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THE CHINESE DEVIL-MAN  
--DR. FU MANCHU--  
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THE WORLD!



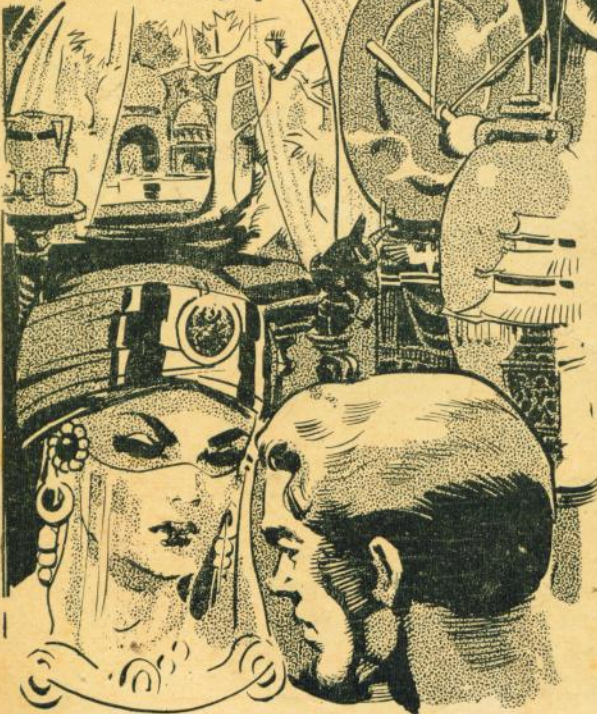
**THRILL!** AS SIR DENIS NAYLAND SMITH FOILS FU MANCHU'S PLOT TO STEAL THE MASK OF "EL MOKANNA" AND SACRED SWORD THAT WOULD UNITE A FANATIC HORDE IN REVOLT!

**FOLLOW** DR. FU MANCHU IN HIS NEFARIOUS SCHEME TO TRADE LOVELY RIMA BARTON FOR THE SACRED RELICS!



**MEET** ENCHANTING FAH LO SEE, FU MANCHU'S DAUGHTER, WHOSE KISS ENSLAVES RIMA'S FIANCE, SHAN GREVILLE!

**SEE** DENIS NAYLAND SMITH'S ATTEMPT TO TAKE THE GOLDEN MASK TO ENGLAND, AND FU MANCHU'S TRY AT PRESENT-DAY PIRACY!



RULER OF THE GIGANTIC SECRET ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE SI-FAAN, GENIUS OF EVIL, AND SUPER-HUMAN ENEMY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION, THE INSIDIOUS DR. FU MANCHU ONCE AGAIN PITS HIS MASTER-MIND AGAINST SIR DENIS NAYLAND SMITH IN HIS NEVER-ENDING STRUGGLE TO RULE THE WORLD. ONLY HE DARED DEFY THE DOCTOR AND EXPOSE WHAT LAY BEHIND THE DREAD MASK OF...

# DR. FU MANCHU

## PART 1



IT ALL BEGAN THAT TERRIBLE NIGHT IN ISPAHAN WHEN VAN BERG MET HIS DEATH. OUR PARTY, CONSISTING OF OUR CHIEF, SIR LIONEL BARTON, THE FAMOUS ORIENTALIST, HIS DAUGHTER RIMA, VAN BERG AND MYSELF, SHAN GREVILLE, WHO WAS SIR LIONEL'S ASSISTANT, HAD COME TO PERSIA WITH THE RELICS OF EL MOKANNA. FROM THAT MOMENT NONE OF US WERE SAFE...



I WAS AWAKENED BY AN AWFUL SCREAM! GUN IN HAND, I DASHED OUT OF MY ROOM AS RIMA AND SIR LIONEL CAME OUT OF THEIRS....

WHAT'S WRONG, SHAN? I DON'T KNOW. IT CAME FROM VAN BERG'S ROOM! OHH! THE GREEN BOX IS IN THERE!

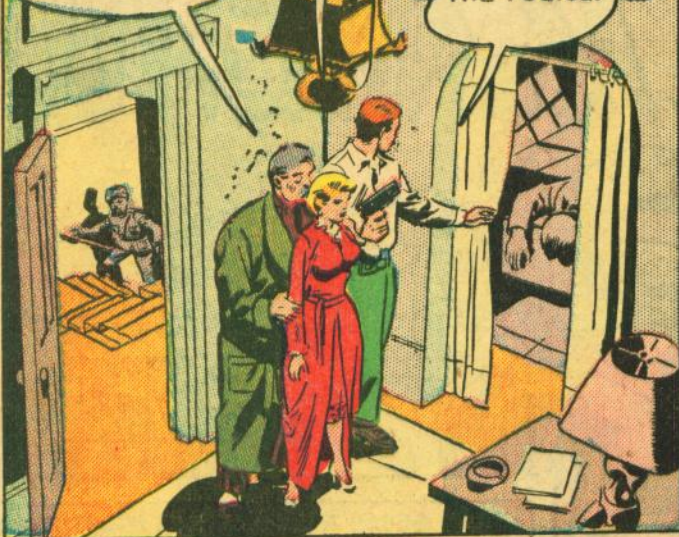


INSIDE VAN BERG'S ROOM A HORRIBLE SIGHT MET OUR EYES...

POOR VAN BERG. HIS DEATH IS ON MY CONSCIENCE!

OHH, DAD!

SIR LIONEL, YOU'D BETTER TAKE RIMA OUT OF HERE. IT'S AWFUL! I'LL CALL THE POLICE.



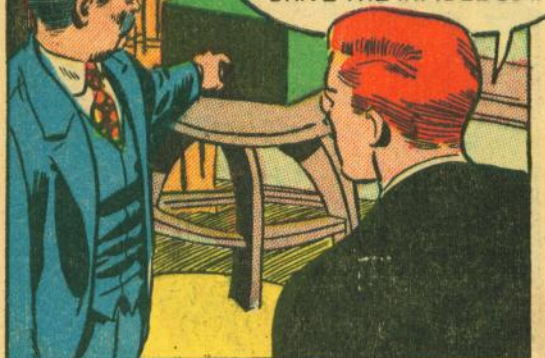
THERE'S NOT MUCH TO TELL. WE GOT A LEAD ON THE TOMB OF EL MOKANNA, THE HIDDEN ONE. HE WAS A MOHAMMEDAN WHO SET HIMSELF UP AS AN INCARNATION OF GOD IN 770 A.D.

I'VE READ ABOUT HIM. HE WAS SO HIDEOUS THAT HE WORE A MASK OF GOLD AND CARRIED A WEAPON HE CALLED THE SWORD OF GOD.



WE FOUND THE MASK, PLATES AND SWORD IN HIS TOMB. THAT IS WHAT IS IN THAT GREEN BOX.

I KNOW, AND BECAUSE OF THAT AN OUTCRY HAS SWEEPED THROUGH THE EAST THAT MOKANNA HAS ARISEN. THEY WOULD FORM A FANATICAL ARMY TO DRIVE THE INFIDEL OUT.



THIS MOVEMENT WOULD ENDANGER THE GOVERNMENTS OF ANY EASTERN POWER. BEHIND IT IS A MONSTROUS LEADER. NONE OTHER THAN DOCTOR FU MANCHU!



WHAT!

YES. AND MARK MY WORDS, THERE WILL BE ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO GET THE CONTENTS OF THAT BOX, BUT THIS TIME WE WILL BE PREPARED.



THE FOLLOWING DAY, WHEN THE BODY HAD BEEN REMOVED, THE PERSIAN POLICE CALLED A CONFERENCE. WITH THEM WAS OUR OLD FRIEND, SIR DENIS NAYLAND SMITH...

NAYLAND SMITH! WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?

YOU, SIR LIONEL. YOU'VE STIRRED UP MORE TROUBLE THAN YOU KNOW. SUPPOSING YOU TELL US THE WHOLE STORY FROM THE BEGINNING.



RIGHT, AND WITH THEM WENT HIS NEW CREED WHICH HE ENGRAVED ON PLATES OF GOLD. SO GREAT WAS EL MOKANNA'S FOLLOWING THAT HE NEARLY CONQUERED THE MOHAMMEDAN WORLD.

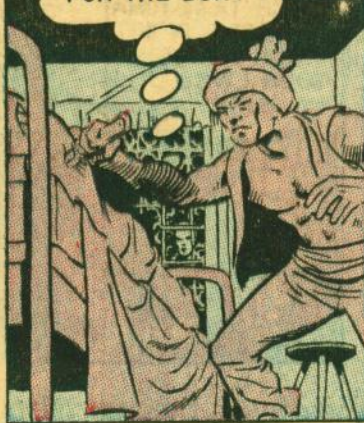


UNDER SMITH'S INSTRUCTIONS WE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT WE WERE LEAVING IN THE MORNING, AND THEN SAT DOWN TO WAIT DEVELOPMENTS... THAT NIGHT...

I'VE BEEN HERE THREE HOURS ALREADY. MAYBE THEY WON'T COME AFTER... SOMEONE'S AT THE WINDOW! A DWARF!

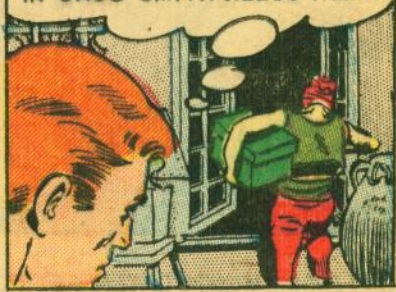


HE'S THE ONE WHO KILLED VAN BERG! NOW HE'LL GO FOR THE BOX!



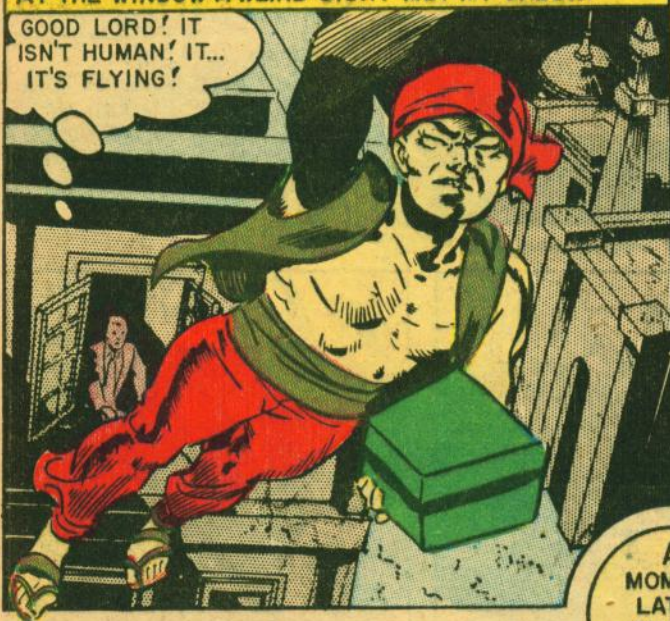
GRABBING THE BOX THE DWARF CARRIED IT OUT THE WINDOW! EVERYTHING WAS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN...

