

BIG SUSPENSE-PACKED PAGES

SUSPENSE

ON SALE EVERY MONTH!

FEBRUARY

NO.
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IF YOU FELL IN
LOVE WITH A
BEAUTIFUL GIRL
AT FIRST SIGHT...



IF YOU LEARNED
THAT HER FAMILY
CONSISTED OF
WEREWOLVES
AND VAMPIRES...



IF YOU LIVED LONG
ENOUGH, WHAT
WOULD YOU DO?



SEE, INSIDE,
WHAT BURT
LANG DID...

WE ARE ALL SEPARATED FROM A WORLD OF TRAGEDY AND HORROR BY THE STRANGEST LITTLE WORD SPOKEN BY MAN... THAT TINY WORD...

A TALE TO
HOLD YOU IN
SUSPENSE!

IT IS LATE... THE STREETS
ARE DESERTED, EXCEPT
FOR BURT LANG... AND...
THAT ONE...



A CRY OF FRIGHT IS CHOKED
BACK IN HIS THROAT...



HE'S NOT A COWARD, BUT
THE SENSE OF IMPENDING
DOOM OVERWHELMS HIM...



WOW! I FEEL LIKE A
DOPE FOR SCARING SO
EASILY... WHY, SHE'S ONE
OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL
BLONDES I'VE EVER SEEN...
AND FLIRTING WITH ME...



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BURT HESITATES, LOOKS LONGINGLY BACK AT THE LOVELY YOUNG WOMAN...



IT WOULDN'T HURT TO TALK TO HER...YET, I SHOULD BE GETTING HOME...

IF BURT WERE TO FOLLOW THE LADY, TALK TO HER, THIS IS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN...



PARDON ME, MISS... HAVEN'T WE MET SOMEWHERE BEFORE?

I'M SURE WE HAVEN'T...BUT WE'RE MEETING NOW. I'M LENORE DANTON...



AND I'M BURT LANG! I KNOW THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU...I COULD NEVER FORGET ANYONE AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOU, LENORE!

YOU'RE SWEET, BURT! WOULD YOU LIKE TO WALK ME HOME...THE STREETS ARE VERY DARK!

THEN BURT WOULD START HOME WITH LENORE...



I DON'T USUALLY GO AROUND PICKING UP GIRLS...

AND I DON'T USUALLY FLIRT WITH MEN, BURT...BUT YOU JUST LOOKED GOOD TO ME!

AND BURT WOULDN'T NOTICE THE SINISTER-LOOKING HOUSE LENORE LIVES IN...HIS EYES COULD ONLY SEE HER BEAUTY...



MOTHER AND DAD ARE WAITING UP FOR ME... WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET THEM?

NOT TONIGHT, HONEY...I HAVE TO GET HOME... BUT I'LL BE AROUND EARLY TOMORROW AFTERNOON! I'VE GOT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

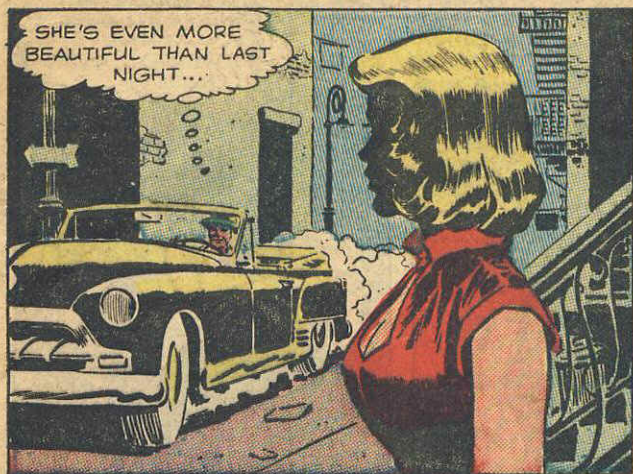
SUDDENLY THAT PIERCING HOWL WOULD SHATTER THE QUIET NIGHT AND CHILL BURT TO THE MARROW...



AHRRROOOOOO!
HOLY SMOKE! WHAT'S THAT?

OH...IT...IT'S JUST OUR DOG BURT! HE HOWLS LIKE THAT WHENEVER HE HEARS STRANGERS DOWNSTAIRS...

THEN BURT LANG WOULD GO HOME, FORGET THAT TERRIBLE HOWL...REMEMBER ONLY LENORE...DREAM OF HER ALL NIGHT AND ALL THE FOLLOWING MORNING, TILL HE'D SEE HER LATER IN THE DAY...



THEY WOULD GO FOR A LONG RIDE INTO THE COUNTRY TOGETHER AND STOP AT SOME ROMANTIC SPOT...



IT WOULD BE LATE AFTERNOON WHEN BURT AND LENORE ARRIVE AT HER HOUSE, AND SHE WOULD LEAD HIM INTO THE GLOOMY PLACE...



BUT THE GLOOM WOULD QUICKLY VANISH ON MEETING LENORE'S MOTHER...



AGAIN THAT TERRIFYING HOWL WOULD COME...



AGAIN THE HOWLING "DOG" WOULD BE QUICKLY FORGOTTEN WITH THAT HAPPY ANNOUNCEMENT BY LENORE...



MOTHER, BURT AND I ARE GOING TO BE MARRIED!

HOW WONDERFUL!

I JUST HOPE YOUR FATHER IS AS HAPPY ABOUT IT, LENORE... I'M SURPRISED HE ISN'T HOME ON SUNDAY!



DAD IS... OUT OF TOWN... WE'RE NOT SURE WHEN HE'LL BE BACK!

