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SHIELD G-MAN CLUB

BULLETIN NO. 16

DUSTY and I have some real good news, which we pass on to you! This month a brand new Zip Comics is going to be on your favorite newsstand. Just wait 'til you see that book with so many new funny features you won't believe your eyes. First, there's Senor Banana. The name itself sounds funny, doesn't it? Well, just read the story! It's twice as funny! Then there are the Applejacks, a brand new Hill Billy yarn, and Ginger, a regular girl, who has joined the Shield G-Man Club. So don't forget, gang, and get the new Zip Comics, when it comes around to your neighborhood.

Now I want to say a few words to Sgt. Joe Higgins. Yessir, there's a soldier in the United States Armed Forces with the same name as mine, and he wrote in to tell me about it. Joe's stationed in San Diego, California, and here is part of the swell letter he wrote me: "I get a kick out of your Pep Comics . . . the other boys here in camp like Pep Comics very much too." Well, Joe, it sure feels good to have a Sergeant in the army who bears the same name I do, and who is doing his best for his country. Keep it up, and we'll have the Axis licked in no time! I'll try to get some more books to you as soon as possible.

Well, members, there you have it. When we all get behind boys like Joe, who are sacrificing everything for this great country of ours, we'll have the war over in no time.

Outstanding members this month:

GEORGE SCHARLOTT
1318 Elwood Road
East Cleveland, Ohio

BELLE YANKOW
1181 Union Street
Warren, Ohio

FRANCES BROOKS
2077 Wallace Avenue
Bronx, N. Y.

MARTIN ELKIN
343 Howard Avenue
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sincerely,

Joe Higgins (The Shield)

USE THIS ENTIRE COUPON!!

JUST PRINT PLAINLY ON THIS COUPON, YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AGE AND SEND IT TO ME WITH 10c TO COVER COST OF MAILING AND HANDLING.

Joe Higgins
Room 315
60 Hudson St.
New York City

Dear Joe:

Please enroll me as a member of the **SHIELD G-MAN CLUB**. I am enclosing this coupon together with Ten Cents to cover the costs of handling and mailing my Badge and Identification Card.



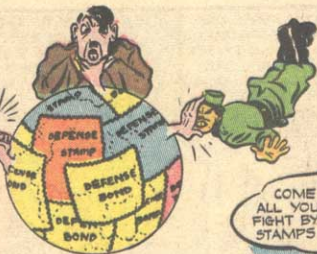
EXACT COPY OF BADGE
IN THREE COLORS
RED—WHITE—BLUE

NAME.....

ADDRESS..... AGE.....

CUT ON THIS LINE

HARRY SHORTEN, EDITOR



LET'S KNOCK
THE AXIS OFF THE
FACE OF THE EARTH!

COME ON, KIDS, BRING
ALL YOUR PENNIES INTO THE
FIGHT BY BUYING DEFENSE
STAMPS AND BONDS!

YOUNG SOLDIERS of AMERICA CLUB

HONORABLE MENTION

HUGHIE RAYMOND, 1125 NEWKIRK AVE. B'KLYN, N.Y. AND NICKY THOENNESS, 731 SO. 29TH ST. LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, BOUGHT A \$25 WAR BOND RESPECTIVELY. NO \$50 BOND PURCHASES THIS MONTH AMONG OUR MEMBERS. COME ON, KIDS. YOU'RE DOING SWELL, AND YOU CAN DO BETTER!

OLLIE ABERNATHY, 80 CASTLEMAN ST BELGON, ILLS.
ANNIE MAE BREUX, 214 E 112 ST LOS ANGELES, CAL.
CHARLOTTE R BURDICK, 1183 S PARK AVE LACKAWANNA, N.Y.
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HOWARD LAMPAL, 324 E 45TH ST B'KLYN, N.Y.
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GLORIA TRAYNOR, 132 1/2 MAIN ST WELLSVILLE, N.Y.
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JIMMIE WHEAT, BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY
ABBIE JO WILLS, LIVE OAK CANYON, MIAMI, ARIZ.
BEVERLY WILLS, LIVE OAK CANYON, MIAMI, ARIZ.

JOIN THE YOUNG SOLDIERS OF AMERICA... AN ACTIVE CLUB WHERE YOUR ENTRANCE TICKET INTO THE SCRAP WITH ADOLF BENITO AND HIROHITO IS A VICTORY STAMP! IF YOU CAN TRUTHFULLY FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING COUPON, YOU'RE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP. FILL OUT THE COUPON OR COPY IT ON A POST CARD AND SEND IT ALONG TO US AND YOUR NAME WILL APPEAR IN THE NEAR FUTURE ON THE MEMBERSHIP LISTS ON THIS PAGE. REMEMBER IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER YOU CAN AFFORD A 10¢ WAR STAMP OR A \$50.00 BOND--BUY ALL YOU CAN AFFORD.

ON MY HONOR AS A LOYAL, PATRIOTIC AMERICAN I PLEDGE THAT I HAVE BOUGHT VICTORY STAMPS (OR STAMP) AND AM ELIGIBLE FOR THE "YOUNG SOLDIERS OF AMERICA CLUB."

NAME (PRINT PLAINLY).....

ADDRESS STREET.....

CITY..... STATE.....

There is no Rationing on **Laughs**

IN THE NEW

ZIP

COMICS!!

HERE HE IS GANG,
THE **TOP LAUGH-
MAKER** OF THEM
ALL ---- **SEÑOR
BANANA!**

I'M STILL
AROUND,
GANG ---
**WILBUR
WILKINS** OF
WESTFIELD!

DON'T FORGET
ME, STEEL!
**WOODY THE
WOODPECKER!**

I'M
SLAPPY
YUK, YUK,
YUK!

I'M
PAPPY!
I'M
HAPPY!

I'M
GINGER!

I'M
CHIMPY!

ALL THESE BRAND NEW, UNBELIEVABLY FUNNY FEATURES APPEAR
IN THE APRIL ZIP COMICS! APRIL ZIP WILL APPEAR ON SALE
ALMOST ANY DAY, NOW! TAKE A TIP, BUY **ZIP!**



C'mon-BOYS-GIRLS MEN-WOMEN PICK YOUR PRIZE

THESE PRIZES ARE GIVEN TO YOU—Just send for 40 packets of easy selling Garden Spot Seeds which you can easily and quickly sell to your friends and neighbors at 10c each. Return the \$4.00 collected and select your Prize in accordance to our offers. SEND NO MONEY—WE TRUST YOU.

One Pair Racing HOMER PIGEONS
 Its fun to raise and train and handle Racing Homer Pigeons. On a pair of mated birds given for selling only 1 order of seeds. Sent Ex. Collect.

10 Piece Priscilla Curtain Set

All given as one Premium for selling only 1 order of seeds. Sent postpaid.

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Beautiful DINNER SET

This beautiful Set Given for selling only 2 orders of Seeds. Sent Express Collect.

VIOLIN, BOW & INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN

Handsome finish, highly polished. POSITIVELY NOT A TOY. Send no money. GIVEN for selling only 4 orders. MAIL THE COUPON TODAY. BE FIRST.

Suitable for Dad or Son

This set is complete and practical, as shown. Given for selling only one 40 pkt. order of Garden Spot Seeds at 10 cts. each. WRITE FOR SEEDS TODAY.

ALL 3 GIVEN

GUITAR-UKULE AND MANDOLIN AND BANJO

Just the Instruments for you until you can afford those of larger size. ALL 3 INSTRUMENTS, GUITAR-UKULE, HANDBO AND MANDOLIN given for selling only 40 pkts. of Garden Spot Seeds at 10 cts. a pkt.

CANDID-TYPE CAMERA

Not only one order of Garden Spot Seeds at 10 cts. a packet and this splendid Camera is yours. WRITE FOR SEEDS TODAY.

CHENILLE BED SPREAD

Here is a handsome addition to your bed room. Your choice of colors. Sell only one order of Garden Spot Seeds at 10c plus 30c.

Basket Ball GIVEN

Latest Rubber Valve Type. Given for selling only 40 pkts. at 10 cts. each.

A Real Live Canary FOR YOU!

What a Pet! You will love it. Canary and Cage both given for selling only one order of seeds at 10 cts. a packet. Sent Ex. Collect.

ONE PAIR RABBITS

The raising of rabbits for the market is a fascinating business. We offer and guarantee safe arrival One Pair of Rabbits for selling only two orders. Rabbits sent Ex. Collect.

SEND NO MONEY WE TRUST YOU

Everyone who plants a garden will help to solve the problem of the feeding of the nation.

THIS PIN IS YOURS FREE

Just mail the Coupon today and this beautiful Pin, symbolic of American Freedom will be sent right along with the seeds. HURRY!

MAIL COUPON TODAY

36th Year

Lancaster County Seed Co., Station 393, Paradise, Pa.

