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THE SPIDER™

Created by Ted Cowan and Reg Bunn

REAL NAME/ALIASES

Unknown.

OCCUPATION

Criminal mastermind, sometime hero.

QUOTE

"By the webs of Juba!"

ALLIES

Roy Ordini, Professor Pelham, Spider-Boy, The Society of Heroes (Mr Gizmo, Captain Whiz, Rex Robot, Tigro the Wild Man, Rock Man, Snow Man).

ENEMIES

Crime Genie, The Android Emperor, The Secret Seven (Limbo the Unknown, The Living Totem, The Shark, Gas Man, Muto the Multi-Form, The Mad Meckanoid), Dr Mysterioso, Mirror Man, and the NYPD.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

The Spider possesses great speed, agility and a genius intellect, all of which make him a formidable opponent. He employs a variety of weaponry including his Spider-pistol, which fires an unidentified, sticky substance with phenomenal tensile strength. He also carries a gas-pellet gun, which fires paralysing gas and a plastic substance capable of altering the shape of its' target for up to three weeks. His wetsuit-style costume is bulletproof yet light enough to manoeuvre in. The Spider's transport, the Helicar - a flying 'tube' complete with revolving air jets - was created by Professor Pelham.

FIRST APPEARANCE

Lion, 26th June 1965.

HISTORY

The Spider made his first public appearance when he rescued professional safe-breaker Roy Ordini from a police dragnet. The Spider was recruiting the thief for his 'Empire of Crime', promising to make him rich if he agreed to join. Ordini accepted and was swiftly followed into the Spider's service by Professor Pelham. The two (occasionally) loyal henchman would join their new master on several adventures, starting with a face-off against the master of illusion, Mirror Man. The rotund menace stole a ten million dollar haul of bullion from under The Spider's nose, even framing him for the crime. The Spider's superior criminal intellect would eventually see him triumph over his first 'super foe', but increasingly bizarre and powerful opposition would follow. Initial encounters occurred when The Spider's criminal activities got in the way of other criminal's exploits. Often they would lure him out by exploiting his vanity - The Spider's one, overwhelming weakness. There were also many instances, however, when the Spider would show a more moral, almost heroic side - most notably when he teamed up with the Society of Heroes to stop Limbo the Unknown and his Sinister Seven teammates from taking over the world.



THE WORLD'S
GREATEST
CRIME-FIGHTING
GENIUS!

THE
SPIDER!

OR...
HE WAS...

A VILLAIN WHO EVENTUALLY
DECIDED TO CHANGE SIDES,
THE SPIDER WORKED WITH
BRITISH INTELLIGENCE TO
BATTLE AND LOCK AWAY
ALL SUPER-VILLAINS.

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THE SPIDER
WHERE IS THE SPIDER?

BUT, HAVING
ACHIEVED HIS GOAL,
HE DISAPPEARED FROM
PUBLIC VIEW. NEVER
TO BE SEEN AGAIN.

I'M AFRAID I HAVE
NO KNOWLEDGE OF
THE SPIDER'S FATE.

SO YOU'RE
SAYING AFTER AIDING
YOU IN PUTTING
THE SUPER-VILLAIN
THREAT BEHIND BARS
HE JUST...VANISHED,
MS GILMORE?

THEA GILMORE, MI6 SPEAKING AT GOVERNMENT SELECT COMMITTEE

"THAT IS MY
UNDERSTANDING,
YES.

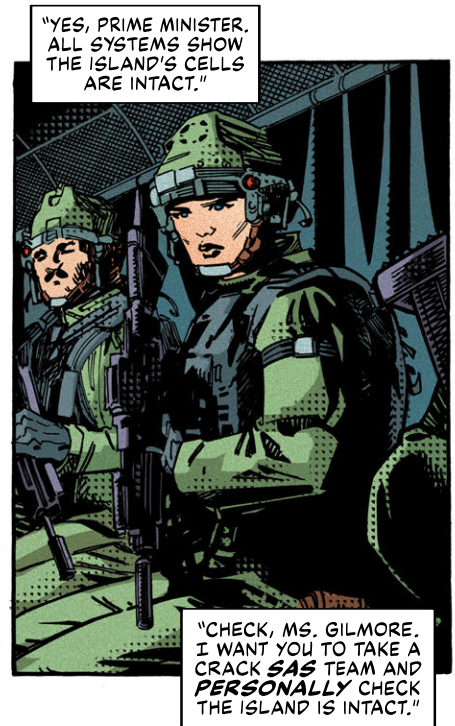
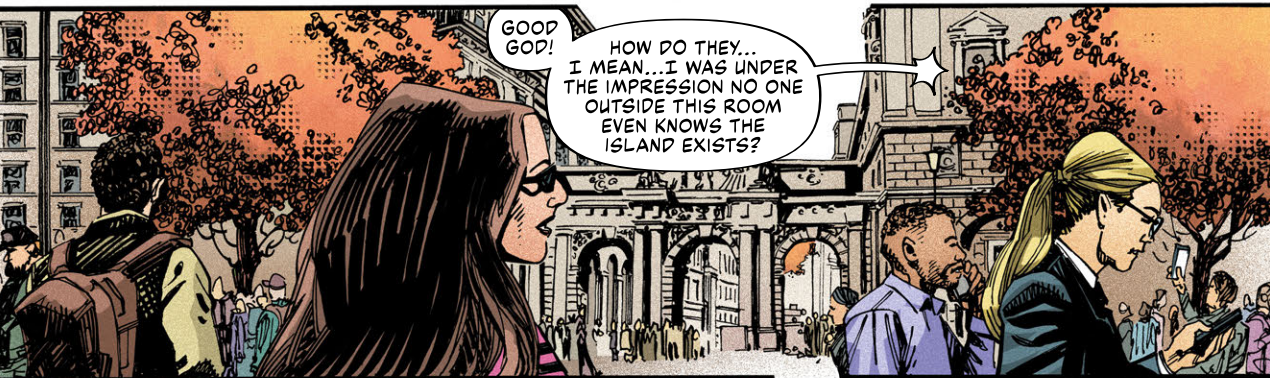
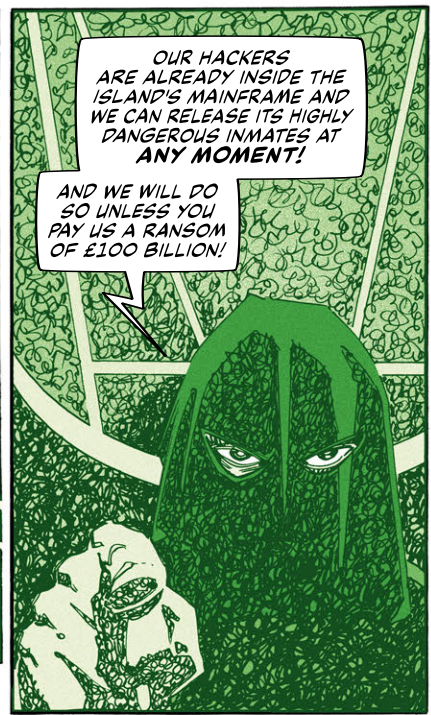
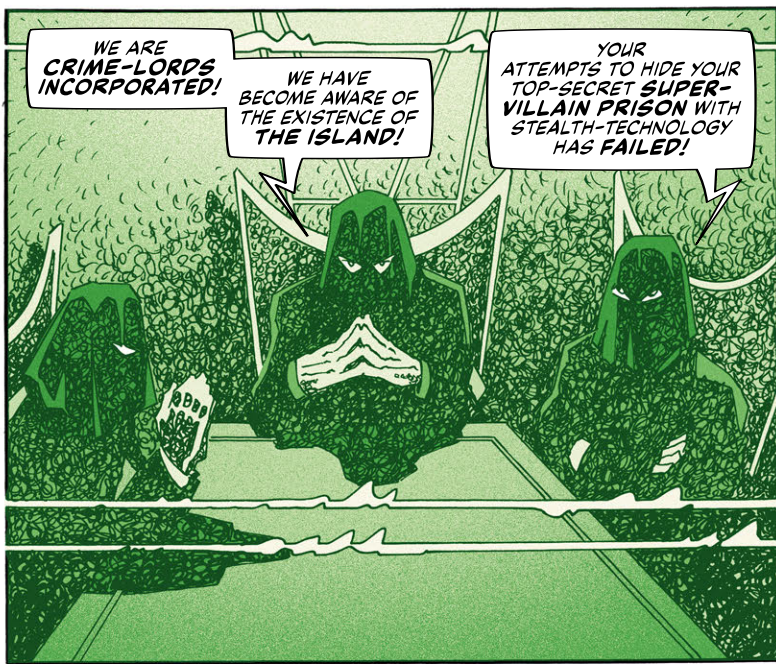
"HAVING ACHIEVED
HIS GOAL I CAN
ONLY ASSUME HE
GOT BORED OF US
AND WENT INTO A
HAPPY RETIREMENT.

"OR PERHAPS HE
DIED. HIS WAS A
HIGHLY DANGEROUS
LIFE, AFTER ALL.

"NO ONE KNOWS
WHAT BECAME
OF THE SPIDER."

ATTENTION
BRITISH
GOVERNMENT!

I REPEAT:
ATTENTION BRITISH
GOVERNMENT! YOU
ARE UNDER
ATTACK!



"I MEAN, GOD HELP US IF THAT LOT EVER GET LOOSE AGAIN."

"AND YOU'VE LED THE CHARGE WHEN IT COMES TO BURYING THESE MONSTERS FROM BRITISH HISTORY."

HOW FAR?

FROM THE COORDINATES YOU GAVE WE SHOULD SEE IT BY NOW BUT...NOTHING SHOULD BE FLYING IN THIS WEATHER.

AND NO HOMING SIGNAL. NOTHING ON RADAR.

THAT WAS THE POINT, GENTLEMEN.

THE ISLAND. A TOTALLY AUTOMATED, STEALTH-PROTECTED PRISON STRUCTURE HOURS FROM LAND IN ANY DIRECTION, IN FREEZING SEAS.

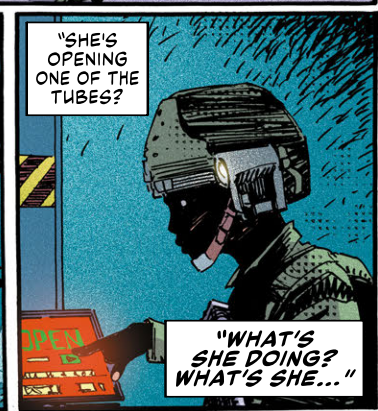
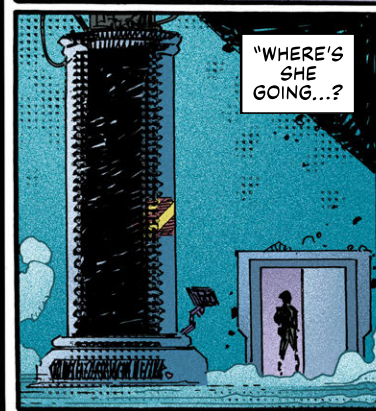
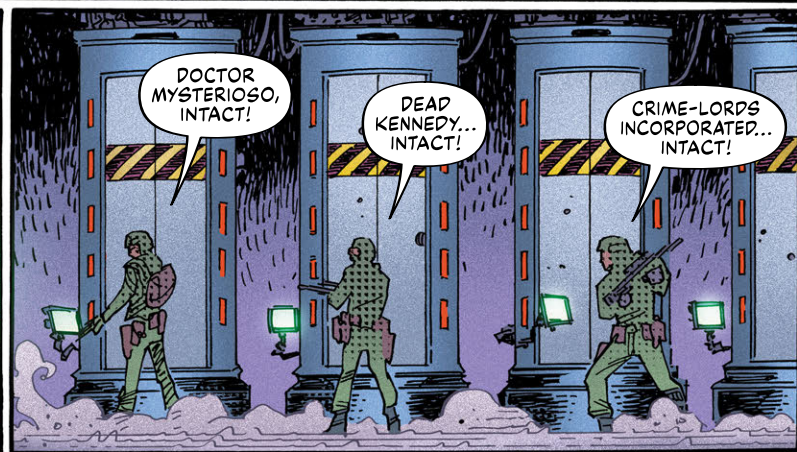
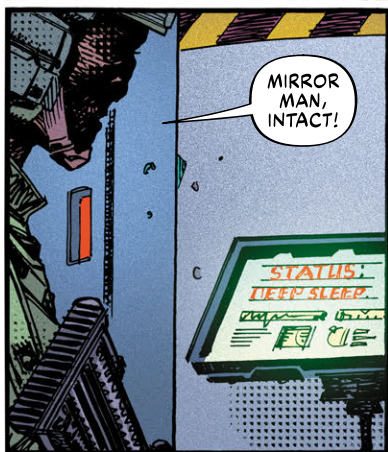
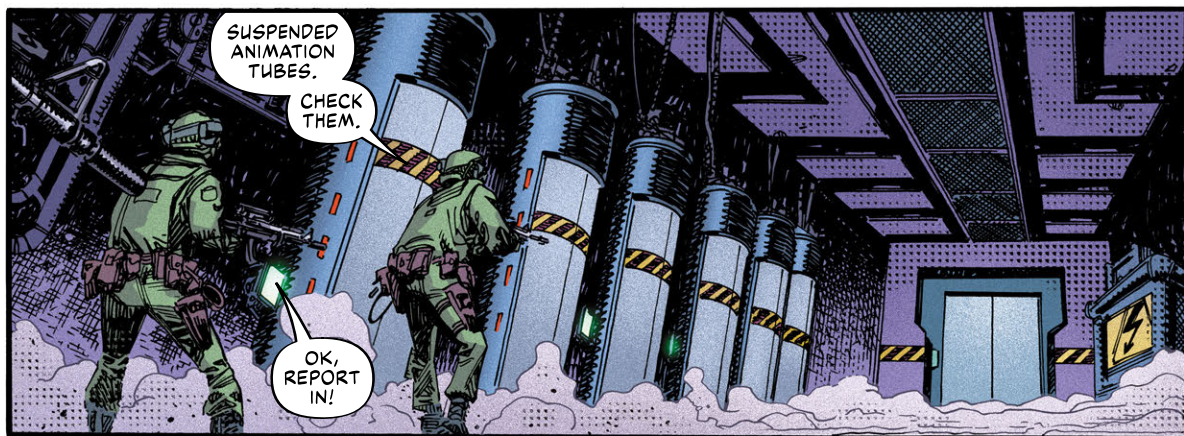
ONLY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE KNOW IT'S WHEREABOUTS. UNTIL YESTERDAY NO ONE EVEN KNEW IT EXISTED.

A PRISON FOR SUPER-VILLAINS.

HOW CAN YOU BE 100% SURE THEY HAVEN'T ESCAPED?

BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL ASLEEP, COMMANDER...

DEEP ASLEEP.





MS. GILMORE IS
DOING EXACTLY WHAT I
COMMANDED!

RELEASING
THE GREATEST
MASTER OF CRIME
THE WORLD HAS
EVER KNOWN!

YES! COWER,
INTELLECTUAL
WEAKLINGS!

FOR
THE SPIDER
RETURNS!



MY PLAN OF UNMATCHED GENIUS IS COMPLETE! I AM FREE!

AND NOW MY **KNOCKOUT GAS** WILL ENSURE THAT THIS PLACE BECOMES YOUR PRISON, RATHER THAN MINE.

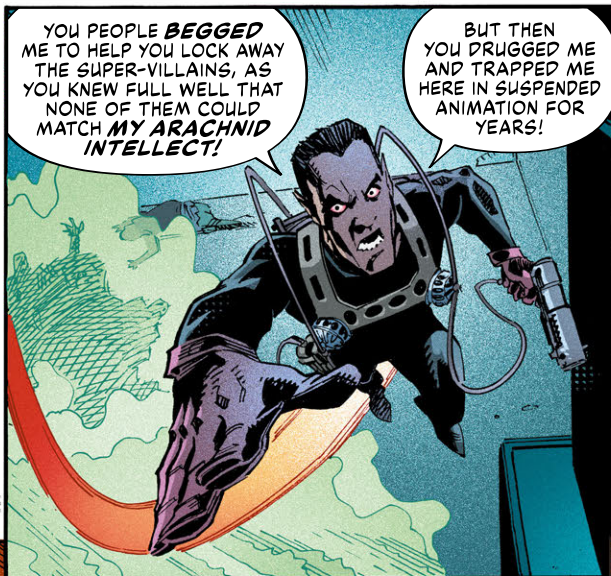
LOOK OUT!
GAS MASKS! GAS MASKS!

