

THUGS IN DENKALI



DR WORTH RETURNS
TO HIS PRACTICE AFTER
HIS JUNGLE VACATION-



THRU HARD WORK, ABILITY AND
MARRIAGE TO A RICH HEIRESS,
DR WORTH BECOMES A WEALTHY
MAN -



WHAT SORT OF
NECKLACE
IS IT, DEAR?

SORT OF A GOOD-
LUCK CHARM,
DARLING.



YEARS PASS - THERE
ARE CHILDREN -



WHY DID DADDY
PUT THIS SILLY
MARK ON MY
WRIST? GOOD
LUCK, HE
SAID

YOUR FATHER IS RICH ENOUGH TO
BE ECCENTRIC, DEAR. HUMOR
HIM.



YEARS PASS - ANOTHER GENERATION
GROWS UP - OLD DOC WORTH IS LAID TO REST -

DAD WANTED THAT MARK ON
HIS TOMBSTONE. SAID IT HAD
ALWAYS BEEN
GOOD LUCK -



~ THEN A TRAGIC MOTOR ACCIDENT
BEFALLS DOC'S SON AND HIS WIFE ~



LEAVING YOUNG CONLEY, AGE 7, SOLE
HEIR TO THE VAST WORTH FORTUNE.

WHERE ARE MOMMA
AND DADDY, AUNTIE?

GONE AWAY-
DEAR-



WE'RE GOING TO SEE COUSIN GARR HE-HE'S YOUR GUARDIAN

WHAT'S A GUARDIAN, AUNTIE?

YOUNG CONLEY, SOLE HEIR TO THE WORTH MILLIONS-

BY THIS WILL YOU WILL LIVE WITH ME. I SHALL ADMINISTER YOUR ESTATE CONLEY.

CONLEY'S GUARDIAN, COUSIN GARR- ADMIN--?

COUSIN GARR HAS ONE VICE-

I COULD USE SOME LUCK, MYSELF.

HE WANTS MORE CREDIT, PETE.

GIVE HIM ALL HE WANTS.

MY LUCK'S BEEN BAD FOR MONTHS BUT I'LL PAY IT ALL BACK. MAY TAKE A YEAR OR TWO

CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG, GARR YOU DON'T HAVE TO, EITHER.

I KNOW ABOUT THAT ESTATE YOU'RE HANDLING. YOU'VE BEEN 'BORROWING' HEAVILY FROM IT.

NOTHING I CAN'T PAY BACK!

I ALSO KNOW THAT IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THE BOY- THE FORTUNE IS YOURS.

MIGHT RUIN YOUR REPUTATION IF THE NEWS GOT OUT.

NOTHING WILL HAPPEN TO THAT BOY!

YOU OWE ME A HALF MILLION. IT'S WORTH A MILLION TO KEEP ME QUIET. THINK IT OVER, 'COUSIN'.

I BORROWED MONEY FROM CONLEY'S ESTATE TO GAMBLE- INTENDING TO MAKE IT UP. I CAN'T ADMIT THAT-

I CAN'T ASK FOR POLICE PROTECTION OR THEY'LL EXPOSE ME--

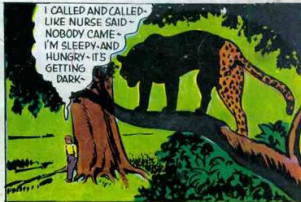
CONLEY-- ARE YOU-- ALL RIGHT?

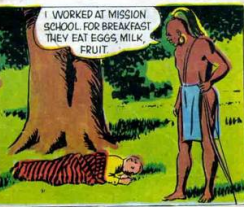
YES, COUSIN-GEE- IT'S FUNNY CALLING YOU COUSIN YOU'RE SO OLD











DAYLIGHT, AND CONLEY WAKES UP-- IT SEEMS NATURAL ENOUGH TO A 7-YEAR-OLD.





• HIS PROTECTORS
WATCH ~ EVEN IF
THEY ARE FOUR WITH
RIFLES, WE MUST
FIGHT FOR HIM ~

HE WEARS THE
PHANTOM'S
MARK ~



LOOK ~ ON HIS WRIST ~
THE PHANTOM'S MARK!



~ AND DON'T COME
BACK - OR I'LL
BEAT YOU
ALL UP!



HE IS A BRAVE
LITTLE MAN -
WORTHY OF THE
PHANTOM'S
GOOD MARK.

IT'S TIME TO TELL
THE PHANTOM OF
HIM.



BOY CHILD WEARS
PHANTOM
GOOD MARK



HEAR? WE GOT AWAY -
JUST IN TIME!

KEEP
RUNNING!

OLD WEARS PHANTOM GOOD MARK ~~~~ BOY CHILD WEARS PHANTOM GOOD MARK



THE MESSAGE IS
PICKED UP AND
RELAYED - VILLAGE
TO VILLAGE ~

BOY CHILD WEARS
PHANTOM
GOOD MARK



• TO THE FABULOUS SKULL THRONE
OF THE PHANTOM - THE GHOST WHO WALKS!

WEARS PHANTOM GOOD MARK ~~~~ BOY CHILD WEARS PHANTOM GOOD MARK



MY MARK.
WHO CAN
IT BE?

GURAN SEND
A MESSAGE TO
BRING HIM HERE.





WHO CAN HE BE AND WHERE DID HE GET THE MARK? I'LL WAIT UNTIL HE HAS SLEPT~



WE FOUGHT OFF ANIMALS AND BAD MEN TO SAVE HIM -- FOR HE WORE YOUR MARK, O GHOST WHO WALKS.

WELL DONE



MORNING - HE AWAKES REFRESHED - TO FIND - NATURALLY - BREAKFAST READY.



ARE YOU A GOOD MAN?

I HOPE SO. LET'S GO OVER HERE AND HAVE A TALK.



MY NAME'S CONLEY WORTH - NURSE SAID CALL 'PHANTOM' CAUSE BAD MEN HAVE COUSIN GARR - WHAT'S HIS NAME?

DEVIL WHERE DID YOU GET THAT MARK?



I DON'T KNOW - DADDY AND GRANDDADDY HAD IT - IT'S GOOD LUCK -

HMM - YOU STAY HERE AND PLAY WITH DEVIL - WHILE I FIND SOMETHING -



WORTH? SOMEWHERE - AN ANCESTOR OF MINE GAVE ONE OF HIS ANCESTORS THE MARK -

HIS GRAND-FATHER, PERHAPS, FIFTY YEARS AGO



THE FOUR CENTURY CHRONICLES OF THE PHANTOM!

IN A 50-YEAR-OLD PHANTOM CHRONICLE

AH - HERE IT IS



"AS THE BURNING SHIP SANK, I WAS BADLY WOUNDED. DR. WORTH BRAVELY RESCUED ME."



"- SAVED MY LIFE AND NURSED ME TO HEALTH. FOR THIS, I PUT UPON HIM OUR GOOD MARK -"



HMM - THAT WAS FIFTY YEARS AGO - MY GRAND-FATHER AND HIS GRAND-FATHER - NOW THE CHILD WEARS THE MARK -



TELL ME WHY YOU CAME TO THE JUNGLE, CONLEY

I TOLD YOU. BAD MEN WITH COUSIN GARR CHASED ME - NURSE SAID CALL PHANTOM -



HMM - AND WHAT DO THESE BAD MEN WANT WITH YOUR COUSIN GARR?

HURT AND ROB AND KILL HIM! ISN'T THAT WHAT BAD MEN DO?



USUALLY WE'D BETTER SEE YOUR COUSIN GARR, AND FIND OUT.

OH - THIS PRETTY HORSE! PLEASE, CAN I DRIVE?



THE PHANTOM - AND HERO -



THE GREAT WHITE STALLION RACES THRU THE JUNGLE.

CAN'T WE STOP AND SWIM?

WE HAVEN'T TIME, CONLEY. WE HAVE TO SEE ABOUT YOUR COUSIN GARR - AND THOSE BAD MEN -



~LET'S HOPE
WE'RE IN TIME



THREE DAYS AND
NIGHTS - CONLEY'S
GONE FOR GOOD.



UP! WE'RE GOING HOME
NOW YOU INHERIT
THE KID'S MONEY.
PAY ME OFF.



AND GET HELD UP HERE? NO,
SIRREE! MAKE UP SOME STORY
WHEN WE GET HOME.



YOU PROMISED
TO LET ME REPORT
TO THE POLICE.

YOU MURDERED
THAT CHILD



HE STILL LIVES, SIR. I KNOW!
HE WEARS THE PHANTOM
MARK!



STOP THAT
TALK!



I HEARD ENOUGH BLATTING ABOUT
PHANTOMS. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE
BESIDES US WHO KNOWS
ABOUT THIS -



I'M NOT LEAVING
YOU ALIVE TO
TALK -

SOMEBODY
AT THE
DOOR~



MAYBE IT'S
COPS -- BE
READY~



IT'S
ME!



CONLEY! THANK GOODNESS
YOU'RE SAFE! BUT YOU
SHOULDN'T HAVE COME
HERE!



YOU WERE WRONG ABOUT THE NURSE
BEING THE ONLY ONE TO KNOW ABOUT
THIS -



NOW I
KNOW!

PHAN-TOM!



HUH--?
PHANTOM?



YOU WANTED THE BOY
TO DIE IN THE JUNGLE
SO COUSIN GARR WOULD
INHERIT HIS FORTUNE
AND PAY YOU
OFF -





