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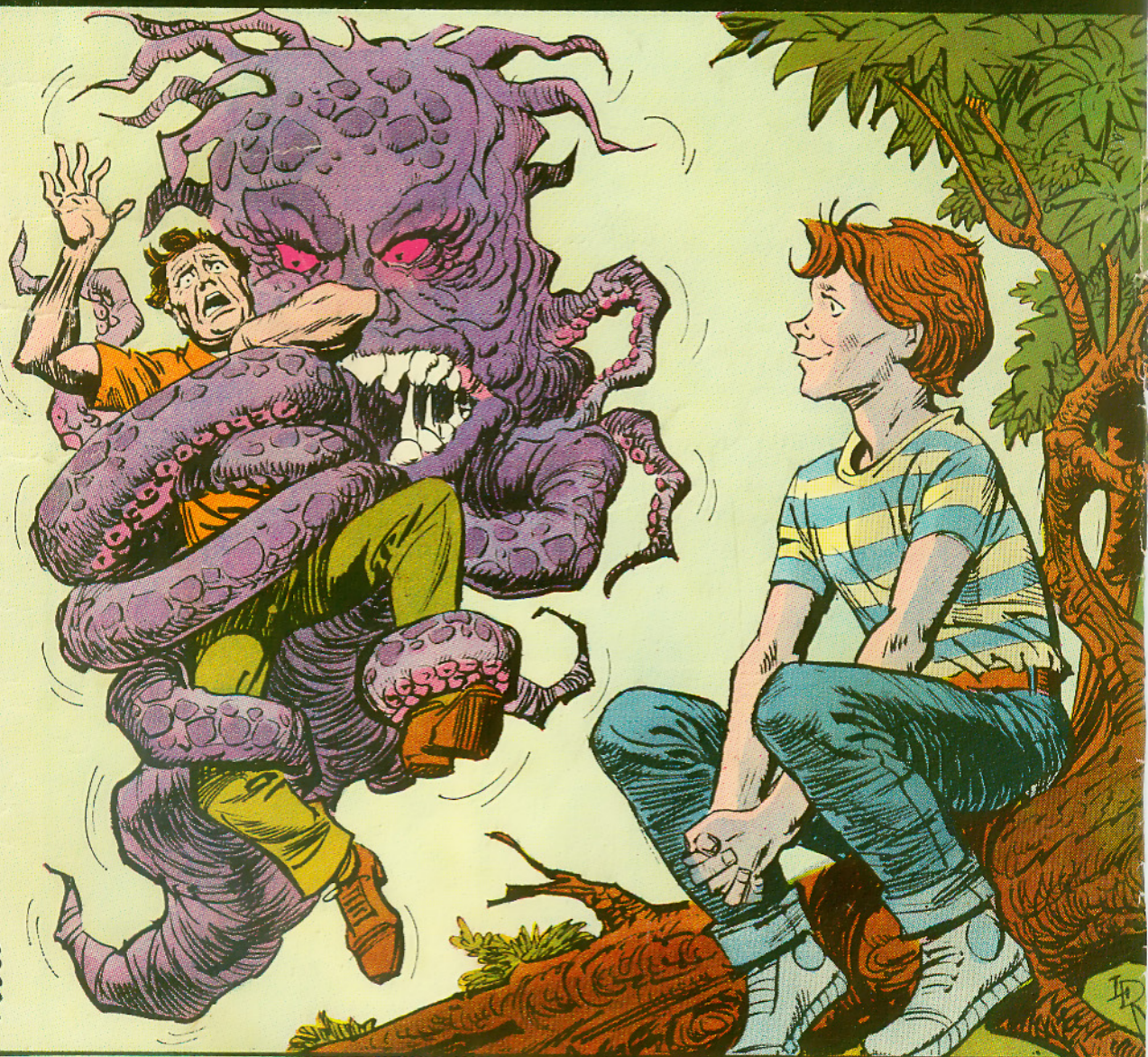
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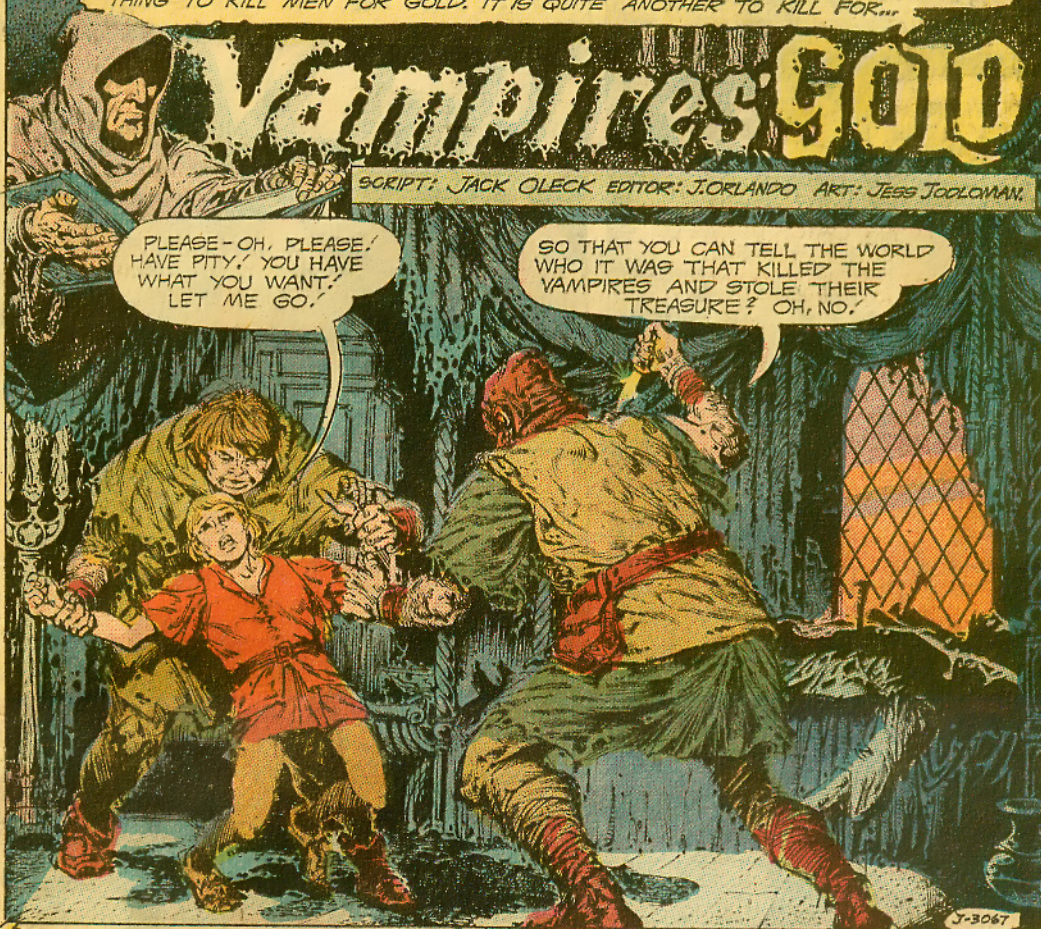
THE BOY WITH THE EVIL POWER!

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THE ASSASSINS KILLED FOR GOLD, AND IT MATTERED LITTLE TO THEM WHETHER THEIR VICTIMS WERE MEN OR CREATURES NOT OF THIS EARTH. BUT IT IS ONE THING TO KILL MEN FOR GOLD. IT IS QUITE ANOTHER TO KILL FOR...

Vampires: GOLD

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PLEASE—OH, PLEASE! HAVE PITY! YOU HAVE WHAT YOU WANT. LET ME GO.

SO THAT YOU CAN TELL THE WORLD WHO IT WAS THAT KILLED THE VAMPIRES AND STOLE THEIR TREASURE? OH, NO.



IF THE KILLERS HAD NOT BEEN BRUTES, IT MIGHT NEVER HAVE HAPPENED. BUT THEY WERE BEASTS. PITILESS ANIMALS. AND SO—THEY TOOK THE FIRST STEP ON THEIR ROAD TO DOOM.

HAYES! PRICE! DON'T! I THOUGHT WE WERE FRIENDS.

AYE, AND SO WE WERE. BUT—THAT WAS BEFORE WE NOTICED THE GOLD IN YOUR PURSE. WE REGRET THIS. TRULY, BUT—



BUT—WE HAVE GREAT LIKING FOR GOLD, SO—GOODBYE, FRIEND.

YOU THERE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

ARK!

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GOLD, IT WAS ALWAYS FOR GOLD THAT THE MONSTERS KILLED - AND IT WAS FOR GOLD THAT THEY WERE TO DIE. BUT HOW COULD THEY KNOW?

STAND WHERE YOU ARE, IN THE KING'S NAME--!

THE WATCH! IT'S THE WATCH! RUN! IF THEY CATCH US, WE'LL HANG.



HOW COULD THEY KNOW THAT THEY HAD ALREADY BEEN DOOMED BY FATE? THEY FLED! THEY HID! AND YET, EVEN THEN THE EYES OF FATE WERE ON THEM.

THEY'RE GONE! WE'VE LOST THEM! BUT THIS TIME I RECOGNIZED THEM! IT WAS THOSE CUTHROATS HAYES AND PRICE.

I KNOW, I SAW THEM, TOO. THEY'LL HANG FOR THIS! YOU GO ON SEARCHING-- I'LL FIND OUR CAPTAIN AND RAISE THE HUE AND CRY!



THE HUE AND CRY! HAYES! THE WHOLE CITY WILL BE AFTER US!

AYE! WE'RE DEAD MEN IF WE STAY HERE! COME ON! IF OUR LUCK HOLDS WE CAN BE OUT OF THE CITY BY MORNING!



NO, THERE WAS NO ESCAPING THEIR FATE. TWO MEN RAN, THEY RAN RAGING, CURSING - BUT THEY RAN. AND THE WEB OF THAT FATE DREW TIGHTER.

HAYES, I-I CAN'T RUN ANY MORE! I-I CAN'T!

