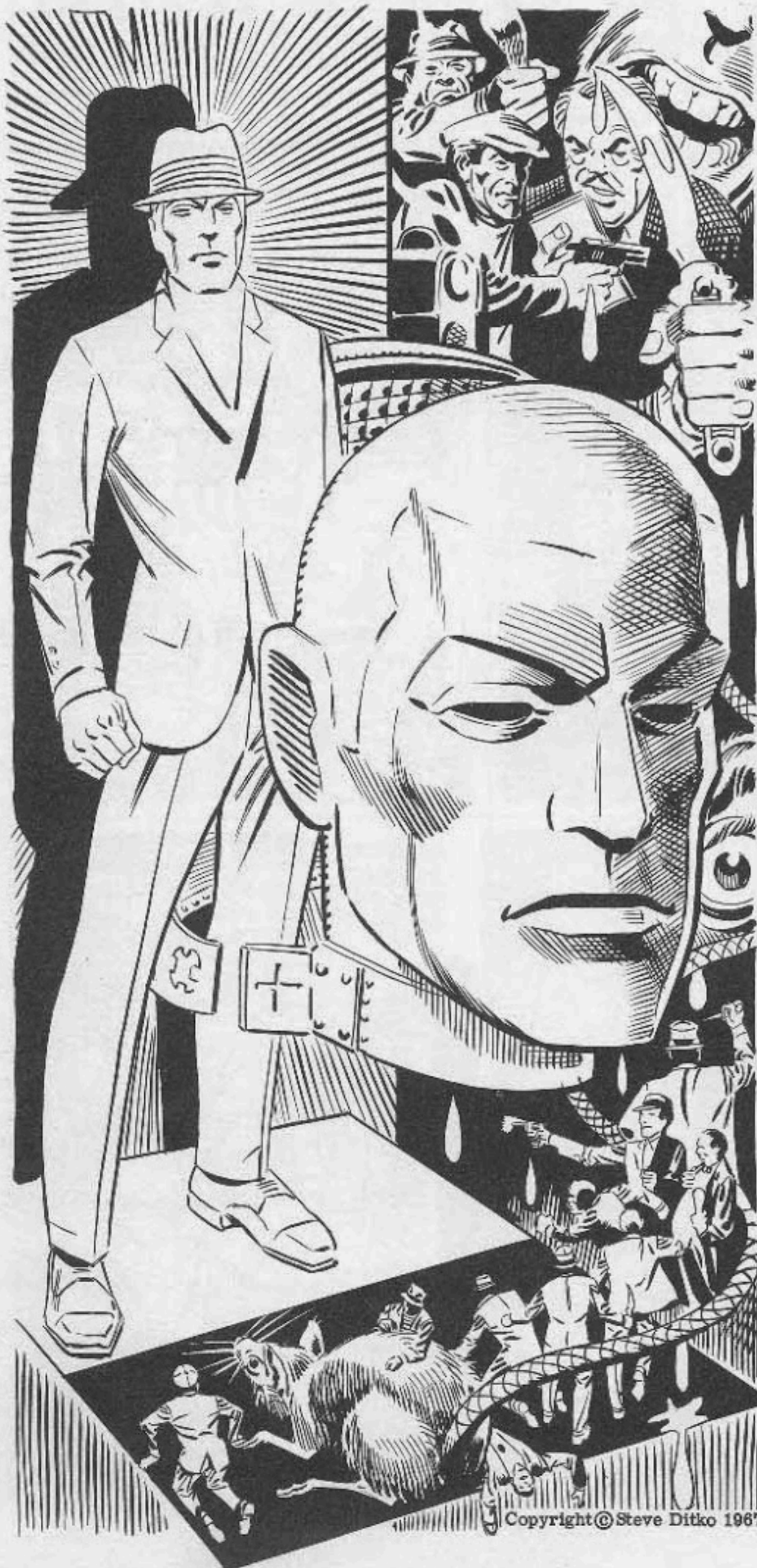


MR.A.

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FOOLS WILL TELL YOU THAT THERE CAN BE NO HONEST PERSON! THAT THERE ARE NO **BLACKS** OR **WHITES**..... THAT EVERYONE IS **GRAY!** BUT IF THERE ARE NO BLACKS OR WHITES, THERE CANNOT EVEN BE A **GRAY**... SINCE GRAYNESS IS JUST A MIXTURE OF BLACK AND WHITE! SO WHEN ONE KNOWS WHAT IS BLACK, **EVIL**, AND WHAT IS WHITE, **GOOD**, THERE CAN BE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR CHOOSING ANY PART OF **EVIL!** THOSE WHO DO SO CHOOSE, ARE NOT **GRAY** BUT **BLACK AND EVIL** ...AND THEY WILL BE TREATED ACCORDINGLY!