GOOD THING HE DIDN'T REALIZE THE BED CONTAINED A DUMMY. I'D BETTER GET TO THE WINDOW IN CASE SMITH NEEDS HELP!



AT THE WINDOW A WEIRD SIGHT MET MY GAZE...

GOOD LORD! IT ISN'T HUMAN! IT... IT'S FLYING!



THEN FROM ACROSS THE STREET CAME A SHOT FIRED BY A BLACK-ROBED FIGURE AND THE DWARF PLUNGED TO THE STREET...

IT'S SMITH. HE GOT HIM!



A MOMENT LATER, SMITH JOINED US...

I DASHED ONTO THE STREET FOLLOWED BY SIR LIONEL...

THERE HE IS!... SIR LIONEL! THE BOX! IT'S EMPTY!

I KNOW. IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN. THAT'S WHY I FELT SO BAD ABOUT VAN BERG. HE DIED FOR NOTHING.



IT WAS INCREDIBLE. HE SEEMED TO FLY THROUGH THE AIR.

IT WAS BY THOSE HOOKS. THEY RAN A LINE TO OUR BUILDING FROM THE MOSQUE. I GOT TWO OTHERS!

AT LEAST VAN BERG'S DEATH HAS BEEN AVENGED...



THEY USED THE MOSQUE AS THEIR HEADQUARTERS. THEY'VE FAILED TWICE NOW, BUT THE THIRD....

WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING, SMITH, THAT I GIVE UP THE RELICS TO FU MANCHU?



NO. I'M SUGGESTING THAT YOU AND YOUR PARTY LEAVE ISPAHAN IMMEDIATELY WITH ME. I WON'T VOUCH FOR YOUR LIVES OTHERWISE.



HERE COME THE POLICE!

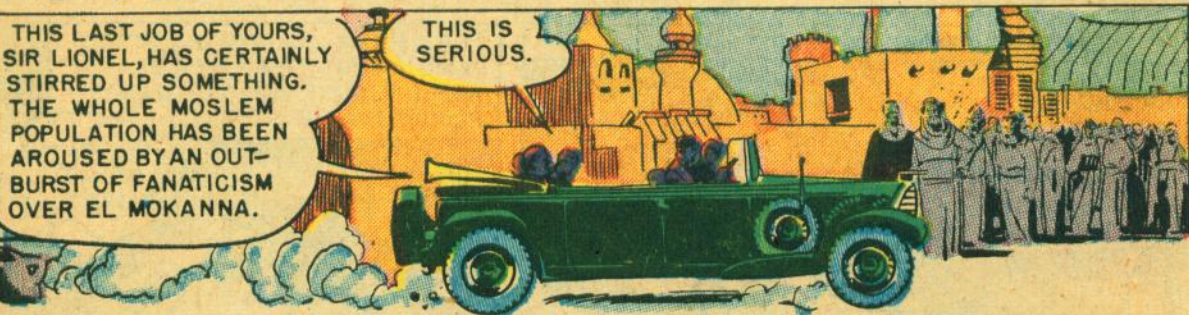
TAKING NAYLAND SMITH'S ADVICE, WE LEFT AS SOON AS OUR BUSINESS WITH THE POLICE WAS OVER. THE NEXT AFTERNOON WE LANDED AT CAIRO AIRPORT WHERE WE WERE GREETED BY OUR OLD FRIEND, DR. PETRIE...



A FEW MOMENTS LATER PETRIE WAS DRIVING THROUGH THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE EGYPTIAN CITY.

THIS LAST JOB OF YOURS, SIR LIONEL, HAS CERTAINLY STIRRED UP SOMETHING. THE WHOLE MOSLEM POPULATION HAS BEEN AROUSED BY AN OUTBURST OF FANATICISM OVER EL MOKANNA.

THIS IS SERIOUS.



SUDDENLY, AS WE TURNED INTO THE NATIVE QUARTER, IT HAPPENED...

THE CENTER OF THE WHOLE TROUBLE IS RIGHT HERE IN THIS CAR. IN THE SUITCASE UNDER SIR LIONEL'S FEET. HE... LOOK OUT, PETRIE!



OH, WE'VE HIT HIM!

WE'RE IN FOR IT NOW!

AS A CROWD GATHERED, WE CARRIED THE STILL FORM OF THE OLD MAN INTO A NEARBY CAFE.

PUT THE POOR DEVIL DOWN ON A BENCH SO THAT I CAN EXAMINE HIM.

SHAN, TALK TO THE CROWD. KEEP THEM OUT OF HERE!





IS THE MAN DEAD, PETRIE?

YES! HE'S BEEN DEAD OVER THREE HOURS. THERE'S SOMETHING AWFULLY PECULIAR GOING ON HERE!



IT'S ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO GET THE RELICS! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT TO SIR LIONEL! FOLLOW ME!

RIGHT BEHIND YOU, SMITH!

THE FOREIGN DEVILS LEAVE. THEY KILL US AND THEN LEAVE!

SOMEHOW WE MANAGED TO REACH THE CAR. WE ARRIVED JUST IN TIME TO SEE SIR LIONEL SPRING INTO ACTION...



COMING, BARTON!

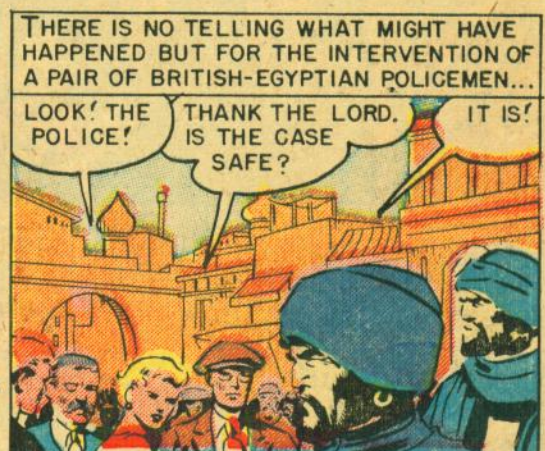
IT'S A FRAME-UP, SMITH! THESE BEGGARS ARE AFTER THE SUITCASE...!



THE BLIGHTERS! LET'S GIVE IT TO THEM!

DESTROY THE FOREIGN DEVILS!

GET BEHIND ME, RIMA! THESE BIRDS WILL STOP AT NOTHING!



THERE IS NO TELLING WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED BUT FOR THE INTERVENTION OF A PAIR OF BRITISH-EGYPTIAN POLICEMEN...

LOOK! THE POLICE!

THANK THE LORD. IS THE CASE SAFE?

IT IS!



YOUR CAR, SIR? WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?

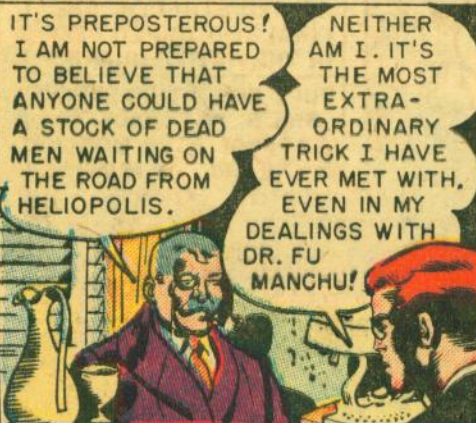
THAT REMAINS TO BE INVESTIGATED. MY NAME IS NAYLAND SMITH. HAVE YOU BEEN ADVISED?



YES SIR. TWO DAYS AGO... CARRY ON, SIR. WE'LL DEAL WITH ALL THIS.

THANK YOU. COME ON, EVERYONE. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.

SAFE IN OUR ROOMS AT SHEPHEARD'S HOTEL WE DISCUSSED THE EXCITING EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS...



IT'S PREPOSTEROUS! I AM NOT PREPARED TO BELIEVE THAT ANYONE COULD HAVE A STOCK OF DEAD MEN WAITING ON THE ROAD FROM HELIOPOLIS.

NEITHER AM I. IT'S THE MOST EXTRA-ORDINARY TRICK I HAVE EVER MET WITH, EVEN IN MY DEALINGS WITH DR. FU MANCHU!

TRUE, ONLY HE COULD DEVISE SUCH A THING, BUT ONLY YOU AND I, SMITH, COULD GO ONE BETTER. THE RELICS WEREN'T WITH ME AT ALL!



SIR LIONEL, THAT'S NOT FUNNY! YOU EXPOSED EVERYONE IN THIS GROUP TO WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN DEATH. I HAVE A SUGGESTION TO MAKE!



YES! THERE'S A BOAT LEAVING PORT SAID TOMORROW FOR SOUTHAMPTON. I SUGGEST THAT RIMA SECURES A BERTH.

WHY SHOULD I BE SENT HOME, SIR DENIS? FOR MONTHS I'VE BEEN LIVING IN REMOTE CAMPS HERE AND IN PERSIA, AND YOU SEE--I'M STILL ALIVE.



I KNOW, BUT AS LONG AS YOUR FATHER INSISTS ON PUTTING YOU INTO DANGER, THERE'S NO CERTAINTY THAT YOU WILL STAY THAT WAY.

COME ON, SHAN. LET'S GO DOWNSTAIRS. THERE'S DANCING IN THE GARDENS. LET THESE TWO FIGHT IT OUT.

SIR!

IN THE GARDENS BELOW WE STOOD WATCHING THE DANCERS WHEN HUMPHREYS, OUR PILOT, JOINED US...



HELLO, YOU TWO. DON'T TELL ME YOUR SITTING MUSIC LIKE THIS OUT? HOW ABOUT A DANCE WITH ME, MISS BARTON?

DO YOU MIND, SHAN?

