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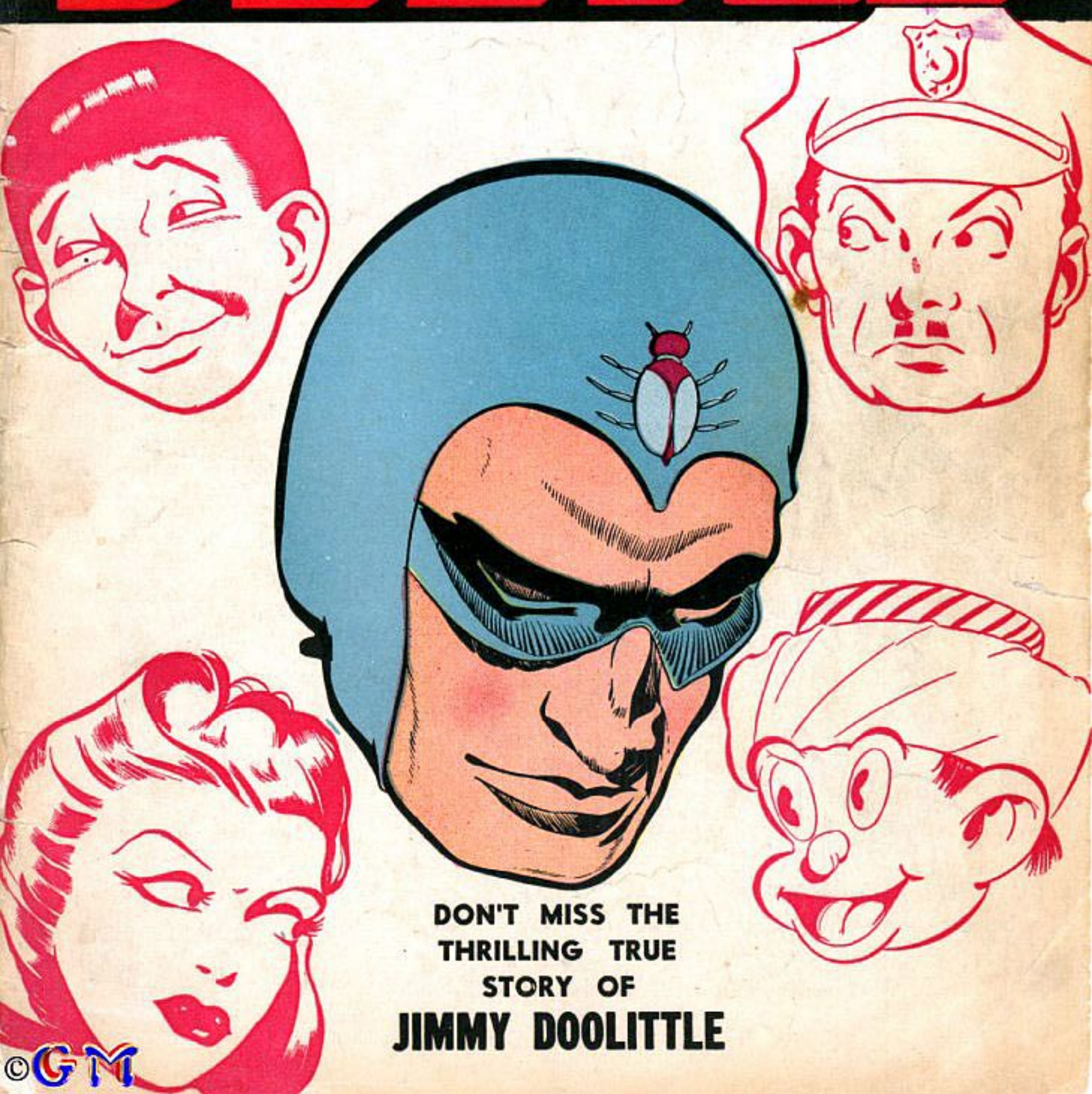
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# BLUE BEETLE

IN

The GENERAL  
ALTERS HIS PLANS



By  
SYLVAN H. STEIN  
AND  
ALDEN REMLU



A PUBLIC SQUARE SOMEWHERE  
IN HOLLAND.

READY---  
AIM!!



---FIRE!

BANG  
BANG  
BANG



DER HOSTAGES  
HAFF BEEN  
EXECUTED.  
HERR  
KOMMANDANT.

JA! GOOT!  
MAYBE DOT  
VILL TEACH DER  
SVINE TO OBEY US.



MEANWHILE, AMERICAN SECRET SERVICE AGENT, DAN GARR-  
ETT, FORMER CENTRAL CITY POLICEMAN, ARRIVES IN HOLLAND.

WOW, WHAT A DROP!  
NOW THAT I'VE BUR-  
IED MY PARACHUTE,  
I GUESS IT'S O.K.  
TO READ MY  
ORDERS.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
SECRET SERVICE

TO: DANIEL GARRETT

We have every reason to  
believe that the Nazis have  
built a glider base in  
Holland for an invasion of  
England. It is important  
that you find this base  
and destroy it.

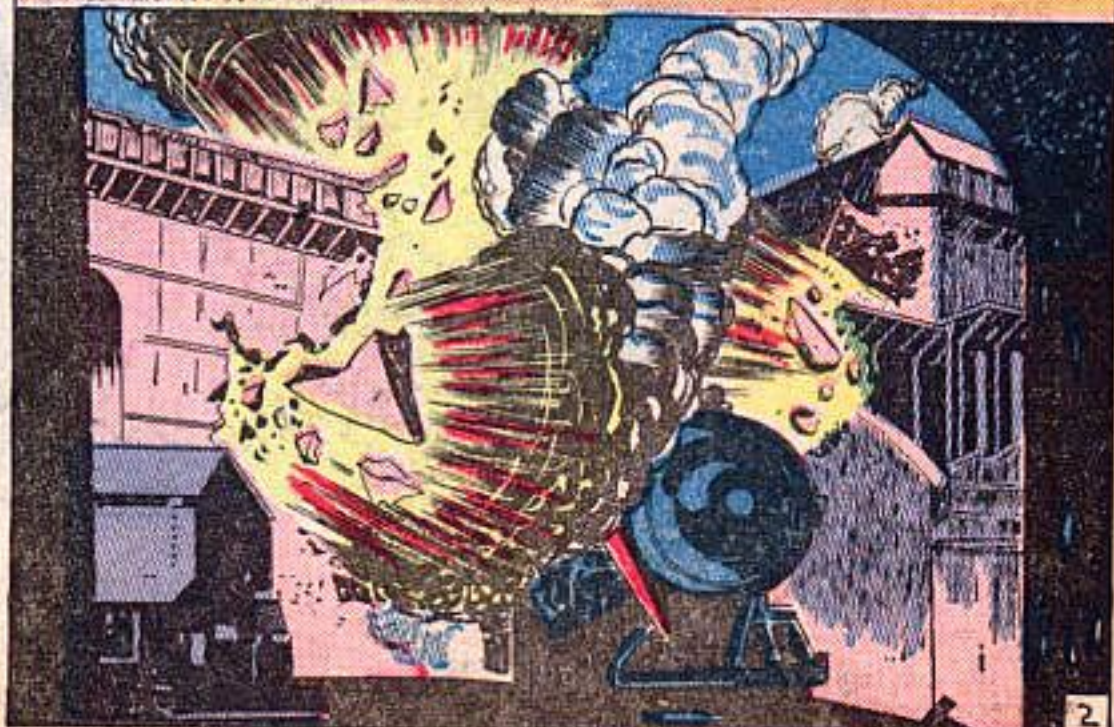
Headquarters

THAT'S A BIG-SIZED ORDER. BETTER  
LET THE BLUE BEETLE TAKE  
OVER FROM NOW ON!



REMOVING HIS OUTER GARMENTS DAN  
BECOMES THE FAMOUS BLUE BEETLE

SUDDENLY A TERRIFICALLY VIOLENT EXPLOSION ROCKS  
THE EARTH





WOW! THAT'S  
QUITE AN  
EXPLOSION!...  
I'D BETTER  
HEAD THAT  
WAY AND HAVE  
A LOOK-SEE!



AND AT THE SCENE OF THE EXPLOSION....

HURRY, MEN!  
THE HIDEOUT IS  
NOT FAR!



--- AT THE NAZI HEADQUARTERS....

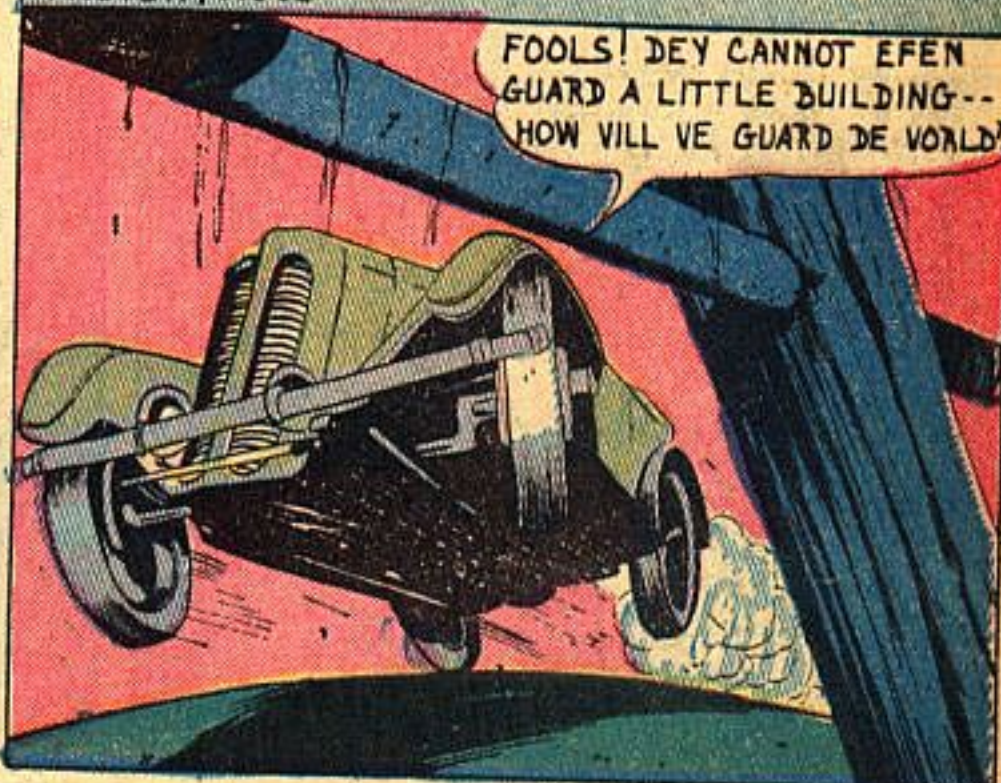
KOMMANDANT!  
DER MUNITIONS  
PLANT--BLOWN  
TO LITTLE  
PIECES!

SHOT UP, FOOL! I KNOW!  
GET MINE CAR---I VILL  
GO DERE IMMEDIATELY!



THE GENERAL PACES MADLY TOWARD THE BURNING  
FACTORY....

FOOLS! DEY CANNOT EFEN  
GUARD A LITTLE BUILDING--  
HOW VILL VE GUARD DE VORLD!



THE SPEEDING CAR MISSES A SHARP CURVE  
AND CRASHES OFF THE ROAD.



LOOK! ALONE NAZI  
CAR, ----MAYBE THEY  
ARE DEAD.

I HOPE SO.  
IF THEY AREN'T,  
THEY SOON WILL  
BE.

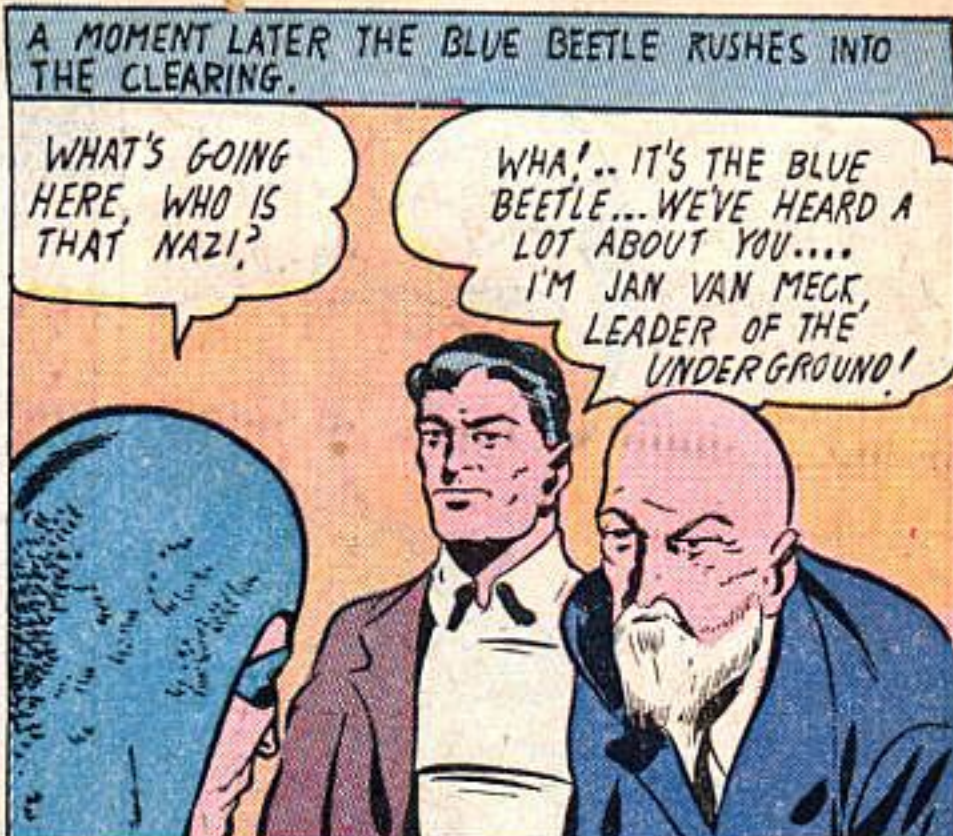






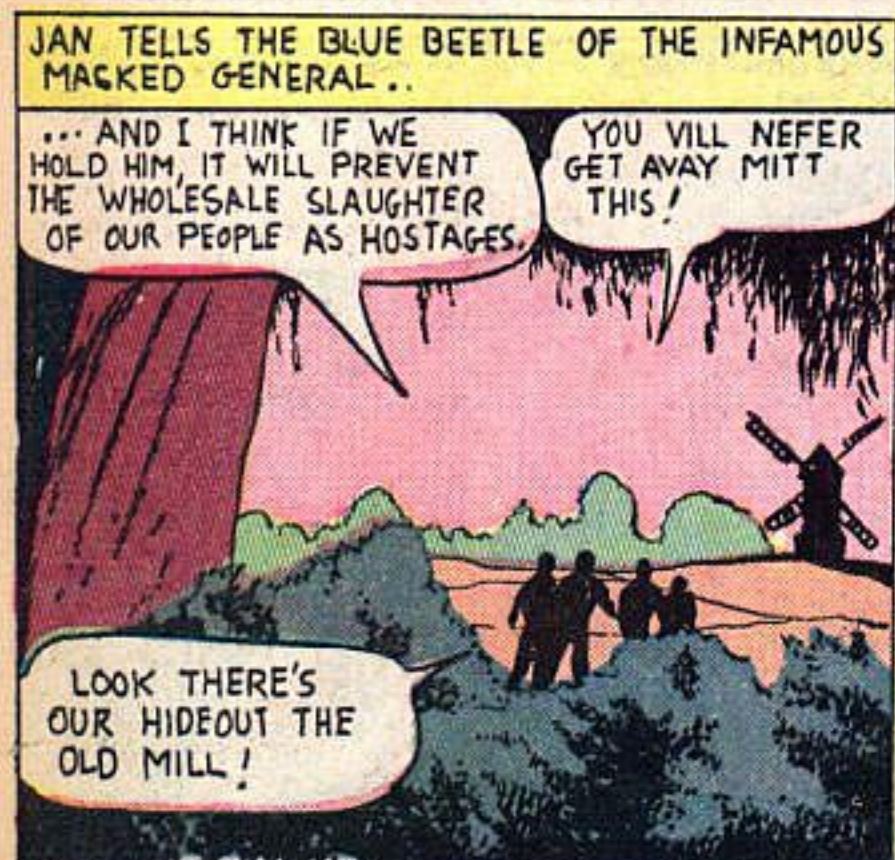
HA! SO IT'S THE FAMOUS "MASKED GENERAL" WILTZ.... DON'T MAKE A MOVE OR I'LL KILL YOU!

YOU SVINE I'LL HAVE EVERY ONE OF YOU SHOT FOR THIS



WHAT'S GOING HERE, WHO IS THAT NAZI?

WHA!... IT'S THE BLUE BEETLE... WE'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU.... I'M JAN VAN MECK, LEADER OF THE UNDERGROUND!



JAN TELLS THE BLUE BEETLE OF THE INFAMOUS MASKED GENERAL..

... AND I THINK IF WE HOLD HIM, IT WILL PREVENT THE WHOLESAL SLAUGHTER OF OUR PEOPLE AS HOSTAGES.

YOU VILL NEFER GET AWAY MITT THIS!

LOOK THERE'S OUR HIDEOUT THE OLD MILL!



MY JOB IS TO FIND THE SECRET GLIDER BASE!

THAT'S A TOUGH JOB.... WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIND IT FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS!



.... AND NOW LET US SEE WHY THE FAMOUS GENERAL WEARS THIS MASK.. I'LL JUST REMOVE IT THUS AND .....

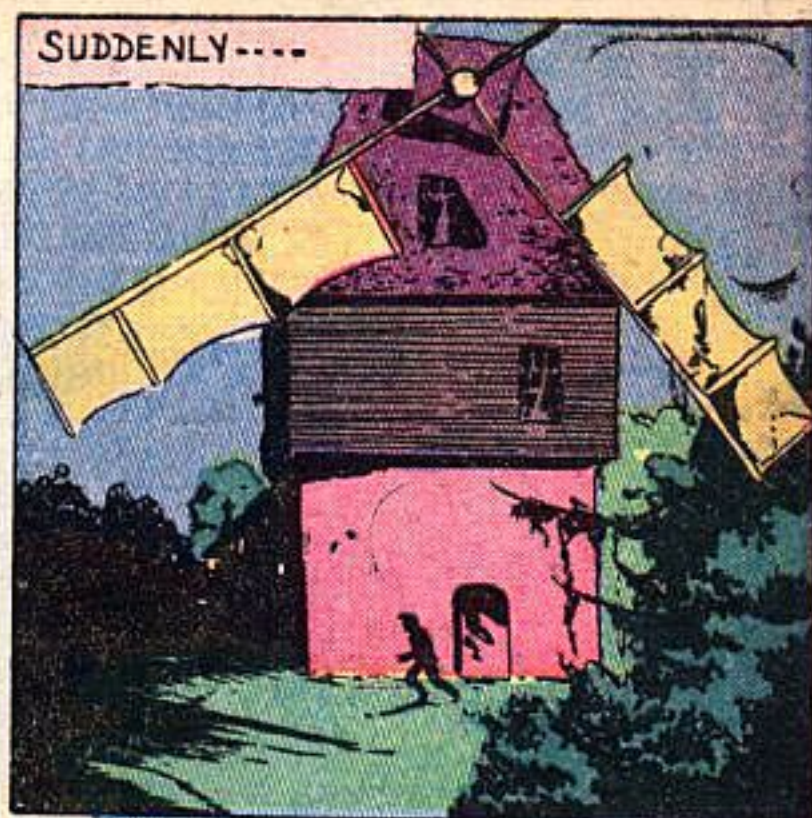
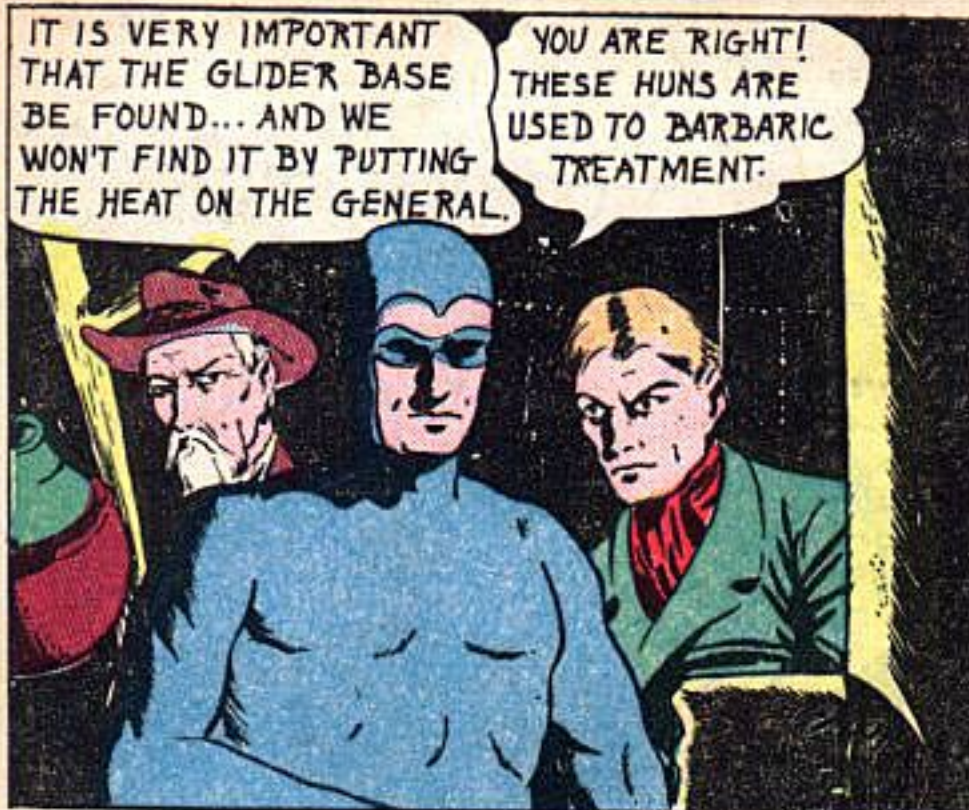
WELL YOU FOOL NOW YOU KNOW!



SO! YOU ARE THE FIEND WHO TORTURED OUR PEOPLE WITH BOILING OIL... AND ONE OF THEM KICKED IT IN YOUR FACE .....

... JA! BEFORE HE DIED!... THE SVINE HE NEARLY KILLED ME!







--DUT HERR KOMMANDANT,  
WE HAFF DER MEN SPREAD  
OUT AT ALL DER IMPORT-  
ANT POSTS!

I HAFF SPOKEN; I  
VANT DER GUARDS  
CONCENTRATED IN  
DER MUNITIONS FACT-  
ORY VICH WAS SABOTAG-  
ED. VE VILL START RE-  
BUILDING AT VONCE!



HERR KOMMANDANT!  
DER LENS FACTORIES  
IN DER EASTERN SECTOR  
HAVE BEEN SABOTAGED!

ACH! HIMMEL!---I VILL  
ATTEND TO IT RIGHT AWAY!



I VANT ALL DER MEN  
SENT TO DER LENS  
FACTORIES AT VONCE!

DER DAMAGE HAS  
ALREADY BEEN DONE,  
HERR KOMMANDANT!

VOT CAN DER  
GUARDS DO NOW?  
IT'S LIKE DER  
SPILT MILK!



I THINK DER KOMMANDANT  
IS A BIT OFF IN DER  
NOODLE!

JA! VHY DOES HE  
SEND DER MEN AFTER  
DER DUTCH SVINE HAFF  
FINISHED DER JOB?



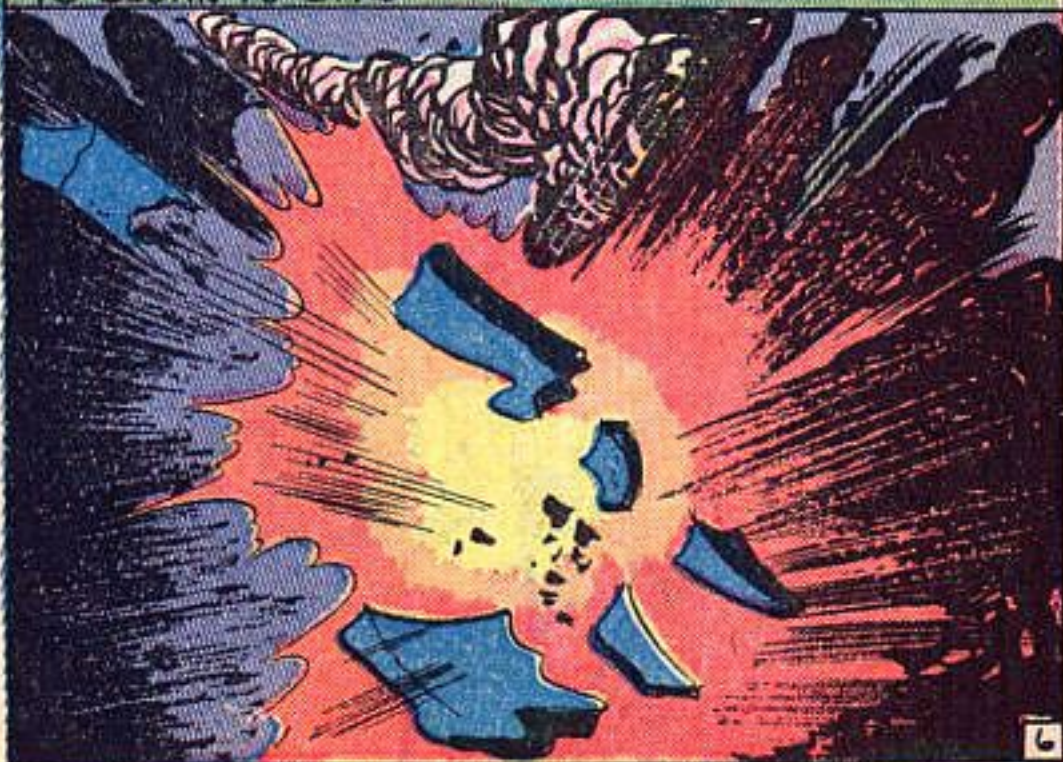
THE NEXT DAY--- AT THE UNDERGROUND  
HIDEOUT---

TONIGHT OUR OBJECTIVE  
IS THE TANK FACTORY  
AT PELTZ-- YOU ALL  
KNOW YOUR JOBS.

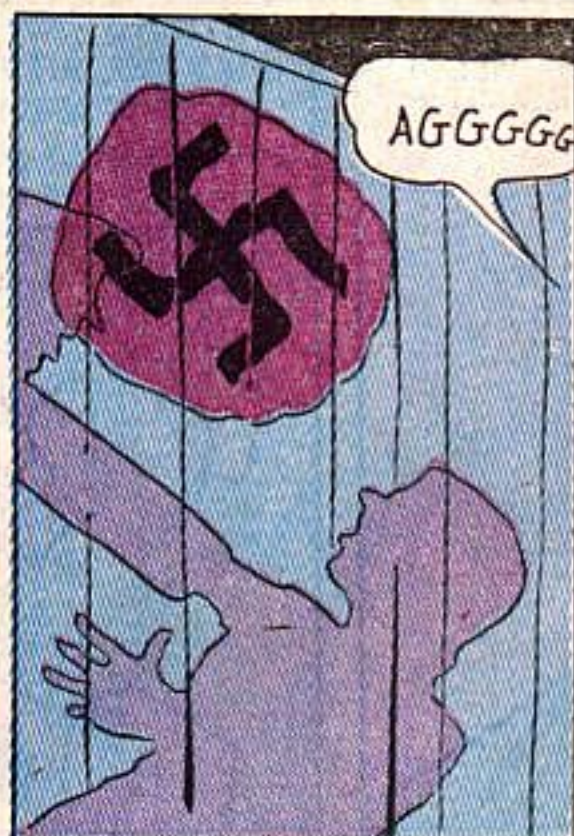
YES, JAN...  
WE ARE  
PREPARED!



---AND A FEW HOURS LATER, ANOTHER NAZI FACTORY  
IS BLOWN TO BITS----











BERLIN IS CALLING,  
HERR KOMMANDANT!

BERLIN, EH? HAF DER  
CALL SVITCHED IN HERE.  
I VISH TO SPEAK  
PRIVATELY!



VILTZ, DEY. TELL ME YOU  
ARE HAFING SOME TROUBLE  
DERE IN HOLLAND.

JA, MEIN FUEHRER ---  
THE ENEMY IS TRYING  
DESPERATELY TO GET IN-  
FORMATION ON DER  
GLIDER BASE!



OUR IRON MEN VILL NEFER TALK. DEY VILL DIE  
BEFORE DEY GIFF AWAY DER SECRET DOT VILL  
VIN DER VAR.

JA, MEIN FUEHRER!  
ONLY YOUR MAGNIF-  
ICENT BRAIN  
VOS CAPABLE  
UFF SUCH AN  
IDEA!

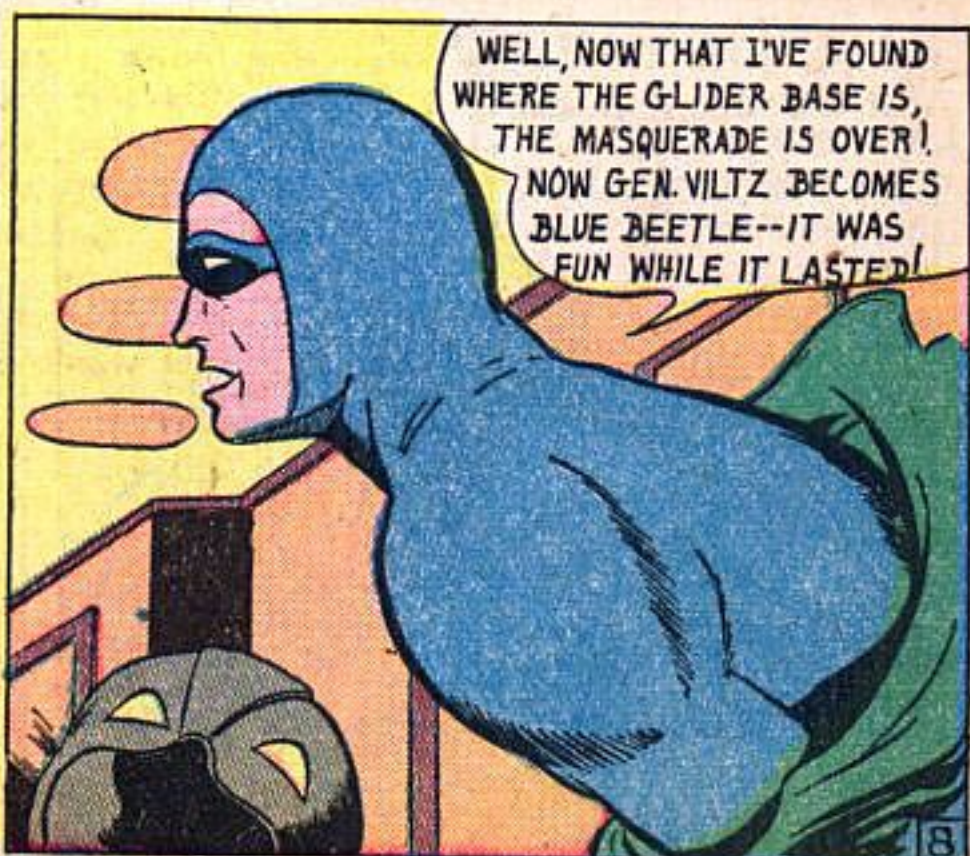


HA! DER STUPID SVINE!  
VOULD NEFER THINK UFF  
LOOKING IN DER BACKYARD ---  
EGGSPECIALLY DER BIGGEST  
BACKYARD UFF ALL!

JA, MEIN  
FUEHRER!  
HOW TRUE!  
HOW TRUE!  
GOODBYE!!



BACK-YARD ---  
BACK-YARD---BIGGEST  
BACK--- DUTCH TULIPS IN  
BACK-YARD-- DOMMILE!--BIGGEST  
TULIP FIE ---  
I'VE GOT---



WELL, NOW THAT I'VE FOUND  
WHERE THE GLIDER BASE IS,  
THE MASQUERADE IS OVER!  
NOW GEN. VILTZ BECOMES  
BLUE BEETLE--IT WAS  
FUN WHILE IT LASTED!

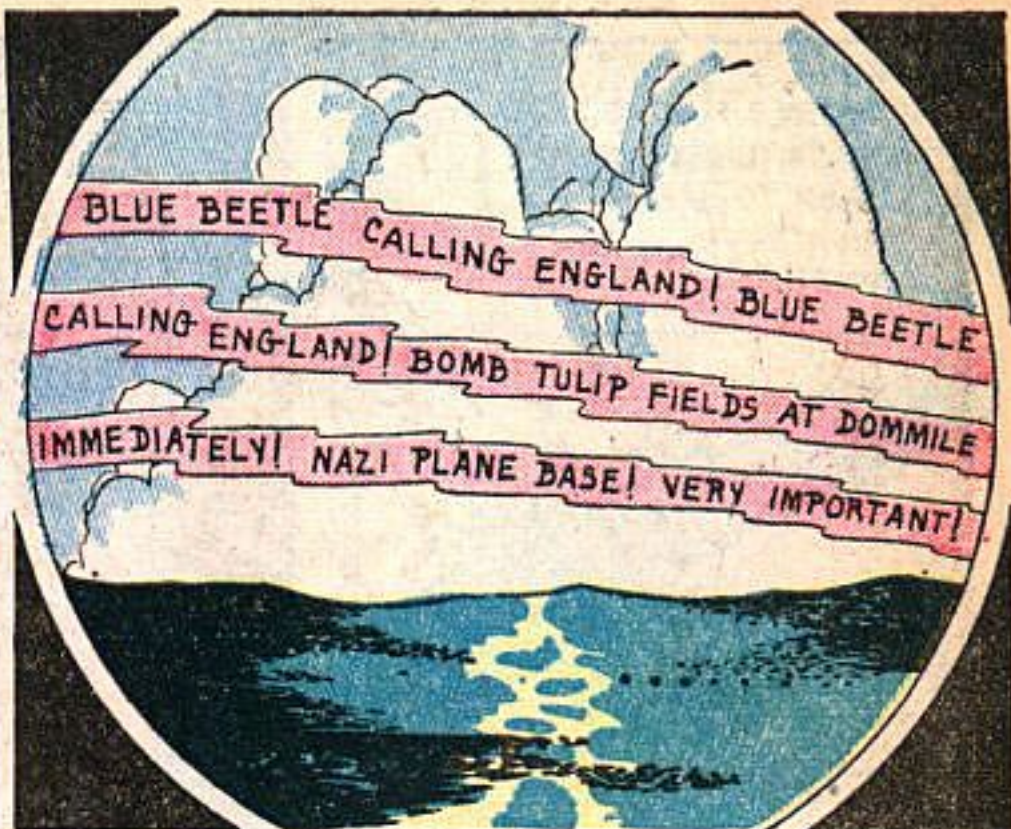


THE BLUE BEETLE ENTERS THE RADIO ROOM.



DER BLUE B --- UGGG!

SORRY, I CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO FINISH, BUT I'M IN A HURRY TO USE THIS RADIO!



AT AN R.A.F. FIELD IN EASTERN ENGLAND...



LISTEN TO THAT! THE BLUE BEETLE!

PROBABLY SOME WAG PULLING OUR LEG, EH, WHAT?

NOT THIS TIME...THIS IS THE MESSAGE THE C.O. IS WAITING FOR.



AND A FEW MINUTES LATER

THIS IS IT, FELLOWS- FLIGHT FORMATION B.

AND OUR TARGET FOR TONIGHT IS A BLOOMIN' TULIP FIELD.



