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WAKE UP...WAKE
UP!...IT'S THE
25TH HOUR...AND
THE WHOLE
WORLD IS
PARALYZED...
EXCEPT ME!

It WAS ONLY A WATCH
...A STRANGE WATCH...BUT
IT HAD THE POWER OF
ENSLAVING THE WORLD!
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STORY...
"The 25TH HOUR!"



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NEW OBSERVATION
SATELLITE!



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The 25TH HOUR!



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OSDEN
QUINCY





AT HOME, PHIL TOOK STOCK OF THE SITUATION...



CAN'T MAKE HEAD OR TAIL OF THOSE SCIENTIFIC PAPERS! I... I'D LIKE TO SMASH THIS WATCH TO SMITHERS... BUT THAT'D BE STUPID... I MIGHT GET A COUPLE OF BUCKS FOR IT IN A HOCK SHOP!

AT A PARTY THAT NIGHT...



I HEARD ABOUT YOUR BROTHER, PHIL! I'M SORRY...

FOR HIM OR FOR ME? ALL HE LEFT ME WAS THIS... 25 NUMBERS AND SOME MYSTIC SYMBOLS! A FINE FIX I'M IN!

AS THE HOURS PASSED, PHIL'S BROODING BECAME MORE INTENSE...



WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? I'LL HAVE TO GO OUT AND GET A JOB! IMPOSSIBLE! I'VE NEVER WORKED A DAY IN MY LIFE!

TAKE ME HOME, PHIL! IT'S JUST TWELVE O'...

BONG! BONG! BONG!

IN THE MIDDLE OF HER SENTENCE, THE GIRL SUDDENLY STOPPED SPEAKING! AMAZINGLY, SHE FROZE INTO A STATUE-LIKE POSE, HER MOUTH OPEN...



HEY, WHAT'S WRONG, HONEY? WHY DON'T YOU...?

IT WAS ONLY THEN HE REALIZED THAT EVERYONE IN THE ROOM WAS STANDING ROOTED... AS IF PARALYZED...



WHAT IN THE...? HEY, WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH EVERYBODY? GREAT GUNS... I... I MUST BE LOSING MY MIND!

THE PENDULUM... IT'S FROZEN IN MID-AIR... DEFYING THE LAW OF GRAVITY! IT'S AS IF THE WHOLE WORLD HAS STOPPED MOVING!



SOME IMPULSE CAUSED HIM TO STARE AT HIS OWN WATCH...

IT... IT READS A FEW MINUTES PAST 24 O'CLOCK... AND THE SECOND HAND IS SWEEPING! TIME HAS CEASED TO EXIST... EXCEPT FOR THIS WATCH! WH... WHAT CAN THIS ALL MEAN?



FEARING HIMSELF IN THE GRIP OF INSANITY, PHIL RACED INTO THE STREET...



HE RACED AROUND IN THE STREETS WILDLY, SHAKING PEOPLE, SHOUTING AT THEM, TO NO AVAIL...



THE SOUND OF A BRICK SHATTERING GLASS CAUSED NO STIR IN THE STREETS! THEN IT WAS THAT A WHIMSICAL IDEA STRUCK HIM...



NEXT INSTANT...



IS ANYTHING WRONG, PHIL? YOU LOOK SO FUNNY!



HIS BRAIN SPUN RIOTOUSLY AS HE TOOK THE GIRL HOME...



I...I WAS STANDING RIGHT HERE...AND THE NEXT SECOND THE WINDOW WAS SMASHED AND THE JEWELS GONE! ALL YOU OTHER PEOPLE WERE ON THE STREET...HOW DID IT HAPPEN?



PHIL THOUGHT HARDER THAT NIGHT THAN EVERY BEFORE IN HIS LIFE...

THIS WATCH HAS MYSTERIOUS PROPERTIES...AND I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY ARE! SO FAR, IT SEEMS THAT WHEN IT READS BETWEEN 24 AND 25 O'CLOCK, TIME CEASES TO EXIST IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD!



NEXT NIGHT, IN A CROWDED NIGHT CLUB...

WHY DO YOU KEEP STARING AT YOUR WATCH? YOU BORED?

IN EXACTLY TEN SECONDS, IT'LL BE MIDNIGHT! AND I'M VERY CURIOUS ABOUT SOMETHING!



TEN SECONDS LATER...

IT'S HAPPENED AGAIN...EXACTLY LIKE LAST NIGHT! WHAT THIS WATCH DOES IS FREEZE TIME FOR A WHOLE HOUR... THE 25TH HOUR! I CAN DO AS I PLEASE WITH IT!



PROCEEDING AT ONCE TO THE ANTEROOM...

I CAN'T...FIGHT OFF THE TEMPTATION! MONEY THAT NOBODY CAN TRACE TO ME... THAT WILL MAKE ME RICH! WEAKLING THAT I AM... I CAN'T RESIST IT!



HIS POCKETS BULGING, PHIL HASTILY LEFT THE NIGHT CLUB...

I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO MY PLACE AND HIDE THIS MONEY! NO WAY TO GET BACK EXCEPT ON FOOT...



AS HIS APARTMENT WAS WAY ACROSS TOWN...

I'LL NEVER MAKE IT! THE 25TH HOUR IS JUST ABOUT UP...AND I'M STILL BLOCKS AWAY!

