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and  
**THE CASE of THE  
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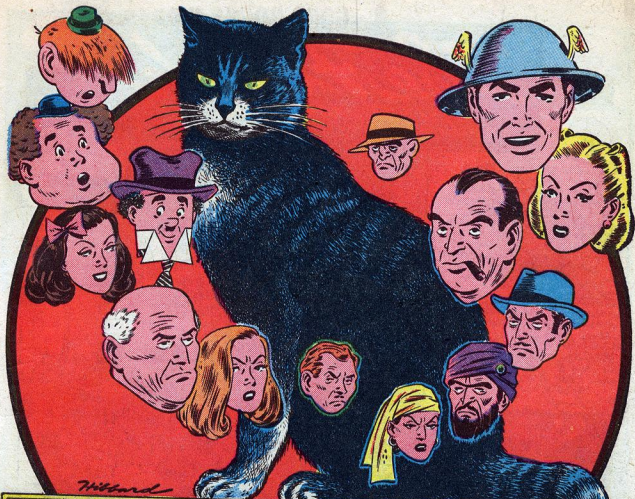
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 ANOTHER FULL-LENGTH  
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 NOVEL ....

"THE CASE OF THE CURIOUS CAT!"

THIS IS THE MOST AMAZING ADVENTURE THE FLASH, FASTEST MAN ALIVE, EVER HAD .... IN WHICH A SHAGGY AND VERY OLD LOOKING ALLEY-CAT CHANGES THE LIVES OF TWELVE PEOPLE ..... BUT LET SOMEONE WHO HAS SHARED IN THE STORY TELL IT HIMSELF ...

INTRODUCING "DEVILS" WILDE — GAMBLER, ADVENTURER AND MAN OF THE WORLD .... "THE WORLD" BEING MOSTLY BROADWAY, N. Y. C. ...

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CHAPTER  
"ONE"  
"THE CAT  
WALKS!"

"I AM SITTING ONE NIGHT IN MY STATE-ROOM, PLAYING CARDS WITH MYSELF. INASMUCH AS I AM CONSIDERED A GREAT CARD-PLAYER, BEING REFERRED TO AS A GAMBLER BY THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW THAT I OFTEN PLAY AN HONEST GAME! —

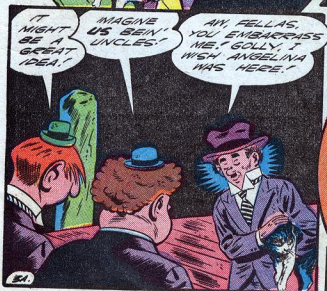
BEHIND ME IS A CAT... NOW ME, I AM NOT ONE WHO CARES A GREAT DEAL FOR CATS... BUT THIS PARTICULAR TABBY IS NOT EXACTLY LIKE OTHER CATS. AS YOU WILL SOON SEE .... "



"WELL, LIKE I WAS TELLING YOU... I AM SITTING THERE PEACEFUL-LIKE, WHEN THIS MOUSE-HOUND OF MINE MAKES A DIVE FOR THE PORTHOLE... "

HEY, YOU!  
C'MERE!  
COME BACK  
HERE!







LIVING IN THE HEALTHY SECTION OF THIS MAN'S TOWN IS OLD MAN GUPHY WHO IS NOT ONLY A WELL KNOWN WITNESS, BUT IS ALSO KNOWN TO BE VERY WELL-HEELED...

IT'S MY THEORY, SARGECK THAT MONEY IN LARGE AMOUNTS, GIVEN SUDDENLY, WILL RUIN A MAN'S LIFE!

I AGREE WITH YOU!

YOU'VE TREATED IT ALONG THE RIGHT LINES... JUST AS A SMALL BOY... SUDDENLY GROWN TO SIX FEET IN HEIGHT, WOULD WASTE HIS GREAT STRENGTH BECAUSE HE DIDN'T GET IT GRADUALLY - AND WOULD BE UNUSED TO IT... SO A MAN WITH SUDDEN WEALTH WOULD GO CRAZY TRYING TO LIVE UP TO IT!

AT THAT VERY MINUTE, OLD MAN GUPHY GETS A VERY BAD CASE OF THE WILLIES...

SO - SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO ME! I FEEL COLD... AND DIZZY!

YOU'VE PROBABLY TAKEN YOUR STRENGTH GETTING THAT BOOK TO PRESS BEFORE THE DEADLINE!

DADDY, DADDY!

HE'S JUST TIRED, I THINK, JOAN!

I'M NOT TIRED! I WANT TO GIVE AWAY MONEY... I WANT TO GIVE AWAY A MILLION DOLLARS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE! SAY - THAT'S NOT LIKE ME AT ALL - BUT I DO!

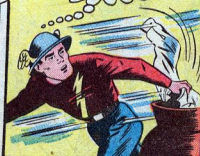
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S COME OVER ME, BUT THERE'S A MAN NAMED NODDY NOYLAN WHO NEEDS MONEY; HE ONLY WANTS A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS... NODDY NOYLAN!!

IF THOSE THREE NITWITS HAVE INVENTED SOME NEWSWORTHY AFFAIR THAT MAKES PEOPLE DO WHAT THEY WANT THEM TO... I'VE GOT TO LOOK INTO IT!

ALL RIGHT, BOYS... WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, NOW?

OH, HELLO, FLASH!

YES, ME GUPHY, I'LL TELL HIM! YES, SO CERTAINLY!





ALONG AROUND THEN, I HAVE LOTS OF TROUBLES WHICH I AM VERY DETERMINED TO FORGET... BY DROWNING THEM...

WHO WANTED THE CAT? AT OL' CAT ANYHOW? NOT ME!

I DO NOT SEE HEEM!

FUNNY HOW I GET TINGLY WHEN I'M GONNA TAKE A DRINK! ALMOST LIKE A KNIFE STICKIN' IN ME.

IT EES A KNIFE, MY VERRERY DEAR FIEN!

YOU WHEEL PLEASE TELL ME WHERE THEES SO NICE CAT EES! I MUST HAVE HEEM!



NOW I DO NOT GO IN A VERY BIG WAY FOR SHARP KNIVES STICKIN' MY THROAT, WHICH THIS GUY SEES...

HE-HE JUMPED OUTTA THAT PORT HOLE! AND WAS LAST SEEN FOLLOWING THREE GUYS, WHO I HAVE SEEN OFTEN ON BROADWAY: MOYLAN, BOYLAN, AN' TOYLAN! THEY'RE RAYNOLD'S DEPRESSOES...

AH, 500?

TAXI, TAXI!

IF THEY STEEL HAVE THAT CAT, WE WHEEL GET HEEM!



I AM SITTING THERE, STILL NERVOUS, THINKING ABOUT THAT BIG-STICKER CUTTING INTO MY THROAT. WHEN IN WALKER'S WILLIE THE NEED, WHO IS A PERSON I AM NOT SO NUTS ABOUT...

HINA, "DELICES", HE COME DOWN HERE TO BECOME YOU HOME, PERSONALLY! NOTHIN'S TOO GOOD FOR "DELICES" WILDE!

YA THINK SO, KUN? I AM GLAD TO HEAR THAT!

MY UNCLE IN VORBOOTHIA HAS WRITTEN ME A LETTER, SAYING THERE IS A VERY LARGE SCANDAL THERE BECAUSE OF YOU, "DELICES"! HE MENTIONS SOMETHING ABOUT A CAT... A VERY ODD SORT OF CAT!



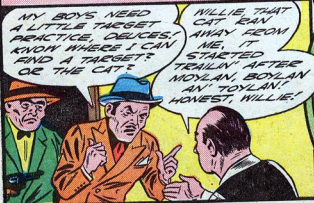
NOW WILLIE THE NEED GETS HIS NAME FROM POPPING UP LIKE A NEED SO MUCH WHERE HE IS NOT WANTED, AND IT IS VERY HARD TO GET RID OF HIM... WITHOUT WINDING UP DEAD, OR SOMETHING EQUALLY DISASTROUS-

MY BOYS NEED A LITTLE TARGET PRACTICE, DEUCES! KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND A TARGET? OR THE CAT?

WILLIE, THAT CAT CAN AWAY FROM ME. IT STARTED TRAILIN' AFTER MOYLAN, BOYLAN AN' TOYLAN! HONEST, WILLIE!

I WILL TAKE BUTCH AND GO FIND THESE MEN! DO NOT AGGRAVATE AL THE ASSASSIN, AS HE IS OVERLY NERVOUS WITH A GUN!

I WILL BE AS QUIET AS A VERY DEAD MOUSE!



MEANWHILE...

THAT'S RIGHT! THIS GUPHY WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW SUDDEN WEALTH WOULD RUIN A MAN'S LIFE... AND **WHAMMO!** HE DECIDES TO SPLIT UP A MILLION DOLLARS AMONG TEN PEOPLE!

WHY DON'T SOMEBODY RUN MY LIFE LIKE THAT?

GO AWAY, CAT! I BEAT IT!

FLASH, I MAKE YOU A PRESENT OF THIS MOUSE-HOUND! I DON'T WANT HIM, OR HERE AS THE CASE MAY BE!

WELL I CERTAINLY DON'T! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH A CAT?



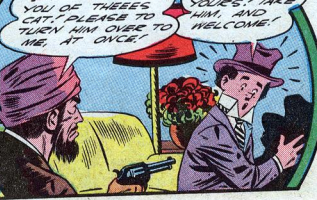
IT KEEPS CHASIN' AROUND AFTER ME! I'M GETTIN' TIRED OF LOOKIN' AT HIM!

I WOULD TRY TO KILL IT, BUT WITH ALL ITS LIVES IT WOULD TIRE ME OUT TOO MUCH!

THE DOOR OPENS VERY SILENTLY, AND WHO SHOULD BE STANDING THERE BUT THIS AMEEZ GUY WITH A CANNON LOOKING VERY THREATENING IN HIS HAND...

I WEEEL RELIEVE YOU OF THEE'S CAT, PLEASE TO TURN HIM OVER TO ME, AT ONCE!

HE'S ALL YOURS, TAKE HIM, AND WELCOME!



NOW THIS FLASH GUY IS NO FELLOW TO POINT A CANNON AT! FOR SOME REASON, HE HAS A DISTINCT DISLIKE FOR THAT SORT OF THING!



THAT MAY BE YOUR CAT, BUT I DON'T LIKE THE WAY YOU'RE ASKING FOR IT!

LET'S GO FOR A WALK, AND TALK THINGS OVER!



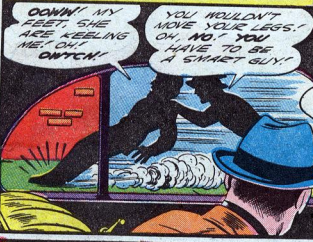
WHO EES EET THAT HAS HOLD OF ME? LET ME GO....



MOVE YOUR LEGS, CHUM!

I WEEEL NOT! YOU CANNOT DO THEES TO ME!

NATURALLY THINGS GET PLENTY HOT FOR ANEES, HE BEING SO STUBBORN AS NOT TO MOVE HIS LEGS...



