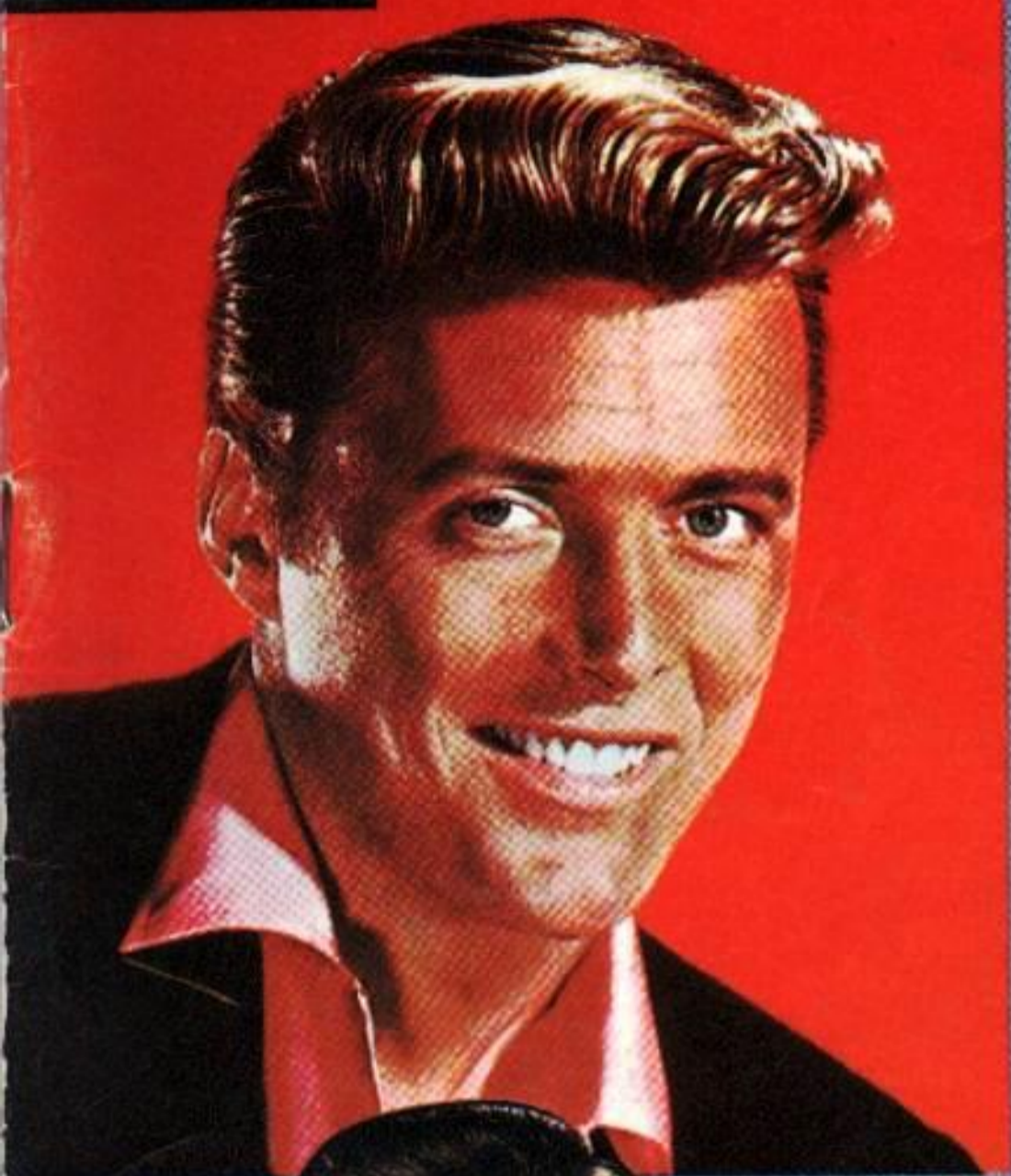


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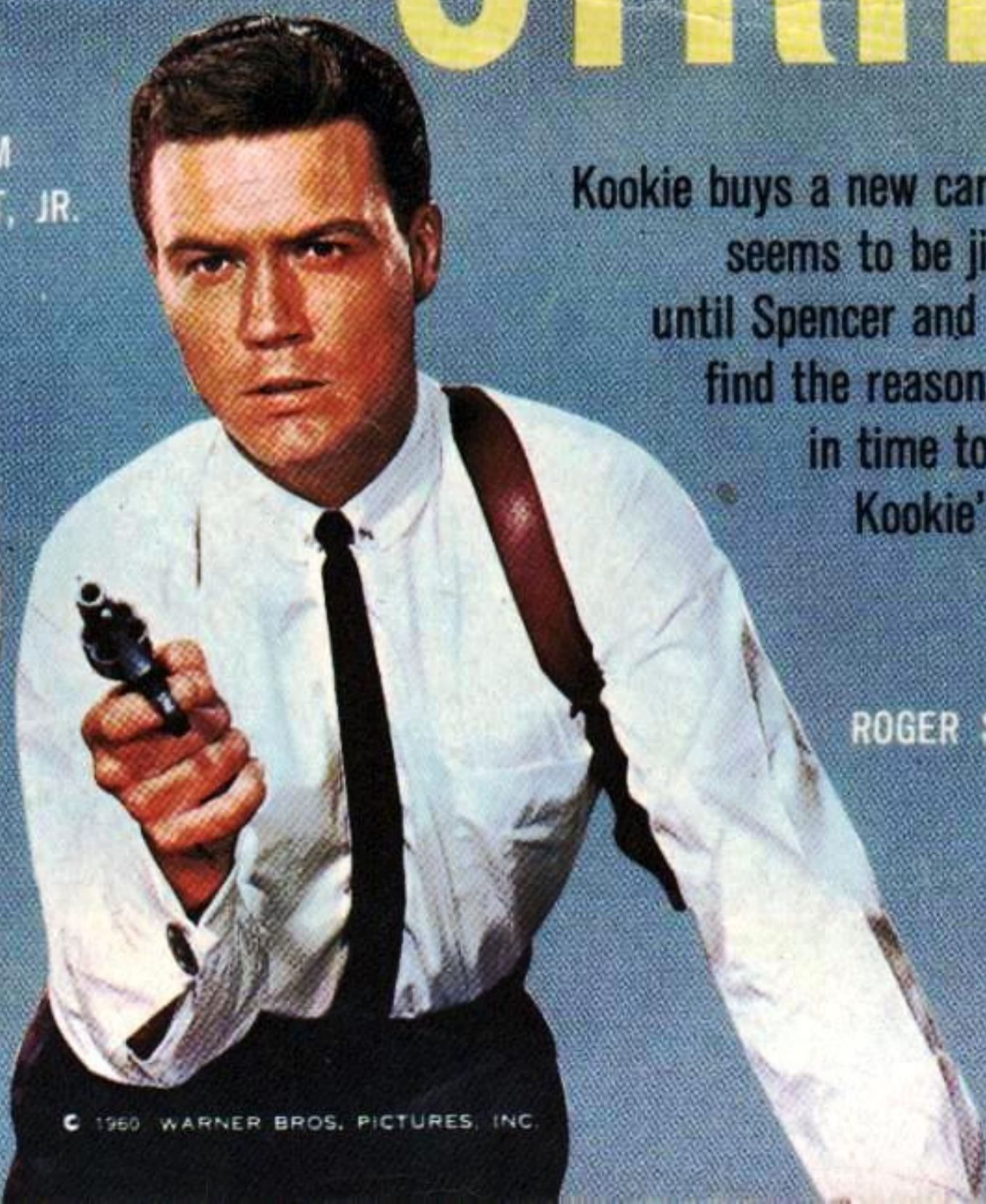
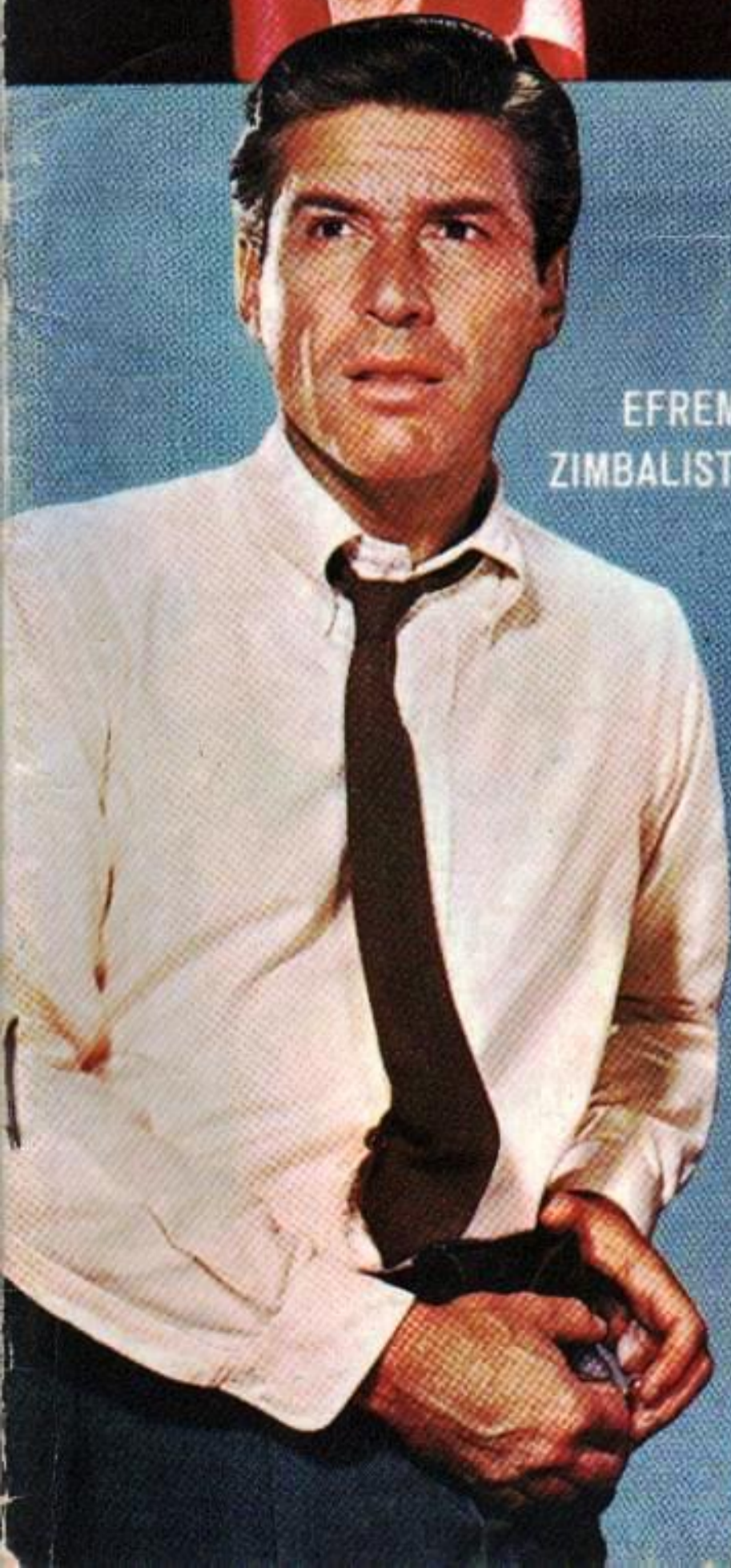
EDD "KOOKIE"
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ZIMBALIST, JR.



Kookie buys a new car that seems to be jinxed, until Spencer and Bailly find the reason, just in time to save Kookie's life.

ROGER SMITH

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THE MONEY WAGON



Kookie trades his hot-rod for a classy used car, and a lot of people get interested in it in a big hurry. Some want to steal it... others want to buy it...he wants to keep it.



Spencer and Bailey are curious, too...and when they look into the matter they uncover a sinister reason which could cost Kookie his life...if they do not work fast.

THE NIGHT VISITOR



A frightened young man, caught in a chain of circumstantial evidence, seeks help from the firm of Spencer and Bailey.



Only a miracle can prove the boy has done no wrong... and somewhere in the big city, Stu and Jeff must find that miracle.

77 SUNSET STRIP THE MONEY WAGON

ONE AFTERNOON,
KOOKIE HELPS STUART
BAILEY KEEP AN
APPOINTMENT WITH
A CLIENT...

THANKS FOR DRIVING ME OVER HERE,
KOOKIE! MY CAR SHOULD BE OUT OF
THE REPAIR SHOP BY SIX TONIGHT!

GLAD TO OBLIGE,
STU! IT GAVE YOU
A CHANCE TO RIDE
ON SOME **REAL**
WHEELS!



LOOKS LIKE MY
CLIENT IS ALREADY
HERE!

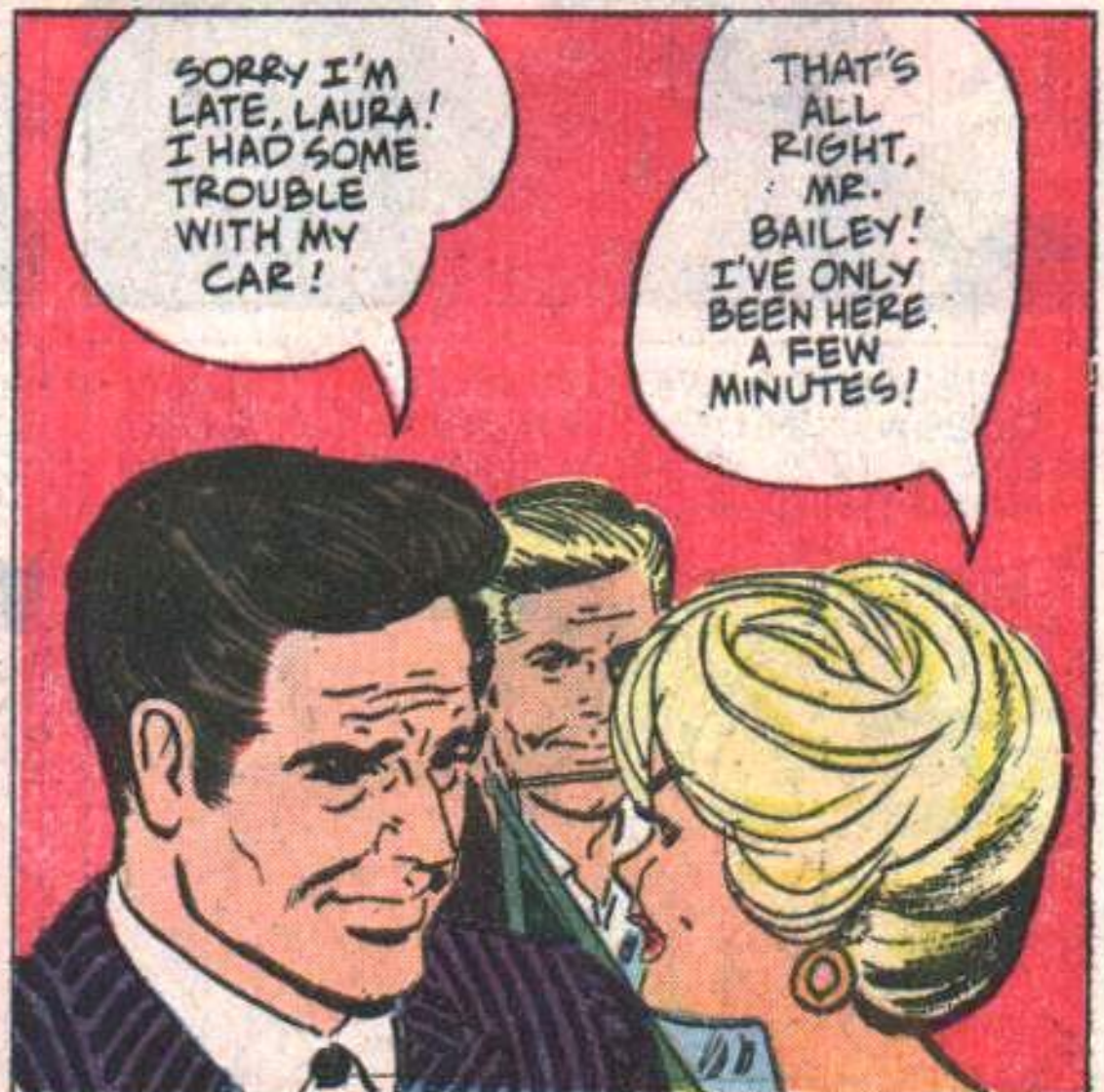
WOWIE!!
DON'T TELL
ME THIS LI'L
CHICK IS THE
ONE YOU'RE
MEETING!



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SORRY I'M
LATE, LAURA!
I HAD SOME
TROUBLE
WITH MY
CAR!

