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SPACE CADET



SPACE ACADEMY

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The basic lessons Space Cadets study cover all the sciences of space flight . . . of life on other planets, near and far . . . of interstellar laws which are the foundation of peace among the planets and peoples of the solar system.

But there is one course at Space Academy—the most important of all—which is not covered by any textbook or classroom study. And yet, the lives of all the Cadets at Space Academy are guided by this course . . . the lessons they learn about comradeship, loyalty and trust in each other! Space Cadets, when they graduate, are more than spacemates—they are brothers of the star trails!

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SPACE CADET

A MYSTERIOUS EXPEDITION IS BEING SECRETLY PREPARED AT THE GREAT SPACEPORT NEAR SPACE ACADEMY.

GEE, DR. GULLIBER! A TREASURE TRIP INTO THE ASTEROIDS! I'M SO EXCITED I COULD---

SHUSH, JIMMY! SOMEONE MIGHT OVERHEAR YOU! WE'VE GOT TO KEEP IT A SECRET!

OR

WE ALREADY KNOW YOUR SECRET, DOC!

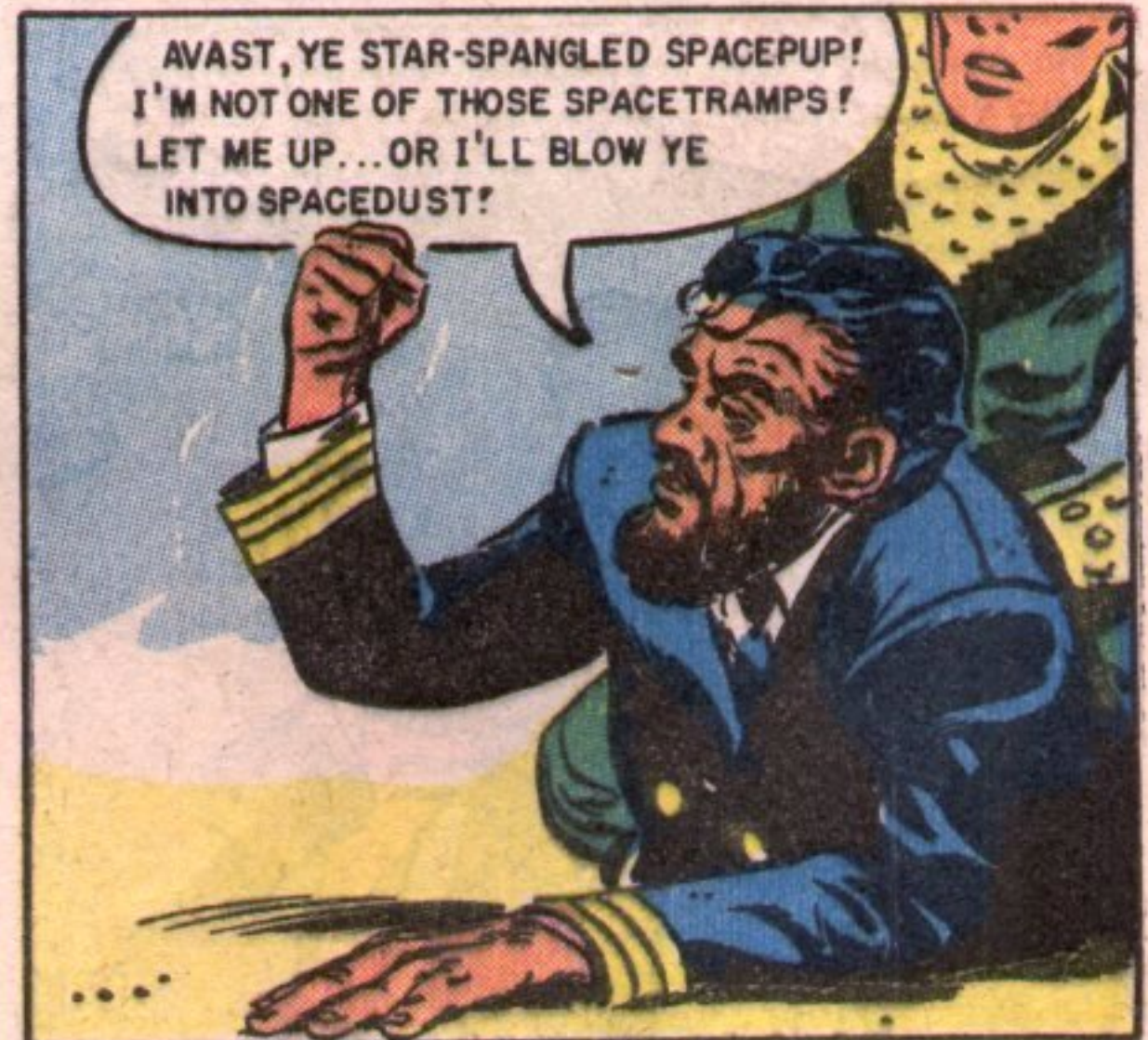
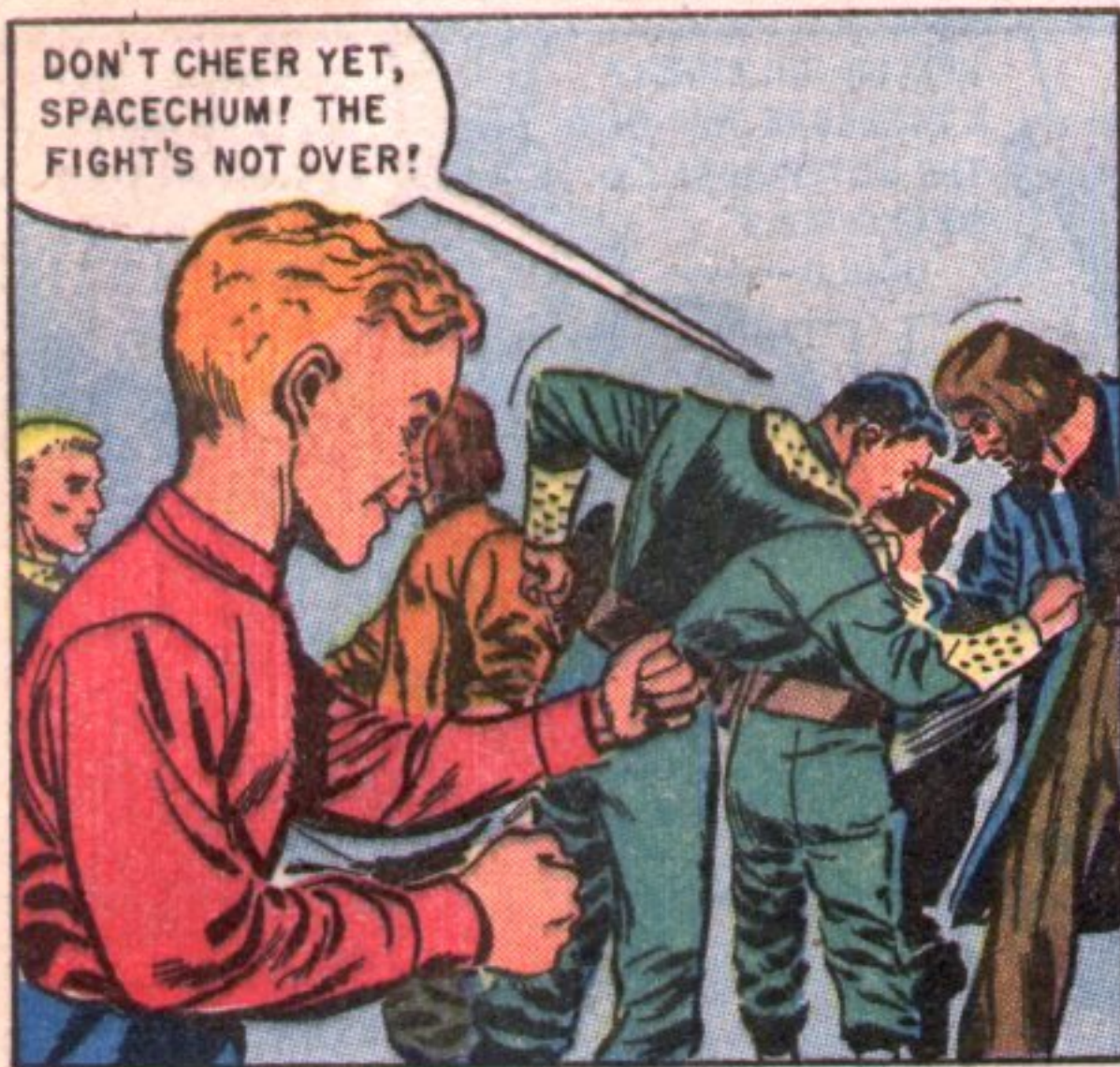
WE WANT THE MAP OF THE TREASURE, DOC! HAND IT OVER! QUICK!

ROGER! ASTRO! LOOK AT THAT!

THOSE SPACEROGUES SURE HAVE NERVE! A ROBBERY IN BROAD DAYLIGHT WITH A HUNDRED WITNESSES!

STOW YOUR SPACEGAB! COME ON!

HOORAY FOR THE SPACE CADETS! WE'LL BE SAVED, DR. GULLIBER!





SAY... YOU'RE GOING TO BE CAPTAIN OF OUR SHIP...

IS THAT SO? WELL, YOU'VE GOT A FINE WAY OF WELCOMING ME!



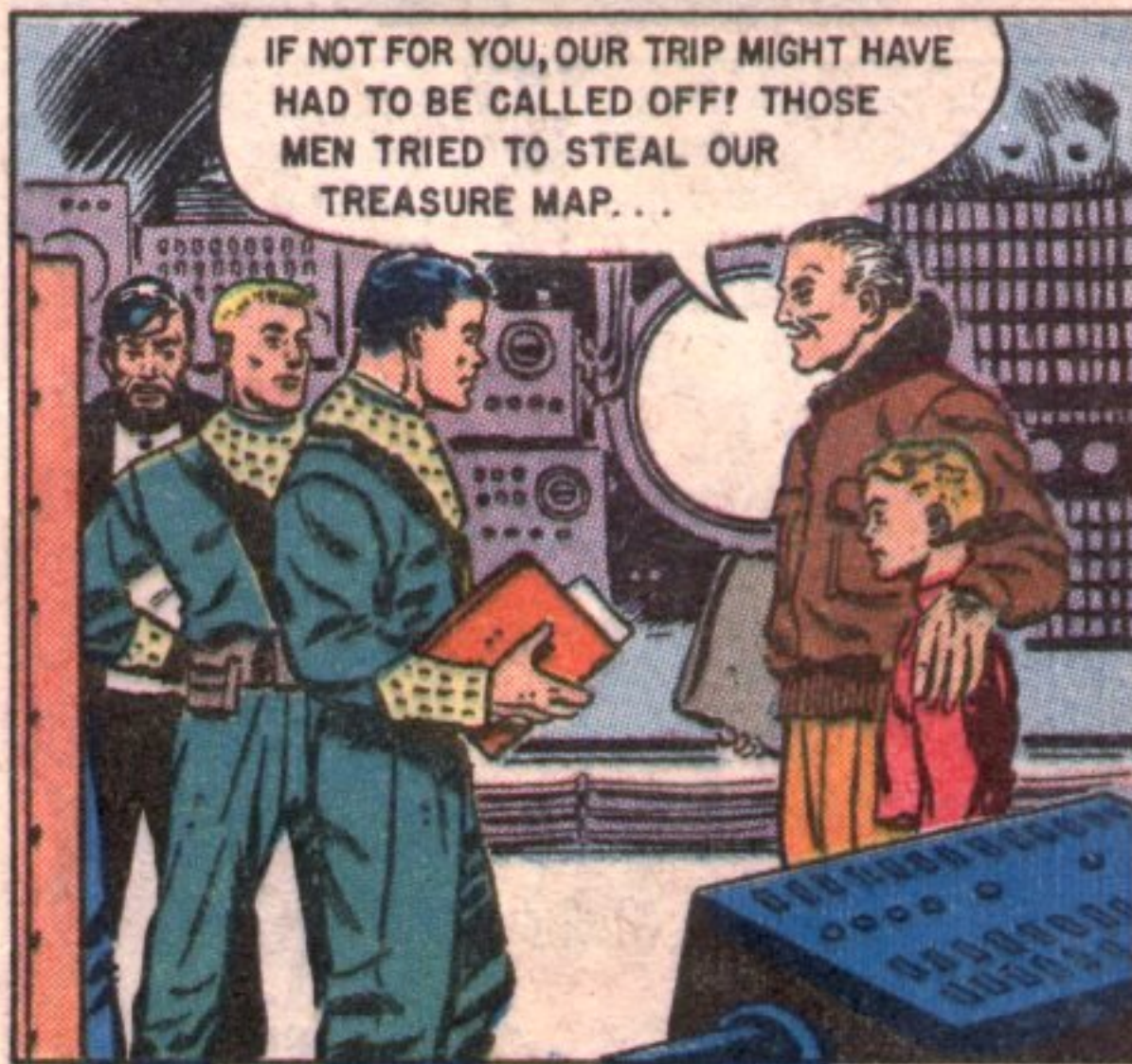
I THINK I SHOULD EXPLAIN THE ATTACK ON US... AND THE REASON FOR IT! IF YOU'LL ALL COME ABOARD THE ANDROMEDA, I'LL TELL YOU OUR STORY.

SURE! WE'VE GOT TIME BEFORE WE REPORT TO OUR NEXT CLASS!



YOU'VE GOT A FINE-LOOKING SHIP, THERE?

YOU BET! GEE... WAIT TILL YOU SPACE CADETS FIND OUT WHERE WE'RE GOING! I'LL BET YOU'LL WANT TO COME ALONG!



IF NOT FOR YOU, OUR TRIP MIGHT HAVE HAD TO BE CALLED OFF! THOSE MEN TRIED TO STEAL OUR TREASURE MAP...

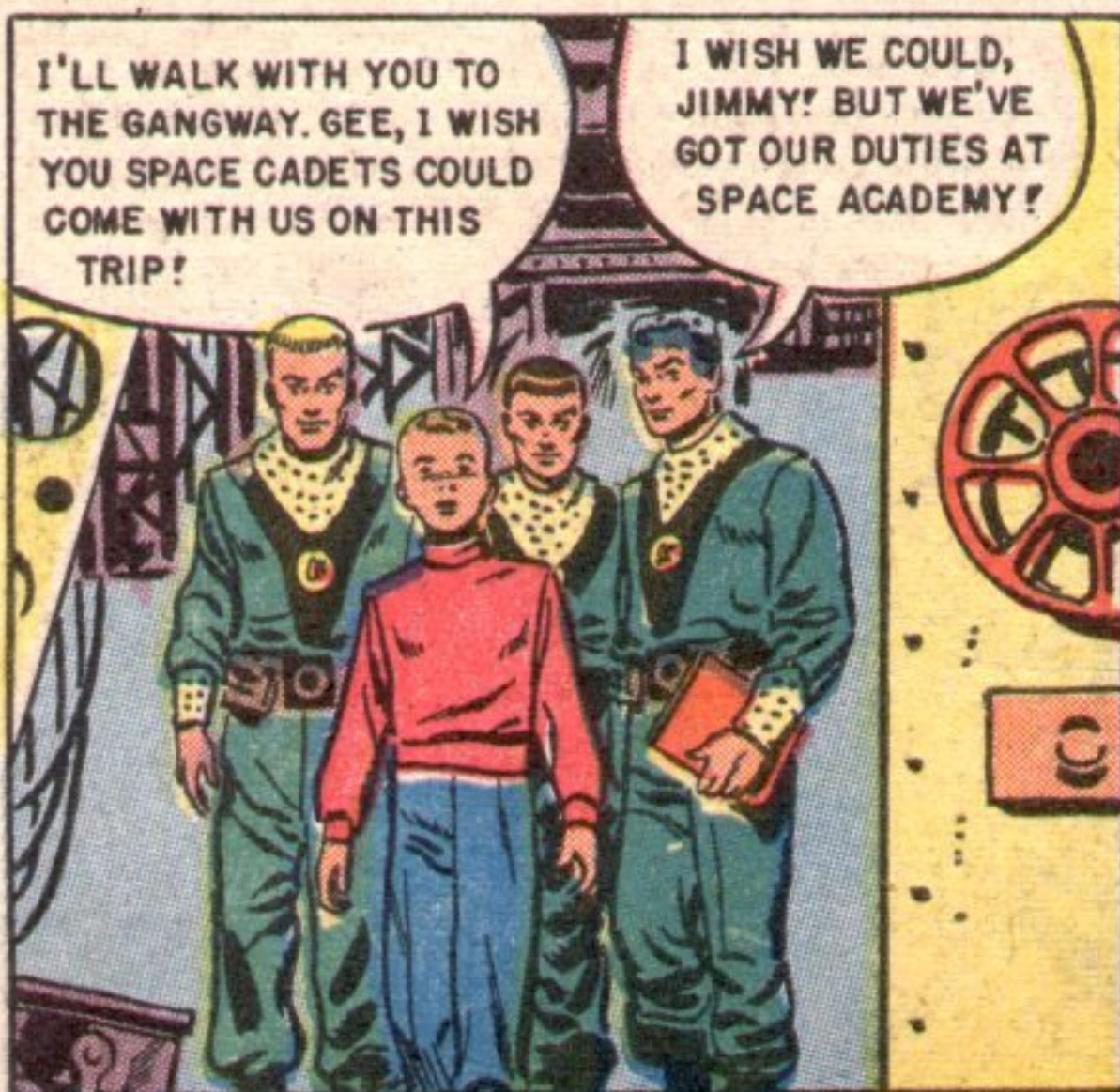


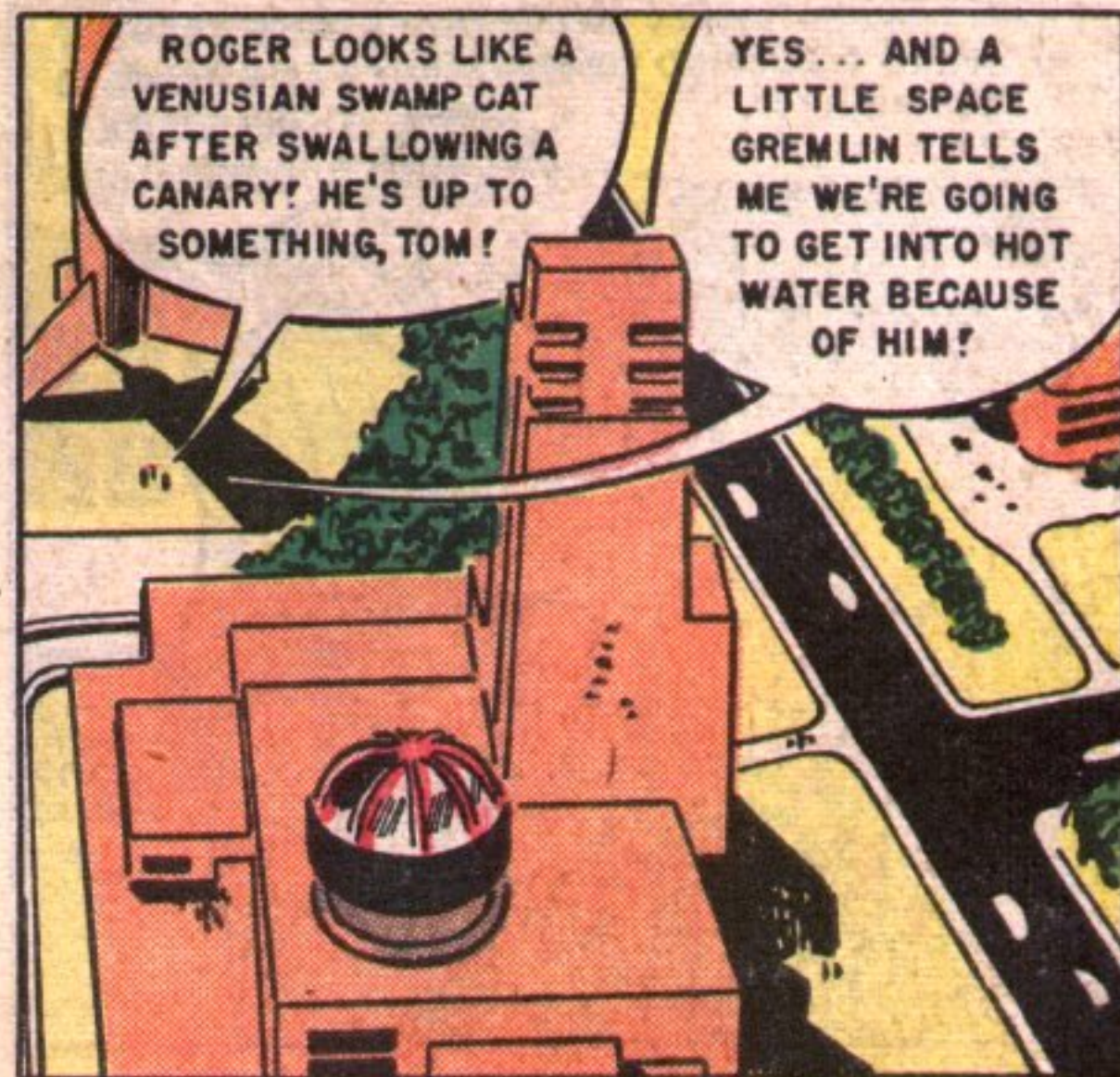
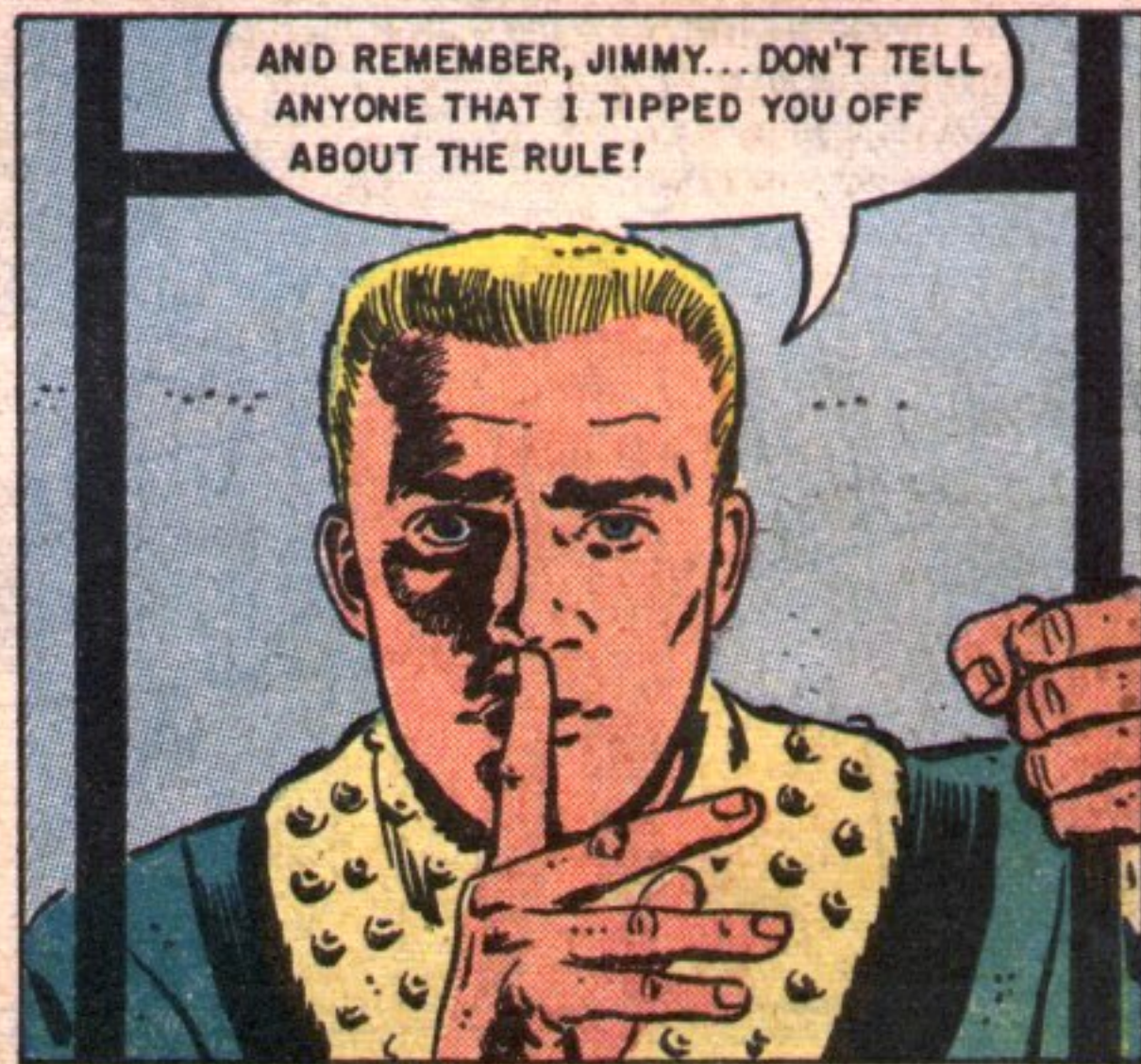
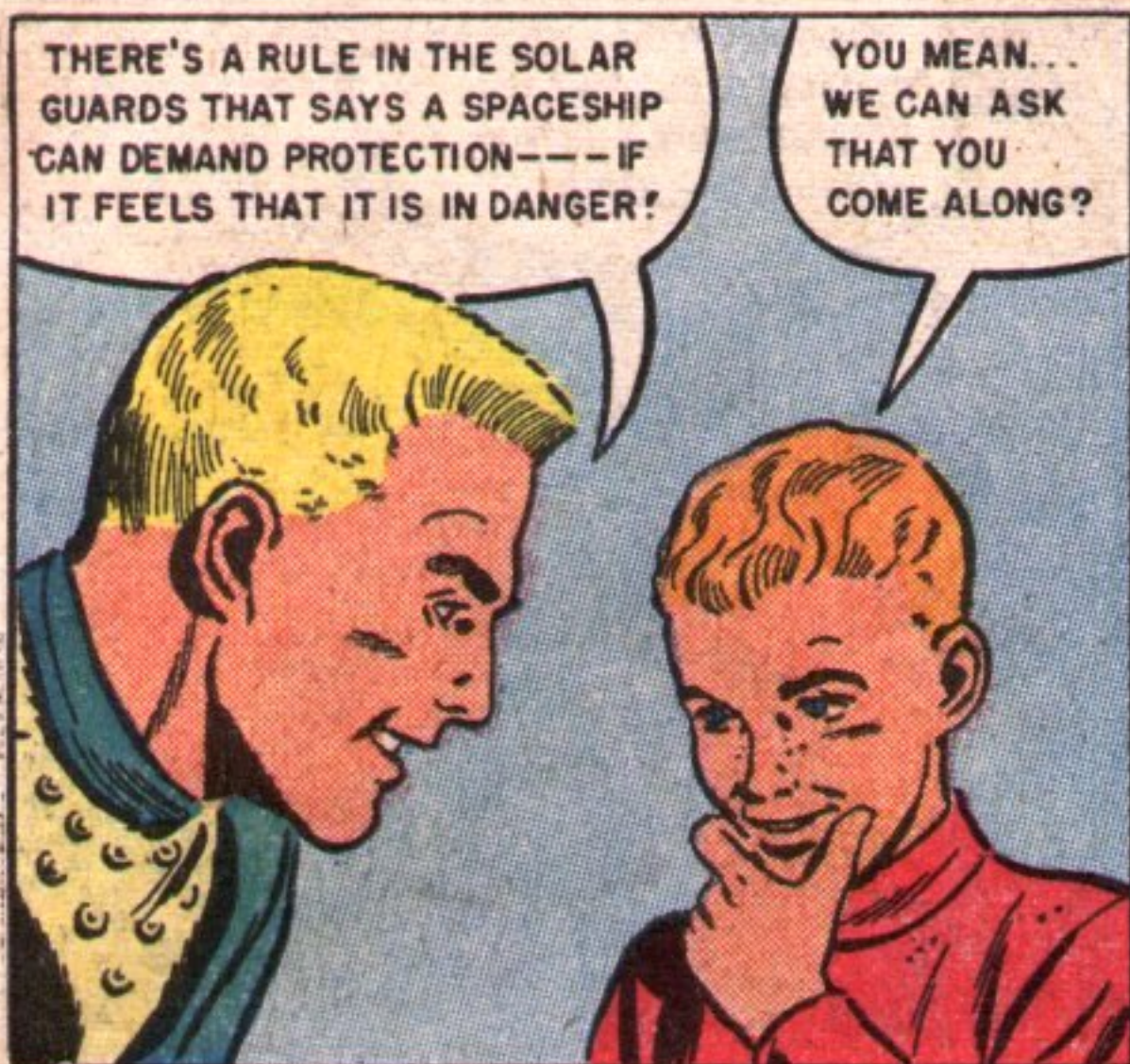
JIMMY'S DAD WAS A SPACEPROSPECTOR WHO FOUND RICH DEPOSITS OF URANIUM IN THE ASTEROID BELT. WHEN HE DIED, HE GAVE ME A MAP TO KEEP FOR JIMMY! THE MAP SHOWED WHERE THERE WERE TREASURES IN URANIUM DEPOSITS!

