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WHAT
HAPPENS
"WHEN THE
VAULT OPENS!" ?

WHO OR
WHAT WAS...
"THE
PROFESSOR'S
PRISONER"?



Ken Grimm BEFORE mailing coupon

In 10 Minutes of **FUN** a day I changed myself

← from this Bloodless, Pitiful

SKINNY SHRIMP to this



NEW MUSCULAR RED-BLOODED HEAD-TO-TOE HE-MAN!

Ken GRIMM AFTER MAILING COUPON

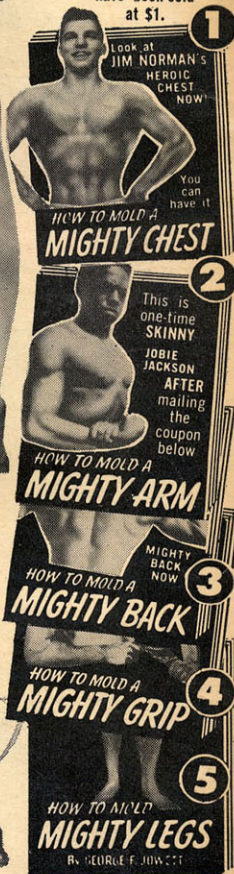
Now, Buddy **YOU**

Mail the Coupon below as I did!

May be **LAST CHANCE** before \$1 price goes back!

GET ALL THESE PICTURE-PACKED COURSES **FREE**

If you mail coupon NOW! Millions have been sold at \$1.



Look at **JIM NORMAN'S HEROIC CHEST** NOW!

You can have it!

HOW TO MOLD A MIGHTY CHEST

This is one-time **SKINNY**

JOBIE JACKSON

AFTER mailing the coupon below

HOW TO MOLD A MIGHTY ARM

MIGHTY BACK NOW!

HOW TO MOLD A MIGHTY BACK

HOW TO MOLD A MIGHTY GRIP

HOW TO MOLD MIGHTY LEGS

By GEORGE F. JOWETT

I just

GAINED 35 NEW LBS. OF SHAPELY POWER-PACKED **MUSCLES!**

You can do the same as I and **THOUSANDS** have
You can add **10 inches** to your **CHEST**
6 inches to each **ARM** and the rest in proportion as I did.

NO! friend you don't have to be **SKINNY, WEAK** or **FLABBY** any more just mail **NOW** the **FREE** coupon below as I did.

Besides getting **ALL 5 Courses** (pictured on this page) **FREE** (MILLIONS HAVE BEEN SOLD FOR \$1.) you'll **ALSO** get **FREE** a big **BOOK** of **PHOTOS** of **STRONG MEN** and **BOYS** who were **WEAKLINGS** like you **BEFORE** mailing coupon.

THIS THRILLING BOOK WILL ALSO TELL YOU

LAST CHANCE - ALL FREE COUPON

1 FIVE COURSES 2 MUSCLE METER
3 Photo Book of STRONG MEN

Dept. MA-69

Tell Me How To WIN \$100, etc.

Jowett Courses available in World War Building All-Around "HE-EM" - R. F. Kaitley Physical Director

JOWETT INSTITUTE OF PHYSICAL TRAINING
230 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 1, N.Y.
Dear George: Please mail me **FREE** Jowett's Photo Book of Strong Men and a Muscle Meter, plus all 5 **HE-MAN** Building Courses, 1. How to Build a Mighty Chest, 2. How to Build a Mighty Arm, 3. How to Build a Mighty Grip, 4. How to Build a Mighty Back, 5. How to Build Mighty Legs. Now all in one Volume "How to become a Mighty HE-MAN." ENCLOSED FIND 100 FOR POSTAGE AND HANDLING (No C.O.D.s).

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MAIL NOW! SAVES YOU YEARS and DOLLARS!

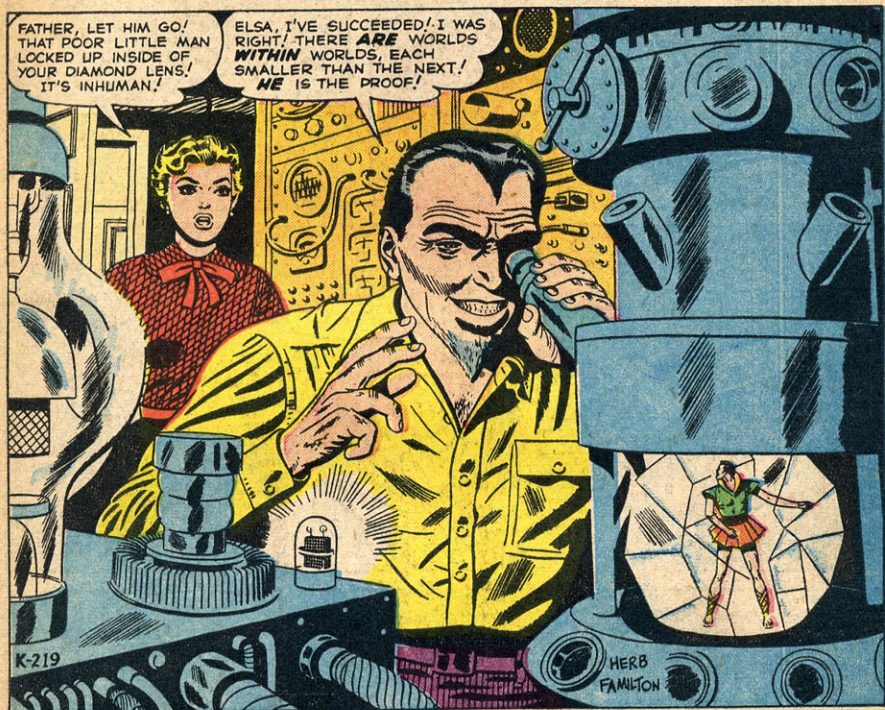
HOW YOU CAN WIN A BIG 15" TALL SILVER CUP as I just did and how to WIN \$100.

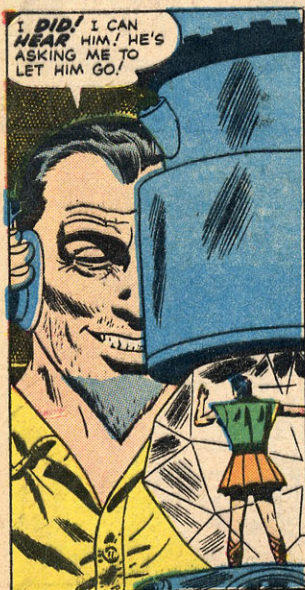
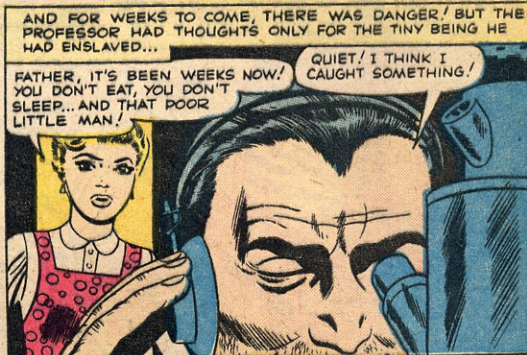
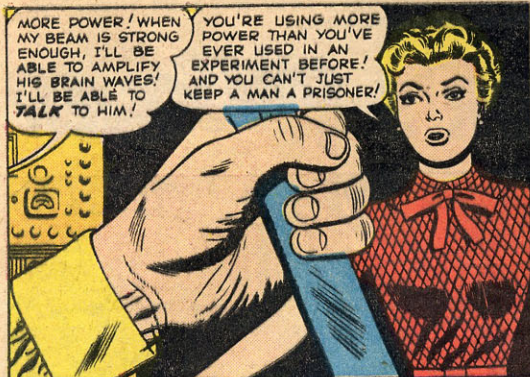


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NO MAN HAS THE RIGHT TO TOY WITH ANOTHER MAN'S LIFE! NOT EVEN WHEN THE MAN IS TINIER THAN AN ATOM, LIKE...

THE PROFESSOR'S PRISONER





BUT THAT QUESTION THE PROFESSOR DID NOT EVEN HEAR! HE HAD QUESTIONS... HUNDREDS OF THEM! QUESTIONS THAT TOOK WEEKS TO ANSWER!

FATHER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

INCREASING MY POWER OUTPUT... SO THAT I CAN SEND SOLID OBJECTS ALONG THE BEAM!

KEL IS INTERESTED IN MY MICROSCOPE! HE ASKED IF HE COULD BUILD ONE LIKE IT AND I AGREED! I CAN SEND HIM MATERIALS BY WAY OF THE BEAM!

THE BEAM BREAKS THEM DOWN INTO ATOMS AND THEN REASSEMBLES THEM WHEN THEY REACH HIM!

AND YOU'RE USING MORE POWER THAN EVER! FATHER, STOP THIS EXPERIMENT!

DON'T BE A FOOL! DON'T YOU SEE? IF HE SUCCEEDS... HE'LL BE ABLE TO REACH EVEN SMALLER WORLDS THAN HIS OWN! THERE'S NO END TO IT!

NO, THERE WAS NO END TO IT! THE PROFESSOR WAS CERTAIN! BUT A SCIENTIST MUST HAVE PROOF... SO THE DYNAMOS HUMMED...