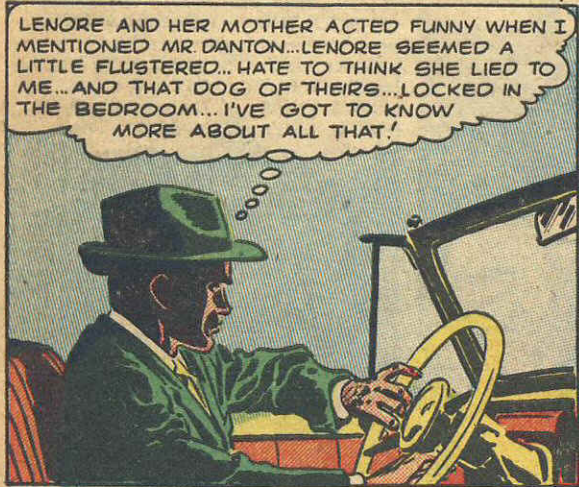
DO YOU HAVE TO LEAVE SO SOON? WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU FOR DINNER!

THANKS JUST THE SAME, MRS DANTON! I HAVE SOME THINGS TO DO AT HOME! I'LL CALL FOR YOU AT NINE TOMORROW NIGHT, LENORE!

I'LL WAIT, DARLING!



BURT WOULD THEN DRIVE HOME, AND HE'D HAVE TIME TO THINK ABOUT SEVERAL STRANGE THINGS...



LENORE AND HER MOTHER ACTED FUNNY WHEN I MENTIONED MR DANTON... LENORE SEEMED A LITTLE FLUSTERED... HATE TO THINK SHE LIED TO ME... AND THAT DOG OF THEIRS... LOCKED IN THE BEDROOM... I'VE GOT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ALL THAT!

THE STRANGE FEELING THAT ALL IS NOT RIGHT WOULD STICK WITH BURT LANG ALL THE NEXT DAY, AND THE FOLLOWING EVENING HE'D ARRIVE EARLY AT THE DANTON FLAT... AT SEVEN O'CLOCK...



THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE CREEPS... I'LL BE GLAD WHEN LENORE AND I ARE MARRIED AND I COULD TAKE HER AWAY FROM HERE!



NOBODY HOME... MAYBE LENORE AND HER MOTHER WENT OUT SHOPPING... THEY WON'T MIND IF I WAIT INSIDE!

AND AS BURT ENTERS HE WOULD LOOK AT THE LOCKED BEDROOM DOOR WITH MIXED CURIOSITY AND DOUBT...



IF THERE'S A DOG IN THAT ROOM HE'D BE BARKING... THERE'S SOMETHING MIGHTY STRANGE GOING ON HERE, AND I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!



THEN BURT WOULD SEE FOR HIMSELF. HE WOULD KNOW THE TRUTH...



BURT WOULD KNOW THAT MR. DANTON IS A WEREWOLF... BUT LENORE WOULD ARRIVE IN TIME TO SAVE BURT FROM HIS, RAZOR-SHARP FANGS...





BURT'S MIND WOULD BE IN A WHIRL...
HE'D START FOR THE DOOR...



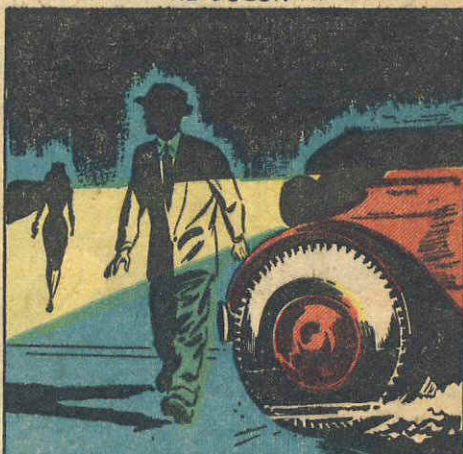
THEN BURT WOULD SEE A CHANGE
COME OVER MRS. DANTON...



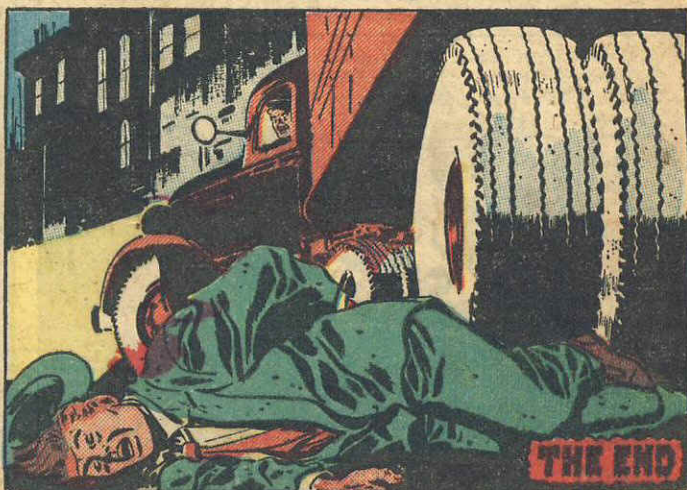
OF COURSE BURT... SO AM I! THAT'S WHY WE COULDN'T
STAND DAD! I'D BRING SOMEONE NICE HOME AND BEFORE
MOTHER OR I HAD A CHANCE, DAD WOULD GET HIS
FANGS ON HIM...



YES, ALL THAT WOULD HAPPEN TO BURT **IF**
HE SHOULD FOLLOW THE BEAUTIFUL
YOUNG LADY AND SPEAK TO HER... BUT
HE DOESN'T...



BURT IS SPARED THAT HORRIBLE FATE... BURT LANG HAS A FAR HAPPIER DEATH... HE IS MERELY RUN
OVER BY A TRUCK!

