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Girls Can't Resist this KISS ME NECKTIE as it GLOWS in the DARK!

*By Day a Lovely Swank Tie... By Night
a Call to Love in Glowing Words!*

Men, boys! Now amaze your friends! Surprise and thrill every girl you meet! Be different and the life of the party in any crowd! Here's the most amazing spectacular necktie that you ever wore, a smart wrinkle-proof, tailored cravat, which at night is a thrilling sensation! It's smart, superb class by day, and just imagine in the dark it seems like a necktie of compelling allure, sheer magic! Like a miracle of light there comes a pulsing, glowing question—WILL YOU KISS ME IN THE DARK, BABY? Think of the surprise, the awe you will cause! There's no trick, no hidden batteries, no switches or foolish horseplay, but a thing of loveliness as the question emerges gradually to life, touched by the wand of darkness, and your girl will gasp with wonder as it takes form so amazingly. It's new... utterly different... a Hollywood riot wherever you go. And here's wonderful news! You can see, examine this glorious tie yourself without risk... just mail the coupon!

SEND NO MONEY

Examine... Let It Thrill You... ON THIS FREE TRIAL OFFER. Don't confuse this magnificent necktie with any ordinary novelty tie for it's high class, distinctive, ties up perfectly, and you'll wear it with pride. Its color combination is specially created and so original that you actually can wear it tastefully with any suit. It's wrinkle-proof, beautifully fashioned. You might expect to pay \$2.00 or even \$3.00 for this cravat just for daytime wear. But now, if you act quick, under this special INTRODUCTORY OFFER, you will have this marvelous, breathtaking GLOW IN THE DARK sensation for only \$1.49! That's all, just \$1.49, a bargain in quality, and a million dollars worth of fun at any party, or in any crowd, and an aid to love! Send no money, here's all you do. Mail coupon with your name and address. On arrival of your GLOWING KISS ME NECKTIE, you simply pay postman \$1.49, plus postage. (If money comes with order, we pay postage.) Then examine. See how it excites and thrills. And, if you are not delighted, if you are not eager to wear it, just return it for your money back promptly. Isn't that a fair, generous offer? Then act at once. Don't wait. Mail the coupon now!

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If you want us to send you 3 Glowing Neckties for \$4.22, check here

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A SMART
TIE BY DAY

A MAGIC
TIE AT
NIGHT

IT'S NOVEL,
DIFFERENT
BARRELS OF
FUN!

The BLUE BEETLE

and the Runaway House

by
Otis

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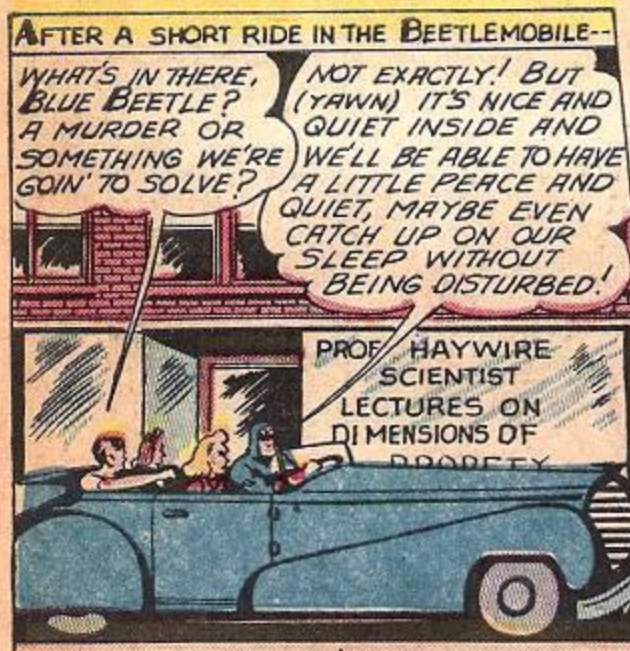
COMICS HALL OF FAME

THAT'S RIGHT! YOU ARE LOOKING AT A RUNAWAY HOUSE! THAT'S WHAT THE BLUE BEETLE, IN REALITY, DAN GARRET, ROOKIE POLICEMAN, HAD TO CONTEND WITH WHEN HE STARTED OUT ON HIS ADVENTURE WITH NELL AND BRUCE BARTH OF 1599 BATHGATE AVE, NEW YORK, N.Y.!

IMAGINE ENTERING A HOUSE WHOSE EVERY DOOR WAS AN EXIT TO A DIFFERENT EXCITING SENSATIONALLY UNEXPECTED ADVENTURE! THAT'S WHAT BEFELL THESE REAL, HONEST-TO-GOODNESS KIDS WHO WERE THE LUCKY CHOICE TO ACCOMPANY THE BLUE BEETLE WHEN... BUT GO ON WITH THE STORY YOURSELF -----!



THE BLUE BEETLE



PROF. HAYWIRE'S LABORATORY---

HERE IT IS! I'VE NEVER VENTURED INTO IT MYSELF, SO I CAN'T GUARANTEE WHAT IS TO HAPPEN, BUT IF YOU ARE DARING ENOUGH TO CHALLENGE THE UNKNOWN, WE'LL ENTER THE HOUSE AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

IT CERTAINLY LOOKS HARMLESS ENOUGH TO ME. WHAT DO YOU SAY, JOAN, NELL, BRUCE?

WELL, WE'RE IN!

THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYTHING STRANGE ABOUT THIS PLACE!

MAYBE THE PROFESSOR MISCALCULATED AND THIS IS A HOUSE JUST LIKE ANY OTHER.



WE'VE BEEN HERE TEN MINUTES AND NOTHING'S HAPPENED!

YEAH-- I EXPECTED TO GO SAILIN' TO THE MOON OR SOMETHING!

SORRY YOUR EXPERIMENT WASN'T A SUCCESS, PROF. BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME. WE MIGHT AS WELL LEAVE BY THE SAME DOOR WE ENTERED.

AS THE BLUE BEETLE STEPS OUT---

IT HAPPENS TO THE BEST--WOW! LOOK OUT! GET BACK! DON'T TAKE ANOTHER STEP!



I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT--MY CALCULATIONS CHECKED!



WHAT HAPPENED?

LOOK FOR YOURSELVES! WE---THIS HOUSE-- IS THOUSANDS OF FEET IN THE AIR AND PROBABLY MILES FROM WHERE WE ENTERED IT! WE MAY HAVE ENTERED THIS DOOR BUT IF WE LEAVE IT, WE DROP INTO SHEER SPACE!

THAT'S RIGHT-- UNLESS WE SELECT THE RIGHT DOOR AT THE RIGHT TIME!

WELL, I GUESS IT'S UP TO ME--- I'LL TAKE THIS DOOR! HERE GOES!



GEE-- WE'RE REALLY ON AN ADVENTURE NOW!

YEAH, AND ONLY THE BLUE BEETLE CAN HELP US!

THE BLUE BEETLE

OUTSIDE THE DOOR THE BLUE BEETLE DROPS SUDDENLY---

I SURE MADE THE WRONG CHOICE! FALLING THOUSANDS OF FEET TO CRASH AGAINST JAGGED MOUNTAIN PEAKS--



IN SOME SUN-DRENCHED JUNGLE FAR FROM-- BLUB-BUB!



DIGGING HIS WAY OUT--

BRR! MUST HAVE LANDED IN THE SNOW OF THE ANDES OR-- HEY STOP THAT-- WHY-- IT'S A POLAR BEAR-- I MUST BE AT THE NORTH POLE!



AS THE BEAR BOTHERS HIM, THE BLUE BEETLE PICKS IT UP AND---

THERE! SEE HOW YOU LIKE BEING TICKLED!-- WHY LOOK! SMOKE! THAT MUST MEAN HUMAN HABITATION! I'LL INVESTIGATE! THE HOUSE I FELL FROM MUST BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE!



THANKS FOR THE RIDE YOU NORTH POLE BRONCO! WE'RE ALMOST THERE! FUNNY-- NO ONE AROUND TO RECEIVE US? MAYBE THEY'RE HAVING SOME CEREMONY AROUND THE TOTEM POLE-- WHERE THE SMOKE IS COMING FROM, I'LL GO THERE!



WHY IT'S THE KIDS! HOW'D THEY EVER LAND HERE? --I'D BETTER GET TO WORK!



EWANNIS BAN TXLV! (THE SIGN OF THE BLUE BEETLE!)



BUZZ BUZZ BUZZ
SORRY TO SPOIL YOUR JIVE! BUT THOSE ARE MY FRIENDS YOU'RE USING FOR LOVING CUPS!





THE BLUE BEETLE

THE FURIOUS SLIDE ENDS IN...

