

THE BLACK FALCON



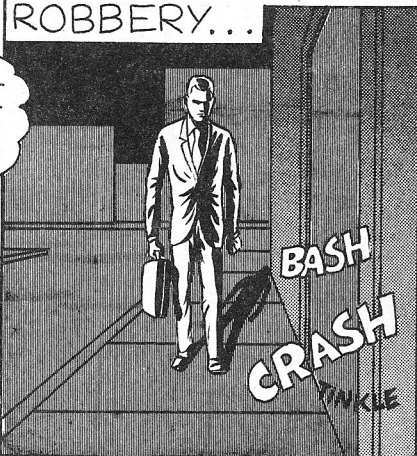
FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS THE CITY OF BRAMTON HAS BEEN PLAGUED WITH DIABOLICAL CRIMES. ALL OBVIOUSLY THE WORK OF THE SAME MASTERMIND. JUST AS THINGS WERE AT THE WORST, A MYSTERY MAN CAME OUT OF NOWHERE AND BEGAN CAPTURING THE CRIMINALS BEFORE THEY COULD COMPLETE THEIR TERRIBLE DEEDS. BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT FIGHTING ABILITY AND RESEMBLANCE TO A BIRD THE NEWSPAPERS DUBBED HIM, "THE BLACK FALCON"

THOMAS EDWARDS PICKS UP AN EVENING PAPER AS HE STARTS OUT ON HIS NIGHTLY STROLL

SO THEY'RE CALLING ME BLACK FALCON NOW, I LIKE IT.



AS HE PASSES A WAREHOUSE HE HAD ESTIMATED AS RIPE FOR ROBBERY...



IN A FLASH EDWARDS DONS THE COSTUME IN HIS ATTACHÉ CASE AND...



AS THE EBONY WARRIOR SUBDUES HIS FOE, UNLIKE HIS PREVIOUS RAIDS,



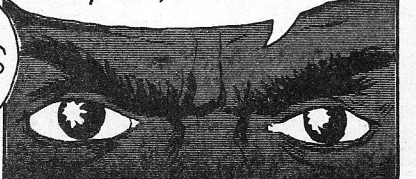
ONE MAN ESCAPES AND REPORTS TO HIS BOSS.



HONEST BOSS, HE CAN GO THROUGH SOLID STEEL, BULLETS GO RIGHT THROUGH HIM AND WHEN HE

PUNCHES, YOU'RE OUT FOR THE NIGHT!

SO THIS IS HOW HE IS SUCCESSFUL AGAINST US! BUT DO NOT FEAR, NOW THAT I KNOW OF HIS POWER, I KNOW HOW TO DESTROY HIM! HA, HA, HA!



WHAT'S THIS? DOES THIS MASTER CRIMINAL REALLY KNOW HOW TO DESTROY THE SEEMINGLY INDESTRUCTIBLE BLACK FALCON? TO FIND THE ANSWER DON'T MISS THE NEXT EPISODE OF THE BLACK FALCON NEXT ISSUE!

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CHAPTER TWO

IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO ROB THE CITY OF BRAMTON OF ITS WEALTH, THE MASTER CRIMINAL KNOWN ONLY AS THE "BOSS" TO HIS MEN, HAS SO FAR BEEN HALTED BY BLACK FALCON. AS SOON AS THE BOSS LEARNED OF THE POWERS THAT WERE PLAGUING HIM, HIS GREAT SCIENTIFIC MIND IMMEDIATELY DEvised A PLAN FOR THE MURDER OF BLACK FALCON. LET US NOW LISTEN IN ON THE SCHEME.

