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Featuring
"The CHAMELEON of CRIME!"
 THE AMAZING STORY OF
 THE MOBSTER OF MANY
 TALENTS!

WE'VE GOT
 THE PLACE
 SURROUNDED--
 THIS TIME HE
 WON'T ESCAPE!

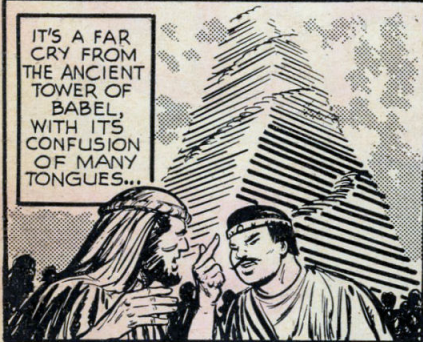
BUT LOOK,
 CHIEF--NOW HE'S
 BECOME A HUMAN
 FLY! HE'S GETTING
 AWAY OVER THE
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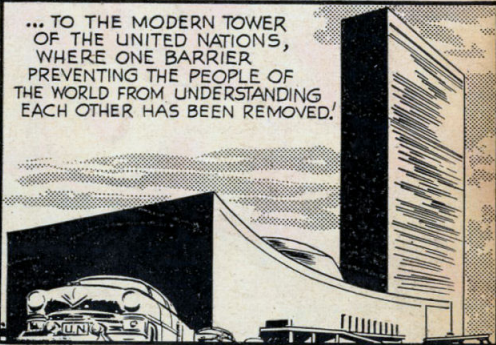
UNITED NATIONS DAY

October 24th

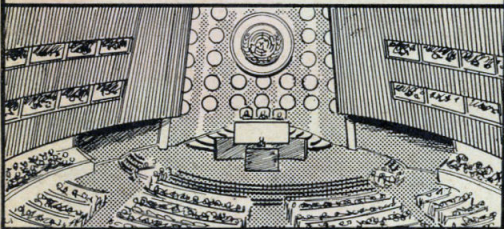
IT'S A FAR CRY FROM THE ANCIENT TOWER OF BABEL, WITH ITS CONFUSION OF MANY TONGUES...



... TO THE MODERN TOWER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WHERE ONE BARRIER PREVENTING THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD FROM UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER HAS BEEN REMOVED.

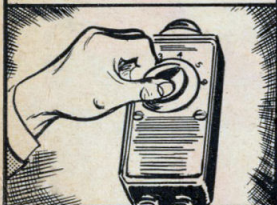


WHEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MANY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES CAME TOGETHER TO FORM THE UNITED NATIONS, A METHOD WAS PERFECTED TO SOLVE THE AGE-OLD PROBLEM OF LANGUAGE...THE SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION SYSTEM...



THE WORDS OF THE SPEAKER COME THROUGH A MICROPHONE TO THE GLASS BOOTHS WHERE INTERPRETERS LISTEN AND INSTANTLY TRANSLATE THEM INTO FRENCH, ENGLISH, SPANISH, RUSSIAN AND CHINESE.

DELEGATES--AND VISITORS, TOO--TURN THE DIAL IN FRONT OF THEM TO THE NUMBER THAT WILL CONNECT THEM WITH THE INTERPRETER SPEAKING THE LANGUAGE THEY CAN UNDERSTAND...



... AND **PRESTO!** OVER THE HEADPHONES COME THE WORDS OF THE SPEAKER MAGICALLY TRANSFORMED INTO THEIR OWN TONGUE.

YES, WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY SINCE THE TIME OF THE TOWER OF BABEL. THANKS TO MODERN INVENTIONS-- AND OUR WISH TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER--PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD HAVE THE CHANCE TO WORK TOGETHER IN OUR UNITED NATIONS!



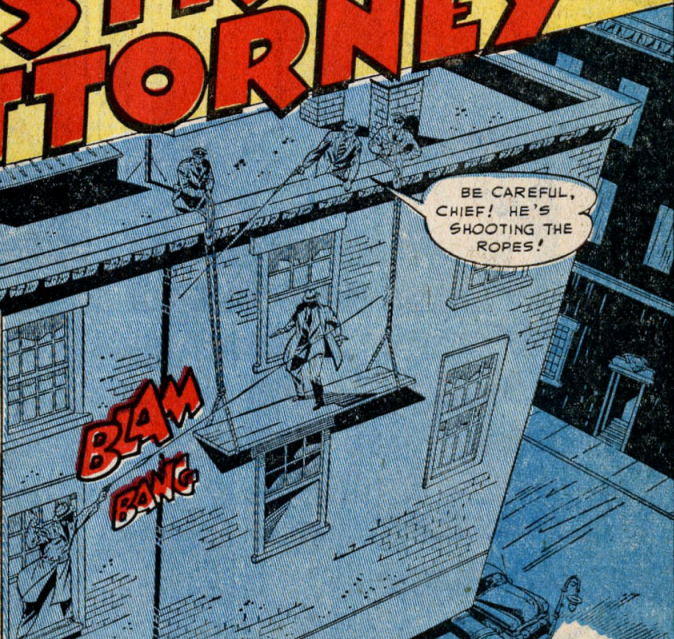
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YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

HE WAS THE MOST UNUSUAL CROOK OUR OFFICE HAD EVER COME UP AGAINST... A VERITABLE PHANTOM OF THE NIGHT WHOSE AMAZING SPEED, STRENGTH, MARKSMANSHIP AND OTHER ABILITIES MADE HIS CAPTURE NEAR IMPOSSIBLE! BUT THAT WAS ONLY PART OF THIS INCREDIBLE CASE HISTORY, WITH THE BIGGEST SURPRISE TO COME LATER... AS YOU SHALL SEE WHEN YOU READ...

The
**CHAMELEON
of
CRIME!**



ON THE NIGHT OF SEPT. 22nd, A YEAR AGO, A MAN SOMEHOW ENTERED THE 10th FLOOR OF AN OFFICE BUILDING, AND DEFTLY OPENED AN INSURANCE COMPANY'S SAFE...

\$25,000... A NICE HAUL!



A NIGHT WATCHMAN, MAKING SURE THAT THE WINDOWS WERE CLOSED BECAUSE OF IMPENDING RAIN, SURPRISED THE THIEF, WHO WENT OUT THE WINDOW, AND DOWN THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING, LIKE A HUMAN FLY!

GREAT GUNS! LOOK AT THAT!



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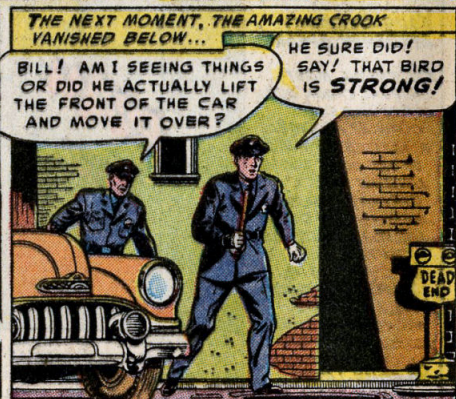
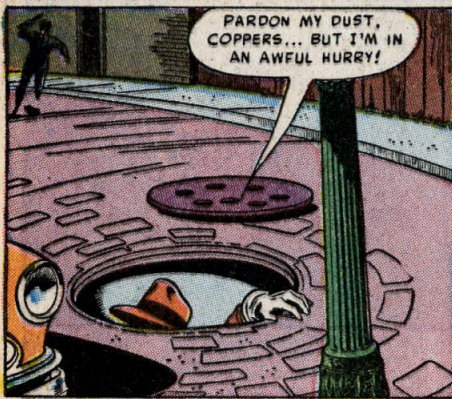


A WEEK LATER, A MYSTERIOUS CROOK, ANSWERING THE SAME DESCRIPTION, ROBBED A JEWELRY STORE, BUT AS HE FLED, A POLICEMAN SAW HIM...

HALT! IN THE NAME OF THE LAW!

HE WON'T GET FAR! HE'S RUNNING DOWN A DEAD-END STREET!

ABRUPTLY, THE FUGITIVE PAUSED, GRASPED HOLD OF THE AUTO BUMPER, AND, OF ALL INCREDIBLE THINGS, LIFTED IT WITH ONE HAND...



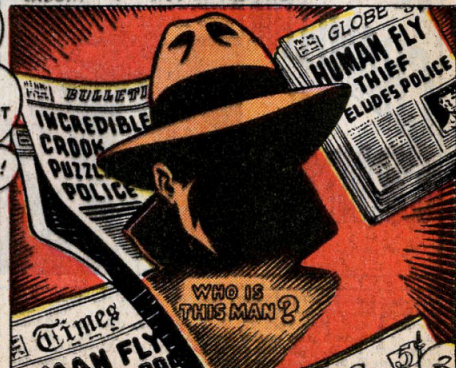
THE FOLLOWING MORNING, THE CASE REACHED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE...

THE BUILDING WATCHMAN AND THE TWO POLICE GAVE IDENTICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE CROOK, D.A.! TRENCH COAT... SOFT FELT HAT WITH TURNED DOWN BRIM... SAME HEIGHT AND BUILD... IT WAS THE SAME MAN, CHIEF!

BUT THEY DIDN'T SEE THE FACE OF THIS MAN WHO CAN SCALE BUILDINGS LIKE A HUMAN FLY... AND LIFT THE FRONT END OF AN AUTO! QUITE A UNIQUE FELLOW, HARRINGTON!



BY THAT AFTERNOON, THE AMAZING CROOK CAUGHT THE FANCY OF THE PRESS, AND...



ON THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 4TH, THIS "CHAMELEON OF CRIME" ENTERED A WAREHOUSE, AND...



DON'T MAKE A NOISE! RAISE YOUR HANDS AND TURN AROUND!

HUH? SURE...

UNSEEN BY THE SINISTER STRANGER, THE GUARD'S FOOT INCHED TOWARDS AN ALARM...

LEAD ME TO THE STORAGE VAULTS!



SURE... OKAY! JUST DON'T SHOOT!

AT HEADQUARTERS, THE ALARM PROPELLED SQUAD CARS TO THE HOLDUP SCENE...



LET'S GO!



LISTEN! THOSE MUST BE COPS COMING!

SO YOU TIPPED 'EM OFF SOMEHOW, HUH?



WELL, THIS'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU!

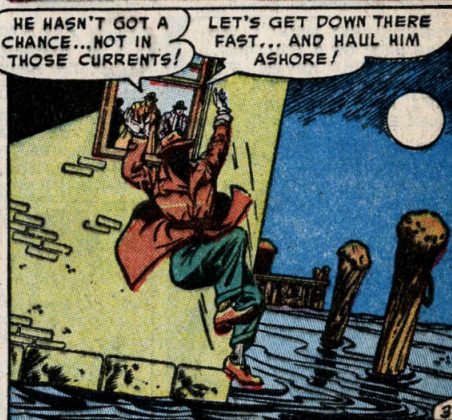
UNH-H-HH!

THWACK!



IN HERE! THERE HE IS...GOING OUT THE WINDOW!

