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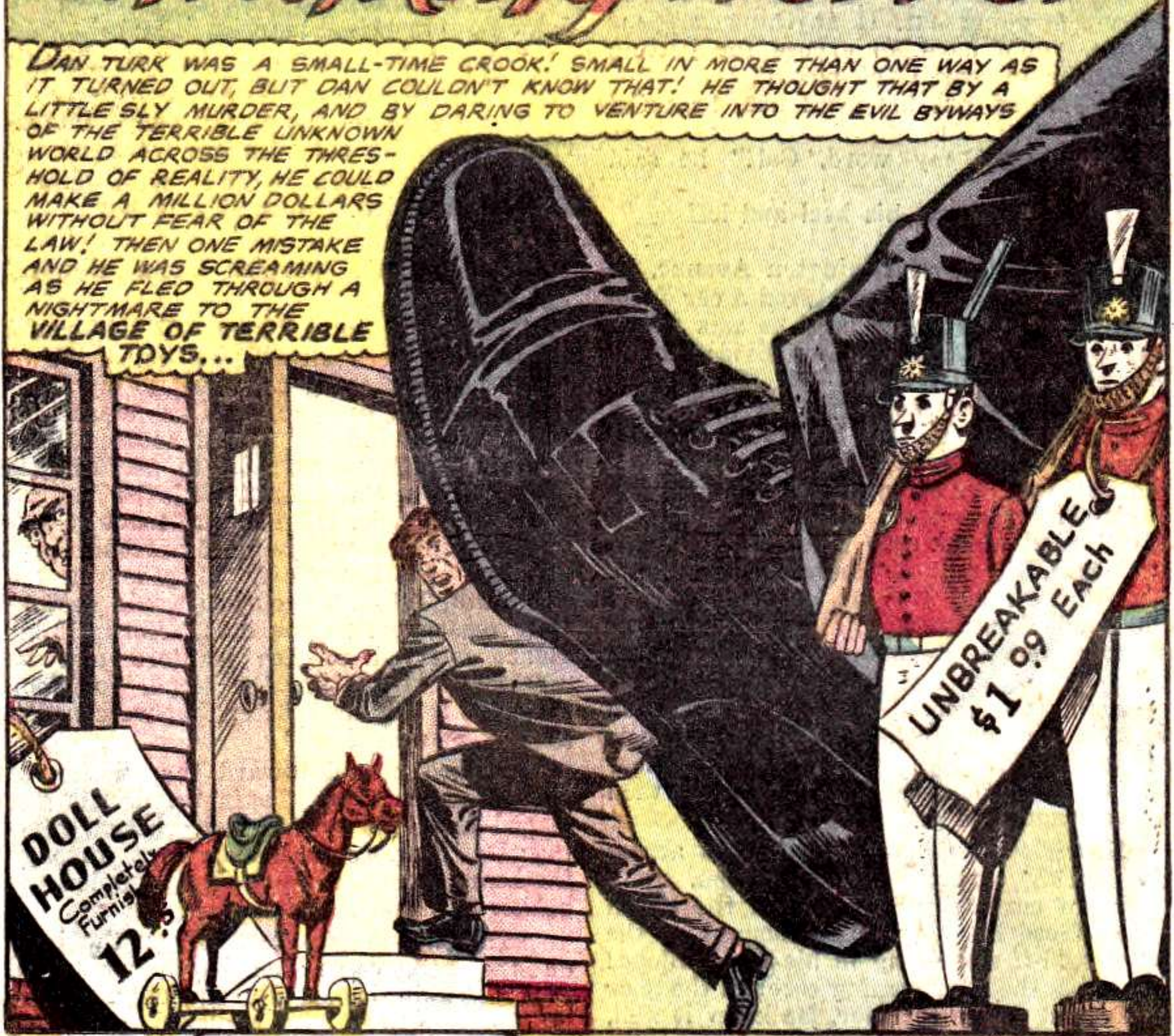
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Death in the Night
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DAN TURK WAS A SMALL-TIME CROOK! SMALL IN MORE THAN ONE WAY AS IT TURNED OUT, BUT DAN COULDN'T KNOW THAT! HE THOUGHT THAT BY A LITTLE SLY MURDER, AND BY DARING TO VENTURE INTO THE EVIL BYWAYS OF THE TERRIBLE UNKNOWN WORLD ACROSS THE THRESHOLD OF REALITY, HE COULD MAKE A MILLION DOLLARS WITHOUT FEAR OF THE LAW! THEN ONE MISTAKE AND HE WAS SCREAMING AS HE FLED THROUGH A NIGHTMARE TO THE VILLAGE OF TERRIBLE TOYS...



