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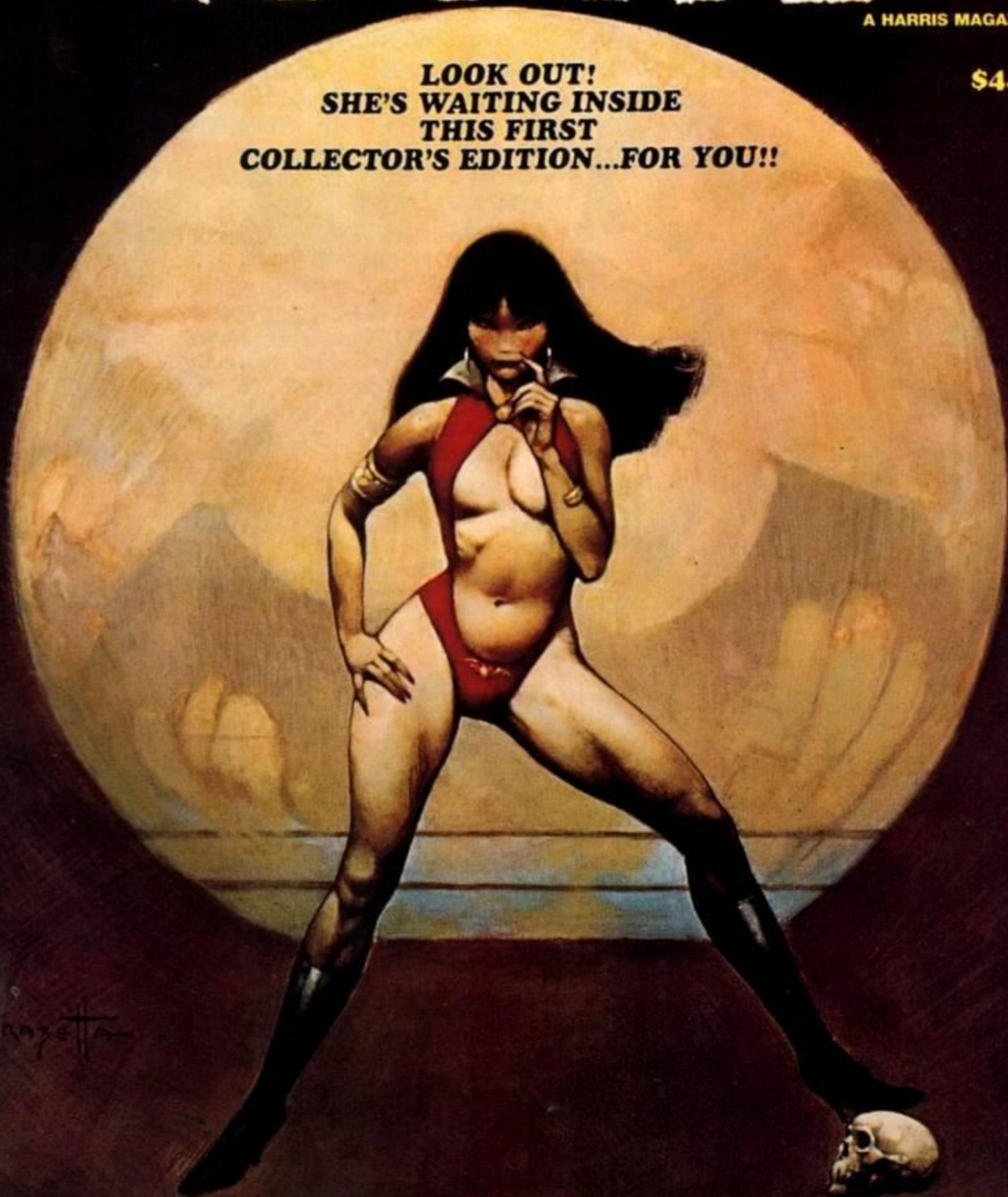
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HI, THERE! WELCOME TO THE COOLEST
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IN COMIC MAGAZINES! AND IF YOU TAKE ME HOME
WITH YOU, **YOU** CAN CALL ME... **VAMPI**. (THAT'S
IF I DON'T CALL YOU FIRST!) I'VE PUT OUT THE
CALL TO ALL THE CREEPIEST EERIEST ARTISTS IN
THE COUNTRY (AND YOU KNOW WHAT COUNTRY:
TRANSYLVANIA!)... AND IT'LL BE A **BLOODY** PITY IF
ANYONE IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD
DOESN'T GET THE WORD ABOUT
THIS WAY-OUT MAG OF FANTASTIC
FEMALES! MY **AMAZING**
ADVENTURES EXPLODE HERE
EXCLUSIVELY EVERY ISSUE AND
IN ADDITION YOU GET HALF A
DOZEN OTHER SOCK-IT-TO-
YOU **SHOCKERS** FOR GALS
AND GUYS WHO'RE WISE
TO THE BEST IN **BEWITCH-
ING COMICS!** WHAT MORE
DO YOU WANT- **BLOOD?**
YOU GOT IT!

COME WITH ME...





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ASIDE FROM SOMETHING A BIT ODD ABOUT HER SHOULDER BLADES, YOU MIGHT TAKE THIS TO BE AN ORDINARY YOUNG LADY TAKING A SHOWER.



HOWEVER YOU ARE QUITE MISTAKEN...



NOTE THE *BAT-LIKE* BIRTHMARK, IT IS SIGNIFICANT.



WRONG AGAIN! THIS YOUNG LADY IS NOT GARGLING IN HER SHOWER...



SHE IS DRINKING HER DINNER! ON HER PLANET, WATER HAS THE CONSTITUTION OF BLOOD! FOR SHE IS...



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DRACULON IS --LITERALLY--
A PLANET OF **BLOOD!** BY
A STRANGE QUIRK OF
NATURE, THE WATER
ON DRAKULON IS COM-
POSED OF VIRTUALLY THE
SAME COMBINATION OF
ELEMENTS THAT ON
EARTH CONSTITUTE
HEMOGLOBIN, THUS ON
DRAKULON A RACE HAS
DEVELOPED THAT DEPENDS
SOLELY ON **BLOOD** FOR
SUSTENANCE. EVOLUTION
HAS TAKEN STRANGE WAYS
ON **DRAKULON...**



BUT THE BLAZING TWIN SUNS OF DRAKULON
HAVE CAUSED A DROUGHT IN THE RIVERS OF BLOOD...



THIRSTY...
OHH!

SOB!

GASP!!

VAMPIRELLA, LIKE THE REST OF HER
RACE, IS WEAK FROM LOSS OF
FOOD!



OH!
FOR A
DRINK!

VAMPIRELLA! A SPACESHIP FROM ANOTHER WORLD
HAS CRASHED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOSI-BRAM!



OD'S BLOODKINS!
I'LL CHECK IT OUT
WITH WINGS ON!



I HOPE I
HAVE ENOUGH
ENERGY TO
FLY!



WHHEW!
THE
FLYING'S
ROUGH!



DISASTER!

YOU
SAID
IT!

THE ARTHUR CLARK
GOSURNEY EXPEDITION NO. 1



MAYBE I BETTER MAKE MY APPROACH...

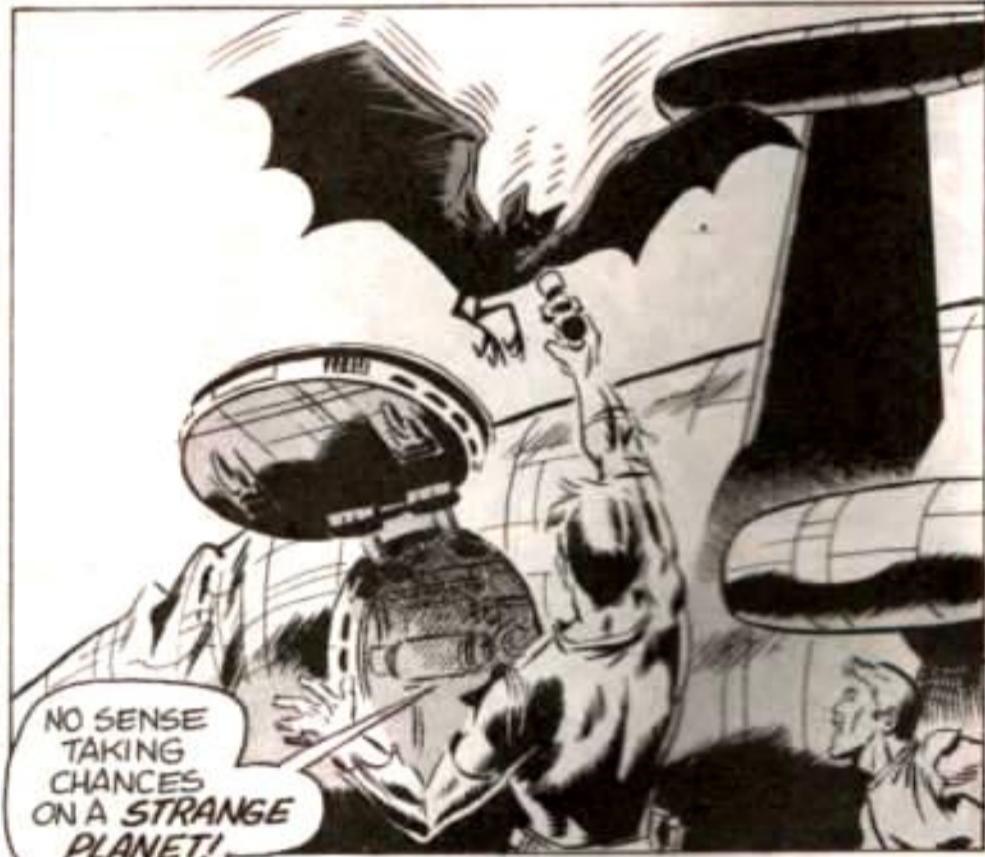


... IN MY OTHER FORM!



HEY! THAT LOOKS LIKE A GIANT BAT!

COULD BE DANGEROUS!



NO SENSE TAKING CHANCES ON A STRANGE PLANET!



ZAP! OUCH!



I'LL FIX THEM FOR THAT!



I'LL WILL MYSELF INTO INVISIBILITY

I'LL CREEP UP ON THEM AND THEY'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT GOT THEM!

VAMPIRELLA, NOT REALIZING HOW WEAK SHE IS FROM DAYS WITHOUT "FOOD" HAS LOST HER POWER OF INVISIBILITY AND SHAPE-CHANGING AND IS BEGINNING TO REVERT TO HER NATURAL FORM.



MY DRAKARATE JAB MEANS BUSINESS!!



WHAT THE--!



GOOD LORD!

AN INTERPLANETARY GHOST?!!



GGHAAAAA!



HELL WITH NO FURY LIKE A WOMAN SCORCHED!



DEATH BOAT!

INTERESTED IN VAMPIRE STORIES, READER BLEEDERS? BUT SICK OF THE SAME OLD ROT ABOUT RED CLOTTED CLOAKS AND CRUMBLING CRYPTS? LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DISGUSTINGLY NEW AND CUTE? WELL THEN, TAKE A SEASICK CRUISE ON A STRIFE BOAT. THERE'S A VAMPIRE LOOSE ON THE ...



THE GOLDEN DAWN KISSES THE SEA, AS IF CLEANSING THE ACT OF HORROR PERPETRATED BY ANGELA WALLER, WITH BLOOD OBSCENELY STAINING HER OTHERWISE UNTARNISHED FINGERS. SHE LIFTS THE WEIGHTY BODY OF A MAN SHE LOVED, AND, AS IF POSSESSED BY SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH...

GOOD-BYE, MICHAEL. I'M... SORRY!



