

# ATOMIC ARMAGEDDON

SCIENTISTS,  
DETECTIVES,  
RADIO ACTIVE MUTANTS,  
OH MY!

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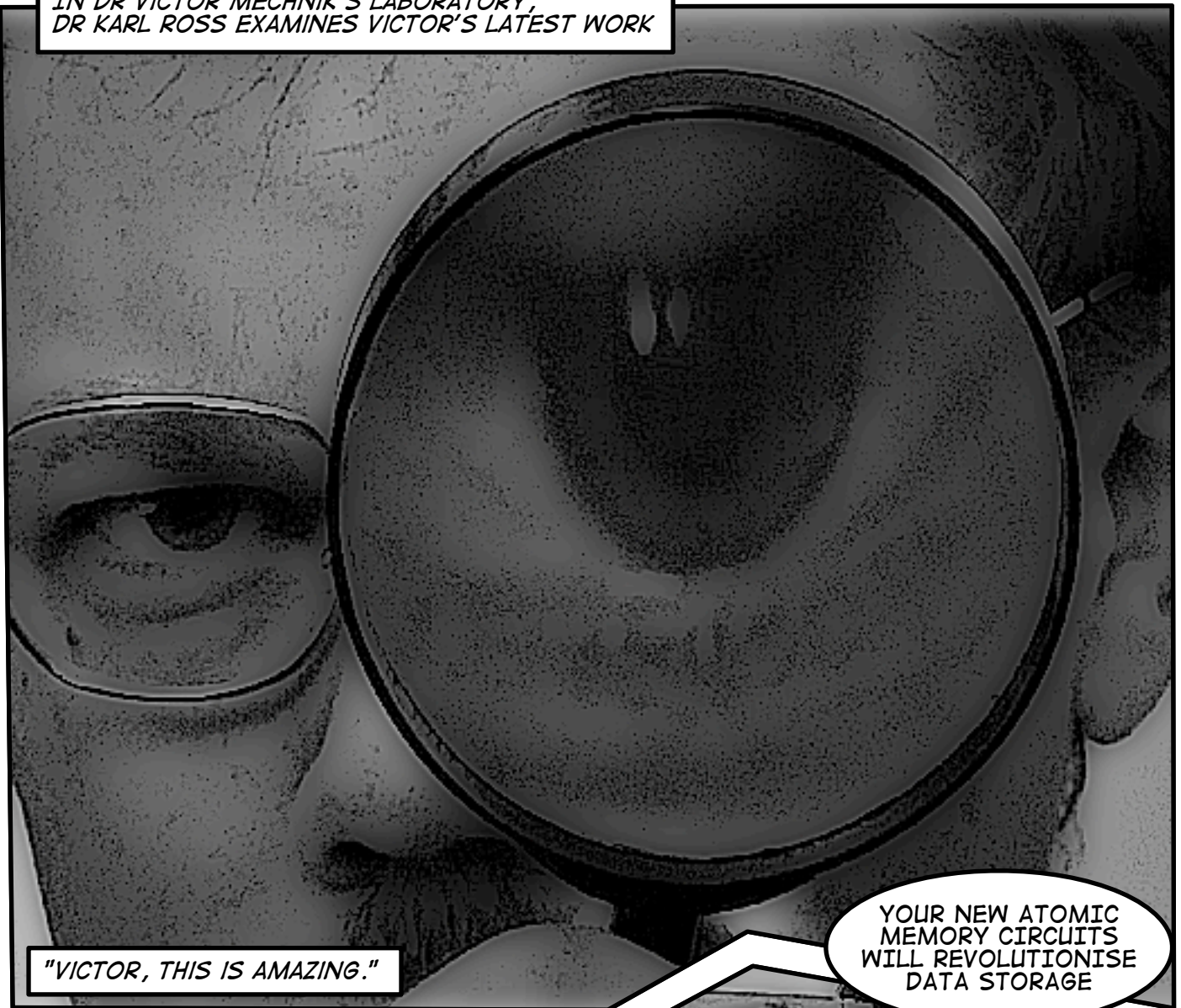