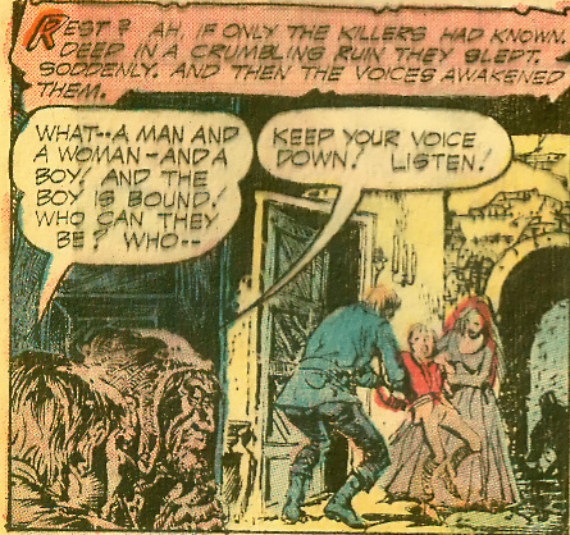
NOR I. WE'VE GOT TO REST. BUT WE'RE IN LUCK! THAT CASTLE - IT LOOKS DESERTED! WE CAN REST THERE!



REST? AH, IF ONLY THE KILLERS HAD KNOWN, DEEP IN A CRUMBLING RUIN THEY SLEPT. SODDENLY, AND THEN THE VOICES AWAKENED THEM.

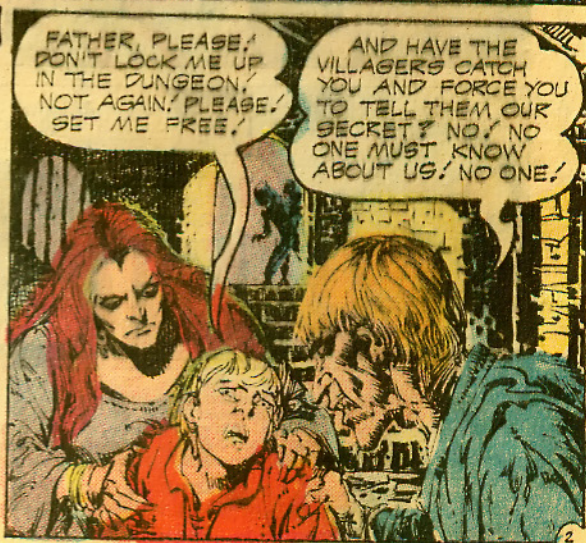
WHAT--A MAN AND A WOMAN--AND A BOY! AND THE BOY IS BOUND, WHO CAN THEY BE? WHO--

KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN! LISTEN!



FATHER, PLEASE! DON'T LOCK ME UP IN THE DUNGEON! NOT AGAIN, PLEASE! SET ME FREE!

AND HAVE THE VILLAGERS CATCH YOU AND FORCE YOU TO TELL THEM OUR SECRET? NO! NO ONE MUST KNOW ABOUT US! NO ONE!



SECRET? THOSE TWO-
THEY WERE LIKE
SCARECROWS. WHAT
COULD THEY HAVE TO
HIDE? AND WHY WOULD
THEY IMPRISON THEIR
OWN SON?

WHO KNOWS?
THEY COULD BE
MAD! BUT WHAT
DOES IT MATTER?
IT WILL BE BEST
IF WE LEAVE HERE.
NOW, WE HAVE
OUR OWN SKINS
TO THINK OF!

OUR OWN SKINS! HOW TYPICAL THAT WAS, ONCE
AGAIN, THE KILLERS FLED, BUT FATE HAD NOT
BROUGHT THEM THIS FAR ONLY TO LOSE
THEM NOW...

MEN! REAL MEN--WAIT!
COME BACK! PLEASE!
OH, PLEASE, COME BACK!

WHO--HAYES,
THE BOY, IT'S
THE BOY!

AND A SCRAWNIER ONE
I'VE NEVER SEEN/ALL
RIGHT, BOY, WHO ARE
YOU? AND WHY ARE
YOU CAGED?

MY PARENTS DID IT!
I CAN'T TELL YOU
WHY. THEY'D DO
SOMETHING
TERRIBLE IF I DID!
BUT PLEASE, LET ME
OUT! IF YOU DO--
I'LL PAY YOU!

I KNOW WHERE THERE'S
GOLD! LOTS OF IT!
MY PARENTS ARE RICH--

RICH! BAH! NOT
ONLY SCRAWNY, BUT
A LIAR AS WELL! HIS
PARENTS HAVE GOLD
AND THEY LIVE IN A
STY! I'M GETTING
AWAY FROM THIS
PLACE, IT SMELLS
OF TROUBLE!

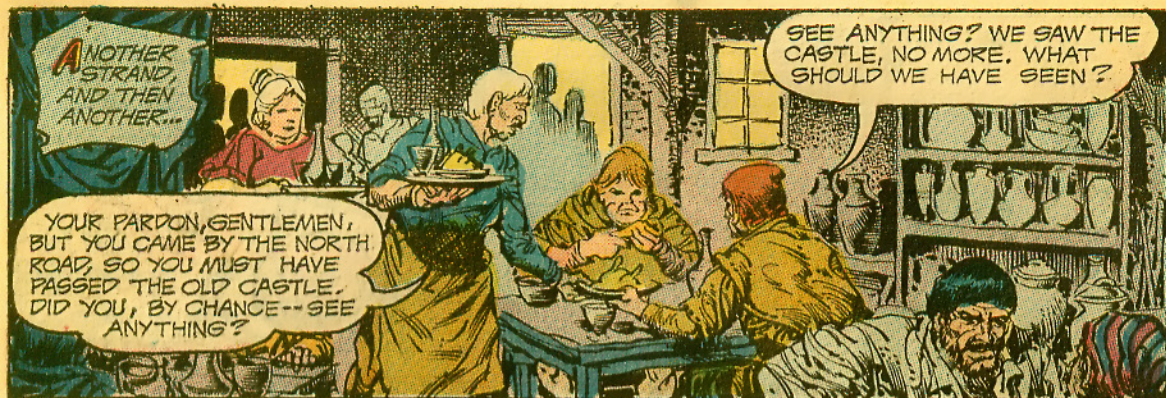
AYE! THE WHELP IS AS MAD AS
HIS PARENTS. THE SOONER WE
LEAVE HERE, THE BETTER.

NO! COME BACK!
I'M NOT MAD! I'M
TELLING YOU THE
TRUTH! COME BACK!
PLEASE, HAVE PITY!

PITY? PITY FROM ASSASSINS? OTHER MEN MIGHT
KNOW PITY, BUT NOT THESE. AND SO ANOTHER
STRAND WAS WOVEN IN THE WEB...

A VILLAGE! AT LAST!
THERE'LL BE AN INN--FOOD!
BUT WE'LL HAVE TO BE
CAREFUL! THE RISK--!

BLAST THE RISK!
WHO WOULD KNOW US
HERE? NO ONE. AND
WE'LL BE ABLE TO RUN
ALL THE BETTER WITH
A DECENT MEAL IN OUR
BELLIES. COME ON!



ANOTHER
STRAND,
AND THEN
ANOTHER...

YOUR PARDON, GENTLEMEN,
BUT YOU CAME BY THE NORTH
ROAD, SO YOU MUST HAVE
PASSED THE OLD CASTLE.
DID YOU, BY CHANCE-- SEE
ANYTHING?

SEE ANYTHING? WE SAW THE
CASTLE, NO MORE. WHAT
SHOULD WE HAVE SEEN?

AH, HOW CLEVER IS FATE!
A LANDLORD EAGER TO
GOSSIP, A FEW WORDS, AND...

WHY, THE VAMPIRES! THE
MAN AND WOMAN WHO LIVE
THERE! WHO ELSE?
STRANGE THINGS HAVE
HAPPENED SINCE THEY
MOVED INTO THE OLD
CASTLE.

STRANGE INDEED!
THREE OF OUR SHEEP
HAVE DIED SINCE
THEY CAME! DRAINED
OF BLOOD!

DRAINED OF-- BUT IF YOUR
VILLAGE THINKS THEM VAMPIRES,
WHY DO THEY STILL LIVE?

WHY? BECAUSE WE HAVE
NO PROOF. THEY HAVE
GOLD. THEY PAY FOR
WHAT THEY BUY--FORGIVE
US! EAT HEARTY,
GENTLEMEN. WE HAVE
TO SEE TO OUR
OTHER PATRONS!

GOLD? THOSE TWO
SCARECROWS WE SAW HAVE
GOLD? THEN-- HAYES, THE
BOY! HE WAS TELLING THE
TRUTH! HE--

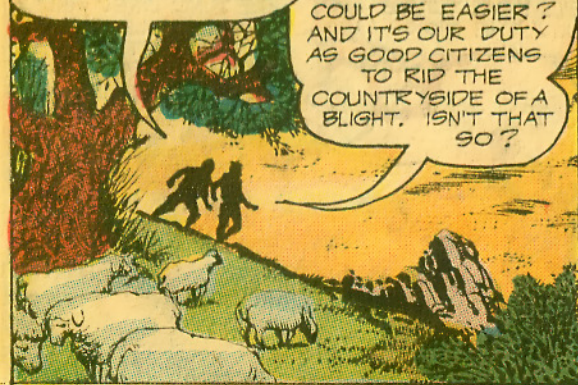


BE QUIET! I HEARD! THESE
COUNTRY BUMPKINS DON'T EVEN
KNOW THAT THE BOY EXISTS!
BUT WE DO! LET'S KEEP IT
THAT WAY. WHY TELL THEM?
HOW EASY IT WOULD BE-- TO
GET THE VAMPIRES' GOLD!

GOLD! ALWAYS GOLD! AH, HOW SWEETLY THE
WORD RANG IN THE KILLERS' EARS. AND HOW
LITTLE THEY SUSPECTED THE IRONIC FATE
THAT HAD LOOSENED THE LANDLORD'S
TONGUE, AFTERWARD...