THEN, THE POUNDING OF HER HEART SLOWING TO A STEADY RHYTHM, HER EYES STARING TOWARD THE UNCHANGING HORIZON LIKE TWO GLASS MARBLES SHE RECALLS...



THE SOUND OF THE GREAT LUXURY LINER'S FIRE ALARM STILL RANG IN ANGELA'S EARS. THE SIGHT OF FLAMES, ENGULFING, EATING PANIC STRICKEN PASSENGERS FLEEING TO NOTHING SAVE CERTAIN DEATH, STILL VIOLATED HER MEMORY.



HER ONLY HOPE LAY IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL ROGERS, A STRANGER, WHO PULLED HER FROM THE SHIP, THROUGH THE CHOKING SMOKE, AND TO THE SAFETY OF THE LIFEBOAT.

THE CRUISE TO NOWHERE ACROSS THE OCEAN WAS BORING THE FIRST HOUR, UNTIL THE ROCKING SURFACE WAS SPLIT BY...

MICHAEL, IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, I'D...

YOU'D FREEZE, THAT'S ALL! NOW SNUGGLE UP, KEEP WARM, AND GET SOME SLEEP! YOU CAN USE IT!

MICHAEL, THOSE FINS!

DON'T WORRY, HONEY! THEY CAN'T HURT US AS LONG AS WE STAY ON BOARD! NOW COME ON, TRY AND GET ALL THE SLEEP YOU CAN! WE'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO!

BUT WHERE I DON'T KNOW!

LOOK! IT ISS SHARKS! DEY IS FOLLOWING US!

AND SO THE SUN DESCENDED, ONLY TO BE REPLACED BY THE AMPLE MOON, HANGING OVERHEAD IN AN EBONY SEA. AND THE WEARY CREW SLEPT, DREAMING OF BETTER TIMES, UNAWARE THAT THE GHASTLY SPECTRE OF DOOM HAD EMBARKED WITH THEM.



DEATH HAD DEPARTED AS SILENTLY AS IT HAD ARRIVED. BUT IN IT'S WAKE WAS THE GRIM TESTIMONY OF IT'S VISITATION.



WHAT TH...?
WHAT'S ALL THE
COMMOTION?
WHAT...?

OH,
MICHAEL!
GOOD
LORD!
IT'S...HE'S...

AS IF HELD BY MAGNETIC FORCE, MICHAEL ROGERS GAWKS AT THE BLEEDING CORPSE THAT ONLY HOURS BEFORE HAD BEEN A BREATHING HUMAN BEING...



YAH! HE
ISS DEAD,
ALL RIGHT!

DEAD, LIKE SOME
ANIMAL BIT HIM
TO DEATH!
LOOK AT THOSE
WOUNDS!



SHARKS! IT WAS SHARKS
THAT GOT HIM!
NOTHING ELSE!

SHARKS DON'T
JUMP ON BOARD
SHIP AND ATTACK
PEOPLE WHILE
THEY SLEEP!

NEIN!



IT WAS NOT SHARKS!
I KNOW VAT IT VAS!
I KNOW FROM THE
OLD COUNTRY!
THOSE MARKS ON THE
THROAT! THE MARKS
OF... NOSFERATU...
VAMPIRE!

WHAT? WHY
YOU'RE MAD!

LIKE A MAN POSSESSED, HE SPRANG, GRABBING THE SOMBER MAN WITH HATEFUL TENACITY...



UND YOU... WITH YOUR
FACE WHITE LIKE DEATH,
YOUR VOLFFISH EYES!
JUST LIKE THE OLD
LEGENDS SAY! YOU ARE
THE VAMPIRE! UND MUST
BE DESTROYED BEFORE
YOU GET ANOTHER
OF US!

THE LEGENDS SAY THAT VAMPIRES MUST REMAIN IN THEIR COFFINS DURING THE DAY! PERHAPS THIS IS JUST A MYTH! BUT THE STAKE OF WOOD OR IRON... THIS STAKE... IS REAL!

YOU FANATIC! NO, THIS IS INSANE! I WON'T LET YOU...!

NO, I BEG OF YOU! I'M NOT...!



HIS BRAIN BATTLING THE RAVINGS OF THE MAN, MICHAEL'S FISTS TIGHTENED... BUT WAS STOPPED COLD WHEN...

SORRY BUT I HAVE TO DO THIS! HE'S RIGHT!

KW-THUDD!



OH, MY GOD!

Aaiiee-ah-hh...



OH, MICHAEL! IT WAS TERRIBLE! HE... HE...!

GOOD GOD! THE MADMAN! HE REALLY DID IT!

THE BLEEDING BODY WAS IMMEDIATELY GREETED BY THE WOLVES OF THE SEA...

NOW VE ARE THROUGH WITH YOUR ACCURSED EVIL! NOW VE HAFF NOTHING MORE TO FEAR!





YOU WON'T GET IN MY WAY THIS TIME, BUDDY!

WITHIN THE SPACE OF A HEARTBEAT, MICHAEL ROGERS SPRANG TO HIS FEET...



FILTHY MURDERER! EVEN A KILLER DOESN'T DESERVE TO DIE LIKE THAT! HE MAY HAVE BEEN INNOCENT!

YOU ARE LIKE A MADDENED BEAST! HELP!



BUT YOU! YOU'RE WORSE THAN ANY SUPERSTITIOUS VAMPIRE LEGEND! AND DON'T DESERVE TO LIVE!

AND TAXING ALL HIS STRENGTH, BLENDING SHEER FORCE WITH UNDILUTED HATRED MICHAEL SWINGS...



NO, DONT!

HELPLESS HIS FINAL THOUGHTS DWELLING ON THE SNARLING VISAGE OF THE AMERICAN, HIS EYES STREAM WITH BLOOD, AND HIS FLESH FEELS THE EXCRUCIATING PAIN OF GASHING JAWS...

BUT THE HORROR HAD NOT YET ENDED EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, ANGELA AWAKES BEFORE MICHAEL, AS IF DRAWN FROM SLUMBER BY A FATEFUL HAND, AND AGAIN...



N-NO! THE VAMPIRE, AGAIN!

GRIPPED BY A TERRIBLE REALIZATION THE GIRL SILENTLY MOVES, EYES STREAMING COLD TEARS, TOWARDS MICHAEL'S KNAPSACK

OH, MICHAEL, DEAR! WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE YOU!

CAREFUL NOT TO AWAKEN THE SLEEPING FORM SHE KISSES HIM LIGHTLY, THEN AFTER UTTERING A SILENT PRAYER...

BUT IT HAS TO BE YOU, DEAR! THERE'S NO ONE LEFT AND I KNOW IT'S NOT ME!

THE SUN IS DROWNING BENEATH THE HORIZON. AND AS ANGELA WALLER SITS ALONE HER GNAWING CONSCIENCE HER ONLY COMPANY, HER THOUGHTS BEGIN TO RAMBLE... TO DRIFT TO ANCIENT LEGENDS SHE HAS HEARD AS A CHILD AND LEARNED TO FORGET...

HE SAID A STAKE OF WOOD... OR IRON. I CAN'T USE THE WOOD! BUT HIS KNIFE WITH ITS IRON SHOULD BE QUICKER! I HOPE YOU DON'T FEEL THIS!

GOODBYE MICHAEL! I LOVE YOU!

VAMPIRES... THE UNDEAD... ABLE TO CHANGE FORM... TO A BAT... A MIST... A WOLF... SO WHY NOT...

ANGELA DID NOT EVEN BLINK AS THE WOOD BENEATH HER CREAKED AND TWISTED AND TOOK ON A NEW AND UNHOLY SHAPE...

...A LIFE BOAT...

LOOKS LIKE POOR ANGELA IS IN FOR A STORMY RIDE... AND SHE'S SUCH A FRAGILE GIRL! TSK, TSK!

THE END



THIS IS ONE WAY TO COOL IT, GANG! UP HERE... IN BACKWOODS CANADA... WHERE PEOPLE STILL FEAR THE **LOUPE GAROU**... AND WHERE A GUN MAY BE LOADED WITH...

TWO SILVER BULLETS!

MARIE DID NOT SEE THE LARGE, GRAY TIMBER WOLF BEFORE IT STRUCK... NOR DID SHE HEAR IT! IT JUST SEEMED TO APPEAR IN A FURIOUS BLUR OF HAIR AND CRIMSON EYES AND GLEAMING FANGS! BY THEN, IT WAS TOO LATE...



NO! FATHER! HELP ME!

SHE TRIED TO STRUGGLE... IT WAS USELESS! ALREADY THE WEIGHT OF THE SNARLING BRUTE HAD FORCED HER TO THE SNOW...



MARIA! MARIA!



PLEASE, FATHER!



I'M CLOSE ENOUGH TO GET AN ACCURATE SHOT! THERE! **DEAD CENTER!**

KACHYA!

R. CRANDALL

HE FIRED AGAIN, AND...

I HIT IT! I SHOT IT TWICE THROUGH THE SKULL! AND IT JUST STANDS THERE... STARING AT ME!



IT'S RUNNING OFF! BUT THOSE EYES... THOSE RED EYES! LOOKED ALMOST HUMAN! BUT... MARIA, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I... I THINK SO, FATHER!



THIS BLOOD SAYS YOU'RE NOT! THAT FILTHY BEAST! IT HURT YOU!

IT... DOESN'T HURT MUCH! I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!



HOME, MARIA! YOU'LL BE SAFE HERE! AND I CAN DRESS THOSE WOUNDS!



INSIDE THE WELCOMED CABIN, HE FELT THE BARREL OF THE STILL WARM RIFLE... INSPECTED IT...

I KNOW I HIT THAT BEAST! THERE'S NO DOUBT IN MY MIND, MARIA! AND THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THE GUN!



AND I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGET THE WAY THAT WOLF JUST STARED AT ME... WHEN IT COULD HAVE ATTACKED!

I HAD THE SAME FEELING! WHEN IT ATTACKED ME...



...ITS EYES... EVEN BURNING LIKE THEY WERE... WERE STRANGELY HUMAN!





OF COURSE! I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED! EVEN THE MOON SPEAKS THE TRUTH!

FATHER! WHAT...?

THE FULL MOON! THE WEREWOLF MOON! MY PREY IS... **LOUP-GAROU!** AND IT CANNOT BE KILLED BY **MY** BULLETS! CURSE IT! BUT IN THE MORNING, WHEN IT IS SAFE, WE SHALL SEE!



DAWN HAD BARELY ABSORBED THE NIGHT WHEN...

THIS MONSTER WILL NOT HAVE ANOTHER NIGHT OF HUNTING! IT HAS HOWLED AT ITS LAST MOON!

AND AS HE LEFT, MARIA DREAMED STRANGE YET PLEASING DREAMS....



THE PACK....
MY PACK....



FOLLOW ME,
MY BROTHERS! RUN
WITH THE MOONBEAMS!



---TO HIM! TO **HIM!**
WE MUST HURRY!



I HAVE COME,
MY LOVE!
I AM YOURS!



WHY? WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHY DO I SOMEHOW... WANT
TO SEE THE WOLF... AGAIN?!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH
ME?!



AND I TELL YOU, FATHER!
MY BULLETS COULD NOT
KILL IT! IT IS THE MAN-
BEAST! **LOUP GAROU!**

I... BELIEVE YOU!
FOR A MAN IN MY PRO-
FESSION FREQUENTLY EN-
COUNTERS THE EARTHLY
AGENTS OF THE UNHOLY
ONE!



IF YOUR HEART IS
PURE... AND YOUR
AIM IS TRUE...
THESE SHOULD DE-
STROY THE LOUP-
GAROU!

