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"It's your New York!"

The Rondout Reader

From Eddyville, New York



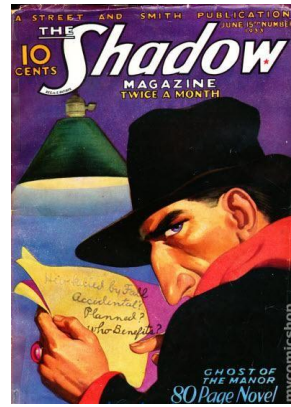
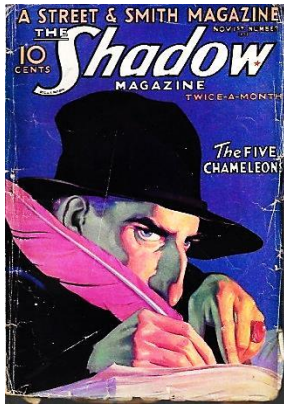
THE DOCTOR IS IN!

By Kevin Ahearn

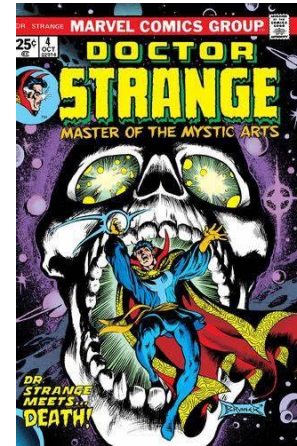
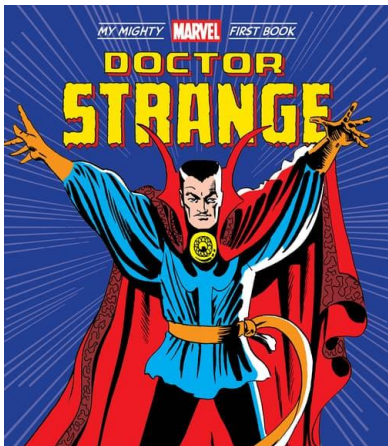


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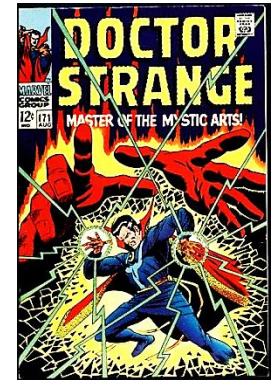
Steve Ditko 1962



“By living, thinking, even dreaming the story in one continuous process, ideas came faster and faster. Sometimes the typewriter keys would fly so fast that I wondered if my fingers could keep up with them. And at the finish of the story I often had to take a few days off as my fingertips were too sore to begin work on the next book.”



“Death is what gives life meaning. To know your days are numbered. Your time is short. You'd think after all this time, I'd be ready. But look at me. Stretching one moment out into a thousand... just so that I can watch the snow.”



“I used to be embarrassed because I was just a comic book writer while other people were building bridges and going on to medical careers. And then I began to realize: entertainment is one of the most important things in people’s lives. Without it, they might go off the deep end.”

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EDDYVILLE, NY – ON THE RONDOUT



“Up the Thruway to Kingston, then just a pistol shot away from...”



“...the hallowed home of my creator and his magical wife!”



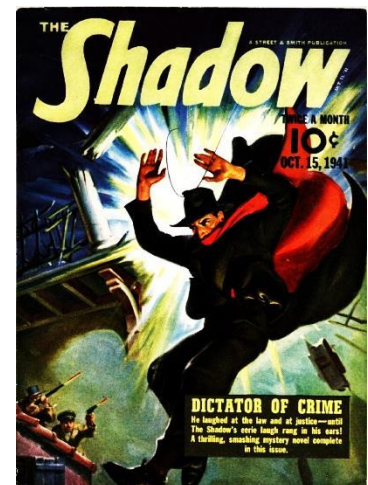
“Oh, to meet, to embrace their glorious spirits!”