LATER AT THE TULIP FIELD AT DOMMILE----

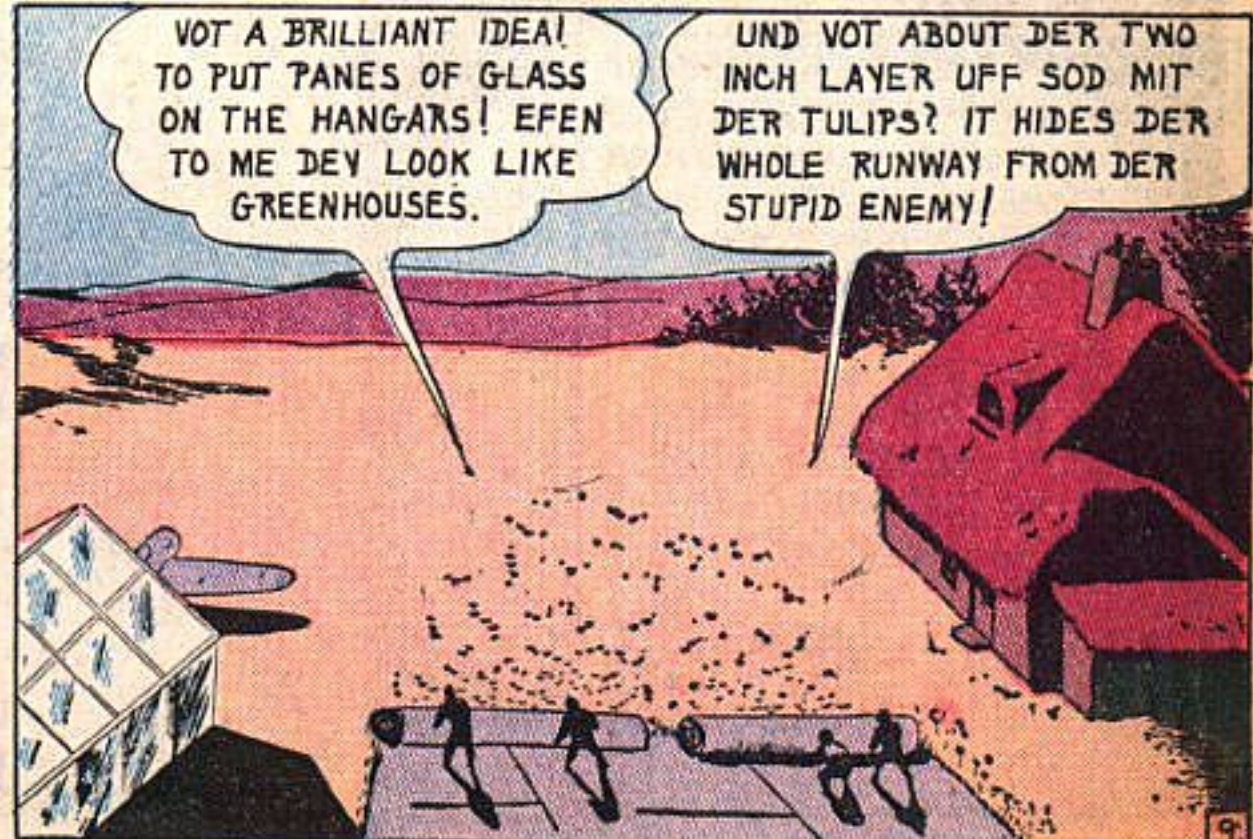
THE ORDERS CAME, HERR MAJOR! THE INVASION OF ENGLAND IS TO START AT VONCE!

JA! AT LAST! ORDER DER RUNWAY CLEARED!

NAZI HEADQUARTERS  
THE INVASION OF THE BRITISH ISLES IS READY.... THE ZERO HOUR IS 5:30 A.M. THE FUEHRER

VOT A BRILLIANT IDEA! TO PUT PANES OF GLASS ON THE HANGARS! EFEN TO ME DEY LOOK LIKE GREENHOUSES.

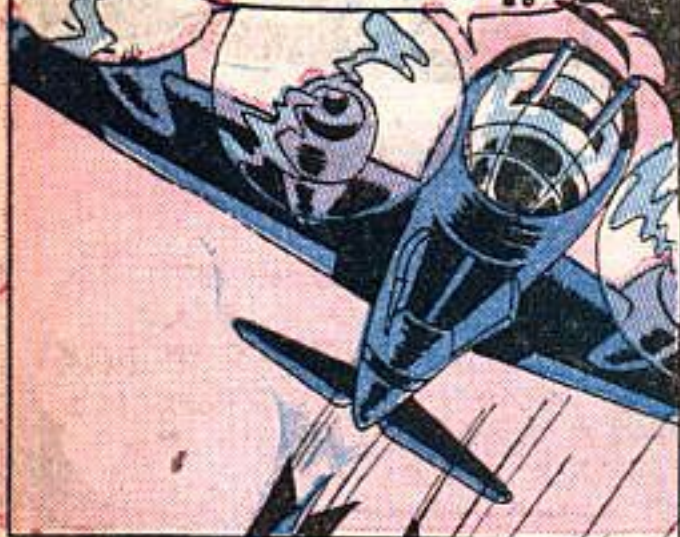
UND VOT ABOUT DER TWO INCH LAYER UFF SOD MIT DER TULIPS? IT HIDES DER WHOLE RUNWAY FROM DER STUPID ENEMY!



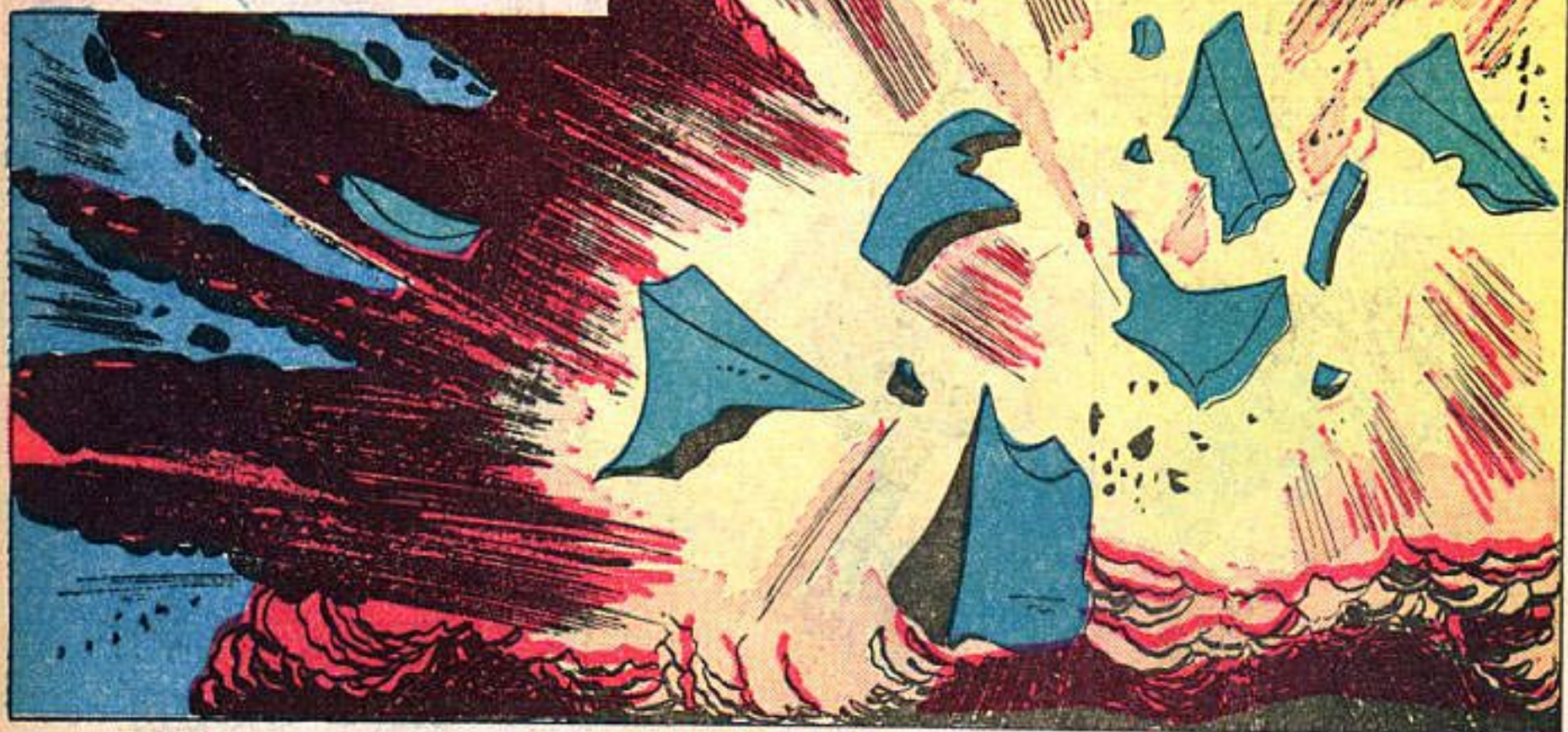


MEANWHILE THE R.A.F. BOMBERS  
WING RAPIDLY TOWARD THEIR NEWLY-  
DISCOVERED OBJECTIVE.

THERE'S YOUR  
TARGET, BOYS. LET  
'EM HAVE IT!!



BOMB AFTER BOMB RAIN DOWN FROM THE SKY WITH  
DEADLY ACCURACY, BLASTING THE NAZI AIR-  
FIELD TO BITS.



AND SO AN HOUR LATER, BACK  
AT THE OLD MILL...

THAT WAS A GOOD IDEA OF POSING  
AS VILTZ. WE DESTROYED VIR-  
TUALLY EVERY ENEMY PLANT  
IN HOLLAND!

YES, THAT WAS GOOD THE  
WAY YOU SENT THE NAZIS  
TO THE PLACES AFTER  
WE DESTROYED THEM!

BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT  
THING, THE SECRET AIR BASE,  
IS FINISHED, TOO... AND  
NOW GENERAL DER FUEHRER  
WILL HAVE A RECEPTION FOR  
YOU WHEN YOU GET BACK!

BAH! SOME  
DAY I  
VILL GET  
YOU FOR  
DIS, BLUE  
BEETLE!  
I SWEAR  
IT!!



DON'T  
MISS  
NEXT  
MONTH'S  
BLUE  
BEETLE  
COMIC!  
IT'S A  
JIM  
DANDY!



# CRIME REPORTER

*In THE*  
**SMASHING**  
**CASE OF**  
**VOODOO**  
*in* **NEW YORK**

ATTENTION!!!  
THIS IS YOUR CRIME RE-  
PORTER... AND ONCE AGAIN,  
THROUGH THE COURTESY OF BLUE  
BEETLE COMICS... WE BRING YOU  
ANOTHER CRIME STORY... NOW  
LISTEN, OUR STORY BEGINS...



DO YOU BELIEVE  
IN WITCHCRAFT?  
WELL, WE'LL LEAVE IT  
UP TO YOU.  
READ THIS STORY  
AND THEN JUDGE FOR  
YOURSELF. IT'S A  
STRANGE STORY OF  
A LARGE RUBY AND  
A MURDERER WHO ---  
--- WAIT! WE CAN'T  
GO ANY FURTHER ---  
WE'LL LET YOU READ  
THIS FANTASTIC YARN  
OF **VOODOO** *in*  
**NEW YORK.**



IT IS LATE AT NIGHT--- A LIGHT BURNS  
IN THE OFFICE OF J. POTTER CRANSBURY,  
JEWEL COLLECTOR---

HMM---EXCELLENT  
---EXCELLENT!



NO--- NO--DON'T--  
YOU CAN---  
AGGGGGG!!



WHAT'S THAT  
NOISE--- HUH-- WHA--  
WHAT DO YOU  
WANT?

DON'T MOVE, BUDI! --  
I--- WANT THAT  
RAJAH RUBY!



SORRY, PAL, BUT I  
CAN'T LET YOU LIVE!  
I JUST GOTTA HAVE  
THAT JEWEL!



WOW!!  
WHAT A  
STONE! I'LL  
BET IT'S  
WORTH FIVE  
HUNDRED  
GEES!!



I GOTTA GET OUTA  
HERE BEFORE THE  
COPS COME!





A FEW HOURS LATER, AFTER THE POLICE ARE INFORMED OF THE CRANSBURY MURDER...

HE WAS SHOT, EH, CHIEF?

YEAH, SIX TIMES! THE MURDERER WANTED TO MAKE SURE HE WAS DEAD!

MURPHY! DID YOU FIND OUT IF ANYTHING WAS MISSING?

THE BUTLER CLAIMS CRANSBURY HAD A LARGE JEWEL. IT SEEMS TO BE MISSING!

A JEWEL, EH? OH YEAH, NOW I REMEMBER-- J. POTTER BOUGHT THE RAJAH RUBY TWO WEEKS AGO. IT WAS WORTH IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF A HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.

THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT THE KILLER WAS AFTER. THIS IS GOING TO BE A TOUGH CASE, CHIEF. THE MOTIVE LOOKS LIKE ROBBERY.

YEAH! AND THERE IS NOT A SINGLE CLUE TO WORK ON.

MEANWHILE IN AN OLD DELAPIDATED TENEMENT HOUSE ----

YES? WHAT DO YOU WANT?----

DUKE SENT ME. HE SAID I SHOULD SAY THE SPIRITS WALK AT NIGHT!

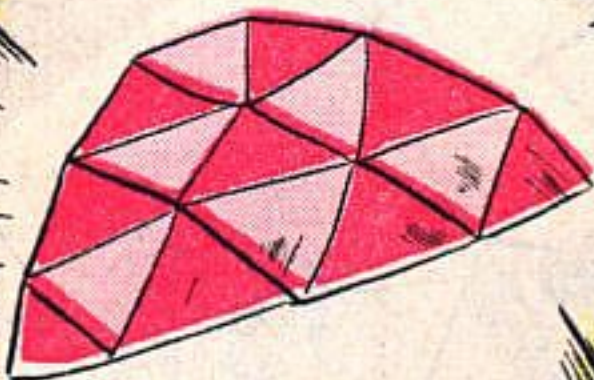
COME IN --- YOU ARE WELCOME TO MADAME CURRY'S RENDEZVOUS.

CUT THE GAB! LADY, I'M HERE ON BUSINESS!



I HAVE A RUBY HERE...  
HOW MUCH WILL YOU  
GIVE ME FOR IT?

AH...  
THE RAJAH  
RUBY!...



THAT'S RIGHT, LADY,  
THE RAJAH RUBY!  
IT'S WORTH A HALF  
A MILLION.

HMM! PERHAPS  
I WILL THINK IT  
OVER... COME  
BACK AT TEN  
TONIGHT AND I  
WILL LET YOU  
KNOW MY PRICE.



O.K. LADY! BUT DON'T  
WASTE ANY TIME.  
I GOTTA GET OUT  
OF TOWN AND  
FAST! - - - -



AT NINE O'CLOCK  
THAT NIGHT IN  
A DINGY HOTEL  
ROOM, THE  
MURDERER OF  
J. POTTER CRANS-  
BURY PAGES THE  
FLOOR NERVOUSLY--

HEY! WHAT THE DEVIL  
IS THIS PACKAGE?  
I DIDN'T SEE IT HERE  
BEFORE - - -



WHAT TH--! IT'S A  
DOLL... SOMEONE  
MUST BE PLAYING--

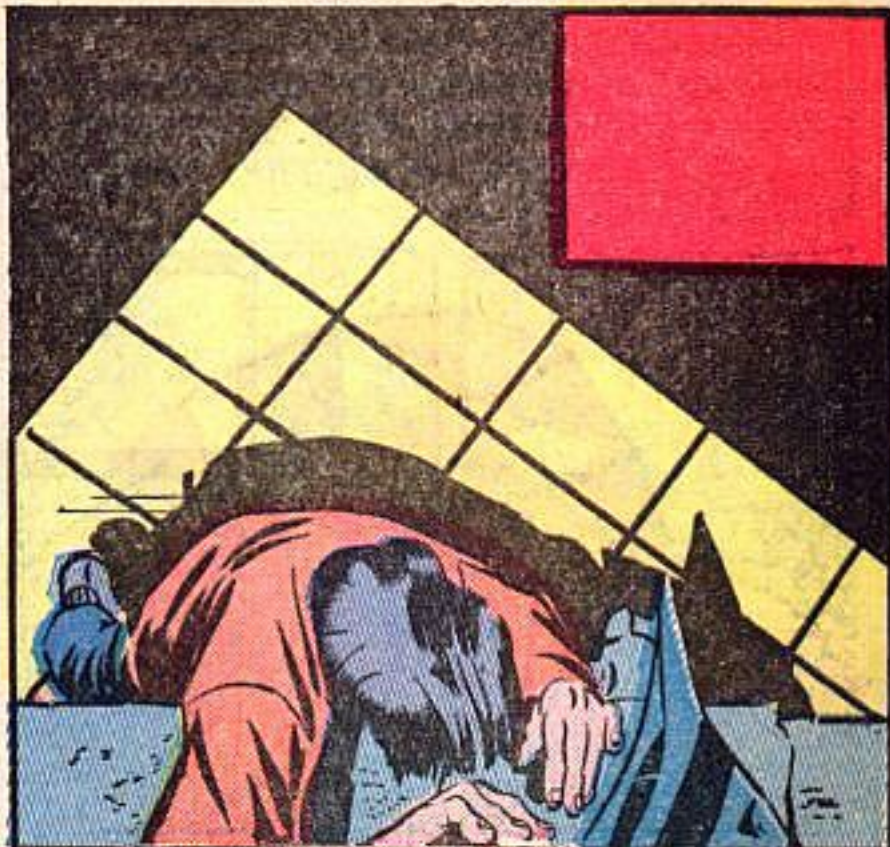


WAA-- I FEEL SO  
FUNNY!





AGGGG-- I-- I  
CAN'T BREATHE!--  
I-- I-- OWWW!!--



MEANWHILE BACK AT MADAME CURRIE'S--

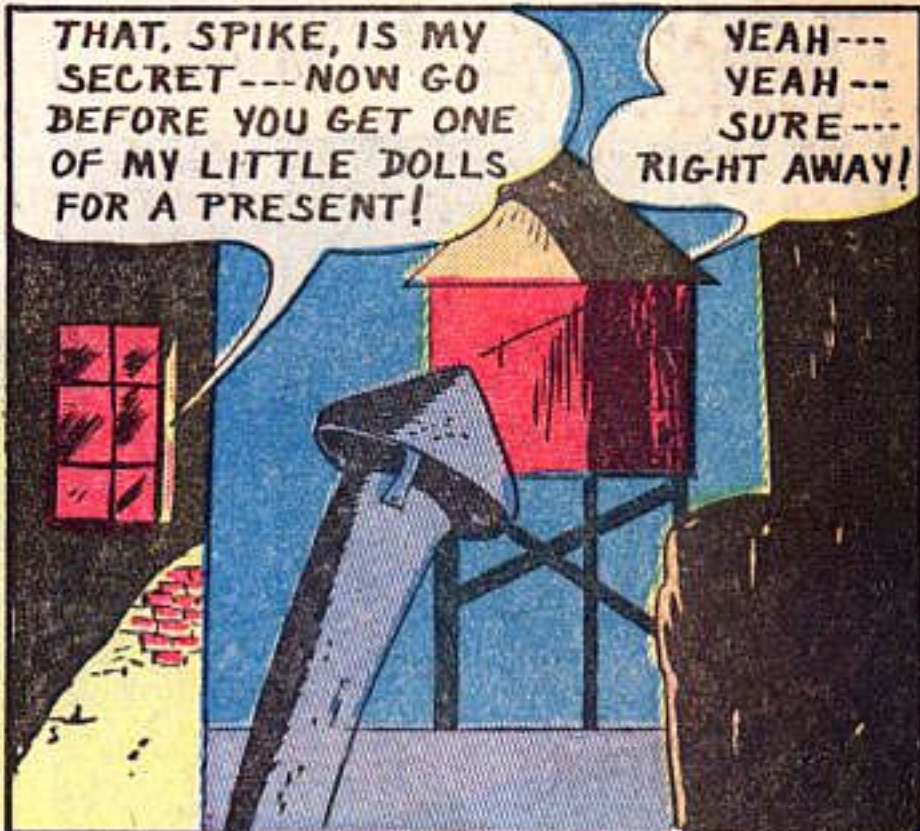
AH-HA! HE'S DEAD--  
GO GET THE RUBY,  
SPIKE!

YEAH-- SURE!  
BUT HOW  
DID YOU DO  
IT?



THAT, SPIKE, IS MY  
SECRET--- NOW GO  
BEFORE YOU GET ONE  
OF MY LITTLE DOLLS  
FOR A PRESENT!

YEAH---  
YEAH--  
SURE---  
RIGHT AWAY!



THE FOLLOWING DAY AT  
POLICE HEADQUARTERS----

I'M POSITIVE THAT MOBSTER WE  
FOUND DEAD, WAS CONNECTED  
WITH THE POTTER  
MURDER!



BUT HOW DID HE  
DIE? ALL WE FOUND  
WAS THAT LITTLE  
STUFFED DOLL.

THAT DOLL,  
CASEY, WAS  
A VOODOO  
DOLL. THE  
LAB EXPERTS  
ARE WORKING-  
ON IT NOW.



WE HAVE IT,  
CHIEF.... THAT  
NEEDLE IN THAT  
DOLL WAS  
POISONED!





I FIGURED THAT THAT VOODOO BUSINESS IS A BUNCH OF BALONEY. NOW WE GOTTA FIND WHO SENT THAT DOLL --- AND WE'LL FIND THE PERSON WITH THE RUBY ---



I HAVE AN IDEA--- I'M GOING TO DISGUISE MYSELF AS A MOBSTER FROM CHICAGO--WE'LL GET SANER'S JEWELRY CO. TO PRETEND I STOLE ONE OF THEIR VALUABLE JEWELS... THEN -----



TWO DAYS LATER, THE MORNING NEWS HEADLINES SCREAM OF A DARING JEWEL ROBBERY.



AND IN A CHEAP TAVERN IN THE SLUM DISTRICT, DETECTIVE MORGAN, DISGUISED AS A MOBSTER, SITS AT A TABLE WHEN ---

YOU'RE "ONE-EYED LOGAN", AIN'T YOU?

YEAH! WHAT OF IT!



I HEAR YOU JUST PULLED THAT SANER JEWEL JOB--- DO YOU WANT SOMEONE TO TAKE IT OFF YOUR HANDS?

I MIGHT IF IT'S A GOOD PROPOSITION.



WE'LL GO TO THIS ADDRESS AND SAY DUKE SENT YOU. THE PASSWORD IS "THE SPIRITS WALK AT NIGHT". ---



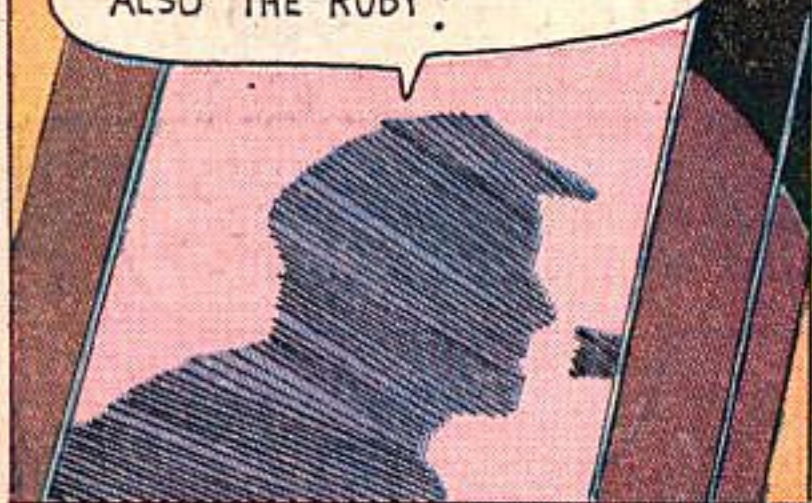
O.K. THANKS FOR THE TIP...



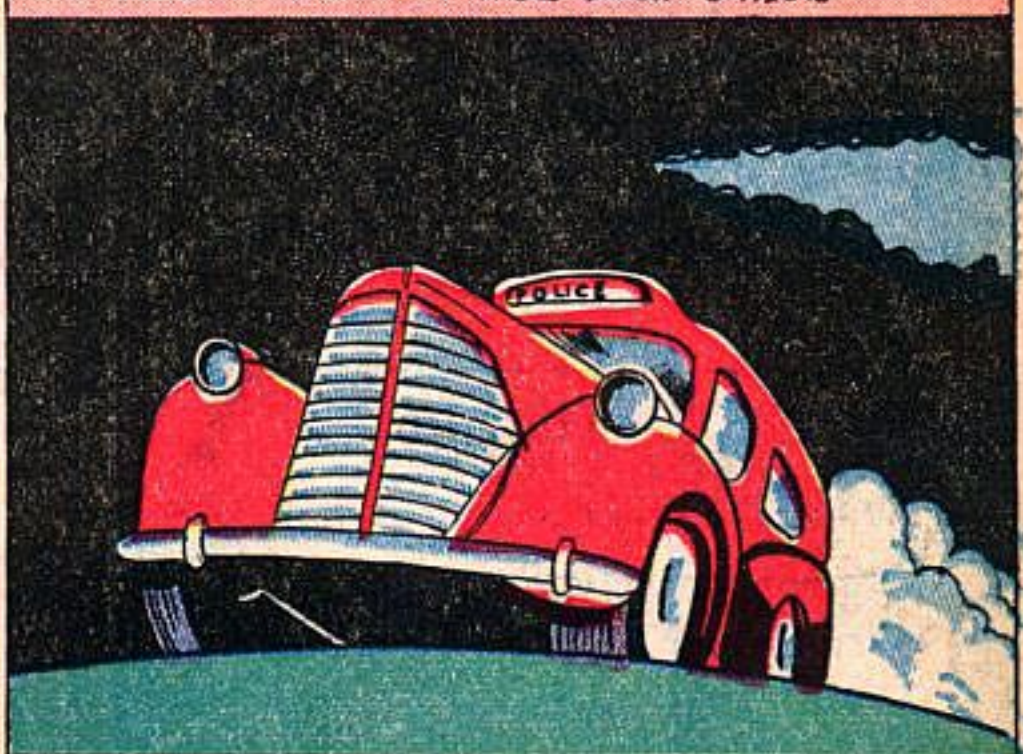


A FEW MINUTES LATER THE DISGUISED DETECTIVE MAKES A TELEPHONE CALL

YEAH CHIEF THINGS HAPPENED FAST.... GET ALL THE BOYS OVER TO 1782 DOCK STREET... IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT WE'LL FIND THE MURDERER OF THAT HOOD, AND ALSO THE RUBY!



TWENTY MINUTES LATER A POLICE CAR SLIDES TO THE CURB IN FRONT OF 1782 DOCK STREET.



OKAY, BOYS, WE'LL BREAK DOWN THE DOOR... DON'T GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO PULL THEIR GUNS!



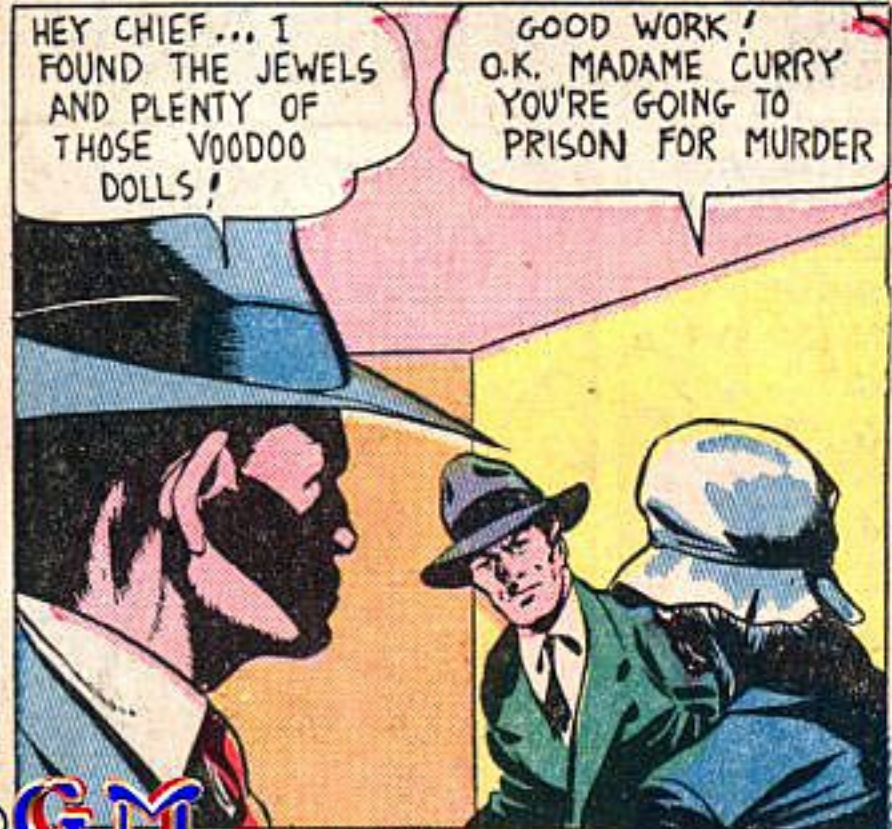
PUT UP YOUR HANDS! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

COPS!



HEY CHIEF... I FOUND THE JEWELS AND PLENTY OF THOSE VOODOO DOLLS!

GOOD WORK! O.K. MADAME CURRY YOU'RE GOING TO PRISON FOR MURDER



LATER AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS..

....SO THAT'S IT... ALL CROOKS ARE SUPERSTITIOUS. WHEN EVER A MOBSTER BROUGHT A JEWEL TO MADAME CURRY, SHE LOOKED IT OVER AND TOLD HIM SHE'D CALL HIM LATER AND TELL HER PRICE... THEN SHE'D SEND ONE OF THOSE VOODOO DOLLS WITH THIS POISON NEEDLE IN IT... THE CROOK WOULD PRICK HIS FINGER WHILE HANDLING THE DOLL AND DIE INSTANTLY... SHE'D LATER PICK UP THE JEWEL..



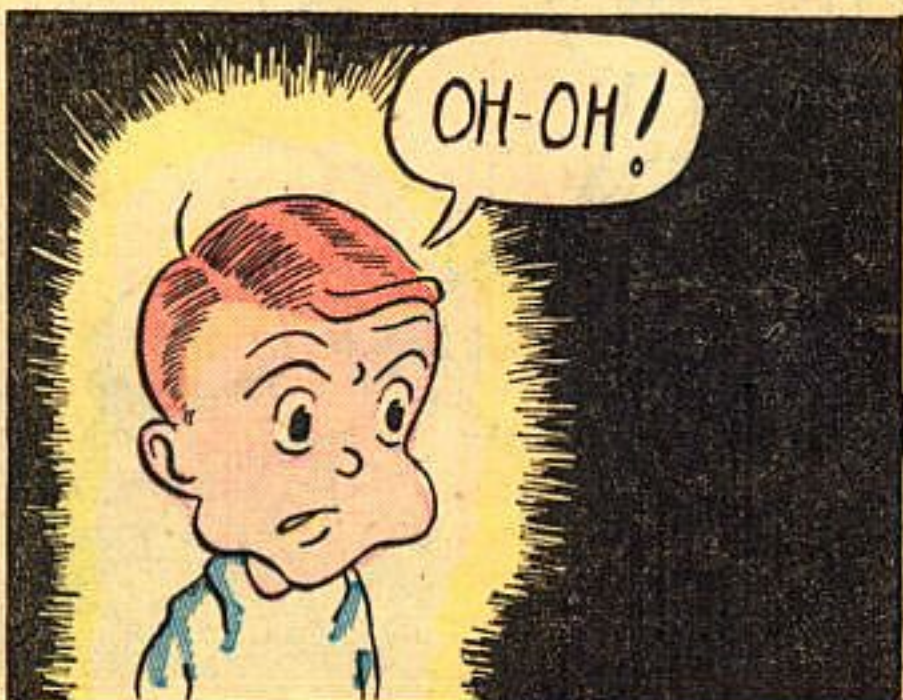
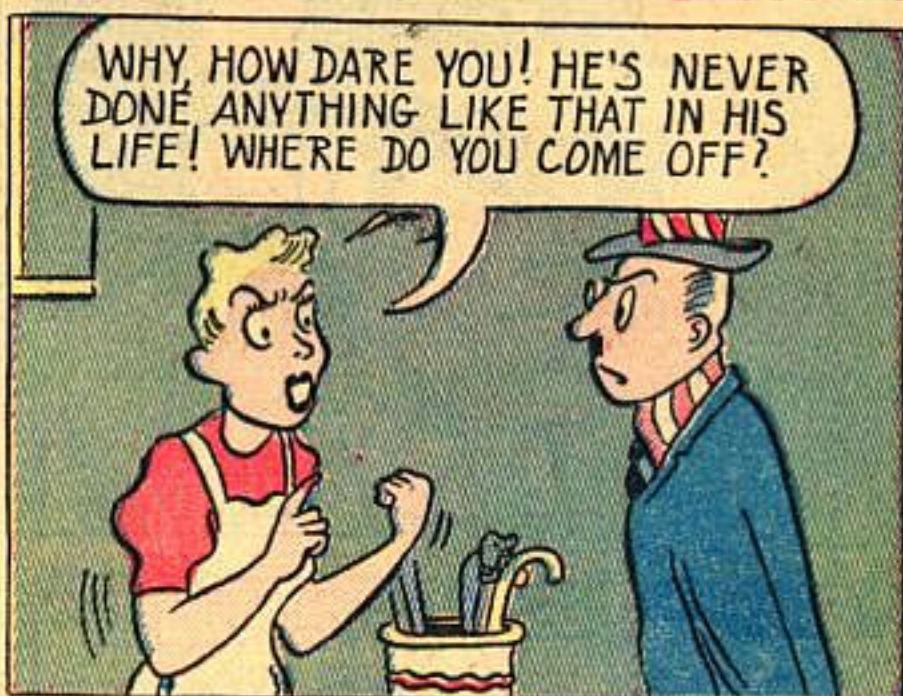
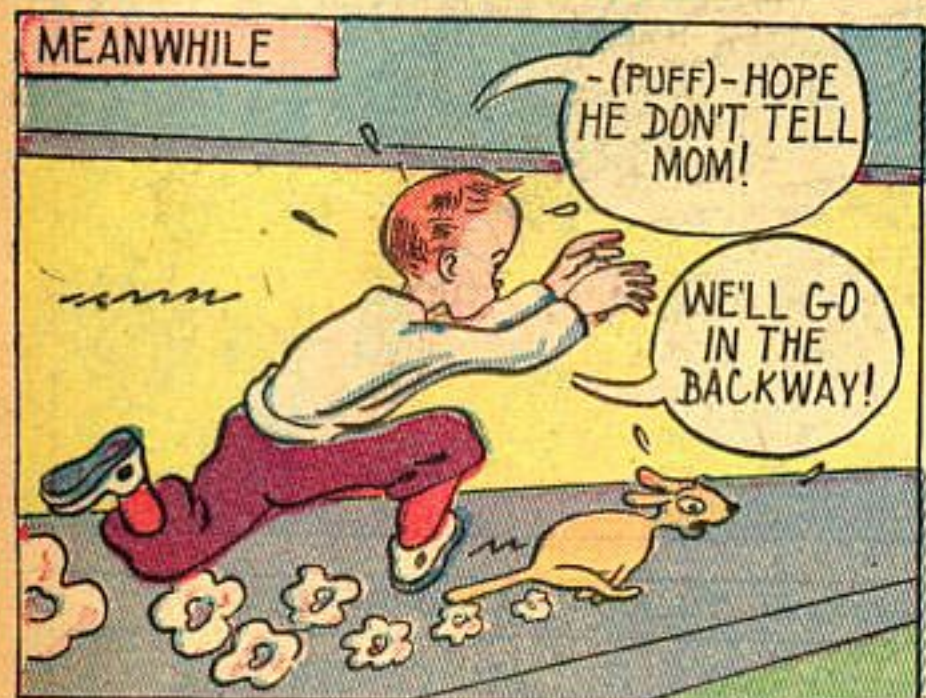




LITTLE

# Willie

by MEL





# DOGS & WAR

OVER 100,000 "WAGS" WILL BE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ARMY  
THESE CANINE DRAFTEES AND VOLUNTEERS ARE INVALUABLE  
AS FIGHTERS AND GUARDS

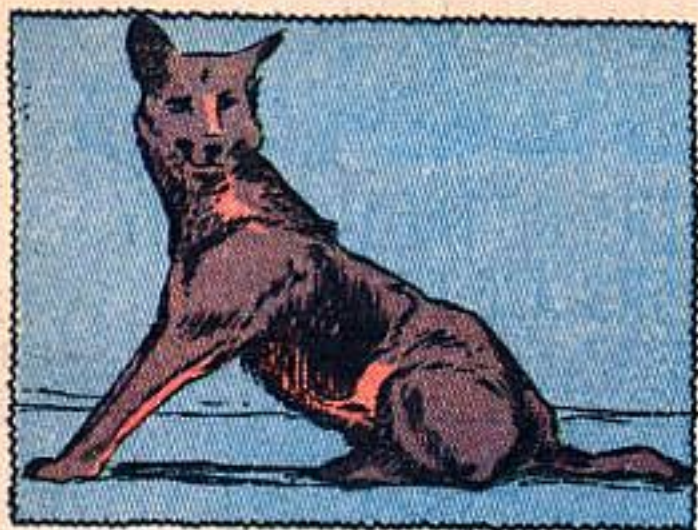


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ONE OF THE HUSKIES CARRYING A LIGHT MACHINE  
GUN AND TRIPOD ON HIS BACK AT CHINOOK  
KENNELS FOR U.S. ARMY DOGS, NEW HAMPSHIRE

"HE'S AS SMART AS A HUMAN BEING." THIS HAS OFTEN BEEN  
SAID BY COUNTLESS LOVERS OF DOGS IN REFERRING TO A PARTICULAR  
PET. AND THERE'S A LOT TO IT, FOR THE VERY PRACTICAL WAR  
DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND AS A RESULT OF MUCH EXPERIENCE THAT  
DOGS ARE NOT ONLY HIGHLY INTELLIGENT BUT ALSO VERY USEFUL  
DURING WAR TIME WHEN THE SEVEREST TESTS ARE IMPOSED ON  
MEN AND BEASTS.