ANYTHING, FATHER!
I'LL BE ETERNALLY
GRATEFUL! WHAT
ARE THEY?



SILVER BULLETS! TWO OF
THEM! THEY SHOULD DESTROY
THIS DEMON, ENDING MORE
OF SATAN'S POWER!



THEN... TONIGHT, WHEN THE
FULL MOON RISES AGAIN...
I'LL HAVE THE MONSTER!

GOD BE
WITH YOU!



MAY GOD **INDEED** BE
WITH ME! NOW MORE
THAN EVER!



THE MOON!
HIS MOON! THE
DAYLIGHT IS SO LONG!

THE DAYLIGHT LINGERED FOR SEEMINGLY AN ETERNITY...WHILE HIS HUMAN HATRED MOUNTED. AGAIN AND AGAIN HE CHECKED HIS RIFLE FOR THE POTENT CARTRIDGES IN FUTILE ATTEMPTS TO BREAK THE MONOTONY...



TRACKING THE BEAST'S PAW PRINTS WAS NO DIFFICULT MATTER... BUT AS HE REACHED THE ORIGIN OF THOSE SOUL-TURNING HOWLS...



GOOD LORD! THERE ARE...TWO OF THEM!

WELL, I HAVE TWO SILVER BULLETS, ONE FOR EACH OF THEM!



I MUST GET A GOOD SIGHT! HAMM...I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE WAITING FOR! WHY DON'T THEY ATTACK?



THOSE EYES! SO... HUMAN!

THEN HE AIMED AT THE WHITE WOLF... AND AS HIS FINGER MOVED, A SUDDEN RECOGNITION IN THE CREATURE'S EYES SCREAMED FOR HIM TO STOP...



MARIA! NO, WHAT HAVE I DONE!?

THE WHITE WOLF MADE A FINAL YELP OF PAIN... THEN FELL A FAMILIAR FORM IN THE EVENING SNOW.

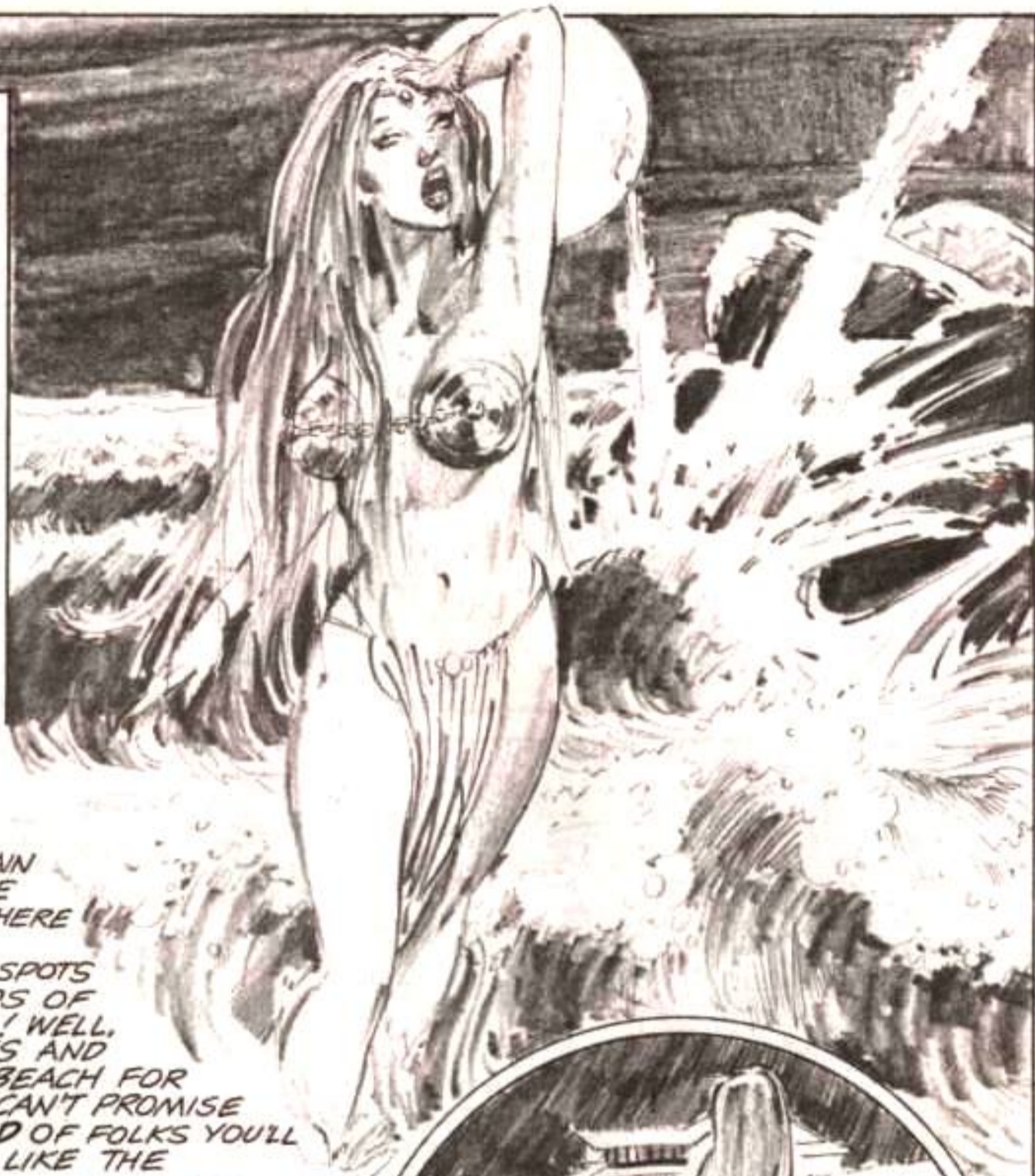


MARIA!

WELL, THAT FRENCH-CANADIAN WOULD STILL HAVE HIS DAUGHTER IF HE COULDA MANAGED TO KEEP HIS TRAP SHUT! AND HE STILL OWES THE GOOD PADRE' FOR THOSE SILVER BULLETS! THEY DON'T COME CHEAP! I KNOW AN INDIAN WHO'LL TELL YOU THAT!



THE END

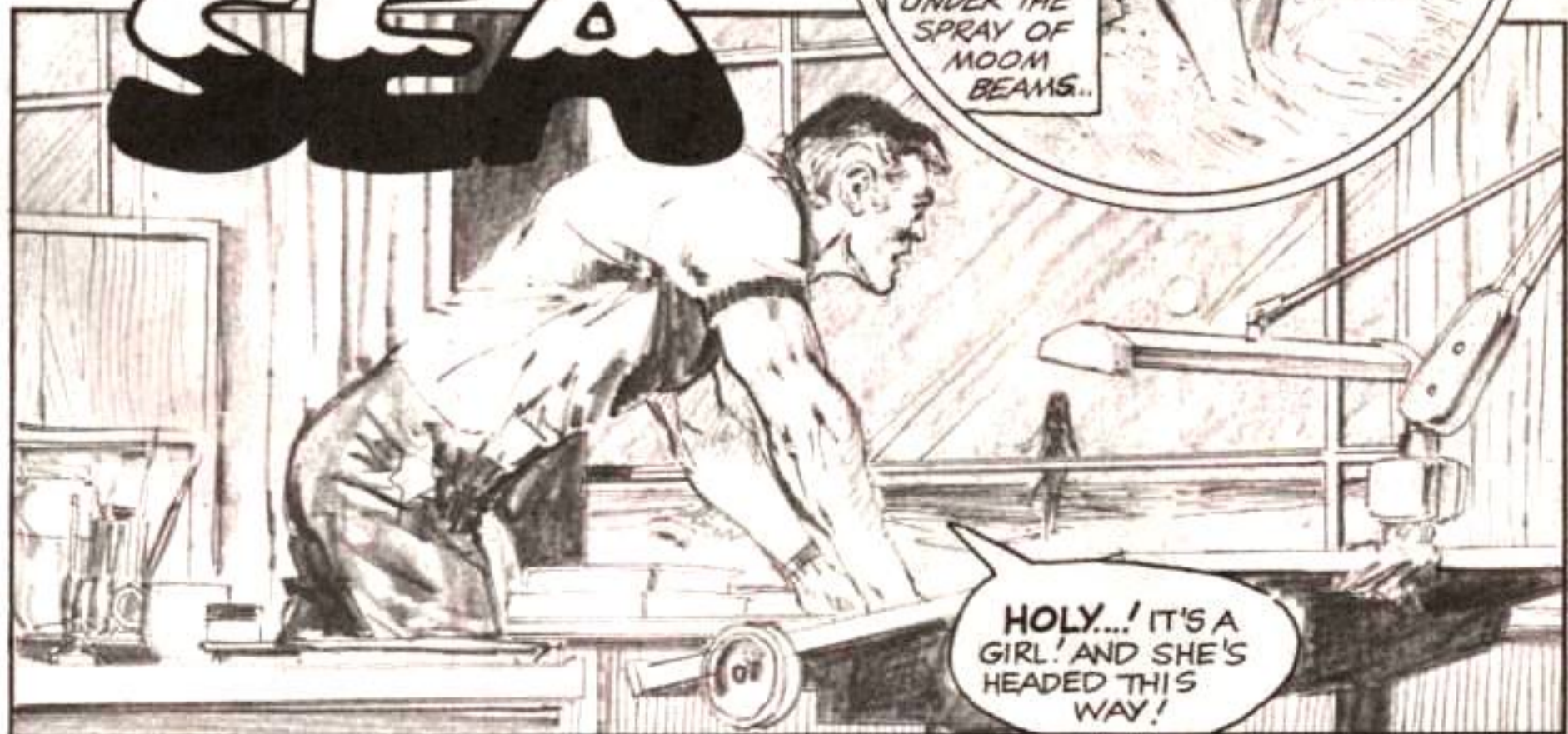


KIDS COMPLAIN
A LOT THESE
DAY ABOUT THERE
NOT BEING
ENOUGH IN-SPOTS
TO MEET KIDS OF
THE OPPOSITE SEX! WELL,
PUT ON YOUR SHADES AND
COME DOWN TO THE BEACH FOR
A MOON-TAN! BUT I CAN'T PROMISE
YOU JUST WHAT KIND OF FOLKS YOU'LL
MEET! FOR INSTANCE, LIKE THE

GAMERS FROM THE SEA



HER SKIN,
BLUE-GREEN
AS THE
WATERS OF
HER BIRTH,
SHOWN
MAJESTICALLY
UNDER THE
SPRAY OF
MOON
BEAMS..



HOLY...! IT'S A
GIRL! AND SHE'S
HEADED THIS
WAY!

WHEN A MAN SEES SUCH A VISION, THE WORD 'WAIT' DOES NOT EXIST.. HE WAS DASHING OUT INTO THE SAND...



YOUR SKIN, ALMOST GREEN... I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE LIKE YOU! WHO ARE YOU, AND WHERE DO YOU COME FROM?

I COME FROM OUT THERE... BUT PLEASE! I HAVE LITTLE TIME! TAKE ME INTO YOUR HOME



ASSURING THE STRANGE BEAUTY THAT THE LOCK WAS SECURE, HE TURNED HIS GAZE TO HER TEMPTUOUS STARE...

UHH... YOU DIDN'T REALLY EXPECT ME TO REFUSE, DID YOU?

THEN WE MUST HURRY! WHEN WE GET INSIDE PLEASE LOCK THE DOOR AND PRAY WE WILL BE SAFE.



NOW, HONEY... LET'S SIT DOWN! AND YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON! HOLD IT, YOU MUST BE FREEZING, YOU JUST CAME OUT OF THE WATER!

