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No doubt this small sized issue will be somewhat of a surprise to some of you. Beginning with this issue, I had planned on having S-C large size. As a matter of fact the cover and several pages were already hektoed when I made up my mind to keep the same format. The small size seems to be quite popular, but that isn't the only reason I junked the partially hektoed large size number. The other reason is that my trusty (?) hekto wasn't functioning properly and didn't turn out such good copies, and I'm kinda particular that way. Anyway, since the cover came out okay, I'm sending copies of it out with this ish. (Have to get rid of them some way.)

My thanks to Mort Weisinger for his review of S-C in Startling Stories, though I didn't want the mag to gain a "Buck Rogers" atmosphere as Startling implied. To Harry Warner, Tom Wright, and Bob Tucker, thank for including S-C in the fan mag reviews of Fantasy News, Mercury, and Le Zombie. They were all very helpful in acquiring

quite a few subscribers.

Beginning with the next ish there will. be a readers section --- that is --- if the readers supply the proper material. So, come on, write, even if it's to tell me how lousy the mag is. Anybody gotiny suggestions as to a good name for the department??????

Contributions such as fiction, drawings, articles, poetry, or anything that's good are badly needed (As witnessed by the contents of this issue) and would be greatly appreciated. Another thing; how about some good stf or weird plots to illustrate? Of course, ordinary fiction will do, but plots written especially for comics would be much better.

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ALCHEMIST #3 just arrived from Lew Martin, 1258 Race St., Denver, Colorado, and if you haven't got it send a dime quick for a copy. This issue contains seventy small pages of top-notch material. Outstanding is a full page wood-cut by Roy Hunt which could easily grace any professional magazine or book.

Would anyone be interested in forming a Society for the Succor of Small Town Scientifans? (I didn't think so). I don't doubt but that there are many small town fans in the U.S., entirely isolated from the rest of fandom (like myself), who languish for the companionship of other fans.

Oh Well, 'twas just an idea.



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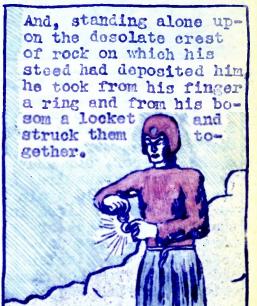
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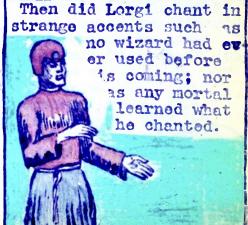
WHEN STHANEE WAKES

Originally published in SPACEWAYS for July 1940

FIRST was Lorgi, coming out of the darkened night sky, riding on the back of a gigantic bird-thing such as no man had seen before.



And behold, a weird glow filled the grey rock-crest, such as was seen by mariners far out on the sea (for this was before Sthames fell into enchanted slumber.)

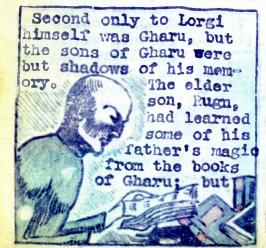


All night the weird glow hung over the crest of the grey rook. And when the night had expired there was the dwelling place of Lorgi

of the life and work sings of Lorgi and of his triumph over all the oit ies and kingdoms of Landth, this shades not tell. Not is this tale concerned with the passing of Lorgi. Nor, again is this story concerned with the great glacier that came out of the polar night, to cover all of Lanth and to rule unchallenged for untold age

Mor, finally, does this tale deal with how and why it was that Sthanee fell into enchanted slumbor and what were the phases therof, nor what things must transpire ere Sthanee could again swaken. There lived in the fivelling-place of lorgi in the days not long after the glacier had passed from the memories of living men, a

certain necromancer by the name of Gharu. Long lived he here, but length death took his shoulders and he Was gone: then did the sons of Gharu prevail in the silent halls their father had once peopled with demon-folk, elementals, and a multitude of slaves, both liv ing and dead, which he had stolen from Lanth.



