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THE WIZARD!
THE MAN WITH THE **SUPER-BRAIN**

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Sammy Kaye Uses Home Recordo!



Sammy Kaye, genial dispenser of swing and sway rhythm is delighted with Home Recordo

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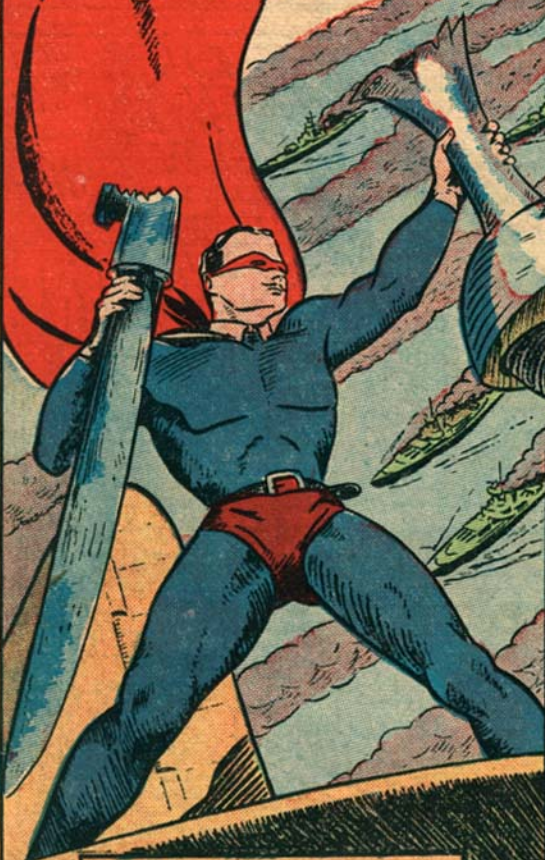
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HE SOLVES ALL PLOTS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT,
BUT THE PLOTTERS CANNOT SOLVE HIS PLOT AGAINST THEM!

WIZARD

THE MAN WITH THE SUPER-BRAIN



WITH HIS SUPER-BRAIN AND PHOTOGRAPHIC MIND, THE WIZARD IS ABLE TO VISUALIZE FAR AWAY HAPPENINGS. WITH THESE MENTAL POWERS, AND HIS SUPER STRENGTH, HE FERRETS OUT PLOTS AGAINST THE U.S. GOVERNMENT! IN THIS ISSUE THE WIZARD, WITH THE HELP OF THE SHIELD, G-MAN EXTRAORDINARY, BRINGS TO AN END THE MOSCONIAN SPY RING!

THE WIZARD'S SUPER-BRAIN SEES THE MOSCONIAN MAIN HEADQUARTERS AS HE PROCEEDS TOWARDS IT IN HIS STRATO-PLANE!



WE WILL DIRECT OUR SABOTAGE EFFORTS AGAINST CALIFORNIA!

GOOD!

THOSE HEADQUARTERS ARE JUST OVER WASHINGTON STATE'S BORDER IN CANADA!



NICE HANGOUT THESE MOSCONIANS HAVE!

THE WIZARD ARRIVES AT THE BASE OF THE MOSCONIAN OPERATIONS



I'LL PARK MY PLANE HERE. I MAY NEED IT IN A HURRY!



OH, OH! WRONG WINDOW!

LOOK! THE WIZARD!



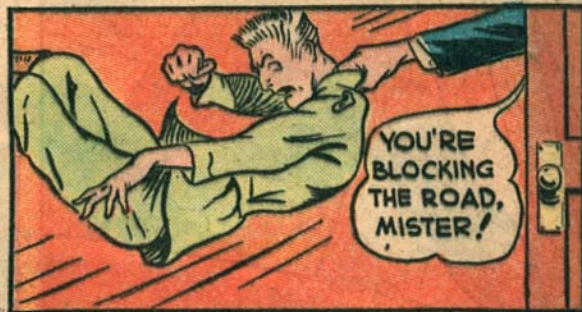
OUT OF MY WAY BOYS! I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW WHO'S UPSTAIRS!



ACH! EVERYWHERE IT IS THE WIZARD. THIS TIME...

UPSTAIRS, A GUARD RUSHES IN TO WARN HIS SUPERIORS...

THE WIZARD'S HERE!



YOU'RE BLOCKING THE ROAD, MISTER!



KILL THE SWINE!

AS YOU WERE SAYING, GENTLEMEN! THIS TIME, THE WIZARD IS GOING TO CHASE YOU VERMIN RIGHT BACK TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM!

THE WIZARD FLOODS THE ROOM WITH A LUNG-SEARING CHEMICAL!



SMOKE GETS IN YOUR EYES!

COUGH, COUGH!



COME AND GET IT, BOYS. ONE AT A TIME!

THE MOSCONIAN LEADERS DASH OUT OF THE SMOKE-FILLED ROOM!

WELL, WELL, LOOK WHO'S HERE. WE CAN'T BOTH HAVE MASKS, SO.....



YOU'LL (COUGH, COUGH,) NEVER LIVE TO TELL!

SUPPOSE WE TAKE YOURS OFF!

THE MASTER-MIND OF THE MOSCONIAN SPY-RING IS REVEALED--AS THAT NATION'S AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.!



HERE IS SOMETHING I HAVE BEEN SAVING FOR YOU! NOW YOU ARE HELPLESS!

THE WIZARD IS BLINDED BY A CORROSIVE AMMONIUM CHEMICAL!

HELPLESS, AM I?



HE'S A MAD-MAN!

ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO SEE, THE WIZARD STILL RETAINS HIS TREMENDOUS STRENGTH!



SORRY TO LEAVE YOU SO ABRUPTLY. BUT THERE'LL HAVE TO BE A CHANGE IN MY PLANS!

DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE!



I CAN'T SEE!
GOOD THING
I KNEW WHERE
THAT WINDOW
WAS!

A MIGHTY LEAP CARRIES
THE WIZARD OUT-
SIDE THE HOUSE!



I'M A
GREAT GUY
FOR PATRIOT-
ISM!....

AS THE WIZARD SHOVES THE
SPY HEADQUARTERS OVER THE
CLIFF, THE MASTER-MIND ESCAPES,
UNSEEN BY THE BLINDED WIZARD.



I'LL HELP THEM
DIE FOR THEIR
COUNTRY!

THE DIRECTION FINDER, THE
WIZARD'S OWN INVENTION!



THIS'LL SET
MY ROBOT-
PILOT IN
OPERATION,
AND BRING
MY STRATO-
PLANE
TO ME!



AH! HERE
IT IS. AND
NOW FOR
CALIFORNIA!



WITHOUT MY
EYESIGHT, I CAN'T
GET A PHOTO-
GRAPHIC VISION.
I'LL PROCEED
DIRECTLY TO
CALIFORNIA!

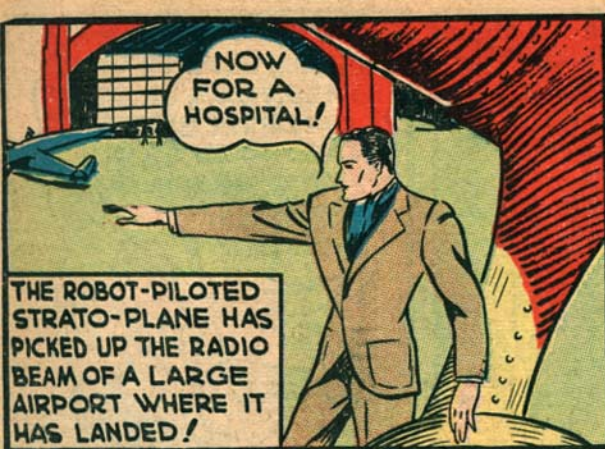


THE WIZARD'S
STRATO-PLANE
SOON REACHES
CALIFORNIA,
AND CIRCLES
FOR A LAND-
ING PLACE!

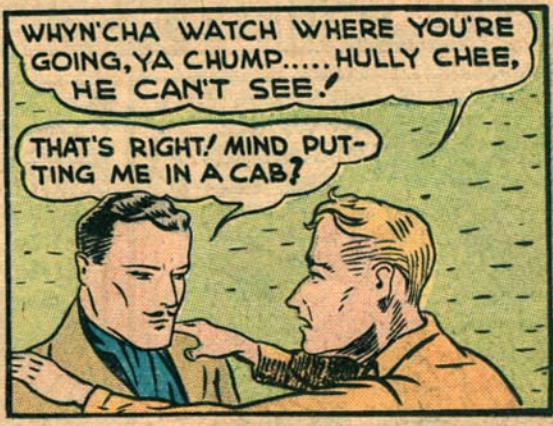
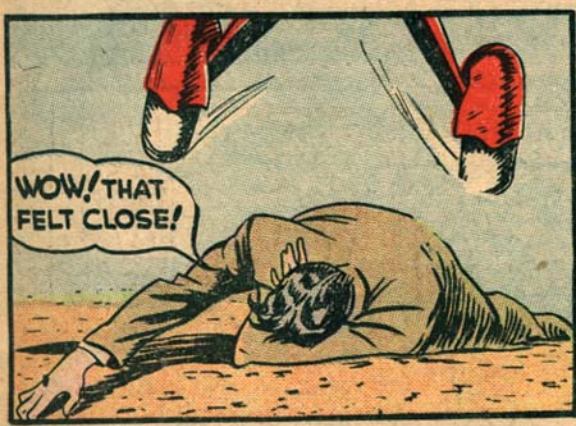
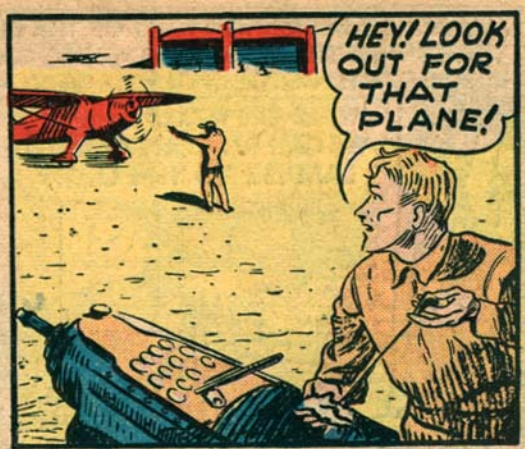


INSIDE THE PLANE!

I'LL HAVE TO
CHANGE MY
CLOTHES, AND
BECOME BLANE
WHITNEY, THE
BLIND PLAYBOY,
UNTIL I GET MY
EYES FIXED.....
IF I CAN!



THE ROBOT-PILOTED STRATO-PLANE HAS PICKED UP THE RADIO BEAM OF A LARGE AIRPORT WHERE IT HAS LANDED!



MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY, THE MASTER-SPY OF THE MOSCONIANS, HAS GATHERED THE REMAINS OF HIS SHATTERED SPY RING!

WHILE THE WIZARD IS BLIND, WE CAN DO CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO THE U.S.!

MAP OF U.S.A.

WE WILL BLOW UP THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, ONE OF THE BIGGEST IN THE WORLD. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE COMPLETELY DISRUPTED!

THERE ARE SOME VISITORS TO SEE YOU, MR. WHITNEY!

SEND THEM IN!

OH, BLANE, HOW ARE YOU?

GROVER, JANE, HOW DID YOU KNOW?

HELLO, BLANE!

JANE, BLANE'S EX-FIANCÉE, AND HIS BROTHER GROVER, ENTER!

BACK AT THE HOSPITAL, AFTER THE OPERATION!

THE DOCTOR ENTERS THE ROOM!

THE BANDAGES ARE REMOVED, AND.....

I'M SURE YOU'LL GET WELL, BLANE.... AND MAYBE THIS ACCIDENT WILL MAKE YOU MORE RESPONSIBLE.... LIKE GROVER!

OR THE WIZARD, THE FELLOW WHO STOLE YOUR AFFECTIONS!

TIME TO TAKE OFF YOUR BANDAGES, WHITNEY!

YOU LOOK AS PRETTY AS EVER, JANE!

OH! THANK HEAVENS! YOU CAN SEE!

WELL, BLANE!
WHAT NOW!

ER....GUESS
I'LL DIG UP A
POLO GAME!
I COULD USE
A BIT OF
EXERCISE!

OH, BLANE
YOU'RE
IMPOSSIBLE!

I SEE MY SYMPATHY
HAS BEEN WASTED!
YOU'LL NEVER
AMOUNT TO
ANYTHING!

HEY,
JANE.
BUT.....

THOSE MOSCONIANS
KNOW MY EYES ARE
VULNERABLE, SO I'LL
HAVE TO DO SOME-
THING
DRASTIC!

THE WIZARD BRINGS HIS
SUPER-BRAIN INTO PLAY!

IF THE WIZARD INTERFERES,
THIS CHEMICAL WILL
BLIND
HIM
AGAIN!

