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HE'S LYING TO YOU ROCKY!
THEN WHY ARE THEY SO ANXIOUS TO SHUT ME UP, ROCKY?
SHOOT HIM, MEN!
NO ... LET HIM TALK! I WANNA HEAR WHAT HE'S...
POW! POW!
THE FOOL! HE'S SHIELDING DYNAMO!
RAT TAT TAT!
CRUNCH!
THUD!
SPLAT!
NOW ... WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT THE MOUSE?
IT WAS AN EXPERIMENT TOO, ROCKY.. LOOK AT THAT BOX! THERE MUST BE SOME NOTES SOMEWHERE...
YOU MEAN.. THEY KNEW?
I THINK SO... HERE IT IS! A NOTE BOOK..
LISTEN! ..."AND ALL OF THE EXPERIMENTAL ANIMALS GREW STRONGER AND HEAVIER, UNTIL FINALLY THEY COULD NOT MOVE... DEATH FOLLOWED IN A MATTER OF HOURS..."
..SO WHEN THEY PUT YOU UNDER THAT MACHINE, ROCKY, THEY SIGNED YOUR DEATH WARRANT!
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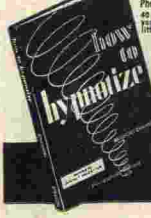

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CALLING THUNDER... THIS IS DYNAMO! YOU'D BETTER GET SOME AGENTS OVER HERE AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE. AM LEAVING TRANSMISSION ON SO YOU CAN FIND THIS PLACE!
NOW TO FIND ROCKY..
READY WITH THAT LASER GUN? HERE HE COMES...
IT'S NOT ROCKY... IT'S DYNAMO!
WHO CARES? BLAST HIM!
BOOM!
YAAH!
NO!
ROCKY! HE SAVED MY LIFE!
ROCKY! STOP! MAYBE THE MACHINE CAN BE...
THE MACHINE...
THAT'S WHAT DID IT TO ME... THAT LOUSY MACHINE! GONNA SMASH IT...
NO! DON'T! WAIT...


WITH JUST A BACKHANDED SWING OF HIS ARM, THE MIGHTY THUG SENDS DYNAMO FLYING...
HE'S TEN TIMES STRONGER THAN BEFORE!
...AND LUNGES AT THE OBJECT OF HIS HATRED... THE TRANSFORMER!
...AND THE NUCLEAR ENERGY POWERING THE MACHINE IS RELEASED IN A BLINDING FLASH!
BA-ROOM!
PRESENTLY...
WH... WHAT HAPPENED?
YOU WERE BLOWN CLEAR BY THE BLAST... THIS SPIDER OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR GOOD!
LATER, AT THUNDER...
WELL DONE, BROWN! YOUR QUICK THINKING SAVED THE DAY! YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE PROUD OF YOURSELF...
I DON'T KNOW... I JUST FEEL KIND OF SICK ABOUT THE WHOLE THING! POOR OLD ROCKY... HE SAVED MY LIFE YOU KNOW...
TOO BAD WE COULDN'T HAVE CAPTURED THE MACHINE INTACT... IT MIGHT HAVE LED TO A WHOLE ARMY OF SUPER-AGENTS!
WHAT WORRIES ME, IF SPIDER COULD DO IT ONCE, MAYBE THEY CAN DO IT AGAIN...
WELL, WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT WHEN WE COME TO IT... MEANWHILE, WE GOT RID OF THE IMMEDIATE THREAT!
THE END


T.H.U.N.D.E.R. AGENT
LIGHTNING
HE'S FASTER THAN LIGHTNING BY FAR... POSSIBLY THE MOST FORMIDABLE FOE THE SWIFT AGENT WILL EVER MEET!.... INTRODUCING....
"SPEED DEMON"
K-BOK!
AT T.H.U.N.D.E.R.'S BAYSIDE BASE, THE FILING OF TOP SECRET RESEARCH DOCUMENTS.....
.... IS SUDDENLY CURTAILED....
HEY! WHAT HAPPENED?
TH-THEY VANISHED!
PLINK!
PLINK!
PLINK!