Please send me 40 packets (one order) of Garden Spot Seeds to sell at 10 cts. a pkt. for a fine Gift. I will sell and pay for seeds in 30 days. Also send right along with Seeds Patriotic Pin shown above.

Name _____

Post Office _____

State _____

Street or R.F.D. _____ Box _____

Print your last name plainly below

Save 2 cents by filling in, pasting and mailing this Coupon on a 4c Post Card. TODAY.

Archie

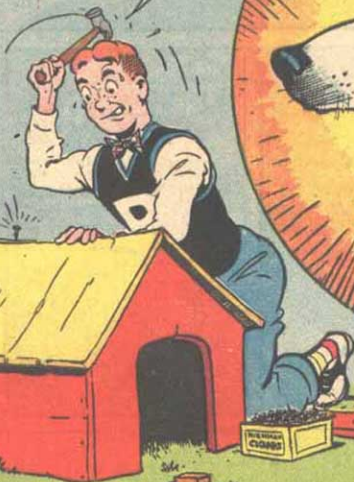
by
Montana

HELLO FOLKS!

I'M OSCAR ARCHIE'S
NEW DOG. COURSE I'M
NOT REALLY A TALKING
DOG, BUT I JUST WANTED
TO INTRODUCE MYSELF
BEFORE YOU READ THIS
STORY ABOUT HOW I
JOINED THE ANDREWS
FAMILY!!!

WHAT'CHA
BUILDIN' ARCHIE,
A BIRD
HOUSE?

NO, DOPE!
WHO EVER SAW
A BIRD THIS BIG!
I'M GOING
TO ADOPT A
DOG!



NOW THE
FINISHING TOUCH...
.. HIS NAME,
"OSCAR!"

HEY, HOW
DO YA KNOW
HIS NAME'LL
BE OSCAR?

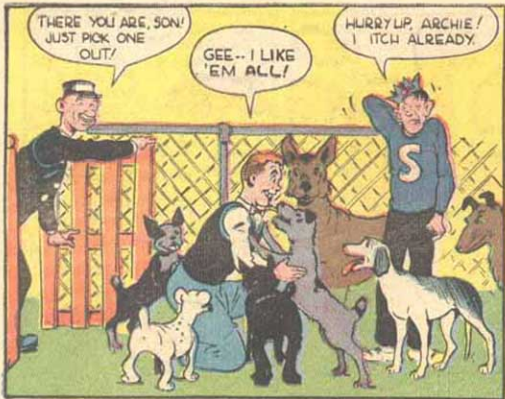
OH, JUGHEAD...
THESE DOGS
DON'T HAVE
NAMES! THEY'RE
ORPHANS!

THE "BIDE-A-WEE"
HOME
DOG POUND

HERE WE
ARE THE
"BIDE-A-WEE
HOME!"

A FRENCH
JOINT,
HUH?







ARCHIE!
ARCHIE!
COME DOWN
HERE IN THE
GARAGE!

NOW WHAT?
GOSH I HOPE
OSCAR HASN'T
DONE ANYTHING!



LOOK AT OSCAR
YOUR MALE
JUST HAD TEN
PUPPIES!



BUT DAD,
I CAN'T GET
RID OF THEM YET!
GOSH! THEY
HAVEN'T EVEN
GOT THEIR EYES
OPEN!

ALRIGHT!
YOU CAN KEEP
THEM ONE
WEEK! BUT
THEN THEY GO!
ALL OF THEM!



THREE
WEEKS
LATER.
DAD! YOU MUST
MAKE ARCHIE
GET RID OF
THOSE PUPPIES!
JUST LOOK AT
MY NYLONS!

HEH, HEH! THE
LITTLE RASCALS.
----- ALRIGHT
MOTHER, I'LL
TELL ARCHIE.
LATER-- SAY!
WHERE'S MY
SLIPPERS?



MY SLIPPERS!
CHEWED!
THAT SETTLES IT!
ARCHIE!

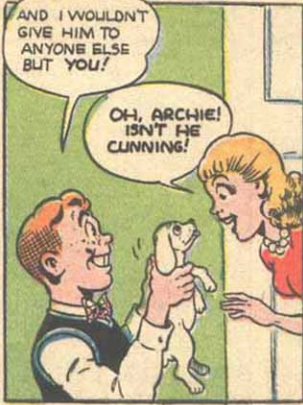


WELL FELLAS!
YOU HAVE TO GO TOMORROW!
BOY THIS BED'LL SEEM AS
EMPTY AS MRS. GRUNDY'S
DATE BOOK!



NEXT MORN
TAKE ONE AT
A TIME JUG,
AND WHEN YOU GET
RID OF HIM COME
BACK FOR ANOTHER.

OH JUGHEAD!
AH--- LEAVE THAT
ONE UNTIL THE
LAST -- PLEASE.



AND I WOULDN'T
GIVE HIM TO
ANYONE ELSE
BUT YOU!

OH, ARCHIE!
ISN'T HE
CUNNING!



HAS HE GOT
A PEDIGREE?

OH, NO MAM!
HE'S AS HEALTHY
AS I AM!



Suddenly



DID YOU HEAR THAT?

YES! SOUNDED LIKE SCRATCHING AT THE FRONT DOOR!

OH! YOU DON'T SUPPOSE...



I'LL GET IT!

I'VE GOT IT!

WAIT FOR ME!

THEY'RE BACK!

WA! HA! EVERY ONE!

YIPPEE!

YIP YAP YIP YIP



BEDTIME.

HEY, THERE'S ONLY NINE OF YOU HERE! ONE GUYS MISSING!

THAT'S FUNNY! I'M SURE ALL TEN CAME IN! I'LL ASK THE FOLKS IF THEY KNOW WHERE HE IS!

?

THE END

SERGEANT BOYLE

BY HUBBELL



SUPPORTING THE FIGHTING YANKS IN NORTH AFRICA, AN ALLIED MUNITIONS TRAIN SPEEDS THROUGH THE DESERT NIGHT...

IT'S KINDA HARD TO CONCENTRATE ON PINOCHE WITH THIS CABOOSE JITTER - BUGGIN' DOWN THE TRACK!

GO ON! YOU'RE JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOUR REPUTATION AS A CARD SHARP, TWERP!

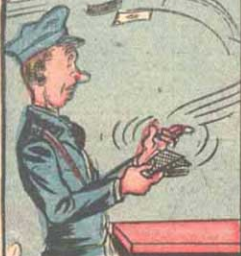
THAT'S THE FIFTH STRAIGHT GAME YOU'VE WON! SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THESE CARDS!

DON'T LOOK AT ME! YOU'VE BEEN DEALIN' 'EM!

ARE YOU INSINUATIN' THAT I'M CHEATING? WHY I NEVER HANDLED CARDS IN MY LIFE!

HM! THEN WHERE'D YOU GET THAT PROFESSIONAL SHUFFLE?

WELL, THIS GAME'LL BE DIFFERENT! SO YOU'D BETTER WATCH OU...?



BLANKETY BLANK DRAFTY CAR! THERE GO MY FIVE ACES!



WH-WHAT'S THAT NOISE? ULP! B-B-BOMBERS!





6*!! BLANK
WE'RE GOING TO
B-BE BOMBED!
OOOHHHHH!

C'MON, WE'LL
JUST HAVE TO
TAKE OUR
CHANCES AND
JUMP FOR IT!

BUT WHAT ABOUT
THE ENGINEER
AND FIREMAN?
WE CAN'T LEAVE
THEM TO BE BLOWN
UP!

GOSH!
I FORGOT
ABOUT
THEM!

HEY!
JUMP!
JUMP!



GET OFFA
THAT TRAIN!
GERMAN
BOMBERS!

YOU AIN'T
GOT A CHANCE!
JUMP!
QUICK!

I'D HATE TO HOOF
IT DOWN THIS HILL!
WONDER IF I CAN
REACH THE
COUPLER?



YEP! I CAN
JUST MAKE IT!
WELL, SO LONG,
LITTLE TRAIN!



LOOK!
THE CABOOSE
IS LOOSE! SHE
STOPPED! SHE'S
COMIN' BACK!