KILL THEM? KILL THE
VAMPIRES? BUT IF THEY
REALLY ARE VAMPIRES--

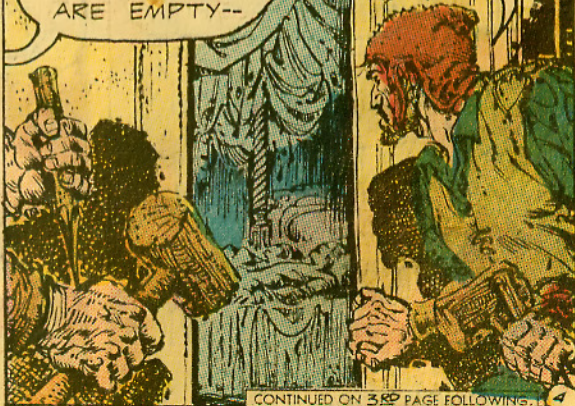
IF THEY ARE--WHAT
MATTER? VAMPIRES
SLEEP BY DAY. WHAT
COULD BE EASIER?
AND IT'S OUR DUTY
AS GOOD CITIZENS
TO RID THE
COUNTRYSIDE OF A
BLIGHT. ISN'T THAT
SO?



HOW THEY CHUCKLED AS THEY MADE THEIR
PLANS...THEY NEVER DREAMED THAT THE
JOKE WAS ON THEM.

I'VE SEARCHED
EVERYWHERE! ALL
THE CHAMBERS
ARE EMPTY--

SHH-H! ALL
BUT THIS ONE!
LOOK!



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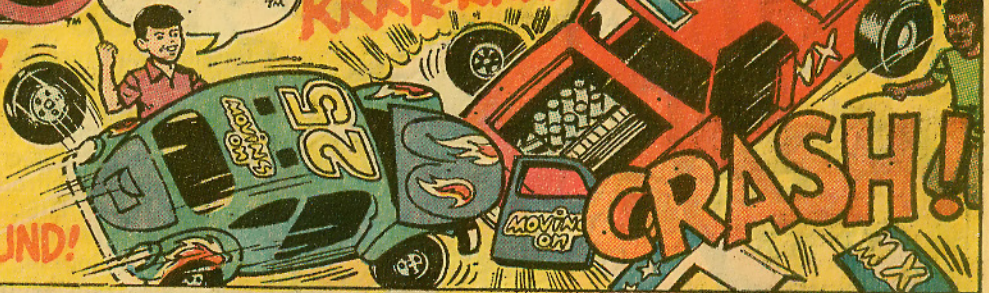
OH,
YEAH
BUGG-EM!



GOTCHA,
TOUGH TOM!

RRRR-RRRR

NEW CARS!
COLORS!
DECALS!
ALL WITH
SONIC SOUND!

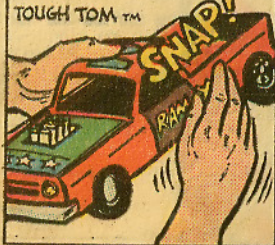


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DRAW!

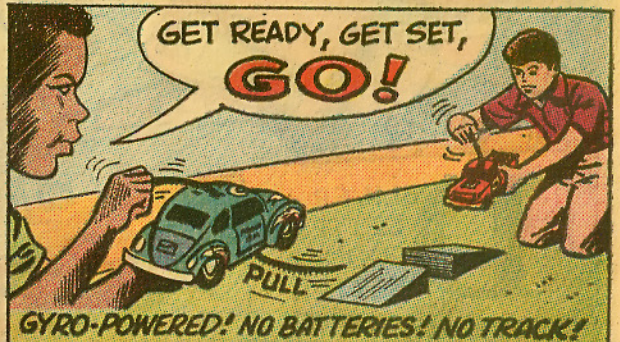


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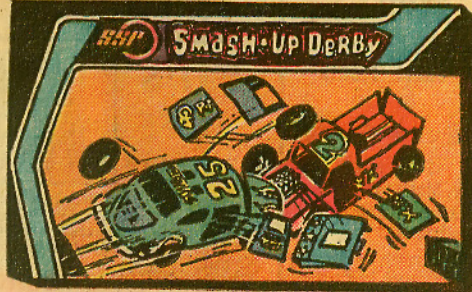
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JUST AS YOU SAID!

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THIS IS A SLEEP
FROM WHICH THERE
WILL BE NO
AWAKENING! IN A
MOMENT IT WILL BE
OVER! YOU KNOW
WHAT TO DO!



NOW WHAT TO DO? OH, YES, THE ASSASSIN
KNEW WHAT TO DO. AND - WHY NOT? WHO KNEW
BETTER HOW TO KILL?

BOTH TOGETHER! STRIKE WELL, OR WE WILL
BE THE ONES WHO DIE! THE SUN WILL BE
SETTING IN MINUTES! ONE-TWO-THREE --

NOW!



IT'S DONE! GET THE BOY! HE'LL
HAVE TO TELL US WHERE THE GOLD
IS HIDDEN!



WHO KNEW BETTER HOW TO
KILL - OR HOW TO STRIKE
TERROR INTO THE HEART OF
A CHILD...

YOU -- MY PARENTS! YOU'VE
KILLED THEM! YOU --

AYE! AND WE'LL
KILL YOU UNLESS
YOU TELL US WHERE
THEIR GOLD IS
HIDDEN! WHERE
IS IT?



WHERE IS THE GOLD?
TELL US AND YOU LIVE!
REFUSE - AND YOU DIE!
YOU HAVE TEN SECONDS!
TELL US OR --

NO! NO, DON'T!
I'LL TELL YOU! IT-
IT'S HERE! UNDER
THE FLOOR! I'LL
SHOW YOU! BUT
DON'T HURT ME!



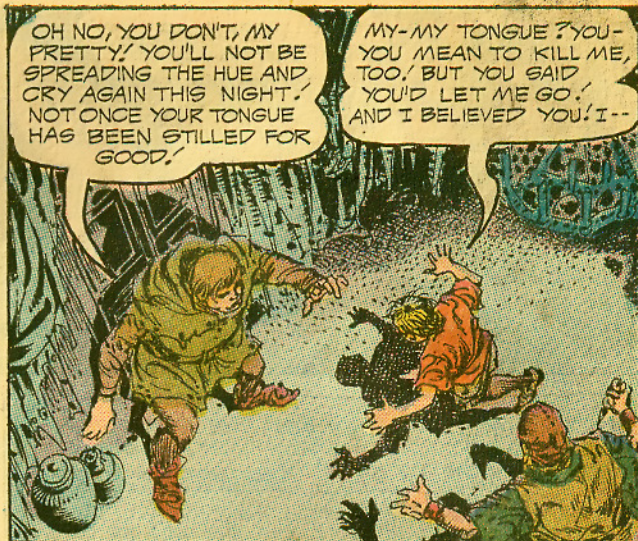
THERE! TAKE IT! BUT DON'T
HURT ME! PLEASE!

GOLD - PILES OF
IT - SACKS OF IT --
HAYES! WE'RE
RICH! RICH --



WE CAN LIVE LIKE KINGS! WE CAN HAVE ANYTHING WE WANT! ANYTHING--

--IF WE AREN'T BETRAYED! THE BOY! STOP THE BOY!



OH NO, YOU DON'T, MY PRETTY! YOU'LL NOT BE SPREADING THE HUE AND CRY AGAIN THIS NIGHT! NOT ONCE YOUR TONGUE HAS BEEN STILLED FOR GOOD!

MY-MY TONGUE? YOU-- YOU MEAN TO KILL ME, TOO! BUT YOU SAID YOU'D LET ME GO! AND I BELIEVED YOU! I--



DID YOU, INDEED? DID YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT WE WOULD KILL THE VAMPIRES ONLY TO BE BETRAYED BY A BRAT? THEN-- YOU WERE A FOOL! AND FOOLS MUST PAY FOR THEIR FOOLISHNESS!

SO? THEN--**YOU** MUST PAY. YOU HAD ONLY TO TAKE YOUR GOLD AND GO! I GAVE YOU YOUR CHANCE! BUT NOW--THE TIME FOR MERCY IS PAST!

MERCY? IF ONLY THE KILLERS HAD KNOWN THE MEANING OF THAT WORD. THEY SCREAMED, THEN. BUT IT WAS TOO LATE! THE LAST STRAND OF FATE'S WEB HAD BEEN WOVEN. AND SUDDENLY...

SUDDENLY, TWO MEN WHO HAD NEVER KNOWN FEAR KNEW FEAR AT LAST! BUT THEY WOULD KNOW IT ONLY FOR A LITTLE WHILE. FATE'S WEB WAS COMPLETED.

THEY GUARDED ME EVERY NIGHT! THAT WAS WHY THEY HAD TO SLEEP BY DAY! THERE WAS NO NEED TO KILL THEM! THEY WEREN'T VAMPIRES! BUT--**I AM!**



HIS EYES! HAYES, LOOK AT HIS EYES! HE'S PARALYZED ME! I CAN'T MOVE! HELP ME! HELP ME!