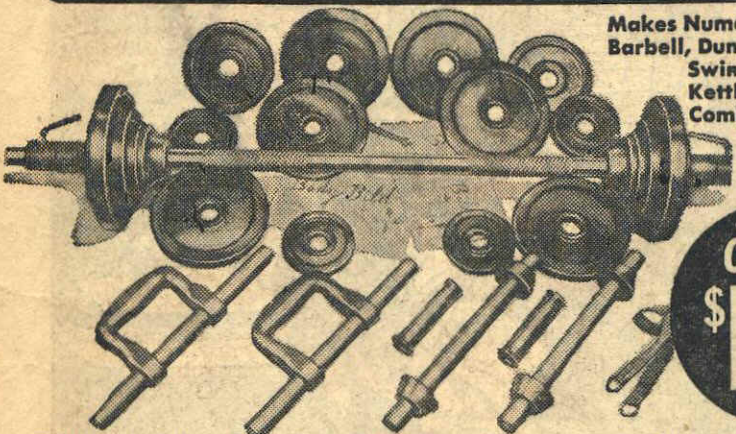


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A
TALE TO
HOLD YOU IN
SUSPENSE

HEY, ALEX... YA
GOT THAT WEATHER
REPORT WRITTEN
YET?

I'LL HAVE IT IN A
MINUTE, MR. CRUMPET!

U.S. WEAT
CHAR



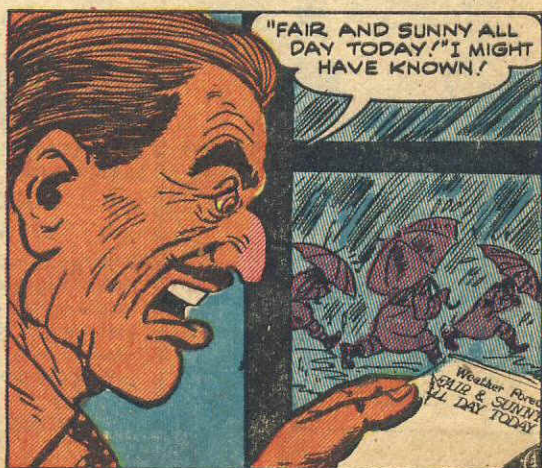
ALEX HAD BEEN WRITING WEATHER REPORTS
FOR YEARS! HE WROTE THEM CAREFULLY, IN
PERFECT ENGLISH, USING THE BEST
GRAMMAR!

THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING WRONG...
HIS FORECASTS WERE **NEVER**
CORRECT!



HERE IT IS,
MISTER CRUMPET! I
HOPE YOU LIKE IT!

IT'S ABOUT
TIME!

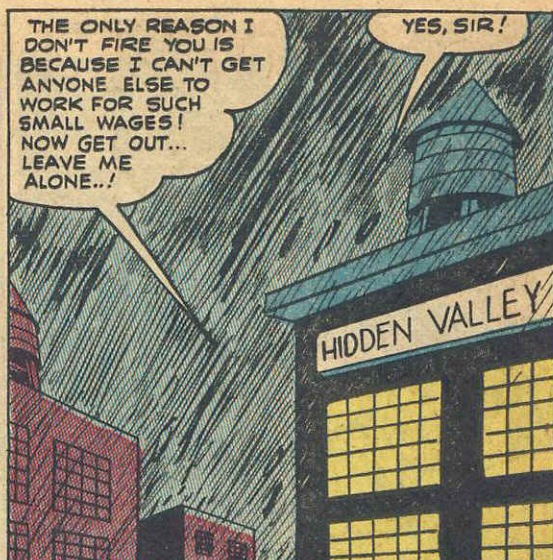


"FAIR AND SUNNY ALL
DAY TODAY!" I MIGHT
HAVE KNOWN!

Weather Fore
CAST & SUNNY
ALL DAY TODAY



ALEX WAS A VERY SENSITIVE LITTLE MAN...AND IT HURT HIM TO KNOW THAT EVERYBODY IN TOWN LAUGHED AT HIM AND THOUGHT HE WAS A FAILURE!



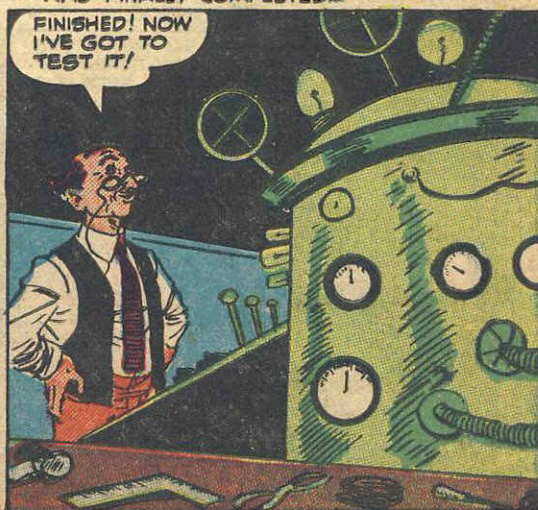
ALEX WENT HOME TO HIS COMBINATION BED-ROOM AND LABORATORY, AND HE BROODED FOR HOURS...



SO ALEX WENT RIGHT TO WORK AND BEGAN BUILDING A "WEATHER MACHINE"...



AFTER WEEKS OF HARD WORK, THE MACHINE WAS FINALLY COMPLETED...

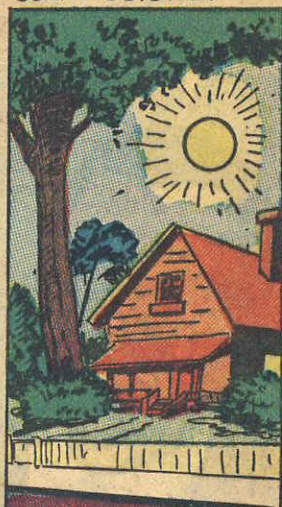


ALEX PRESSED THE LEVER
MARKED "RAIN"...

...AND IT RAINED
OUTSIDE!

HE PRESSED THE LEVER
MARKED "SUNNY"...

...AND IT BECAME
SUNNY OUTSIDE!



THE NEXT FEW DAYS WERE HEAVEN TO
ALEX...



BUT THEN THE PEOPLE IN TOWN BEGAN TO
TAKE ALEX FOR GRANTED AND THEY
STOPPED BEING IMPRESSED...