*A SCIENCE EXPERIMENT GONE HORRIBLY WRONG!  
CAN SOCIETY BE SAVED FROM THE HORRIBLE  
MUTILATION THAT AWAITS US ALL?*

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IN DR VICTOR MECHNIK'S LABORATORY,  
DR KARL ROSS EXAMINES VICTOR'S LATEST WORK

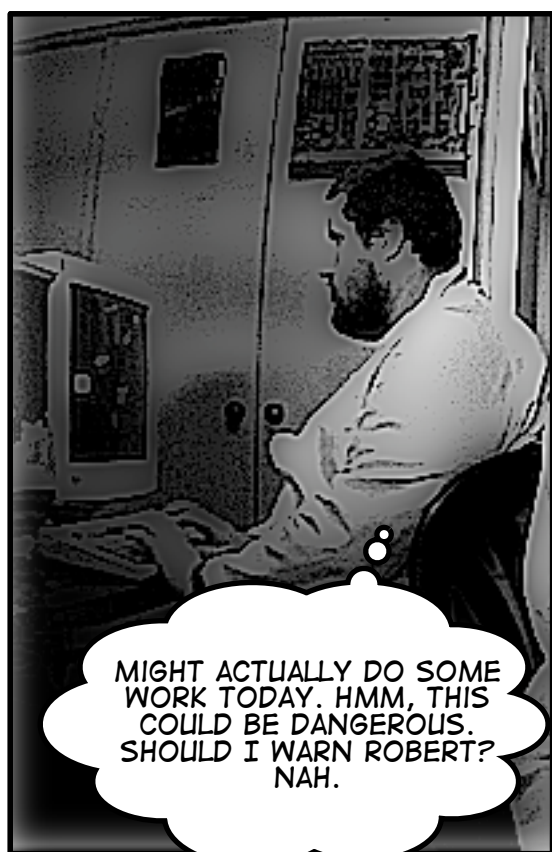






YES ROBERT, BUT  
ONLY IF I CAN GET  
THE ISOTOPE RATIOS  
CORRECT

COOL IDEA BUT PROBABLY  
WON'T WORK. I DON'T  
CARE, AS LONG AS I GET  
MY THIRD PHD



MIGHT ACTUALLY DO SOME  
WORK TODAY. HMM, THIS  
COULD BE DANGEROUS.  
SHOULD I WARN ROBERT?  
NAH.

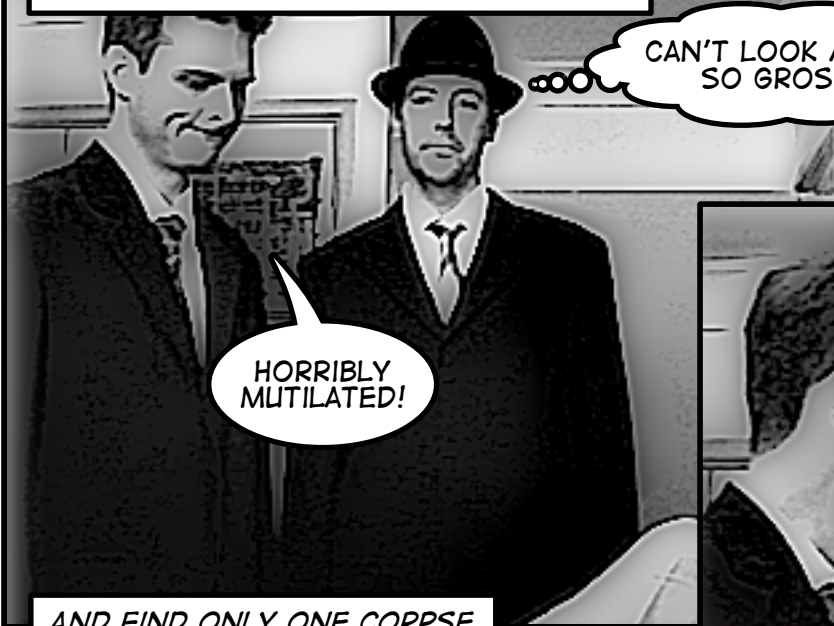


THAT SHOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED ...  
OH CRAP! ROSEBLUD!



