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A WARREN MAGAZINE

**Illustrated Horror & Mystery await you in SOUTHERN EXPOSURE  
Plus: THING IN THE CAVE! MISTAKE! ISLE OF VRYKLAKAS!**



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SO TIMMY IS  
IN-CAVE-ABLE  
OF REMEMBERING  
WHAT HAPPENED...  
BUT HOLD ON  
HORROR HOUNDS,  
THAT'S ONLY THE  
BEGINNING!  
25 YEARS PASS,  
TIM GETS MAR-  
RIED AND RETURNS  
HOME WITH HIS  
BRIDE ONLY FOR  
ANOTHER ENCOUNTER  
WITH ...

# THE THING IN THE CAVE



I DO  
HOPE YOUR  
FOLKS LIKE  
ME, TIM!  
IT'S BAD  
ENOUGH  
ALREADY  
BEING  
MARRIED  
TO A  
FUNTOLOGIST!

FUNGOLOGIST, DEAR,  
WITH A "G" ... A  
PERSON WHO STUDIES  
FUNGI... MUSHROOMS  
AND THINGS LIKE  
THAT!  
AND MY PARENTS  
ARE GOING TO  
JUST LOVE YOU!

MIKE ROYER '69

TIMMY! WELCOME  
HOME! IS THIS  
THE LUCKY GIRL?

NEVER MIND THAT,  
MOTHER! LET'S GET  
THE BAGGAGE INSIDE!

IT'S OKAY DAD! MOM,  
THIS IS MY WIFE BEVERLY!  
MEET MY PARENTS, DARLING!



WHAT ARE YOU  
GOING TO DO  
WITH YOUR TIME  
AT HOME HERE,  
SON?

YOU MEN ARE ALL ALIKE! CAN'T YOU  
SAVE THAT BUSINESS TALK TILL  
LATER? HOW ABOUT COFFEE?

JUST REST, AND  
MAYBE DO SOME  
WORK ON MY  
MASTER'S THESIS,  
"PHYSICAL RESULTS  
OF CONSUMPTION  
OF RARE  
MUSHROOMS"!

LET ME HELP,  
MOTHER LAKE!

ART BY MIKE ROYER/STORY BY R. MICHAEL ROSEN



A FEW HOURS LATER...



JUST WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON?... I DON'T THINK YOU'VE EVER EXPLAINED IT TO ME!

WELL, I'LL MAKE IT AS SIMPLE AS I CAN! WE ALL KNOW THAT CERTAIN MUSHROOMS HAVE STRANGE EFFECTS ON HUMAN BEINGS! THE SO-CALLED "MAGIC MUSHROOMS" FOR INSTANCE, OR THE PSYCHEDELIC TOADSTOOLS THAT THE AMERICAN INDIANS USED IN THEIR RELIGIOUS RITES!



MOST OF THESE EFFECTS ARE JUST PSYCHOLOGICAL, BUT SOME CAN BE PHYSICAL... MANY ARE DEADLY POISON!

I'M WORKING ON A PAPER ABOUT THE RARER *PHYSICAL* EFFECTS OF CERTAIN MUSHROOMS...

AND ONE IN PARTICULAR: THE RARE *FUNGUS ARRICARTHUS*!

OUR HYBRID SPECIMENS OF ARRICARTHUS CAUSE WEIRD AND HORRIBLE PHYSICAL CHANGES IN LABORATORY ANIMALS!

BUT THE HYBRIDS ARE IMPURE, AND THE NATURAL ONES ARE THOUGHT TO BE EXTINCT!

IF I COULD ONLY FIND SOME...

CAN'T YOUR PARENTS TELL YOU WHAT IT IS?

I THINK THEY KNOW, BUT THEY WON'T TELL ME WHAT IT IS!

ANYWAY, IT'S NOT IMPORTANT NOW! I'VE DONE ENOUGH FOR ONE DAY!

LET'S TAKE A WALK!



IS IT SAFE TO LEAVE YOUR RESEARCH SPECIMENS AROUND? WON'T THAT MOTH DAMAGE THEM?

MOTH? WHAT MOTH?



THAT MOTH THERE ... ON TOP OF THE MUSHROOM!

GREAT HEAVENS! IT'S ON THE *FUNGUS ARRICARTHUS*! I SHOULD CHASE IT AWAY ... BUT I'M CURIOUS TO SEE IF ANYTHING HAPPENS!



IT... IT... IT'S CHANGING!





EEEEEEAAAH!

HANG ON!  
I'LL KILL  
IT SOMEHOW!



HOPE DAD  
KEEPS THIS  
DISPLAY  
LOADED!

GOD HELP  
US IF NOT!



EEEEEEEEEK!

BLAM!



OH, SOB,  
WHAT HAPPENED?

IT WAS  
HORRIBLE!

IT WAS THE  
FUNGUS  
ARRICARTHUS!

I'VE NEVER  
SEEN ANY OF  
OUR HYBRID  
SPECIMENS  
PRODUCE SUCH  
PROFOUND  
EFFECTS  
BEFORE!...

IF ONLY I  
COULD FIND  
A NATURAL  
SPECIMEN!

... BUT YOU'RE  
SO UPSET!

YOU GO RELAX  
AND I'LL CLEAN  
THIS MESS UP  
BEFORE THE  
FOLKS GET  
HOME!



HI, BEV!  
WHERE'S  
TIM?

HUSH PA! CAN'T YOU SEE  
SHE'S UPSET? WHAT'S WRONG  
BEVERLY?

NOTHING IMPORT-  
ANT, MOTHER LAKE!  
JUST A LITTLE MESS  
IN THE DEN WITH  
TIM'S RESEARCH!  
TIM'S IN THERE NOW  
CLEANING UP!



EVERYTHING  
ALRIGHT, TIM?

BEV AND I ARE  
GOING TO TAKE A  
LITTLE WALK DOWN  
BY THE OCEAN  
BEFORE DINNER!  
...C'MON, BEV!

YES;  
NOTHING  
SERIOUS!