THEN, AT T.H.U.N.D.E.R.'S WEST-END WEAPONRY WORKSHOP....
FIRING RANGE NO. 3
... A SIMILAR OCCURRENCE!
PLINK!
THROUGHOUT THE T.H.U.N.D.E.R. NETWORK, THE SAME STRANGE PHENOMENON OCCURS.... AGAIN AND AGAIN....
PLINK!
PLINK!
PLINK!
AND AT T.H.U.N.D.E.R. HEAD-QUARTERS...
YOU SENT FOR ME, SIR?
YES... IT HAS TO DO WITH THESE RECENT WEIRD ROBBERIES! THIS WAY, I WISH TO SHOW YOU A FILM TAKEN BY OUR HIDDEN SLOW-MOTION CAMERA AT THE BAYSIDE BASE.....
THERE! THERE IT IS! THAT'S WHAT COMMITTED THE THEFTS!... AS YOU WILL NOTICE,... EVEN AT SLOW-MOTION, OUR CAMERAS ONLY RECORDED A BLUR....
GOOD GRAVY! THAT LOOKS LIKE A MAN... TRAVELING AT A FANTASTIC SPEED... EVEN FASTER THAN I CAN RUN...
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THAT'S RIGHT, LIGHTNING! WE'VE GOT TO FACE FACTS! ONE OF OUR ENEMIES NOW HAS A SWIFT AGENT OF THEIR OWN.... ONE THAT CAN EVEN OUT-DO YOU!
GULP!
YES, IT'S TRUE... AND IT ALL BEGAN THREE WEEKS AGO, AT S.R.I.D.E.R.'S HIDDEN HEADQUARTERS, SOMEWHERE IN THE EMPIRE STATE.....
GIVE IT MORE POWER, FRITZ! NOW FRITZ, NOW! IF WE WAIT ANY LONGER WE COULD RUIN EVERYTHING!
IT'S A GOOD THING THAT S.R.I.D.E.R. HAS AN ENDLESS SUPPLY OF ESCAPED CONVICTS TO BLACKMAIL INTO "VOLUNTEERING" FOR THIS EXPERIMENT! I'VE ALREADY LOST SIX, BUT I'M SURE THAT THIS TIME IT'LL BE A SUCCESS!
EXCELLENT! HIS IMAGE IS STARTING TO BLUR. NOW, FRITZ, DECREASE THE POWER... SLOWLY, SLOWLY!....
YA! HE'S STILL ALIVE! I'VE DONE IT!!
HERR DOKTOR, LOOK! HE'S...HE'S START-ING TO....
...HE'S VANISHED!!
NO, FRITZ! HE'S STILL HERE... WALKING AMONG US. BUT HE'S MOVING SO FAST THAT WE CAN'T SEE HIM!
AND FROM THE SUBJECT'S POINT OF VIEW....
MAN, THIS IS REAL WEIRD! THESE GUYS LOOK LIKE THEY AIN'T MOVIN' AT ALL! THEY'RE LIKE STATUES!
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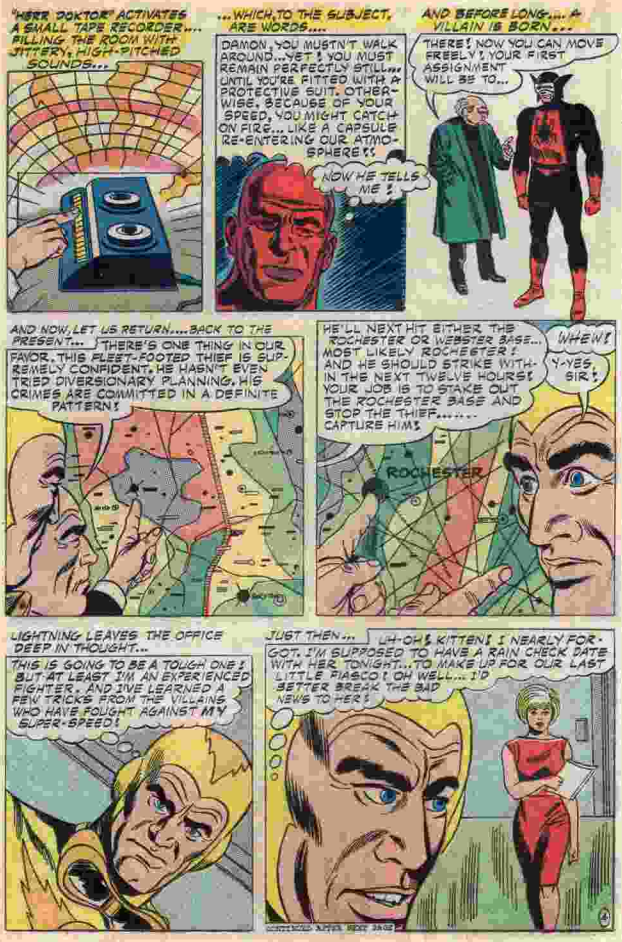
"HERR DOKTOR" ACTIVATES A SMALL TAPE RECORDER.... FILLING THE ROOM WITH JITTERY, HIGH-PITCHED SOUNDS...
...WHICH, TO THE SUBJECT, ARE WORDS....
DAMON, YOU MUSTN'T WALK AROUND...YET! YOU MUST REMAIN PERFECTLY STILL... UNTIL YOU'RE FITTED WITH A PROTECTIVE SUIT. OTHERWISE, BECAUSE OF YOUR SPEED, YOU MIGHT CATCH ON FIRE... LIKE A CAPSULE RE-ENTERING OUR ATMOSPHERE!!
NOW HE TELLS ME!
AND BEFORE LONG.... A VILLAIN IS BORN...
THERE! NOW YOU CAN MOVE FREELY! YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT WILL BE TO...
AND NOW, LET US RETURN....BACK TO THE PRESENT...
THERE'S ONE THING IN OUR FAVOR. THIS FLEET-FOOTED THIEF IS SUPREMELY CONFIDENT. HE HASN'T EVEN TRIED DIVERSIONARY PLANNING. HIS CRIMES ARE COMMITTED IN A DEFINITE PATTERN!
HE'LL NEXT HIT EITHER THE ROCHESTER OR WEBSTER BASE... MOST LIKELY ROCHESTER! AND HE SHOULD STRIKE WITHIN THE NEXT TWELVE HOURS! YOUR JOB IS TO STAKE OUT THE ROCHESTER BASE AND STOP THE THIEF..... CAPTURE HIM!
WHEW!
Y-YES, SIR!
ROCHESTER
LIGHTNING LEAVES THE OFFICE DEEP IN THOUGHT...
THIS IS GOING TO BE A TOUGH ONE! BUT AT LEAST I'M AN EXPERIENCED FIGHTER. AND I'VE LEARNED A FEW TRICKS FROM THE VILLAINS WHO HAVE FOUGHT AGAINST MY SUPER-SPEED!
JUST THEN...
UH-OH! KITTEN! I NEARLY FORGOT. I'M SUPPOSED TO HAVE A RAIN CHECK DATE WITH HER TONIGHT...TO MAKE UP FOR OUR LAST LITTLE FIASCO! OH WELL... I'D BETTER BREAK THE BAD NEWS TO HER!
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GUY, ABOUT TONIGHT...HOW ABOUT PICKING ME UP ABOUT EIGHTISH?
AH...KITTEN, I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT TONIGHT...
OH, NO! DON'T TELL ME! NOT AGAIN!
I'M AFRAID SO.....
RAINED OUT AGAIN! HMPH! I MIGHT AS WELL FACE FACTS! FATE IS AGAINST ME! SHE JUST DOESN'T WANT US TWO TO GET TOGETHER!


THAT NIGHT, AT THE ROCHESTER BASE, WE FIND WHAT APPEARS TO BE A NORMAL NIGHT SHIFT CREW... AS DAMON ENTERS UNSEEN....
BUT EVEN AS THE FIRST PAPERS VANISH....
MUST ACTIVATE INDUCER!
BLINK!


AS GUY GILBERT'S METABOLISM IS INCREASED TO ONE HUNDRED TIMES THAT OF THE AVERAGE HUMAN, A BLURRED FIGURE TAKES SHAPE BEFORE HIM....
AND SO...
ULP! I CAN SEE THAT GUY MOVE! MUST BE THAT T.W.I.N.D.E.R. AGENT LIGHTNING THEY WARNED ME ABOUT!





THE VILLAIN IS SWIFT AND UNRELENTING. AND BEFORE LIGHTNING CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE...



BUT THEN, STRANGELY, AS THE SPEED-DEMON MAKES HIS EXIT....



LATER, AT T.H.U.N.D.E.R....






THAT CAN MEAN BUT ONE OF TWO THINGS... EITHER THE ULTIMATE STRONGHOLD, OR HERE.....T.H.U.N.D.E.R. HEADQUARTERS ITSELF, AND I'LL PUT MY MONEY ON HEADQUARTERS!
THAT'S THE WAY I HAD IT FIGURED!
THIS IS OF THE UTMOST URGENCY, LIGHTNING! WE MUST STOP HIM! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW IT CAN BE DONE?
NO, SIR! I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THAT ALL THE WAY UP HERE. MY FORMER ENEMIES WERE RELATIVELY EASY TO DEFEAT, BUT THIS GUY....
HEY! SURE! MY FORMER ENIMIES! MAYBE THAT'S THE WAY TO DEFEAT HIM!.... SIR, ARE ALL THE CAPTURED WEAPONS STILL IN THE STORE-ROOM?
YES, BUT WHAT ARE YOU....?
SORRY, CHIEF! CAN'T EXPLAIN NOW! TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!
AND AT THAT SAME MOMENT IN THE ENEMY CAMP "HERR DOKTOR" IS LISTENING TO A RECENTLY RECORDED TAPE...
KOF.... WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY LUNGS, DOCTOR??
IT'S AS I FEARED! SPEEDING UP HIS METABOLISM HAS INCREASED THE AGING PROCESS... AMAZINGLY! ALREADY HIS LUNGS ARE STARTING TO GIVE WAY!
BUT I MUSN'T TELL HIM THAT! I MUSN'T SHAKE HIS CONFIDENCE! HE'LL LAST LONG ENOUGH TO PULL ONE MORE JOB... OUR MOST IMPORTANT JOB!
AND SO....
DON'T WORRY, DAMON! YOUR LUNGS ARE HAVING A HARD TIME ADJUSTING TO YOUR NEW METABOLISM... THAT'S ALL! IT WILL ALL PASS IN TIME! THIS IS YOUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT!
IN T.H.U.N.D.E.R.'S ULTRA-WEAPON DEVELOPMENT ROOM, HOURS PASS....
IF HE ATTACKS T.H.U.N.D.E.R. HE SHOULD ATTACK HERE! THIS ROOM CONTAINS THE MOST VALUABLE DEVICES IN THE WORLD.... ANY OF OUR ENEMIES WOULD GIVE ANYTHING TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THEM!


