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WEST OGG

THIS IS YOUR LIFE, ROB DIRK. A PLEASANT LIFE IT IS. YOU'VE MADE YOUR FORTUNE, IMPORTING MIRACULOUS GEMS WHOSE EVER-SHIFTING RAINBOW HUES TAKE THE BREATH OF ALL WHO BEHOLD THEM.

"WHERE DID YOU GET THEM?" SO MANY ASK, AND NO ONE KNOWS! YES, ROB, WHERE DID YOU GET THEM?

OH, ROB, IT'S SO WONDERFUL! IT'S LIKE A DREAM!

YEAH, AIN'T IT THOUGH?



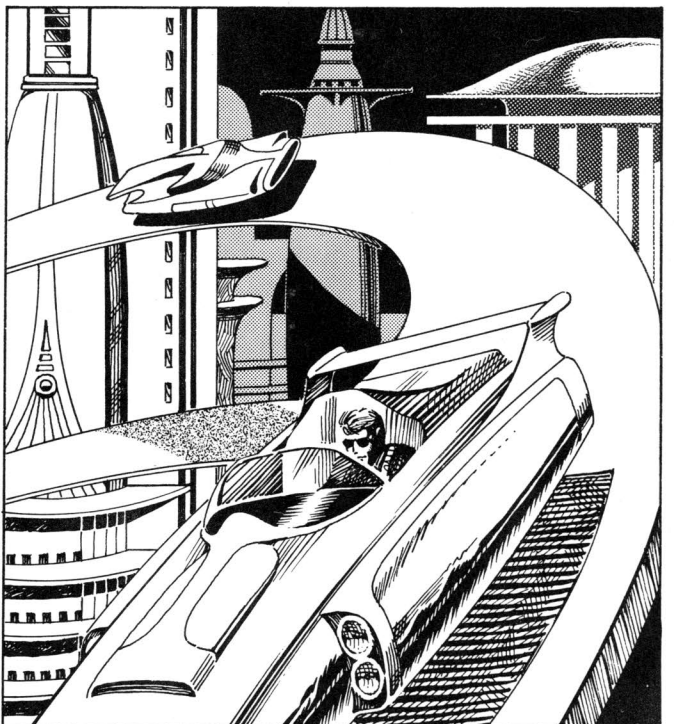
LATER THAT EVENING...

TEE HEE! I CAN'T GET OVER THE WAY THAT LADY WITH ALL THE FURS KEPT COMING BY OUR TABLE!

YEAH!

I'LL LET BETTY LOU WEAR IT T'MORROW!

YOU DON'T TALK ABOUT IT MUCH, BUT YOU THINK ABOUT IT A LOT, DON'T YOU, ROB? OF COURSE YOU DO!



I'M REALLY GLAD WE LANDED SOMEPLACE WHERE WE CAN WALK!

YOU HAD STOPPED TO REST A BIT, WHEN...

LOOK AT THESE GEMS! THEY'RE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL I'VE EVER SEEN!

YEAH! THAT SHIP CAN DRIVE ANYONE CRAZY!

WHAT INCREDIBLE LUCK!

ABRUPTLY, WHAT HAD APPEARED TO BE PART OF THE GROUND...

SHOOT IT, ROB! HURRY!

EEEYAHHH!

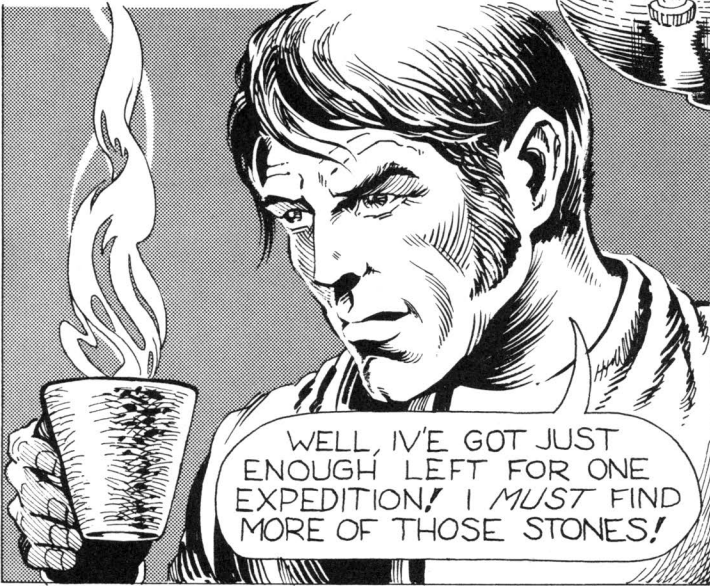
IT'S SO EASY TO "MISS"! HMMMM!

