

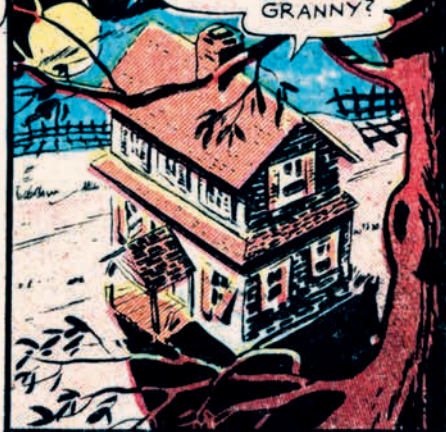
THAT NIGHT THE LITTLE GIRL HEARS A WEIRD STORY...

WHY ARE PEOPLE AFRAID OF YOU, GRANNY? LIKE THOSE MEN TODAY?

HAH! THOSE FOOLS! I HATE THEM! I HATE THEM! I HATE ALL MEN—AND I'LL TELL YOU WHY, MY LITTLE LORNA!

I WAS NOT ALWAYS OLD AND UGLY, LORNA! ONCE I WAS BEAUTIFUL—AND I HAD A LOVER!

WHAT'S A LOVER, GRANNY?



HEH-HEH—I HOPE YOU NEVER FIND OUT, MY CHILD! NEVER FIND OUT WHAT FOUL BEASTS MEN CAN BE! THE WAY I FOUND OUT...

TELL ME ABOUT IT, GRANNY!

I WILL! YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO START HATING MEN NOW!



WE WERE TO BE MARRIED THAT DAY LONG AGO! BUT THE HOURS PASSED AND THE WEDDING GUESTS DEPARTED...

H—HE'S NOT COMING! SOMETHING TELLS ME I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN!

AND I NEVER DID! LATER I MARRIED YOUR GRANDFATHER, A SPINELESS FOOL WHO WAS GLAD TO DIE! WE HAD A SON, YOUR FATHER, WHOM I HATED! HE DIED, TOO! I WISH ALL MEN WERE DEAD!





**S**O LITTLE LORNA GETS HER FIRST BITTER LESSON IN HATE...

I UNDERSTAND, GRANNY! YOU'RE RIGHT! I'LL ALWAYS HATE MEN!

THAT'S RIGHT, DEARIE! HATE THEM WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT!

I WILL, GRANNY! THEY — THEY'RE LIKE THIS WORM! I'LL SMASH THEM!



**SQUISH**



**A**ND BEFORE SHE GOES TO BED THAT NIGHT...

YOU — YOU MAN DOLL! YOU DON'T BELONG HERE!



THERE! I HATE YOU! I WISH YOU WERE A WORM SO I COULD STEP ON YOU!

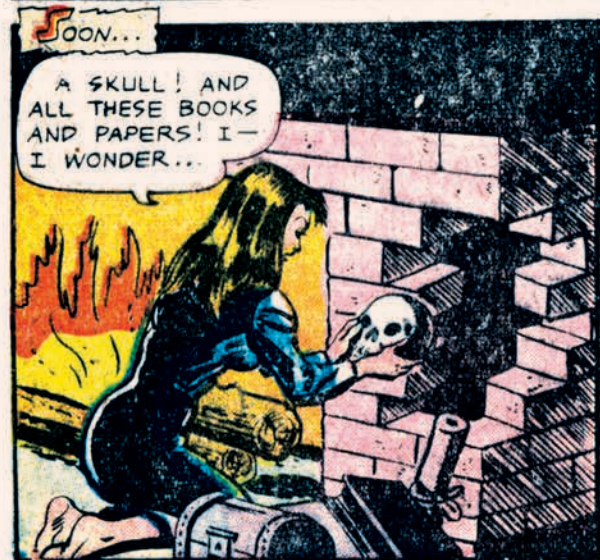
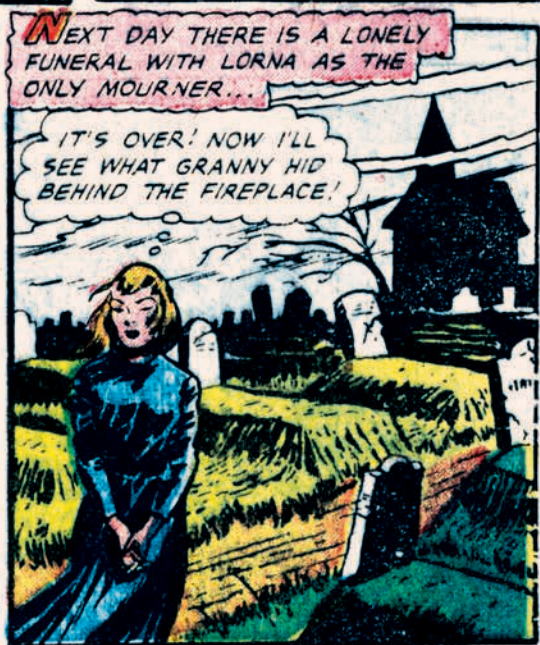
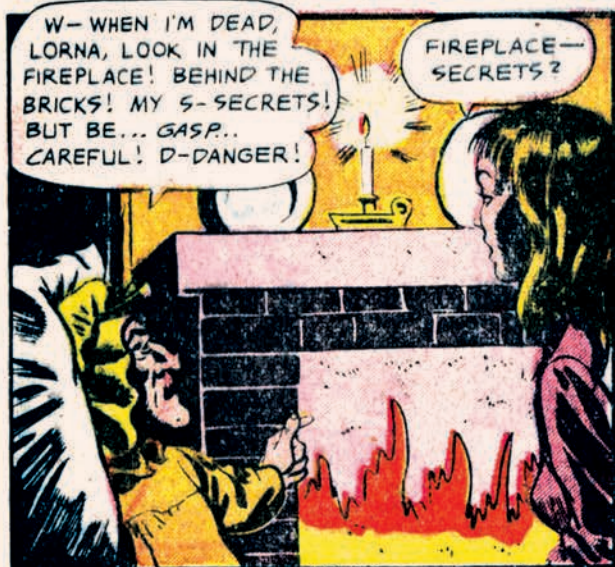


