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SHE STALKS AT SUNDOWN

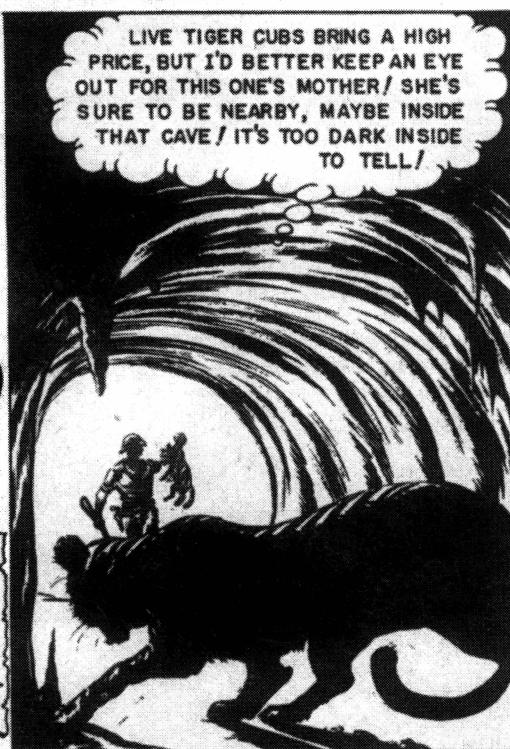


HIS FEARFUL ADVENTURE BEGAN ON THE DAY THAT KEN JORGENS ENTERED A JUNGLE CLEARING...

THE NATIVES WERE ALWAYS AFRAID TO HUNT IN THIS REGION, SO THERE SHOULD BE PLENTY OF BIG GAME HERE! AND THERE'S THE FIRST SIGN OF IT... ATIGER CUB!



IN FEARFUL WHISPERS, THE BENGAL NATIVES HAD WARNED KEN JORGENS AWAY FROM THAT SECTION OF THE JUNGLES WHERE THE WERE-TIGERS HAD THEIR UNHOLY LAIRS. BUT A BIG-GAME HUNTER LIKE JORGENS ONLY LAUGHED AT SUCH SUPERSTITIOUS NONSENSE... UNTIL THE LAUGH TURNED INTO A SCREAM AT THE FIRST BLOOD-CURDLING SIGHT OF THE WERE-TIGRESS OF BENGAL!



LIVE TIGER CUBS BRING A HIGH PRICE, BUT I'D BETTER KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THIS ONE'S MOTHER! SHE'S SURE TO BE NEARBY, MAYBE INSIDE THAT CAVE! IT'S TOO DARK INSIDE TO TELL!

SUDDENLY, FROM OUT OF THE DARKNESS OF THE CAVE, COMES A VISION OF LITHE, TAWNY LOVELINESS...

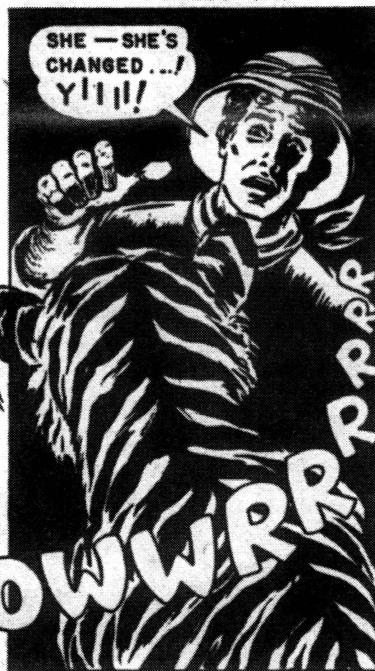


BUT THE VISION DOESN'T ANSWER, MERELY COMES CLOSER WITH AN ANIMAL-LIKE GRACE THAT MAKES JORGENS' BLOOD POUND IN HIS VEINS!

SHE LOOKS AS IF SHE WANTS ME TO TAKE HER INTO MY ARMS / I—I WONDER WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO KISS A PRIMITIVE CREATURE LIKE HER?



BUT SUDDENLY, BEFORE JORGENS' HORRIFIED EYES...



THEN THE TRANSFORMATION BECAME COMPLETE, AND...

I—I'M A GONER!
UNLESS...



THE BULLET FORTUNATELY HIT A VITAL ORGAN...

