

ALSO: THE MACABRE MAN THING IN: "THE GIFT OF DEATH!"

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PLANET OF THE APES AND DRACULA LIVES™

**HUMAN SLAVES!
APE MASTERS!**
THE DRAMA UNFOLDS
IN THIS ACTION-
PACKED ISSUE!



QUEST FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES

PRESENTING: AN ALL-NEW APES MASTERWORK-- MARVEL COMICS' SPECIAL TWO-PART INTERIM SAGA, BRIDGING THE EVENTS CHRONICLED IN THE 20TH-CENTURY-FOX MOVIES **CONQUEST OF THE PLANET OF THE APES** AND **BATTLE FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES!**

TWO YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE CHIMPANZEE **CAESAR**-- BORN OF THE INTELLIGENT APES OF THE FUTURE, **ZIRA** AND **CORNELIUS**-- LED THE POPULATION OF **APE SERVANTS** INTO OPEN **REVOLT**, AND DEFEATED **GOVERNOR BRECK** ON THE STEPS OF THE BUILDING FROM WHICH HE HAD **RULED**.

MUCH HAS HAPPENED IN THOSE TWO YEARS. CONSTRUCTION OF A **NEW CITY** HAS BEGUN, AND NOW NEARS **COMPLETION**...

...BUT THAT CONSTRUCTION IS PERFORMED BY **SLAVES** WHO ONCE RULED AS **MASTERS**... AND THOSE WHO ONCE FELT THE STING OF THE **LASH** NOW HOLD THE WHIP IN THEIR **OWN** HANDS...

[NDEED, **MUCH** HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

PART I: SEEDS OF FUTURE DEATHS

PERHAPS NO ONE IS MORE **AWARE** OF THE CHANGES WROUGHT BY THESE PAST TWO YEARS THAN HE HAS **CAUSED** THE CHANGES...



...HE WHO NOW STANDS IN THE WINDOW OF HIS NEW **HOME**, GAZING DOWN UPON THE BUSTLING SCENE OF **CONSTRUCTION**. REFLECTIVELY--
BROODINGLY...



...HE WHO IS CALLED, BY HIS OWN **CHOICE**--

CAESAR...?

IS SOMETHING **WRONG**, CAESAR?

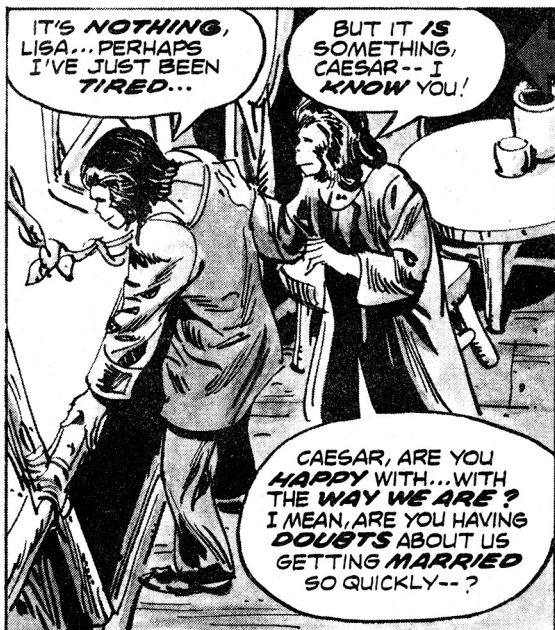
EH...?



OH, **LISA**-- NO, NOTHING'S **WRONG**! WHY?

WE'LL, YOU'VE BEEN SO... **DISTANT** THESE PAST FEW WEEKS--AS IF YOU'RE **WORRIED** ABOUT SOMETHING...

...OR...OR **RESTLESS**...



IT'S **NOTHING**, LISA... PERHAPS I'VE JUST BEEN **TIRED**...

BUT IT **IS** SOMETHING, CAESAR-- I **KNOW** YOU!

CAESAR, ARE YOU **HAPPY** WITH...WITH THE **WAY WE ARE**? I MEAN, ARE YOU HAVING **DOUBTS** ABOUT US GETTING **MARRIED** SO QUICKLY--?

LISA, IT'S NOT **THAT** AT ALL! I **LOVE** YOU, LISA--AND I COULDN'T BE **HAPPIER** WITH ANYONE ELSE...