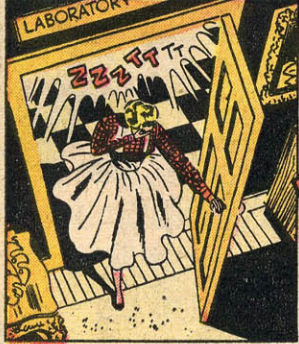
THAT'S THE LAST PART HE'S PUTTING IN PLACE!

HE'S FINISHED! IN A MOMENT, HE'LL ACTIVATE HIS MICROSCOPE! BUT IT'S SO TINY, I CAN'T SEE ITS MIRROR!

FATHER, NO! NOT MORE POWER!

YES! I'VE SET MY CONTROLS SO THAT I CAN MAGNIFY THE IMAGE IN KEL'S MICROSCOPE! AND I DON'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED! GET OUT!

THE PROFESSOR WAS BEYOND PITY OR ANY OTHER HUMAN EMOTION BY THEN! ONLY ONE THOUGHT WAS IN HIS MIND...TO SEE...



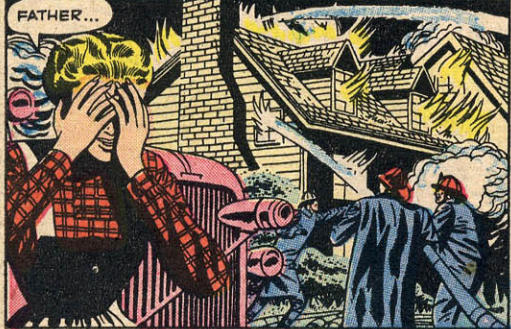
FATHER!



IT'S NO USE, I CAN'T GET THROUGH!



SOMEHOW, THE PROFESSOR'S DAUGHTER STUMBLED OUT OF THAT ROARING INFERNO!



I'M AFRAID HE'S GONE! NOTHING COULD LIVE IN THERE!



BUT THE PROFESSOR WAS **NOT** DEAD! THE PROFESSOR WAS A CLEVER MAN, YET EVEN HE COULD MAKE A MISTAKE, AND...HE **HAD!**



IT HAD NEVER OCCURRED TO THE PROFESSOR, WHEN KEL ACTIVATED HIS TINY MICROSCOPE, JUST BEFORE THE EXPLOSION, THAT KEL MIGHT HAVE BUILT **HIS** MICROSCOPE TO WORK...IN **REVERSE!**



100 AIRPLANES

\$1.25



WOW!

100 Airplanes for only \$1.25. Imagine being the owner of a whole fleet of real plastic airplanes! All kinds . . . jets, warplanes, transports! Have fun for hours with your friends and family.

**PACKED IN THIS HANGAR
TOY STORAGE BOX**



Rush Coupon →

Each set of 100 airplanes comes packed in a sturdy Hangar...After you're through playing with the airplanes, back they go into the hangar for the night.

Josely Co., Dept. AMC
1472 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

NO COD'S

Folks:

Here's my \$1.25. Rush 100 Airplanes in special hangar. If not 100% delighted my money will be refunded.

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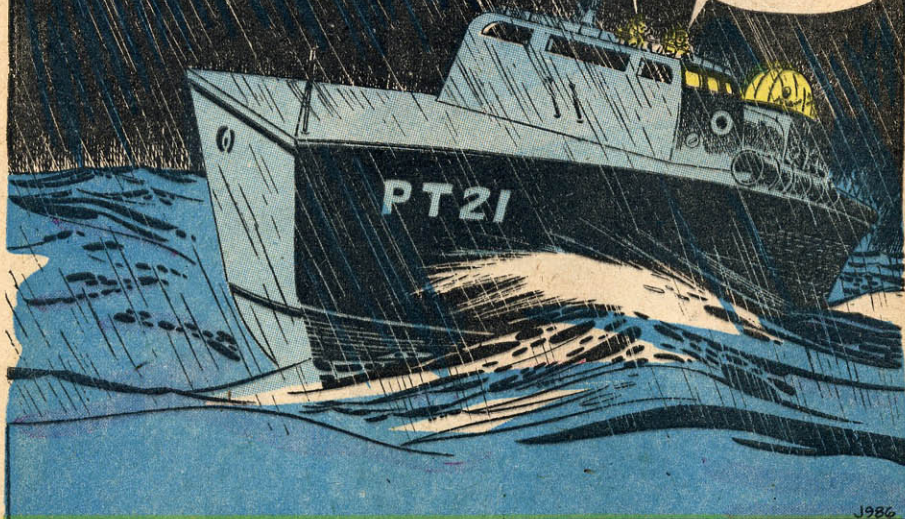
State _____

No C.O.D.'s

THE DECOY

LIEUTENANT!
I THINK I SEE
SOMETHING AHEAD...
AN ISLAND!

INSTRUMENTS, STEERING
GEAR SMASHED AND A LOAD
OF DYNAMITE ABOARD FOR THE
JOB WE COULDN'T DO, BECAUSE
THE TYPHOON HIT US! WITH NO
CONTROL OVER THE BOAT AND
THE DYNAMITE, IF THE SEA
SMASHES US AGAINST THE
ISLAND'S ROCKS...



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IT HAPPENED DURING WORLD WAR II, IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC! A PT. BOAT ON A MISSION! A SUDDEN TYPHOON AND STORM...AND THEN AN ISLAND AHEAD! THOSE WERE THE BASIC INGREDIENTS THAT FASHIONED A STORY OF THE WAR THAT YOU'VE NEVER HEARD...BECAUSE IT HAS NEVER BEFORE BEEN PRINTED! IT WAS TOO UNBELIEVABLE, TOO ASTOUNDING TO EVER BE PUT INTO THE RECORDS!

IT IS AN ISLAND...
AND WE'RE BEING
PULLED TOWARD
IT!

THERE MUST BE SOME KIND
OF UNDERTOW OR CROSS
CURRENT FLOWING TOWARD
THE ISLAND!



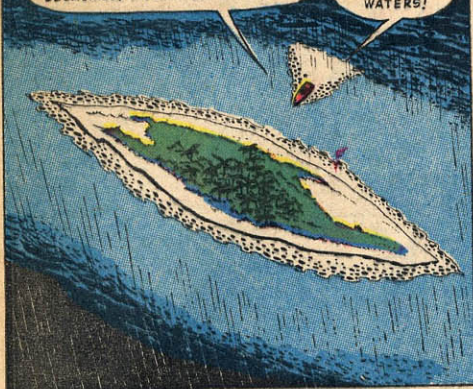
THE CREW
OF THE
PT. BOAT
ARE
ORDINARY
MEN,
EXCEPT
FOR ONE
MAN...
JIM CASTLE!
HE'S A
CYNIC,
A DOUBTER,
AN
INDIVIDUALIST...
BECAUSE OF
THESE TRAITS
HE HAS
NEVER BEEN
COMPLETELY
LIKED
BY THE
OTHERS...

RELAX, LIEUTENANT! THERE'S NOTHING
WE CAN DO! OUR FATES ARE IN THE
HANDS OF THE SEA GODS!



WHAT HAPPENED? ONE MINUTE WE'RE IN A RAGING STORM AND THE NEXT WE'RE BECALMED! I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT!

MUST BE A TRICK OF THESE TROPICAL WATERS!



GENTLY, THE BATTERED BOAT SLID ONTO THE WHITE SANDS OF THE ISLAND...

LOOK AT THIS PLACE... FEEL THE WARM BREEZE... THE ODOR OF FLOWERS!

IT'S ALMOST TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE! LIEUTENANT, DO YOU SUPPOSE YOU COULD FIND THE ISLAND ON YOUR CHARTS?



A GOOD IDEA, CASTLE! THEN WE'LL KNOW JUST WHERE WE ARE... THIS ISLAND MIGHT EVEN BE IN ENEMY HANDS AND... HMMM, THAT'S STRANGE! I DON'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO FIND THIS ISLAND CHARTED!

THE WARM BREEZE PLAYED OVER THEM... NIGHT BIRDS SANG... A WONDERFUL LETHARGY TOOK HOLD OF THEM... THEY RELAXED ON THE WARM SANDS...

WHO CARES IF IT'S CHARTED OR NOT! BOY, THIS IS WONDERFUL!

MAYBE A LITTLE TOO WONDERFUL! THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PLACE... A FEELING I HAVE...

DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF EVERYTHING? YOU MAKE ME TIRED! JUST BE GLAD EVERYTHING TURNED OUT THIS WAY!

THE STORM SURROUNDS THE ISLAND, YET THE ISLAND ISN'T TOUCHED! IT'S STRANGE!



THEY SLEPT, DEEP SWEET-DREAMED SLEEP! IN THE MORNING, THEY AWOKE TO THE SOUND OF SINGING BIRDS!

WE'LL SEARCH THE ISLAND AND SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND! WE NEED WATER AND FOOD!

WISH I HAD A GLASS OF ORANGE JUICE!

WE SHOULD WORK ON THE BOAT AND GET OUT OF HERE!



LOOK, AN ORANGE TREE! I COULD SWEAR IT WASN'T THERE LAST NIGHT!

AND I JUST WISHED WELL, HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?



THEY EXPLORED THE ISLAND...IT WAS LIKE A FAIRYLAND,
OFFERING ALL THAT IS GOOD...



THIS WATER IS MORE LIKE WINE THAN WATER! NEVER TASTED ANYTHING LIKE IT...AND COLD!

