

# THE DEMON THAT DEVOURED HOLLYWOOD!



YOU'RE RIGHT, LUV! THAT IS THE TITLE OF A RECORD-BREAKING MONSTER FLICK THAT'S MAKING THE ROUNDS RIGHT NOW!

BUT, IT MIGHT ALSO BE THE TITLE OF OUR LITTLE STORY... ABOUT A DECIDEDLY DIFFERENT KIND OF DEMON!

WHAT SAY YOU BUY A TICKET AND COME ALONG WITH OL' BARRY, EH?



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**JASON ROLAND WAS THE HOTTEST PROPERTY IN HOLLYWOOD... AND HE KNEW IT!**

IS IT TRUE, MR. ROLAND, YOU'VE **UPPED** YOUR PRICE TO A **MILLION** PER MOVIE?

**SUPPLY AND DEMAND, CHARLIE!**

DON'T YOU READ **VARIETY**, BOYS?

JASE'S **LAST** HORROR PIC **BROKE** ALL **RECORDS!**

TELL 'EM, **STELLA!**

SAY... WHAT'S THE **SECRET** OF THAT **FANTASTIC** MAKEUP YOU WEAR, MR. ROLAND?

**SORRY, KIDDIES...** THAT'LL HAVE TO **STAY** MY **LITTLE** **TRADE** **SECRET!**

BESIDES, I'M **GIVING** **UP** **PLAYING** **MONSTERS!** MY **NEXT** **PICTURE** I **PLAY** **STRAIGHT!**

**JASE!** YOU **NEVER** **TOLD** **ME--!**

YOU **NEVER** **ASKED** **ME,** **BABY!**

**NOW** **RUN** **ALONG,** **PEOPLE...** 'CAUSE **WE'RE** **SHOOTING** **THE** **FINAL** **SCENES** **TO-** **MORROW...**

...AND I WANT TO **LOOK** **GOOD** **FOR** **MY** **FAREWELL** **APPEARANCE** **AS** **A** **MOVIE** **MONSTER!**

**NEXT** **YEAR,** **YOU'LL** **ALL** **BE** **INTERVIEW-** **ING** **JASON** **ROLAND...** **MATINEE** **IDOL!**

**THERE!** **THAT** **OUGHT** **TO--** **YOU!**

DON'T **WORRY,** **MY** **DEAR** **MR. ROLAND!** **NO** **ONE** **SAW** **ME** **ENTER!**

**DEBT?** **WHY** **YOU** **SAWED-** **OFF** **LITTLE** **FOOL!**

I **DIDN'T** **SIGN** **ANYTHING...** **SO** **YOU** **CAN** **JUST** **GET** **OUT!**

**NO** **ONE** **ELSE** **WILL** **LEARN** **THAT** **IT** **IS** **MY** **GENIUS** **THAT** **HAS** **MADE** **YOU** **A** **STAR...** **NOT** **YOUR** **OWN!**

I **MERELY** **CAME** **TO** **REMIN** **YOU** **THAT...** **TO** **MORROW** ...I **SHALL** **COLLECT** **MY** **DEBT!**

**NOW,** **NOW,** **MR. ROLAND...**

I **TOLD** **YOU** **NEVER** **TO** **COME** **HERE!** **WHAT** **IF...?**

**I** **SAID** **GET** **OUT!!**



YES, JASON ROLAND... I SHALL LEAVE, ALL RIGHT!

STILL, IF YOU BELIEVE A MERE LEGAL TECHNICALITY WILL STOP ME FROM COLLECTING MY RIGHTFUL DEBT...

YOU HAVE MUCH TO LEARN ABOUT THE ONE WITH WHOM YOU DEAL!

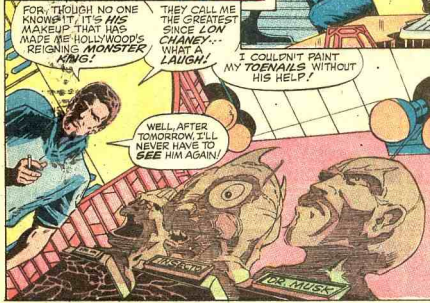


... THAT MISERABLE, MISSHAPEN SCHEMER! I WAS A NOBODY WHEN I MET HIM... A TWO-BIT EXTRA--

YET, WITHOUT HIM, I'D BE NOTHING... AND I KNOW IT!



AND WITHOUT HIM, I'D STILL BE A NOBODY WALLOWING IN THE MUD AND THE MIRE!



FOR, THOUGH NO ONE KNOWS IT, IT'S HIS MAKEUP THAT HAS MADE ME HOLLYWOOD'S REIGNING MONSTER KING!

THEY CALL ME THE GREATEST SINCE LON CHANEY... WHAT A LAUGH!

I COULDN'T PAINT MY TOENAILS WITHOUT HIS HELP!

WELL, AFTER TOMORROW, I'LL NEVER HAVE TO SEE HIM AGAIN!



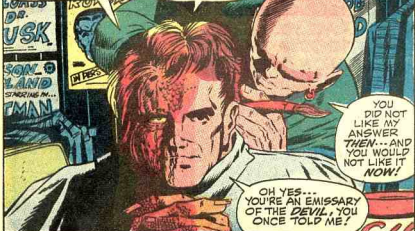
NEVER!

NEXT MORNING, THE DAWN BREAKS ON THE FINAL DAY OF FILMING...!

THOSE NIMBLE FINGERS... THAT SPECIAL MAKEUP WHICH YOU APPLY AND REMOVE EACH DAY...

WHO ARE YOU, MAN? WHERE DO YOU COME FROM??

I HAVE ANSWERED THAT QUESTION BEFORE, ROLAND!



YOU DID NOT LIKE MY ANSWER THEN... AND YOU WOULD NOT LIKE IT NOW!

