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THE GHOST RODE A ROLLER COASTER!

AN AMUSEMENT
PARK! A PLACE OF
FUN AND EXCITEMENT...
UNTIL FATE TURNS IT
INTO... A PLAYGROUND
OF SUSPENSE!



WHAT DO **SCREAMS** MEAN TO YOU? PERHAPS THEY SIGNIFY DANGER OR DISASTER! BUT, TO THE OWNER OF AN **AMUSEMENT PARK** THEY CAN MEAN--
MONEY!



YEE-OWW!
OHHHH--!
EEEEK!

LISTEN TO THE SUCKERS YELL! THE **HIGHER** I MAKE THAT **ROLLER COASTER**, THE MORE THEY **LIKE** IT!

YEP, THE MORE YOU **FRIGHTEN** THE **HICKS**, THE MORE **DOUGH** THEY SHELL OUT!



AND THAT'S HOW WALTER BURKE ENTERS THE PICTURE...

I ASKED AROUND ABOUT YOU, BURKE! I HEAR YOU'RE A GOOD ENGINEER, BUT YOU'RE DOWN ON YOUR LUCK AND YOU NEED A JOB! SO I'M HIRING YOU TO BUILD SOME NEW RIDES--
REAL FRIGHTENING ONES!



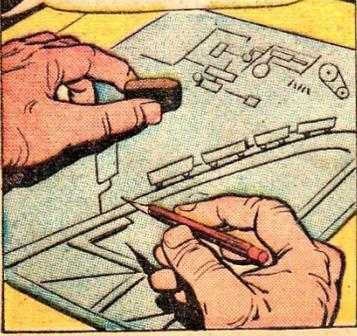
YOUR SALARY WON'T BE MUCH, AND YOUR WORKING HOURS WILL BE LONG, BUT YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO **SQUAWK!** SO WHAT DO YOU **SAY?**

I'M SICK... AND I HAVE TO EARN MONEY TO PAY FOR MEDICINE! I'LL TAKE THE **JOB!**



AND SO IT BEGINS... HARMLESSLY ENOUGH AT FIRST...

A NEW **LOOP-THE-LOOP** RIDE... WITH MIRRORS THAT GIVE THE ILLUSION OF IMPENDING COLLISION... OUGHT TO BE **REAL FRIGHTENING!**



I'M SURE YOU'LL BE PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS, MR. HARRIS!



BUT THE ENGINEER SOON LEARNS THAT CHARLIE HARRIS DOESN'T "PLEASE" EASILY!

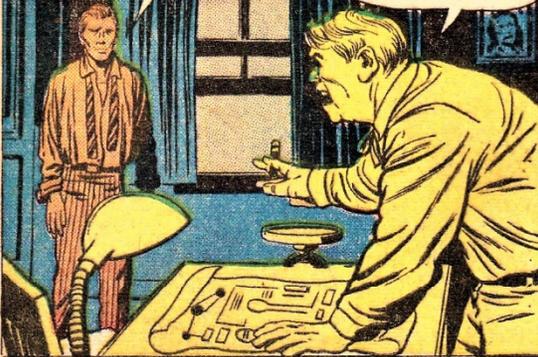
NOT BAD... BUT I WANT RIDES THAT ARE EVEN **SCARIER** THAN THAT!!



SO WALTER BURKE DESIGNS ANOTHER NEW RIDE... BUT THIS TIME, WHEN HE FINISHES THE PLANS...

MR. HARRIS, MY ILLNESS HAS TAKEN A TURN FOR THE WORSE! I'D LIKE TO TAKE A COUPLE OF DAYS OFF--TO REST UP BEFORE STARTING CONSTRUCTION!