LOOK, LIEUTENANT, YOU WISHED YOU HAD BACON AND EGGS! THERE ARE HERDS OF WILD PIGS, GROVES FILLED WITH FOWL AND THEIR NESTS! THERE ARE SHEEP AND GOATS!



ALL KINDS OF EDIBLE ROOTS AND VEGETABLES AND FRUITS THAT ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD!

IT'S GETTING HOT! I WISH IT WOULD RAIN! HEY, THE WORDS WEREN'T EVEN OUT OF MY MOUTH, AND LOOK... RAINING, A GENTLE RAIN!

DAY FOLLOWED DAY, LIKE A WONDERFUL DREAM...THE MEN WERE ENTRANCED AND LULLED, NO LONGER THINKING OF LEAVING THE ISLAND...ALL BUT CASTLE!



THERE, THAT'S AS MUCH PATCHING AS I CAN DO! AT LEAST IT'S SEAWORTHY! NOW I'VE GOT TO GET THE REST OF THEM OFF!

EACH DAY THE ISLAND GROWS A LITTLE! NO, IT'S NOT MARKED ON MAPS BECAUSE IT'S NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE! IF THE MEN WOULD ONLY LISTEN TO ME! THEY WON'T BELIEVE THAT A TREE ALMOST CRUSHED ME, AND A SNAKE ALMOST KILLED ME! TO THEM THE ISLAND GRANTS THEIR EVERY WISH!



SUDDENLY, HE FELT IT, THE INSIDIOUS SOPORIFIC TENDRILS OF AN ALIEN MIND REACHING INTO HIS BRAIN...



IT'S AT ME AGAIN...TRYING TO HYPNOTIZE, TO TAKE POSSESSION OF MY MIND! THIS IS WHAT IT'S DONE TO THE OTHERS! I WON'T LET IT GET ME... I'LL FIGHT IT!

PRESENTLY HE STOOD, COVERED WITH PERSPIRATION! HE HAD FOUGHT THE TENTACLES AWAY!



THERE'S NO DOUBT IN MY MIND ANY MORE! THIS ISLAND IS LIKE A LIVING THING, AN ENTITY THAT HAS TRAPPED US TO KEEP US HERE, OFFERING EVERYTHING WE WISH FOR!



AND IT'S GROWING...A THING THAT CAME FROM THE SEA DEPTHS, ABLE TO CONTROL MEN'S MINDS, GRANTING THEIR EVERY WISH! IT WILL GROW AND GROW, ENSLAVING ALL MEN WHO COME NEAR IT!

CONTINUED AFTER NEXT PAGE...

**JUNIOR SPACE PILOTS
ON THE BEAM!**

GIVEN!

BOYS! GIRLS!
LADIES!
MEN!

WE GIVE YOU CASH OR PREMIUMS!

MAIL COUPON

I'M IN A HURRY TO GET BACK TO OUR EARTH BASE PENNY, THE MAIL MAN'S BRINGING MY NEW CAMERA!

JUMPIN' JUPITER! YOU'RE SURE SIZZLING TH' OL' ROCKET TODAY, TED!

Footballs, Pocket Watches, etc.

SAY! THAT CAMERA DIDN'T COST ME A DIME- YOU MUST HAVE STRUCK A URANIUM LODE!

JUST GOT IT FOR SELLING WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE!

HURRY AN' GET DE-PRES-SURIZED!

I'VE EARNED A SWELL RADIO AND A TELESCOPE TOO! IT'S EASY SELLING TO YOUR FRIENDS - AND YOU GIVE 'EM THESE SWELL ART PICTURES -

THAT'S FOR ME!

ACT NOW!

HURRY

Fishing Outfits
Flashlights
1000 Shot Daisy Air Rifles

OUTTA MY JET TRAIL, MATES - I'M MAILING THE COUPON FOR THAT BIG NEW PREMIUM CATALOG NOW!

TRAINING BASE

U.S. MAIL

WE ARE RELIABLE!

Cameras, Corn Poppers, Speedball Cartoon Sets, Aluminum Ware, Blankets (sent postage paid). Mail coupon for SALVE and pictures to start.

ACT NOW

Ukeleles, Watches, Lovable Dolls.

OUR 62nd YEAR

Alarm Clocks, Pen & Pencil Sets, etc. Mail coupon.

ACT NOW

BE FIRST

LOOK!

Radios, Candid Cameras with carrying cases, Telescopes, Roller Skates (sent postage paid) . . . Mail coupon to start.

LET'S GO!

Mail coupon for SALVE and pictures to start!

MAIL COUPON! GET BIG CATALOG!

Candid Cameras with carrying case, Telescopes, Watches (sent postage paid). SIMPLY GIVE pictures with White CLOVERINE Brand SALVE easily sold to friends, neighbors, relatives at 35c a box (with picture). Alarm Clocks, Pen & Pencil Sets, Bibles, Billfolds, Telescopes, Roller Skates, Blankets, Aluminum Ware Record Players, Movie Machines (postage pd.). Push coupon to start!

Guaranteed by Good Housekeeping

LET'S GO!

LET'S GO!

Footballs, Telescopes (sent postage paid), Boys', Girls' Bicycles (express chgs. collect).

WE TRUST YOU!

.22 Cal. Rifles, Archery Sets, School Boxes, Wallets.

Mail coupon for SALVE and pictures to start!

ACT NOW!

Boys', Girls' Wrist Watches, Baking Sets, Typewriters, etc.

Lucite Dresser Sets, Cook Books, etc.

OUR 62nd YEAR - WE ARE RELIABLE! MAIL

Wilson Chemical Co., Dept MM-148 Tyrone, Pa.

WE TRUST YOU!

MAIL NOW!

Wilson Chemical Co., Dept. MM-148 Tyrone, Pa. Date.....

Gentlemen: Please send me on trial 14 colorful art pictures with 14 boxes of White CLOVERINE Brand SALVE to sell at 35c a box (with picture). I will remit amount asked within 30 days, select a Premium or keep Cash Catalog sent as explained under Premium wanted in Catalog sent with order, postage paid to start.

NAME _____ AGE _____

ST. _____ R. D. _____ BOX _____

TOWN _____ ZONE NO. _____ STATE _____

PRINT LAST NAME HERE

Poste coupon on postal card or mail in envelope today

HE PLEADED WITH THE MEN... THEY LAUGHED AT HIM... THEN SUDDENLY, THEY BECAME ANGRY!

PLEASE LISTEN TO ME... WE'VE GOT TO LEAVE!

WE'RE NEVER GOING TO LEAVE! AND WE'RE TIRED OF LISTENING TO YOU!



THEY TIED HIM AND PUT HIM IN THE BOAT!

I'VE GOT TO GET TO THAT KNIFE AND CUT THESE BONDS! I'M THE ENEMY OF THIS ISLAND AND IT KNOWS IT! NOW HELPLESS LIKE THIS, IT WILL TRY TO DESTROY ME!



HE ROLLED ACROSS THE DECK, GOT THE KNIFE AND CUT HIS BONDS!

THERE'S CHLOROFORM IN THE FIRST AID KIT... I MUST TAKE IT WITH ME WHEN I GO ASHORE... THAT AND THE DYNAMITE!



THE MEN WERE ASLEEP WHEN HE REACHED THE CAMP... HE CREEPT TO THEM, ONE BY ONE, AND NUMBERED THEM! UNDER HIM, THE SURFACE OF THE ISLAND QUIVERED IN RAGE!

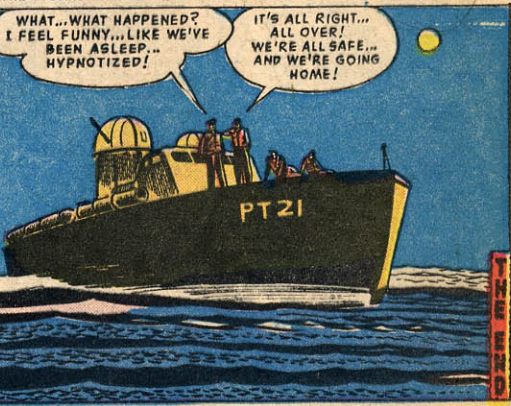
THE ISLAND TRIED TO STOP HIM! HE FOUGHT THROUGH A MAELSTROM OF RAGING STORM, FIRE, FLOOD AND BEASTS! BUT HE GOT THE MEN ABOARD AND CAST OFF!



THAT'S THE LAST! NOW TO SET THE DYNAMITE AND CARRY THE MEN BACK TO THE BOAT!



SUDDEN CALM CAME... THE MOON SHOWN DOWN ON BENIGN WATERS, THE ISLAND WAS GONE... SUNKEN TO THE DEPTHS ONCE MORE!



WHAT... WHAT HAPPENED? I FEEL FUNNY... LIKE WE'VE BEEN ASLEEP... HYPNOTIZED!

IT'S ALL RIGHT... ALL OVER! WE'RE ALL SAFE... AND WE'RE GOING HOME!

THE SPACE BARRIER HAS BEEN BROKEN! THE STARS LIE WITHIN GRASP! EVEN NOW, RIVAL SPACESHIPS TRAIL VAPOR CLOUDS TOWARD MARS, THE FIRST STEPPING STONE TO THE FAR-FLUNG GALAXY! WHAT WILL THEY FIND? WHAT GREAT SECRETS WILL THEY UNLOCK...

