

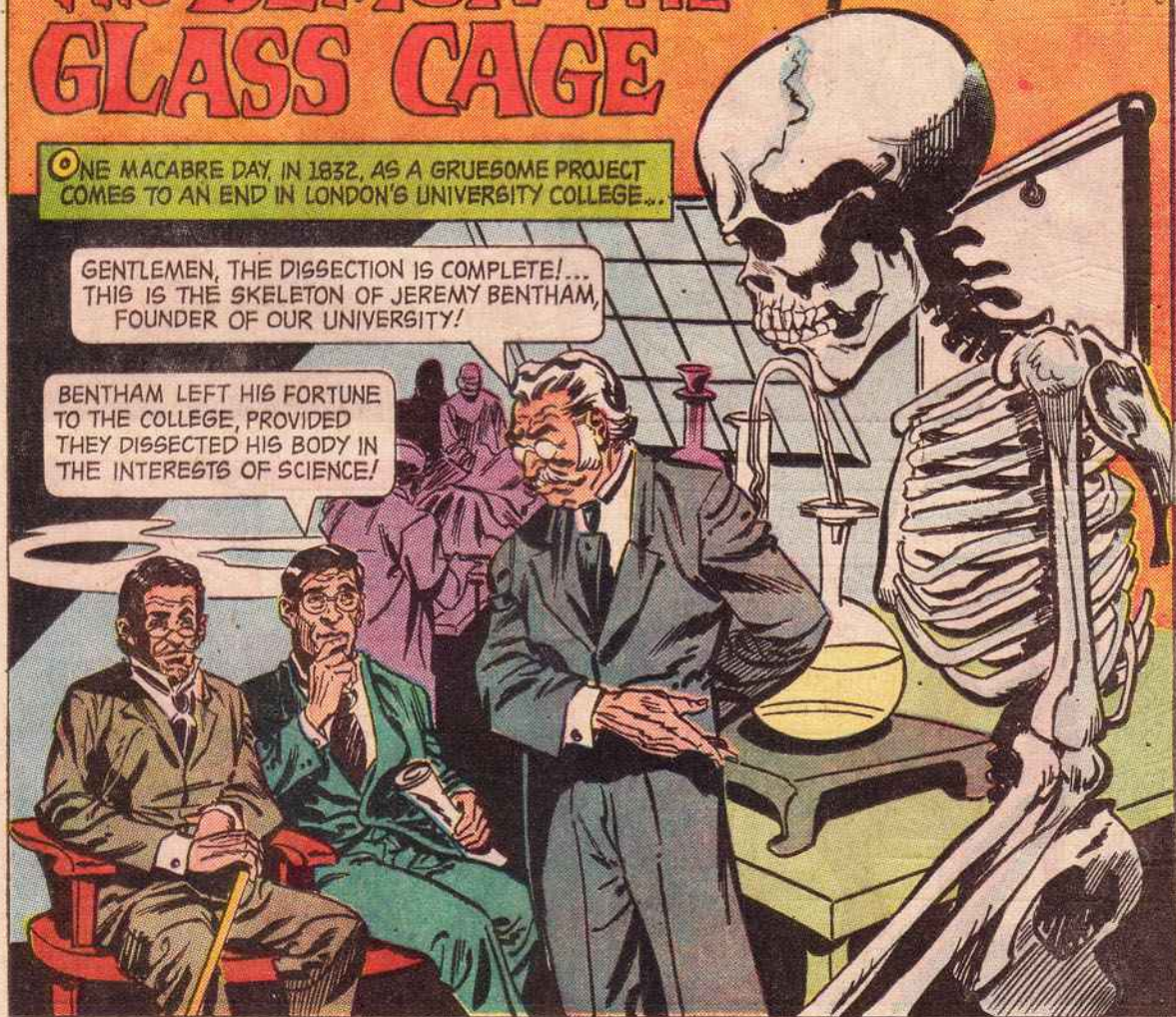
The DEMON IN THE GLASS CAGE

Readers - Believe it or not!!
TRUE DEMONS and MONSTERS

ONE MACABRE DAY, IN 1832, AS A GRUESOME PROJECT COMES TO AN END IN LONDON'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE...

GENTLEMEN, THE DISSECTION IS COMPLETE! ... THIS IS THE SKELETON OF JEREMY BENTHAM, FOUNDER OF OUR UNIVERSITY!

