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DR. WEIRD #1

PAGE ONE

1: Narrow panel runs across top of page. Dr. Weird floats in the spiritual stream and detects inky threads of evil. He thinks of his mission to defeat the supernatural forces of evil that invade the Earth.

CAPTION: THERE IS NO PEACE FOR DR. WEIRD AMIDST THE CHAOS OF THE ETHEREAL PLANE.

CAPTION: SOMETIMES HE SENSES THE PRESENCE OF EVIL AS THE SPARKLING SOUND OF A WIND CHIME THAT CUTS ACROSS HIS THOUGHTS LIKE A RAZOR.

2: Dr. Weird descends a staircase that is fiery steps in the sky.

CAPTION: SOMETIMES EVIL IS A FOUL TASTE SLIDING DOWN THE BACK OF HIS THROAT.

3: He floats down into a small rural town. He follows black threads that will lead him to evil forces.

CAPTION: AND SOMETIMES ...

4: Big panel across bottom. There is a black cloud of evil hovering over the town.

CAPTION: ... IT HANGS LIKE A CLOUD OVER HUMANITY, SEEKING TO INFECT MANKIND WITH ITS LURID FEVER.

CAPTION: HE HAS A REMEDY FOR THAT. HE IS DOCTOR WEIRD.

TITLE: WHERE MONSTERS DWELL

CREDITS: DR. WEIRD CREATED BY HOWARD KELTNOR.

1: Dr. Weird is watching people board a local bus. He is invisible. Does he look different in his invisible state? That's up to you. One person is going up the bus steps while two more people wait to board. It is an average small town scene at a corner bus stop.

WEIRD: (thinking) AND SO THEY GO ABOUT THEIR DAILY LIVES, LITTLE REALIZING THE TREACHEROUS EVIL IN THEIR MIDST.

WEIRD: (thinking) MANKIND HAS ALWAYS LIVED IN BLINDNESS, SEEING ONLY WHAT IT CHOOSES TO SEE.

2: Dr. Weird is floating across the street. A car passes through him. Since Weird is invisible, the driver doesn't notice him. In the background, a dog can be seen on the sidewalk across the street.

WEIRD: (thinking) AND I AM NOTHING MORE THAN A WRAITH, AN INVISIBLE PRESENCE.

3: Weird is down on one knee on the sidewalk, petting the dog. The dog is licking his face.

WEIRD: UNLESS I CHOOSE TO BECOME SOLID. BUT EVEN WITH A MATERIAL BODY ...

WEIRD: ... I AM STILL A DEAD MAN. ALONE AND BURDENED WITH DUTY.

4: Weird watches as the dog trots off.

WEIRD: GO HOME, BOY. THERE IS EVIL TO BE BATTLED HERE. I MUST CARRY ON WITH MY TASK.

GHOST GIRL: (off panel, eerie lettering) HELP ME.

PAGE TWO (continued)

5: Give me a good establishing shot of the tragic ghost girl. She is young and beautiful. She weeps tears of blood. Her arms are outstretched to Dr. Weird.

GHOST GIRL: I'M SO COLD. I FEEL SO LOST.

6: Ghost girl. She shouldn't be gory or bloody but she should be damn spooky. A haunted, pained expression is on her face. Close up? Mid shot? Shot from a distance with her shoulders hunched, arms crossed desolately, and her face downcast? You decide.

WEIRD: DO NOT BE AFRAID. I AM A FELLOW SPIRIT. HOW MAY I EASE YOUR PAIN?

PAGE THREE

1: Ghost girl points to an average, normal looking house.

WEIRD: THAT HOUSE? IS THAT WHERE YOU DIED?

2: We are inside the house. Weird and ghost girl are passing through the walls. Weird floats while the girl walks.

WEIRD: SHOW ME HOW I MAY BRING YOU PEACE. TELL ME WHAT PAIN BINDS YOU TO THE MORTAL PLANE.

3: Ghost girl points at ceiling. Blood drips down her arms and neck (but don't overdo it).

GHOST GIRL: AVENGE MY MURDER.

4: We are in the attic. Weird is melting up through the attic floor. There are many shadows thrown by candlelight.

SORCERER: (off panel) CHARNOGG, DEMON OF BLIGHT AND PESTILENCE, YOU WILL DO MY BIDDING.

5: Large panel across bottom of page. Remember to match it up to page four which is already drawn. Sorcerer / pharmacist is on the left of panel inside a pentacle and candles. Demon is on the right of panel inside a second pentacle and candles. (The demon and sorcerer can't be in the pentacle together or he's dead meat. Weird is somewhere behind the sorcerer. Use page four as reference for his placement.

SORCERER: MINE IS THE POWER TO COMMAND YOU.

DEMON: MY SERVICES DO NOT COME CHEAP. I MUST HAVE MORE BLOOD.

PAGE FOUR

1: Close up of demon.

DEMON: FIND MORE LIVES FOR ME, IF YOU WISH ME TO SERVE YOU.

2: Sorcerer.

SORCERER: I HAVE A WOMAN IN MIND. NO ONE WILL MISS HER. SHE
BEARS AN INNOCENT IN HER WOMB.

3: The demon sees Weird and raises an alarm.

DEMON: WE ARE NOT ALONE. A RESTLESS SPIRIT. A GHOST.

4: Cries out the man as candles blow out.

SORCERER: WHERE?

5: Weird and demon clash within pentacle.

WEIRD: I'LL NOT SUFFER YOUR EXISTENCE ON THIS MORTAL PLANE.
BACK TO HELL, FOUL THING.

1: Man switches on light.

SORCERER: WHAT ARE YOU FIGHTING? I DON'T SEE ANYTHING!

2: Weird and demon clash.

DEMON: SET ME FREE FROM THE CIRCLE.

DEMON: IF I'M LOOSE, I CAN DEVOUR HIM!

3: Sorcerer reads.

SORCERER: NO. I HAVE A SPELL IN THIS BOOK THAT WILL HANDLE ANY
GHOST.

4: Sorcerer reads.

SORCERER: (*italics and lowercase*) Indomini Requiet signa fovearum
nigrarum...

5: Weird in the throes of agony. Vapors are streaming off his
body.

WEIRD: EYAGGH!

CAPTION: DR. WEIRD FEELS HIS ESSENCE BOIL AND TEAR. SOMETHING IS
TERRIBLY WRONG!

6: Weird vanishes in a flash of light.

SORCERER: MY SPELL OF DISSOLUTION HAS DESTROYED HIM!

DEMON: SO IT WOULD SEEM.

(full sample available upon request)