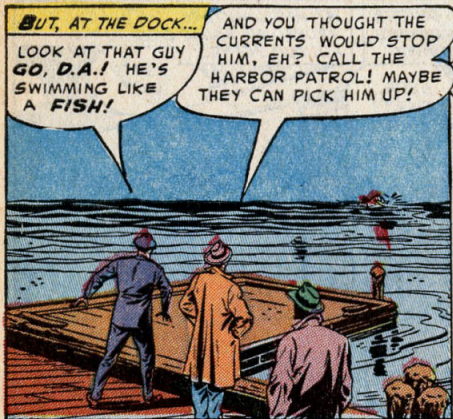
HURRY, BOYS! IT'S THE MYSTERY MAN WE'RE AFTER!



HE HASN'T GOT A CHANCE...NOT IN THOSE CURRENTS!

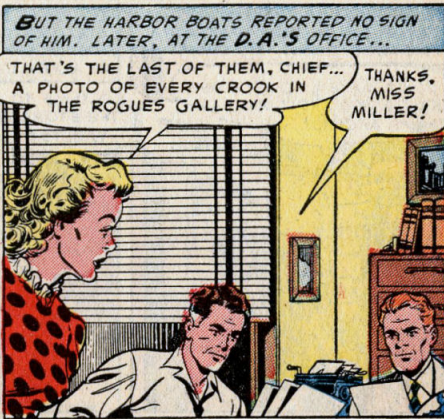
LET'S GET DOWN THERE FAST... AND HAUL HIM ASHORE!

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BUT, AT THE DOCK...
LOOK AT THAT GUY
GO, D.A.! HE'S
SWIMMING LIKE
A **FISH!**

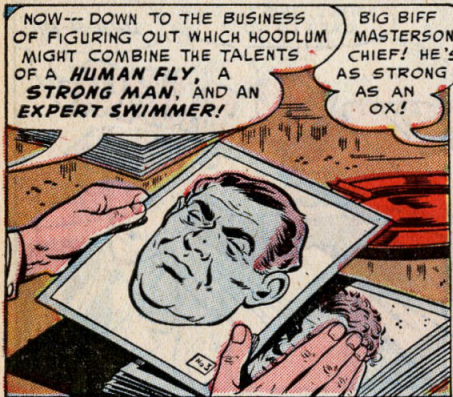
AND YOU THOUGHT THE
CURRENTS WOULD STOP
HIM, EH? CALL THE
HARBOR PATROL! MAYBE
THEY CAN PICK HIM UP!



**BUT THE HARBOR BOATS REPORTED NO SIGN
OF HIM. LATER, AT THE D.A.'S OFFICE...**

THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM, CHIEF...
A PHOTO OF EVERY CROOK IN
THE ROGUES GALLERY!

THANKS,
MISS
MILLER!

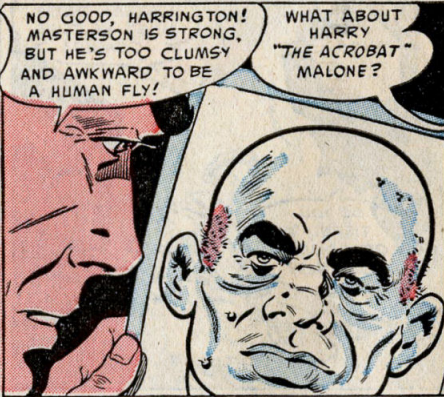


NOW--- DOWN TO THE BUSINESS
OF FIGURING OUT WHICH HOODLUM
MIGHT COMBINE THE TALENTS
OF A **HUMAN FLY**, A
STRONG MAN, AND AN
EXPERT SWIMMER!

**BIG BIFF
MASTERTSON,**
CHIEF! HE'S
AS STRONG
AS AN
OX!

NO GOOD, HARRINGTON!
MASTERTSON IS STRONG,
BUT HE'S TOO CLUMSY
AND AWKWARD TO BE
A HUMAN FLY!

WHAT ABOUT
HARRY
"THE ACROBAT"
MALONE?



SURE---HARRY MIGHT CLIMB
THE SIDE OF A BUILDING...
BUT HE COULD NEVER LIFT
THE FRONT END OF A
CAR! HE'S NOT OUR
MAN EITHER!

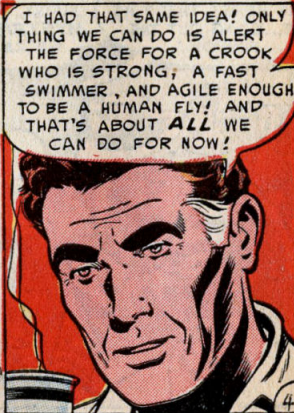
YEAH,
CHIEF---GUESS
YOU'RE RIGHT!



**FAR INTO THE NIGHT THEY
WORKED, GROPING FOR
THE ANSWER, BUT WITH
FRUITLESS EFFORTS...**

NOT ONE OF
THE KNOWN
CROOKS FITS
OUR DESCRIPTION,
HARRINGTON!

MAYBE HE'S A
NEWCOMER.
CHIEF! HE'S
**GOT TO
BE!**



I HAD THAT SAME IDEA! ONLY
THING WE CAN DO IS ALERT
THE FORCE FOR A CROOK
WHO IS STRONG; A FAST
SWIMMER, AND AGILE ENOUGH
TO BE A HUMAN FLY! AND
THAT'S ABOUT **ALL** WE
CAN DO FOR NOW!

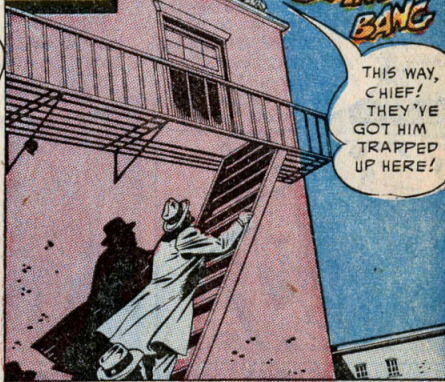
WE MADE EVERY EFFORT, BUT IT WAS FUTILE. THEN, IN THE LATTER PART OF OCTOBER, A ONE-MAN BANK JOB WAS ATTEMPTED...

WE FOILED THE BANK ROBBERY! MAYBE WE'LL EVEN CATCH THAT CHARACTER THIS TIME!

THE D.A.'S ON THE WAY OVER NOW!



BELOW... **BLAM BANG**



THIS WAY, CHIEF! THEY'VE GOT HIM TRAPPED UP HERE!

I'LL FLASH MY LIGHT OVER THAT WAY!

BLAM



BUT SUDDENLY...

GREAT GUNS! HE SHOT IT OUT OF MY HAND!



A BULL'S-EYE WITH A PISTOL FROM THAT DISTANCE! HARRINGTON, OUR MAN IS ALSO A VERY GOOD MARKS MAN!

THERE HE GOES... INSIDE THAT BUILDING OVER THERE! COME ON!



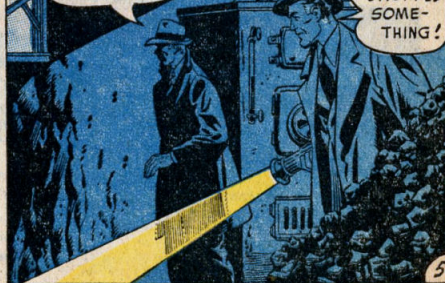
THE ELUSIVE CROOK CRAWLED THROUGH THE TOP WINDOW OF A BUILDING, DROPPED INTO THE DARKNESS...



WE SWARMED OVER THE BUILDING, SEARCHING EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY...

HE CAME DOWN HERE THROUGH THE BOILER ROOM, CHIEF... BUT THEN ESCAPED THROUGH THAT WINDOW!

WAIT A MINUTE-- HE DROPPED SOMETHING!



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BUT THAT'S JUST A SMALL PIECE OF TISSUE PAPER, CHIEF!

FOR WIPING **EYE-GLASSES!** WHEN HE CAME INTO THIS WARM BOILER ROOM FROM THE COOL AIR OUTSIDE, HIS EYEGLASSES STEAMED UP! HE PAUSED LONG ENOUGH TO WIPE THEM!



HARRINGTON, THAT SMALL PIECE OF PAPER CRACKS THE AMAZING CASE OF THE MYSTERY MAN! I NOW KNOW WHO HE IS--- AND I KNOW NOW WHY WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CATCH UP WITH HIM! BUT WE'VE GOT TO ACT **FAST!**



NEXT MORNING, AT SPIDER BILL'S DOWNTOWN GYMNASIUM...

THERE'S "HARRY THE ACROBAT"... BIG BIFF MASTERSON... ALL THE UNDER-WORLD CHARACTERS, CHIEF!

ROUND 'EM UP, MEN! **THIS IS THE HIDEOUT OF OUR MYSTERY MAN!**



OUR MAN IS ACTUALLY **SEVERAL CROOKS...** EACH WITH A SPECIALTY! ONE IS A SWIMMER--- THE OTHER IS A WEIGHT-LIFTER, THE OTHER A STRONG MAN... AND SO FORTH! THEY DRESSED ALIKE DELIBERATELY AND DID VARIOUS JOBS, WITH THE INTENTION OF HAVING US THINK THEY WERE **ONE PERSON!**



THIS CRIME COMBINATION WORKED OUT OF **HERE,** WHICH WAS THEIR TRAINING GROUNDS! WE WERE FOOLED FOR AWHILE--- LOOKING FOR **ONE MAN!** BUT THEN WE TUMBLED!



ONCE WE FOUND OUT THAT THE MAN WHO FLED INTO THE BOILER ROOM WORE **GLASSES,** WE KNEW HE **COULDN'T** HAVE BEEN THE SHARP-EYED MARKSMAN WHO WAS ON THE ROOF! IT WAS THEN WE FIGURED THAT **ALL** THE CRIMES MUST HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY DIFFERENT **CROOKS!**



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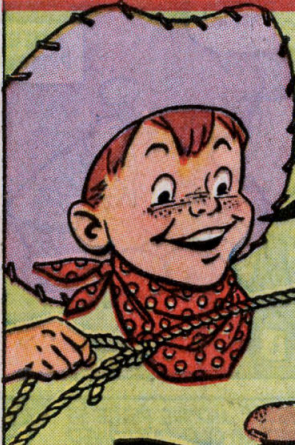
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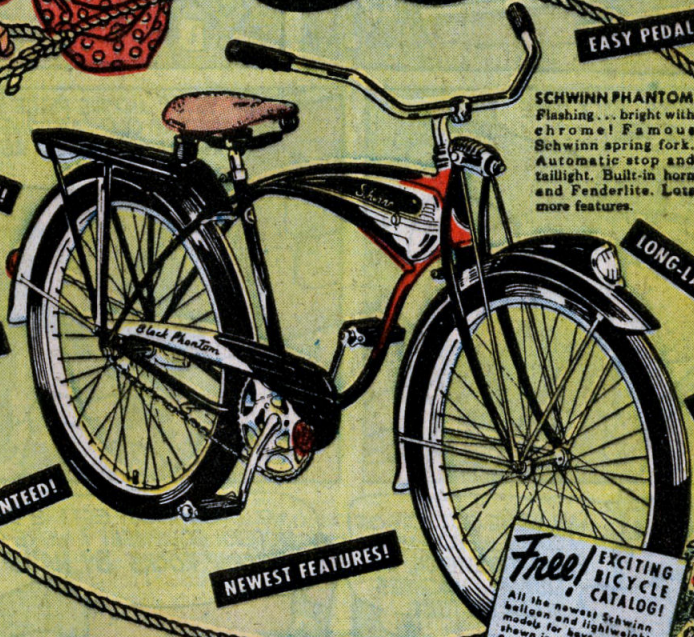
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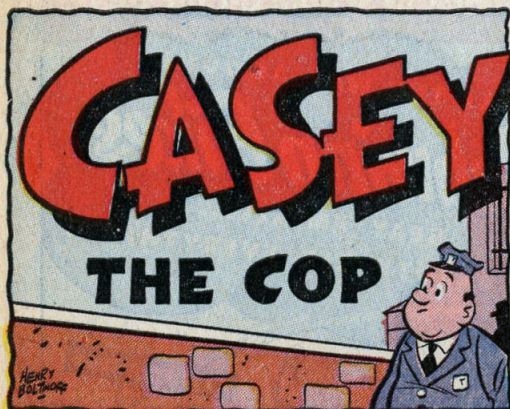
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DID YOU HEAR?
THE D.A. ACCEPTS
HUSH MONEY!
WOW!