THAT BOAT AHEAD IS FILLED
WITH EXPLOSIVES. THE PILOT
WILL SET OFF THE FUSE
UNDER THE GOLDEN GATE
BRIDGE!

MORE ACID....I'VE GOT
TO DO SOMETHING
TO KEEP THEM FROM
BLINDING ME AGAIN!

THE WIZARD HURRIES OFF TO
HIS LABORATORY TO INVENT A
COSTUME WHICH WILL MAKE
HIM INVULNERABLE AGAINST
THIS NEW THREAT...AFTER HOURS
OF EXPERIMENTING.....

IT'S DONE, GROVER!
AND NOW LET THOSE
MOSCONIANS
DO THEIR
WORST!

GOOD LUCK,
WIZARD!

SO LONG,
GROVER!
I'M GOING
TO CLEAN
OUT THOSE
MOSCONIANS
ONCE AND
FOR ALL!

THE WIZARD SPEEDS TOWARD
THE AIRFIELD.....

I'LL STICK TO THE
ROOF-TOPS! IT'S
TOO DAN-
GEROUS
DOWN THERE
WITH THOSE
SUNDAY DRIV-
ERS!

AND ARRIVES THERE IN
A SHORT TIME!

AND NOW
FOR MY
STRATO-
PLANE!

HELLO—WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

WELL, I'LL BE.... THE WIZARD! SOME OUT-FIT! I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU AT FIRST!

YOU'VE HELPED ME OFTEN ENOUGH.... IT'S MY TURN NOW!

I SURE CAN USE YOU! THE MOSCONIANS ARE ABOUT TO BLOW UP THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE!

ONCE AGAIN THE WIZARD MEETS THE SHIELD!



AND THE MOSCONIANS'LL BE SEEING BOTH OF US!

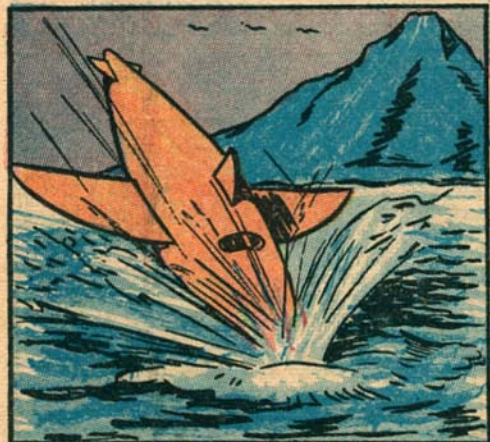
I'LL BE SEEING YOU, WIZARD!



HEY IKKY, WHAT WAS THAT?

I DIDN'T SEE NUTHIN'!

THE WIZARD'S STRATO-PLANE HURTTLES TOWARD SAN FRANCISCO BAY WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHT!



THE WIZARD CONVERTS HIS PLANE INTO A SUBMARINE, AND DIVES INTO THE WATERS OF THE BAY!



HAVE THE CREW READY TO LEAP INTO THE WATER AS SOON AS THE BOAT BLOWS UP THE BRIDGE!

MEANWHILE THE TWO MOSCONIAN SHIPS, ONE LOADED WITH POWERFUL EXPLOSIVES, APPROACH THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE!

THEN WE WILL PICK UP THE CREW,
AND SAY THEY JUMPED OFF THE
EXPLODING BOAT. NOBODY
CAN PROVE IT WAS NOT AN
ACCIDENTAL EXPLOSION!



THERE'S THE
DYNAMITE SHIP
RIGHT ABOVE
ME!



CAN THE WIZARD PREVENT THE CATASTROPHE!



THE WIZARD
SWIMS TOWARD
THE DYNAMITE-
LADEN BOAT!



THIS IS
ONE PLAN
THE WIZARD
WILL NOT RUIN!

ON BOARD THE DYNAMITE SHIP.....



THE FUSE WILL
IGNITE THE EX-
PLOSIVES ANY
MINUTE!

THE WIZARD, EXERTING HIS HERCULEAN
STRENGTH TO THE UTMOST, PUSHES THE DYN-
AMITE-LADEN BOAT AWAY FROM THE BRIDGE!



I'VE NEVER
PILOTED A SHIP
BEFORE....



BUT THERE'S
ALWAYS A
FIRST TIME!

THE WIZARD, THE WIZARD,
ALWAYS THE WIZARD! WE
CANNOT DEFEAT HIM!



THE WIZARD, FULLY REALIZING THAT THE BOAT
WILL EXPLODE ANY MINUTE, RISKS HIS LIFE TO
SAVE THOSE OF OTHERS!



THE WIZARD DOES NOT LET GO IN TIME! CAN
EVEN HIS AMAZING STRENGTH SURVIVE THIS
TREMENDOUS BLAST?



THE TERRIFIC RECOIL OF THE
BLAST SENDS THE WIZARD
HURLING INTO THE DEPTHS!

AT LEAST THE WIZARD
IS DEAD! WE RETURN
TO MOSCONIA.
ORDER FULL SPEED
AHEAD!



LOOKS LIKE
THOSE BOYS
INTEND TO
MAKE A
QUICK
EXIT!



BUT JUST THEN, THE SHIELD,
G-MAN EXTRAORDINARY,
MAKES HIS APPEARANCE!

THE SHIELD LEAPS MIGHTILY!



AND LANDS ON THE MOS-
CONIAN BOAT.....



HELLO BOYS!
REMEMBER
ME?

THE
SHIELD!

JUST AS THE WIZARD
WEAKLY DRAGS HIMSELF
ON SHORE!

WHEW! SOME SHOCK! I'LL
HAVE TO TAKE ONE OF
MY STRENGTH-REVIVING
CAPSULES!



AH!
THAT
DOES IT!



THE WIZARD'S STRENGTH-
REVIVING CAPSULE, A COM-
POUND OF ALL THE VITAMINS
CONTAINED IN HEALTH BUILD-
ING FOODS!

THE WIZARD LOOKS AT THE
BRIDGE, AND SEES.....

GOOD LORD! I
DIDN'T PUSH THE
BOAT FAR ENOUGH!
THE MAIN CABLE
HAS GIVEN
WAY!



I'VE GOT TO GET THERE
BEFORE THE WHOLE
BRIDGE GIVES WAY!



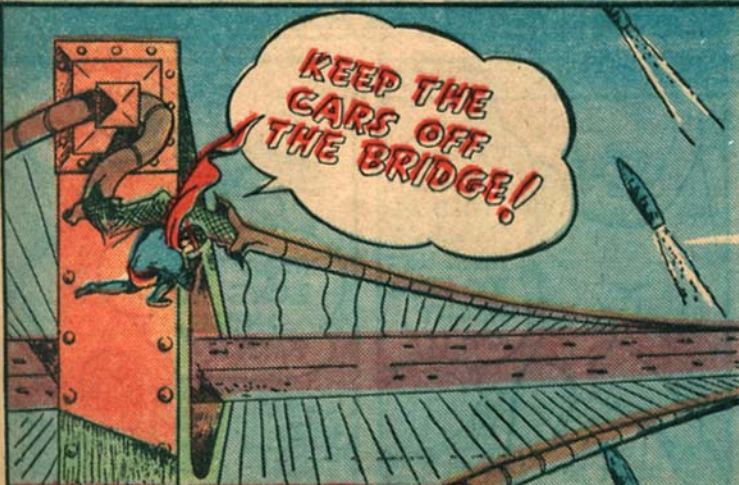
THE WIZARD CLIMBS TO-
WARD THE CABLE!



HEY, YOU
CAN'T GO
UP THERE!



TRY AND
STOP ME!



KEEP THE
CARS OFF
THE BRIDGE!

THE WIZARD HOLDS UP THE BRIDGE
SINGLE HANDED, AND HIS VOICE
BOOMS OUT LIKE THUNDER.....

HIVVIN HELP A POOR
IRISHMAN! OI MUST HAVE
THE
D.T.'S!





MEANWHILE THE SHIELD IS BUSY DEALING WITH THE MOSCONIANS!



THE WIZARD'S EYES, SHARPER THAN AN EAGLE'S, SEES INTO THE MOSCONIAN SHIP!



I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT... SAY YOU MUST BE THE WIZARD!



TOSS THOSE BOYS UP HERE, SHIELD!



READY, WIZARD!

READY SHIELD!

THE MOST FANTASTIC BEAN-BAG GAME EVER PLAYED!



CALL THE BOOBY WAGON! I'M GOIN' NUTS!

ALL PRESENT, AND ACCOUNTED FOR, EXCEPT THE AMBASSADOR. AH! HERE HE COMES NOW!



D...DON'T!

FANCY MEETING YOU HERE! YOU GET AN EXTRA RIDE FOR THE SAME NICKLE!



HELP!



THEY'RE ALL YOURS CHIEF!

PUT ME IN A NICE QUIET JAIL, AWAY FROM THESE DEMONS!

THE SHIELD JOINS THE WIZARD!



AND THAT'S THE END OF THE MOSCONIAN THREAT! IT WAS A REAL TREAT TO WORK WITH YOU!

YES! AND IT WAS A REAL PLEASURE FOR BOTH OF US TO WORK FOR OUR COUNTRY!

ROY THE SUPER BOY — MEETS THE WIZARD IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF **TOP-NOTCH COMICS**

GALAHAD

GALAHAD, BOLDEST OF KING ARTHUR'S KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE, HAS MADE HIS NAME FAMOUS THROUGHOUT THE LAND OF BRITAIN FOR HIS DEEDS OF CHIVALRY. GALAHAD STANDS EVER READY TO STRIKE A BLOW FOR HIS KING, FOR THOSE IN DISTRESS, AND FOR THE OPPRESSED, YOUNG OR OLD!

by Henry Shorten
Lin Streeten



KING ARTHUR AND HIS KNIGHTS RETURN TO CAMELOT FROM A VISIT WITH THE ARCH-BISHOP!

I WOULD FAİN BE ON MY WAY, BUT SIR GAWAIN IS MISSING!

LET ME GO IN SEARCH FOR HIM, MY LORD!



SIR GAWAIN IS GONE NEARLY TWO DAYS. 'TIS STRANGE THAT HE HAS NOT YET RETURNED!

ARTHUR GRANTS GALAHAD HIS BOON!

SUDDENLY, GALAHAD SEES.....

IT IS SIR GAWAIN!



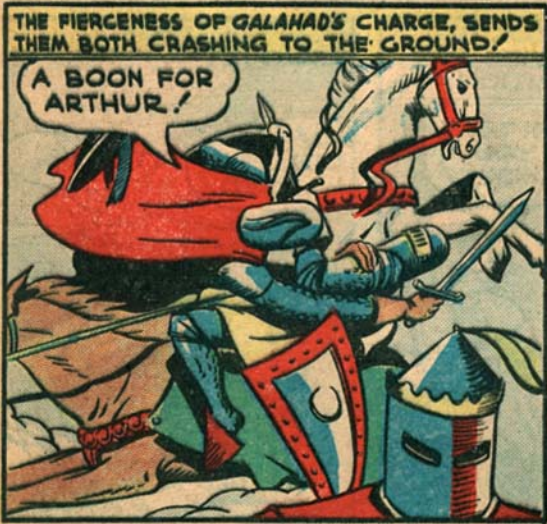


DEATH TO THE KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE!

SIR GAWAIN HAS LOST HIS SWORD AND IS ABOUT TO BE STRUCK A COWARDLY DEATH BLOW!



BUT GALAHAD FLINGS HIS OWN SWORD WITH UNERRING ACCURACY!



A BOON FOR ARTHUR!

THE FIERCENESS OF GALAHAD'S CHARGE, SENDS THEM BOTH CRASHING TO THE GROUND!



SIR GAWAIN BRAVELY KEEPS THE ATTACKING KNIGHTS OCCUPIED SO THAT THEY WILL NOT HARM GALAHAD!



NOBLE KNIGHT, WHAT HAS BEFALLEN YOU?

IT...IT... IS KNIGHT OF GRIFFIN... ENEMY OF ARTHUR.... HELD ME CAPTIVE.... WISHED ME TO TELL ARTHUR'S PATH THROUGH FOREST!

GAWAIN IS NEAR SWOONING FROM LOSS OF BLOOD!



YOUR STEED WILL TAKE YOU BACK TO CAMP! I SHALL DO BATTLE WITH THE KNIGHT OF THE GRIFFIN!



I HAVE OFTEN HEARD KING ARTHUR SPEAK OF THE TREACHEROUS KNIGHT OF THE GRIFFIN. IT IS HIS LIFE OR MINE!

GALAHAD CONTINUES ONWARD TO HIS KNIGHTLY MISSION! ②

AS GALAHAD NEARS THE GRIFFIN'S CASTLE!.....



GALAHAD GOES TO THE DAMSEL'S BIDDING.....



