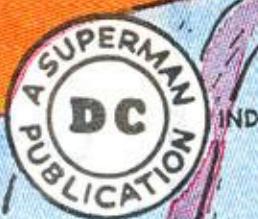


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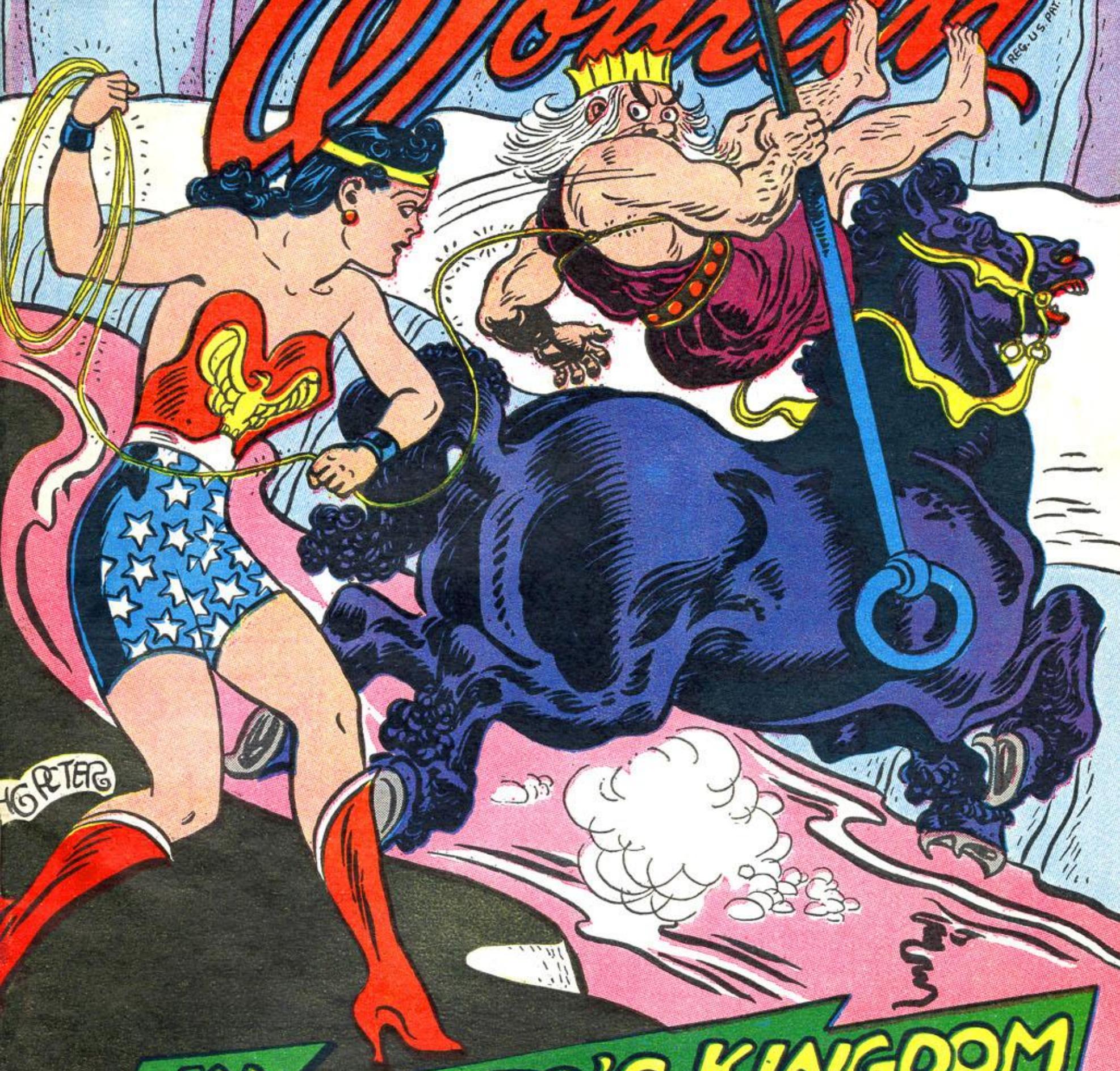
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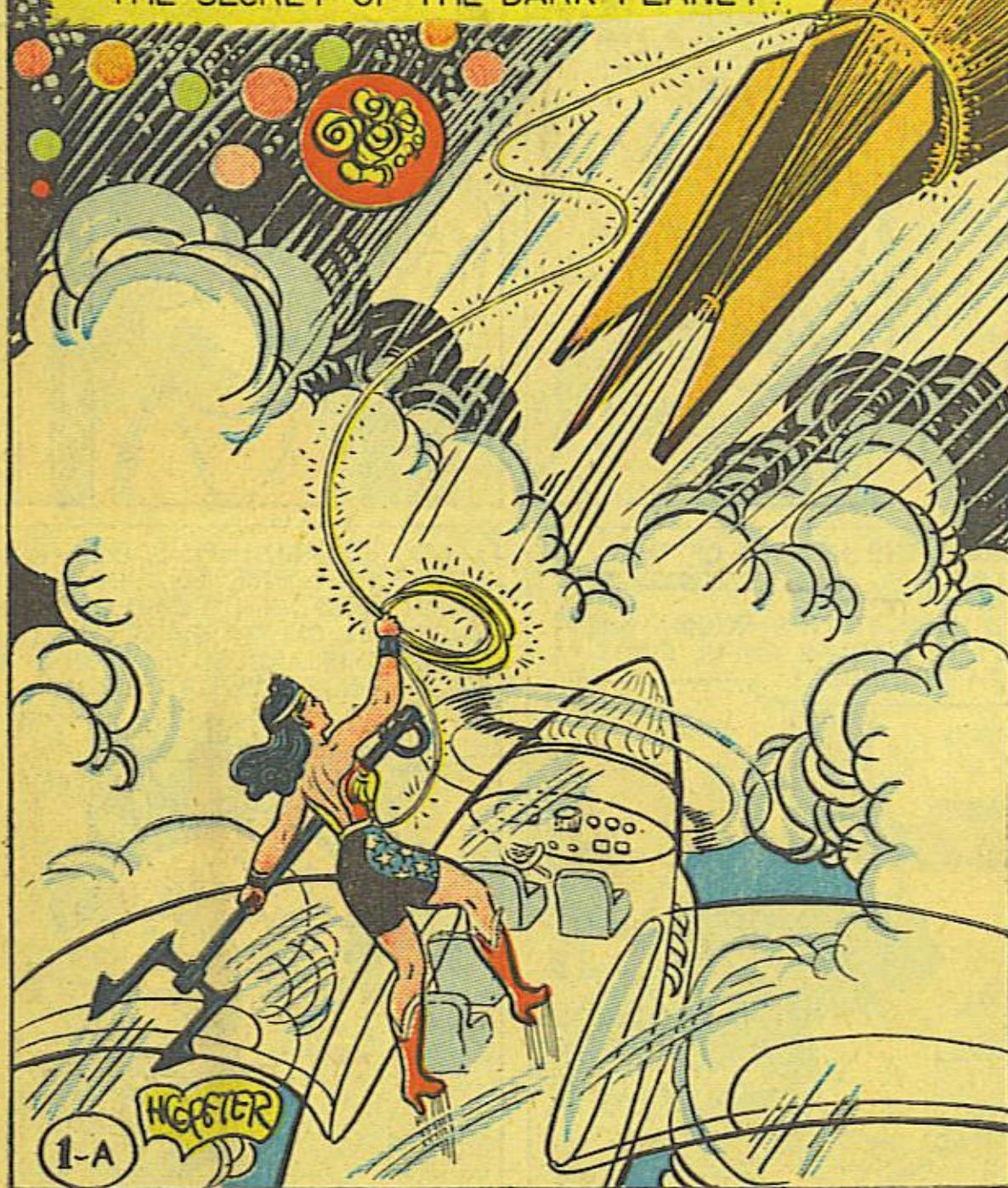
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By CHARLES MOULTON

SCIENTISTS CLAIM NO LIFE CAN EXIST ON PLUTO! BUT WHEN ETTA CANDY, WITH HER USUAL CAPACITY FOR MISCHIEFMAKING, SHOOTS HERSELF AND HER FRIENDS TO THE FARTHEST PLANET FROM THE SUN, THEY FIND A WEIRD FORM OF LIFE INHABITING THIS DARK, DISMAL WORLD, AND THEY THEMSELVES ARE TURNED INTO THESE STRANGE PLUTONIC BEINGS.

ALTHOUGH OUR DARING AMAZON HEROINE, BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, HAS OFTEN PROVED HERSELF THE ESSENCE OF COURAGEOUSNESS, SHE WILL MAKE YOUR PULSE RACE FASTER THAN EVER BEFORE AS YOU WATCH HER FLY THROUGH SPACE, BATTLE AGAINST GROTESQUE, SHADY BEINGS, AND SAVE HER FRIENDS FROM A TERRIBLE FATE AT THE HANDS OF KING PLUTO, DREAD RULER OF A HORROR WORLD, IN THIS EPISODE,

"THE SECRET OF THE DARK PLANET!"

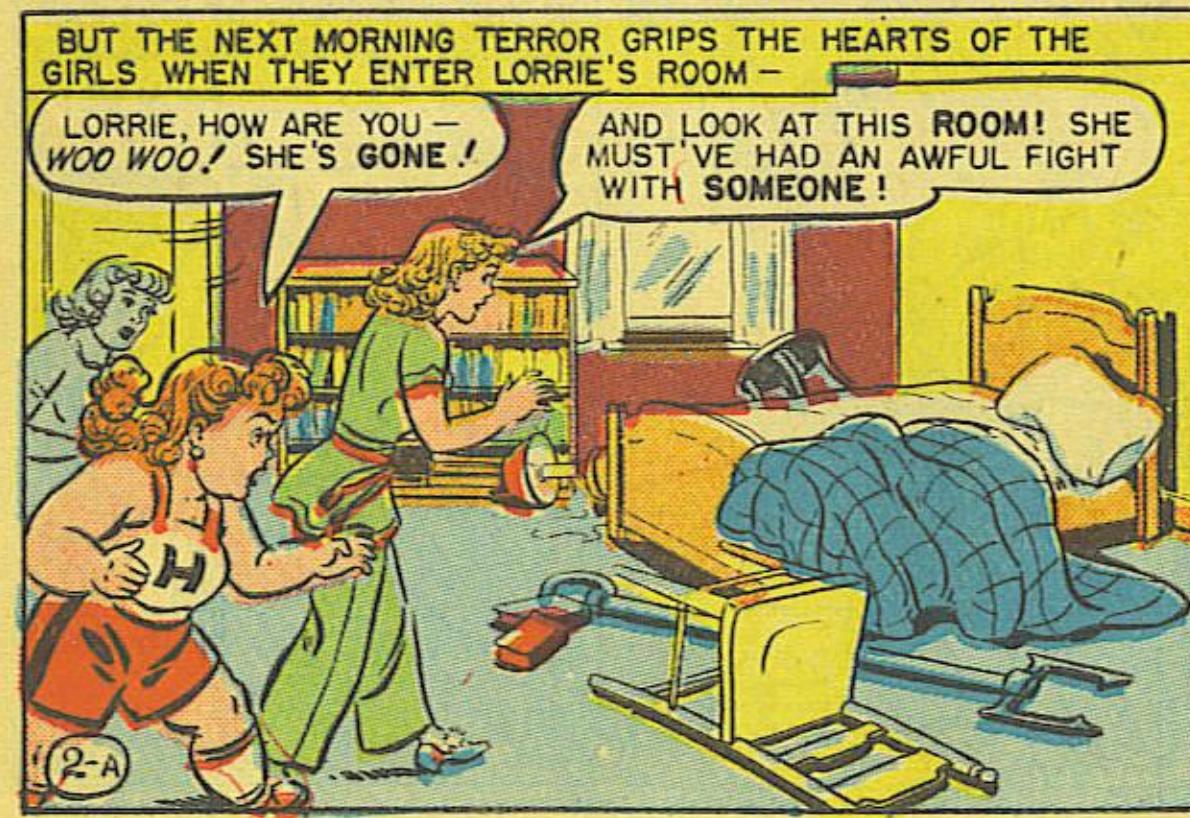


IN THE DORMITORY AT HOLLIDAY COLLEGE —

*EEEK! GO AWAY FROM ME!
HELP!*



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ANSWERING ETTA'S FRANTIC MENTAL RADIO CALL, WONDER WOMAN STREAKS TO HOLLIDAY COLLEGE —

WHAT HAPPENED, ETTA?

LORRIE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED BY A GIANT —

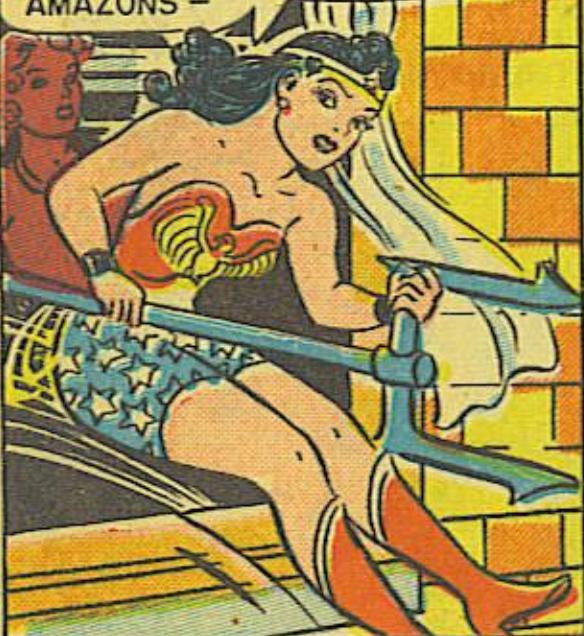
MAYBE EVEN MURDERED! LOOK AT THIS HORRIBLE WEAPON WE'VE FOUND! WE CAN'T BUDGE IT!

EASILY, THE POWERFUL AMAZON PRINCESS LIFTS THE GREAT FORK-

GREAT HERA! IT CAN'T BE — BUT IT IS! KING PLUTO'S FORK OF FATE! GIRLS, THIS IS VERY SERIOUS —

YOU'RE KIDDING — PLUTO'S ONLY A GREEK MYTH.

THIS FORK OF FATE IS NO MYTH! I'M GOING TO PARADISE ISLAND AND CONSULT THE WISDOM OF THE ANCIENT AMAZONS —

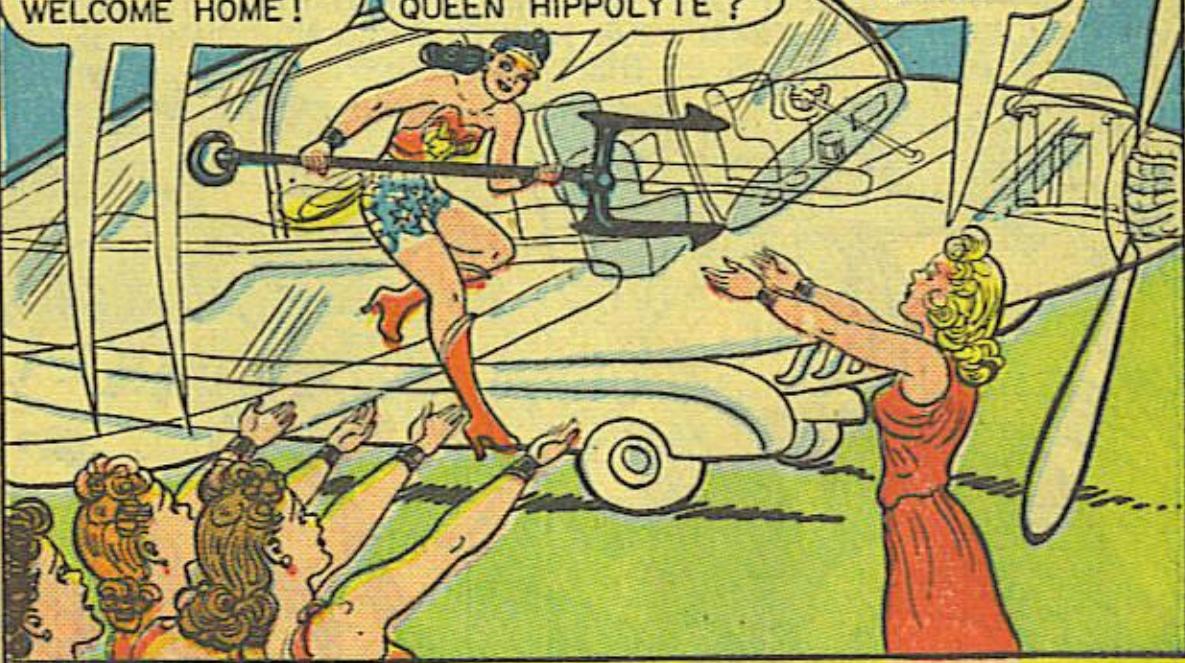


SOARING OVER DISTANT SEAS IN HER AMAZON PLANE, WONDER WOMAN SOON REACHES HER BIRTHPLACE.

HOLA, PRINCESS! WELCOME HOME!

HOLA! WHERE IS QUEEN HIPPOLYTE?

AT APHRODITE'S TEMPLE —



DAUGHTER! HOW WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU!

MOTHER, DARLING!

SUDDENLY, THE STATUE OF THE GODDESS APHRODITE COMES TO LIFE.

HOW DAREST THOU ENCROACH UPON THE LOVE SANCTITY OF MY TEMPLE BY BRINGING THE FATE FORK OF KING PLUTO, VICIOUS RULER OF THE DARK PLANET!



FORGIVE ME, OH GODDESS OF LOVE AND BEAUTY, BUT I CAME HERE TO SEEK YOUR ADVICE — FOR WHOEVER CARRIED THIS ODD WEAPON KIDNAPPED A HOLLIDAY GIRL —



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SO PLUTO IS AGAIN PRACTICING HIS EVIL WAYS. DOST THOU REMEMBER THE GREEK LEGEND ABOUT PERSEPHONE?



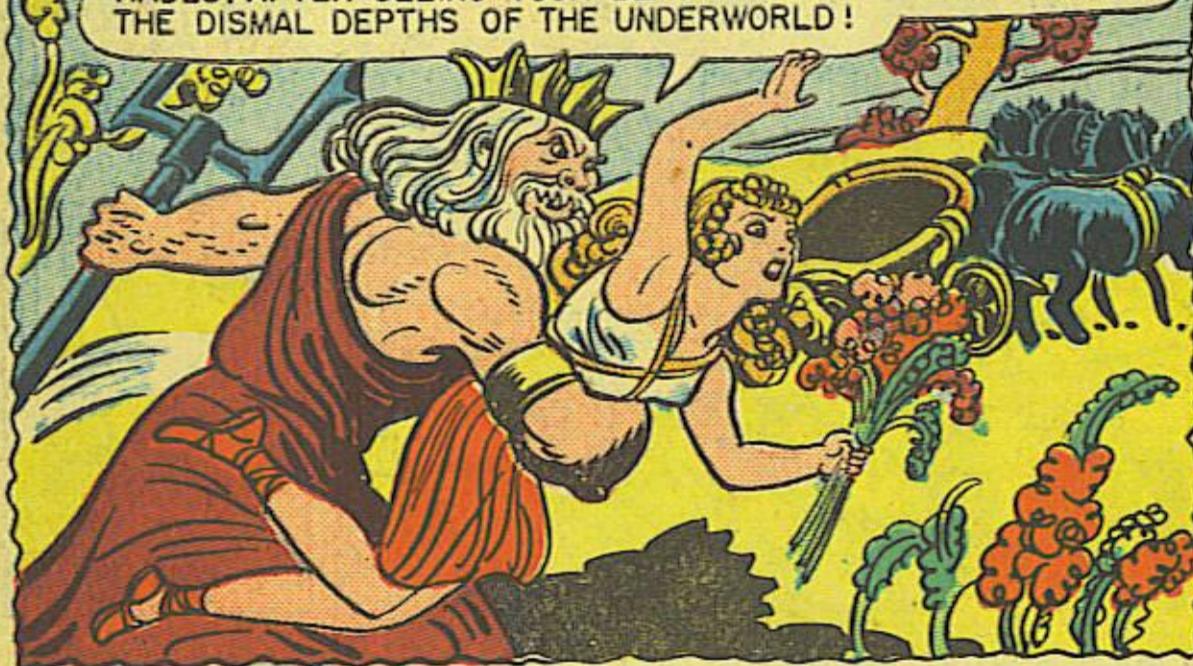
"PERSEPHONE, LOVELY DAUGHTER OF DEMETER, GODDESS OF THE CROPS, WAS ENJOYING HER BELOVED FLOWERS -"

COME ON, PERSEPHONE, - OHHH !
LOOK BEHIND YOU ! RUN - RUN
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE !



"BUT KING PLUTO BORE SWIFTLY DOWN UPON THE RADIANT MAIDEN -"

LOVELY ONE, YOU SHALL BRING LIGHT TO DARK HADES. AFTER SEEING YOUR BEAUTY I CAN NO LONGER BEAR THE DISMAL DEPTHS OF THE UNDERWORLD !

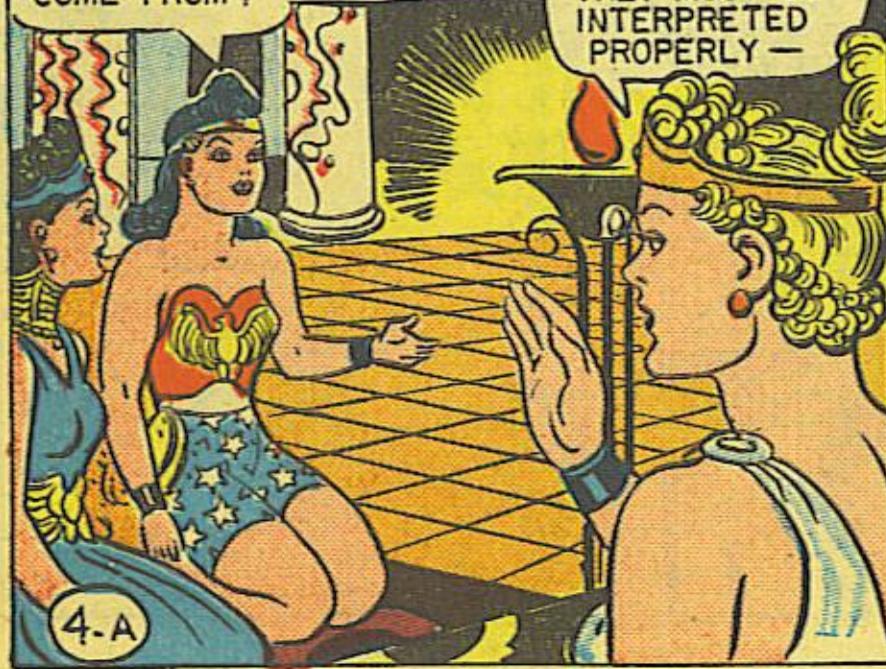


AND WHILE PERSEPHONE'S FRIENDS WATCHED HELPLESSLY, KING PLUTO STRUCK THE EARTH WITH A MIGHTY BLOW OF HIS FORK AND DISAPPEARED INTO DREAD HADES !



SURELY, O GODDESS, THAT IS BUT A MYTH. BUT IF IT IS, WHERE DOES THIS FORK COME FROM ?

THE GREEK MYTHS CONTAIN MUCH TRUTH — THEY MUST BE INTERPRETED PROPERLY —



GO, PRINCESS DIANA, WITH THY WISE MOTHER. SHE WILL EXPLAIN WITH THE AID OF THE MAGIC SPHERE THE GREEK HADES AND SHOW THEE WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED TO THY FRIEND.

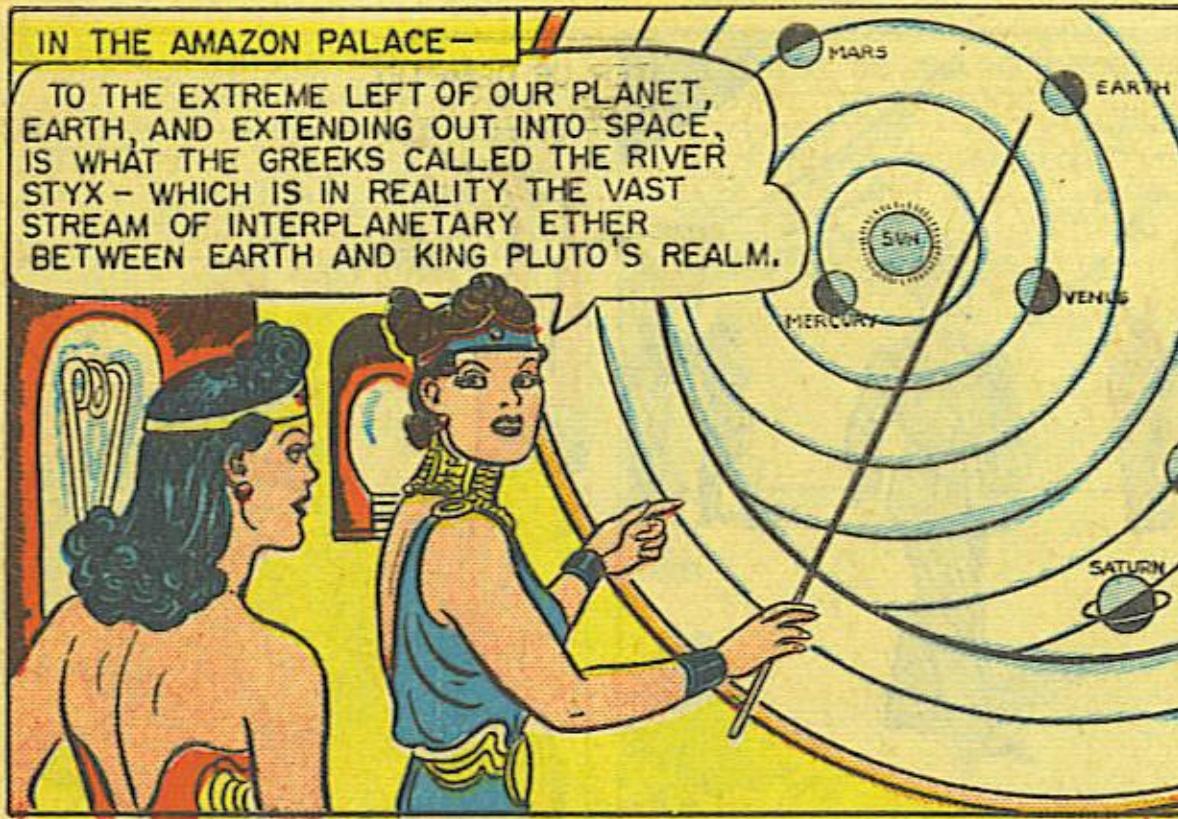
THANK YOU, O BELOVED GODDESS !



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IN THE AMAZON PALACE—

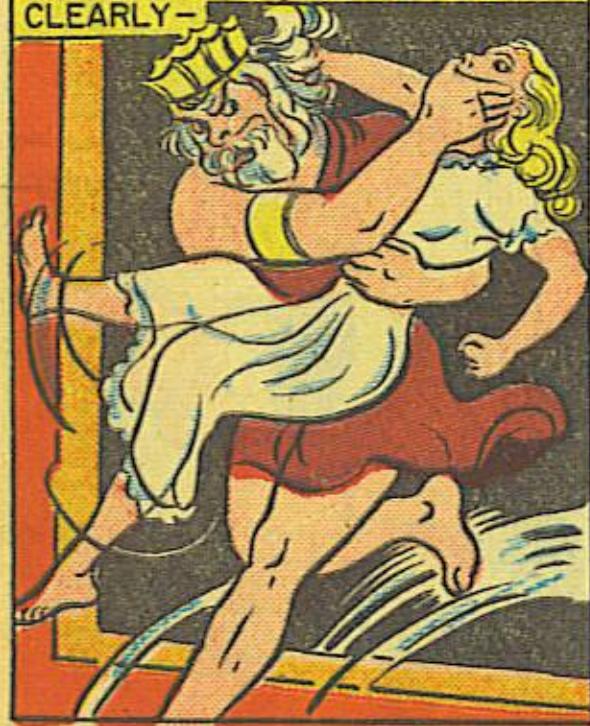
TO THE EXTREME LEFT OF OUR PLANET, EARTH, AND EXTENDING OUT INTO SPACE, IS WHAT THE GREEKS CALLED THE RIVER STYX - WHICH IS IN REALITY THE VAST STREAM OF INTERPLANETARY ETHER BETWEEN EARTH AND KING PLUTO'S REALM.



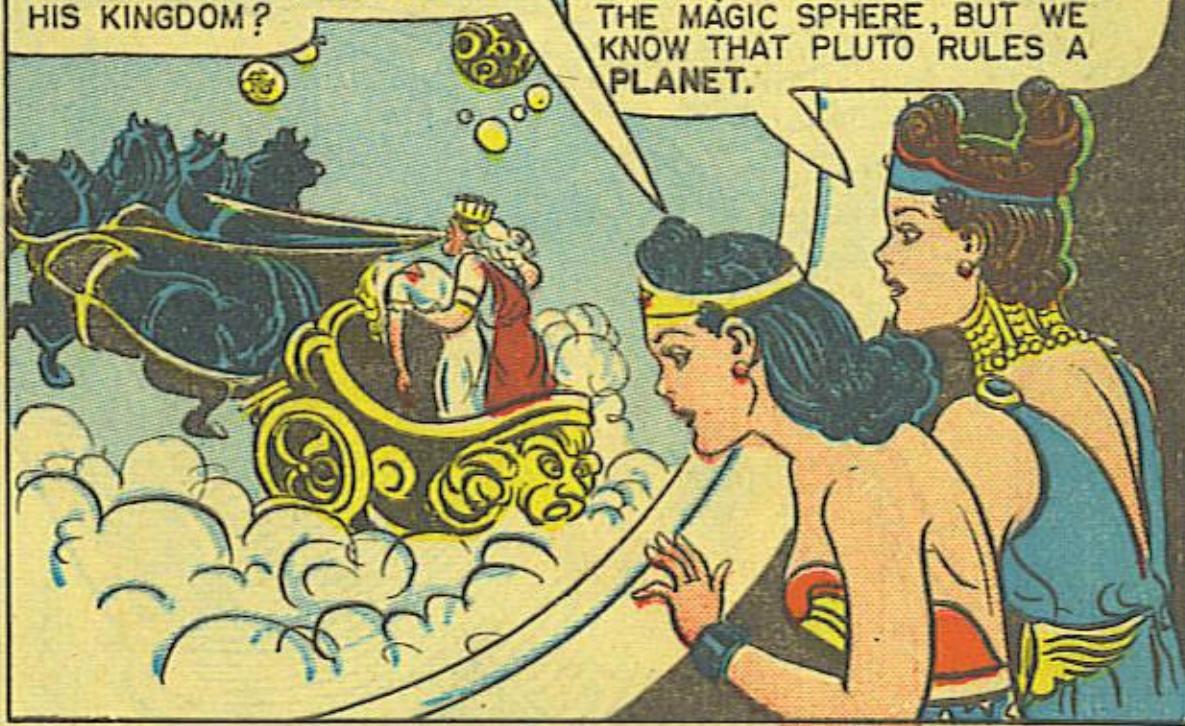
NOW LET US SEE IF WE CAN DISCOVER WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FRIEND.



THE MAGIC SPHERE SHOWS THE TRAGIC KIDNAPPING ALL TOO CLEARLY—



BUT WHERE IS KING PLUTO TAKING LORRIE? WHERE IS HIS KINGDOM?



BECAUSE IT IS SO FAR FROM EARTH, IT DOES NOT SHOW ON THE MAGIC SPHERE, BUT WE KNOW THAT PLUTO RULES A PLANET.

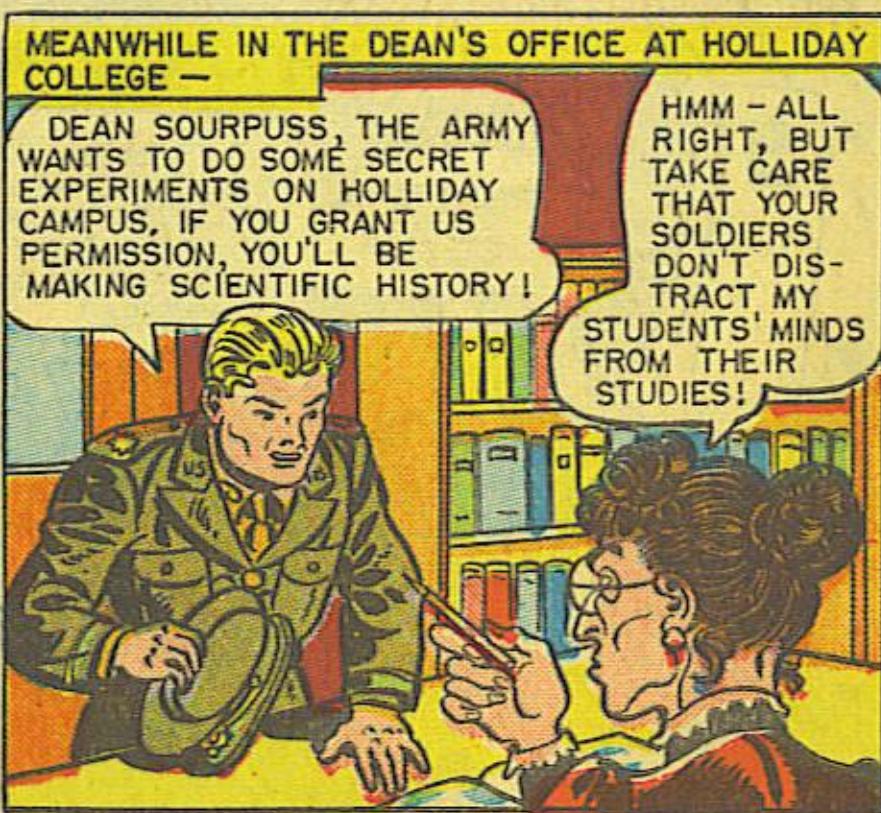
WE BELIEVE HIS KINGDOM IS ON THE PLANET PLUTO, THE FARTHEST PLANET FROM THE EARTH. MY DARLING, TAKE CARE, FOR MUCH DANGER LIES AHEAD OF YOU!