ROB! QUICK! UHHNNN...

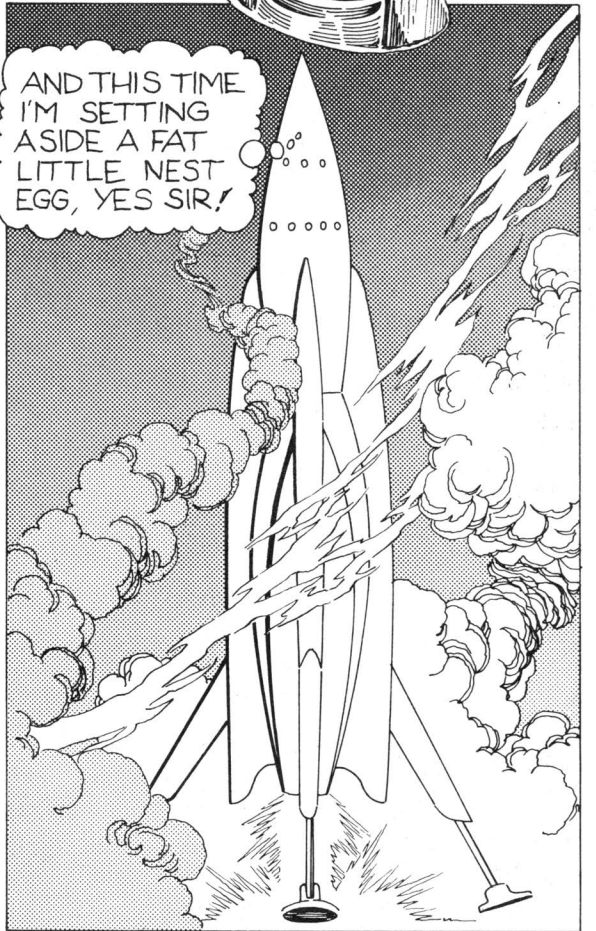
THEY'LL NEVER CHECK THIS SPARE AIR TANK! I'LL BE THE RICHEST MAN ON EARTH!



YOU'RE AS GREEN AS YOUR MONEY IN MANY AREAS, ROB. YOU REALLY SHOULD AVOID THE LIKES OF COLIN CARTWHEEL, ESPECIALLY WITH SPIRITS ABOUT...



WELL, I'VE GOT JUST ENOUGH LEFT FOR ONE EXPEDITION! I MUST FIND MORE OF THOSE STONES!



AND THIS TIME I'M SETTING ASIDE A FAT LITTLE NEST EGG, YES SIR!



I HAD JUST BETTER FIND THOSE THINGS THAT'S ALL!

PILGRIM

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SECOND! I KNEW I'D
GET THE SECOND MOON
MISSION! *WHEW!*

GOTTA STOP THINKING
ABOUT THAT, WESTON
OL BOY...



GOTTA SET UP
THESE SURVEY
INSTRUMENTS...

HARD TO GET
USED TO WORKING
UP HERE...

... WATCH MY *STEP*...



EYES MUST BE
ACTING UP...
THOUGHT I *SAW*
SOMETHING...





ELAPSED TIME: 3 DAYS, 6 HOURS, 32 MIN.

STILL CAN'T RAISE HIM!
TRY THE UHF INTERLOCK!

ROGER!

CLICK!

BERT! LUNABASE TWO CALLING... BERT!

NO SCOPE PICK-UP ON HIS DIRECTION FINDER!

BERT! WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU?!!

IT'S NO GO, SKIP, WE'VE LOST HIM!

LUNA BASE THIS IS HOUSTON...

WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE?