NOT AT ALL. I'LL TAKE A TURN AROUND THE GARDEN.

AS I TURNED DOWN ONE OF THE PATHS I SAW SOMETHING THAT BROUGHT ME UP IN ABRUPT SURPRISE...



IT CAN'T BE! I MUST BE DREAMING! THAT'S FAH LO SUEE, FU MANCHU'S DAUGHTER! I'VE GOT TO FOLLOW HER!



WHAT CAN SHE  
BE DOING HERE?  
WHAT CAN SHE WANT?



I REACHED THE STREET IN  
TIME TO SEE HER RIDE OFF  
IN A LONG, LOW TWO SEATER.

CABBY, FOLLOW  
THAT CAR! DOUBLE  
FARE IF YOU.  
KEEP IT IN  
SIGHT!



PULL UP!  
SHE'S  
STOPPED!  
WHERE ARE  
WE ANY-  
WAY?

THIS STREET  
LEADS TO  
THE MOSQUE  
OF MUAYYAD-  
BAB EZ  
ZUWELA.

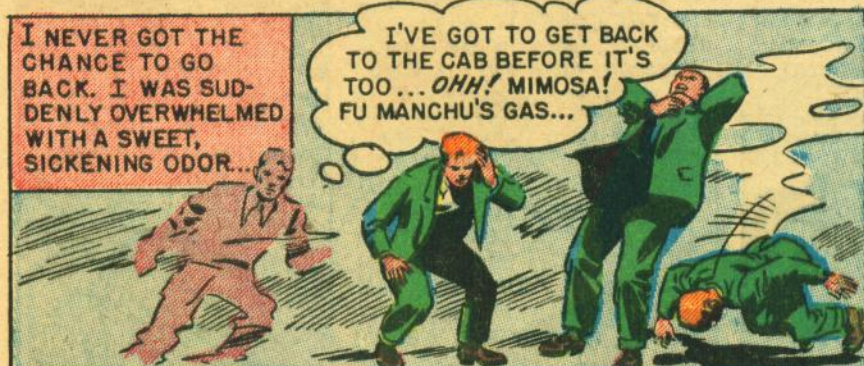


STAY HERE! DON'T MOVE  
UNTIL I GET BACK! WHAT-  
EVER HAPPENS, STAY!



DASHING AFTER HER, I  
BEGAN TO GROPE MY WAY  
DOWN A DARK, UNEVENLY  
PAVED PASSAGE...

I'M A FOOL FOR DOING  
THIS. IT'S A TRAP AND YET  
I FOLLOW HER BLINDLY.  
I'D BETTER GO BACK FOR  
HELP.



I NEVER GOT THE  
CHANCE TO GO  
BACK. I WAS SUD-  
DENLY OVERWHELMED  
WITH A SWEET,  
SICKENING ODOR...

I'VE GOT TO GET BACK  
TO THE CAB BEFORE IT'S  
TOO... OHH! MIMOSA!  
FU MANCHU'S GAS...



DO NOT HARM HIM. TAKE  
HIM TO MY FATHER.  
HURRY!

AS YOU  
COMMAND,  
MISTRESS.

THAT WAS ALL I REMEMBERED AS I SANK INTO DARK DEPTHS  
AND MY HEAD SWAM DIZZILY.



# PART 2

WHEN CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNED I FOUND MYSELF IN A STRANGE ROOM THAT WAS PART LABORATORY. ENTERING THE DOOR WAS NONE OTHER THAN--DOCTOR FU MANGHU...

MR. GREVILLE, I TRUST THAT ANY SLIGHT HEAD-ACHE WHICH YOU MAY HAVE EXPERIENCED ON AWAKENING HAS NOW DISAPPEARED. YOU SUCCUMBED TONIGHT TO A NEW DRUG OF MY OWN DISCOVERY.



IT WOULD BE USELESS TO CONTEMPLATE INJURY TO ME. IN THIS LABORATORY I HAVE THINGS THAT WOULD STOP YOU INSTANTLY.

WHAT DO YOU WANT OF ME?



ALL IN GOOD TIME. I HAVE PROMISED MY DAUGHTER, WHOM YOU KNOW AS FAH LO SUEE, THAT NO HARM WILL COME TO YOU. FOR SOME REASON YOU HAVE PLEASSED HER. SHE HELPED TRAP YOU ONLY ON THE STRENGTH OF THAT PROMISE.



I REPEAT. WHAT DO YOU WANT OF ME?

THROUGH YOU I EXPECT TO GET THE BARGAINING POWER I NEED TO OBTAIN THE RELICS OF EL MOKANNA.



THE SOUND OF THE GONG HAD SCARCELY DIED BEFORE I FOUND MYSELF IN THE IRON GRIP OF TWO DWARFED ORIENTALS OF THE KIND WE HAD MET BEFORE...

YES.

MANY PARDONS, BUT THIS DOCUMENT IS PRECIOUS AND I FEARED YOU MIGHT ATTEMPT TO DESTROY IT. CAN YOU READ FROM WHERE YOU STAND?



WHAT I READ SHOCKED ME TO THE CORE! IT WAS A NOTE TO RIMA IN MY OWN HANDWRITING TELLING HER TO MEET ME ALONE!...

THIS IS AN AMAZING FORGERY, BUT SHE WILL NEVER BE FOOL ENOUGH TO COME!

FORGERY! MY DEAR MR. GREVILLE, YOU WROTE THAT YOURSELF WHILE DRUGGED. MY NEW ANESTHETIC HAS PROPERTIES APPROACHING PERFECTION.



SHE'LL KNOW IT'S A TRAP THE MOMENT SHE SEES I AM NOT THERE. YOU WON'T GET HER.

BUT YOU WILL BE THERE AND YOU'LL CO-OPERATE. BRING HIM TO ME.



A MOMENT LATER I FELT THE SHARP PRICK OF A NEEDLE AND A WARM EXHILARATION SWEEPED OVER ME...

THIS PREPARATION LEAVES NO MEMORY BEHIND IT, AND THE PATIENT REMAINS UNDER MY CONTROL THROUGH ITS WHOLE PHASE.

I UNDERSTAND...



AS THE DOCTOR'S SERVANTS RELEASED ME I REALIZED THAT IT WAS A PLEASURE TO SERVE HIM. HOW COULD I HAVE EVER WANTED TO DESTROY A MAN LIKE THIS?...

NOW YOU WILL BE DRIVEN BACK TO THE HOTEL, MR. GREVILLE, WHERE THE NOTE WILL BE GIVEN TO MISS BARTON. YOU WILL WAIT FOR HER AT THE CAR.

OF COURSE! I AM GLAD TO BE OF HELP. TRUST ME, SHE WILL BE HERE.



THIRTY MINUTES LATER FOUND ME OUTSIDE THE SHEPHERD HOTEL AS RIMA, NOTE IN HAND, HURRIED TOWARD ME...

SHAN! SHAN DARLING! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? YOU HAVE TERRIFIED US ALL!

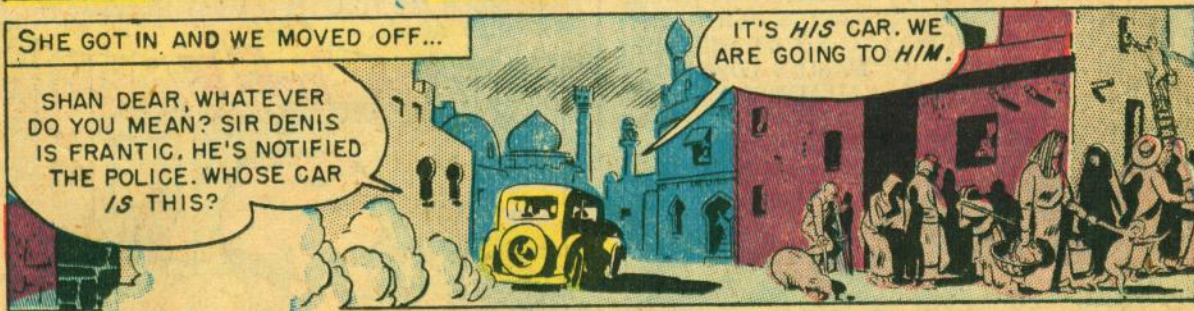
QUICK! GET IN. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT NOBODY SHALL SEE US.



SHE GOT IN AND WE MOVED OFF...

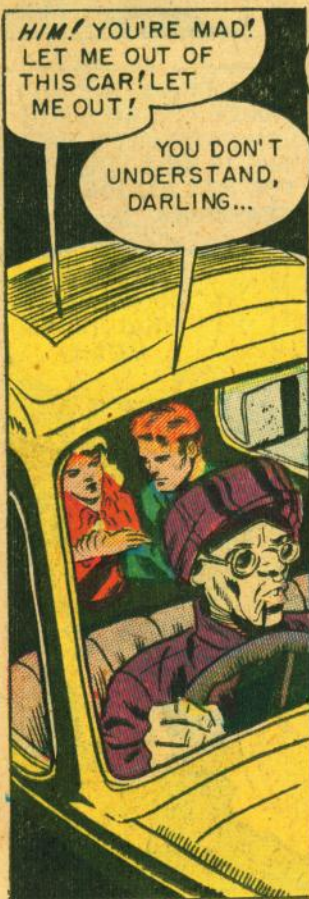
SHAN DEAR, WHATEVER DO YOU MEAN? SIR DENIS IS FRANTIC. HE'S NOTIFIED THE POLICE. WHOSE CAR IS THIS?

IT'S HIS CAR. WE ARE GOING TO HIM.



HIM! YOU'RE MAD! LET ME OUT OF THIS CAR! LET ME OUT!

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, DARLING...



I DO, SHAN! I DO. MAKE HIM STOP! ...HELP!

RIMA, DARLING, PLEASE. YOU WILL SPOIL EVERYTHING.



IN AND OUT OF THE DESERTED WINDING STREETS OUTSIDE CAIRO WE TURNED AND TWISTED UNTIL AT LAST WE REACHED OUR DESTINATION...

DON'T BE AFRAID, RIMA. DOCTOR FU MANCHU IS A GREAT MAN AND WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HELP HIM.

OH, SHAN! SHAN! WHAT HAS HE DONE TO YOU?

