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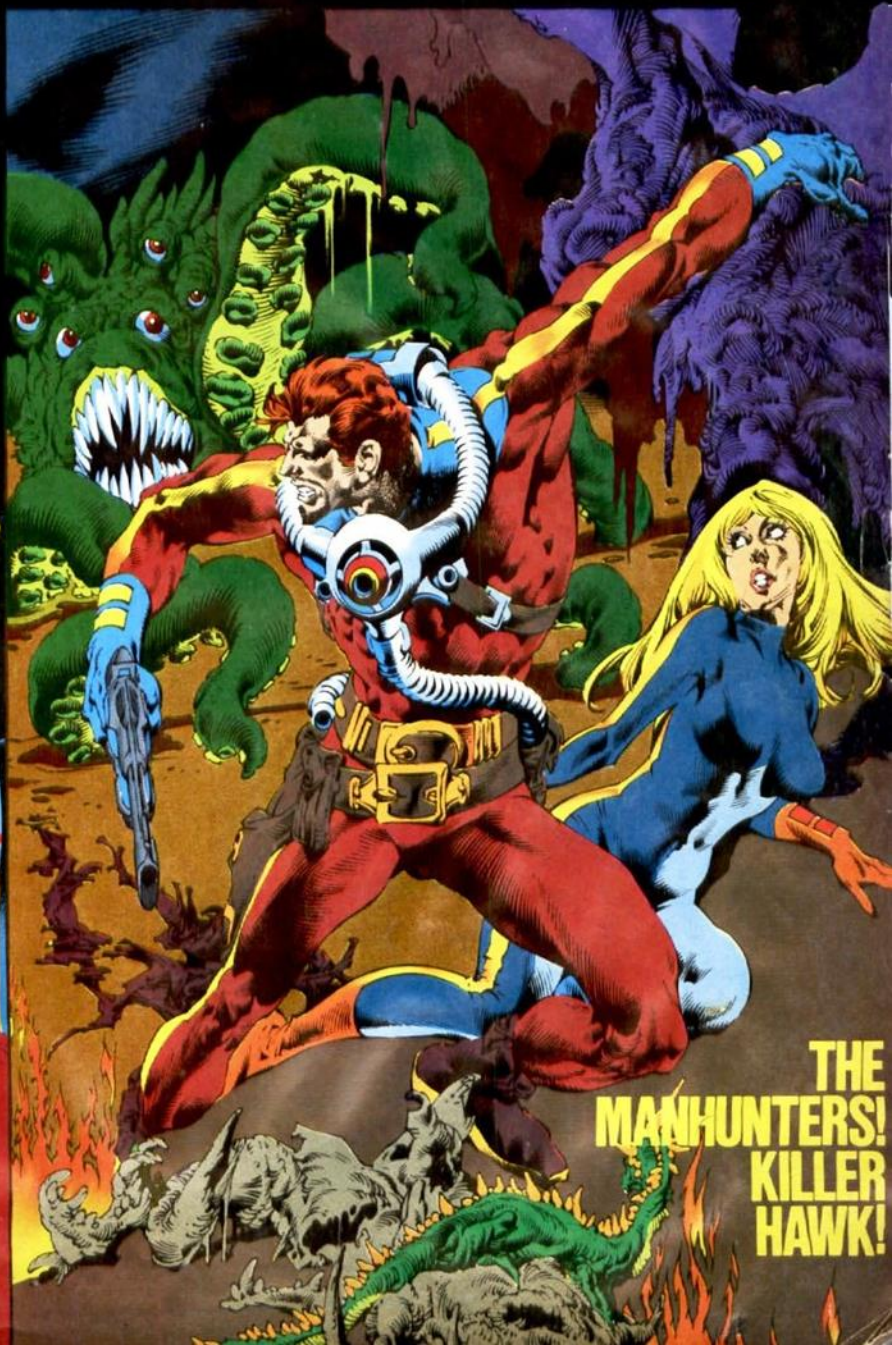
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Colonel Hawkins had a reputation as the most awesome fighting machine in the Martian army! So awesome that the President of United Mars had special plans for him! And so had...someone else!



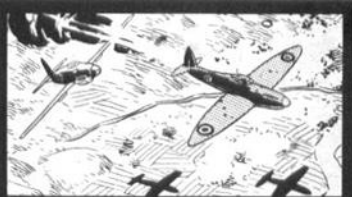
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WALLY WOOD: 1927 - 1981

On November 2, 1981, Wallace Allan Wood died in Van Nuys, California. Wally Wood's death was a tragic loss to his wife Muriel, his family, and his many friends and admirers. The world of comic illustration also suffered a loss of style and of grandeur: Wally Wood was perhaps the best artist in the business.

During his thirty year career, Wally Wood influenced or guided the careers of a countless number of successful comic illustrators. The volume of Wood's work is also too extensive to capsule, but fans will fondly remember

such classics as Cannon, The Misfits, King of the World, Sally Forth, Witzend, The Pipsqueak Papers, Animan, Wizard King, Dynamo, and Noman. Wood worked for Will Eisner on his *Spirit* strip, he was the premiere artist during the glory days of *EC Comics*, and he was one of the founding fathers of *Mad Magazine*.

Born on June 17, 1927 in Menasha, Minnesota, Wally Wood began drawing as a young boy, creating characters he would later incorporate in his professional works. After WWII, Wood went to New York to study. He showed his portfolio to Will Eisner, and was given a job working on the *Spirit* strip. Wally Wood was on his way.

Wally Wood has been described as being both elf-like and intense, a man given to wild fluctuations of mood. His first wife Tatjana says that Wood had a "puckish sense of humor. He never lost his child-like quality or his enthusiasm for his work." Flo Steinberg, who worked with Wood at *Marvel Comics*, says that though



Photo by Peter Hsu

Wood "didn't overwhelm you with his personality," he was like a "grown-up elf, quietly witty, with a twinkle in his eye." Bill Pearson adds that Wood "kept his emotions pretty much in check."

Jules Feiffer agrees that Wood was "rigid, tight" but he recalls an incident when Wood came out of his shell. One day when Feiffer and Wood were working on the *Spirit* strip in New York, Wood, Feiffer, and another man went to lunch. During the meal, Wood started waxing enthusiastic about WWII cartoons, especially the work of a man called Dave Berg. As Wood's praise became more lofty, the other man began to turn redder and redder. When Feiffer told Wood that the third man was the same Dave Berg, Berg rose to his feet and kissed Wally Wood on the top of his head. Now it was Wood's turn to blush.

Nicola Cuti recalls that Wood, with tongue firmly in cheek, had a saying: "Never draw what you can copy, never copy what you can trace, never trace what you can cut up and paste down." With a style unique to himself, Wally Wood used all the tricks of the trade. Cuti remembers that Wood was a perfectionist, even under the heaviest deadlines. He would drive his staff day and night to be sure the work was the best it could be. During one period, they worked three days and nights straight, with few breaks. Cuti remembers that if an artist fell asleep over his board, he was pushed aside and replaced by a fresher artist. It was like a scene from a combat comic book.

Bill Pearson agrees that Wally Wood was a hard taskmaster. "If you did not give your greatest effort, Woody had no sympathy for you. He got the best out of everybody. It was a very healthy creative atmosphere. Woody generated enthusiasm in others when rolling on a project." Peter Hsu says, "What I learned

while working with Woody was more than mere art technique or what grade pencil he used. It was attitude, a love to entertain and a craftsman's pursuit of perfection. I saw a professional in action."

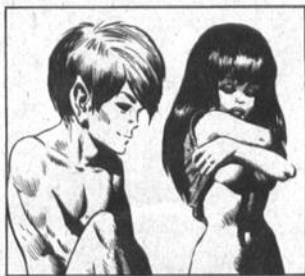
But it was not only enthusiasm that Wally Wood generated. "He inspired me to do better work," says Al Williamson. "Even to this day, when I'm stuck, I look at Wally Wood's work and I get inspired. Everything he did was a joy to look at. The funny stuff, the fantastic art, the nitty-gritty realistic. He was the complete comic book artist. He made you look at it, he

made you enjoy it. He was the best in the business. And I loved the man."

Wally Wood was never comfortable working for others. Every chance he got, he opened his own studio so that he could create without interference from higher-ups. Flo Steinberg recalls his rebel attitude. At *Marvel*, Stan Lee didn't like the stink and smoke of cigarettes in his office. When Wally was on his way into the office, someone would always take the cigarette from his fingers. Shortly thereafter, Wally would always light up again.

In *Big Apple Comics*, Wally had an opportunity to design his own tombstone, and this is what he put on it: "Do me something now, *&*&!" Wally was never happy with the way authority dogged him, never allowing him the freedom to work the way he liked, or the money to live the way he wanted.

Let William Gaines have the last word: "On the one hand he was a giant, on the other a leprechaun. Wally Wood was probably the most talented science fiction artist in comics. I will always remember with sadness that he is gone...he was the first of the great artists of that great era to leave. It is like the beginning of the end. He will always be remembered. Fortunately as an artist, whose works stand forever, he'll never be lost or forgotten."



EARTH STARTED THE WAR. THEY WERE THE HEAVIES! BUT TO THEM, WE WERE UNDOUBTEDLY IN THE WRONG... WE MARTIANS, AS THEY CALLED US.

THE WHOLE THING BEGAN SIMPLY ENOUGH. THE UNITED EARTH NATIONS DECIDED IT WAS TIME MARS WAS INTEGRATED... WITH NATIONALITIES OTHER THAN AMERICANS!



KILLER HAWK



BUT WE "MARTIANS" SAW IT DIFFERENTLY! AMERICANS WERE THE FIRST IN SPACE... WE WERE THE FIRST ON MARS. AND WHEN IT CAME TIME TO COLONIZE, OUR FATHERS WERE THE FIRST TO **BRAVE** THE HARSH MARTIAN TERRAIN.

AND THEY WERE AMERICANS ALL!



SO NOW THAT THE LAND WAS TAMED, SETTLED, AND SELF-SUFFICIENT, THEY WANTED IN!

BUT WHY THE HELL SHOULD WE **GIVE IT UP** TO SOME GERMAN, ISRAELI, OR AFRICAN...?

THIS IS KILLER HAWK... MOVE IN FOR THE KILL!

AYE, COLONEL!



NO, SIR... WE DON'T WANT NATIONAL, RACIAL, OR RELIGIOUS HASSLES ON MARS! EARTH HAD ENOUGH OF THOSE PROBLEMS!

MARS WOULD BE PURE...

MOVE OUT, STRACEMAN! I WANT THIS CITY SECURED!

BERLIN IS GOING TO BECOME MARTIAN TERRITORY!!

...EVEN IF WE HAD TO KILL EVERY DAMN EARTHMEN IN THE PROCESS!

YESSIR, COLONEL HAWKINS!

MY NAME IS **JIM HAWKINS**, COLONEL
USMA. SOMETIMES I'VE GOT TO REMIND
MYSELF OF THAT...

IT'S A NICE MARTIAN-
AMERICAN NAME... BUT
MY MEN AND OFFICERS
CALL ME **KILLER
HAWK!**

I GOT THE NICKNAME BACK AT **RED SANDS BOOT
CAMP**. A DRUNKEN **D.I.** MADE A FACETIOUS
REMARK ABOUT MY LACK OF A FATHER, I WAS
SO MAD, I BLACKED OUT!

WHEN I CAME TO, THE BUTT END OF THE
D.I.'S **NIGHTSTICK** HAD FOUND A TWELVE-
INCH RESTING PLACE UP HIS **BOTTOMSIDE!**

THEY SAY HE WAS IN
INTENSE **PAIN** WHEN
HE DIED! I FELT **BAD**
ABOUT THAT... IT
NEVER GAVE HIM A
CHANCE TO **APOLOGIZE!**

YOU ARE
MAYOR
OF THIS
CITY?

I-I AM,
MARTIAN!

THEN I
SUGGEST YOU
SURRENDER!

WHICH ONLY **PROVES** TO MY MEN...

ONE
BROADCAST
FROM YOU
CAN SAVE
A LOT OF
LIVES!

ORDER YOUR
TROOPS TO
PUT DOWN
THEIR
WEAPONS!

I-I
CAN'T...

...THAT I CAN **GIVE A DAMN** ABOUT HUMAN LIVES!