HAVE YOU HEARD
THE RUMOR
ABOUT THE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY?

GOLLY--IT'S
RUMORED
THAT...

THE D.A.?
WHAT A
SCANDAL!

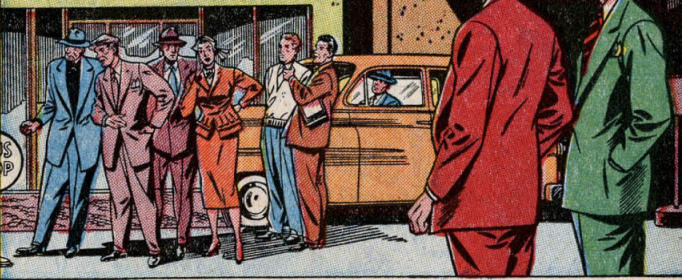
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE,
HARRINGTON...DECENT
CITIZENS UNWITTINGLY
CARRYING THE WORD
OF THE UNDERWORLD!

Your District Attorney Speaks:

RARELY DOES MY DEPARTMENT MINGLE INTO MATTERS THAT DEAL WITH PUBLIC VIEWPOINT! PRIVATE OPINIONS ARE AN INHERITED RIGHT OF ALL MEN... AND IT WAS JUST SUCH CLEVER REASONING THAT PROMPTED ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST DANGEROUS MOBS TO SPRING UP!

YOU'LL SEE FOR YOURSELF HOW INNOCENT LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS SOON BECAME UNWITTING TOOLS OF THE...

RUMOR FACTORY!



IN THE STAR'S DRESSING ROOM OF THE CIVIC OPERA HOUSE, TENOR ERIC LANGDON WAS PREPARING TO GO ON STAGE, WHEN...

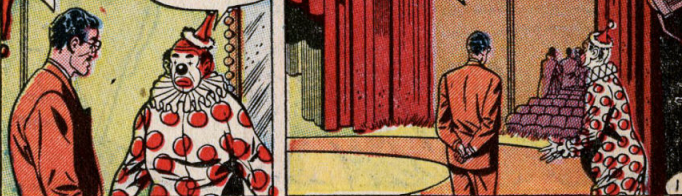
OKAY, LANGDON... YOU CAN WIPE THAT GREASE-PAINT OFF! THE SHOW'S BEEN CANCELED-- INDEFINITELY!

W-WHAT? YOU... CAN'T BE SERIOUS! WHY...?

THE STUNNED PERFORMER WAS LED TO THE WINGS.

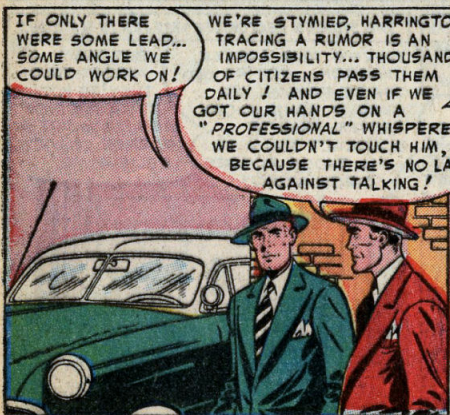
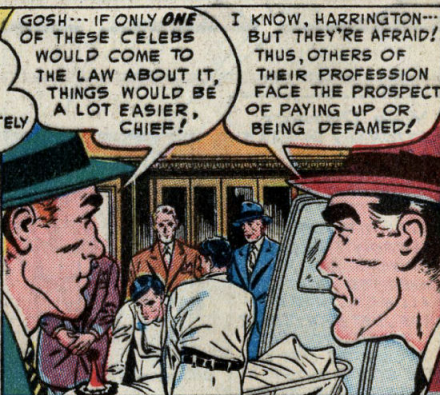
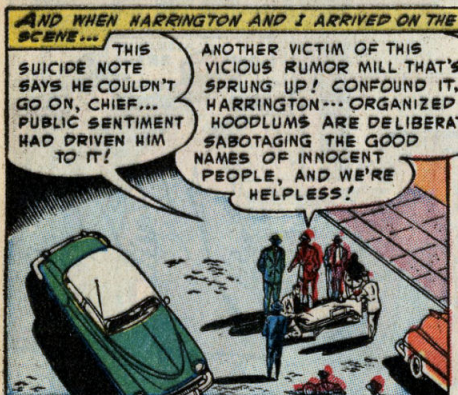
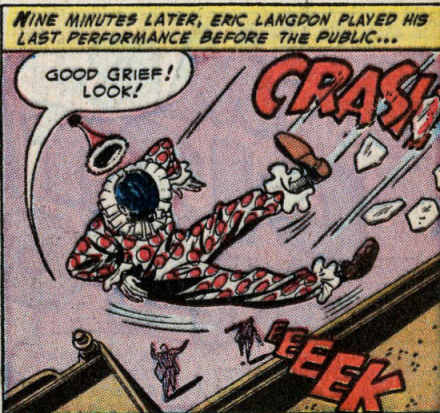
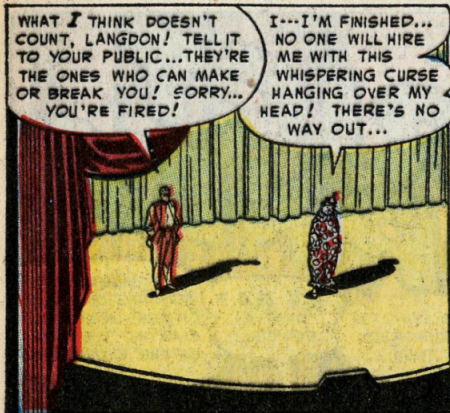
THERE'S YOUR ANSWER, LANGDON... YOU'RE BOX-OFFICE POISON! WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO CONTRACT YOU WITH ALL THOSE RUMORS CIRCULATING!

BUT THEY AREN'T TRUE-- THEY'RE NOTHING BUT A PACK OF LIES! I'M NOT A FORMER CONVICT... BELIEVE ME!





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AT THAT VERY MOMENT, AS WE LATER LEARNED, A SMALL-TIME CROOK NAMED WILLIE SLOANE SLIPPED FROM A CAB NORTH OF TOWN AND REPORTED TO AN ABANDONED CAR BARN...

YEAH... LANGDON TOOK THE BIG LEAP, BARKER! YOU CAN SCRATCH HIS NAME FROM THE "TARGET" LIST!

SORRY TO HEAR THAT, WILLIE! HIS KICKBACK WOULD HAVE BEEN GOOD PADDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION! WELL, LET'S DIG UP ANOTHER VICTIM INSIDE, HUH?



AND IN ANOTHER PART OF THE BARN...

THE RIDGELY ASSIGNMENT IS ON THE DANGER LIST, MR. BARKER! THE CUSTOMER HAS REFUSED TO CONTINUE PAYMENTS!

I SEE! ALL RIGHT, WE'LL GIVE HIM A LITTLE WARNING WITH SOME MILD SLANDER! C'MON OVER TO THE INFORMATION CENTER AND PICK UP THE DATA ON HIM, WILLIE!



AT THE TIME, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO REALIZE THE FULL SCOPE OF THIS CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION WHOSE BUSINESS WAS SMASHING MEN'S LIVES!

AS YOU SEE, RIDGELY HAS BEEN GIVING US DIFFICULTY FOR SEVERAL MONTHS! STUDY THE FACTS ON HIS BUSINESS, THEN STEP OVER TO THE ROUTINE ROOM! THEY'LL SUGGEST WHISPERING GIMMICKS TO BE USED! JOY WILL BE YOUR CONFEDERATE ON THE JOB!

RIGHT, BOSS! WE'LL GIVE HIM THE TOP TREATMENT!



SHORTLY, IN THE PLACE THEY CALLED THE ROUTINE ROOM...

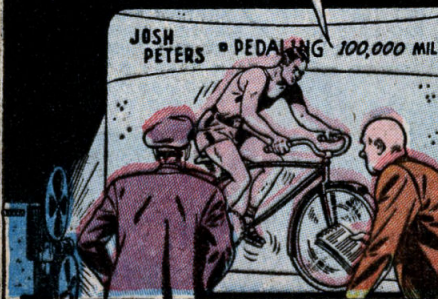
HERE'S THE INSIDE OF RIDGELY'S SEEING'S BELIEVING SHOW!

YEAH... HE'S SURE GOT SOME CRAZY-LOOKING STUFF! THIS JOB SHOULD BE A CINCH, EH, JOEY?



A PUSH-OVER!

LET'S SEE NOW... WE GOTTA MAKE THE RUMOR GIMMICKS REAL STRONG...



SOON AFTERWARD, WILLIE SLOANE AND HIS CONFEDERATE, JOEY PETERS, LAUNCHED THEIR VICIOUS RUMOR ATTACK...

THE SEEING'S BELIEVING SHOW IS A FAKE, EH?

IT SURE IS! MY WIFE'S BROTHER WAS THE GUY WHO MADE THAT TWO-HEADED ZEBRA THERE! THE SECOND "HEAD" CONSISTS OF COTTON AND HAIR STUCK ONTO THE REAL ZEBRA HEAD!



UPTOWN, DOWNTOWN. THE HOODLUMS' VICIOUS LIPS SPEWED OUT SUSPICION AND DISBELIEF...

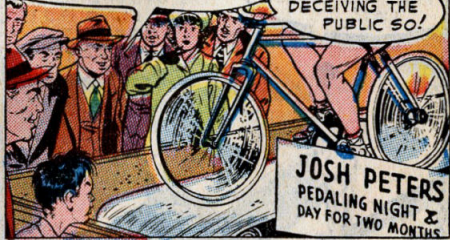
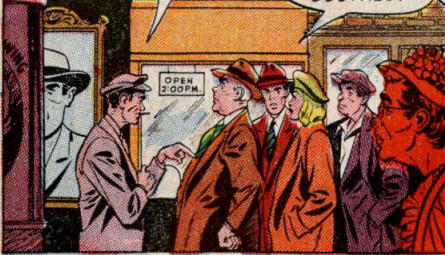
THAT'S RIGHT! ALL THOSE PHONY ODDITIES ARE MADE BY MEXICAN CRAFTSMEN! THE SEEING'S BELIEVING SHOW IS A FRAUD!