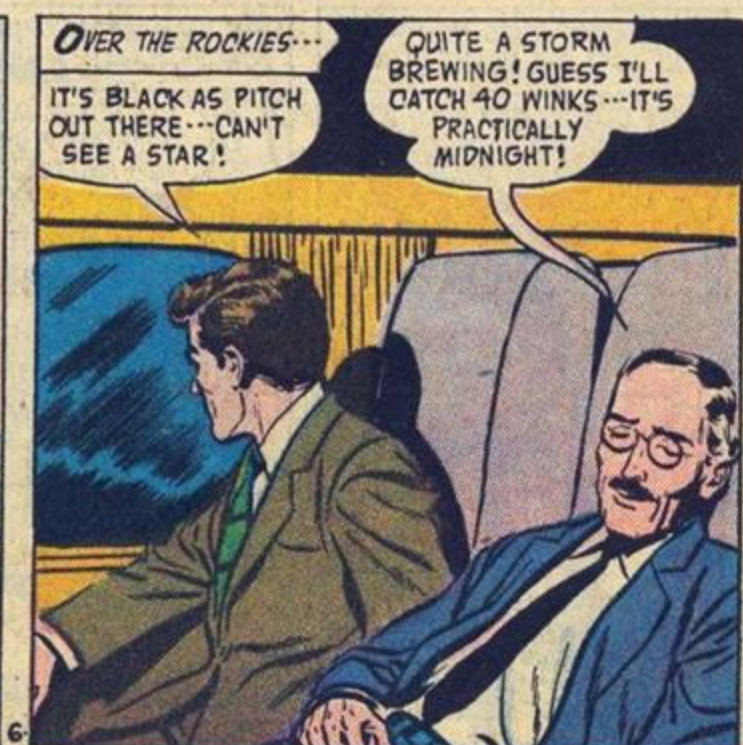


IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS HEADLONG DASH...

OKAY, SO NOW IT'S MIDNIGHT! WHAT'S THERE TO BE SO CURIOUS ABOUT? SAY, HOW'D YOU GET SO OUT OF BREATH? YOUR CHEST IS HEAVING!

G-GUESS...DANCING... IS TOO MUCH...FOR ME...









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SOUL-STEALER'S LEGEND

Have you ever heard the legend of the *soul-stealer*? It's come down to us in many forms, and here's the most popular of them.

We now take you back to old England, in the year 1653—to the tiny hamlet known as Dinwiddie. It was named after the dukedom of Dinwiddie, and all the inhabitants looked up to the young Duke with reverence. And since they were his people, he loved them, as did Alaine, his beautiful duchess. It was a happy time and a happy locality—until onto the scene came a dark, grim man of mystery known as the Baron Malevo.

Nobody knew from whence he had arrived, but he built a black castle nearby—and from the moment of his coming, trouble and grief descended on the neighborhood. There were whispers about him—that he was no mortal man, but an emissary of Satan himself—that he was a soul-stealer ready to strip mortal man of his most cherished possession. And the evidence seemed to bear this out—else why were so many of the local peasantry found wandering witless, their blank eyes at-testing souls that had fled? Invariably they died—with the name *Malevo* on their lips.

And finally Arthur, Duke of Dinwiddie, knew that the time had come for him to strike out against this menace in their midst. Bidding Alaine a fond farewell, he rode alone to the black castle, routing with his ready sword the evil retainers who sought to bar his way.

Confronting the Baron Malevo, he accused him of the black crime of soul-stealing. Both men drew their weapons, and a terrific battle ensued. Malevo was a master swordsman, but Arthur fought with the strength of justice. Death reeled close for the villainous foeman—when, so the legend runs, he uttered an incantation which summoned his dread master, Satan. Exactly what happened nobody knew—but Arthur reeled home and spoke not a word to Alaine. Next morning, he awoke witless and empty-eyed, and everyone knew that once again, the soul-stealer had succeeded!

Alaine, however, loved her husband far too much to accept this grim turn of affairs. Nobody in those parts was as wise as old Friar Bartholomew, so she visited him, asking his advice.

"He is without his soul," the old man said slowly, "and it is said that the soul-stealer can only be defeated by *love—and courage!*"

These were mystic words, but they were all that Alaine had to hear. None had greater love than she—and her love sent her courage soaring high. Straight to the Baron Malevo's castle she went, confronting him boldly as she demanded the return of her husband's soul. He threatened her with dire punishment, with death itself—but the brave girl refused to be cowed.

A grim smile tugging at his lips, Malevo raised a gate, loosing a pack of huge wolves. Unafraid, she met their charge, seizing a battleaxe from the wall and fighting heroically. She fought not for herself, but for Arthur—and it gave her a strength that lent drive to the axe, downing several of the beasts, until the rest turned and ran.

Once more Alaine turned to Malevo, demanding the restoration of her husband's soul. There was desperation in Malevo's eyes, almost as if some deadly duel were being waged, and the battle had turned against him. A grim, purposeful expression came over his face, as if he were playing his trump card. From his lips there burst an evil incantation, and Alaine felt the floor suddenly open up beneath her feet. She was falling head over heels into a black pit—down, *down!*

And now she found herself in an incredibly evil land, where fires burned everywhere. Never had she known fear like this, for she knew into what awful land she had come. She heard, as if from a great distance, Malevo's voice. "*Will you save yourself—and forget your husband?*" But Alaine's love was greater than her fear. "No," she gasped. "Let the pit envelop me, the flames burn—but *restore his soul!*"

There was a crash. The next thing Alaine knew, she was in her own home, standing before Arthur's bed. He opened his eyes, and in them there was reason—and love! His soul had been restored—due to his wife's devotion and courage! As for Baron Malevo, all that remained of his castle was a huge excavation in the ground, and he was never heard from again. And that's the legend of the *soul-stealer!*

The SKI HUT!

