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# Shadow

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YOUR **10¢** WORTH  
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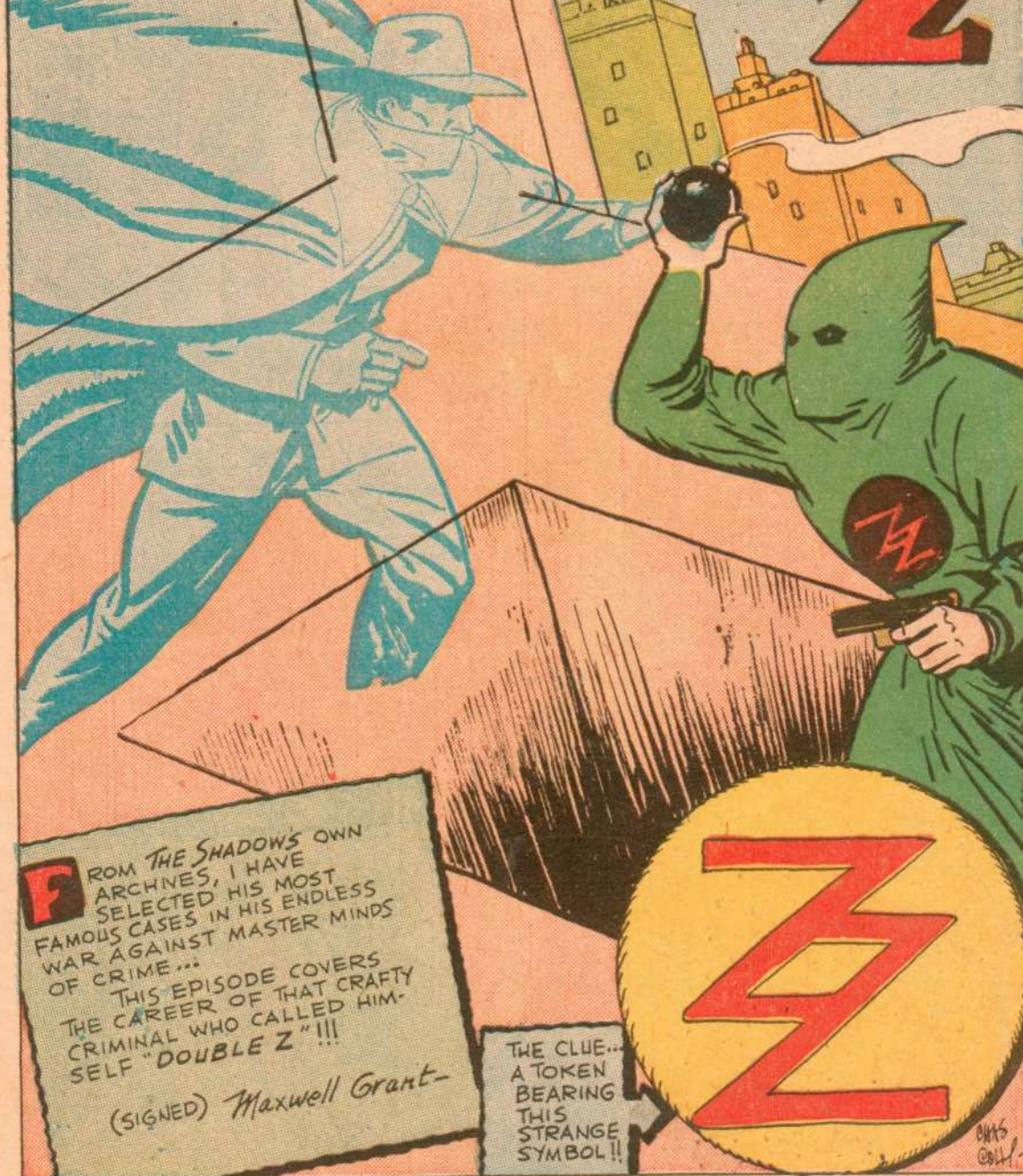


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THE SHADOW'S  
MOST FAMOUS CASE  
**DOUBLE Z**  
PROVING AGAIN THAT  
CRIME DOES NOT PAY