GALAHAD'S SWORD IS SWIFTLY REMOVED, AND ANOTHER SUBSTITUTED!



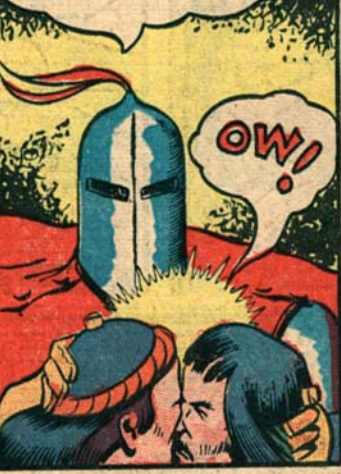
THE TREACHEROUS GIRL QUICKLY RESUMES HER FORMER POSITION!



FOR SHAME, CHURLS! TRY YOUR METTLE ON ONE YOUNGER THAN HIM!



I WARRANT, YOU WILL NOT FIND IT SUCH AN EASY TASK!



OW!

GALAHAD PUTS THE THREE BEGGARS TO ROUT!



THANK YOU, BRAVE KNIGHT! WHO ARE YOU?

I AM MERLIN, THE MAGICIAN! I REALLY DID NOT NEED YOUR HELP!



I AM ABOUT TO DO BATTLE WITH THE KNIGHT OF THE GRIFFIN, MERLIN!



BE CAREFUL, SIR GALAHAD! HE KNOWS NAUGHT OF KNIGHTLY HONOR!

AS GALAHAD RIDES ON....



THAT IS A CURIOUS SHIELD!

WHO SOEVER STRIKES THIS SHIELD, SHALL DIE!



WE SHALL SEE WHO WILL DIE!



THE KNIGHT OF THE GRIFFIN COMES CHARGING FROM HIS CASTLE!

HO, 'TIS A VILLAINOUS KNIGHT OF THE ROUND TABLE. YOUR SHIELD SHALL ALSO HANG FROM THAT TREE.



MAYHAP YOU ARE AS SKILLFUL WITH YOUR SWORD AS WITH YOUR TONGUE!



ZOUNDS! MY SWORD IS GONE!

IN A MOMENT YOU WILL BE GONE TOO!



TAKE THAT!



I AM NOT YET UNDONE!



GALAHAD'S STEED REARS UNEXPECTEDLY, AND HE IS CAUGHT OFF BALANCE!



AND NOW YOU SHALL YIELD ME YOUR SHIELD!

MERLIN, THE MAGICIAN TAKES A HAND!

SIR GALAHAD HAS BEEN DEALT WITH TREACHEROUSLY. I SHALL SAVE HIM!



MERLIN'S CHARM LOOSENS THE SHIELDS ABOVE THE KNIGHT OF THE GRIFFIN'S HEAD!



THE DELUGE OF SHIELDS UNHORSES THE GRIFFIN!

THE TWO KNIGHTS BATTLE FURIOUSLY TO REACH A SWORD LYING NEARBY!



UNABLE TO REACH THE SWORD, GRIFFIN PULLS FORTH A HIDDEN DAGGER!



WITH LIGHTNING SPEED, GALAHAD GRABS GRIFFIN'S WRIST AND FALLS BACKWARDS TOWARD THE CLIFF!.....



AND THEN.....



WELL DONE, SIR GALAHAD! IT WAS THE LADY MORGANA LE FAY AT THE STREAM WHO GAVE YOU THAT BROKEN SWORD!



LADY MORGANA, THE WIFE OF THE KNIGHT OF THE GRIFFIN!

GALAHAD RETURNS TO KING ARTHUR— THE KNIGHT OF THE GRIFFIN IS SLAIN!



THEN LET US PROCEED TO CAMELOT!

MORE ADVENTURES OF GALAHAD

IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF... TOP-NOTCH COMICS

SHANGHAI SHERIDAN

BY
IRVING
NOVICK
AND
JOE BLAIR



YOUNG JACK SHERIDAN, WHOSE FATHER WAS KILLED BY INVADERS, HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY WISE AND WEALTHY OLD CHAN SING-TAN, WHO LIVES IN THE HEART OF SHANGHAI. VOWING TO WAGE UNRELENTING WAR AGAINST THE INVADERS, SHERIDAN HAS JUST SUCCEEDED IN RESCUING AN AMERICAN MILLIONAIRE, HENRY FOSTER, AND HIS DAUGHTER, BETTY, FROM THE HANDS OF JAPANESE OFFICIALS!.....



JACK IS SUMMONED TO BETTY FOSTER'S HOTEL!

FATHER HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED. HE WAS OUT WALKING WITH FOLEY, THE NEWSPAPERMAN, AND...
FOLEY, EH? WHERE'S THE PHONE?

SHERIDAN CALLS HIS FAITHFUL SERVANT, AH MEE!

HELLO, AH MEE! ARRANGE TO ARRIVE AT NEWSMAN FOLEY'S HOME AT ONCE!

MINUTES LATER, IN FOLEY'S ROOMS.....

WE WERE WALKING DOWN DRAGON ALLEY... ATTACKED... YOUR FATHER TAKEN PRISONER, ...SORRY!

FOLEY, WHAT HAPPENED?



WHO IS THE YOUNG UNCONSCIOUS ONE?

I DON'T KNOW! SOME PUNK WHO TRIED TO ROB ME A FEW MINUTES AGO!



UNNOTICED BY THE OTHERS, SHERIDAN FINDS THREE SMALL JEWEL-LIKE OBJECTS.

HM! MANDARIN BUTTONS FROM THE BOY'S HAT! THIS BOY IS NO THUG - HE'S THE SON OF A WEALTHY MAN!



BUT WHERE DO WE CONTACT DAD'S KIDNAPPERS?

I HAVE AN IDEA WHO THEY ARE... WE'RE LEAVING NOW, FOLEY!

GOOD LUCK! I'LL TURN THIS RUFFIAN OVER TO THE POLICE WHEN I RECOVER MY STRENGTH!



OUTSIDE, AH MEE AWAITS HIS MASTER!

AH MEE, FOLEY MUST NOT LEAVE HIS HOME UNTIL WE RETURN!

I SHALL ENTERTAIN HIM CAREFULLY!



WHERE DO WE GO NOW?

TO DRAGON ALLEY! THE LOTUS LEAF CLUB THERE IS THE HANG-OUT OF THE PIRATE CHIEFS AND THEIR CONTACT MEN!



IN THE LOTUS LEAF CLUB!

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

SHH! WE'RE BEING WATCHED!



BUT POOR DAD! AWFUL THINGS MAY BE HAPPENING TO HIM!

QUIET! HERE COMES THE MAN WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!



MY MASTER, LING CHING, HAS REQUESTED THIS HUMBLE ONE TO ASK IF I MAY BE OF SERVICE?

YES, OH MESSENGER. WE ARE READY TO FOLLOW WHERE YOU LEAD!



I DON'T TRUST THIS MAN, JACK!

YOU MAY BE TRICKED IF YOU TRUST SOMEONE — BUT YOU'LL GET NOWHERE IF YOU DON'T!



HOURS LATER, OFF THE CHINA COAST!

LOOK, BETTY! AWAY OFF THERE...!

I SEE IT, ANOTHER JUNK!

'TIS INDEED THE SHIP OF MY MASTER!

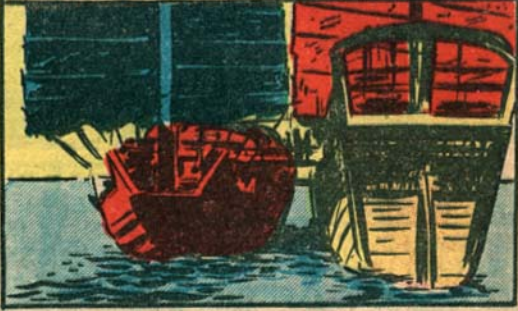
LING CHING'S JUNK APPROACHES!



THERE'S YOUR FATHER, BETTY!

YES! I SEE HIM. THANK HEAVENS!

THEY BOARD THE JUNK OF THE PIRATE CHIEF!



DAD!

NOW, NOW, DEAR, I'M ALL RIGHT!



WHAT HAVE YOU TO REPORT?

I HAVE CONTACTED THE AMERICAN'S PARTNERS IN BUSINESS, AND THEY REFUSE TO PAY THE RANSOM!

WHAT! THAT CAN'T BE!



I WAS AFRAID OF THAT, BETTY! IF I DON'T RETURN, THEY'LL OWN THE BUSINESS THEMSELVES!

WAIT, GREAT ONE! I HAVE ANOTHER PLAN!

WHAT IS THE PLAN?

I HAVE BROUGHT THE SON OF WEALTHY CHAN SING-TAN! FROM HIM, WE MAY HOPE TO EXTRACT A SUM OF MONEY!



PERHAPS IT WOULD PLEASE YOUR FATHER TO SPARE YOUR LIFE BY PARTING WITH A PALTRY SUM?

MY STANDING ORDERS ARE THAT HE SHALL PAY NO RANSOM UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!



WHILE THE PIRATE CHIEF CONFERS WITH HIS MESSENGER!



THIS LOOKS LIKE THE END! WE MAY AS WELL MAKE A FIGHT OF IT!



IN A MOMENT THE JUNK IS IN AN UPROAR!

PLEASE PARDON HONORABLE FIST!



SHERIDAN FIGHTS FURIOUSLY AGAINST TREMENDOUS ODDS!

THIS WOULD BE FUN IF OUR LIVES WEREN'T AT STAKE!



I SHALL DON MY MANDARIN HAT OUT OF DEFERENCE TO THE SO-BRAVE SHERIDAN!

I GUESS THIS IS AS FAR AS I GO!



JACK IS FINALLY OVERPOWERED!

AS THE EXECUTIONER MAKES
READY TO BEHEAD THE
CAPTIVES.....



BE
BRAVE,
BETTY!

...I'M
AFRAID
I CAN'T...

SORRY
I GOT
YOU
INTO
ALL
THIS!



YOUR CAP
OF HONOR,
GREAT
MASTER!



CHING LING DONS HIS
MANDARIN HAT!

LET THE
RITES
BEGIN!



FROM
YOUR
SON!



MY SON! BUT
YOU KNOW HIM NOT!
RELEASE THIS MAN THAT
HIS TONGUE MAY
BE FREE!

SHERIDAN PRODUCES.
THE THREE BUTTONS HE
RECOVERED IN FOLEY'S
ROOM!

THESE ARE THE MANDARIN
BUTTONS OF MY SON!



FOLEY WAS IN
ON THIS
DEAL,
WASN'T
HE?

AND NOW HE DOUBLE-CROSSED
YOU! YOUR SON IS IN
MY SERVANT'S HANDS
AND UNLESS WE
ARE RELEASED
YOUR SON WILL
DIE!



IT IS WORTH MORE THAN
THE WEALTH OF EM-
PIRES THAT MY MAN-
SON REMAIN UN-
HARMED! RELEASE
THE PRIS-
ONERS!



FREE ONCE MORE, THEY ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE OTHER JUNK!



ARRIVING IN THE HARBOR OF SHANGHAI!

DO YOU INTEND TO SET CHING'S SON FREE, SHERIDAN?

IN THE ORIENT, A MAN'S WORD IS THE ONLY THING THAT REALLY COUNTS!



SOON AFTER THEY ARRIVE AT FOLEY'S HOME.....

HERE WE ARE! WAIT 'TIL I LAY MY HANDS ON FOLEY!

I WOULDN'T BOTHER! ONCE HIS SON IS FREE, CHING LING WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM!



AH MEE, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

AH MEE ALL LIGHT! BUT FOLEY NOT ALL LIGHT — FOLEY ALL DARK!

SHERIDAN RELEASES CHING LING'S SON!

MY HONORABLE FATHER SHALL REPAY YOU FOR THIS!

WE ARE REPAYED! NOW GO!



DON'T HIT ME! I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY!

I ADVISE YOU TO LEAVE SHANGHAI BEFORE CHING'S WRATH OVERTAKES YOU!



OUTSIDE FOLEY'S HOME!

JACK, IF YOU WOULD REPAY ME, COME TO THE HOME OF MY FATHER. WE SHALL ALL FORGET OUR EXPERIENCES IN THE AROMA OF ROAST DUCK AND PEARL TEA!

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SHANGHAI SHERIDAN

SMASHES THROUGH TO NEW ADVENTURES IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF **TOP-NOTCH COMICS**

CHINA CHATTER

SAY A FEW WORDS IN CHINESE, AH MEE...

SEN SUNG HELA MUNG— WHICH MEAN IN ENGLISH— HELLO, HOW ARE YOU?