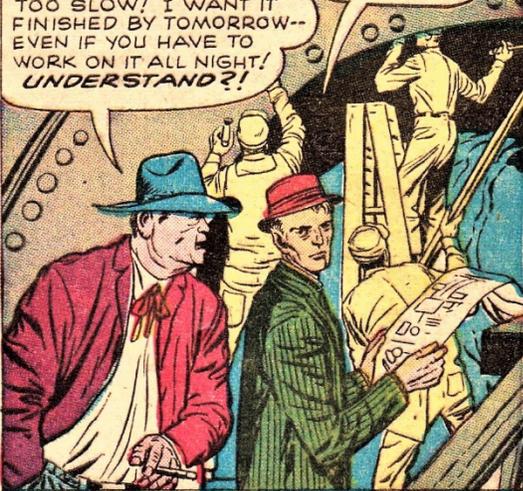
DAYS OFF??!
WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M RUNNING HERE -- A CHARITY INSTITUTION??!
G'WAN, GET TO WORK-- BEFORE I **FIRE YOU!**



AND THE HEARTLESS OWNER OF THE AMUSEMENT PARK DOESN'T STOP **THERE!**

IT'S COMING ALONG TOO SLOW! I WANT IT FINISHED BY TOMORROW-- EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO WORK ON IT ALL NIGHT! **UNDERSTAND?!**

Y-YES SIR.



WORKING WITHOUT LET UP, THE WEARY BURKE FINISHES HIS PROJECT ON TIME ...!

SAY! WHAT A SCARY GIMMICK! A RIDE THRU THE TUNNEL OF HORRORS!

YES, BUT SO FAR IT'S NOT VERY--



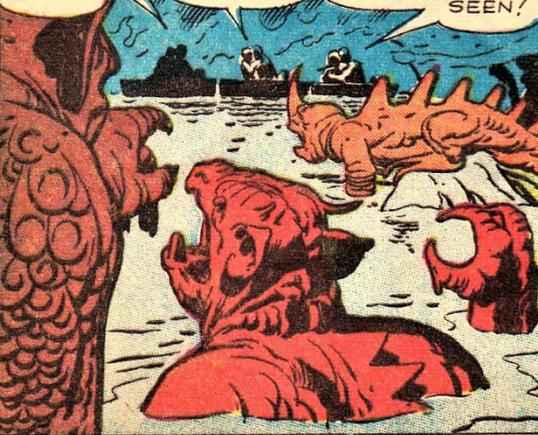
YEEOOOWW!!

IT'S ALIVE!!

LOOK! MORE OF THEM!

EASY, HONEY! THEY'RE NOT REAL!

(WHEW!) MOST FRIGHTENING THINGS I'VE EVER SEEN!



FRANTIC MOMENTS LATER ...

AT LAST! I-- I THOUGHT I'D FAINT!

IT SURE WAS SPOOKY IN THERE!

LOOK AT 'EM ALL-- WAITING TO BUY TICKETS! AND THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING... **JUST THE BEGINNING!!**



YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE LIKE THE HULK!

IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOW, BURKE CONSTRUCTS MANY MORE EXCITING RIDES...UNTIL FINALLY...



MR. HARRIS, OUR RIDES ARE GETTING TOO DANGEROUS! I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BUILD ANY MORE!

LISTEN, MISTER! I'LL DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE SAFE! YOU JUST KEEP DESIGNING NEW ONES!... OTHERWISE, YOU'LL BE LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB!

AND SO IT CONTINUES...



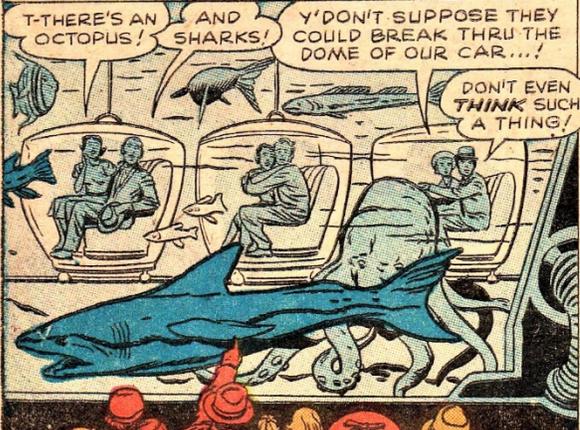
IF HE LIKES THIS UNDERWATER RIDE, MAYBE HE'LL GIVE ME A FEW DAYS OFF... I SURE AM TIRED...

