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**THE
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of DOOM**



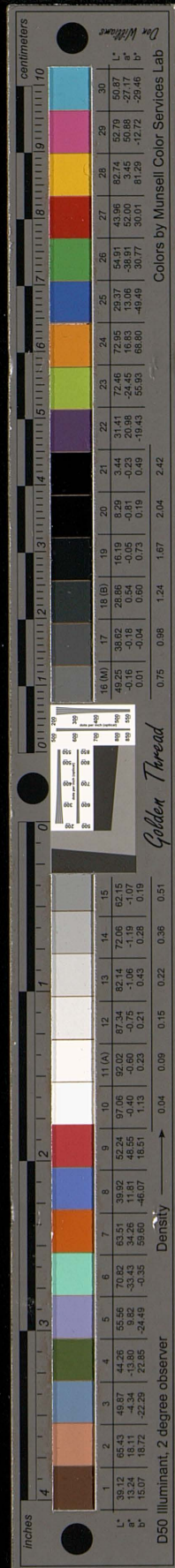
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A TOWNSHIP AS
MIGHTY MAN
PURSUES A
DEMENTED
KILLER!

AND AN ADDED
FEATURE --
HOW DEBT
CAME TO
ASHANTI!



THAT MADMAN
IS LOOSE WITH A
CANNISTER OF
DEADLY GERMS...

IF I DON'T
FIND HIM SOON
...MILLIONS OF
PEOPLE MAY
DIE!



FIGHTING CRIME IS
HARD WORK. REFRESHING
CEYLON TEA GIVES ME
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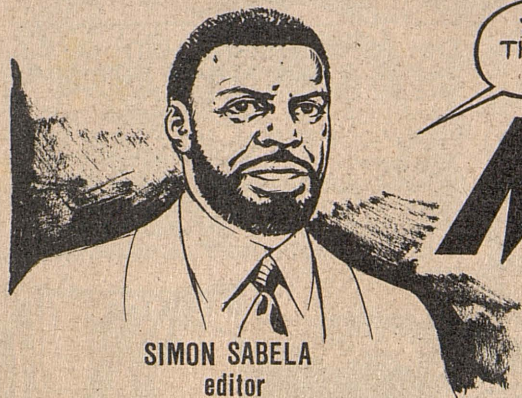


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*THE CANNISTER OF DOOM...
THAT'S THE TITLE OF THE STORY
IN THIS ISSUE OF--*

MIGHTY MAN

*A RUTHLESS, MENTALLY UNBALANCED
CRIMINAL JEOPARDISES AN ENTIRE
POPULATION AFTER GAINING POSSESSION
OF A CANNISTER OF DEADLY GERMS...!*



*CAN MIGHTY MAN STOP HIM IN TIME--
OR WILL THE MADMAN CAUSE THE WORSE
HOLOCAUST EVER TO BEFALL A
CIVILISED PEOPLE?*

*IT'S A CLASSIC ACTION STORY WITH
HIGH-VOLTAGE EXCITEMENT ON EVERY
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*AN AFRICAN FOLK TALE
ENTITLED...*



*HOW DEBT CAME TO
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MIGHTY MAN

THE STORY BEGINS WITH A **SIMPLE BURGLARY**. BUT WHAT WAS STOLEN? WHEN MIGHTY MAN LEARNS THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION, HE FINDS THE TOWNSHIP PLUNGED INTO THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL OF **NIGHTMARE**. A NIGHTMARE WHICH THREATENS TO ENVELOPE THE WHOLE CONTINENT IN **WAKING HORROR**.

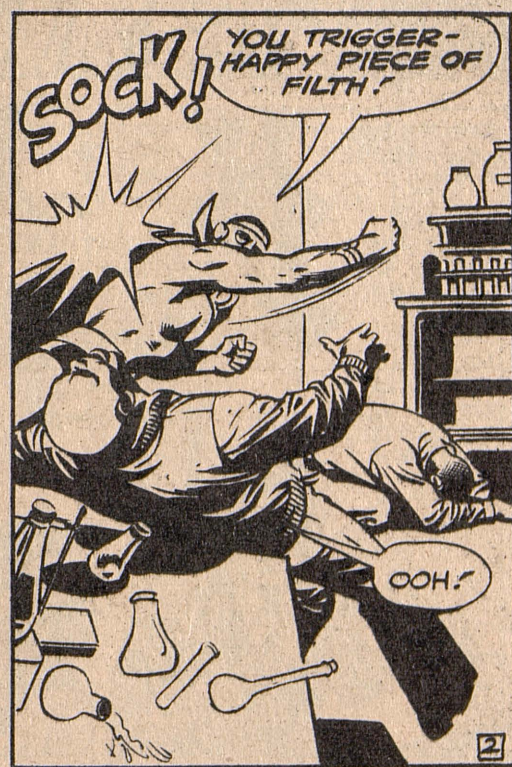
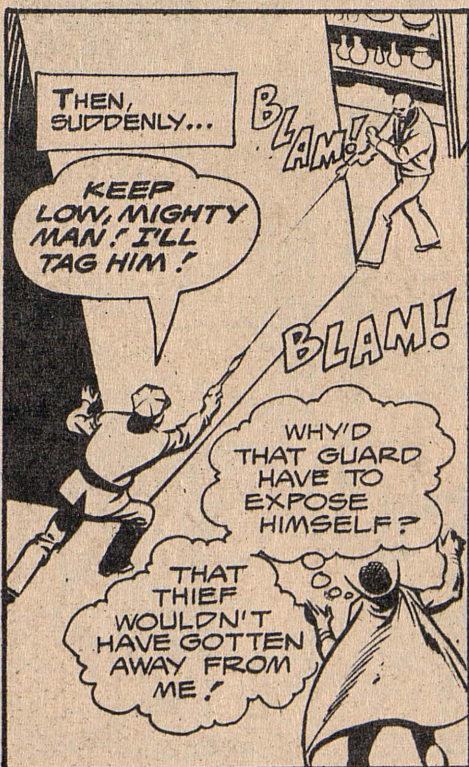
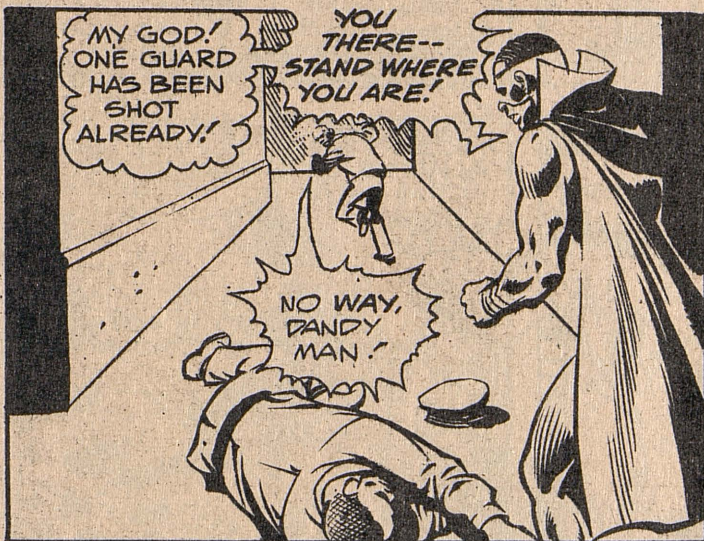
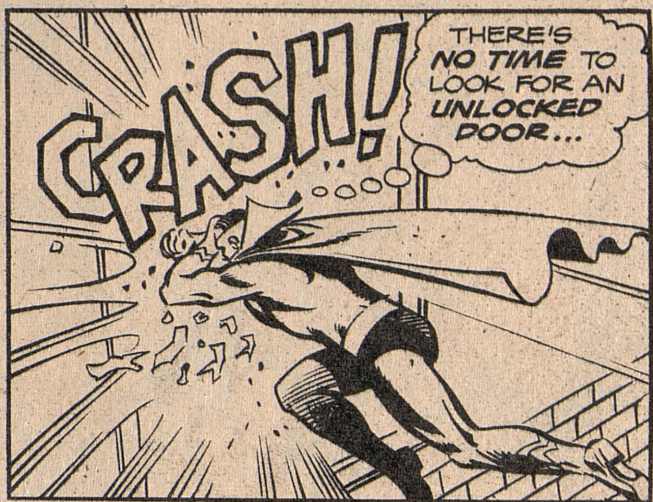
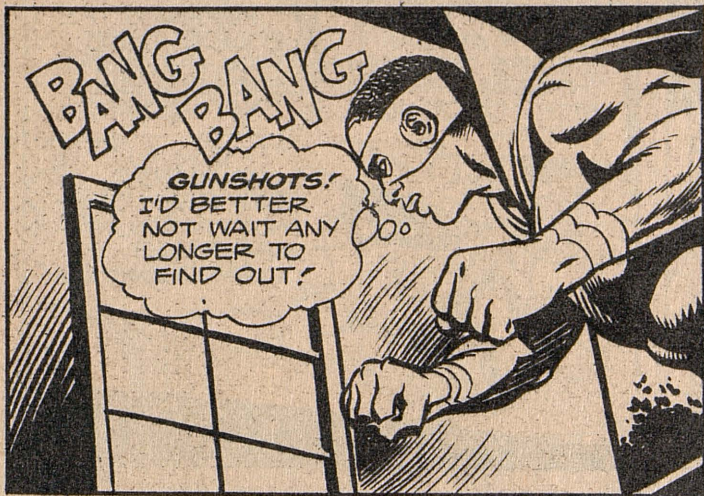
TICK! TICK!
TICK! TICK! THE SECONDS GO BY AS MIGHTY MAN HUNTS THE HUNT OF THE DESPERATE. TICK! TICK! TICK! IF HE FAILS THIS TIME, HE IS INSTANTLY DEAD. TICK! TICK! IF HE FAILS THIS TIME, ALL AFRICA IS RUINED. TICK! THE FINAL COUNTDOWN NEARS.

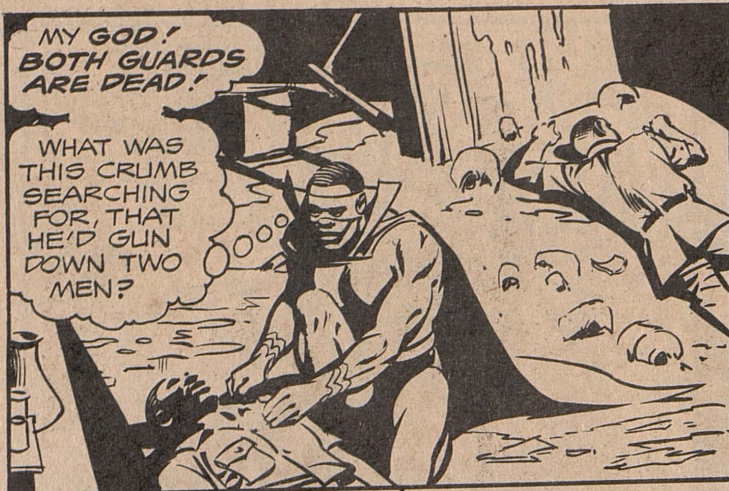
I'M GLAD I FOLLOWED UP ON A TIP THAT THERE WOULD BE AN ATTEMPTED BURGLARY AT THE LABORATORY TONIGHT...

I WONDER WHAT THAT CROOK IS AFTER?

THE SEARCH IS ON! THE PANIC IS TERRIBLE. AND MIGHTY MAN RACES AGAINST TIME AND SPREADING DEATH TO RECOVER...

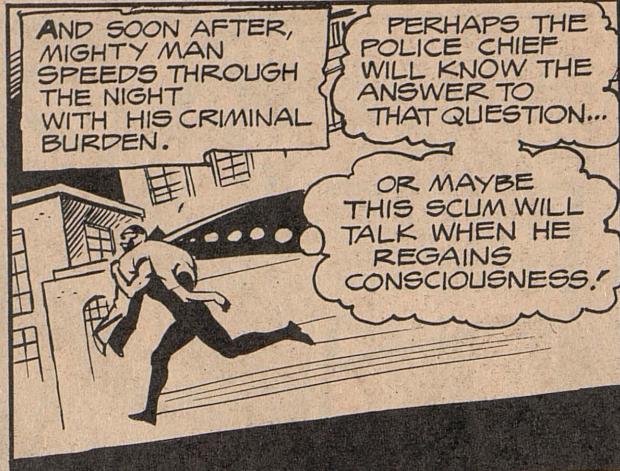
THE GANNISTER OF DOOM





MY GOD!
BOTH GUARDS
ARE DEAD!

WHAT WAS
THIS CRUMB
SEARCHING
FOR, THAT
HE'D GUN
DOWN TWO
MEN?



AND SOON AFTER,
MIGHTY MAN
SPEEDS THROUGH
THE NIGHT
WITH HIS CRIMINAL
BURDEN.

PERHAPS THE
POLICE CHIEF
WILL KNOW THE
ANSWER TO
THAT QUESTION...

OR MAYBE
THIS SCUM WILL
TALK WHEN HE
REGAINS
CONSCIOUSNESS!



MINUTES LATER...

BAD NEWS, CHIEF!
I CAUGHT THAT GUY
PROWLING THROUGH
THE CITY RESEARCH
LABORATORY TONIGHT
...BUT HE **KILLED**
TWO GUARDS WHILE
TRYING TO ESCAPE!

GOOD
LORD!



WHAT ABOUT
HIS PARTNER,
MIGHTY
MAN?

HIS
PARTNER?

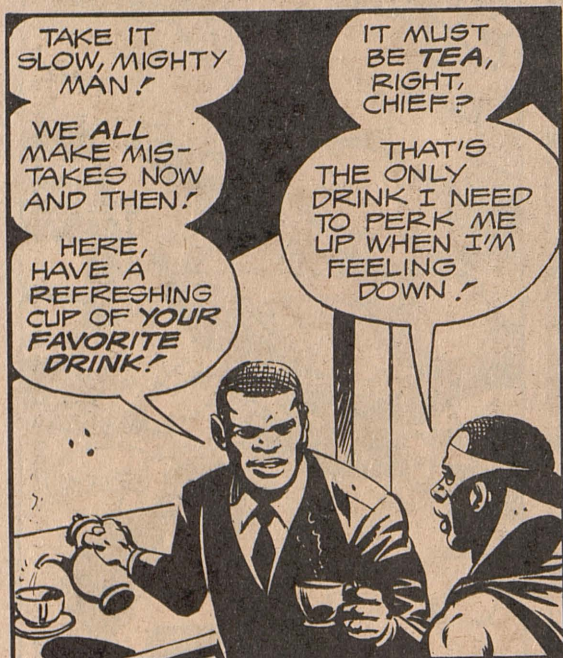


YEAH, THE
LOONY ONE THE
OTHER CRIMINALS
CALL **CATNIP!**

YOU **KNOW**
THOSE TWO
ALWAYS
WORK AS A
TEAM!

YOU'RE
RIGHT! IN
THE HEAT
OF THE
MOMENT, I
COMPLETELY
FORGOT ABOUT
THAT!

HOW
COULD I
HAVE BEEN
SO **BLASTED**
STUPID?



TAKE IT
SLOW, MIGHTY
MAN!

WE ALL
MAKE MIS-
TAKES NOW
AND THEN!

HERE,
HAVE A
REFRESHING
CUP OF YOUR
FAVORITE
DRINK!

IT MUST
BE **TEA**,
RIGHT,
CHIEF?

THAT'S
THE ONLY
DRINK I NEED
TO PERK ME
UP WHEN I'M
FEELING
DOWN!



MEANWHILE,
I'D BETTER
NOTIFY THE
RACKETS AND
MURDER SQUAD
ABOUT THOSE
HOMICIDES...

CHIEF...



DR. DLAMINI
JUST TELEPHONED
AND HE SOUNDED
FRANTIC!

HE'S ON
HIS WAY
HERE
TO SEE
YOU!

MINUTES PASS LIKE YEARS AS THE TWO MEN AWAIT THE ARRIVAL OF THE SCIENTIST AND HIS DREADFUL MESSAGE...

DR. DLAMINI IS HEAD OF THE RESEARCH LABORATORY WHERE THAT ACTION TOOK PLACE TONIGHT, ISN'T HE, CHIEF?

YEAH.

ORDINARILY, HE'S A COOL CHARACTER...

HIS BEING UPSET INDICATES A MAJOR CRISIS!

AT LAST THE DOORS BURST OPEN...

MIGHTY MAN! CHIEF!

BRACE YOURSELVES, FOR I HAVE SOME UN-IMAGINABLY BAD NEWS.

I JUST STOPPED BY MY RESEARCH LABORATORY, AND--

AND IT WAS RIPPED OFF!

WE KNOW ABOUT IT, DOCTOR!

OH? AND DO YOU KNOW THE RESULTS OF A TOP SECRET EXPERIMENT WERE STOLEN FROM AN INNER VAULT OF MY LABORATORY?

CATNIP?

A CANNISTER CONTAINING MICROBES MORE DEADLY THAN ANY THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN IS MISSING!

NO DOUBT SOME SINISTER FOREIGN AGENTS WERE INVOLVED IN ITS THEFT!

IF THAT CANNISTER IS JARRED EVEN THE SLIGHTEST BIT, A CHEMICAL REACTION WILL START UP, CAUSING THE LETHAL GERMS TO BEGIN DISINTEGRATING THE CANNISTER'S SEAL!

WITHIN A FEW HOURS, HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS BACTERIA WILL LEAK FROM THE CANNISTER, AND CONTAMINATE EVERY LIVING CREATURE WHICH COMES INTO CONTACT WITH THEM!!!

IT WOULD BRING ABOUT AN EPIDEMIC FAR WORSE THAN ANY PLAGUES IN HISTORY...

