

Black Falcon
IN
"THE FALL OF BRAMTON!"
CHAPTER ONE

BEFORE WE BEGIN OUR NEW PULSE POUNDING, EYE BULGING ADVENTURE, LET US LISTEN IN AS TOM EDWARDS, THE **BLACK FALCON**, CLEARS UP A FEW LOOSE ENDS FROM OUR LAST EPIC THRILLER...

THESE TWO STRANGE LOOKING ELEMENTS SOMEHOW NEUTRALIZE THE POWERS OF MY COSTUME. PERHAPS THEY COME FROM THE SAME DIMENSION WHERE THAT FELLOW WHO GAVE ME THE BLACK COSTUME CAME FROM*

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* BF GOT HIS COSTUME FROM A MAN WHO STUMBLED INTO OUR DIMENSION, HE DISINTEGRATED IN OUR FOREIGN ATMOSPHERE.

WELL, WHEREVER THEY CAME FROM IT'S UNLIKELY THAT I'LL EVER RUN INTO ANYMORE OF THEM. TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE I'LL KEEP THESE 2 CHUNKS WELL LOCKED UP.

NOW THAT THAT GANG OF CROOKS IS LOCKED UP GOOD AND TIGHT. I GUESS I CAN QUIT WORRYING AND HAVE A LITTLE FUN. I'LL CALL LAURA AND SEE IF SHE'S DOING ANYTHING TONIGHT.

BUT AS TOM RESUMES HIS DAILY ACTIVITIES, UNAWARE OF IMPENDING DANGER, A SHAPELY BUT SINISTER FIGURE IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN MAKES PLANS...

MEN, THIS IS THE BUILDING WE WILL DESTROY TO SHOW THE CITY OF BRAMTON THE MAGNITUDE OF OUR POWER. IT IS ABANDONED, SO NO ONE WILL BE HURT.

THEN IF THE CITY DOESN'T MEET OUR DEMANDS, WE'LL LEVEL THE ENTIRE CITY!

BUT WHERE WILL WE GET THE POWER TO DO ALL THIS, LADY LUCIFER?

SILENCE, INFIDEL! YOU ARE NOT TO QUESTION THE SOURCE OF MY POWERS, YOU ARE MERELY TO HELP CARRY OUT MY PLANS!

SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT I WILL GET THE POWER TO LEVEL AN ENTIRE CITY FROM THE SAME PLACE WHERE I GOT THIS POWER! LUCIFER, COME FORTH!

NOW ARE THERE ANYMORE QUESTIONS ABOUT MY POWER, GENTLEMEN?

GOOD LORD!
GASP!
WE BELIEVE YOU, LADY LUCIFER!

NOW THAT WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, LET US BEGIN THE TASK. BRENNER, TAKE THIS DEVICE AND PLACE IT IN THE BUILDING.

WOLFMAN & GELB, HAVE YOU PLACED THE CAMERA ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE BUILDING? AND IS OUR TELEVISION CUT IN ALL SET FOR TONIGHT?

EVERYTHING'S ALL SET, LADY LUCIFER!

THAT EVENING AT 9 P.M. WE FIND TOM EDWARDS SPENDING A QUIET EVENING WATCHING T.V. WITH HIS GIRL, LAURA.

GET FAST PAIN RELIEF...

SUDDENLY, AN UNEXPECTED INTERRUPTION...

GOOD EVENING CITIZENS OF BRAMTON...

I WON'T TAKE MUCH OF YOUR TIME, JUST ENOUGH TO TELL YOU THAT IF YOU DON'T GIVE ME \$10 MILLION BY THE END OF THIS WEEK, I WILL COMPLETELY OBLITERATE THE ENTIRE CITY OF BRAMTON! HA, HA.

I SEE SOME OF YOU DOUBT MY WORD. WE HAVE A LIVE CAMERA ON THIS CONDEMNED APARTMENT HOUSE. WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I PUSH THIS LITTLE BUTTON, HEH.