A DISAPPEARING RIVER

ONE OF THE natural wonders of the short grass cattle country is the disappearing river. This river, the Arkansas, is the second largest tributary to the Mississippi and is among the great rivers of the world. It seems that people, in general, have only a vague idea of the wonders to be found along the course of this big stream. At least a dozen reference books have failed to mention that it is an invisible river for many miles.

At a point in western Kansas the Arkansas river sinks from sight in the prairie landscape and does not appear again for many miles, when it emerges from the sands and continues its course.

In the mountains the flow of this river is torrential and in the spring it is given to freshets and floods but, strange to say, it rarely does any damage. Because there is no loss or evaporation in its underground flow in western Kansas it has formed a subterranean lake or underground sea under hundreds of square miles of "dry farming" country. Wells, capped by windmills, tap this underground flow, all over western Kansas, but it is impossible to bring enough of the water to the surface for practical irrigation purposes. It is possible only to raise enough for household uses, for drinking water and for watering cattle.

THE RIVER rises on the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains in Lake county, Colorado, where it has its beginning in a bubbly little mountain spring. It flows, for a part of its course, through the scenic grandeur of the Royal Gorge. This gorge is nine miles long and is one of the deepest and most beautiful canyons in the world.

The mouth of the Arkansas river in southern Arkansas is the farthest point north where alligators are found. Its headwaters flow through gold-bearing rocks and its lower waters near the only diamond mine in North America. Some of the most valuable fresh-water pearls are found near the mouth. One of these pearls sold, recently, for \$7000. The river is 2110 miles long.

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STEEL STERLING
THE MAN OF STEEL
EVERY MONTH IN
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STREAK CHANDLER

ON MARS

STREAK CHANDLER, PROF. FINLAY, HIS DAUGHTER, VOLA, AND LAURA, BEAUTIFUL GREEN-WOMAN FROM THE PLANET JUPITER, ARE IN THE SPACE SHIP WHICH HAS JUST DESTROYED KALOX, THE TYRANT OF MARS, BEFORE THE LATTER COULD PUT THRU HIS FIENDISH PLAN OF WIPING OUT MARS WITH POWERFUL RADIUM RAYS. BUT STREAK AND HIS COMPANY ARE NOW BESET BY A NEW MENACE!

JUST AS STREAK IS ABOUT TO HEAD HIS SHIP BACK TO MARS.....

THAT GIANT SPACE SHIP DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT MEANS US ANY GOOD!

A THUNDEROUS ANNOUNCEMENT SUDDENLY FILLS STREAK'S SHIP!

YOU ARE PRISONERS OF KING QUANTUS. SURRENDER OR BE DESTROYED!

HE IS THE SPACE PIRATE FROM VENUS! HE IS MERCILESS!

IF HE WANTS US, HE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT FOR US!

STREAK! OUR RAYS HAVE NO EFFECT ON HIS SPACE SHIP!

I GUESS WE'D BETTER MAKE QUICK TRACKS FOR MARS. MAYBE WE CAN OUT RUN HIM!

DEATH WOULD BE BETTER THAN TO FALL INTO QUANTUS' HANDS!

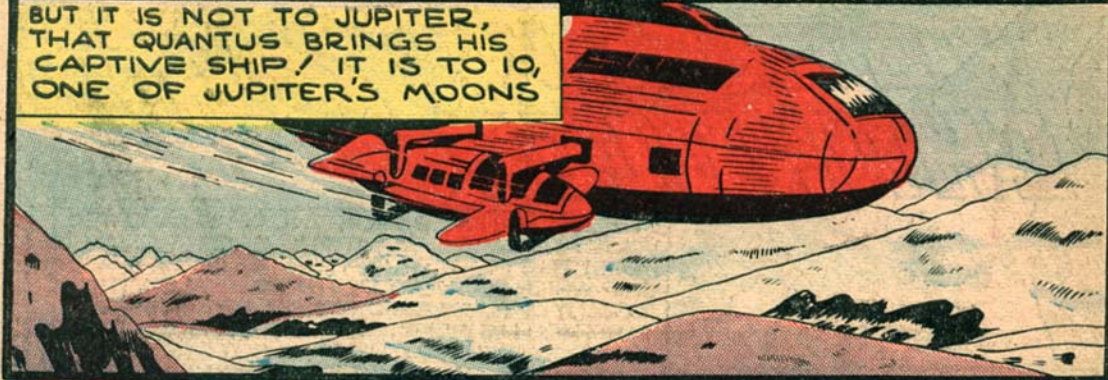
BUT STREAK'S SHIP IS EASILY OUTSTRIPPED BY THE SUPER-SHIP OF QUANTUS

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE HAVE MUCH CHOICE. HE'S GOT US NOW!

BUT HE'S NOT HEADING FOR VENUS AT ALL! HE'S GOING TOWARD JUPITER!

STREAK AND PROF. FINLAY..

BUT IT IS NOT TO JUPITER,
THAT QUANTUS BRINGS HIS
CAPTIVE SHIP! IT IS TO IO,
ONE OF JUPITER'S MOONS



I SHALL
RELEASE
YOUR SHIP.
DO NOT TRY
TO ESCAPE!

WE'D BETTER
DO AS HE
SAYS! HE
MEANS
BUSINESS!



THIS DOESN'T SEEM TO BE
MUCH OF AN EMPIRE. I WONDER
WHAT HIS GAME IS?

I...I'M
AFRAID!

STREAK LANDS HIS SHIP
ON THE FROZEN WASTES



QUANTUS, THE VENUSIAN SPACE
PIRATE.....

THREE OF US ARE
EARTH PEOPLE. THIS
IS PROFESSOR FINLAY,
A SCIENTIST. WHAT DO
YOU WANT WITH US?

A SCIENTIST!
GOOD, I CAN
USE HIM! THE
WOMEN WILL
BE MY SLAVES.
FOR YOU I
HAVE NO USE,
SO YOU DIE!



WHY
YOU!

THREATS WILL DO
YOU NO GOOD. I
CAN FREEZE YOU
TO AN ICE STATUE
WITH THIS ICE-RAY!
AH! HERE COME
MY SNOW BIRDS!



I'LL LEAVE TWO OF MY
BARBARIAN SUBJECTS
TO SEE THAT YOU DO
NOT ESCAPE DEATH!



STREAK IS LEFT TO CONTEND
WITH SURE DEATH!

BRR... IF THESE BEAUTIES DON'T
KILL ME FIRST, I'LL FREEZE
TO DEATH!

QUANTUS TAKES THE OTHERS OFF
IN THE SNOW SLED TO HIS CASTLE

THINK THIS ONE OVER,
YOU BIG GORILLA!



AAARRHH!

AND AS
FOR YOU.....



A LITTLE JIU JITSU
WILL FIX YOU UP RIGHT!



I'LL HAVE TO BORROW
THIS GUY'S CLOTHES TO
KEEP FROM FREEZING!



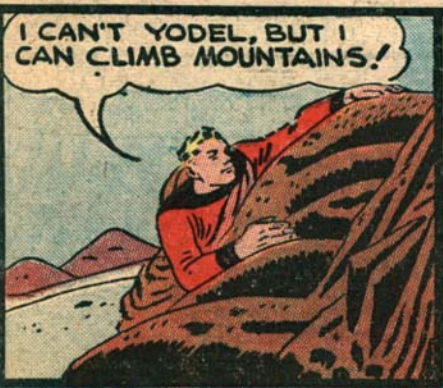
THESE TRACKS WILL LEAD
ME RIGHT TO QUANTUS'
HIDEOUT!



THE TRAIL ENDS HERE. THOSE
SNOW BIRDS OF HIS MUST
HAVE SCALED THE CLIFFS!



I CAN'T YODEL, BUT I
CAN CLIMB MOUNTAINS!



THAT MUST BE THE ENTRANCE TO
QUANTUS' CASTLE. NOW TO GET IN!



THAT CHASM GIVES ME AN IDEA!
I CAN'T OUTFIGHT THEM, BUT
I CAN OUTTHINK THEM!



HEY! YOU BIG
LUNKHEADS!
WANNA FIGHT?



THOSE IONIANS ARE TOO BULKY
TO JUMP ACROSS THE CHASM!



THEY'LL BE COMIN'
ROUND THE MOUNTAIN,
WHEN THEY COME!



HOT DOG!
IT WORKED!
HAPPY LANDING,
BOYS!

XADRU!

XADRU
VERVU!



WELL HERE
GOES!



STREAK RETURNS TO THE
CAVE ENTRANCE

IT SEEMS LIKE I'VE BEEN
WALKING FOR HOURS.....AND
IT'S GETTING WARMER ALL
THE TIME!.....SAY WHAT'S THAT!



I KNOW WHAT THIS IS. IT'S AN ELEVATOR SHAFT. QUANTUS' HANGOUT IS WAY BELOW!



I GET IT NOW! QUANTUS IS A VENUSIAN, AND CAN'T EXIST ON COLD SO, HE'S BUILT HIMSELF SOME KIND OF UNDERGROUND HEATING SYSTEM.... I'LL HAVE TO REMOVE THESE BEARSKINS!



STREAK GOES DOWN IN THE ELEVATOR

WOW! THIS QUANTUS IS NO DOPE! IT TOOK PLENTY OF ENGINEERING BRAINS TO CARVE OUT THOSE UNDERGROUND CAVES!



SOMEBODY'S COMING, I'D BETTER DUCK!



THEY MUST BE CARRYING FOOD TO QUANTUS! I'LL FOLLOW THEM!



IN QUANTUS'S CHAMBER!

AH! HERE COMES OUR SUPPER, AND NOW WE SHALL FEAST, JUST WE TWO!



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH MY FRIENDS, YOU BEAST!

LONG HAVE I WANTED AN EARTH WOMAN FOR MY QUEEN!



NO! NO! DON'T TOUCH ME!

WHILE OUTSIDE QUANTUS'S CHAMBER!

I'VE GOT TO GET THOSE STOOGES AWAY FROM THAT ENTRANCE..... AH! I'VE GOT IT!



QUANTUS'S GUARDS ARE STARTLED BY THE NOISE OF FALLING BOULDERS...



AND RUN TO INVESTIGATE.

MAYBE QUANTUS IS SMART. BUT HE SURE HAS DUMMIES WORKING FOR HIM!



STREAK BURSTS INTO QUANTUS'S CHAMBER AND.....

SO THAT'S YOUR GAME!

STREAK!

THE EARTHLING!



THIS TIME YOU SHALL NOT ESCAPE..... OOOOMPHH!

NOT ON YOUR TINTYPE! HERE'S A GOOD OLD AMERICAN CUSTOM!



BUT THE VENUSIAN IS STRONGER THAN STREAK HAD ANTICIPATED!

LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO HAVE TROUBLE!



NOW YOU DIE. SCUM!

OOOH!



STREAK SLIPS AND-

VOLA SAVES STREAK'S LIFE BY FREEZING QUANTUS'S ARM WITH HIS ICE GUN!



QUANTUS MAKES A QUICK ESCAPE!

OH, HE'S ESCAPED, STREAK!

NEVER MIND HIM, VOLA! WE'VE GOT TO FIND LURA, AND YOUR FATHER!



BUT STREAK CHANDLER'S TROUBLES HAVE JUST BEGUN. QUANTUS IS NO EASY FOE, AND THERE ARE PLENTY OF THRILLS AND DANGERS IN STORE FOR HIM BEFORE HE RESCUES HIS PARTY. READ THE NEXT ISSUE OF TOP-NOTCH COMICS.

WINGS JOHNSON OF THE AIR PATROL



WINGS JOHNSON, AMERICAN YOUTH, SERVING IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, HAS BEEN SENT TO SOUTH AFRICA TO SOLVE WAR-TIME PROBLEMS AT THE BRITISH DIAMOND MINES ---

AT THE MINES --- A PILOT PREPARES TO TAKE OFF FOR FRENCH WEST AFRICA ---

HENRY, TWO PILOTS HAVE BEEN LOST TRYING TO FLY THE DIAMONDS TO THE COAST ---

IT'S UP TO YOU TO GET THROUGH!

H'LL DO ME BLINKIN' BEST, WINGS.



LATER, IN THE RADIO SHACK ---

CALLING PILOT HIGGINS - PILOT HIGGINS! COME IN HIGGINS! --- HE DOESN'T ANSWER!

THAT'S THE THIRD PILOT TO DISAPPEAR, WINGS!



OUR GOVERNMENT NEEDS DIAMONDS BADLY, WINGS, FOR USE IN THE FACTORIES - WE'VE GOT TO GET THEM THROUGH - AND JOHNSON, YOU'RE OUR LAST HOPE!

I'LL START IMMEDIATELY!



HERE'S THE ROUTE YOU'RE TO FOLLOW - THE X'S MARK THE AREA WHERE THE OTHER PILOTS DISAPPEARED!