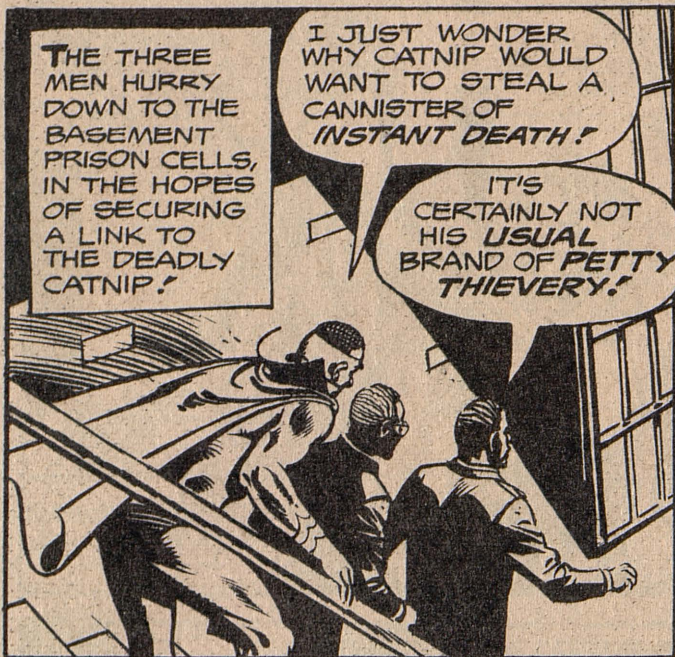
FOR THERE IS NO KNOWN CURE OR IMMUNIZATION FOR THIS DISEASE!

WE MUST HAVE THAT CANNISTER BACK IMMEDIATELY!

THIS IS VERY SERIOUS INDEED! WE'VE GOT TO FIND CATNIP AT ONCE!

HIS PARTNER WILL KNOW WHERE HE IS! LET'S GO QUESTION HIM.

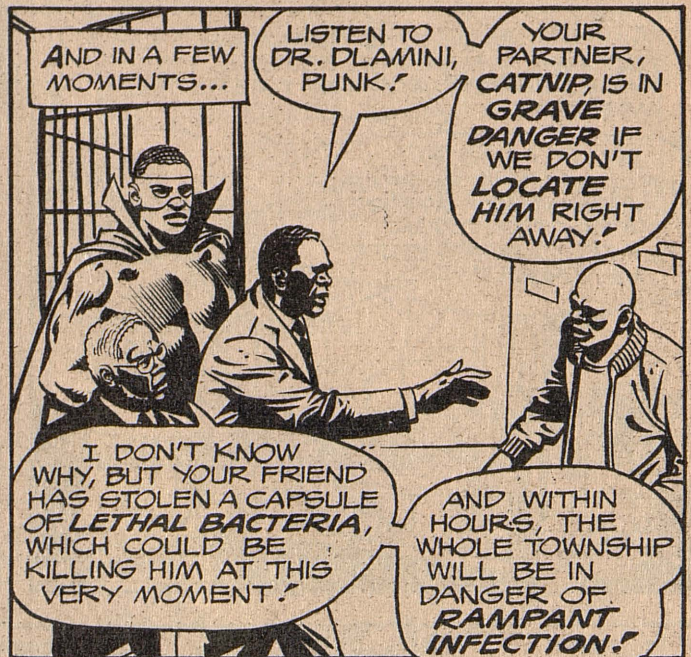
COME ON, DOCTOR, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HELP US WITH THIS!



THE THREE MEN HURRY DOWN TO THE BASEMENT PRISON CELLS, IN THE HOPES OF SECURING A LINK TO THE DEADLY CATNIP!

I JUST WONDER WHY CATNIP WOULD WANT TO STEAL A CANNISTER OF INSTANT DEATH!

IT'S CERTAINLY NOT HIS USUAL BRAND OF PETTY THIEVERY!



AND IN A FEW MOMENTS...

LISTEN TO DR. DLAMINI, PUNK!

YOUR PARTNER, CATNIP, IS IN GRAVE DANGER IF WE DON'T LOCATE HIM RIGHT AWAY!

I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT YOUR FRIEND HAS STOLEN A CAPSULE OF LETHAL BACTERIA, WHICH COULD BE KILLING HIM AT THIS VERY MOMENT!

AND WITHIN HOURS, THE WHOLE TOWNSHIP WILL BE IN DANGER OF RAMPANT INFECTION!



THIS IS NO COPS AND ROBBERS GAME ANY MORE!

YOU'VE GOT TO HELP US RECOVER THE STOLEN OBJECT!

JUST TELL US WHERE CATNIP IS HIDING OUT!



HA! YOU CAN'T FOOL ME WITH THAT OLD RUSE!

I HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT CATNIP HAS STOLEN A DEVICE WHICH CONVERTS COAL INTO DIAMONDS!

AND WHEN I BUST OUTTA HERE, CATNIP AND ME WILL BE THE FATTEST CATS IN THE WORLD!



YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO GET OUT OF HERE!

YOU'RE UP FOR A DOUBLE MURDER RAP, REMEMBER?

C-CATNIP WON'T LET YOU GUYS H-HANG ME!

HE'LL THINK OF S-SOME WAY TO BUST ME OUTTA HERE!

BUT WE'LL CONSIDER A LENIENT SENTENCE IF YOU'LL JUST HELP US FIND CATNIP!



THE FOOL IS HOPELESSLY DELUDED! WE'VE GOT TO FIND CATNIP SOME OTHER WAY!

I'LL ROOT THROUGH HIS USUAL CRIMINAL HAUNTS.

THAT SHOULD GIVE US A CLUE.

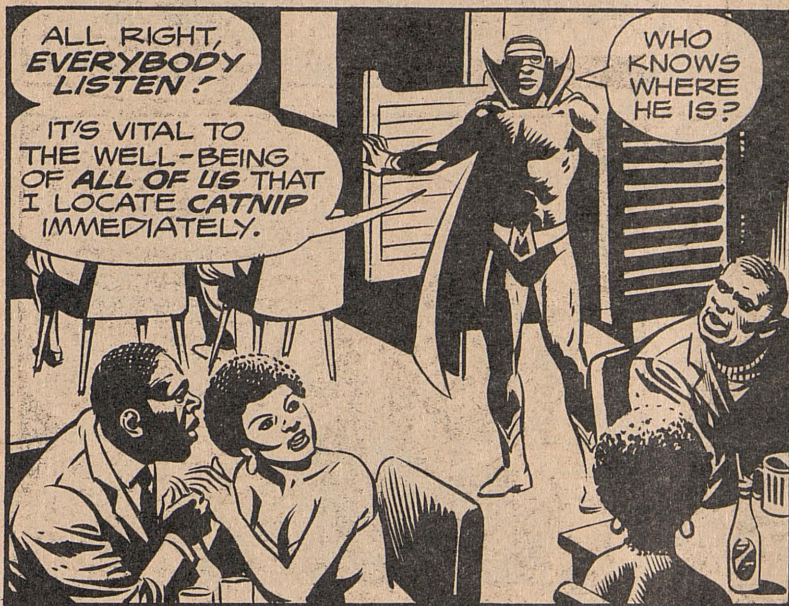
PLEASE, JUST HURRY! ONCE THE EPIDEMIC STARTS, WE ARE ALL DOOMED!



WHILE THE POLICE CHIEF PUTS OUT A GENERAL ALERT, MIGHTY MAN HEADS FOR THE HAZY REGION OF CRIMINAL SHEBEENS!

I'LL START WITH THIS SHEBEEN HERE...

IT LOOKS DARK ENOUGH FOR CATNIP TO HIDE IN!



ALL RIGHT, EVERYBODY LISTEN!

IT'S VITAL TO THE WELL-BEING OF ALL OF US THAT I LOCATE CATNIP IMMEDIATELY.

WHO KNOWS WHERE HE IS?



I DON'T KNOW ABOUT CAT NIP...

BUT IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A SWEET KITTEN, JUST SAY THE WORD, BIG MAN!

HAR! HAR! HAR! HAR!



YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET ANY INFORMATION AROUND HERE, CLOWN!

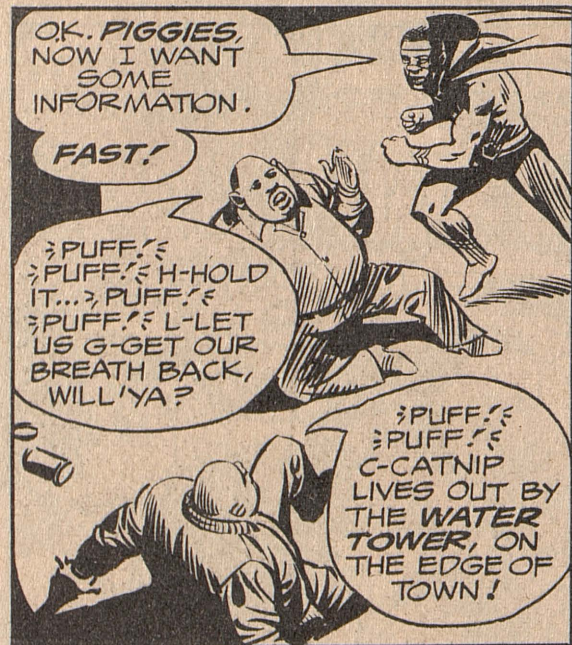
HEE, HEE! THIS DUDE SURE WEARS TIGHT PANTS, DON'T HE?



AND WE DON'T LIKE BEING QUESTIONED BY ANYBODY!!

ESPECIALLY CLOWNS WHO'RE FRIENDLY WITH COPS!

WHOP



OK. FIGGIES, NOW I WANT SOME INFORMATION.

FAST!

¿PUFF!¿ ¿PUFF!¿ H-HOLD IT... ¿PUFF!¿ ¿PUFF!¿ L-LET US G-GET OUR BREATH BACK, WILL'YA?

¿PUFF!¿ ¿PUFF!¿ G-CATNIP LIVES OUT BY THE WATER TOWER, ON THE EDGE OF TOWN!



Y-YOU WON'T ¿PUFF!¿ ¿PUFF!¿ HAVE ANY T-TROUBLE FINDING IT? ¿PUFF!¿

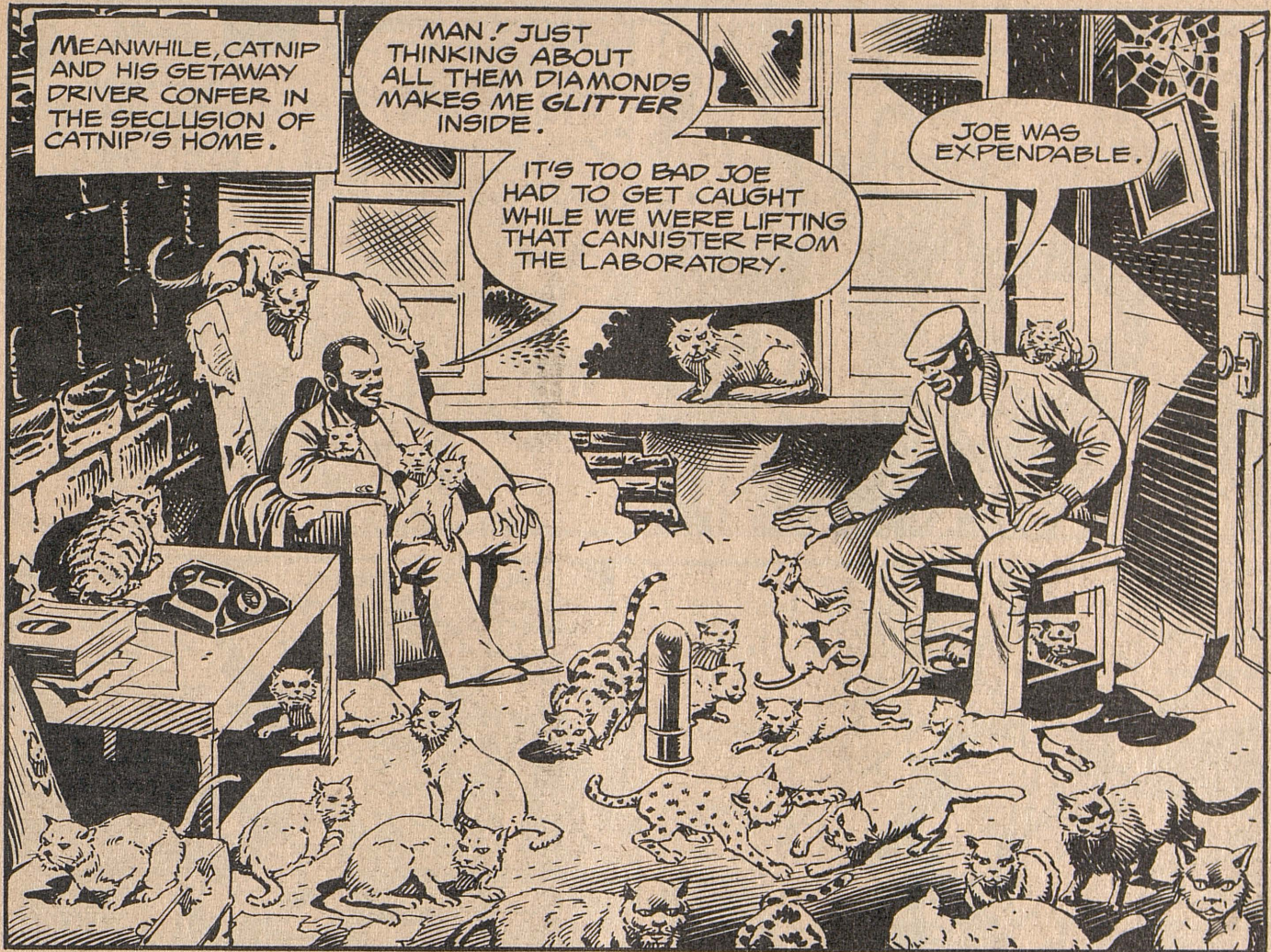
HUH?

HIS HOUSE IS THE ONE THAT SMELLS LIKE LIVER AND TUNA-FISH.

YEAH! ¿PUFF!¿ ¿PUFF!¿ HE'S ALWAYS G-GOT AN ARMY OF S-STINKING CATS LIVING W-WITH HIM!

WITH THIS STRANGE CLUE, MIGHTY MAN RACES OFF IN THE DIRECTION OF CATNIP'S HIDEOUT.





MEANWHILE, CATNIP AND HIS GETAWAY DRIVER CONFER IN THE SECLUSION OF CATNIP'S HOME.

MAN! JUST THINKING ABOUT ALL THEM DIAMONDS MAKES ME GLITTER INSIDE.

IT'S TOO BAD JOE HAD TO GET CAUGHT WHILE WE WERE LIFTING THAT CANNISTER FROM THE LABORATORY.

JOE WAS EXPENDABLE.



LOOK HOW IT SHINES!

HOW CLEVER OF ME TO STEAL THIS TOP SECRET INVENTION!

SO SECRET, NO GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL HAS YET ADMITTED ITS EXISTENCE!

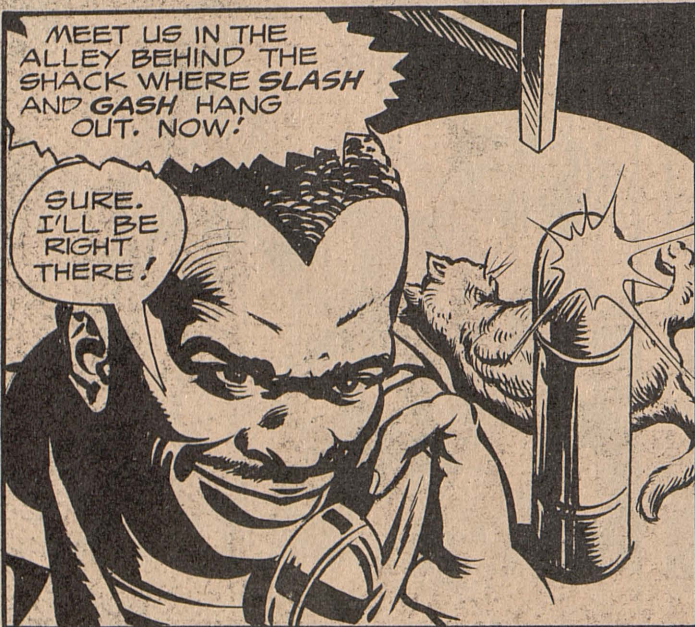
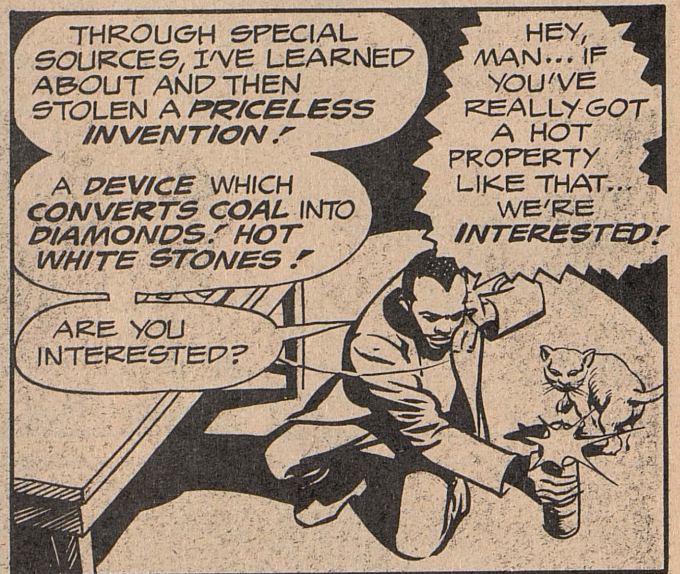
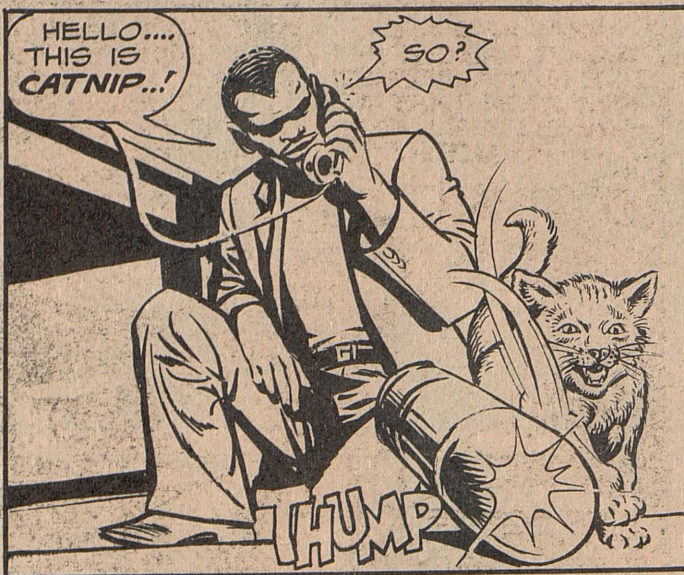
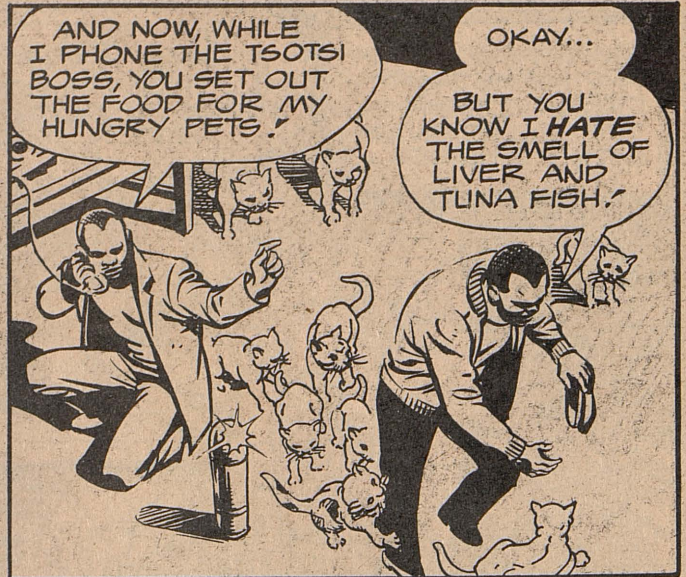
YEAH... ONLY... WE DON'T KNOW HOW IT WORKS, BOSS...