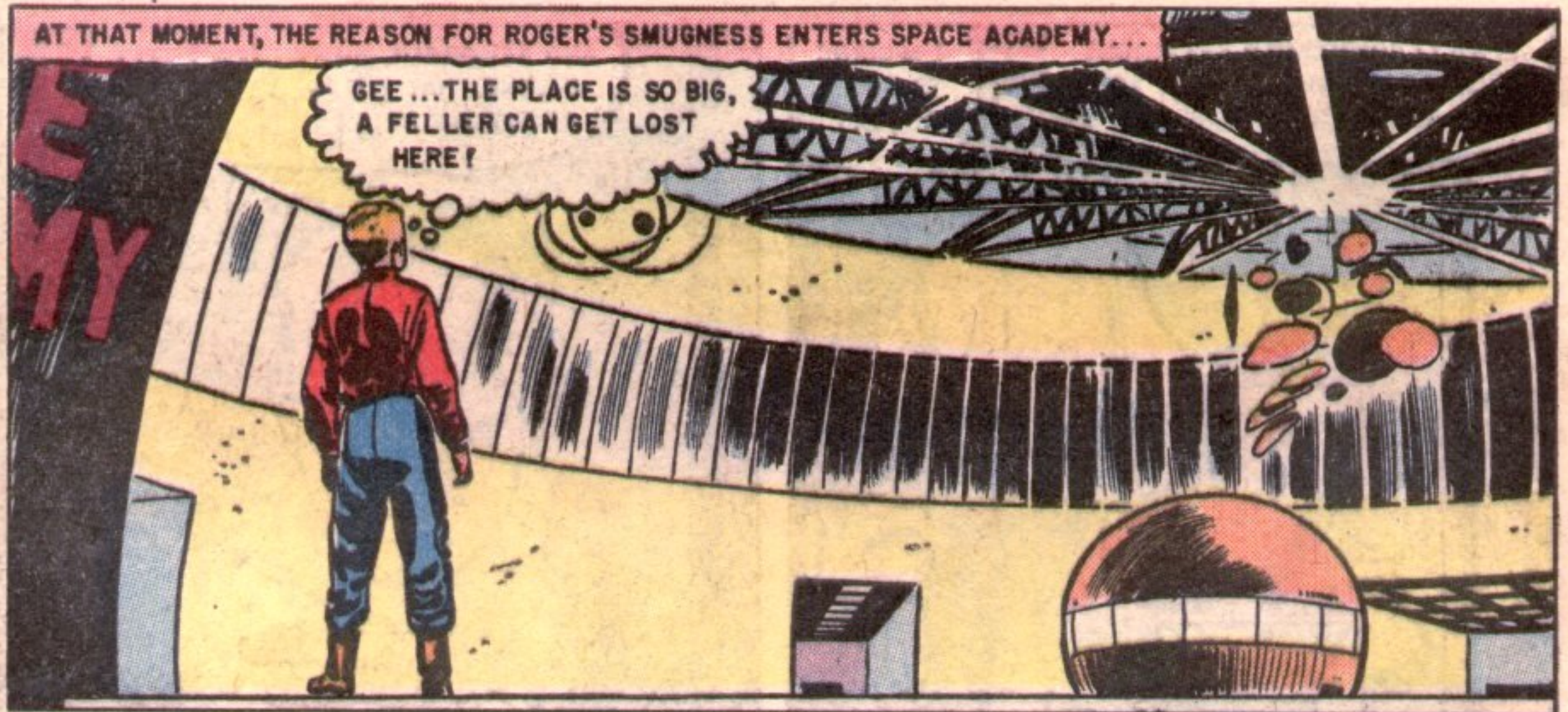
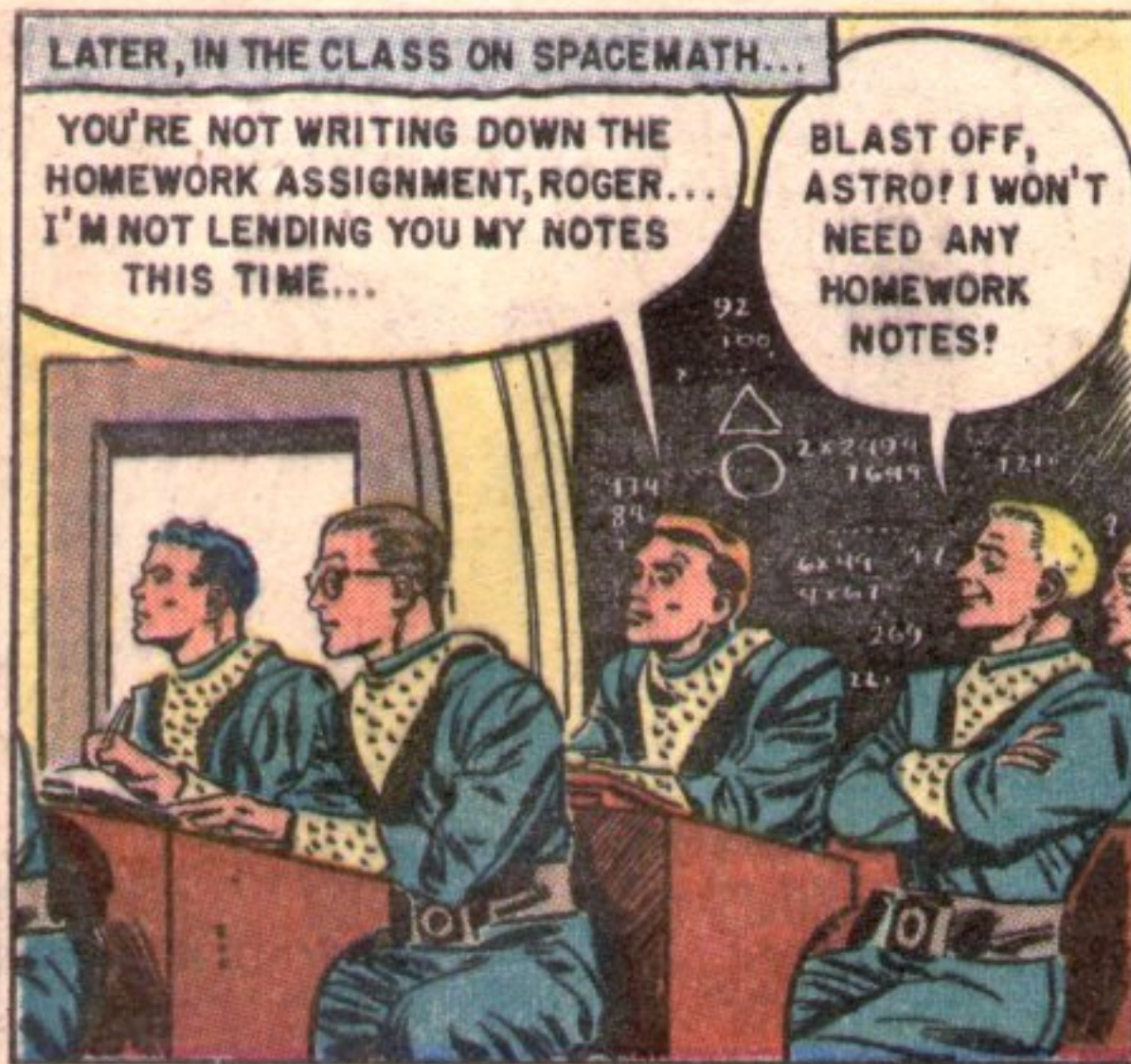


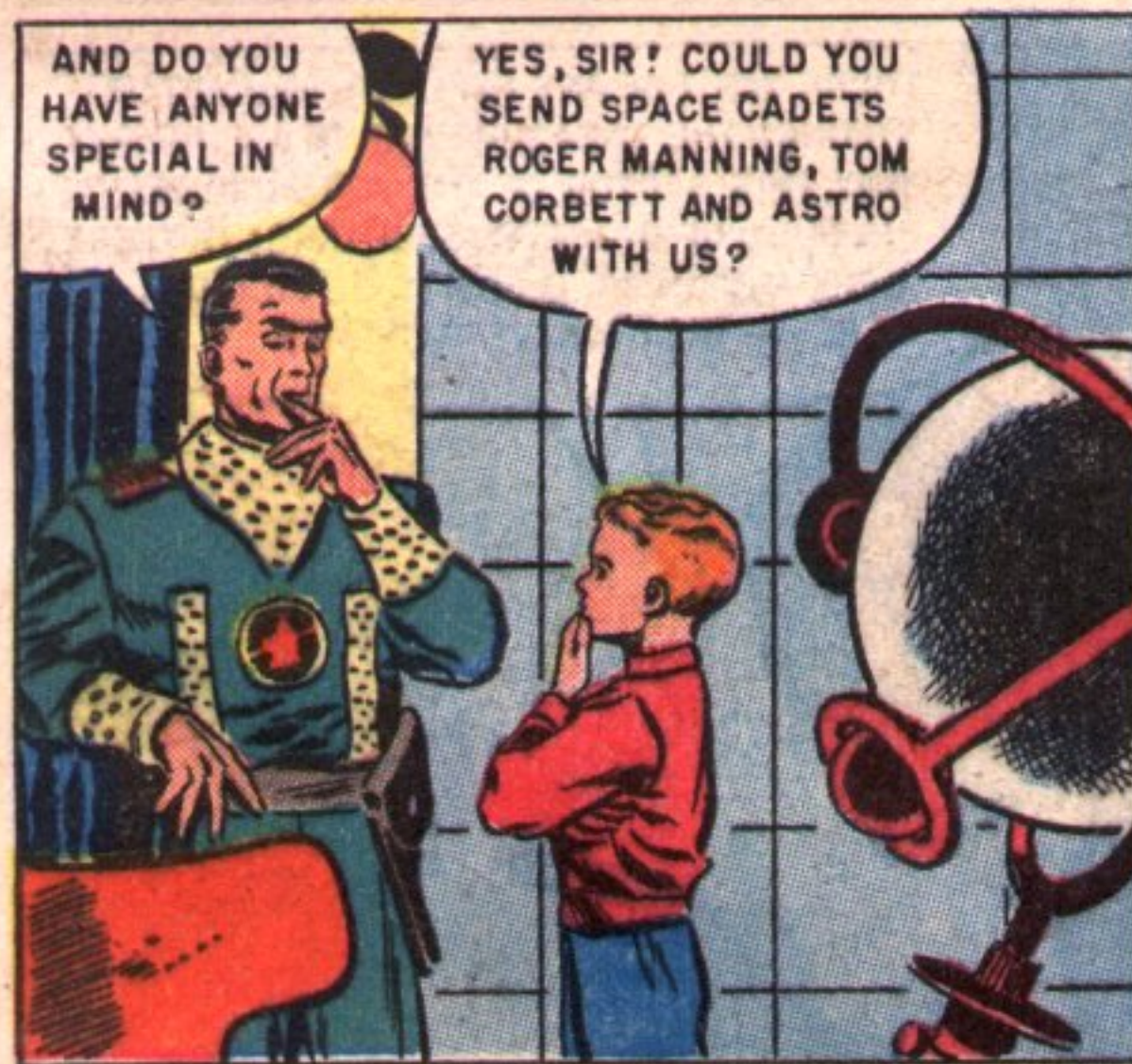
WE'VE FITTED OUT THIS SHIP TO GO AND FIND THAT TREASURE!

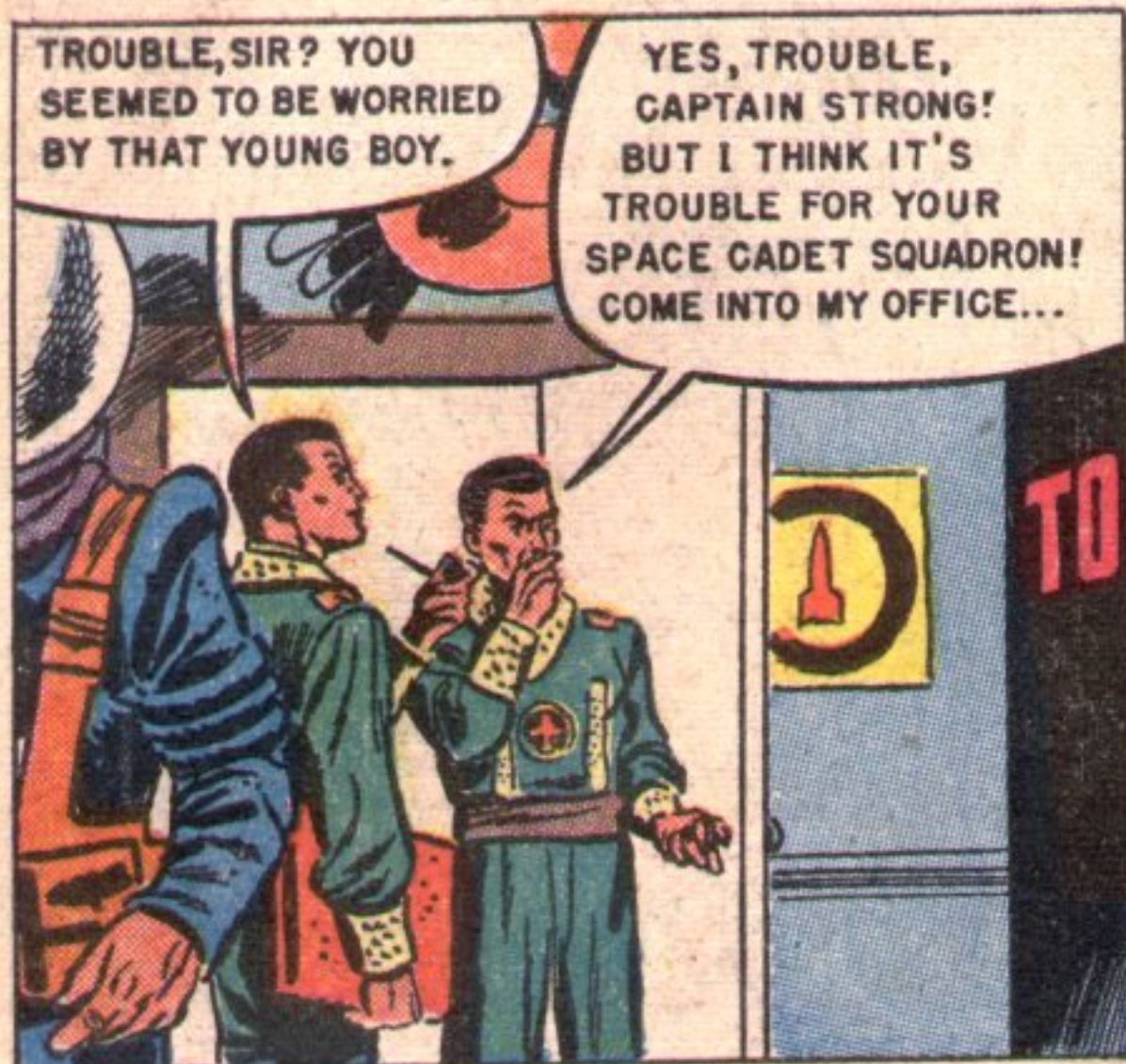
WELL BLOW ME OFF LIKE A FEATHER IN SPACE! YE'LL HAVE TO GET ANOTHER CAPTAIN! I'M A SPACE-MAN——NOT A FIGHTER AGAINST SPACE BUCCANEERS!











TROUBLE, SIR? YOU SEEMED TO BE WORRIED BY THAT YOUNG BOY.

YES, TROUBLE, CAPTAIN STRONG! BUT I THINK IT'S TROUBLE FOR YOUR SPACE CADET SQUADRON! COME INTO MY OFFICE...



ONE OF YOUR SPACE CADETS PUT THAT BOY UP TO REQUESTING THE SOLAR GUARD FOR PROTECTION... JUST SO THAT THEY COULD MAKE A SPACE TRIP ON SOME WILD TREASURE HUNT!

