

UNCLE \$CROOGE IN SCROOGE'S LAST ADVENTURE

PART 3 OF 4

"THE QUEST..."

LAST ISSUE: FLINTHEART GLOMGOLD AND JOHN D. ROCKERDUCK HAVE SUCCEEDED IN THEIR SINISTER SCHEME TO RUIN SCROOGE McDUCK AND HIS FAMILY! BUT WHEN THE DEVILISH DUO PLOT TO BULLDOZE KILLMOTOR HILL—THE SYMBOL OF DUCKBURG—IT'S TIME TO FIGHT BACK!

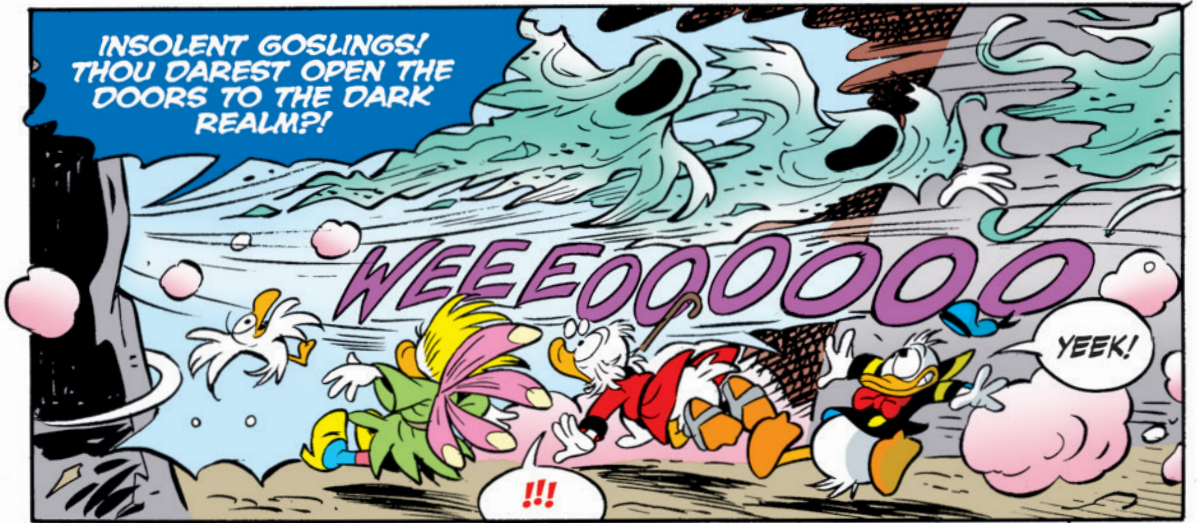
SCROOGE'S ONLY HOPE FOR HELP IS MAGICA DE SPELL, GLOMGOLD'S AND ROCKERDUCK'S JILTED CO-CONSPIRATOR! BUT FIRST SHE MUST REGAIN HER KNOWLEDGE OF DARK MAGIC, LOST THANKS TO A WICKED CURSE!

IN THE DEPTHS OF
MOUNT VESUVIUS...

CAREFUL, DARLINGS! CROSS THIS MOAT AND WE'LL BE THERE... THE GATES OF PLUTO STAND BEFORE US! LET'S HOPE OUR QUEST HASN'T BEEN IN VAIN!

SNORT!
IN VAIN? I DIDN'T RISK MY FEATHERS ON A WHIM, MAGICA! YOUR MENTORS MAY NOT GIVE ME THE RED CARPET TREATMENT—BUT I REFUSE TO LET THEM SHUT ME OUT!