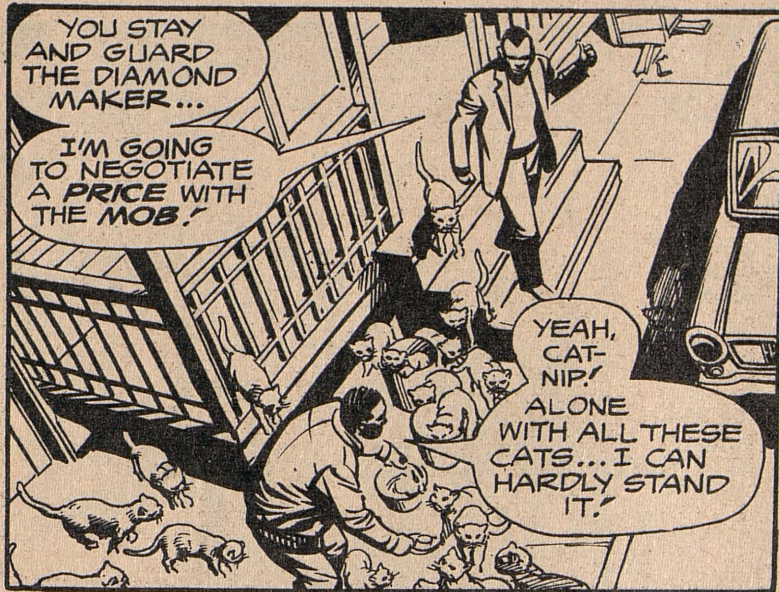


OF COURSE NOT. WE'RE SOPHISTICATED BURGLARY SPECIALISTS...

SO WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO, HUH?

NOT SCIENTISTS!





YOU STAY AND GUARD THE DIAMOND MAKER...

I'M GOING TO NEGOTIATE A PRICE WITH THE MOB!

YEAH, CAT-NIP! ALONE WITH ALL THESE CATS... I CAN HARDLY STAND IT!



BUT, A SHORT WHILE LATER, AS CATNIP ARRIVES AT THE APPOINTED ALLEY...

KAREENG KAREENG

PING!

PING!

PING!

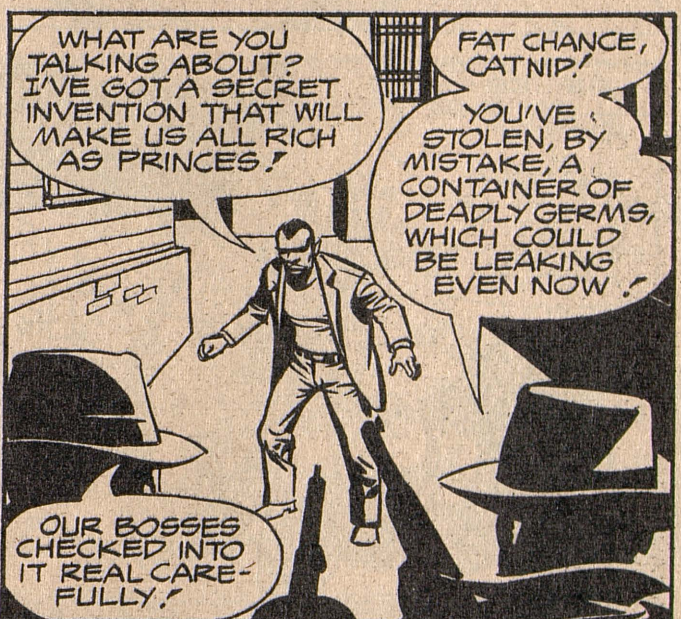
GUNSHOTS! WHA-?



WHAT'S WITH YOU GUYS? IT'S ME... CATNIP!

DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!

YOU'RE CARRYING DEATH!

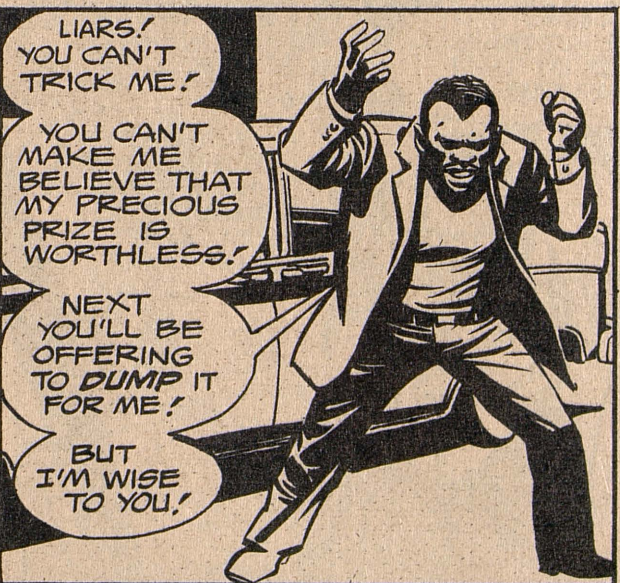


WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I'VE GOT A SECRET INVENTION THAT WILL MAKE US ALL RICH AS PRINCES!

FAT CHANCE, CATNIP!

YOU'VE STOLEN, BY MISTAKE, A CONTAINER OF DEADLY GERMS, WHICH COULD BE LEAKING EVEN NOW!

OUR BOSSES CHECKED INTO IT REAL CAREFULLY!



LIARS! YOU CAN'T TRICK ME!

YOU CAN'T MAKE ME BELIEVE THAT MY PRECIOUS PRIZE IS WORTHLESS!

NEXT YOU'LL BE OFFERING TO DUMP IT FOR ME!

BUT I'M WISE TO YOU!

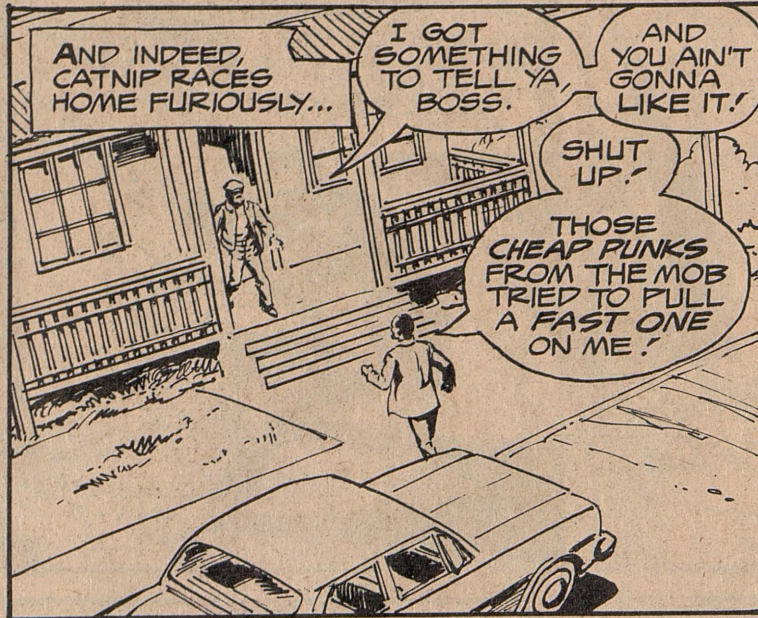


I'LL JUST TAKE IT TO SOMEONE ELSE!

EVERY CRIME SYNDICATE IN AFRICA WILL WANT TO BUY IT!

YEAH, CATNIP. YOU GO ON HOME NOW.

AND DIE ALONE!



AND INDEED, CATNIP RACES HOME FURIOUSLY...

I GOT SOMETHING TO TELL YA, BOSS.

AND YOU AIN'T GONNA LIKE IT!

SHUT UP!

THOSE CHEAP PUNKS FROM THE MOB TRIED TO PULL A FAST ONE ON ME!



THEY TRIED TO TELL ME THAT OUR DIAMOND MACHINE IS A CONTAINER OF DEADLY BACTERIA!

LH-OH, BOSS. I'M AFRAID THEY MAY BE RIGHT!

HA! GET THAT! A CAN OF GERMS!

TAKE A LOOK INSIDE!



THEY'RE ALL DEAD OR DYING!

AND COME TO THINK OF IT, I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD MYSELF!



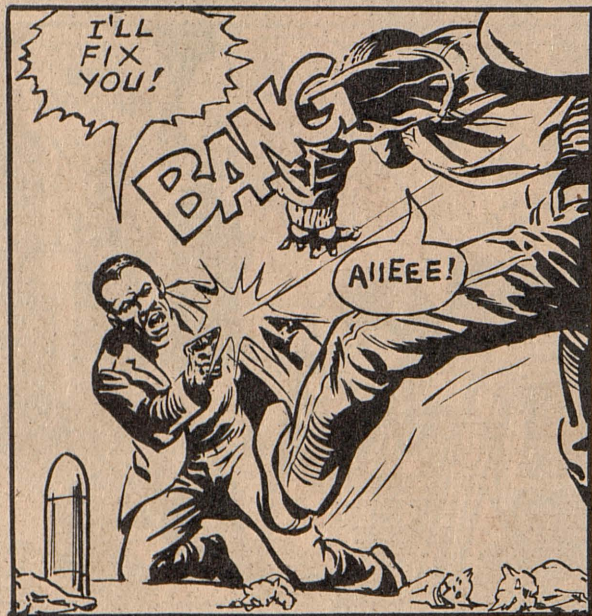
MY DEAR SWEET CATS!

POISON? ARE YOU CRAZY?

YOU'VE POISONED THEM!

DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT, BOSS!

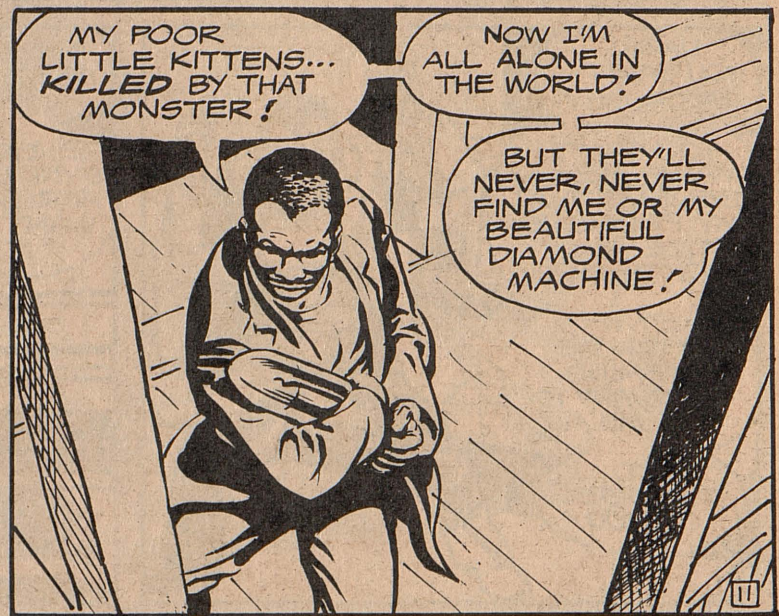
YOU'RE PART OF THE MOB CONSPIRACY AGAINST ME!



I'LL FIX YOU!

BANG!

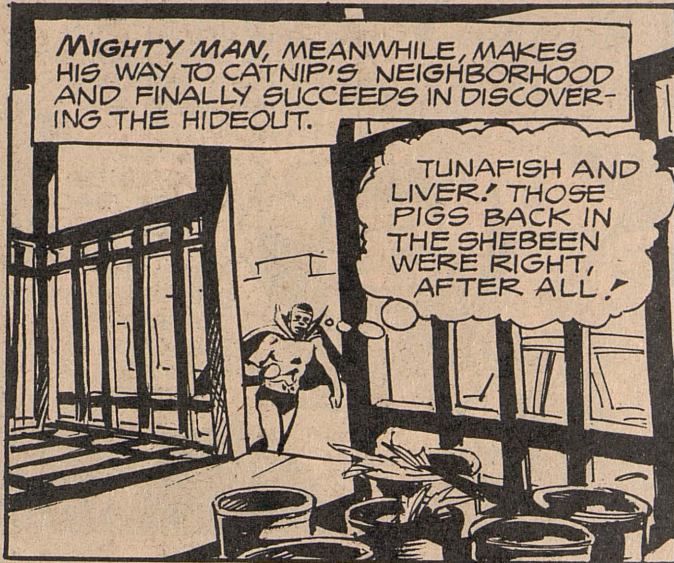
AHIEEE!



MY POOR LITTLE KITTENS... KILLED BY THAT MONSTER!

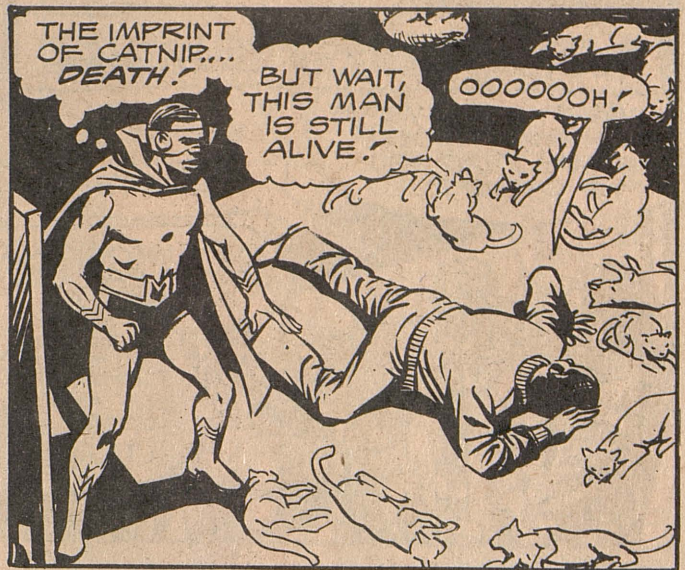
NOW I'M ALL ALONE IN THE WORLD!

BUT THEY'LL NEVER, NEVER FIND ME OR MY BEAUTIFUL DIAMOND MACHINE!



MIGHTY MAN, MEANWHILE, MAKES HIS WAY TO CATNIP'S NEIGHBORHOOD AND FINALLY SUCCEEDS IN DISCOVERING THE HIDEOUT.

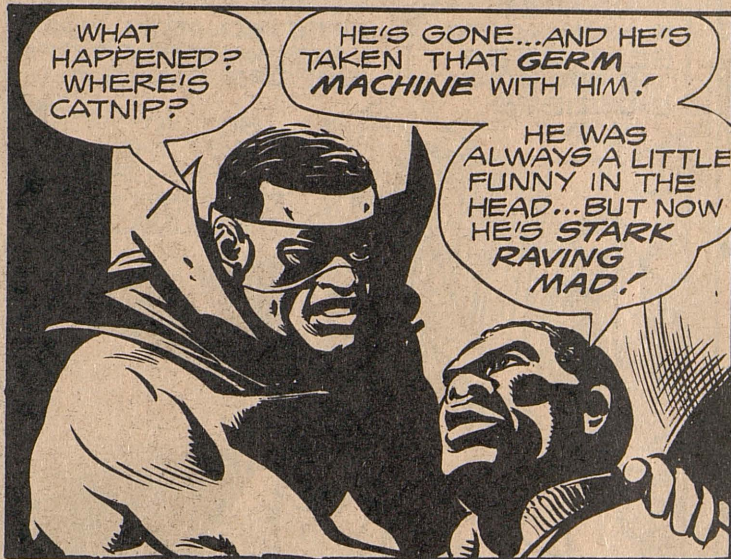
TUNAFISH AND LIVER! THOSE PIGS BACK IN THE SHEBEEN WERE RIGHT, AFTER ALL.



THE IMPRINT OF CATNIP... DEATH!

BUT WAIT, THIS MAN IS STILL ALIVE!

OOOOOOH!



WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE'S CATNIP?

HE'S GONE...AND HE'S TAKEN THAT **GERM MACHINE** WITH HIM!

HE WAS ALWAYS A LITTLE FUNNY IN THE HEAD...BUT NOW HE'S **STARK RAVING MAD!**



CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE HE WENT?

