

WEIRD-ITORIAL

Dear Weird Lovers,

On the basis of "I Married a Monster" alone, this may be the weirdest *Weird Love* yet! Apparently Joe Gill, the regular writer at Charlton, the low-rent publisher that originally ran this comic, was sick. Artist Don Perlin weirdly, wonderfully wrote his own totally wacked story! *Arooo!*

But that's not all the bizarro-ness! Ever since our first issue with its lead tale "I Fell for a Commie!", *Weird Love* fans have been emailing us, bugging us at comic conventions, and showing up on our doorstep asking if there is more such Cold War paranoia! Well, due to this incessant popular demand, with "Love Slaves" we again show you the Pinko!



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We're beside ourselves with excitement! The *Weird Love* BOOK is out! *Weird Love: You Know You Want It!* It's large, it's hard, it's filled with good stuff including a must-be-seen crazy cool bonus! Be sure and snag a copy for yourself or someone you know that's into weird love—or should be!

See you in two months with more love that is weird! Meanwhile, don't be a waterfront girl or a child bride, stay way from married men, and don't marry a monster! *Arooo!*











WE'D LIVED ONLY TO ESCAPE -- TOGETHER, WE WERE YOUNG -- WE HAD THE WORLD BEFORE US -- AND SO WE HAD DARED TO HOPE, AND NOW WE WERE SEPARATED -- PERHAPS FOREVER, BUT THEN, TWO DAYS LATER, WHEN THE WOMEN'S GROUP REACHED THE FACTORY TO WHICH WE'D BEEN ASSIGNED ...

Days Lengthened into weeks and weeks into months. Jan and I worked on the same level, but we could not talk to each other. Yet there were a Dozen ways to renew our dreams...



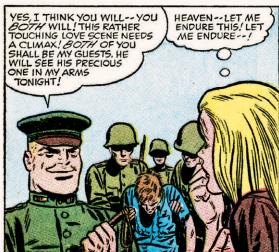
ALLWE HAD WAS EACH OTHER, I COULD ENDURE THE ENORMOUS PRODUCTION QUOTAS TO BE COMPLETED EVERY DAY, THE TERRIBLE HOURS OF KILLING WORK AND STRAIN, SO LONG AS JAN WAS NEARBY. THEN ONE AFTERNOON..

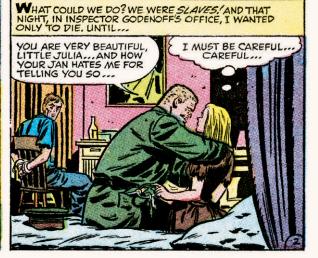
AH-MORLEN--WORK BENCH 456-JULIA MORLEN, IS IT NOT? YOUR
WORK IS EXCELLENT--YOUR
INSPECTION REPORT WILL BE
GOOD, BUT YOU ARE MUCH TOO
PRETTY FOR ALLTHIS, MY DEAR-MUCH, MUCH TOO PRETTY!



AS INSPECTOR OF THIS
FACTORY, I, PETER BASIL
GODENOFF, AM IN FULL
CHARGE HERE, AND I AM
NOT SO HARD-HEARTED
AS YOU MAY THINK, YOU
WILL COME TO MY
OFFICE TONIGHT,
JULIA, AND WE SHALL
GET BETTER
ACQUAINTED!
YOU
DIRTY
SWINE!









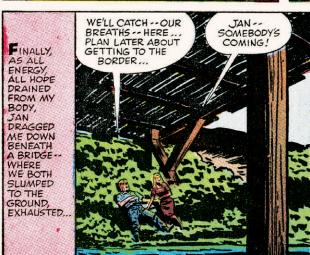






HOW WE GOT OUT I SHALL NEVER KNOW. WE MISSED BEING CAUGHT BY A HAIRSBREADTH AT LEAST THREE TIMES, OUR BREATHS STUCK IN OUR THROATS, OUR HEARTS RACED FURIOUSLY AS WE FLED FROM THE FACTORY GROUNDS INTO THE NEARBY FOREST...







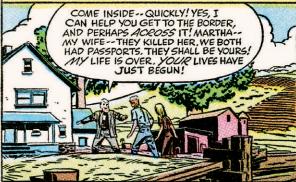


BUT THE MOTORCADE PASSED OVERHEAD AND DISAPPEARED DOWN THE ROAD. WE CROUCHED THERE -- IN THE WATER --FOR WHAT SEEMED LIKE HOURS, ONLY WHEN THE BLESSED NIGHT COVERED ALL IN A CLOAK OF SILENCE DID WE DARE TO STUMBLE OUT INTO THE OPEN FIELDS...

WHAT'S THE USE, JULIA? WHERE ARE WE GOING? WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? WE'LL BE CAUGHT SOONER OR LATER...AND I'M TIRED... SO TIRED... WE WON'T BE CAUGHT, DARLING! WE'RE NOT LIKE THE OTHERS... THOSE OTHERS WHO HAVE GIVEN UP! WE CAN SLEEP HERE FOR A WHILE ..!



MORNING FOUND US AT A SMALL FARMHOUSE SOME MILES DOWN THE ROAD, THERE WAS ONLY WAY OUT OF THIS HORRIBLE NIGHTMARE -- AND THAT WAS TO THROW OURSELVES ON THE MERCIES OF THE FOLK WHO LIVED HERE, FEARFULLY, WE APPROACHED THE KIND-FACED OLD FARMER AND TOLD HIM OF OUR PLIGHT...



WE CLUNG TO EACH OTHER SILENTLY, FIERCELY, WHILE THE OLD FARMER SEARCHED FOR THE PAPERS THAT WOULD OPEN THE DOOR TO FREEDOM, NEITHER JAN NOR I COULD BELIEVE WE WERE ACTUALLY GOING TO ESCAPE!...











SUDDENLY--ALLTHE HATRED, ALLTHE PENT-UP BITTERNESS AND PAIN IN MY SOUL EXPLODED! TO BE SO NEAR TO SUCCESS AND THEN--THIS! I HURLED MYSELF AT HIM, GRABBING HIS LEGS, TRYING TO SINK MY TEETH INTO HIM--TRYING TO KILL HIM--ANYTHING --TO STOP HIM!...



YOU -- YOU'VE ONLY KNOCKED
HIM UNCONSCIOUS, JAN,
THANK GOD, HE'S NOT
DEAD! WE--(SOB) -- WE
DON'T HAVE MURDER
ON OUR SOULS --!

PIRST -- THE PASSPORTS --!

MINUTES LATER, WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO THE BORDER, DRESSED AS FARMER AND WIFE, AND AT LAST...

LOOK! THERE IT IS! WE CAN ALMOST REACH OUT AND TOUCH IT! CAREFUL NOW -- ONE WRONG WORD MEANS DEATH! I'M PRAYING, JAN --PRAYING FOR FREEDOM --!



AND LESS THAN AN HOUR LATER, FREEDOM WAS OURS!

OUR LOVE HAS BROUGHT ABOUT A MIRACE, MY BELOVED! THE TERROR IS OVER! IT IS OVER FOR US, JAN. PRAY GOD THAT ONE DAY -- SOON --IT WILL BE OVER FOR ALL PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN CHAINS --!



FOR THERE ARE COUNTLESS MILLIONS WHO HAVEN'T CROSSED THE BORDERS --WHO ARE STILL SLAVES --WHO CAN'T ESCAPE FROM THAT NIGHTMARE OF DREAD! GUARD YOUR LIBERTY WELL, YOU AMERICANS! MAY THAT TERROR NEVER REACH YOU! MAY IT NEVER HAPPEN IN YOUR LIFE!