YOU SHOULD **KNOW** THAT BY **NOW**, DEAR...



...BUT I GUESS I **AM** HAVING **DOUBTS**...ABOUT THE **WAY THINGS ARE GOING** OUT THERE...

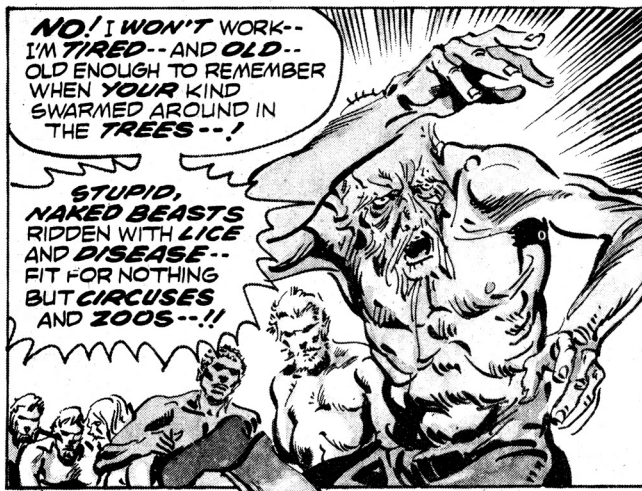
...THE **WAY WE'RE TREATING** THE **HUMANS**...



"USING THEM LIKE...LIKE **SLAVES**."

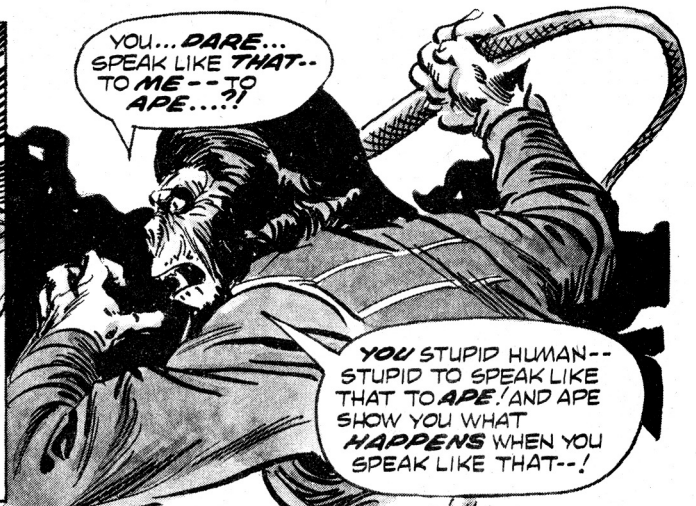
HUMAN WORK--WORK FASTER!!

SH-TRAK



NO! I WON'T WORK--
I'M TIRED-- AND OLD--
OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER
WHEN YOUR KIND
SWARMED AROUND IN
THE TREES--!

STUPID,
NAKED BEASTS
RIDDEN WITH LICE
AND DISEASE--
FIT FOR NOTHING
BUT CIRCUSES
AND ZOOS--!!



YOU... DARE...
SPEAK LIKE THAT--
TO ME-- TO
APE...?!

YOU STUPID HUMAN--
STUPID TO SPEAK LIKE
THAT TO APE! AND APE
SHOW YOU WHAT
HAPPENS WHEN YOU
SPEAK LIKE THAT--!



CAESAR--
NOO--!!



NO, ALDO--
STOP IT!!



CAESAR...? WHY
YOU DO THAT? WHY
YOU STOP ALDO--?

I TOLD YOU TO
SUPERVISE
THESE HUMANS,
ALDO-- NOT TO
TORTURE
THEM!



NOW GO--
GET OUT OF
HERE, ALDO--
GET BACK TO
WORK SOME-
WHERE
ELSE!