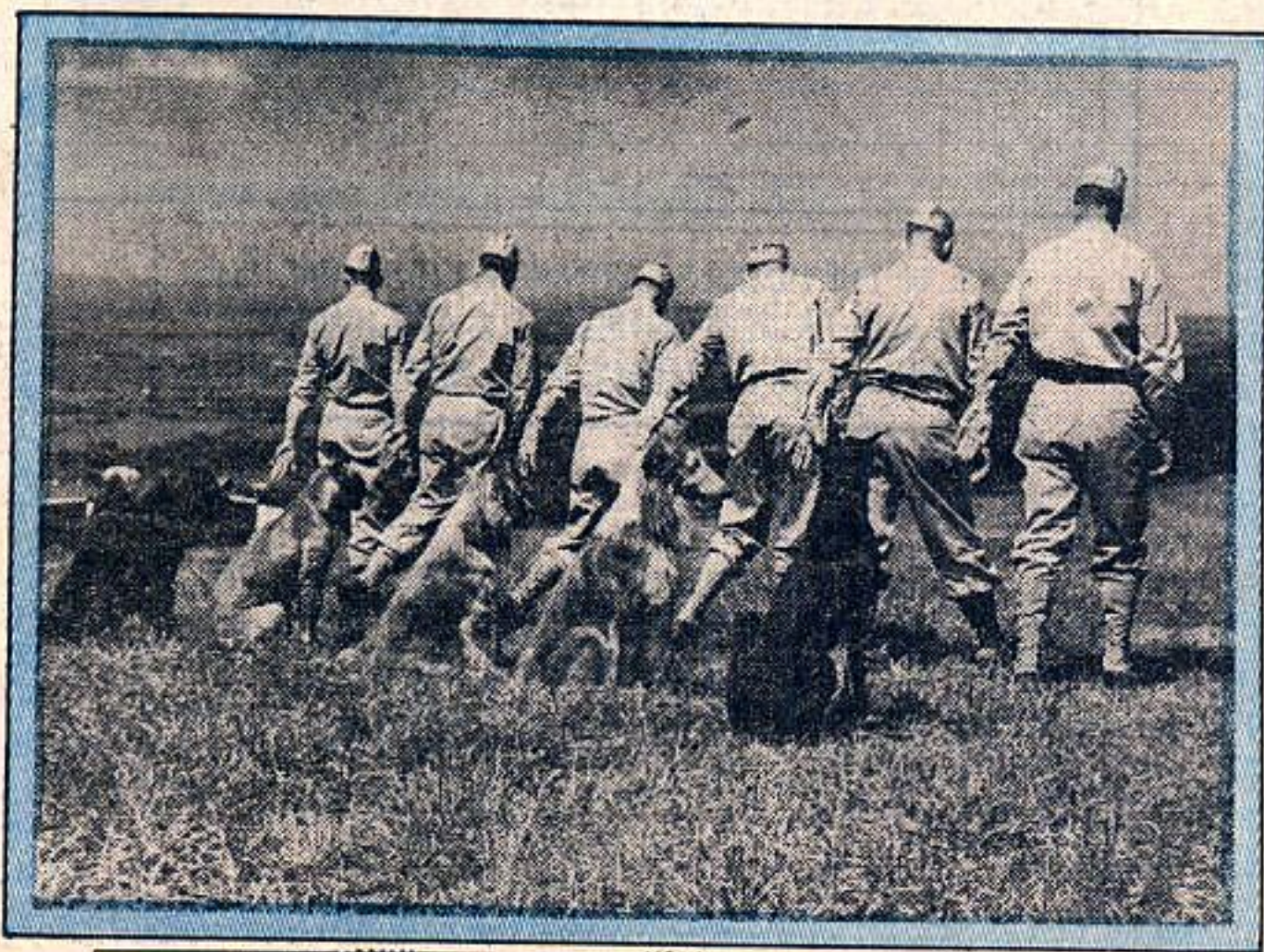
AS A RESULT, DOGS--THOUSANDS OF THEM-- ARE BEING DRAFTED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT. THEY GO THROUGH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TESTS ALSO. THEN THEY ARE EITHER PLACED IN 4-F OR 1-A. THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES HOPE TO HAVE 125,000 DOGS IN SERVICE.

FOR SENTRY DUTY, A GOOD ORDINARY SIZED DOG, AFTER DARK, IS WORTH NOT ONLY ONE GOOD HUMAN SOLDIER BUT SEVERAL OF THEM.

AND FOR RESCUE WORK ON BATTLEFIELDS, THE BIG DOGS ARE PRICELESS. THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED MANY RECORDS OF HEROISM IN PREVIOUS WARS AND WITHOUT DOUBT WILL DO SO AGAIN.

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT DOGS DIFFER IN SIZE AND COLOR AS DO PEOPLE AND THAT SOME DOGS ARE EXCEPTIONNALLY BRAINY. BUT ARMY TESTS EMPHASIZE THAT THEY ALSO DIFFER IN TEMPER, CHARACTER AND BRAVERY.

FOR INSTANCE, WHEN DOGS ARE GIVEN THE 'GUN TEST' THEY SHOW QUICKLY WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE BRAVE. A .22 CALIBER BLANK IS FIRED SUDDENLY NEAR THE "WAGS" SOME TRY TO FIND A PLACE IN WHICH TO HIDE.



"WAGS" AT CANINE AND RECEPTION CENTER.  
INDUCTION OF DOGS INTO THE ARMY, G.H. DEPOT, FRONT ROYAL, VA.

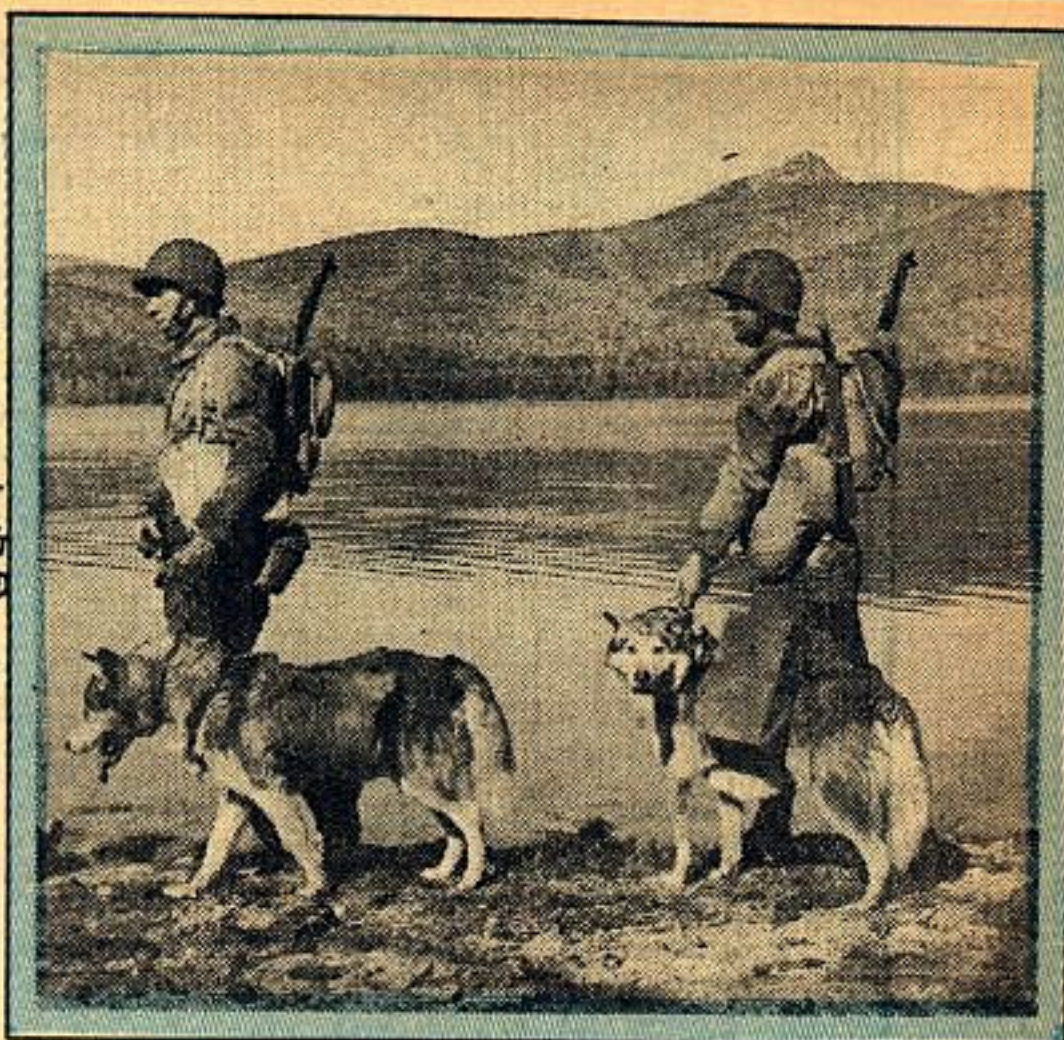


SOME GENTLE SOULS ARE SO SCARED THAT THEY CANNOT MOVE BECAUSE OF FRIGHT. BUT THE BEST ONES, FROM THE MILITARY POINT OF VIEW, ARE THOSE THAT HOLD THEIR GROUND, SHOW FIGHT AND BARK LOUDLY. HOWEVER, EVEN THOSE THAT ARE SCARED BARK ALSO.

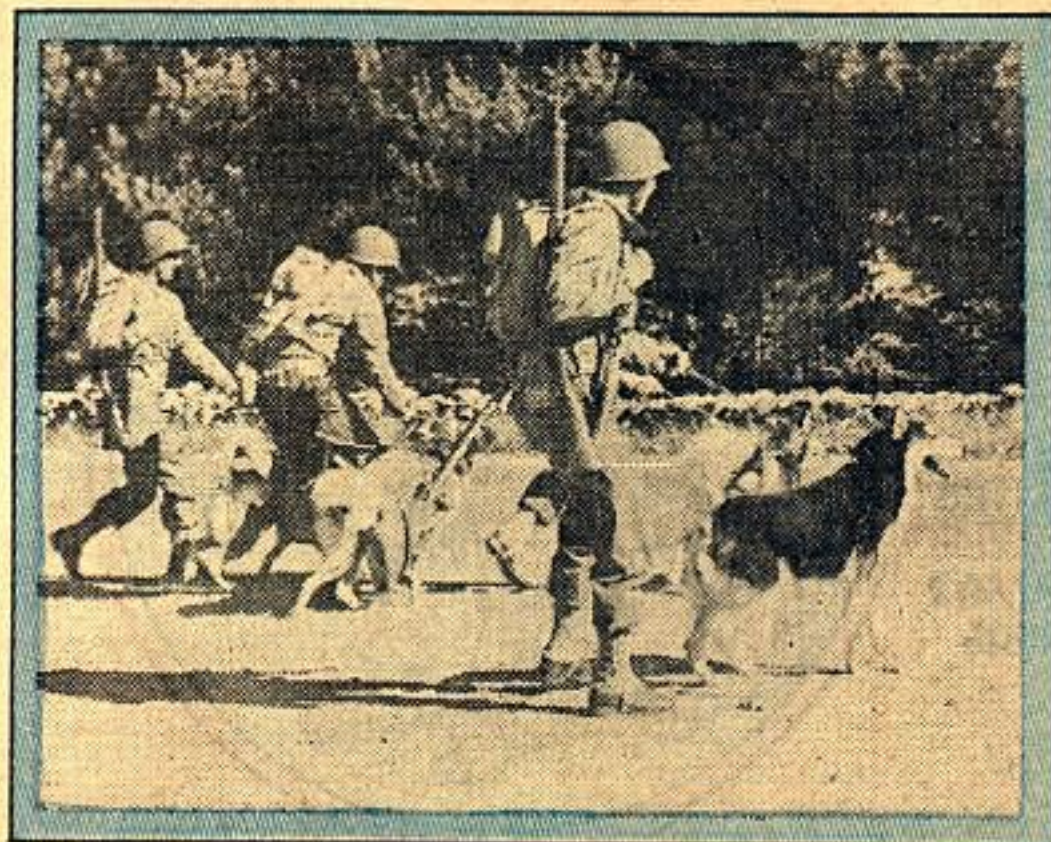
JUST LIKE LITTLE BOYS, SOME OF THE ANIMALS SHOW A LOT OF ENTHUSIASM AT THE BEGINNING OF THEIR TESTS AND TRAINING AND THEN THEY LOSE INTEREST AND WANT TO GO OFF AND PLAY THEIR OWN GAMES. SOME DOGS ARE FINE IN THEIR OWN WAY BUT TOO STUBBORN TO LEARN NEW TRICKS.

THE ARMY NATURALLY WANTS DOGS THAT ARE FIGHTERS BY NATURE. THIS MEANS THAT GENTLE PETS CANNOT BE CHANGED INTO TOUGH ANIMALS; AND FOR THIS REASON, IT IS BEST THAT THEY STAY HOME AND HELP THE MORALE ON THE HOME FRONT.

DOGS ARE TESTED FOR BRAINS, TOO. A SMART ANIMAL MUST SHOW WITHIN THREE WEEKS THAT IT CAN CATCH ON TO MILITARY TRAINING AND WITHIN EIGHT TO TEN WEEKS, A "WAG" MUST LEARN TO OBEY PROMPTLY FOUR IMPORTANT COMMANDS.



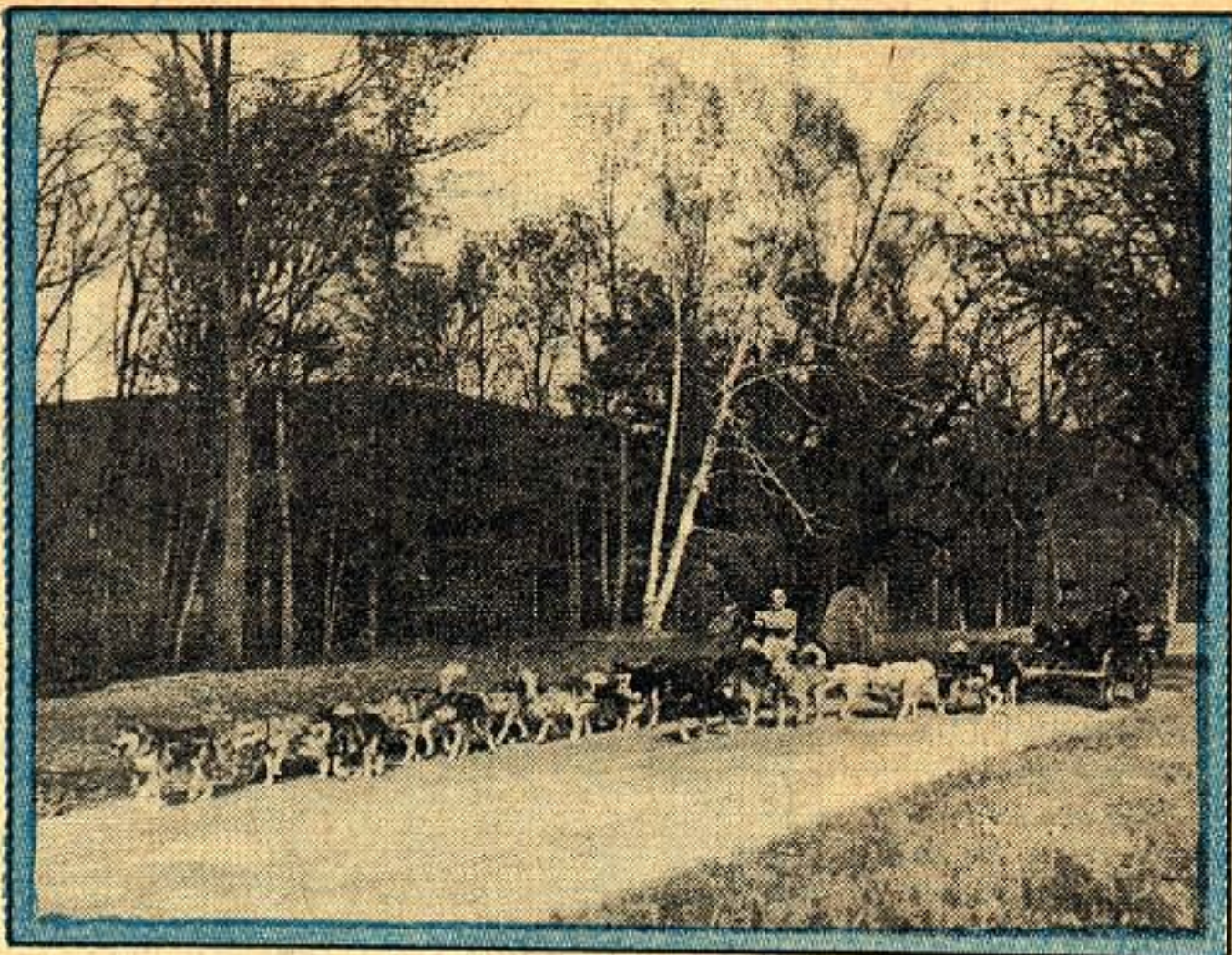
SGT. STANLEY NOVAK, IN FRONT, LEADS WITH TWO LADEN DOGS ALONG A LAKE AT FOOT OF A WHITE MOUNTAIN PEAK.



AND OF COURSE, DOGS HAVE TO PASS AN AGE AND PHYSICAL TEST AS DO HUMANS. THEY MUST BE BETWEEN ONE AND FOUR YEARS OLD; AT LEAST 20 INCHES TALL AT THE SHOULDER, AND MUST WEIGH AT LEAST 50 POUNDS. AT FIRST, THE MILITARY PEOPLE WANTED ONLY BLUE-BLOODED DOGS, BUT NOW GOOD MONGRELS ARE GLADLY ACCEPTED AS MANY OF THEM HAVE MADE GOOD IN A BIG WAY.

AFTER UNLOADING THE DOGS FROM THE TRACK IN WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED TO THEIR ASSIGNED SECTOR, THE DOGS ARE MOVED UP TO THEIR POSITIONS WITH THE TROOPS, OR THEY CARRY SUPPLIES. THEY CAN CARRY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THEIR WEIGHT ON THEIR BACKS.





SLED DOGS HITCHED TO A SMALL CAR PULL IT FOR TRAINING IN LIEU OF SLEDS DURING SNOWLESS DAYS.

AT A RECENT TEST, ONE DOG SHOWED A VICIOUS DISPOSITION AND APPEARED TO BE PARTLY CRIPPLED PHYSICALLY. YET, THE EXPERT ARMY MAN COULD SEE THROUGH ALL THIS; A VERY BRILLIANT "WAG" WHO PRETENDED TO HAVE ALL THESE FAULTS BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE HIS MASTER AND DID NOT WANT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MILITARY LIFE. HE WAS PLACED IN I-A, ACCEPTED, AND PROMISED TO BE MOST USEFUL TO THE ARMED FORCES.



EVEN WOUNDED DOGS RECEIVE THE BEST MEDICAL CARE.



"The most mis-nomered man in the World!"

★★★ MAJOR-GENERAL ★★★

# JAMES HAROLD DOOLITTLE

"The little man who's always there and does Plenty!"

ART AND CONTINUITY  
BY CHAS. M. QUINLAN

HERE IS THE STORY OF THE MAN WHO LED THE SPECTACULAR FIRST RAID ON JAPAN, AS A LIEUTENANT-COLONEL AND A SHORT TIME LATER, COMMANDED THE AMERICAN AIR FORCES WITH THE RANK OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL! -- WHEN OUR ARMIES LANDED IN AFRICA!

BUT LONG BEFORE HIS ACHIEVEMENTS THAT SKYROCKETED HIM FROM A LIEUTENANT-COLONEL TO A MAJOR-GENERAL, HE HAD ALREADY WON MANY OF THE TOP TROPHIES OF THE FLYING WORLD! HAVING ALSO RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS IN 1924 AT THE AGE OF 27!... THREE YEARS BEFORE LINDBERGH GAINED WIDESPREAD RECOGNITION!

"GENERAL DOOLITTLE IS THAT RAREST OF RARE COMBINATIONS -- A DAREDEVIL AND A SCHOLAR!"

"AND IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR FINE SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS I AWARD YOU THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE! CONGRATULATIONS -- JIMMY!"

THANK YOU SIR!

LONG PRIOR TO THE FAMOUS TOKIO RAID, "JIMMY" PROVED HIS SUPREME COURAGE ON AN EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT IN SO AMERICA!

BROTHER, THAT GUYS GOT GUTS!

MADRE DE DIOS, HE IS TESTING THAT PLANE WEETH BOTH ANKLES BROKEN!

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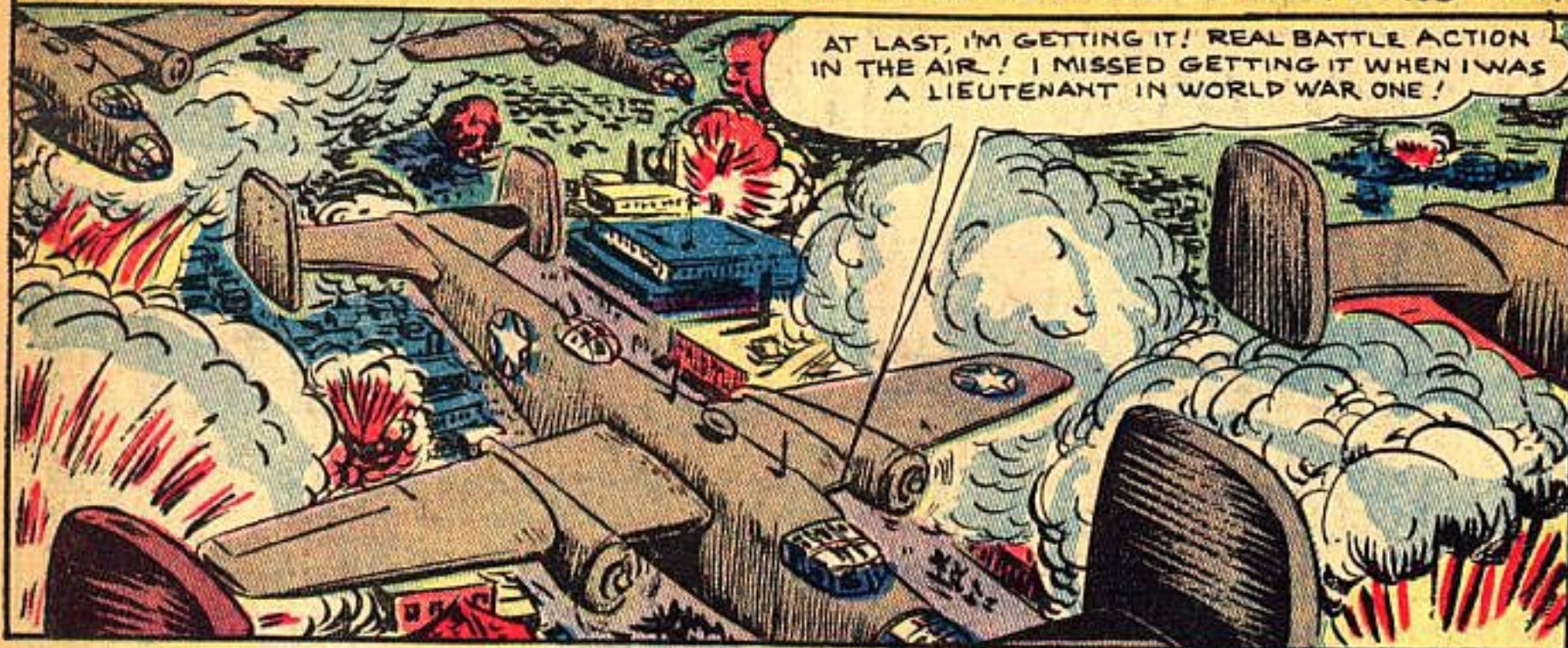
FOLLOWING PAGES  
ARE DEVOTED TO A

TRUE AND AUTHENTICATED SUMMARY

IN WORDS AND PICTURES OF THE SPECTACULAR AND BREATHTAKING ADVENTURES OF THIS GREAT HERO OF THE AIR UP TO THE FLIGHT WITH HIS 80 INTREPID RAIDERS OVER THE ROOFTOPS OF THE TREACHEROUS TORTURERS OF TOKIO!!!



...DURING THE EXCITING MOMENTS OF THE ACTUAL BOMBING OF JAPAN, DOOLITTLE'S MIND FLASHED BACK TO HIS YOUNGER DAYS IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR, WHEN HE LONGED TO FLY OVER GERMANY!



AT LAST, I'M GETTING IT! REAL BATTLE ACTION IN THE AIR! I MISSED GETTING IT WHEN I WAS A LIEUTENANT IN WORLD WAR ONE!

IT STARTED IN THE DEAN'S OFFICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAL... OCT. 5, 1917

I MUST HAVE WAR FEVER, SO, I'M JOINING UP AS A FLYING CADET RIGHT AWAY!

WELL ALL I CAN SAY IS... GOOD LUCK! JAMES, I'M SURE YOUR 3 YEARS OF STUDY HERE WILL BE VERY USEFUL TO BOTH YOURSELF AND OUR COUNTRY!



THEN ON MAR. 11, 1918 DOOLITTLE RECEIVED HIS COMMISSION AS A 2ND LIEUT.

I'M BEING ASSIGNED TO THE SIGNAL RESERVE!... BUT IT'S IN THE AVIATION SECTION, SO I'M HAPPY ANYHOW!

I GUESS YOU'LL ALWAYS BE A BUG ON FLYING- EH, JIMMY?



FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE WAR, HE SERVED AS A FLIGHT & GUNNERY INSTRUCTOR!

I'M SORRY LIEUTENANT BUT WE NEED GOOD MEN OVER HERE TOO!

GOSH, I'VE BEEN AN INSTRUCTOR IN NEARLY EVERY CAMP IN THE U.S. WHAT I WANT IS TO FLY IN THE SCRAP OVER THERE!



...THEN OUT OF A CLEAR SKY!

SURE I'M MAD! IT'S ALL OVER AND I DIDN'T EVEN GET A SHOT AT A HEINIE!

WELL THERE MAY BE ANOTHER WAR SOMEDAY, SO WHY DON'T YOU APPLY FOR DUTY WITH THE AIR CORPS!



...AND THAT'S JUST WHAT DOOLITTLE DID! SOON AFTER HE WAS ASSIGNED TO ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE 104TH AERD SQUADRON. AT KELLY FIELD, TEXAS!

MOST OF THE MEN ARE RETURNING TO CIVILIAN PURSUITS I'M GLAD TO SEE YOUR HEARTS ARE WRAPPED UP IN THE AIR SERVICE!

I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT AVIATION WILL PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT PART IN FUTURE WARS AND I INTEND TO GET IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR!





JULY 1ST, 1920, JAMES HAROLD DOOLITTLE GOT A VERY AGREEABLE SURPRISE!

WOW! THIS IS IT! CONGRATULATE ME YOU GUYS! THIS IS MY COMMISSION A SECOND LIEUTENANT IN THE REGULAR U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS!

WELL BLESS MY SOUL! JIMMY IS NOW A GENUINE FLYIN' SHAVETAIL!



... AND THEN ... ON THE VERY SAME DAY !!!

HERE, WHAT'S THIS! DOOLITTLE IS TOO GOOD OF A MAN FOR THE RANK OF 2ND LIEUT. --- HE IS HEREBY PROMOTED TO FIRST LIEUT. EFFECTIVE AS OF TODAY! JULY 1, 1920

YES SIR! NOT BAD FOR JIMMY... FROM INSTRUCTOR TO 2ND LIEUT. FROM 2ND LIEUT. TO FIRST LIEUT. ALL IN ONE DAY!



--- SEPT. 4, 1922 - DOOLITTLE TAKES OFF ON THE FIRST OF THE CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHTS!

GOOD LUCK OLD MAN, IT'S A TOUGH GRIND BUT IF IT CAN BE DONE YOU'LL DO IT!

SAN DIEGO HERE I COME!



THE GREAT FLIGHT BROUGHT INTERNATIONAL FAME!

YEAHAAA IT'S DOOLITTLE! HE MADE IT! HE'S COMIN' IN! ALL THE WAY FROM PABLO BEACH, FLORIDA TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA IN ONE JUMP! YOWW! HURRAH!

YEA! JIMMY! WHEE! DOOLITTLE!



THEN LATER THE HIGHEST HONOR OF THE AIR!

...FOR EXTRAORDINARY COURAGE IN CONDUCTING A FLIGHT UNPRECEDENTED IN THE HISTORY OF AVIATION, I HEREBY BESTOW UPON LIEUT. JAMES DOOLITTLE, THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS!

PRESENT ARMS!



BY HIS SKILL, ENDURANCE AND RESOURCEFULNESS, HE HAD PROVED THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVING AIR CORPS UNITS TO ANY PART OF THE U.S. IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS!!!

FROM NOW ON--ANY SECTION OF THE LAND CAN BE DEFENDED AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE!

DOOLITTLE DID PLENTY WHEN HE MADE THAT TRIP ALRIGHT!





REALIZING THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE IN THE FIELD OF AVIATION, DOOLITTLE LAYED ASIDE HIS WINGS AND ENTERED AT MIT, IN JULY OF 1923! ----- A YEAR LATER IN 1924 ----- HE RECEIVED THE DEGREE OF DR. OF SCIENCE!

YOUR REMARKABLE SCHOLASTIC RECORD INDICATES A GREAT FUTURE FOR YOU IN ENGINEERING!

PROBABLY PROF. BUT EAGLES DON'T RELISH STAYING ON THE GROUND!



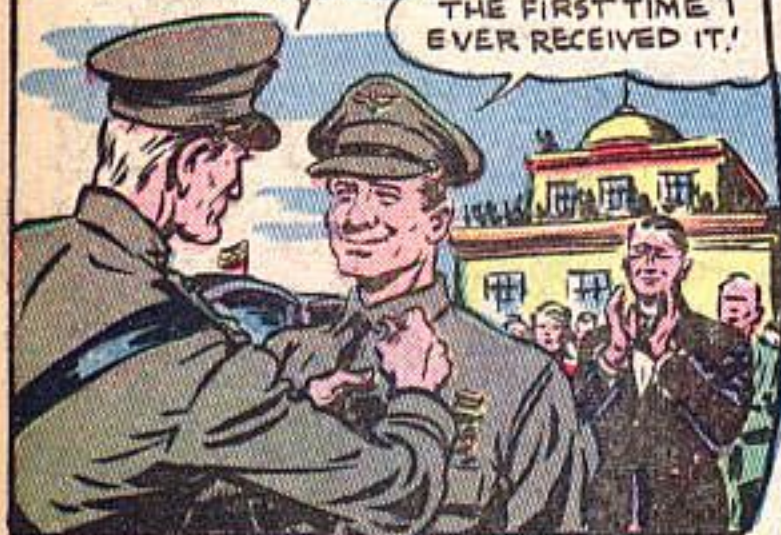
...SO AWAY WITH THE CAP AND GOWN AND BACK TO GOGGLES AND HELMET AND CONQUEST OF THE SKY! --THEN AT THE MCCOOK FIELD ACCELERATING TESTS--



FOR WHICH HE WAS AGAIN DECORATED!

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE EVER HAD THE HONOR OF ATTACHING THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS, LIEUT. DOOLITTLE...

THEN IT'S MUTUAL GENERAL, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I EVER RECEIVED IT!



FORESHADOWING HIS COOPERATION WITH THE NAVY 17 YEARS LATER, IN AUG. 1925 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE NAVAL AIR STATION AT WASH D.C.

PHEW! WHAT A RIDE! SAY THESE BABIES CAN REALLY STEP!

THAT'S WHY THEY SENT YOU DOWN HERE, TO BE TRAINED IN FLYING HIGH-SPEED SEA-PLANES!



IN 1925 HE WON THE SCHNEIDER TROPHY RACE AND A LITTLE LATER HE COPPED THE MACKAY TROPHY! IN APRIL 1926 OFF AGAIN TO SOUTH AMERICA!

GEE JIMMY THIS IS BAD! WE DID SO WANT TO IMPRESS THE PEOPLE OF CHILE! BUT I GUESS WE'RE LICKED!... THE DOC SAYS BOTH OF YOUR ANKLES ARE BROKEN!!

WELL WHAT IS HE LEAVING FOR! TELL HIM TO HURRY UP AND PUT A COUPLE OF CASTS ON 'EM AND I'LL DEMONSTRATE ANYWAY!!



NO WONDER THE EVIL AXIS POWERS FEAR THE INDOMITABLE DOOLITTLE!!

HE'S COMIN' IN NOW! WHAT A SHOW! NO OTHER MAN WOULD EVER ATTEMPT A THING LIKE THAT!

DEMONSTRATING A PLANE WITH BOTH ANKLES BROKEN! BROTHER, THAT IS SOMETHING!





BUT THE BROKEN ANKLES PROVED MORE SERIOUS THAN WAS AT FIRST SUSPECTED!

IT'S A GOOD THING YOU RETURNED TO WASHINGTON JIMMY, YOU NEED EXPERT MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THOSE FRACTURES!

SHUCKS!... OH, OK. I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO PUT UP WITH YOU FELLOWS!



THEN.. A WHOLE YEAR LATER.. APRIL, 1927

THAT'S RIGHT, BILL, THE DOCTOR SAID, THE OLD DOGS ARE JUST AS GOOD AS NEW!

-- AND I SUPPOSE THAT MEANS YOU'LL BE SOON BREAKING SOMETHING ELSE, FLYING RECORDS, FOR INSTANCE!



JIMMY'S FRIEND WAS RIGHT FOR IN LESS THAN A YEAR HE WAS BACK IN SOUTH AMERICA AT THE REQUEST OF THE NAVY, STATE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENTS!

THIS FLIGHT FROM LATIN AMERICA MAY WELL BE THE FORE-RUNNER OF A GREAT INTERCONTINENTAL PASSENGER SERVICE!

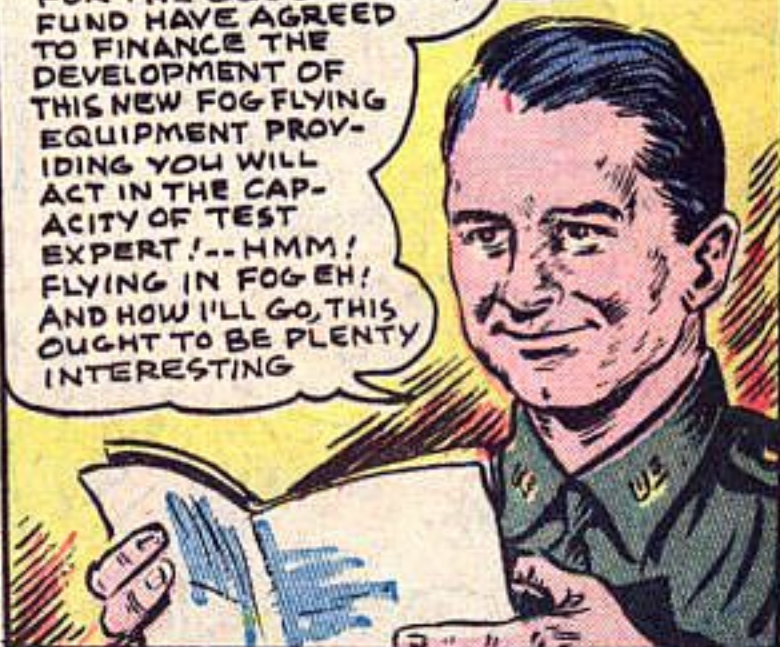
NOT TO MENTION IT'S VALUE TOWARD PROMOTING AMICABLE RELATIONS WITH THE VARIOUS REPUBLICS!