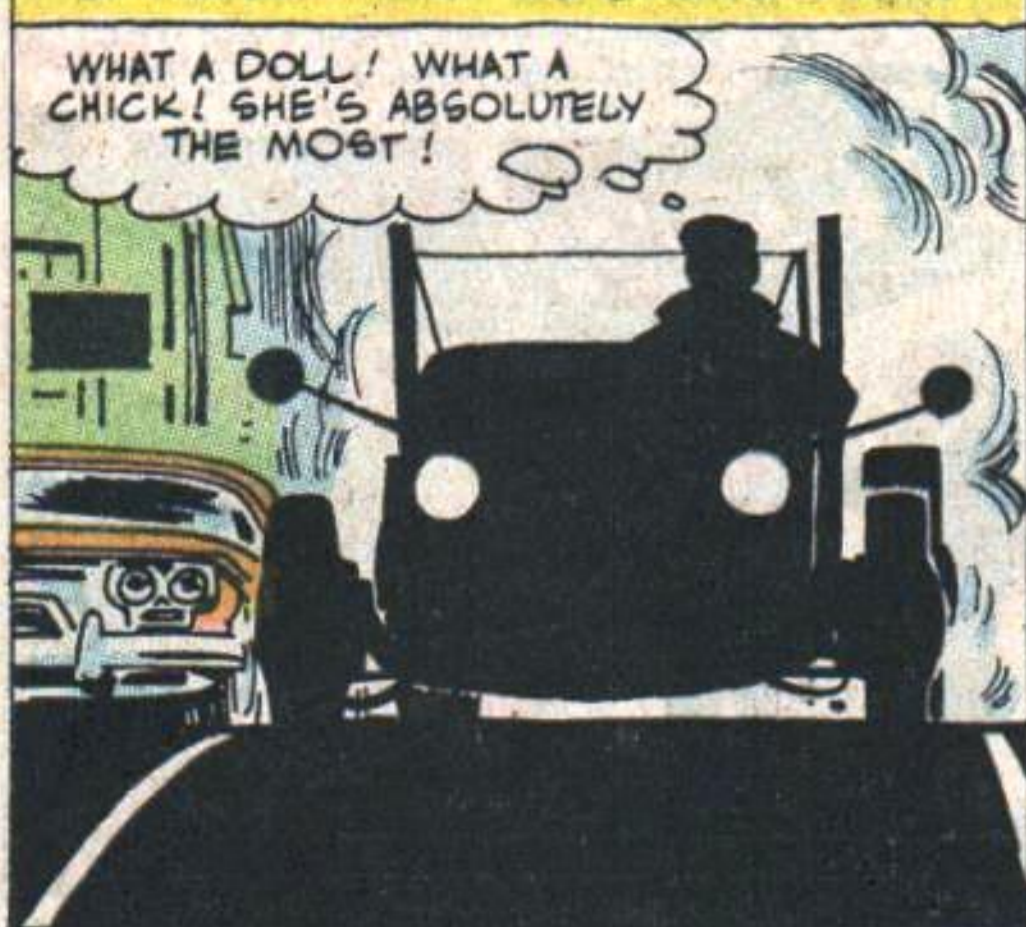
THAT'S
ALL
RIGHT,
MR.
BAILEY!
I'VE ONLY
BEEN HERE
A FEW
MINUTES!



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ROOKIE WHEELS DOWN THE STRIP, SMITTEN BY THE BEAUTY OF THE GIRL HE JUST MET...



LATER... HI, KOOKIE! JUDGING FROM THAT SIGN, THINGS MUST BE PRETTY ROUGH FOR YOU!



THE WORLD MUST BE COMING TO AN END IF YOU'RE TRYING TO SELL YOUR PRIDE AND JOY!



WOULD YOU MIND TRANSLATING THAT FOR ME?

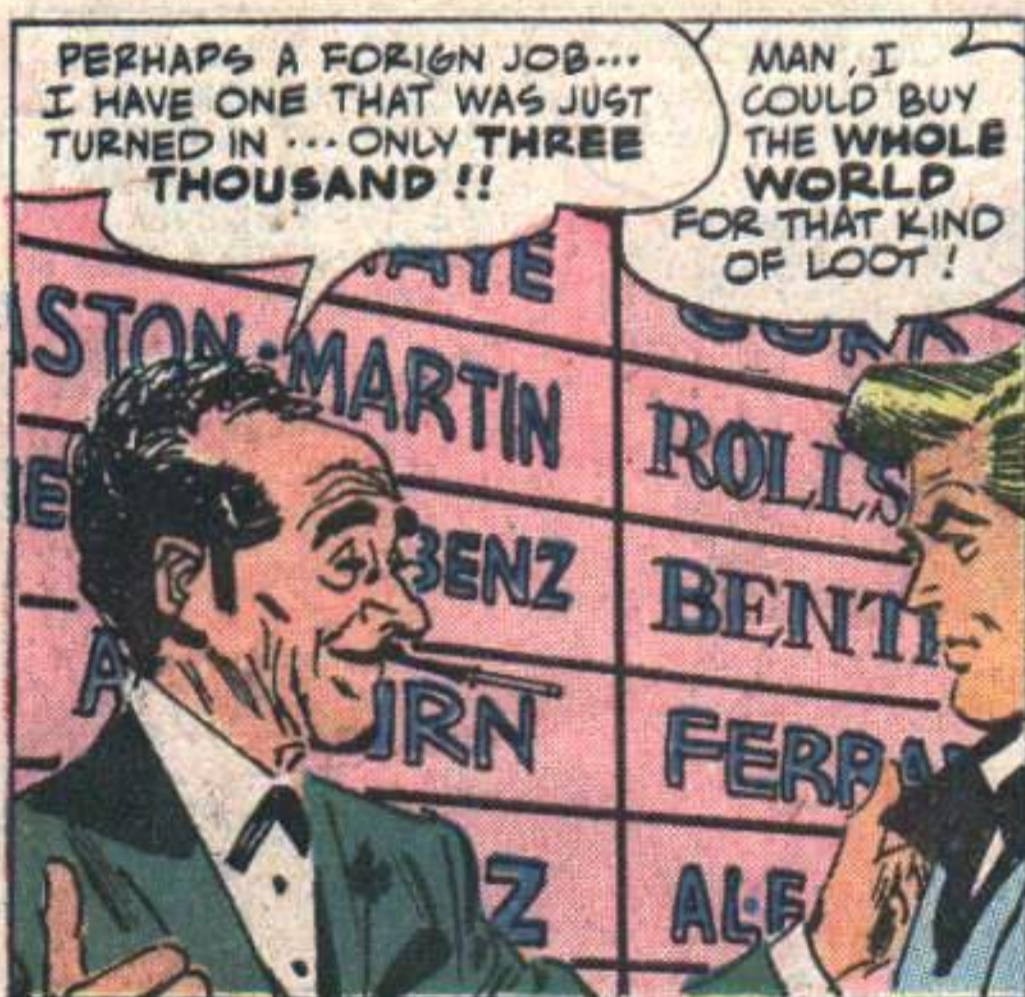
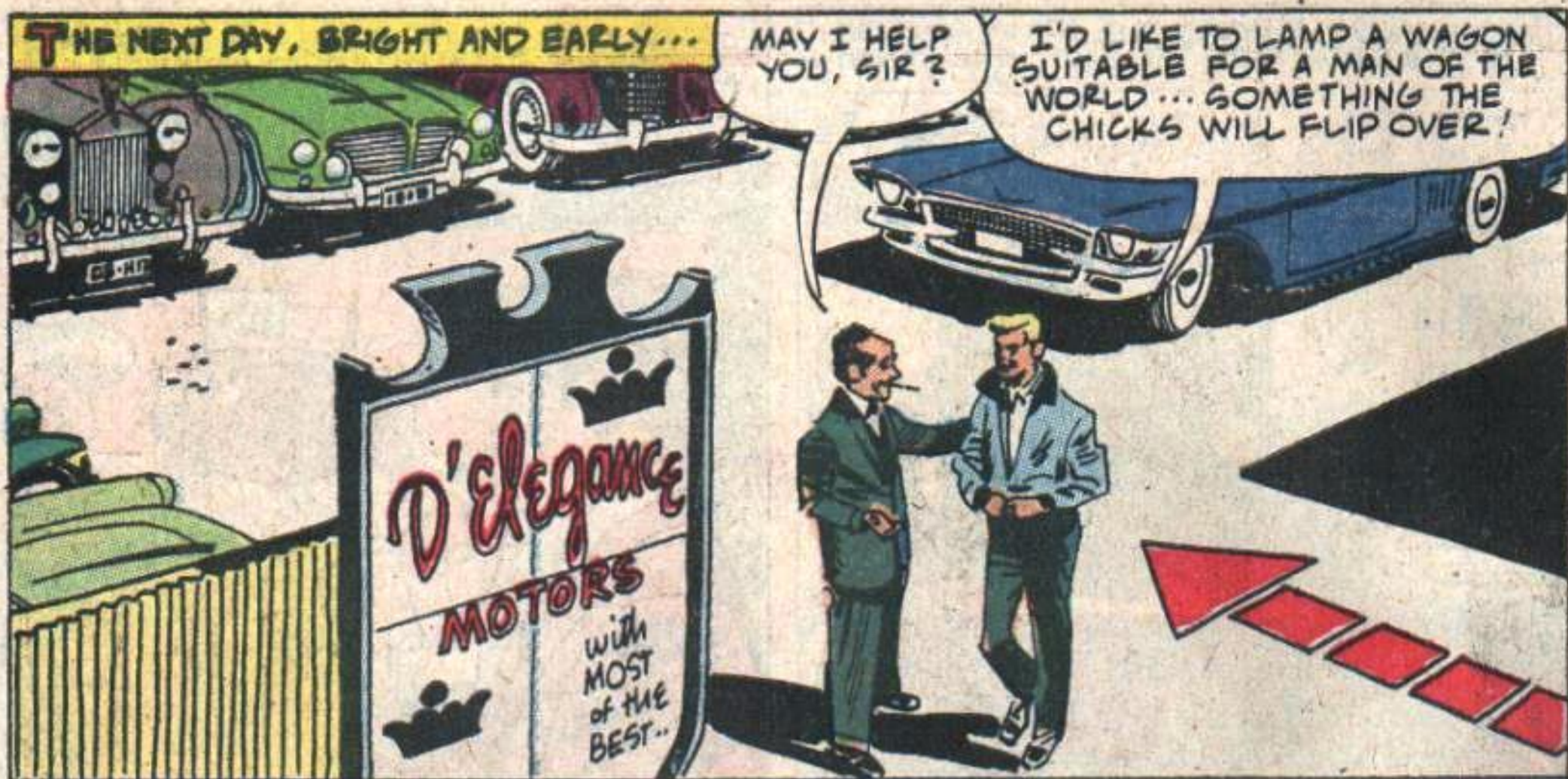


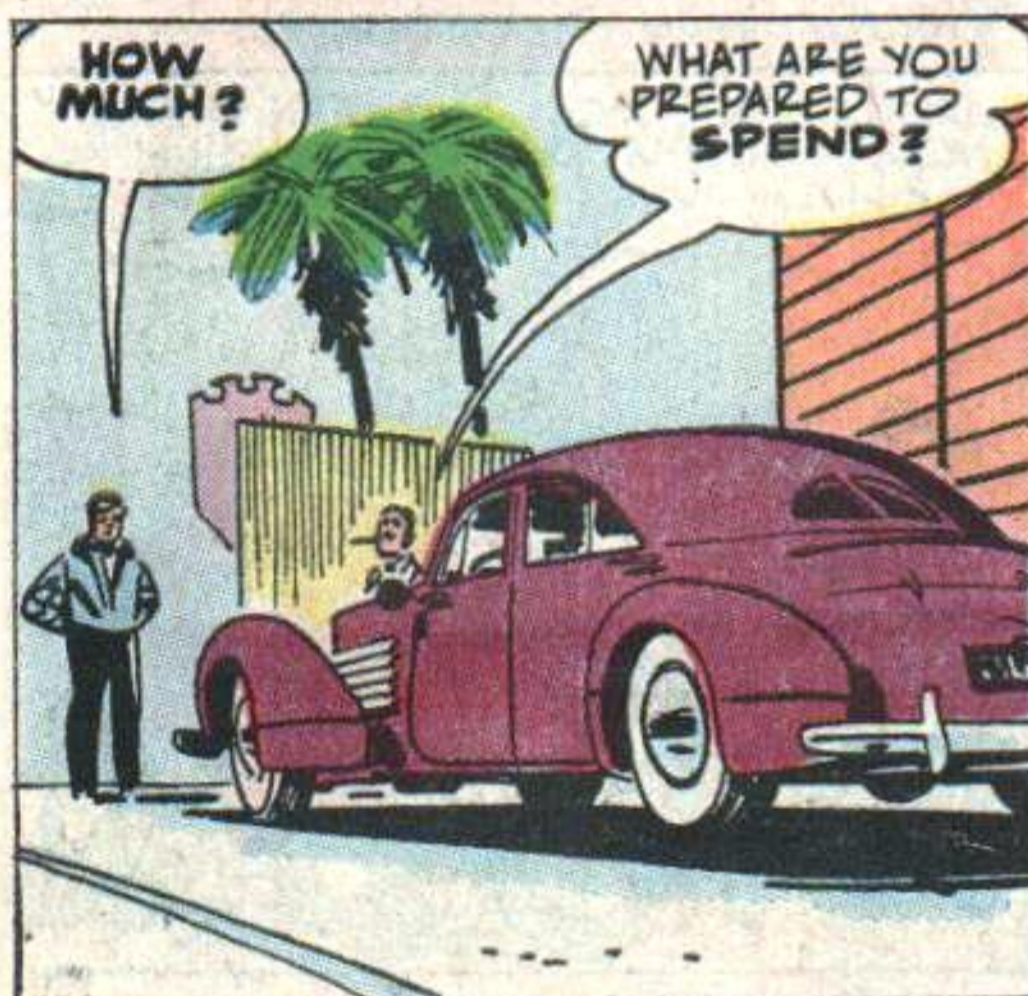
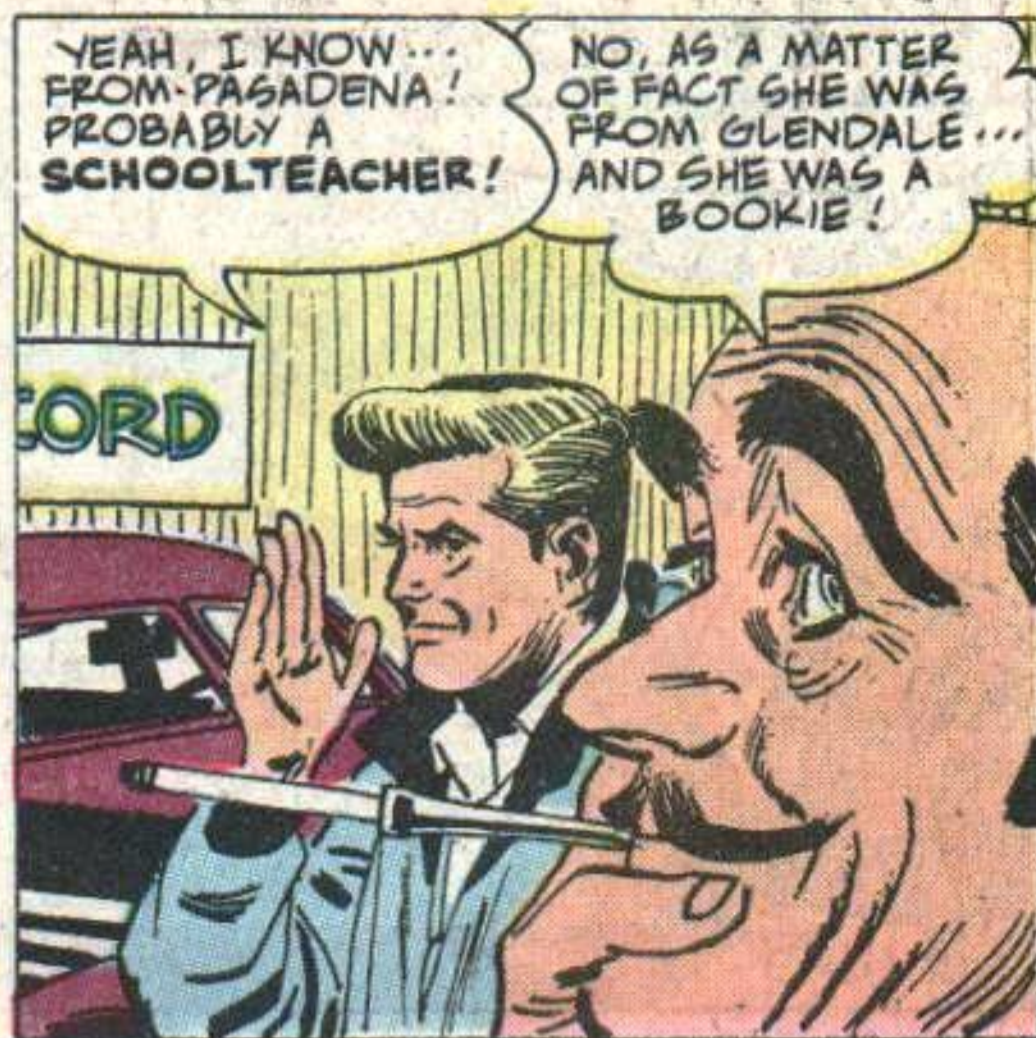
ME, I NEED SOMETHING TO FIT MY PERSONALITY... A CAR WITH CLASS! WHEELS THAT SUIT A MAN WHO IS DEBONAIR! A MAN OF THE WORLD.. A--



PLEASE, SPARE ME THE DETAILS — IT'S OBVIOUS THAT YOU'RE NOT THE SAME KOOKIE I USED TO KNOW!

