

DEATH IN THE GRAVEYARD



WHY ARE ALL THESE PEOPLE BURIED UNDER THE GROUND?



BECAUSE...



THEY'RE...



DEAD!!!

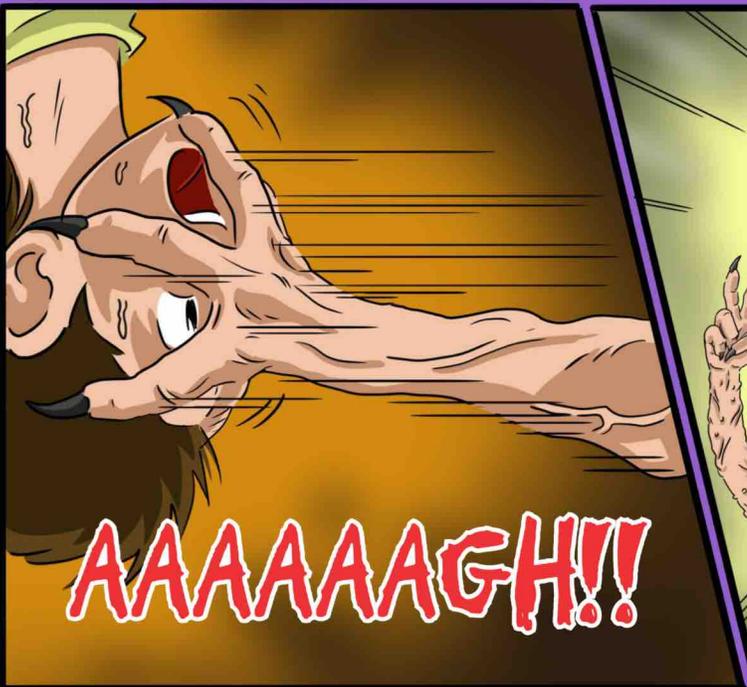
GOOD LORD! AAAH!

THE CREATURE IN THE SWAMP

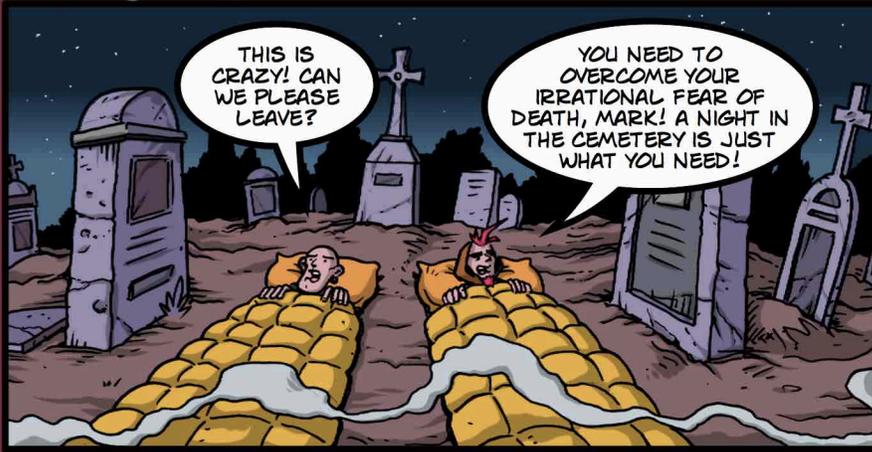


WHAT ARE THOSE HORRIBLE NOISES?!

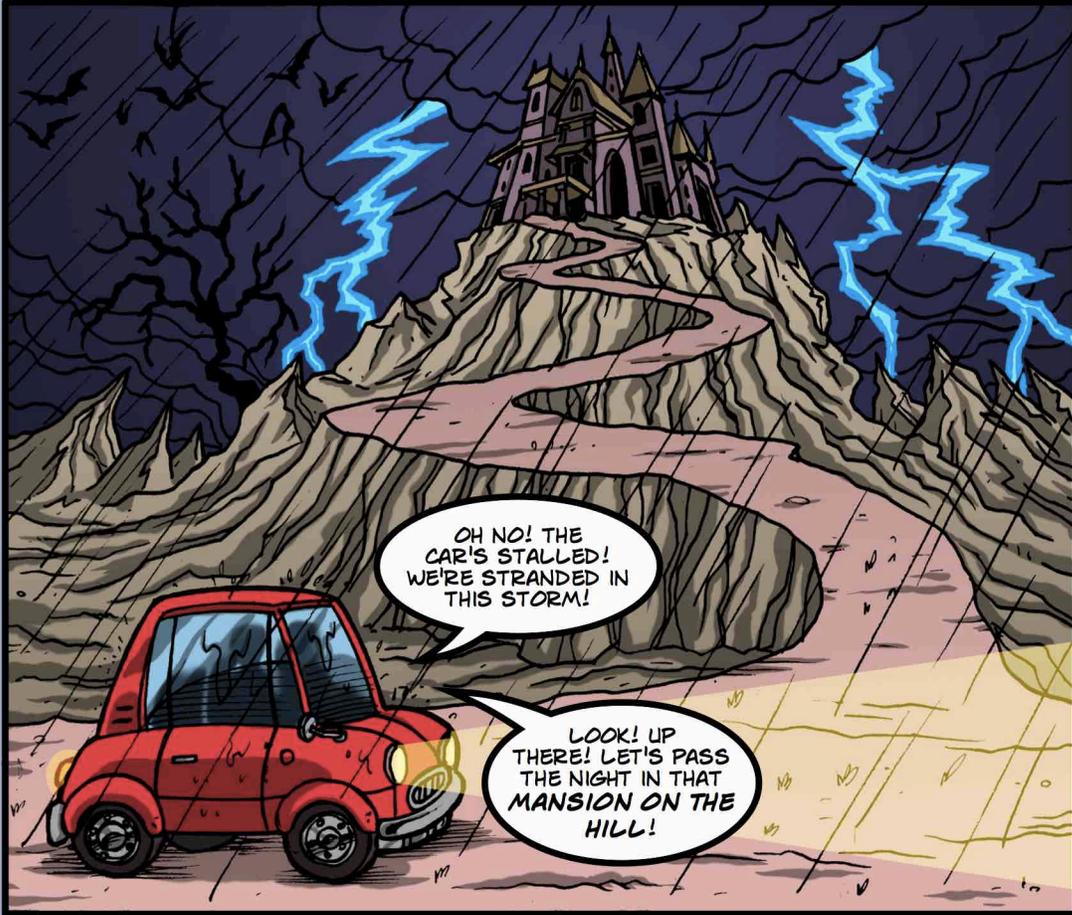




NIGHT IN THE CEMETERY



THE MANSION ON THE HILL



OH NO! THE CAR'S STALLED! WE'RE STRANDED IN THIS STORM!

LOOK! UP THERE! LET'S PASS THE NIGHT IN THAT MANSION ON THE HILL!



KNOCK KNOCK



GO AWAY!

UH... HELLO. CAN WE COME IN?

GET FAR FROM THIS PLACE!

BEWARE!!!



