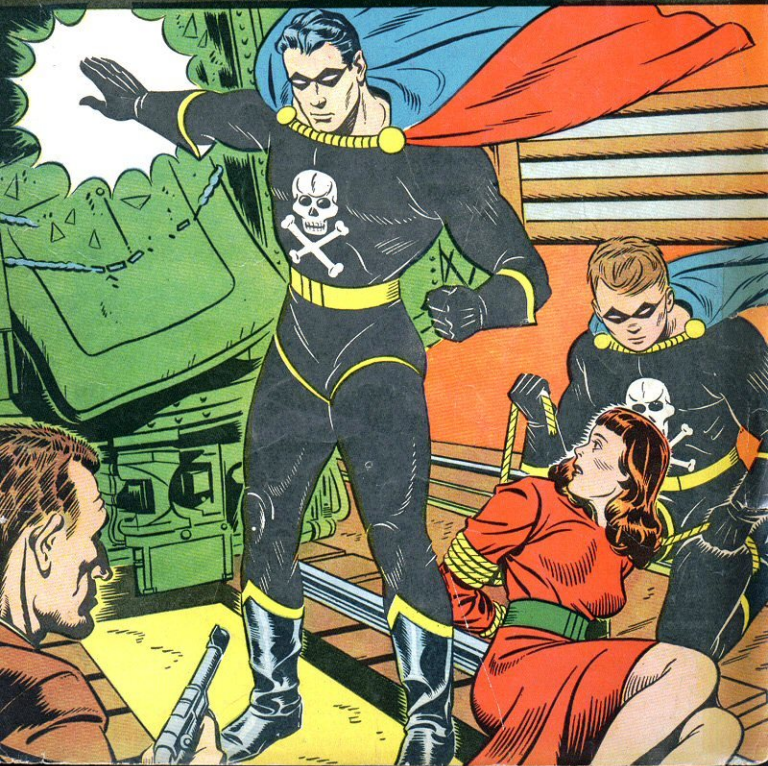


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ON BOB BENTON'S DRUG STORE, ACROSS FROM THE CITY HALL---

YOU'RE A WEEK LATE WITH THAT PROTECTION DOUGH!

I...I KNOW---BUSINESS IS BAD I'LL TRY TO HAVE IT FOR YOU TOMORROW!



WE'LL BE BACK TOMORROW, AND YOU'D BETTER COME ACROSS--OR ELSE!

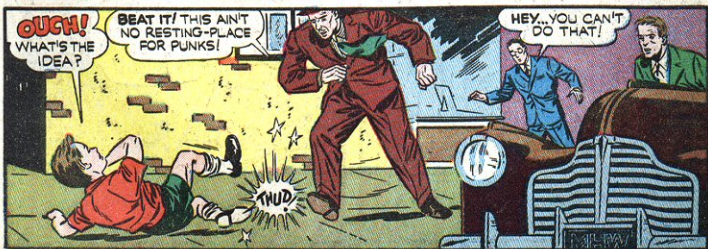
Y-YES, SIR!



OUCH! WHAT'S THE IDEA?

BEAT IT! THIS AIN'T NO RESTING-PLACE FOR PUNKS!

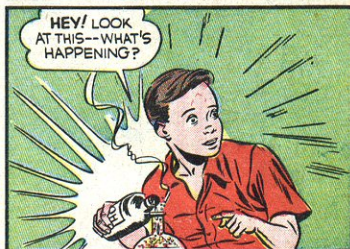
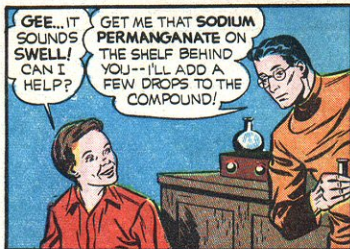
HEY...YOU CAN'T DO THAT!







**WHAT NIGHT, BOB BENTON EXPERIMENTS--**



SORRY I LOST MY TEMPER, TIM...  
WHAT YOU ADDED WAS **FORMIC ACID**,  
A FLUID OBTAINED FROM **RED ANTS**!  
I'LL HAVE TO START ALL OVER,  
I GUESS!

RED ANTS, EH?  
I ONCE READ THEY  
WERE THE STRONGEST  
THINGS ALIVE!

