

SKREEEEEE



AND SO BEGINS
A RACE TED
HAS TO WIN.

THE CAR STARTED
FOR ONCE, BUT WHERE
CAN I GO? ONLY ONE ROAD
THROUGH THE SWAMP. NOTHING
AROUND FOR MILES. THEY'LL
CATCH UP...



THEIR HEADLIGHTS SEND A BLINDING
WASH OF LIGHT OVER TED'S WINDSHIELD.

EVEN IF I GIVE
THE SERUM TO THEM,
THEY'LL KILL ME. CAN'T
LET THEM...CAN'T
LET THEM...



THE ROAR OF HIS PURSUERS'
CAR FILLS HIS EARS. IN HIS PANIC,
IN HIS DETERMINATION TO FOIL
THEM, TED MAKES A DECISION.

BRAVE? FOOLHARDY?
INSANE?

NO TIME
TO THINK.
HE INJECTS
THE SERUM
INTO HIS
ARM.

YAAAA!!!
BURNING ME!
I CAN FEEL IT
TEARING THROUGH
MY BODY. IT'S
BURNING ME
UP FROM THE
INSIDE!





THE WATER IS COLD, BUT TED FEELS AN ENVELOPING WARMTH. THE WARMTH OF THE SERUM RACING THROUGH HIS VEINS.



THE SERUM MUST BE WORKING ON ME. BUT...SOMETHING IS **WRONG**.

MY MIND... SO HARD TO THINK... BURNING UP INSIDE. LIKE A BOMB... ABOUT TO EXPLODE.

MY SKIN! IT'S PEELING AWAY! MELTING OFF MY BODY.

TED GRABS AT THE CHUNKS OF SKIN THAT FLOAT OFF HIS BODY. HE TOUCHES HIS CHEST AND FEELS BARE MUSCLE THROBBING...RIB BONES EXPOSED...



THIS IS **WRONG**. THIS IS **WRONG**. THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!



LAYERS OF STRANGE NEW SKIN FORM OVER HIM...ANIMAL SKIN...RAGGED FUR...HIS EYESIGHT DIMS. HIS MIND IS SUCKED INTO A DEEP DARKNESS. HIS BODY SWELLS...

TED STRUGGLES TO HOLD ON TO HIS HUMANITY, HIS IDENTITY.

I'M DR. TED SALLIS. I WORKED FOR THE ARMY. TED SALLIS. I'M DR. TED SSSSS...DR.... AARRRRRRRGH!

A ROAR EXPLODES FROM SOMEWHERE DEEP IN HIS NEW BODY...



HE BURSTS FROM THE CAR,
RISES FROM THE SOUPY
MUCK, AND EMERGES AS
A GROTESQUE

MAN-THING





THINK HE CAN SWIM?

I'M NOT GOING DOWN THERE TO GET HIM.



HUH?? WHAT IS THAT?

I GOTTA CALL MY OPTOMETRIST. I'M SEEING THINGS!



LIFTING HIMSELF FROM THE SWAMP WITH A HORRIFYING NEW BODY AND THE MIND OF A BEAST, THE MAN-THING STAGGERS FORTH.



HEY! CAN WE TALK ABOUT THIS? I DIDN'T BRING MY SWIMSUIT!

REVENGE AGAINST THOSE WHO WOULD STEAL HIS FORMULA IS SHORT AND SWEET.



SPEECHLESS, MINDLESS ANGER CONSUMES THE MAN-THING.



TED SALLIS WANTED TO BUILD AN INDESTRUCTIBLE KILLER.



HE NEVER DREAMED IT WOULD TURN OUT TO BE HIMSELF!

