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Featuring
"THE CONVICT WHO REFUSED FREEDOM!"

HOLD IT, MEN--
THIS IS THE END
OF THE LINE!
WE'VE GOT YOUR
RINGLEADER!

THAT
WON'T STOP US, D.A.--
WE'RE CRASHING OUT
OF HERE!



LEAVE IT TO Binky

"HOME, SWEET HOME!"

HIYA, LUCY! GOSH, THAT'S SWEET OF YOU SETTING OUT THOSE COOKIES FOR MY PARTY TONIGHT.

YOUR PARTY? THESE ARE FOR THE MEMBERS OF MY SCHOOL CLUB WHO ARE MEETING HERE TONIGHT.

WHAT? BUT I SPOKE TO MOTHER LAST WEEK ABOUT HAVING MY CROWD OVER TONIGHT, AND SHE SAID IT WAS OKAY!

I'M SORRY, BINKY, BUT MOTHER MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT MY MEETING. YOU'LL HAVE TO CALL YOUR PARTY OFF!

OH-OH. THERE'S GONNA BE FIREWORKS ANY MINUTE!

MOM! POP!

NOW, WAIT A MINUTE, CHILDREN, BEFORE YOU START ANY FURTHER BICKERING. LET'S DISCUSS THIS SENSIBLY, SAME AS YOU DO AT YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL MEETINGS.

YES, AND AT HOME, TOO. FATHER AND I DISCUSS FAMILY MATTERS WITH YOU, DON'T WE?

WELL, I DON'T SEE ANY WAY OUT.

LET'S TRY... DOES YOUR MEETING HAVE TO TAKE UP THE WHOLE EVENING?

NO-O... WE'RE STARTING AT 8 - AND I SUPPOSE WE *COULD* BE THROUGH BY 9:30.

THEN, PERHAPS BINKY COULD POSTPONE HIS PARTY UNTIL THEN, AND YOU COULD DO SOMETHING AFTERWARDS..

SURE! I'LL ORGANIZE A TREASURE HUNT THAT'LL TAKE US AWAY FROM THE HOUSE UNTIL THE MEETING IS OVER. HOW'S THAT?

THAT'S OKAY WITH ME! WE'LL GO ROLLER-SKATING AFTER OUR MEETING.

PERFECT! THEN NOBODY WILL BE IN THE WAY OF YOUR GROUP, LUCY--AND BINKY'S CROWD CAN TAKE OVER AFTERWARDS! I HAVE ENOUGH COOKIES FOR EVERYBODY!

THAT'S THE SPIRIT! IT'S WONDERFUL WHAT A LITTLE DISCUSSION WILL DO!

NOW I CAN HAVE SOME PEACE AROUND HERE! I'M ALL FOR MORE DEMOCRACY AT HOME!

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GET THIS STRAIGHT, D.A.! I'M WALKING OUT OF HERE, **FREE** ... AND YOU'D BETTER NOT TRY TO FOLLOW ... OR THE DAME GETS IT!

DROP YOUR GUN, HARRINGTON! WE FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH LATTIMORE ONLY TO HAVE HIM ESCAPE FROM OUR GRASP!

YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

MAYBE YOU RECALL DUKE LATTIMORE, ELUSIVE BOSS OF A CRIME EMPIRE THAT STRETCHED FROM COAST TO COAST, AND WHO MANAGED, SOMEHOW, ALWAYS TO KEEP ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE LAW! ... BUT THE LAW HAS UNUSUAL METHODS OF CATCHING "CLEVER" CRIMINALS...

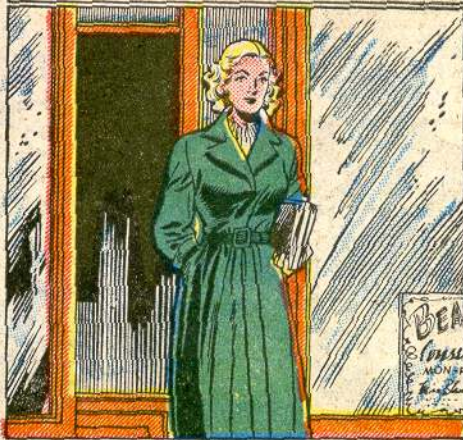
AND ONE SUCH METHOD INVOLVED MY SECRETARY, WHO WORKED OUT A SURPRISING AND PERILOUS PLAN TO CATCH A KILLER, IN WHAT WE LATER CALLED...

Miss Miller's
BIG CASE!



IT WAS TEN O'CLOCK ON A MONDAY MORNING, A YEAR AGO, THAT MISS MILLER, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S SECRETARY, ENTERED A BEAUTY PARLOR...

AND IT WAS SHORTLY AFTER THE NOON HOUR WHEN SHE EMERGED, HER HAIR DYED A SPARKLING BLONDE!

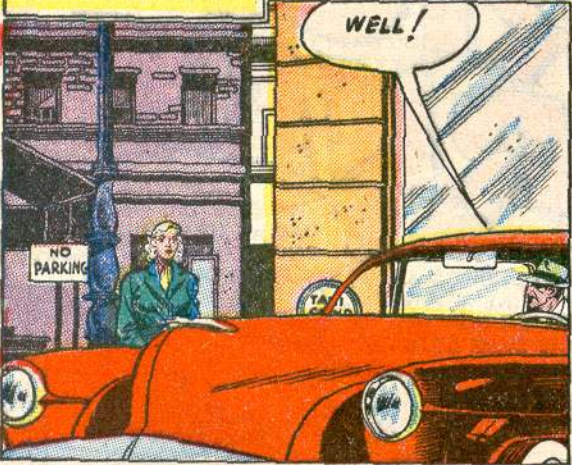




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SHE MADE HER WAY ACROSS TOWN, TWO BLOCKS WEST, THEN WAITED AT A PRE-ARRANGED SPOT... A HACK STAND...



WELL!

THE MAN WHO DROVE UP IN A SEDAN WAS DUKE LATTIMORE, BOSS OF A FABULOUS CRIME NETWORK...



KIND OF TOUGH GETTING A CAB AT THIS TIME OF DAY, MISS! MAY I HAVE THE PLEASURE...?

I DON'T MIND WAITING FOR A TAXI, THANK YOU!

I KNEW HE'D BE HERE! SO FAR, SO GOOD... NOW TO MAKE MY "PITCH"!

OH, DEAR! I'VE... ER... FORGOTTEN MY CHANGE PURSE!
NO MONEY... NO TAXI! YOU SEE THE KNIGHT ON THE WHITE CHARGER COMES IN HANDY AFTER ALL!... PLEASE PERMIT ME...!



AND WITH THAT, THE D.A.'S SECRETARY CLIMBED IN AND SAT NEXT TO THE MAN WHO WAS, AT THAT MOMENT, THE NATION'S MOST NOTORIOUS RACKETEER...



WHERE TO?

THE LIBRARY, PLEASE...

AND SO, HERE I AM... RIGHT NEXT TO GANGLAND'S TOP BOSS! MY PLAN WILL HAVE TO WORK!

"IT'S STRANGE HOW PREVIOUS EVENTS FLASH THROUGH YOUR MIND, JUST AS YOU'RE ABOUT TO CLIMAX A DARING PLAN... A PLAN TO JAIL A MAN LIKE LATTIMORE, A PUSH-BUTTON KILLER!"



YEAH—YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO! SO DO IT... OR I'LL GET SOMEBODY WHO CAN!

SURE, BOSS... SURE!

SO, THE NEXT DAY, A COUPLE OF VENDING STANDS WERE BLOWN UP IN A LARGE MIDWESTERN CITY... AND, THOUGH LATTIMORE WAS BEHIND IT, THERE WAS NO PROOF...



HIS GANG LIEUTENANTS CALL IN PERSON AT VARIOUS EAST COAST SPOTS TO PAY OFF... THAT WE KNOW, TOO... BUT, AGAIN, WITHOUT CONCRETE PROOF...



20...30...40...50...60... 60 GRAND! LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION!

GOOD WORK, CHARLIE! NOW GO OUT ON DECK AND ENJOY THE SUN! I JUST WANT TO SIT HERE AND COUNT THIS NICE GREEN STUFF!



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"APPARENTLY SAFE FROM THE LAW, AND FAR FROM THE ENVIRONS OF THE VIOLENT CRIMES HE BOSSED, LATTIMORE LIVED LIKE A RICH FEUDAL LORD..."



THIS IS PERFECTLY MARVELOUS, DUKE!

REALLY NOTHING, BABY... NOTHING AT ALL! HAVE SOME MORE CHAMPAGNE...

"THE D.A., MEANWHILE, SOUGHT IN VAIN FOR EVIDENCE OR WITNESSES... SUCH AS THE NIGHT, RECENTLY, WHEN HE TRACKED DOWN LARRY (THE LIMP) HAGGERTY..."



HAGGERTY'S ONE OF LATTIMORE'S HENCHMEN! ...WE'VE GOT TO TAKE HIM! HAGGERTY!... DON'T BE A FOOL! YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT!

BLAM

"BUT THE FRIGHTENED FUGITIVE WOULDN'T LISTEN ... AND THE NEXT INSTANT, AS HE CLIMBED OUT ONTO THE LEDGE..."



WHAT... I SLIPPED!... D.A.-HELP ME... YA-A-A-A

TOO LATE, HARRINGTON! THERE GOES OUR CASE AGAINST LATTIMORE!

"ANOTHER LATTIMORE HENCHMAN, ALBERT (BELL-HEAD) PINEWORTH, TELEPHONED THE D.A. TO MEET HIM AT AN ADDRESS ON DOCK STREET WHERE HE WOULD 'SING'... BUT, WHEN THE CHIEF ARRIVED MINUTES LATER..."



LATTIMORE'S GANG GOT TO BELL-HEAD FIRST, ANOTHER CASE GONE IN A BURST OF MACHINE GUN FIRE!

IF ONLY HE'D HAVE COME TO US SOONER, HE'D STILL BE ALIVE NOW!

"FINALLY... YESTERDAY TO BE EXACT... I CAME INTO THE CASE, PERSONALLY, WHILE THE CHIEF AND HARRINGTON WERE EXAMINING PHOTOGRAPHS OF LATTIMORE..."



AND, LATTIMORE CONTINUES LIVING OFF THE FAT OF HIS RACKET... EXPENSIVE CLOTHES, AN IMPORTED CAR, A YACHT...

AND I NOTICE HE HAS A TENDENCY TOWARD BEAUTIFUL BLONDES, CHIEF!

"IT WAS THEN... EXACTLY THEN... THAT I GOT MY BIG IDEA ..."