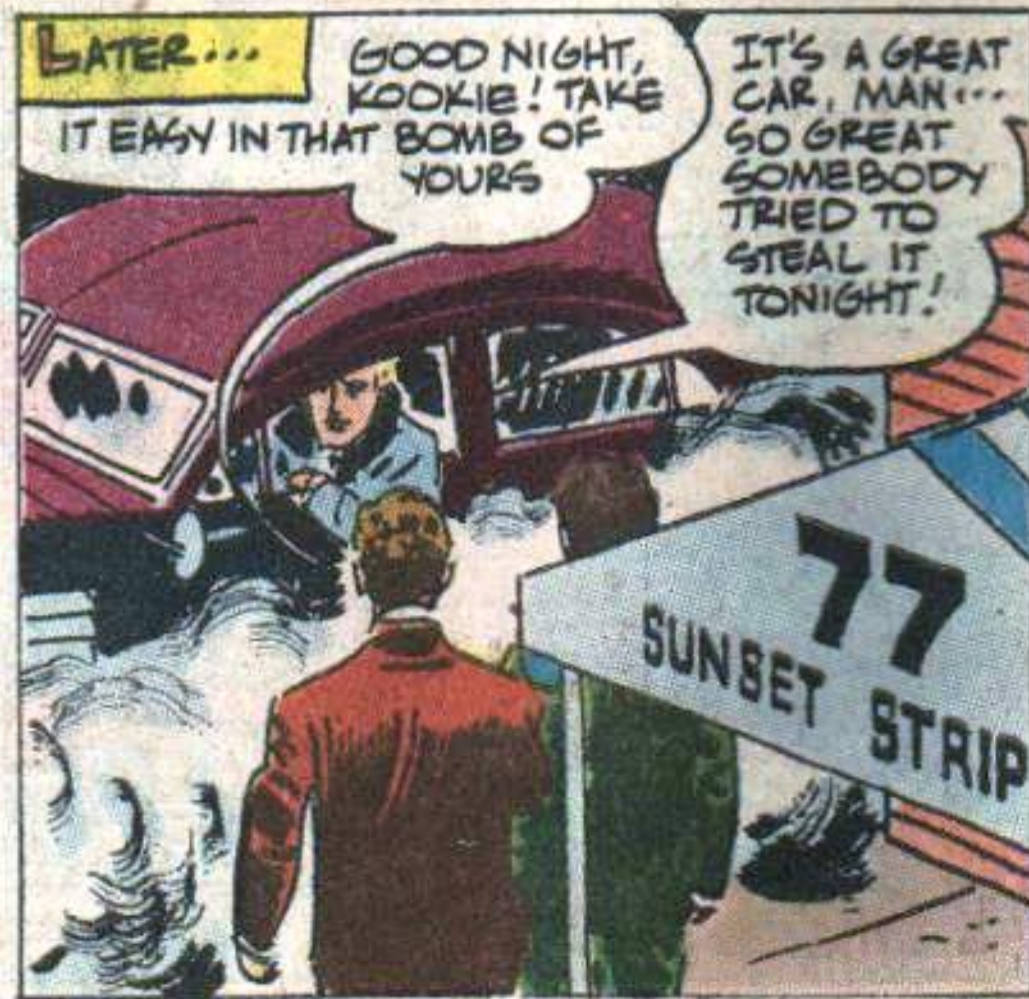












KOOKIE KICKS DOWN THE ACCELERATOR...



I DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S GOING
ON, BUT I'M
CUTTIN' OUT
OF HERE... AND
...**FAST!!**



AND SOON...

LOOK, OFFICER... BELIEVE
ME, I WAS TRYING TO GET
AWAY FROM SOME GUYS WHO TRIED TO
FORCE ME OFF THE ROAD!

SURE,
SURE!



LOOK! I MIGHT
NEED **HELP!!**
THEY'RE THE SAME
GUYS WHO TRIED TO
RUN ME DOWN
EARLIER TONIGHT!!

DRIVING 90 MILES
AN HOUR ON A CITY
STREET TO GET
AWAY FROM SOME
GANGSTERS?
MAYBE THE JUDGE
WILL UNDERSTAND,
SON!



THE NEXT DAY...

...AND BELIEVE
ME, THOSE CHARACTERS.
WEREN'T PLAYING GAMES!

ARE YOU
SURE THIS
CAR OF YOURS
HASN'T GIVEN
YOU IDEAS?



MAN, I DON'T
LOOK FOR TROUBLE!
I'M TELLING YOU
STRAIGHT!

GIVE US YOUR CAR'S
LICENSE NUMBER,
KOOKIE... WE'LL
CHECK ON IT FOR
YOU!





IF WE LEARN THE IDENTITY OF THE CAR'S FORMER OWNER, IT MIGHT CLUE US AS TO WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

LET'S HOPE SO, STU... I'M BEGINNING TO THINK MY NEW WAGON IS JINXED!!



MEANWHILE, I'M CUTTIN' OUT FOR AN AFTERNOON AT THE BEACH... A LITTLE SAND AND SUN MIGHT EASE THE OLD NOODLE!

YOU'RE TAKING THE CAR?



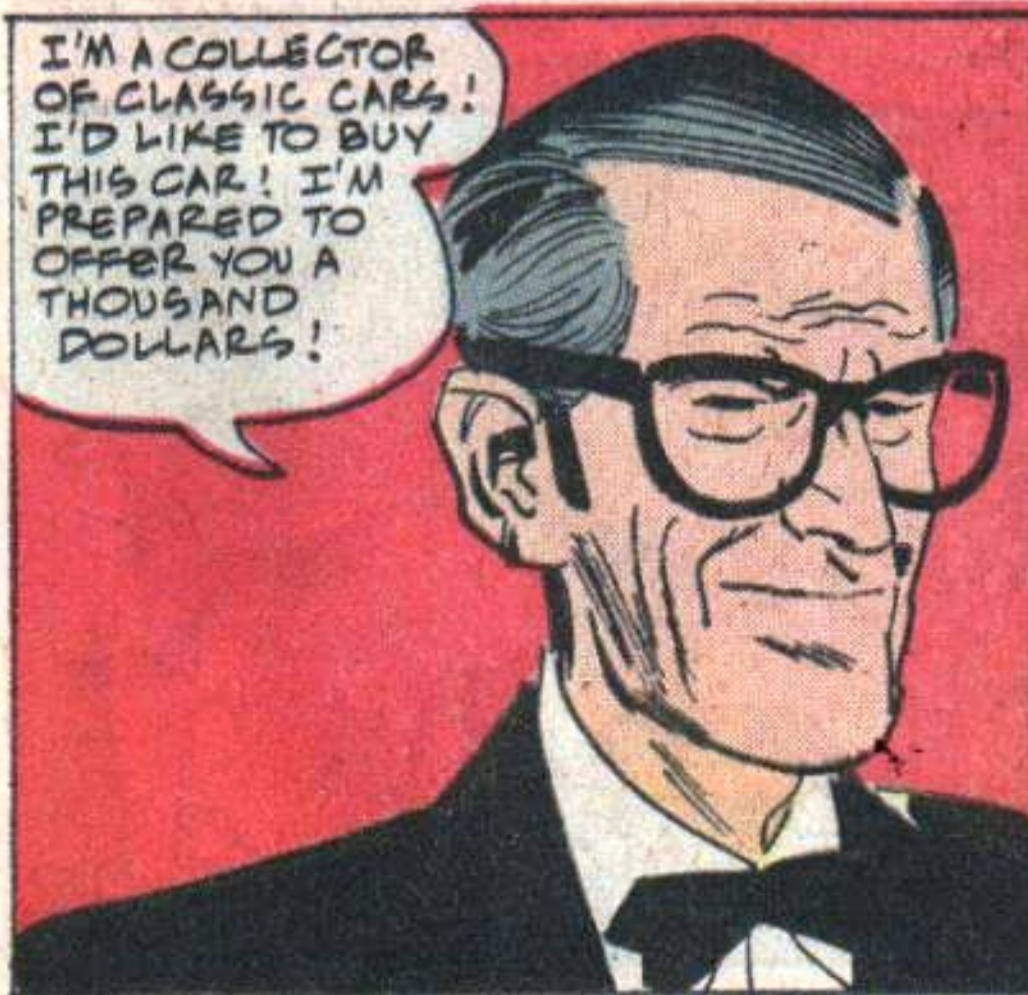
NATCH, MAN! TROUBLE OR NO TROUBLE, I DON'T DIG WALKING!



AS KOOKIE HEADS TO HIS CAR...

PARDON ME, SIR... ARE YOU THE OWNER OF THIS VEHICLE?

MAYBE! WHAT'S UP?

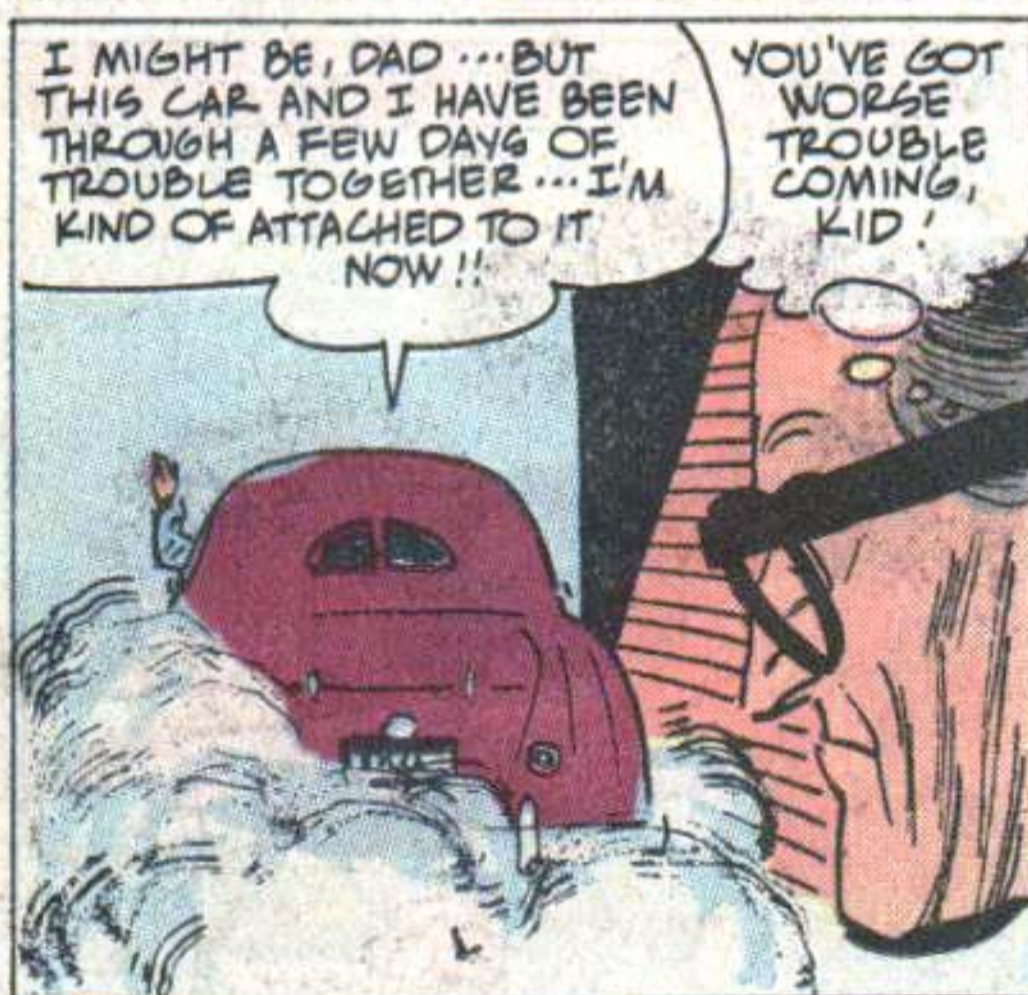


I'M A COLLECTOR OF CLASSIC CARS! I'D LIKE TO BUY THIS CAR! I'M PREPARED TO OFFER YOU A THOUSAND DOLLARS!



A THOUSAND? MAN, THAT'S A LOT OF LOOT!

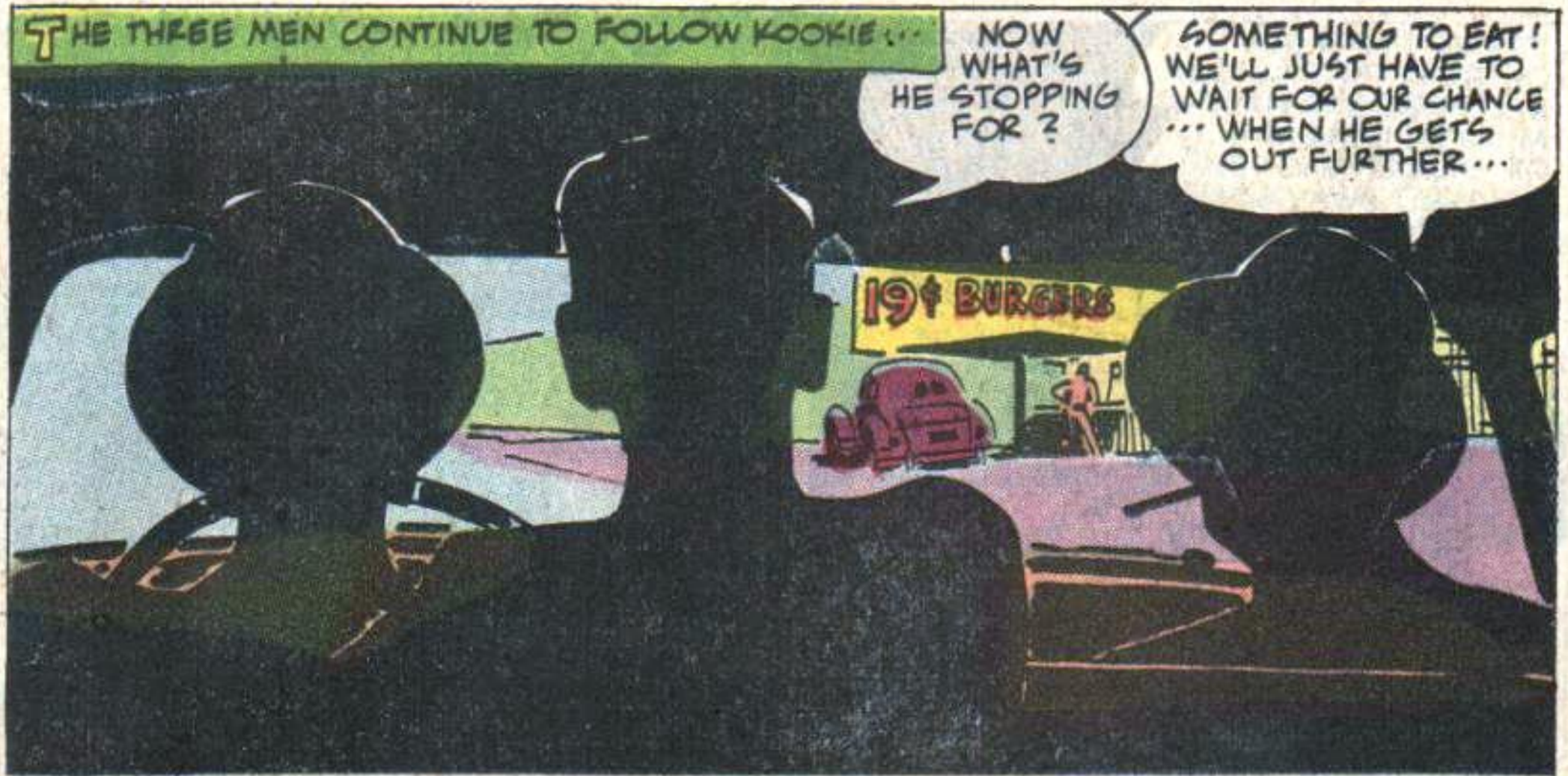
WILL YOU SELL?



THE THREE MEN CONTINUE TO FOLLOW KOOKIE...

NOW
WHAT'S
HE STOPPING
FOR?

SOMETHING TO EAT!
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO
WAIT FOR OUR CHANCE
... WHEN HE GETS
OUT FURTHER...



AT THAT MOMENT ...