HA! THIS PLACE DOESN'T SCARE US!

LEAVE! THIS IS YOUR FINAL WARNING! LEAVE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!



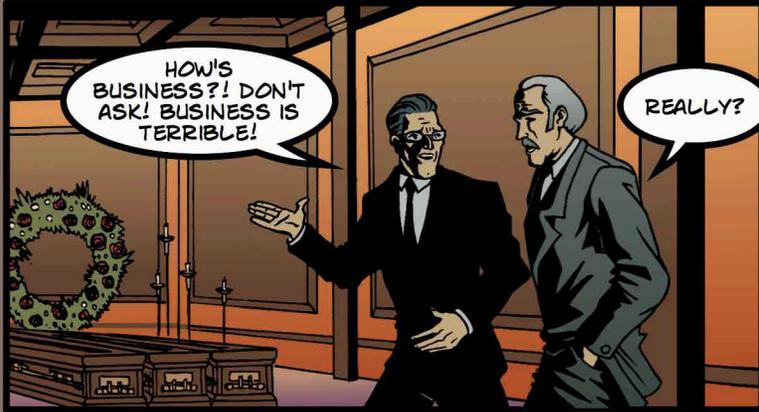
LATER...

THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY, SIR. THESE CLOWNS WILL NEVER TRESPASS AGAIN. THANKS FOR CALLING.