LATTIMORE LIKES BLONDES, YOU SAY? WELL, MAYBE I CAN HELP OUT, CHIEF!

HUH? WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, MISS MILLER?

YOU'VE MENTIONED BEFORE THAT YOU KNOW OF A HIDEOUT APARTMENT MAINTAINED BY LATTIMORE...AND YOU'VE SAID THAT IF YOU COULD GET THE KEYS TO THAT FLAT, YOU'D PROBABLY FIND EVIDENCE TO CONVICT LATTIMORE! RIGHT?

YES... BUT...

"BUT" NOTHING! I'M GOING TO GET THOSE KEYS FOR YOU...AFTER I DYE MY HAIR BLONDE! LATTIMORE LIKES BEAUTIFUL BLONDES, REMEMBER?

YOU? A BLONDE?

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK LATTIMORE WOULD TAKE A FANCY TO YOU, MISS MILLER? HA, HA!

DON'T YOU THINK I'M...UH... BEAUTIFUL, HARRINGTON?

I WAS ONLY KIDDING!

ALL JOKING ASIDE... LATTIMORE'S A KILLER! ANY PLAN YOU MIGHT HAVE IN MIND IS OUT, MISS MILLER!

HE MAY BE A KILLER, CHIEF, BUT HE CERTAINLY WON'T SHOOT ME IN BROAD DAYLIGHT, IN FRONT OF HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE...WHICH IS THE ONLY TIME HE'LL EVER SEE ME! I WON'T BE IN ANY DANGER, CHIEF! NOW, LISTEN...

WELL, I FINALLY TALKED THEM INTO IT...

...AND, SO, HERE I AM! AND HERE GOES WITH MY PLAN...

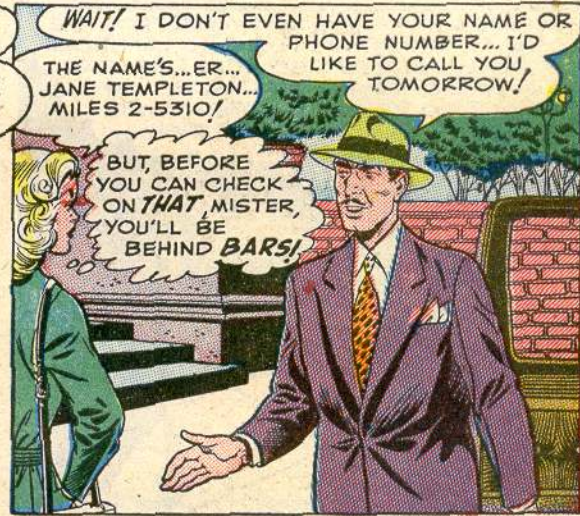
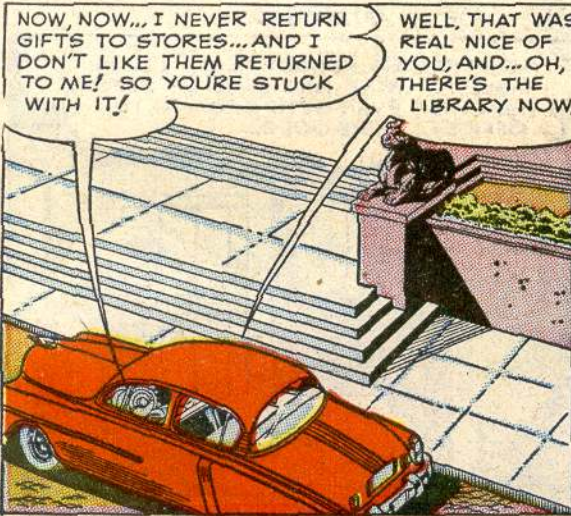
OH, DEAR... NOW IF THAT ISN'T JUST LIKE A WOMAN! I'VE ALSO... ER...FORGOTTEN MY LIPSTICK!

YOU HAVE?

THEN WE'LL STOP HERE! I'LL BE GONE FOR JUST A MOMENT...EXCUSE ME!

WHEN THE CRIME BOSS WENT INTO THE STORE, THE D.A.'S SECRETARY QUICKLY DREW SOFT CLAY FROM HER PURSE, AND...

IT WORKED! I GOT HIM OUT OF THE CAR...AND HE LEFT THE KEYS!...NOW TO MAKE A CLAY IMPRESSION OF THEM BEFORE HE RETURNS!



HOWEVER, UNKNOWN TO MISS MILLER, THE FOLLOWING SCENE HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE AT THE DA'S OFFICE, WHERE A DISGUISED DETECTIVE ENTERED, AND...

MY ROLE AS AN UNDERWORLD CHARACTER IS ENDED, CHIEF, AND I'VE GOT A TIP HOTTER THAN FIRE! ONE OF LATTIMORE'S BIG LIEUTENANTS FROM THE WEST WILL BE IN TOWN TONIGHT FOR A CASH PAYOFF!

THE PAYOFF MAN IS HARRY DERNER, COAST RACKETEER... AND THE MEETING PLACE IS A SMALL, PRIVATE CLUB ON THE WEST SIDE! HERE'S THE ADDRESS!

GOOD WORK, TOM! GO HOME AND CLEAN UP... RELAX FOR A WEEK... YOU'VE EARNED IT! COME ON, HARRINGTON!



THIS MEANS WE WON'T NEED MISS MILLER'S PLAN ANY LONGER! LEAVE WORD WITH THE OPERATOR THAT WE'RE OUT ON AN IMPORTANT JOB IN CASE MISS MILLER CALLS IN!

OKAY, CHIEF! THIS IS THE BIG CRACK-DOWN, EH? JUST WHAT WE'VE WAITED FOR!



THUS, SOME TIME LATER, WHEN MISS MILLER CALLED IN FROM A DRUG STORE PHONE BOOTH

STRANGE... THE CHIEF'S OUT... AND DIDN'T SAY *WHERE*!!



BEFORE I HAD THESE KEYS MADE FROM THE CLAY IMPRESSIONS, I FOLLOWED LATTIMORE IN A CAB! HE DIDN'T GO HOME... HE WENT SOMEWHERE ON THE WEST SIDE! WHY DON'T I GO TO HIS APARTMENT? WITH LATTIMORE OUT, THERE'S NO RISK INVOLVED!



SO, SHORTLY AFTERWARD...

AS I FIGURED, NOBODY HERE! I'LL BE ABLE TO WRAP THIS CASE UP BEFORE THE CHIEF EVEN GETS BACK TO THE OFFICE!... HERE GOES...



BUT, AT THIS VERY MOMENT, AT THE PRIVATE CLUB WHERE LATTIMORE AND HIS TOPKICKS WERE HOLDING A CONCLAVE...



TAKE 'EM, BOYS! HARRINGTON, COME ON! THERE GOES LATTIMORE!

THE D.A.... AND THE COPS!

DUKE LATTIMORE GOT INTO A WAITING CAR AND RACED THROUGH BACK STREETS WITH THE D.A. AND HARRINGTON IN HOT PURSUIT...

THE GAME'S UP! THEY'VE TIED ME IN WITH DERNER... THAT'LL CRACK EVERYTHING WIDE OPEN! I'VE GOT A HALF MILLION IN CASH AT THE FLAT!... I'LL GET IT AND LEAVE THE COUNTRY!



AND A SHORT WHILE LATER, THE CRIME CZAR RUSHED INTO HIS APARTMENT...



THE DOOR... MUST GET OUT!



NO YOU DON'T, SWEETHEART!



NOW, "MISS TEMPLETON"... WE'LL SEE WHO YOU REALLY ARE!



HOLY SMOKE! THE D.A.'S SECRETARY!



BUT, SUDDENLY, AT THE SOUND OF OTHER FIGURES BURSTING INTO THE APARTMENT, LATTIMORE TURNED QUICKLY AND...

WELL, BABY I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR GAME IS... AND I DON'T CARE NOW... BUT THIS CAN MEAN ONLY ONE THING... YOU GET IT!



NOBODY CROSSES DUKE LATTIMORE... NOBODY... AND THAT INCLUDES DAMES! HERE IT COMES!



THE D.A.! HA, HA!... THIS IS EVEN BETTER! DON'T EITHER OF YOU GUYS MOVE A STEP FARTHER...





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SORRY, CHIEF... I THOUGHT IT WAS SMART TO COME HERE ALONE AND LOOK FOR THAT EVIDENCE YOU WANTED... BUT I'VE ONLY RUINED THINGS!

SAVE IT! SHE'S GOING TO COME IN HANDY, D.A.! SHE'S MY HOSTAGE NOW!... MY TICKET TO FREEDOM!

I'M TAKING MY PRIVATE ELEVATOR DOWN, AND IF YOU FOLLOW, D.A., ... THE DAME GETS IT! SO YOU CAN DROP YOUR HEATERS, ... AN', S'LONG, CHUMPS!

BUT ABRUPTLY...

YOU NEVER TAKE A GIFT BACK, LATTIMORE, ... BUT HERE'S ONE YOU CAN HAVE! THE PERFUME!

YEOW! MY EYES!

HSSST

BLAM

GOOD WORK, MISS MILLER! TAKE HIM, HARRINGTON!

I CAN'T SEE... I CAN'T SEE!

WHACK

AND, SO, WITH THE SITUATION AT LAST UNDER CONTROL...

YOUR EYES ARE JUST SMARTING FROM PERFUME! YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT IN A MINUTE...

"ALL RIGHT" UNTIL WE GET HIM INTO COURT! WE HAVE HIM COLD NOW AND HIS CRIME EMPIRE IS SMASHED, THANKS TO MISS MILLER!

WHEN THAT IS THE CLOSEST CALL I'VE EVER HAD! AND IT'S TAUGHT ME AT LEAST ONE THING... NEVER TO BE A BLONDE AGAIN!

The End

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SHOOT ME, BUT FIRST TELL ME HOW TO KEEP HAIR SO NEAT!

GET WILDROOT CREAM-OIL IN TUBES!

WILDROOT CREAM-OIL CAN HELP YOU GET A HEAD, TOO. KEEPS HAIR GROOMED NATURALLY ALL DAY WITHOUT GREASINESS. NO DRYING ALCOHOL. NO HARSH SYNTHETICS. CONTAINS MAGIC LANOLIN, SO MUCH LIKE THE NATURAL OILS OF YOUR HAIR AND SCALP. TRY A BOTTLE OR HANDY TUBE TODAY.

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DUBBLE BUBBLE IS THE BEST BUBBLE GUM OF ALL!

I LIKE ITS SECRET SWEET TASTE-

-AND I LIKE ITS BIG BUBBLES!

HAVE FUN WITH GUM!

DON'T FORGET THE FUNNIES, FACTS AND FORTUNES IN EVERY PIECE!