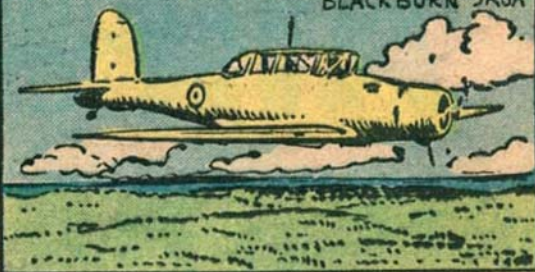
THERE'S A FORTUNE IN DIAMONDS IN THIS BOX, WINGS!

I'LL GET THEM THROUGH OR ELSE!



HOURS LATER AS JOHNSON SPEEDS ABOVE THE WILD AFRICAN JUNGLES

BLACKBURN "SKUA"

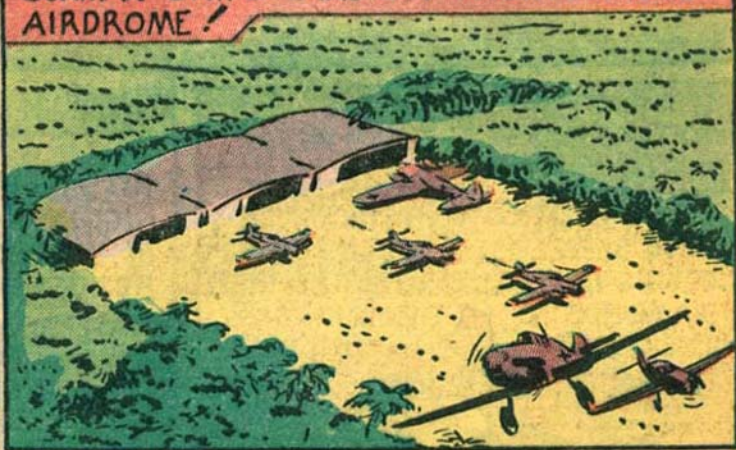


HE IS SIGHTED BY A NAZI LOOKOUT!

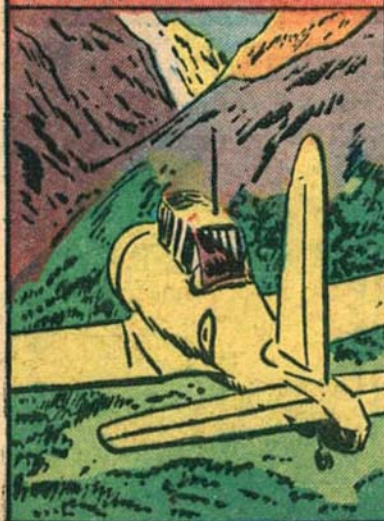
SEND UP DER PLANES! AN ENGLISHER IS COMINK!



DEEP IN THE JUNGLES, A SQUADRON OF GERMAN SHIPS TAKE OFF FROM A HIDDEN AIRDROME!

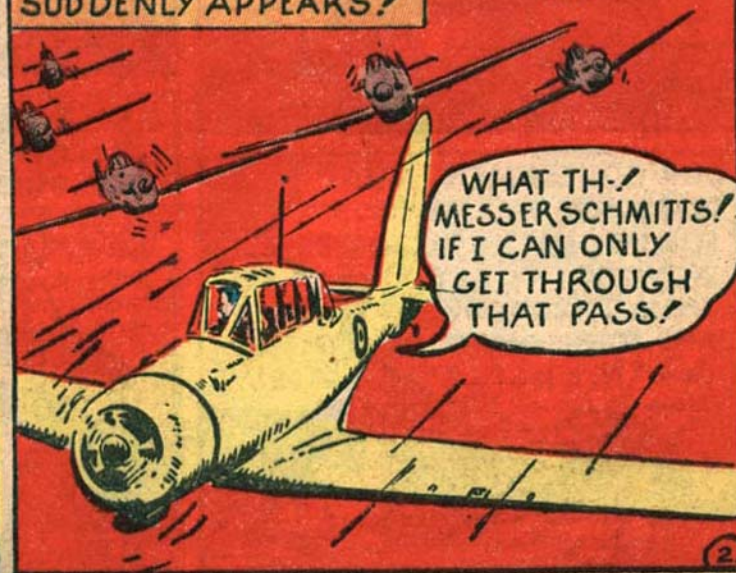


AS WINGS HEADS FOR A DANGEROUS MOUNTAIN PASS



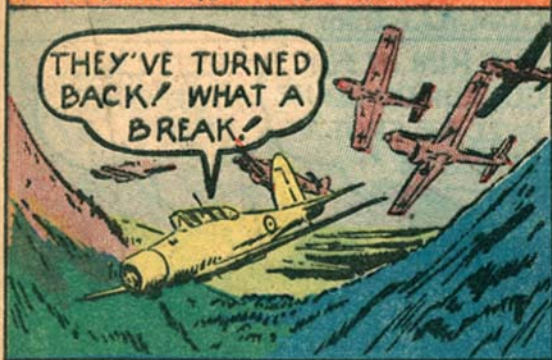
THE NAZI SQUADRON SUDDENLY APPEARS!

MESSERSCHMITT 109



WHAT TH-! MESSERSCHMITTS! IF I CAN ONLY GET THROUGH THAT PASS!

WINGS MAKES THE PASS.....



ONLY TO FIND IT A TRAP!



I DON'T THINK I CAN MAKE IT!



CAUGHT LIKE A FLY IN A SPIDER'S WEB!



JOHNSON'S PLANE IS LOWERED TO THE FLOOR OF THE PASS!



ONLY SLIGHTLY SHAKEN, WINGS IS TAKEN PRISONER!



AT THE HIDDEN AIRDROME.....

SO! THIS IS YOUR HANGOUT- AND ON ENGLISH TERRITORY!!

YAH! ISS CLEVER, NO?



JOHNSON FACES THE NAZI COMMANDANT!

PUT HIM IN DER GUARDHOUSE - HE WILL BE SHOT AT SUNRISE!

JUST LIKE OUR OTHER PILOTS, EH?



NOW VE GO BACK TO DER PINOCHLE GAME -



'ELLO, WINGS - 'OW'S THE BLOOMIN' BOY, EH?

HIGGINS! SO YOU'RE WAITING FOR THE SUNRISE SERENADE TOO?



'ECK, NO - H'I'M DIGGIN' ME WAY BACK TO MERRY OLE H'ENGLAND!

ATTABOY - LET'S GO!



WINGS AND HENNY TUNNEL THEIR WAY OUT OF THE PRISON AT NIGHT

HURRY UP, HENNY - AND DON'T KICK MY TEETH OUT!



GET IN THAT SHIP AND BE READY TO GO WHEN I COME BACK! I'M GOING AFTER THOSE DIAMONDS!!

-H'IF YOU COME BACK, YE MEAN!



WINGS CREEPS UP TO THE COMMANDANT'S 'QUARTERS!

I HOPE MY AIM IS GOOD!





JOOLS! VAT BEAUTIFUL JOO----

CLUNK!



I HATE TO TAKE AWAY YOUR TOYS LIKE THIS, FATTY!

AS WINGS RUNS TOWARDS THE PLANE



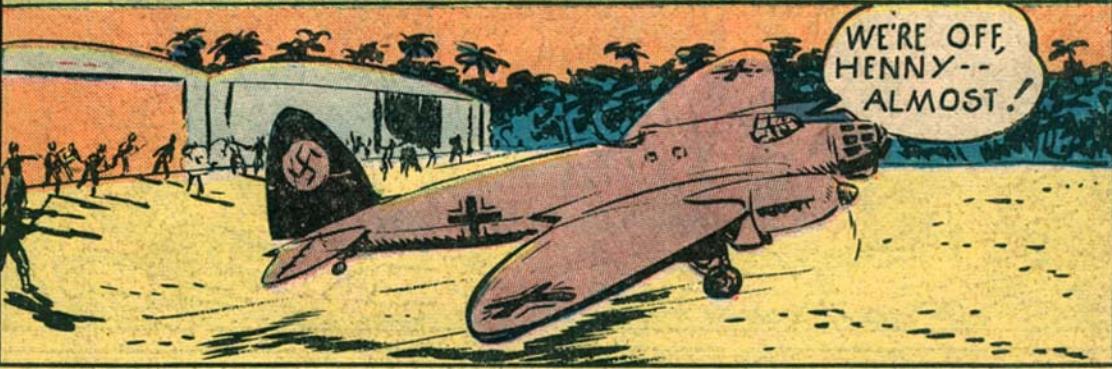
I HOPE I MAKE IT!

--HIGGINS STARTS THE MOTORS!



HERE, TAKE THESE!

THE ROAR OF THE HEINKEL MOTORS AROUSES THE NAZI CAMP!



WE'RE OFF, HENNY-- ALMOST!



H'I PREFER THIS TO A BLOMIN' FIRIN' SQUAD!

WE'RE NOT SAFE YET! THEY'LL HAVE PURSUIT SHIPS AFTER US! UNLESS-----



H'UNLESS WOT, WINGSIE? SAY-- WOT'RE YOU TURNING BACK FOR?

WE FORGOT TO SAY GOODBYE!

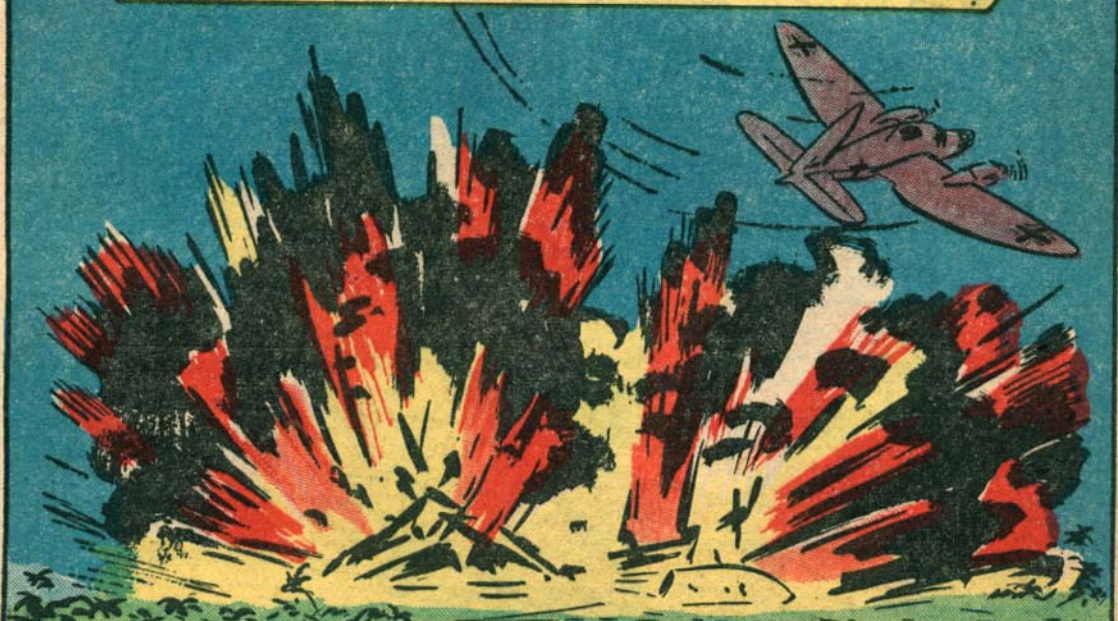
HIGH
OVER
THE
AIR-
BASE
THEY
RELEASE
THEIR
BOMBS
!

I 'OPES THESE
ARRIVE IN TIME
FOR BREAKFAST!

I WONDER IF
BOMBS AND
CEREAL WILL
MIX?

HEINKEL-III K

AND THE SECRET NAZI AIRPORT IS BLOWN TO BITS!



SEVERAL HOURS LATER
OVER FRENCH WEST AFRICA -

WE'RE H'ABOUT
THERE, EH WOT
WINGSIE?

JUST ABOUT,
HEY-LOOK
BEHIND US!

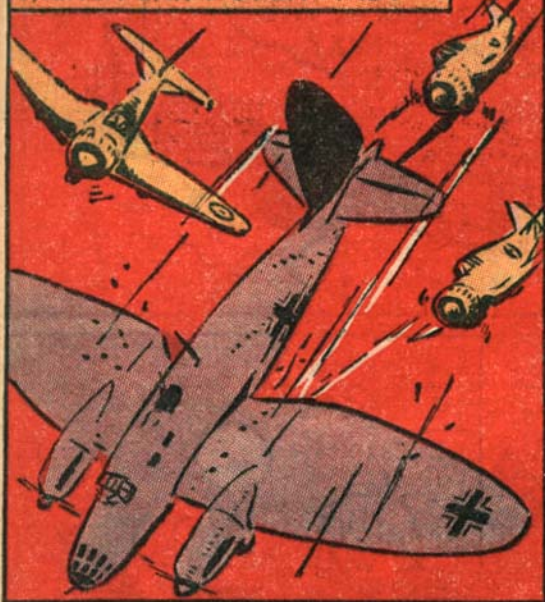
A FRENCH PATROL IS IN PURSUIT!

