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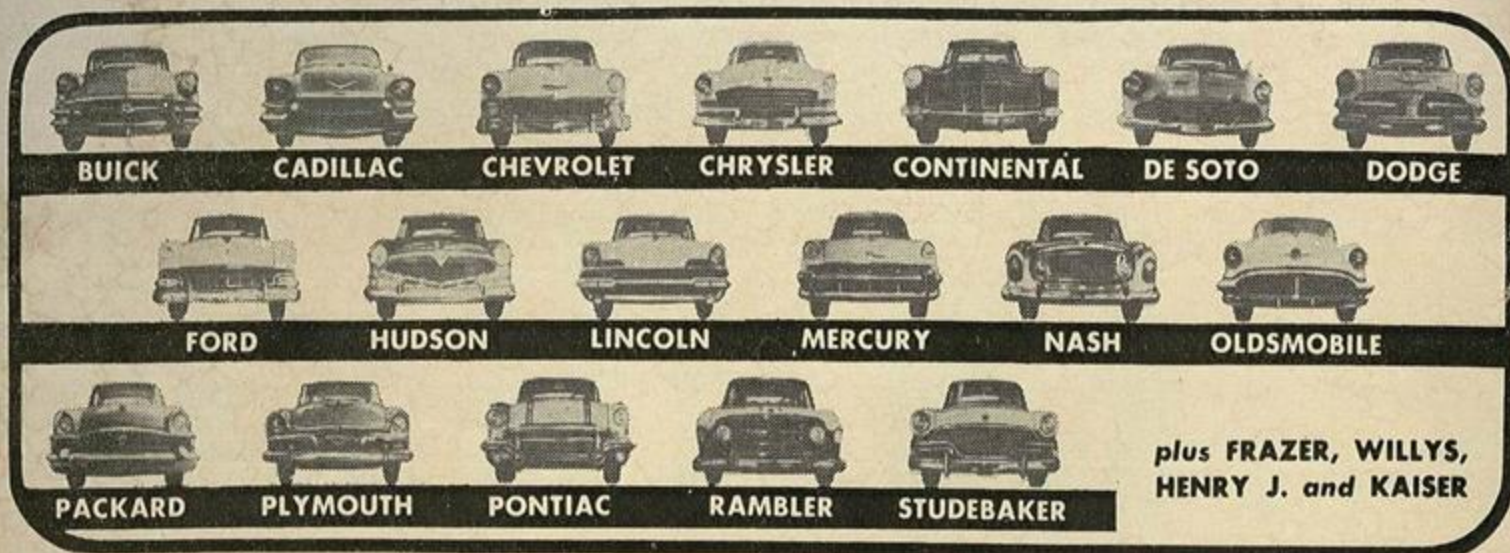
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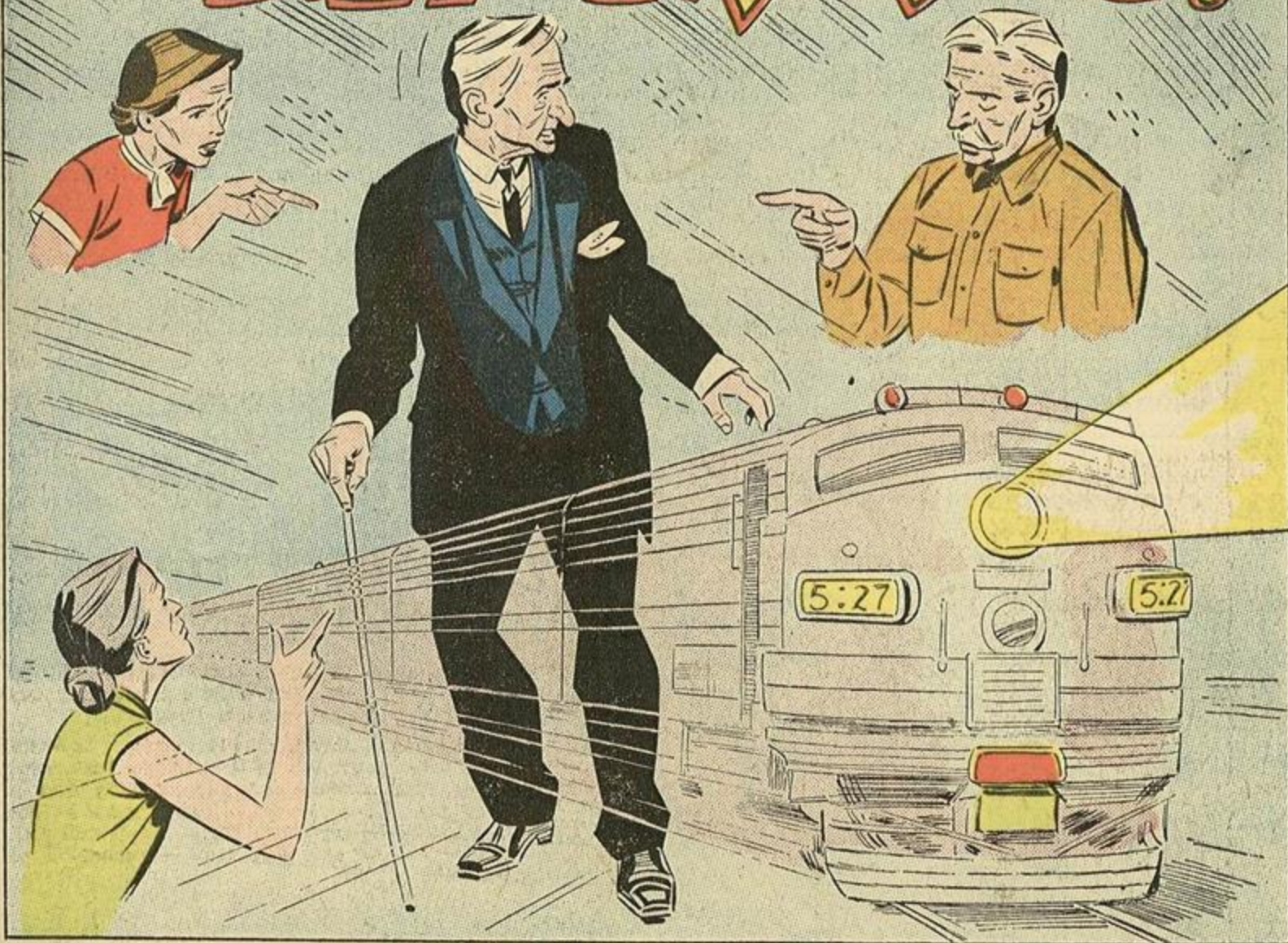
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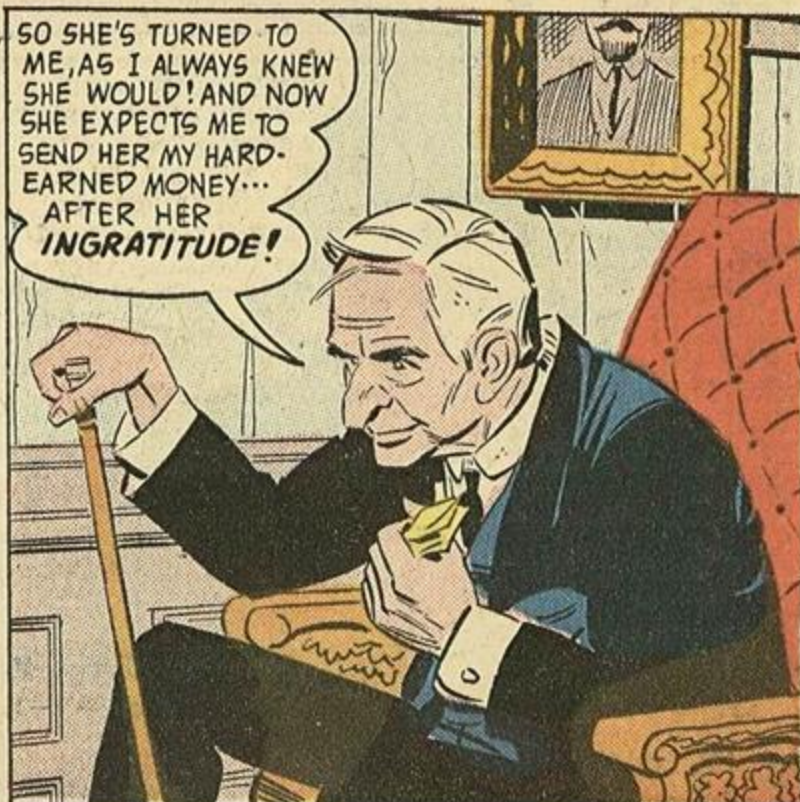
# The 5:27 EXPRESS!



LET'S START WITH A GRAY DAY IN NOVEMBER...  
PHINEAS HAD RECEIVED A TELEGRAM...



SO SHE'S TURNED TO ME, AS I ALWAYS KNEW SHE WOULD! AND NOW SHE EXPECTS ME TO SEND HER MY HARD-EARNED MONEY... AFTER HER INGRATITUDE!









NOW MEMORY REMINDED HIM THAT HIS GENEROSITY HAD GONE EVEN FURTHER THAN THAT! FOR WHEN HIS PARTNER DIED, HIS LIFE SHORTENED BY IMPROVIDENT LIVING...

HE DIDN'T EVEN LEAVE ENOUGH TO PAY MY BILL! WHAT'S TO BECOME OF HIS DAUGHTER...POOR LITTLE LAURA? SHE'LL HAVE TO GO TO AN ORPHANAGE, I GUESS!

I'LL NEVER LET IT COME TO THAT! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE CHILD... SHE'LL BE MY WARD, AND I'LL DO MY BEST BY HER!



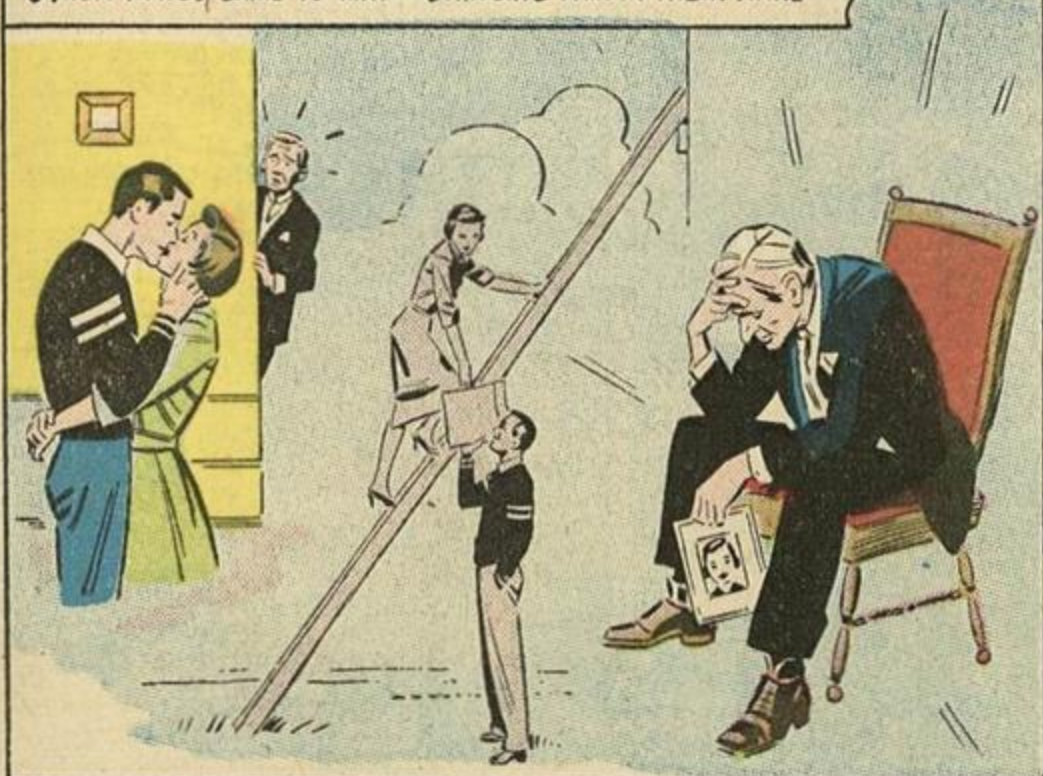
AH, YES...THERE WAS MUCH THAT OLD PHINEAS REMEMBERED! LIKE LAURA GROWING UP...AND HER INCESSANT, UNREASONABLE DEMANDS ON HIM...

HOW DARE YOU REFUSE ME THE NEW CLOTHES I WANT? I NEED NEW EVENING WRAPS...AND EVERYONE'S WEARING MINK THIS YEAR...

LAURA DARLING...BE REASONABLE, PLEASE! I LOVE YOU AND I WANT YOU TO HAVE THINGS LIKE THAT...BUT I...I CAN'T AFFORD IT! I...I DO EVERYTHING I CAN...



OTHER THINGS CAME TO MIND...BRINGING PAIN IN THEIR WAKE...



STATION IS ELMVILLE!

I WARNED HER...AND NOW THAT RASCAL'S DIED AND LEFT HER UNPROVIDED FOR...WITH A CHILD! AND SHE'S COME SNIVELING TO ME! BUT I'M A JUST MAN...I WON'T REFUSE HER WITHOUT POINTING OUT THE ERROR OF HER WAYS!



YOU...YOU CAME YOURSELF! THEN THAT MEANS YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME, THANK HEAVENS!

NO, LAURA...I AM NOT!



I'VE COME TO TELL YOU THAT I WARNED YOU OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS! BUT YOU HAD TO DISOBEY ME, DISREGARD MY ADVICE! AND AS YE SOW...SO SHALL YE REAP!