ON A WILD AND STORMY NIGHT IN A REMOTE HIDEOUT, DAN AND A CROOKED SCIENTIST FIND—SUCCESS...

YOU THINK YOU REALLY GOT IT THIS TIME, MAX? THAT STUFF WILL MAKE A GUY SHRINK TO THE SIZE OF A DOLL?

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! AFTER FIVE YEARS I'VE DONE IT! WATCH ME NOW!

THIS POWDER HAS A TERRIFIC EFFECT ON ALL HUMAN TISSUE AS WELL AS VEGETABLE FIBRE! UHHH—I FEEL IT ALREADY! I'M SHRINKING—GETTING SMALLER!





YOU SEE! IT WORKS!
IT SHRINKS HUMAN
FLESH AND ALSO
ANYTHING IN
CONTACT WITH
THAT FLESH!
WE'VE GOT IT,
DAN! WE'LL
MAKE MILLIONS...

HUH!
WHAT
ARE
YOU
GOING—
NO!
DAN!
DON'T!



YOU MEAN I'VE GOT IT,
MAX! NOW THAT I KNOW
IT WORKS, I DON'T NEED
YOU! SO — GOODBYE!



NOW THE SECRET IS
ALL MINE! WITH THIS
FORMULA I COULD GET
INTO FORT KNOX IF I
WANTED TO! ONLY I
GOT A BETTER AND
EASIER WAY OF MAKING
A MILLION!

EEEEEEEEEE—



LATER!
WITH THE
PRECIOUS
POWDER
SAFE IN HIS
POCKET...

NO USE WASTING ANY TIME CASHING
IN! FIRST THING I GOTTA DO IS VISIT
THAT ALL NIGHT DRUGSTORE IN THE
VILLAGE!



THE POWDER IS HARDWARE PA
TOO MESSY, TOO
INCONVENIENT TO
CARRY AROUND! I'LL
HAVE THIS HICK DRUGGIST
MAKE ME SOME PILLS
OUT OF IT! HAH — I
GUESS I'M ABOUT AS
SMART AS THEY
COME!



LATER... HERE YOU ARE,
SIR! OF COURSE
YOU REALIZE I HAD
TO USE A MIXING TO
MAKE THE POWDER
STICK TOGETHER!

SURE!
SURE!
NEVER
MIND THAT!
HOW MUCH
DO I OWE
YOU?

DAN WASTES NO TIME! THE NEXT NIGHT HE GOES TO THE FARMERS' EXCHANGE BANK ABOUT CLOSING TIME...

IN THE LOCKER ROOM HE FINDS A LOCKER WHICH HE KNOWS IS NOT BEING USED...

AN HOUR PASSES AND THEN...

CLOSING TIME, PLEASE! EVERYBODY OUT!

NOBODY IS PAYING ANY ATTENTION TO ME! NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GET INTO THE LOCKER ROOM AND HIDE, JUST THE WAY I FIGURED IT OUT!

SO FAR, SO GOOD! ALL I DO IS WAIT UNTIL EVERYBODY GOES HOME! THEY ONLY GOT ONE GUARD ON DUTY AT NIGHT AND I CAN TAKE CARE OF HIM OKAY!

GUESS EVERYBODY IS GONE NOW BUT THE GUARD! IS HE GONNA BE SURPRISED WHEN HE SEES ME! THIS IS —(CHUCKLE)— HIS UNLUCKY NIGHT!