THE BLAST INSTANTLY KILLS BOB, BUT NOT DR MECHNIK ...  
FOR REASONS THAT SCIENCE CANNOT ANSWER RIGHT NOW

LATER DETECTIVES EXAMINE THE SCENE



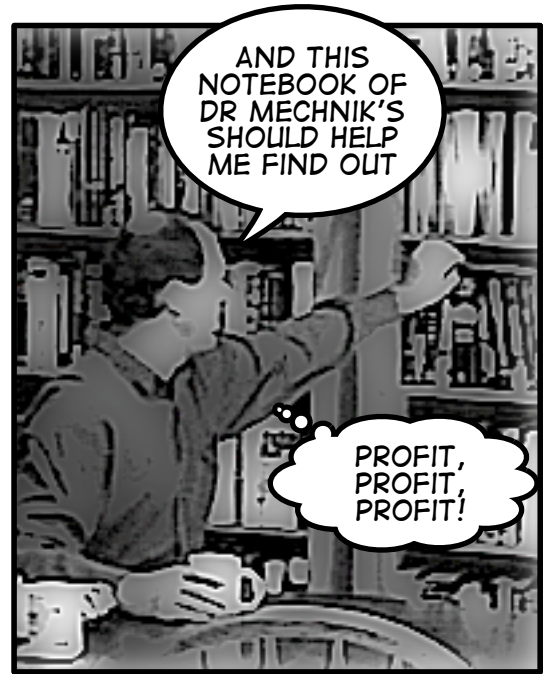
AND FIND ONLY ONE CORPSE



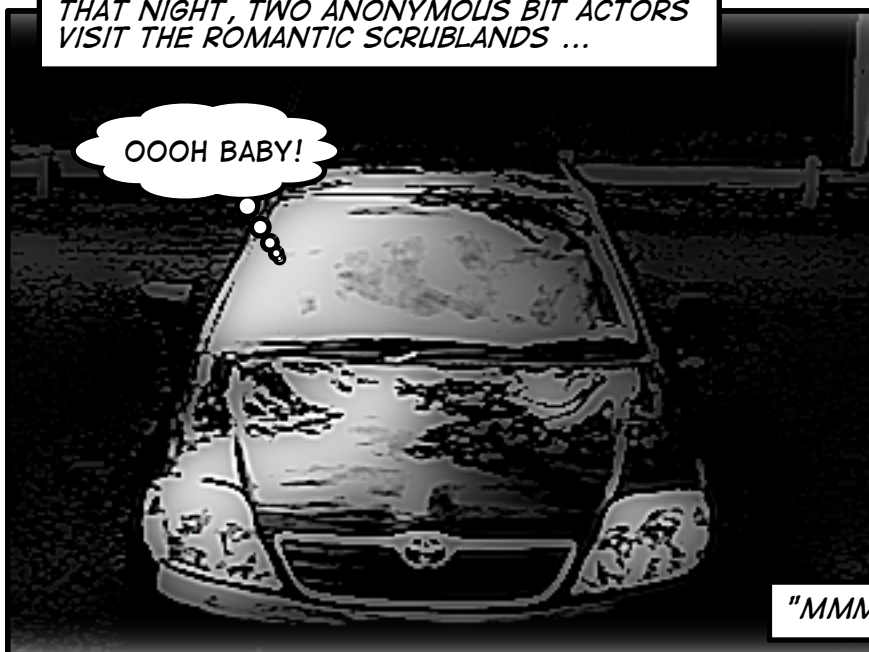








THAT NIGHT, TWO ANONYMOUS BIT ACTORS VISIT THE ROMANTIC SCRUBLANDS ...





"WE INTERRUPT YOUR LOVE MAKING MUSIC WITH A NEWS BULLETIN, POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING THE DEATHS OF TWO SCIENTISTS IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE A LABORATORY ACCIDENT"

HOW HORRIBLE!