SUDDENLY...! THE ALARM! SOMEONE HAS PASSED THROUGH THE ELECTRIC EYE BEAM AT THE DOORWAY....IT MUST BE HIM!
BZZZZZT!
ACTIVATING HIS SPEED INDUCER, LIGHTNING ONCE AGAIN ENABLES HIMSELF TO SEE HIS OPPONENT....
MUST KEEP HIM OCCUPIED, WHILE THE OTHERS PUT MY PLAN INTO OPERATION!
WHAT? AGAIN?
UH! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO ROLL WITH HIS PUNCHES! BUT, AT LEAST, I WAS ABLE TO HALF-WAY ROLL WITH THAT ONE!
SMEK!
WHILE, ELSEWHERE...
DO YOU THINK THIS "DEADLY DUST" STUFF WILL WORK?
I DUNNO! BUT THE BARON WAS ABLE TO SLOW LIGHTNING DOWN WITH IT....
VENTILATOR INTAKE
...SO LET'S HOPE IT SLOWS THAT SWIFT CREEP DOWN TO LIGHTNING'S SPEED! OTHERWISE GUY WON'T HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE!
THUS....! THE DUST....JUST A FEW MORE MINUTES! MUSTN'T WEAKEN NOW.... GOT TO GET GAS MASK!
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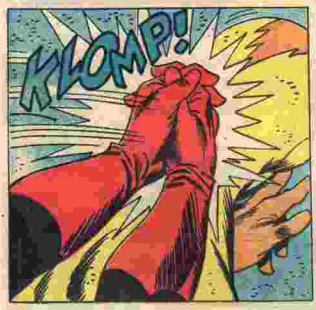
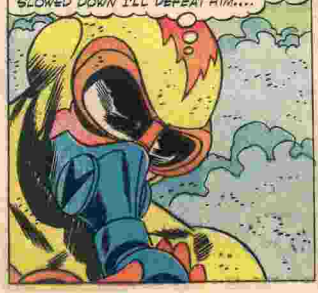


STRUGGLING TO STAY CONSCIOUS, LIGHTNING CRAWLS AWAY FROM THE BLOW....





BUT THE DUST HAS AN UNEXPECTED EFFECT UPON THE SPEED-DEMON... FOR AS IT ENTERS HIS ASING LUNGS....




THUD!


HE'S DEAD!!
I DON'T GET IT! WE DIDN'T USE ENOUGH DUST FOR THAT...ONLY ENOUGH TO SLOW HIM DOWN!


LATER...
WHEW! I'M SURE GLAD THAT'S OVER WITH..... FOR NOW!
YES, BUT YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT IF S.H.I.E.L.D. CAN MAKE ONE AGENT SWIFT... THEY CAN DO IT TO ANOTHER .....


...OR WORSE YET, A WHOLE TROOP OF THEM!
WOW! I SURE HAVE MY WORK CUT OUT FOR ME!...YOUD THINK IT WASN'T BAD ENOUGH THAT EACH SECOND I USE MY POWER IT SHORTENS MY LIFE SPAN!


THAT NIGHT...
C'MON, GUY! YOU SAID YOU WERE TAKING ME DANCING AND WE'VE HARDLY BEEN OUT ON THE FLOOR!


COME ON, SLOW POKE, MOVE!
TAKE IT EASY! I'M NOT MADE OF LIGHTNING, YOU KNOW!
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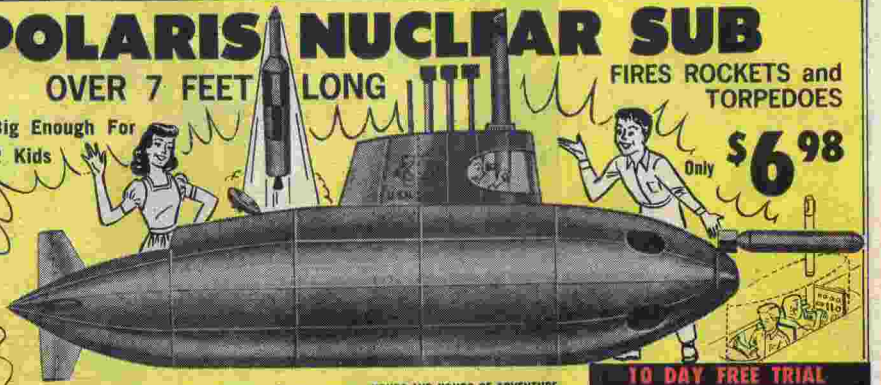

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WHATEVER WEAPON HE'S USING, IT'S CERTAINLY BEYOND ANYTHING I HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF... I'M SURE T.H.U.N.D.E.R. WOULD BE INTERESTED TOO..
T.H.U.N.D.E.R. H.Q., THAT SAME AFTERNOON...
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I'LL DO MY BEST, SIR..
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THIS IS WHERE I STOOD, NEXT TO MY BUDDY.. THE BROWN POWDER FROM THAT ROCKHEAD'S RAYGUN HIT HIM, BUT MISSED ME...
..UMMM..
...BROWN POWDER.. AND THIS GLASS HAS CHANGED TO A SPLOTCHY GREEN.. APPARENTLY THIS MADMAN HAS ISOLATED A PURE SILICON SUBSTANCE AND IS ABLE TO MIX IT WITH THE NATURAL CELLS IN ORGANIC MATTER!
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AND WHEN THEY REACH THIER DESTINATION..
WE'LL GRIND IT DOWN INTO ABOUT FOUR GEMS AND THEN - HEY!
CRASH!
THE STARTLED SMUGGLERS ARE QUICKLY SUBDUED BY THE POWERFUL ANDROID...
THUD!
I HAVEN'T TIME TO BOTHER WITH YOU - QUICK! WHERE ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO PICK UP THE NEXT DIAMOND?!
GACK! ...THE DOCKS.. TO-TO-NIGHT!
GOOD-YOU'LL SERVE AS MY GUIDE!
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LATE THAT NIGHT, A CHILLY DRIZZLE MAKES THE DARK WHARF AN EVEN MORE GLOOMY PLACE THAN USUAL...
KEEP QUIET UNTIL HE GETS OUT OF THE CAR....
SEBASTION! ARE YOU THERE!
Y-YES...I'M HERE...
BUT LOOK OUT BEHIND YOU!
WHO'S THERE!?
I'VE GONE TO SOME TROUBLE SETTING UP THIS MEETING, STRANGER...
YOU'LL REGRET YOUR INTRUSION!