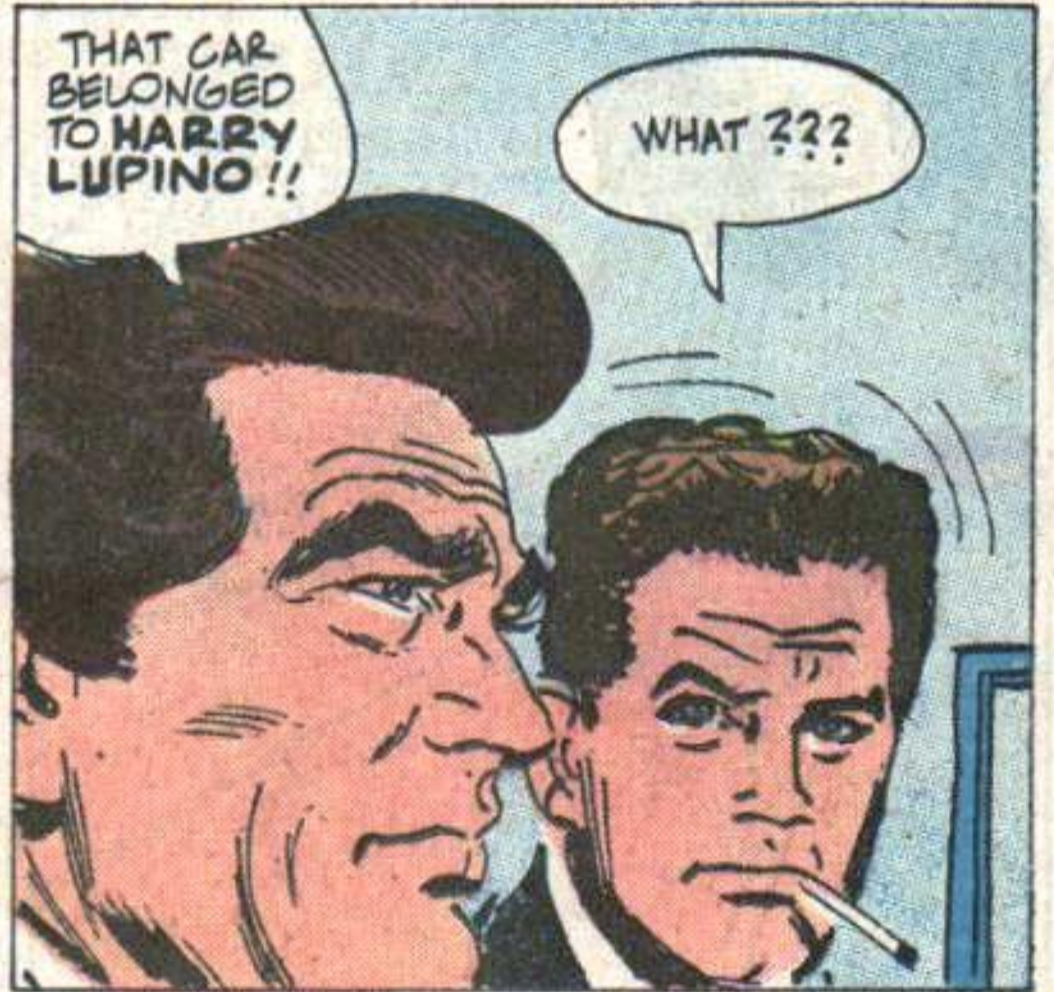
GET ANYTHING?

THEY WEREN'T TOO
ANXIOUS TO TALK ...
BUT I FINALLY CON-
VINCED THEM...



THAT CAR
BELONGED
TO HARRY
LUPINO!!

WHAT ???



HE'S THE RACKETEER
WHO WAS KILLED
LAST YEAR!

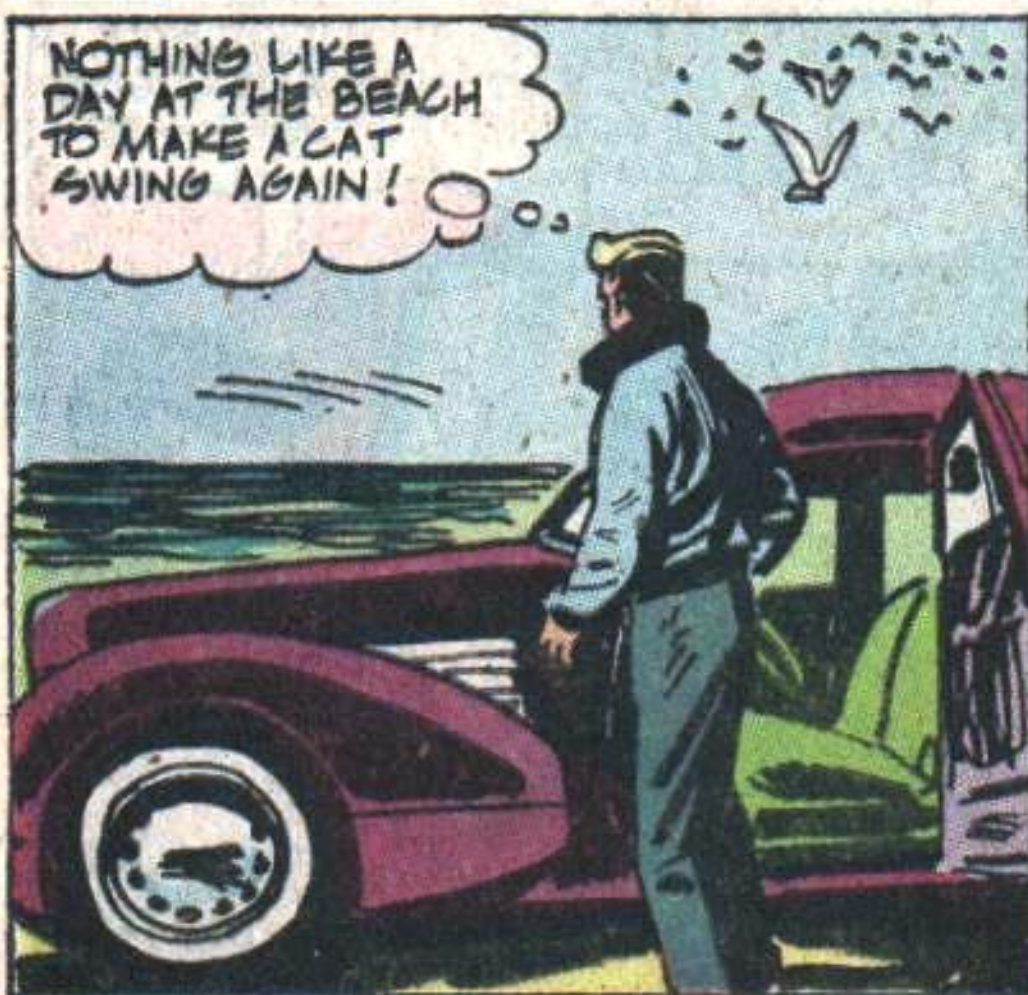
RIGHT! HIS CAR
WENT TO HIS WIFE
THEN, SHE SOLD IT
TO SOMEONE ... AND
IT ENDED UP ON
THE CAR LOT!

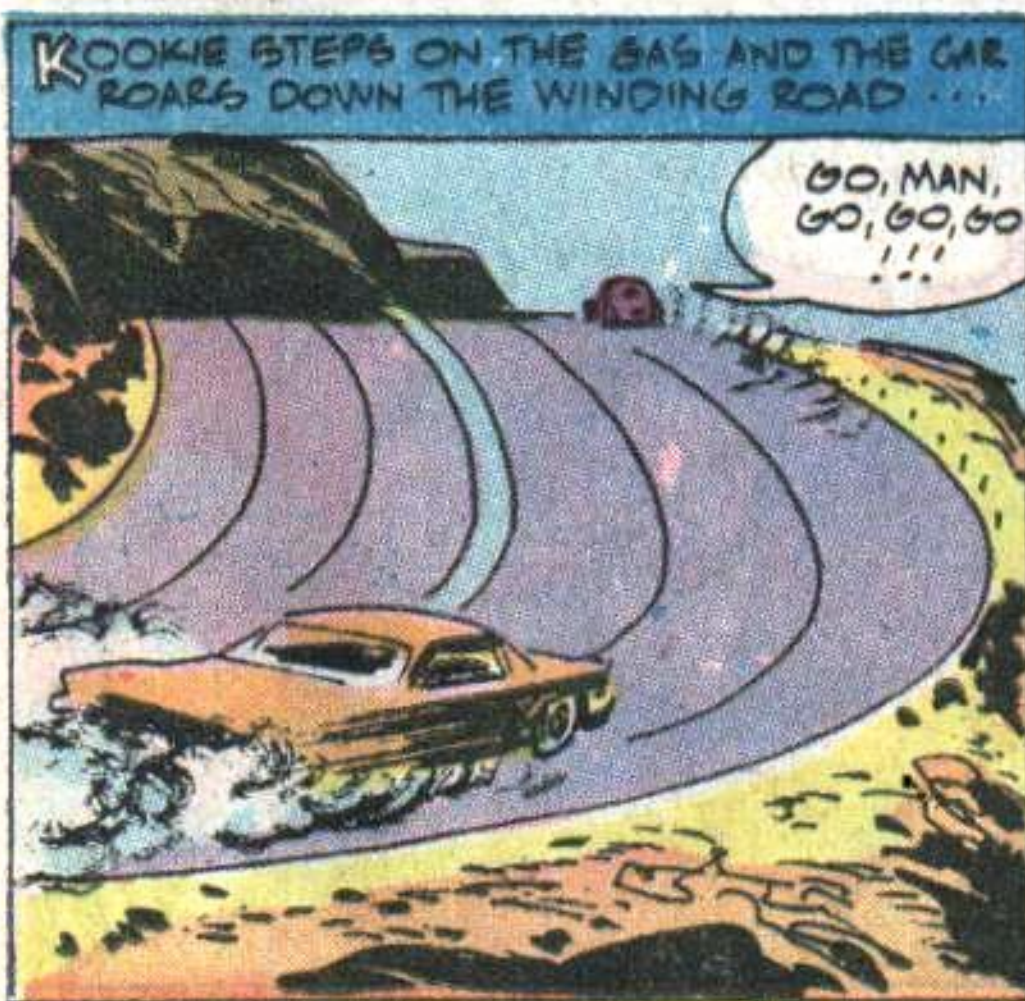
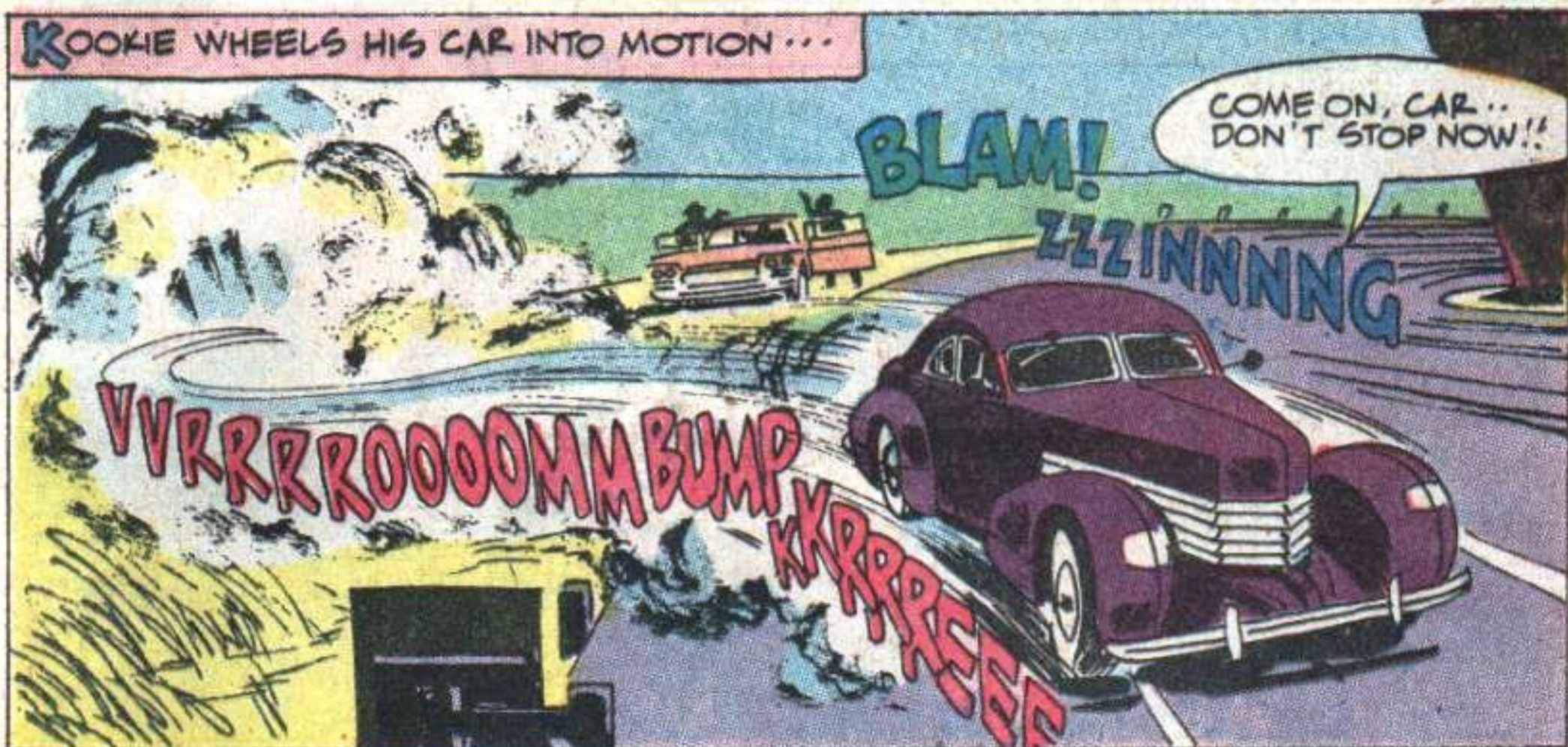


