

DAREDEVIL

"The Greatest Name in Comics"

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PRESENTING

DAREDEVIL...WORLD'S MOST DARING MAN OF ACTION IN THE MOST ASTOUNDING STORY EVER RECORDED IN A COMIC BOOK...DAREDEVIL HATES CRIME AND EVIL AS PASSIONATELY AS THE UNDERWORLD LOVES IT... EVERY PAGE A POWDER-KEG OF FURIOUS EXCITEMENT... SO HOLD TIGHT AS THIS **BOMB-SHELL BLASTS INTO ACTION!!**



IT HAPPENED IN ARABIA AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY APRIL 10TH 1900 TO BE EXACT IT WAS THEN WHEN A GROUP OF SCIENTISTS FROM THE AMERICAN RESEARCH SOCIETY FOUND DEFINITE PROOF OF THE EXISTENCE OF PRINCESS SHEBA'S BURIAL TOMB! DEAD 3000 YEARS OUR STORY BEGINS WHEN PROFESSOR PIERCE WORLD FAMOUS ARCHEOLOGIST SPEAKS-



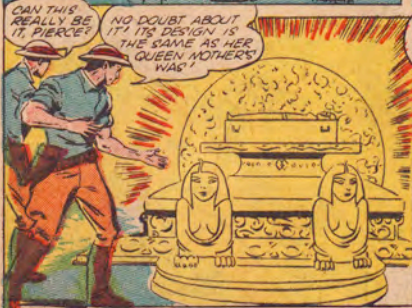
HERE IT IS, BOYS-AT LAST!

PIERCE PRACTICALLY STUMBLER OVER IT! IT'S HERE! THE MOST AMAZING CRYPT YOU EVER SAW! SOLID GOLD! HURRY!



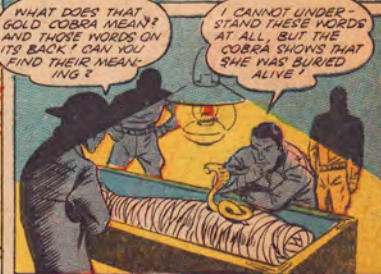
CAN THIS REALLY BE IT, PIERCE?

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! ITS DESIGN IS THE SAME AS HER QUEEN MOTHER'S WAS!



WHAT DOES THAT GOLD COBRA MEAN? AND THOSE WORDS ON ITS BACK! CAN YOU FIND THEIR MEANING?

I CANNOT UNDERSTAND THESE WORDS AT ALL, BUT THE COBRA SHOWS THAT SHE WAS BURIED ALIVE!

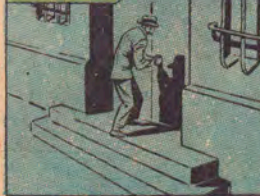


TIRELESSLY, THE MEN FINDER OVER THE CRYPT'S MESSAGES- DAY AFTER DAY, MONTH AFTER MONTH-

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FORTY YEARS PASS AND THE CRYPTIC WORDS ARE STILL A MYSTERY UNTIL ONE NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY-



IT IS MIDNIGHT WHEN PROFESSOR PIERCE, NOW AN OLD MAN, ENTERS THE MUSEUM-



THIS TIME I KNOW I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK! PERHAPS AFTER ALL THESE YEARS I'M GOING TO KNOW WHY SHE WAS BURIED ALIVE-LET ME SEE - THIS MEANS -

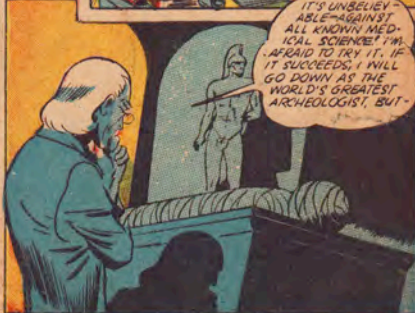
WHY IT SAYS THAT SHE CAN BE BROUGHT TO LIFE IF -



IF I PARTLY UNWRAP THE MUMMY, THEN IT SAYS THE INSIDE OF THE COBRA CONTAINS THE LIFE RESTORING SERUM-CAN THIS BE TRUE!