ON JANUARY 17, 1954, DIRK SVENSON, ONE OF THE FINEST SKIERS IN SWEDEN, TOOK A NASTY SPILL WHILE PRACTICING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION...

OH HHHH!

NO ONE SAW THE ACCIDENT, FOR HE WAS HIGH UP IN THE TOWERING MOUNTAINS SURROUNDING HIS HOME...

MY... ANKLE!
GOT TO GET HELP
...BUT HOW WILL I
GET DOWN OFF
THE SLOPES?

ABANDONING HIS SKIS, HE BEGAN A LIMPING DESCENT!

IMPOSSIBLE! IF I
TRY TO MAKE IT ON FOOT
I'LL SURELY BREAK MY
NECK! WHAT'LL I DO?
IT'S STARTING TO SNOW
...AND I'M GETTING
COLD!

IT MIGHT BE HOURS BEFORE HELP WOULD COME, AND IN THAT TIME HE WOULD FREEZE! THEN SUDDENLY...

A SKI LODGE!
STRANGE, I DIDN'T
KNOW THERE WAS
ONE AROUND
HERE!

TO HIS FURTHER SURPRISE, THE LODGE PROVED SUPERB WITHIN...

FIREPLACE...
BOOKS...FOOD...
PERFECT! I CAN
PASS THE TIME
PLEASANTLY
TILL HELP
COMES!



THERE WERE NONE TO MOURN THE DEATH OF OLD BYRON BRANNIN! AFTER A LIFE OF FANTASTIC SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT, THE GREAT PHYSICIST AND SCHOLAR REMAINED WITHOUT A SINGLE PERSONAL FRIEND! YET EVEN HIS WORST ENEMIES REGRETTED WHAT THEY MISTAKENLY THOUGHT WOULD BE THE END OF...

BRANNIN'S BRAIN!

BRANNIN'S EYES... ALWAYS STARING... BORING RIGHT THROUGH ME... AS IF TELLING ME WHAT TO DO, WHAT TO THINK, HOW TO ACT! IT'S NO LONGER MY BODY USING HIS BRAIN... BUT HIS BRAIN USING MY BODY!



IN BRANNIN'S MANSION...

THERE'S NO HOPE! THE END CAN COME AT ANY TIME!

IT WILL BE A GREAT LOSS TO SCIENCE!



IN THE OLD MAN'S BEDCHAMBER, SURROUNDED BY COLLEAGUES...

EVERYBODY... WANTS TO BE IN AT THE KILL, EH? INTEND TO HAVE... A CELEBRATION AFTERWARDS? YOU'RE ALL IDIOTS... EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU!

YOU DO US AN INJUSTICE, PROFESSOR!







WITHIN AN HOUR THERE WAS A SPECIAL MEETING OF ALL THE ENGINEERING CHIEFS IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE---

DO YOU MIND REPEATING WHAT YOU TOLD ME, MR. HARDIN?

CERTAINLY! GENTLEMEN, THE EXPERIMENTAL JET FIGHTER SIMPLY WON'T BE STABLE AT LOW SPEEDS! LET ME BEGIN BY ANALYZING ITS THRUST DISTRIBUTION---



FOR A HALF HOUR THE AUDIENCE LISTENED SPELL-BOUND TO THE RIVETER'S BRILLIANCE, WHEN SUDDENLY---

CONSEQUENTLY, THE FLOW OF CO-ORDINATES IMPLY A WARP CONFIGURATION IN WHICH---

GREAT SCOTT! HE... HE'S THE ONE WHO MUST HAVE GOTTEN BRANNIN'S BRAIN!



THE GASPED ANNOUNCEMENT CAUSED AN INSTANT SENSATION---

WHAT'S THAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THIS MORNING'S PAPERS WERE FULL OF THE STORY! BEFORE BYRON BRANNIN DIED LAST NIGHT, HE SAID HE WAS BEQUEATHING HIS BRAIN TO SOMEONE --- AND **THIS** MUST BE THE MAN WHO GOT IT!



WHILE THE NEWS SWEEPED AROUND THE AIRCRAFT PLANT LIKE WILDFIRE, THE DAZED JIM WAS CLOSETED WITH THE PRESIDENT---

JUST SIGN UP WITH US, JIM BOY, AND YOU CAN WRITE YOUR OWN TICKET! \$100,000 TO START, A FREE HAND, YOUR OWN LAB... YOU NAME IT!

I... I'VE GOT TO THINK OVER WHAT HAPPENED TO ME!



BY THE END OF THE WEEK, REPORTERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY HAD SWARMED TO JIM'S HOME! EXPERTS EXAMINED HIM, CONFRONTED HIM WITH HUNDREDS OF DIFFICULT QUESTIONS---

THAT'S THE MOST BRILLIANT EXPLANATION OF THE QUANTUM THEORY I'VE EVER HEARD!

NO QUESTION ABOUT IT... HE'S GOT BRANNIN'S BRAIN!



THE MOST IMPORTANT VISITOR WAS THE EXECUTOR OF BRANNIN'S ESTATE---

ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE WILL, BRANNIN'S ENTIRE FORTUNE IS AT YOUR DISPOSAL... 15 MILLION DOLLARS, HIS MANSION AND MUCH MORE!

I'D LIKE TO EXAMINE MY PROPERTIES AT ONCE!



