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"It's your New York!"

The Rondout Reader

From Eddyville, New York

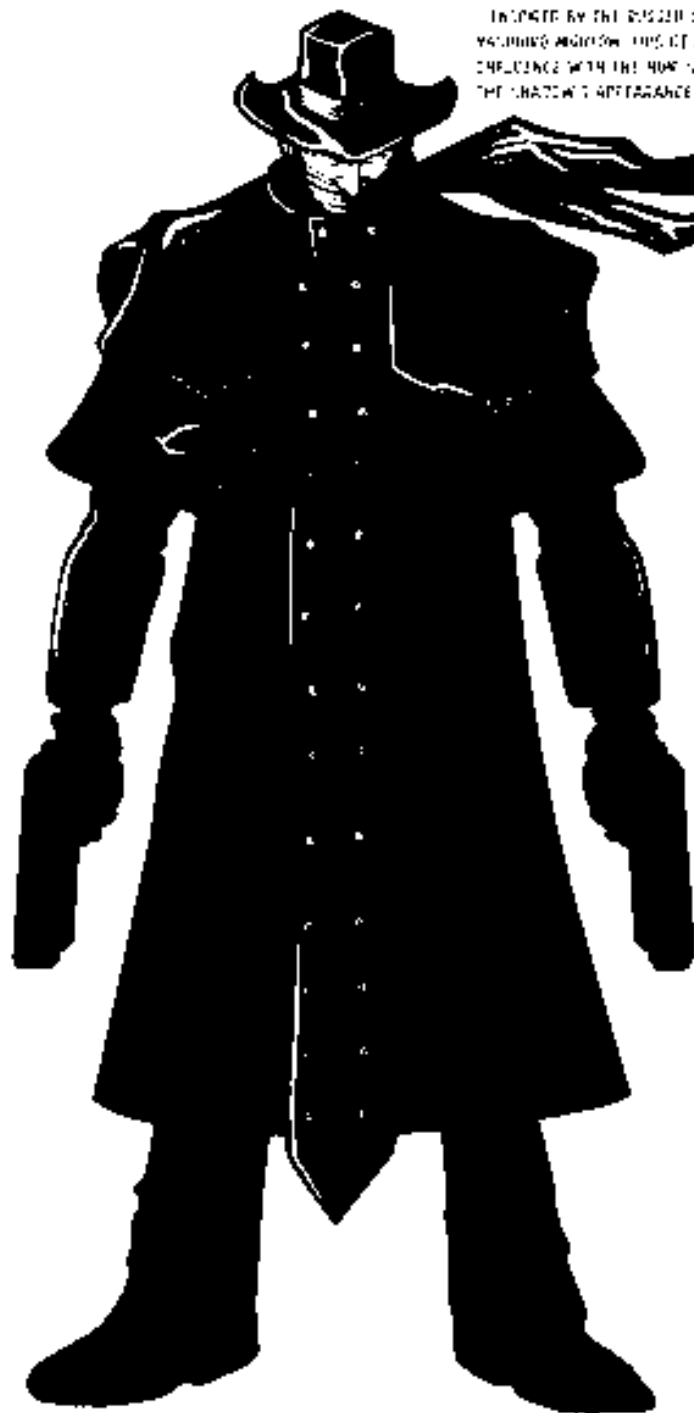


CREATING BATMAN

by Kevin Ahearn

The Shadow

INSPIRED BY THE RUGGED OLD WEST WARDROBE USED BY
YAKUHAZU AND HIS CREW THIS DESIGN INCORPORATES A WESTERN
CONFIDENCE WITH THE MOD STYLE THAT MADE
THE SHADOW'S APPEARANCE SO UNIQUE



CLOSE UP - HEAD



DUSTER DETAIL

SECRET
POCKETS
FOR EASY
ACCESS
TO HANDGUNS



INTERIOR LINING IS RED



HANDGUN #1 "GLOCK"



HANDGUN #2 "EVOLVER"

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The Creator – Walter B. Gibson 1985

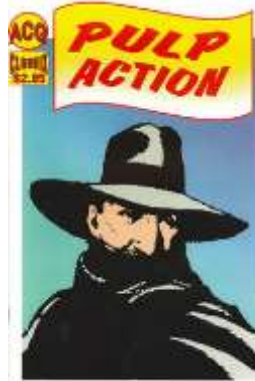
Part 4



“My creator’s Eddyville home is my cathedral! Once full of adventures, it feels so empty. I still possess my unique style, but my substance is long gone!”



