS  
OPENS HIS BRIEF CASE AND...

-AND SO THE SHIELD  
WILL GO INTO ACTION  
ON ANOTHER FRONT.



...A MOMENT LATER,  
IN HIS STARTLING  
UNIFORM, HIGGINS  
BECOMES THE  
DREADED SHIELD!



LIKE A HUMAN FLY  
THE SHIELD SCALES  
THE WALLS OF THE  
HOTEL.

THERE'S ALWAYS  
A WAY IN - FOR  
THE SHIELD!



HERE I AM ON THE  
ROOF - BUT NOW,  
HOW DO I GET IN?



FROM A SECRET POCKET IN HIS UNIFORM,  
HE PRODUCES AND SETS UP A RADIO  
SOUND DETECTOR.

NOW TO FIND OUT IF I  
CAN HEAR ANYTHING!



THE SHIELD HEARS A CONVERSATION  
GOING ON BELOW IN A STEEL WALLED ROOM  
IN THE HOTEL.

THE SHIELD CAN'T  
TOUCH US. THIS  
PLACE IS BOMB-  
PROOF, BULLET-  
PROOF AND SOUND-  
PROOF.

BUT WHAT IF  
THE SHIELD-



BUT THE SHIELD'S ELECTRIC BAR BRINGS THE MASTER SPY'S VOICE TO HIM.



WELL, NOT QUITE SOUND-PROOF! AND MAYBE I CAN TOUCH THEM.

IF THE HIDEOUT IS BOMB-PROOF, MAYBE THIS CHEMICAL WILL BE BETTER.



THE SHIELD MIXES A POTENT BREW.

THE POWERFUL SECRET FORMULA CUTS ITS WAY THROUGH ARMOR PLATING.



IN THE HIDEOUT, JUST AS THE MASTER SPY BOASTS OF SUCCESS TO COME...



NOW FOR OUR BIG ADVENTURE -- TO ASSASSINATE THE ARMY CHIEFS!

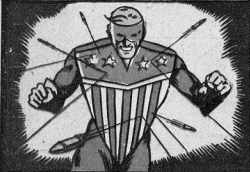


LOOK OUT--IT'S THE SHIELD!

HE'S TORN OPEN THE ROOF!



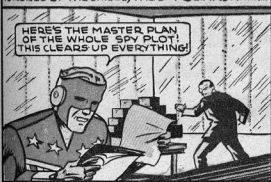
BUT THE BULLETS FLATTEN HARMLESSLY ON THE SHIELD'S UNIFORM.



THE CHIEF SPY CRASHES THE SWORD DOWN ON THE SHIELD'S HEAD— BUT THE BLADE CRUMPLES.



IGNORED BY THE SHIELD, THE SPY SLINKS AWAY...



HERE'S THE MASTER PLAN OF THE WHOLE SPY PLOT! THIS CLEARS UP EVERYTHING!

...AND STACKS UP HIGH EXPLOSIVES.



IN A FEW MOMENTS THIS TIME BOMB WILL BLOT OUT THE EVIDENCE - AND THE SHIELD!

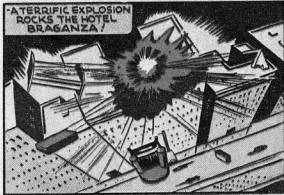


AND THE MASTER SPY ESCAPES THROUGH A SECRET PANEL.



MEANWHILE - AS THE SHIELD UNCOVERS MORE EVIDENCE...

THIS PLACES THE BLAME DIRECTLY ON THE SPIES. OUR COUNTRY WON'T HAVE TO GO TO WAR!



A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION ROCKS THE HOTEL BRAGANZA!



PASSERS-BY ARE HORRIFIED--ALL BUT ONE!

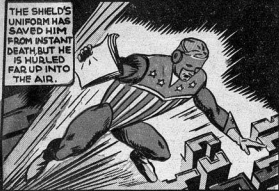
THAT SETTLES THE SHIELD!



THE MASTER SPY, UNNOTICED, SLINKS AWAY FROM THE SCENE OF THE CRIME.

NOW TO SET UP A NEW ORGANIZATION AND START TO WORK AGAIN!

THE SHIELD'S UNIFORM HAS SAVED HIM FROM INSTANT DEATH, BUT HE IS HURLED FAR UP INTO THE AIR.



THIS WILL BE A TERRIBLE FALL... EVEN FOR ME!



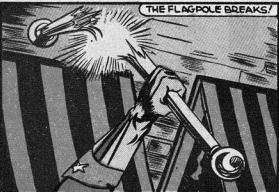
AH-A FLAGPOLE! I'LL BREAK MY FALL!