SOON AFTERWARDS---

IT... IT'S SUCH A FORBIDDING PLACE... SO BIG AND GLOOMY! I DON'T LIKE IT, JIM... IT'S SO FAR FROM ALL OUR FRIENDS!

NONSENSE! IT SUITS MY TASTE PERFECTLY!







I... I'M SORRY, JIM!

MORON! YOU'VE RUINED A MING VASE... A LOVELY THING! YOU'D BETTER ALL LEAVE BEFORE THE WHOLE HOUSE IS DESTROYED!



SURE, WE'LL GO! YOU'VE CHANGED, BUDDY... AND **NOT** FOR THE BETTER!

JIM, HOW **COULD** YOU? THEY'RE OUR OLDEST FRIENDS!



CRUSHED AND HUMILIATED, LUCY EXPLODED...

YOU'RE **NO LONGER THE MAN I LOVED!** YOU'VE BECOME A SELFISH, EGOTISTICAL TYRANT... YOU DON'T **CARE** ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S FEELINGS ANYMORE!

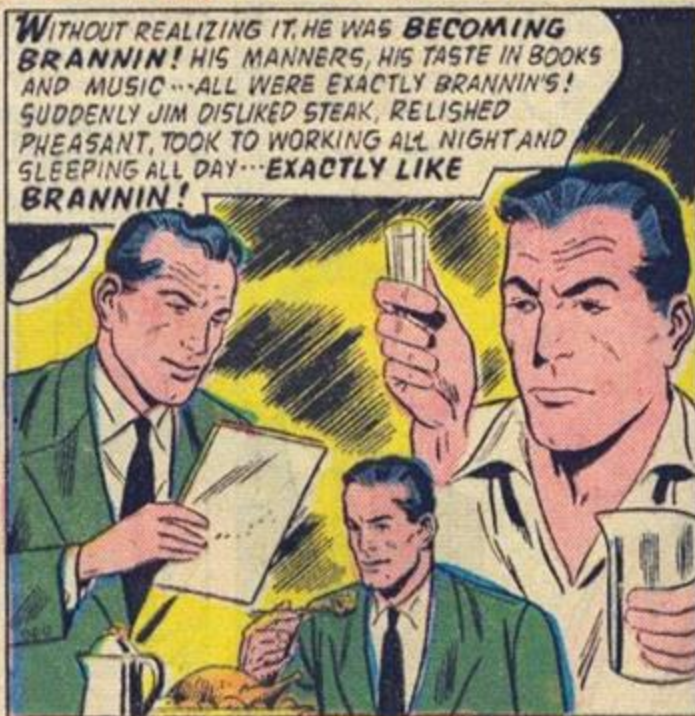
GRANTED! THE FEELINGS OF INFERIOR MENTALITIES DON'T MATTER!



AFTER THAT THEY LIVED AT DAGGER POINTS... IN THE SAME HOUSE, BUT WITHOUT AFFECTION! SOON ALL OF JIM'S HABITS BEGAN TO CHANGE...

DO YOU KNOW, GIR, THAT YOUR TASTE IN CLOTHES IS EXACTLY LIKE THE LATE MR. BRANNIN'S?

I CONSIDER THAT A **COMPLIMENT, HAWKINS!**



WITHOUT REALIZING IT, HE WAS BECOMING BRANNIN! HIS MANNERS, HIS TASTE IN BOOKS AND MUSIC... ALL WERE EXACTLY BRANNIN'S! SUDDENLY JIM DISLIKED STEAK, RELISHED PHEASANT, TOOK TO WORKING ALL NIGHT AND SLEEPING ALL DAY... **EXACTLY LIKE BRANNIN!**



SOON HE WAS STARING AT BRANNIN'S PORTRAIT FOR HOURS ON END...

HIS EYES... BORING THROUGH ME... AS IF TELLING ME WHAT TO **DO**... WHAT TO **THINK!** I'M LIKE A PRISONER TRAPPED IN A CAGE OF INVISIBLE BARS! JIM HARDIN IS **CEASING TO EXIST!**



PREOCCUPIED WITH HIS OWN PROBLEMS, HE DIDN'T NOTICE THAT LUCY WAS WASTING AWAY, THAT DAILY HER FACE GREW PALER AND THINNER...

IT'S NOT SO MUCH THAT I HAVE BRANNIN'S BRAIN AS THAT **HE HAS MY BODY!**

JIM... I... I FEEL... SO WEAK... OHHHH...



IT WAS A HARD DECISION, BUT THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY...

THERE'S GRIM IRONY HERE! I'M USING THE BRILLIANCE OF BRANNIN'S BRAIN TO CONSTRUCT A MACHINE WHICH WILL **LIBERATE JIM HARDIN FROM BONDAGE!**



THE FANTASTICALLY COMPLEX MECHANISM WAS CONSTRUCTED AT TOP SPEED! FOR THIS WAS A RACE AGAINST TIME, AS LUCY GREW WEAKER EACH DAY...

JUST ABOUT READY!
ONE MORE FINAL CHECK!



WITH THE ENORMOUS ELECTRODES AND X-RAY UNITS POINTED AT HIS HEAD...JIM FLIPPED THE CONTROL SWITCH! HUGE MOTORS WHINED AND ROARED AS A GAMMA STREAM STRUCK ITS TARGET...

MY HEAD...IT'S SPLITTING
...GOT TO HANG ON...



WITHIN SECONDS, HE LOST CONSCIOUSNESS! AFTER A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME, THE MACHINES TURNED THEMSELVES OFF AUTOMATICALLY...