WORKING DAY AND NIGHT, THE ENGINEER COMPLETES HIS TASK!



THAT GUY BURKE IS A GENIUS! LOOK AT 'EM RUSHIN' FOR TICKETS FOR HIS NEWEST RIDE!

YES, THE RIDE PROVES TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS ...



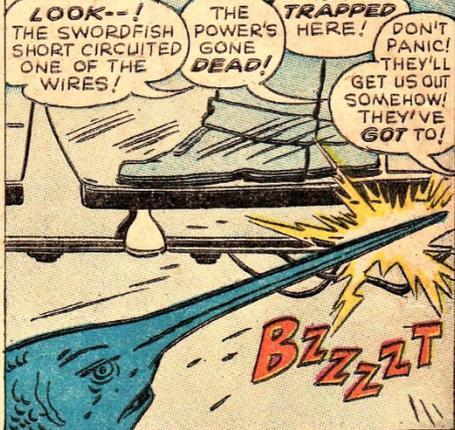
T-THERE'S AN OCTOPUS!

AND SHARKS!

Y'DON'T SUPPOSE THEY COULD BREAK THRU THE DOME OF OUR CAR...!

DON'T EVEN THINK SUCH A THING!

BUT SUDDENLY ...



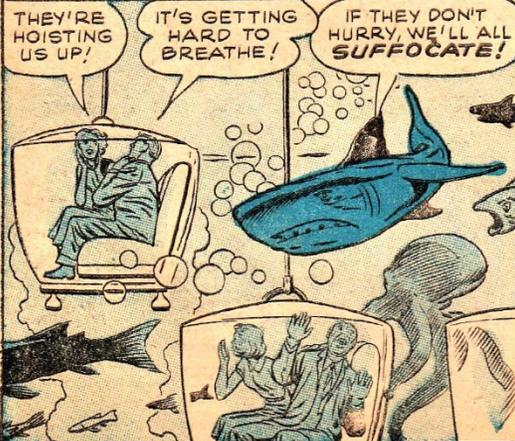
LOOK--! THE SWORDFISH SHORT CIRCUITED ONE OF THE WIRES!

THE POWER'S GONE DEAD!

WE'RE TRAPPED HERE!

DON'T PANIC! THEY'LL GET US OUT SOMEHOW! THEY'VE GOT TO!

TENSE, GRUELING MINUTES PASS ...



THEY'RE HOISTING US UP!

IT'S GETTING HARD TO BREATHE!

IF THEY DON'T HURRY, WE'LL ALL SUFFOCATE!

WOW! WHAT AN EXPERIENCE!

I WAS SO TERRIFIED!

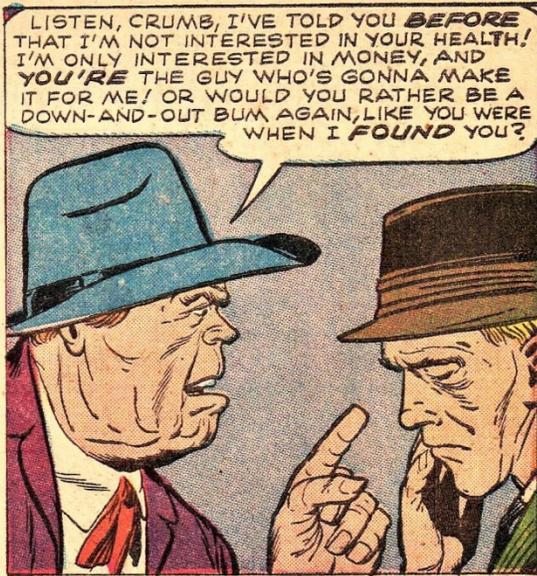
SURE, BUT YOU'LL TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND THEY'LL COME TO TRY IT TOO! HEH HEH!