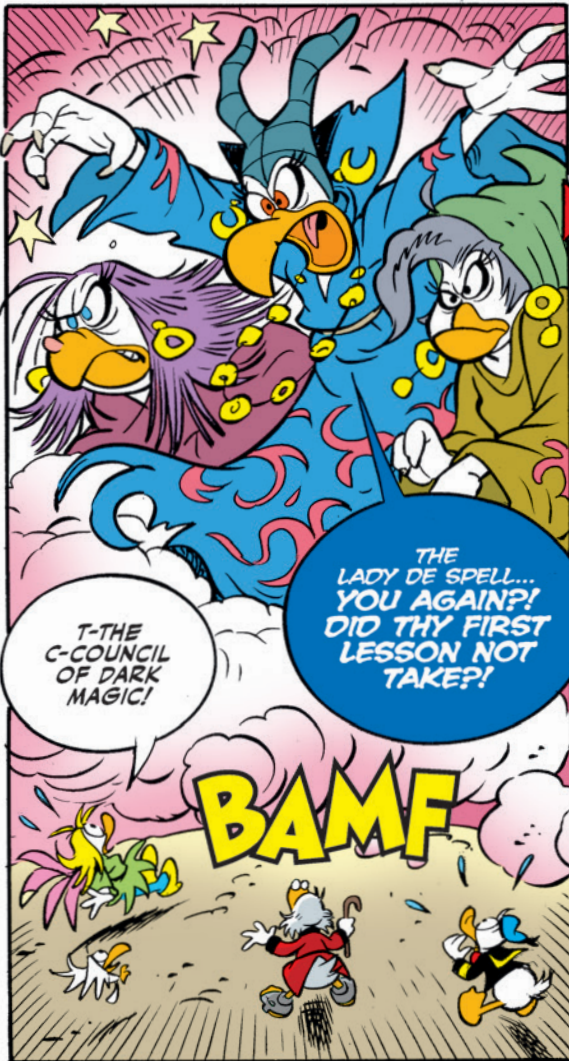


INSOLENT GOSLINGS!
THOU DAREST OPEN THE
DOORS TO THE DARK
REALM?!

WEEEOOOOOO

YEEK!

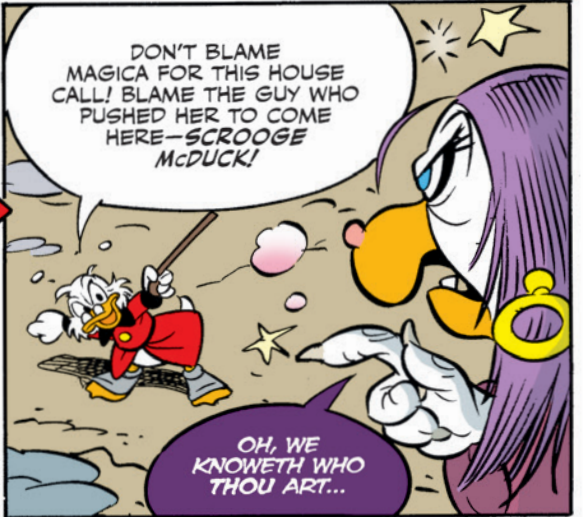
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T-THE
C-COUNCIL
OF DARK
MAGIC!

THE
LADY DE SPELL...
YOU AGAIN?!
DID THY FIRST
LESSON NOT
TAKE?!

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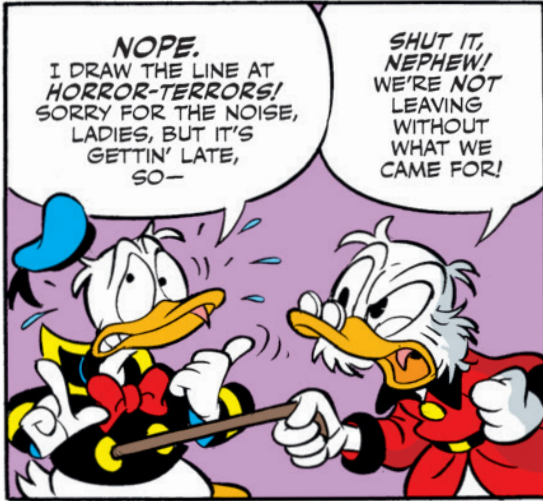
DON'T BLAME
MAGICA FOR THIS HOUSE
CALL! BLAME THE GUY WHO
PUSHED HER TO COME
HERE—SCROOGE
McDUCK!

OH, WE
KNOWETH WHO
THOU ART...



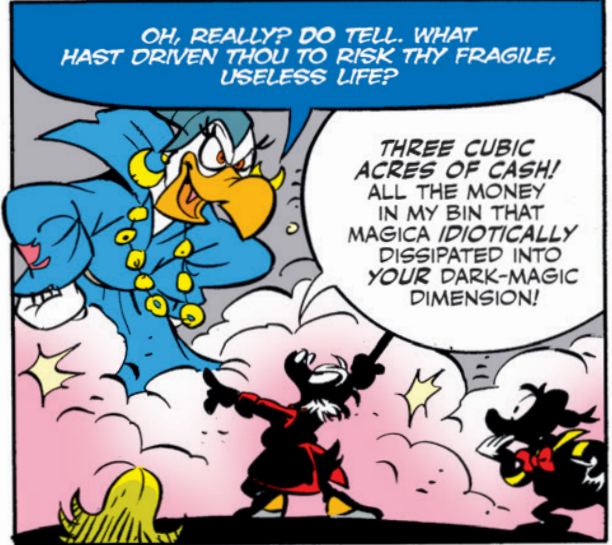
...BUT WE STILL HAVEN'T
DECIDED IF THOU BE FOOLISH,
OR JUST INSANE!