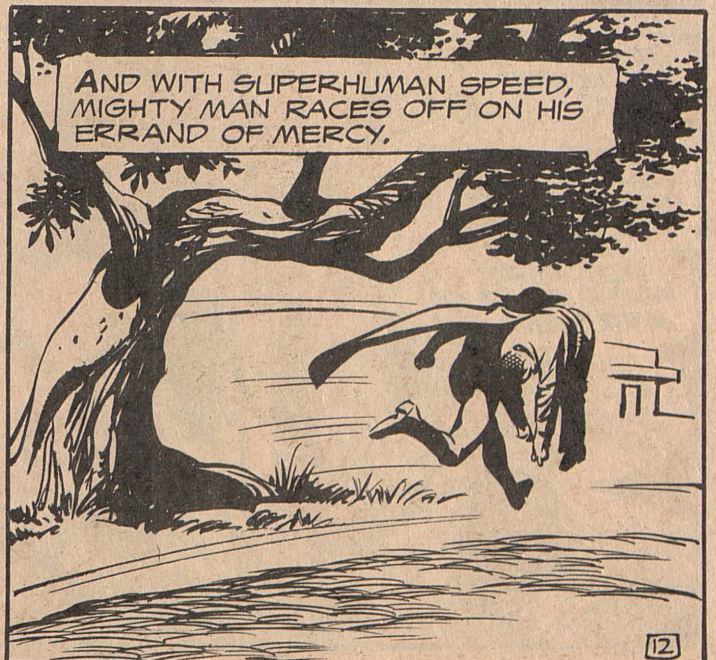
THERE'S NO TELLING! THAT MAN CAN DISAPPEAR LIKE A STRAY CAT WHEN HE WANTS TO...

YOU'LL NEVER FIND HIM NOW... OOOH, MY STOMACH...



HE'S PASSED OUT. I'VE GOT TO GET THIS MAN TO THE HOSPITAL...

AND THEN REPORT BACK TO THE POLICE CHIEF AND DR. DLAMINI... **FAST!**



AND WITH SUPERHUMAN SPEED, MIGHTY MAN RACES OFF ON HIS ERRAND OF MERCY.

A VERY SHORT WHILE LATER, MIGHTYMAN ARRIVES AT THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

MIGHTYMAN, WE'VE BEEN AWAITING YOUR ARRIVAL. DID YOU FIND CATNIP?

DID YOU LOCATE THE DEADLY CANNISTER?

NO, UNFORTUNATELY CATNIP HAS ESCAPED AGAIN!

I'VE BEEN TO HIS HIDEOUT, BUT HE'S LEFT WITHOUT A TRACE!

AND I'M AFRAID THIS TIME HE'S REALLY LOST...

HE'S GONE BERSERK WITH PARANOIA, SO THERE'S NO WAY OF RATIONALLY PREDICTING HIS MOVES AT THIS POINT!

THAT'S VERY BAD NEWS...

FOR THE SITUATION HAS WORSENED CONSIDERABLY SINCE WE LAST SPOKE!

THE EPIDEMIC HAS BEGUN!

ALREADY NUMEROUS DEATHS HAVE BEEN REPORTED AMONG THE DOG AND CAT POPULATION OF THE TOWNSHIP!

SMALLER ANIMALS ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE DISEASE THAN WE HUMANS ARE!

AND FREE RUNNING CATS SEEM TO BE THE PRIMARY CARRIERS NOW!

SOME OF CATNIP'S INFECTED PETS MUST HAVE WANDERED OFF BEFORE DYING.

BUT AT LEAST THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWNSHIP ARE STILL UNSCATHED.

NO, THAT'S THE WORST OF IT.

TWENTY-THREE MEN HAVE ALREADY BEEN RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL.

ALL WERE FOUND DEAD ON ARRIVAL.

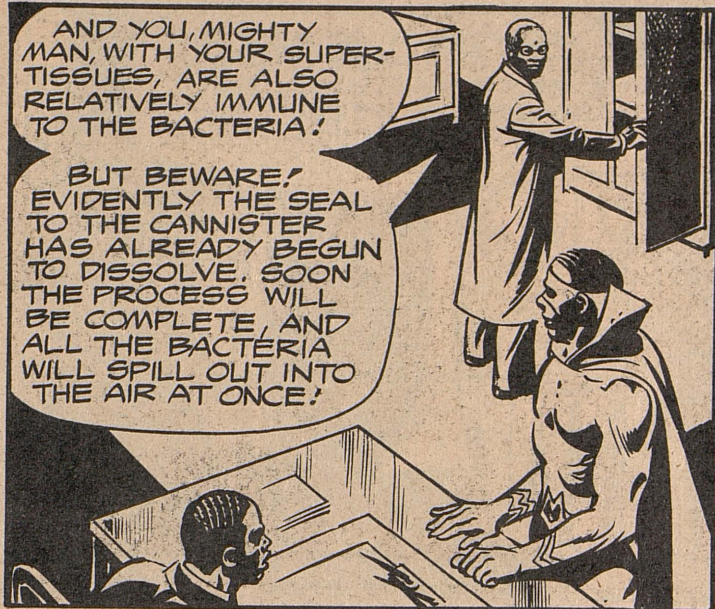
AND THE PLAGUE IS SPREADING RAPIDLY!

WHY HASN'T CATNIP BEEN INFECTED YET?

SURELY HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST TO GO.

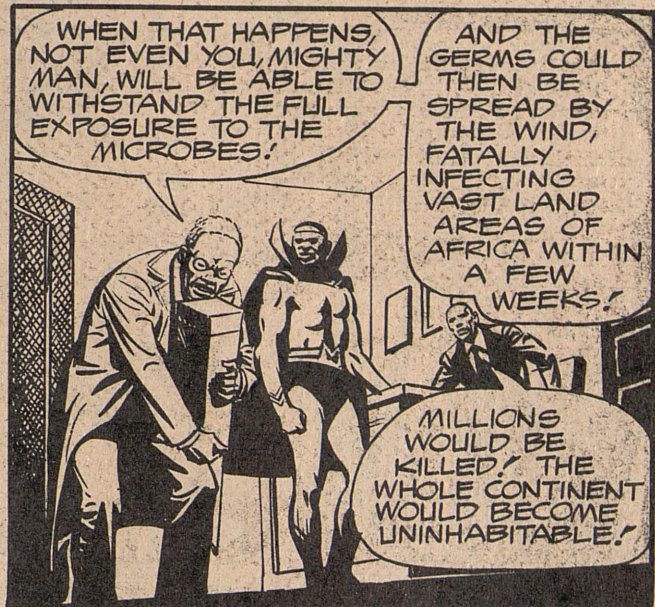
CERTAIN RARE BLOOD TYPES HAVE GREATER RESISTANCE TO THE MICROBES.

CATNIP MUST BE ONE OF THEM.



AND YOU, MIGHTY MAN, WITH YOUR SUPER-TISSUES, ARE ALSO RELATIVELY IMMUNE TO THE BACTERIA!

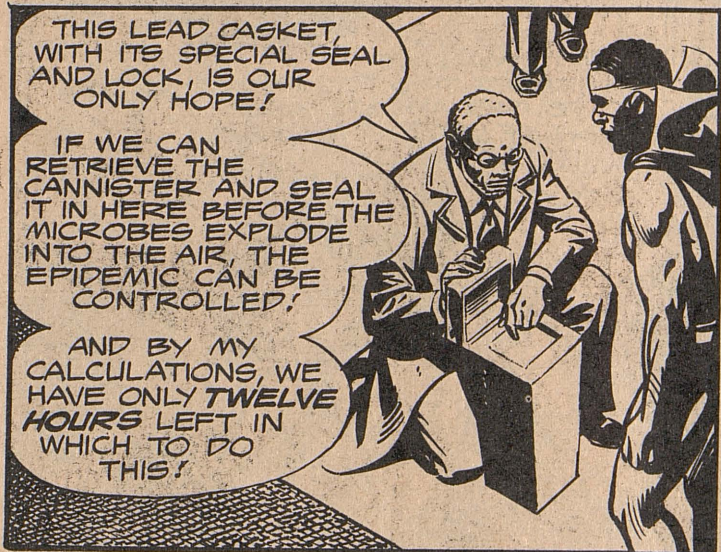
BUT BEWARE! EVIDENTLY THE SEAL TO THE CANNISTER HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO DISSOLVE. SOON THE PROCESS WILL BE COMPLETE, AND ALL THE BACTERIA WILL SPILL OUT INTO THE AIR AT ONCE!



WHEN THAT HAPPENS, NOT EVEN YOU, MIGHTY MAN, WILL BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE FULL EXPOSURE TO THE MICROBES!

AND THE GERMS COULD THEN BE SPREAD BY THE WIND, FATAALLY INFECTING VAST LAND AREAS OF AFRICA WITHIN A FEW WEEKS!

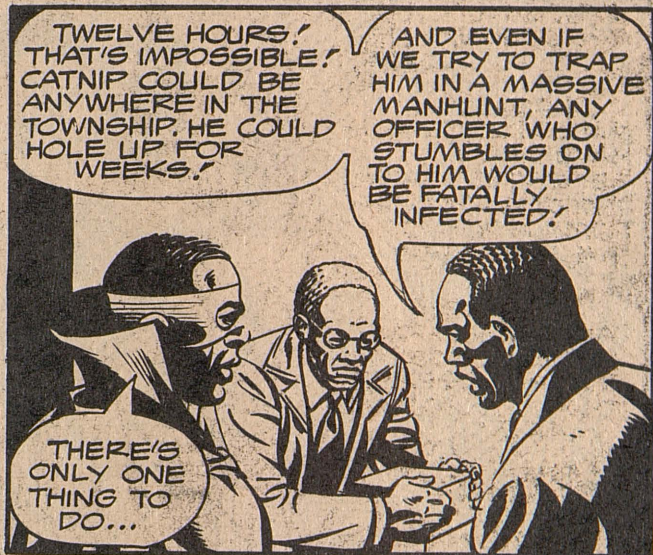
MILLIONS WOULD BE KILLED! THE WHOLE CONTINENT WOULD BECOME UNINHABITABLE!



THIS LEAD CASSET, WITH ITS SPECIAL SEAL AND LOCK, IS OUR ONLY HOPE!

IF WE CAN RETRIEVE THE CANNISTER AND SEAL IT IN HERE BEFORE THE MICROBES EXPLODE INTO THE AIR, THE EPIDEMIC CAN BE CONTROLLED!

AND BY MY CALCULATIONS, WE HAVE ONLY TWELVE HOURS LEFT IN WHICH TO DO THIS!



TWELVE HOURS! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! CATNIP COULD BE ANYWHERE IN THE TOWNSHIP. HE COULD HOLE UP FOR WEEKS!

AND EVEN IF WE TRY TO TRAP HIM IN A MASSIVE MANHUNT, ANY OFFICER WHO STUMBLES ON TO HIM WOULD BE FATAALLY INFECTED!

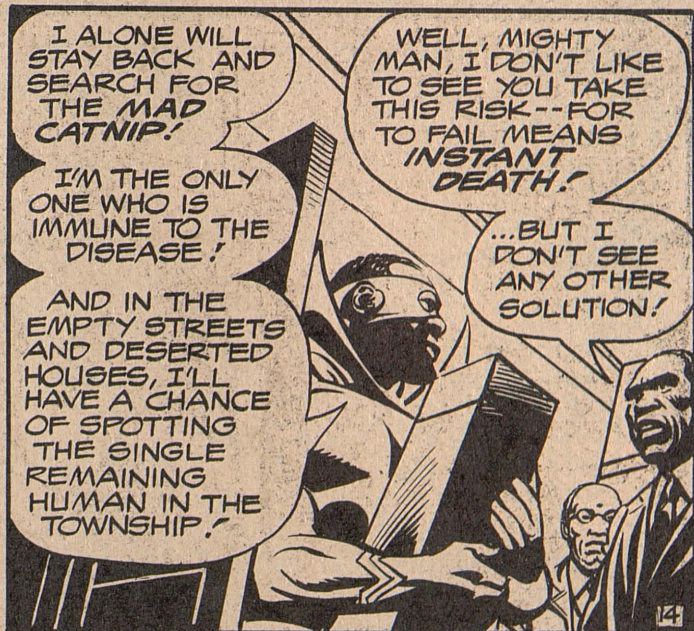
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO...



WE'VE GOT TO EVACUATE THE ENTIRE TOWNSHIP IMMEDIATELY! EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD!

Y-YES, THAT WOULD STOP THE EPIDEMIC FROM SPREADING LOCALLY...

BUT WHAT ABOUT CATNIP? HE'LL STILL BE FREE, AND IN TWELVE HOURS THE BACTERIA WILL BREAK LOOSE AND CONTAMINATE US ALL ANYWAY!



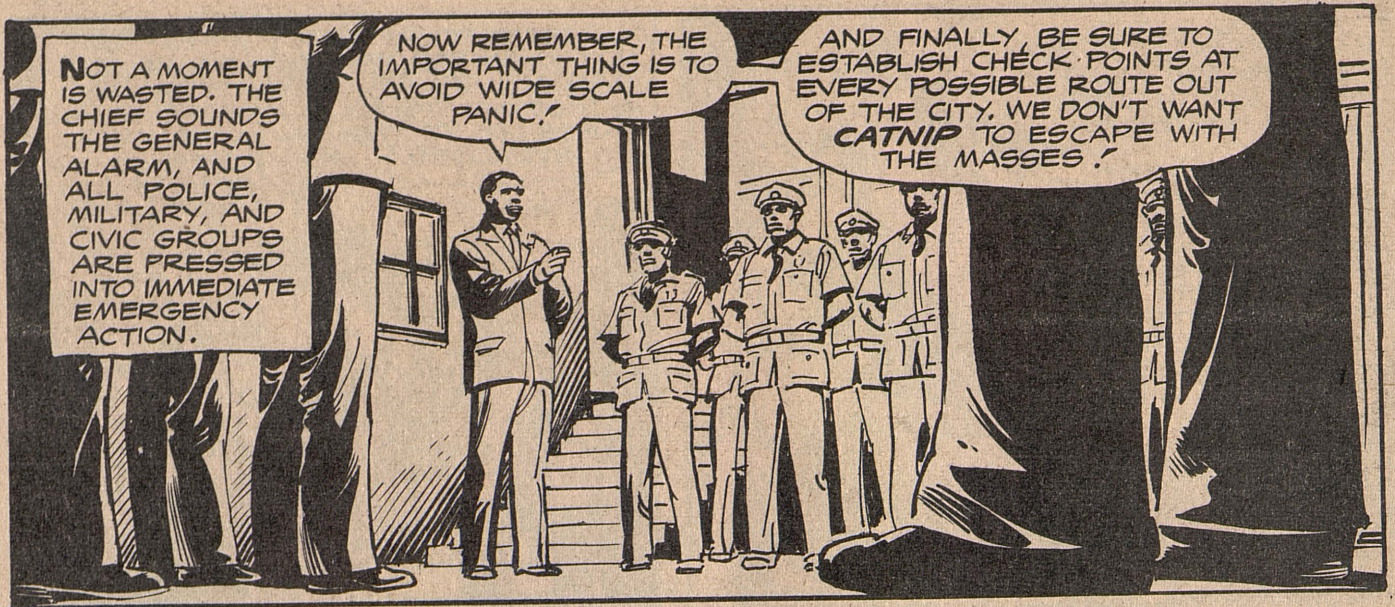
I ALONE WILL STAY BACK AND SEARCH FOR THE MAD CATNIP!

WELL, MIGHTY MAN, I DON'T LIKE TO SEE YOU TAKE THIS RISK -- FOR TO FAIL MEANS INSTANT DEATH!

I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO IS IMMUNE TO THE DISEASE!

...BUT I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER SOLUTION!

AND IN THE EMPTY STREETS AND DESERTED HOUSES, I'LL HAVE A CHANCE OF SPOTTING THE SINGLE REMAINING HUMAN IN THE TOWNSHIP!



NOT A MOMENT IS WASTED. THE CHIEF SOUNDS THE GENERAL ALARM, AND ALL POLICE, MILITARY, AND CIVIC GROUPS ARE PRESSED INTO IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY ACTION.

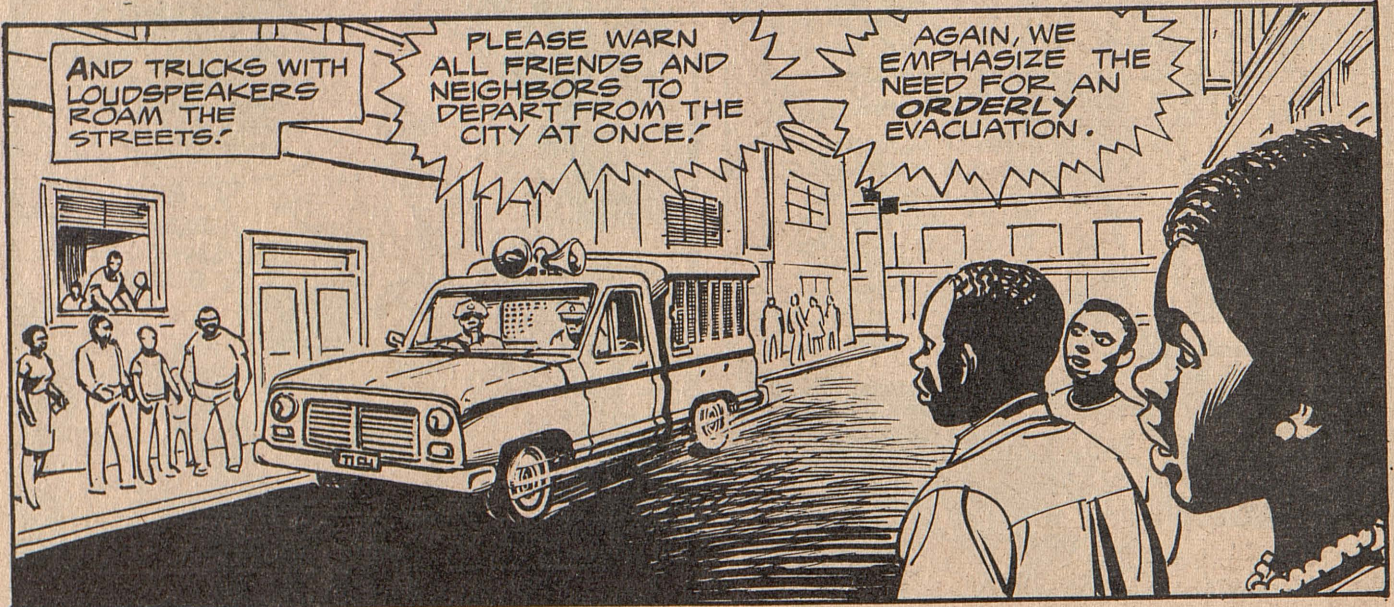
NOW REMEMBER, THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO AVOID WIDE SCALE PANIC!