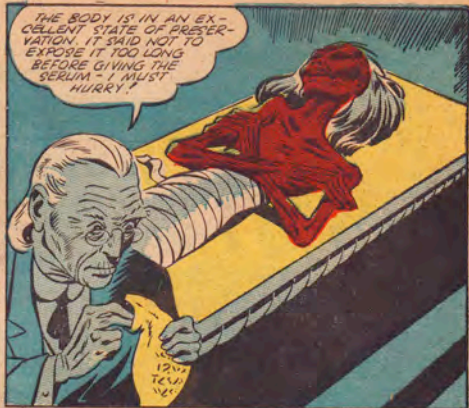


IT'S UNBELIEVABLE-AGAINST ALL KNOWN MEDICAL SCIENCE! I'M AFRAID TO TRY IT, IF IT SUCCEEDS, I WILL GO DOWN AS THE WORLD'S GREATEST ARCHEOLOGIST, BUT-





I WILL DO IT. IF I FAIL, I'LL BE DISGRACED. PROBABLY BECOME THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE SOCIETY, TO BELIEVE SUCH ROT!



THE BODY IS IN AN EXCELLENT STATE OF PRESERVATION. IT SAID NOT TO EXPOSE IT TOO LONG BEFORE GIVING THE SERUM - I MUST HURRY!



TEN DROPS, ONE DROP TO THE COUNT, THAT MEANS SECOND!

SEVEN EIGHT NINE TEN!



SAINTS OF HEAVEN! ITS SKIN TIGHTENS - THE EYELIDS, FLICK, IT MOVES! SHE'S ALIVE!



I'VE PINCHED MYSELF AND STILL I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! SHE'S THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING I'VE EVER SEEN!

THE PRINCESS'S SHEBA IS SECRETLY BROUGHT TO PIERCE'S HOME. DURING THE FOLLOWING MONTHS, PROFESSOR PIERCE TAKES THE ROLE OF FATHER, MOTHER, AND TEACHER - THE GIRL IS UN-CANNY. HER ABILITY TO LEARN AND ABSORB IS ASTOUNDING.



SPELL OFFICE.

OFFICE O-F-F-I-C-E OFFICE!

NAME THESE!

BOAT AIRPLANE HOUSE!

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES - GOT THAT?

YES - CONTINUE.

IN THE MEANTIME A GROUP OF VISITING ARCHEOLOGISTS CALL AT THE MUSEUM



AND HERE IS OUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION THE MUMMY OF PRINCESS SHEBA!

HER HEAD'S AN ODD SHAPE! SEEMS TO DEFY ANATOMY MAY I EXAMINE IT?



SURELY, HELP YOURSELF!

BY GEORGE! I WAS RIGHT! THIS MUMMY IS STUFFED WITH NEWS-PAPERS! CALL DR. PIERCE!



THE LATE EDITIONS SHRIEK!

THE AMERICAN LATEST
MAIN SECTION
PRINCESS SHEBA STOLEN,
THE PRICELESS SHEBA MUMMY WAS REMOVED! NEWSPAPERS WERE STUFFED IN THE BANDAGES!

BART HILL, ALIAS THE DAREDEVIL, IS WAITING HIS GIRL FRIEND TONIA SAUNDERS.

WELL, MR. DAREDEVIL, WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS 'GAG? IMAGINE ANYONE STEALING A MUMMY!

MAYBE IT WAS A SCAVENGER HUNT ITEM... OR SOME COLLEGE BOYS ARE HAVING FUN -



I SEE! UNLESS IT'S AT LEAST A DOZEN MURDERS YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED SINCE YOU MUST BE A ONE-MAN F.B.I. - WHY DON'T YOU SOLVE SOMETHING LESS DANGEROUS FOR A CHANGE?



MAYBE I HAVE BEEN TAKING TOO MANY CHANCES - A SIMPLE CASE LIKE THAT WOULD BE A VACATION FOR ME!

SAY! HAD I KNOWN YOU'D REACT THIS WAY, I WOULD HAVE SUGGESTED IT SOONER! HEY - WAIT A MINUTE!

ON BART - YOU DON'T KNOW HOW I WORRY ABOUT YOU SOMETIMES!



MUMMIES DON'T JUST GET UP AND WALK, BUT WHO COULD HAVE USE FOR IT? THE FOREIGN MARKET IS OUT THESE DAYS, BUT DEFINITELY! I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIND OUT THE DATE OF THE THEFT!





ON-OH A WATCH DOG! HOPE I CAN GET RID OF HIM!

OFFICER - THERE'S A MAN ACROSS THE STREET CUTTING PEOPLE UP WITH A RAZOR!

WAZZAT? WHERS? WHO?



BERGEANT O'TOOLE IS PUTTING A STOP TO THAT RIGHT NOW!