HERE, THE
WORD OF EVIL
IS LAW! THIS BE
NO PLACE FOR GOOD
SORCERESSES AND
MORTALS... UNLESS
THOU SEEKEST
THE GREAT OLDE
HORROR-TERRORS!



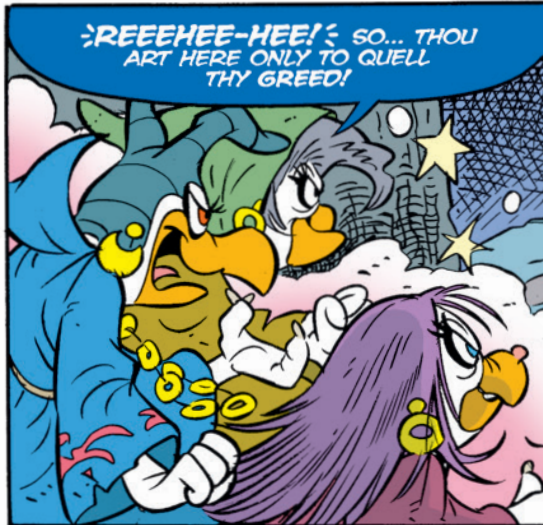
NOPE.
I DRAW THE LINE AT **HORROR-TERRORS!** SORRY FOR THE NOISE, LADIES, BUT IT'S GETTIN' LATE, SO—

SHUT IT, NEPHEW! WE'RE NOT LEAVING WITHOUT WHAT WE CAME FOR!

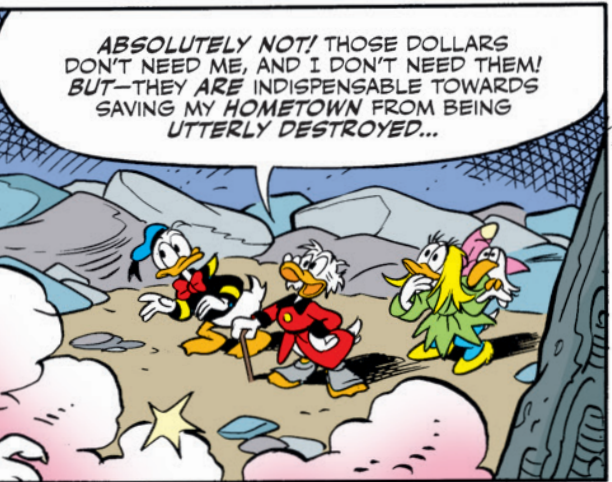


OH, REALLY? DO TELL. WHAT HAST DRIVEN THOU TO RISK THY FRAGILE, USELESS LIFE?

THREE CUBIC ACRES OF CASH! ALL THE MONEY IN MY BIN THAT **MAGICA IDIOTICALLY** DISSIPATED INTO YOUR **DARK-MAGIC DIMENSION!**



REEEHEE-HEE! SO... THOU ART HERE ONLY TO **QUELL THY GREED!**

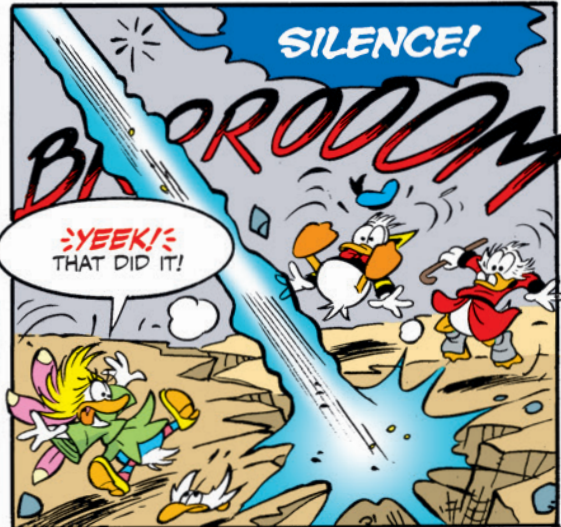


ABSOLUTELY NOT! THOSE DOLLARS DON'T NEED ME, AND I DON'T NEED THEM! **BUT—THEY ARE INDISPENSABLE TOWARDS SAVING MY HOMETOWN FROM BEING UTTERLY DESTROYED...**



SO I'M ASKING YOU TO **RESTORE** **MAGICA'S** KNOWLEDGE OF **DARK SORCERY**—FOR A DECENT CAUSE, THAT IS! YOU SAY YOU'RE **EVIL**, BUT YOU MUST HAVE **SOME EMPATHY...** OR YOU'D NEVER GIVE ME THE TIME OF DAY!