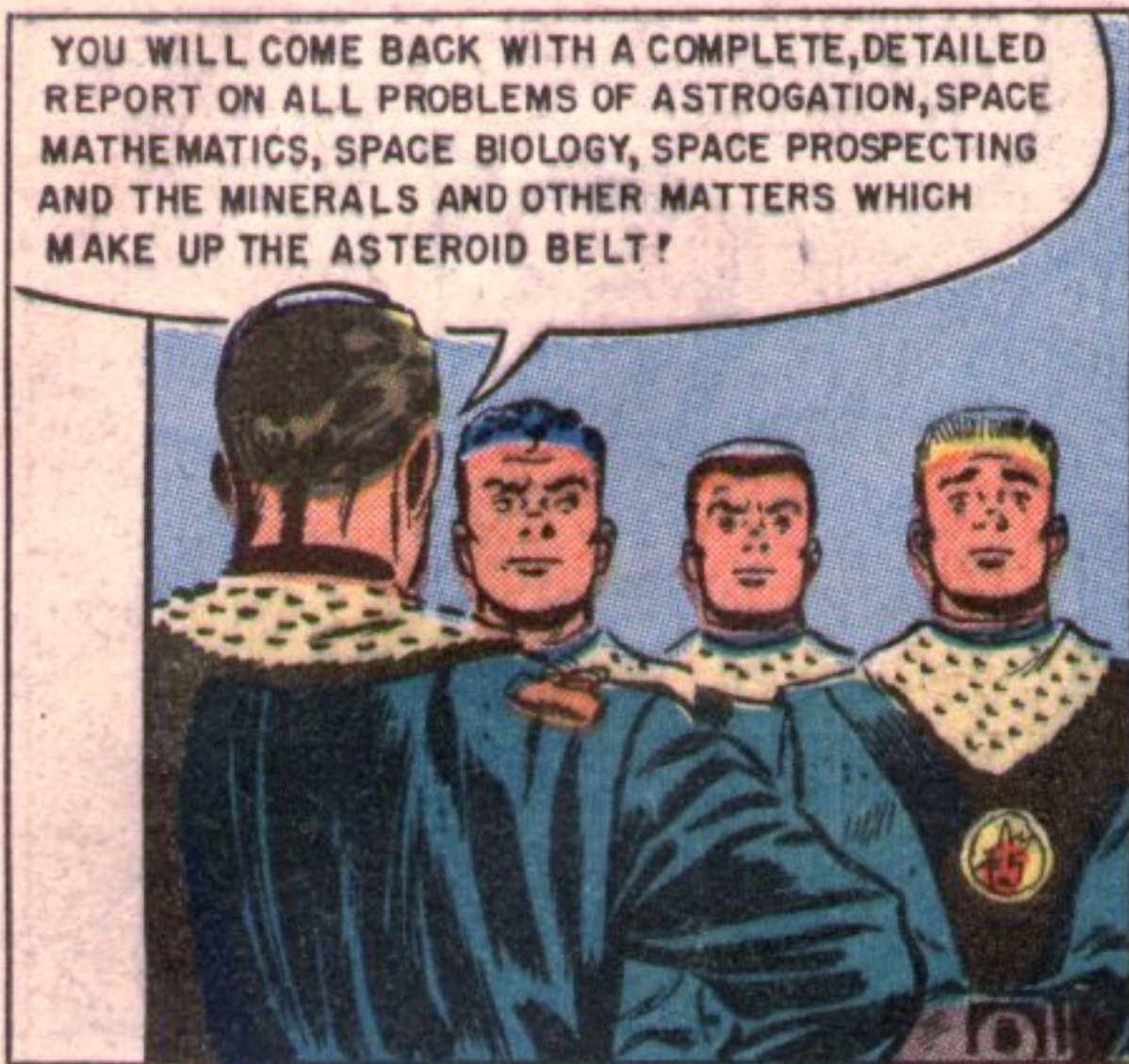


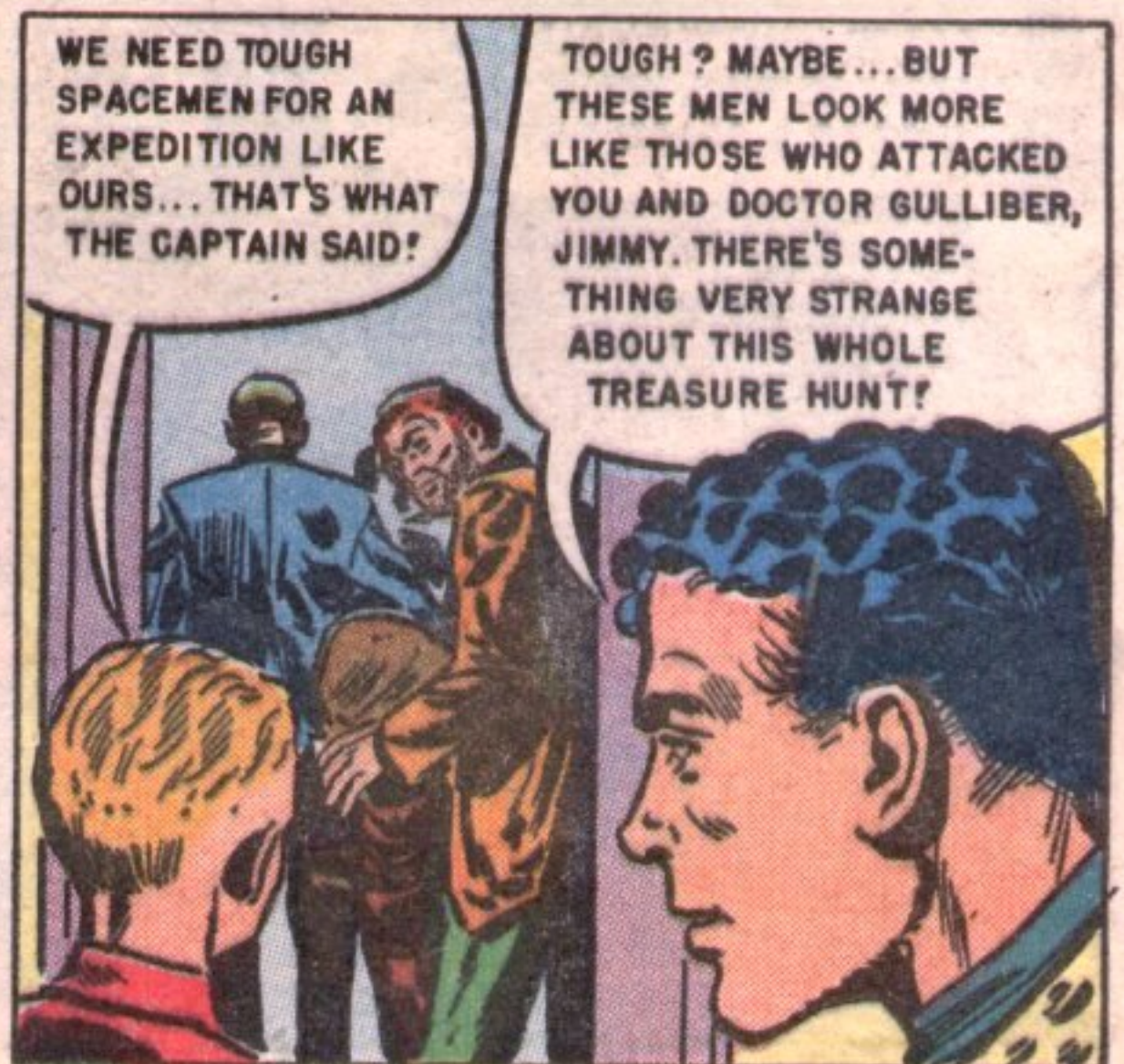
THE TRICK ISN'T GOING TO WORK! I'M GOING TO ASSIGN DOUBLE DUTY TO CADETS CORBETT, MANNING, AND ASTRO!

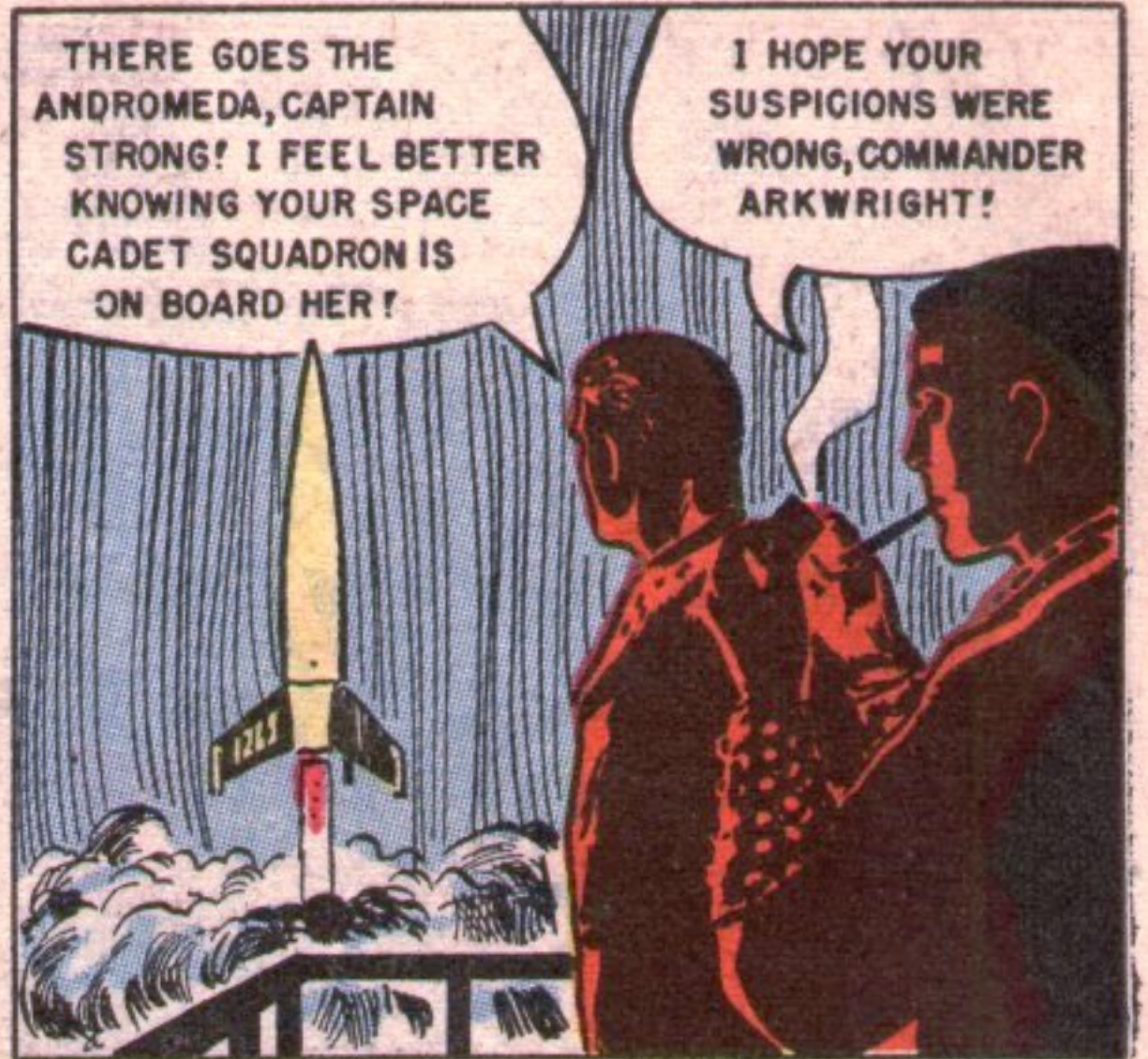
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT TOM CORBETT WOULD TRY ANY TRICKS, SIR! THERE MUST BE SOME OTHER EXPLANATION!

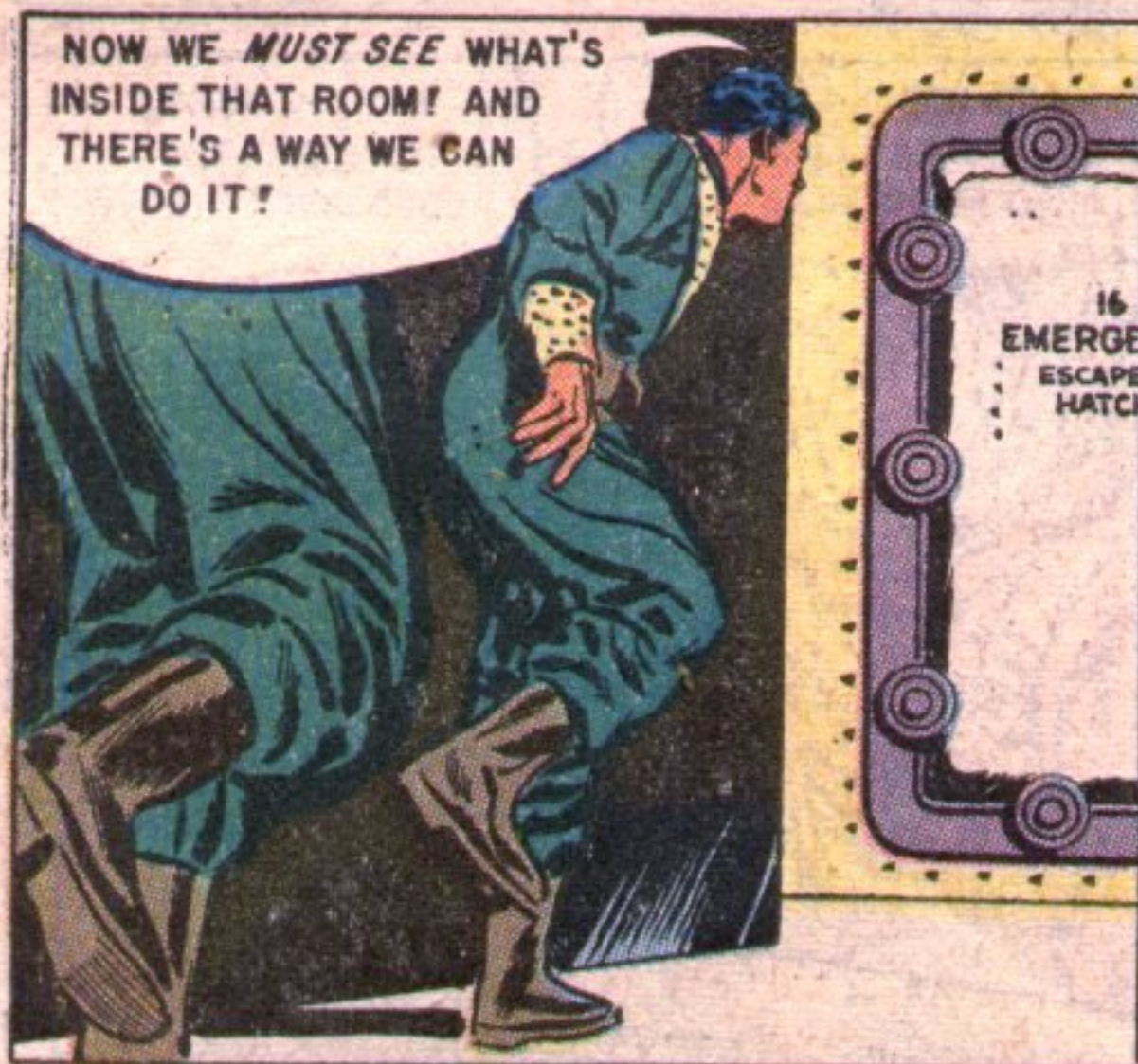


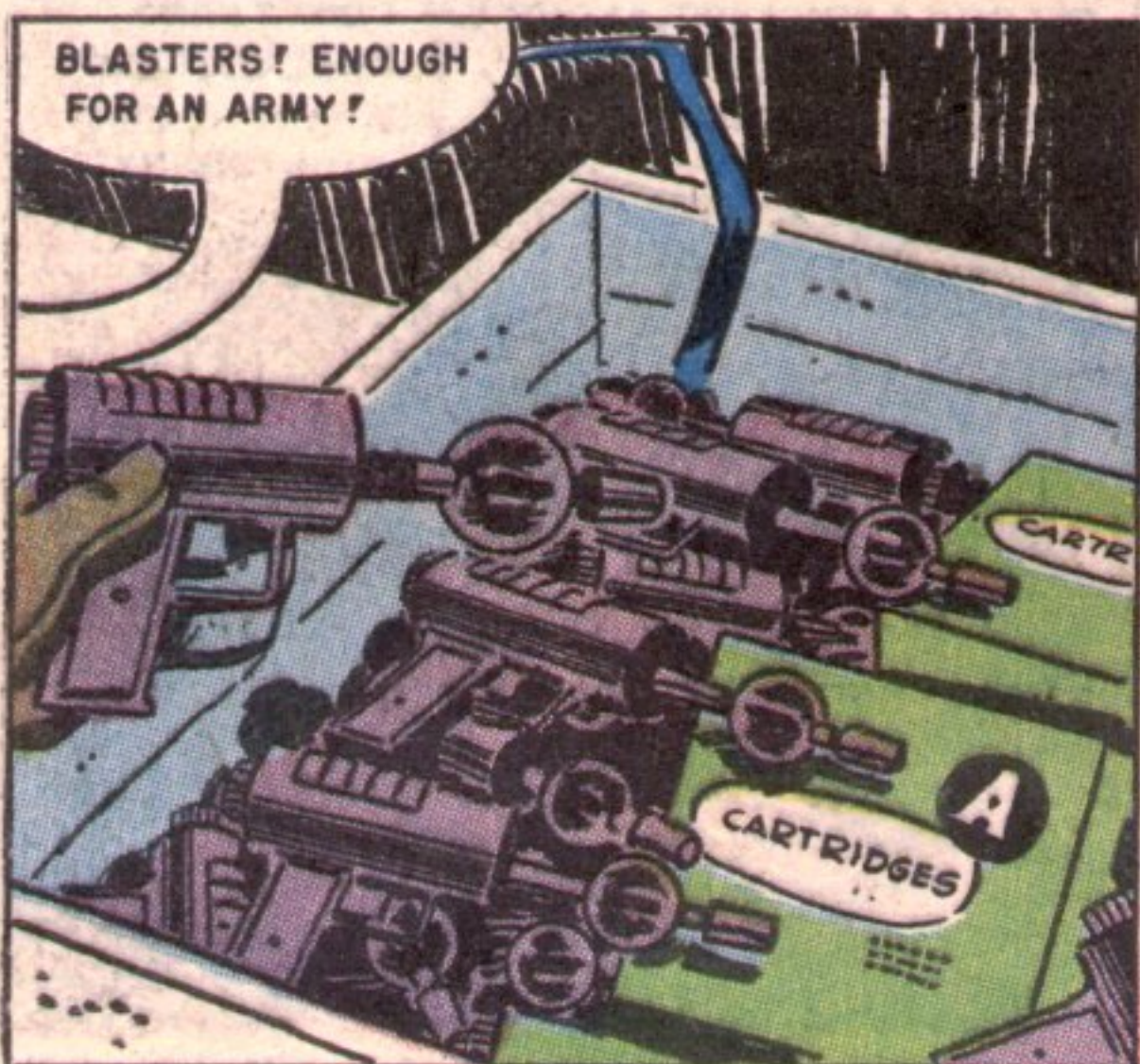
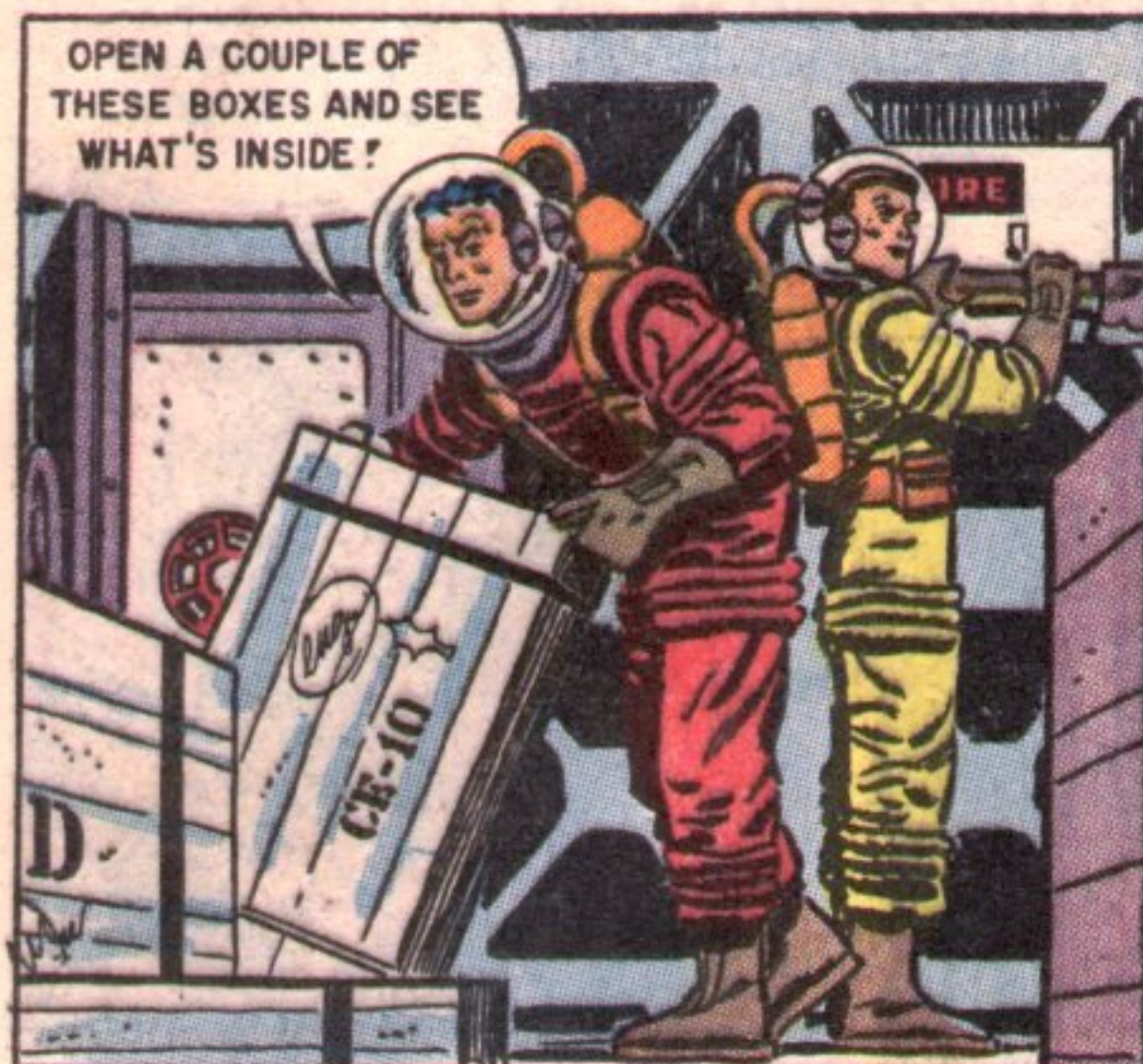