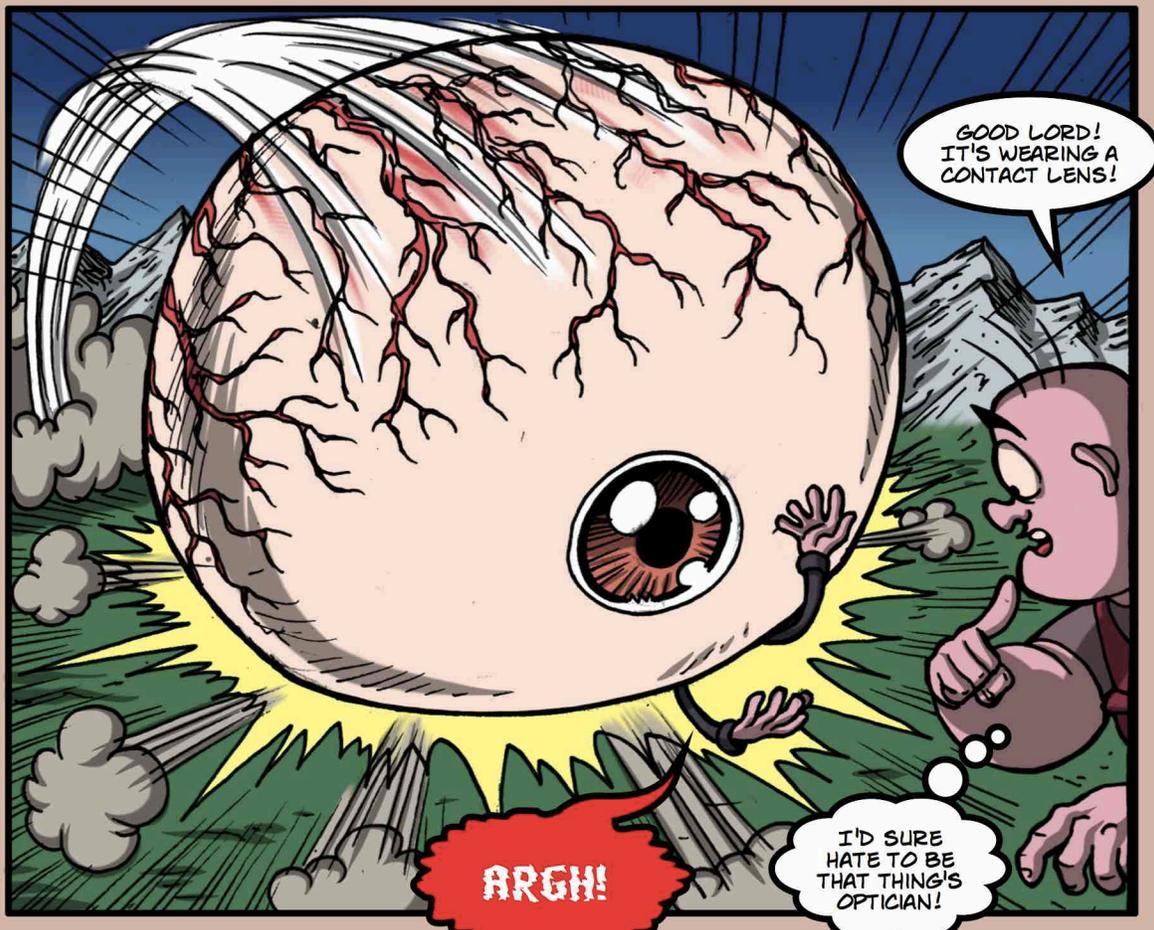
THE SLIMY SLITHERING EYE



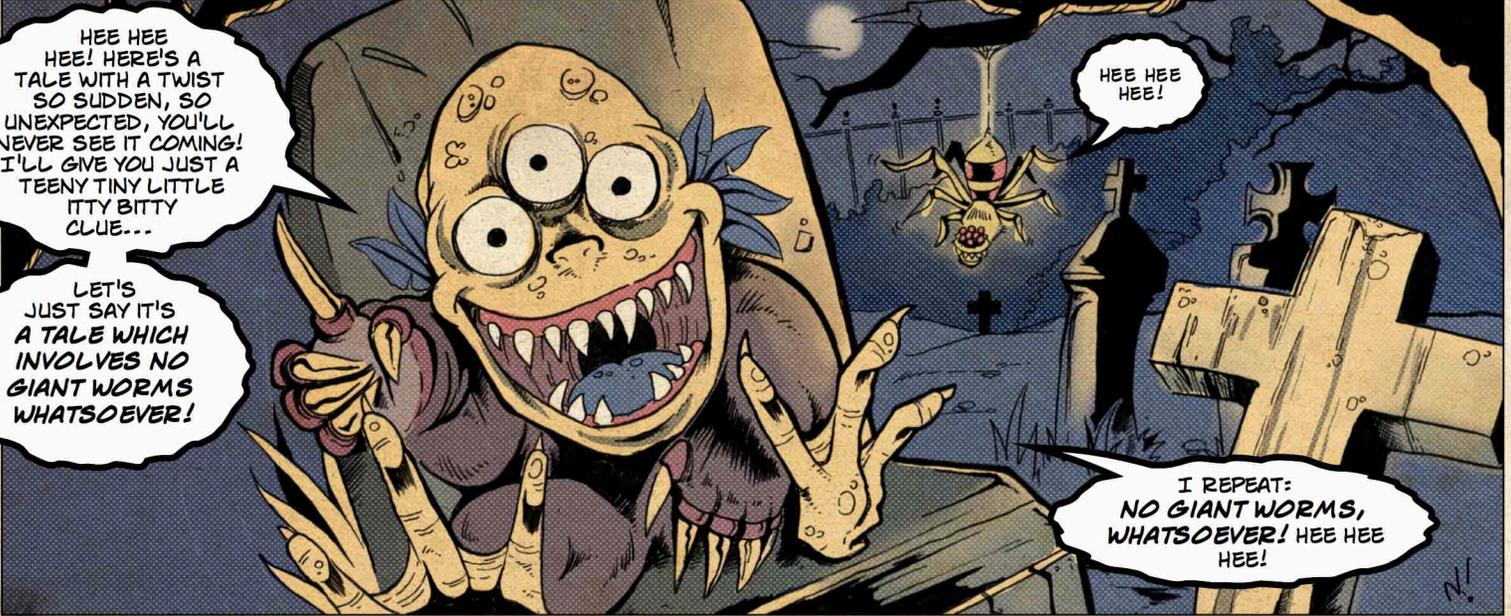
House of the Dead



THE SHOCKING RETURN OF THE SLIMY SLITHERING EYE



A TALE WITH NO GIANT WORMS WHATSOEVER

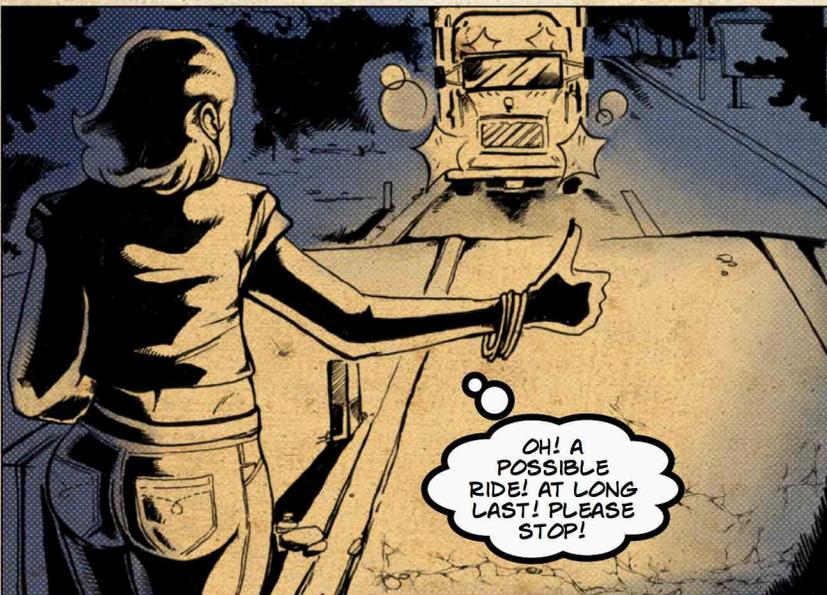


HEE HEE
HEE! HERE'S A
TALE WITH A TWIST
SO SUDDEN, SO
UNEXPECTED, YOU'LL
NEVER SEE IT COMING!
I'LL GIVE YOU JUST A
TEENY TINY LITTLE
ITTY BITTY
CLUE...

LET'S
JUST SAY IT'S
A TALE WHICH
INVOLVES NO
GIANT WORMS
WHATSOEVER!

HEE HEE
HEE!

I REPEAT:
NO GIANT WORMS,
WHATSOEVER! HEE HEE
HEE!



OH! A
POSSIBLE
RIDE! AT LONG
LAST! PLEASE
STOP!



HMMM...
YES, YES...
SHE'LL DO...



THANK
YOU! I'VE BEEN
STRANDED HERE
FOR HOURS...

A PURTY YOUNG
THANG LIKE YOU, ALL
ALONE ON A DARK
COUNTRY ROAD...YOU LUCKY
I GOTCHA AND NOT
SOME...HEE HEE HEE...
PSYCHOTIC KILLER!



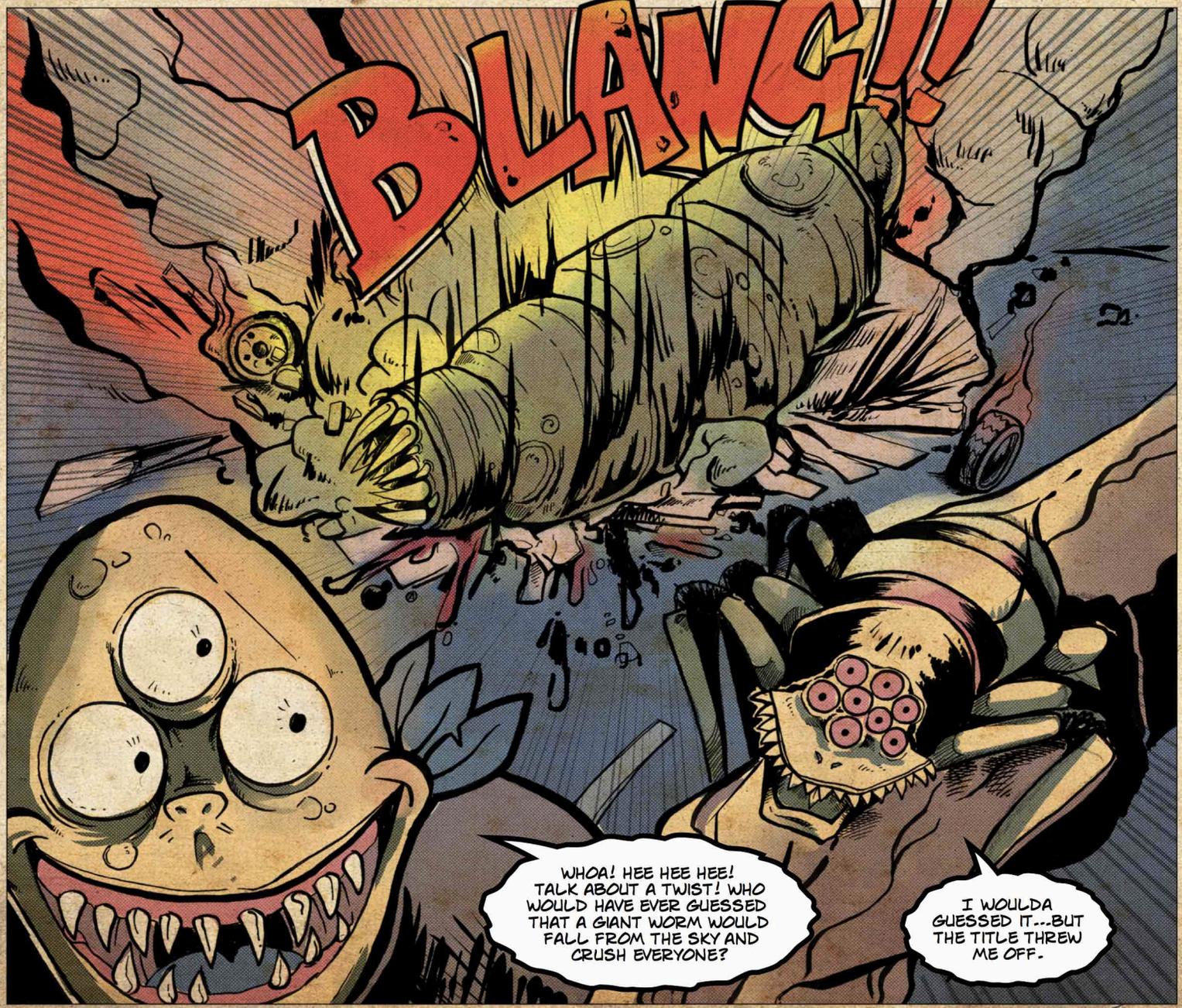
NAME'S KYLE,
BUT MAH FRIENDS
CALL ME "KRAZY K".
SO, WHERE YA
HEADIN'?