I SHALL, MOTHER DEAR. I MUST RETURN NOW TO THE MAN'S WORLD AND FIND SOME WAY OF RESCUING MY FRIEND.

MEANWHILE IN THE DEAN'S OFFICE AT HOLLIDAY COLLEGE —

DEAN SOURPUSS, THE ARMY WANTS TO DO SOME SECRET EXPERIMENTS ON HOLLIDAY CAMPUS. IF YOU GRANT US PERMISSION, YOU'LL BE MAKING SCIENTIFIC HISTORY!



HMM - ALL RIGHT, BUT TAKE CARE THAT YOUR SOLDIERS DON'T DISTRACT MY STUDENTS' MINDS FROM THEIR STUDIES!

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AND THE DEAN'S FEARS ARE JUSTIFIED —

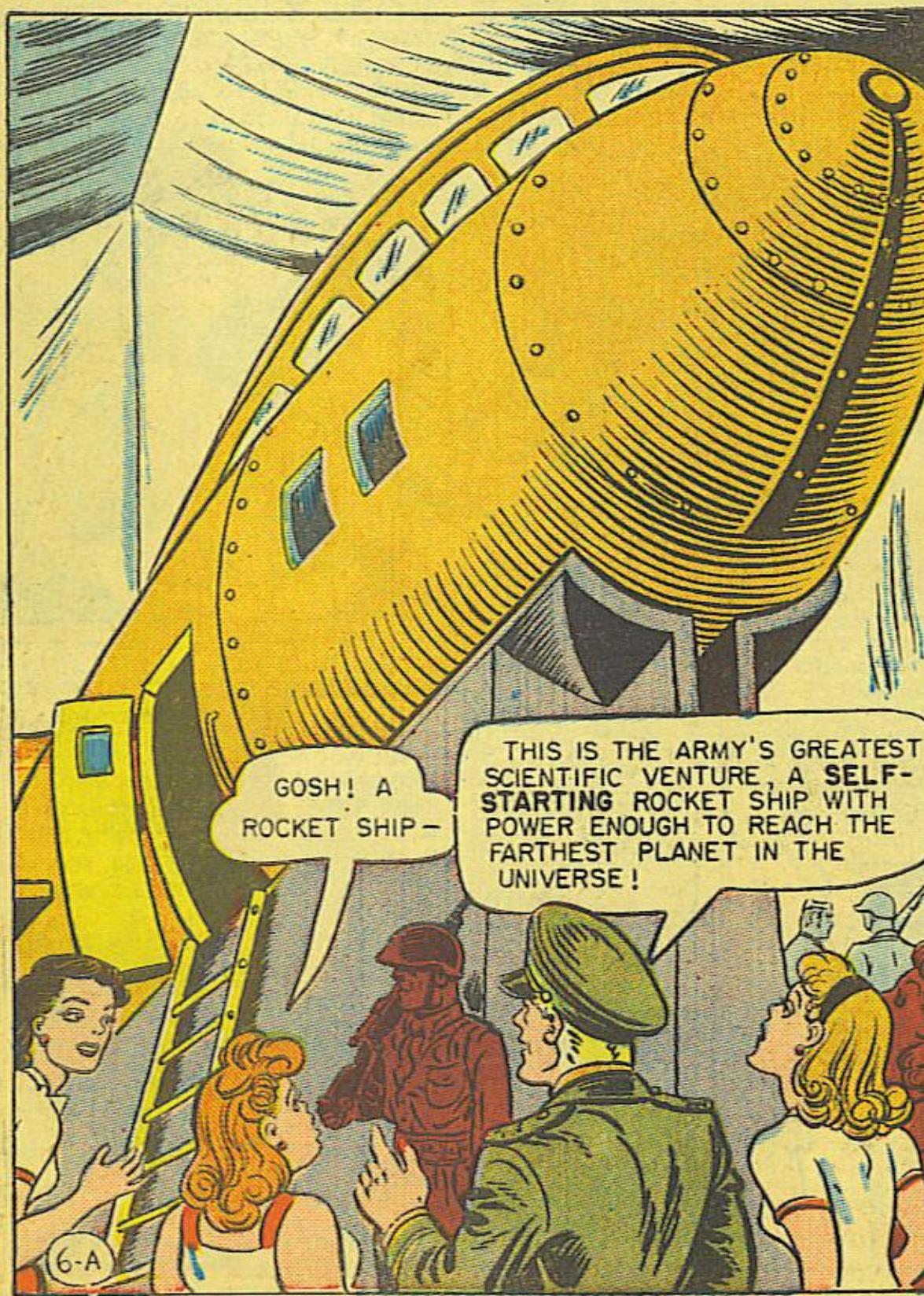
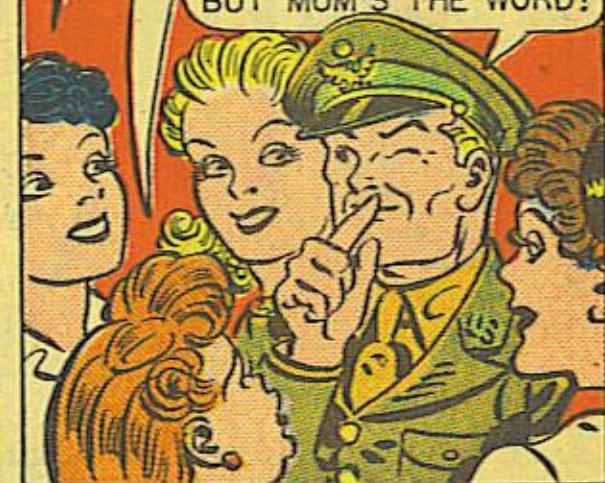
WOO WOO! MORE FUN! THE CAMPUS IS
OVERRUN WITH SOLDIERS!



WHY ALL THE SECRECY, STEVE?
WHAT'S GOING ON UNDER THAT
TENT?

YEAH, LET US IN ON IT.
WE'RE PRACTICALLY PART
OF INTELLIGENCE HEAD-
QUARTERS!

ALL RIGHT,
I'LL TAKE YOU INSIDE—
BUT MUM'S THE WORD!



INSIDE THE ROCKET SHIP —

I WOULDN'T
FOOL AROUND
WITH THAT,
ETTA —

AW, WHAT HARM
CAN PUTTING A
FEW PLUGS IN-
TO SOME HOLES
DO?

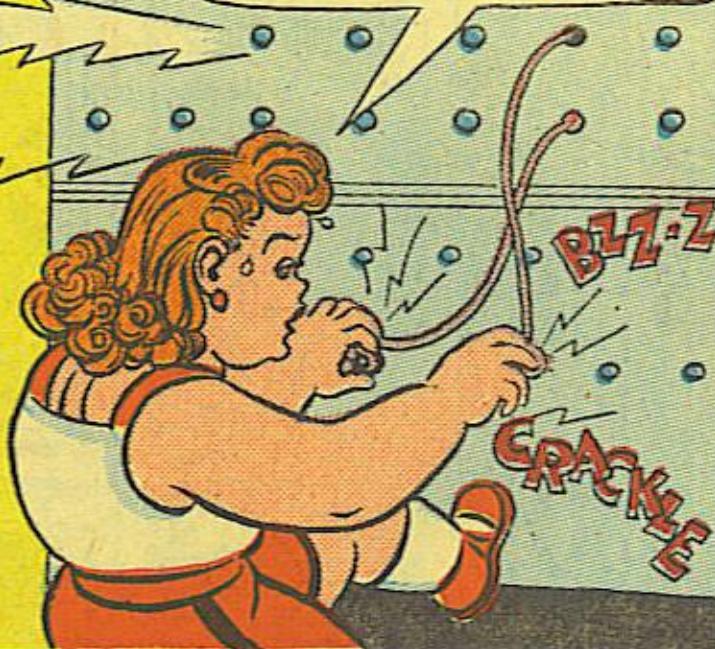


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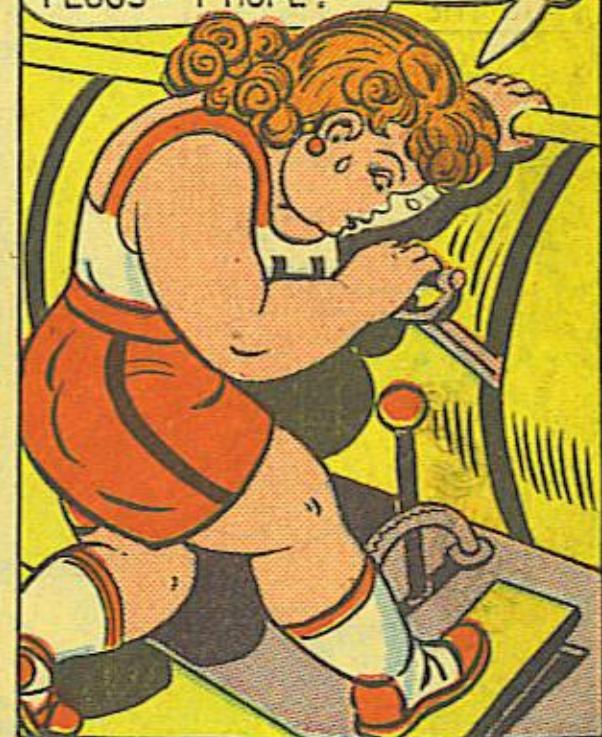
IMMEDIATELY, THE ROCKET'S POWERFUL ENGINE BEGINS TO ROAR —

NOW YOU'VE DONE IT!

WOO WOO! IF I COULD ONLY GET THESE PLUGS OUT —



MAYBE THIS'LL RELEASE THE PLUGS — I HOPE!



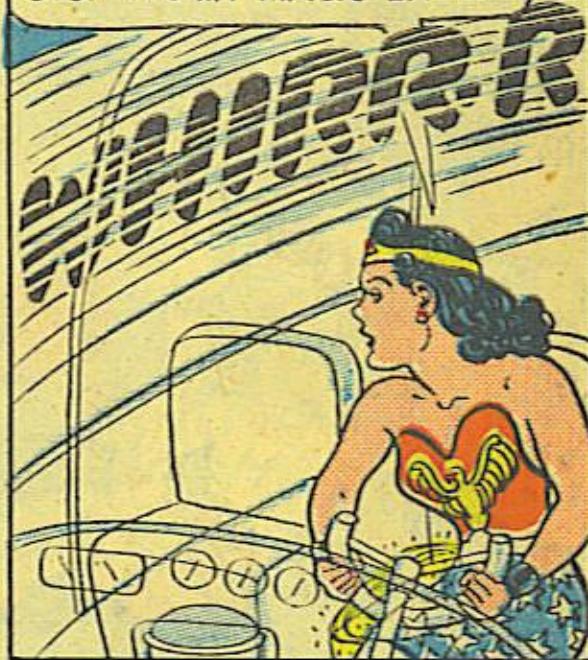
BLAZES! THE ROCKET'S STARTED — O'MGOSH, IT'S MOVING! IN ANOTHER MINUTE IT'LL BE SOARING THROUGH SPACE WITH THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS INSIDE. I'VE GOT TO MENTAL RADIO WONDER WOMAN —



CALLING WONDER WOMAN — RUNAWAY ROCKET SHIP — CATCH IT OR ETTA AND THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS WILL BE KILLED —



WHAT'S THAT LOUD WHIRRING? MERCIFUL MINERVA! IT'S THE ROCKET SHIP — I'VE GOT TO STOP IT! MY MAGIC LASSO!



BUT EVEN THE HERCULEAN AMAZON PRINCESS CANNOT STOP THE STREAKING SHIP AND IS PULLED THROUGH SPACE LIKE THE TAIL OF A COMET —

DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I CAN HOLD MY BREATH IN THIS AIRLESS INTERPLANETARY SPACE —

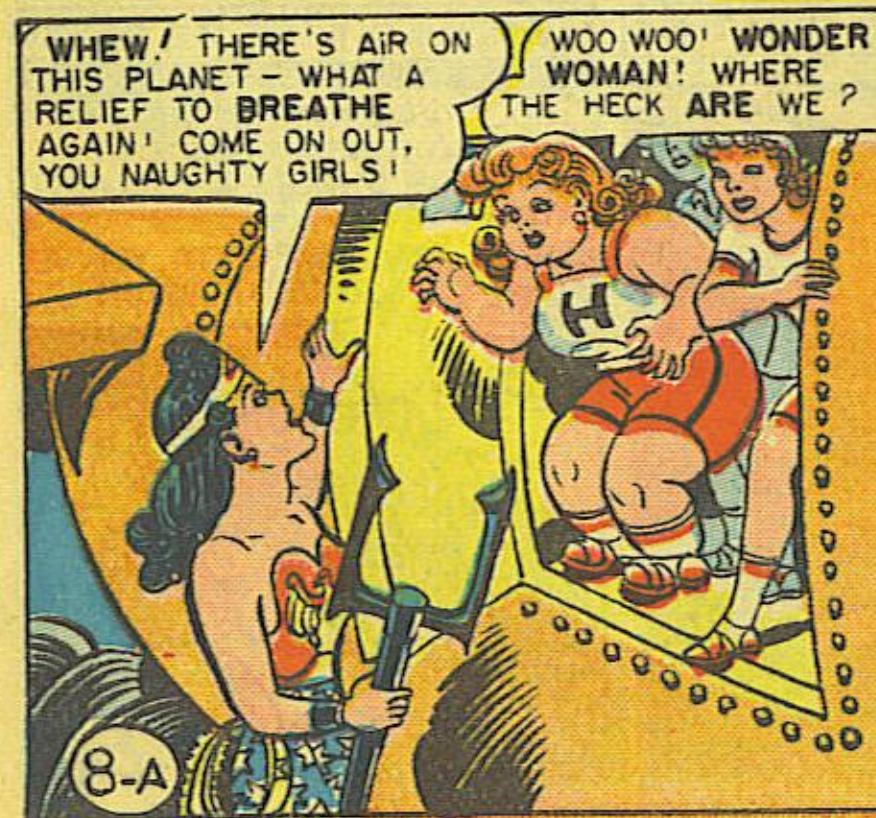
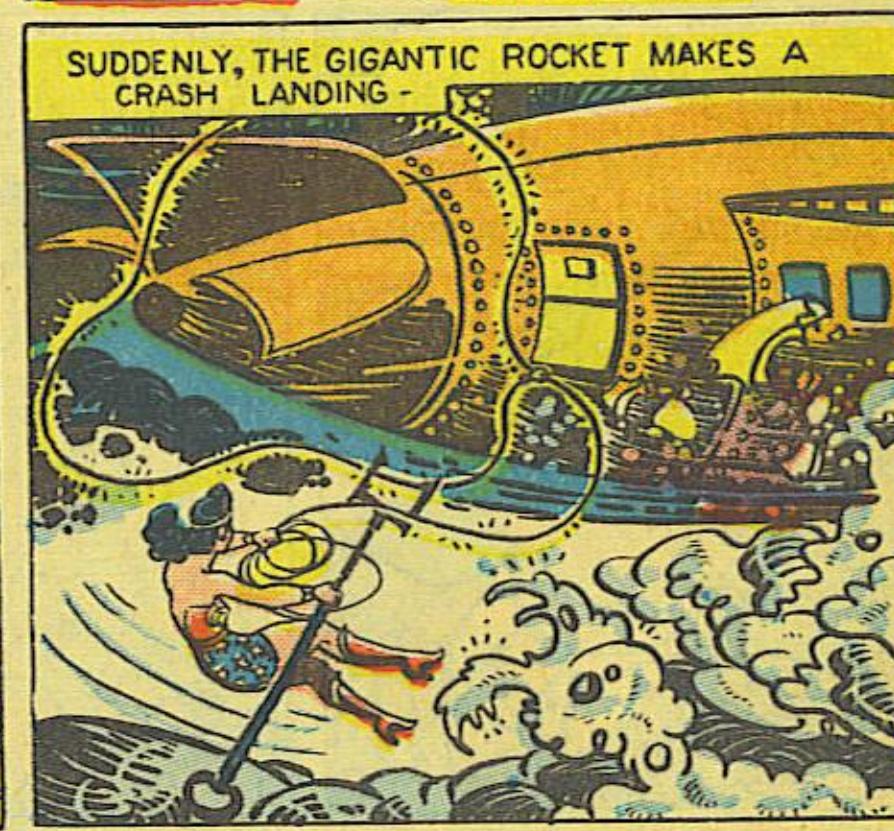
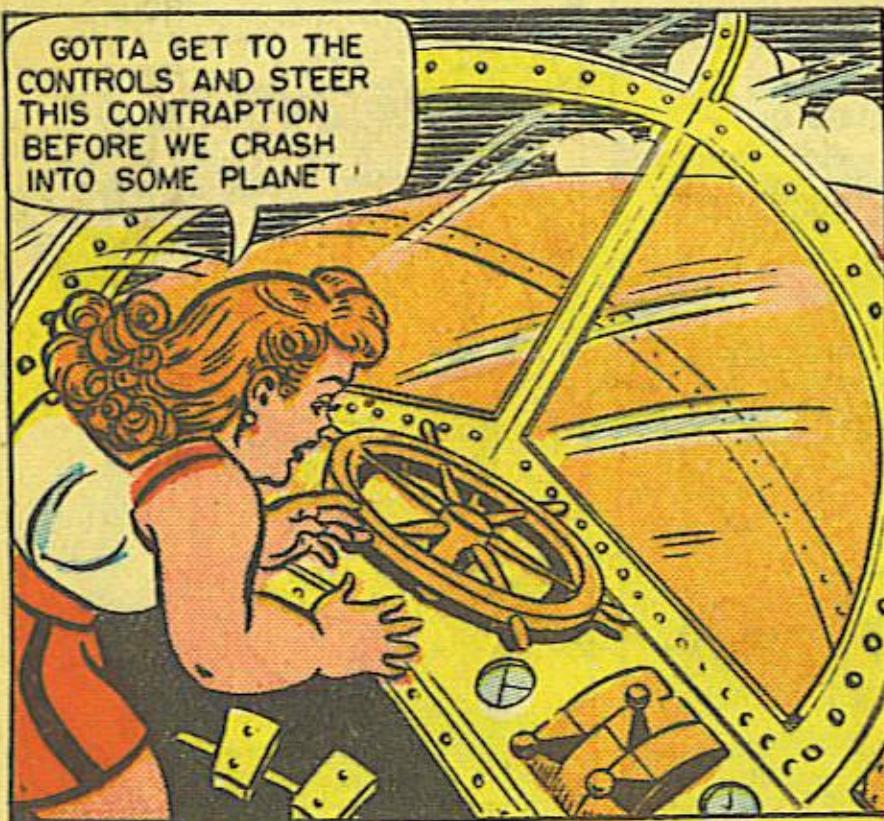


MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE ROCKET —

HOLY GUMDROPS, WE'RE SHOOTIN' THROUGH SPACE AT HUNDREDS O' MILES A SECOND! WOO! WOO!



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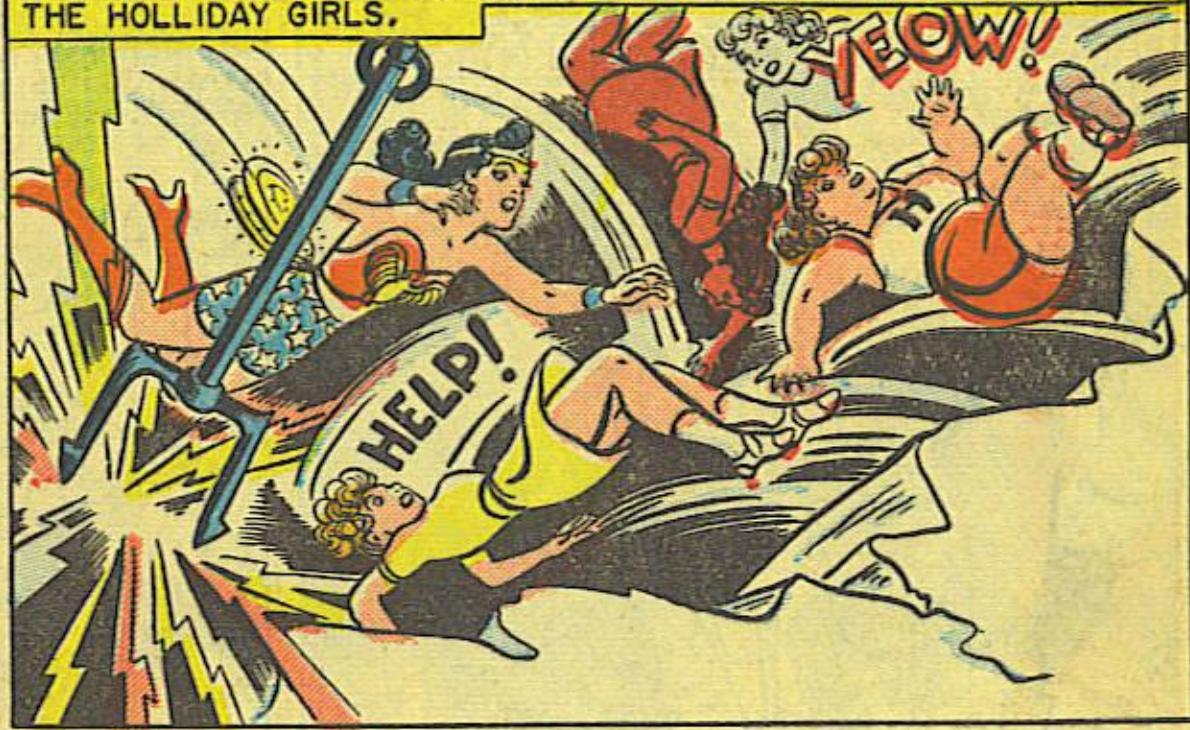


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WE'D BETTER GET INTO THE SHIP BEFORE YOU GALS FREEZE TO DEATH—HUH—I'M STILL CARRYING PLUTO'S FORK—MIGHT AS WELL THROW IT AWAY NOW—



WHEN THE STRANGELY POWERFUL FORK STRIKES THE ICY GROUND, A MIGHTY CHASM OPENS, SWALLOWING UP WONDER WOMAN AND THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS.



THEIR MINDS DULLED BY THE SHOOTING ELECTRICITY, WONDER WOMAN AND THE GIRLS ARE PULLED DOWNWARD BY BLACK, SINISTER HANDS WHICH WHIRL THEM ROUND AND ROUND.

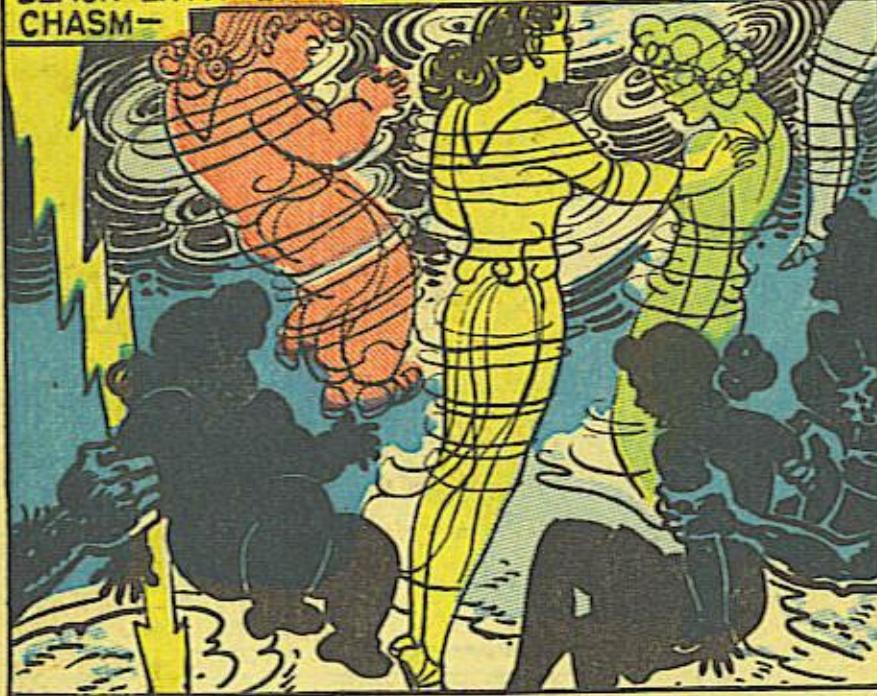


SUDDENLY, ANOTHER WEIRD PHENOMENON OCCURS—THE COLOR IS DRAINED FROM WONDER WOMAN, FORMING A COLOR BODY AND LEAVING HER PHYSICAL FORM ENTIRELY BLACK.

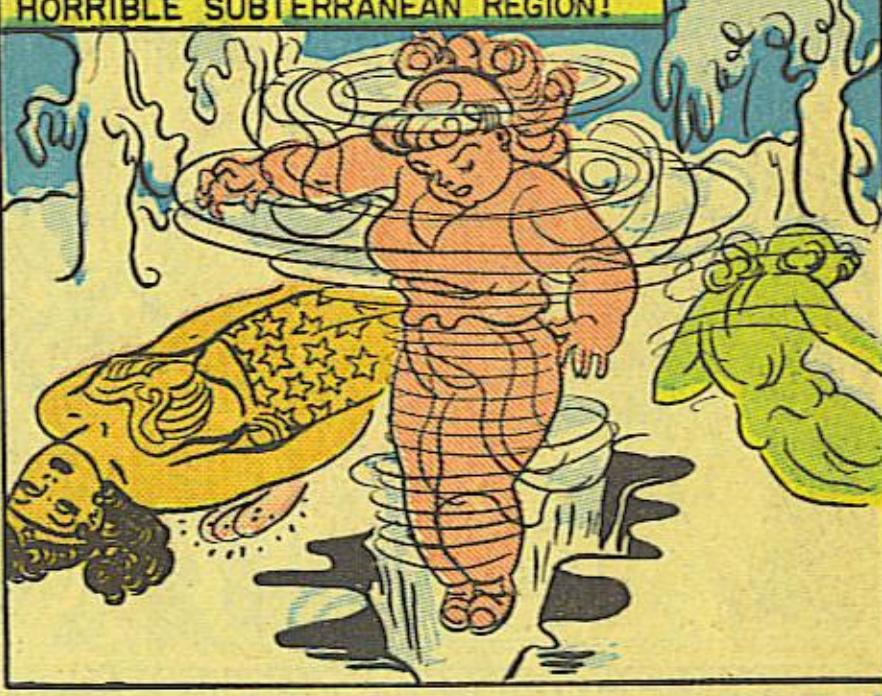


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THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS ARE ALSO SPUN INTO COLOR BODIES WHICH RISE TO THE SURFACE AS THEIR BLACK ENTITIES ARE PULLED DOWN INTO THE CHASM—



AS THE COLOR BODIES ASCEND TO OPEN AIR, THE ICY GROUND AGAIN CLOSES OVER THE CHASM, IMPRISONING THE GIRLS' OTHER SELVES IN A HORRIBLE SUBTERRANEAN REGION!



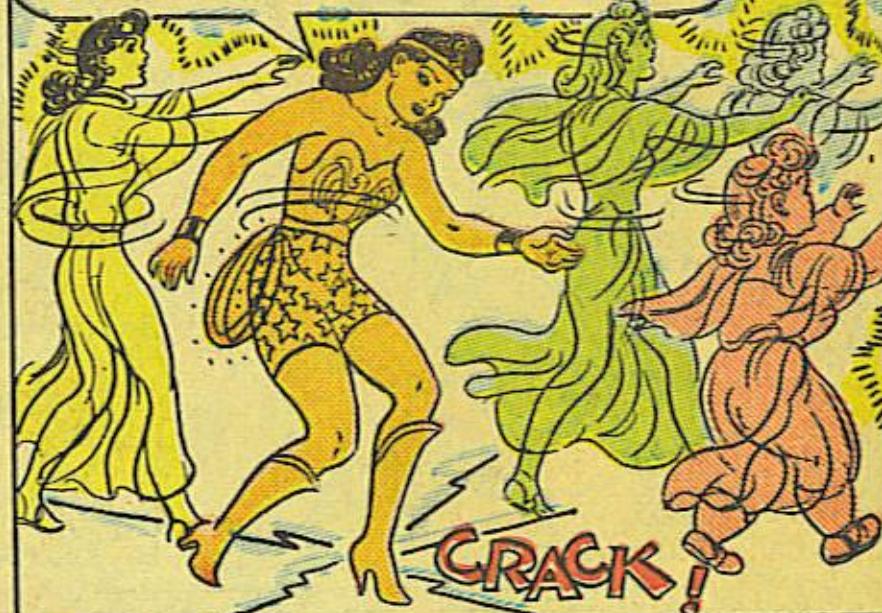
WHEN AT LAST WONDER WOMAN AND THE GIRLS REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS—

WOO WOO! WE'RE MADE OUT OF COLORS!

THE LIGHTNING STREAKS IN THAT CHASM WE FELL IN DULLED OUR BRAINS AND SPUN US OUT OF OUR FLESH AND BLOOD BODIES!



FORTUNATELY MY COLOR BODY STILL RETAINS MY AMAZON STRENGTH, BUT THIS ICE IS BE-WITCHED. ONLY KING PLUTO'S TWO-PRONGED FORK CAN OPEN UP THE CHASM, AND WE CAN'T LEAVE WITHOUT OUR OTHER BODIES!



GREAT HERA! THE GIRLS SEEM TO BE DRAWN HYPNOTICALLY TOWARD THAT WEIRD CASTLE— THANK APHRODITE MY AMAZON RESISTANCE ENABLES ME TO WITHSTAND THE STRANGE FORCE!



AS LONG AS OUR FLESH AND BLOOD BODIES ARE IMPRISONED WE ARE IN THE POWER OF SOME FIEND. I MUST FOLLOW THE GIRLS, DISCOVER THE MASTER MIND BEHIND ALL THESE GROTESQUE HAPPENINGS, AND SOMEHOW OUTWIT HIM!



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WHEN WONDER WOMAN AND THE HYPNOTIZED GIRLS REACH THE CASTLE, WEIRD BLACK HANDS PULL THEM INSIDE —

I'LL PRETEND I'M HYPNOTIZED, TOO. WHAT STRANGE FORMS OF LIFE INHABIT THIS PLANET - BLACK HANDS AND INVISIBLE BODIES!



A HARROWING SHOCK AWAITS OUR FRIENDS IN THE THRONE ROOM —

MERCIFUL MINERVA! KING PLUTO!

HA HA! WELCOME TO THE KINGDOM OF KING PLUTO! SUCH BEAUTIFUL GIRLS WILL DO MUCH TO BRIGHTEN MY CASTLE!

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LEAD THESE EARTH CREATURES TO THE BARE PILLARS. HA! SOON KING PLUTO'S REALM WILL BE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL IN THE UNIVERSE!

I WONDER WHAT THAT FIEND HAS DONE WITH LORRIE —



SOON MY HYPNOTIC INFLUENCE OVER YOU PRETTIES WILL WEAR OFF, BUT LEST YOU THEN CONSIDER SCREAMING OR ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE, LET ME WARN YOU —

-AT THIS MOMENT IN MY BURNING TEST TUBE THE BEAUTIFUL COLOR BODY OF LORRIE IS DISINTEGRATING. SHE DARED DEFY KING PLUTO!



WHY YOU HORRID FIEND! IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO HAVE A LESSON IN SUBMISSION! SORRY, BOYS, BUT YOU'RE IN MY WAY!



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BUT WONDER WOMAN, UNACCUSTOMED TO PLUTONIC FORCES, IS KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS BY A TREACHEROUS BLOW—



SLAVES, THROW THAT DISOBEDIENT COLOR BODY INTO THE FLAMING TEST TUBE!