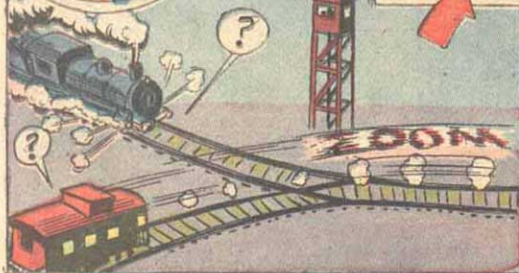
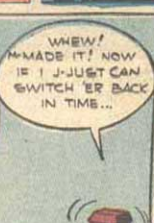
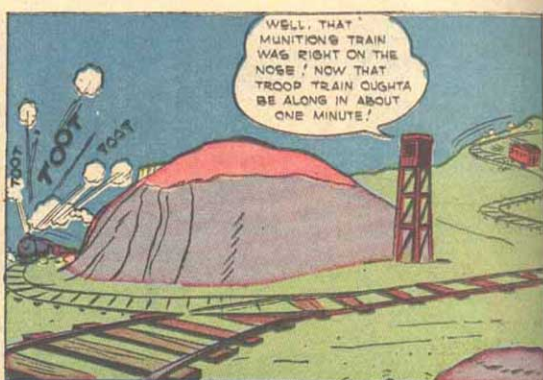
HERE WE
COME! GET
READY TO
JUMP ABOARD
AS WE COME
PAST!



SWISH



I DON'T KNOW
WHERE WE'LL
END
UP, BUT WE SURE
ARE GETTIN' THERE
FAST!



THAT TROOP TRAIN!

IF THE HEINIES SPOT IT THEY'LL BOMB IT, TOO!



SUDDENLY THERE IS A DULL ROAR FAR TO THE WEST, THEN THE NIGHT SKY GLOWS BLOOD RED!



WELL, THERE GO OUR MUNITIONS!

HEY, MIKE! GERMAN BOMBERS! S-STOP THE TRAIN!

WE'LL HIDE HERE, TILL THEY LEAVE! THEY'LL NEVER SPOT US BEHIND THIS MOUNTAIN... I-HOPE!



DA'S DA TOD TRAIN DEM #6!!! NAZIS HAS BLASTED THIS MONTH, IT'S ALL VERY DISCOURAGING! I WISH I WAS BACK ON THE LACKAWANNA!

THE NEAREST HEINIE FIELDS ARE MILES AWAY, SO THEY MUST HAVE PRETTY RELIABLE INFORMATION! WONDER WHERE FROM?

'DON'T ASK ME! THE NATIVES ARE ALL ON OUR SIDE!



MEN! THAT WAS A PRETTY CLOSE SQUEAK WE JUST HAD BUT WE'VE STILL GOT TO GET THROUGH TO OUR MAIN FORCES! EACH OF YOU GRAB A PICK OR SHOVEL, WE'LL HAVE THE TRACK CLEARED IN NO TIME!



THOSE BLANKETY-BLANK HEINIES! THEY SURE RUINED OUR GAME... AN' ME WITH ALL THOSE ACES!

BOY, WOULD I LIKE TO GET MY HANDS ON THE SPY THAT'S BEEN GIVIN' OUT THAT INFORMATION!... WHO'S THIS GUY COMING?



WELL, WELL, WELL! WHERE HAVE I SEEN THAT VAPID RACE BEFORE? AH, YES! ARE YOU ANDREW 'TWERP?

P-PROFESSOR SNOGRASS! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE I STUDIED CHEMISTRY AT MARROW PREP!



AH YES! REVOLTING SPOT! WAS IT NOT? SO YOU'RE A CAPTAIN NOW! HEH! TSK! TSK! TSK!



PROF MEET SERGEANT BOYLE!

CHARMED, I'M SURE! WELL, AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE, DROP OVER TO MY LABORATORY FOR A SPOT OF TEA!



WELL, HERE WE ARE! THERE'S MY ABODE! WRETCHED LITTLE HUT, ISN'T IT?



SAY, THIS IS QUITE A LAYOUT YOU'VE GOT HERE! YOU DOING SOME EXPERIMENTS, PROFESSOR?

BEG PARDON! I AM NOT AT LIBERTY TO DIVULGE THAT INFORMATION! MILITARY SECRET, YOU KNOW!

SURE! SURE! WE UNDERSTAND, PROFESSOR, THAT'S OKAY!

MILITARY SECRET! HUMPH!

GAME OLD SNOODRAGE! DUMB AS EVER! WAGN'T EVEN ENOUGH SENSE TO KEEP THE PLACE WARM! IT'S LIKE AN ICEBOX IN HERE!



AHH! THAT'S BETTER!

NO! NO! NO! PLEASE DON'T DO THAT!

I WISH YOU'D LEAVE THINGS ALONE! OF ALL THE SILLY THINGS TO DO!

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED CAPTAIN, TO LEARN THAT THIS LOG IS FILLED WITH T.N.T.!!

WHAT!!



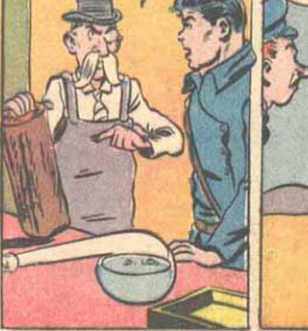
I MAY AS WELL TELL YOU! I HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO DEVISE A HARMLESS LOOKING CONTAINER IN WHICH TO TRANSPORT EXPLOSIVES! THAT WAS ONE OF MY EXPERIMENTS!

LATER
WHAT DO YOU SAY, TWERP? LET'S GO SEE HOW THAT REPAIR JOB IS COMING!

SWELL, I'M GETTING FED UP WITH LISTENING TO OLD SNOODRAGE!

NOW THERE'S A RARE SIGHT! AN OSTRICH!

SEE I ALWAYS THOUGHT OSTRICHES CAME FROM AUSTRIA!



LOOK, BOYLE: AN EGG!

WHAT'D YOU EXPECT? PANCAKES AND SAUSAGES? BETTER BE CAREFUL!



WELL, I WARNED YOU!

**SROCK
SROCK
SROCK**

WHAT'S HE SO EXCITED ABOUT? I DIDN'T TOUCH HIS OLD EGG!



GOSH! HE'S CATCHIN' UP WITH ME! OWWW!

PLOP



GOOD! HE'S GOIN' AWAY! THAT WAS CLOSE!

SROCK



**TWERP!
HEY, TWERP!
WHERE ARE YOU?**

H'YA, SARGE! HERE I AM!



YOU COULD HAVE AT LEAST RUN THE WAY WE WERE GOING! NOW WE'LL HAVE TO GO ALL THE WAY BACK, AND SAY, WHICH WAY IS BACK?

DARNED IF I KNOW! LISTEN! I HEAR VOICES!



LOOK, IT'S A CAMP! MAYBE THEY CAN TELL US WHERE WE ARE!

WAIT! TAKE IT EASY! LISTEN!



FOR FIVE VEEKS VE BEEN IN DIS VERFLUCHTE DESERT OBSERVING DER AMERICAN TROOP MOVEMENTS! WHY DON'T OUR REPLACEMENTS COME!

WHERE 'S DER COOK? SEND HIM IN!



GO DERE YOU ARE! I'M HUNGRY! COOK ME SOME EGGS!

SORRY, MEIN KAPITAN, VE HAFF NO EGGS!

NO EGGS? THEN MAKE ME SOME SAUERBRATEN!

VE ALSO HAFF NO SAUERBRATEN! IN FACT DER FOOD 'S ALL GONE!



GO THAT'S WHERE ALL THAT INFO IS LEAKING FROM! THEY RADIO IT DIRECT TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS!

THE DIRTY SPIES! IF WE HAD A FEW MORE ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, WE COULD PICK 'EM OFF FROM HERE!

TOO MANY OF 'EM FOR THAT, BUT HAVE AN IDEA THAT MIGHT WORK! LET'S GO BACK AND FIND THAT OSTRICH EGG!

HERE SHE IS! GUESS THAT OSTRICH IS STILL OUT GUN-NIN' FOR YOU, TWERP!

YES! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE SHE COMES BACK!



BACK AT THE LAB, BOYLE AND TWERP FIND PROF. SNODGRASS TAKING A NAP...

I PUNCHED A HOLE IN EACH END! BLOW THE EGG OUT, TWERP, WHILE I GET THE T.N.T.!

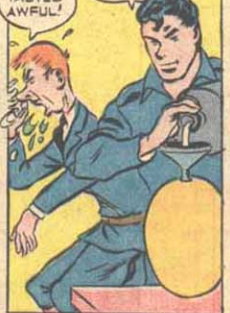
SLOOFFT! GLUGGG! UGH!

NO! NO! DON'T DRINK IT, YOU DOPE! BLOW!

GAAA! IT SURE TASTES AWFUL!

THIS'LL BE TICKLISH TO CARRY! SEE IF YOU CAN DIG UP A BLANKET TO WRAP IT UP IN!

OLD MAN SNODGRASS SURE CAN SLEEP! I SWIPED THIS BLANKET OFF HIM AN' HE DIDN'T EVEN MOVE!



I'LL SNEAK AROUND TO THE OTHER SIDE AN' HOWL LIKE A DOG! WHEN THEY GO AFTER ME, YOU DROP THE EGG OFF!

RIGHTO! LOOK OUT THEY DON'T CATCH YOU, BOYLE!