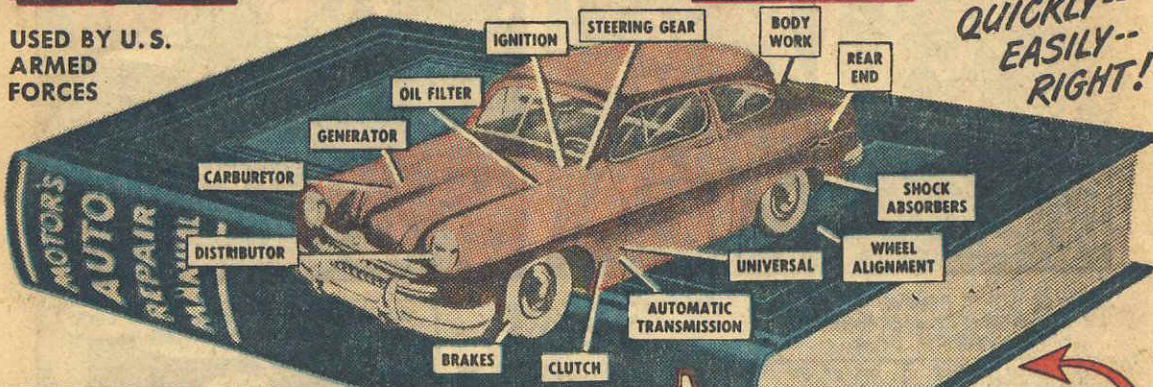
ALTHOUGH THEY STOPPED MARVELING AT HIS
ACCURACY, THE TOWNSPEOPLE ALWAYS WATCHED
WHAT ALEX WORE IN THE MORNING...



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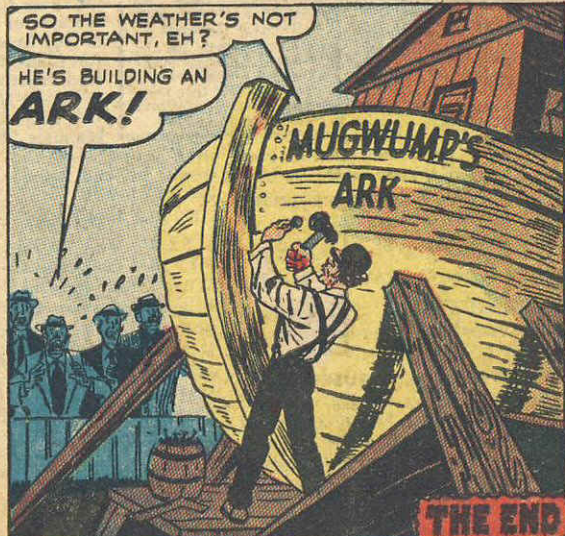


ALEX COULDN'T BELIEVE HIS EARS... HE HURRIED DOWNSTAIRS TO HIS FAVORITE BAR...

AT THAT POINT, ALEX WENT STARK, RAVING MAD!



AND THE NEXT DAY EVERY ONE IN TOWN WHO USED TO WATCH ALEX TO SEE WHAT HE WAS WEARING GOT THE SHOCK OF THEIR LIVES, FOR ALEX WAS AT WORK IN FRONT OF HIS HOUSE BUILDING SOMETHING...



THE END

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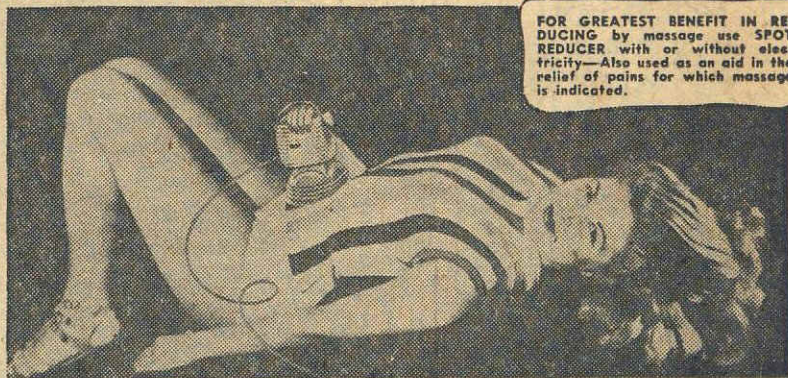
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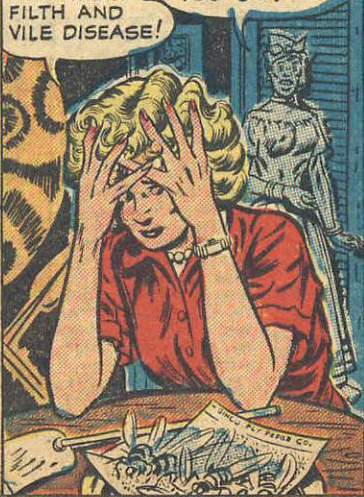
...YES, HILDA CHANNING HATED THE HUGE FLIES THAT BUZZED NIGHT AND DAY, HURLING THEIR HAIRY BODIES AGAINST THE PROTECTIVE SCREENING...

IF WE DON'T GET OFF THIS ISLAND, BACK TO CIVILIZATION, I'LL GO MAD!



BUZZING, BUZZING, TRYING TO GET AT ME WITH THEIR FILTH AND VILE DISEASE!

BOAT COME! GOOD DOCTOR HUSBAND... GO... GO TO MEET! YOU GO?



NO! AT LEAST THERE ARE FEWER FLIES INSIDE THAN OUT THERE... BEASTLY THINGS!

THIS YEAR BAD FOR FLIES! MANY AS LEAVES ON TREES! BRING STRANGE DISEASE... KILL MY PEOPLE FAST! GOOD DOCTOR TRY TO HELP!