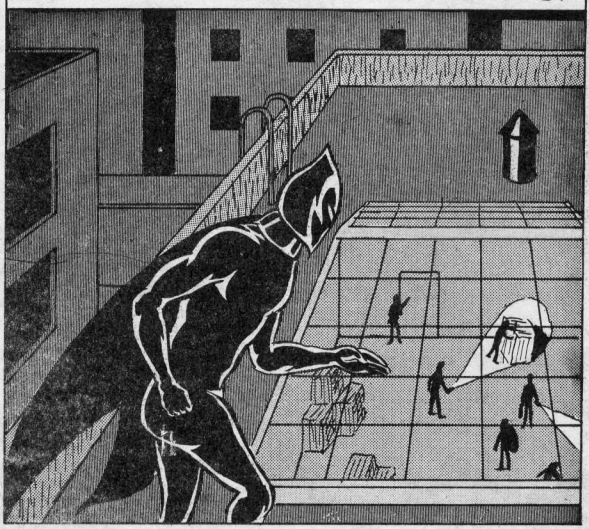
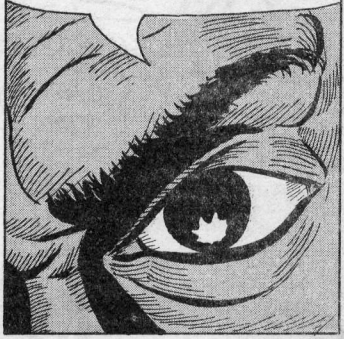
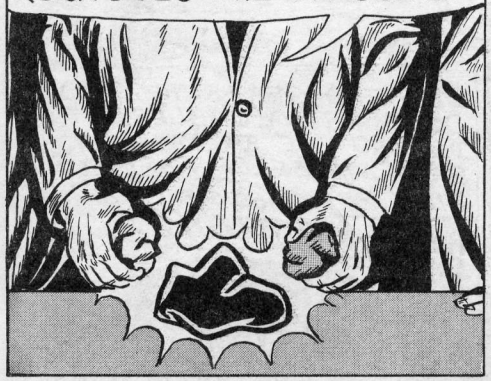
DENSITY CONTROL! THAT IS THE POWER OUR DARKLY CLAD FRIEND POSSESSES. OUR BULLETS MERELY PASS THROUGH HIM BECAUSE HE CAN WILL HIS BODY DENSITY TO DECREASE TO A POINT WHERE SOLID MATTER CAN NO LONGER CONTACT IT. BUT THESE STONES WILL KEEP HIM AS SOLID AS THE REST OF US.



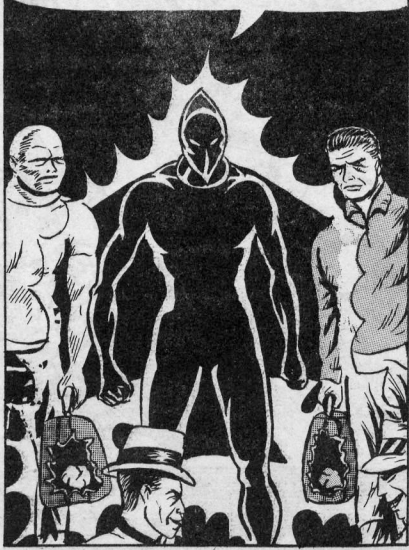
IN MY SCIENTIFIC EXPLOITS, I DISCOVERED 3 RARE ELEMENTS THAT AFFECT EACH OTHER. THE LARGE BLACK ROCK HAS THE SAME ABILITY AS OUR NEMESIS. THE WHITE ROCK CAUSES ITS DENSITY TO DECREASE WHILE THE GRAY ROCK DOES THE OPPOSITE!

WHEN BOTH ROCKS ARE NEAR, THEIR POWERS ARE NEUTRALIZED AND NO DENSITY CHANGE CAN OCCUR. THE SAME BASIC PRINCIPLE MUST GOVERN BF'S POWER. HE IS AS GOOD AS DEAD!

UNAWARE OF THE DANGER, THE MAN WHO FIGHTS LIKE A FALCON, IS ABOUT TO TANGLE WITH THE BOSS' GANG.