VERY WELL GENTLEMEN, I WILL MAKE ALL ARRANGEMENTS AND GET ON WITH THE FLIGHT AT ONCE!



SOON AFTER HIS SENSATIONAL LATIN-AMERICAN FLIGHT,--DOOLITTLE RECEIVED A VERY URGENT CALL FROM MITCHELL FIELD,

--AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE GUGGENHEIM FUND HAVE AGREED TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS NEW FOG FLYING EQUIPMENT PROVIDING YOU WILL ACT IN THE CAPACITY OF TEST EXPERT!--HMM! FLYING IN FOG EH! AND HOW I'LL GO, THIS OUGHT TO BE PLENTY INTERESTING



THEN ON FEB.15, 1930 HE RESIGNED HIS REGULAR ARMY COMMISSION!

WE HATE TO SEE YOU GO JIMMY, BUT MANAGER OF THE SHELL OIL CO.'S AVIATION DEPT. IS NO SMALL POTATOES, I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR TAKING IT! GOOD LUCK!

THANKS COLONEL, I'M GLAD YOU CAN SEE IT MY WAY, BUT I'LL ALWAYS HAVE A MIGHTY SOFT SPOT IN MY HEART FOR THE ARMY!



BUT ON MARCH 5, 1930 THE ARMY SENT HIM A TANGIBLE MEMENTO OF IT'S APPRECIATION AND HIGH ESTEEM!

REGISTERED LETTER FER YA MR. DOOLITTLE IT'S FROM THE WAR DEPARTMENT!

THANKS JOE, I WONDER WHAT THEY WANT? ANYWAY I HOPE IT'S GOOD NEWS!



AND IT WAS!

CAN YOU BEAT THAT! THEY'VE RECOMMISSIONED ME AS A SPECIALIST IN THE RESERVE! WOW!--AND WITH THE RANK OF MAJOR!

GEE! CONGRATULATIONS MAJOR DOOLITTLE!





EVEN BUSINESS DUTIES COULD NOT INTERFERE WITH DOOLITTLE'S LOVE FOR FLYING ACTIVITIES!

THESE EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHTS ARE A LOT OF FUN AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDE VERY VALUABLE DATA!

YES, BUT IT'S ONLY ROUTINE STUFF FOR YOU... WHY DON'T YOU MAKE A BID FOR THE HARMON TROPHY!!



DOOLITTLE DID MAKE HIS BID AND AS USUAL WAS ACCLAIMED THE WINNER IN 1930!

LOOK AT HIM GO! JIMMY IS JUST WALKIN' AWAY WITH THIS RACE! HE'S 3 LAPS AHEAD ALREADY!



IN SPITE OF PLENTY OF COMPETITION DOOLITTLE CONTINUED AS THE WORLD'S OUTSTANDING AVIATOR!

IN 1931

THE WINNER!

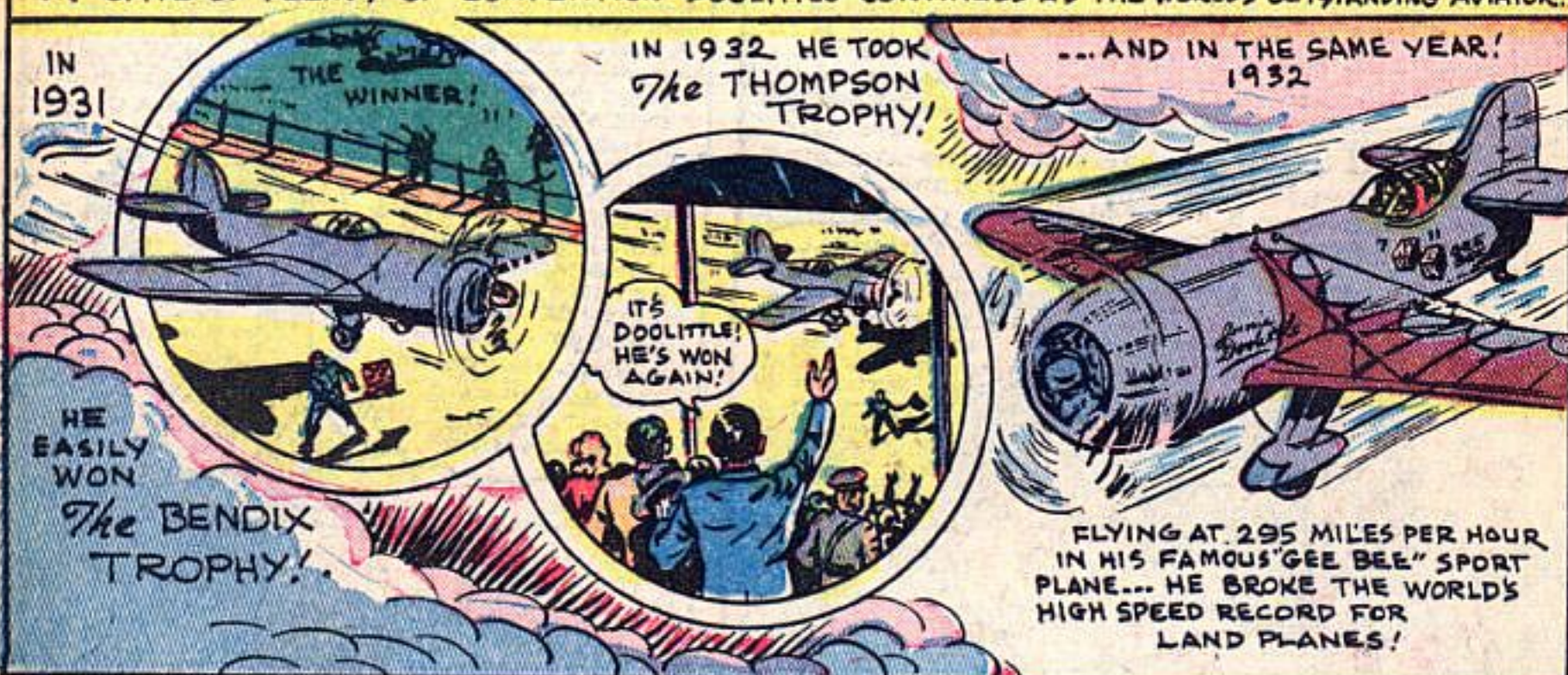
HE EASILY WON THE BENDIX TROPHY!

IN 1932 HE TOOK THE THOMPSON TROPHY!

IT'S DOOLITTLE! HE'S WON AGAIN!

...AND IN THE SAME YEAR! 1932

FLYING AT 295 MILES PER HOUR IN HIS FAMOUS 'GEE BEE' SPORT PLANE... HE BROKE THE WORLD'S HIGH SPEED RECORD FOR LAND PLANES!



THEN THE OMINOUS RUMBLINGS OF ANOTHER WAR... AND A THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE U.S.A.

NOW WITH THE COMPLETE CO-OPERATION OF THE HONORABLE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IN THE PACIFIC WE CAN DESTROY ALL OF THEM AND THE DECADENT DEMOCRACIES TOO!!!

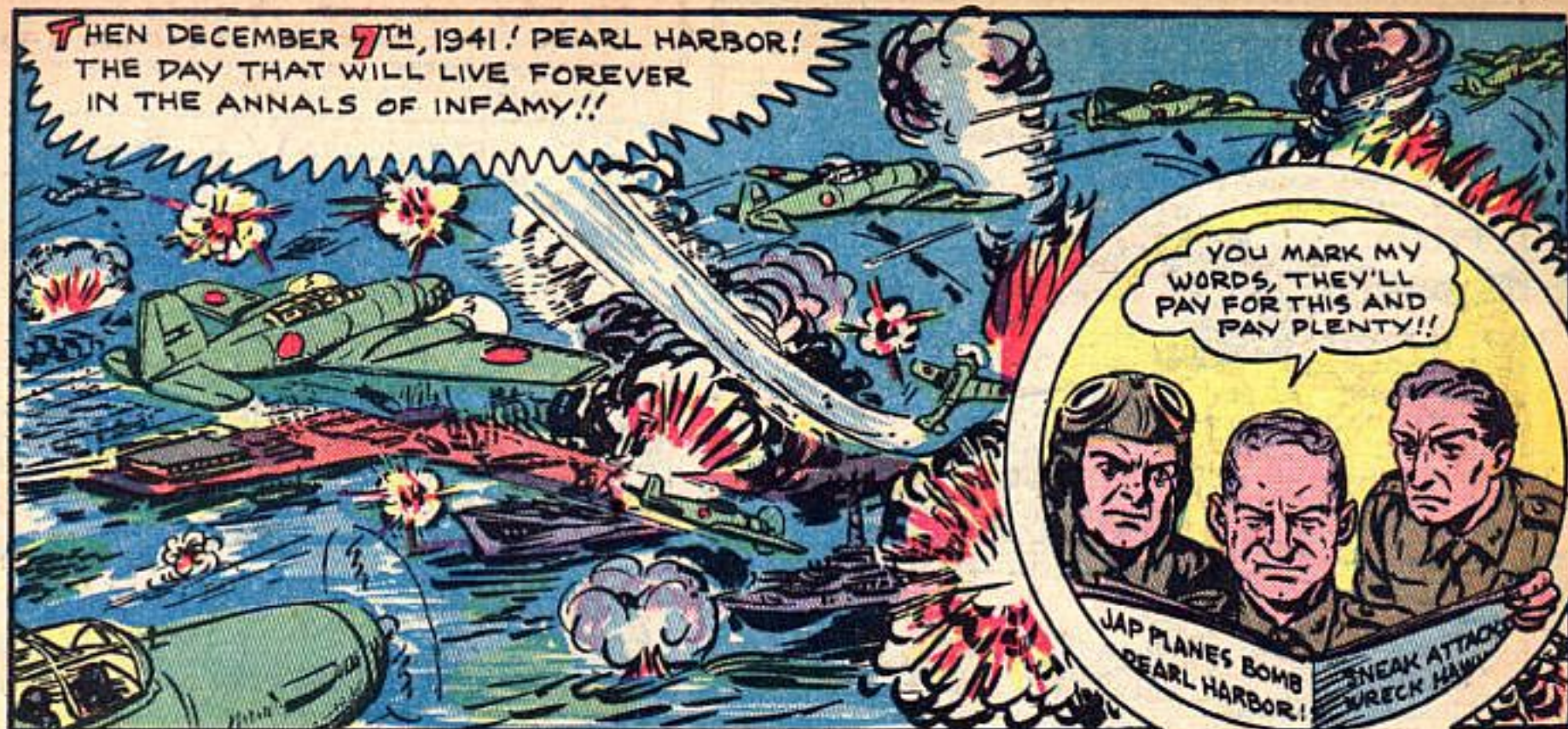


ON JULY 1ST, 1940 DOOLITTLE WAS ORDERED BACK INTO ACTIVE SERVICE WITH HIS PREVIOUS RANK OF MAJOR!

I'M SORRY FOLKS, BUT MY UNCLE SAM IS EXPECTING TROUBLE AND WANTS ME AROUND TO HELP IF I CAN!











LOOK AT THOSE PRACTICE BOMBS BUSTING THAT TARGET WIDE-OPEN!... WITH FLYERS AND BOMBARDIERS LIKE THESE, I'M SURE OUR MISSION WILL BE A HOWLING SUCCESS!

YES, AND I KNOW WHO'S GOING TO DO THE HOWLING!

FROM THE TRAINING IN "TAKING-OFF" FROM A SMALL STRIP, SOME OF THE MEN SUSPECTED THE PURPOSE OF THE HIGHLY SECRET TRAINING!

SAY! I JUST REALIZED THAT THAT TAKE-OFF STRIP IS ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS THE RUNWAY ON AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER!

BUT GEE! WE'RE NOT IN THE NAVY WE'RE ARMY MEN!!



THE NEXT DAY COL. DOOLITTLE CALLED HIS GROUP TOGETHER AND LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG!

-- BOYS, WE'VE HAD THREE MONTHS OF THE TOUGHEST KIND OF BATTLE PRACTICE, AND NOW I THINK IT'S TIME YOU KNEW WHY!... WE ARE GOING ON AN EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS FLIGHT... DANGEROUS AS IT MAY BE, IT'S DANGER CAN BE INCREASED TENFOLD BY LOOSE TALK!

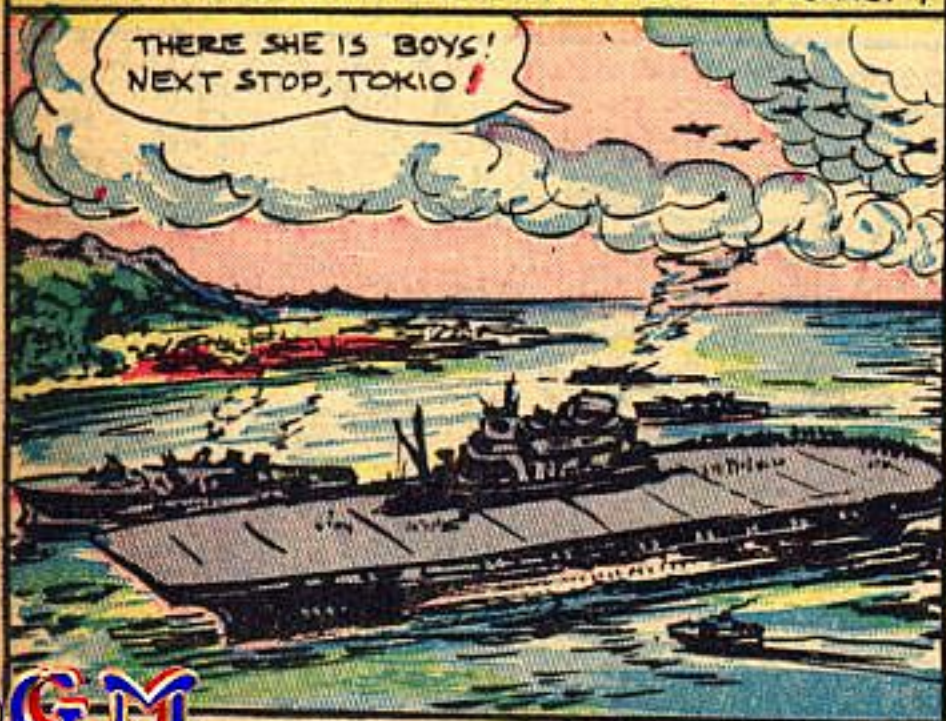


...THEREFORE I CAN NOT ADMONISH YOU TOO MUCH ABOUT KEEPING IT TO YOURSELVES!... GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR PREPARATIONS FOR THE BOMBING OF JAPAN!!

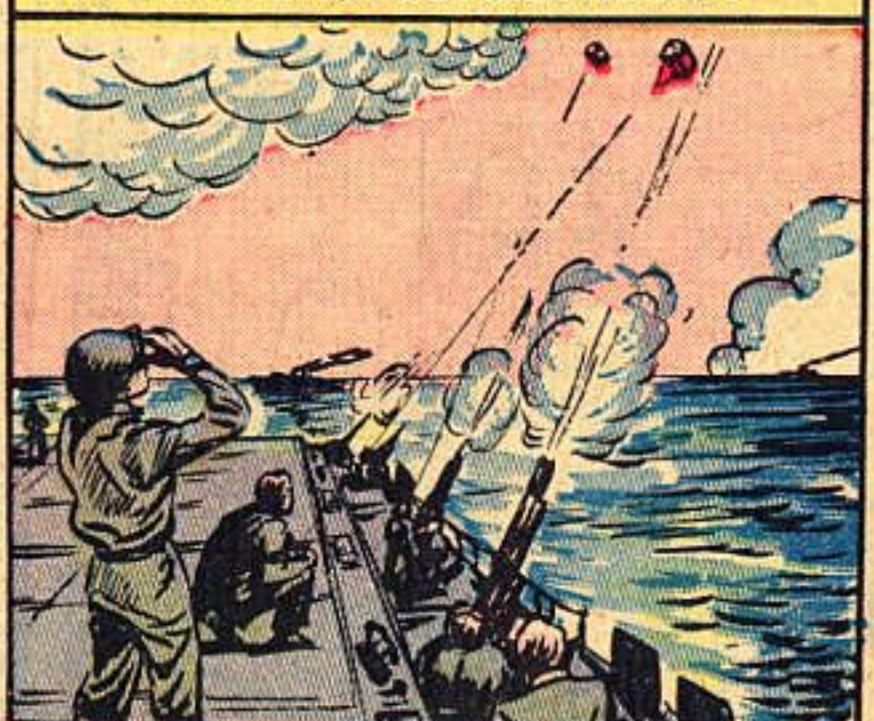


SOON AFTERWARD, DOOLITTLE AND HIS 80 VOLUNTEERS FLEW FROM AMERICA TO FAR-EASTERN WATERS AND THE RENDEZVOUS WITH THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER "HORNET"!

THERE SHE IS BOYS! NEXT STOP, TOKIO!

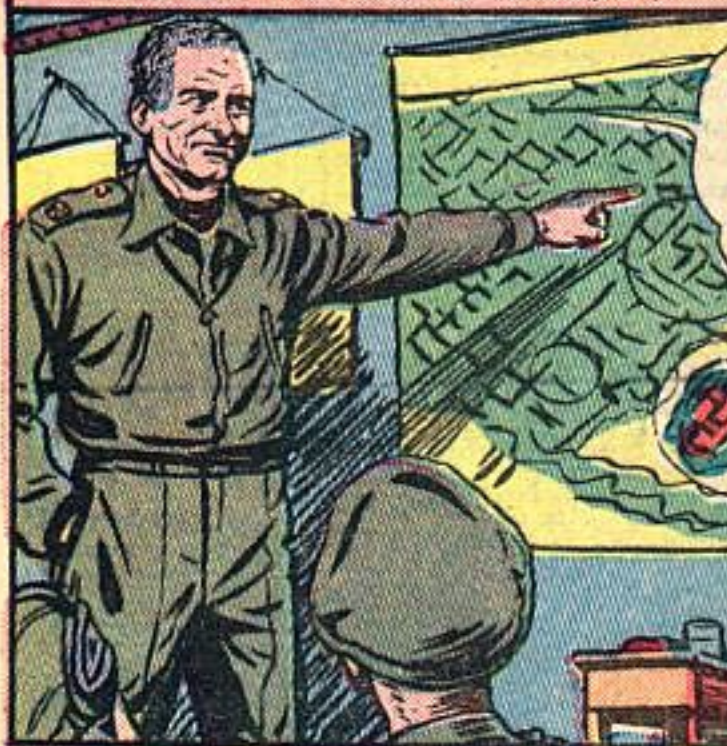


THEN WHILE ABOARD THE "HORNET" AS IT HEADED FOR JAPAN, THE FLYERS KEPT IN CONDITION BY SHOOTING AT KITES FLOWN OVER THE SHIP!





THEN AS THE "HORNET" DREW NEARER TO THE OBJECTIVE, THE MEN RECEIVED THEIR FINAL INSTRUCTIONS!

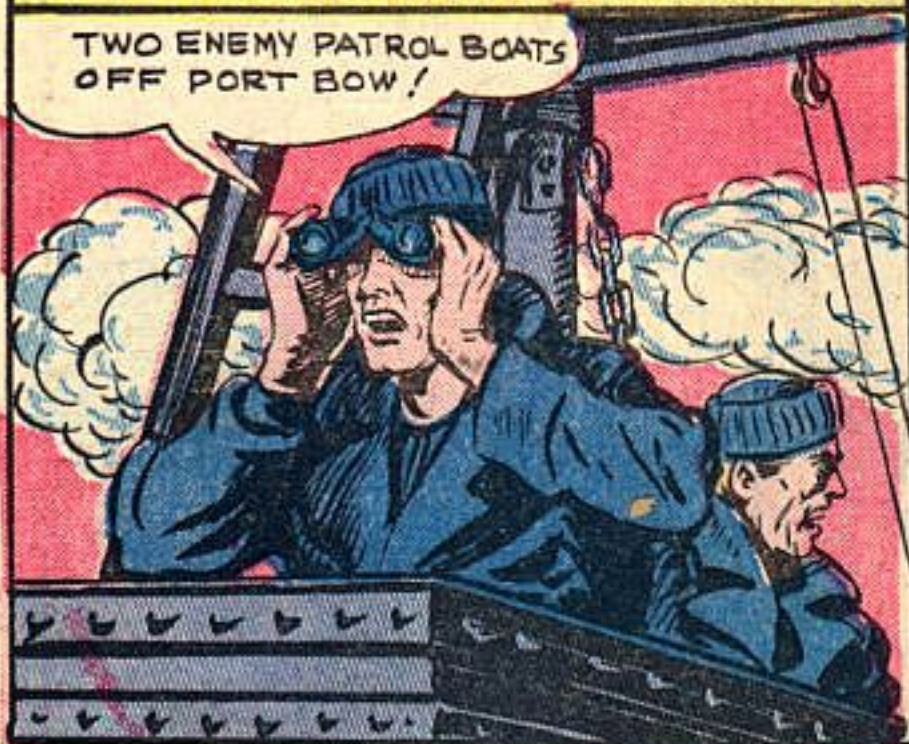


WE WILL COME IN LOW... JUST SKIMMING THE WAVES UNTIL WE SIGHT THE JAPANESE COAST - THEN THE ACTUAL RUN ON THE TARGETS WILL BE MADE AT ROOF-TOP LEVEL, SO AS TO ESCAPE OBSERVATION AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE! -- WHEN WE GET WITHIN 400 MILES OF JAPAN, WE WILL TAKE OFF AND UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS, ATTACK THE JAP CITIES AND LAND ON CHINESE AIRFIELDS AT DAWN! --- THE SUCCESS OF OUR MISSION WILL DEPEND ON PERFECT TIMING -- GOOD TEAMWORK AND THE BENEVOLENCE OF "THE ALMIGHTY"!



"BUT THE BEST LAID PLANS OF MICE AND MEN!! - WHEN THE "HORNET" WAS STILL 800 MILES FROM JAPAN!

TWO ENEMY PATROL BOATS OFF PORT BOW!



PUTTING ON FULL STEAM THE "HORNET" ELUDED THE JAP BOATS, BUT A FEW HOURS LATER ANOTHER PATROL BOAT BOAT SUDDENLY APPEARED CLOSE AT HAND! THE "HORNET'S" ESCORT OPENED UP AND SUNK IT! BUT IT WAS FEARED THAT IT MAY HAVE WARNED TOKIO OF THE CARRIER'S APPROACH BY RADIO BEFORE IT WENT DOWN!

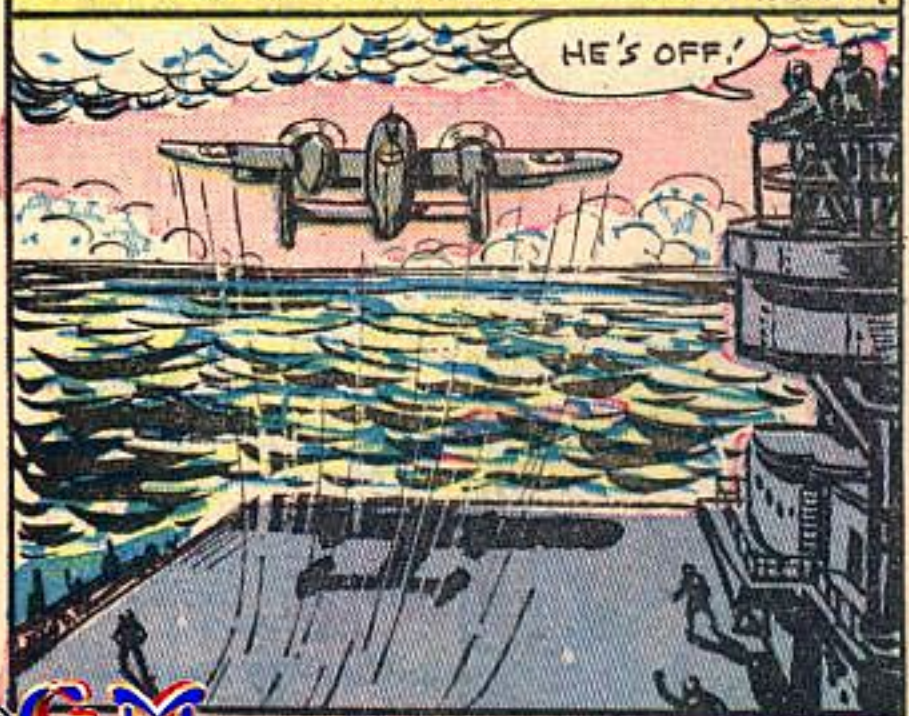
MEN, WE ARE STILL 800 MILES FROM TOKIO BUT WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES, WE'RE TAKING OFF, NOW!!

LET'S GO FELLOWS!



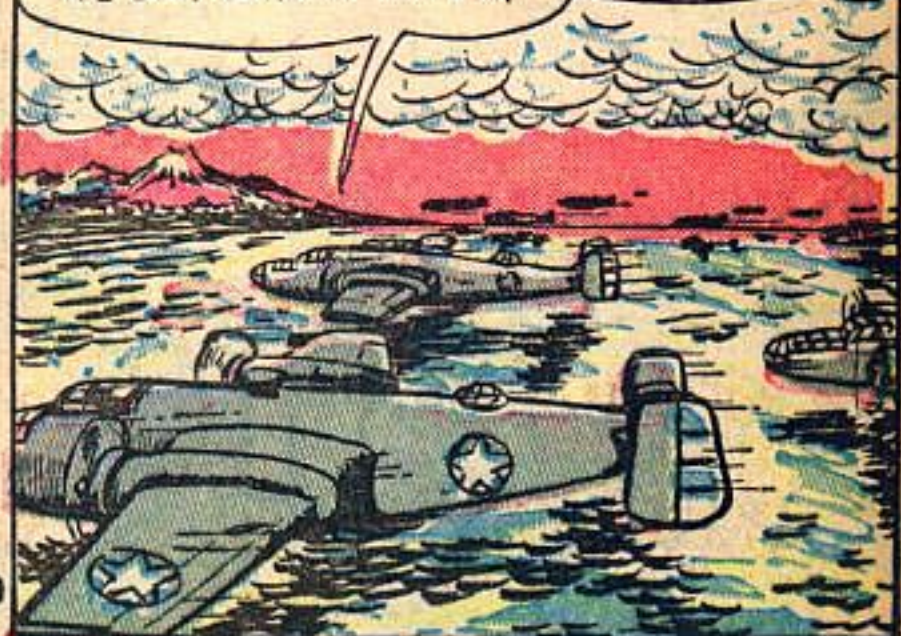
AT 8:20 AM IN A STORMY SEA WHICH TOSSED THE CARRIER ABOUT LIKE A CORK! -- THE LEAD PLANE PILOTTED BY DOOLITTLE ROARED OFF THE "HORNET"!

HE'S OFF!



THEN ALMOST FOUR HOURS LATER AT HIGH NOON!

TOKIO DEAD AHEAD! WE'RE ALMOST ON OUR TARGET! KEEP LOW! OK, MEN, HERE WE GO! GIVE IT TO 'EM!





THEN ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE OVER JAPAN! SECONDS AFTER THE BOMBERS PASSED — — MOUNTAINS OF FLAMES LEAPED HIGH INTO THE SKIES! TERRIFIC EXPLOSIONS WERE EVERYWHERE!



THE JOB DONE! THE PLANES CLIMBED TO 1500 FEET AND ANOTHER DANGER LOOMED! A HEAVY STORM AND GAS TANKS NEARLY DRY! THEN OVER CHINA AND THE CHILLING ORDER TO "BAIL OUT!"



DOOLITTLE AND MOST OF HIS RAIDERS LANDED IN CHINA, SEVEN WERE INJURED AND ONE KILLED AFTER THEY HAD BAILED OUT!



...BUT SOME WERE UNLUCKY ENOUGH TO FALL ON JAP TERRITORY EIGHT WERE CAPTURED AND SEVERAL LATER EXECUTED! AN UNTOWARD ACT OF BRUTALITY THAT SHOCKED THE WORLD!

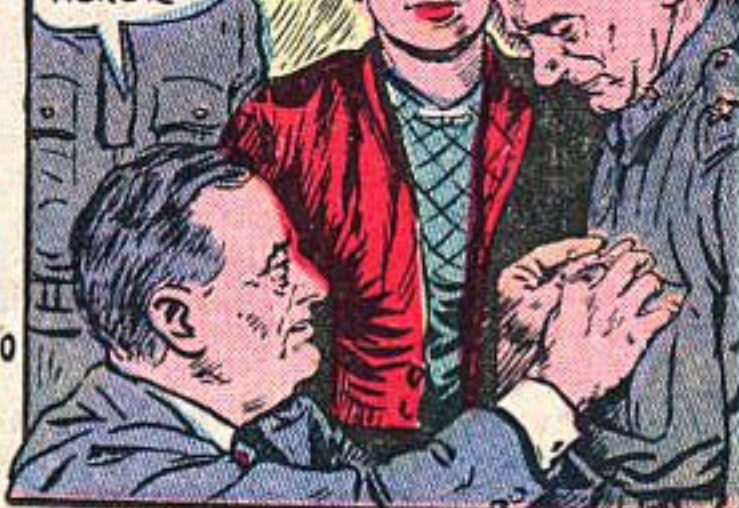


SOME LANDED IN SIBERIA, WHERE THE RUSSIANS TREATED THEM AS HEROES - BUT KEPT THEM UNDER GUARD!



THE GREAT MAJORITY RETURNED SAFELY TO AMERICA WITH DOOLITTLE!

...FOR CONSPICUOUS LEADERSHIP, ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY INVOLVING PERSONAL VALOR AND INTREPIDITY AT AN EXTREME HAZARD TO LIFE, I AM HONORED TO AWARD YOU THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR!



THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT, THE NEXT TRIP WE MAKE OVER JAPAN, WE HOPE TO BLAST IT OFF THE MAP!

SOON AFTERWARD HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF BRIGADIER GENERAL COMMANDING THE AIR FORCE IN AFRICA WHO SUBSEQUENTLY CRUSHED THE AXIS ARMIES AND AIR UNITS IN THAT CAMPAIGN, BUT THAT IS ANOTHER STORY!

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# LIVE LIONS

Is the lion afraid of any other living animal? Can he lick without exception every living animal?

In the previous story here about live lions, it was promised that these questions would be answered, so here is the opinion of Robert Hansen, keeper of lions at the Bronx Zoo, New York City. He feels that only the Water Buffalo is a match for the big cat.

In case of a fight between a lion and a tiger, who would win? Mr. Hansen would bet on the lion. The latter is stronger and tougher and weighs more. But the tiger has the advantage of greater speed.

General R. G. Burton, a British officer who for many years hunted and studied the tiger says: "There is little intrinsic difference between the lion and tiger, which differ mainly in superficial and comparatively unimportant characteristics relating to coloration and growth of mane."

## Tiger More Dangerous

While in a straight fight the lion would in most cases probably defeat the tiger, the latter is in many ways a more dangerous animal to many living things. And the tiger over many generations can overcome more difficulties of Nature. The tiger loves the forests while the lion loves the plains.

Although the lion is generally associated with the tropics, he can stand considerable cold. For instance, even during the cold winter days of New York, the big cats at the Bronx Zoo roam over their large field which is separated from other animals and the residents of the nearby tenement houses by a deep moat. Even though the lion comes from India and Africa, it must be remembered that in Northern Africa the changes in temperature are often quite extreme. Our soldiers found during the past winter when they were chasing Rommel and his Germans that the nights and some of the days were bitterly cold. The tiger can stand even more variations of temperature. Though he slinks around in the steaming jungles of India he is also found in Siberia and it is not unusual to find the tiger's footprints in the snows of mountain ranges.

## Lions vs. Crocodiles

Even though he is King of the Beasts, a lion goes out of his way to avoid a fight with a full-grown rhinoceros, an elephant and a hippopotamus. However, the big cat will attack and eat the young of the animals just mentioned. As regards lions vs. crocodiles, the

score is about 50-50. Sometimes lions do catch and kill crocodiles but sometimes lions wading in rivers have been grabbed, pulled down, and eaten by crocodiles. So, when it comes to a show down, no beast, no matter how powerful can avoid having an equally dangerous enemy. And the King of the Beasts, just like Man, who is supposed to be lord and master of the animal kingdom, is often annoyed and is helpless against the fly and the tiny mosquito. And the much tinier germ has killed thousands of lions as it has killed millions of men.

I asked Mr. Hansen how he became a lion man, how he got his job. His answer was simple. He heard that there was a vacancy in the Zoo and he went over with the hope of filling it. Fortunately for him, lion keepers' jobs are not advertised in the "Help Wanted" columns and he had little competition. So he was taken on.

What are the qualifications, in case some of the readers of Blue Beetle would like to become lion tamers? First, one must instinctively like animals. Therefore one is kind to them, and the animals sensing this and the fact that the keeper is not afraid of them, generally behave quite well. A keeper must have a lot of common sense. Above all—he must always lock doors; lock cage doors. Any carelessness in this respect may mean the loss of one or more persons where wild animals are concerned.

## Took Care of Bears

During the first two years of his probationary period, Mr. Hansen took care of bears. That would seem like hazing a beginner, but Mr. Hansen came through all right, and on making good was assigned to take care of the lions. Not only lions, but also other wild animals from Africa.

## Wild Barbary Sheep

Wild does not always mean savage, for among his charges are the Aoudads. The latter are also called the Barbary wild sheep. Wild they are but very gentle. They are extremely shy and decidedly gregarious, that is, sociable among themselves. They average about 100 pounds each in weight. They graze on a field near that of the roaming lions. But the two fields are separated by the moat so that the gentle Aoudads are not nervous even though they can hear and see their savage neighbors.

The wild Barbary sheep in addition to the grass they pick up on their fields like crushed oats, bran and hay. Although they are harm-



less vegetarians, they have this in common with lions and human babies—they like cod liver oil. But this reporter did not hear the word spinach mentioned. He did not see any given to the lions, even though the latter were made sissified enough to be given cod liver oil. Still, this is no argument against spinach. Look at Popeye, the sailor man, who always takes big helpings of spinach. Some would bet that in a fair fight—no gun play, nor specially sharpened claws—Popeye could hold his own against almost any lion. And of course, Blue Beetle, once he can put on his costume, can lick any lion alive and also any elephant, rhinoceros or hippopotamus. And as for crocodiles, pretty soon the whole world will know what Blue Beetle, last month, did to a huge crocodile.

### Blue Beetle Wins

The great Blue Beetle, busy though he has been flying between this country and Germany—one week covering a policeman's beat in the U. S. A. and the next week beating the Gestapo at their own game around Berlin—also had to fly to Northern Africa on business—important business for the Army Intelligence. The Blue Beetle in Africa ran into severe meat rationing. All the hot dog stands had shut down. He had run out of supplies while running after Rommel. One night he found himself near an African river, cold and hungry. But he had a man's work to do and he needed exceptional food and plenty of it. Just then he saw a huge crocodile grab a baby lion drinking at the water's edge and dive under the water with the cub. Without hesitation, Blue Beetle dove after the monster. With his powerful arms, developed by much boxing and wrestling, he choked the crocodile to death. By that time the young lion was also dead. Blue Beetle wasted no tears in sympathy.