THEY LAND ONLY HOURS APART, WITHIN A TEN MILE RADIUS OF EACH OTHER...

WHEN THE VAULT OPENS



CAPT. HASSID

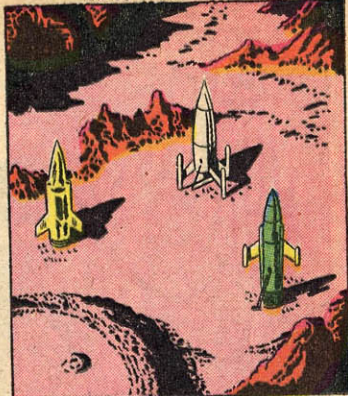
CAPT. MIDLAND

CAPT. CHANG



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PETE MORISI



ACTIVITY IS FEVERISH IN EACH RIVAL CAMP AS THEY PREPARE TO EXPLORE...

OUR SCOUT REPORTS THAT THE RUINS OF THE CAPITAL CITY LIE THREE MILES SOUTH, CAPT. MIDLAND!

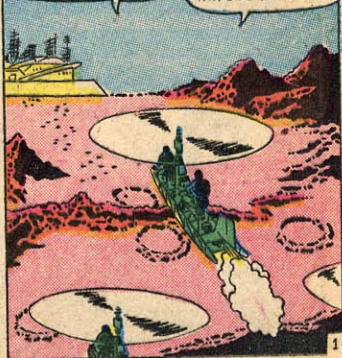
GOOD! LET'S HURRY! WE MUST BE THE FIRST ONES TO ENTER AND CLAIM ITS TREASURES!



THE SECOND GROUP BREAKS OUT AIR SLEDS TO HASTEN THEIR TRIP...

WE'RE MAKING ALL POSSIBLE SPEED, CAPTAIN HASSID! LOOK, THE CITY IS DIRECTLY AHEAD!

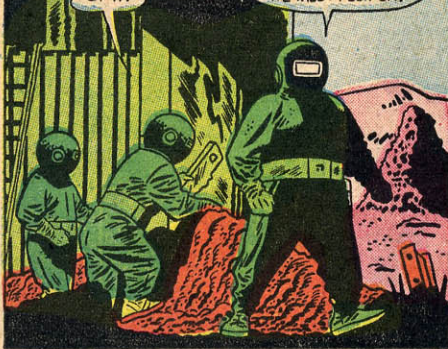
MAGNIFICENT! BUT WHAT A CATASTROPHE THEM! MUST HAVE STRUCK THEM! WE'LL FIND OUT WHY SOON! FASTER!



WHILE THE THIRD, WHICH HAS LANDED CLOSEST TO THE RUINS, PREPARES TO ENTER...

CAPTAIN CHANG, THIS METAL IS AS LIGHT AS BALSA WOOD! THEIR CITY MUST HAVE BEEN BUILT OF IT!

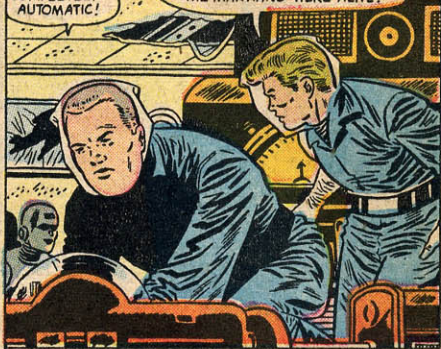
IT IS ONLY ONE OF THE MANY MIRACLES WE WILL DISCOVER HERE! COME, WE MUST PUSH ON!



SLOWLY, EACH GROUP WORKS TOWARD THE CENTER OF THE CITY!

NO WIRES, NO TUBES...THEIR COMMUNICATIONS MUST HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY AUTOMATIC!

THEY USED SOLAR HEAT, NO CUMBERSOME MOTORS OR EVEN ELECTRICITY! ROBOTS DID THEIR HEAVY WORK! I WISH I COULD HAVE SEEN ALL THIS WHEN THE MARTIANS WERE ALIVE!



AS IF BY UNIFIED COMMAND, EACH GROUP ENTERS SIMULTANEOUSLY...

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING THAT COULD HAVE LEVELLED A CITY LIKE THIS...A NUCLEAR WAR HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO! THERE'S NO TRACE OF RADIATION AROUND!

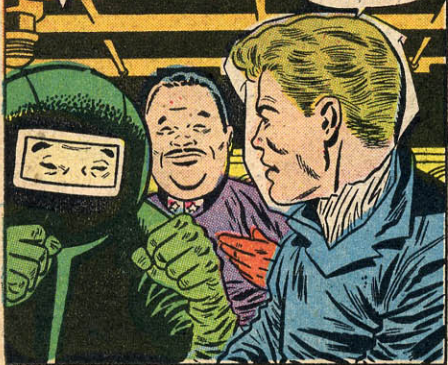
LOOK, CAPTAIN! THAT BUILDING AHEAD! FROM THOSE SYMBOLS ON THE WALLS, I JUDGE IT MUST HAVE BEEN THEIR SCIENCE CENTER!



I CLAIM THIS CENTER IN THE NAME OF THE UNITED ASIA!

I HAVE A PRIOR CLAIM! I ENTERED THE CITY FIRST!

BOTH OF YOU WILL HAVE TO PROVE THAT TO THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL!



KEEP YOUR MEN OUT OF MY WAY, OR THERE WILL BE TROUBLE!

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A FIGHT, YOU'LL GET IT! I REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE EITHER OF YOUR CLAIMS! I INTEND TO EXPLORE EVERY FOOT OF THIS SCIENCE CENTER!



EACH GROUP CIRCLES THE HALL WARILY, KEEPING A SHARP LOOK-OUT AS THEY EXPLORE...



WHAT A FIND! A REAL WORKING MODEL OF THEIR SOLAR ENGINES, A THOUSAND YEARS AHEAD OF US!

JUST PICK UP ANYTHING OF ANY VALUE AND MARK IT WITH OUR EMBLEM! AND KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR ANY FAST ONES FROM OUR RIVALS OVER THERE!

THE RIVAL GROUPS WORK CLOSE TO EACH OTHER TOWARD THE CENTER OF THE SCIENCE CENTER! SUDDENLY...



IT'S MINE! I SAW IT FIRST!

GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME, YOU CROOK!

I FOUND IT FIRST!



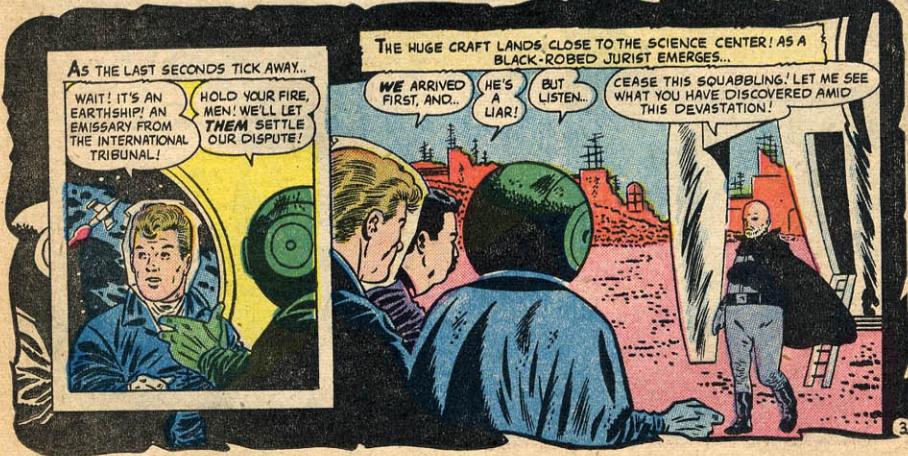
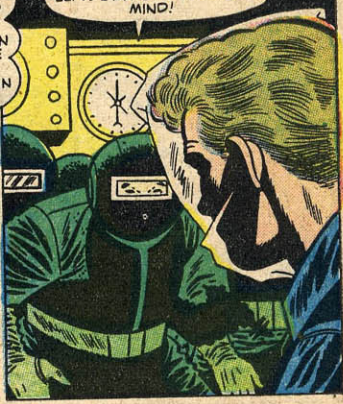
IT'S OBVIOUSLY A TIME CAPSULE! I CAN'T READ WHAT IT SAYS, BUT IT'S PROBABLY THE MOST VALUABLE THING IN HERE!

THAT FOOL IS ITCHING FOR A FIGHT! I HAD MY HANDS ON IT! IT BELONGS TO THE UNITED ASIA!

I'LL GIVE YOU EXACTLY TWO MINUTES TO CLEAR OUT OF HERE, BEFORE MY MEN START BLASTING!

I WARN YOU, WE'LL BLAST RIGHT BACK! HOW MANY OF YOUR MEN WOULD LIKE TO DIE ON MARS, CAPTAIN CHANG?

YOU HAVE THIRTY SECONDS LEFT! I'M NOT CHANGING MY MIND!



AS THE LAST SECONDS TICK AWAY...

WAIT! IT'S AN EARTHSHIP! AN EMISSARY FROM THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL!

HOLD YOUR FIRE, MEN! WE'LL LET THEM SETTLE OUR DISPUTE!