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IN ANCIENT EGYPT, MANY ANIMALS WERE HELD TO BE SACRED: BULLS, DOGS, HAWKS, WOLVES, GOATS AND CATS!

FANTASTIC LAWS!



IF SOMEONE KILLED THESE ANIMALS WILFULLY, HE WAS PUT TO DEATH!



IF THE KILLING WAS ACCIDENTAL, THEN THE PUNISHMENT WAS DETERMINED BY THE HIGH PRIEST!



DEATH WAS MANDATORY, HOWEVER, IF A MAN KILLED A HAWK, A CAT OR AN IBIS AND HE WAS EXECUTED WITHOUT MERCY!



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WHAT A SAP THAT GUY GRIMM IS! IMAGINE ANYONE DUMB ENOUGH TO WANT TO STAY IN PRISON WHEN HE'S ALREADY SERVED HIS TIME!

HARRINGTON, WHY WOULD A MAN WANT TO SPEND HIS LIFE IN PRISON?

MUST BE CRAZY!



YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

THROUGHOUT HIS IMPRISONMENT, THE INMATE HAS LOOKED FORWARD EAGERLY TO ONE AND ONLY ONE THING: HIS FREEDOM! EVERY THOUGHT, EVERY MOVE HAS REVOLVED ABOUT THIS FOR FREEDOM IS WHAT WAS TAKEN FROM HIM. THEREFORE, YOU CAN UNDERSTAND MY SURPRISE WHEN MY ATTENTION WAS CALLED TO...

THE CONVICT WHO REFUSED FREEDOM!

IN THE WARDEN'S OFFICE IN MAY OF LAST YEAR...

WELL, GRIMM, BY THE END OF THE WEEK, YOU'LL BE A FREE MAN! YOUR 15-YEAR SENTENCE IS UP! YOU'VE PAID YOUR DEBT TO SOCIETY!

SINCE YOU'VE BEEN A TRUSTY THESE LAST FIVE YEARS, I DON'T HAVE TO CAUTION YOU ABOUT GOING STRAIGHT! I'M SURE YOU'VE LEARNED HOW TO BEHAVE ON THE OUTSIDE, GRIMM!

WHAT I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT, WARDEN BLAKE -- THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR ME ON THE OUTSIDE! I WANT TO STAY HERE!





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STAY HERE!
GREAT HANNAH! WHY ON EARTH DO YOU WANT TO DO THAT?

WELL, SIR, I HAVE MY OWN LITTLE GARDEN OUT THERE! I HAVE FRIENDS AMONG THE MEN AND GUARDS! ON THE OUTSIDE I HAVE **NOBODY!** DON'T YOU SEE, WARDEN? I'M FREE TO DO AS I PLEASE. I'M HAPPIEST RIGHT HERE!

SEVERAL DAYS LATER, THE UNIQUE REQUEST CAME TO MY ATTENTION...

GOSH, CHIEF, THIS IS ONE FOR THE BOOKS! A JAILBIRD WHO PREFERS PRISON TO BEING OUT!

LET'S SEE, HARRINGTON!

CARL GRIMM! I REMEMBER HIM--- A FORGER! IT'S CERTAINLY MIGHTY STRANGE!

STONE WALLS DO NOT A PRISON MAKE FOR CARL GRIMM

I DON'T LIKE IT! THE **REAL** JOB OF PRISON REFORM IS TO RETURN A MAN TO SOCIETY AS AN ADJUSTED CITIZEN! TOMORROW, WHEN WE SEE WARDEN BLAKE REGARDING THAT RUMORED PRISON BREAK, I'D LIKE TO MEET GRIMM! I'M CURIOUS!

I CATCH, CHIEF! SOCIETY IS FAILING SOMEWHERE IF A MAN WANTS TO **STAY IN PRISON!**

THUS, NEXT DAY, AT UPSTATE PRISON...

THAT'S ABOUT IT, **D.A.!** I'VE NOTHING MORE TO GO ON THAN THIS UNSIGNED NOTE LEFT IN THE PRISON DINING ROOM STATING A BREAK WAS BEING PLANNED!

MAYBE JUST A HOAX, WARDEN! BUT CHECKING SOME OF THE CONVICTS CAN'T DO ANY HARM!

BUT WHY CAN'T I GET THEM TODAY? I CAN BARELY SEE WITHOUT THEM!

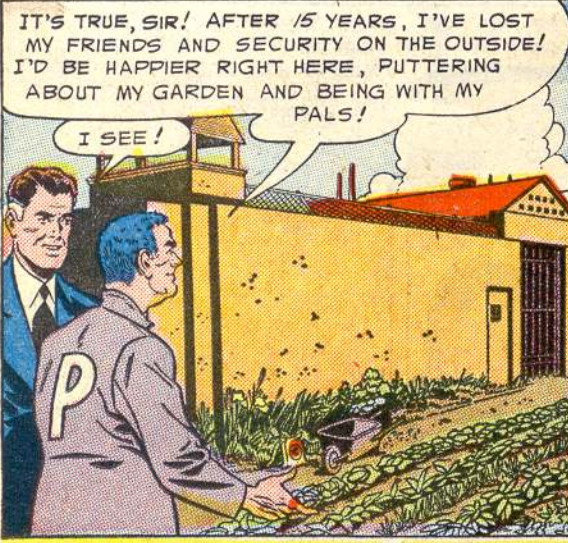
...YOU'VE BEEN HERE SO LONG, YOU CAN WALK AROUND HERE WITH A BLINDFOLD. I CAN'T FIX YOUR BROKEN GLASSES UNTIL TOMORROW!

GRIMM! THE **D.A.** WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU!

HELLO, **D.A.!** IF YOU'RE INVESTIGATING THE RUMOR OF A PRISON BREAK YOU SHOULD CHECK ME, TOO!

I'M AS SURE OF YOU AS I AM OF MY OWN GRAND-MOTHER. IN A FEW DAYS YOU'LL BE A **FREE MAN!** WHAT'S THIS ABOUT WANTING TO STAY HERE?

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IT'S TRUE, SIR! AFTER 15 YEARS, I'VE LOST MY FRIENDS AND SECURITY ON THE OUTSIDE! I'D BE HAPPIER RIGHT HERE, PUTTERING ABOUT MY GARDEN AND BEING WITH MY PALS!

I SEE!



LATER, I FORGOT CARL GRIMM AS I INTERVIEWED SEVERAL DANGEROUS CONVICTS...

SURE, I'M GETTING ALONG SWELL, D.A.! 'COURSE, THIS AIN'T HOME, BUT IT'S OKAY!



ONE BY ONE, I QUESTIONED THE MEN MOST LIKELY TO BE BEHIND A BREAK...

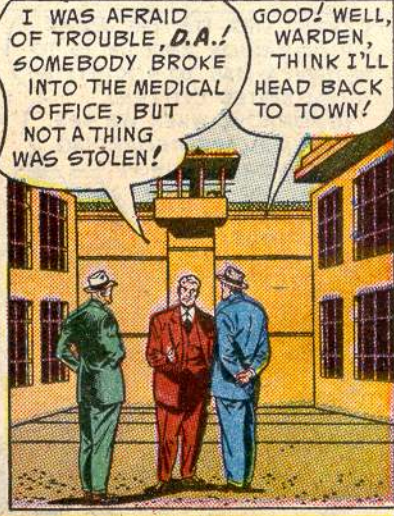
I'M REAL FLATTERED, D.A.! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE BATTED THE BREEZE! LEMME SEE, ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO WHEN I DID THAT HIJACKING JOB!



BUT AS MY VISIT ENDED LATE THAT AFTERNOON...

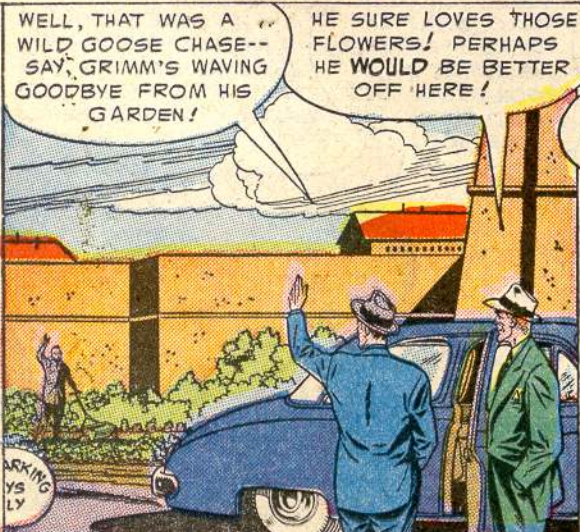
BEFORE A BREAK, MEN ARE RESTLESS, BUT HERE THEY'RE VERY SMUG. THE NOTE WAS A PHONEY!

CHIEF, LOOK! THE WARDEN'S MIGHTY EXCITED!



I WAS AFRAID OF TROUBLE, D.A.! SOMEBODY BROKE INTO THE MEDICAL OFFICE, BUT NOT A THING WAS STOLEN!

GOOD! WELL, WARDEN, THINK I'LL HEAD BACK TO TOWN!



WELL, THAT WAS A WILD GOOSE CHASE-- SAY, GRIMM'S WAVING GOODBYE FROM HIS GARDEN!

HE SURE LOVES THOSE FLOWERS! PERHAPS HE WOULD BE BETTER OFF HERE!



BUT AS WE RACED BACK TO THE CITY, SOMETHING STRUCK ME WITH THE KICK OF A MULE...

HEY, CHIEF, TAKE IT EASY! WHAT'S WRONG?

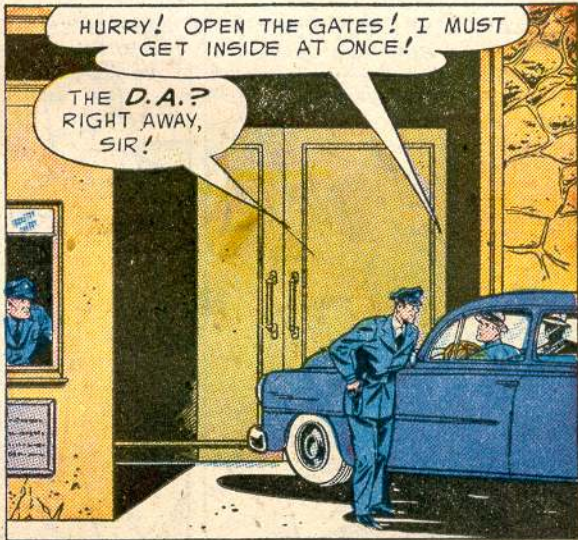
GOOD GRIEF, HARRINGTON! I THINK WE WALKED RIGHT OUT OF A HOTBED OF TROUBLE! LET'S GET BACK TO THE PRISON-- FAST!