BLAM BLAM BLAM
BLAM BLAM BLAM



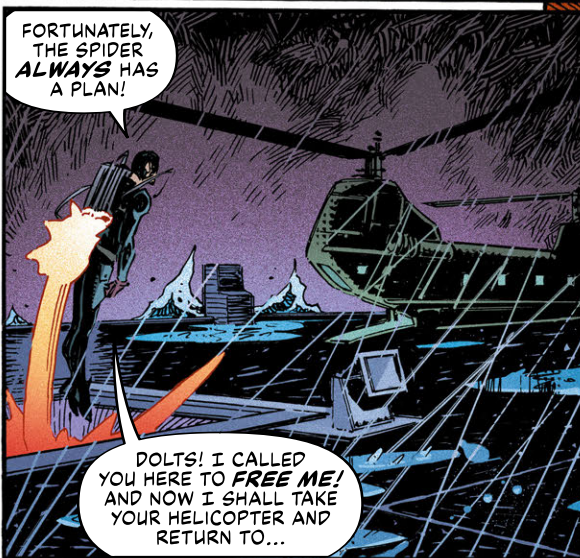
BETRAY ME, WILL YOU? LOCK THE SPIDER AWAY IN A PRISON **HE INVENTED!**

I ASSISTED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND INTERNMENT HERE WAS **MY REWARD!**



YOU PEOPLE **BEGGED** ME TO HELP YOU LOCK AWAY THE SUPER-VILLAINS, AS YOU KNEW FULL WELL THAT NONE OF THEM COULD MATCH **MY ARACHNID INTELLECT!**

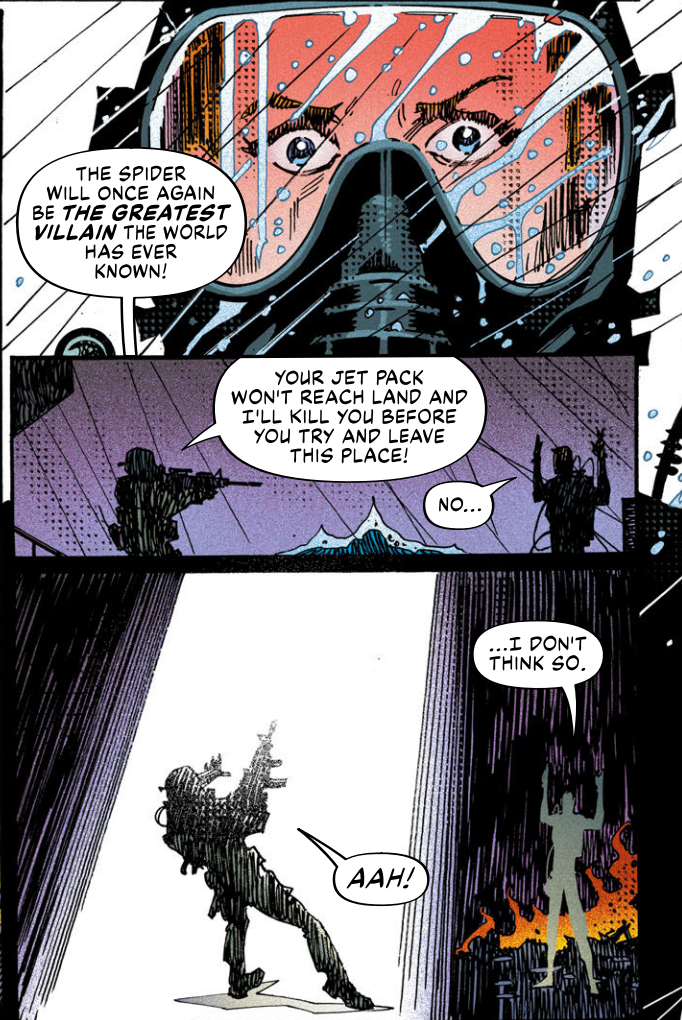
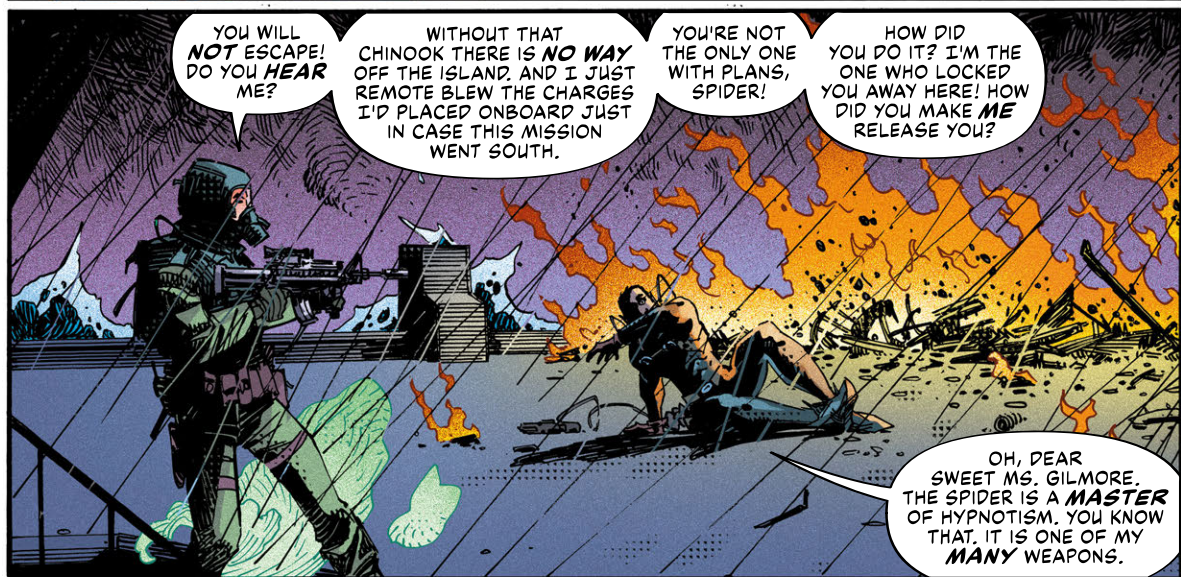
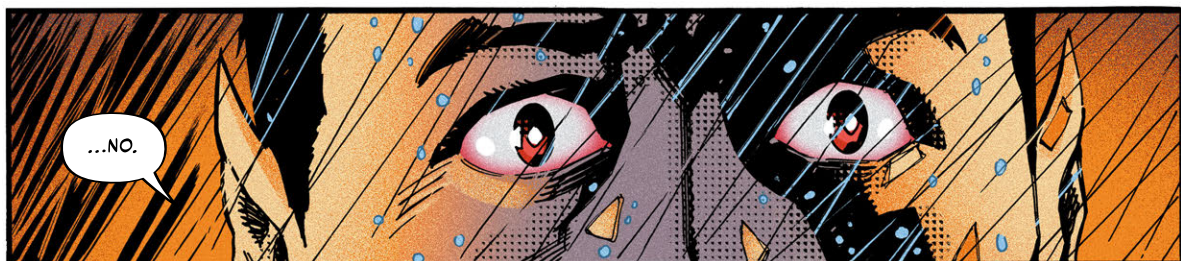
BUT THEN YOU DRUGGED ME AND TRAPPED ME HERE IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION FOR YEARS!



FORTUNATELY, THE SPIDER ALWAYS HAS A PLAN!

DOLTS! I CALLED YOU HERE TO **FREE ME!** AND NOW I SHALL TAKE YOUR HELICOPTER AND RETURN TO...





GOODBYE,
MS. GILMORE.

A NEW LIFE OF
CRIME AWAITS
THE SPIDER!
AND THE WORLD
TREMbles
ANEW!

YOU, HOWEVER,
WILL STAY HERE...
ON A PRISON ISLAND
THAT **DOES NOT**
EXIST!

BUT AT
LEAST YOU
WILL HAVE
COMPANY!

COMPANY?

...OH NO...

THE MOMENT
I REACHED THE
SURFACE OF THE
ISLAND, MY **HELI-
CAR** PICKED UP
MY SIGNAL, AND
DESCENDED FROM
ITS SATELLITE
BASE!

NO!

HE
RELEASED
THE SUPER-
VILLAINS!



THUNDERBOLT THE AVENGER™

Created by Eric Dadswell

REAL NAME/ALIASES

Mick Riley (I), Mary Landson (II).

OCCUPATION

Police Constable (I), Police Sergeant (II).

QUOTE

"I promise to use Professor Markham's invention to seek and fight the forces of evil...wherever they may be!"

ALLIES

Professor Markham, Sergeant Meredith, The Vigilant.

ENEMIES

'Tiger' Malonni, Doctor Galvanic.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Thunderbolt's power derives from a wristwatch, which, when activated, gives the wearer super strength, greater agility and the ability to fly for two hours at a time (which changed to one hour at a later date).

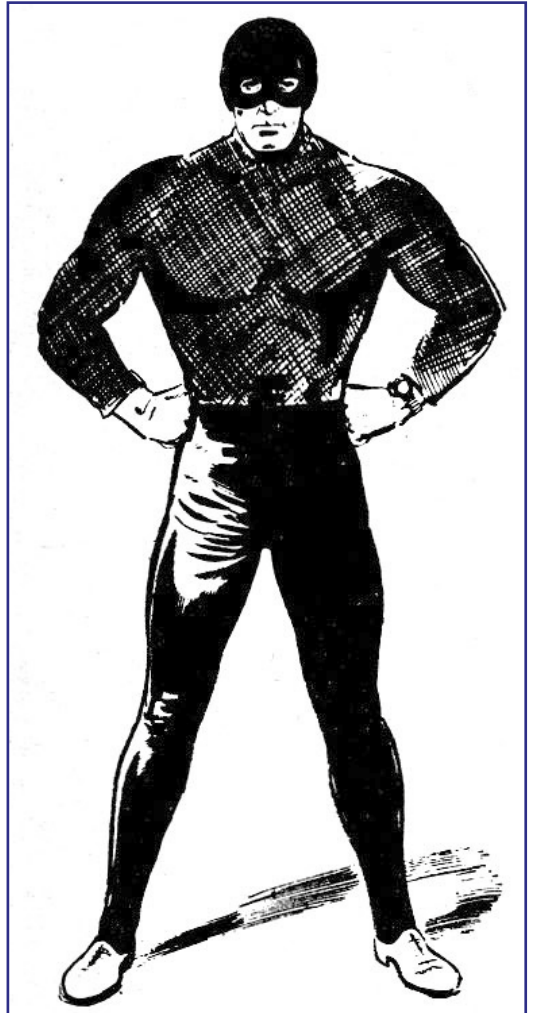
FIRST APPEARANCE

Mick Riley: **Buster**, 30th October 1965.

Mary Landson, **Scream & Misty Special 2017**.

HISTORY

Mick Riley was removed from active duty as a police officer by his superiors, who mocked his size and didn't think he was up to the job. However, after he became a police escort for Professor Markham, Markham bequeathed Riley a special wristwatch before he died. The wristwatch contained "thermo-clyodinephostium", which when released triggers a change in its wearer giving them increased strength agility and the ability to fly. Mick Riley uses these enhanced abilities to fight crime as he becomes Thunderbolt. Mick Riley passed the mantle on to Mary Landson, who is carrying on Mick Riley's mantle as the superpowered Thunderbolt, taking on villains such as Doctor Galvanic, The Sludge and Dr. Von Hoffman. She is currently a member of the superpowered collective known as The Vigilant.



I'M THUNDERBOLT THE AVENGER.
IRREPRESSIBLE. UNSTOPPABLE.
BUT I WASN'T ALWAYS.

SCRIPT
HELEN O'HARA
ART
VALENTINA PINTI
COLOURS
JIM BOSWELL
LETTERS
OSVALDO SANCHEZ

I USED TO BE PLAIN OLD POLICE CONSTABLE
MARY LANDSON, WONDERING IF I'D EVER GET
MY COLLEAGUES TO TAKE ME SERIOUSLY.

THUNDERBOLT THE AVENGER

LITERALLY OVERLOOKED.

SO I SAY TO
HER, DO YOU FANCY
A NIGHTCAP, LOVE?
AND SHE GIGGLES
AND SAYS...

HE SAID HE'D
PUT ME FORWARD FOR
IT, SAYS I HAVE THE
RIGHT STUFF...

FIGHTING FOR ASSIGNMENTS.

SIR, I'D LIKE
TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT
ON THE MISSING HOMELESS
INVESTIGATION.

LOSING THOSE FIGHTS. MAYBE
I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

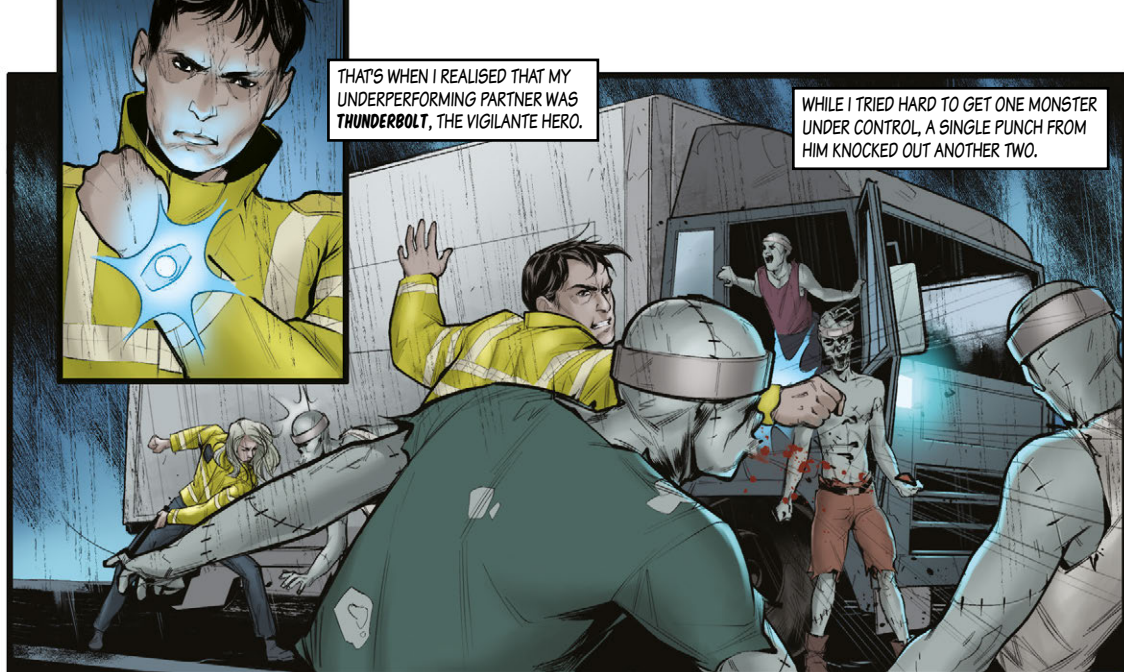
THAT'S ALREADY TAKEN
CARE OF, LANDSON. I HAVE
ANOTHER IMPORTANT TASK
FOR YOU AND RILEY.

'IMPORTANT TASK', HE SAYS. IT'S **THE** BIGGEST NIGHT IN THE FOOTBALL CALENDAR, I'M A MAD UNITED FAN AND I WAS STUCK OUT THE BACK, GUARDING THE BLOODY GOODS ENTRANCE.

ONCE AGAIN, LANDSON AND THE FAMOUSLY INCOMPETENT MICK RILEY, PAIRED UP AND FAR AWAY FROM THE ACTION.

AT LEAST MICK WAS NEVER AS SEXIST AS THE REST OF THEM. HE JUST HELD BACK AT WORK FOR SOME REASON, AND I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY.





THAT'S WHEN I REALISED THAT MY UNDERPERFORMING PARTNER WAS THUNDERBOLT, THE VIGILANTE HERO.

WHILE I TRIED HARD TO GET ONE MONSTER UNDER CONTROL, A SINGLE PUNCH FROM HIM KNOCKED OUT ANOTHER TWO.



I, ER, TOOK SOME BOXING LESSONS.

HOLY HELL, YOU'RE THUNDERBOLT! YOU'RE A SUPERHERO! YOU CAN FLY!

YEAH, THE FLYING IS PRETTY GREAT.



I'M JUST A GUY WHO WAS GIVEN THIS WATCH. IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY NOW, TO USE IT PROPERLY. BUT THE POWER ONLY LASTS AN HOUR EACH USE - SO MOST OF THE TIME I'M STILL ME, IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME.

THAT EXPLAINS A LOT. SO...WHAT NOW?

NOW WE SEE WHAT'S GOING ON. BETTER STAND BACK.



LOOK OUT! THERE'S MORE!

GOTTA SAY, IT FEELS GOOD TO LET SOMEONE IN ON THE SECRET.

I DIDN'T KNOW IT THEN, BUT
THE MAN INSIDE THE LORRY
WAS CALLED **LUIGI LAVENZA**.

HE CALLED HIMSELF **DR GALVANIC**,
AND HE WAS CONVINCED HE COULD
CONTROL LIFE AND DEATH. HE WAS -
HE IS - A MADMAN.

SO YOU'VE DEFEATED MY
FRANKEN-MEN. BIG DEAL. NOW MY
DEVICE IS READY, AND IT WILL DO THE SAME
TO YOU - **AND TO EVERY PERSON WITHIN
THAT STADIUM.**

WE HAVE
TO STOP
HIM!





BUT MICK WAS HOLDING BACK. HE DIDN'T TELL ME WHAT HE MUST HAVE SUSPECTED





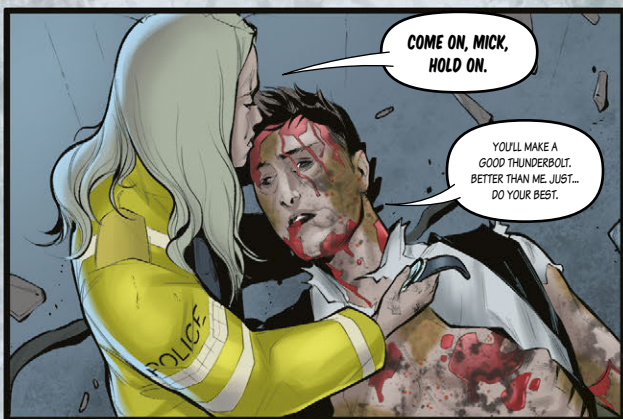
OFFICER DOWN,
OFFICER DOWN, WE
NEED HELP IMMEDIATELY
AT THE GOODS GATE,
OFFICER DOWN.

MARY, YOU NEED
TO TAKE THE THUNDERBOLT WATCH.
IT HAS TO BE YOU.



NO, IT'S YOURS
MICK, YOU'RE GOING
TO BE FINE.

YOU HAVE TO
TAKE IT, DON'T TELL
THEM. THEY'LL USE IT FOR
GLORY. YOU MUST USE
IT FOR GOOD.



COME ON, MICK,
HOLD ON.

YOU'LL MAKE A
GOOD THUNDERBOLT.
BETTER THAN ME. JUST...
DO YOUR BEST.



AND THAT'S WHEN I LOST MY
FRIEND. HE WASN'T ALWAYS A
PERFECT COPPER, BUT THAT'S
BECAUSE HE WAS SOMETHING
MORE. A **GOOD MAN**. SOMEONE
WHO TRIED TO HELP.

HE LEFT ME WITH A
POWER I NEVER ASKED
FOR, A RESPONSIBILITY
I NEVER WANTED.

SOMETHING TOLD ME
TO THROW THE WATCH
AWAY AND FORGET
ABOUT THUNDERBOLT.



BUT I OWED IT TO
MICK TO HONOUR
HIS DYING WISH.