"What fine wild steaks I'll have tonight," he laughed out loud. But how was he to cook them? Just then a retreating Axis truck rumbled by not far away. Blue Beetle ran after it. At the sight of him, the enemy soldiers became so panic-stricken that they lost control

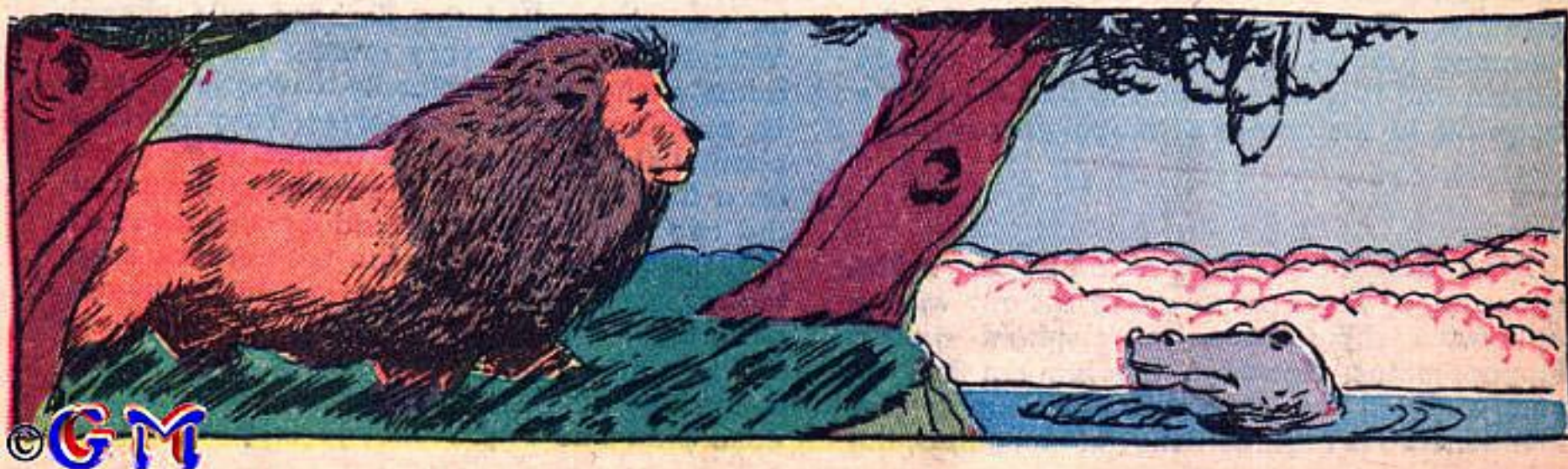
and smashed into a tank. Blue Beetle now had plenty of gas from the abandoned machines. He picked up some tin cans and soon had a blazing fire in which to prepare his wild animal steaks. Fortunately, soon after, a company of American soldiers, who had been chasing our enemies, came by and Blue Beetle shared with them his strong meat and some very interesting adventure stories.

But we should now return to the Bronx Zoo. Many more are the fascinating stories that can and will be told here of the live lions, tigers, etc.

### Monkeys Without Tails

But before doing that, some mention should be made of the howling Gibbons, the tailless monkeys that also come from Africa and which Mr. Hansen showed this reporter in the cage next to the lions. The lion keeper seemed to have more fear of these monkeys than of the big lions, although in truth he is a man that is hardly afraid of any living wild animal. The Gibbons are probably the best looking of all monkeys. But what the lion keeper didn't like about them is the fact that most unexpectedly they will gang up against him. Nevertheless he went inside their cage and shut himself in. One of the Gibbons advanced cautiously towards him trying to put on a friendly face and at the same time appeared like a dog showing a timid tail.

"Don't let this fool you," Mr. Hansen said. "They are treacherous. If one of them should suddenly attack me in the front, his partner will jump on my back and start to work on me in earnest with his vicious canine teeth which are one and one half inches long." From the point of view of a man, Gibbons are vicious and treacherous. But probably in the monkey world they are regarded as tough fighters for their independence. In their wild state, they do not bother any living thing. They feed upon the leaves of trees and on fruits. They always live in trees and come down to the ground only in case of emergency. It is probably the only animal outside of a man that naturally walks erect and not on all fours.





**A**NOTHER ADVENTURE WITH ALI BABA AND  
HIS MULE, MUHRAD, . . . INTO THE  
WONDERFUL LAND OF THE "ARABIAN  
NIGHTS" WE GO AND THERE'S NO TELLING  
WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN ALI FINDS  
"ALLADIN'S LAMP"



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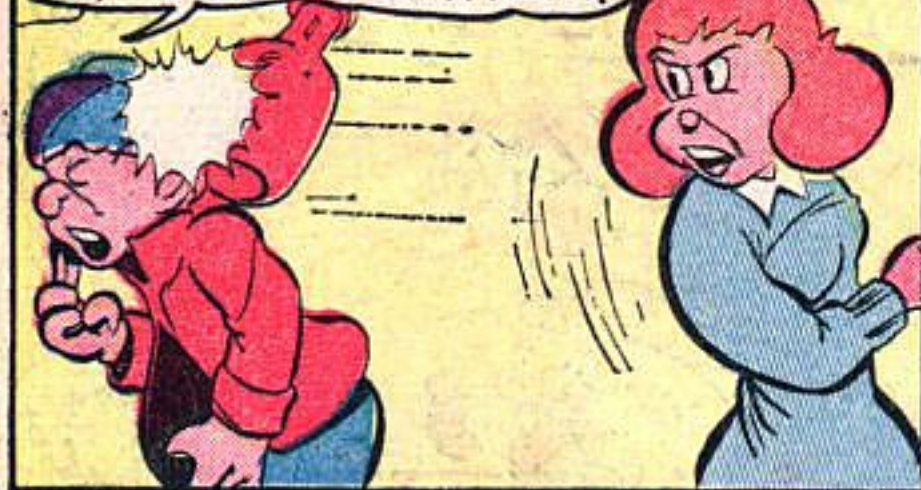


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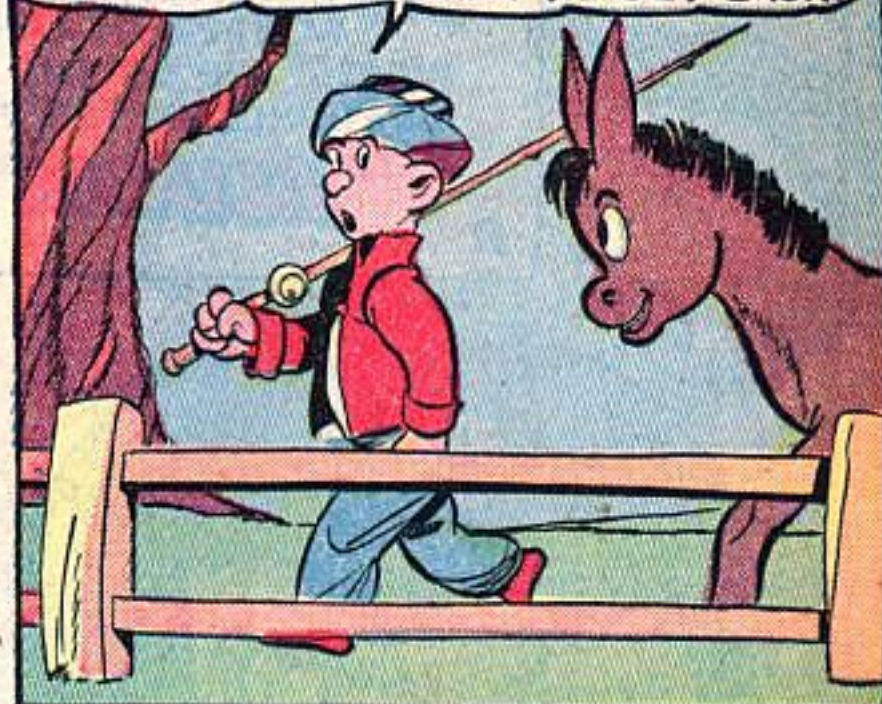
# ALI-BABA



ALI BABA'S WIFE WAS A WOMAN OF ENERGY, SHARP-TONGUED, AND ABOVE ALL, A GOOD AIM. I WORK MY FINGERS TO THE BONE KEEPING OUR SERVANTS OCCUPIED, AND YOU DO NOTHING, YOU LAZY MAN... GET OUT OF HERE! BLAH-H! BY ALLAH! I GET BAWLED OUT WHEN I DO SOMETHING, AND ALSO WHEN I DON'T DO ANYTHING!

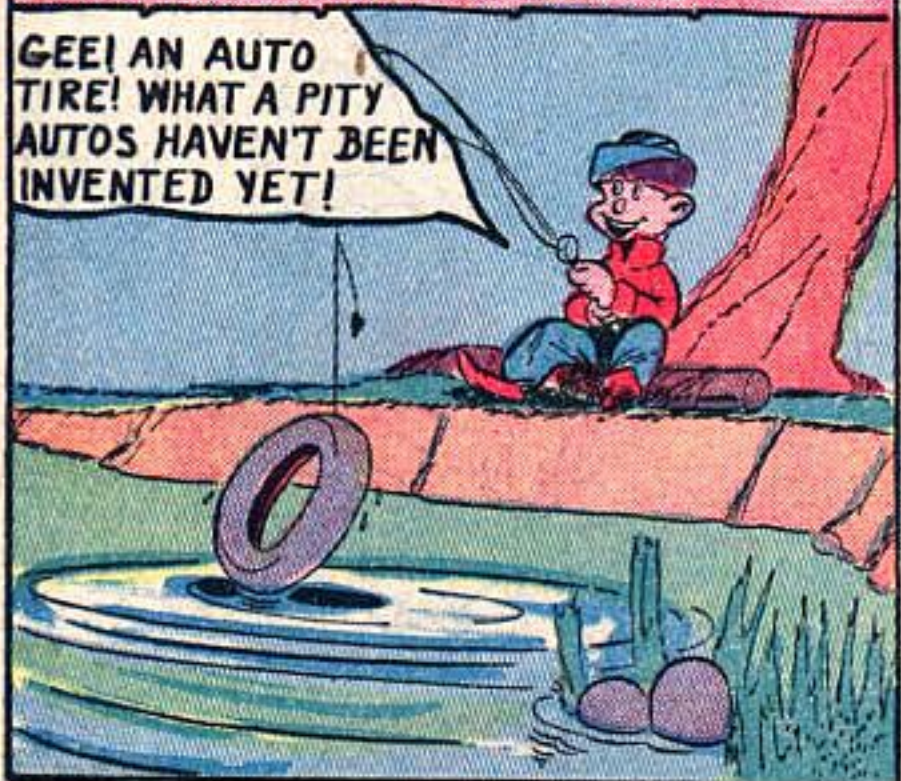


WHEW! WHAT A WOMAN! COME, MUHRAD, WE'LL GO FISHING FOR A WHILE... MAYBE THIS STORM'LL BE OVER WHEN WE GET BACK.

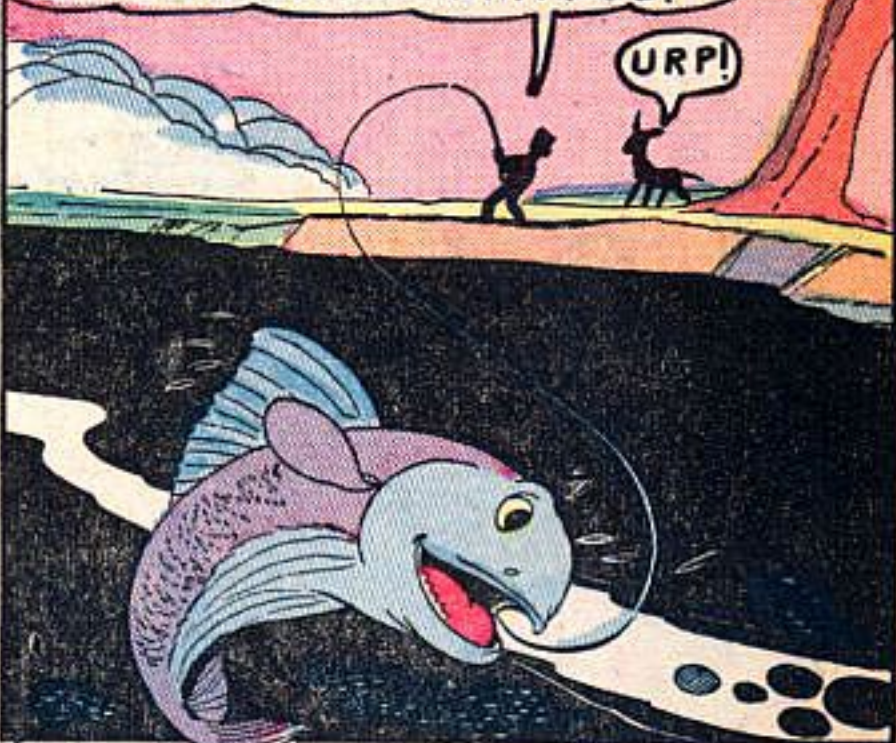


ALI ARRIVES AT HIS FAVORITE FISHING HOLE

GEE! AN AUTO TIRE! WHAT A PITY AUTOS HAVEN'T BEEN INVENTED YET!



AH! AT LAST A REAL FISH! WON'T THE LITTLE WOMAN BE SURPRISED!



NOW, WHAT HAS ALLAH FAVORED ME WITH, I WONDER?



MY! WHAT A STRANGE PLACE FOR SMOKE! I DO HOPE THERE'S NO FIRE IN THERE!





THE EARTH  
TREMBLES  
AND AN  
AMAZING  
THING  
HAPPENS-

VIPES!

FOOF

HA! HA! THE PROPHETS HAVE DECREED  
DEATH TO THE PERSON WHO SETS ME  
FREE FROM THE BOTTLE. HAVE YOU ANY  
LAST WISHES?

ER..ER.. YES SIR, MR.  
DJINNI! SHOW ME HOW  
YOU COULD FIT INTO  
THAT SMALL BOTTLE  
WHEN YOU'RE SO  
BIG!

GOTCHA! NOW  
WHAT WILL YOU DO,  
MR. DJINN?

HOKAY, SHPORT.. I GUESS YOU DON'T  
KNOW OF THE MAGICAL POWERS OF  
US DJINNIS... I WILL HUMOR YOU.

LET ME OUT! I PROM-  
ISE NO HARM WILL  
COMETO YOU.. I'LL  
MAKE YOU THE RICHEST  
MAN IN THE WORLD!

WELL, ALL RIGHT... I HOPE YOU  
DJINNIS ARE AS GOOD AS YOUR WORD.

THANK YOU,  
LITTLE MAN..  
NOW AS I  
PROMISED,  
WATCH!





I'M AFRAID WE'RE LOST, MUHRAD. I WISH WE COULD BE OUT OF THIS PLACE ----



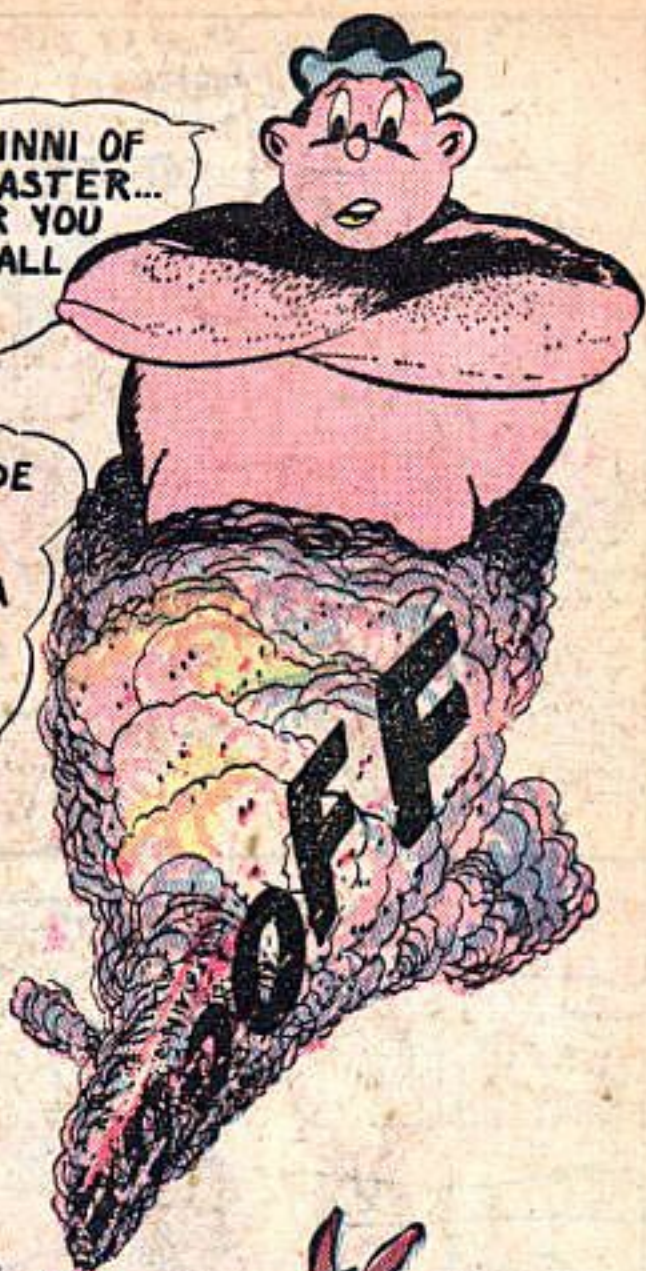


BY THE BEARD OF THE PROPHET! THIS MUST BE ALLADIN'S LAMP... I'LL RUB IT AND SEE IF IT WORKS AGAIN!

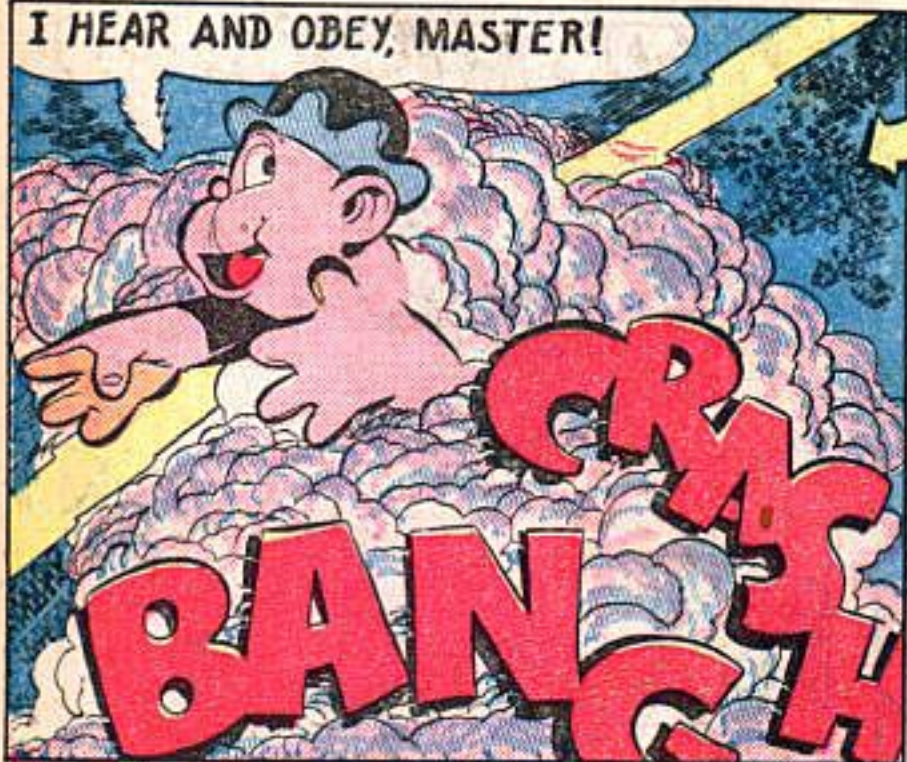


I AM THE DJINNI OF THE LAMP MASTER... WHATSOEVER YOU COMMAND SHALL BE DONE!

(GULP) PROVIDE ME A TENT IN WHICH TO SLEEP, AND A GOOD MEAL BEFORE I RETIRE!

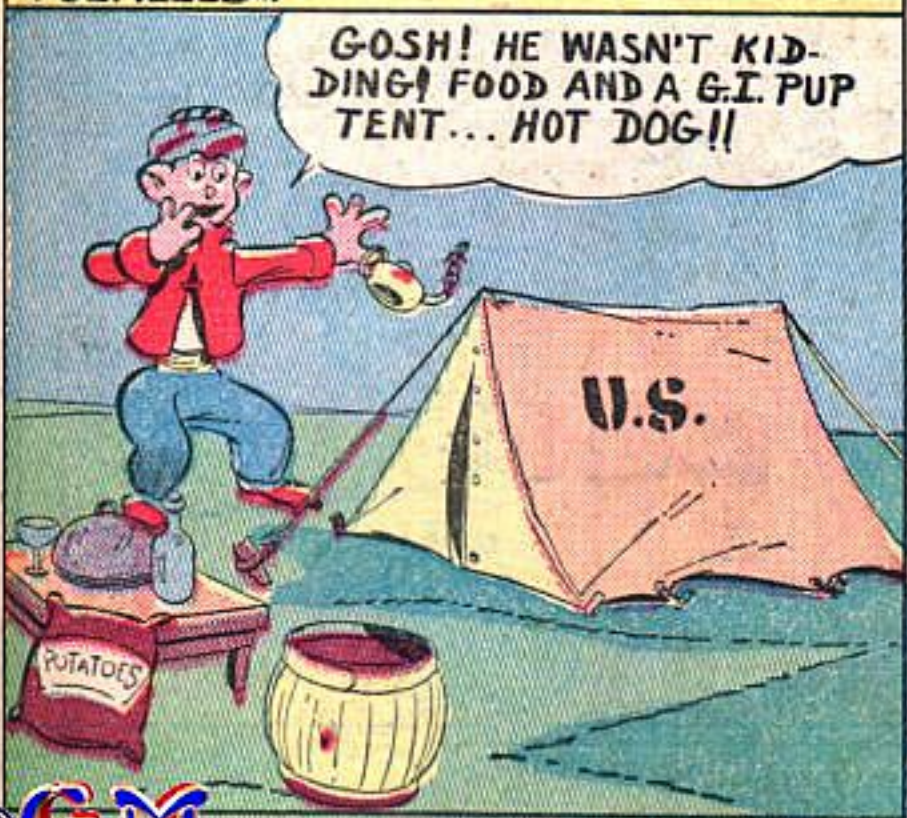


I HEAR AND OBEY, MASTER!

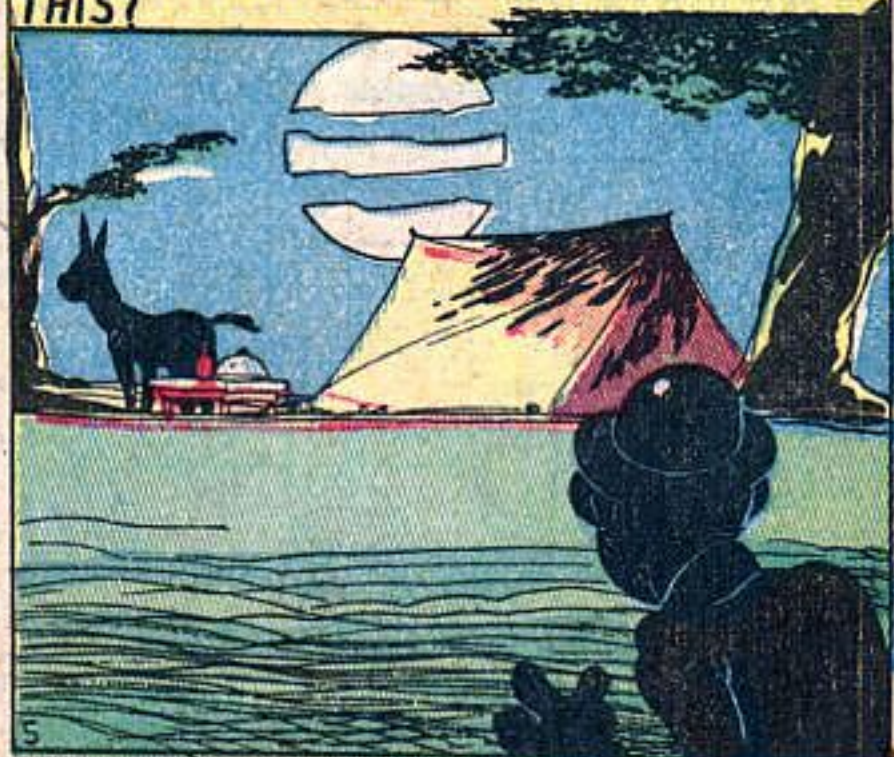


IN A FEW SECONDS, ALI'S DEMANDS ARE FULFILLED...

GOSH! HE WASN'T KIDDING! FOOD AND A G.I. PUP TENT... HOT DOG!!



NIGHT AND OUR HERO SLEEPS... BUT WHO'S THIS?

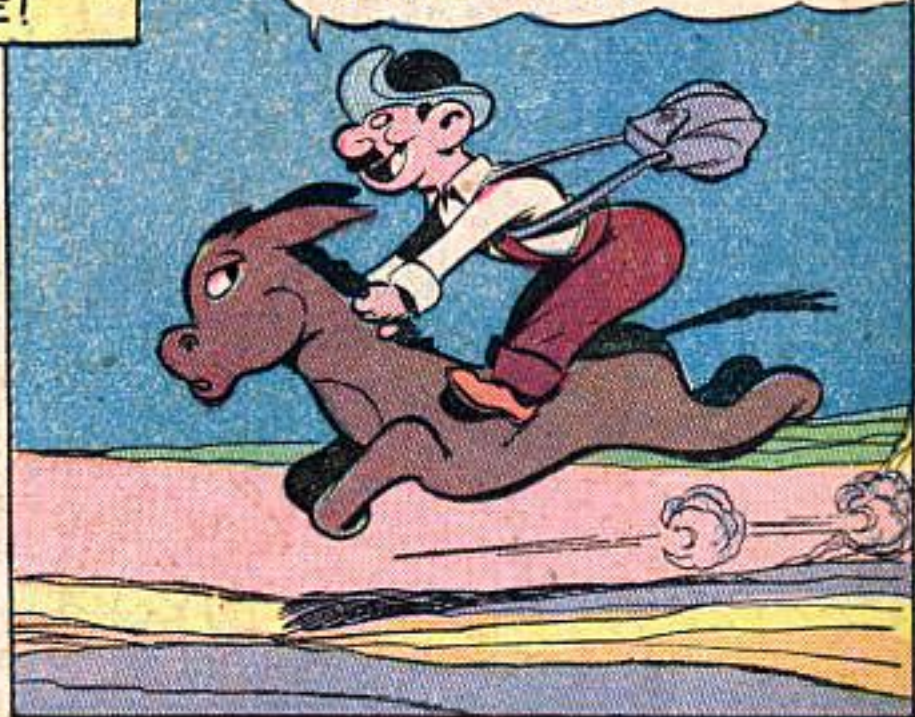
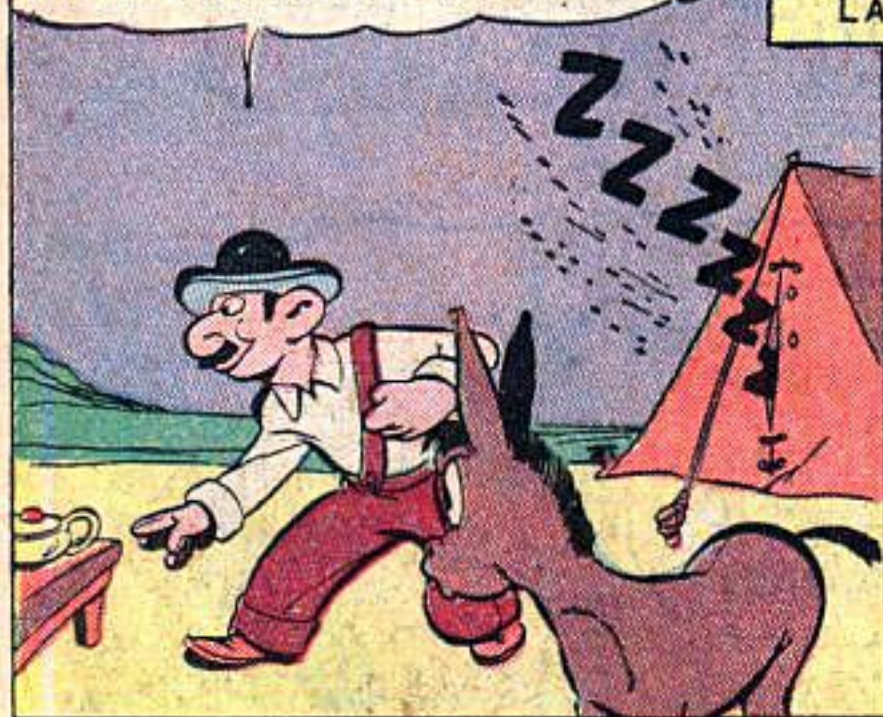




SURELY ALLAH HAS BEEN KIND TO  
IL TAKUM... A GOOD BRASS LAMP AND  
A FREE RIDE TO THE CITY...

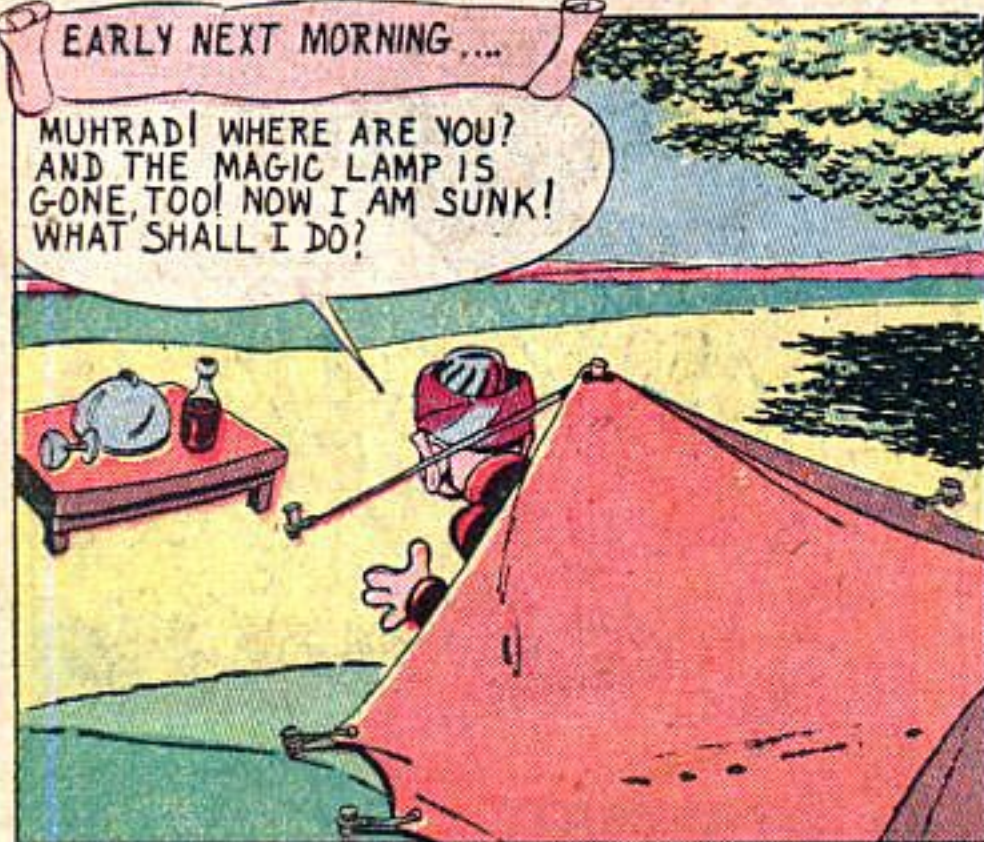
BETTER WAKE  
UP, ALI, BEFORE  
IT'S TOO  
LATE!

HA! I CAN BE IN THE CITY  
BY THE TIME THAT POOR FOOL  
AWAKES. HA! HA!



EARLY NEXT MORNING ....

MUHRAD! WHERE ARE YOU?  
AND THE MAGIC LAMP IS  
GONE, TOO! NOW I AM SUNK!  
WHAT SHALL I DO?



THESE ARE MUHRAD'S FOOTPRINTS.  
I WILL FOLLOW THEM UNTIL I FIND  
HIM!

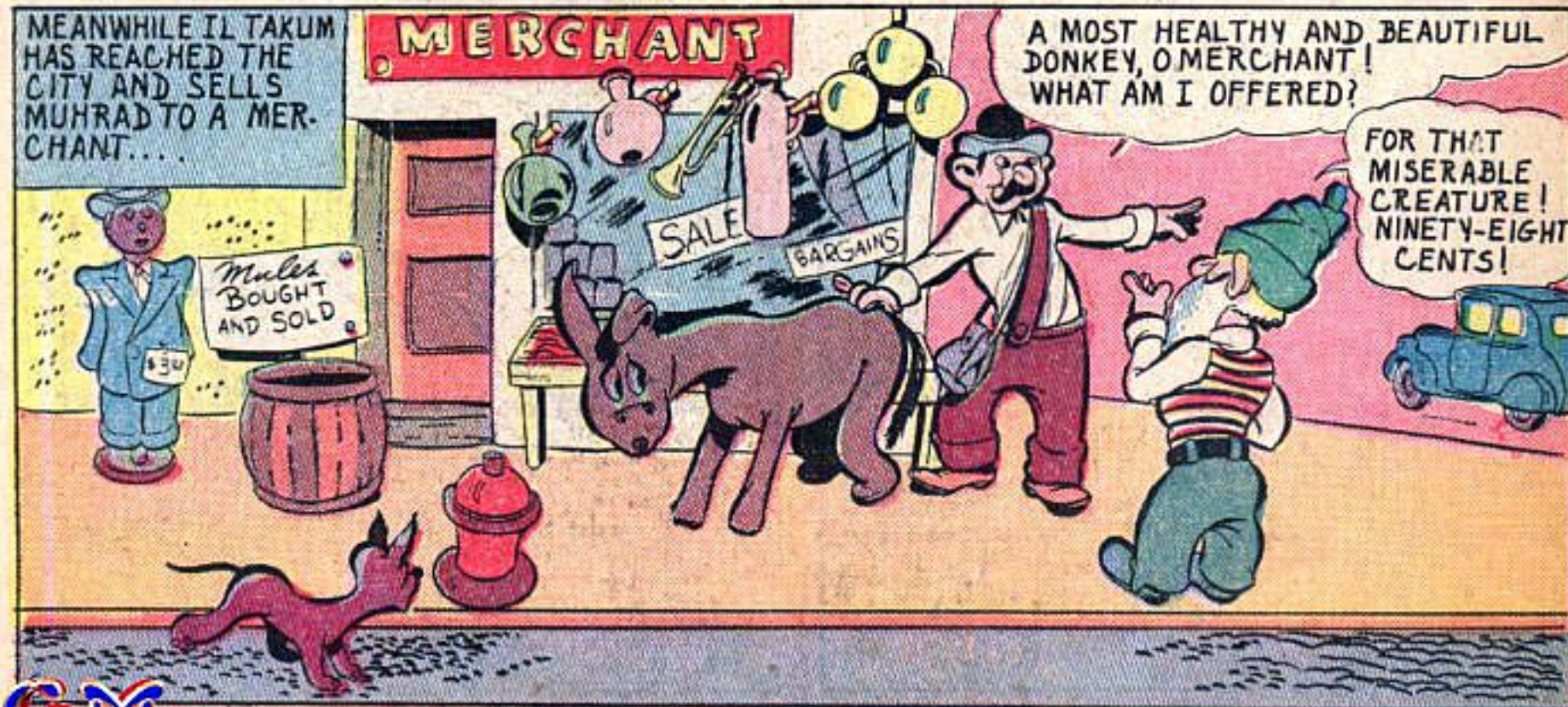


MEANWHILE IL TAKUM  
HAS REACHED THE  
CITY AND SELLS  
MUHRAD TO A MER-  
CHANT....

MERCHANT

A MOST HEALTHY AND BEAUTIFUL  
DONKEY, O MERCHANT!  
WHAT AM I OFFERED?

FOR THAT  
MISERABLE  
CREATURE!  
NINETY-EIGHT  
CENTS!





