



AND SO, CONTINUED DUKE DURBANO, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR, "ICHABOD CRANE FELT THE HOT BREATH OF HIS PURSUERS CHARGING ON THE BACK OF HIS NECK. HE RAN, FASTER AND FASTER TO THE FAR SIDE OF THE BRIDGE, KNOWING FULL WELL THE NEXT MOMENT COULD VERY WELL BE HIS LAST."

THE STORY WAS AT ITS END, BUT STILL DURBANO FELT A TERRIFYING TINGLE RACE UP HIS SPINE. FOR THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT THE OLD WASHINGTON IRVING TALE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN ALL FICTION--



FOR UNKNOWN TO ALL--

The HEADLESS HORSEMAN RIDES AGAIN!

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SO, THE NEXT MORNING, ICHABOD WASN'T ANYWHERE TO BE FOUND!

OUT BY THE BRIDGE, SOME OF THE TOWNS-PEOPLE FOUND THE BROKEN-DOWN OLD WAG HE'D BEEN RIDING--

--AND SOME PIECES OF A SHATTERED PUMPKIN SCATTERED AROUND ON THE BRIDGE FLOOR!



BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO ICHABOD?!

DID THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN GET HIM?!

NOBODY KNOWS FOR SURE! ICHABOD WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN-- AND HIS BODY WAS NEVER FOUND!

BUT IT'S UP TO YOU TO DECIDE IF THERE WAS REALLY A HEADLESS HORSEMAN--OR IF BROM BONES DID OLD ICHABOD IN!



MOMMY! DID YOU HEAR THE STORY MR. DURBANO TOLD US?!

DO YOU THINK THERE WAS A HEADLESS HORSEMAN, MOMMY?!

NO ONE CAN ANSWER THAT, DARLING--BUT I CAN TELL YOU TO THANK MR. DURBANO AND GO TO BED.

IT'S WAY PAST YOUR BED-TIMES!



THANK YOU, MR. DURBANO! GOOD NIGHT!

MY PLEASURE! DON'T HAVE ANY NIGHTMARES NOW!

DUKE--WOULD YOU STAY FOR A BIT? I HAVE TO TALK TO YOU--

--AND I DON'T THINK IT CAN WAIT UNTIL MORNING!



BUT, WITH THE NEAR-CLASSIC STORY TOLD, DURBANO PONDERES THE PLAUSIBILITY OF IT--IN VIEW OF THE CLOUDED FACTS SURROUNDING THE RECENT DEATH OF HIS FRIEND, MATT CARTER--

--AND THE SIMILARITY BETWEEN HIS DEATH--AND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ICHABOD CRANE!



DUKE--?!

I WAS JUST THINKING--ABOUT MATT'S DEATH, I MEAN! IT'S REALLY GOT ME STUMPED, KIM!



I HATE TO KEEP BRINGING IT UP-- BUT AFTER ALL, THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!

I KNOW--AND I DON'T KNOW HOW I COULD HAVE SURVIVED WITHOUT YOU!



YEAH--WELL, POINT IS, MATT WAS MY BEST FRIEND--AND YOUR HUSBAND--

--BUT IN SIX MONTHS I HAVEN'T GOTTEN A SINGLE LEAD! ISN'T IT JUST POSSIBLE HIS DEATH WAS AN ACCIDENT?!



NO! HE WAS A GOOD COP! HE WAS ONTO SOMETHING-- SOMETHING BIG-- INVOLVING BONES BULLINGER!

AND JUST BECAUSE I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU-- DOESN'T MEAN I'M GOING TO FORSAKE MATT'S MEMORY!



I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO--AS IF I'D GIVE UP MYSELF! EXCEPT, WELL-- MAYBE YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT THIS!



KLASH!

KIM-- GET DOWN!!





YOU
OKAY,
KIM?!

I-- I THINK
SO! WHAT
HAPPENED?!

LET'S JUST SAY
WHOEVER KILLED
MATT-- WELL, HE
GAVE ME THE
CLUE I'VE BEEN
LOOKING FOR!



YOU MEAN--
THEY WANTED
TO KILL US?!

YOU'RE A REAL
LOOKER, BABY--
BUT SOMETIMES
I WONDER ABOUT
YOUR HEAD!

WHOEVER
TOSSED THAT
SURE WASN'T
PUTTIN' ON A
FIREWORKS
DISPLAY
FOR THE KIDS!



BUT WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?!
WHAT IF
THEY COME
BACK?!