BY GEORGE--**I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!**  
I WONDER...MAYBE A FORMIC ETHER MIGHT DO  
IT! I'LL SPLIT OFF THE REPLACEABLE HYDRO-  
GEN...ADD A SUBSTITUTE RADICAL, AND SEE  
WHAT HAPPENS! IF YOU EVER PRAYED, TIM--  
**DO IT NOW!**

**THE FORMIC ETHER SHOWS A TERRIFIC  
REACTION!**

WOW! IT'S  
LIQUID  
DYNAMITE!

IT'S GIVING OFF AN ODD  
VAPOR! I WONDER WHAT  
THAT ODOR IS?

I...I FEEL LIKE LIVE STEEL IS  
POURING INTO ME! MY VEINS  
AND MUSCLES--EVERY-  
THING'S WAKING UP!

**THE MYSTERIOUS VAPOR BRINGS A GIANT  
STRENGTH TO BOB BENTON!**

GOSH! YOU JUST  
LEANED ON IT--AND  
IT BUSTED LIKE  
CARDBOARD!

ONE SIDE, PAL...I'M  
GOING TO TRY  
SOMETHING!

**MUSCLES TINGLING WITH MIGHT ANSWER  
HIS CALL!**

I THOUGHT SO! THE  
NEW FORMIC COMPOUND'S  
GIVEN ME THE STRENGTH  
OF A HERCULES! AND  
I OWE IT TO YOU,  
TIM!

OH, BOY--  
WHAT ARE  
YOU GONNA  
DO NOW?



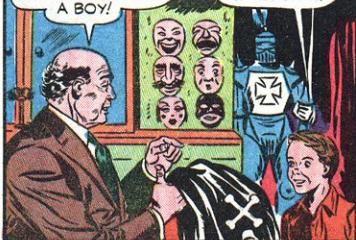
I'LL DO SOMETHING--I'VE ALWAYS DAY-DREAMED ABOUT--USE MY STRENGTH TO FIGHT CRIME AND EVIL! BUT NONE WILL KNOW THAT POOR BOB BENTON'S NO LONGER A WEAKLING! I WANT YOU TO GO TO A THEATRICAL COSTUMER TOMORROW MORNING...DON'T TELL HIM WHO IT'S FOR, BUT THIS IS THE KIND OF A RIG I WANT....



NEXT MORNING....

THESE ARE LEFT OVER FROM AN OLD PLAY! I'VE GOT ONE FOR A MAN AND ANOTHER FOR A BOY!

I'LL TAKE 'EM BOTH! BUT KEEP THE SMALL ONE HERE TILL I CALL FOR IT!



LATER, JEAN STARR PAYS A CALL ON BOB--

YOU OUGHT TO LEARN HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, BOB! IT WAS RIDICULOUS, COMPTROLLER CLARK HAVING TO RESCUE A GROWN MAN!

I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF HER! THOSE RATS ARE COMING FOR THEIR PROTECTION MONEY ANY MINUTE!



IM GIVES A COVERT SIGNAL!

HERE THEY COME NOW!

ER...WOULD YOU MIND STAYING HERE TILL I COME BACK, JEAN?



YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE HERE, EH? WHERE'S BENTON?

HE JUST STEPPED OUT...I GUESS HE'LL BE BACK SOON!



SO HE DUCKED, EH? GET TO WORK ON THE JOINT, BOYS!

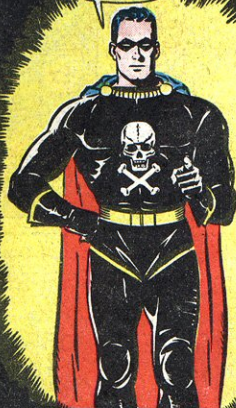
LET GO OF ME!

HERE GOES!



**S**UDDENLY A TERRIBLE FIGURE APPEARS  
IN THE DOORWAY!

HOLD IT--  
MUGGS!



WHAT'S THIS...A  
DRESS-UP PARTY?  
I'LL---OW-W!

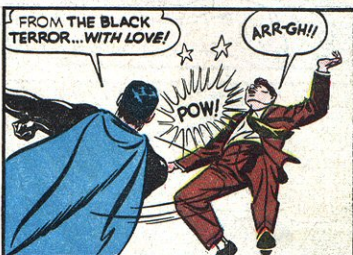
NOW IT'S  
MY TURN!



FROM THE BLACK  
TERROR...WITH LOVE!

ARR-GH!!

POW!