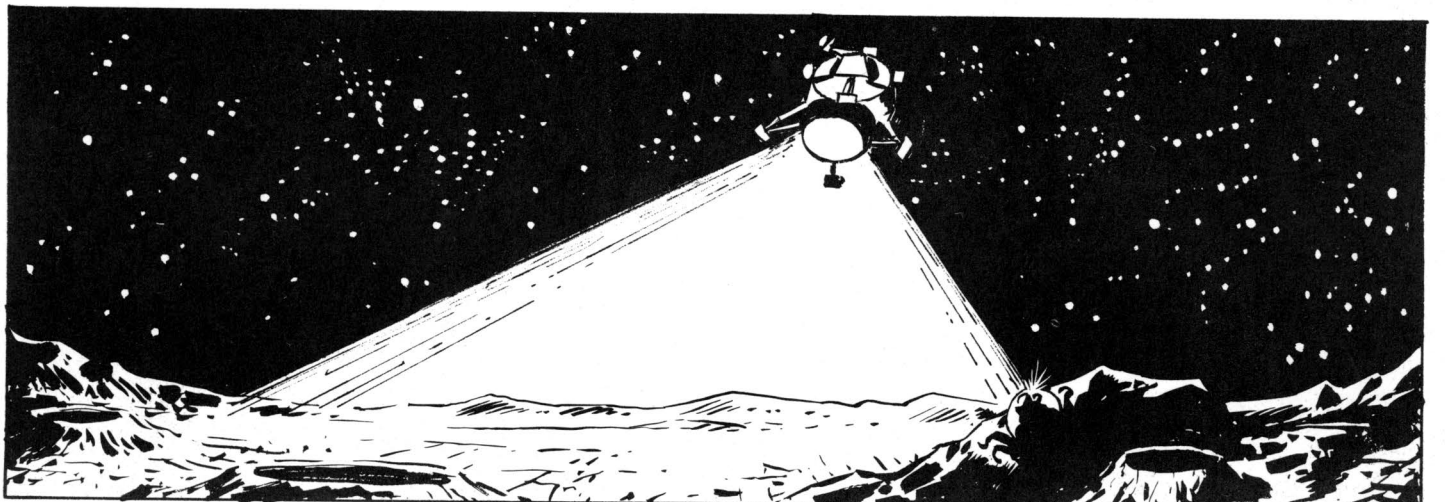
PROBLEM, HOUSTON... WE'VE LOST WESTON!

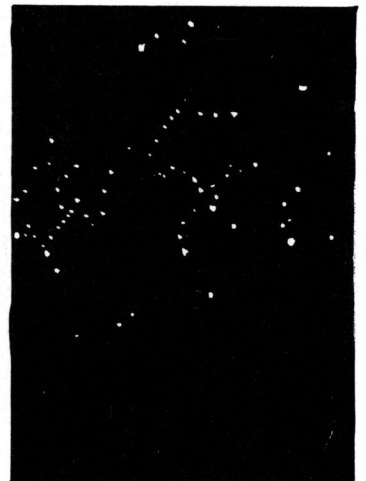
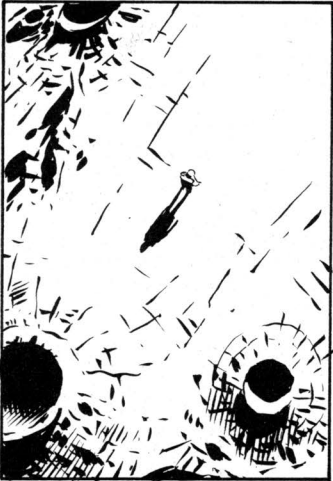
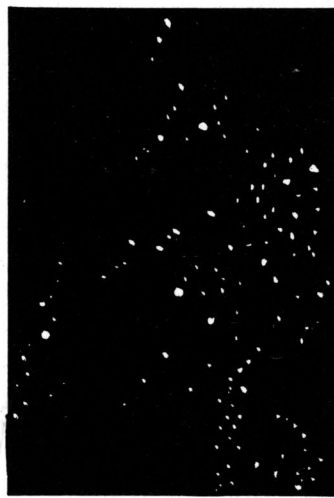
ELAPSED TIME: 8 DAYS, 11 HOURS, 55 MIN.

CAN'T JUST LEAVE! DAMN IT, MAN! WESTON'S OUT THERE!

DEAD JOE...

GOTTA BE BY THIS TIME! TIME'S RUN OUT FOR ALL OF US, STRAP IN!





BURT!