TO ANSWER THE
FIRST QUESTION--
I'M GOING AFTER
'EM! IT'S A LONG
SHOT-- BUT I
GOTTA TRY!

THE SECOND--
THEY WON'T BE
BACK WITH
ME ON THEIR
TAILS! SO YOU
CALL THE COPS
AND SIT
TIGHT!



DON'T WORRY ABOUT
ANYTHING! I CAN
TAKE CARE OF MY-
SELF! REMEMBER--?
I'M A SUCCESSFUL
BIG CITY PRIVATE
EYE!!

SO DRY YOUR EYES AND
GET ON THE PHONE! I'M
GONNA FIND WHO TOSSED
THAT SURPRISE PACKAGE--
AND WHO KILLED MATT!
AND I'LL GIVE YA TEN-TO-
ONE IT AINT NO HEAD-
LESS HORSEMAN!

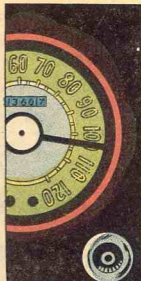






THAT WAS CLOSE--
BUT IT'S STRAIGHT
ROLLIN' THE REST
OF THE WAY--

--SO I CAN
REALLY
OPEN 'ER
UP!



SO, NOW I'M
RID OF THE
BOTHERSOME
WOMAN
AND HER
DETECTIVE
BOY-
FRIEND!

NOW ALL THAT REMAINS IS
TO DO AWAY WITH THEIR
KILLERS--AND I'LL BE
COMPLETELY IN THE CLEAR!



MATT SLATER--THE
POOR FOOL! IF
HE HADN'T STARTED
MEDDLING IN MY
AFFAIRS--

--HE'D BE
ALIVE TODAY--
AS WOULD
HIS LOVELY
WIFE AND
DUKE
DURBANO!

BUT HE DID
MEDDLE--
NECESSITATING
THEIR DEATHS--
AND THE DEATHS OF
THREE HIRED
KILLERS FROM NEW
YORK AS WELL!



TONIGHT--

--THE
HEADLESS
HORSEMAN
RIDES AGAIN!!

HAR! EASIEST
HIT WE EVER
MADE!

TEN GRAND--
FOR HEAVIN' A
BOMB THROUGH
A WINDOW!

AND IN A HICK
TOWN WHERE
THERE'S NO COPS
TO GET ON OUR
TAIL! MAN, WE'RE
HOME FREE!



MAYBE I'M A LITTLE
JUMPY--BUT THIS
THING SEEMS TOO
EASY TO ME!

AND SOMEBODY'S
COMIN' OFF A RAMP
BEHIND US--AND
HE AINT GOIN' THAT
FAST 'CAUSE HE'S
LATE FOR MIDNIGHT
MASS!



MISSED EM!
NOW I'M
GONNA HAVE
TO CHASE THE
CRUMBS!

BUT AT LEAST I'M
RIGHT ON THEIR
TAILS--AND THERE'S
NO WAY THEY CAN
OUTRUN ME!



STEP ON IT,
LOUIE!
WHOEVER IT
IS--HE'S
AFTER US!

BUT WHO?! IT AINT
NO COP--OR HE'D
HAVE HIS RED LIGHT
ON!

TAKE IT EASY
BOYS! OL' LOUIE'S
LOST THE BEST
OF 'EM--AND I'LL
LOSE HIM!



WATCH
IT,
LOUIE!

THAT TRUCK--
WE'RE GONNA
HIT IT!

WHATSAMATTER?
DONT YOU GUYS
GOT NO FAITH
IN OL' LOUIE?



THE HEAT'S ON THEM
NOW! GLAD THEY DIDN'T
SMACK THE DIESEL,
THOUGH!

THESE JOKERS I
WANT ALIVE--
AND I'M GONNA
GET 'EM THAT WAY--
OR DIE TRYIN'!

AND PROVE THE
HORSEMAN WAS
JUST IN MATT'S
IMAGINATION!!













NO! IT MUST BE THE ACCIDENT! THAT'S IT! I'M HALLUCINATING!

BUT--IT'S SO REAL! RIDING STRAIGHT TOWARD ME!



GOTTA GET AWAY! SHAKE THIS THING OFF!

MY MIND'S PLAYING TRICKS ON ON ME--BUT IT KEEPS COMING CLOSER!



HAVE TO RUN! CAN'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS--

--ONLY KNOW I HAVE TO RUN--FAST!!



HE'S RIGHT ON TOP OF ME!