AND FINALLY, BE SURE TO ESTABLISH CHECK POINTS AT EVERY POSSIBLE ROUTE OUT OF THE CITY. WE DON'T WANT CATNIP TO ESCAPE WITH THE MASSES!



THE MESSAGE IS BROADCAST CONTINUALLY ON ALL RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS WITHIN RANGE OF THE TOWNSHIP.

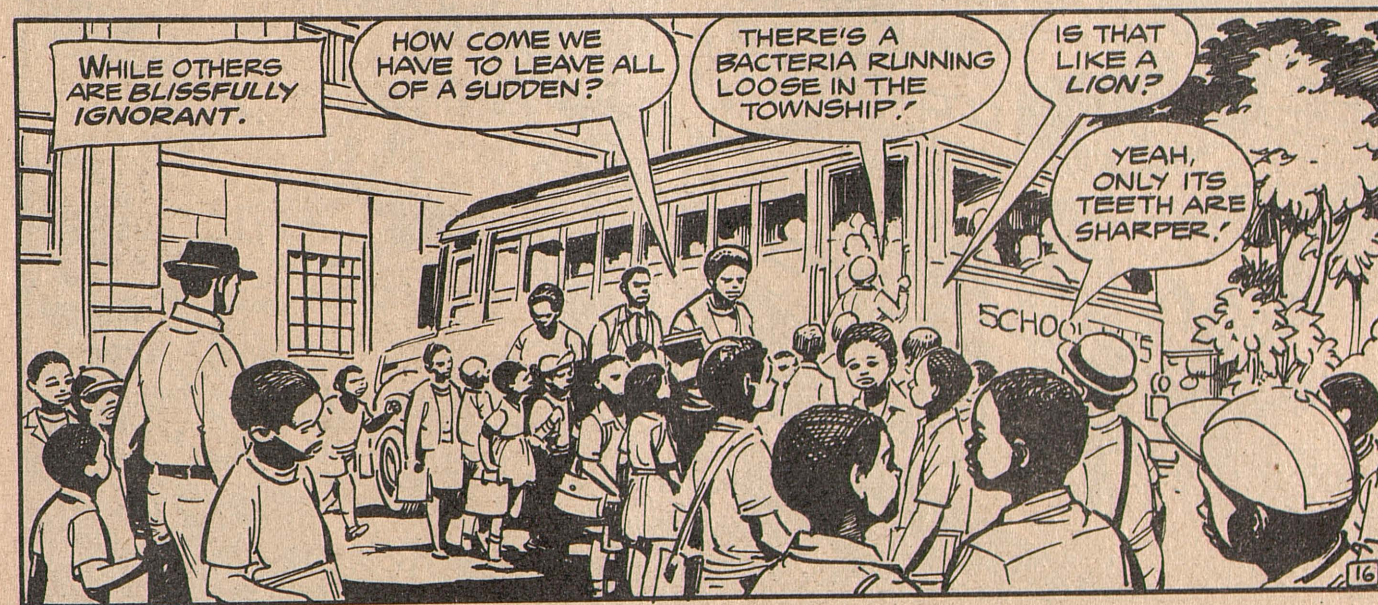
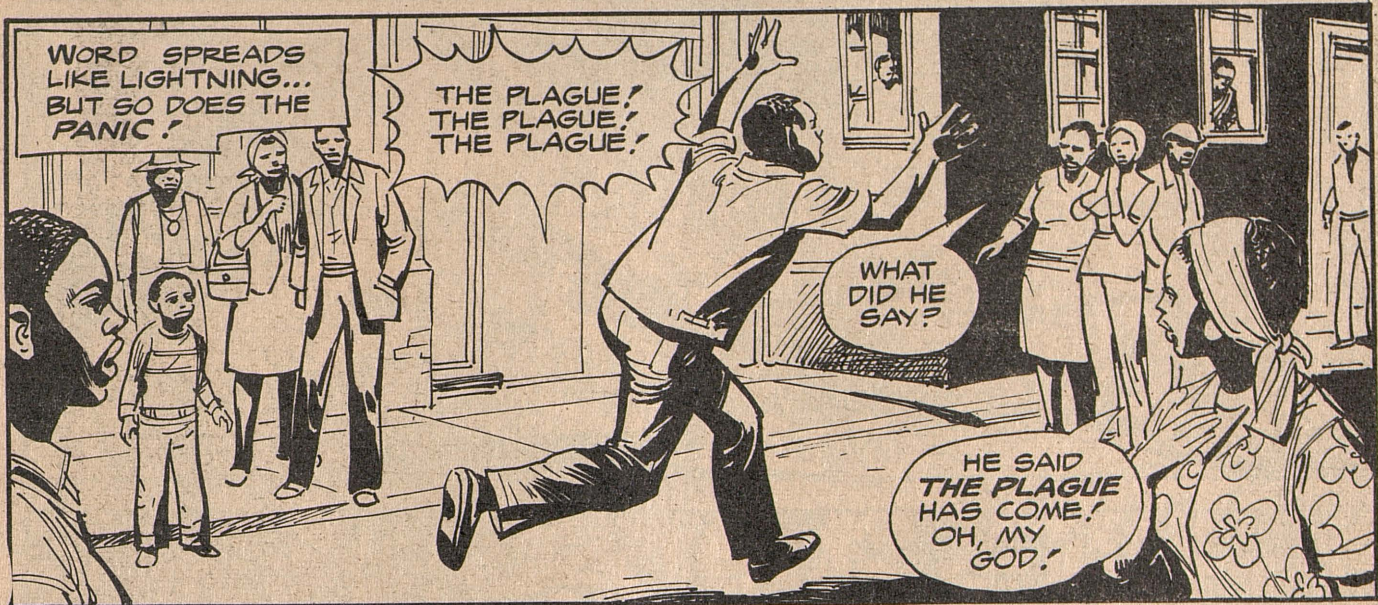
LADIES AND GENTLEMAN, WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM TO DELIVER AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF URGENT NATIONAL IMPORTANCE...



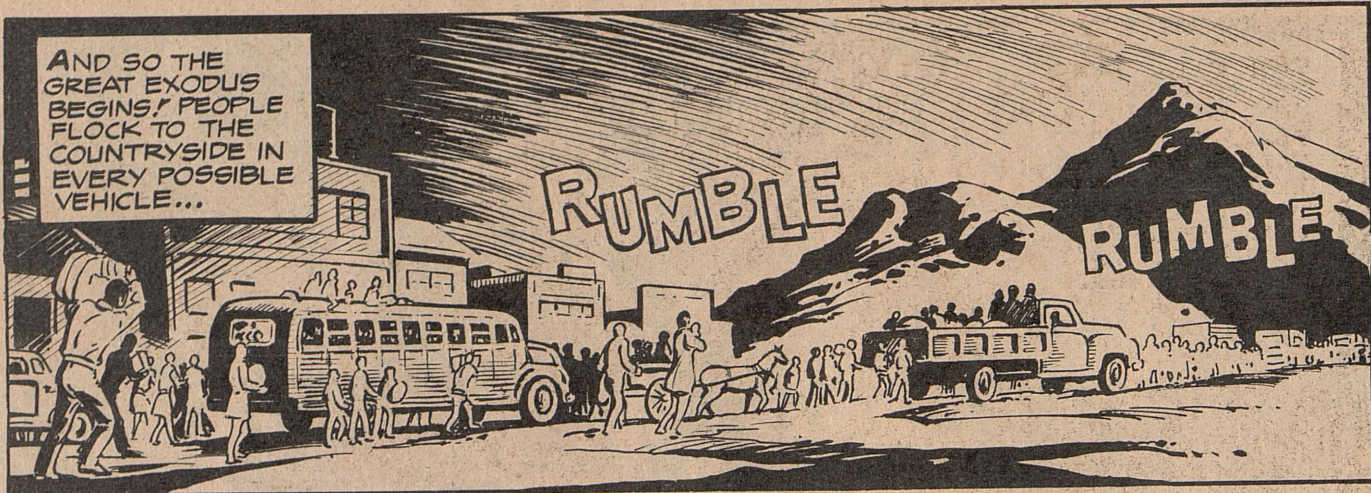
AND TRUCKS WITH LOUDSPEAKERS ROAM THE STREETS!

PLEASE WARN ALL FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AND DEPART FROM THE CITY AT ONCE!

AGAIN, WE EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR AN ORDERLY EVACUATION.



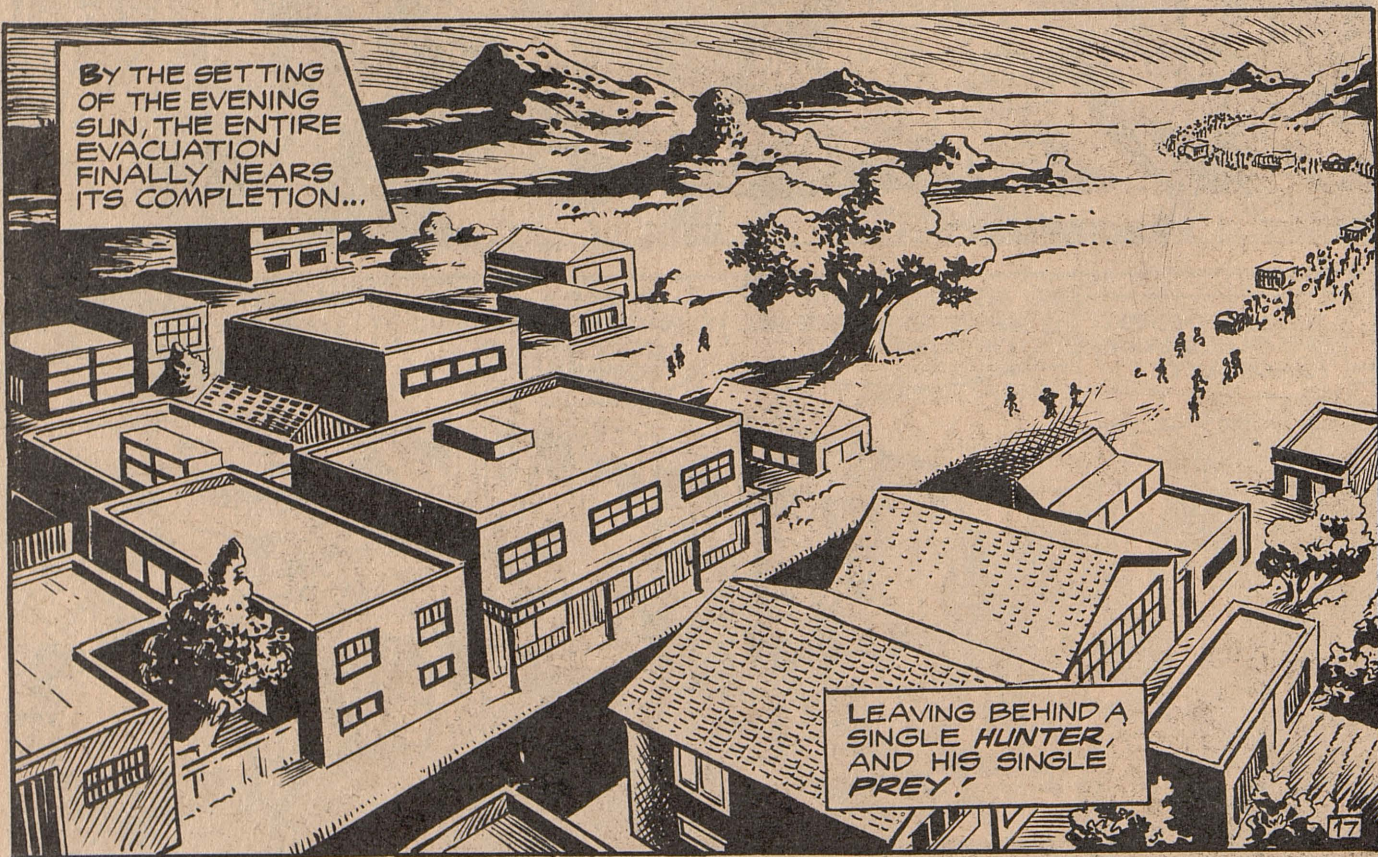
AND SO THE GREAT EXODUS BEGINS! PEOPLE FLOCK TO THE COUNTRYSIDE IN EVERY POSSIBLE VEHICLE...



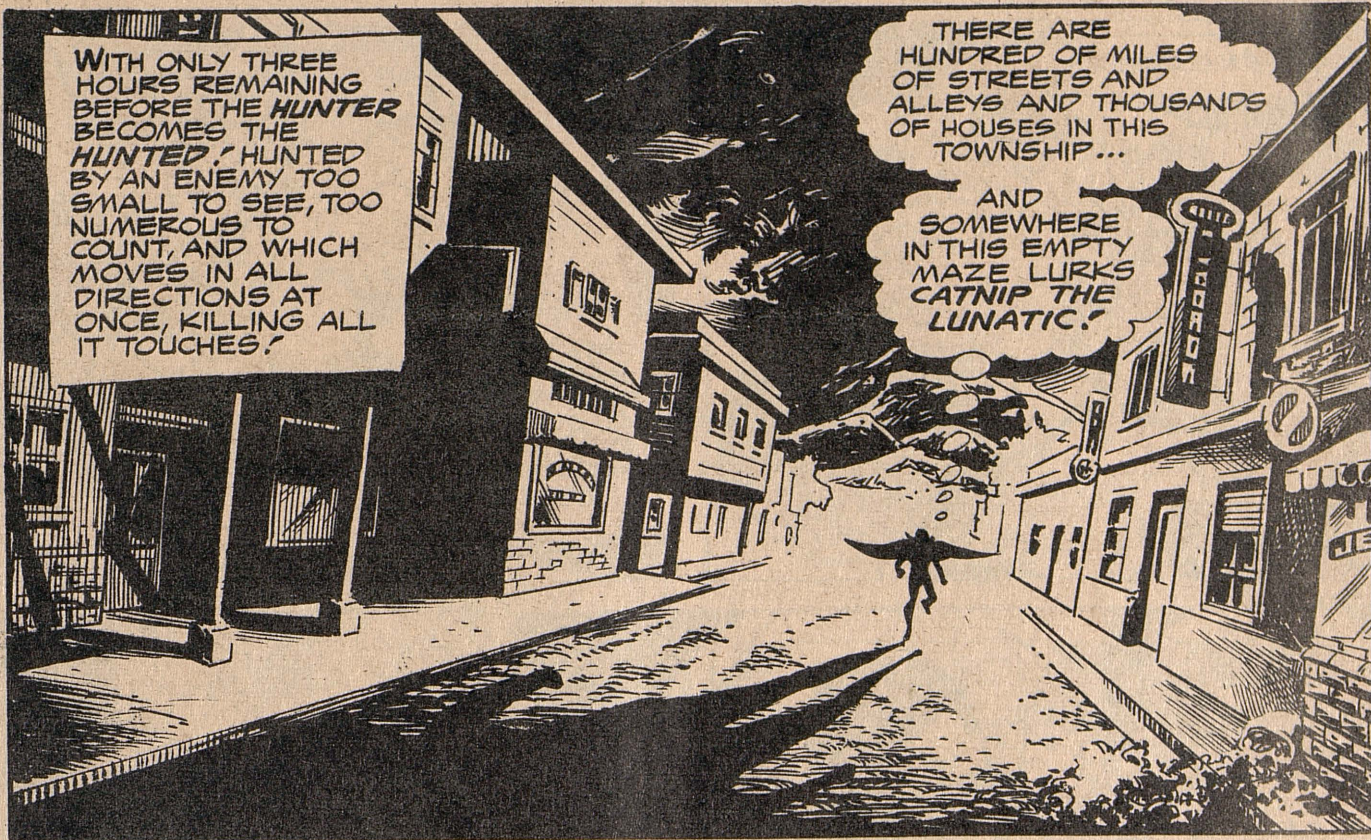
AND EVEN ON FOOT, THEY CARRY THEIR VALUABLES AND IN SOME CASES EVEN THEIR LOVED ONES ALONG WITH THEM.



BY THE SETTING OF THE EVENING SUN, THE ENTIRE EVACUATION FINALLY NEARS ITS COMPLETION...

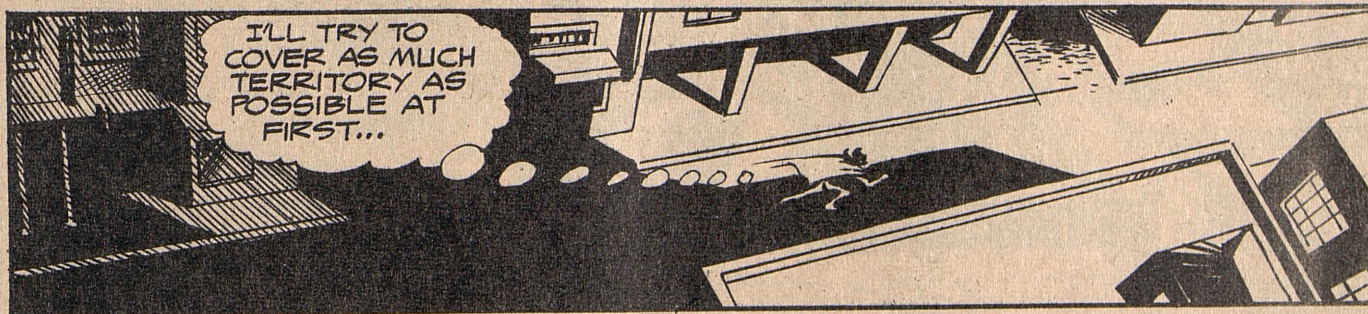


LEAVING BEHIND A SINGLE HUNTER, AND HIS SINGLE PREY!