THE BLINKIN'
FROGS THINK
WE'RE THE
BLASTED
H'ENEMY!

BLOCH 151'S



WINGS POWER-DIVES AS THE FRENCH SHIPS OPEN FIRE!



AT THE SAME TIME, FRENCH ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERIES OPEN FIRE!



WE SHOT IT'S TAIL OFF!

THEIR TAIL SHOT AWAY, WINGS AND HENRY ARE FORCED TO BAIL OUT!



BRAVO! ZE DIAMONDS, YOU HAVE ZEM?

YES, SIR! BUT WHERE'S HENNY?

WHO? OH, ZE CRAZY MAN! HE'S OVER ZERE!



MON DIEU! ZE COMMANDANT- HE IS WAITING TO GREET YOU!

TELL THE BLIGHTER TO WAIT! H'I'M 'AVIN' A GAME O'AGGIES WITH THESE BLINKIN' BLINKERS!



MORE THRILLING ADVENTURES OF WINGS JOHNSON IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF **TOP-NOTCH COMICS**

NOODLE

By
QUINCY



WONDER WHAT
THAT LADY WANTS

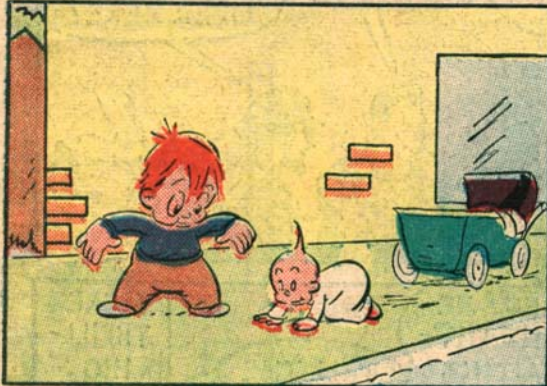
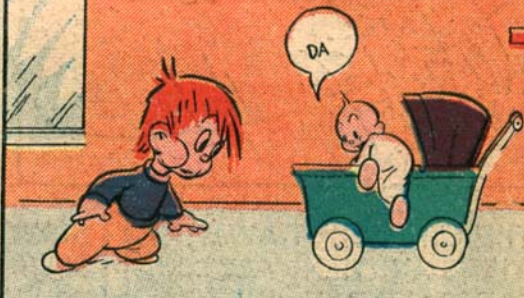


LITTLE BOY—HERE'S
TEN CENTS—PLEASE
KEEP AN EYE ON MY
BABY WHILE I'M SHOPPING
IN THIS STORE

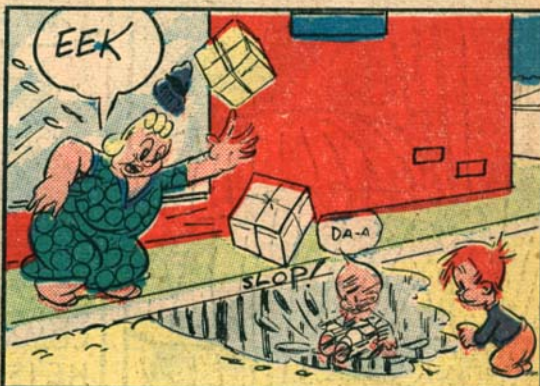
FOR TEN CENTS,
I SURE WILL,
LADY.



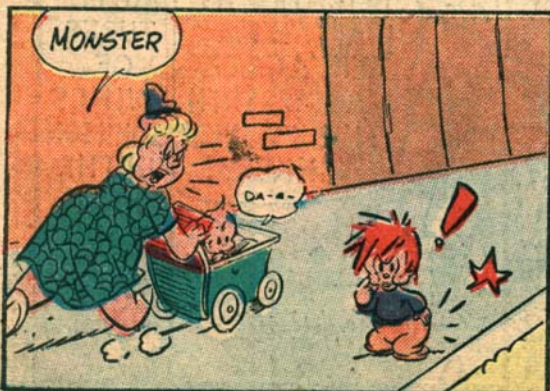
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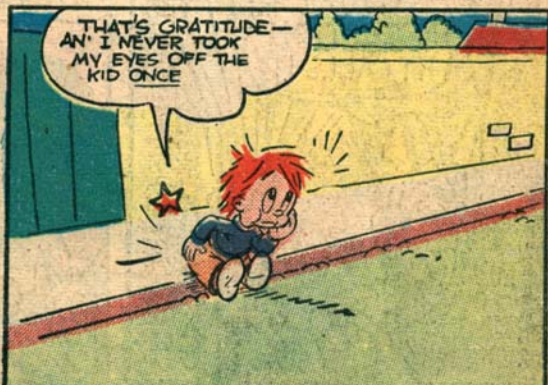
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MONSTER



THAT'S GRATITUDE—
AN' I NEVER TOOK
MY EYES OFF THE
KID ONCE



DICK STORM

IN INDIA

by MESKIN AND SHORTEN



DICK STORM, PROFESSIONAL ADVENTURER, IS AS FAMILIAR WITH THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE WORLD AS THE ORDINARY MAN IS IN HIS OWN PARLOR. NOW HE FINDS HIMSELF IN INDIA, THE LAND OF MYSTERY.



HO! YOU ARE INDEED A CAPABLE FELLOW.



PERHAPS YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A LITTLE ADVENTURE FOR A GREAT SUM OF MONEY.



THERE IS A WHITE GIRL IN ONE OF THE VILLAGES IN THE JUNGLES OF INDIA WHO WOULD FETCH A HANDSOME RANSOM. BRING HER BACK, AND HALF IS YOURS!



WAIT A MINUTE! IF I PRETEND TO STRING ALONG WITH HIM, I'LL BE ABLE TO SAVE THAT GIRL FROM HIS CLUTCHES. OTHERWISE, HE'LL JUST HIRE

SOMEBODY ELSE TO DO THE JOB FOR HIM.



IT'S A DEAL!

GOOD!

THAT PIG YOU JUST SUBDUED WILL GO ALONG WITH YOU, AND A FEW MORE OF MY MEN... THE GIRL IS THERE WITH HER FATHER, A MISSIONARY.



DICK WASTES NO TIME IN GETTING THE EXPEDITION STARTED.

IT'S A WEEK'S MARCH TO WHERE THE WHITE GIRL AND HER FATHER ARE.

WE SHALL DO IT IN FIVE DAYS!



FOR DAYS, DICK AND HIS CREW MARCH THROUGH THE DENSE INDIAN JUNGLES



DICK AND HIS EVIL BAND ENTER THE VILLAGE OF BURPAL!

HEY, THERE, DON'T RUN AWAY. WE WON'T HARM YOU

WASTE NO TIME! ME GETTUM GIRL!



I'M GIVING ORDERS AROUND HERE. I'LL GO TO THE GIRL ALONE.

THOSE DEVILS ARE GETTING SUSPICIOUS. I'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST!



A WHITE MAN! THANK HEAVENS!



MY FATHER DIED YESTERDAY FROM FEVER, AND I'VE BEEN ALL ALONE!

YOU ARE IN EXTREME DANGER!



BENEATH THE HUT, AH MING AND HIS MEN OVERHEAR DICK'S WARNING.

SO, THE WHITE SCUM BETRAYS US! HIS BONES SHALL BE LEFT TO BLEACH IN THE JUNGLE SUN, WHILE WE TAKE THE RANSOM MONEY FOR OURSELVES



AS DICK LEAVES... WOW! THAT WAS CLOSE! THOSE MURDERING HOUNDS ARE WISE TO ME!



BUT I WON'T MISS!



UGH!



QUICK!
GET ON TOP
OF THAT
TRUNK!



I'LL TRY
AN OLD
ARMY TRICK!



IF THERE'S
ANYBODY
UNDER THERE,
I'LL KNOW
SOON
ENOUGH!



DICK'S GUESS
IS RIGHT.



DICK
RETURNS
FIRE

DICK'S BULLETS
FIND THEIR
MARK...



LATER...

SHOTS!
AND THEY'RE
NOT COMING
THIS WAY! I'D
BETTER
INVESTIGATE!



GREAT SCOT!
A WHITE MAN!



HE'LL NEVER
MAKE IT!
UNLESS...





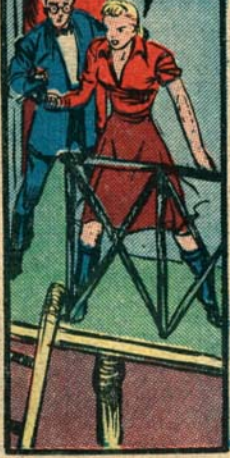
KEEP RUNNING! I'LL KEEP THESE PIRATES AWAY FROM YOU.

THE PIRATES SWARM UPON DICK



COME BACK INTO THE HUT. IT'S DANGEROUS!

BUT THEY'LL KILL HIM!



AHA! AND NOW MELICAN SWINE!---

THE ODDS ARE TOO GREAT



IF I MISS,—DICK IS DOOMED!

A DIRECT HIT!



DICK BREAKS LOOSE!



RUN DICK! I'LL KEEP THEM COVERED!

THAT WAS A BRAVE THING TO DO, BUT WHY DIDN'T THIS FELLOW HELP ME OUT?

- I-ER. WAS TOO EXHAUSTED.

MY NAME'S JESSUP! I FOLLOWED MARGIE TO THIS PLACE TO PROTECT HER.

YOU WEREN'T MUCH PROTECTION.

TO DRIVE THE WHITES INTO THE OPEN, THE PIRATES THROW FIREBRANDS ONTO THE HUT.

THEY'RE TRYING TO BURN US OUT. START MAKING BUNDLES OF WET CLOTHING, QUICK!

WE'VE GOT NO TIME..

DO AS DICK SAYS!



WE'LL MAKE A RUN FOR IT, HIDDEN IN THIS SMOKE.



DICK'S STRATEGY IS SUCCESSFUL.



KEEP RUNNING! WE'RE LOSING THEM!



I. I'M TIRED DICK!

DICK HAS MANAGED TO RESCUE MARGIE CONWAY FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THE PIRATES. BUT THE DANGER IS FAR FROM GONE. DOES DICK STORM, HAMPERED BY THE COWARDLY JESSUP, BRING THEM BACK TO CIVILIZATION?

BOB PHANTOM

THE SCOURGE OF THE UNDERWORLD

BOB PHANTOM IS NOT MERELY A NAME... IT IS A SYMBOL - A SYMBOL FOR JUSTICE AND LAWFULNESS, AND ALL THE FORCES WHICH GO TO MAKE OURS A BETTER CIVILIZATION

ONE NIGHT, WALT WHITNEY, BROADWAY COLUMNIST, WALKS TO HIS HOME FROM HIS OFFICE..

IT'S BEEN KIND OF QUIET LATELY.. NOTHING FOR ME TO RIB THE POLICE ABOUT!

THE STILLNESS IS SUDDENLY SHATTERED BY THE SCREECHING OF SIRENS!

FIRE ENGINES! WHITNEY RIDES AGAIN!

WHITNEY BOARDS THE SPEEDING FIRE ENGINE!

HEY! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE... THE MAYOR? MORE IMPORTANT, I'M WALT WHITNEY!

WHERE'S THE FIRE?

YOU MEAN FIRES! THERE'S BEEN A RAFT OF THEM LATELY!

WOW! THAT BUILDING IS PRETTY FAR GONE!

SUDDENLY. FROM A WINDOW HIGH UP
IN THE BUILDING!



HELP!
HELP!



GOOD LORD!
THOSE PEOPLE
ARE HOPELESS-
LY TRAPPED!
THAT BUILDING'S A
FLAMING
COFFIN!

SUDDENLY
OUT OF
THE
SMOKE..
**BOB
PHANTOM**
!!



I'VE GOT TO
WORK FAST,
THIS BUILDING
IS READY TO
COLLAPSE!

BOB PHANTOM CARRIES THE GIRL OUT
OF THE BUILDING AND DISAPPEARS...

WH-WHERE'D SHE COME FROM, DOC?



I COULD HAVE
SWORN SHE WAS
BEING CARRIED
BY A PUFF
OF SMOKE!



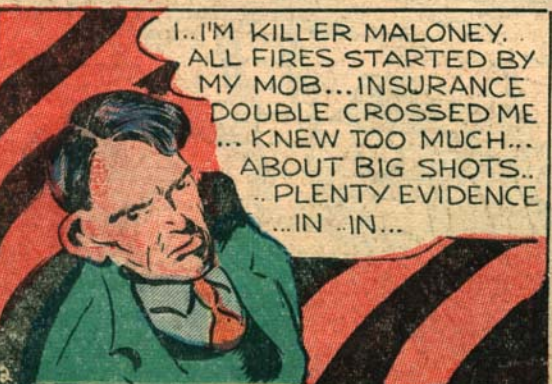
THAT POOR
FELLOW LOOKS
DONE FOR!