A FEW MINUTES LATER

E O O W P P R R

LISTEN! A DOG AT LAST VE EAT!





CAPTAIN COMMANDO

and the
BOY
SOLDIER



STAND CLEAR, NAZIS! THE COMMANDOS ARE COMING! STOP TREMBLING IN YOUR BOOTS! IT WILL DO YOU NO GOOD, BECAUSE NO ONE, NOTHING, CAN STOP THE VENGEANCE OF THE COMMANDOS! HERE IS A STORY FROM WITHIN AND ABOUT NAZI GERMANY! CAPTAIN COMMANDO AND THE BOY SOLDIER, TOGETHER WITH NEW COMMANDO RECRUITS, ALMOST SUFFER DEFEAT, UNTIL... BUT, READ ON!

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND: AT
COMMANDO TRAINING HEAD-
QUARTERS -----



THIS IS
THE LAST
ONE, BOYS!
MAKE IT
GOOD!

LOOK OUT BELOW
HERE COMES
BROOKLYN

ENOUGH PRACTICE FOR
ONE DAY, BOYS! FALL IN TO
BARRACKS! I'M INTERVIEW-
ING NEW RECRUITS TO OUR
OUTFIT!

BOY, I FEEL
RIGHT IN THE
PINK O'CON-
DITION, CAP!

LATER AT THE
RECRUITING OF-
FICE -----

SIT DOWN,
WON'T YOU PLEASE?

HALLO --- CAPTAIN
COMMANDO?



THESE
QUESTIONS ARE
NECESSARY AND IM-
PORTANT! PLEASE AN-
SWER CORRECTLY!

BIRTHPLACE?
FAMILY?

WARSAW!
FAMILY? ---??

FAMILY? WIFE, YES!
BOY, YES! I FIGHT! I
COME BACK! WIFE IN GERMANY,
NO WIFE! BOY NOT THERE!
NO WIFE! NO BOY!



I WANT JOIN
WITH YOU,
CAPTAIN, I
GOT TO!

YOU'LL DO! CORPORAL, SHOW HIM TO
COMMANDO BARRACKS! AND SHOW
IN THE NEXT
RECRUIT!

OLE LARKIN,
REPORT
SIRR!



YOU REALIZE BEFORE YOU TAKE ON THIS JOB, OLE, THAT COMMANDOS PLAY FOR KEEPS!

THAT'S THE ONLY WAY I PLAY WITH NAZIS!

WHAT ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?

MY FAMILY? HERE----- HERE THEY ARE---

THEY'RE A BEAUTIFUL FAMILY, OLE! ARE THEY ALIVE?



ALIVE? DO THE NAZIS ALLOW ANY BEAUTIFUL THINGS TO GROW?

SORRY, OLE! WE'LL MAKE IT UP SOME DAY-- TOGETHER!

THANK YOU, CAPTAIN! I LIVE FOR THAT DAY!



ALL RIGHT, CORPORAL, SHOW IN THE NEXT RECRUIT!

YESSIR!

NAME?

ZIEGFRIED WERNER?

BIRTHPLACE?

BERLIN!

HEIGHT? WEIGHT?

5 FT. 100 POUNDS!

WHAT? FIVE FEET? WHY WE CAN'T--- OH--- I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T NOTICE BEFORE!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT CAPTAIN! NO NEED TO BE SORRY! YOUR REACTION TO MY BODY IS NOT NEW TO ME!



THIS IS UNUSUAL --- REALLY UNUSUAL ZIEGFRIED! YOU SEE THE COMMANDOS REQUIRE MEN OF STRENGTH COURAGE, BRAUN ---

---AND BRAINS CAPTAIN! THAT'S WHAT I CAN OFFER, BRAINS!

A VERY NECESSARY REQUISITE, YES, BUT HOW VALUABLE *BEHIND THE LINES!* COMMANDOS ARE A PICKED GROUP OF THE BRAVEST, STRONGEST AND MOST FEARLESS OF OUR RESOURCES OF FIGHTING MEN, OUR FIGHTERS, ABOVE ALL MUST BE THOSE WITH A *HATE* AND A *PURPOSE!*

HATE? PURPOSE? I HAVE THOSE CAPTAIN! NOT BECAUSE OF A CRIME COMMITTED AGAINST A BODY, PHYSICALLY --- BUT A CRIME AGAINST THE *MIND*, THE SOUL --- LISTEN TO MY STORY!

LET ME TAKE YOU BACK TO 1933 IN BERLIN, MY CLASSMATE AND I WERE CALLING ON PROFESSOR BUCHNER ---

IT IS A GREAT HONOR, WOLFE!

AH, MY TWO BEST SCHOLARS ZIEGFRIED AND WOLFE! COME IN! THE FOOD IS WAITING ON THE TABLE FOR YOU!

IMAGINE THE PROFESSOR INVITING US TO HIS HOME ZIEGFRIED!

GOOD EVENING, HEKK PROFESSOR!

OH! WHAT A MEAL! ELSA YOUR COOKING CAN'T BE COMPARED WITH IN ALL GERMANY --- NO --- IN ALL THE WORLD!

STOP YOUR FLATTERY, PAUL! WHEN ONE HAS SUCH PLEASANT COMPANY THE FOOD COOKS BY ITSELF!

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AND LATER THAT EVENING,
LONG AFTER WE LEFT...
WHAT A PLEASANT
EVENING, ELSA! ALMOST
TOO GOOD TO
BE TRUE!

SOMEONE IS
KNOCKING,
PAUL! WHO
COULD IT
BE?

HERR PROFESSOR, FRAU... WONDER-
FUL NEWS! I COULDN'T WAIT TO
TELL YOU! ADOLPH HITLER
HAS BEEN APPOINTED
CHANCELLOR OF THE REICH!

YES, CAPTAIN, THAT WAS
THE BEGINNING! FROM
THAT NIGHT ON EVENTS
MOVED RAPIDLY! THE
SUBJUGATION OF THE GER-
MAN PEOPLE STARTED!
OLD FRIENDS BECAME
ENEMIES...



CLASSROOMS WERE CONVERTED INTO
TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR THE NAZIS...



AND THEN CAME THE FATAL ANNOUNCE-
MENT FOR ME...

ACHTUNG! LISTEN PEOPLE OF
GERMANY! HEREFTER
ALL THOSE WITH PHYSI-
CAL DEFORMITIES ARE
DECLARED UNFIT BY
THE REICH!



THE DAY OF GRADUATION... THE
DAY OF THE PRESENTATION
OF THE MEDALS TO THE HONOR
STUDENTS... AT LAST THE DAY
HAS COME! GRADUATION AND THEN
I'LL RETIRE! I'LL NOT TEACH NAZI
THEORIES

HEIL HITLER PROFESSOR!
I AM ON MY WAY TO A \$5.
MEETING AND WOULD LIKE
TO REPORT TO THEM THAT I
HAVE WON THE AWARD! I
HAVE WON IT, HAVEN'T I?

YOU... YOU CONCEITED IDIOT!
THEY HAVE DONE A GOOD
JOB ON YOU, HAVEN'T THEY,
THOSE NAZIS! I'LL GIVE YOU
A MESSAGE FOR YOUR
NAZIS...



YES... COME
IN!



YES--YOU WERE SECOND TO ZIEGFRIED? HE WON IT AND I'M GLAD!

WHAT! YOU DARE TO AWARD THE PRIZE TO A **DEFORMED CREATURE!**

IT WAS NOT LONG BEFORE WOLFE'S TWED MIND WAS PLANNING REVENGE, AND THE I WAS TO RECEIVE THE MEDAL-----



HERE COMES THE HUNCHBACK NOW!



UGH, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
UGH---

WH--- WOLFE! IT'S YOU!
HAVE MERCY ON ME---
CALL THEM OFF!



HA, HA! I DON'T THINK MY FRIEND, ZIEGFRIED WILL WANT THE MEDAL NOW, EH, HANS?

HAW HAW, THE NEXT TIME WE STRAIGHTEN OUT HIS HUMP!

HEIL, HERR PROFESSOR!

GET OUT YOU---
YOU CUT-THROAT!



I HEARD ABOUT YOUR BESTIAL ATTACK UPON ZIEGFRIED, TONIGHT AT THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES, I WILL GIVE YOU MY ANSWER!

LATER, THAT SAME EVENING---

NOW, I COME TO THE SCHOLASTIC AWARD! UNFORTUNATELY THE WINNER IS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT! HIS NAME IS-- **ZIEGFRIED WERNER!**

SO! YOU FOUL TRAITOR! YOU CHOSE A MESSIAH CREATURE OVER A STRONG, FULL-BLOODED ARYAN AFTER ALL! YOU ARE NOT A VERY GOOD TEACHER, HERR, PROFESSOR!



YOU MUST, YOURSELF, BE TAUGHT A LESSON!