THE HUGE CRAFT LANDS CLOSE TO THE SCIENCE CENTER! AS A BLACK-ROBED JURIST EMERGES...

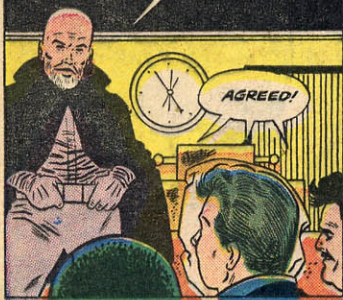
WE ARRIVED FIRST, AND...

HE'S A LIAR!

BUT LISTEN...

CEASE THIS SQUABBLING! LET ME SEE WHAT YOU HAVE DISCOVERED AMID THIS DEVASTATION!

IT READS: "THIS TIME VAULT WAS SEALED IN OUR DYING HOUR! WE LEARNED THE SECRETS OF A GREAT CIVILIZATION TOO LATE! WITHIN ARE THE THREE SECRET INGREDIENTS OF GREATNESS, HEED THEM WELL AND YOU WHO COME AFTER US SHALL ENDURE FOREVER!" I SHALL OPEN THE VAULT ONLY ON CONDITION THAT EACH OF YOU ACCEPTS ONE OF THE SECRETS! IS IT AGREED?

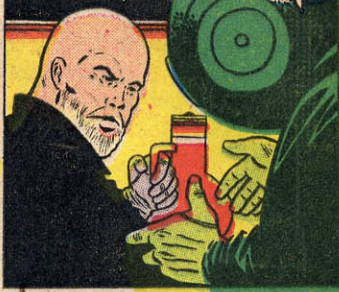


THE VAULT IS OPEN! EACH OF YOU WILL STEP FORWARD IN ORDER TO ACCEPT WHAT I OFFER!



CAPTAIN CHANG STEPS FORWARD TO ACCEPT A CURIOUSLY SHAPED FLASK! THE FLASK HAS A PRINTED MESSAGE ON IT...

"THIS IS THE FIRST SECRET OF A GREAT CIVILIZATION...THE FLASK CONTAINS THE SWEAT OF A MAN'S BROW IN A LIFETIME OF HONEST WORK!"

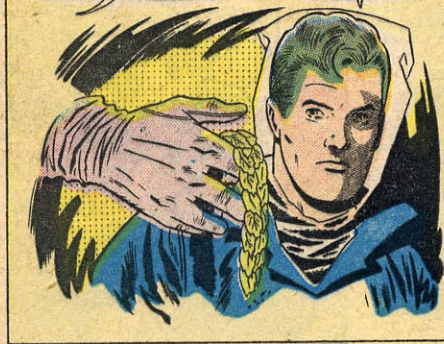


I DIDN'T HAVE TO COME TO MARS TO LEARN THIS!

CAPTAIN MIDLAND RECEIVES THE SECOND GIFT...

THIS UNIVERSAL SYMBOL URGES THAT YOU LIVE IN ETERNAL PEACE WITH YOURSELF AND YOUR FELLOW MEN, CAPTAIN!

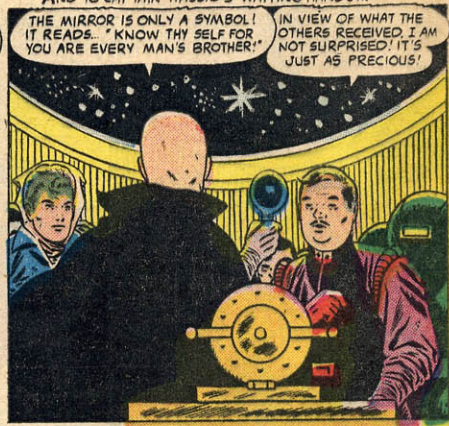
IT'S HARDLY WHAT I EXPECTED, BUT I CAN THINK OF NO WORTHIER OBJECT!



AND TO CAPTAIN HASSID'S WAITING HANDS...

THE MIRROR IS ONLY A SYMBOL! IT READS: "KNOW THY SELF FOR YOU ARE EVERY MAN'S BROTHER!"

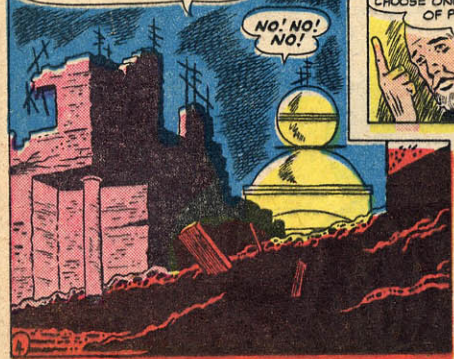
IN VIEW OF WHAT THE OTHERS RECEIVED, I AM NOT SURPRISED! IT'S JUST AS PRECIOUS!



WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? SECRETS OF DEVASTATION? MIGHTIER WEAPONS? LOOK ABOUT YOU! THE MARTIANS LEARNED TOO LATE! SHALL THIS OCCUR ON OUR PLANET, TOO?

NO! NO! NO!

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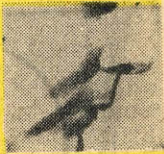
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HE CAN'T STOP LOOKING



WHAT WAS THE DREAM THAT STAMPED HENRY TAYLOR AS ONE APART? THAT SENT HIM GROPING ALONG DARK ALLEYS... RUMMAGING DOWN BY THE RIVER BANK?



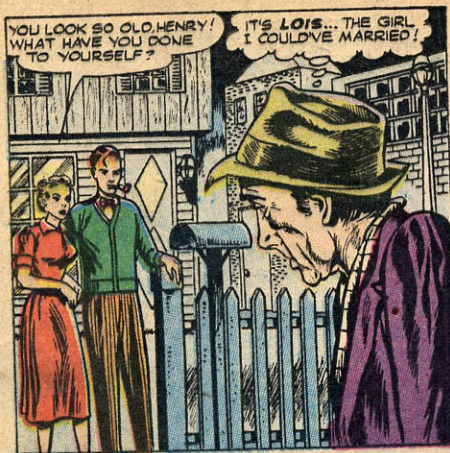
ANYBODY EVER FIND OUT WHAT HE'S LOOKING FOR IN ALL THOSE BOTTLES?

HMPF... BET HE DOESN'T KNOW HIMSELF! A MAN HAS TO BE CRAZY TO DO WHAT HE DID... QUIT A GOOD TEACHING JOB AND PASS UP A CHANCE TO MARRY THE PRETTIEST GIRL IN TOWN!





BUT THE YEARS KEPT DRAGGING BY AND DISAPPOINTMENT PRESSED HEAVILY ON HENRY TAYLOR... AND AT LAST...



YOU LOOK SO OLD, HENRY!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE
TO YOURSELF?

IT'S LOIS... THE GIRL
I COULD'VE MARRIED!



WHO WAS
THAT?

I WAS SURE HE WAS SOMEONE I
ONCE KNEW, BUT HE'S WALKING
AWAY WITHOUT ANSWERING!



OH-H-H... WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN!
ONLY A CRAZY MAN WOULD
PASS UP **REAL HAPPINESS**
FOR A LIFE OF GRUBBING
AMONG EMPTY BOTTLES!

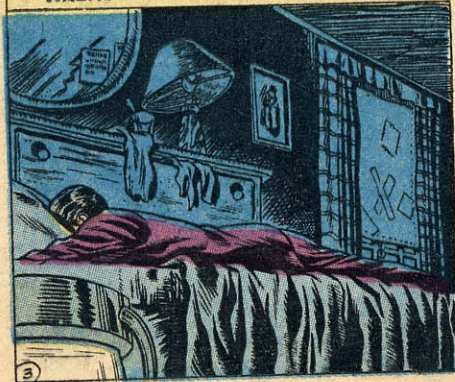


BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO
START LIVING NORMALLY!
**IT'S NOT (SOB!) TOO
LATE!**

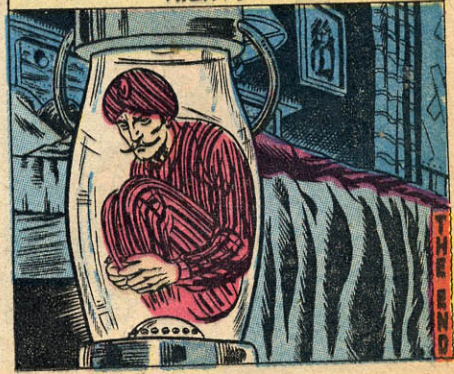


AFTER THAT LAST FRENZIED
OUTBURST, HENRY TAYLOR SLEPT
SOULIDLY! HE WAS A WHOLE MAN
AGAIN... HE WOULD NEVER PICK
UP ANOTHER EMPTY BOTTLE!

AND THAT WAS ALL TO THE GOOD! YOU SEE... HE
NEVER WOULD HAVE FOUND THE GENIE... NOT
IN A BOTTLE... FOR THE MANUSCRIPT HAD BEEN
WRONG! THE GENIE WAS STILL IN A LAMP!



IN FACT, THE GENIE WAS IN THE **VERY LAMP**
THAT HENRY TAYLOR HAD CARRIED WITH HIM, WHEN
HIS DREAM OF POWER HAD COMPELLED HIM TO
LOOK FOR BOTTLES EVEN IN THE **DARK OF
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THE TREE

LIVING far out in the country was going to be a lot of fun, young Wally decided. And what made it best of all was the comfortable, roomy house his folks had picked out. It wasn't fancy or new. But it looked like a friendly place. And there was lots of yard and old trees that went with it. In the Springtime it would be particularly lovely to be living there.