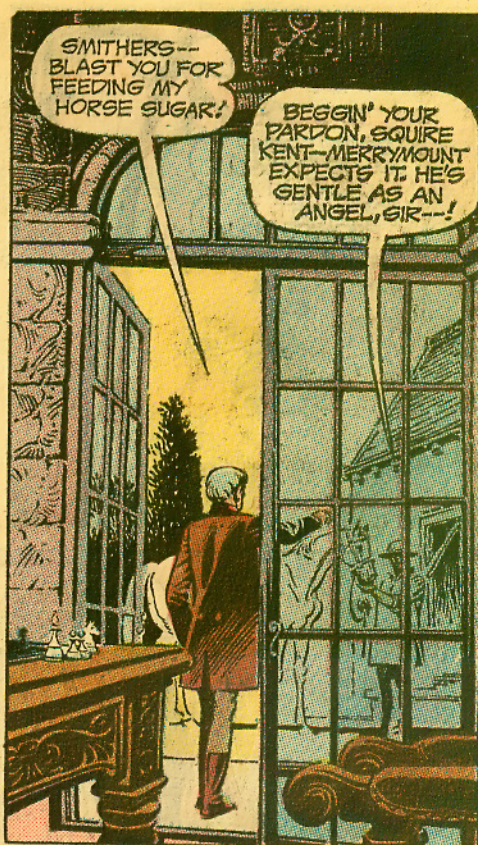
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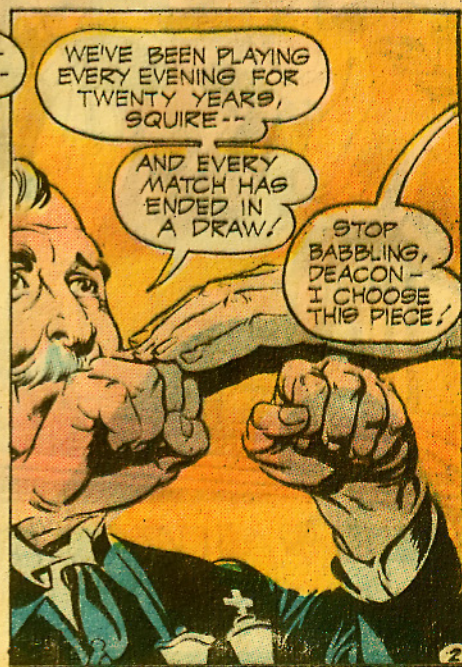
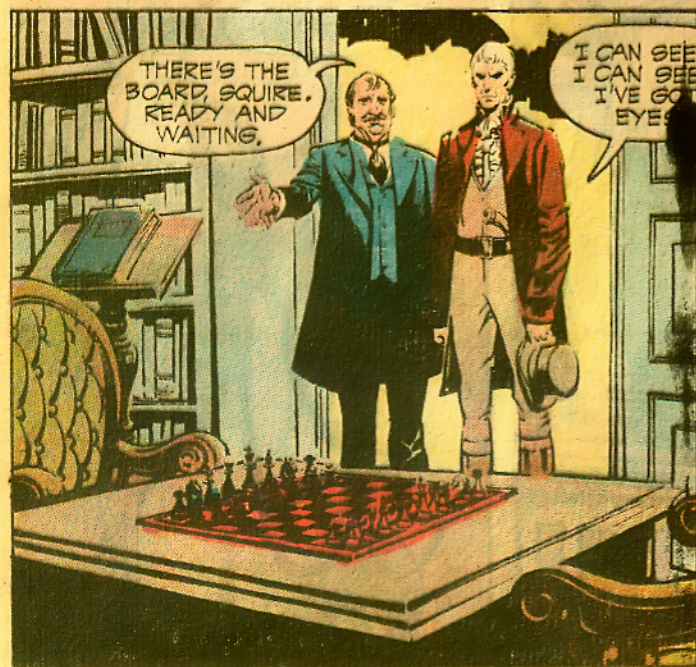
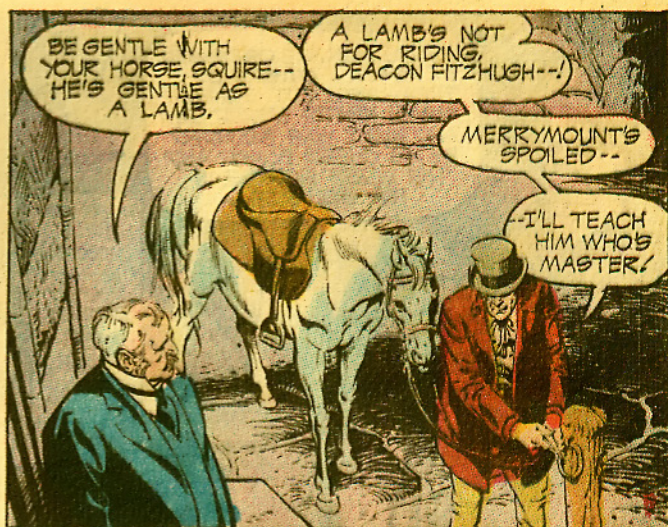
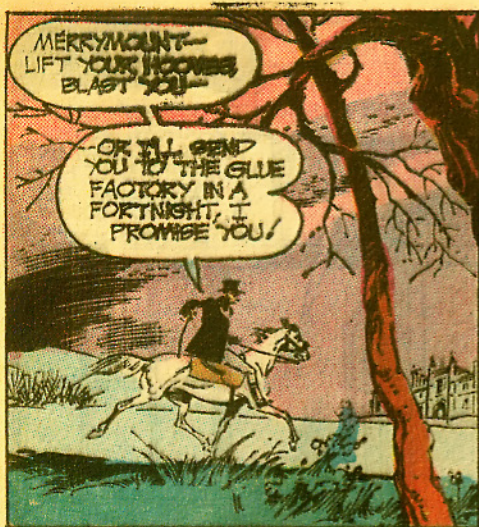


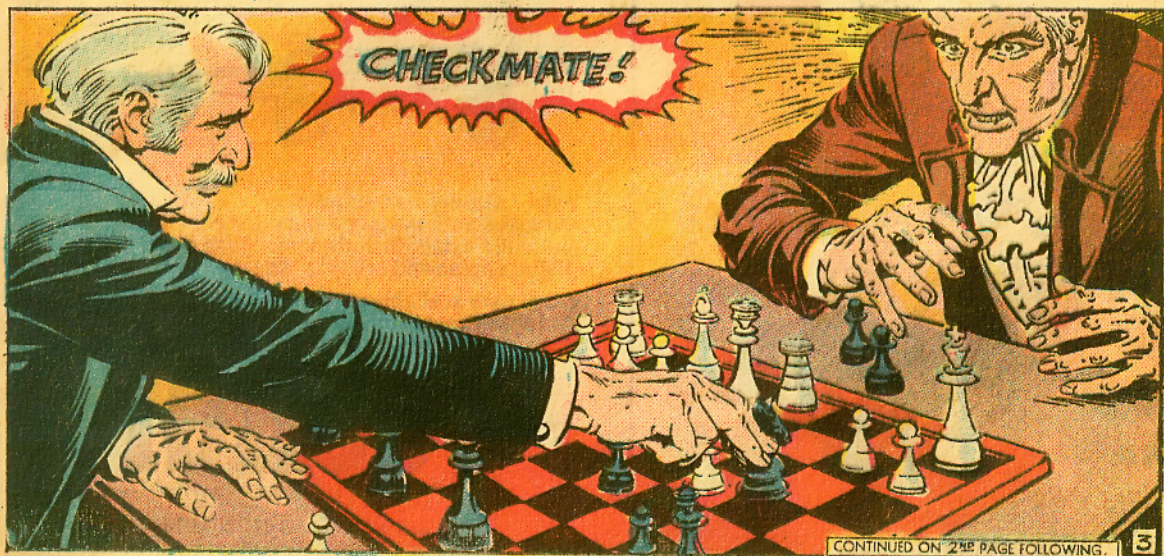
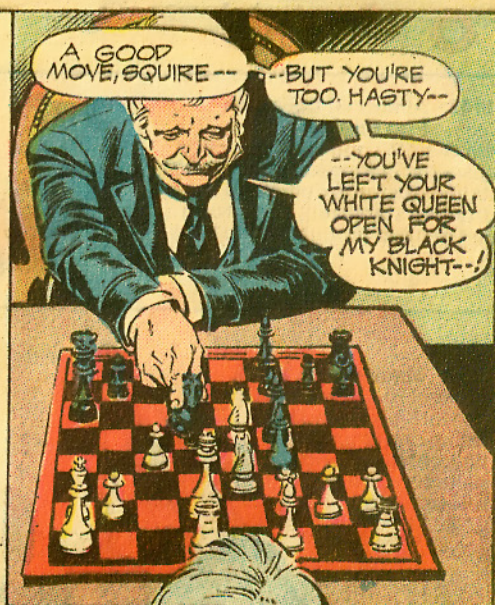
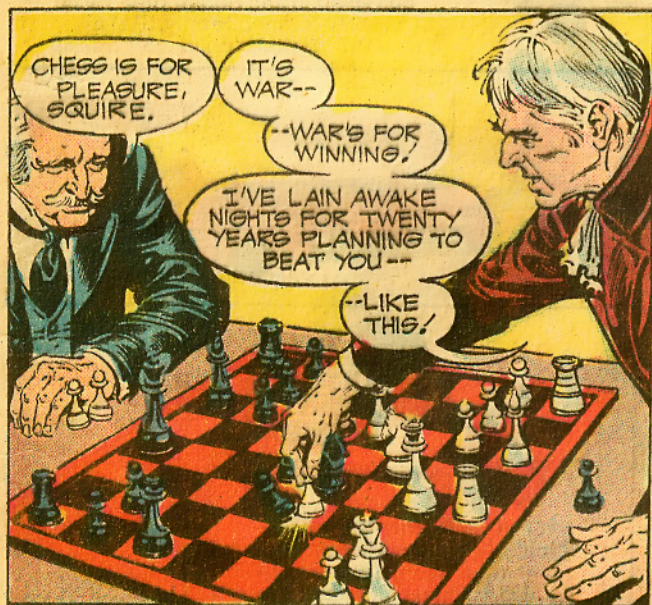
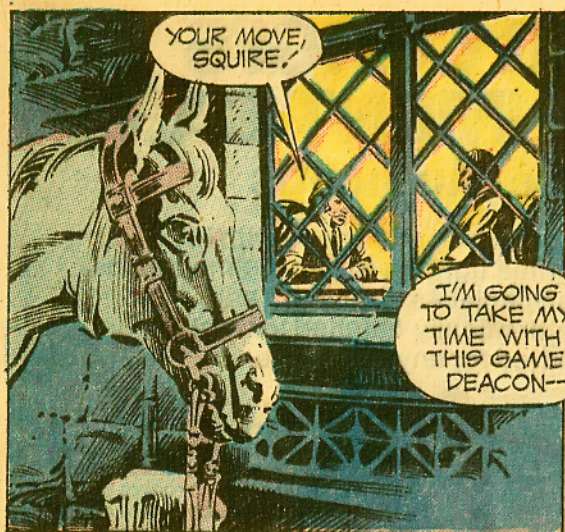
I-- A FOOL? YOU'RE THE FOOLS! IF YOU WEREN'T, YOU MIGHT HAVE LIVED! YOU MIGHT HAVE GUESSED WHY MY PARENTS KEPT ME A PRISONER, WHY THEY BROUGHT ME TO THIS RUIN!