# The Shadow Meets DOUBLE Z



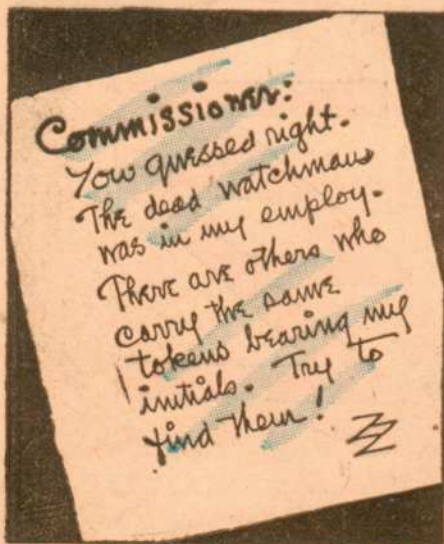
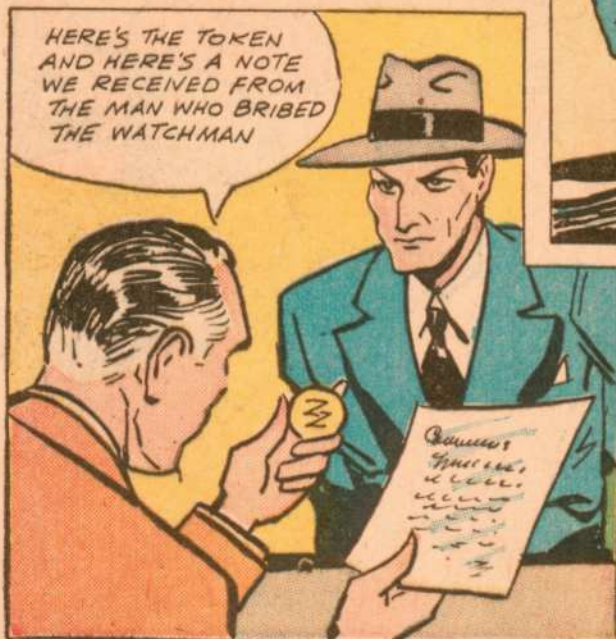
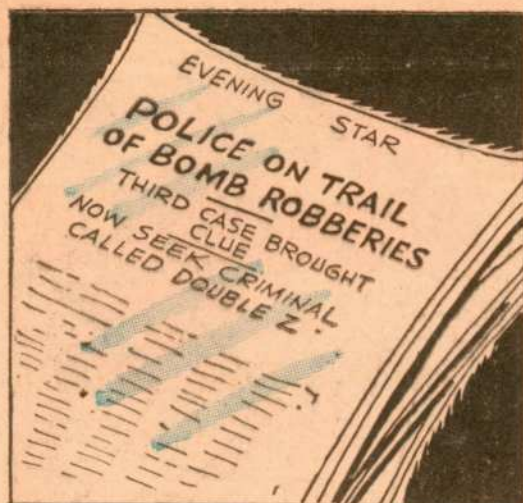
**F**ROM THE SHADOW'S OWN ARCHIVES, I HAVE SELECTED HIS MOST FAMOUS CASES IN HIS ENDLESS WAR AGAINST MASTER MINDS OF CRIME...

THIS EPISODE COVERS THE CAREER OF THAT CRAFTY CRIMINAL WHO CALLED HIMSELF "DOUBLE Z"!!!

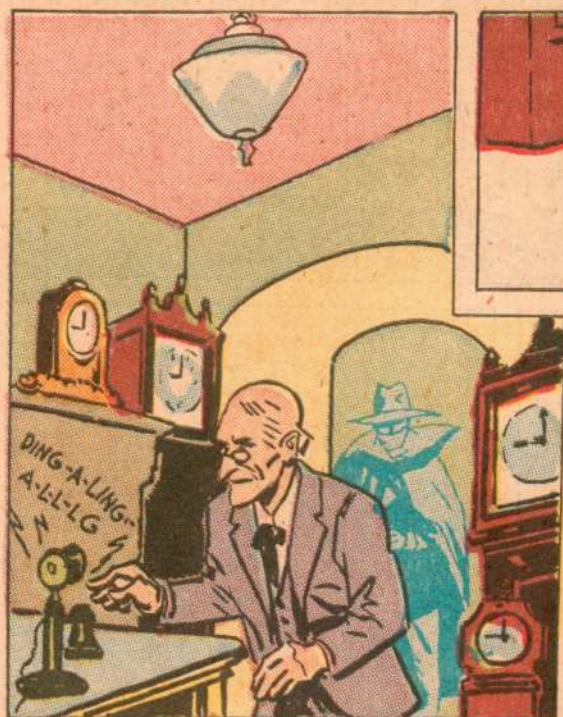
(SIGNED) Maxwell Grant-

THE CLUE...  
A TOKEN  
BEARING  
THIS  
STRANGE  
SYMBOL!!