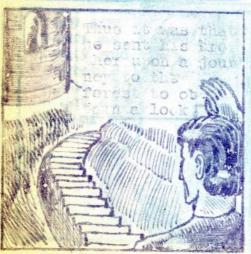
not enough, however, to withhold his eyesight from the ravages of time, who, daunted by the spells of the departed master, and unable to ravage the iwelling place, contented himself with letting those who now lived therein know his presence And Rugn, though stranget of shoulder, and sound of limb, was quite blind. Still, this cal-



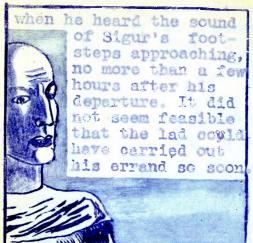








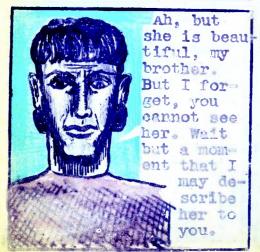
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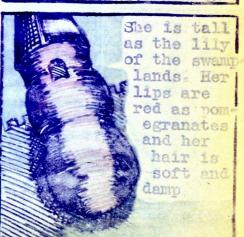




I have found her Lo. I have found the loveliest of lemans, my brother. I had taken less than a dozen steps from the landing when mine eyes perceived herl

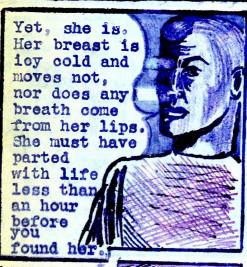






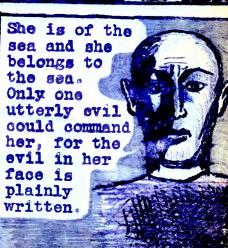


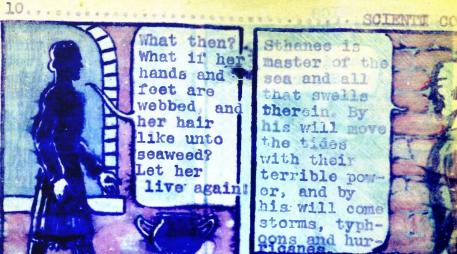


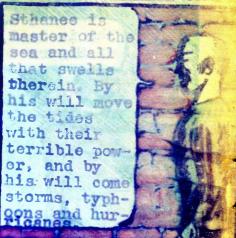


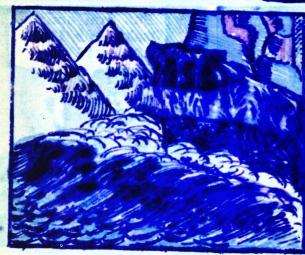












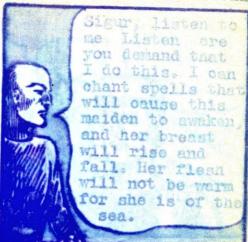
Behold how the tides have waged war on this rock for thou sands of years before the glacier came out of the nort and more thousands of years ere Lorgi came and made here his dwelling place Yet, the sea has not tired. Now Sthanes sleeps the enchanted slumber



"Is that not proof that Sthanes is to be respected? Behold how this grey rock is worn and wounded It is not woll to offend Schange













Rugn knew that Sigur had heard none of what he had just sold Heavy within him lay the knowledge that this was the machine tion of some strange doom







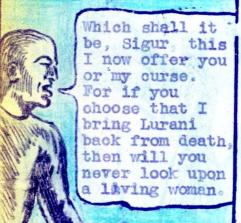


Hearken my Sigur in our father's books are secrets I have never used chants that will unlock the doors to other worlds. runes that will open the portais of time.