OW! LOOK--
THE HOUSE!
WHAT LUCK!

I NEVER
EXPECTED
TO SEE IT
AGAIN!



RELEASING HIS FRIENDS...

WHILE THE PROF.
AND MISS JOAN
WERE TALKING,
WE SAW YOU
LEAVE--SO WE
FOLLOWED YOU--

AND LAND-
ED RIGHT IN
THAT VILLAGE
WHERE YOU
FOUND US!

WELL, THAT'S
OVER WITH--
LET'S
HURRY INTO
THE HOUSE--
THE PROF.
AND JOAN
ARE PROBABLY
WORRYING
ABOUT US!



PROF HAYWIRE
AND MISS MASON
ARE GONE!

MAYBE
THAT
NOTE
TELLS
WHERE!

IT CERTAINLY
DOES! IT READS:
"WORRIED OVER
YOUR ABSENCE!
PROF. AND I LEFT
BY THIS DOOR
TO FOLLOW YOU!"
---WELL, KIDS
WE'LL USE THE
SAME DOOR!



STEPPING OUT, THEY FIND...

THAT HOUSE
IS ON THE RUN
AGAIN--AND
LEFT US IN
AFRICA THIS
TIME!

LOOK!
THERE
THEY
ARE!
OH---

THE PROF. AND
JOAN! CAPTIVES
OF CANNIBALS!
HANG ON TO ME
KIDS! WE'RE
GOING TO SPOIL
SOMEONE'S HOPES
FOR DINNER!



WHY BLESS
MY ATOMS!
IT'S THE
BLUE BEETLE!

I-I-I WAS
AFRAID HE
WOULDN'T
FIND US
IN TIME!



"UG KANA DU!
(QUICK, THE
SPEARS--
STAB THEM
AS THEY
FALL!!



SOMERSAULTING WITH LIGHTNING SPEED.....



I GUESS THEY NEVER HEARD OF THE OLD PINWHEEL TRICK!

AWK!

UGH!

DROPPING THE KIDS TO MEET A FRESH ATTACK.....

I GUESS THEY NEVER HEARD OF THE SANDWICH PUNCH EITHER!

THEY'RE LEARNING THE HARD WAY!



TRY TO KEEP COOL, PROF!... JOAN! I'LL TAKE YOU OFF THAT MENU IN A MOMENT!

UN WANA TUN!
(SCRAM BOYS, IT'S THE BLUE BEETLE!)



THERE YOU GO--OUT OF THE COOKING POT! WHAT IN THE ---?

IT'S NELL AND BRUCE!

THE CANNIBALS SURRENDERED! THEY MADE US LITTLE CHIEFS AND WANT TO MAKE YOU THE BIG CHIEF!



GU BU DU NU!
(YOU CAME, YOU SAW, YOU CONQUERED! YOU'RE HOT STUFF, BLUE BEETLE! YOU'RE OUR NEW CHIEF!)

DO I GET A DISCOUNT ON THE BLUE PLATE SPECIAL?

HABA TUBA!
(HELP! ELEPHANT STAMPEDE!)



NGAN DAN TU!
(HELP US BIG CHIEF OR WE'LL ALL BE TRAMPLED TO DUST!)

IF I CAN FIND A TREE BIG ENOUGH, I MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE TO STOP THIS MAD HERD!

THE BLUE BEETLE

A LEAP INTO THE JUNGLE
BRINGS THE BLUE
BEETLE TO A GIANT TREE

I'M GLAD
AFRICA GROWS
THINGS IN A
BIG WAY!



ANOTHER LEAP AND---

A FEW ELEPHANTS HAVE
GOTTEN INTO THE VILLAGE
BUT THE MAIN HERD IS
STILL INTACT! I'LL DEAL
WITH THEM FIRST!



WHEW! THIS IS LIKE HOLDING
BACK--THE LINE--RUSHING FOR
TICKETS TO THE--WORLD SERIES!



A LAST TREMENDOUS SURGE AND---

THAT WILL HOLD YOU
PEANUT VENDORS FOR
A WHILE! NOW TO GET
BACK TO---



GIGI, MANA
UPSTU DEY!
(ROGUE ELEPHANT
SEIZE YOUR FRIENDS!
RUN AWAY WITH
THEM!--HURRY!

HURRYING TO THE PLACE INDICATED
BY THE MEDICINE MAN---

UGU!
(SEE!)

I SEE THEM! THANKS!
I'M LEAVING YOU NOW TO
TAKE THE EXPRESS!



PLUMMETING THROUGH THE GREEN
DEPTHS OF THE JUNGLE---

THERE THEY ARE! STILL IN THAT
ROGUE ELEPHANT'S TRUNK!
NOW TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO FREE
THEM WITHOUT GETTING THE ELEPHANT
MAD ENOUGH TO HURT THEM!



--BETTER HOPE THE
ELEPHANT HAS A
SENSE OF HUMOR
IF I'M TO BE SUC-
CESSFUL IN
FREEING YOU!

WHAT EVER YOUR PLAN
IS, IT BETTER BE QUICK
WE CAN'T STAND THIS
MUCH LONGER! PLEASE
HURRY!



THE BLUE BEETLE



TICKLING THE ELEPHANT WITH THE LEAFY TREE --

HARUMPH!
HARUMPH!
HARUMPH!

OH BOY!

OOPS!

ANGRIER THAN EVER AT THE DECEPTION, THE ROGUE ELEPHANT PURSUES HIS FORMER CAPTIVES THROUGH THE JUNGLE UNTIL---

WELL, WE'VE ESCAPED THE MAD ELEPHANT!

LUCKY WE HAVE ALL THESE ROCKS IN THE WATER TO JUMP ON!

THAT'S WHAT WORRIES ME! WHY ISN'T THE ELEPHANT FOLLOWING US? HE CAN SWIM!

LOOK! THOSE AREN'T ROCKS! THEY'RE CROCODILES!

NO WONDER THE ELEPHANT WOULDN'T FOLLOW US!

LOOK! WE'VE FOUND THE HOUSE AGAIN!

HEY!

INSIDE AGAIN! WHEW--THAT WAS CLOSE!

I NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE THIS PLACE AGAIN!

NOW WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

I WONDER WHERE WE'LL END UP NEXT?

HURRY BLUE BEETLE!

SAVE THE BEAUTIFUL LADY!

I'LL HAVE YOU OUT OF DANGER IN A MOMENT, MAM!

AS THEY FILE APPREHENSIVELY THROUGH ANOTHER DOOR---

GREAT JUPITER AND ALL THE CONSTELLATIONS!

HEAVENS! GEE!

OH, MY! I WONDER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I DIDN'T ARRIVE JUST IN TIME!

?

THE BLUE BEETLE

AS THE LADY IS FREED -- IT SUDDENLY DAWNED ON THE BLUE BEETLE WHERE THE DOOR OF THE PROFESSOR'S HOUSE HAD LED --

"WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SPOILING MY MOST DRAMATIC SCENE--YOU--YOU-- IF I EVER CATCH YOU-- I'LL--"

"I ONLY MEANT TO HELP!"

"HOLD THE DOOR FOR ME!"

"HURRY! WE'RE ALL IN ALREADY!"

SLAMMING THE DOOR BEHIND HIM---

THAT ACTRESS IS WORSE THAN THE ELEPHANT!

"I'M HEADING FOR THE NEAREST EXIT!"

FOLLOWING THE BLUE BEETLE ---

LOOK! I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES!

WE'RE BACK IN THE LABORATORY AGAIN!

WHAT A TRIP!

YOU'RE ALL WITNESSES TO THE SUCCESS OF MY THEORY! THIS HOUSE WILL ESTABLISH MY CLAIM TO IMMORTALITY!--I'LL BE KNOWN AS--

SUDDENLY!--

"I'M AFRAID YOUR PROOF COULDN'T STAND THE STRAIN, PROF!"

"I'LL HAVE TO BUILD ANOTHER ONE! IF I CAN FIND THE FORMULA I THINK I LOST IT IN THE COOKING POT IN THAT VILLAGE! GREAT COMET'S TAILS-- WHAT A BLOW TO SCIENCE!"

HAVE A GOOD TIME?

JUST READ THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BLUE BEETLE AND YOU'LL SEE! IT MAY BE ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS!

WONDERFUL! WHO'RE YOU TAKING NEXT?

HAVE YOU WRITTEN TO THE BLUE BEETLE YET, ASKING TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON A GREAT ADVENTURE? HURRY AND FILL OUT THE COUPON ON PAGE 11 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MOST AMAZING CONTEST OF ALL TIMES!



Hear ye! Hear ye!