SMACK

FOR YEARS, I WAS TORTURED AND TORMENTED, ALMOST TO THE POINT OF INSANITY! CAPTAIN COMMANDO! THEY TRIED TO DESTROY MY BRAIN!



BUT, I ESCAPED AND NOW I AM READY TO OFFER YOU MY SERVICES!



SOME TIME LATER... HEY, STEP ON IT MUGS! THE EXPEDITION'S READY TO START!



NOT TOO SOON TO SUIT ME!

ALL RIGHT, MEN, YOU KNOW OUR OBJECTIVE! THE PLANS FOR THE NEW MESSERSCHMITT! THIS MAY BE A GRAB-AND-RUN SHINDIG! THOSE PLANS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN KILLING GERMANS! LET'S GO!



AND SO, A FULLY LOADED TRANSPORT SOARS OVER THE CHANNEL TOWARD THE FRENCH SHORES-----



CHUTES READY MEN! WE'RE GOT 'EM, CAP!
ALMOST THERE -- WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT'S THAT NOISE BEHIND THAT BALE?
IT'S A BLOODY SPY!



HOLD IT, ALF!
HE'S NO SPY!

SO YOU DECIDED TO COME ALONG, ANYWAY, EH WERNER? OKAY YOU'LL TAKE YOUR CHANCES WITH THE REST OF US! AND I WARN YOU, WE'LL HAVE NO COMPUNCTIONS ABOUT YOU IF YOU GET IN OUR WAY!

I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY, CAPTAIN! I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES!

HERE WE GO BOYS!
THE PARTY BEGINS!



RIGHT AFTER YOU, CAP!

SO LONG I HAVE WISHED TO GET MY HANDS ON A GERMAN, AND NOW!

NOT A MISERABLE NIGHT! NOT FIT FOR A DOG -- UND DEY PUT ME ON GENTRY DUTY!



EASY, LARK IN!
REMEMBER WHAT THE CAP SAID! NO ROUGH PLAY UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY!

RUDDENLY---

ALL RIGHT, M'LAD, I'LL RELIEVE YOU OF SENTRY DUTY-FOREVER!

UGH!

NICE WORK, ALF! NOW IF WE CAN KEEP JUST AS QUIET THE REST OF THE WAY! THOSE PLANS ARE AS GOOD AS IN THE HANDS OF BRITISH INTELLIGENCE, RIGHT NOW!

WE'LL TALK ABOUT CO-OPERATION! LOOK WHAT THEY'VE GOT IN THEIR HANDS NOW - THE PLANS!

DONNER-WETTER, AND THE MAN HOLDING IT IS WOLFE!

DIRTY FILTHY BUTCHERS! HOW I HATE THEM!

JA, GENTLEMEN! VID DIS PLANE SOON IN FULL PRODUCTION, VE'LL BLAST DER ALLIES OUT OF DER SKIES!

BLAST, KILL, DESTROY! THAT'S ALL THOSE BUTCHERS DO! I'LL DO SOME KILLING MYSELF, THIS TIME!

LARKIN, DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD!

THEIR PLANS COMPLETELY UPSET BY LARKIN'S FRENZIED OUTBURST THE COMMANDOS ARE FORCED TO ATTACK!

UP AND AT 'EM, MEN!

LIEBER GOTT! COMMANDOS!

BAM

SMACK



---AND IN THE TUMULTUOUS MELEE, ONE LONE, DWARFED FIGURE SCANS THROUGH THE PLANS WITH A FIERCE INTENSITY; FOR THOSE BLAZING EYES NOTHING IN THE WORLD EXISTS BUT A CONGLOMERATION OF FIGURES ON THE PAGES BEFORE HIM!

BACK IN THE PLANE---

BACK TO THE PLANE MEN BEFORE THE WHOLE GERMAN ARMY'S ON OUR HEADS!

BLIMEY! THAT BEASTLY LARK IN SPOILED THE WHOLE SHOW, HE DID!

BEASTLY LUCK LOSING HIS HEAD THAT WAY!

YEAH---AM I BOINED UP!

AND BACK AT BRITISH INTELLIGENCE ---

---AND SO, SIR, WE DID NOT ATTAIN OUR OBJECTIVE!

AH-- BUT YOU'RE WRONG THERE, CAPTAIN!

WHAT! YOU HAVE THOSE PLANS! WHERE ARE THEY?

RIGHT HERE--IN MY HEAD!

WHAT! YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU MEMORIZED THOSE COMPLICATED PLANS, PREPOSTEROUS!

I TOLD CAPTAIN COMMANDO THAT MY BRAIN HAD ITS PLACE IN HIS GROUP-- NOW I'LL PROVE IT! IF YOU'LL BE SO GOOD AS TO TAKE NOTES, GENERAL!

PHONOGRAPHICALLY, ZIEGFRIED REELS OFF THE COMPLEX FORMULAE. A SEEMINGLY ENDLESS TORRENT OF FACTS, FIGURES POUR FROM HIS LIPS AS THE GENERAL SCRIBBLES FURIOUSLY.

THAT'S IT, ALL RIGHT! YOU'VE DONE IT, WERNER. CONGRATULATIONS, WERNER!

CONGRATULATIONS, WERNER!

THANK YOU, CAPTAIN COMMANDO, AND NOW FOR YOUR ANSWER! YOU'RE ONE OF US FROM HERE ON AND HOW! COMMANDO WERNER!



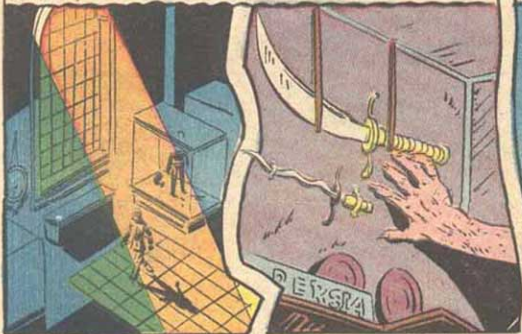
HANGMAN



IT WAS ONLY
A LAMP, DULL, TARNISHED
AND CRUSTED WITH THE
GRIME OF CENTURIES! A
LAMP WHOSE ONLY VALUE
SEEMINGLY LAY IN ITS ANTI-
QUITY! YET IT HAD THE POW-
ER OF A THOUSAND RULERS!
THE DESTRUCTIVENESS OF
DEATH ITSELF! WHAT WAS THE
SECRET OF THIS LAMP THAT
HAD CAUSED **RIVERS OF BLOOD**
ALREADY TO FLOW—AND WHICH
NOW MENACED THE **HANG-**
MAN IN THE CASE OF—

**THE LAMP THAT
LIVED!**

MIDNIGHT - IN THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM - A GUARD MAKES HIS ROUNDS UNAWARE OF LIFE HIDDEN AMONG THE OBJECTS OF ART!



THEN THE BLACKNESS TAKES FORM AS A BIZARRE FIGURE SLINKS UP BEHIND THE GUARD AND----



----AND AT THAT MOMENT PASSING BY THE MUSEUM BOB DICKERING ----

GOD LORD!
WHAT WAS THAT?
SOUNDED LIKE
A DEATH SCREAM



I'M AFRAID THE **HANGMAN** IS TOO LATE TO **SAVE A LIFE!** BY JUPITER! THAT CRY WAS HORRIBLE ENOUGH TO SUGGEST----



---MURDER! I WAS RIGHT! THIS IS A CASE FOR THE **HANGMAN!**

MISERABLE **MEDDLER!**

I'VE NO TIME TO FOOL WITH YOU! I CAME FOR THIS LAMP—AND I'M GOING TO GET IT!



YOU'LL GET SOMETHING ALL RIGHT, BUT IT WON'T BE A LAMP! IT'LL BE A **NOOSE** AROUND YOUR NECK!



BUT AGILE AS A CAT THE ORIENTAL AVOIDS THE HANGMAN'S LUNGE! THEN REACHES FOR A CURIO DAGGER ON THE WALL, AND-----



I'M PRETTY GOOD MYSELF AT THIS DUCKING BUSINESS, YOU BIG TURK! YOU CAME HERE FOR A LAMP---



--- BUT ALL YOU'RE GOING TO GET IS LUMPS---



--- AND THE GALLOWES!



BUT, FAR FROM SUBDUED, THE ORIENTAL CHARGES WITH AN INHUMAN, OVERPOWERING STRENGTH - THE LUST FOR MURDER ETCHED ON HIS SAVAGE FEATURES---

THE HANGMAN FALTERS--- TWISTS DESPERATELY TO ONE SIDE, AS THE GLEAMING WEAPON OF DEATH SLASHES TOWARD HIS HEAD--- AND IS STUNNED BY THE FLAT OF THE AXE---



FOOTSTEPS, CAN'T STOP TO FINISH HIM NOW--- BUT I'LL BE BACK FOR **THE LAMP!**



@@@---MY HEAD! THE WHOLE BUILDING MUST HAVE TUMBLERD ON ME---ONE BRICK AT A TIME!

WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE---WHO TURNED ON THAT BURGLAR ALARM---? GLORY BE!--- IT'S THE **HANGMAN!**



SHADES OF CAESAR! MY ORIENTAL ROOM WRECKED---MY GUARD **MURDERED!**

OH, YOU'RE THE CURATOR OF THIS MUSEUM, I PRESUME---I TRIED TO PREVENT A ROBBERY!

ROBBERY---? WHAT IN HEAVEN'S NAME IS THERE WORTH ROBBING IN THIS ROOM?

A LAMP--- THE ONE THAT IN THE SMASHED SHOW CASE A HUGE ORIENTAL TRIED TO STEAL IT, KILLED YOUR GUARD IN THE ATTEMPT--- AND ALMOST KILLED ME!



WELL, WHAT ABOUT IT PROFESSOR? WOULD ANYONE HAVE ANY REASON TO STEAL THIS LAMP?

NONE THAT I CAN THINK OF! AS YOU CAN SEE IT'S NOTHING BUT A BRONZE CURIO NOT RARE OR VALUABLE, MERELY OLD! IT WAS FOUND WITH A THOUSAND OTHERS AT LHASA IN TIBET!

WELL HANGMAN, THE PROFESSOR'S OPINION PUTS YOUR STORY IN A PRETTY BAD LIGHT! YOU'LL HAVE TO COME DOWN TO HEAD-QUARTERS!

ALL RIGHT, BUT YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE! THAT ORIENTAL IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO RETURN FOR THAT LAMP! BETTER KEEP AN EYE ON IT WHILE I'M GONE!



AND YOU INSIST, HANGMAN, ON THAT LAMP-STORY, GIANT-PERSIAN ALIBI OF YOURS, EH?

YES, AND THE LONGER YOU STALL WITH ME, THE MORE TIME YOU GIVE TO THAT KILLER TO DO HIS DIRTY WORK!

WE'LL DECIDE THAT, HANGMAN! --- JUST A MINUTE WHILE I ANSWER THE PHONE! HELLO? --- OH IT'S YOU CURATOR! YES WHAT IS IT?



ABOUT THAT LAMP, CHIEF! I CALLED UP MY COLLEAGUE, THE ONE WHO SENT IT TO ME IN THE FIRST PLACE! HE SEEMED HIGHLY EXCITED WHEN I TOLD HIM WHAT HAD OCCURRED!

---INSISTED I SEND IT BACK TO HIM! SAID SOMETHING ABOUT HAVING FOUND OUT SOME STARTLING INFORMATION ABOUT IT! SO NOW -----

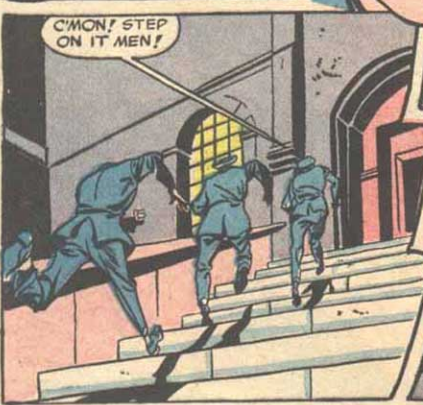


---PROFESSOR
COATES, THE
ARCHAEOLOGIST
---AAA AAAAAH

GLORY BE!
WHAT'S THAT?

HANGMAN! YOU WERE RIGHT!
SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED
BECAUSE OF THAT CON-
FOUNDED LAMP!

HURRIEDLY A SQUAD OF
SPEEDS TOWARD THE
SEUM -----



C'MON! STEP
ON IT MEN!



THE SAINTS
PRESERVE US!
IT'S HORRIBLE!



WELL, THAT CLEARS
YOU HANGMAN, BUT
WE'LL GET THAT KIL-
LER YET!

YES, BUT THE IM-
PORTANT THING IS
TO GET HIM BE-
FORE HE STRIKES
AGAIN, AND I HAVE A
HUNCH HIS NEXT VIC-
TIM MAY BE PROFESSOR
COATES!

I KNOW WHERE PROFESSOR COATES LIVES, FORTUNATELY, SO I DON'T HAVE TO WASTE TIME LOOKING HIM UP! AND LORD KNOWS TIME MAY BE PRECIOUS AT THIS POINT!



THIS IS COATES' HOUSE--- SAY WHAT'S THAT? SOUNDED LIKE A MUFFLED SCREAM!



I HOPE I'M WRONG--- BUT I THINK THAT PERSIAN MURDERER HAS BEATEN ME TO THE DRAW AGAIN!



HE DID!



YOU AGAIN!

CURSE YOUR PERSISTENCE, HANG-MAN! YOU'VE TRIED TO KEEP ME FROM GETTING MY LAMP FOR THE LAST TIME!



WHEW--- THIS PERSIAN CERTAINLY KEEPS ME DUCKING CLOSE ONES-- IF NOTHING ELSE!



OKAY, YOU FUGITIVE FROM THE ARABIAN NIGHTS YOU'VE HAD YOUR TURN IN THE PITCHER'S BOX!



---NOW I'LL TAKE
OVER ON THE
MOUND---



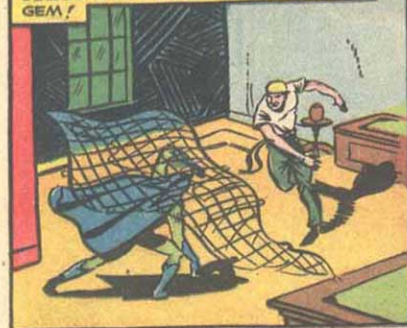
---AND YOU
DO THE *CATCH-*
ING!



QUICKLY, THE HANGMAN
LUNGES FORWARD TO
TOWARD THE WILY PERSIAN,
ANXIOUS TO PUT AN
END TO HOSTILITIES!



---BUT THE HANGMAN IS **OVERANXIOUS!**
THE PERSIAN'S CUNNING BRAIN QUICKLY
SEIZES UPON A LAST DESPERATE STRATA-
GEM!



I HAVE YOU
THIS TIME,
HANGMAN!



---AND I'M GOING TO
MAKE SURE YOU
DON'T GET AWAY!



RIPPING A CURTAIN FROM A WINDOW, THE
ORIENTAL PREPARES TO BIND THE FALLEN
GUARDIAN OF JUSTICE!



YOU'RE A FOOL IF YOU THINK YOU CAN
GET AWAY WITH YOUR CRIMES! THIS
IS AMERICA! YOU'LL NEVER
ESCAPE THE GALLOWES!



WORTHLESS! HA, HA! THIS LAMP IS THE
MOST VALUABLE THING IN EXISTENCE!
WITH IT, THE WORLD IS MINE!
THIS LAMP IS-- **ALADDIN'S
LAMP!**



YOU'VE TAKEN A TRICK! BUT I'M CURIOUS
TO KNOW WHY YOU HAVE MURDERED
AND ROBBED FOR A WORTHLESS
LAMP!



YES! AND I AM A DESCENDANT OF THE TRIBE OF MENUHI, WHOSE EARLIEST ANCESTORS STOLE THIS LAMP FROM PRINCE ALADDIN, HIMSELF! SOMEHOW IT WAS LOST- AND FOR CENTURIES EVERY GENERATION OF MY TRIBE HAS BEEN SEEKING IT! AND NOW I FOUND IT!

IT!

DO YOU REALIZE HOW GREAT IS MY POWER, HANGMAN? ALL I NEED DO IS WISH FOR SOMETHING AND IT IS MINE! THE WORLD IS MINE FOR THE ASKING!

WHAT'S THAT? SOMEBODY FOUNDING AT THE FRONT DOOR!

THE POLICE! AND NOW YOU MURDERER, YOU'LL EITHER MEET YOUR JUST FATE ON THE GALLOWS - OR IN AN INSANE ASYLUM!

HA, HA, HA, HA, FOOL! TWICE FOOL! YOU STILL DO NOT BELIEVE THIS IS ALADDIN'S LAMP!

VERY WELL! I WILL SHOW YOU! THERE IS NO NEED TO KILL YOU AS YET! WITH THIS LAMP IN MY POSSESSION, I CAN DO THAT ANY TIME I PLEASE!

I SHALL WISH MYSELF TO DISAPPEAR INTO THE PAST! WATCH, HANGMAN! WATCH CLOSELY! FIRST I RUB THE LAMP, THUS! NOW I MAKE MY WISH----- O, SPIRIT OF THE LAMP! I YOUR MASTER COMMAND YOU TO CARRY OUT MY WISH!



I WISH TO BE TRANSPORTED FROM HERE-- BACK TO THE PAST!



