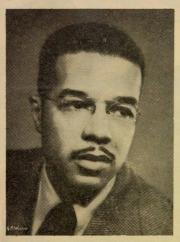


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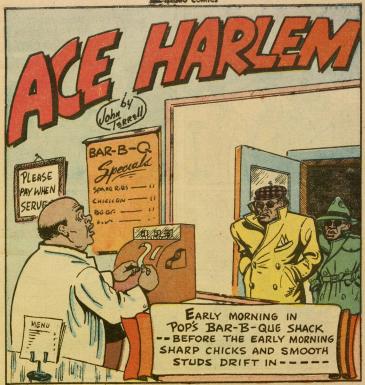
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ACE DISCOVERS STRANGE MARKS ON POPS NECK!





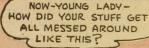






CALL HEADQUARTERS FOR A FINGER-PRINT EXPERT, THERE'S A THUMB-





WELL-WHEN THEY KNOCKED ME DOWN





ACE - PUZZLED - TAKES ANOTHER LOOK AT POPS NECK!































































HOLD IT! -- PO-LICE























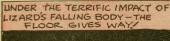




HARLEM SIDESTEPS ON THE RICKETY STAIRS!

THE KILLER'S HEADLONG PLUNGE CARRIES HIM THROUGH THE RAILING









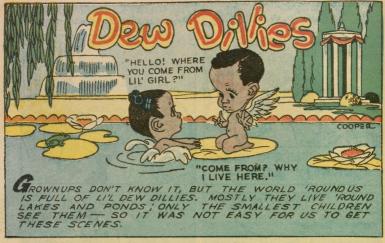
HATE TO SEE THE ELECTRIC



I KNOW IT SOUNDS LIKE
OLD STUFF TO YOU-BUT I
NEVER HEARD OF A CRIME
YET THAT EVER GAINED
ANY BODY ANY GOOD



LOOK FOR ACE HARLEM IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF ALL-NEGRO COMICS WATCH FOR ALL NEGRO COMICS ON THE STANDS.













OH, THERE YOU ARE! LET'S GO UPSTAIRS, I'M OUTTA WIND."



"HITCH ON, HERE WE GO! I'M, A DEWDILLIE TOO, A SEA-GOIN' DEWDILLIE,"









"FIGURE THAT OUT! SPLASHIN' A SEA-GOIN' DEW DILLIE!"



WELL, YOU KNOW A STRANGE THING ABOUT DEW DILLIES, THEY'RE SLEEPY -- OR THEY'RE HUNGRY.

































































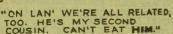


















The rowboat came to a halt on the island's marshy shore. Ezekiel and Tom jumped out, pulling the boat higher on the muddy beach. They were taking out some boards and a hammer and nails when a voice barked at them:

"Take it easy, you scamps, and don't move."

A copper-colored man who looked like he might have had some Indian blood in him, stood glaring at them. In his hand glittered a deadly, blunt-nosed revolver.

"Whatcha doin' on this here island?" he demanded.

The two boys looked at him and then at each other. They knew who he was. It was "Geechie" Johnson, bootlegger in the Hogwallow section of Soldock, Ala. The Hogwallow area was the huddle of shacks in the poorest Negro section of Soldock.

"Geechie's" picture had been in most of the papers for some time. He had killed old Zeb Parkurt in a gambling argument, been arrested and then had escaped from the small jailhouse.

Tom tried to answer calmiv. "We came out to fix our duck-blind. Duck season starts Monday."

"Oh, yeah?" "Geechie's" face was twisted in anger. "March up to the shack," he ordered.

They marched, and then turned toward "Geechie." The man's face, under a stubble of beard, was gaunt and seemed dark from hunger. He looked awfully evil.

"Brothers, ain't you?" He squinted at them close-"Well. I reckon you young uns will come in handy. I'll keep the little un with me, see? And-" he pointed at Ezekial-"if you don't get me somethin' to eat, without squealin', your little brother's gonna have a shot through the heart, unnerstan'?"

Ezekiel saw only too well. Tom, who was ten, choked back a cry and looked trustingly at fourteen-year-old Ezekiel.

Then Ezekiel remembered that he had read somewhere that criminals liked to be flattered. He swallowed and grinned his widest, ear-to-ear smile. His white teeth shone against his smooth dark brown skin.

"Gee, mister," he said to "Geechie," "I know who you are now, and you must have been awful smart to get away, with every cop around here lookin' for you."

"Geechie" frowned, then growled, "Reckon I know my way around these here parts, all right." He swaggered a little as he went to pick up a coil of rope from a corner of the shack. He tossed it to Ezekiel.