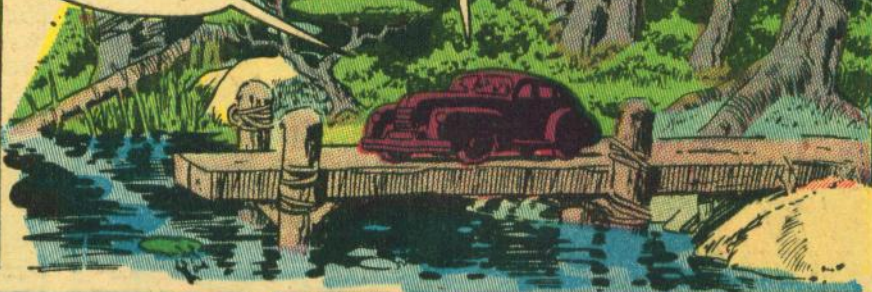


I HAVE RELATED WHAT REALLY HAPPENED THAT NIGHT IN CAIRO IN THE PROPER ORDER OF THOSE EVENTS--BUT IN THEIR ORDER AS I KNEW IT LATER. ACTUALLY I HAD NO IDEA OF WHAT OCCURRED UNTIL A LONG TIME AFTER. FU MANCHU'S INSIDIOUS DRUG HAD SHAKEN MY VERY REASON...

AFTER DELIVERING RIMA TO THE HOUSE I KNEW NO MORE UNTIL...

SHAN, DEAR, YOU MUST WAKE UP! TRULY, YOU MUST. I'M SORRY.

WH... WHAT HAPPENED?



IT WAS SO LOVELY SITTING HERE AND WATCHING THE RIVER, BUT I AM POSITIVELY SHIVERING. I'M GOING TO DRIVE YOU BACK NOW.

WHERE HAVE I BEEN? HOW CAN I EXPLAIN TO RIMA, LEAVING HER TO... TO SIT BY THE NILE MAKING LOVE TO FU MANCHU'S DAUGHTER. IF I COULD ONLY REMEMBER!



SOON WE WERE BACK AT THE HOTEL...

GOODNIGHT, DEAR! REMEMBER ME TILL WE MEET AGAIN.

REMEMBER. I MUST REMEMBER.



THERE WAS ANOTHER BLANK AND MY RIDE WITH FAH LO SUEE FADED AWAY, NOT TO BE RECALLED UNTIL LONG AFTER... I FOUND MYSELF IN THE HOTEL LOBBY...

MR. GREVILLE! I WAS NEVER MORE PLEASED TO SEE A MAN IN MY LIFE.

WHERE IS SIR DENIS AND MISS BARTON?



YOU LOOK THOROUGHLY BEAT. BETTER SIT DOWN. I'M HEWLETT FROM HEADQUARTERS. I'VE BEEN WAITING HERE FOR YOU FOR THREE HOURS.

BUT THE OTHERS. WHERE ARE THEY?



SIR DENIS, DR. PETRIE AND SIR LIONEL ARE WITH THE SEARCH PARTY. IT'S HARD TO HAVE TO TELL YOU, BUT IT'S FOR MISS BARTON WE ARE SEARCHING.

WHAT! MISS BARTON! WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



ALL WE KNOW IS THAT AN EGYPTIAN CHAUF-  
FEUR BROUGHT A  
NOTE TO ONE OF  
THE SERVANTS HERE  
AND HE GAVE IT TO  
MISS BARTON. SHE HASN'T  
BEEN SEEN OR HEARD OF  
SINCE.

THIS IS  
TERRIBLE. I  
MUST FIND  
SIR DENIS RIGHT  
AWAY.



THE NEXT MORNING... AND STILL NO WORD OF RIMA'S  
WHEREABOUTS.

BUCK UP,  
OLD CHAP, I KNOW HOW  
YOU FEEL! TAKE MY WORD  
FOR IT... WE'LL HAVE NEWS  
OF HER SHORTLY.

YOU'RE SAYING THAT  
TO EASE MY MIND.



NO! I BELIEVE  
RIMA HAS BEEN  
TAKEN BY DR.  
FU MANCHU, TO  
FORCE SIR  
LIONEL TO  
GIVE UP THE  
RELICS.

OH, IF ONLY  
I COULD RE-  
MEMBER  
WHAT HAP-  
PENED AFTER  
I LEFT TO FOL-  
LOW FAH LO SUEE.  
BUT I'M AN ABSO-  
LUTE BLANK!

LET'S CHECK THE  
CONTENTS OF YOUR  
POCKETS... WE MAY  
GET A CLUE.

ALL RIGHT.  
...SAY, WHAT'S  
THIS? I  
DIDN'T HAVE  
THAT BEFORE.

THE ENVELOPE CONTAINED A  
SMALL WHITE PELLET AND  
A NOTE WRITTEN IN THE  
UNMISTAKEABLE HAND OF  
FAH LO SUEE...

IT'S A NOTE  
FROM FAH LO  
SUEE AND  
THIS PILL.

WELL  
WHAT DOES  
IT SAY, MAN?  
READ IT!

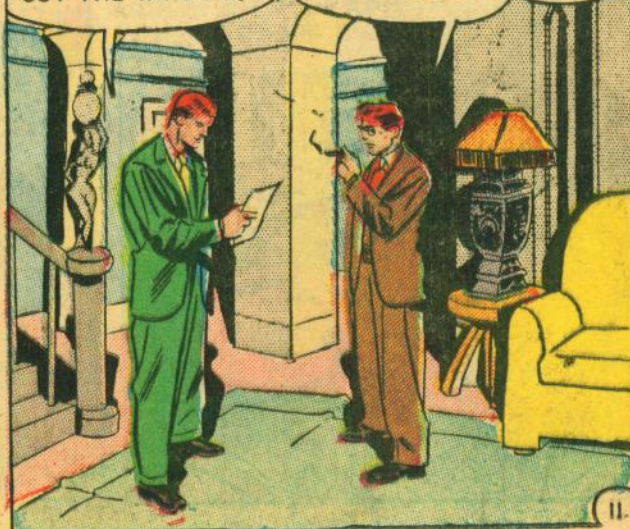


IT SAID...

*I do not want you  
to suffer because of what  
I have been compelled to  
do. You love Rima. If  
she does not come back  
... trust me. I am not  
jealous. Take the en-  
closed tablet as soon  
as possible.  
It is necessary.  
believe me. Burn  
This letter*

IT ISN'T SIGNED, BUT  
SHE WROTE IT. I'D  
STAKE MY LIFE ON  
IT. I'D AS SOON TAKE  
THAT TABLET AS JUMP  
OUT THE WINDOW.

I KNOW HOW YOU MUST  
FEEL, BUT KEEP IT. IT  
MAY HAVE ITS USES  
LATER... VERY REMARK-  
ABLE... VERY REMARKABLE,  
INDEED!



TOO EXHAUSTED TO DO ANYTHING FURTHER, I TRIED TO GET AN HOUR'S SLEEP. IT SEEMED AS IF I HAD JUST DOZED OFF WHEN SMITH SHOOK ME AWAKE...

WAKE UP, OLD CHAP, THERE'S GOOD NEWS! WE'VE HAD WORD OF RIMA. SHE'S BEING HELD FOR RANSOM.

AT LEAST SHE'S ALIVE AND ALL RIGHT. THANK GOODNESS!

COME ON, THE MESSENGER IS IN BARTON'S ROOM. HE'S WAITING TO TALK WITH US.

WHAT! AN AGENT OF FU MANGHU, HERE! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

A MOMENT LATER WE WERE FACE TO FACE WITH THE MAN WHO HAD COME TO NEGOTIATE WITH SIR LIONEL....

THIS IS... ER...MR. ADEN, A SOLICITOR FROM CAIRO.

BLASTED NONSENSE! HE'S ONE OF THE ROTTEN GANG! LET HIM STATE HIS CASE!

PLEASE. THE SITUATION IS DIFFICULT. I ACT FOR POWERFUL INTERESTS. I CANNOT AFFORD TO OFFEND.

THE WAY I UNDERSTAND IT, MISS BARTON WILL BE RETURNED IF SIR LIONEL GIVES UP CERTAIN PROPERTY.

THAT IS CORRECT. IF THE PROPERTY MENTIONED IS BROUGHT TO A SPECIFIED PLACE, MISS BARTON WILL BE THERE!

THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS BLACKMAIL! I OUGHT TO...

STOP! WE ARE UP AGAINST A STONE WALL. I SUGGEST WE COMPLY WITH MR. ADEN'S REQUEST.

YOU ARE BEING SENSIBLE, MR. SMITH. BEFORE I LEAVE I MUST SEE THE ITEMS UNDER DISCUSSION AND NOTIFY MY CLIENT ALL IS CORRECT.

THERE WAS NOTHING MORE WE COULD DO UNTIL WORD CAME FROM MR. ADEN. THINGS WERE AT A STANDSTILL UNTIL LATE THAT AFTERNOON...

SMITH! HAVE YOU ANY NEWS?

YES. I HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO TURN OVER THE RELICS TO THOSE WHO DEMAND THEM. THEY WILL TAKE THEM AND RETURN RIMA AT TWELVE TONIGHT IN THE KING'S CHAMBER OF THE GREAT PYRAMID.

IF I HAD ANY SENSE I'D BREAK THIS CROOK'S OILY NECK!

BARTON, I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU. YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I THAT NOTHING ELSE COUNTS WHILE RIMA IS IN THE HANDS OF--MR. ADEN'S CLIENT.



WHAT! THIS IS STARK, RAVING LUNACY.

I DON'T FOLLOW, SMITH. IT'S UTTERLY FANTASTIC. WHY?

I'LL EXPLAIN. FU MANCHU'S AGENT WAS AUTHORIZED TO PROPOSE A MEETING PLACE NOT LESS THAN HALF A MILE FROM ANY DWELLING.



ALSO THERE WAS NOT TO BE MORE THAN TWO OF US AND NO MORE THAN TWO PEOPLE WITH RIMA. I ALSO MADE A FURTHER CONDITION. AFTER THE EXCHANGE THERE WILL BE A *TEN MINUTE TRUCE*.



I STILL DON'T GET IT!

DON'T YOU SEE. IF FU MANCHU PLANS AN AMBUSH THIS WILL GIVE US A CHANCE. IN SPITE OF HIS EVILNESS THE DOCTOR HAS NEVER BROKEN HIS WORD.

WELL?