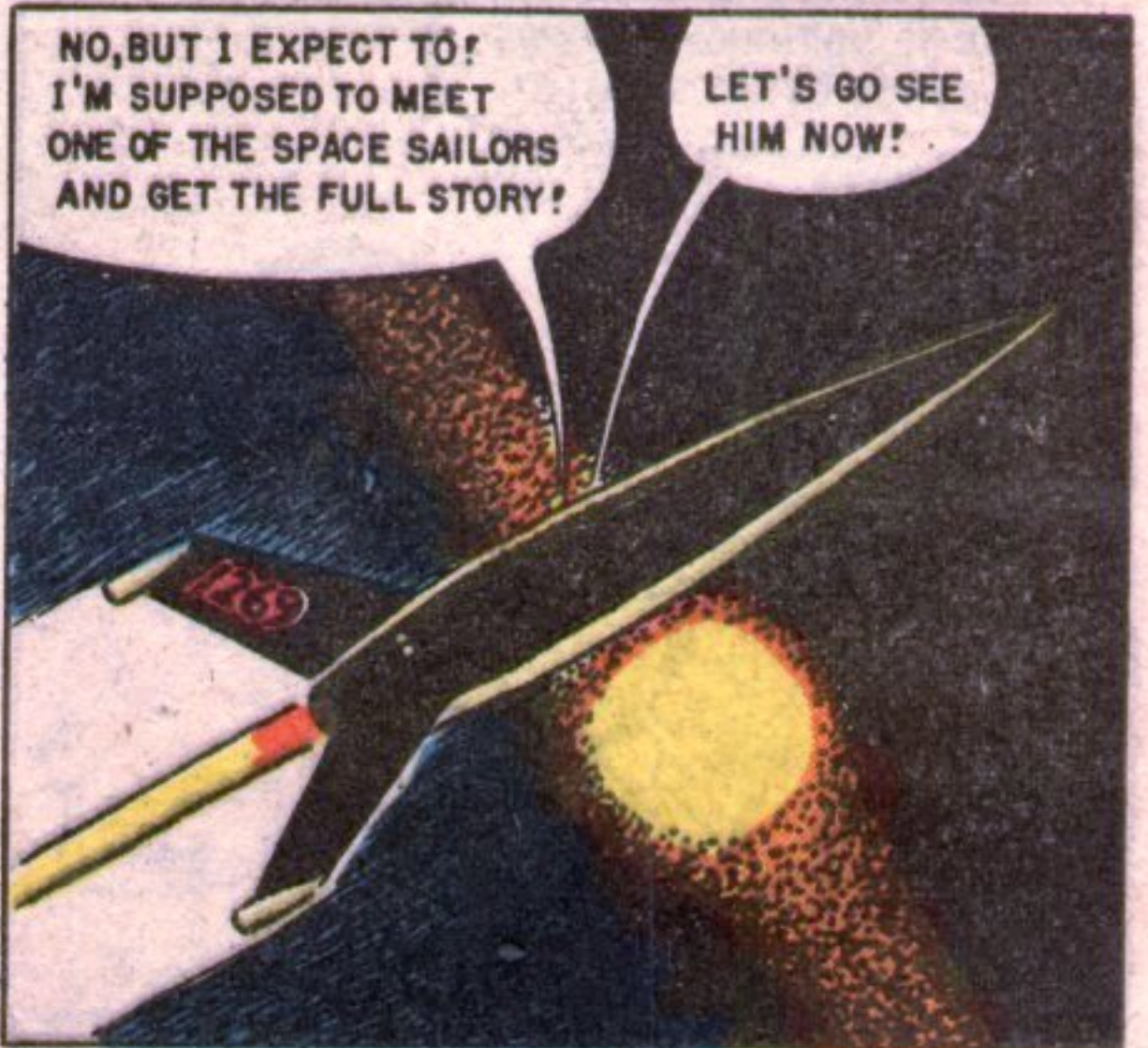


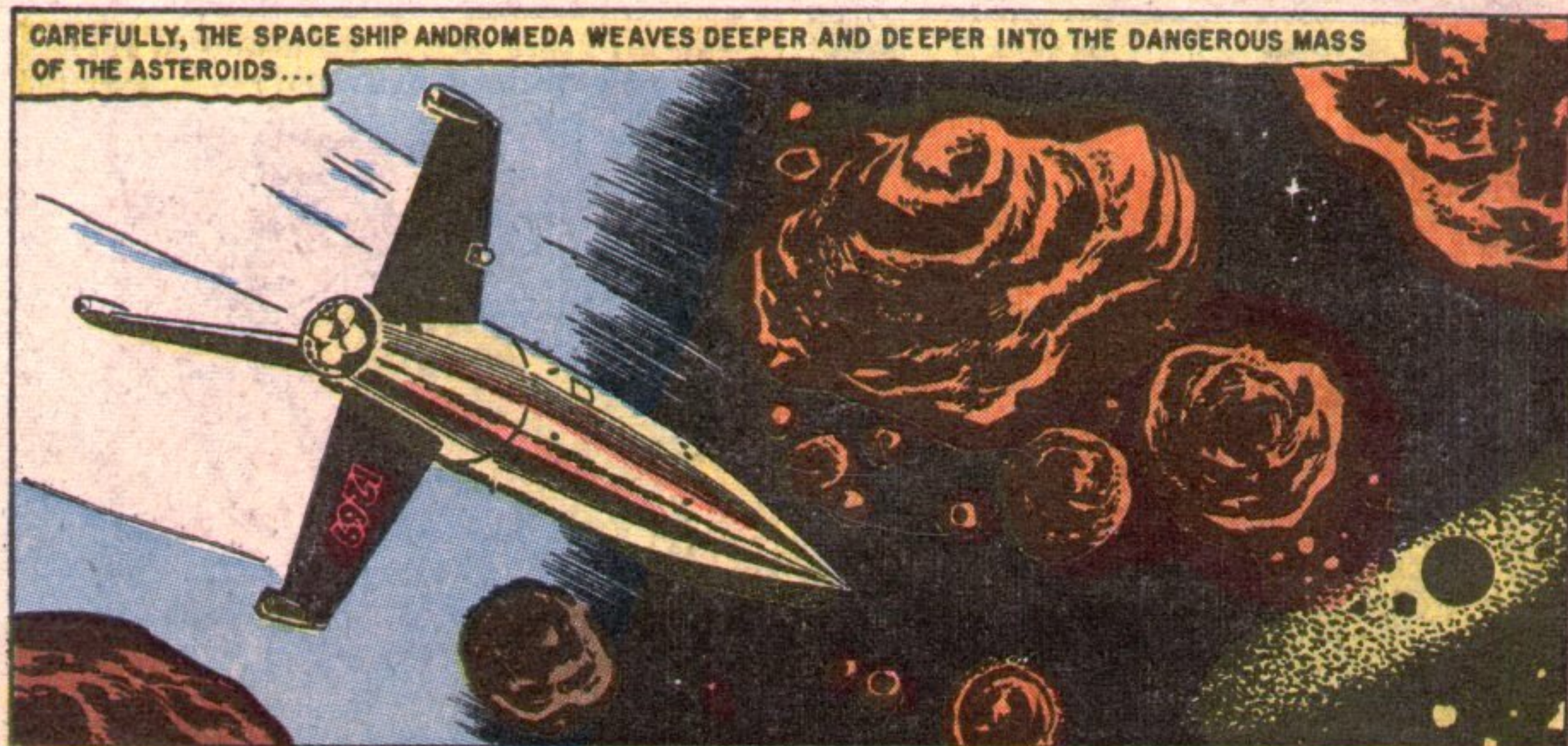












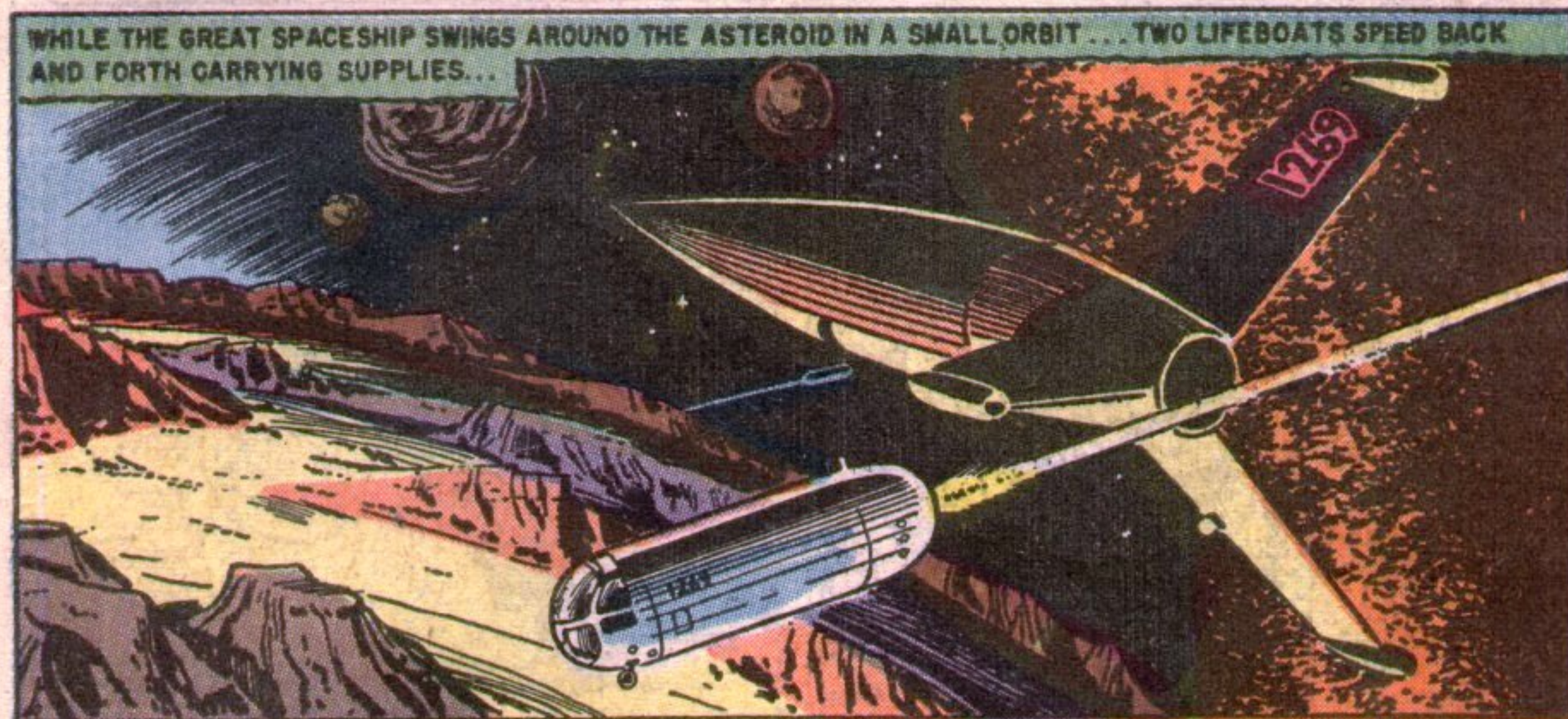


THIS IS THE AREA INDICATED ON THE MAP. WE'LL FIND A LARGE ASTEROID AND SET UP CAMP.

ASTEROID AHEAD, CAPTAIN HAWK. SHALL I HEAD FOR IT, SIR?



AYE, THIS ONE WILL DO! SET ORBIT COURSE AROUND IT. WE'LL FERRY OUR SUPPLIES LANDSIDE BY SPACELIFEBOAT!



WHILE THE GREAT SPACESHIP SWINGS AROUND THE ASTEROID IN A SMALL ORBIT... TWO LIFEBOATS SPEED BACK AND FORTH CARRYING SUPPLIES...



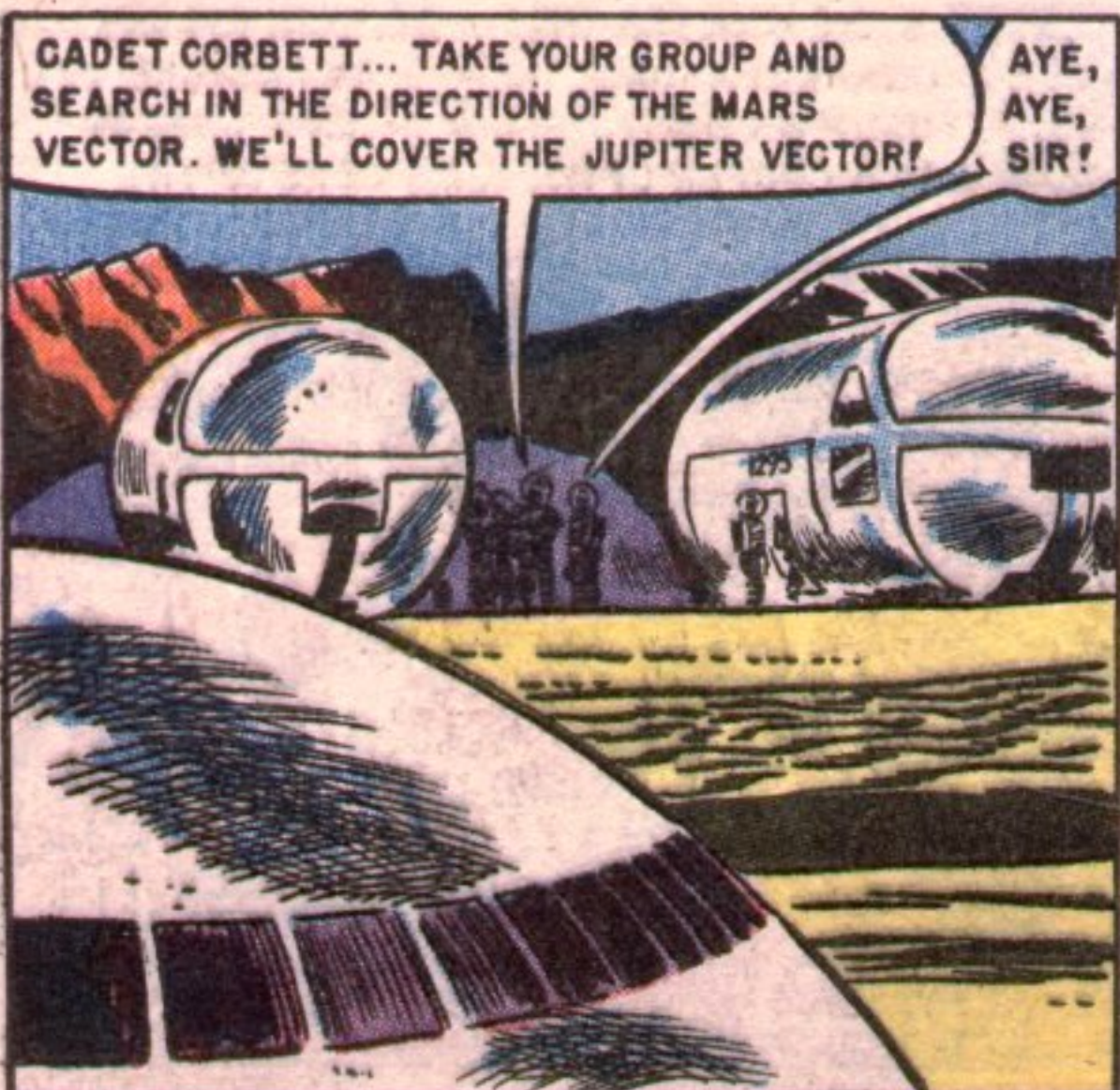
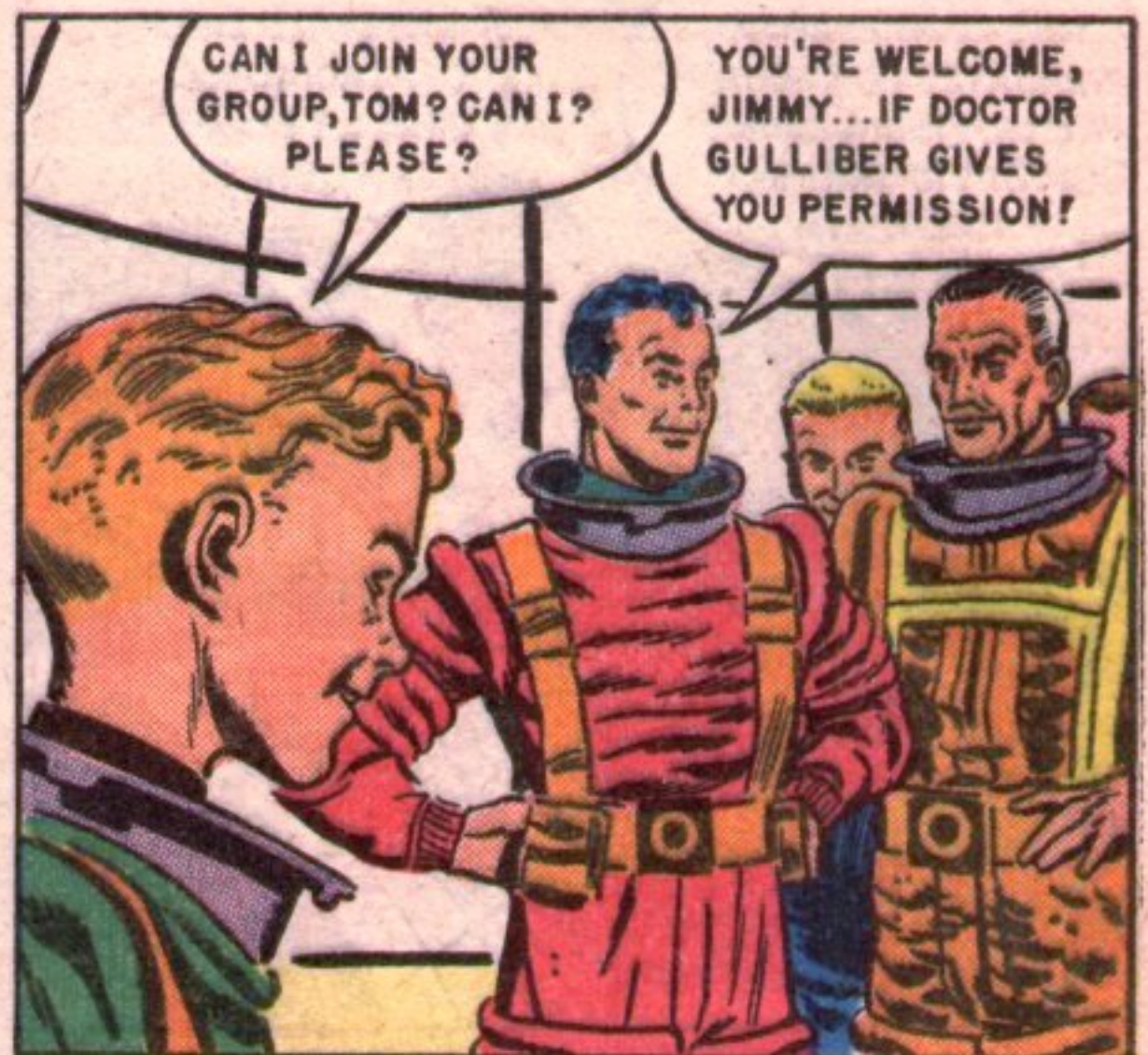
THE CAMP WILL SOON BE READY. WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF THESE MONKEY SUITS!

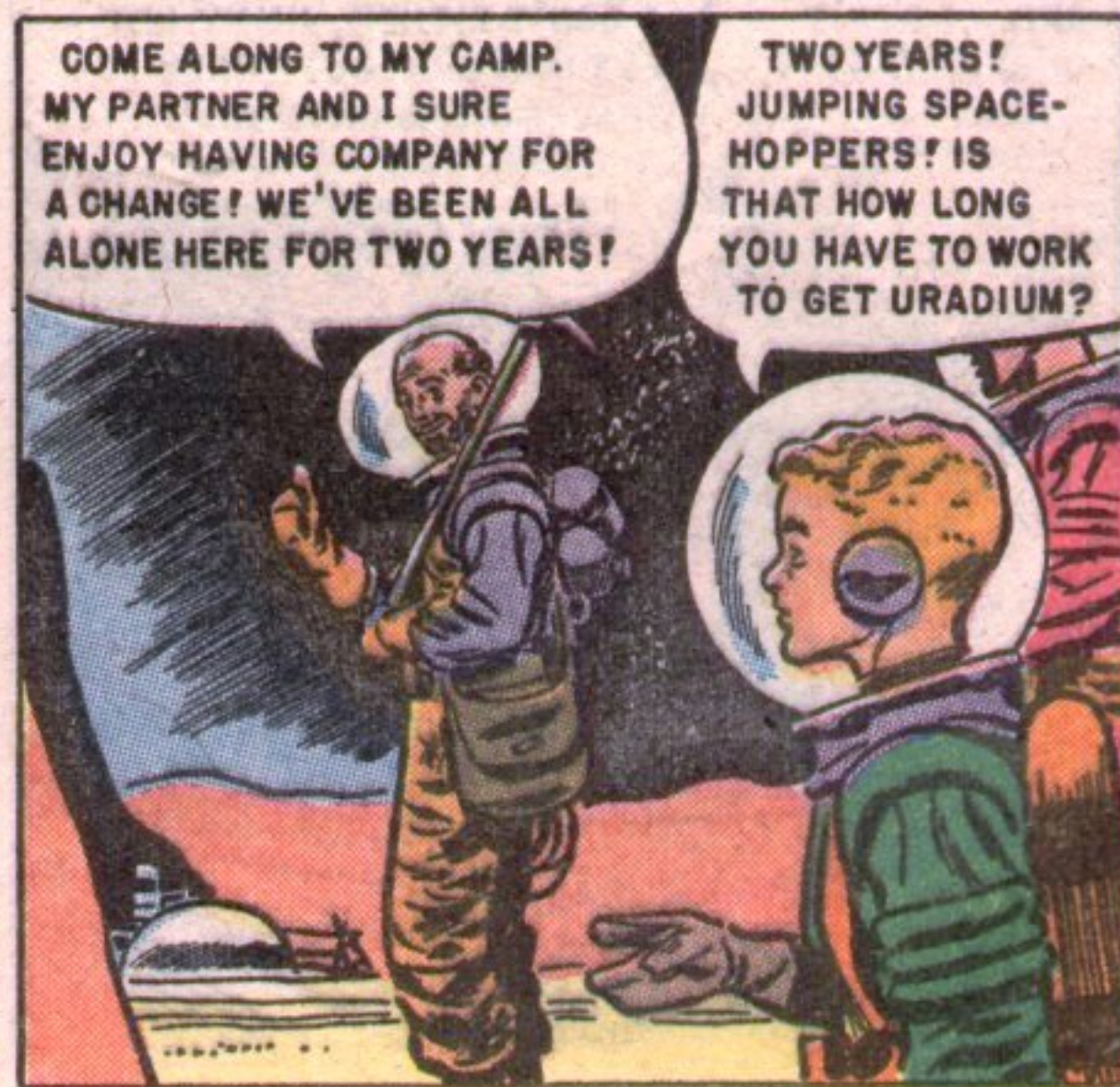
I'M ANXIOUS TO START PROSPECTING FOR THE URADIUM TREASURE!