MY GOSH! SO THAT'S HOW RIDGELY GETS SUCH FANTASTIC ODDITIES!

DAY AFTER DAY, THE RUMOR-MONGERS Poured FORTH THEIR VILE WHISPERS...

HA, HA... WHAT A GAG THAT IS! THE GUY'S GOT A TWIN BROTHER... THEY SWAP PLACES AT NIGHT, WHEN NO ONE'S AROUND! I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH BOTH OF 'EM... THEY PLANNED THIS RACKET TOGETHER!

GOODNESS! THERE SHOULD BE A LAW AGAINST RECEIVING THE PUBLIC SO!



C'MON... IT'S TIME WE HAD A TALK WITH RIDGELY! OUR RUMORS ARE TAKING EFFECT... MAYBE HE'S READY TO PLAY BALL NOW!

HE BETTER! WE COULD WHISPER THE PRESIDENT OUTA THE WHITE HOUSE IF WE GOT MAD ENOUGH! HA, HA, HA!

A MOMENT AFTERWARD...

'LO, RIDGELY! BEEN HEARING SOME MIGHTY BAD THINGS ABOUT YOUR SHOW! THOUGHT YOU MIGHT CHANGE YOUR MIND AND BUY A BIT OF "TALK PROTECTION"!

YOU FILTHY-VOICED SWINE! PEOPLE ARE TALKING ALL RIGHT... THEY'RE CALLING ME A FRAUD!

BUT **WHATEVER** THE COST, I'LL NOT BE BLACKMAILED ANOTHER MOMENT! I'M TELLING THE **DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S** OFFICE ABOUT THIS WHOLE ROTTEN MESS!

YOU'RE BEGGING FOR THE **FULL TREATMENT, RIDGELY!**



NEXT INSTANT, A PAIR OF SHOTS RANG OUT, AND...

KICK UP YOUR HEELS! THOSE SHOTS WILL BRING EVERY GUARD IN THE EXHIBITION DOWN ON US! THAT DOPE RIDGELY!

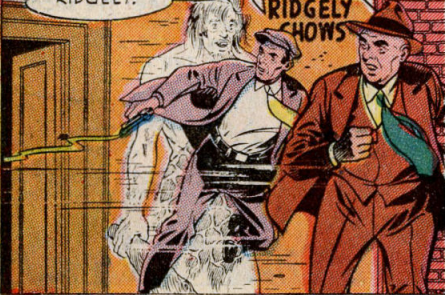
YEAH... WE SURE HAD TO SHUT HIM UP FAST!

RIDGELY SHOWS

HARRINGTON AND I REACHED THE SCENE 20 MINUTES LATER ...

THE GUARDS SAY HE WAS STILL ALIVE WHEN THEY GOT TO HIM... BUT THEY WERE TOO LATE TO SAVE HIM!

YES, HARRINGTON... HE DIED WITHOUT BREATH ENOUGH LEFT TO NAME HIS ASSASSINS! EVIDENTLY ANOTHER VICTIM OF THIS FIENDISH WHISPERING CAMPAIGN! THERE'S BEEN TALK THAT HIS SHOW WAS FAKED---SO OBVIOUSLY, HE REFUSED TO PAY OFF!





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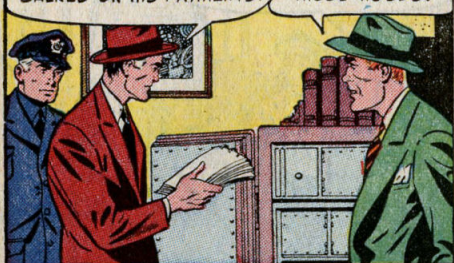


THIS IS A RECORD OF RIDGELY'S PERSONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT, HARRINGTON! FOR NINE CONTINUAL MONTHS HE WITH-DREW THE SUM OF \$2500. THEN SUDDENLY STOPPED! THAT'S WHEN HE MUST'VE TALKED ON HIS PAYMENTS!

\$2500! WHAT A KICKBACK! IF ONLY HE'D LIVED ANOTHER FOUR HOURS, HE COULD HAVE FINGERED THOSE HOODS!

HMM... YOU'VE GIVEN ME AN IDEA, HARRINGTON! SINCE RIDGELY WAS ALIVE WHEN THE GUARDS ARRIVED, THE KILLER COULDN'T POSSIBLY KNOW THE RESULTS OF THE SHOOTING, COULD HE?

WELL, HE'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH... ONCE WE RELEASE THE NEWS TO THOSE REPORTERS OUT THERE!



I DON'T INTEND TO DO THAT, HARRINGTON! WE'RE GOING TO WITHHOLD NEWS OF RIDGELY'S DEATH, AND I'M GOING TO POSE AS HIM! THERE'S SOME RESEMBLANCE--SEE FOR YOURSELF!

HUH...? BUT CHIEF... THIS IS A SMART BUNCH OF OPERATORS! THEY'LL SEE THROUGH ANY DISGUISE!

PERHAPS... BUT I DON'T WANT TO PASS UP THIS OPPORTUNITY! IT'S OUR ONE CHANCE TO TRACK DOWN THE BRAINS OF THIS ORGANIZATION, AND SMASH THE SYNDICATE! LET'S GET THE WHEELS ROLLING!

WE CLAMPED AN IRON LID OF SECRECY ON RIDGELY'S DEATH, THEN ISSUED A DARING STATEMENT TO THE PRESS...



AND DURING RIDGELY'S SUPPOSED RECUPERATION PERIOD, HARRINGTON GAVE ME DAILY BRIEFINGS IN A GUARDED ROOM AT CITY HOSPITAL...

RIDGELY HATED COFFEE... ALWAYS TOOK TEA WITH BREAKFAST! HE SMOKED WINSTON CIGARETTES... HIS FAVORITE FOODS WERE LOBSTER AND CLAMS...

I THINK WE'VE GONE OVER IT ENOUGH, HARRINGTON! I KNOW RIDGELY LIKE A BOOK... LET'S HOPE THE GANG DOESN'T!

ABOVE ALL, DON'T FORGET THE SUM WE BELIEVE RIDGELY WAS BEING BLACKMAILED FOR... \$2500! IF YOU FLUFF UP THERE, YOU MIGHT WIND UP PLAYING RIDGELY TO THE FINISH!

YES... THAT WOULD TIP OUR HANDS! BUT DON'T WORRY, HARRINGTON... YOU'LL HAVE AN ARMCHAIR SEAT TO ALL THE PROCEEDINGS! I'VE HAD A HIDDEN MIKE INSTALLED IN RIDGELY'S OFFICE!



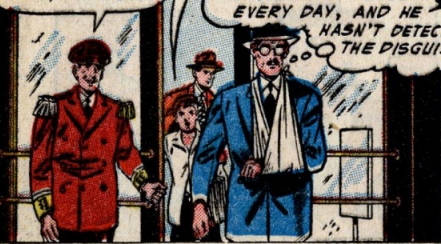


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UPON MY "RECOVERY" AND "RELEASE" FROM CITY HOSPITAL, HARRINGTON ISSUED A NEWS FLASH, AND I WENT INTO MY ACT...

EXTRA! EXTRA! RIDGELY DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF GUNMEN'S IDENTITY! D.A.'S CASE COLLAPSES!
NICE TO HAVE YOU BACK, MR. RIDGELY!
SO FAR, SO GOOD! THIS DOORMAN GREETED RIDGELY EVERY DAY, AND HE HASN'T DETECTED THE DISGUISE!



FOR TWO DAYS, MY IDENTITY WENT UNQUESTIONED AS I LOITERED ABOUT THE EXHIBIT. THEN, ON THE MORNING OF THE THIRD DAY...

MR. RIDGELY... WE'RE HERE TO... ER... CHECK THE ELECTRIC WIRING IN YOUR OFFICE... SEE IF IT NEEDS ANY REPAIRS!
OH, CERTAINLY! STEP THIS WAY, BOYS!



BUT ONCE IN THE PRIVACY OF THE OFFICE...

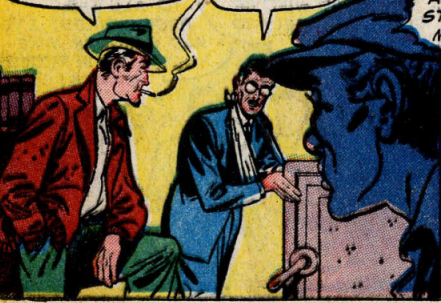
AWRIGHT... YOU CAN CUT THE ACT NOW, RIDGELY! THE BOSS SENT US OVER FROM THE SYNDICATE, BECAUSE HE FIGURED IT'D BE TOO HOT AROUND HERE FOR WILLIE AND JOEY AFTER THE SHOOTING!
OH... ER... OF COURSE! I WAS EXPECTING SOMEONE TO MAKE CONTACT! Y-YOU'RE NOT HERE TO... TO...



NOW... YOU'RE A SMART FELLOW, RIDGELY! KEEPING YOUR MOUTH SHUT TO THE D.A. HAS GIVEN YOU A NEW LEASE ON LIFE!
WHEN I'M CERTAINLY GLAD OF THAT! I--I WOULD HAVE PAID YOUR BOSS THE MONEY IF I KNEW HE'D CARRY OUT HIS DEATH THREAT!



WELL... YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY OFF THE HOOK YET, RIDGELY! THE BOSS STILL WANTS HIS CASH EVERY MONTH! THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE!
OH... I'M ONLY TOO HAPPY TO OBLIGE! YOU... WANT THE SAME FIGURE AS BEFORE?



I IMAGINED HARRINGTON'S PLEASURE AS HE HEARD THEIR REPLY OVER THE SOUND EQUIPMENT LOCATED IN THE NEXT BUILDING...

THAT'S RIGHT... THE SAME AS YOU PAID FOR NINE STRAIGHT MONTHS! NO MORE... NO LESS!
WHAT A BREAK! \$2500 WAS THE PAYOFF FIGURE... THAT SAVES THE D.A.'S SKIN!





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ACTUALLY... ER... I WAS HOPING TO TURN THIS OVER TO THE BOSS IN PERSON--- TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION FOR THE BREAK HE'S GIVEN ME!

HUH? YOU KNOW HE NEVER ALLOWS ANYONE AT THE HIDEOUT... NOT EVEN US, UNLESS IT'S AN EMERGENCY!

AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, THE HOODLUM'S REPLY NEARLY STUNNED ME...

GREAT SCOTT! IF THESE HOODS DON'T LEAD US TO THEIR HIDEOUT IMMEDIATELY, I MAY GO ON LIKE THIS FOR MONTHS, WITHOUT GETTING ANYWHERE! HMM... UNLESS THERE'S AN EMERGENCY, HE SAID! I WONDER...

IT WAS A DANGEROUS GAMBLE, BUT ONE THAT I HAD TO TAKE IF THIS GANG WAS TO BE APPREHENDED IN SHORT ORDER AND SO...