HAVE TO DO SOMETHING! COME ON, BRAIN--IF YOU'RE EVER GONNA WORK--NOW'S THE TIME!



DIE, MEDDLER! DIE!!

NOOOO!



EASY, DARLING! THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF! IT WAS ONLY A NIGHTMARE!

CALM DOWN! I'M HERE-- AND EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE OKAY!

TRUST ME-- YOU'LL SEE! YOU WERE IN AN ACCIDENT-- BUT YOU'RE GOING TO BE FINE!



NOTHING'S GOING TO BE OKAY! MATT WAS RIGHT! I SAW HIM!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING? MATT WASN'T CRAZY-- AND NEITHER AM I!

I SAW-- THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN!



YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT! JUST LIE BACK AND RELAX! IT'S THE CONCUSSION YOU GOT IN THE ACCIDENT-- THAT'S ALL!

MATT WAS-- POSSESSED! POSSESSED WITH THE THOUGHT THAT BONES BULLINGER WAS IMPERSONATING THE HORSEMAN--

--TO FRIGHTEN BUSINESSMEN INTO PAYING HIM PROTECTION MONEY!



RIGHT! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT! OF COURSE THERE'S NO HEADLESS HORSEMAN--

HE PAID THOSE THUGS TO BOMB YOUR HOUSE! HE THEN RODE OUT IN SOME SORT OF COSTUME AND SCARED THE KILLERS INTO A FATAL CRASH!

--BUT THERE IS A BONES BULLINGER! AND HE WAS OUT THERE TONIGHT!



BUT THE LAST SCARE IS GONNA BE ON HIM!

DUKE! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?! YOU'RE HURT! YOU CAN'T LEAVE!

YOU WATCH ME, SWEETHEART! I'M GOING TO BULLINGER'S OFFICE-- AND IF I DON'T FIND HIS HORSEMAN SUIT-- I'LL DONATE MY CONCUSSION TO MEDICAL SCIENCE!



NO ANSWER!
MAYBE BULLINGER'S
PLAYING HALLOWEEN
AGAIN TONIGHT!

BONES BULLINGER
ATTORNEY AT LAW

WHICH
MEANS I'LL
HAVE TO GO
AGAINST MY
ETHICS--
AND KICK
THE DOOR
DOWN!

KRASH



THEN ON THE
OTHER HAND, HE'S
GOT NO REASON
TO BE PLAYING
THE HORSEMAN
TONIGHT!

THEREFORE, THE
EVIDENCE I'M
LOOKING FOR
OUGHTTA BE AROUND
HERE SOMEWHERE!

BRILLIANT
DEDUCTION!
I KEEP UP AT
THIS RATE--AND A
GUY NAMED BOND
BETTER WATCH
OUT!



HOW ABOUT THAT?!

LOOKS LIKE HE
HAD MORE THAN
ONE REASON FOR
KNOCKING OFF
MATT!

THE CREEP'S HOT
FOR KIM! BUT IF
THAT'S TRUE, WHY
DIDN'T HE FINISH
ME LAST NIGHT?!



ONE THING
ABOUT WORKIN'
WITH PSYCHOS--
KEEPS YOU ON
YOUR TOES!

NOW--IF I
WAS HIM--
WHERE WOULD
I HIDE MY
HEADLESS
HORSEMAN--

--ASK AND
YE SHALL
RECEIVE!



I DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S CAUSIN'
THAT LIGHT--
BUT I GOT A
FEELIN' IT AINT
A STOCKPILE OF
GOLD!

IT'S TIMES
LIKE THIS I
WISH I WAS
CAINE--THEN
I COULD
JUST--CHOP
THIS PHONY
PANEL OPEN!



SONUVAGUN!

LOOKS LIKE I JUST
ANSWERED THE \$64,000
QUESTION! THE LOCAL
CONSTABULARY'S GONNA
BE AWFUL INTERESTED
IN THIS!

I HAD A HUNCH BULLINGER
KNEW ABOUT THE HEADLESS
HORSEMAN LEGENDS, AND
HAD THIS COSTUME
MADE FOR HIM!



SOMETHING TELLS ME I OUGHTTA TAKE CARE OF THIS MYSELF!

BUT FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE, I'M GONNA PLAY IT BY THE BOOK!

I'LL GO TO KIM'S HOUSE-- AND CALL THE LOCAL POLICE FROM THERE!



SLEEPY HOLLOW! IF I WAS THE SUPERSTITIOUS-TYPE, I'D SKIP IT!