I WOULDN'T LET HIM GET NEAR ME IF I WERE YOU! HE'S DANGEROUS!



THAT WORKED BETTER THAN I THOUGHT NOW I'LL TAKE A LOOK AT THAT RAG MUFFIN!



THE DATES ON THESE NEWSPAPERS - WHY THEY'RE TWO MONTHS OLD AND I SEE TWO SETS OF FINGERPRINTS... A MALE AND FEMALE!



HEY YOU! WHATCA MEAN BY HANDIN' ME THAT LINE O' BULL - THERE'S NOBODY CUTTIN' UP NOBODY!

WHY OF COURSE THERE IS! HE'S THE WORST BARBER I'VE EVER HAD!



AND IF I HAD MY WAY HE'D LOSE HIS LICENSE!

I'LL HAVE A CHAT WITH THE MUSEUM'S PRESIDENT.



I HAVE NO BADGE - I'LL HAVE TO BLUFF IT!

DOCTOR PIERCE! I'M A DETECTIVE AND UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE A FINGERPRINT RECORD OF YOUR ENTIRE STAFF - MAY I SEE IT?

YES, BY ALL MEANS! THEY'RE AT YOUR DISPOSAL!



I AM VERY ANXIOUS TO RECOVER THE MUMMY AND SEE THE CRIMINALS PUNISHED! MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME, I HAVE TO GET ALONG NOW!

THANK YOU, DOCTOR, I WILL! LET'S SEE NOW, I'LL START WITH THE FEMALES!

I HAD HOPED THEY WOULDN'T DISCOVER ME UNTIL I HAD SOLVED THE SECRET OF HER REVIVAL! SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHO SHE IS HERSELF - OR HOW SHE CAME TO BE!



AT HIS HOME DOCTOR PIERCE BEGINS HIS FANTASTIC BUT TRUE STORY.



HOW DO YOU FEEL YOU CAME INTO MY LABORATORY - I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU!

I AM VERY LONESOME - ALWAYS LONESOME!

THROUGH THE WINDOWS I SEE MANY PEOPLE, BUT I CANNOT SPEAK WITH THEM! WHEN MEN COME HERE YOU LOOK ME UP IN MY ROOM! WHY? WHY?



I'LL TELL YOU WHY! YOU ARE NOT AN ORDINARY GIRL! YOU WERE ONCE A PRINCESS, DESTINED TO RULE THE WORLD! THAT WAS 3000 YEARS AGO! THE RECORDS SHOW THAT YOU -



WERE BURIED ALIVE! BECAUSE YOUR BEWITCHING KISSES MADE MEN SLAVES TO YOUR WILL BECAUSE YOU DECEAIED ALL WHO TRUSTED YOU -



BUT I THINK NOW YOU ARE CIVILIZED AND CAN BE TRUSTED! THIS GOLD COBRA CONTAINS A SERUM - A DROP OF WHICH A DAY IS KEEPING YOU ALIVE!



WHY HAVE YOU NOT TOLD ME OF THIS BEFORE! THAT SERUM SHOULD BE IN MY POSSESSION!

GIVE IT TO ME! IT'S MY LIFE! IT'S MINE! I'LL KILL YOU IF YOU DON'T!



NO! I WAS WRONG! YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED! THIS IS THE ONLY CONTROL I HAVE OVER YOU!

LATE THAT NIGHT THE DOCTOR RESUMES HIS EXPERIMENTS!



SHE'S DANGEROUS! I MUST FIND THE SECRET OF THIS FORMULA, THEN TURN HER OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES!



OH!

HELLO! WHAT'S THIS? DOCTOR PIERCE'S FINGER-PRINTS - MATCH THE ONE'S ON THE CASSET!

THE DOG IS GOING TO HAVE TO CALLER A CALLER TONIGHT!

A SLEEK PANTHER - LIKE FIGURE STEPS INTO THE DARKNESS!

LIKE A ZEPHYR, THE SWEAN OF HIS PERFECT BODY STBALES THROUGH THE NIGHT.

BART HILL DISCOVERS AN AMAZING FACT!

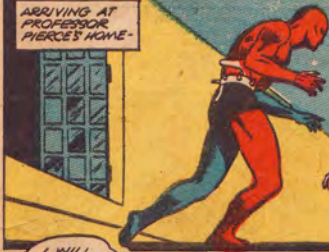


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ARRIVING AT PROFESSOR PIERCE'S HOME-

DOCTOR PIERCE DID HAVE A CALLER - HIS NAME WAS DEATH!