There was one tree far behind the new house that particularly intrigued Wally. It wasn't too tall, and the trunk wasn't too broad. The top branches were sturdy. Wally sized up the possibilities with that tree very quickly. He could just see himself shinning up the trunk of it. The size looked just right for him to manage. And the strong, thick branches at the top would be an ideal place to perch on. Wally could just imagine the fun he would have with that tree. All of the others were too big for him to manage, and he knew that his mother would object to his attempting to climb them. But she wouldn't feel that way about *his* tree.

That winter when the weather was nice, Wally would take his playthings and games out to the yard and camp out under this favorite tree. He would lean back against the trunk of it and imagine all sorts of wonderful things. Whatever he pretended seemed so real and exciting when he was near his tree.

When the time came for

Spring gardening to get under way, Wally was given an important role to play. His parents asked him to help put in some new bushes, and Wally helped out willingly. He enjoyed the anticipation, too, of waiting for everything to burst into bloom. And of course what he looked forward to most was the day when *his* tree would begin to bud.

"What kind of leaves will it have, Dad?" he asked his father anxiously. "Will it have flowers? What kind of tree is it?"

"Goodness, Wally," his father said with a smile, "I don't know what kind of a tree it is. I've picked up quite a bit of information about gardening since we moved out here, but that tree has me stumped. I don't think I particularly care, either, about the way it's placed in the back yard. It sort of spoils the looks of things the way it just stands out there."

At that moment, Mrs. Hadley came along and heard their conversation.

"Isn't it funny you should be talking about that tree," she said. "Its trunk is rather funny looking, don't you think? And it's so much smaller than the rest of the trees on the property. I wonder if we ought to replace it."

Wally's face fell.

"Well, the least you can do is wait to see what it looks like when it blooms," he pouted. "Besides, that's the one tree I

was counting on to play in. It's just the right size for me."

Wally's mother smiled sympathetically.

"Now, don't look so disappointed, Wally," she cautioned. "Your father and I haven't decided to pull up the tree yet. And if we do, we can always put a small tree on the side of the property. The new tree will be for you then, Wally. And at least it won't have that funny, twisted-looking trunk the old one has."

"Let's not get so extravagant about buying new trees," Mr. Hadley laughed. "You know I'm not due another raise until next year. If I got one now it would be a miracle. Then I'd be tempted to say Wally can keep his old tree and you can have your new one."

"Don't be silly," his wife said. "You know that getting a raise now is impossible."

Later that afternoon, Wally sat by his favorite tree. He looked carefully at its twisted trunk, and he had to admit that it was funny looking. Maybe that was why he liked it so well. He leaned back against it.

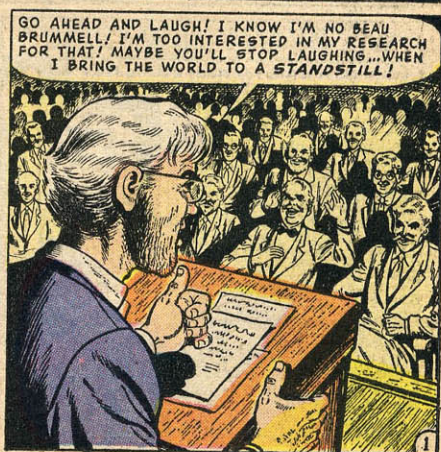
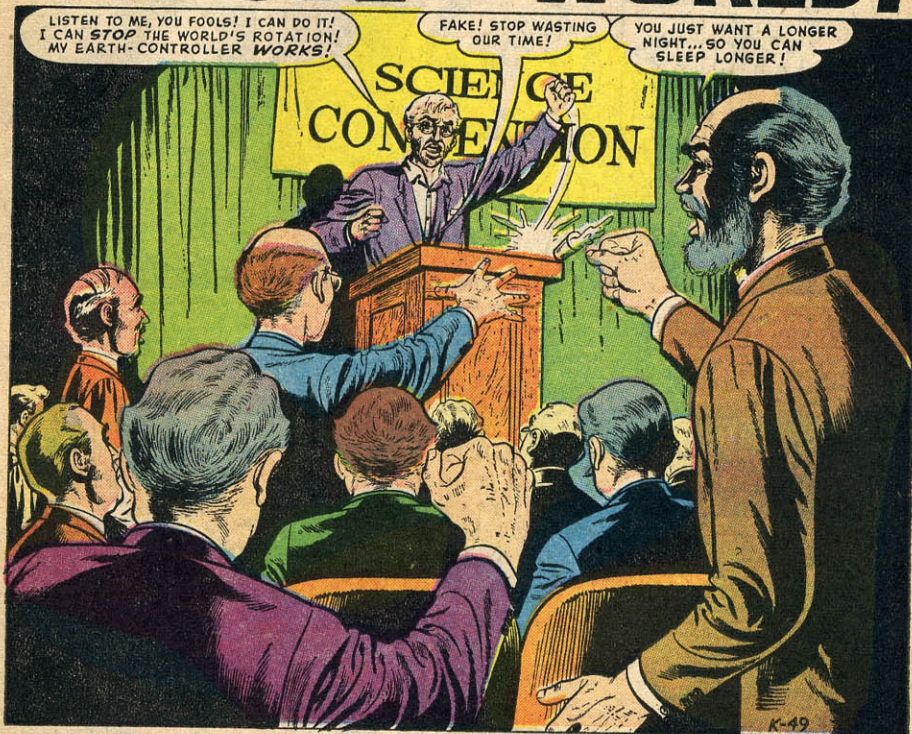
"Pop says Mom can have her new tree, and I can keep this, if he gets another raise. Golly, I wish he got a raise. I wish he got it this afternoon!"

Suddenly Wally felt three thumps against his back. He looked around quickly, but there was just a gnarled part of the tree trunk digging into

CONTINUED AFTER NEXT STORY

WHEN THEY LAUGHED AT THE BRILLIANT DR. CLYDE MORLEY, THE ASSEMBLY OF SCIENTISTS DIDN'T REALIZE THAT SOON THEIR VERY LIVES WOULD DEPEND UPON...

The *that saved the* MOUSE WORLD!



A PITY! HE HAS THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC MIND IN THE WORLD!

YOU MEAN HE HAD! I'M AFRAID HE'S LOST HIS SANITY! EARTH-CONTROLLER INDEED!



HOW CAN A MAN LIKE MORLEY BE SO UNTIDY?

I WORKED WITH HIM! HE NEVER PICKED UP ANYTHING! HIS LABORATORY LOOKS LIKE A JUNK SHOP! NOBODY WANTS TO WORK WITH HIM!



ALL MORLEY REALLY WANTS TO DO IS SLEEP... WHY, HE CAN SLEEP FOR DAYS! YOU SHOULD SEE THE PLACE WHERE HE LIVES! LOOKS LIKE A BOMB HIT IT!

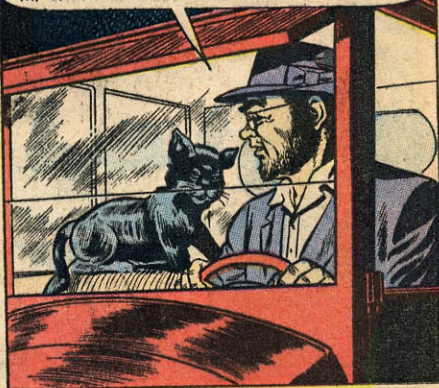


OUTSIDE OF THE CONVENTION, DR. CLYDE MORLEY SEETHED WITH RAGE AS HE HURRIED TOWARD HIS CAR...

LET THEM LAUGH! I'LL SHOW THEM! I'M THROUGH TAKING THEIR INSULTS! CALL ME LAZY, EH? THE FOOLS! I GET MY GREATEST IDEAS WHILE I'M SLEEPING!

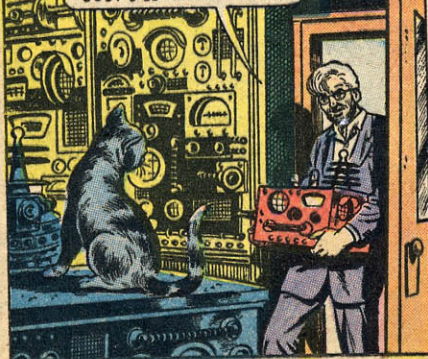


YOU SHOULD BE HOME, TACITUS, MY PET! YOU KNOW THE RODENT PROBLEM WE HAVE! AH, YES, I'LL GET MY EARTH-CONTROLLER AND SHOW THEM ALL!



MORLEY ENTERED HIS LABORATORY, PICKED UP A SMALL MACHINE AND TURNED TO LEAVE...

YOU MUST STAY, TACITUS! KEEP ON THE JOB! I'LL RETURN SOON!



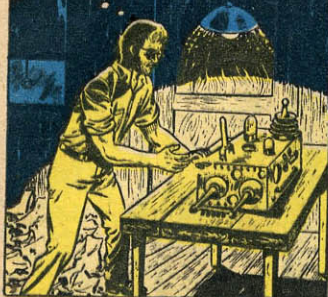
ALL NIGHT, THE SCIENTIST DROVE AWAY FROM THE CITY, UNTIL HE FOUND THE SPOT HE WAS LOOKING FOR...