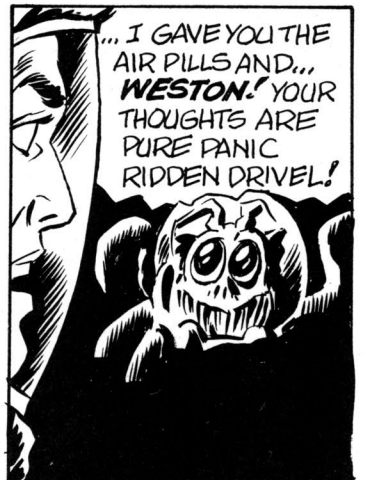


OVER HERE, BURT... NO, YOUR NOT HEARING THINGS, I'M REAL ENOUGH!



I'M **MAX!** I'M YOUR... YOUR COMPANION... SORT OF.

WHEN YOU BUMBLED INTO THAT CRATER YOU BASHED IN YOUR OXYGEN SYSTEM, I FOUND YOU THERE...



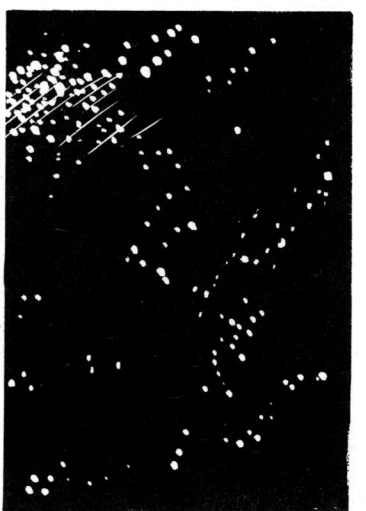
... I GAVE YOU THE AIR PILLS AND... **WESTON!** YOUR THOUGHTS ARE PURE PANIC RIDDEN DRIVEL!



YOU AIN'T EXACTLY MY IDEA OF AN OBJECT OF BEAUTY EITHER!



YOU'D BETTER GET USED TO ME, BURTY BOY, WE'RE CHUMS FROM NOW ON!





C'MON WESTON,
PILGRIM'S
WAITING,
THERE'S SOMEBODY
WHO WANT'S TO
MEET YOU!



BLAST OFF!

LOOSE THE SHACKLES OF EARTH'S GRAVITY, THE THUNDEROUS MIND NUMBING ROCKET ENGINES STOP- **QUIET!**

INTENSE STILLNESS...

... CONSTANTLY ACCELERATING...

FALLING THROUGH SPACE AT THOUSANDS OF MILES PER SECOND... **FREE!**

FREE TO ROAM THE STARS, STREAKING SOUNDLESSLY PAST DEAD LUNA... ON TO MARS...
...AND BEYOND...
BEYOND...
OUT OF THIS TINY SOLAR SYSTEM...

...CONSTANTLY ACCELERATING... AWAY... EVER AWAY!

THIS BUILDIN' CONDEMN

...FLUNG OUT INTO THE SWIRLING GAS AND SILVER DUSTED STAR FIELDS OF THE GALAXIES...

...STAR SYSTEMS STRUNG LIKE DIAMONDS...

... FREE OF EARTH ... FREE OF BEING ANDY THE **MUTE**... ANDY THE **DUMBY!** FREE TO LIVE WITHOUT... WITHOUT **THEM!** TO BE ... TO BE REALLY **ALIVE** AWAY FROM THIS TIRED SICK PRISON... THIS **EARTH!**

WEIRD SCIENCE WEIRD FACT

CRASH!

GOTTA GIT SOME (HIC!) RESHT... DAMN WINE'S KILLIN' ME (HIC!)