DOWN! MY FEET, SHE ARE KEELING ME! OH! ONYCH!

YOU WOULDN'T MOVE YOUR LEGS! OH, NO! YOU HAVE TO BE A SMART GUY!

WILLIE THE WEEED IS APPROACHING THE OFFICES OF MOYLAN, BOYLAN AND TOYLAN, WHEN HE SEES THE FLASH, AND BEING NO DOPE, HE KEEPS ON APPROACHING UNTIL HE IS WELL PAST THEIR OFFICES...



STEP ON IT, BUTCH! I JUST HAPPENED TO REMEMBER THAT THOSE THREE DOPES ARE SORT OF FRIENDS OF THAT FLASH GUY!

AND HE IS A VERY GOOD PERSON TO STAY AWAY FROM!

THEES EES AMERICAN HOT-FOOT! I AM GETTING! I DO NOT LIKE EET!



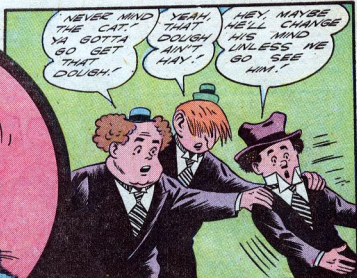
WE'RE EVEN, BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE YOU! WHAT DO YOU WANT THAT CAT FOR?

EET BELONGED TO-EE-MY GRANDMOTHEE! SHE WAS-ER-VEERY FOND OF THAT CAT! I WISH TO GET IT BACK TO HER! THAT EES ALL!





SCAT, YOU NINE-LIFE  
NO-GOOD! BEAT IT!  
YOU'RE BRINGING ME  
TROUBLE! YOU'RE  
A JUNK!



NEVER MIND  
THE CAT.  
YA GOTTA  
GO GET  
THAT  
DOUGH!

YEAH,  
THAT  
DOUGH  
AIN'T  
HAY!

HEY, MAYBE  
HELL CHANGE  
HIS MIND  
UNLESS HE  
GO SEE  
HIM!



THE NEXT  
TIME I AND  
YOU TRYING  
ANY ROUGH  
STUFF...  
SAY, WHERE  
ARE YOU  
FELLOWS  
GOING?

TO  
SEE  
OLD  
MAN...

...GUPHY  
BEFORE...

...HE  
CHANGES  
HIS  
MIND...!



I NEVER THOUGHT  
I'D LIVE TO SEE  
THE DAY YOU  
BOYS SPENT  
SO MUCH  
ENERGY!

FOR  
A  
HUNDRED  
'S NOTES,  
IT'S  
WORTH  
IT!

YEAH, WHAT'S  
SPENDIN'  
A LITTLE  
THING  
LIKE  
ENERGY  
COMPARED  
TO THAT?



WHOM  
DO YOU  
WISH  
TO SEE,  
MAY I  
ASK?

YA  
CAN  
ASK,  
BUT HE  
WON'T  
TELL  
YA!

WHY  
SHOULD  
WE TELL  
YOU? YOU  
NEVER  
TOLD US  
NOTHIN'!

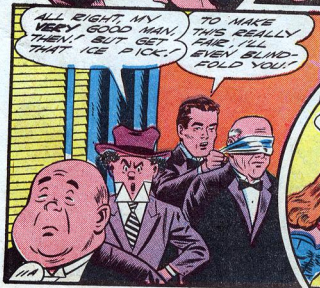
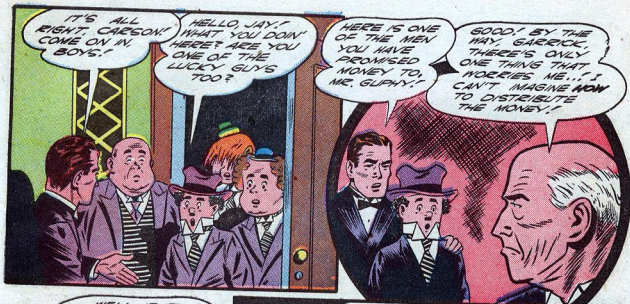
QUIET,  
YOUSE  
DORES!



I'M NODDY  
MOYLAN.  
THE GUY  
WHAT'S  
GETTIN' A  
SLICE OF  
THE MILLION  
DOLLAR  
GUPHY'S  
CUTTIN' UP!

MELON?  
THE GARDEN  
PARTY IS  
NOT UNTIL  
NEXT  
WEEK!

CAN  
YIMAGINE  
DATE HAVIN'  
A PARTY  
IN A  
GARDEN!



OUT IN THE HALLWAY, OLD MAN GURPHY'S DAUGHTER CLARICE, AND HIS SON CLARENCE ARE SAYING SOME VERY NAUGHTY THINGS ABOUT THEIR EVER-LOVING PAPA...





AH, THE CAT, IS TAKING NO CHANCES OF GETTING LOST BY NODDY! HE FOLLOWS HIM TO THE GURPHY NISHAM, AND MAKES HIMSELF AT HOME...

THERE'S THAT CAT AGAIN! WHY'NT HE GO SOMEPLACE ELSE?

I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE WHO LIKE THAT ANIMAL, NODDY! I WONDER WHY?

I DON'T KNOW, AND I CAN'T SAY I CARE!

WOULD YA MIND STICKIN' TO ONE THING AT A TIME?

WE STILL GOT HALF A MILLION BUCKS TO GIVE AWAY!

KEEP EN' FLYIN'! I AIN'T GOT WRITER'S CRAMP YET!

NEXT LUCKY WINNER IS... ANGELINA O'DOOLIN!

YOU DON'T SAY! MY... MY... SHE'S MY GIRL!

HOW'D YA LIKE THAT? NOT ONLY HIM, BUT HIS FUTURE WIFE WINS, TOO!

WELL, HERE ARE THE WINNERS! HMM... TO KEEP ME GARRICK OUTA TROUBLE, I THINK BLINCKY WINKY AN' ME BETTER HELP HIM GIVE OUT THE MONEY!

OH-OH! IF THEY'RE GOING TO HELP THEN I'D BETTER BECOMIE THE FLASH AGAIN AND KEEP THEM OUT OF TROUBLE!

I AM WONDERING WHAT THESE LUCKY STUFFS WILL DO WITH ALL THE MOOLA THEY ARE ABOUT TO HAVE HANDED TO THEM, AND AS I AM SURE YOU ARE DOING SOME WONDERING ON YOUR OWN, LET'S GET ON WITH THE STORY... DON'T FORGET THAT CAT, FOR IT IS A VERY STRANGE ANIMAL, INDEED!...



**Thanks,  
Boys and Girls,**

**FOR THE WONDERFUL  
RECEPTION YOU GAVE  
COMIC CAVALCADE NO. 1!**

**Here's the second issue—  
BIGGER BETTER  
THAN EVER—AND CONTAINING  
ALL YOUR FAVORITE FEATURES!**

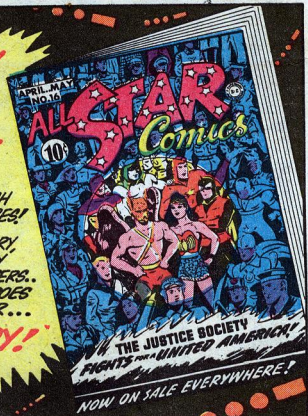
**NOW ON SALE EVERYWHERE! ▶**

**THE JUSTICE SOCIETY  
GOES INTO ACTION  
AGAIN FOR A  
UNITED AMERICA!!**

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THE  
STIRRING EPISODES IN WHICH EACH  
MEMBER FINDS THRILLING ADVENTURES!**

**IN EVERY PART OF THE COUNTRY,  
THE RICH, THE POOR, THE FACTORY  
WORKER, THE FARMER, STOREKEEPERS...  
ALL PITCH IN BESIDE OUR HEROES  
AND FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE FOR...**

**FREEDOM VICTORY! ▶**



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- TWO -

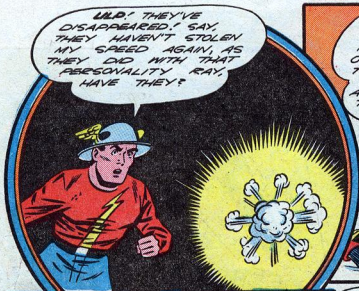
"THE SECRET  
OF THE  
CAT!"

WHILE I AM BEING "PERSUADED" TO GO OVER TO WILLIE THE WEED'S GAMBLING JOINT, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE "PUT AND TAKE", MOYLAN, BOYLAN AND TOYLAN ARE CHECKING UP ON THE LUCKY WINNERS OF OLD MAN GUPHY'S MILLION-BUCK BRAINSTORM! THE LUCKY PEOPLE COME FROM EVERY WALK OF LIFE, AND THE MONEY LOOKS MIGHTY GOOD TO THEM! TO ME, TOO, BEING AS I AM ONE OF THE WINNERS ALSO! BUT WILLIE THE WEED IS STILL ON THE PROWL FOR THAT CAT.... OLD MAN GUPHY'S SPOILED BRAT, CLARENCE, IS PLENTY STEAMED UP AT HIS EVER LOVIN' PAPA, AND THE FLASH IS BUSIER THAN A ONE-ARMED PAPER HANGER WITH A BUSTED SUSPENDER BUTTON, TRYING TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AND AT THE SAME TIME UNRIDDLE THE MYSTERY OF NODDY'S "MAGIC"!

THERE! THE NAMES ARE ALL COPIED... GEE, I WISH WE COULD GO TELL MY GIRL, ANGELINA O'HOOOLIHAN, FIRST....

Angelina O'Hoolihan  
Moby  
William  
Harry  
Everie  
John

WLD! THEY'VE  
DISAPPEARED! SAY,  
THEY HAVEN'T STOLEN  
MY SPEED AGAIN, AS  
THEY DID WITH THAT  
PERSONALITY RAY,  
HAVE THEY?



NO, I'M STILL AS  
FAST AS EVER, BUT  
THERE'S SOMETHING  
FUNNY GOING  
ON WITH THOSE THREE  
THIMBLE-BRAINS. NODDY  
MENTIONED HIS GIRL,  
ANGELINA, SO MAYBE  
THEY'LL REAPPEAR IN  
HER HOUSE....!



WHA-WHAAT'S  
HAPPENIN'  
TO US?

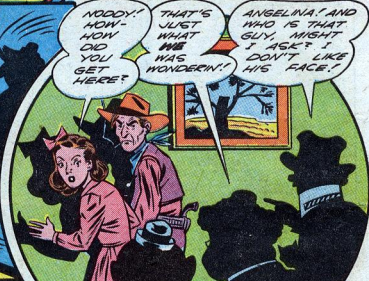
WE  
AIN'T  
PITCHIN'  
HAY,  
BROTHER!



NODDY!  
NOW-  
HOW  
DID  
YOU  
GET  
HERE?

THAT'S  
JUST  
WHAT  
WE  
WAS  
WONDERIN'!

ANGELINA, AND  
WHO IS THAT  
GUY, MIGHT  
I ASK? I  
DON'T LIKE  
HIS FACE!