NO! I AM... USED TO THE COLD! MY... MY NAME IS LALORA...



AND I'M JIM... JIM JUDSON! BUT YOUR... SKIN?

...I AM NOT LIKE YOU! I AM FROM BELOW THE SEA... FROM THE UNDER-WATER REALM YOU KNOW AS... ATLANTIS!



ATLANTIS!?! I... FIND THAT HARD TO BELIEVE... BUT YOUR HAIR... YOUR SKIN...



THERE IS NO TIME TO PROVE MY ORIGIN! MY APPEARANCE SHOULD BE ENOUGH! WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT YOU MUST HIDE ME!

HIDE YOU? A BEAUTIFUL CHICK LIKE YOU? FROM WHAT?



FROM OTHERS OF MY RACE! I FLED FROM ATLANTIS TO YOUR SURFACE WORLD... TO ESCAPE THE TYRANNY, THE SUPPRESSION OF THE WARLORDS... BUT AS I ESCAPED, I WAS OBSERVED... AND FOLLOWED! I MANAGED TO EVADE THEM FOR AWHILE... BUT THEY GAINED ON ME!



THERE ARE SEVEN PURSUING ME... ENOUGH TO PLUCK ME FROM THIS MASSIVE SURFACE WORLD.. AND PREVENT MY REVEALLING TO THE LAND DWELLERS THE SECRETS AND HORRORS OF ATLANTIS!



PLEASE TAKE ME FAR AWAY FROM HERE, QUICKLY!

YOUR STORY IS PRETTY HARD TO TAKE! BUT... OKAY! I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE CITY WHERE THEY'LL NEVER FIND YOU!



SUDDENLY, OBSCENELY SHATTERING THE MOMENT OF LOVE BETWEEN THE INHABITANTS OF TWO WORLDS...



BUT THE LIPS OF THE SURFACE MAN SURPRISED HER PROTESTS AND SHE MELTED...

IT WAS INSTINCT... AND LOVE... RATHER THAN LOGIC THAT GUIDED JIM'S HANDS...



YOU MIGHT GET HER EVENTUALLY' BUT NOT TILL I'VE DONE MY DARNDDEST TO PREVENT YOU!

YOU EXPECT TO STOP US WITH... THAT!

THE THOUGHT OF LALORA'S DANGER RACED THROUGH JIM'S MIND... SEETHING RAGE COURSED THROUGH HIS VEINS...



CHEW ON THAT FOR AWHILE!

SEIZING UPON THE DISTURBANCE, JIM'S POWERFUL HAND YANKED AWAY THE FALLEN WARLORD'S WEAPON...



HE IS ONLY ONE! ATTACK THE TERRAN!

ONCE THE THRILL OF BATTLE ANIMATED JIM JUDSON HE FOUGHT LIKE A DEMON POSSESSED...



YIIIII!
HE TURNS OUR
OWN POWER
AGAINST US!



HE HAS SLAIN
NAMLOOC! HE
FIGHTS WITH THE
SPIRIT OF A
DEVILFISH!

EVEN AS THE BLOOD OF THE
ATLANTEANS BURNED HIS
NOSTRILS WITH IT'S STENCH.



QUICKLY! WHILE HE
BATTLES... NAMGIB
AND NAMELTIL TAKE
THE FUGITIVE!

LALORA'S SCREAMS INCITED HIM TO
NEW FURY JIM JUDSON LUNGED
AGAIN AND AGAIN...



LALORA!
NO!

ARRGH!

AND IN HIS NEXT BREATH...



IT'S
DONE!

AGAIN AND AGAIN, THE BEAUTY SCREAMED, AS MIGHTY HANDS DRAGGED HER TOWARD THE SEA...



LALORA... NO!
I'LL KILL BOTH
OF YOU... WITH
MY BARE HANDS,
STOP!



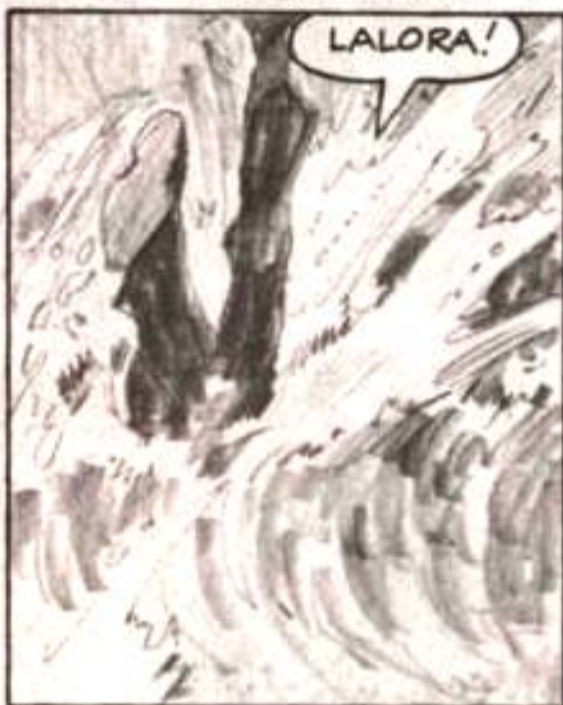
JIM!
JIM!

I'M COMING,
LALORA! THEY
WON'T TAKE
YOU!

QUIET, FOOL
HE'S TOO
LATE!

THE THREE ATLANTEANS
VANISHED BELOW THE
SURFACE AND WITH PASION-
ED ABANDON JIM HEAVED
HIMSELF AFTER THEM...

WITH BURSTING LUNGS, JIM
PURSUED, AWARE THAT HIS
QUEST COULD ONLY LEAD TO
DEATH...



LALORA!



CAN'T HOLD... BREATH
... LONGER! BUT CAN'T
GO BACK... WITHOUT
... HER!

AS THE WATER FLOODED HIS BODY, BLOATING HIM, THE IMAGE OF HIS GODDESS BROUGHT HIM TO GRIM REALITY... ONE BRIEF MOMENT OF SANITY BURST THROUGH BEFORE BLACKNESS CLAIMED JIM'S LIFE.

JIM JUDSON BLEW IT, DIDN'T HE? HE SHOULD HAVE REALIZED FROM THE START THE TALE OF ATLANTIS WOULD BE HARD TO SWALLOW!



... SURFACE MEN
ARE WEAK AND
EASY TO FOOL!
IT WAS WORTH
THE LOSS OF
SOME OF MY
SUBJECTS TO
LEARN THIS!



THE
END

AT LAST! OWN THIS RARE SET OF PRINCE VALIANT ADVENTURE PICTURE BOOKS!

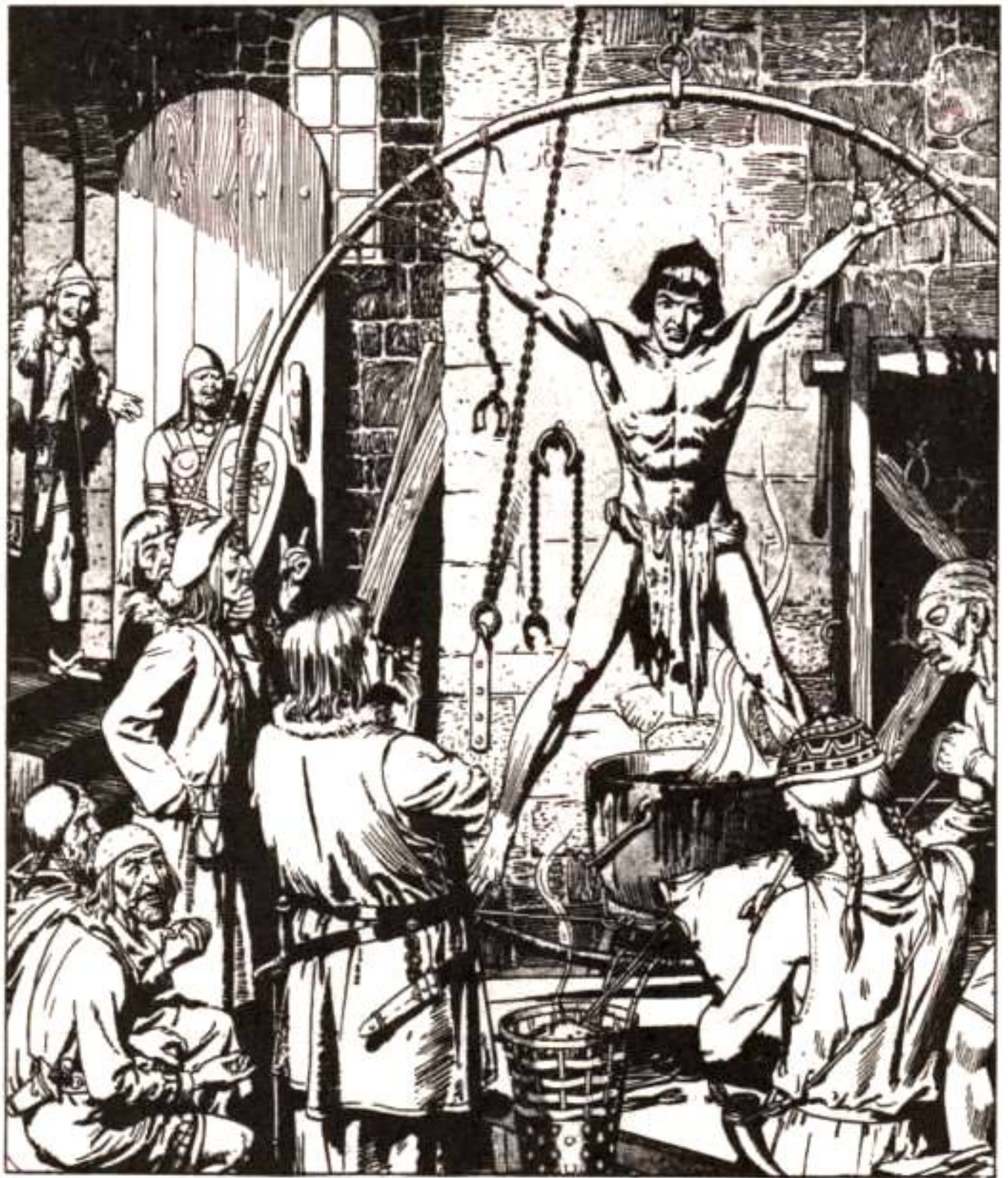
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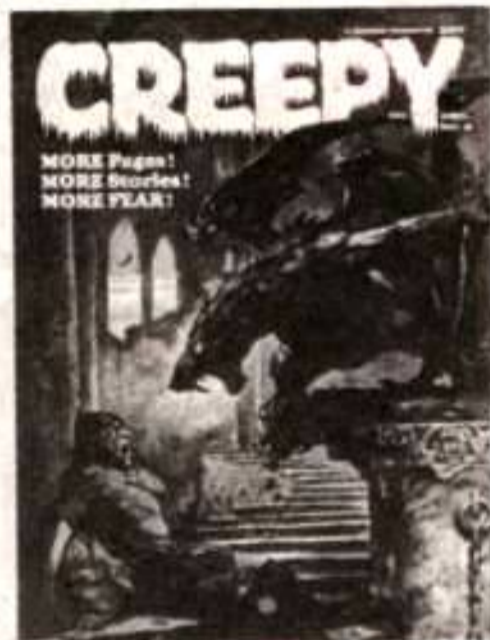
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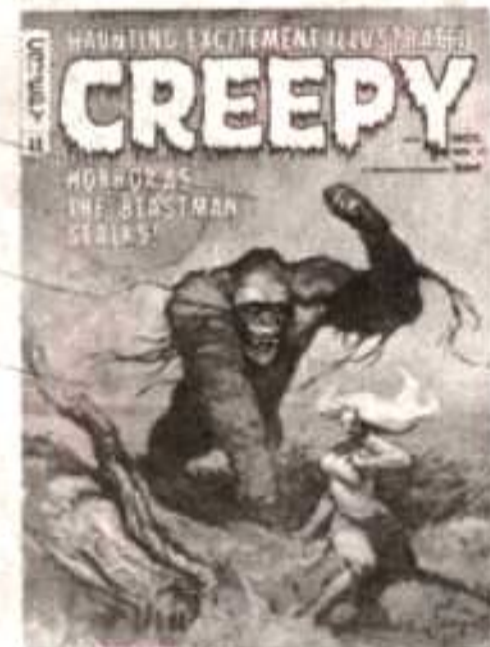
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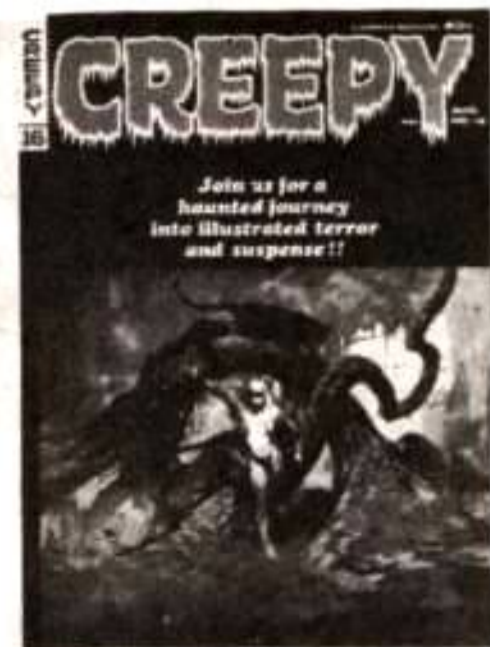
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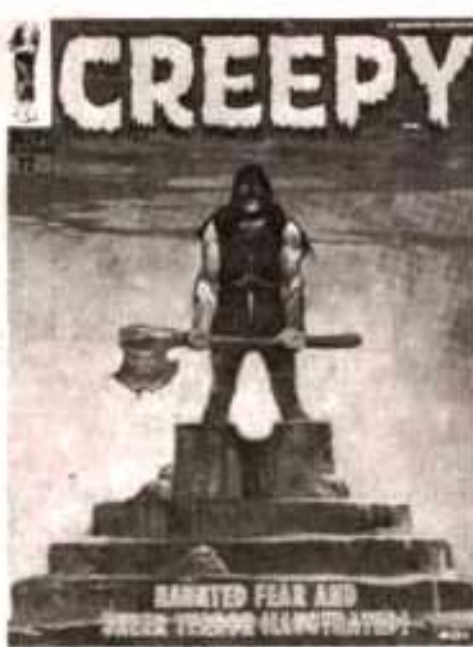
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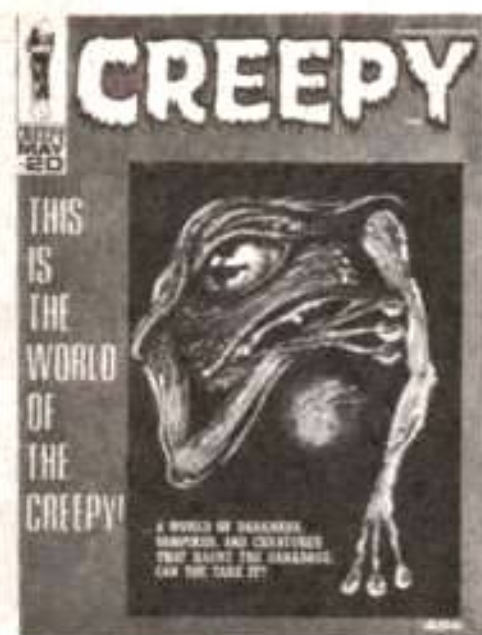
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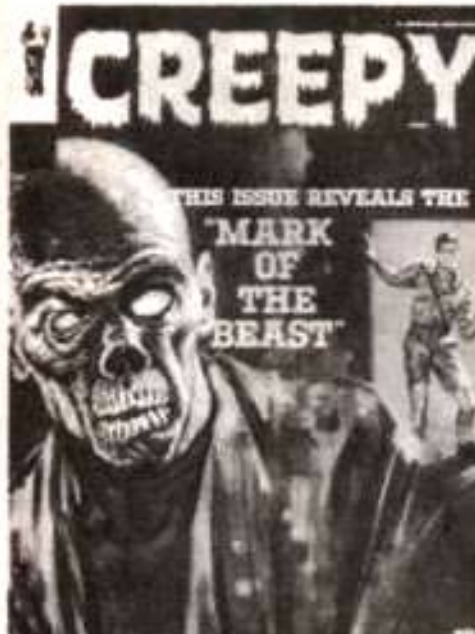
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SQUIRE PILKINGTON FELT PROUD THAT HE HAD BROUGHT THIS SINFUL CREATURE TO JUSTICE...