NO! NO! NO  
INTERRUPTIONS!  
DAMNIT. NOW  
SHE'LL WANT TO  
TALK

THOSE CRAZY SCIENTISTS.  
ALWAYS PUSHING THE  
FRONTIERS OF KNOWLEDGE  
NEVER CONCENTRATING ON THE  
IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE

I NEED TO  
GET ME A CD  
PLAYER

DAMN I'M  
GOOD

AT LEAST THIS  
IS BETTER THAN  
HIS TALKING

GRRRAWWWWWOLLINSKI

WHAT USED TO BE DR MECHNIK HAS DEFIED  
ALL ODDS AND SURVIVED THE BLAST.  
BUT THE DOCTOR HAS CHANGED! CHANGED  
BEYOND NATURE! SCIENTISTS HAVE TAMPERED  
IN GOD'S DOMAIN AND CREATED AN ...

**ATOMIC MUTANT!**



WHAT'S THAT SOUND?!

I CAN'T WIN

TOO LATE FOR THEM ...



THE NEXT DAY ...

BOTH HORRIBLY MUTILATED!



COULD THIS BE RELATED TO THE MECHNIK CASE?

BOTH SO GROSS!

THAT QUESTION IS WHY YOU'RE STILL JUNIOR DETECTIVE AFTER 10 YEARS

PROBABLY. I HAVE A FEW MORE QUESTIONS FOR DR ROSS



WHOEVER DID THIS IS AN ARTIST

HAVE THE FULL FORENSIC WORK ON MY DESK IN THE MORNING





MEANWHILE KARL HAS ALREADY STARTED HIS OWN SEARCH FOR DR MECHNIK IN THE NEARBY SCRUB

ROB AND VICTOR WERE OBVIOUSLY WORKING ON THE CORRECT ISOTOPE RATIO FOR ATOMIC MEMORY



IF I CAN GET A READING FROM WHATEVER VICTOR HAS BECOME THEN I CAN GET THE CORRECT ISOTOPE RATIO





THEN I'LL HAVE  
THE FORMULA FOR  
ATOMIC MEMORY!  
IT MUST BE  
WORTH ...

**GRRRAWWWWWOLLINSKI**



CAUGHT  
MONOLOGUING!  
NOOOO!!!

**AAAGH!**

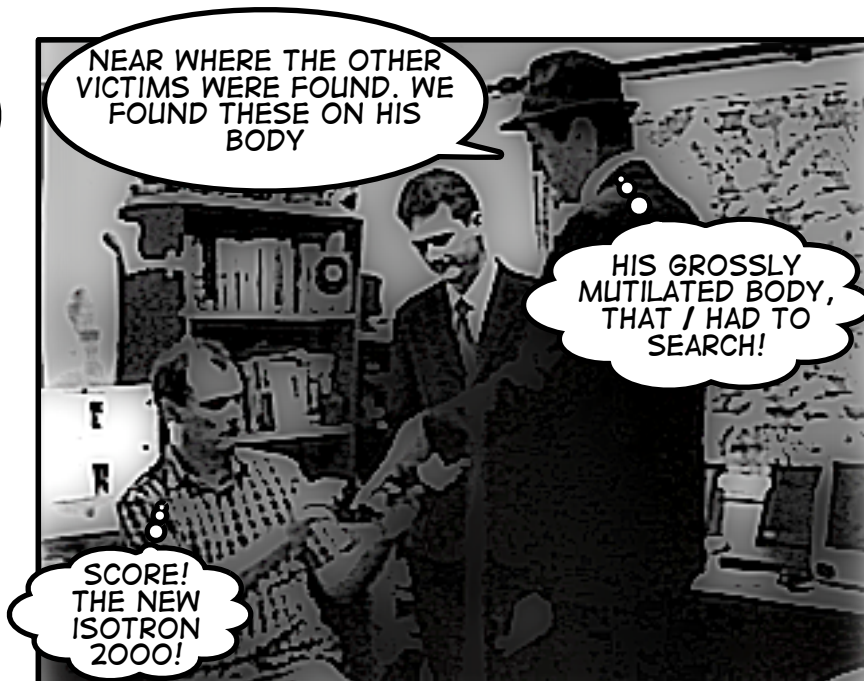
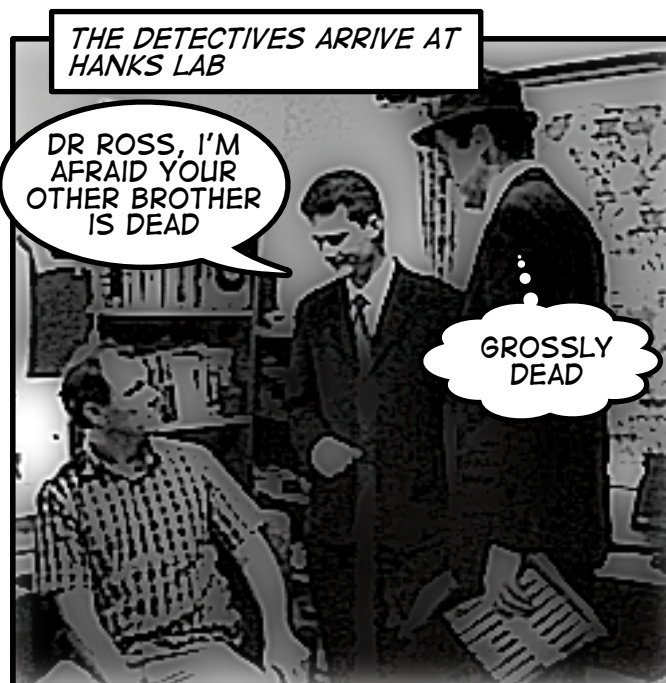
NO PROFIT FOR KARL ...