BOYS AND GIRLS EVERYWHERE!

HEAR THE BLUE BEETLE!

HEED HIS CALL!

The Blue Beetle is calling girls and boys everywhere to join him in his unparalleled and patriotic adventures on the pages of this magazine.



Could YOU do anything more exciting than to accompany The Blue Beetle on his perilous exploits against the enemies of our country? On land, on sea, in cities great and small, on desert sands and mountains high, The Blue Beetle works unceasingly to overcome evil.



The Blue Beetle invites you to fill in the coupon on this page with YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AGE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT—ENCLOSE A SNAPSHOT OR PHOTOGRAPH OF YOURSELF—AND IN 30 WORDS TELL WHY YOU THINK YOU SHOULD SHARE IN THE BLUE BEETLE'S DANGERS. HAVE YOUR PARENTS SIGN THE COUPON GIVING THEIR CONSENT. That's all! Be sure to send your picture. Then mail the information right away.

**HURRY! MAIL THE COUPON
AND YOUR PICTURE TODAY!
NOTICE**

The editors of this magazine remain the sole judges in selecting the winning letters and their sequence. Letters and snapshots can not be returned.

Go with The Blue Beetle and help him solve one of these baffling mysteries. YOUR LIKENESS IN ACTION, DRAWN TRUE TO LIFE, WILL APPEAR ON THE PAGES OF THIS MAGAZINE as you work side by side with The Blue Beetle on his missions of mercy.

Your real name and address will be used.

Your family, relatives and friends will see your adventures. Girls and boys who read this magazine will share your hair-raising exploits with you, just as you thrilled to the adventures of the two boys and a girl, pictured above, who were The Blue Beetle's companions in the October issue of this magazine.

THE BLUE BEETLE

60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Blue Beetle:

I wish to go with you on one of your adventures and enclose herewith my picture, 30 words giving the reason why I believe I should be chosen, and my parents' signatures giving their consent.

I consent to the use of my picture and name in any of your magazines.

Sign Name above Age Hgt. Wgt.

Address City State

Father's & Mother's Signatures Date



THE BLUE BEETLE

MINIT MYSTERY

THE COUNTESS OF SCARBO, INTERNATIONAL STAMP COLLECTOR, IS FOUND MURDERED BY HER BUTLER IN THE EARLY MORNING.... HE PHONES THE POLICE.....

YES, CAPTAIN. SEND SOMEONE IMMEDIATELY.... MEANWHILE, HERE ARE THE FACTS....

"THIS MORNING THE COUNTESS RECEIVED A COLLECTION OF PRECIOUS STAMPS...."

SHE PROCEEDED TO MOISTEN AND PASTE THEM IN HER ALBUM.... SUDDENLY SHE BEGAN TO CHOKE.

BEFORE I COULD SUMMON HELP SHE WAS DEAD.... THAT'S ALL I KNOW, CAPTAIN.....

HM-M! WHAT'S THIS?

JUD COLLINS, A ROOKIE COP IS SENT OVER TO GUARD THE PREMISES PENDING THE INVESTIGATION.

STOP!

WHAT'S BITIN' YOU? DE COUNTESS FORGOT DIS STAMP.. THE LEAST I CAN DO IS FINISH DE JOB FOR DE OLD LADY!

AGGGH!

FOOL-I MISSED THAT ONE....!

THE F.B.I. MAN EXPLAINING

THE F.B.I. HAVE BEEN TRAILING THIS PONEEY BUTLER FOR YEARS.. HE'S AN INTERNATIONAL STAMP CROOK! HE WANTED THAT COLLECTION AND SMEARED THE BACKS OF THE STAMP WITH A DEADLY POISON... HOWEVER, THE COP WILL RECOVER.. THE POISON DETERIORATES IN THE AIR!

GET BACK, GUNTHER!

THE HOUSE IS SURROUNDED

BLUE BEETLE

"Otis" *The Threat from Saturn!*

Chapter 3

LET'S SEE HIM
ESCAPE FROM
THAT ONE! EH,
SATURNIA?

YES, GLOAT! WITH
HIM CRUSHED--
WE'LL PAINT
THE CITY WITH
AN EVIL
BRUSH!

SATURNIA AND GLOAT, THOSE EVIL CAST-
AWAYS FROM THE PLANET SATURN, HAVE
TRULY PLACED THE BLUE BEETLE, IN REAL-
ITY, DAN GARRET, ROOKIE POLICEMAN,
IN THE MOST STUNNING DILEMMA OF HIS
CAREER! WITH THE JUGGERNAUT HURLING
AT HIM, HE MUST DECIDE IN A SPLIT SECOND
WHETHER TO CHANGE INTO THE BLUE BEETLE
AND SAVE MIKE AND THE MOTHER AND HER
INFANT-- BUT THUS FOREVER REVEAL HIS
IDENTITY-- OR STAND IDLY BY-- WITH CRUSH-
ING DEATH INCHES AWAY! WHAT WILL
HAPPEN NOW AS WE FIND ----

"THE BLUE BEETLE AT BAY!"

THIS
LOOKS LIKE
THE PARTIN'
OF THE WAYS,
DAN!

I'VE GOT
TO DO SOME-
THING QUICK TO
SAVE THIS
SITUATION!

OH
MY POOR
BABY!



THE BLUE BEETLE

HERE IT COMES--LIKE A BANSHEE! SO LONG, DAN!

I CAN'T LET THEM DIE! IF ONLY MIKE WASN'T HERE TO SEE ME BECOME THE BLUE BEETLE! EVERYTHING WOULD BE ---?



DAN GETS AN IDEA---

SHAKE HANDS FOR THE LAST TIME DAN-- UGH!

SURE, MIKE! OH, EXCUSE ME--- MY ELBOW MUST HAVE ---



WITH MIKE OUT, AND THE WOMAN PARALYZED WITH FEAR-- I CAN BECOME ---



THE BLUE BEETLE!



BEARING THE CAR AS IF IT WERE A FEATHER-- IT'S THE BLUE BEETLE!

QUICK! LET'S GET OUT OF SIGHT-- TO PLAN OUR NEXT MOVE!



ROUNDING THE CORNER, THEY LEAP ON A FIRE ESCAPE IN AN ALLEY, WHERE---

REMEMBER OUR POWER TO ENTER AN EARTH BODY AND CONTROL ITS WILL? I SHALL LEAP INTO THE BLUE BEETLE'S BODY-- AND THEN--

--WE'LL JOIN IN A CARNIVAL OF TERROR HA, HA.



HE'S SEEN US ALREADY! HURRY!

WHY FLEE FROM HIM? I HAVE AN IDEA THAT WILL RUIN HIM IN THE EYES OF THE PEOPLE-- WE MUST FIRST FIND A VANTAGE POINT--



THE BLUE BEETLE

MEANWHILE--HOT
IN PURSUIT--

EXCUSE ME, FOLKS,
I'M IN A HURRY!
I'M AFTER THOSE
HOMICIDAL MANIACS
FROM SATURN!



PASSING THE HIDING PLACE--

I THOUGHT I
SAW THEM
AROUND HERE!

HE WON'T
KNOW
WHAT
HAPPENED
NOW!



THE GLOAT PASSES INTO THE
BLUE BEETLE'S BODY--

WHAT--
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?
I'M LOSING
CONTROL--

HURRY, GLOAT,
BEFORE HIS
STRENGTH OVER-
POWERS YOU!



GLOAT--NOW IN THE BLUE BEETLE'S BODY
REVEALS THE TERRIFIC STRUGGLE HE'S BEEN
THROUGH--

WHEW! I NEVER
THOUGHT I'D BE
ABLE TO TAKE
POSSESSION!

LET'S HURRY BEFORE
HE FINDS SOME
MEANS OF HURLING
YOU OUT, GLOAT!



ALONG 5TH AVE NEAR 42ND ST.

WHY IT'S THE
BLUE BEETLE!
HE MUST HAVE
CAPTURED THAT
AWFULL
SATURNIA!

THEY THINK YOU
REALLY ARE THE
BLUE BEETLE AND
THAT YOU'VE CAPTURED
ME, HA-HA-HA!



I'LL SOON
DISPEL THAT
BELIEF!

THE BLUE BEETLE'S MIGHTY MUSCLES OBEY
GLOAT'S BIDDING, AND--

HELP! THE BLUE
BEETLE'S
GONE MAD!

HEAR THEM?
IT'S WORKING
BEAUTIFULLY!



I'LL PUT
THIS BUS ATOP
THE ROOF OF THE
PUBLIC LIBRARY--
HA--HA!

YOU WON'T
GET AWAY
WITH THIS!

