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GREETINGS HAUNTED HORRORHEADS! THE COMIC BOOK YOU NOW HOLD IN YOUR TERRIBLE LITTLE CLAWS IS MERELY THE START OF A SPECIAL, THREE-ISSUE "HORRORS OF IT ALL" MINISERIES. IT'S A GRUESOME SHOCKER COMPILING MY ALL-TIME *GRAVEST* HITS STRAIGHT OUTTA THE ABYSS!

THOSE OF YOU GUTSY ENOUGH TO OPEN THIS TRIO OF TRULY *REPUGNANT ISSUES* WILL FIND AN ABSOLUTE OVERLOAD OF STOMACH-CHURNING *EVIL* AND *CORRUPTION*. YES, SUPERNATURAL CREEPS AND FEROCIOUS FIENDS WILL PERFORM ALL SEVEN LEVELS OF *BLOOD-CURDLING SAVAGERY* UPON YOU, FEATURING ASTONISHING ARTWORK FROM SOME OF YOUR FAVORITES, AS WELL AS FROM A FEW YOU MIGHT NOT EXPECT!

SO, EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED! PREPARE TO HAVE YOUR MINDS BLOWN, YOUR BRAINS BASHED IN, YOUR... YOUR... OH, JUST GET READING THE DAMNED THING ALREADY!



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Look for another spine-tingling issue of *Haunted Horror* in two months!

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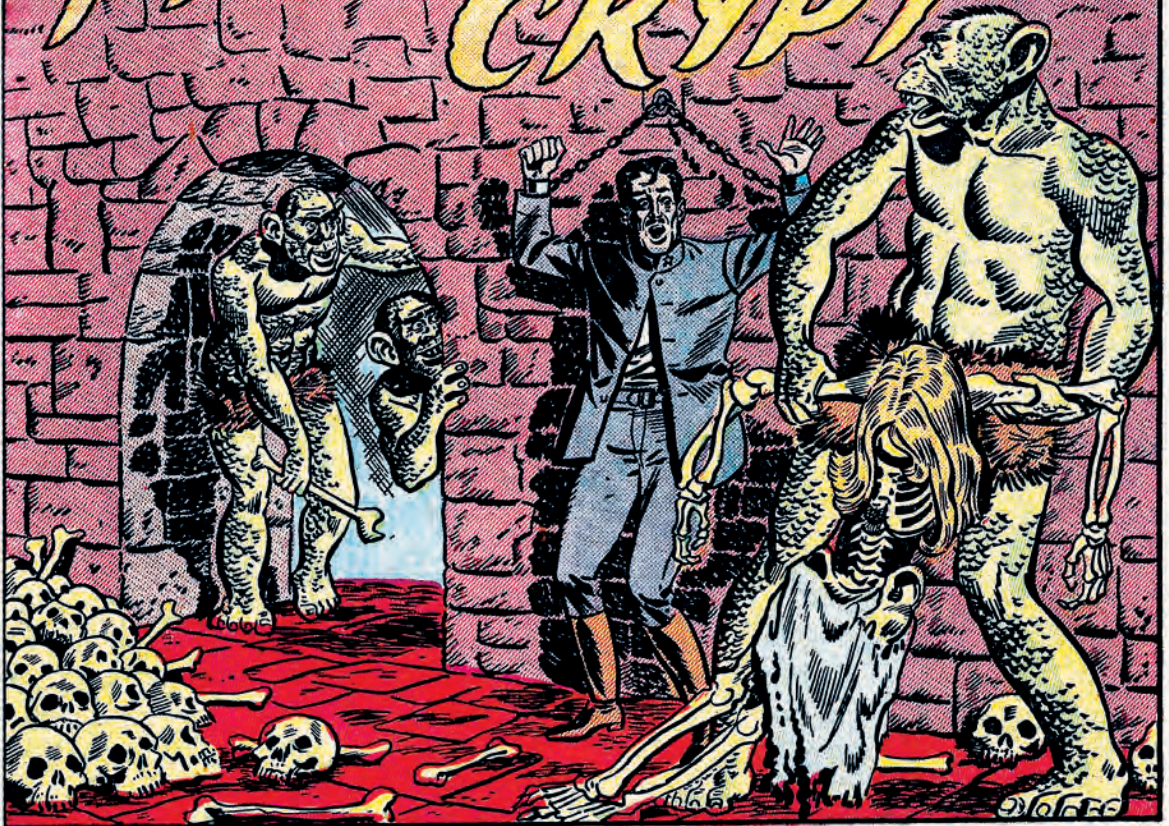
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UP FROM THE FETID STENCH OF ROME'S ANCIENT CATACOMBS SWARMED THE HORRIBLE ARMY — STRANGE AND SINISTER BEYOND BELIEF, SWORN TO DESTROY HUMANITY IN THEIR TERRIBLE BONE CRUNCHING JAWS, SLAVERING AFTER THE SMELL OF HUMAN BLOOD! AND TO THIS FEARFUL SCOURGE WAS ADDED THE GREED AND LUST FOR POWER OF ONE MAN WHO IN TURN WAS TO MEET THE GREEN HORDE...

FIENDS from the CRYPT





HE'S GETTING AWAY, SIGNOR COMMISSIONER!

NOT YET! I KNOW THESE SEWERS AS WELL AS HE DOES!



WHY DON'T YOU FIRE, SIGNOR?

NO! I WANT TO TAKE THIS ONE ALIVE IF I CAN! AFTER ALL, HE'S ONLY A PETTY CROOK!



UGH, THESE SEWER RATS GIVE ME THE CREEPS! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THEM!

DON'T BE AN OLD WOMAN! HURRY UP!