YOU **CAN**
IF YOU WANT
TO **LIVE!**

BUT A MAN
IN **YOUR**
POSITION
OUGHT TO BE
THINKING MORE
ABOUT THE
INNOCENT WOMEN
AND CHILDREN
WE **MARTIAN
MONSTERS** WILL
SLAUGHTER IF
YOU **DON'T...**

I HAD ORDERS **NOT** TO KILL, MAIM, ROB, RAPE, OR LOOT **UNNECESSARILY!** THE POLITICIANS ONLY WANTED TO
SLAP **WRISTS...** MAKE EARTH LEAVE MARS **ALONE!** CAPTURING SIX OR SEVEN MAJOR CITIES SEEMED THE
FASTEST WAY OF GETTING **THROUGH** TO THE UNITED EARTH NATIONS! BUT IT MADE ME WONDER...

FELLOW CITIZENS...THE MARTIAN **MONSTERS**
ARE AMONGST US!

THERE IS
NOTHING MORE
WE CAN **DO!**

...WHATEVER HAPPENED TO OUR GOOD OLD
FASHIONED SPARTAN **VALUES!**

I WANTED TO UNLEASH **HORDES** OF SCREAMING MARTIANS INTO THE CAPTURED CITY! IT SEEMED MY **RIGHT** AS CONQUERING COMMANDER!

BUT PRESIDENT TOMKINS AND THOSE CLOWNIES UP THERE IN MARS CITY **INSISTED** OUR OCCUPATION BE **PEACEFUL!**



MY MEN **CRAWLED** INTO BERLIN LIKE **MICE...**

AT RED SANDS, THEY CALLED ME A LITTLE **MAD**...KILLING A DRILL INSTRUCTOR WITH HIS OWN NIGHTSTICK! BUT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL CALLED IT **SELF-DEFENSE!**

AFTER ALL, WASN'T I DEFENDING MY OWN FATHER'S GOOD **NAME?**

...AND WE WAITED FOR WORD ABOUT **PEACE TALKS**, WHILE THE **FIGHTING RAGED ON** IN ROME, MOSCOW, WASHINGTON AND SYDNEY.

MAJOR DAVIS HAS LINED UP A LITTLE **ACTION** IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, HAWK!

MODERN WARFARE, **BAH!** USED TO BE INVADERS WOULD **TAKE** WHAT THEY WANTED!



I'VE NEVER **MET** ANYONE QUITE LIKE YOU BEFORE, HAWK!

I'LL BET YOU SAY THAT TO **ALL** MARTIANS!



ACTUALLY, I NEVER EVEN **KNEW** MY FATHER; THEY SAY I WAS LEFT ON THE DOORSTEP OF A FOUNDLING HOME...

YEAH, THAT OLD CLICHE.

YOU'RE **HARD**...**STRONG!** NOT AT ALL LIKE OTHER MEN I'VE KNOWN!

I SUSPECT MY MOTHER WAS A **WORKING GIRL** WHO PICKED UP THE BURDENS OF MOTHERHOOD IN THE **STREET!**

YOU'LL TAKE ME **BACK** WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO?



SORRY BABY! THEY DON'T LIKE **GERMANS** UP THERE!

TO TELL THE TRUTH, I DON'T EVEN **REMEMBER** MUCH OF MY CHILDHOOD! SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE I WAS **FORCE-FED** SIXTEEN YEARS OF **MEMORIES...**

...AND BORN AGAIN IN BOOT CAMP! **THAT'S** WHEN MY LIFE **REALLY** STARTED!

LIKE THEY SAY... ENJOY **TONIGHT**, BABY...

... 'CAUSE **TOMORROW** I'LL BE GONE!



I GOT ORDERS CALLING ME **HOME** WHILE THE PEACE TALKS WERE STILL GOING ON! **NOTHING** HAD BEEN SETTLED... EARTH **PERSISTED** IN HER **DEMANDS** FOR A CHUNK OF MARS!

CALM DOWN, COLONEL... THERE'LL BE **OTHER** WARS FOR YOU TO FIGHT! THEY JUST NEED YOU ON **MARS** MORE THAN EARTH!

I WANTED TO STAY AND BLAST **HELL** OUT OF A COUPLE MORE CITIES... DO IT THE WAY IT **SHOULD** HAVE BEEN DONE THE FIRST TIME.

BUT **PRESIDENT TOMKINS** WAS THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND HAD BEEN FOR **SEVEN YEARS!** HE MUST'VE KNOWN WHAT HE WAS **DOING!**

HEY! WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE... A GERMAN STOWAWAY?!

I WISH TO GIVE MYSELF UP TO COL. HAWKINS!

TOMKINS GOT **ELECTED** THE YEAR I WENT INTO RED SANDS! HE WAS **YOUNG** THEN... YOUNGEST PRESIDENT IN THE HISTORY OF **MARS!** BUT THEN, THERE'D ONLY BEEN **THREE!**

EVERYONE FIGURED HIM FOR A **TOUGH**, UNYIELDING POLITICIAN...

...WHICH HE WAS FOR THE FIRST COUPLE OF YEARS IN OFFICE!

THEY CALLED HIM MARS-**DICTATOR-ELECT** BACK THEN!

YOU'VE GOT A **VISITOR**, HAWK! FOUND HER TUCKED AWAY WITH THE SHIPRATS!-

GRECHIN!?

DAMN YOU, WOMAN! HOW'D YOU GET ABOARD MY SHIP?

I-I HAD TO BE WITH YOU, JIM!

BUT THE WAY I SAW IT, TOMKINS WAS GETTING **SOFT!** OH, HE INSTITUTED THE **DEATH PENALTY** FOR MAJOR CRIMES... AND CLEANED UP THE TOUGH EASTERN FRONTIERS ALL RIGHT...

BUT I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE WOULDN'T LET US **NUKE** THOSE EARTH LAND-GRABBERS!

DON'T YOU KNOW THE PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY IS **DEATH...?** FOR YOU... AND ME, WOMAN!

I-I--

HE WOULDN'T LET **ONE** OF THEM ON MARTIAN **SOIL** THOUGH... YOU GOTTA GIVE THE OLD BOY **THAT!**

IT'S ALL RIGHT, GRECHIN! I'LL THINK OF **SOMETHING!**

AND EVEN WITH THIS **GERMAN** GIRL IN MY ARMS, I DIDN'T **REGRET** TOMKINS' LAWS!

ONCE HOME IN MARS CITY, I HAD TO **REPORT** THE EARTH GIRL TO MY C.O. I FULLY EXPECTED TO BE **BUSTED** AND **SHOT** ON THE SPOT.

INSTEAD HE HANDED ME SOME ORDERS AND SENT ME OVER TO THE STATE BUILDING...
TOMKINS' BUILDING!

I HAD VISIONS OF THE PRESIDENT **HIMSELF** SHOOTING OFF THE ORGAN THAT GOT ME **INTO** THIS MESS!

WHAT DO YOU THINK'S GOING TO **HAPPEN**?

HE'LL **KILL** YOU AND **PROMOTE** ME, NATURALLY!

THEN IT HIT ME THAT TOMKINS WAS TOO **BIG** TO BE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING AS SIMPLE AS AN ILLEGAL ALIEN ON MARS! I REALLY GOT A **SHOCK** WHEN THIS PRETTY GIRL...HIS SECRETARY I SUPPOSED...CALLED ME BY **ANOTHER** NICKNAME I'D HAD WHEN I WAS A JUNIOR OFFICER!

I'VE HEARD QUITE A BIT **ABOUT** YOU!

SO YOU'RE **CAPTAIN BLOOD**!

THE PRESIDENT WILL **SEE** YOU NOW, CAPTAIN!

IT'S **COLONEL** NOW, LADY!

I **GOT** THAT TAG THE DAY THEY PINNED ON MY **SILVERBARS**! SOME J.G. MADE A COMMENT ABOUT MY **MOTHER**...

...AND HOW **ANY** RUFF-RAFF COULD COME IN THE **CORPS**!

WHEN I **CAME** TO, THE J.G.'S FACE LOOKED LIKE **BLOODY PULP**! THAT FREAK **LIVED**... BUT I STILL DON'T SEE **NOW**!

COLONEL JAMES HAWKINS, USMA, REPORTING, SIR!

I **KNOW** WHO YOU ARE, COLONEL! YOU CAN STAND AT EASE!

I THOUGHT OF THE J.G. AS I STOOD BEFORE TOMKINS... AND AGAIN I WONDERED WHAT THE PRESIDENT OF UNITED MARS WANTED WITH **ME**...

I REMEMBER THINKING HOW **YOUNG**, HOW **HARD** HE LOOKED...HIS STEEL-BLUE EYES DRIVING RIGHT THROUGH ME AS I CHOKED UP THE COURAGE TO **SPEAK**, NOT **SOFT** AT ALL.

SIR, YOU'VE DISARMED ME, SCREENED ME AND STRIPPED MY NERVE ENDS RAW.

MAY I HUMBLY REQUEST WHAT YOU **WANT** OF ME?

HIS GAZE BORE DOWN ON ME...AND I COULD SEE THAT TOMKINS WAS **STILL** A HARD MAN, USED TO BEING **OBEYED**!

COLONEL, YOU'RE QUITE AN IMPRESSIVE OFFICER!

I'VE LOOKED UP YOUR RECORD...AND YOU SEEM QUITE FORMIDABLE IN YOUR OWN RIGHT!

YOU'VE CAPTURED ONE OF EARTH'S MOST POWERFUL CITIES WITH A SMALL BUT EXPERTLY LED **FORCE**!

AS TOMKINS TALKED, THIS HUMAN HULK CAME OUT OF NOWHERE.

MEN WITH **FEROCITY** ARE HARD TO FIND IN TIMES LIKE THESE, HAWKINS.

YOU'VE PROVEN YOURSELF AGAINST **LESSER** MEN! IF YOU CAN HANDLE A **HUMAN KILLING MACHINE**, I MAY HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE FOR YOU ON MY STAFF!

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TOMKINS MEANT BY HIS STAFF! IN A WAY I FELT I WAS **ALREADY** THERE... AND BEING JERKED ROYALLY!

ALL YOU HAVE TO **DO** IS DEFEND YOURSELF!

THE LAST THING I REMEMBER THE HULK WAS SAILING THROUGH THE AIR, DEADLY HANDS POISED FOR A QUICK KILL!

SOMETHING **CLICKED** INSIDE ME AND FOR AN INSTANT I FELT LIKE A **COMPUTER** GEARING UP FOR **ACTION...**

THEN THE **BLACKNESS** CAME...

AAAA!!!

I CAN ONLY SPECULATE ON WHAT HAPPENED NEXT! LIKE EVERY OTHER TIME I'VE BEEN IN PHYSICAL COMBAT, MY MIND BLANKED OUT...

...AND MY BODY TOOK OVER FOR THE **KILL!**

ATTACK! ATTACK!



I CAME TO MY SENSES WITH THE
FREAK AT MY FEET... **DEAD!**

HIS NECK WAS **SNAPPED** AND HE
HAD **HEEL** MARKS ON HIS FACE!
IT WASN'T HARD TO FIGURE OUT
WHAT HAPPENED!

NOT BAD,
COLONEL!

A PANEL SLIPPED OPEN AND THE GIRL,
GRECHIN, CAME IN! SHE LOOKED SO
FRAIL AND FRIGHTENED... SHE HAD NO
IDEA WHAT TO EXPECT!

WE STOOD THERE AND STARED SILENTLY!
TOMKINS' VOICED SLICED THE TENSION
LIKE A HOT KNIFE...

**BUT
I
DID!**

WILL YOU DO WHAT
YOUR **PRESIDENT**
ASKS OF YOU,
COLONEL?

THE PRESIDENT'S VOICE JARRED ME BACK TO REALITY. IT WAS
DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT THIS **MAN**...OUR COUNTRY... OUR
PLANET'S **LEADER** WOULD ORDER ME TO **KILL** FOR NO
REASON.

BUT THERE WAS
MORE...

YOU'VE PROVEN
YOUR **SKILLS**...

BUT WHAT
ABOUT YOUR
LOYALTY?

I **KNEW** WHAT HE WAS
GOING TO **COMMAND**...

THIS WOMAN IS HERE
ILLEGALLY!

AND YOU, COLONEL,
ARE THE REASON
WHY SHE IS HERE!

**BUT I WOULD NOT KILL
AGAIN FOR THIS MADMAN!**

SHE
MUST BE
EXECUTED!

SUDDENLY, MY MIND **SNAPPED** AT HIS COMMAND! AND
AGAIN, I FELT LIKE NO MORE THAN A **MACHINE!**

CLIP! KILL!
KILL!

NO! I-I
LOVE YO--
URK!

I FOUND MYSELF STARING DOWN AT HER... A PALE, BLOODED MASS OF DEAD HUMAN MEAT!

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE... I FELT UGLY... AND NOT A LITTLE *INSANE!*

IT WAS AS IF I WERE BEING CONTROLLED BY A DEMON...

OR SOMETHING FAR MORE SINISTER!