BURKE, YOU'RE DOIN' FINE! JUST FINE! NOW WHAT **OTHER** IDEAS HAVE YOU GOT?

MR. HARRIS, CANT I HAVE SOME TIME OFF NOW? I--I NEED A REST! MY HEAD IS THROBBING, AND I FEEL DIZZY...



LISTEN, CRUMB, I'VE TOLD YOU **BEFORE** THAT I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR HEALTH! I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN MONEY, AND **YOU'RE** THE GUY WHO'S GONNA MAKE IT FOR ME! OR WOULD YOU RATHER BE A DOWN-AND-OUT BUM AGAIN, LIKE YOU WERE WHEN I **FOUND** YOU?



NOW I'M GOING TO EUROPE FOR A MONTH'S VACATION... AND WHILE I'M GONE, I WANT YOU TO CONSTRUCT THE MOST FRIGHTENING ROLLER-COASTER RIDE OF ALL TIME! **UNDERSTAND?**

I--I UNDERSTAND...



AND SO... REMEMBER, I WANT THAT NEW ROLLER-COASTER **FINISHED** BY THE TIME I COME BACK --OR ELSE!



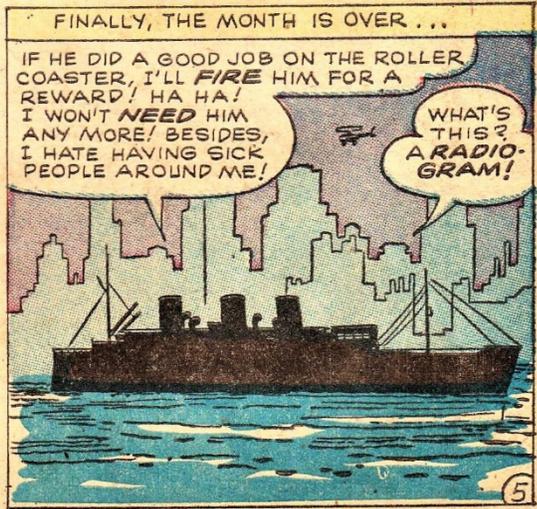
A WEEK LATER...

FINDING THAT STOOGE BURKE WAS **SOME** LUCKY BREAK FOR ME! AHHH, THIS IS LIVING!



WHILE THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY, BURKE WORKS ON THE FINAL PROJECT OF HIS LIFE...

(COUGH, COUGH!) IF ONLY I COULD STOP AND REST... BUT (COUGH!) I CAN'T! I CAN'T AFFORD TO BE FIRED!



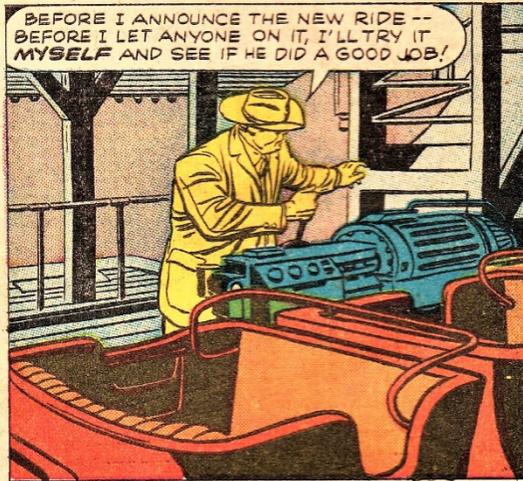
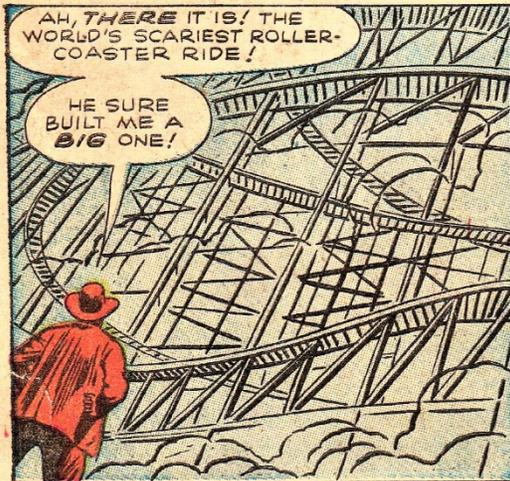
FINALLY, THE MONTH IS OVER...