CAESAR'S GHOST!
HE---HE DID IT!---
DISAPPEARED RIGHT
UNDER MY VERY
EYES!



HELLO, BOYS!--- YOU
CAME A LITTLE LATE--
AS I DID!

HANGMAN! WHAT
HAPPENED?
WHERE'S THE
MURDERER?



SOMEWHERE, WHERE WE CAN'T
GET AT HIM, I'M AFRAID! MY
ONLY HOPE IS THAT WE
NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN!
I WON'T TELL YOU
WHY! YOU WOULDN'T
BELIEVE ME ANYWAY!

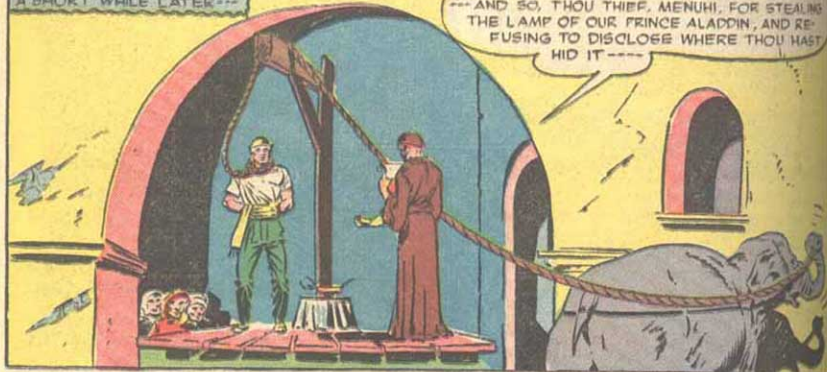
YOU MEAN WE'VE
FAILED, HANGMAN!
THIS IS THE FIRST CASE
YOU'VE EVER BEEN IN
WITH US THAT WE
HAVEN'T
CLEANED
UP!

MEANWHILE, LET US FOLLOW THE PERSIAN WHO
HAS TRANSPORTED HIMSELF BACK TO THE PAST
WHERE AM I? WHY AM I
IN THIS PRISON? WHERE IS
MY LAMP?

QUIET YOU ROGUE!
YOU'LL GET YOUR
ANSWER SOON
ENOUGH!



A SHORT WHILE LATER---



---AND SO, THOU THIEF, MENUHI, FOR STEALING THE LAMP OF OUR PRINCE ALADDIN, AND REFUSING TO DISCLOSE WHERE THOU HAST HID IT---

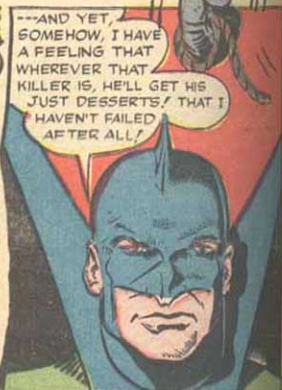
---- IN THE NAME OF OUR MOST HOLY PRINCE, ALADDIN, THOU ART TO BE EXECUTED --BY HANGING! PROD THE ELEPHANT, EXECUTIONER!



---AND ONCE AGAIN BACK TO MODERN TIMES--- FAILURE! --- MY FIRST FAILURE! YES, I GUESS IT IS!



---AND YET, SOMEHOW, I HAVE A FEELING THAT WHEREVER THAT KILLER IS, HE'LL GET HIS JUST DESERTS, THAT I HAVEN'T FAILED AFTER ALL!





SHIELD

WITH
DUSTY

THE SPECTACULAR BOY DETECTIVE

IT LOOKED LIKE AN ORDINARY PARROT BUT THE WORDS IT GIBBERED WERE FAR FROM ORDINARY! IN FACT, THEY WERE WORDS OF DEATH FOR ANY UNFORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HEAR THEM!!

THEN THE PARROT SPOKE ITS FATAL WORDS TO THE SHIELD AND DUSTY, AND TALKED THEM INTO THE WEIRD CASE OF...
"POLLY WANTS A CORPSE!!"

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NOVICK

BLOW ME DOWN!
THAT'S THE PARROT
ALL, RIGHT!

SHOP T

EVERY
DISCRIPTION
PETS

THAT PARROT
IN THE
WINDOW, I
WANT TO
BUY IT!

OH I'M
SORRY, SIR!
THAT'S ALREADY
SOLD, TO A MR.
JOHN
CASSIDY!

I SAID I
WANT THAT
PARROT,
AND
NOTHING
ELSE!

HONEST
I CANT
MISTER!
YOU CAN
ASK MR.
CASSIDY TO
SELL IT TO
YOU, HE
LIVES AT
13 MOTTST.
I'M SURE
HE'LL...

BHAST YE!
GIVE ME
THAT PARROT,
OR I'LL
WRING YER
SCRAWNY
NECK!

STOP!
YOU
MUST
BE
CRAZY
!!

I THOUGHT
AT FIRST
THAT SWAB
WAS LYING
TO ME, NOW
I GOT TO PLAY
MY CARDS
RIGHT, AND
GET THAT
PARROT!

HELP!

SAY...
SOUNDS
LIKE
TROUBLE
AT
MEEKER'S
PET SHOP
!!

PETS

BIRD
8-311
Dogs
6-873

IT IS
TROUBLE!

AND THIS MAKES
IT DOUBLE
TROUBLE!

SMACK

OKAY... NOW THAT
I TOOK SOME
OF THE
TOUGHNESS
OUT OF YOU,
MAYBE YOU'LL
TELL ME
WHAT THIS
IS ALL
ABOUT!

ER...
NOTHING AT
ALL, MATEY!
SORRY I LOST
MY HEAD!... I'LL
TAKE SOME OTHER
PARROT! IT DON'T
MAKE ANY
DIFFERENCE!

HUH, OH,
ALL RIGHT,
SIR!

JUST HOLD
IT FOR ME, I'
LL BE BACK FOR
IT, MATEY!

HMM... THAT
SAILOR CERTAINLY
DID A LOT OF
BACK WATERING IN
A HURRY! WHAT WAS
HE AFTER IN THE FIRST
PLACE, MISTER WEEKER?

THAT PARROT,
MR. HIGGINS, WHEN
I TOLD HIM I'D
SOLD IT TO A
GUY, NAMED
JOHN CASSIDY,
HE JUMPED ON
ME! THE GUY
MUST BE NUTS!

FUNNY, HIS
WANTING THAT
PARROT SO
BADLY... IS IT
A RARE
SPECIMEN,
OR
SOMETHING
??

NO, IT'S QUITE ORDINARY!
A SAILOR BROUGHT
IT IN A LONG TIME AGO...
AND NEVER CAME
BACK FOR IT! SO
NOW, WHEN I
DECIDED TO SELL
IT, THIS HAS
TO HAPPEN!

WHO WAS THAT SAILOR WHO LEFT THE PARROT WITH YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE - WOULD YOU REMEMBER, MR MEEKER?

WHY YES! I WAS STRUCK BY HIS EXTREME AGITATION AT THE TIME! THAT'S WHY I TOOK PARTICULAR NOTICE OF HIM!

BILL BLUSTER --- HE SHIPPED ON THE FREIGHTER BLACKSWAN!

HMM --- OKAY, THANKS A LOT! I'LL BE RUNNING ALONG NOW!

JOE IMMEDIATELY HEADS FOR THE WATERFRONT ---

WELL! MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT! THERE'S THE **BLACKSWAN** NOW!

PARDON ME CAPTAIN! I'M JOE HIGGINS OF THE F.B.I. I'M NOT HERE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS, BUT IF YOU CAN GIVE ME SOME INFORMATION ABOUT A SEAMAN, BILL BLUSTER, I'D APPRECIATE IT!

I'D LIKE SOME INFORMATION ABOUT BLUSTER MYSELF MR. HIGGINS!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

HE'S MISSING! MUST'VE JUMPED SHIP AS SOON AS WE DOCKED YESTERDAY! TOLD ME HE WANTED TO RECLAIM A PARROT! AND THAT'S THE LAST I SAW OF HIM!

SO, BLUSTER'S MISSING --- AND RIGHT AFTER HE WENT TO RECLAIM HIS PARROT! THIS GETS MORE INTERESTING BY THE MINUTE ---

AS LONG AS I'M PLAYING HUNCHES; I MIGHT AS WELL PLAY 'EM ALL!

MORGUE

HELLO, I'M FROM
THE F.B.I.! ANY
FRESH MERCHANDISE?
ROUTINE
INVESTIGATION!

YEAH, JUST
BROUGHT
IN A SAILOR,
LAST NIGHT,
WANNA
SEE 'IM?

STRANGLER
EH? ANY
IDENTIFICATION?

BILL
BLUSTER!
DON'T
KNOW WHAT
SHIP THOUGH,
OR WE'D HAVE
NOTIFIED HIS
SKIPPER!

