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TALES OF MYSTERY

They ran
for their lives
into ----



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the **MONSTER OF THE MOORS!**

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Tales of Mystery

the Symbiont Factor

HOW FASCINATING THE WORLD OF SCIENCE-- IT CAN CREATE MECHANICAL BRAINS, CURE DISEASE AND PUT MEN ON THE MOON! AH, MY FRIENDS, BUT THERE ARE OTHER, FAR MORE TERRIFYING FACES OF SCIENCE, AREAS BEST NOT EXPLORED!

THIS WAY, MATTHEW! I WANT TO SHOW YOU WHAT YOUR GENEROUS FUND HAS GOT US! IT'S NOW ALL READY FOR THE FIELD TEST!



ERIC PORTER SHOWS HIS BROTHER AND BENFACTOR, MATTHEW, THE FRUITS OF HIS LABOR...

AND HERE IS THE PROTOTYPE FOR MY PORTABLE LIFE-LINK SENSOR--AND WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THE HELICOPTER I HAVE RIGGED UP OUT BACK!

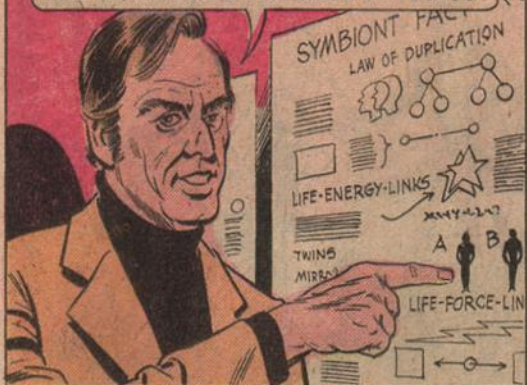


I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND ALL THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO PROVE! ALL THIS TALK ABOUT LIFE-ENERGY LINKS!

TAKE A LOOK AT THESE CHARTS OVER HERE... IT IS MY THEORY THAT EVERY MAN IS DEPENDENT UPON SOME OTHER LIVING ORGANISM-- IT'S CALLED SYMBIOSIS!



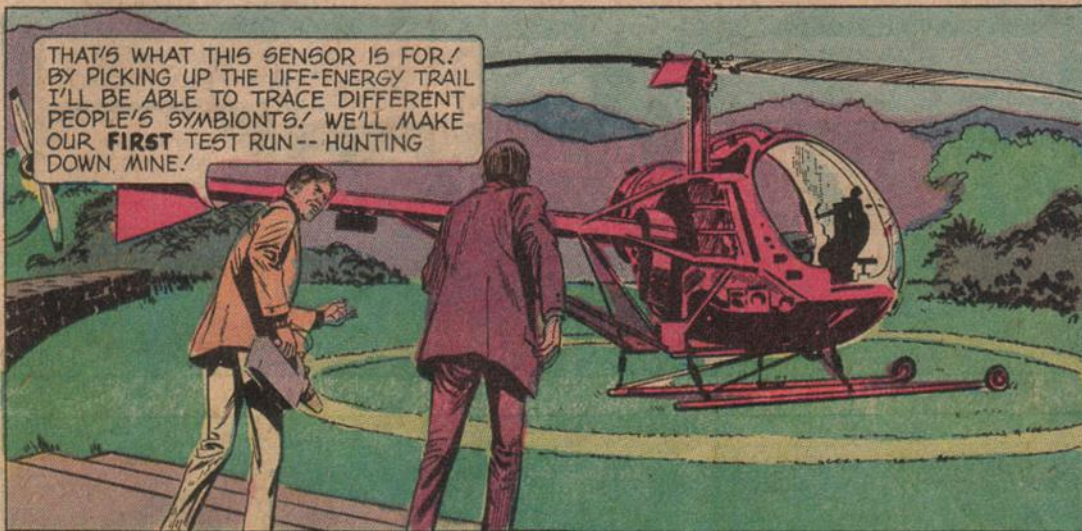
THEREFORE, TAKING MAN **A**, SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD IS A MAN **B** WHO HAS A LIFE-FORCE LINK TO **A**! THEY MAY NEVER MEET, BUT WHAT HAPPENS TO **B** WILL HAPPEN TO OR DIRECTLY AFFECT **A**!