"Tie the kid to the bunk." he commanded.

"Yeah, I skinned right out from under their dumb noses, I did. Now you git goin', and fetch me some ammunition along with some vittles."

"Sure," said Ezekiel. "I can swipe some cartridges out of Jackson's hardware store." He had to tie the knots tight, because "Geechie" was standing over him watching closely as he tied Tom.

"You know, mister," he said when he had finished tying up his frightened little brother, "I could help you if you'd take me with you. I've done a lot of hunting and trappin' all around these parts with my father, and I know all the trails 'round this here way. And my folks make me sick. They don't think I'm much good."

"Geechie" looked at him closely, then just said, "I'll think it over."

He looked sly. "You bring me the food and ammunition first. Can't go nowhere on an empty stomach. And with only one-" he stopped as if catching himself-"only one cigarette. Bring me some cigs, too. Beat it, now, and if you double-cross me it's the end for your kid brother, ya unnerstan'?"

When Ezekiel left he knew he had to save Tom all by himself, for if he got help Tom would be dead before they could reach him. The island was small, and "Geechie" could see the whole shore all the way around the island from a small rise in the center.

As he pulled on the oars of the rowboat on his way to the mainland, Ezekiel thought of something "Geechie" had started to say. The killer had started to say: "One shot," when he had said, instead, "One cigarette." He must have only one bullet left. A desperate plan began forming

in Ezekiel's mind. He was back in less than an hour. "Geechie" was on the shore waiting for him.

"I swiped my dad's lunch pail!" Ezekiel cried eagerly, "and |--"

"Wait a minute," growled "Geechie." "Put that pail on the ground." Then he came forward and slapped Ezekiel's pockets, He pulled out five cartridges and grunted, "This all you could get?"

Ezekiel was trembling from head to foot. He had emptied all the powder out of the cartridges and had filled them with sand.

"I broke into the store," he said very fast. "Then I heard somebody comin', so I had to run."

"Well, this'll have to do." snorted "Geechie." "You're some kid. Want to help me, huh?"

They entered the shack. "Geechie" motioned for Ezekiel to sit facing him on the box against the wall. Ezekiel gripped the edges of the box. The next five minutes were win or lose, life

or death . . . "Geechie" slipped four of the cartridges into his gun. He rolled the last in his fingers. "That's a load off my mind. I only have one slug left. You never thought of that, huh?"

Ezekiel managed to say.

"Gosh, no. mister. You pulled a smart bluff on me, all right."

"Geechie," smiling, pushed the last cartridge into place. "Now let's see what you got for my dinner." He took the lid off the large lunch pail.

"Well, hush my big mouth, this is pretty ritzy. All spread with a nice napkin."

"Geechie's" right hand went into the pail to pluck off the napkin. Ezekiel braced himself, ready to jump. There was a sharp click, then a scream of pain and rage as "Geechie" leaped up. His hand was caught across its bleeding middle by the sharp teeth of a muskrat trap. Shouting and cursing, the shouting man swung the trap's heavy chain and reached for the gun with his left hand. But Ezekiel had beaten him to the gun.

Ezekiel started running to a far corner of the room. He felt "Geechie" grasping for him. The man was almost upon him. Ezekiel aimed blindly at the looming man, then pulled the trigger. The one good cartridge was under the hammer of the gun. There was a flash, a groan, and "Geechie" sank out of sight.

Ezekiel quickly made his way to Tom. He got Tom's hands loose, then removed the gag around his mouth.

Then "Geechie" came to, cursing with pain. The shot had merely creased the side of his neck. Like lightning, Ezekiel grabbed the now useless gun.

"Don't move," he cried



sharply. If only Ezekiel knew he was going to get hold of the revolver, he wouldn't have faked the cartridges. Fear was in "Geechie's"

eyes. "Hey, be careful of that gun. It'll go off."

"I know it will," bluffed

"You dirty double-crossin' little bum," screamed "Geechie."

Just then Tom jumped to a window, shouting "Hooray, hooray!"

And then the door opened and a man's voice said, "Hold it!" It was the game warden, his loaded shotgun aimed straight at Geechie."

"I knew you'd come if you heard the shot," explained Ezekiel, "to see if someone was shooting ducks before the season."

He told the game warden the whole story. And he knew he'd never forget the game warden's roar of laughter or "Geechie's" bellow of rage when he learned that Ezekiel had held him with a gun full of dud cartridges.

"And the reward will be all yours, Ezekiel," said the game warden. "It's a big one, too. Then you and your brother can buy bikes for yourselves."