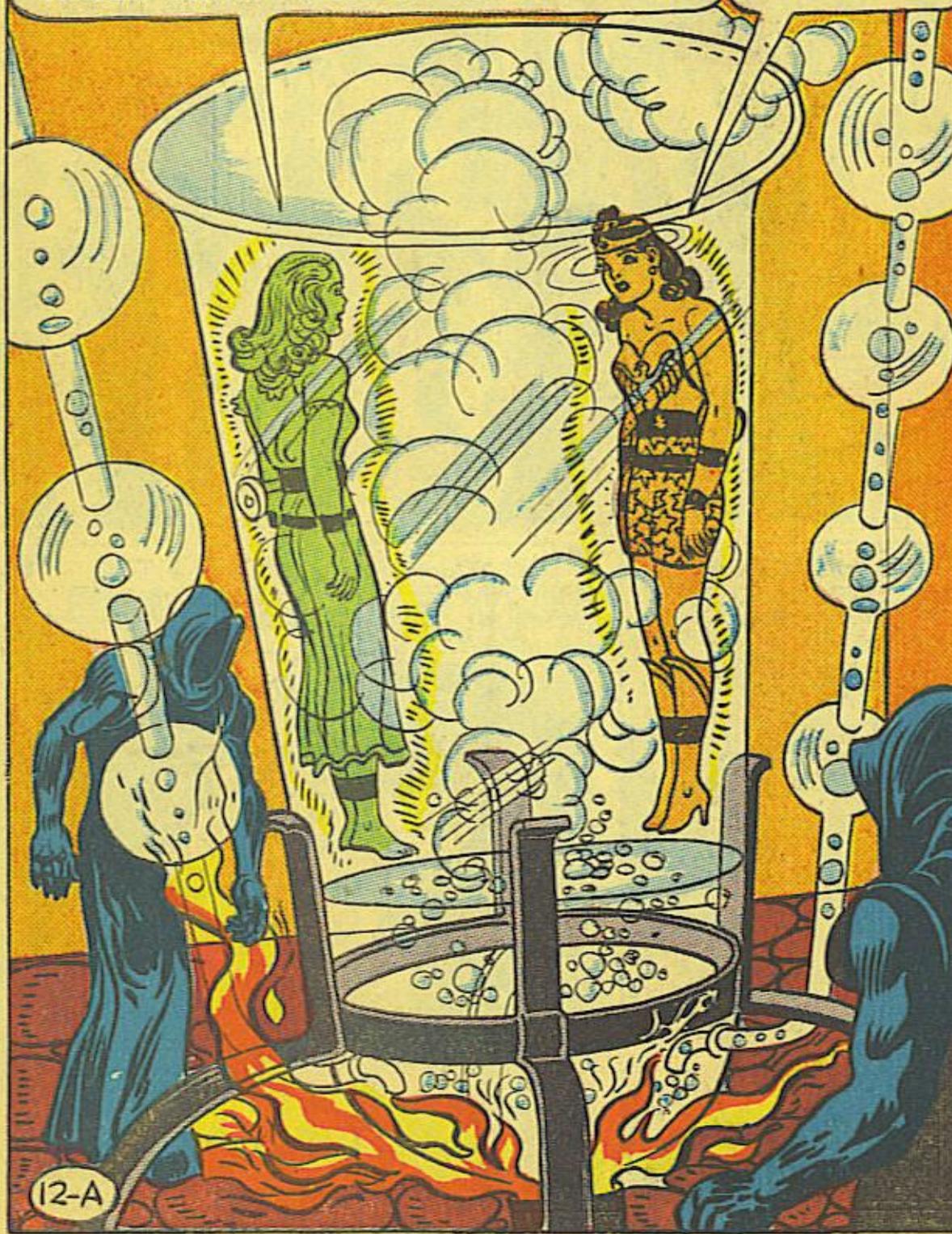


HMMH, THAT GIRL LOOKS FAMILIAR—I KNOW—SHE'S THE AMAZON PRINCESS! HA HA! ONCE HER COLOR BODY IS DEAD, HER OTHER SELF WILL BE MY SLAVE, AND WITH HER STRENGTH THERE WILL BE NO LIMIT TO THE EVIL DEEDS SHE CAN PERFORM FOR ME! HA! HA!



WHEN WONDER WOMAN FINALLY REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS—

WONDER WOMAN! WONDER WOMAN! WAKE UP! OHH-LORRIE!



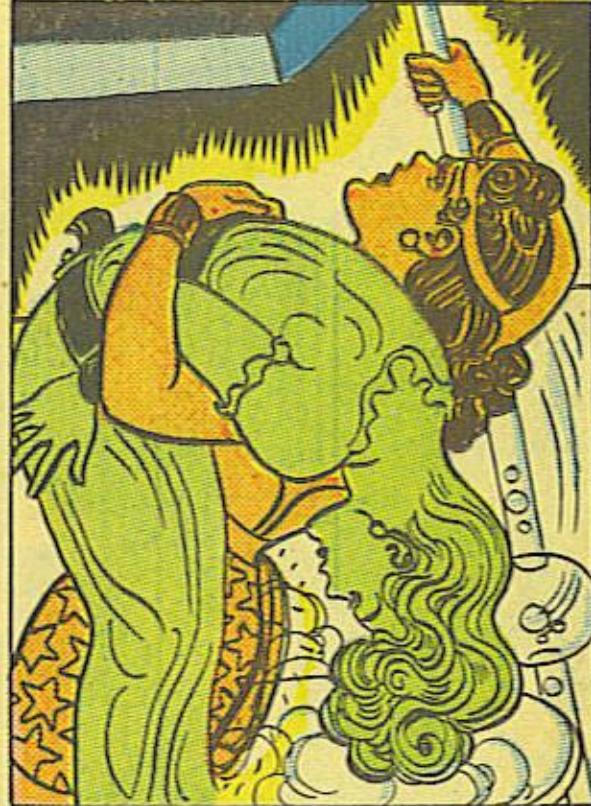
LORRIE, WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU! WHAT KIND OF A CONTRAPTION IS THIS THING WE'RE BOUND IN?



OH, WONDER WOMAN, WE ARE DOOMED! SOON THE TEST TUBE WILL BE FILLED WITH BOILING WATER AND WE SHALL MELT LIKE COLOR TABLETS!

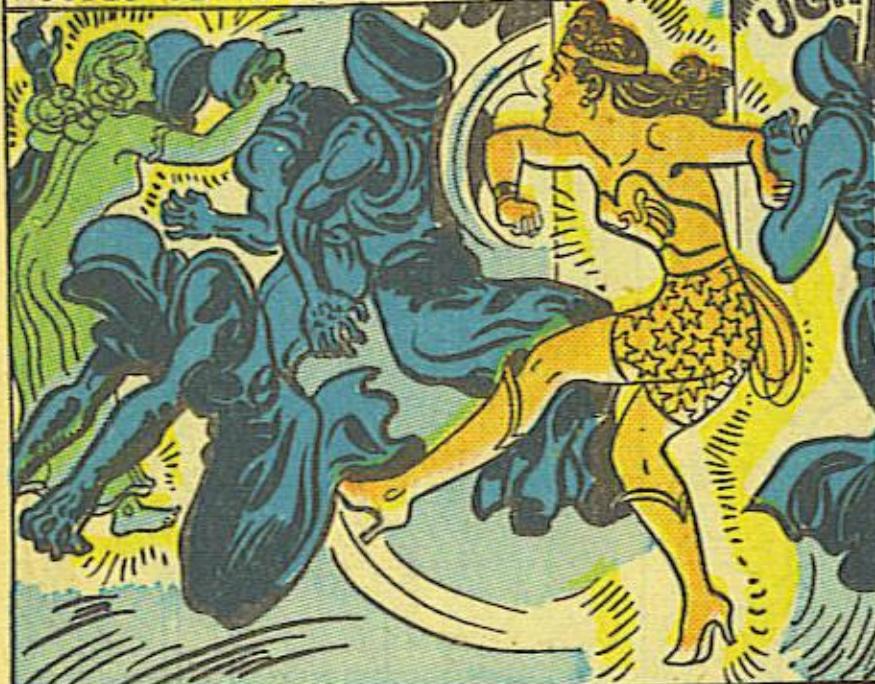


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AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE THRONE ROOM, WONDER WOMAN AND LORRIE ARE BESIEGED BY BLACK HOODED SLAVES OF KING PLUTO



WOO WOO! WONDER WOMAN'S BACK SAFE WITH LORRIE. NOW WE CAN CLEAN UP PLUTO'S BODYGUARDS!

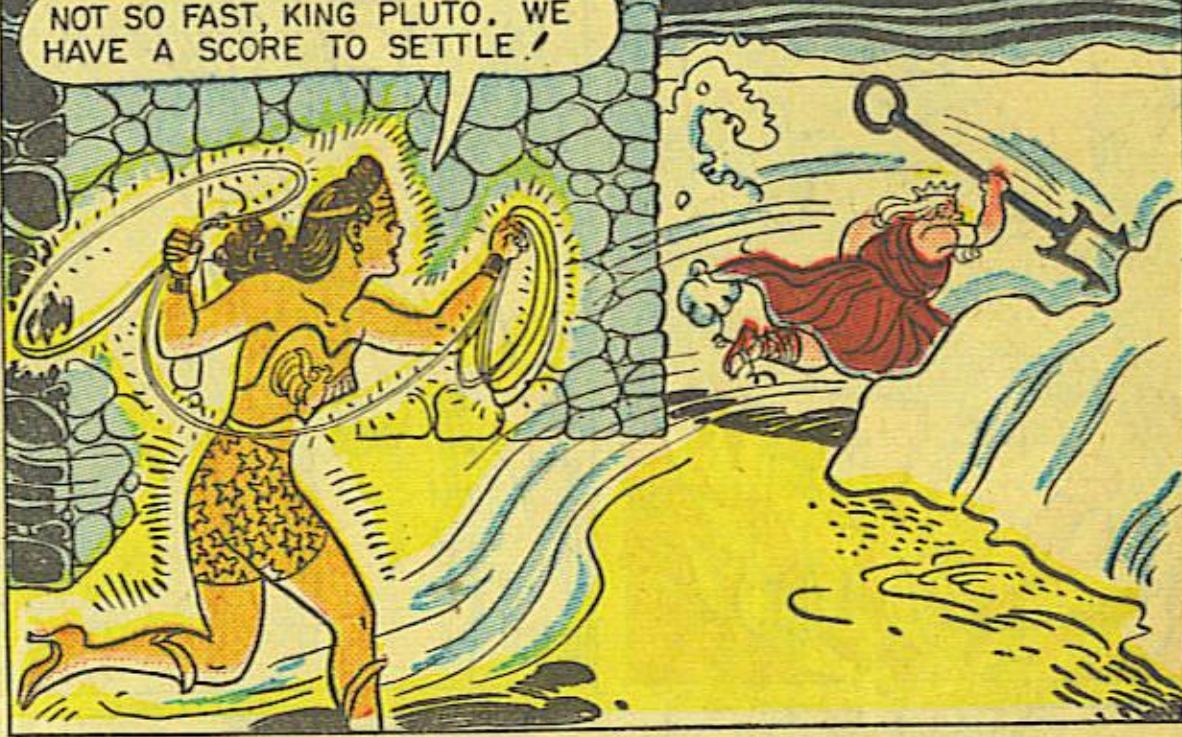


CURSES! THAT HERCULEAN AMAZON HAS OUTWITTED ME. I'D BETTER LEAVE BEFORE SHE CAPTURES ME!



BUT WONDER WOMAN NOTICES THAT PLUTO HAS GONE AND —

NOT SO FAST, KING PLUTO. WE HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE!



BUT THE WILY KING STRIKES THE GROUND WITH HIS MIGHTY FORK AND —



BEFORE WONDER WOMAN CAN REACH THE KING, THE ICY GROUND CLOSES OVER THE CHASM —

NO COLOR BODY IS SUFFICIENT TO BREAK THROUGH PLUTONIC ICE!

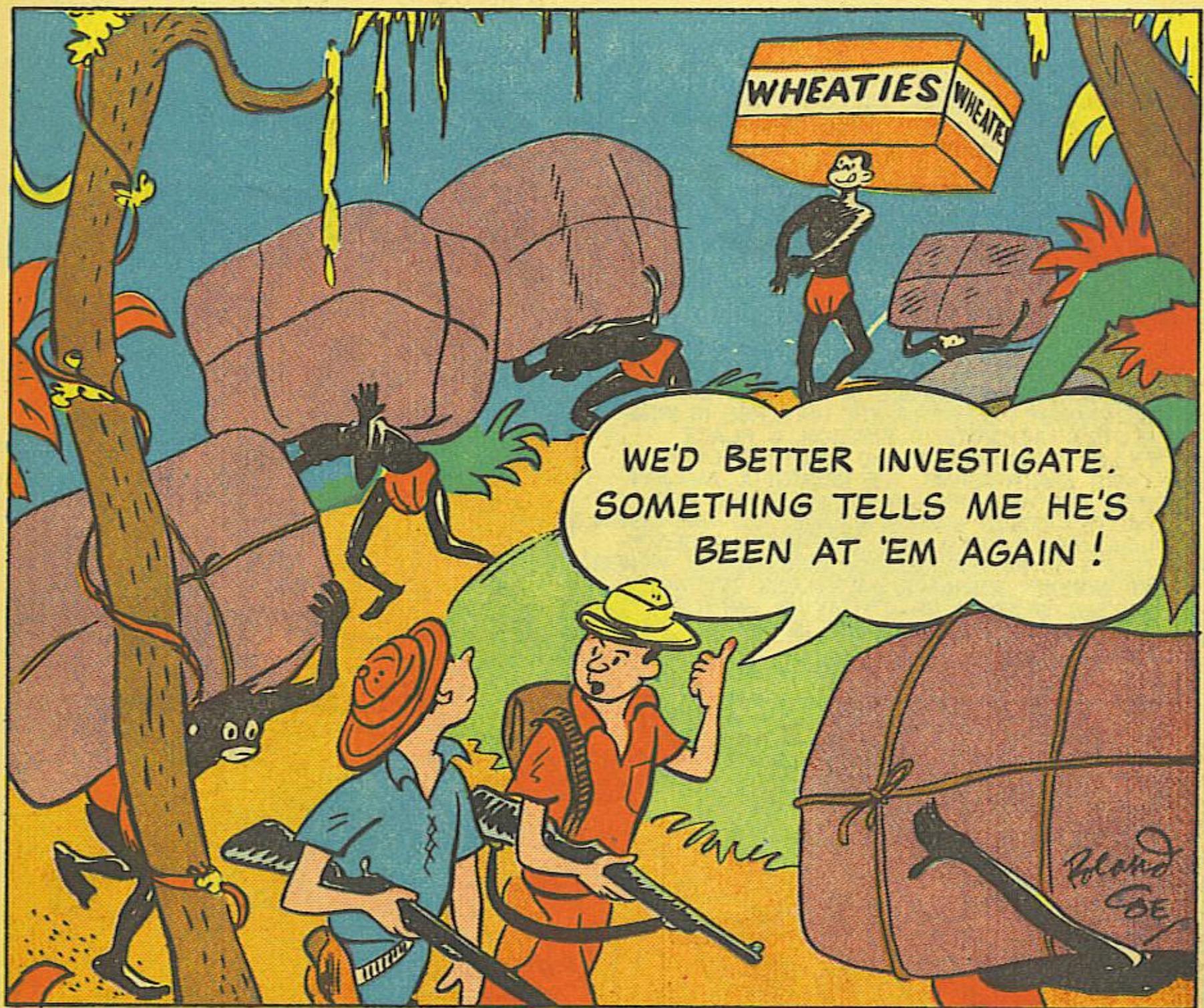


I OWE YOU MY LIFE, WONDER WOMAN.

YEAH—SO DO WE—OUR COLOR BODY LIVES, ANYWAY!

BUT WE'RE NOT FINISHED YET! WE MUST GET INTO PLUTO'S UNDERGROUND KINGDOM AND RESCUE OUR FLESH AND BLOOD BODIES BEFORE WE CAN LEAVE THIS PLANET!





SOMETHING TELLS ME YOU'LL BE AT 'EM EVERY DAY -- ONCE YOU TRY WHEATIES. YOU'LL LIKE 'EM 'CAUSE THEY'RE DOUBLY GOOD. FIRST OFF -- THEY'RE **GOOD-EATING**. CRISP-TOASTED. MALT-RICH. NUT-SWEET. FLAVORED JUST RIGHT FOR SECOND HELPINGS. WHAT'S MORE -- WHEATIES ARE **GOOD-FOR-YOU**. FLAKES OF REAL WHOLE WHEAT. FAMOUS AS A TRAINING TABLE FAVORITE OF MANY CHAMPION ATHLETES. **YOU'D BETTER INVESTIGATE** -- TOMORROW MORNING. TRY MILK, FRUIT, AND WHEATIES, "BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS".

WHEATIES
"BREAKFAST OF
CHAMPIONS"
WITH MILK AND FRUIT



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By CHARLES MOULTON

BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE MYSTERIOUS OUTERMOST PLANET OF THE UNIVERSE IS KING PLUTO'S UNDERWORLD KINGDOM, A PLACE FILLED WITH HORROR AND DEATH! SEEKING THEIR EARTH FORMS, THE BEAUTIFUL AMAZON MAID AND HER FRIENDS, TRANSFORMED INTO RADIANT COLOR BODIES, PLUNGE INTO THIS DISMAL LAND ONLY TO FALL INTO A TERRIFYING DEATH-TRAP LAID BY THE FIENDISH KING. YOU'LL WONDER AT WONDER WOMAN'S DAUNTLESS COURAGE AS SHE WAGES A BREATHTAKING BATTLE AGAINST THE SUPERNATURAL IN

"THE RIVER OF LIQUID FIRE."

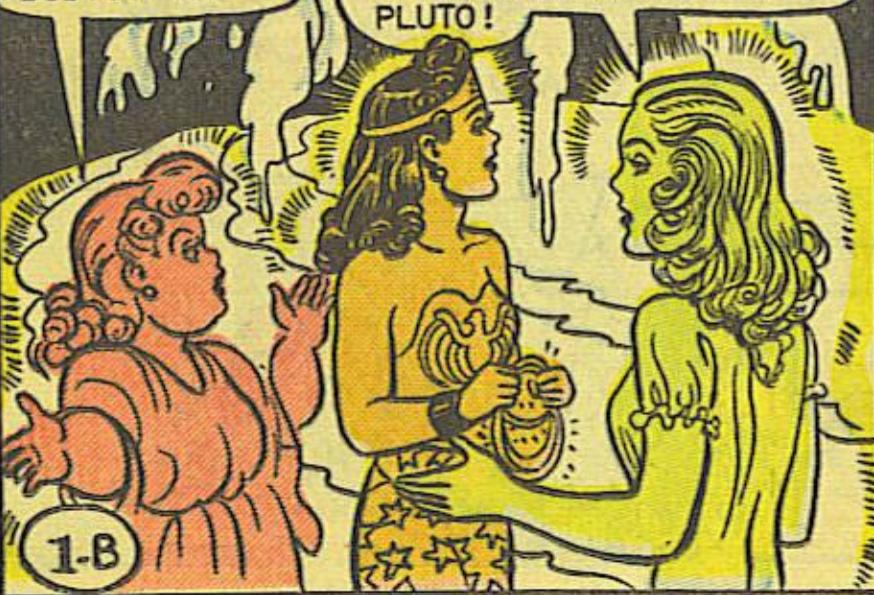


WHY DOES PLUTO IMPRISON OUR COLORLESS BODIES? HE USES OTHER PEOPLE'S FOR BODYGUARDS—

BUT NOT UNTIL THE PERSON'S COLOR BODY IS USED UP OR DESTROYED! THEN OUR EARTH BODIES BECOME COMPLETELY EVIL AND RUTHLESS SLAVES OF PLUTO!

NOW WE CAN NEVER RESCUE OUR DARK, EARTH BODIES. ONLY PLUTO'S FORK CAN OPEN THE WAY TO THE PLUTONIC UNDERWORLD.

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

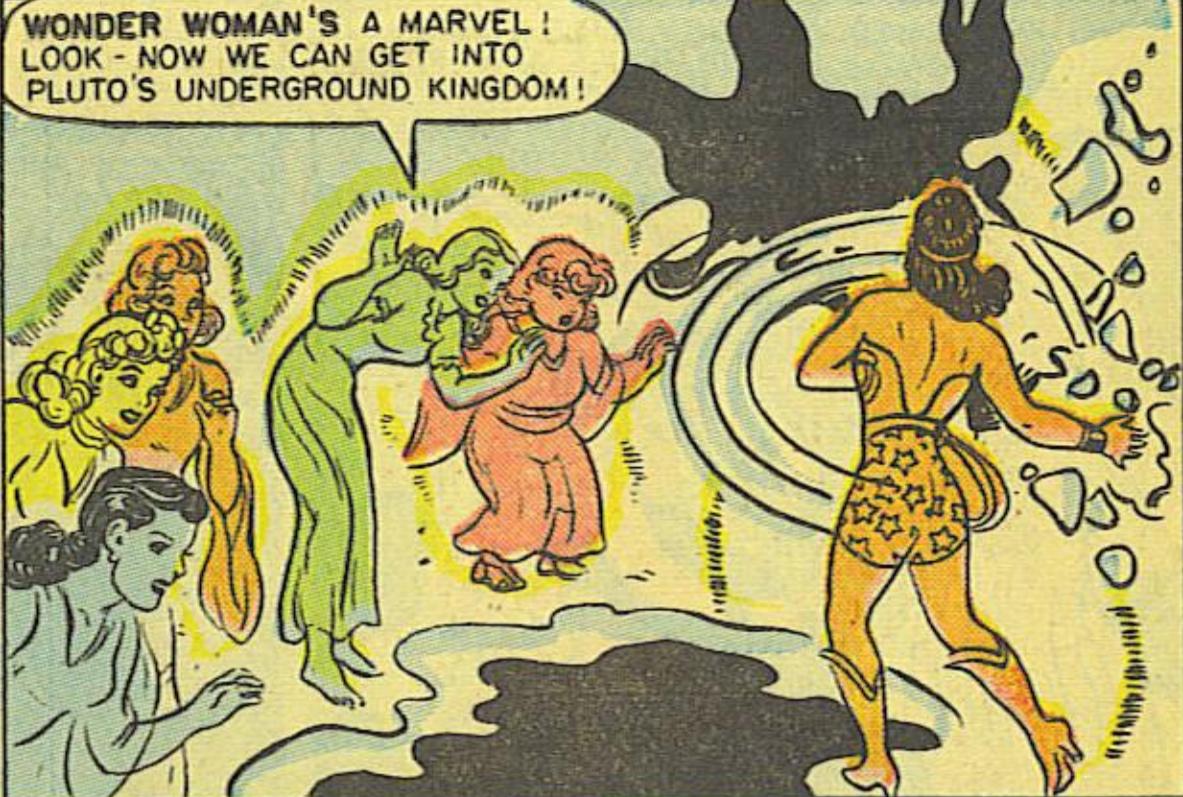


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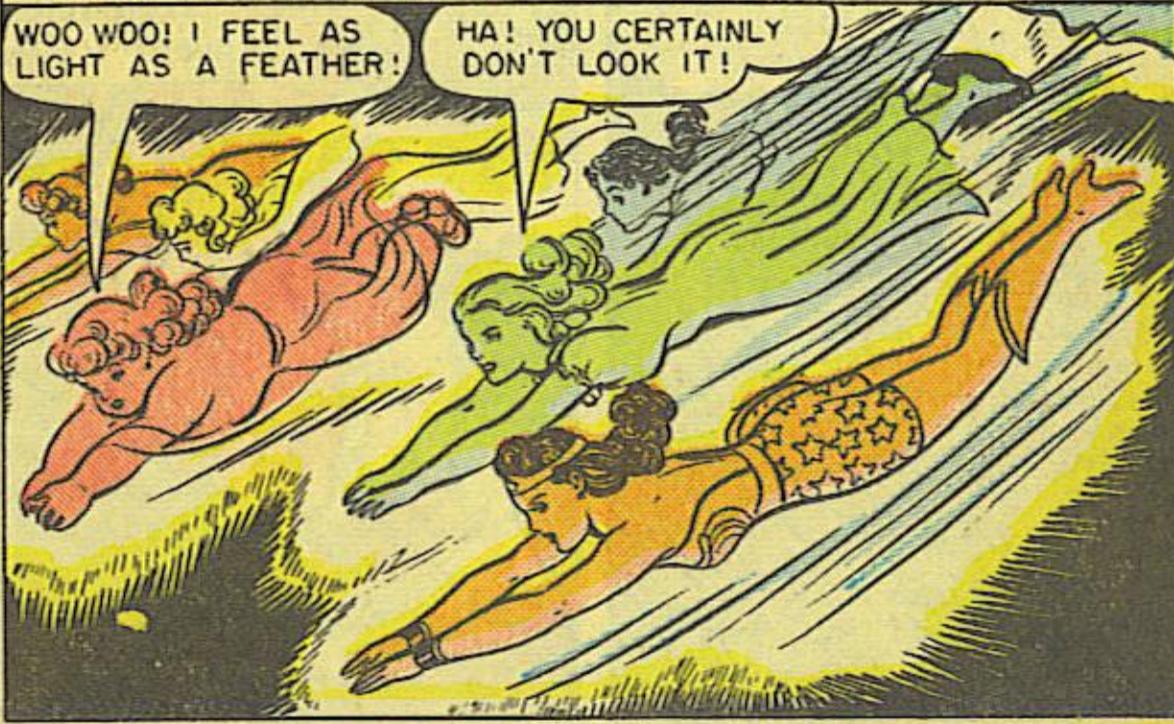
WONDER WOMAN, EXERTING HER TREMENDOUS AMAZON STRENGTH, PULLS THE GIGANTIC ICE TREE, ROOTS AND ALL, FROM THE ICY GROUND -



WONDER WOMAN'S A MARVEL! LOOK - NOW WE CAN GET INTO PLUTO'S UNDERGROUND KINGDOM!



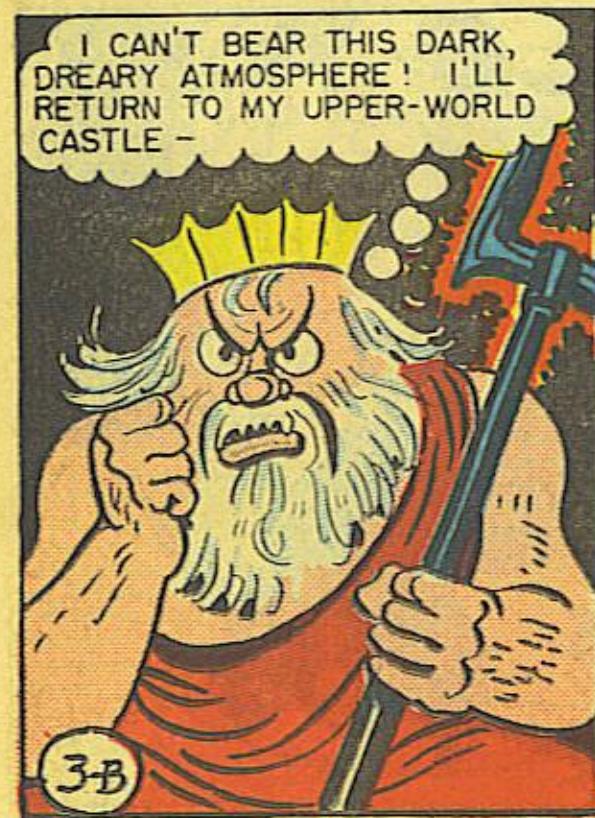
THE LIGHT SUBSTANCE, CONSTITUTING THE COLOR BODIES, ENABLES WONDER WOMAN AND THE GIRLS TO FLOAT DOWN THE CHASM -



CAREFUL, GIRLS. REMEMBER OUR COLOR BODIES ARE VERY CONSPICUOUS. UH-OH! LOOK AT ALL THE PLUTONIC BODY-GUARDS DOWN THERE! BE READY TO JUMP THEM!



Wonder Woman



Wonder Woman

MOUNTING HIS BLACK ENCHANTED STEED, THE TYRANNICAL KING LEAPS TO THE CEILING OF THE CAVE AND STRIKES IT WITH HIS MAGIC FORK —

SINK, CASTLE, SINK INTO MY UNDERWORLD !

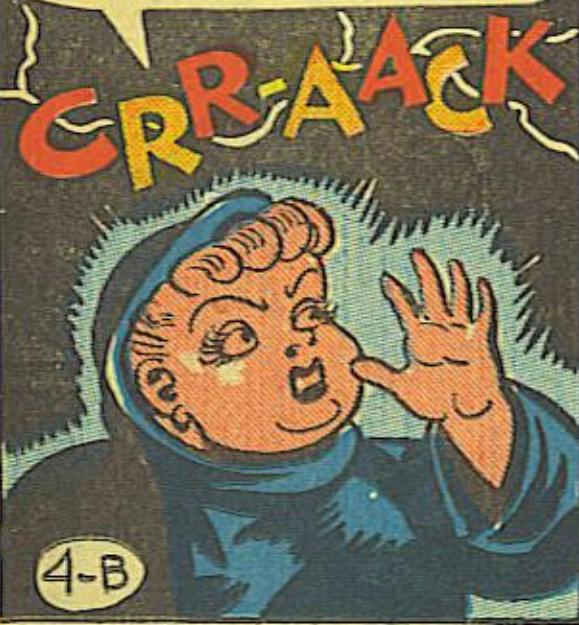


IMMEDIATELY, THE ICY CEILING OF THE CAVE CRACKS AND —



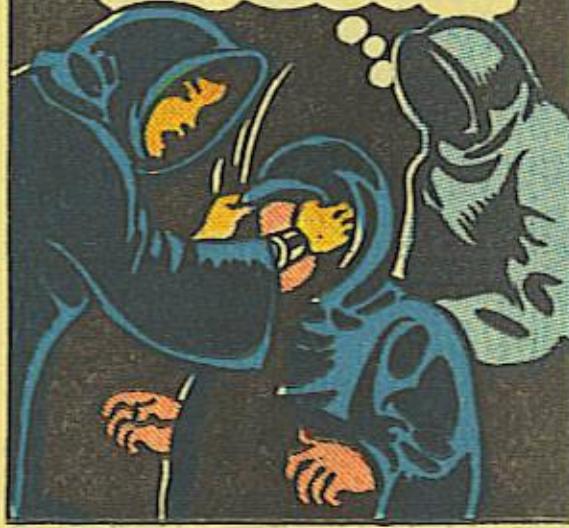
MEANWHILE —

WOO! WOO! LISTEN TO THAT, KIDS — SOUNDS LIKE THE WHOLE PLACE'S CAVING IN!



GREAT HERA, ETTA, KEEP YOUR BRIGHT FACE COVERED ! WE DON'T WANT TO BE DISCOVERED !

LITTLE DO THEY KNOW THAT THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN DISCOVERED. HA! HA!



WELL SHUT MY MOUTH AND EAT MY CANDY ! LOOK ! KING PLUTO'S CASTLE COMING DOWN !

MERCIFUL MINERVA, ETTA — YOU ARE RIGHT ! WELL HERE'S WHERE WE

GIVE PLUTO A HOUSE-WARMING HE WON'T FORGET !



Wonder Woman

BUT THE PLUTONIC SPY SNEAKS OFF TO WARN KING PLUTO—

SIRE! SIRE! I HAVE
IMPORTANT TIDINGS!



HOW DARE YOU ADDRESS YOUR KING BEFORE KNEELING!

FORGIVE ME, GREAT ONE, BUT
I WAS SO ANXIOUS TO WARN
YOU THAT THE AMAZON PRIN-
CESS AND HER FRIENDS ARE
ON THE WAY TO THE CASTLE.



WHAT? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

MASTER, I SAW THEM. THEY
OVERCAME MANY OF YOUR
GUARDS, TOOK THEIR OUTER
CLOTHING, AND ARE NOW
MASQUERADE AS PLUTONIC
BODYGUARDS!



WELL THIS TIME I'M PRE-
PARED FOR THAT FEMALE
HERCULES! I'LL HAVE A RE-
CEPTION COMMITTEE READY TO
WELCOME HER - WITH DEATH!



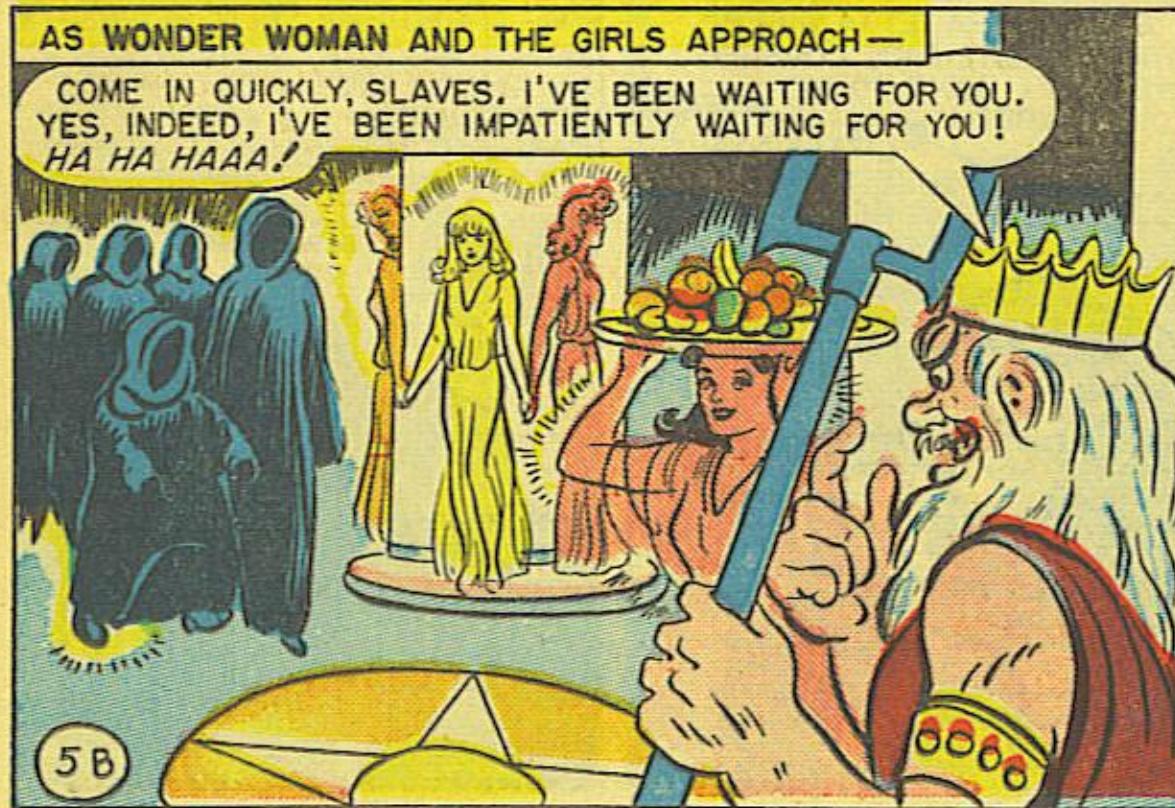
HAVE MY COLORLESS
SLAVES BRING IN THE
HOTAQUA GUN!

YES,
MASTER!



AS WONDER WOMAN AND THE GIRLS APPROACH—

COME IN QUICKLY, SLAVES. I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
YES, INDEED, I'VE BEEN IMPATIENTLY WAITING FOR YOU!
HA HA HAAA!



