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*The* **SPIRIT**

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# THE SPIRIT



DENNY COLT IS, IN  
REALITY, NOT DEAD AS  
THE WORLD BELIEVES...  
INSTEAD AS THE SPIRIT  
HE WADES A  
SINGLE HANDED WAR  
ON CRIME....

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SOMEWHERE IN THE CROOKED NARROW ALLEYS THAT THREAD LIKE GREY VEINS THROUGH THE DARK HEART OF CHINATOWN, A FIGURE DARTS FROM SHADOW TO SHADOW. ....



DOWN THROUGH A MAN-POLE IN A GUTTER. ....



AND AT LAST...



MORE CHLORINE, LEENG, HURRY! ... IT'S READY!! HA-HA-HA!

THE GAME'S UP, DR. COBRA I'M TAKING YOU IN!



DENNY COLT!

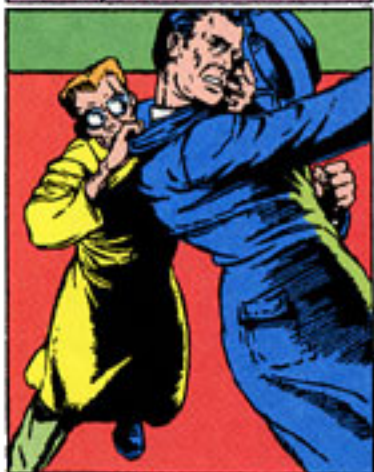
ALWAYS THE POLICE EENTERFERE WITH MY EXPERIMENTS! SOME DAY THEY WILL BOW DOWN BEFORE ME!

COME DOWN, YOU!!

SUDDENLY...



AGILELY, WITH THE SPEED OF A PANTHER, DR. COBRA LEADS...



CLAW-LIKE FINGERS CLOSE ABOUT DENNY'S FACE... OFF BALANCE, HE IS HURLED AGAINST THE WALL... HE FIRES BLINDLY.

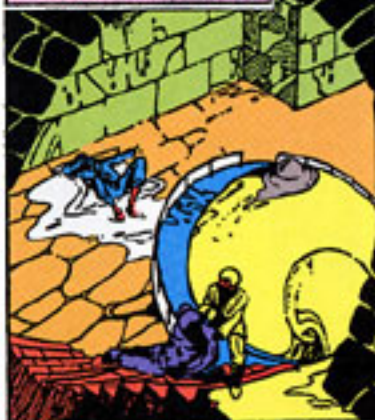


WITH A DEAFENING MISS, THE LIQUID GUSHES OUT IN AN EXPLODING STREAM! DENNY IS CAUGHT IN IT... INSTINCTIVELY, HE THROWS HIS HAND OVER HIS FACE...



...SMASHING THE WAT OF LIQUID.

DRENCHED IN THE LIQUID, DENNY SINKS TO THE FLOOR... DR. COBRA DRAGS HIS AIDE OUT THROUGH A SECRET PASSAGE...



AND BEHIND THEM, DIMLY OUTLINED BY THE STRANGE LIGHT CAST BY THE EQUALLY STRANGE CHEMICAL, THE BODY OF DENNY COLT LIES RIGID... UNMOVING!



A FEW MINUTES LATER, A SIREN SHATTERS THE QUIET OF THE NIGHT AS DOLAN AND HIS MEN ARRIVE ON THE SCENE...



THERE'S BEEN A SCRAP! LOOK!! THAT'S DENNY LYING IN THE POOL OF WATER!



DEAD!  
GET THE CORONER, KELLY!



THIS MAN'S DEAD ALL RIGHT! RIGOR MORTIS HAS ALREADY SET IN! I'D CALL IT HEART FAILURE... NO SERIOUS WOUNDS.

HEART FAILURE DON'T SEEM RIGHT! NO... HE WAS A GREAT KID... I LIKED HIM.



NEXT DAY...



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, IN A SUB-URBAN CEMETERY, A FANTASTIC SIGHT MEETS THE EYE...



AN HOUR LATER AT POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS IN COMMISSIONER DOLAN'S OFFICE...



HEY! HOW'D YOU GET IN?

KEEP YOUR SEAT, COMMISSIONER, AND I'LL DO THE TALKING! DON'T REACH FOR THAT GUN... THAT'S RIGHT, JUST SIT BACK AND LISTEN!