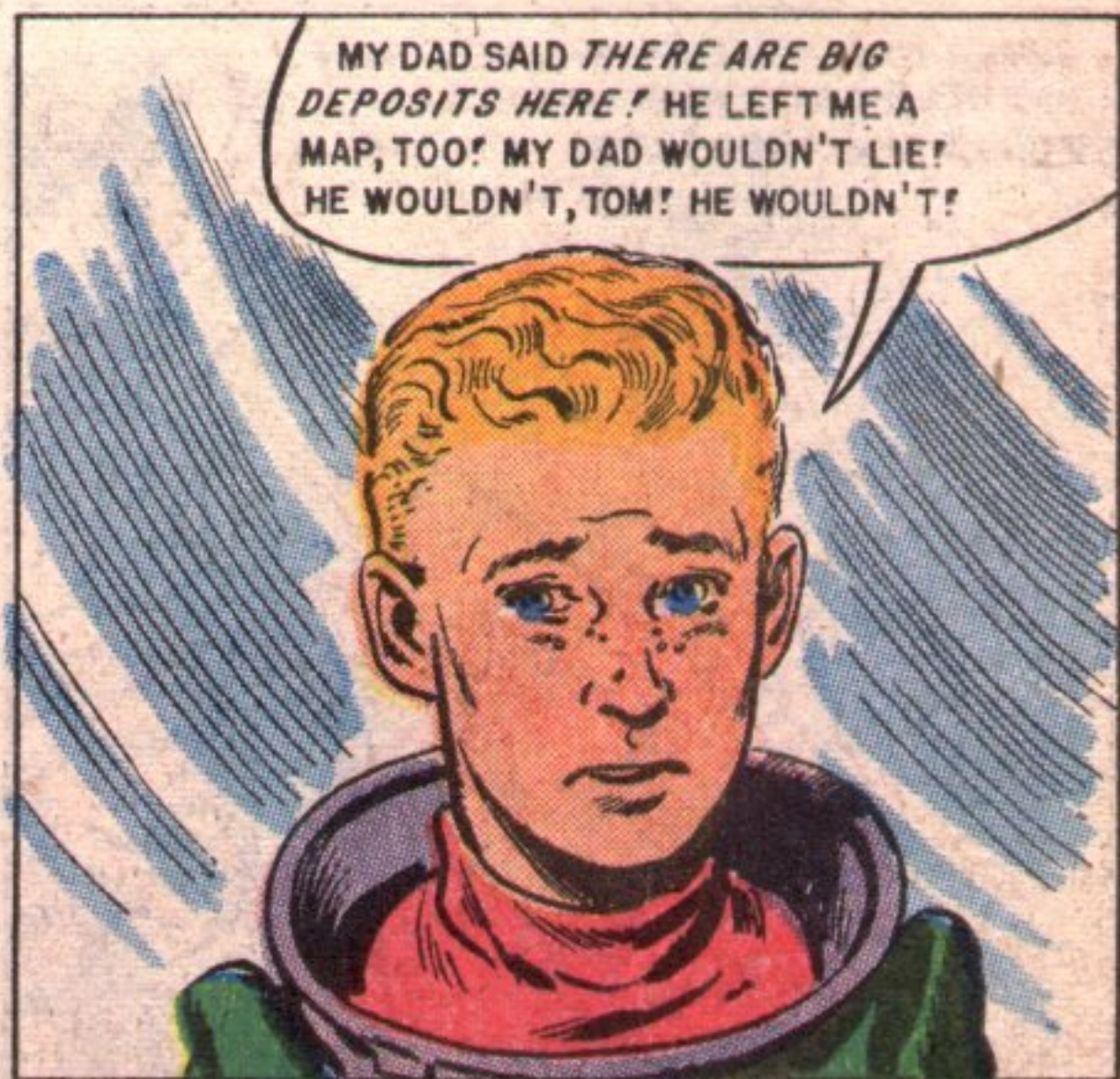
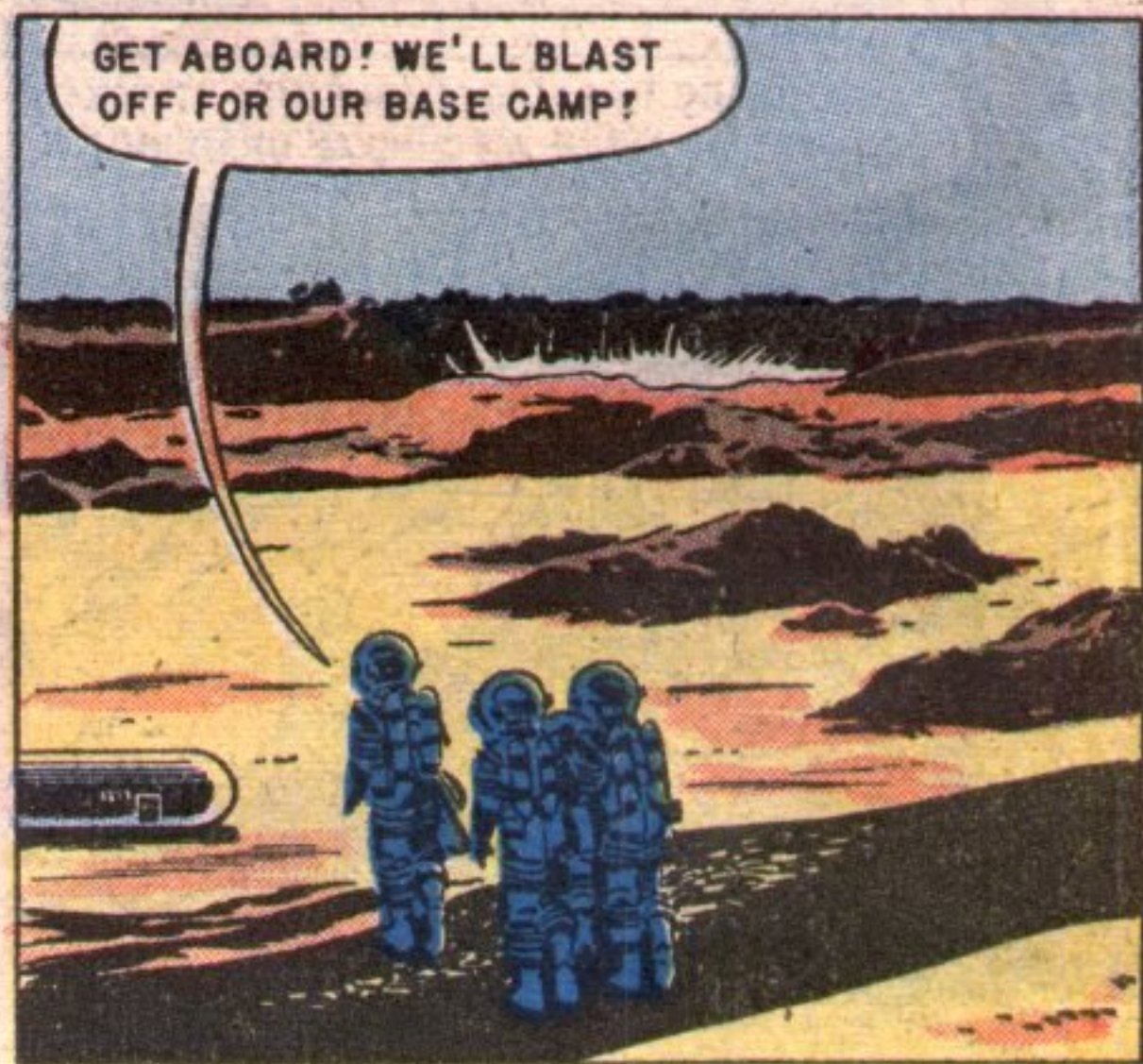


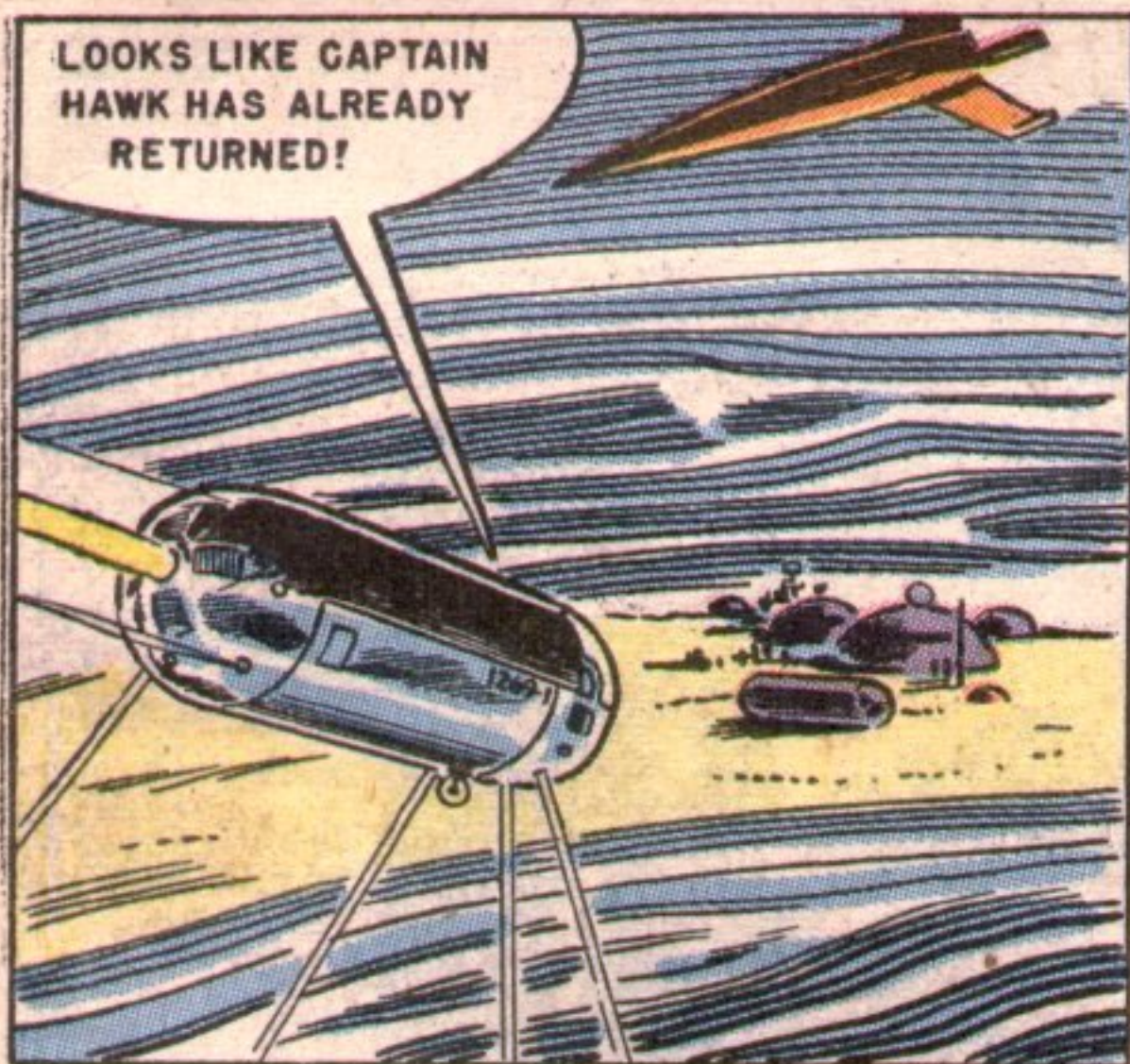
WE'LL LOOK FOR THE URADIUM AT ONCE. THE CAMP WILL BE FINISHED IN A COUPLE OF HOURS!

HAVE YOU ANY PLANS, SIR? WE'D LIKE TO BE IN ONE OF THE PROSPECTING PARTIES.











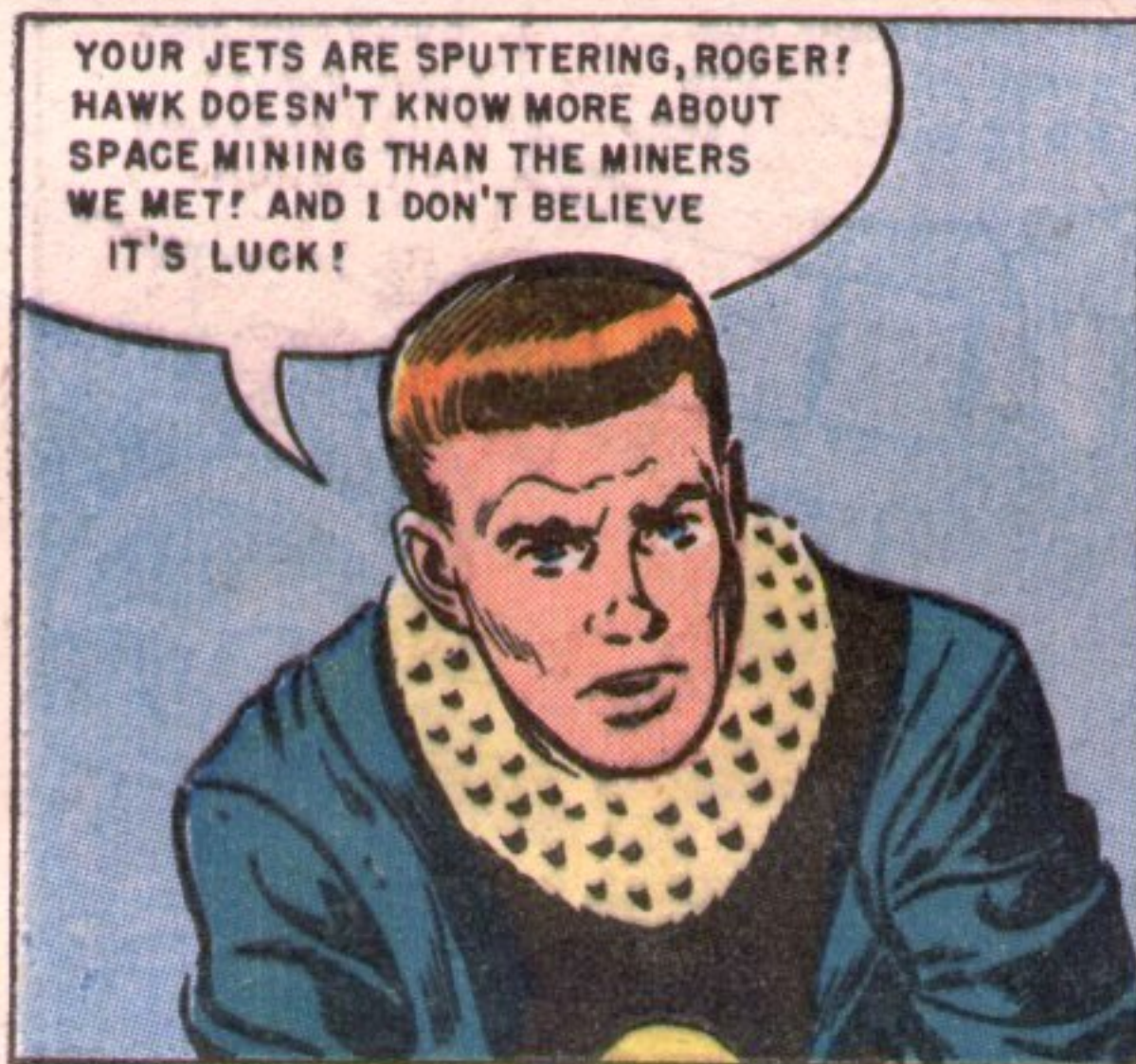
EAT SOMETHING, BOYS, AND THEN GET YOURSELF A GOOD REST! YOU'LL GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO GO PROSPECTING TOMORROW.

YES, SIR! AND WE'LL HAVE BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!



I JUST DON'T FIGURE IT! WE FOUND NOTHING... CAPTAIN HAWK FOUND A FORTUNE!

MAYBE HE'S GOT MORE EXPERIENCE.. MAYBE HE IS LUCKY!



YOUR JETS ARE SPUTTERING, ROGER! HAWK DOESN'T KNOW MORE ABOUT SPACE MINING THAN THE MINERS WE MET! AND I DON'T BELIEVE IT'S LUCK!



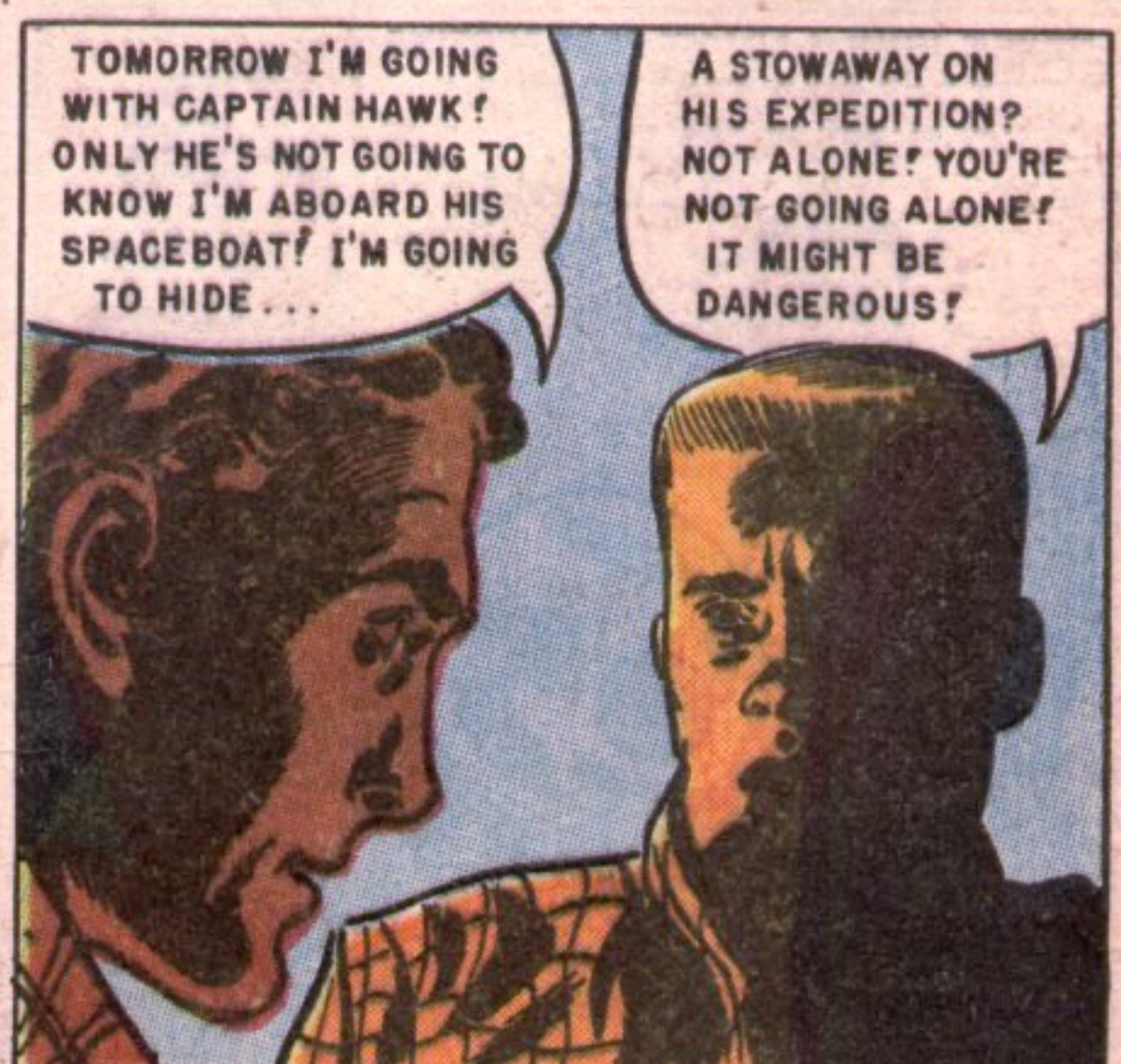
LET'S GET SOME REST. WE'LL HAVE A BUSY DAY TOMORROW. I THINK I'LL HAVE THE ANSWER TO A LOT OF PUZZLES THEN!



SOON AFTER EVERYONE WAS ASLEEP...

PSST! ASTRO WAKE UP!

HUH? WHAT?



TOMORROW I'M GOING WITH CAPTAIN HAWK! ONLY HE'S NOT GOING TO KNOW I'M ABOARD HIS SPACEBOAT! I'M GOING TO HIDE...

A STOWAWAY ON HIS EXPEDITION? NOT ALONE! YOU'RE NOT GOING ALONE! IT MIGHT BE DANGEROUS!



I'VE GOT TO GO...
YOU MUST TAKE OUR
EXPLORING PARTY
OUT AS USUAL!

ALL RIGHT,
TOM. BUT DON'T
TAKE ANY
CHANCES!



I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM,
ASTRO. DON'T WORRY!
I'M GOING ALONG ON
THAT PARTY!

THAT'S WHAT I
WAS AFRAID
OF! ALL RIGHT!



SOON... BEFORE THE CAMP AWAKE...

REMEMBER, ASTRO. CRUISE OUT
OF SIGHT UNTIL CAPTAIN HAWK
RETURNS FROM HIS EXPEDITION.

AYE,
AYE,
TOM!



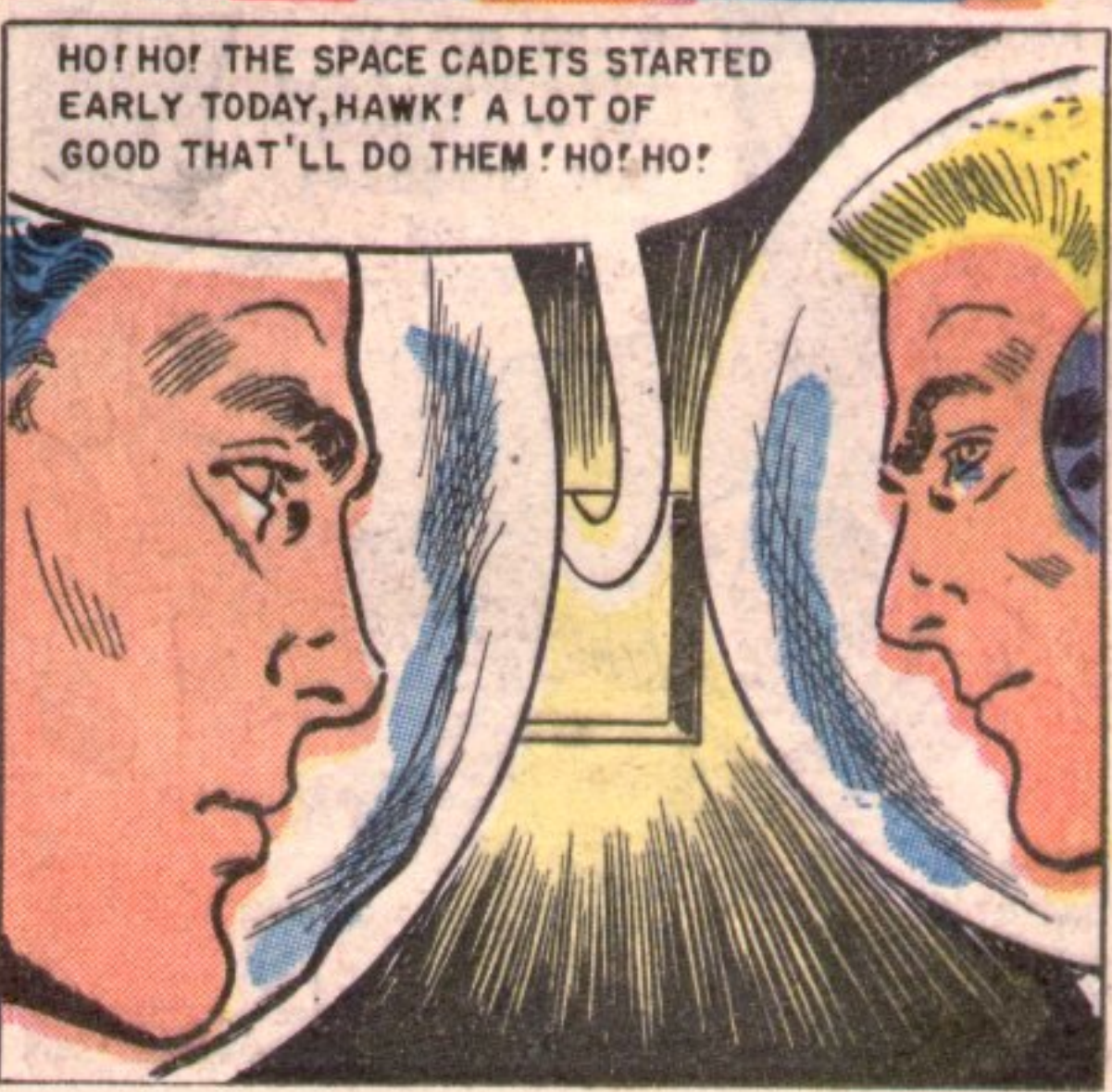
WE'LL GET INTO THE REAR
COMPARTMENT, ROGER, AND LAY
LOW! DON'T MAKE A MOVE UNTIL
WE COME BACK... NO MATTER
WHAT HAPPENS!

DON'T BE
GIVING ME
ORDERS, TOM!
I KNOW WHAT
TO DO!

