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IT CRAWLS BY NIGHT!



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MOST MEN WORK FOR THEMSELVES, BUT THERE ARE OTHER MEN, LIKE JED HANSON, WHO LABOR FOR HUMANITY!

YOU AT IT AGAIN, PA?

YEP!



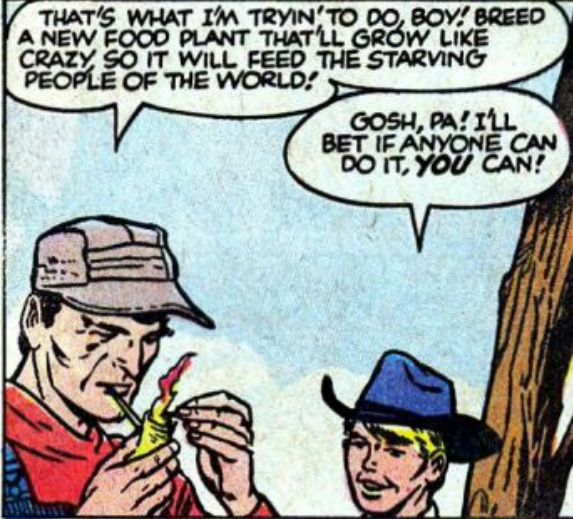
YOU MUST HAVE A HUNDRED DIFFERENT KINDS OF SEEDS IN THERE, PA!

SON, THERE ARE PEOPLE OVERSEAS WHO HAVEN'T ENOUGH FOOD TO EAT! IF ONLY SOMEONE COULD FIND A PLANT THAT WOULD GROW ANYWHERE... IN THE DESERT... IN THE SNOW!



THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYIN' TO DO, BOY! BREED A NEW FOOD PLANT THAT'LL GROW LIKE CRAZY SO IT WILL FEED THE STARVING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD!

GOSH, PA! I'LL BET IF ANYONE CAN DO IT, YOU CAN!



THEN, ONE EVENING, THE HANSONS SEE A FIERY OBJECT STREAKING THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE!

IT'S A METEORITE!

COMIN' THIS WAY!



IT LANDED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HILL!

RECKON WE'D BETTER GO TAKE A LOOK AT IT!



THERE IT IS, PA, BUT IT'S NOT BURNING ANYMORE!

IT MUSTA COOLED OFF DURING ITS FALL!



GOSH, I THOUGHT IT'D BE SOMETHING SPECIAL.. BUT IT'S ONLY A BIG HUNK O' STONE!

THAT'S ALL ANY METEORITE IS--JUST USELESS ROCKS! C'MON, LET'S GET BACK TO OUR PLANTS!



AND SO, JED HANSON CONTINUES TO WORK WITH HIS PLANTS--BREEDING THEM, CROSS-BREEDING THEM, TESTING THEM IN COUNTLESS TYPES OF SOIL--UNTIL, AT LAST---

ANN! BOBBY! WHAT IS IT, JED?



I'VE **DONE** IT, HONEY! I'VE DEVELOPED A FOOD PLANT THAT'LL GROW ANYWHERE IN THE DESERT, OR IN THE ARCTIC! AND IT DOESN'T NEED WATER!

BUT IS IT HEALTHY FOR HUMANS TO EAT?

HEALTHY? IT'S GOT **EVERY** VITAMIN IN THE ALPHABET AND **THEN** SOME!



I TELL YOU, ANN, THIS IS GONNA BE A BLESSING FOR MANKIND! TOMORROW I'LL WRITE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND ASK 'EM TO SEND A MAN OUT HERE!

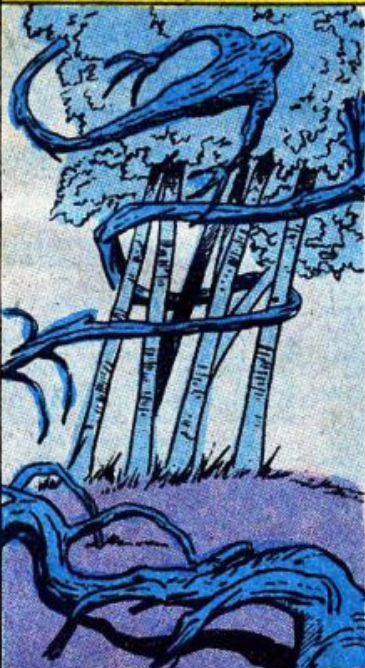
WHEN THE GOVERNMENT SEES WHAT **YOU'VE** DONE, THEY WILL PROBABLY GIVE YOU A MEDAL!