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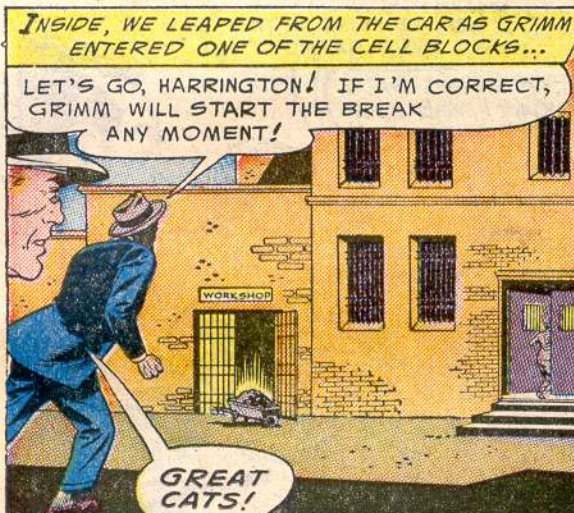
THERE'S GRIMM NOW! I HOPE WE'RE NOT TOO LATE!

BUT, CHIEF! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?



HURRY! OPEN THE GATES! I MUST GET INSIDE AT ONCE!

THE D.A.? RIGHT AWAY, SIR!



INSIDE, WE LEAPED FROM THE CAR AS GRIMM ENTERED ONE OF THE CELL BLOCKS...

LET'S GO, HARRINGTON! IF I'M CORRECT, GRIMM WILL START THE BREAK ANY MOMENT!

GREAT CATS!



TOO LATE! HE OPENED THE MACHINE SHOP DOOR!



THE BREAK WAS WELL PLANNED. THE GUARDS INSIDE HAD BEEN OVERPOWERED AND A DOZEN FRENZIED CONVICTS Poured OUT...

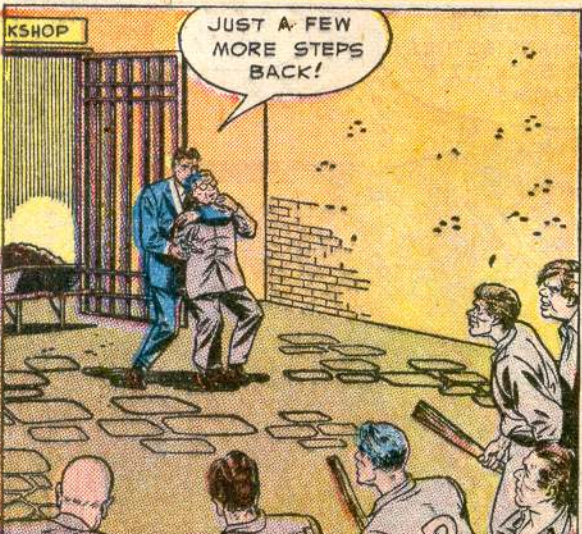
THEY HAVEN'T GUNS YET! MUST BE MORE TO THIS SCHEME, HARRINGTON! TRY TO FRIGHTEN THEM BACK...I'M GOING AFTER GRIMM!

RIGHT, CHIEF!





MEANWHILE, HARRINGTON WAS HELPLESS AGAINST THE CONVICT HORDE...





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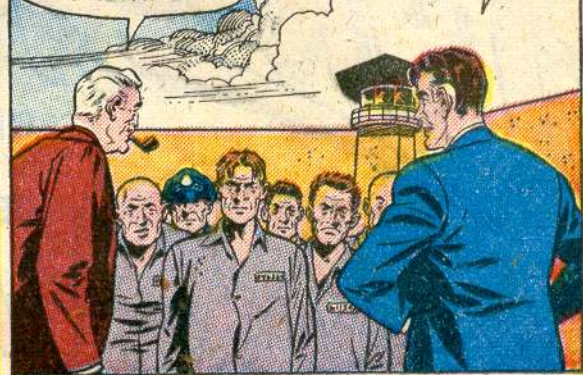
WE MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP! WE CAN'T GET THOSE WEAPONS, AND THE GUARDS WILL BE HERE ANY MINUTE!

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WITH THE CONVICTS SUBDUED, AFTERWARDS...

WHAT ON EARTH MADE YOU SUSPECT GRIMM WAS ENGINEERING THE BREAK, D.A.? I NEVER DREAMED--

JUST LET ME GET MY BREATH, WARDEN! WHEW!



THE UNKNOWN PROWLER IN THE MEDICAL OFFICE MUST HAVE BEEN GRIMM, I REASONED, WHEN HE WAVED GOODBYE TO ME! HE HAD TO HAVE HIS GLASSES ON TO SEE ME AT THAT DISTANCE-- SO HE MUST HAVE ROBBED THE LAB TO GET THEM BACK!

RECLAIMING HIS GLASSES MEANT HE NEEDED THEM DESPERATELY! HE **COULDN'T** WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW BECAUSE THE BREAK WAS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY!

OF COURSE! GRIMM NEVER COULD HAVE LED A BREAK WITHOUT THEM! BUT WHY? HE ALMOST WAS A **FREE MAN!**

CARL GRIMM CRACKED COMPLETELY! IN THE WARDEN'S OFFICE...

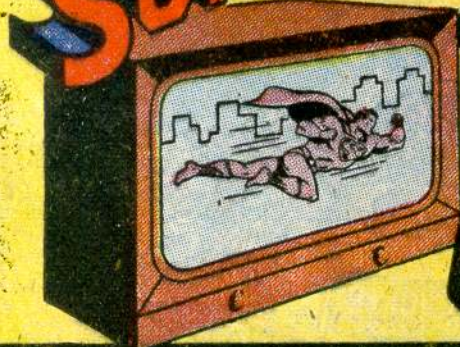
THE RINGLEADERS OFFERED ME \$50,000! LATER, I COULD DECIDE TO LEAVE PRISON WITHOUT SUSPICION AND HAVE A BANK ROLL!

AND SO YOU SMUGGLED IN GUNS AND HID THEM IN YOUR GARDEN! WELL, GRIMM, YOU'LL GET YOUR WISH-- LIFE IN PRISON!



THE END

SUPERMAN

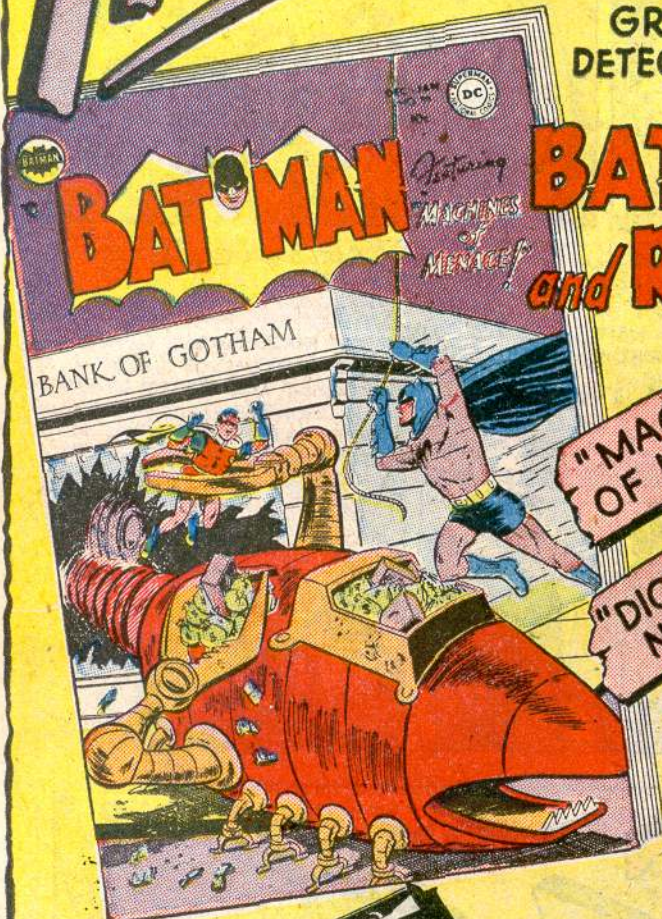


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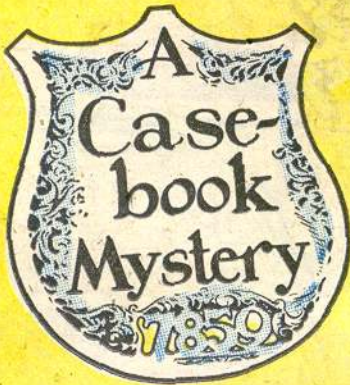
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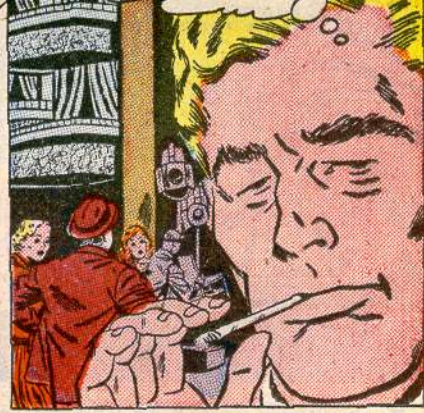
ONE WINTER MORNING, OFFSTAGE OF THE TIVOLI THEATRE, FOLLOWING ACTORS' TRYOUTS ...

COURTNEY, I'VE DECIDED TO GIVE YOU THE LEADING ROLE IN THE PLAY, BUT I'LL BE FRANK WITH YOU. I'D MUCH PREFER TO HAVE ROBERT TRAYMORE IN THE PART! BUT HE'S TIED UP IN HOLLYWOOD AT PRESENT!

THANKS, J. P.!

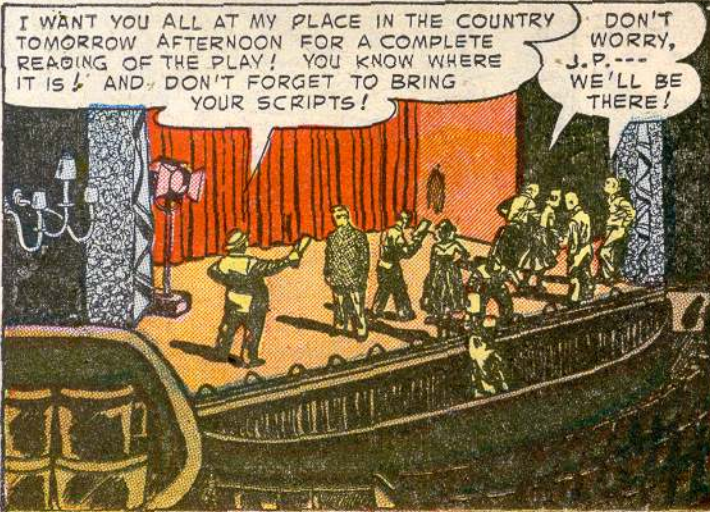


MY FIRST BIG BREAK! WHAT DO I CARE IF I AM J. P.'S SECOND CHOICE! I'LL SHOW HIM WHAT AN ACTOR I AM! I'LL SHOW 'EM ALL!



