

WHO ARE **THE** IRREPRESSIBLE! UNSTOPPABLE!
VIGILANT?

THE LEOPARD OF LIME STREET | Buster 1976 | Script: TOM TULLY | Art: MIKE WESTERN



STARTS TODAY! BILLY FARMER'S INCREDIBLE BOY-INTO-LEOPARD STORY!

The Leopard from **LIME ST.**

THE WHOLE STRANGE, SPINE-CHILLING BUSINESS BEGAN IN THE BIKE-SHEDS AT SELBRIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS... WHERE, AS USUAL, 13-YEAR-OLD BILLY FARMER WAS PROVIDING SOME FUN FOR THE LOCAL BULLIES!



COME ON, FARMER... SMILE FOR THE CAMERA! I THOUGHT YOU WANTED SOME UNUSUAL PICTURES FOR THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE!

YOU... ROTTEN CREEP, MOGGSY! LEMME... DOWN!

ANYTHING TO OBLIGE, FARMER'S BOY!



HA! HA!

JUU-UUUUUNF!

BUT ON SECOND THOUGHTS, YOU'D BETTER NOT PRINT THOSE PHOTOGRAPHS! EVERYONE MIGHT START THINKING YOU WERE THE DREADED 'CAT-MAN'!

THE BULLIES HAD MADE OFF, AND BILLY WAS CHECKING HIS PRECIOUS CAMERA WHEN HIS FORM MASTER, MR. GLEESON, CAME UP!



ER... NO-ONE, MR. GLEESON! I JUST TRIPPED OVER, THAT'S ALL!

BEEIN IN THE WARS AGAIN, EH, FARMER? WHO WAS IT THIS TIME... GINGER MOGG'S AND HIS BUNCH?

ANYWAY, DON'T FORGET THAT ARTICLE YOU PROMISED TO WRITE FOR ME ON PRIVATE JARMAN'S EXPERIMENTAL ZOO! WE COULD DO WITH SOME NICE PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE SCHOOL MAG!



I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN YOU WOULDN'T SPLIT ON THOSE LOUITS! YOU'RE A PLUCKY LITTLE CHAP, BILLY FARMER... EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO PUNCH YOUR WAY OUT OF A PAPER BAG!

I WISH I DID HAVE A BIT OF STRENGTH... THEN I'D SHOW OLD MOGGSY!

IT'S ALL ARRANGED, SIR! I'M GOING TO INTERVIEW THE PROFESSOR ON MY WAY HOME!

BILLY RAN THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE SINGLE-HANDED, AND HIS AMBITION WAS TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL REPORTER AND PHOTOGRAPHER!

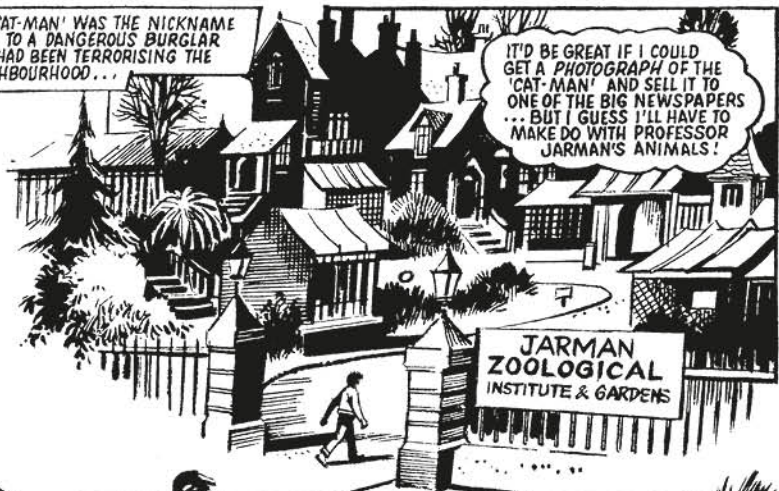
THE 'CAT-MAN' WAS THE NICKNAME GIVEN TO A DANGEROUS BURGLAR WHO HAD BEEN TERRORISING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD...

IT'D BE GREAT IF I COULD GET A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE 'CAT-MAN' AND SELL IT TO ONE OF THE BIG NEWSPAPERS... BUT I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO MAKE DO WITH PROFESSOR JARMAN'S ANIMALS!



LATE EDITION... THE 'CAT-MAN' STRIKES AGAIN! JEWELS AND MONEY STOLEN FROM SUPERMARKET TYCOON'S HOME!

GOSH! THAT'S THE NINTH ROBBERY IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS!

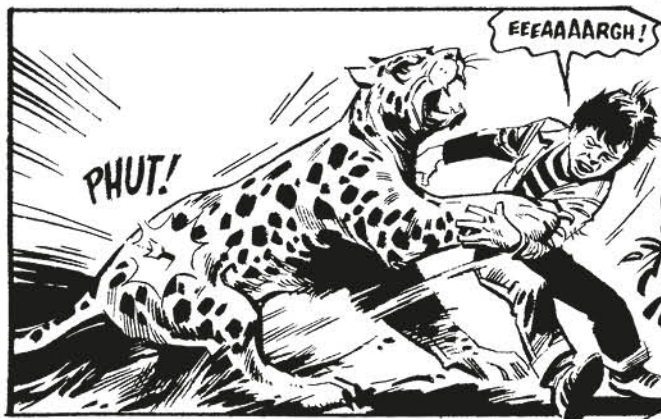


THEN...

RESIS MONKEYS

HUUUUH?

LOOK OUT, SON... LOOK OUT!



THAT HYPODERMIC DART HAS STUNNED HIM - HE'LL BE OUT LONG ENOUGH TO BE PUT BACK INTO HIS CAGE!

BUT I THINK ITS CLAWS RAKED ACROSS THE BOY'S ARM! GET HIM INTO THE LABORATORY... QUICK!



LATER...

THERE ISN'T A MARK ON HIM... APART FROM THAT SCRATCH! AND EVERY THING APPEARS TO BE NORMAL! I THINK YOU ARE GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT, MY BOY!

'COURSE I AM, PROFESSOR! I MEAN, IT WAS ONLY A LITTLE SCRATCH! WHY DID YOU ALL GET INTO SUCH A PANIC?



THE LEOPARD SUFFERS FROM A RARE DISEASE AND WE ARE TREATING IT WITH A NEW KIND OF RADIOACTIVE SERUM. HAD IT BITTEN ANYONE, THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN INFECTED BY THE RADIATIONS IN SOME WAY... BUT YOU SEEM TO HAVE HAD A LUCKY ESCAPE!

THE PROFESSOR INSISTED ON DRIVING BILLY BACK TO HIS HOME IN LIME STREET...



I'LL MAKE A FULL REPORT ABOUT ALL THIS TO THE POLICE, BILLY, BUT IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY STRANGE SENSATIONS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS - ANYTHING AT ALL - YOU MUST CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY! IS THAT CLEAR?

SURE, PROFESSOR! BUT I'M OKAY NOW... HONEST!



ENCOUNTER THE LEOPARD
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