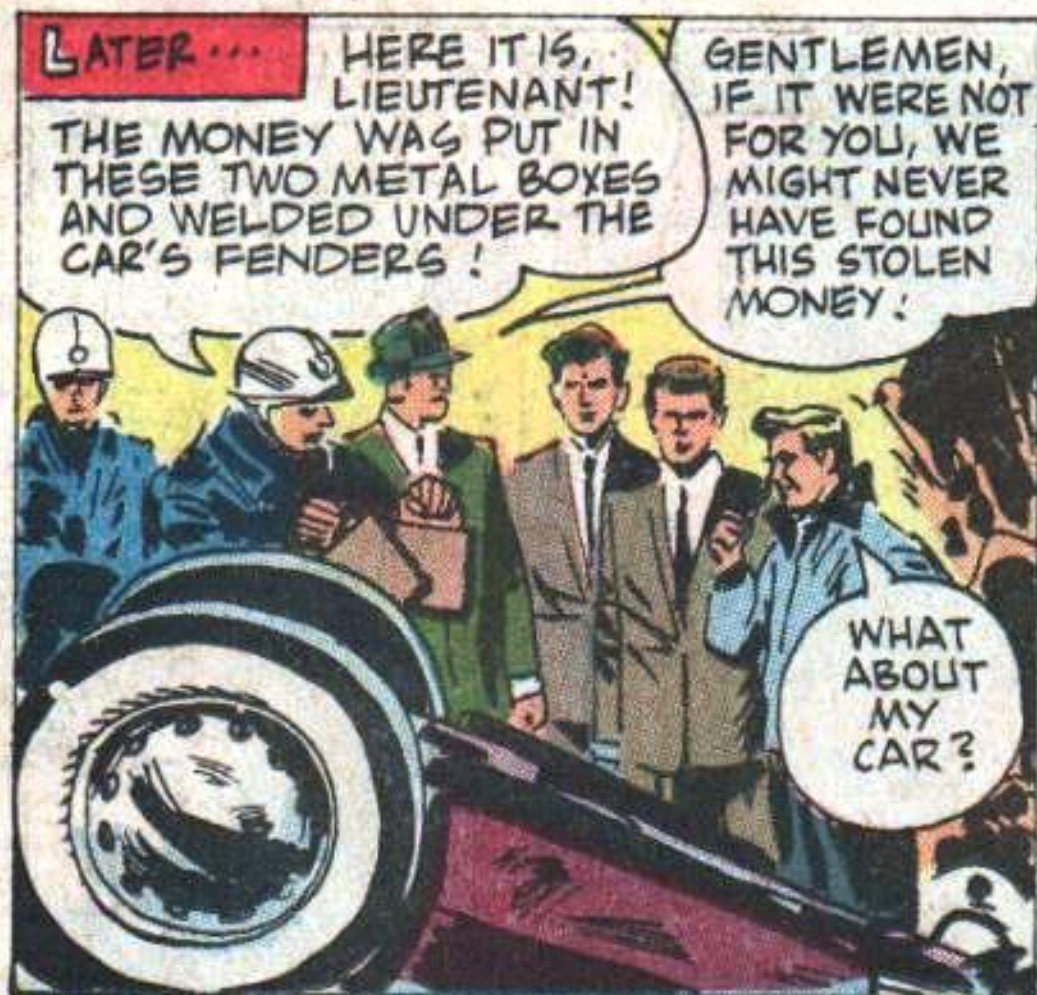
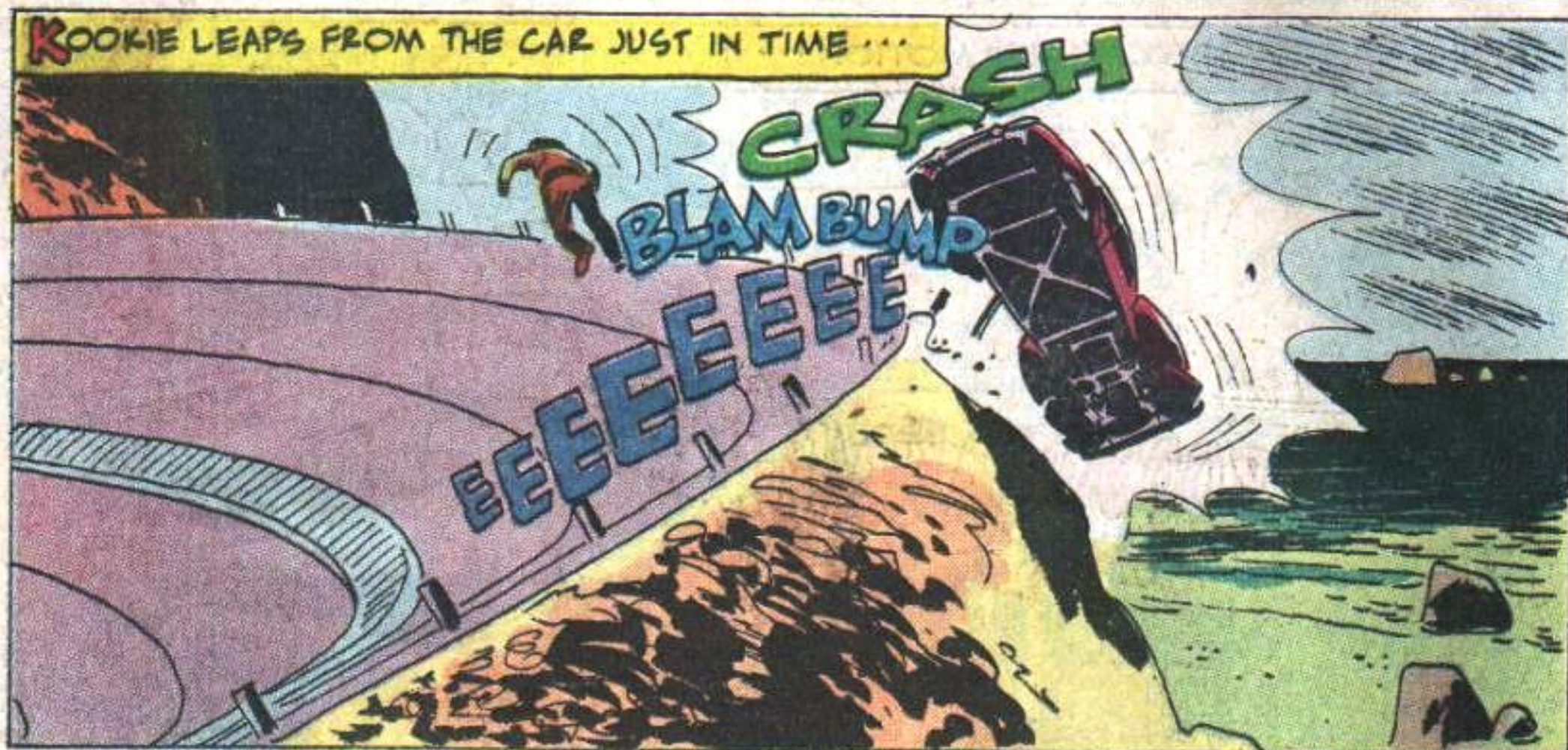
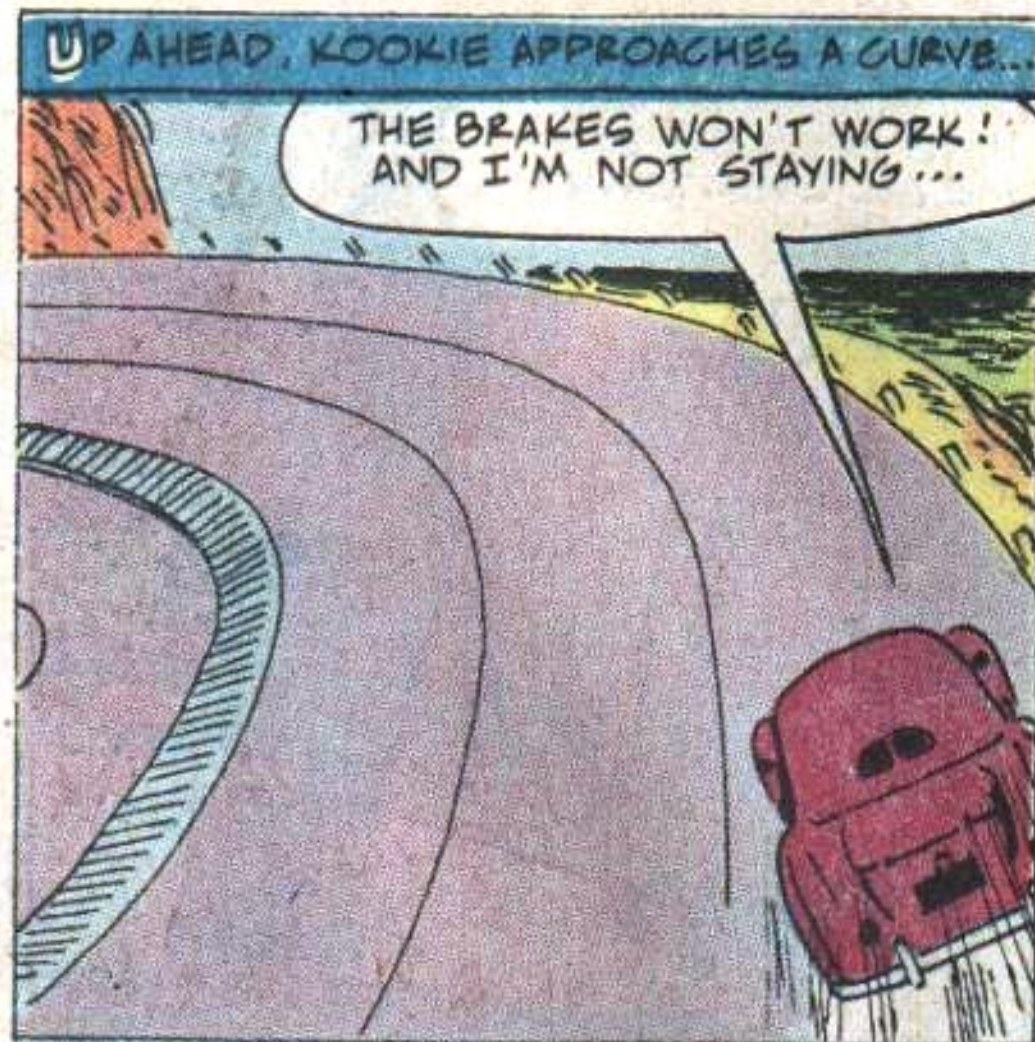
YOU FIGURE IT TIES IN
WITH THOSE GUYS WHO
TRIED TO FORCE KOOKIE
OFF THE ROAD?

I WOULDN'T
BE SURPRISED,
JEFF - !!





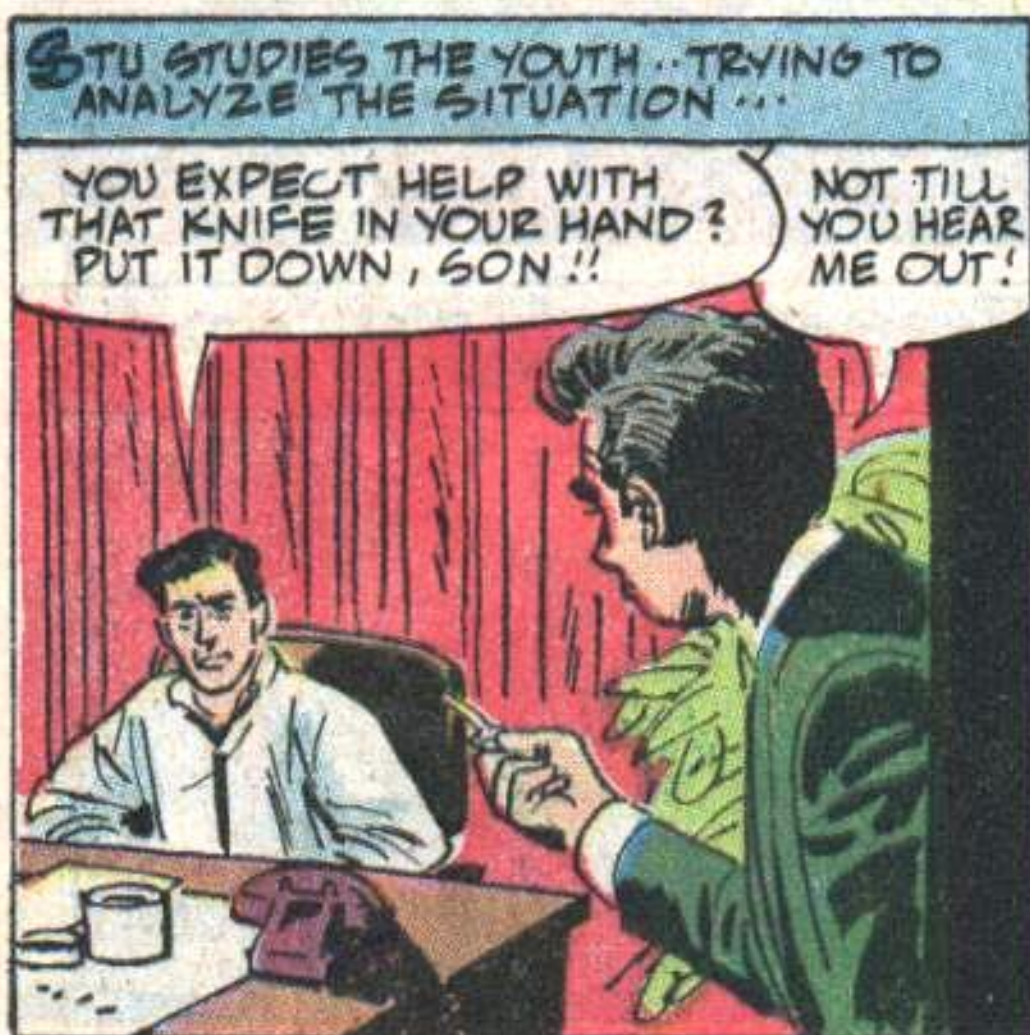




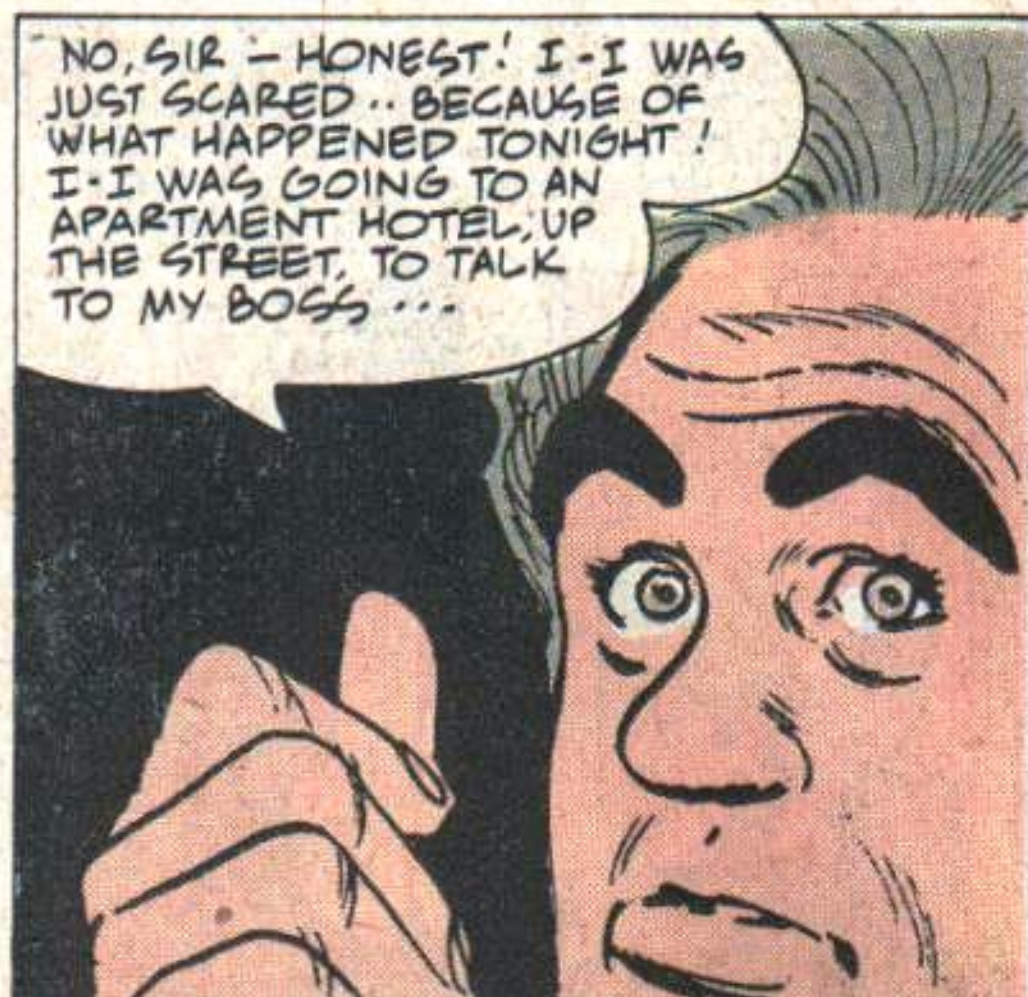
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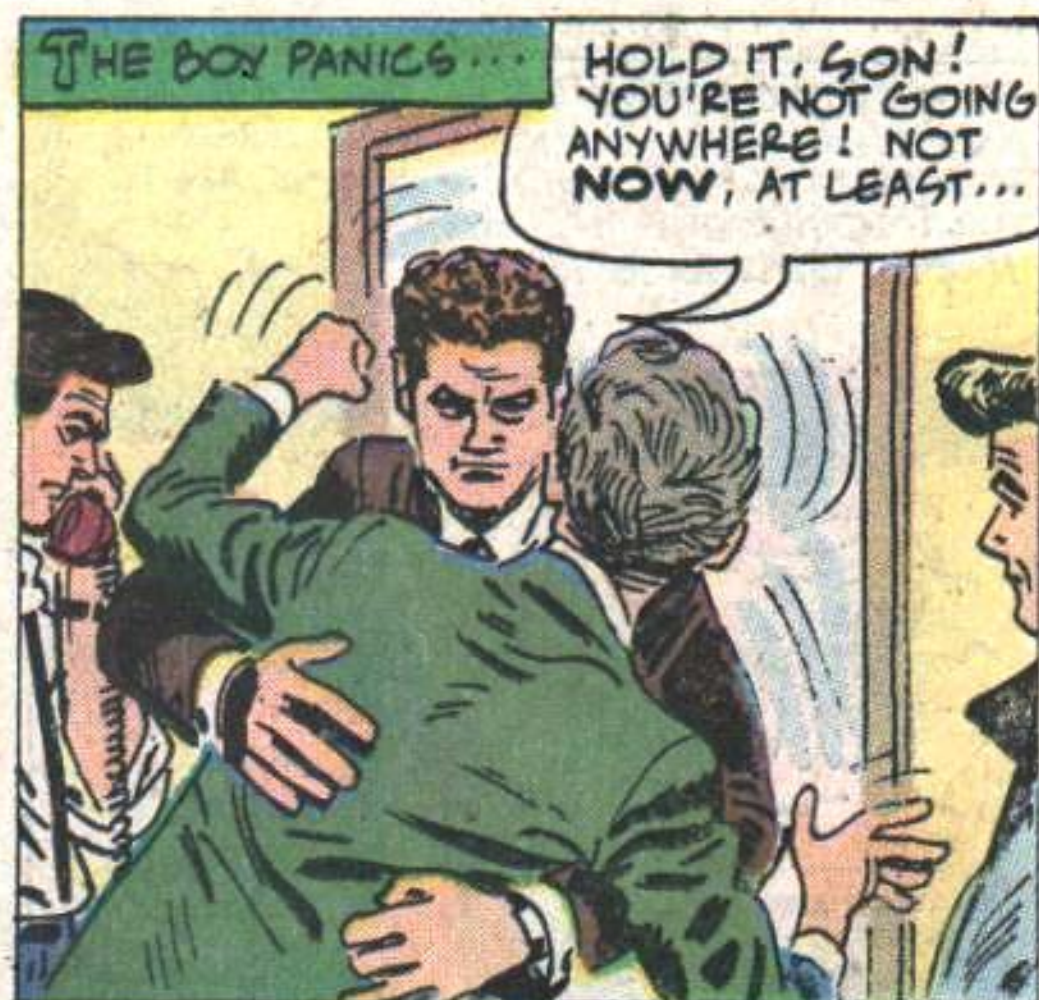
ONE NIGHT, AT
A LUXURIOUS
APARTMENT
HOTEL OFF
THE SUNSET
STRIP...