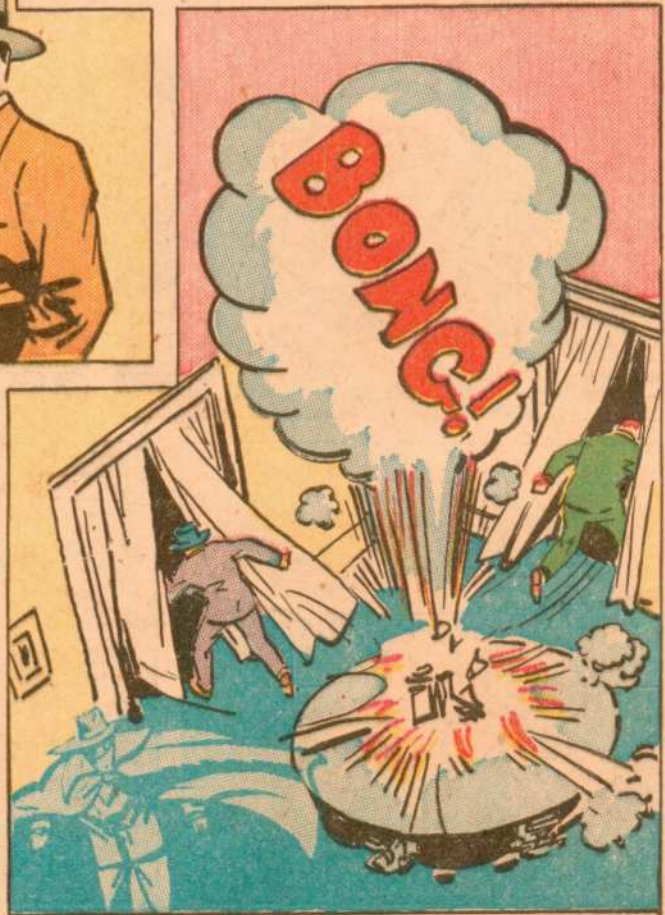
















IT'S PLAIN NOW, COMMISSIONER! ZELVIN HOPED I'D PUT THAT CLOCK IN MY VAULT. WHEN IT EXPLODED, HE COULD HAVE TAKEN MY RAREST TREASURES!

THAT'S EXACTLY THE WAY DOUBLE Z HAS WORKED ALL ALONG! BUT CROOKS LIKE THAT ALWAYS SHOW THEIR HAND... AS ZELVIN WILL





THE NEXT  
DAY...

Commissioner:  
You were lucky  
at Wade's - To prove  
your luck, will  
not hold, tonight  
I shall rob the  
valet of the  
Jewel Exchange!

HOAX OR NO,  
I'LL PUT A CORDON  
AROUND THE EXCHANGE  
BUILDING AFTER  
DARK!

IT SOUNDS LIKE A  
HOAX, COMMISSIONER!  
ZELVIN COULDN'T  
BE SO BOLD, EVEN  
IF HE IS AT  
LARGE!

BUT,  
LAMONT,  
I THOUGHT..

LET'S  
THINK  
LATER,  
MARGO

AT DUSK...

THIS WILL OUT-  
WIT THE POLICE,  
MY SYSTEM OF  
REACHING THE  
VAULT OF THE  
JEWEL EXCHANGE  
FROM THE ROOF  
OF THE BUILDING

IT WON'T BE THAT  
EASY, DOUBLE Z!

THE SHADOW!  
ONE OF US  
MUST DIE  
!

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS  
LET THIS BOMB DOWN  
THROUGH THE AIR-  
SHAFT, BLOW THE WALL  
OF THE VAULT, AND  
THEN GO DOWN!







AND NOW FOR THE GREAT SURPRISE...

HERE'S DOUBLE Z, COMMISSIONER!

WHY... IT ISN'T ZACHARY ZELVIN... IT'S MATTHEW WADE!

OF COURSE, COMMISSIONER. TAKE A BETTER LOOK AT THE ORIGINAL CLUE AND YOU'LL FIND THAT ITS INITIALS ARE M.W. AND NOT Z.Z.!



WHEN WADE LEARNED YOU'D FOUND THE M.W. COIN, HE HAD TO MISLEAD YOU, SO HE SENT A NOTE WITH THE MONOGRAM TURNED SO IT READ Z.Z.!

AND HE FRAMED ZACHARY ZELVIN AS A SCAPEGOAT BECAUSE HIS NAME FITTED THOSE WRONG INITIALS! NOW I UNDERSTAND!

HERE'S ZELVIN, COMMISSIONER. WE JUST FOUND HIM

THAT CLOCK WASN'T A BOMB, COMMISSIONER. THE CHARGE MUST HAVE BEEN IN WADE'S TABLE. HE SET IT OFF...

TO FRAME YOU, ZELVIN. YOU'RE NOW A FREE MAN

THAT'S RIGHT, MARGO, AND THE SHADOW DID!

SO, ALL THE SHADOW HAD TO DO WAS TRAIL WADE HERE AND TRAP HIM!