RIGHT, YOU MURDEROUS
SCUMBAG. YOU ARE UNDER
ARREST. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT
NOT TO SAY ANYTHING...

YOU STUPID PLODDERS.
YOU DESTROYED MY BEAUTIFUL
MACHINE - BUT HOW? HOW?
IT WAS UNSTOPPABLE.

... BUT IT MAY
HARM YOUR DEFENCE
IF YOU FAIL TO
MENTION...



ANYTHING YOU
LATER RELY ON
IN COURT.

GODDAMN
YOU TO HELL.



THERE MUST BE
SOMETHING I DIDN'T
SEE, SOMETHING I DIDN'T
ACCOUNT FOR. NOTHING
HUMAN COULD HAVE DONE
WHAT HE DID. NOTHING
OF THIS WORLD!

I HAD SOME FAST TALKING TO
DO. LAVENZA'S VICTIMS, HIS
FRANKEN-MEN, WERE MOSTLY
KILLED IN THE BLAST FROM
THE EXPLODING MACHINE.



I TOLD THEM MICK THREW HIS
NIGHTSTICK AT THE MACHINERY,
SHIELDED ME FROM THE BLAST.
IT'S NOT UNTRUE, BUT NOT THE
WHOLE TRUTH.

THEY PROMOTED ME TO SERGEANT
AT LAST, GAVE ME AN AWARD,
AND ONE FOR MICK AS WELL. BUT IT WAS
A HOLLOW VICTORY.

AND WHEN DR
GALVANIC ESCAPED
FROM CUSTODY, I
BROUGHT HIM BACK,
AS THUNDERBOLT. I
MAY HAVE PUNCHED
HIM ON THE WAY. I'M
NO SAINT - BUT I'M
TRYING TO LIVE UP
TO MICK'S EXAMPLE.



I DON'T ENTIRELY TRUST THIS
POWER. MAYBE I'M NOT THE
BEST PERSON FOR IT. BUT I'M
GOING TO TRY TO BE. I AM
THUNDERBOLT: HEAR ME ROAR.

THE BEGINNING

JOHNNY FUTURE!™

Created by Alf Wallace and Luis Bermejo

REAL NAME/ALIASES

Link, John Foster.

OCCUPATION

Caretaker, superhero.

QUOTE

"I am a man from the future!"

ALLIES

Rick Harwood, Lita Munro, the Home Office.

ENEMIES

Bull Belson, Dr. Viktor Kelso, The Animal Man, Professor Jarra, The Renusians (a race of alien shape-shifters), Mr Opposite, The Brain, The Brute, The Hunter, The Secret Society of Science, Disastro.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

As the Missing Link he possessed superhuman strength. As Johnny Future, he was continuously gaining new superhuman abilities. Johnny Future developed enhanced senses, superhuman intelligence and became even stronger than before. He would later gain the power of flight and astral projection.

FIRST APPEARANCE

Fantastic!, 18th February 1967.

HISTORY

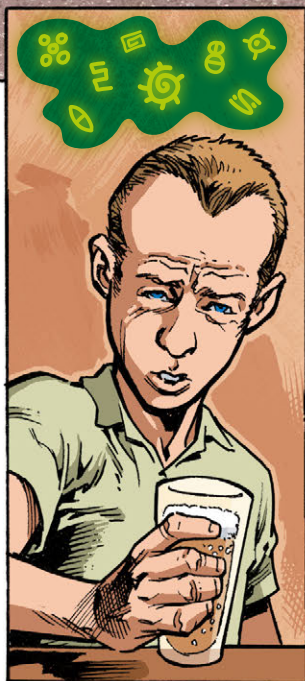
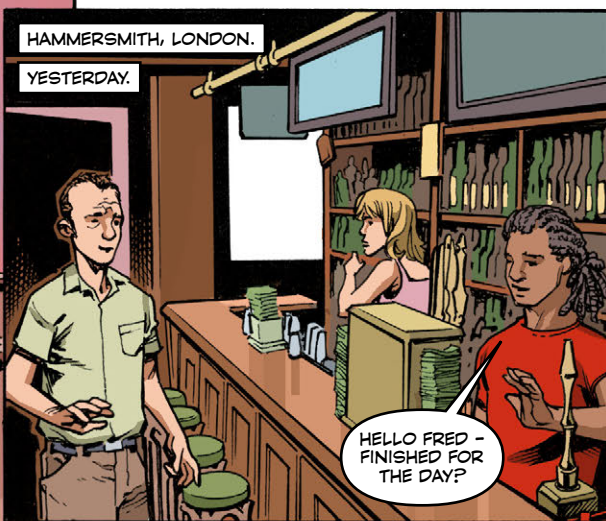
While on an expedition in Africa, hunter Bull Belson found exactly what he was looking for - the missing link between ape and primitive man. Drawn out of the jungle by his fascination with Belson's secretary Lita Munro, the hulking Link was lured back to Britain where he went on a rampage around London. After evading the authorities, Link found refuge in an isolated experimental research station where the radiation from a machine transformed him into a super-evolved human being. After defeating a spy working at the research station called Dr. Kelso, the 'future man' returned to London and adopted the mantle of costumed adventurer, Johnny Future. As Johnny's powers evolved his enemies became more formidable. From the beast-controlling Animal Man to shape-shifting alien invaders, Johnny Future remains undefeated.



JOHNNY FUTURE! TIMEOUT



SCRIPT
ANITA BREAK
ART
TOM RANEY
COLOURS
GARY CALDWELL
LETTERS
SG



OH WELL...

EARTH WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED!

(SIGH)....
**HAIL
RENUSIA!**

20TH JULY, 1969.

PATHETIC
SPECIES! I WILL
SAVOUR THIS
KILL!

YOU RENUSIANS
NEVER LEARN!

AIIIIIIIIII!

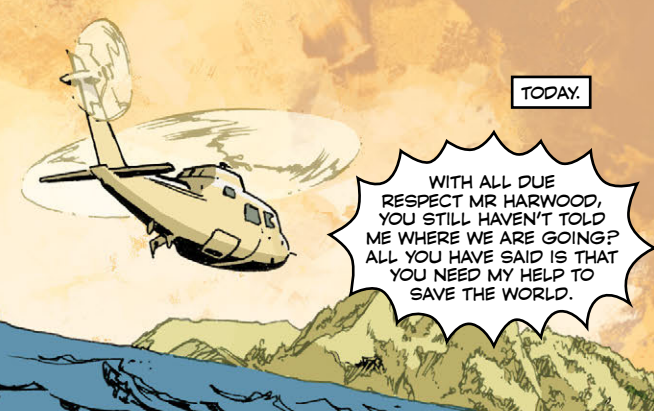
HOW WAS
IT UP THERE
JOHNNY?

YOUR FATHER'S
NEW SATELLITE CAME UP
TRUMPS CHUM - IT WAS THE
RENUSIANS UP TO THEIR OLD
TRICKS AGAIN.

ARE YOU
OKAY?

I DON'T THINK
THAT I'LL EVER GET
USED TO BEING ABLE
TO SURVIVE IN SPACE -
IT'S UNSETTLING.

BUT IF I
HAVE TO GO UP
THERE AND DEAL
WITH ANOTHER
THREAT, THEN
SO BE IT.



TODAY.

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT MR HARWOOD, YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME WHERE WE ARE GOING? ALL YOU HAVE SAID IS THAT YOU NEED MY HELP TO SAVE THE WORLD.



WE ARE ALMOST THERE DOCTOR RISHI. ALL WILL BE REVEALED SOON.

AND 'THERE' IS...?



THE ISLE OF FELL.

HOME TO OUR SALVATION.



THANK YOU YOUNG MAN.

GERROOCCHH!



WHATTHEFU--

RELAX DOCTOR, IT'S ONLY GARETH!

HELLO GARETH.

AAAAHHOOO!



GARETH?!?!?

I FIND THAT THE SILLY NAME MAKES HIM LESS TERRIFYING.

YOU'RE NOT TRYING TO INVOLVE ME IN ANYTHING ILLEGAL ARE YOU?



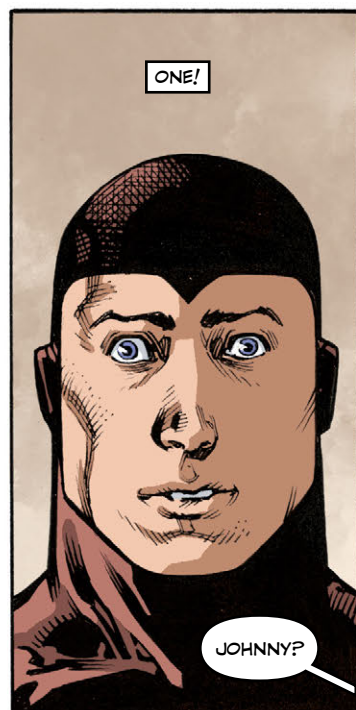
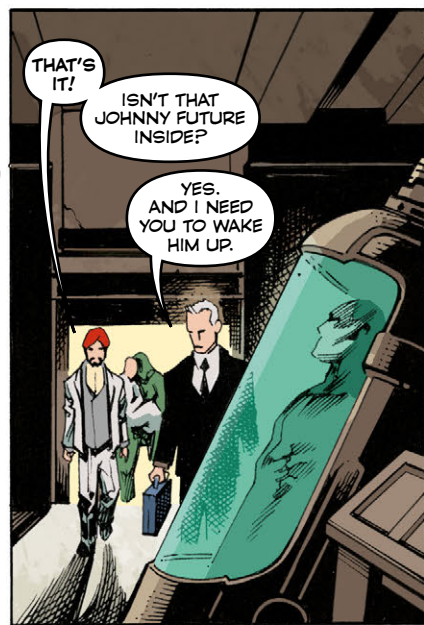
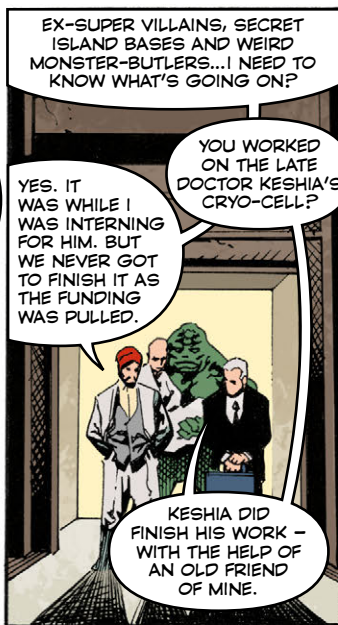
YOU'RE LATE. THE RENUSIANS HAVE JUST OBLITERATED BRUSSELS!

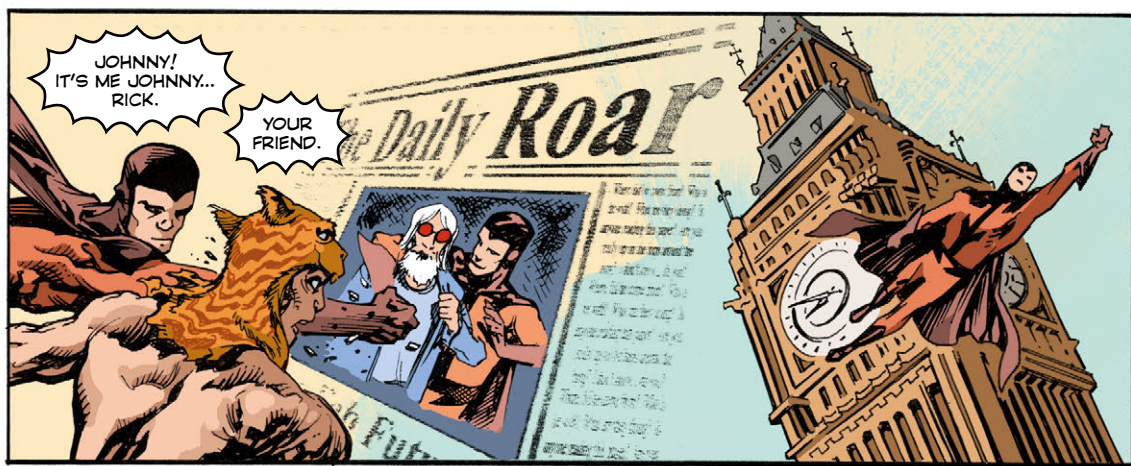
THEN LET'S NOT WASTE ANY MORE TIME.

WAIT, AREN'T YOU ...?

SORRY, YES, DOCTOR RISHI, MEET TIMUR MENSHOV - THE ANIMAL MAN!



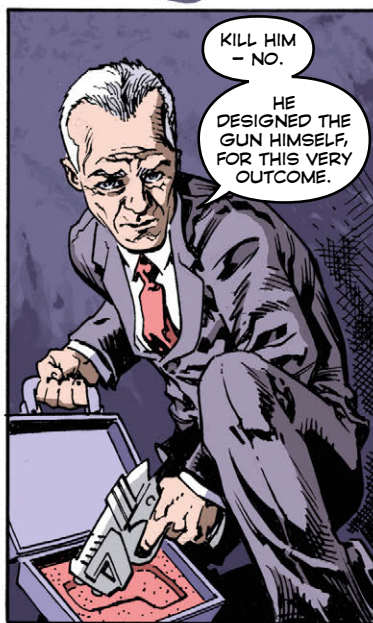
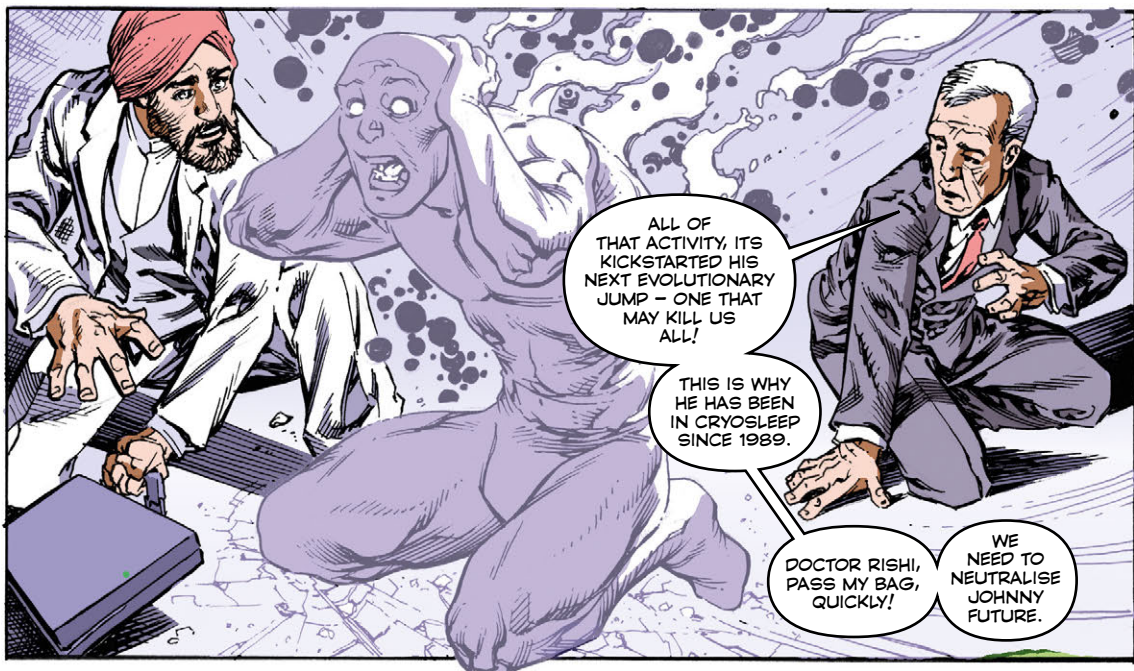


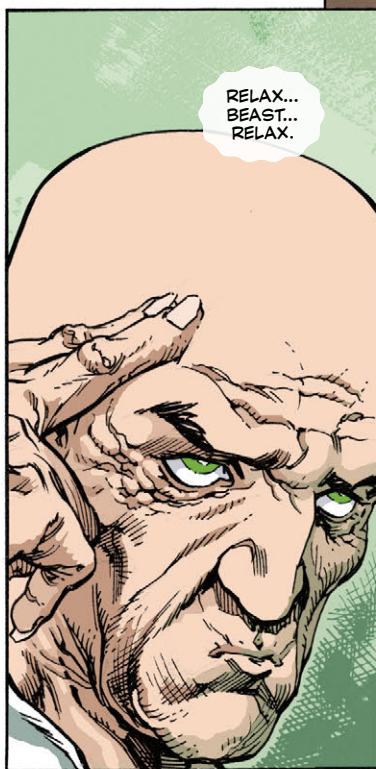
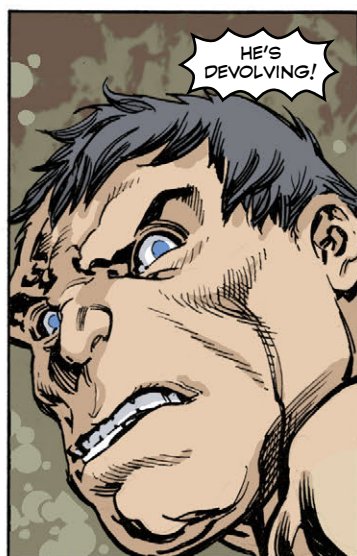