“Not even the ‘Crick’ knows what lies ahead!”



*"Bless reprints and SHADOW phile presses!
In so many eyes, I am still alive!"*

1989 - THE CENTRAL PARK JOGGER



*"A new 'Face of New York Justice'!
Does this young billionaire yearn to be
the new SHADOW?"*

"My comic book series kept getting canceled. The SHADOW on TV was a two-time loser! Every month my reprints sold fewer and fewer. After more than half a century, would the 'Master of Darkness' finally feel the dying of the light?"



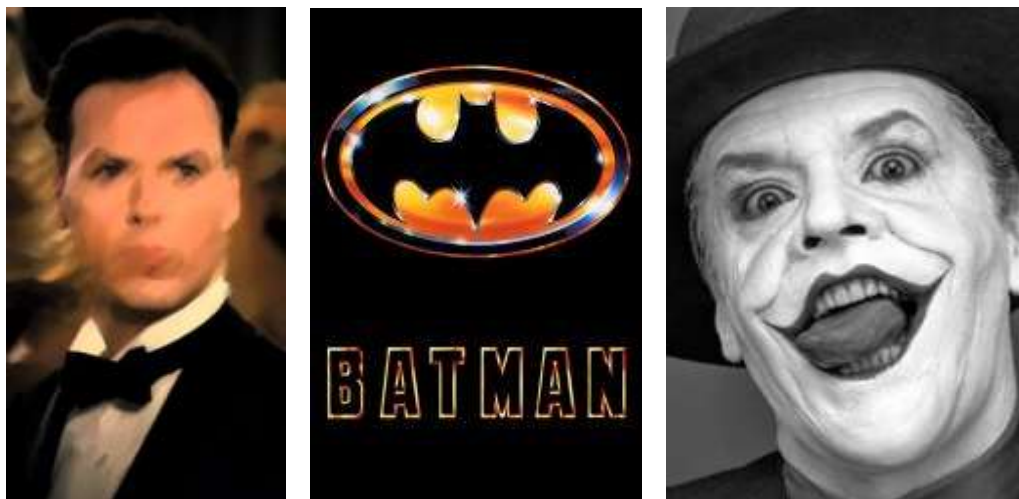


***"I imagined my 'dream movie'! A blockbuster
wth a huge budget and an all-star cast!
The SHADOW is back!"***



"But that fantasy closed out of town decades ago!"

"I was about to give up hope when..."



“Holy Hollywood! The ‘hero’ who stole my style and my mission! Will the ‘Caped Crusader’ rescue my tortured soul?”



“If only Walter had given me marketable accessories!”



“Bob Kane’s original BATMAN – Then Bill Finger stepped in!”

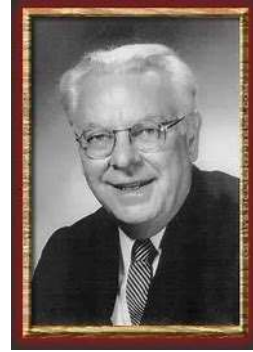


“They sought a scary, intimidating crimefighter!”



