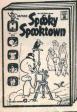




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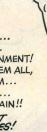




































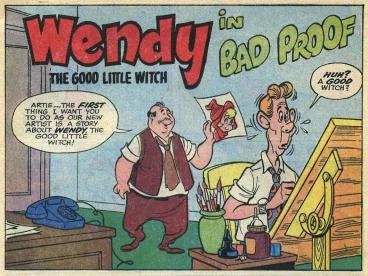






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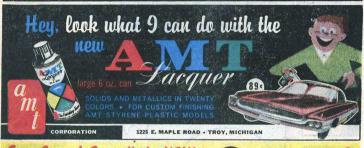








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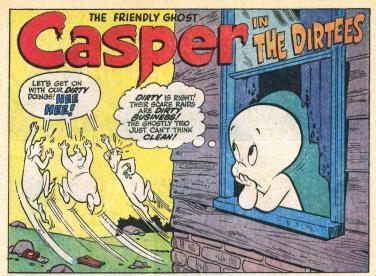
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The rosebush looked around as haughtily as she could, which was quite haughty indeed. "Who would ever think," she said, "that the gardener would ever let the rose garden go to weed like this?"

"What weeds?" asked a little

blade of grass.

There was a long silence while all the blades of grass in the broad, lovely lawn, twisted this way and

that, looking for weeds.

The rosebush trembled all over and finally spoke in a voice cold with anger. "I don't speak to WEEDS, and the least a WEED can dowhen it addresses me is call me MISS Rosebush!"

Now the silence was shocked. Then voices began to sputter from all over the lawn. "You mean you consider US weeds? We're the finest lawn grass money can buy! We do more for the appearance of the house than any old rosebush!"

Now the rosebush was so angry all her pink roses trembled. "Call yourselves what you will! You're still weeds! Who else but weeds would crowd out the rose garden till I am the only rosebush left? And if you aren't weeds, why does the gardener constantly try to kill you with his big cutting machine?"

"Why, that's a lawn mower," chorused the blades of grass "And grass grows better when it is reg-

ularly mowed!"

"A likely story," the rosebush bristled. "Everybody knows it is careful pruning that makes you grow better, not being cut down altogether! Here he comes with the big cutter again. I hope this time he gets you!"

The mower approached and then shut off. The blades of grass crouched low and were proud of their springy backs as the boots of the gardener walked over them. Then the earth shuddered as a spade was plunged into it. Again and again the spade plunged into the earth, and then the gardener was lifting the pink rosebush out of the ground, roots and all.

"Well, you're the last Pinky," said the gardener." Away we go to the new rose garden on the other side of the house. Don't hold so tight with your roots. You don't want to stay here. This is all going to be lawn on this side. And you know what a plant is that grows in the wrong place. A WEED!"

The rosebush looked down at the grass, and as the sun's rays hit the pink roses, for a moment they

seemed a fiery red.











THE GREAT PROFILE

Once a rooster was grabbed by two hungry tramps who looked forward to a good chicken dinner. But neither of the tramps had any idea of how to cook a chicken. The rooster thought fast and offered to teach them how to cook him.

"After all," the rooster said, "I might just as well be remembered as a delicious banquet instead of a scorched fowl." He told the men to hold him over an open fire, five minutes on one side and five on

the other.

"But you'd better hold me in a tight grip," he warned the would-be feasters," because it's only natural

that I'll try to escape."

The men thought he was one dumb bird and grabbed him and held him over the fire. Soon the air was filled with the smell of scorched feathers and soon the men began to scream. "Our hands are getting burned!" they shouted to the rooster. "What do we do?"

"Let go!" said the rooster, and the rooster escaped, scorched on one side, but happy to be free.

But now the rooster had a real problem. It isn't pleasant to be handsome on one side and scorched

and ugly on the other. He resolved that from then on nobody would ever ever see his bad side, that he would keep himself in profile at all costs. Before he returned to the barnyard he practiced diligently. He arched his back and fluffed out his tailfeathers on his good side and pranced around in little circles. He figured that he could strut around enough to always keep his good side presented. And he would be aloof and stay at a distance, preferably up high on a fencepost, or on the roof of the barn. And he would keep the sun behind him, to blind anyone trying to see his other side.

Then he went back to the barnyard and he was an immediate success. The hens thought him handsomer than ever, the way he always stood so tall and arched his tailfeathers, and strutted so vainly.

"He's so proud and aloof," the hens said. "So glamorous and conceited." They called him "The Great Profile" and soon all the other roosters in the neighborhood were imitating him, standing tall and looking down out of one eye and

strutting in little circles.

Then an ironworker modeled a weather vane after him, and to this day in the country everywhere, the Great Profile can be seen spinning around in the wind to show his good side, a reminder to everyone everywhere to turn their handicaps into assets.













































































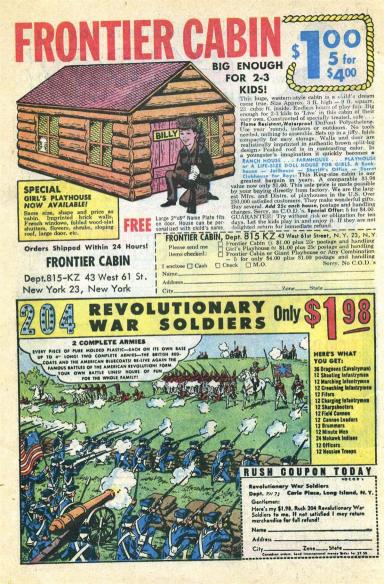






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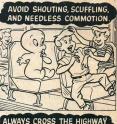
























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