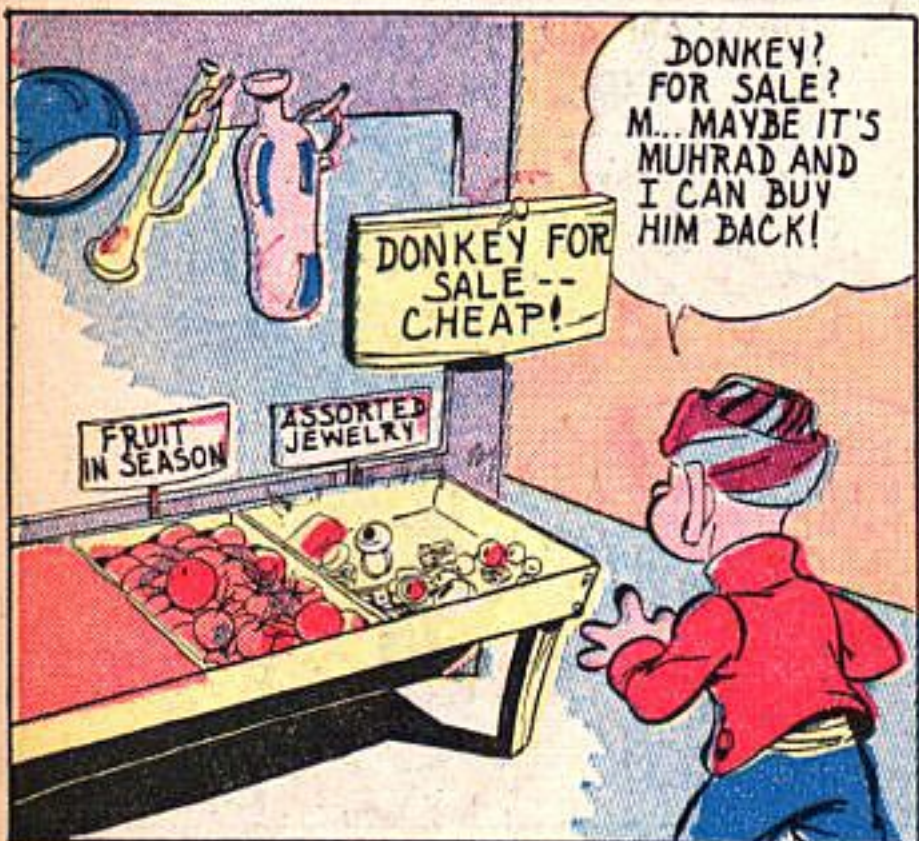
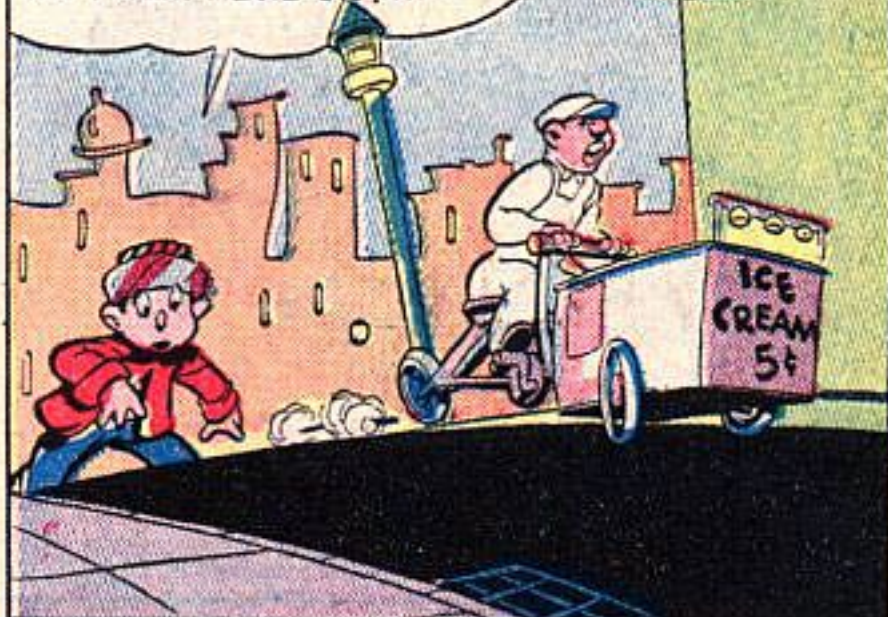
I ALSO HAVE A FINE BRASS LAMP... WHAT AM I OFFERED FOR IT?

IT IS WORTH FIVE BUCKS, BUT NEEDS POLISHING. I'LL GIVE YOU FOUR.



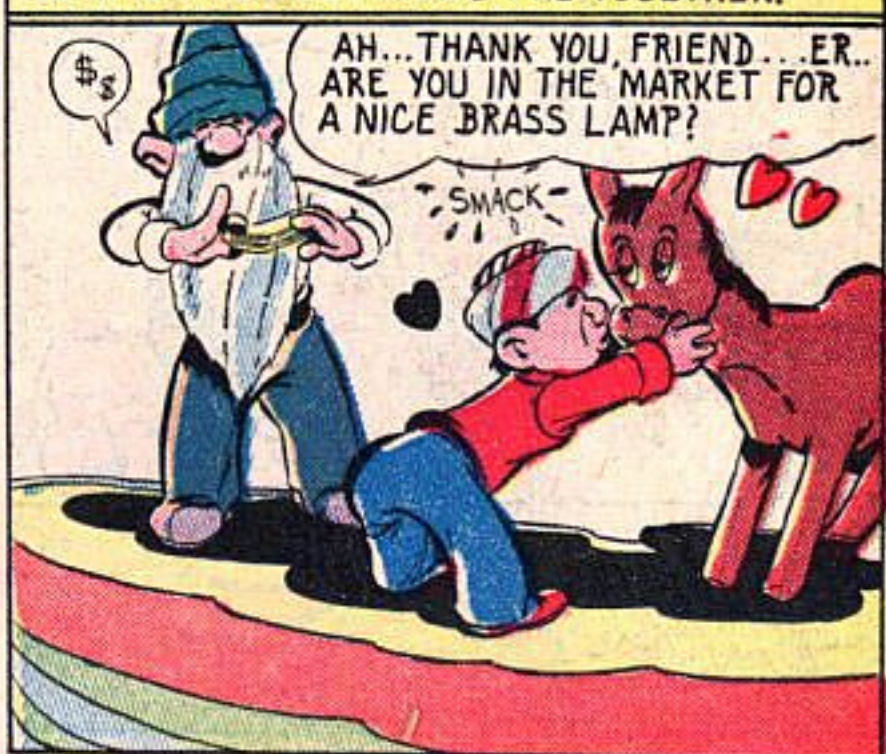
BY THIS TIME, ALI HAS REACHED THE CITY...

ALAS! I HAVE LOST THE TRAIL. MAY ALLAH GUIDE ME FROM HERE ON! ...



DONKEY? FOR SALE? M... MAYBE IT'S MUHRAD AND I CAN BUY HIM BACK!

ALI BUYS MUHRAD FROM THE MERCHANT AND THE TWO FAITHFUL FRIENDS ARE TOGETHER.



AH... THANK YOU, FRIEND... ER... ARE YOU IN THE MARKET FOR A NICE BRASS LAMP?



A.... A BRASS LAMP!

M... M... M... MAYBE IT'S MY STOLEN MAGIC LAMP!

YES... HERE LET ME SHOW IT TO YOU



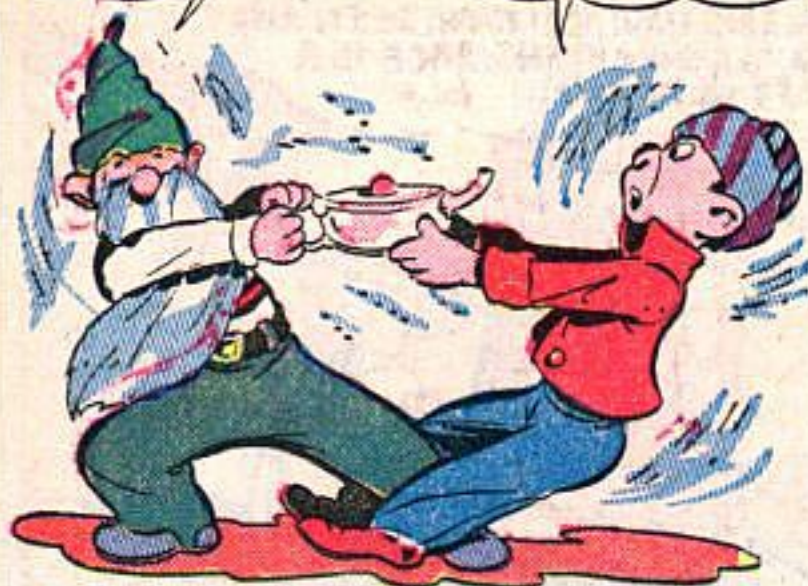
LOOK! HERE IT IS... ALL IT NEEDS IS A BIT OF POLISHING... I'LL SHOW YOU.

NO! NO!



GIVE IT TO ME, I'LL  
POLISH IT!

LET GO, OLD MAN,  
I WANT IT AS IT IS...



TELL ME, O TURBANED ONE... WHY ARE YOU  
SO ANXIOUS TO TAKE THE LAMP AS IT IS?



I...ER... I'M A PROFESSIONAL POLISHER, ON VACATION  
AND I WANT TO POLISH THIS LAMP MYSELF JUST  
TO KEEP IN SHAPE

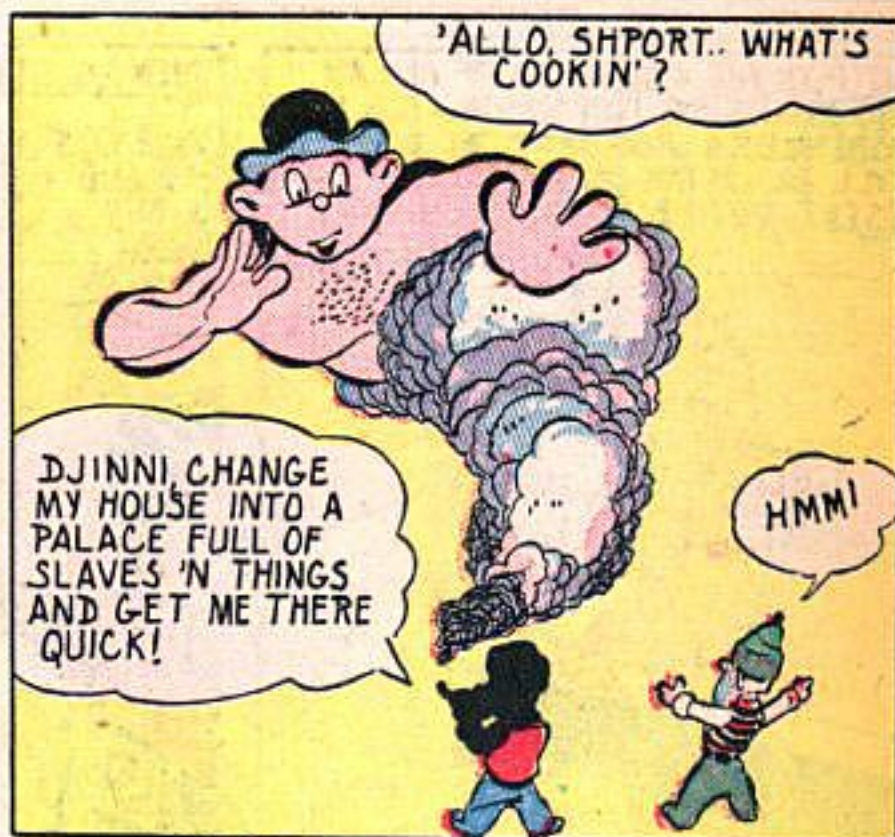
HO, HO!  
I SMELL A  
RAT....



'ALLO, SHPORT.. WHAT'S  
COOKIN'?

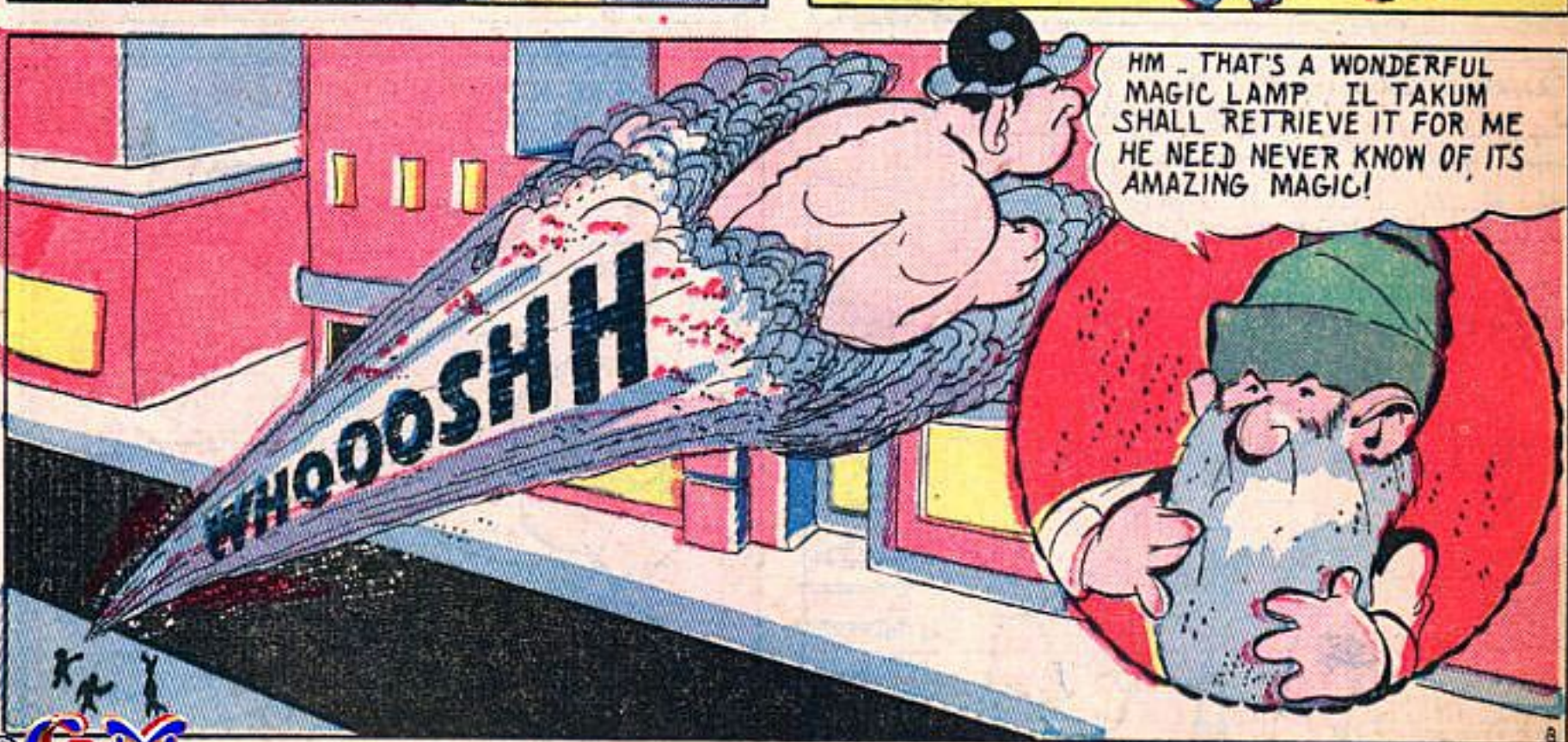
DJINNI, CHANGE  
MY HOUSE INTO A  
PALACE FULL OF  
SLAVES 'N THINGS  
AND GET ME THERE  
QUICK!

HMM!



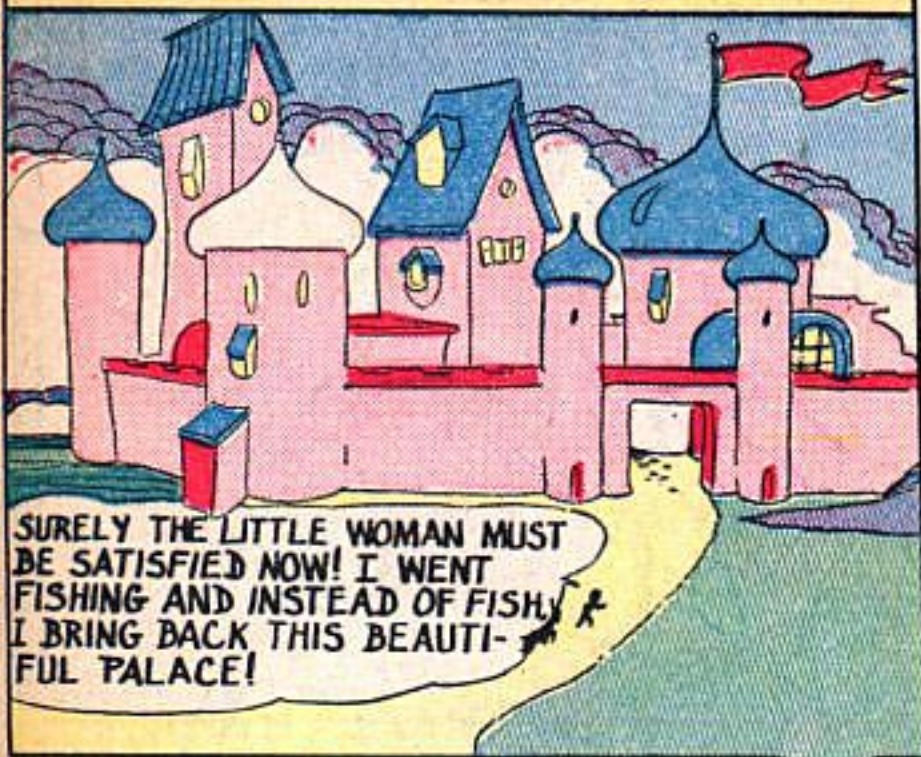
HM... THAT'S A WONDERFUL  
MAGIC LAMP. I'LL TAKE IT FOR ME.  
HE NEED NEVER KNOW OF ITS  
AMAZING MAGIC!

WHOOOSH!





ALI AND MUHRAD APPROACH THE NEW PALACE WHICH THE DJINNI HAS BUILT FOR ALI...

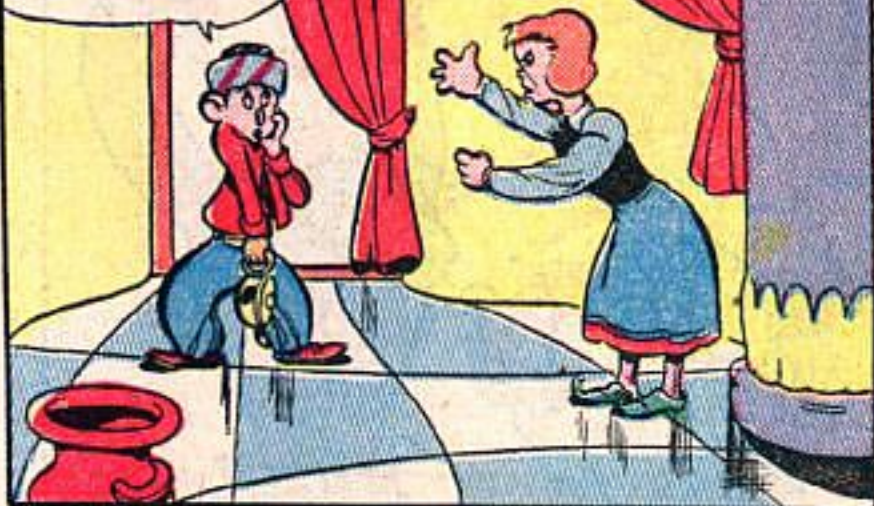


SURELY THE LITTLE WOMAN MUST BE SATISFIED NOW! I WENT FISHING AND INSTEAD OF FISH, I BRING BACK THIS BEAUTIFUL PALACE!

INSIDE THE PALACE, ALI FINDS HIS WIFE WAITING

ALL THIS TIME YOU HAVE BEEN AWAY AND ALL YOU BRING BACK IS A RUSTY OLD LAMP... BLA!

HERE WE GO AGAIN! (GROAN)

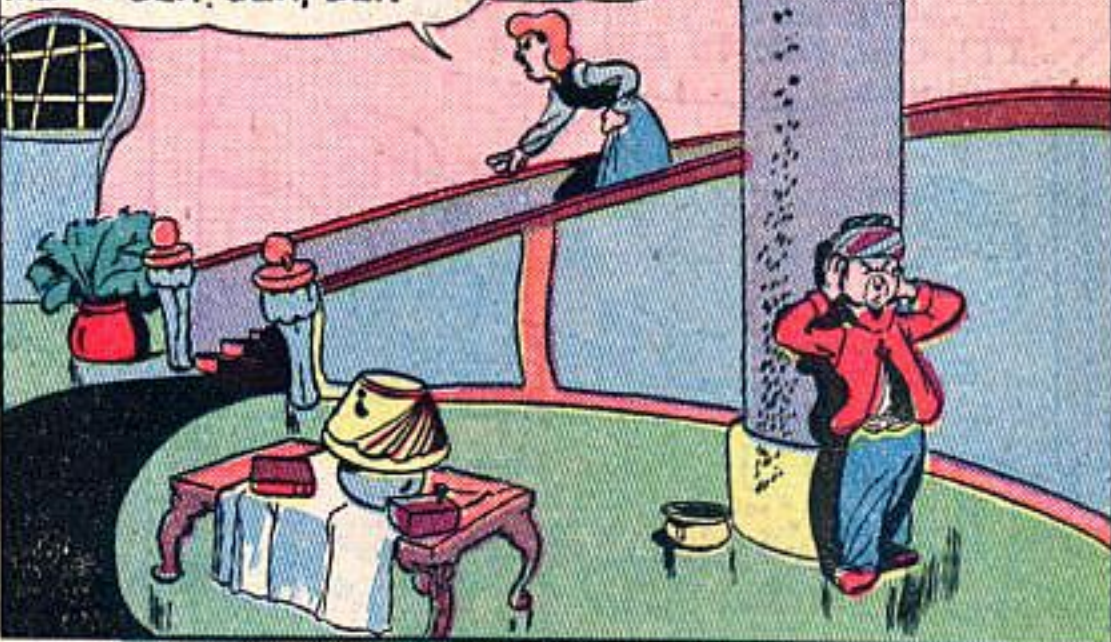


BUT FOR THE GOODNESS OF ALLAH WHO PITIES ME FOR HAVING SUCH A WORTHLESS HUSBAND, WE WOULD STILL BE LIVING IN THAT OLD CASTLE WITH BUT 40 ROOMS. BLA!



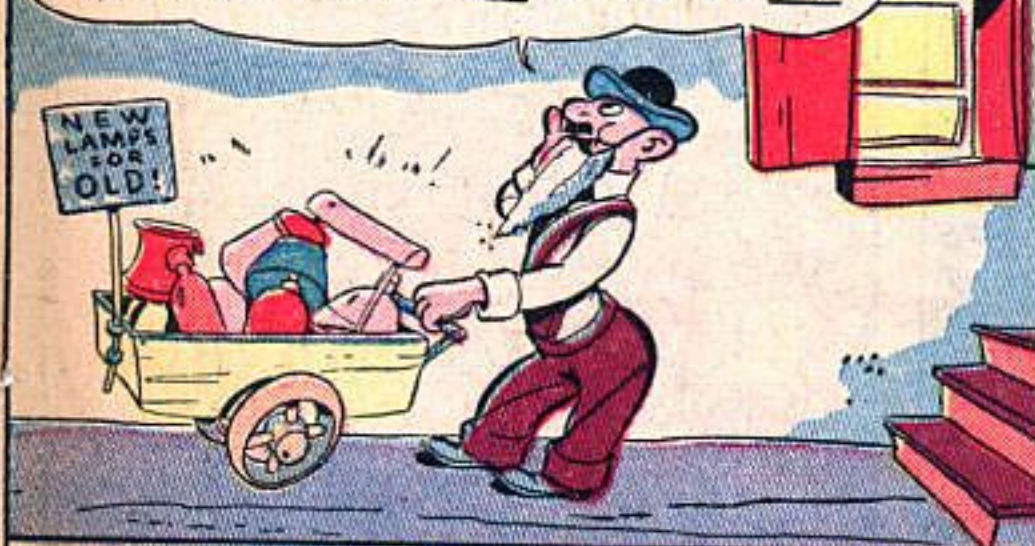
AND SO SEVERAL WEEKS LATER--

ALI... ALI BABA, WHERE ARE YOU? I WANT YOU TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME... BLA, BLA, BLA



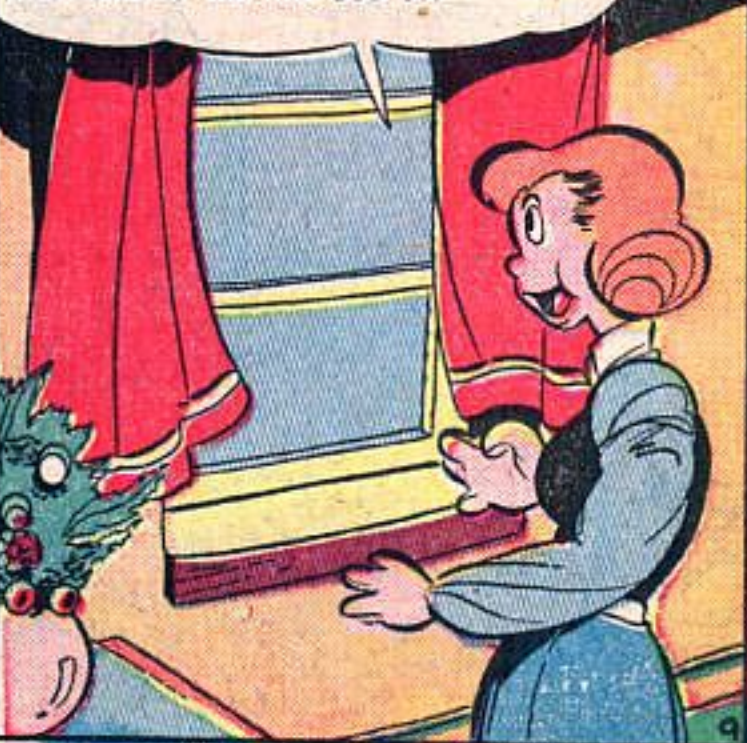
MEANWHILE OUTSIDE THE PALACE, A MERCHANT IS CONDUCTING A CURIOUS BUSINESS.

WHO WILL EXCHANGE OLD LAMPS FOR NEW?

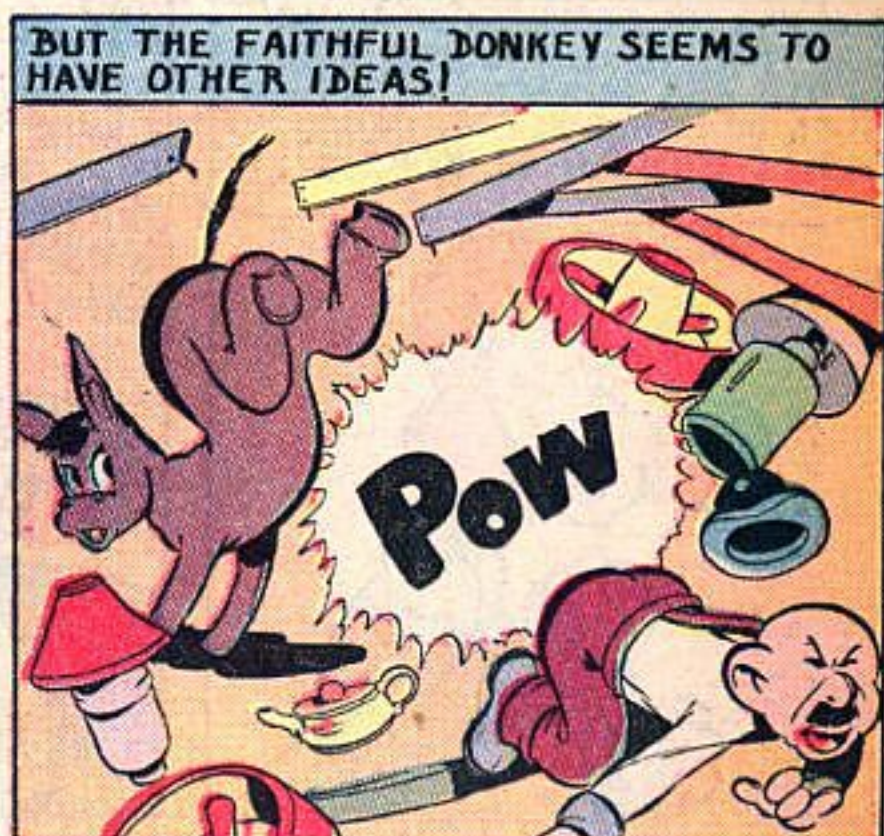
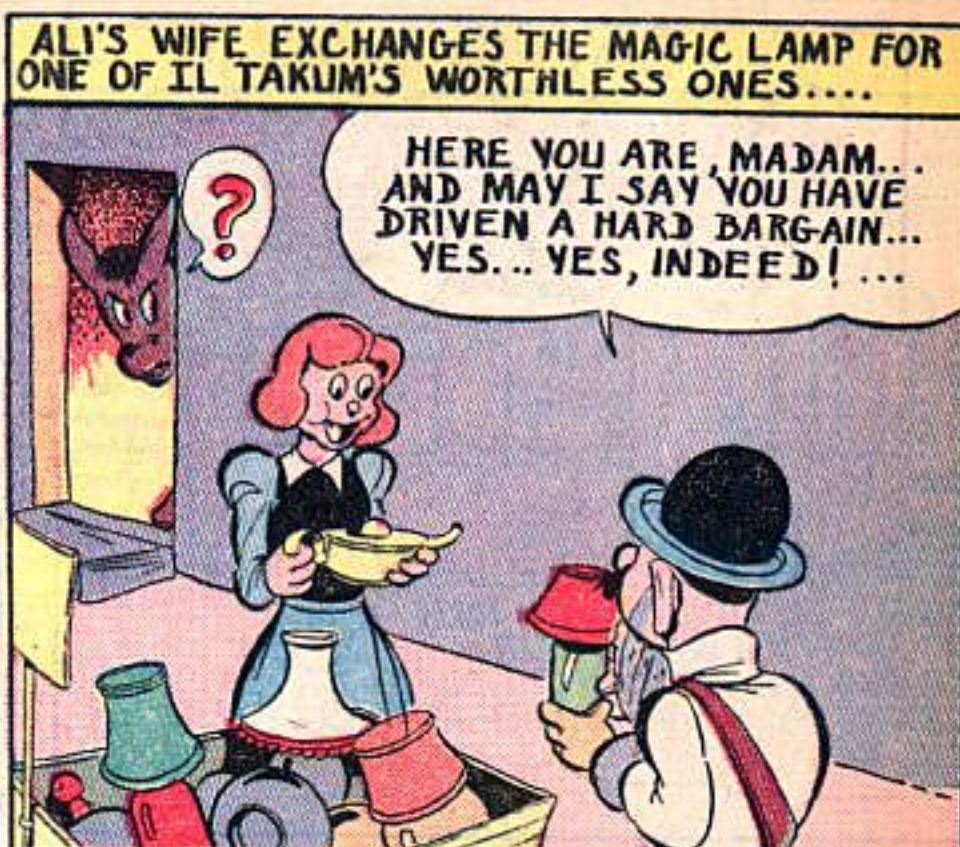
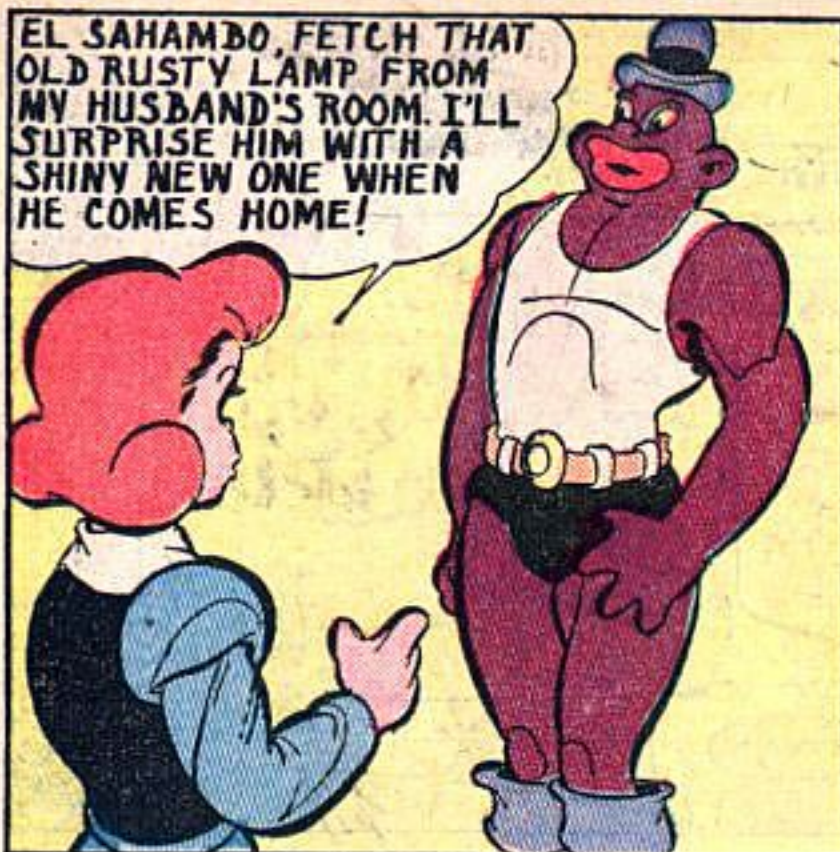


WHY.. WHY.. IT'S THAT NO GOOD SCOUNDREL! THAT SNAKE IN THE GRASS, IL TAKUM! THAT PHONEY TRICKER FOOLS NO ONE....

HA, HA, WHAT A FUNNY BARGAIN! I'LL SEE IF HE MEANS IT.