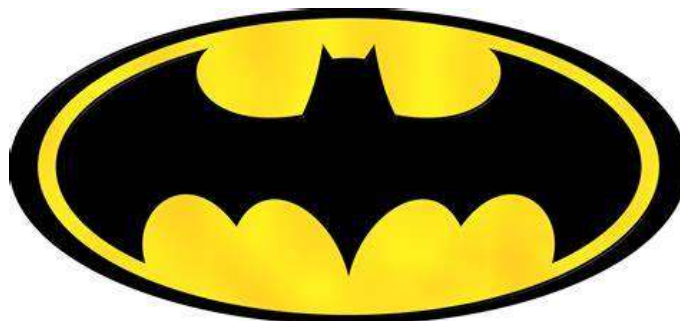
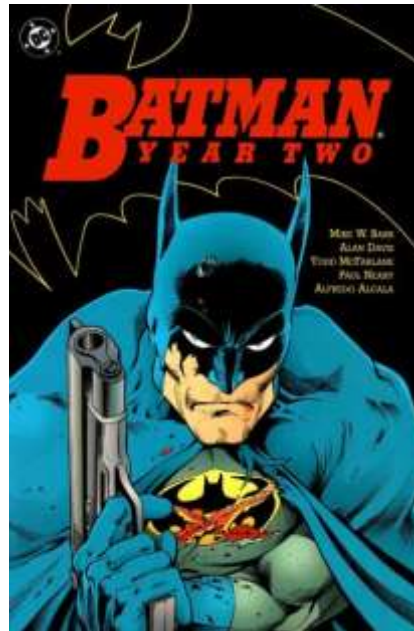
“The Gibson Equation: SHADOW + bat = BATMAN!”





"Worlds of pulp and comic book history, let an unforgivable omission be hereby corrected!"

BATMAN CREATED BY KANE, FINGER & GIBSON!



"Bigger than a blockbuster, BATMAN created a phenomenon!"



“Copycat” Hollywood jumped on the old-time heroes bandwagon!”