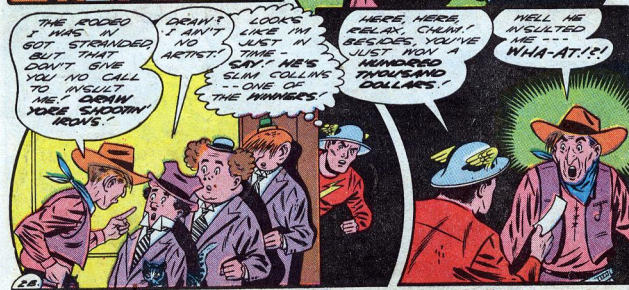
THE ROODE  
I WAS IN  
GOT STRANDED,  
BUT THAT  
DON'T GIVE  
YOU NO CALL  
TO INSULT  
ME. DRAW  
YORE SACCRIN'  
IRON'S.

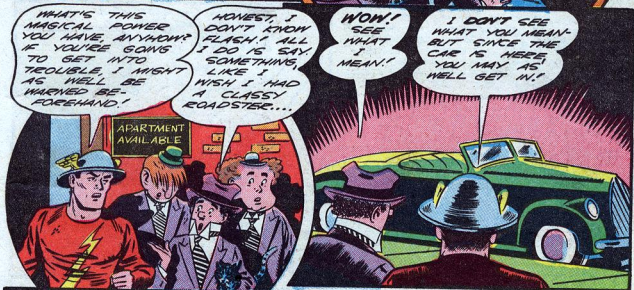
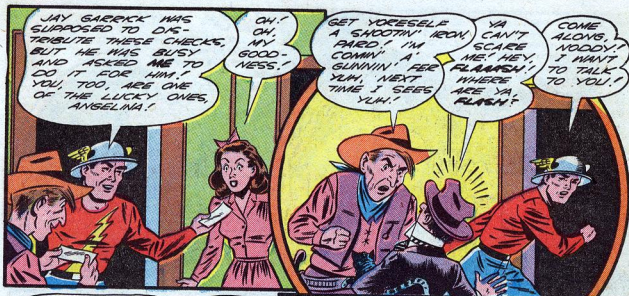
DRAW?  
I AIN'T  
NO  
ARTIST!

LOOKS  
LIKE I'M  
JUST IN  
TIME -  
SAY, HE'S  
SLIM COLLINS  
-- ONE OF  
THE WINNERS!

HERE, HERE,  
RELAX, CHUM!  
BESIDES, YOU'VE  
JUST WON A  
HUNDRED  
THOUSAND  
DOLLARS.

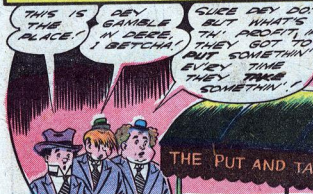
WELL HE  
INSULTED  
ME ---  
WHA-AT-!?!!



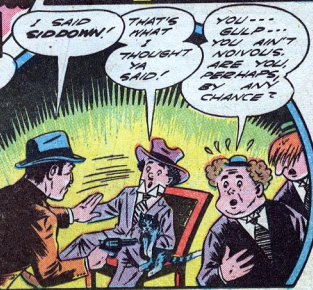
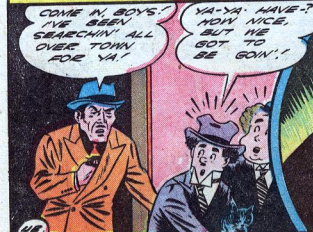




EVERE WILLING TO HELP, THE DIM-  
WITS OF DOPEDOM TRY TO ASSIST  
THE FLASH, BY FINDING EVERETT  
PARKER AND BRASINUS WILDE-  
ME BEIN' BRASINUS WILDE,  
THOUGH MY FRIENDS ALL CALL  
ME "DELICES."



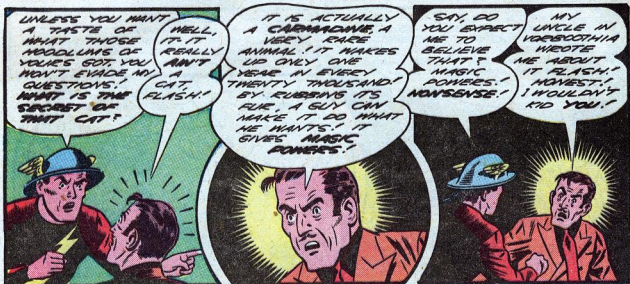
THE PUT AND TAKE





EXACTLY ONE SECOND LATER....







IT  
WILL???

GRAB  
IT!?

DON'T  
LET  
IT  
GET  
AWAY!

YA DOPE!  
YA HAVE  
A FORTUNE  
IN YA HANDS,  
AND YA  
KICK IT  
AWAY!

OOOON!  
YA  
NITWIT!  
YA SNAPE!  
YA  
JINGLE-  
BEANS,  
YA!

OW!  
HEY,  
FELLAS...  
OWTCH!

THE FLASH- INDEED A  
SPEED MERCHANT- SOON  
TRACKS DOWN THE CAT,  
AND GIVES IT THE OLD  
PERSONALITY...

OKAY, YOUNG  
FELLOW! TAKE  
IT EASY! I  
JUST WANT  
TO TRY AN  
EXPERIMENT!

LET'S  
SEE IF  
THIS  
WORKS!  
I WISH  
JOAN  
WERE  
HERE...

FLASH,  
WHATEVER  
ARE YOU  
DOING DOWN  
HERE IN  
THIS DAMP  
CELLAR, AND...  
AND NOW  
DID I GET  
HERE ANY  
WAY?

YOU LOOK  
ALL RIGHT!  
HAHA, THIS  
EXPLAINS  
WHY MILLIE  
THE NEED  
AND ANGER  
WANT YOU  
SO BADLY!

WHATEVER  
SILLY  
NONSENSE  
ARE YOU  
TALKING?  
DO YOU  
REALIZE  
OLD MAN  
SUPPLY  
IS GOING  
TO THE  
INSANE  
ASYLUM?

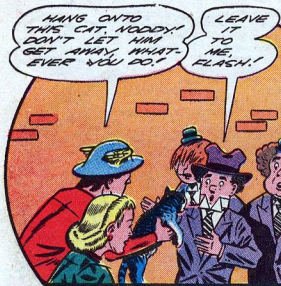
PUT DOWN THAT  
CAT WHILE I'M  
TALKING TO  
YOU! YOU'VE  
GOT TO SAVE  
THAT POOR MAN!  
HE ISN'T CRAZY,  
JUST BECAUSE  
HE GIVES AWAY  
HIS MONEY, I SEE  
NOT EXACTLY,  
THAT IS!

HE GAVE IT  
AWAY BECAUSE  
THIS CAT MADE  
HIM DO IT!  
NODDY MADE  
A WISH AND  
IT WAS  
GRANTED! I  
BEGIN TO  
SEE A LOT,  
NOW!

YOU'RE A  
SICK MAN,  
FLASH! YOU'D  
BETTER GET  
TO BED! HAHA...  
FAST PULSE!

I ADMIT IT  
SOUNDS LIKE  
GIBBERISH, BUT  
IT'S THE TRUTH!  
COME ALONG,  
WE'VE GOT TO  
TAKE THIS CAT  
TO THAT  
INCOMPETENCY  
HEARING!





HANG ONTO  
THIS CAT, NODDY!  
DON'T LET HIM  
GET AWAY, WHAT-  
EVER YOU DO!

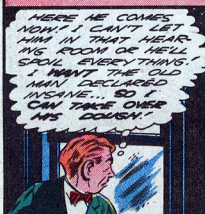
LEAVE  
IT  
TO  
ME,  
FLASH!



WE'LL DROP IN AT  
THAT INCOMPETENCY  
HEARING, JOAN. I'M  
NOT GOING TO HAVE  
GURPHY RAILROADED  
TO AN ASYLUM.  
HE'S AS SANE  
AS I AM!

HMM,  
AFTER  
WHAT  
YOU  
SAID  
ABOUT  
THAT CAT,  
I'M STILL  
WORKED!

BUT OLD MAN GURPHY'S  
SON, CLARENCE, HAS  
BEEN KEEPING AN EYE  
PEELED FOR THE  
FLASH...



HERE HE COMES  
NOW! I CAN'T LET  
HIM IN THAT HEAR-  
ING ROOM OR HE'LL  
SPOIL EVERYTHING!  
I WANT THE OLD  
MAN DECLARED  
INSANE... SO I  
CAN TAKE OVER  
HIS DOUGH!



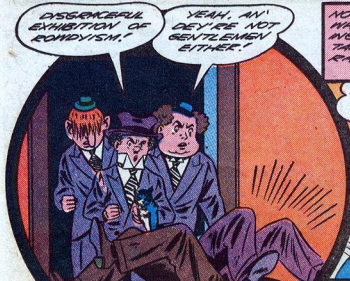
NOW, WHEN  
THIS FELLOW  
TRIES TO  
ENTER THE  
HEARING  
ROOM...  
STOP  
HIM!

HE  
DON'T  
GET  
IN!



I  
GOT...  
HMM...  
O'N'N!

ME  
TOO...  
OOOON!



DISGRACEFUL  
EXHIBITION OF  
RONDYISM!

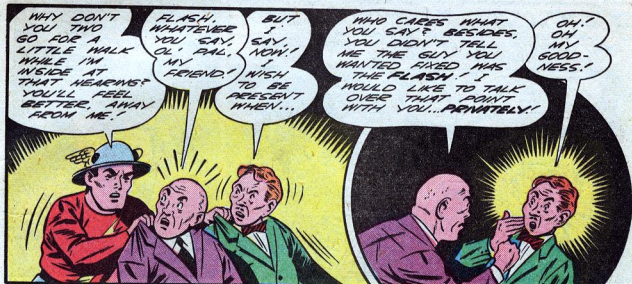
YEAH, AN!  
DEY'RE NOT  
GENTLEMEN  
EITHER!

NOW, THE FLASH IS ONE GUY  
WHO IS NOT AVERSE TO ENTER-  
ING INTO GAMES OF GIVE AND  
TAKE, ALTHOUGH IT IS A VERY  
RARE GAME WHEN HE DOES ANY-  
THING BUT GIVE OUT...

