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Now It Can Be Told!
THE FIGHTING AMAZON'S
TOP SECRET MISSION--in...
"THE WAR THAT
NEVER HAPPENED!"

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By CHARLES MOULTON

SHIPS OF THE ENGLISH FLEET UNDER SIR FRANCIS DRAKE SAVED ENGLAND AGAINST THE INVADING SPANISH ARMADA! AN ARMY OF TAXICABS CARRIED FRENCH SOLDIERS TO HOLD OFF THE GERMANS ATTACKING PARIS! R.A.F. PILOTS FOUGHT THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN OVER LONDON! BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, WONDER WOMAN—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY—SINGLEHAND-EDLY STOPPED A NEW WORLD WAR, WHICH WOULD HAVE DESTROYED HUMANITY, BY MERELY CATCHING A LITTLE RUBBER BALL --- IN ---

"THE WAR THAT NEVER HAPPENED!"

WHAT'S THIS RUBBER BALL DOING
ON YOUR DESK, WONDER WOMAN?
I DON'T RECALL EVER SEEING IT
BEFORE!

IT'S A SOUVENIR, STEVE—OF THE
TIME THE WORLD WAS ALMOST
DESTROYED BY ANOTHER WORLD WAR!

IN FACT—THIS BALL REALLY
SAVED THE WORLD FROM
DESTRUCTION!



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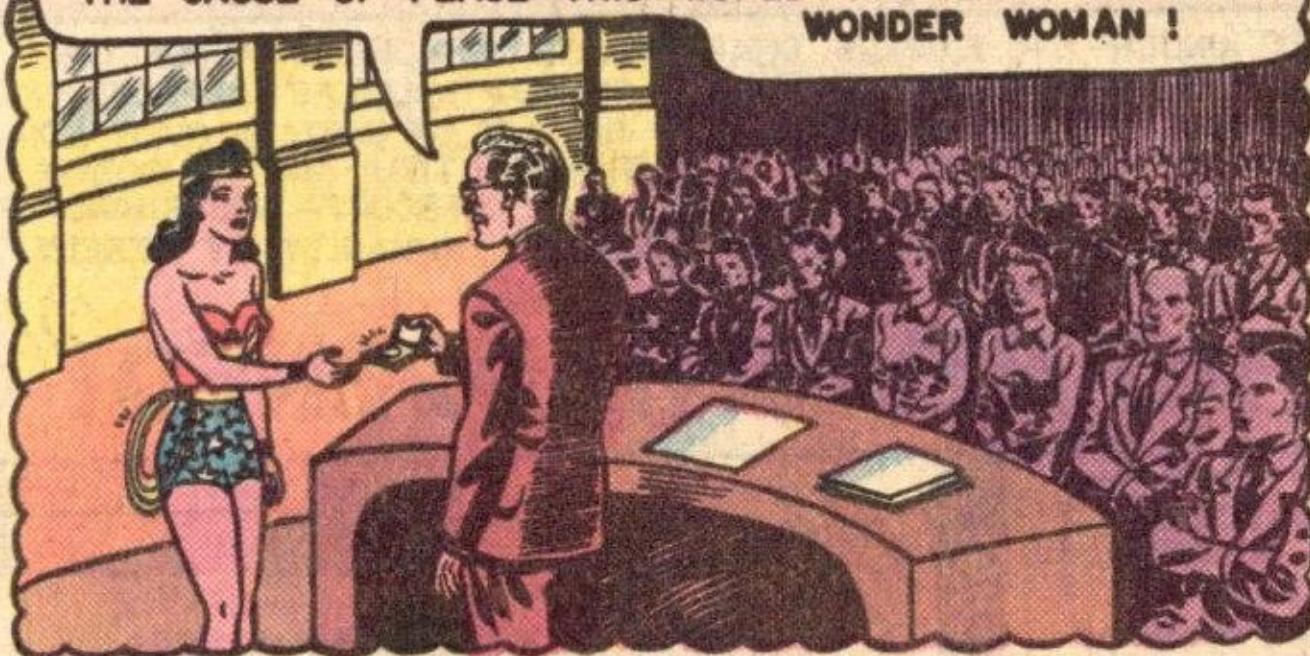
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IT STARTED AT A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FREE WORLD PEACE ORGANIZATION---

-IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE, THEREFORE, TO PRESENT THIS MEDAL TO ONE OF THE GREATEST FIGHTERS FOR THE CAUSE OF PEACE THIS WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN—

WONDER WOMAN !



THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT HONOR YOU HAVE SHOWN ME! I SHALL KEEP ON FIGHTING EVIL AND INJUSTICE UNTIL THE WHOLE WORLD IS AT PEACE!