IT WAS A GOOD TEST, HAWKINS! SHE LOVED YOU, BUT SHE WAS IN THIS WORLD ILLEGALLY! SHE HAD TO BE EXTERMINATED!

TOMKINS' WORDS BURNED IN MY BRAIN! I HATED HIS RASPY VOICE... HATED EVERYTHING OUR ALMIGHTY, INFALLIBLE PRESIDENT STOOD FOR!

I NEED A MAN LIKE YOU, HAWKINS! ...AS MY BODY-GUARD!

WITH THIS WAR GOING ON I'M GOING TO NEED PROTECTION FROM THE FANATICS!

STAY AT MY SIDE ALWAYS ...GENERAL!

I... I...

I ACCEPTED OF COURSE, AND BECAME **BRIGADIER KILLER HAWK**, ATTACHE AND CONSTANT COMPANION TO THE PRESIDENT OF UNITED MARS!

THE POSITION AND THE EXTRA PAY COMPENSATED A LITTLE FOR MY RECENT LOSS OF UN-QUESTIONING DEVOTION TO MY PRESIDENT.

I VOWED TO KILL THE MADMAN AT MY EARLIEST CONVENIENCE...

...AND PUT MARS BACK ON THE ROAD TOWARD DEMOCRACY AND PEACE!

W-WHY IS HE HERE?

TO SEE YOU DO NOT HURT OUR LEADER!

MY CHANCE FINALLY CAME. TOMKINS WAS ALONE IN HIS WAR ROOM! I COULD FEEL THE FLUIDS POUNDING THROUGH MY VEINS AS I SLOWLY REACHED FOR MY **BLASTER**...

BUT I *DIDN'T!* INSTEAD, I HEARD A METALLIC VOICE WHISPERING SOMEWHERE INSIDE MY HEAD!

CLICKÉ RANGE: 1.67 METERS.

TARGET: RIGHT FRONTAL LOBE. RANGE 1.67 METERS. PROGNOSIS: ONE BURST TO KILL.

THEN CAME THE INEVITABLE CLICKÉ AND I EXPECTED TO BLACK OUT!

I CLICKED THE **SILENCER** ONTO MY WEAPON ...AND TOMKINS KNEW INSTINCTIVELY WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO!

TOMKINS **WHIRLED...** HIS EYES **KNOWING**, YET **CONFUSED!** HE NEVER FINISHED HIS SENTENCE BEFORE THE METALLIC VOICE IN MY HEAD SHOUTED ITS **COMMAND!**

FIRE!

I SQUEEZED OFF ONE ROUND... INTO THE PRESIDENT'S RIGHT FRONTAL LOBE, EXACTLY AS **COMMANDED!**

HE SLUMPED TO THE FLOOR... DEAD... AND SUDDENLY I **KNEW!**

B-BUT WHY--?

I KNEW IT ALL!

EXTERMINATION COMPLETED! PROCEED DISMEMBERMENT!

I CUT UP TOMKINS' BODY LIKE A BUTCHER PREPARING CHOICE CUTS OF **BEEF!**

DISPOSE {CLICK} **INCINERATE!**

AND INDEED I **WAS** A BUTCHER! MY SOLE MISSION... MY ONE PURPOSE FOR **EXISTING...** WAS TO **ELIMINATE** THE THIRD PRESIDENT OF MARS!

{CLICK} BEGIN PHASE TWO... REMOVE SCALP AND FACIAL HAIR!

FOR SEVEN LONG YEARS, I WAITED TO DO THE ONE TASK FOR WHICH I WAS **PROGRAMMED...**

...TO TAKE THE PLACE OF TOMKINS... AS **PRESIDENT OF MARS!**

FOR SEVEN YEARS, MY MISSION WAITED UNTIL I'D BUILT MY COVER AS A LOYAL MARTIAN ARMY OFFICER...

{CLICK} MISSION UNDERWAY. PROCEED WITH DISARMAMENT!

IT WAS ALL **PROGRAMMED...EVERYTHING!** MY **MEMORIES**, MY **CHILDHOOD**, MY NON-EXISTENT FATHER AND MOTHER! THEY WERE ALL GIVEN TO ME BY THE SCIENTISTS ON EARTH... THE ONES WHO CREATED MY INDESTRUCTIBLE **SYNTHETIC BODY!**

THEY ANTICIPATED **EVERYTHING...** EVEN DOWN TO THE HUMAN INTELLIGENCE NEEDED TO CONTROL THE SYNTHETIC BODY!

WE'VE DONE IT **BEFORE, SENATOR!**

YOU **SURE** THIS IS GOING TO **WORK, DOC?**

THERE'S MORE OF THESE ANDROID **EXTERMINATORS** RUNNING AROUND THAN EVEN I CARE TO THINK ABOUT!

WE'LL TRANSPLANT A LIVING MAN'S **BRAIN** INTO THE ROBOT! HE'LL HAVE EMOTIONS, FEELINGS...**CREATIVE THOUGHT**...**FREE WILL**...

THEN WE'LL HOOK IT UP TO THE **CENTRAL COMPUTER** SYSTEM! IN TIMES OF STRESS, THE HUMAN BRAIN WILL BE **BLACKED OUT**...AND THE **COMPUTER** WILL **OVERRIDE**, TAKING CONTROL OF THE **BODY**...

IN THAT WAY BOTH **HUMAN** AND **MECHANICAL** THINKING WILL SHARE AN **INDESTRUCTIBLE** BODY!

HE'LL BE A **SUPER-MAN**...BOTH HUMAN AND FULLY MACHINE...**TRAINED** FOR ONLY ONE PURPOSE...TO **KILL** THE NEW MARTIAN PRESIDENT SHOULD IT EVER BE NECESSARY!

HE'LL BE GIVEN TOMKINS' VOICE, MANNERISMS, AND PHYSICAL ABILITIES! FINALLY WE'LL BLACK OUT THAT PART OF HIS MEMORY CONTAINING HIS BIONIC ORIGINS...AND **LIFT** THAT BLACKOUT WHEN IT IS **NEEDED**!

HE WILL BE EXTERMINATOR ONE-FIVE-FIVE!

IT PLAYED OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN MY MIND...THE INTIMATE DETAILS OF MY **CREATION**...

THEN SUDDENLY I LAUGHED...LIKE I HADN'T LAUGHED IN OVER SEVEN LONG YEARS! I REMEMBERED ONE **MORE** THING...

WHO I WAS BEFORE THEY RIPPED THE BRAIN FROM MY BODY AND STUCK IT IN THIS WALKING **TINKER-TOY**!

SEYMOUR BERNOWITZ, A NICE LITTLE JEWISH BOY TURNED THIEF...AND **RAPIST**...

I WAS IN QUENTIN FOR THE DURATION WHEN THEY HIT ME WITH THIS EASY **OUT**!

YOU'RE **KIDDIN'**. ALL I GOTTA DO IS BECOME A GUINEA PIG FOR SCIENCE AND I'M **OUTTA** THIS JOINT?

THAT'S **IT**, BERNOWITZ! BUT YOU'D BETTER READ THE FINE PRINT BEFORE YOU SIGNED THE DOTTED **LINE**.

MY LITTLE OLD YIDDISH MOTHER WOULD HAVE TO LAUGH IF SHE COULD SEE ME NOW...**PRESIDENT OF AN ENTIRE PLANET!** AND PROBABLY THE **ONLY** JEWBOY ON IT TO **BOOT**...!

...AND ABOUT TO **CREATE** HELL LIKE MARS HAS NEVER **SEEN**!

GENTLEMEN, I'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT MY TRUSTED AID, GENERAL JAMES HAWKINS, IS AN AGENT OF **EARTH**!

EVEN **NOW**, HE'S AWAITING MARTIAN TROOPS TO **ASSAULT** THE **CAPITAL**!

MY GENERALS **BELIEVED** ME! BUT THEN WHY **SHOULDN'T** THEY-- I **WAS** THEIR **PRESIDENT**!

THEY BOMBED THEIR OWN BASE WHERE "THE KILLER HAWK" WAS SUPPOSEDLY ORGANIZING HIS **MILITARY COUP**!



THE WHEELS OF DECEIT! AND MARTIAN UNREST WERE SPINNING! THE MORE **HAYOC** I COULD CREATE FOR EARTH, THE BETTER CHANCES TO **END** THE MARTIAN-EARTH WAR!

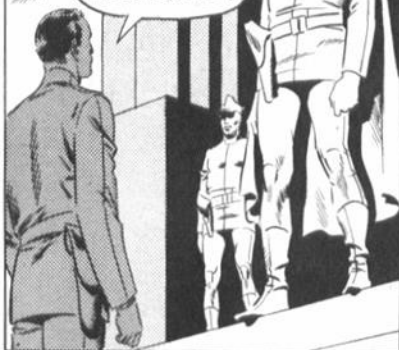
MORE OF HAWK'S MEN HAVE BEEN SPOTTED AMASSING IN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY!

THEY MUST BE **STOPPED** AT ALL COSTS!



ONLY ONE OF MY GENERALS **DARED** TO CONTEST THE WORD OF HIS PRESIDENT...

BUT SIR, I HAVE SEEN **NONE** OF MY MILITARY FORCES MOVING AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT!



MY GUARDS BLEW A CHUNK IN HIM BIG ENOUGH TO **FLY** THROUGH!

HE MUST BE ONE OF THOSE **TRAITORS**... **EXECUTE** HIM!

RRRRRR: **DESTROY!**



I CONVINCED MY GENERALS AND MY CABINET THAT **TRAITORS** WERE ALL AROUND US! AND LIKE THE EXPERT COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF THEY KNEW ME TO **BE**, NO ONE QUESTIONED!

...NOT EVEN WHEN I HAD "MY PILOT" TAKE TO THE SKIES ON A MISSION I PERSONALLY WANTED TO **OVERSEE**...

...I WAS "MY PILOT"!



RANGE: 778.30 KILOMETERS! TARGET:

THE SHIP CARRIED A HALF-DOZEN NUCLEAR WARHEADS!

ENOUGH TO DESTROY THE GREATER PART OF A PLANET...



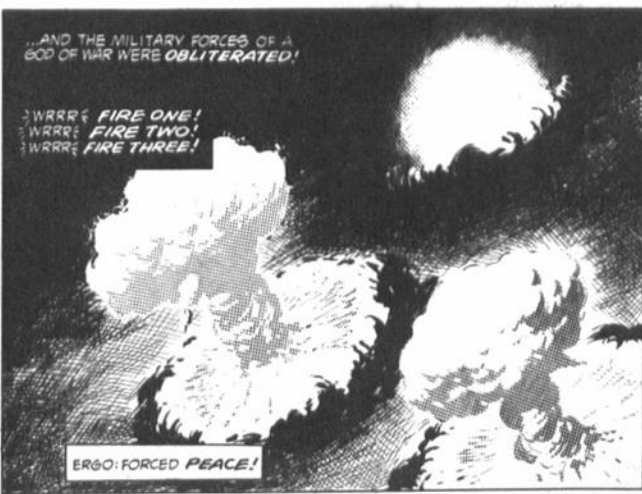
ALL I HAD TO DO WAS DROP SIX CHUNKS OF SCRAP METAL...

PROGNOSIS: TOTAL DESTRUCTION!



...AND THE MILITARY FORCES OF A GOD OF WAR WERE **OBLITERATED**!

RRRRR: **FIRE ONE!**
RRRRR: **FIRE TWO!**
RRRRR: **FIRE THREE!**



ERGO: FORCED **PEACE**!

I NEVER LANDED ON MARS...
BUT KEPT GOING TOWARDS
EARTH'S MOON...AND THEN
TO EARTH ITSELF!

IT'S ALL OVER, BROTHERS!
YOU CAN SEND UP AS MANY
SHIPLOADS OF PEOPLE AS
YOU LIKE!

CLICK! WRRR! MISSION
ACCOMPLISHED! WRRR!
CONGRATULATIONS, HUMAN!

CONGRATULATIONS
YOURSELF,
COMPUTER!

I CHUCKLED INWARDLY AT HOW MY VALUES HAD
CHANGED SINCE THE TIME I WAS LAST ON EARTH
...WHEN I BELIEVED MYSELF TO BE MARTIAN
COLONEL JAMES HAWKING. I LANDED, THEN
CHECKED INTO THE UNITED EARTH NATIONS...
OR SHOULD I SAY THE BASEMENT THEREOF
...WHERE I HAD BEEN ASSEMBLED SEVEN
LONG YEARS BEFORE!

NOW HERE I STOOD
RECOUNTING THE
STORY TO THE
COUNCIL.

NOT KNOWING
WHETHER TO
EXPECT A
HERO'S WEL-
COME...OR
AN OVER-
HAUL AND
LUBE JOB!

