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TOMB OF DARKNESS

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NO! IF YOU
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BUTTON--

YOU'LL
DESTROY
THE WORLD!

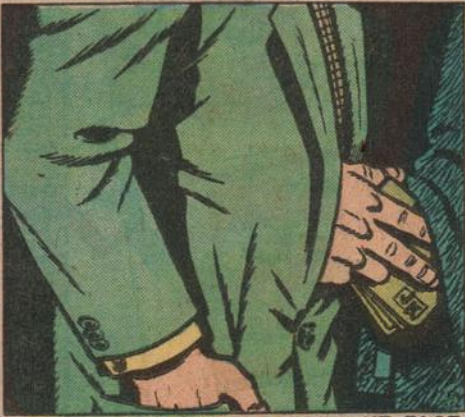


FIVE FINGERS



NO, EVEN TO A SUSPICIOUS EYE, NED FIELD SEEMS JUST AN INNOCENT STRAP-HANGER, HIS LEFT HAND CLUTCHING HIS NEWSPAPER, HIS RIGHT HAND THRUST IN HIS JACKET POCKET...

BUT UNDERNEATH HIS JACKET, NED FIELD'S SECOND, BUT REAL RIGHT HAND, DOES ITS LIGHT-FINGERED WORK...



RETURNING TO HIS DIMGY FLAT, NED FIELD REMOVES HIS JACKET AND HIS RIGHT DUMMY HAND...



THEN WITH LOVING CARE, HE HOLDS THE WAXEN DUMMY IN HIS REAL HAND AND POLISHES AND BUFFS THE ARTIFICIAL NAILS...



QUICKLY, THE THREE-HANDED PICK-POCKET PILES UP HIS ACCUMULATING LOOT, WORKING SAFELY EVEN UNDER THE PRACTICED GAZE OF SUBWAY DETECTIVES, WITH HIS FALSE DECOY HAND THRUST INTO HIS OWN POCKET...



AND AS HIS SUCCESS CONTINUES, MORE AND MORE, NED FIELD TREATS THE ARTIFICIAL HAND AS REAL...

I ALWAYS WASH MY HANDS WHEN I COME IN FROM WORK! SO I GUESS I SHOULD WASH **ALL** MY HANDS!

CUT IT, NED! SEEING YOU TREAT THAT PHONY ARM AS **REAL**, GIVES ME THE CREEPS!



YOU DID A NICE DAY'S WORK! BUT THEN WHY NOT? YOU'RE JUST LIKE A **SECOND** HAND TO ME... YOU'RE EXACTLY LIKE MY **REAL** RIGHT HAND DOWN TO THE TIP OF YOUR NAILS!



THERE YOU ARE, MY GOOD RIGHT HAND! HOW'S THAT NEW RING FEEL? YOU'VE EARNED IT!



IT TREATS **ME** WELL, SO I TREAT **IT** WELL! AND IT **IS** ALMOST REAL TO **ME**!

YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A LOONIE WITH THAT WAX JOB! IF YOU AREN'T CAREFUL, YOU'LL REALLY BELIEVE THAT HAND IS HUMAN AND YOU'LL GET CARTED OFF IN A WAGON!





AS HIS PALS TURN THEIR BACKS, NED SMILES AND PUTS DOWN HIS TWO RIGHT HANDS...



AND EACH NIGHT, AS NED FIELD LIES DOWN TO SLEEP, HE GOES THROUGH HIS LITTLE CEREMONY OF GROOMING THE FALSE HAND, WASHING IT AND BUFFING THE NAILS...



THE NEXT DAY, MIXING WITH A CROWD LISTENING TO A POLITICAL SPEAKER, NED FIELD GOES TO WORK WITH HIS UNSEEN RIGHT HAND...





AS THE MAN REACHES FOR HIS RIGHT HAND, NED TURNS AND TWISTS, MANEUVERING CLEVERLY...



SMILING INWARDLY, AS THE MAN SLAPS HIS **DUMMY** RIGHT HAND AGAINST THE WALL, NED KEEPS UP HIS ACT OF FEAR...



THERE! MAYBE **THAT**'LL TEACH YOU TO KEEP YOUR HAND TO YOURSELF!



BEFORE THE MAN CAN SEE THE MANGLED WAXEN FINGERS, NED TURNS AND GROANING IN FAKE PAIN, MOVES OFF...



BUT AS NED FIELD FINISHES STUFFING HIS **FALSE** HAND INTO HIS POCKET AND TAKES THE SUBWAY FOR HOME, SUDDENLY...



NED FIELD LIES MOTIONLESS ON THE SUBWAY TRAIN FLOOR, TWO HANDS IN HIS POCKETS, BUT A POLICEMAN'S PISTOL IN HIS **THIRD** HAND... HIS **DUMMY RIGHT HAND!** AND IF A HAND COULD MOVE TO LIFT A GUN, THEN IT COULD FEEL **PAIN**, TOO, AND WANT **REVENGE** ON ITS MASTER!