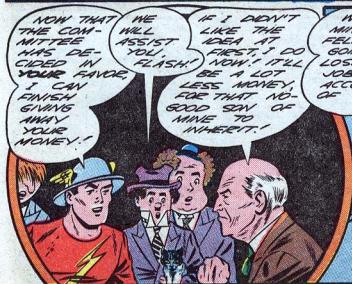


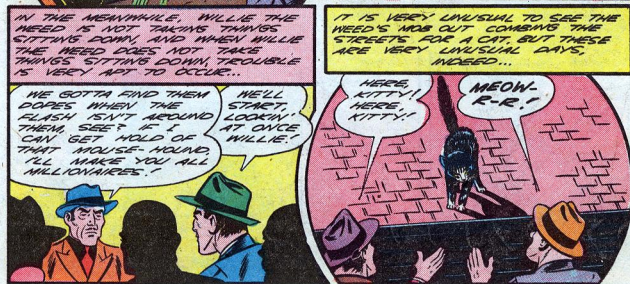
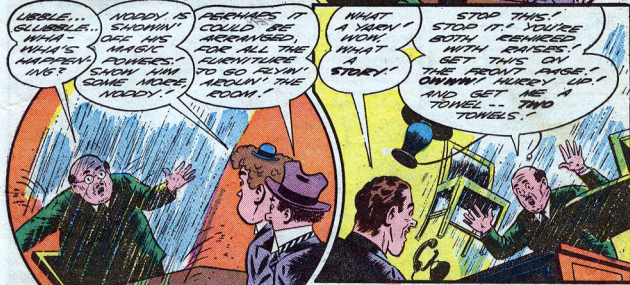
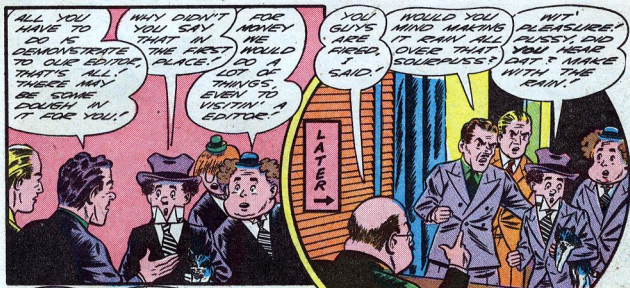
LIPSADASY,  
BIG BOY!

YEEEOOW!



THERE ARE A COUPLE OF NEWSPAPER SCRIBES PRESENT AT THIS HEARING, AND ALTHOUGH IT IS UNUSUAL FOR THEM TO BE EXCITED ABOUT ANYTHING, THIS GETS THEM VERY EXCITED, INDEED...





AT THAT MOMENT THE FLASH IS HANDING A BLINDLE OF SCRATCH TO A CHARACTER BY THE NAME OF WILLIAM WARREN WHO IS KNOWN TO READ BOOKS...

A HUNDRED THOUSAND? EUREKA! AT LAST I CAN LEAVE THIS TOWN AND GO LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE!

SOMETHING TELLS ME YOU DON'T LOOK IN THE RIGHT PLACES IN THIS TOWN! I'VE FOUND A LOT OF IT!

IF THIS IS A TRICK, BEGORY, I'LL BOUNCE A PICK-UP OFF YOUR HEAD, AS SURE AS ME NAME IS TERENCE O'SHEA!

NO TRICK AT ALL! IT'S REALLY YOURS!



THE TWO FOREIGNERS FROM VOORBOOTHIA ARE STILL VERY MUCH IN THE RUNNING... AND THEIR THOUGHTS ARE DARKER THAN AN UNDERTAKER'S TIE...

MOYLAN, BOYLAN AND TOYLAN ARE GETTING MORE PUBLICITY THAN A HOLLYWOOD CUTIE WHO'S DROPPED HER FALSE TEETH...

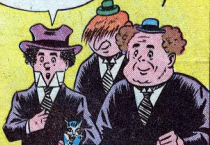
WE OUGHTA FIND THE FLASH! HE'S BUSY GIVIN' AWAY THAT DOUGH WITHOUT OUR HELP!

MAYBE HE'LL FORGET AN SIVE US SOME, HAH!

WE WILL FIND SOME REFERENCE TO IT SOME DAY! AND WHEN WE DO...

WHEN WE DO, THESE CAT SHE NEED BE OURS, AMBER!

SMILE! THIS IS GOING ON THE FRONT PAGE, BOYS!



MELONHEAD, TAKE A SANDER! IT'S THE THREE SAYS ALL ALONE!

WHAT A BREAK!

I'VE GOT! EMI! BRING THAT CAR HERE!

OWN N! HEY, LEGGO ME

A KIDNAPPIN! HAAA! D! SOMEBODY'S BEEN KIDNAPPED... URP! IT'S ME!

WILLIE THE NEED IS NOT THE TYPE OF PERSON IT IS NICE TO KNOW INTIMATELY, FOR HE WILL EVEN DO SOME D'S - HONEST THINGS IF THE OCCASION ARISES! AND WITH THAT MOUSE-TRAIL IN HIS HANDS YOU CAN BE SURE THE OCCASION HAS ARISEN! BUT READ ON.



Ed Weeblaw presents  
his "MINUTES MOVIES"  
COMEDIANS IN



**FAT**.....  
FULLER PHUN



**SLAT**.....  
ARCHIBALD CLUBB

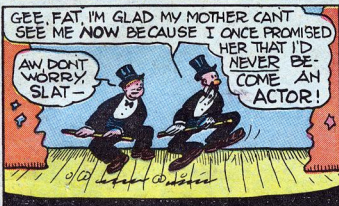


**FAT AND SLAT**  
ARE KNOW FAR AND  
WIDE AS THE  
"CORN DOCTORS  
OF FILMLAND".  
TODAY THEY THANK  
JACK MILLER OF  
BROOKLYN, N.Y.  
FOR HIS "HEAT  
AND COLD" GAG.  
WHO'S NEXT?

GEE, FAT, I'M GLAD MY MOTHER CAN'T  
SEE ME NOW BECAUSE I ONCE PROMISED

AW, DON'T  
WORRY,  
SLAT -

HER THAT I'D  
NEVER BE-  
COME AN  
ACTOR!

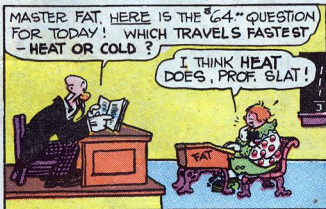


-YOU'VE KEPT  
YOUR PROMISE!



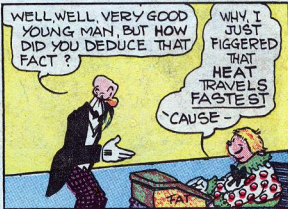
MASTER FAT, HERE IS THE "64" QUESTION  
FOR TODAY! WHICH TRAVELS FASTEST  
- HEAT OR COLD ?

I THINK HEAT  
DOES, PROF. SLAT!



WELL, WELL, VERY GOOD  
YOUNG MAN, BUT HOW  
DID YOU DEDUCE THAT  
FACT ?

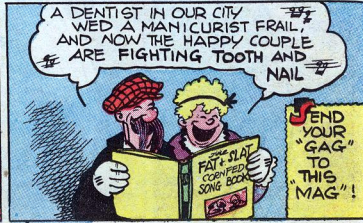
WHY, I  
JUST  
FIGGERED  
THAT  
HEAT  
TRAVELS  
FASTEST  
- CAUSE -



ANYBODY CAN  
CATCH COLD!



A DENTIST IN OUR CITY  
WED A MANICURIST FRAIL,  
AND NOW THE HAPPY COUPLE  
ARE FIGHTING TOOTH AND  
NAIL



SEND  
YOUR "GAG"  
TO  
THIS "MAG"!

# The Flash

FASTEST MAN ALIVE!!

BY GARDNER F. FOX AND FRED F. FISK

CHAPTER  
— THREE —

"THE CAT RUNS WILD!"

WITH WILLIE THE WEED  
LEERING VERY ALARM-  
ING-LIKE IN THEIR  
FACES, THE THREE  
DOPEY DUMBBELLS ARE  
VERY FRIGHTENED  
INDEED. AS WILLIE  
THE WEED CAN SCARE  
ALMOST ANYBODY, ANY-  
TIME, BY LEERING AT  
THEM ALARMING-LIKE...



ALL RIGHT, BOYS! PLAY THE TYPE-WRITERS ON THE SAPS!

COULDN'T YA PLEASE GIVE UP THAT MOUSE-HOUND, NODDY?

OR ELSE MAKE WITH THE MAGIC! THE MAGIC! WE AIN'T GOT LONG TO DECIDE!

ALL RIGHT, BOYS!  
PLAY THE  
TYPE-  
WRITERS  
ON THE  
SAPS!

COULDN'T  
YA  
PLEASE  
GIVE UP  
THAT  
MOUSE-  
HOUND,  
NODDY?

OR ELSE  
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THE MAGIC!  
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MOUSE-  
HOUND,  
NODDY?

OR ELSE  
MAKE WITH  
THE MAGIC!  
WE AIN'T  
GOT LONG TO  
DECIDE!

WOULD YOU FELLAS  
MIND PLAYIN' THEM  
TYPEWRITERS OUT  
THE WINDOW, INSTEAD  
OF AT US, 'CAUSE  
DON'T MIND MAYBE?  
I WISH, I WISH!

IT IS MAYBE A QUESTION OF WHO IS THE MOST AMAZED HIS MASTERS OF WILLIE THE WEEB WHEN GUYS LIKE 'ERASER EDDIE' AND 'MELONHEAD MALONEY' DO PRECISELY WHAT NODDY SAYS....

ARE YOU GUYS  
NUTS? DO YOU  
WISH TO HAVE  
THE STRONG-A-ARM  
SQUAD COMIN' IN  
HERE ASKIN' MANY  
SILLY QUESTIONS?

CAN'T HELP  
IT, NEED  
I GOT  
THE LARGE  
TO SHOOT  
CLOUDS.

ME

ARE YOU GUYS  
NUTS? DO YOU  
WISH TO HAVE  
THE STRONG-A-ARM  
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HERE ASKIN' MANY  
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SILLY QUESTIONS?

CAN'T HELP  
IT, NEED  
I GOT  
THE LARGE  
TO SHOOT  
CLOUDS.

ME

MEANWHILE THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE  
IS GIVING AWAY DOUGH WITH A  
SPEED THAT IS SOMEWHAT MORE  
THAN STARTLING....

BUT, MY DEAR SALES PERSON, I COULDN'T POSSIBLY WEAR SUCH PREPOSTEROUS SWEATLINGS!

BU-BUT THEY'RE THE LATEST THINGS!

BUT, MY DEAR SALES PERSON, I COULDN'T POSSIBLY WEAR SUCH PREPOSTEROUS SWEATLINGS!

BU-BUT THEY'RE THE LATEST THINGS!

THAT'S RIGHT, MISS MORSE. YOU ARE ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES TO RECEIVE A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

ALL THAT MONEY FOR ME? JUST AN INSTE...

WELL, THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY.

2C

THAT'S RIGHT, MISS MORSE. YOU ARE ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES TO RECEIVE A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS!

ALL THAT MONEY FOR ME? JUST AN INSTE...

2C

YOU'RE GOING TO WEAR THIS SWEATER AND LIKE IT! NOW... BEAT IT!

OH! OH! YOU... YOU'VE HAD YOUR FIRED FOR THIS!

YOU'RE GOING TO WEAR THIS SWEATER AND LIKE IT! NOW... BEAT IT!

OH! OH! YOU... YOU'VE HAD YOUR FIRED FOR THIS!

SEVEN ALL ACCOUNTED FOR, WITH ONLY THREE TO GO! HMM... "SEAN'S WILDE IS 'DELICES,' WHO HANGS OUT WITH WILLIE THE NEED, AND SO DOES EVERETT FRISKEE COMMONLY CALLED 'ERASER EDDE'."



THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE THINGS HAPPENED SO SWIFTLY, I COULDN'T GIVE THEM THEIR CHECKS. THIS TIME THEY'RE GOING TO GET THEM, BUT GOOD!



NOW, WILLIE THE NEED IS WORKING UP A TERRIFIC MAD AT THE BIRDBEANS, WHAT WITH ONE THING AND ANOTHER, AND ESPECIALLY WITH HIS BOYS MAKING POPPING NOISES AT THE CLOUDS THAT FLOAT BY THE WINDOWS...

GIMME THAT CAT YOU LAINE-BEAMED SAPI!

AW, GO RUSH A PEANUT WITH YOUR NOSE!



I DO NOT KNOW WHY I AM DOING THIS, BUT I HAVE NO TIME TO FIND OUT!



L-LOOK AT HIM... HA-HA! OH-HA-HA!

PU-PU-PUSHIN' PEANUT AT HIM, HIS AGE! HAW-HAW!



I VERY RARELY HEAR LOUD LAUGHTER AT THE PUT AND TAKE CLUB, SO I NATURALLY INVESTIGATE...

YUM-YUM! I AM A MONKEY, AND THIS IS A DELICIOUS DINNER! YUM-YUM!

HAW-HAW! OH, HA-HA-HA!

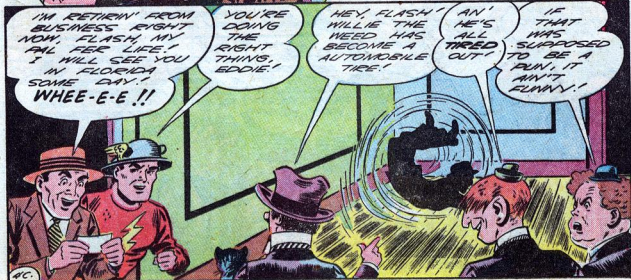


KNOWING WILLIE THE NEED WILL NOT LIKE ME TO WATCH HIM GO CRAZY, I AM TIPTOEING AWAY AND STRICTLY TIPTOEING, INDEED...

OH-OH! THE FLASH! I AM IN FOR IT NOW!

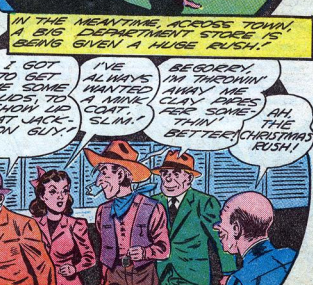
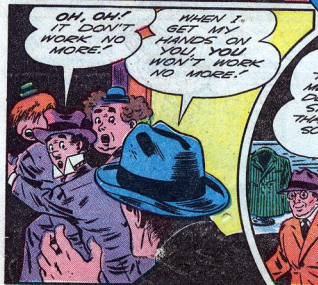
HELLO, 'DELICES.' I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU!







THE DOPES ARE SO BUSY TRYING TO HAVE THE OLD WHAMMO ON EACH OTHER, THEY DO NOT NOTICE THAT THE MOUSE-MOUND IS LEAVING FOR PARTS UNKNOWN ... AND WITH IT GOES THEIR POWER OVER WILLIE.



DID I  
SAY  
CHRISTMAS?

THIS WILLIAM WARREN IS SUCH A  
GUY THAT KNOWS HOW TO DRESS  
FOR ADVENTURE, ANYHOW...

JUST THE  
RIGHT SORT OF  
COSTUME FOR  
THE SPOTS!  
WANT TO  
TAKE IN!

A  
STUNNING  
FIT,  
SIR!

1943 AUGUST 1943

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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29	30	31				

ANGELINA O'HOOLIHAN AND SLIM  
COLLINS ALSO TREAT THEMSELVES  
TO SOME DUDS THAT ARE  
SOMEWHAT MORE THAN FANCY...

ONLY FIVE  
THOUSAND DOLLARS?  
VERY WELL, I'LL  
TAKE IT!

WANT'LL JOE  
JACKSON SEES  
ME IN THIS  
OUTFIT! HUH,  
WILL HE BURN  
UP!

MABEL MORSE IS ONE  
DOLL WHO GETS VERY  
HIGH HAT, WITH ALL THAT  
GLOSH SHE IS GETTING  
FROM OLD MAN GURPHY...

DON'T YOU  
DARE CALL  
ME MABEL!  
I AM  
NOW  
MISS  
MORSE!

ALL  
RIGHT,  
MAB...  
I MEAN,  
MISS  
MORSE!

THERE ARE ONLY  
THIRTY-SEVEN BIG  
DEPARTMENT STORES  
IN TOWN, BUT THE  
THREE DOPES HAVE  
TO PICK OUT THIS  
ONE TO BREAK SPEED  
RECORDS IN....

THOSE  
SWEATERS?  
OH, DEAR  
ME, NO!  
NO, INDEED!

BUT  
BUT  
MABEL...  
YOU  
ALWAYS  
LIKED  
EM!

A BIG GAME  
HUNTER! HEY!  
MISTER, THERE'S  
A LOT OF  
DANGEROUS  
BIG GAME  
FOLLOWIN'  
US!

THERE  
IS?  
THEN  
I  
SHALL  
PROTECT  
YOU!



OH! I'M  
BEING  
SHOT  
AT!  
ONNNH...

IT IS BY NO MEANS POLITE TO  
SNEER AT A GUY WHO IS SAVING  
US FROM DEATH, BUT WILLIE THE  
NEED IS BY NO MEANS POLITE...



OOOHHH!

CAN'T  
TAKE  
IT,  
HUH?

IN THE KITCHEN OF THE  
RESTAURANT IN THAT SAME STORE..

HERE'S  
YOUR  
CHECK,  
HARRY  
HARD-  
TACK!

AHH! AT  
LAST I  
CAN AL-  
WAYS DO  
WHAT I  
HAVE  
WANTED  
TO DO!

HEY,  
LOOK,  
FELLAS  
...THE  
FLASH!



WILLIE'S  
TRYIN'  
TO HIT  
US WIT'  
REAL  
BULLETS!

AHA. IN  
TROUBLE  
AGAIN! WELL,  
I'LL SEE  
WHAT I  
CAN DO!



THE FLASH IS MOVING  
THAT SHINGING DOOR  
BACK AND FORTH SO  
FAST, THAT WILLIE  
THE NEED CAN LOOK  
RIGHT INTO THE  
KITCHEN AND SEE  
THE THREE MENTAL  
MOPES, WHO ARE  
NOT SHIVERING FROM  
THE COLD, AS THIS  
IS A VEEY HOT DAY  
INDEED....

I ALWAYS SAY WILLIE  
THE NEED IS A  
LITTLE DIFFERENT,  
EVER SINCE HE  
DON'T SEE THAT  
DOOR HANGING  
THERE ON ITS HINGES..

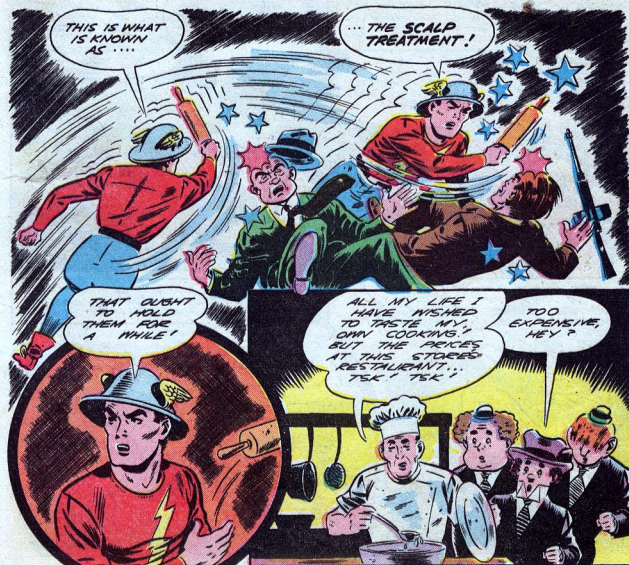
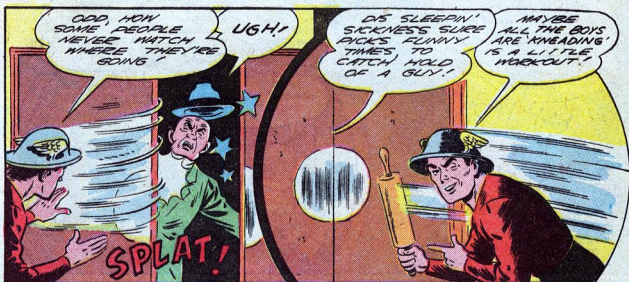
I'LL GETCHA...  
OOOOF!

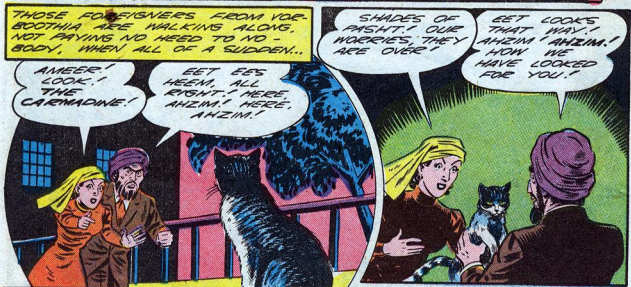


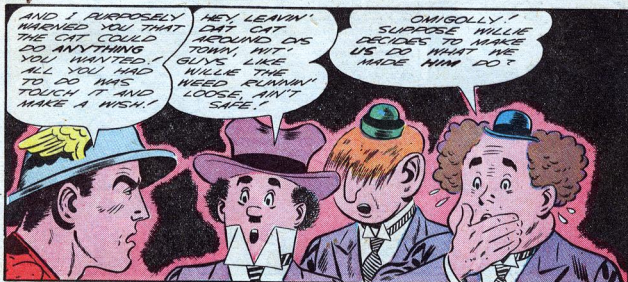
ON YER  
FEET, WILLIE!  
THIS AN'T  
NO TIME TO  
TAKE A  
NAP!

I CAN  
SEE  
EM  
RIGHT  
IN THE  
KITCHEN!





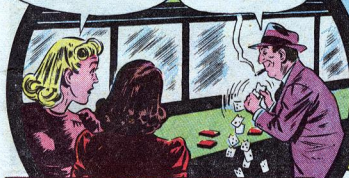




I, FOR ONE, AM ENJOYING MY HUNDRED G'S VERY MUCH IN-DEED...

ALL HE DOES, IS BUY CARDS, TEARS THEM UP, AND ORDERS A NEW DECK!

NO MORE GAMBLING FOR ME! THEM DAYS IS OVER...!



THE SMITH'S ARE HAVING THEMSELVES A FLING... TAKING IT OUT ON THE JACKSONS....

WAI'LL THEY GET A LOAD OF US, HEY, MOLLY?

THEIR EYES WILL POP OUT, WITH JEALOUSY!