YOU'RE ALSO A LOUSY SHOT, MARBLEHEAD!
WOP!
HA HA! A GALLANT ATTACK ... BUT QUITE FOOLISH ...
AND THE LOSS OF THIS SALE IS NOT VERY IMPORTANT...
I'M TIRED OF THESE GAMES.. YOU MAY LIVE TO SAVOR THE PAIN OF YOUR BROKEN BONES!
LUCKY I'VE GOT MY CAPE... SAVES ME A LOT OF CAB FARES...
LOCKING THE FINGERS OF HIS ONE GOOD HAND INTO GRIPS WITH THE TENACITY OF IRON BOLTS, NOMAN FITS SNUGLY IN PLACE ON THE BACK BUMPER OF THE CAR...
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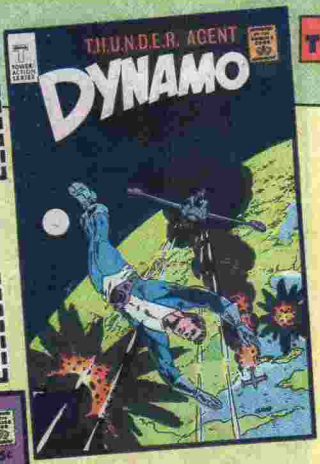

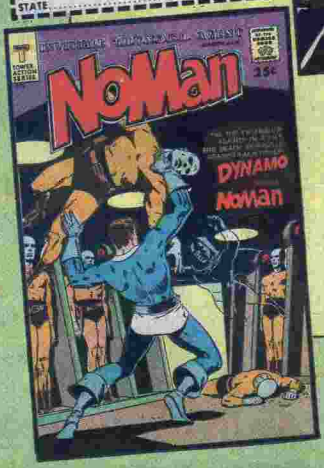

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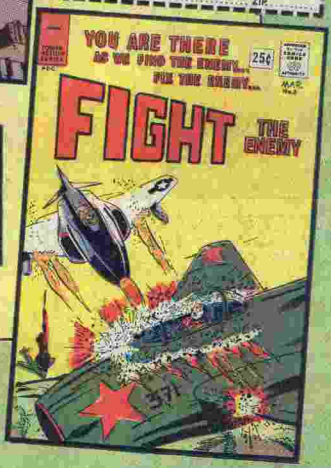

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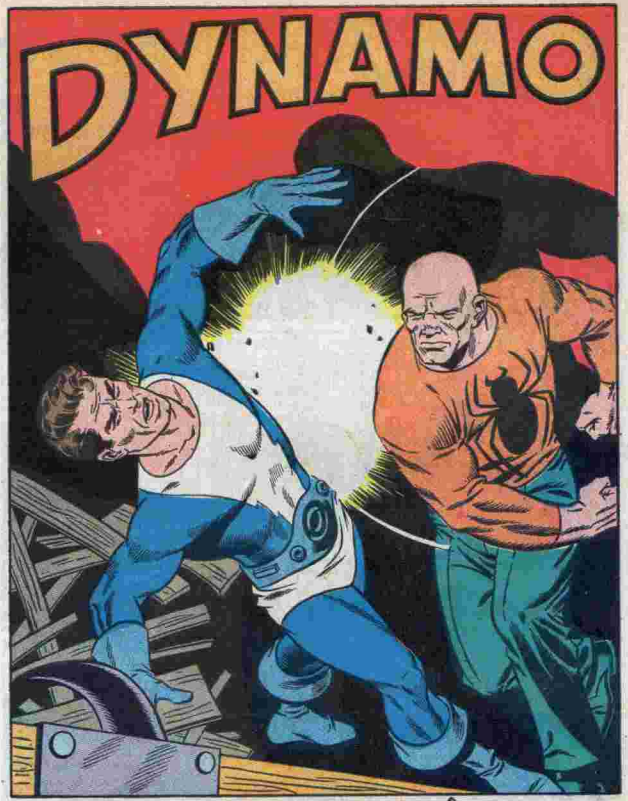
A LIFETIME DEVOTED TO SCIENCE AND WHAT DID I GET FOR IT... POLITE APPLAUSE FROM MY ENVIOUS COLLEAGUES..
...WHERE AS A FEW WEEKS AT CRIME WILL GRANT ME A FORTUNE!
THOSE TANKS MUST CONTAIN THE SILICON FORMULA...
WHY SHOULD I GIVE THE WORLD AN INVENTION IT TOOK YEARS OF RESEARCH TO PERFECT? WHA...
MAYBE BECAUSE OF A MORAL LAW ALL CIVILIZED MEN SHOULD RESPECT..
YOU AGAIN! FOOL-THERE'S ENOUGH SOLUTION IN THERE TO TURN A WHOLE CITY TO STONE!


JUST WHAT I'M COUNTING ON...
YOU'VE PROVEN YOU'VE GOT A HARD HEAD, IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE... BUT THIS OUGHT TO EVEN THE SITUATION!
WHACK!
BUT THE 'ROCK' STILL HAS ONE TRICK UP HIS SLEEVE...
AS SOON AS THESE BEAMS ARE PETRIFIED THEIR WEIGHT SHOULD BRING THEM DOWN...
KER-RASH!
SCORE ONE FOR THE GREAT STONEFACE...


SCORE TWO FOR THE GAME LITTLE CHALLENGER!
KA-THWOP!
OOOOF
WIND KNOCKED OUT OF HIM.. THAT'S NOT SURPRISING, BUT HIS SHIRT COLLAR'S WAVING IN THE BREEZE...
I'M BEGINNING TO GET THE PICTURE NOW, PEBBLE PUSS, AND THE WAY THINGS STAND I HAVE NO REGRETS AT ALL...
... ABOUT KNOCKING YOUR BLOCK OFF!
WHAM!



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EVERYTHING ...GONE...


SOME DAYS LATER, AT THUNDER HEADQUARTERS...
HOW DOES THAT HAND FEEL NOW, NOMAN?
PLIABLE AGAIN, THE ANTI-DOTE WORKS.. OF COURSE, THE WRIST IS STILL BROKEN ON THE OTHER ONE...


WE'LL GET THIS ANDROID OVER TO THE LAB RIGHT AWAY... YOU'RE TOO VALUABLE TO HAVE EVEN ONE LINIT OUT OF COMMIS-SION FOR LONG...
FLATTERER..


SERIOUSLY, DR. DUNN, HOW COULD A SCIENTIST OF SUCH STATURE BECOME SO WARPED!
IT'S NOT SO MYSTERIOUS... A FRAIL, INCONSEQUENTIAL RESEARCHER DISCOVERS A WAY TO GAIN THE IMPENETRA-BILITY OF A SUPERMAN... THE WEALTH OF A KING... THE POWER OF A GOD... THAT'S A HARD COMBINATION TO RESIST AGAINST ONE LONELY AT-TRIBUTE... THE DIGNITY OF MAN!



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FROM THE THUNDER CONTROL ROOM

WHOA! Hold it! Enough already! Stop! Please. .no more scripts. Somebody got their signals crossed. Maybe it's our fault, but when we said that all our writers were free lancers we didn't mean this as an invitation to submit scripts. All we meant was that the writers we have work on a free lance basis and are not employees of Tower Comics. This means that as free lancers they are free to sell scripts to any number of publishers. We've been swamped with scripts from well intentioned writers and even art work from some of our readers. Honestly, fellas, we just don't have the time to wade through all the hundreds of pages of script we've received. It's impossible! Reading all the unsolicited scripts and writing editorial comments and then mailing them back is just too time consuming. You all probably feel that what you write is better than what's been written, but in the greater majority of cases it just ain't so. That goes for the artists too. The stuff just isn't as good as the pros! That may be a bitter pill to swallow, but of all the art work submitted nothing yet has matched the calibre of work turned out by the pros. No hard feelings.

Now that we've got that straightened out let's get on to the letters.

Congratulations. Congratulations on a year of Tower and a year of T.H.U.N.D.E.R. In the short span of one year T.H.U.N.D.E.R has become one of my favorite groups. In one year you've come out with four super-hero comics. Now for ish #10 of TA. I found it really good. Now you're changing to the style of the forties by stapling the book in the middle like a 12c comic. In NoMan #1 and T.H.U.N.D.E.R. #10 I noticed three new artists working for you. I'm glad to see Wood. Sekowsky and Tuska still in the act. But what happened to Ditko. Adkins and the other new ones you had? Did you replace them? Thank you for a good year.