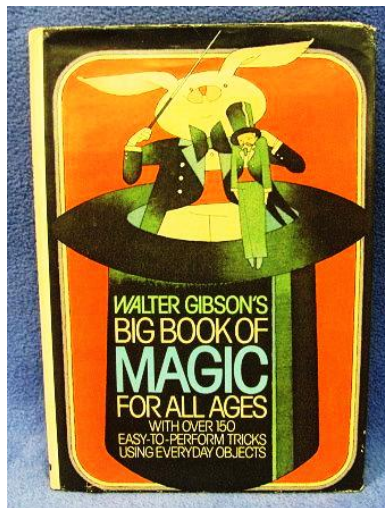
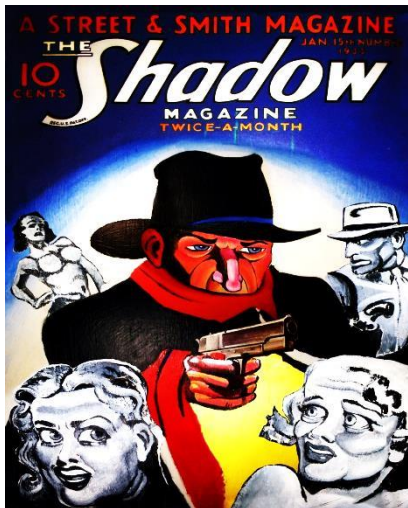


"Instead I get you, yet another comic book magician! There's another I would have preferred!"

"And I as well, SHADOW! Seems you're disturbing the ebb and flow of big city law enforcement!"

IN ANSWER TO AN AVALANCHE OF REQUESTS, WE PRESENT:
"THE ORIGIN OF Dr. STRANGE"





"Old habits die hard, Dr. Strange. You have had your magical moments! Including finding me! What do you want, Doctor?"

"To congratulate you, 'Master of Darkness', your Anti-Crime Wave, which has engulfed a whole school of rotten fish...without killing even one!"



"I'm not the man I used to be! Thirty years before you were born!"

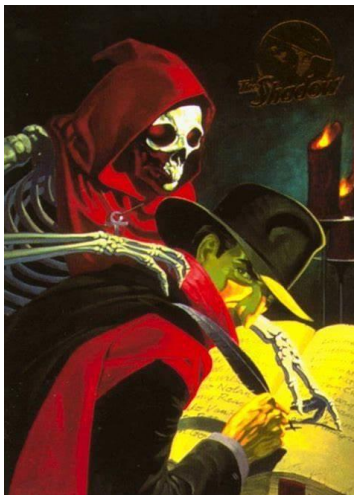
"You knew I was coming, didn't you, SHADOW? Drew me up the Rondout! What do you want that only I can give you?"



*“Master of the Mystic Arts’,
find me my Margo!”*



*“Ah, I should have known! And should I
find your woman, what will you do for me?”*



*“Be careful what you wish for, Doctor!
Do you really want **The SHADOW** owing you?”*



*“Another night in the Big Apple, yet another major drug bust, but the **NYPD** refuses to acknowledge the existence of **The SHADOW!**”*



“I heard a voice. It was dark. I couldn’t see anybody, but I knew what was happening!”

“We followed the voice like it was leading us on a hunt. We knew we on to something big!”



*“Rumors have it that the **NYPD** is minting a special medal!”*

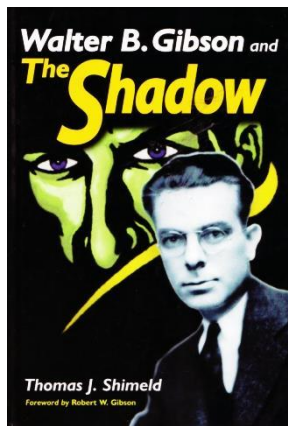


*“To be awarded to a crime-fighter who, **NYPD** maintains, does not exist!”*

SEARCHING THE CITY...



“Margo, Margo! Where can you be? Walter made so many versions just to keep me interested! Little did my creator know that I loved you from the first time I heard you on the radio!”



“You and me, Margo, born on The Detective Story Hour!”