BE SURE TO READ

## CRIME OVER CASCO

THE SHADOW'S WEIRDEST ADVENTURE

in the

## SHADOW MAGAZINE

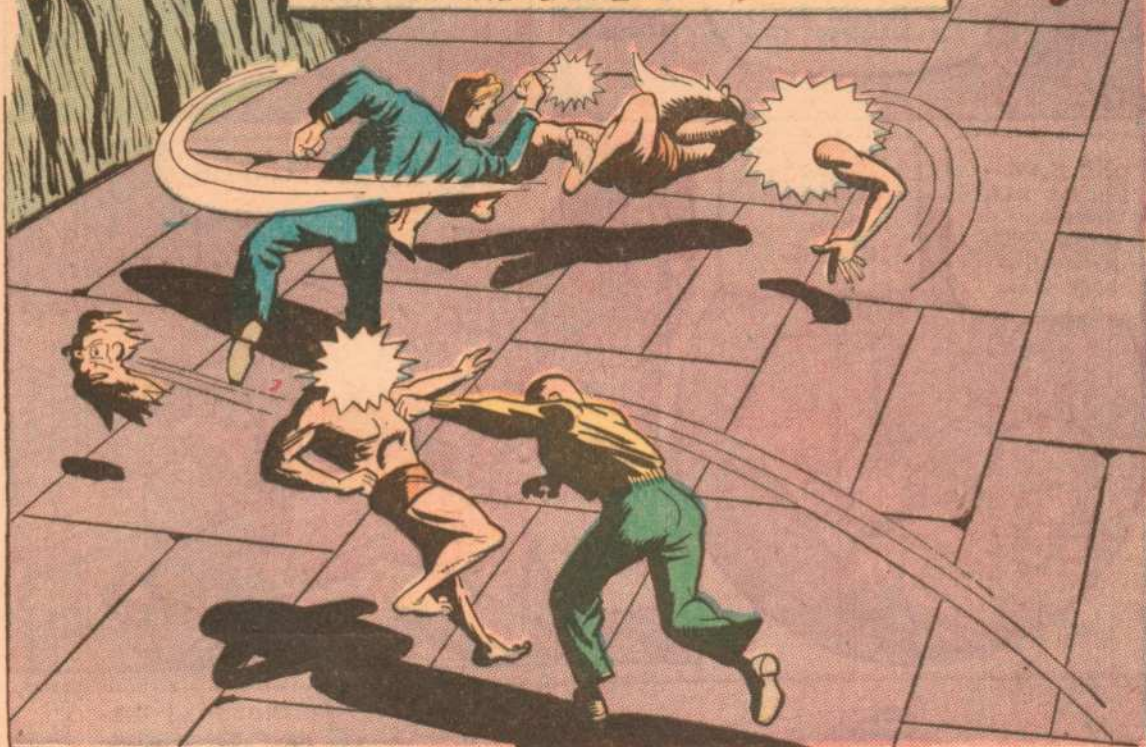
Now on Sale



# DOC SAVAGE

"LIVE,  
EVIL...  
VEIL"

DOC SAVAGE'S ONLY CLUE AGAINST A BAND THAT IS DEDICATED TO 'EVIL' IMPURE AND UNSIMPLE, IS THE FACT THAT A PARALYSIS RAY, THAT IMMOBILIZED MONK AND DOC, HAD NO EFFECT ON THE EERIE GROUP THAT IS DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT "TO LIVE IS EVIL ...."



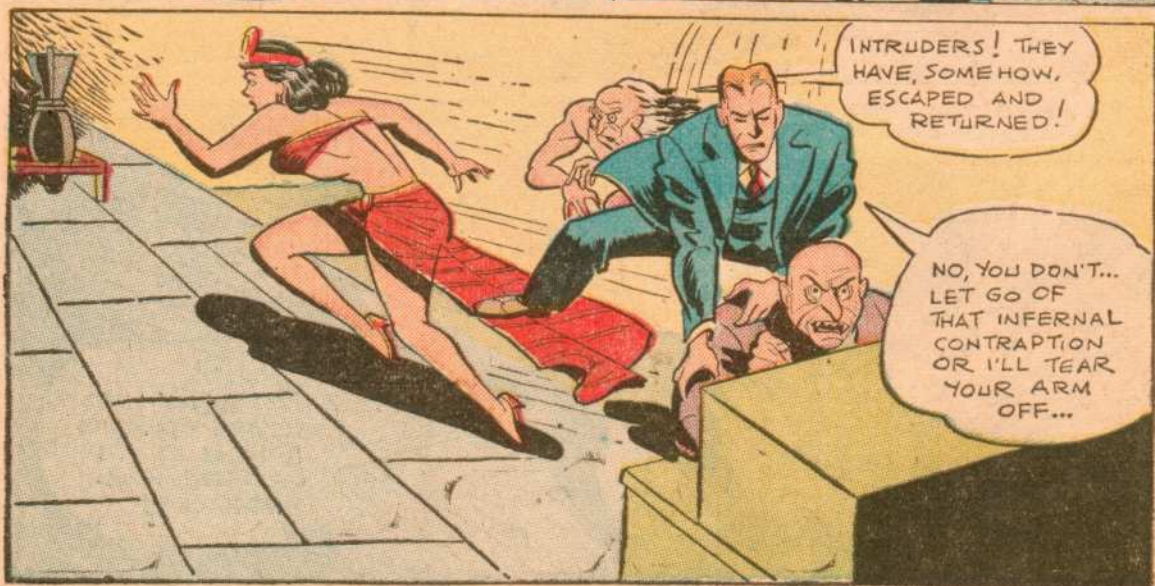
TRACKING DOWN THE  
'ELDERS OF EVIL'....