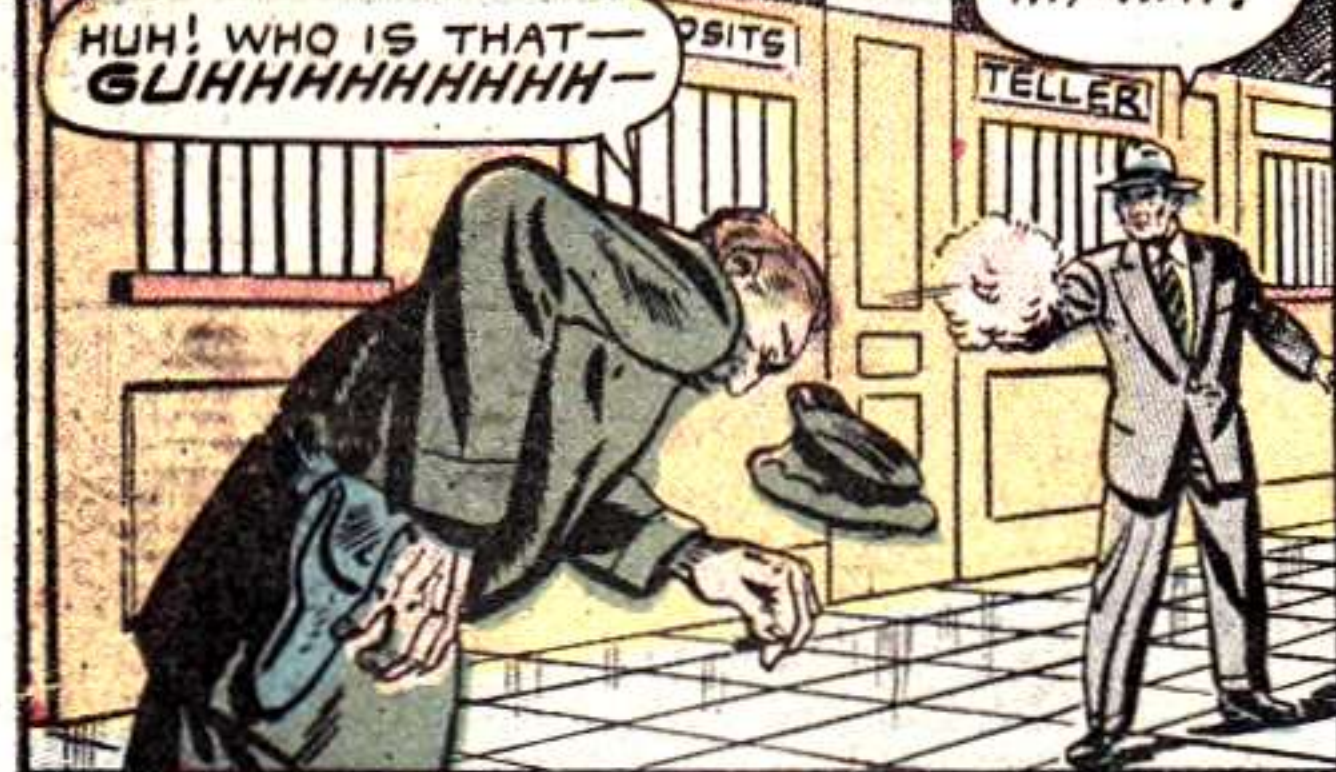


THE GUARD NEVER HAD A CHANCE! HE HEARS A SOUND, TURNS, AND TAKES A BULLET IN THE HEAD...

SORRY, PAL, BUT YOU HAVE TO GO! NOBODY STANDS IN MY WAY!

ALL SET! I TAKE A PILL, SHRINK SO I CAN GET THROUGH A TINY VENTILATOR, AND BRING OUT A STACK OF THOUSAND DOLLAR BILLS! WHEN I GOT ENOUGH, I WAIT TILL I GROW AGAIN, THEN BUST OUT A WINDOW OR SOMETHING! SIMPLE!

HUH! WHO IS THAT—
GLHHHHHHHHH—



THE BEST LAID PLANS CAN GO WRONG! ANOTHER GUARD HAS HEARD THE SHOT AND...

YIIIIII— ANOTHER GUARD! BUT I THOUGHT...

YOU DIRTY MURDERER! I'LL GET YOU! THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN GET OUT!

I L-LOST THAT PILL WHEN HE SHOT AT ME! BUT I CAN STILL GET AWAY! ONLY I GOT TO LOSE HIM FOR A MINUTE OR TWO!

BETTER STOP, YOU! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE! I DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU UNLESS I HAVE TO!



DAN DUCKS INTO A WASHROOM AND FINDS WHAT HE IS SO DESPERATELY SEEKING...