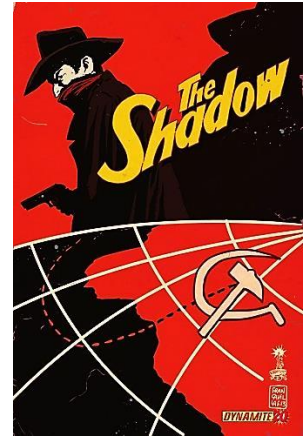
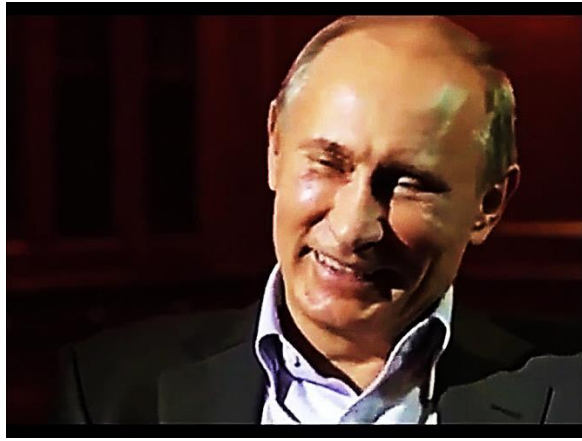
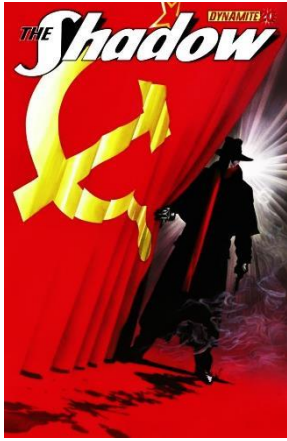
*"Dynamite on the page, we cooled on the screen!
Maybe we were better unseen, made our audience imagine!"*



*"After all this time, who and what has she become?
Are we to be two voices in the night who
will never hear each other?"*

WHILE OVERSEAS...





“The SHADOW returns and Western ‘credibility’ exits stage left! Our old enemy is suddenly our friend!”



“This last century vigilante is just what we need – The new star on Russian Television!”

“Play The SHADOW to death! To entertain the people is to distract the people!”



“Much more than a diversion!”

“A cheap, but very effective weapon!”



“Let our elite “cyberwarriors” bring the ‘Master of Darkness’ to life! A maximum effort the Americans will have no idea of the mission parameters: a full scale dress rehearsal for the their coming Presidential election!”



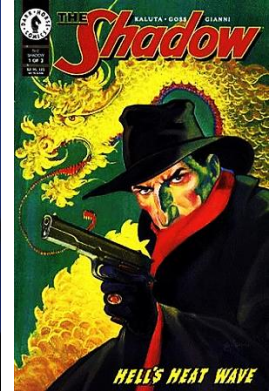
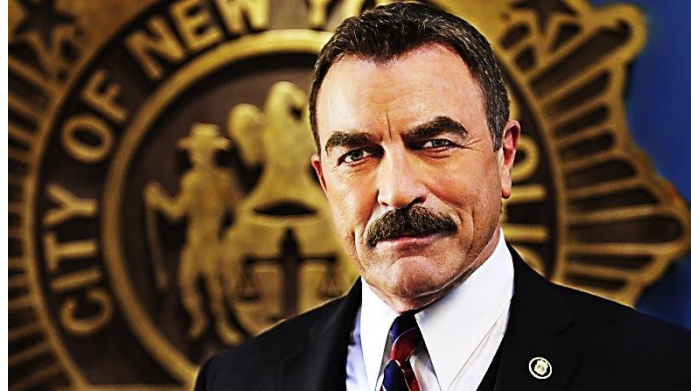
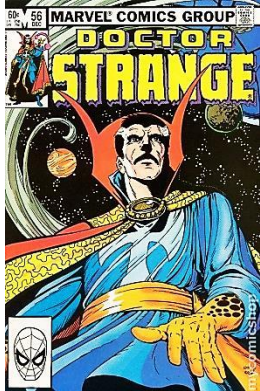


HIGH FALLS, NY



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POLICE PLAZA 1



"Heads up, people! There's a new Doctor in town!"