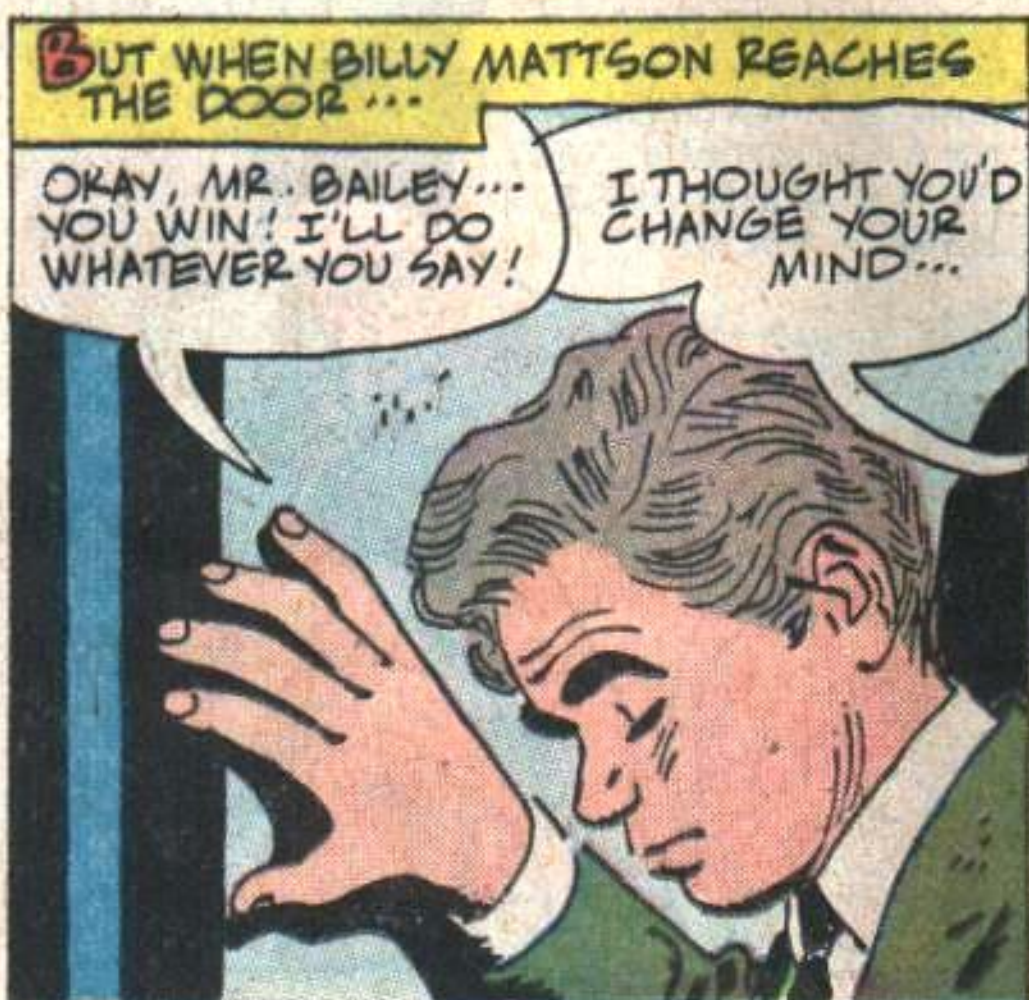
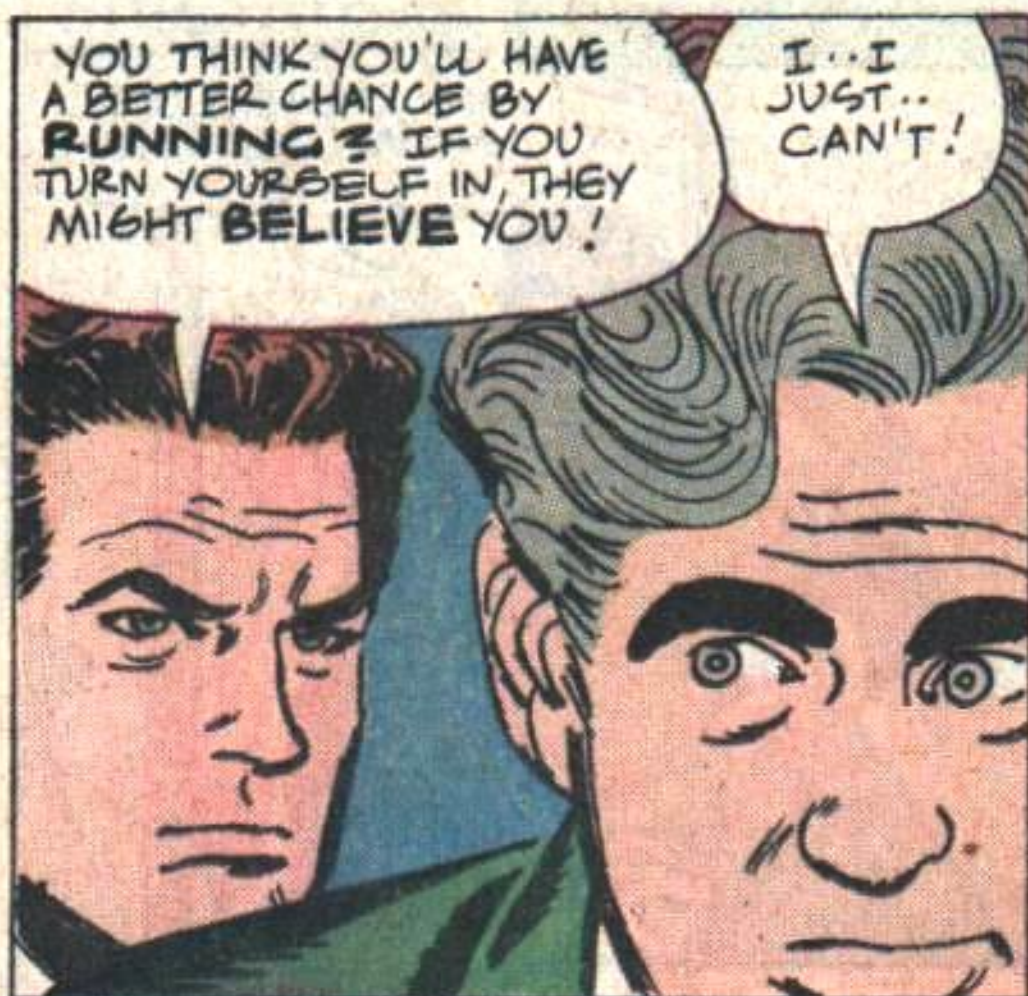












AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS ...

YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, SON... TURNING YOURSELF IN...

I'D LIKE TO GET ALL THE INFORMATION I CAN ON THIS CASE, LIEUTENANT... IF WE'RE GOING TO HELP THE BOY, I -



STU IS INTERRUPTED AS DAVIS RECEIVES A MESSAGE ...

YOU'LL HAVE TO DO A LOT OF HELPING, STU... ARNOLD BLINKER JUST DIED !!



I'LL NEVER BEAT THIS RAP... NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS!

EASY, BILLY.. YOU'RE NOT CONVICTED OF ANYTHING YET!



THE BOY IS BOOKED ON SUSPICION OF MURDER AND LED TO A CELL ...

YOU'RE SHOOTING FOR THE MOON, STU... THIS KID LOOKS MIGHTY GUILTY!

THERE'S NO PROOF!

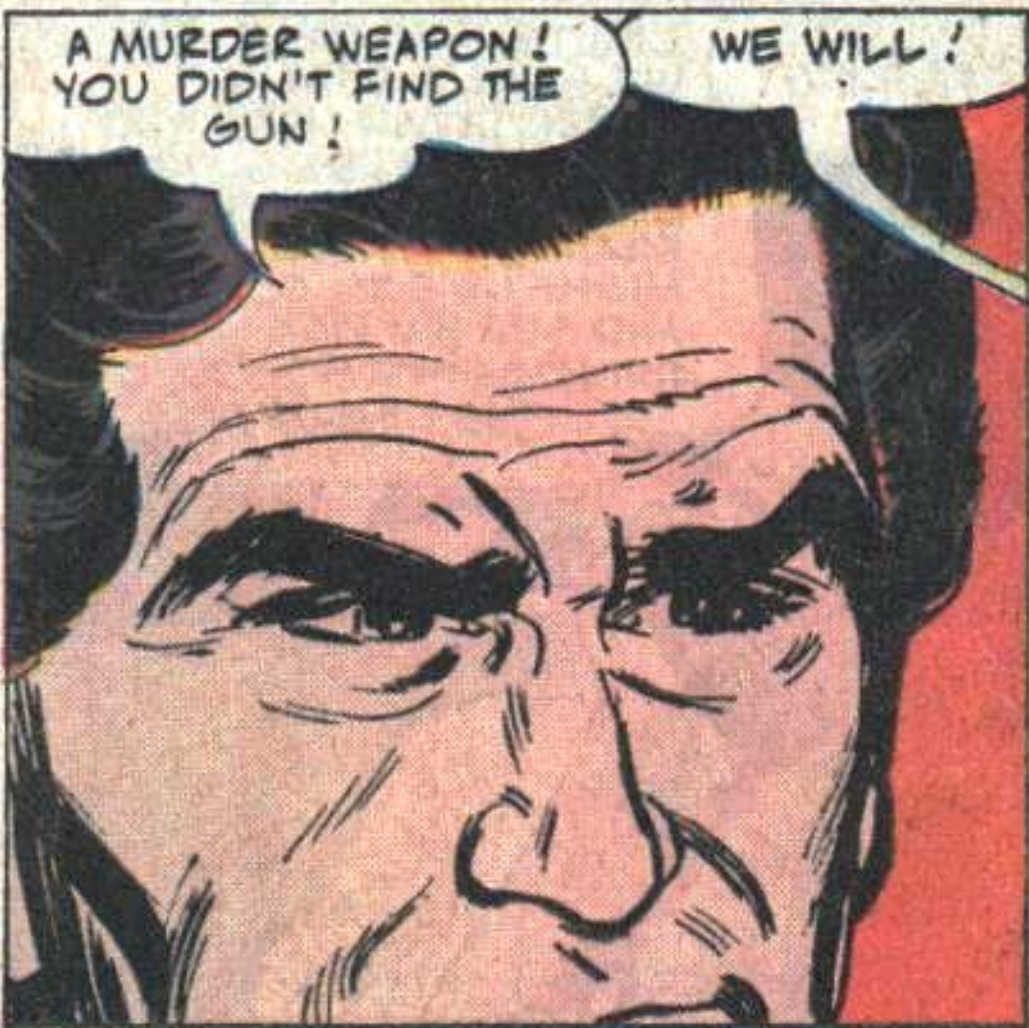


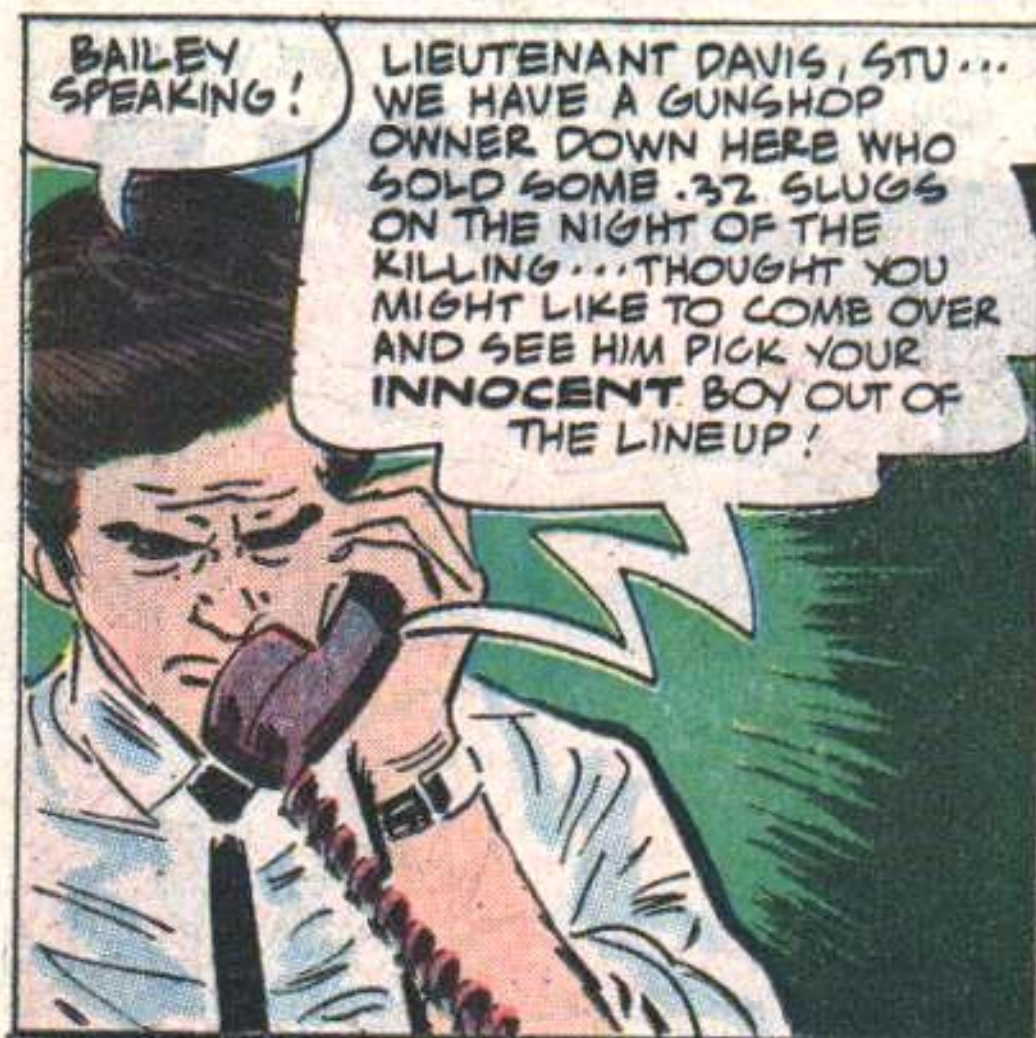
HE WORKED FOR BLINKER... HE NEEDED MONEY... HE WAS SEEN RUNNING AWAY FROM THE APARTMENT... WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT ?