I...I DON'T WANT ANY MORE OF YOUR LECTURES! GET OUT!



I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO EXPECT ANYTHING ELSE FROM HER!

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO NOW? DEAR LORD...WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

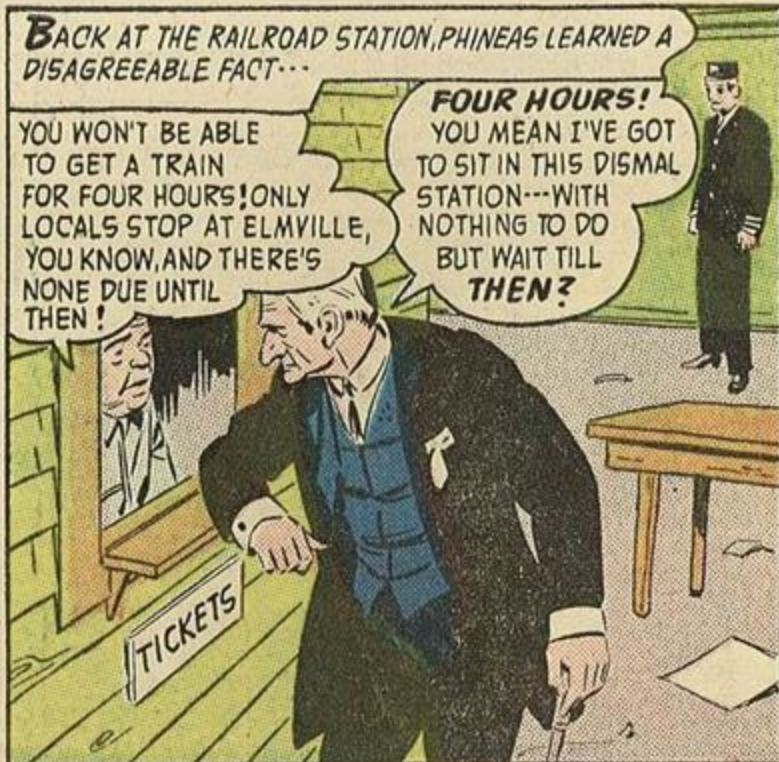




BACK AT THE RAILROAD STATION, PHINEAS LEARNED A DISAGREEABLE FACT...

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GET A TRAIN FOR FOUR HOURS! ONLY LOCALS STOP AT ELMVILLE, YOU KNOW, AND THERE'S NONE DUE UNTIL THEN!

FOUR HOURS! YOU MEAN I'VE GOT TO SIT IN THIS DISMAL STATION...WITH NOTHING TO DO BUT WAIT TILL THEN?



I COULDN'T HELP OVERHEARING, SIR...AND MAYBE I'M IN A POSITION TO HELP YOU! THERE'S AN EXPRESS COMING THROUGH HERE AT 5:27... I MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET YOU ON THAT!

RIDICULOUS! I'VE JUST BEEN TOLD THAT NO EXPRESS STOPS HERE!



THAT'S TRUE...BUT IT SO HAPPENS THAT THIS ONE IS MY TRAIN...AND I'M FLAGGING IT! IT'S AGAINST REGULATIONS...BUT I MIGHT LOOK THE OTHER WAY IF YOU SHOULD WISH TO CLIMB ABOARD! LIKE TO TRY?

WOULD I! ANYTHING TO GET OUT OF WAITING HERE ALL THESE HOURS!



HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN WARNED WHEN THE 5:27 CAME INTO THE STATION AND STOPPED...FOR IT WAS THE FIRST TIME HE'D EVER ENCOUNTERED A NOISELESS TRAIN!

AH...I TOLD YOU SHE'D STOP FOR ME! PARDON...FOR US!



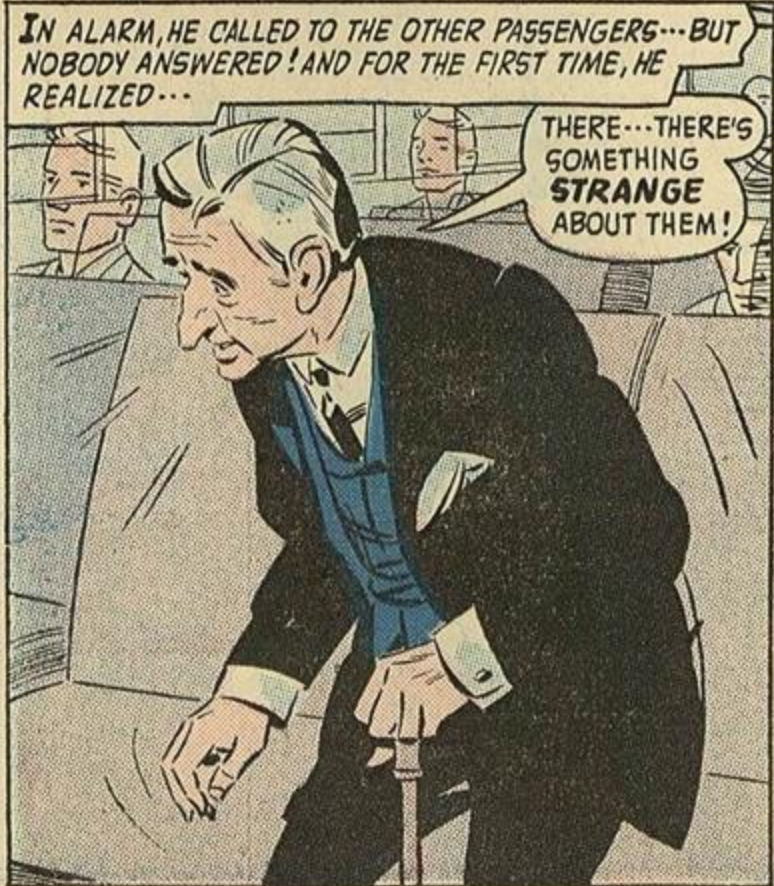
OLD PHINEAS BOARDED AND SETTLED DOWN FOR THE RIDE! BUT IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE HE REALIZED THAT THE TRAIN WAS RUSHING ONWARD AT ALARMING SPEED...

THIS IS...INSANE! IT'LL NEVER HOLD TO THE TRACKS AT THIS PACE!



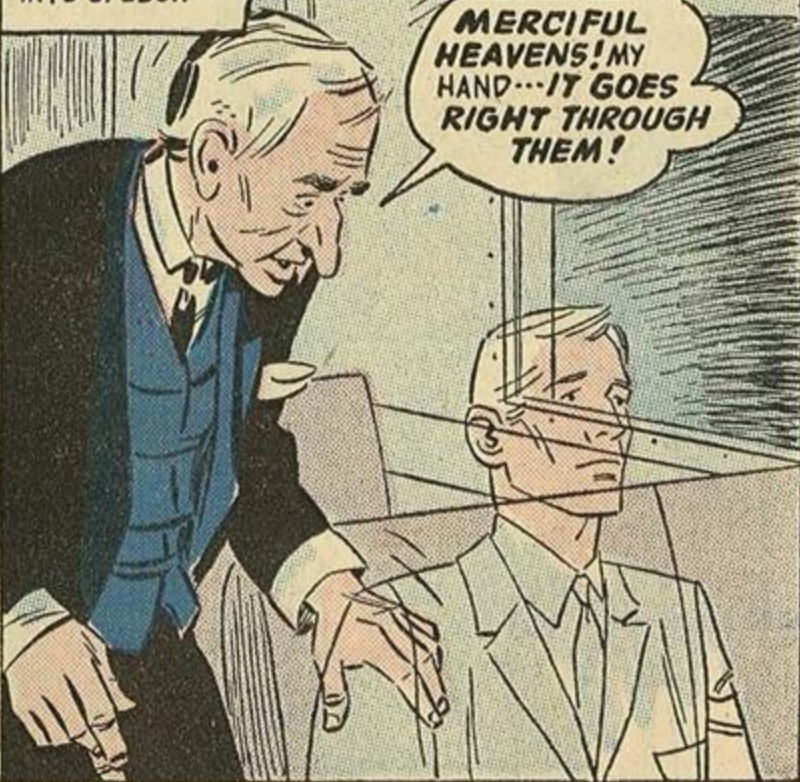
IN ALARM, HE CALLED TO THE OTHER PASSENGERS...BUT NOBODY ANSWERED! AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE REALIZED...

THERE...THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THEM!



AN UNREASONING FEAR GRIPPED HIM! HE HAD TO GET THEM TO TALK...BUT AS HE TRIED TO SHAKE ONE INTO SPEECH...

MERCIFUL HEAVENS! MY HAND...IT GOES RIGHT THROUGH THEM!





THERE WAS NO TIME FOR FURTHER AFFRIGHTED SPECULATION...FOR AT THAT MOMENT...



PHINEAS HASTENED TO GET OFF...ANYTHING TO ESCAPE FROM THAT STRANGE TRAIN! HE THOUGHT HE'D HEARD THE NAME OF THE STATION WRONG...BUT THERE IT WAS...



HE WENT THERE...AND WAS AMAZED TO SEE THE BOY HE HAD BEEN...IN 1909! ODDLY, THE LAD SEEMED UNAWARE OF HIS PRESENCE...AND THE OLD MAN HEARD SURPRISING WORDS...

THE ONLY WAY I'LL EVER MAKE ANY REAL MONEY ON A FARM IS IF I'M PAID **HOURLY**, INSTEAD OF ONCE A WEEK! I'LL TELL UNCLE BEN AND AUNT MARTHA THAT THAT'S THE WAY IT'S GOTTA **BE** FROM NOW ON!



NO, THEY COULDN'T SEE HIM AS HE RELIVED SCENES OUT OF HIS PAST...SCENES WHICH WERE ACTUALLY DIFFERENT THAN HE HAD REMEMBERED THEM...

ALL RIGHT, IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT...BUT THERE'S MORE THAN MONEY IN LIFE!



SURE THEY NEED ME, BUT THAT'S **THEIR** TOUGH LUCK! I'M HEADED FOR THE BIG TOWN...I CAN GET PLACES **FASTER** THAT WAY!

I...I HADN'T RECALLED THAT IT WAS LIKE THIS!



PHINEAS RETURNED FOR ONE LAST LOOK AT UNCLE BEN AND AUNT MARTHA...AND WHAT HE SAW MADE HIS EYES MIST...

WE...WE WORKED SO HARD TO DO OUR BEST FOR HIM...AND NOW...HE'S **RUN AWAY!**

IF ONLY I'D KNOWN...BUT KIDS **ARE** THAT WAY! AT LEAST, I WAS TRYING TO BETTER MYSELF! IT WAS DIFFERENT WITH **LAURA**...SHE HAD NO REASON AT **ALL** FOR RUNNING AWAY FROM ME!





FOR A MOMENT, HE CLOSED HIS EYES, THEN REOPENED THEM! WHY...HE WASN'T AT THE FARMHOUSE ANY LONGER! HE WAS BACK WHERE HE'D BEEN...ON THE 5:27 EXPRESS!

IT MUST HAVE BEEN...**A DREAM!** OF COURSE...GETTING OFF AT A STATION CALLED 1909...IT WAS **IMPOSSIBLE** FROM THE FIRST!



STATION 15...  
**1927!**



**1927...AND SUDDENLY, HE WAS BACK IN THE OFFICE HE'D OCCUPIED WITH HIS LONG-DEAD PARTNER! THERE HE WAS, STILL A YOUNG MAN...**

THAT GOOD-FOR-NOTHING SAM HARRIS! I WAS THE ONE WHO WORKED, DID EVERYTHING FOR HIM!

NO...YOU CAN'T **DO** THIS TO ME, PHINEAS!



YOU...YOU TRICKED ME INTO GIVING YOU FINANCIAL CONTROL! I'VE WORKED HARD TO BUILD THIS BUSINESS, AND NOW...YOU'RE FREEZING ME OUT WITH A PITTANCE!

YOU CAN TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT...BUT **GET OUT!**



**ALL AT ONCE, THE SCENE SHIFTED! NOW PHINEAS WAS AT HIS PARTNER'S HOUSE...TO WHICH HE'D BEEN SUMMONED FOLLOWING HARRIS'S FATAL HEART ATTACK!**

HE TOLD ME THE WHOLE STORY BEFORE HE DIED...AND HIS ONE WORRY WAS ABOUT POOR LITTLE LAURA, HIS DAUGHTER! NOW, MR. PHINEAS W. CARLTON, I HAPPEN TO BE A POWER IN THE COMMUNITY...AND EITHER YOU'LL PROVIDE FOR HER SUPPORT, OR I'LL SEE THAT THE WHOLE STORY IS MADE PUBLIC!

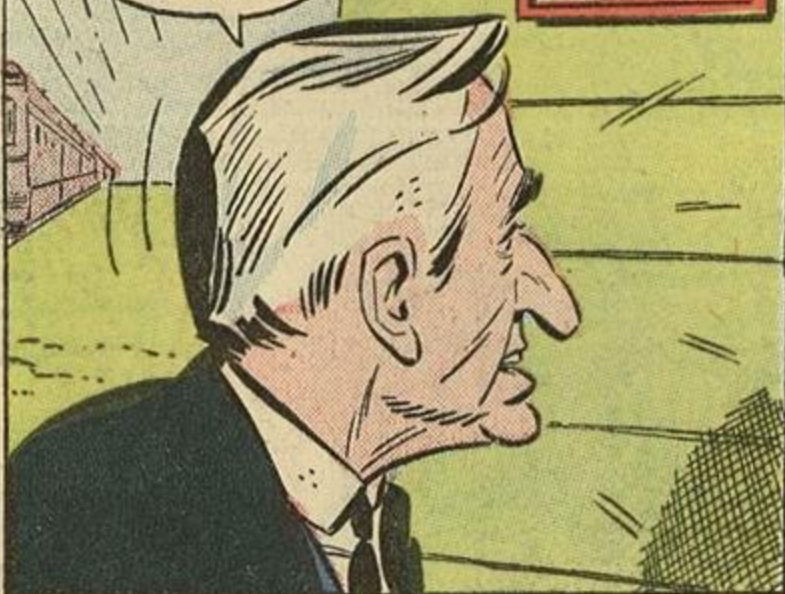
THERE... THERE'S NO SENSE IN RAKING ALL THIS BUSINESS UP! I'LL SEE THAT THE BRATS CARED FOR...I PROMISE!