YOU'VE HANDLED
YOUR MISSION
WELL, ONE-
ONE-FIVE!

AS ANTICIPATED, YOU CARRIED
OUT EVERY ASPECT OF THE
ASSIGNMENT YOU WERE
PROGRAMMED FOR!

THANK YOU, SIR! I ONLY
ASK THAT I MAY BE
ABLE TO SERVE THE
EXTERMINATOR
COMMISSION AGAIN!

I'M AFRAID THAT'S
NOT POSSIBLE,
ONE-ONE-FIVE!

YOU ARE FAR TOO
POWERFUL TO CONTINUE
IN THIS EXISTENCE...

...ESPECIALLY NOW
THAT YOU'VE TASTED
THE POWER OF
THE MARTIAN
PRESIDENCY!

WE CANNOT AFFORD THE
ILLUSION THAT YOU WILL
REMAIN LOYAL TO THE
UNITED EARTH NATIONS
FOREVER, EXTERMINATOR!

DANGER...DANGER
...RELOCATE OR
DESTROY...

YOU HAVE DONE WHAT WAS
EXPECTED OF YOU BECAUSE IT WAS
NECESSARY! WE DO WHAT MUST
BE DONE BECAUSE IT IS
NECESSARY!

RELOCATE...
RELOCATE...

A LASER DESTRUCT BEAM
IS EATING INTO YOUR BIONIC
BODY...SOON IT WILL DE-
STROY YOUR HUMAN AS
WELL AS YOUR COMPUTER
MINDS...

SOON YOU WILL
BE NO MORE,
EXTERMINATOR!

RELOCATE OR...

BUT PLEASE KNOW
YOU HAVE THE
SINCERE GRATITU--

DESTRUCT! CLICK!
DESTRUCT! CLICK!
DESTRU--

COLOR POSTERS!

LET YOUR
IMAGINATION SOAR
WITH THESE
STRIKING, FULL
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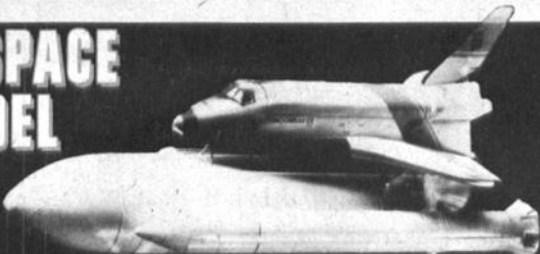
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FLASH GORDON
IN THE
PLANET MONGO



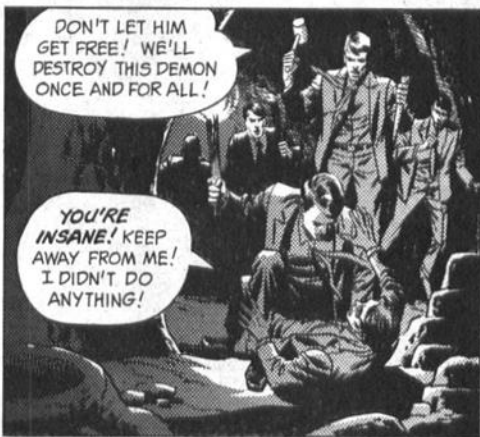
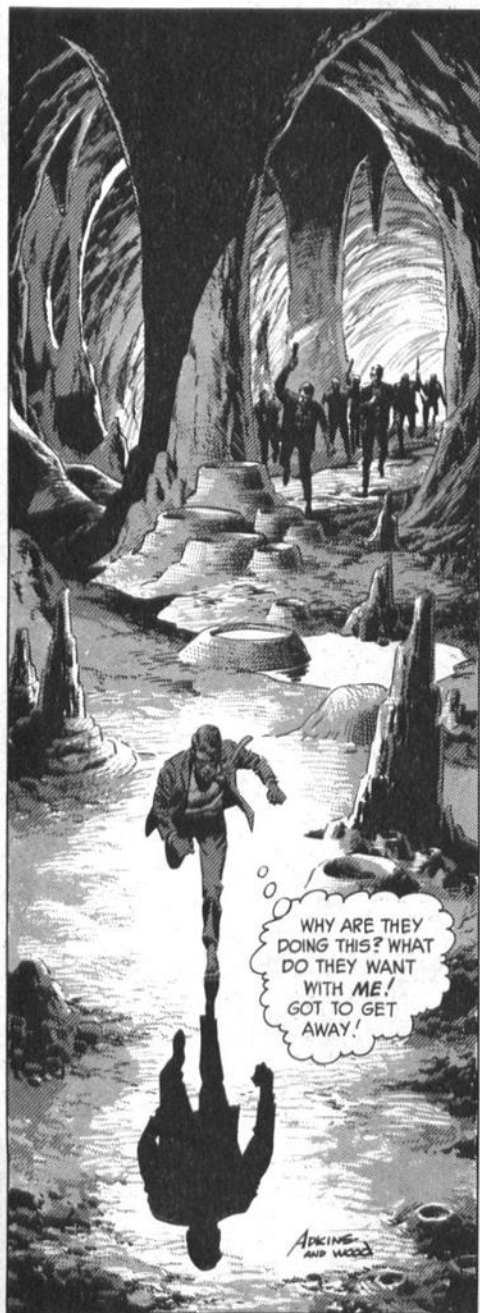
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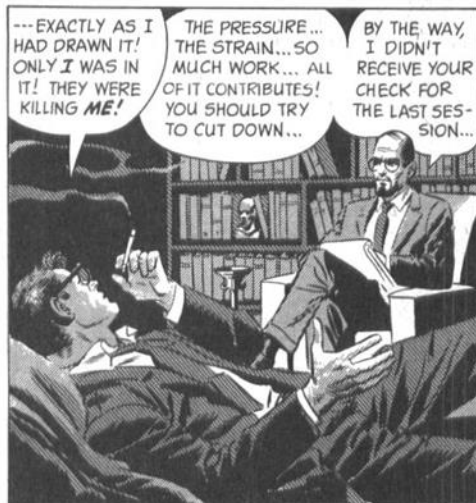
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VERY SIMPLE! YOU NEED REST... RELAXATION! YOU'VE BECOME TOO INVOLVED IN YOUR WORK...

...MIND LEAVING YOUR CHECK WITH THE RECEPTIONIST? SAVE TIME WITH BILLING...



WHAT'S THE USE? I CAN'T AFFORD TO QUIT... JUST GOTTA KEEP CHURNING 'EM OUT... DON'T THINK ABOUT IT...

BUT I KNOW I WILL! I KNOW IT... I KNOW IT... I KNOW IT...



I KNEW IT! DRAWN INTO THIS NIGHTMARE WORLD! BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER THE SCRIPT... WHAT'S LURKING HERE? WHAT'S SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN?

THE PLANET! IT'S A LIVING ORGANISM! SUCKING ME INTO IT... DRAGGING ME DOWN!



SOMEONE'S GOT TO HELP ME! HELP ME! HELP!





DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! ALLAN'S *NEVER* MISSED A DEADLINE BEFORE... IT'S NOT LIKE HIM!

PHONE JUST KEEPS RINGING... WE'D BETTER RUN OVER TO HIS PLACE AND TAKE A LOOK!



GONE!

BUT WHY WOULD HE GO OUT AND LEAVE THE DOOR UNLOCKED?



EVERYTHING'S SET UP... JUST LIKE HE WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF WORKING...

THAT ONE OF OUR JOBS ON THE BOARD?



NOT FINISHED, BUT IT'S LOOKING GOOD! HE REALLY HAS *SOME* IMAGINATION!

IF IT WERE ANYONE ELSE I WOULDN'T PUT UP WITH HIS BEING THIS LATE!



MIGHT AS WELL GET BACK TO THE OFFICE... HE'S BOUND TO CHECK IN LATER...

PROBABLY BE SOON... HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH MORE TO DO...



THE JOB'S WORTH WAITING FOR... ONE OF HIS BEST! I DON'T KNOW HOW HE DOES IT...

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SLAM!

end

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THE SCENARIO FOR THE END OF THE UNIVERSE IS NOT SO CLEAR. SOME SAY THAT THE UNIVERSE IS GRADUALLY SHRINKING, BEING DRAWN BACK TO THE CENTER...AND ALL WILL BE ONE AGAIN. PLAUSIBLE...YET THERE ARE OTHER WAYS FOR THE ONE TO RECLAIM THE ALL!

THE COSMIC ALL

THE FIRST INTERSTELLAR SHIP "ALDREN" SLOWED DOWN TO "ONE LIGHT" (OR, TO PUT IT CORRECTLY, RE-ENTERED NORMAL SPACE AND TIME) JUST A MILLION MILES AWAY FROM THEIR AIMING POINT ON THE RIM OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM SURROUNDING THE NEAREST STAR, ALPHA CENTAURI...

YES SIR! COURSE FOR ALPHA III IS BEING FED IN NOW, SIR!

THE READINGS INDICATE WE'LL NEED FULL EQUIPMENT...BETTER SUIT UP, KIDS!


YES SIR!



ENTERING THE PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE NOW... FIRE RETROS!



LANDING PARTY READY TO DIS-EMBARK, SIR!



STRANGE...
THERE'S LOTS
OF PLANT
LIFE, SO
THERE *MUST* BE
ANIMAL LIFE
AS WELL...

BUT SO
FAR WE'VE
SEEN NO SIGN
OF IT!

LOOK!
SKELETONS!

THIS ONE
LOOKS ALMOST
HUMANOID...WE
MAY RUN INTO
INTELLIGENT
LIFE...

NOTHING BUT
BONES...THIS
WHOLE WORLD
IS A GRAVE-
YARD!

SIR! COME
HERE!
QUICK!

A SPACE-
SHIP!

AND *MORE*
BONES... WELL,
THAT'S ENOUGH
FOR TODAY!

WE'LL CAMP
HERE BY THIS
LAKE...

DON, YOU'LL
STAND THE
FIRST
WATCH!

THE CREW WAS SOON ASLEEP, AND EVEN THE GUARD NODDED, WHEN...



THERE'S YOUR ANIMAL LIFE, SIR! WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS A LAKE...





ONE IRRESISTIBLE
BEAM FROM THE SHIP
STRUCK THE CITY'S
FORCE FIELD, AND...

GETTING A
SIGNAL, SIR!
SEEMS TO
BE FROM
THE CITY...

FEED IT INTO
THE TRANSLATOR!
MAYBE WE CAN
SETTLE THIS
PEACEFULLY...



THE MESSAGE
IS COMING
THROUGH NOW,
CAPTAIN...
LISTEN...

SPACESHIP...
IF... YOU MAY
TRANSMIT...
WE HAVE...
TRANSLATING
MACHINE...



WHY DID
YOU FIRE
AT US?
WE CAME
IN PEACE...

YOU ARE...THREAT
TO US... YOU
CAME FROM...
PLANET OF...
THE SLIME...



... AND NOW... IT NO LONGER
MATTERS... YOU MAY LAND...
FOR YOU ARE... DOOMED...
AS WE ARE.

WHAT SHALL
WE DO, SIR?
THEY SEEM
TO BE TRYING
TO SCARE
US!

WE'VE COME
FOUR LIGHT
YEARS TO GET
DATA! WE'RE
NOT GOING TO
CHICKEN OUT
NOW! PREPARE
TO LAND!



AS THEY NEARED THE ALIEN CITY...

KEEP YOUR
GUNS READY!
BRING UP THE
TRANSLATOR!

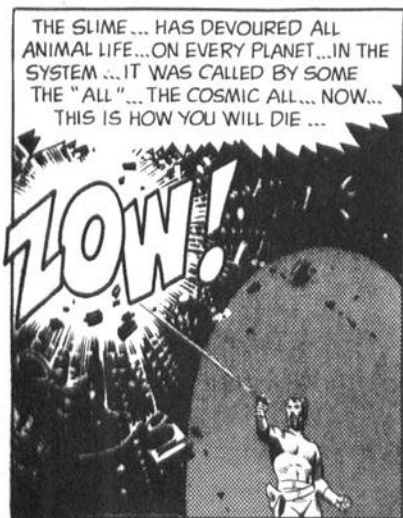
HERE
THEY
COME!



THEY'RE
ATTACKING!

FIRE!







WE'RE NEARLY HOME!
OH, DON... WE MADE IT!



THERE'S JUST ONE
THING I DON'T
UNDERSTAND...



YES... I
KNOW... WHY
DIDN'T IT
HAPPEN
TO US...?



WHY WERE
WE SPARED?



LATER...

SUE! WHAT
ARE YOU **DOING?**
WE ARE **OFF**
COURSE!