WHEW! THAT LUCKY SHOT JUST SAVED ME FROM BEING TORN TO PIECES BY THAT—THAT WERE-TIGRESS! WERE-TIGERS DO EXIST... AND THIS ONE PROBABLY ASSUMED HER HUMAN FORM IN ORDER TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO KILL ME BEFORE I COULD USE MY GUN!

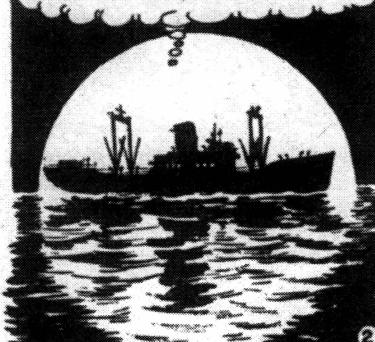


AND IF THIS CUB'S MOTHER WAS A WERE-TIGRESS, THEN THE CUB MUST BE A WERE-TIGER TOO! IF I'M RIGHT, IT'LL BE THE FIND OF THE AGE. I'LL MAKE A FORTUNE BY PUTTING IT ON EXHIBITION BACK IN THE STATES!



BUT ON THE VOYAGE BACK TO THE STATES...

BUT HOW CAN I PROVE TO ANYONE THAT THE CUB IS A WERE-TIGER, WHEN IT JUST STAYS A CUB? MAYBE IT WAS BORN WITH AN INSTINCT NOT TO CHANGE INTO HUMAN FORM EXCEPT FOR SELF-PRESERVATION / BUT I'LL TRICK IT IN REVEALING IT'S A WERE-TIGER EVEN IF IT TAKES ME YEARS!



WEEKS LATER,
IN JORGENS'
SUBURBAN HOME...



THEN, WHEN THE CUB HAS BECOME A YEAR OLD...

AS SOON AS JORGENS LEAVES THE ROOM AND CLOSES THE DOOR...

IT'S ABOUT THE EQUIVALENT OF A FIVE-YEAR-OLD CHILD NOW... OLD ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING! NOW'S THE TIME TO PULL A TRICK...

I'LL WIND UP THIS TOY FOR YOU SO YOU'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH WHILE I'M OUT!

AH, THE TOY'S STOPPED RUNNING. THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO WIND IT UP AGAIN! PAWS CAN'T DO IT... THERE'LL HAVE TO BE A TRANSFORMATION INTO HUMAN FORM... AND MY TIGER MAY DO IT IF I'M NOT AROUND!

I WAS RIGHT... THE CHANGE IS TAKING PLACE!

EVEN THOUGH I SAW-IT... IT'S UNBELIEVABLE! WHAT A MIRACLE!

AND THEN JORGENS DASHES BACK INTO THE ROOM...

BUT, IN SELF-DEFENSE, THERE'S AN IMMEDIATE REVERSION TO THE NON-HUMAN FORM...

OKAY, YOU LITTLE WERE-TIGRESS, YOU'VE GIVEN YOURSELF AWAY! I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE!

SO YOU'RE ANGRY BECAUSE I DISCOVERED YOUR SECRET, EH? I GUESS YOU WERE-BEASTS ARE BORN WITH AN INSTINCT TO CONCEAL YOUR WERE-NATURE! IT MAY TAKE YEARS BEFORE YOU TRUST ME ENOUGH TO CHANGE VOLUNTARILY INTO YOUR HUMAN FORM AGAIN... BUT I'VE GOT PLENTY OF PATIENCE!



AS THE MONTHS FLY SWIFTLY BY...

STOP THAT SNARLING, TIGRA...
UNLESS YOU WANT TO END UP IN A
ZOO CAGE!



YOU'LL LIKE BEING A HUMAN
... WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT?



SOME DAY YOU'LL REALIZE THE
ADVANTAGES OF BEING A
HUMAN, TIGRA!



YOU HEARD THAT COP! I KNOW YOU
HAVE KILLER INSTINCTS THAT ARE
HARD TO CONTROL, BUT YOU'LL
HAVE TO CONTROL THEM IF YOU
WANT TO STAY ALIVE! MAYBE YOU'D
BE ABLE TO CONQUER THOSE
ANIMAL INSTINCTS IF YOU BECAME
A HUMAN OCCASIONALLY!



BUT ONE NIGHT
WHEN THE
TIGRESS IS
ALMOST FOUR
YEARS OLD,
TROUBLE
STRIKES!

POW WWW WRR

TIGRA! COME
BACK HERE!