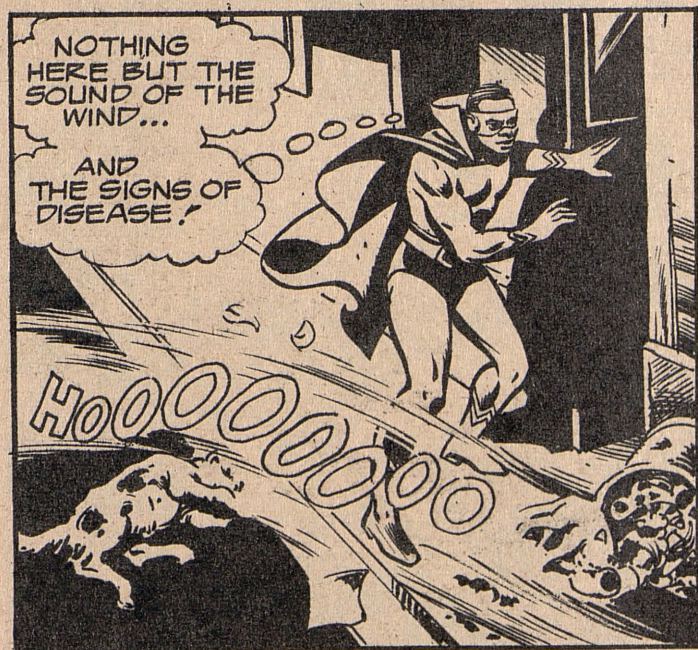


WITH ONLY THREE HOURS REMAINING BEFORE THE HUNTER BECOMES THE HUNTED, HUNTED BY AN ENEMY TOO SMALL TO SEE, TOO NUMEROUS TO COUNT, AND WHICH MOVES IN ALL DIRECTIONS AT ONCE, KILLING ALL IT TOUCHES!

THERE ARE HUNDRED OF MILES OF STREETS AND ALLEYS AND THOUSANDS OF HOUSES IN THIS TOWNSHIP... AND SOMEWHERE IN THIS EMPTY MAZE LURKS CATNIP THE LUNATIC!

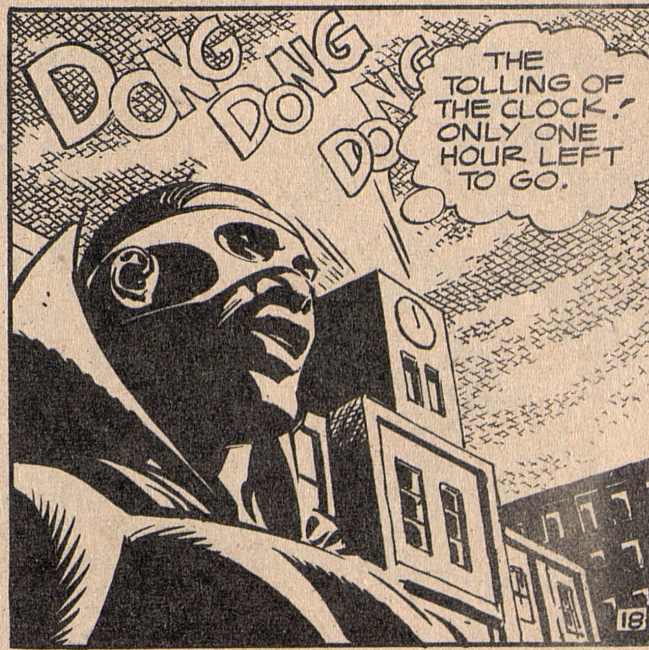


I'LL TRY TO COVER AS MUCH TERRITORY AS POSSIBLE AT FIRST...



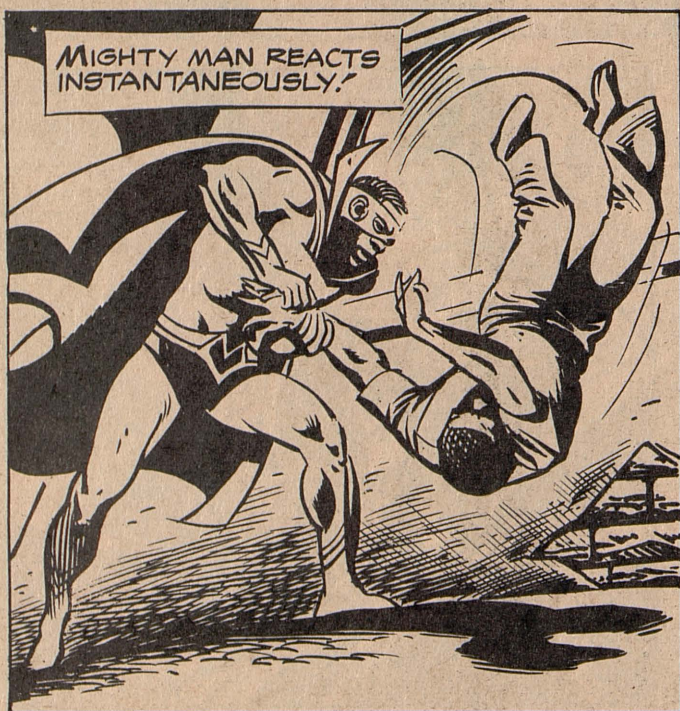
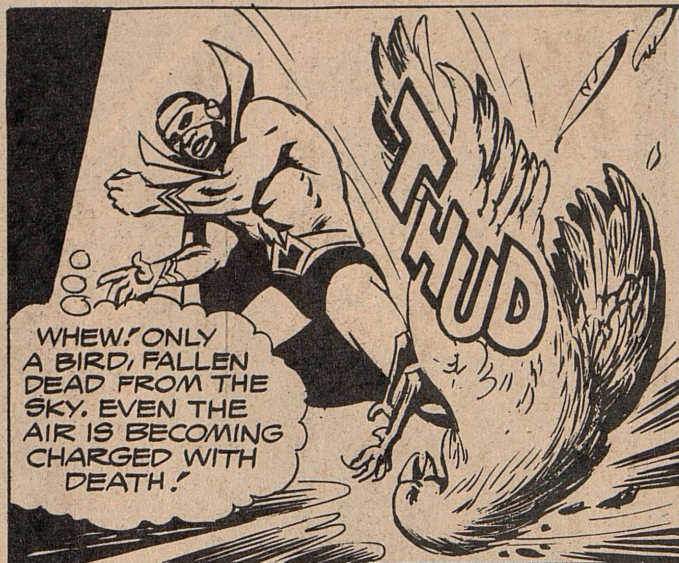
NOTHING HERE BUT THE SOUND OF THE WIND... AND THE SIGNS OF DISEASE!

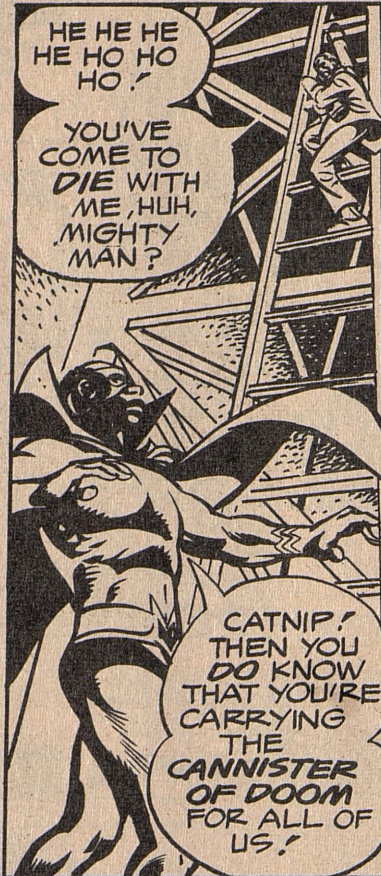
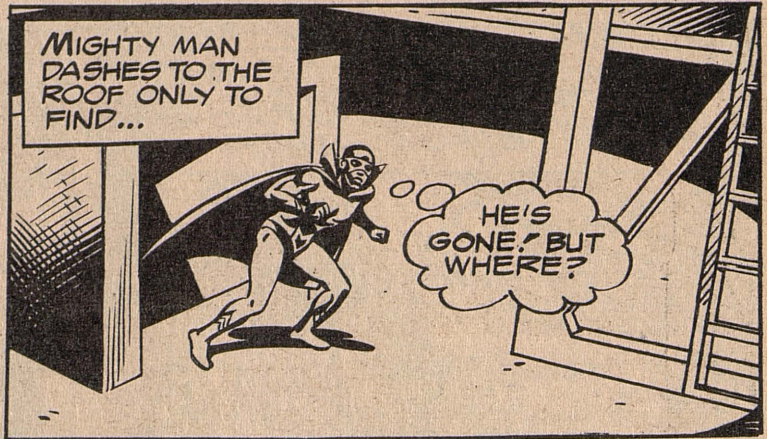
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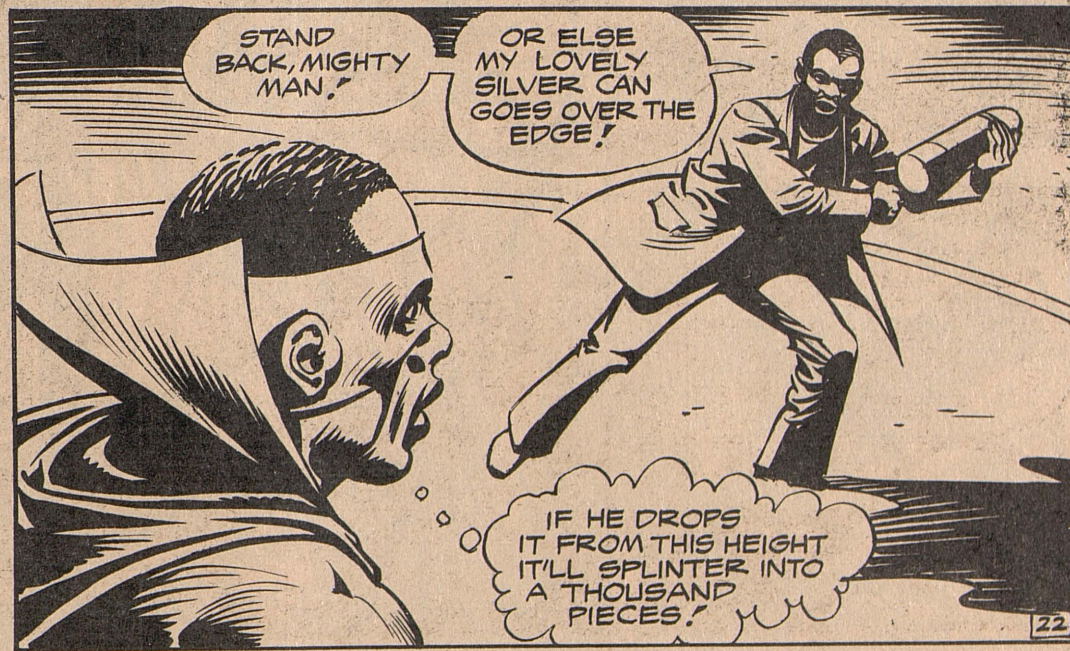
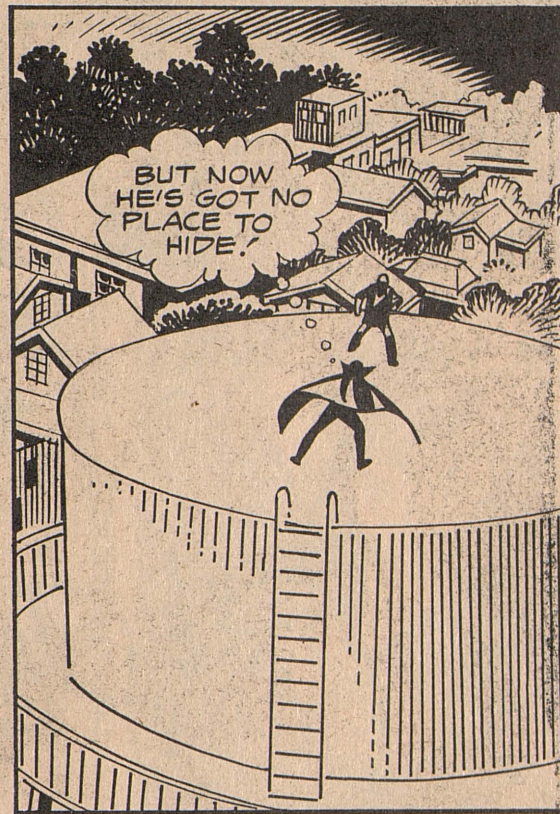
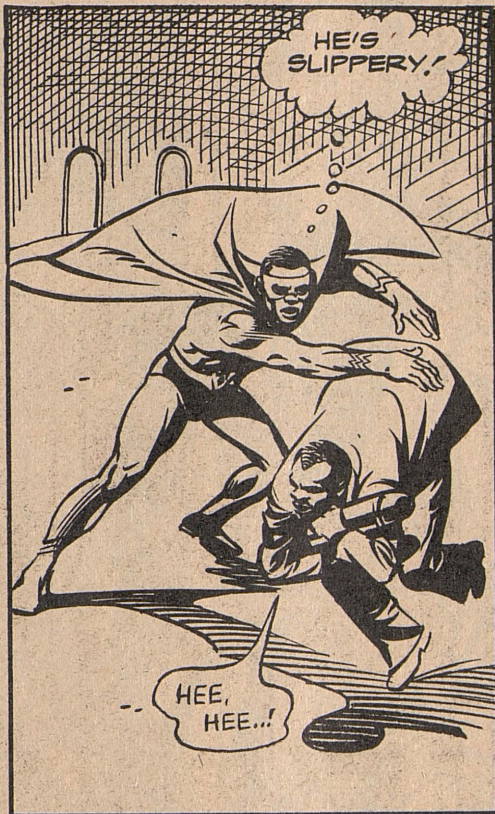


DONG DONG DONG

THE TOLLING OF THE CLOCK! ONLY ONE HOUR LEFT TO GO.



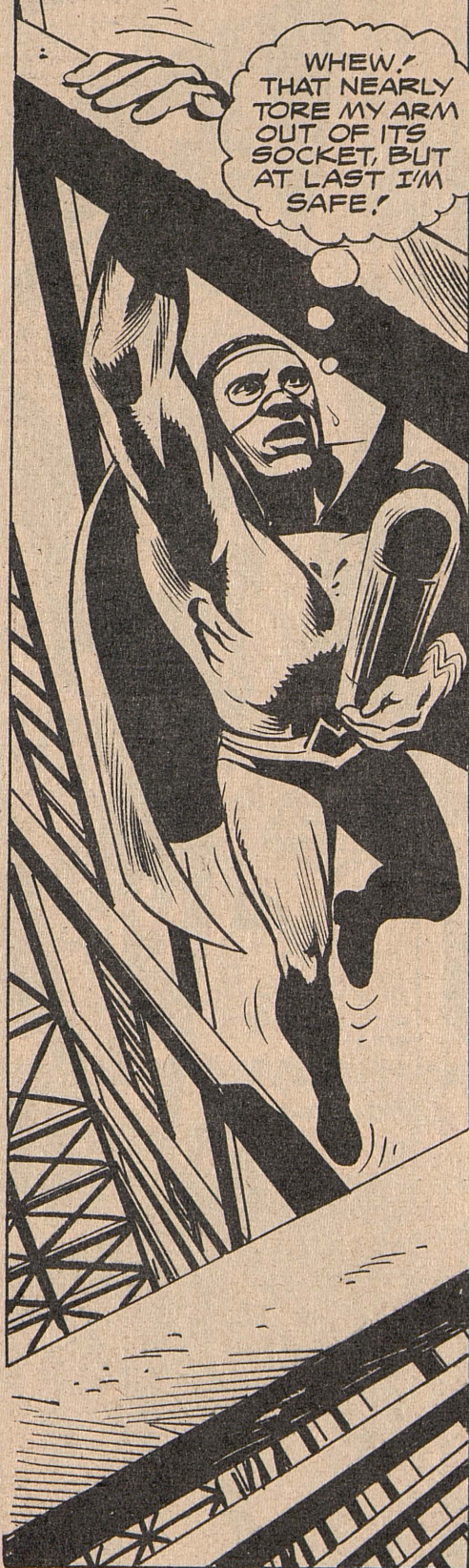






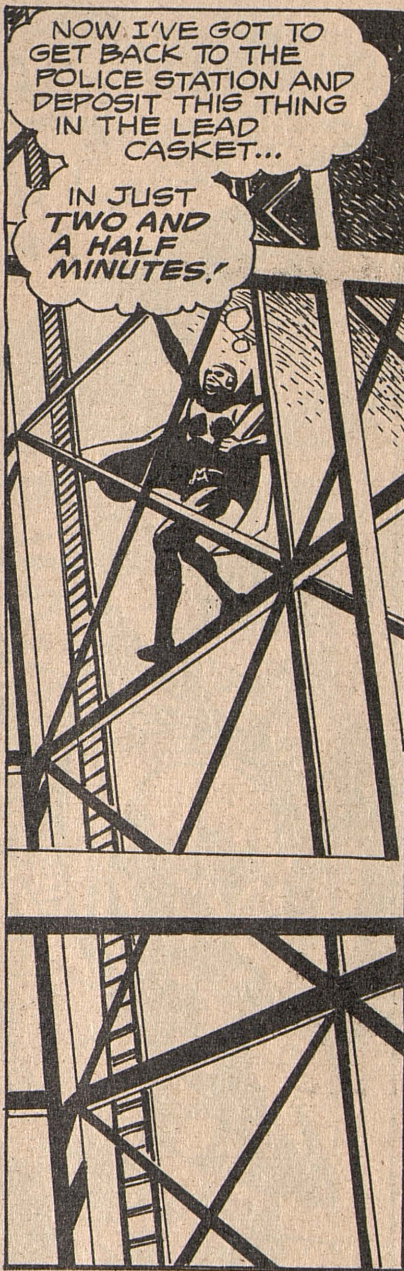
BUT EACH TRY FOR A GRIP SLOWS HIS FALL SLIGHTLY, SO THAT FINALLY HE IS ABLE TO ABSORB ITS IMPACT.

WHEW, THAT NEARLY TORE MY ARM OUT OF ITS SOCKET, BUT AT LAST I'M SAFE!