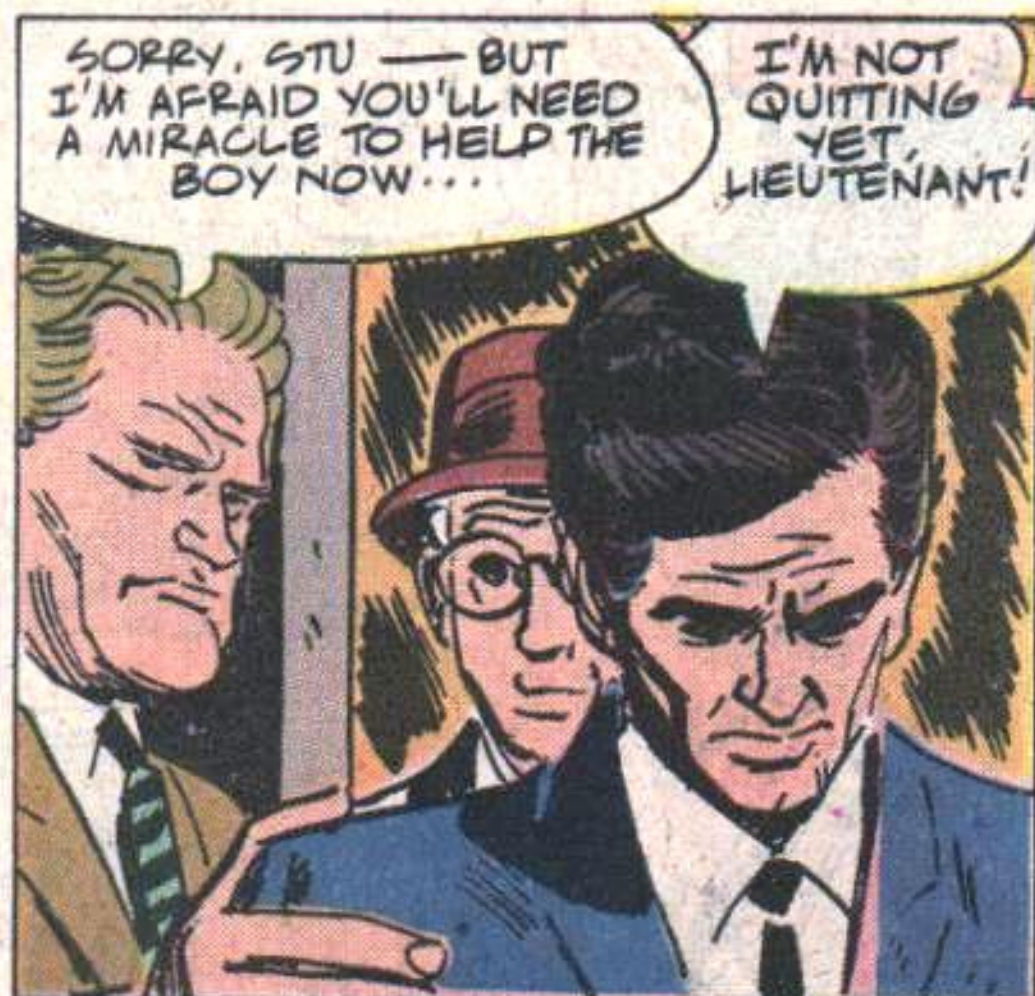


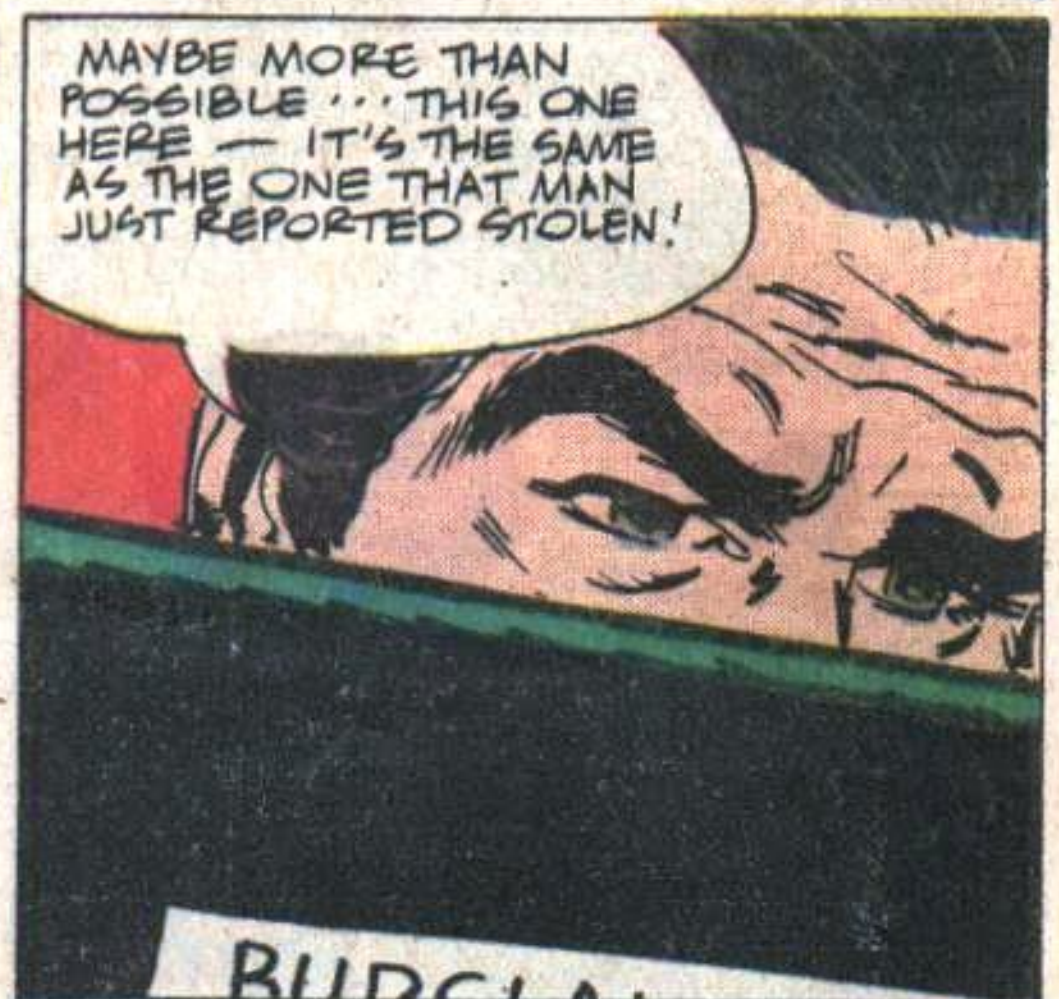
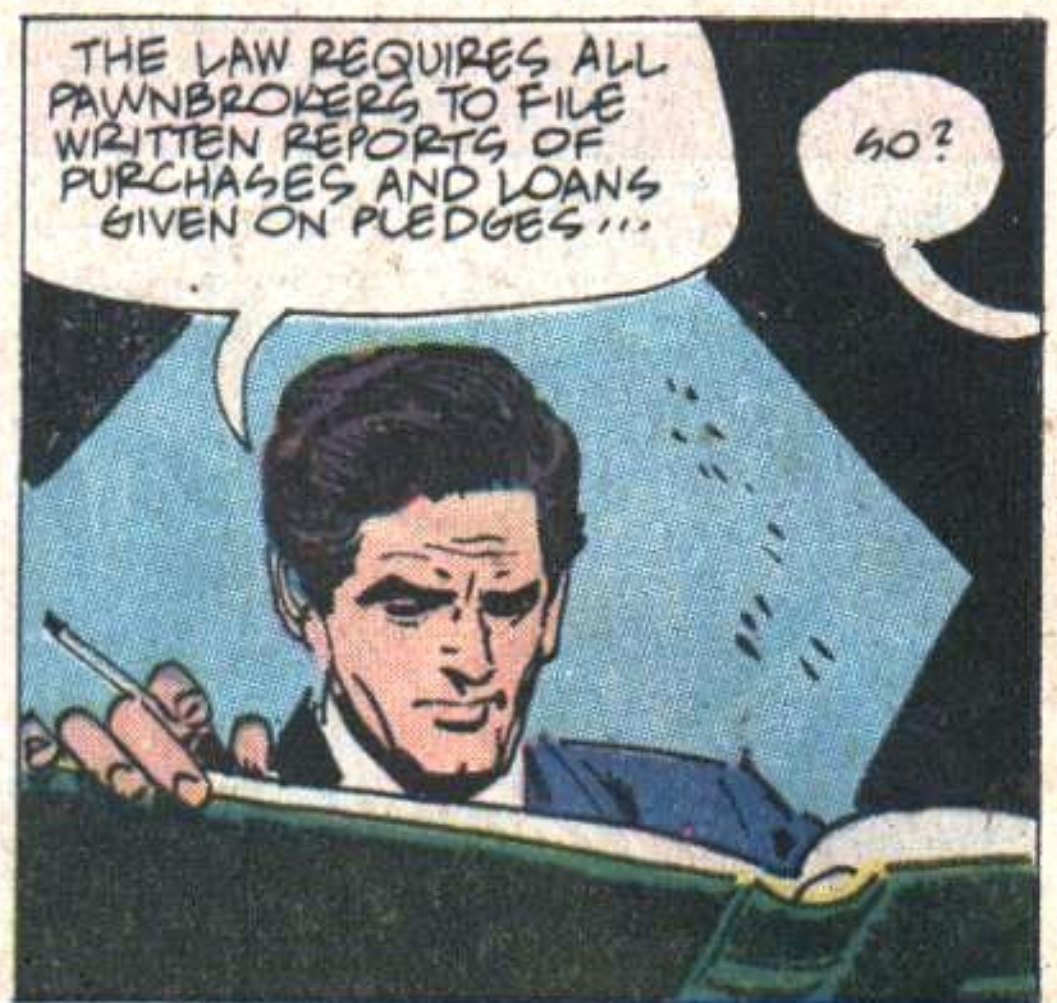
A MURDER WEAPON! YOU DIDN'T FIND THE GUN!

WE WILL!









LATER, IN A LOS ANGELES PAWNSHOP...

...AN' BELIEVE ME, MISTER, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT GUN WAS STOLEN — NEVER WOULD'VE BOUGHT IT... I TRY TO BE CAREFUL AN' —

WE UNDER-
STAND...
THE POINT
IS, DO YOU
STILL HAVE
THE GUN?



YEAH... RIGHT HERE...
I BOUGHT IT OFF A
YOUNG, DARK-HAIRED
FELLA...



STU SHOWS THE PAWNBROKER A PHOTO
OF BILLY MATTSON...

THIS
YOUNG
FELLA?

NO... BUT DOGGONED... IT
LOOKS A LOT LIKE HIM...
NOT THE SAME BOY, THOUGH...



COME WITH US,
MISTER... YOU MAY
BE THE ANSWER TO
A MIRACLE!

???



AT THE POLICE LAB... A BALLISTIC TEST
IS MADE...



SOON...

YOU DID OUR JOB FOR US,
STU! IT'S THE SAME GUN
ALL RIGHT... THE ONE THAT
KILLED BLINKER!

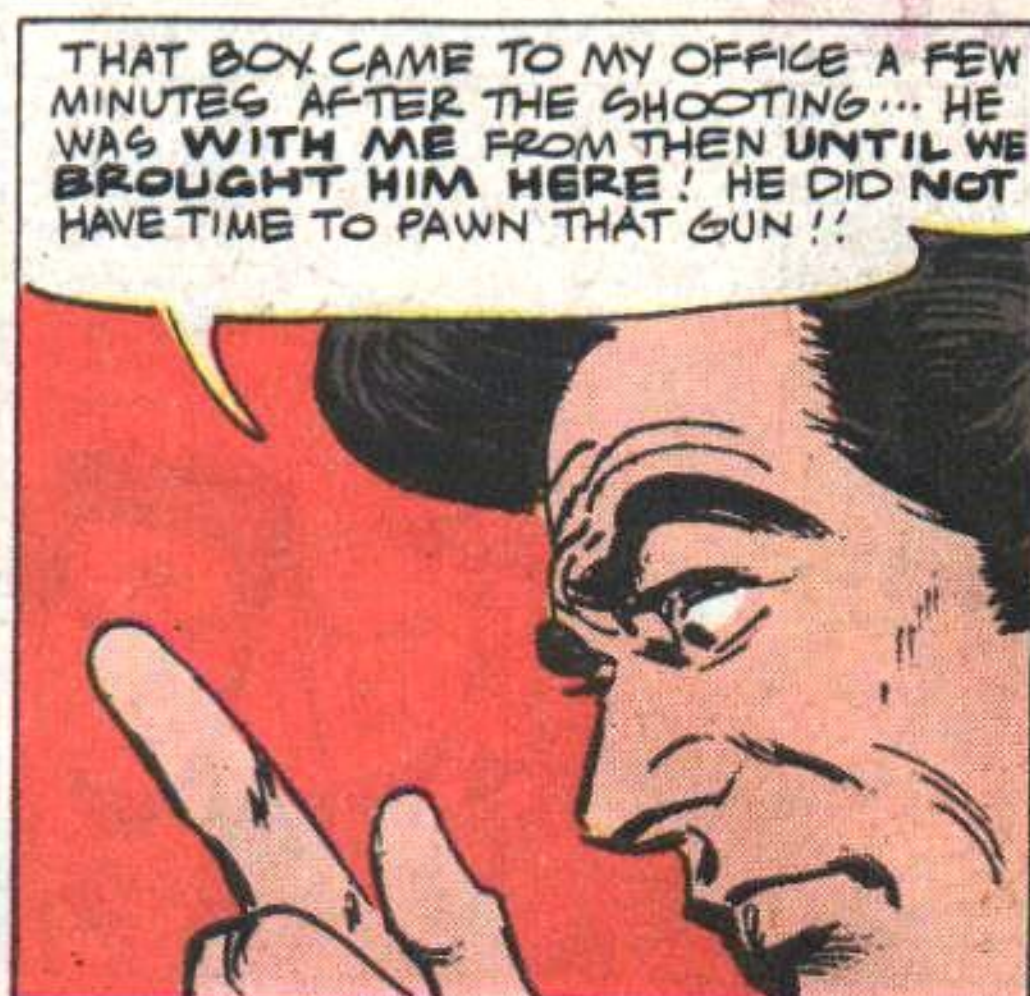
GOOD!





BUT HOW DOES THIS HELP YOU? BILLY MATTESON COULD'VE STILL USED IT -!!

NO, LIEUTENANT!



THAT BOY CAME TO MY OFFICE A FEW MINUTES AFTER THE SHOOTING... HE WAS WITH ME FROM THEN UNTIL WE BROUGHT HIM HERE! HE DID NOT HAVE TIME TO PAWN THAT GUN!!



STU, I'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU... YOU DID FIND THE MIRACLE!

I'M GOING TO DO MORE NOW, LIEUTENANT... IT'S STILL MY WORD AGAINST THAT OF THE PROSECUTOR! I COULD BE "COVERING" FOR THE BOY...



YOU MEAN MAYBE HE WASN'T WITH YOU ALL THAT TIME?

JEFF AND KOOKIE CAN PROVE HE WAS, BUT THE BEST WAY IS TO FIND BLINKER'S KILLER!



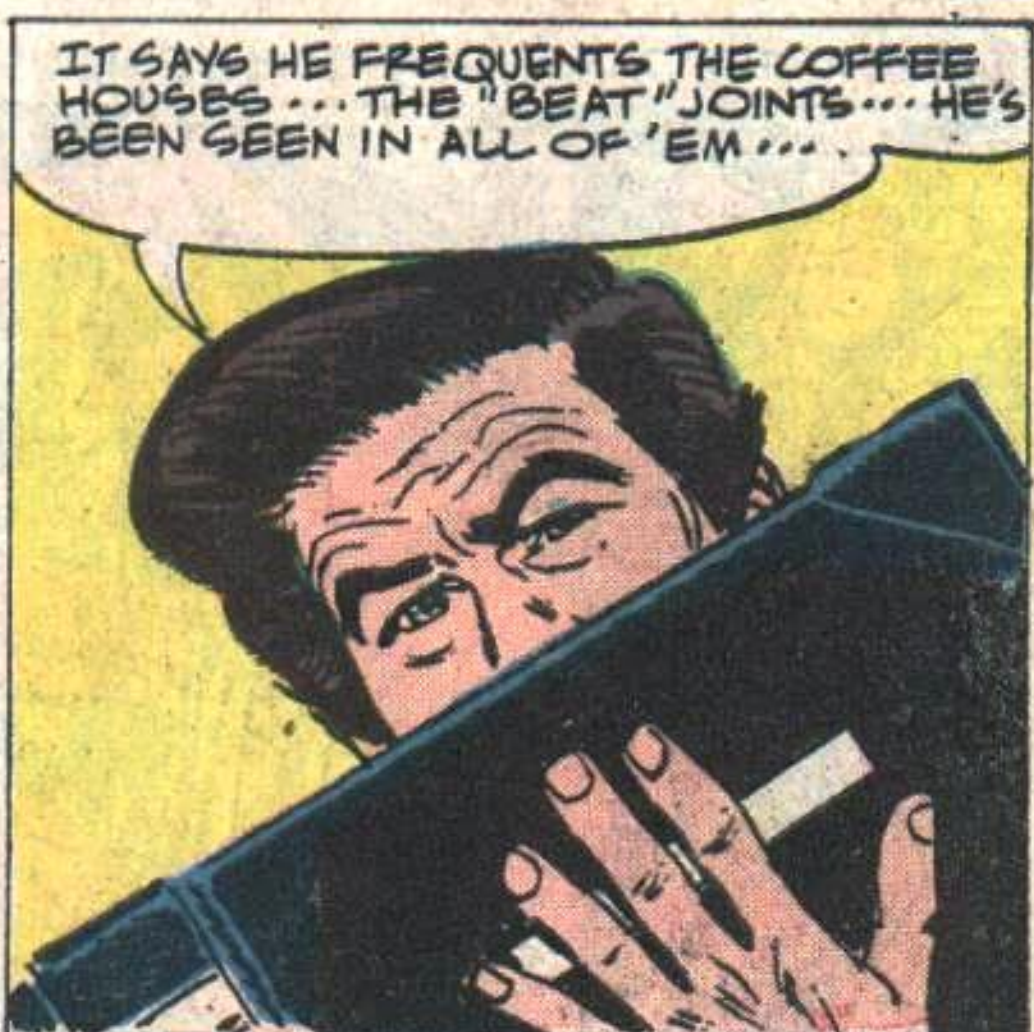
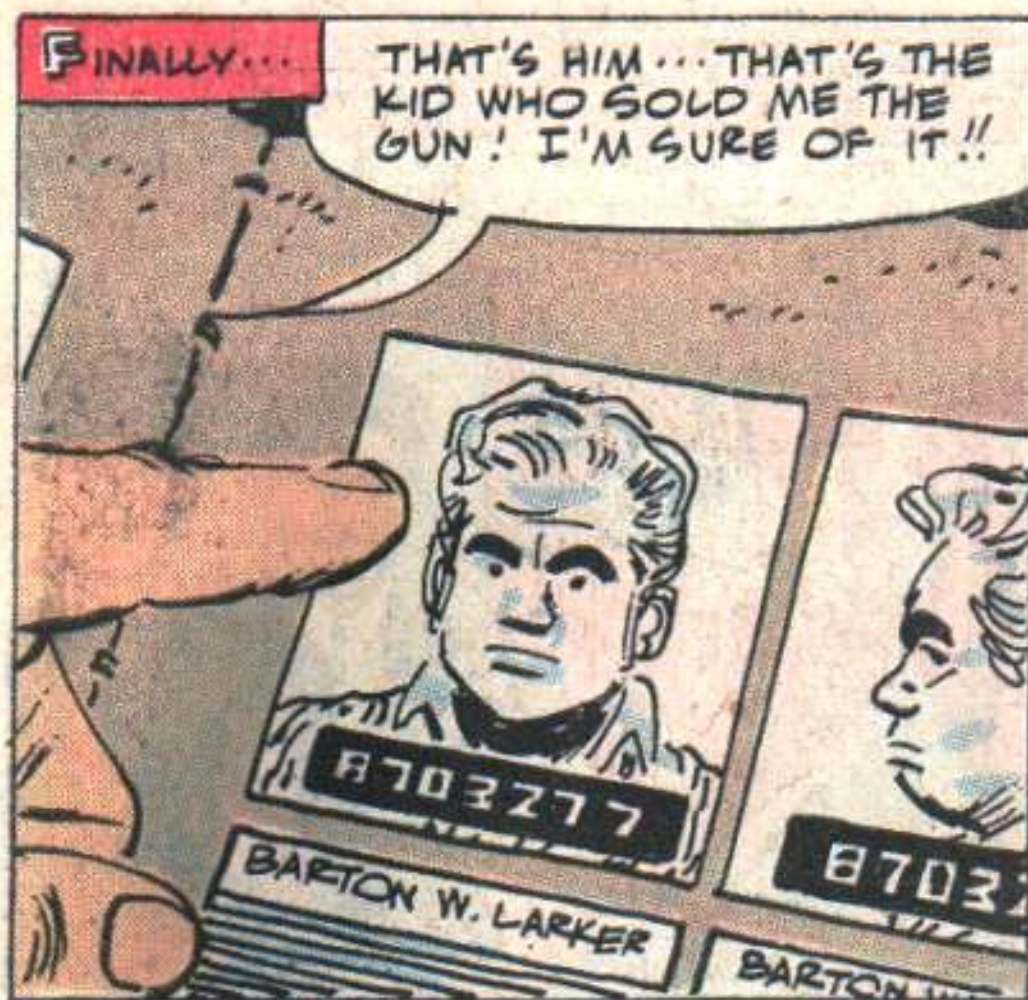
MR. HALLMAN HERE IS GOING TO SCAN OUR MUG BOOKS.. MAYBE HE CAN PICK OUT THE MAN WHO SOLD HIM THE GUN!

