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HIS BOND WAS WITH THE ANCIENTS, AND FROM THE MOULDY CENTURIES OF FORGOTTEN TIME HE DREW FORTH AN EVIL OF UNPARALLELED TERROR! THE TIME FOR REVENGE HAD COME... AND YET THERE REMAINED **ONE** FACTOR TO BE DEALT WITH...

The MUMMY!



**DESTROY
--- KILL! I
AM YOUR
MASTER
AND YOU
MUST
OBEY!**

LATE ONE AFTERNOON, IN THE EGYPTIAN WING OF A LARGE MUSEUM---

3500 B.C.! THAT MAKES THE OLD GEEZER OVER 5000 YEARS OLD! CAN YOU PICTURE WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE UNDER ALL THOSE WRAPPINGS?

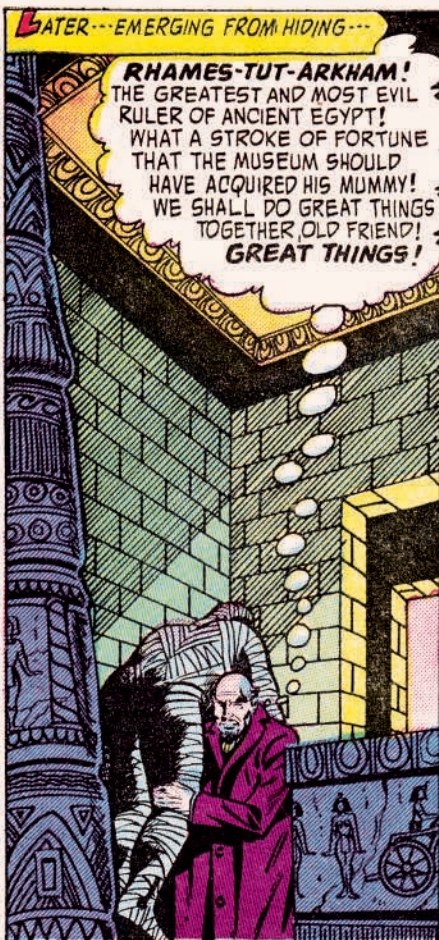
NO THANK YOU! IT LOOKS FRIGHTENING ENOUGH --- JUST THE WAY IT **IS!**



THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY, FOLKS! DOORS CLOSE IN TEN MINUTES!

GOOD! SOON THEY'LL BE GONE! THE MOMENT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR WILL SOON BE HERE!







The FOLLOWING MORNING, IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF THE MUSEUM'S CURATOR ---

IT'S **FANTASTIC**, ROY! A GUARD MURDERED AND ONE OF OUR PRICELESS MUMMIES STOLEN! THE POINT IS --- **WHY?** THE THIEF COULD NEVER SELL IT TO ANOTHER MUSEUM --- AND YET WHAT **OTHER** VALUE COULD IT HAVE?

I KNOW, SIR... AND THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN THINKING ALONG DIFFERENT LINES!



I'VE BEEN WONDERING WHAT'S BECOME OF **ELIAS GRIVAN** --- YOUR FORMER CURATOR OF THE EGYPTIAN DEPARTMENT! REMEMBER, HE ACTUALLY THREATENED YOU AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE STAFF WHEN HE WAS DISMISSED!

IDLE THREATS! GRIVAN WAS A CRACKPOT, BUT PERFECTLY HARMLESS!



I WONDER, DAD! HE WAS ALWAYS BURROWING INTO THOSE MUSTY OLD BOOKS, AND WOULD SPEAK ABOUT THE MOST FRIGHTENING THINGS --- THINGS NO ORDINARY PERSON WOULD EVEN THINK OF!

THAT'S WHY I DISMISSED HIM, ANNE --- BUT I SEE NO REASON TO CONNECT HIM WITH WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT!



WE'RE DEALING WITH A THIEF, AN **UNCOMMON** ONE TO BE SURE, BUT STILL A THIEF AND A MURDERER! ALL WE CAN DO IS TO CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH THE POLICE. INCREASE OUR OWN PROTECTIVE FORCE AND HOPE FOR THE BEST!



LATER ---

I DIDN'T WANT TO SAY THIS IN FRONT OF YOUR DAD, BUT AS ASSISTANT CURATOR, I FEEL THAT EVERY SUSPICION SHOULD BE CHECKED --- **INCLUDING GRIVAN!**

I AGREE, ROY! THE MAN SEEMED TO POSSESS A STRANGE POWER! JUST WHAT KIND, AND HOW HE WOULD USE IT IS SOMETHING WE COULD ONLY GUESS AT!



LATE THAT SAME EVENING, IN THE STUDY OF RUFUS B. CRANE, ONE OF THE MUSEUM'S IMPORTANT DIRECTORS ---

WHO COULD THAT BE AT THIS HOUR?



GRIVAN! WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

NO NEED TO BE ALARMED, MR. CRANE! I ONLY DROPPED BY FOR A LITTLE **CHAT!**