AN HOUR LATER, WHEN HE REVIVED...

IT...IT **WORKED!** I'M MY **OLD SELF AGAIN!** I CAN'T MAKE HEAD OR TAIL OF THIS MECHANISM...BRANNIN'S BRAIN IS DESTROYED!...**LUCY!** I'VE GOT TO GO TO HER! POOR DARLING...I'VE BEEN SO CRUEL!



ONE YEAR LATER THE LIVES OF JIM AND LUCY HAD RETURNED TO NORMAL! HE HAD HIS OLD JOB BACK, HIS OLD FRIENDS, THE OLD SIMPLE JOYS OF LIFE...

STRIKE!

NICE GOING,
HUBBY!



ONCE IN A WHILE, THEY MENTIONED THE AWFUL EXPERIENCE THEY'D BEEN THROUGH...

DO YOU EVER **MISS** THE OLD LIFE? THE LIFE WITH **BRANNIN'S BRAIN?**

NEVER! I'D RATHER HAVE YOUR LOVE THAN ALL THE INTELLECT IN THE **WORLD!** BESIDES, HAVING **YOU** FOR A WIFE MAKES ME A LOT SMARTER THAN BRANNIN EVER WAS!



THE END!

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Hello, all you "Adventures Into The Unknown" fans! As you know, this page is your sounding-board. We've asked you to express your opinions of our magazine in letters addressed to The Editor, "Adventures Into The Unknown", 347 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. And remember, we're waiting to hear from you. We'll print letters when space permits, but please—let these letters contain your *sincere* opinions. If you like something, say so—and if you don't like it, say so with equal strength. Some people write pure praise, hoping to get a letter printed thereby—and others write pure abuse for the same reason. There's no sincerity in these types of letters, and we'd rather not get them. But if you *really* feel something about our magazine, be it good or bad—say so! Sure we like praise—sure we feel bad about criticism—but let's make *honesty* the criterion, shall we? And having said our say, let's look in on a few letters!

"Dear Editor:-

I like your 'Let's Talk It Over' page tremendously. While reading it, I was wondering whether there was any way I could obtain back issues, such as #67 and #72—and also, a year's subscription! I also think your 'Out Of The Unknown' and 'Explanation, Please' features are great, but where do you get that information from? I've read all your chief competitors, but none are as good as the few issues of 'Adventures Into The Unknown' that I've seen, for I only discovered how good they were a few months ago. Now I don't miss an issue and I save all my old issues. The stories are really super!

—David Waris, Lunenburg, Mass."

We welcome your opinions, David, because we think you mean them wholeheartedly. You can get a year's subscription by sending in \$1.20. We'll see what can be done about those back issues you mention. Glad to have you as a steady reader!

"Dear Editor:-

Just finished reading your February issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown' and I liked 'The Seller of Dreams' and 'The 5:27 Express'. Both were fiction, but had a really true ring to them. I like your book—its only fault is that it would be even better with 50 more pages! I'm with the 12th Air Force in France. From me and my buddies—keep up the good work and you'll have the best comic on the market!

—A/3C John W. Kilburn, France."

It's swell hearing from our boys overseas! Just keep reading "Adventures Into The Unknown", John—and if you see any way we can improve it, let us know!

"Dear Editor:-

I think your magazine stinks. It is the worst I have ever read. I do not know how you even print it. You should be ashamed of yourself. I dare you to print this letter.

—Dennis Hardaker, Montebello, Calif."

Here's one of the types of letters which we referred to at the outset. It was a little difficult for us to correct the spelling, but this is what emerged. A letter like this could come from a bluenose reformer, if there were anything to reform—but ours is a decent magazine, approved by the Comics Code Authority. So this is just a bid for attention, we'd say!

"Dear Editor:-

I collect 'Adventures Into The Unknown' comics. The most prized of my collection is 'Professor Kincaid's Theory', the best story I've ever read. Your magazine also has the best covers, but I think you'd get even more fans if you'd put in five or six of the one-page word stories. I'm with the army in Germany—and believe me, my friends have been trying to get 'Professor Kincaid's Theory' from me!

—Gary Frederick, Germany".

"Professor Kincaid's Theory" was one of our favorites, too, Gary. About the word stories—thanks a lot for expressing your opinion. We'd like to get some more reactions on this subject. How about some of you other readers speaking up?

"Dear Editor:-

I've just read your February issue. I really thought that 'The 5:27 Express' and 'Seller of Dreams' were tops. 'Mandarin's Robe', however, didn't have the usual odd twist that makes your stories the most. The best story I ever read in any comics magazine was 'The Man Within', which you carried recently. It was really fascinating! In the same book—January issue—'Stone Age Man' was really odd. All I can say is that I eagerly await each new issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown'. I only wish they came out more often, but as long as you keep publishing, I'll keep buying!

—K. M. E., New York, N. Y."

You've just about hit the nail on the head, we think. Particularly on "The 5:27 Express" and "The Man Within". "Mandarin's Robe" was an all-around mistake, we're beginning to think. Sorry we flubbed!

LION with a MAN'S HEAD!

Dear Reader:-

A weird story magazine such as ours receives many contributions from outsiders who swear to their truth. We won't swear to this one...but if it's a tense, amazing yarn you're after...an eerie story that'll leave you breathless...THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!

...THE EDITOR



KURT ANDREWS, ARCHEOLOGICAL EXPLORER, HAD REPORTED FOR HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT...

WHERE TO THIS TIME, CHIEF? EGYPT? HAITI? PERU?