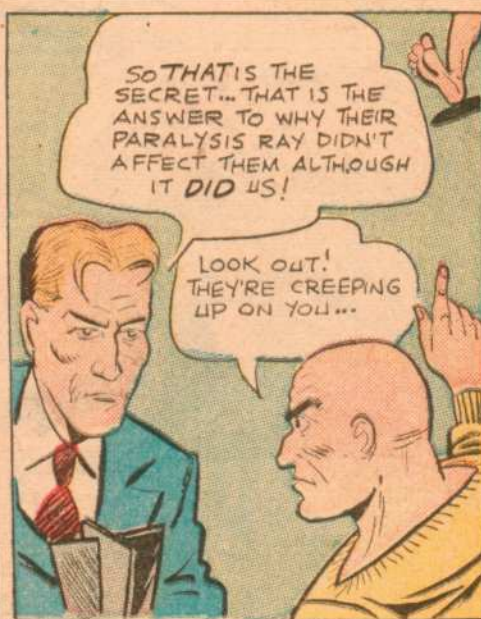
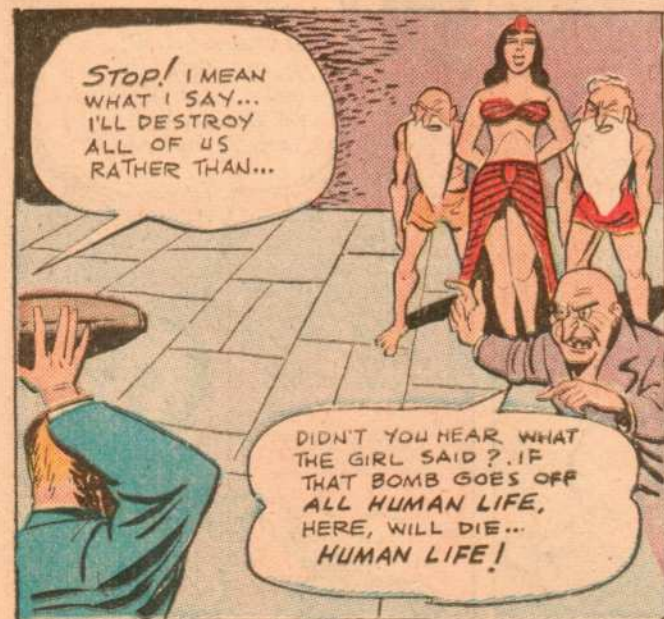
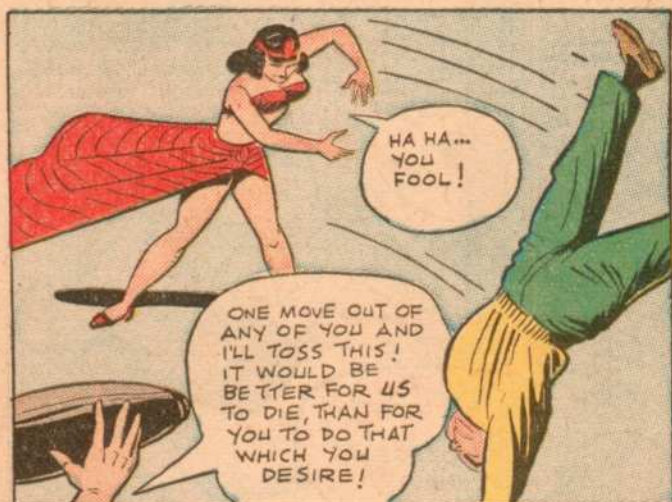
GIMME A  
CLUE, WHAT  
ARE WE  
GONNA DO?

FOLLOW MY LEAD.  
WE ARE GOING TO  
RID THE EARTH  
OF THESE FOUL  
MENACES!

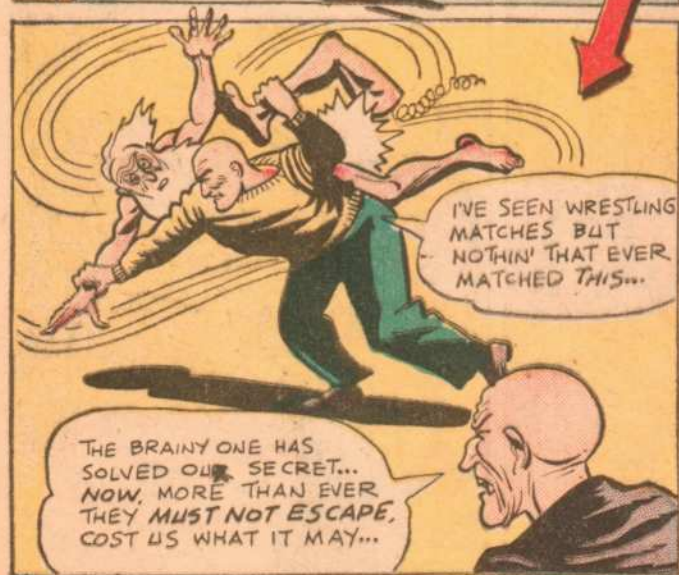
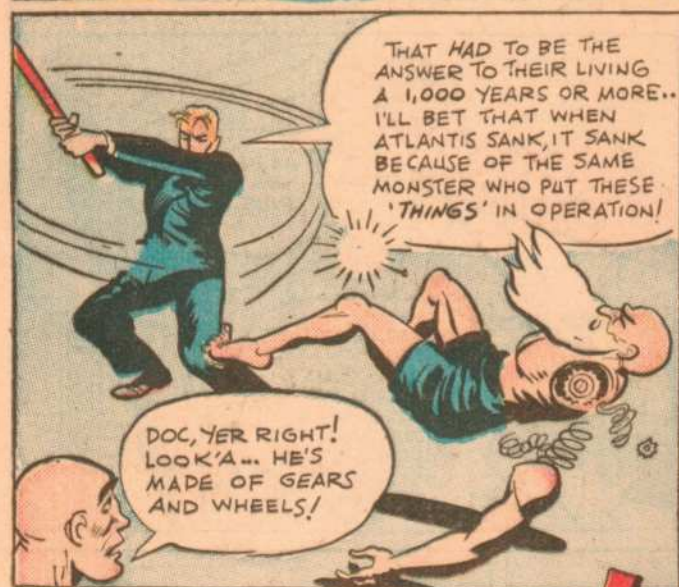


















HEAVEN KNOWS WHAT  
WILL HAPPEN EVEN IN  
THE WATER... BUT, WE'LL  
BE A TRIFLE SAFER THERE...

