

# CHIAMAN MYSTERY AT THE INCLINE

Crespin Corvette Cashmere, Professor of Botany, was in Chattanooga, TN studying a rare plant that grows next to the tracks of the incline, the worlds steepest mile, when he discovered something even better, an ice cream company.

FAE, I  
THOUGHT YOU  
WERE BACK  
AT THE LAB.

VULUPTUA HAS  
BEEN SPOTTED IN  
THE ST ELMO AREA

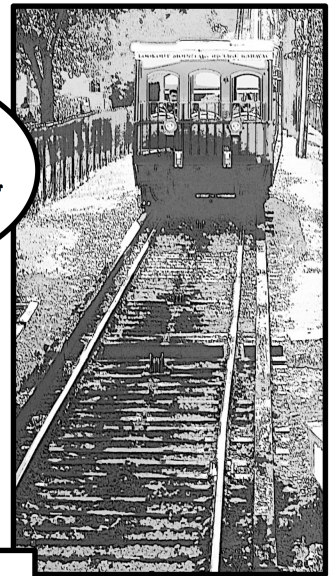
AND MY INTUITION  
TELLS ME SHE IS  
UP TO SOMETHING  
AT THE INCLINE.

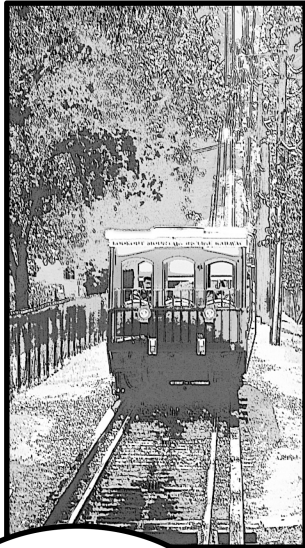
WELL,  
THERE'S THE  
INCLINE CAR  
NOW

BUT WHERE IS  
THE CONDUCTOR?

IT'S  
COMPLETELY  
EMPTY

Since there is no conductor, the line of people waiting all board and when they are seated, the incline car starts to move, without an operator.





I AM PRETTY SURE IT ISN'T SUPPOSED TO FLASH LIKE THAT



MAYBE THE GIFTSHOP ATTENDANT KNOWS SOMETHING



WE'RE CLOSED. I'M JUST LEAVING



DO YOU KNOW IF PEOPLE ARE ARRIVING AT THE TOP PLATFORM?

NO, THEY ARE NOT. AND THAT'S TOO CREEPY FOR EVEN ME. I THINK IT'S THE....



...GHOST OF THE INCLINE CONDUCTOR

THE PROFESSOR AND CHACHIWA LISTEN AS LANDO LAKES TELL THEM ABOUT THE LEGEND OF THE GHOST OF THE INCLINE.