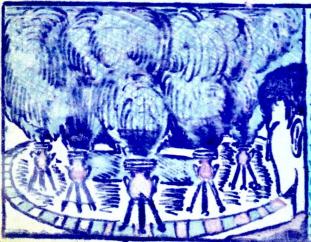






With solemn rite and ritual Rugn cursed Sthanee and the children of Sthanee, by Lorgi, by the bones of Gharu and by all those nameless ones who served and were served by ancient wizards. But Sthanes lay sleeping.





the necessary enchantments to awak en Lurani. Within a circle of braziers he placed Lurani on a couch, And, as he chanted, there rose up incense-fumes which made a veil around the circle which the eyes of sigur could not

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Then Rugn performed



"But, Jon you have absolutely no assurance that your so called time machine really I will grant that you have made things disappear and reappear again at a later date, but the High Council of Science says that it surely must be a form of electrical change which the experimental body undergoes thru the influence of your machine. And the Council says that this effect gradually wears off and the matter assumes its original Condition

"You will have to admit that that is a rather satisfactory explanation. And the Council adds that at the moment they have no use for your work, but they will look into the matter and perhaps allow you to turn the work over to the training school to experiment with."

Letting a scowl dig into his massive features, Jon dug his powerful fingers into the heavy Lusto-plastic cuishons of his favorite lounge couchwith sudden decision he heaved two hundred and twenty-five pounds of solid muscle and bone into a semi-upright position.

"You fool, you stupid fool. What about cent into the bast? You didn't see those

come back did you? Of course not And did go into the past too I tell you. And don't look at me like that, you dried up mole. I could tear you to bits and you know it. If you were half a man you would stay out in the fresh air instead of haunting those holes in the ground you call ruins. And that High Council isn't any better, giving you credit sheets for as much as you can waste. Ever since it was formed in 2168 it has never passed a sensible decree And worst thing they have ever done is to allow your grave robbing to continue. Get out before tear your head off "

As the victim of Jon's tirade turned turned toward the exit panel his eye was arrested a slender green metal rod extending from a half concealed Insulo case: Wheeling, he grated out to Jon while indicating the case and rod a shaking finger, "What's that interceptor doing here? The Council took your regular power interceptor away last week and forbade you to experiment further without their express parmission And even your ugly strength won't save you if you're caught with it."

With an oath Jon reached for the other's thin neck but dropped his long, hairy, arms to his side with a sudden change of character His bru tish face became even more repulsive as he attem pted to smile. Pleadingly he rasped out in what apparently was his conception of a persuasive voice-

"Now Ralf we've been friends a long time You know how much this means to me and to have the Council take my work away from me and then turn it over to the Science Training School a pretty big blow I'm convinced that my machine will work even if nobody else is Please Ralf try and be understanding "

Practically overcome by his sudden assumption of authority, the frail archaeologist wilted wi thin himself at the thought of what the apelike creature before him might do His befuddled bra in could think only one thought: Humor the mons ter

Running his thin hand nervously over his bald carefully powdered head Rali managed to sound almost sure of himself as he bargained

That is correct we have been good friends for a long time but I am sworm in my duty to the Council Yet I believe there is no need for the Council to ever know that you have been tap ping power with your unregistered interceptor but you must not continue to do so It would go hard with me in you were found using one al ter I was supposed to have relieved you or noth your regular one and your spare If you give this on to me I shall say nothing more of the nativet "

Jon casually enough for all the seriousness of the matter with a shrug of his massive sho ulders spoke out "All right we li do that then I il say nothing about you, not taking all interceptors " and h leered in appreciation or his own humor "While you in turn say noth ing about my forgetting to turn them in "

With that Jon leisurely paced across the la boratory to the outlaw power interceptor Care fully disconnecting the cable head h picked the heavy cas up easily in his two long arms and turned toward Rail who was watching him suspiciously.

"Well don't stand there stupid Push the button and open the paner for me I is put this set in you Airbus "

As Rais complied Jon stepped quickly out in to the storage room and kicked open the door or the visitors Airbus flinging his burden behind the seat into the storage compartment

mank you Jon Now I think I had better start home where I can drop this off before some person sees me with it After that I must hurry out to our new excavation We hope to really make a find there A few of us think that per haps it is the site of one of the ancients ma no museums But enough of this I shall go now And Jon pisase don t anger the Council You stand none too wall with them Indeed a num

ber of them contend that you should be placed in the Cell, and gassed Even your great rec ord and magnificent brain are the subject of much envy So it would not be wise to do any thing rash, Well, good bye," And Ralf stepped daintily into the machine and shot up thru the roof exit.