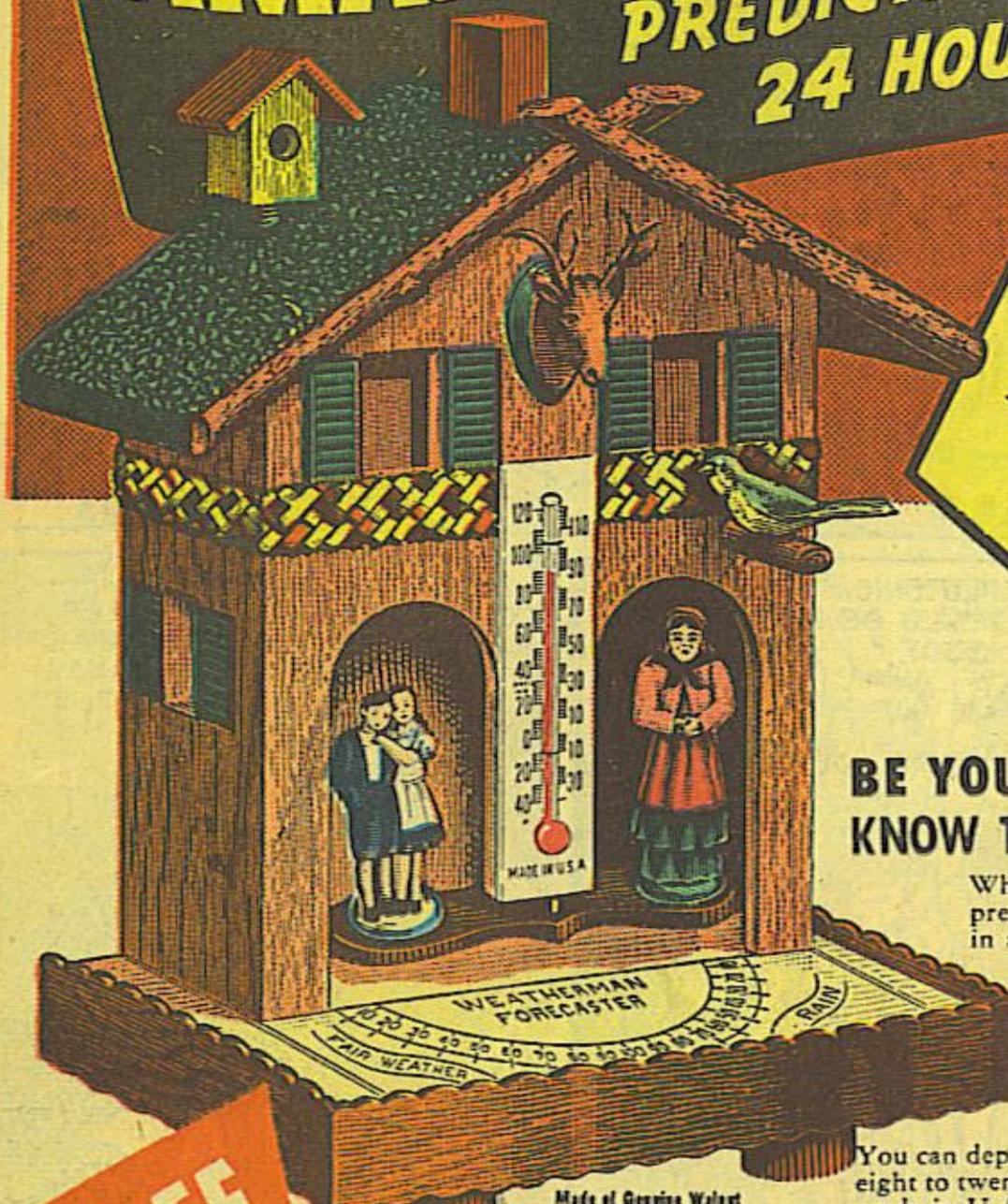
AS SOON AS WE GET NEARER,
LASSO HIM, WONDER WOMAN!
HE DOESN'T SUSPECT A THING!

I WONDER! THIS SEEMS
A LITTLE TOO EASY!



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TO TEST
ON OUR
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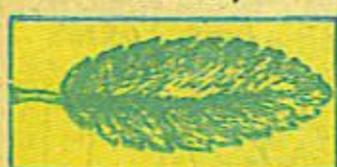
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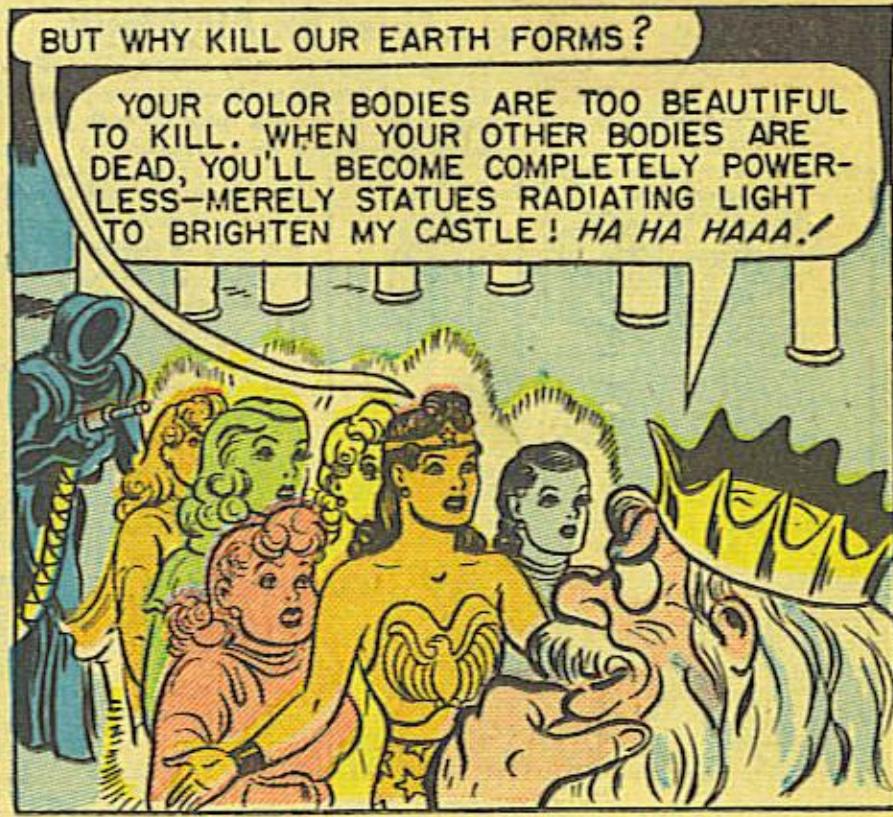
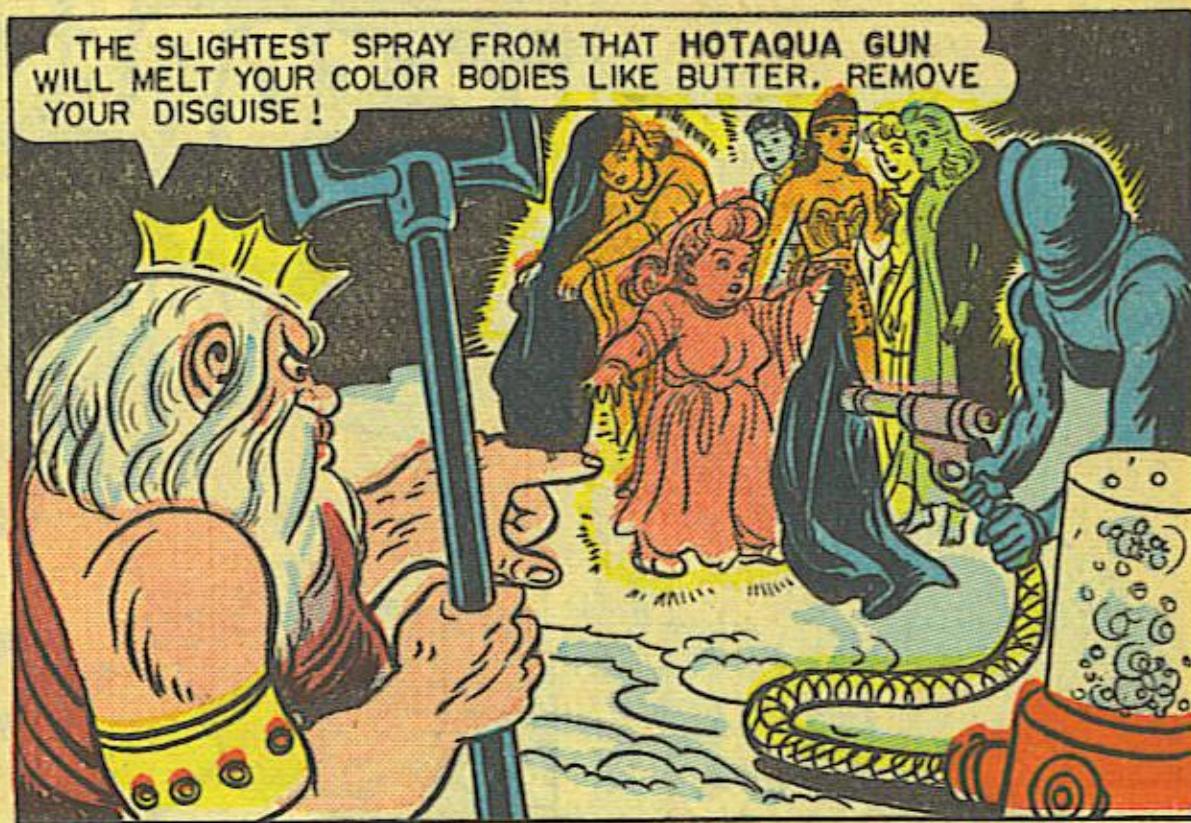


AS IT GROWS FOR YOU



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PRODUCES THIS

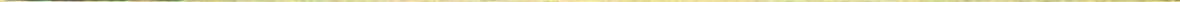
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SLAVES, BIND THE AMAZON WITH HER MAGIC LASSO. THIS TIME I'LL TAKE NO CHANCES ON LETTING HER ESCAPE! THEN WE'LL PROCEED TO THE RIVER OF LIQUID FIRE!

ONE BY ONE AS I WAVE MY FORK AT THE OPENING IN THAT CAVE, YOUR EARTH FORMS WILL BE DRAWN DOWN THAT SLIDE INTO THE RIVER OF LIQUID FIRE! HAAAAA!



YOU'LL KNOW YOUR EARTH FORM HAS BEEN BURNED TO DEATH WHEN YOU FEEL YOURSELVES STIFFENING INTO COLOR STATUES!



THIS TIME WE'RE DONE FOR, WONDER WOMAN! TO THINK I'LL NEVER TASTE A PIECE OF CANDY AGAIN!

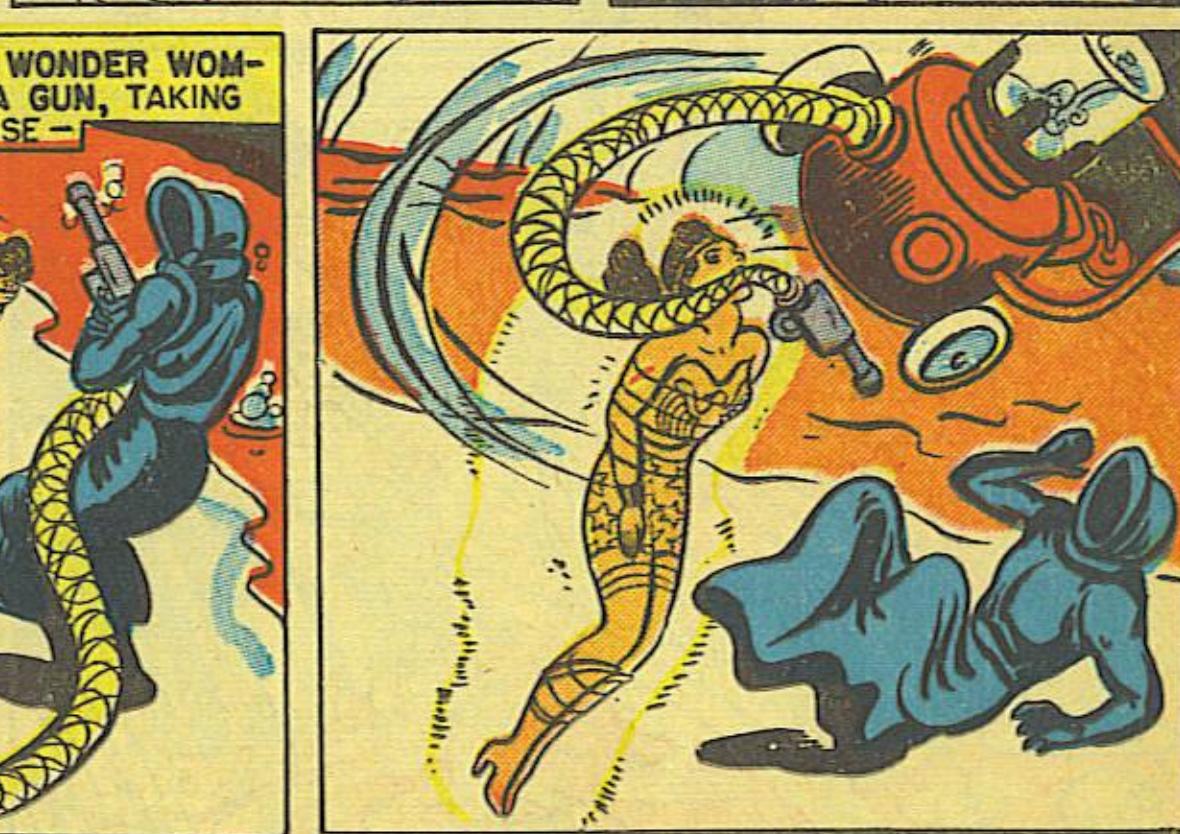
IF THERE WAS ONLY SOME WAY OF UNTYING THE MAGIC LASSO.



OH APHRODITE, HELP ME - HELP ME --- AH! I HAVE IT! IT'S A DESPERATE CHANCE, BUT HERE GOES -



FASTER THAN A SHOOTING COMET, WONDER WOMAN LEAPS TOWARD THE HOTAQUA GUN, TAKING THE PLUTONIC SLAVES BY SURPRISE -



Wonder Woman



Wonder Woman

BRACE YOURSELVES, GIRLS—
HERE WE GO TO RECOVER OUR
OTHER BODIES!

I'VE HEARD PLUTO SAY ALL THE EARTH
BODIES ARE STORED IN A VAULT UNDER THIS CAVE.

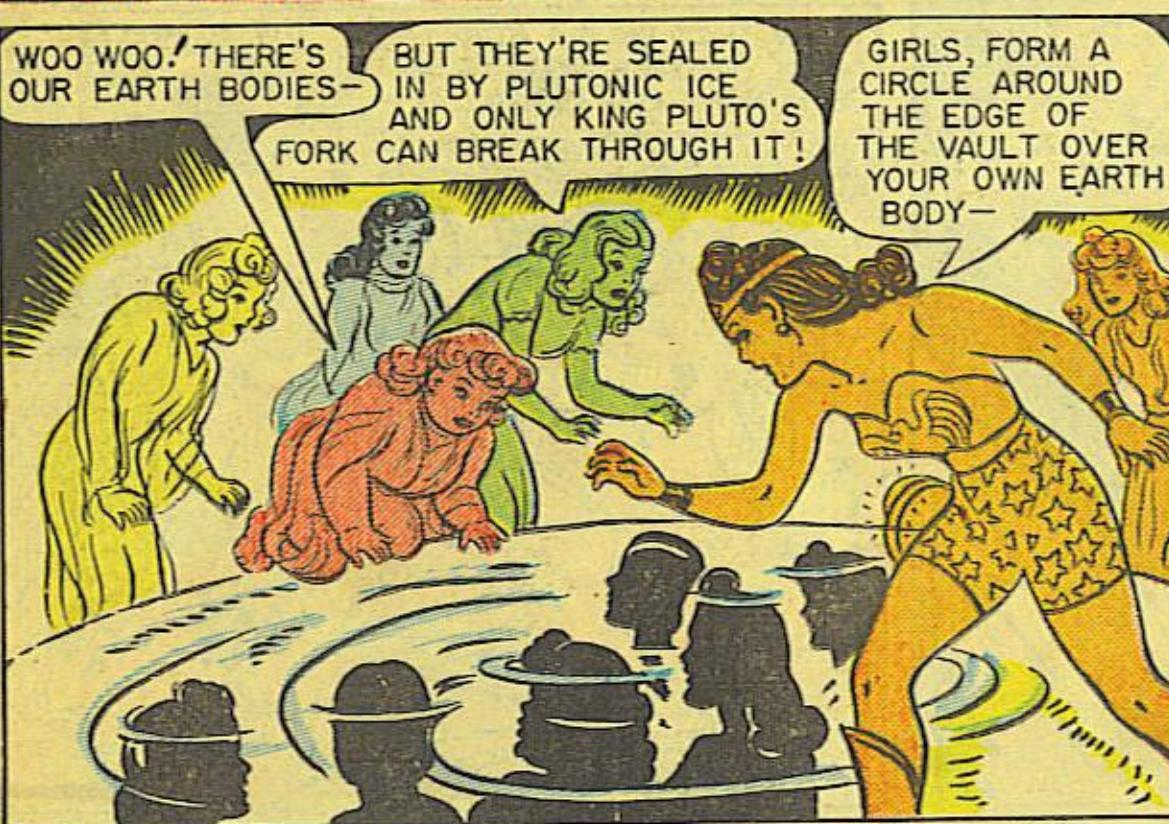


WOO WOO! THERE'S
OUR EARTH BODIES—

BUT THEY'RE SEALED
IN BY PLUTONIC ICE
AND ONLY KING PLUTO'S
FORK CAN BREAK THROUGH IT!

GIRLS, FORM A
CIRCLE AROUND
THE EDGE OF
THE VAULT OVER
YOUR OWN EARTH
BODY—

PLUTO MAKES HIS FORKS OUT
OF THIS ORE, SO MAYBE IT
WILL BREAK THE ICE—

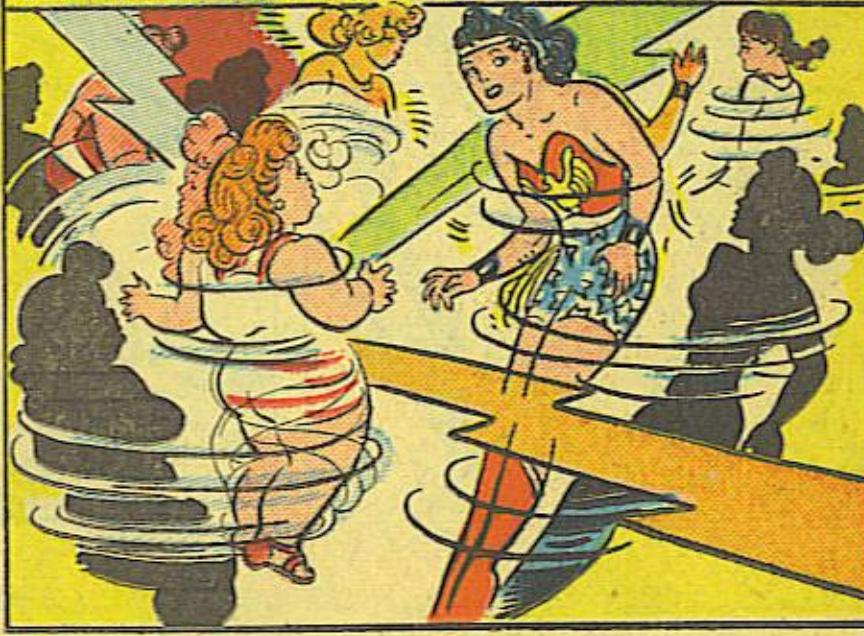


IT WORKED! WONDER
WOMAN BROKE THROUGH
THE ICE!

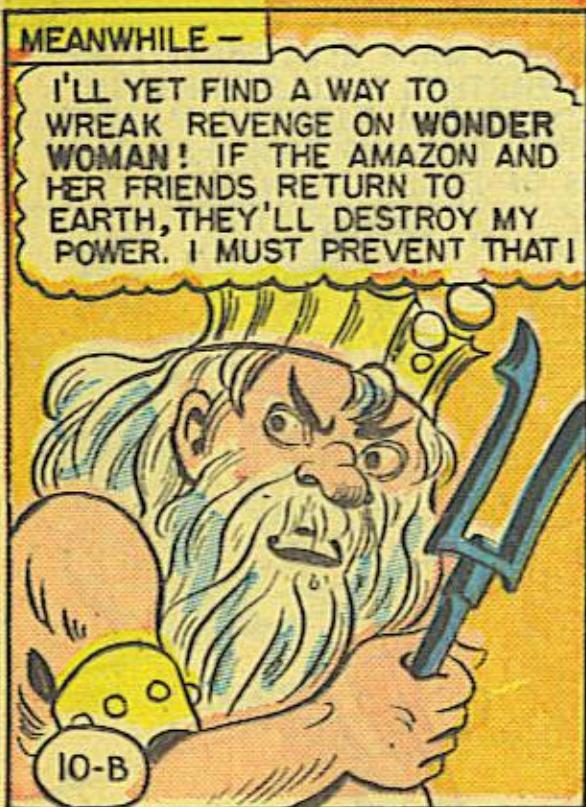
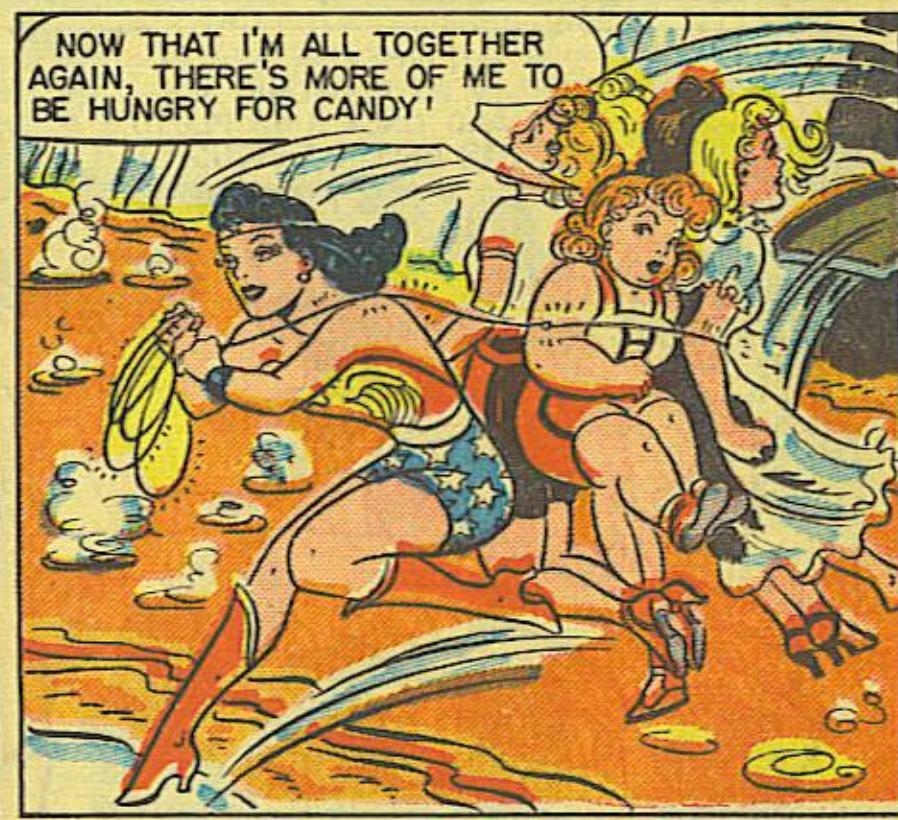
WOO WOO! THE
PRINCESS CAN
DO ANYTHING!



AS THE COLOR BODIES MAKE ELECTRICAL CON-
TACT WITH THEIR EARTHEN SHELLS THROUGH
RAYS OF RADIATED LIGHT, A TERRIFIC MAGNETIC
FORCE IS GENERATED, DRAWING TOGETHER THE
SEPARATED PARTS OF EACH HUMAN BEING.

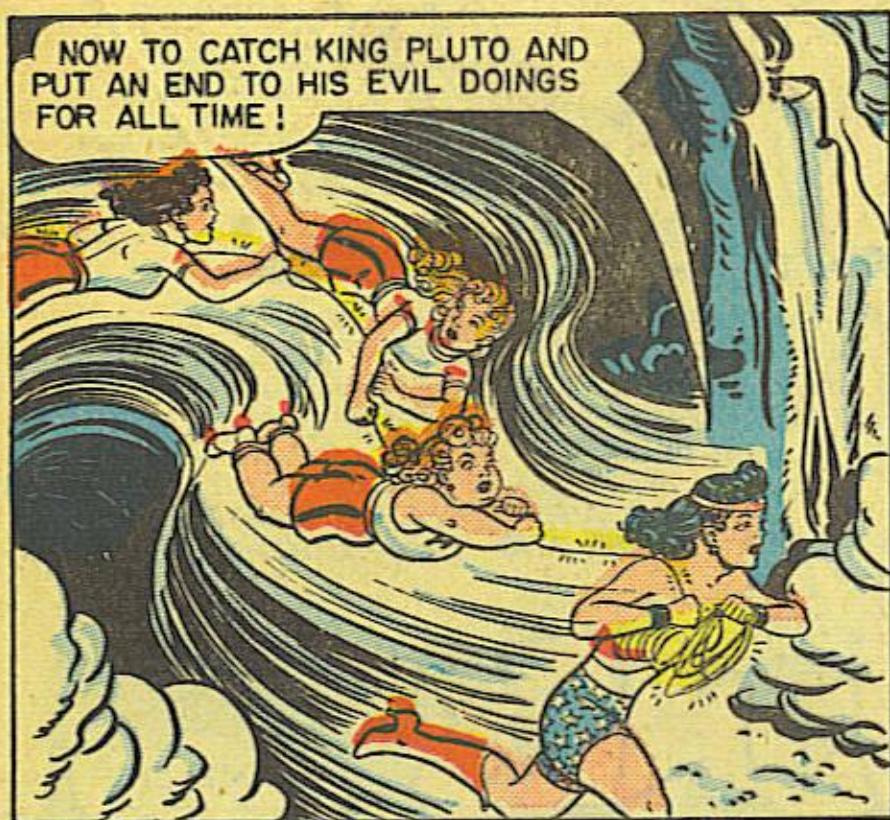


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NOW TO CATCH KING PLUTO AND
PUT AN END TO HIS EVIL DOINGS
FOR ALL TIME !



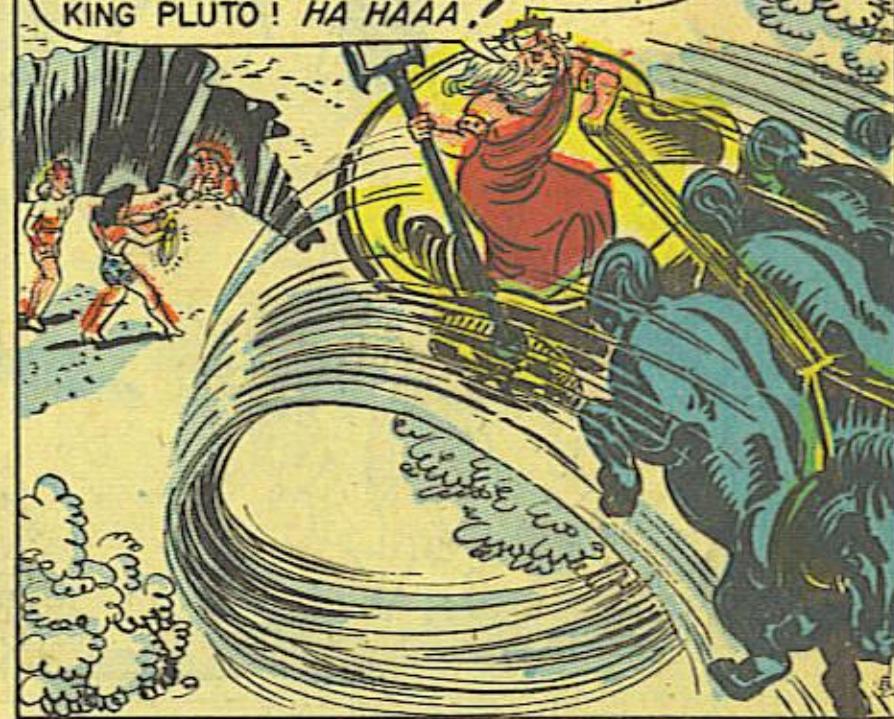
WOO WOO! LOOK!
PLUTO'S ESCAPING!



TAKING A TERRIFIC LEAP TO THE CAVE WALL,
WONDER WOMAN NIMBLY SCALES THE STEEP
SIDE —



WONDER WOMAN SHALL PAY DEARLY
FOR DARING TO FIGHT THE GREAT
KING PLUTO ! HA HAAA !



WOO WOO! ALL WE
HAVE TO DO IS CLIMB
INTO OUR ROCKET AND
SOON WE'LL BE HOME !

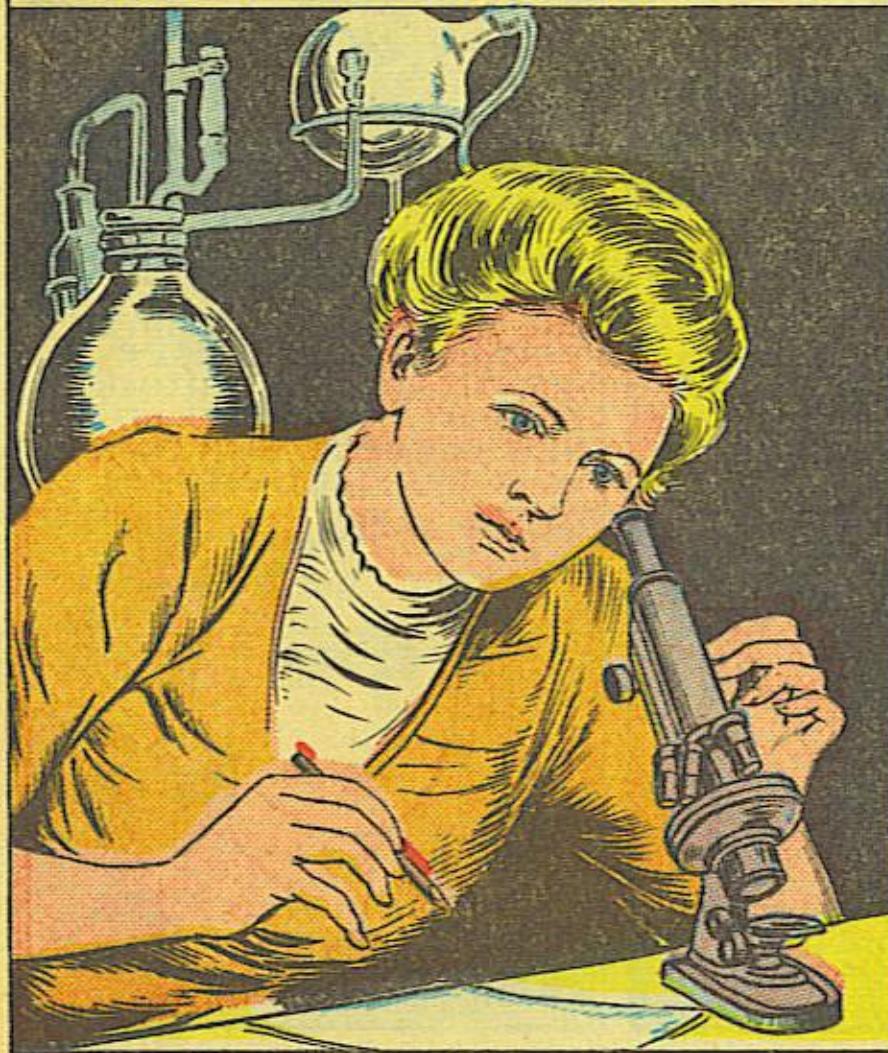
WE'RE SAFE, BUT OUR
FELLOW EARTH DWELL-
ERS WON'T BE TILL
WE CAPTURE PLUTO !





*Wonder Women
of History
AS TOLD BY Alice Marble
ASSOCIATE EDITOR*

IN 1891, A YOUNG POLISH GOVERNESS TOOK HER MEAGER SAVINGS TO PARIS TO SEEK AN EDUCATION IN SCIENCE...



YES, MARIE STUDIED FEVERISHLY-- IN HER COLD, DINGY, BARE LITTLE ATTIC!

BR-R-R! IT'S F-FREEZING! BUT THERE'S SO MUCH TO LEARN-- MUSTN'T WASTE TIME--



THERE, THAT'S FIN-- OH! I FEEL FAINT AGAIN-- MUSTN'T GIVE IN-- MUSTN'T -- OHHHHH!

THAT FAINT FEELING WAS STARVATION! BRAVE MARIE STINTED ON FOOD SO THAT SHE COULD CONTINUE TO STUDY.



WONDER WOMAN SCIENTIST

MADAME CURIE

1867 1934

THIS GENTLE BUT DETERMINED YOUNG POLISH WOMAN WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MOST STARTLING SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY!

STUBBORNLY SEARCHING FOR A "NEW AND UNKNOWN ELEMENT" THAT NO ONE BELIEVED EVEN EXISTED... SHE SCORNED HUNGER - FATIGUE - POVERTY - AND RIDICULE - TO UNEARTH ONE OF NATURE'S MOST CLOSELY GUARDED SECRETS, RADIUM!

THIS POWERFUL SUBSTANCE IS TODAY THE ONE POTENT WEAPON Wielded BY SCIENCE IN ITS NEVER-CEASING BATTLE AGAINST CANCER!

MADAME CURIE - WONDER WOMAN OF SCIENCE BEQUEATHED TO CIVILIZATION THE MOST PRICELESS OF ALL LEGACIES - A WAY TO SAVE HUMAN LIFE!

JEAN, WHO IS THAT GIRL? SHE'S BRILLIANT--AND, ER--PRETTY, TOO!