MY NAME'S
SHIRLEY, AND I'M
HEADING TO ANY TOWN
WITH CELL PHONE
RECEPTION!

SUDDENLY...



BLANG!!



WHOA! HEE HEE HEE!
TALK ABOUT A TWIST! WHO
WOULD HAVE EVER GUESSED
THAT A GIANT WORM WOULD
FALL FROM THE SKY AND
CRUSH EVERYONE?

I WOULD'A
GUESSED IT...BUT
THE TITLE THREW
ME OFF.



THE DECAPITATED SKULL



I WANT SOMETHING REALLY "OUT THERE" FOR MY NEW CONDO. A REAL CENTERPIECE, A CONVERSATION STARTER. SOMETHING WITH A STORY BEHIND IT.



I HAVE EXACTLY WHAT YOU NEED. YOU CAN'T DO BETTER THAN THIS AUTHENTIC DECAPITATED SKULL FROM THE FRENCH REVOLUTION.



THAT NIGHT...

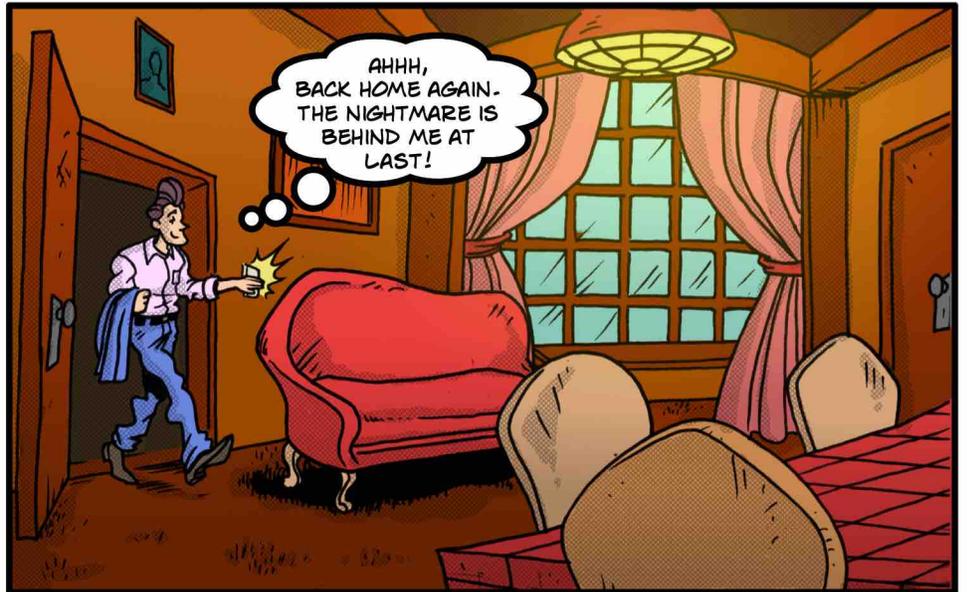
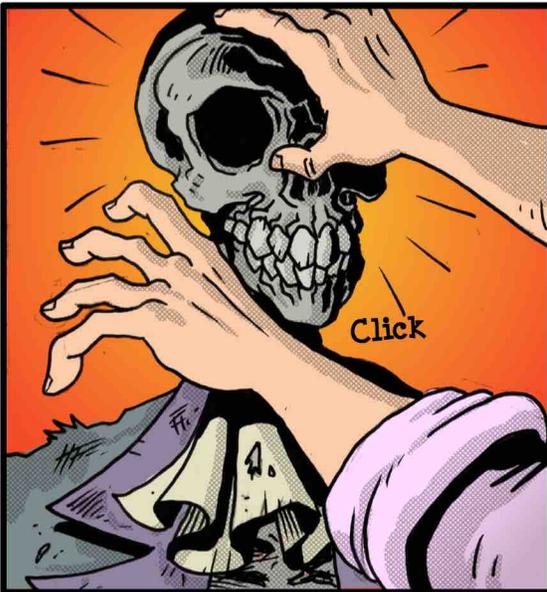
ER, MAYBE I SHOULDN'T KEEP THAT THING IN MY BEDROOM. I'LL MOVE IT TO THE SALON.



GROAN. WHERE IS MY BODY? MY BODY...TAKE ME TO MY BODY...

GASP!





BOX OF SECRETS



TIME TO DIE



LONDON. 1916. A CHILLY SUNDAY NIGHT, SHORTLY BEFORE HALLOWEEN...

FORTUNE TOLD, SIR? ONLY 5 PENCE.

SURE! I'M IN THE MOOD FOR A GOOD LAUGH!



YOU DIE TONIGHT AT 2:01 AM!

WHAT THE - ?!

HOW DARE YOU?!



YOU BETTER HOPE I DIE, HAG! BECAUSE IF I AM ALIVE AFTER 2:01 AM, I'M COMING BACK TO SMASH YOUR DAMNABLE TABLE TO SPLINTERS!

I'LL BE HERE. HEE HEE HEE!



TIME PASSES, UNTIL...

IT IS WELL PAST 2:01 AM! HA!

TIME TO TEACH THAT FRIGHTFUL OLD WITCH A LESSON!



BEHOLD! IT IS NOW 3:00 AM! DO I LOOK DEAD TO YOU?

NOT YET.

SEE, TONIGHT WAS THE END OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME, SO IT'S ACTUALLY 2:00 AM.



GRR-

YOU FORGOT TO SET YOUR CLOCK BACK! HEE HEE!



WELL, THE JOKE'S ON ME - HE SMASHED MY TABLE ANYWAY!

CRASH

HEE HEE HEE! I'M BACK WITH ANOTHER SHOCKER FOR YOU, A TWISTED TALE WITH A TWIST ENDING SO TWISTED THAT IT'S, ER, UM...

REALLY REALLY TWISTED!

YES, THANK YOU SPIDER. SOMETIMES WHEN MERE MORTALS DARE TO CONTACT FORBIDDEN WORLDS, THE RESULTS CAN BE QUITE...

UNEXPECTED! HEE HEE HEE!

THE SINISTER SEANCE

OH, GREAT ANCESTOR, HEAR OUR CALL. WE ASK FOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE BEYOND, FOR A GLIMPSE OF LIFE AFTER DEATH...

WHOOOSH...

WE HAVE CONTACT!

CRUMBLE

WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DARK SECRETS CAN YOU REVEAL TO US?