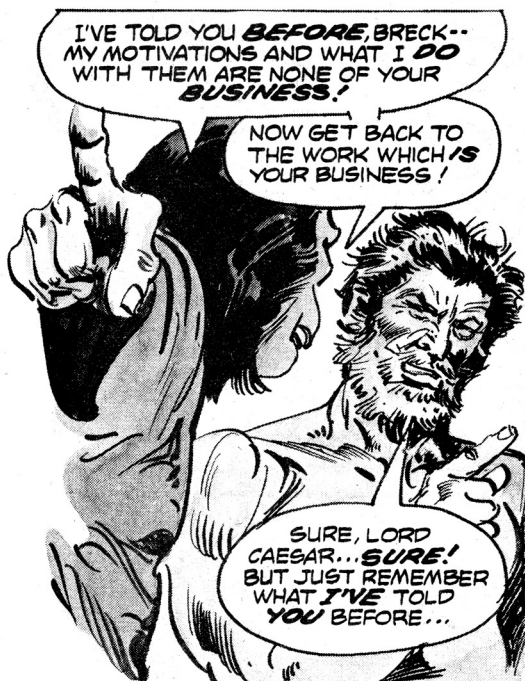
ALDO
GO... BUT
ALDO NOT
LIKE IT...

ALDO NOT
LIKE YOU
PROTECTING
HUMAN... AGAINST
APE...



PREVENTING CRUELTY TO
POOR ANIMALS, CAESAR...
CAESAR...?

OR DO YOU SIMPLY
ENJOY THROWING
YOUR WEIGHT AROUND--
LORDING IT OVER A BUNCH
OF GORILLAS WHO ARE
TOO STUPID TO
RESIST YOU...?



I'VE TOLD YOU **BEFORE**, BRECK-- MY MOTIVATIONS AND WHAT I **DO** WITH THEM ARE NONE OF YOUR **BUSINESS!**

NOW GET BACK TO THE WORK WHICH **IS** YOUR BUSINESS!

SURE, LORD CAESAR... **SURE!** BUT JUST REMEMBER WHAT **I'VE** TOLD YOU BEFORE...



...IF THE TABLES HAVE TURNED **ONCE**-- THEY CAN TURN **AGAIN!**

JUST **REMEMBER** THAT, CAESAR, BECAUSE I WON'T FORGET!

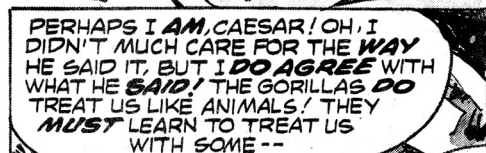
AND AS BRECK SWAGGERS AWAY, HIS FORMER **ASSISTANT** STUDIES CAESAR'S FACE FOR A SIGN OF DOUBT, OR **REGRET...**



...AND APPARENTLY **FINDS** IT.

DON'T BE **TOO** HARSH ON HIM, CAESAR! BRECK WAS ONCE **GOVERNOR** OF THE **WHOLE STATE**--HE RULED **ALL** OF US! IT MUST BE A PRETTY BIG **SHOCK** TO FIND HIMSELF JUST ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE HERD NOW GOVERNED BY HIS **FORMER SLAVE!**

ARE YOU **SYMPATHIZING** WITH BRECK BECAUSE HE WAS ONCE YOUR "**SUPERIOR**" MACDONALD?



PERHAPS I **AM**, CAESAR! OH, I DIDN'T MUCH CARE FOR THE **WAY** HE SAID IT, BUT I **DO** AGREE WITH WHAT HE **SAID!** THE GORILLAS **DO** TREAT US LIKE ANIMALS! THEY **MUST** LEARN TO TREAT US WITH SOME --



SOME "**HUMANITY**," MACDONALD? BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE **OPPOSED** TO US KEEPING YOU IN CAGES-- AS **HUMANS** KEPT **APES!**

YOU KNOW WHAT I **MEAN**, CAESAR--THEY'VE GOT TO TREAT US WITH MORE **DECENCY**--MORE **RESPECT!**



SEE? ALDO TELL YOU **TRUTH!** SEE **YOURSELF**--CAESAR SPEAKS WITH **HUMAN!**

CAESAR LIKE **HUMANS**... MORE THAN HE LIKE **APES!**



I DON'T THINK I'M **READY** TO RESPECT HUMANS, MACDONALD-- OR WHAT HUMANS HAVE **DONE!** GOODBYE!

BUT **CAESAR**--YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE A **CHOICE!** IT CAN'T **GO ON** LIKE THIS...! EITHER HUMANS AND APES MUST LEARN TO **LIVE TOGETHER** OR --

I SAID **GOODBYE**, MACDONALD!