HILDA, DEAR! I THOUGHT YOU'D COME DOWN TO THE STEAMER...IT ONLY TOUCHES HERE ONCE EVERY TWO MONTHS!

I COULDN'T FACE GOING OUT THERE! THE FLIES ARE EVERYWHERE!



I KNOW, MY DEAR, IT'S BAD! THE ISLAND IS SWARMING WITH THEM! THE NATIVES ARE DYING IN DROVES FROM SOME NEW DISEASE THE FLIES CARRY! THEY DIE A FEW MINUTES AFTER THEY'RE STRICKEN... AND I'M HELPLESS TO DO ANYTHING FOR THEM!



I MUST CAUTION YOU, MY DEAR, TO KEEP THE FLYPAPER OUT! HERE IS A NEW PACKAGE OF IT FROM THE STEAMER! SOMEHOW THE FLIES GET IN, EVEN WITH THE SCREENING! THE FLYPAPER WILL CATCH THEM BEFORE THEY CAN DO ANY HARM!

JOHN, LET'S LEAVE THIS PLACE! LET'S PACK QUICKLY BEFORE THE STEAMER LEAVES...



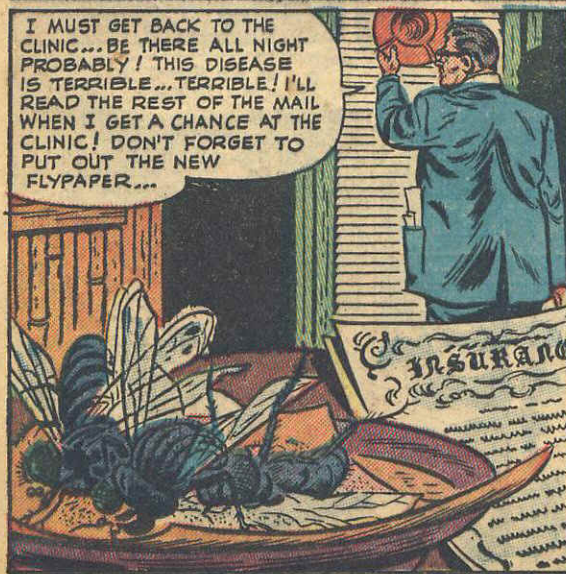
YOU KNOW I CAN'T DO THAT, HILDA! I'M THE ONLY DOCTOR ON THE ISLAND! I MUST STAY UNTIL I'M RELIEVED... PARTICULARLY NOW, WITH THIS FLY-BORNE EPIDEMIC ON!

BUT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, JOHN... THE FLIES!

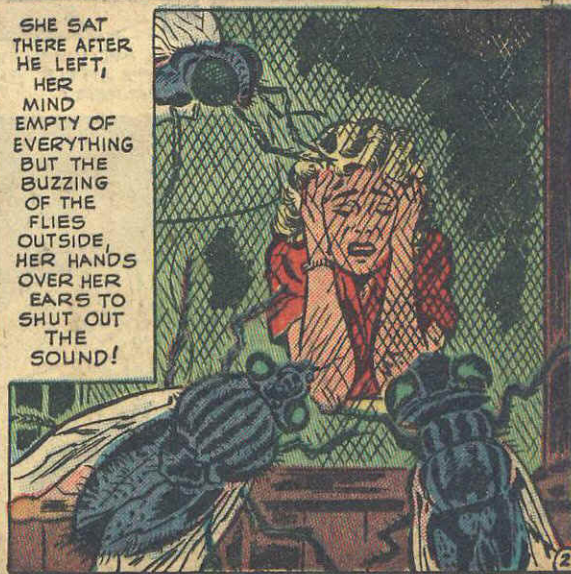


I KNOW, DEAR, THEY'RE BAD! YOU GO TO BED AND GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP! YOU'LL FEEL BETTER IN THE MORNING! HERE'S THAT INSURANCE POLICY I TOOK OUT... FINALLY CAME THRU!

JOHN, LISTEN TO ME...



I MUST GET BACK TO THE CLINIC... BE THERE ALL NIGHT PROBABLY! THIS DISEASE IS TERRIBLE... TERRIBLE! I'LL READ THE REST OF THE MAIL WHEN I GET A CHANCE AT THE CLINIC! DON'T FORGET TO PUT OUT THE NEW FLYPAPER...



SHE SAT THERE AFTER HE LEFT, HER MIND EMPTY OF EVERYTHING BUT THE BUZZING OF THE FLIES OUTSIDE, HER HANDS OVER HER EARS TO SHUT OUT THE SOUND!



I COULD KILL HIM FOR KEEPING ME HERE! I MARRIED HIM BECAUSE I THOUGHT HE'D BE A BIG DOCTOR... THAT I'D LIVE IN LUXURY... INSTEAD I LIVE IN THIS HOLE WITH THE FLIES! INSURANCE... \$25,000... WORTH!



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BUT I MUST FIND A WAY... A WAY TO MAKE IT LOOK NATURAL! POISON! THAT'S IT! BUT WHERE CAN I GET SOME WITHOUT MAKING HIM OR SOMEONE ELSE SUSPICIOUS?



THE FLYPAPER! IT HAS ARSENIC IN IT! I READ A STORY ONCE ABOUT A GIRL WHO SOAKED THE ARSENIC OUT OF FLYPAPER TO USE IT TO MURDER A MAN! THAT'S IT! I'LL TELL JOHN THE FLYPAPER'S LOST, AND I'LL SOAK THE POISON OUT! AND ONE DAY SOON JOHN WILL --



SHE WORKED WHEN JOHN WASN'T HOME AND WHEN THE NATIVE WOMAN WAS GONE! LITTLE BY LITTLE SHE EXTRACTED THE POISON FROM THE FLYPAPER!



HILDA! WHERE ARE YOU?

I'LL BE RIGHT IN, JOHN DEAR!