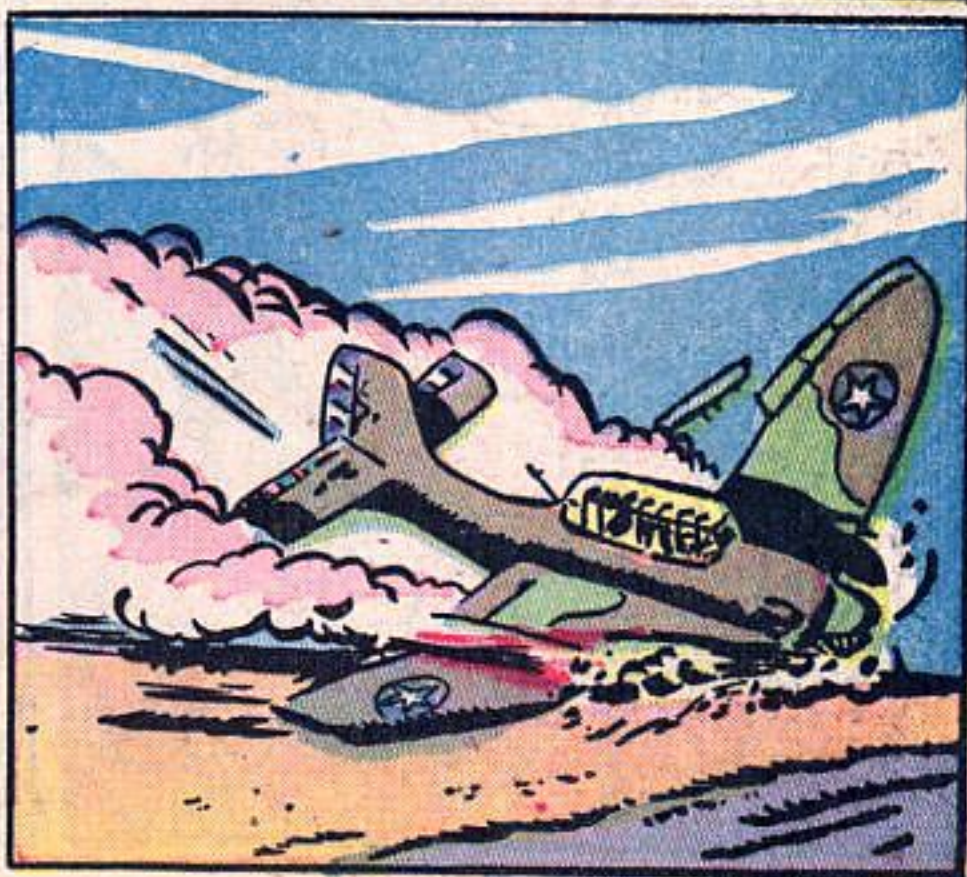
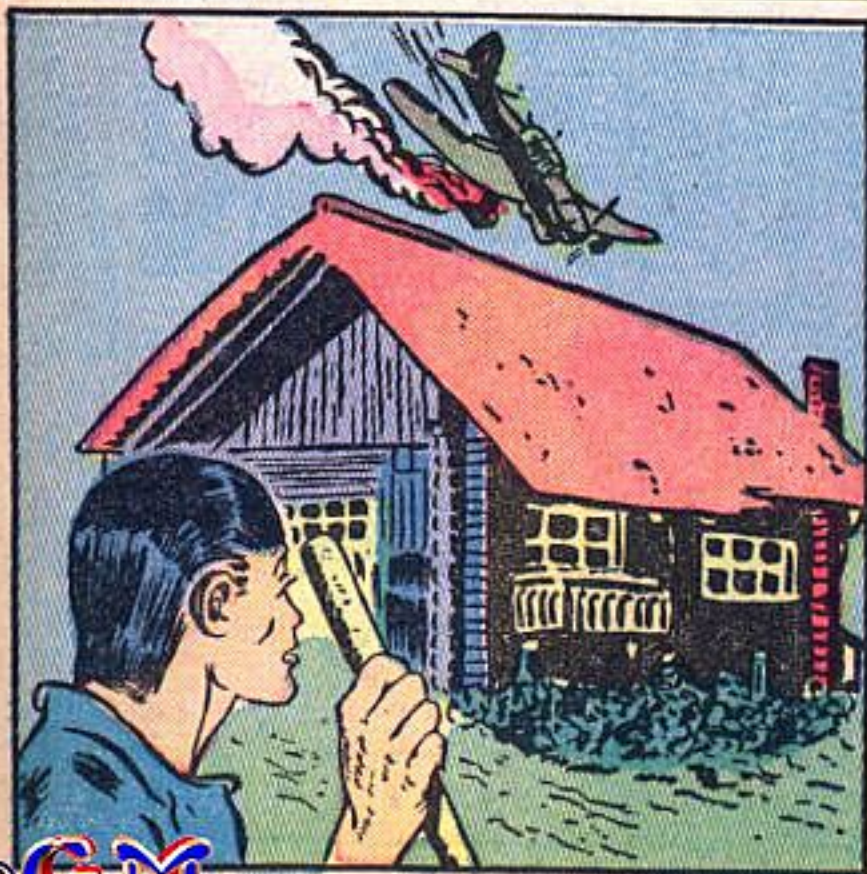
# WING LEE

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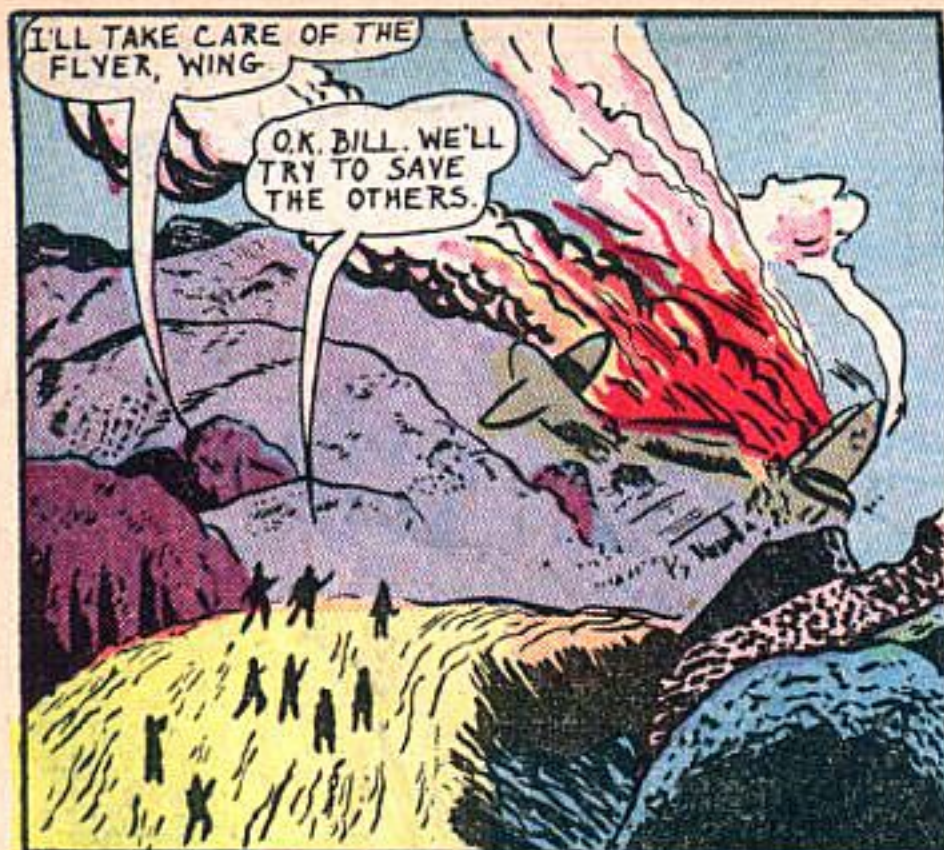
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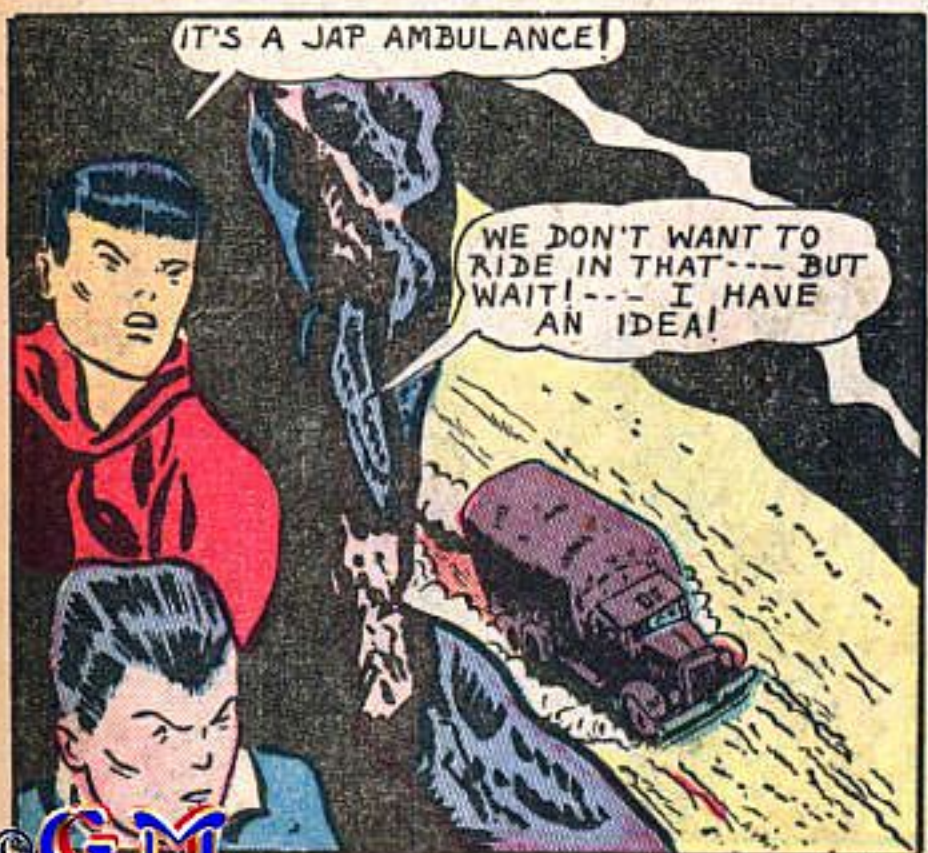
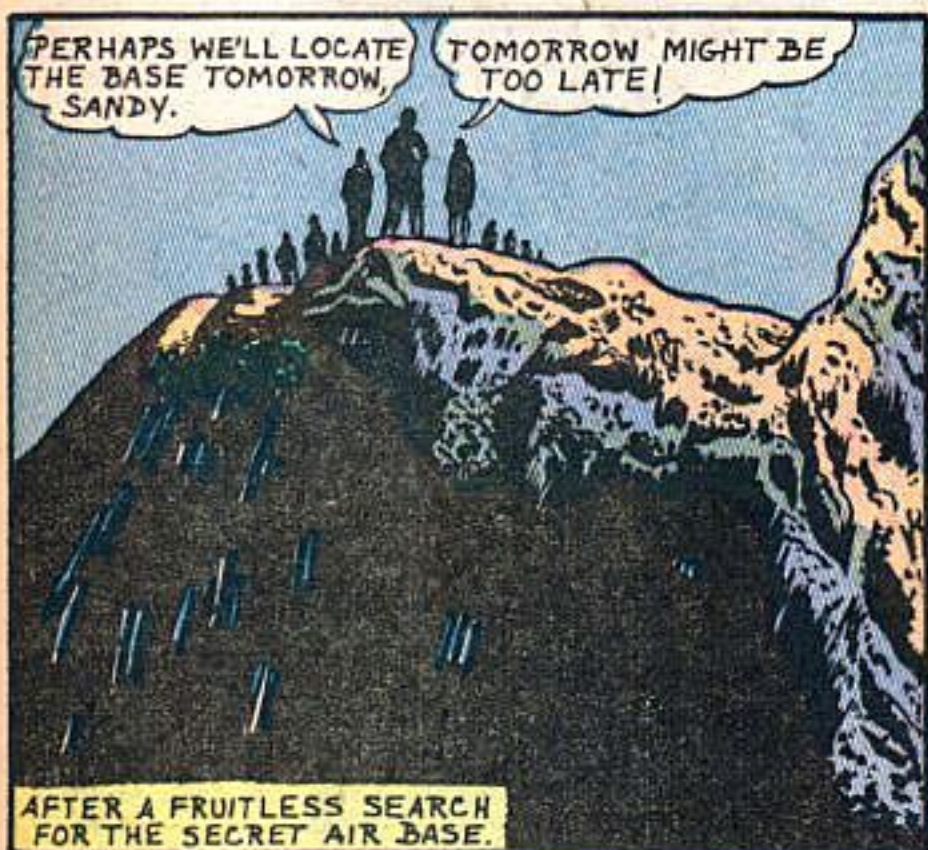
WITH HORROR ON THEIR YOUTHFUL FACES, WING LEE, BILL ANDERSON AND THE BOY PATRIOTS OF CHINA STAND BY HELPLESSLY AS A POWERFUL AMERICAN FLYING TIGER PLANE PLUNGES EARTHWARD TO CERTAIN DESTRUCTION.











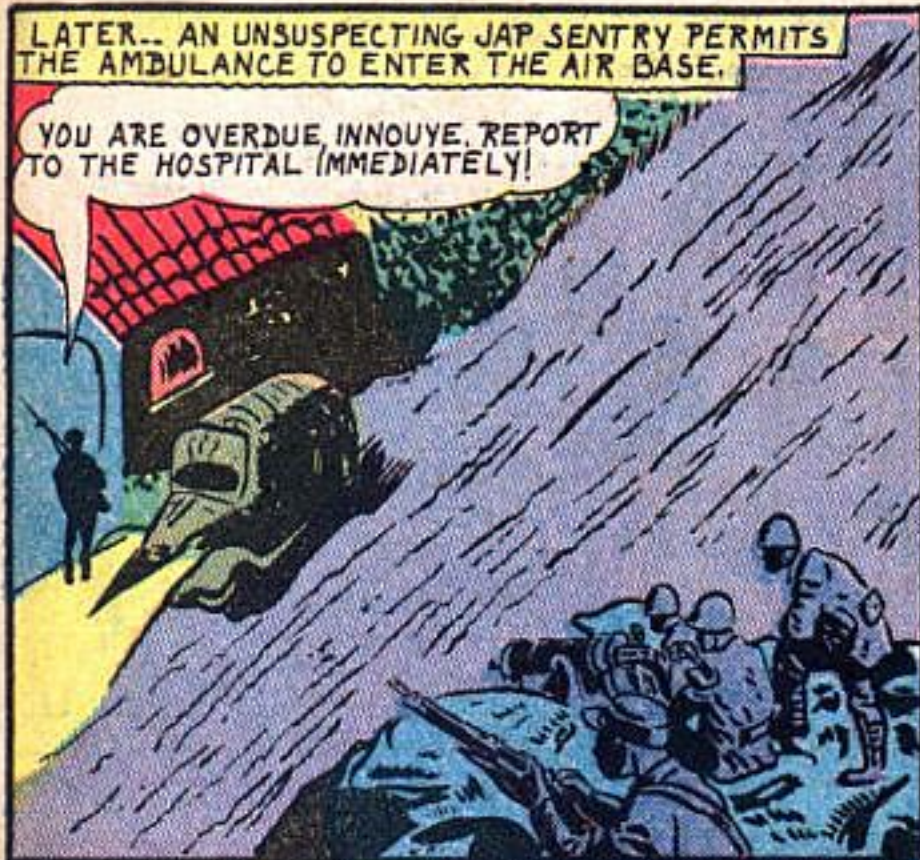






LATER... AN UNSUSPECTING JAP SENTRY PERMITS THE AMBULANCE TO ENTER THE AIR BASE.

YOU ARE OVERDUE, INNOUYE. REPORT TO THE HOSPITAL IMMEDIATELY!

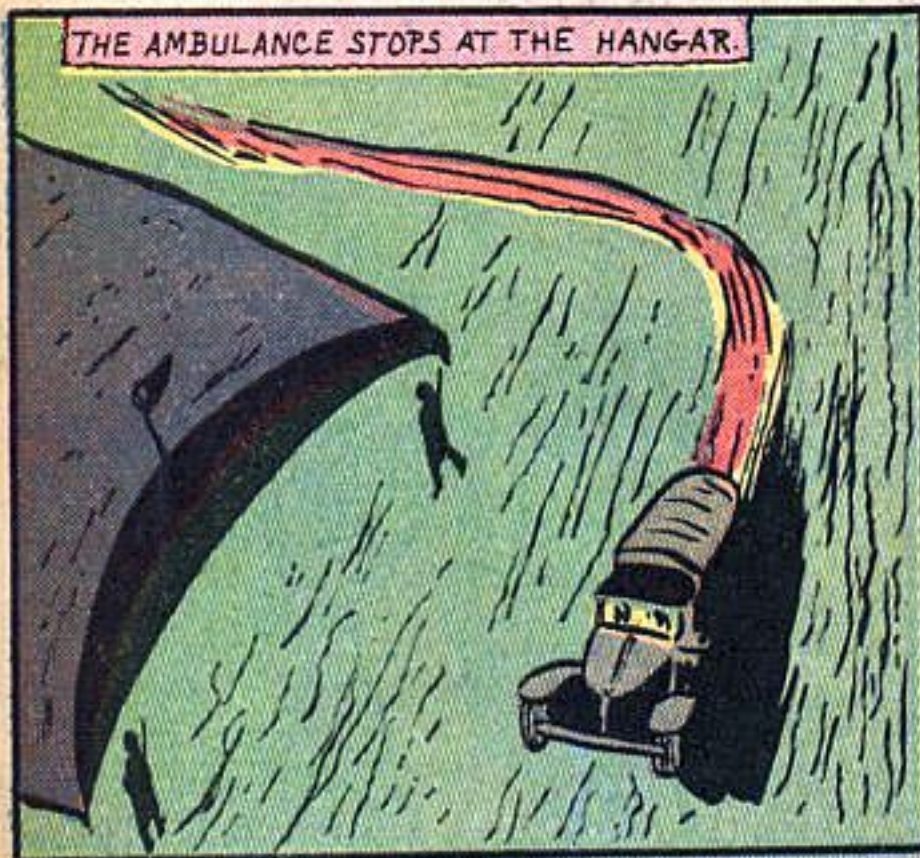


TURN OFF YOUR HEADLIGHTS, NIPS.

AND DRIVE TO THE HANGARS AS FAST AS YOU CAN!



THE AMBULANCE STOPS AT THE HANGAR.

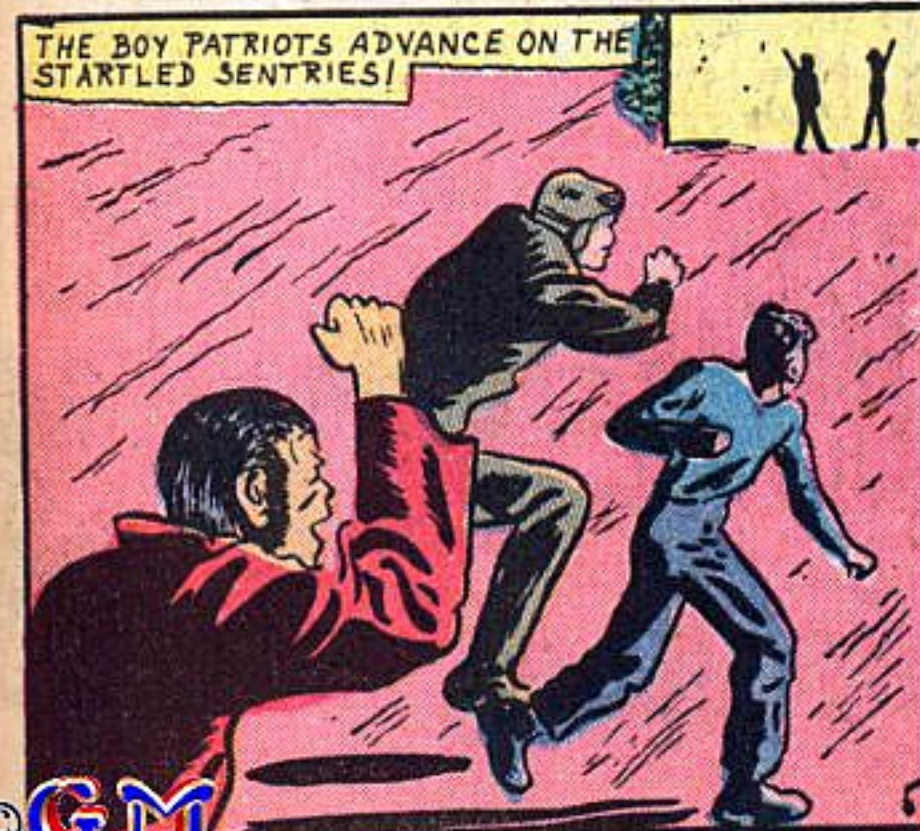


THESE JAPS WILL BE O.K. NOW WE MUST WORK QUICKLY, FELLOWS!

LET'S GO!



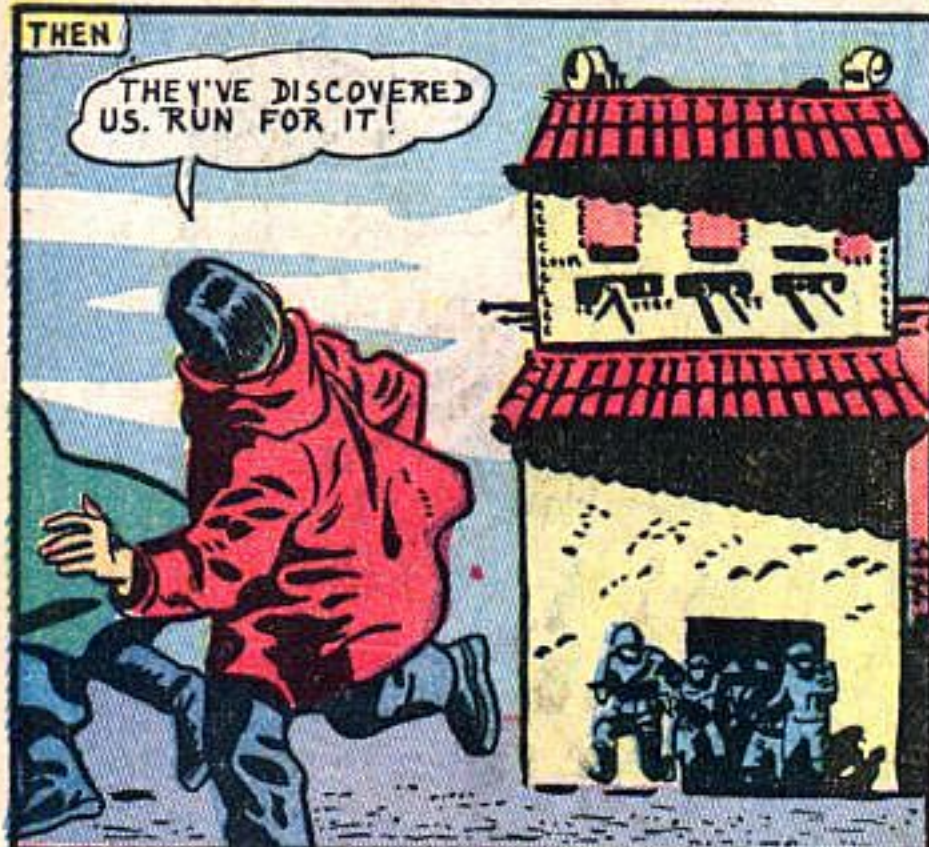
THE BOY PATRIOTS ADVANCE ON THE STARTLED SENTRIES!



BUT SUDDENLY----









THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

WHERE ARE YOU  
TAKING US?

TO SKELETON ISLAND!



BUT YOU CAN'T DO THAT  
TO US! YOU CAN'T LEAVE  
US ON SKELETON ISLAND!  
WE'LL STARVE TO  
DEATH!



PRECISELY, MY FRIEND. A SUITABLE  
END FOR ENEMIES OF THE  
RISING SUN NOW--- GET OUT--  
ALL OF YOU!



CHEER UP, WING. THINGS  
CAN'T BE QUITE AS BAD  
AS YOU BELIEVE. WE CAN  
SCARE UP SOME FRUIT  
AND BERRIES.

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE,  
BILL. NOTHING  
GROWS ON  
SKELETON ISLAND  
NOT EVEN A  
WEED!



MAYBE WE CAN  
SWIM BACK TO THE  
MAINLAND AFTER  
DARK

LOOK!

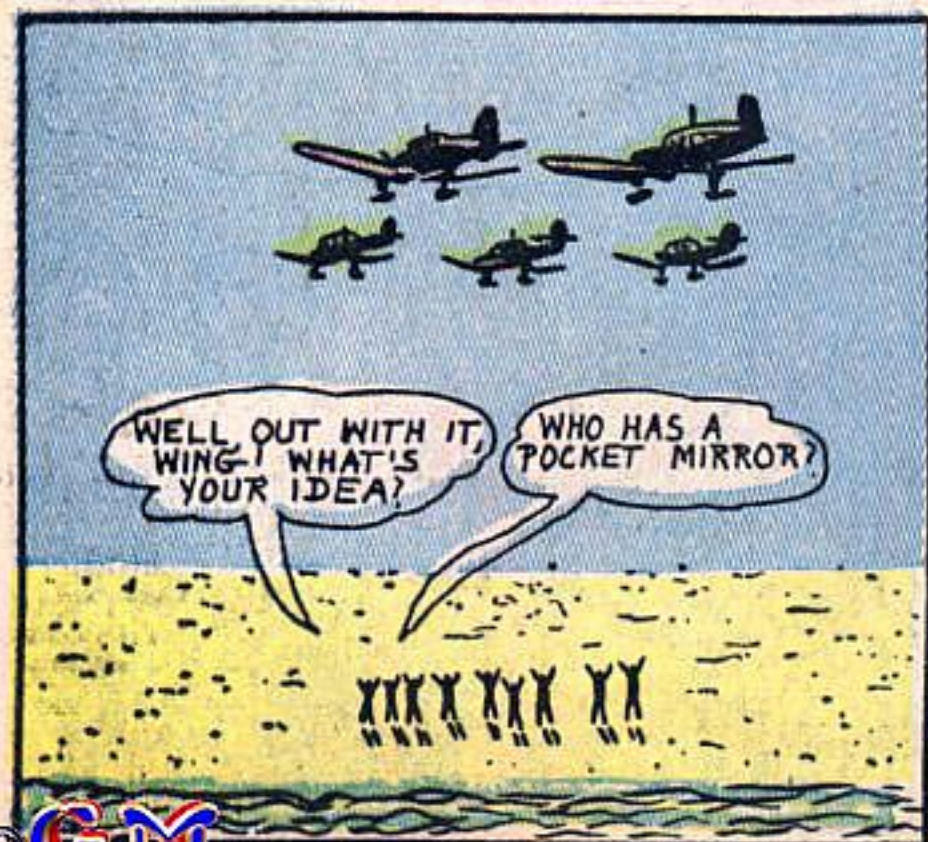


SHARKS!

THE WATER'S FULL OF THEM  
THEY'D TEAR US TO PIECES.  
I TELL YOU --- OUR SITU-  
ATION IS HOPELESS!





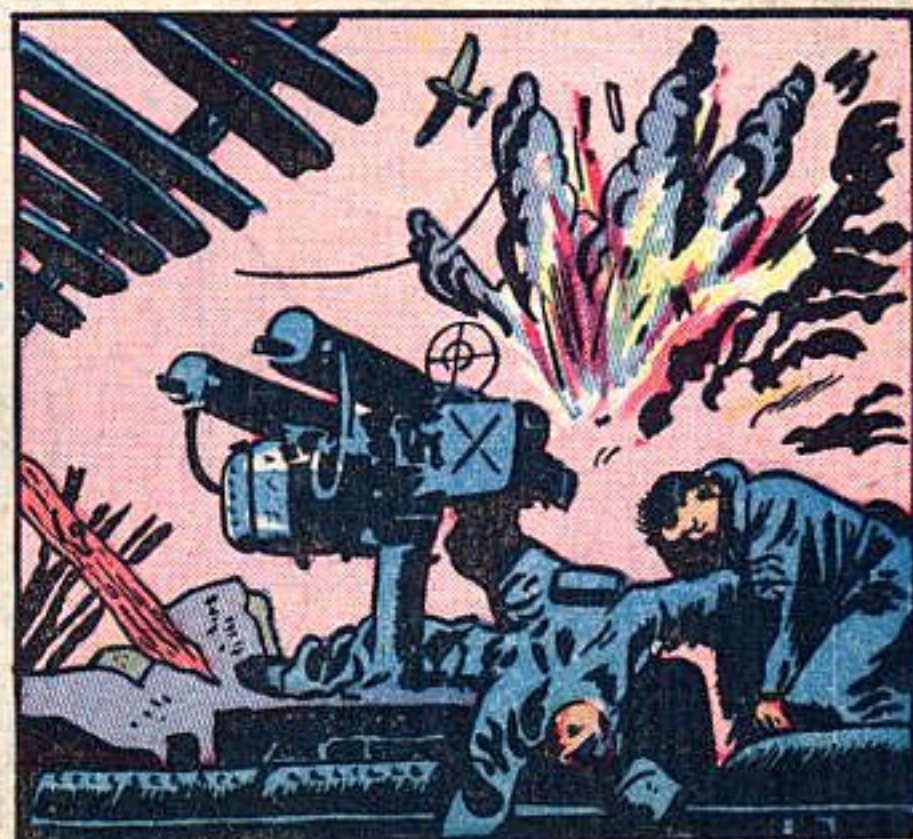
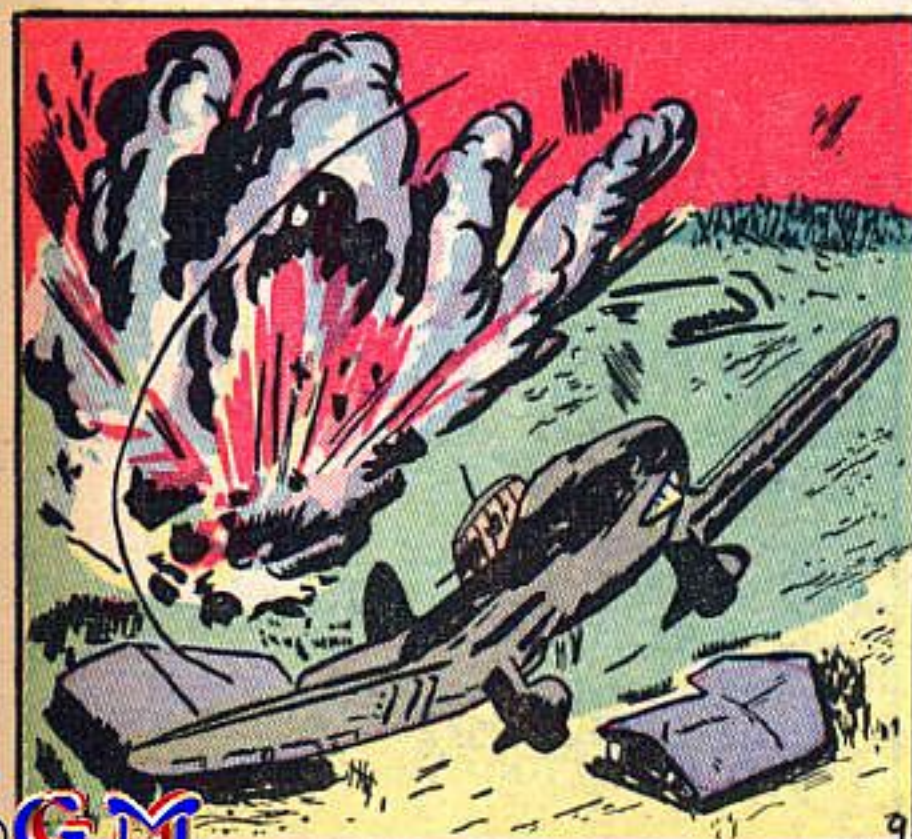
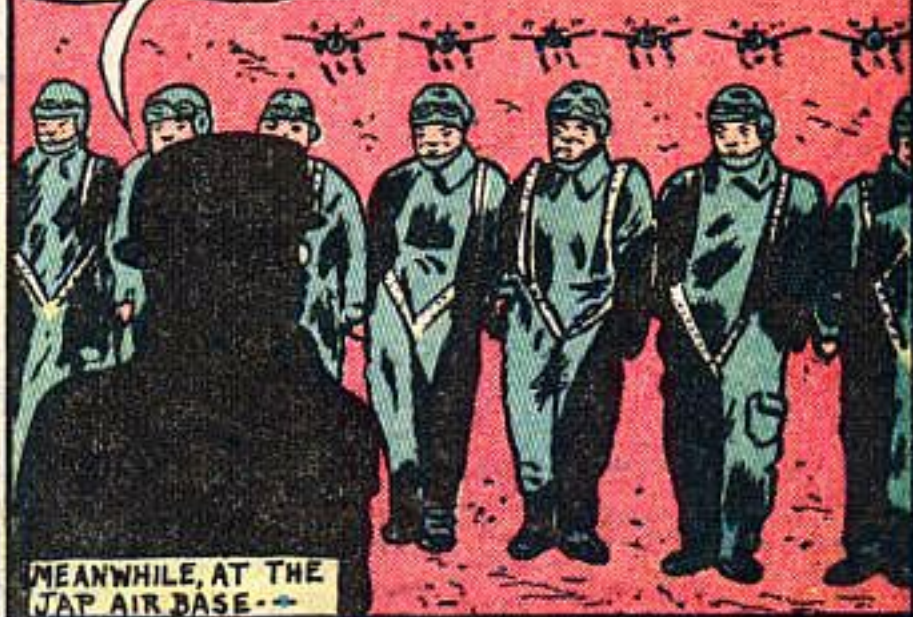




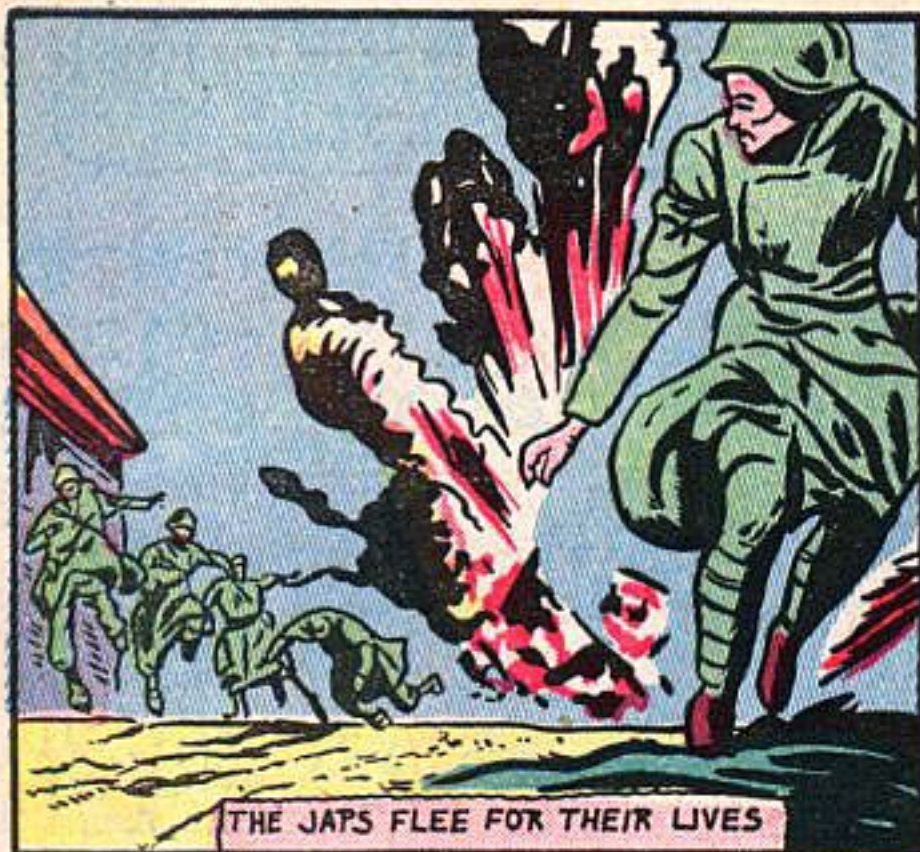
A FEW MINUTES LATER.



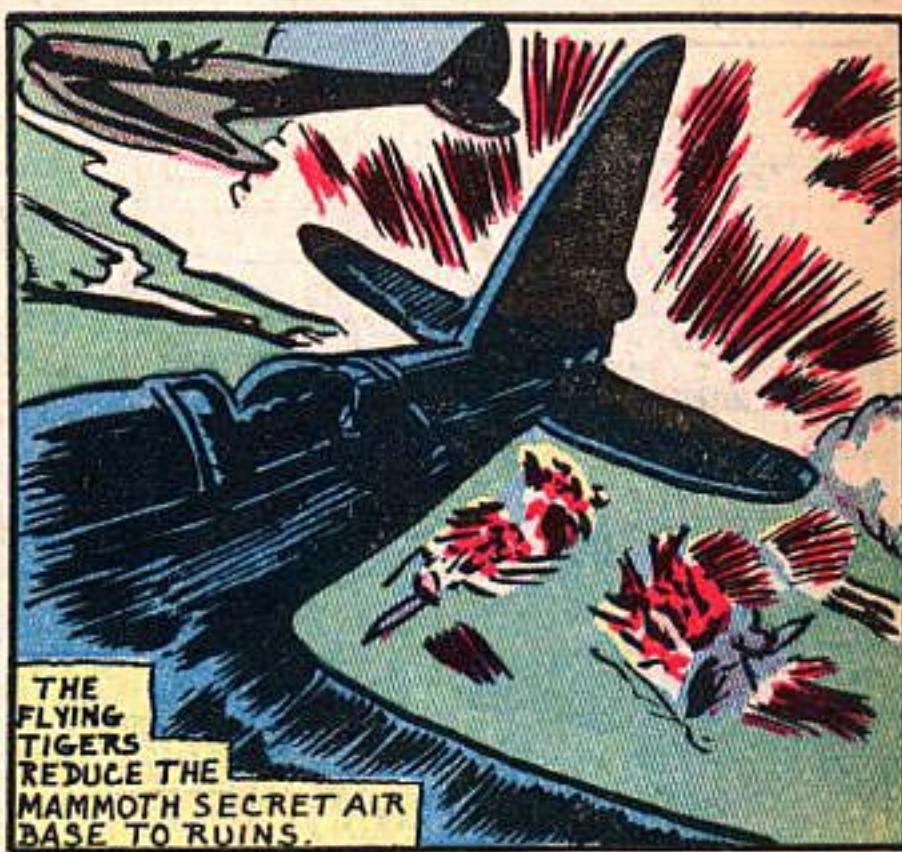
SONS OF NIPPON! THE HOUR TO STRIKE HAS COME. YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO. IT IS WITHIN YOUR POWER TO KNOCK CHINA OUT OF THE WAR! PROCEED ---- AND MAY THE GODS OF YOUR ANCESTRAL FATHERS BRING YOU GOOD FORTUNE!







THE JAPS FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES



THE FLYING TIGERS REDUCE THE MAMMOTH SECRET AIR BASE TO RUINS.



BECAUSE OF YOUR INGENUOUS MIRROR SIGNAL, LIEUTENANT WARD, WE WERE ABLE TO DESTROY THE SECRET JAP AIR BASE, THUS AVERTING DISASTER FOR CHINA.