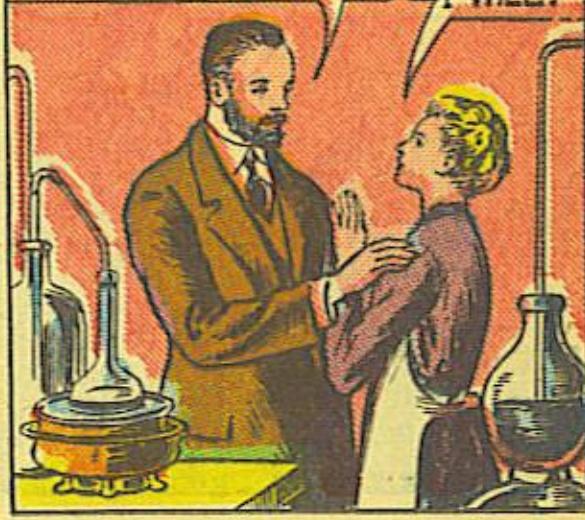
MARIE SKŁODOWSKA! BUT IT'S NO USE ASKING HER OUT, HENRI--SHE'S ALWAYS STUDYING!



EAGERLY SEEKING KNOWLEDGE, MARIE SELDOM THOUGHT OF ROMANCE--UNTIL SHE MET PIERRE CURIE, A PHYSICIST IN THE LABORATORY WHERE SHE WORKED...

PLEASE, MARIE, WILL YOU MARRY ME?

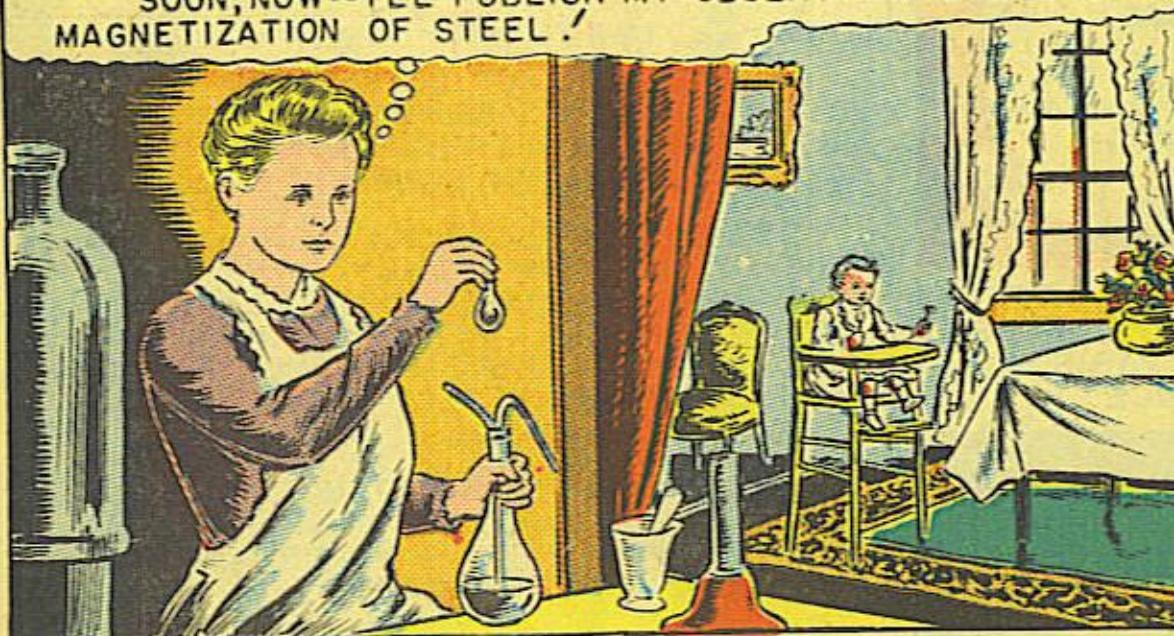
YES, PIERRE. I WILL.



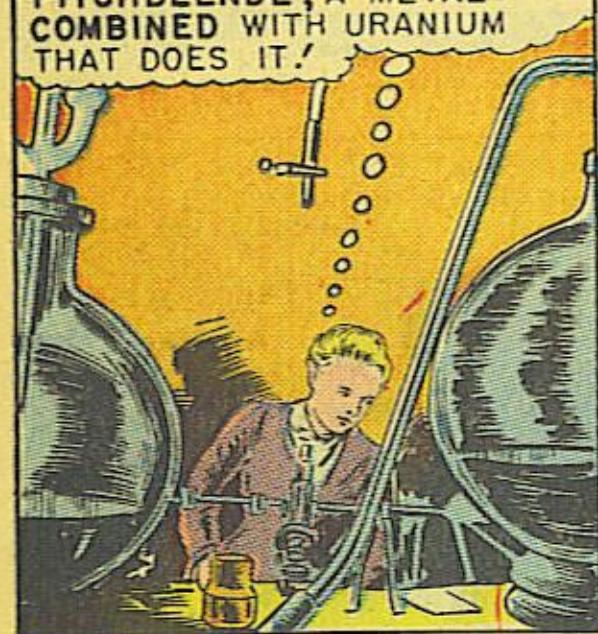
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IN THEIR SECOND YEAR OF MARRIAGE, A BABY WAS BORN TO THE CURIES, BUT FAMILY DUTIES DID NOT KEEP MARIE FROM SEARCHING -- EXPERIMENTING --

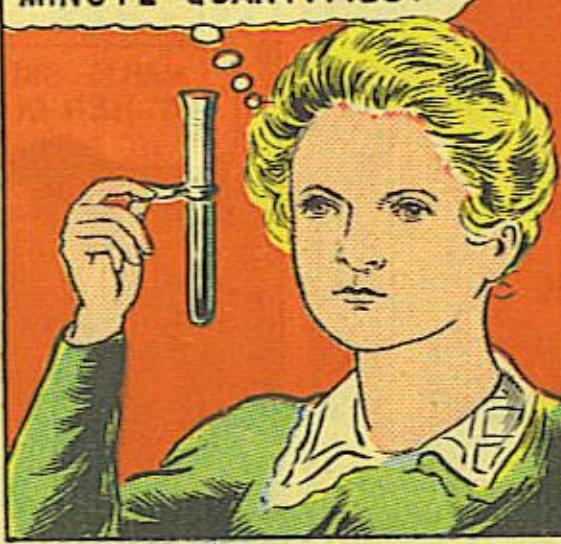
SOON, NOW -- I'LL PUBLISH MY OBSERVATIONS ON THE MAGNETIZATION OF STEEL!



MY EXPERIMENTS PROVE THAT URANIUM ITSELF DOES NOT THROW OFF THESE RAYS-- IT'S SOME SUBSTANCE IN PITCHBLENDÉ, A METAL COMBINED WITH URANIUM THAT DOES IT!



THE SUBSTANCE IS RARE! I'VE EXAMINED EVERY KNOWN CHEMICAL ELEMENT, AND ONLY ONE OTHER, BESIDES PITCHBLENDÉ, CONTAINS IT! EVEN IN PITCHBLENDÉ, IT OCCURS ONLY IN VERY MINUTE QUANTITIES!

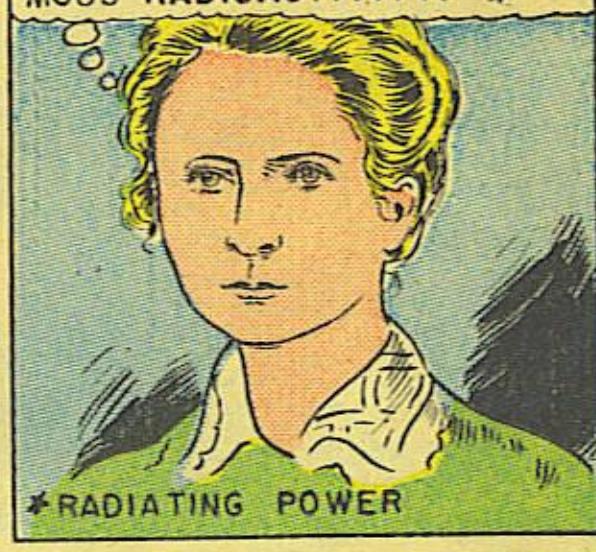


THEN ONE DAY, SHE READ AN ARTICLE THAT STARTED HER ON HER LIFE WORK...

PIERRE-- THOSE RAYS BECQUEREL DISCOVERED -- GIVEN OFF BY URANIUM COMPOUNDS -- THEY PASS RIGHT THROUGH GLASS OR METAL! WHAT CAN THEY BE?



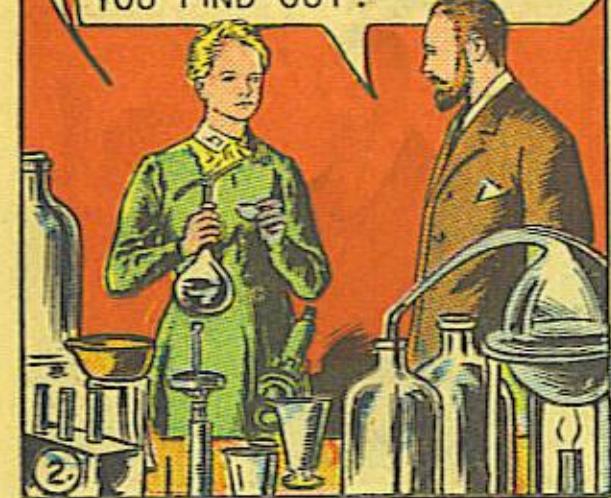
YET THE RAYS GIVEN OFF BY THIS MINUTE QUANTITY ARE STRONGER THAN RAYS THROWN OFF BY LARGER QUANTITIES OF ANY OTHER ELEMENT! THIS MUST BE A NEW ELEMENT WITH ENORMOUS RADIOACTIVITY! *



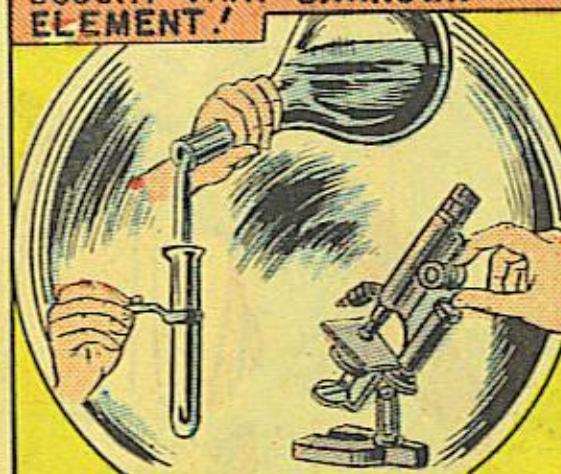
PIERRE CLOSELY FOLLOWED HIS WIFE'S PROGRESS

PIERRE-- WHAT CAN THIS NEW ELEMENT BE?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT I'M GOING TO GIVE UP MY OWN EXPERIMENTS AND HELP YOU FIND OUT!



MONTH AFTER WEARY MONTH, BOTH PATIENTLY SOUGHT THAT UNKNOWN ELEMENT!



THEN IN JULY, 1898, THE CURIES ANNOUNCED THAT PITCHBLENDÉ CONTAINED A "RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCE" WHICH THEY NAMED POLONIUM FOR MARIE'S BELOVED POLAND!

DECEMBER 1898-- THE CURIES TOLD THE WORLD OF A STARTLING SECOND NEW ELEMENT IN PITCHBLENDÉ!

THE RAYS ARE SO POWERFUL AND PENETRATING -- LET'S CALL IT RADIUM!



Wonder Woman

BUT SCIENTIFIC GROUPS WERE UNIMPRESSED!

THEY'VE DISCOVERED THIS-- ER-RADIUM! BUT NO ONE'S EVER SEEN IT- OR WEIGHED IT.

I DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS SUCH A THING AS RADIUM!

NOR I!



THEY STARTED WORK IN AN OLD, ABANDONED SHED!

WE'RE LUCKY TO GET PITCH-BLENDE RESIDUE FROM THAT URANIUM MINE!

IT'S ALMOST WORTHLESS TO THEM--BUT WE KNOW RADIUM IS HIDDEN IN IT!

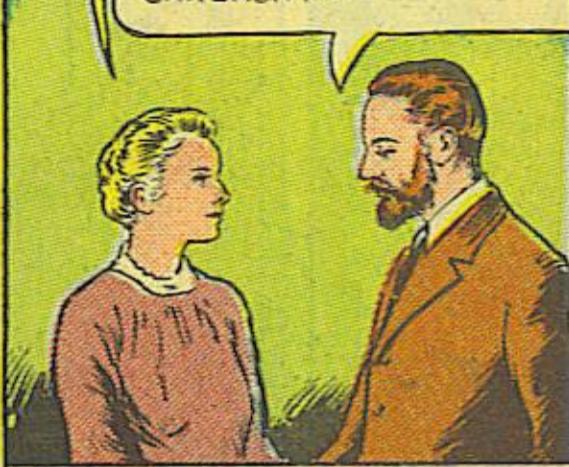


A GRATEFUL WORLD ACCLAIMED THE CURIES WHEN IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT RADIUM COULD HELP CURE CANCER!

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PIERRE, WE MUST PROVE TO THEM THAT RADIUM EXISTS!

YES, WE MUST ISOLATE THE METAL.. LET THEM SEE IT... BUT THIS MAY TAKE YEARS, MARIE-- AND WE WILL NEED MONEY-- PERHAPS I CAN GET A PROFESSORSHIP AT SORBONNE UNIVERSITY--



BUT IT WASN'T SO EASY AS THAT....

I FAILED, MARIE, I DIDN'T GET THE PROFESSORSHIP-- ONLY A MINOR POST AS INSTRUCTOR.



AFTER WORKING DILIGENTLY FOR FOUR LONG YEARS....

MARIE, I'M TIRED! AFTER TREATING TONS OF PITCH-BLENDE RESIDUE--WE HAVEN'T FOUND EVEN A TINY AMOUNT OF RADIUM!

WE WILL, PIERRE! WE MUST!



FINALLY IN 1902--THE CURIES MET WITH SUCCESS!

WE'VE DONE IT! PRODUCED A GRAM OF PURE RADIUM!

YES--WITH RAYS SO POWERFUL ONLY A THICK SCREEN OF LEAD CAN STOP THEM!



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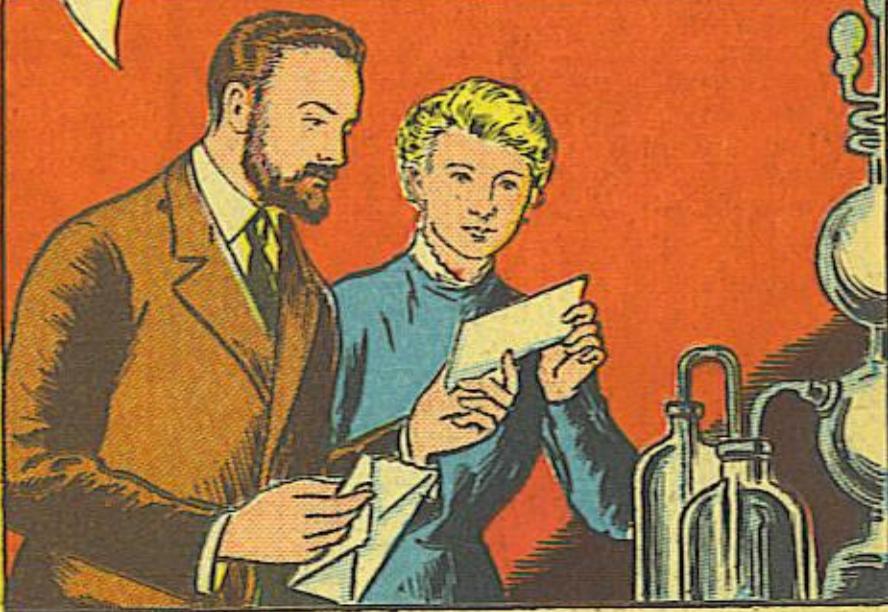
WELL, WE CAN TELL THEM FREELY HOW TO PRODUCE RADIUM--OR PATENT THE PROCESS OURSELVES! WE COULD MAKE A LOT OF MONEY-- HAVE A FINE LABORATORY--

NO, THAT WOULD BE AGAINST THE SCIENTIFIC SPIRIT. WE MUST GIVE OUR DISCOVERY TO THE WORLD-- IT'S TOO VITAL TO KEEP FOR MONEY-MAKING PURPOSES!



ON DEC. 10, 1903-- THE NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS WAS AWARDED THE CURIES!

YOU WERE RIGHT! THIS 70,000 FRANCS MEANS MORE THAN ALL THE MONEY WE COULD HAVE MADE THE OTHER WAY!



Wonder Woman

THE NEXT TWO YEARS SHOWERED THE COUPLE WITH FAME AND BLESSINGS--INCLUDING A SECOND DAUGHTER, EVE!

HOW WONDERFUL, PIERRE -- YOUR BEING A PROFESSOR AT SORBONNE -- AND A MEMBER OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES!

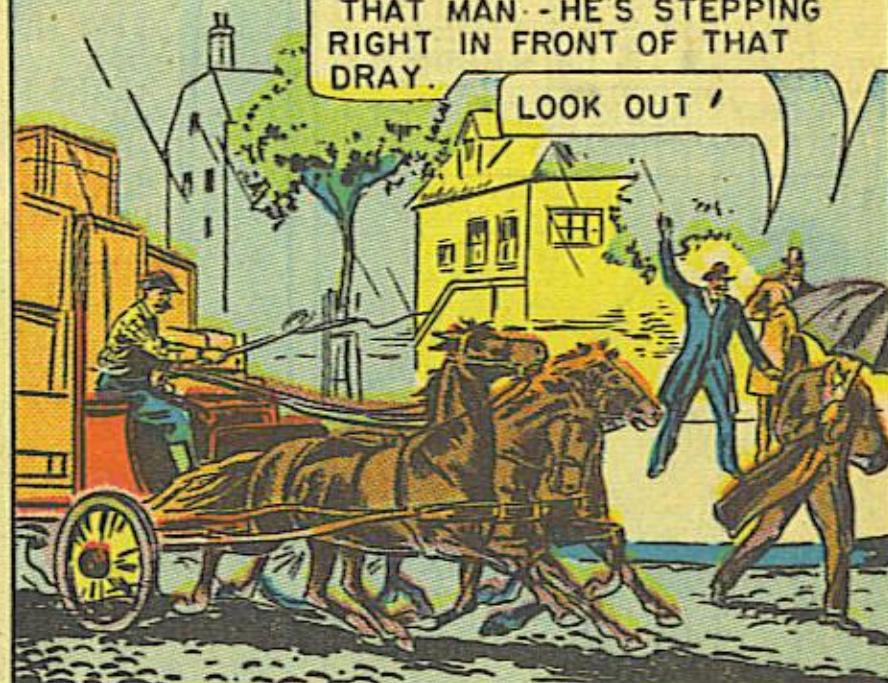
AND MAYBE, NOW, WE'LL GET THAT FINE LABORATORY--EH, MARIE?



BUT PIERRE WAS FATED NEVER TO SEE THAT "FINE LABORATORY" FOR ON APRIL 19, 1906

THAT MAN--HE'S STEPPING RIGHT IN FRONT OF THAT DRAY.

LOOK OUT!



WHOA!! - WHOA - OH-H!



BUT THE PLUNGING HORSES DID NOT STOP IN TIME -- AND PIERRE WAS KILLED INSTANTLY!

A MONTH LATER, SORBONNE UNIVERSITY BROKE ALL PRECEDENTS BY OFFERING PIERRE'S VACANT CHAIR AS PROFESSOR TO--HIS WIFE!

TAKE THE PROFESSORSHIP, MARIE! AS PIERRE'S FATHER, I URGE YOU--DON'T STOP YOUR WORK NOW!

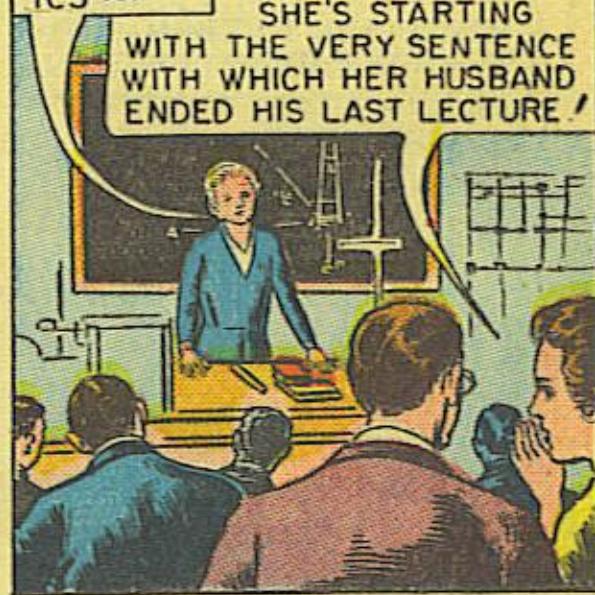
I-I'LL TRY!



STUDENTS PACKED THE LECTURE HALL TO HEAR SORBONNE'S FIRST WOMAN PROFESSOR!

WHEN WE THINK OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN PHYSICS---

SHE'S STARTING WITH THE VERY SENTENCE WITH WHICH HER HUSBAND ENDED HIS LAST LECTURE!



IN 1911, THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY WAS AWARDED MARIE--THE ONLY PERSON EVER TO RECEIVE A NOBEL PRIZE TWICE.

MADAME CURIE--WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE YOU AS HEAD OF OUR LABORATORY OF RADIOACTIVITY!

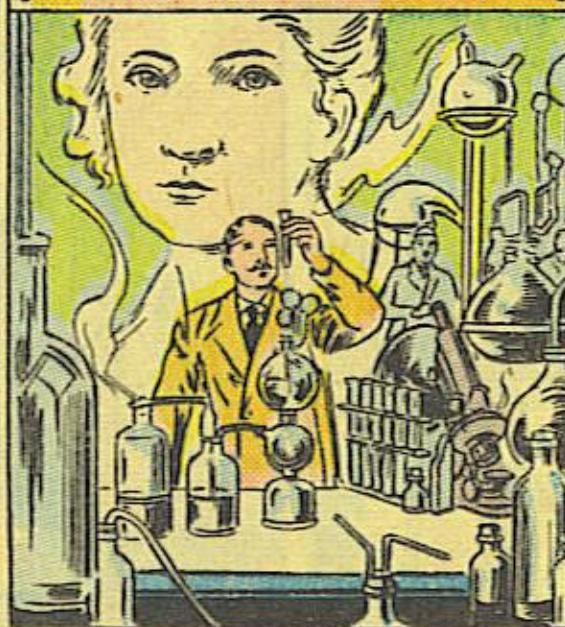
WELL, WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO--IF ONLY YOU WERE HERE TO SEE OUR FINE LABORATORY, PIERRE--

THANK YOU!



TODAY, THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER GOES ON, USING AS ITS GREATEST WEAPON, RADIUM!

CANCER RESEARCH



MARIE CURIE DIED IN 1934, OF RADIUM POISONING.. BUT HER MAGNIFICENT CONTRIBUTION TO MANKIND WILL LIVE FOREVER!

TODAY HER DISCOVERY IS SAVING THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF CANCER SUFFERERS, CURING OTHER SICKNESSES--AND THE GREATEST POSSIBILITIES OF RADIUM ARE YET TO BE EXPLORED!

THE PATIENT LIFE-LONG WORK OF THIS WONDER WOMAN OF HISTORY BROUGHT TO THE WORLD A WONDER SUBSTANCE INDEED--AND TO MADAME CURIE A GRATEFUL PLACE IN THE HEART OF ALL HUMANITY!

Alice Marble

VICTORY Puzzles

1945 MAGIC SQUARE

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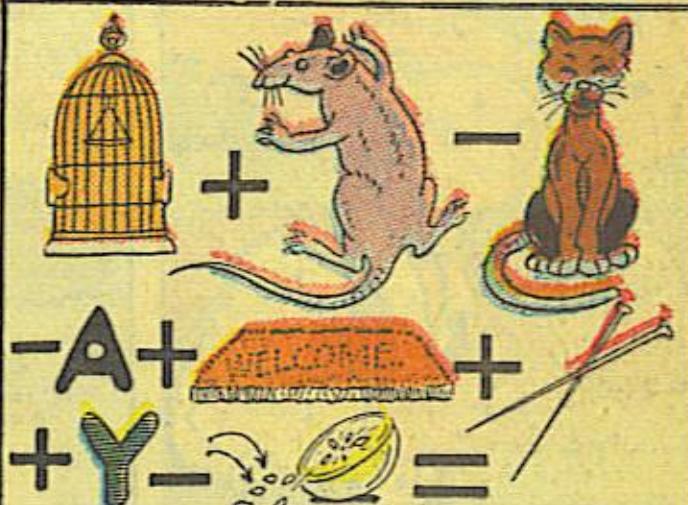
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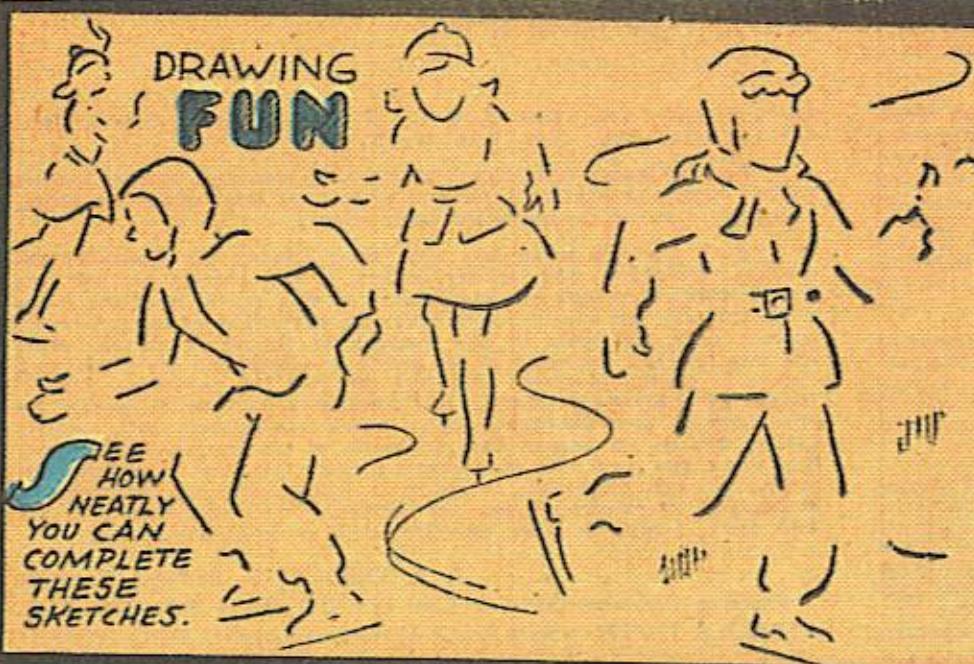
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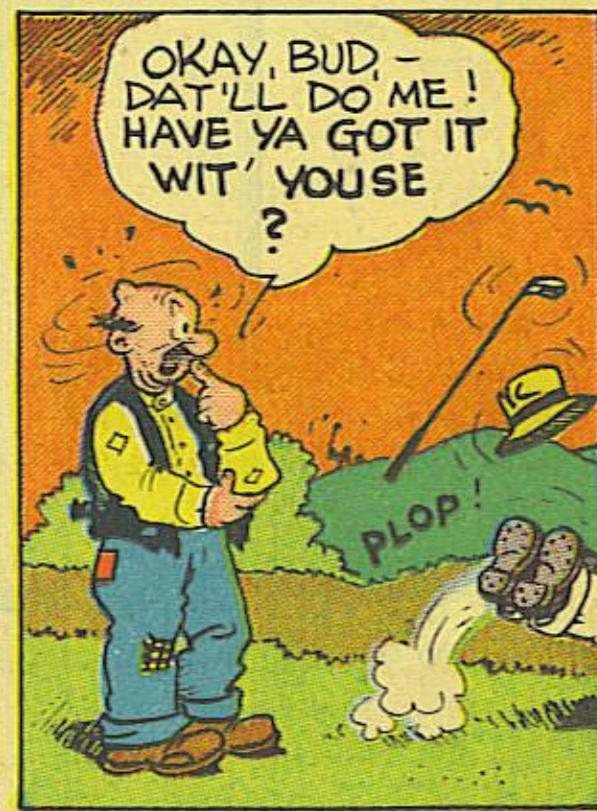
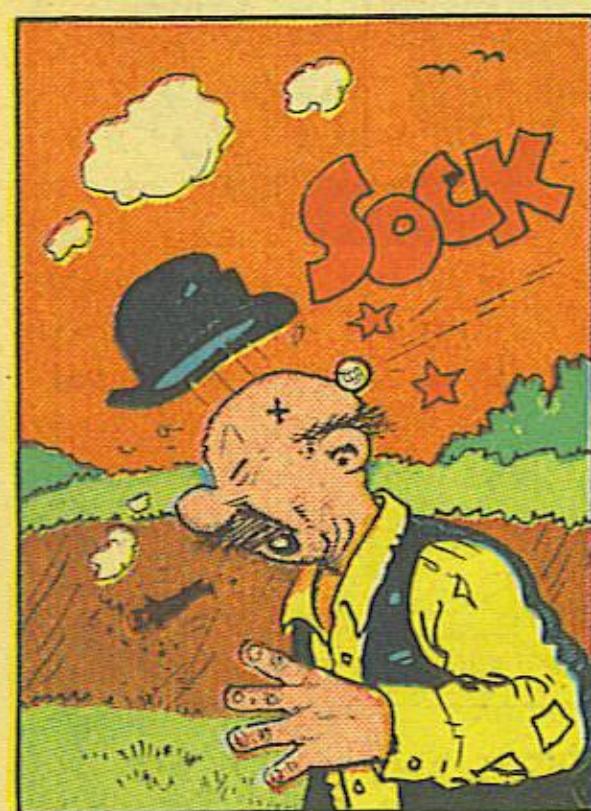
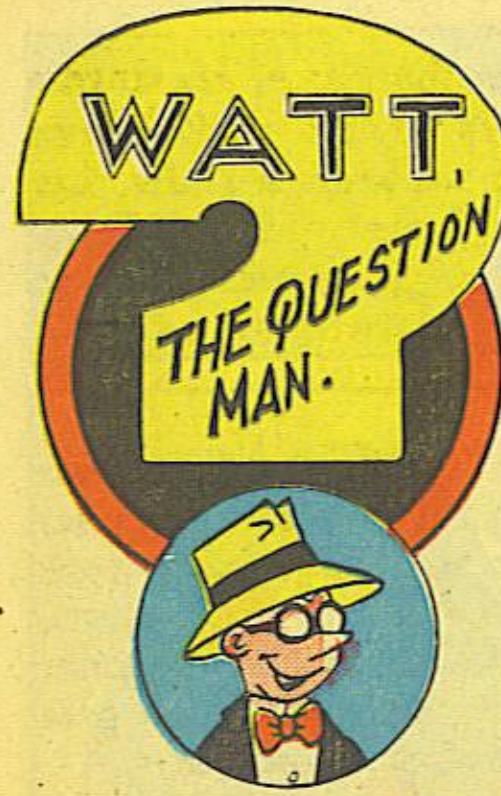
A SIDE SHOW
I'M THE BRIGHT SIDE.
ILLUSION.

LOOK AT THE DARK SIDE TO SEE MY PARTNERS.



ADD AND SUBTRACT THE LETTERS, AS INDICATED BY THE PICTURES AND SIGNS, TO GET THE NAME OF A THEATRE OF WORLD WAR NO. 2.





STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACTS OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 14, 1912, AND MARCH 3, 1933 of WONDER WOMAN, published quarterly at New York, N. Y. for October 1, 1945.

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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared J. S. Liebowitz, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Business Manager of the WONDER WOMAN and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc. of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1933, embodied in section 337, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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J. S. LIEBOWITZ, Business Manager.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of September, 1945.
ALFRED B YAFFE, Notary Public (Commission expires March 30, 1946)

DANGEROUS Adventure

by
JIM ROBINSON

LOOK, Jack!" the Major said, "I don't have any dangerous adventures . . . why don't you interview some of my men in the field for your newspaper column?"

"Nonsense, Major Probst . . . think back and I'm sure you'll find quite a few . . ." The newsman crossed his legs and leaned against one arm of the leather chair. "Thirteen years as head of the State Highway Police and no dodging of bullets—the public would hardly believe that."

"The public be . . . oh, I see what you mean," the State Highway Patrol chief said. "Well, we've come a long way in the past decade. Scientific road-blocks, two-way radio, intense interstate cooperation, F.B.I. Police Training School, etc. It has discouraged many a criminal before he even gets started.

"In fact, Jack, we've only had four attempted bank burglaries since we put in two-way radios in our patrol cars." The Major smiled wryly. "A desk man like me organizes the forces against criminals. Personally, I don't go after these lawbreakers. The State considers the top men too valuable to risk their lives unnecessarily."

"Chief," the young-looking secretary at her desk called shyly and there was a mischievous twinkle in her eyes . . . "you haven't forgotten the case of the barking dogs murder, have you?"

Jack Manners, the young newshawk, leaned forward, eagerness etched about his upraised eyebrows. "Yeah . . . how about that Major?"

"Oh, that . . ." the Major's eyes lit up, "but it's been in all the newspapers, Jack . . . several years ago." He waved his hand disparagingly. "You wouldn't want to dig up the past, young fellow, when there's so much going on in the present. Besides, it wasn't so much."

"You're too modest, Major Probst," Jack's pencil was poised above his pad, "there must be some angles to the case that have never reached print. Some personal angles involving yourself . . . wasn't there, Major?"

Major Probst ran the tips of his fingers around both corners of his square jaw; were they trying to suppress a smile that insisted on breaking loose? He gave it up and chuckled aloud. "Well, there IS one angle that has never reached the papers," he said. "It may be interesting . . . I leave it up to you."