LATER ...



MORE HORRIBLY MUTILATED  
THAN THE OTHERS.  
WHOEVER IS DOING THIS IS  
GETTING MORE DANGEROUS





AND WE FOUND THIS  
SCRAWLED IN THE DIRT  
BESIDE HIS BODY. DOES  
IT MEAN ANYTHING TO  
YOU?

IT'S THE INTERNATIONAL  
SCIENTIFIC SYMBOL FOR  
RADIOACTIVE MUTANTS!!!

DR MECHNIK'S ATOMIC  
EXPERIMENTS MUST HAVE  
MUTATED HIM INTO SOME  
SORT OF MONSTER

CAN HE BE  
STOPPED?

I DON'T  
KNOW. I'D  
HAVE TO THINK  
ABOUT IT

WELL DON'T  
THINK TOO  
LONG.

OR WE'LL ROUGH YA  
UP. CAN YA SEE  
THAT IN MY FACE?  
SCIENTIFIC PUNK

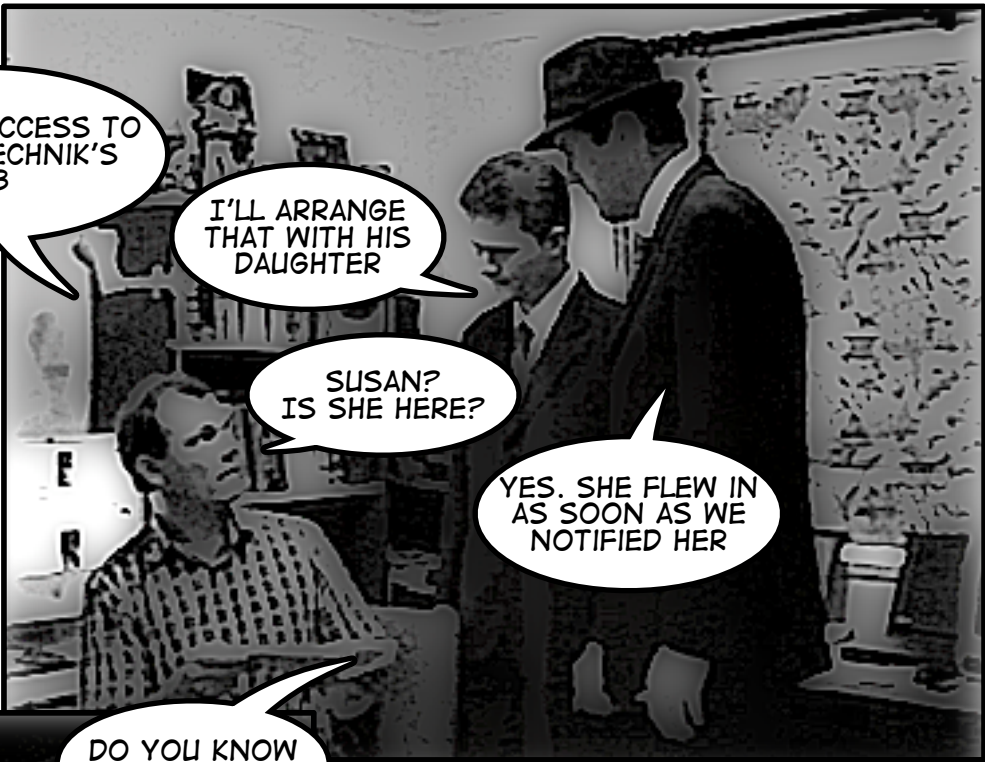


I'LL NEED ACCESS TO  
VICTOR MECHNIK'S  
LAB

I'LL ARRANGE  
THAT WITH HIS  
DAUGHTER

SUSAN?  
IS SHE HERE?

YES. SHE FLEW IN  
AS SOON AS WE  
NOTIFIED HER



DO YOU KNOW  
HER?

OH ... YES.



MEANWHILE, AT A GARDEN PARTY ...

"WE INTERRUPT YOUR GARDEN PARTY MUSIC WITH  
THIS BREAKING BULLETIN: POLICE CONTINUE TO BE  
BAFFLED BY A SERIES OF DEATHS CENTERED  
AROUND THE MYSTERIOUS DEATHS OF TWO  
SCIENTISTS EARLIER THIS WEEK ..."



THE RADIO IS CHANGED TO A  