ARE YOU A BENEVOLENT SPIRIT OR A MALEVOLENT SPIRIT?

IDENTIFY YOURSELF!



HEE HEE HEE!
BET YOU DIDN'T SEE
THAT COMING, DID
YOU?! HEE HEE!

I SAW IT COMING.
BUT THAT'S ONLY
BECAUSE I TURNED THE
PAGE EARLY AND PEEKED.
SORRY.

GHOST DRIVER

A LONE HITCHHIKER STUCK IN THE MIDDLE OF A RAGING STORM. NOT A SINGLE CAR HAS PASSED HIS WAY ALL NIGHT.



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! COMING SLOWLY TOWARD ME... COULD IT BE?

THE CAR NEVER STOPS, BUT IT SLOWS DOWN JUST ENOUGH...

A RIDE!



GOOD LORD! THERE'S NO DRIVER! THE CAR IS ROLLING BY ITSELF!



GOOD LORD!
THERE'S A DANGEROUS
CURVE AHEAD! I NEED TO
GRAB THE STEERING
WHEEL!



AAAAHHHHH!!



DO YOU HEAR A
MAN SCREAMING?

IT'S
PROBABLY JUST THE
THUNDER. UGH, WHAT A
NIGHT TO BREAK
DOWN!

THE CASE OF THE CORPSE IN THE CASE



THAT WAY PLEASE, SIR.



HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH. THE LUGGAGE TAG HAS SOMEONE ELSE'S NAME. HE MUST HAVE GRABBED A SUITCASE RESEMBLING HIS OWN.



YEP, THIS ONE'S MINE!



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THE MISSING FINGERS



FIVE EXPLORERS STUMBLE UPON THE HIDDEN REMNANT OF A FORBIDDEN, PRIMORDIAL MYSTERY.

IT'S *FANTASTIC!* AND *HIDEOUS!* WHAT KIND OF ANCIENT DEITY WAS THIS?

THE ANCIENT IDOL

THE MATERIAL IT'S CARVED FROM... I'VE NEVER FELT ANYTHING LIKE IT.

IT LOOKS EVIL!

CTHULHU SAYS...

OBEY!

GASP!

GULP!

OBEY?!
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT? I'M NOT GOING TO OBEY SOME CREEPY OLD STATUE!

ZZZZZAP!!!



CTHULHU SAYS...BOW DOWN AND WORSHIP!



CTHULHU SAYS PLACE A HAND OVER YOUR CHEST AND PLEDGE YOUR LIFE TO THE COSMIC BATTLE THAT AWAITS US!



RISE!

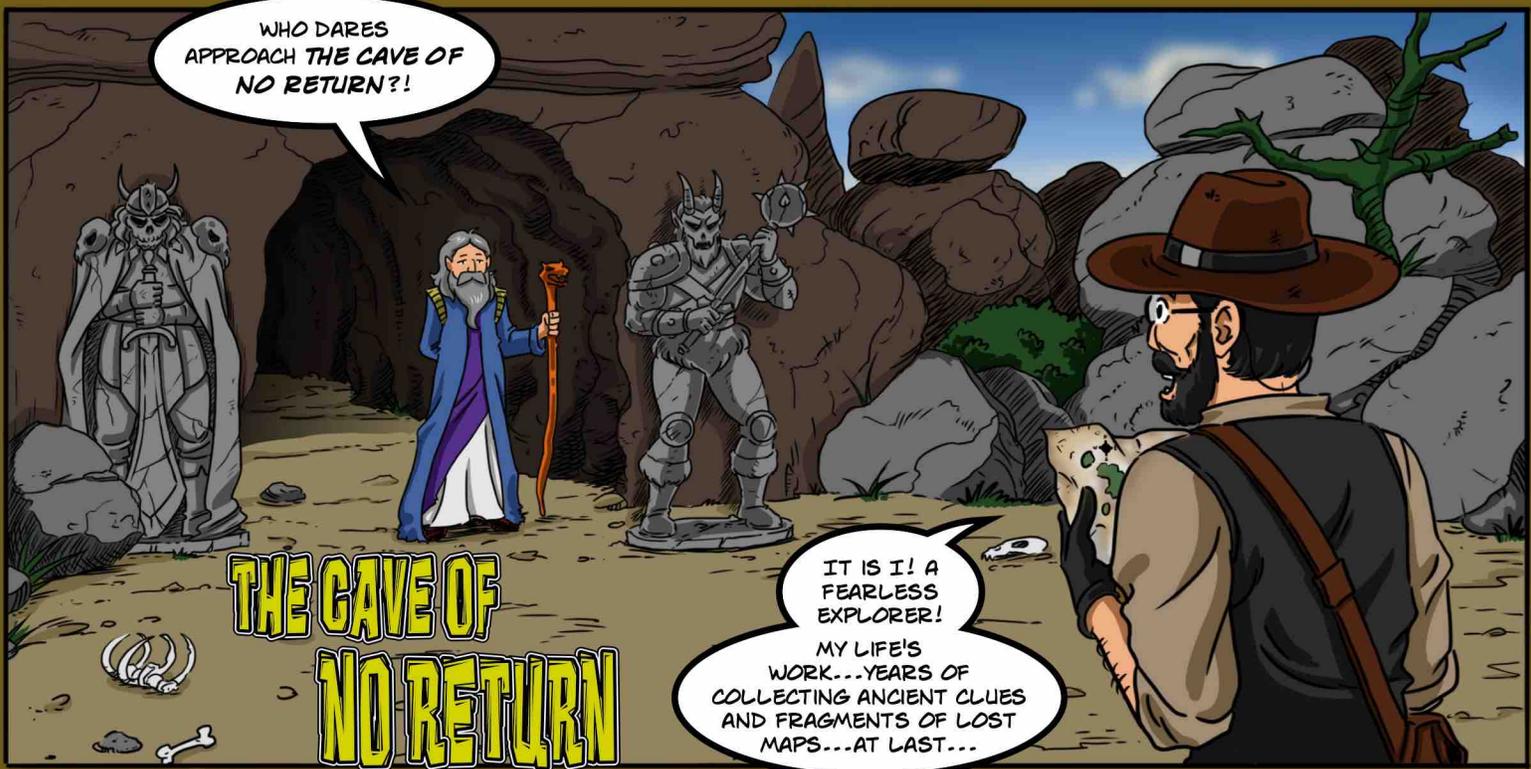
SPROING!



ZZZAP!!!



I DIDN'T SAY "CTHULHU SAYS"!



WHO DARES APPROACH THE CAVE OF NO RETURN?!

THE CAVE OF NO RETURN

IT IS I! A FEARLESS EXPLORER!
MY LIFE'S WORK...YEARS OF COLLECTING ANCIENT CLUES AND FRAGMENTS OF LOST MAPS...AT LAST...



I MUST WARN YOU! MANY HAVE ENTERED THIS CAVE BEFORE YOU.

NONE HAVE RETURNED!

I'VE COME THIS FAR! I CAN'T TURN BACK NOW! I'M GOING IN!