Swinging about in his huge swivel chair the Patrol Chief peered over at a calendar hanging on the wall. His eyes proudly took in the picture of the pretty girl painted there, the smiling face of his own daughter who had posed for the artist. Then his gaze dropped to the rows of dates and days.

"It was just like today . . . Friday the thirteenth. September started out very dry. No rain until that Friday night. Then the low, black clouds that had been drifting across the face of the moon, closed in for fair. Thunder growled up in the hills to the west. As I returned to the house through the garden, vivid streaks of lightning played tag in and out of those ragged clouds and when I answered the telephone, the buzz and crackle of static was so loud I could hardly hear the low-pitched voice at the other end of the wire."

The Major paused . . . swiveled toward his young secretary and one eye batted ever so slightly, "remember that night, Sally? You had just come to work for the Patrol."

"It was a horrible night, Chief. I'll never forget it if I live to be a great-grandmother!"

Jack Manners was gaping now, as he concentrated on Chief Probst. His fingers were itching to set down more details of this murder mystery. "Go on, Major," he said.

The Major swiveled back to the newsman and brushed an imaginary speck of ash from a coat lapel. "Well, this voice was sobbing and more or less hysterical and I could barely catch the address mentioned. It was a woman's voice and she seemed to be on the verge of collapse. I caught the words 'murdered' and 'bloody paws.' I could hear dogs barking wildly and insanely, somewhere in the background. Then there came a streak of lightning closer than any that had gone before, almost immediately followed by the loudest thunderclap I ever

heard. It left my ears ringing for minutes afterwards and the telephone dead in my hands. I hung up the receiver out of force of habit, grabbed up my raincoat from its hook on the side porch, and dashed for my car."

The Major cleared his throat and looked across the room. "I picked up my secretary at her home on the way out of town and drove out to the junction of highway 40 and 60, which, as you know, is where the barking dogs murder was perpetrated. Of course, it was that gas station there and although it was late for the station to be open for business, I had completely expected to find someone stirring and some of the lights on. But no. The place was in utter darkness and the rain was by then coming down in solid sheets. The very bottom seemed to have fallen out of the sky.

"We found out later that lightning had struck a tree in the backyard of the filling station and a large section of the smashed tree had fallen across the light and telephone lines, putting them out of commission.

"Getting two flashlights from the glove compartment, Sally and I leaped from the car and started racing for the . . ."

At this point in his story, Major Probst was interrupted by the sudden appearance into his private office of a tall, broad-shouldered man in an old-fashioned linen duster. The hem of the coat came down below his knees and leather puttees and polished boots gleamed below it. In his hand he held a Police Positive and he had it trained directly at the third button on the Major's vest!

His black eyes were squinting cruelly and his mouth was twisted to one side in a snarl as he spoke. "Have yer men hold up my truck on the highway and take all my liquor, will yuh? . . . Have me thrown in the jug without bail, will yuh? Well, I'm busted out, see . . . and I'm gonna fix yuh so's no more orders will come outta yer ugly mouth!" The Police Positive's barrel was steady as a rock in the man's hand. He advanced a pace nearer, utterly ignoring the gaping newsman. Sally, the secretary, seemed frozen to her chair. Her eyes were like blue china saucers.

The Major stood up. He tried to remain calm. In fact, he *was* calm. He started to shuck out a cigarette from his pack. His hands were steady and yet he fumbled the cigarette and it flipped to the floor. Like a flash the Major stooped to retrieve it.

But his grasping fingers fastened themselves on the fringe of the rug at his feet and ignored the fallen cigarette. With a slashing pull the Highway Patrol Chief ripped the rug out from the gunman who came down on his back with a sudden thud!

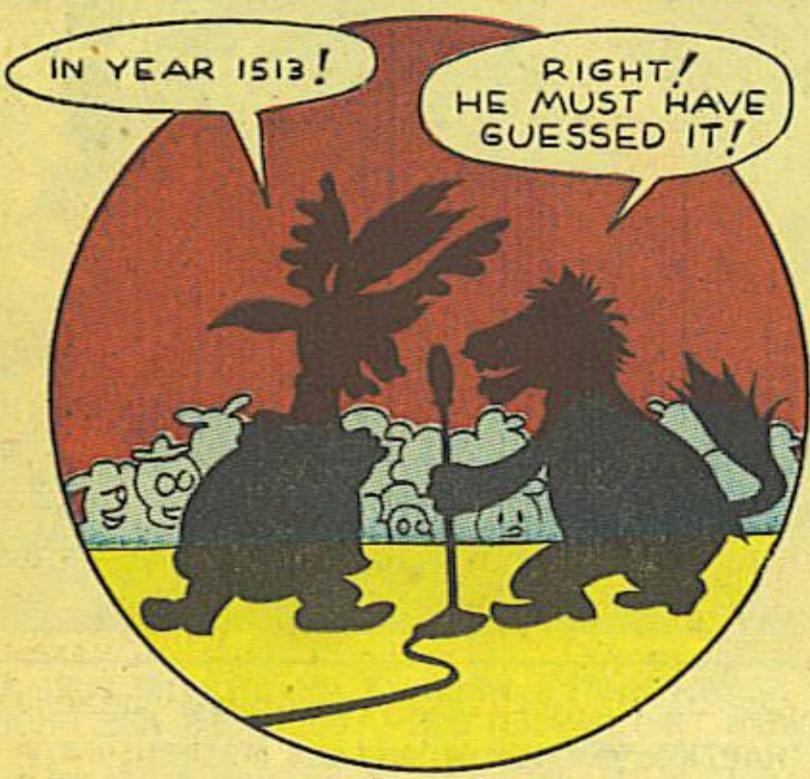
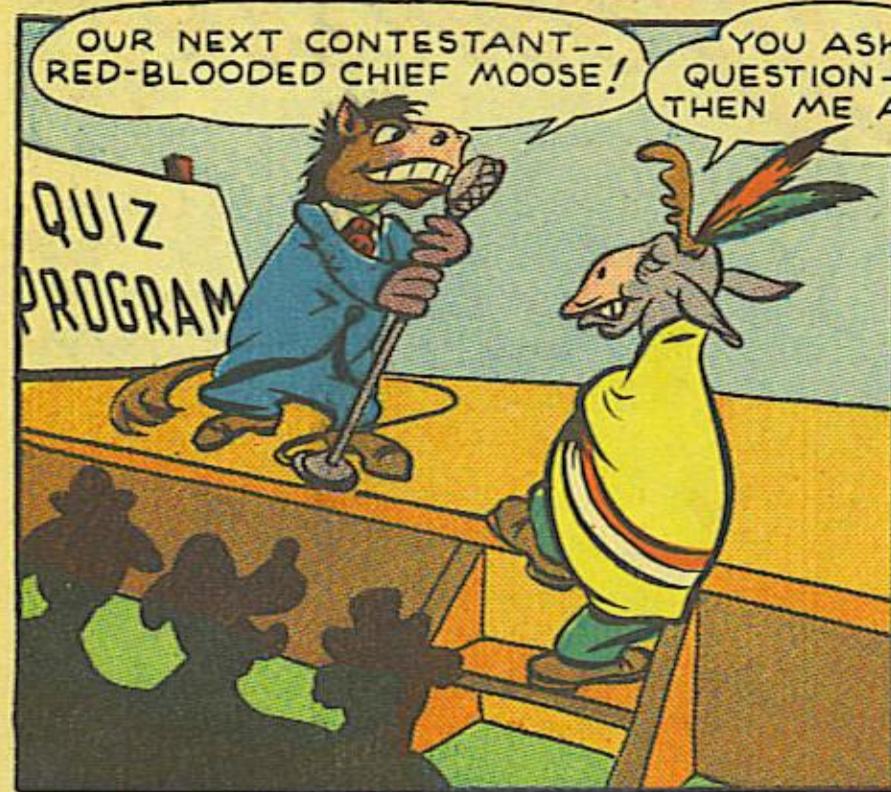
Like a tiger the Major sprang upon him and in a flash had disarmed the fellow. His secretary had come to life and had pressed a buzzer under her desk. A towering Sergeant dashed in from a side door and twisting the gunman's arm up behind his back, waltzed him on tiptoe out of there in a hurry.

The Major looked down thoughtfully at the gun in his hand. "Fully loaded and ready to go!" he said. Sighing, he sat down again in his huge swivel chair . . . let's see," he smiled, "where were we before that guy came in?"

Jack Manners, the newshawk gaped until his mouth swung open like a gate. He finally found his voice. "Criminy!" he gasped. "And you say you never run into any dangerous adventures! Holy smoke! And boy! You were as cool as a cucumber the whole time!" He dashed out the office door, his coat tail flying, shouting something about making a deadline for the final edition.

"Doggone!" Major Probst exclaimed, then he threw back his lion-like head and roared aloud. In a minute he became serious once more but a smile still tried to twist out the corners of his wide mouth. "I hated to do that, Sally," he said. "But you were dead right about thinking it up. A busy man can't afford to be pestered for weeks on end by members of the press." The Major shrugged his broad shoulders and set himself at his desk. Before he tackled the huge pile of official-looking papers stacked on the mahogany he grinned across at his secretary . . . "Jack Manners or the readers of his column will never know we faked that little drama . . . but, y'know, Sally, I can hardly wait to read all about it!"

WHO'S WHO IN ZOOVILLE **BIG CHIEF MOOSE**

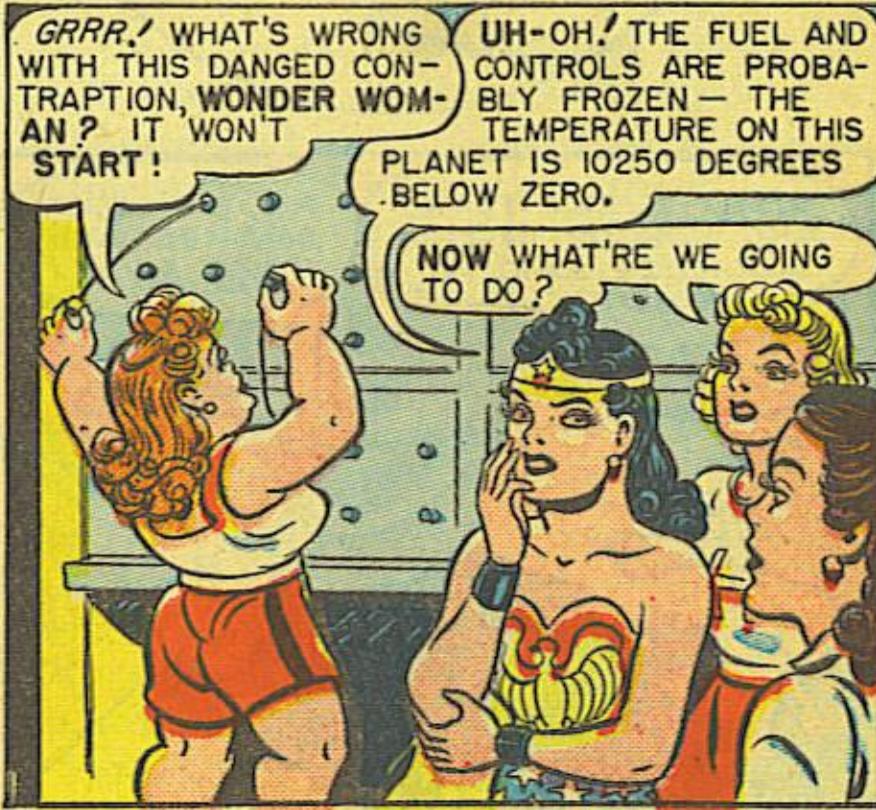
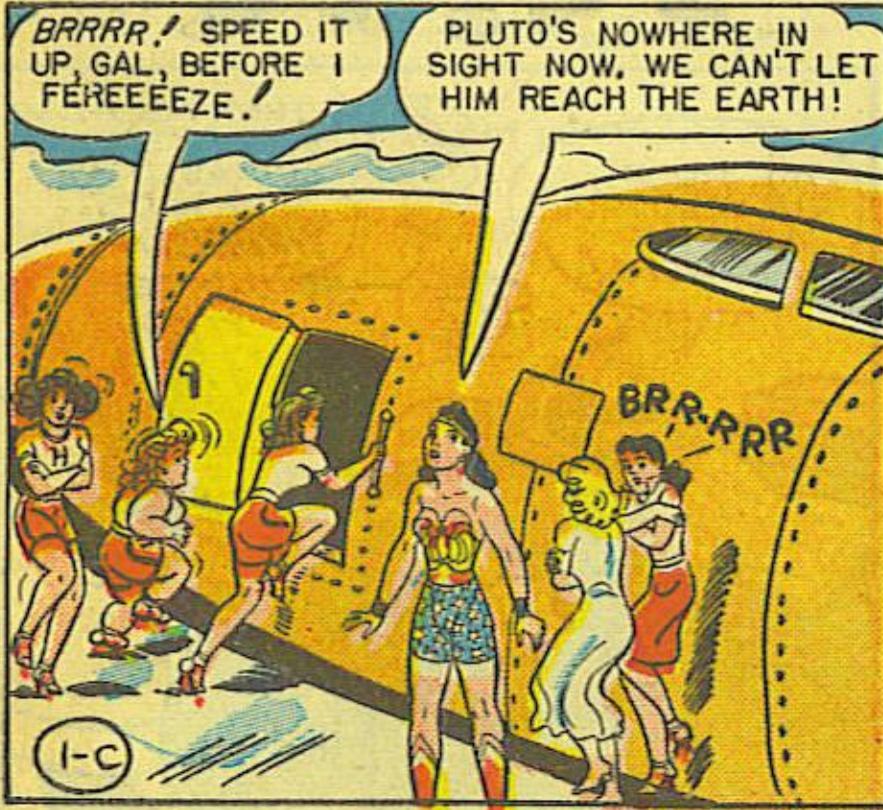
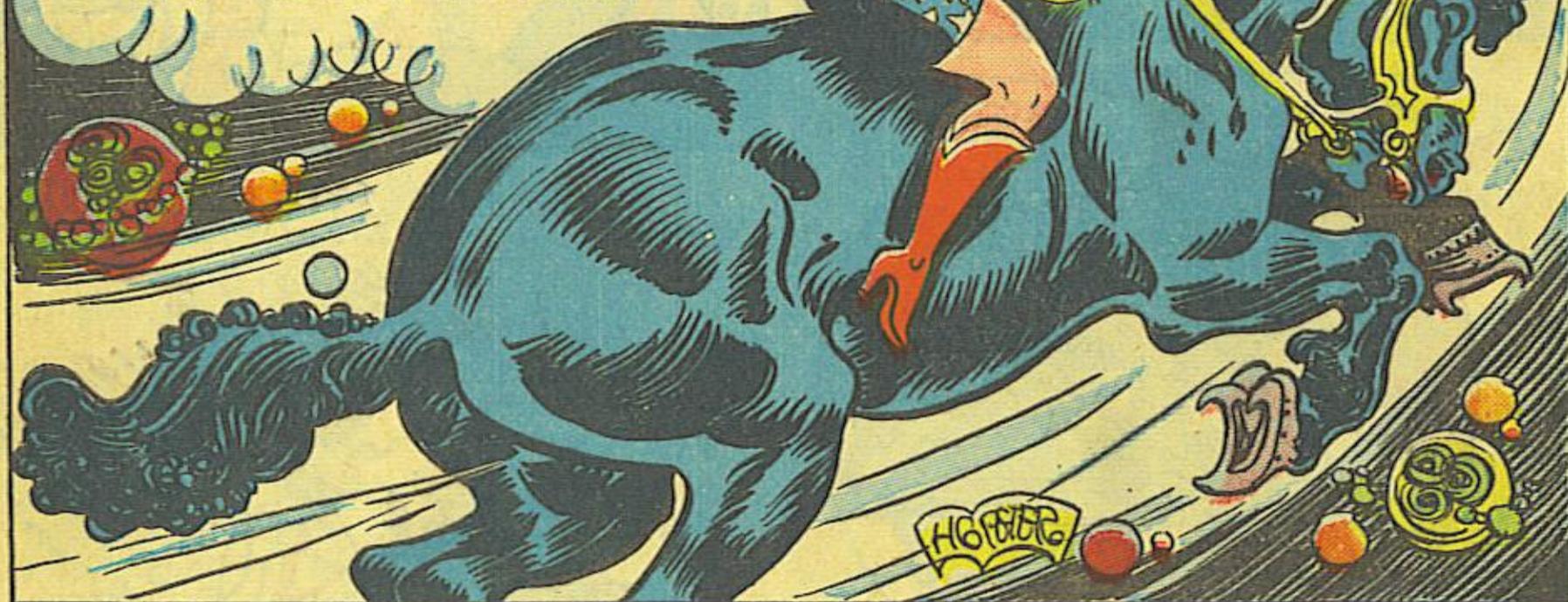


Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

FEARFUL OF CAPTURE BY WONDER WOMAN, KING PLUTO STREAKS ACROSS THE HEAVENS DESPERATELY DETERMINED TO FIND A MEANS OF PROLONGING HIS NEFARIOUS CAREER. HE ALMOST SUCCEEDS, WHEN BY A CLEVER STRATAGEM HE FORCES OUR LOVELY HEROINE TO SURRENDER. READ HOW WONDER WOMAN, DEPRIVED OF HER AMAZON STRENGTH, BRILLIANTLY OVERCOMES THE MOST DESPERATE SITUATION IN WHICH SHE'S EVER BEEN CAUGHT, TO SAVE HER FRIENDS AND PLUTO'S GLORIOUS COLOR-BODY SLAVES FROM COMPLETE EXTERMINATION IN

"KING PLUTO'S REVENGE."



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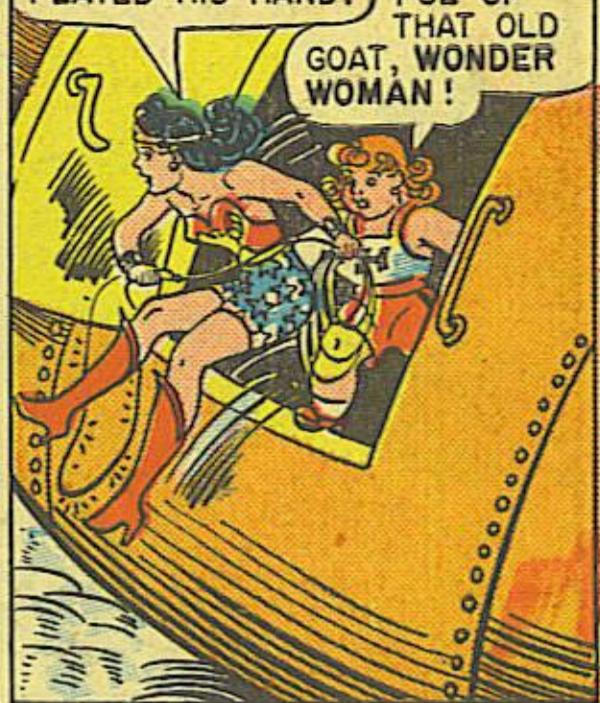
MEANWHILE KING PLUTO RETURNS, DETERMINED TO DESTROY THE ROCKET SHIP—

I'LL SEE THAT THE EARTHLINGS WON'T FOLLOW ME! I'LL SMASH THEIR MECHANIZED BIRD TO BITS! HA HAAA!

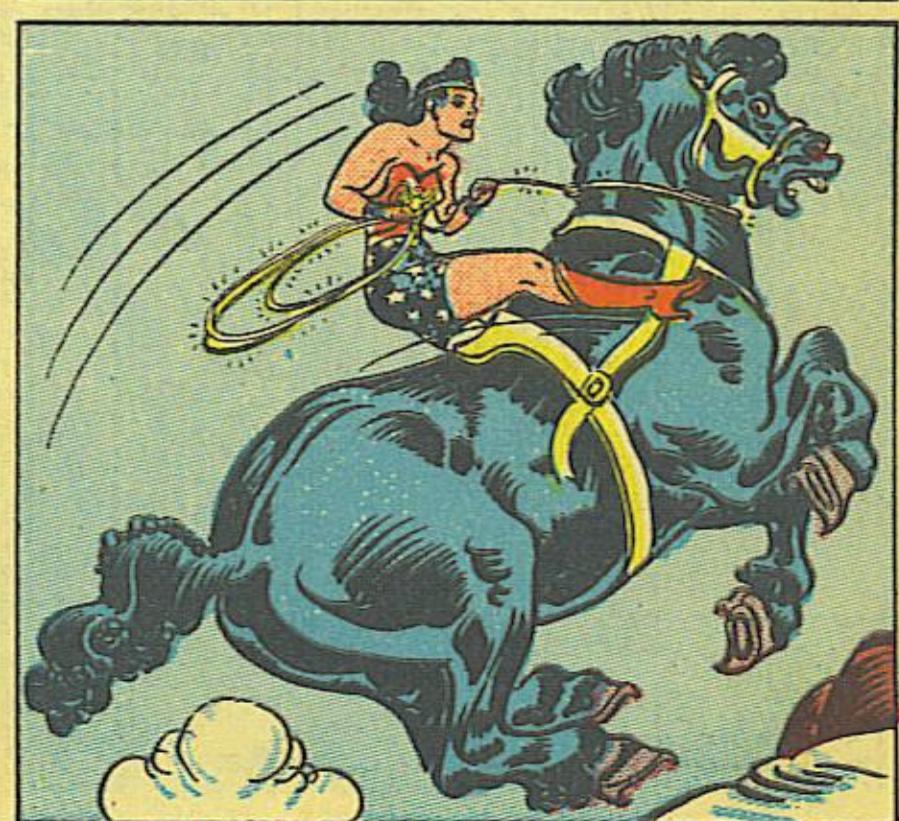
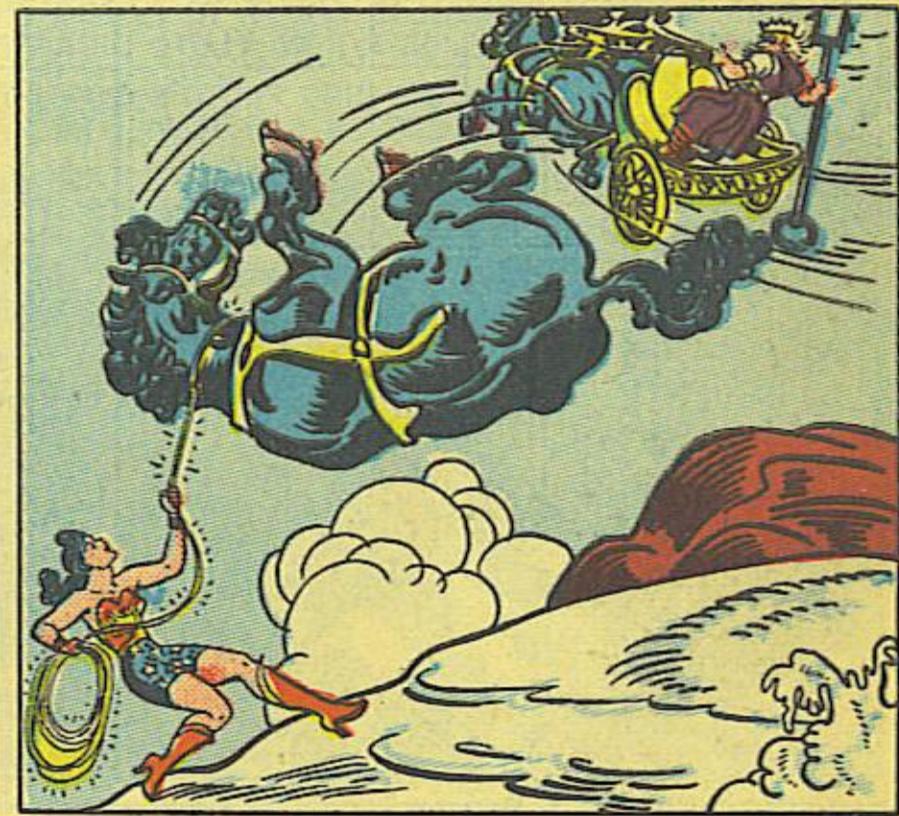


THIS TIME KING PLUTO HAS OVER-PLAYED HIS HAND!

WOO WOO!
BE CARE-
FUL OF
THAT OLD
GOAT, WONDER
WOMAN!



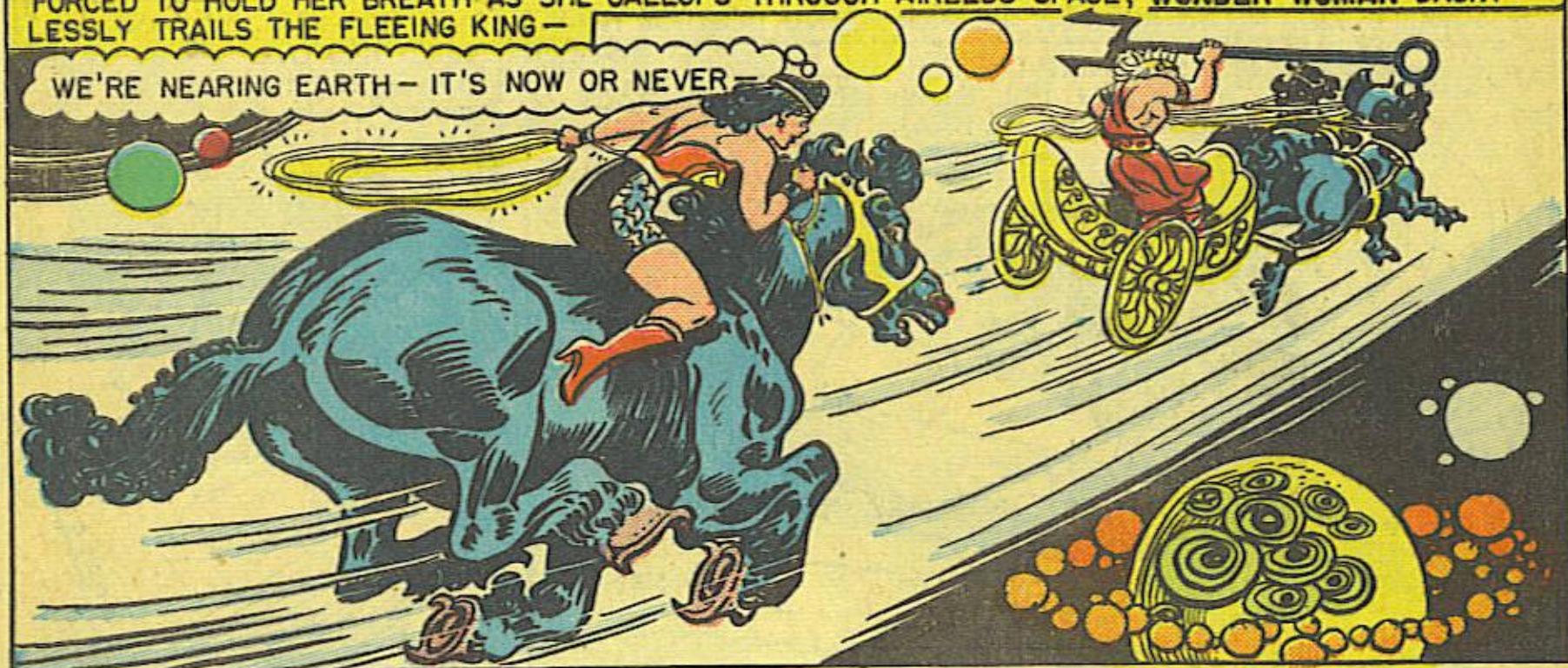
ZOUNDS! THE AMAZON FEARS NOTHING, NOT EVEN MY MIGHTY FORK. SHE'S AFTER ME WITH HER ENCHANTED LASSO!



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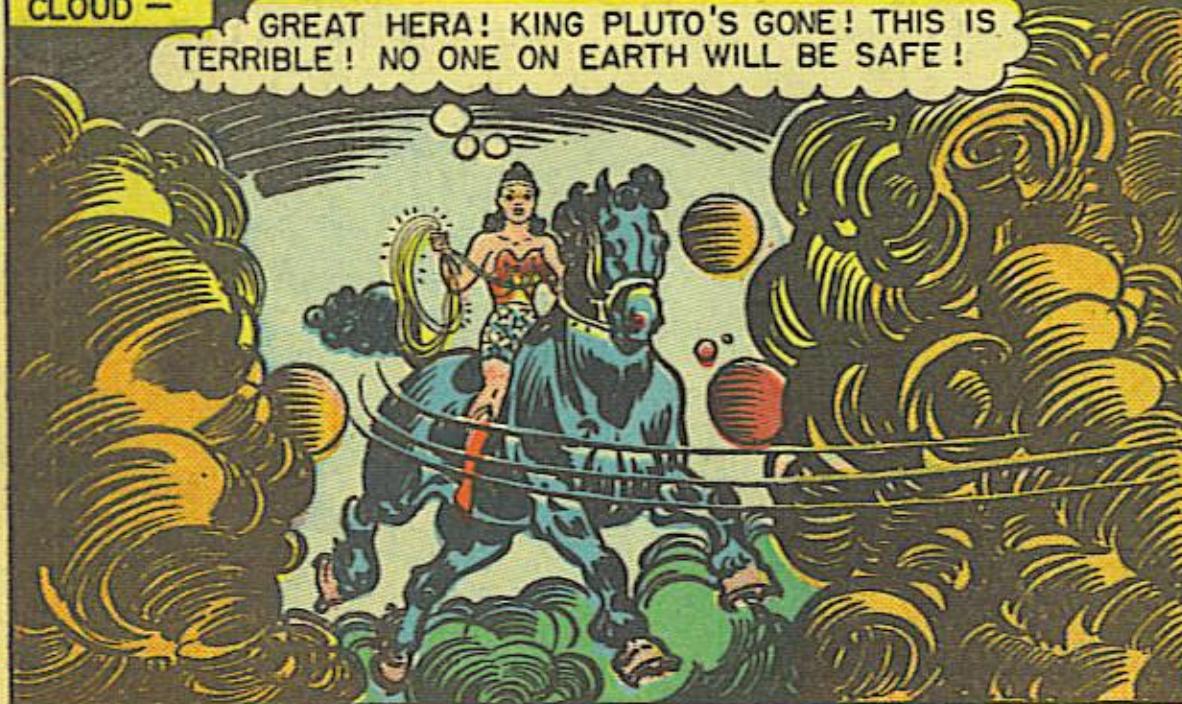
FORCED TO HOLD HER BREATH AS SHE GALLOPS THROUGH AIRLESS SPACE, WONDER WOMAN DAUNTESSLY TRAILS THE FLEEING KING —

WE'RE NEARING EARTH — IT'S NOW OR NEVER —



BUT AS WONDER WOMAN IS ABOUT TO LASSO THE VICIOUS RULER OF THE DARK PLANET, KING PLUTO DISAPPEARS INTO A CLOUD —

GREAT HERA! KING PLUTO'S GONE! THIS IS TERRIBLE! NO ONE ON EARTH WILL BE SAFE!



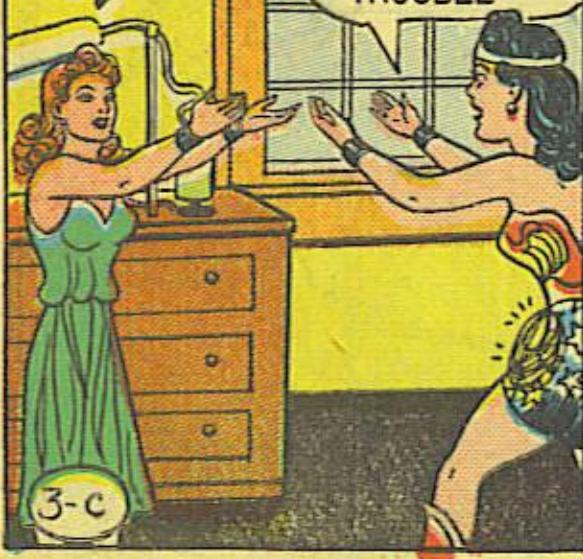
PLUTO HAS POWER OVER THE ELEMENTS — I CANNOT FIND HIM UNTIL HE STRIKES AGAIN AND REVEALS HIMSELF. MEANWHILE, I MUST RESCUE THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS. I'LL GET A DYNAMO FROM PAULA'S SECRET LABORATORY, TAKE IT TO PLUTO, AND THAW OUT THE ROCKET SHIP SO THE GIRLS CAN ESCAPE.



SUON THE BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS REACHES THE LABORATORY —

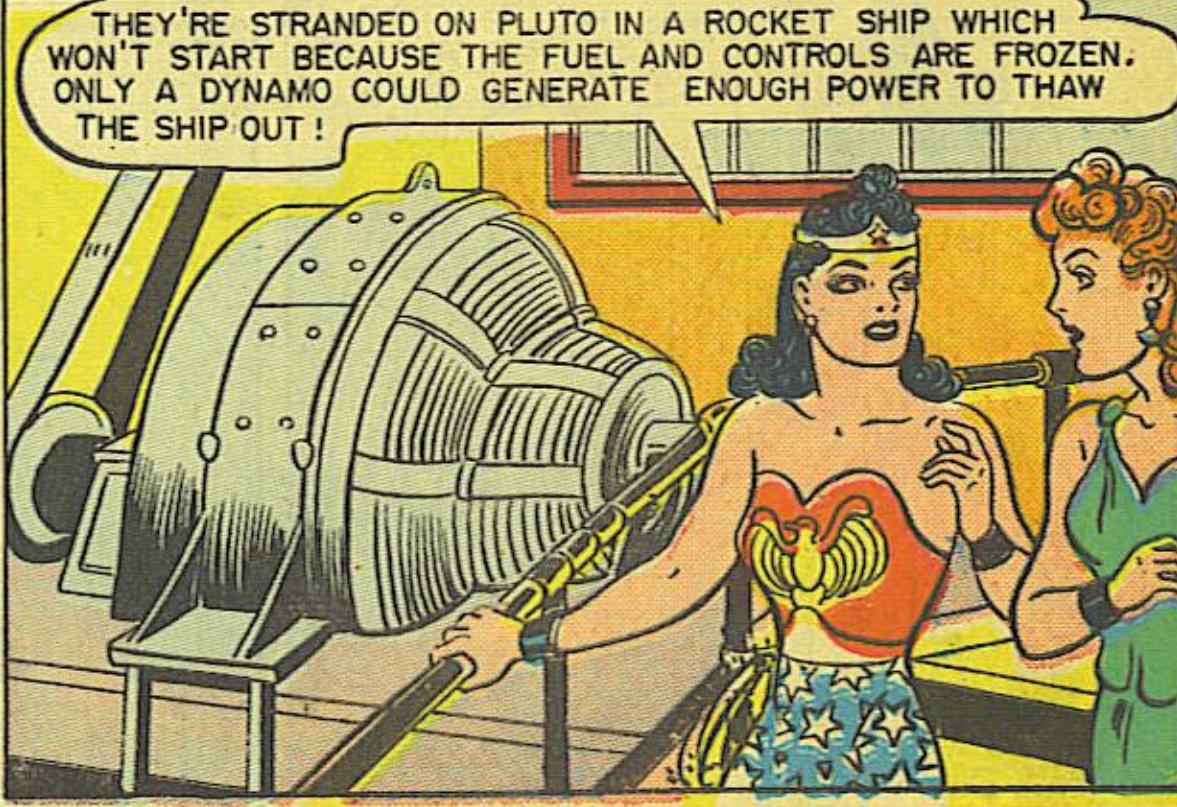
HOLA PRINCESS, WHAT A TREAT TO SEE YOU!