THE SCENE FADED, AND OLD PHINEAS FOUND HIMSELF IN ANOTHER STATION! BEHIND HIM, THE 5:27 EXPRESS ROLLED SILENTLY AWAY...

1941...WHAT...WHAT AM I GOING TO SEE **HERE?**

**1941**



HE SAW LAURA A GROWING GIRL NOW...IN A REMEMBERED SCENE! BUT THE DETAILS...THEY WERE **DIFFERENT** THAN HE HAD RECOLLECTED...

I...I HATE TO ASK YOU, BUT I CAN'T GO OUT WITH THE OTHER GIRLS AND BOYS, AND I'M EVEN ASHAMED TO GO TO SCHOOL! IT'S JUST THAT MY CLOTHES...THEY'RE SO...**SHABBY...**

THAT'S **ENOUGH...** DO YOU THINK I'M **MADE** OF MONEY? IT'S A PUBLIC SCHOOL, AND NOBODY'S GOT ANY RIGHT TO CRITICIZE HOW YOU DRESS! AND AS FOR GOING OUT, YOU'LL **STAY HOME, SEE?**





IT WAS A SHOCK TO PHINEAS... WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, HE HADN'T REMEMBERED THAT THINGS HAD BEEN LIKE THIS! AND THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE THAT HE HADN'T REMEMBERED... THE DETAILS OF THAT TELEPHONE CALL A FEW YEARS LATER...

I... I DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT THIS WAY, BUT I LOVE TOM... AND YOU WOULDN'T EVEN LET HIM INTO THE HOUSE! PLEASE, WON'T YOU FORGIVE ME? WON'T YOU UNDERSTAND... AND GIVE US YOUR BLESSING?

YOU DARE EVEN ASK... AFTER DECEIVING ME LIKE THIS? YOU'RE TREACHEROUS, UNGRATEFUL, SCHEMING... AND I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

"...AND I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!" THE ECHOES OF THOSE DISTANT WORDS WERE RINGING IN OLD PHINEAS'S EARS AS ONCE AGAIN HE AWOK... TO FIND HIMSELF STILL ABOARD THAT STRANGE TRAIN...

CAN... CAN ALL OF THIS BE TRUE? IT'S... DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY I REMEMBERED THINGS HAPPENING! DO PEOPLE LIE TO THEMSELVES, SO THAT THEY CAN COVER UP THE WAY THINGS REALLY WERE?

BUT WITHIN HIS HEART, PHINEAS FELT RELIEF FOR HE WAS CERTAIN THAT THE 5:27 EXPRESS WOULD MAKE NO FURTHER STOPS ALONG THE HIGHROAD OF HIS PAST... NOTHING OF MOMENT HAD OCCURRED SINCE 1941! HE WAS DESTINED FOR A SURPRISE, HOWEVER...

STATION IS... 1967!

1967! WONDERINGLY, PHINEAS DESCENDED...

WHY, THIS IS... THE FUTURE! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING I WAS INTENDED TO SEE HERE... BUT WHAT COULD IT BE? THERE'S NOTHING AROUND... EXCEPT THAT CEMETERY...

1967

AH, YES... THAT CEMETERY! ALL OF THE GRAVES WERE LOVINGLY CARED FOR, EXCEPT ONE, WHICH WAS WEED-GROWN, NEGLECTED! SOMETHING IMPELLED THE OLD MAN TO DROP TO ONE KNEE, SEPARATE THE OVERGROWTH WHICH HID THE NAME ON THE TOMBSTONE! TO HIS HORROR...

IT'S... MY GRAVE! AND... AND THE DATE OF MY DEATH... IT'S TODAY!

PHINEAS W. CARLTON  
DEPARTED THIS  
LIFE ON THE  
4TH DAY OF  
OCTOBER 1955

NOBODY'S... VISITED THIS PLACE, NOBODY CARES! IS THIS WHAT MY LIFE HAS COME TO? FORGOTTEN BY EVERYONE... NO ONE TO SHED A TEAR... UNLOVED...



HE STAGGERED WEAKLY OUT OF THE CEMETERY, STOOD UNKNOWNLY UPON THE RAILROAD TRACKS! THERE WASN'T A SOUND TO INDICATE THE COMING OF THE 5:27 EXPRESS... BUT THERE IT WAS AGAIN, BEARING DOWN TRIUMPHANTLY UPON HIM...

TIME... TIME, PERHAPS, TO RIGHT HIS GREATEST WRONG! AS LAURA, HIS ERSTWHILE WARD, PLUMBED THE DEPTHS OF DESPAIR...



NOW I SEE HOW IT WAS... HOW I MISSENT MY LIFE, CAUSED HARM AND SUFFERING WHERE I MIGHT HAVE HELPED AND BROUGHT HAPPINESS! OH, IF ONLY I COULD SET THINGS RIGHT... IF ONLY I HAD... A LITTLE TIME...

HE COULD HAVE HELPED ME... BUT I WAS A FOOL TO EVEN HAVE HOPE! HE'LL NEVER CHANGE... CRUEL... MEAN...

MOMMY... THE... DOOR...

KNOCK! KNOCK!



YES, THIS IS THE RIGHT PLACE... WHAT DID YOU WANT?

I'M AFRAID YOU'D BETTER BRACE YOURSELF FOR A SHOCK! IT'S ABOUT SOME OLD MAN NAMED PHINEAS W. CARLTON... MUST HAVE BEEN SOME RELATIVE OF YOURS, I TAKE IT! WELL... HE'S DEAD!

I'D BEEN TALKING TO HIM DOWN AT THE DEPOT WHEN HE STAGGERED AND FELL... MUST HAVE BEEN A HEART ATTACK, I'D SAY!

JUST... JUST LIKE THAT... HE... DROPPED DEAD?



I WOULDN'T SAY THAT EXACTLY! HE WENT PRETTY FAST, ALL RIGHT, BUT JUST BEFORE THE END, HE STARTED MUTTERING SOMETHING ABOUT IF HE ONLY HAD A LITTLE TIME! TO SET THINGS RIGHT, I THINK HE WAS SAYING... AND HE KIND OF CAME TO THEN FOR A FEW MINUTES!

DID... DID HE MENTION ME... OR SEND ME ANY MESSAGE?

HE ASKED FOR A PEN AND PAPER AND JUST HAD ENOUGH STRENGTH TO SET DOWN A FEW LAST WORDS! WAIT A SECOND... HERE IT IS!



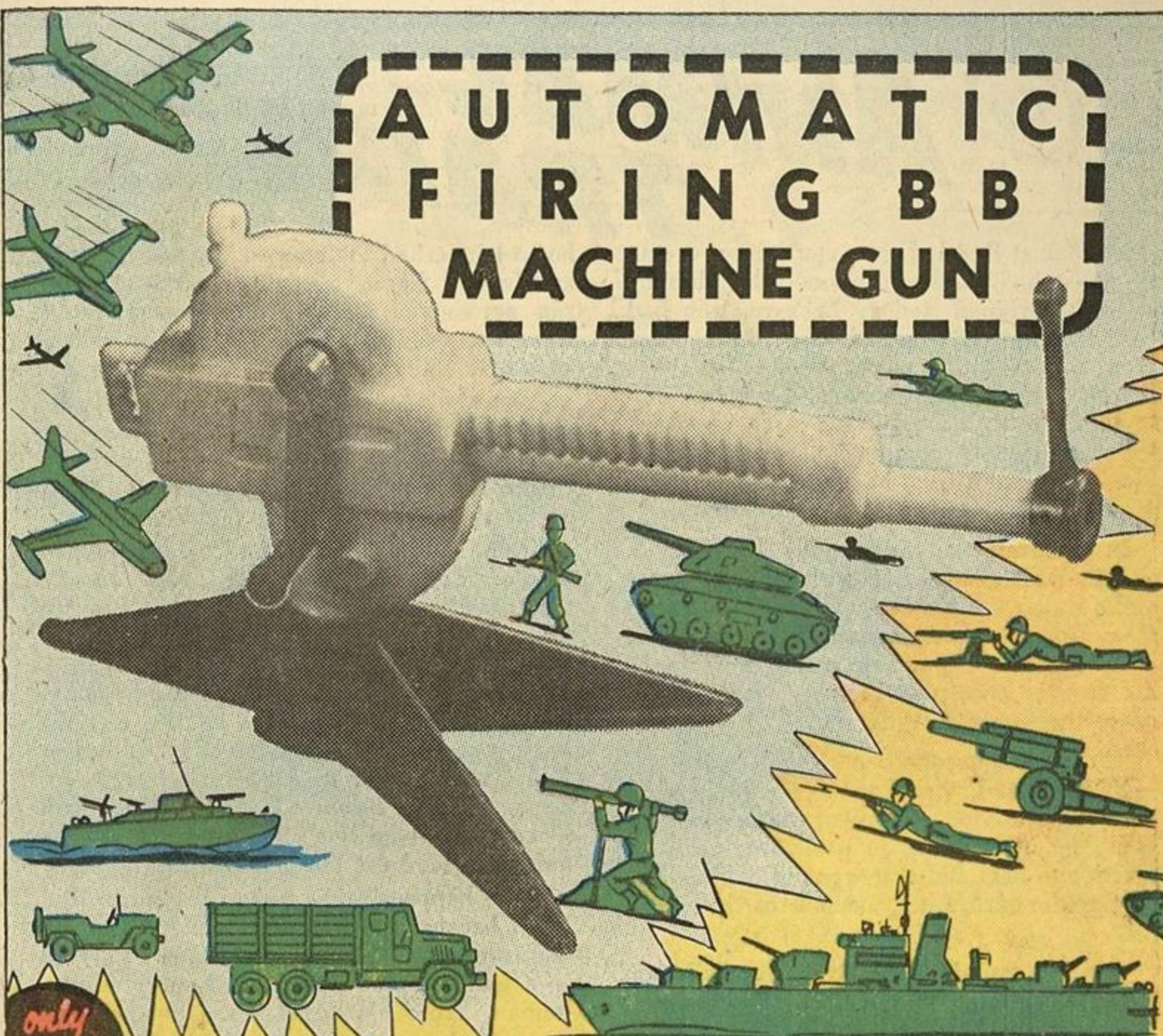
Oct 4, 1956  
I leave all my money and property, real and personal, to my former ward, Laura Harris.  
Phineas W. Carlton  
Witness: John W. Harkness

THAT JOHN W. HARKNESS... THAT'S ME, LADY... HE ASKED ME TO SIGN AS WITNESS, JUST BEFORE HE CASHED IN! AND I GUESS THAT MAKES YOU A LEGAL HEIRESS!

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# **The ANIMAL TRAINER**

To look at Rod LeFevre, you'd never dream that he'd had an illustrious ancestor. But he had—the original Rodney LeFevre, who had been the toast of France in the 18th century as an animal trainer par excellence. LeFevre's courage was almost legendary. Working mainly with the big cats, he had a roaring voice which seemed to dominate his charges with ease. That and a trick he had of using only a small wooden wand to cow them.

In contrast, the modern-day Rod was a slightly-built youth of 18 with a piping voice and a rather timid demeanor. He had a secret fear of almost all animals, too, which he strove to hide from everyone. He almost worshipped his famous ancestor's memory, perhaps because they were so different.

There was someone else he worshipped, too—Sylvie Brand, who was the prettiest girl in the neighborhood. How he wished that he could be outstanding in some way, and attractive to her! But that was difficult as long as Cap Jonnard was a member of their local set.

Cap was captain of the school football team—brawny, self-assured and boastful, as well as handsome. No wonder he seemed to captivate Sylvie—and no wonder Rod was miserable!

He had no idea that this particular Tuesday was fated to be a big day in his life. The gang was on the way to the carnival which had just opened on the outskirts of town. Cap was in his usual form, boasting of the three touchdowns he had personally scored in last Saturday's game, and Sylvie seemed starry-eyed over the sensational recountal.

Rod felt desperate. Wasn't there *any* way he could ever claim her attention? Then the idea came to him of boasting, boy fashion, of his famous ancestor, and he made use of a lull in the conversation to tell them of the mighty exploits of the original Rodney LeFevre. "It was that deep, roaring voice of his that seemed to scare them," he concluded. "That—and the way he used just a little wooden rod. Confidence, yes sir—and *nothing* scared him!"

"And you're just like him, eh?" sneered Cap Jonnard. "With that little piping voice of yours! Guess you're as brave as they come, huh?"

Rod was just in the act of insisting that

he had inherited his ancestor's great courage and lack of fear of all animals when a kitten ran across the sidewalk. Rod never could stand cats, so he jumped aside hastily, and a roar of laughter went up from the gang.

"*Some hero!*" jeered Cap, and Sylvie's tinkling laughter broke the boy's heart. He was crushed and silent as they entered the carnival. And it was as they passed the menagerie that the awful thing happened.

