

THE HAUNTING OF JULIA ROUND

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ONCE UPON A TIME* THERE WAS A GIRL (ME) WHO BOUGHT AN OLD COMIC BOOK AT A CHURCH JUMBLE SALE.



CAN I HAVE THESE PLEASE?

OF COURSE, DEAR, THAT'S 20P.

*AROUND 1985

IT WAS ABOUT ANOTHER GIRL WHO WAS NOT VERY PRETTY.



SHE WAS GIVEN A MAGIC MIRROR AND TOLD IT WOULD MAKE HER BEAUTIFUL IF SHE FOLLOWED THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

AND IT WORKED!



BUT AS SHE GOT MORE LOVELY SHE ALSO BECAME VAIN AND MEAN... AND THEN ONE DAY SHE DID SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS...

AND WHEN SHE WOKE UP THE NEXT DAY AND LOOKED IN THE MIRROR HER BEAUTIFUL FACE WAS SHATTERED AND WARPED.



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO WAKE UP EVERY DAY... LIKE THIS?



I WAS STILL SCARED WHEN I WENT TO BED THAT NIGHT.



AND IT BOTHERED ME FOR MONTHS AFTER.



AND MONTHS TURNED INTO YEARS...



1990



1995



2000



2005



TO WAKE UP EVERY DAY... LIKE THIS? HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO WAKE UP EVERY DAY... LIKE THIS? HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO WAKE UP EVERY DAY... LIKE THIS? HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO WAKE UP...

AND ALTHOUGH I GREW UP, GOTHED UP, AND FELL BACK IN LOVE WITH HORROR, I NEVER FORGOT THAT STORY.



SOMETIME IN 2013 (MAYBE IGNCC IN GLASGOW, MAYBE COMICS FORUM IN LEEDS, MAYBE TRANSITIONS IN LONDON...)



SO MY QUEST BEGAN TO TRACK DOWN THE STORY THAT HAUNTED ME. I STARTED FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT BRITISH GIRLS' COMICS LIKE TAMMY, JINTY, SPELLBOUND AND MISTY.

AND I LOVED MISTY!



I MADE LOTS OF TRIPS TO THE BRITISH LIBRARY TO READ THE WHOLE COLLECTION...

2014

LOTS OF THESE STORIES HAVE GOTHIC THEMES!

SHHH!



2015

THE MOST CHARACTERS IN GIRLS' COMICS ARE REALLY INTERESTING!

SHHHH!



2016

FOUND IT! OMG OMG OMG!

SHHHH!



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO WAKE UP EVERY DAY... LIKE THIS?

2017

THERE'S SO MUCH MORE TO DISCOVER!

SHHHHH!