HAH — JUST WHAT I NEED! I'VE GOT TO SWALLOW THAT PILL AND SHRINK BEFORE THAT COP CATCHES UP WITH ME, THOUGH!



OAAAAA — SHRINKING! UHHHHH — H — HURTS! B — BUT I'LL GET AWAY THROUGH THAT WINDOW!



AND WHEN THE PUZZLED GUARD SEARCHES THE WASHROOM...

I'LL BE — I COULD HAVE SWORN HE RAN IN HERE! BUT HE AIN'T HERE, AND NOT EVEN A MIDGET COULD ESCAPE THROUGH THAT WINDOW! NOW HOW DID HE GET AWAY?



BUT DAN'S TROUBLES ARE NOT OVER! TO HIS DISMAY HE FINDS THAT THE WINDOW LEADS DIRECTLY INTO A STORE NEXT DOOR...



BLAST IT! I THOUGHT THAT WINDOW LED TO THE OUTSIDE, BUT HERE I AM IN A DEPARTMENT STORE! THE WATCHMAN PROBABLY HEARD ALL THE SHOOTING IN THE BANK, TOO! I BETTER BE CAREFUL!

A MOMENT LATER HIS FEARS COME TRUE...

HUH! WHAT'S THAT? I WOULD HAVE SWORN — BUT NO, IT CAN'T BE! I GOTTA GET MY EYES EXAMINED!



YOWWW — THAT LIGHT! IF HE GETS A REAL CLOSE LOOK AT ME, I'M A GONER! HOPE I CAN MAKE IT UP THESE STAIRS!

WHEW, THIS IS WORSE THAN CLIMBING THE ALPS! MAX SAID IT NEVER LASTED MORE THAN THIRTY MINUTES! WHEN I GROW AGAIN, I WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE GETTING OUT!



DAN REACHES ANOTHER FLOOR AND HIDES! MINUTES PASS AND STILL HE REMAINS SMALL! TERROR GROWS IN HIM AS HE REALIZES SOMETHING HAS GONE TERRIBLY WRONG...

I - I GOTTA FACE IT! I AIN'T EVER GOING TO GROW BACK AGAIN! I'M STUCK THIS WAY! BUT WHY - WHY? WHAT COULD HAVE GONE WRONG? MAX ALWAYS KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING!



BUT THERE IS NO TIME NOW FOR ANYTHING BUT RUNNING...

THAT BLASTED WATCHMAN AGAIN! HE'S STILL NOSING AROUND! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE HE SEES ME!

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HUH! A TOY TRAIN! AND RUNNING, TOO! I'LL BET THAT DUMB WATCHMAN HAS BEEN PLAYING WITH IT ON THE STORE'S TIME! SOME GUYS NEVER GROW UP! YII - WHAT AM I SAYING?