MORE PLEASANT STATION



BUT IT IS TOO LATE FOR  
THE PARTY GOERS !!!





SWEET JESUS!  
GROSS  
FEST-O-RAMA

EACH MORE  
HORRIBLY  
MUTILATED THAN  
THE LAST!

THIS HAS TO STOP NOW!  
HE MUST BE HIDING IN  
THE SCRUB.  
CALL FOR BACKUP.



PLEASE LORD  
MAKE IT STOP

RIGHT

BACK IN HANK'S LAB ...

THE ISOTOPE RATIOS!  
HE MUST HAVE BEEN  
TRYING TO FIND THE  
CORRECT ISOTOPE  
RATIOS!

HE OBVIOUSLY  
INVERTED THE RATIO.  
IF I CAN REVERSE  
THE INVERSION ...

HOT DAMN, I'M CLEVER.  
I WONDER IF I CAN  
IMPRESS ...

SUSAN? ITS  
HANK!

SHE WANTS  
ME

I NEED ACCESS  
TO YOUR  
FATHER'S LAB  
RIGHT NOW!

I MAY BE ABLE TO  
REVERSE THE ACCIDENT.  
IT IS A LONG SHOT ...  
MEET ME THERE IN TEN  
MINUTES



AT THE SCRUB ...  
CARPARK ...

SHOULD WE  
WAIT FOR  
BACKUP?

THIS MUST  
STOP **NOW!**  
YOU GO THAT  
WAY.

I HAVE A BAD FEELING  
ABOUT THIS.  
I WOULD REALLY LIKE  
TO WAIT FOR BACKUP.

SAME PLACE  
MOMENTS LATER ...

I'M GOING  
AFTER HIM.  
STAY HERE.

BUT ...

I DON'T KNOW  
IF THIS WILL  
WORK BUT I  
MUST TRY.