UH-UH! THIS TIME IT'S... SYRIA!



KURT, DO YOU REALIZE HOW MANY GREAT FINDS HAVE BEEN MADE BY FOLLOWING UP FOLK LEGENDS? THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO IN SYRIA! YOU'RE GOING THERE TO FIND OUT WHATEVER YOU CAN ABOUT THE LION WITH A MAN'S HEAD!

HUH? I DON'T GET IT...WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?





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WHY, THIS MUST BE
THE **LION WITH A MAN'S
HEAD** THAT YOU SPOKE
OF! WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE
OF THIS GIFT?

IT IS BUT **PART**
OF THE GIFT, NOBLE
PRINCE---



...THE REST AWAITS YOU
EVEN NOW IN THE MIDDLE
OF THE FOREST THAT LIES
BEFORE THE CASTLE! I
WON'T REVEAL WHAT IT
IS... I'D RATHER IT COME
AS A **SURPRISE!** BUT I
PROMISE IT WILL BE THE
MOST IMPORTANT THING
SINCE YOUR
BIRTH!

DO YOU PROPOSE THAT
I VENTURE INTO THE
DENSE WOODLAND...
FOR SOMETHING I
KNOW NOT?



OF COURSE
...IF YOU ARE
AFRAID---

I AM THE STRONGEST
AND MIGHTIEST
FIGHTER IN ALL MY
REALM... I FEAR
**NOTHING! I
SHALL BE
THERE!**



HERE THE OLD MAN PAUSED IN HIS TALE AND---

WELL?
GET ON WITH
IT!

I AM SORRY... NOTHING
MORE IS KNOWN! THE PRINCE
NEVER RETURNED FROM THE
FOREST! ACCORDING TO THE
LEGEND, VOLERO MARRIED THE PRINCESS--
AND FOR ALMOST A THOUSAND YEARS,
THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA TREMBLED
BEFORE THE STRANGE GOD HE HAD
BROUGHT IN... THE ALL-POWERFUL
DEITY CALLED **THE LION
WITH A MAN'S
HEAD!**

IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME, KURT CONCLUDED... BUT HE HAD TO
DO WHAT HE COULD TOWARDS CARRYING OUT HIS MISSION,
RIDICULOUS THOUGH IT SEEMED! HE CONDUCTED DIGGINGS
ON THE SITE OF THE ANCIENT CASTLE---



OUTSIDE OF CRUMBLD
MASONRY, WE HAVEN'T
UNEARTHED A THING!
THE WHOLE
AFFAIR'S A
FLOP!

YOU'RE RIGHT!
WE MIGHT JUST AS
WELL BE DIGGING
UP THOSE WOODS
OVER THERE!

THE WORDS GAVE HIM A SUDDEN IDEA... A
DESPERATE, LAST DITCH HOPE---



WAIT A MINUTE! I KNOW IT'S CRAZY,
BUT THAT STORY I HEARD... ABOUT THE
PRINCE HAVING GONE TO THE MIDDLE OF
THE FOREST TO GET SOMETHING AFTER
HE WAS HANDED THE **LION WITH A
MAN'S HEAD**, AND NEVER RETURNING!
DESPITE THE CENTURIES, THOSE ARE
THE SAME WOODS! **LET'S TRY
'EM!**

BUT EVEN THE MIDDLE OF A FOREST COVERS A WIDE AREA!
THEY DUG IN MANY PLACES, BUT MET ONLY DISCOURAGEMENT
... UNTIL ...

WELL, I DID WHAT I
COULD! MIGHT AS WELL
PACK UP AND GO HOME
... WE'VE FAILED!

KURT! TAKE A
LOOK AT WHAT
I'VE FOUND...



IT... IT WAS
UNDER A HUGE,
PETRIFIED TREE
TRUNK... I ALMOST
MISSED IT...

RELAX, WILL
YOU... AND SHOW
ME WHAT IT IS
YOU'VE DUG UP!



AND THERE IT WAS... EXACTLY AS THE LEGEND HAD
PICTURED IT...

IT BEARS OUT PART
OF THE OLD STORY, ANYWAY!
AT LEAST, WE CAN GO HOME
WITH SOMETHING **ACTUAL!**

BUT... BUT
THAT'S NOT
ALL I
FOUND!



WHY, IT'S A
SWORD... BROKEN
OFF, AS IF IN SOME
TERRIBLE
FIGHT!

YES... AND **WHAT A**
FIGHT... WHOEVER USED
IT MUST HAVE BEEN A REAL
POWERHOUSE! THERE'S
REMNANTS OF HUMAN BONES
THERE... AND... AND SOME-
THING **ELSE!** YOU WON'T
BELIEVE IT... **COME**
AND SEE!



CAN IT BE
THAT PRINCE
ROLBANA REALLY
DIED IN THE MIDDLE
OF THE FOREST...
AFTER A TERRIFIC
BATTLE?

HE WAS A
FIGHTER, ALL
RIGHT... BUT HE
NEVER EXPECTED
WHAT HE CAME
UP AGAINST!
LOOK DOWN
THERE!



AND THERE IT WAS... CLEARLY REVEALED FOR ALL TO SEE...

IT... IT'S THE
SKELETON
OF A LION!

BUT LOOK AT THE
SKULL! THAT THING WAS
ALIVE... AND IT HAD... **A**
MAN'S HEAD!



THE END!

Secret OF DEATH VALLEY!

LUKE YERKA, AN ECCENTRIC OLD PROSPECTOR, HAD BEEN SCOURING DEATH VALLEY FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS...