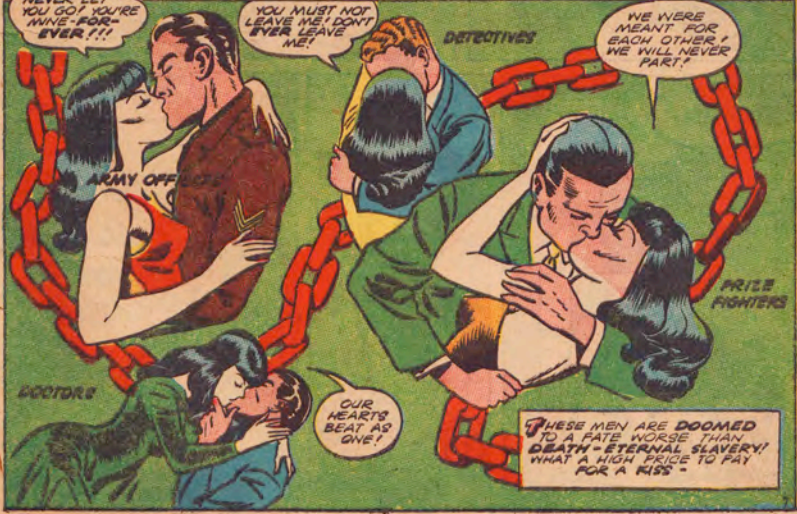
IN RAPID SUCCESSION MEN FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE FALL VICTIMS TO THE KISS OF DEATH! THEY CANNOT RESIST THE DEVASTATING CHARM OF THIS UNBELIEVABLE BEAUTY!

I WILL NEVER LET YOU GO! YOU'RE MINE-FOR-EVER!!!

YOU MUST NOT LEAVE ME! DON'T EVER LEAVE ME!

DETECTIVES

WE WERE MEANT FOR EACH OTHER! WE WILL NEVER PART!



ARMY OFFICERS

DOCTORS

PRIZE FIGHTERS

OUR HEARTS BEAT AS ONE!

THESE MEN ARE DOOMED TO A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH - ETERNAL SLAVERY! WHAT A HIGH PRICE TO PAY FOR A KISS -

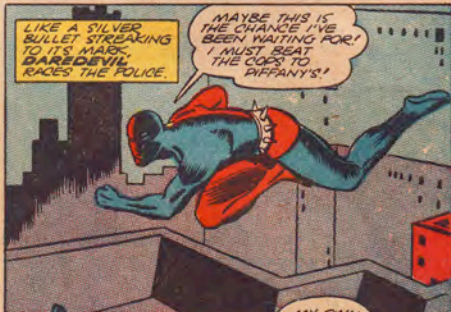
THEN-LIKE A CLOUD OF DOOM IT DESCENDS UPON THE RICHEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD! A BRAZEN, IRRISISTABLE SERIES OF THEFTS, ROBBERIES, KIDNAPPINGS, MURDERS AND ARSON! GROWING IN INTENSITY AND MORE CUNNING WITH EACH! - THE POLICE ARRIVE EITHER TOO LATE OR ARE COMPLETELY OUTWITTED..... UNTIL ...!



ONE MORNING AT TWO, THE PIFFANY COMPANY, IMPORTERS OF DIAMONDS AND RARE GEMS, SOUND THEIR BURGLAR ALARM THAT IS DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH POLICE HEADQUARTERS.



LIKE A SILVER BULLET STREAKING TO ITS MARK, **DAREDEVIL** RACES THE POLICE.



DON'T TELL ME! I KNOW! - YOU'RE WAITING FOR A STREET CAR!



DROP THAT WATER PISTOL SONNY! YOU'RE ALL WET!



MY OWN INVENTION! - PAINLESS DENTISTRY! LIKE IT?

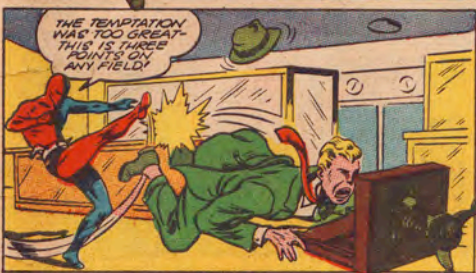




ARE YOU BOYS MAD AT ME? - WHY YOU HAVEN'T SPOKEN ONE WORD SINCE OUR MEETING!



