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After being exposed to a strange mist, Scott Carey miraculously starts shrinking 1/7 of an inch each day. This mysterious ailment puts incredible strain on his relationship with his wife Lou, and he begins to question his manhood as the hopes of finding a cure shrink away along with him. At less than three feet tall, Scott finds himself in the hands of teenage bullies.

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Dedicated to the great Richard Matheson

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THEN... 35 INCHES



NOW.

3/7 OF AN INCH. THREE DAYS LEFT AND THEN THAT'S IT.

I MAY ONLY HAVE THREE DAYS LEFT BUT I'LL BE DAMNED IF I LET THAT SPIDER KILL ME.

IF ONLY I'D KILLED IT WHEN I WAS BIGGER.

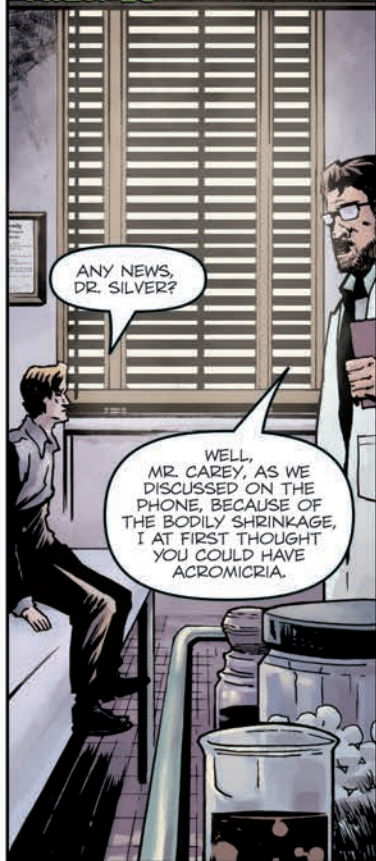


"I WAS SO CLOSE, BUT ALL I GOT WAS ONE LEG"



AT LEAST I SLOWED IT DOWN SOME.

THEN 23 INCHES



ANY NEWS, DR. SILVER?

WELL, MR. CAREY, AS WE DISCUSSED ON THE PHONE, BECAUSE OF THE BODILY SHRINKAGE, I AT FIRST THOUGHT YOU COULD HAVE ACROMICRIA.



BUT NO, YOUR PITUITARY GLAND ISN'T DISEASED.

NO LOSS OF HAIR.



NO CYANOSIS OF EXTREMITIES. NO BLUISH DISCOLORATION OF SKIN.



NO SUPPRESSED SEXUAL FUNCTION.



BUT THEN WE DISCOVERED YOU HAVE A NEGATIVE NITROGEN BALANCE, MR. CAREY.

YOUR BODY IS THROWING OFF MORE NITROGEN THAN IT'S RETAINING.



SINCE NITROGEN IS ONE OF THE MAJOR BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE BODY, CONSEQUENTLY WE HAVE SHRINKAGE.

AN IMBALANCE OF CREATININE IS CAUSING FURTHER INVOLUTION. PHOSPHOROUS AND CALCIUM ARE BEING THROWN OFF, TOO, IN THE PRECISE PROPORTION IN WHICH THOSE ELEMENTS ARE FOUND IN YOUR BONES.