OH YES... YOU'RE AN EMISSARY OF THE DEVIL, YOU ONCE TOLD ME!



YOU DIDN'T THINK I BELIEVED THAT ROT, DID YOU?

SURE I PROMISED YOU ANY ONE THING YOU WANTED WHEN I BECAME FAMOUS... BUT WE ONLY SHOOK ON IT, REMEMBER?

AND WHAT WAS THAT ONE THING, FOOL? YOU NEVER SAID!

ONLY... YOUR SOUL!



**WHAT???**

THIS TIME YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR WITH YOUR GAME, YOU LITTLE SWINE! WITH THESE HANDS, I OUGHT TO---



LET... GO OF ME... MISTER ROLAND!

I AM ONLY AN EMISSARY... I SAY WHAT I WAS TOLD!

BUT, MY MASTER MEANS TO HAVE YOUR SOUL... ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!

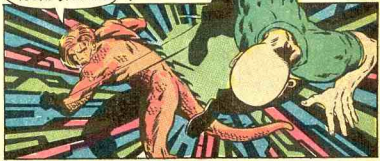


THEN, YOUR MASTER... WHETHER MAN OR DEVIL... IS A BLITHERING FOOL!

BECAUSE WE ONLY SHOOK HANDS ON OUR DEAL... I NEVER SIGNED ANYTH...

WHAT AM I SAYING? NEXT THING, YOU'LL HAVE ME BELIEVING ALL THAT BUNK YOU'RE SPOUTING!

FOR THE FINAL TIME... GET OUT!



TODAY IS MY FINAL PERFORMANCE AS A MOVIE MONSTER... AND I DON'T NEED YOU ANY LONGER!

IF YOU EVER CROSS MY PATH AGAIN... I SWEAR THAT I'LL KILL YOU!



NO, NEVER AGAIN...!

THEN... OUR PATHS WON'T CROSS AGAIN, MR. ROLAND...

**DUSK...ON THAT LAST DAY OF SHOOTING...!**

ROLAND STARTED HIS MOVIE-MONSTER CAREER AS A **MYSTERY MAN**...

AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GONNA END IT THE SAME WAY, EH, STELLA?

WHAT ARE YOU DRIVING AT, NEWSHOUND?

WHY, SURELY YOU'VE HEARD THE **RUMORS, MISS HOUSTON!**

THE ONES THAT SAY ROLAND IS **MR. NO-TALENT**, LIVING ON THE REP OF SOMEBODY ELSE'S **MAKEUP!**

YOU LYING BUM! I OUGHT TO...

**CUT!**

THAT'S A TAKE!

WHAT'S WRONG, BABY? STEP ON A HORNET?

I DIDN'T SAY HE WAS A FAKE, LADY!

AND SO IS HOLLYWOOD... MINE FOR THE TAKING!

THIS CREEP SAYS YOU'RE A FAKE, JASE... THAT'S ALL!

BUT THERE'S RUMORS FLOATING AROUND, ROLAND, THAT YOU DON'T DO YOUR OWN MONSTER MAKEUP!

RUMORS LIKE THAT CAN BE BAD FOR A GUY'S IMAGE!

SIMPLE, CHARLIE! I'M GOING INTO MY DRESSING ROOM THERE...

SOUNDS FAIR ENOUGH TO ME, STAR-MAN?

HOW ABOUT A KISS, BABY... FOR THE SHUTTERBUGS?

SO, I'D BETTER SCOTCH 'EM... ONCE AND FOR ALL!

NOW, PAL... SINCE YOU JUST RETIRED AS THE NEW KARLOFF?

AND WHEN I COME OUT, YOUR PHOTOG CAN GET A SHOT OF ME WITH MY MAKEUP HALF ON AND HALF OFF!

WHAT'S MORE, I'LL EXPLAIN ALL MY LITTLE SECRETS FOR THAT SCANDAL SHEET OF YOURS! OKAY?

THE MORNING EDITIONS WILL EAT THIS UP!

IN THAT GET-UP? ARE YOU KIDDING?

TAKE IT OFF... AND THEN WE MAKE LIKE LOVEBIRDS!

THEN, IN THE DARK SECLUSION OF HIS DRESSING ROOM...

SHOULD BE EASY TO FAKE MY WAY THRU AN EXPLANATION OF MY "MAKEUP TECHNIQUES"!

AND SINCE I'M NEVER GONNA PUT IT ON AGAIN...

WHO'LL EVER BE ABLE TO PROVE THAT I'M LYING?

ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS PEEL OFF THIS GUNK, AND...

HMMM... THIS CREAM ISN'T DOING ANY GOOD!

IN FACT... NOTHING'S DOING ANY GOOD!

THIS STUFF IS STICKING TO ME... LIKE A SECOND SKIN!

OH NO! NOOOOO!!

DID YOU HEAR SOME KIND OF CRY FROM INSIDE, MISS HOUSTON?

I-- I THOUGHT SO... BUT I MUST BE WRONG!

BECAUSE, WHAT I HEARD... DIDN'T EVEN SOUND HUMAN!

IT-- WON'T-- COME-- OFF...!!

THEN... THAT WAS THE LITTLE GUY'S SECRET!

HE SAID... THE DEVIL WANTED ME... ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!

NOW... HE'S GOT ME... FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!

HE... HE DIDN'T JUST MAKE ME UP... HE TURNED ME INTO WHATEVER MONSTER I WAS PLAYING!

BUT, ONLY HE COULD CHANGE ME BACK... AND I KICKED HIM OUT!

MR. ROLAND?

WE'RE WAITING, JASON...!

AND THEY WAITED FOR A LONG, LONG TIME... BEFORE THEY FINALLY CUT FOR COFFEE...!