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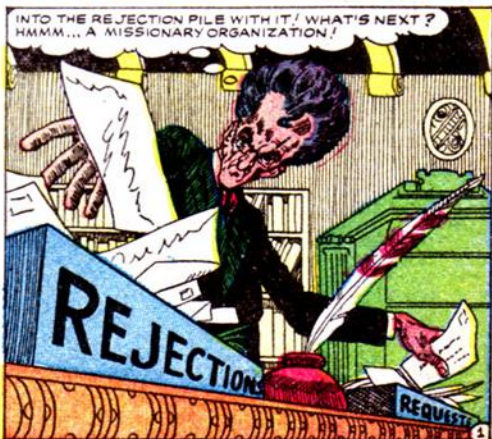
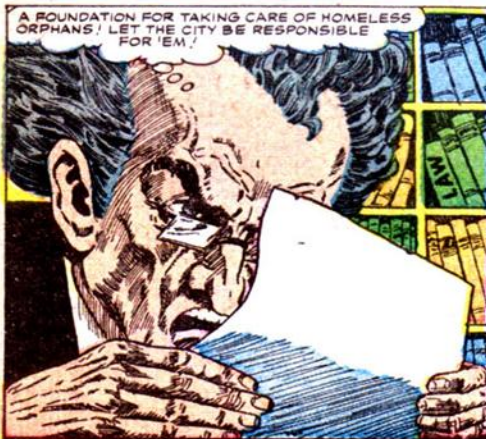
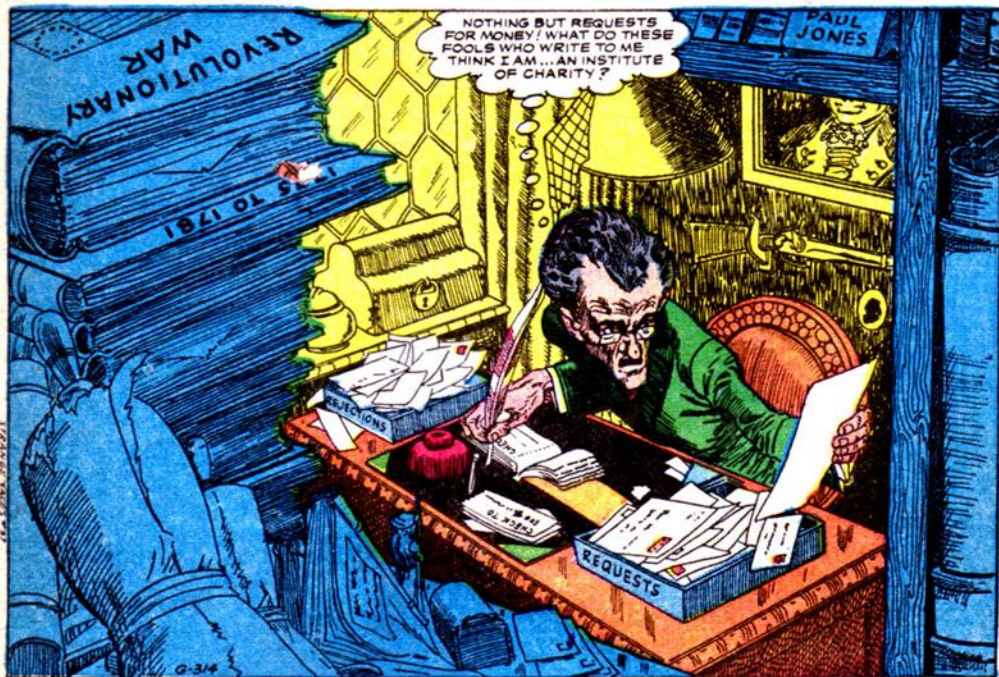
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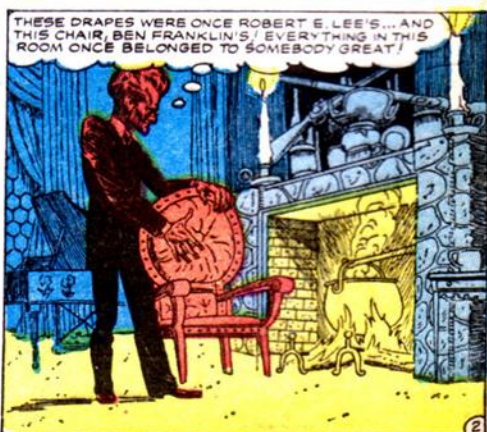
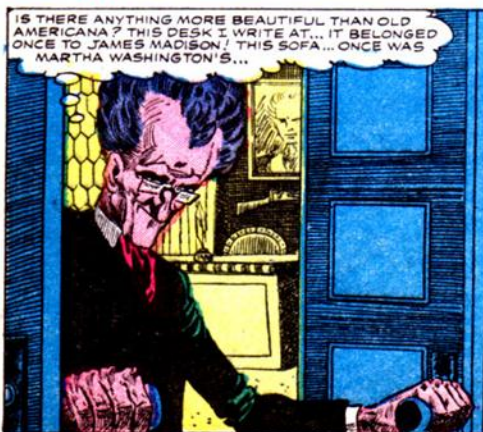
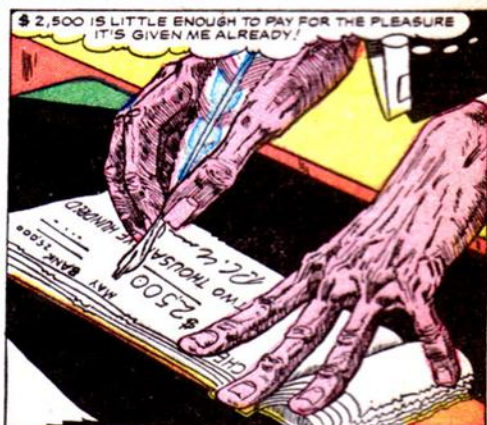
THAT NIGHT, WHAT
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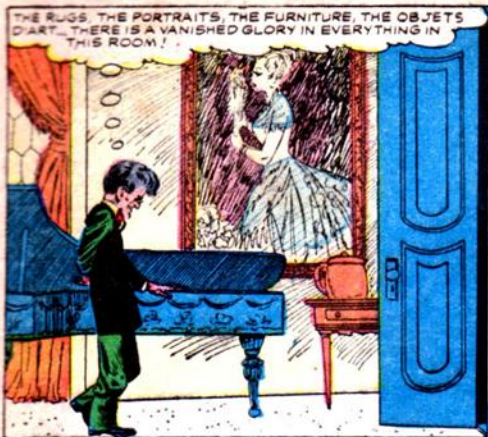