BE  
CAREFUL  
HANK

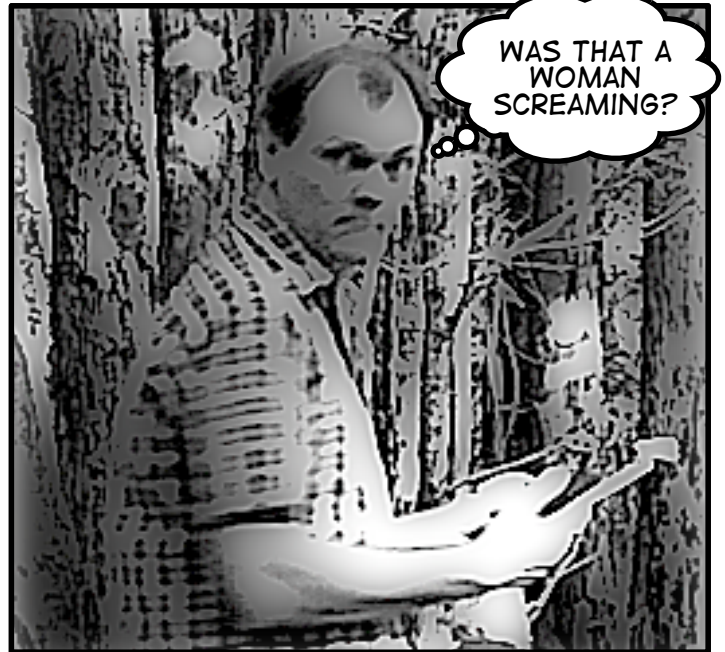
THE HUNT FOR THE MUTANT DR VICTOR MECHNIK BEGINS

I WISH  
BACKUP WAS  
HERE

SWEET! THE  
ISOTRON 2000  
HAS 23  
SETTINGS.

I WISH I HAD AN  
ISOTRON 2000









SUSAN

LOOK  
AWAY!

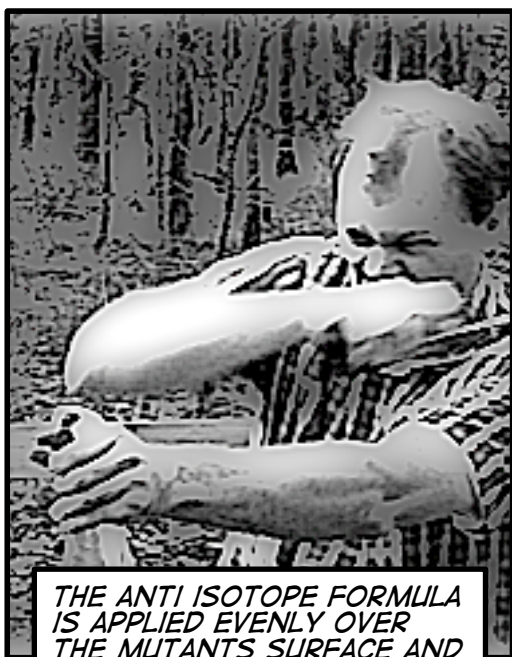


AAGH!



HANK ATTACKS THE MUTANT ...