From inside, there came sudden hoarse shouts. "*Look out—that cage door's open!*" they heard—and the next moment, in a tawny flash, a large lion burst from the tent. Rod's heart turned over in a paralysis of fear. There was a roaring in his ears and he could not seem to think. Nearest to the escaped beast was Sylvie, then came Cap and then Rod. Something flashed past Rod—it was Cap, racing away in a panic. Then Sylvie's scream blended with the lion's enraged roar as the animal headed for the helpless girl.

What happened then had to be told to Rod later, because all awareness seemed to have fled from him. Onlookers claim that he moved in a blur of speed that seemed almost superhuman. From his throat came not his customary piping voice, but a deep roar that seemed to drown out the lion itself. In a flash, he was between the beast and Sylvie, standing his ground dauntlessly.

Growling ominously, the lion crouched to spring. There didn't seem a chance for Rod when he stooped, and caught up from the ground a small branch; hardly more than a twig. Holding it extended before him, he inched slowly towards the big cat. And, wonder of wonders, the animal gave ground, backing, backing until Rod held it cornered against a wall. Then keepers came with nets, and the danger was over.

How they crowded about Rod, clapping him on the back and offering fervent congratulations to the new hero. He seemed dazed, like someone just waking from a deep coma. But it was surprising how quickly he recovered under Sylvie's grateful kiss. And somehow, you could tell that fear was a thing of the past as far as young Rod LeFevre was concerned. Nobody ever explained the deep, roaring voice which had come so strangely from his throat, nor what instinct caused him to pick up the small piece of wood that made the lion break ground. What do *you* think?



# The SELLER & DREAMS!



SOON, MY DEAR  
...AS I TOLD YOU LONG  
AGO... THE MOST PRICE-  
LESS POSSESSION IN  
THE WORLD SHALL  
BE YOURS!

DOWN THE YEARS HIS TANTALIZING PROMISE HAD HAUNTED HER... A PROMISE ONLY A MADMAN COULD MAKE! BUT WAS HE MAD, OR MERELY A CHARLATAN... A SELLER OF PHONY DREAMS? PAULA DORRANCE HAD THE COURAGE TO PUT HIM TO THE TEST, AND MILLIONS TO PAY HIS PRICE... UNTIL SHE LEARNED THAT MONEY WASN'T WHAT HE WAS AFTER!

IN A LAVISH HOTEL ROOM IN MARRAKESH,  
FRENCH MOROCCO...



STEPHEN,  
PLEASE! LET ME  
OUT! YOU MUSTN'T  
LOCK ME IN LIKE  
THIS! PLEASE!

BUT THERE WAS NO REPLY FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR! HELPLESSLY, THE WOMAN WITH THE PREMATURELY OLD AND WRINKLED FACE STAGGERED TO HER BED...

IT'S ALL OVER NOW...  
EVERYTHING! I SHOULD  
HAVE KNOWN HAPPINESS  
COULD NEVER BE MINE  
...I WAS UNLUCKY  
FROM THE START...





PAULA DORRANCE'S TORTURED MIND FLOWED BACK OVER ALL THE BITTER DETAILS OF HER LONELY LIFE...

SHE MAY BE ONE OF THE RICHEST GIRLS IN THE WORLD, BUT I WOULDN'T CHANGE PLACES WITH HER FOR ANYTHING!

YES, I'VE GOT EVERYTHING, EXCEPT THE ONE THING THAT MATTERS MOST TO A GIRL, **BEAUTY!**



TORMENTED BY HER PLAIN FACE, PAULA FOUND COLLEGE AN ORDEAL...

THIS IS THE LAST DANCE I GO TO! IT'S NO USE TRYING TO MAKE THE BOYS NOTICE ME... IT'S WORSE THAN IF I WERE A **LEPER!**



FLASHY CARS, BEAUTIFUL CLOTHES... NOTHING HELPED... NOT EVEN HER TEARS COULD BRING RELIEF...



WHAT GOOD'S ALL MY **MONEY?** I'D GIVE A MILLION DOLLARS FOR JUST ONE BOYFRIEND WHO REALLY CARED FOR ME!

OFTEN, LATE AT NIGHT, SHE DROVE AIMLESSLY AROUND THE COLLEGE TOWN, WONDERING WHAT WOULD BECOME OF HER, WHAT THE FUTURE MIGHT HOLD...

FUNNY, I NEVER NOTICED THAT ARABIC TEA ROOM BEFORE! WONDER WHY IT'S OPEN SO LATE? NO HARM HAVING A LOOK...



ON IMPULSE, AND ALWAYS HAVING BEEN SUPERSTITIOUS, SHE ENTERED...

YOU THE FORTUNE TELLER AROUND HERE?

I AM HE WHO READS PAST, PRESENT AND **FUTURE!** YOUR PAST WAS UNHAPPY, YOUR PRESENT IS **LONELY!** SHALL I TELL YOU THE **FUTURE?**



HE READ THE LINES IN HER PALM, THEN LED HER TO AN INNER ROOM WHERE HE GAZED WITH BRIGHT EYES AT A CRYSTAL BALL...

I SEE YOUR WISHES FULFILLED! DO NOT DESPAIR, SOMEDAY YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BUY... **THE MOST PRICELESS POSSESSION IN THE WORLD!**

I'M VERY RICH RIGHT NOW! WHAT IS IT YOU'RE SELLING?



YOU SHALL KNOW WHEN YOU ARE 25, AND YOU COME INTO YOUR **FULL** INHERITANCE! WE SHALL MEET AGAIN **THEN!**

SAY, HOW'D YOU KNOW I DON'T GET ALL MY MONEY TILL THEN?







I KNOW **EVERYTHING** ABOUT YOU! BUT I SHALL ANSWER NO MORE QUESTIONS! **FAREWELL!**

HERE'S SOMETHING FOR YOUR TROUBLE! YOU'RE SURE A **QUEER** CHARACTER!



SHE TRIED TO SHRUG OFF THE EXPERIENCE, BUT THE FORTUNE TELLER'S FACE HAUNTED HER STRANGELY...

"THE MOST PRICELESS POSSESSION IN THE WORLD"... WHAT A LAUGH! FOR ME THAT'S **BEAUTY**...AND **NOBODY** CAN SELL ME THAT! I GUESS THE OLD BOY MAKES HIS LIVING PEDDLING PHONY DREAMS!



NEXT DAY, TO HER AMAZEMENT, SHE HAD AN OVERPOWERING DESIRE TO SPEAK TO THE FORTUNE TELLER AGAIN... BUT WHEN SHE CAME TO THE STORE...

I...I MUST BE GOING **LOONY!** WASN'T THERE AN ARABIC TEA ROOM HERE LAST NIGHT?

SURE WAS, MISS! SOME PECULIAR OLD GEEZER PAID ME \$500 TO RENT MY STORE JUST FOR LAST NIGHT!



BUT I...I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHERE IS HE? I'VE GOT TO TALK TO HIM!

CAN'T HELP YOU, MISS! HE HAD THE WHOLE PLACE FIXED OVER FOR A FEW HOURS AND CLEARED OUT! HE TOLD ME HE HAD ONLY **ONE** PIECE OF BUSINESS IN THIS **TOWN!**



LONELY YEARS PASSED FOR PAULA DORRANCE, BUT SHE NEVER FORGOT THAT INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE! AT 23, AT LAST, LOVE CAME INTO HER LIFE...

CARE TO DANCE?

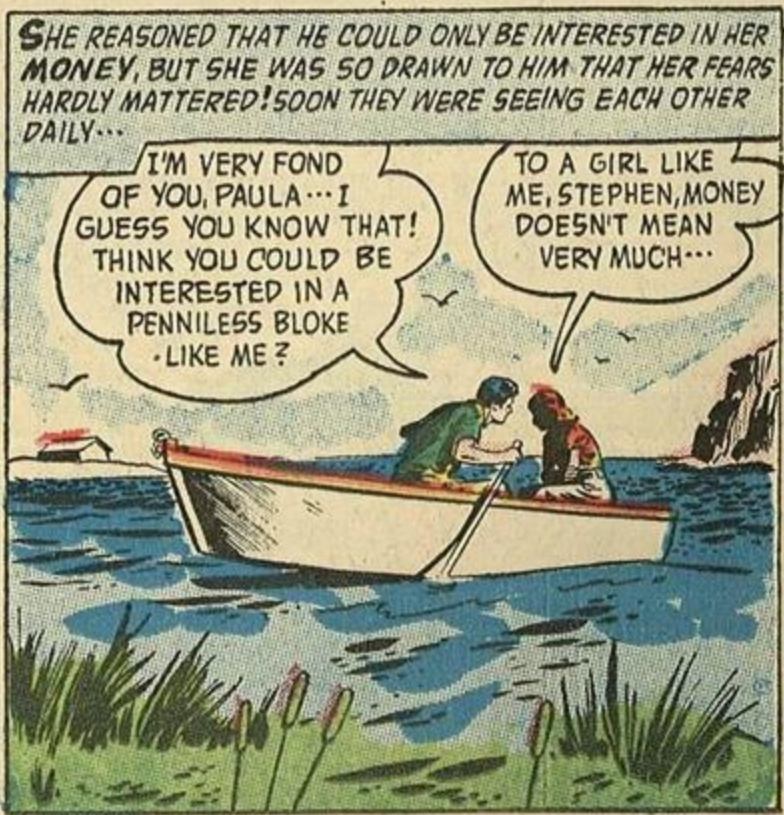
WHY, Y-YES, I'D LOVE TO!



STEPHEN HOWARD, A DEVIL-MAY-CARE YOUNG PAINTER, SWEEPED HER OFF HER FEET ALMOST IMMEDIATELY...

WHY SO TENSE? **RELAX**, I'M NOT SUCH A BAD GUY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TOMORROW NIGHT?

WITH ALL THE PRETTY GIRLS AT THIS PARTY, WHY IS HE SINGLING **ME** OUT? GOSH, HE'S SURE A **HAND-SOME** FELLOW!



SHE REASONED THAT HE COULD ONLY BE INTERESTED IN HER **MONEY**, BUT SHE WAS SO DRAWN TO HIM THAT HER FEARS HARDLY MATTERED! SOON THEY WERE SEEING EACH OTHER DAILY...

I'M VERY FOND OF YOU, PAULA...I GUESS YOU KNOW THAT! THINK YOU COULD BE INTERESTED IN A PENNILESS BLOKE - LIKE ME?

TO A GIRL LIKE ME, STEPHEN, MONEY DOESN'T MEAN VERY MUCH...



**BEFORE LONG THEY WERE ENGAGED...**

I'LL FEEL AWFULLY FUNNY LIVING OFF YOUR MONEY, DARLING... BUT I'M SURE I CAN MAKE SOMETHING OF MY PAINTING, IF YOU HAVE FAITH IN ME! WHAT'S **WRONG**, SWEETIE?

TH-THAT MAN OVER THERE... I-I **KNOW** HIM!



**THAT QUEER-LOOKING DUCK?** WHO IS HE?

I'M NOT... **SURE!** LET'S LEAVE, STEPHEN... THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HIS SMILE THAT **BOTHERS** ME!



**FROM THEN ON, AT STRANGE TIMES AND PLACES, PAULA WAS CERTAIN SHE SAW HIM AGAIN! MONTHS AFTER THE WEDDING...**

I SPOTTED THAT MAN **AGAIN** THIS MORNING! HE'S ALWAYS AT A DISTANCE... I CAN NEVER GET TO TALK TO HIM!

MAYBE HE'S JUST A SECRET ADMIRER, HONEY! I JUST HOPE MY **CRITICS** TURN OUT TO BE ADMIRERS TOO!



**STEPHEN WORKED HARD PREPARING AN EXHIBITION OF HIS WORK! A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE OPENING, PAULA CALLED IN SOME CRITICS FOR A SECRET PREVIEW...**

**ASTOUNDING** TALENT! YOUR HUSBAND IS A **GENIUS!**

NO QUESTION ABOUT IT!

OH... **NO!** THIS IS **AWFUL!**



**CONVINCED THAT STEPHEN HAD MARRIED HER ONLY FOR HER MONEY, AND THAT HE'D LEAVE HER AFTER ACHIEVING SUCCESS, PAULA BRIBED THE CRITICS TO WRITE POOR REVIEWS...**

**THE IDIOTS!** MY WORK IS **GOOD**, I TELL YOU!

**OF COURSE** IT IS, DARLING! YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO KEEP TRYING!



**STEPHEN WORKED HARD, NEVER GAVE HER CAUSE FOR HER GROUNDLESS FEARS, BUT SHE WAS INSANELY JEALOUS EVERY TIME HE SPOKE TO ANOTHER WOMAN...**

GIRLS ARE ATTRACTED TO HIM LIKE FLIES TO HONEY! HOW CAN I COMPETE AGAINST THESE BEAUTIES? I'VE GOT TO GO AWAY WITH HIM... JUST THE TWO OF US... **ALONE!**



**ON HER INSISTENCE THEY JOURNEYED TO EUROPE, THEN AFRICA! THE BAZAARS OF COLORFUL MARRAKESH PROVED FASCINATING TO BOTH...**

BOY, I COULD PAINT THESE SCENES FOR YEARS! IT'S **BEAUTIFUL!**

YOU ADMIRE BEAUTIFUL THINGS, DON'T YOU, STEPHEN?



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# Up To 15 More Horsepower 6 Miles More Per Gallon

## Or It Doesn't Cost You a Cent!

**IT'S TRUE!** Now you can get the breath-taking acceleration... jack-rabbit starts... blazing new power that you've dreamed about for years—simply by harnessing the raw, unburnt gasoline that your engine is wasting today!

You can get performance from your present car that will make your friends gasp with astonishment—and you can save \$25, \$50, even \$75 a year on gas bills alone doing it!