CORLISS HAD MADE A FORTUNE BY HIS COLD THINKING AND SELFISH DEALINGS! HIS MONEY ENABLED HIM TO BECOME THE FOREMOST COLLECTOR OF OLD AMERICANA! SUCH A MAN COULD HAVE NO FEELING FOR THE PROBLEMS OF THE LIVING!

A STROKE OF THE PEN







THUS EVERETT CORLISS WENT THROUGH HIS PILE OF CORRESPONDENCE, SIGNING THINGS, WRITING SOME CHECKS BUT PUTTING MOST REQUESTS ON THE REJECTION PILE!

HOW THESE SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS HOUND A MAN OF MEANS! IF I GAVE IN TO THEM, THEY'D MAKE ME A PAUPER WITHIN A WEEK! SURE, I HAVE MILLIONS...



BUT FOR MYSELF! I CAN'T SHARE MY FORTUNE WITH THE WORLD! WOULD THESE WELFARE GROUPS EVEN NOTICE ME, IF I WERE PENNILESS?



TAKE THIS REQUEST! THEY WANT \$1,000,000! THE NERVE OF THEM! \$1,000,000... FOR WHAT? TO PROVIDE FOOD, TRAVEL EXPENSES, TEMPORARY SHELTER TO REFUGEES ALL OVER THE WORLD...