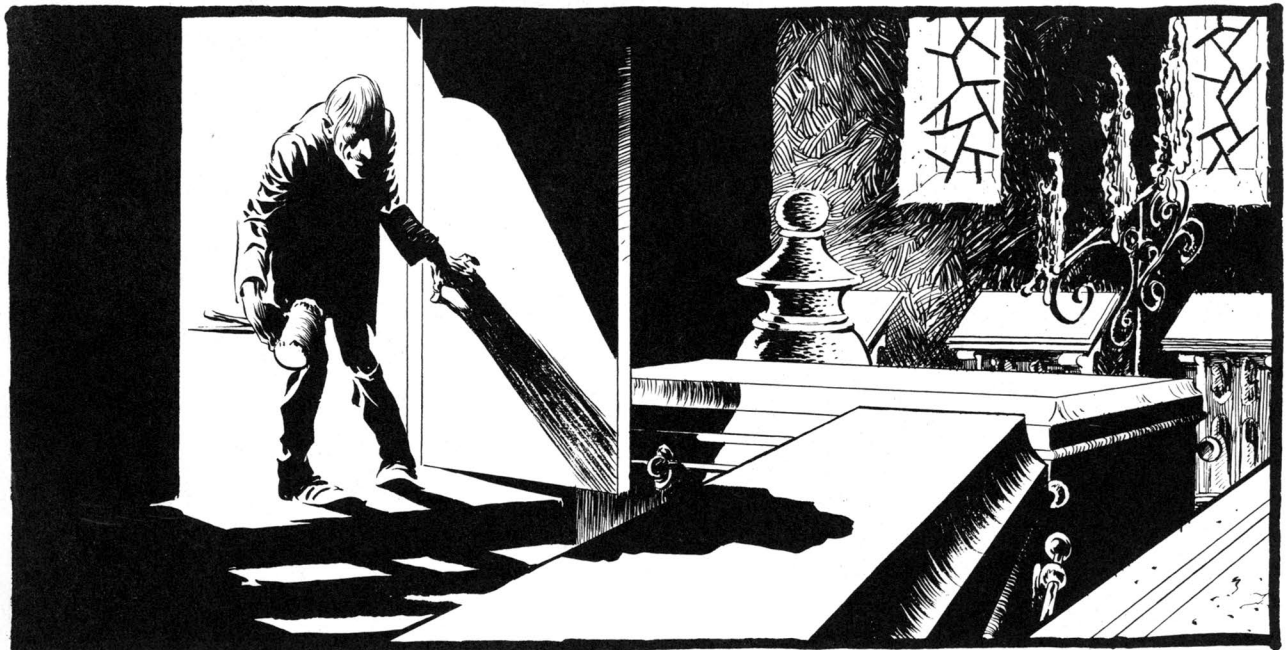
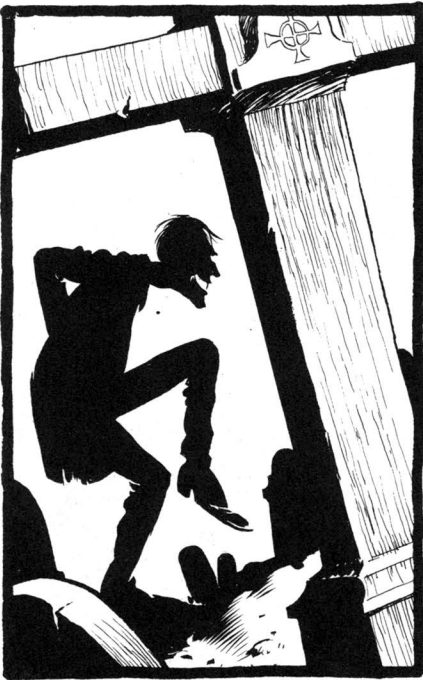
WHAT THE HELL! GET OUTTA HERE KID!

TO BE CONTINUED...

STAKE- OUT

WRIGHTSON
'70







GOOD LORD !!
THAT WAS FREDDY
AGAIN!

WHY CAN'T
THEY JUST LET
US REST IN
PEACE ?

NO MATTER
WHERE WE GO,
SOMEBODY ALWAYS
MANAGES TO DIG
US UP !!

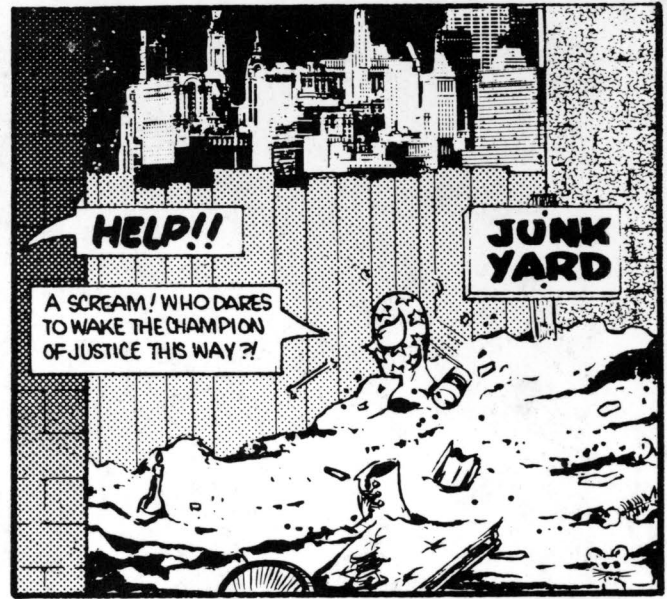
THE HAUNT OF
DEAR



THE FANTASTIC SPIDERWORT

THE FOLLOWING ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE, IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER FOR THIS ABORTION:

JIM MILLER • U.S. ARMED FORCES • PETE BARTELS
 RAYANNE SCHOOL • JEANNE PARIS • RAY PREISS
 SNAKE DAKIN • RICHARD HOLTZ • HENRY PLAWIN
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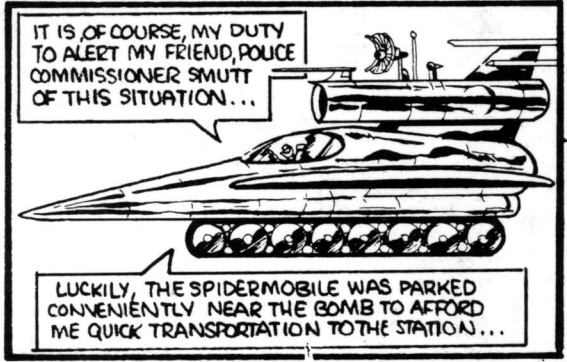


HOWEVER, UPON CLOSER INSPECTION, THE ALLEY FLOOR YIELDS A WEALTH OF CLUES WHICH SPIDERWORT IS QUICK TO COMPILE INTO A FULL-LENGTH NOVEL....

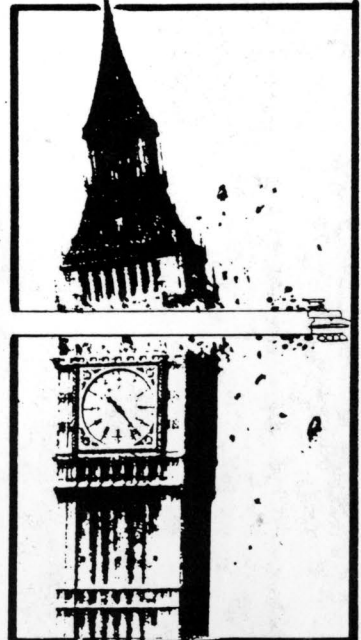
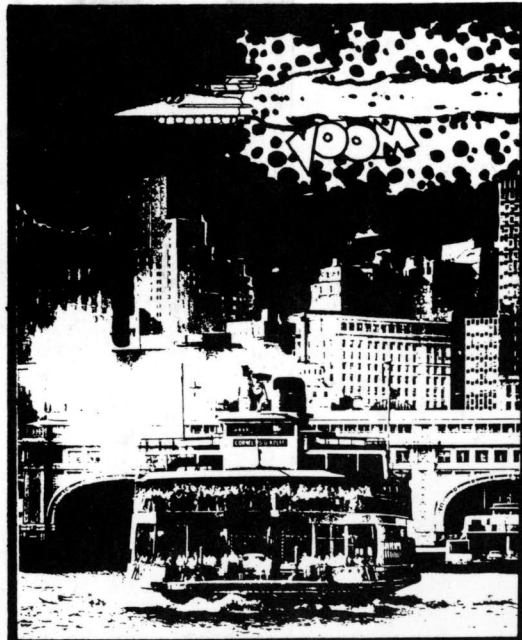


ONE BURKE-MASSON AUTOMATIC PUMP RIFLE, ONE .22 HANDGUN, ONE MONKEY WRENCH COVERED WITH BLOOD, ONE BLOOD STAINED NYLON STOCKING, ONE CASE OF HANDGRENADES, TEN CANISTERS OF X-86 DEATH GAS, ONE SMALL HORSE, AND A CHINESE LAUNDRY....

AFTER CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF THE OVER 4,000 CLUES, SPIDERWORT DETERMINES THAT ONLY ONE HAS ANY RELATION TO THE CRIME....



THE 18 MILLION HORSE POWER ENGINE SPEEDS HIM ON HIS WAY....



TO BE CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE - HOPEFULLY! CAN YOU STAND THE SUSPENSE?

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