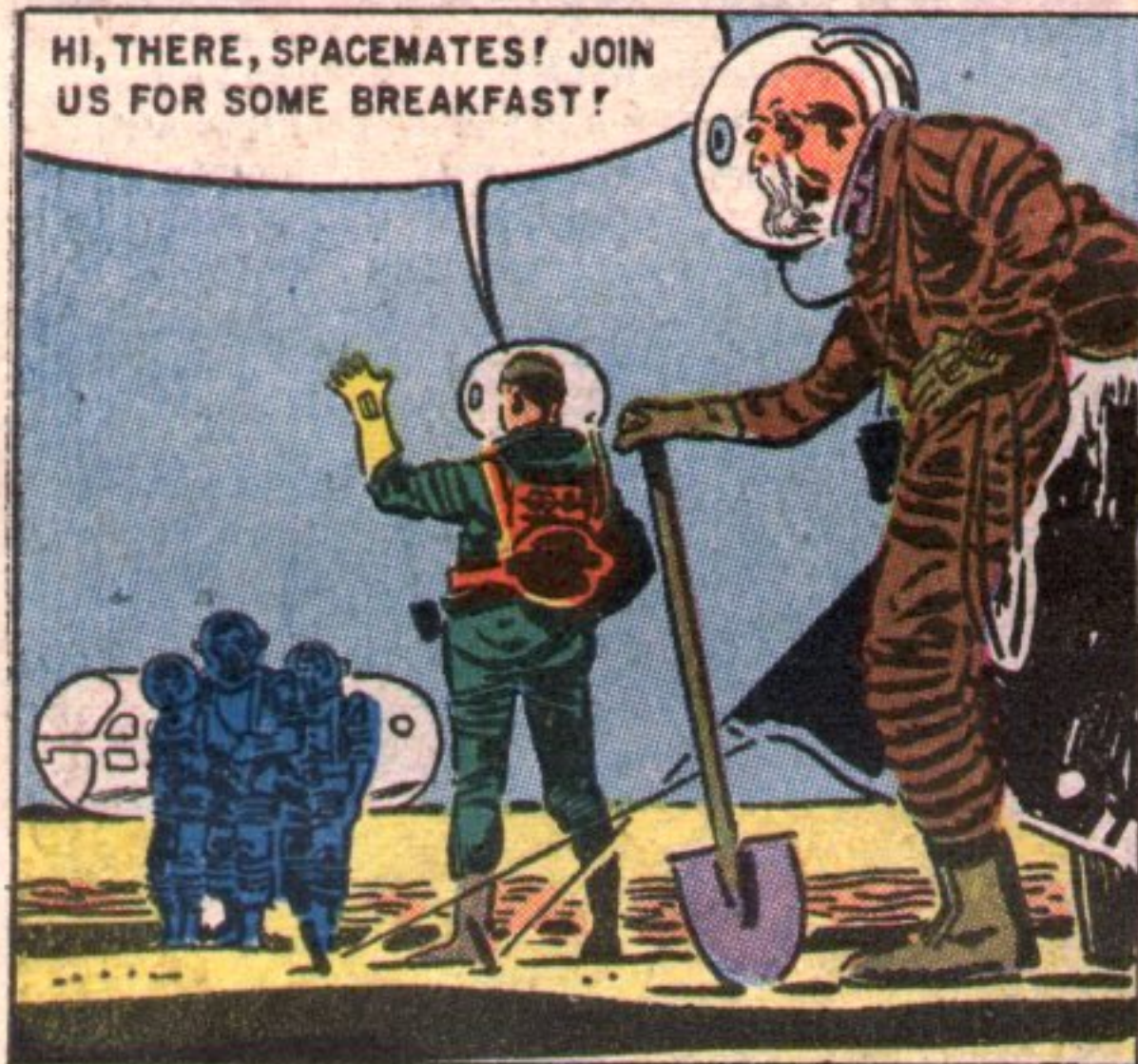


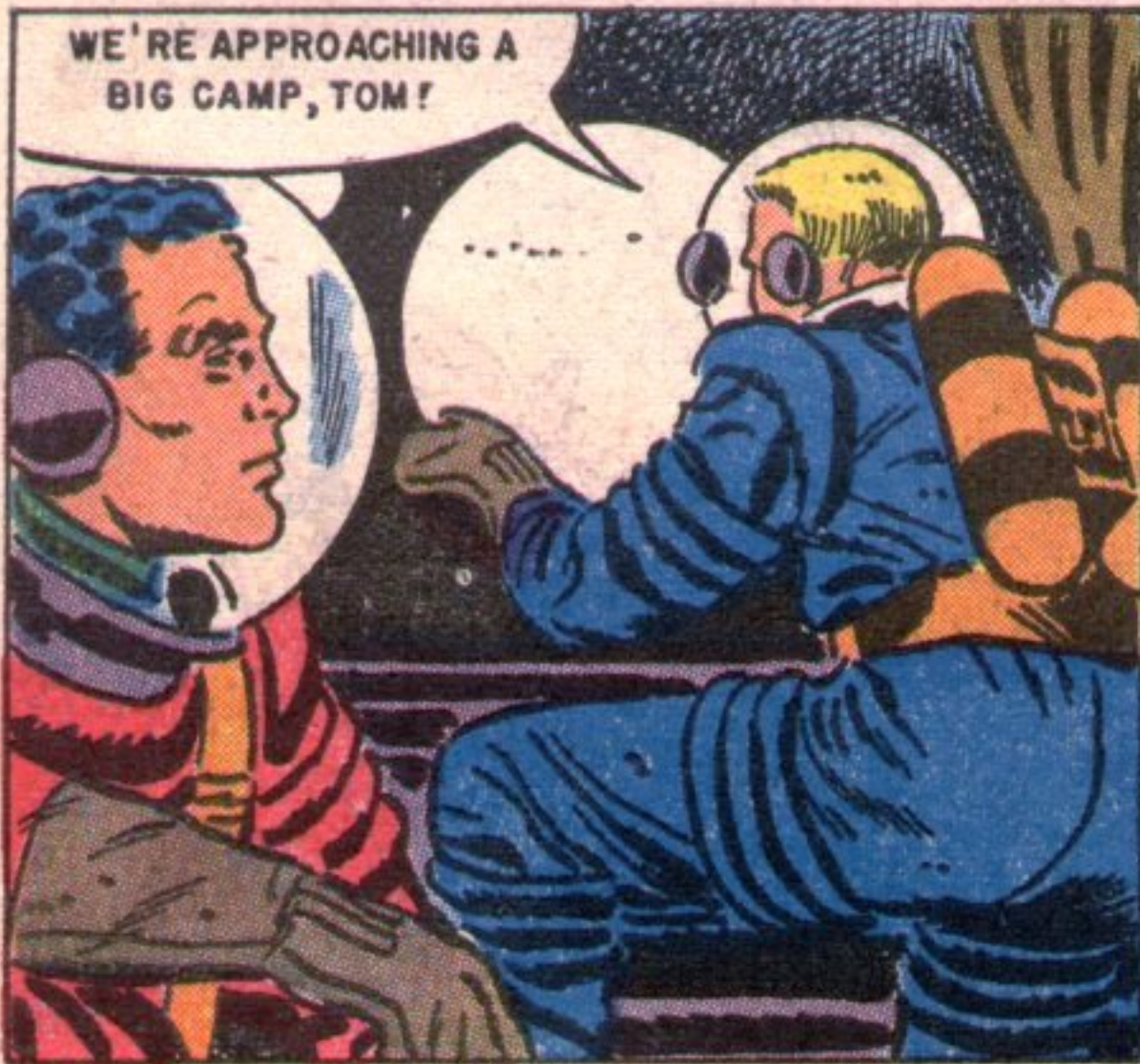
HERE THEY
COME!

ABOUT TIME!
THEY DON'T SEEM
TO BE IN ANY
HURRY!

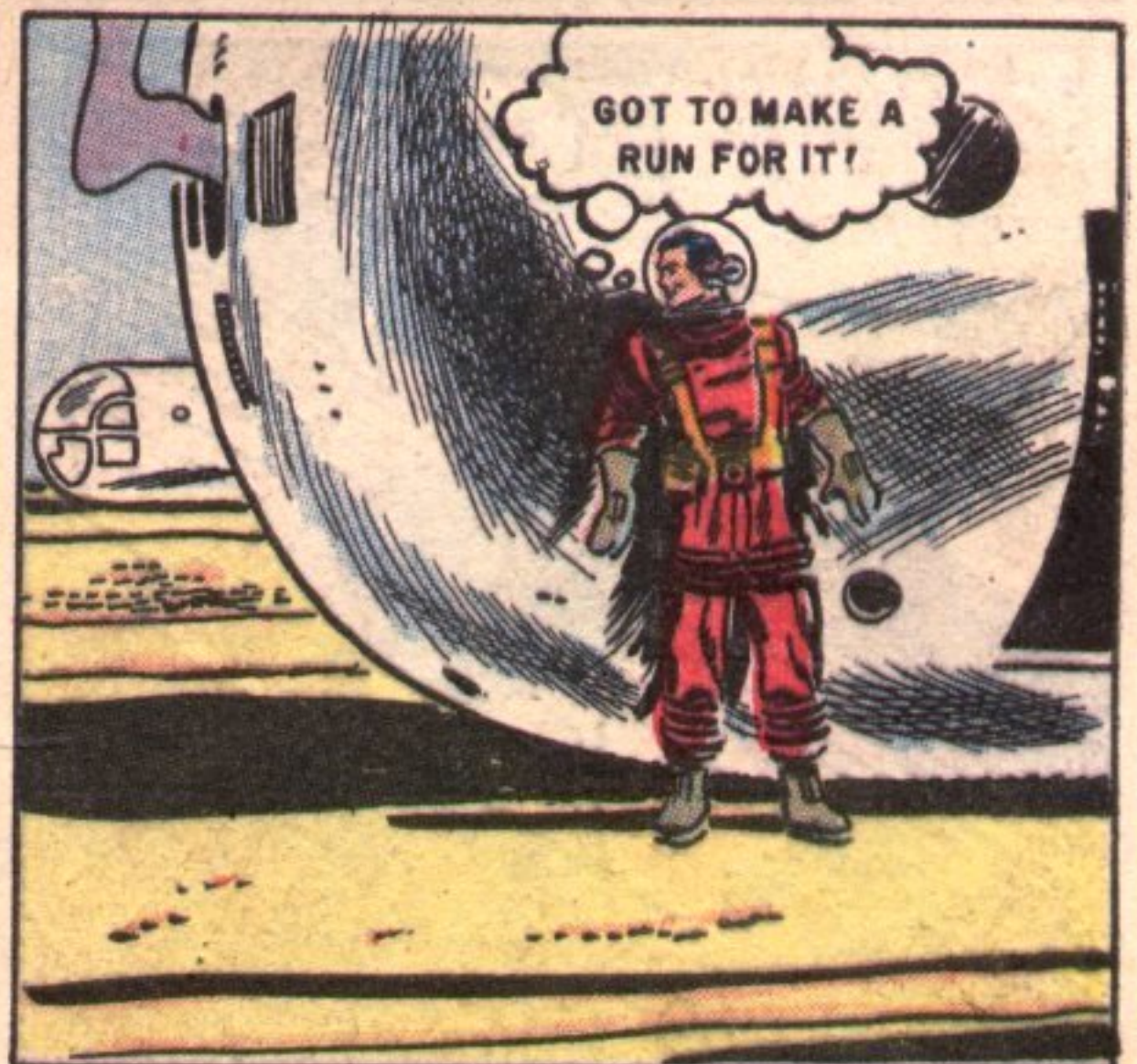
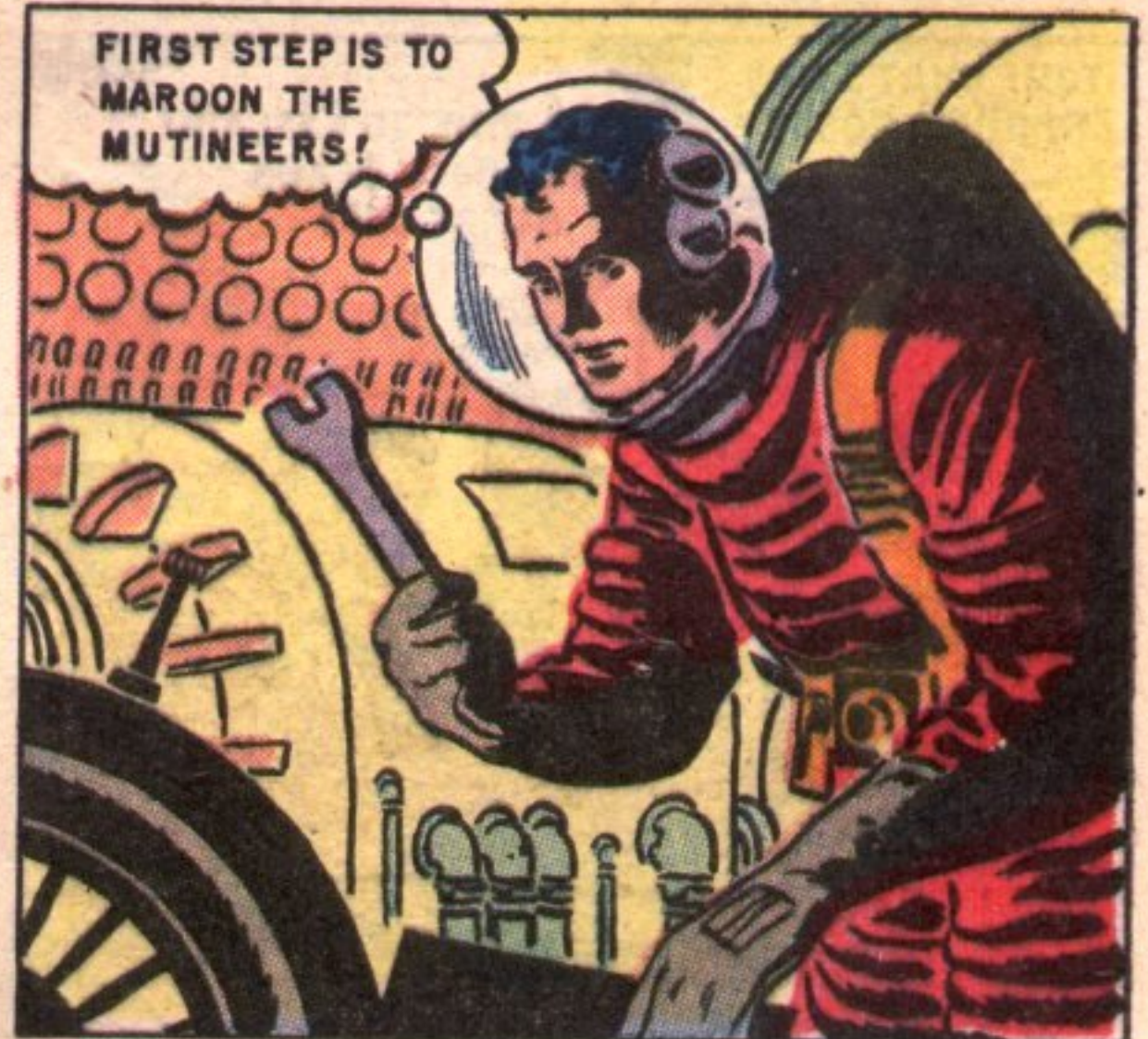
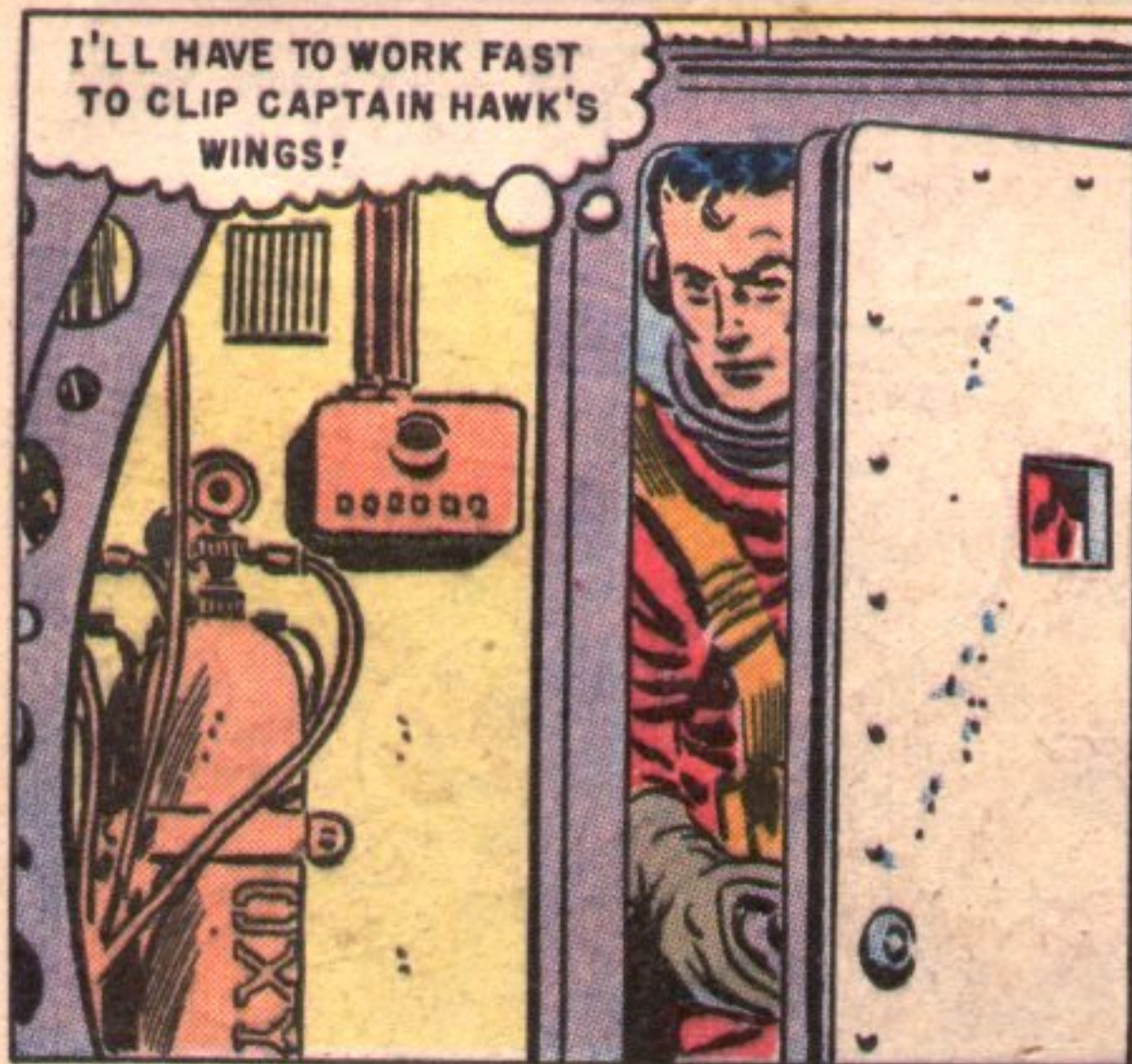
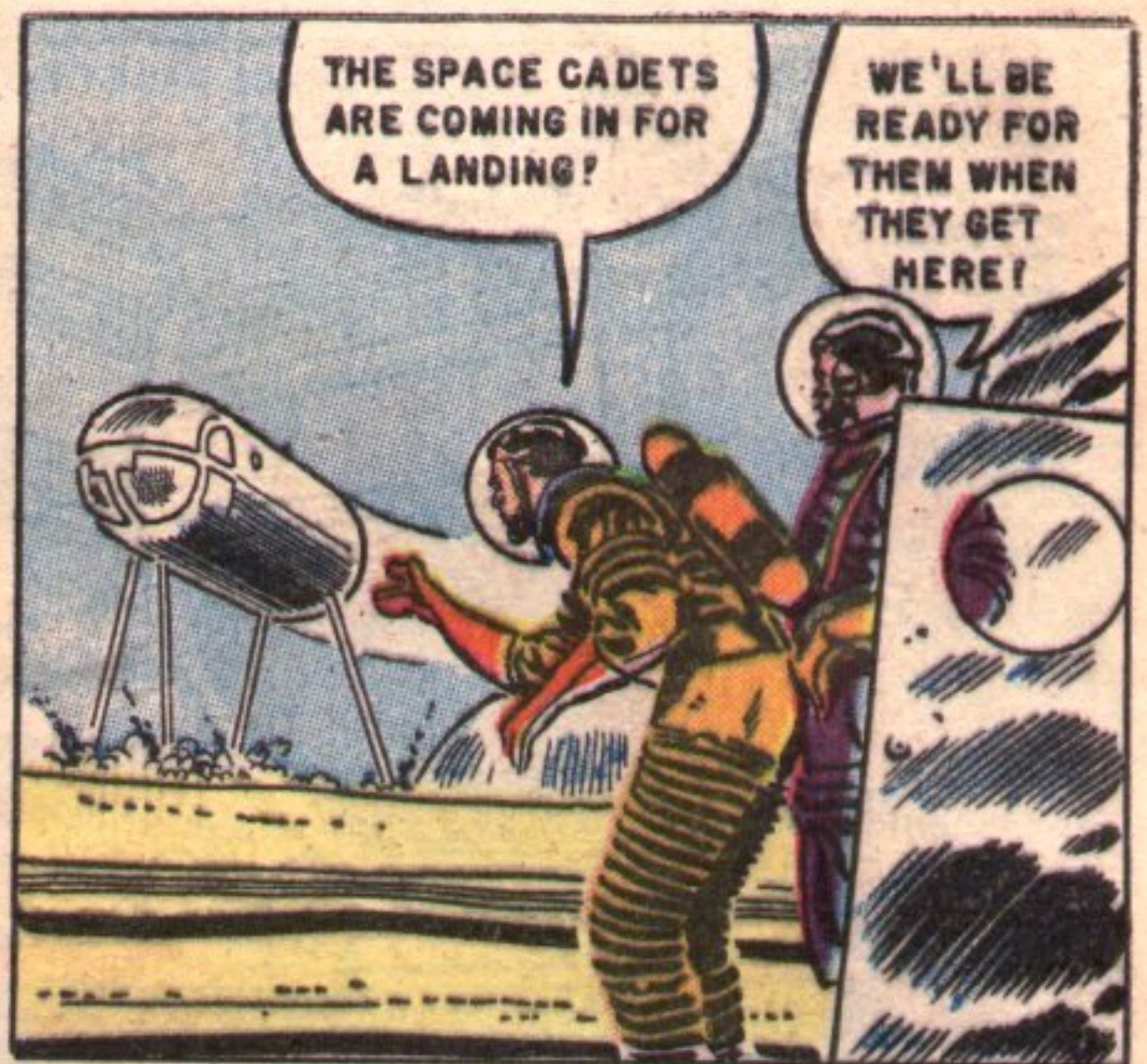
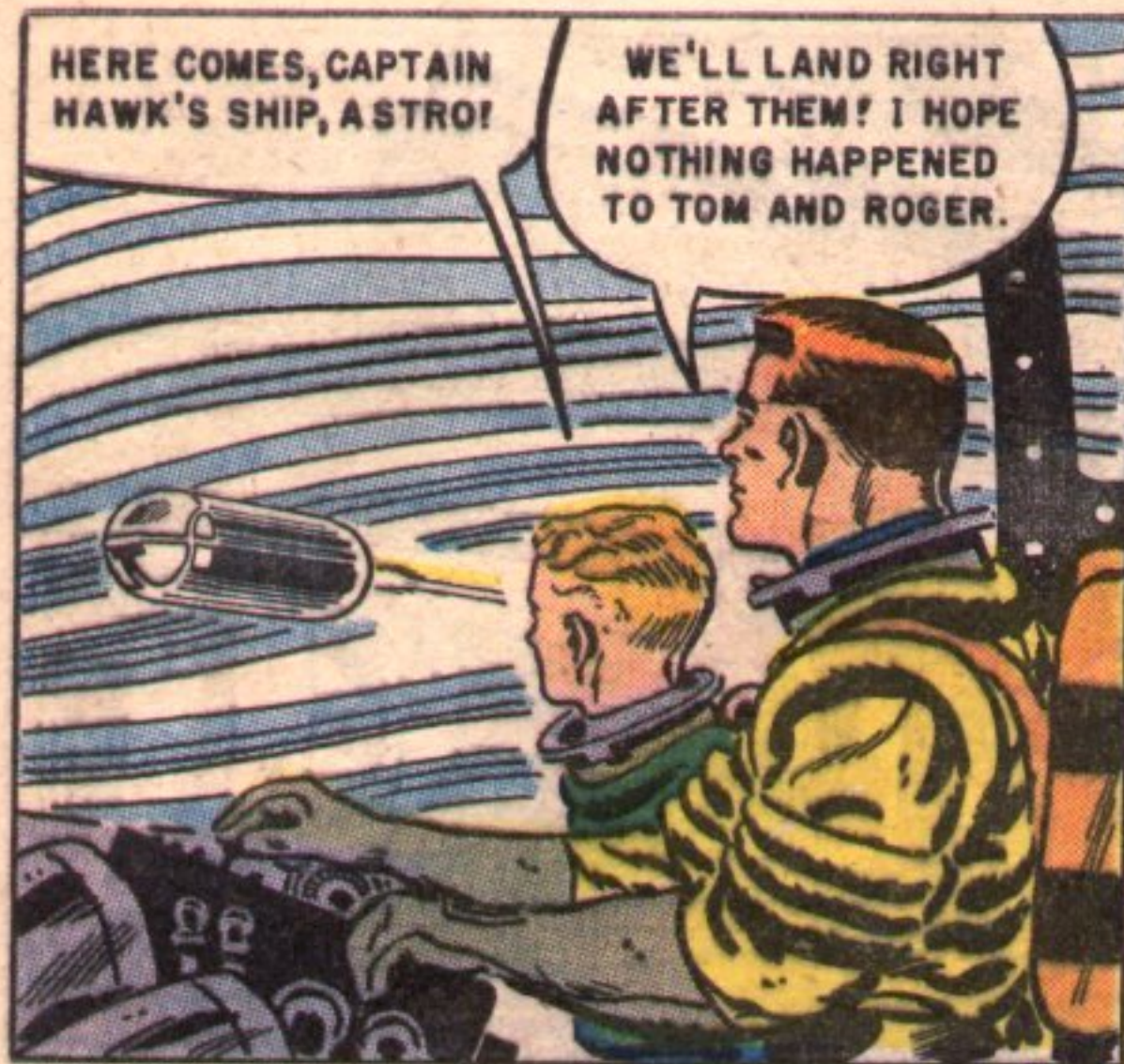