BOB PHANTOM
CONTINUES HIS
ERRAND OF MERCY.



BOB IS ABOUT TO
RESCUE THE
VICTIM WHEN -

IT IT'S TOO...
LATE...WANTA...
TELL YOU
SOMETHIN'!



I..I'M KILLER MALONEY.
ALL FIRES STARTED BY
MY MOB...INSURANCE
DOUBLE CROSSED ME
... KNEW TOO MUCH...
ABOUT BIG SHOTS..
... PLENTY EVIDENCE
...IN ..IN...



HE'S DEAD...
JUST AS HE
WAS ABOUT
TO TELL ME
WHERE THE
EVIDENCE IS!

JUST THEN
THE
BUILDING
COLLAPSES!
HAS
BOB
PHANTOM
MET A
HORRIBLE
FIERY
DEATH



THE NEXT
DAY, WALT
WHITNEY
DOES SOME
SLEUTHING.

I'D LIKE TO TALK TO THE GIRL
WHO WAS RESCUED FROM
THE FIRE LAST NIGHT. YOU'RE
HER AUNT, I SUP-
POSE?



YES,
COME IN..

WALT MEETS VIVIAN CORAL..

MISS CORAL, I UNDERSTAND YOUR
FATHER OWNED THAT BUILD-
ING THAT BURNED DOWN...

HE DID
OWN IT!
HE WAS
BOUGHT OUT
ABOUT A
MONTH AGO
JUST BE-
FORE HE
DIED!!



I'VE FOUND OUT THE BUILDING WAS IN-
SURED BY THE ACME INSURANCE CORP...
I'D LIKE TO ASK THEM A FEW QUESTIONS.

WILL YOU
COME WITH
ME?



YES..

WALT AND VIVIAN SOON ARRIVE AT THE
INSURANCE OFFICE.



THANKS!

MR. BLOATER
WILL SEE YOU NOW.

ISN'T YOUR COMPANY TAKING
TERRIFIC LOSSES, PAYING-
OUT INSURANCE FOR ALL
THE FIRES WE'VE
HAD LATELY?



YES! BUT WE'RE
HELPLESS. WE GET
NO COOPERATION
FROM THE POLICE!

I'D LIKE TO SEE WHO'S GOING
TO COLLECT THE INSURANCE
ON THE BUILDING THAT
MISS CORAL'S FATHER
OWNED...
WILL YOU
LOOK IT
UP FOR
ME?





SUDDENLY...

Y...YOU CAN'T DO THAT!

STICK 'EM UP SNOOP!



HEY!

NOT SO FAST!



YA DOITY... OOW!

NASTY, NASTY... MUSTN'T CALL NAMES!



THIS WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU, MR. WHITNEY!



WHEN WHITNEY REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...

WH...WHERE'S VIVIAN?... IF YOU'VE HARMED HER!...

TAKE IT EASY, MUG... YOU'LL MEET YOUR LADY FRIEND SOON!



THE SHACK IS SOAKED WITH KEROSENE...

YOU LIKE TO KNOW ALL ABOUT FIRES, SO WE'RE GOIN' TO GIVE YOU ONE TO PLAY WITH!

THE ARSONISTS SET FIRE TO THE SHACK, AND ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE---- WHEN SUDDENLY, AS THOUGH FROM THE SKIES... BOB PHANTOM APPEARS!

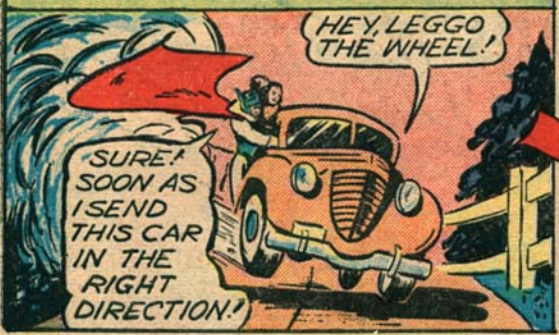


SPOOKS!



BOB LEAPS TO THE DASHBOARD OF THE CAR AND TWISTS THE WHEEL ...

...AND SENDS THE KILLERS TO THEIR DOOM...



HEY, LEGGO THE WHEEL!

SURE! SOON AS I SEND THIS CAR IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!



LATER IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ...



WHITNEY! WHAT HAVE THEY DONE WITH WALT WHITNEY?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM! YOU'LL FIND HIM IN HIS OFFICE STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE!

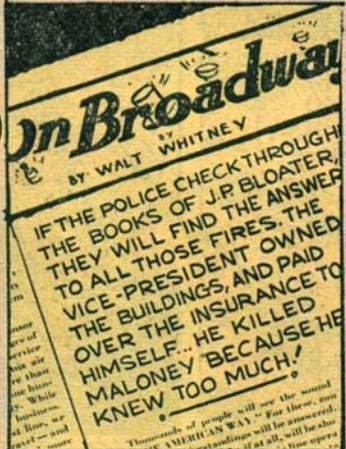
LOOK AT THAT, WILL YOU! SAY, I THINK THE CITY'S PAYING THE SALARY OF CHIEF OF POLICE TO THE WRONG GUY!

LATER IN WHITNEY'S OFFICE



MR. WHITNEY! IT WAS J.P. BLOATER WHO KNOCKED YOU UNCONSCIOUS!

I KNEW IT ALL THE TIME, VIVIAN... TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!



IF THE POLICE CHECK THROUGH THE BOOKS OF J.P. BLOATER, THEY WILL FIND THE ANSWER TO ALL THOSE FIRES. THE VICE-PRESIDENT OWNED THE BUILDINGS, AND PAID OVER THE INSURANCE TO HIMSELF... HE KILLED MALONEY BECAUSE HE KNEW TOO MUCH!



YEAH... WELL, THIS IS ONE GAG HE WON'T GET AWAY WITH! C'MON LET'S SEE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

THE CHIEF AND THE D.A. IMMEDIATELY MAKE FOR BLOATER'S OFFICE AND...



SUICIDE, CHIEF! LOOKS LIKE WHITNEY KNEW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT AS USUAL!

MEANWHILE... BACK IN WHITNEY'S OFFICE...



AND WE BOTH OWE HE'S THE GUY WHO INTRODUCED ME TO YOU, AND I'M GRATEFUL -- AND THE NAME IS WALT!

BOB PHANTOM, MR. WHITNEY WHO IS HE?

FOLLOW BOB PHANTOM IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF - TOP-NOTCH COMICS

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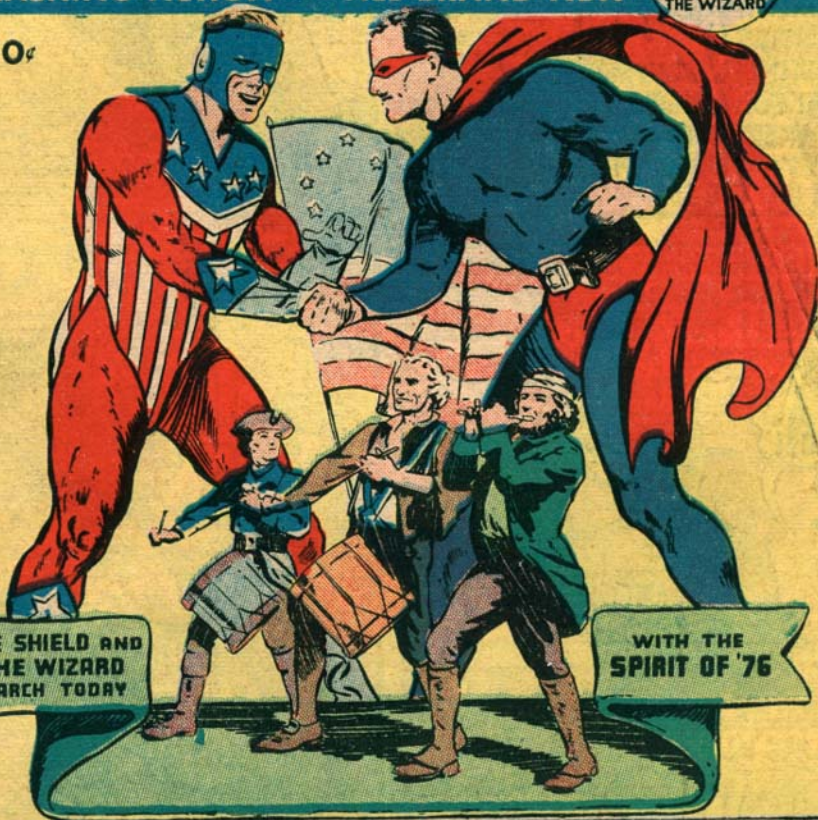
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KEITH KORNELL

WEST POINT

During THE SUMMER MONTHS THE CADETS AT WEST POINT ARE REQUIRED TO SKILL IN FIELD MANEUVERS, AND SO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THEIR VARIOUS DUTIES !!

KEITH KORNELL NOW FINDS HIMSELF AT FORT RILEY, KANSAS, WHERE THE ENTIRE ACADEMY WILL ENGAGE IN A SHAM BATTLE !!



THE SHAM BATTLE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN, WITH CADETS AND THE REGULAR ARMY PARTICIPATING !! YOU, CADET KORNELL, WILL MAN THIS NEW ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN. WE WANT TO TEST ITS EFFECTIVENESS !!



THE BRIGADIER GENERAL GIVES KEITH FURTHER INFORMATION !!

THE BULLETS IN THIS GUN WILL LEAVE WHITE POWDER MARKS ON THIS PLANE. IF THE PLANE IS HIT IN A VITAL PART THE PILOT WILL BRING IT DOWN!





IF THIS GUN DOES ALL THEY CLAIM, IT WILL BE THE BIGGEST THREAT AGAINST INVADING PLANES YET DEvised!

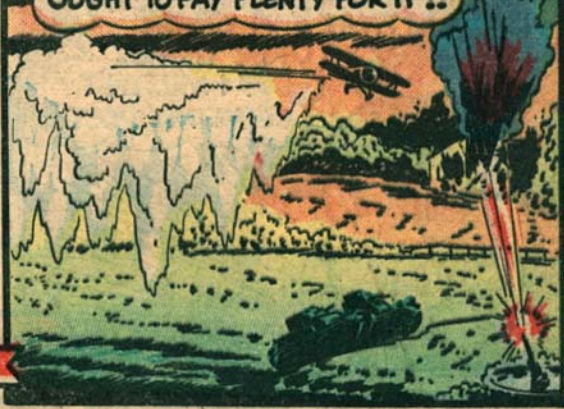


IN THE PLANE AGAINST WHICH KEITH IS DIRECTING HIS FIRE

HOLY SMOKES! WHAT A GUN! THOSE FOREIGN SPIES OUGHT TO PAY PLENTY FOR IT !!



AFTER THE BATTLE- THE GUN LIVES UP TO THE CLAIM OF ITS INVENTOR. WE'VE GOT TO GUARD IT CAREFULLY. YOU WILL TAKE SENTRY DUTY TONIGHT, KORNELL



THAT NIGHT, THE TRAITOROUS PILOT REPORTS TO CADET KORNELL IS ON SENTRY DUTY TONIGHT. HE'LL BE A TOUGH ONE TO GET OUT OF THE WAY!

THE SPIES !!

I HAVE A PLAN !!



YOU WILL CRASH YOUR PLANE, AND DISTRACT EVERYBODY'S ATTENTION. IT WILL GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO STEAL THE GUN!!



MEANWHILE, BACK AT FORT RILEY- WELL, ALL'S QUIET SO FAR, TOO QUIET !!



UNKNOWN TO CADET KORNELL, HIS EVERY MOVE IS WATCHED BY HOSTILE EYES !!

IT WILL BE A TREMENDOUS WEAPON FOR GET THE GUN, WE OUR NEXT BLITZ- WILL MAKE BLUE - KRIEG !! PRINTS, AND SEND IT TO OUR GOVERNMENT!

MEANWHILE,
THE TRAITOR-
OUS PILOT
PROCEEDS TO
PUT THE PLAN
INTO EFFECT
!!



I'LL SEND THE PLANE CRASH-
ING DOWN IN
FLAMES, THEN
BAIL OUT !!



GREAT GHOSTS!
A CRASH !!

CALL THE
AMBULANCE!



THAT'S A CRASH
OVER THERE!
- BUT I MUSTN'T
LEAVE MY POST !!



QUICK! GRAB
HIM!!

THE SPIES
RUSH
KEITH
KORNELL.