WITH BARED
FANGS, THE
TIGRESS
PROWL THE
STREETS,
SEARCHING
FOR PREY---
AND THEN, IN
A SLASHING
ATTACK...

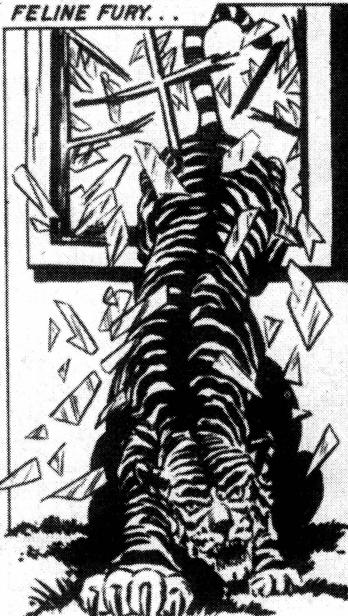
LATER...

YES, I KNOW MY PET WAS
SEEN KILLING THAT COLLIE,
OFFICER! BUT I'VE PAID
OFF THE DOG'S OWNER...
HE WON'T PROSECUTE!



THAT WON'T STOP US FROM
SHOOTING YOUR PET AS A
PUBLIC MENACE IF ANYTHING
LIKE THIS EVER HAPPENS
AGAIN!

THEN, WITH THE MOONLIGHT
GLINTING OFF RAZOR-SHARP
CLAWS AND MURDEROUS FANGS...



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WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM FOR A SPECIAL NEWS FLASH! A VICIOUS TIGER IS ON THE LOOSE IN THE CITY, AND IT IS ALREADY KNOWN TO HAVE SLAIN TWO PEOPLE IN THE LAST HALF HOUR...



IT WENT INTO JORGENSEN'S HOUSE!
IT MUST BE HIS TIGER! LET'S GET
INSIDE AND KILL IT!

YOU FOOL! THE POLICE FOLLOWED
YOU HERE! NOW YOU'VE GOT TO
CHANGE INTO YOUR HUMAN FORM!
THAT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN
ESCAPE DEATH!



AND

PERHAPS YOU
ARE RIGHT!

BUT THERE MUST BE
SOME MISTAKE! I SOLD
MY TIGER TO A TRAVELING
CIRCUS A FEW DAYS AGO!
THERE'S NO ONE ELSE
HERE BUT MY NIECE!

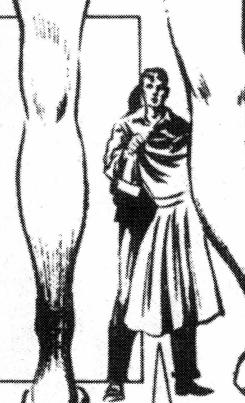
YOU'RE LYING,
JORGENSEN! COME
ON, MEN! SEARCH
THE PLACE!

AFTER A THOROUGH
SEARCH...

WELL, WHAT DID
I TELL YOU?

WHEN THE POLICE
LEAVE...

THAT DOES IT, TIGRA!
YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY
IN YOUR HUMAN FORM
FROM NOW ON...OR BE
SHOT ON SIGHT!



NOW YOU'RE SHOWING
SENSE! LUCKY I HAD
THIS DRESS HERE FOR
AN EMERGENCY LIKE
THIS! PUT IT ON WHILE
I GO LET THE
POLICE IN!



I STILL DON'T BE-
LIEVE YOU, JORGENSEN!
WE SAW THAT TIGER
COME IN HERE, AND
WE'RE GONNA KEEP A
CONSTANT WATCH ON THIS
HOUSE 'TIL WE GET IT!



I—I DIDN'T WANT
TO KILL... (SOB!) ...
BUT I COULDN'T HELP
MYSELF! YOU ALMOST
SUCCEEDED IN CIVIL-
IZING ME... BUT YOU
COULDN'T DESTROY MY
INSTINCT TO KILL!

I WANTED TO FIND OUT IF I COULD CONTROL MY INSTINCTS BY ASSUMING MY HUMAN FORM, BUT I—I WAS AFRAID YOU'D PUT ME ON EXHIBITION AS A—A FREAK! I GUESS

I DID HAVE
THAT IN MIND WHEN I
FIRST BROUGHT YOU HOME
... BUT NOW THAT I'VE SEEN
YOUR LOVELINESS, ALL I
WANT TO DO IS MARRY
YOU !

BUT JUST BEFORE THE WEDDING..