I'M CERTAIN HE DUCKED DOWN THIS WAY! AND THIS PASSAGE LEADS INTO THE OLD CATACOMBS, SO HE CAN'T GET FAR!

SUDDENLY THE TUNNEL IS FILLED WITH THE FRENZIED SCREAMS OF A MAN IN MORTAL TERROR...



FOR THE LOVE OF HEAVEN, SIGNOR! DID YOU HEAR THAT?

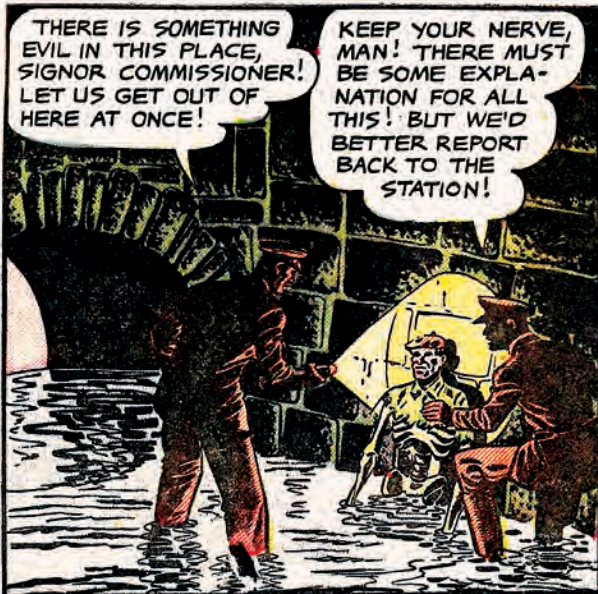
HORRIBLE! AND THAT WAS BANCO'S VOICE! DOWN THIS WAY!

THEIR FLASHLIGHTS PICK OUT A LEERING, GRUESOME THING...



GAAA! LOOK, IT'S BANCO! A MOMENT AGO HE WAS A MAN— NOW HE'S ONLY A S-SKELETON!

B-BUT WHAT COULD HAVE DONE THIS, SIGNOR?



THERE IS SOMETHING EVIL IN THIS PLACE, SIGNOR COMMISSIONER! LET US GET OUT OF HERE AT ONCE!

KEEP YOUR NERVE, MAN! THERE MUST BE SOME EXPLANATION FOR ALL THIS! BUT WE'D BETTER REPORT BACK TO THE STATION!



BUT...

THE PASSAGE—IT'S BLOCKED NOW! B-BUT JUST A MOMENT AGO THERE WAS NO DOOR HERE!

WE MUST FIND ANOTHER WAY OUT, SIGNOR! AT ONCE!

WHILE DESPERATELY SEEKING A WAY OUT, THE MEN WANDER DEEPER INTO THE CATACOMBS...



PHEW, THAT SMELL IS HORRIBLE! THESE CAVERNS HAVE BEEN SEALED FOR CENTURIES!

I BEGIN TO THINK WE ARE TRAPPED, SIGNOR! AND JUST THEN I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHING!



YAAAAAAA!
SIGNOR, LOOK! THOSE THINGS...



MONSTERS—AND THEY'RE COMING AFTER US! THEY'LL TEAR US TO PIECES!

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE, MAN! **RUN!**

AGRRRR—

UBBLEE—



THEY TAKE REFUGE IN A SMALL ROOM...

PERHAPS THIS OLD COFFIN AND THE BONES WILL STOP THEM!

WORK, MAN! STACK MORE BONES IN THE ENTRANCE!



LOOK! ONE OF THOSE THINGS R-REACHING FOR US!

Y-YES! IT WILL GET US UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING!



AND THERE IS ONLY ONE THING TO DO— GIVE THEM A VICTIM AT ONCE!



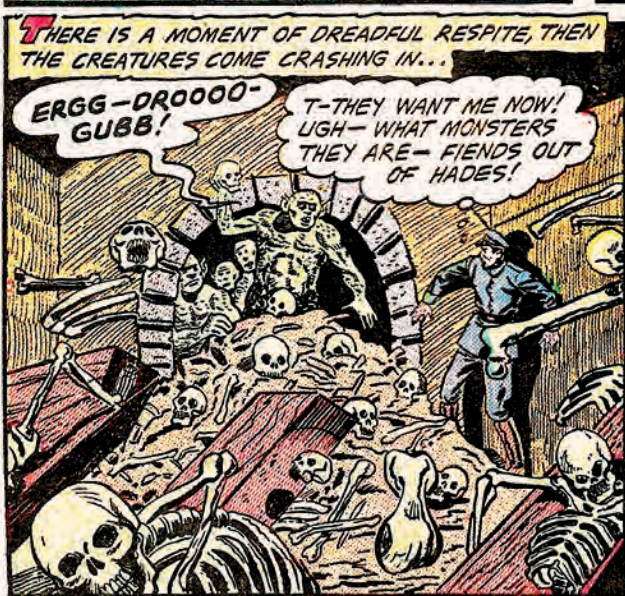
GRUM—
BRRRR—
GROUU—

YOU, PIETRO! THEY WANT A VICTIM AND IT MUST BE ONE OF US! SO LET IT BE YOU! OUT YOU GO!

NO!
AAAAAAA—



SAVE ME! DON'T LET THEM...
EEEEYYAAAAAAA—



ERGG—DROOOO—
GUBB!

T-THEY WANT ME NOW!
UGH— WHAT MONSTERS THEY ARE— FIENDS OUT OF HADES!



DNN—GA—
GUMBLE!

T-THEY'RE TRYING TO TALK TO ME!
THEY WANT SOMETHING!

WUM—
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GA!

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