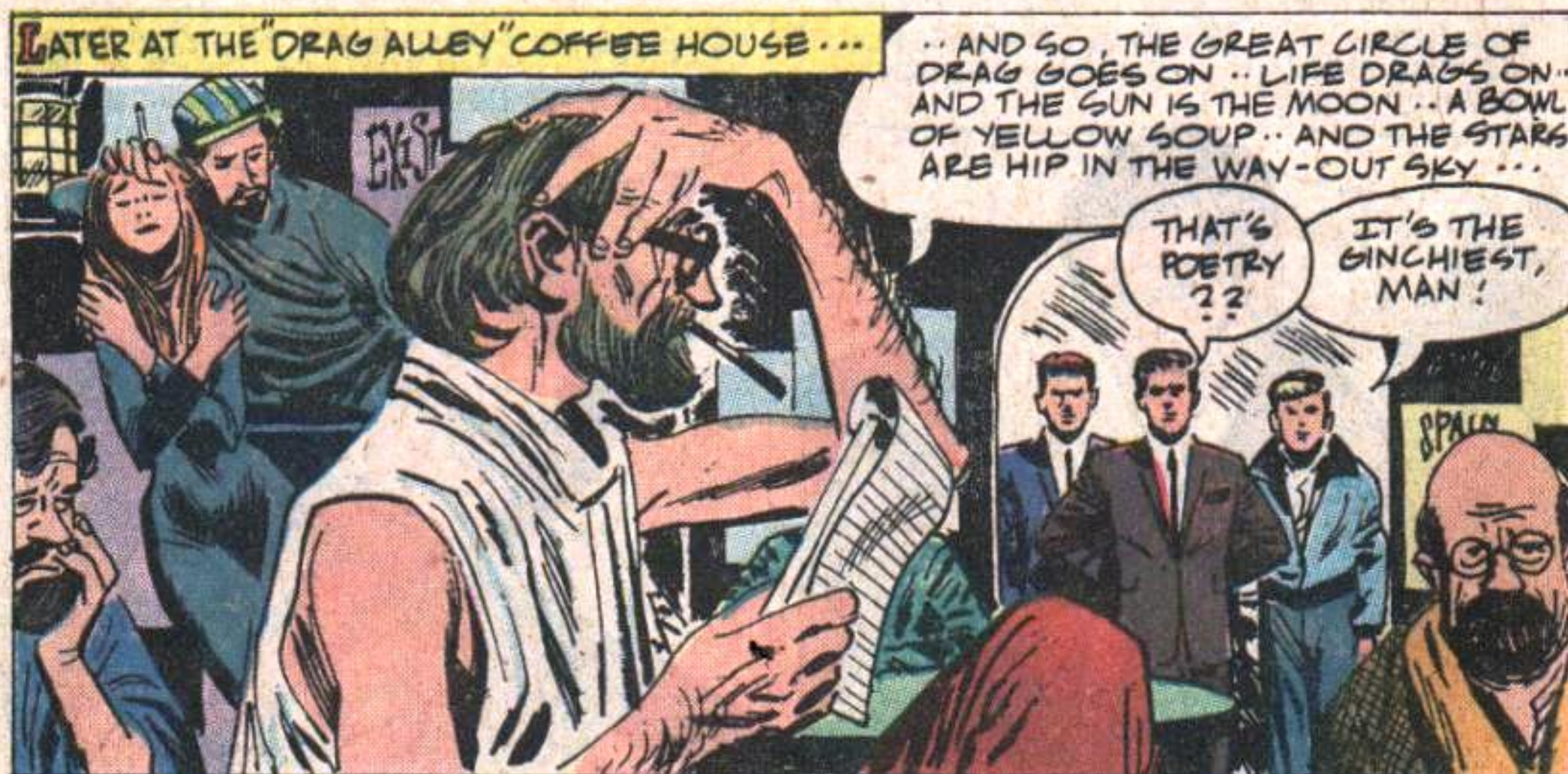
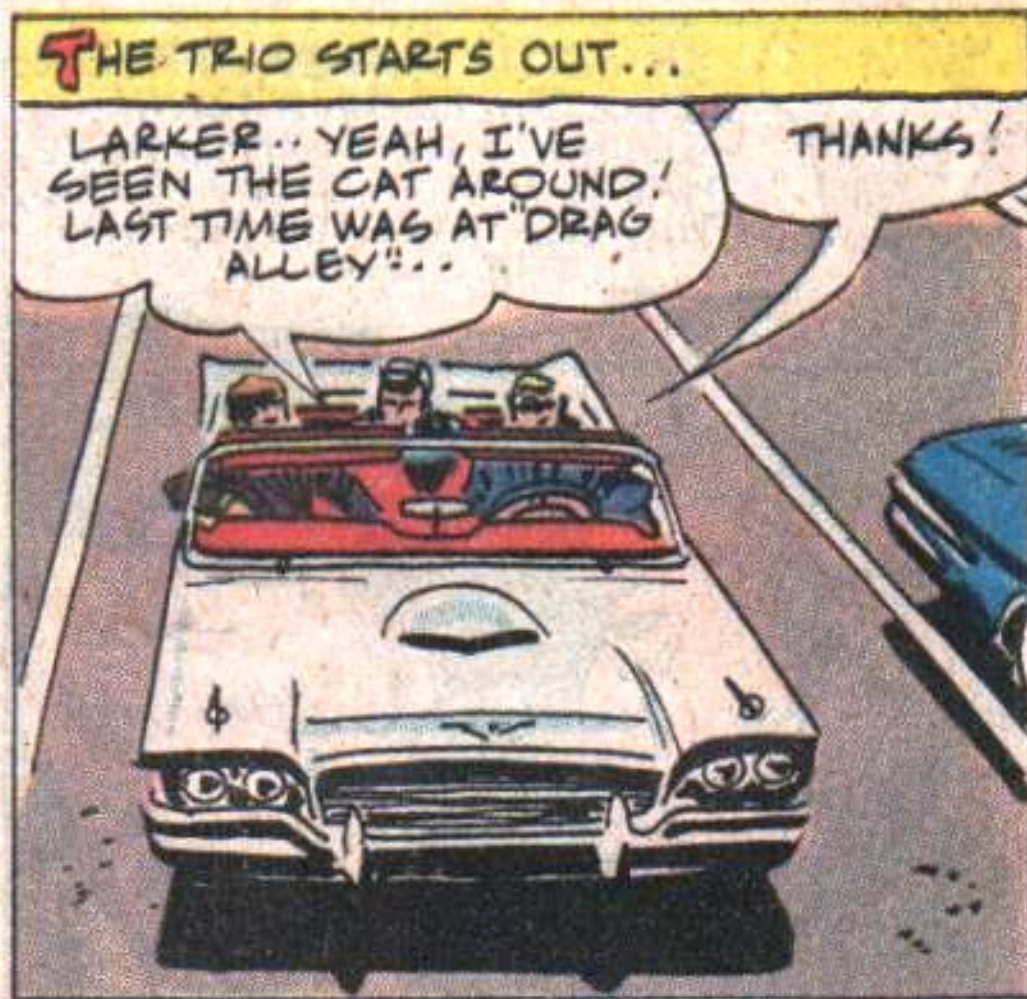
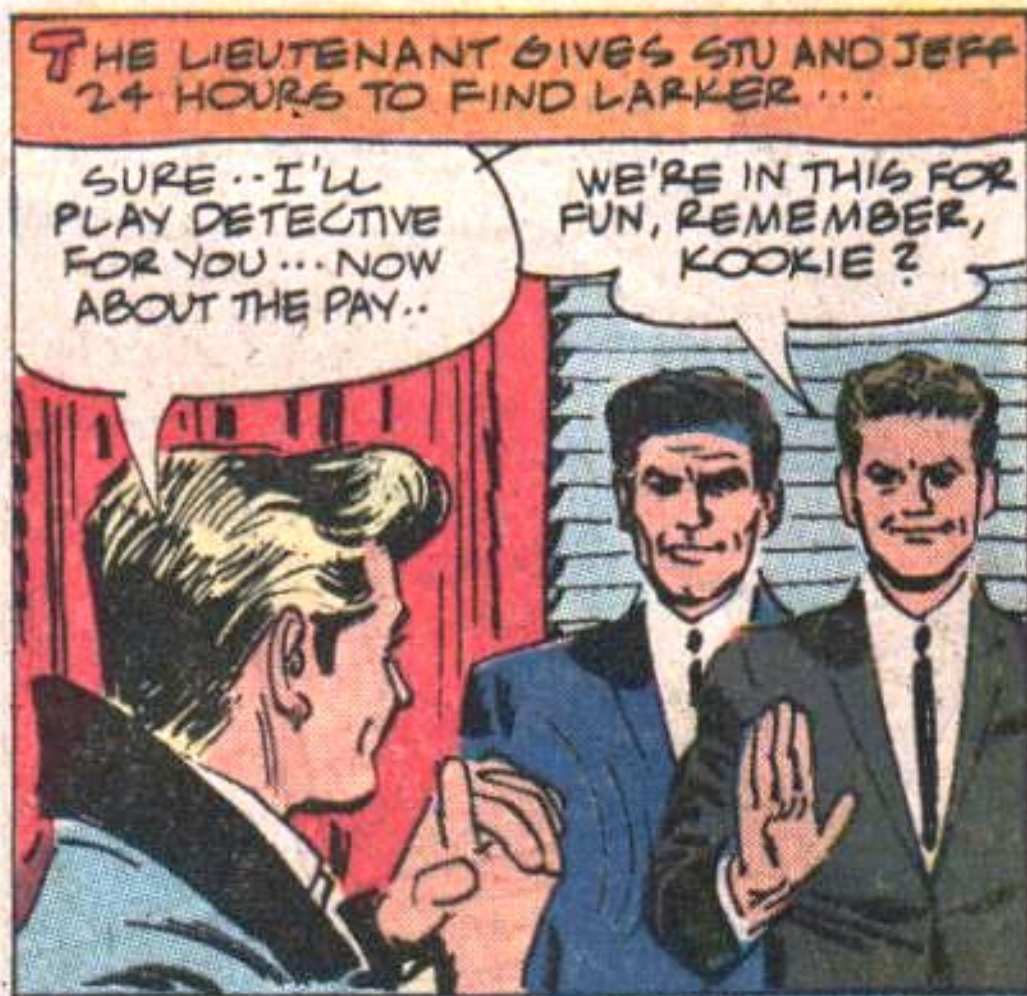


FOR HOURS, THE PAWNBROKER PORES OVER MUG SHOTS OF BURGLARY SUSPECTS...

NO USE, BOYS... THEY'RE ALL GETTIN' TO LOOK ALIKE!

KEEP GOING.. JUST A FEW MORE BOOKS!





THE TRIO LOCATES A FRIEND OF LARKER'S

YOU MEAN BARTON LARKER ...
LIKE, MAN, I HAVEN'T LAMPED
HIM FOR WEEKS ... WISH I
WOULD ... LIKE, HE OWES
ME A FIVER ...



THE SEARCH GOES ON ... AND LATER THAT NIGHT ...

LARKER ...
YEAH, CATS ... I KNOW 'IM!
SAW 'IM JUST TONIGHT!

WHERE
CHICK'?



A LI'L OL' PAD ON
CYPRUS STREET ... HE'S
DOING SOME PAINTING!
WON'T EVEN COME OUT
TILL HE FINISHES THE
MASTERPIECE ...



THE GIRL GIVES THEM THE ADDRESS ...

WE JUST LOVE
GOOD PAINTINGS!
LET'S GO SEE
HIM!

DON'T BUG HIM
TOO MUCH, CATS!
HE'S SENSITIVE
ABOUT BUGGING!



SOON ...

LET ME GO
IN FIRST, STU!
I'VE HEARD OF THE GUY,
AND WE MIGHT AVOID
TROUBLE!

DON'T
FORGET
HE **SHOT**
A MAN ...



MOMENTS LATER ...

MIND IF I TALK
TO YOU, MAN? THE
NAME'S KOOKIE ...
REMEMBER ME?

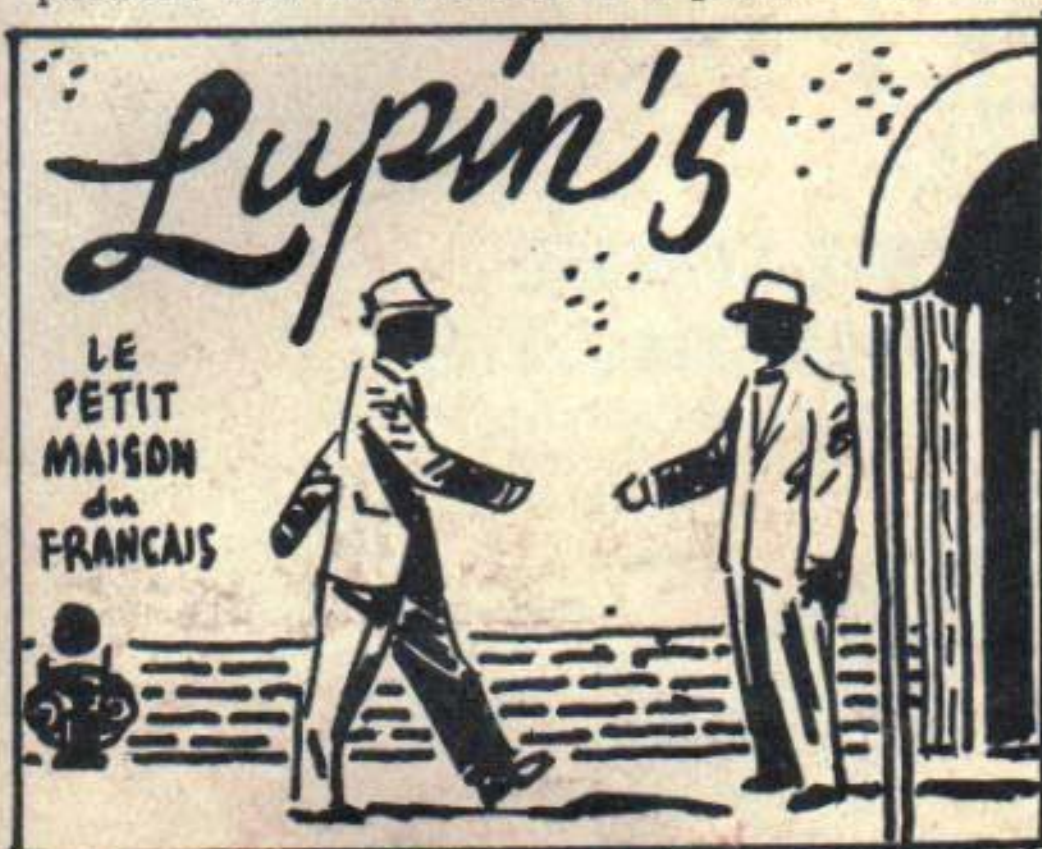
NOT NOW,
MAN ... LIKE,
I'M BUSY!
SPLIT!







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