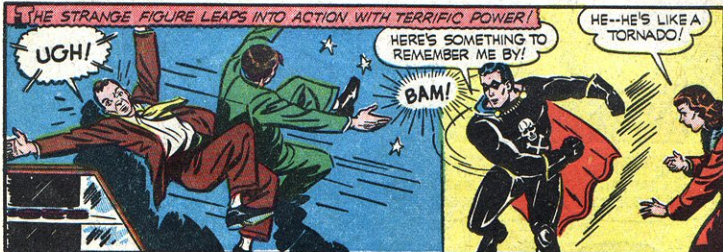
**T**HE STRANGE FIGURE LEAPS INTO ACTION WITH TERRIFIC POWER!

UGH!

HERE'S SOMETHING TO  
REMEMBER ME BY!

BAM!

HE--HE'S LIKE A  
TORNADO!

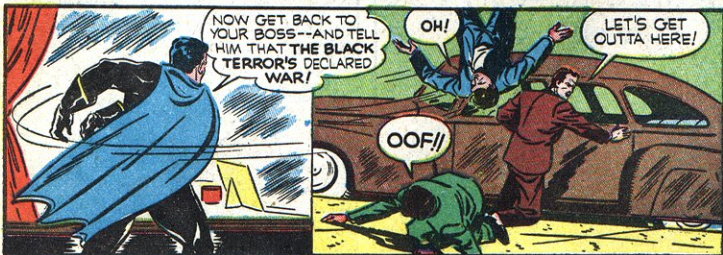


NOW GET BACK TO  
YOUR BOSS--AND TELL  
HIM THAT THE BLACK  
TERROR'S DECLARED  
WAR!

OH!

LET'S GET  
OUTTA HERE!

OOF!!

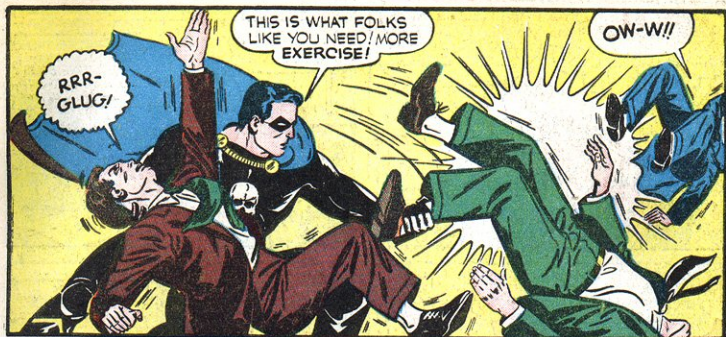






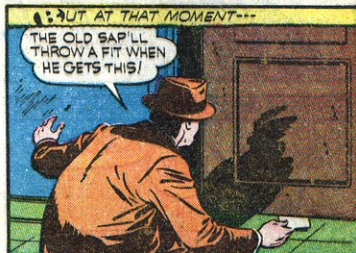
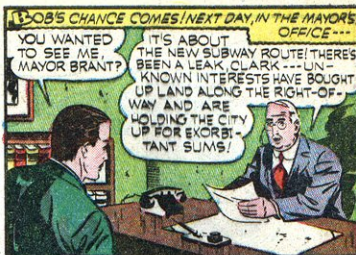
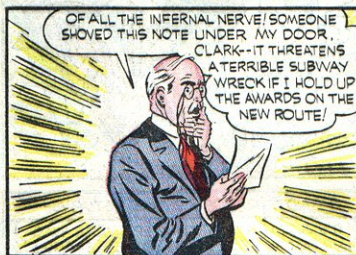




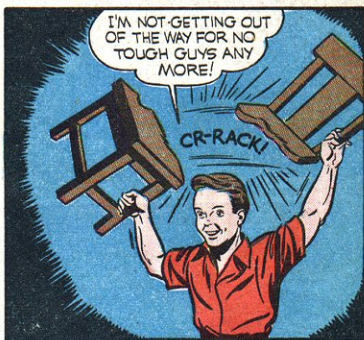
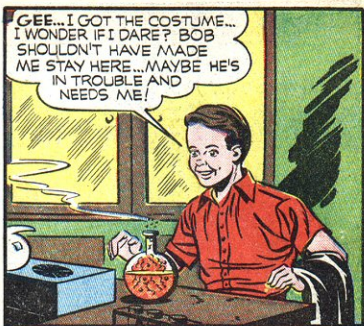
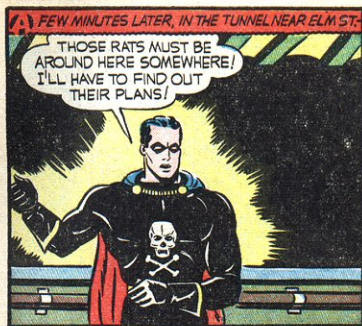


A SHORT WHILE LATER...