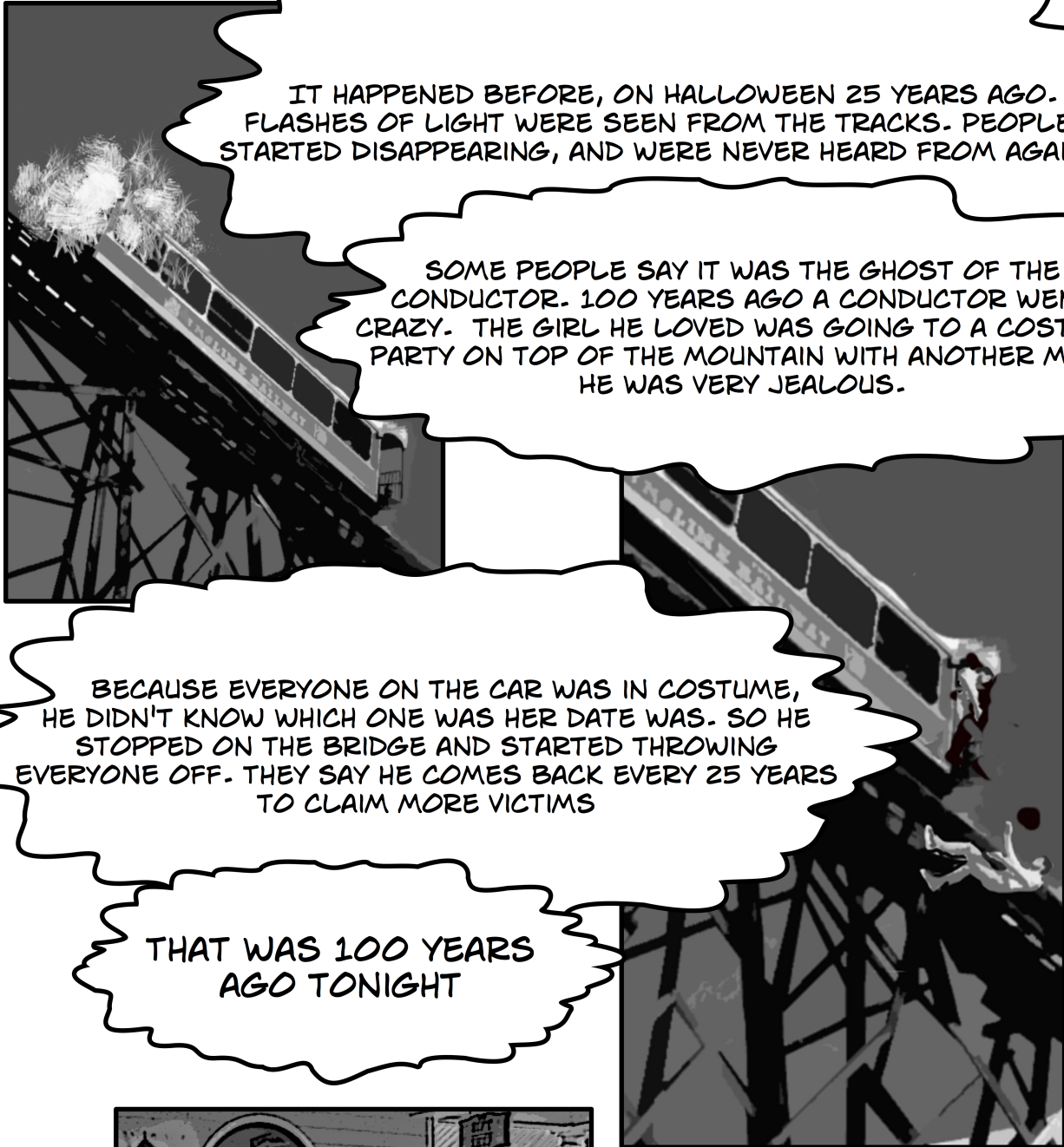
IT HAPPENED BEFORE, ON HALLOWEEN 25 YEARS AGO. FLASHES OF LIGHT WERE SEEN FROM THE TRACKS. PEOPLE STARTED DISAPPEARING, AND WERE NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN.

SOME PEOPLE SAY IT WAS THE GHOST OF THE CONDUCTOR. 100 YEARS AGO A CONDUCTOR WENT CRAZY. THE GIRL HE LOVED WAS GOING TO A COSTUME PARTY ON TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN WITH ANOTHER MAN. HE WAS VERY JEALOUS.

BECAUSE EVERYONE ON THE CAR WAS IN COSTUME, HE DIDN'T KNOW WHICH ONE WAS HER DATE WAS. SO HE STOPPED ON THE BRIDGE AND STARTED THROWING EVERYONE OFF. THEY SAY HE COMES BACK EVERY 25 YEARS TO CLAIM MORE VICTIMS

THAT WAS 100 YEARS AGO TONIGHT

I'M LOCKED UP AND LEAVING. IF YOU'RE SMART, YOU'LL GET OUT OF HERE TOO



I THINK THIS IS A JOB FOR CHIAMAN



SINCE HE WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE VENUS FLYTRAP IN THE RAIN FOREST OF SOUTH AMERICA, WHENEVER HE IS SOAKED WITH WATER, THE PROFESSOR MORPHS INTO CHIAMAN!