After making sure that Raif was well on his way. Jon hurried back to his laboratory. Once inside he quickly fastened the storage room panel then secured the panel across the room. the one which led into his living quarters. Then he stood for a moment by the panel. listening;

"Bah, those stupid Council representatives." he thought, " As it somebody of my ability couldn't make his own interceptor set that Ralfornight notify them now that he is out of my reach. Guess I had better hurry before anybody else comes." And, so decided he stepped forward to the opposite wall where he passed his hand before an electric beam, A part of the wall slid open, revealing another power interceptor. But this one was mass ive compared to the one surrendered to Ralfa Apparently constructed for the recention of a tremendous load of power; the receiving was a heavy weight even for the powerfully built Jon: Though broad and heavy, he stood a good three inches less than six feet which still made him an extremely tall man in his period of civilization a civilization that had de veloped mentally but retrogressed physically to the point where the delicately formed Ralf was considered a model of perfection

His receding brow furrowed in thought. Jon carried the set to the place shortly before occunied by the other one the one now in posses sion of Ralfo Ripping the seal of the High Council of Science from the cable head he propared the bared cable for a terrific overload the while cursing beneath his breath the Councall now the dictating power in the year 2532 He jerked suddenly erect as the wall red

to signal receiver crackled, then abruptly out out-

Scrambling to his feet Jon leaped for the receiver turning it on the roof landing broad caster above him. Sare enough, there was Council Airbus dropping to landing on his plat form His body trambling with excitement and rage he whelled back to the power set Snapping the connection shut he stapped back to sur vey the machine he believed in He pushed his hand back thru his hair thru hair on the top of his head, something which no other man that age possessed, then with a bread hideous grin, stepped onto a green metal dais be side the maze of electrical machinery to which it was connected by a single thick insulated cable. Stepping to the farther edge of platform he reached out to a panel and turned two of the numerous dials then snapped switch to "ON" Instantly a film of light sur rounded the dais covering it with a dome foot or two above Jon's head.

With the same grin on his face the panel and surrounding wall cease to exist and two armed Council Deputies step in With gloating in his voice he spat out " late as usual. But come take meses see and die trying. Come on you stupid dolts Or are even your puny brains capable of recognizing a force shield? I'm going into the future where your quavering Council won't even exist And try and stop med"

"Don't worry Jon you won't get far " one of the two said. "Bring the power case, Urlo"

The one so addressed brought in a light green case similar to Jon's interceptor, only this was about one third the size While he replaced Jon's set with his the first speaker again spoke

"No Jon you won t go far into the future Rather you will go into the past The Council has ther plans for this machine and if works by your own calculations you must die horribly we nope The power drainer now

attached will draw all the power from your ma chine and add negative force, which you declare will send things back in time. Fate and the Council decree that you die by your own work

"Ready, Url? Then close the switch. Goodbye, Jon, and may you arrive at a point in time where your brute-like body and alien way

thought may be more suited."

"NO: DON'T." And then Jon felt a terrific pull on every atom of his body. Suddenly light burst in on him, all the world turned white . With his trained mind he realized that he was lying on ice, next to a crevice. Startled to even find himself alive, he felt that he must continue to live, must continue to live and prove to the Council that he was stronger than they. A tremendous fire burning within him, he struggled to his feet. Shrieking in agony, he tore his clothes from his body, then stumbled to his knees, coughed, and fell forward dead, the seal of the Council glistening, mockingly, on his finger, fastened there by Ralf when Jon took the oath of allegiance to the Council.

Then, with a sharp snap of breaking ice, what was once Jon, genius of a great civilization. plunged with tons of prehistoric glacial ice to a cold and jagged tomb before the dawn of history.

The two men struggled their way along the side of Mighty Sue, the trickiest glacier in that part of the country. Finally one, the smaller of the two men, sank to the ice and slowly unstrapped his heavy pack. The other stopped beside nim, then tollowed the example of the first.