YOU HAVEN'T FOUND THE FLYPAPER YET, I TAKE IT! EVERY TIME THE DOOR IS OPENED SOME GET IN! I WISH YOU'D TRY TO FIND IT! IT WORRIES ME, THESE FLIES GETTING IN HERE ...

I'VE LOOKED ALL OVER, DEAR! IT'S SIMPLY DISAPPEARED! NEVER MIND, THE BOAT WILL BRING MORE!



THE BOAT ISN'T DUE FOR ANOTHER MONTH! I DON'T LIKE IT!

REST, JOHN... I'LL SEE IF SUKI'S COME AND HAVE HER PREPARE DINNER!



AAEEYIII!

WHAT THE HILDA!



WHAT IS IT, HILDA?

OUTSIDE... ON THE PORCH... SUKI...



THE PLAGUE... THE FLIES HAVE KILLED HER! GO IN THE OTHER ROOM, DEAR, I'LL HAVE HER REMOVED BEFORE THE FLIES ATTACK HER LIKE VULTURES! I'LL BE BACK LATER!



I CAN'T STAND IT ANY LONGER! I'LL DO IT TONIGHT! I'LL MAKE A SALAD... HE'LL BE HUNGRY WHEN HE GETS BACK! I'LL MIX THE POISON WITH THE SALAD DRESSING... HE NEVER NOTICES OR TASTES WHAT HE'S EATING... HIS MIND'S TOO BUSY WITH THE PLAGUE ...

SHE FIXED THE SALAD... MIXED IN THE SPECIAL DRESSING... THEN SHE WAITED... WAITED UNTIL SHE HEARD HIS FOOTSTEPS ON THE PORCH...



DRASTHSE FLIES! ... NO FLYPAPER FOR A MONTH... OH, HILDA, I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU!

NOT UNTIL YOU'VE HAD YOUR DINNER... YOU MUST BE FAMISHED! EAT FIRST, YOUR NEWS WILL KEEP TILL THEN! I'VE FIXED UP A LOVELY SALAD ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!

SHE WATCHED AS HE SAT DOWN! SOON HE'D BE DEAD, AND THE MONEY AND FREEDOM WOULD BE HERS! SHE FELT STRANGE, FAINT! WAS IT THE EXCITEMENT OF THE MOMENT...

DARLING, LISTEN...I MUST TELL YOU! HILDA... WHAT'S WRONG? HILDA...

I--I'LL BE ALRIGHT! EAT! JOHN! I--

JOHN! JOHN, --OHKK!

HILDA...

SHE SAW THE SALAD ON THE FLOOR WHERE IT HAD FALLEN WHEN HE JUMPED UP TO COME TO HER! AFTER ALL HER WORK AND PLANNING... WASTED! SHE HEARD HIS VOICE SOBBING ABOVE HER...

THE PLAGUE! HILDA, DARLING... YOU'VE GOT THE ACCURSED PLAGUE... THE FLYPAPER... IF ONLY YOU HADN'T LOST THE FLY-PAPER, IT WOULD'VE TRAPPED THE ROTTEN INSECT THAT CARRIED THE DISEASE TO YOU...

JUST AS WE WERE ABOUT TO GO HOME, TOO! ONE OF THE LETTERS... I FORGOT ABOUT IT! BEEN CARRYING IT AROUND IN MY POCKET! I FOUND AND READ IT TONIGHT! THEY'RE SENDING OUT A NEW MAN ON THE NEXT BOAT... RECALLING ME... MAKING ME HEAD SURGEON IN A BIG LONDON HOSPITAL! I COULD'VE GIVEN YOU EVERYTHING, DARLING!

SHE WATCHED THE SWARM OF FLIES COMING THRU THE HOLE IN THE SCREEN, WINGING TO THE POISONED SALAD WITH THEIR GHOULISH APPETITES, AND... DYING!

HIS VOICE HAD FADED INTO THE DARKNESS THAT WAS SWEEPING IN ON HER! SHE COULD HEAR NOTHING BUT THE BUZZING OF THE FLIES... SEE NOTHING BUT THE FLIES... THE FLIES...

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Greetings, Suspense fans! Here we are for another round-table session in the House of Horror. If you happen to look over your shoulder and find a vampire breathing down your neck or a werewolf giving you the come-hither, you can consider yourself a full-fledged member of *Suspense Sanctuary*. Your letters this month were better than ever and we counted over two hundred new recruits to the *Sanctuary*, so you old members better get busy with pen and paper before these newcomers steal the glory. But on to the business. Your "favorite story" selections for *Suspense* #24 gave blue ribbons to the following:

- 1st Place story: "Boiling Point"
2nd Place story: "Horror Story"
3rd Place story: "The Striped Suit"

"Back From The Dead" almost tied with "The Striped Suit" but our friend Harry Morgan succeeded in being so gruesome, he won the honors by 10 votes. By the way, requests are still coming in for "other planet" stories, so we'll try to top "Death and Mr. Marko" of *Suspense* #23 as soon as we can.

Letters Dept.: the first is a reply to Yvonne Labrie's letter of last month requesting more romance in tales of suspense. Remember, I left the question up to you *Sanctuary* members to decide.



Dear Editor:

I, for one, don't want any love goo in MY *SUSPENSE* stories. I think you hit the nail right on the head when you said *SUSPENSE* fans like their horror all horrible. I guess girls like that mush, but us fellas want to keep *SUSPENSE* blood-curdling and spine-chilling. My favorite story was "Horror Story" which I like better than "Boiling Point" because "Boiling Point" had too much romance in it.

VINCENT BONO
Kansas City, Mo.

• Vince, you may consider yourself the spokesman for the many, many fans that wrote in to put a firm foot down on the "more romance" request. I think "Boiling Point" hit the happy medium since both boys and girls liked it. But by majority vote, we're holding the love stuff to a minimum, using it only when it helps to make a suspense tale more interesting and more suspenseful.



Dear Stan Lee:

I would like to make my request as short as possible. Please make your werewolf and vampire stories more blood-curdling and horrifying. After all, that's we pay for—a big thrill.