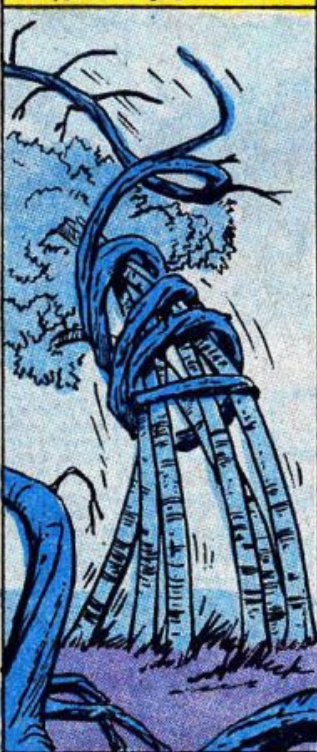
BUT, UNKNOWN TO THE WELL-MEANING FARMER, HIS ACHIEVEMENT IS DUE TO TURN INTO A TRAGEDY! FOR THAT NIGHT, THE PLANT STARTS TO GROW... AND GROW... **AND GROW!!**



LIKE SOME MULTI-HEADED SERPENT, THE LIVING PLANT SPREADS OUT ACROSS THE FARM, ENTWINING ITSELF AROUND EVERY NEARBY OBJECT...



WITH INCREDIBLE POWER IT SQUEEZES UNCEASINGLY...



..UNTIL IT FINALLY **DESTROYS!!**



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THE NEXT MORNING, JED HANSON AWAKENS TO SEE THE RESULT OF HIS INNOCENT EXPERIMENT!

THE THING ALMOST REACHES TO TOWN!

I'VE CREATED A **MONSTROSITY!** I'LL RUN FOR HELP! WE'VE GOT TO DESTROY IT, BEFORE IT GROWS ANY **MORE!**



IT HASN'T GROWN ANY BIGGER SINCE SUNUP! FOR SOME STRANGE REASON IT MUST ONLY GROW AT NIGHT!

LUCKY IT DIDN'T REACH TOWN!

KEEP CHOPPING! WE GOTTA KILL THIS THING BEFORE NIGHTFALL!



BUT THE FARMERS' EFFORTS ARE FUTILE, FOR WHEN THE SUN SETS, THE FANTASTIC PLANT **AGAIN** BEGINS TO GROW--AT AN EVEN **FASTER** RATE THAN BEFORE!

LOOK! IT'S REACHED THE TOWN!

IT'S CRAWLING OVER **EVERY** THING!!

NOTHING WE DO CAN STOP IT!



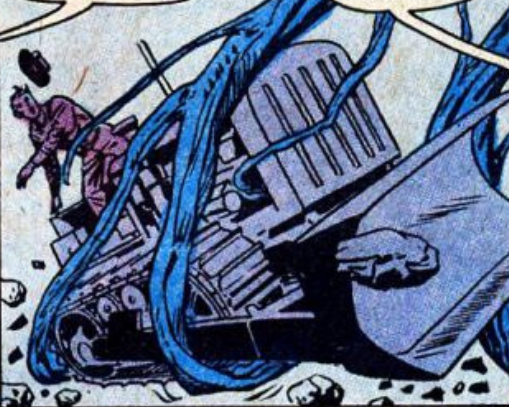
MY **SHEEP!** IT'S GOT MY **SHEEP!!**

FORGET THE SHEEP! SAVE YOURSELF!



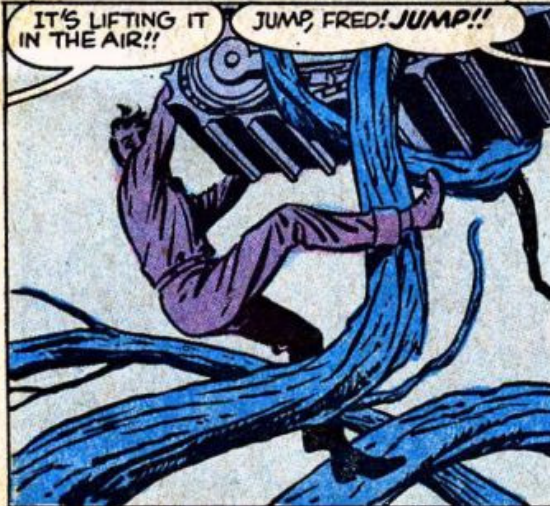
LOOK--IT DROPPED THE SHEEP TO GRAB THAT BULLDOZER!

NOTHING IS TOO BIG FOR IT TO ATTACK!



IT'S LIFTING IT IN THE AIR!!

JUMP, FRED! **JUMP!!**



JUST IN **TIME!** ANOTHER SECOND AND HE WOULD'VE BEEN CRUSHED--JUST LIKE THE MACHINE!



IT'S HORRIBLE! HORRIBLE! MY DREAM WAS TO HELP PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD, BUT NOW THE DREAM HAS TURNED INTO ...A NIGHTMARE!!