*"A 'master of the mystic arts!'
To do what?"*

*"Will this 'Strange' bust bad guys
like The SHADOW?"*

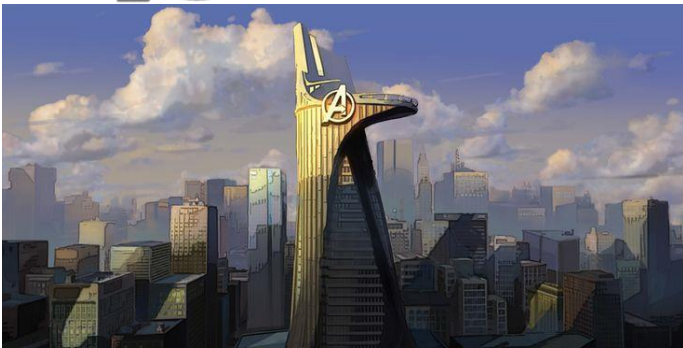




"This is crazy! The city's turning into a superhero playground!"

AVENGERS

FANTASTIC FOUR



*"Calm down, little brother!
Those 'superheroes' help us
every day. And the tourists who
help pay our salaries, love them!*

*"Well, a lot of cops don't!
I wear a uniform, I take an
oath and I stick to it! None
of these costumed 'heroes' do!"*



*"You think Gotham's giving up **Batman** any time soon? Metropolis without **Superman**?"*



*"We're New York, the city! And we've got the finest 'superheroes' – **NYPD!**"*



"And any superhero breaks the law, he or she or they will be held accountable!"



"Hip, hip, hoo-ray! Round up the costumed creeps and put'em in the Tombs!"





“Frank, the Church wants no part of this!”



*“Tell me about it, Your Eminence! Neither do I!
Get your popcorn ready!”*



STARK
INDUSTRIES

*“ Magic can take one only so far. The
Magic of Life is going beyond to discover
how to succeed. In other words, make for
the technology!”*



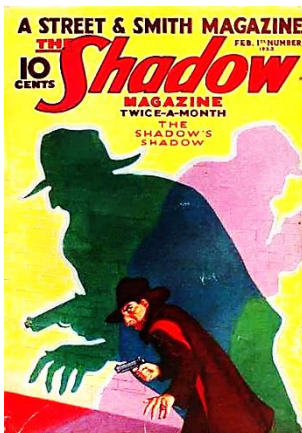
"Avengers assemble! Our 'Founding Father' needs your help!"



"Our what? Must be magic I never heard of!"



"The ancestor of all of us! And who might that be?"



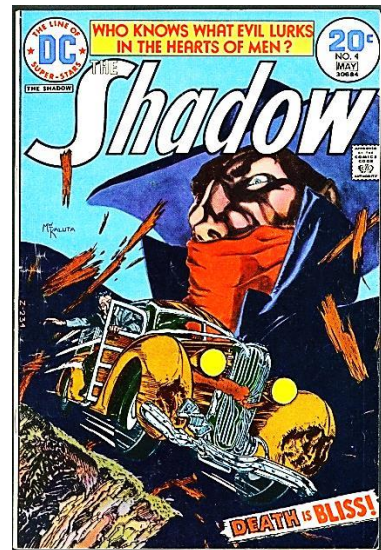


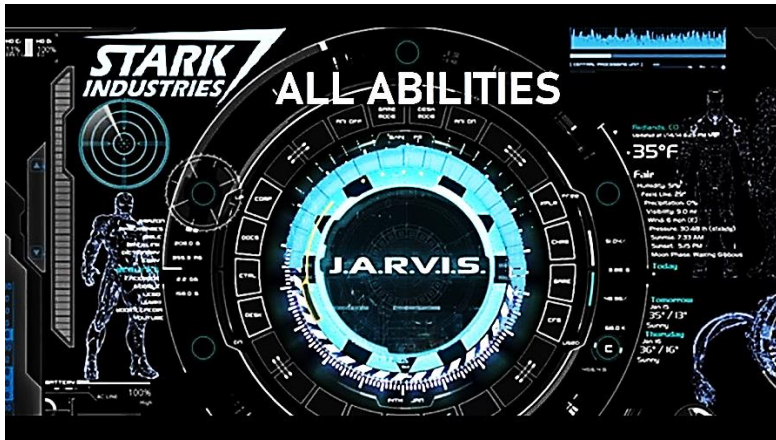
"The SHADOW! He paved the way for our conception and success!"