**SMASHING BLOW CATCHES THE BLACK TERROR OFF GUARD!**



**HE IS TIED TO THE TRACK, TO AWAIT A TERRIBLE DEATH!**



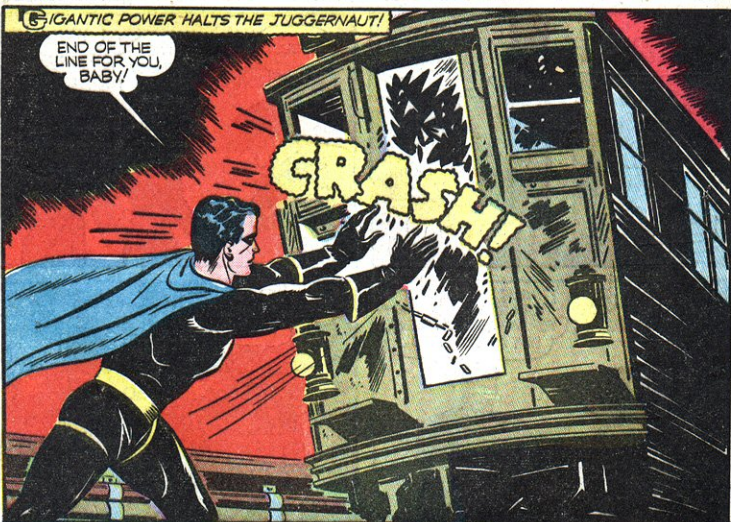
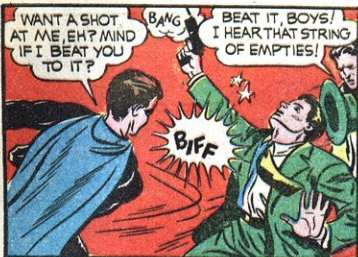
**SUDDENLY TIM MAKES HIS APPEARANCE!**