AND IT  
AIN'T EVEN  
SATURDAY...

THERE IT GOES...  
DOC... THERE'S  
NO SOUND TO  
THE EXPLOSION!

NO... AND THAT'S  
THE ONE THING  
I'M HOPING  
WILL SAVE  
US!

OF COURSE...  
THAT'S WHY I  
USED THE VIBRATORY  
APPARATUS. I SET  
IT AT THE BASIC  
NOTE OF VIBRATION  
OF THE ROCK OF  
THE ISLAND SO  
ONLY IT WOULD  
BE VIBRATED  
OUT OF  
EXISTENCE!

I DON'T GET  
THIS... ANY KIND  
OF ATOMIC EXPLOSION  
WOULD HAVE KILLED  
US AT THIS  
RANGE...

IT SHOULDN'T BE  
TOO FAR TO OUR  
WRECKED PLANE...  
ONCE ON THAT,  
WE CAN REPAIR  
IT AND GET  
BACK TO  
CIVILIZATION...

OF COURSE... ALTHOUGH  
ALL ALONG IT DIDN'T  
MATTER WHETHER OR  
NOT WE ESCAPED... IT  
WAS JUST THAT THOSE  
MAD THINGS HAD TO BE  
DESTROYED BEFORE  
THEY COULD DISSOLVE  
ALL EARTH!

WE SHOWED THEM THEIR  
MOTTO WAS WRONG...  
ABOUT... 'LIVE IS EVIL  
SPELLED BACKWARDS...'

YES... THEY FORGOT ONE THING...  
THE SAME LETTERS ALSO SPELL  
VEIL! AND THEY WILL BE  
FOREVER VEILED NOW... NO  
ONE WILL EVER SEE THEM  
OR THEIR EVIL THRU THAT VEIL...





Dear Commissioner:  
 My life is  
 in danger. An  
 enemy seeks  
 my great  
 secret. You  
 must save me..  
 Artemus Q. Dirkle  
 P.S. Beware of Mr. E!









ALRIGHT, CRANSTON. JUST TO PROVE HOW ABSURD YOUR THEORY IS, WE'LL GO AROUND TO THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR



IN THE ROOM NEXT DOOR TO DIRKLE'S, THEY FIND...

THERE YOU ARE, COMMISSIONER, A COMPRESSED GAS TANK PIPED STRAIGHT TO DIRKLE'S ROOM!

THEN DIRKLE WAS MURDERED!

WE'LL TRACE WHERE THIS TANK AND THAT PHONEY GAS JET CAME FROM, COMMISSIONER



MEANWHILE...

OF COURSE... PARDON ME, THERE'S THE TELEPHONE

HELLO, YOUNG LADY. I'VE COME TO GET POOR MR. DIRKLE'S CANARY. I PROMISED HIM I'D TAKE CARE OF IT

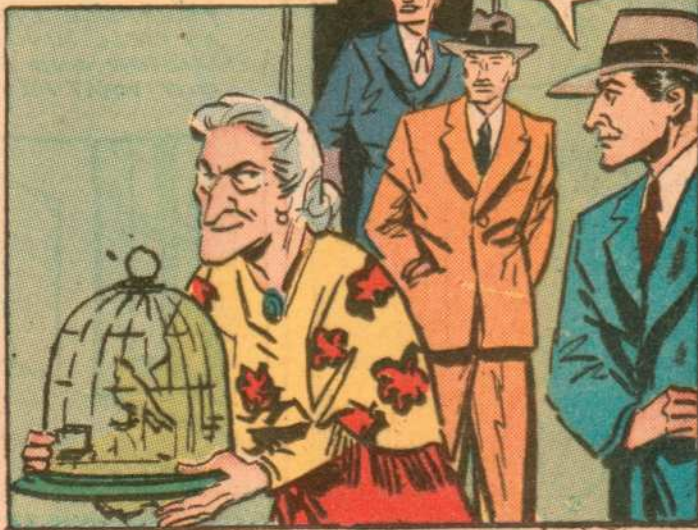


THE OLD DAME CAME FOR DIRKLE'S CANARY

LET HER HAVE IT, SHE'S WELCOME TO IT

WELL, COMMISSIONER, I'LL BE SEEING YOU LATER

HELLO... WHAT'S THAT? I CAN'T HEAR YOU... AN ADDRESS? WAIT, I'LL WRITE IT DOWN...