HAH HAH. IT WOULD BE JUST AS EASY FOR ME TO LEVEL THE ENTIRE CITY! YOU WILL RECEIVE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS IN EXACTLY 24 HOURS! OH, BY THE WAY, MY NAME IS LADY LUCIFER!

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TO BE CONTINUED!!!.....

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CHAPTER TWO

STARRING

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IT IS TIME FOR YOUR REPORT.

THE WOMAN WE KNOW AS **LADY LUCIFER** NOW STANDS BEFORE AN ALIEN IMAGE. A FEW HOURS AGO THIS SAME FEMALE THREATENED TO **DESTROY** THE ENTIRE CITY OF BRAMTON IF SHE AND HER COHORTS WERE NOT PAID **\$10 MILLION** BY THE END OF THE WEEK. THE CITY IS STILL IN **SHOCK** FROM THE TELEVISED DEMONSTRATION OF HER POWER WHEN, AT THE PUSH OF A BUTTON, **LADY LUCIFER DEMOLISHED** A BUILDING.

EVERYTHING GOES ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE. THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT HAS ACCEPTED ME AS THEIR LEADER. THEY FEAR ME WHEN I ASSUME THE MONSTROUS FORM OF **LUCIFER**.



THIS MYTHICAL CREATURE SEEMS TO BE WHAT HUMANS FEAR MOST.



GOOD! I SHALL AWAIT YOUR NEXT REPORT.

...AND WHERE, A FEW SHORT HOURS AGO, STOOD AN ABANDONED APARTMENT HOUSE...

I DON'T GET IT! THERE'S NO SIGN OF AN **EXPLOSION** OR **FIRE**, THE SEISMOGRAPHS DIDN'T REGISTER ANY UNUSUAL **TREMORS!** YET SOMEHOW.....?



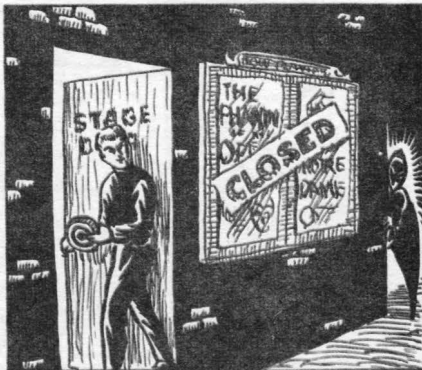
THE EVER ALERT BRAMTON POLICE ARE NOT ALONE IN EMERGENCIES SUCH AS THESE, ONE WHO IS **EQUALLY** DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE, THE **MIGHTY BLACK FALCON**, IS READY FOR ACTION....



...SORRY I HAD TO RUN OUT ON LAURA LIKE THAT, BUT DUTY— **WHAT'S THIS!**..... THE POLICE DON'T SEE THAT GUY SNEAKING OUT OF THE RUBBLE...



HE SEEMS TO BE **CARRYING** SOMETHING... MAYBE HE'LL LEAD ME TO **LADY LUCIFER**, THEN AGAIN HE MAY BE JUST A TWO BIT **LOOTER**...



LUCI BABY, I BROUGHT THIS BACK FOR A LITTLE INSURANCE

YOU FOOL! I TOLD YOU NO ONE WAS TO RETURN TO THE DEMOLISHED BUILDING!

YOUR PRIMITIVE SCIENCE COULD NEVER HAVE RELATED THIS DEVICE TO THE DESTRUCTION!... YOU MAY HAVE BEEN **FOLLOWED** HERE!!

THAT HE WAS, MISS LUCIFER.