WHEN WE GET
THROUGH--THEY'LL
WANT TO TEAR THE
BLUE BEETLE
APART!



THE BLUE BEETLE



THE BLUE BEETLE'S MIGHTY MUSCLES SENDS THE FERRYBOAT SURGING OUT OF THE WATER--



BUT GLOAT IS HALTED BY A STRANGE POWER.



LEAVING THE FERRY ON A SKYSCRAPER---

WE'LL GET YOU FOR THIS BLUE BEETLE!

HELP! POLICE!

IT'S JUST YOUR IMAGINATION, GLOAT! THE BLUE BEETLE'S GOODNESS COULDN'T OVERCOME OUR POWERS OF EVIL! LET'S CONTINUE ON OUR RAMPAGE!

I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT, SATURNIA-- LET'S REALLY CREATE CHAOS!

MEANWHILE, MIKE, AND JOAN MASON FOLLOW THE CHAOTIC TRAIL--

NOW SEE WHAT HE'S DONE! STUCK A FERRY ON THAT SKYSCRAPER! THIS TIME I'LL PUT HIM BEHIND BARS!

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! IT'S SO UNLIKE THE BLUE BEETLE!

LOOK--HE'S HEADIN' FOR THAT ELEVATED TRAIN!

--AND SATURNIA IS WITH HIM! I FEEL AS IF THERE WAS A MYSTERY ABOUT HIS BEHAVIOR--WHICH COULD BE EASILY EXPLAINED IF I COULD REMEMBER SOMETHING!

HELP!

HE'S MAD!

HE OUGHTA BE PUT BEHIND BARS!

JOAN'S SUBCONSCIOUS MIND REMEMBERS THE TIME SATURNIA TOOK POSSESSION OF HER BODY AND MADE HER ACT UNLIKE HERSELF--BUT SUCH IS THE NATURE OF THAT UNIQUE POWER OF EVIL THAT HER CONSCIOUS MIND CANNOT RECALL THE INCIDENT!

LOOK! HE'S ELEVATED THAT TRAIN INTO THE AIR! THAT'S THE LAST STRAW! I'M GOING TO BRING HIM DOWN!

WHAT'S BEHIND THE BLUE BEETLE'S ACTS? WHAT FORCE? IT'S NOT LIKE HIM!

THE BLUE BEETLE

BUT WHEN GLORI, IN THE BLUE BEETLE'S BODY ATTEMPTS TO DROP THE TRAIN--

TWICE NOW, YOU'VE FAILED. INSTEAD OF DROPPING IT YOU SET IT DOWN GENTLY ON A BASE-BALL FIELD!

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT--THE BLUE BEETLE'S WILL OVERCAME MY EVIL INTENTIONS!



SCOOPING UP THE IRATE MIKE, THE BLUE BEETLE LEAPS TO A SKYSCRAPER!

YOU'RE TAKING YOURSELF TO JAIL? FINE, AND HURRY UP!

I'M GOING AS FAST AS I CAN!



FORGET THIS NONSENSE ABOUT THE BLUE BEETLE'S WILL! WE WILL RULE AS KING AND QUEEN OF EVIL IN SPIE OF EVERY OBSTACLE!

YOU'RE RIGHT! I'LL SLASH THROUGH THIS STEEL FRAME-WORK AND PLUNGE THE BUILDING AND WORKERS TO EARTH!



THERE'S THAT OTHER APE THAT'S ALWAYS CHASING US! GET RID OF HIM!

OF COURSE!

COME DOWN, BLUE BEETLE! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!



YOU CAN SEE EVERYTHING FROM HERE!

GET THE POINT? HA-HA!

COM BACK HERE! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ME!



WITH A SHATTERING CRASH, THE STEEL STRUCTURE BEGINS TO COLLAPSE---

HELP!



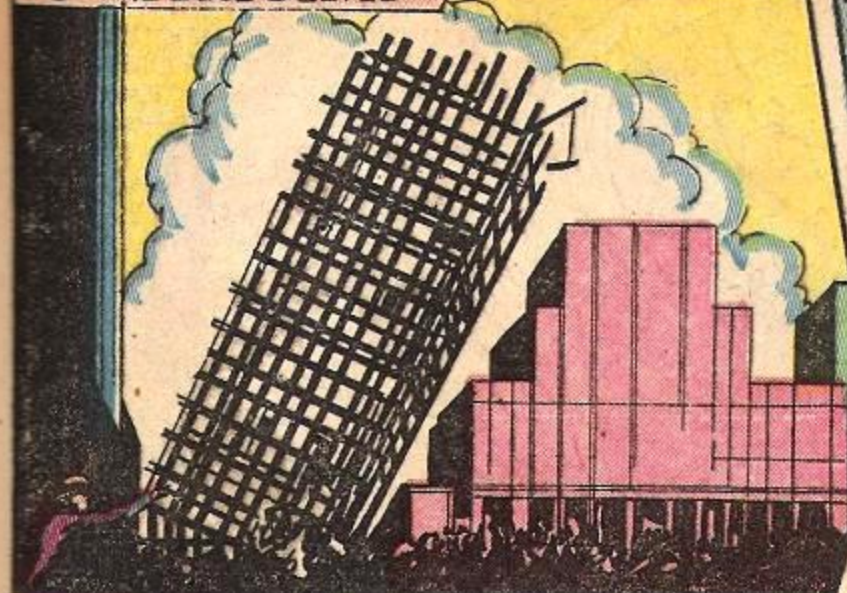
BANG!

CRASH!

WE'RE LOST!

THE BLUE BEETLE'S COMMITTED MURDER!

--AND TRAGEDY THREATENS TO MAR THE CAREER OF THE BLUE BEETLE--



A TERRIFIC STRUGGLE BEGINS IN THE BLUE BEETLE'S BODY BETWEEN THE EVIL GLOAT AND THE INHERENT GOODNESS IN THE NATION'S HERO--WHICH CAN NEVER BE OVERCOME--DESPITE ANY SATANIC POWER!

ENORMOUS FORCE BATTLING TO HURL ME OUT MUST RESIST-- UNTIL BUILDING COLLAPSES--BLOT- TING BLUE BEETLE'S CAREER FOREVER WITH MURDER-- MUST HOLD OUT--



JUSTICE, AS ALWAYS DEFEATS EVIL IN THIS INNER TITANIC STRUGGLE--

GLOAT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? A FEW SECONDS MORE AND THE ENTIRE BUILDING WILL COLLAPSE!

IT'S THE BLUE BEETLE'S WILL, FORCING ME--TO HURL MYSELF--UNDER THE STEEL FRAMEWORK--AND HOLD UP THE FOUNDATIONS WITH HIS OWN BODY!



SUPPORTING THE INERT STEEL MASS WITH HIS BODY--

CAN'T STAND IT--ANY LONGER! THE BLUE BEETLE --CAN HAVE HIS BODY BACK!

I FEEL--AS IF I'VE GONE THROUGH A VALLEY OF SHADOWS BUT EVERYTHING'S LIGHTER, NOW!



MEANWHILE--THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE WITNESSED THE BLUE BEETLE'S AMAZING VICTORY OVER THE FORCES OF EVIL--CHEER HIS EFFORTS!

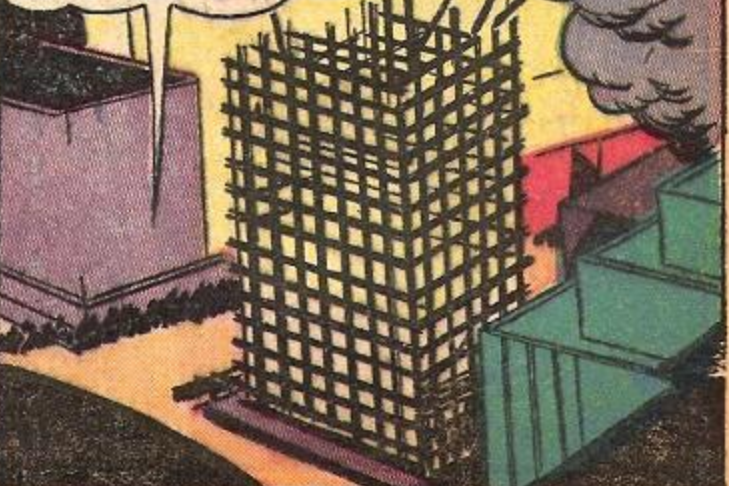
FLEEING--

JUST WHEN WE HAD THE BLUE BEETLE ABOUT TO BE DISGRACED FOREVER, YOU GO SOFT AND FLEE!