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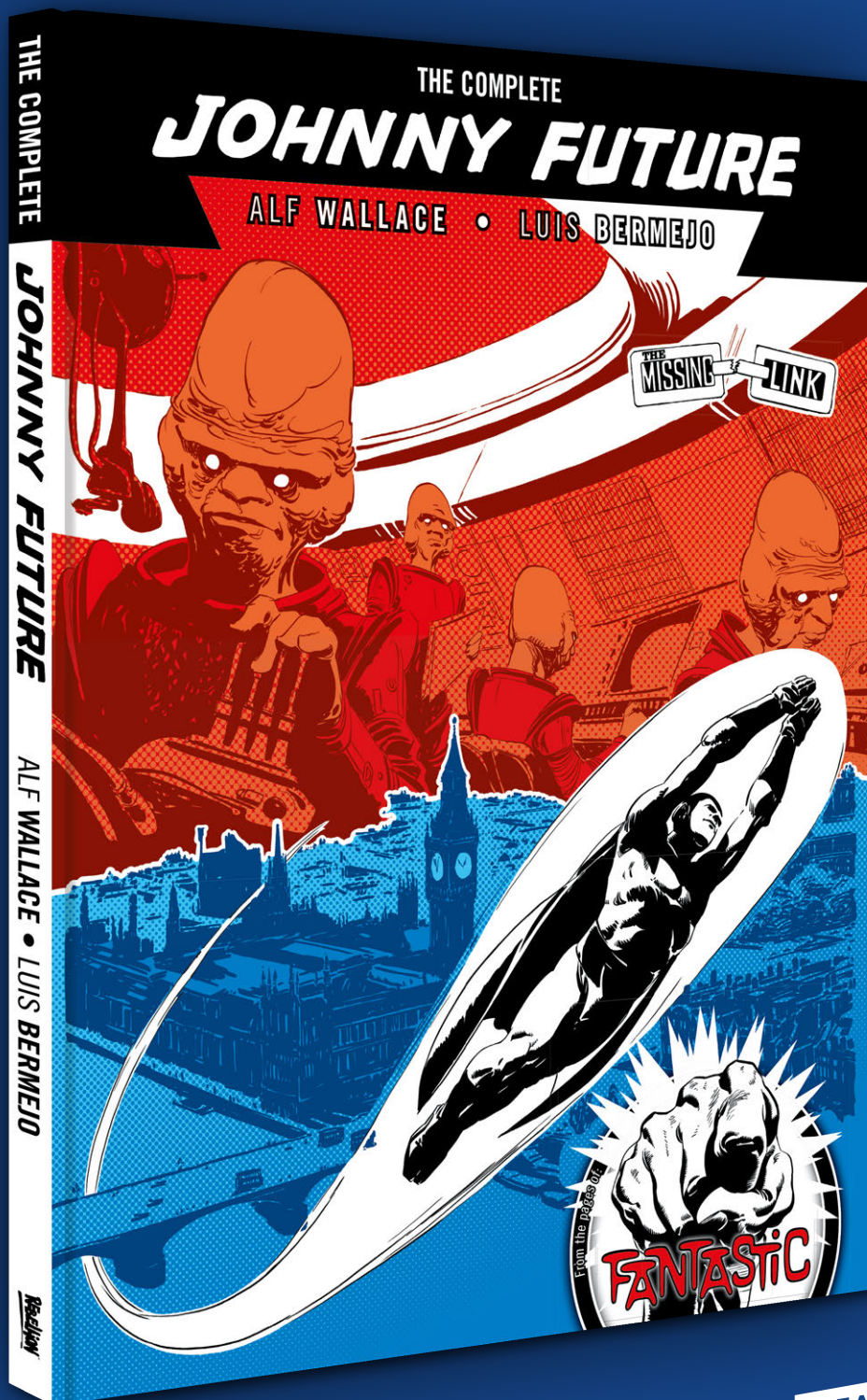
YOU KIDDIN' ME?
IT'S DAT SUPER LIMEY
JOEY FUTURE... AIN'T SEEN
HIM SINCE BETAMAX
WAS BIG.





THE END

THE COMPLETE CLASSIC ADVENTURES OF BRITAIN'S GREATEST SUPERHERO!



OUT NOW

TREASURY
OF BRITISH
COMICS

THE STEEL CLAW

Created by Ken Bulmer, Sid Bicknell, Ken Mennell, Jack Le Grand and Jesús Blasco

REAL NAME

Louis Crandell.

OCCUPATION

Lab Assistant, Criminal, Shadow Squad Agent.

QUOTE

"These miraculous powers have caused me nothing but trouble and heartache."

ALLIES

Terry Gray, Professor Barringer, Tom Scott, Blackie Morris, The Shadow Squad.

ENEMIES

Doctor Deutz, Sharkey, Scotland Yard, John Somes, New York City, F.E.A.R. (the Federation for Extortion, Assassination and Rebellion), The Builder.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

By receiving an electric charge through his prosthetic steel hand, Crandell can make his entire body and clothing become invisible. Ironically the hand remains visible. While operating as a British secret service agent, Crandell's hand was upgraded into a fully-functioning bionic hand complete with a variety of weapons and gadgets, including missiles and a radio transmitter. Later still, the 'claw' could be operated independently by remote control.

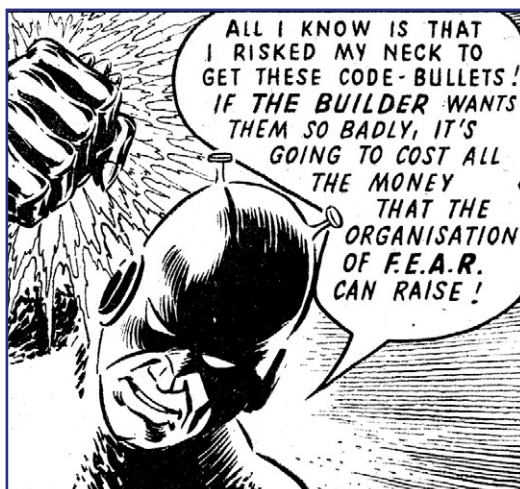
FIRST APPEARANCE

Valiant, 16th October 1962.

HISTORY

Louis Crandell was lab assistant to the brilliant Professor Barrington. Having lost his right hand in a previous lab accident (and now sporting a prosthetic steel claw), Crandell was already bitter and jealous of the older man. When running an experiment to destroy germs, Barrington's equipment blew up and Crandell's claw was struck by an ultra-high voltage cable. The accident turned all but Crandell's claw invisible. The young man went on a crime spree and successfully robbed a bank before the invisibility wore off. Crandell then realised that in order to regain invisibility, he need to receive another electric shock. After narrowly evading capture, Crandell made his way to the USA where he attempted to blow up New York City. The Steel Claw's plan was foiled by Professor Barringer, who managed to catch up with his young assistant and informed him that the accident had also made him temporarily insane.

With a newfound respect for Professor Barringer, Crandell was optimistic about his future. But it wasn't long before trouble came in the form of Dr. Deutz - a contemporary of Barringer's, who had duplicated the Professor's experiment in an attempt to gain the power of invisibility for himself. Deutz's experiment failed and he transformed into a powerful beast man. He turned to crime and tried framing the Steel Claw, only to be eventually defeated by him. The Steel Claw's heroic actions didn't go unnoticed and soon Crandell was approached by the British Secret Service to join the Shadow Squad. For a brief period of time the Steel Claw operated as a costumed hero, a detective and a bounty hunter.





IT'S DECEMBER
31ST 1999...



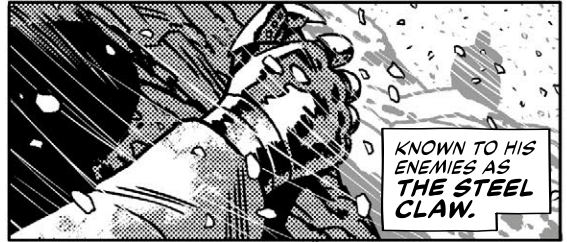
...AND ALL
AROUND THE
GLOBE...



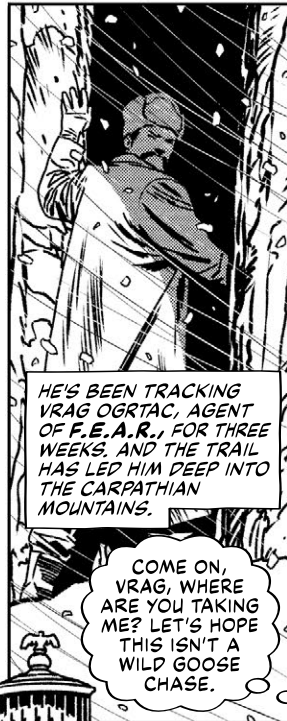
...PEOPLE ARE
PREPARING FOR
THE START OF A
NEW MILLENNIUM.



BUT THERE WILL BE NO
PARTY FOR SPECIAL AGENT
LOUIS CRANDELL, WORKING
FOR THE SHADOW SQUAD
OF THE BRITISH SECRET
SERVICE...



KNOWN TO HIS
ENEMIES AS
**THE STEEL
CLAW.**

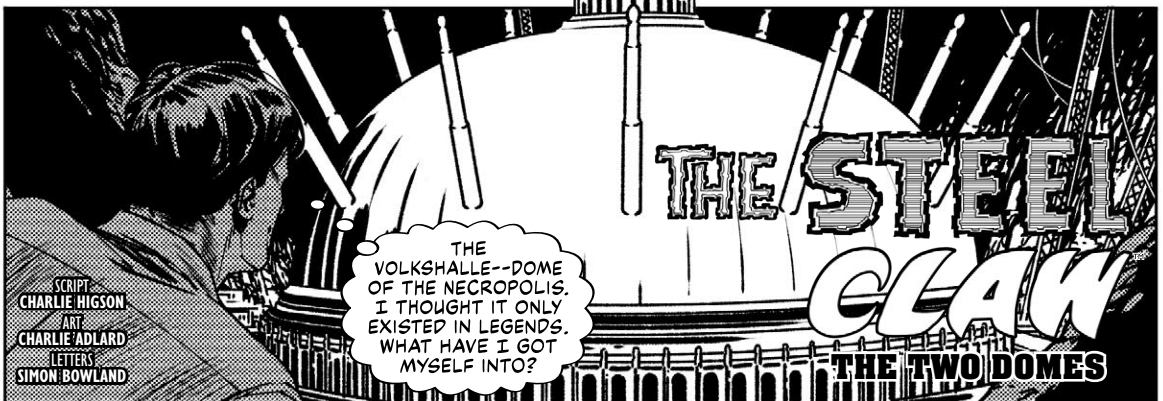


HE'S BEEN TRACKING
VRAG OGRTAC, AGENT
OF F.E.A.R., FOR THREE
WEEKS, AND THE TRAIL
HAS LED HIM DEEP INTO
THE CARPATHIAN
MOUNTAINS.

COME ON,
VRAG, WHERE
ARE YOU TAKING
ME? LET'S HOPE
THIS ISN'T A
WILD GOOSE
CHASE.



HOLY
SMOKE, THERE'S
OUR GOOSE...

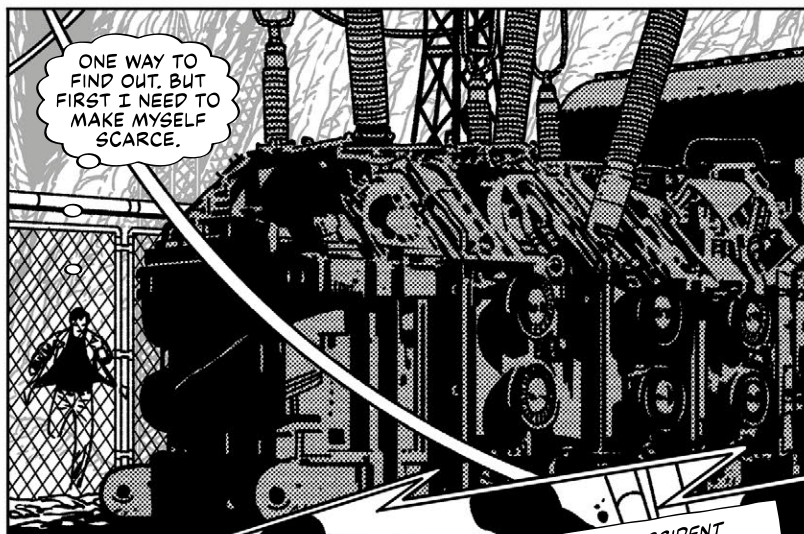


THE STEEL CLAW

THE TWO DOMES

THE
VOLKSHALLE--DOME
OF THE NECROPOLIS.
I THOUGHT IT ONLY
EXISTED IN LEGENDS.
WHAT HAVE I GOT
MYSELF INTO?

SCRIPT
CHARLIE HIGSON
ART
CHARLIE ADLARD
LETTERS
SIMON BOWLAND



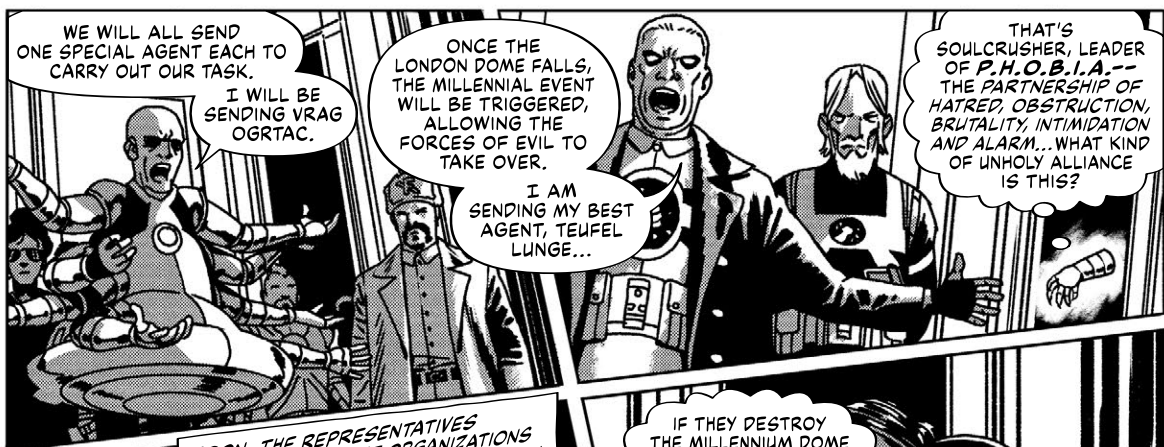


THE FIRST
STAGE OF THE PLAN
IS TO DESTROY THE
MILLENNIUM DOME
IN LONDON.

THIS WILL SET
OFF A CHAIN OF
EVENTS LEADING
TO A GLOBAL
MELTDOWN!

HA
HA HA HA
HA!

THAT'S
THE BUILDER, EVIL
CYBORG LEADER OF
F.E.A.R. THIS THING
IS FAR BIGGER THAN I
EVER IMAGINED.



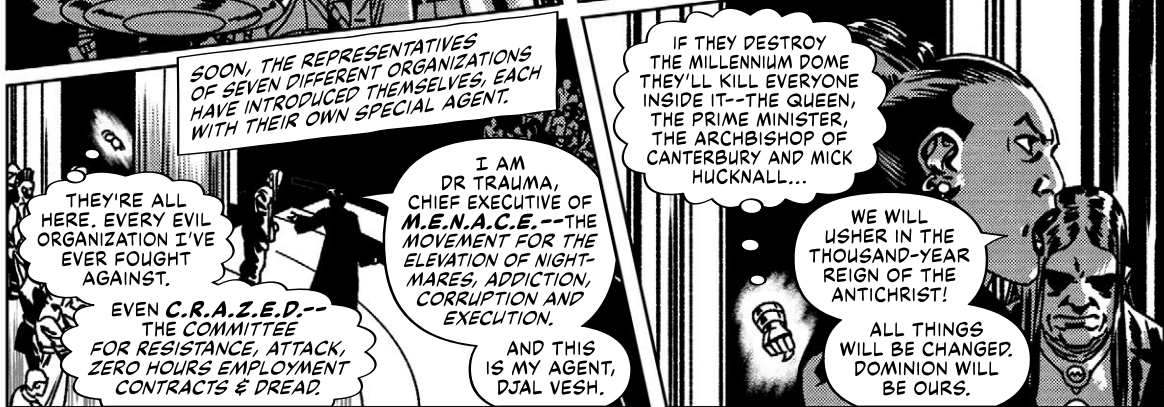
WE WILL ALL SEND
ONE SPECIAL AGENT EACH TO
CARRY OUT OUR TASK.

I WILL BE
SENDING VRAG
OGRAC.

ONCE THE
LONDON DOME FALLS,
THE MILLENNIAL EVENT
WILL BE TRIGGERED,
ALLOWING THE
FORCES OF EVIL TO
TAKE OVER.

I AM
SENDING MY BEST
AGENT, TEUFEL
LUNGE...

THAT'S
SOULCRUSHER, LEADER
OF **P.H.O.B.I.A.**--
THE PARTNERSHIP OF
HATRED, OBSTRUCTION,
BRUTALITY, INTIMIDATION
AND ALARM...WHAT KIND
OF UNHOLY ALLIANCE
IS THIS?



SOON, THE REPRESENTATIVES
OF SEVEN DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS
HAVE INTRODUCED THEMSELVES, EACH
WITH THEIR OWN SPECIAL AGENT.

THEY'RE ALL
HERE. EVERY EVIL
ORGANIZATION I'VE
EVER FOUGHT
AGAINST.

EVEN **C.R.A.Z.E.D.**--
THE COMMITTEE
FOR RESISTANCE, ATTACK,
ZERO HOURS EMPLOYMENT
CONTRACTS & DREAD.

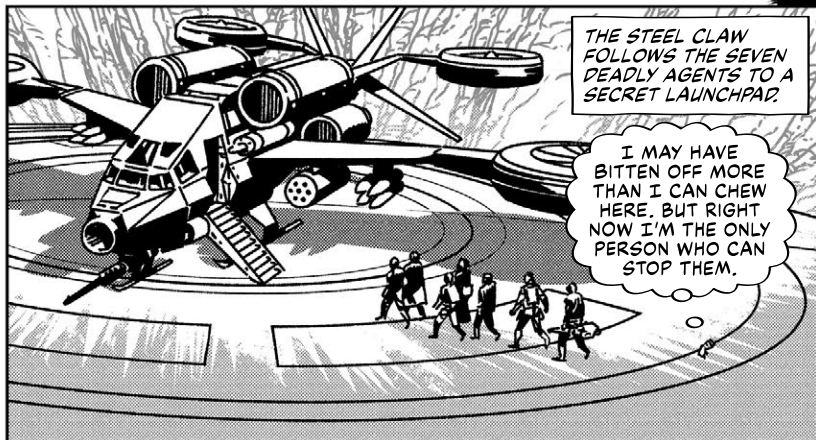
I AM
DR TRAUMA,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF
M.E.N.A.C.E.--THE
MOVEMENT FOR THE
ELEVATION OF NIGHT-
MARES, ADDICTION,
CORRUPTION AND
EXECUTION.