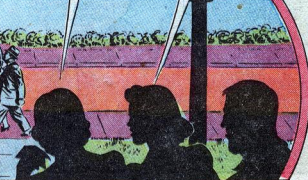


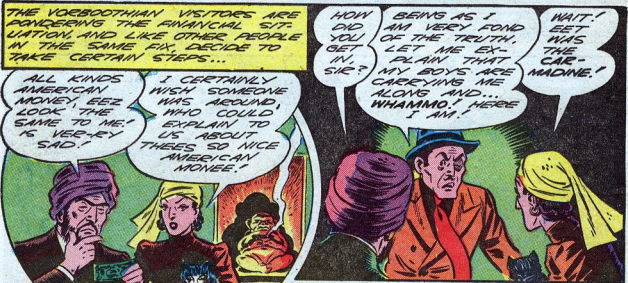
I UNDERSTAND "ERASER EDDIE" IS DOING BETTER THAN ALL RIGHT BY HIMSELF, TOO!



LOOK AT- (SNIFF)- ALL THEIR SWELL CLOTHES!

AND I NEED ONE DRESS... JUST ONE!





MEANWHILE, THE FLASH IS SUSPICIOUS OF WHAT MAY BE HAPPENING, ON ACCOUNT OF HE HASN'T GOT THAT CAT. THIS, THERE ARE SOME VERY CHOICE CHARACTERS GATHERED IN JOAN WILLIAMS' APARTMENT...

I'M AFRAID THAT IT WILL FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS!

OH, BOYS, WHY COULDN'T YOU HAVE BEEN MORE SOLICITOUS?

NOT ONLY THAT, WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN CAREFUL!

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO... SEARCH THE CITY UNTIL WE FIND IT!

WE WILL START A SEARCH PARTY!

SHELL! I ALWAYS DID LIKE PARTIES!

AN' MAYBE HE CAN HAVE ICE CREAM, TOO, HUH?



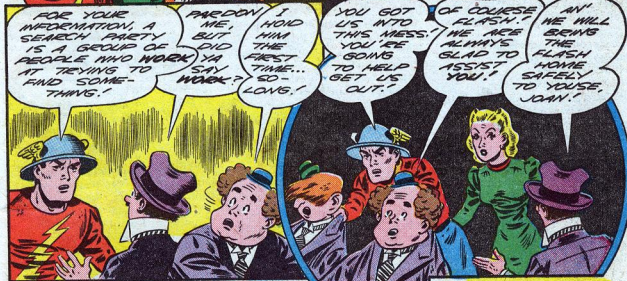
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, A SEARCH PARTY IS A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO WORK AT TRYING TO FIND SOMETHING!

PARDON ME, BUT DID THE FIRST TIME... SO LONG!

YOU GOT US INTO THIS MESS! YOU'RE GOING TO HELP GET US OUT!

OF COURSE FLASH! WE ARE ALWAYS GLAD TO ASSIST YOU!

AN' WE WILL BRING THE FLASH HOME SAFELY TO YOUSE, JOAN!



I WOULDN'T WANT TO SAY THIS TO NODDY, WINKY AND BINKY, BUT, I'D FEEL A LOT SAFER IF FLASH LEFT THEM BEHIND HIM... IN A STEEL CASE!

HERE'S TO A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP!

AND MAY WE MAKE PLENTY OF THESE FOLDING MONEY!

NOW, I AM NOT NORMALLY A WORRYING PERSON, BUT WHEN WILLIE THE NEED TAKES LIKE WITH FOLKS LIKE AMBER AND SAMMOON, WHO OWNS A CAT LIKE THESE THINGS ARE BOUND TO START HUMMING AROUND TOWN! AS A MATTER OF STRICT FACT, THINGS DO HUM, AND THEY HUM VERY LOUD INDEED, AS YOU WILL SEE...



# MYSTERY OF THE MONSOON

Another HOP HARRIGAN story based on the comic strip by Jon L. Blummer  
now appearing monthly in ALL AMERICAN COMICS

FOR six days on the rubber life raft, Hop Harrigan and his flying partner, Tank Tinker, had drifted with the fickle winds and the currents. The equatorial sun broiled down upon the shark-infested waters to swell the parched tongues of the stranded fliers ever thicker and drier against the roofs of their mouths. The sun drilled down its heat upon the salty waters that had so hungrily swallowed Harrigan's bullet-riddled scouting plane.

A greenish-white shark with deadly, staring eyes followed behind the fliers' raft as steadfastly as a sheep dog at a shepherd's heel. No paddle jab or sudden wave of arms could make the thirty-foot monster budge an inch.

Implacably, murderously, it followed them through the seas. Day and night it hounded them.

Wild shouts from close at hand suddenly startled the dozing fliers. Squinting through their sun-puffed eyes, they observed a small island a quarter mile away with dozens of natives milling about on the white sandy beach. A score of the males were launching a sharp-prowed canoe. Quickly, they paddled toward the Americans' life raft.

Harrigan stared at their painted bodies in fascination. His swollen tongue gasped out the warning to his buddy. "Those natives, Tank! They're cannibals! We've drifted to the islands south of Borneo. I can't mistake those paint marks, their nose rings and that crazy haircut! If they get us, it will be a death far more torturing than the rows of shark teeth behind and under this raft!"

The enormous redhead roused from his stupor at Hop's astounding words and dug his

paddle into the shimmering water with all the tremendous strength at his command. Harrigan whirled about in the cramped quarters and facing now the same way as Tank helped to propel the flimsy craft away from the wild-shouting pursuers.

For a half mile they held their own in this race of death, but their strength was soon expended.

Hop Harrigan took a fleeting moment for a look behind. Their cannibal pursuers had changed course. They were quartering off to the north. Coming out of the north was another canoe filled with natives—no, there were two canoes that had distracted the fliers' pursuers!

"Hold up a minute, Tank," Hop gasped weakly, "those fellows have left our trail for some reason. Let's see what's up."

"I've got no date with a cannibal's iron pot today," replied the broad-shouldered redhead, "or any other day. I'm paddling until those birds have had their supper!"

Hop's parched lips tried to grin but they cracked and hurt. He merely made a grimace. "Look, Tank. There's a whale of a fight going on. The cannibals and those natives from the north. Wow! Their canoe has upset. The poor devils . . . I pity them even though they are head-hunters and worse. Sharks will tear them to ribbons."

The battle between the natives was soon over. The victors' canoe churned swiftly alongside the fliers' raft. Strong, brown arms lifted the exhausted fliers aboard. Tank took a last look behind the raft as he was half lifted, half pushed, into the rescue canoe. The shark that had followed them for six days

was gone. Those murderous eyes had sought murder; now they had found it.

But Fate is often fantastic. After a two-hour paddle in the rescuing canoe, the fliers came to realize it. As the sharp prow of the canoe touched the beach of still another island, it was met by a wild, jabbering crowd of natives. Hop and Tank were lifted bodily from the canoe and roughly pushed up the beach toward a group of grass huts. Arrived in front of the largest hut they were flung down upon the sand and two of the heaviest warriors sat upon them to hold them down.

Tank managed to grunt a question at Hop lying beside him. "You can savvy their lingo, Hop. What's the bad news, now?"

"I hate to tell you this, Red-head, but we've just slipped from the cannibals' pot into the fire. These devils worship fire. From what I can learn out of all their jabber, they plan to roast us on spits over the fire like frankfurters at a political picnic!"

"Wait and see . . . hey, Chief! Kibbie wanna sitrand pegje?"

Hop talked to the Chief of the fire worshippers for a long five minutes but didn't seem to be getting anywhere. He and Tank were picked up bodily by the fiercely painted warriors and carried further up the beach. Their hands and feet were bound securely and the entire group of natives ringed around them. Squatting on their haunches under the shade of nut palms, they just continued to stare at the fliers with the same deadly, murderous eyes as those of the shark. Waiting . . . waiting . . .

"What's this, a mind-reading seance? What are these guys waiting for?" Tank ground his

teeth in anger. "Here we are dying of thirst and they just sit around playing deaf and dumb!"

"They're waiting for it to rain fish," said Hop Harrigan.

"W . . . waiting . . . waiting for it to rain . . . fi-fish?"

"You heard me. If my calculations are correct, Tank, it will cloud over within an hour or so and rain fish. If and when it does, the Chief says he will believe our story that we are gods, and will let us go. Not only that. He'll furnish us with the fastest canoe he's got and provision it. We'll be able to get back to our base and rejoin the squadron."

"Aw, Hop. Why did you have to concoct such a crazy yarn as that? We're as good as roasted alive, right now."

"Listen, Tank. Those monsoon winds. They are terrific. They whirl round with high velocities, like cyclones, and pick up the top three feet of water as they move across the ocean. There's fish, plenty of small fish, in those top three

feet. The wind moves slowly in a certain direction. The monsoon warning that I picked up on our short wave radio stated the winds are moving eastward at the rate of 200 miles a day from the Indian Ocean. These islands that we've seen today are approximately 1200 miles from the center of that reported monsoon."

A gleam of hope filtered into Tank's eyes. "And we've been on that life raft for six days. I get it!"

"Now you're thinking with brains, Kedhead. Those fish weigh something. As the wind velocity diminishes, there's nothing to hold them up there and down they come. It rains fish!"

And it did, a half hour later. The native Chief appeared stupefied with the mystery of the monsoon as fish, some as large as three pounds, pelted down all over the island. He recovered his dignity and signaled his men to unfetter the two fliers. He gave them food and drink, set his men to


work carrying provisions into the fastest sailing canoe. By the time everything was in readiness, it was dark.

Harrigan and Tinker then bid the Chief and the fire-worshipping islanders good bye. Strong arms shoved their canoe out upon the surface of the starlit lagoon. Their spirits soared aloft like the canvas they quickly set to the wind.

"Tank," Hop Harrigan took a position by the crude tiller, "we have no compass, but we'll steer by the stars. Just look at them . . . what a beautiful sight."

"You look at them," Tank grunted at his partner, "just as sure as sunrise, if I looked up at them, a falling fish would hit me plumb in the eye."

On shore, the Chief, squatting before a small fire and picking over the bones of a baked mullet, muttered into the embers, "Jerlie bontun tsita warriga . . ." which translated means, "Truly, only god-like men can jest at adversity."



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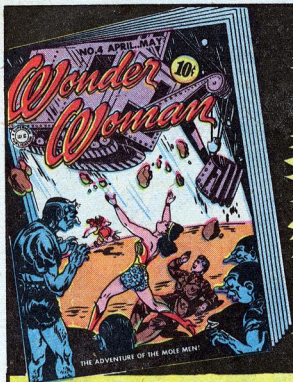
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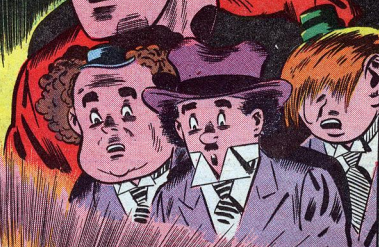
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CHAPTER  
— FOUR —  
"THE CAT VS.  
THE  
FLASH!"