THERE IS NO CLAUSE IN THE AGREEMENT PROHIBITING OUR BEING COVERED BY AS MANY PERSONS AS WE WISH. THE POLICE WILL SURROUND THE PYRAMID!

THERE IS ONLY ONE ENTRANCE TO IT. EVEN IF THEY GET BY THE POLICE THEY CAN'T GET OUT WITHOUT BEING CAUGHT. WE'LL GET RIMA AND KEEP THE RELICS.



THERE'S ONLY ONE CATCH. FU MANCHU WILL NEVER GO FOR A DEAL LIKE THAT. HE'LL VETO THE WHOLE THING.

ON THE CONTRARY, HE ACCEPTED. I HEARD BY PHONE JUST BEFORE I CAME HERE. WE'LL ALL BE AT THE PYRAMID TONIGHT.



TEN MINUTES OF TWELVE FOUND US CLOSE BY THE GREAT PYRAMID. SMITH QUESTIONED ONE OF THE DISGUISED SECRET SERVICE MEN THAT SURROUNDED IT...

ONLY THING ODD I'VE NOTICED, SIR, IS THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE A GATHERING OF DERVISHES IN THE VILLAGE.

QUEER BUSINESS, DERVISHES AT GIZEN. DON'T LIKE IT.



WELL, WE CAN'T WORRY ABOUT IT NOW. IT'S TIME TO GO. COME ON, GREVILLE.

READY.

GOOD LUCK TO BOTH OF YOU.



AS WE NEARED THE HUGE PILE ANOTHER MAN SLIPPED FROM THE SHADOWS...

HEWLETT! WE'VE GOT SIXTY MEN AROUND THE PLACE. NOT A SOUL HAS ENTERED SINCE THE GUIDES LEFT. ANYONE WHO'D GONE IN WOULD HAVE TO BE INVISIBLE.

HE'S BACKED OUT! SIR LIONEL WAS RIGHT! HE'S SPOTTED THE GORDON AND CALLED HIS MEN OFF.

WAIT AND SEE! COME ON, GREVILLE, WE'RE GOING INTO THE PYRAMID.

AT ONE MINUTE TO TWELVE WE STOOD AT THE BLACK ENTRANCE THAT LED TO THE INSIDE OF THE ANCIENT PILE...

HOW COULD ANYBODY BE IN HERE, SIR DENIS? THE POLICE HAVE SEEN NO ONE ENTER. DOCTOR FU HAS FAILED US.

I WOULD BELIEVE THAT IF I HAD NOT SPOKEN TO HIM ON THE PHONE TODAY, HE WILL BE HERE.

PROCEEDING DOWN THE DARK PASSAGE WE FINALLY REACHED THE GREAT HALL, THE MIGHTY CORRIDOR THAT LED TO THE KING'S CHAMBER. AS WE ENTERED...

FROM NOW ON, YOU TAKE OVER, GREVILLE. YOU KNOW THESE PASSAGES LIKE A BOOK.

ALL RIGHT, BUT I HAVE A FEELING WE WON'T SEE RIMA AGAIN.

DID YOU HEAR THAT? FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, WHAT WAS IT?

A SIGNAL TO ADVISE *SOMEONE* WE ARE HERE. THE LORD KNOWS HOW THEY GOT IN, BUT I WAS RIGHT. WE ARE NOT ALONE!

AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE INEXPLICABLE KING'S CHAMBER, WE PAUSED...

WE ARE WALKING INTO A TRAP, SIR DENIS. IF THEY CAN GET IN WITHOUT BEING SEEN, THEY CAN GET OUT.

I KNOW, BUT I AM RELYING ON FU MANCHU'S WORD. IN ALL THE YEARS I HAVE FOUGHT HIM, HE HAS NEVER BROKEN IT... LET'S GO IN.

WE ENTERED AS A STRANGE THING HAPPENED. A BRILLIANT LIGHT FLASHED ON TO REVEAL A MAN SEATED AT A TABLE... IT WAS DR. FU MANCHU!

WE MEET AGAIN, SIR DENNIS-- A MEETING YOU DID NOT ANTICIPATE. YET YOU MIGHT HAVE DONE SO.

I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN!

# PART 3

FOR A MOMENT NAYLAND SMITH AND THE INSIDIOUS DOCTOR STARED AT EACH OTHER COLDLY... THEN...

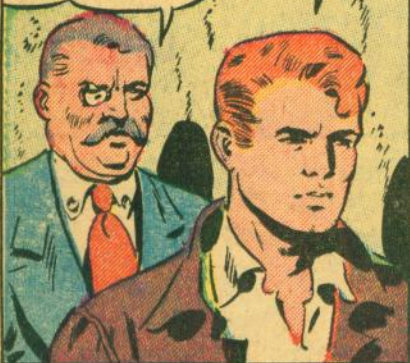


IT'S A RESCUE!  
THEY MEAN TO  
RUSH THE EN-  
TRANCE! FU  
MANCHU IS  
HIDING INSIDE!

WE'LL SOON  
FIND OUT.  
HERE THEY  
COME!

THERE MUST BE FIFTY OF  
THEM. WHAT WILL WE DO?

NOTHING. WE HAVE SIXTY  
MEN STILL ON DUTY. WE  
CAN HANDLE THEM IF  
NECESSARY.



AT THAT  
MOMENT IT  
HAPPENED.  
A TALL  
MAJESTIC  
FIGURE  
WEARING  
THE RELICS  
OF THE  
ANCIENT  
PROPHET  
APPEARED  
HIGH ON  
THE SLOPE  
OF THE  
PYRAMID.  
IT WAS LIT  
BRILLIANTLY.

GOOD LORD!  
WHAT'S THAT?

NO WONDER HE  
WANTED THE RELICS  
SO BADLY AND SO  
QUICKLY. THIS  
MEETING WAS  
PLANNED FOR  
TONIGHT!



THEN, AS SUDDENLY AS IT  
APPEARED, THE APPARITION  
VANISHED...

IT'S  
GONE!

THIS IS BAD!  
THIS SPARK IS  
GOING TO LIGHT  
A BONFIRE! WORD  
OF THIS WILL SPREAD  
LIKE LIGHTNING AND  
THERE WILL BE A  
FULLFLEDGED REVOLT!

FU MANCHU TRICKED  
US, SMITH! BUT, BY  
THE LORD HARRY,  
I'VE TRICKED HIM!

NOT ANOTHER WORD WOULD HE  
SAY. THE FOLLOWING DAY, RIMA  
WAS ABLE TO TELL US HER STORY...

NOW DON'T  
EXCITE YOUR-  
SELF, RIMA.  
YOU'VE HAD A  
BAD TIME.

IT'S ALL RIGHT,  
DOCTOR PETRIE.  
IT ALL BEGAN  
WHEN I GOT  
THAT NOTE FROM  
SHAN...





IT WAS TRUE. THE GREATER PART OF THE NIGHT WAS A TOTAL BLANK TO ME...

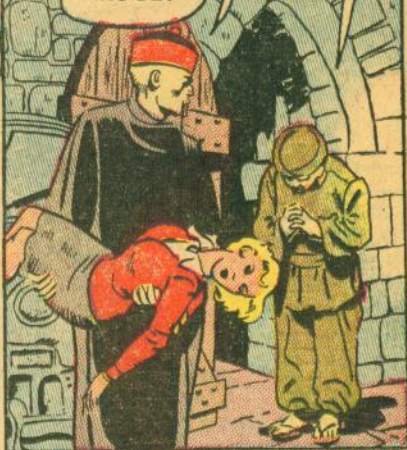
I MET YOU AT THE CAR AND YOU SIMPLY DRAGGED ME IN. I THOUGHT YOU WERE MAD. WE DROVE TO A HOUSE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF CAIRO WHERE I WAS MET BY A TALL MAN DRESSED IN BLACK.



"IT WAS DOCTOR FU MANCHU! YOU, SHAN, FELL BACK ON THE CAR SEAT AS THOUGH YOU WERE-- DEAD! THEN I FAINTED."

TAKE HER QUICKLY, AND BRING HER INSIDE.

YES, MASTER.



"WHEN I CAME TO I FOUND MYSELF IN A MAGNIFICENT ROOM WATCHED OVER BY A GIANT NEGRESS..."

"FOR THREE DAYS NO ONE CAME NEAR US AND THEN THAT EVENING THE DOOR WAS UNLOCKED AND FU MANCHU ENTERED..."

KEEP AWAY FROM ME! KEEP AWAY!

PLEASE, MISS BARTON. I AM AFRAID YOUR NERVES HAVE GOTTEN THE BETTER OF YOU. DRINK THIS AND YOU WILL BE ALL RIGHT.



YOU SEE, MISS BARTON, YOU FEEL BETTER ALREADY. NOW LISTEN TO ME...



"I REMEMBER NOTHING MORE TILL I FOUND MYSELF AT HIS SIDE IN THE KING'S CHAMBER INSIDE THE GREAT PYRAMID..."

REMEMBER, SHAN GREVILLE'S LIFE DEPENDS ON YOUR FOLLOWING MY ORDERS. NOW, TO YOUR PLACE. YOU WILL RISE WHEN I CLAP MY HANDS. GO!



AND THAT IS ALL I CAN TELL YOU.

SOME OF WHAT YOU HAVE SAID SEEMS TO STRIKE A CHORD IN MY MEMORY, BUT I CAN'T HOLD ON TO IT. I CAN'T!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, SHAN. ONE DAY IT WILL ALL COME BACK TO YOU.

DURING THE NEXT WEEK NAYLAND SMITH PAID AN URGENT VISIT TO DAMASCUS. IT WAS ON A SUNDAY NIGHT THAT PETRIE BURST IN WITH A MESSAGE...

WHAT'S UP, PETRIE? YOU LOOK RATHER DISTURBED.

I AM! SMITH SENT THIS TELEGRAM. DOCTOR FU MANCHU HAS BEEN IN DAMASCUS AND IS RETURNING TO CAIRO. HIS MISSION, BARTON, IS TO SEE YOU!