WELL, HERE IT IS-- \$5,000 ON THE NOSE! IT'S BEEN A DIFFICULT PAYMENT TO MEET--- BUT H-HUH? S-SURE, WELL WORTH MY LIFE, EH, BOYS? RIDDGELY... FIVE GRAND A MONTH IS STIFF--- BUT AS YOU SAY, WORTH IT! C'MON, BARNEY!



AND AT THAT VERY INSTANT, WHERE HARRINGTON HAD HEARD EVERY WORD...

\$5000? BUT I THOUGHT THE PAYOFF WAS \$2500!

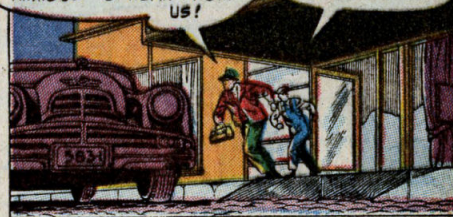
IT WAS! SOMETHING'S WRONG--- THE D.A.'S PRACTICALLY SIGNED HIS OWN DEATH WARRANT! IF ONLY HE HADN'T ORDERED ME NOT TO MAKE CONTACT WITH HIM...



MEANWHILE, AS I HAD ANTICIPATED, THE DOUBLE PAYOFF HAD CREATED AN "EMERGENCY" WITHIN THE CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION...

LET'S GET TO A PHONE FAST, BARNEY! I GOT A HUNCH THE BOSS WILL BE ANXIOUS TO HEAR FROM US!

HOW D'YOU LIKE THAT WILLIE AND JOEY? SMOOTH OPERATORS...



IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE...

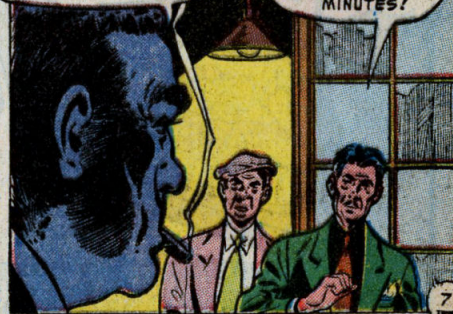
YOU'D BETTER LEVEL WITH US, BOYS! YOU'VE BEEN GETTING A DOUBLE PAY-OFF FROM RIDDGELY ALL THESE MONTHS AND TAKING THE TOP \$2500 FOR YOURSELVES!

B-BUT WE HAVEN'T BEEN CLIPPING, BOSS! HONEST... RIDDGELY'S TOSSIN' YOU A CURVE!



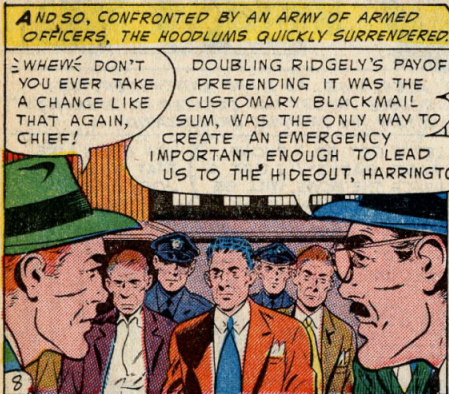
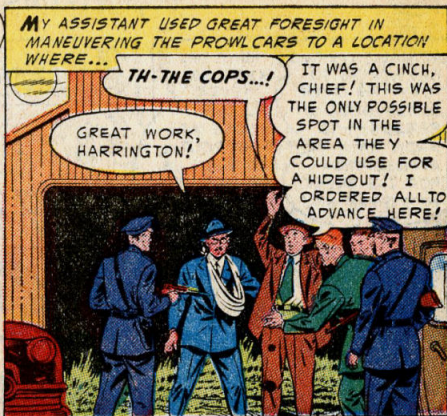
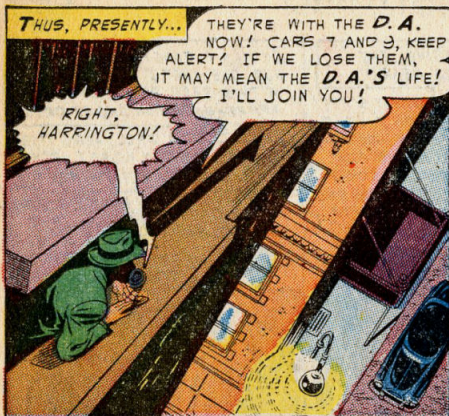
WELL... SOMEBODY IS! FRANK... CORNER RIDDGELY AND DRAG HIM OVER HERE! LET'S GET THESE CHARACTERS FACE TO FACE AND BATTLE IT OUT!

RIGHT, BOSS... BE BACK IN 30 MINUTES!





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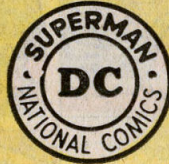
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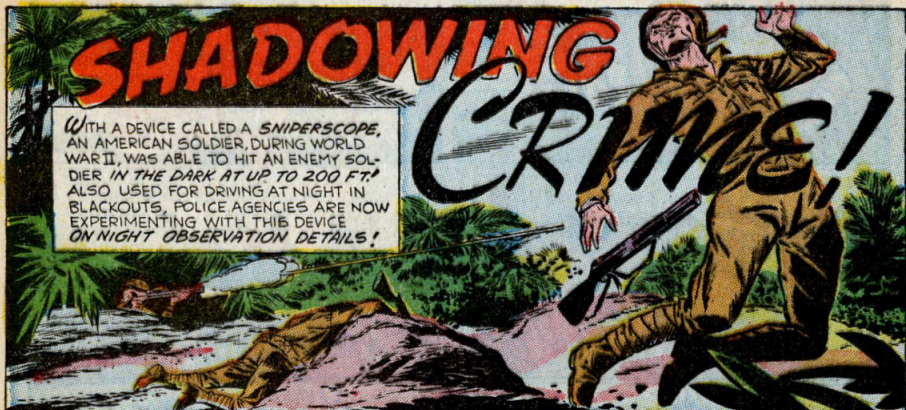
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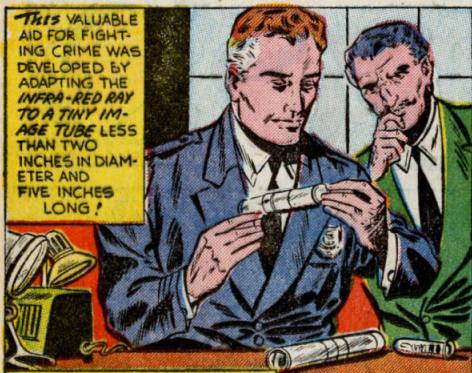
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SHADOWING
CRIME!

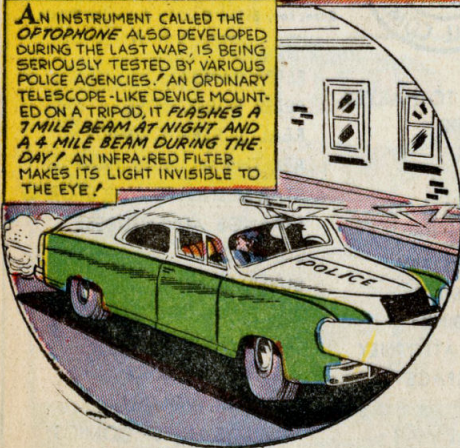
WITH A DEVICE CALLED A SNIPERSCOPE, AN AMERICAN SOLDIER, DURING WORLD WAR II, WAS ABLE TO HIT AN ENEMY SOLDIER IN THE DARK AT UP TO 200 FT. ALSO USED FOR DRIVING AT NIGHT IN BLACKOUTS, POLICE AGENCIES ARE NOW EXPERIMENTING WITH THIS DEVICE ON NIGHT OBSERVATION DETAILS!



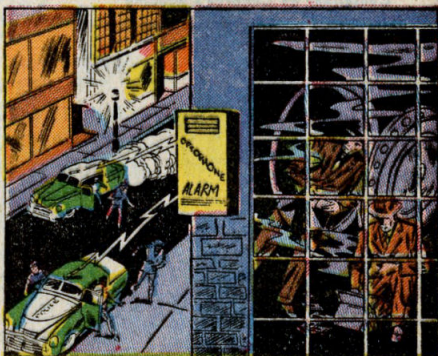
THIS VALUABLE AID FOR FIGHTING CRIME WAS DEVELOPED BY ADAPTING THE INFRA-RED RAY TO A TINY IMAGE TUBE LESS THAN TWO INCHES IN DIAMETER AND FIVE INCHES LONG!



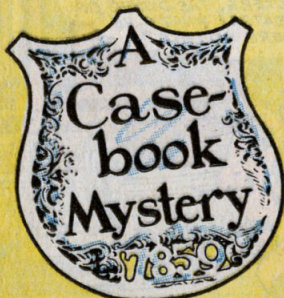
By OUTLINING IN THE DARK, THE SHADOW OF ANY OBJECT WHICH IS ORDINARILY ABSOLUTELY INVISIBLE TO THE EYE, THE DEVICE ENABLES POLICE TO TRACK THUGS WITHOUT BEING SPOTTED THEMSELVES!



AN INSTRUMENT CALLED THE OPTOPHONE ALSO DEVELOPED DURING THE LAST WAR, IS BEING SERIOUSLY TESTED BY VARIOUS POLICE AGENCIES. AN ORDINARY TELESCOPE-LIKE DEVICE MOUNTED ON A TRIPOD, IT FLASHES A 7 MILE BEAM AT NIGHT AND A 4 MILE BEAM DURING THE DAY! AN INFRA-RED FILTER MAKES ITS LIGHT INVISIBLE TO THE EYE!



WHEN THE BEAM IS FOCUSED ON THE OBJECTIVE, WHERE THE RECEIVING APPARATUS IS LOCATED, IT ACTUALLY TRANSMITS THE VOICE TO ITS DESTINATION WITHOUT THE USE OF WIRES!



The CASE OF THE THEATRE THEFTS!

Test YOUR Wits Against a Criminal!

ONE EVENING, IN THE OFFICE OF A MOVIE THEATRE, MANAGER HARRY TRINDLE RECEIVES A PHONE CALL...

...YOU'RE OFFERING ME THE MANAGER'S JOB AT THE TIVOLI THEATRE? MY AMBITION WAS TO HAVE A MOVIE HOUSE AS BIG AS THAT! CERTAINLY I ACCEPT! BUT, OF COURSE, I'LL HAVE TO GIVE MR. WALTERS, WHO OWNS THIS PLACE, TWO WEEKS' NOTICE!

WHAT A LUCKY BREAK! THE TIVOLI JOB PAYS ALMOST TWICE AS MUCH AS WHAT I'M GETTING HERE! IT'LL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO PAY OFF THOSE GAMBLING DEBTS OF MINE!



ROCKY BAKER'S COLLECTORS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

AS IF YOU DON'T KNOW! ROCKY SAYS, PAY UP! OR ELSE!

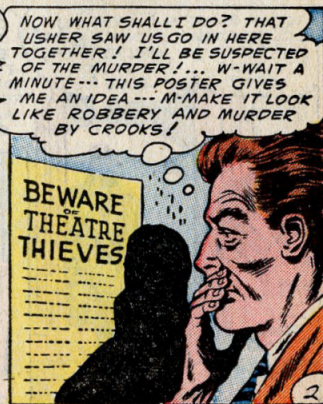
GIVE ME A BREAK! I'M GETTING A BETTER JOB! I'LL BE ABLE TO PAY OFF THE WHOLE AMOUNT SOON!