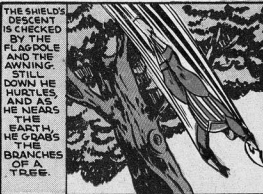
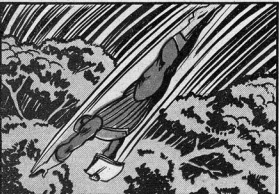
HE CATCHES THE POLE, WHICH BENDS UNDER THE IMPACT!



THE FLAGPOLE BREAKS!



DOWN THROUGH AN AWNING CRASHES THE SHIELD.



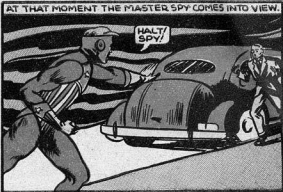
THE SHIELD'S DESCENT IS CHECKED BY THE FLAGPOLE AND THE AWNING. STILL DOWN HE HURTLES, AND AS HE NEARS THE EARTH, HE GRABS THE BRANCHES OF A TREE.



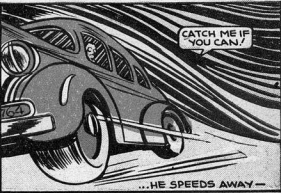


SAFE AND SOUND - WITH THE EVIDENCE!

THE SHIELD LANDS ON HIS HANDS BUT IMMEDIATELY SOMERSAULTS BACKWARDS, LANDING UNHARMED ON HIS FEET.



HALT! SPY!



CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!

...HE SPEEDS AWAY -



YOU WON'T GET ME - NOT YET!

BUT THE SPY DASHES INTO HIS CAR AND...

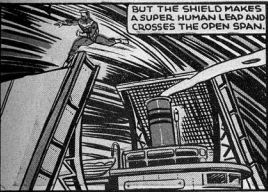


WITH GIANT STRIDES, THE SHIELD - MIGHTIEST OF G-MEN - PURSUES THE FLEEING MASTER SPY.



THE SPY DASHES ACROSS A DRAWBRIDGE JUST AS IT BEGINS TO OPEN.

THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE - BUT THE OPEN BRIDGE WILL STOP THE SHIELD!



BUT THE SHIELD MAKES A SUPER HUMAN LEAP AND CROSSES THE OPEN SPAN.



FEELING SECURE NOW, THE MASTER SPY SLOWS DOWN HIS SPEEDING CAR.

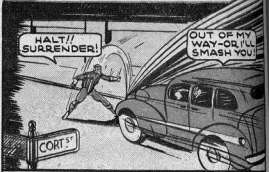
NOW I CAN SLOW DOWN AND CATCH MY BREATH!

THE SHIELD ZOOMS INTO VIEW...



THE SHIELD AGAIN!

...AND SOMERSAULTS TO HIS FEET DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE CAR.

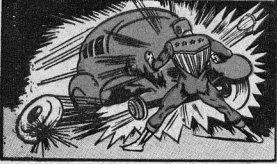


HALT!! SURRENDER!

OUT OF MY WAY-OR I'LL SMASH YOU!

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THE CAR CRASHES INTO THE SHIELD AT FULL SPEED!- BUT HIS UNIFORM PROTECTS HIM FROM HARM.



I'LL CONFESS THE SPY PLOT- ONLY SPARE MY LIFE!

NO-THE SPY STUFF HAS HAD ENOUGH PUBLICITY, CONFESS THAT YOU BLEW UP THE HOTEL!

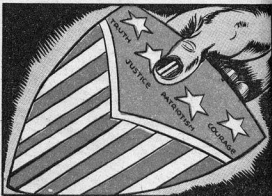


AWED BY THE SHIELD'S AMAZING FEATS, THE MASTER SPY BEGS FOR MERCY.

NOT WISHING TO REVEAL HIS IDENTITY, THE SHIELD PLACES HIS CARD IN THE SPY'S HAND AND SILENTLY DISAPPEARS.

I SURRENDER, OFFICER- I BLEW UP THE HOTEL BRAGANZA!

THEN YOU'LL GO TO PRISON FOR LIFE. BUT WHAT'S THAT IN YOUR HAND?



AS PLAIN JOE HIGGINS, THE SHIELD REPORTS TO HIS CHIEF

YOU DID A GREAT JOB HIGGINS!

THANKS CHIEF. WHAT'S MY NEXT ASSIGNMENT?



THE SHIELD- ALWAYS READY TO PROTECT AMERICA, RECEIVES ANOTHER DANGEROUS ASSIGNMENT FROM HIS CHIEF IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF PEP COMICS!