Yes! You, yourself can fit this amazing **GASOLINE ATOMIZER** on to your car in as little as 20 easy minutes! And it is guaranteed to pay you back your full purchase price, in gas savings alone, in the first 3 to 4 short months that you use it. Here's why!

**WE GUARANTEE  
YOUR GAS SAVINGS!**

Clip this guarantee section out of this page. It authorizes you to try this amazing new **MINI-SUPERCHARGER** for a full four months **ENTIRELY AT OUR RISK!** At the end of that time, this device must save you—on gas alone—**EVERY SINGLE CENT OF THE MONEY THAT YOU PAID FOR IT—OR YOUR FULL MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED.** This offer is good for a full four months! It is probably the most amazing offer in car history! You have nothing to lose! **ACT TODAY!**

*Eugene Stevens*  
Eugene Stevens, Pres.

**By RICHARD JOHNS**

Mr. Car Owner! How would you like to have the driving thrill of your life next weekend?

Picture this yourself! Next weekend you go down to your car—the same exact car that you've been driving for years. You've made only one simple change to that car, so easy that your 16-year-old son could do it! But now, when you turn on the ignition, a modern miracle of engineering science comes to life under your hood!

From the very first moment, you'll see and feel the difference in that engine. That engine will hum with new, throbbing power. When you release the emergency brake, your car will glide out of its parking space... roll down the street with your foot hardly touching the pedal. Every 30 or 40 seconds, you'll give that car an extra shot of gas; feeling it spurt ahead; testing the new power singing underneath your foot!

We ask you to pull up to another car at the stop light, of approximately the same year and make as your own! Wait until the light changes. Let the other car start first. Wait till the other car gets half way across the street. And then slam your foot down on the gas pedal!

Before that other car has even crossed the street, you will have caught up with him. For one brief second, you and that other car will race fender to fender. And then you will flash away from him... leave him a full block behind... you will look in your rear view mirror and see the startled look of amazement in the other driver's eyes!

### TEST THIS NEW POWER A HUNDRED DIFFERENT WAYS!

But this is just the beginning! Test this equipment for one full month—entirely at our risk! Test it on the highway! Use it to flash away from other cars... spurt up the steepest hills... actually pass other cars in 2, 4, 6 and even 8 seconds **LESS** than you could have done formerly!

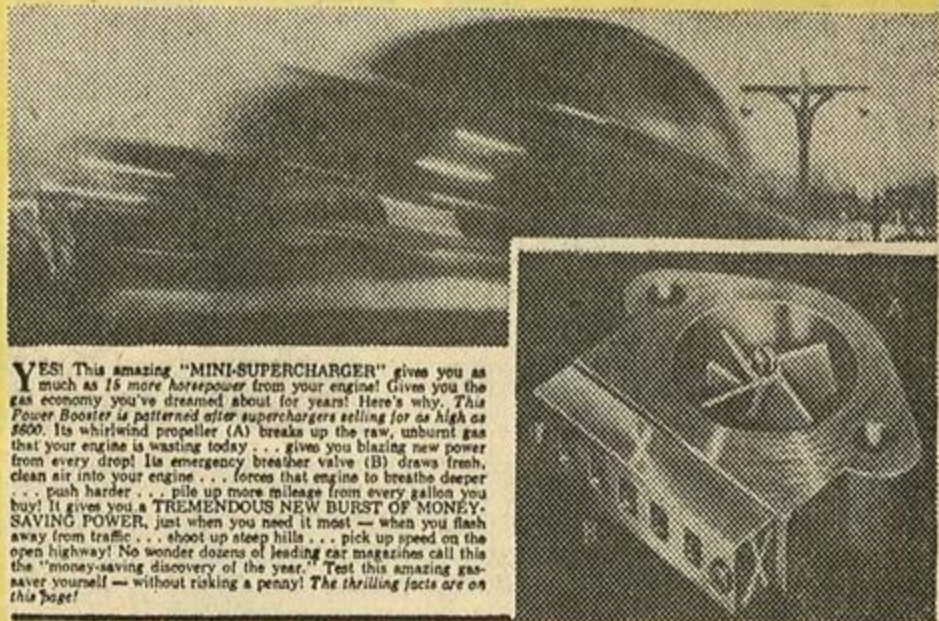
Test this equipment in long-range driving! See the enormous gas savings it gives you at high speeds! Prove to yourself that at 50... 60... even 70 miles an hour, your foot is still half-way up on the pedal—you still have all the reserve power you need to get out of any emergency on the highway!

Yes, and test this equipment in stop-and-go city driving! Prove to yourself that it gives you the instant acceleration you need to get out in front of the crowd... with far less gas than you're using today! Prove to yourself that it can actually save you \$25 to \$50 on your gas bills every single year... that it actually pays back its full cost, in gas savings alone, during the first three or four months—or your full money back!

**HOW DOES THIS PRODUCT GIVE YOU SUCH TREMENDOUS NEW POWER?**

And you get all this performance—and more—from a small, polished machine of bronze and aluminum that you can hold in your hand! Here's why:

Gasoline in its liquid form is not explosive. If you accidentally drop a lighted match into a bucket full of gasoline, the chances are 10 to 1 that that



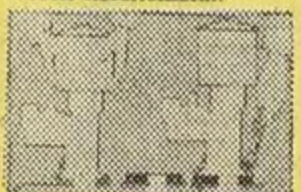
**YES!** This amazing "MINI-SUPERCHARGER" gives you as much as 15 more horsepower from your engine! Given you the gas economy you've dreamed about for years! Here's why. This Power Booster is patterned after superchargers selling for as high as \$600. Its whirlwind propeller (A) breaks up the raw, unburnt gas that your engine is wasting today... gives you blazing new power from every drop! Its emergency breather valve (B) draws fresh, clean air into your engine... forces that engine to breathe deeper... push harder... pile up more mileage from every gallon you buy! It gives you a **TREMENDOUS NEW BURST OF MONEY-SAVING POWER**, just when you need it most—when you flash away from traffic... shoot up steep hills... pick up speed on the open highway! No wonder dozens of leading car magazines call this the "money-saving discovery of the year." Test this amazing gas-saver yourself—without risking a penny! The thrilling facts are on this page!

gasoline will actually put out that match. But simply mix that same bucket full of gas with the proper amount of air, and you will have enough explosive power to drive a ten ton truck!

The main purpose of this machine is to **SUPER-MIX... SUPER-VAPORIZE... SUPER-ATOMIZE** your gas in exactly that way! To squeeze the hidden power out of that gas! To mix that gas with much greater volumes of air! To make that gas more explosive in the engine of your car!

No wonder men have paid up to \$600 for Superchargers! What we are offering you on this page is a **MINI-SUPERCHARGER**—easier to install—less expensive! But still the only power product you can buy with all these tremendous advantages:

1. You can install it yourself, in just 20 minutes, even if you never picked up a tool before in your life! No \$10, \$15 or \$20 mechanic's bills! No drilling, or grinding! You never even touch the inside of your engine!
2. It never needs further adjustments, for the full life of your car! Nothing to go out of order or break down on the highway.
3. It takes up no room in your car... makes no "soured-up" noise! No shifting around of engine parts. No "hot rod" noises to cause embarrassment!



### SO EASY TO INSTALL THAT EVEN YOUR 16-YEAR-OLD SON CAN DO IT!

**Step 1.** Open your hood. Locate Air Cleaner and Carburetor Unit that sits smack on top of your engine. Simply take an ordinary wrench and loosen the two or three bolts that hold carburetor to the engine!

**Step 2.** Lift up the carburetor. Put **MINI-SUPERCHARGER** in place. What could be easier?

**Step 3.** Replace carburetor. Now turn on your engine! And then get in and take the most thrilling drive of your life!

**TRY IT ENTIRELY AT OUR RISK**  
This **MINI-SUPERCHARGER** (U.S. Patent No. 2,409,937) sells for only \$11.95

## HERE'S PROOF!

### SCIENTIFIC TESTS SHOW AMAZING NEW HORSEPOWER, STARTLING GAS SAVINGS!

Installation of the item was exceptionally easy—less than 25 minutes on both cars. Immediately results show a definite increase of 8 horsepower on the Ford, and 11 horsepower on the Pontiac. The increase in mileage was easily up to 5 miles a gallon on both cars.

**VINCENT LOMBARDI**  
—New-Cat Service Manager  
**WONDERFUL FOR OLDER CARS TOO!**

"I can hardly believe my eyes. I tried this out on the family's second car, an older 1949 Plymouth with 54,000 miles on it. We used to call this car the gutless wonder. Now I would venture to say that it has 15 more horses, so we will be glad to discontinue that name."

**R. B. Ames, San Pedro, California**

"Words cannot tell what it does for a car. My 1949 Chevy now has 72,245 miles... and I will say that it has as much power as the new cars, and truthfully speaking, I think it has more."

**Eugene Holmes, Walden, New York**

"Had it installed in my 1937 Buick. Am getting 18 miles per gallon, and before I was only getting 11 miles."

**N. L. Huston, Lincoln, Maine**

**FAR BETTER MILEAGE FROM A FEW EASY MINUTES WORK!**

"I must tell you about the wonderful results your supercharger has given my

1954 Ford V-8. On a recent trip to Canada I averaged an easy 22 miles a gallon both going and coming. Now the new power I get is really thrilling."

**Mrs. Jeanette Ellenbogen, Bronx, N.Y.**

"I have a 1961 Chrysler Windsor. Before installing your Mini-Supercharger I got approximately 15 miles per gallon. Since installing this supercharger I get as much as 20 miles per gallon."

**A. E. Maximino, Brooklyn, N.Y.**

"Received two superchargers for my Buick and Chevrolet. Am well pleased with them. It made a difference on the Buick Roadmaster from 14 to 20 miles a gallon. Would not take fifty dollars for them."

**O. J. Bryant, Yellowstone Park, Wyo.**

"... increased my mileage from 13 to 20 miles a gallon. And the car has new pep which I haven't seen since it was new."

**B. Reiter, Vancouver, B. C.**

"... worked fine and dandy. I pulled a two-wheel trailer with full camping outfit. Averaged around 19 miles to the gallon of gas!"

**Fred Seltz, Mansfield, Ohio**

"... Worth twice the price. I get 4 to 5 miles more to the gallon. Also more horse power—at least 15% to 20%. Better than 25 miles to the gallon. Would like one for a Studebaker pickup truck."

**C. R. Diable, Muncieville, N. Y.**

for most cars and only \$14.95 if your car has a special four-barrel carburetor. This is your total cost—there is no installation fee! And, most important of all, we guarantee that you will save this full purchase in gas bills alone—in the first 3 to 4 months that you own this device.

You have nothing to lose! Try this equipment entirely at our risk. It must give you a whole new world of driving pleasure

and economy or your full money back! Act today!

### LAST CHANCE OFFER!

Our supply of the amazing Dial-O-Magic Trouble Spotter Chart offered in this advertisement is almost exhausted! We are sorry, but this is absolutely the last time we can offer this money-saving Free Gift to you! The **MINI-SUPERCHARGER** itself is not yet for sale in your neighborhood stores. You have nothing to lose on this No-Risk Offer! Act TODAY!

### MAIL NO-RISK COUPON TODAY!

**EUGENE STEVENS, INC.**  
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NEW YORK 11, N. Y.

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Yes, I want to try your amazing **MINI-SUPERCHARGER** entirely at your risk! I will pay postman only amount checked below plus low C.O.D. charges:

☐ \$11.95 (My car does not have a four-barrel carburetor.)

☐ \$14.95 (My car is equipped with a special four-barrel carburetor.)

I understand that it must do everything you say or my full money back! Also send me as your Extra Gift Premium, the Free Dial-O-Magic Trouble Spotter Chart. This is mine to keep even if I return the **MINI-SUPERCHARGER**.

MAKE OF CAR..... YEAR.....

MODEL..... 4 DOOR OR 2 DOOR.....

4..... CYLINDERS..... 6 CYLINDERS..... STRAIGHT 6..... V-8.....

STANDARD TRANSMISSION..... AUTOMATIC.....

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

CITY..... ZONE..... STATE.....

☐ CHECK HERE TO SAVE MORE! Enclose check or money order, and we pay all postage and handling charges! You save as much as \$1.00. Same money-back guarantee, of course!

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## FREE BONUS!

### AMAZING NEW DIAL-O-MAGIC TROUBLE SPOTTER! SAVES YOU UP TO \$250 ON REPAIRS THIS YEAR ALONE!



Think of it! With a 20-second flick of your finger, you can actually save up to 50% of the money you're throwing away on repair bills right now! You can save up to \$250 this year alone—without special tools, even if you never picked up a screwdriver before!

Here is a complete CAR-REPAIR-MANUAL AT A GLANCE, that tells you instantly what to do when your engine won't start, or heats up, or sputters and stalls. What to do when it leaks water, chugs on the hills, burns oil. What to do when your battery won't charge, your oil pressure drops, your clutch slips, when you're bothered by squeaks, groans or rattles.

Here are professional, 20-second secrets that show you how to prevent rust from ruining your radiator; get quicker starts in winter; keep your engine from overheating even in the hottest weather. How

to keep your upholstery spotless; your brakes in perfect condition; your finish sparkling all year long.

Yes! Simply flick the dial, and instantly you learn how to avoid dangerous accidents in bad weather; check battery and spark plugs yourself and save \$5 tune-up charge; prevent major \$40, \$50 and \$60 repair bills. How to stop engine troubles the very moment they start; lengthen your car's life; add \$150—\$200—even \$250 to the trade-in value of your car!

It's exactly like having a first-rate mechanic at your elbow 24 hours a day! But remember, this is your only chance to get this amazing **DIAL-O-MAGIC TROUBLE SPOTTER** as a **FREE** extra gift! An extra added **FREE** bonus that is yours to keep even if you return the **MINI-SUPERCHARGER**!