IF I AM A GUY WITH  
LOTS OF MOOLA IN ONE  
BANK OR ANOTHER, I  
WOULD BE VERY ANXIOUS  
ABOUT THIS TIME,  
BECAUSE WILLIE THE  
WEED HAS HIS HAND ON  
THE CARMADINE AND IS  
MAKING VERY DISHONEST  
WISHES FOR GETTING HIS  
HANDS ON SOME "LONG-  
GREEN" AND WILLIE  
HAS HUGE IDEAS WHEN  
IT COMES TO A  
PROPOSITION LIKE THIS....

OF COURSE THE FLASH  
IS STILL AROUND AND  
ABOUT, BUT I CANNOT  
SEE WHAT EVEN HE CAN  
DO AGAINST SUCH A  
SURE BET AS THAT CAT!



I WISH ME AND ALL  
MY BOYS WERE INSIDE  
THE VAULTS OF THE  
NATIONAL BANK AND  
TRUST CO. ... WITH VERY  
BIG SUITCASES ALL  
AROUND US....



I'LL SAY THIS FOR THAT MOUSE-HOUND:  
HE IS NOT ONE TO WASTE TIME.....

AH! JUST LIKE THAT!  
WHAT A PLEASING SET-  
UP! START WORKING, BOYS,  
AND FILL THE SUITCASES!

NOT EVEN  
THE  
FLASH  
CAN STOP  
US NOW!

HOWEVER THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE  
IS NOT A CITIZEN TO PERMIT ANY  
GRASS TO GROW UNDER HIS FEET.....

HM-M- NOT A SIGN  
OF WILLIE'S BOYS!  
BUT... WHERE  
ARE THEY?

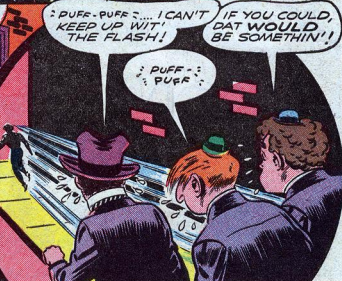
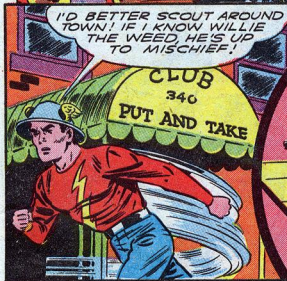


I'D BETTER SCOUT AROUND  
TOWN! IF I KNOW WILLIE  
THE WEED, HE'S UP  
TO MISCHIEF!

: PUFF-PUFF?... I CAN'T  
KEEP UP WITH  
THE FLASH!

IF YOU COULD,  
DAT WOULD  
BE SOMETHIN'!!

: PUFF :  
: PUFF :



LET'S GET OUR-  
SELVES A  
MOTORCYCLE!

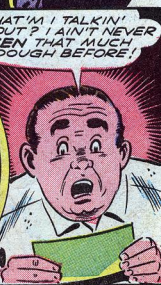
THAT'S  
A SWELL  
IDEA!

HERE, MISTER!  
CASH THIS CHECK  
FER ME!

A HU-  
HUNDRED  
GRAND!  
ULP! WHY,  
I-AIN'T GOT  
THAT MUCH  
DOUGH  
IN THE STORE.

WHAT'M I TALKIN'  
ABOUT? I AIN'T NEVER  
SEEN THAT MUCH  
DOUGH BEFORE!

MOTORCYCLE  
SHOP



WILLIE THE WEED IS FINDING OUT THAT WHILE HE GETS SAFELY INSIDE THE BANK, IT IS QUITE ANOTHER JOB TO GET OUT OF IT.....

AM I EMBARRASSED!

DIS IS DE FOIST TIME I EVER WORRIED ABOUT GETTIN' OUT OF ONE OF DESE THINGS!

I'LL POUR A LITTLE NITRO INTO THIS LOCK-HOLE! HUM, CAN Y' IMAGINE SOUPIN' YER WAY OUT OF A SAFE? IT'LL MAKE HISTORY!

HANG ONTO YOUR TEETH, FELLAS!

**BOOM!**

AT THAT MOMENT THE FLASH IS PASSING...

OH-OH! SOUNDS LIKE AN EXPLOSION IN THE BANK! I'D BETTER SEE IF ANYONE'S HURT!

WELL, HELLO BOYS!

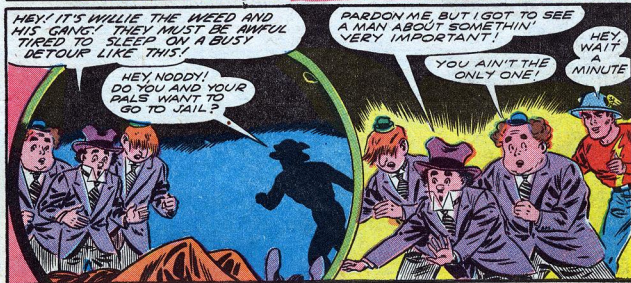
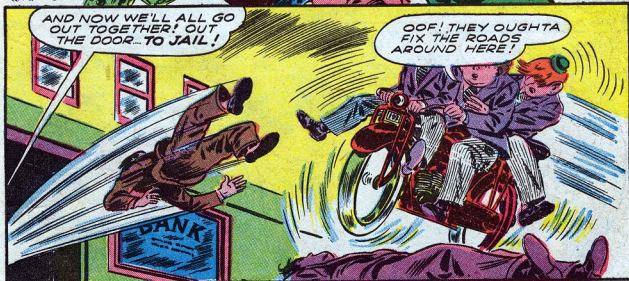
FLASH! DON'T YOU EVER SLEEP OR TAKE A REST AT ANY TIME?

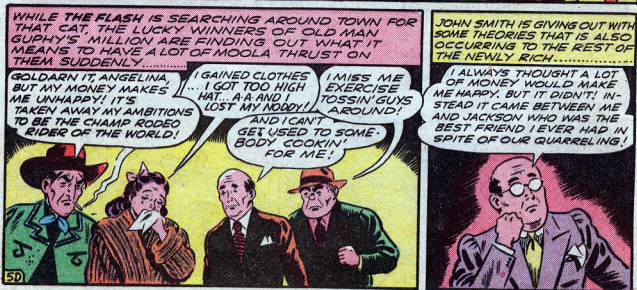
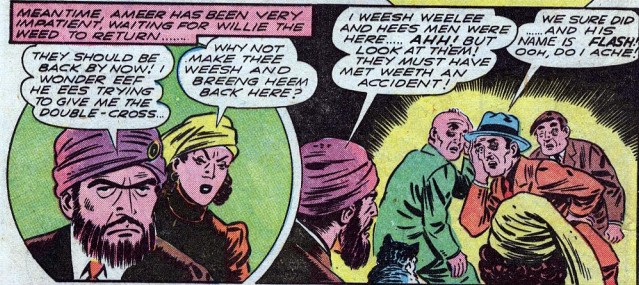
IT IS GIVEN ME TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE FLASH HAS SO MUCH SPEED HE CAN WHIRL GUYS AROUND IN THE AIR BECAUSE THE SPEED WITH WHICH HE WHIRLS THEM DETRACTS FROM THEIR WEIGHT.....

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A DUMBBELL TO PRACTICE WITH! YOU'RE THE ANSWER, WILLIE!

Oooops!

IT IS QUITE A SIGHT TO SEE THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER GO INTO ACTION, BECAUSE WHEN HE GOES INTO ACTION, THERE IS A LOT OF EXCITEMENT, INDEED.....





MABEL MORSE ALSO IS WONDERING WHETHER MAYBE SHE IS WRONG ALL HER LIFE.....

I ALWAYS WANTED MONEY SO I COULD IMITATE THE DEBUTANTES WHO WERE MY CUSTOMERS! WELL, I IMITATED THEIR PHONEY POSES SO WELL THAT NOW MY FRIENDS WON'T EVEN SPEAK TO ME....

SSSSNNIIIIFFFFF.....



WILLIAM WARREN, TOO.....

I WANTED MONEY BECAUSE I ENJOYED READING ABOUT FOREIGN PLACES AND LONGED FOR ADVENTURE. NOW THAT I HAVE MONEY I DON'T NEED IT... BECAUSE I CAN JOIN THE ARMY, FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY AND GET ALL THE TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE I WANT FOR NOTHING!



AT THIS MOMENT, WILLIE THE WEED IS NURSING SOME ACES AND PAINS.....

I MUST REMIND THE FLASH TO BE MORE GENTLE! IT SEEMS I BRUISE EASILY!

BUT THAT DOES NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF HOW TO GET REECH VERY QUICKLY!



WAIT! I GOT A SWELL IDEA! BOY, IS IT A LULU!

WHO EES THEES LULU? EES SHE A FRIEN' OF OURS?



I WISH ALL THE BANK TELLERS IN THE CITY WOULD GATHER UP ALL THE LARGE CASH NEAR THEM AND BRING IT TO US HERE!

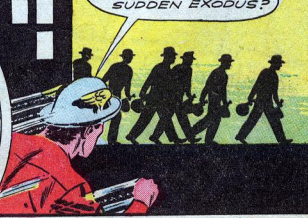


I AM STANDING OUTSIDE THE LAST DEPARTMENT STORE IN TOWN THAT HAS ANY PLAYING CARDS FOR SALE WHEN I FEEL A TERRIFIC BREEZE, AND WHO GOES PAST ME BUT THE FLASH.....

THEY MUST BE SOMEWHERE IN TOWN!



OH-OH! AM I SEEING THINGS? BANK TELLERS WITH BAGS OF MONEY! HMM..... I WONDER IF WILLIE THE WEED IS BEHIND THIS SUDDEN EXODUS?





HELLO, BILL! AREN'T YOU STILL TELLER FOR THE FARMER'S TRUST?

THAT'S RIGHT, BUT JUST NOW I'M TAKING SOME MONEY OVER TO A FELLOW ON THE WEST SIDE! BUT WHY I AM, I DON'T KNOW!

NOBODY IS ABLE TO SAY THAT THE CARMADINE DOES NOT DO A GOOD JOB ON WHATEVER IT TACKLES.....

DIDN'T YOUR OFFICIALS STOP YOU?

OH, NO! THEY JUST SAT THERE, AS THOUGH THEY WERE HYPNOTIZED!



HERE THEY COME WITH THE DOUGH! BOY OH BOY! WHAT A RACKET! I CAN'T WAIT TO.....



YEEHAW! THE FLASH IS WALKING ALONG WITH THEM! THAT IS NOT GOOD! IN FACT.....IT IS BAD!



SOMETHING'S EES' WRONG, NO?

IT SURE IS, YES! THE FLASH IS FOLLOWING THE BANK TELLERS HERE! AND THAT IS SOMETHING I DO NOT CARE TO SEE! SO I AM LEAVING!



WILLIE THE WEED IS NO SLOUCH WHEN IT COMES TO TAKING A POWDER, ESPECIALLY WITH THE FLASH HOT ON HIS TRAIL.....



DON'T SPARE THE GAS! MY RATION COUPONS WILL BE MORE THAN USELESS IN JAIL!

I DON'T SEE ANYONE HERE TO TAKE THE MONEY!

BUT I SEE WHO WAS HERE! THEY'RE GETTING AWAY IN CARS!