ALLRIGHT BOYS, THE FUN'S OVER. ARE YOU GOING TO COME QUIETLY OR DO I HAVE TO FIGHT YOU AND RUFFLE MY FEATHERS?



BLACK FALCON IS SHOCKED AS A BULLET RIPS INTO HIS ARM! NOW HE IS COMPLETELY DEFENSELESS. WHAT NEXT? H.H.#4 WILL TELL!

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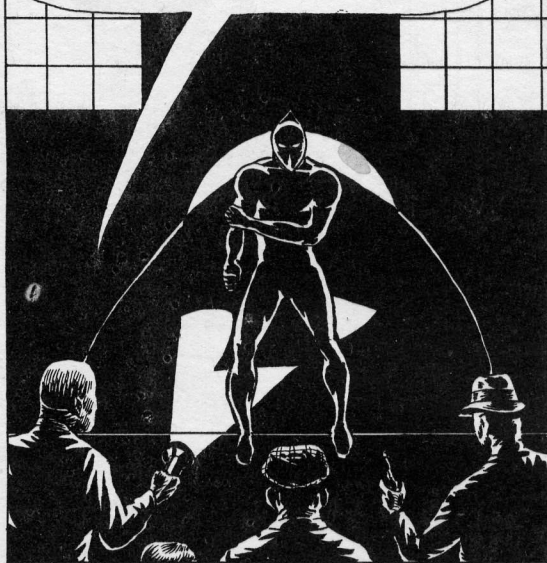
CHAPTER THREE

A GANG OF DIABOLICAL THIEVES HAS DISCOVERED 2 ELEMENTS THAT CAN ROB BLACK FALCON OF HIS INVULNERABILITY. IN ATTEMPTING TO STOP THE GANG FROM A ROBBERY, HE HAS BEEN SHOT IN THE ARM. NOW HE IS DEFENSELESS.....

OW!.... SOMEHOW I'VE LOST MY POWER TO CHANGE DENSITY. I'VE ONLY ONE CHANCE... ESCAPE!



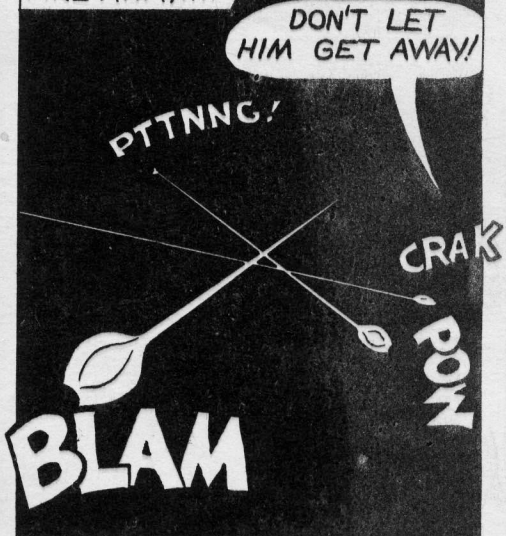
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR... KILL HIM! YOU IDIOTS!



THE FALCON MAY HAVE LOST HIS POWER... BUT HE STILL RETAINS HIS AGILITY...



PLUNGED INTO TOTAL DARKNESS, THE DESPERATE MEN FIRE AWAY...



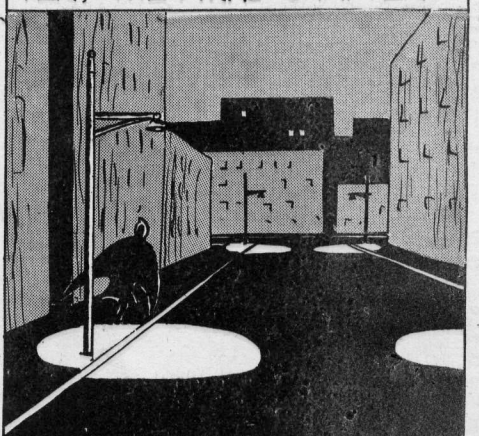
MEANWHILE, THE CANNY BLACK FALCON ESCAPES THROUGH A SEWER GRATING



BUT BEFORE I TANGLE WITH THEM AGAIN, I MUST GET THIS ARM TAKEN CARE OF. THEN I MUST LEARN HOW THEY TEMPORARILY DISABLED ME!