YES... I... I DON'T KNOW
WHY I... **SOMETHING** CAME
OVER ME... A VOICE - NO!
A **THOUGHT**...



YOU'RE
INSANE!
GET OUT
OF MY
WAY!

MAYBE I
CAN STILL
CORRECT...

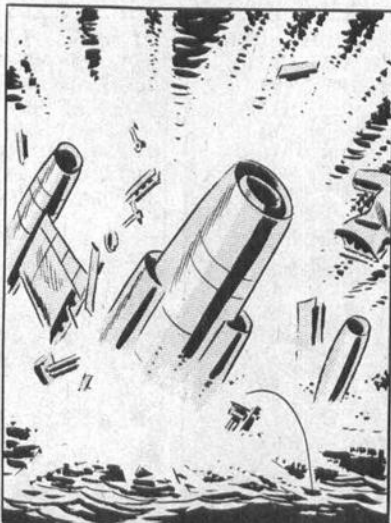


NO! YOU
MUSTN'T!
WE MUST
NOT BE
EXAMINED!

THEY
WILL
FIND
OUT...

...AND
KILL
US!

AND AS THEY
STRUGGLED,
THE GREAT
STARSHIP
WENT INTO
FINAL ORBIT,
AND THEN
IT WAS TOO
LATE... THEY
RE-ENTERED
THE EARTH'S
ATMOSPHERE,
AND SPLASHED
DOWN IN
THE ATLANTIC
OCEAN, A
THOUSAND
MILES FROM
THE COAST...



AND THEN, AS THEY SANK INTO THE
DEPTHS, HE BECAME AWARE OF IT...
OF IT GROWING IN HIM!

WHAT... WHAT'S
HAPPENING TO
ME...? I
FEEL...

YOU TOO! OH,
DARLING! I'M SO
GLAD... NOW YOU
KNOW **WHY!**



YES... I KNOW WHY YOU CHANGED COURSE... I KNOW WHY IT DIDN'T HAPPEN TO US BEFORE... LIKE THE OTHERS...

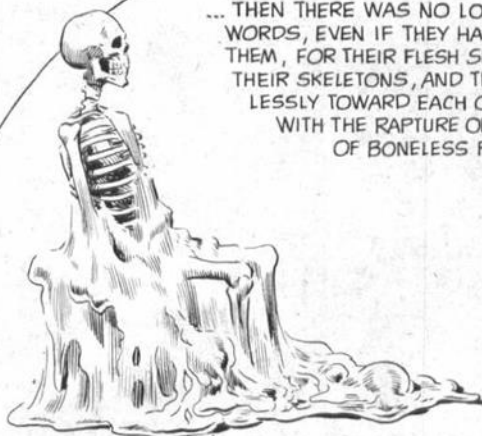
YES! IT WANTED US TO RETURN TO EARTH, TO BRING PEACE AND LOVE TO ANOTHER SYSTEM...

FOR IT IS INTELLIGENT, IN FACT OMNISCIENT! IT HAS BEEN IN US ALL THE TIME, WAITING... AND NOW IT IS TIME...

YES! THERE WILL BE A NEW LIFE, A BETTER ONE, FOR THIS WHOLE PLANET OF UNHAPPY SICK, MURDEROUS VERTEBRATES!



... THEN THERE WAS NO LONGER A NEED FOR WORDS, EVEN IF THEY HAD BEEN ABLE TO UTTER THEM, FOR THEIR FLESH SLIPPED SILENTLY FROM THEIR SKELETONS, AND THEY FLOWED EFFORTLESSLY TOWARD EACH OTHER, TREMBLING WITH THE RAPTURE OF THEIR NEW STATE OF BONELESS FREEDOM...



ALL THAT WAS ONCE DON AND SUE IS... GONE... CONSUMED...



... AND MERGED, AND THEN IT WAS COMPLETE AND IN TOUCH WITH THE COSMIC ALL... SEPARATE, YET *ONE* WITH ITS MILLIONS OF COMPONENTS ON MILLIONS OF WORLDS...



IT PAUSED A MOMENT, REALIZING AND INTEGRATING ITS POWER, AND THEN, IMMORTAL AND ALL-KNOWING, IT SLITHERED HAPPILY TO THE LOCK AND WAS GONE TO DO GOOD, TO BRING OTHERS INTO THE HARMONY...



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THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN!



THIS IS PILOT OFFICER JOHN BASSFORD... TODAY HE IS TO FIGHT HIS FIRST AND LAST BATTLE IN DEFENSE OF HIS COUNTRY...



THAT'S THE WAY IT IS, JOHNNY... I'VE TWICE AS MANY CHECKERS AS GUY!



SO ALL I HAVE TO DO IS KEEP TRADING OFF UNTIL HIS ARE ALL GONE...

THAT'S THE GAME JERRY'S BEEN PLAYING WITH US... THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL A WAR OF ATTRITION!



CORKY'S RIGHT, LAD... ANOTHER FORTNIGHT OF THIS, AND THERE'LL BE NO R.A.F.!

CONTROL REPORTS
ANOTHER SCRAP
SOUTH OF KENT...
AND A BIG
FORMATION
BUILDING UP
OVER THE
CHANNEL...

THE BLIGHTERS
ARE REALLY
LAYING IT ON
TODAY, AREN'T
THEY? WHY
ARE WE BEING
HELD BACK...?

THIS IS YOUR FIRST
DAY ON OPERATIONS,
JOHNNY... DON'T
BE TOO EAGER
TO GET SHOT AT...

SCRAMBLE!

...AND HERE
WE GO! STICK
CLOSE AND
DON'T BE A
BLOODY
HERO!

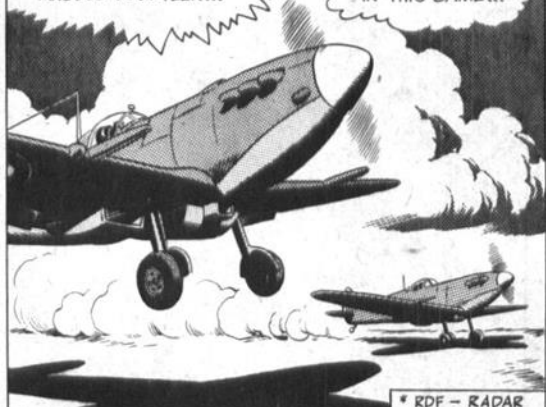
MY FIRST COMBAT! I'M NOT
SCARED... I'M PETRIFIED! I
WONDER IF THE OTHERS ARE...?



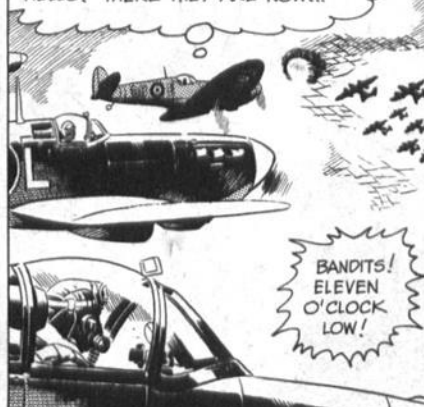
DOGSBODY, THIS IS BIGGIN
HILL... FORTY PLUS BANDITS
OVER GRAVESEND AT
ANGELS FOURTEEN...

THANK GOD FOR
RDF*! IT'S THE
ONE ACE WE HAVE
IN THIS GAME...

.. WE CAN BE IN POSITION WAITING FOR
THEM... OTHERWISE WE'D NEED TEN TIMES
AS MANY PLANES TO DO THE JOB...
HELLO! THERE THEY ARE NOW...



* RDF - RADAR



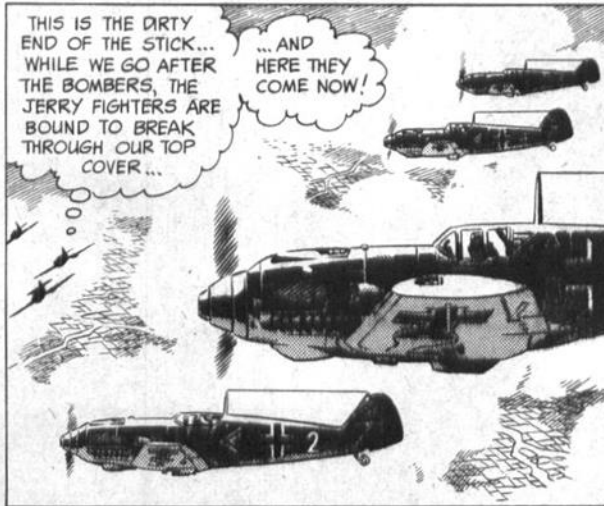
BANDITS!
ELEVEN
O'CLOCK
LOW!

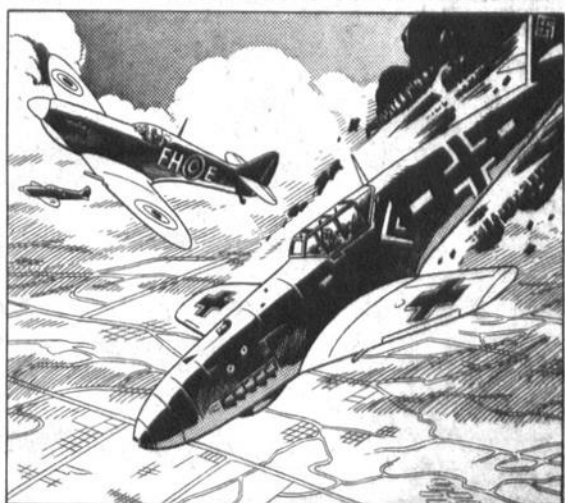
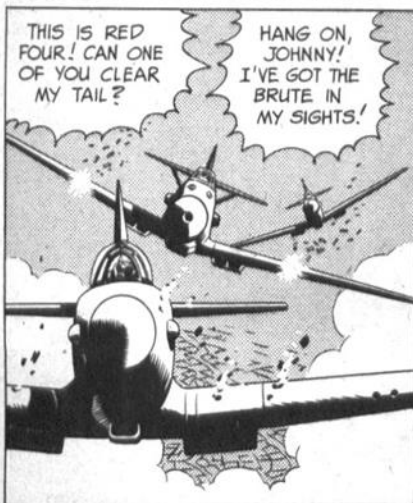
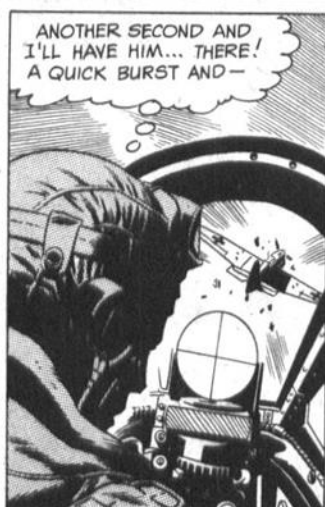
WINGMEN! KEEP
AN EYE OUT FOR
FIGHTERS!

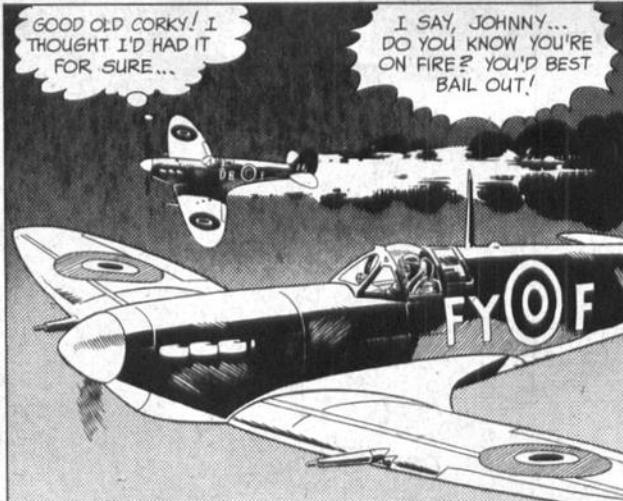
LET'S GO,
CHAPS!
TALLY
HO!

THIS IS THE DIRTY
END OF THE STICK...
WHILE WE GO AFTER
THE BOMBERS, THE
JERRY FIGHTERS ARE
BOUND TO BREAK
THROUGH OUR TOP
COVER...

... AND
HERE THEY
COME NOW!







GOOD OLD CORKY! I
THOUGHT I'D HAD IT
FOR SURE...

I SAY, JOHNNY...
DO YOU KNOW YOU'RE
ON FIRE? YOU'D BEST
BAIL OUT!