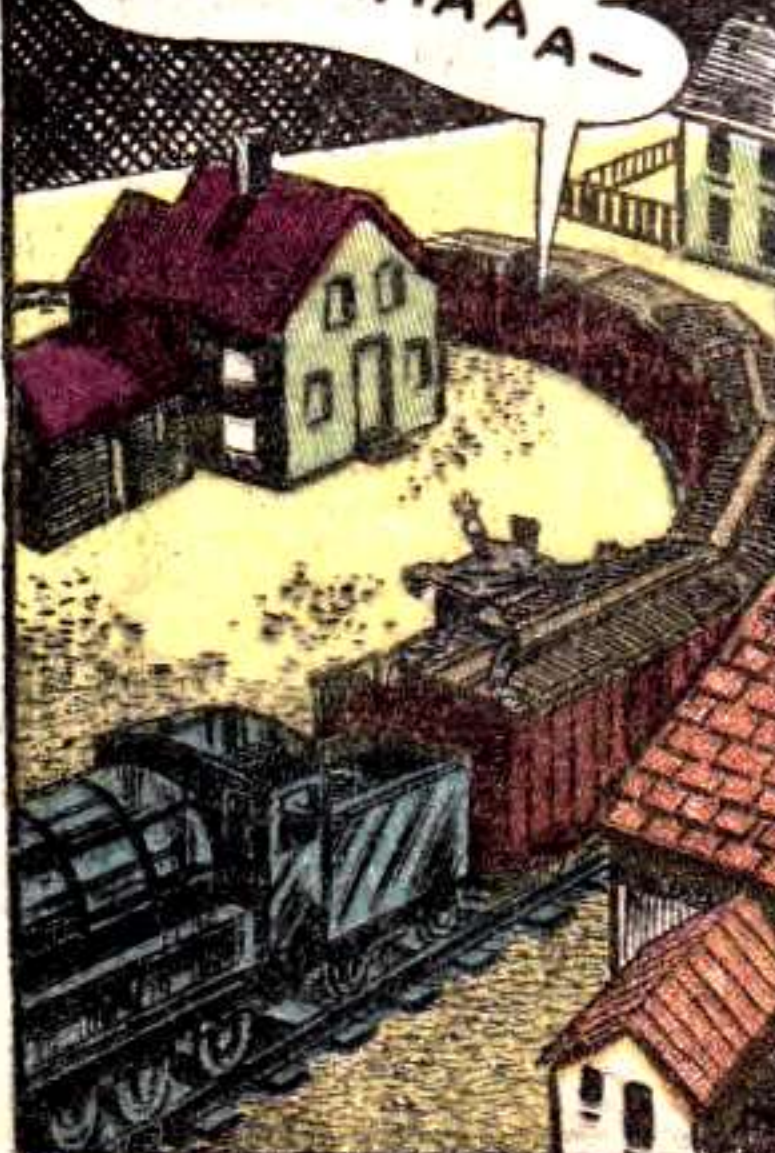


HAH! NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE BUMMING A RIDE ON A TOY TRAIN! BUT IT'LL TAKE ME DOWN TO THE OTHER END, AND THEN I CAN DITCH THAT WATCHMAN!



BUT AS THE TOY TRAIN SPEEDS THROUGH A MINIATURE VILLAGE...

YIIIIII - C-CAN'T HOLD ON! F-FALLING! GAAAAAAA-



HMMM - SORT OF A TOY TOWN FOR THE KIDS, I GUESS! HOUSES, EVERYTHING! OH, - I THINK I HEAR THAT WATCHMAN COMING AGAIN! GOT TO HIDE!



THE DOLL HOUSE! I CAN DUCK IN THERE! THAT WATCHMAN WILL NEVER THINK OF LOOKING INSIDE A DOLL HOUSE! JUST LIKE MY OWN - (CHUCKLE) - HOME!



DAN TURK PANTS INTO THE DOLL HOUSE AND SLAMS THE DOOR BEHIND HIM...

WHEW—SAFE AT LAST! SORT OF HANDY AFTER ALL, BEING SMALL ENOUGH TO GET IN HERE! N—NOT THAT I WANT TO STAY THAT WAY, OF COURSE!

I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT WENT WRONG! S—SOMEHOW I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO NORMAL SIZE! BUT WHAT COULD HAVE GONE WRONG WITH THOSE DARNED PILLS OF MAX'S?

SUDDENLY, LIKE A CORPSE CRYING IN THE NIGHT, DAN HEARS A SOUND THAT TURNS HIS BLOOD TO ICE! SOMEONE KNOCKS ON THE DOOR OF THE DOLL HOUSE...

KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK

GAAAAA—S—SOMEONE K—KNOCKING! B—BUT HOW—WHO? W—WHO COULD KNOCK ON THAT DOOR?

THE DOOR OF THE DOLL HOUSE SWINGS SLOWLY OPEN...

W—WHO IS IT? YYYYYYYYYY—I MUST BE GOING CRAZY! W—WHO?

NO, DAN! YOU'RE NOT CRAZY! I'M REALLY HERE!

MAX! YOWWWWW—Y—YOU'RE A GHOST!

NO, DAN! YOU WERE CARELESS! YOU DIDN'T MAKE SURE THAT I WAS REALLY DEAD! AND I DIDN'T DIE, I FOLLOWED YOU! I'M DYING, BUT I FOLLOWED YOU! EVERYWHERE!

IT WAS EASY, DAN! I WAS SO SMALL AND YOU SO BIG! I HID IN THE BANK, WATCHED YOU! I FOLLOWED YOU HERE TO THIS DOLL HOUSE! AND NOW YOU'RE SMALL, TOO, LIKE ME, AND I CAN KILL YOU! I'LL HAVE MY REVENGE!