I COULDN'T HELP IT! HE'S TOO POWERFUL! WE'LL HAVE TO FIND SOME OTHER WAY TO BEAT HIM! LET'S GET OUT OF SIGHT, FIRST!



HURRAY, FOR THE BLUE BEETLE! DID JA SEE HOW HE TOSSED GLOAT OFF. WHAT A FIGHTER! LOOK HOW HE'S FIXED THAT CONSTRUCTION!



THE BLUE BEETLE

RACING AROUND THE CITY, THE BLUE BEETLE RESTORES ORDER AGAIN---



LEAPING ATOP A SKYSCRAPER.

HELLO, MIKE, OFF YOU GO! YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D FORGET YOU!

YOU'RE NOT GOIN' TO TALK YOURSELF OUTTA THIS ONE SO EASY!



THERE'S BEEN NO HARM DONE OFFICER!

LET HIM GO! WE NEED HIM!

I CAN'T BE COAXED!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, MIKE'S ONLY DOING HIS DUTY AS HE SEES IT!



NOTING THE CHANGE OF EVENTS ---

WITH THE BLUE BEETLE ON HIS WAY TO JAIL, NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO TRIUMPH!

MORE THAN A CHANCE! WE'LL TOSS A FEW FLAMING STICKS IN THIS STOCKYARD, LEAVE THE GATE OPEN AND STAMPEDE THE CATTLE!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER---

HA, HA! LOOK AT THAT STAMPEDE!

WHILE THEY SPREAD HAVOC, WE'LL CONTACT THE UNDERWORLD AND INAUGURATE OUR REIGN OF TERROR!



AS THE THUNDER OF THE ONRUSHING HERD SWELLS IN AWESOME VOLUME----

THE CATTLE HAVE STAMPEDED!

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!

HELP! HELP!



THE STAMPEDING CATTLE
NEAR THE CROWD FOLLOW-
ING THE BLUE BEETLE ON
HIS WAY TO JAIL ----

WE'LL BE
TRAMPLED
INTO THE
GROUND EVEN
YOU CAN'T
STOP THEM!

THE APEX
GLASS WORKS
IS JUST AROUND
THE CORNER
LET'S HURRY
THERE!



YOU DON'T
EXPECT TO
STOP A
STAMPEDE
WITH
MIRRORS
DO YOU?

IF I CAN
FIND ONE
BIG ENOUGH
I THINK
I CAN!



THE PLANT FOREMAN GIVES THE
BLUE BEETLE PERMISSION TO
USE A HUGE MIRROR STORED
ON THE ROOF!

THANKS! THIS
ONE WILL DO!
HANG ON, MIKE!

YOU'RE NOT
GETTIN' OUT
O' ME SIGHT!



THE CATTLE ARE
ALMOST ON TOP OF
THE PEOPLE! WHAT
MAD PLAN HAVE YOU
TO SAVE THEM?

YOU'LL
SOON
SEE!



AS THE GIANT MIRROR IS DROPPED IN
FRONT OF THE GALLOPING HERD ----

YE DID IT!
THE BEASTS ARE
SCARED STIFF OF
THEIR REFLECTIONS
IN THE MIRROR!
WHERE ARE YOU
GOING?

TO GET A NET BIG
ENOUGH TO DROP
OVER THEM!
CAN'T TELL HOW
LONG THE MIRROR
WILL HOLD THEM!
I'LL BE BACK SOON!



MIGHTY LEAP ZOOMS THE BLUE
BEETLE SEAWARD WHERE ----

AT CAMOUFLAGE NET--COVERING
AT OCEAN LINER-- IF I COULD
ONLY BORROW IT!



HIS REQUEST IS SPEEDILY GRANTED ----

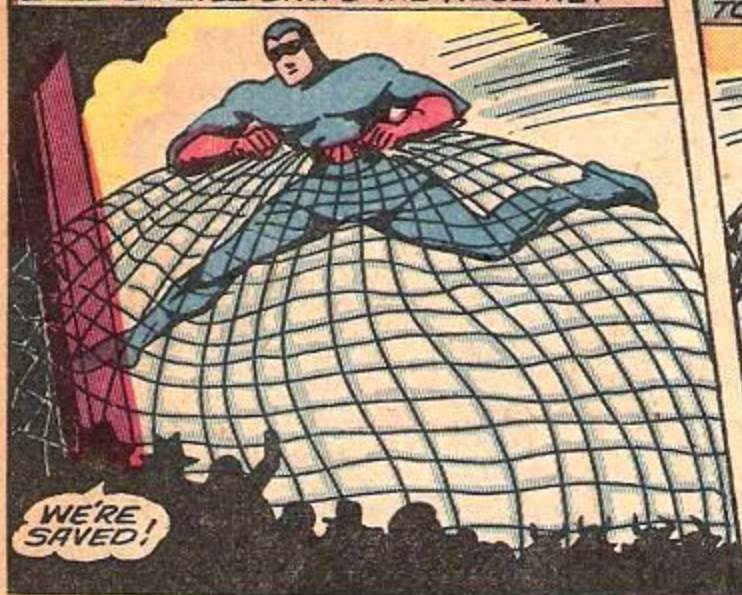
I HOPE THE BLUE
BEETLE WILL GET
THERE IN TIME!
THIS IS THE TOUGHEST
SPOT HE'S EVER
BEEN IN!



LOOK AT THAT
LEAP! IT'S
AMAZING!

THE BLUE BEETLE

DIVING OVER THE MADDENED HERD, THE BLUE BEETLE DROPS THE HUGE NET



LEAPING SKYWARD WITH THE TREMENDOUS LOAD, THE BLUE BEETLE RETURNS THE CATTLE TO THE STOCKYARD---



TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE STAMPEDE, GANGSTERS HAVE COME OUT IN THE OPEN.

FORK OVER, GRAN'PA BEFORE I PLUG YUH!

LOOK! THE SIGN OF THE BLUE BEETLE!



GLOAT--AND SATURNIA ARE IN AN O-OLD WAREHOUSE! I'LL TAKE YOU THERE!

I KNEW IT! LET'S GO!



AS THE BLUE BEETLE STEPS INTO THE WAREHOUSE ELEVATOR--- LATER---

IT'S LUCKY THE TELEVISION WARNED US OF VISITORS!

WE'VE JUST TIME TO REACH THE LEVER THAT OPENS THE FLOOR OF THE ELEVATOR BENEATH HIM!



AS THE ELEVATOR REACHES THE TOP FLOOR--

HELP! HELP!

GLOAT!-- SATURNIA--- TRICKED US!



HAVE THAT IMPISH PAIR FROM SATURN TRIUMPHED AT LAST? WILL THE BLUE BEETLE'S CAREER END AT THE BOTTOM OF AN ELEVATOR SHAFT? READ THE NEXT THRILLING CHAPTER IN THE BLUE BEETLE!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BELIEVE IT, BUT THE BROOKLYN SUBWAY ALWAYS HAS SOMETHING INTERESTING HAPPENING-- IT'S TRUE IT'S COLD IN WINTER AND TOO HOT IN SUMMER AND... WELL... IT'S ALSO VERY ODORIFEROUS! PARK AVE. DOESN'T RIDE IN IT-- BUT I THINK THEY MISS AN AWFUL LOT OF FUN--- DON'T YOU THINK SO?

HERE Y'ARE KIDS THE GREAT PRESTO, SUPER-MAGICIAN, GIVES YA THE OBRINE TWINS!

WHERE ARE WE WETMORE?

A GOOD BUOY

WE'RE AT LARGE OR... AT SEA... OR AT ALL...

I'M HUNGRY, WATERMAN! LET'S FOLLOW THAT BLONDE... WHERE THERE'S A GIRL THERE MUST BE SOME FOOD!

WETMORE! WHERE THERE'S A DAME, THERE'S TROUBLE... NOT FOOD! C'MON WE'RE GOING TO SPEND THIS FURLOUGH RIGHT! WE'RE TAKIN' THIS BROOKLYN TRAIN TO THE SAILOR'S ROOST HOTEL, IF I HAVE TO CARRY YOU THERE!!

TO ALL TRAINS DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN ETC.

OYEH!! HA!! HA!!

THE OBRINE TWINS



THE BLUE BEETLE

NO SOONER DID THE O'BRINE TWINS PAY THEIR FARES AND PASS THE TURNSTILES WHEN...
POOF!
AND THEY GO SMACK INTO SOMETHING! SOMETIMES IT'S FUNNY, BUT SOONER IT AIN'T!

HERE Y'ARE, FELLERS! GET ANYTHING Y'WANT- PEANUTS, HOTDOGS, DRINKS, BAIGLES, PICKLEJUICE... ANYTHING YOU LIKE?