STOP, SCROOGE! YOU'LL ONLY MAKE THEM **ANG—**



SILENCE!

YEEK! THAT DID IT!

EXONERATION WILL NOT BE GIVEN FOR THE LADY DE SPELL! HER RELENTLESS FAILURES DEEM HER UNWORTHY TO PRACTICE THE DARK ARTS! SO HATH WE DECREED... SO SHALT THOU ACCEPT!

BUT MISTRESS... WHAT DID I DO WRONG? I STOLE McDUCK'S GENUINE NUMBER ONE DIME!

RRRUMBLE

I'LL ATTEST TO THAT! I DIDN'T TRICK MAGICA OR HER ALLIES! AND SHE'D KNOW IF I'D REPLACED MY FIRST DIME WITH A DECOY!

SEE? I-I LIED AND HID IT AWAY, BUT I DON'T—

POOF

WE SAID SILENCE! WE GROW BORED HEARING ABOUT THIS OLD MISER'S RICHES!

ZRAK

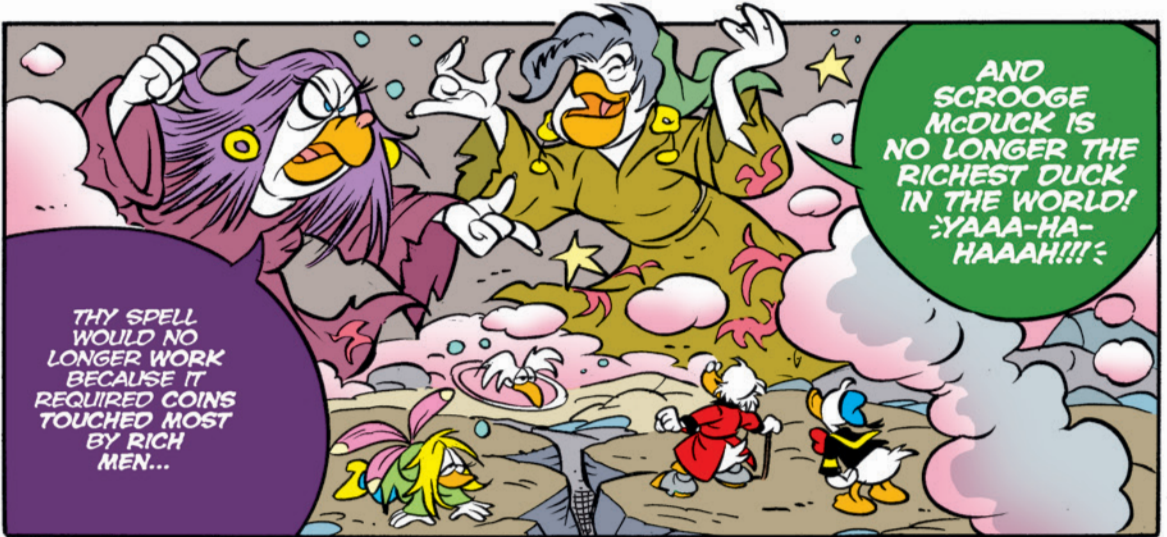
GLEEP!

THOU WISH TO KNOW WHERE THOU FAILED, LADY DE SPELL? HERE—THOU TURNED THINE OWN MIDAS TOUCH AMULET INCANTATION WORTHLESS!

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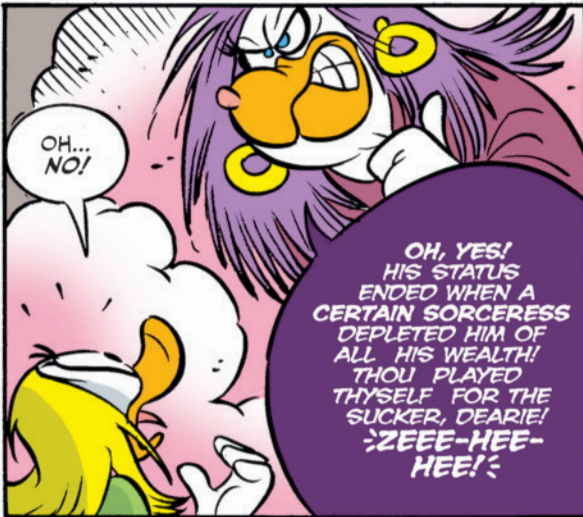
BLINDED BY THINE AIMLESS GREED AND UNRESTRAINED VANITY, THOU DISRUPTED FORCES DARKER AND GREATER THAN THYSELF!