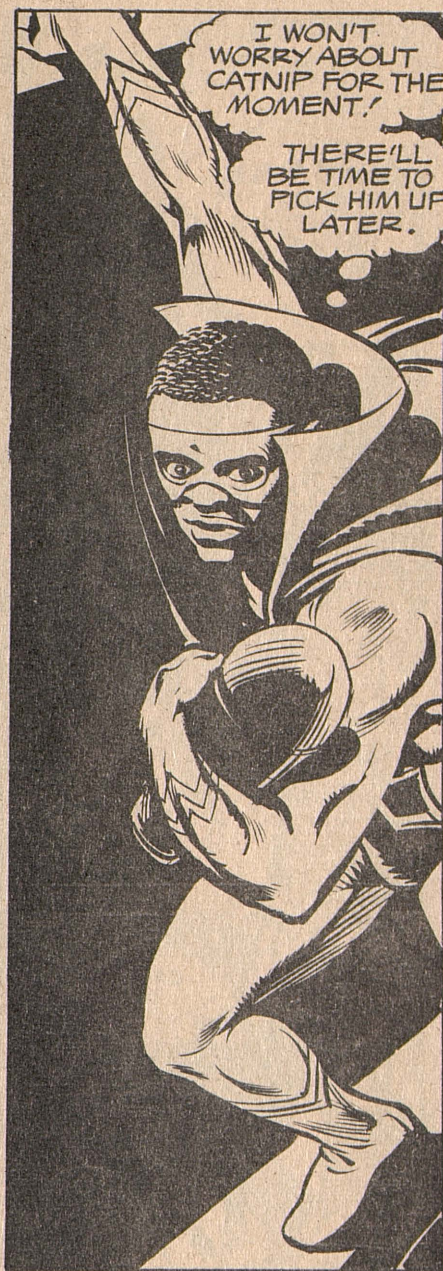
NOW I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THE POLICE STATION AND DEPOSIT THIS THING IN THE LEAD CASKET...

IN JUST TWO AND A HALF MINUTES!



I WON'T WORRY ABOUT CATNIP FOR THE MOMENT!

THERE'LL BE TIME TO PICK HIM UP LATER.

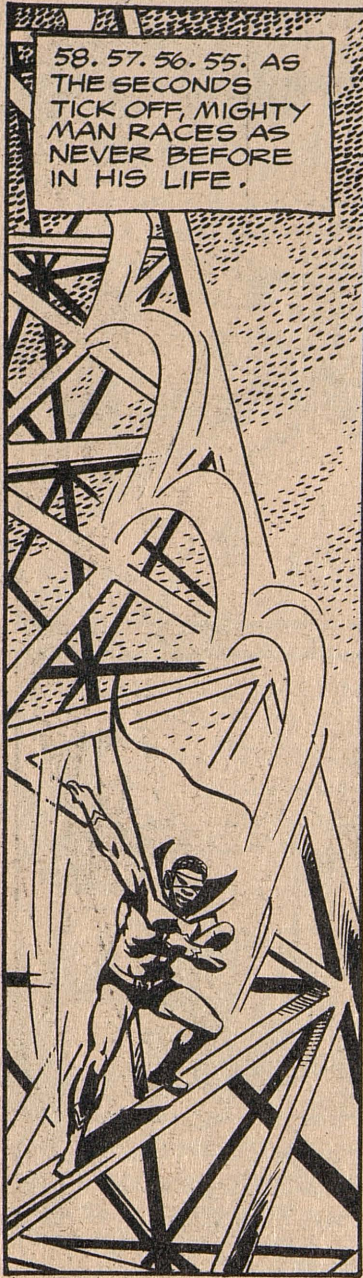


BUT CATNIP HAS OTHER IDEAS ABOUT THAT!

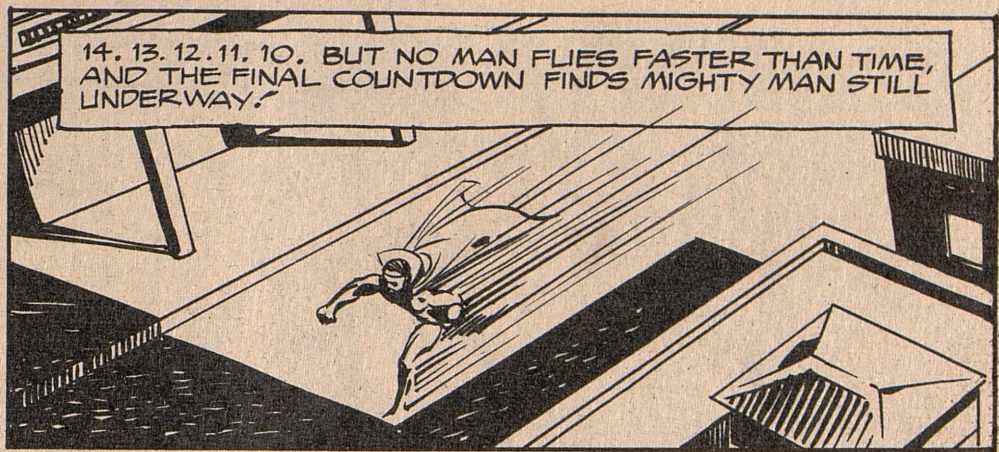
WHA--?



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58. 57. 56. 55. AS THE SECONDS TICK OFF, MIGHTY MAN RACES AS NEVER BEFORE IN HIS LIFE.



14. 13. 12. 11. 10. BUT NO MAN FLIES FASTER THAN TIME, AND THE FINAL COUNTDOWN FINDS MIGHTY MAN STILL UNDERWAY.



5. 4. 3. 2...

THERE'S THE CASKET!

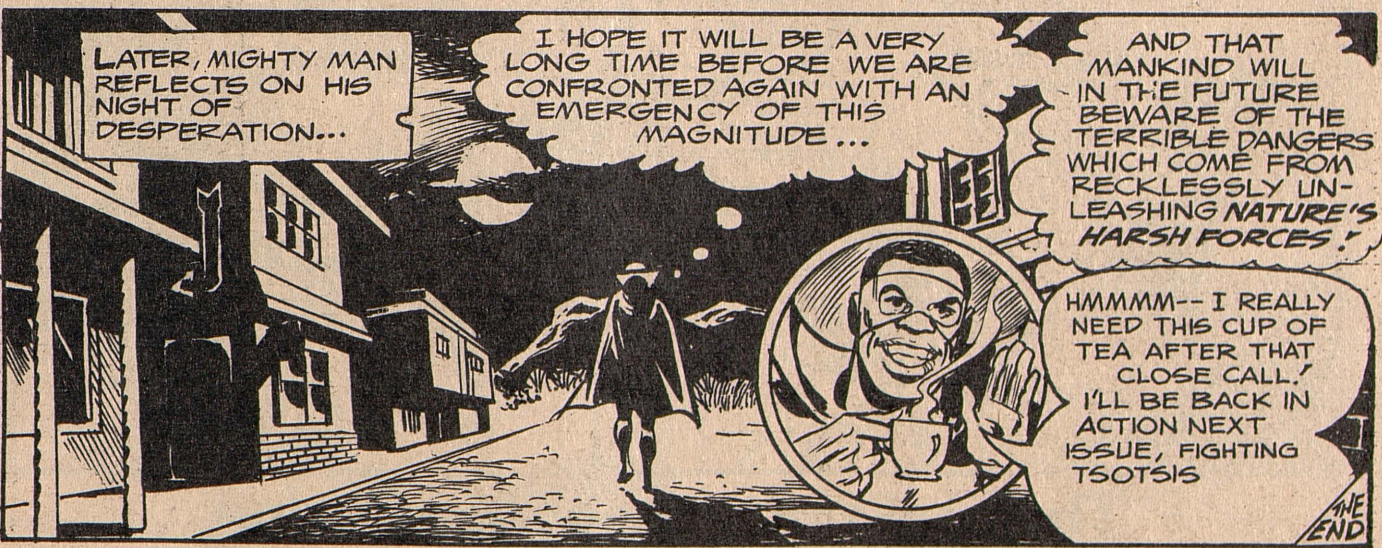
AM I GOING TO MAKE IT?



DONE!

THANK GOD IT'S OVER AT LAST!

A FEW MORE SECONDS AND I WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST OF MANY MILLIONS OF VICTIMS!



LATER, MIGHTY MAN REFLECTS ON HIS NIGHT OF DESPERATION...

I HOPE IT WILL BE A VERY LONG TIME BEFORE WE ARE CONFRONTED AGAIN WITH AN EMERGENCY OF THIS MAGNITUDE ...

AND THAT MANKIND WILL IN THE FUTURE BEWARE OF THE TERRIBLE DANGERS WHICH COME FROM RECKLESSLY UNLEASHING NATURE'S HARSH FORCES!

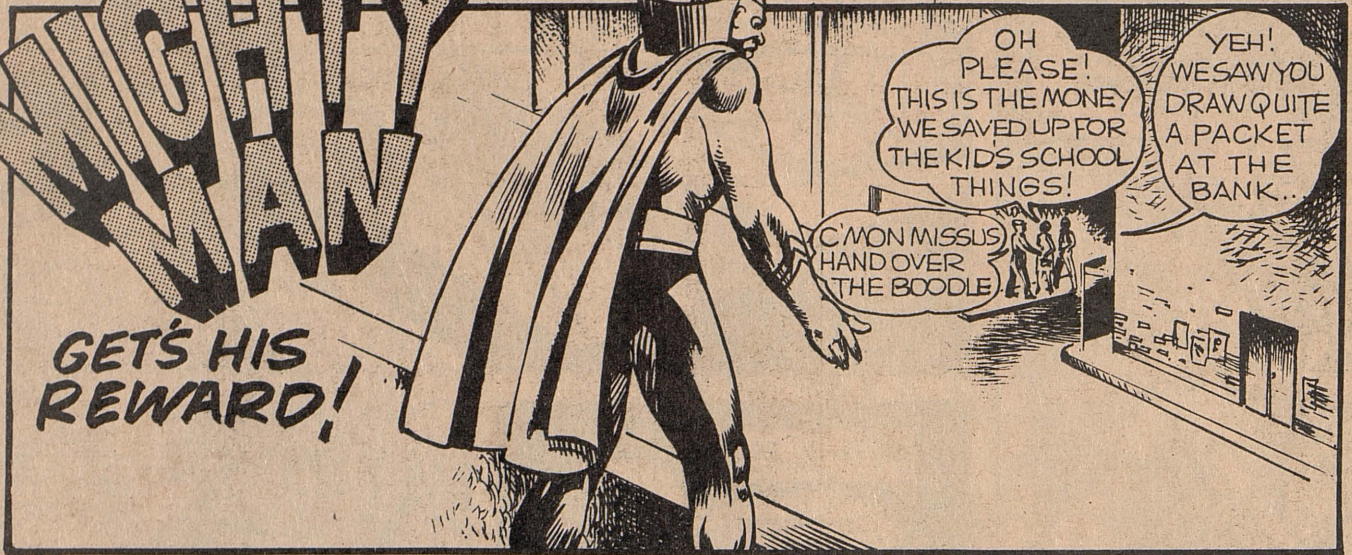


HMMMM-- I REALLY NEED THIS CUP OF TEA AFTER THAT CLOSE CALL! I'LL BE BACK IN ACTION NEXT ISSUE, FIGHTING TSOTSIS

THE END

MIGHTY MAN

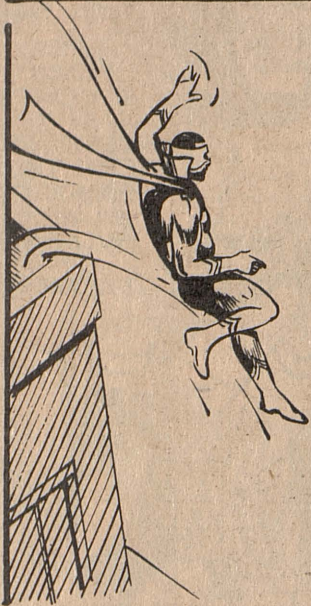
GETS HIS REWARD!



OH PLEASE! THIS IS THE MONEY WE SAVED UP FOR THE KIDS SCHOOL THINGS!

YEH! WE SAW YOU DRAW QUITE A PACKET AT THE BANK..

C'MON MISSUS HAND OVER THE BOODLE



YOU SCUM! I'LL TEACH YOU TO MUG AND ASSAULT THE DECENT PEOPLE!



AARGG!



COULD YOU KINDLY CLEAN THE STREET OF THESE ROGUES. THEY TRIED TO MESS THIS LADY AROUND

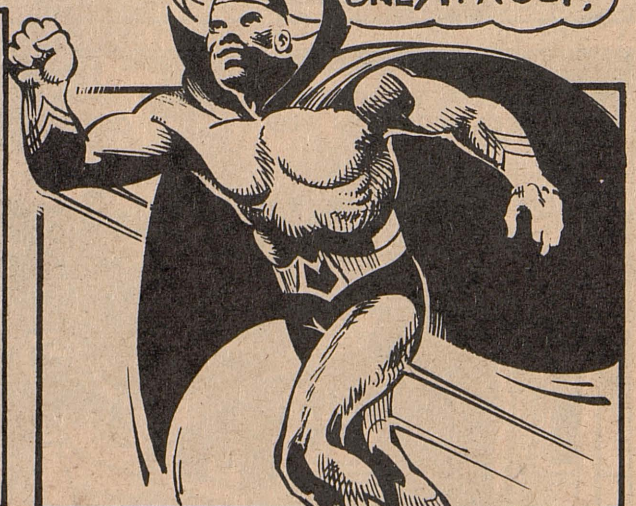
FIGHTING CRIME CAN BE HARD WORK. REFRESHING CEYLON TEA GIVES ME STRENGTH FOR ONLY 1/2 A CUP!



THIS IS WHAT I NEEDED... A NICE STRONG CUP OF TEA

HOW CAN I THANK YOU...

I'M HAPPY TO OBLIGE... MIGHTY MAN!



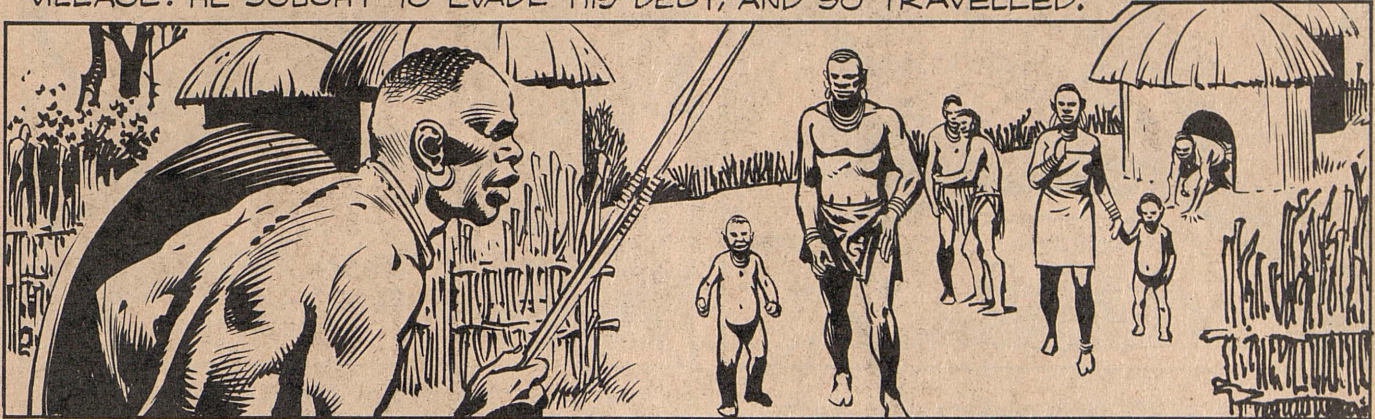
The best tea comes from Ceylon.

BATES-WELLS-ROSTRON © 6790

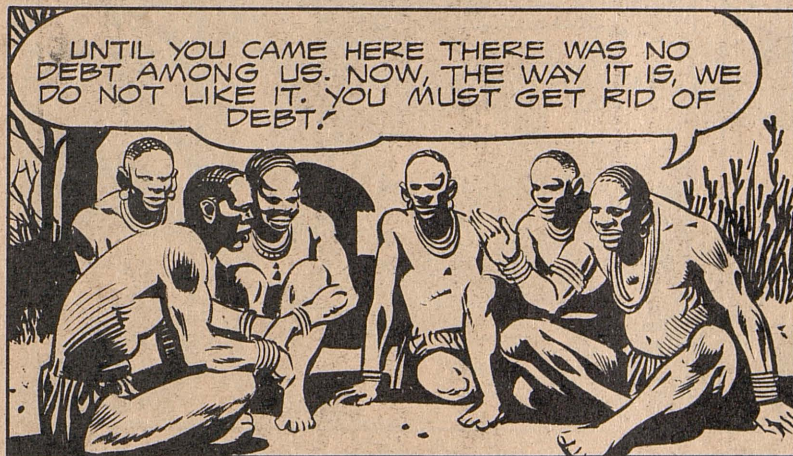
IN THE BEGINNING THERE WAS NO DEBT IN ASHANTI. FOR THE COMING OF DEBT, IT IS SAID THAT ANANSI WAS RESPONSIBLE.

HOW DEBT CAME TO ASHANTI

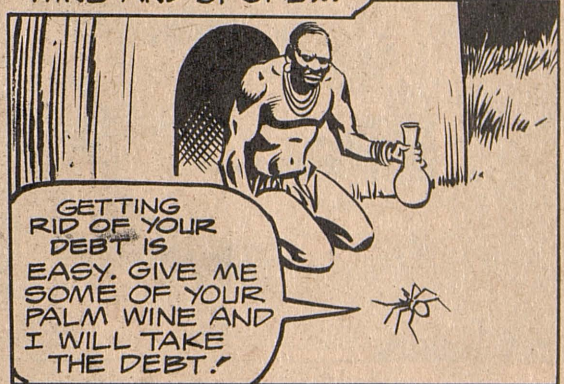
ONCE A HUNTER NAMED SOKO ARRIVED AMONG THE ASHANTI FROM ANOTHER PLACE. THE REASON FOR HIS COMING WAS THAT HE OWED MONEY IN HIS OWN VILLAGE. HE SOUGHT TO EVADE HIS DEBT, AND SO TRAVELLED.