Joe Jenkins.....Toledo, Ohio

Joe, take a look at the first story in this issue and you'll see that nothing has happened to Steve Ditko. As usual, whenever he teams up with Wally Wood the end result is a crackerjack piece of art work. Adkins is still around. The other new ones? You'll see them in subsequent issues. We can accommodate just so many pages of art in one mag.

There's no doubt about it. After reading T.A. #9 I know your comic can't be beat. Dynamo used to be the best of your new agents but now you've come up with this new one The Raven. The drawings are different and great. The dialogue is the best too. By the way, in your letter column you have people talking about dialogue. Well I have an answer for them, including you. Keep the dialogue just as it is. Another person complained about Thunder Agents not being original. If that person stopped to think, he'd see that every agent is getting his powers from some mechanical device. . .and not from some mysterious thing the other comic book companies can't explain.

Davis Combs.....Burbank, Calif.

To the Hard Working Crew at T.H.U.N.D.E.R..

I would like to offer my sincerest thanks for such well drawn and well developed mags. The way in which the traits of the characters are drawn out is in the highest standards achievable. I came upon your product in an unusual way. I have a craving for the art of Wally Wood. I have followed Mr. Wood from Mad to Marvel. But his art in Thunder surpasses all. I have one complaint. In issue #9 the art on the Raven was awful. Also please print the full addresses. I'm sure your fans would like to correspond with each other. Thanks for listening.

Joseph Hyatt.....Utica, New York.

Now what's a guy supposed to do? Here one reader thinks the Raven is great and another guy thinks it's awful. This happens all the time. Since a formal poll

of readers reaction to the art work in Raven is impractical we'll have to go along with what we can gather from the letters that have come in so far. Right now we'd say that it's better than fifty fifty in favor of the art as it is.

Congratulations on a job well done, a job very well done. I had my doubts at first, but they turned into solid affection towards your magazines. Issue #1 was a blockbuster and cleared the stands easily. #2-8 were terrific and on a par with your usual standard of high quality art and stories, which are constantly improving. Dynamo #1 in my opinion was pretty bad all around except for the Andor story, which was an extremely well written emotional and action packed story. Dynamo #2 was a sensational comeback. I enjoyed this issue thoroughly. I am glad to see that you're not ignoring other companies. You're the second company I know that publishes rival company names. Unlike other companies you are not afraid to give the opposition a dime's worth of publicity. Groups like you are constantly pulling comics out of the light of candy, bubble gum wrappers and tiny tots drooling over a comic. Instead you are aiming more or less at an intelligent person who can feasibly grasp and accept your characters as something to relax and unwind with, rather than a thing to ogle and smear a candy bar on. Many thanks for trying your best in your T.H.U.N.D.E.R. mags. One irrelevance. . .I would most appreciatively like to see a new phrase or word to take the place of the term "comic book". To me this presents a cheap perspective on something which it is not for the most part. I would most whole heartedly welcome any suggestion or attempt to change it. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS!

Doug Foley.....Portland, Oregon

Doug, thanks a lot. Kind comments like yours are always welcome. In fact, even if they weren't kind they'd still be welcome. Now, where giving comic mags another name is concerned, we feel there's no stigma attached to the term "comic book". Any form of entertainment, and that basically is what they are, that has become so much a part of the American scene over the past thirty years or so does not suffer any humiliation by the application of that term. There's nothing derogatory in the term "comic book".

We blushingly admit that we've had some complaints about our subscription department. Seems that some of the mags have been getting to subscribers a bit on the late side. Sorry, fellas. All our books are mailed by a mailing service and they goofed. We've taken steps to insure speedier and more efficient delivery.

Here's a guy who doesn't hesitate to speak his mind. He's Paul Jenkins of Scituate, Mass. Paul accuses us of being unoriginal in the following blunt manner. "I have only four Tower mags and I think your plots and art work are good. But there's one thing I don't like. That your heroes are copies of DC and Marvel. For example. . .Dynamo is a copy of DC's Superman and Marvel's Thing. Lightning is DC's Flash and NoMan is something like their Spectre and your organization T.H.U.N.D.E.R. is like DC's Justice League of America. Your mag would be much better if you made five or six original heroes and made sure you're not copying a few other mags. P.S. I heard you're afraid DC stands for Dazzling Competition."

Dear Paul, if we were afraid of what you think we are we wouldn't print your letter. As for being unoriginal. . .a closer analysis on your part of the characters mentioned would reveal there is NOT the similarity you accuse us of swiping.

Lots of readers have suggested that a list of credits be put on the first page of each story. It's okay with the editorial staff, but not all the artists or writers are too keen on the idea. Suppose we leave it to them. Those that want credits are welcome to put their names on the page.

T.H.U.N.D.E.R. AGENTS

FOR SEVERAL MONTHS NOW, **T.H.U.N.D.E.R.** HAS BEEN BATTLING THE FORCES OF **S.P.I.D.E.R.**... AND YET THE LOCATION OF S.P.I.D.E.R.'S SECRET HEADQUARTERS HAS REMAINED A MYSTERY... UNTIL **NOW**, AS A STRANGE SERIES OF EVENTS PUTS OUR HEROES ON....

....."The ROAD to SPIDER HQ."




SHORTLY, AN URGENT CONFERENCE IS CALLED.....
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HE WON'T BE SHOWING UP..... I'M AFRAID.....
...I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT CAME OVER GUY... BUT THE FACT REMAINS THAT HE WALKED OUT... OF COURSE, I'LL SEND SOME ONE OVER TO HIS APARTMENT TO TRY TO TALK SOME SENSE INTO HIM... AND IF HE WON'T RETURN ON HIS OWN, WE'LL HAVE TO FORCE HIM TO COME BACK.... FOR A DETRAINING SESSION....
HOWEVER, NO MATTER HOW WE DO IT, WE MUST GET HIM BACK HERE QUICKLY!... HE SEEMED EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE WHEN HE LEFT. IF HE WERE TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS IN THE STATE HE'S IN, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE MIGHT TELL THE...
CHIEF! LOOK!
... A HIDDEN MICROPHONE! THIS ROOM IS BUGGED!
WHA... GOOD GRAVY! GIVE ME THAT!
CRUNCH!
AND SO, ELSEWHERE....
WE'VE LOST CONTACT! HE'S DESTROYED THE MIKE!
NO MATTER! WE'VE ALREADY LEARNED ENOUGH!


TELL THE BOYS IN THE OUTER OFFICE TO CHECK THE FILES... SEE IF THEY CAN FIND OUT WHERE THIS GUY GILBERT LIVES!
YES, BOSS!
AND HAVE THE FIRST SQUAD PREPARE FOR ATTACK!...HMM...AND HAVE THE SECOND SQUAD... THE SPECIAL SQUAD.... STAND BY, JUST IN CASE...
YES SIR....
WHILE BACK AT T.H.U.N.D.E.R....
THERE! NOW THAT THE BUG'S GONE, WE MAY SPEAK FREELY....
"AS YOU ALL KNOW, I ACTUALLY DISCOVERED THE MICROPHONE TWO DAYS AGO...."
DRAT THIS WINDY OFFICE... SECRET DOCUMENTS ARE ALWAYS BEING BLOWN ALL THE...HEY!
"AT FIRST MY REACTION WAS TO DESTROY THE DEVICE, BUT THEN..."
WAIT! POSSIBLY I CAN USE THIS TO T.H.U.N.D.E.R.'S ADVANTAGE... ONLY S.P.I.D.E.R. IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO HAVE GOTTEN THIS IN HERE! MAYBE WE CAN USE THIS TO LEAD US TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS!
"AND SO, I DEVISED THE PLAN!"
THAT'S RIGHT... I WANT YOU TO COME INTO MY OFFICE AND QUIT! AND MAKE IT SOUND AUTHENTIC!