FOREWORD

MERICAN-BORN, COLLEGE
EDUCATED, LION MAN IS A
YOUNG SCIENTIST, SENT
BY THE UNITED NATIONS
TO WATCH OVER THE
FEARSOME "MAGIC
MOUNTAIN" OF THE
AFRICAN GOLD COAST.
WITHIN ITS CRATER LIES
THE WORLD'S LARGEST
DEPOSIT OF URANIUM—
——ENOUGH TO MAKE
AN ATOM BOMB THAT
COULD DESTROY THE
WORLD.



LION MAN'S JOB IS TO REPORT ON THE DOINGS OF ANY TREACHEROUS NATION THAT MIGHT SEEK TO CARRY AWAY ANY OF THE LETHAL STUFF FOR THE



LION MAN HAS BEEN
WARNED AGAINST AGENTS
OF A CERTAIN WARLIKE
NATION WHO MIGHT TRY
TO SMUGGLE SOME OF THE
MOUNTAIN'S TREASURE OUT
OF AFRICA. HIS SCIENTIFIC
INSTRUMENTS INDICATE A
SHIP HAS MOVED UP A
NEARBY RIVER.

WORN OUT BY LACK
OF SLEEP, LION MAN
LIES DOWN FOR A
SNOOZE. BUBBA,
A LOST ORPHAN
WHOM LION MAN
HAS ADOPTED IS
BORED. ~~~
THIS IS A ZULU































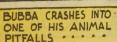
LION MAN BEAMS HIS RADAR

LION MAN CHECKS WITH HIS KEEN INSTINCT. HE SMELLS TROUBLE IN THE AIR.















NEARBY -- DR. BLUT SANGRO, AN EVIL FIGURE AND HIS GUIDE BROSSER, THE BEACHCOMBER.





LION MAN IS STOPPED IN HIS TRACKS BY BUBBA'S CRASH —











DR. SANGRO RAISES HIS HAND IN MOCK FRIENDSHIP.







DR. SANGRO WANTS TO SEE LION MAN'S LABORATORY ~~ HE ORDERS THEM TO MOVE FASTER.





BUBBA SEES HIS CHANCE AND DIVES INTO THE JUNGLE .





TRIPS BROSSER .

POINT BLANK RANGE !!!

















BUT HE HAS A TRICK OR SO, TOO.









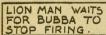






BUBBA'S MURDEROUS FIRE RIDDLES BROSSER -





THAT LIL DEVIL WILL BE THE DEATH OF ME YET

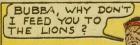


DR. SANGRO ALSO ESCAPES BUBBA'S WILD FIRING ~~~ ~ HE MAKES OFF.



LION MAN TAKES A LONG SHOT AT







SLIPPERY DR. SANGRO ESCAPES INTO THE DENSE AFRICAN UNDER BRUSH.



WILL DR. SANGRO AND HIS WARLIKE NATION TRY AGAIN? WATCH FOR THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF LION MAN IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF ~~ "ALL-NEGRO COMICS"

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"RAINING! AND I WOULD FORGET MY UMBRELLA!"



"NOTICE THE SIMPLE NECKLINE, MADAME!"



"BUT YOUR HONOR, HE SAT ON MY HAT!"



"THAT TIE ATTRACTS TOO MUCH ATTENTION, BILL."







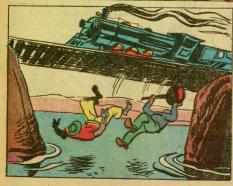








































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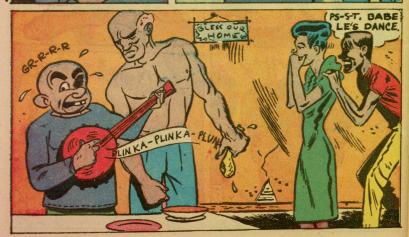






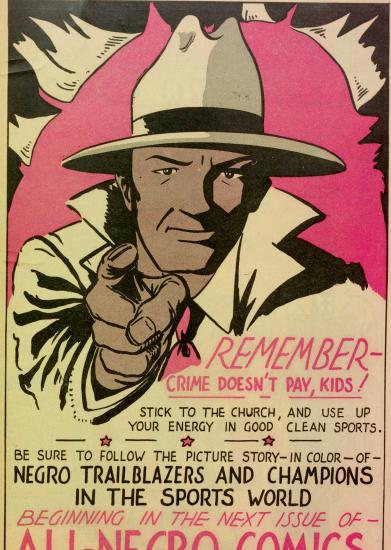








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