ARE YA SELLIN' IT.. OR GIVIN' IT AWAY? ANYHOW, I CAN'T SEE ANY OF YER STOCK!

YEH! WHERE'S YER STOCK?

RIGHT HERE, IN MY HAT! ANYTHING Y'WANT YE CAN GET! JUST SAY THE WORD!

THE ANYTHING YOU WANT BUTTON

O-YEH? HOW ABOUT SOME BAIGLES - OUCH!!

O' SURE! BAIGLES FOR YOU--AN' I SUPPOSE YOU WANT SOME PICKLEJUICE! THERE Y'ARE-- PICKLEJUICE FOR PICKLEPUSS!

WHY YES--
OOSHH!

WHY YOU! YER JES' TALKIN' THRU YER HAT!

SO I'M JUST A PICKLEPUSS FER YER PICKLEJUICE WHY...I'LL SMASH YA TA PULD!

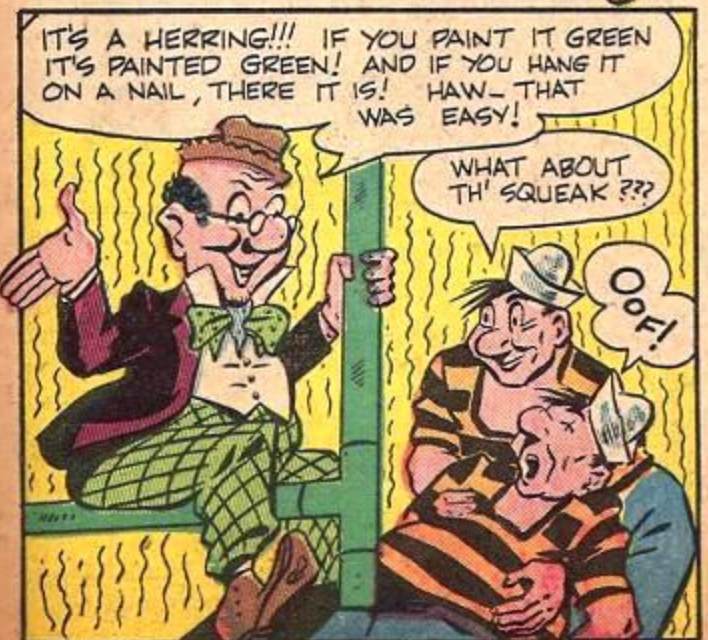
WELL - NOT EGGZACKLY BUT IN THE CASE OF SELF- DEFENSE!

WHAM!

MAYBE THIS DOESN'T STRIKE YA FUNNY--BUT HARD!!

TSE--TSE! MAYBE THAT WAS A LITTLE TOO HARD BUT MY HAT CAN FIX IT!

A LITTLE PEROXIDE, SOME IODINE AN A LITTLE TAPE PLASTER! THERE NOW--AS GOOD AS NEW?









THE BLUE BEETLE



The BLUE BEETLE

by
Offs

NO ONE, EXCEPT THE BLUE BEETLE, WHO IS IN REALITY, DAN GARRET, ROOKIE POLICEMAN, EXPECTED TO BE FLUNG INTO A CASE IN WHICH EVERY CLUE POINTED TO ONE PERSON ONLY... A PERSON IN WHOM HE RETAINED FAITH--WITHOUT A SINGLE SHRED OF EVIDENCE TO BACK HIM UP! AND YET, WHEN THINGS SEEMED MOST HOPELESS --- BUT READ THE STORY YOURSELF, THIS CASE WHERE YOU YOURSELF COULD VERY WELL BE A VICTIM OF THE CURSE OF

"THE TALKING JEWEL"

I AM THE MINDALI DIAMOND! WHOEVER HOLDS ME, HOLDS DEATH FOR HIMSELF--AND FOR OTHERS! IT IS TOO LATE TO SHRINK BACK! THE EVIL HAS BEEN LOOSED BY WHOEVER TOOK ME FROM MY RESTING PLACE! NO ONE CAN HALT THE MARCH OF DESTRUCTION NOW!



THE BLUE BEETLE

IF SOMETHING DOESN'T HAPPEN SOON ON THIS BEAT, I'M GOING TO ASK FOR A TRANSFER TO THE CEMETERY JUST FOR EXCITEMENT!

HOLD YOUR HORSEPOWER, MIKE! DOESN'T SOMETHING ALWAYS TURN UP WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT?



LOOK AT THAT CRAZY FOOL SPEEDING AS IF HE WAS IN A HURRY TO MEET THE UNDERTAKER!

HE MAY BE AT THAT! LOOK! HE'S HEADIN' STRAIGHT FOR THE RIVER!



THERE HE GOES, THE POOR DEVIL, INTO THE RIVER, TRAPPED IN HIS CAR! SHURE I'M GOIN' IN AFTER HIM!

I'LL LOOK AROUND MEANWHILE AND SEE IF I CAN'T FLAG SOME MORE HELP!

HELP!



BUT AS MIKE DIVES IN--

MIKE IS A VERY BRAVE FELLOW, BUT INSTEAD OF BEING ABLE TO RESCUE THE DRIVER, HE'LL MOST LIKELY NEED A LITTLE RESCUING HIMSELF, SO, THIS IS THE BEST TIME FOR DAN GARRET TO BECOME--



THE BLUE BEETLE!!!



POOR MIKE MADE A GAME EFFORT BUT HE'S CAUGHT ON THAT ROOT AND THE DRIVER OF THE CAR IS OUT! I CAME JUST IN TIME!



MIKE'S FREE! ONE DOWN AND ONE TO GO!

THE BLUE BEETLE! NOW, WHERE DID HE COME FROM? IT WOULD BE HIM TO RESCUE ME!

WITH PRECIOUS AIR BEING CONSUMED FAST...

LOOKS LIKE THE BLUE BEETLE CAME TOO LATE!

I'VE BEEN DOWN HERE-- LONGER THAN-- I THOUGHT--HE'D BETTER COME LOOSE AT THE NEXT TUG OR--

LOOSE! AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON! NOW--FOR SURFACE AND FRESH AIR--

(SPLUTTER-SPLUTTER) I OUGHT TO ARREST YOU, BLUE BEETLE!

SAVE YOUR BREATH AND HELP ME REVIVE THIS BOY!

DECLARING A TEMPORARY TRUCE, THE TWO WORK DESPERATELY--

ONE-TWO--HOW'S HE MAKING OUT, MIKE?

HE'S COMING OUT OF IT--I THINK HE'S TRYING TO SAY SOMETHING!

LET ME GO!

JUST THEN--

YOU HAD A CLOSE CALL THERE, YOUNG FELLOW! DON'T YOU KNOW THE DANGERS OF SPEEDING?

WHAT HAPPENED?

JUST AS I WAS TO MAKE A TURN, I TRIED THE BRAKE BUT IT WOULDN'T WORK! THIS WAS AN EMERGENCY! I HAD TO SPEED!

THERE'S BILL STEVENS! HE'S CAUGHT!

BILL STEVENS! I ARREST YOU FOR THE MURDER OF PROF. DALE--AND THE THEFT OF THE MINDALI DIAMOND!

BILL, HOW COULD YOU KILL MY FATHER! AND FOR A FILTHY LOOT JUST WHEN WE WERE TO BE MARRIED!

VIVIAN! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!



THE BLUE BEETLE

DO YOU REALIZE THAT YOU ARE ACCUSING YOUR OWN FIANCEE OF MURDERING YOUR FATHER, MISS DALE?

I HEARD BILL THREATEN TO KILL MY FATHER UNLESS HE GAVE HIM THE MINDALI DIAMOND! BY THE TIME I WAS ABLE TO UNLOCK THE LIBRARY DOOR BILL WAS GONE, AND WITH HIM THE DIAMOND AND--AND--FATHER WAS ON THE FLOOR DEAD!

IT'S A CLEAR CASE! I'M TAKING HIM BACK TO JAIL!

LOOKS AS IF YOU SAVED THE YOUNG FELLER'S LIFE, ONLY TO HAND HIM OVER TO THE HOT SEAT!

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT, MIKE! I HAVE A HUNCH HE'S INNOCENT AND I'LL PROVE IT!



YOU CAN'T PROVE THE LAD'S INNOCENCE BY GOIN' FER A SWIM!

I'M GOING TO BRING HIS CAR UP FROM THE RIVER BOTTOM! HE SAID THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE BRAKES! IF THAT'S TRUE PERHAPS IT WILL GIVE US A CLUE!

CLEARING THE WATER WITH POWERFUL STROKES---



WATER CERTAINLY MAKES EVERYTHING BUOYANT, IT'S EASY TO LIFT THE CAR!