THEY'LL NEVER LOOK FOR ME IN THIS EMPTY HOUSE! I'LL GET RIGHT TO WORK! I'LL SOON HAVE THEM AT MY FEET... PLEADING...



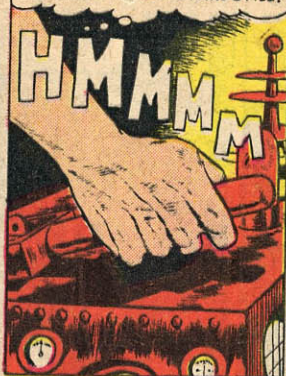
MORLEY SPENT THE NEXT FEW DAYS PREPARING HIS EARTH-CONTROLLER FOR THE GREAT MOMENT... AND THEN, WHEN ALL WAS READY...

NOW! LET THEM CALL ME LAZY AND UNTIDY! THEY'LL SING A DIFFERENT TUNE IN A FEW MINUTES!



THERE! I'VE DONE IT! THIS LITTLE INSTRUMENT WILL CONTROL THE EARTH'S MAGNETIC FORCES AND BRING IT TO A STANDSTILL!

HMMMM



THE EARTH SLOWED AS IF IN THE GRIP OF A GIANT... AND THEN IT SLOWLY DECELERATED... AND STOPPED!



A PENNSYLVANIA FARMER NOTICED IT FIRST...

SARA! SOMETHING'S FUNNY HERE... IT SHOULD BE DAWN! LOOK WHAT TIME IT IS! WHERE'S THE SUN?

THAT CLOCK'S NEVER BEEN WRONG! I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND IT!



THEN THE PEOPLE IN THE CITIES BECAME ALARMED! ALL OVER THE WORLD, PEOPLE GREW TENSE...

WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE SUN IS!

PLEASE STAY CALM!



WE ARE DOING ALL WE CAN TO FIND THE TROUBLE!

AND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD THAT FACED THE SUN, THE NIGHT NEVER CAME AND THE WEARY WORKERS WERE FILLED WITH DESPAIR...

IT'S MIDNIGHT! I CAN'T SLEEP WITH THE SUN STILL SHINING!

WHO IS TO BLAME? WHERE IS THE NIGHT?

STEADY! WE'LL KNOW IN DUE TIME! EASY DOES IT!



WITHIN A WEEK, THE EARTH WAS IN A TURMOIL... THE SUN HUNG UP IN THE SKY LIKE A BLAZING RED BALL... AND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF EARTH, THE COLD HELD EVERYTHING IN ITS GRIP... AND THE SCIENTISTS WERE HELPLESS...

IT'S INCREDIBLE!

NEVERTHELESS, MORLEY HAS DONE IT! WE'VE GOT TO SMASH THE EARTH-CONTROLLER! BUT FIRST WE'LL HAVE TO FIND IT!



THE SEARCH FOR THE EARTH-CONTROLLER SPREAD ALL OVER THE WORLD...IT HAD TO BE FOUND!

HENRI, WE SHALL NEVER FIND IT! LOOK, THE GRASS GROWS 24 HOURS A DAY UNDER THE PERPETUAL SUNLIGHT!

WE MUST KEEP SEARCHING! THE ENTIRE WORLD DEPENDS ON IT! EVERYONE MUST LOOK!



AND THEN, ON THE TENTH DAY, DR. MORLEY WAS FOUND WANDERING AIMLESSLY THROUGH NEW YORK...

MORLEY! WE'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU!

THE EARTH-CONTROLLER! WHERE IS IT?

EH? I... I DO NOT KNOW! I FORGET!



MORLEY WAS RUSHED TO THE CAPITOL!

THINK, MORLEY! WHERE DID YOU GO? YOU'VE GOT TO START THE EARTH SPINNING AGAIN!

THE WORLD DEPENDS ON YOU, MORLEY! WHERE IS IT?

I... I CAN'T REMEMBER!



ENDLESSLY, THEY QUESTIONED DR. MORLEY, UNTIL AT LAST HE SAT MUTE AND UNCOMPREHENDING...

HE CAN'T HEAR YOU! HE'S IN DEEP SHOCK! DR. MORLEY IS GRIPPED BY DEEP REMORSE HE WANTS TO HELP... BUT HE CAN'T!

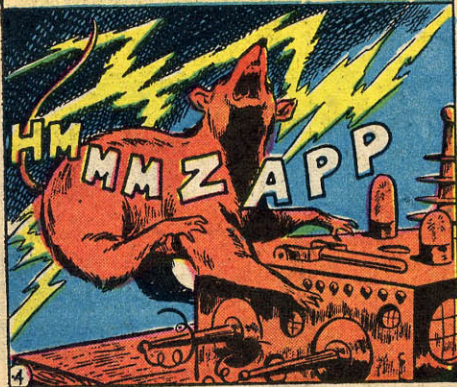
THEN THE WORLD WILL DIE!



THEN, IN THE HOUSE WHERE DR. MORLEY HAD ACTIVATED THE EARTH-CONTROLLER, A MOUSE SCURRIED FROM THE DEBRIS...

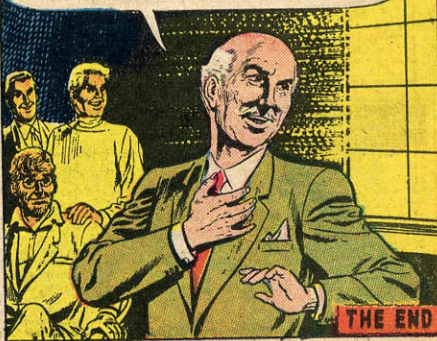


IT SCAMPERED OVER THE MACHINE, NIBBLED AT A CABLE... AND DIED AS IT SHORT-CIRCUITED AND HALTED THE EARTH-CONTROLLER!



SLOWLY, THE EARTH STARTED TO TURN... AND IN WASHINGTON, A MAN GLANCED UP AT A WINDOW...

LIGHT! THE SUN IS COMING UP! THE EARTH IS TURNING AGAIN! I DON'T KNOW HOW... BUT SOMEHOW... SOMEONE HAS SAVED US!



his back. Yet when his Dad came home that evening, there was some amazing news.

"I can't understand it," his father beamed, "but the boss was so pleased with the new account I pulled in, that he gave me a raise this afternoon!"

Wally smiled and looked thoughtful.

"What's the matter, Wally?" his mother asked.

"I was just thinking. I know what kind of tree that is."

"What kind is it?" his father asked patiently.

"A wishing tree," Wally announced.

His parents looked at Wally as if he were trying to be a comedian. They passed over his remark lightly, but later Mrs. Hadley confided to her husband, "I think it's rather sad that Wally is so anxious to save that peculiar tree. He's even making up fantastic stories just to make sure we keep it."

"I guess we should just ignore it," Mr. Hadley said thoughtfully. "I did make a wild statement about keeping the tree if I got my raise. But I think Wally will get used to the idea of being without the tree. After all, it spoils the looks of things, and it's the only tree in the back yard that doesn't show signs of budding. Why there's not a single leaf on it. Call the tree removers in the morning and see what they want for taking it away."

In his room, Wally overheard this conversation with a sinking heart. Bright and early the next morning, he ran out into the yard.

"Things are really messed up now," he told his tree. And as he looked, he thought he saw the branches of the tree droop unhappily.

But when his father came home the next night, he was glum.

"I don't think the raise is going through after all. The account backed out on me. I just can't understand it. Well, Wally, I guess you see now how how much good your wishing tree has done for us."

"You can't blame the tree," Wally insisted. "After you got your wish, the first thing you decided to do was uproot the poor thing. You should see how the branches sagged! I think the only thing for you to do is



go out there and apologize. Maybe if you say you'll keep your promise and *not* have it carted away, you'll get that account back. Then your raise will come through after all."

Mr. Hadley shook his head hopelessly.

"That's utter nonsense," he insisted. "Believe me, I didn't like going back on my word about keeping the tree, Wally. If there's anything I can do to make up to you for it . . ."

"All right!" Wally exclaimed. "There is! Go out to the tree and make the wish again. And this time promise you'll keep the tree for good."

Mrs. Hadley saw how terribly

upset Wally was.

"Really, you ought to do it just to humor him," she whispered to her husband. "If you don't he'll just go on believing in this nonsense. At least prove to him that there's nothing like a wishing tree."

Mr. Hadley sighed, and with Wally went to the back yard.

"I wish the raise comes through," he said, leaning against the tree as Wally told him to, and feeling awfully foolish. "I wish I get a call tonight about it. And . . . er . . . of course I'll do nothing about uprooting you."

When the phone rang that night, Mr. Hadley answered it. His face colored in amazement. When he finished his conversation he turned to his wife.

"The account came back after all!" he exclaimed. "The boss called me to tell me the good news. And he's already put the raise through for me!"

"I told you so," said Wally confidently. "Now do you believe me?"

Mrs. Hadley looked completely startled.

"Good heavens!" she exclaimed. "If that really is a wishing tree . . . I wonder . . ."

"Wonder what?" asked Wally.

Mrs. Hadley headed for the back yard. When she returned she pointed triumphantly toward the window. Wally and his father rushed over. The wishing tree was covered with the most beautiful green leaves!

"I don't know why anybody didn't think to wish for that!" she exclaimed. "It's the prettiest tree in the yard now!"

