



Yet another creepy opening panel from Mr. Heck, April 1962.

THE MAN WHO PLAYED DEAD!



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WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU CAME HOME ONE EVENING AND FOUND...



A DUMMY!

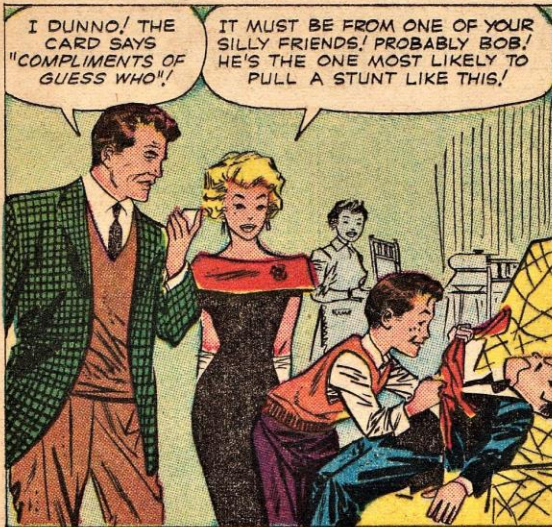
HEY, HONEY... LOOK WHAT I FOUND OUTSIDE OUR DOOR!

WHERE DID HE COME FROM?

GOSH, DAD! CAN WE KEEP HIM?



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I DUNNO! THE CARD SAYS "COMPLIMENTS OF GUESS WHO!"

IT MUST BE FROM ONE OF YOUR SILLY FRIENDS! PROBABLY BOB! HE'S THE ONE MOST LIKELY TO PULL A STUNT LIKE THIS!



WELL, I'LL CHECK WITH HIM IN THE MORNING AND FIND OUT IF HE SENT IT!

GOSH, DAD-- HE'S WONDERFUL! AND NOW THAT I HAVE A REAL DUMMY, I'M GONNA LEARN TO THROW MY VOICE -- JUST LIKE A VENTRILQUIST!



BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THE BOY'S PLANS ARE NOT TO BE REALIZED! FOR THAT EVENING...

THE FAMILY'S ASLEEP! NOW'S MY CHANCE!



IT'S NO EASY JOB, PRETENDING TO BE A LIFELESS HUNK OF WOOD!



MY JOINTS ARE AS STIFF AS A BOARD!



BUT THE NEXT COUPLE MINUTES WILL MAKE IT ALL WORTH-WHILE!



IT'S EASY TO ROB SOMEONE, ONCE YOU'RE INSIDE THEIR HOME!



MAN! TAKE A GANDER AT THESE SPARKLERS! COME TO PAPA, BABIES!



SO LONG, SUCKERS!
IN THE MORNING
YOU'LL KNOW THAT
YOU WERE THE
DUMMIES--NOT ME!
HA, HA, HA!



LATER... THIS "DUMMY"
ROUTINE IS THE
SLICKEST ANGLE
I EVER THOUGHT
OF!



PEOPLE USED TO MAKE
FUN OF ME 'CAUSE I
WAS A MIDGET! THEY
SAID I BELONGED IN
A SIDE SHOW!

WELL I'LL SHOW
'EM! MAYBE I
AM A RUNT,
BUT BEFORE
I'M DONE WITH
THIS CITY...



...I'LL BE A MIGHTY
RICH RUNT!



AND, SO IT CONTINUES...

LOOK, MOMMY--
SOMEONE
GAVE US A
DUMMY!

WHAT
A NICE
SUR-
PRISE!

YOU DON'T
KNOW IT, LADY,
BUT THE REAL
SURPRISE COMES
TONIGHT!

HOPE THIS STUFF'S
INSURED... SO I
CAN COME BACK
AND STEAL THE
INSURANCE
MONEY, TOO!
HA HA HA!

TWO HUNDRED AND
TEN... TWO TWENTY...
NOT BAD FOR A
"DUMMY"! NOT BAD
AT ALL!

AND, THEN ONE DAY...

J. P. BENTLEY, THE INDUSTRIALIST, HAS JUST RETURNED FROM EUROPE WITH AN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN NECKLACE WORTH A MILLION DOLLARS!

WOW! THAT'S FOR ME!



IF I PULL THIS JOB OFF, I'LL BE ON EASY STREET THE REST OF MY LIFE!




AND SO, ONCE AGAIN A NOVEL GIFT MAKES AN UNEXPECTED APPEARANCE!

MY WORD! A DUMMY!



MUST BE A GIFT FROM SOME OF THE BOYS AT THE FACTORY!