"Holy Christmas," he moaned, " to think we came all the way up here just sos you could go back to your lousy rich friends and say you prospected in the Mighty Sue country Cripes,

wish I had half the dough yer old man has, the little dried up..... and he stopped with a weak shift of his shoulders. "Jeez, I'm sorry, kid, but it kinda gets a guy down....been tryin ta hit a stake all my life --- and ain't done it yet. Then some old mummy catcher like yer old man pulls up with more than any two guys like him can use."

In a manner that gave the appearance of having been acquired thru constant reiteration . the younger and smaller man stated: "Again Dad is no 'mummy catcher'. He's an archaeologist, hasn't much money, but the institute pays all, or nearly all of his expenses. He is not old and dried up, and I'm not prospecting. You are supposed to be showing me glacial deposits left when the ice receded at the end of the fourth glacial age. I am then to make a complete report to the Smithsonian on my find ings....and then pray that I am accepted There are reports that a complete Mammoth preserved in the ice around here somewhere, and I would like to prepare a separate report it if I can find it."

Apparently lost in his subject, and speaking more for his own benefit than his guide's, he continued. "And this field here seems to be almost what we are searching for .. In fact this very fissure was perhaps formed when the ice was on its backward track." Then, with a sudden change of attitude he laughed out. " Of course. Boy, I'm sure glad that no Institute man is here. I'd never get in if they thought I was as uncertain as that."

Almost in terror, the guide gripped the young man's arm. "Listen," he breathed, "It's moving, the ice is cracking, the glacier wall is crumbling."

Without another word the two leaped to their feet and rushed back the way they had come.

A brittle snap, a running crackle, and tons of prehistoric ice plunged down. Rolling thunder split the men's ears as the ice shattered at the end of its long plunge. A few small reports and a miniature repetition of the main

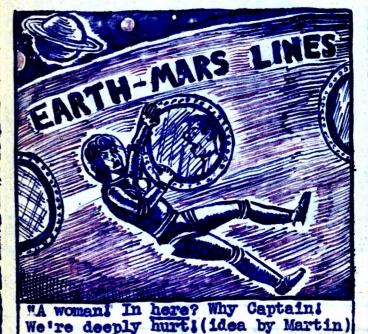
ice mass's booming destruction, and all that re mained to signify what had gone before was the occaisional sparkle of uncovered clear ice and the fine white powder that was now fast sett-

ling.

The men stopped running and turned toward the new face of the glacier. The younger was the first to start retracing his steps. As he walked forward he scanned the glacier face. Finally his eye came to rest on one spot. He frowned; He squinted his eyes. "It can't be," he mumbled. As he drew closer he stopped entirely With a shout he raced forward and clawed at the ice, trying to get at the object buried within. "Matt, bring an axe," he shouted. "Quick." As the guide stumbled around on the jagged ice, cursing their luck at having all their equipment buried, the young man stepped back and surveyed his find, his face beaming with joy. Not noticing that Matt failed to hand him the he burst out, "And to think that I should be the one to find the first whole prehistoric man. Gad, he must have been buried there for 45,000 or 50,000 years. Whata find, whata find. This glacial field will be almost sacred from now on All science will acknowledge this to be the greatest thing since Newton. The Institute probably will build a field museum on this very site. I can see the tablet explaining the discovery of the first completely preserved prehistoric man:

Discovered by Dr. A.B. Grimes 1940 A. D. The first Prehistoric Man found completely preserved. Dates from about 47,000 B, C.

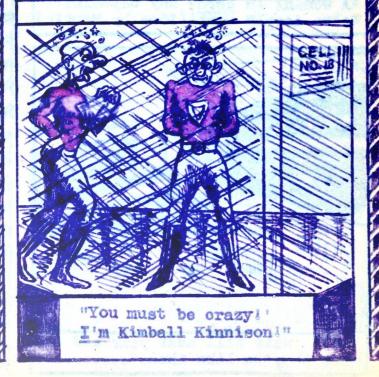
As Ralf shot up fromtthe laboratory he breathed a sigh of relief. He thanked his stars that at last he was out of Jon's hands. Yes, and (continued on page 25)







"Hie, guesh we pashed that red light fast enough!"



