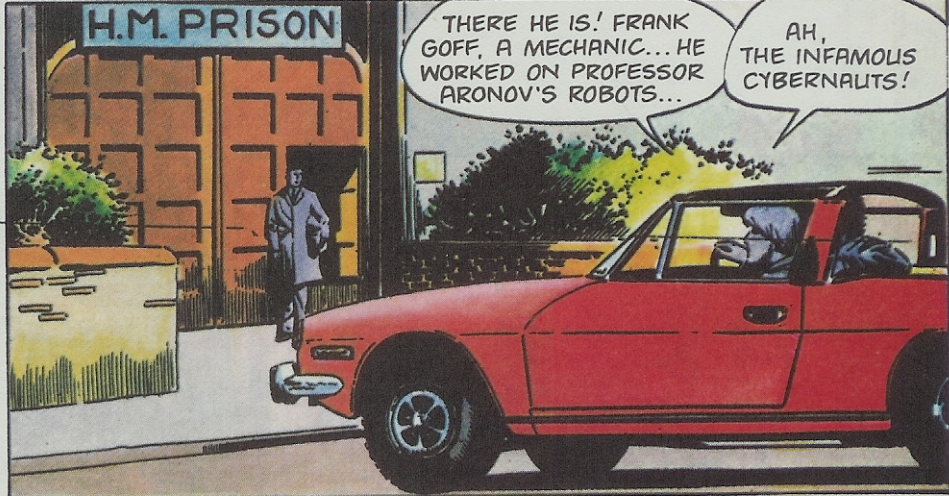


# THE NEW AVENGERS



## THE CYBERNAUTS





HOURS LATER, IN AN ISOLATED MANSION...

STRAIGHT AHEAD, MR. GOFF...



GOOD MORNING, MR. GOFF. PLEASE FORGIVE THE MELODRAMATICS BUT I HAD TO SEE YOU...



I HAVE RECOVERED ARONOV'S CYBERNAUTS... I WANT YOU TO WORK ON THEM!

INCREDIBLE! THEY'RE STILL IN GOOD CONDITION!

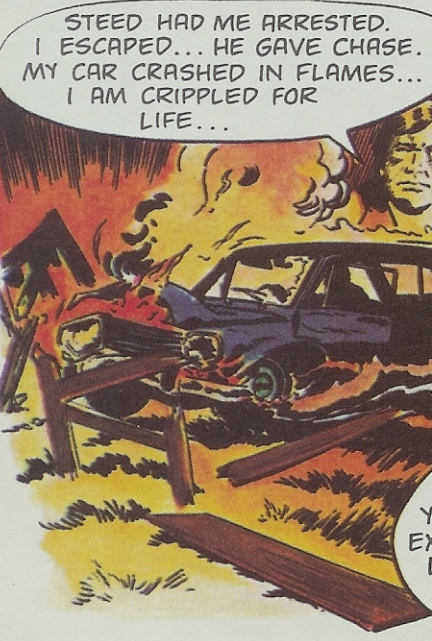


CAN YOU RE-ACTIVATE THEM?

OF COURSE... BUT WHY?



SIMPLY TO KILL STEED, MR. GOFF! YOU SEE, I TOO SEEK VENGEANCE...



STEED HAD ME ARRESTED. I ESCAPED... HE GAVE CHASE. MY CAR CRASHED IN FLAMES... I AM CRIPPLED FOR LIFE...

SOME TIME LATER...

I'VE DONE IT! IT CAN WALK...



GOOD! NOW, CAN YOU DESIGN ANOTHER, MORE COMPLEX ROBOT?

I'M ONLY A MECHANIC. YOU'D NEED AN EXPERT... SOMEONE LIKE PROFESSOR MASON...



ALAS, MR. GOFF. YOU'RE NO LONGER USEFUL!

LATER THAT DAY...



STEED... OLICH!



A CHARMING WELCOME...

YOU RUINED MY SHOT...WHAT'S LIP?

GOFF'S BEEN FOUND...



YOU COULD USE A DRINK GAMBIT!

WHERE'S GOFF NOW?

HE WAS FOUND ON SOME WASTE GROUND ACROSS TOWN... BEATEN TO DEATH...



GOFF DEAD... BUT WHY? HE WAS A SIMPLE MECHANIC, NOTHING SPECIAL...

Drifting...



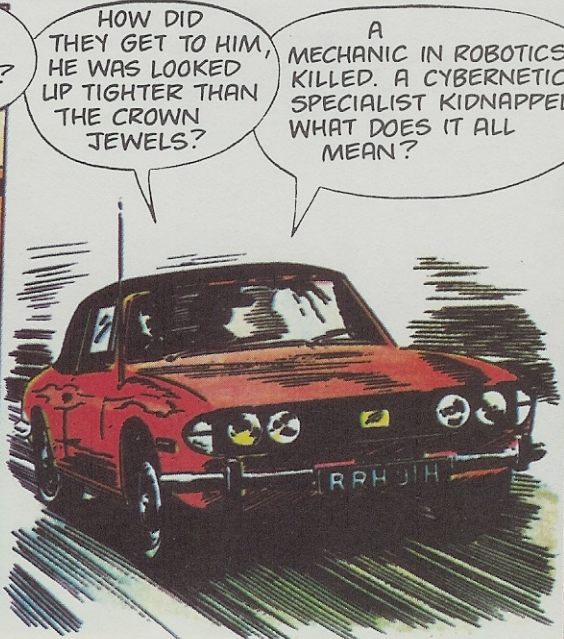
STEED HERE... WHAT'S THAT? MASON...?



PROFESSOR MASON'S BEEN KIDNAPPED!

THE SPECIALIST IN CYBERNETICS?