1990

1991

1996

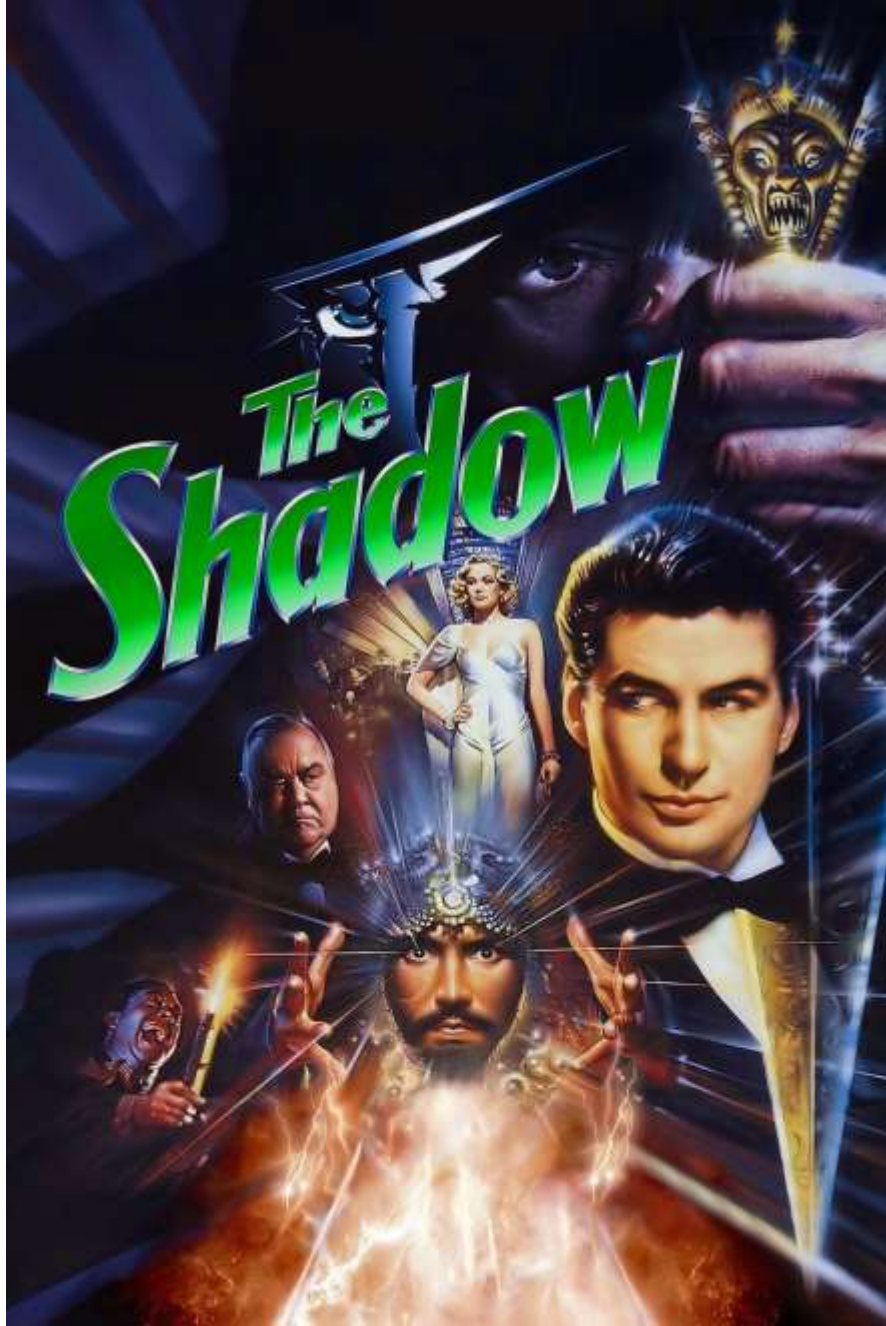


*“The beancounters expected blockbusters!
All three bombed!”*

“Hollywood took a big shot at the SHADOW in 1994...”



“In full color with an all-star cast and a \$40M+ budget!”



Rotten Tomatoes 35%



"A pleasant, eye-pleasing movie"



"CRITICS!"



"The movie has all the coherence of a bad acid flashback."



"It offers a diverting, nostalgic retreat to the innocent days when crime fighting was a pleasant, rich man's hobby."



"The SHADOW seeks to be another BATMAN. It is more likely to be another Doc Savage or Flash Gordon - - both lackluster attempts to translate past pulp heroes into big-screen money."





"It's a failed attempt to revive a former pulp hero who has been passe for years."

"For the most part, the film is simply boring."



"A veritable tragedy! Not anyone's . but everybody's fault! The writers, the producers, the director and the actors didn't know who the SHADOW was!"





***"My creator was the greatest magician of all!
The greatest should-have-been SHADOW – Marlon Brando!
Imagine how he would have felt when my latest version bombed!"***



"It's not your night,' America told me. 'Passe', they called me!

"I could've taken BATMAN apart! But none of you grasped the very spirit of Walter B. Gibson's literary magic!

"BATMAN got the respect and the glory while I got a one-way ticket to Otisburg!



"I could've had class. I could've been a contender.

"I could've been somebody, instead of an old magician's trick, a faded, long since forgotten crimefighter, which is what I am."

“Stop right there!”



“Walter Brown Gibson did not dedicate his life creating this Master of Darkness’ who would break down and feel sorry for himself when the lights came on!

“No way I’m fading away! Not without a fight!”

THE ROCK CLIFF HOUSE

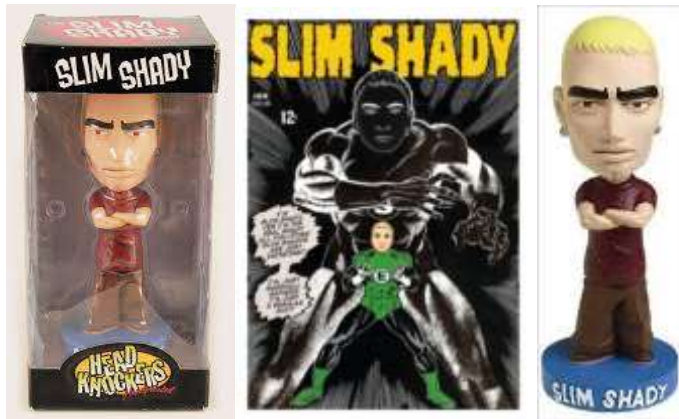
(On the Rondout)



*"Like me, no more than memories!
Will that magical tavern ever reopen?!"*



*"A new time, a new century!
How can The Shadow remain relevant?"*



"The current competition..."



"...Aimed at children and technophiles!"



Then...



"I dealt with terrorists in my 'salad days'.



"But this madman has started a war!"



“Hey, I watched when the World Trade Center came tumbling down. And I watched in Jersey City, New Jersey, where thousands and thousands of people were cheering as that building was coming down. Thousands of people were cheering.”



“Him again? His plan I do NOT know!”



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*“My stricken city’s already got an idealistic hero!
Maybe New York doesn’t need the SHADOW anymore!”*



"Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth."