(contd from pge. 22) he would see that Jon never again had a chance to harm him With a slender finger he flicked the call button of the Deputy branch of the Righ Council of Science. The deputies would take care of Jon for him

Having left his Airbus on the temporary lan ding stage, Ralf hurried down into the excavation to see how the work was progressing

He halted behind a group of workmen bunched before a strong glass case. Forcing his through, Ralf angrily dispersed the men they quickly returned to their tasks, Ralf sur veyed the object of their curiosity. In a tremendously thick case of wondrous clear glass was a man, or what he mentally termed as some species of man but such a man more powerful than the ancients who had placed him in the case, yet not so tall with a shudder saw the face, for an instant he thought mighty Jon was before him Then he smiled as he thought how son would fly into a rage he saw the encased figure For it must have been so prepared at least 500 years, ago in the days when men still looked like brutes, and prided themselves on their strength, as Jon still did

Ralf smiled in a superior manner as he thought now the council had almost completely bred brutishness out of the race. Then his eyes fell to the metal tablet at the bottom of the case

In strange lettering Ralf saw:

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"Well, " thought Ralf, "I will copy that down

and have someone at the Council decipher it for me I guess," he mused, "the deputies have already taken care of Jon Good midd ance."

Peering more closely at the almost perfeetly preserved, encased figure he mutter ed "Hummann - that band of metal rust on his finger it somewhat resembles a crudely shaped Council seal ring strange coincidence " And he smiled as he walked away

The autnor of "Inevitable Necessity", al though not new to stf is new to fan magazines I W being his first attempt at fan fiction As such I thought it was pretty good

Of course you realize that "O Christopher Crosse" is merely a pseudonym A good one at that Chris Crosse get it? Hah, hah oriss cross. Oh. well.



BOOK REVIEW Bronson

"Egotistical Admonitions", published in 19 36 by the Thaumaturgical Publishing Co. authored by Six Ignatz I. Iggleswitch

For some strange reason only one copy this book was printed: I, having resorted to theft am today the owner of that priceless vol une.

The plot seems to bear no relation whatso ever to the title but is excellent something new The hero while visiting his light o love wanders into her father's labor story to see a new invention. The invention proves to be a combination space time trans di mensional ship Having cracked under the strain of his incessant labors the mad professor for ces the young couple into to enter the and sends them into the unknown

The hero and heroine land in a strange country known as Skfirfspt and there are captured by the denizens of this weird place. The Skr irrsptians are odd creatures that resemble cross between pink elephants and purple allig ators. They are very bloodthirsty and are just about to relieve the heroine of her blood when the hero rescues her and with the aid of space time trans dimensional ship returns them both to their own world where they bash mad professor's head until he regains his original senses. Then the two young lovers married and live happily ever after

Although the author wrote this 200 300 word novel in an extremely refreshing style I am of the opinion that the story would have been bet ter if he had cut it down to at least 100,000 words.

The book is handsomely printed on slick paper and is profusely illustrated by Ehat belo ved stf artist Ray Tackson

I am sure that this book would be greatly enjoyed by most fans and as I am not in the least bit selfish I will not keep this treasure to myself. I will lend it to any fan upon receipt one hundred dollars for security.

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some RDITORIAL NOTES

Before you send those bombs and various other deadly objects to ye ld. give me a chance to make amends Of course you know I'm apologizing for page seven or maybe you are one of those few who have a readable copy of same. Sadly enough, page seven was the first to be hektoed on my new graph Twarn't the hekto's fault though Notice the

Since hektoing the Editorial Page I've recei ved plenty of good material to fill out this issue nicely. So the contents page isn't as bare as I said it was on page three. If I get enough aid in the form of good material for the next is sue I'll probably increase the size again maybe to even fifty pages

straight lines????

and in conclusion I'll add that if you should happen to find a little red devil or roo ship stamped somewhere in this issue your sub uns expired

as the incense fumes rolled back, Sigur saw that Lurani was indeed breathing.