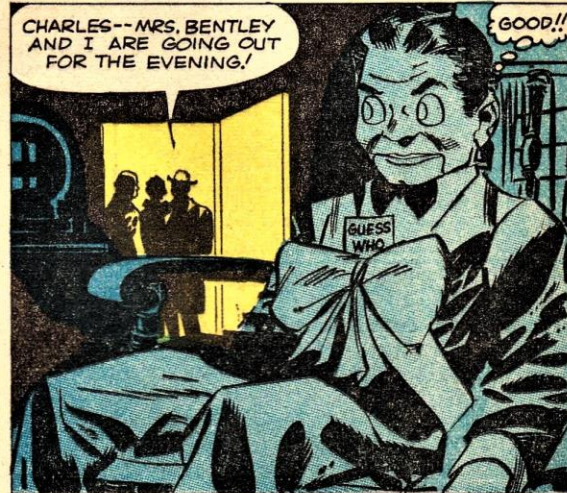
PUT IT IN TOMMY'S ROOM! HE'LL ENJOY PLAYING WITH IT WHEN HE COMES HOME FROM BOARDING SCHOOL!



CHARLES--MRS. BENTLEY AND I ARE GOING OUT FOR THE EVENING.

GOOD!!

GUESS WHO



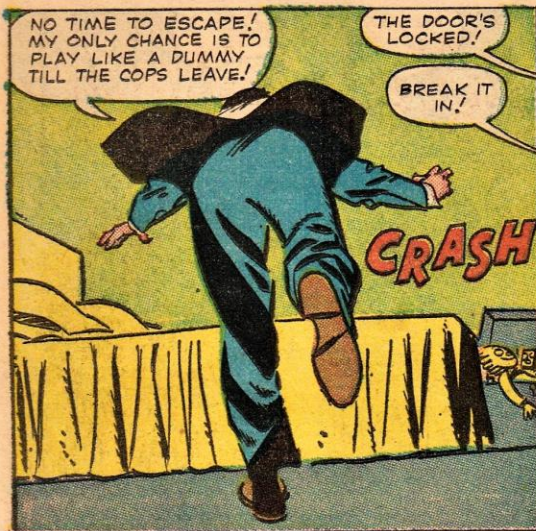
WELL, I'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH! THE BUTLER MUST BE ASLEEP BY NOW!



THIS IS A TOUGH SAFE TO CRACK, BUT I'LL GET IT! I NEVER FAIL!







NO TIME TO ESCAPE!
MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO
PLAY LIKE A DUMMY
TILL THE COPS LEAVE!

THE DOOR'S
LOCKED!

BREAK IT
IN!

CRASH



MOMENTS
LATER...

HEY! THE BUTLER'S
ON THE FLOOR...
HE'S BEEN
MURDERED!

WE JUST HEARD
THE SHOT! WHO-
EVER DID IT
MUST STILL BE
IN THE HOUSE!

THE
SAFE'S
OPEN!
IT WAS
A
ROBBERY!



WE'LL SEARCH
THE PLACE
FROM TOP
TO BOTTOM!

LOOK! A DUMMY!
I HAVEN'T SEEN
ONE IN YEARS!

I'M SAFE!
THEY DON'T
SUSPECT
ME!



GUESS IT
BELONGS IN
THE TRUNK
WITH THE
OTHER
TOYS!

NO!
NO!
DON'T
PUT ME
IN
THERE!
DON'T!



NOW LET'S SEARCH
THIS PLACE FROM
TOP TO BOTTOM!

I'M
LOCKED IN!
I CAN'T GET
OUT!!

CLICK!

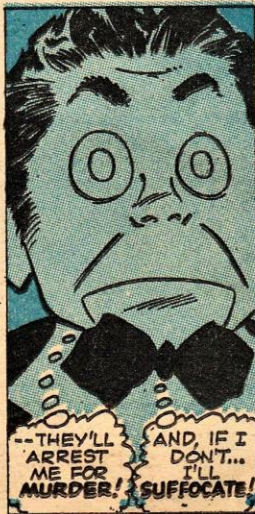


NO AIR!

I--I CAN
HARDLY
BREATHE!

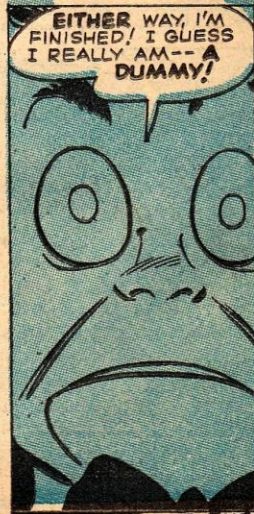


MY ONLY
CHANCE IS
TO CALL
FOR HELP--
BEFORE
THEY
LEAVE!
BUT-- IF I
DO...



--THEY'LL
ARREST
ME FOR
MURDER!

AND, IF I
DON'T...
I'LL
SUFFOCATE!



EITHER WAY, I'M
FINISHED! I GUESS
I REALLY AM-- A
DUMMY!