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IN FEARFUL WHISPERS, THE BENGAL NATIVES HAD WARNED KEN JORGENS AWAY FROM THAT SECTION OF THE JUNGLES WHERE THE WERE-TIGERS HAD THEIR UN-HOLY 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-CURLING SIGHT OF THE WERE-TIGRESS OF BENGAL!

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... A TIGER CUB!



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...



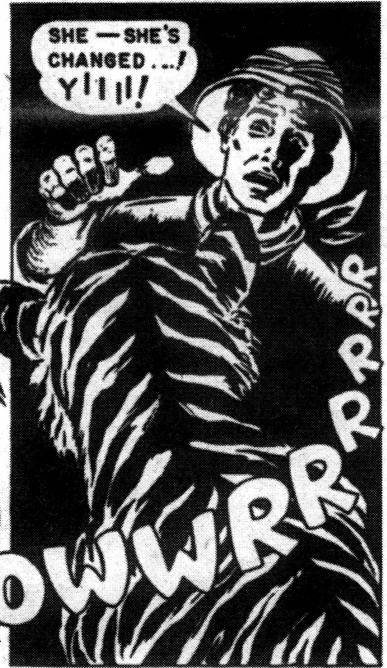
WHA...! WHO-WHO ARE YOU? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

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...



SHE - SHE'S CHANGED...! YIIII!

ROWRRR RRRR

THEN THE TRANSFORMATION BECAME COMPLETE, AND...

I-I'M A GONER! UNLESS...



BLAM!

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!

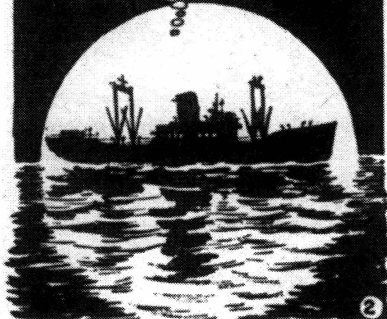


AND IF THIS CUB'S MOTHER WAS A WERE-TIGRESS, THEN THE CUB MUST BE A WERE-TIGER TOO! IF I'M RIGHT, IT'LL BE THE FIND OF THE AGE. I'LL MAKE A FORTUNE BY PUTTING IT ON EXHIBITION BACK IN THE STATES!



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...**



WELL, THEY GAVE ME A PERMIT TO KEEP YOU AS A PET AS LONG AS YOU'RE NOT DANGEROUS...AND NOW I'M GOING TO START CIVILIZING YOU! I'M GOING TO TALK TO YOU AS IF YOU'RE A HUMAN CHILD WHO CAN LEARN A HUMAN LANGUAGE... SO THAT SOME DAY YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TALK TO ME IN YOUR HUMAN FORM!

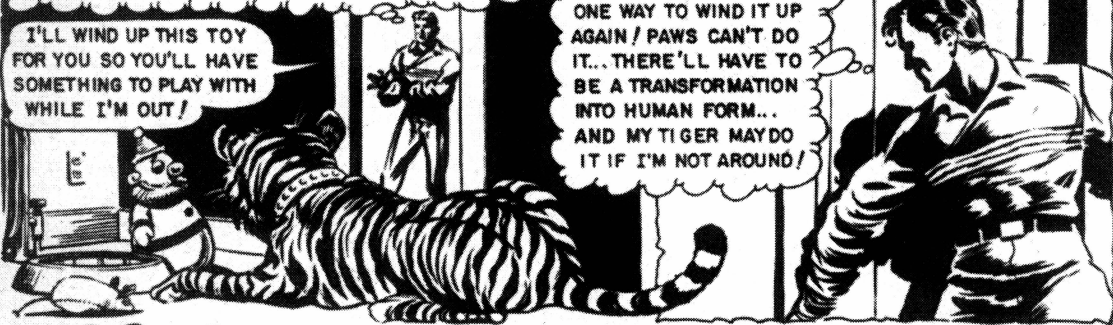
THEN, WHEN THE CUB HAS BECOME A YEAR OLD. . .