But our supply is limited! **ACT TODAY!**



IN THEIR HOTEL ROOM, ONE OF THEIR RARE ARGUMENTS TOOK PLACE...

LISTEN, HONEY, I'VE TOLD YOU A **THOUSAND** TIMES THAT I LOVE YOU! IF I DIDN'T, WHY WOULD I HAVE MARRIED YOU?

ONLY **YOU** CAN ANSWER THAT, STEPHEN! WHY DON'T YOU EVER TELL ME **I'M BEAUTIFUL**?

BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME! BUT THE TRUTH IS, TO ME YOU ARE **BEAUTIFUL**... BECAUSE YOU'RE THE GIRL I LOVE!

HA! YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN A **POET** INSTEAD OF A PAINTER!

IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS, WHILE STEPHEN PAINTED, PAULA SHOPPED THROUGH THE BAZAARS ALONE! HER MOOD WAS BECOMING EVER MORE BITTER...

IF ONLY I WASN'T SO HOMELY, I COULD BE THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD! HMMM, THIS IS AN INTERESTING-LOOKING SHOP...

**CURIOSITY SHOP**

THE CURIOSITY SHOP WAS IN AN OUT-OF-THE-WAY STREET, AND AS SHE ENTERED ITS GLOOMY CONFINES SHE WAS MOMENTARILY BLINDED BY ITS DARKNESS! BUT AS HER EYES GREW ACCUSTOMED TO THE MURKY LIGHT...

Y-YOU!

WE MEET AGAIN... AS I PREDICTED! COME, IT IS TIME NOW FOR US TO DO **BUSINESS**!

HE LED HER THROUGH AN ARCHWAY OF HANGING BEADS INTO AN AMAZING ROOM...

THIS IS MY... **LABORATORY**! HERE I CAN SELL YOU WHAT YOU DESIRE MORE THAN ANYTHING... **BEAUTY**... BUT IT WILL BE **VERY EXPENSIVE**! YOU NEEDN'T PAY UNTIL I HAVE **PROVEN** WHAT I SAY!

YOU MUST BE **MAD**!

BUT WHAT DID SHE HAVE TO LOSE BY PUTTING HIM TO THE TEST? BREATHLESSLY SHE WATCHED HIM MIX A STRANGE MUDDPACK, FELT ITS PECULIAR WARMTH SUFFUSE HER FLESH...

IT... IT **BURNS**! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MY **SKIN**?

**KNEADING** IT, MY DEAR... INTO ANOTHER **SHAPE**!

20 MINUTES LATER SHE STARED AT HERSELF INCREDULOUSLY...

IS... IS THAT **ME**? GOOD HEAVENS! I... I'M...

-- **LOVELY**! AND NOW, MY DEAR... YOUR CHECK FOR **\$10,000**!



\$10,000 SEEMED LIKE AN ABSURDLY CHEAP SUM FOR SUCH HAPPINESS...

HOW DID YOU **DO** IT? I STILL DON'T BELIEVE MY EYES! WHAT WAS IN THAT MUD?

ASK NO QUESTIONS! I HAVE DONE MY PART... IS THAT NOT ENOUGH?



SHE FLED BACK TO STEPHEN, TOLD HIM EVERYTHING! HE LOOKED AT HER WITH DISMAY AND ALARM...

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE **DONE**, PAULA? YOU'RE TINKERING WITH **FORBIDDEN FORCES**... ONLY **HARM** CAN COME OF IT!

HARM? HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT... WHEN IT MAKES ME SO HAPPY?



THAT NIGHT WAS THE MOST GLORIOUS OF HER LIFE! PRIDE AND CONFIDENCE MADE HER TREAD ELASTIC AS THEY TOURED THE CITY NIGHT LIFE...

MEN ARE THROWING ADMIRING GLANCES AT ME... EVERYWHERE I GO! AND I'M **SURE** STEPHEN'S BEING MORE ATTENTIVE... AS IF HE'S SEEING ME FOR THE FIRST TIME!



NEXT MORNING SHE WOKE EARLY, ANXIOUS TO GREET THE JOYOUS NEW DAY! BUT WHEN SHE GLANCED IN THE HAND MIRROR AT HER BEDSIDE...

OH, NO... **NO!** I'VE REVERTED BACK TO MY FORMER SELF... ONLY **OLDER** NOW... MORE **HOMELY** THAN BEFORE! WHAT'S GONE WRONG?



IN PANIC SHE FLED BACK TO THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP...

YES, I SOLD YOU BEAUTY... BUT DID I SAY FOR HOW **LONG**? WASN'T IT WORTH \$10,000 FOR ONE NIGHT OF HAPPINESS? **ANOTHER** DAY WILL COST YOU **MORE**... \$50,000!

AGREED! BUT DO IT **QUICKLY**... **QUICKLY!**



AND SO, ONCE MORE, THE WARM, MOIST EARTH WAS SPREAD OVER HER FACE...

HE'LL TAKE MY WHOLE FORTUNE... BUT I **DON'T CARE!** MY MILLIONS CAN BUY ME A FEW WEEKS OF HAPPINESS... AFTER THAT NOTHING MATTERS!



THE WEEKS ROLLED SWIFTLY PAST, AND HER FORTUNE DWINDLED RAPIDLY! STEPHEN, IGNORANT OF THE TRUE STATE OF AFFAIRS, NOTICED HER GROWING DESPERATION...

WHAT'S **EATING** YOU, HONEY? WHY DO YOU GET UP AHEAD OF ME EVERY MORNING AND DISAPPEAR? MAYBE WE OUGHT TO **LEAVE** THIS TOWN!

NO, NOT YET!





**HELPLESS IN THE CLUTCHES OF HER TORMENTER, PAULA'S ENTIRE FORTUNE WAS SOON GONE...**

HERE'S ALL I HAVE LEFT... THIS DIAMOND RING! YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE ME ONE MORE DAY... **PLEASE!** DON'T YOU HAVE ENOUGH MONEY NOW?

YOU FOOL, DO YOU THINK IT'S YOUR **MONEY** I'VE BEEN AFTER ALL THIS WHILE? NOW THAT YOU'RE PENNILESS YOU HAVE JUST ONE THING LEFT TO SELL... YOUR **YEARS!**

MY... **Y-YEARS?** WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I'M TALKING ABOUT **YOUTH**... AND IT'S **YOUR YOUTH I WANT!** I NEED YOUR REMAINING YEARS TO STAY ALIVE!

**WITH EVERY PASSING MOMENT PAULA'S FACE AGED RAPIDLY, INTENSIFYING HER ALREADY UNBEARABLE SENSE OF DESPERATION...**

I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU **MEAN!** PLEASE, YOU'VE GOT TO **HELP ME!**

I **WILL**... FOR A **PRICE!** 800 YEARS AGO, I LEARNED THE SECRET OF TRANSPOSING THE VITAL ENERGY OF LIFE FROM ONE BEING TO ANOTHER! THEY CALLED ME A **SORCERER**... BUT I HAVE OUTLIVED ALL WHO **SCOFFED!**

DOWN THE CENTURIES I HAVE **STAYED ALIVE** THROUGH JUST SUCH BARGAINS AS OURS! I WANT **YOUR YOUTH**... I PICKED YOU AS MY NEXT VICTIM LONG AGO! WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO LOSE... WHEN LIFE WITHOUT BEAUTY IS A TORMENT TO YOU?

NO... **NO!** I WON'T DO IT... YOU CAN'T MAKE ME!

I'M GOING... AND I'LL NEVER COME BACK!

YES YOU WILL... **BEGGING!** WAIT TILL YOU SEE WHAT YOUR FACE LOOKS LIKE **TOMORROW!** REMEMBER, I OFFER YOU A FEW WEEKS MORE OF **HAPPINESS!**

**BACK AT THE HOTEL, SHE SOBBED OUT THE WHOLE STORY...**

I... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! GREAT SCOTT, PAULA... YOU'VE BEEN IN LEAGUE WITH A **FIEND!**

M-MY FACE... IT'S GROWING OLDER BY THE SECOND! I CAN'T BEAR TO LOOK AT MYSELF!

**SUDDENLY, HER RESISTANCE SNAPPED! FRANTICALLY, SHE LEAPED TOWARD THE DOOR...**

LET ME... **GO!** **ANYTHING** IS BETTER THAN LOOKING LIKE **THIS!** LET ME GO TO HIM!

YOU'RE STAYING **RIGHT HERE!** FROM NOW ON I'M DEALING WITH THAT **SORCERER!**

**BRUSQUELY HE SHUNTED HER ASIDE; LOCKED HER IN THE ROOM...**

**PLEASE, STEPHEN! DON'T DO THIS TO ME! LET ME OUT!**



AND SO PAULA LAY IN DESPAIR ACROSS HER BED, HER RACING MIND HAVING RELIVED EVERY MOMENT OF THE GRIM PAST...

IT'S ALL OVER NOW... EVERYTHING! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN HAPPINESS COULD NEVER BE MINE... I WAS UNLUCKY FROM THE START...



SHE DIDN'T KNOW THAT AT THAT MOMENT, STEPHEN WAS IN A MARRAKESH POLICE STATION...

...AND MY WIFE HAS BEEN ROBBED OF ALL HER MONEY AND JEWELS BY A MAN WHO I'M SURE HAS BEEN HYPNOTIZING HER!

IF YOU'LL LEAD US TO THAT CURIOSITY SHOP, WE'LL LOOK INTO THE MATTER!



20 MINUTES LATER...

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS? HOW DARE YOU INTRUDE WITHOUT A SEARCH WARRANT?

LET'S SEE YOUR PAPERS, OLD MAN... AND BE QUICK ABOUT IT!



WITH AMAZING AGILITY FOR ONE SO OLD, THE SORCERER MADE A SUDDEN LEAP THROUGH THE WINDOW...

YOU'LL NEVER GET ME!

AFTER HIM!



THROUGH HALF THE BAZAARS AND BACK ALLEYS OF MARRAKESH THE CHASE WENT! THE DETECTIVE FIRED A WARNING SHOT, AND THEN...

NO HELP FOR IT! I'LL HAVE TO BRING HIM DOWN!

OH-HH!



DOWN WENT THE SORCERER, TO BE INSTANTLY ENVELOPED BY A STRANGE CLOUD OF WHIRLING SMOKE! WHEN IT CLEARED...

BY THE PROPHET! WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

AFTER 800 YEARS... THERE'S NOTHING LEFT!



BACK AT THE HOTEL STEPHEN FOUND HIS WIFE IN A STRANGELY DEEP SLEEP, AND HER FACE WAS NOW WHAT IT HAD BEEN WHEN HE MARRIED HER...

WAKE UP, DARLING! EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT NOW! WHAT'S THE MATTER, HONEY?

I... I DON'T KNOW! I SUDDENLY PASSED OUT A FEW MINUTES AGO!



THEY REALIZED THEN WHAT HAD HAPPENED, HOW WITH THE SORCERER'S END, HER FACE HAD RETURNED TO NORMAL...

IT MAY NOT BE A BEAUTIFUL FACE, BUT IT HAPPENS TO BE THE ONE I LOVE! DON'T WORRY, ANGEL... WE MAY BE BROKE, BUT I CAN SUPPORT US!

OH, STEPHEN, I KNOW NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT YOU REALLY DO LOVE ME! AND ISN'T IT STRANGE?... THE SORCERER HAS GIVEN ME THE MOST PRICELESS POSSESSION... HAPPINESS!







Funny thing, how we editors await each day's mail—something like kids marking time until the visit of Santa Claus. What we're driving at is that your letters mean a lot to us. They tell us just how "Adventures Into The Unknown" is going over—how you like our stories, art and covers, what your pet features are, what you object to. These are our guideposts, helping us to frame exactly the type of magazine that you want. So please, let us hear from you. The address: The Editor, "Adventures Into The Unknown," 45 West 45th Street, New York 36, N. Y. And now, let's look in on a few of the letters which we've received!

"Dear Editor:—

I've just finished reading 'Professor Kincaid's Theory' in your September issue, and think it's the best story I ever read in any comic. That one sure shows thought and imagination. Everyone of my friends who has seen it agrees with me. I even gave it to my folks to read, and they said if this is what comic magazines are like, they've been missing something! Congratulations to 'Adventures Into The Unknown!'

—Denton Trabert, Omaha, Neb."

*We're glad you liked that particular story, Mr. Trabert, because it was one of our pets, too. We've had our eye on the writer for some time, and are glad to state that we've now added him to our permanent staff. You can expect to see many more yarns of that quality in the future!*

"Dear Editor:—

I think 'Adventures Into The Unknown' is a good comic, except for one thing. Why don't you ever carry Vampire, Zombie or Werewolf stories? They're my favorite, and I think you should run at least one of these features in every issue.

Donny Hill, Houston, Tex."

*We've already conducted a poll about questions just like this, Mr. Hill. We found that people in general were tired of stories of this type, which were always the same. We're glad that the Comics Code now bars such material, because it gives us a chance to give readers the fresh, original and imaginative plots that they deserve! For some thoughts on this subject, see the letter below!*

"Dear Editor:—

I'm 21 years old now, and, it's true, a little old for comic books. At least, the funny animal

type. But I enjoy the type of comic book you put out very much—'Adventures Into The Unknown,' that is. I agree with you wholeheartedly about the Werewolf type of story being old hat. Maybe the fellow that suggests you return to this type also thinks you should write about dragons! I think that he—and also readers who think you shouldn't write space stories—should realize that times are changing. Incidentally, I think that the cover of a comic is one of the biggest factors in selling it, and yours are swell. I hope to get every one of your issues from now on—it's a nice diversion from the daily army routine. I'm stationed in Germany—with the 3rd Armored Division.

