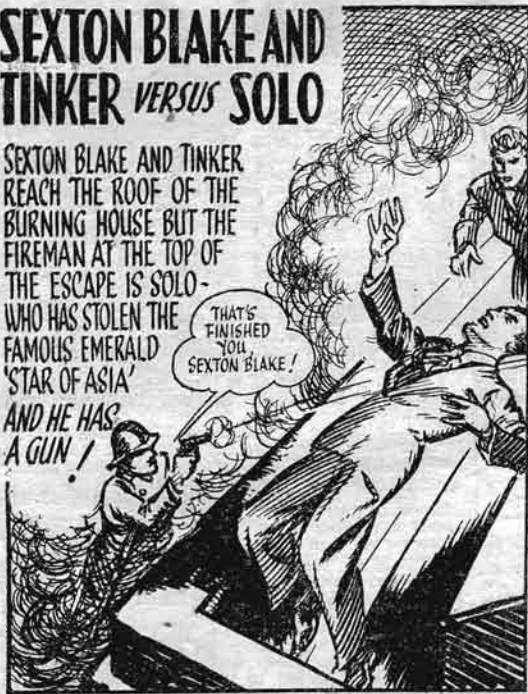


SEXTON BLAKE AND TINKER *VERSUS* SOLO

SEXTON BLAKE AND TINKER REACH THE ROOF OF THE BURNING HOUSE BUT THE FIREMAN AT THE TOP OF THE ESCAPE IS SOLO - WHO HAS STOLEN THE FAMOUS 'STAR OF ASIA' AND HE HAS A GUN!



THAT'S FINISHED YOU, SEXTON BLAKE!



DID HE GET YOU, GUV'NOR?
NO! I DROPPED JUST IN TIME - GET ACROSS TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BUILDING - IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!



ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BUILDING -

LOOK OUT, TINKER! I'M COMING! CAN'T STAY HERE ANOTHER MINUTE!



WE'RE LUCKY TO GET CLEAR OF THAT, GUV'NOR!

SAVE YOUR BREATH! WE'VE GOT TO FIND SOLO - AMONG THE FIREMEN - COME ON!



THE MAN ON THE LADDER WAS OVERCOME BY SMOKE - HE'S GONE OFF SOMEWHERE TO RECOVER!

I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM - SOMEHOW - THANK YOU!



IN A NEARBY DOORWAY -

SOLO'S TUNIC AND HELMET!

YES! HE MUST HAVE BEEN IN A HURRY - HE'S LEFT THE 'STAR OF ASIA' IN THE POCKET!



I THINK HE'LL COME BACK FOR IT!



THERE'S SOMEBODY COMING, NOW, GUV'NOR - ON A MOTOR-BIKE!

IF IT'S SOLO WE'LL JUMP ON HIM - WHEN HE PULLS UP!



BUT SOLO DOESN'T PULL UP!

STOP HIM - WE'VE GOT THE EMERALD BUT WE WANT SOLO AS WELL!



STOP HIM! STOP THAT MAN! IT'S SOLO!

OH, GOSH! THE LUCK'S ON HIS SIDE, GUV'NOR - WE CAN'T FOLLOW HIM, NOW!

Can Solo get away? See Next Week.