BUT I'LL SAVE TEN MILES BY CUTTING THROUGH--AND SINCE I KNOW THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN'S BONES BULLINGER--

SLEEPY HOLLOW



GET YOURSELF TOGETHER, DUKE! SURE IT'S A LONELY COUNTRY ROAD--

--AND IT'S THE ROAD THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN'S SUPPOSED TO HAVE CHASED ICHABOD CRANE DOWN!

THAT'S JUST A LEGEND-- A LEGEND BULLINGER'S PUT TO A LOT OF USE!



WHAT NOW? I CAN'T BE OUT OF GAS! WHAT THE DEVIL'S WRONG WITH THIS THING?!

PROBABLY JUST FLOODED HER OUT WHEN I WENT THROUGH THAT LAST DIP!

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WEHHH NNN HH!

WHA--?! SOUNDED LIKE--A HORSE!



MY LORD!

HAVE TO REMEMBER WHO HE IS! CONCENTRATE ON THE FACT THAT THIS IS A SHOWDOWN--MAN-TO-MAN!

HOW DID HE GET HERE SO FAST?! GOTTA GET IT TOGETHER!



ONE GOOD SHOT SHOULD PUT AN END TO THIS-- WHERE IS IT?!

NUTS! THEY MUST'VE TAKEN MY HEATER AT THE HOSPITAL! NOW I'LL HAVE TO USE MY CAR AS A WEAPON!



RA-RA-RA VROOOM!

THANK GOD IT STARTED AGAIN! NOW IF I CAN JUST LEAD HIM FOR A LITTLE BIT--

--THERE'S A BRIDGE UP AHEAD! THAT'S WHERE I'LL NAIL 'IM!



GEEZ! WHAT'S HE BEEN FEEDIN' THAT HORSE?! I'M RUNNIN' WIDE-OPEN--

--AND HE'S GAININ' ON ME! WHERE THE DEVIL'S THAT BRIDGE AT?!



THERE IT IS! IF I CAN JUST HOLD HIM OFF--

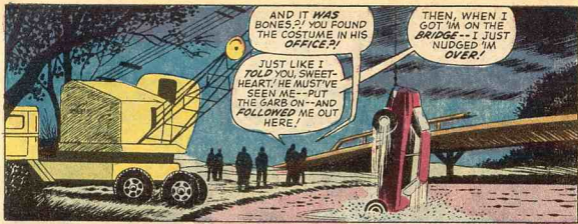
--MAYBE I CAN FORCE HIM OVER THE SIDE!



OKAY, DUKE, BABY--THIS IS THE BIG ONE!

YOU EITHER CROWD HIM OFF--OR YOU'VE HAD IT!





AND IT WAS BONES?! YOU FOUND THE COSTUME IN HIS OFFICE?!

THEN, WHEN I GOT 'IM ON THE BRIDGE-- I JUST NUDGED 'IM OVER!

JUST LIKE I TOLD YOU, SWEET-HEART, HE MUST'VE SEEN ME--PUT THE GARB ON--AND FOLLOWED ME OUT HERE!



THEN IT'S OVER! BULLINGER IS--DEAD! MATT'S DEATH HAS BEEN AVENGED!

AND WE--CAN BE TOGETHER-- I MEAN, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU REALLY WANT!

LENME SHOW YOU HOW MUCH I WANT IT!



OKAY, DURBANO! YOU WANNA TELL ME WHAT REALLY HAPPENED OUT HERE TONIGHT?!

WHADDAYA MEAN? I ALREADY TOLD YOUR DEPUTIES! THEY'RE LOOKIN' FOR BONES' BODY RIGHT NOW!



NOT ANY MORE THEY'RE NOT! I'VE CALLED OFF THE SEARCH!

NOW SUPPOSIN' WE GET THIS ALL STRAIGHT! WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED?!

YOU HAVE TOO MUCH TO DRINK-- JUST RAN OFF THE BRIDGE?!



WHAT'RE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT?! I TOLD YOUR MEN WHAT HAPPENED! BULLINGER TRIED TO KILL ME--

--DRESSED IN SOME SORT OF PHOSPHOR-ESCENT COSTUME!

AIN'T NO WAY THAT'S POSSIBLE, FELLA!



YA SEE, WE FOUND BONES' BODY SEVERAL HOURS AGO--BEHIND HIS OFFICE!

WASN'T A MARK ON 'IM! MUST'VE BEEN A HEART ATTACK!

BUT THE EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE--LOOKED LIKE HE'D BEEN-- WELL, SCARED TO DEATH!



**THE
END
?!**