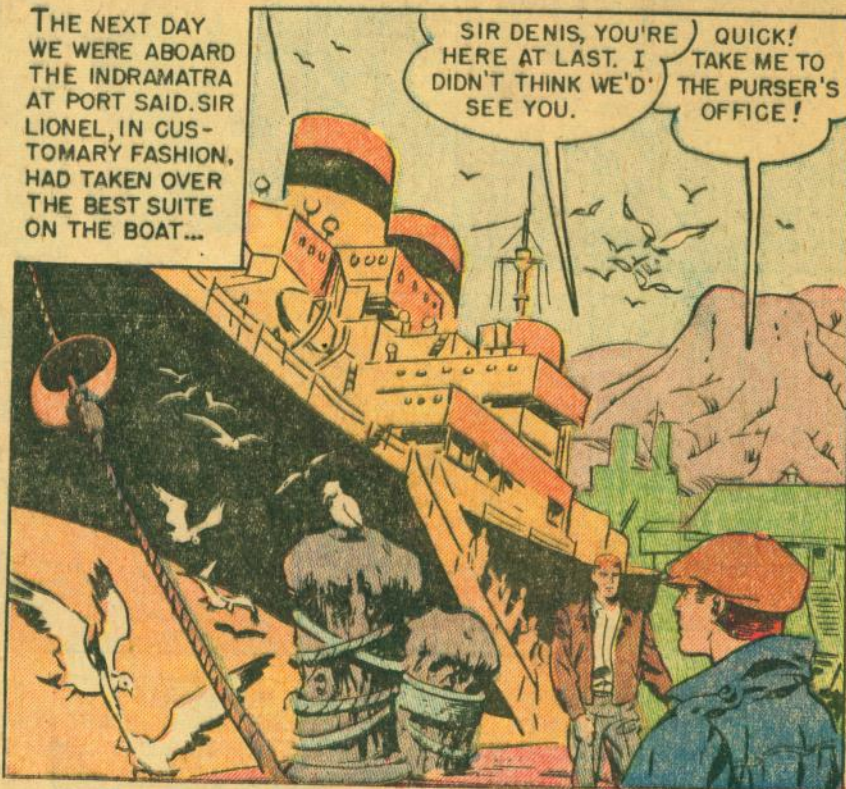
SMITH SAYS THERE'S A DUTCH STEAMER LEAVING PORT SAID TOMORROW FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND THAT YOU MUST ALL LEAVE ON HER. HE WILL MEET YOU AT THE SHIP.

ALL RIGHT. I'LL GO.  
IT MUST BE SERIOUS.

THE NEXT DAY WE WERE ABOARD THE INDRAMATRA AT PORT SAID. SIR LIONEL, IN CUSTOMARY FASHION, HAD TAKEN OVER THE BEST SUITE ON THE BOAT...

SIR DENIS, YOU'RE HERE AT LAST. I DIDN'T THINK WE'D SEE YOU.

QUICK! TAKE ME TO THE PURSER'S OFFICE!



IN THE PURSER'S OFFICE A FUSS WAS GOING ON. THE MAN SIR LIONEL HAD USURPED WAS IN A RAGE...

IT'S AN OUTRAGE! THIS TRAVELING MOUNT-BANK HAS LITERALLY THROWN ME OUT OF THE CABIN I RESERVED IN CAIRO...

YOU WILL PARDON ME, BUT I HAVE A MATTER OF THE GREATEST URGENCY TO TAKE UP WITH THE PURSER.

AS A BRITISH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TRAVELING OFFICIALLY I AM AFFORDED CERTAIN FACILITIES AND I WISH TO STATE...

MR. KENNINGTON... PLEASE...

WELL, SIR, SINCE YOU ARE A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, YOU WILL DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO ASSIST ME. IT IS A MATTER OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE THAT I HAVE TWO MINUTES WITH THE PURSER!

MAY I ASK YOU, MR. KENNINGTON, TO ALLOW ME TO TALK TO THIS GENTLEMAN. HIS BUSINESS SEEMS IMPORTANT.

IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! BY HEAVENS, SIR, ROTTERDAM SHALL HEAR OF THIS!



A MOMENT LATER, SMITH AND THE PURSER WERE LOOKING OVER THE PASSENGER LIST. WHILE OUTSIDE...

SIR LIONEL BARTON IS THE PERSON'S NAME. WHO THE DEVIL, MAY I ASK, IS SIR LIONEL BARTON?

I AM SIR LIONEL BARTON. DOES ANYBODY WANT ME?

THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT OUR CABINS...BUT... IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT.

IT JOLLY WELL BETTER BE! GOOD DAY, SIR!

A FEW MINUTES LATER SMITH WAS THROUGH AND WE HELD A CONFERENCE IN SIR LIONEL'S CABIN...

SIR LIONEL, I KNOW NOW WHAT YOU MEANT WHEN YOU SAID YOU TRICKED FU MANCHU.

YOU DO?

YES. THE RELICS YOU GAVE DR. FU MANCHU WERE REPLICAS YOU HAD MADE IN ISPAHAN. YOU STILL POSSESS THE REAL ONES!

SO, WHAT OF IT? I MADE NO BARGAIN TO DELIVER THE REAL THING. BESIDES, WHAT FU MANCHU DID WAS PLAIN BLACK-MAIL!

ALL RIGHT, LET IT GO. BUT DR. FU MEANS TO GET THE REAL ONES!

WELL, HE WON'T. THE SHIP SAILS IN FIFTEEN MINUTES!

SMITH, SURE THE BOAT WAS SAFE, LEFT, AND THE BOAT SAILED. SOON AFTER...

THE BEST PLACE TO HIDE ANYTHING IS WHERE ALL CAN SEE IT... AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO, GREVILLE.

MOMENTS LATER...

THIS UMBRELLA WILL BE THE SWORD AND THAT BOOK THE PLATES. THE MASK AN EMPTY BOX.

BUT WHAT WILL WE DO WITH THE REAL ONES?

PUT THE PLATES IN YOUR OVERCOAT POCKET. THE SWORD I'LL PUT IN YOUR GOLF BAG AND THE MASK IN MY CIGAR BOX. THE FAKES WE'LL GIVE TO THE PURSER TO LOCK UP.

I HOPE YOU'RE NOT MAKING A MISTAKE, SIR LIONEL.



A FEW MINUTES LATER WE WERE IN THE PURSER'S OFFICE WITH OUR FAKE PACKAGES. MR. KENNINGTON WAS STILL COMPLAINING...

I DEMAND SATISFACTION... ER...

THESE PACKAGES LOCKED UP. THEY ARE EXTREMELY VALUABLE.

VERY WELL, SIR LIONEL. I'LL PUT THEM IN IMMEDIATELY... EXCUSE ME, MR. KENNINGTON.



NOTHING FURTHER OCCURRED UNTIL TWO A.M. WHEN I GOT AN URGENT WIRE FROM SMITH...

SOMETHING WILL BE ATTEMPTED TONIGHT. KEEP SHARP LOOKOUT. NO M.P. NAMED KENNINGTON IN PARLIAMENT. ADVISE CAPTAIN AT ONCE. SMITH.

I WAS ON MY WAY TO SEE THE CAPTAIN WHEN SUDDENLY THE BOAT'S ENGINES STOPPED. OVERHEAD A PLANE APPEARED...

THAT'S FUNNY THE ENGINES HAVE STOPPED. AND THAT PLANE—IT'S CIRCLING OVERHEAD.



SWIFTLY THE PLANE LANDED AND AS I WATCHED I HEARD A SPLASH ON THE SIDE OF THE SHIP...



WHAT'S GOING ON? SOMETHING WRONG?

I DON'T KNOW. A PLANE LANDED ON THE WATER AND SOMEONE HAS GONE OVERBOARD!



LOOK! IT'S A MAN SWIMMING TO THE PLANE!

HE'S TOWING WHAT LOOKS LIKE A BIG RUBBER BALL BEHIND HIM. VERY ODD!

SIR LIONEL!



I HAVE BAD NEWS FOR YOU! I'M AFRAID YOU HAVE SUFFERED A HEAVY LOSS. THE OBJECTS YOU GAVE THE PURSER HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM HIS SAFE.

AND THE MAN THAT GOT THEM IS ESCAPING TO THAT PLANE THIS VERY MINUTE!



# PART 4

IT WAS THAT KENNINGTON. I KNEW HE WAS A FRAUD.

WELL, IF THE PACKAGES ARE GONE, THEY'RE GONE. NO USE CRYING ABOUT IT.

IN ALL MY YEARS AT SEA I'VE NEVER HAD ANYTHING LIKE THIS. IT...IT'S A NEW KIND OF PIRACY!

HE MUST HAVE HAD THE STUFF IN THAT RUBBER BALL AND FLOATED IT TO THE PLANE.

PROBABLY, NO USE WORRYING NOW. LET'S GET SOME REST.

THERE WAS LITTLE THEY COULD DO TO STOP THE CULPRIT AND, IF THE TRUTH BE KNOWN, LITTLE WE WANTED THEM TO DO. AS SOON AS WE COULD, WE WENT TO THE PURSER'S OFFICE.....

A WEEK LATER WE WERE IN LONDON AND SAFE IN SIR LIONEL'S HOUSE IN BRUTON STREET...

LOOK AT THEM! BEAUTIES! WHEN THE EXPERTS COME TOMORROW I'LL OPEN THEIR EYES! THE APPOINTMENT IS FOR ELEVEN, SHAN.

I KNOW. I'VE MADE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS.

WHEN WE WERE ALONE IN SIR LIONEL'S CABIN....

THEY FELL FOR IT! WE'VE BEATEN THEM GREVILLE, WE'VE BEATEN THEM!

I'LL BELIEVE THAT WHEN THEY ARE IN THE MUSEUM IN LONDON!

I'M GLAD IT'S ALL OVER. NOW SHAN AND I CAN BE MARRIED AS WE PLANNED.

I'VE GOT THAT ALL ARRANGED TOO! IT'LL BE THE BIGGEST WEDDING LONDON HAS SEEN IN YEARS!

I'VE EVEN BETTER NEWS. I HAD A TELEGRAM FROM SMITH. THE MOKANNA MOVEMENT HAS DIED AS SUDDENLY AS IT BEGAN. WE'VE BEATEN THEM ALL RIGHT.

MAYBE WE HAVE THIS TIME.

FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS I LIVED IN A WHIRL AS PREPARATIONS FOR THE WEDDING AND THE EXHIBITION WENT ON... THEN ONE NIGHT AS I RETURNED HOME LATE IT HAPPENED...

I'D BETTER GET TO BED. THE EXPERTS WILL BE HERE IN THE MORNING AND I'VE GOT TO BE ON MY TOES... WHAT'S THAT?...