AND THIS
IS MY AGENT,
DJAL VESH.

IF THEY DESTROY
THE MILLENNIUM DOME
THEY'LL KILL EVERYONE
INSIDE IT--THE QUEEN,
THE PRIME MINISTER,
THE ARCHBISHOP OF
CANTERBURY AND MICK
HUCKNALL...

WE WILL
USHER IN THE
THOUSAND-YEAR
REIGN OF THE
ANTICHRIST!

ALL THINGS
WILL BE CHANGED.
DOMINION WILL
BE OURS.



THE STEEL CLAW
FOLLOWS THE SEVEN
DEADLY AGENTS TO A
SECRET LAUNCHPAD.

I MAY HAVE
BITTEN OFF MORE
THAN I CAN CHEW
HERE, BUT RIGHT
NOW I'M THE ONLY
PERSON WHO CAN
STOP THEM.

IF I CAN
JUST HOLD
ON UNTIL
WE GET TO
LONDON...



NNNNNG.
OH, NO, MY
POWER'S WEARING
OFF. THIS REALLY
ISN'T A GOOD
TIME TO SHOW
MYSELF...



AS THEY APPROACH
LONDON THE STEEL CLAW
NEEDS EVERY LAST DROP
OF STRENGTH TO STAY
HOLDING ON.

N-NEARLY
THERE...



HERE GOES
NOTHING...



INSIDE THE DOME, THE
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
IS IN FULL SWING. AND
SOON MICK HUCKNALL
WILL PERFORM.



THIS
SHOULD SLOW MY
DESCENT JUST
ENOUGH TO...



OOF!



I HOPE
I HAVEN'T BROKEN
TOO MANY BONES...
BUT AT LEAST I'VE
MADE IT BEFORE
THE MALEFICENT
SEVEN.



DAMN!
SPOKE TOO SOON.
LOOKS LIKE I'VE
GOT A FIGHT ON MY
HANDS. I COULD
REALLY DO WITH
SOME HELP.



AS THE ENEMY AGENTS
LAND ON THE ROOF OF
THE DOME, CRANDELL
USES HIS CLAW TO SEND
OUT A DISTRESS SIGNAL.

I ONLY
HOPE THERE'S
SOMEONE
AROUND TO
RECEIVE IT.



I KNOW
YOU.

YOU'RE
DJOFULLIN STIGVEL
OF S.C.A.R.E.--
THE SOCIETY FOR
CONSPIRACY,
ARSON, RIOT AND
EXTINCTION.

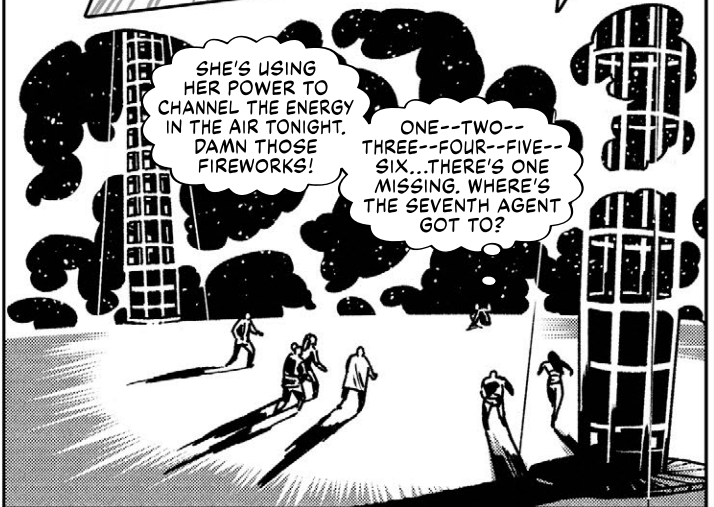


YOU CANNOT
STOP US, STEEL CLAW.
AT THE STROKE OF
MIDNIGHT, EVIL WILL
TRIUMPH.

OWW!
I DIDN'T
THINK THIS
THROUGH.



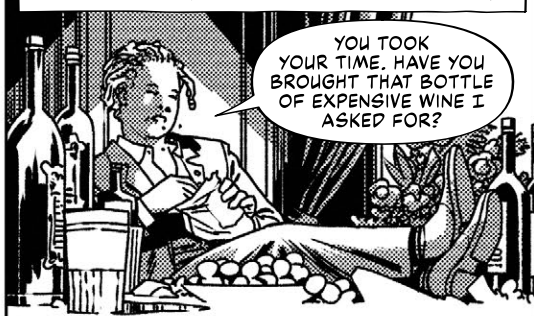
OH NO. THAT'S
THE SORCERESS, JAKEL
HJARTA FROM T.E.R.R.O.R. THE
TREATY FOR THE ELIMINATION
OF RATIONALITY & REASON
AND THE ORGANIZATION
OF REVOLT.



SHE'S USING
HER POWER TO
CHANNEL THE ENERGY
IN THE AIR TONIGHT.
DAMN THOSE
FIREWORKS!

ONE--TWO--
THREE--FOUR--FIVE--
SIX...THERE'S ONE
MISSING. WHERE'S
THE SEVENTH AGENT
GOT TO?

DOWN BELOW, MICK HUCKNALL IS GETTING READY IN HIS DRESSING ROOM. UNAWARE OF THE DRAMA UNFOLDING ON THE ROOF HIGH ABOVE HIS HEAD.



YOU TOOK YOUR TIME, HAVE YOU BROUGHT THAT BOTTLE OF EXPENSIVE WINE I ASKED FOR?



ELTON JOHN? I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE PLAYING TONIGHT?



I'M SORRY, MICK HUCKNALL, BUT THERE WILL BE NO PLAYING THIS NEW YEAR'S EVE...



TONIGHT, MATTHEW, I'M GOING TO BE...MICK HUCKNALL!

URRRR...

IT'S THE AGENT OF G.U.A.K.E.--THE QUALIFIED UNION OF ARSONISTS, KIDNAPPERS AND EVILDOERS. VELNIAS BAIME, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS--THE MASK OF FEAR.

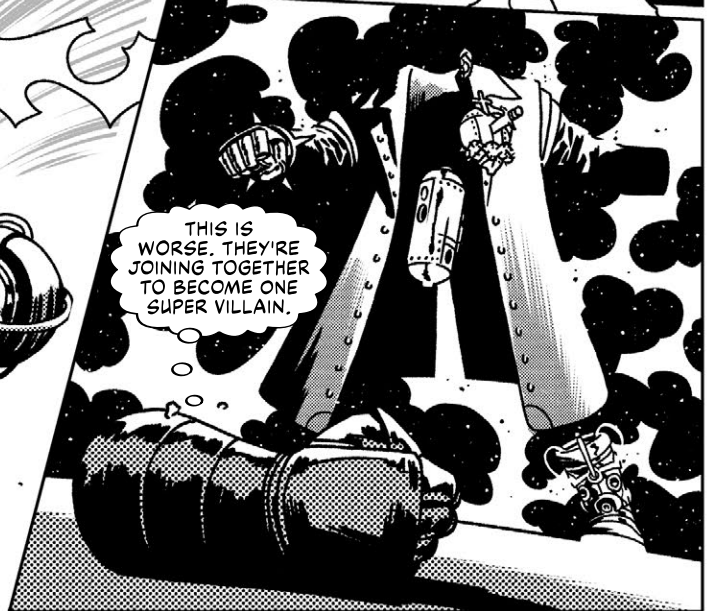
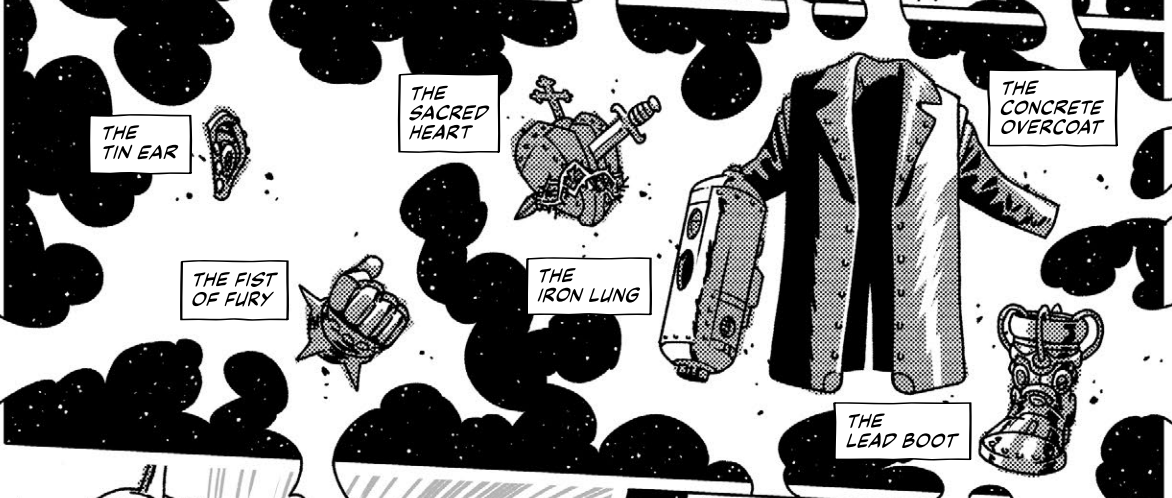
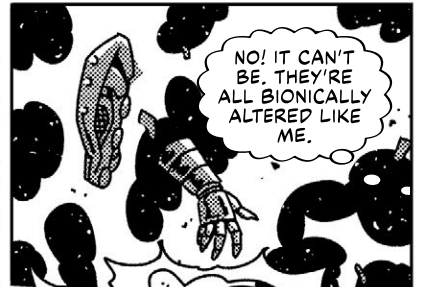


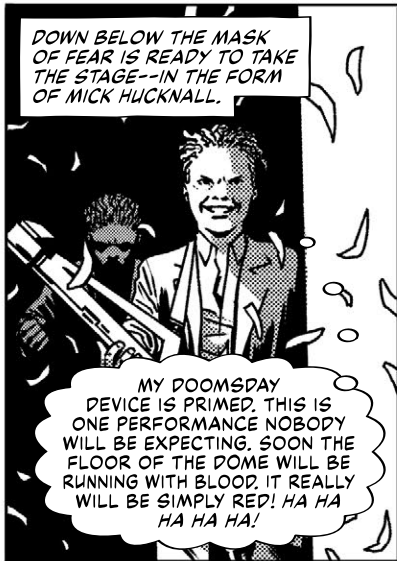
I CAN'T WAIT FOR MICK HUCKNALL. I HOPE HE SINGS HOLDING BACK THE YEARS.



THE DOME IS POWERED UP--AND THE MASK OF FEAR WILL BE IN PLACE BELOW. THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO NOW, STEEL CLAW.

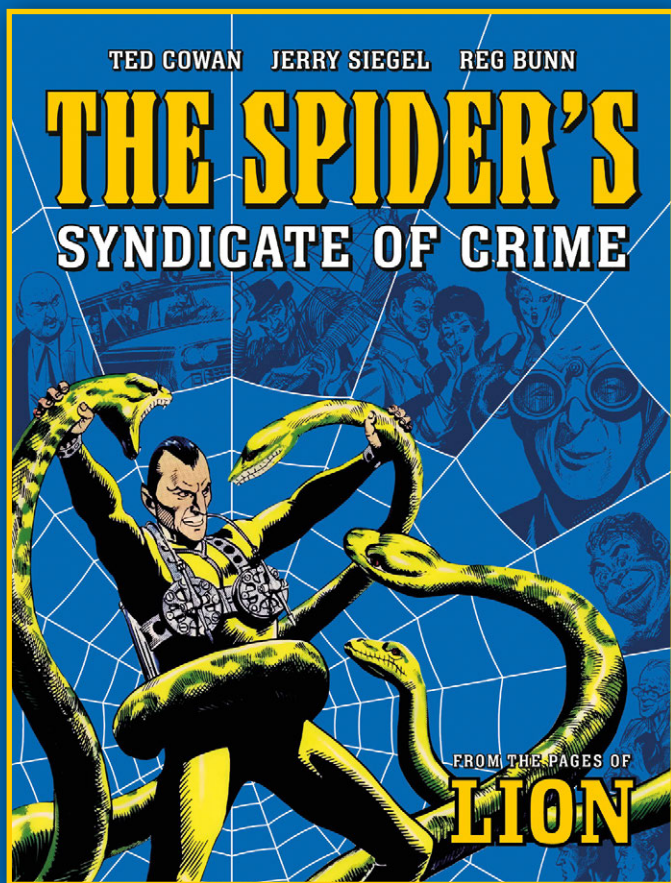
THEY'VE MADE THEIR FIRST MISTAKE, FIRING UP THOSE TOWERS--I CAN USE THAT POWER.







OUT FEBRUARY 2021



OUT APRIL 2021

MYTEKTM THE MIGHTY

Created by Tom Tully and Bill Lacey

REAL NAME/ALIASES

Mytek.

OCCUPATION

Vehicle, religious icon.

QUOTE

"Grraaaaarrrrgghh!"

ALLIES

Professor Arnold Boyce (creator), Dick Mason (gamekeeper, ally of Boyce), the Akari tribe.

ENEMIES

Gogra; Gorgus.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Mytek was built to be far larger than a regular gorilla and is strong enough to lift in excess of 100 tons. Within the fur on his back are solar-powered batteries; should these be damaged or blocked from the sun's rays, it can weaken the robotic ape.

FIRST APPEARANCE

Valiant, 26th September 1964.

HISTORY

After his laboratory was destroyed by the neighbouring Akari tribe, Professor Boyce decided to try and change the tribe's ways by recreating their deity, a giant ape called "Mytek" (who symbolised destruction), in gigantic robotic form and issued orders via the mechanical marvel, swaying the tribe's behaviour. But the robot was stolen by Professor Boyce's assistant, a dwarf called Gogra, and used to consolidate the Akari tribe into an army hellbent on destroying all who were against them. Gogra would be defeated but continued to terrorise Professor Boyce with a long line of robots, such as the Gorgus.



BENIN CITY, NIGERIA. 2035.

SCRIPT
SUYI DAVIES
OKUNGBOWA
ART
ANAND
RADHAKRISHNAN
CO-COLOURIST
DEGANTO
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LETTERS
SG



CRUNCH!



HMM?

CLINK!



DEAR,
YOU NEED TO
COME AND SEE
THIS!

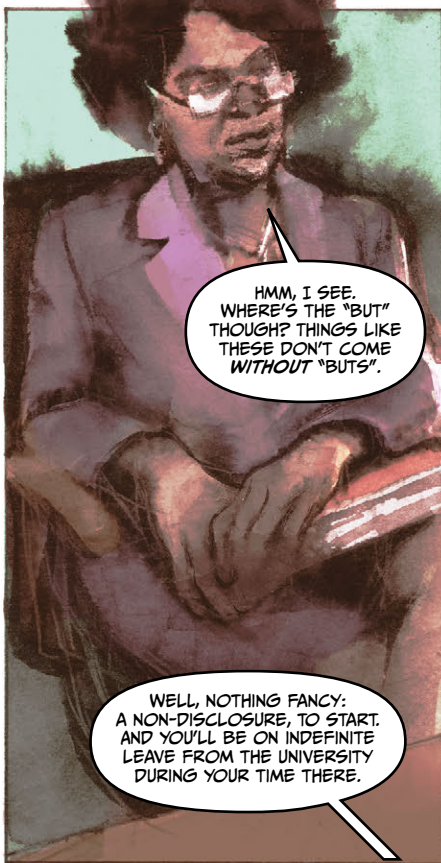
UNIVERSITY OF BENIN.

TWO DAYS LATER.



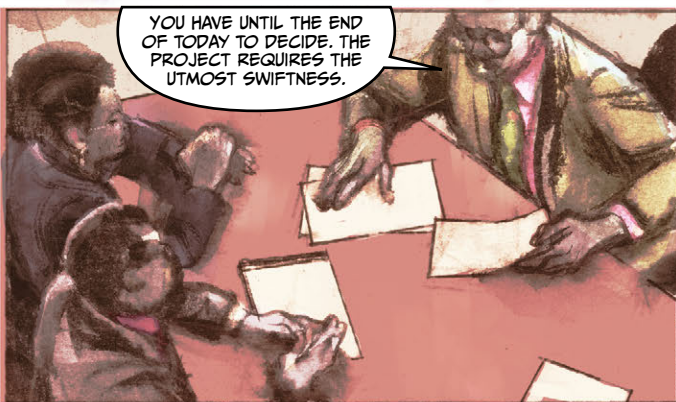
THESE GENTLEMEN ARE FROM A HANDFUL OF STATE COUNCILS AND MINISTRIES. THEY ARE HERE FOR YOU.

THEY HAVE DISCOVERED SOMETHING... EXTRAORDINARY, AND NEED OUR FOREMOST EXPERT TO HELP LEAD AN EXCAVATION. THAT'S WHY I CALLED YOU IN.



HMM, I SEE. WHERE'S THE "BUT" THOUGH? THINGS LIKE THESE DON'T COME WITHOUT "BUTS".

WELL, NOTHING FANCY: A NON-DISCLOSURE, TO START. AND YOU'LL BE ON INDEFINITE LEAVE FROM THE UNIVERSITY DURING YOUR TIME THERE.