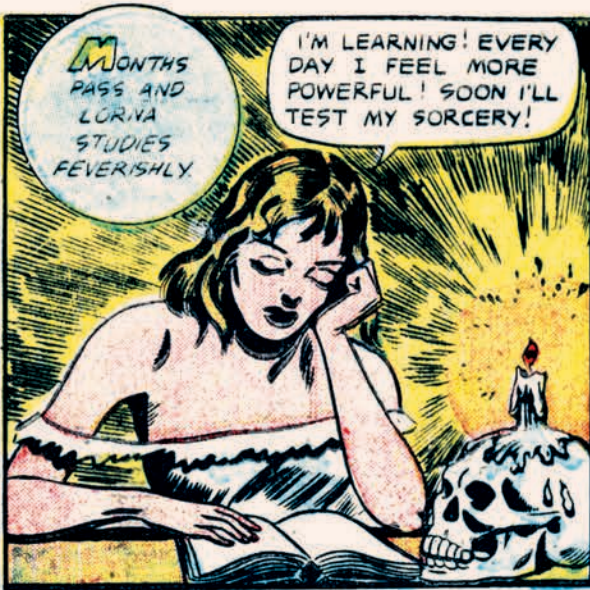
...AND PLEASE PROTECT ME AGAINST MEN! DON'T LET THEM HURT ME THE WAY THEY DID GRANNY!



**W**HILE BELOW...

HEH-HEH — A SMART CHILD! SHE'LL NEVER BE MADE A FOOL OF BY MEN! HAH-HAH-HAH-HAH!





**M**ONTHS PASS AND LORNA STUDIES FEVERISHLY.

I'M LEARNING! EVERY DAY I FEEL MORE POWERFUL! SOON I'LL TEST MY SORCERY!



**U**NTIL ONE NIGHT... HELLO, MISS! MY CAR'S STUCK IN THE MUD! DO YOU HAVE A PHONE?

THERE IS NO PHONE! BUT YOU ARE WELCOME TO WARM YOURSELF AT THE FIRE!



A ROTTEN NIGHT! I WONDER IF YOU'D MIND IF I STAYED HERE, MISS?

WHAT? STAY HERE?

HMMM — WHY NOT? I'VE BEEN WANTING TO TEST MY POWERS OF WITCHCRAFT!



THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER BEEN SO CLOSE TO A MAN! I WONDER IF MAYBE I CAN'T FIX IT SO HE CAN STAY HERE — PERMANENTLY!

**LORNA PLAYS A DEADLY GAME AND SOON...**



YOU'RE SO PRETTY! A KISS WON'T HARM US!

MY FIRST — AND YOUR LAST!

DIES IRAE ET DIES ILLA!



GUGH — SOMETHING W-WRONG! Y-YOU DID...

YES, FOOL! I DID IT! MY SPELL WORKS! I'M TURNING YOU INTO A WORM!