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ANGEL, THE COPS SPOTTED US COMING OUT OF THE JEWELRY STORE WINDOW!

SO WHAT? THEY'LL HAVE TO CATCH US TO PROVE IT!

YOU SURE IT WAS ANGEL YOU SAW, MIKE? OKAY, YOU TAKE THIS SIDE!



ANGEL! COME OUT! MAKE IT EASY ON YOURSELF! DON'T BE FOOLISH... YOU CAN'T GET AWAAA...

*@☆! COPS! LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, ALWAYS PICKING ON ME... TELLING ME WHAT TO DO! NOT THIS TIME!



COME ON, STUPID! THAT'S ONE COP THAT WON'T BOTHER ANYONE AGAIN!

WHY DID YOU DO IT? WE COULD OF GOT AWAY... WHY?

MIKE.. MIKE! MY GOD, MIKE!!! WE'LL GET HIM MIKE... WE'LL GET HIM...



NO, NOT MY ANGEL! HE'S A GOOD BOY.. A MOTHER KNOWS! YOU'RE LYING!

YOU COPS ARE AFRAID OF GROWN UP CRIMINALS SO YOU BLAME CRIMES ON KIDS!

AND YOU GET YOUR KICKS, HUNTING THEM DOWN LIKE THEY'RE MAD DOGS! YOU HURT MY BOY...

MY ANGEL'S INNOCENT! GOD KNOWS HE IS!

GET ANGEL TO TURN HIMSELF IN!

AT A WELFARE CENTER ...

IT'S THE ENVIRONMENT! IT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIMINALS! WE SHOULD SPEND WHAT WE NEED TO BUILD PLAY-GROUNDS, CHURCHES PARKS, RECREATION CENTERS. YES, A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! ANGEL'S HEART IS GOOD! HE'S A VERY SENSITIVE BOY AND HE FEELS THINGS VERY DEEPLY!

DON'T QUESTION, ACCEPT & BELIEVE!

FAITH IS PROOF!

DON'T THINK, FEEL!



BALONEY! ENVIRONMENT IS JUST A BUNCH OF FACTS! IT'S NOT WHAT A PERSON SEES THAT DETERMINES HIS CHARACTER ... IT'S THE THINKING HE DOES, OR FAILS TO DO, ABOUT WHAT HE SEES! YOU SHOULD'VE GOT ANGEL TO USE HIS HEAD TO THINK WITH INSTEAD OF HIS SENSITIVE FEELINGS OR HEART!

IN THE BACKROOM OF A LOCAL PAWN SHOP ..

YOU'RE A LIAR, MORG! YOU'RE MIXED UP IN A FENCING SET UP.. TAKING THE STUFF KIDS STEAL, AND ANGEL IS ONE OF THEM!

I KNOW NOTHING! I'M CLEAN AND YOU CAN'T PROVE OTHERWISE.. COP!

AND I DON'T SCARE! I KNOW MY RIGHTS! NO ONE PUSHES ME AROUND! AND I DON'T LIKE YOU GUYS COMING HERE .. YOU GIVE MY PLACE A BAD NAME!

YOU'LL SLIP YET, MORG! YOU'RE TOO GREEDY NOT TO!

IF ANYONE KNEW I WAS WITH ANGEL! WHY DID HE HAVE TO DO IT?!



A LITTLE LATER

MORG ... HE .. HE GIVE ME THIS ...

THIS CARD ... IT'S THE CALLING CARD OF ... OF



MR. A!



WHERE'S ANGEL HOLED UP AT?



DON'T WASTE MY TIME! I WANT ANGEL!



LOOK HERE, A, I KNOW NOTHIN'... NOW GET OOOO!

IT'S MR. A!



MORG'S BLUFF DIDN'T WORK THIS TIME, BUT WE CAN TAKE HIM!

MR. A, GULP! EVERYONE SAYS HE NEVER GIVES A CROOK A BREAK! IF HE FINDS OUT ABOUT ME...

DON'T MAKE ME ASK AGAIN!



HERE'S YOUR ANSWER! *WHA?* THAT MASK HE'S WEARING MUST BE ARMOR!

YOU SCUM WANT IT THAT WAY, DO YOU!



EVERYONE JUMP HIM AT ONCE! SMAAA--!

IF THIS IS THE KIND OF DISCUSSION YOU SCUM WANT... YOU'LL GET IT!



I WON'T REPEAT THE QUESTION, MORG!

I'LL KILL YOAAAH!



STOP HIM! STOP THIS MADMAA--!

WHAT WILL HE DO TO ME IF HE FINDS ANGEL AND ANGEL TELLS HIM ABOUT ME??



NOW, SCUM, THAT LEAVES JUST YOU... AND ME!