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!



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

ROWWWWR

TIGRA! COME BACK HERE!



YOOOOO
GRRROWRR!

WITH BARED FANGS, THE TIGRESS PROWLs 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!

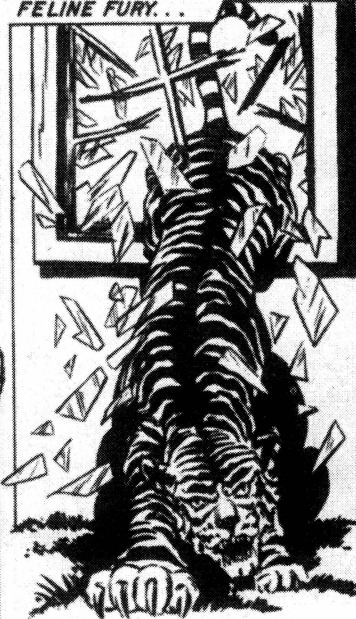
THAT WON'T STOP US FROM SHOOTING YOUR PET AS A PUBLIC MENACE IF ANYTHING LIKE THIS EVER HAPPENS AGAIN!



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 JORGENS' ARGUMENTS ARE OF NO AVAIL. FOR A FEW NIGHTS LATER, IN A HURLING LEAP OF FELINE FURY...

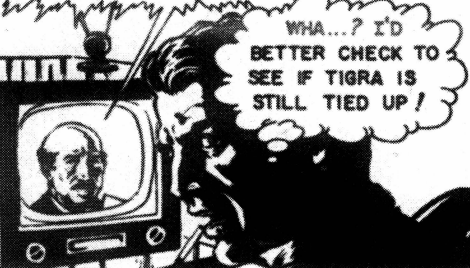


THEN, WITH THE MOONLIGHT GLINTING OFF RAZOR-SHARP CLAWS AND MURDEROUS FANGS...



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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...!



WHA...? I'D BETTER CHECK TO SEE IF TIGRA IS STILL TIED UP!

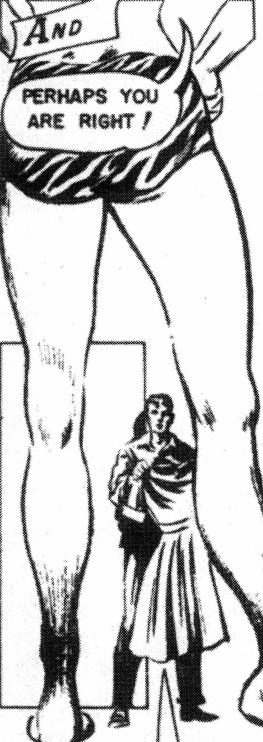
TIGRA! YOU—YOU WERE ON THE LOOSE... AND THERE'S BLOOD ON YOUR MOUTH!



IT WENT INTO JORGEN'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, JORGENS! 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 BELIEVE YOU, JORGENS! 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 CIVILIZING ME... BUT YOU COULDN'T DESTROY MY INSTINCT TO KILL! (S)



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!

ROWRRRRRRRRRRRR



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!



BUT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, MORE VICTIMS FALL BENEATH THE DEADLY CLAWS OF THE JUNGLE MURDERESS!

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!

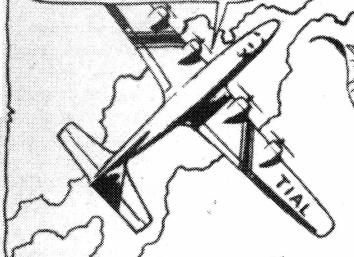


THAT SOUNDS FINE, KEN! AND IF YOU BUILD A HOUSE NEAR THE JUNGLE, I CAN ALWAYS COME BACK TO YOU IN MY HUMAN FORM!

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!



TIGRA! GUESS I FORGOT... THERE COULD BE OTHER TIGERS... IN THE JUNGLE!

THE END!