

IN THE RAGING FLAME OF PERSONAL TRAGEDY, MEN ARE SOMETIMES FORGED INTO SOMETHING MORE THAN HUMAN--THUS IT IS WITH THE AVENGER, LEADER OF...

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IN A WORLD TEETERING ON THE BRINK OF WAR...THERE ARE MANY UNSCRUPULOUS MEN WILLING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE WORLD'S MISERY...

NONE ARE MORE EVIL THAN COLONEL SODOM, ONCE DEFEATED BY THE SHADOW, NOW DETERMINED TO RETURN --AND CLASH WITH JUSTICE, INC.

AND NOW HE HAS WITHIN HIS GRASP THE MOST TERRIBLE THREAT TO MANKIND EVER DEvised... FOR NOW HE HAS --

## The MONSTER BUG!



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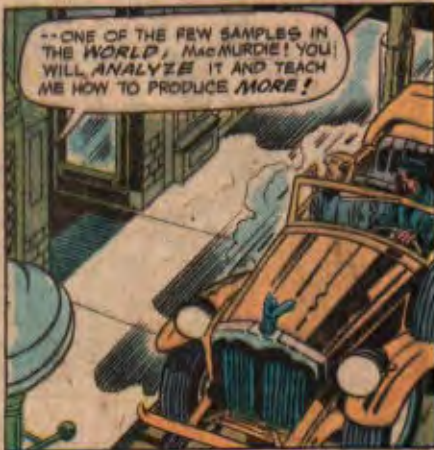
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BORNE UPWARD BY A BREEZE FROM THE OPEN DOOR, FUMES RISE TO THE HELPLESS WOMAN...



...AND SHE CHANGES...



...CHANGES INTO SOMETHING...



...SOMETHING HORRIBLE!



WITH THE CRY OF AN ENRAGED, BLOOD-LUSTING BEAST, SHE HURLS HERSELF AT THE NEAREST PREY...

**BLAM!**



THEN...

WIFE... WIFE...

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DEFTLY, THE AVENGER **RESHAPES** HIS FEATURES, HIS CLAY-LIKE FLESH **HOLDING** THE SHAPE HE **MOLDS**... HE ADDS **GREASEPAINT** AND A **WIG**--



AMAZIN'!

ROSABEL, PHONE THE NEWSPAPERS AND SAY ASH WILL VISIT THE **AUTO-MOBILE SHOW** TONIGHT!

SMITTY AND JOSH WILL ACCOMPANY ME!

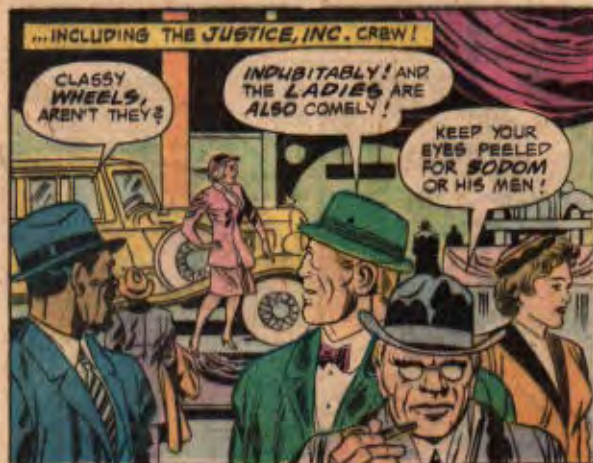


AND **ME**, MUSTER BENSON? WHAT'S **MY** TASK?

STAY HERE AND WORK ON AN **ANTIDOTE** TO SODOM'S GERMS, MAC! IF **ANYBODY** CAN FIND ONE, **YOU** CAN!

LOOK NOW AT THE CAR-CRAZY NEW YORKERS HURRYING TO THE ANNUAL DISPLAY OF **DETROIT'S** FINEST! **EVERYONE** IS COMING THIS NIGHT, FROM PARK AVENUE SWELLS TO THE SHATTERED SOULS OF SKID ROW...















JOSH-- COME! WE'LL RETURN TO HEAD-QUARTERS AND--

JUST A MINUTE! THIS SPECIMEN WANTS TO TALK!



WELL?

I CAN TELL YA WHERE SOPOM IS GONNA BE... IF YOU PUT IN A GOOD WORD WITH THE COPS FOR ME!



THE DAY I MAKE DEALS WITH SCUM IS THE DAY I PACK IT IN! I OFFER NO PROMISES!

SPEAK!

Y-Y-YAH! THE COLONEL SAID IF WE DIDN'T SNATCH THE DOC HERE, WE'D TRY AGAIN AT THE DOC'S HOTEL AT MIDNIGHT!



WHERE IS THE COLONEL HIDING?

AT TIRO'S GUN SHOP ON MADISON AVENUE...



SMITTY, JOSH... HURRY TO DOCTOR ASH'S HOTEL AND BODYGUARD HIM!

I'LL COLLECT MAC AND VISIT THE GUN SHOP!



AT PRECISELY ELEVEN, RAIN FALLS ON THE WHISPERING STREETS, SIGNALLING THE START OF AN HOUR OF FINALITY AND...

I'LL WAIT FIFTEEN MINUTES! BRING ME ASH IN THAT PERIOD--



--OR I MAY BE FORCED TO USE THE LAST OF MY MONSTER BUGS ON YOU!

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DEM FOLKS IS SHOLY A SORRY SIGHT!

INDUBITABLY! YOUR COMBATIVE PROWESS IS FORMIDABLE!

QUESTION, JOSHUA! YOU HAVE A "PH.D."... A GENIUS I.Q.--



--HOW CAN YOU PRETEND TO BE STUPID?

I'VE HAD PLENTY OF PRACTICE! MY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PRACTICING FOR TWO HUNDRED YEARS!

AT ELEVEN-THIRTY, A FURTIVE FIGURE ENTERS A MID-TOWN OFFICE BUILDING, UNAWARE HE'S BEING OBSERVED--



'TIS THE SKURLIE SODOM, MUSTER BENSON!

RIGHT, MAC--!









EVEN AS HIS COMPANION DROPS, HIS ARM SHATTERED; THE AVENGER'S FINGERS CLOSE ON IKE-- HIS KNIFE...



...A BLUR OF MOTION...



YOU DISABLED MY SHOOTING ARM, AVENGER! BUT I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE... A BETTER WEAPON--



--THE MONSTER BUG!

I'M NOT AFRAID OF IT, SODOM!



THEN YOU'RE A FOOL!



AM I ?



MAC DEVELOPED AN ANTIDOTE TO YOUR EVIL SERUM! WE BOTH TOOK IT EARLIER!

I...I'LL SPILL YOUR GUTS...WITH YOUR OWN KNIFE!



SO CRAZED IS SOPOM, HE INADVERTENTLY STEPS INTO THE HIDEOUS VAPOR... STOPS...



...CHANGES...



...HIS GAZE STRAYS TO THE WINDOW AND FALLS UPON THE MASSIVE BILLBOARD ACROSS THE STREET! HE HISSES... FOR, TO THE HORROR HE HAS BECOME, THE GIGANTIC FACE IS AN ENEMY...



AND IN THIS LAST GRIM INSTANT, HE PERHAPS REALIZES HIS MISTAKE--



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