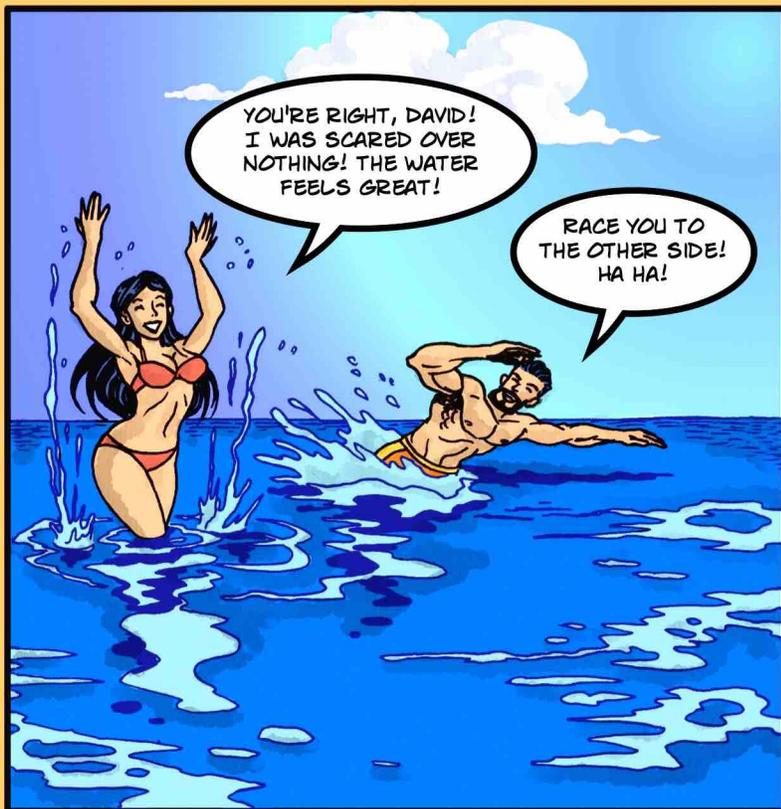


WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT? THERE'S NOTHING IN THERE! AND FURTHERMORE, WHY IS THIS CALLED THE CAVE OF NO RETURN? I'VE CLEARLY COME BACK OUT! WHAT A SCAM!

NOW THAT YOU KNOW HOW MUCH IT SUCKS, YOU'LL NEVER RETURN.

NO ONE EVER RETURNS!

DEADLY WATERS



WRATH OF THE DEMON LORD



YOUR PITIFUL
REBELLION HAS FAILED!
NOW YOU SHALL WATCH AS YOUR
DEAREST FRIENDS AND
FOLLOWERS ARE KILLED
ONE BY ONE!



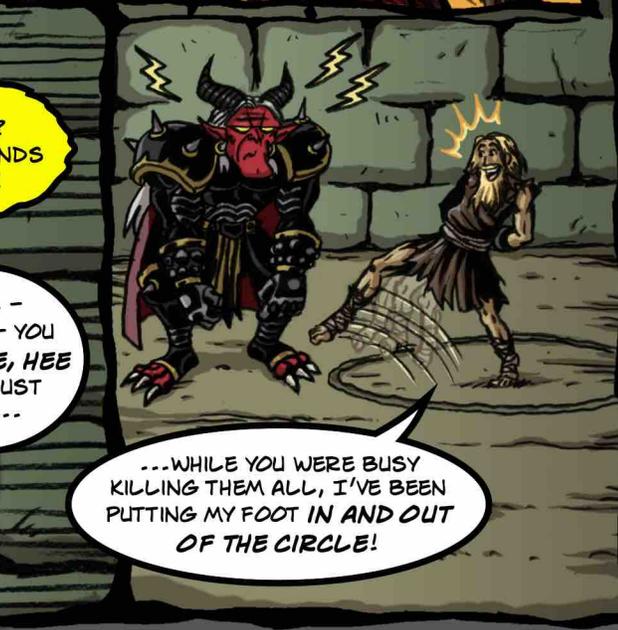
DO NOT DARE STEP
OUT OF THIS CIRCLE, OR
YOU'LL SUFFER MY
WRATH!



HA HA!
GIGGLE!
HEE HEE!



HA HA!
HA HA HA!
HA HA!

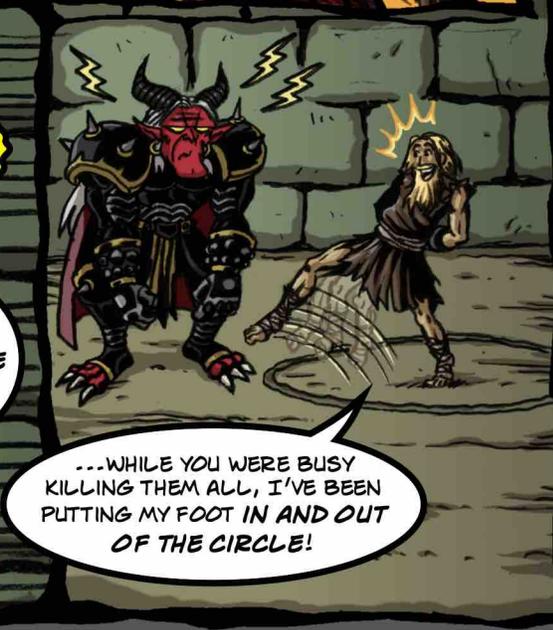


HA HA
HA! HA
HA HA HA!
HEE HEE
HEE! HA
HA!



WHAT'S
SO FUNNY?
ALL YOUR FRIENDS
ARE DEAD!

WELL -
HA, HA - YOU
SEE - HEE, HEE
- IT'S JUST
THAT...



...WHILE YOU WERE BUSY
KILLING THEM ALL, I'VE BEEN
PUTTING MY FOOT IN AND OUT
OF THE CIRCLE!