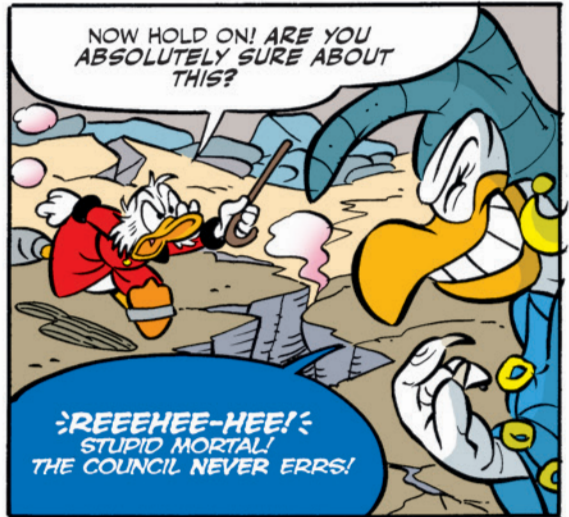
THY SPELL WOULD NO LONGER WORK BECAUSE IT REQUIRED COINS TOUCHED MOST BY RICH MEN...

AND SCROOGE McDUCK IS NO LONGER THE RICHEST DUCK IN THE WORLD! :YAAA-HA-HAAH!!!:



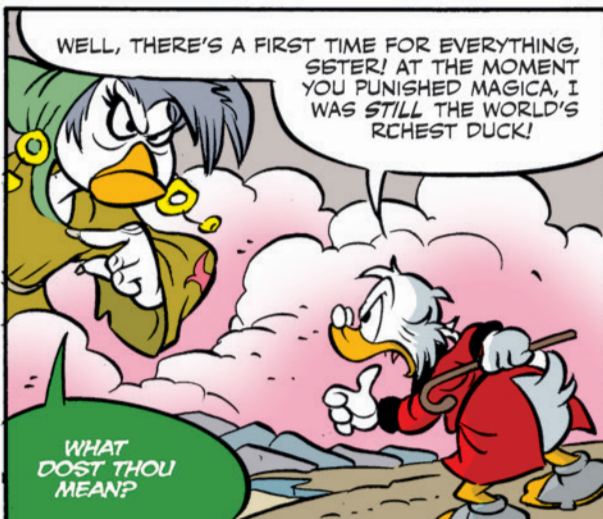
OH... NO!

OH, YES! HIS STATUS ENDED WHEN A CERTAIN SORCESSER DEPLETED HIM OF ALL HIS WEALTH! THOU PLAYED THYSELF FOR THE SUCKER, DEARIE! :ZEE-HEE-HEE!:



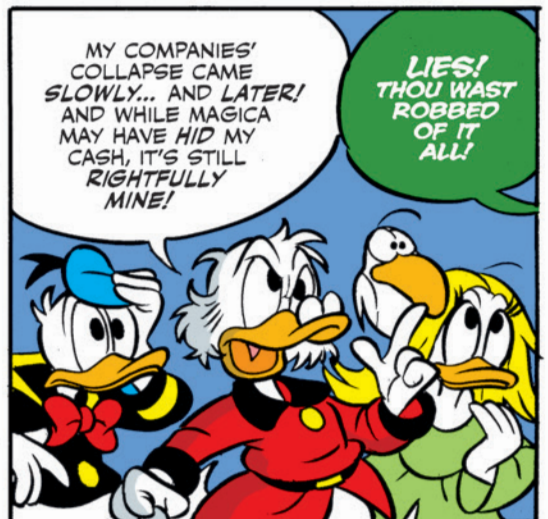
NOW HOLD ON! ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY SURE ABOUT THIS?

:REEEHEE-HEE!:
STUPID MORTAL!
THE COUNCIL NEVER ERRS!



WELL, THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING, SISTER! AT THE MOMENT YOU PUNISHED MAGICA, I WAS STILL THE WORLD'S RICHEST DUCK!

WHAT DOST THOU MEAN?



MY COMPANIES' COLLAPSE CAME SLOWLY... AND LATER! AND WHILE MAGICA MAY HAVE HID MY CASH, IT'S STILL RIGHTFULLY MINE!

LIES! THOU WAST ROBBED OF IT ALL!