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DON'T
REVEAL OUR
SURPRISE
**SHOCK
ENDING!**

COME ON AND
SEE HANS--YOU
WON'T BELIEVE
HOW HE'S
CHANGED!

**MY BROTHER,
THIS
MONSTER!**



NASSER / MARCO

THEY MADE ME A GHOST!



ORIGINALLY PRESENTED IN STRANGE TALES #16



ALL I THOUGHT ABOUT WUZ GETTIN' REVENGE ON JUDGE PARKER! I HADDA GET EVEN WITH HIM FOR SENTENCIN' ME TO HANG!



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AS IF THINGS WUZ'N'T BAD ENOUGH 'DEAD MAN'S ROW' GOT SO CROWDED THAT ANOTHER STIFF WUZ PUT IN MY CELL!

HERE'S A NEIGHBOR FOR YOU, BLACKIE!

I NEED 'M LIKE A HOLE IN THE HEAD!



WHADDAYA IN HERE FOR, MAC? WHO'D YA BUMP OFF?

I WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN CAUSING MY WIFE TO DEPART FROM THE WORLD OF THE LIVING BEFORE HER NATURAL SPAN HAD ELAPSED!



YEAH? WHAT DID YA USE? A GUN, A KNIFE? I POISONALLY USETA PREFER POISON! IT'S NICE AN' QUIET AN' GENTLE!

I KILLED HER WITH A BLACK MAGIC SPELL! A MOST UNUSUAL INCANTATION!



BLACK MAGIC? I HEARD OF THAT SOMEWHERE! IT HAS TO DO WIT THE DEVIL, DON'T IT?

YES... I'VE STUDIED IT ALL MY LIFE...



WELL, WHY DON'T YA WORK A MAGIC SPELL TO GET YERSELF OUTTA HERE?

I CAN'T! I'VE USED UP ALL THE SPELLS ALLOWED ME!



SAY! COULD YOU GET A HOLD OF SATAN FER ME IF I ASKED YA TO?

CERTAINLY! I'LL SUMMON HIM NOW IF YOU LIKE...



BEFORE I KNEW WHAT WUZ HAPPENIN' THIS CREEP BEGINS TO MAKE FUNNY MOTIONS AND RECITE SOMETHIN' IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE! AND THEN...



WHO SUMMONS SATAN?

I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT REALLY HAPPENED! BUT I WUZNT GONNA TAKE ANY CHANCES!! I SPOKE UP FAST!



SATAN VANISHED IN A PUFF OF SMOKE WITHOUT ANSWERING ME... BUT I FELT GREAT! NOW I WAS SURE I'D HAVE MY REVENGE ON OLD JUDGE PARKER!



THE WALK TO THE GALLOWS DIDN'T BOTHER ME... IN FACT I COULD HARDLY WAIT...



AS THE NOOSE WAS PUT AROUND MY NECK, I BEGAN TO GET REAL IMPATIENT!



IT HAPPENED REAL FAST... ONE MINUTE I FELT THE TRAP DOOR GIVE WAY UNDER MY FEET...



I FELT MYSELF FALL...



AND THEN I WAS ABOVE THE GALLOWS, LOOKING DOWN AT IT! I KNEW I WAS A GHOST, JUST LIKE SATAN PROMISED!



IT WAS EASY TO TRAVEL... I GOT TO JUDGE PARKER'S HOUSE IN A COUPLE OF SECONDS! I JUST DRIFTED THROUGH THE AIR LIKE A GLIDER!



I MELTED RIGHT THROUGH THE WALL AND STOOD IN FRONT OF THE JUDGE! BUT HE DIDN'T SEE ME...



THEN I REALIZED THAT HE COULDN'T SEE ME...AND HE COULDN'T HEAR ME! THIS WUZ GONNA BE TOUGHER THAN I FIGGERED!

I'M HERE TO HAUNT YA! I'M GONNA SCARE YA TO DEATH AS SOON AS I LEARN HOW!

I'VE GOT A BIG PAY AHEAD OF ME TOMORROW!



I REACHED FOR HIS SCRAWNY NECK...IT LOOKED LIKE A GOOD WAY TO SCARE 'IM...BUT MY HANDS WENT RIGHT THROUGH HIM!

I CAN'T TOUCH HIM! I CAN'T HOLD ANYTHING! HOW CAN I HAUNT HIM IF HE CAN'T HEAR ME OR FEEL ME?



AND THEN A DRAFT FROM THE WINDOW CAUGHT ME AND BLEW ME OUTSIDE THE HOUSE...

I REALIZED THAT I WEIGHED LESS THAN A PUFF OF SMOKE... ANY BREEZE WUZ LIKE A HURRICANE TO ME!

I'M DRIFTIN' HIGHER!



WITHIN MINUTES I WUZ SO FAR ABOVE THE EARTH THAT I COULD HARDLY SEE IT...

HOW'LL I GET BACK? WHAT'LL I DO?



AND FINALLY I WAS ALONE OUT IN SPACE...



THEN SUDDENLY, AS IF HE WUZ RIGHT AT MY EAR, I HEARD SATAN'S VOICE...

YOU FOOL... NO EVIL HUMAN CAN ESCAPE MY PUNISHMENT! EACH ONE OF MY SUBJECTS MAKES HIS OWN HELL... THIS IS YOURS!

NO...NO! WAIT!...GIVE ME ANOTHER CHANCE!



I'VE BEEN OUT HERE EVER SINCE! ME, BLACKIE DROOME, THE SMART GUY! TOO BAD I WUZNT SMART ENOUGH TO FIGGER WHILE I WUZ ALIVE THAT FOREVER IS A LONG, LONG TIME!



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