AROUND THE CORNER, LAMONT CRANSTON BECOMES THE SHADOW...



AND HAS GONE UPON SOME MYSTERIOUS MISSION WHEN MARGO LANE COMES DOWN DIRKLE'S...



MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE TOLD THE COMMISSIONER ABOUT THAT PHONE CALL... OR MAYBE I SHOULD WAIT AND TELL LAMONT...



BUT SINCE I HAVE THE ADDRESS..



... AND HERE'S THE PLACE ITSELF! I SUPPOSE I MAY AS WELL RING THE JANITOR AND FIND OUT WHAT HE KNOWS!





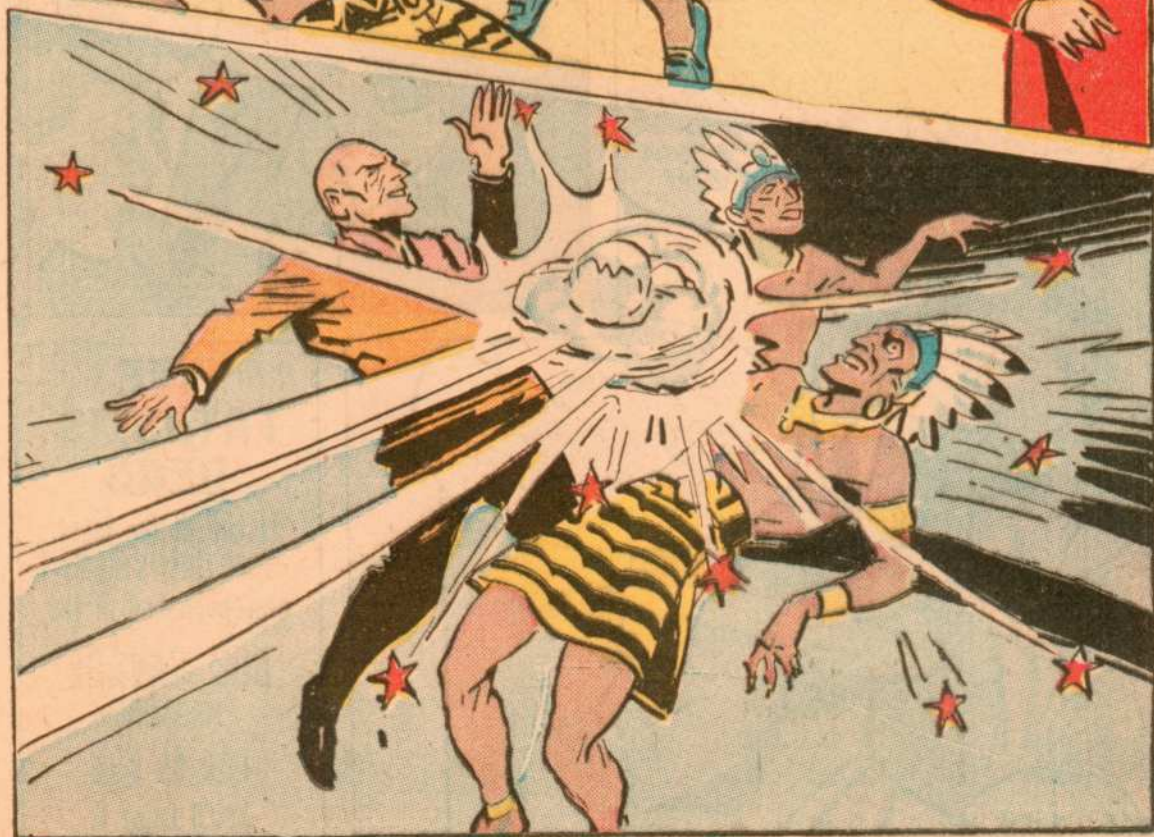
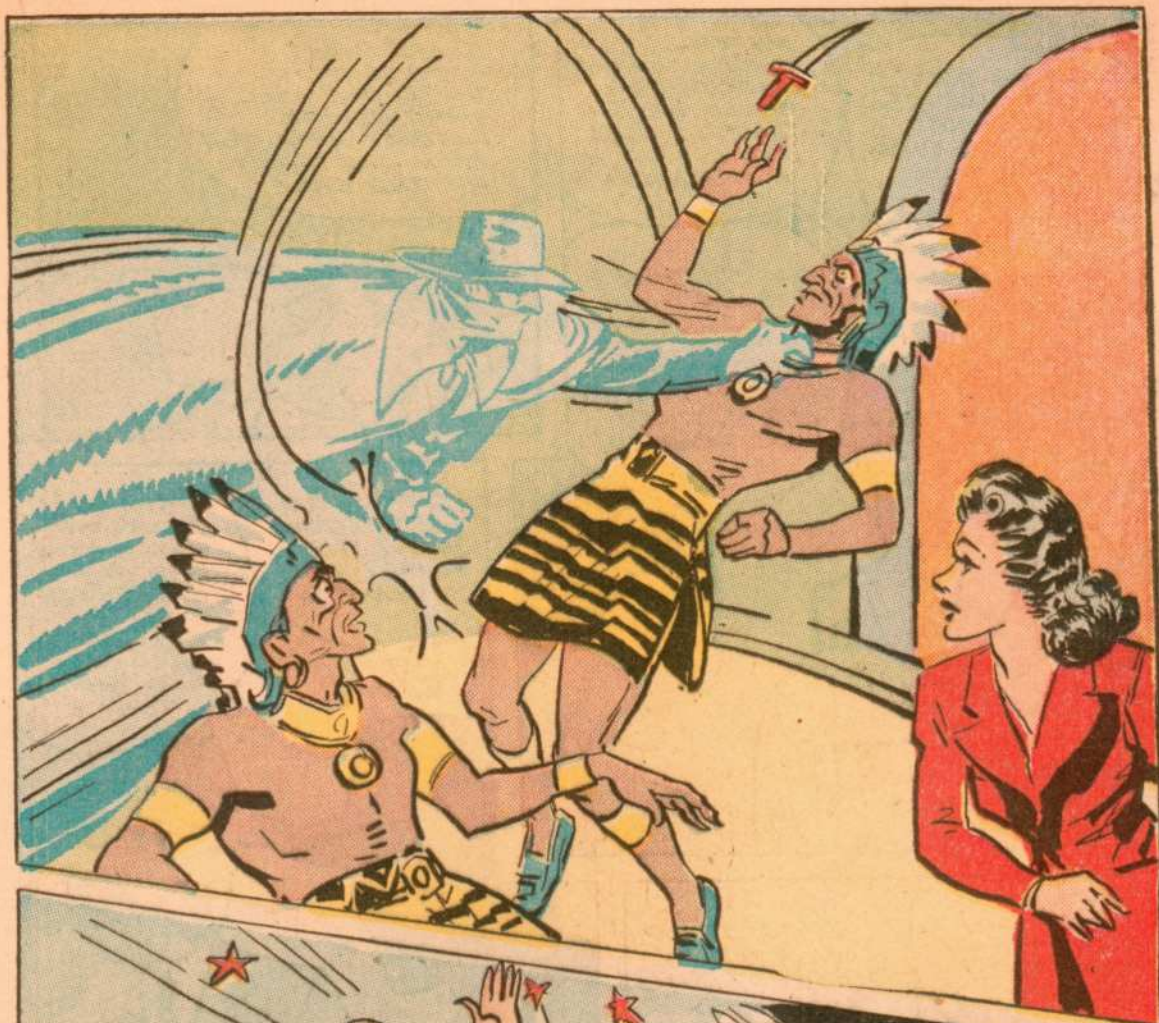