LET'S GO!



HOW DID THEY GET TO HIM, HE WAS LOOKED UP TIGHTER THAN THE CROWN JEWELS?

A MECHANIC IN ROBOTICS KILLED. A CYBERNETIC SPECIALIST KIDNAPPED... WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?



OOOH!



A MONSTER...  
A METAL MONSTER  
... I FIRED AT IT...  
IT JUST KEPT ON  
COMING...

HE'S  
FAINTED AGAIN!

I'LL  
CALL AN  
AMBULANCE!



WHAT A  
MESS, LOOKS  
LIKE A BOMB'S  
HIT IT!

OR A  
ROBOT...



I DIDN'T SEE A  
THING... JUST FELT  
A TREMENDOUS BLOW,  
THEN DARKNESS.



AT THAT  
MOMENT...

PROFESSOR  
MASON IS HERE,  
MR. KANE...



WHAT  
DO YOU WANT?  
WHY HAVE YOU  
BROUGHT ME  
HERE?

CALM  
YOURSELF,  
PROFESSOR. I  
MEAN YOU NO  
HARM...



THEN  
WHY WAS I  
KIDNAPPED?

I NEED YOU,  
PROFESSOR... OR  
RATHER, I NEED  
YOUR MIND!



DO YOU KNOW  
WHAT THESE ARE?

ROBOTS!  
CYBERNAUTS, TO  
BE PRECISE...

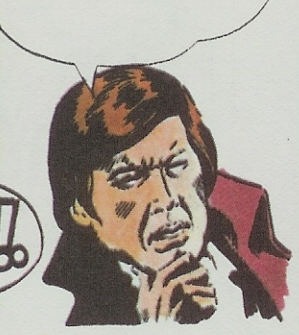


DO YOU  
THINK YOU COULD  
IMPROVE ON  
THEM?

WHY?

I HOPE YOU CAN STOMACH THIS, PROFESSOR. TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT MY FACE...WITHOUT THE MASK!

YOU SEE BEFORE YOU A WRECK OF A MAN... BUT MY MIND STILL SCHEMES, STILL LIVES FOR VENGEANCE! GIVE ME THE STRENGTH OF A ROBOT AND I'LL BE INVINCIBLE! I'LL KILL STEED, PURDEY AND GAMBIT!

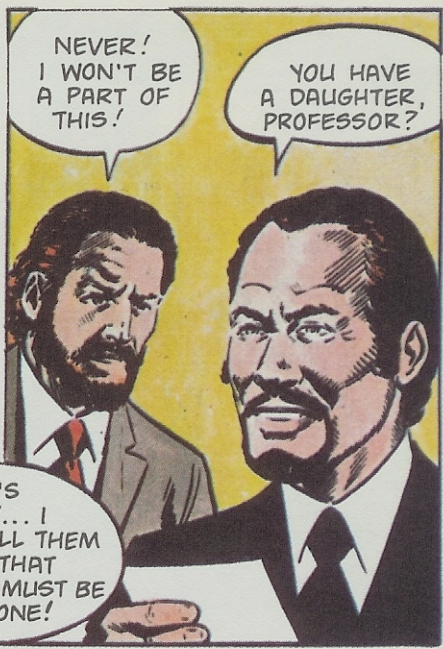


OOOH!



WHY NOT USE THESE ROBOTS?

THAT'S TOO EASY... I NEED TO KILL THEM MYSELF! THAT PLEASURE MUST BE MINE ALONE!



NEVER! I WON'T BE A PART OF THIS!

YOU HAVE A DAUGHTER, PROFESSOR?



WE KNOW WHICH SCHOOL SHE GOES TO... WHICH ROUTE SHE TAKES. IT WOULD BE SO EASY...



YOU WIN... I'LL DO IT. I'LL NEED MY EQUIPMENT.

YOU'LL HAVE EVERYTHING!

AT STEED'S PLACE...

WE'VE DRAWN A BLANK SO FAR... NO LEADS... NOTHING!



AND STEED'S NOT HERE? STRANGE...



WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

A CARD... FROM TURNER LABORATORIES...

TURNER... THAT RINGS A BELL...



TURNER... I'VE GOT IT! THAT'S WHERE MASON USED TO WORK!

STEED MUST BE ON TO SOMETHING!



SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

FANTASTIC! NOW I'M MORE THAN A MAN! YOU HAVE MADE ME INTO A CYBERNAUT!

I HAVE SUCH POWER... SUCH STRENGTH!

AM I FREE TO GO NOW?

LATER, PROFESSOR. I STILL NEED YOU. WHAT IF THIS BODY SHOULD BREAK DOWN? I MUST GO NOW... VENGEANCE IS MINE, AT LAST!

LATER, AS GAMBIT ARRIVED AT PURDEY'S FRONT DOOR...

**SCHLACK!**

OH, KANE???

WELL DONE, PURDEY... YOU GUESSED CORRECTLY!

FIGHT IF YOU MUST, YOU DON'T HAVE A HOPE...

YOU'RE THROUGH, PURDEY... FINISHED!

BACK AT KANE'S MANSION,  
PROFESSOR MASON  
CATCHES HIS GUARD,  
OFF-GUARD!



STEED!  
PURDEY'S IN  
DANGER!



GAMBIT!

I'M O.K....  
BUT GET TO  
PURDEY...  
QUICKLY!



NO GUNS,  
GAMBIT...  
USE THIS  
INSTEAD!



PSHHII!...



YOU ONLY  
JUST MADE IT!



PLASTIC GLUE...  
HAS A THOUSAND  
USES!



KANE'S  
NOT SAYING MUCH...  
BUT HE ALWAYS  
WAS STUCK UP!