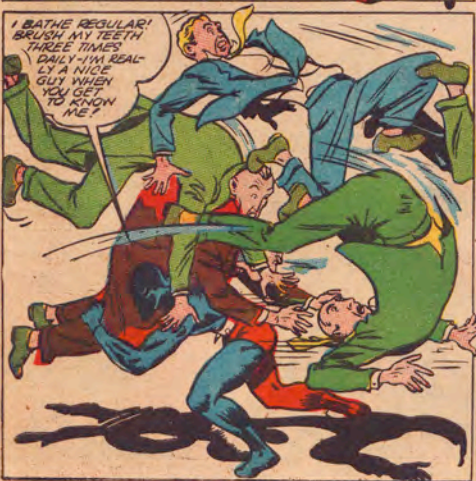
YOU SHOULD WEAR RUBBER HEELS! NOISY!



THE TEMPTATION WAS TOO GREAT - THIS IS THREE POINTS ON ANY FIELD!



PLEASE TALK? SAY SOMETHING. I'M FEELING VERY UN-POPULAR!



I BATHE REGULAR! BRUSH MY TEETH THREE TIMES DAILY - I'M REALLY A NICE GUY WHEN YOU GET TO KNOW ME!



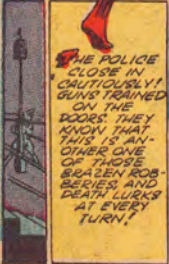
YOU BOYS LOOK VERY SORE - THERE'S REALLY NOTHING TO BE MAD ABOUT!



THIS IS GETTING MONOTONOUS! HOW ABOUT CALLING TIME OUT!



THREE FLICKS OF A SEARCH-LIGHT, SIGNALS THE ARRIVAL OF THE COPS!



THE POLICE CLOSE IN CAUTIOUSLY! GUNS TRAINED ON THE DOORS. THEY KNOW THAT THIS IS ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE BRAZEN ROBBERIES, AND DEATH LURKS AT EVERY TURN!



GO ON UP JOE WE'LL COVER YOU! KICK THE DOOR, THEN JUMP ASIDE!

THIS TIME WE'LL NAB 'EM, SURE!

A TREACHEROUS BLOW ON THE HEAD SENDS THE DAREDEVIL DOWN FOR THE COUNT!



UGH



THEY GOT THE DAREDEVIL!

THERE THEY GO-OUT THE WINDOW!



GOSH! WE THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD!

I DON'T EXACTLY FEEL LIKE A LIVE WIRE!



HEY! WE'VE GOT ONE OF 'EM - BUT HE WON'T OPEN UP! YOU TRY HIM, CAP!



SEE THIS FIST? WELL - YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO, IF YOU DON'T TELL US WHO YOU'RE WORKING WITH!



LET ME AT HIM, CAP. SOMETHING TELLS ME WE'RE WASTING OUR TIME!

GO AHEAD, WORK ON HIM!



COME ON! OPEN IT! WELL, I'LL BE...!



THIS MAN WON'T TALK BECAUSE HE CAN'T - HIS TONGUE HAS BEEN CUT OUT! - - - NOW I THINK I SEE THE CONNECTION!



THE ESCAPED BURG-LAR'S RETURN TO THEIR NEST - AN OLD ESTATE OF A HUDSON RIVER CLIFF!



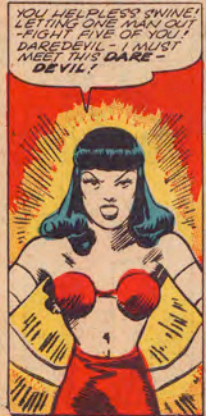
THE FORMER PRINCESS, NOW THE SELF APPOINTED QUEEN OF THE UNITED STATES GIVES AUDIENCE TO HER WARRIORS OF CRIME!

TONGUELESS ONES! WHERE ARE THE DIAMONDS? GIVE THEM TO ME!!



UNABLE TO EXPLAIN IN SPEECH, A WARRIOR STEPS TO A BLACK-BOARD -

THE DAREDEVIL ATTACKED US



YOU HELPLESS SWINE! LETTING ONE MAN OUT TIGHTEN THE NOSE OF YOU! DAREDEVIL - I MUST MEET THIS DARE-DEVIL!



PLEASURE'S MINE, BEAUTIFUL - YOUR DUMB STOGE COULD STILL WRITE! YOU SHOULD HAVE CUT THEIR HANDS OFF ALSO - BUT THEN THEY -

- COULDN'T PULL A TRIGGER, COULD THEY?



STOP DUMB - ONES!
WHERE HAVE YOU
LEARNED YOUR
HOSPITALITY!