I SWEAR TO GOD I DON'T KNOW. BELIEVE ME!! I DON'T!



NO! NO! I'LL TALK! I'LL TELL WHERE ANGEL'S HIDING!

I HAVE TO WARN ANGEL! I CAN'T LET MR. A GET HIM... OR ME!



WHILE IN AN EMPTY BUILDING ...

ANGEL! I HOPED I'D FIND YOU HERE! ANGEL, IS IT TRUE WHAT THEY SAY?

MISS KINDER, NO! I DIDN'T KILL THAT COP! I SWEAR IT! BUT NOBODY EVER BELIEVES ME!



I MADE ONE MISTAKE/NOW I ALWAYS GET THE BLAME! HONEST, MISS KINDER, I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT!

YOU POOR BOY! I UNDERSTAND, ANGEL, YOU CAN BE EASILY.... DEEPLY HURT... AND PEOPLE CAN BE SO CRUEL!



I TRY TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT! GOD KNOWS I TRY! BUT I NEVER GET ANY BREAKS! NO ONE HAS FAITH IN ME!

I DO, ANGEL, AND I WANT TO HELP YOU! I WON'T LET THEM DESTROY YOUR SENSITIVE NATURE!



ANGEL, MR. A IS COMING FOR YOU! HE KNOWS YOU KILLED THAT COP.. YOU GOT.. MISS KINDER?!

ANGEL!! IS THAT TRUE?? DID YOU...



YOU STUPID BIG-MOUTH! YOU BLABBED EVERYTHING!

NO, ANGEL! I'M YOUR PAL! CAME TO WARN YOU! PLEASE, ANGEL, LISTEN!



★@#* LIAR!

NO ANGEL DON..

NO. A A A A



SHUT UP OR YOU'LL GET THE SAME! NOW GET UP TO THE ROOF! MOVE!

ANGEL! WHAT'S COME OVER YOU? I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU LIKE THIS!



DON'T TRY ANYTHING! JUST MOVE!

OH, ANGEL, HOW COULD YOU.... **WHA!**



IT'S.... GET OUTTA MY WAY! I SAID GET--!

NO, ANGEL, I CAN'T LET YOU.. AAAA--!



I'LL KILL YOU!
I'LL KILL ANY-
ONE WHO GETS
IN MY WAY-
AH!

YOUR GOALS
NEVER WERE
REALISTIC!



HELP! PLEASE
HELP ME! I CAN'T
HOLD ON!



IT'S A BAD
CUT! YOU
NEED A
DOCTOR!

HELP! SAVE
ME! PLEASE!

ANGEL!
YOU
MUST
SAVE
ANGEL!



THE TIME IT TAKES TO SAVE
ANGEL COULD MAKE THE DIFFER-
ENCE IF YOU LIVE OR DIE! DO
YOU WANT TO DIE HERE ...TO
SLOWLY BLEED TO DEATH WHILE
I TRY TO SAVE ANGEL! YOU
TELL ME ... YES ... OR NO!

THE CHOICE IS YOURS.
WHO DO YOU WANT
TO LIVE? IT CAN'T
BE BOTH OF YOU!
TELL ME WHO IS TO
DIE? WHO?

I-I-I
OOOH
GOD
HELP ME...
I-CAN'T
SAY!

NO, YOU DON'T WANT TO
DIE! BUT YOU'RE ASHAMED
TO SAY YOU WANT TO LIVE!
LEFT TO YOU ... YOU'D MAKE
NO DECISION! YOU'D RATHER
LET YOURSELF DIE THAN ADMIT
YOUR LIFE IS MORE IMPOR-
TANT TO YOU THAN THE LIFE
OF A KILLER!



IT'S... NOT
FAIR TO
HAVE TO
MAKE THAT..
CHOICE!

WHO SHOULD MAKE
IT FOR YOU? WHO
SHOULD DECIDE
IF YOU LIVE OR
DIE! EVERYONE
BUT YOU?

BUT ANGEL,
POOR
ANGEL, I-I
FAILED
HIM - I'M
SORRY,
ANGEL, I'M
SORRY!

SAVE
ME!

YOU'RE
CRUEL!
YOU DON'T
HAVE ANY
MERCY OR
PITY...

I DON'T
ABUSE MY
EMOTIONS!



I HAVE NO MERCY OR COM-
PASSION FOR AGGRESSORS...
ONLY FOR THEIR VICTIMS...FOR
THE INNOCENT! TO HAVE ANY
SYMPATHY FOR A KILLER IS
AN INSULT TO THEIR VICTIMS.
EVEN IF YOU WEREN'T HURT...
I WOULDN'T HAVE SAVED
ANGEL!



AAAAAHHHH
End