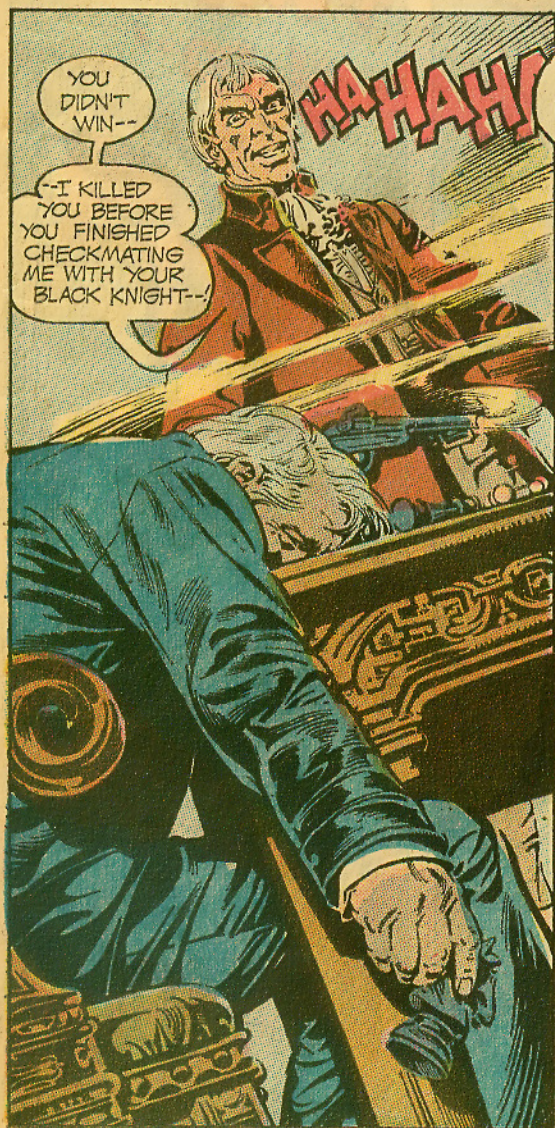
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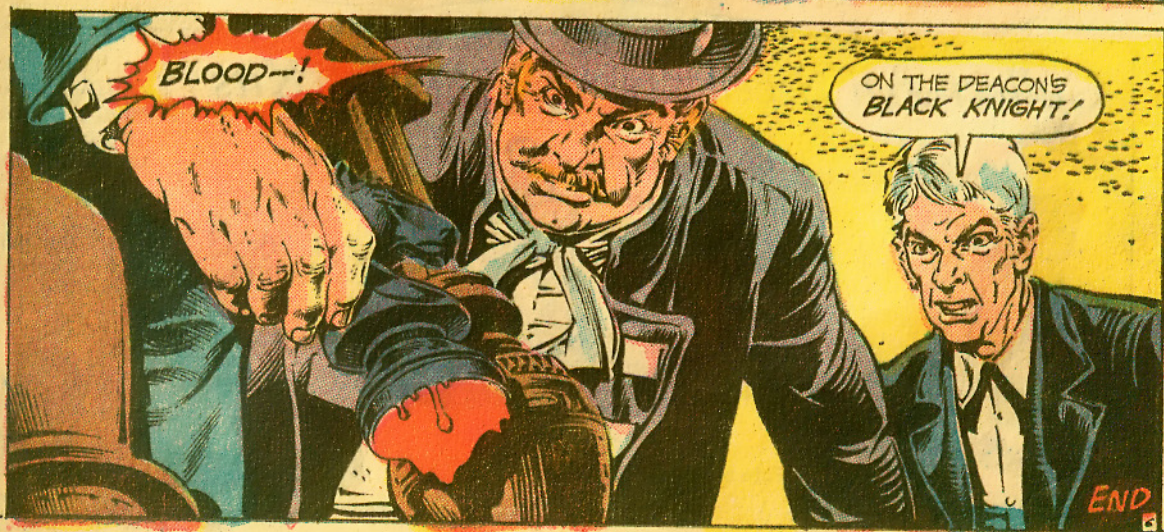
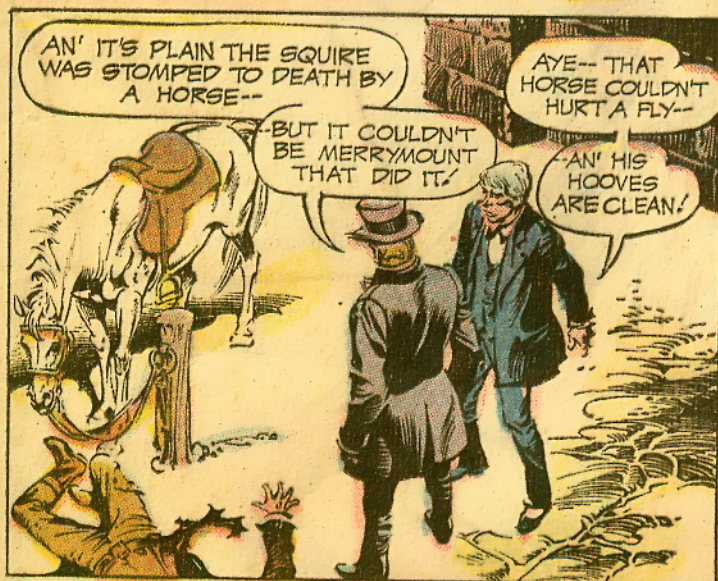
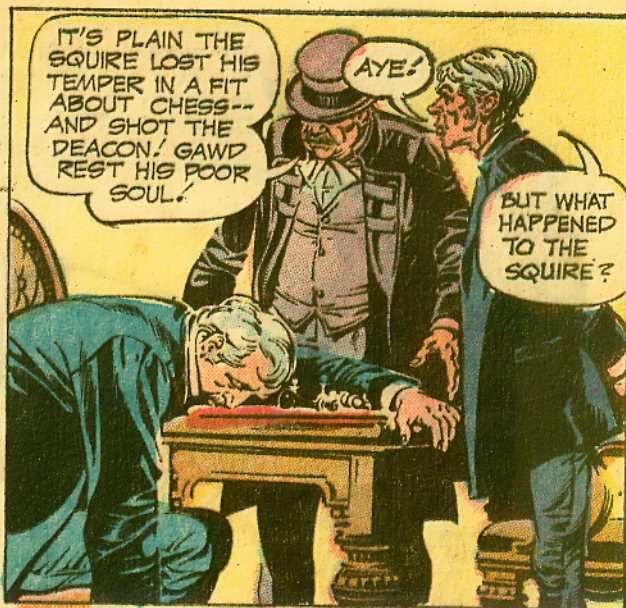




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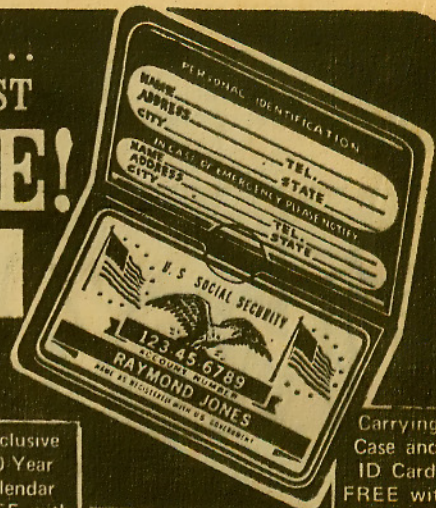
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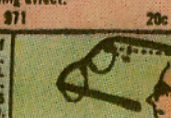
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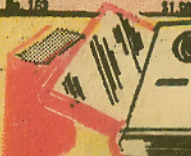
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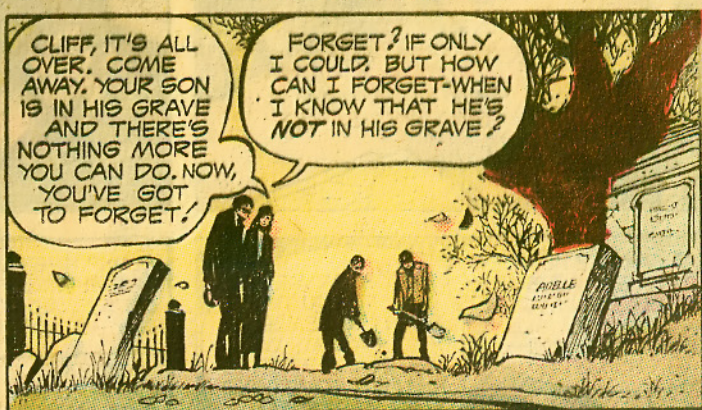
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CLIFF, IT'S ALL
OVER. COME
AWAY. YOUR SON
IS IN HIS GRAVE
AND THERE'S
NOTHING MORE
YOU CAN DO. NOW,
YOU'VE GOT
TO FORGET!

FORGET? IF ONLY
I COULD. BUT HOW
CAN I FORGET WHEN
I KNOW THAT HE'S
NOT IN HIS GRAVE?



NOT IN--MR.
CLIFFTON. WHAT ARE
YOU SAYING? FLOYD
IS DEAD. DEAD AND
BURIED!

NO, HE ISN'T!
I WISH HE WERE!
THEN I'D KNOW
THAT HE WAS AT
REST!



