

ACUTELY CONSCIOUS OF THE VICIOUS CHARACTER OF CRUMMYSTONE MANOR'S SPOOKY INHABITANTS, DR. WONMUG SENDS OOP BACK INTO BY-GONE CENTURIES TO LEARN WHAT HE CAN OF THE OLD CASTLE'S ARCHITECTURAL SECRETS

ALLEY OOP

By V. THAMLIN

AS THE TIME-MACHINE DEMATERIALIZES OOP INTO TIME, OSCAR BOOM CATCHES SIGHT OF A SINISTER SHADOW!

T.M. REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.

ALL RIGHT, DOC, WE'RE IN FOR IT NOW... CUT THE JUICE QUICK!

MY STARS, OSCAR, OUR SPOOKS MUST KNOW THEIR GAME IS UP... THEY'RE DESPERATE!

RIGHT... BUT SINCE WE BLOCKED THEIR SECRET PASSAGE, THEY'VE GOT TO COME THROUGH THAT DOOR TO GET AT US

BRRRAAP

CAN WE HOLD OUT UNTIL OOLA GETS HERE WITH THE POLICE?

SURE... BUT WE'VE GOT TO KEEP THE TIME-MACHINE UNDEGRADED UNTIL OOP CAN GET BACK HERE WITH THE ARCHITECTURAL SECRETS OF THIS OLD PILE OF ROCK... OR WE'LL NEVER ROUND UP THESE RATS!

POOP POOP POOP

MEANWHILE ALLEY OOP MATERIALIZES IN THE YEAR 1300

AHH! AFTER A HUNDRED AND THIRTY YEARS, YOU HAVE RETURNED!!

ME?

AWE! IT IS AS MY GREAT GRANDFATHER SAID "THE GHOSTLY KNIGHT OF THE AX" WOULD RETURN TO CRUMMYSTONE CASTLE IN ITS DARKEST HOUR OF TRIBULATION!

"TH' GHOSTLY KNIGHT OF TH' AX"?? GEE!

MY TEN-MINUTE STAY BACK IN 1170 SURE MUSTA MADE SOME IMPRESSION ON GRAN' POP!

QUICKLY! BRING WINE! THE HOUR OF OUR DELIVERANCE IS AT HAND! THE GHOSTLY WARRIOR IS HERE!

BY GADFRY, I THINK I'M GONNA LIKE IT HERE!

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BODOLDS

I'LL BE READY IN A SEC. JEEP!

I TOLD AGATHA WE COULDN'T POSSIBLY COME TO HER GARDEN CLUB TODAY - WITH ALL THE CLEANING I HAVE TO DO!

GOOD!

I HAVE THREE LECTURES TO PREPARE AND NO END OF LETTERS TO WRITE!

DARN! IS MY DAY ALL WRONGED UP? EVERYTHING IS OFF THE BEAM!

THIS OUGHTA BE ENOUGH FOR US T'EAT

YOU KNOW, THOSE TWO MIGHT BE MUCH SMARTER THAN WE!

IF THEY HAVE ANY WORRIES, AND THEY DO, THEY JUST FORGET 'EM!

THEY BELIEVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN LIVING EACH MOMENT - AND LETTING THE NEXT TAKE CARE OF ITSELF!

DON'T FENCE ME-EE IN

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BABE N HORACE

OH SPRING SPRING, BEAUTIFUL SPRING! THERE'S NOTHING LIKE IT TO PERK A MAN UP!

NO COAL TO CARRY, NO SNOW TO SHOVEL, NO ASHES TO EMPTY... IT'S WONDERFUL!

OH HORACE! IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO THINK OF DIGGING THE GARDEN, AND YOU'D BETTER ROLL AND MOW THE LAWN! I'LL WANT YOU TO BEAT SOME RUGS TOO - I'M STARTING SPRING HOUSE-CLEANING!

HUH?

THERE MUST BE SOME SEASON OF THE YEAR THAT WOULD APPEAL TO A MAN!

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