—Darrell Chipman, Germany."

*It's a pleasure to hear from you, Mr. Chipman. "Adventures Into The Unknown" is a modern, streamlined comics magazine, custom-tailored for folks who know and appreciate the latest in fascinating reading. We'll try to keep on satisfying you!*

"Dear Editor:—

I've been reading your rag for too long. I'd tell you what I think of your stories, but you'd never have the courage to print it. Who needs you, anyway?

—Disgusted, Cincinnati, O."

*So nice to get your polite letter, Mr. Disgusted. What's the matter, afraid to come out and tell us your name? Apparently we've got more courage than you, because we don't hesitate to run your little message. We've always found it impossible to satisfy your type of reader, since you're more interested in insults than entertainment. And in closing—who needs you?*

"Dear Editor:—

I think 'Adventures Into The Unknown' is the best weird story magazine on the stands. Your one-page stories are very interesting, and I think that four or five in each issue would really go over with readers. What do you think? I just finished reading your October issue, and think 'The Lost Continent' was the greatest! Can't wait for your next!

—Paul Basinger, Salisbury, N. C."

*By one-page stories, do you mean the short word stories—or just short picture features? Either way, we'd be interested in hearing some reader reaction on this! Glad you liked "The Lost Continent"—we thought that one had a nice angle!*







# EXPLANATION, Please!



No. 3

## The IDENTICAL TWINS

THE BRENT TWINS WERE IDENTICAL IN EVERY WAY! YOU COULDN'T TELL THEM APART...



IT BECAME APPARENT, BEFORE LONG, THAT THEIR SIMILARITY WENT BEYOND THE PHYSICAL...

ACCORDING TO YOUR RECORDS, THOMAS AND EDWIN BRENT HAVE GOTTEN IDENTICAL MARKS IN EVERY SUBJECT... BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

I THOUGHT SO, TOO... BUT EVEN WHEN I SEAT THEM ACROSS THE ROOM FROM EACH OTHER, THEY STILL GIVE IDENTICAL ANSWERS ON EVERY EXAMINATION!



They ALWAYS FELL ILL AT THE SAME TIMES WITH THE SAME DISEASES...



...AND ALWAYS RECOVERED SIMULTANEOUSLY!

BUT FATE HAD SOMETHING EVEN STRANGER IN STORE FOR THE BOYS! DURING THE WAR, THEY WERE ATTACHED TO DIFFERENT FIGHTER SQUADRONS... AND ONE DAY TOM WAS SHOT DOWN OVER THE NORTH SEA...



AND 300 MILES AWAY, AT ANOTHER FIGHTER BASE...

BUT THIS IS CRAZY, ED... HOW CAN YOU TELL YOUR TWIN BROTHER'S BEEN SHOT DOWN WHEN WE'VE GOTTEN NO REPORT? AND EVEN IF IT WERE TRUE, WE COULDN'T SEARCH THE WHOLE NORTH SEA FOR HIM!

IT WON'T BE NECESSARY! I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE TO FIND HIM!



AND SURE ENOUGH...

BUT... BUT HOW'D YOU EVER KNOW HE'D BE HERE?

IT WAS SIMPLE! HE TOLD ME!



CAN YOU EXPLAIN IT, READER?

The END!



I TOLD  
YOU WE WOULD  
MEET AGAIN,  
COLONEL YANG  
... FOR THE  
FINAL  
RECKONING!

# The MANDARIN'S ROBE!



CENTRAL CHINA...

THE TOWN WILL BE  
OURS WITHIN TWO  
HOURS, EXCELLENCY!

THEY'VE  
RESISTED TOO  
LONG ALREADY  
...THEY NEED  
A LESSON!



COLONEL SEN LIN YANG, ONE OF THE  
CRUELLEST OFFICERS IN THE CHINESE  
COMMUNIST ARMY, SURVEYED HIS LATEST  
CONQUEST...

46 PRISONERS.  
GREAT ONE!  
YOUR ORDERS?

FORCE THEM TO JOIN OUR  
RANKS! THEY'LL TAKE THE  
PLACE OF SOLDIERS WHO  
HAVE FALLEN!



THE VAST AND ANCIENT  
LAND OF CHINA TODAY LIES  
MANGLED UNDER THE  
CRUEL HEEL OF RED  
COMMUNISM! RULING  
THROUGH FEAR AND VIOLENCE,  
COMMUNISM'S RUTHLESS  
GENERALS KNOW NO LAW  
BUT THEIR OWN! BUT JUSTICE  
TAKES A HUNDRED FORMS  
AND A THOUSAND DISGUISES  
...IT SOMETIMES STRIKES  
FROM THE PAST, OUT OF THE  
UNKNOWN, AND ITS SHAPE  
CAN BE THAT OF A

## MANDARIN'S ROBE!



**A CONQUERING HERO, YANG RODE TRIUMPHANTLY INTO THE STRICKEN VILLAGE---**

NOTICE HOW THE MISERABLE WRETCHES COWER IN FEAR!

THEY WILL SOON HAVE CAUSE TO FEAR!



**HEADQUARTERS WERE SET UP IN THE MOST MAGNIFICENT BUILDING IN THE PROVINCE, BUILT BY A GREAT MANDARIN A CENTURY BEFORE---**

A NOBLE STRUCTURE ---CORRECT, YOUR EXCELLENCY?

WRONG! IT IS UGLY AND DISGUSTING!



**LIKE A MADDENED BULL, YANG EXPLODED INTO DESTRUCTIVE FURY---**

THESE OBJECTS OFFEND ME! EVERYTHING MUST BE DESTROYED!



THE ROBE OF THE MANDARIN WHO BUILT THIS PLACE, BROCADED AND INLAID WITH GOLD AND JEWELS! BURN IT!

BUT COLONEL YANG, IT IS A SUPERB WORK OF ART!



THESE VASES AND PAINTINGS---THEY ARE PART OF CHINA'S GREAT ARTISTIC HERITAGE! THEY SHOULD BE PRESERVED!

GUARDS! TAKE THIS TRAITOR OUT AND SEE THAT HE'S IMPRISONED!



I---I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE WAS A LOYAL OFFICER!

HE GAVE HIMSELF AWAY! SUCH SENTIMENTS ALWAYS BETRAY THE ENEMIES OF OUR CAUSE! I ORDER YOU TO BURN THE ROBE!



**IN THE MAGNIFICENT ROYAL BEDCHAMBER OF THE ANCIENT MANDARIN---**

DESTROY EVERYTHING! MOVE AN ARMY COT IN HERE---THIS IS WHERE I WILL SLEEP! POST SENTRIES AT THE DOOR!





HE EXPECTED TO SLEEP WELL, BUT SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT...

MUSIC... LIKE THAT OF A ROYAL COURT ORCHESTRA! HOW DARE ANYONE DISTURB MY REST?



ENRAGED, HE ROARED AT THE BAFFLED SENTRIES...

I... I HEARD NO MUSIC, GREAT ONE!

NOR I!

FOOLS! I'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!



IN THE DARK AND SILENT STREET...

MUSIC? BUT THERE HAS NOT BEEN A SOUND SINCE CURFEW!

I TELL YOU THERE WAS MUSIC! YOU SHOULD ALL BE PUNISHED FOR BEING ASLEEP AT YOUR POSTS!



BUT WHEN YANG WENT BACK TO BED, HE WAS DEEDLY PUZZLED...

PERHAPS I IMAGINED IT ALL!

BUT MY NERVES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE IRON!



HE SLEPT FRETFULLY, AND AT THE FIRST SIGHT WHICH GREETED HIS EYES THE NEXT MORNING...

AIEEE! GUARDS! COME QUICKLY!



IT'S THE ROBE I ORDERED BURNED... PINNED TO THE WALL BY A KNIFE WITH A JADE HANDLE! WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?

NO ONE ENTERED THIS ROOM, EXCELLENCY... I SWEAR IT!

THAT'S RIGHT... NOBODY!

YOU'RE BOTH LYING! YOU'LL BE QUESTIONED UNTIL YOU DO TALK!

NO, COLONEL YANG... NO!





TAKING NO CHANCES, YANG HAD THE ROBE BURNED BEFORE HIS VERY EYES...

I ORDERED YOU TO DESTROY THIS YESTERDAY! YOU'RE INVOLVED IN SOME PLOT TO FRIGHTEN ME! FOR THIS YOU SHALL BE PUNISHED!

MERCY, GREAT ONE! I CARRIED OUT YOUR ORDERS!

BUT CALLING UPON YANG'S MERCY WAS USELESS! LATER...

AN INSPECTOR FROM HEADQUARTERS WILL BE HERE TOMORROW TO INSPECT OUR PROGRESS! ALL DANGEROUS ELEMENTS MUST BE CRUSHED BY THEN, UNDERSTAND?

HIS FIRST COMMAND WAS TO HAVE A PROCLAMATION READ IN THE TOWN...

ALL THOSE WHO CAN READ OR WRITE MUST REPORT TO HEADQUARTERS! CLERICAL HELP IS NEEDED AND THOSE CHOSEN WILL RECEIVE EXTRA FOOD! THOSE WHO DON'T COOPERATE WILL BE DEALT WITH!

ALMOST 50 PEOPLE PRESENTED THEMSELVES, INCLUDING A POOR PEASANT PROUD OF THE FACT THAT HE HAD PAINSTAKINGLY LEARNED TO READ! YANG TESTED THEM ALL...

THE... POP-U-LATION... OF CHINA... IS...

ENOUGH! NOW TAKE ALL OF THEM OUT AND HAVE THEM SHIPPED TO LABOR CAMPS TOMORROW!

THEY ALL HAD SOME EDUCATION, AND WERE THEREFORE POTENTIAL ENEMIES! COMMUNISM MUST START WITH MINDS THAT ARE TOTALLY IGNORANT!

THROUGHOUT THE DAY YANG'S TROOPS SCOURGED THE TOWN LIKE A PLAGUE! EVERYONE WITH BOOKS OR FINE POSSESSIONS OR RELATIVES IN AMERICA WAS IMPRISONED...

OCCASIONALLY A CASE WAS BROUGHT BEFORE YANG FOR JUDGMENT...

WE FOUND AN AMERICAN FOUNTAIN PEN IN THE HOME OF THIS OLD MAN, TAI-PO!

NEED WE KNOW MORE? AWAY WITH HIM!





I...I HAVE DONE NO WRONG! IT WAS A GIFT FROM MY SON... FROM NEW YORK!

FROM NEW YORK, EH? THANKS FOR TELLING US! NOW WE'LL ROUND UP ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES FOR FORCED LABOR!



THAT NIGHT, ONCE AGAIN, THE SLEEPY TYRANT WAS AWAKENED...

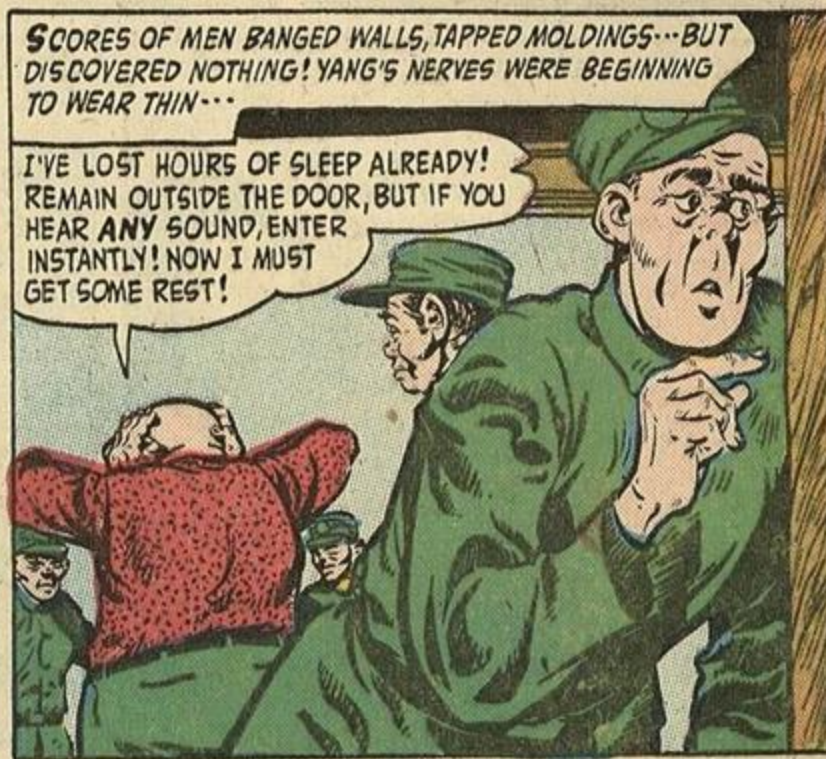
IT...IT'S THE SAME MUSIC! ONLY CLOSER! THIS TIME I WILL FIND OUT WHAT'S BEHIND ALL THIS!



BUT ONCE AGAIN, HE WAS THE ONLY PERSON IN THE PALACE TO HEAR ANYTHING! IT WAS THEN A POSSIBLE SOLUTION OCCURRED TO HIM...

THIS PALACE MUST BE FULL OF SECRET ROOMS AND PASSAGeways! OF COURSE! ASSASSINS MAY BE LURKING EVERYWHERE! I WANT EVERY SQUARE INCH SEARCHED!

IT SHALL BE DONE AT ONCE, YOUR EXCELLENCY!



SCORES OF MEN BANGED WALLS, TAPPED MOLDINGS... BUT DISCOVERED NOTHING! YANG'S NERVES WERE BEGINNING TO WEAR THIN...