YES, ALDO... WE **SEE!**

CAESAR LIKE **HUMANS** MORE THAN OTHER **APES!** THAT NOT **GOOD** FOR OTHER APES...NOT **GOOD** FOR **CAESAR!**

OBVIOUSLY, ALDO AND HIS FELLOW GORILLAS HAVE DRAWN THE **WRONG CONCLUSION**. BUT THEN, IT'S NOT **SURPRISING**... SINCE GORILLAS ARE NOT KNOWN FOR BEING VERY **BRIGHT**.

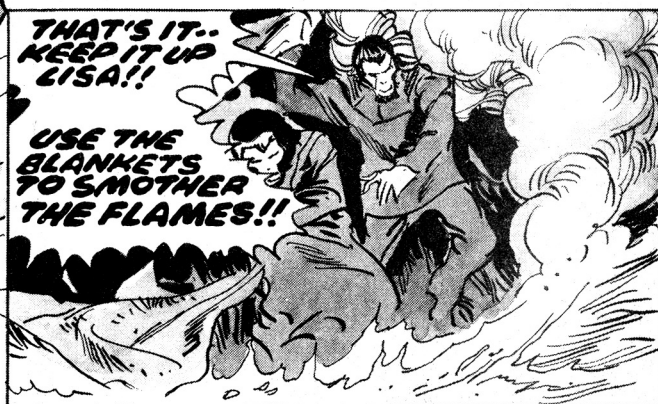
IT IS WELL INTO THE NIGHT BEFORE THE WINDOW OF CAESAR'S TREEHOUSE DWELLING IS FILLED WITH A SPLASH OF **LIGHT**. IT IS AT ABOUT THIS **SAME TIME** THAT THE SOFTEST OF **RUSTLINGS** EMANATES FROM THE FOLIAGE **BENEATH** THAT WINDOW...



THIS IS **SERIOUS**, LISA! I ALMOST WISH I'D NEVER EVEN **LED** THAT REVOLT!

OH COME NOW, DEAR--IT CAN'T BE ALL **THAT** BAD! YOU **KNOW** YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, AND IF YOUR CONSCIENCE IS WORRIED THAT YOU'RE **NOT** DOING THE RIGHT THING **NOW**...

...THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST **CHANGE** THINGS? LET THE HUMANS BE OUR EQUALS...



AND WHEN THE BLAZE IS NEARLY EXTINGUISHED...



IT'S ALMOST OUT,
CAESAR--BUT WHO
COULD HAVE--?

...CAESAR BOLTS TO THE WINDOW--

--IN TIME TO GLIMPSE A VAGUELY DEFINED **SHADOW**
IN FLIGHT.



WHO WAS IT
CAESAR--? CAN YOU
SEE ANYTHING--?



YES, LISA... I CAN **SEE**
SOMETHING! I CAN SEE
THAT MACDONALD WAS
RIGHT...

IT IS TIME...
TO MAKE A
CHOICE!



ALDO TELL YOU **HUMANS**
ARE BAD--NOT LIKE
APES--WHO ARE **GOOD!**

NOW ALDO
PROVE HUMANS
ARE BAD--!!



ALDO **PROVE** HUMANS ARE
BAD BECAUSE **HUMANS DO**
BAD THINGS--!

LAST NIGHT
HUMANS TRY
TO BURN HOUSE
OF CAESAR--!!



THIS **PROVE**
HUMANS ARE--

HOW DO YOU
KNOW IT WAS
HUMANS WHO
TRIED TO
BURN THE
HOUSE,
ALDO--?!

WHO...?



CAESAR--
IT'S
CAESAR--!

ALDO KNOW, CAESAR--ALDO
KNOW BECAUSE ALDO SEE
HUMAN THROW FIRE
INTO WINDOW...

YOU'RE
LYING,
ALDO--



--BECAUSE
I SAW A
GORILLA!

A GORILLA
WHO LOOKED
LIKE YOU,
ALDO!!

A LONG MOMENT OF SILENCE--STUNNED SILENCE--
FOLLOW CAESAR'S IMPASSIONED CHALLENGE...