ROCKY SAYS, PAY UP OR ELSE! THERE MUST BE MONEY IN THAT SAFE! GO ON---OPEN IT UP!

BUT THIS \$1500 IS ALL THERE IS! IF---IF THIS SHORTAGE IS EVER FOUND OUT, I'LL BE RUINED!

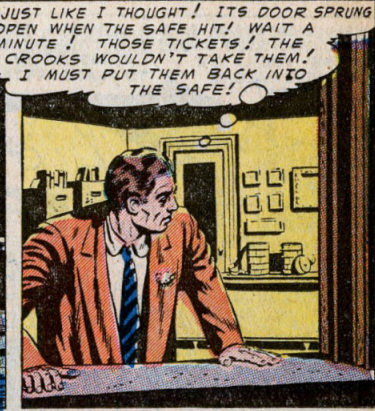
YOU SHOULD'VE THOUGHT OF THAT BEFORE YOU STARTED GAMBLING, TRINDLE! \$1500 IS JUST THE AMOUNT WE WANT. LET'S HAVE IT!







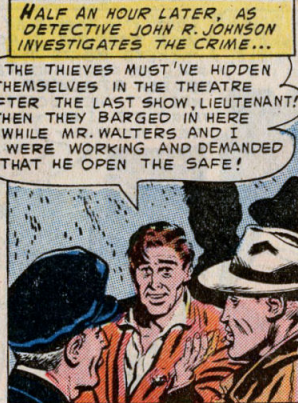
THAT... 'PUFF!'... WARNING NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW THEATRE THIEVES OPERATE... UNABLE TO OPEN THE SAFE, THEY DROP IT OUT INTO THE ALLEY BELOW... 'PUFF'... SPRINGING THE SAFE DOOR! T-THEN... 'PUFF'... THEY GRAB THE CASH!... THIS IS SURE... 'PUFF'... HEAVY!



JUST LIKE I THOUGHT! ITS DOOR SPRUNG OPEN WHEN THE SAFE HIT! WAIT A MINUTE! THOSE TICKETS! THE CROOKS WOULDN'T TAKE THEM! I MUST PUT THEM BACK INTO THE SAFE!



THUS, MINUTES LATER... I ALMOST MADE A FATAL ERROR... LEAVING OUT THESE TICKETS!... NOW, I'LL MUSS MYSELF UP A LITTLE AND CALL THE POLICE!

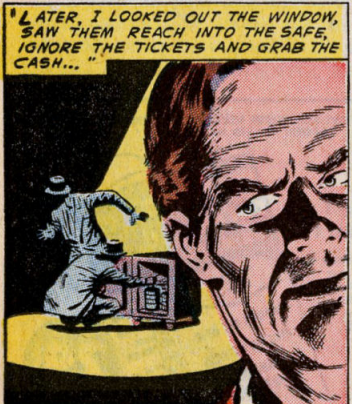


HALF AN HOUR LATER, AS DETECTIVE JOHN R. JOHNSON INVESTIGATES THE CRIME...

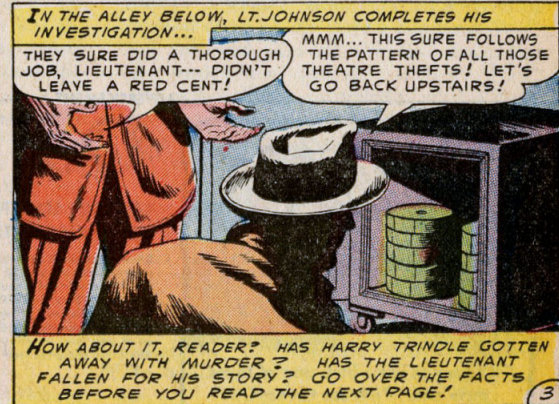
THE THIEVES MUST'VE HIDDEN THEMSELVES IN THE THEATRE AFTER THE LAST SHOW, LIEUTENANT! THEN THEY BARGED IN HERE WHILE MR. WALTERS AND I WERE WORKING AND DEMANDED THAT HE OPEN THE SAFE!



WHEN MR. WALTERS REFUSED, THEY HIT HIM WITH THAT JUG! THEN, USING THAT ROD AS A LEVER, THEY LIFTED THE SAFE UP TO THE WINDOW AND DROPPED IT TO THE ALLEY BELOW!



'LATER, I LOOKED OUT THE WINDOW, SAW THEM REACH INTO THE SAFE, IGNORE THE TICKETS AND GRAB THE CASH...'



IN THE ALLEY BELOW, LT. JOHNSON COMPLETES HIS INVESTIGATION...

THEY SURE DID A THOROUGH JOB, LIEUTENANT... DIDN'T LEAVE A RED CENT!

MMM... THIS SURE FOLLOWS THE PATTERN OF ALL THOSE THEATRE THEFTS! LET'S GO BACK UPSTAIRS!

HOW ABOUT IT, READER? HAS HARRY TRINDLE GOTTEN AWAY WITH MURDER? HAS THE LIEUTENANT FALLEN FOR HIS STORY? GO OVER THE FACTS BEFORE YOU READ THE NEXT PAGE!



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WELL, LIEUTENANT, I'VE TOLD YOU ALL I KNOW! GUESS YOU'LL BE RUNNING ALONG NOW!

SURE AM, TRINDLE, BUT YOU'RE RUNNING ALONG WITH ME--- TO HEADQUARTERS!

R.F. TODAY

COMING ATTRACTION!

ARE YOU KIDDING? WHAT'S THE IDEA? I'VE TOLD YOU ALL I KNOW--- IT'S THE TRUTH!

NO, HARRY TRINDLE, YOU LIED---AND I CAN PROVE THAT YOU LIED!

YOU SAID, THOSE CROOKS DROPPED THIS SAFE OUT OF THE WINDOW OF YOUR OFFICE, WHICH IS OFF THE BALCONY. THE FALL SPRUNG OPEN THE DOOR OF THE SAFE, WHICH LANDED RIGHT SIDE UP.

SO WHAT? THAT'S POSSIBLE, ISN'T IT?

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SURE, IT'S POSSIBLE! BUT WHAT IS NOT POSSIBLE IS FOR THOSE TICKETS INSIDE THE SAFE TO FALL 50 FEET AND REMAIN NEATLY STACKED! WHY WEREN'T THEY SCATTERED, YOU'RE TRINDLE? I'LL TELL YOU WHY---

NO, NEVER MIND! YOU'RE RIGHT! YOU'VE GUESSED WHAT HAPPENED, AND HOW I--- HOW I DID IT!

HARRY TRINDLE CONFESSED FULLY TO HIS CRIME. AND ONE DAY IN MARCH, LEARNED THE HARD WAY THAT THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS THE PERFECT CRIME.

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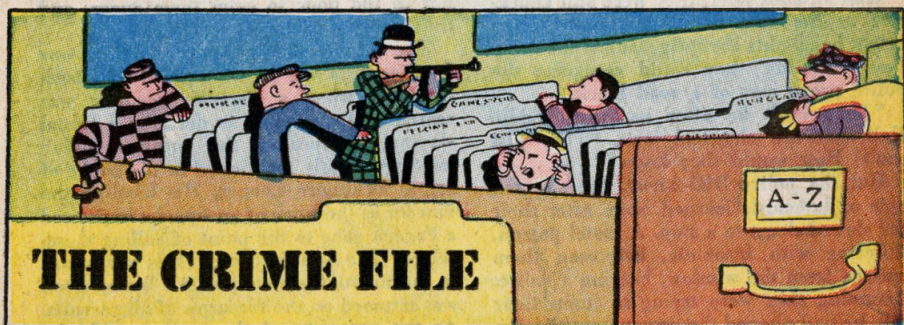
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For some reason or another, parrots have become the favorite family pet during the last few years. Breeders in this country are listing phenomenal and unprecedented sales. Ten thousand birds a week, mostly parakeets, then budgerigars and lovebirds, in that order of the parrot family, is average, with prices ranging from \$5 to \$1,000 each.

Nonetheless, with the nation's 50,000 breeders reporting that they are unable to meet the demands, crime has raised its ugly head. Parakeet-smuggling has burgeoned into one of the big-time rackets. Of the 80,000 birds which smugglers tried to slip in, 70,000 were intercepted by U. S. Customs officials. Why? There is a federal law, established 23 years ago, which forbids the importation of psittacine birds, that is, the parrot family. The reason for this was the revelation that they sometimes carry psittacosis, an illness which fells human beings.

Canny Customs officers have traced the giant smuggling ring not only to this country, Central and South America and Mexico, but also abroad to Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and Australia. Wetbacks—illegal Mexican migrants—have been responsible for a great many entries. Bearing special carrying cases on their backs, they travel across the border into this country, where a fleet of trucks await them. One man can transport as many as 500 birds at one time.

Smugglers resort to all kinds of trickery

to foil the government agents. Pausing at the Laredo, Texas, station to have his automobile inspected recently, a driver explained the squawking in the rear as his kids, raising a rumpus. Suspicious, the agent left his office where the driver was filling out a declaration, and strode to the car.

Under the back seat, he found a specially constructed wire cage, crammed with 300 parakeets, slightly under the influence of tequila, which had been fed them to assure quiet. Discovered, some of them gave voice to "Home, Sweet Home."

At least, that's what the Customs man described the song to be.

GEMS IN A JAM

Through slitted eyes, the two men—Dan Baxter and Eddie Hall—watched the stout jewelry salesman enter his cabin in the drive-in court on the town's outskirts. They had followed him all the way from the city, anticipating just such a move. Now, only a few hours to nightfall and a bedroom window separated them from the stout salesman's sample case containing \$25,000 in jewelry.

They waited patiently until dark, their greed driving out all thoughts of hunger and thirst. Then, some time after the bed lamp was extinguished, they edged carefully to the window. Deep, sonorous sleep summoned them. Carefully, they scaled the low ledge, and within moments, they were seizing the sample-laden valise, hurdling the window and streaking towards their car.

Half an hour later, they were still chuckling at the ease of their venture when bright headlights abruptly stabbed the darkness. Blinking, they could recognize the police prow cars of a road block.

"They can't be after us," said Eddie Hall, between clenched jaws. "They just can't! How would they know?"

But the police DID know, the stunned pair of larcenists learned, soon after their car slowed down to a stop. A motel patron, suffering with insomnia, had seen them emerge from the window, bearing a valise. Assuming they were trying to jump their bill, he had phoned the owner immediately.

"Two men?" said the incredulous proprietor, when informed of the escape. "But I don't understand when only *one* person checked in. And he was a jewelry salesman!"

No sooner were the words uttered than the possible explanation dawned on him. Hurriedly, he called the police, which broadcast an alert to all units.

Thus, thanks to an insomniac's sleepless night, two thieves came to spend many a sleepless night, too, during the six years of their subsequent imprisonment.

ROAD HOG

The scene recently occurred in a courtroom. Two motorists were suing each other, after a collision in which both had run head-on into one another. After listening to the testimony of one of the drivers, the judge looked upon him with disfavor.