THERE GOES WILLIE THE WEED! WE CAN'T LET HIM GET AWAY!

WHEN THE FLASH REALLY SETS OUT TO TRAVEL, THE THREE DIMWITS THINK THEY'RE STANDING STILL....

SOMETHING IS WRONG! WE HAVE CEASED PROGRESSING!

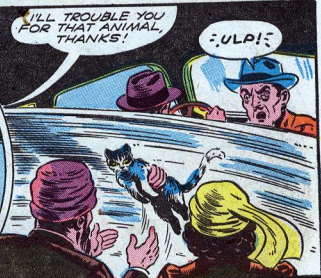
NOT ONLY DAT....WE'VE COME TO A STOP!



GIMME THAT CAT! I'LL FIX THE FLASH FOR GOOD!

I'LL TROUBLE YOU FOR THAT ANIMAL, THANKS!

UPL!

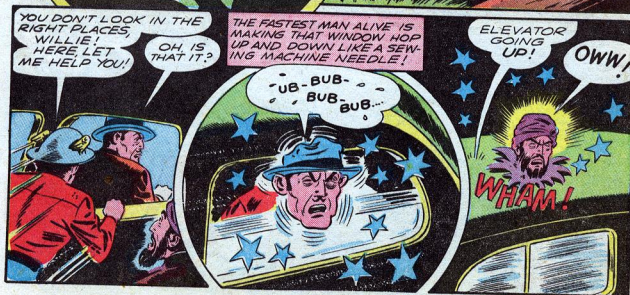
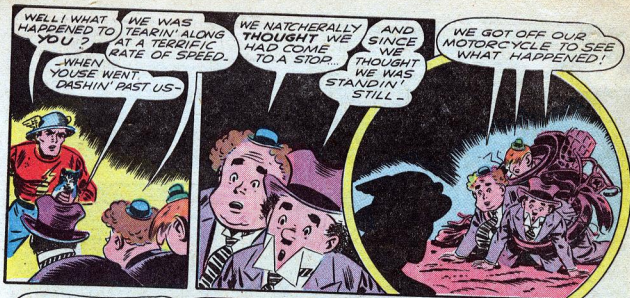


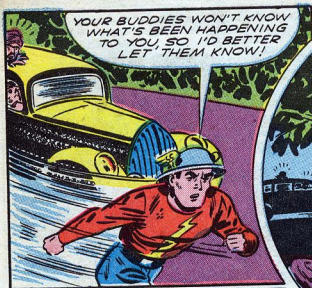
THAT FELLOW, HE EES NOT VEREE POLITE TO ENTER AND LEAVE OUR CAR WEETHOUT EVEN ASKING!

BRO-BROTHER, THAT WA-WAS THE 'FLASH, AND I DON'T DARE THINK OF WHAT HE WILL DO TO YOU AND ME, NOW THAT WE HAVE NOT GOT THAT CAT ANY MORE!

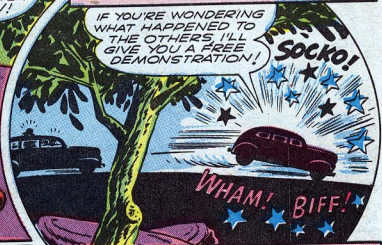
I HAVE TO GET THIS CAT SAFELY AWAY SOMEWHERE! THEN I CAN TAKE CARE OF WILLIE AND HIS BOYS WITH A CLEAR MIND!







IF A TORNADO WAS LOOSE IN THAT CAR, IT WOULD BE LIKE A BABY KITTEN ALONGSIDE OF THAT FLASH.....

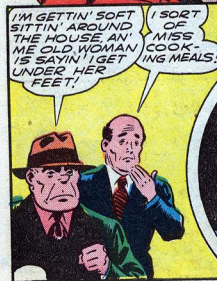
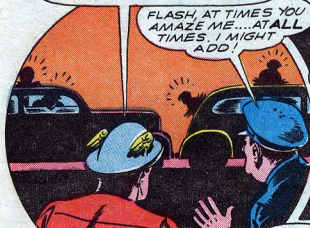


SOCKO!

WHAM! BIFF!

THEY'RE ALL YOURS, OFFICER! YOU'LL NOTICE I FURNISHED FREE HANDCUFFS.. WAR CONSERVATION, YOU KNOW!

AS IS OFTEN THE WAY WHEN PEOPLE GET WHAT THEY WANT, AND FIND THAT WHAT THEY GET IS NOT QUITE SO WONDERFUL AS THEY THOUGHT, THE NEWLY RICH ARE PLENTY DISGUSTED.....



I AM LOAFING AWAY ON THE CORNER OF 42ND AND BROADWAY WHEN WHO COMES UP TO ME BUT ERASER EDDIE PARKER, LOOKING VERY SAD, INDEED.....

HELLO, EDDIE! YOU LOOK AS LOW AS I FEEL! THE ONLY REASON I USED TO GAMBLE WAS SO'S I COULD GET LOTS OF MONEY AND DO NOTHING AT ALL! BUT THIS LIFE IS TOO EASY AND IS GETTING ME DOWN!

ME I'M SICK AND TIRED OF LOAFING, TOO! SAAAY!

IF WE GIVE BACK THIS DOUGH, WE WOULDN'T BE RICH NO MORE, WOULD WE?

EDDIE, YOU HAVE HAD A BRAIN WAVE! WE WILL GO TO SEE THESE THREE DOPES WHO ARE SUCH PALS WITH THE FLASH!

IT'S GETTING TO LOOK LIKE GRAND CENTRAL STATION WHEN ERASER EDDIE AND I GET TO THE THREE DIMWITS' OFFICE.....

GET RID OF YOUR MONEY? THAT'S EASY! WHY NOT GIVE IT TO THE U.S.O..... AND LEAD HAPPY, NORMAL LIVES AGAIN!

WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT MYSELF?

YOU CAN HAVE MY MONEY RIGHT NOW! OOOOOH, HOW I HATE IT!

THAT CAT! HUH, I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE HE JUMPED FROM SHIP AFTER I WON HIM IN VORBOOTHIA! WHAT A ROYAL ROOKIN' I GOT!

YOU BROUGHT HIM FROM VORBOOTHIA?

I TELL THE FLASH ALL ABOUT IT, THEN! IT'S LIKE THIS, I SAY: I HEAR THE KING OF VORBOOTHIA LOVES TO RISK MAYBE A FEW DUCATS, INCLUDING HIS LAST PAIR OF PANTS, WHEN IT COMES TO A FRIENDLY GAME OF POKER..... SO OFF I GO TO VORBOOTHIA, WITH SOME NEW DECKS OF CARDS...

NOW THE KING IS NOT NEARLY A SLOUCH WHEN IT COMES TO SEVEN-CARD STUD SHOOT THE MOON, AND MANY OTHER FORMS OF POKER, BUT BEING A GENIUS AT THIS SORT OF THING, I SOON HAVE HIM TAKING OFF HIS CROWN AND TOSSING IT INTO THE POT.

I UNDERSTAND YOU LIKE TO MAYBE BET A FEW DOLLARS ON THE PASTEBOARDS, YOUR MAJESTY!

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE BETTER!

I'LL TOSS MY CROWN IN AND SEE YOU! I HAVE A FULL HOUSE!

PUT 'EM AWAY, KINGIE! I GOT A STRAIGHT FLUSH!

YOU HAVE WON EVERY-  
THING! OWN! YOU  
ARE NOW THE KING THAT  
OF VORBOOTHIA! I IS  
WILL NOW GIVE NOT LIKE  
YOU THE CARMADINE! A BROOKLYN  
RASPBERRY, IS IT?



HERE EET EES! THE ONE  
AND ONLY CARMADINE!  
WEETH EET  
I GEEVE  
YOU  
EVERYTHING!



HOW DO  
YOU LIKE  
THAT? A  
PUSSYCAT,  
HE GIVES  
ME!

THE KING TOLD  
THE TRUTH!  
IF YOU HAD TOUCHED  
THE CAT, AND MADE  
A WISH - IT WOULD  
HAVE COME TRUE!  
HE GAVE YOU  
EVERYTHING  
JUST BY GIVING  
YOU THAT CAT!

HUH??



NOW IT HAS FALLEN ASLEEP!  
IT WILL SLEEP FOR ANOTHER  
TWENTY THOUSAND YEARS!  
NOBODY WILL BE ABLE TO  
CONTROL IT FOR A  
LONG TIME!



IT PLEASES ME TO HEAR THAT  
CLARICE AND CLARENCE GUPHY  
HAVE COME TO ADMIRE THEIR  
EVER-LOVING PAPA MORE THAN  
SOMEWHAT.....

THIS IS MUCH MORE  
FUN THAN ALL  
NIGHT PARTIES!

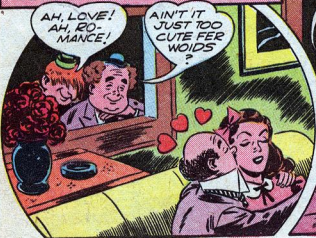
YES! WE  
NOW LOVE PAPA  
FOR HIMSELF....  
NOT FOR HIS  
MONEY!



ALSO, I DO HEAR SEVERAL STORIES  
THAT NODDY IS PITCHING PLEASING  
WOO AT ANGELINA O'HOOLIHAN.....

AH, LOVE!  
AH, RO-  
MANCE!

AIN'T IT  
JUST TOO  
CUTE FER  
WOIDS?



GET YOUR OWN  
GIRL!

SHAME ON  
YOU FOR PEEK-  
-ING, YA SNOOD,  
YA!

YOU  
SHOULD  
OUGHTTA  
BE  
ARRESTED  
YOU PEEPING  
-TOM!

THE  
END!



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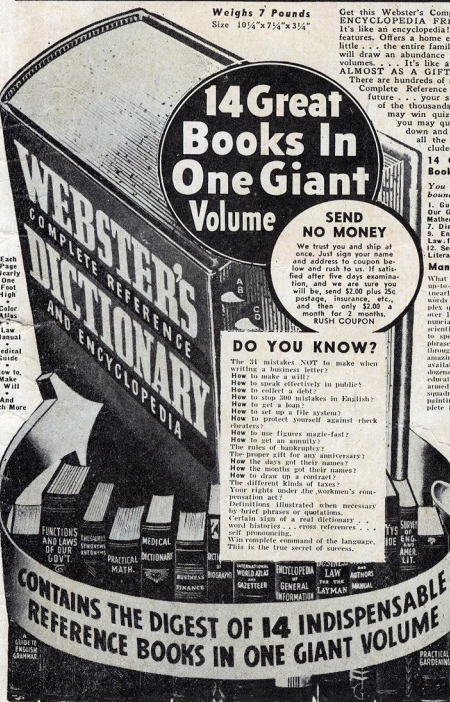
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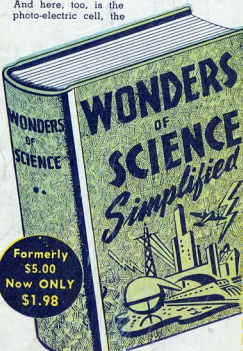
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