I WANT YOU ALL AT MY PLACE IN THE COUNTRY TOMORROW AFTERNOON FOR A COMPLETE READING OF THE PLAY! YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS & AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR SCRIPTS!

DON'T WORRY, J. P.--- WE'LL BE THERE!



NEXT DAY, AS JOHN COURTNEY PREPARED TO LEAVE THE CITY FOR THE PRODUCER'S COUNTRY HOUSE ...

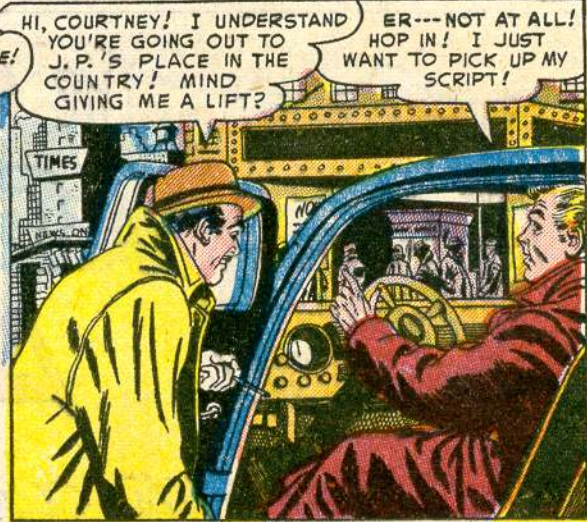
OH-OH--- I WAS SO EXCITED YESTERDAY, I LEFT MY SCRIPT AT THE THEATRE! I'LL DRIVE OVER THERE NOW AND PICK IT UP! ... BRRR... IT SURE IS COLD TODAY?





OH, HERE'S JOHN COURTNEY NOW, BOB! YOU'RE IN LUCK! HE'LL BE ABLE TO HELP YOU OUT!

ROBERT TRAYMORE! WHAT'S HE DOING HERE? HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE IN HOLLYWOOD!



HI, COURTNEY! I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE GOING OUT TO J. P.'S PLACE IN THE COUNTRY! MIND GIVING ME A LIFT?

ER---NOT AT ALL! HOP IN! I JUST WANT TO PICK UP MY SCRIPT!



UNDERSTAND J. P. WANTED ME FOR THE LEADING ROLE OF HIS NEW PLAY! THOUGHT I'D BREAK UP MY FILM WORK WITH A PART IN A LIVE STAGE PLAY!

YEAH--- MY PART!



MY DREAMS OF A LIFETIME--- SHATTERED IN ONE MOMENT! IF---IF ONLY THIS CAR CRACKED UP, AND KILLED HIM... I'D STILL HAVE THE PART! WAIT A MINUTE--- THAT'S AN IDEA! THERE'S A RICKETY BRIDGE OVER THE OAK RIVER A MILE DOWN THE ROAD FROM J. P.'S PLACE! I---I WONDER...



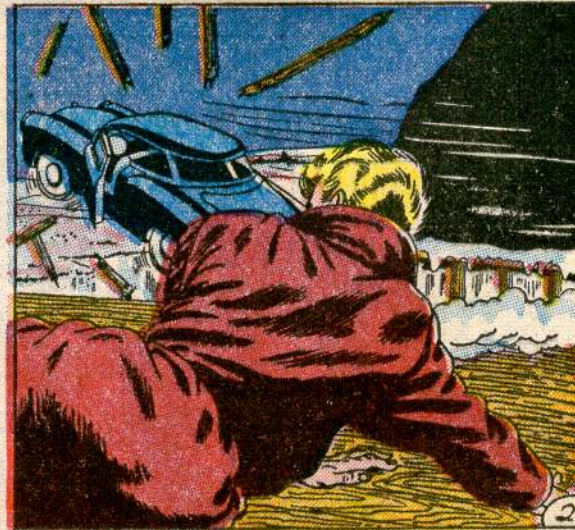
WHO COULD SAY IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT? IT WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TIME A CAR WENT OFF THAT BRIDGE! THE MOST ANYONE COULD SAY IS, I WAS LUCKY TO COME UP, AND TRAYMORE WASN'T! I---I'LL DO IT!



THEN, LATER, AS THE COUPE SPED OVER THE WOODEN BRIDGE SPANNING THE OAK RIVER, COURTNEY MADE HIS MOVE...

H-HEY, COURTNEY--- WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

YOU'LL NEVER LIVE TO FIND OUT!



THAT TAKES CARE OF YOU, TRAYMORE--- TO SAY NOTHING OF MY PART IN THE PLAY!



NOW TO WALK TO J.P.'S PLACE AND REPORT THE ACCIDENT! BRRR---IT MUST BE WAY BELOW FREEZING OUT HERE!



BUT, 100 YARDS FROM THE PRODUCER'S HOUSE, COURTNEY SUDDENLY REMEMBERED A FLAW IN HIS STORY...

WAIT A MINUTE! I'M SUPPOSED TO HAVE FALLEN INTO THAT RIVER, TOO--- YET I'M DRY AS A BONE! HOW DUMB CAN I GET? I'D BETTER GIVE MYSELF A THOROUGH SOAKING BEFORE I ENTER THE HOUSE!



BRRRR---THE THINGS I DO TO ADVANCE MY CAREER! ... HOPE I DON'T GET PNEUMONIA...



THEN, MINUTES LATER...

GREAT SCOTT, COURTNEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

M-MY CAR, IT---IT WENT OFF THE BRIDGE AT THE OAK RIVER! B-BUT THAT'S NOT ALL, J.P.--- SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS HAPPENED! I---I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT!



AND AFTER COURTNEY COMPLETED HIS STORY...

TOO BAD ABOUT TRAYMORE--- HE WAS A SWELL GUY! WELL, I GUESS I HAD BETTER CALL THE SHERIFF!



WHEN SHERIFF SIDNEY TRASK ARRIVED LATER, HE LISTENED TO A SWIFT REVIEW OF THE CASE. THEN...

THAT'S IT, SHERIFF--- THEN I WALKED THE MILE FROM THE RIVER TO HERE!

YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN HIM--- HE LOOKED LIKE A DROWNED CAT WHEN HE FIRST WALKED IN!



WHAT ABOUT IT, READER? DOES THE SHERIFF FALL FOR JOHN COURTNEY'S APPARENTLY AIR-TIGHT STORY? THINK IT OVER BEFORE YOU READ THE NEXT PAGE!



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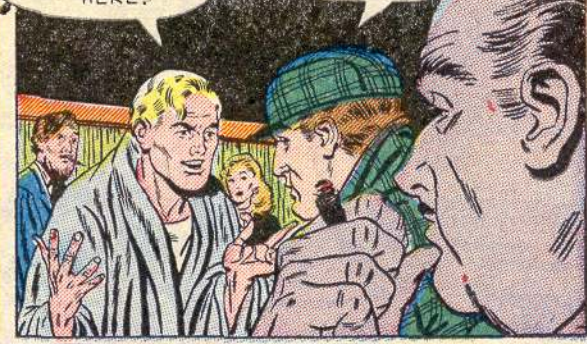


ACCORDING TO YOUR STORY, COURTNEY, YOUR CAR WENT INTO THE OAK RIVER A MILE DOWN THE ROAD! YOU SAY, LUCKILY, **YOU** MANAGED TO GET OUT OF THE CAR, BUT TRAYMORE STAYED DOWN AND WAS DROWNED!

THAT'S RIGHT, SHERIFF---IT WAS JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS!

I---I DON'T KNOW HOW I MANAGED TO REACH HERE! I THOUGHT I'D DIE OF THE COLD A DOZEN TIMES! YOU CAN ASK THESE PEOPLE HOW I LOOKED WHEN I FINALLY GOT HERE!

THEY'VE ALREADY TOLD ME--- YOU GOT HERE SOAKING WET! **THAT'S WHY I'VE DECIDED TO HOLD YOU ON SUSPICION OF MURDER!**



WHA-AT-? ON WHAT GROUNDS, SHERIFF?

THESE---THAT IF YOU'D HAVE WALKED A FULL MILE AFTER FALLING INTO A RIVER IN SUB-FREEZING TEMPERATURE, YOUR CLOTHES WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN **SOAKING WET** WHEN YOU REACHED HERE, BUT **FROZEN STIFF!**

SO YOU MAY AS WELL TELL ME THE WHOLE STORY, COURTNEY--- THE **TRUE ONE** THIS TIME!

ALL RIGHT, SHERIFF... YOU SEE, I'D BEEN PROMISED THE LEADING ROLE IN J.P.'S NEW PLAY, AND...

COURTNEY GOT HIS WISH TO PLAY A LEADING PART, BUT NOT THE ONE HE'D WANTED. INSTEAD, HE WAS CAST IN THE TITLE ROLE OF "THE STATE VS. JOHN COURTNEY!" AND ON APRIL 8th, 1952, BOTH HIS CAREER AND HIS LIFE CAME TO AN ABRUPT END IN THE DEATH HOUSE AT CLAYTON PRISON.



THE END



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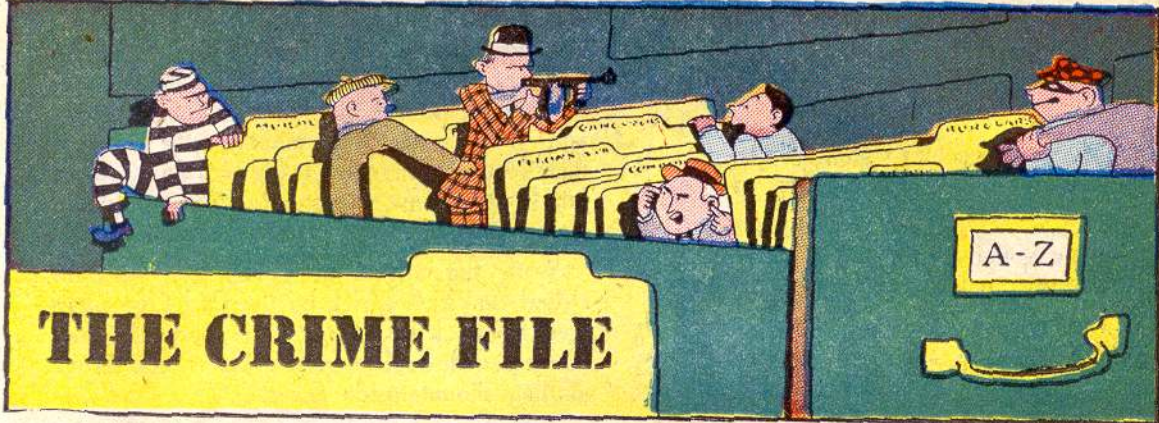
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CROOKS HOOKED

To protect offices bulging these days with top secret information, Washington has enlisted the aid of the Federal Engineering Company, Inc., which employs countless electronic devices. Not many are divulged, but two came recently to the public's attention via the newspapers, which reported how they were responsible for the capture of a couple of crooks.