AIN'T FOUND GOLD YET! BUT I'LL MAKE A STRIKE SOONER OR LATER...AND WHEN I DO...IT'LL BE A **BONANZA!**



FEW MEN COULD TAKE THE BLISTERING HEATS OF DEATH VALLEY, AND ITS CHILL NIGHTS, BUT LUKE YERKA HAD LONG SINCE GROWN USED TO IT...

G'NIGHT, BURROS! HOPE I DREAM OF YALLER ORE!



IT WASN'T OFTEN LUKE'S SLEEP WAS DISTURBED, BUT DEATH VALLEY WAS NO LONGER AS COMPLETELY ISOLATED AS ONCE...

DAGNAB IT! THAT AIRYPLANE SCARED THE BURROS!



HEY, COME BACK! BACK, CONSNARN IT!



HE CHASED THE FLEEING ANIMALS FOR TEN MINUTES, THEN LOST THEM IN THE NIGHT! AS DAWN CAME UP, HE FIRST REALIZED HIS DESPERATE PREDICAMENT...

IT...IT'S A HUNDRED MILES OUT OF THE VALLEY! WHAT'LL I DO? ALL I GOT'S THE WATER IN THIS CANTEEN! THE BURROS RAN OFF WITH THE REST!



THE SUN ROSE HIGHER AND BEAT DOWN PITILESSLY! THERE WAS NO SHADE, NO PLACE FOR HIM TO ESCAPE ITS MERCILESS GLARE! ALL HE COULD DO WAS TRUDGE ON, KNOWING ESCAPE WAS HOPELESS...

THROAT PARCHED...DON'T DARE TAKE A SWIG...NOT ENOUGH WATER! I GOT TO FIND THEM BURROS...GOT TO!



THE LONG DAY SEEMED TO PASS WITH INFINITE SLOWNESS! AT THE MOMENT OF GREATEST HEAT...

EMPTY! I CAN ONLY HOLD OUT A COUPLA HOURS MORE...GOT TO GO ON...



BUT LUKE YERKA WAS A TOUGH OLD MAN! WHEN NIGHT FELL AND THE CHILL COOLED HIS FLAMING SKIN, HE WAS STILL IN POSSESSION OF HIS FACULTIES...

MEBBE ONE OF THEM AIRYPLANES'LL PASS OVERHEAD TOMORROW...MEBBE IT'LL SEE ME! I AIN'T LICKED YET!



NEXT DAY, TWO HOURS AFTER SUN-UP, LUKE WAS BEATEN! HE COLLAPSED ON THE BURNING SANDS, LOOKED UP AT THE SKIES, WHERE TO HIS AMAZEMENT...

JUMPIN' BLUE BLAZES! IT'S STARTIN' TUH CLOUD UP...DARK CLOUDS! IT'S GONNA RAIN!



IN DEATH VALLEY, LOWEST POINT IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, RAIN IS A GREAT RARITY! BUT NOW IT WAS POURING, POURING HARD...

RAIN! HA-HA! KNEW I WAS TOO TOUGH TUH GIT LICKED! C'MON, OLE CLOUDS, POUR!



THE WATER'S GOIN' RIGHT THROUGH THE HOLES! HOW'LL I COLLECT THE RAIN? I GOT TO!



THE THIRSTY SANDS ABSORBED THE DOWNPOUR SWIFTLY! MINUTES LATER, THE RAIN CEASED...

I... I HARDLY GOT MUHSELF A DRINK! AN' ALL THE WATER'S BEEN GULPED BY THE SAND! MEBBE THERE'S A PUDDLE AROUND HERE...THERE'S GOT TO BE!



ATOP A NEARBY DUNE...

YAHOOO!
WATER!
LEMME
AT IT!



LIKE A WILD MAN HE THREW HIMSELF INTO THE WATER HOLE, DRANK GREEDILY, COOLED HIMSELF...

NECTAR AN' AMBROSIA! THE RAIN MUSTA RUN INTO THIS HOLLOW... BUT IT'S DRYIN' UP FAST! BETTER FILL THE CANTEEN AN' DRINK MUH FILL!



WITHIN MOMENTS THE WATER HAD NEARLY DISAPPEARED, BUT STILL LUKE ROLLED IN THE COOL MUD...

FEELS GOOD... TREE-MENDOUS! I AIN'T LICKED YET! I'LL GET OUT OF THIS VALLEY! FEEL LIKE A MILLION BUCKS NOW!



LUKE FELT VERY MUCH BETTER... AMAZINGLY SO! HE STRODE VIGOROUSLY AWAY FROM THE MUD PUDDLE, AND AN HOUR LATER...

MUH BURROS! HEY, BURROS, HOLD ON! I'M COMIN'!



FIVE DAYS AFTER...

WE'LL BE REACHIN' TOWN SOON! FUNNY HOW MUCH BETTER I FEEL... LIKE I WAS 20 YEARS YOUNGER! I'M GONNA GET ME A SHAVE AN' SOME NEW CLOTHES!