BENTHAM LEFT HIS FORTUNE TO THE COLLEGE, PROVIDED THEY DISSECTED HIS BODY IN THE INTERESTS OF SCIENCE!



BUT BENTHAM'S WILL HAS EVEN MORE EERIE PROVISIONS...

AYE! THE WILL ORDERED BENTHAM'S BONES TO BE PUT BACK IN HIS CLOTHES!

THE OLD BLIGHTER WAS DAFT! IT'S ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU THE HORRORS!



BUT, THOUGH BENTHAM'S SKULL WAS COVERED WITH A WAX HEAD...

THOSE EYES! :GASP: THEY LOOK ALIVE! IT MAKES MY SKIN CRAWL!





YET BENTHAM'S FINAL WISH IS MOST GROTESQUE OF ALL...

THERE IS NO MISTAKE, GENTLEMEN! OUR BENEFICATOR DIRECTED THAT HIS REMAINS MUST BE PRESENT AT ALL COLLEGE BOARD MEETINGS!

HOW GHASTLY! IF ONLY WE DIDN'T NEED THE MONEY SO BADLY!



BETWEEN BOARD MEETINGS THE ODD EFFigy IS ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY...

I CAN'T STUDY IN HERE! I TELL YOU I CAN FEEL THOSE EYES DRILLING THROUGH THE BACK OF MY HEAD!



BUT IN THE LONG DECADES THAT PASS, BENTHAM'S EFFigy BECOMES A COLLEGE TRADITION...

JEREMY BENTHAM -- PRESENT, BUT NOT VOTING!



THEN, IN 1955, THE COLLEGE BOARD REVOLTS

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS TAXIDERMIST'S NIGHTMARE! I MOVE WE TAKE THAT OLD BAG OF BONES AND PARK IT IN THE STOREROOM!

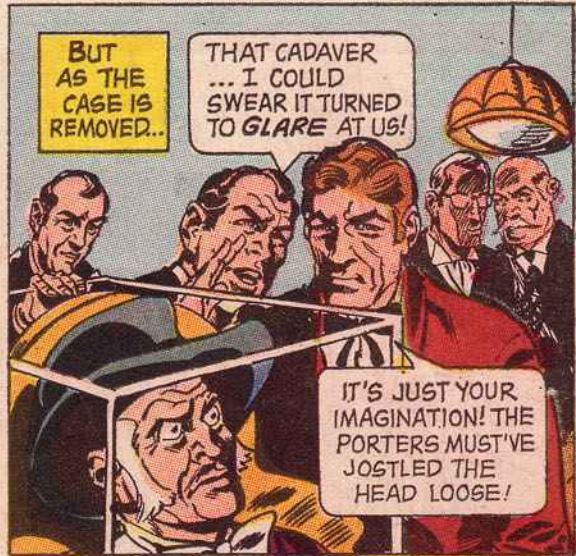
HEAR, HEAR! I SECOND THE MOTION!



AS THE QUESTION IS CALLED...

JEREMY BENTHAM -- PRESENT, BUT *NOT* VOTING! THE MOTION IS CARRIED!

THE OLD BOY ISN'T *PROTESTING!* HA! HA!



BUT AS THE CAGE IS REMOVED...

THAT CADAVER ... I COULD SWEAR IT TURNED TO *GLARE* AT US!

IT'S JUST YOUR IMAGINATION! THE PORTERS MUST'VE JOSTLED THE HEAD LOOSE!



SOON, IN THE STORE-ROOM...

I'LL BE GLAD TO SEE THIS BEASTLY MONSTROSITY HIDDEN OUT OF SIGHT!

A PITY THE OLD BLIGHTER'S HEAD CAME OFF WHEN WE MOVED IT!



BUT DON'T WORRY, MY LAD! YOU'LL BE SAFE UP ON THIS SHELF!



BESIDES, OLD BENTHAM'S APPEARANCE DOESN'T MATTER! WE WON'T BE SEEING MUCH OF HIM ANYWAY!

HA!
HA!





IN REVENGEFUL FURY,
THE DEMONIAK EFFIGY
RUNS AMUCK...

KRASHH! **THUMMP!**



AS THE COLLEGE STAFF
COWERS IN MORTAL FEAR...