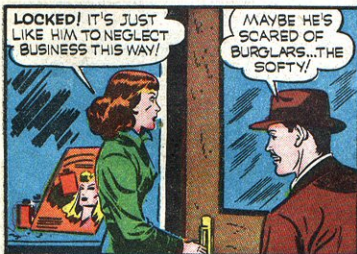


**WITH THE STRENGTH OF A MADDENED TIGER...TIM LEAPS TO THE ATTACK!**

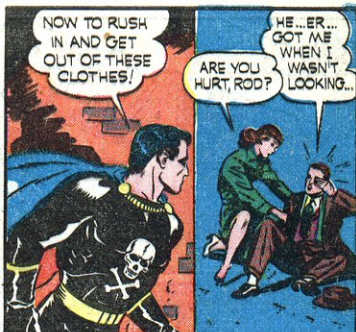


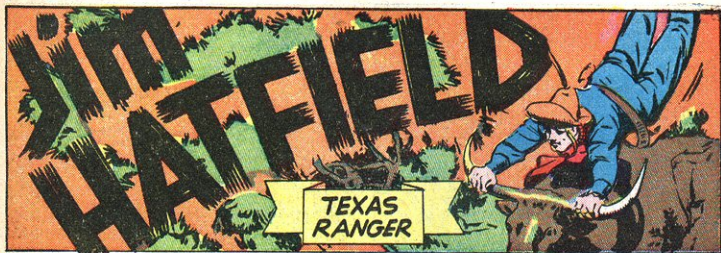












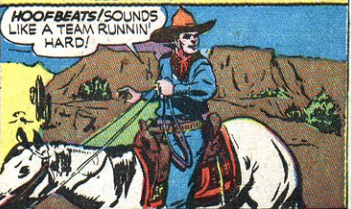
**JED TAGGARD AND HIS HENCHMEN RIDE TOWARD THE COMANCHE RESERVATION!**



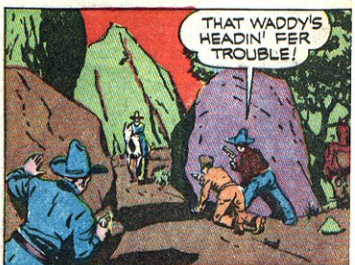
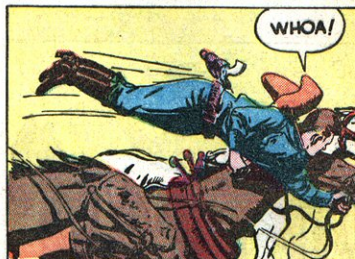
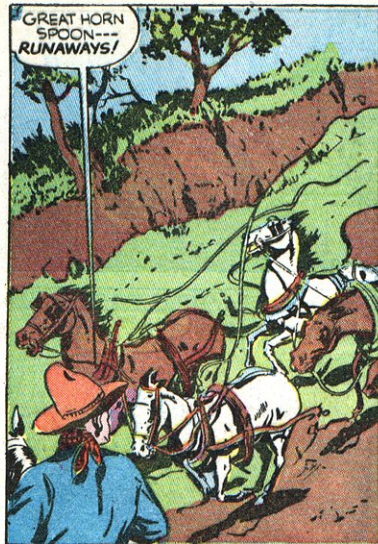
**CHIEF RED WOLF GROWS SUSPICIOUS!**



**!IN HOUR LATER...AS RANGER JIM HATFIELD RIDES THE PLAINS---**

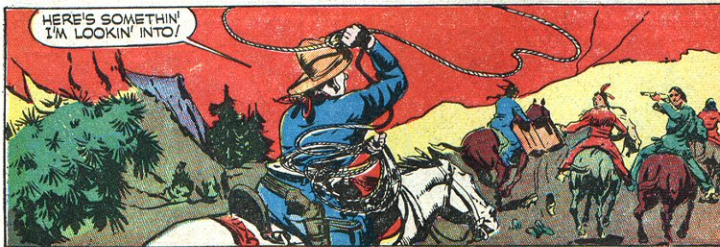
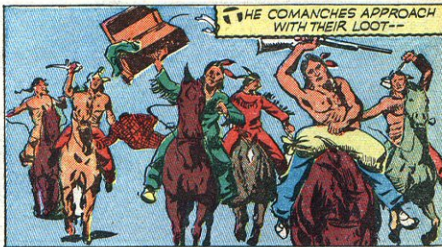
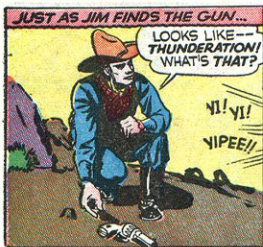


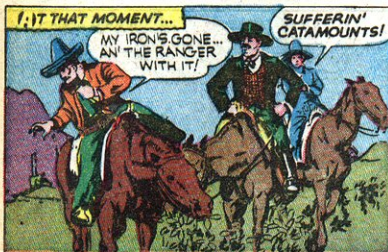




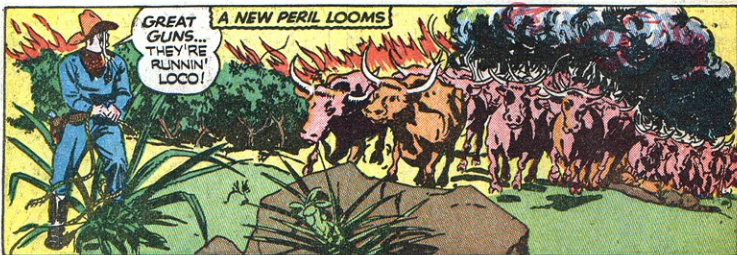








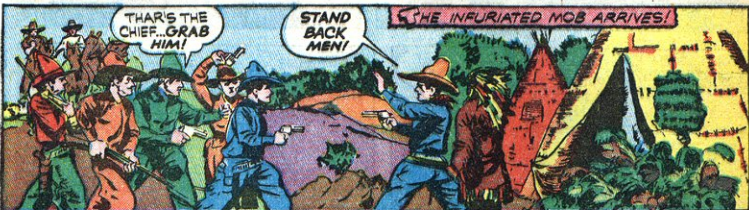
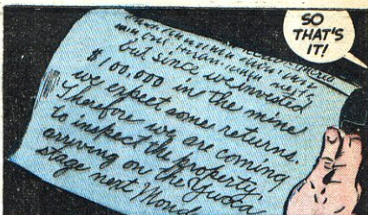








**JIM FINDS A BILLFOLD AMONG THE LOOT!**



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