YEA, AND WELL MIGHT YE SHIVER, MEG CLAYTON! THOUGH METHINKS YE'LL NOT SHIVER FOR LONG WHEN THE RAVENING FLAMES CLEANSE THE SIN FROM YOUR SOUL!

LET'S GET ON WITH THE BURNING!

YEAH, BURN HER!

BURN! WITCH! BURN!

A BREATHLESS HUSH FELL UPON THE CROWD, AS THE SQUIRE HIMSELF DISMOUNTED AND STRODE BOLDLY ACROSS THE SQUARE...

DO YOU REPENT, MEG CLAYTON? IF YOU REPENT NOW, MERCY MAY BE SHOWN YOU IN THE OTHER WORLD!



NO! I DO NOT REPENT! AND YOU, SQUIRE PILKINGTON, WHO BRING ME TO MY END! MERE FIRE WILL NOT STOP ME! TO THE WITCHES' SABBATH NINE DAYS HENSE I SHALL RIDE WITH THE WIND!

YE MAY BURN MY CORPOREAL BODY, BUT MY SPIRIT WILL SURVIVE THROUGH THE AGES!

I CURSE YOU AND YOUR FUTURE GENERATIONS! DOWN TO THE LAST MEMBER OF YOUR CLAN! OCTOBER SHALL BODE ILL FOR YOU AND YOURS!



BY THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS! AIEEEEEE!

NINE DAYS LATER—ON ALL HALLOW'S EVE—SQUIRE PILKINGTON DIED OF A FATAL KICK FROM HIS FAT BAY MARE...



... A SINGULAR OCCURENCE, SINCE HIS HORSE WAS KNOWN TO BE EXTREMELY GENTLE.

MEET MISS HORTENSE PILKINGTON! MISS ESTABLISHMENT! MISS STRAIGHT! MISS SQUARE! AND MISS-TAKE!

SHE'S ON HER WAY TO WORK! AND SHE'S AFRAID... 'CAUSE SHE KNOWS TONIGHT'S REALLY GONNA TURN OUT TO BE A REAL BUMMER!

LAST ACT: OCTOBER!

AS MISS HORTENSE PILKINGTON STRAIGHTLY WALKED DOWN THE MOONLIT STREET, SHE RUED THE TELEPHONE CALL THAT INFORMED HER THAT SHE WOULD HAVE TO WALK TO HER BABYSITTING JOB... ALONE... ESPECIALLY ON THIS, OF ALL NIGHTS... THE LAST NIGHT OF DREADED OCTOBER! SUDDENLY, FROM THE SHADOWS...



BOO!

TWICKS 'N' TWEATS!

TRICK OR TREAT, LADY!



LITTLE HEATHENS! I'LL GIVE YOU A WHIPPING FOR A TREAT! THESE MODERN PARENTS AND THEIR NEW-FANGLED IDEAS ON HOW TO RAISE KIDS!

YI! SHE REALLY IS AN OLD WITCH!

AS SHE WALKED TOWARD HER DESTINATION, THE DREADED WORDS WRITTEN IN THE ANCIENT FAMILY BIBLE ECHOED THROUGH HER BRAIN...

AND INDEED IT SEEMED THAT THE CURSE WAS TAKING EFFECT... GREAT UNCLE JONATHAN HAD FALLEN DOWN THE STAIRS...



"I CURSE YOU AND YOUR FUTURE GENERATIONS! DOWN TO THE LAST MEMBER OF YOUR CLAN! OCTOBER..."



... AND HER OLDER SISTER AGATHA ...

... AND VAIN, SILLY AUNT MATILDA, WHO BOUGHT A SPECIAL KIND OF MASCARA AND...



... AND HER GRANDFATHER, KILLED BY AN EXPLODING WATER HEATER ...

... AND PRETTY, TEENAGE COUSIN SUE, WHO FELL ASLEEP BEFORE REMEMBERING TO SHUT OFF HER CAR'S IGNITION ...



AND HER OWN FATHER, A MISSIONARY, WHO HAD BEEN KILLED AND CONSUMED BY A TRIBE OF CANNIBAL AMAZONS...



... HER MOTHER DIED OF SHOCK SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

... AND THERE WERE OTHERS,
ALL DEAD BECAUSE OF EVENTS
IN ... OCTOBER!



I'M THE
LAST
ONE!
OH,
WHAT
I'D GIVE
FOR
MIDNIGHT...
AND
NOVEMBER
15TH!



WELL, NOTHING
MUCH CAN HAPPEN
BABYSITTING
BETWEEN EIGHT
O'CLOCK AND...

W-WHAT!?

SKARREEEECH!



WHY DON'T YOU LOOK
WHERE YER GOIN', LADY!
YOU OKEY?

YES, I'M ALL RIGHT! AND
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP,
THANK YOU!

BREATHLESS, SHE ARRIVED AT THE HOUSE, ONLY
ONE MINUTE BEFORE EIGHT...



ALREADY TWO
NARROW ESCAPES!
BUT I'M SAFE
N--

THE DOOR SWING
OPEN AND...



YIIIIII!
SATAN
HIMSELF!



COME, COME NOW, MISS
PILKINGTON! I DON'T
LOOK THAT REALISTIC!

OH, I'M SORRY
BUT YOU LOOKED
LIKE THE DEV...
I MEAN, I DIDN'T
RECOGNIZE YOU
AT FIRST!



I'M SORRY I FRIGHTENED YOU! I
HAD TO ANSWER THE DOOR MY-
SELF! IT'S THE BUTLER AND
MAID'S NIGHT OFF!

AND WE'RE GOING TO A HALLO-
WEEN COSTUME PARTY! SAY,
YOU LOOK NERVOUS! MAY I
GET YOU SOMETHING TO DRINK?

NO THANK YOU! I DON'T GO
IN FOR THAT SORT OF THING!



WE HAVE TO BE GOING NOW! REMEMBER, OUR CAR WILL BE FIXED IN TIME TO DRIVE YOU HOME LATER!

YES, OUR CAB IS HERE NOW! TEDDY SHOULDN'T BE ANY TROUBLE, MISS PILKINGTON! GOOD-EVENING!

THE SLAM OF THE FRONT DOOR ECHOED THROUGH THE HOUSE...

HOW LITTERLY PAGAN! HALLOWEEN! I DON'T SUPPOSE THEY REALIZE THEY ARE PERPETUATING THE EVIL TRADITIONS OF THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATES! WICKED!



MISS PILKINGTON PROCEEDED TO LOCK ALL THE WINDOWS AND DOORS. TEDDY FOLLOWED HER ABOUT, AND WHEN SHE FINALLY SETTLED...



READ ME A STORY PLEASE!

LET ME SEE THAT!



