

**T**HAT NIGHT HERB POE ARRIVED HOME A BUNDLE OF NERVES...



IT'S MY MONEY HE'S AFTER!  
GOT TO HIDE IT... TOMORROW  
IT GOES BACK TO THE BANK!

**N**EXT MORNING, AS THE MEN WERE ARRIVING FOR WORK AT THE FALCON PLANT, THEY WERE ACCOSTED BY A VERY SINISTER MAN...



HERB POE?  
I DON'T KNOW  
IF HE'S IN YET,  
MISTER!

I WONDER  
WHAT HE  
WANTS  
WITH HERB?

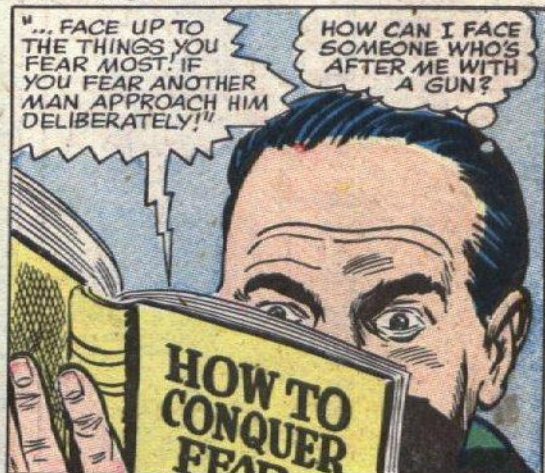
NOT IN YET?  
NEVER MIND!  
I'LL CATCH UP  
WITH HIM  
SOONER  
OR LATER!

**H**ERB ARRIVED AT THE PLANT A HALF-HOUR LATE! HE'D BEEN UNABLE TO SLEEP ALL NIGHT FOR WORRY ABOUT HIS \$1500...



THIS IS ON THE LEVEL, POE! I'VE NEVER SEEN A MEANER-LOOKING GUY, AND NICK LANIER SAYS HE'S PACKING A GUN!

**T**HE FRIGHTENED MAN STRUGGLED TO OVERCOME HIS DREAD OF THE SINISTER MAN! HE READ "HOW TO CONQUER FEAR!" EVERY SPARE MOMENT...



"...FACE UP TO THE THINGS YOU FEAR MOST: IF YOU FEAR ANOTHER MAN APPROACH HIM DELIBERATELY!"

HOW CAN I FACE SOMEONE WHO'S AFTER ME WITH A GUN?

**T**HAT NIGHT, HERB POE WENT TO A MOVIE! HE FELT SAFER IN CROWDS! BUT WHEN HE GOT HOME ABOUT MIDNIGHT...



HE FORCED THE WINDOW OPEN! LEFT ME (GASP) A NOTE! "I'M GOING TO GET YOU, POE!"

G-GET ME? BUT WHY? I'VE NEVER DONE ANY-ONE ANY HARM!



**S**O AFTER ANOTHER SLEEPLESS NIGHT, HERB WENT TO THE POLICE...



MY WINDOW WAS JIMMIED OPEN, AND THAT NOTE WAS ON MY BUREAU! I WANT PROTECTION, CHIEF WALLIS, AND I WANT A GUN PERMIT!

SOUNDS LIKE A CRACKPOT! WELL, I'LL HAVE TWO MEN AT YOUR HOUSE TONIGHT! AND I'LL GIVE YOU THAT GUN PERMIT, MR. POE!