...AND DURING THAT MOMENT OF UNEASY SILENCE,
THE CROWD DIVIDES ITSELF--VISIBLY DEMONSTRATING
ITS OPPOSING LOYALTIES...

YOU SAY ALDO...
NOT TELL TRUTH!

RIGHT THE
FIRST TIME, ALDO--
I'M CALLING YOU A
LIAR TO YOUR
FACE!



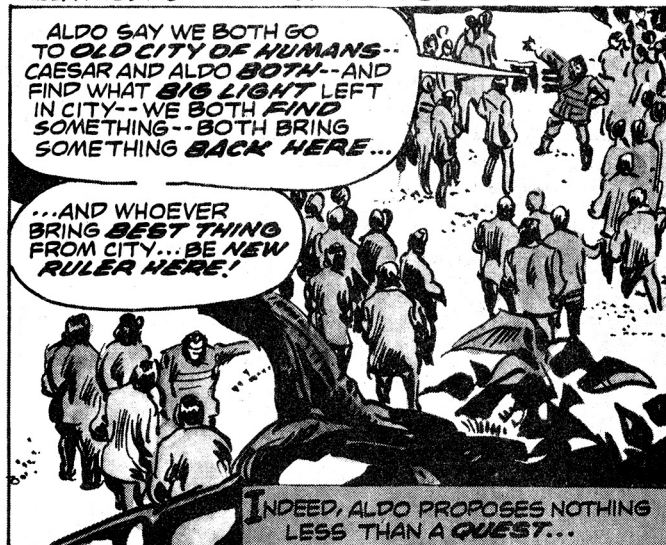
THEN YOU CALL ALDO
LIAR... TO PROTECT
HUMANS! THAT BAD
FOR APES--APES HAVE
BAD RULER IF YOU
RULE, CAESAR!

MAYBE TIME TO
DECIDE... WHO
RULE APES...

YOU OR ME,
EH, ALDO? ALL RIGHT--
HOW DO YOU
PROPOSE TO
DECIDE THE ISSUE?
HOW DO WE DETER-
MINE WHO IS
BETTER FIT TO
RULE THE CITY?

AT THIS STAGE, IT DOES NOT OCCUR TO ALDO
TO EMPLOY BRUTE STRENGTH--TO
RAISE HIS FIST AGAINST A FELLOW APE...AT
LEAST, NOT IN THE OPEN...

IRONICALLY, HIS RELUCTANCE TO DO WHAT HE DOES
BEST--TO ACT WITHOUT THINKING--FORCES
ALDO TO THINK HARDER, AND TO CONCEIVE A
RELATIVELY COMPLEX PROPOSITION...



ALDO SAY WE BOTH GO
TO OLD CITY OF HUMANS--
CAESAR AND ALDO BOTH--AND
FIND WHAT BIG LIGHT LEFT
IN CITY--WE BOTH FIND
SOMETHING--BOTH BRING
SOMETHING BACK HERE...

...AND WHOEVER
BRING BEST THING
FROM CITY...BE NEW
RULER HERE!

INDEED, ALDO PROPOSES NOTHING
LESS THAN A QUEST...



A MAD QUEST TO
BE CERTAIN--AND A
DANGEROUS ONE
BUT ONE WHICH THE
GORILLAS AT
LEAST SEEM TO
TAKE QUITE
SERIOUSLY...

ALDO! ALDO!
ALDO!

NO, CAESAR--DON'T
DO IT--DON'T GIVE
IN TO HIM--!

...EVEN IF MORE INTELLIGENT
HEADS PROCLAIM OTHERWISE.