FOR IMMIGRANTS... FOR THOSE FLEEING FROM OPPRESSION AND TYRANNY! HOW NOBLE IT SOUNDS! WELL, IF THEY SEEK FREEDOM, LET 'EM DO IT WITHOUT MY MONEY!



FOR THAT MILLION DOLLARS, I CAN ADD MANY FINE ITEMS OF AMERICANA TO MY COLLECTION!



LET THEM KNOW I AM NO HUMAN STATUE OF LIBERTY, BEAMING MILLIONS AT THE WORLD! IF THEY WANT LIBERTY AND FREEDOM, THEY'RE AT LIBERTY TO FIND IT WITHOUT EVERETT CORLISS!



I'M SO TIRED... SO EXHAUSTED FROM LOOKING AT THESE REQUESTS! I'VE GOT TO TELL MY SECRETARY, BENTON, TO THROW THEM IN THE WASTEBASKET IN THE FUTURE! I DON'T EVEN WANT TO BE BOTHERED LOOKING AT THEM!



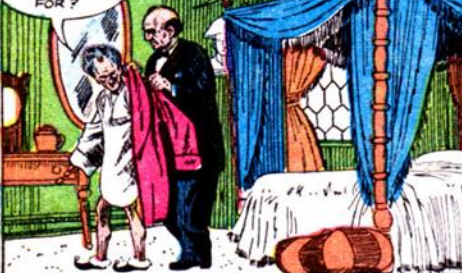
WHAT A SOLACE IT IS TO RETIRE TO A BEDROOM CONTAINING THE EXACT FURNITURE OWNED BY THOMAS JEFFERSON! TO SLEEP IN A BED OCCUPIED BY ABRAHAM LINCOLN!



THE FOLLOWING NOON, WHEN CORLISS AROSE, HE WAS BEWILDERED TO LEARN THAT A SCORE OF REPORTERS WERE WAITING FOR HIM...

I DON'T EXCITE THAT KIND OF PUBLICITY, BENTON! WHAT ON EARTH ARE THEY HERE FOR?

YOU KNOW BETTER THAN I, MR. CORLISS! TRUTHFULLY, I DIDN'T THINK YOU HAD IT IN YOU! BEFORE YOU GO DOWNSTAIRS TO MEET THEM, LET ME OFFER YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS!



THIS IS RIDICULOUS, GENTLEMEN! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE HERE FOR!

COME NOW, MR. CORLISS... YOU SURE HAD US AND THE PUBLIC FOOLED! EVERYBODY THINKS OF YOU AS A SELFISH ECCENTRIC WHO WOULDN'T GIVE A DIME AWAY TO THE NEEDY! THEN YOU MAIL OUT \$1,000,000!



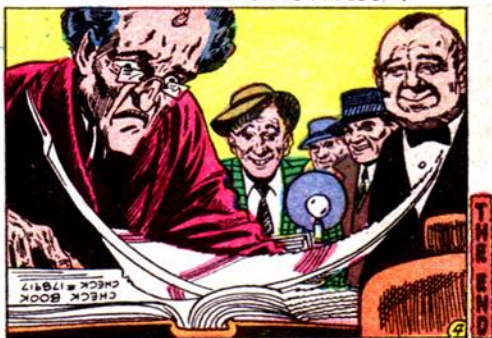
I DID WHAT?

MAIL OUT \$1,000,000 TO THE SOCIETY FOR LIBERTY AND FREEDOM FOR THE OPPRESSED! STOP PLAYING COY, MR. CORLISS! YOUR QUILL PEN DIDN'T WRITE THE CHECK ITSELF!

I FOUND THE CHECK HERE AFTER YOU RETIRED, MR. CORLISS! I MAILED IT OUT WITH THE NON-REJECTED LETTERS!



TREMBLINGLY, EVERETT CORLISS PICKED UP THE QUILL PEN! HE KNEW HE HADN'T WRITTEN THE CHECK! HE ALSO KNEW... HE ALONE... THAT THIS PEN WAS THE VERY PEN USED BY ONE OF THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE! THE PEN THAT HAD GRANTED MANKIND... LIBERTY AND FREEDOM!



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