LET 'EM COME!
THOSE BALD HEAD-
ED LANCERS COUL-
DN'T STICK A PIG!



FOOLS!



BRING SOME
WINE - WE'LL SHOW
THE HANDSOME
DAREDEVIL HOW
THE QUEEN OF
AMERICA
ENTERTAINS!

I CAN EASILY
SEE HOW THESE
GUYS FELL FOR
THIS SIREN!



WONDER IF
I SHOULD PLAY
BALL FOR A BIT?
HMM! THIS WINE
MIGHT BE
POISONED!

YOU ARE THINKING
IT IS POISONED
NO? - I'LL CHANGE
GLASSES - THERE,
NOW - A TOAST
TO THE MOST
PERFECT MAN
I'VE EVER
MET!



BET YOU
SAY THAT
TO ALL THE
BOYS?

I'LL PROVE
THAT
I MEAN IT -
WITH A
KISS!



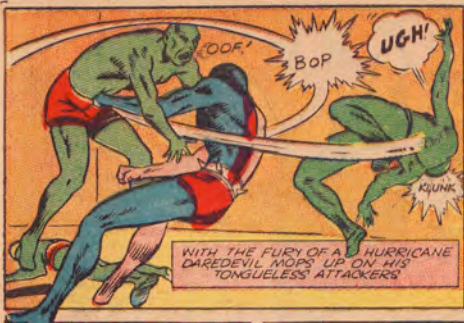
NO THANKS - I DON'T
LIKE YOUR BRAND OF
LIPSTICK!



MISTER DAREDEVIL
... I SHALL CUT YOUR
WITTY TONGUE OUT
FIRST, THEN EN-
SLAVE YOU LATER!
**SIEZE HIM,
SLAVES - !!**



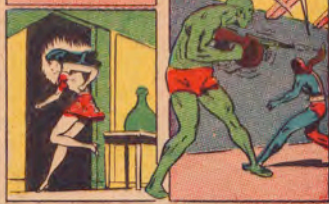
COME AND
GET IT, YOU
GIGOLOS!



WITH THE FURY OF A HURRICANE DAREDEVIL MOPS UP ON HIS TONGUELESS ATTACKERS

THE KISS GIRL IN PANIC FLEES THRU A SECRET PANEL IN THE WALL - BEFORE DAREDEVIL CAN FOLLOW, THE PANEL BANGS SHUT!

WAIT UP BABE! BE RIGHT WITH YOU!
YOU'RE THE LAST ONE AND JUST WHAT I NEED!



UNTHINKING, THE LIVING MUMMY RECKONLESSLY KICKS AT THE BOLD COSER AS DAREDEVIL - HE DUCKS AS IT SMASHES AGAINST THE WALL, SPILLING HER PRECIOUS LIFE-GIVING SERUM!



THIS IS THE FIRST USE I'VE EVER HAD FOR A GUN!

BAT TAT TAT TAT TAT



IT IS TIME - I MUST TAKE MY DROP OF SERUM! THEN - MR. DAREDEVIL...

THEN WHAT? KISSING BIG! DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT I THINK YOU'RE BEING FOLLOWED!



SMASH!



WHAT HAVE I DONE! MY SERUM - I'VE SPILLED MY SERUM - YOU'VE MADE ME DO IT!

WAIT A MINUTE, QUEENIE - YOU'RE NOT TAKING IT OUT ON ME!

ARRRRGH! I'M ...GETTING MY RESEARCH!

HER FACE! IT'S HORRIBLE! IT'S AGEING! SHE'S TURNING INTO MUMMY!



SHE'S PAID THE RIBER! ALIVE IN BODY-DEAD IN SOUL! HERE LIES THE CORPSE OF THE KISSING DAME - A FACE OF BEAUTY ON A MUMMY'S FRAME! - I HAVE ONLY PITY FOR HER!

SOMETIME LATER, TONIA AND BART, ALIAS DAREDEVIL, VISIT THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

BART HAD I KNOWN WHAT A BEAUTY SHE WAS - I WOULD HAVE BEEN JEALOUS!
- AND THEN SHE TURNS BACK TO A MUMMY AGAIN! YES, SIR, I IT WAS THE MIRACLE OF THE AGE!



BUT IF YOU WANT MY HONEST OPINION - IT WAS JUST A GOOD PUBLICITY STUNT! IT NEVER COULDA' HAPPENED!



WHAT DOES HE LOOK LIKE!

NEXT MONTH DAREDEVIL FINDS THE KILLER WHO HATED DEATH!

THE END