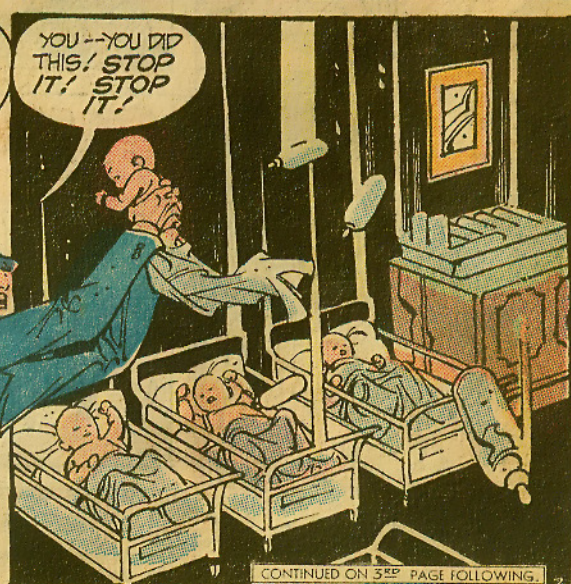
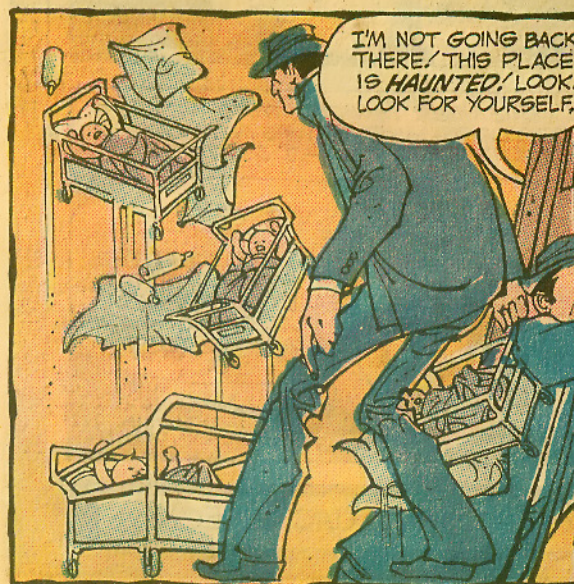
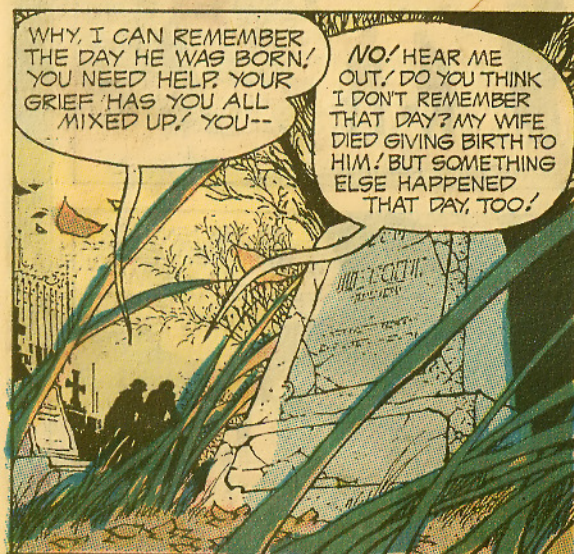
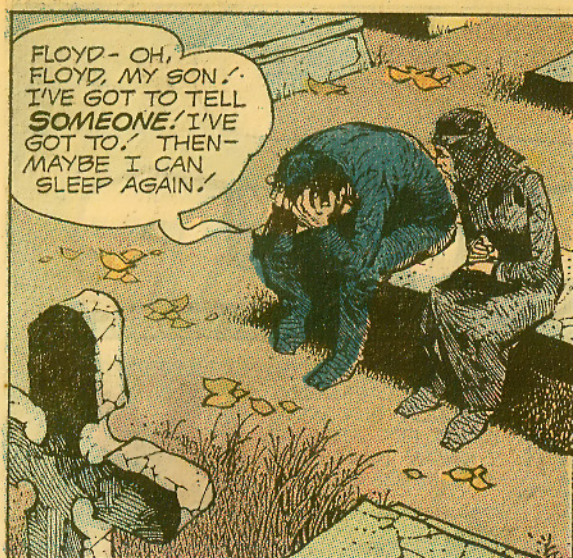
POOR CLIFF! I REMEMBER THINKING THAT. WE WERE
NEIGHBORS FOR YEARS, AND HE WAS IN TORMENT,
SO I TRIED TO SOOTHE HIM. ONLY--I DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND...

YOU'RE PRETTY
UPSET. WHY
DON'T WE SIT
DOWN AND
REST AWHILE?

YOU DON'T BELIEVE
ME! ALL RIGHT. MAYBE
IT'S TIME I TOLD THE
TRUTH ABOUT WHAT
REALLY HAPPENED
TO FLOYD. GOD KNOWS
I'VE WANTED TO! I--



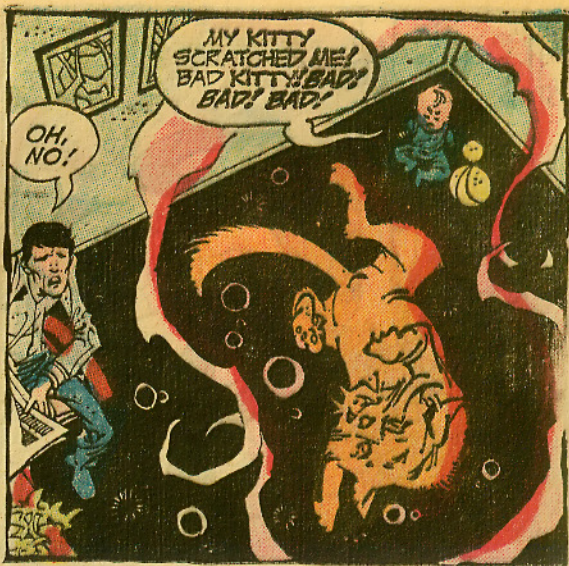
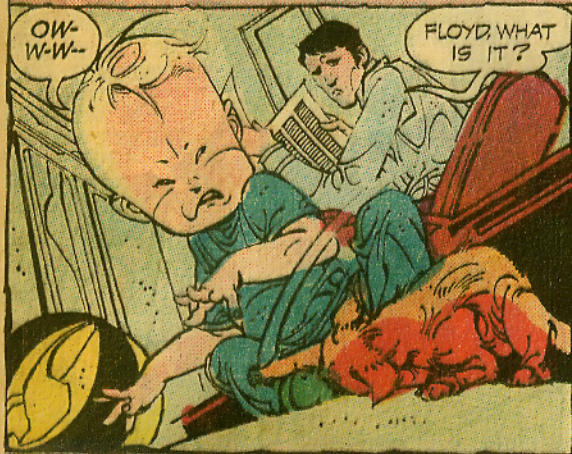
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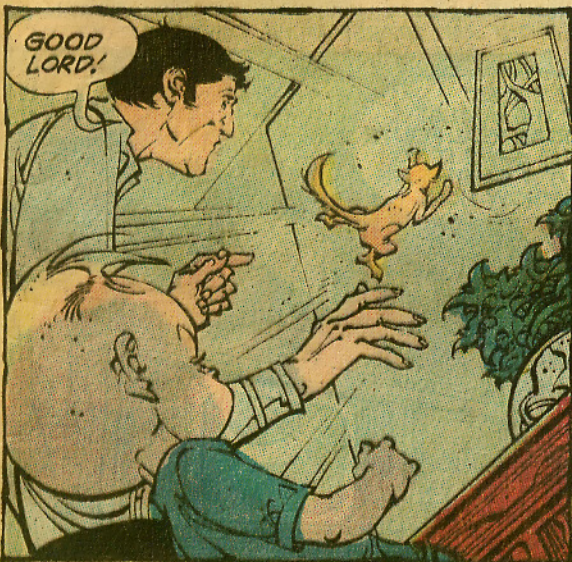
FLOYD'S MOTHER, MY WIFE, DIED GIVING BIRTH TO HIM. I THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS MY FEELINGS TOWARD HIM HAD BEEN TWISTED BY MY GRIEF, SO I PUT THE MOMENT OUT OF MY MIND. BUT...

OW-
W-W--

FLOYD, WHAT
IS IT?



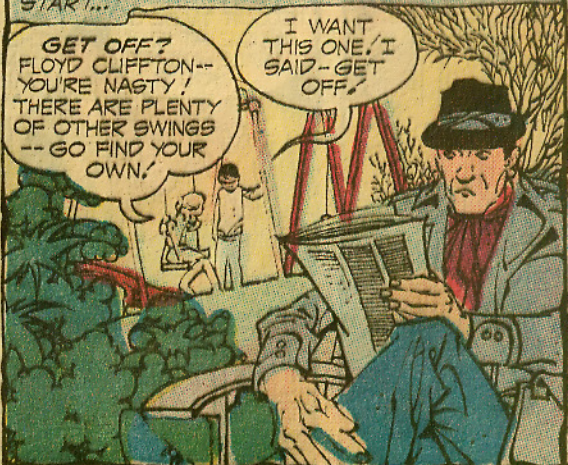
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NO!

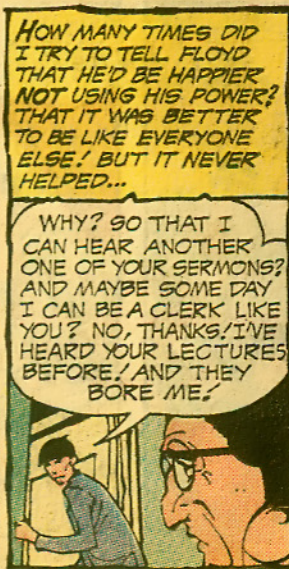
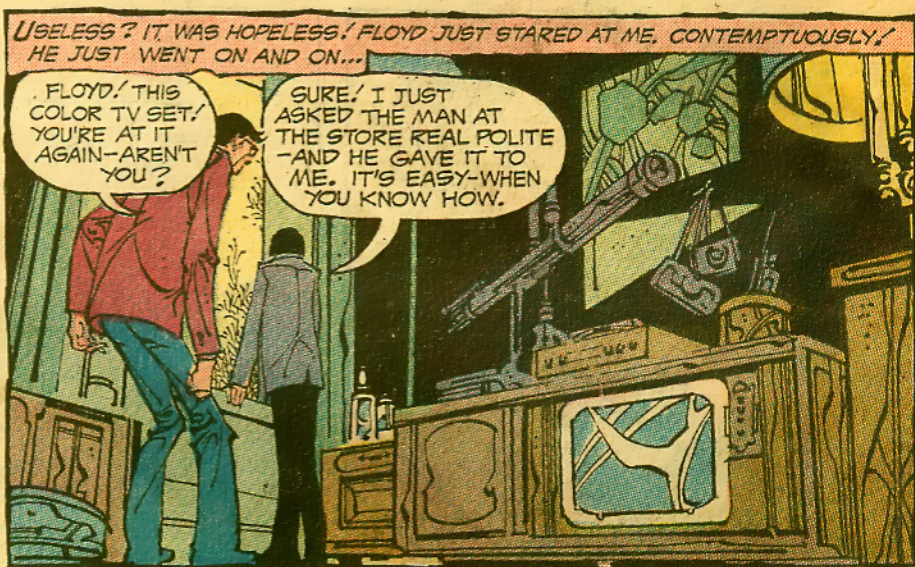
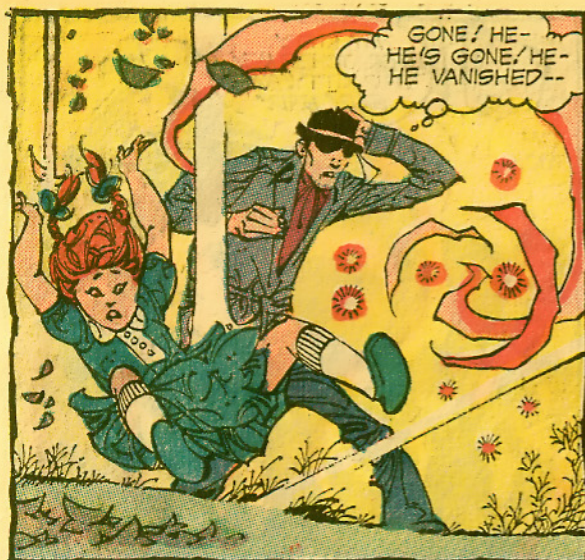