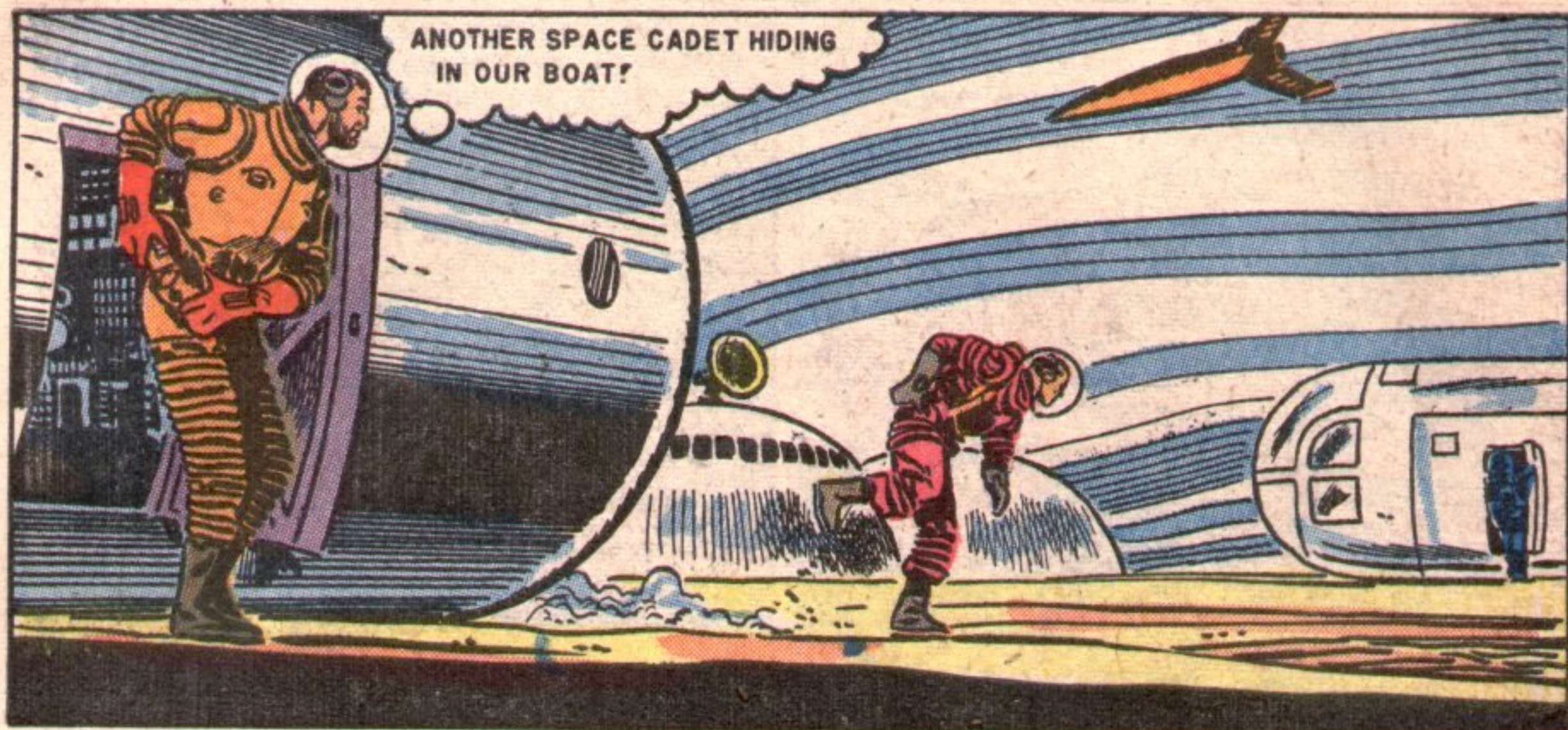
HO! HO! THE SPACE CADETS STARTED
EARLY TODAY, HAWK! A LOT OF
GOOD THAT'LL DO THEM! HO! HO!









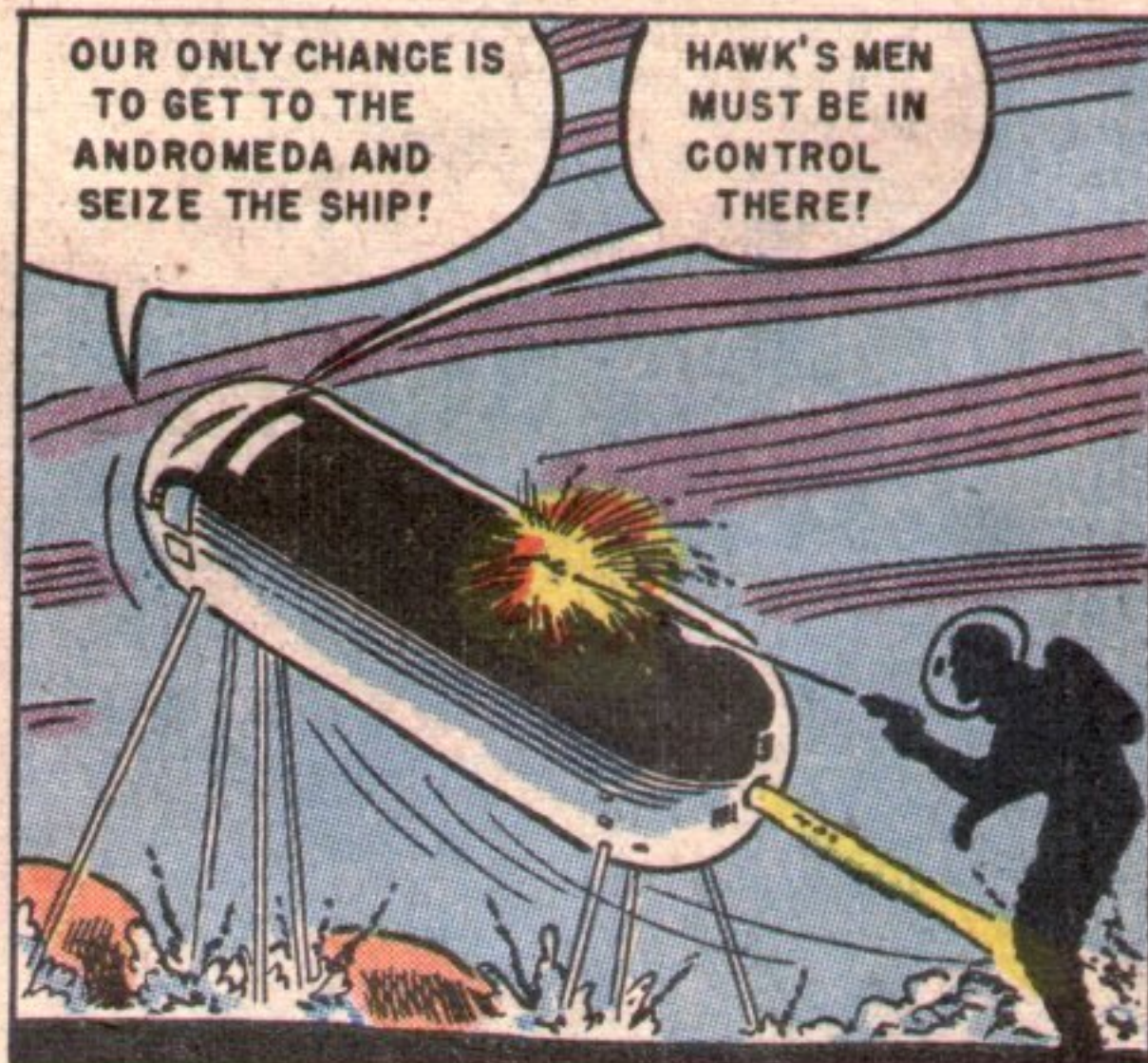


ANOTHER SPACE CADET HIDING
IN OUR BOAT?



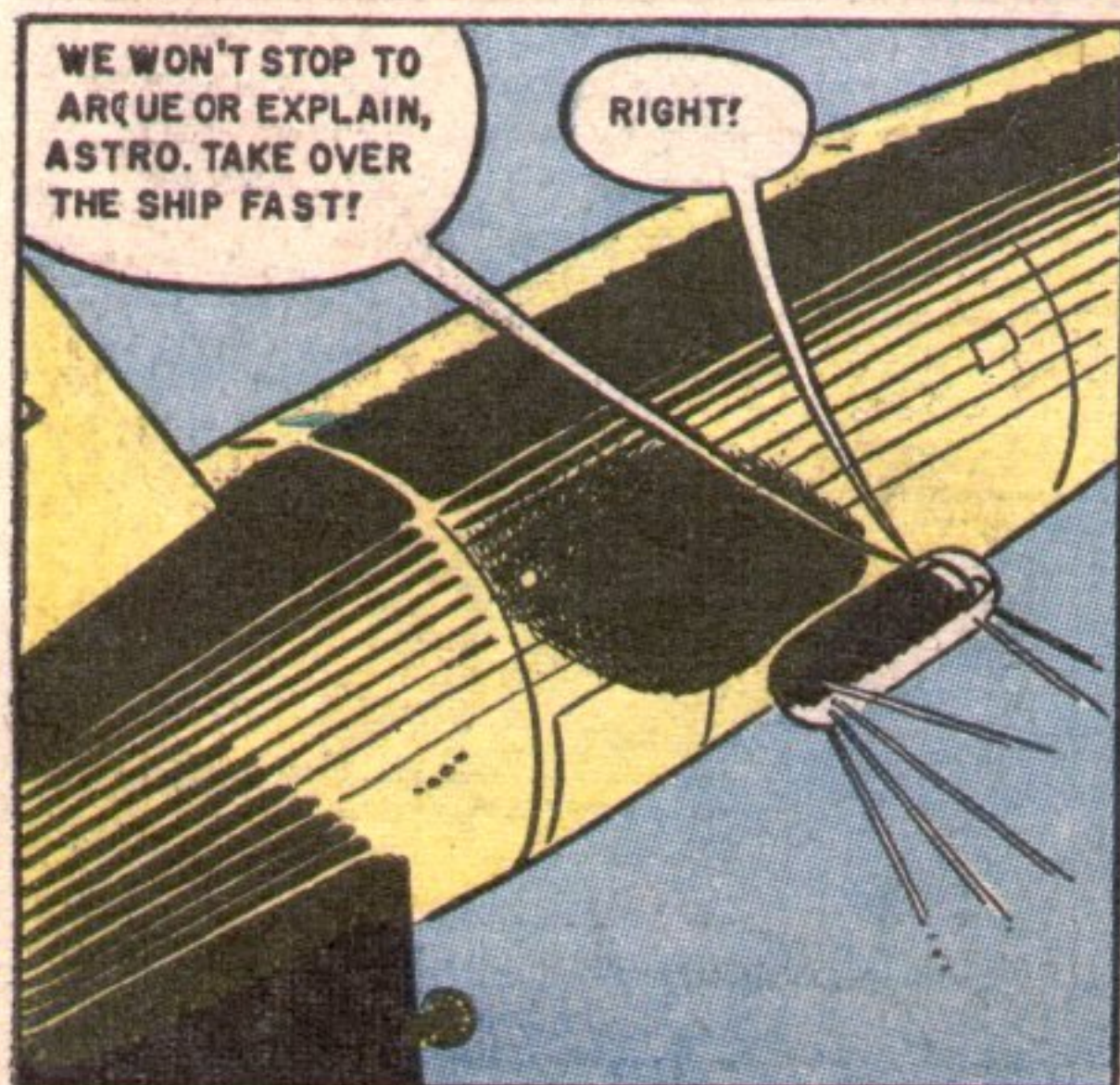
TOM! WHAT'S UP?
WHERE'S ROGER?

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN!
GET BACK IN AND
BLAST OFF!



OUR ONLY CHANCE IS
TO GET TO THE
ANDROMEDA AND
SEIZE THE SHIP!

HAWK'S MEN
MUST BE IN
CONTROL
THERE!



WE WON'T STOP TO
ARGUE OR EXPLAIN,
ASTRO. TAKE OVER
THE SHIP FAST!

RIGHT!



HOLD ON, YOU SPACE BOYS! THE
CAPTAIN SAID NO ONE IS TO BE
PERMITTED ON BOARD UNTIL
WE'RE READY TO BLAST OFF
FOR HOME.

THE ORDERS
ARE
CHANGED...



YEH? WHO CHANGED THEM?

I DID! JUST NOW!

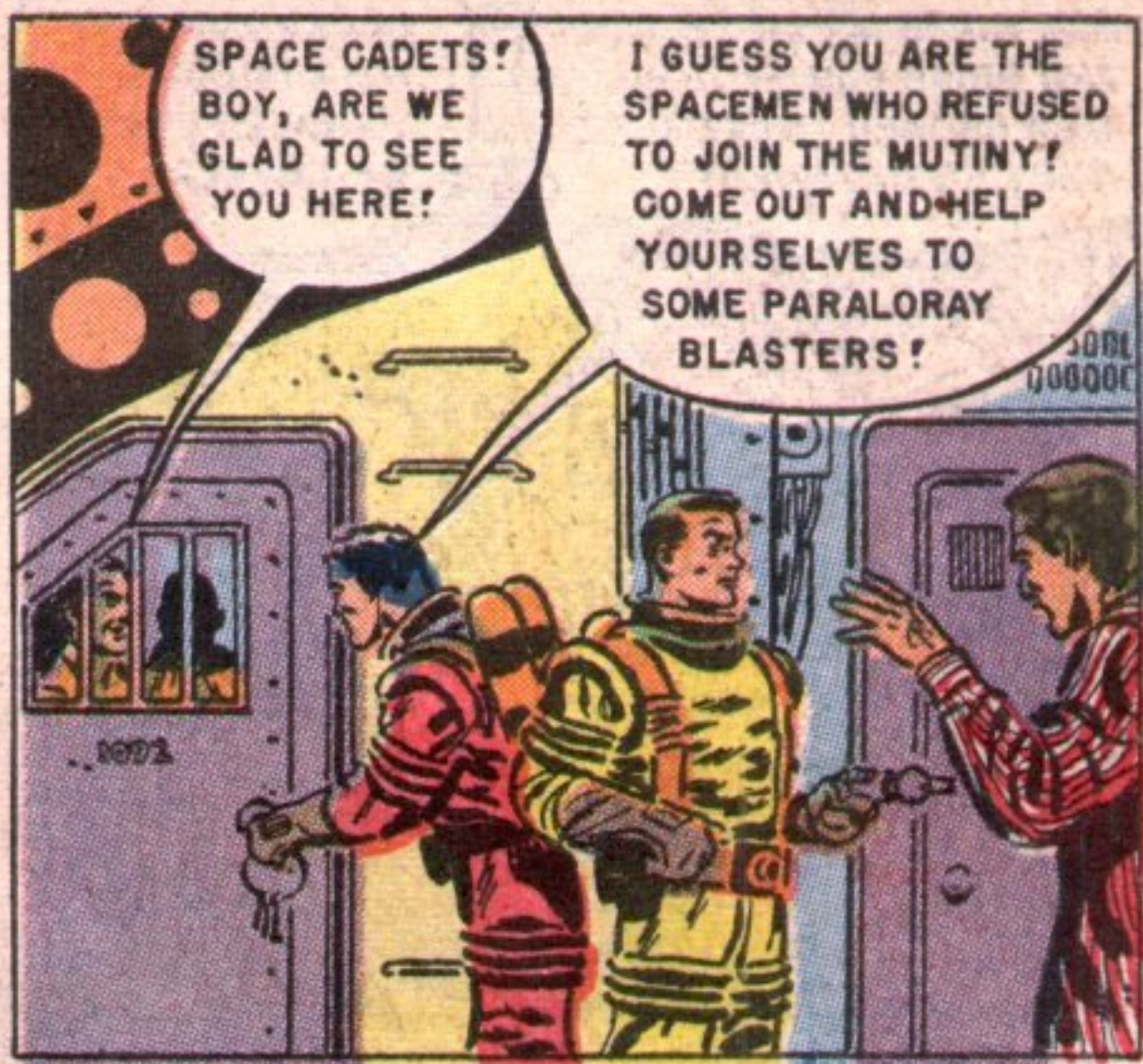


STAY HERE, JIMMY. ASTRO, PICK UP HIS GUN AND LET'S ROUND UP THE REST!



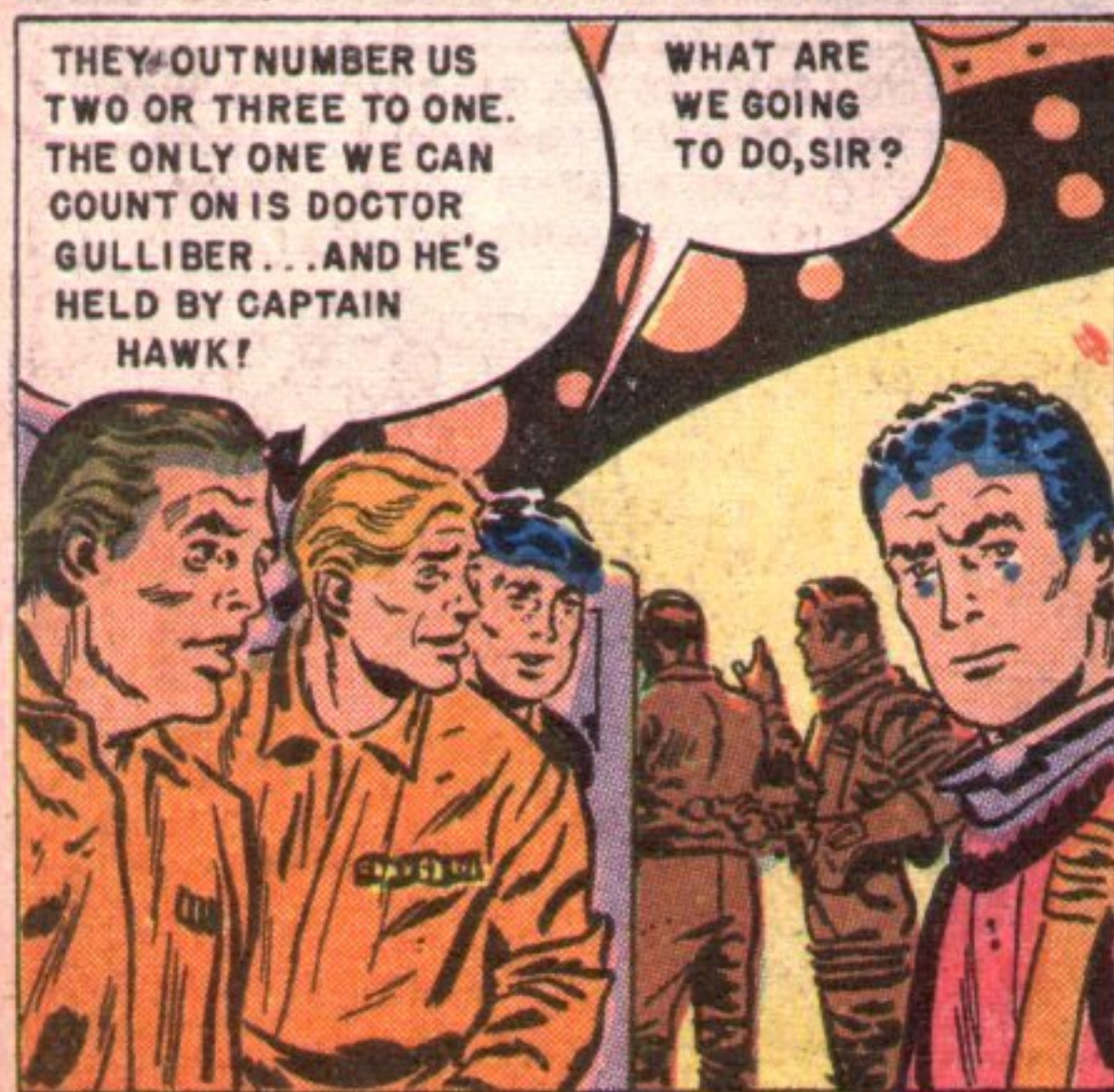
DROP YOUR GUNS AND DO AS YOU'RE TOLD! THE MUTINY IS OVER!

WE'LL LOCK THEM UP IN THE BRIG AND THEN TALK TO CAPTAIN HAWK! HE MAY BE IN A GOOD MOOD TO BARGAIN WITH US!



SPACE CADETS! BOY, ARE WE GLAD TO SEE YOU HERE!

I GUESS YOU ARE THE SPACEMEN WHO REFUSED TO JOIN THE MUTINY! COME OUT AND HELP YOURSELVES TO SOME PARALORAY BLASTERS!



