



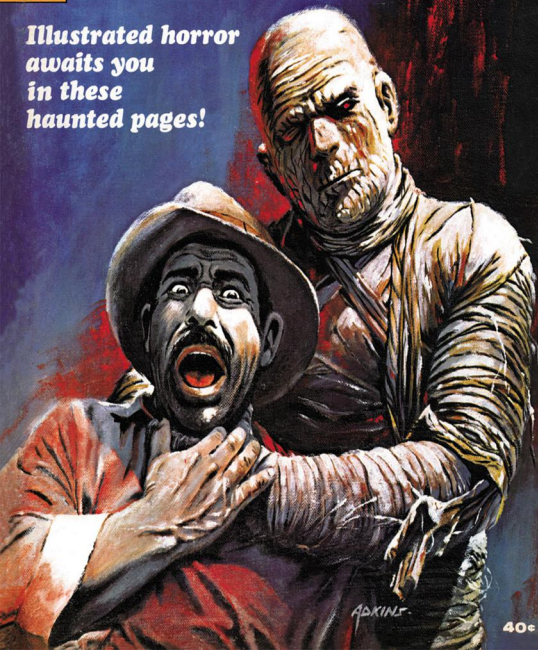
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**Illustrated horror
awaits you
in these
haunted pages!**



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DON'T JUST STAND THERE ON THE WELCOME BAT, COME INTO MY ABOMINABLE ABODE FOR A TERRIFYING TRIP INTO THE CENTRAL AMERICAN JUNGLES, WHERE LURKS THE DEADLY VAMPIRE BAT... FOR REAL! IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, FLY OVER TO YOUR NEAREST DICTIONARY AND TAKE A PEEK. BUT FIRST, PREPARE YOURSELF WITH THIS TANTALIZING TALE OF THE VORACIOUS...

VAMPYRUS!



THREE WEEKS NOW, KAISER, **THREE WEEKS!** HEAT! RAIN! SNAKES! CROCODILES! EVERYTHING BUT THOSE BLASTED BATS YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!

THOSE BATS ARE THE CLUE TO A TREASURE LIKE NO MAN'S EVER SEEN BEFORE! I WARNED YOU FINDING IT WOULD BE NO PICNIC... WE CAN'T QUIT NOW!



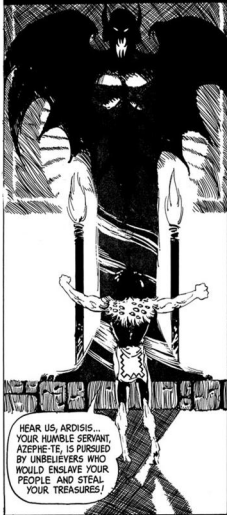
YEAH, YEAH! VAMPIRE BATS! BAT WORSHIPPERS! MAYAN GOLD! BETTER WE LOOK FOR THE END OF THE NEXT RAINBOW!

RAINBOW'S ARE FOR FOOLS, RISING... WE'RE DEALING WITH FACTS...

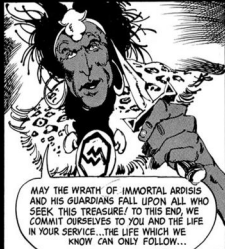


IN 1524, A SPANISH CAPTAIN, PETER DE ALVARADO, INVADED AND CONQUERED THE LAST STRONGHOLD OF THE RICH MAYAN INDIANS, BUT SOME SMALL GROUPS ESCAPED INTO THE JUNGLE AND WERE NEVER FOUND...

"ACCORDING TO LEGEND, ONE GROUP, LOADED WITH VAST RICHES, AND LED BY THE HIGH PRIEST AZEPHE-TE, FLED TO A HIDDEN TEMPLE TO ENTRUST THEIR WEALTH TO ENTRUST THEIR WEALTH TO ARDISIS, THE BAT GOD..."



HEAR US, ARDISIS... YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT, AZEPHE-TE, IS PURSUED BY UNBELIEVERS WHO WOULD ENSLAVE YOUR PEOPLE AND STEAL YOUR TREASURES!



MAY THE WRATH OF IMMORTAL ARDISIS AND HIS GUARDIANS FALL UPON ALL WHO SEEK THIS TREASURE! TO THIS END, WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO YOU AND THE LIFE IN YOUR SERVICE...THE LIFE WHICH WE KNOW CAN ONLY FOLLOW...

...DEATH!



"BUT APPARENTLY, ONE OF AZEPHE-TE'S FOLLOWERS WASN'T KEEN ON THE IDEA OF SLAYING HIMSELF AND FLED FROM THE TEMPLE, PREFERING TO BE A LIVE SLAVE OF THE SPANIARDS RATHER THAN A DEAD BAT WORSHIPPER!"



"WHEN ALVARADO'S TROOPS FOUND HIM, HE WAS NEARLY DEAD FROM EXPOSURE. HE MANAGED TO TELL THAT MUCH OF THE STORY BEFORE HE DIED, BUT THERE'S NO INDICATION THE SPANIARDS EVER FOUND THE TEMPLE..."



SO YOU THINK AFTER NEARLY 450 YEARS WE'LL DO BETTER THAN THE SPANISH ARMY?



I DON'T THINK THEY PURSUED IT AS WE'RE DOING... THEY SACKED MANY VILLAGES, ONE SMALL GROUP PROBABLY DIDN'T SEEM WORTH THE EFFORT!



I STILL DON'T...LOOK!

THE BATS!





WHAT'RE WE
RUSHING FOR?
WE OUGHT TO
RUN BACK IN-
TO THE JUNGLE
AND GET THE
PACKS SO WE
CAN DO THIS
RIGHT...



LET'S GRAB
WHAT WE CAN
AND GET OUT
OF HERE! THIS
PLACE IS BE-
GINNING TO GIVE
ME THE CREEPS!

NOTHIN' TO BE SCARED OF,
KAISER! THERE'S JUST YOU
AND I THAT STATUE OVER
THERE AND... AND...



... AZEPHE-TE!

IT... IT
CAN'T BE!
NOT AFTER
450 YEARS!



VIOLATORS OF THE
TEMPLE! PREPARE
TO FEEL THE WRATH
OF ARDISIS!

RUN FOR
IT, KAISER!
IT'S OUR
ONLY
CHANCE...
RUN!







BECAUSE THOSE BATS BIT ME, RISING... INFECTED ME! I MUST RETURN TO THE TEMPLE TO HELP GUARD ARDISIS AND HIS WEALTH FOR ETERNITY...



...AS YOU TOO WILL DO!!

YAAAARGHHH!