HOPE I DIDN'T KEEP YOU WAITING LONG, MIKE!

LISTEN TO HIM NOW, JUGGLING AN AUTO AS IF IT WERE A PANCAKE! BEGORRA, BLUE BEETLE, I FIND MYSELF FORGETTING I'M GOING TO ARREST YOU AFTER I SOLVE THIS CASE!

AFTER EXAMINING THE CAR---

THERE'S NO DOUBT OF THAT! THE BRAKES HAVE BEEN TAMPERED WITH! THAT'S WHY THE POOR LAD LANDED IN THE DRINK!

IF HE TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT THE BRAKES-- THERE'S NO REASON WHY HE WASN'T TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT HIS INNOCENCE OF PROF. DALE'S MURDER! MIKE, AN INNOCENT PERSON IS BEHIND BARS! LET'S GO!



ARRIVING AT THE JAIL ---

JOAN MASON!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?

TRYING TO INTERVIEW
THE MURDER SUSPECT,
YOUNG BILL STEVENS!
NOT THAT HE WOULD
TALK TO ME OR ANY OTHER
REPORTER! DID MIKE ARREST
YOU, BLUE BEETLE?

NOT YET, MISS
MASON! WE'VE
DECLARED A SORT
OF TRUCE UNTIL
WE BREAK
THIS CASE!

IT'S NO USE! THE PRISONER
WON'T TALK! SEEMS AS IF
HIS CONSCIENCE BOTHERS
HIM! HE'S LIKE A CAGED
ANIMAL THERE ON THE
TOP FLOOR! THE SERGEANT
WON'T LET ANYONE
NEAR HIM!

HEY, BLUE BEETLE,
I DON'T LIKE
THAT LOOK IN
YOUR EYE!

WITH A MIGHTY LEAP...

YOU'LL NEVER
GET PAST THE
SERGEANT'S
DESK!

I'M TAKING A DETOUR
UP THIS WAY!

HEY! COME
BACK HERE!
YOU CAN'T
DO THAT!

GAINING ADDITIONAL MOMENTUM FROM A
WHIRL AROUND THE POLE ---

POOR BILL - MUST BE
EATING HIS HEART
OUT! NO WONDER
HE WON'T TALK
TO ANYONE!

ALIGHTING ON THE WINDOW SILL
OF THE STARTLED PRISONER'S CELL

THE BLUE
BEETLE!

YOU DIDN'T THINK
I DESERTED YOU,
BILL? I JUST
WANTED TO FIND OUT
ABOUT THE BRAKES
ON YOUR CAR
FIRST!

I THOUGHT SO! YOU'RE
LIKE ALL THE REST! YOU
THINK I'M THE KILLER!
WELL, YOU WON'T GET
ANYTHING FROM ME!

DON'T ACT LIKE A
CHILD, BILL! TO SAVE YOU,
I NEED YOUR HELP! I
BROUGHT THE CAR UP
FROM THE RIVER AND
EXAMINED THE BRAKES! YOU
WERE RIGHT ABOUT THEM!
NOW, TELL ME EXACTLY
WHAT HAPPENED
BEFORE YOU PLUNGED
INTO THE
WATER!

I RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM
VIVIAN TELLING ME SHE WAS IN
TROUBLE, NEEDED MY HELP
IMMEDIATELY! I WAS TO GO
TO AN INN ACROSS THE
RIVER! I RUSHED OUT IN MY
CAR, AND AS I WAS MAKING
THE TURN TO CROSS THE
RIVER, THE BRAKES
WOULDN'T WORK! YOU KNOW
THE REST! I SWEAR I
DIDN'T KILL PROF. DALE!

I BELIEVE YOU! I'M
GOING TO CALL
UPON YOUR
FIANCE!





TO BILL'S WRECKED CAR, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND SOME CLUE IN IT! WE'RE NOT TO CLEAR BILL! GOING TO BE ALONE!



SO SAD, BUT JUSTICE MUST BE DONE!



IT DOES LOOK BAD FOR BILL!

I HAVEN'T LOST FAITH IN BILL YET--AND I'M NOT GIVING UP!



ENTERING THE HOUSE--

THERE'S NO DOUBT OF BILL'S GUILT NOW! THIS IS THE MINDALI DIAMOND!

POOR MISGUIDED BOY!

WE'LL PICK HIM UP! THEN IT'S THE CHAIR FOR HIM!

JUST THEN, IN HARSH COMMAND FROM BEHIND!

HANDS UP! ALL OF YOU! AND DON'T TURN AROUND! ONE MOVE--AND I'LL SHOOT! I DIDN'T BREAK OUT OF JAIL FOR FUN! I WANT THAT DIAMOND! LET TANOME BRING IT TO ME! HURRY--OR I'LL--!

PLEASE MR. BILL, DO NOT MURDER AGAIN!

BILL-BILL! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

BETTER DO AS HE SAYS!

ALL RIGHT TANOME! BRING THE DIAMOND TO ME! AND COME ALONG AS HOSTAGE! IF ANYONE FOLLOWS, YOU'LL BE SHOT FIRST!

PLEASE, PLEASE SPARE ME!

OH, BILL! YOU CAN'T BE SO HEARTLESS!

THE BLUE BEETLE

A FEW MOMENTS LATER--

BILL'S GONE--WITH TANOME AND THE DIAMOND! THE COLD BLOODED KILLER!

WHY ARE YOU SO CALM? DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE NOT CONVINCED YET OF BILL'S GUILT? DO YOU NEED MORE PROOF?

I HAVE ALL THE PROOF I NEED! THE KILLER WAS IN THE SAME ROOM WITH US, THEREFORE COULDN'T BE BILL!

OF COURSE THE KILLER WAS IN THIS ROOM WITH US! DIDN'T WE ALL HEAR HIM?

AND IT WAS BILL'S VOICE! I SHOULD KNOW!

DO YOU FEEL ALL RIGHT, BLUE BEETLE?

MAYBE IT WAS MAMIE! ANYONE WHO'S SO CRANKY ABOUT A PIECE OF PIE!

I FEEL BETTER NOW! I KNOW MY FAITH IN BILL WAS JUSTIFIED!

MEANWHILE

WITH A MIGHTY JUMP, BLUE BEETLE IS ON HIS WAY!

WHILE YOU THINK IT OVER--I'M GOING OUT TO BRING THE MURDERER BACK! FOLLOW ME!

TANOME AND I HEARD THE FATAL QUARREL!

BILL SAID YOU PHONED HIM--AND YOU SAY YOU DIDN'T!

THE MINDALI DIAMOND WAS FOUND IN BILL'S CAR!

AND WE HEARD BILL TAKE TANOME AND THE DIAMOND WITH HIM! UNLESS WE ARE DAFT, NO, BILL MUST BE GUILTY!

THE KILLER AT LAST! WONDER WHY HE SWITCHED TO THE DIRT ROAD LEADING TO THE RIVER?



PLUNGING FROM ALOFT--

WE WILL SOON KNOW EVERYTHING! JUST AS SOON AS I WORK MY WAY AROUND TO THE FRONT!

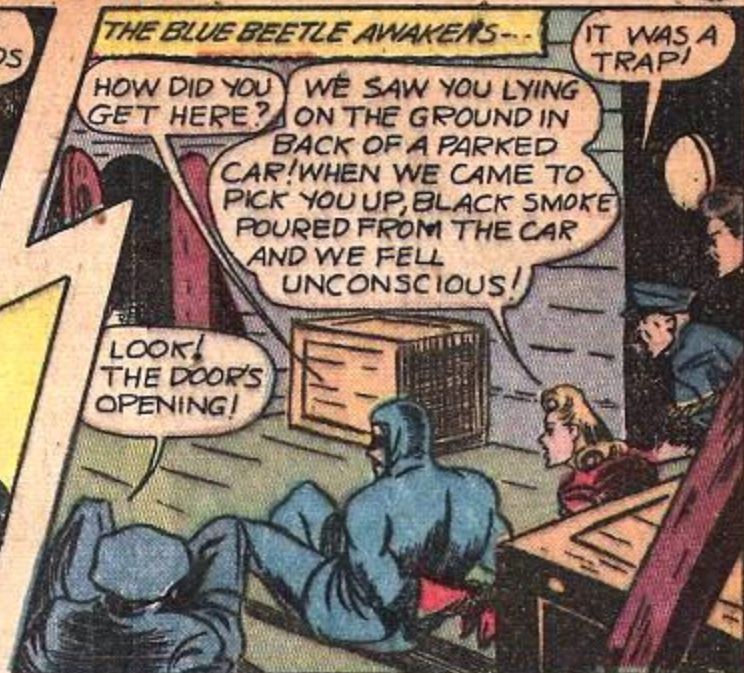
BUT, AS THE BLUE BEETLE RESTS MOMENTARILY, A STIFLING GAS POURS FROM THE CAR'S EXHAUST, AND--

THE KILLER--MUST HAVE SEEN ME--FUMES--TOO--STRONG! I--I--CAN'T BREATHE--AHH!