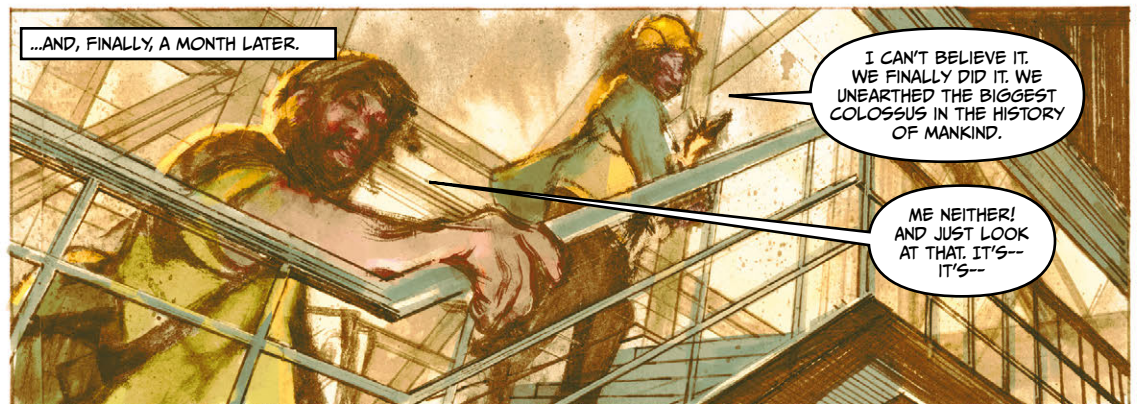
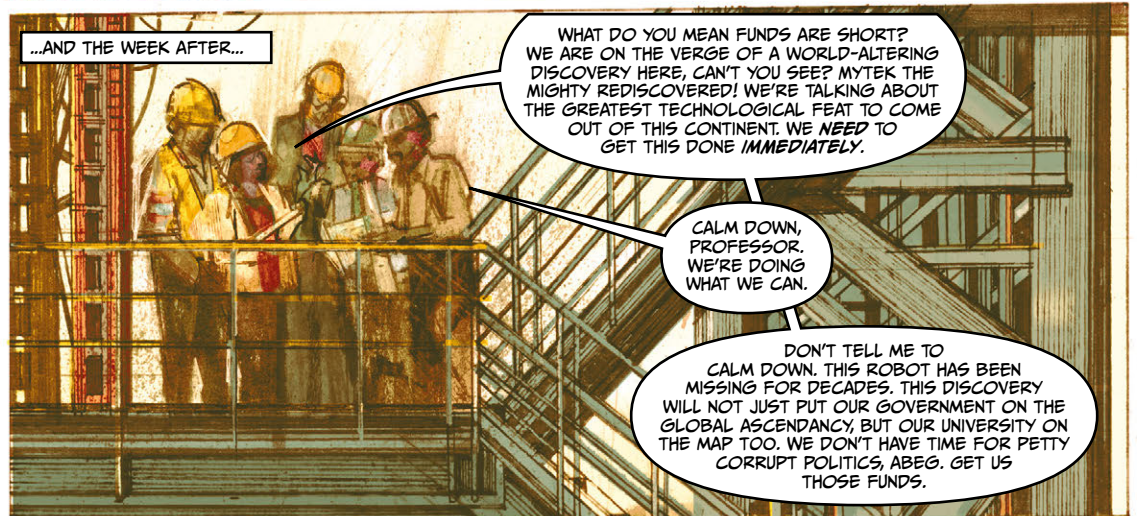
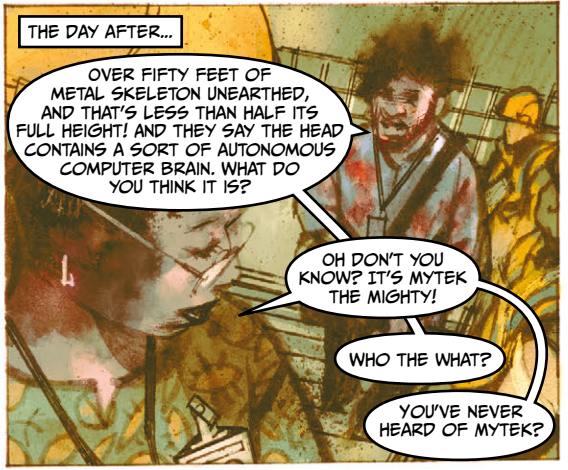
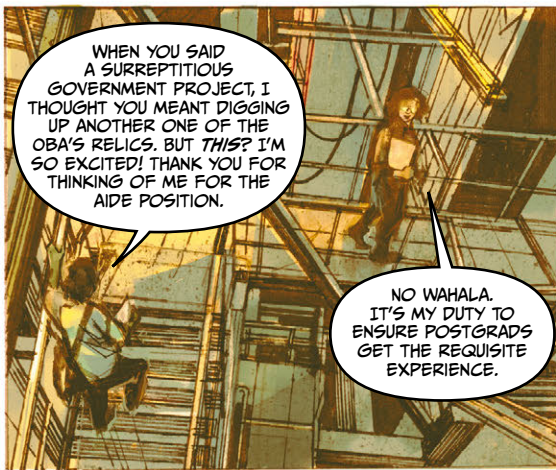
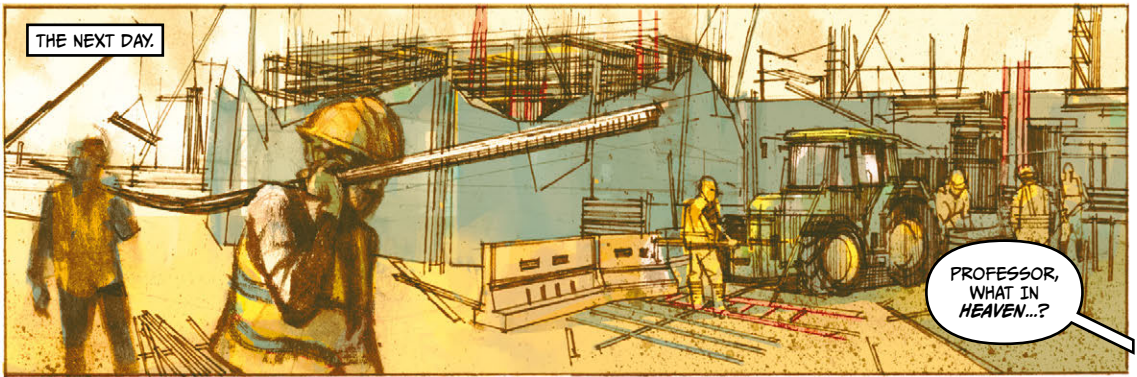
YOU HAVE UNTIL THE END OF TODAY TO DECIDE. THE PROJECT REQUIRES THE UTMOST SWIFTNESS.



RAP
RAP



Art by Joyce Okaka



MYTEKTM THE MIGHTY

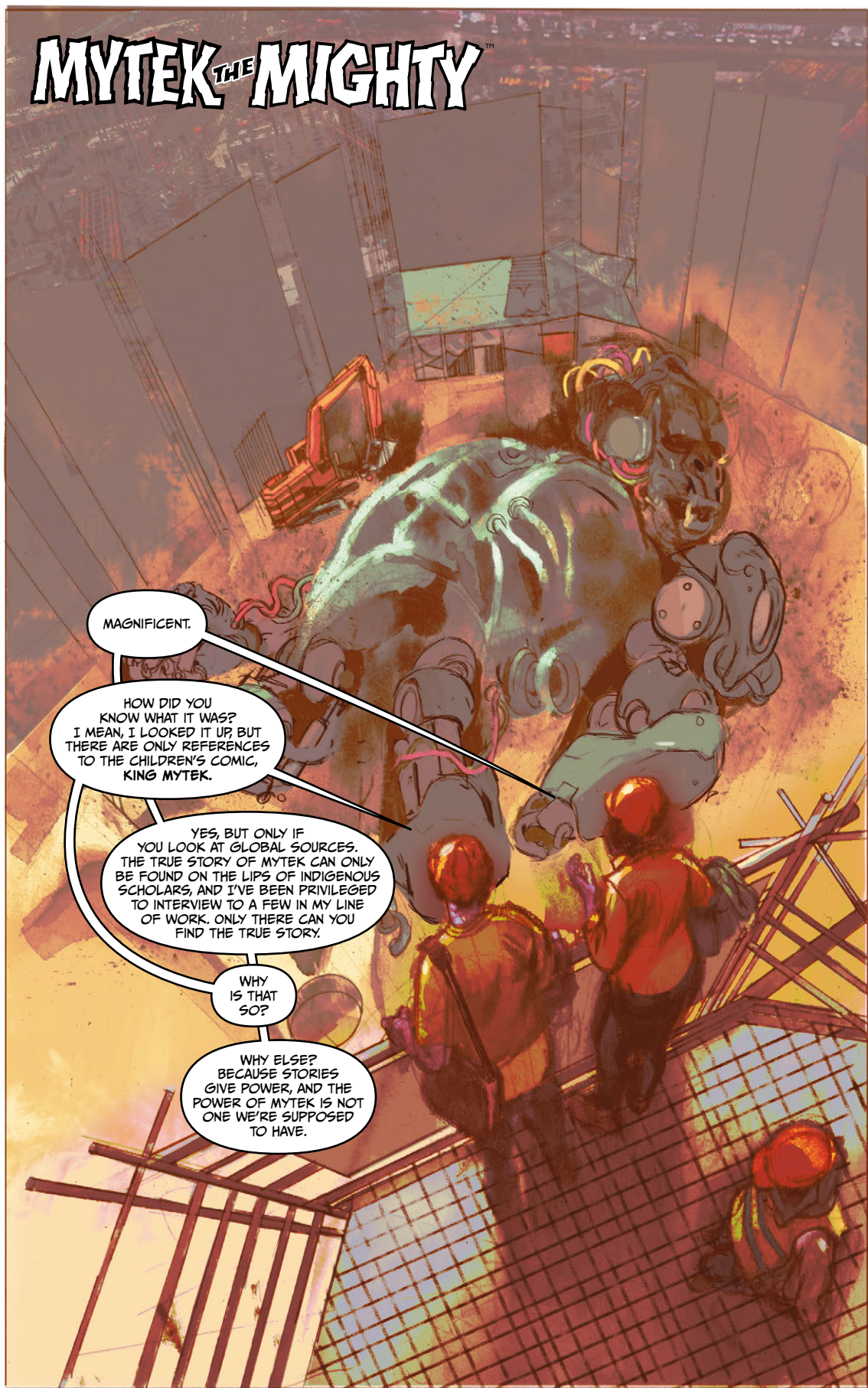
MAGNIFICENT.

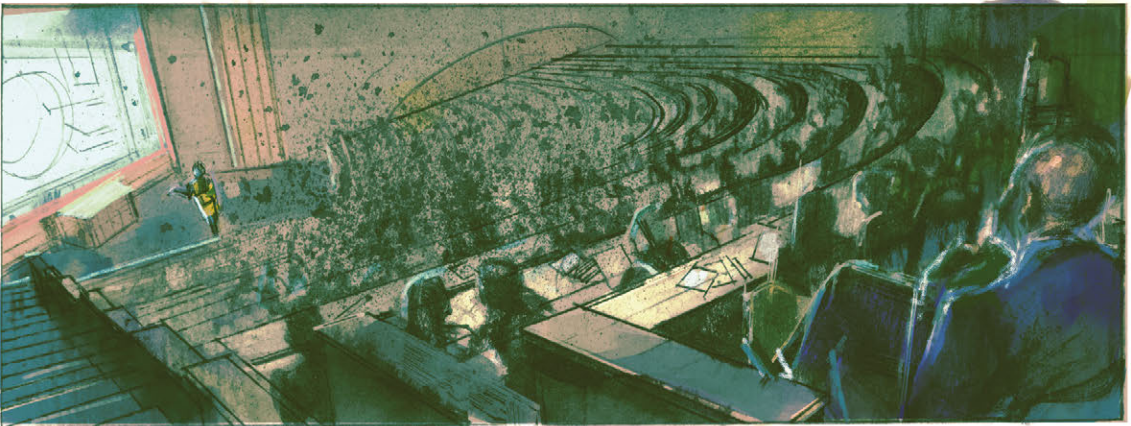
HOW DID YOU
KNOW WHAT IT WAS?
I MEAN, I LOOKED IT UP, BUT
THERE ARE ONLY REFERENCES
TO THE CHILDREN'S COMIC,
KING MYTEK.

YES, BUT ONLY IF
YOU LOOK AT GLOBAL SOURCES.
THE TRUE STORY OF MYTEK CAN ONLY
BE FOUND ON THE LIPS OF INDIGENOUS
SCHOLARS, AND I'VE BEEN PRIVILEGED
TO INTERVIEW TO A FEW IN MY LINE
OF WORK. ONLY THERE CAN YOU
FIND THE TRUE STORY.

WHY
IS THAT
SO?

WHY ELSE?
BECAUSE STORIES
GIVE POWER, AND THE
POWER OF MYTEK IS NOT
ONE WE'RE SUPPOSED
TO HAVE.







**KNOCK
KNOCK**

PROFESSOR
OKAKA? COULD I
HAVE A MOMENT
OF YOUR TIME?

SURE. HOW
CAN I HELP
YOU, MR...?



DUNBAR
ANTHONY DUNBAR.
YOU MAY NOT HAVE
HEARD OF ME,
BUT...

OF DUNBAR CO? OF
COURSE! GENIUS SCIENTIST,
TECH MAGANTE, BILLIONAIRE
PHILANTHROPIST: HOW CAN I NOT
HAVE HEARD? IT'S SUCH AN
HONOUR, SIR.

WHAT MIGHT YOU
WANT WITH LOWLY ME,
MR DUNBAR?



I READ A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE
ON YOUR MYTEK EXCAVATION.
NOW, I WON'T ASK YOU HOW THAT
INFORMATION LEAKED, BUT TRACING
THAT DISCOVERY BACK TO ITS ROOTS
IN OUR GREAT HISTORY-- WHICH
EVERYONE SEEMS TO HAVE
FORGOTTEN-- WAS SOME
GOOD WORK.

I WOULD
LIKE TO HIRE
YOU.

EXCUSE
ME?

I NEED AN
ANTHROPOLOGIST.
YOU'VE WORKED
WITH MYTEK. YOU
ALREADY KNOW
EVERYTHING.

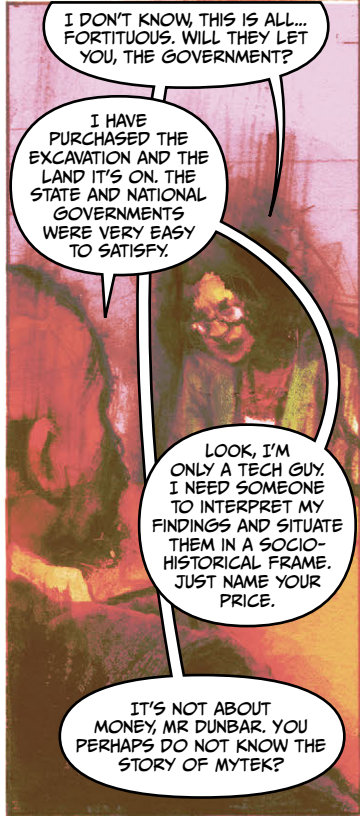


WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING
WITH MYTEK?

I'M
REVIVING
HIM.

WHAT
DO YOU MEAN
REVIVING?

FOR TOO LONG
WE HAVE BEEN FRAMED
AS THE DARK CONTINENT,
DUMPED ON AND PUSHED ASIDE
DESPITE OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE WORLD. MY LIFE'S WORK IS TO
CHANGE THAT, AND A WORLD WONDER
LIKE MYTEK IS THE KEY. MYTEK WILL
MAKE AFRICA GREAT AGAIN.

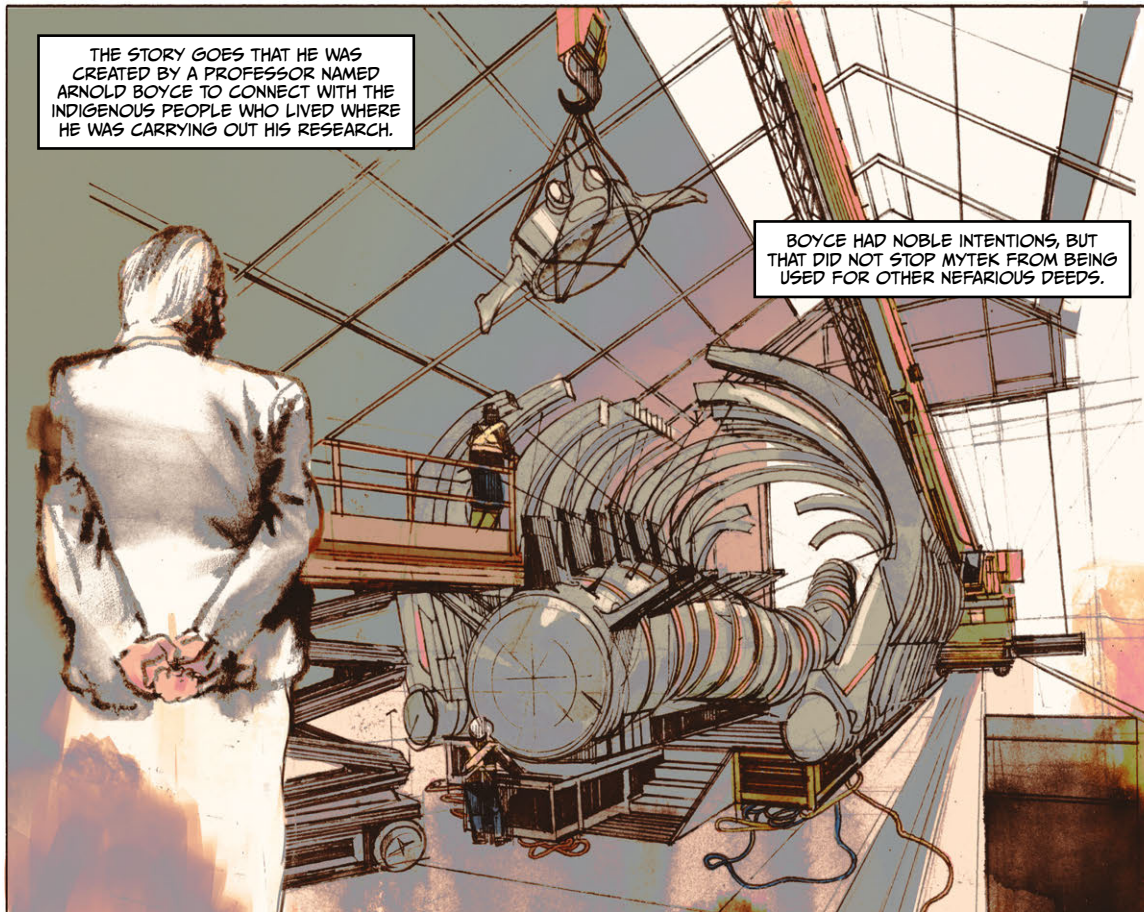


I DON'T KNOW, THIS IS ALL...
FORTUITOUS. WILL THEY LET
YOU, THE GOVERNMENT?