GUY PLAYED HIS PART WELL... AS YOU ALL DID! NOW IT'S A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE ENEMY CLOSES IN ON GUY'S APARTMENT... AND GUY LETS HIMSELF BE CAPTURED!
SO YOU'D ALL BETTER TAKE YOUR STATIONS... I TRUST YOU'VE COMPLETELY FAMILIARIZED YOURSELVES WITH BOTH THE ORIGINAL AND ALTERNATE PLANS!
YES, SIR!
AND AT GUY'S APARTMENT...
IF THEY'RE COMING TO GET ME... THEY'RE SURE TAKING THEIR SWEET...HEY! FOOT STEPS!
THEN...
ALL RIGHT, BUSTER... YOU'RE COMING WITH US!
GLAD TO OBLIGE! BUT FIRST ALLOW ME TO PUT UP A BIT OF A FIGHT! CAN'T LET YOUR TAKING ME LOOK TOO EASY!
IT'S USELESS TO STRUGGLE! WE'VE GOT YOU OUT-NUMBERED!
HA! IF THEY ONLY KNEW THAT I'M FIGHTING AT ONLY HALF STRENGTH!
BUT THEN, AS ONE S.P.I.D.E.R. AGENT GRABS FOR GUY, CAPRICIOUS FATE TAKES A HAND...
WHA...?
OH, NO!
Rip-a-la-pa!


AND ELSEWHERE, AS TWO S.P.I.D.E.R. OFFICIALS WATCH THE ACTIONS VIA A TELE-VIEWER PLANTED ON ONE OF THEIR UNDER-LINGS...
LOOK! HE'S WEARING A SPEED-SUIT!
SO! HE DIDN'T QUIT AFTER ALL! THIS WHOLE THING WAS A TRICK! THEY WANTED US TO CAPTURE HIM!
AN URGENT RADIO MESSAGE IS SENT TO THE S.P.I.D.E.R. AGENTS.....
FORGET ABOUT THE CAPTURE! MAKE A BREAK FOR IT!
YOU HEARD THE BOSS... LET'S GO!
LEAVING SO SOON?
DRAT! THEIR SEEING MY SPARE SUIT—SUIT SURE RUINED THIS SCHEME!
BUT, AT LEAST, IT'S NOT THE BALL GAME! TIME NOW TO PUT OUR ALTERNATE PLAN INTO OPERATION!
LIGHTNING TO SQUAD!
AND SO....
YES, GUY! THEY'RE COMING OUT NOW! WE KNOW WHAT TO DO!
THE FIRST PART OF THE SECONDARY PLAN IS ENACTED...
ALL RIGHT, MEN... COOL IT! AND I MEAN... FREEZE... RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE!
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AT SPIDER CENTRAL, AN INSPECTION IS IN PROGRESS...











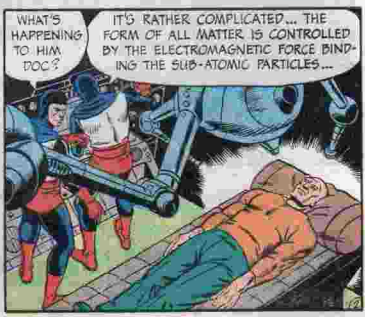













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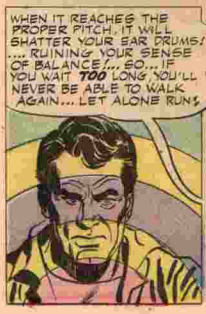
EVEN AS THE SWIFT AGENT FALLS, HE REACHES FOR THAT ALL IM-PORTANT DIAL...
I THINK I KNOW WHAT'S HAP-PENING! I HOPE I'M WRONG, BUT I'M AFRAID THAT....
AND AS OUR DASHING HERO'S METABOLISM IS INCREASED....
ULP! JUST AS I FEARED! S.P.I.D.E.R. SPEED-DEMONS! THREE OF THEM!
ONE WAS BAD ENOUGH, BUT THREE.... I DON'T HAVE A CHANCE...
AND BEFORE LIGHTNING CAN EVEN LIFT A FIST.....
UNH!
SO SWIFTLY HAVE THE DEMONS COMPLETED THEIR TASK THAT, AS THEY LEAVE....
HA! LOOK! THE T.H.U.N.D.E.R. SQUAD AGENTS ARE STILL HERE!
TOO BAD WE'RE MOVIN' SO FAST THEY CAN'T SEE US! THIS LITTLE SCENE MIGHT GIVE 'EM THE SHOCK OF THEIR LIVES!
MEANWHILE...
HOPE WE CAN MAKE IT TO S.P.I.D.E.R. HQ SOON. MY CAPE'S POWER IS JUST ABOUT EXHAUSTED. I'LL BECOME VISIBLE AGAIN!

IT ONLY TAKES SECONDS FOR THE FLEET-FOOTED AGENT TO REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS, BUT BY THEN...





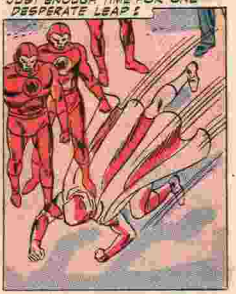









JUST THEN...
YOU FUMBLING FOOL! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME BACK HERE! WHAT IF YOU WERE FOLLOWED?
DON'T WORRY! I CAN SPOT A TAIL A MILE OFF!
GUY'S HOW THE HECK DID HE GET IN HERE? LOOKS LIKE HE NEEDS HELP NOW! AND I'M NEARLY OUT OF INVISIBILITY!"


JUST ENOUGH TIME FOR ONE DESPERATE LEAP!


IN MID-AIR, THE IMMORTAL AGENT BECOMES VISIBLE...
NOMAN!... DEMONS, QUICK! GET HIM!


BUT BEFORE ANYONE CAN REACT...
WHEW! JUST IN TIME! COULDN'T HAVE TAKEN ANY MORE!


NOMAN'S ACT HAS AN EFFECT HE DID NOT EXPECT, FOR AS THE GUN CONTINUES TO RAPIDLY PIVOT, THE SPEED-DEMONS, THOUGH SWIFT, ARE CAUGHT BY SURPRISE...


HOWEVER... UH-OH! SOUND MUST NOT HAVE BEEN AT THE RIGHT PITCH! THEY'RE UNAFFECTED!
C'MON! WHILE HE'S BUSY WITH THE DEMONS, WE'D BETTER GET LOST!