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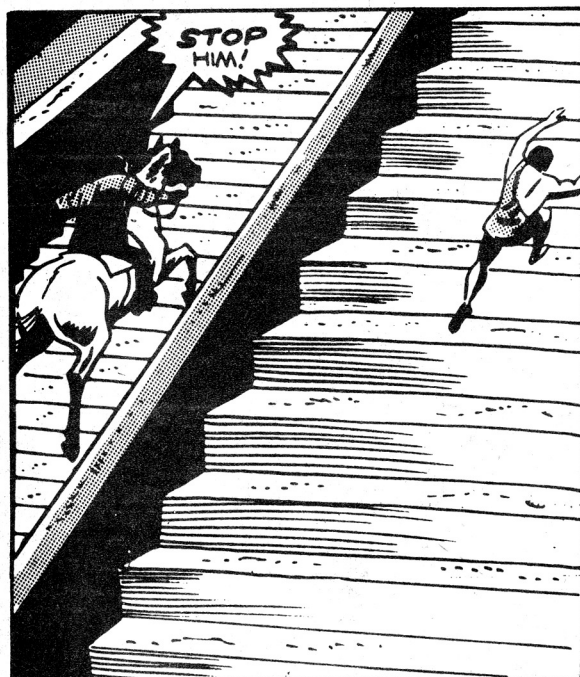
HAVING MOMENTARILY **ESCAPED** THE SHARP SCALPELS OF THE BUTCHER APE DOCTORS, **ASTRONAUT TAYLOR** FINDS HIS SHORT-LIVED FREEDOM IN **GRAVE DANGER** AS ARMED, MOUNTED POLICEMEN **SURROUND** HIM! AND IN THAT MOMENT, SINCE HE CANNOT TRY TO **REASON** WITH THEM DUE TO A MINOR BULLET WOUND IN HIS THROAT, A VOICE WITHIN HIM CRIES OUT THE ONLY CHOICE REMAINING...

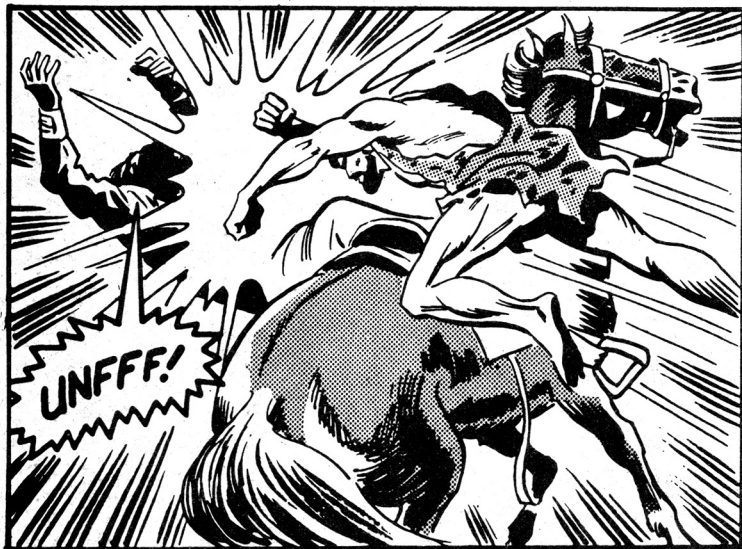
"...**RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!**"

IT'S NO USE! THEY'VE NEVER SEEN A HUMAN WHO CAN THINK AND REASON! I'M NO MORE THAN AN ANIMAL TO THEM!

KILL HIM IF YOU MUST! AND KEEP THOSE WHISTLES BLOWING! THEIR SIGNAL WILL BRING EVERY POLICEMAN IN THE CITY DOWN ON HIM!

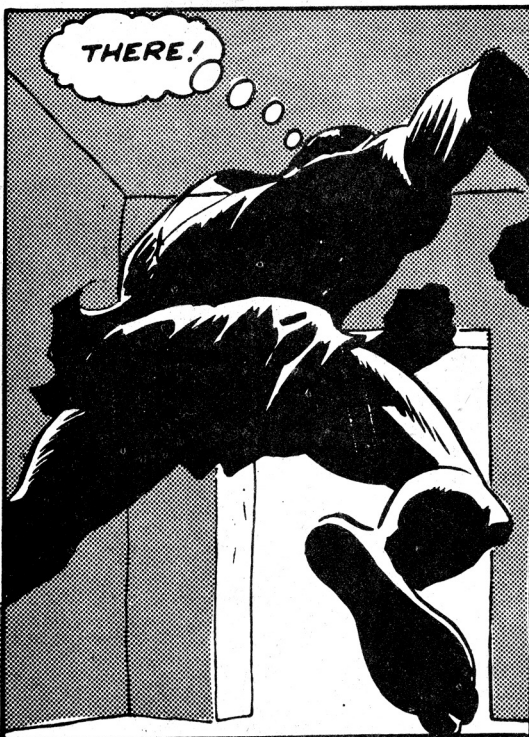
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