I HAVE
PURCHASED THE
EXCAVATION AND
THE LAND IT'S ON. THE
STATE AND NATIONAL
GOVERNMENTS
WERE VERY EASY
TO SATISFY.

LOOK, I'M
ONLY A TECH GUY.
I NEED SOMEONE
TO INTERPRET MY
FINDINGS AND SITUATE
THEM IN A SOCIO-
HISTORICAL FRAME.
JUST NAME YOUR
PRICE.

IT'S NOT ABOUT
MONEY, MR DUNBAR. YOU
PERHAPS DO NOT KNOW THE
STORY OF MYTEK?



THE STORY GOES THAT HE WAS
CREATED BY A PROFESSOR NAMED
ARNOLD BOYCE TO CONNECT WITH THE
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WHO LIVED WHERE
HE WAS CARRYING OUT HIS RESEARCH.

BOYCE HAD NOBLE INTENTIONS, BUT
THAT DID NOT STOP MYTEK FROM BEING
USED FOR OTHER NEFARIOUS DEEDS.

MYTEK WAS USED TO DESTROY THE
VERY PEOPLE HE WAS CREATED FOR...

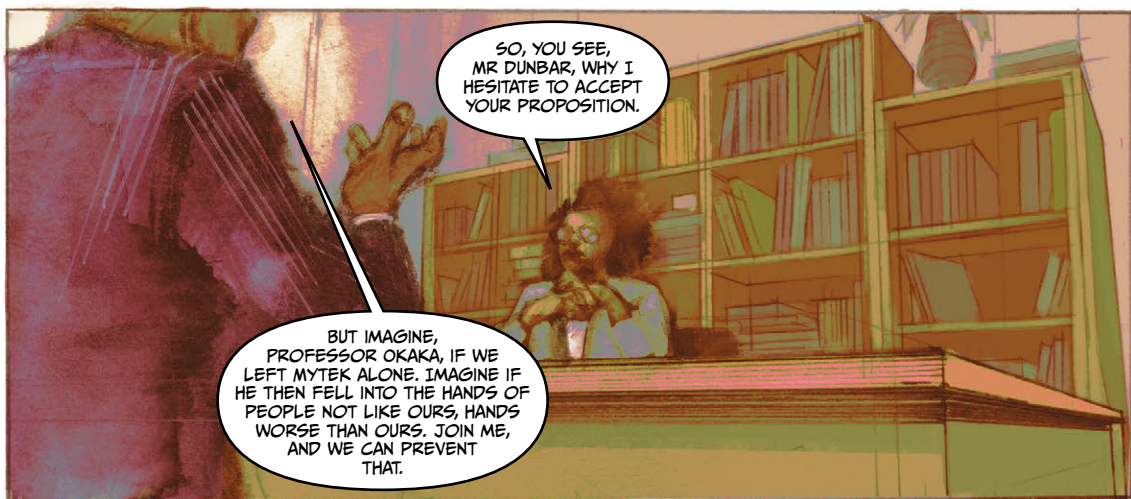


WARS WERE STARTED...

...CITIES WERE DESTROYED...

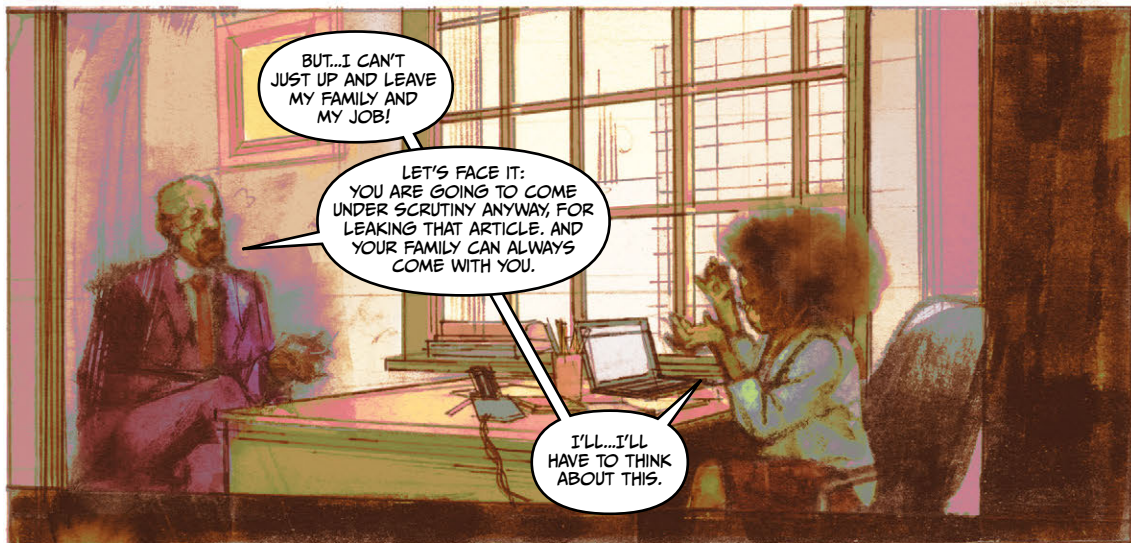
...AND THAT WAS WHY HE HAD TO BE PUT
TO REST BY BOYCE AND HIS FRIENDS.





SO, YOU SEE, MR DUNBAR, WHY I HESITATE TO ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSITION.

BUT IMAGINE, PROFESSOR OKAKA, IF WE LEFT MYTEK ALONE. IMAGINE IF HE THEN FELL INTO THE HANDS OF PEOPLE NOT LIKE OURS. HANDS WORSE THAN OURS. JOIN ME, AND WE CAN PREVENT THAT.



BUT...I CAN'T JUST UP AND LEAVE MY FAMILY AND MY JOB!

LET'S FACE IT: YOU ARE GOING TO COME UNDER SCRUTINY ANYWAY, FOR LEAKING THAT ARTICLE. AND YOUR FAMILY CAN ALWAYS COME WITH YOU.

I'LL...I'LL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THIS.



WELL, WHILE YOU THINK, CONSIDER THIS: I MAY HAVE APPEASED THE STATE AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS HERE, BUT THERE WILL BE OTHER POWERS, LOCAL AND FOREIGN, WHO HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN WHAT MYTEK IS CAPABLE OF, AND WHAT THEY CAN DO WITH HIM.

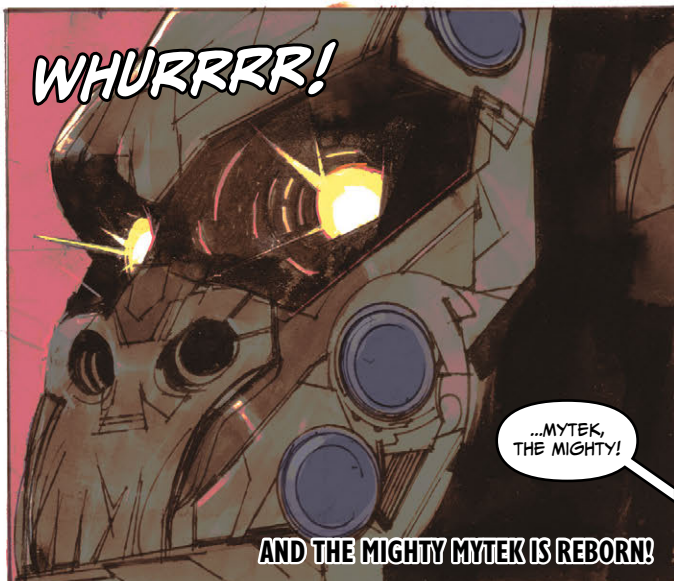
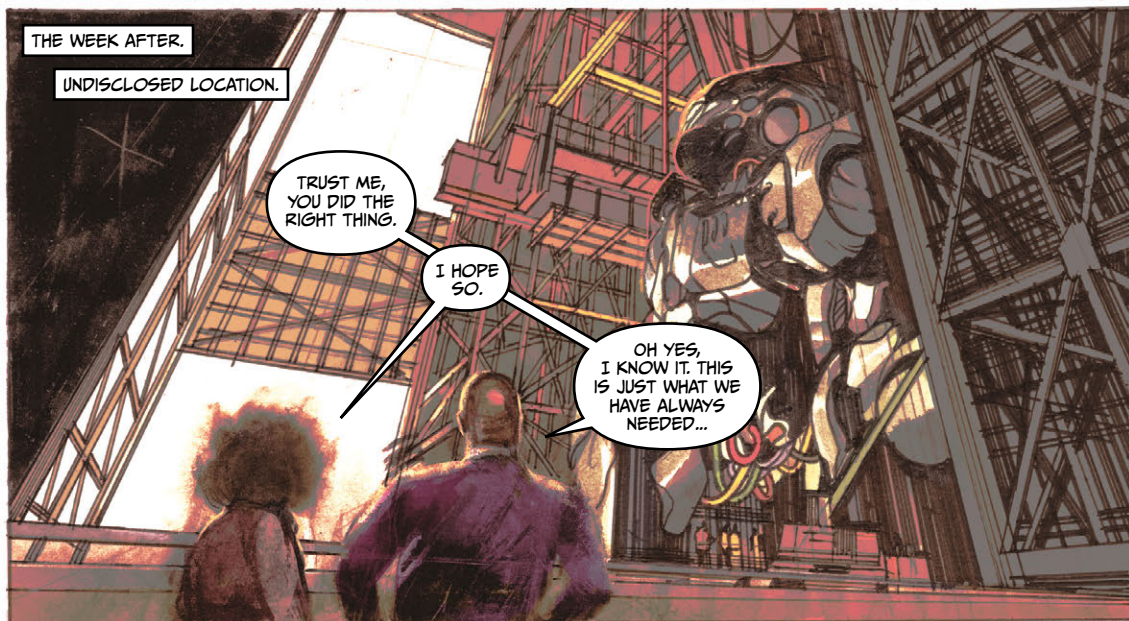
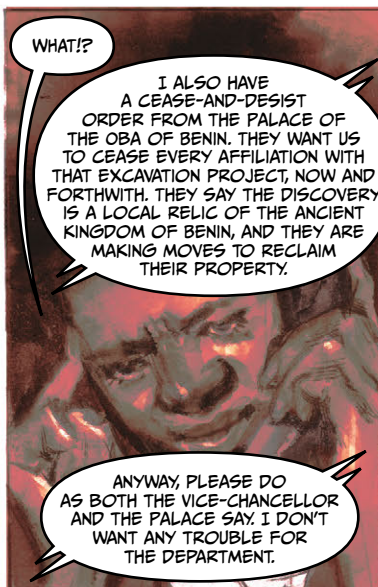
NO ONE WILL BE SAFE FROM THEM, NOT EVEN YOU OR YOUR FAMILY. REMEMBER THAT.



HERE IS MY CONTACT INFORMATION. DON'T TAKE TOO LONG TO MAKE THAT DECISION. THE FUTURE OF THE CONTINENT, AND THE WORLD, DEPENDS ON IT.



**RING!
RING!**



CURSITOR DOOM™

Created by Ken Mennell and Eric Bradbury

REAL NAME/ALIASES: Unknown.

OCCUPATION: Investigator of the strange and mystic.

QUOTE: "I fight evil things...foes beyond the comprehension of other men!"

ALLIES: Angus McCraggan (assistant/muscle), Scarab (a raven).

ENEMIES: Kalak the Dwarf, Mr Sneed, Black Patch, Brice Talbot (AKA The Master of Fear), Mardarax, Attagorx the Ancient, Ranak the Red.

SKILLS & ABILITIES: Cursoritor Doom possesses slight psychic powers, an extensive, encyclopaedic knowledge of the occult and razor-sharp detective skills. He is also in possession of several powerful occult artefacts.

FIRST APPEARANCE: SMASH!, 15th March 1969

HISTORY: Cursoritor Doom spent much of his youth studying and eventually become a master of the occult, devoting his life to defending the world from supernatural evil. Cursoritor Doom was joined by ex-soldier Angus McCraggan on his quest to seek out and battle dark forces threatening humanity, beginning their partnership (along with Doom's pet raven, Scarab) by defeating Kalak the Dwarf — an ancient and cruel sorcerer who had been turned to stone by his own people, only to be resurrected by an unscrupulous newspaper reporter.



JASON HYDE™

Created by Barrington J. Bayley and Eric Bradbury

REAL NAME/ALIASES: Jason Hyde.

OCCUPATION: Paranormal Investigator/Former Scientist.

QUOTE: "Stop, you fool!"

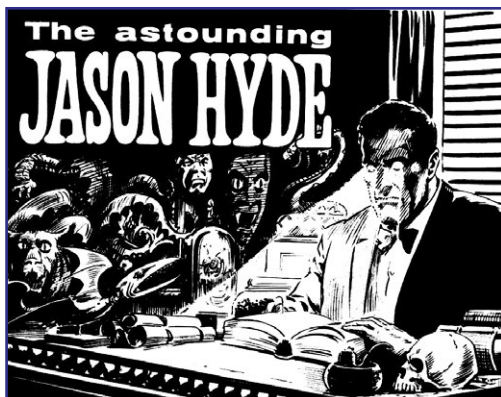
ALLIES: Cursoritor Doom.

ENEMIES: Sir Jules Ravenger, Dr Rafe Klystron.

SKILLS & ABILITIES: Jason Hyde permanently emits blue rays from his colourless eyes, which allow him to read minds and see through solid objects, but also require him to always wear sunglasses. He has also created many inventions, such as a walking stick that has been modified with all manner of hidden and unusual weapons.

FIRST APPEARANCE: Valiant, 15th May 1965.

HISTORY: After Jason Hyde was accidentally exposed to the radiation that altered his eyes and gave him new and unusual powers, he became an investigator of the uncanny, transforming himself into a strikingly unique individual.





SCRIPT
MAURA McHUGH
ART
ANDREAS BUTZBACH
LETTERS
A.CULT



YOU'RE BOTHERED
ABOUT ME WATCHING
YOU WORK **VIOLETA**?

HEY! SURELY
MIND READING COUNTS
AS INAPPROPRIATE
BEHAVIOUR IN THE
WORK PLACE?

POINT
TAKEN.

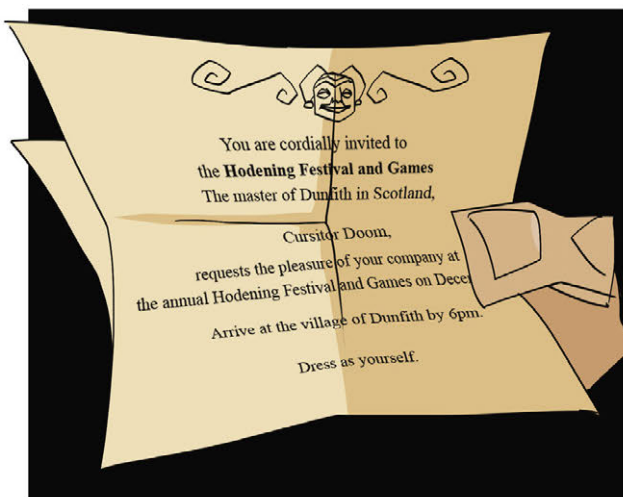
**DING
DONG**

THE POST IS
EARLY. OLLIE
LIKES OUR NEW
CARRIER...
JANET.

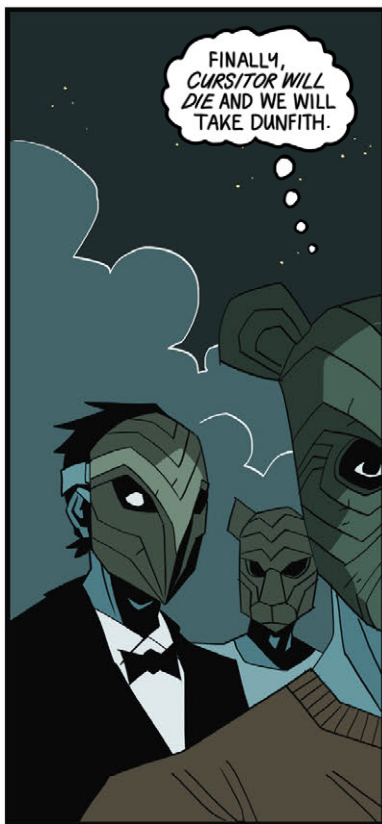


AND PEOPLE
SAY I'M
STRANGE...

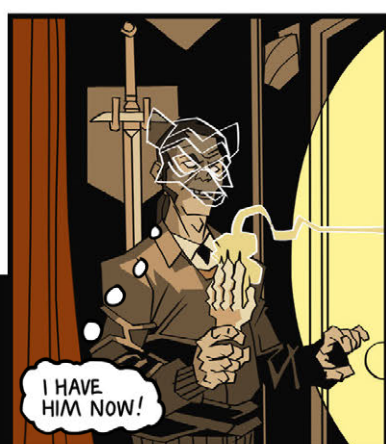


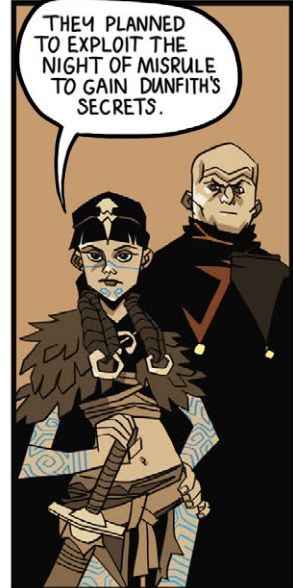












THE HOUSE OF DOLMANN™

Created by Tom Tully and Eric Bradbury

REAL NAME/ALIASES

Eric Dolmann.

OCCUPATION

Puppeteer, inventor, ventriloquist, secret agent.

QUOTE

"Let the children of Dolmann strike!"

ALLIES

Dolmann's mechanical puppets including Togo, Raider, Giggler, Mole, Elasto, Astro, Trailer, Micro.