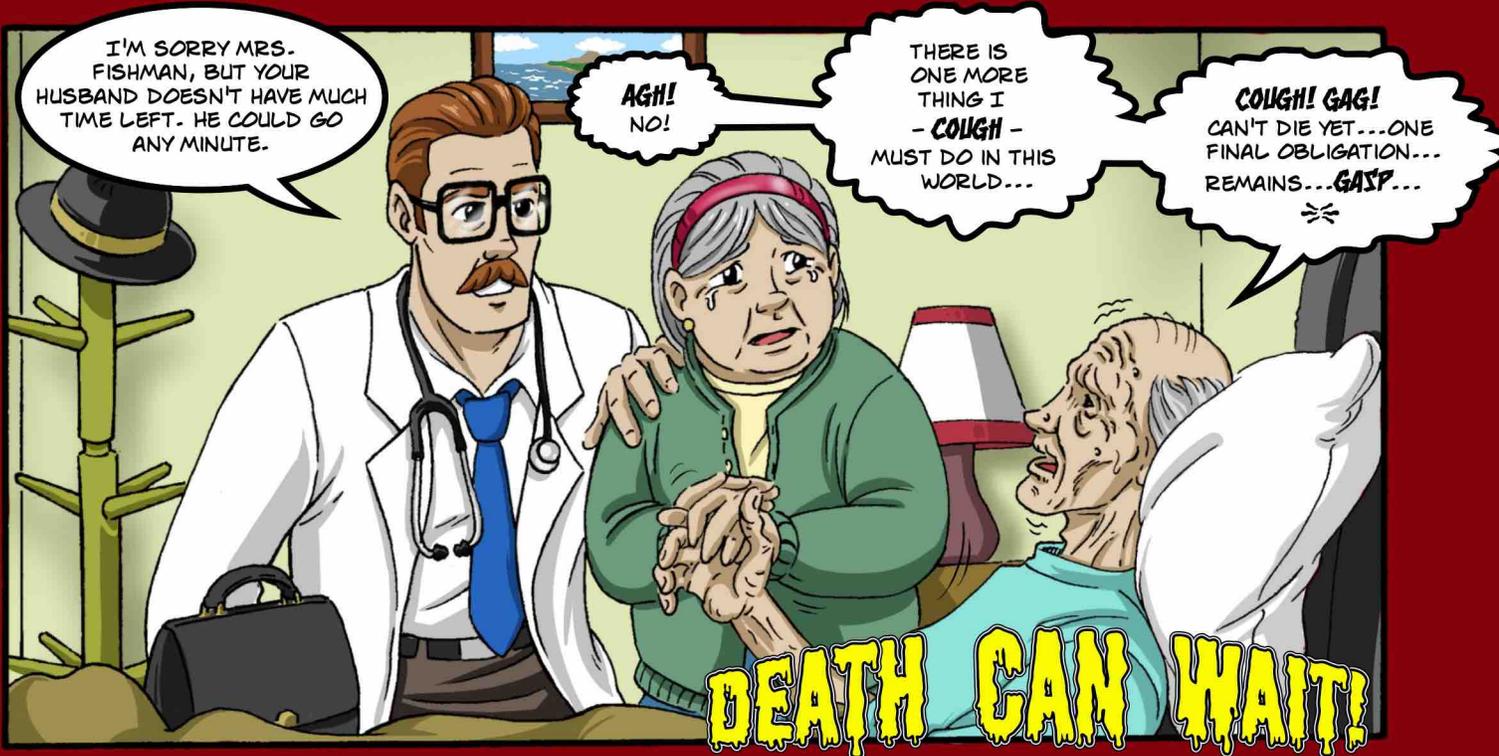
Upside to Everything

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AND THE GOOD NEWS?

WE WERE ABLE TO TURN HER INTO THIS COMMEMORATIVE HAT!



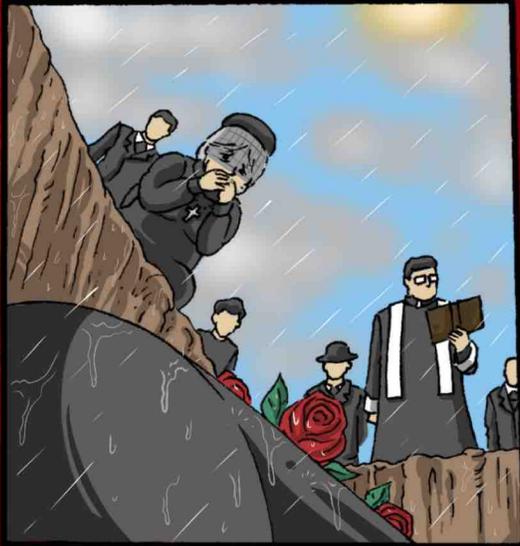
I'M SORRY MRS. FISHMAN, BUT YOUR HUSBAND DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT. HE COULD GO ANY MINUTE.

AGH!
NO!

THERE IS ONE MORE THING I - COUGH - MUST DO IN THIS WORLD...

COUGH! GAG!
CAN'T DIE YET... ONE FINAL OBLIGATION... REMAINS... GASP...

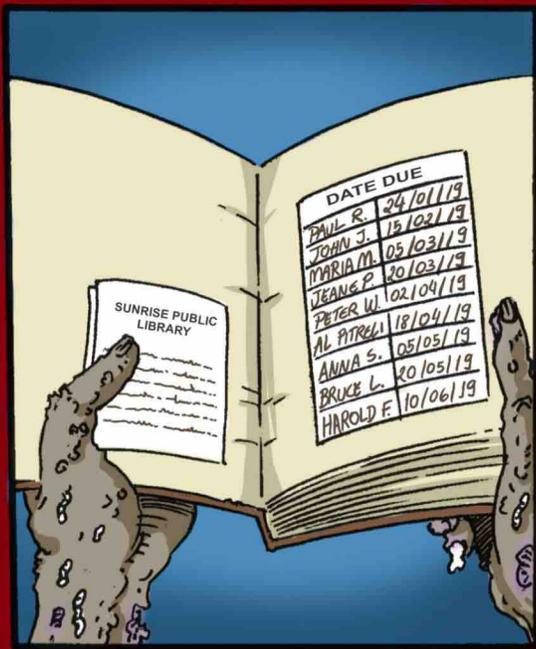
DEATH CAN WAIT!



EEEK!!!
HAROLD?!

WHAM

FOR THE THRILLING CONCLUSION TO THIS TALE OF TERROR, TURN THE PAGE!



BONUS SECTION!

THE WRITER'S ORIGINAL SKETCHES!
PLUS 2 UNUSED IDEAS (NEXT PAGE)

TALES OF HORROR PRESENT: **DEATH IN THE GRAVEYARD!** 



Why are all these people buried under the ground?

because...

RIP

they're... -

DEAD!!!

Good LORD! AAAA!

TALES OF HORROR PRESENT: **The CREATURE in the SWAMP**



What are those horrible noises?!

Iga... chhkt! HORK! schk!

Let's investigate it! But remember... we're in the middle of the jungle, so be careful!

IkaSm! cckhzt! phtsh!

GAAA! IkaSm HACK! HACK!

Good LORD! It's the CREATURE in the SWAMP!

It's horrible!

I think it's after us! RUN!

IcasmHack! I HORK HORK! ca...ph...ps... blagh! HACK!

Icaph...cough... HACK... I can't SWIM! HELP!

TALES OF HORROR PRESENT: **The SLIMY SLITHERING EYE**



stop staring at me like that!

Bullets won't stop it!

It doesn't even make him blink!

I'm afraid we're at the end of our rope!

we're gonna die!

hey! where's it going?! what's its plan?!

Good Lord! It's near sighted!

AARGH

TALES OF HORROR PRESENT: **The MANSION On The HILL**



Oh no! The car's stalled! We're stranded in this rain!

Look! Let's go to that MANSION on the HILL! It seems deserted!

Knock knock

uh...hello, can we come in for the night?

Go Away! Get far from this place! Beware!

Ha! This place doesn't scare me!

Leave! This is your last warning! Leave before it's too late!

LATER...

There's no need to worry Mr. Rawl. These people will never trespass again. Thanks for calling.

POLICE

TALES OF HORROR PRESENT: THE SKELETON MONSTER II

You thought you had killed him! You did!!!

But he's back anyway!



REVENGE
REVENGE
REVENGE



Let's talk this over? I'm sorry? If you let me live I'll be your best friend!

SO...AT LAST WE MEET! PREPARE TO DIE!

ARE YOU TRYING TO KISS ME?

DO YOU SEE ANY OTHER INVISIBLE MEN AROUNDS?

UM...IS THAT A TRICK QUESTION?

PLEASE STAND STILL AND I MAY FIND YOU AND THEN KILL YOU!

WHY'S THAT? BECAUSE I BROUGHT MY GANG!

HOW MANY ARE YOU? UH... FIVE OR SIX!

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU! DIE, SCUM!

STAB! AAAH! GAK!

HA HA HA! I HAVE KILLED YOU! VICTORY IS MINE!

ACTUALLY YOU DIDN'T TOUCH ME. I'M OVER HERE.

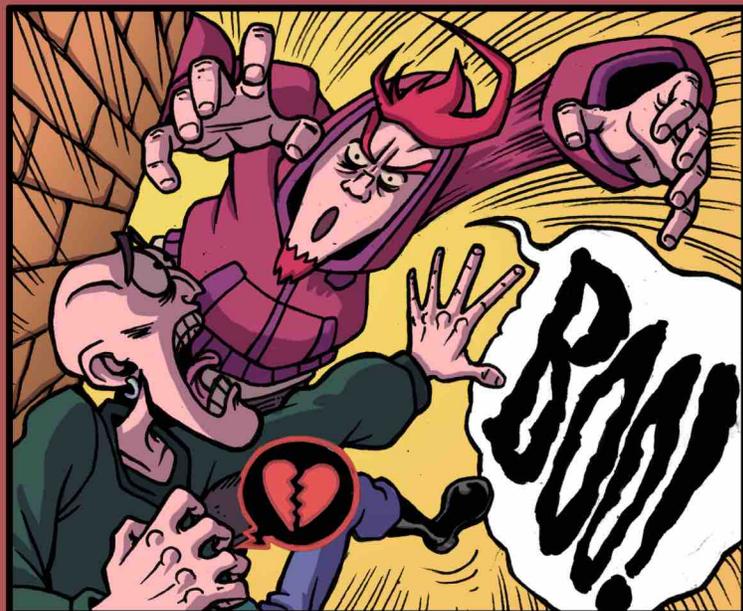
WHAT? THEN WHO DID I JUST KILL?!

YOU KILLED THE INVISIBLE REPORTER HE PHOTOGRAPHED EVERYTHING!

I'M POSTING THE PICS ONLINE RIGHT NOW! YOU'RE SOOO BUSTED! EVIL NEVER WINS!

THE BATTLE OF THE Invisible Men

BOO!

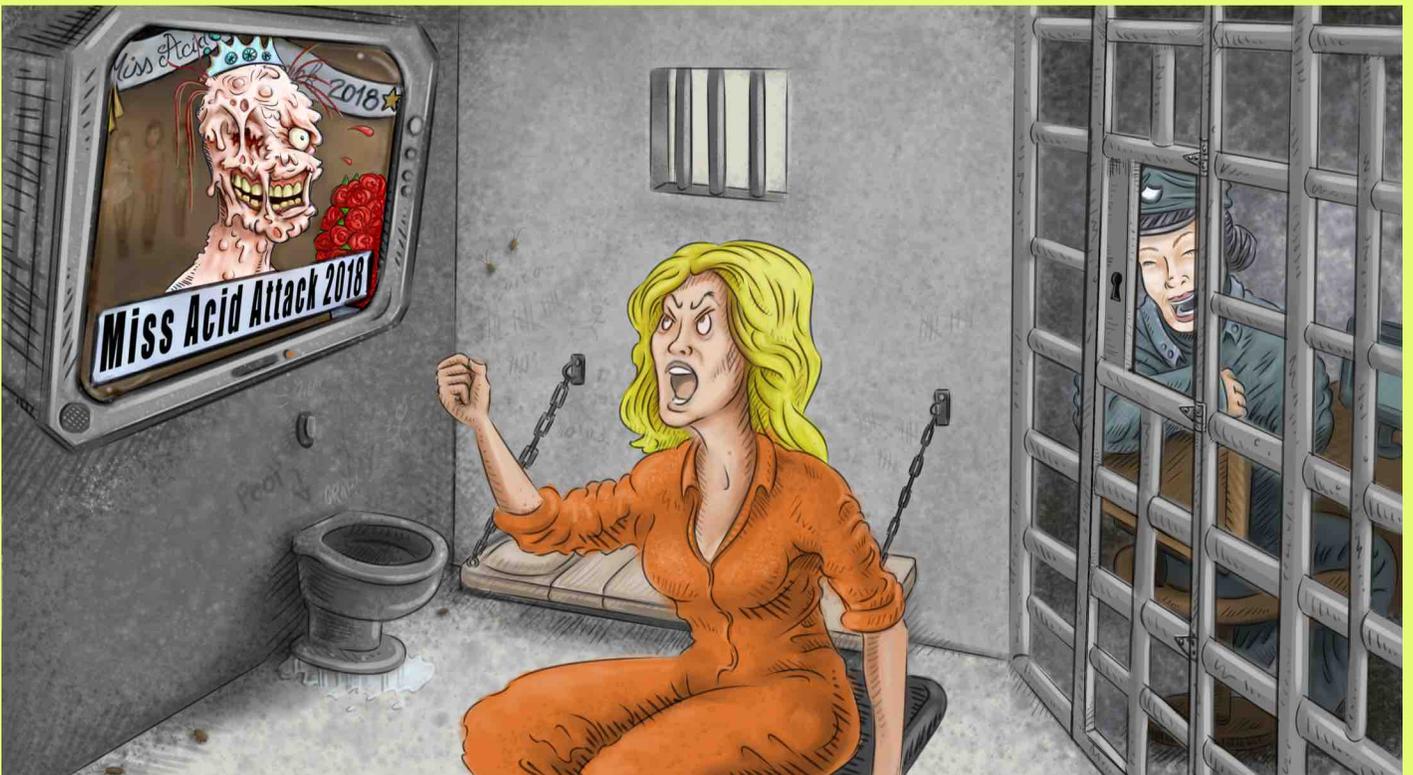


MORE

LEFTOVER

TRASH...

ACID QUEEN





TENTACLE FROM THE 8TH DIMENSION

MORE REINFORCEMENTS! MORE NUKES! LET'S SEND THAT *THING* BACK WHERE IT CAME FROM!

WHAT COSMIC MYSTERIES LIE BEYOND THAT PORTAL?

IF ONLY IT WERE SAFE TO EXPLORE...

MEANWHILE, IN THE 8TH DIMENSION...

KEEP THE PUPPET SWINGING, GUYS!
UNTIL THAT FREAKISH PORTAL CLOSES, WE DON'T WANT ANYTHING FROM THE UNKNOWN BEYOND TO COME IN HERE!

NOW DO YOU BELIEVE ME THAT CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL?!



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