"From what you claim," said His Honor, "it seems to me that you must have seen this driver coming towards you. Why didn't you stay on your side and let him have half of the road?"

The litigant sighed wearily. "Half of the road? I'd gladly have given it to him—if I knew which half he wanted!" he said.

HOW IT STARTED

Did you know that in the days of ancient Rome, a bribe was regarded as a gift? Bribe in Latin meant bread, and the rich left scraps of it for the beggars as a present. Eventually, the word assumed another value. These morsels, known as bribes, were

left to the poor to calm their anger, and thus prevent riots.

The infamy of the Apaches during our frontier days was so widespread that back in 1894, when a Parisian reporter was searching for a word to describe a brutal slaying, he recalled the ruthless Indian tribe frequently mentioned in the books of James Fenimore Cooper. His labeling the murder as the work of an Apache impressed a French gang to the point of calling themselves "The Apache Gang." This was meant to intimidate their victims. An Indian head was tattooed on the forearms of all recruits. As the notoriety of the gang spread, the word Apache was applied to all Parisian criminals.

BLOTTER JOTTINGS

ARDMORE, Okla.: Two men broke out of the Carter County Jail by cutting through the wall with a can opener.

OSAKA, Japan: When a wooden Buddhist statue fell from a temple shelf, killing a worshipper, his influential family demanded that the idol and 14 others be tried for murder. All were found guilty and publicly beheaded.

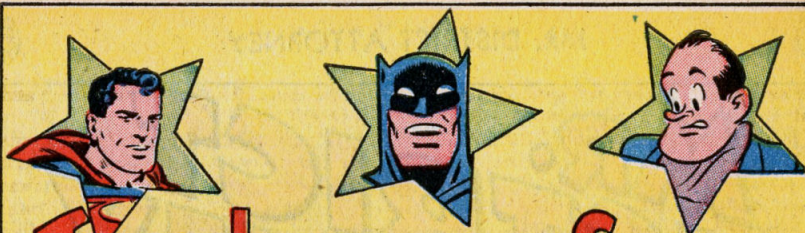
MEXICO CITY: The City Prosecutor received a telegram soon after a relative reported his house had been robbed. "Sorry. We didn't know he was in your family. Loot is being returned to you via mail," read the wire from the apologetic thieves.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.: Inmates of the county jail were allowed to pay for their meals, thus shortening the length of their stay.

LONDON, England: Summoned to jury duty, a vaudeville entertainer asked to be excused on the grounds that his ability to read minds might prove embarrassing to the court.

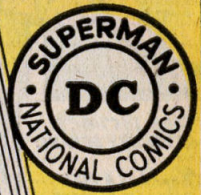
CHICAGO: Informed by a stranger that his wife had been seriously injured in an auto accident, the night watchman of an excavation job lit out for home only to find his wife abed. Returning, nonplussed, the hoax soon became clear when he noticed that someone had taken off with the steam shovel.

WATERLOO, Nebr.: A local ordinance makes it illegal for barbers to eat onions between 7 A.M. and 7 P.M.



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LOOK WHO'S MIXED UP WITH THAT GANG, D.A.-- THE YOUNG FELLA YOU TOOK A PERSONAL INTEREST IN! YOUR PAL... THE KID YOU STUCK YOUR CHIN OUT FOR!

HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO WRONG...? I--I WAS SURE I COULD TRUST HIM!

YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

THERE IS A RULE THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TRY TO OBSERVE AT ALL TIMES... AND THAT IS, NEVER TO DISPLAY ANY PERSONAL BIAS TOWARD ANY PARTICULAR CRIMINAL NOR BY THE SAME TOKEN, TO GIVE SPECIAL TREATMENT TO AN INDIVIDUAL! BUT EVERY RULE HAS ITS EXCEPTIONS, AND YOU WILL SEE FOR YOURSELF WHY I BROKE THAT RULE IN THE CASE CALLED...

"The LIFE AND DEATH OF A CRIMINAL!"

I DIDN'T KNOW JOE HONG WHEN HE WAS A SMALL BOY, BUT I KNEW WHERE HE'D BEEN BROUGHT UP... AND I COULD SURMISE WHAT HIS EARLY LIFE MUST HAVE BEEN LIKE...



AND FROM A HUNGER FOR THE THINGS THAT EVERY LITTLE BOY SHOULD HAVE, IT WAS ONLY A SINGLE STEP TO...

MOM, CAN I GO TO THE MOVIES WITH JIMMY DUGAN?

SORRY, SON... JIMMY DUGAN'S GOT A PA TO BRING MONEY INTO THE HOUSE! WE HAVEN'T... AND THERE'S NOT ENOUGH FOR THE THINGS WE NEED, LET ALONE THE MOVIES!

COME ON, JOE... LET'S COP ONE! WE CAN'T SELL THEM FOR 15 CENTS APIECE! ARE YOU GAME?

15 CENTS? REALLY? GOSH, I--I COULD BUY LOTS OF THINGS FOR THAT MUCH MONEY!





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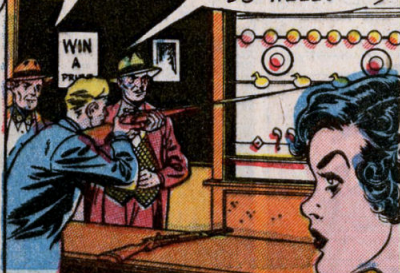
AS I SAID, I DIDN'T KNOW JOE HONG AS A BOY, NO, OUR PATHS CROSSED MANY YEARS LATER, IN CONNECTION WITH THE LUKE PETERS CASE...



"... WHICH BEGAN, OFFICIALLY, ON SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1951, AT THE BERRY BROS. CARNIVAL..."

BULL'S-EYE! YOU SURE CAN SHOOT, JOE!

TELLIN' ME? MY MOM SAYS IT'S THE ONLY THING I CAN DO WELL!



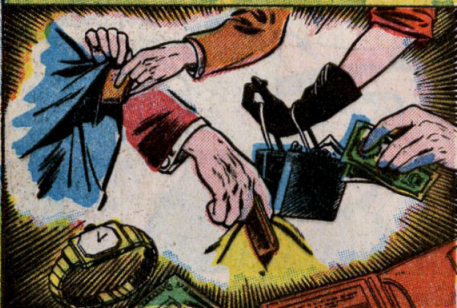
"JUST THEN..."

OKAY, JOE--- LUKE SAYS TO START CIRCULATING IN THE CROWD!

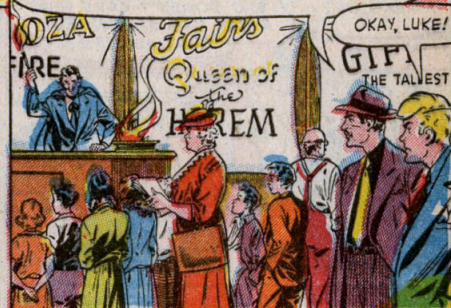
RIGHT! WAIT'LL I TAKE THIS ONE LAST SHOT!



"AND IN THE FOLLOWING MINUTES, LUKE PETERS' GROUP OF PICKPOCKETS, OF WHICH JOE HONG WAS A MEMBER, BEGAN RELIEVING THE GAPING CUSTOMERS OF THEIR MONEY AND VALUABLES..."



HEY, JOE... SEE THAT LADY STANDING IN FRONT OF THE FIRE-EATER? SHE'S GOT ABOUT EIGHT KIDS... MUST BE CARRYING PLENTY OF CASH IN THAT BAG! LIFT IT!



"JOE MANAGED TO LIFT THE WOMAN'S CHANGE PURSE... BUT INSTEAD OF DUCKING AWAY, HE DID A STARTLING THING..."

EEK! HELP! THIEF!

NO, LADY...NO! I---I'M TRYING TO PUT IT BACK!

YOU BLASTED IDIOT! YOU GOIN' CRAZY?

YOU DIRTY DOUBLE-CROSSER! I'LL KILL YOU! I'LL KILL YOU!

NO, LUKE---I DIDN'T DOUBLE-CROSS YOU! IT WAS THOSE EIGHT KIDS... I---I JUST COULDN'T...

SHUT UP, YOU CHEAP HOODS, BEFORE I SEND FOR A COUPLE OF STRAIT-JACKETS!



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AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AT THE 13TH PRECINCT, WHERE HARRINGTON AND I HAD GONE TO QUESTION A SUSPECT IN ANOTHER CASE...

LUKE CALLED IT SOFTNESS, BUT I FOUND ANOTHER WORD FOR IT... **DECENCY!** JOE HONG HAS GIVEN SIX MONTHS... AND WHEN HE WAS RELEASED, I MADE IT MY BUSINESS TO BE ON HAND...

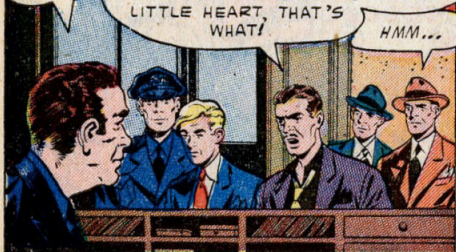
HOW'D YOU NAB THEM, NOLAN?

I'LL TELL YOU, COPPER... BECAUSE THIS PUNK WENT SOFT ON ME! YEAH, THE POOR OLD WOMAN HAD EIGHT KIDS, SO HE COULDN'T TAKE HER DOUGH! BROKE HIS POOR LITTLE HEART, THAT'S WHAT!

HMM...

THE **D.A.**! WHAT DO YOU WANT? I SERVED MY TIME... DON'T START RIDING ME!

I DIDN'T COME HERE TO RIDE YOU, JOE! I'D LIKE TO HELP YOU, IF YOU'LL LET ME!

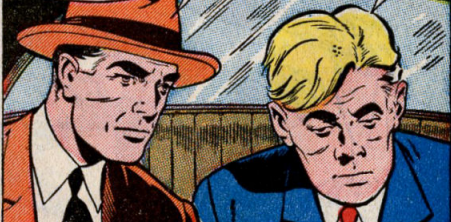


HA, HA... DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! WHO-EVER HEARD OF A COP HELPING AN EX-CON?

I HAVE, JOE... MANY TIMES! LISTEN, JOE... I CAN GET YOU A JOB... WITH A FRIEND OF MINE WHO DOESN'T CARE WHAT A MAN HAS **BEEEN**, BUT WHAT HE **IS!**

DEEP DOWN, YOU'RE DECENT, JOE! YOU SHOWED THAT! TAKE THE JOB --- SETTLE DOWN... GO STRAIGHT! YOU CAN DO IT... I'LL **HELP** YOU DO IT!

I---I DON'T KNOW, **D.A.**! I'VE GOT TWO STRIKES AGAINST ME, YOU KNOW! L-LET ME THINK IT OVER!



WELL, JOE FINALLY **DID** TAKE THE JOB! IT WAS HARD WORK, BUT HE STUCK TO IT DILIGENTLY, WHILE I KEPT CLOSE TABS ON HIM...

BUT THERE WERE ALSO FORCES OVER WHICH I HAD NO CONTROL. REMEMBER, JOE'S WHOLE LIFE HAD BEEN SPENT ACQUIRING EASY MONEY, AND HE WAS STILL BESET BY TEMPTATIONS ON ALL SIDES...