WHY-- THIS IS THE WORST PIECE OF TRASH I'VE EVER SEEN! BLASPHEMY OF THE EYES, THAT'S WHAT IT IS!

HOW COULD THE PARENTS FILL THEIR CHILD'S MIND WITH SUCH GARBAGE... ESPECIALLY AT BEDTIME!... SHE THOUGHT.



I HAVE SOMETHING MUCH NICER HERE TO READ TO YOU!

I DON'T WANNA HEAR *THOSE* STORIES!

TEN MORAL TALES FOR LITTLE CHILDREN



OH, DON'T OPEN IT IN HERE! NOT--T-TONIGHT!

WHY NOT? I WON'T HURT IT! IT'S BUSTED, ANYWAY!



ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A LITTLE ANGEL, ... AND, OH, YOU'RE ASLEEP?

WELL, IT'S BEDTIME ANYWAY!

OHH! JUST THE TELEPHONE! I'D BETTER ANSWER IT AND TAKE A MESSAGE!

RRRRNNGG

ONLY A BURST OF LAUGHTER GREETED HER EARS...

HELLO?

WHAT'S THE MATTER, MISS PILKINGTON?

...THEN THE PHONE WENT DEAD!

IMMEDIATELY SHE REPLACED THE RECEIVER AND PICKED UP THE SLEEPY CHILD...

OH NOTHING! IT WAS JUST SOME CHILDREN PLAYING HALLOWEEN TRICKS! <AT LEAST... I HOPE SO!> COME ON! IT'S TIME FOR BED!



MISS PILKINGTON PUT TEDDY DOWN AS SHE ENTERED HIS NURSERY. AN ARRAY OF TOYS WAS STREWN OVER THE FLOOR. SUDDENLY...

AIEEE!
THE CURSE!



OH, MISS PILKINGTON! YOU AREN'T HURT, ARE YOU?



NO, TEDDY, I'M ALL RIGHT! BUT PERHAPS NOW YOU'LL REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PUTTING AWAY YOUR TOYS!

SHE SUPERVISED HIS PRAYERS, PUT HIM TO BED, AND TURNED OUT HIS LIGHT...

ANOTHER ACCIDENT! I'VE GOT TO GET A GRIP ON MYSELF!



THEN SHE SETTLED DOWN COMFORTABLY AND EXTRACTED FROM HER ENORMOUS HANDBAG...



NOW TO... WHAT? THAT SOUND!

ARMED WITH A POKER FROM THE FIREPLACE, SHE TIMIDLY TIPTOED TO THE DOOR...



WHO'S OUT THERE? WHO'S KNOCKING?

THE STORM RAGED SUDDENLY AND FURIOUSLY AS MISS PILKINGTON OPENED THE DOOR... AND THE SPIRIT OF MEG CLAYTON WATCHED AND WAITED...

SHE SLAMMED THE DOOR... SUDDENLY, THE LIGHTS WENT OUT, LEAVING HORTENSE PILKINGTON ENVELOPED IN GLOOMY DARKNESS...



OHH... IS IT MY IMAGINATION? OR IS THERE SOME THING LURKING IN THE SHADOWS FOR ME?



WHO'S OUT THERE, I SAY! ...

PLEASE ANSWER ME!



THE CELLAR DOOR! I FORGOT TO LOCK THAT ONE! A BURGLAR COULD HAVE GOTTEN INTO THE HOUSE!



THERE IT IS AGAIN! I SHOULDN'T ANSWER IT... BUT IF I DON'T ...



H-HELLO...? YES... THE LINEMAN? ELECTRICITY AND THE PHONES HAVE BEEN OUT DUE TO THE STORM? THANK YOU!



THE LIGHTS ARE BACK ON! OH, DEAR GOD! I DON'T WANT TO DIE! GIVE ME FROM THE WITCH'S CURSE!

SUDDENLY, THE VOICE OF YOUNG TEDDY SOUNDED THROUGH THE HOUSE...

THINKING EVERY OBJECT IN THE HOUSE TO BE AN AGENT OF HER DESTRUCTION, SHE CAREFULLY ASCENDED THE STAIRS...



OH, MISS PILKINGTON! MISS PILKINGTON! PLEASE COME UP!

JUST NOW, WITH ONLY FIVE MINUTES 'TILL MIDNIGHT... AND THE END OF THE CURSE FOR ANOTHER YEAR!



WHAT IS IT? WHY DID YOU CRY OUT!



HER TREMBLING FINGERS FINALLY LOCATED THE LIGHT SWITCH...

OH, MISS PILKINGTON, I HAD AN AWFUL DREAM ABOUT AN OLD WITCH STANDING OVER MY BED, AN' SHE ...

BUT THAT WAS JUST A DREAM! EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT NOW! GO BACK TO SLEEP!



KISS ME GOODNIGHT FIRST!

MISS PILKINGTON HAD A VIOLENT DISTASTE OF ANY PHYSICAL CONTACT... BUT SOMETHING ABOUT THE ANGELIC CHILD DREW HER CLOSE. THE BIG CLOCK DOWNSTAIRS ALREADY BEGAN TOLLING THE HOUR OF MIDNIGHT AND FREEDOM...



BONG BONG BONG BONG BONG BONG

SUDDENLY, THE CHUBBY ARMS BECAME WIRY AND MUSCULAR... THE FINGERS LONG, WITH TALONS... SHE TRIED TO BREAK THE EMBRACE... COULD NOT!

TEDDY'S EYES WERE NOW RED DEMON ORBS BORING INTO HER OWN! THEN...



NO! NOT NOW! NOT LIKE THIS!

BONG BONG BONG BONG BONG



BONG!

... AND MISS PILKINGTON SANK INTO OBLIVION!



IT WAS HARD TO TELL WHICH WITCH WAS WHICH IN THAT ONE, HUH! ONE THING'S FOR SURE! IT'S NOT TOO OFTEN A PERFORMER AS YOUNG AS TEDDY GETS A ROLE HE CAN REALLY SINK HIS TEETH INTO!


THAT'S ALL FOR THIS ONE, GANG!

PROLOGUE: KENNE BARCROFT HAD A WAY WITH WOMEN...AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE SAID, INCLUDING KENNE...A NIGHT RARELY WENT BY THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE A DATE WITH SOME LUSCIOUS GIRL ...



WOMEN SEEMED TO MELT UNDER HIS CHARM ...HE WAS THE SLICKEST AROUND...AND HE ATTRACTED THE OPPOSITE SEX LIKE FLIES TO HONEY...





CALLING ALL SPACE FIENDS! IT'S TIME FOR BOMB GORE-BAT, SPACE CADET! GRAB YOUR ZAPGUNS AND HAVE A BLAST, 'CAUSE HERE COME THOSE CHICKS YOU'VE BEEN WAITIN' FOR... THOSE

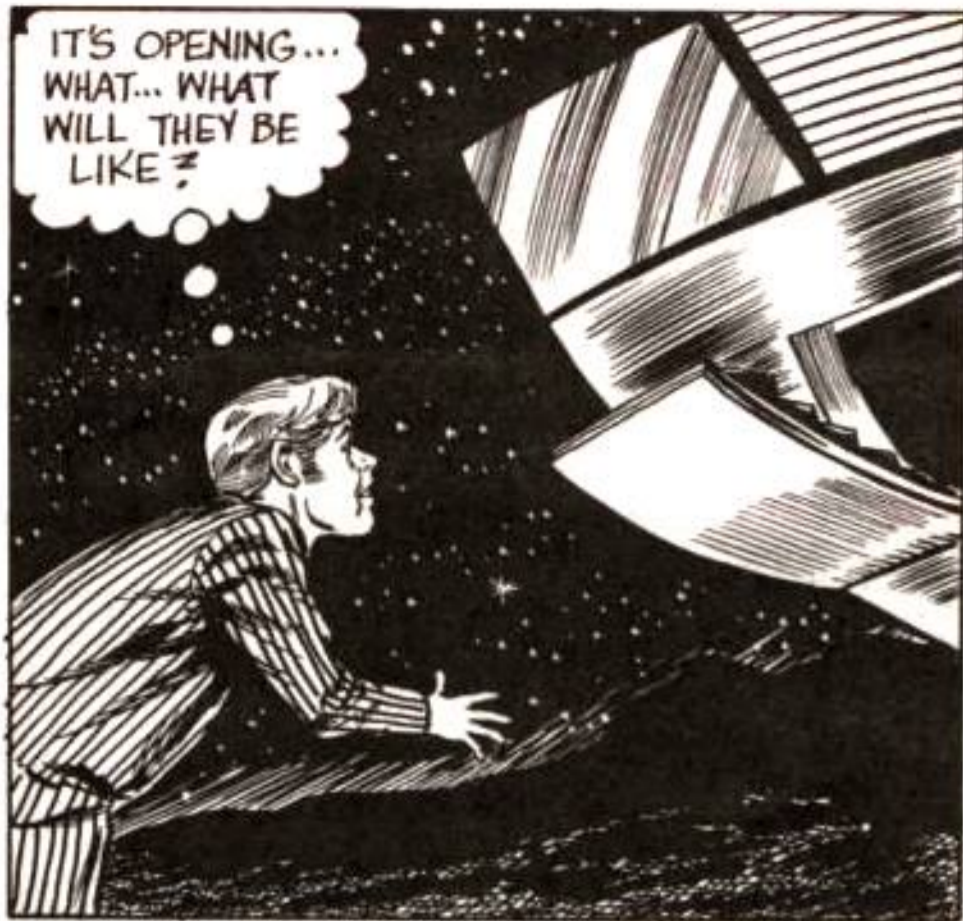
"SPACED-OUT GIRLS!"

KENNE BARCROFT'S EYES LOCK UPON THE SILVERY DISC... THE STRANGE CRAFT MAKES NOT THE SLIGHTEST HUM, AS IT FLASHES OUT OF THE NIGHT SKY... AND STARTS TO DESCEND...

I'VE GOTTA BE CRACKING UP! THAT'S REAL! JUST LIKE THE ONES I'VE READ ABOUT. IF MY FACE DIDN'T HURT FROM THAT SLAP, I'D SAY I WAS DREAMIN'!!

IT'S LANDING!

MIGHT AS WELL BE BRAVE ABOUT THIS, IF THEY'RE SOME KIND OF SUPER INVADERS, THEY'LL GET ME SOONER OR LATER ANYWAY!



IT'S OPENING...
WHAT... WHAT
WILL THEY BE
LIKE?



MAN! NOW THAT'S
WHAT I CALL AN
INVADER! I
SURRENDER! I
SURRENDER!

THERE IS NO NEED FOR SURRENDER EARTHMAN! -
WE COME IN PEACE! - WE ONLY WISH TO SPEAK
WITH YOU! - COME OUT GIRLS!

MORE OF THEM! AND EACH ONE A KNOCK-
OUT! WOW! WOULD I LIKE TO HAVE AN
HOUR ALONE WITH EVERYONE OF THESE
AMAZONS!



SURE ARE TALL,
EH? WELL, I LIKE
TALL GIRLS!