"Anyway it's the best for climbing," Wally added proudly.

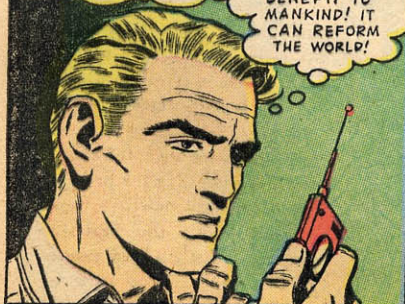
THE UNSPOKEN THOUGHTS FROM THE INNER RECESSES OF MEN'S MINDS MADE THEMSELVES KNOWN TO TED SLADE! THEN TED EXPOSED A SERIES OF PLOTS THAT SHOOK SIMMSVILLE TO ITS VERY FOUNDATIONS!

SOMEONE IS LISTENING!



TED SLADE'S FIRST IMPULSE WAS TO TELL THE WORLD ABOUT THE ASTONISHING LITTLE RADIO HE'D BUILT...JUST AS QUICKLY, HOWEVER, HE CHANGED HIS MIND...

IF PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT IT, THEY'LL **GUARD** THEIR THOUGHTS! THIS SET CAN BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO MANKIND! IT CAN REFORM THE WORLD!

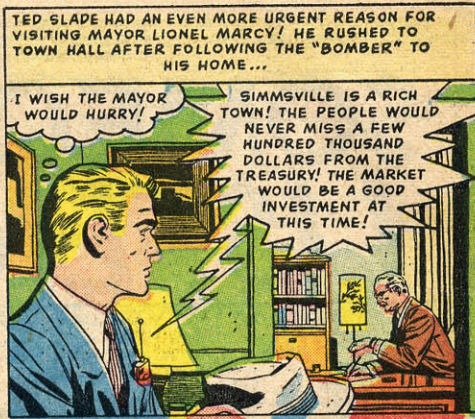


LATER, TED BOARDED A BUS AND HEADED FOR TOWN HALL! HIS RADIO, WHICH HE NOW CALLED "THOUGHTCASTER", HE CARRIED IN HIS BREAST POCKET...

I'LL PUT IT AT THE DISPOSAL OF MAYOR MARCY! HE'LL USE IT TO MAKE SIMMSVILLE A PERFECT PLACE TO LIVE IN!

I'LL SET OFF THE BLAST FOR MIDNIGHT, WHILE THE TOWN IS ASLEEP! I'LL TEACH SIMMSVILLE A LESSON IT'LL NEVER FORGET!





TED SLADE DID KNOW A HALF-DOZEN MEN WHOSE CHARACTERS WERE BEYOND REPROACH! THAT EVENING, HE ADDRESSED THEM AT A MEETING...

SEE HERE, SLADE... WHAT PROOF HAVE YOU OF THESE TERRIBLE THINGS YOU'VE BEEN TELLING US ABOUT?

THIS LITTLE RADIO, GENTLEMEN! MY OWN INVENTION... I CALL IT A THOUGHTCASTER! AND IT DOES JUST THAT... PICKS UP THOUGHTS RIGHT OUT OF MEN'S MINDS AND BROADCASTS THEM!



TED TURNED ON HIS THOUGHTCASTER, AS HIS LISTENERS REGARDED HIM SKEPTICALLY...

THAT'S FANTASTIC, SLADE!

SLADE IS MAD IF HE THINKS WE'RE GOING TO TAKE HIS WORD FOR IT ABOUT THAT SILLY GADGET! THIS IS ALL SOME SORT OF PUBLICITY STUNT!



WHY, THOSE WERE THE EXACT WORDS I WAS THINKING!! THAT THOUGHTCASTER REALLY WORKS! WHAT SLADE HAS BEEN TELLING US ABOUT THE MAYOR AND OTHERS MUST BE TRUE!

IT IS TRUE! WELL, GENTLEMEN, ARE WE GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THEM?



THE SELF-APPOINTED VIGILANTES ANSWERED TED SLADE WITH ACTION! TED LED THEM TO THE HOME OF RICHARD HOLMES, WHOM HE HAD FOLLOWED EARLIER...

THIS THOUGHTCASTER OF MINE PICKED UP YOUR THOUGHTS RIGHT OUT OF YOUR MIND, HOLMES! IT TOLD ME YOU WERE GOING TO SET OFF A BLAST TONIGHT! ... BLOW UP SIMMSVILLE!

BLOW UP...! SLADE, YOU ARE A FOOL!



I'M IN CHARGE OF CIVIL DEFENSE! I WAS MERELY PLANNING TO SET OFF A BLAST OF SIRENS AT MIDNIGHT... AN AIR-RAID TEST!

I... (CHOKES) ... I MUST HAVE NOT UNDERSTOOD! SORRY, MR. HOLMES... LET'S GO, MEN!



TED HAD BEEN AT LEAST PARTLY RIGHT ABOUT MAYOR LIONEL MARCY... THE VIGILANTES DRAGGED HIM OFF A PLANE A FEW MINUTES BEFORE IT WAS TO TAKE OFF...

THERE'S NO MONEY IN THIS SUITCASE, SLADE!

THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! I WAS ON THE WAY TO NEW YORK TO HIRE AN ARCHITECT TO BUILD A NEW PUBLIC MARKET FOR SIMMSVILLE ... NOT TO INVEST IN THE STOCK MARKET!



YOU CAN EASILY SEE HOW I COULD'VE DRAWN THE WRONG CONCLUSION! BUT I KNOW BEYOND DOUBT THAT COUNCIL PRESIDENT NORMAN ABBOT IS TRYING TO MAKE HIMSELF A BANKROLL BY GETTING SOME BILL PASSED!

I'LL GO TO HIS PLACE WITH YOU! I WANT TO HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY FOR HIMSELF!



TED SOON HURLED HIS ACCUSATION AT THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT! THERE WAS A GOLD RING TO ABBOT'S HARSH LAUGHTER...

YES, I REMEMBER THAT! "...IF BILL DOESN'T PASS...!" YES, I WAS PLAYING POKER WITH SOME FRIENDS! BILL OWENS WAS ONE OF THEM! THERE WAS A BIG POT! IT WAS BETWEEN BILL AND ME! HE DID PASS, AND I DID MAKE A BIG HAUL!

HAS IT GOTTEN TO A POINT WHERE NO MAN MAY HAVE SECRETS? MUST MY VERY THOUGHTS BE SHARED BY SOME SNOOP?

SLADE! HEY, SLADE HAS RUN OUT ON US! WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT MAN!

TED SLADE RACED HOME THROUGH THE DARK STREETS...HE KNEW HE COULDN'T BE WRONG ABOUT HIS WIFE, TOO!

YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE I COULD KILL SOMEONE, TED? ALL I WAS DOING WAS TRYING TO WORK UP ENOUGH COURAGE TO KILL THE TURKEY IN THE BACK YARD AS A SURPRISE FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY TOMORROW! IF I ASKED YOU TO DO IT, THAT WOULD'VE SPOILED EVERYTHING!

I HAVE SPOILED EVERYTHING! THE WHOLE TOWN WILL BE AFTER ME! I CAN'T STAY HERE... NO TELLING WHAT THEY'LL DO!



TED SAW NO ANGER ON THE FACES OF HIS FELLOW TOWNSMEN AS THEY CAME FROM THE CARS...HE SAW ONLY HURT AND DEEP CONCERN...

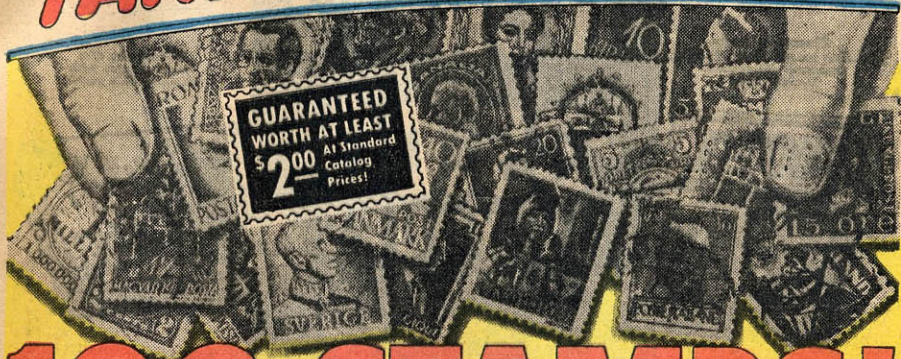
THESE ARE GOOD PEOPLE, TED! THEY'RE NOT ANGRY WITH YOU! THEY JUST WANT TO KNOW YOU'LL NEVER PRY INTO THEIR MOST SECRET POSSESSION ANY MORE... THEIR OWN MINDS!

YES... I EAVESDROPPED AND DREW CONCLUSIONS FROM WHAT I BELIEVED TO BE FACT!

THERE WAS A VERY AUDIBLE SIGH OF RELIEF AS TED DELIBERATELY DROPPED HIS TINY THOUGHTCASTER INTO THE RIVER BELOW...

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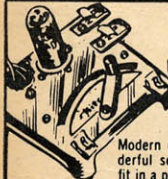
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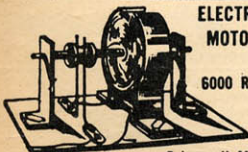
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