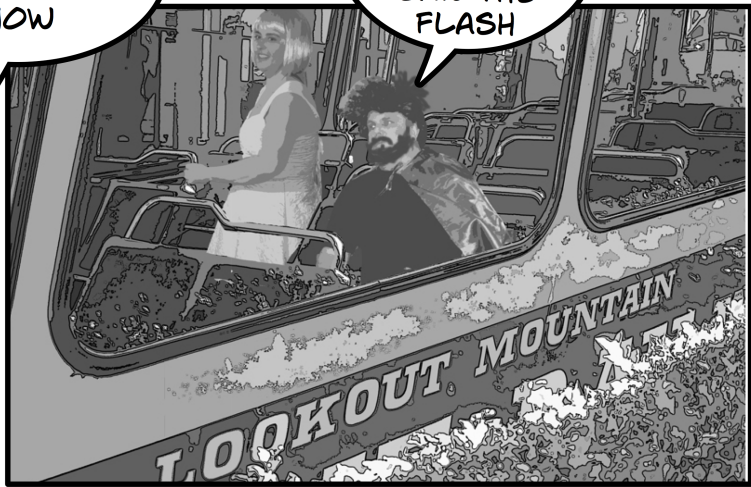
MEANWHILE, FAE DARLING TRANSITIONS TO HER TRUE IDENTITY AND CHIAMAN'S TRUSTED SIDEKICK, CHACHIWA!





IT'S TIME FOR THE CAR TO BE BACK, BUT I DON'T SEE IT

WE SHOULD PROBABLY GO TO THE GATE NOW



WE ARE ALMOST TO THE PLACE WHERE WE SAW THE FLASH



HEHEHEH! THE CONDUCTOR'S HERE, AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO DISAPPEAR!



WHERE'S THE WATER?

NOT THIS TIME! A LITTLE WATER WILL SHORT CIRCUIT YOUR PLANS

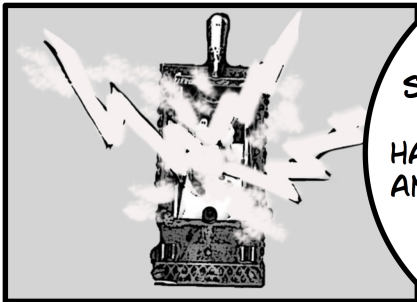
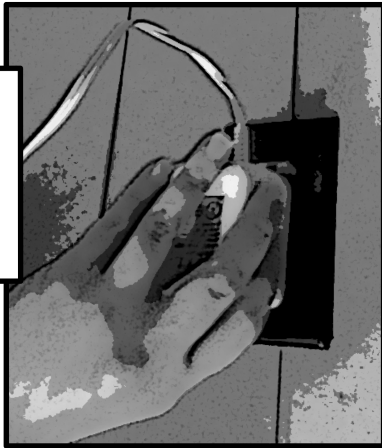


BUMBLING IDIOT!





CHACHIWA, THINKING FAST AS USUAL, GRAPS THE HAIR DRYER FROM CHAIRMAN'S TOOLBELT



LOOKS LIKE YOUR SPOOKY ELECTRICAL SYSTEM COULDN'T HANDLE A HAIR DRYER, AND I HAVE HAD ABOUT ALL I CAN TAKE OF YOU, TOO.



LET'S WRAP THIS UP

NOW LET'S SEE WHO IS UNDER THIS MASK



LANDO LAKES?

WAIT A MINUTE



JUST AS I SUSPECTED, VULUPTUA!

OUR LONG TIME NEMESIS

I SHOULD HAVE KNOW YOU WERE BEHIND THIS. BUT WHY? WHAT WAS IN IT FOR YOU?

ALL THOSE PEOPLE RIDE THE INCLINE, THEN THEY GO TO CLUMPIES, AND I ONLY WANTED ALL OF THE ICE CREAM FOR MYSELF. I LOVE ICE CREAM. IT'S SO DELICIOUS.



ICE CREAM



SHE DISTRACTED US LONG ENOUGH TO ELUDE US AGAIN

WELL, ONLY ONE THING TO DO NOW



THIS WAS MY  
BEST IDEA  
TODAY



HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN,  
PROFESSOR.



PROFESSOR,  
YOU KNOW WHY  
THE FERNS  
NOMINATED ME  
BOTANIST OF  
THE YEAR?

NO. WHY?



BECAUSE SOME  
OF MY BEST  
FRONDS ARE  
FERNS



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