In one case, as an intruder cautiously approached a locked file case, apparently hoarding some of the nation's secrets, a signal was flashed to a control room. This was caused by a small, undistinguished box near the file case, which released a series of sound waves, beyond the range of human hearing, that triggered the control room signal. Alerted, guards sped to the source, where the surprised thief was caught.

The second incident concerns an employee dismissed from government service because of laziness. Irked, he decided to gain vengeance by robbing the desk of his former supervisor, who, he knew, stored vital information in his locked desk.

He was aware, however, that microphones were hidden in various strategic locations throughout the office. The slightest sounds, the faintest noises were relayed to the watchman's station. So the culprit came prepared. Since his passkey had not been reclaimed, he gained easy access to the office. Then, in stockinged feet, he trod silently to the microphone wires, which he snipped.

Moments later, he was clawing at the desk drawer when police suddenly bolted into the room and overpowered him.

"How did you know?" he managed to gasp as he was trundled towards the door.

"It was easy," one of the policemen replied. "In the first place, the hidden mikes picked up the sound of the key in the lock when you opened the office door. And second, when you cut the wires, it set off a signal, which meant someone was tampering with the circuit. The night watchman, as soon as he got the flash, called us. You know, you can't beat these new G-Men, the Gimmick Men, in this town!"

CRIME QUIZ

Everyone thinks he knows the law, so here are a few samples to test your wit. If you want to make a test of it, score 20 points for each question.

- 1) a: Do G-men use the lie detector?
b: If not, why? *yes no*
- 2) Is a minor permitted to make an identification from the witness stand in a murder case, and would his testimony be regarded like an adult's? *no*
- 3) What is the average haul of a burglar?
- 4) Can the blood type of a person who licks the flap of an envelope be established? *yes*
- 5) What does "Oyez!" mean?

ANSWERS

- It's of Latin origin.
- silence in a court room and means "Hear ye!"
- (5) This cry is uttered three times to demand evidence in the past.
- (4) Yes. Enough saliva is produced to obtain the blood type. This has been used as the risk involved.
- (3) According to national statistics, the figure is around \$100. Not much money for the witness had sworn to tell the truth.
- (2) Yes, indeed. Of course, it would be natural for a jury to bear in mind that it is the testimony of a boy or girl, but they also would remember that the witness had sworn to tell the truth.
- (1) a: No. b: Since lie-detector evidence is not accepted in court, the F.B.I. employs other scientific means. Thus far, the Bureau has been highly successful, obtaining a record of 98 per cent convictions.

IT'S THE LIMIT

Motorists who have had to listen patiently to traffic policemen's sermons while writing tickets will find some small measure of comfort in a recent ruling by the Los Angeles Police Commissioner. Hereafter, prolonged lectures are prohibited. Ten minutes are all that are allowed while writing traffic citations.

"The public," said John J. Irwin, president of the Commission, "should not be harassed."

MONKEY BUSINESS

If you referred to the lawbreakers down in Hermanus, not far from Capetown in the province of the Cape of Good Hope, Africa, as gorillas—as we generally do—you would not be far from wrong. For a gang of 70 baboons is literally and figuratively aping the underworld.

They are launching not sporadic attacks, but systematic assaults on wealthy landowners. Police are aware of the crime wave and are observing their method of operations before devising a counter-strategy.

The baboons' latest invasion was directed at a millionaire's estate. The leader, according to police, is known as the Old One, and his adjutant is recognized as the Young One. With sentries posted at various vantage points

around the estate, to utter shrill warnings of approaching police, the Old One led his marauders in an attack that left the mansion a pile of debris. Native servants, who attempted to stave off the attack, were hurled hither and yon. Some, who managed to stay on their feet, and dared to trade blows with these jungle hoodlums, eventually were rendered unconscious by flying wedge formations.

With the arrival of police, the baboons closed ranks. A shriek by the Old One gathered his pack of pillagers. In moments, they had loped through the tall grass to seek refuge in their mountainside caves.

BLOTTER JOTTINGS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.: Asked by police for his address when he was nabbed for having stolen a briefcase, a thief replied, "The City Jail," was promptly taken home.

WOODHAVEN, N. Y.: Protesting to a holdup man that he would like to keep his gold watch for sentimental reasons, the victim was reassured. "I'll take good care of it," said the thug, pocketing the timepiece.

PHILADELPHIA: A burglar was sentenced to jail for having stolen a kitchen sink. . . . In **BROOKLYN**, three men readily admitted the theft of a four-ton anchor from a vacant lot. . . . And in **GOODING, Idaho**, the sheriff's office was startled when informed that someone had made off during the night with a 20-ton steel bridge from an abandoned crossing.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio: Investigating the theft of a string of genuine pearls, police discovered the culprit to be a 10-year-old lad, who had used the pearls as ammunition for his beanshooter.

LISBON, Spain: A policeman arrested himself for gambling away money entrusted to his care for delivery to a bank, composed a confession, signed it, submitted it to his superiors, then locked himself up in jail to await trial.

GLASGOW, Scotland: A dull-witted pickpocket was easily nabbed after trying to ply his trade on an excursion steamer, which carried 30 Glasgow patrolmen and their families.

CASEY

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WELL, MR. D.A., YOU POSED AS AN INVALID TO LEARN WHAT GOES ON BEHIND THESE SCENES! BUT NOW THAT WE'VE UNCOVERED YOUR IDENTITY, YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE HERE ALIVE!

YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS:

GANGDOM IS FOREVER SEEKING NEW WAYS TO BEAT THE LAW! UNQUESTIONABLY, ONE OF THE MOST INGENUOUS METHODS EVER USED... ONE THAT CAUSED GREAT EMBARRASSMENT TO MY OFFICE, AND GREATER DANGER TO MY LIFE... WAS THAT ADOPTED BY THE MASTERSON MOB, WHICH USED THE FACILITIES OF A PHONEY HOSPITAL FOR THEIR UNLAWFUL ENDS! I REFER TO THE CASE OF THE...



IT ALL BEGAN LAST MARCH 18th, IN MAITLAND COUNTY PRISON, WHERE...

"BIG BOY" NOLAN... HE SCALED THE EAST WALL, WARDEN!

WHO MADE THE BREAK, GUARD?

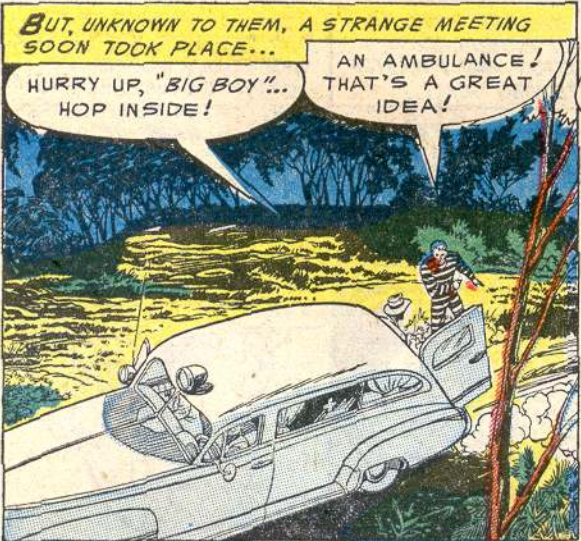
THE CONVICT CUT THROUGH THE THICK WOODS SURROUNDING THE PRISON, BUT THE AUTHORITIES WERE NOT TOO WORRIED... NOT AT FIRST...

HE WON'T GET FAR, WARDEN... WE'VE GOT GUARDS POSTED AT ALL POINTS LEADING OUT OF THE WOODS!

YES, I EXPECT HE'LL BE BACK INSIDE WITHIN THREE HOURS!

CRIMINALS TO WHITE!

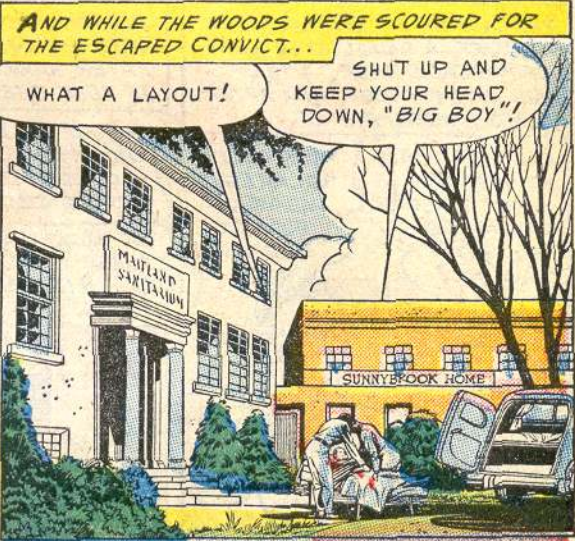




BUT, UNKNOWN TO THEM, A STRANGE MEETING SOON TOOK PLACE...

HURRY UP, "BIG BOY"... HOP INSIDE!

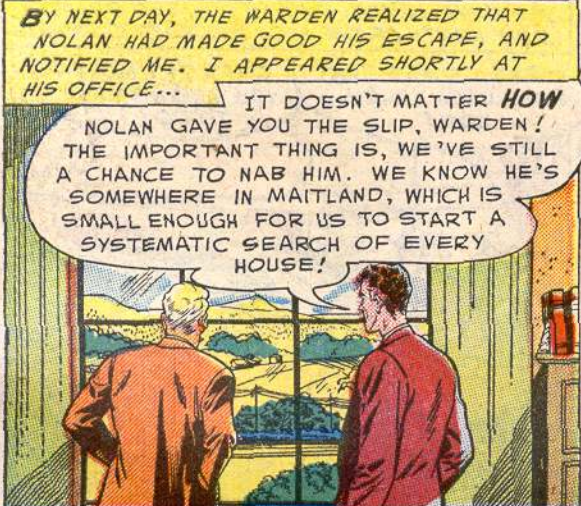
AN AMBULANCE! THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!