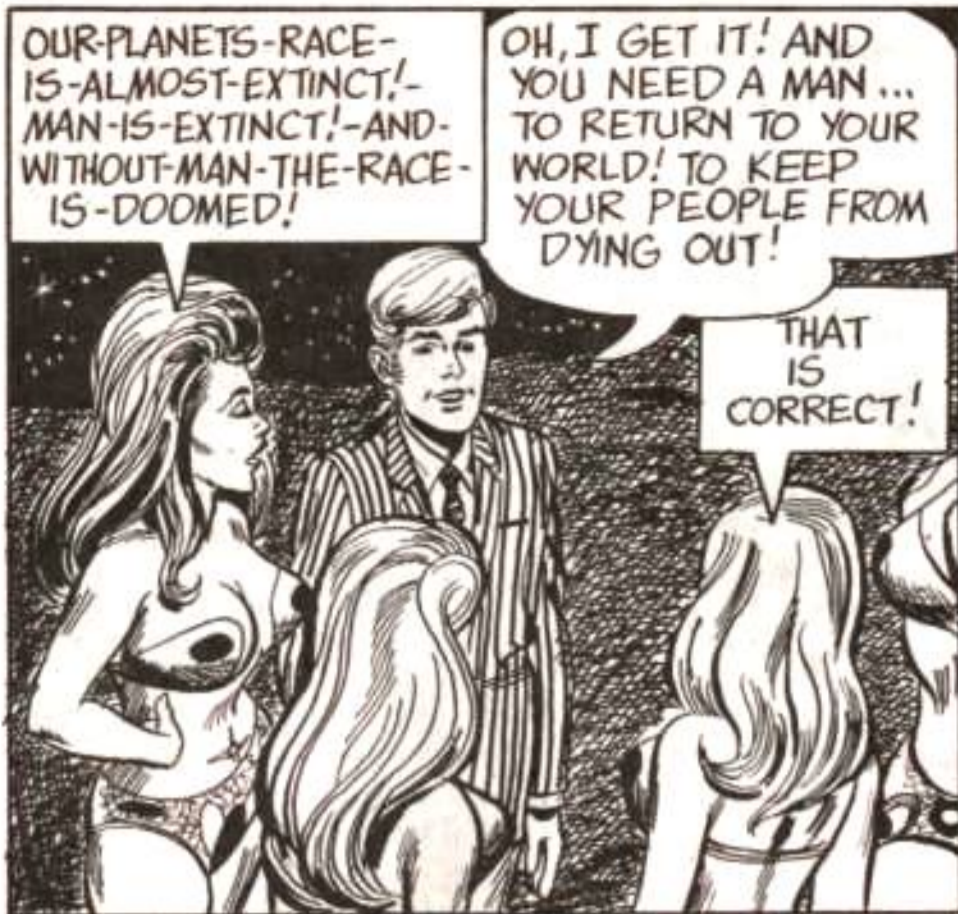
OK, IF YOU'RE
FRIENDLY, WHAT
DO YOU WANT?
WHERE ARE YOU
FROM?

WE ARE FROM A
DISTANT SOLAR
SYSTEM! - OUR
SHIP IS CAPABLE
OF HYPERWARP
DRIVE! - THUS WE
SPANNED SUCH A
TREMENDOUS
DISTANCE IN A
SHORT A SPACE-
TIME!

AND WE ARE
HERE ON A
MISSION MOST
VITAL! - ONE
THAT INVOLVES
SOMEONE -
LIKENED TO -
YOU!

LIKE ME? WELL, THAT MAKES
EVERYTHING EVEN MORE IN-
TERESTING! ALL RIGHT! I'M
LISTENING! TELL ME HOW I
CAN FIT IN!





OUR-PLANETS-RACE-
IS-ALMOST-EXTINCT!-
MAN-IS-EXTINCT!-AND-
WITHOUT-MAN-THE-RACE-
IS-DOOMED!

OH, I GET IT! AND
YOU NEED A MAN ...
TO RETURN TO YOUR
WORLD! TO KEEP
YOUR PEOPLE FROM
DYING OUT!

THAT
IS
CORRECT!



WELL, YOU DON'T
HAVE TO LOOK ANY
FURTHER! HERE'S
YOUR BOY! A PER-
FECT SPECIMAN OF
MANHOOD!

THE-EARTH-
MAN-SPEAKS-
WISELY!

YES!-WHAT-
DO-YOU-OTHERS-
SAY-??-DO-
ANY-OF-YOU-
DISAPPROVE?-
WE-NEED-A-
UNANIMOUS-
DECISION-
YOU-KNOW!



THERE-ARE-NO-OBJECTIONS-
YOU-SHALL-ACCOMPANY-US-TO-
OUR-SOLAR-SYSTEM-!!-THERE-
YOU-SHALL-TAKE-YOUR-MOST-
NOBLE-POSITION-AS-KING!



KING!?
OF COURSE...I'LL
BE THE ONLY MAN
ON THE WHOLE
PLANET! WHAT A
DREAM COME
TRUE!

I'M READY!
WHENEVER
YOU SAY!!

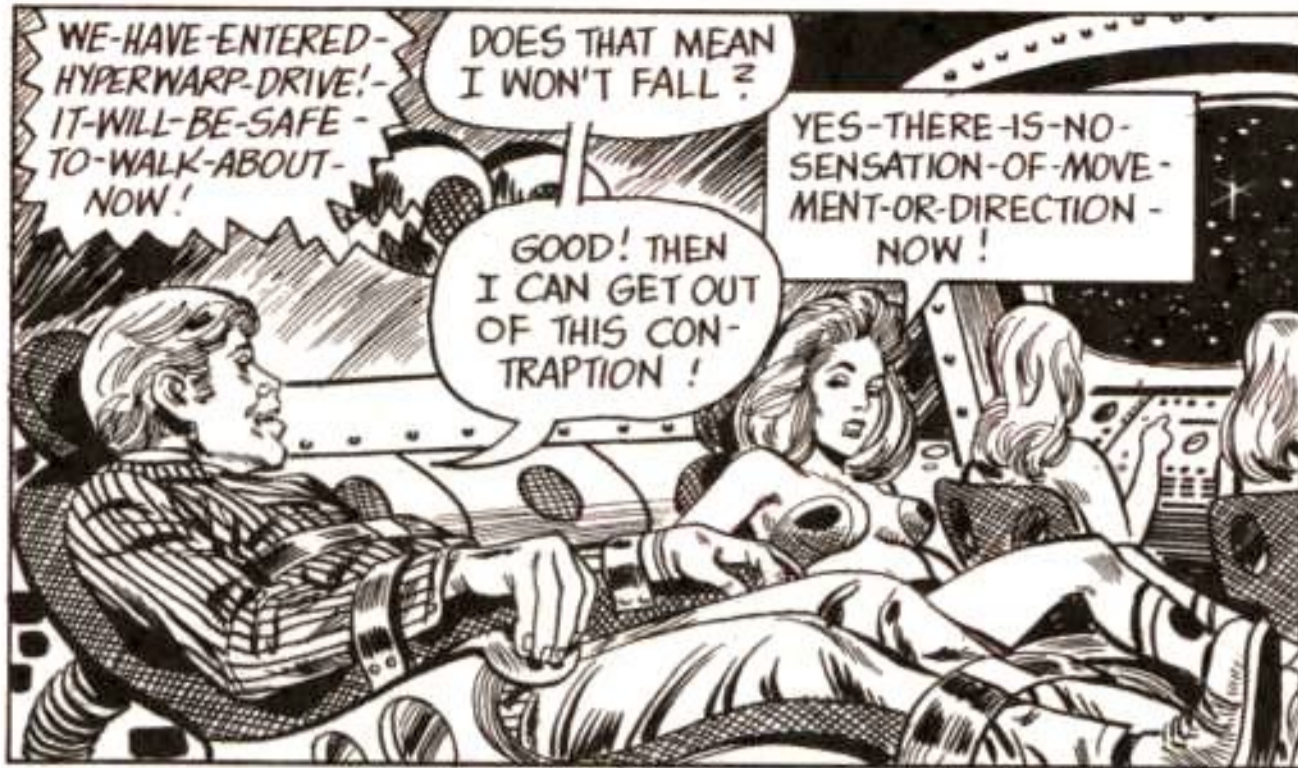
KENNE ENTERS THE SHIP... IN HIS MIND IS THE SPARK OF AMBITION... ALL HIS DAYDREAMS OF POWER ARE FINALLY REACHING THE REALIZATION THEY DESERVE...

THERE IS A BLUR OF SILENT VIBRATION ...THE WAVERING DISC ASCENDS HOVERS...

...THEN.... DEPARTS WITHOUT NOTICE INTO THE BLACK SKY ABOVE.

TO THINK...THEY'RE ACTUALLY LETTING ME ENTER FIRST! LIKE I'M THE MASTER ...I THINK I'M GOING TO LIKE THIS! YES, SIR! LIKE IT VERY MUCH!





WE-HAVE-ENTERED-HYPERWARP-DRIVE!-IT-WILL-BE-SAFE-TO-WALK-ABOUT-NOW!

DOES THAT MEAN I WON'T FALL?

YES-THERE-IS-NO-SENSATION-OF-MOVEMENT-OR-DIRECTION-NOW!

GOOD! THEN I CAN GET OUT OF THIS CONTRAPTION!



WELL, AS LONG AS I HAVE A FEW HOURS TO KILL, I MAY AS WELL GIVE THESE DOLLS A REAL TREAT... HMMM! THERE'S SO MANY!



AND THAT LOOKS RATHER INTERESTING. OK, BARCROFT! DO YOUR STUFF!



SAY, DOLL! SINCE YOU'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING REALLY IMPORTANT, HOW ABOUT YOU AND I GOING OFF FOR A STROLL AND...

I-AM-SORRY!- BUT-YOU-MAY-NOT-TOUCH-US-YOU-ARE-RESERVED-FOR-THE-QUEEN-OF-OUR-PLANET-ONLY!



THE QUEEN? THEN BEING KING MEANS MORE THAN I THOUGHT!

THAT-IS-CORRECT!- SHE-IS-THE-MOST-BEAUTIFUL-WOMAN-IN-THE-COSMOS!



THE QUEEN! I'VE REALLY PICKED A WINNER THIS TIME! THAT BIT ABOUT NOT TOUCHING THE GIRLS... IT'LL BE TOUGH, BUT AT LEAST I'VE GOT SOMETHING BETTER TO WAIT FOR!



WE MUST BE WITHIN RANGE OF THEIR PLANET'S GRAVITATIONAL PULL. I CAN FEEL THE SENSATION ALREADY!



AND WITHIN MOMENTS...

WELL, LOOK AT THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE! AND EVERY ONE PERFECT! IF THIS IS ANY EXAMPLE OF WHAT'S WAITING....

WOW!

YES, HE HAS ARRIVED... THE SOLE MAN ON AN ENTIRE PLANET... A KING... AND YET...

THIS WAITING IS DRIVING ME BATTY! IT'S BEEN AN HOUR AT LEAST! WHERE IS THIS QUEEN OF THEIRS?



YEAH! WHY NOT? WHO CARES WHAT THE RULE IS ABOUT THE KING! I HAVEN'T EVEN MET THE QUEEN YET! HEY!



ME? YES, YOU, DOLL! LISTEN! I'M THE KING, AND YOU HAVE TO DO AS I COMMAND, SEE! NOW GET A LITTLE CLOSER!



NO! - THIS - MUST - NOT - BE!

OH, YEAH! THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY! HEY? WHAT'S THAT... WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?



NO! YOU'RE A ROBOT!

AN-ANDROID!- ALL-OF-US- ARE!-THE- QUEEN'S- BUILT-US!

THE- QUEEN- WILL- SEE- YOU- NOW!



NO! NO! YOU CAN'T FORCE ME INTO THIS! TAKE ME BACK TO EARTH! I DEMAND IT! PUT ME DOWN! **NO!**



THE GREAT DOOR CLOSES BEHIND HIM... AND KING KENNE BARCROFT IS ALONE FOREVER WITH HIS MATE ... HIS QUEEN ...



GIRGLE! ARKGHHH!
DARLING! BURBLE!
HSSSSSS!

BLECH!