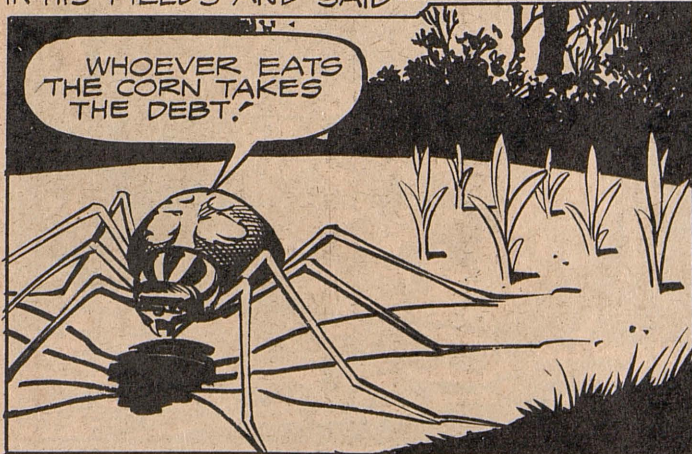
BUT WHERE HE SETTLED AMONG THE ASHANTI, PEOPLE LEARNED OF HIS REASONS AND BECAME TROUBLED. SO SOME OF THE OLD MEN OF THE COMMUNITY WENT TO SOKO AND SAID--



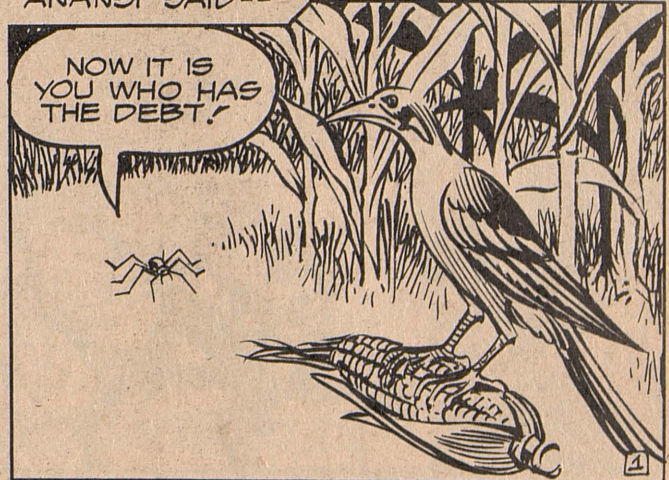
SOKO TRIED, BUT HE COULD NOT THINK OF A WAY TO GET RID OF DEBT. THEN ANANSI HEARD ABOUT SOKO'S DEBT. HE WENT TO SOKO'S HUT ONE MORNING WHEN SOKO WAS MAKING PALM WINE AND SPOKE...



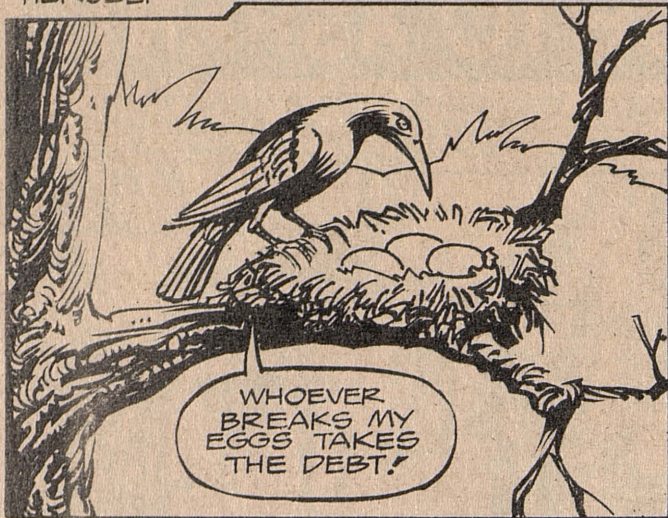
SOKO AGREED AND GAVE THE PALM WINE TO ANANSI AND ANANSI TOOK IT BACK TO HIS HOUSE AND DRANK IT. NOW HE HAD THE DEBT. THEN ANANSI PLANTED CORN IN HIS FIELDS AND SAID--



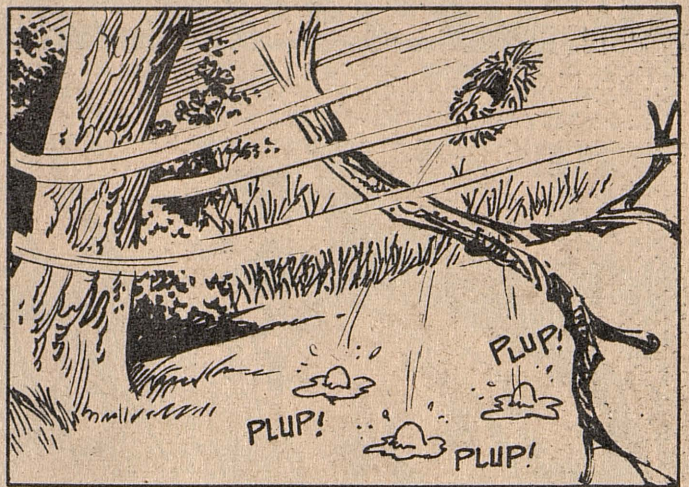
ONE DAY A BIRD FLEW DOWN AND ATE SOME OF ANANSI'S CORN, AND ANANSI SAID--



THE BIRD WENT BACK TO HER NEST, TAKING DEBT WITH HER. SHE LAID SOME EGGS IN HER NEST AND THOUGHT TO HERSELF --



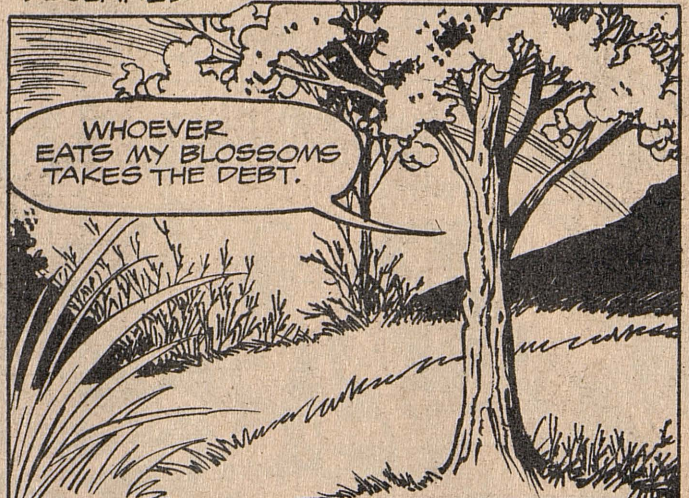
THEN SHE FLEW OFF IN SEARCH OF FOOD. WHILE SHE WAS AWAY CAME A WIND, IT BROKE A BRANCH FROM THE TREE THAT HELD THE NEST AND THE EGGS FELL TO THE GROUND AND CRACKED.



WHEN THE BIRD RETURNED SHE SAID TO TREE --



IN THIS WAY THE TREE BECAME THE OWNER OF THE DEBT. BUT WHEN THE TREE GREW BLOSSOMS ON ITS BRANCHES IT DECLARED --



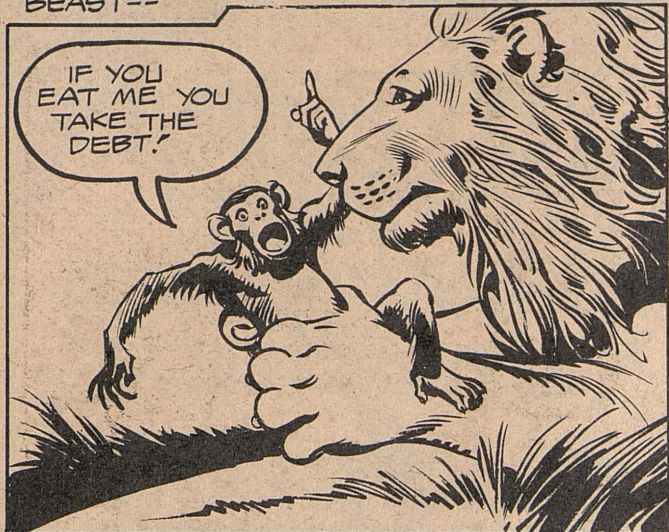
A MONKEY CLIMBED INTO THE TREE AND BEGAN EATING THE BLOSSOMS AND THE TREE SHOUTED --



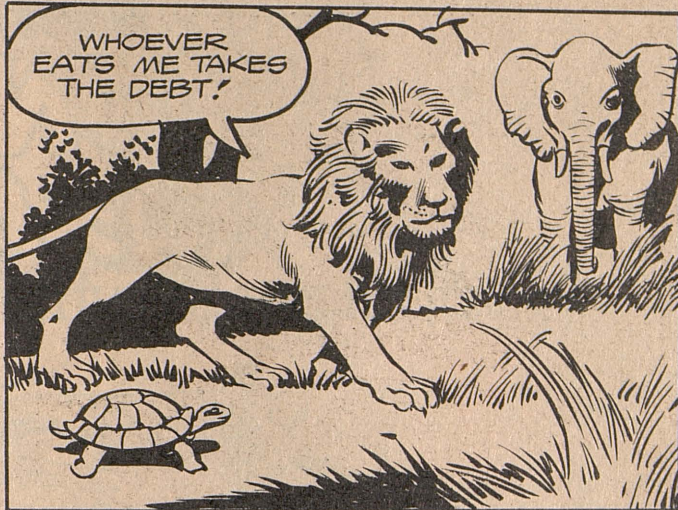
THE MONKEY ATE AS MUCH AS HE WANTED THEN WENT DOWN FROM THE BRANCHES TO THE GROUND AND DECREED --



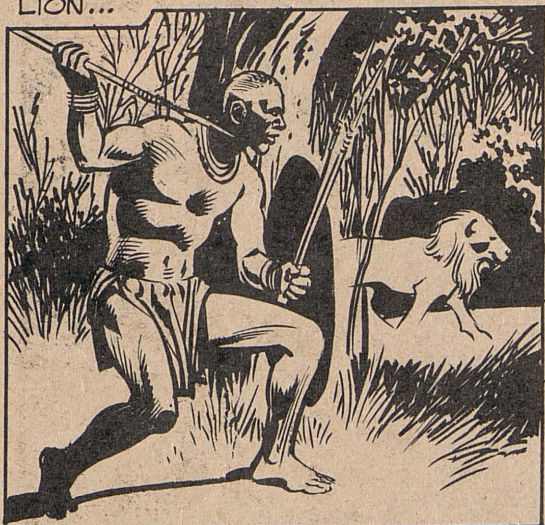
SOON AFTER, THE MONKEY WAS CAUGHT BY A LION, AND HE SAID TO THE GREAT BEAST--



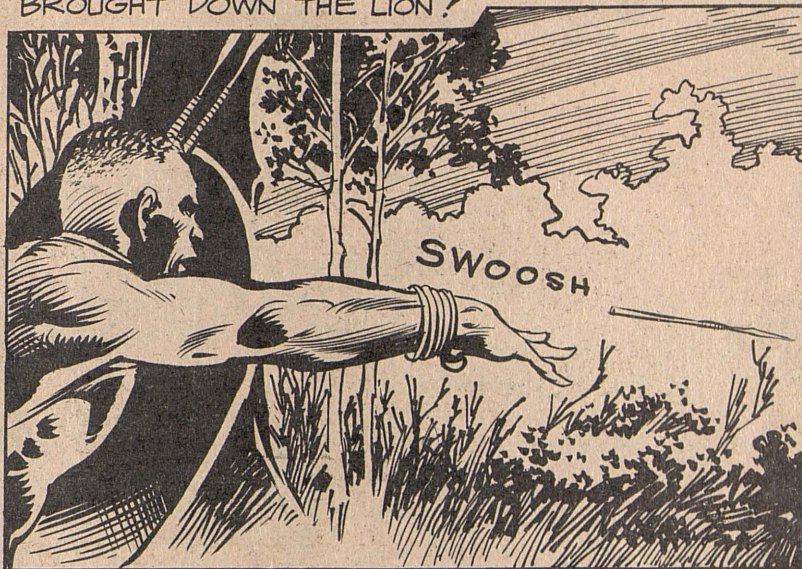
THE LION ATE HIM, AND NOW THE DEBT WAS OWED BY THE LION. THUS THE LION DECLARED AS HE WENT HERE AND THERE--



ONE DAY SOKO THE HUNTER WENT INTO THE BUSH LOOKING FOR MEAT. THEN HE SAW THE LION...



SOKO QUICKLY HURLED HIS ASSEGAI AND BROUGHT DOWN THE LION!



HE TOOK THE SLAIN LION BACK TO THE VILLAGE AND SHARED IT WITH ALL THE FAMILIES THAT LIVED THERE. THEY ALL ATE THE LION.



THUS THEY ACQUIRED DEBT. AND SINCE THAT TIME DEBT HAS REMAINED WITH THE ASHANTI PEOPLE. FOR THIS, ANANSI AND SOKO WERE RESPONSIBLE!

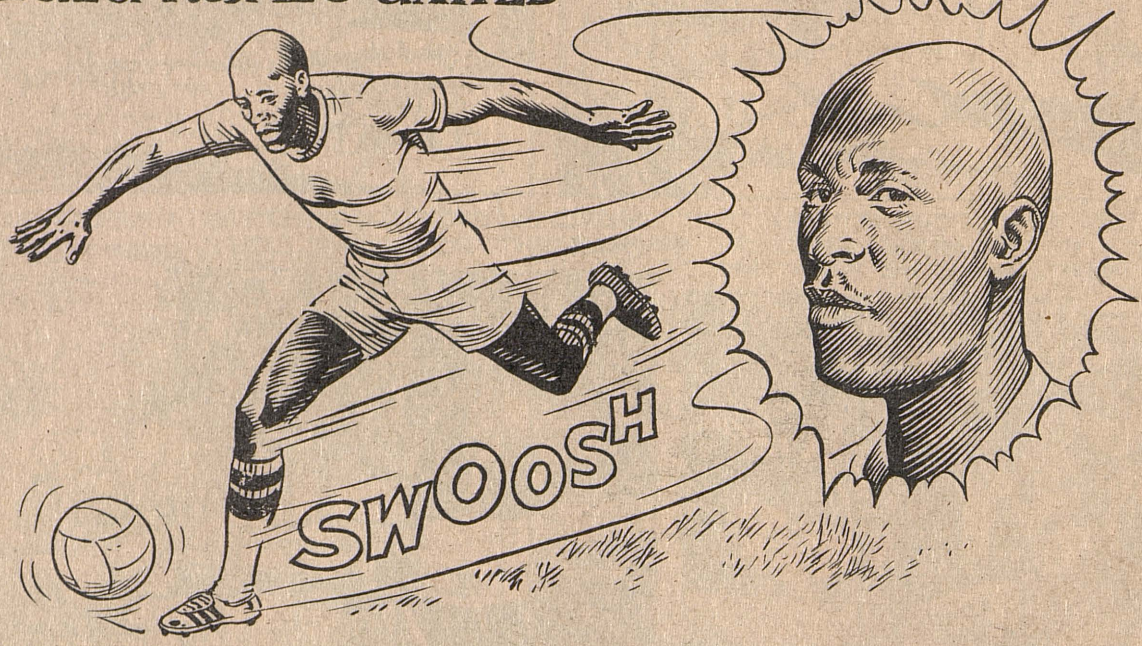
The End [3]

**SOCCER
TALK**

**A LEFT WINGER WHO RUNS
LIKE A HARE...**

That's **BONGINKOSI
'ACE' MNIKATI**

ZULU ROYAL'S UNITED



THOUGH HE ALWAYS PLAYS ON THE LEFT, MNIKATI IS COMFORTABLE IN ANY POSITION IN THE ATTACK...BECAUSE HE PACKS A WALLOP IN BOTH BOOTS.'



A GOALKEEPER'S NIGHTMARE IS SEEING MNIKATI BREAK THROUGH THE DEFENCE. AND THE WAY HE JUGGLES THE BALL WHILE MOVING AT FULL-SPEED, HE DOES THAT QUITE OFTEN.'

KWAMASHU AND PRETORIA'S SUPER STADIUM ARE MNIKATI'S FAVOURITE GROUND...BUT THE WAY BONGINKOSI "ACE" MNIKATI PLAYS, ALL GROUND SHOULD BE HIS FAVOURITE.'

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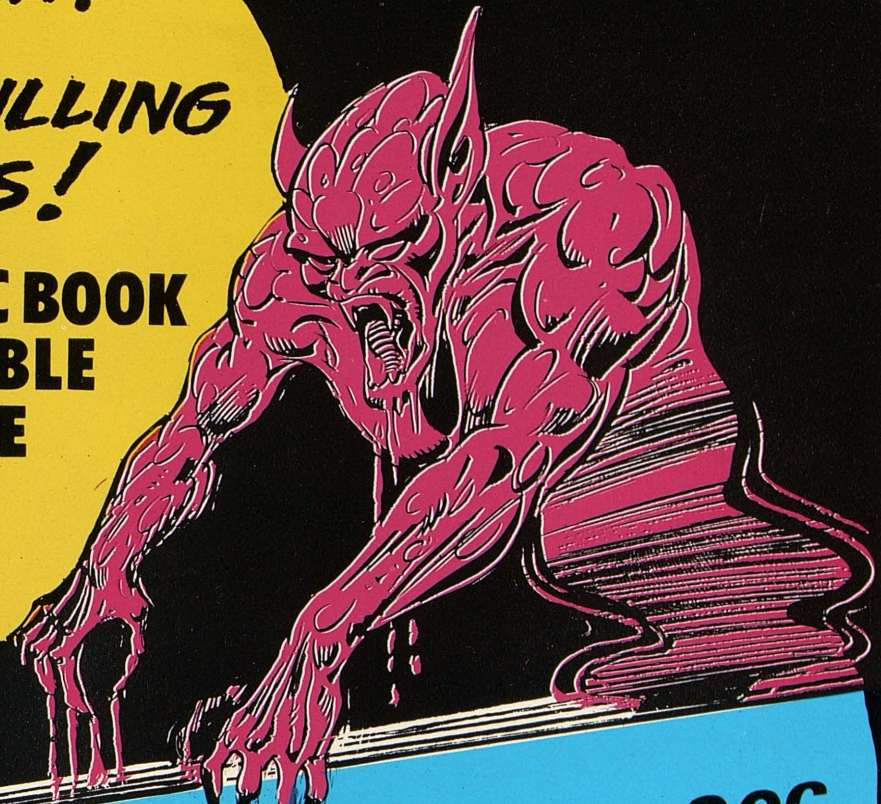
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