"Secret cells under the city. One guess who knows where they are!"





"No guns to shoot, and I could barely whisper..."



"A C.I. gave up the ISIS Cell?"



"No. We saw just a shadow in the tunnel! Then a voice in the dark. Back up!"



"A 'Shadow'? THE SHADOW!"



*"Wait! Are you saying that **The SHADOW** is back?"*



*"Stop right there! 'A voice in the dark!' That's all we know at this point. No **SHADOW** conspiracy!"*



"Terrorists cells revealed by a 'Mystery Hero!'"



“Walter Gibson must be rolling over in his grave!”

*“This ghostly **SHADOW**...Is it the return of Lamont Cranston or Kent Allard?”*



“We honed in on “The Voice in The Dark”, nabbed the suspects, but as we loaded them up for a trip to the Tombs, we got this whispery...”

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

“And I’ll remember that wicked cackle till my dyin’ day!”

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"But don't tell anyone that the SHADOW sent you!"

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2003 – THE GREAT BLACKOUT!



*"The 'Big Apple' powerless!
Finally, New Yorkers might
understand how I feel!"*

THE *Shadow* 2006?



*"Explore my feminine side? That last
desperate straw to get me back in print again?
To bring the 'Master of Darkness' back into the light?"*

2008



*"The Governor and Hookers! The
more things change..."*



*"I've given up on Comic Books!
None ever captured my unqiue creation!
Anybody remember SHADOW Jr. or 'Super-SHADOW'?
Didn't think so!"*



*"Bob Kane and Bill Finger were 'influenced'
by Walter Gibson. DC Comics made billions!"*



*"A recent incarnation has my head attached to
a metal android body! I'm entitled to rip off IRON MAN?"*



*“Eddyville, Upper and Lower, both have
Only two seasons, on the Rondout.”*

“Boating season, and waiting for Boating Season!”



“And after a wonderful meal at the Anchorage...”



*“If you can’t relax and enjoy the Eddyville Rondout,
You must be already dead!”*



"Then came what no one saw coming, including me!"



2009



"Nice work, 'Sully'! You deserve a better movie than I got!"



"Sixty five billion dollars! One guess who gave the reporter the tip that revealed the fraud!"

DAILY BUGLE



*“A cross between **The Punisher** and **Mysterio!** But is he real?”*

“Not enough! I want the story!”

“Piece of cake! After all, you’ve dealt with all kinds of kooks!”

*“Crime, **CRIME, CRIME!** What’s this legendary crimefighter done for us lately?”*

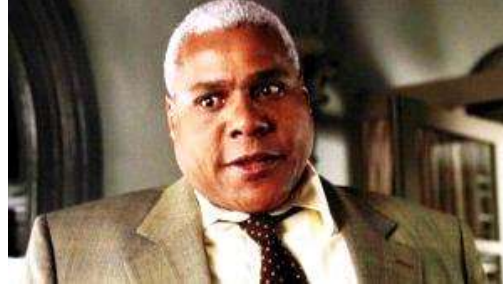


*“If this ‘**SHADOW**’ is out there. I’ll take his picture!”*

“An interview with a ghost?”

“When I find this ‘Master of Darkness’, what do you want me to ask him?”

“And if my story makes Page One, a bonus, maybe?”



“Ha! This ‘apparition’ is a hoax like the Cardiff Giant, the NY Gnome and the Lake George ‘monster’! A silly fraud beyond the shadow of a doubt!”

“Maybe, Jay-Jay, maybe! But if this ‘apparition’ is real, the ‘Master of Darkness’ is not going to like you at all!”



The City never sleeps, and sometimes, neither does JJ Jamerson...



“Huh...Who goes there?”

“Only an ‘apparition!’”



"You...The SHADOW! But not in the flesh!"

"No guns that kill, but my voice can still stir the pot!"



"So what do you want?"

"What only you, Media Master, can accomplish!"



"I do have my talents, 'Dark Avenger', and considerable prowess! Challenge me!"



*"I want to stand proudly next to an old friend!
Make me as big as...BATMAN!"*



NEXT...



VERSUS

**COMIC BOOK
MEN**

