

WHY...WHY DID I HAVE TO MIDDLE WITH NATURE...

THE RENTED URANIUM CYLINDER HAS ARRIVED, DR. TALBOT! FRANKLY, I'M A BIT NERVOUS ABOUT MAKING SUCH A DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT IN A PRIVATE LABORATORY!

THEN **GET OUT, FERRY!** I CAN'T HAVE FRIGHTENED ASSISTANTS DISTURBING ME!



IF I'M RIGHT THE PROCESSES OF NATURE WILL BE SPEEDED UP A MILLION YEARS! MY METALLIC SOLUTION COMBINED WITH URANIUM RADIATION SHOULD BRING ON INSTANT PETRIFICATION!



IT WORKS! THE TREE AND STUMP HAVE SOLIDIFIED! BUT...GREAT GRIEF! THEY HAVEN'T PETRIFIED! IT APPEARS THEY'VE BECOME METALLIC!



"THEN, WHEN THE EXCITEMENT OF THE MOMENT STOLE MY SENSES..."

YIIII! THE RADIATION SWITCH...I FORGOT TO THROW IT OFF!



HA, HA! YES, MY EXPERIMENT WAS A SUCCESS...BUT I WAS THE VICTIM! WHILE AGING TIMBER A MILLION YEARS IN TIME, I MYSELF BECAME A HALF-METAL CREATURE!



DR. TALBOT!

BANG! BANG!

THIS IS THE POLICE! LET US IN! WE'VE HEARD YOU HAD AN ACCIDENT DOWN TOWN, DR. TALBOT!

THAT FOOL CLERK...HE MUST HAVE SEEN THE ACCIDENT FROM HIS STORE AND IDENTIFIED ME! THEY'RE CURIOUS, PUZZLED BECAUSE MY METALLIC SIDE SMASHED THE VEHICLE!



TALBOT'S AWESOME ARM REACHED OUT TO GRASP THE WINDOW BARS IN A VISE-LIKE GRIP!

IF I'M DISCOVERED THEY'LL THINK I'M DANGEROUS... CONFINED ME! GOT TO ELUDE THEM... FIND TIME TO DEVELOP AN ANTIDOTE FOR MY CONDITION!