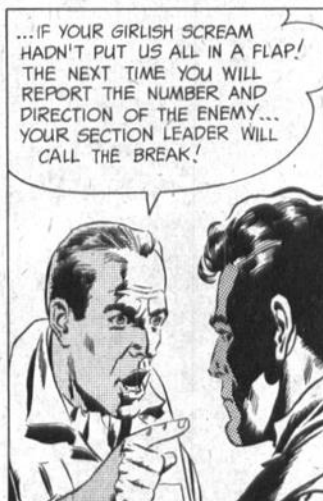


IF WE TRADE EVEN WE'RE LOSING...
AND MY FIRST TIME UP I WASH
OUT A SPITFIRE! AT THIS RATE,
IN NO TIME I'LL BE A GERMAN
ACE!



HERE COMES
THE OLD MAN!
I'M GOING
TO GET THE
BLOODY
BOOK! THAT'S
FOR SURE!

YOU--BASSFORD!
HAVEN'T THEY
TAUGHT YOU
RUFFIANS
ANYTHING AT
FLYING SCHOOL?
WE'D HAVE
BAGGED THE
LOT...

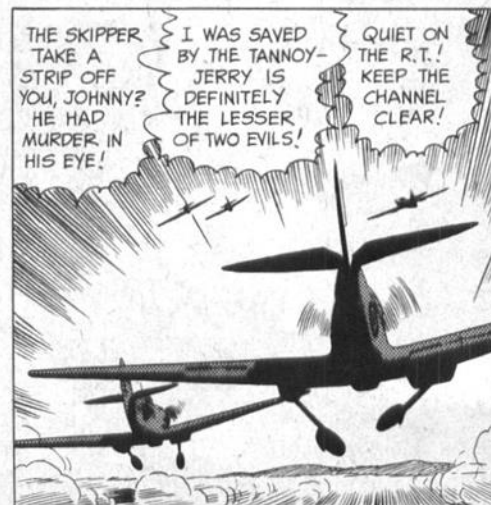


...IF YOUR GIRLISH SCREAM
HADN'T PUT US ALL IN A FLAP!
THE NEXT TIME YOU WILL
REPORT THE NUMBER AND
DIRECTION OF THE ENEMY...
YOUR SECTION LEADER WILL
CALL THE BREAK!



APPARENTLY
THIS GROUP
HAS TO FACE
TWO DEADLY
PERILS... THE
LUFTWAFFE
AND YOU!

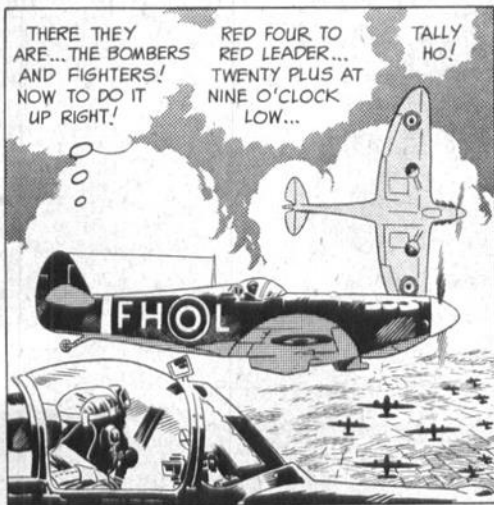
SCRAMBLE!



THE SKIPPER
TAKE A
STRIP OFF
YOU, JOHNNY?
HE HAD
MURDER IN
HIS EYE!

I WAS SAVED
BY THE TANNOY--
JERRY IS
DEFINITELY
THE LESSER
OF TWO EVILS!

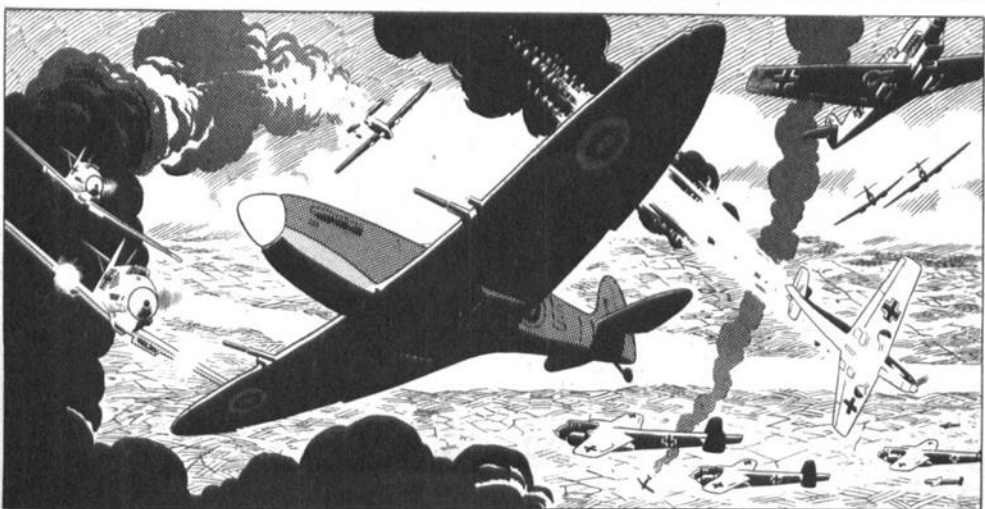
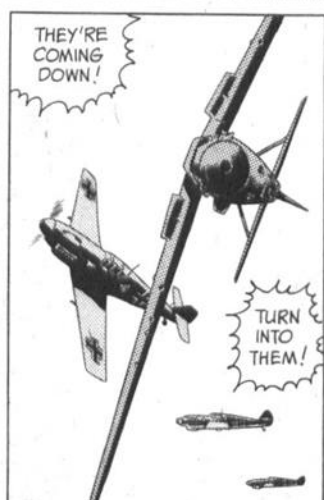
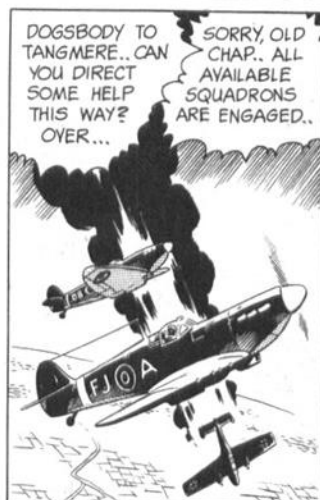
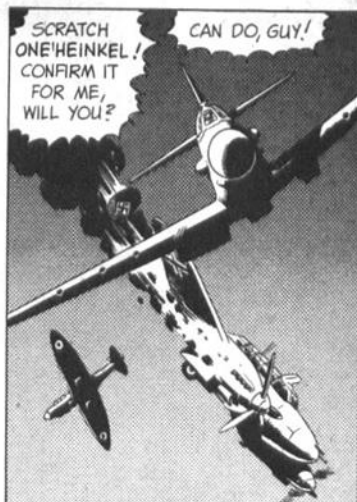
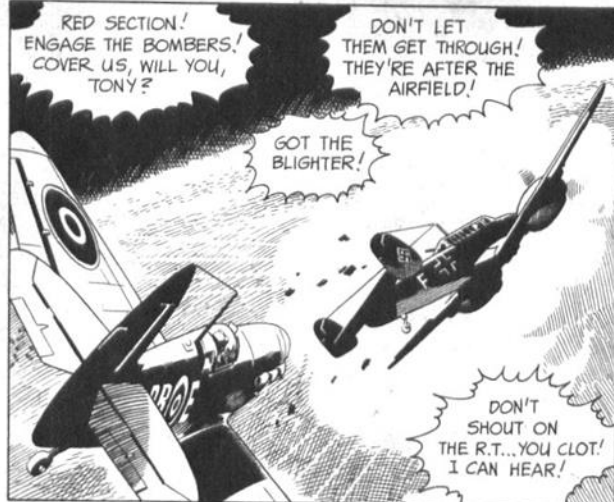
QUIET ON
THE R.T.!
KEEP THE
CHANNEL
CLEAR!



THERE THEY
ARE...THE BOMBERS
AND FIGHTERS!
NOW TO DO IT
UP RIGHT!

RED FOUR TO
RED LEADER...
TWENTY PLUS AT
NINE O'CLOCK
LOW...

TALLY
HO!





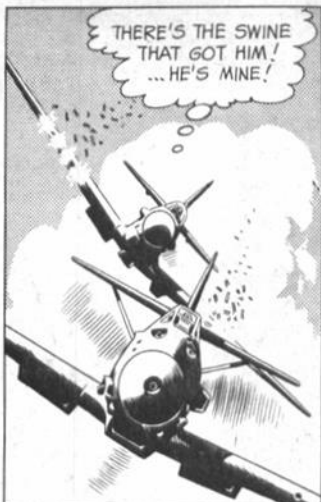
WHO'S THAT GOING IN?

IT'S POOR GUY! AND I'M AFRAID I'VE HAD IT TOO...



...MY ENGINE'S SEIZED UP! CARRY ON, CHAPS!

CORKY! BAIL OUT! FOR GOD'S SAKE, BAIL OUT!



THERE'S THE SWINE THAT GOT HIM! ...HE'S MINE!



I GOT HIM! I GOT THE DIRTY...

...I'M ALONE! THE WHOLE SQUADRON'S BEEN SHOT DOWN!



...AND I WON'T LAST LONG AT THIS RATE! THEY'RE USING ME FOR TARGET PRACTICE!



TOO LOW TO BAIL OUT...

I'LL JUST HAVE TO RIDE HER DOWN...





TWO FOR ONE...
WE'RE LOSING...
CHECKERS...
TRADING OFF...
TWO FOR ONE...

NO,
JOHNNY!
WE'VE
WON!



CORKY!
YOU'RE ALIVE!
BUT--WON,
YOU SAY?
HOW?! WE-
WE WERE
BEING
SLAUGHTERED..

IT'S OVER!
YOU'VE BEEN
OUT OF YOUR
HEAD FOR
DAYS... AND
THEY'VE NOT
COME BACK!



..NOT
COME
BACK?
I DON'T
QUITE...

THEY'VE SWITCHED
TO NIGHT BOMBING
OF CITIES! IT'S
SAFER! IT'LL BE
ROUGH ON THE
CIVIL POPULATION,
BUT IT'S SAVED
THE R.A.F.!



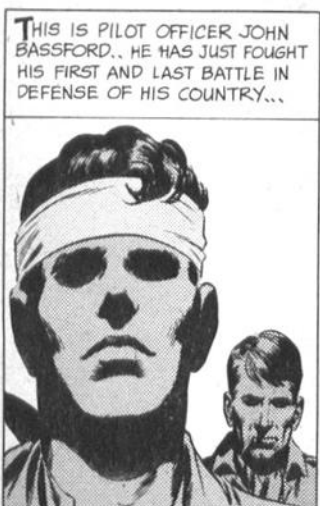
WE COULDN'T HAVE
TAKEN MUCH MORE,
OR WE'D BE WIPED
OUT... BUT THEY
COULDN'T STAND
THEIR LOSSES...
200 PLANES
LAST WEEK, MOSTLY
BOMBERS!

...AND EACH PLANE SHOT
DOWN WAS A TOTAL
LOSS, AS THEY WERE
OVER ENEMY TERRITORY.
WHILE OUR LADS COULD
GO UP AGAIN, AS
YOU DID!



... BUT THE
CHECKER
GAME... THEY
COULD AFFORD
TO TRADE
OFF...

THAT'S TRUE, BUT THAT KIND
OF ANALOGY ONLY GOES JUST
SO FAR! OUR BIG ADVANTAGE
WAS THE FACT THAT WE HAD NO
CHOICE! THEY COULD CALL IT
OFF ANY TIME IT GOT TOO
COSTLY... AND THEY DID! THEY
QUIT PLAYING!



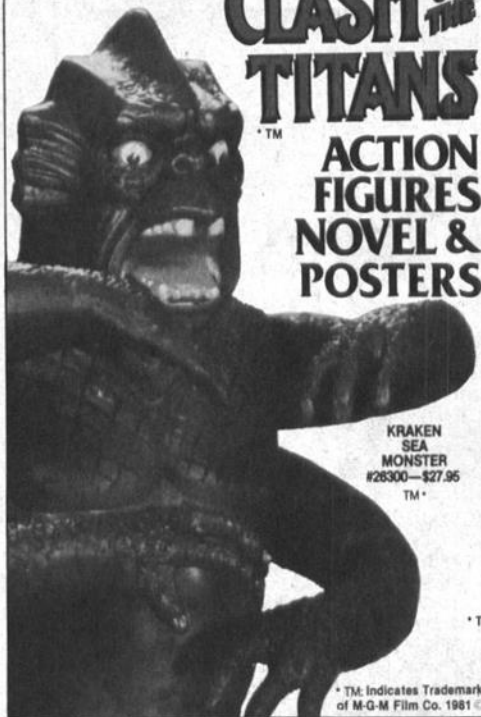
THIS IS PILOT OFFICER JOHN
BASSFORD.. HE HAS JUST FOUGHT
HIS FIRST AND LAST BATTLE IN
DEFENSE OF HIS COUNTRY...