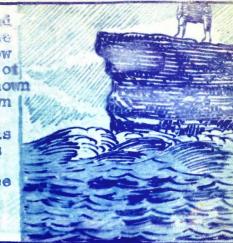


If Rugn could have seen, he would have wondered at the seamaiden's eyes, for they were not pools of blackness as he had predicted they would be. They were filled with strange light.

But Rugn had left the room and had gone out of the dwelling place. And he walked to the edge of the grey rock overlooking the sea-It seemed to him that a voice cried out in terrible accents crying: "Sthanee, Sthanee!" but he was not certain.

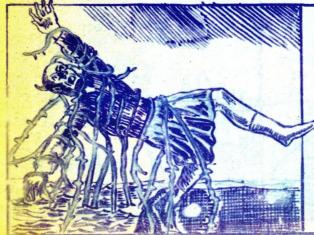


If he had not been blind Rush might have seen the strange prodicy that now came to pass the like of which had never been known perce or has been known sinas. For Sthanee had awakened and the sea was climbing the grey walls of the rock upon which stood the dwelling place of Lorgi



Higher still higher and yet higher it rose until its surface was almost level with the rock-crest and the feet of Rugn Then from the waters rose fingers of seaweed that crept along the rock and stealthily approached the feet of Rugn, who stood unaware of what was happening.



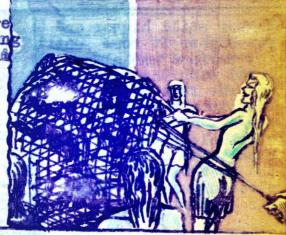


Swiftly moved the tentacles of sea weed, and they wrapped themselves around the living body of Rugn, stiff ling his cries, and carried him over the side of the gray rock, into the depths whence they came.

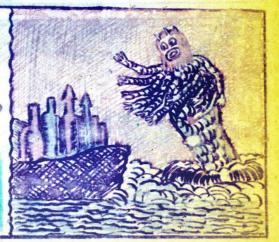


Then arose from the sea a bevy of maidons. Like unto Lorani beautiful as she; soft and leathery was their hair. Out of the sea they rose and ran quickly into the dwelling place of Lorgi to the room where were Sigur and Lurani.

And in the hands of the maidens they bore a net. This they flung over Sigur and Lurana imprisoning them in the net, and hastened back to the edge of the rock whence they leaped into the sea, bearing their captives with them.



And finally there a rose a great beast from the sea's depths. the terrible head of which reached far into the sky





with twelve monstroug, sucking sime resolved out and crimined with in their grasp the dwellinglace of Lotei. And the beast dragged the shat tored dwelling place from its position on the orest of the rock



Then the sea sank down, down, down, until at last it came to its own showes.





some more - BUTTORIAL NOTES

Here I am again. Hope you don't mind these remblings of mine scattered throughout the is sue like this.

It seems that another apology is due. This time for the lousy nektoing in most of the issue. I recently purchased a new hektotbeing dis gusted with the results of the old one), and as yet have not become accustomed to its idicsynorasies.

I forgot to include Art Widner's address in the poll section, so in case you want to enter your votes, here it is: Art Widner Jr., 122 Bryantville Mass

Oh, the woes of the stf collector So many mags on the market, but so few good ones. nave no less than eleven unread mags lying round and I don't know when I'll get a chance to read them. The collector in me practically for ces me to buy any stf mag I see on the stands wet when it comes to reading some of them. Guess I'll have to clamp down on my pocketbook as the collecting mania is extremely hard on it.

In a sense the illustrated stories in this mag are not "comites" but since the word "comics" seems to have become synonomous with "picture story" and since "picture story" more or less aptly describes the main feature of this pub I thought that "Scienti Comics" was a befit ting title for this magazine, regardless. the commonness of it

Many thanks to Doc Lowndes and Harry Warner for their permission to adapt "When Sthanes wakes" to pictorick use. And I hope that I did the about justice.





