



GENTLEMEN... MAY I INTRODUCE J. ARTHUR GROVER... HEAD OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, WHO HAS A PLAN THAT MAY INTEREST YOU!

AT THE F.B.I. CHIEF'S REQUEST... THE ARMY MEN DISGUISE THEMSELVES IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES, AND FOLLOW HIM THROUGH A SECRET DOOR TO A WAITING CAR...



WE'RE JUST CAUTIOUS, GENTLEMEN-- THIS PLAN MUST BE PROTECTED BY THE UTMOST SECRECY!



THEY ARE DRIVEN TO A SHABBY TENEMENT DISTRICT, AND PULL UP AT A SINISTER-LOOKING CURIO SHOP...



THIS SHOP IS MERELY A BLIND BEHIND WHICH OUR SECRET IS BEING PERFECTED!



THE DOOR SLOWLY OPENS AND A DWARFED, BONY HAND REACHES FOR A WAITING AUTOMATIC... THEN RECOGNIZING THE VISITORS-- REPLACES THE FIRE-ARM!



NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT... THESE MEN ARE HIGH RANKING ARMY OFFICIALS!

I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU, SIR! I THINK YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED THIS TIME!



THE FORMULA HAS BEEN FOUND... THEY ARE WAITING FOR YOU NOW!

THE OFFICIALS FOLLOW THE OLD SHOPKEEPER UP A MUSTY STAIRWAY... THROUGH A MAZE OF DECREPIT ROOMS AND STOP AT A HEAVILY BARRED DOOR, WHICH OPENS AT A WHISPERED COMMAND!



MR. GROVER... WE WERE HOPING YOU'D COME!

THE ASTONISHED MEN ENTER TO FIND A SURPRISINGLY MODERN LABORATORY---



THE ARMY OFFICIALS GASP IN STARTLED AMAZEMENT AS THE WRINKLED OLD SHOP-KEEPER SHEDS HER WIZENED FEATURES TO BECOME AN ASTOUNDINGLY BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN...



THE YOUNG LADY BEHIND THE RUBBER MASK IS X-13, ONE OF OUR MOST TRUSTED AGENTS!



GROVER AND HIS PRETTY AGENT SILENTLY MOTION THE ARMY MEN TO SEATS IN A SMALL OBSERVATION ROOM, AS THE SCIENTISTS REVEAL THE FRUITS OF THEIR EXPERIMENT---



SIDE DOOR OPENS...AND A FRAIL YOUNG MAN STEPS INTO THE LABORATORY...

DON'T BE AFRAID, SON... YOU ARE ABOUT TO BECOME ONE OF AMERICA'S SAVIORS!

CALMLY THE YOUNG MAN ALLOWS HIMSELF TO BE INNOCULATED WITH THE STRANGE SEETHING LIQUID...



THERE... IT IS DONE! NOW TO WATCH THE REACTION---



OBSERVE THIS YOUNG MAN CLOSELY... TODAY HE VOLUNTEERED FOR ARMY SERVICE AND WAS REFUSED BECAUSE OF HIS UNFIT CONDITION! HIS CHANCE TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY SEEMED GONE!



LITTLE DOES HE REALIZE THAT THE SERUM COURSEING THROUGH HIS BLOOD IS RAPIDLY BUILDING HIS BODY AND BRAIN TISSUES, UNTIL HIS STATURE AND INTELLIGENCE INCREASE TO AN AMAZING DEGREE!



THE PEOPLE IN THE OBSERVATION ROOM GAPE IN WONDER AT THE SCENE BEFORE THEM!

WH-WHY, LOOK...

HE... HE'S CHANGING!

IT... WORKS... IT... WORKS!



IT IS WORKING! THERE'S POWER SURGING THROUGH THOSE GROWING MUSCLES... MILLIONS OF CELLS FORMING AT INCREDIBLE SPEED!



BEHOLD! THE CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT OF ALL MY YEARS OF HARD WORK! THE FIRST OF A CORPS OF SUPER-AGENTS WHOSE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL ABILITY WILL MAKE THEM A TERROR TO SPIES AND SABOTEURS!