BUT THEN...
HMM...DELAYED REACTION!
NOMAN! OVER HERE...QUICK!
STEP ON IT FELLOW! THOSE CREEPS ARE GETTING AWAY!
THUS, WITHIN SECONDS....
I HATE TO "MONOPOLIZE" THE CONVERSATION...
...BUT YOU BOYS ARE GOING "DIRECTLY TO JAIL!"
LATER, AT T.H.U.N.D.E.R. HEADQUARTERS...
WELL, THIS LOOKS LIKE THE END OF THE S.P.I.D.E.R. THREAT!
GUESS AGAIN, PAL.... HERE, LOOK AT THIS! I FOUND IT BACK AT THAT OFFICE!
THEN...THAT WAS ONLY A MINOR OFFICE!
YES...ONE OF MANY MINOR OFFICES! LOOKS LIKE S.P.I.D.E.R. IS EVEN A LARGER ORGANIZATION THAN WE IMAGINED!
"COMMUNIQUE FROM SUPREME SPIDER HQ TO ALL MINOR OUTPOSTS"

the RAVEN

BATTLES the STORM TROOPERS of XOCHIMILCO




OUR STORY BEGINS AT CHAPULTEPEC CASTLE, IN MEXICO CITY. A STRANGE CONFRONTATION IS TAKING PLACE....
THAT IS MOST INTERESTING, SHLAGLE. YOU MADE THIS AGREEMENT WITH FRAU MAYVEN..... YET JACOB EINHORN WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ASSASSINATED... IS VERY MUCH ALIVE... AND IN THE HANDS OF T.H.U.N.D.E.R. AGENT, RAVEN...
FRAU MAYVEN IS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE NEW YORK POLICE... AND I HAD TO LEAVE ARGENTINA'S BEAUTIFUL CLIMATE... FOR THE PEASANT-LIKE HEAT OF MEXICO....
A VERY AMUSING BUSINESS... WHEN A GESTAPO GENERAL ASSIGNS A MISSION AND IS BETRAYED BY TWO INCOMPETENTS !
ONE OF YOU MUST DIE, GENTLEMEN ! NOTHING PERSONAL YOU UNDERSTAND... IT IS PURELY A MATTER OF DISCIPLINE... AN EXAMPLE, SHALL WE SAY, TO OUR FUTURE GERMAN SWASTIKA-BEARERS !!
YOU BOTH HAVE WEAPONS AND THE ENTIRE MATTER WILL BE CLOSED IN A MATTER OF MINUTES....
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IT SHOULD
PROVE
AMUSING
TO LET YOU TWO
DECIDE
WHICH ONE SHALL LIVE....
THE WINNER SHALL RECIEVE THE ORDER OF THE IRON-JAW!
IRON
JAW
AND THE PRIVILEGE OF FINISHING THE ASSIGNMENT, THE DEATH OF JACOB EINHORN... I GIVE ONE OF YOU 5 MINUTES TO LIVE. MY GRETCHEN IS GETTING LONELY! AUF WIEDER SEHEN!!
PATIENCE, MEIN LITTLE GRETCHEN! WE SHALL SOON GO TO THE BOATS...
THUD!
BANG!





LEFT TO SHIFT FOR HIMSELF, IN SUCH INDELICATE MATTERS AS MEDICAL CARE...WITH SEVERAL BULLETS LODGED IN HIS BODY... AND THE BLOOD TRICKLING THROUGH HIS DIRTY AND FILTHY SMELLING CLOTHING, THE NAZI GENERAL GROPED HIS WAY "HOME".....









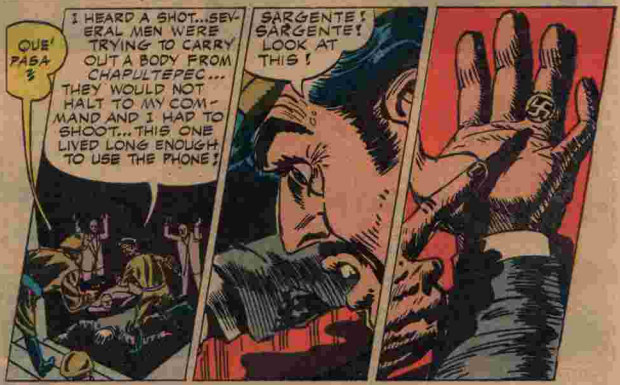

WITH SPECIAL EQUIPMENT (ON LOAN FROM TH.U.N.D.E.R. AGENT HEADQUARTERS) MEXICAN AGENTS CAREFULLY RECORD GENERAL VON ROMMEL'S PROGRESS...
IT IS 10:37 P.M. HE IS ENTERING HIS VILLA VIA THE SOUTH SIDE ENTRANCE.... BADLY WOUNDED...
THIS RECORDED IMAGE HAS BEEN FLASHED BACK TO MEXICAN INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITIES, WHERE THE RAVEN HAS BEEN FOLLOWING UP ON THE MEN THAT HIRED MAYVEN TO ASSASSINATE JACOB EINHORN...
WE ASKED YOU TO COME TO MEXICO, RAVEN, BECAUSE WE FELT THAT WE SHARE A COMMON PROBLEM.... AND COULD BE OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE!
THANK YOU, SEÑOR CARDENAS... IT HAS BEEN MOST INTERESTING!
THE NAZI'S ARE ABYSMALLY STUPID MACHINES! THEY COVER EVERY DETAIL... AND LEAVE US WITH A BODY IN CHAPULTEPEC CASTLE, AND A TRAIL OF BLOOD BACK TO THE RENTED VILLA OF AN ARGENTINE WHO SPOKE TO HIS SERVANTS IN GERMANIC - SPANISH!
THERE IS NO TIME TO VERBALIZE NOW, SEÑOR. WE MUST FIND OUT WHY ONE OF THEM WAS SHOT TO DEATH... AND THE OTHER...
UNO MOMENTO, RAVEN, I WAS CARRIED AWAY....
WE WERE TIPPED OFF TO THEIR COMING TO MEXICO BY OUR SPIES. WE PLACED OUR AGENT IN GENERAL ROMMEL'S VILLA...
SEÑORITA RIVERA IS A CHAMBERMAID AT THE PIGS HOUSE AND CAN FILL YOU IN WITH... HOW WOULD YOU SAY... FURTHER "POOP"
GRACIAS, SEÑORITA....


WHAT THE "TRANSFORMER" DOES IS TO REARRANGE THIS FIELD, SO THAT NEW PARTICLES ARE CONSTANTLY BEING ATTRACTED AND ADDED TO THE BODY'S MASS...
...MAKING IT DENSER, AND THEREFORE HEAVIER ...AND STRONGER, AS YOU CAN SEE!
GOOD! AND NOW TO SET UP A MEETING WITH DYNAMO!
WHY DON'T WE JUST TIP THEM OFF ABOUT OUR SHIPMENT OF ARMS...?
AND SOON, IN RESPONSE TO AN ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL...
THAT MUST BE THE SMUGGLERS... YES! THEY'VE SEEN ME...
...AND THEY'RE RUNNING...
ALL EXCEPT THAT ONE.
OUT OF MY WAY, YOU... WHAT-?!
JUST CALL ME ROCKY..
..AND I CAN'T STAND FANCY-PANTS FUZZ!

AS SEÑORITA RIVERA, A TRAINED MEXICAN COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE AGENT, UNFOLDED THE STORY OF THE NAZI GENERAL AND HIS ARRIVAL IN MEXICO CITY WITH SEVERAL OTHER MEN....



SEVERAL OF GENERAL SHLAGELS MEN CAME TO CHAPULTEPEC TO FIND HIM... BUT....



MOMENTS LATER, AT MEXICAN INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS, SEÑOR CARDENAS, RESPONDS TO INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTLY FROM THE PRESIDENT....