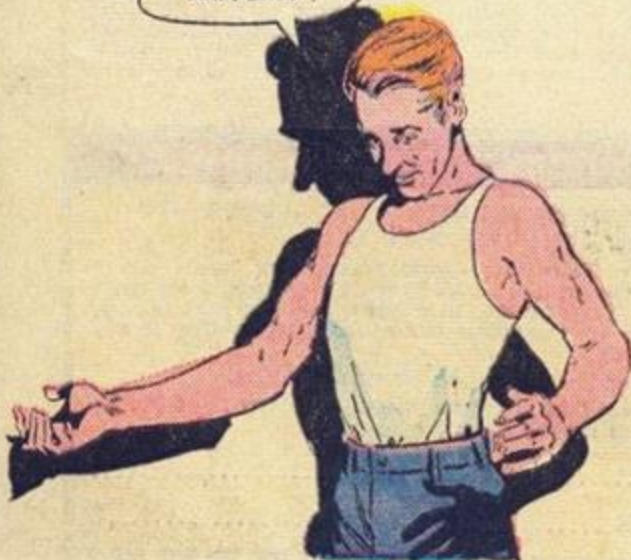
IN THE SMALL TOWN ON THE EDGE OF THE DESERT, LUKE GOT A HOTEL ROOM! WHEN HE FINISHED SHAVING...

SIMMERIN' GAGEBRUSH! IS THAT ME? I... I'M YOUNGER... 30 YEARS YOUNGER!



ONLY THEN DID HE LOOK CLOSELY AT HIMSELF, ONLY THEN DID HE REALIZE THAT HE WAS TRANSFORMED...

MUH ARMS, MUH CHEST... I AM YOUNG AGAIN! WH-WHAT'S... HAPPENED?



A WEEK LATER, HE WAS BACK IN DEATH VALLEY, PROSPECTING... BUT THIS TIME FOR SOMETHING FAR MORE VALUABLE THAN GOLD...

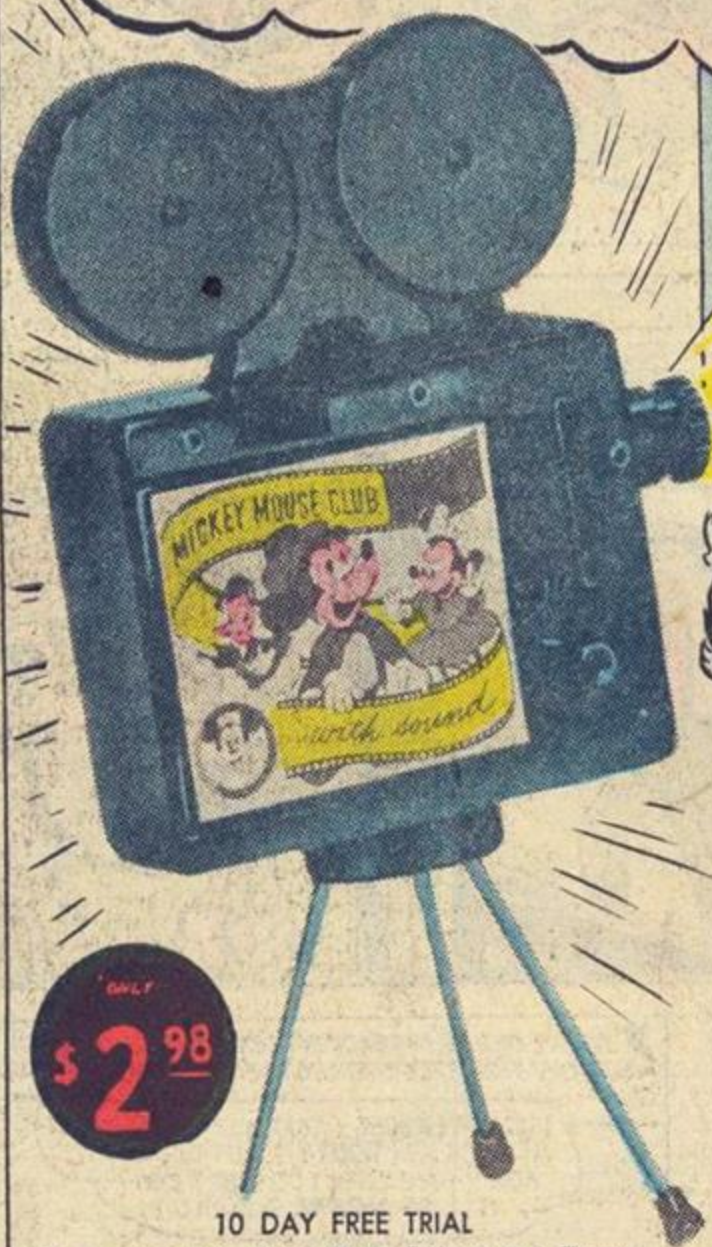
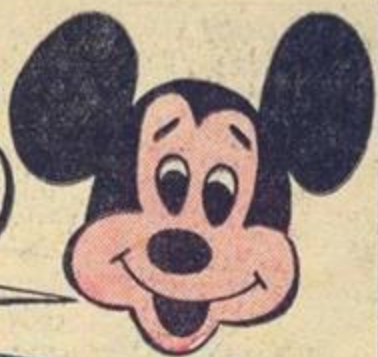
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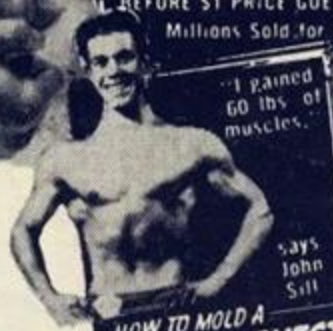


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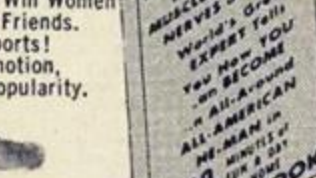
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admires
his build," says Nellie.
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