SOUNDS LIKE RIMA!  
IT'S COMING FROM  
OVER HERE FROM THAT  
SUNKEN COURT...  
WHO'S THERE?



AS I CLIMBED  
OVER THE LOW  
FENCE, A PARA-  
LYZING GRIP  
SEIZED MY  
LEGS AND MY  
ARMS WERE  
HELD IN A  
GRIP OF IRON.  
A PAD WAS  
PRESSED OVER  
MY MOUTH AND  
NOSE. FROM  
FAR OFF CAME  
A VOICE...

YOU HAVE  
NOTHING TO  
FEAR, SHAN.  
NO HARM SHALL  
COME TO YOU.  
IT WAS THE  
ONLY WAY.



WH...WHAT HAPPENED?  
WHAT THE DEVIL!  
HOW DID I GET HERE?

THERE WAS  
A SUDDEN  
LAPSE OF  
TIME AND  
SUDDENLY  
I WAS FREE..



IT COULDN'T HAVE  
BEEN FOOTPADS. I'VE  
GOT EVERYTHING. WHAT  
HAPPENED? WHAT DID  
THEY WANT?



WHAT SORT OF  
A SCUFFLE?

I DON'T KNOW  
EXACTLY... ER...  
NOISES OF  
SOME SORT.



HEY! WHAT'S  
YOUR GAME,  
EH?

HUH! OH, CONSTABLE...  
I...I ER LIVE NEXT DOOR.  
I THOUGHT I HEARD A  
SCUFFLE IN THE HOUSE  
AND WENT TO INVESTIGATE.



OH, I RECOGNIZE YOU,  
NOW. YOU'RE MR. GREVILLE.  
YOU GO ALONG HOME. I'LL  
TAKE A LOOK AROUND  
IN THERE.

THANKS,  
OFFICER.  
GOOD  
NIGHT.



AT THE HOUSE I MADE MY WAY TO THE ROOM WHERE THE RELICS WERE AND SAT DOWN BEFORE THEM. SUDDENLY I WAS VERY SLEEPY...

WHAT COULD IT HAVE BEEN? IS MY BRAIN SLIGHTLY OUT OF GEAR? I-- I'LL THINK... ABOUT IT LATER...



THEN I SEEMED TO RELIVE EVERY MOMENT OF THAT NIGHT THAT RIMA HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED AND I KNEW WHAT HAD OCCURED...



FROM THAT MOMENT ON I SEEMED TO GO BACKWARDS IN TIME AND THE MEMORY OF WHAT HAPPENED IN CAIRO SEEMED TO COME ALIVE AGAIN...

SHE...TRICKED ME... IT'S DOCTOR FU MANGHU...



THEN I WAS IN THE MUSEUM ROOM AT BRUTON STREET AGAIN HELD BY FAH LO SUEE...

OH, SHAN, SHAN. I HAVE GIVEN YOU BACK THE MEMORY OF FORGOTTEN HOURS. THIS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU, BUT YOU WILL HATE ME AGAIN.

I COULD NEVER HATE YOU,



I HAVE TRICKED YOU MANY TIMES, FOR, ALTHOUGH I LOVE YOU, SHAN, YOU ARE NOT REALLY CLEVER.

CLEVERER MEN THAN I WOULD GIVE ALL FOR YOUR KISSES.



NOW I AM GOING, DEAR. THIS TIME FOR GOOD. GOODBYE, MY LOVE.

NO...NO...STAY WITH ME:



THE NEXT THING I KNEW, I FOUND MYSELF IN BED! HAD I BEEN DREAMING....?

NINE O'CLOCK, SIR. ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR TEA?

ER..WHAT... BETTS!...YES, PLEASE DO.

LESS THAN AN HOUR LATER I WAS WELCOMING THE GROUP OF EXPERTS WHO HAD COME TO EXAMINE THE RELIGS...

I AM SORRY SIR LIONEL COULD NOT BE HERE!

MR.GREVILLE, COULD WE SEE THE PIECES NOW!

A MOMENT LATER, THEY WERE AVIDLY EXAMINING THE GOLDEN RELIGS....

EXTRAORDINARY! REMARKABLE PIECES.

DR.CALTON! LOOK AT THIS!

IS SOMETHING WRONG?

MR.GREVILLE WERE YOU PRESENT WHEN THESE PIECES WERE REMOVED FROM THE TOMB?

WHY CERTAIN- LY.WHATS UP?

THESE PIECES ARE NOT GENUINE. THEY ARE BUT RECENTLY MADE!

WHAT! LET ME SEE THAT!

I HOPE FOR YOUR REPUTATIONS SAKE THAT THIS IS NOT A HOAX!

PLEASE, DR. STENTER! MR. GREVILLE'S REPUTATION IS BEYOND REPROACH.

THESE ARE DUPLICATES WE HAD PREPARED IN ISPAHAN. PLEASE REMAIN SILENT UNTIL THIS MYSTERY IS CLEARED UP.

OF COURSE. YOUR WISHES WILL BE RESPECTED. I AM SORRY.

I BELIEVE THESE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT THE TOMB OF THE REAL RELIGS WILL PROVE OUR GOOD FAITH.

I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT YOU OR SIR LIONEL COULD EVEN THINK OF TRYING SUCH A HOAX.

THE PHOTOGRAPHS CONVINCED THEM AND THEY LEFT. I WAS STUNNED. AT LAST I KNEW WHAT FAH LO SUEE HAD MEANT WHEN SHE SAID "YOU WILL LIVE TO HATE ME." AS I STOOD STARING AT THE FALSE RELICS BETTS ANNOUNCED NAYLAND SMITH AND DR. PETRIE...

A MORE WELCOME SIGHT I COULDN'T HAVE IMAGINED...

SIR DENIS! DR. PETRIE! THE REAL PLATES ARE GONE! FU MANCHU HAS GOTTEN THEM THROUGH ME!

WHAT!



I TOLD THEM ALL THAT I REMEMBERED AND TOGETHER WE PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER...

FAH LO SUEE BROUGHT BACK YOUR MEMORY, BUT BEFORE SHE DID SHE MADE YOU CHANGE THE RELICS. THANK GOODNESS IT IS TOO LATE TO DO DAMAGE WITH THEM.

YOU'RE LUCKY, GREVILLE. HER LOVE FOR YOU MADE HER CLEAR YOUR BRAIN. YOU'RE FREE OF FU MANCHU'S INFLUENCE FOR GOOD.

WE BROKE THE NEWS TO SIR LIONEL WHO TOOK IT BETTER THAN WE HAD EXPECTED. NO MORE WAS HEARD FROM FU MANCHU UNTIL MY WEDDING TO RIMA...

YOU HAD A VISITOR, MR. GREVILLE. A TALL, VERY DISTINGUISHED MAN; CHINESE, I BELIEVE. HE LEFT A BOX FOR YOU. IT'S UPSTAIRS, SIR.

WITH ONE ACCORD WE HURRIED UP TO THE MUSEUM ROOM. ON A TABLE WAS AN ODDLY CARVED TEAK BOX...

DO YOU THINK IT'S A TRICK, SIR DENIS? SHOULD I OPEN IT?

YES. DOCTOR FU MANCHU HAS NOTHING TO GAIN NOW. HE ISN'T THE KIND TO STOOP TO REVENGE.



SHAN! LOOK AT THAT! IT'S A WEDDING PRESENT!

INCREDIBLE! READ THE NOTE, SHAN!

HE SENDS US HIS BEST WISHES AND SAYS HE BEARS US NO ILL WILL! THE NECKLACE AND GASKET ARE FOR RIMA AND THE RING FOR ME.

HE'S DECLARED A TRUCE!

NO. FU MANCHU NEVER DECLARES A TRUCE. HE HAS MERELY BOWED TO SOMEONE HE RESPECTS.



THE END

# FLASH HARPER

## in OPERATION BLACKOUT



**M**ET FLASHGUN HARPER, ACE PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE "DAILY SLANT". THE HOTTEST LENSMAN ON TWO FEET, HE'S ALWAYS UP TO HIS NECK IN THRILLS, CHILLS, AND ADVENTURE. COME ALONG ON ONE OF HIS ASSIGNMENTS AND WATCH HIM WORK IN "OPERATION BLACKOUT"



A.C. HOLLINGSWORTH

**AT THE DEDICATION CEREMONIES AT THE NEW FEATHERSTONE RECREATION CENTER...**

HOLD IT, MR. FEATHERSTONE, JUST ONE MORE! ... THANK YOU. GOT ANYTHING ELSE WE CAN USE ON THE CENTER?

WELL, ER, THERE IS NOTHING, AH, THAT I WOULDN'T DO FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED OF, ER, THIS GREAT CITY.

I OWE A GREAT DEAL TO THIS, THE PLACE OF MY BIRTH, THE PLACE --

**YII - WHAT'S THAT-?**

THE BUILDING! SOMETHING'S GONE HAYWIRE! COME ON, SPEED, LET'S GO!

**WOW! WHAT A STORY!**





THIS IS A CATASTROPHE! THAT FIRE IS NO ACCIDENT! IF YOU FELLOWS WANT A STORY, I'LL GIVE YOU ONE!

WE SURE DO, MR. FEATHERSTONE.

YEAH, "BUILDING BURNS AS PHILANTHROPIST FUMES!" I CAN SEE IT NOW.



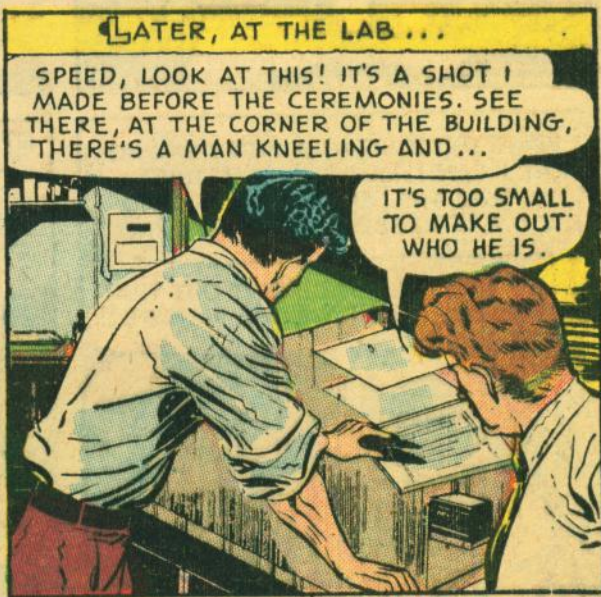
I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THAT FIRE WAS STARTED BY MR. ADAM JOHNSON, THE ARCHITECT.