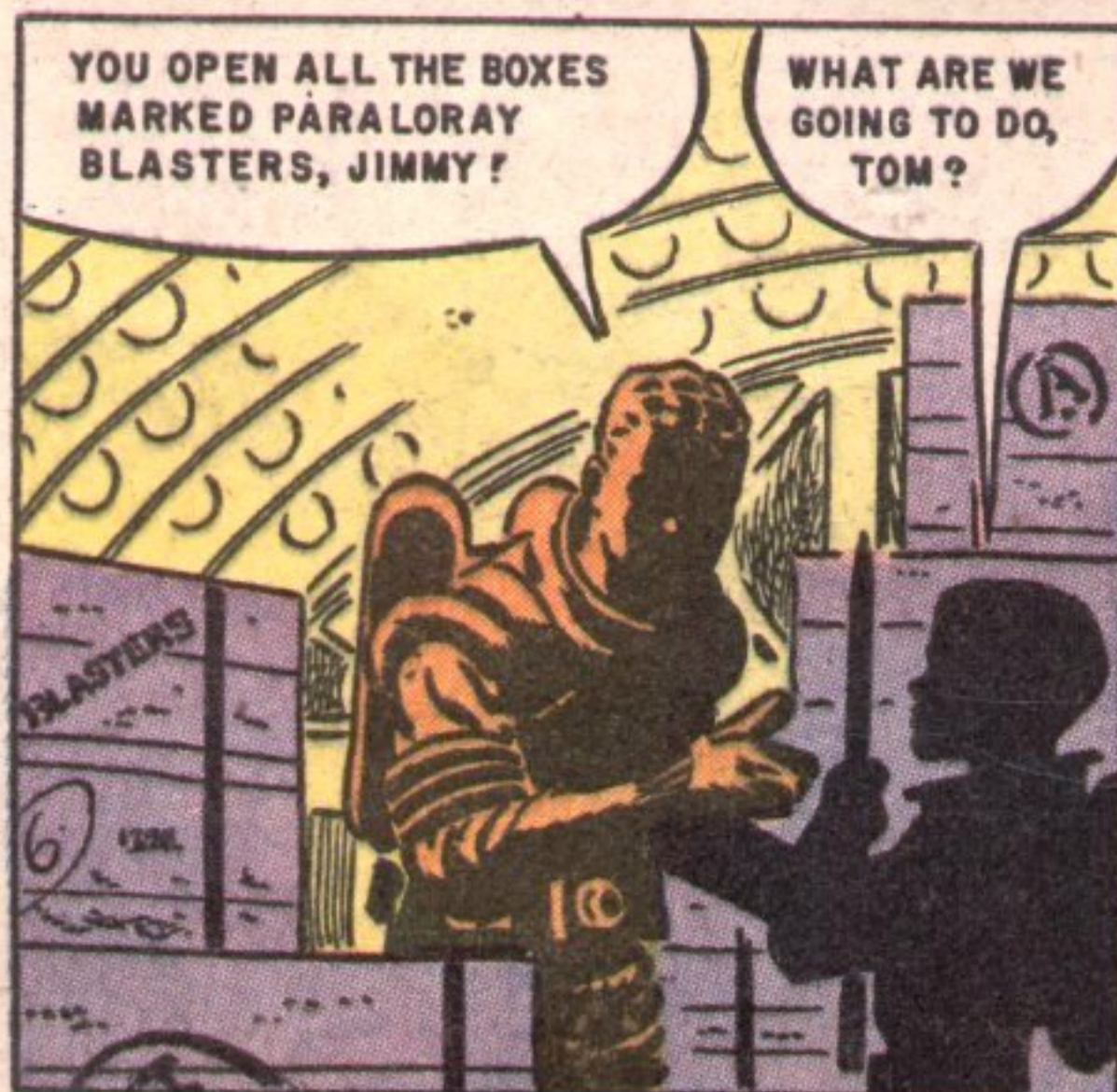
THEY OUTNUMBER US TWO OR THREE TO ONE. THE ONLY ONE WE CAN COUNT ON IS DOCTOR GULLIBER... AND HE'S HELD BY CAPTAIN HAWK!

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, SIR?



AS SPACE CADETS, OUR DUTY IS TO PLACE THE WHOLE GANG UNDER ARREST AND TAKE THEM BACK TO EARTH FOR TRIAL! AND THAT'S JUST WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO!

I HOPE YOU KNOW HOW WE CAN DO IT, TOM!





ALL ON THEIR WAY
TO BE LOCKED UP
IN THE BRIG, TOM!

JIMMY! YOU'RE
SAFE! I WAS SO
WORRIED ABOUT
YOU WHILE CAPTAIN
HAWK HELD ME
PRISONER!



DOCTOR GULLIBER, YOU STAY HERE
WITH OUR MEN AND KEEP THE
PRISONERS UNDER GUARD. ASTRO,
JIMMY AND I ARE GOING TO TAKE
THE LIFEBOAT AND BRING BACK
ROGER AND THE SPACEPROSPECTORS!

LEAVE
EVERY-
THING
TO ME,
TOM!



I'LL GO LANDSIDE AS SOON
AS WE REACH THE PRISON CAMP.
GIVE THEM GUNS AS SOON AS
THEY COME ABOARD!



WELL, SPACEMATES, I TOLD
YOU NOT TO WORRY! MY
SPACE CADET SQUAD CAN
HANDLE THE SITUATION!

LOOKS LIKE IT,
ROGER! BUT I'LL
BE A LOT HAPPIER
WHEN I'VE GOT A
GUN IN MY HANDS---
AND CAPTAIN HAWK
IN FRONT OF ME!



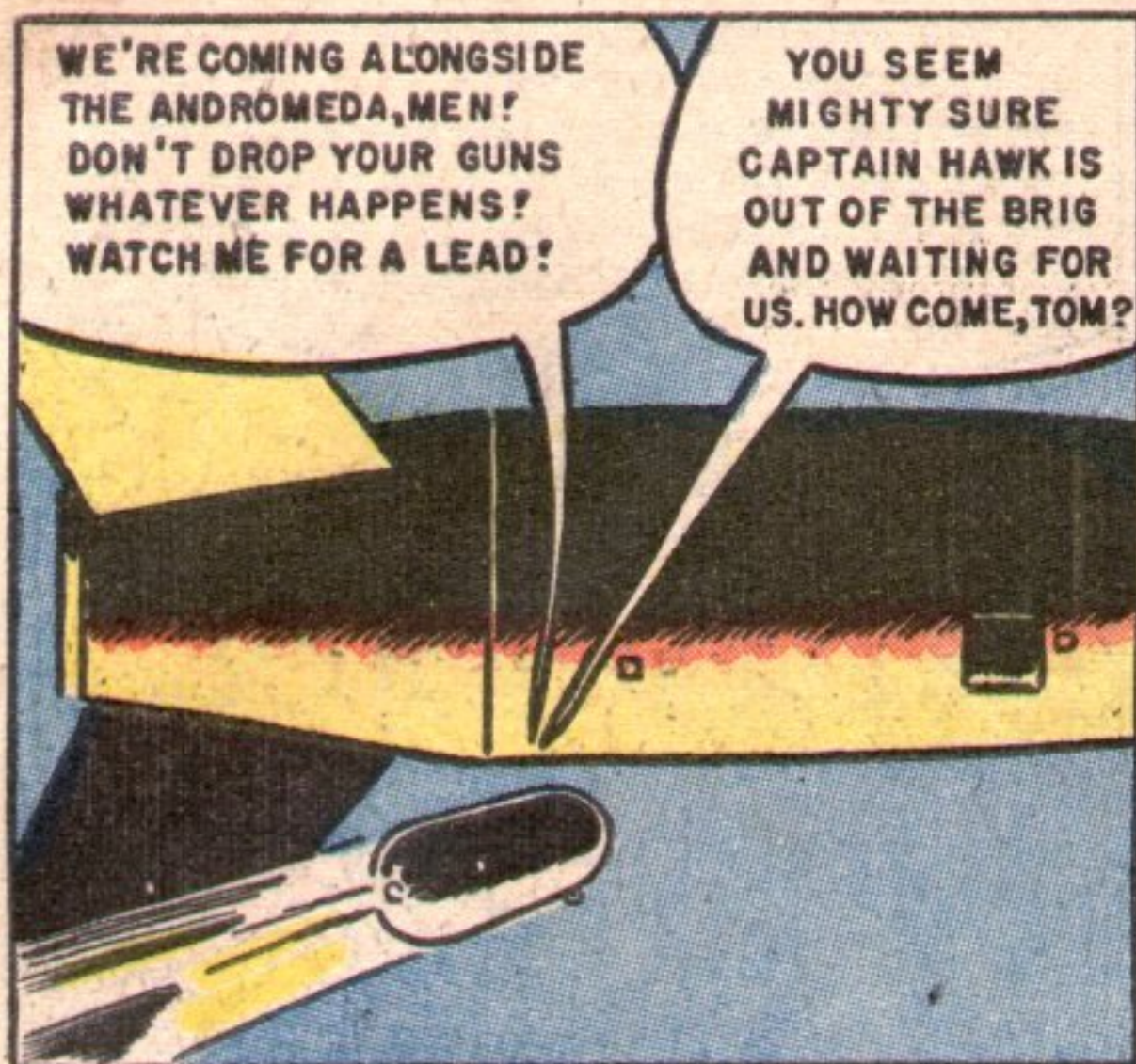
CROWD ABOARD OUR
LIFEBOAT. ASTRO WILL
ISSUE AMMUNITION AND
GUNS! WE MAY HAVE
A FIGHT AHEAD!

HEY! I THOUGHT YOU
SAID CAPTAIN HAWK
AND HIS SPACETHIEVES
WERE LOCKED UP
IN THE BRIG?



I EXPECT THEM TO BE
FREED, ROGER. WHEN
WE GET BACK TO THE
ANDROMEDA ... THEY
MAY BE WAITING
FOR US!

JUMPING IMPS OF
SPACE! I'VE GOT
A SPACEGOOFY
SPACE CADET ON
MY HANDS!



WE'RE COMING ALONGSIDE
THE ANDROMEDA, MEN!
DON'T DROP YOUR GUNS
WHATEVER HAPPENS!
WATCH ME FOR A LEAD!

YOU SEEM
MIGHTY SURE
CAPTAIN HAWK IS
OUT OF THE BRIG
AND WAITING FOR
US. HOW COME, TOM?



THIS WHOLE TREASURE HUNT WAS
A PUT UP JOB! I'VE GOT A SPACE-
MAN'S HUNCH THAT WE'RE GOING
TO GET A COUPLE OF SURPRISES
WHEN WE LAND. . AND I'VE
PREPARED FOR THEM!



WELL, EVERYTHING IS QUIET,
TOM! LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE
WRONG... WHICH DOESN'T
SURPRISE ME!

TOO
QUIET,
ROGER!



A TRAP TO CATCH SOMETHING HAS
TO BE QUIET, SPACE CADETS! I'VE
BEEN WAITING FOR YE! NOW DROP
YOUR BLASTERS ———OR I'LL
SPLIT ALL OF YE LIKE A BUNCH
OF ATOMS!



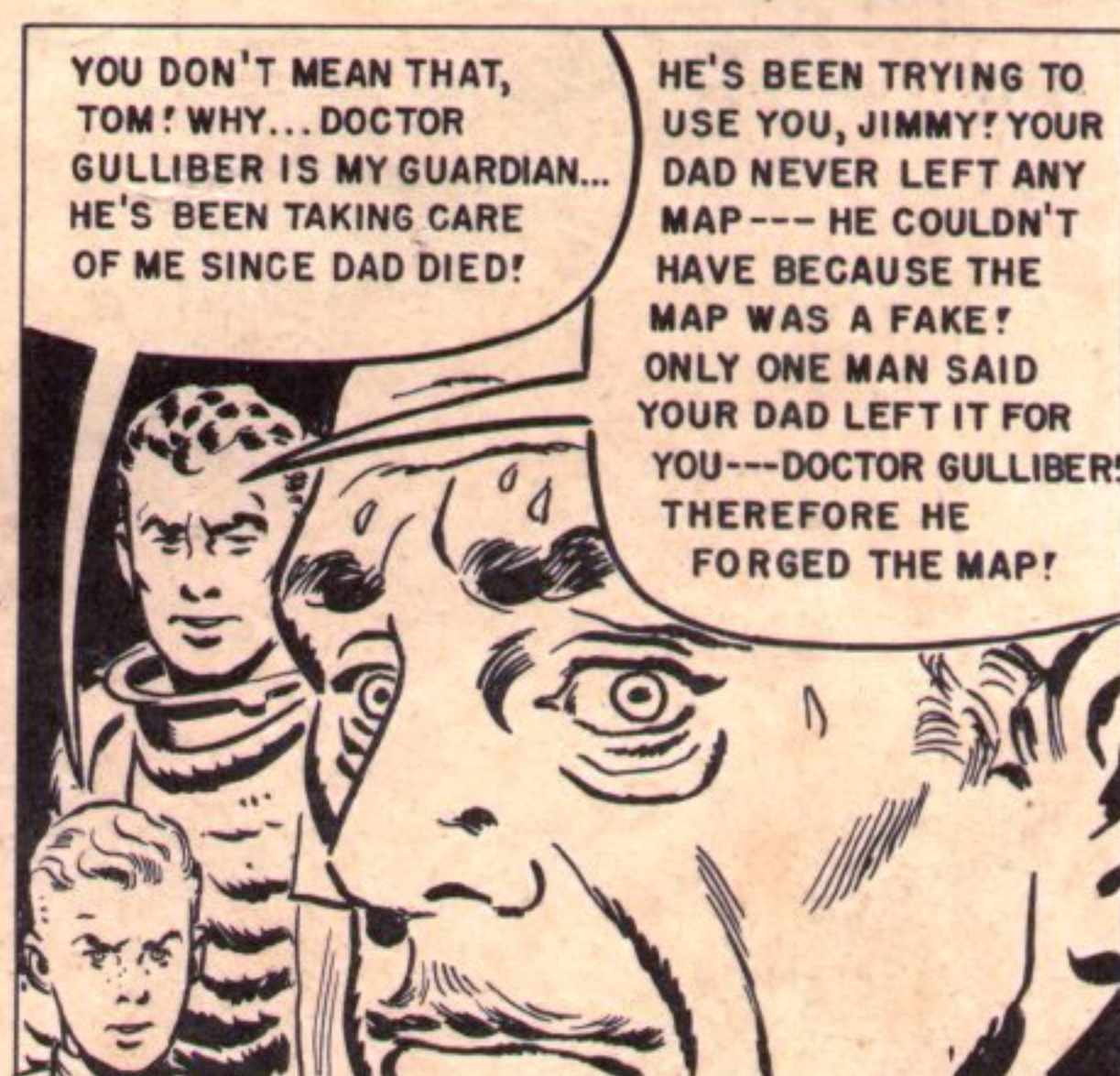
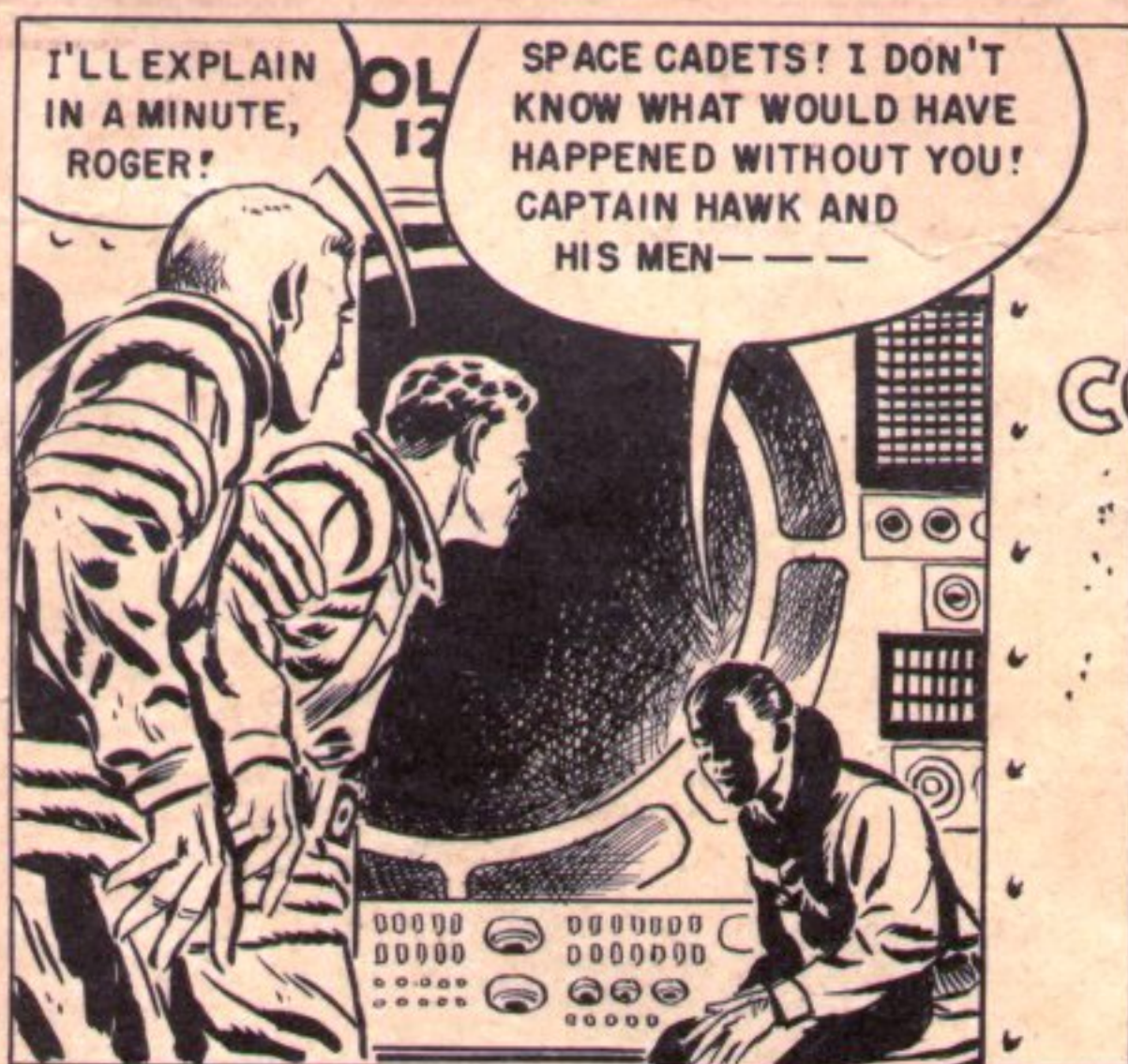
I EXPECTED THIS,
CAPTAIN HAWK! SO
GO AHEAD AND
BLAST ME!

NO! NO! DON'T
SHOOT HIM!
CAPTAIN HAWK!

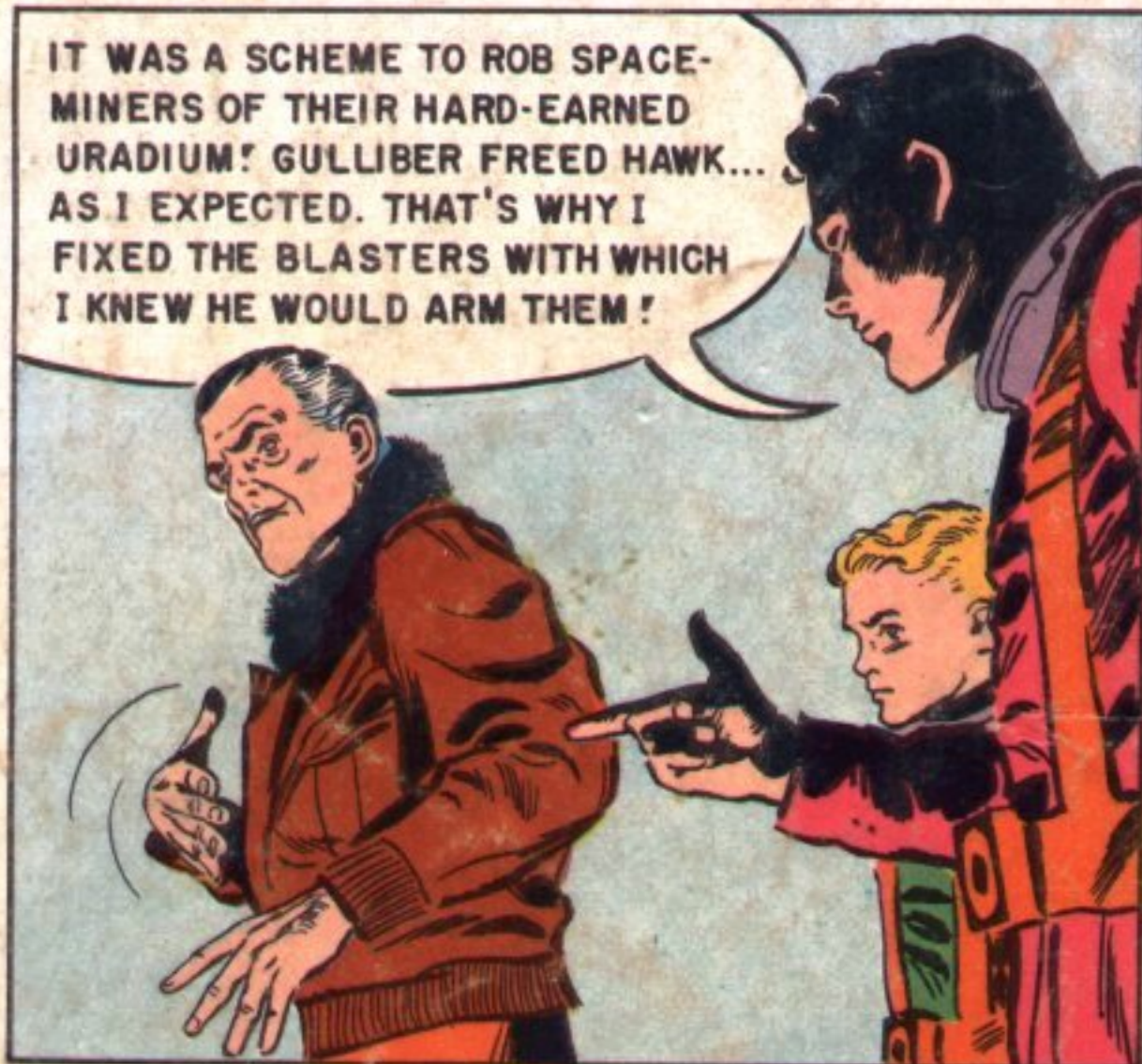


IF IT'S BLASTED YE
WANT TO BE, SPACE
CADET ———I'LL
OBLIGE YE!

NOT WITH AN
EMPTY GUN,
CAPTAIN HAWK!



IT WAS A SCHEME TO ROB SPACE-
MINERS OF THEIR HARD-EARNED
URADIUM! GULLIBER FREED HAWK...
AS I EXPECTED. THAT'S WHY I
FIXED THE BLASTERS WITH WHICH
I KNEW HE WOULD ARM THEM!



WELL, THIS BLASTER IS LOADED, TOM!
NOW ORDER CAPTAIN HAWK FREED---
OR I FIRE!



NO, YOU WON'T! YOU'RE
GOING TO BE PUNISHED
FOR LYING ABOUT MY
FATHER!



ALL OF US SPACEMINERS ARE
GOING TO GIVE JIMMY A SHARE
OF OUR URADIUM... SO HE'LL
BE WELL CARED FOR UNTIL
HE'S OLD ENOUGH TO GO TO
SPACE ACADEMY!

GOLLY! I'LL
BET I'M THE
LUCKIEST
KID IN ALL THE
UNIVERSE!



WELL, WHAT ARE WE
SPOUTING SPACEGAS
FOR? LET'S BLASTOFF
FOR EARTH! I'VE GOT A
LOT OF LOAFING TO DO
ON THE RETURN TRIP!

OH, YES, ROGER!
GLAD YOU REMINDED
US! THIS WAS ALL
YOUR IDEA OF
GETTING US OUT
OF DOING HOMEWORK!



SO GET BUSY WRITING THE
REPORT COMMANDER
ARKWRIGHT ORDERED US
TO BRING BACK! AND
MAKE SURE THERE ARE
NO MISTAKES!

LOOKS LIKE
YOU'RE GOING
TO HAVE PLENTY
OF HOMEWORK
TO CATCH UP
ON BEFORE WE
GET BACK!
GET BUSY!

PHOOEY!
THIS IS WHAT
I GET FOR
DOING YOU
GUYS A
FAVOR!