WHAT I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE IS WHETHER THAT LINK IS LIMITED TO OTHER HUMANS? MIGHT WE NOT BE LINKED TO AN **ANIMAL**, EVEN A PLANT?



THAT'S WHAT THIS SENSOR IS FOR! BY PICKING UP THE LIFE-ENERGY TRAIL I'LL BE ABLE TO TRACE DIFFERENT PEOPLE'S SYMBIONTS! WE'LL MAKE OUR **FIRST** TEST RUN-- HUNTING DOWN MINE!



SOON...

PING PING PING
PING PING PING
PING PING PING...

I HAVE MY SYMBIONT PINPOINTED TO WITHIN A ONE-HUNDRED-MILE RADIUS! BUT, ODDLY, IT'S ALL SWAMP AND JUNGLE LAND!



WUP WUP WUP WUP WUP...

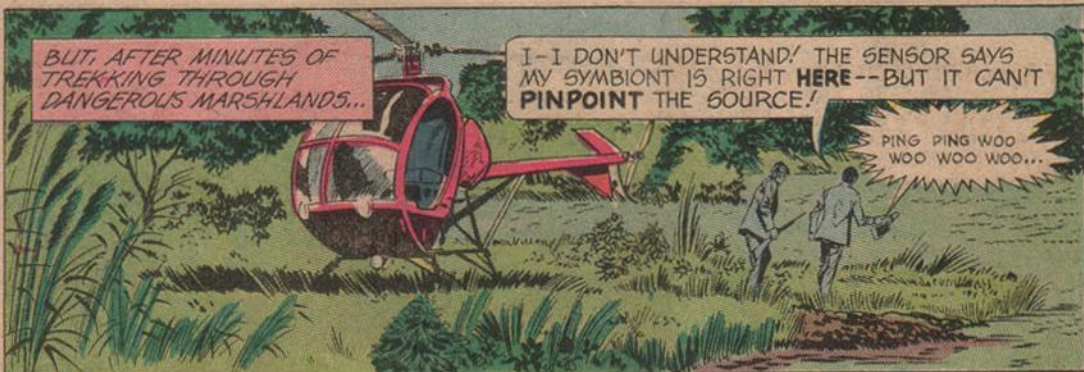
WE'LL HAVE TO SET DOWN AND HOOF THE REST, ERIC! WHOEVER YOUR "SYMBIONT" IS, HE SEEMS RATHER FOND OF SWAMPS! COULD BE A HUNTER OR MAYBE A SURVEYOR...



IT DOES SEEM ODD! COULD MY LINK BE WITH AN ANIMAL OR PLANT? WELL, ACCORDING TO THIS SENSOR, WE'LL KNOW VERY SOON!



BUT, AFTER MINUTES OF TREKKING THROUGH DANGEROUS MARSHLANDS...



I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND! THE SENSOR SAYS MY SYMBIONT IS RIGHT HERE-- BUT IT CAN'T PINPOINT THE SOURCE!

SUDDENLY...

ERIC! WHAT'S THAT? SOME SORT OF DISTURBANCE ON THE SURFACE OF THE SWAMP!



WITHOUT WARNING, THE GREAT, AWESOME MONSTROSITY ARISES OUT OF THE FETID, SUCKING MUD WHERE IT HAD RESTED MERE MOMENTS BEFORE!

YAAAAHHH!



THE MONSTER! GOOD GOSH,
IT'S MY SYMBIO--UNNNT!

WOO
WOO
WOOOO--
EEEEEEE!

IT'S AMAZING!
HE LOOKS SO
MUCH LIKE
ME... IT'S AN
ODD TRAIT I
NEVER EXPECTED!

ERIC! WE'VE GOT TO
GET BACK TO THE
COPTER! LET'S GO!

KA-POW!
POW!

EVEN IF WE CAN'T LIFT OFF, WE CAN
USE THE EXPLOSIVES WE BROUGHT FOR
CLEARING AWAY IMPASSIBLE PORTIONS
OF SWAMP OR JUNGLE!

HURRY, GET IT STARTED!
WE MIGHT HAVE JUST TIME
ENOUGH TO GET AWAY!