THANK YOU, SIR, BUT THE MIRROR SIGNAL WAS NOT MY IDEA. WING LEE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT. AND HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE BOY PATRIOTS, WE NEVER WOULD HAVE LOCATED THE JAP BASE.

LATER... AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF GENERAL CLAIRE CHENAULT, SOMEWHERE IN CHINA.



I AM WELL AWARE OF OUR DEBT TO THE BRAVE BOY PATRIOTS. NOT ONLY IS CHINA PROUD OF THEM, BUT SO AM I!

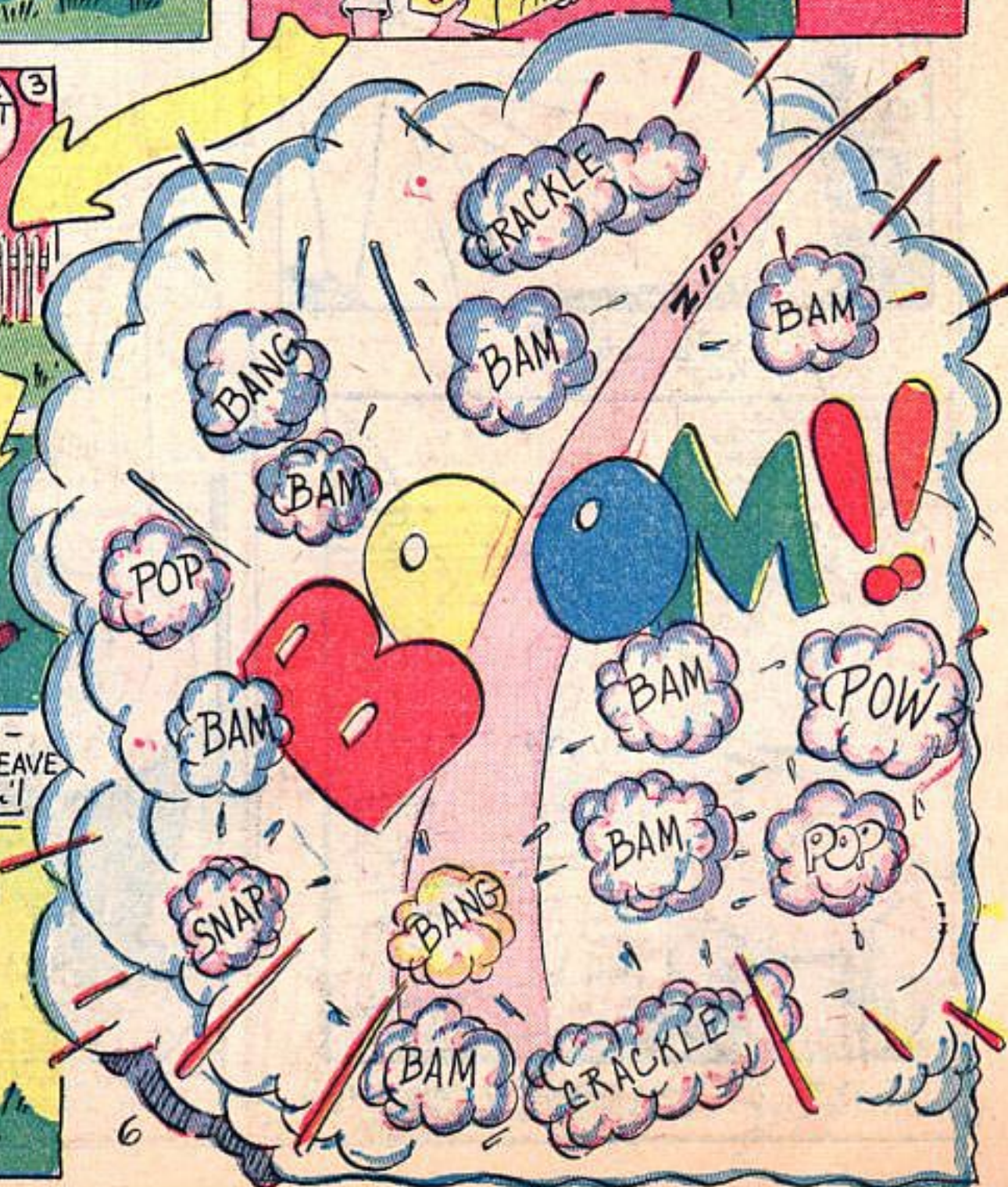
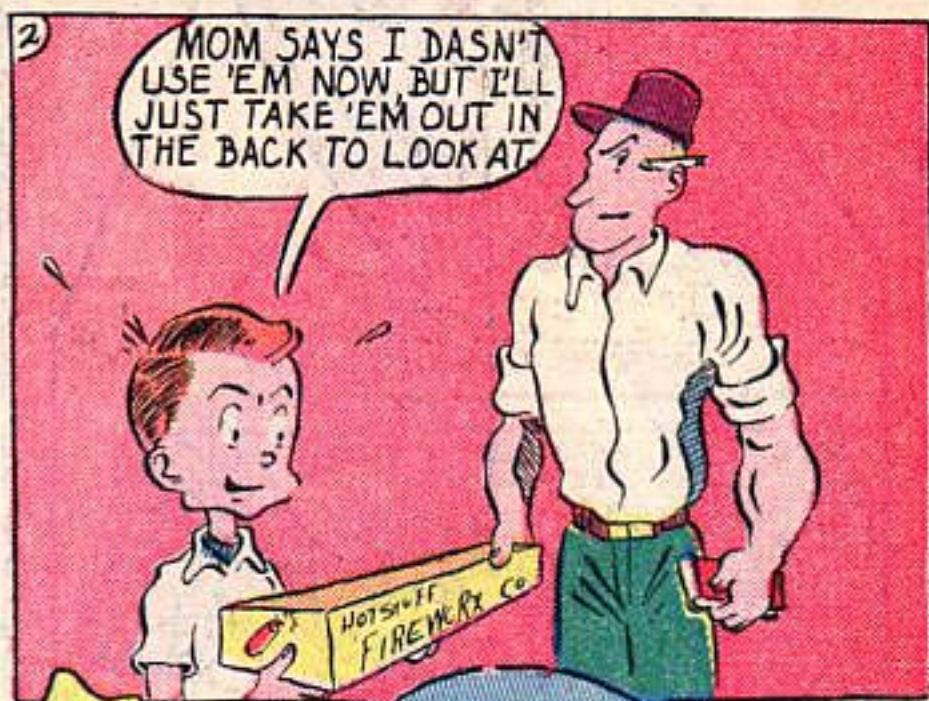
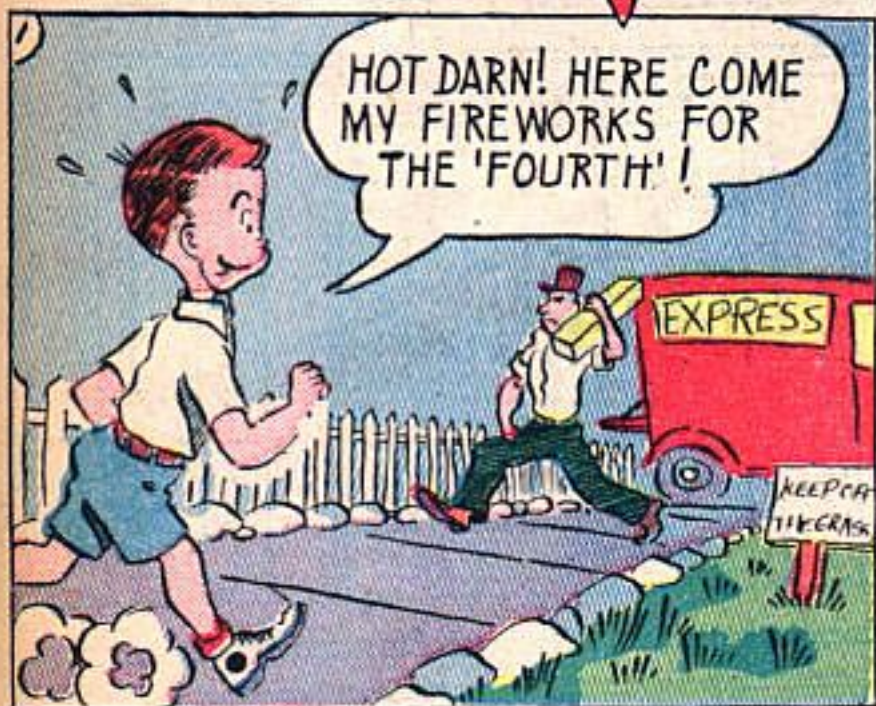
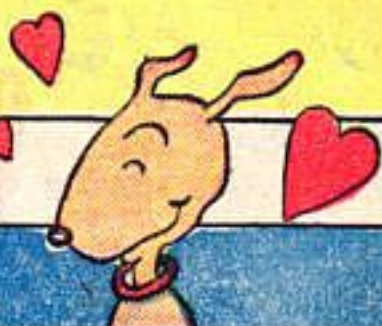


AND IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR INVALUABLE AID I HEREBY APPOINT YOU BOY PATRIOTS HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE FLYING TIGERS!

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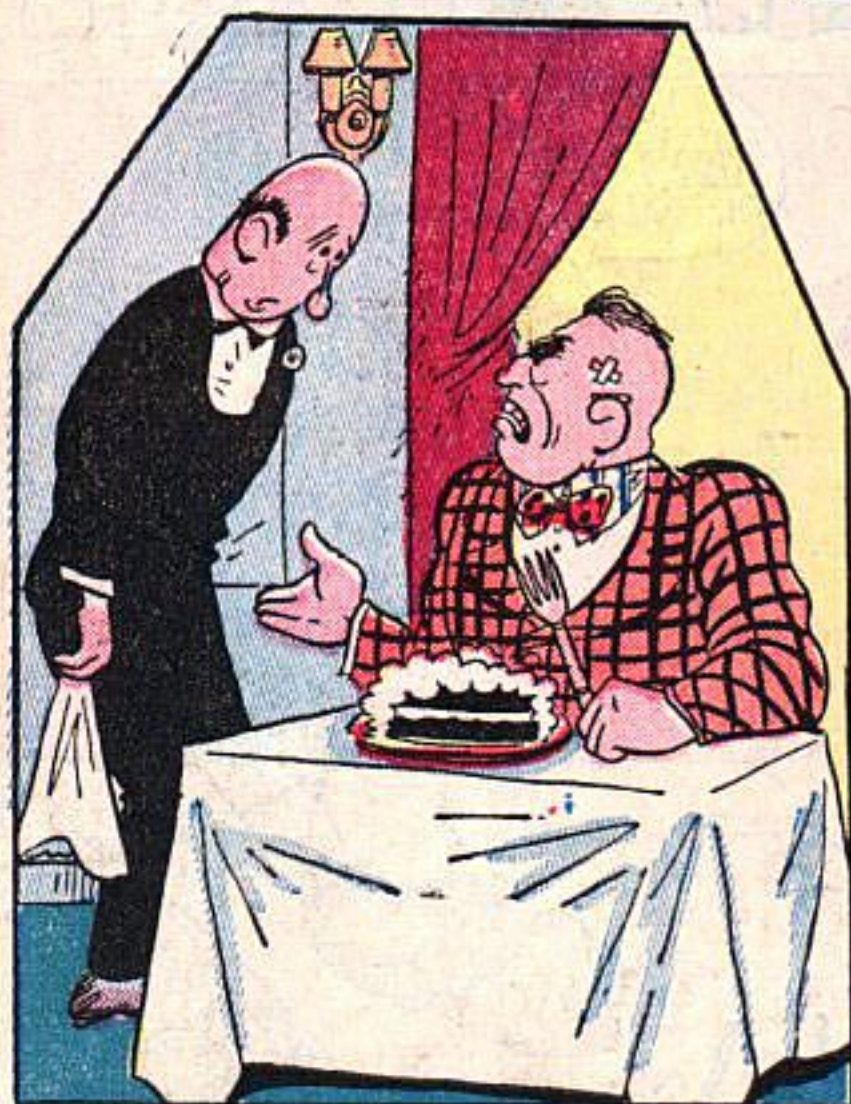
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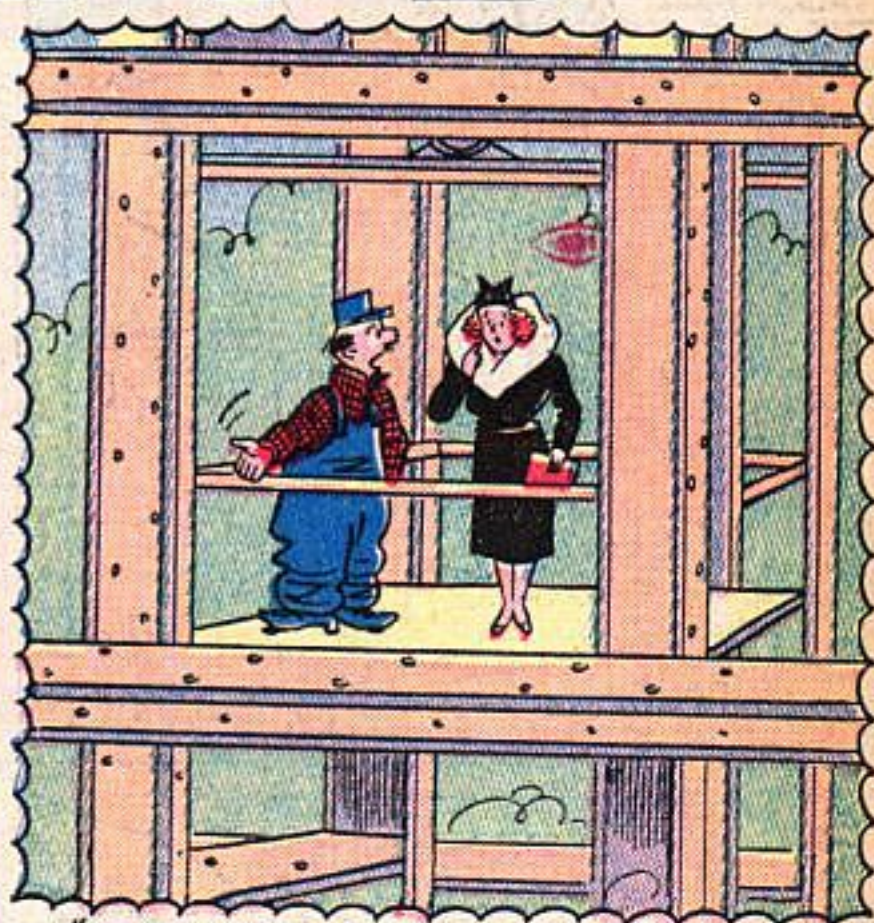


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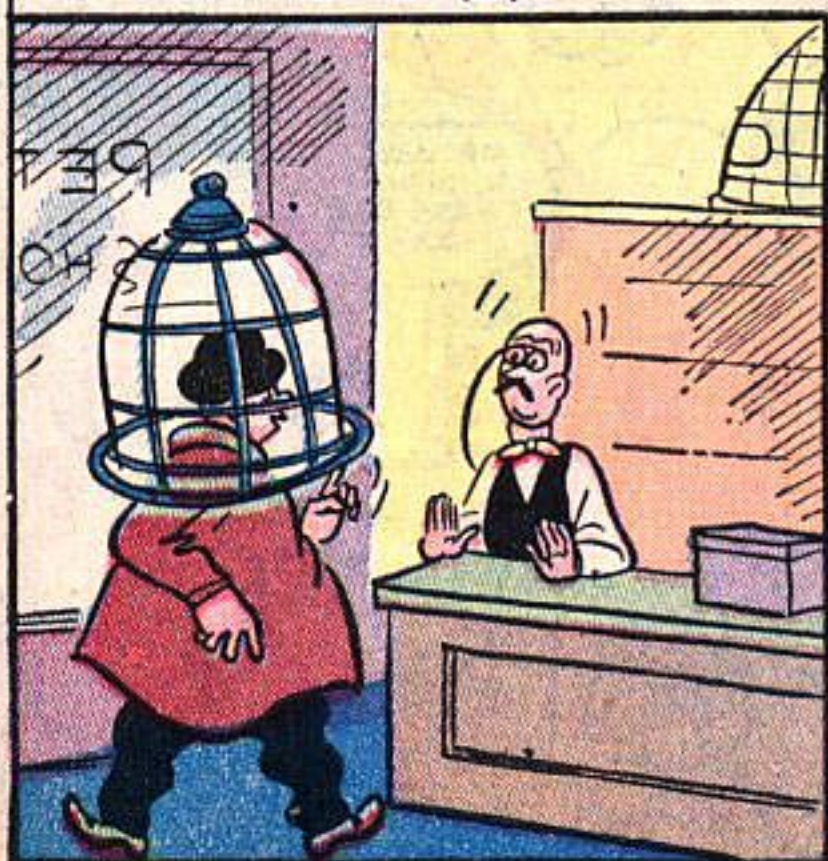
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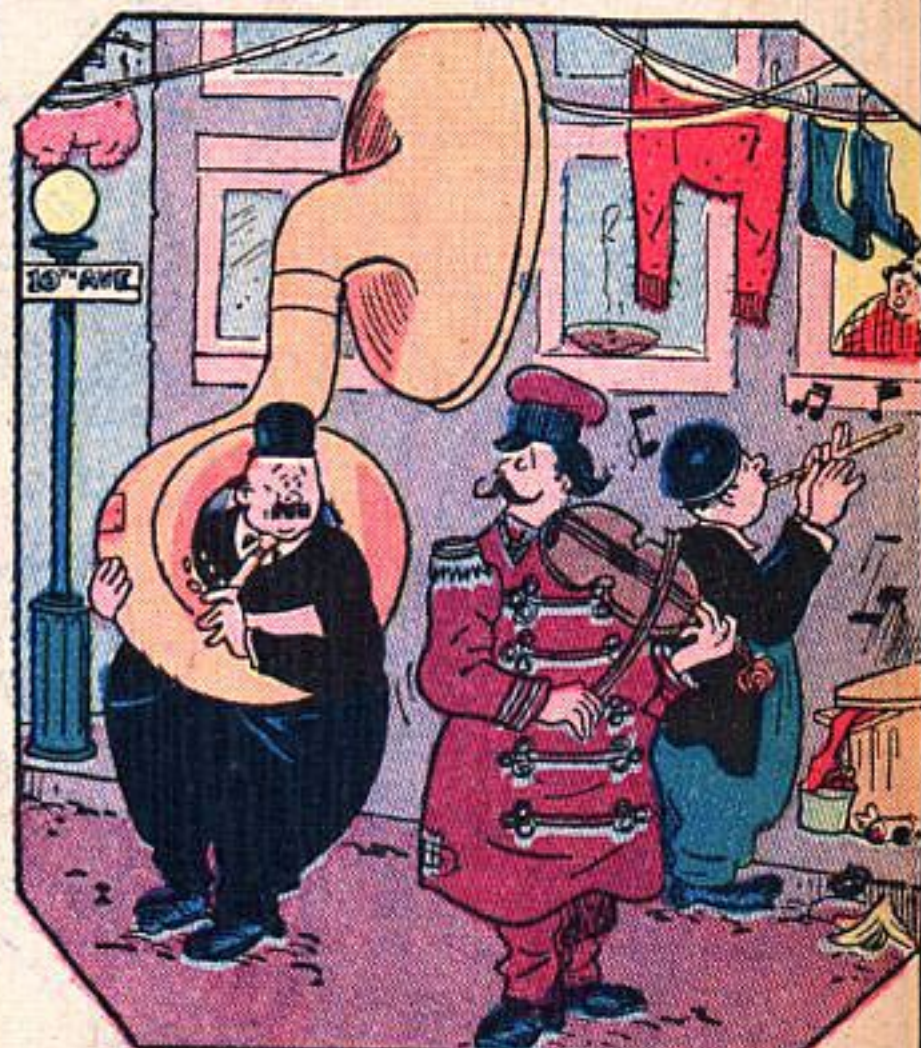
"WHAT IS DIS?  
I SAID STEAK,  
NOT CAKE?"



"BUT, LADY? HOW WOULD I KNOW  
IF YOU SHOULD HAVE TWIN BEDS  
IN HERE?"



"TUT, TUT? I'M JUS' TRYING IT FOR SIZE..  
ALWAYS LIKED DERBYS, YA KNOW?"



"THE LADY WOULD LIKE TO HEAR  
"THE ZOOT SUIT TOOT, EDGAR!"



# TOPPY

by BART

UNCLE LOOEY IS MAKING SPEECHES AGAIN. TALKIN'! ALL THE TIME TALKIN'!

IF I WUZ RUNNING THIS WAR..

YE OUCH!

THAT OUGHT TO KEEP HIM QUIET FOR AWHILE!

TOPPY! AREN'T YOU ASHAMED? APOLOGIZE AT ONCE!

YEAH, APOLOGIZE TO YOUR UNCLE LOOEY, YOU BAD BOY!

NO!

I'LL TEACH YOU, YOU YOUNG WHIPPERSNAPPER!

OOF!

I CHANGED MY MIND, UNCLE LOOEY! I APOLOGIZE!

VERY WELL! THEN YOU'RE SORRY YOU USED THAT SLING-SHOT?

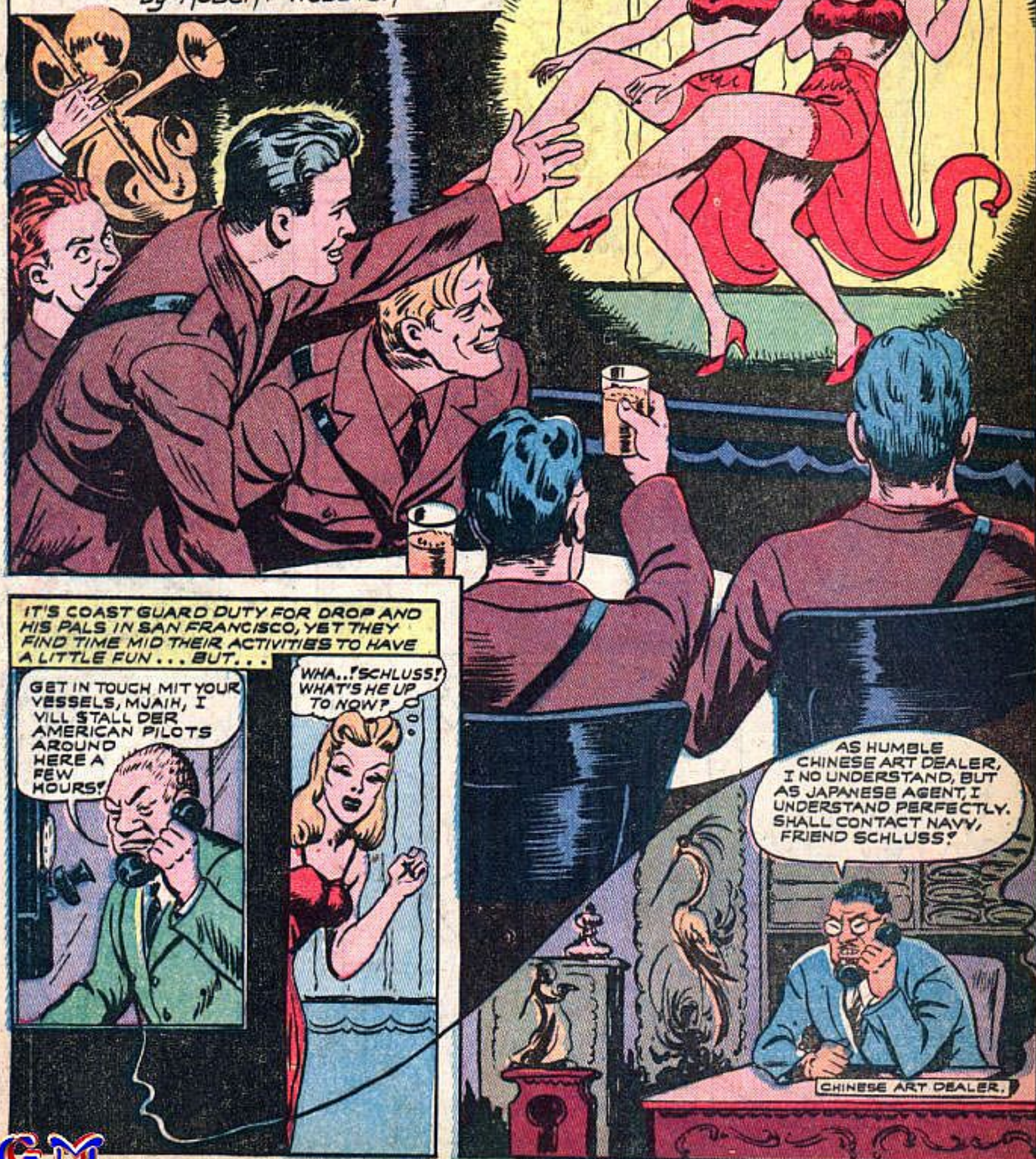
ER..NO..I'M SORRY I DIDN'T KNOW HOW FAST YOU COULD RUN!



# Drop TOWERS

## ACE PILOT

By ROBERT WEBSTER



IT'S COAST GUARD DUTY FOR DROP AND HIS PALS IN SAN FRANCISCO, YET THEY FIND TIME MID THEIR ACTIVITIES TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN ... BUT ...

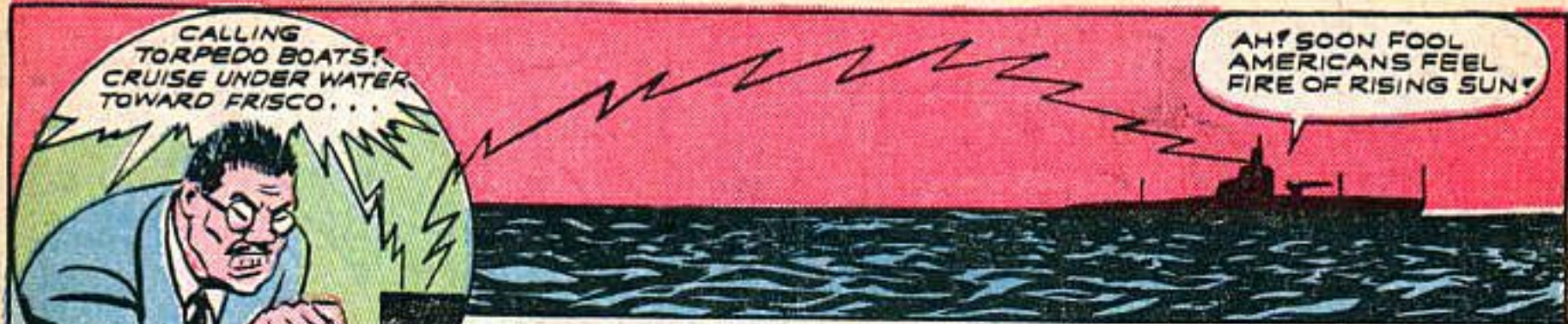
GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR VESSELS, MJAH, I VILL STALL DER AMERICAN PILOTS AROUND HERE A FEW HOURS!

WHA...! SCHLUSS! WHAT'S HE UP TO NOW?

AS HUMBLE CHINESE ART DEALER, I NO UNDERSTAND, BUT AS JAPANESE AGENT, I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY. SHALL CONTACT NAVY, FRIEND SCHLUSS?

CHINESE ART DEALER.





CALLING  
TORPEDO BOATS!  
CRUISE UNDER WATER  
TOWARD FRISCO...

AH! SOON FOOL  
AMERICANS FEEL  
FIRE OF RISING SUN!

MEANWHILE, AT THE  
CAFE...



HERE,  
HILDA! YOU  
SIMPLY PUT  
THIS IN DER  
FLIERS BEER.  
I VILL PAY YOU  
WELL AS I  
ALWAYS DO!

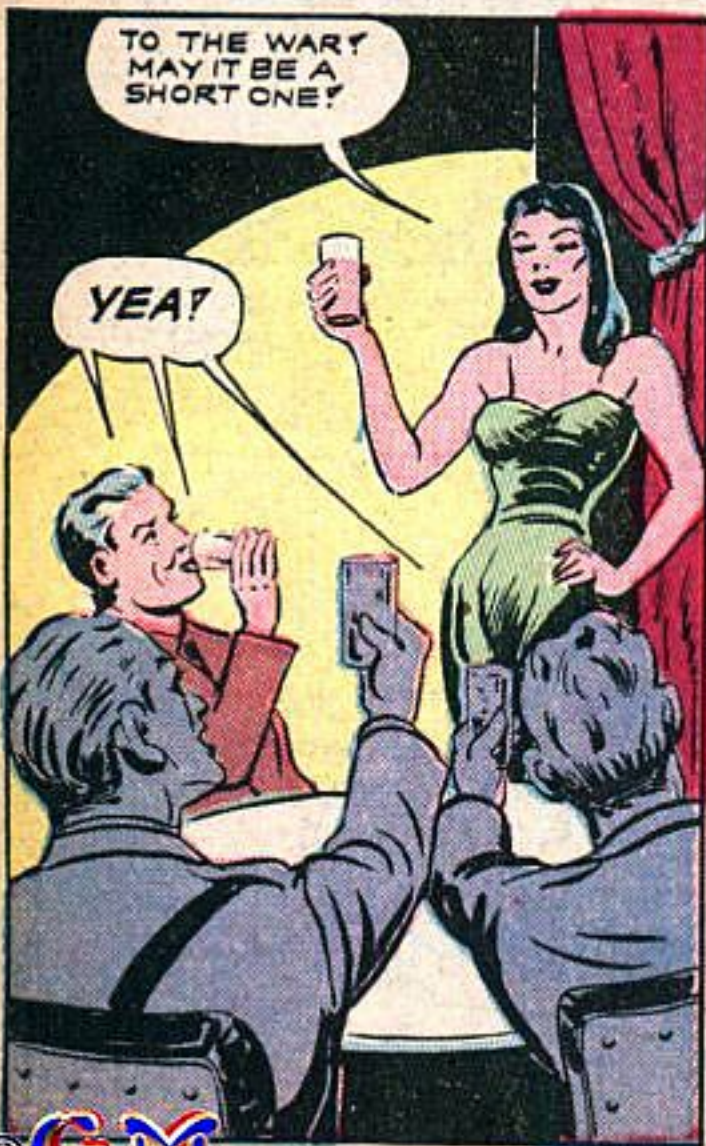
I'M  
GETTING  
SICK OF  
THIS DIRTY  
WORK,  
SCHLUSS!



AH! SHE ISS A  
GOOD YOKER,  
DOT HILDA!

AW...  
SHUCKS!  
COME ON,  
JOIN US IN  
A TOAST,  
BEAUTIFUL!

HELLO,  
HANK!



TO THE WARY  
MAY IT BE A  
SHORT ONE!

YEA!



BUT DROP PUTS  
HIS GLASS DOWN,  
UNTOUCHED...

ONE OF US HAS TO  
KEEP ON THE  
BEAM... MIGHT  
AS WELL BE ME!

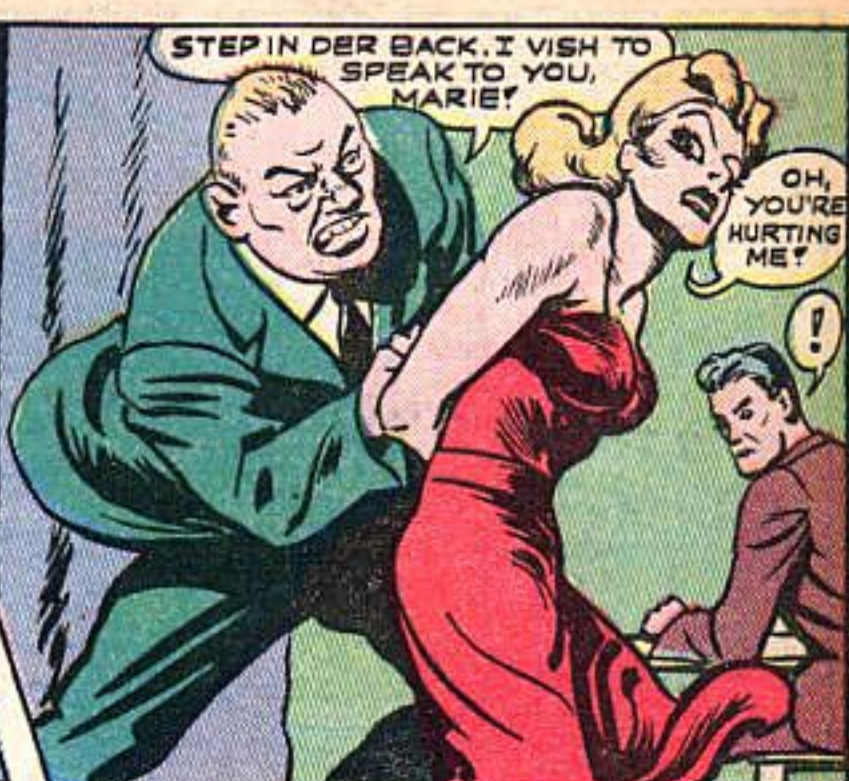


SUDDENLY...

OOPS! OH, DEAR,  
I SPILLED IT!  
I'M SO SORRY!

GOSH! NEVER  
MIND THE  
BEER... HOPE  
YOUR DRESS  
DIDN'T GET  
WET!













HERE YOU GO, HANK? WHILE THOSE BABIES ARE NAPPING WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE PIER?



JUST AS I FIGURED? SOMEONE ACTING AS A GUIDE FOR LIGHT?



BUT...

EXCUSE MY PUN, BUT YOU WERE A PUSHOVER, PAL?

HELP!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

GLAD TO SEE YOU WAKING UP, HANK, WE'RE BOUND FOR THE AIRPORT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS DIRTY WORK?

UGH! MY HEAD!



WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOING ON, DROP?

I'M NOT SURE, BUT WE'LL SOON KNOW!

THIS WILL TEACH THOSE BABIES THEY'RE NOT FOOLING AROUND WITH SISSIES!



HOLY SMOKE! LOOK BELOW, HANK!

GOOD WORK! IT WAS A HIT!



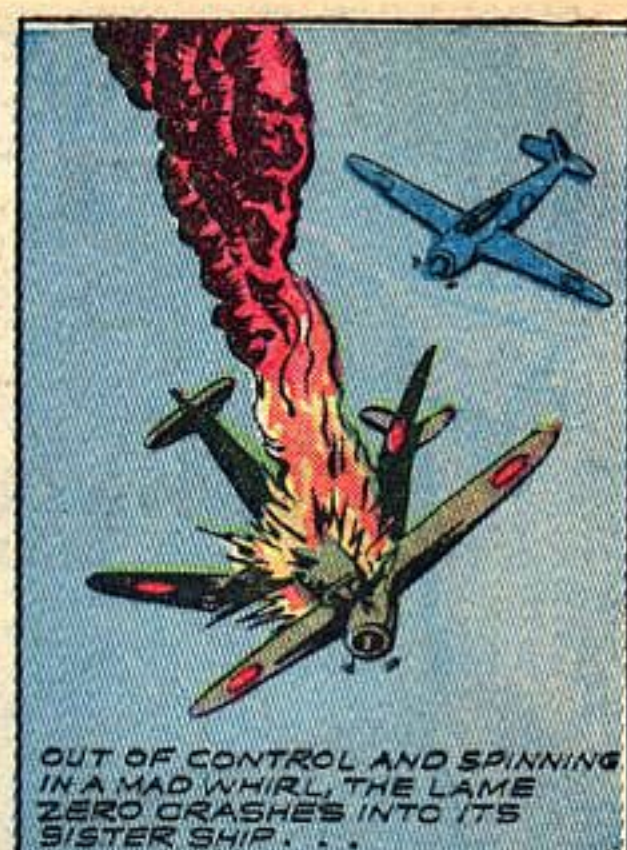
COME ON, HANK, WE'RE GOING OUT OVER THE BAY?

IN THIS INK?



SOON DROP AND HANK ARE HOVERING OVER THE BAY, AND WITH THE AID OF FLARES MAKE A STARTLING DISCOVERY...







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FILTHY BLACKHEADS  
OF HIS

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TO TALK TO  
HIM RIGHT  
AWAY

“WHY DON'T YOU TRY  
VACUTEX FOR THOSE  
BLACKHEADS JIM? IT  
CERTAINLY HELPED ME

“THANKS BOB.  
IT SOUNDS  
WORTH  
TRYING

“JIM DARLING,  
HOW NICE AND  
CLEAN YOU  
LOOK!

“YOU CAN THANK  
VACUTEX  
FOR THAT,  
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