SUE TALBOT
McClellan, California

• O.K., Sue, but we warn you to turn on all the lights when you read *SUSPENSE* #28 and if you don't have nightmares, don't say we didn't try.

Dear Ed.:

Let's have more stories like "Back From The Dead" that show how people finally end up who push others around. I think if there were more comics like that, maybe we might be nicer to other people.

BOBBY KAUFMANN
Boston, Mass.

• Bobbý, I think so too and we will continue to have stories occasionally that have a "point". Some fans disagree with us. In fact, the next letter, presents the other side of the question.



Dear Editor:

I like *SUSPENSE* better than any other comic on the market, but I don't like those stories that try to teach a lesson. Let's have fewer stories like "Back From The Dead" and more like "The Striped Suit". When I buy a comic book, I want to laugh or be horrified or surprised, but not told to be a good boy. OR ELSE...

CARL CAMPBELL
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

• Well, Carl, as you can see, there is a difference of opinion on this question. If we printed nothing but stories to entertain, those who enjoy a tale that leaves them something to think about would complain. Besides, don't you think that most people could do with a little reminder now and then to act like decent folk?

Dear Ed.:

You ought to write more stories of Frankenstein, the Wolfman, Dracula or The Mummy. There is no horror more horrifying than those mentioned, for motion pictures were even made of them. Every horror mag has a werewolf or vampire story, but who ever writes about Count Dracula or the Wolfman. All your stories are great, but there is always room for improvement.

CHESTER GIBBS
Brooklyn 33, New York

• Doggone it, Chester, if we can't dream up some characters as frightening as Frankenstein, as deadly as Dracula, and weird as the Wolfman, then we're going to have to close the old oaken doors of the *SANCTUARY* and go out of business. But I think we've got some characters coming up that are going to make these fellows look like angels. When a Frankenstein or Count Dracula has been roaming around for awhile, he loses some of his power to create terror and becomes a has-been. Then a new personality must take his place. In the coming issues of *SUSPENSE* we are going to introduce some new horror-boys. Let's have a vote, *SUSPENSE* fans, on the one you would choose to fill the famous shoes of Frankenstein and Dracula.

Oh, oh, *Suspense* fans, the bell in the old belfry of the *Sanctuary* is striking the midnight hour, and it's time to close shop and let our friends be about some haunting. More next month. And don't forget to keep your letters coming. Send them to STAN LEE, Editor, *Suspense*, 270 Park Avenue, New York 17, N.Y.

THE MAN WHO KILLED HIMSELF!!

THE SOUNDS OF LONELY FOOTSTEPS ECHO HOLLOWLY THRU THE DESERTED CORRIDORS OF THE ART MUSEUM! THEN THERE IS SILENCE AS THE SOLITARY VISITOR STOPS TO LOOK AT A PAINTING ...



AH, RENIOR! IF ONLY MY MASTERPIECE IS HALF AS GOOD AS THAT, I'LL BE FAMOUS!

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NO! YOU FOOL, DON'T...

HE HAD A LONG TIME TO LIVE... AS LONG AS IT TAKES A MAN TO PLUNGE FROM A HIGH WINDOW TO HIS DEATH...



KEEP AWAY FROM ME! THERE'S NOTHING TO LIVE FOR ... I WANT TO DIE!

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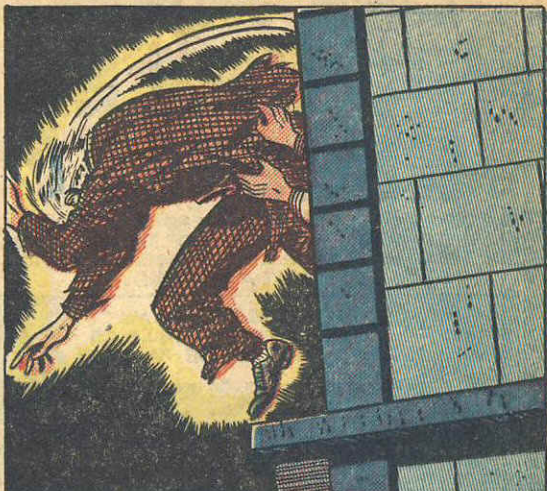
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I'VE GOT HIM! GIVE ME A HAND...

LET ME GO! I WANT TO DIE... LET GO...



AND THEN HE GRABS A FLAILING ARM...

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AS HE PULLS HIM BACK TO SAFETY...



WHY DIDN'T YOU LET ME JUMP? I WANTED TO DIE...

BUT WHY? THERE'S SO MUCH TO LIVE FOR! WHY SHOULD A MAN WANT TO END HIS LIFE?



I'LL TELL YOU! I'M AN ARTIST, AND I'M WORKING ON MY LIFE'S MASTERPIECE! BUT I'M STARVING...NO MONEY FOR FOOD OR PAINTS OR BRUSHES! IF I CAN'T FINISH THIS PAINTING, LIFE ISN'T WORTH LIVING!



HERE, TAKE THIS! I HAVE QUITE A BIT OF MONEY, AND I WANT TO HELP YOU!

NO, I CAN'T TAKE MONEY FROM YOU! YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW ME, AND I MIGHT NEVER BE ABLE TO PAY YOU BACK!



DON'T BE AN IDIOT! YOU NEED IT! I'M AN ARTIST MYSELF, AND I KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE WORKING ON YOUR LIFE'S MASTERPIECE!



I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU! I--I SWEAR I'LL PAY YOU BACK SOME DAY...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! JUST PAINT A GREAT MASTERPIECE!

I WILL... YOU'VE GIVEN ME FAITH AND HOPE! IT'LL BE THE GREATEST THING I'VE EVER PAINTED!



THE TIME SPEEDS QUICKLY BY, AND FRANZ HENLY... IMMERSSED IN THE CREATION OF HIS OWN MASTER-PIECE... SOON FORGETS THE MAN HE HELPED!