HE AND HIS FELLOW PILOTS, HAVE
GIVEN THE LUFTWAFFE ITS
FIRST DEFEAT, CAUSING HITLER
TO CALL OFF "SEA LION"...



...THE INVASION OF ENGLAND!
FROM NOW ON, HE AND THE
R.A.F. WILL GO ON THE
OFFENSIVE...TO FINAL VICTORY!



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AS THE CAPTURED BARBARIANS STRUGGLED TO THE DEATH, THE BIG MAN WHO CLAIMED TO BE A DOCTOR WATCHED IMPASSIVELY. VALIANT MEN LOOKED TO THEIR CAPTORS FOR MERCY! THERE WAS NONE FORTHCOMING!

NOT A TWITCH, NOT A FROWN, COULD THE BIG MAN ALLOW HIMSELF...HE COULD NOT BETRAY THE SEETHING EMOTIONS HE FELT INSIDE! FOR HE WAS RULED BY A GREATER PURPOSE...A PURPOSE THAT FOR NOW, NO ONE MUST SUSPECT!



WAR OF THE WIZARDS



Author and Illustrator: WALLY WOOD

YOUR
WISH IS
GRANTED,
PIG!

WHAT FOLLOWS IS INCREDIBLE...A HUNDRED ARMED MEN
AGAINST ONE NAKED SAVAGE / AND YET... HOW MANY
SHEEP WOULD IT TAKE TO KILL ONE TIGER ?

NO! NO!

SAVE
ME...

EYAAAA

STOP
HIM!
HE -
UNGH!

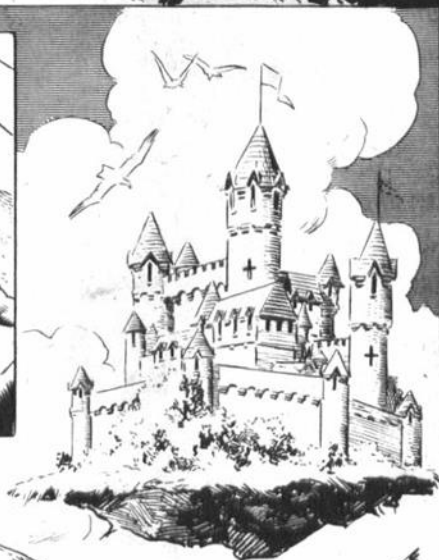
TORIN! HOW...?

NO
QUESTIONS...
JUST **RUN!**


THIS
WAY... I
HAVE A
HORSE
READY!

WHAT...! A
MOUNTED PATROL!
THEY'VE **SEEN**
US!

RIDING
DOUBLE, WE
CANNOT OUT-
RUN THEM!
OH, TORIN!
WE ARE
DOOMED!



AWED INTO SILENCE,
THEY CONTINUE THEIR
UNCANNY RIDE, AND AT
LENGTH THE TOWERS AND
BATTLEMENTS OF A CASTLE
APPEAR BEFORE THEM...
A CASTLE IN THE AIR!



WELCOME, MORTALS!
THE GREAT THANOS HAS
DECIDED TO PROLONG
YOUR MISERABLE LIVES,
FOR WHAT REASON
I KNOW NOT!

HASTEN! HE
AWAITS YOU
WITHIN...AND
YOU MUST NOT KEEP
HIM WAITING!

...AND WHATEVER
HE PROPOSES, YOU
MUST ACCEPT AT
ONCE OR YOU DIE
AT ONCE!

THANOS...?

SILENCE! BUT
FOR ME, YOU
ARE ALREADY
DEAD!

DO YOU AGREE TO DO ONE
THING FOR ME, IN EXCHANGE
FOR YOUR LIVES?

YES, I
AGREE...

GOOD!
THEN...

YOU WILL KILL THE
WIZARD AROS FOR ME!

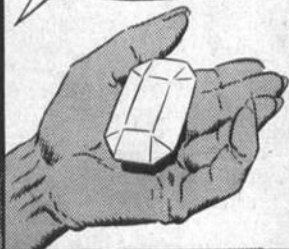
KILL A WIZARD...? BUT...
HOW? I CANNOT...

I WILL PROVIDE THE MEANS...
I CANNOT DO IT MYSELF, FOR I
LACK THE PHYSICAL PROWESS AND
THE COURAGE NECESSARY!

THIS IS THE WEAPON... I HAVE CREATED THIS JEWEL SPECIFICALLY TO COUNTER THE SOURCE OF HIS POWER...



WHEN AROS LOOKS UPON IT, HE NOT ONLY WILL LOSE HIS MAGICAL ABILITIES, BUT WILL BE RENDERED TOTALLY HELPLESS...



HMMMM... THE **WOMAN**... YES! SHE WILL BE...

NO! SHE GOES WITH ME!



CALM YOURSELF, MY IMPULSIVE FRIEND! I WAS ABOUT TO SAY, SHE IS PERFECT FOR THE SUCCESS OF MY LITTLE ENDEAVOR...



FOR SHE SHALL **WEAR** THE JEWEL... HIDDEN BENEATH HER TUNIC...



THERE! NOW, PLEASE REMEMBER... YOU MUST GET AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE BEFORE UNCOVERING IT!



TORIN, YOU MUST MAKE HIM COME TO **YOU!** STAY ALIVE, KILL HIS CREATURES UNTIL HE LEAVES HIS MAGIC SANCTUARY...



IN CASE YOU WAVER, TORIN, REMEMBER THIS - HE IS THE POWER BEHIND THE EMPIRE! AND IF YOU FAIL ME, YOU SHALL DIE!



I THANK YOU FOR THOSE PARTING WORDS, WIZARD... THEY HAVE FIRMED MY RESOLVE!

SOON...

THIS MUST
BE THE CAVE!
OH, TORIN...
I AM SO
AFRAID!

SO AM I,
MARISSA, BUT WE
MUST - AH! HERE
THEY ARE! THE
GUARDIANS OF
AROS!

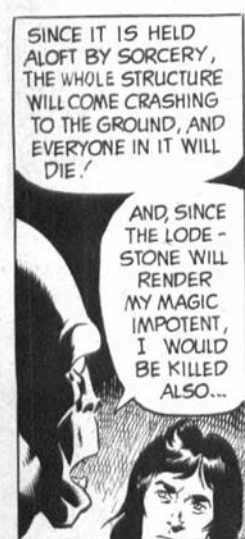
THANOS SAID TO
KILL AS MANY AS
POSSIBLE. THIS
PART IS NO HARD-
SHIP... IN FACT, IT
IS A DISTINCT
PLEASURE!

...BUT THEY
SEEM TO BE
NUMBERLESS...
MY ARMS GROW
WEARY...

THEN, AS
TORIN IS
ABOUT TO
DESPAIR...

MARISSA!
LOOK! IT
MUST
BE...

WHO DARES
TO INTRUDE
UPON THE DOMAIN
OF AROS?





THAT IS THE
END OF THANOS!
OH, TORIN!
YOU HAVE
DONE IT!

YES...BUT
FOR *ONE*
THING...

I AM SORRY,
AROS...

TORIN!

CHOP!

WHY...
WHY
DID YOU
HAVE
TO KILL
THEM
BOTH?

I MAY BE A BARBARIAN,
BUT I AM NOT STUPID,
MARISSA! THEY WERE
ENEMIES, BUT THEY
WERE BOTH FORCES
FOR THE SPREAD OF
LAW AND ORDER...

... AND THEREFORE A THREAT TO
MY WAY OF LIFE. FOR I
SERVE THE GODS OF *CHAOS*,
AND I AM SWORN TO ETERNAL
WARFARE AGAINST ALL
IMPERIAL ORGANIZATION...

... AND BEYOND THAT, IT IS
ONLY COMMON SENSE TO KILL
TWO RIVAL WIZARDS WHO
HAVE TAKEN AN INTEREST
IN ME...

...FOR
SOONER
OR LATER
THEY
WOULD
FIND A
WAY TO
KILL
ME!

TORIN! YOU...
YOU SAID *RIVAL*...
DOES THAT MEAN
THAT YOU...

YES, MARISSA...
I AM A WIZARD!
BUT I PREFER NOT
TO HAVE IT KNOWN!
IT GIVES ME AN
ADVANTAGE!

NOW, COME...
WE HAVE UNFINISHED
BUSINESS WITH
THE EMPIRE!

IT MAY WELL
BE THAT THE
GODS WHO
RESPOND TO
THE SUMMONSES
OF WIZARDS
KNOW NOT THE
DISTINCTION
BETWEEN WHITE
AND BLACK MAGIC.
ULTIMATELY,
THERE MAY BE
NO DIFFERENCE.

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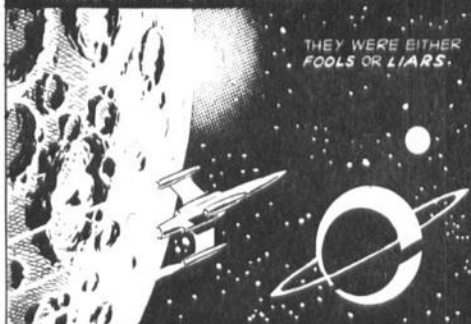


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SHE COULDN'T REMEMBER WHEN SHE'D FELT THIS **LOVELY**. THE MONTHS AFTER DAVID'S DEATH HAD BEEN DIFFICULT, BUT HER FRIENDS SAID THE HURT WOULD **HEAL** WITH TIME.

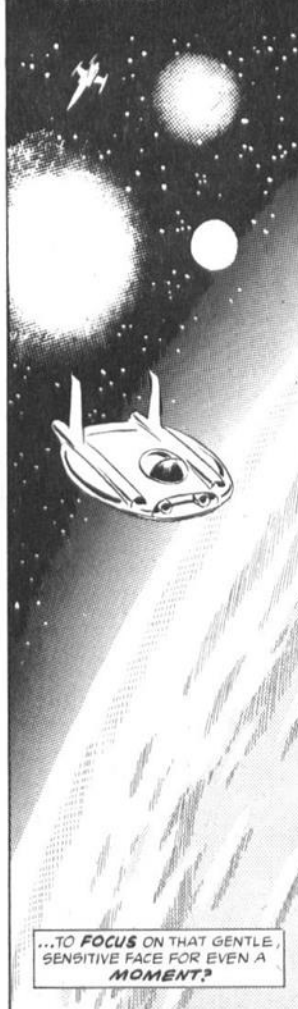


THEY WERE EITHER
FOOLS OR LIARS.

NO, SHE THOUGHT... THAT WAS BEING **UNFAIR**. THEY **UNDER-ESTIMATED** THE EXTENT OF HER **LOVE** FOR HIM. FLEETINGLY THE IMAGE OF HIS STRONG, TANNED BODY DRIFTED INTO HER MIND...



...AND PROMPTLY **FADED**, DESPITE HER STRAINED EFFORTS TO RETAIN IT. FOR A WHILE, DURING THOSE EARLY MONTHS SHE HAD THOUGHT OF NOTHING **BUT** DAVID. WHY WAS IT NOW SO **DIFFICULT**...



...TO **FOCUS** ON THAT GENTLE, SENSITIVE FACE FOR EVEN A **MOMENT**?

I'M AFRAID YOU'RE IN FOR A GREAT **DISAPPOINTMENT**, BRENDA! **HOPE** IS A FUNNY THING. WHEN YOU'VE GOT IT, YOU CAN SURVIVE ANYTHING... **ALMOST**!



BUT WHEN IT **GOES**, IT COULD TAKE YOUR **INSIDES** WITH IT, RIGHT, CAPTAIN? SOMETIMES I FEEL SO **EMPTY**. I DOUBT IT WOULD BE ANY GREAT **LOSS**.

YOU KNOW, BRENDA, THERE ARE **OTHER** FORMS OF **DISAPPOINTMENT** TOO... ALMOST **INVISIBLE** FORMS!

LIKE WHEN A GOOD FRIEND **BETRAYS** HERSELF!

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU REDUCED TO **SELF-PITY**. WHERE IS THE STRONG-WILLED, INDEPENDENT BRENDA BUCKLER WHO WOULD RISK **ANYTHING**...



...JUST TO KNOW IF HER HUSBAND WERE **DEAD OR ALIVE**!

SHE'S **TIRED**, JORG. AWFULLY **TIRED**.

EIGHT MONTHS IN SPACE HAS GIVEN ME TIME TO **THINK**. ONCE I HAD ALL THE CONFIDENCE THAT GOES WITH **IMPULSE**!



NOW I'M NOT SO **SURE**...