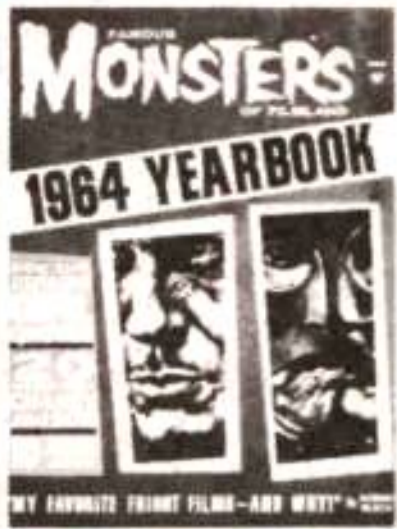
THE END

THERE ARE TWO LOUSY LESSONS TO LEARN FROM THIS!! DON'T TRUST CHICKS THAT ARE **TOO FAR OUT!** AND DON'T GET **SUCKED IN** BY MARRIAGE TO THE WRONG GIRL, DESPITE SOCIAL POSITION! SOME WIVES CAN BE... **POSSESSIVE!**





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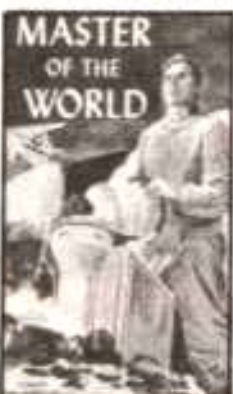
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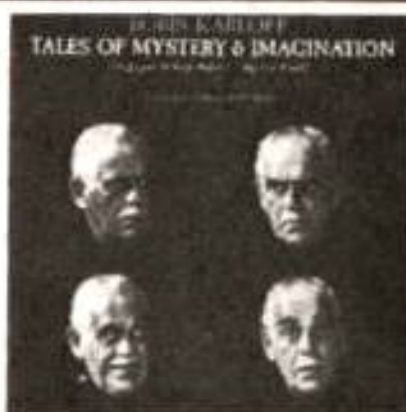
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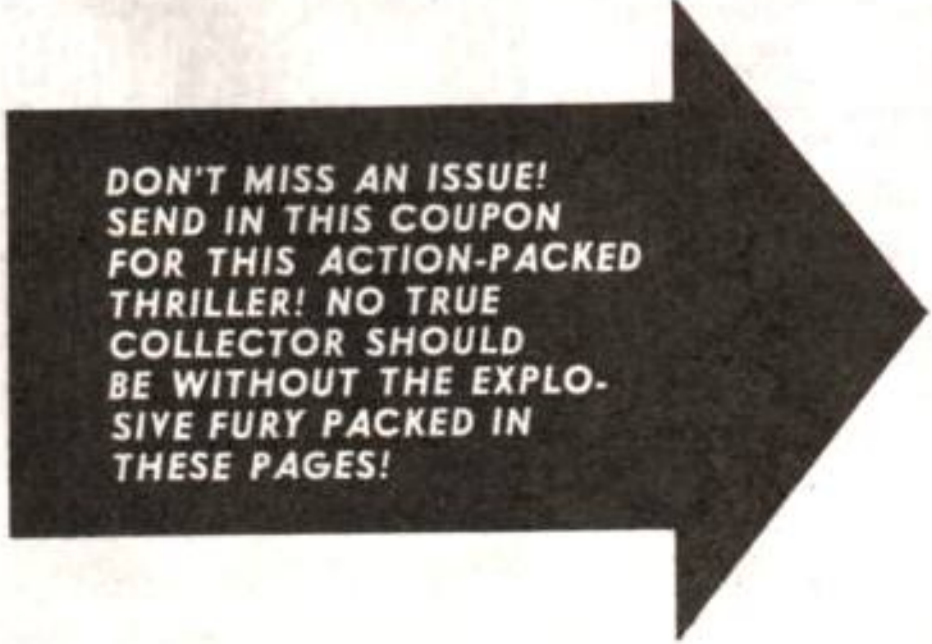
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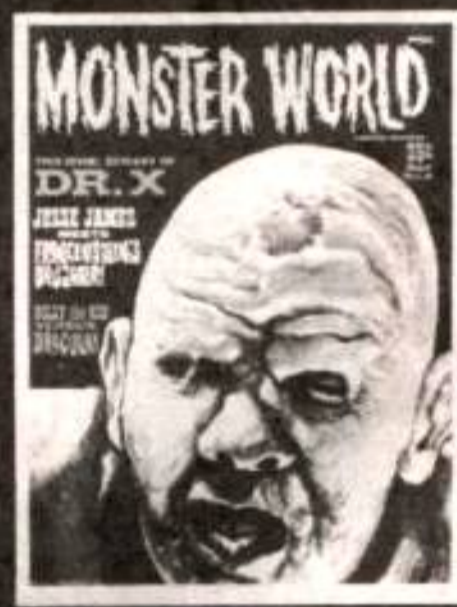
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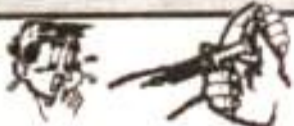
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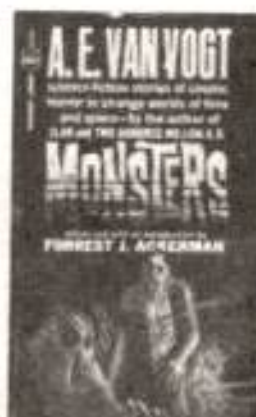
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ME TO WRITE MY NOVELS. EVERY
ROOM WAS FURNISHED BUT ONE


PERHAPS I'LL
MAKE A
GAME ROOM
OUT OF IT -



- THE SERVANTS AREN'T
HERE YET...

HELLO. WHAT
CAN I DO FOR YOU?

HELLO, MR BLAINE. I'M
WENDY. MY DADDY SOLD
YOU THE HOUSE. MAY
I SEE THE ROOM?





HEY! WHAT ROOM?

THE ONE WHERE OLD MAN KEIL WAS MURDERED!

SHE RAN TOWARD THE UNFURNISHED ROOM WITH ME IN PURSUIT - I COULDN'T LET THE MISCHIEVOUS CHILD RUN AMUCK THROUGH THE HOUSE.



WENDY! COME HERE! BE A GOOD GIRL!



I COULD NOT BELIEVE OR UNDERSTAND WHAT I SAW! THE EMPTY ROOM WAS NOW FILLED WITH FURNITURE. THE MOST RIDICULOUS FURNISHINGS I'D EVER SEEN, BUT THEY PLEASED WENDY VERY MUCH.

GOLLY, WHAT A WONDERFUL ROOM! MAY I PLAY IN IT FOR A WHILE? I WON'T BREAK ANYTHING.



- STAY HERE, WENDY - I'LL BE RIGHT BACK...

HI. MY NAME IS LINDA VELISSI. I WAS COMING TO WELCOME YOU TO THE VILLAGE AND NOTICED MY SISTER'S BYCICLE ON YOUR PORCH. I HOPE SHE HASN'T BEEN ANNOYING YOU.

- NOT AT ALL, LINDA. SHE'S INSIDE.. PLAYING!



THE ROOM HAD UNDERGONE ANOTHER METAMORPHOSIS. WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE?



WHAT A CHARMING ROOM! IT'S SO DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS - DID YOU FURNISH IT YOURSELF?



HERE I AM - SAY - THIS ISN'T THE PLAYROOM - EVERYTHING'S DIFFERENT!



WHAT DOES SHE MEAN?



LINDA, YOU MUST TELL ME ABOUT THE OLD MAN - KEIL - ACCORDING TO YOUR SISTER HE DIED IN HERE - HOW?



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I BELIEVE YOU - YOU'RE TOO LOVELY TO HAVE A MURDERER FOR A FATHER!



IT'S - TIME WENDY AND I WERE LEAVING!

LINDA! I'M HAVING A PARTY NEXT WEEK - BRING YOUR DAD!



THANK YOU, MR BLAINE, I WILL - BUT PERHAPS WE'LL BE SEEING EACH OTHER SOONER THAN THAT -



I GAVE THE PARTY. LINDA AND HER FATHER HAD NOT ARRIVED YET, BUT I WAS ESPECIALLY HAPPY TO SEE THAT MY BROTHER HAROLD HAD.

I WAS AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO COME.

AFTER THE STORY YOU TOLD ME ON THE PHONE I COULDN'T KEEP AWAY! LET'S SEE YOUR CHANGING ROOM!



IT'S AS THOUGH THE OLD MAN'S SOUL IS WITHIN THE ROOM TRYING TO TELL US HIS MURDERER BY EXHIBITING THE SOUL OF WHOEVER ENTERS THAT ROOM. HERE WE ARE. ARE YOU PREPARED HARRY—TO SEE YOUR OWN SOUL?

—SO THIS IS ME. WELL, I LIKE MY SOUL. I DON'T SUPPOSE THE BUNNIES ARE REAL...

I'M AFRAID NOT, BROTHER. NOTHING IS REAL.

EDWARD!



DAD, YOU KNOW MR BLAINE—AND YOU MUST BE HAROLD, EDWARD'S BROTHER. THIS IS MY FATHER.

I UNDERSTAND MY BROTHER AND YOUR DAUGHTER HAVE BEEN SEEING A LOT OF ONE ANOTHER—

THEY USE THAT ROOM AS AN EXCUSE TO SEE EACH OTHER. ACCORDING TO LINDA, IT'S LIKE A GIANT LIE-DETECTOR. THEY'VE LURED THE MOST PROMINENT FOLK OF THE VILLAGE INTO IT—TONIGHT IS MY TURN....





AAAIEEE!!



FATHER! WHAT'S WRONG?!

WE'RE LEAVING THIS PLACE, LINDA - AND I YOU'RE NEVER TO RETURN HERE AGAIN!



MR VELISSI, WAIT! WHAT DID YOU SEE IN THERE?

I SAW OLD KEIL'S MURDER! ONE OF US IS A MURDERER! ONLY MY RESENTMENT FOR KEIL SILENCES ME NOW.

AS THE WEEKS PASSED, LINDA AND I MET IN SECRET. ADMIRATION FOR EACH OTHER GREW TO LOVE. WE VOWED TO MARRY DESPITE HER FATHER'S OBJECTIONS - SHE EVEN AGREED TO LIVE WITH ME IN THE HOUSE WITH THE CHANGING ROOM.



AS LINDA AND I NEARED MY HOUSE ONE EVENING, WE NOTICED A STRANGE LIGHT COMING FROM ONE OF THE WINDOWS.

NO ONE IS SUPPOSED TO BE IN THE HOUSE AT THIS HOUR!

ISN'T THAT LIGHT COMING FROM THE CHANGING ROOM?

EEYYAAAGHH--

-AS WE ENTERED, A SCREAM FROM THE ROOM GREETED US....

SOMEHOW, WE KNEW THERE WAS NO HOPE FOR THE POOR SOUL WITHIN IT- BUT WE RACED DOWN THE HALL TO HIM ANYWAY. WE HEARD OTHER SOUNDS, BUT THEY WERE TOO INHUMAN TO DESCRIBE....



FATHER!!

STAY BACK! I CAME TO DESTROY THE ROOM AS I HAD DESTROYED THE WARLOCK KEIL- BUT INSTEAD OF HIS SOUL, I FOUND HELL ITSELF WAITING FOR ME- THAT IS TOO GREAT AN EVIL FOR ME TO CONQUER!



IT WAS OVER! AFTER WE WALLPAPERED THE ROOM, WE TURNED IT INTO A NURSERY.



TSK-TSK- ALL THOSE CONFUSING MUSINGS OVER A ROOM WITH AN ITCH TO SWITCH! WELL, DO YOU BLAME IT? AFTER ALL- WHO LIKES A WALLFLOWER ANYWAY?



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