HOLA! PAULA, THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS ARE IN DESPERATE TROUBLE —

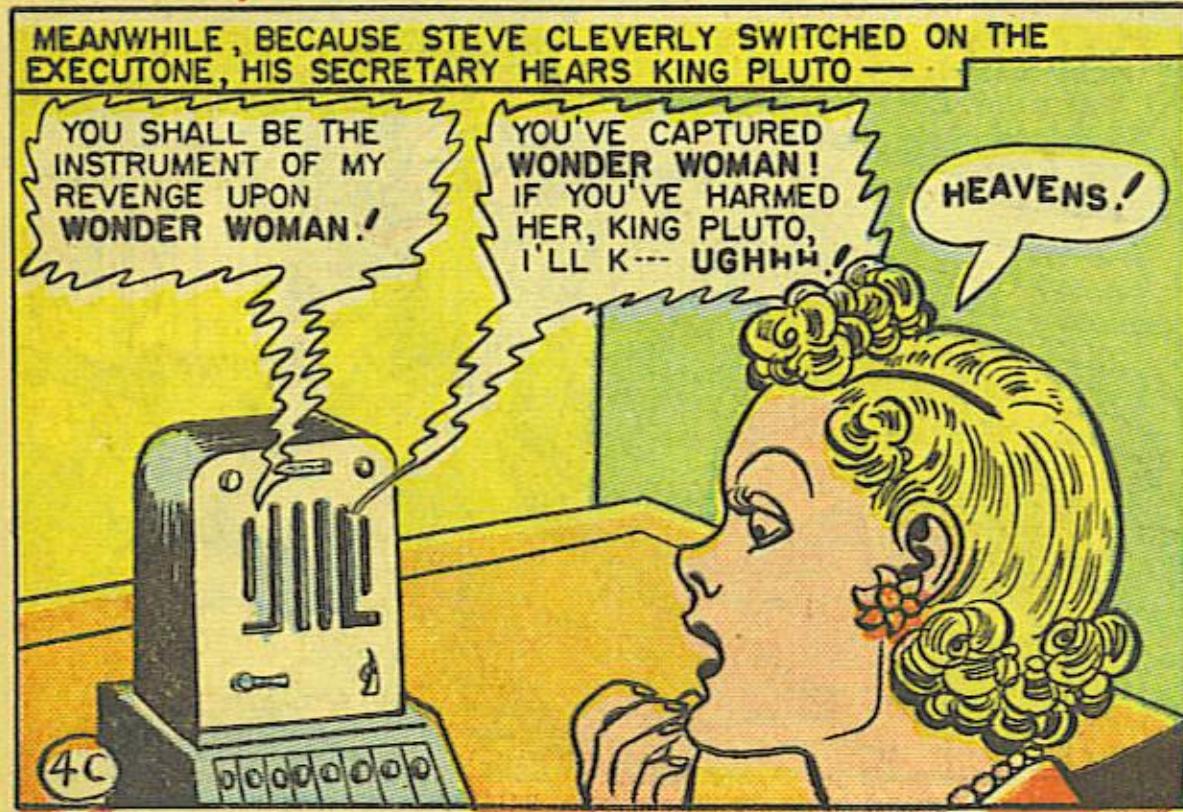
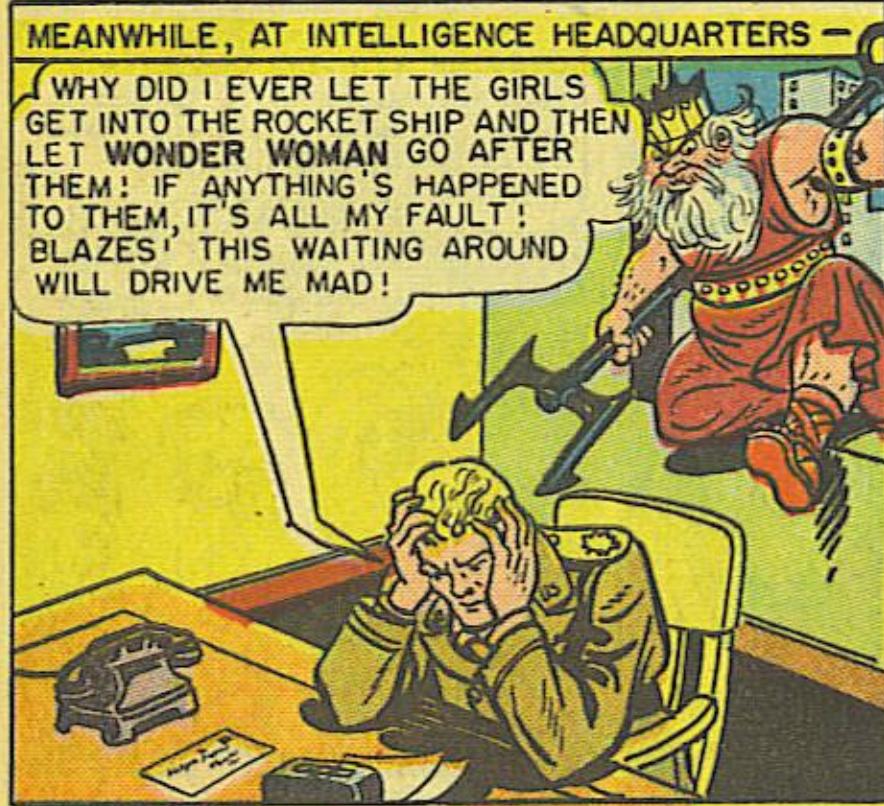
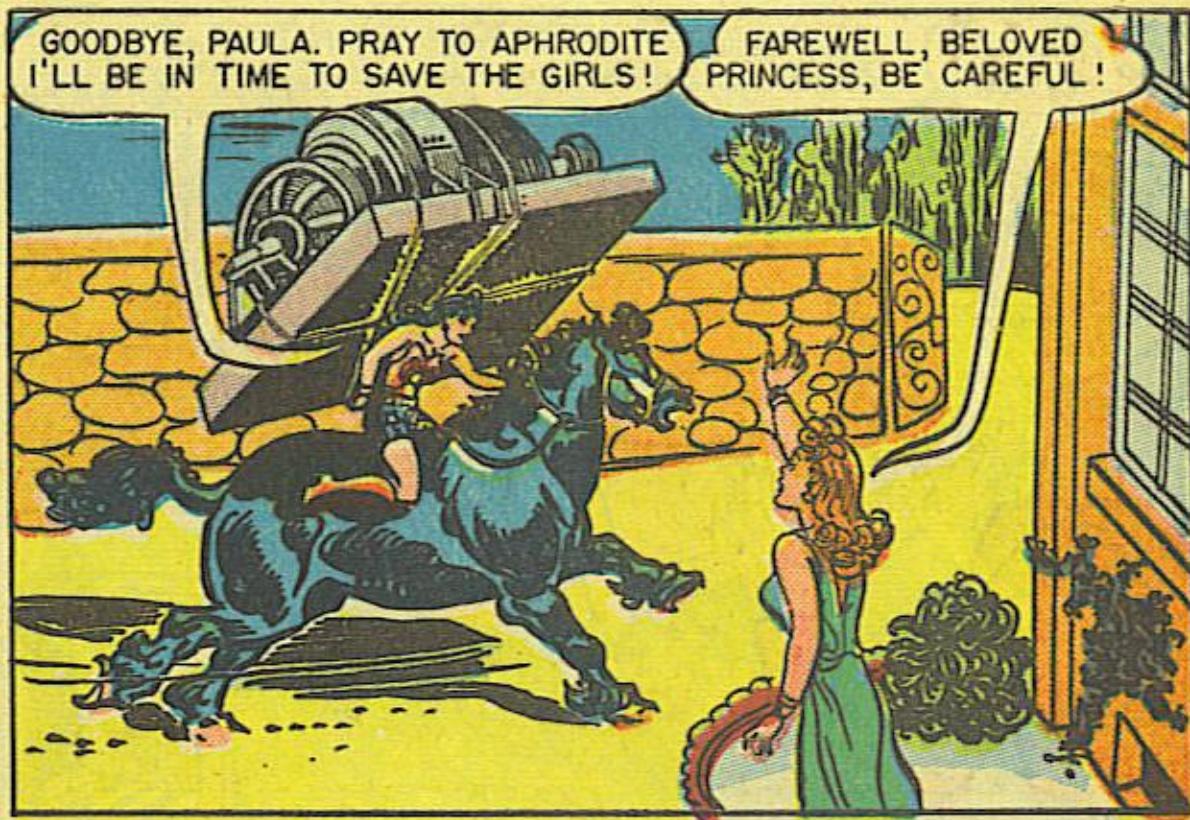
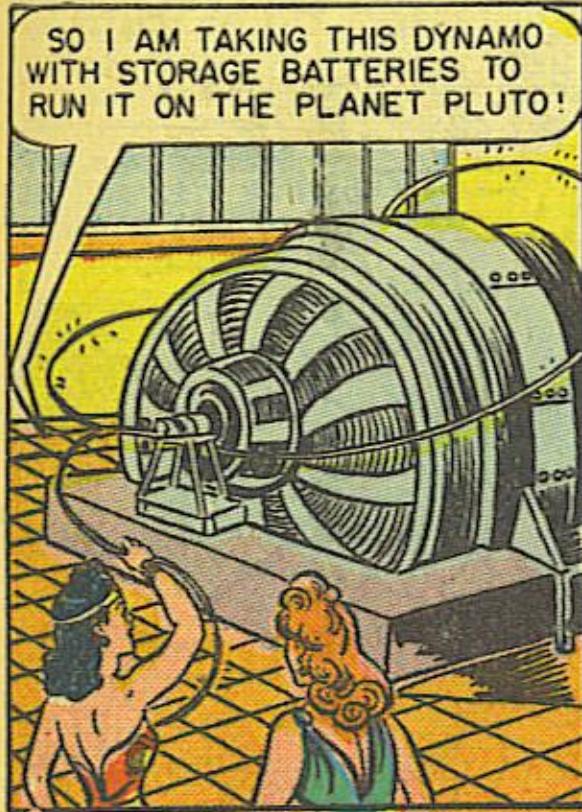


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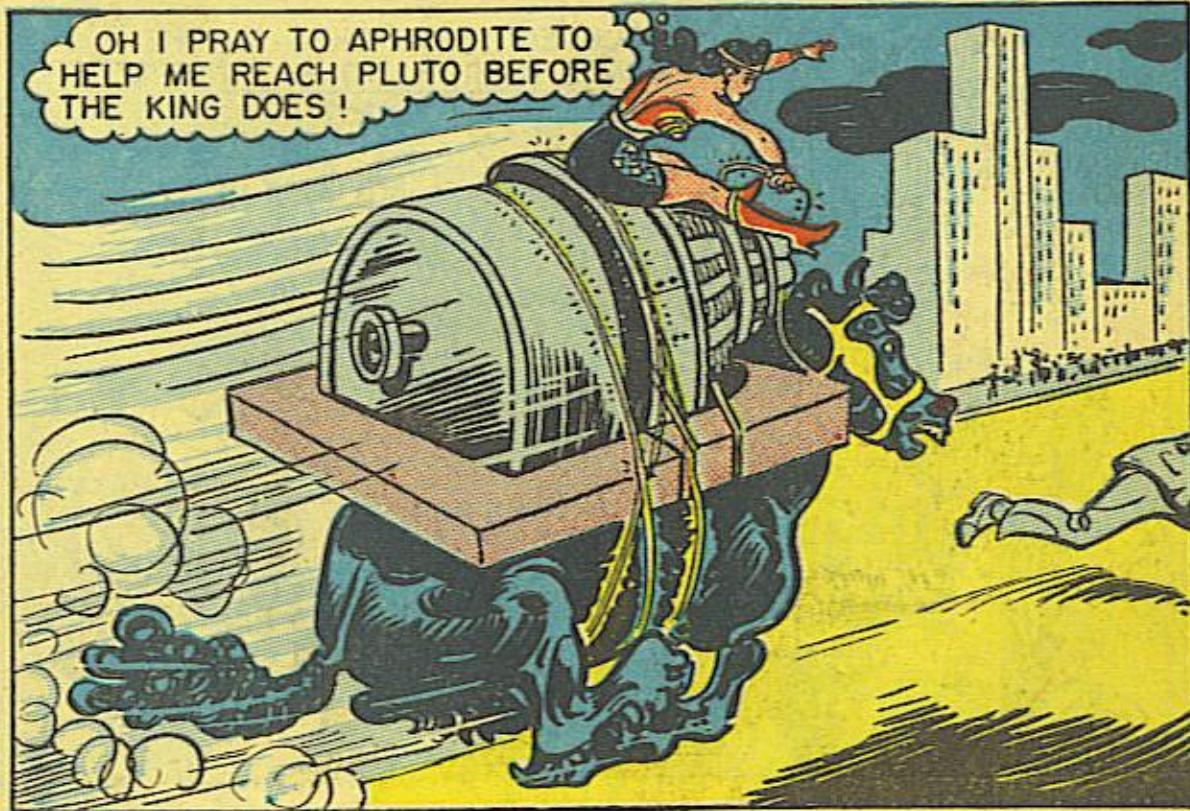
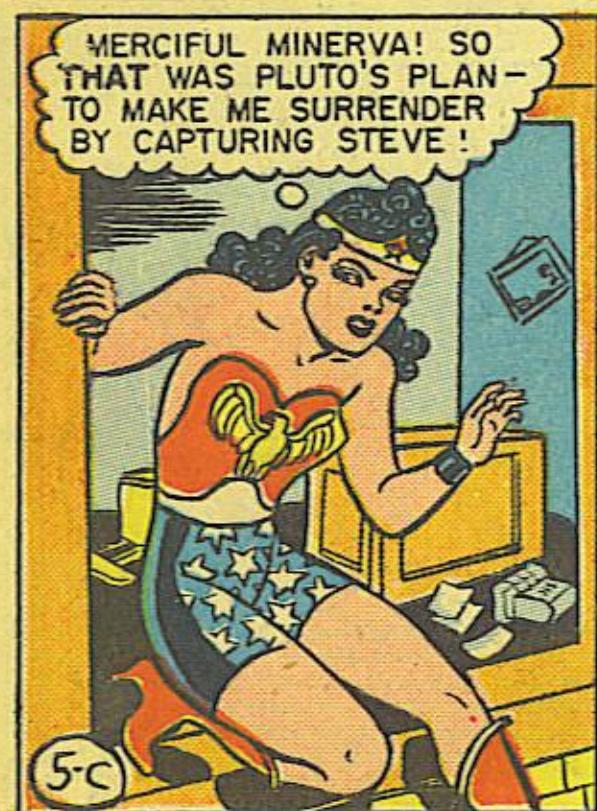
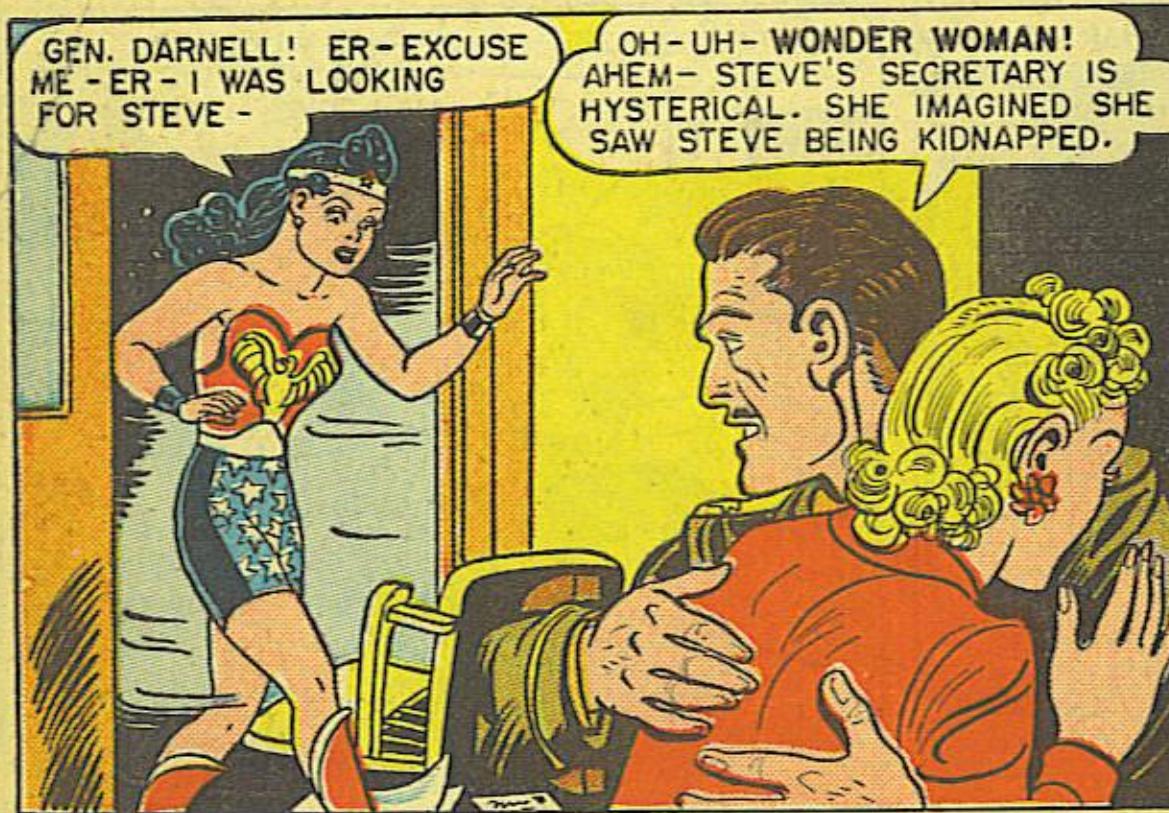
THEY'RE STRANDED ON PLUTO IN A ROCKET SHIP WHICH WON'T START BECAUSE THE FUEL AND CONTROLS ARE FROZEN. ONLY A DYNAMO COULD GENERATE ENOUGH POWER TO THAW THE SHIP OUT!



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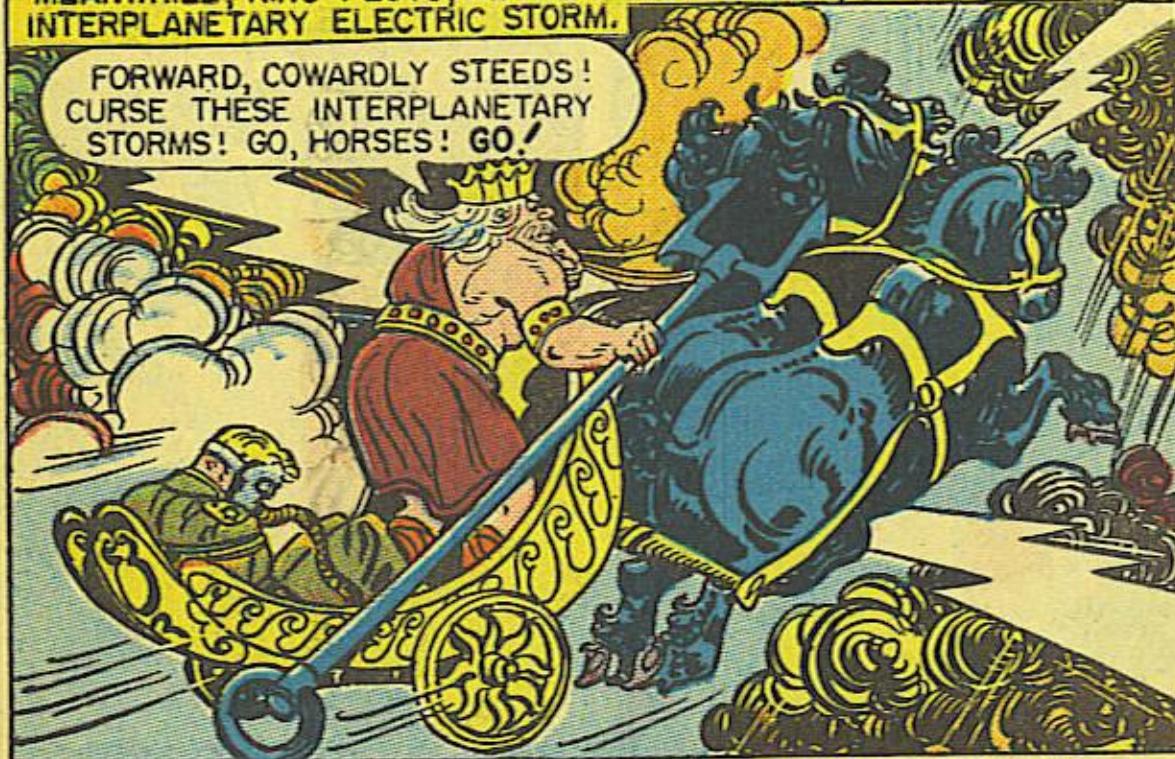
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MEANWHILE, KING PLUTO, NEARING HIS KINGDOM, IS CAUGHT IN AN INTERPLANETARY ELECTRIC STORM.

FORWARD, COWARDLY STEEDS! CURSE THESE INTERPLANETARY STORMS! GO, HORSES! GO!



BUT WONDER WOMAN WISELY AVOIDS THE STORM—

APHRODITE HEARD MY PRAYERS! I'VE REACHED PLUTO BEFORE ITS FIENDISH RULER!



EVEN YOU CAN'T BREAK THE MAGIC LASSO, EBONY! I'LL TIE YOU OUT OF SIGHT. I MIGHT NEED YOU AGAIN!

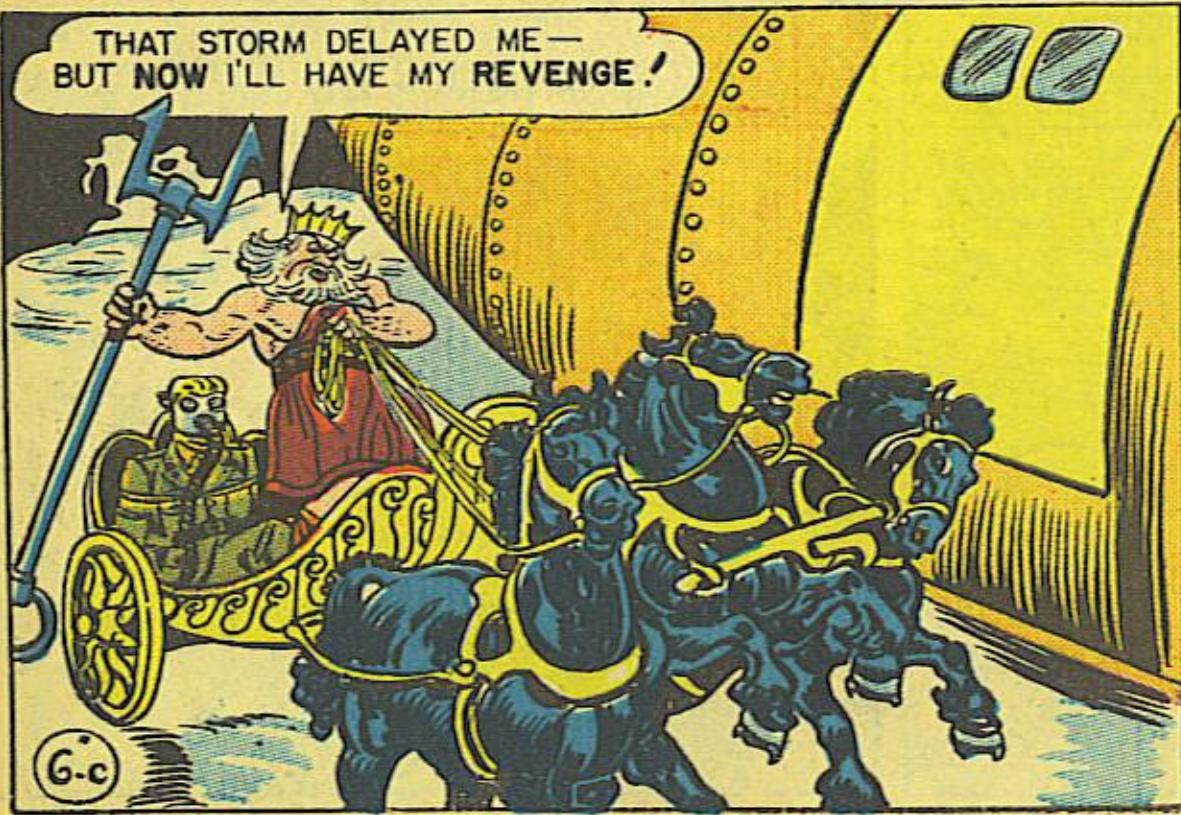


WHEW! WE'RE SAVED! WONDER WOMAN'S BACK!

WOO WOO! AN' CARRYING A DYNAMO!



THAT STORM DELAYED ME—
BUT NOW I'LL HAVE MY REVENGE!



I HOLD TREVOR CAPTIVE—
OPEN THE DOOR OR I WILL KILL YOUR EARTHLING FRIEND!

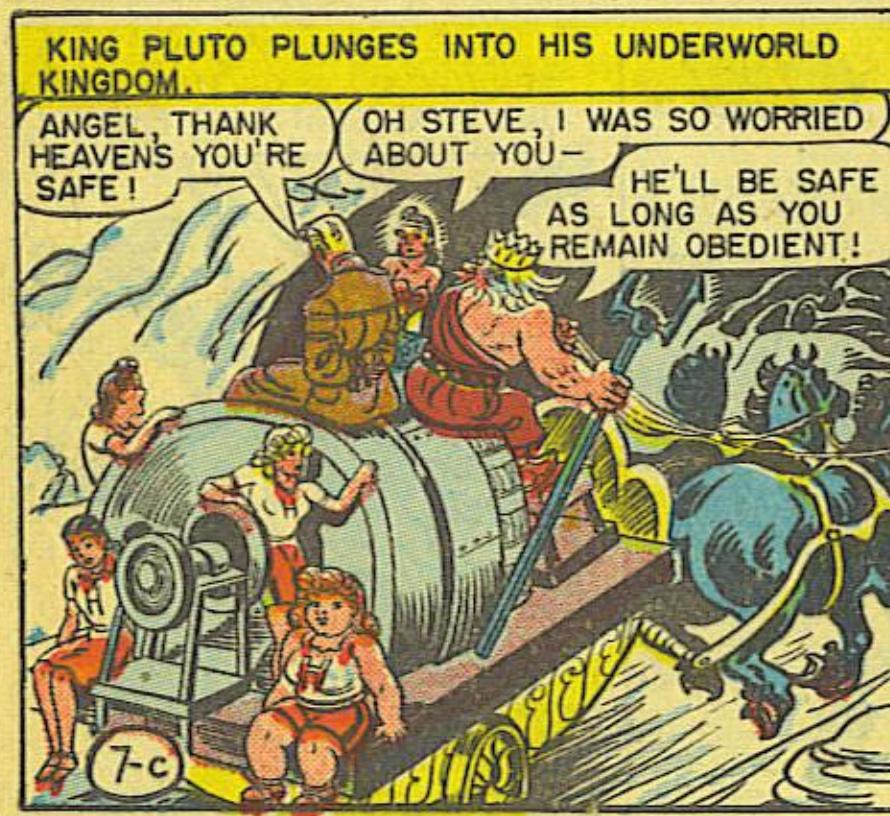
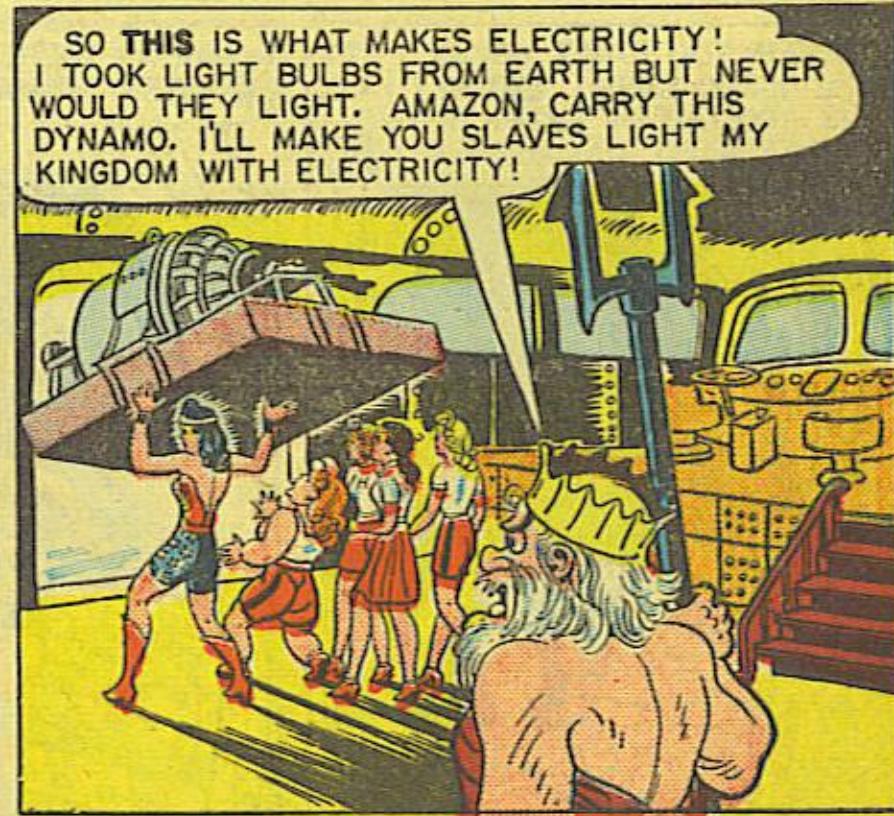
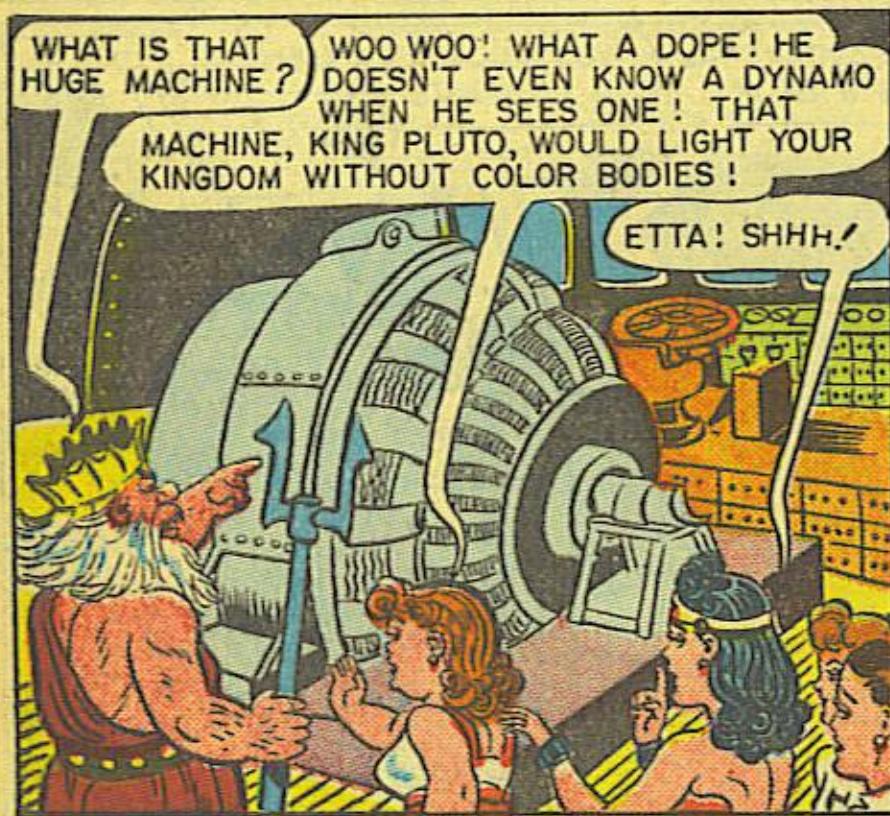


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SO, AMAZON, YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD OUTWIT KING PLUTO! NOW YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS WILL SURRENDER OR TREVOR SHALL SUFFER A SLOW, TORTUROUS DEATH!

I'LL SURRENDER, KING PLUTO, BUT LET THE GIRLS AND STEVE GO—

NEVER! IT HURTS YOU MORE TO SEE YOUR FRIENDS SUFFER THAN IF I TORTURED YOU!