AH, THE **MYSTERIOUS** BLACK FALCON. I HAVE HEARD OF YOUR DENSITY CONTROL POWERS.... LET US PUT THEM TO A **TEST!**



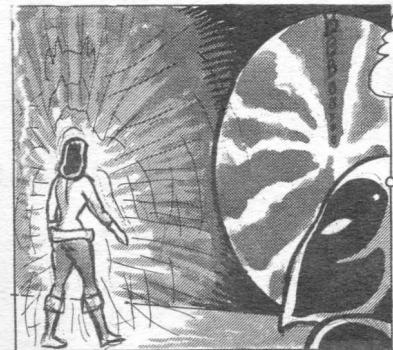
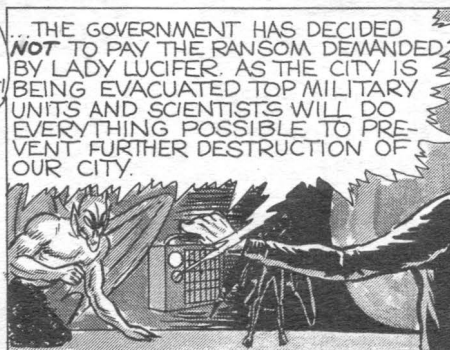
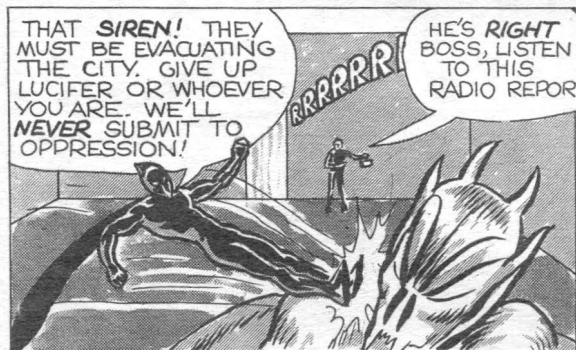
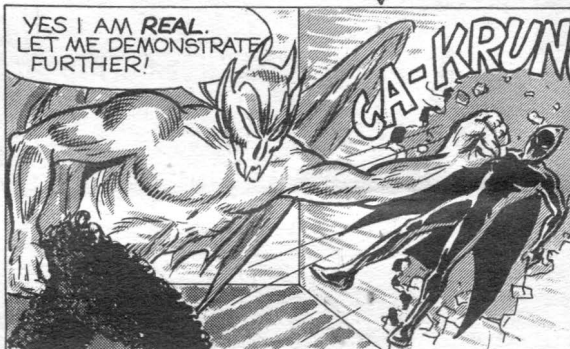
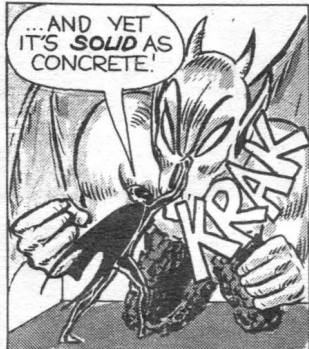
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NEXT ISSUE: THE BATTLE OF THE CENTURY!

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LAST TIME WE SAW THE CONFRONTATION OF BLACK FALCON AND LADY LUCIFER WHO HAS THREATENED TO DEMOLISH THE ENTIRE CITY OF BRAMTON. SHE HAS JUST ASSUMED THE MONSTROUS FORM OF LUCIFER!

I-HIT HAS TO BE SOME SORT OF ILLUSION!



S-SOME SORT OF ALIEN TRANS MISSION!

ATTENTION EMISSARY TO EARTH! WE HAVE BEEN WATCHING YOUR EFFORTS. IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT THESE HUMANS WILL NOT BE SUPPRESSED BY FORCE. THEREFORE THE PLANET IS UNFIT FOR COLONIZATION. WE MUST FIND A WORLD WHOSE POPULATION WILL SERVE AS SLAVES. WE ARE RETURNING YOU BY TELEPORTATION.

CITIZENS OF BRAMTON, THE MENACE IS GONE. THE REST OF OUR CITY IS SAFE! NOW, LET US REBUILD AND LET US REMEMBER TO REMAIN VIGILANT!

The End