"The 'Master of Darkness'! He was fighting the Nazis before I was!"

"What could he possibly want? He's been cancelled more times than Eastern Airlines!"





*"Now is not the time to abandon your forebearer!
I only request your wondrous machine."*



*"A magician needing a computer?
Where has all the magic gone?"*



*"My 'Russian instinct' tells me
a woman is involved!"*



"We're with you, wizard! Submit your data!"



THE SHADOW LIVES!

(English Edition) Since 1904 TASS has been Russia's leading news agency. For more than 113 years, TASS has ceaselessly strived to deliver the latest and most accurate news from around the world.

NEW YORK CITY

The **NYPD** denies his existence while the media is playing up **The SHADOW** as if trying to get yet another movie deal even though every **SHADOW** film has flopped badly. Stay tuned!

Meanwhile 'round the globe, millions of **SHADOW**philes who have always believed in him, are cheering wildly!



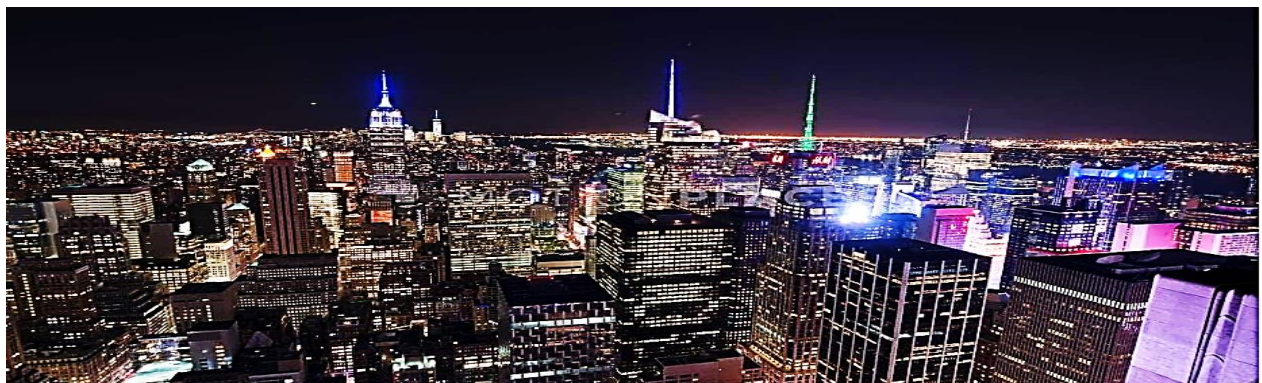
“Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men?”

“The SHADOW knows! HaHaHaHaHaHaHa!”



“The return of a two-gun terrorist! Law and Order at last?”

WHILE IN NEW YORK...



“The night city – my ideal mileu! No more criminal ‘crumbs’ – Got to find the head ‘Don’ and ...”



"No more back alley capers - usurped by apolitical costumed crime-fighters!"



"I want to go BIG!"



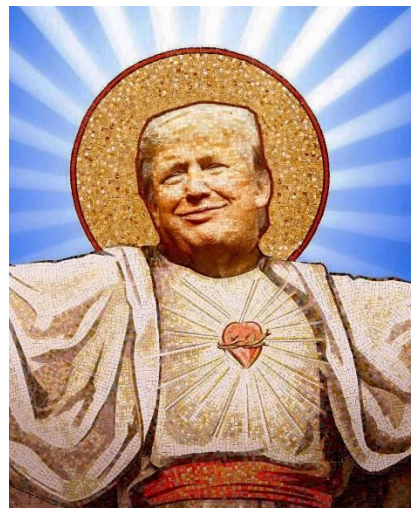
"Ah, now this place has possibilities!"



"Oh, no. Not HIM!"



"Descending his own golden escalator!"



"His loyal, adoring followers fete him like a god!"



"Running for PRESIDENT!"



*"Not as long as I am
The SHADOW!"*