KEN, MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T GO
THROUGH WITH THIS! I—I
FEEL MY KILLER'S INSTINCT
AWAKENING AGAIN!

NONSENSE, DARLING ! I'M
SURE OUR LOVE WILL
CHANGE ALL THAT !

**BUT IN THE DARK HOURS
BEFORE DAWN**

I—I HAD TO GET AWAY
FROM KEN! I LOVE HIM
TOO MUCH TO MAKE HIM MY
VICTIM! BUT I'VE GOT TO
KILL . . . KILL!

AND A FEW BLOCKS AWAY,
SUDDEN TERROR... AND
DEATH!

But within the next few weeks, more victims fall beneath the deadly claws of the jungle murderer!

THE POLICE ARE
BOUND TO CATCH YOU
EVENTUALLY, TIGRA ! THE ONLY
THING TO DO IS TO TAKE YOU BACK
TO THE JUNGLES OF BENGAL, WHERE
YOU CAN SATISFY YOUR INSTINCTS
BY KILLING OTHER ANIMALS !

IN THE MORNING, WHEN KEN JORGENS READS THE SCREAMING HEADLINES

YES, KEN...I WAS THE MYSTERY TIGER LAST NIGHT ! I TRIED TO CONTROL MY IMPULSES --BUT THEY WERE TOO STRONG FOR ME !

I — I OUGHT TO
TURN HER IN AS A
MURDERESS, BUT I
CAN'T! I LOVE HER
TOO MUCH!

VICTIMS FALL BENEATH THE DEADLY CLAWS
OF THE JUNGLE MURDERESS !

TO THE JUNGLES OF BENGAL, WHERE
YOU CAN SATISFY YOUR INSTINCTS
BY KILLING OTHER ANIMALS !

THAT SOUNDS FINE,
KEN ! AND IF YOU BUILD A
HOUSE NEAR THE JUNGLE, I
CAN ALWAYS COME BACK TO
YOU IN MY HUMAN FORM !

NEXT DAY, ON THE FLIGHT TO CALCUTTA...

KEN, I FEEL THE URGE COMING OVER ME! I WANT TO CHANGE INTO MY TIGRESS STATE AND—

RESTRAIN YOURSELF! AS SOON AS WE LAND, I'LL HIRE A CAR AND DRIVE STRAIGHT TO THE JUNGLES... AND YOU'LL HAVE ALL THE PREY YOU WANT!



FINALLY, ON THE JUNGLE ROAD FROM CALCUTTA TO BENGAL...

WAIT, TIGRA... WE DIDN'T ARRANGE WHERE TO MEET AFTERWARDS! GREET SCOTT, SHE'S TOO IMPATIENT TO LISTEN TO ME! I'D BETTER FOLLOW HER TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T LOSE EACH OTHER!



AFTER A FRANTIC SEARCH THROUGH THE NEARBY JUNGLE...

AH, SO THERE YOU ARE, TIGRA! YOU LOOK AS IF YOU'VE HAD YOUR FILL! I GUESS YOU'RE READY TO COME BACK TO THE CAR WITH ME!

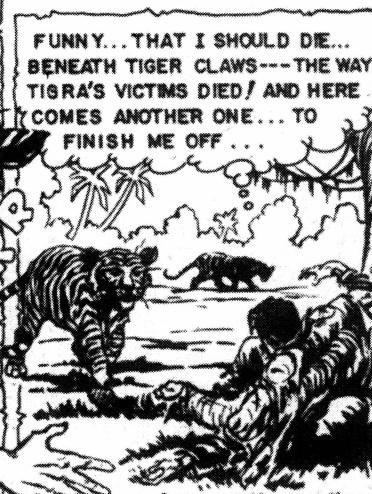


COME ON, TIGRA! STOP TEASING ME! CHANGE INTO YOUR HUMAN FORM AND LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

NO, TIGRA! NO...!

TERribly mauled, the dying Ken Jorgens sees a second tiger bound into view and frighten the first killer away...

FUNNY... THAT I SHOULD DIE... BEneath TIGER CLAWS---THE WAY TIGRA'S VICTIMS DIED! AND HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE... TO FINISH ME OFF...



BUT A SARDONIC FATE HAS A FINAL BIT OF IRONY FOR KEN JORGENS' LAST MOMENTS... AS THE SECOND TIGER SUDDENLY CHANGES INTO A FAMILIAR FIGURE!

KEN! OH, MY DARLING!



THE END