SO-YOU THOUGHT TO STOP ME! HA-HA! I KNEW YOU AND YOUR STUPID FRIENDS WOULD FOLLOW ME! SOON YOU SHALL ALL BE OUT OF THE WAY! AND-I HAVE THE MINDALI DIAMOND AFTER ALL!



THE BLUE BEETLE AWAKENS--

IT WAS A TRAP!

HOW DID YOU GET HERE?

WE SAW YOU LYING ON THE GROUND IN BACK OF A PARKED CAR! WHEN WE CAME TO PICK YOU UP, BLACK SMOKE POURED FROM THE CAR AND WE FELL UNCONSCIOUS!

LOOK! THE DOOR'S OPENING!



WHY, IT'S TANOME!

THANK HEAVENS YOU ESCAPED! HURRY, TANOME, FREE US!

OH, YOU BLIND FOOLS!

HERE COMES THE TRUTH-- LISTEN, EVERYONE!



SINCE YOU'LL ALL DIE HERE WHERE NO ONE WILL THINK OF LOOKING--I CAN ADMIT THAT THE BLUE BEETLE'S SUSPICIONS WERE CORRECT! I, TANOME, OF THE MINDALI CULT HAVE SWORN TO RECOVER THE SACRED MINDALI DIAMOND FROM PROF. DALE! I PRETENDED TO ASSIST HIM UNTIL THE RIGHT MOMENT CAME!



YOU PHONED BILL IMITATING MISS DALE'S VOICE! YOU ARE A VENTRILOQUIST! WITH BILL OUT OF THE WAY, YOU FAKED THE QUARREL IN THE LIBRARY BY IMITATING THE PROFESSOR'S AND BILL'S VOICES! YOU PLANTED THE DIAMOND IN BILL'S CAR, THEN YOUR GREATEST FEAT OF ALL! FOOLING A ROOMFUL OF PEOPLE INTO THINKING IT WAS BILL ORDERING YOU TO BRING THE DIAMOND TO HIM, WHEN IT WAS REALLY YOU!

VERY CLEVER! NOW THAT YOU KNOW ALL, IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO DIE--OONA BANA SEPINA RE!



O SACRED MINDALI, THESE SINNERS WHO HAVE TOUCHED YOUR SACRED DIAMOND, WILL BE PUNISHED IN THE HEALING WATERS!

PUNISHMENT BY DROWNING! I'VE GOT TO GET THAT KNIFE SOMEHOW BEFORE THE WHEEL TAKES US UNDER WATER----

YOUR SACRED MINDALI IS A BLUFF! IT'S WE WHO SHALL SURVIVE!



ENRAGED, TANOME HURLS THE KNIFE AT THE BEETLE--

TAKE THAT, BLUE BEETLE! THE KNIFE WILL DRINK YOUR BLOOD! O DONA, LET THE WHEEL REVOLVE! DROWN THE PIGS!

HELP! WE'RE GOING TO DROWN!



THE BLUE BEETLE

AS THE REVOLVING MACHINE TAKES ITS HUMAN FREIGHT BELOW THE WATER--



FREE--HAVE NO TIME--TO RELEASE OTHERS HAVE-TO-DO-SOMETHING MORE DRASTIC IMMEDIATELY--



RIPPING THE MACHINE FROM THE STEAMBOAT---

NOW FOR SOME FANCY JUGGLING! I'LL HAVE TO HOLD THE MACHINE WITH THESE PEOPLE ON IT, CLEAR OFF THE WATER IN ONE HAND, TREAD WATER, AND WITH MY OTHER HAND--



THE BLUE BEETLE LEAPS AFTER THE BOAT--

THAT'S WHAT I CALL A QUICK LANDING! NOW TO LET THOSE THUGS KNOW EXACTLY WHAT PORT THEY ARE IN!



FREEING HIS FRIENDS, THE BLUE BEETLE LEAPS TO THE ATTACK AND--

LOOK! IT'S THE SIGN OF THE BLUE BEETLE!



I'LL SEE THAT YOU ARE ON THE RIGHT ROAD--TO PRISON!

LATER, AFTER THE NEWS OF BILL'S RETURN--

WHAT MADE YOU SUSPECT TANOME? WHEN BILL SUPPOSEDLY TOOK TANOME AND THE DIAMOND WITH HIM, WE ALL HEARD TWO VOICES BUT ONLY ONE SET OF FOOT- STEPS DEPARTED! CONCLUSION-- TANOME WAS A VENTRILOQUIST! SO LONG!

BLESS YOU!



JUST SURPRISE-

THAT DISCHARGED
TORPEDOES COSTING
THOUSANDS OF
DOLLARS WERE
MERELY LEFT TO
WALLOW IN THE
OCEAN AFTER
TARGET PRACTICE
INSTEAD OF QUICKLY
RETRIEVED BY THE
NAVY....



- OR THAT OUR PILOTS
DIDN'T MAKE EVERY
EFFORT TO BRING IN
DAMAGED PLANES...



A I MIGHT HAVE
BROUGHT HER IN--
BUT WHAT THE
HECK---IT ONLY
COST A QUARTER
OF A MILLION!

-OR THE TANK MAINTENANCE
MEN SIMPLY MADE NO EFFORT
TO PUT BROKEN DOWN TANKS
BACK IN COMMISSION AGAIN--



LET IT LAY, JOE--
IT'S GOT A BENT
OIL CUP-- THERE'S
PLENTY NEW ONES

- OF THAT AFTER A BATTLE THE ARMY
SALVAGE MEN DIDN'T STEP IN TO
SAVE EVERY BIT OF USEFUL
MATERIAL.....



OKAY, MEN---
PILE IT ALL
UP!

- IF THIS HAPPENED YOU'D THINK
IT VERY WASTEFUL AND UNPATRIOTIC
WOULDN'T YOU? YET EVERY DAY
SOME FOLKS UNTHINKINGLY
WILL WASTE A VITAL WAR
COMMODITY LIKE THIS.....

LIZA- THROW
THAT WASTE PAPER
DOWN THE
INCINERATOR

YES'M!



**SCRAP PAPER
IS A REAL WAR
NECESSITY!
THERE IS A
SERIOUS SHORTAGE**

SAVE EVERY
SCRAP YOU CAN
AND

**HELP WIN
THE
WAR!**



*It's EASY
to
Win Her!*

... when You Know How!

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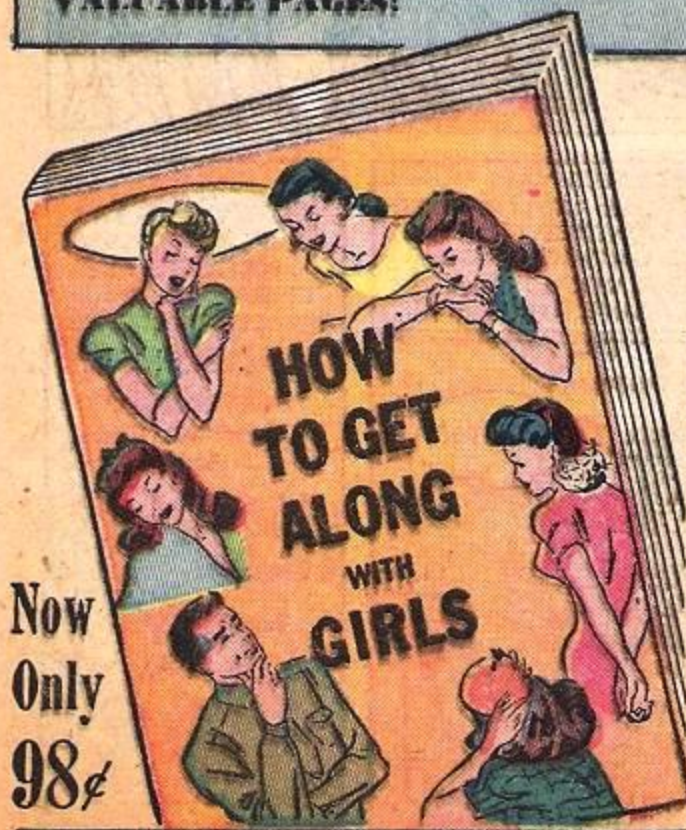
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