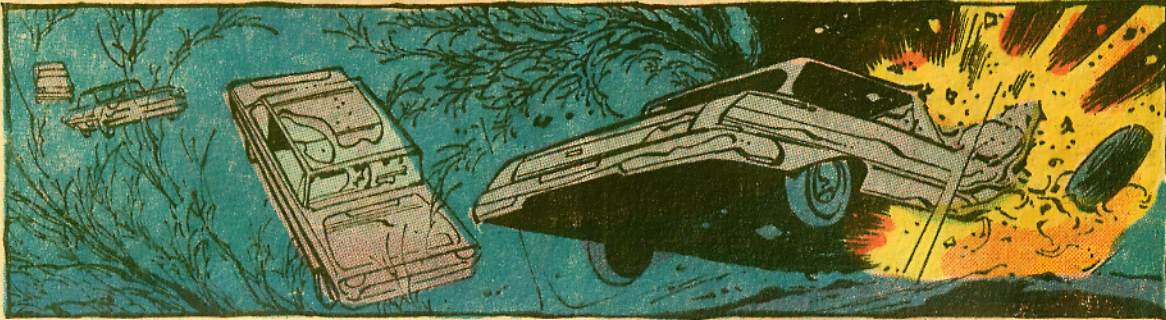
THAT POOR LITTLE CAT! I TRIED TO REASON WITH FLOYD, BUT HOW DO YOU REASON WITH A THREE YEAR-OLD? AND THAT WAS ONLY THE START...

GET OFF?
FLOYD CLIFFTON--
YOU'RE NASTY!
THERE ARE PLENTY
OF OTHER SWINGS
-- GO FIND YOUR
OWN!

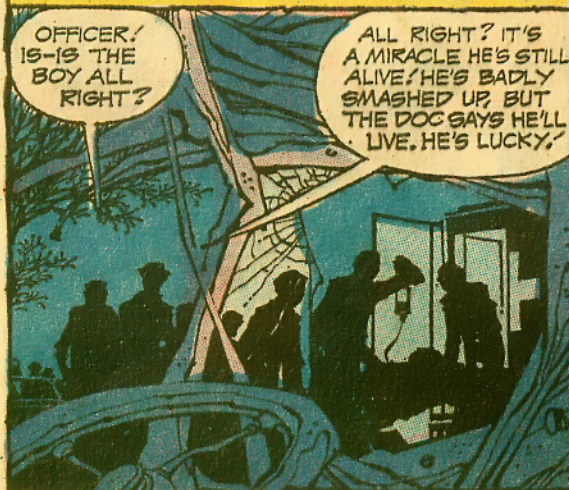
I WANT
THIS ONE, I
SAID--GET
OFF!



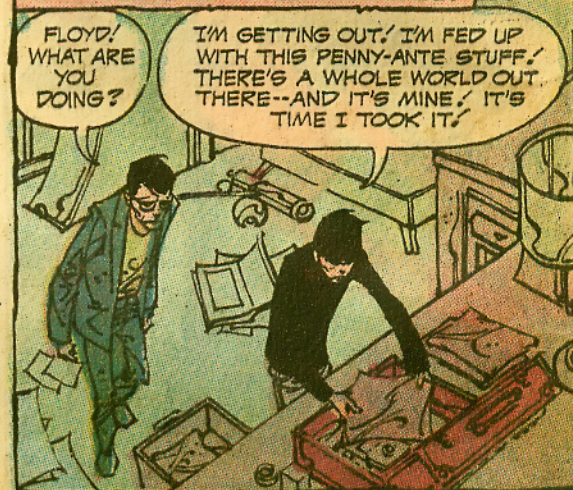




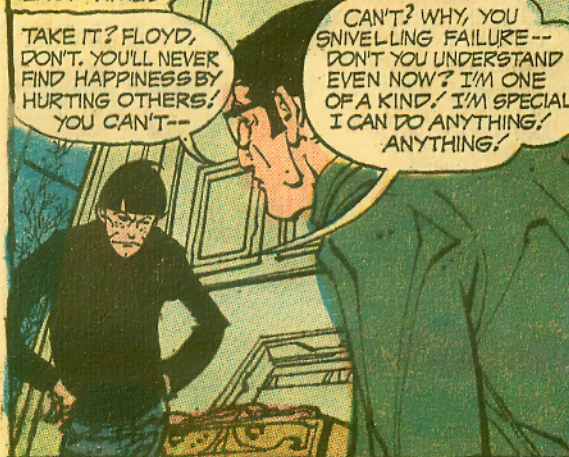
FLOYD WAS INSANE! DRUNK WITH POWER! SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAD TO HAPPEN IN THE END! BUT I NEVER DREAMED WHAT IT WOULD LEAD TO!



LUCKY? I ALMOST HATED FLOYD IN THAT MOMENT. I RUSHED HOME TO MAKE ONE MORE TRY! AND MY UNIVERSE EXPLODED IN MY FACE!

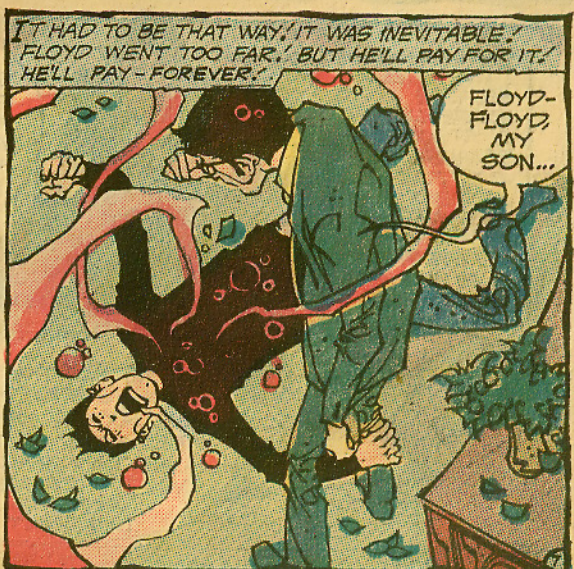
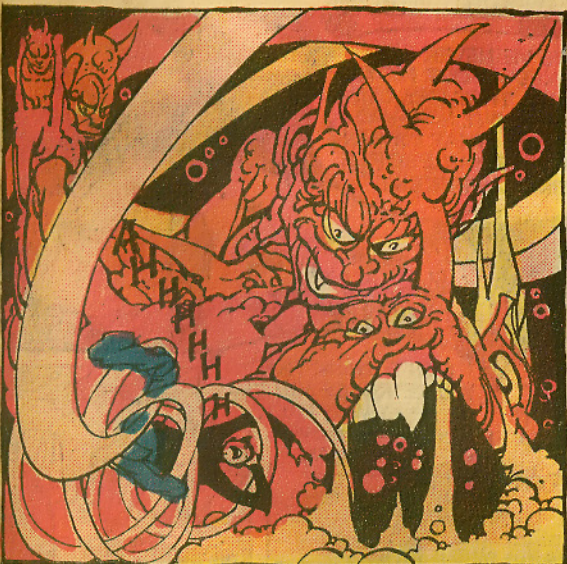
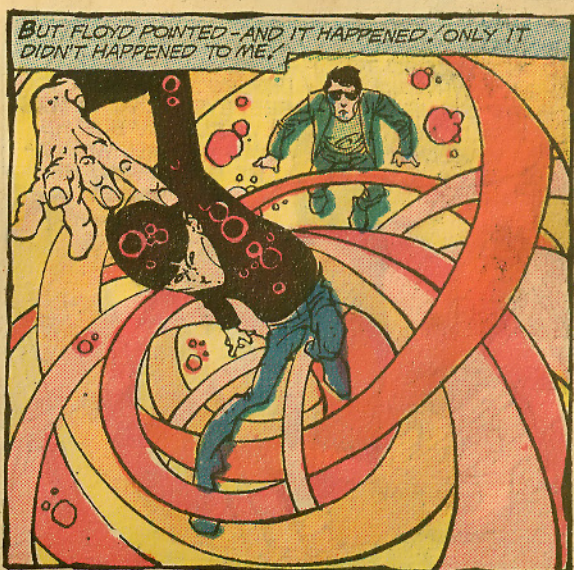
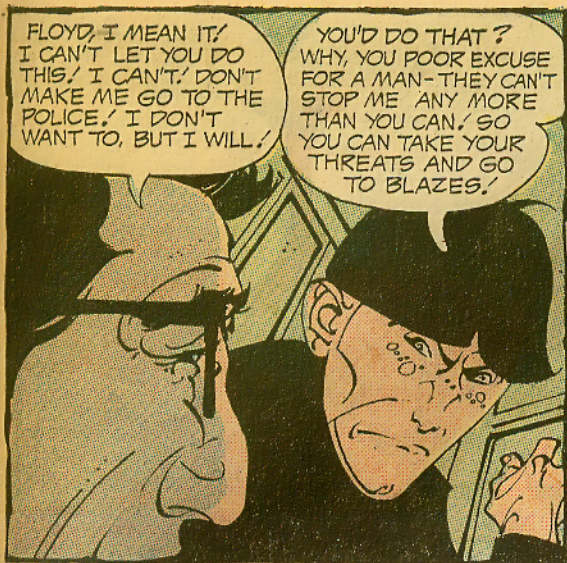


CAN YOU REALIZE WHAT THAT MEANT? I KNEW FLOYD! HE WAS DEADLY! I KNEW THE HORROR HE'D SPREAD. SO-I TRIED AGAIN. FOR THE LAST TIME.