HEY,
I.... !!



OH, SO SOMEBODY
WANTS TO PLAY,
EH?



BIF ★ HERE'S ANOTHER
LITTLE TOY !!

BOP ★



THIS WILL TAKE
THE FIGHT OUT
OF YOU !!

OW! MY
LEG!!

AS HE FALLS, KEITH IS HIT A MURDEROUS BLOW ON THE HEAD, WHICH LEAVES HIM ALMOST UNCONSCIOUS!



KEITH RECOVERS, AS ONE OF THE GUARDS RUSHES UP.



SORRY! NO TIME FOR EXPLANATIONS!

I'M GONNA TELL THE GENERAL ON YOU !!



AND BRUSQUELY BRUSHES HIM ASIDE AS HE BORROWS HIS MOTORCYCLE...

THE GUARD REPORTS TO THE GENERAL !!

-AND THERE WAS NO SIGN OF THE GUN WHEN KORNELL TOOK MY MOTORCYCLE !!

ORDER OUR MEN TO COMB THE COUNTRY-SIDE !!



MEANWHILE, KEITH IS CLOSE ON THE TRAIL OF THE SPIES !!

I'LL WAIT FOR THEM TO GET TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS. I CAN'T CHANCE GETTING KILLED WHILE THEY HAVE THE GUN !!



INSIDE THE CAR -



WE WILL MAKE BLUEPRINTS, THEN THE U.S. ARMY CAN HAVE THE GUN BACK... HA, HA!

THE SPIES ARRIVE AT THEIR HEADQUARTERS !!

THIS WILL NOT TAKE LONG!



OUTSIDE, KEITH LOOKS FOR AN ENTRANCE !

THEY'VE LOCKED THE DOOR! WELL, THERE IS ONLY ONE THING TO DO, SO.....





MORE EXCITING ADVENTURES OF KEITH KORNELL, WEST POINTER IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF TOP-NOTCH COMICS

KARDAK

THE MYSTIC MAGICIAN

KARDAK AND HIS FIANCEE, LORNA, HAVE STUMBLERD INTO A MYSTICAL LAND, HIDDEN DEEP IN THE LOUISIANA BAYOUS, AND RULED BY A TRIBE OF BRAHMINS WHO THREATEN CIVILIZATION UNLESS KARDAK'S POWERS CAN STOP THEM!



I'VE GOT TO WORK FAST!

HELP!



KARDAK AND LORNA, FLEEING THE BRAHMIN HORDES ARE TRAPPED IN QUICKSAND!

OUR BRAHMIN MASTERS... WE MUST SAVE THEM!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I THOUGHT....



KARDAK CREATES AN ILLUSION!



THE BRAHMIN'S SERVANTS RESCUE THOSE THEY BELIEVE TO BE THEIR MASTERS!

THANKS FOR THE HAND, BOYS!

MALU! IT'S WITCHERY!

WE HAVE BEEN FOOLED! KILL THEM!



TAKE THAT... MISERABLE DEFILER OF SIVA! ..OOF! WHERE IS HE?

WHO, ME? HERE I AM!

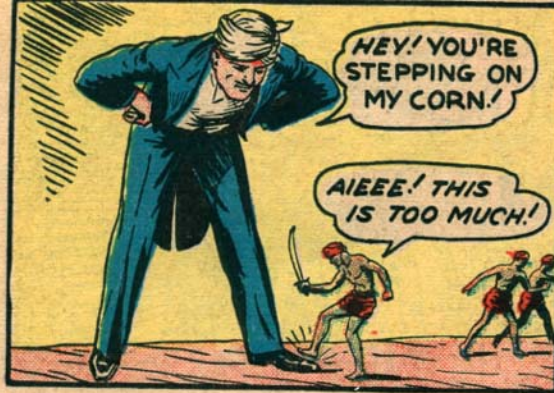


I'LL CRUSH YOU LIKE AN ANT!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!



KARDAK'S MAGIC FURTHER INFURIATES HIS ENRAGED ATTACKER!



HEY! YOU'RE STEPPING ON MY CORN!

AIEEE! THIS IS TOO MUCH!



BUT... HOW DID YOU DO IT, KARDAK?

THAT'S A PROFESSIONAL SECRET, LORNA... RIGHT NOW IT'S MORE IMPORTANT FOR US TO GET OUT OF HERE!

THE BRAHMIN SOLDIERS FLEE IN TERROR!



I THINK I'LL PAY THE BRAHMINS A LITTLE VISIT... YOU WAIT HERE!

BUT YOU'LL NEVER GET PAST THOSE GUARDS!

KARDAK AND LORNA RETURN TO THE BRAHMIN CITY...



THE BRAHMINS ARE IN SACRED COUNCIL!

NOT EVEN A SHADOW COULD PASS US UNSEEN!

KARDAK MAKES HIMSELF INVISIBLE!



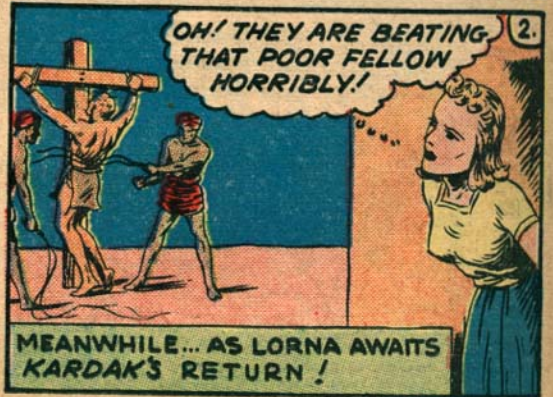
I HAVE JUST BEEN IN SPIRITUAL COMMUNICATION WITH OUR MASTERS!

GREAT SCOT! MASTERS! THIS CHANGES MY PLANS!

AN UNSEEN GUEST ENTERS THE CHAMBER...



WE, THE FOLLOWERS OF SIVA, SHALL SOON RULE THE EARTH! OUR MASTERS, WISEST OF ALL MORTALS, HAVE THUS DECREED! WE SHALL DESTROY CIVILIZATION IMMEDIATELY!



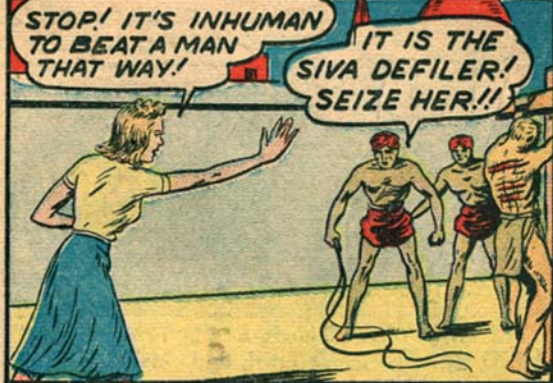
OH! THEY ARE BEATING THAT POOR FELLOW HORRIBLY!

MEANWHILE... AS LORNA AWAITS KARDAK'S RETURN!



SACRELIOUS DOG! YOU SHALL DIE FOR SWATTING THE SACRED FLY!

BALTHAR, A GIANT CAUCASIAN, HAS BEEN CONDEMNED TO DEATH BY WHIPPING!



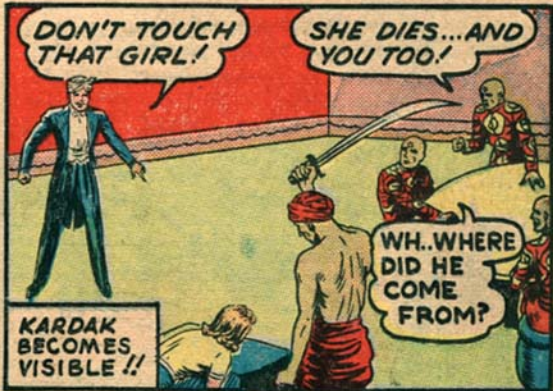
STOP! IT'S INHUMAN TO BEAT A MAN THAT WAY!

IT IS THE SIVA DEFILER! SEIZE HER!!



IT IS THAT WHITE WOMAN! CHOP HER HEAD OFF IMMEDIATELY

LORNA IS DRAGGED INTO THE BRAHMIN'S SACRED CHAMBER!



DON'T TOUCH THAT GIRL!

SHE DIES...AND YOU TOO!

WH..WHERE DID HE COME FROM?

KARDAK BECOMES VISIBLE !!



MUSTN'T PLAY WITH FIRE!

OWOOO! MY HAND IS BURNING!

KARDAK'S MAGIC TURNS THE EXECUTIONER'S SWORD TO FLAME!



QUICK! TIE HIM IN A SACK! HE IS POWERLESS WHEN HE CAN'T SEE!

BUT THE BRAHMIN'S ARE ALSO VERSED IN MAGIC!



THEY SHALL MAKE A FINE SACRIFICE FOR SIVA'S FLAMES!

NO! THEY ARE DEFILERS! THEY SHALL BE THROWN TO THE SHARKS!

KARDAK IS TIGHTLY BOUND IN A SACK!



THROW THEM IN!

DON'T! PLEASE DON'T!

KARDAK AND LORNA ARE TAKEN TO THE RIVER OF MAN-EATING SHARKS!



I SAVE MISTRESS! OOF!
ROPES TIGHT SQUEEZE!

THE GIANT BALTHAR SEES THE GIRL, WHO BEFRIENDED HIM, IN DANGER!



HURRY, BALTHAR,
OR SHARK EAT GIRL!

BALTHAR'S TERRIFIC STRENGTH EN-
ABLES HIM TO RIP HIS BONDS LIKE STRAW!



STOP HIM!!

OUT OF WAY!
BALTHAR MAD!

IS KARDAK DOOMED?



THE FOOL! HE
IS AS GOOD
AS DEAD!

BALTHAR WRESTS A KNIFE FROM ONE OF
THE SOLDIERS, AND DIVES TO THE RESCUE!



BALTHAR KILLS THE FIRST SHARK!



THE MIGHTY BALTHAR FREES KARDAK!



THE GIANT PROTECTS KARDAK AS THE
LATTER CARRIES LORNA TO SAFETY!



WHEW! THAT WAS A CLOSE SHAVE!

I HOPE THAT BRAVE FELLOW COMES OUT SAFELY!



HA! HA! BALTHAR TOO STRONG FOR SHARK!

WHAT A MAN!

LORNA GETS HER WISH!



I NO BELONG HERE... THEY TAKE ME FROM FAR OFF LAND BECAUSE ME STRONG!

WELL, IT WAS LUCKY FOR US! DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE BRAHMIN'S MASTERS LIVE?



BALTHAR KNOW... BUT MUCH BAD COUNTRY TO CROSS! MUST PASS THREE PLACE. FIRST PLACE LAND OF LIVE-DEAD! CAN GO THERE ONLY WITH MAGIC FLYING CARPET! I KNOW PLACE WHERE KEEP! COME, I SHOW YOU!



BRAHMINS KEEP WHOLE ARMY HERE!

LOOK! THERE ARE SOME MORE BRAHMIN TROOPS COMING! I'VE GOT A PLAN!

BALTHAR LEADS KARDAK TO THE SACRED TEMPLE CONTAINING ALL THE BRAHMIN'S MAGIC RELICS!



I ALWAYS KEEP MY SHADOW AROUND FOR ERRANDS LIKE THIS!

ZLOWIE! YOU MORE MAGIC AS BRAHMIN'S! BRING MAGIC TURBAN!

KARDAK SENDS HIS SHADOW AFTER THE MAGIC CARPET.



AND NOW FOR THE SECOND PART OF MY PLAN!... HEY, YOU! HOW YA DOIN'?

MALAY DU! WHITE DOG... STILL LIVES!

KARDAK GREET'S THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS!



KILL HIM!
NO YOU DON'T! I BROUGHT MY OWN ARMY WITH ME THIS TIME... LOOK!



IT IS TRUE... WE ARE ATTACKED! FIGHT!!

KARDAK MAKES THE APPROACHING BRAHMIN FORCES APPEAR LIKE U.S. TROOPS!



THAT'S WHAT I CALL SERVICE! LORNA, BALTHAR, COME QUICK!

KARDAK'S SHADOW FLIES OUT ON THE CARPET WITH THE MAGIC TURBAN!



THE TWO FORCES OF BEWILDERED SOLDIERS BATTLE EACH OTHER!



KARDAK, I'M AFRAID!

DON'T FEAR, LORNA! THIS THING'S NOT MUCH WORSE THAN AN ELEVATOR!



WHY MAKE SOLDIERS FIGHT EACH OTHER NOW?

SO THE BRAHMIN CAN'T MAKE ANY TROUBLE FOR MY WORLD!



I DON'T NEED ANY MORE MAGIC GADGETS... YOU WEAR THIS, BALTHAR!

HO! I'M NOT AFRAID OF LIVE-DEAD LAND NOW!

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