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THE PHANTOM
PART ONE

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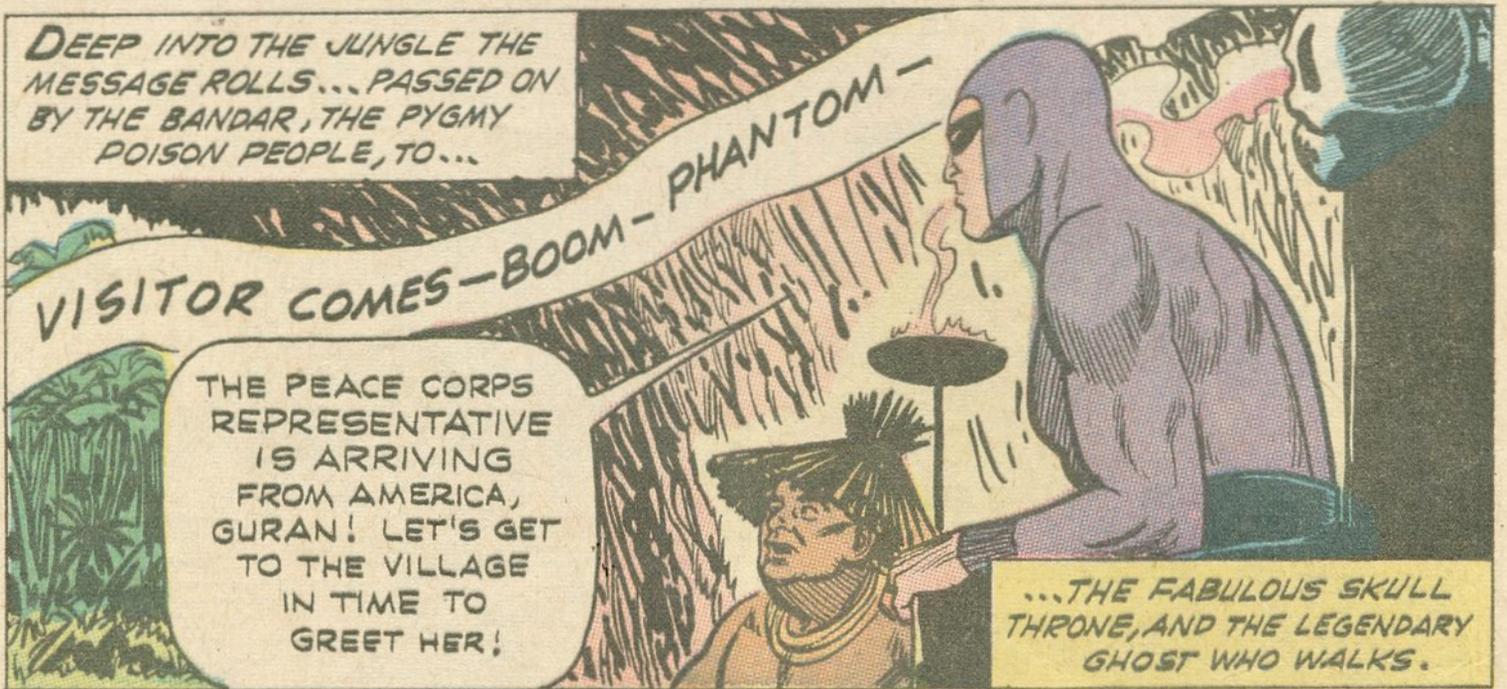
ON A GREAT RIVER RUNNING NEAR THE DEEP WOODS, A FEARSOME FORM OF SUDDEN DEATH MOVES IN UPON THE GHOST WHO WALKS! AND WITH EYES GLAZED, THE FAITHFUL GURAN, IGNORES THE DANGER TO HIS FRIEND, FOR BOTH ARE HELPLESS VICTIMS OF THE TERRIBLE POWERS OF DELILAH...



IN A CORNER OF THE BENGALI JUNGLE,
FAR FROM THE DEEP WOODS, A WAMBESI
WARRIOR SPRINGS TO ATTENTION AS...



DEEP INTO THE JUNGLE THE
MESSAGE ROLLS... PASSED ON
BY THE BANDAR, THE PYGMY
POISON PEOPLE, TO...



THE PEOPLE FROM THE CORPS ARE
SPREADING OUT TO ALL PARTS OF THE
WORLD! THEY'LL BE GOOD FOR THE
BENGALI NATIVES, GURAN!



MEANWHILE,
MANY MILES
AWAY...

SMOKE FLARE!
SOMEBODY'S IN
TROUBLE DOWN
THERE, MISS ATKINS!

GOODNESS!...
WE'D BETTER LAND
AND HELP THEM!



SIMPLE AS
APPLE PIE,
SHAY... OUR
PIGEON IS
IN THE COOP!

YOU'RE A
GENIUS
ALL RIGHT,
CAP'N
DAVOT!



AH! IT'S LIKE THE ANGELS CAME DOWN
FROM THE SKIES TO GAVE US! GIVE US
A HAND, LAD... WE'VE BEEN FLOATING
WILD OUT HERE SINCE OUR SHIP SANK
FOUR DAYS AGO!

STEADY, OLD FELLOW...
YOU'RE SAFE NOW!
GIVE ME YOUR HAND!



OH-H!

HA-HA!
I'M THE
TOUGHEST
OLD-TIMER
YOU'LL
EVER
RUN INTO,
MATE!
COME
ABOARD!



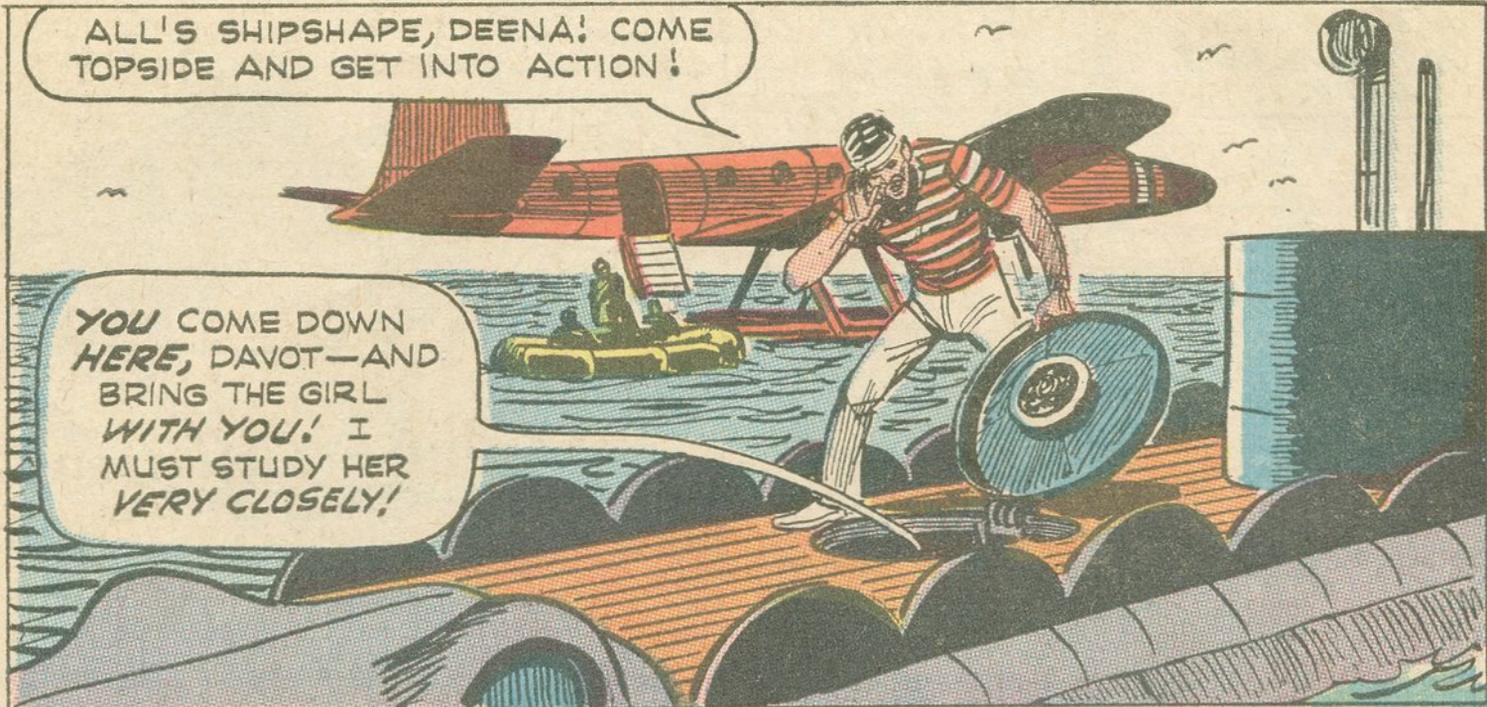
ABRUPTLY, A STRANGE CRAFT
APPEARS FROM UNDERWATER...

NOW, JUST BE QUIET-LIKE, M'LADY AND
YOU'LL GET ALL THE PEACE YOU WANT!
WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE
VACATION... YES, SIREE!



ALL'S SHIPSHAPE, DEENA! COME TOPSIDE AND GET INTO ACTION!

YOU COME DOWN HERE, DAVOT—AND BRING THE GIRL WITH YOU! I MUST STUDY HER VERY CLOSELY!



SO THIS IS WHAT A PEACE CORPS WORKER LOOKS LIKE! YOU CERTAINLY WOULDN'T WIN ANY BEAUTY CONTESTS MISS ANNABEL ATKINS!

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?



I'M GOING TO TAKE YOUR PLACE, ANNABEL ... AND SWINDLE THE PHANTOM OUT OF HIS ENTIRE DOMAIN!

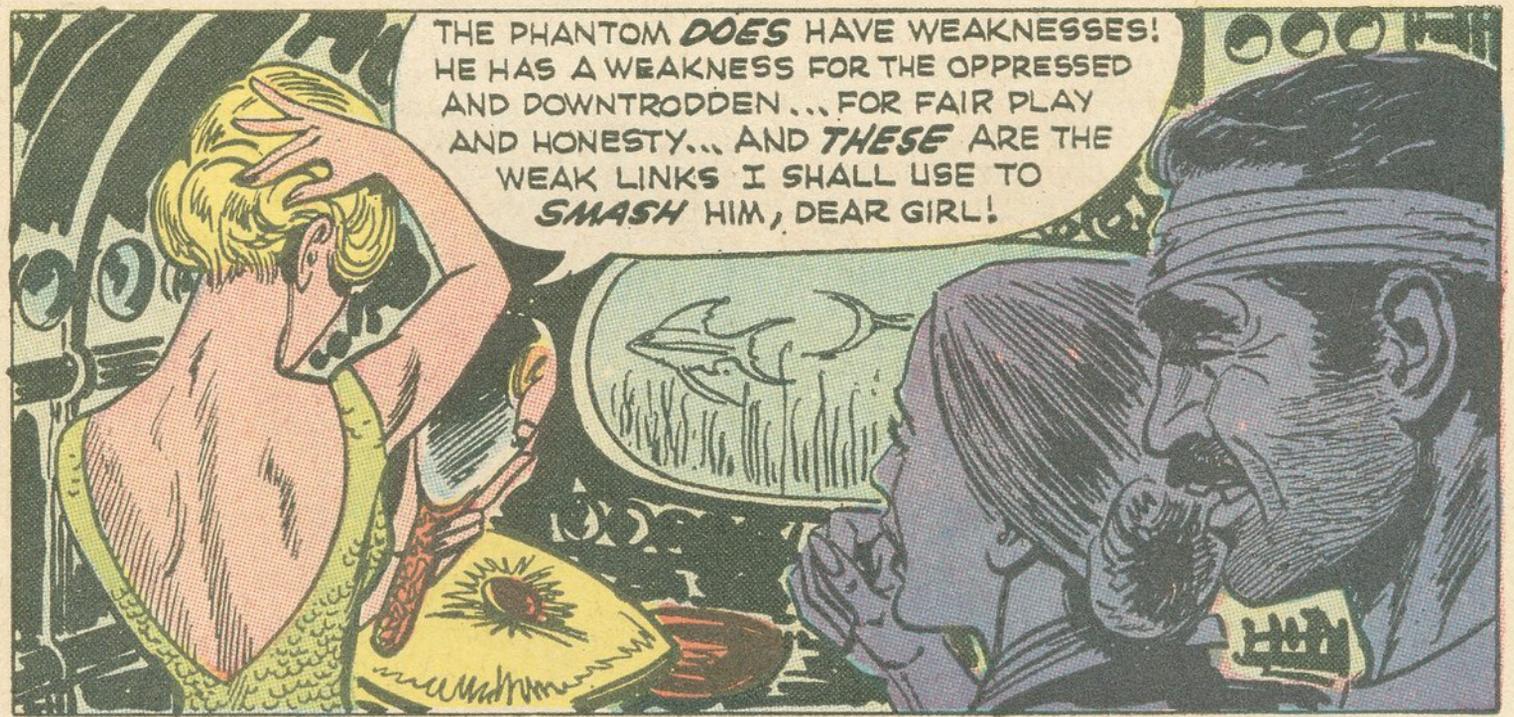
WHY, YOU'RE CRAZY! HE'S SEEN THROUGH A HUNDRED TRICKSTERS LIKE YOU TWO!



DON'T YOU REALIZE HE DOESN'T HAVE THE WEAKNESSES OF ORDINARY MEN? YOU WON'T FOOL HIM FOR A MINUTE!

THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, MY LITTLE ANNABEL!





THE PHANTOM *DOES* HAVE WEAKNESSES! HE HAS A WEAKNESS FOR THE OPPRESSED AND DOWNTRODDEN... FOR FAIR PLAY AND HONESTY... AND *THESE* ARE THE WEAK LINKS I SHALL USE TO *SMASH* HIM, DEAR GIRL!

LATER, AT THE BENGALI VILLAGE...

WE ARRIVED IN TIME, GURAN! THIS WILL BE A BIG STEP FORWARD FOR OUR PEOPLE!

NOW THEY HAVE *TWO* GOOD FRIENDS... PHANTOM AND THE GIRL OF PEACE!



AND IN THE PLANE THAT CIRCLES ABOVE FOR A LANDING...

YOUR DISGUISE IS PERFECT, DEENA! YOU LOOK JUST LIKE THAT MISS ATKINS!

YOU LOOK PRETTY GOOD YOURSELF... AS THE PILOT!



MINUTES LATER...

WELCOME, MISS ATKINS! WE'LL SEE THAT YOU ARE MADE AS COMFORTABLE AS POSSIBLE!

THANK YOU, PHANTOM!

...NOW, REMEMBER OUR PLANS FOR THE PHANTOM! DO IT FAST... HE CAN BE DANGEROUS TO OUR OPERATION!

DON'T WORRY, JUST DO YOUR JOB!



BUT WHEN THE PHANTOM SHOWS THE GIRL TO HER QUARTERS...



PLEASE DON'T LEAVE YET!
THERE'S *SO* MUCH I WANT
TO KNOW ABOUT THESE
PEOPLE! YOU CAN
HELP *ME*
HELP
THEM!

SURELY!

YOU KNOW, MY FATHER SPENT HIS LIFE
IN THE PERUVIAN JUNGLE... I LIVED
THERE MANY YEARS WITH HIM!

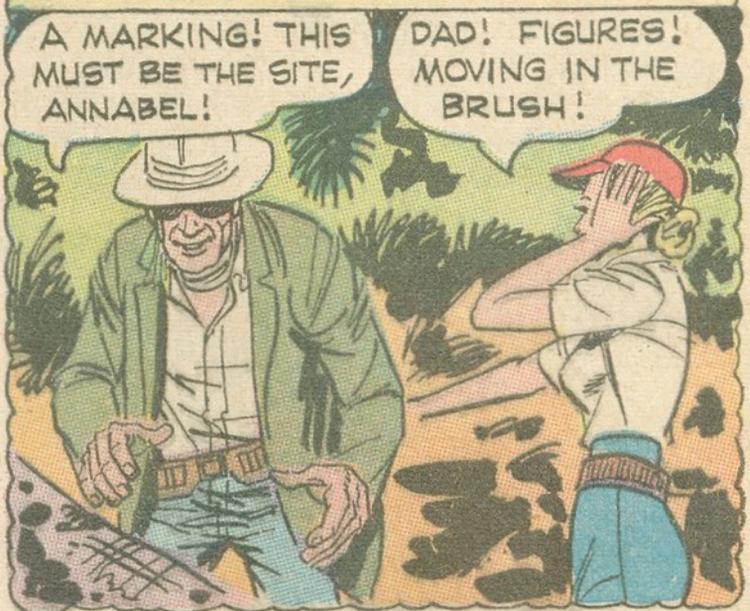


YOUR FATHER
WAS AN
EXPLORER?

YES... AN ARCHAEOLOGIST... HE DIED
SEARCHING FOR ANCIENT INCA RUINS...
A-AND I WAS AT HIS SIDE! I-IT
WAS TERRIBLE!



*THE PHANTOM VISUALIZES DEENA'S
LIES AS SHE SPEAKS...*



A MARKING! THIS
MUST BE THE SITE,
ANNABEL!

DAD! FIGURES!
MOVING IN THE
BRUSH!

"SUDDENLY, A RAIN
OF ARROWS
FELL ON US..."



INDIANS! GUARDING
THE RUINS! THEY THINK
WE'VE COME TO
DESECRATE THEM!
THIS WAY, QUICKLY!

"FOR AN HOUR WE HELD THEM OFF..."

I-IT'S NO *USE*, HONEY... THEY'RE TOO *MANY* FOR US... YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT *ALONE!*
HURRY!

I- I *WON'T* LEAVE YOU, DAD!



"HE WAS INSISTENT..."

YOU *MUST* GO, ANNABEL! IF YOU DON'T THERE WILL BE NO CHANCE FOR EITHER OF US! *LEAVE!*



"I FLED INTO THE JUNGLE... SOBBING LIKE A CHILD..."

POOR DAD... (SOB!)



THAT'S THE LAST I EVER SAW OF FATHER!

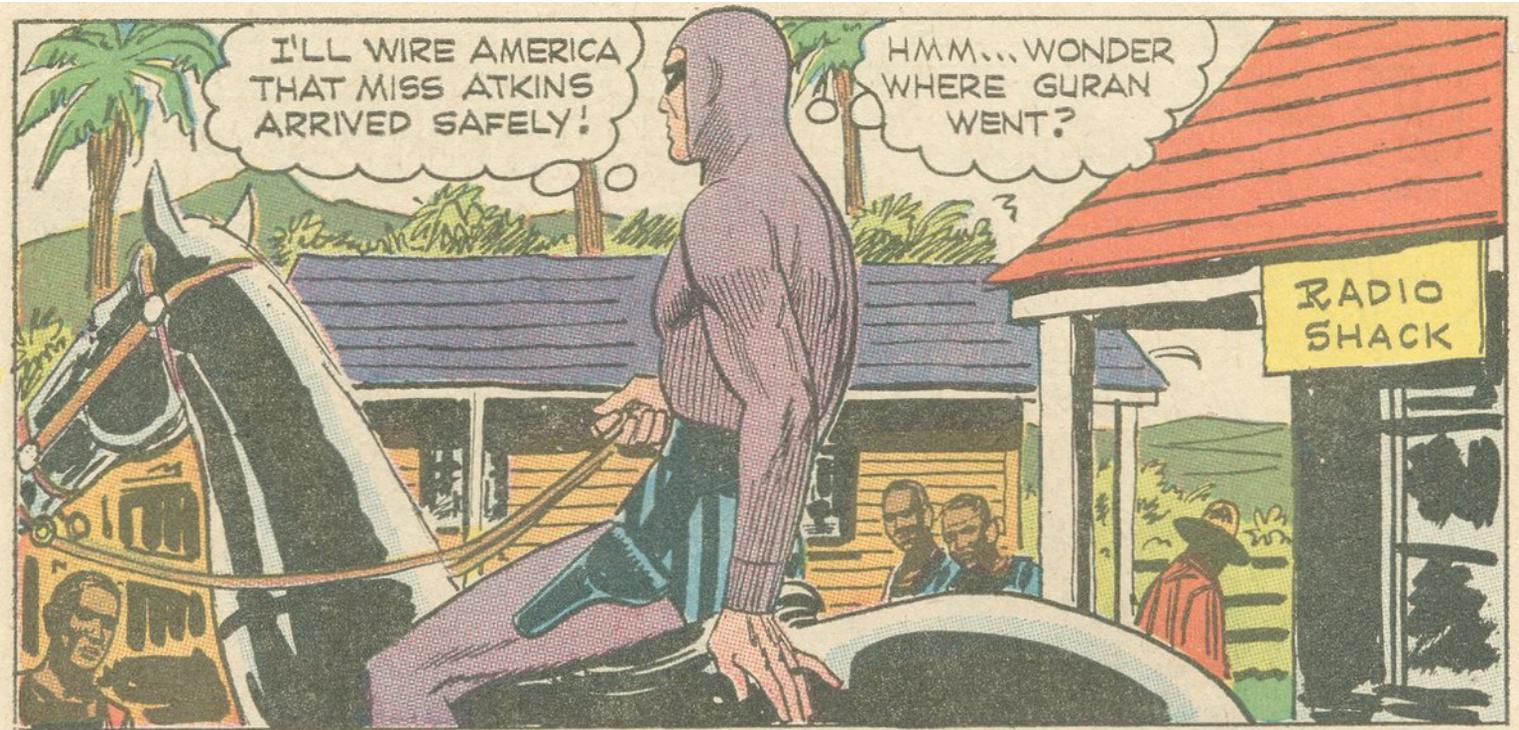
I UNDERSTAND, MISS ATKINS! YOU'D BETTER REST NOW... I'LL COME BACK TOMORROW!



IT WAS EVEN *EASIER* THAN I THOUGHT... THE MIGHTY PHANTOM IS A REAL PUSH-OVER FOR A SOB STORY...

VERY *SOON* YOU'RE GOING TO BE A *RICH, RICH* GIRL, DEENA!





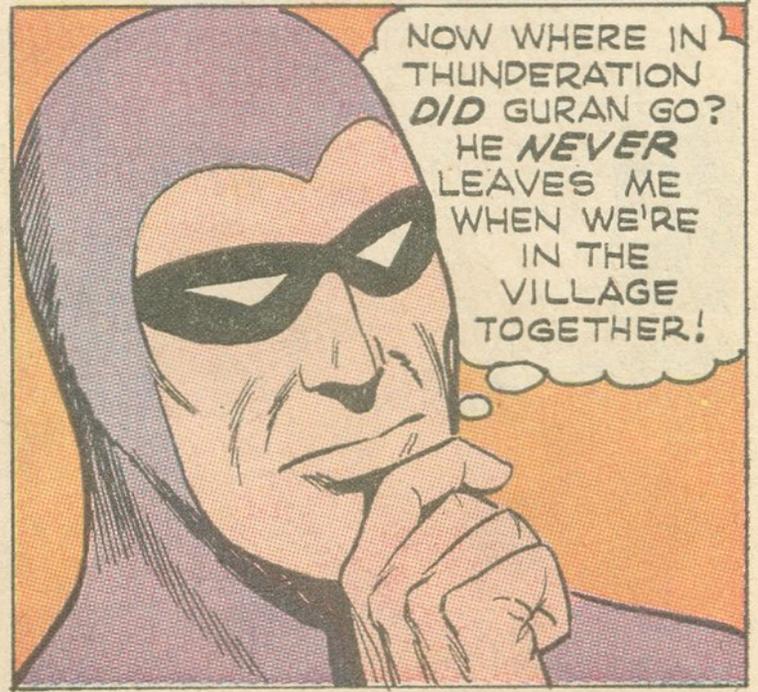
I'LL WIRE AMERICA THAT MISS ATKINS ARRIVED SAFELY!

HMM... WONDER WHERE GURAN WENT?



PLEASE SEND THIS MESSAGE OUT RIGHT AWAY!

SHE'S QUITE AN INTERESTING GIRL... A PITY ABOUT HER FATHER... HER LIFE'S BEEN A LOT LIKE *MINE*, I GUESS...



NOW WHERE IN THUNDERATION DID GURAN GO? HE *NEVER* LEAVES ME WHEN WE'RE IN THE VILLAGE TOGETHER!



NO... NO, PHANTOM... WE HAVE SEEN NO ONE!

I HAVE SEEN YOUR FRIEND, GURAN, PHANTOM!



HE RODE ALONG THE CLIFF ROAD, AS YOU ASKED HIM TO!

AS I ASKED HIM TO?

Y-YES, PHANTOM... A MAN GAVE HIM A NOTE FROM YOU... IT SAID YOU WANTED TO MEET HIM AT THE GREAT CLIFF TREE!

THANK YOU!

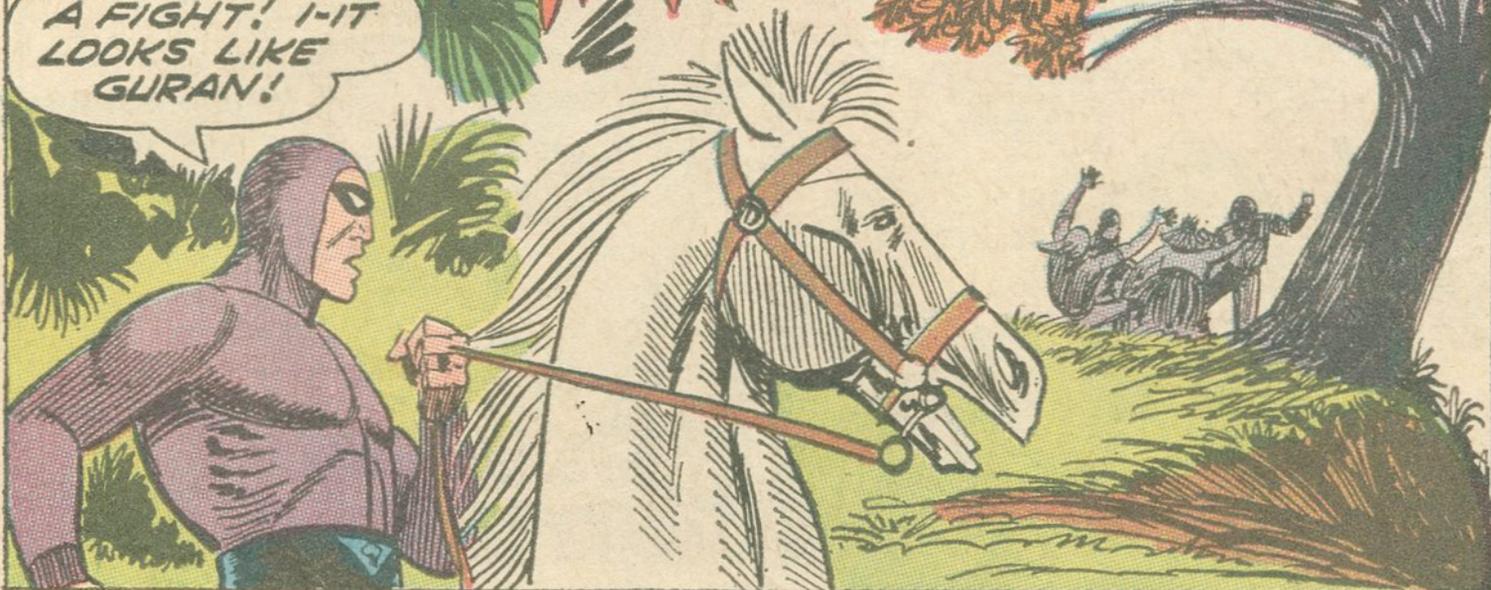


GURAN'S BEEN TAKEN IN BY A RUSE! I ONLY HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE! BUT WHO WOULD WANT TO HURT HIM?



MINUTES LATER...

A FIGHT! - IT LOOKS LIKE GURAN!



UGH! THIS CHARACTER'S STRONG AS A BULL-APE!

DON'T KILL HIM! WE'VE GOT TO HAVE HIM ALIVE!

HEY! SOMEBODY'S COMING!



THE PHANTOM! YOU GUYS GET THAT CREEP, GURAN, OUT OF HERE! I'LL TRY TO HOLD OFF THIS CHARACTER!



THE PHANTOM PLUMMETS FROM THE SADDLE AS HOT LEAD CUTS THE AIR...

THOSE ROCKS!
GOT TO TAKE COVER
BEHIND THEM...
QUICK!

BAM!
BAM!



THEY'RE KIDNAPPING GURAN... GOT TO FIGURE SOME WAY TO GET PAST THIS ONE! BEFORE THE OTHERS GET GURAN INTO THAT BOAT AND OUT OF REACH — BUT HOW?



GHOST WHO WALKS... MAN WHO CAN'T DIE... HAH-HA! WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT SOON AS HE STICKS HIS HEAD OUT FROM BEHIND THOSE, HAH-HA...ROCKS!

POW!
BANG!

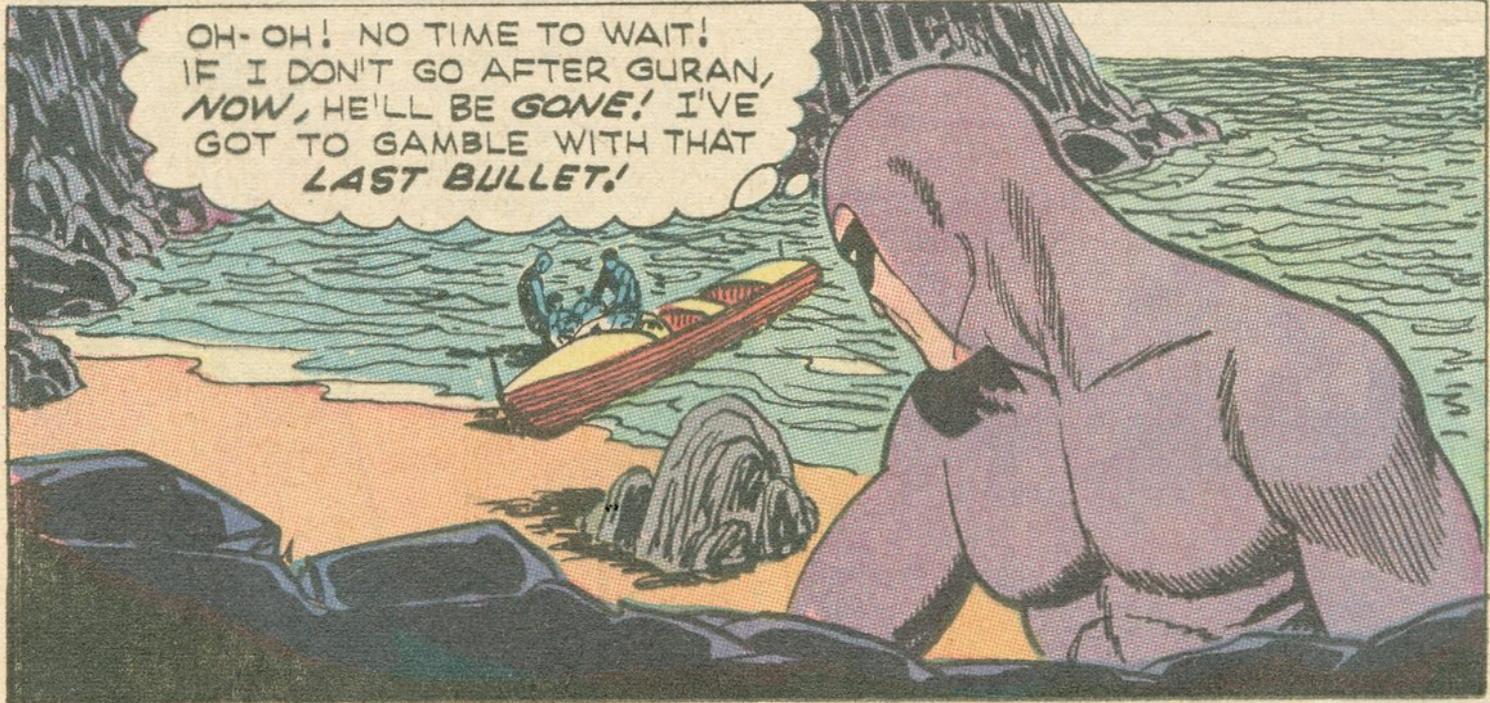
DIDN'T
SEE ME
CIRCLE
AROUND!

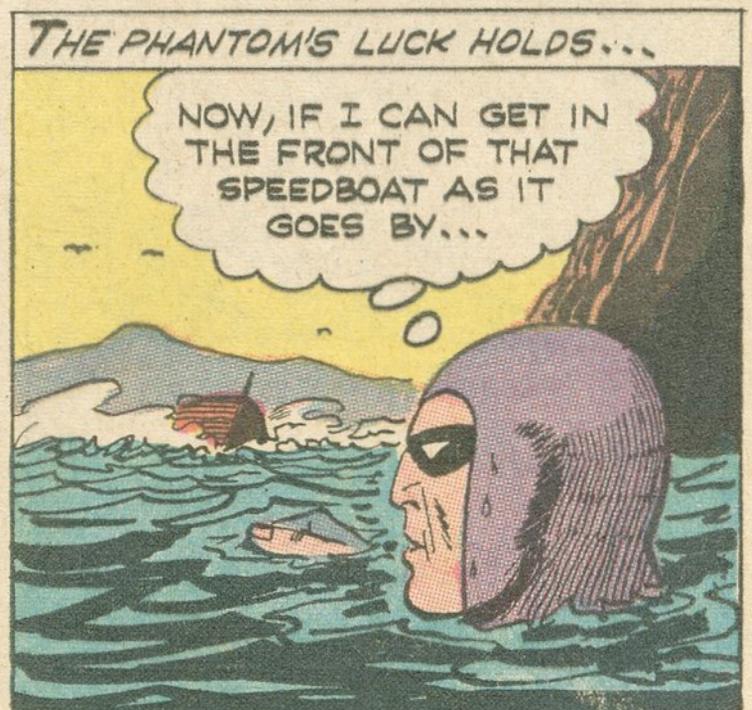
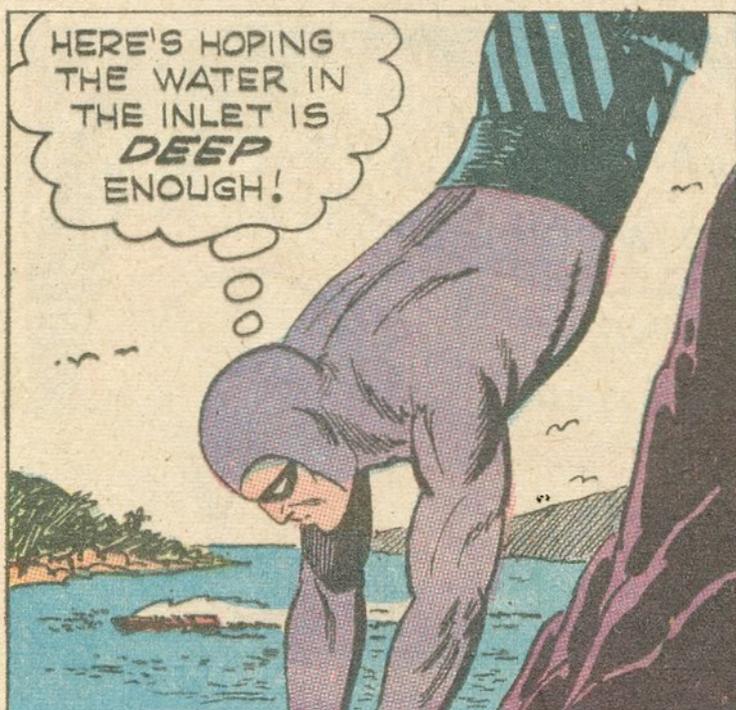


HE'S GOT ONE MORE BULLET LEFT!
I'LL HAVE TO WAIT HIM OUT...



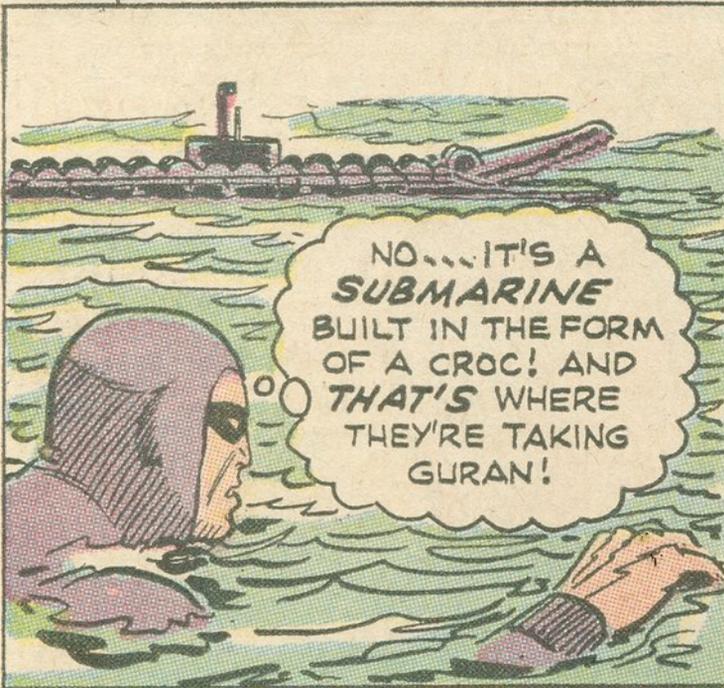
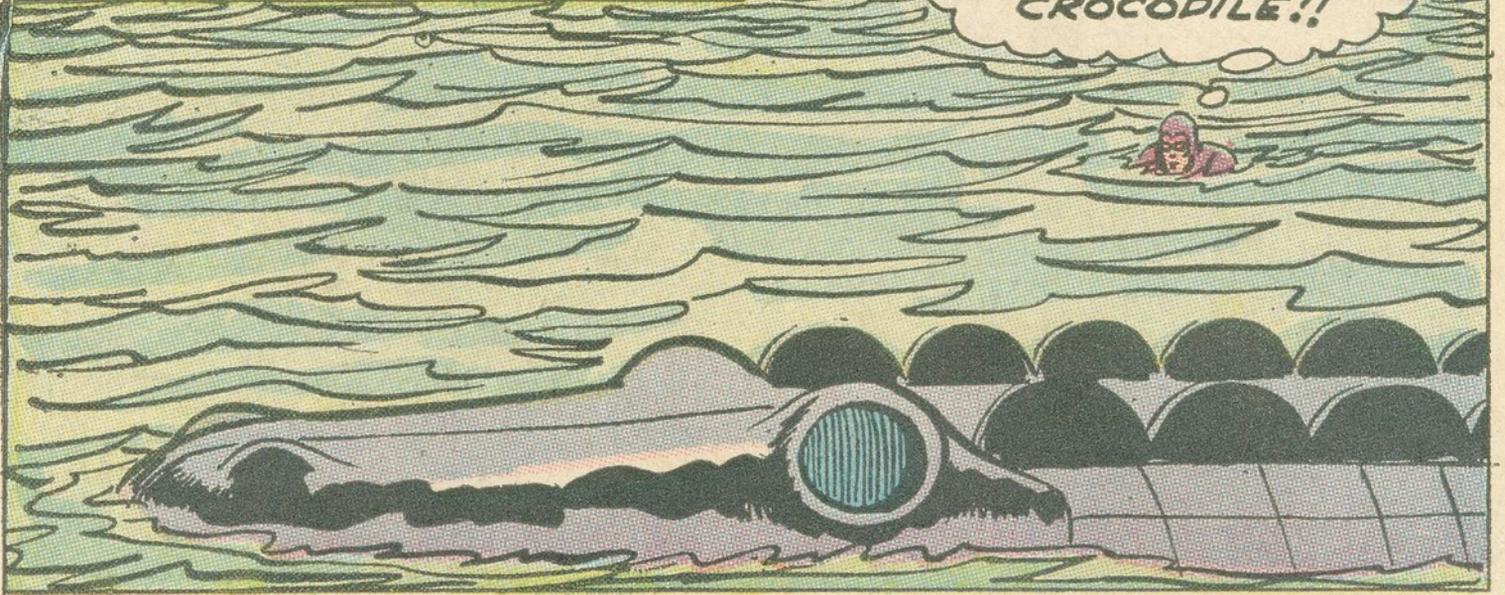
OH-OH! NO TIME TO WAIT!
IF I DON'T GO AFTER GURAN,
NOW, HE'LL BE GONE! I'VE
GOT TO GAMBLE WITH THAT
LAST BULLET!





SUDDENLY, BETWEEN THE PHANTOM AND THE APPROACHING SPEEDBOAT...

WH-WHAT IN THUNDER??
A MONSTER CROCODILE!!



NO...IT'S A SUBMARINE BUILT IN THE FORM OF A CROC! AND THAT'S WHERE THEY'RE TAKING GURAN!



THE SPEEDBOAT IS ENTERING THE GIANT MECHANICAL JAWS OF THE SUB! I'M POWERLESS TO HELP POOR GURAN!



IT'S HEADING TOWARD THE SHORE... THE WAMBESI AND THEIR WAR CANOES... IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE TO SAVE GURAN!



SOON JUNGLE DRUMS RING OUT...

WAMBESI... COME TO MOON INLET... BRING WAR CANOES... PHANTOM -

POOR GURAN!

EAGER TO HELP, THE WAMBESI LAUNCH A WAR FLOTILLA...

THE SUB MAY HAVE DANGEROUS WEAPONS, CHIEF... BUT WE ARE MANY AND THEY ARE ONE!

... AND WE ALSO HAVE THE WISDOM OF THE PHANTOM!



THERE... IN DEEP SAND COVE... WE'VE FOUND HER! THE TIME HAS COME TO TRY OUR HAND AT TRICKS!

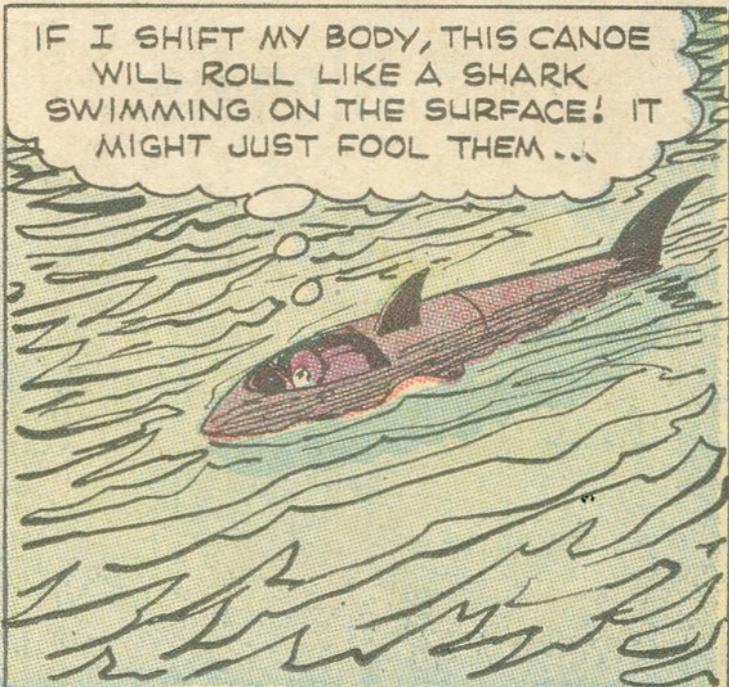


THE LUCK OF THE WAMBESI GO WITH YOU, PHANTOM!

THANK YOU... BUT REMEMBER OUR PLAN... DON'T FOLLOW UNTIL I FIRE A FLARE!



IF I SHIFT MY BODY, THIS CANOE WILL ROLL LIKE A SHARK SWIMMING ON THE SURFACE! IT MIGHT JUST FOOL THEM...



...THEY WON'T BE FOOLED FOR LONG! ARE WOODEN CANOES GOOD ENOUGH TO STOP A WARSHIP LIKE THAT ONE? WE'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH!



THE SMILE OF DEATH

ON AN OVERTURNED CANOE, THE PHANTOM TRIES TO CLOSE IN ON A STRANGE SUBMARINE WHERE GURAN IS HELD CAPTIVE!

WHAT'S THAT OUT THERE?

ALL I NEED IS A LITTLE LUCK AND I'LL BE CLOSE ENOUGH TO ATTEMPT TO RESCUE GURAN!

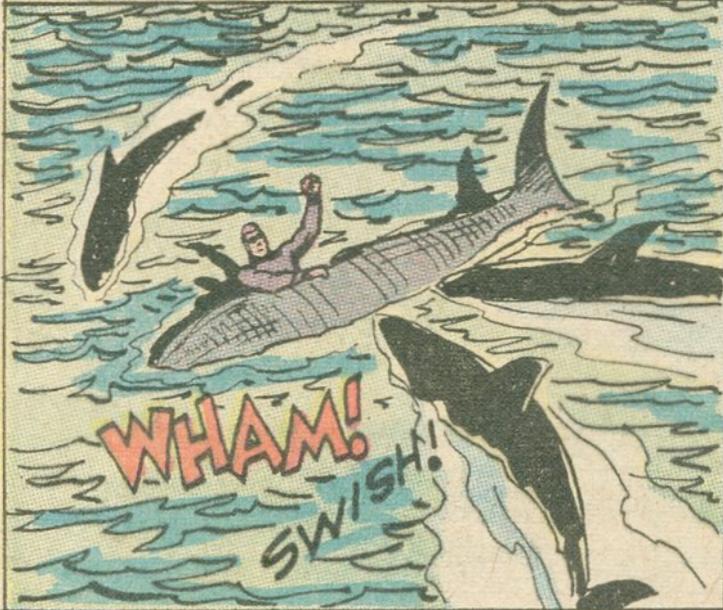
SO YOU'RE THE PHANTOM'S NATIVE PAL, EH, GURAN! WELL, YOU TWO WILL SOON BE MORTAL ENEMIES! YESSIREE! HAH-HA!

HEY! HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, DAVOT... THERE'S A GIANT SHARK WALLOWING THROUGH THE WATER DEAD AHEAD... COME SEE!

ALMOST THERE!
IF I CAN SLIP OVER THE SIDE AND GET ABOARD BEFORE THEY SEE ME...
... WHA-?

SHARKS—
HEADED THIS WAY!

KNIFING THROUGH THE WATER, THE RAZOR-TOOTHED SHARKS ATTACK...



...AND ON THE DECK OF THE SUB...



WOW! THAT'LL SOLVE OUR PROBLEM, DAVOT! WHEN THE SHARKS KNOCK THE PHANTOM OFF, WE'LL MAKE HIS NATIVE PAL LEAD US TO THEIR HIDEOUT!

FORGET IT...



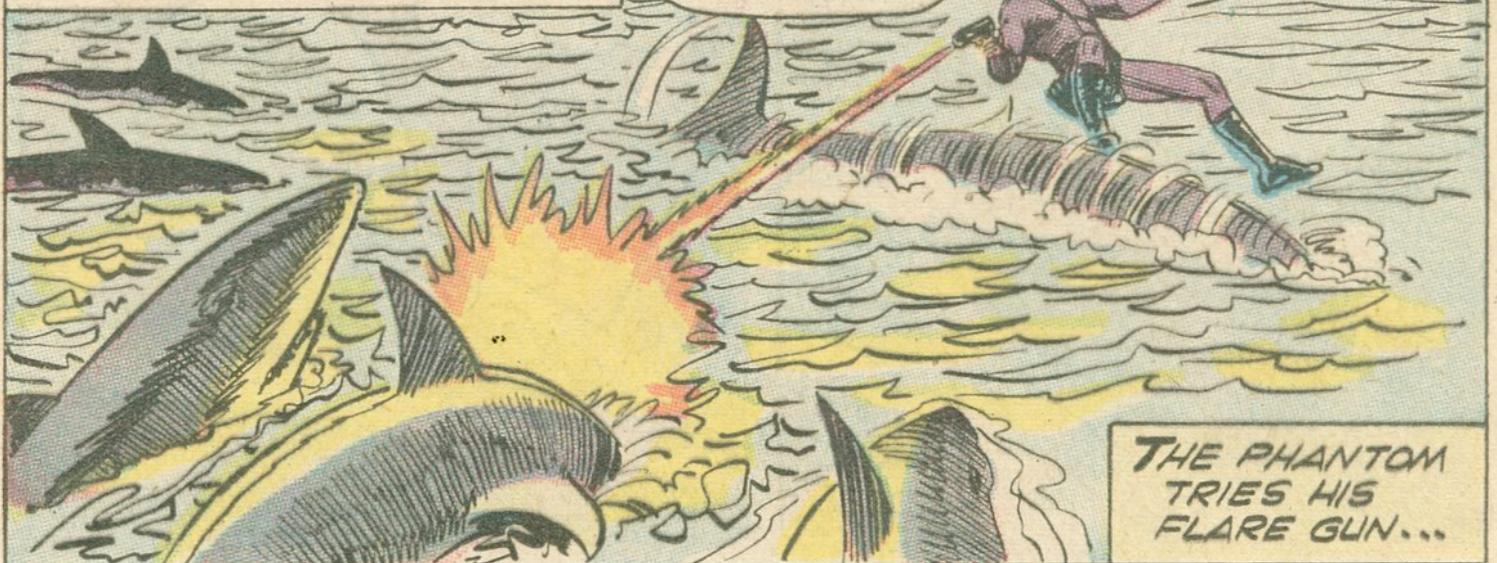
THE PHANTOM'S BEEN OUTWITTING KILLER FISH SINCE HE WAS A KID! HE'LL SCUTTLE THEIR SCALES SOMEHOW!... BETTER RADIO DEENA!



THE WOULD-BE CONQUERER OF BENGALI IS RIGHT... FOR AT THIS MOMENT...

TRY A DOSE OF YOUR OWN MEDICINE...

...FEAR!



THE PHANTOM TRIES HIS FLARE GUN...

THAT FLARE I FIRED TO SCARE
OFF THE SHARKS WAS ALSO THE
SIGNAL FOR THE WAMBESI TO
ATTACK!



I HOPE
ALL GOES
WELL!

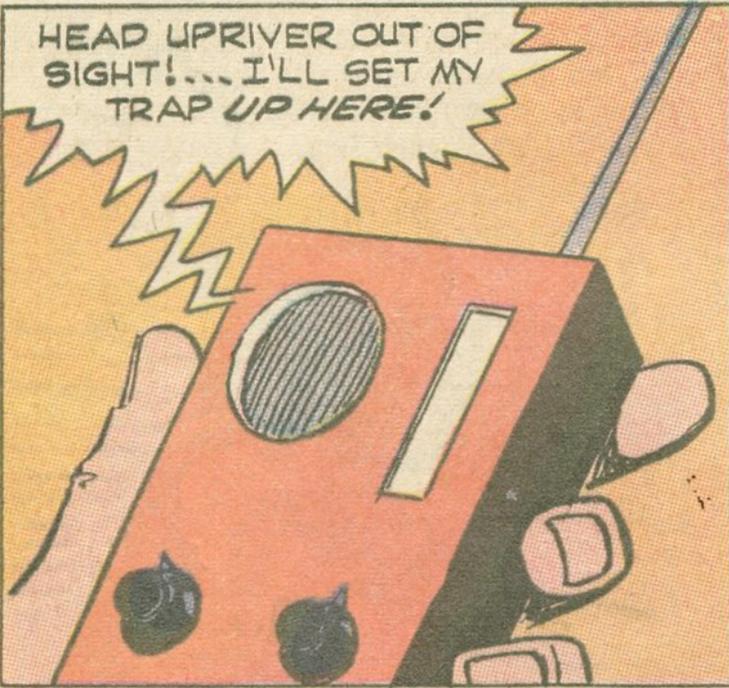
WHILE ABOARD THE SUB...

...THAT'S RIGHT, DEENA... HE MADE
HIS MOVE, BUT SOME SHARKS
SPOILED IT FOR HIM!

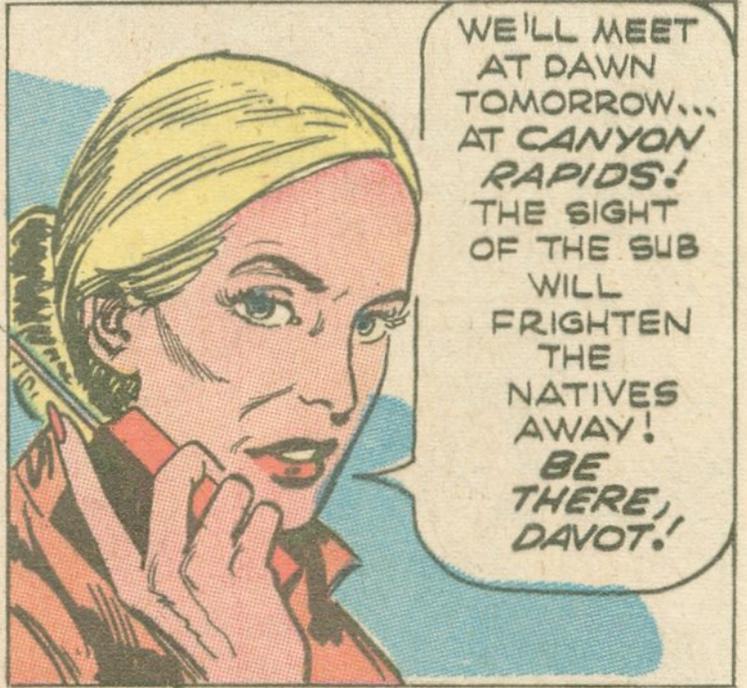


GOOD!
NOW LISTEN
CLOSELY...

HEAD UP RIVER OUT OF
SIGHT!... I'LL SET MY
TRAP UP HERE!



WE'LL MEET
AT DAWN
TOMORROW...
AT CANYON
RAPIDS!
THE SIGHT
OF THE SUB
WILL
FRIGHTEN
THE
NATIVES
AWAY!
**BE
THERE,
DAVOT!**



HUNDREDS OF
CLEVER MEN HAVE
TRIED TO OUTWIT THE
PHANTOM AND FAILED...
FAILED WHERE **I**
SHALL SUCCEED!



CLICK!

FARTHER DOWNSTREAM, THE WAMBESI INVASION IS A FAILURE...

YOU DID YOUR BEST, CHIEF! NOW WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE A NEW PLAN! WE'LL MEET HERE TOMORROW WITH ALL THE CHIEFS!



MEANWHILE...

YOU MEN WASTE TIME! I SHALL NEVER HELP YOU HURT THE GHOST WHO WALKS!

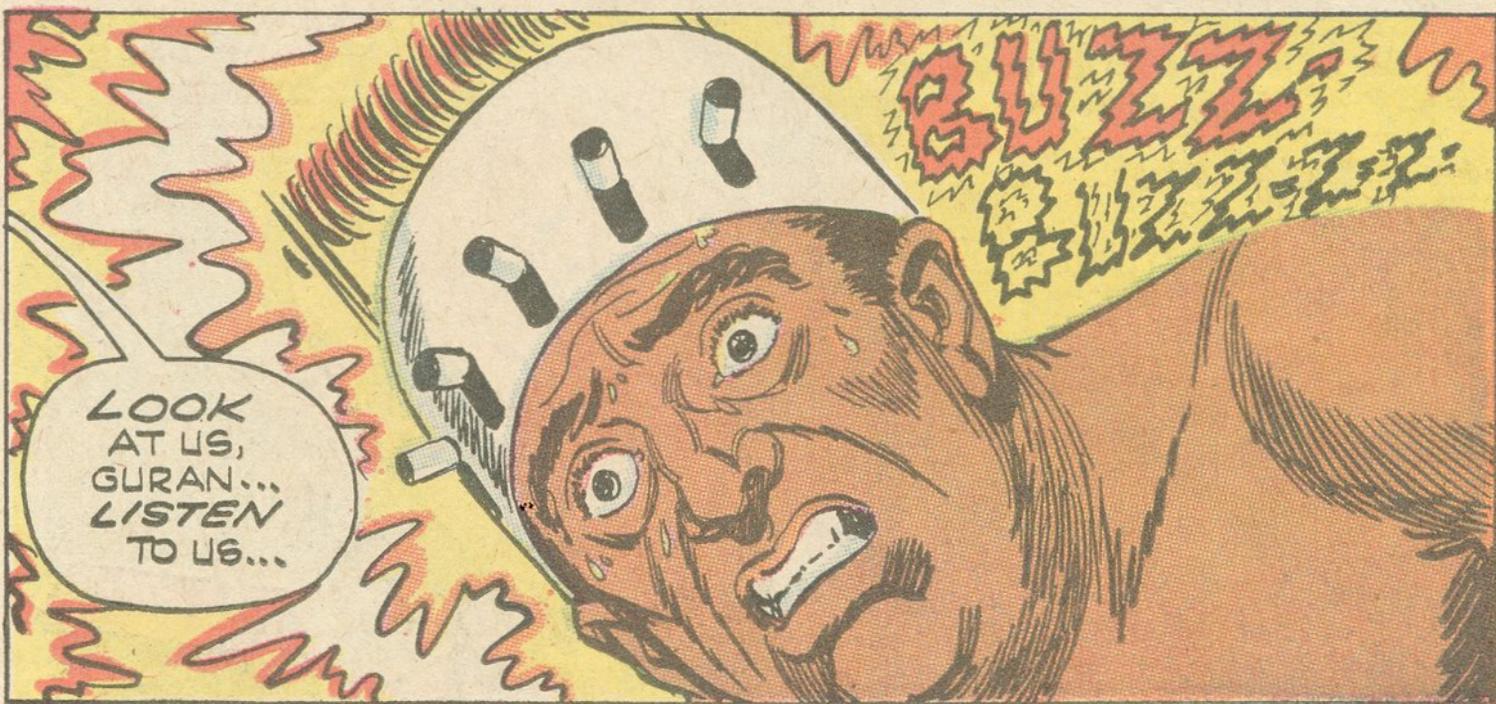


YOU THINK NOT, EH, GURAN? HEH-HEH! BRING OUT THE BRAIN-WASHING GEAR, SHAY!

YOUR PRECIOUS PHANTOM ISN'T THE ONLY SMART CHARACTER AROUND HERE! A FEW HOURS WITH THIS MACHINE AND YOU'LL BE BABBLING LIKE A BENGALI BABY!



LOOK AT US, GURAN... LISTEN TO US...





WE ARE YOUR FRIENDS,
GHAN...THE PHANTOM
IS YOUR ENEMY!

YOU WILL
LEAD US
TO THE
DEEP
WOODS TO
DESTROY
HIM!!

THE GHOST WHO
WALKS IS EVIL!

N-NO...
N-NO...

THEN AS THE FIRST RAYS OF
DAWN STREAK THE SKY...

NATIVES ALONG THE RIVER FLEE
IN TERROR AS THE STRANGE SUB
SLIPS UPSTREAM...



PHANTOM
IS MAN OF
EVIL! I
MUST HELP
MY NEW
FRIENDS
STOP HIM!

HE'S UNDER, SHAY!
WE DID IT! HEAD
THE SUB FOR THE
DEEP WOODS!



YAAH!
DEMON
CROCODILE!

HEH-HEH! DEENA
WAS RIGHT...

WE WON'T BE
BOTHERED
BY NATIVES!
THEY'RE
PETRIFIED!

WHILE AT THE VILLAGE...

TELL THE CHIEFS I HAVE GONE AFTER
THE GIRL... HAVE THEM WAIT HERE
UNTIL I COME BACK!



... MISS ATKINS... RIDE TOWARD
DEEP WOODS, SHE SAY TO HELP
BANDAR!

WHAT? SHE WON'T
SURVIVE A DAY
ALONE
IN THE
JUNGLE!



AS YOU
WISH,
PHANTOM!

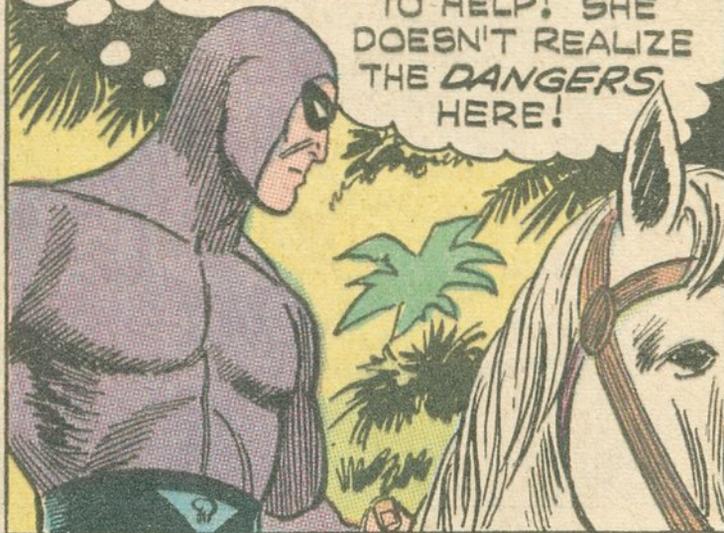
FAR AHEAD OF THE PHANTOM, ON THE TRAIL TO THE DEEP WOODS...

A CUB SCOUT COULD FOLLOW THE TRAIL I'M LEAVING! TRACK ME TO YOUR DOOM, GHOST WHO WALKS!



AND TRACK, THE PHANTOM DOES...

SHE'S RIDING TOWARD CANYON RAPIDS! POOR GIRL... SO ANXIOUS TO HELP! SHE DOESN'T REALIZE THE DANGERS HERE!



THEN...

HELP!

IT'S THE GIRL! HER HORSE MUST HAVE STUMBLERD ON THE BRIDGE!



KEEP CALM, MISS ATKINS! DON'T MOVE! I'M COMING!



BUT SUDDENLY, AS THE PHANTOM IS HALF-WAY ACROSS THE BRIDGE...

SORRY, PHANTOM...THE SWEET LITTLE PEACE CORPS WORKER IS...

SNAP!

...TAKING OVER!



THE ROPE SUPPORTS PART AND...

**A-A TRAP!
BUT WHY?**



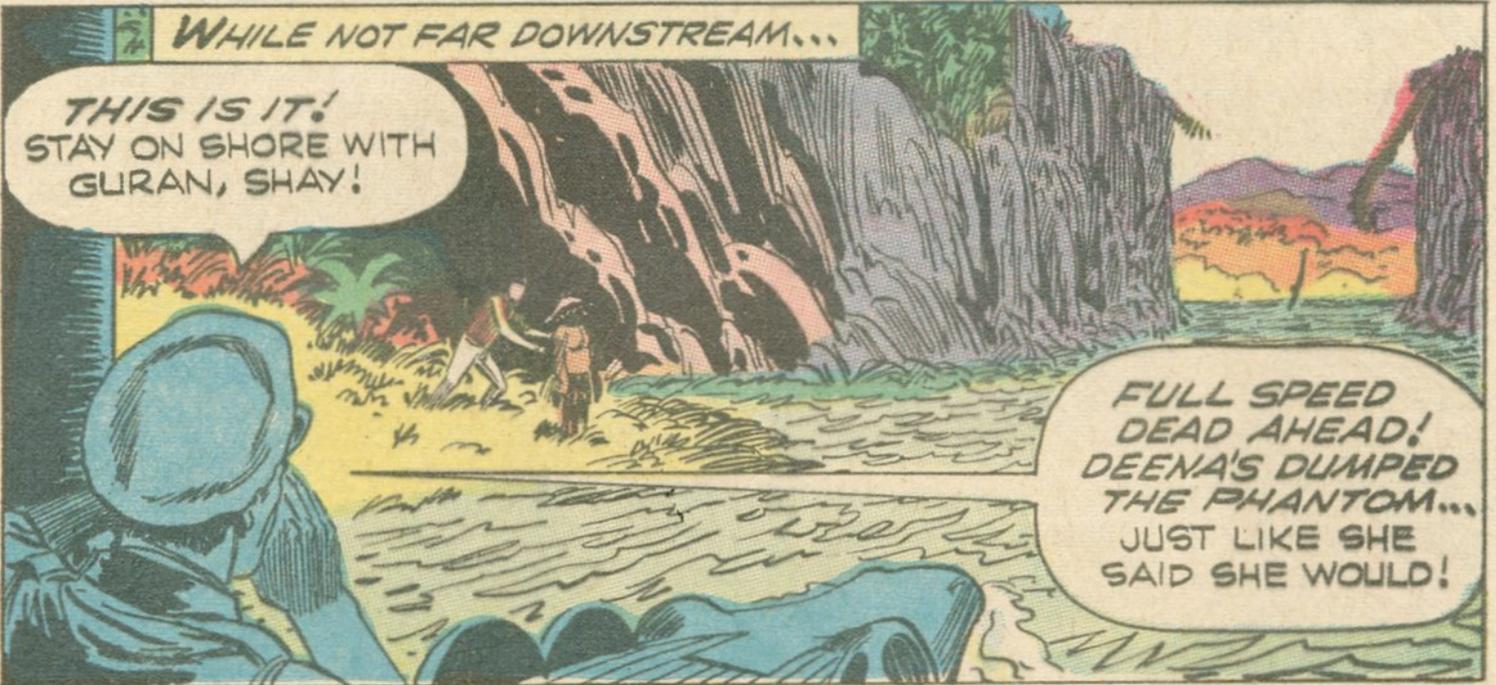
**DOWN, DOWN THE PHANTOM
PLUMMETS HELPLESSLY...**

**A TWO-HUNDRED FOOT DROP UN-
LESS I HIT THE WATER PERFECTLY,
MY BACK WILL SNAP LIKE A
MATCHSTICK!**



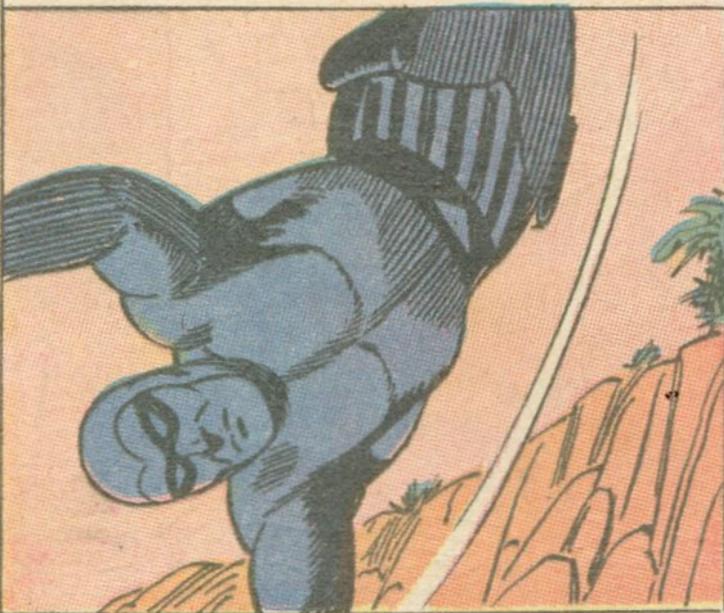
WHILE NOT FAR DOWNSTREAM...

**THIS IS IT!
STAY ON SHORE WITH
GURAN, SHAY!**

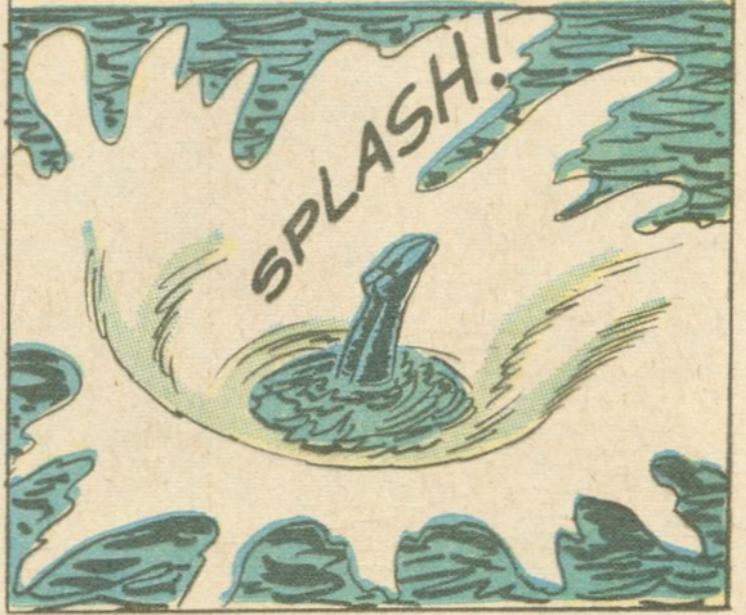


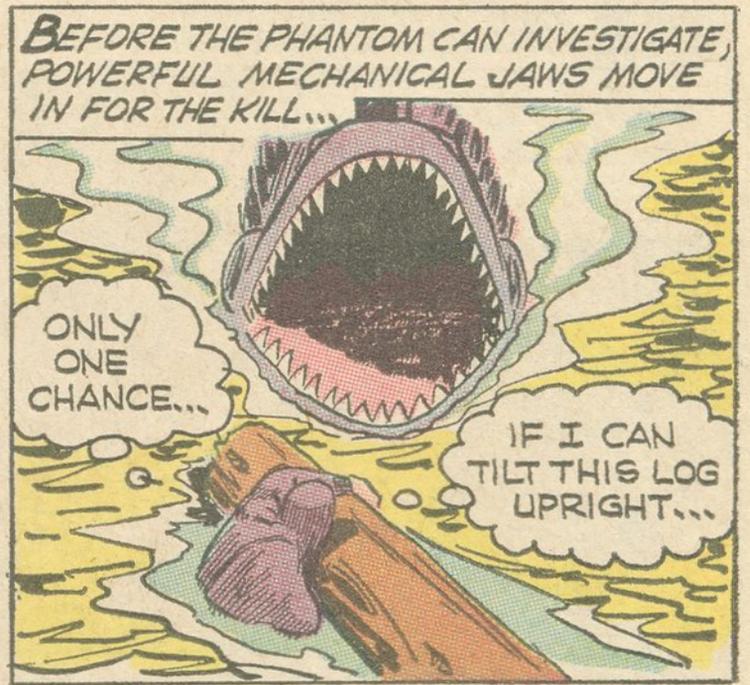
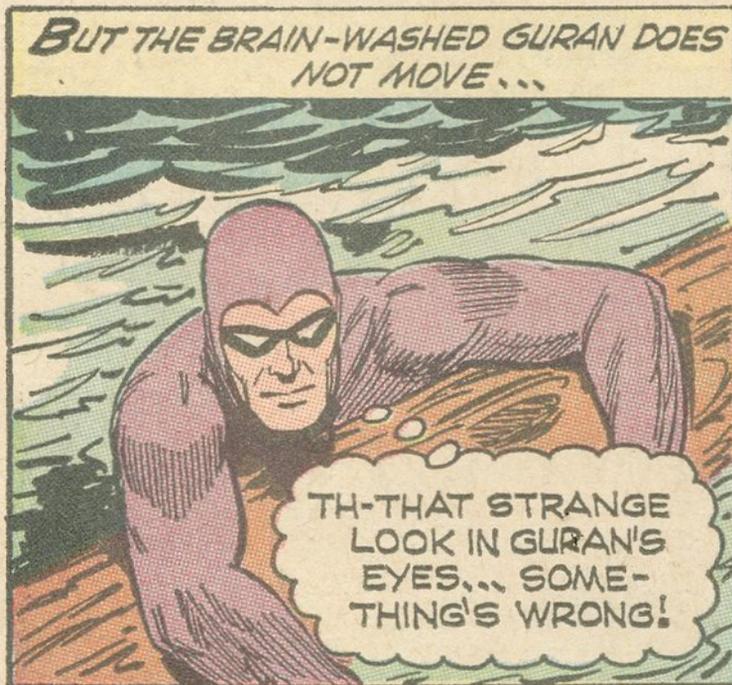
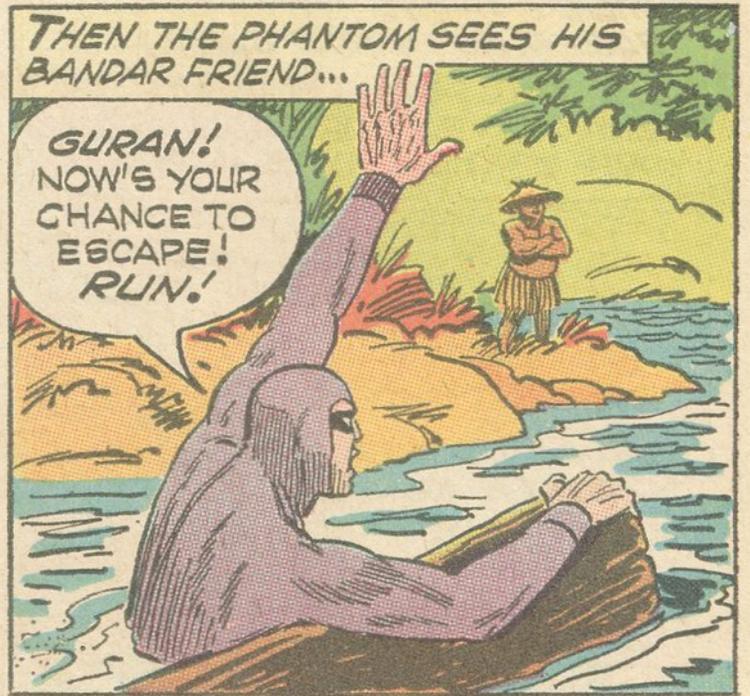
**FULL SPEED
DEAD AHEAD!
DEENA'S DUMPED
THE PHANTOM...
JUST LIKE SHE
SAID SHE WOULD!**

**DESPERATELY, THE PHANTOM BRACES
HIMSELF AGAINST THE IMPACT...**



**HIS JUNGLE-SHARPENED REFLEXES
SAVE HIM FROM INSTANT DEATH...**





MOMENTS LATER, THE PHANTOM SURFACES OUT OF SIGHT...

HE'S DONE FOR! LET'S PICK UP DEENA AND PUT OUR BRAIN-WASHED NATIVE FRIEND INTO ACTION!



BRAIN-WASHED... SO THAT'S WHAT'S WRONG WITH GURAN!

THEY'VE CLOUDED HIS MIND SOMEHOW... AND NOW HIS JOB IS OBVIOUS, TO LEAD THESE THIEVES TO THE SKULL CAVE AND THE PHANTOM TREASURE!



OUT OF SIGHT... NOW TO ALERT THE BANDAR GUARDS... MUST BE CAREFUL... IF WE ATTACK OUTRIGHT, GURAN COULD BE KILLED!



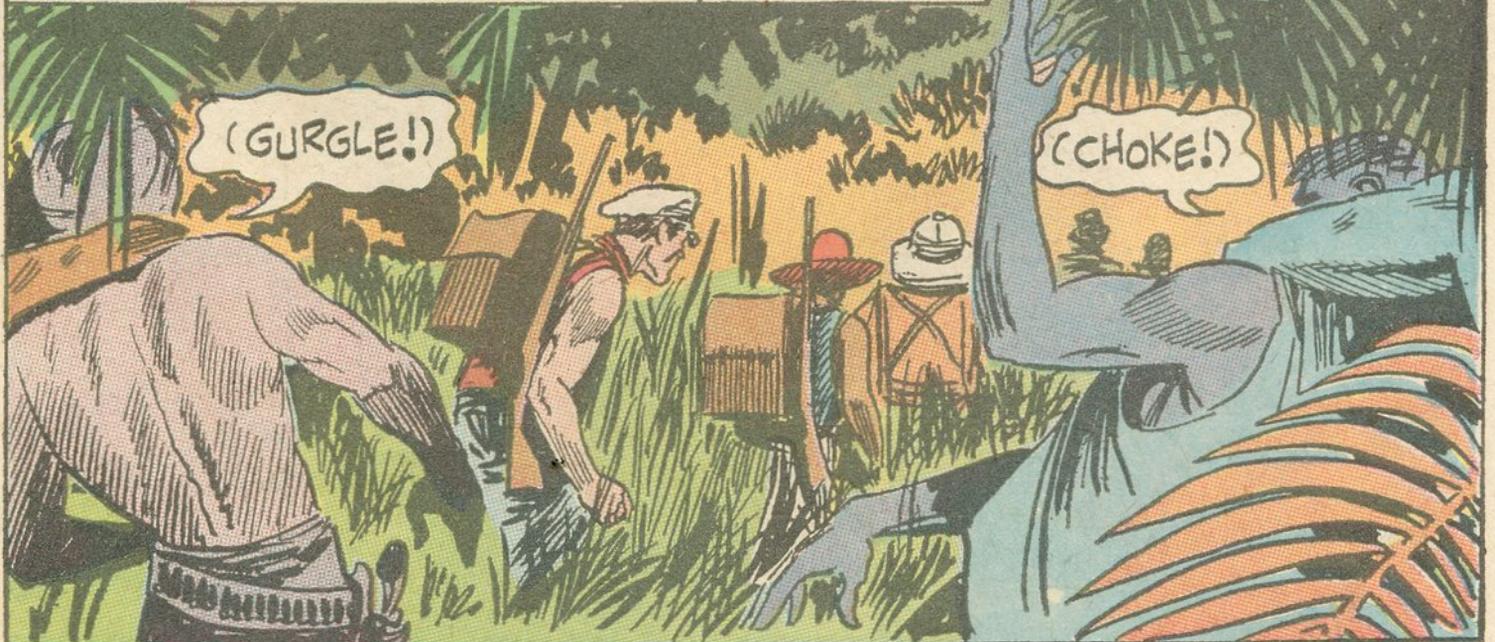
LATER, IN THE DEEP WOODS...

WE MUST SAVE GURAN! DO YOU UNDERSTAND MY PLAN?



WE SHALL NOT FAIL YOU, GHOST WHO WALKS!

MINUTES LATER, HIS PLAN GOES INTO ACTION...



(GURGLE!)

(CHOKE!)

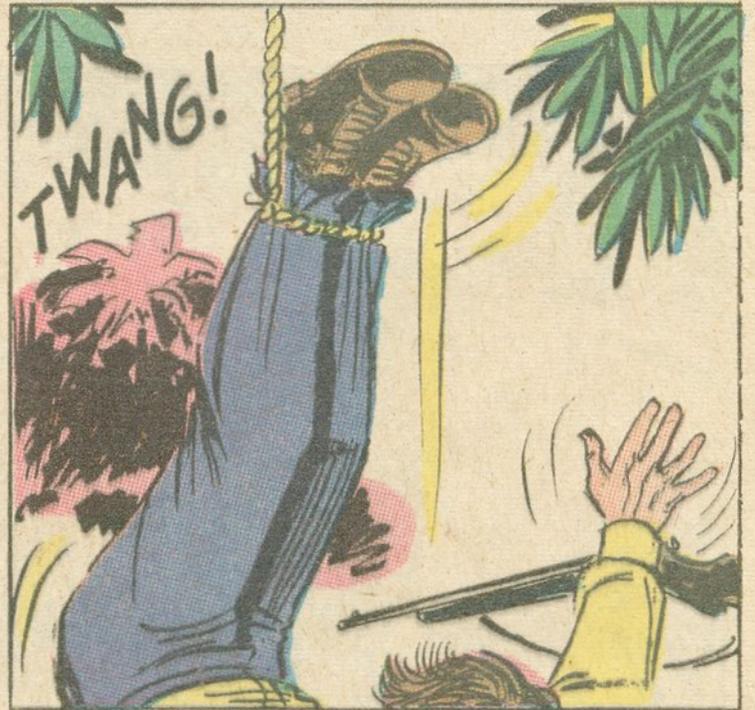
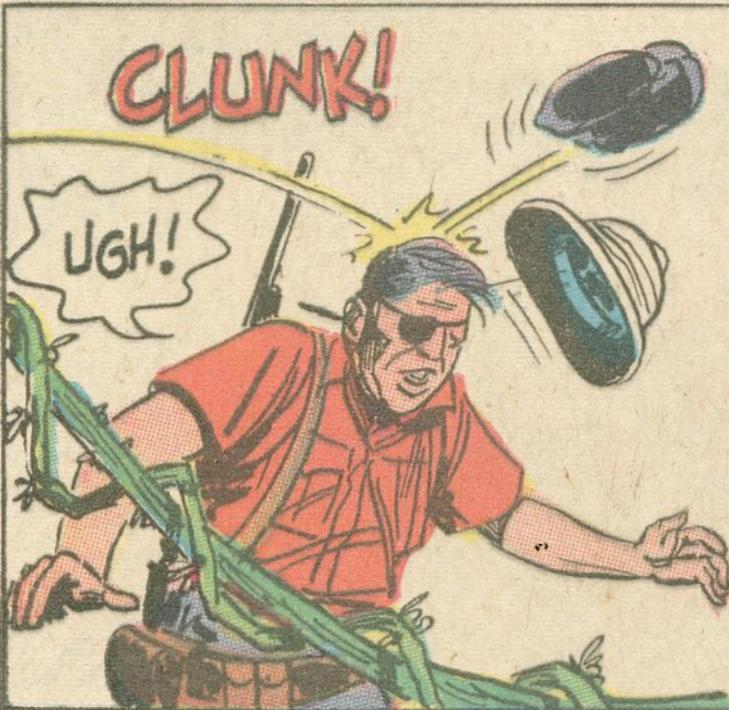
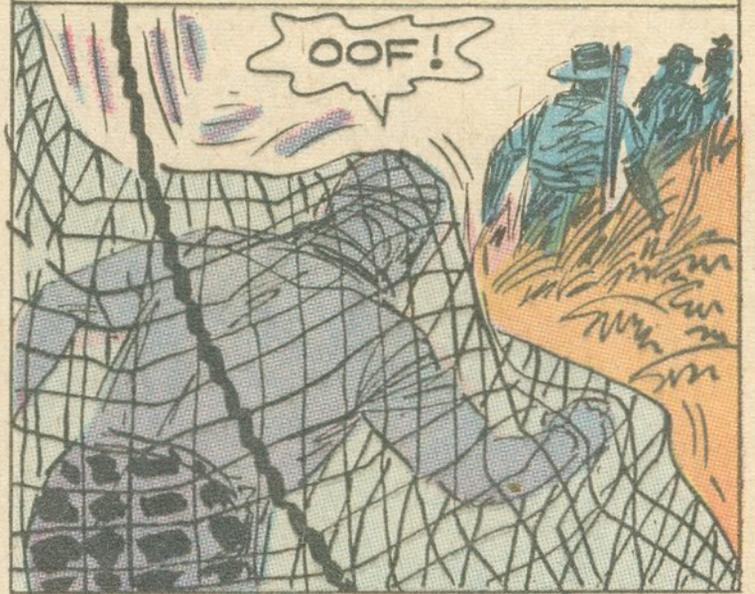
AND FURTHER ALONG THE SECRET JUNGLE TRAIL ...



SO FAR, SO GOOD! NOW LET'S GET AHEAD OF THEM AGAIN AND TRY TO REDUCE HIS STRENGTH BY A FEW MORE MEN!



ONE BY ONE, THE LAST MAN IN LINE MEETS WITH AN ACCIDENT...



MINUTES LATER, AS GURAN LEADS THE GANG TO THE END OF THE SECRET TRAIL...



THE SKULL CAVE!
FAN OUT, MEN...
WATCH OUT FOR
NATIVE GUARDS...
THEY'RE TRICKY
LITTLE GUYS!



D-DAVOT! TH-THERE'S
NOBODY HERE!!
OUR MEN ARE
GONE!

YOU'RE
AT THE
END OF
YOUR
TRAIL,
DAVOT!

WHA--?



GURAN! IT'S
YOUR ENEMY,
THE PHANTOM!
ATTACK
HIM!

YES, YES!
GURAN
REMEMBER!
HE IS
EVIL!



THE GHOST WHO WALKS MOVES
TOWARD HIS LIFE-LONG FRIEND--
THEIR EYES MEET...

THE BONDS OF
FRIENDSHIP ARE
STRONGER
THAN THEIR
MAGIC, GURAN!
THINK OF OUR
YEARS
TOGETHER...
THE **DANGERS**
WE'VE BEEN
THROUGH...



PHANTOM... MY
FRIEND... DAVOT
... HE IS THE
EVIL ONE!



LATER...

IT'LL BE A LONG
TIME BEFORE THIS
GROUP CAUSES
ANYONE ANY
MORE TROUBLE!

LET'S GO, GURAN... WE'VE
GOT TO FIND THE **REAL**
PEACE CORPS WORKER
AND RETURN HER TO
THE VILLAGE!

MANDRAKE
The Magician

MAN ON THE BRIDGE

HIGH ABOVE THE CITY, A DRAMA UNFOLDS! A MAN STANDS PERILOUSLY ON THE GIRDERS OF A BRIDGE... THREATENING TO JUMP!

GO AWAY! ALL OF YOU! I WON'T COME DOWN UNTIL YOU ALL GO AWAY!

DON'T BE FOOLISH! WE WANT TO HELP YOU! WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS!



FRIENDS! HAH! I HAVE NO FRIENDS! YOU WANT ME BECAUSE I HELD UP THAT JEWELRY STORE!

CALLING ALL CARS! WE'VE GOT A JUMPER ON THE MIDTOWN BRIDGE! APPROACH WITH CAUTION! TALK HIM OUT OF IT!

MIDTOWN BRIDGE, LOTHAR! ON THE DOUBLE!



MANDRAKE AND LOTHAR ARRIVE AT THE SCENE...

MANDRAKE! THANK HEAVENS YOU'VE COME! HE WON'T LISTEN TO US! ... SAYS IF WE COME NEAR HIM HE'LL JUMP!

I'LL HAVE TO GET CLOSER TO HIM THAN THIS, CHIEF!



NO, MANDRAKE! TALK TO HIM FROM DOWN HERE!

I'LL BE CAREFUL, CHIEF! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!



SOMEONE'S COMING! STAY AWAY! GO BACK! I WARNED YOU!

I'M NOT A POLICE OFFICER! I ONLY WANT TO TALK TO YOU! I WON'T COME TOO CLOSE! I PROMISE YOU!



A LOOSE BOLT GIVES WAY AND MANDRAKE LOSES HIS FOOTING!

...I'M FALLING...!



... AND JUST BARELY MANAGES TO CATCH HIMSELF WITH HIS FINGERTIPS!

I'VE GOT TO HOLD ON!



WITH THE SWIFTNES OF A JUNGLE CAT,
LOTHAR LEAPS INTO ACTION!

HOLD ON,
MANDRAKE!
LOTHAR
COME!



BUT BEFORE LOTHAR CAN REACH HIM...

I TOLD YOU NOT TO
COME! NOW TAKE THIS!



THE MAN STEPS ON
MANDRAKE'S FINGERS...
CAUSING HIM TO DROP!

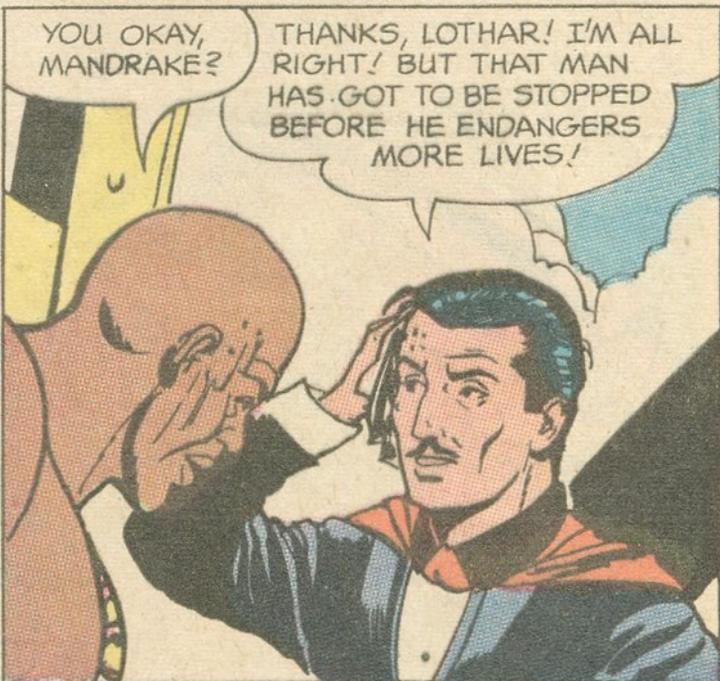


BUT A MIGHTY ARM REACHES OUT TO
CATCH MANDRAKE IN MID-AIR!



YOU OKAY,
MANDRAKE?

THANKS, LOTHAR! I'M ALL
RIGHT! BUT THAT MAN
HAS GOT TO BE STOPPED
BEFORE HE ENDANGERS
MORE LIVES!

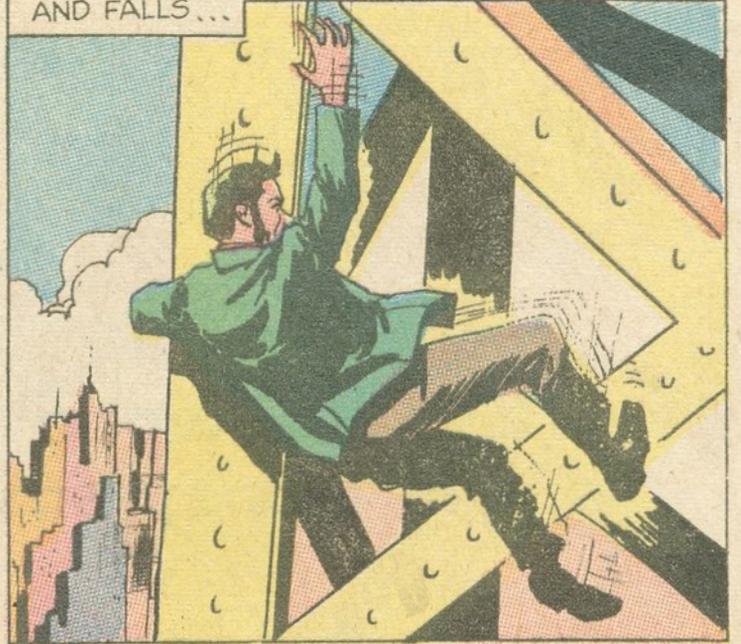


MANDRAKE AGAIN GOES AFTER THE MAN...

STAY BACK! I'LL CLIMB HIGHER!



IN HIS HASTE TO ESCAPE, THE MAN SLIPS AND FALLS...



BUT CATCHES HIMSELF JUST IN TIME...

I... CAN'T... HOLD... ON!

SURE YOU CAN! YOU'RE THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD!



MIGHTY HYPNOTIC MAGIC GIVES HIM THE STRENGTH TO PULL HIMSELF UP!

THAT STRENGTH! I NEVER HAD SUCH STRENGTH BEFORE! TAKE ME DOWN! I WANT TO GIVE MYSELF UP!



EVERY DAY POLICE OFFICERS RISK THEIR LIVES TO SAVE PEOPLE LIKE THAT! SOMETIMES I WONDER, WHY WE EVEN BOTHER!

YOU **KNOW** WHY, CHIEF! IT'S YOUR **DUTY!** A POLICE-MAN IS A **VERY SPECIAL** TYPE OF MAN! SAVING LIVES IS PART OF THE JOB, WHETHER THEY BE **GOOD OR EVIL!**

