

STRANGE TALES OF STARTLING SUSPENSE!

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THE MAN WHO
NEVER WAS!



THE INVISIBLE
DEATH!



THE TERROR OF
VOODOO!



AND OTHER EERIE

STRANGE
TALES

THE MOST
FANTASTIC
STORIES
EVER
TOLD!



THE SHADOW!

"I HAD A LITTLE SHADOW,
HE WENT IN AND OUT WITH ME,
EVERYWHERE THAT I WENT,
HE WAS SURE TO BE...."

THAT'S HOW SHADOWS ARE, THEY'RE ALWAYS WITH
YOU! A MAN AND HIS SHADOW CAN'T BE SEPARATED!
BUT MY SHADOW... MY TERRIBLE, TAUNTING, TORTURING
SHADOW WAS UNLIKE ANY OTHERS! *IT HAD A WAY OF
ITS OWN!*



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GEORGE DYKES WAS THE NEMESIS OF MY LIFE!
HE AND I BORE SEETHING HATRED AGAINST EACH
OTHER! WE WERE BITTER ENEMIES!

I DIDN'T SEE GEORGE'S FLASHING FIST UNTIL IT
WAS TOO LATE!

KEEP AWAY FROM IRIS! SHE'S
MY GIRL! GET THAT, DICK
COYNE! I WAS DOING PLENTY
ALRIGHT UNTIL YOU HORNED
IN! KEEP AWAY!

NOT ON YOUR
LIFE! I HAVE A
DATE WITH IRIS
TOMORROW NIGHT!

THIS'LL TEACH YOU! STAY FAR
AWAY FROM IRIS! YOU AND
YOUR SHADOW! JUST
STOP HORNING IN!



ALL NAMES AND PLACES IN THESE TRUE-TO-LIFE STORIES ARE FICTITIOUS
ANY SIMILARITY BETWEEN ACTUAL PERSONS OR PLACES AND THOSE USED IN THESE STORIES IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL

WHEN I CATCH UP WITH GEORGE, I'LL FIX HIM! HE CAN'T SCARE ME OUT OF DATING IRIS! I'M GOING TO ASK HER TO MARRY ME, AND IT WON'T SURPRISE ME IF SHE ACCEPTS!



DESPERATELY, I REPEATED THE DOORBELL RING, THEN GAVE UP! AS I WALKED FROM IRIS' HOUSE, I KEPT TURNING BACK, HOPING SHE WOULD YET APPEAR AT THE DOOR!



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, PROBABLY AT 7, I WAS PUNCHING IRIS' DOORBELL, PRAYING FOR MY BIG ROMANCE, BUT



MY SHADOW! WHERE WAS MY SHADOW? AS I STRAINED MY EYES, SEEKING IT, IT SLOWLY MOVED INTO VIEW!



I ROUNDED A CORNER AND LOOKED BACK, BUT SAW NO SIGN OF MY SHADOW! IT WASN'T UNTIL I REACHED THE END OF THE BLOCK THAT IT EMERGED, CREEPING SLOWLY AROUND THE CORNER!



I TRIED TO FORGET ABOUT THE STRANGE BEHAVIOR OF MY SHADOW THOUGH EACH DAY IT RECEDED FURTHER FROM ME. IRIS WAS THE ALL IMPORTANT FIGURE OF MY LIFE. I TRIED SEVERAL TIMES TO SEE HER, BUT SHE WAS UNAVAILABLE. EVEN ON THE TELEPHONE.

HELLO

IRIS: THIS IS DICK!



IRIS: IRIS!

CLICK!

SHE'S HUNG UP. GEORGE MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING TO QUEER ME!



I STOPPED SUDDENLY IN MY TRACKS. THE STREET WAS CROWDED WITH PEOPLE, ALL WITH SHADOWS. RE-MINDING AGAIN OF MY OWN SHADOW MYSTERY CURIOUSLY I LOOKED BACK. I WAITED IN CHILLING CUNWILDERMENT!



IT'S GONE GONE FOR GOOD. I'VE COMPLETELY LOST MY SHADOW!

THE STRANGENESS OF MY FLIGHT TERRIFIED ME. I SEARCHED FRANTICALLY FEVERISHLY UP AND DOWN STREETS ALL OVER TOWN, TRYING TO LOCATE MY SHADOW!



ME AND MY SHADOW!

NO USE. CAN'T FIND IT BUT I MUST. I MUST! EVERYONE HAS A SHADOW.

SHUT UP! STOP SINGING THAT!

THEN A GIMMER OF HOPE THREADED MY MEMORY. I REMEMBERED ONE PLACE WHERE A SHADOW COULDN'T FAIL TO APPEAR... THE GRAND MUSEUM. ITS LOBBY LIT WITH **SHADOW BULBS**!



SHADOWS OF ALL THE STATUES. SHADOWS OF EVERYTHING. EVERYONE EXCEPT ME. EVEN WITH THIS LIGHTING, MY SHADOW IS LOST!



BUT SUDDENLY

THERE IT IS! THERE! MY SHADOW AHEAD OF ME! BUT IT'S RUNNING! IT'S RUNNING AWAY!

TAUNTING DEVILISH SHADOW! I FOLLOWED IT TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH ITS SWIFT PACE! THE PURSUIT OF MY SHADOW ZIG-ZAGGED THROUGHOUT THE TOWN...



IRIS IGNORED ME! THE FUNERAL WAS OVER, AND SHE TURNED TO LEAVE! I STARTED TO FOLLOW...



NO WONDER I HAD LOST MY SHADOW! NO WONDER I HAD WANDERED AROUND FUTILELY, AND ENTIRELY IGNORED! I DIDN'T EXIST! DISMALLY I CRAWLED INTO MY LONELY GRAVE... I, THE MURDER VICTIM... AND NEAR ME, MY MURDERER!



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