OUR PRESIDENTE, RAVEN IS A PEACE LOVING MAN. WHEN HE ISSUES A DIRECTIVE SUCH AS THIS ONE TO ME, IT MUST BE THAT THERE ARE BIGGER THINGS AFOOT THAN WE CAN REALIZE!
ALL OF THE HELP THAT YOU CAN GIVE WILL BE SINCERELY APPRECIATED! ...BUT WE CAN DO NOTHING UNTIL I HAVE TRIED TO ARREST THEM...
BE VERY CAREFUL!
SEÑORITA RIVERA HAS TOLD US OF THE ARSENAL AND THE THUGS THE GENERAL BROUGHT WITH HIM! IN GERMANY THEY WOULD SHOOT AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER...
THANK GOD THIS IS MEXICO. I MUST TRY FOR THE ARREST FIRST! GENERAL ROMMEL DID NOT COME TO MY COUNTRY UNDER HIS RIGHT NAME...HE IS NO GUEST OF MY GOVERNMENT...
BUT WE WILL GIVE HIM A TASTE OF DEMOCRATIC CIVIL LAW.... IF HE SHOOTS ME...OR ANY-ONE WHILE I'M AT-TEMPTING TO MAKE AN ARREST...
THERE WILL BE TIME TO SHOW HIM THE TEETH OF MEXICAN JUSTICE... BUT FIRST MY FRIEND, HE WILL, AS THE BIBLE SAYS, SEE THE OTHER CHEEK!
I WILL SEE YOU THERE, SEÑOR!
WITHIN 20 MINUTES.....
I AM CAPTAIN CARDENAS OF THE MEXICAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. I WISH TO SEE GENER-AL VON ROMMEL!
COME IN...
THUD!
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DISARM HIM AND THROW HIM IN WITH THE REST OF THE MEXICANOS... THE PHONE CALL WAS TRUE! BARRICADE THE VILLA! SHOOT ANYTHING THAT MOVES TOWARD US! HEIL HITLER!
HEIL HITLER!!


SUDDENLY, WITH A ROAR THAT REVERBERATED THROUGHOUT THE CASTLE, THE MEXICAN POLICE CHARGED, LED BY THE RAVEN...
RAT-TAT-TAT...
BAM!
BANG!
BLAM!
BAM!


MEXICAN SCHVEINHUNDTS! WE'LL KILL ALL OF YOU INFERIOR SWINE! YOU DARE ATTACK A MEMBER OF THE ARYAN NAZI ARMY! WE'LL KILL YOU! KILL YOU!
BAM
BLAM


YOUR DAYS OF KILLING ARE OVER, NAZI OX! LONG OVER!!
KR
PH
GO!
KRUNK


THE MIGHTY CASTLE RESEMBLED THE FRONT LINES OF 1943 WHEN HOUSE TO HOUSE COMBAT WAS PART OF THE LIFE OF ALLIED SOLDIERS TROUGHOUT EUROPE...
GOT HIM! COVER THE SIDE ROOMS!!
ACH! HIMMEL!
WHEN THE BLOODY BATTLE WAS OVER, THE SUPERMEN WITH THE DROOPY ARMBANDS AND SULLEN FACES, ONCE MORE SURRENDED.. TO A NEW KIND OF ALLIED ARMY... THE MEXICAN POLICE AND A THUNDER AGENT... MIGHTY RAVEN...
SENOR CARDENAS!!
CAN YOU GET ME TO XOCHIMILCO QUICKLY? I'LL DIRECT YOU!
I HAVE NOTIFIED THE AUTHORITIES...WE HAVE THE BIG PIGEON TRAPPED!
LOCKING ALL OF YOU IN A ROOM WHERE HE KEPT HIS DIARY WAS QUITE STUPID...
THERE IT IS RAVEN! SHALL WE DIVE-BOMB?
YOU SAID THAT XOCHIMILCO MEANS THE "FLOATING GARDENS"..... WE'LL CHANGE THE PACE!


LIKE A HUMAN DIVE BOMBER, THE RAVEN ROARS INTO THE BATTLE! NAZI STORM-TROOPERS AND A GENERAL HAD BEEN BOTTLED IN BY A SMALL GROUP OF DETERMINED MEXICAN POLICEMEN AT XOCHIMILCO, THE VENICE OF MEXICO...
YOU'RE MAKING WAVES, RAVEN!
ACH!! DER RAVEN!
KAPUT!
PART OF MY INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO HOLD THE PRISONERS FOR T.H.U.N.D.E.R.!
A PLANE WILL PROBABLY PICK THEM UP...
WHAT BOTHERS ME, RAVEN IS THEIR AGES. MANY OF THESE SICK SWINE ARE TOO YOUNG TO BE NAZIS AS WE HAVE KNOWN THEM!
THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WE MUST ALWAYS BE VIGILANT... AS LONG AS DEMOCRACY IS SOMETHING SPECIAL TO US...
WE AT T.H.U.N.D.E.R. WILL CONTINUE OUR GUARD, AND WITH THE HELP OF MEN LIKE YOU SEÑOR WE CAN'T GO WRONG!
ADIOS AMIGO!
THE END...

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SO SPIDER HAS A SUPER-GOON! WELL...
..LET'S FIND OUT HOW TOUGH YOU ARE FELLA...
HEY!
TOUGH ENOUGH..
...TO TAKE CARE OF A DOZEN LIKE YOU, BOY SCOUT!
HURRY UP, ROCK! FINISH HIM OFF...OTHER THUNDER AGENTS WILL BE ON THE WAY!
RIGHT! ONE FLAT DYNAMO COMIN' UP!
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HURRY IT UP, CAN'T YOU? I CAN HEAR SIRENS...
BOSS, I FOUND THIS IN THE CARGO... SHOULD I...?
YES... THAT SHOULD DO IT! FIRE!
LOOK! DYNAMO'S DOWN... EITHER UNCONSCIOUS... OR DEAD!
AND ROCKY'S STILL ON HIS FEET!
LATER, AT SPIDER CENTRAL...
OHH... MY HEAD! WHAT...
WELL, OUR SUPER AGENT IS BETTER THAN THUNDER'S SUPER AGENT! WHAT DO WE DO WITH DYNAMO?
WE WON'T GET ANY INFORMATION FROM HIM! KILL HIM!
...TIED UP... BELT GONE... AND A CROOK WHO'S STRONGER THAN I AM... WHAT DO I DO NOW...?
UH... WAIT! YOU DON'T HAVE TO KILL HIM... GEE! I WOULDN'T MIND BASHING HIS BRAINS IN, IF IT WAS IN A FIGHT! BUT LIKE THIS?
OH, SHUT UP, YOU STUPID APE! WHO ASKED YOU?
NOW, LISTEN... I DON'T HAFTA TAKE...
THAT LIGHT SWITCH! IT'S ONLY A FEW FEET AWAY... THEY THINK I'M STILL OUT...


LOOK! DYNAMO! HE'S BEEN PLAYING POSSUM! STOP HIM!
...TOO LATE!
DON'T SHOOT, YOU FOOLS!
TURN THAT LIGHT ON!
OPEN THE DOOR! ANYTHING!
WHERE DID HE GO?
WELL, HE WON'T GET FAR... AFTER HIM!
DYNAMO FINDS HIMSELF IN THE LAB...
GOT TO FIND SOMETHING TO CUT THESE ROPES... AH! THAT BUNSEN BURNER!
...I CAN BURN THEM OFF! HELLO- WHAT'S THAT?
THAT DENTED METAL BOX... AND INSIDE... A DEAD MOUSE! I WONDER...
THERE HE IS! GRAB HIM, ROCKY!
ROCKY, I HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT YOU'RE DYING!
WHAT-?! WHO YOU TRYIN' TO KID...?
IT'S NO TRICK, ROCKY... SEE THIS MOUSE?
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM!