

Back again to some familiar territory, this time with a timeless tale by Stan Lee and Steve Ditko! (The alliteration is pure-Lee Stan stuff!)

THE **FACE!**



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Stan Lee & S. Ditko

INDIA! LAND OF MYSTERY,
LAND OF ENCHANTMENT,
LAND OF...STRANGE LEGENDS,
SUCH AS **THIS ONE...**



A CLOUD
COVERS
THE MOON!
GOOD! IT
WILL ALSO
COVER MY
THEFT
TONIGHT!

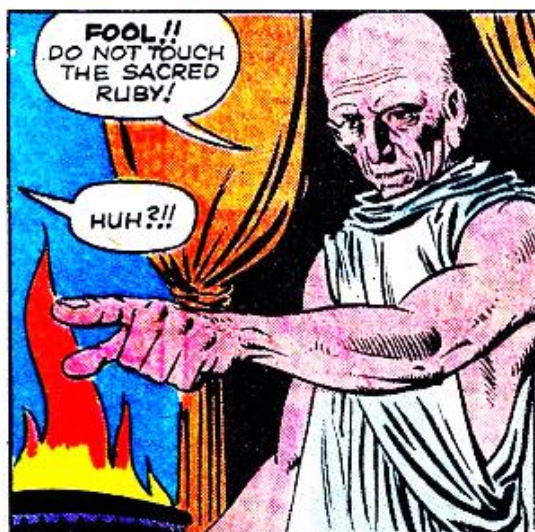
THEY SAID **NONE** CAN
STEAL THE SACRED RUBY
AND ESCAPE! HAH! THIS
WILL BE CHILD'S PLAY
FOR ME!



THERE IT
IS!!
MINE
FOR THE
TAKING!



I'VE PLANNED THIS ROBBERY FOR
MONTHS, BUT THE RUBY IS **WORTH**
IT! IT MUST BE **PRICELESS!**



FOOL!!
DO NOT TOUCH
THE SACRED
RUBY!

HUH?!!



NONE MAY STEAL THE ANCIENT GEM!!
YOU CAN NEVER ESCAPE THE WRATH
OF THE GODS!

YES, AGED ONE!
SO I HAVE
HEARD!



BUT TIME
IS RUNNING
OUT!

I'LL WORRY
ABOUT IT
LATER!!

ANCIENT CURSES... ENCHANTED STONES... RUBBISH!! ONCE I'M SAFELY OUT OF INDIA I WON'T HAVE A WORRY IN THE WORLD!



HAH! A FEW OLD LAMAS SURE WON'T BE ABLE TO PUT UP MUCH OF A CHASE!



SO! THE EVIL ONE DARED TO SEIZE THE SACRED GEM!!

NOW WILL HE FEEL OUR WRATH!



DON'T HEAR ANYONE FOLLOWING!

GUESS IT'S SAFE TO REST FOR A WHILE AND TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE RUBY!



HEY!! WHA--??



THE LAMA!! NO--NO!!



I MUST HAVE BEEN SEEING THINGS! GOT TO GET BACK TO CIVILIZATION... FAST!



FINALLY, LONG FRANTIC HOURS LATER...

AT LAST!!

NOW TO BUY A ONE-WAY TRAIN TICKET!



FROM HERE ON IT'LL BE A BREEZE! I'LL BE SAFE NOW!



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