SILENTLY, THE SHUTTLECRAFT GLIDED THROUGH THE BLACK, ETERNAL UNIVERSE, FINALLY DESCENDING OVER AN EXOTICALLY TIMBERED **PLATEAU...**



THE TERRAIN WAS STRANGE, YET **FAMILIAR**. PERHAPS BECAUSE IT RESEMBLED THE **OTHER** THIRTEEN PLANETS IN THE SECTOR, WHICH WERE ALREADY SEARCHED AND ULTIMATELY **ABANDONED**.

THE MANHUNTERS





THE COMPUTERS
WERE **WRONG!**

THERE *IS* LIFE
ON THYNA!

**ANIMAL
LIFE!**

IT'D BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE ANYONE **TOUCHED** BRENDA. AS THE DRY, SCALY TENTACLE ENCRICLED HER BODY, IT TOUCHED SOMETHING **DEEPER** THAN **FLESH...**



EEEE!

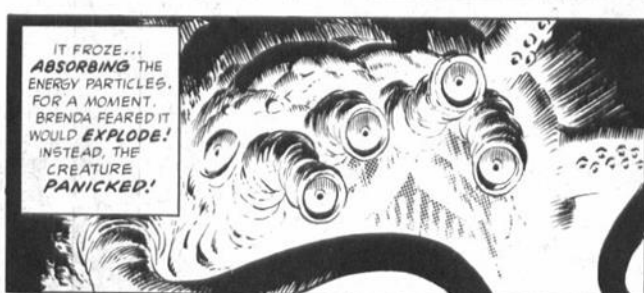
CAPTAIN,
WHY DON'T
YOU **FIRE?**!

BRENDA'S
IN THE
WAY--



BRENDA REGRETTED THE CREATURE'S **AUDACITY** EVEN MORE THAN SHE FEARED IT. SUDDENLY ION PISTOL'S **FLARED...** SCORCHING DUST-LAKED FLESH.

EACH OF ITS YELLOWED
EYES WINKED...
UNCOMPREHENDING
THIS NEW SENSATION...



IT FROZE...
ABSORBING THE
ENERGY PARTICLES.
FOR A MOMENT,
BRENDA FEARED IT
WOULD **EXPLODE!**
INSTEAD, THE
CREATURE
PANICKED!



AND IN **PANIC**, IT STRUCK OUT AT THE **SOURCE!**



IT SEEMS SO TERRIBLY
WRONG FOR A MAN TO
DIE **ALONE.**

YOU'VE NEVER SEEN
ANYONE **DIE** BEFORE.
HAVE YOU?

EVERYONE
ACCEPTS THE **IDEA**
BUT FEW ACCEPT
THE **REALITY...**

... 'CAUSE THE
REALITY
OF IT **STINKS.**

PAIN TORE AT THE TENDONS OF HER **LEGS**, BUT IT COULDN'T COMPARE WITH THE DEEPER PAIN IN HER **SOUL**.



WE **SHOULD** BE SAFE IN THIS CAVE...



DAWN INCHED SLOWLY OVER THE HORIZON ENDING A NIGHT THAT OFFERED BRENDA NO SLEEP...

MY STRENGTH IS GIVING OUT, JORG. I'M NOT SURE I **WANT** TO GO ON...



MAYBE I **SHOULD** END IT **ALL** RIGHT NOW!

I DON'T WANT TO **HEAR** THAT KIND OF TALK, BRENDA.



I WON'T STAND BY AND WATCH YOU COMMIT **SUICIDE**! YOU CAN'T DESTROY EVERYTHING YOU'VE **BELIEVED** IN...NOT WHEN YOU'VE COME SO **FAR**.

JORG, P-PLEASE STOP... Y-YOU'RE **HURTING** ME!



I'M SORRY BRENDA. IT SEEMS THE PAST FEW DAYS HAVE TURNED US INTO **STRANGERS**.

JORG! **BEHIND** YOU...



JORG **TURNED**, ALREADY SENSING WHAT HE WOULD FIND. AND HE WAS **DEAD** RIGHT.

OH, GOD! **CHOKES**



SCALY TENTACLES GRIPPED, TWISTED, CRUSHED AND SUCKED AT HIS BODY, DRAWING HIM CLOSER TO THE HIDEOUS HULK. HIS LIFE FLOWED THROUGH RED-DENED **WELTS** IN HIS FLESH...



THE FOOD OF THE GODS. THE PHRASE RAN THROUGH HER MIND AS SHE SAW JORG ABSORBED... **EATEN ALIVE,** AND **DIGESTED.** COULD IT BE PERHAPS THE ULTIMATE FATE OF **MAN?**



FOR EONS, MAN DEPICTED **GOD** IN HIS OWN IMAGE. WHAT IF **THIS** WERE THE DEITY MAN HAD BLINDLY WORSHIPPED FROM AFAR? BRENDA DECIDED SHE WAS NOT **READY** TO MEET HER CREATOR.



SHE **RAN** LIKE HELL...

THE CREATURE WAS **SWIFT**, AND BRENDA FELT THE LONG, TAPERING TENTACLE OBSCENELY CARESS HER BODY. MONTHS OF **SEARCHING** AND **DENIAL**... WAS THIS HER **REWARD?** A LONELY DEATH ON AN ALIEN PLANET?



THEN...



IT'S PUTTING ME **DOWN!** IT DOESN'T WANT TO **HARM** ME... BUT WANTS ME TO **FOLLOW**...! I-IT'S **INTELLIGENT!**

THEY WALKED UNTIL THE SUN ONLY WERE **DESCENDED**...

...THEN THEY **RESTED.** STRANGELY, BRENDA FELT COMFORTED... **PROTECTED**... BY THE FILTH ENCRUSTED TENTACLE.



SHE FELT **LESS LONELY.**

MORNING CAME. THE JOURNEY CONTINUED. SHE HAD GROWN TO **RESPECT** THIS CREATURE. EVEN **TRUST** IT. SHE FOLLOWED MORE OUT OF **CURIOSITY** THAN **FEAR**.

BESIDES, EVEN THIS MONSTROSITY'S COMPANIONSHIP WAS BETTER THAN BEING **ALONE**.

A-A CITY!

BRENDA HAD NEVER SEEN SUCH ELABORATE AND COMPLEX **MACHINERY**. SHE DIDN'T REALIZE THE LABORATORY HAD BEEN **ABANDONED**. IT WAS **OBSOLETE**.

IT'S SOME KIND OF ADVANCED **LABORATORY!**

THE THYNIANS HAD DEVELOPED THE PSYCHO-DOME **CENTURIES** BEFORE. IT RECORDED NOT ONLY SIGHT AND SOUND, BUT **EMOTION**. IT WAS **LIFE** REDUCED TO A **GLASS TUBE**.

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THIS WAS A **RECORD...** OF WHAT HAPPENED TO **DAVID**. SHE THOUGHT HE WAS **HERE!** HIS SHUTTLECRAFT **SCREAMED** FROM THE HEAVENS...

...AND **SHE** WAS **WITH HIM!** HER MIND JOINED HIS AS HE PLUMMETED TO THYNA...

...TO HIS **DEATH!**

TWO YEARS SHE'D LIVED WITH DAVID, NOT KNOWING THE FEARS, DESIRES AND AMBITIONS THAT FORMULATED HIS SECRET THOUGHTS. WITH **DEATH IMMINENT**, THESE THINGS **FLASHED** THROUGH HIS MIND.

BRENDA WAS MORE THAN A LITTLE **SHOCKED**.

MIRACULOUSLY, DEATH **DIDN'T** COME. FROM THE CHARRED WRECKAGE EMERGED A WEAK, STUMBLING FIGURE... THAT LIVED BY **WILL ALONE**.

THOSE WHO FOUND HIM WERE **PUZZLED**. NEW SPECIES OF LIFE HADN'T BEEN REPORTED FOR **MILLENNIUMS!** THIS ONE HAD A SOFT, FRAGILE SHELL... AND ONLY **TWO EYES!**

THE THYNIANS WERE A **CURIOUS** RACE. THEY SOUGHT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS NEW CREATURE. TO **STUDY** IT... LEARN ITS HABITS!

THEY SAW THAT THE STRANGE ANIMAL'S BODY WAS **SMATTERED** BEYOND REPAIR!

SO THEY GAVE IT A **NEW ONE**...
TRANSPLANTING THE BRAIN
AND VITAL ORGANS INTO A
RESERVE BODY!

THEY THOUGHT IT AN INTERESTING
EXPERIMENT TO SEE HOW
WELL THE CREATURE **ADAPTED**
TO ITS NEW EXISTENCE.

THAT'S THE **END**
OF THE RECORDING...
THEN THAT CREATURE
THAT LED ME HERE...

...IS
MY
HUSBAND!

I'VE TRAVELLED
MILLIONS
OF MILES, GIVEN EIGHT
MONTHS OF MY
LIFE...

...TO
FIND THE
MAN I
LOVE!

ONLY TO
FIND THAT
HE'S NOW A
MONSTER!

PHYSICALLY,
DAVID IS
GONE!

BUT THE
MAN HE
WAS...DEEP
INSIDE, STILL
EXISTS!

HE'S
CHANGED!

BUT THEN, I'M NOT THE SAME WOMAN
I WAS BEFORE **EITHER!** I'VE
LEARNED OF LIFE, DEATH,
TRUTH...AND **LOVE!**

I'VE
CHANGED,
TOO!

I'VE GOT TO
ACCEPT MY HUSBAND
AS HE IS **NOW!** I HAVE
TO **STAY!** EVEN IF IT
MEANS BECOMING
LIKE HIM!

BRENDA KNEW THE
DAYS AHEAD WOULD
BE DIFFICULT BUT
NOW THERE WAS NO
TURNING **BACK.**

SHE HAD REGAINED **STRENGTH**...AND
SHE HAD REGAINED A **HUSBAND.**

SHE WAS
HAPPY.

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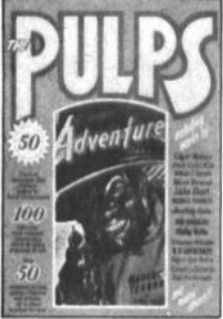


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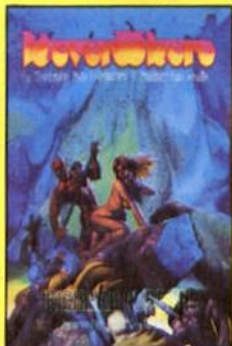
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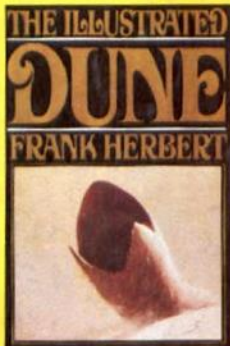
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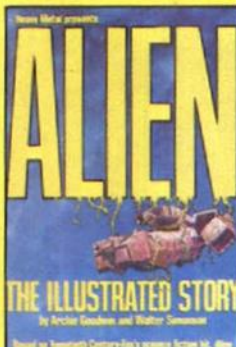
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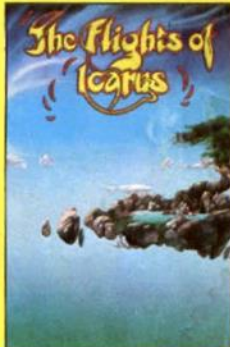
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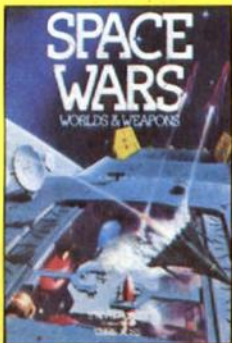
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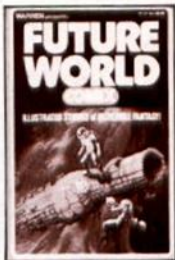


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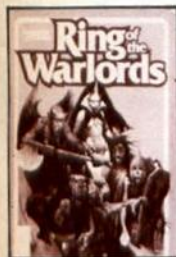
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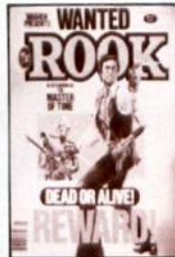
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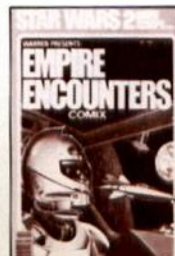
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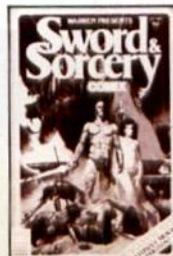
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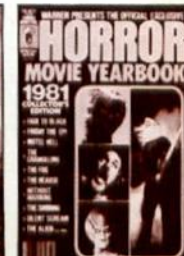
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