LOOK! IT'S REACHING FOR THE WATER TOWER!



NO.. NOT THAT!

SLOWLY SURELY, THE MONSTROUS LIVING THING TWISTS ITSELF UP AROUND THE SHAFT OF THE TOWER...



INCH BY INCH...FOOT BY FOOT... IT CRAWLS HIGHER AND HIGHER..



IT'S TRYING TO OVERTURN THE TOWER!



EVERYONE GET BACK!



THE FEARSOME PLANT CONTINUES TO CREEP ON AND ON... SMASHING, CRUSHING, DESTROYING.



IT CRASHED RIGHT THROUGH OUR BRICK WALL!

INTO THE CELLAR, QUICK!

NO SPOT-DON'T!

WOOF WOOF WOOF

TOMMY, LEAVE THE DOG!! TOMMY...



CAN'T LET IT GET SPOT! I CAN'T!

MADE IT!



I HOPE THE OTHERS IN TOWN WILL BE AS LUCKY!

BUT SOME ARE **NOT** SO LUCKY...

WISH I COULD BUST OUTA HERE!
BUT I MIGHT AS WELL WISH FOR
THE MOON! THERE AINT A
CHANCE IN THE WORLD!



THAT NOISE...HEY!... THE
BARS ON THE WINDOW...
THEY'RE **GONE**!! I CAN
ESCAPE!



HAW! I'D LIKE TO SEE THE
LOOK ON THAT JUDGE'S FACE
WHEN HE FINDS OUT I BEAT
THE GALLOW'S!!



BUT FOR SOME, THERE IS **NO**
ESCAPE FROM JUSTICE!!

NO--LEGGO--
UHHH---



NO MATTER
HOW YOU
CUT THE
MONSTER,
IT GROWS
SOMEWHERE
ELSE!

HANG ON,
LEFTY! WE'LL
CUT YOU
LOOSE!

THE PLANT'S STILL GROW-
ING--STILL SPREADING!

WE BETTER
GET OUTA TOWN
BEFORE IT
DESTROYS US
ALL!



ONE SECTION OF THE
PLANT IS COMING AFTER ME!
I CAN'T LOSE IT! GETTING
TIRED... CAN'T RUN MUCH
MORE! METEORITE UP
AHEAD! HAVE TO STOP
THERE, AND REST!



USELESS TO HIDE BEHIND
THIS THING! THE PLANT'S
FEELING AROUND! IT'LL FIND
ME.. AND FINISH ME!



BUT BEFORE THE DEADLY
STALKER CAN GRAB JED
HANSON, IT COMES INTO
CONTACT WITH THE UN-
EARTHLY STONE!

WAIT! THE PLANT'S
STOPPED MOVING!! IT'S
SHRIVELLING UP!
IT'S DYING!!



IT'S THE **METEORITE**--
IT MUST CONTAIN SOME
ELEMENT **FATAL** TO THE
PLANT! THIS IS OUR CHANCE,
OUR ONE CHANCE TO
DEFEAT IT!





JED WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? WHAT HAPPENED???

NO TIME TO TALK NOW! GET AN AX! WE'VE GOT TO BREAK UP THE METEORITE!



HURRY! EVERY PASSING SECOND THE PLANT GROWS BIGGER! SOON IT'LL REACH TO OTHER TOWNS!! THEN, IT'LL BE TOO HUGE FOR ANYTHING TO STOP IT!

FINALLY WITH THE METEORITE BROKEN UP, THE EMBATTLED FARMER GIVES THE CHUNKS OF STONE TO THE TOWNSPEOPLE WHO FEVERISHLY PUT THEM TO USE!



IT WORKS! EVERY PART OF THE PLANT THAT THE STONE TOUCHES, WITHERS AND DIES!

UNTIL, AT LAST, THE CRAWLING NIGHTMARE IS COMPLETELY DESTROYED!



THANK HEAVENS WE DEFEATED IT!

IF WE HADN'T, IT MIGHT HAVE SPREAD OVER THE WHOLE STATE! MAYBE OVER THE NATION!



YOU MEANT WELL, JED, TRYIN' TO FIND A SOLUTION FOR FOOD SHORTAGES? BUT DO US A FAVOR.. FROM NOW ON LET THE SCIENCE BOYS IN WASHINGTON HANDLE THAT KINDA STUFF!

I SURE WILL! I WON'T MONKEY WITH ANYTHING I DON'T KNOW ABOUT! AND I'VE LEARNED SOMETHIN' ELSE, TOO... THAT NO MATTER HOW ORDINARY IT MAY SEEM....



..NOTHING IN THIS FANTASTIC UNIVERSE IS EVER REALLY USELESS!!

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