I CAN KILL, DESTROY-- AND WHO'S TO STOP ME? I CAN TAKE OVER THE WHOLE WORLD! I CAN BE A DICTATOR! I CAN HAVE POWER, MONEY--

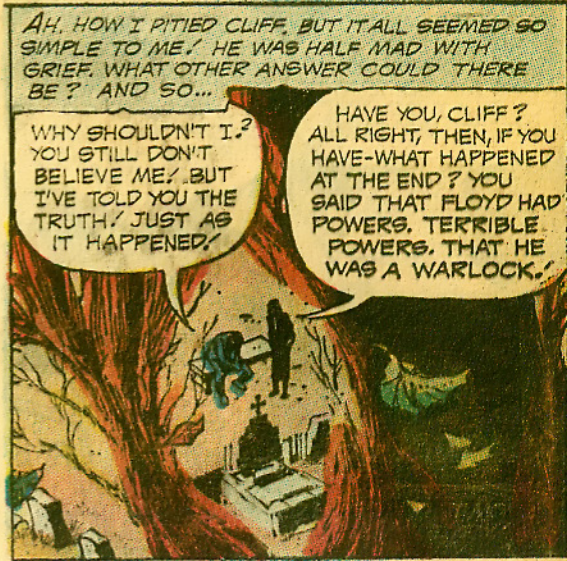






HIS BODY--
THAT WAS ALL THAT
WAS LEFT TO ME!
BUT THE REAL FLOYD--
MY SON--IS DOWN
THERE! IN TORMENT!
HOW CAN I FORGET?
TELL ME. HOW?

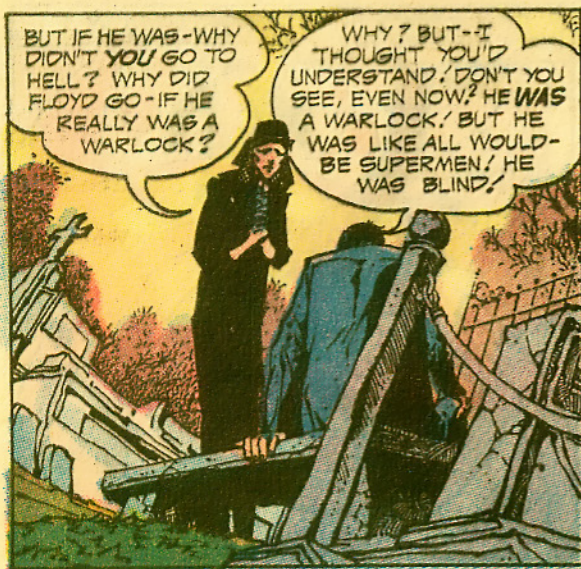
HOW? BUT--CLIFF,
DON'T YOU SEE? ALL
THOSE THINGS--THEY
NEVER HAPPENED!
THEY COULDN'T HAVE!
YOU IMAGINED IT! SO
WHY SHOULDN'T
YOU FORGET?



AH. HOW I PITIED CLIFF, BUT IT ALL SEEMED SO
SIMPLE TO ME! HE WAS HALF MAD WITH
GRIEF. WHAT OTHER ANSWER COULD THERE
BE? AND SO...

WHY SHOULDN'T I?
YOU STILL DON'T
BELIEVE ME! BUT
I'VE TOLD YOU THE
TRUTH! JUST AS
IT HAPPENED!

HAVE YOU, CLIFF?
ALL RIGHT, THEN, IF YOU
HAVE--WHAT HAPPENED
AT THE END? YOU
SAID THAT FLOYD HAD
POWERS. TERRIBLE
POWERS. THAT HE
WAS A WARLOCK!



BUT IF HE WAS--WHY
DIDN'T YOU GO TO
HELL? WHY DID
FLOYD GO--IF HE
REALLY WAS A
WARLOCK?

WHY? BUT--I
THOUGHT YOU'D
UNDERSTAND! DON'T YOU
SEE, EVEN NOW? HE WAS
A WARLOCK! BUT HE
WAS LIKE ALL WOULD-
BE SUPERMEN! HE
WAS BLIND!



AND SO--I SPOKE CALMLY TO CLIFF LOGICALLY.
AND ALL AT ONCE--I WENT COLD...

HE NEVER
STOPPED TO
WONDER WHY HE
WAS A WARLOCK!
HE NEVER STOPPED
TO THINK THAT IF
HE WAS BORN A
WARLOCK IT COULD
ONLY BE BECAUSE
--HIS FATHER WAS
A WARLOCK!



I WENT COLD
BECAUSE
SUDDENLY
CLIFF LOOKED--
STRANGE.
JUST FOR A
MOMENT I
SAW THE
POWER IN
HIS EYES.
THEN HE JUST
WALKED AWAY...

WE'VE NEVER
TALKED ABOUT FLOYD
SINCE THAT DAY, CLIFF
AND I. BUT NOW--DO
YOU SEE WHAT I MEAN?
ABOUT SOME PEOPLE
BEING--DIFFERENT?

FOR INSTANCE, THAT KID
DOWN THE STREET--THAT
PECULIAR OLD MAN--THAT
WEIRD FRIEND OF YOURS
...ARE THEY REALLY
WHAT THEY SEEM? OR
ARE THEY--
DIFFERENT?

DON'T THINK THAT
YOU'RE RID OF ME! I'LL
KEEP COMING BACK
UNTIL I TAKE OVER
THIS MAG!

NEXT ISSUE ON SALE DURING THE LAST WEEK IN NOVEMBER



Ah-hah! There you are! Trying to escape your fate again. Back to school with you, there's no way out! It's the end of September and time for you to return to your horrifying homework and terrorized teachers. Vacation's over, for I am Destiny, keeper of the Cosmic Log, and master of the winds of eternity, and I call thee cursed! If your name lurks on my list of privileged letterwriters though, I may grant you a day or two more of freedom. Let's see . . .

Dear Destiny,

How cruel is fate at times! Of Destiny, Shakespeare once said "a divinity that shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we will . . ."

Such is the case with *Weird Mystery Tales* #6. This issue was flawless except for a failure on the part of fate . . . kismet . . . Destiny! Yes—Destiny! You did not include credits with "The Chosen One." I sincerely hope that you will enter the names of those responsible into your Cosmic Log as soon as possible.

Otherwise I have only praise for the three stories in the aforementioned issue, both art-wise and story-wise. That you may also enter into your Cosmic Log. And thus I am destined to be:

Paul Edwards, North Bellmore, N.Y.

Dear Paul,

You almost succeeded in getting a providential pardon with that quote, but then you accused me—ME—of failure! It was fated for the credits on "The Chosen One" never to see print, just as it is fated for you to remain eternally . . . a letterhack!

Dear Destiny,

Upon reading the Cosmic Log of *Weird Mystery* #6, and seeing the invitation to write, I decided to send you a letter.

Weird Mystery #6 was all right . . . no better, no worse. The best story was the last one, "The Third Eye." I really found it interesting and different, and that's what

I like in a comic.

I said the issue was all right, because the first two stories weren't so good, but the third made up for it. The second story had no originality. I've read stories similar to it, or at least with similar endings.

I must congratulate you on your superb cover. I think that out of all the series I collect, yours has the best covers.

To sum up *Weird Mystery* in one word, GREAT! Will *Weird Mystery* become monthly? I really hope so.

Kenny Sugar, Ontario, Canada

Dear Kenny,

My work as the guardian of fate keeps me too busy to produce a mag every month, but the thought's nice. Cover kudos go to Jack Sparling, according to the Cosmic Log.

Dear Destiny,

I feel sort of weird, writing to Destiny, but I want to comment on your sixth issue.

First story, "The Chosen One." Wow! Shades of Nestor Redondo! The story line wasn't too good, though. Then there was "Even The Dead Shall Laugh." Now there was a honey! I'm stuck on Alex Nino's art . . . keep him around forever!

"Third Eye" wasn't bad, but I am getting sick of Ruben Yandoc's art. Let him rest a while and bring back some talented artists.

By the way, the cover of #6 was one of your best. Keep it up.

Lisa Anderson, San Leandro, Calif.

Dear Destiny,

I liked how you bawled out the guys who called you "editor" in #6's Cosmic Log, so I made sure I didn't. I don't want a curse on me.

Issue #6 had some great art work by Yandoc in "The Third Eye," but "Even The Dead Shall Laugh" had really weird art. I guess that's what your book is supposed to be like.

What do *Weird Mystery* stories have to do with you? I thought you dealt mostly with death.

Terry Pearce, Ontario, Canada

Dear Terry,

My Cosmic Log contains all the secrets of the universe, and I reveal them all to you here in *Weird Mystery*. Death is merely a part of my realm.

Dear Destiny,

Please, please lift your curse off me—I didn't mean to call you editor . . . I don't want to be reincarnated as a ugly green frog, having to hop around on a type. I'll send you a note. Have pity, please!

Jed Rifkin, Brooklyn, New York

Dear Jed,

Since you apologize, I lift my curse. You can spend the rest of your next life as a gorilla, instead of a frog.

Where was your name?! If you wish to avoid the most horrible of fates, send your comments on the latest issue of *Weird Mystery Tales* to: THE COSMIC LOG, National Periodical Publication, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10019.

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