WHEW! NOW I KNOW
A LOT, AND YET I KNOW
NOTHING! ONE THING IS
SURE THOUGH, THAT
PARROT IS THE KEY TO
THIS WHOLE MYSTERY!
LET'S SEE, MEEKER SAID
HE SOLD IT TO A GUY,
LIVING AT 15 MOTT ST!

HELLO, DUSTY!
MEET ME AT 15
MOTT ST.
ACTION!
PLENTY OF IT,
OR I MISS
MY GUESS!

AND FROM
HERE ON, JOE
HIGGINS STOPS..
THE SHIELD
PICKS UP
UR..

THIS IS THE
PLACE, I HEAR
VOICES, I'LL
GRAB A SNEAK
LOOK THRU
THIS WINDOW!

BOY, OF ALL THE
SCREWY JOBS,
KNOCKING OFF
A GUY, JUST
TO GET
HIS
PARROT
!!!

SHUT UP! WE'RE
GETTIN' PAID GOOD
TO GET THAT..
SO WE GET IT
SEE??

THAT MUST
BE THE
PARROT,
SMOOCH! IT'S
THE ONLY
ONE IN
THE JOINT!

SO/ PATCH-EYE SENT
PROFESSIONAL
KILLERS TO GET
THAT PARROT,
DID HE ?



CRIPES!
THE
SHIELD!

OKAY! YOU CAME AFTER
THE BIRD--AND YOU'RE
GOING TO GET IT!



A BIRD CAGE IS KNOCKED OVER, AS
THE SHIELD FLAILS INTO THE KILLERS!



HANG ONTO, HIM,
SMOOCH! I'LL GET
HIM WIT' DIS CHAIR!



ULP!



YOU SEEM TO LIKE
CANARIES --- SO
I'LL GIVE YOU A
FEW MORE --TO
TWEET OVER
YOU!



HOW DO YOU LIKE
THAT,
SHIELD!
HE WOULD
START
THE PARTY
BEFORE I GET
HERE!



WELL, ANYWAY, I'M STILL IN TIME FOR FUN!

BOY! THE FISH ARE BIG THIS YEAR - BUT THEY SURE ARE UGLY!

AND NOT MUCH FIGHT IN 'EM EITHER!

HEY! WHAT'S ALL THE RUMPUS? *SHIELD!* WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?

IT'S ALREADY HAPPENED, OFFICER!

WHY, THAT'S KNIFEY GORDON AND SMOOCH SCHULTZ, YOU GOT THERE! ARE THEY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS MURDER?

YES!...THEY WERE HIRED TO GET A PARROT...AND THEY ALMOST DID!

WHAT! YOU TRYIN' TO PULL MY LEG? WHY WOULD ANYBODY COMMIT MURDER JUST FOR A PARROT?

NAH! YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG, *SHIELD!* THIS GUY WUZ PROBABLY ONE OF THEIR MOB! WE'LL SWEAT IT OUTTA THEM AT HEADQUARTERS!

BUT... BUT...



CAN'T SAY I BLAME 'EM FOR NOT BELIEVING ME, THOUGH!

AWWRK.. PLEASURE ISLAND.. PLEASURE ISLAND.. PLEASURE ISLAND... AWWRK..

PLEASURE SLAND.. AWWRK.. PLEASURE.. AWK.. AWK...

YEAH, 'HE KNOWS IT TOO WELL, 'WELL, I'VE GONE THIS FAR, SO I'LL GO THE WHOLE WAY! WE'RE GOING TO PLEASURE ISLAND, DUSTY!

HA HA! THIS PARROT SURE REMEMBERS PLEASURE ISLAND SHIELD!

YEAH, I HEARD THEM TOO, 'USED TO BE A PIRATE STRONGHOLD, AS I HEARD IT!

YOU GOT ME! NOTHING BUT BEACH ROCKS, AROUND HERE!

NOW WHAT SHIELD ??

PLEASURE ISLAND! THERE ARE A LOT OF LEGENDARY STORIES ABOUT THAT !!

JESSEN.I

AWK... FIRST CAVE OVER THE RIDGE.. AWWRK.. FIRST CAVE OVER THE RIDGE... AWK.. AWK...

DUSTY, THAT PARROT IS DIRECTING US SOMEWHERE, I'M SURE OF IT! C'MON WE'RE LOOKING FOR THAT FIRST CAVE OVER THE RIDGE!

WHILLIKERS! OF ALL THE SCREWY SET-UPS, BEING DIRECTED BY A PARROT!






THAT PARROT KNOWS WHAT
IT'S TALKING ABOUT, DUSTY?
THERE IS A CAVE OVER
THIS RIDGE!




I'LL MAKE
A COUPLE OF
TORCHES OUT
OF THESE FAGOTS!
WE'LL NEED
THEM TO FIND
OUR WAY AROUND!



CENTRAL PASS-
AGEWAY... AWWK...
CENTRAL...
AWK... AWK..




SHIELD!
WHEW! THIS PLACE
ISA LABYRINTH!
OKAY, POLLY! DO
YOUR STUFF!



CENTRAL
IT IS! THIS
WAY, LAD!



SHIELD!
JUST WHERE
DO YOU THINK
THIS PARROT
IS LEADING
US?



THAT'S A
\$64 QUESTION..
AND I DON'T
KNOW THE
ANSWER!
WE'LL JUST
GO ALONG
AND SEE
WHAT HAPPENS?



OH, OH!
DEAD
END!



I HOPE
POLLY
DOESN'T
TELL US TO
DIG THE
REST OF
THE WAY!



C'MON GIVE, WILL YA, POLLY? YOU GOT US THIS FAR DON'T FOLD NOW!!

AWR.. IRON RUNG.. SCREECH.. RUNG! IRON RUNG!! AWWRRRK..



SHIELD! THERE'S AN IRON RUNG OVER THERE!



HERE DUSTY! HOLD THIS TORCH WHILE I TACKLE THAT THING!



Ooof... IT..IT'S COMING...



.. OPEN!.. SHADES OF CAPTAIN KIDD!



TREASURE! PIRATE'S TREASURE, SHIELD! WHEEEE!



I SEE IT ALL NOW! THE GUY WHO FIRST FOUND THE TREASURE, TRAINED THAT PARROT TO RECOGNIZE LANDMARKS, AND THE KEY WORDS TO DIRECT HIM BACK TO THIS CAVE IN CASE HE FORGOT! I GUESS HE DIDN'T WANT TO TRUST IT IN WRITING! AND WITH ALL THIS WEALTH, I CAN SEE WHY!!



CLEVER, DE-
DUCTION, DE-
VECTION,
MATEY!
EYE!

RIGHT! THANKS FOR LEADING ME TO THE TREASURE, SHIELD! I'VE BEEN AFTER IT EVER SINCE THAT FIRST NIGHT A YEAR AGO WHEN BILL BLUSTER, DRUNK AND TALKATIVE, TOLD ME HOW HE'D FOUND IT! I TRIED TO GET THAT PARROT FROM THE SCUM, BUT HE HID IT!



IT WAS ONLY YESTERDAY I FOUND OUT IT WAS IN THAT PET SHOP ALL THE TIME - BY FOLLOWING BLUSTER HALF-WAY AROUND THE WORLD - AND BACK!

SO YOU KILLED HIM --- AND NOW YOU FIGURE ON KILLING US BOTH SO THAT THE TREASURE WILL BE ALL YOURS, EH ?

OKAY, SHIELD! IF HE WANTS IT SO BADLY---



LET'S GIVE IT TO HIM!



HE'S ALL MINE, SHIELD!



DUSTY! WATCH OUT!-- THE ROOF'S CAVING IN!

HOLY SOCK! THOSE
WILD BULLETS MUST'VE
WEAKENED THE ROOF!



C'MON...RUN FOR IT,
BEFORE WE'RE BUR-
IED RIGHT INTO
THE MOUNTAIN!



NO...NO... I'M NOT
GOING TO LEAVE
ALL THIS
MONEY, I'M
NOT...



SHIELD!... PATCH-EYE
DIDN'T COME OUT!



NEXT DAY...

SAY JOE, THERE'S
A SWELL MOVIE ON
TONIGHT **TREAS-
URE ISLAND!**
WANNA TAKE IT
IN?

BRR... IF I
NEVER HEAR
THAT WORD A-
GAIN IT'LL BE
TOO SOON!



THE CRAZY, MONEY-
MAD FOOL... HE GOT
HIS TREASURE ALL
RIGHT... FOR ALL
ETERNITY! I FEEL
SORRIER FOR
POOR POLLY,
THAN I DO
FOR HIM!

LOOK FOR THE APRIL ISSUE OF **ZIP COMICS!**
IT'S NEW, HILARIOUS IN A RIB-BREAKING WAY!
THE LAUGH SENSATION OF THE YEAR!