IF HE DID A GOOD JOB ON THE ROLLER COASTER, I'LL **FIRE** HIM FOR A REWARD! HA HA! I WON'T **NEED** HIM ANY MORE! BESIDES, I HATE HAVING SICK PEOPLE AROUND ME!

WHAT'S THIS? A **RADIO-GRAM!**

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WHO IS THE HULK??





YOU'RE THE **GHOST** OF WALTER BURKE! WELL, I AIN'T AFRAID OF YOU! YOU DIDN'T FRIGHTEN ME WHEN YOU WERE **ALIVE**-- AND YOU CAN'T SCARE ME NOW!



I DON'T WANT TO FRIGHTEN YOU! I ONLY WANT TO EXPLAIN THIS RIDE THAT I BUILT!



YOU SEE, YOU WILL BE THE **ONLY** PERSON EVER TO RIDE THIS ROLLER COASTER... BECAUSE AFTER TONIGHT, IT WILL NEVER BE USED AGAIN!



YEAH? THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG! IF THE RIDE'S ANY GOOD, **EVERYONE** WILL WANT TO TRY IT!



HEY! WE'VE BEEN GOING HIGHER AND HIGHER! WHEN DO WE REACH THE **TOP?**



OBSERVE, AS WE START DOWN THE OTHER SIDE, THAT THE FOG IS LIFTING! YOU CAN NOW SEE AHEAD OF YOU!

HUH? OH--HEY! WAIT!!



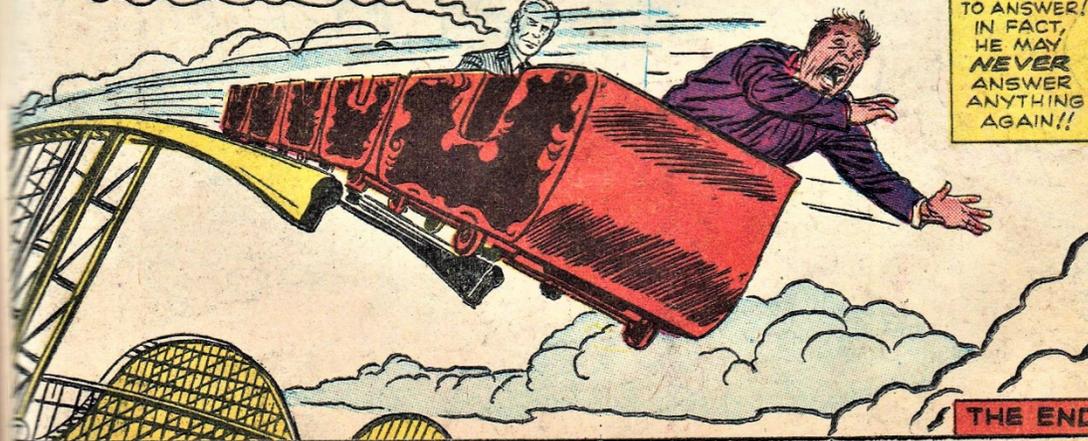
WHAT'S THE MATTER, MR. HARRIS-- AREN'T YOU PLEASED? AFTER ALL, DIDN'T I FOLLOW YOUR INSTRUCTIONS??

NO--OO!!



DIDN'T I DESIGN WHAT YOU WANTED?? DIDN'T I BUILD YOU...

... THE WORLD'S MOST FRIGHTENING ROLLER COASTER RIDE ???!



BUT CHARLIE HARRIS IS TOO BUSY TO ANSWER! IN FACT, HE MAY **NEVER** ANSWER ANYTHING AGAIN!!

THE END