AND WHILE THE WOODS WERE SCOURED FOR THE ESCAPED CONVICT...

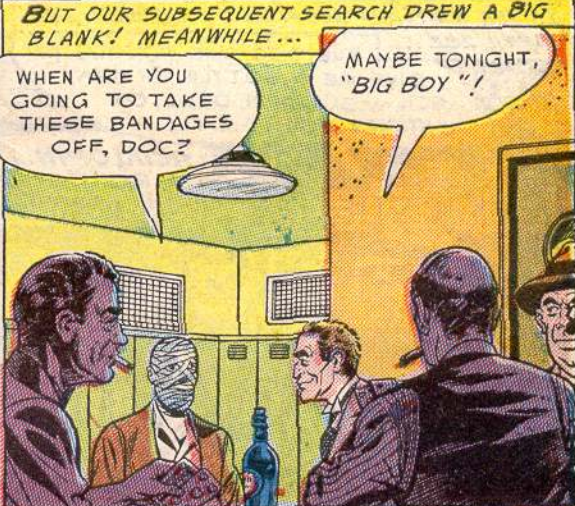
WHAT A LAYOUT!

SHUT UP AND KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN, "BIG BOY"!



BY NEXT DAY, THE WARDEN REALIZED THAT NOLAN HAD MADE GOOD HIS ESCAPE, AND NOTIFIED ME. I APPEARED SHORTLY AT HIS OFFICE...

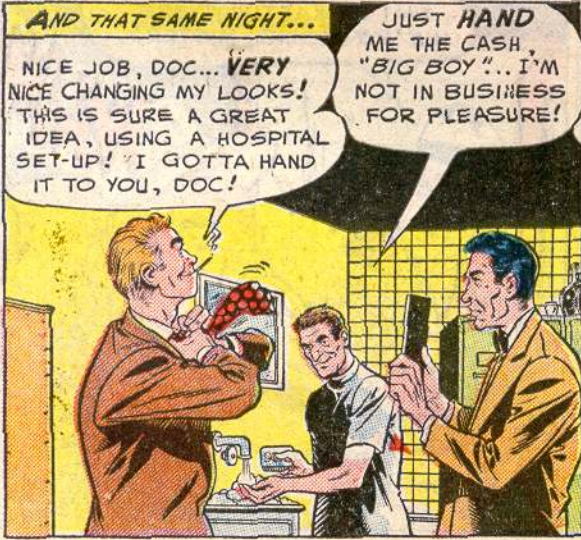
IT DOESN'T MATTER **HOW** NOLAN GAVE YOU THE SLIP, WARDEN! THE IMPORTANT THING IS, WE'VE STILL A CHANCE TO NAB HIM. WE KNOW HE'S SOMEWHERE IN MAITLAND, WHICH IS SMALL ENOUGH FOR US TO START A SYSTEMATIC SEARCH OF EVERY HOUSE!



BUT OUR SUBSEQUENT SEARCH DREW A BIG BLANK! MEANWHILE...

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE THESE BANDAGES OFF, DOC?

MAYBE TONIGHT, "BIG BOY"!



AND THAT SAME NIGHT...

NICE JOB, DOC... **VERY** NICE CHANGING MY LOOKS! THIS IS SURE A GREAT IDEA, USING A HOSPITAL SET-UP! I GOTTA HAND IT TO YOU, DOC!

JUST HAND ME THE CASH, "BIG BOY"... I'M NOT IN BUSINESS FOR PLEASURE!



"BIG BOY" FELT HE COULD COME AND GO AS HE PLEASD, NOW THAT HE WAS BEYOND RECOGNITION. HE PUT HIS THEORY TO A TEST...

ANY SIGN OF NOLAN?

AFRAID NOT! THAT MUGG MUST'VE DUG HIS WAY OUT OF TOWN UNDERGROUND!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!



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THE CASE DIDN'T END THERE. IN HANBURY, A SMALL TOWN EAST OF PASCACK RIVER, A THIEF WAS APPREHENDED, AND AFTER BEING FINGERPRINTED...

LOOK AT THIS... HE HAS THE SAME FINGER-PRINTS AS "BIG BOY" NOLAN!

THEN HE IS NOLAN! EVER HEAR OF PLASTIC SURGERY?

THE PRISONER WAS RETURNED TO MAITLAND COUNTY PRISON, BUT AFTER HARRINGTON AND I WASTED AN HOUR QUESTIONING HIM...

WHAT D'YA MEAN, WHO OPERATED ON MY FACE? NOBODY! I JUST GOT TIRED OF MY OLD MUGG, AND TRADED IT IN FOR A NEW ONE!

I'D SURE LIKE TO CHANGE IT RIGHT BACK... WITH MY FISTS!

EASY, HARRINGTON!

YES, NOLAN HAD BEEN APPREHENDED, BUT THE CASE WAS STILL A SOURCE OF GREAT DISTURBANCE TO ME. AFTER ALL, WE HAD NO IDEA HOW HE HAD ACCOMPLISHED HIS ESCAPE, AND WHAT CAN HAPPEN ONCE, CAN HAPPEN AGAIN! IT DID... BUT NOT IN QUITE THE SAME WAY, AS YOU WILL SOON SEE!



IN THE MAITLAND HOSPITAL'S PHARMACY... ON APRIL 2nd...

THE DOC SAYS FOR YOU TO GIVE ME A BOTTLE OF THAT SCIL... SCILOPIN DRUG, OR WHATEVER YOU CALL IT!

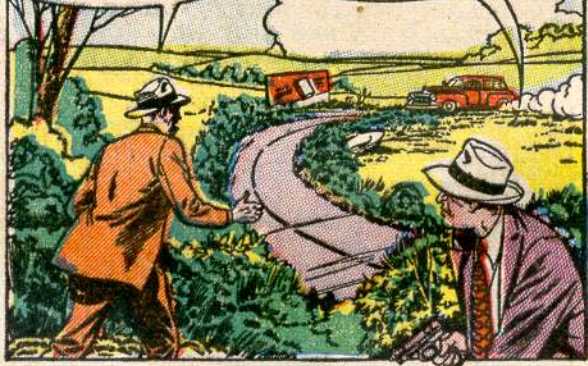
SCILOPIN... RIGHT!



AN HOUR LATER, ON WHITE HORSE ROAD, A MILE NORTH OF THE ARCO AIRCRAFT COMPANY...

HERE COMES THAT BOX-LUNCH TRUCK NOW!

OKAY, GET MOVING... YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!



HOW ABOUT A LIFT, BUDDY?

I'M ONLY GOING AS FAR AS THE ARCO FACTORY!



THAT'S EXACTLY WHERE WE'RE GOING, MISTER!





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AFTER GAGGING AND BINDING THE DRIVER, THE HOODLUMS WENT TO WORK ON THE COFFEE CONTAINERS...

TWO DROPS IN EACH CONTAINER?

NAA, ONE'S ENOUGH-- THAT'S POWERFUL STUFF! HURRY UP-- WE GOTTA BE THERE IN TIME FOR LUNCH!

TWENTY MINUTES LATER...

HI! I SEE GREENFIELD'S GOT A NEW DELIVERYMAN!

YEAH, BUT THE FOOD IS THE SAME-- STILL BAD, HA, HA!

AND SOON, IN THE AIRCRAFT OFFICES, WHERE CLERKS WERE PREPARING THE COMPANY'S HUGE PAYROLL...

HERE COMES LUNCH, FOLKS!

IT'S ABOUT TIME-- I'M STARVED!

THE EMPLOYEES HAD BUT TO DRINK ONE MOUTHFUL OF COFFEE WHEN... GEE, I'M FEELING SLEEPY...

SWEET DREAMS, FOLKS! THIS SCIALOPIN STUFF SURE WORKS FAST!

STOP THE GAS AND SCOOP UP THE MONEY-- WE STILL AIN'T OUT OF HERE, Y'KNOW!

HALF AN HOUR LATER, A BEWILDERED OFFICE MANAGER HAD ME ON THE PHONE. HARRINGTON AND I RUSHED OUT TO THE PLANT...

...AND TH--THAT'S ALL WE CAN TELL YOU, MR. D. A.-- SOON AFTER WE STARTED TO DRINK OUR COFFEE, WE ALL SEEMED TO GO INTO A NOSE-DIVE!

MMM... FILL UP ONE OF THOSE CONTAINERS, HARRINGTON, AND WE'LL HAVE THAT COFFEE TESTED!

AS SOON AS WE REACHED THE POLICE LAB, SAM BOLTON, THE CHEMIST, PUT THE COFFEE THROUGH A TEST...

IT'S SCIALOPIN.

CHIEF... ITS EFFECTS DON'T LAST LONG, BUT IT'S THE QUICKEST-ACTING KNOCKOUT DRUG IN THE WORLD! HOSPITALS USE IT TO PUT A PATIENT OUT OF PAIN IN A HURRY!

HMPH-- THAT'S A BIG HELP!

HARRINGTON WAS RIGHT-- IT WAS A MEAGER CLUE, AND WE WERE NO CLOSER TO A SOLUTION THAN WHEN WE STARTED! BUT, THE WORST WAS YET TO COME...

FOR, IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED...

I'M HOT, DOC!
CAN YOU HIDE
ME OUT FOR
A COUPLE
OF WEEKS?

I'LL STICK YOU
IN THE **ISOLATION
WARD** FOR CONTAGIOUS
DISEASES! NO COP
WOULD EVER LOOK FOR
YOU IN **THERE!**

HARRINGTON, WE
DON'T SEEM TO BE
MAKING ANY HEADWAY
ON THE **LAST 10 CASES
WE'VE HAD!**

I'LL HAVE THAT BULLET OUT IN
NO TIME!

THE COPS
KNOW THEY WINGED
ME... SO THEY'RE
WATCHING EVERY
SAWBONE'S OFFICE
IN TOWN!



YES, THE QUACK,
DOC MASTERSON,
AND HIS GOONS HAD
IT GOING ALL THEIR
WAY-- FOR A TIME!
BUT, SOONER OR
LATER, EVERY HOOD
MAKES ONE MISTAKE,
AND, USUALLY, ONE
MISTAKE IS ALL
WE NEED!

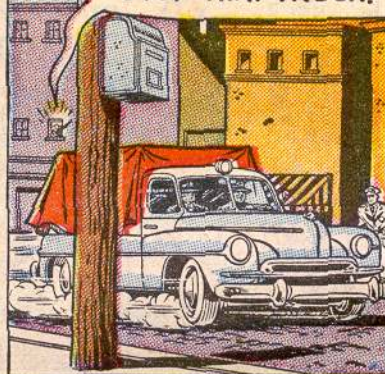
THAT ONE OCCURRED ON THE AFTERNOON
OF FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, IN THE WHOLE-
SALE JEWELRY FIRM OF WHITEHOUSE
& DALE...