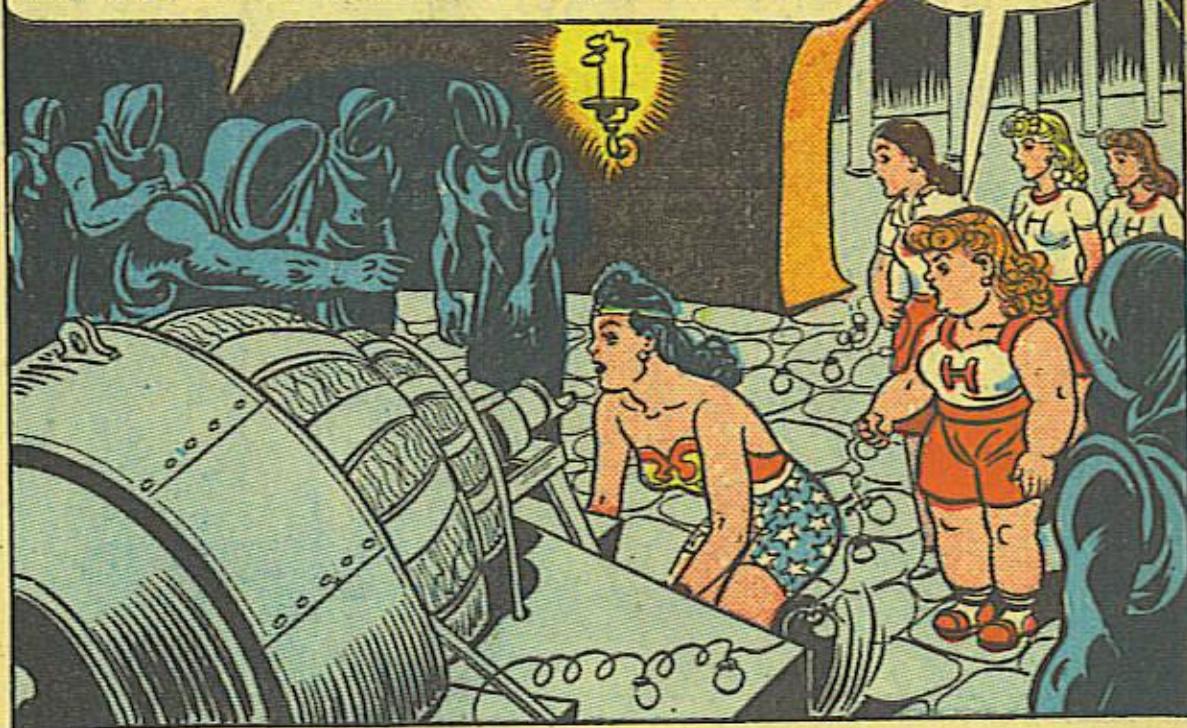
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BUT AS SOON AS THE AMAZON CARRIES THE DYNAMO TO THE POWER ROOM, CHAIN HER BRACELETS ! BY APHRODITE'S LAW, WHEN MEN CHAIN AN AMAZON'S BRACELETS, SHE LOSES HER SUPER-STRENGTH !

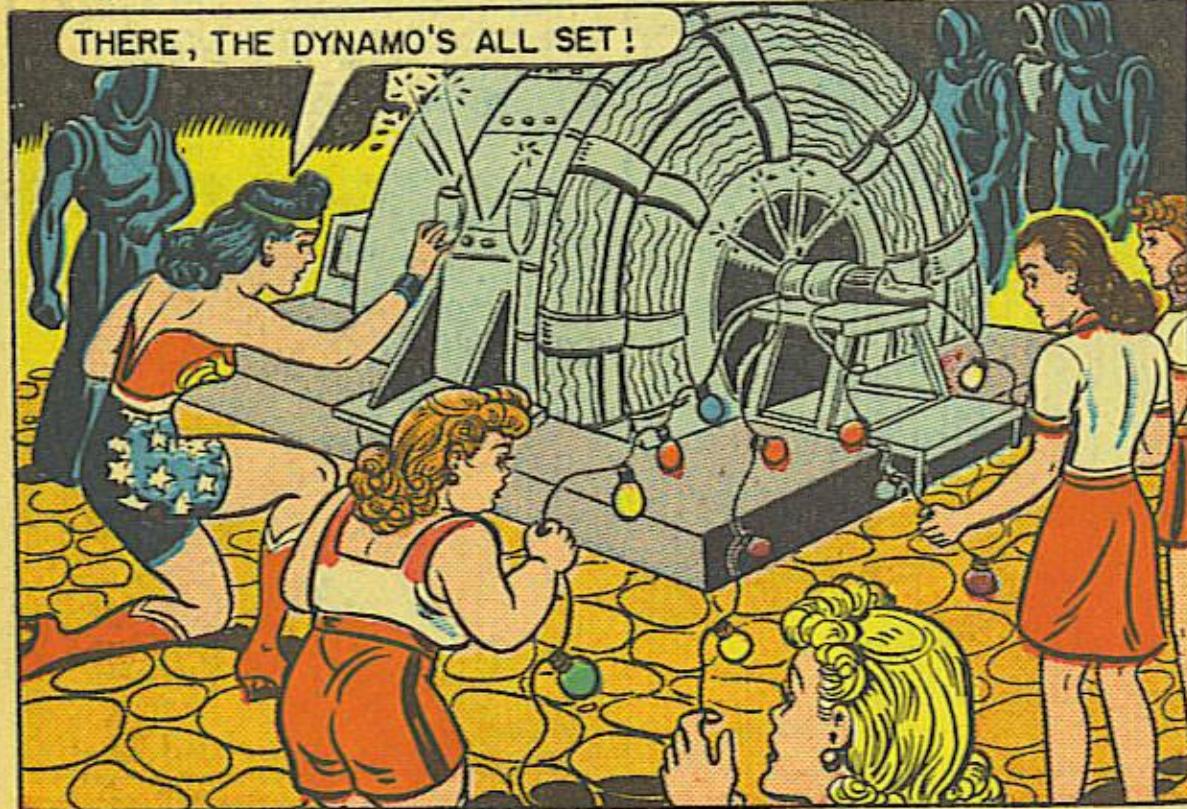


HURRY, SLAVE, AND START THE MACHINE. OUR GREAT KING MUST NOT BE KEPT WAITING!

PHOOEY!



THERE, THE DYNAMO'S ALL SET !



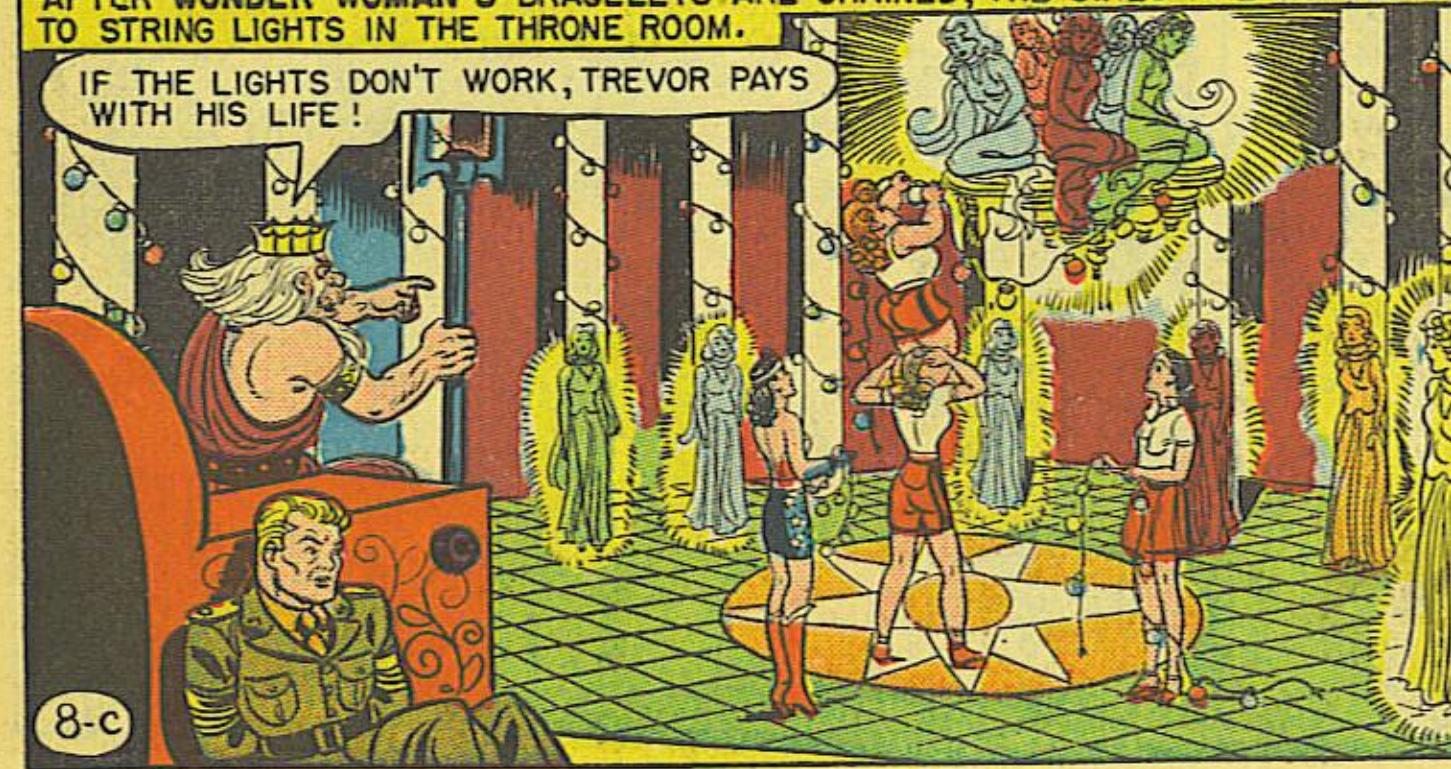
NOW, AMAZON, I SHALL CHAIN YOUR BRACELETS.

THEN I'LL BE HELPLESS, BUT IF I RESIST, PLUTO WILL KILL STEVE !



AFTER WONDER WOMAN'S BRACELETS ARE CHAINED, THE GIRLS ARE FORCED TO STRING LIGHTS IN THE THRONE ROOM.

IF THE LIGHTS DON'T WORK, TREVOR PAYS WITH HIS LIFE !



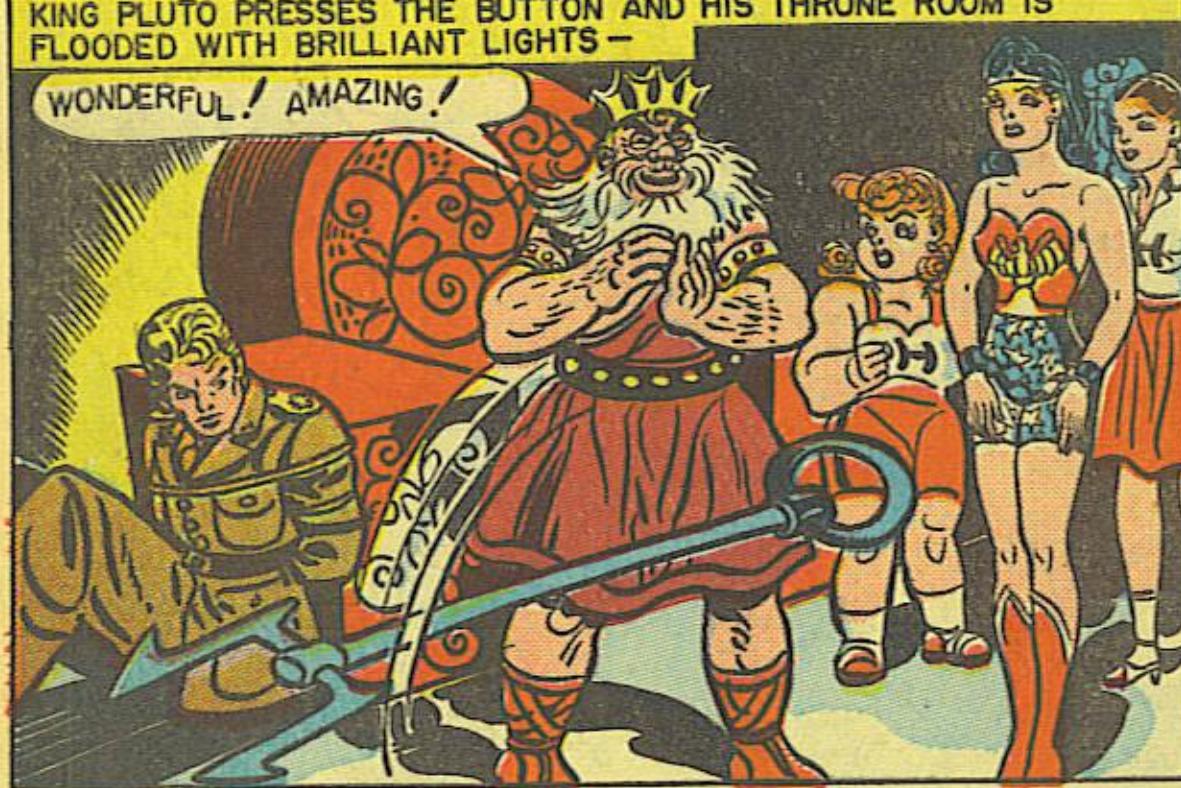
PRESS THE BUTTON ON THE SIDE OF YOUR THRONE, KING PLUTO, AND SEE FOR YOURSELF !



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KING PLUTO PRESSES THE BUTTON AND HIS THRONE ROOM IS FLOODED WITH BRILLIANT LIGHTS —

WONDERFUL! AMAZING!



SLAVES, BRING IN THE LIGHTNING CAGE. HITHERTO I'VE HAD TO GO OUT FOR LIGHTNING ATOMS TO MAKE THOSE COLOR BODIES BURN MORE BRIGHTLY UNTIL THEY ARE CONSUMED — NOW I CAN USE THE DYNAMO IN PLACE OF THE LIGHTNING. IT'LL BE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE!



NOW THAT I HAVE ELECTRICITY I HAVE NO FURTHER USE FOR COLOR BODIES. THE ELECTRIC BULBS ARE PRETTY AND DON'T HAVE TO BE GUARDED!



ONCE THE COLOR BODIES ARE BURNED OUT I'LL USE THEIR EARTH FORMS FOR SERVANTS AND BODYGUARDS. PLUTONIC BODYGUARDS, PUT THE COLOR BODIES IN THE DEATH CAGE!



HA HAA! WHAT GREAT ENTERTAINMENT! THIS WILL BE AN UNSURPASSED COLOR SPECTACLE!



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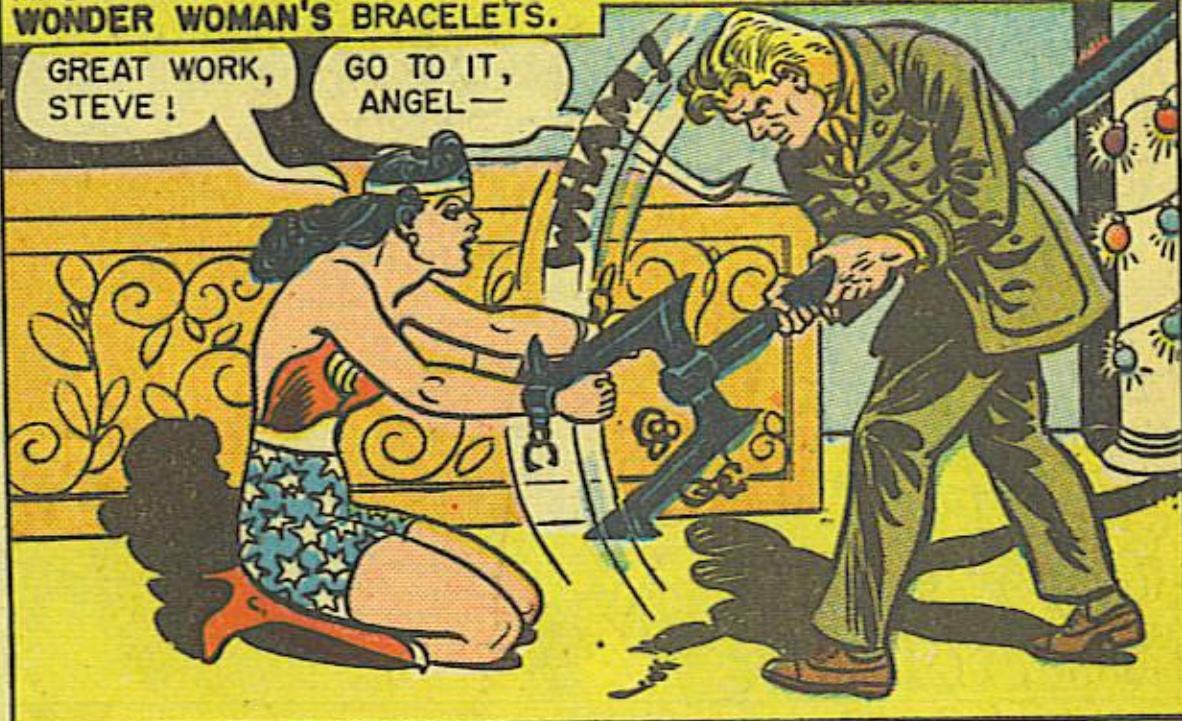
MEANWHILE, STEVE WORKS DESPERATELY TO BREAK HIS BONDS —



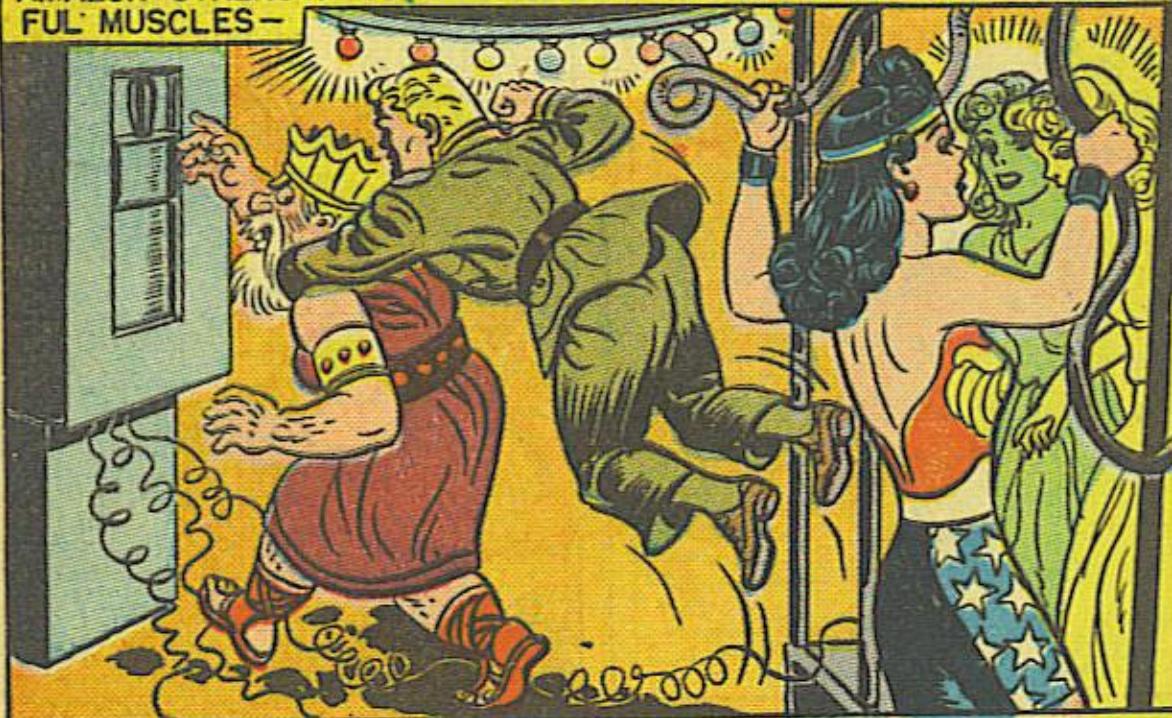
UNNOTICED BY KING PLUTO WHO IS ABSORBED IN ARRANGING HIS MACABRE COLOR SPECTACLE, STEVE BREAKS THE CHAINS ON WONDER WOMAN'S BRACELETS.

GREAT WORK,
STEVE !

GO TO IT,
ANGEL —



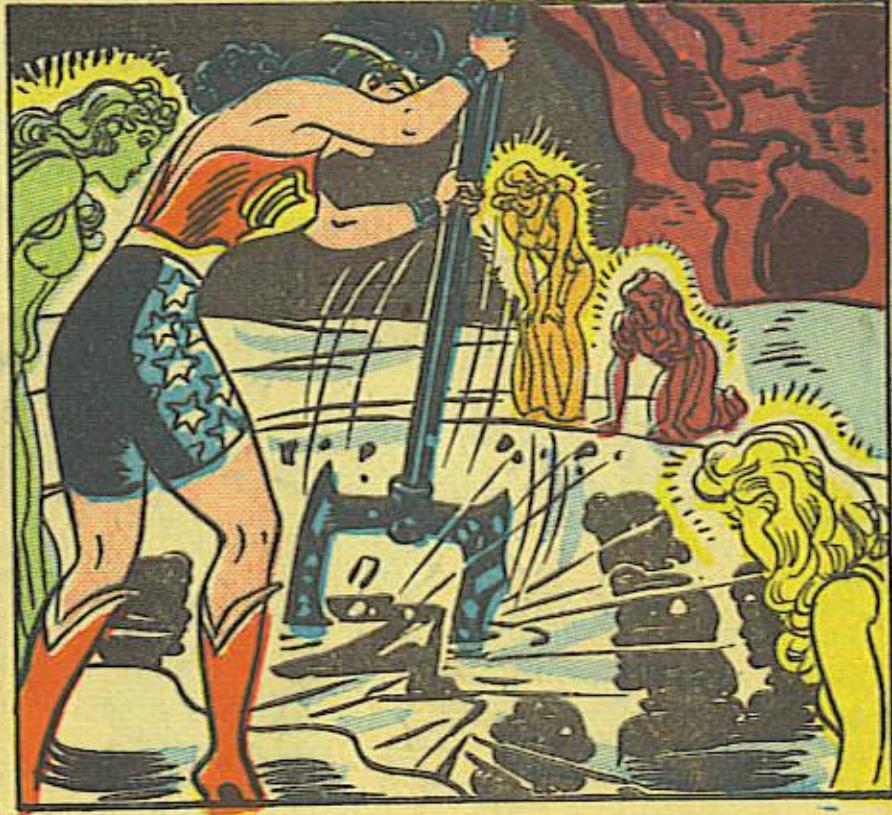
AS THE CHAINS ARE BROKEN, WONDER WOMAN FEELS HER MIGHTY AMAZON STRENGTH SURGING ONCE MORE THROUGH HER POWERFUL MUSCLES —



WOO WOO ! C'MON, KEEDS !
JUMP THE PLUTONIC GUARDS !

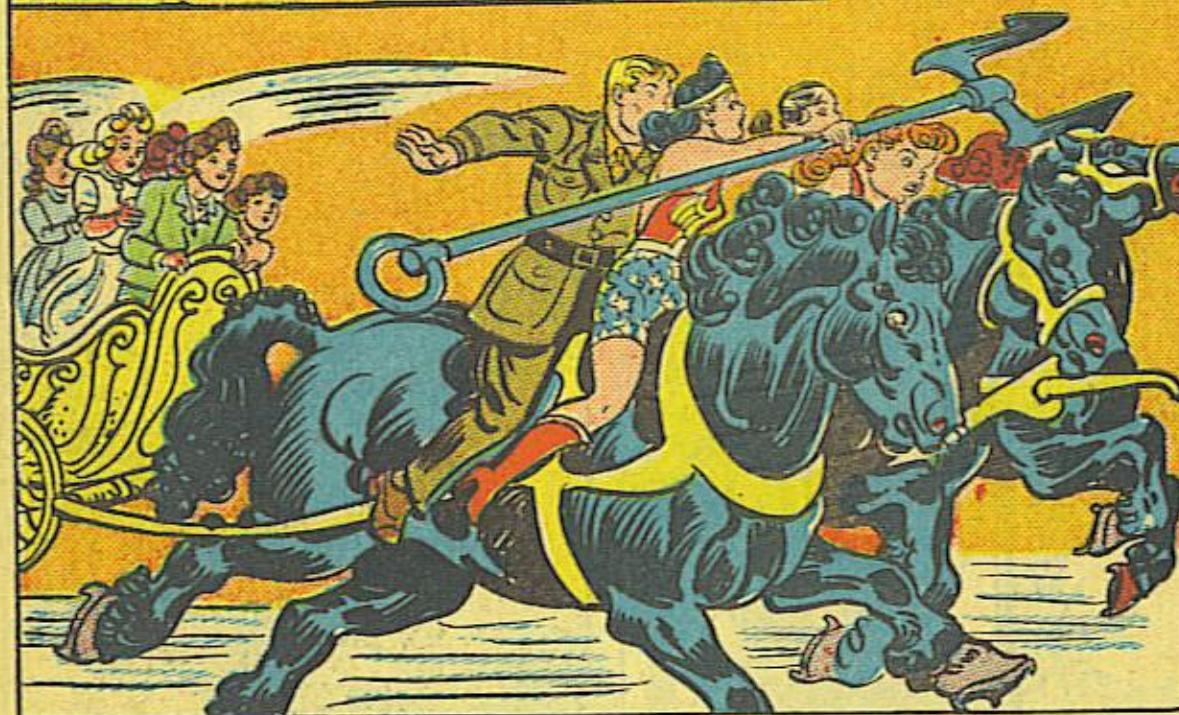


FOLLOW ME, GIRLS, AND WE'LL RECOVER YOUR EARTH FORMS !





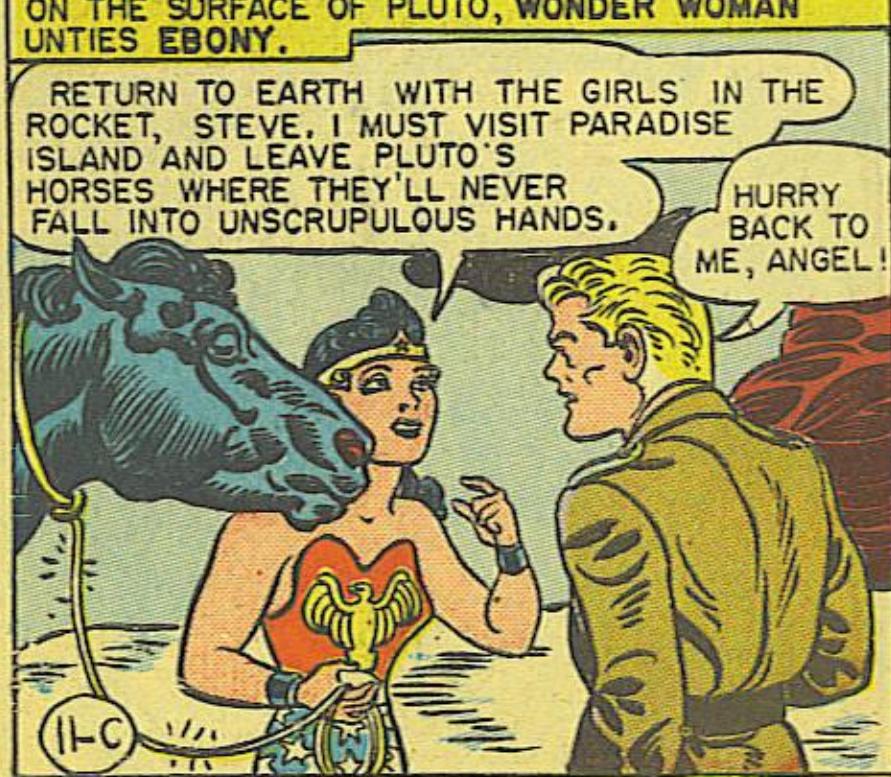
WONDER WOMAN AND THE GIRLS QUICKLY FIND THE CHARIOT AND
PICK UP STEVE AND THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS -



ON THE SURFACE OF PLUTO, WONDER WOMAN
UNTIES EBONY.

RETURN TO EARTH WITH THE GIRLS IN THE
ROCKET, STEVE. I MUST VISIT PARADISE
ISLAND AND LEAVE PLUTO'S
HORSES WHERE THEY'LL NEVER
FALL INTO UNSCRUPULOUS HANDS.

HURRY
BACK TO
ME, ANGEL!

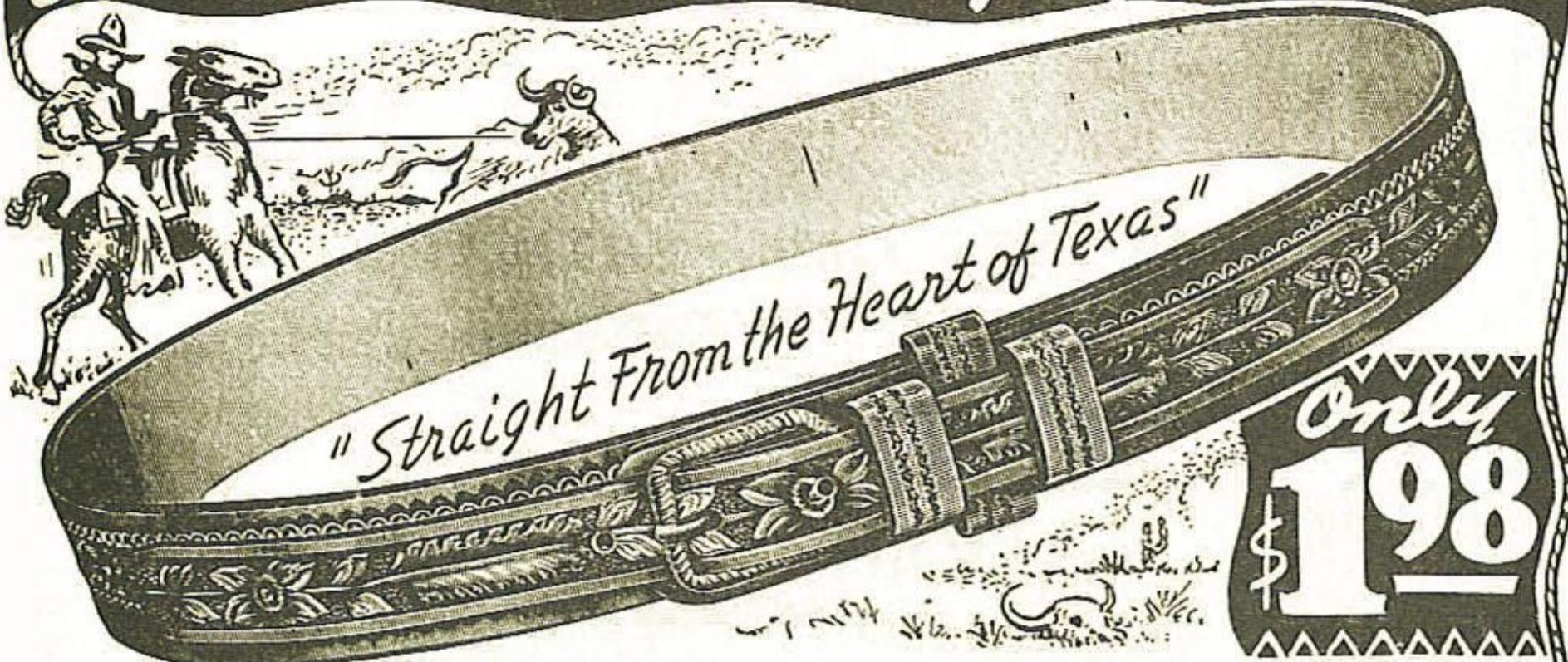


ON PARADISE ISLAND -

PRINCESS DIANA, THROUGH THY GREAT COURAGE
AND WISDOM, THOU HAST RID THE EARTH OF AN
UNSEEN ENEMY WHO, THROUGH THE CENTURIES
HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISAPPEAR-
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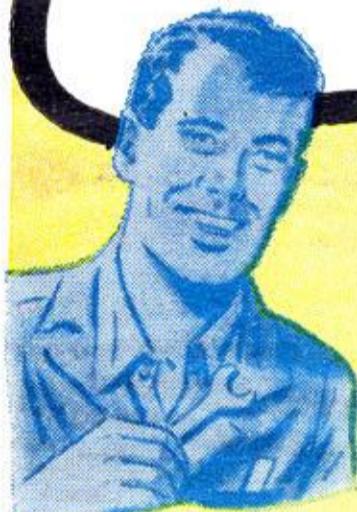
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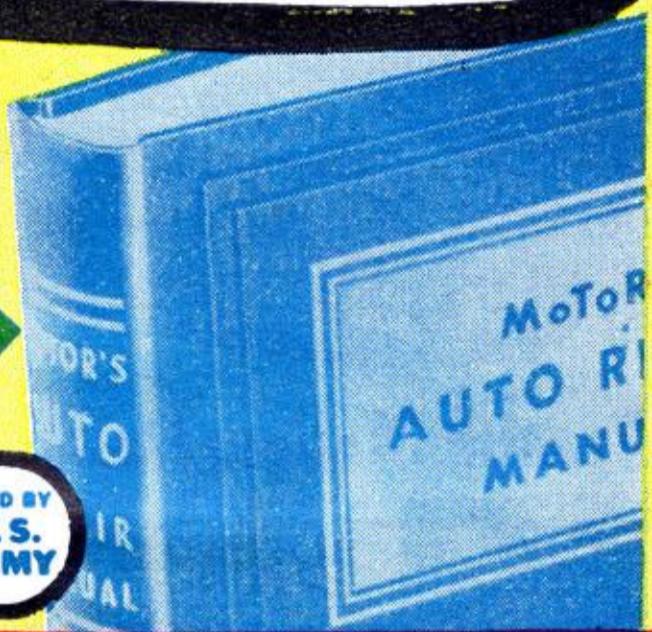
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