IT CAN'T BE
BENTHAM! HE'S
BEEN DEAD MORE
THAN A CENTURY!

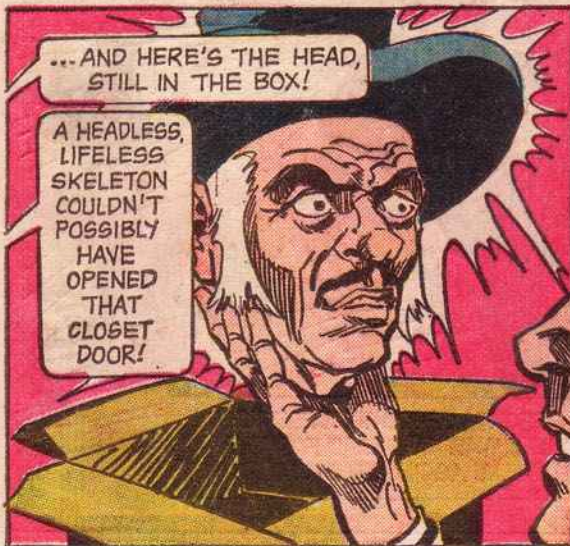
WHATEVER
IT IS...

IT'S GO-
ING BACK
INTO THE
STORE-
ROOM!



FEARFULLY, THEY
INVESTIGATE...

SEE? I TOLD YOU!
THERE'S THE
EFFIGY, SEALED
IN THE CASE...



... AND HERE'S THE HEAD,
STILL IN THE BOX!

A HEADLESS,
LIFELESS
SKELETON
COULDN'T
POSSIBLY
HAVE
OPENED
THAT
CLOSET
DOOR!



BUT **SOMETHING**
CAUSED ALL THIS
DESTRUCTION! I SAY
IT WAS A DEMON! A
DEMON CALLED
JEREMY BENTHAM!
WE SAW HIM WITH
OUR OWN EYES!

IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOW, THE FIENDISH EFFIGY GOES BERSERK TIME AND AGAIN...

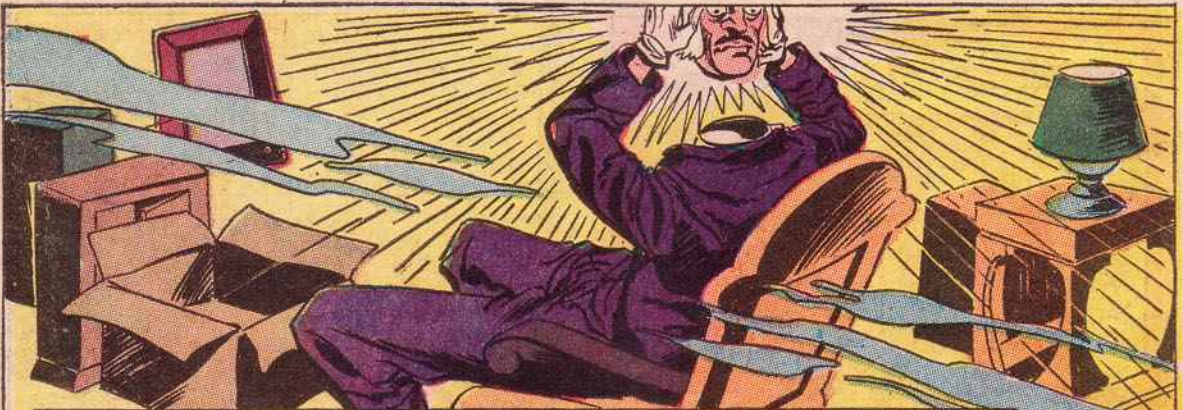


EACH TIME, FUTILE INVESTIGATIONS FOLLOW...

LAUGH IF YOU LIKE, BUT I STILL THINK THAT THIS GHASTLY THING CAN COME TO LIFE WHENEVER IT WANTS TO!



IF THIS HEAD COULD ONLY SPEAK!



FOR THE PAST DECADE THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF WANTON DESTRUCTION AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, BUT STUDENTS AND FACULTY WAIT IN DREAD FOR THE DAY THAT THE VENGEFUL DEMON, JEREMY BENTHAM, WALKS AGAIN, *BELIEVE IT OR NOT!*