JUST KEEP YOUR HANDS
UP AND YOUR MOUTHS **SHUT** IF YOU
DON'T WANT TO GET HURT!



UTTERING A FINAL WORD OF
WARNING, THEY DASHED OUT
TO A SMALL TRUCK...

**HELP--ROBBERS!
STOP THAT TRUCK!**



TWO ALARMS WERE INSTANTLY SOUNDED--ONE
TO MY OFFICE, ANOTHER TO A PROWL CAR, WHICH
TOOK OFF IN PURSUIT OF THE SPEEDING VEHICLE..

THE PROWL CAR KEPT IN CONSTANT RADIO
CONTACT WITH ME, AND SOON...

IT'S COMING
D.A., THAT THIS WAY, MEN! THERE'S
VAN JUST ONLY ONE TURN-OFF!
TURNED OFF HARRINGTON AND I
ONTO MAITLAND WILL WATCH THAT!
ROAD!





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RACING THERE, WE WERE UNAWARE THAT BELOW ON THE SAME ROAD, A STRANGE SCENE WAS TAKING PLACE...

THOSE DUMB SNAP IT UP-- THAT COPS WILL THINK THE TRUCK JUST VANISHED, JUST PASSED! HA, HA!

THOSE DUMB COPS WILL THINK THE TRUCK JUST VANISHED, HA, HA!

AND SHORTLY AFTER, AT THE ROAD BLOCK...

LOOK-- **COPS!**

SO WHAT? THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A TRUCK-- NOT AN AMBULANCE! WE GET THE RIGHT OF WAY!

GOT ENOUGH ROOM ON THE SHOULDER?

SURE, SURE, I CAN MAKE IT!

BY FIVE O'CLOCK, ALL OF US REALIZED THAT SOMEHOW, SOMEWHERE, WE HAD BEEN GIVEN THE SLIP. WHEN HARRINGTON AND I DROVE OUT TO THE MAIN ROAD BLOCK...

LISTEN, THAT TRUCK WAS CHASED ONTO MAITLAND ROAD, AND IT DIDN'T GET OFF ON THE TURN-OFF! IT HAD TO GO SOMEWHERE!

ARE YOU SURE IT DIDN'T GET PAST THIS ROAD BLOCK?

YES, SIR! THE ONLY VEHICLE THAT DID WAS AN AMBULANCE FROM THE MAITLAND HOSPITAL!

SUDDENLY, EVERYTHING BECAME CLEAR...

AN AMBULANCE? HARRINGTON -- I -- I THINK I'VE GOT IT!

GOT WHAT, CHIEF?

HARRINGTON, REMEMBER HOW "BIG BOY" NOLAN BEAT US? WITH PLASTIC SURGERY! AND THAT PAYROLL JOB? SCIALOPIN WAS USED! RECALL WHAT SAM BOLTON SAID ABOUT IT? IT'S USED IN HOSPITALS! AND NOW-- NOW AN AMBULANCE! HARRINGTON, IT ALL TIES IN! THE MAITLAND HOSPITAL!

YES, IT ALL TIED IN-- BUT IT WASN'T EVIDENCE! SO, NEXT DAY, AFTER DISGUIISING MYSELF, I TOOK A CAB TO MAITLAND...



DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP AN OLD MAN TO WALK AGAIN, DOCTOR?

WE CAN TRY! WHEEL HIM IN, DRIVER!

HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, DOC-- A REAL PATIENT!



SHUT UP-- WE'VE HAD THEM COME IN BEFORE! PUT HIM IN THE EAST WING, AND MAKE SURE HE STAYS THERE SO HE WON'T NOTICE ANYTHING!

THE DOC SAYS YOU'RE IN BAD SHAPE, BUT YOU STAY IN YOUR ROOM AND REST, AND BEFORE LONG, THE DOC SAYS YOU'LL BE WALKING AGAIN!

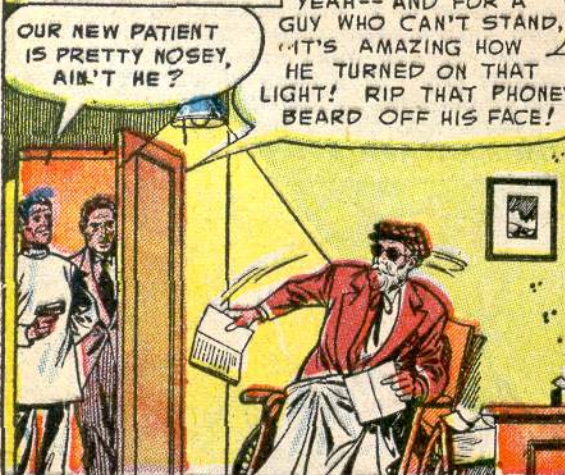


LATE THAT NIGHT, I WHEELED MYSELF INTO THE OFFICE...



I COULDN'T RISK CARRYING A FLASHLIGHT-- BUT LUCKILY, THERE ARE NO WINDOWS IN THE ROOM, SO I CAN TURN ON THIS LIGHT!

I HAD ALREADY DISCOVERED MY EVIDENCE WHEN, SUDDENLY...



OUR NEW PATIENT IS PRETTY NOSEY, AIN'T HE?

YEAH-- AND FOR A GUY WHO CAN'T STAND, IT'S AMAZING HOW HE TURNED ON THAT LIGHT! RIP THAT PHONEY BEARD OFF HIS FACE!

SO-- IT'S THE D.A.! SOMETIMES A PATIENT DIES, YOU KNOW!



DO I GIVE IT TO HIM NOW, DOC?

NO, JUST TIE HIM TO THE WHEELCHAIR, AND MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T GET THE CHANCE TO TIP OFF ANYONE HE'S IN TROUBLE!



BETTER NOT TRY ANYTHING, DOC-- MY OFFICE KNOWS I'M HERE. AND IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME...

SO WHAT? YOU WERE HERE, AND YOU LEFT, THAT'S WHAT I'LL SAY! THIS IS A HOSPITAL, MR. D.A., AND I CAN REMOVE EVERY TRACE OF YOU! BUT, FIRST, WE MUST MAKE SURE THIS PLACE ISN'T UNDER SCRUTINY BY YOUR PALS!



THEN, SOMETIME LATER...

IT'S OKAY, DOC-- THE COAST IS CLEAR! HEY, LOOK AT THE D.A.'S FINGERS TAPPING -- HE SURE IS NERVOUS!

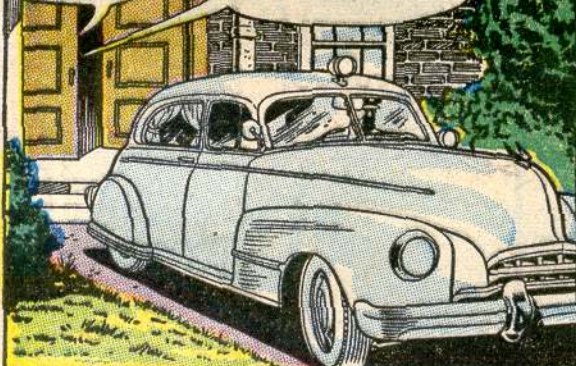
HE'S GOT REASON TO BE! TAKE HIM IN THE BACK AND PUT HIM OUT OF HIS MISERY!



BUT AS HE STEPPED TOWARD ME...

HEY, DOC -- AN AMBULANCE IS DRIVING UP!

TELL THEM WE'RE FULL UP HERE BUT TO GO ACROSS THE ROAD TO THE SANITARIUM!



SUDDENLY, THE REAR DOORS OF THE AMBULANCE WERE FLUNG OPEN, AND...

REACH, MASTERSON, OR I'LL SHOOT!

NO -- DON'T SHOOT -- WE SURRENDER!



HOW DID YOU KNOW?

WE'VE BEEN IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH YOU EVER SINCE THE D.A. GOT HERE!

YES, DOC -- BY MEANS OF THIS SHORT-WAVE RADIO UNDER THE WHEELCHAIR ARM! YOU SEE, I WASN'T TAPPING FROM NERVOUSNESS, I WAS TAPPING OUT A MESSAGE IN MORSE CODE! AND NOW -- SINCE YOU WERE NICE ENOUGH TO LET ME BE YOUR GUEST, IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT YOU SHOULD BE MINE! LET'S GO, DOC!



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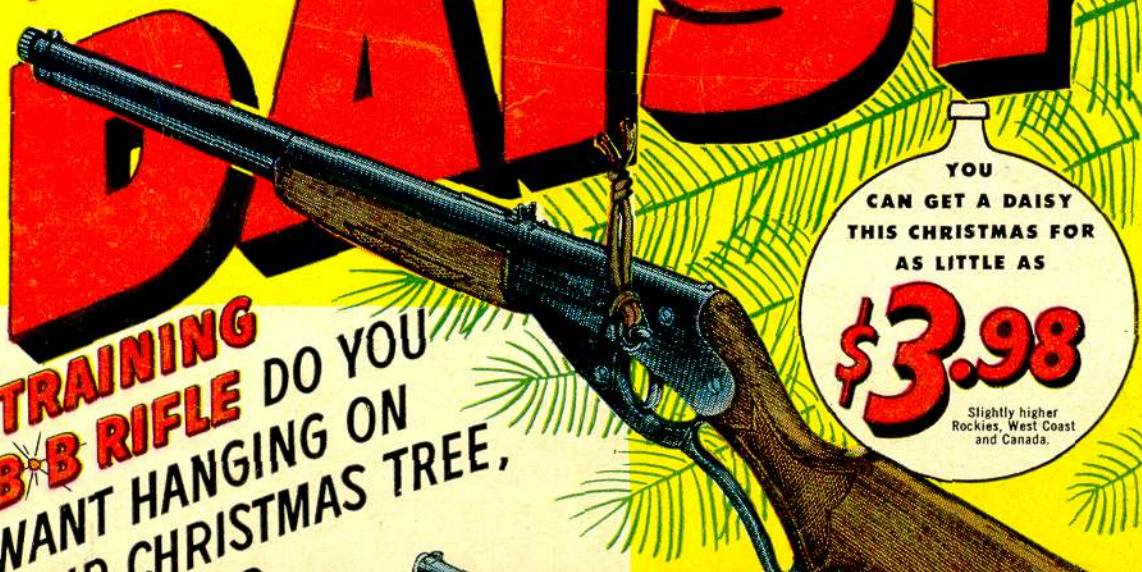
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