AH, THIS IS WHAT I'VE LIVED FOR! THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT CREATION OF MY LIFE. IT'LL MAKE ME FAMOUS...



FINALLY, HIS WORK IS FINISHED, AND FRANZ BRINGS IT TO THE GREATEST ART DEALER AND CRITIC, JACQUES DUVAL! THERE HE MEETS A GRATEFUL FRIEND...



HELLO! REMEMBER ME? I WANT TO PAY YOU BACK THE MONEY YOU LOANED ME...

WELL, YOU'RE LOOKING A LOT HAPPIER THAN THE LAST TIME WE MET! BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN AFFORD TO PAY ME BACK YET?

OF COURSE! I JUST SOLD THE MASTERPIECE THAT YOU HELPED ME TO FINISH! COME, I WANT YOU TO SEE HOW YOUR INVESTMENT PAID OFF!

I'M CERTAINLY GLAD TO HEAR THAT! I'VE BROUGHT MY OWN PAINTING TO SELL!



JACQUES TELLS ME THAT THIS WILL MAKE ME FAMOUS... HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?





THE TWO MEN UNWRAP THE DEAD MAN'S PAINTING WITH TREMBLING HANDS! THERE ARE TEARS IN ANDRE'S EYES FOR THE MAN WHO SAVED HIS LIFE SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE...



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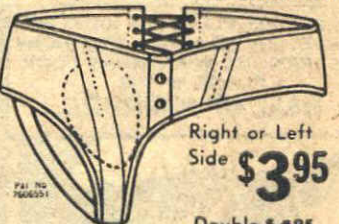
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SO LONG, BEN!

AND YOU GET TO WORK ON YOUR ACT, FIFI! I WANT TO GO OVER IT WITH YOU THIS EVENING... IN PRIVATE!

GET THIS STRAIGHT, SQUIRT! FIFI IS MY GAL! LEAVE HER ALONE AND DO THE WORK I'M PAYING FOR!

YOU CAN'T TALK TO ME LIKE THAT!

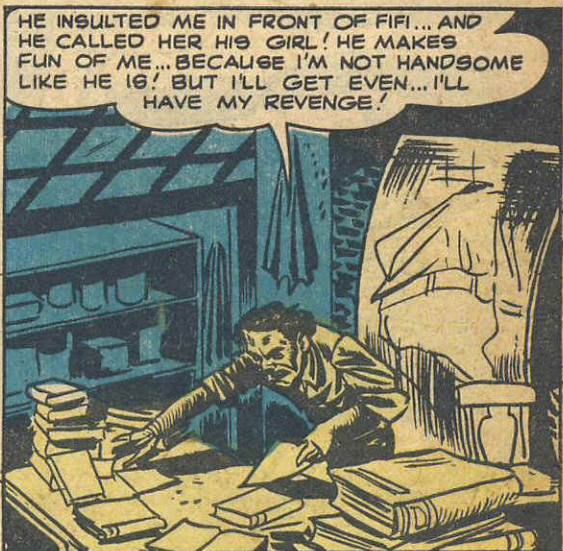


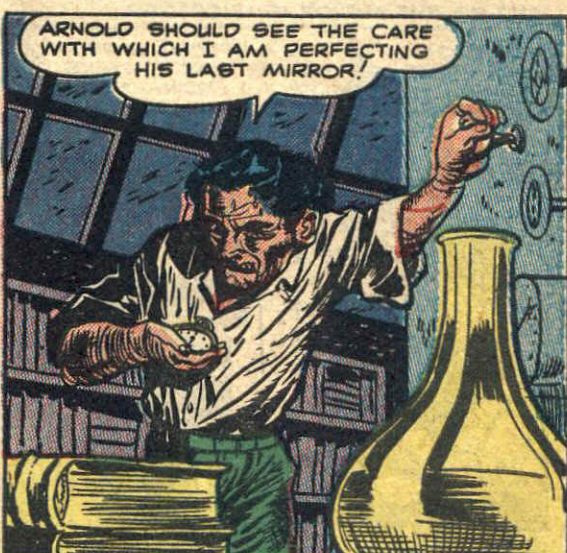


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HE HURRIES TO HIS WORKSHOP...HIS ROOM OF A THOUSAND REFLECTIONS...





AND SO, BEN GAVIN RETURNS TO THE CIRCUS...



THERE YOU ARE, GAVIN! WHAT'S KEPT YOU SO LONG?



I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO BE DISAPPOINTED IN MY MIRROR!

ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO! SET IT UP RIGHT HERE!



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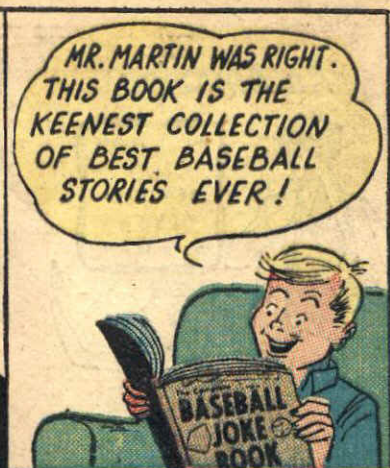


YET IT SHOWS A MONSTROUS FIGURE IN ITS REFLECTION! LIKE IT?

HMM...IT IS FLAT... AND THAT IS QUITE A REFLECTION!



THE END



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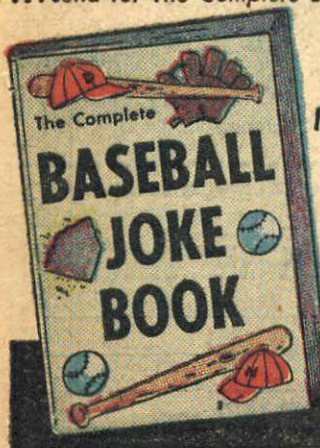
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