ENEMIES

D.A.R.T. (The Department for Arson, Revolution and Terror), The Hawk, The Iceman.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Dolmann has mastered the art of puppeteering and ventriloquism. A genius inventor, his mechanical warriors have a variety of purpose-built, specific abilities. Dolmann also utilises a variety of vehicles including the Dolbike and the unique Dolmobile.

FIRST APPEARANCE

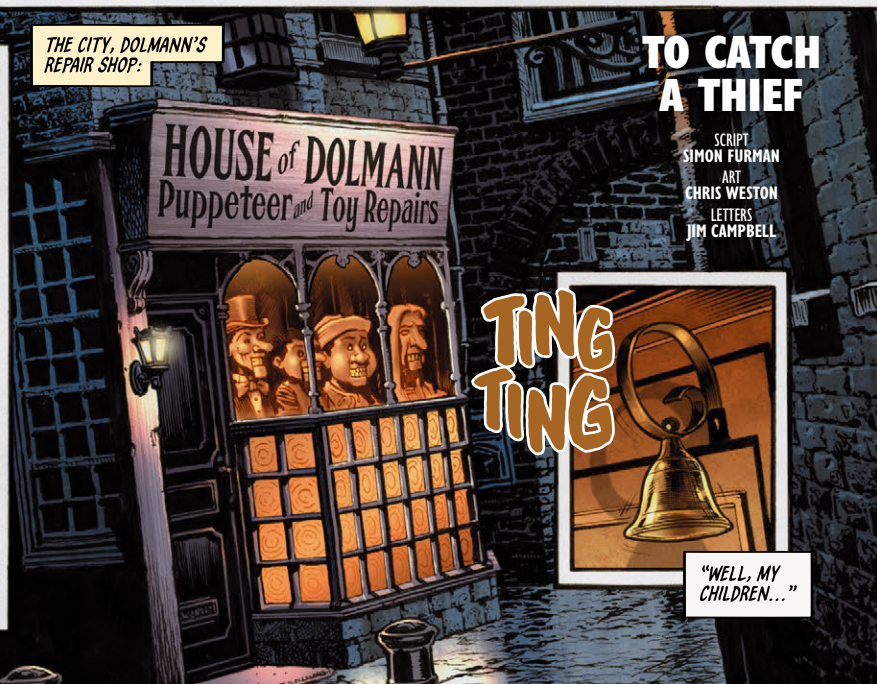
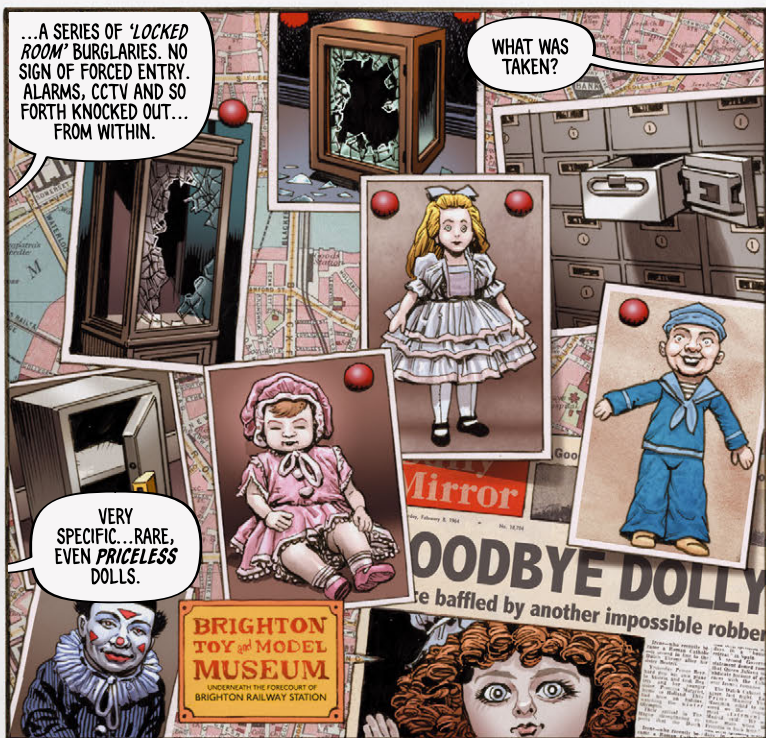
Valiant, 10th October 1966.

HISTORY

Not much is known about Dolmann's early life, but at some stage during his early adulthood he was approached by the International Security Agency to become one of their agents. Dolmann agreed, employing his scientific genius to create a small army of mechanical warriors to aid him in his ongoing battle against the forces of evil. They included Raider, who resembled a British Commando and carried a gun that fired a variety of different pellets (and a lazer); Togo, the Sumo wrestler; Astro, who piloted the Dolmobile; the sinister-looking Mole, who used his claws to dig under the ground; the jester-like Giggler, who fired a variety of projectiles from his body; Trailer the big-eyed tracker; Elasto, who could extend his limbs; Metallo the shape-changer, and Micro the microphone-flying superhero. There were other puppets such as Egghead and Hovero, but they were not used as often.

Dolmann would use his ventriloquism to inject personalities into his puppets and have them converse amongst each other, even argue and on occasion question the actions of their master. Whether Dolmann is just a little eccentric or completely insane has yet to be revealed...





TO CATCH A THIEF

SCRIPT
SIMON FURMAN
ART
CHRIS WESTON
LETTERS
JIM CAMPBELL

"ALL IN ALL A THOROUGHLY
EXTERNALISED CASE OF
MULTIPLE PERSONALITY
DISORDER."

BY ANALYSING THE PATTERN
OF THEFTS THUS FAR, IT'S
POSSIBLE TO--

AH, SPENCER--DOLMANN...GOOD,
THANK YOU...YES, MUSTN'T GRUMBLE.
I WONDER...IF I CAN, AH, BORROW
YOUR GALLERY...

BATTERSEA, TWO
NIGHTS LATER:

DOLMANN
TO RAIDER...
ANYTHING?

SIMON PRICE
FINE ART GALLERY



RAIDER TO DOLMANN...
NOTHING TO REPORT.

'CEPT A KING-SIZED
CRICK IN MY NECK!

PATIENCE,
TRAILER...

... AND PERSEVERANCE,
THE WATCHWORDS OF A
GOOD STAKEOUT.

THE ADVERT ONLY JUST WENT IN.
IF NOT TONIGHT, TOMORROW...OR
THE DAY AFTER...

SIMON PRICE
FINE ART GALLERY
RARE EDO-PERIOD
JAPANESE GEISHA DOLL
ONE WEEK VIEWING ONLY

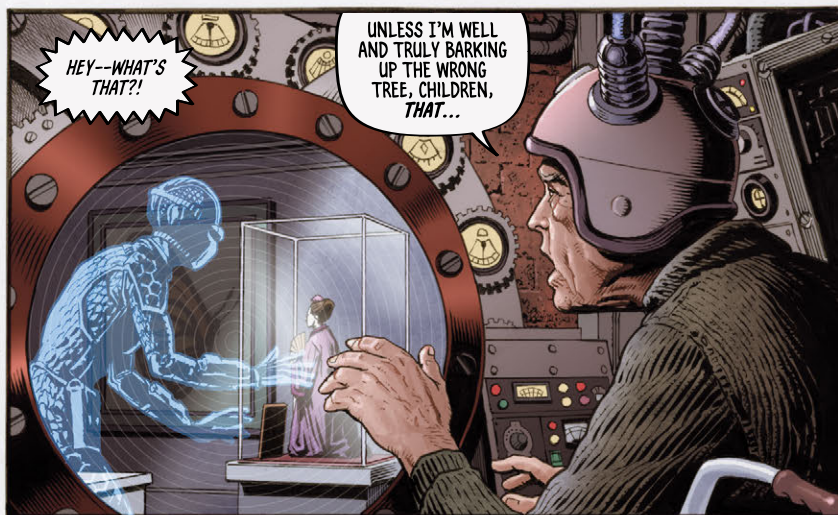
H.M. WE JUST HAVE TO HOPE...
THEY TAKE THE BAIT. CUP
OF SOMETHING?

PLEASE.



WAIT! SOMETHING
MOVED... I'M SURE
OF IT...

TRAILER...
GO TO MAGGA-RAY
MODE...



HEY--WHAT'S
THAT?!

UNLESS I'M WELL
AND TRULY BARKING
UP THE WRONG
TREE, CHILDREN,
THAT...



... IS OUR MORE
THAN MEETS THE
EYE MISCREANT!
GO--GO!

YOU'RE...
NICKED!



HNN--



YEEK!

GNN!

AAAAH!



SAYONARA, SUCKERS...

"DOLMANN? DOLMANN!"



ARE YOU ALRIGHT? SAY SOMETHING!

FNNNH...

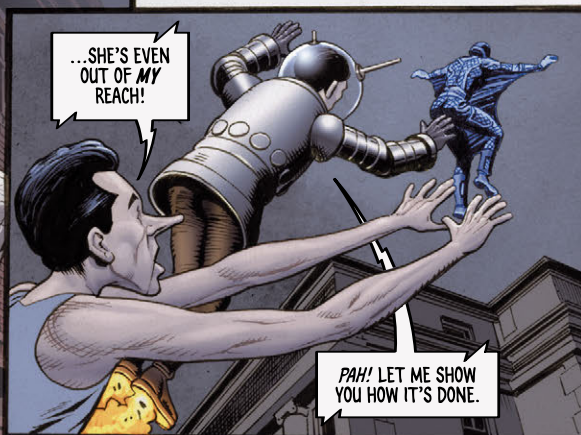
IN PURSUIT...

BIRD HAS FLOWN, I REPEAT, BIRD HAS FLOWN.



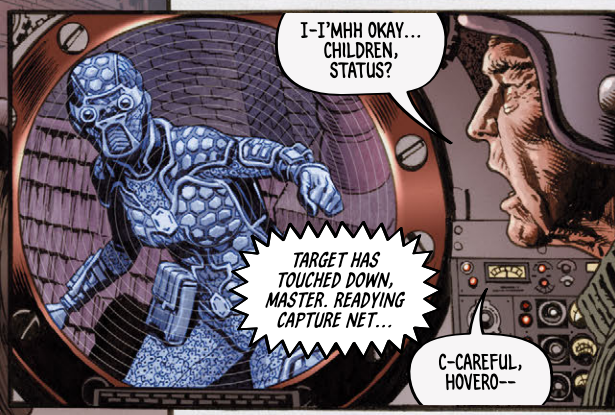
DON'T JUST SIT THERE, ELASTO-- DO SOMETHING!

I'M DOING, I'M DOING...BUT...



...SHE'S EVEN OUT OF MY REACH!

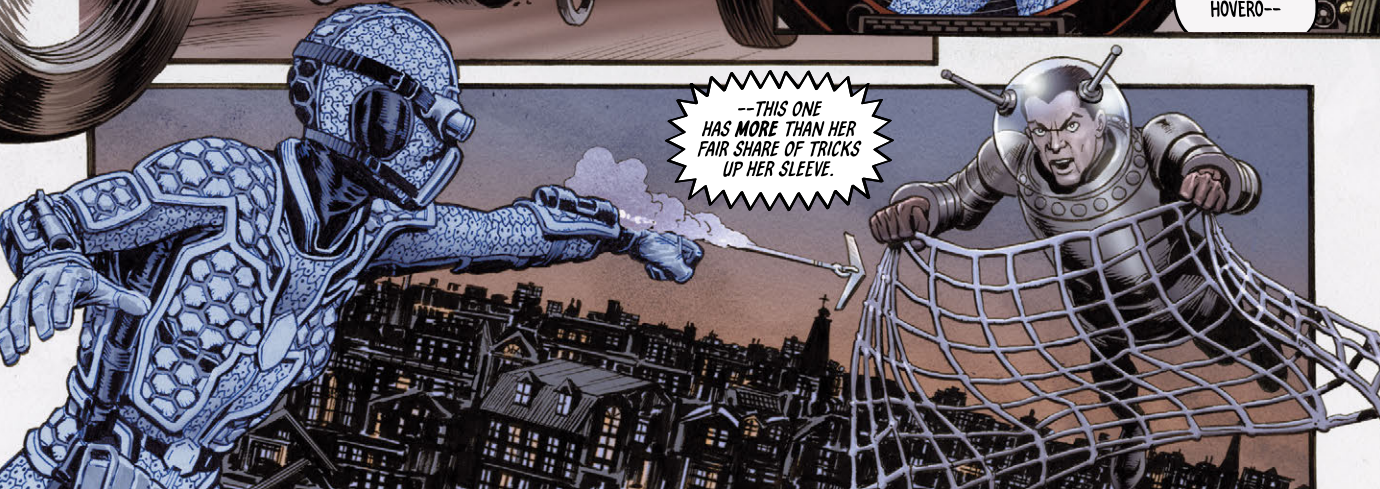
PAH! LET ME SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE.



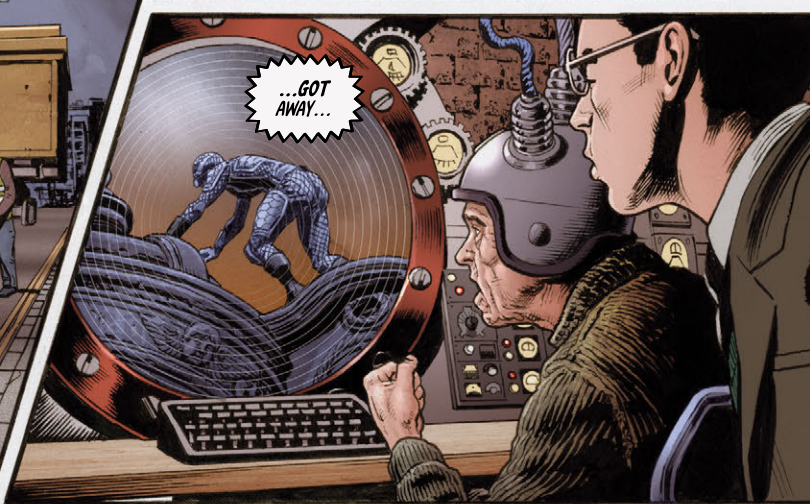
I-I'MHH OKAY... CHILDREN, STATUS?

TARGET HAS TOUCHED DOWN, MASTER. READYING CAPTURE NET...

C-CAREFUL, HOVERO--

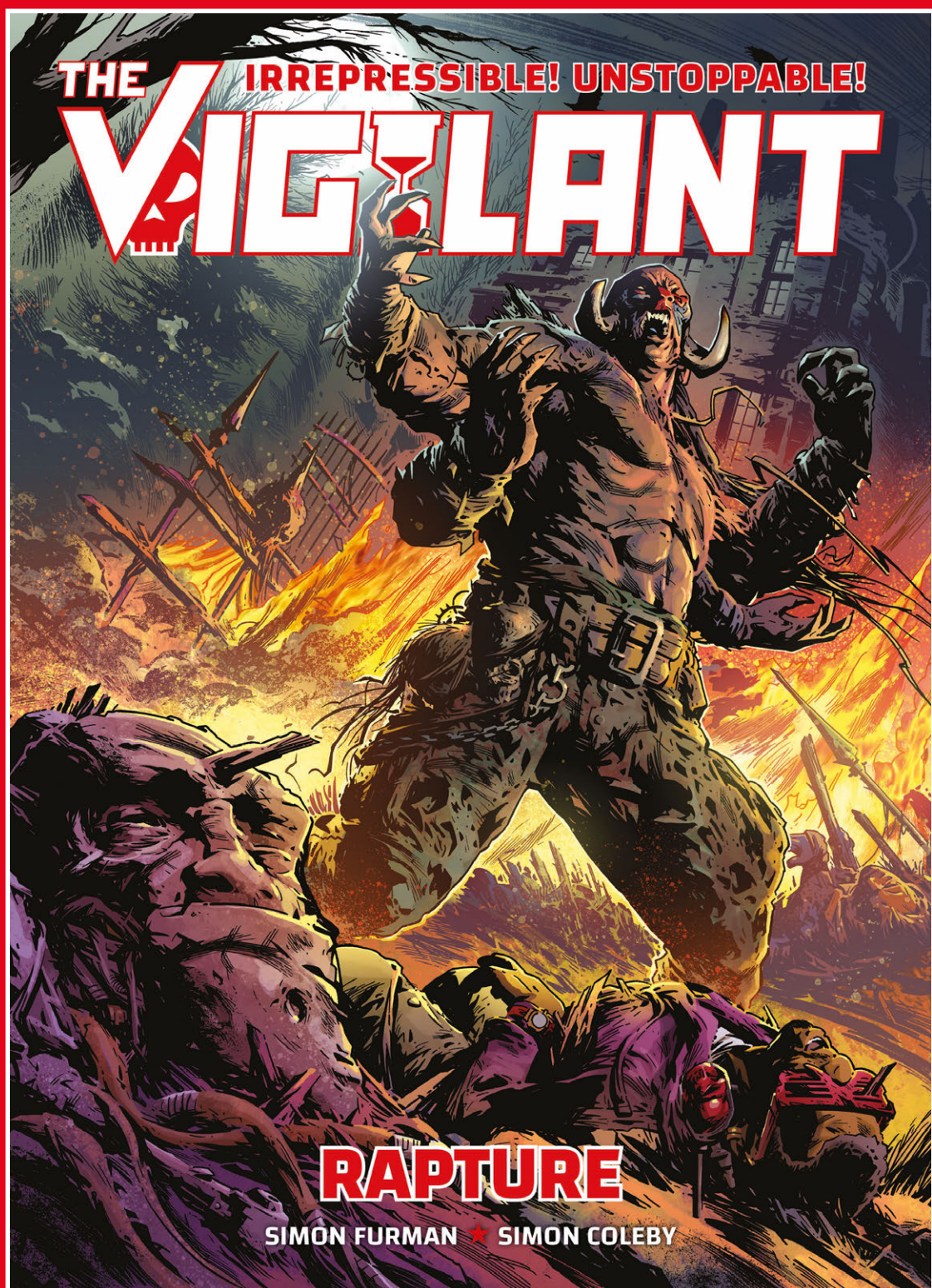


--THIS ONE HAS MORE THAN HER FAIR SHARE OF TRICKS UP HER SLEEVE.



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