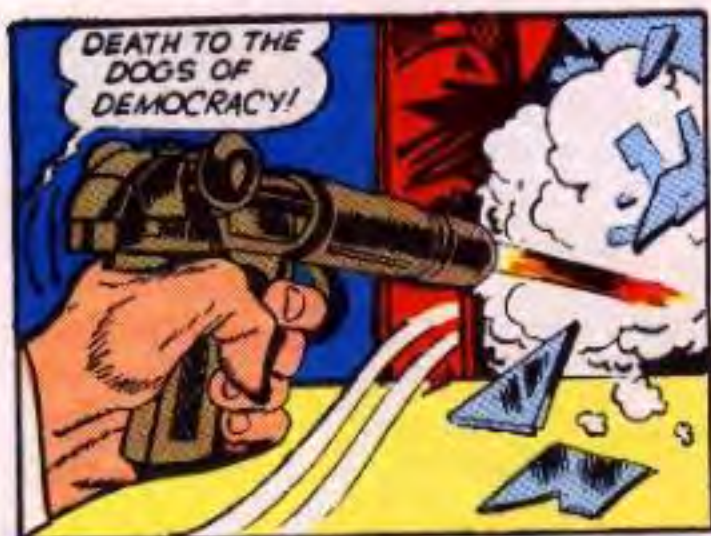


WE SHALL CALL YOU CAPTAIN AMERICA, SON! BECAUSE, LIKE YOU-- AMERICA SHALL GAIN THE STRENGTH AND THE WILL TO SAFEGUARD OUR SHORES!

**BUT** THE HAND OF DEMOCRACY'S ENEMY REACHES DEEP INTO THE RANKS OF AMERICA'S HIGH OFFICIALS... ONE OF THE ARMY MEN WITNESSING THE DEMONSTRATION IS IN THE PAY OF HITLER'S GESTAPO!



I'M AFRAID THIS IS ONE EXPERIMENT THAT MUST NEVER REACH ITS FINAL TEST!



THE SPY'S MUFFLED GUN SPEAKS AGAIN BEFORE THE GROUP CAN RECOVER FROM ITS SURPRISE-- THE VIAL CONTAINING THE VALUABLE SERUM SHATTERS INTO A THOUSAND PIECES!



HIS TREACHERY DISCOVERED--THE SPY TURNS HIS FIRE ON THE INFURIATED GROUP IN THE OBSERVATION ROOM--



HALF-CRAZED WITH FEAR AND PAIN--  
THE SPY STUMBLES INTO THE  
LABORATORY EQUIPMENT IN  
A FRANTIC EFFORT TO ESCAPE  
THE TERRIFIC BEATING!



HE BECOMES ENVESHED  
IN POWERFUL COILS OF WIRE  
WHICH, LIKE BANDS OF  
DEATH, CAUSE A MILLION VOLTS  
OF ELECTRICITY TO BURN  
OUT HIS LIFE!



NOTHING LEFT OF  
HIM BUT CHARRED  
ASHES... A FATE HE  
WELL DESERVED!



ALTHOUGH THE WONDER SERUM HAS BEEN  
DESTROYED--ITS FIRST CREATION... CAPTAIN  
AMERICA, BECOMES A POWERFUL FORCE IN  
THE BATTLE AGAINST SPIES AND SABOTEURS!

**CAPTAIN AMERICA  
CAPTURES SPY RING!**

CAPTAIN  
AMERICA  
NABS SPY!

CAPTAIN  
AMERICA  
PREVENTS  
DAM  
EXPLOSION

CAPTAIN  
AMERICA...  
NATION'S  
NO. 1  
SPY  
BUSTER!

**WHO  
IS  
CAPTAIN  
AMERICA?**

MAYBE  
YOU CAN,  
BUCKY... MAYBE  
YOU CAN!

WHO IS CAPTAIN AMERICA? A WHOLE  
NATION THRILLS TO HIS DARING EXPLOITS!  
HIS NAME BECOMES A SYMBOL OF COUR-  
AGE TO MILLIONS OF AMERICANS... AND A  
BY-WORD OF TERROR IN THE SHADOW-WORLD  
OF SPIES!



AT CAMP  
LEHIGH  
OF THE  
UNITED  
STATES,  
ARMY  
BUCKY  
BARNES,  
MASCOT  
OF THE  
REGIMENT,  
APPROACHES  
PRIVATE  
STEVE  
ROGERS...

OH... STEVE...  
STEVE! LOOKIT  
THIS... CAPTAIN  
AMERICA'S DONE  
IT AGAIN!



BOY--  
HOW I'D LIKE  
TO MEET THAT  
GUY! I WISH  
I COULD  
BE LIKE  
HIM!