B.F. NOW RETREATS, BUT HE'LL ONCE AGAIN DO BATTLE WHEN HIS WOUND HEALS. THE OUTCOME, GOOD OR BAD, WILL BE REVEALED IN THE NEXT CHAPTER, THE FINAL CHAPTER!



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CHAPTER FOUR

MY WOUND IS NOW COMPLETELY HEALED. I MUST ONCE AGAIN DON THIS COSTUME AND AGAIN TRY TO STOP THOSE CROOKS!



IT HAS BEEN WEEKS SINCE BLACK FALCON ESCAPED FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THOSE WHO KNOW THE SECRET OF HIS AWESOME POWER.

AS THOMAS EDWARDS, ALIAS BLACK FALCON, PLANS HIS NEXT STEPS CAREFULLY, LET US JOIN THE MEN WHO ACTUALLY SUCCEEDED IN ELIMINATING HIS VAST POWER..

BOSS, EVER SINCE WE SHOWED THAT BLACK FALCON GUY HE CAN'T STOP US, IT'S SURE BEEN EASY TO MAKE HEISTS!

DO NOT BE SO OVERCONFIDENT BENSON, WE FAILED TO KILL HIM! NEXT TIME WE MUST INSURE HIS DOOM!

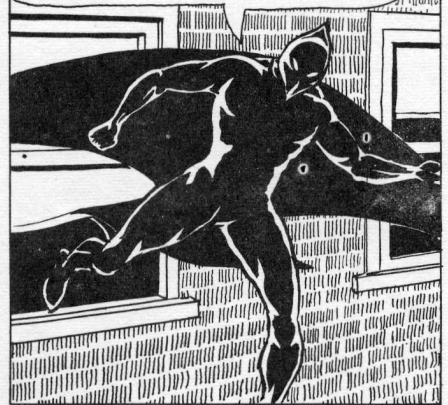


B.F. READS HIS MORNING PAPER...

\$250,000 SHIPMENT OF JEWELS TO ARRIVE AT BRAMTON JEWELERS TODAY? THIS IS ONE GAPER THE GANG WON'T BE ABLE TO RESIST!



BUT THIS TIME I'LL GET THEIR FIRST AND STACK THE CARDS IN MY FAVOR!



THAT NIGHT AT BRAMTON JEWELERS...

BLACK FALCON? YOU FOOL! I THOUGHT OUR LAST MEETING WOULD TEACH YOU THAT YOU ARE POWERLESS AGAINST US! AS LONG AS YOU ARE NEAR THE CONTENTS OF THESE 2 SACHELS YOUR INVULNERABILITY IS GONE!



AND THIS TIME OUR AIM WILL BE BETTER...



SO THE SACHELS ARE RESPONSIBLE.

OH NO! NOT THE OLD MIRROR TRICK!

QUICKLY B.F. GRABS ONE SACHEL FROM BEHIND...



IF I'M LUCKY....

RUNS OUT AND HURLS IT ONTO A PASSING TRUCK



...ONE SACHEL WON'T BE ENOUGH...

... TO HAMPER MY POWER!



ABOUT 10 MINUTES LATER THE POLICE ARRIVE ONLY TO FIND THE UNCONSCIOUS BODIES OF A ONCE DANGEROUS MOB...



WELL ED, IT LOOKS LIKE BLACK FALCON'S BACK WITH US.

THE END

NEXT ISSUE: BLACK FALCON STARTS AN EXCITING NEW ADVENTURE. DON'T MISS IT!