GRRRAWWWWWOLLINSKI



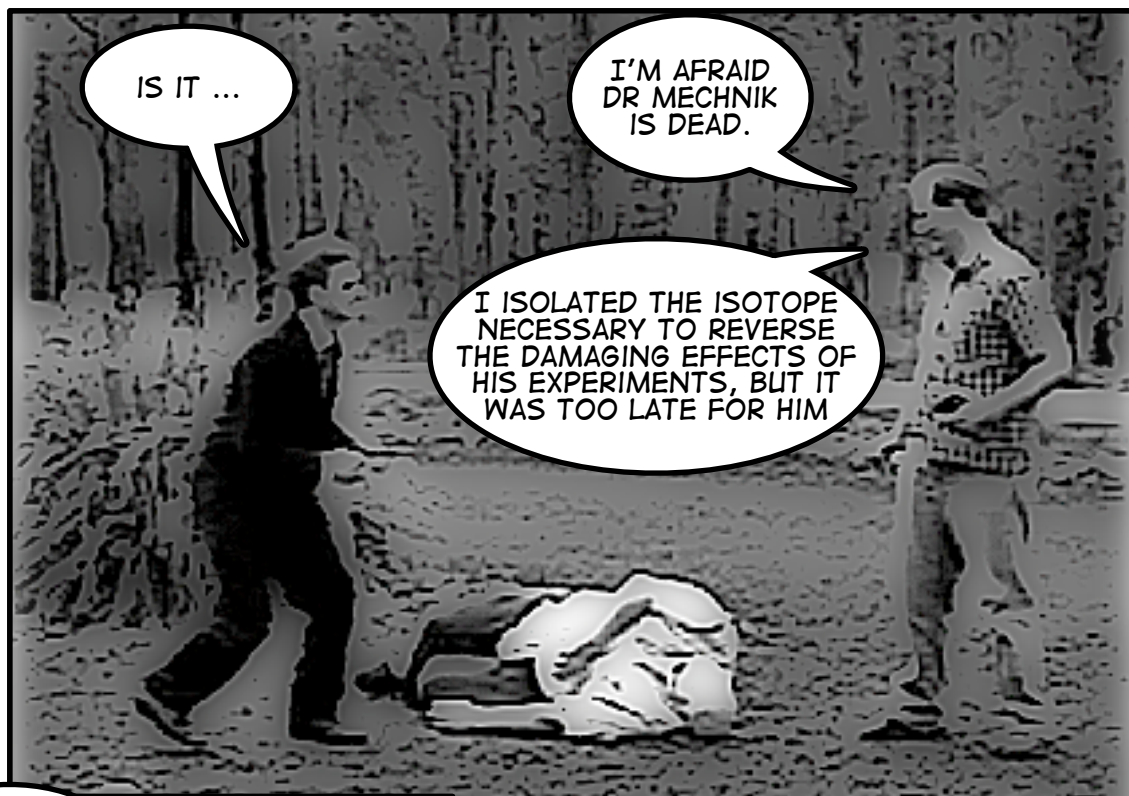
THE ANTI ISOTOPE FORMULA  
IS APPLIED EVENLY OVER  
THE MUTANTS SURFACE AND  
ALLOWED TO SOAK



OOPSIE

AND THE MUTANT THAT WAS  
DR MECHNIK ... IS SLAIN ...





IS IT ...

I'M AFRAID  
DR MECHNIK  
IS DEAD.

I ISOLATED THE ISOTOPE  
NECESSARY TO REVERSE  
THE DAMAGING EFFECTS OF  
HIS EXPERIMENTS, BUT IT  
WAS TOO LATE FOR HIM

OH HANK!  
MY FATHER?

HE DOESN'T  
LOOK SO  
GOOD

I'M SORRY  
SUSAN BUT IT  
WAS NECESSARY

OH, FOR HEAVEN'S  
SAKE. HE'S GOING  
TO MONOLOGUE!



HIS THEORIES WERE EXTRA-ORDINARY.  
HIS RESEARCH WAS BRILLIANT.  
BUT PERHAPS WE ARE NOT READY FOR  
HIS ATOMIC MEMORY YET.  
BUT ONE DAY, SOME DAY, WE WILL BE.

AND, OF COURSE, NOW I  
HAVE THE CORRECT  
ISOTOPE RATIO THANKS  
TO MY ISOTRON 2000

END.



### **ARE MUTANTS BOTHERING YOU?**

*Are your friends too afraid to come over because they fear they'll end up horribly mutilated?  
Are you sick of using all your white sheets to cover the bodies that turn up about your place?  
If you're like the other 80% of people who live next to a scientist, then you need the best protection you can get from atomic mutants. It is a well documented fact that scientific experiments produce mutants of all types that will wreak general havoc in the neighbourhood. You may be living next to a scientist right now and not even know. Your partner or children may be performing science experiments under your roof without your knowledge.*

*It always pays to be safe.  
What you need is*

*Now in new  
Lemon!*

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*Guaranteed to eliminate nasty mutants on contact!  
No longer do you or your friends need to fear being horribly mutilated.*

*Get an extra bottle for the car.*

*Call +354 555 RORT*

*You need to be safe!*

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Can humanity be saved from the terrors of  
science?!*

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accurately than ever before. Your neighbours will  
thank you.*

*Upgrade now! +354 555 ISOTRON*