WILL YOU BACK UP THAT STATEMENT BY GOING TO THE POLICE?



I WILL! I ALSO WANT YOU TO PRINT THE FACT THAT SINCE MR. JOHNSON'S PLANS FOR THIS BUILDING WERE DISGARDED, HE HAS TRIED TO DAMAGE ME IN MANY WAYS.

WE'RE ON OUR WAY! CITY DESK'LL LOVE THIS ONE.



LATER, AT THE LAB...

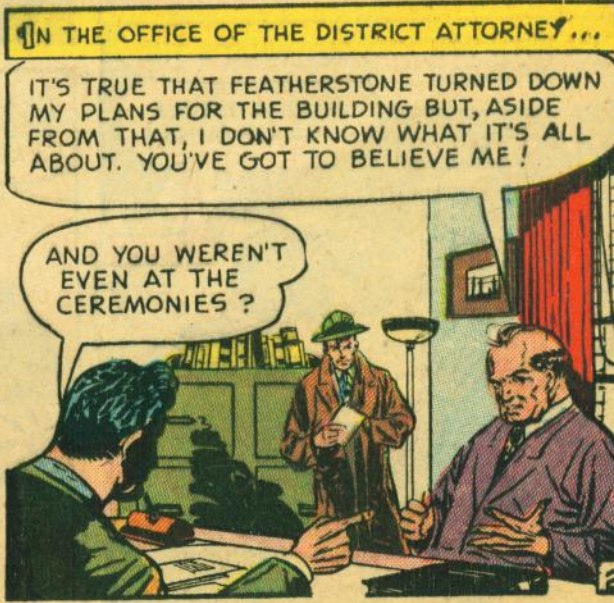
SPEED, LOOK AT THIS! IT'S A SHOT I MADE BEFORE THE CEREMONIES. SEE THERE, AT THE CORNER OF THE BUILDING, THERE'S A MAN KNEELING AND...

IT'S TOO SMALL TO MAKE OUT WHO HE IS.



WHEN I TOOK THIS PICTURE, FEATHERSTONE HADN'T EVEN ARRIVED. THE FIRE WAS STARTED BY SOMEONE ELSE. THIS PICTURE MAY CLEAR JOHNSON. I'M GOING TO SEE HIM!

WELL, YOU'D BETTER GO TO THE D.A.'S OFFICE. JOHNSON WAS PICKED UP AN HOUR AGO.



IN THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY...

IT'S TRUE THAT FEATHERSTONE TURNED DOWN MY PLANS FOR THE BUILDING BUT, ASIDE FROM THAT, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT. YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME!

AND YOU WEREN'T EVEN AT THE CEREMONIES?

NO, BUT I CAN'T PROVE IT. I WAS CALLED OUT TO LARCHMONT ON A JOB AND MUST HAVE GOTTEN THE WRONG ADDRESS. WHEN I GOT THERE, THERE WAS NO SUCH STREET. I CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING. NOBODY EVEN SAW ME!

I BELIEVE I HAVE SOME EVIDENCE THAT MAY HELP YOU, MR. JOHNSON.



THE NEXT DAY...

SPEED, THIS JOHNSON BUSINESS IS TROUBLING ME! I THINK FEATHERSTONE HAD A HAND IN THIS AND I'M GOING TO TRY AND PROVE IT, IF YOU'LL HELP ME.

I'M WITH YOU, FLASH!



I WANT YOU TO PRINT A STORY SAYING THAT I CAN PROVE WITH A PICTURE I TOOK WHO THE GUILTY MAN IS, AND THE D.A. IS TO SEE IT IN THE MORNING!

AND I'LL POINT OUT THAT YOU HAVE THE PICTURE!!



I'M WITH YOU, KID, BUT WHAT'S THE CAMERA FOR?

JUST A LITTLE IDEA OF MINE!



THAT NIGHT, AT FLASH'S APARTMENT...

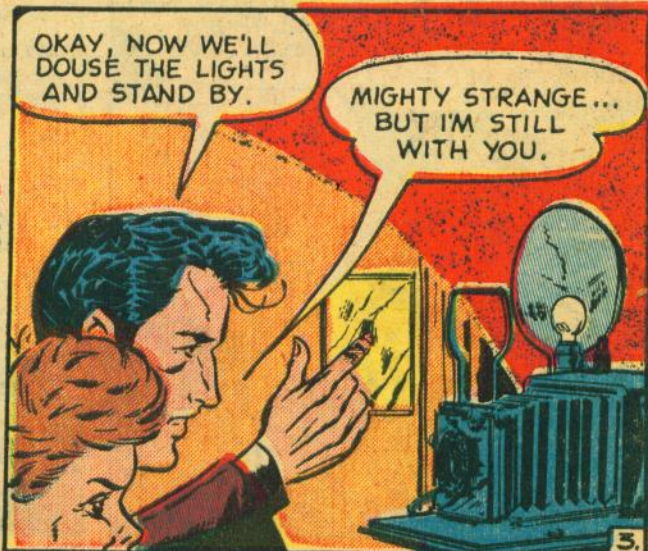
HI, FLASH, PREPARING TO MAKE MY PORTRAIT? HOW'D YOU LIKE THE STORY? IT'S BEEN IN EVERY EDITION TODAY!

IT WAS A HONEY! IF THAT DOESN'T LURE THE RAT TO THE TRAP, NOTHING WILL!



OKAY, NOW WE'LL DOUSE THE LIGHTS AND STAND BY.

MIGHTY STRANGE... BUT I'M STILL WITH YOU.







ACHOO!  
ACHOO!

COME ACROSS  
WITH THAT  
PICTURE, BUD!

UGH!



FLASH -  
ACHOO!  
WHERE ARE -  
ACHOO!  
-YOU?

YOU'LL NEVER  
GET THAT PICTURE  
BACK AND...!

HAND  
IT OVER  
BEFORE I...



ACHOO-  
FLASH,  
ACHOO!

ALL RIGHT -  
YOU ASKED  
FOR IT-!

OH HH!



THIS GOSH-DARNED  
HAY FEVER! OF  
ALL THE... ACHOO!  
BLAMED TIMES,  
WHERE ARE  
THOSE LIGHTS?



HE'S GONE! GOSH, FLASH -  
ACHOO! ARE YOU ALL  
RIGHT? MY HAY FEVER  
IS KILLING ME!

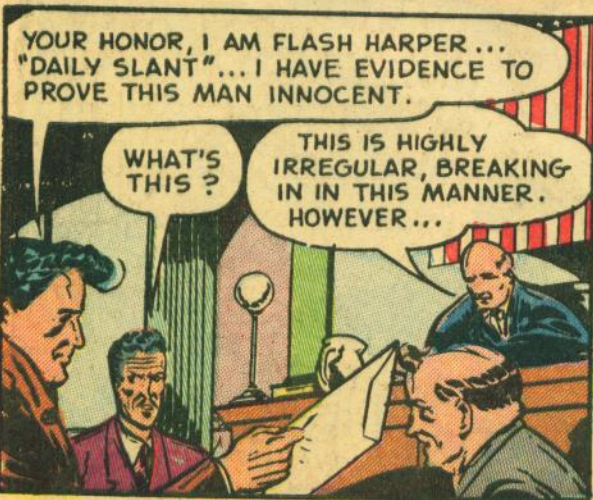
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KILLED ME TOO...  
BUT I THINK  
EVERYTHING'S  
GOING TO TURN  
OUT ALL RIGHT.



THE NEXT MORNING, AS  
JOHNSON IS ARRAIGNED...

YOUR HONOR,  
I WASN'T  
EVEN THERE.  
I'M  
INNOCENT!

HE'S LYING,  
YOUR HONOR.  
I SAW HIM  
MYSELF.



YOUR HONOR, I AM FLASH HARPER...  
"DAILY SLANT"... I HAVE EVIDENCE TO  
PROVE THIS MAN INNOCENT.

WHAT'S  
THIS?

THIS IS HIGHLY  
IRREGULAR, BREAKING-  
IN IN THIS MANNER.  
HOWEVER...



EXPLAINING HIS RUDE, FLASH SHOWS  
THE JUDGE A SET OF PICTURES...

I... I'M FLABBERGASTED!  
ARREST THAT MAN,  
GUARD!

OH, NO YOU  
DON'T!



I'LL TAKE THOSE PICTURES, WHATEVER THEY MAY BE. HAND THEM OVER!

YOU REALIZE, FEATHERSTONE, YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!

THAT WON'T SAVE YOU. THERE ARE PLENTY MORE WHERE THEY CAME FROM.



OKAY, FEATHERSTONE MAYBE THIS'LL COOL YOU DOWN A BIT

HEY!  
I'LL KILL  
(GASP!)

TAKE IT EASY, MISTER. DROP THAT GUN!

### FEATHERSTONE CONFESSES ..

...AND SO I THOUGHT I COULD COLLECT THE INSURANCE AND PUT THE BLAME ON JOHNSON. I WAS THE ONE WHO SENT HIM THAT FAKE MESSAGE.

TAKE HIM AWAY. YOUNG-MAN, I HAVE ONE QUESTION TO ASK YOU-- HOW DID YOU GET PICTURES OF FEATHERSTONE RIFLING YOUR APARTMENT IN TOTAL DARKNESS?

EASY, YOUR HONOR. I USED INFRA-RED FILMS AND INFRA-RED FLASH BULBS. THEY ALLOW THE TAKING OF PICTURES WITHOUT ORDINARY LIGHT.



AMAZING, YOUNG FELLOW...AMAZING! MR. JOHNSON, THE CHARGES AGAINST YOU ARE DISMISSED. YOU ARE A FREE MAN.

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR...AND THANK YOU, FLASH. YOU SAVED ME FROM A MISERABLE FRAME-UP. IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU?

JUST ONE THING, MR. JOHNSON. DON'T SAY A WORD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED UNTIL I CAN GET BACK TO MY PAPER WITH THE PICTURES AND STORY. THIS IS FRONT PAGE STUFF AND ALL MINE! SEE YOU LATER ...



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