I'VE GOT AN IDEA HE'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT, HARRINGTON!

HOPE SO, CHIEF --- FOR **YOUR** SAKE AS WELL AS **HIS!**

GREAT DANCE AT THE PLAZA, JOE... LET'S GO!

SORRY, MIKE --- BUT I'M BROKE!

AAH, JOE'S ALWAYS BROKE THESE DAYS!



SURE, ALWAYS BROKE! SURE, ALWAYS BROKE!

"NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, IT NEVER SEEMED TO LET UP..."

HEY, JOEY--- JAKE TROY INVITED US FOR A WEEK-END EXCURSION ON HIS NEW YACHT! HOW ABOUT TAGGING ALONG?

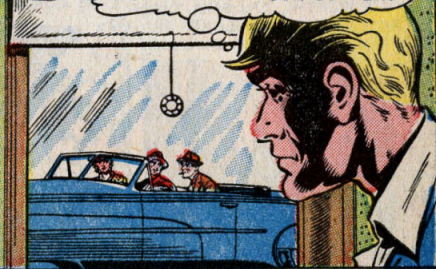
JAKE TROY? THAT MUG? SORRY...CAN'T MAKE IT! BESIDES, I HAVE TO GET UP EARLY AND GO TO WORK!

STOP TALKIN' LIKE A SAP, JOE!



"JOE LISTENED TO THE USUAL KIDDING BEFORE THE HOODS LEFT--- BUT ONCE HE WAS ALONE..."

M-MAYBE I AM A SAP... B-BUT THAT'S HOW IT'S GOING TO BE FROM NOW ON! SO GET YOUR EYES OFF THAT CONVERTIBLE, AND GO FINISH YOUR SUPPER!



"HOWEVER, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN THE HANG-OUT OF JAMES 'BUGS' MALLOY, A SMALL-TIME OPERATOR WITH BIG-TIME IDEAS..."

WHAT ABOUT THE BELDING WAREHOUSE JOB, BUGS? DID YOU GET A GOOD TRIGGER MAN TO COME IN ON IT?

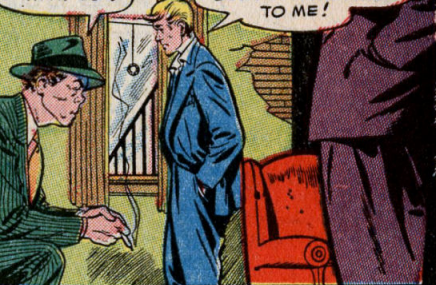
I SPOKE TO JOE HONG ABOUT IT YESTERDAY--- NOBODY'S A BETTER SHOT THAN JOE! HE SAID, NO--- BUT I THINK I CAN CHANGE HIS MIND! COME ON--- WE'LL GO SEE HIM NOW!



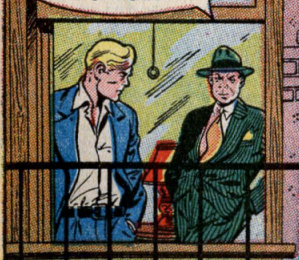
"BUGS AND HIS HOODLUMS DROVE CROSSTOWN TO JOE'S PLACE, WHERE..."

WHAT D'YA SAY, JOE? COMIN' IN WITH US?

NO, BUGS---NO! I'M TRYING TO GO STRAIGHT--- THE D.A.'S BEEN A REAL FRIEND TO ME!



DON'T BE A FOOL, JOE! THAT'S THE D.A.'S JOB--- TO MAKE PUNKS LIKE YOU GO STRAIGHT! HE GETS GOOD MONEY FOR IT--- BUT WHAT'VE YOU GOT? HUH--- CAN'T EVEN TAKE YOUR GIRL TO A DANCE!



LOOK AT YOURSELF, KID--- LIVIN' IN A SHABBY HOLE IN A WALL--- WEARIN' TORN, PATCHED PANTS! LISTEN, KID--- THERE'S 10 GRAND IN THIS JOB--- AND TWO GRAND IS EARMARKED FOR YOU!



I'M TELLIN' YOU, JOE--- DON'T BE A CHUMP! WITH TWO GRAND, YOU CAN MARRY THAT CUTE GIRL OF YOURS, FIX UP A NICE HOME, IN A NICE NEIGHBORHOOD! WHAT D'YA SAY, KID--- WHAT D'YA SAY?



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WELL, WITH ALL THAT INDUCEMENT, JOE FINALLY WEAKENED... HE SAID, YES! A PLAN OF ACTION WAS AGREED UPON... AND WHEN BUGS AND HIS BOYS STARTED TO LEAVE...

DON'T WORRY... THERE **WON'T** BE ANY, KID! IT'S JUST TO SCARE THE NIGHT WATCHMAN, THAT'S ALL!
OH---OKAY, BUGS! I'LL MEET YOU AT 11 O'CLOCK ON THE CORNER!

BUT WHAT NONE OF THEM KNEW AT THE TIME WAS THAT BUGS WAS BEING TAILED BY A MAN FROM MY OFFICE ON SUSPICION OF HAVING PULLED ANOTHER JOB... AND WHEN THEY WERE LEAVING...

M-MY BY THE WAY, KID... ROD? BUT YOU SAID THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY GUNPLAY!
DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR ROD ALONG!

THAT'S RIGHT... THE BELDING WAREHOUSE CLOSES AT 10 O'CLOCK--- SO WE GOTTA MAKE IT BY ABOUT 12!
OH-OH... I'D BETTER NOTIFY THE D.A. AT ONCE!



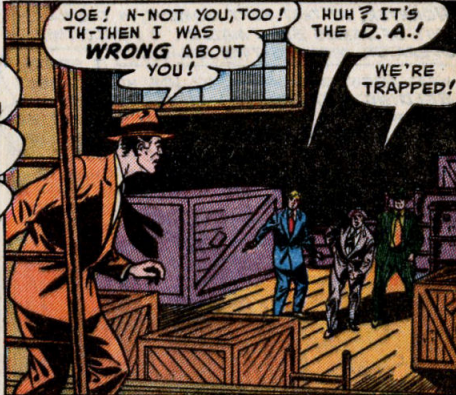
ACCORDINGLY, THAT NIGHT, AFTER STATIONING HARRINGTON AND A NUMBER OF POLICEMEN OUTSIDE THE WAREHOUSE, I WENT INSIDE TO WAIT FOR BUGS! I'D BEEN AFTER HIM FOR SOME TIME AND WANTED TO CATCH HIM REDHANDED! I DIDN'T HAVE LONG TO WAIT... BUT A BIG SHOCK WAS IN STORE FOR ME!



JOE! N-NOT YOU, TOO! TH-THEN I WAS WRONG ABOUT YOU!

HUH? IT'S THE D. A.!

WE'RE TRAPPED!

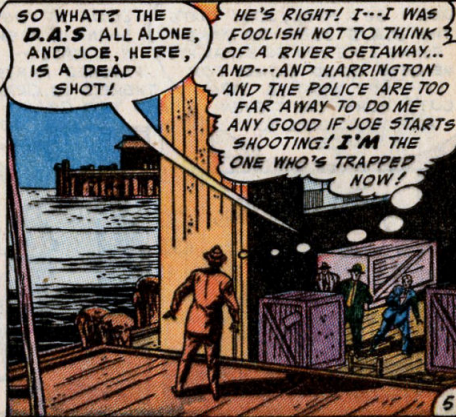
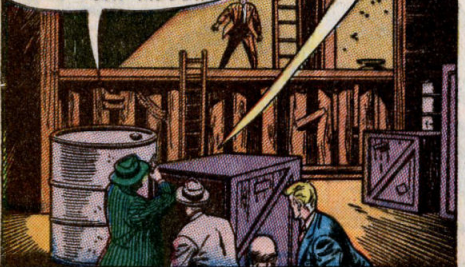


NO WE'RE NOT! I NEVER PULL A JOB BEFORE I MAKE SURE WE HAVE A PERFECT GETAWAY! THAT PLATFORM LEADS TO THE RIVER, WHERE I GOT A FAST BOAT HIDDEN!

ARE YOU CRAZY? THE D.A.'S GOT US CUTOFF FROM THE RIVER EXIT!

SO WHAT? THE D.A.'S ALL ALONE, AND JOE, HERE, IS A DEAD SHOT!

HE'S RIGHT! I--- I WAS FOOLISH NOT TO THINK OF A RIVER GETAWAY... AND---AND HARRINGTON AND THE POLICE ARE TOO FAR AWAY TO DO ME ANY GOOD IF JOE STARTS SHOOTING! I'M THE ONE WHO'S TRAPPED NOW!



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, JOE? THE D.A. IS THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS YOU'RE MIXED UP IN THIS JOB! KILL HIM, AND YOU'LL BE IN THE CLEAR!

BUT I---I CAN'T... I CAN'T...!

YOU'VE GOT TO, JOE! THE D.A. CAN'T BE YOUR PAL ANYMORE... HE'LL SEND YOU UP EVEN IF YOU DON'T SHOOT HIM!

SURE---THAT'S HIS DUTY! YOU BREAK THE LAW, HE SENDS YOU TO JAIL!

NO, I WON'T! I---I CAN'T KILL ANYONE, MUCH LESS THE D.A.! I'D RATHER ROT IN JAIL THE REST OF MY LIFE!

OKAY, SWEETHEART... I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO IT MYSELF!

YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS, BUGS!

KILL HIM, JOE---SO WE CAN ALL GET OUT OF HERE!

SAYS YOU! HA--- I GOT A PERFECT SHOT AT HIM!

DON'T DO IT, BUGS--- DON'T DO IT!

"A GUN BARKED... BUT IT WASN'T BUGS' GUN! AND IN THE NEXT MOMENT..."

I---I HAD TO, YOU---YOU SHOT ME...?

BUGS! I WAS TOO FAR FROM YOU--- IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO STOP YOU! I---I COULDN'T LET YOU KILL THE D.A.!

"AND SOON..."

I SOB! LET YOU DOWN, D.A.! I'M NO GOOD... I PROVED IT... I'M NO GOOD!

NO---YOU PROVED WHAT I'VE ALWAYS SUSPECTED ABOUT YOU, JOE... YOU'RE JUST NOT A CRIMINAL! AFTER THIS EXPERIENCE, I'M SURE I'LL NEVER HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOU AGAIN!

THIS, AS YOU CAN SEE, APPREHENDING CRIMINALS CONSTITUTES THE BULK OF MY WORK--- BUT TRYING TO REFORM THEM IS PART OF THE JOB, TOO! ARE YOU WONDERING WHY I CALLED THIS CASE, "THE LIFE AND DEATH OF A CRIMINAL"?

WELL, ACTUALLY, THE DEATH DOESN'T REFER TO JOE'S LIFE... BUT TO HIS CRIMINAL CAREER! SORRY IF I SEEMED TO MISLEAD YOU!

THE END

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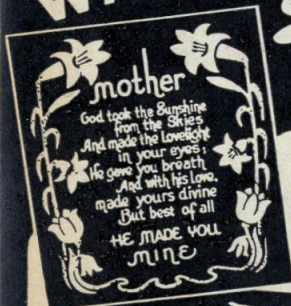
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