STATUES! THEY...  
THEY'RE ALIVE!  
AND THERE'S THE  
OLD LADY WHO  
TOOK THE  
CANARY CAGE!











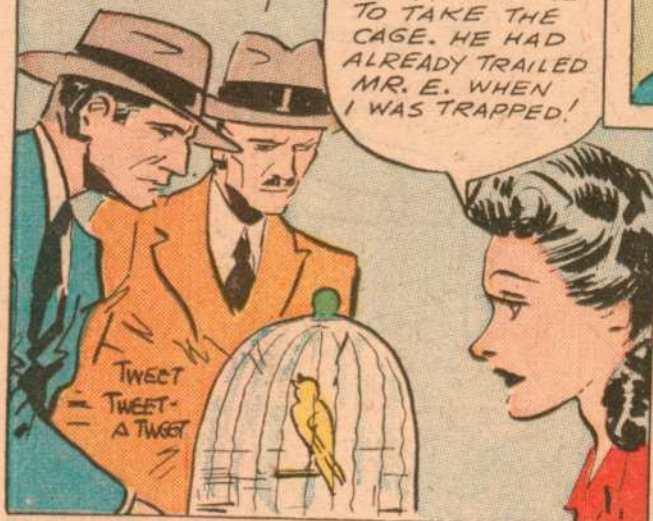
LATER..

THERE'S DIRKLE'S GREAT INVENTION, COMMISSIONER. A MECHANICAL BIRD THAT WARBLER WHEN YOU APPROACH IT!

MY WORD! SUCH A COMPACT MECHANISM COULD HAVE A THOUSAND USES AND IS WORTH A FORTUNE!

THE SHADOW WAS WATCHING FOR SOMEONE TO TAKE THE CAGE. HE HAD ALREADY TRAILED MR. E. WHEN I WAS TRAPPED!

THAT'S RIGHT, COMMISSIONER. THE PHONE CALL WAS TIMED TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM THE THEFT OF THE CAGE



BUT HOW DID THE SHADOW KNOW THE CANARY WAS MECHANICAL?

SIMPLY ENOUGH. OLD DIRKLE DIED IN A GAS-FILLED ROOM. A REAL CANARY WOULD HAVE DIED THERE, TOO!



THE BIRD STOPPED SINGING WHEN I PICKED THE CAGE UP!

JUST AS IT DID WHEN MR. E. TOOK IT. THAT'S ANOTHER FEATURE OF ITS REMARKABLE MECHANISM

THERE GOES MR. E. AND HIS CREW. ANOTHER CRIME SQUELCHED BY THE SHADOW!



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