I DON'T KNOW!
THAT MONSTER
IS CLOSING IN!

GRAAAWWRRRR!

MATTHEW!
LOOK OUT!

WUP WUP WUP WUP!

REEEAAAAGGG!

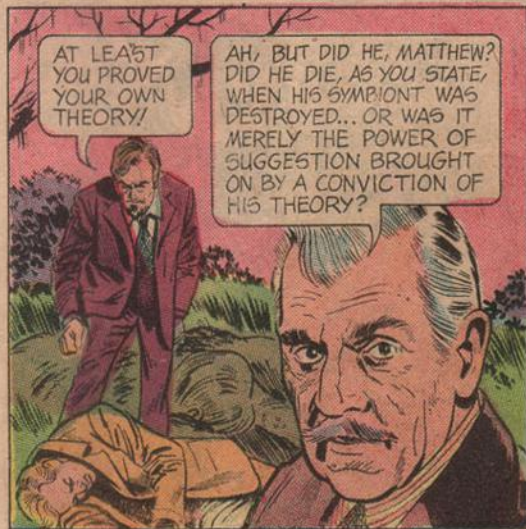
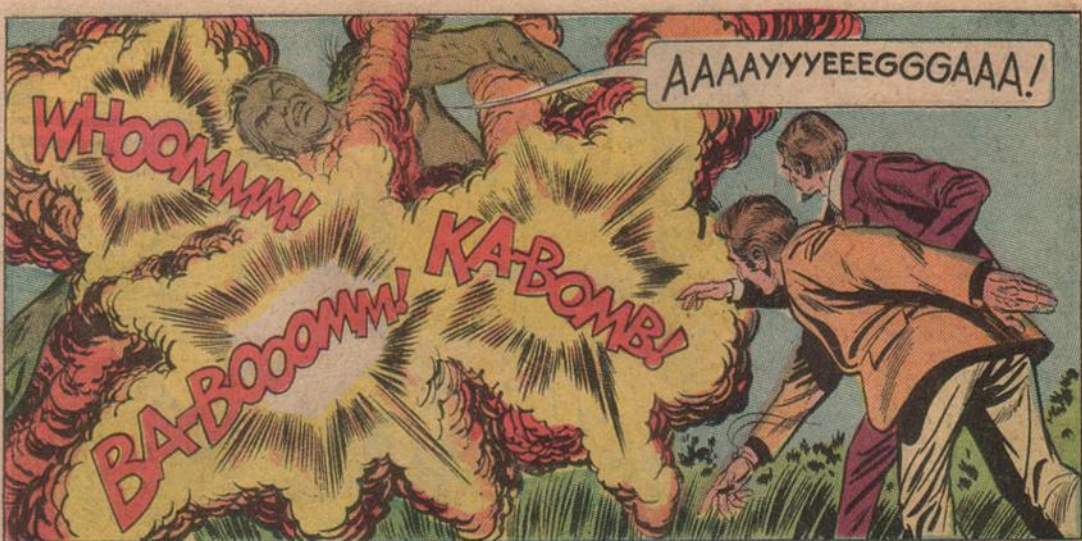
EEE-
YAAHH!

SKAAAKKKK!

ERIC! LOOK! IF WE
CAN GET TO THAT
DYNAMITE IN TIME....!

IT'S REALLY ON A
RAMPAGE! IT MIGHT
HAVE HURT ITSELF
SCRAPPING THE
COPTER!

ALL I KNOW IS...THE WAY THAT
BEAST IS LASHING OUT, THESE HAD
BETTER STOP IT! BECAUSE WE WON'T
GET A **SECOND** CHANCE!



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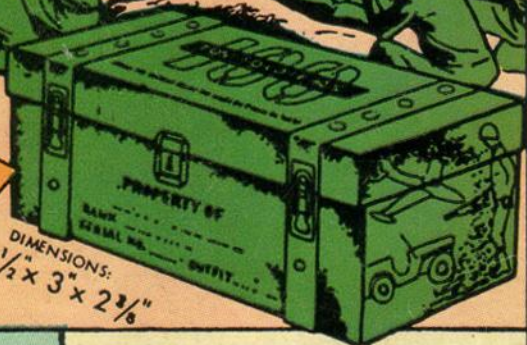
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