I'VE LOST HOURS OF SLEEP ALREADY! REMAIN OUTSIDE THE DOOR, BUT IF YOU HEAR ANY SOUND, ENTER INSTANTLY! NOW I MUST GET SOME REST!



WHERE WAS THE NOISE COMING FROM? THE QUESTION GNAWED AT HIS MIND, MAKING SLEEP IMPOSSIBLE! THEN, JUST AS HIS EYES CLOSED, A STRANGE APPARITION...

THE TIME DRAWS NEAR, OH EVIL ONE! YOU SHALL PAY FOR YOUR CRIMES!

IT...IT'S THE OLD MAN... TAI-PO!



WAS IT ALL A DREAM? YANG RUBBED HIS EYES AS THE FIGURE VANISHED...

I'VE GOT TO GET A GRIP ON MYSELF! I MUSTN'T LET THE INSPECTOR FROM HEADQUARTERS SEE ME IN THIS STATE!

AT LAST, SLEEP CAME... BUT WHEN HE AWOKE IN THE MORNING...

N-NO...IT...IT'S NOT POSSIBLE! A HUGE SAPPHIRE RING ON MY FINGER... TIGHT! HOW DID IT GET ON WITHOUT WAKING ME?



IT WAS ALL HE COULD DO TO PULL IT OFF...

WHAT IF I HADN'T NOTICED IT? WHAT IF THE HEADQUARTERS INSPECTOR HAD SEEN ME WEARING IT? IT WOULD HAVE MEANT **INSTANT PUNISHMENT!** I KNOW THEIR MENTALITIES...THEY'D THINK POWER HAD GONE TO MY HEAD!



**YANG** QUICKLY BURIED THE RING AND NERVOUSLY AWAITED THE ARRIVAL OF THE SUPERIOR...

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? AM I LOSING MY MIND? HOW COULD ANYBODY SLIP A TIGHT RING ON MY FINGER WITHOUT AWAKENING ME? SO **MANY** STRANGE THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING!



THE TOWN WAS QUIET AND TERRIFIED WHEN THE INSPECTOR ARRIVED...

I SEE YOU HAVE MADE EXCELLENT PROGRESS, COLONEL YANG! HAS ALL OPPOSITION BEEN **NEUTRALIZED?**

**RUTHLESSLY!**



AFTER A THOROUGH TOUR...

MOST SATISFACTORY, YANG! I SHALL COMMEND THE SPARTAN WAY YOU **PERSONALLY** LIVE! YOU KNOW HOW IT IS WITH **SOME** COMMANDERS... THEY START **INDULGING** THEMSELVES... FORGETTING THEY ARE **NOTHING** COMPARED TO THE CENTRAL COMMUNIST PARTY!



AS THE TWO MEN GORGED THEMSELVES AT THE WELL-STOCKED TABLE...

I'VE GOT TO WATCH MY STEP UNTIL HE LEAVES TOMORROW! HE'S BEEN TAKEN IN BY MY LACK OF PHYSICAL COMFORTS... BUT HE'S DANGEROUS! I'LL TAKE SEVERAL PILLS TO MAKE **SURE** I SLEEP WELL TONIGHT!



UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS, OBLIVION CAME QUICKLY... BUT NOT FOR LONG...

IT'S THE **MUSIC**... **LOUDER THAN EVER!** I DON'T **DARE** INVESTIGATE... THE MEN ARE STARTING TO THINK ME MAD ALREADY! **GREAT HEAVENS, ARE MY EYES DECEIVING ME?**



HE SAT BOLT UPRIGHT IN TERROR...FOR A PANEL WAS **SLIDING OPEN IN THE WALL!** THE MUSIC SURGED FORTH LOUDLY NOW...

I...I MUST BE **DREAMING!** THIS ROOM WAS INSPECTED **THOROUGHLY!** AND THAT GIRL...SHE CAN'T BE **REAL!**

COME, OH GREAT ONE...WE ARE ALL **WAITING** FOR YOU!





HE STARED AT THE SPLENDIDLY DRESSED GIRL AS IF HYPNOTIZED...



WH-WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?

TO THE BALL! COME, IT IS ONLY DOWN THE FLIGHT OF STEPS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PANEL!

HELD IN THE GRIP OF A TRANCE, HE FOLLOWED HER, DOWN INTO A GLITTERING BALLROOM WHERE HUNDREDS OF MAGNIFICENTLY-ATTIRED GUESTS WERE ASSEMBLED...

SEE, OH GREAT ONE? ALL BOW BEFORE YOU!

BUT WHO... WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?



SITTING ON A THRONE CUT FROM A SINGLE PIECE OF JADE WAS THE MANDARIN HIMSELF, PREPARED WITH A COURTEOUS GREETING...

YOU ARE OUR GUEST OF HONOR, COLONEL YANG... WE BID YOU WELCOME!

IT... IT IS THE FACE OF THE OLD MAN I HAD IMPRISONED... TAI-PO!



EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED HAD A STRANGE, DREAMLIKE QUALITY! SUDDENLY DANCING GIRLS APPEARED, SUPERB FOODS AND DRINK WERE THRUST UPON HIM...

I'M STILL ASLEEP... AND IT'S SUCH A PLEASANT DREAM!



AS THE GUESTS BOWED AND SCRAPPED OBSEQUIOUSLY, YANG WONDERED WHY THEIR FACES WERE ALL SO FAMILIAR...

OF COURSE! THEY ARE ALL PEOPLE I HAVE HAD **PUNISHED**! STRANGE THAT MY DREAMS SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH THEM!

DOES EVERYTHING MEET WITH YOUR SATISFACTION, EXCELLENCY?



THE MANDARIN CLAPPED HIS HANDS SHARPLY AND CALLED FOR SILENCE...

WE ARE HERE TO HONOR A GREAT MAN! I YIELD MY THRONE TO COLONEL YANG AND GIVE HIM MY ROBE AS PROOF THAT HE IS NOW THE MANDARIN!

HAIL TO OUR NEW RULER!



IT WAS A DAZZLING MOMENT, AS THE RICH CLOTH CIRCLED HIS BODY...

YOU ARE NOW RULER OF THIS PROVINCE, AND SOMEDAY YOU SHALL RULE ALL CHINA! HAIL TO THE NEW MANDARIN!

IT IS ONLY A PROPHECY... BUT I SHALL MAKE IT COME TRUE!





**SUDDENLY, ALL HIS INNER AMBITIONS ERUPTED...**

**YES! ALL CHINA SHALL BE MINE... AND THOSE WHO STAND IN MY WAY SHALL REGRET IT! BOW DOWN BEFORE ME, YOU SWINE... ALL OF YOU!**

**WE HEAR AND OBEY, MASTER!**



**AT THAT INSTANT EVERYTHING BECAME BLURRED BEFORE HIS EYES! SOUNDS BECAME A ROARING, MEANINGLESS BABBLE... AND ONLY LAUGHTER COULD BE HEARD... WILD, TRIUMPHANT LAUGHTER!**

**WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING? I... I CAN'T SEE! THEY ALL SEEM TO BE DISAPPEARING!**



**AND THEN, THEY WERE GONE! YANG RUBBED HIS EYES IN DISBELIEF...**

**I... I'VE GOT TO GET A GRIP ON MYSELF! SUCH DREAMS ARE DANGEROUS!**

**VERY DANGEROUS! SEIZE THE TRAITOR!**



**YANG BLINKED, AND FOUND HIMSELF SURROUNDED BY THE HOSTILE EYES OF HIS TROOPS, AND THE STEELY ONES OF THE INSPECTOR...**

**WH-WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT AM I DOING OUT HERE IN MY BARE FEET?**

**YOU WALKED IN YOUR SLEEP, DOG... SHOUTING SO THAT YOU WOKE US ALL UP!**



**WHAT HAVE I DONE? PLEASE, I CAN EXPLAIN!**

**SO YOU WOULD RULE ALL CHINA, EH? YOU WANT US ALL TO BOW DOWN BEFORE YOU! YOUR RAVINGS BETRAYED YOUR TRUE FEELINGS!**



**NO! YOU CAN'T DO THIS! I CAN EXPLAIN! THIS IS ALL A PLOT!**

**TAKE HIM AWAY! AND SINCE HE CHERISHES THAT ROBE SO MUCH, LET HIM WEAR IT FOREVER!**



**AND AS THEY LED HIM TOWARD THE COURTYARD...**

**THIS ROBE... THIS ACCURSED ROBE! I SAW IT BURNED WITH MY OWN EYES ONLY THE OTHER DAY! SO HOW CAN I BE WEARING IT? HOW... HOW...**



**OPPOSITION FORCES LIBERATED THE VILLAGE NEXT DAY, IN TIME TO RELEASE YANG'S PRISONERS... BUT FOR YANG HIMSELF, IT WAS TOO LATE! HE HAD PAID THE PENALTY FOR HIS CRIMES!**

**THE END!**



# EXPLANATION, PLEASE!

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AS A GUIDE CONDUCTED TOURISTS THROUGH ANCESTRAL HADLEY HALL, IN ENGLAND...

THE HALL WAS BUILT IN 1563 BY SIR HENRY HADLEY! IT WAS SAID THAT... PLEASE, SIR, I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU NOT TO LAG BEHIND!

I'M SORRY, IT'S JUST THAT EVERYTHING LOOKS SO STRANGELY... **FAMILIAR!** HOW DOES IT HAPPEN THAT THE HOUSE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?

THE OLD LADY WHO OWNS IT NEEDS THE MONEY FROM THE ADMISSION CHARGES! FUNNY... HER ANCESTOR, SIR HENRY, OWNED A JEWELLED SCEPTER AND HID IT SOMEWHERE FOR SAFETY! IF IT WERE EVER FOUND, IT WOULD BE THE SAVING OF THIS OLD PLACE! NOW, STEP ALONG, FOLKS!



HE MOVED OFF... BUT ONCE AGAIN, THE SOLDIER LAGGED BEHIND! SOME STRANGE COMPULSION DIRECTED HIM TOWARDS THE PANELED WALL...

OVER HERE YOU'LL SEE A FINE EXAMPLE OF RARE MEDIEVAL TAPESTRY...

I MUST BE **CRAZY!** SOMETHING'S DRIVING ME... LIKE AN OLD MEMORY...



SIR, YOU'VE GOT TO STAY WITH THE PARTY! IT'S AGAINST THE RULES TO...

LOOK! I TOUCHED SOMETHING IN THE WALL... AND A **HIDDEN PANEL OPENED!**



FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE WALL... HIDDEN ALMOST FOUR CENTURIES AGO...

IS **THIS**... THE SCEPTER YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?



BUT... BUT HOW DID YOU **KNOW** WHERE TO LOOK? YOU WENT STRAIGHT TO THE RIGHT PLACE...

I... I CAN'T ANSWER THAT! I JUST DON'T **KNOW!**



CAN YOU EXPLAIN IT, READER?



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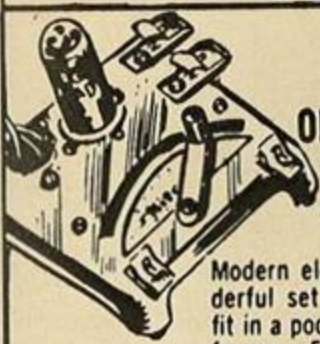
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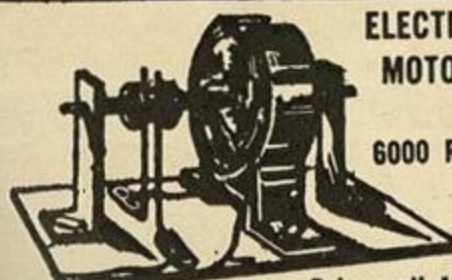
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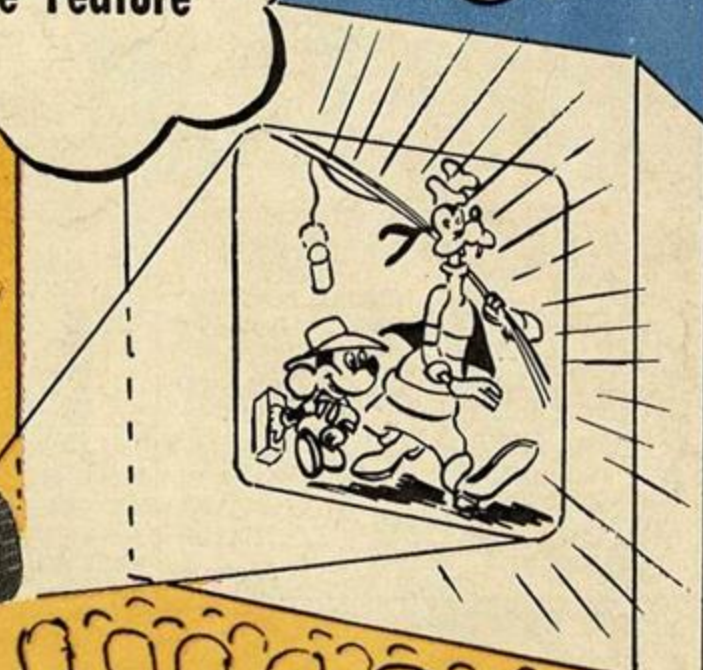
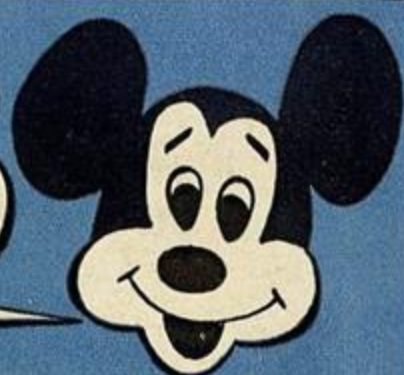
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