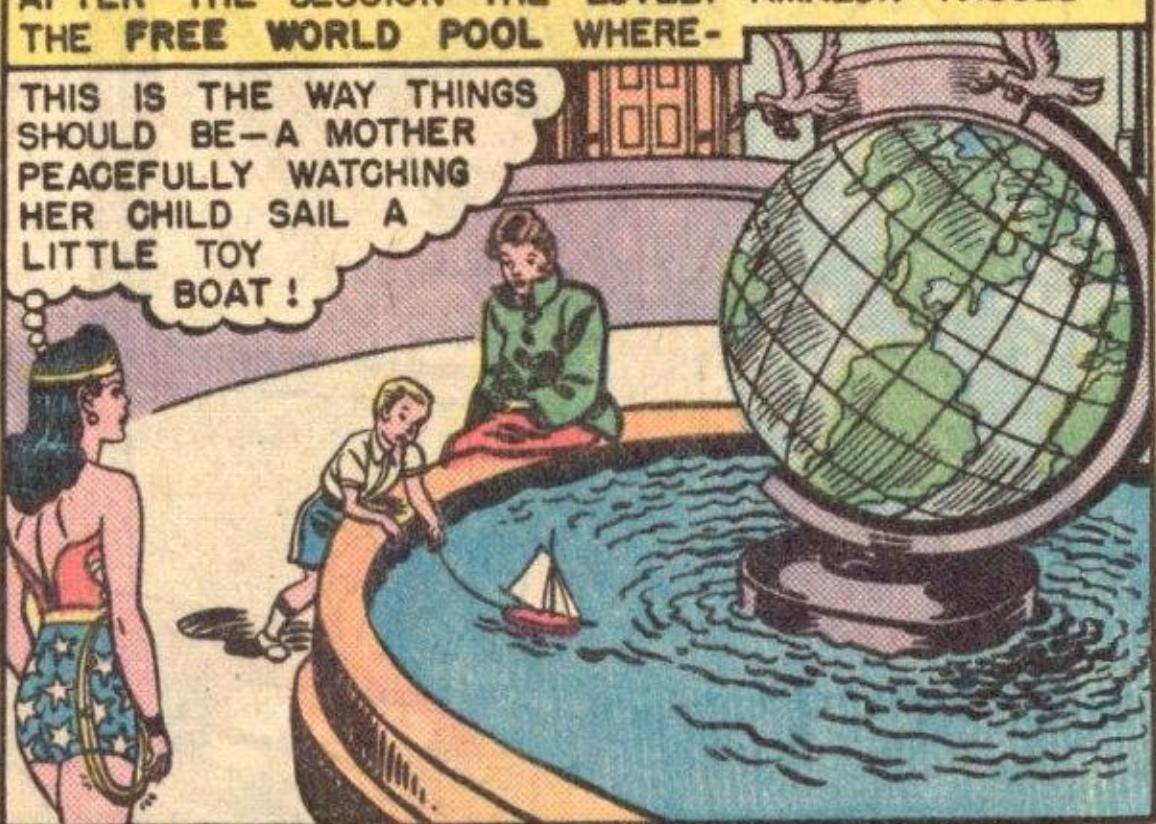


MOST OF THE WORLD IS AT PEACE! BUT EVIL FORCES EVERYWHERE ARE TRYING TO LIGHT THE SPARK THAT WOULD SET OFF ANOTHER WORLD WAR! WE HAVE WONDER WOMAN TO THANK FOR THAT SPARK NOT YET BEING IGNITED!



AFTER THE SESSION THE LOVELY AMAZON PASSED THE FREE WORLD POOL WHERE-

THIS IS THE WAY THINGS SHOULD BE—A MOTHER PEACEFULLY WATCHING HER CHILD SAIL A LITTLE TOY BOAT !



SUDDENLY, THE MINIATURE OMNI-WAVE SET IN WONDER WOMAN'S UNIQUE AMAZON BRACELET SENT A WARNING SIGNAL !

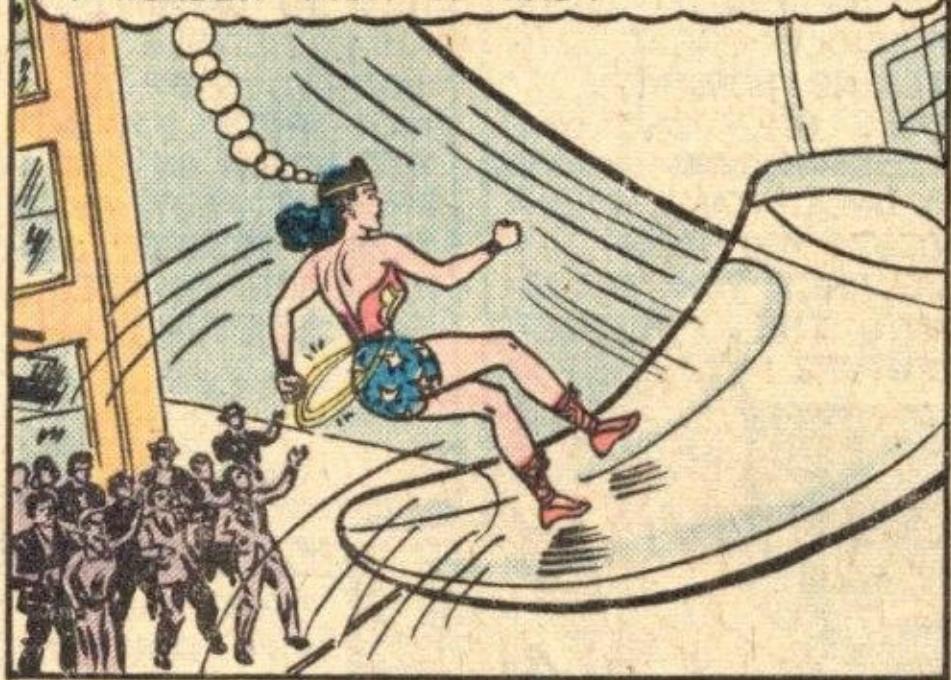


A HIDDEN SPRING LIFTED OPEN THE OMNI-WAVE SCREEN---

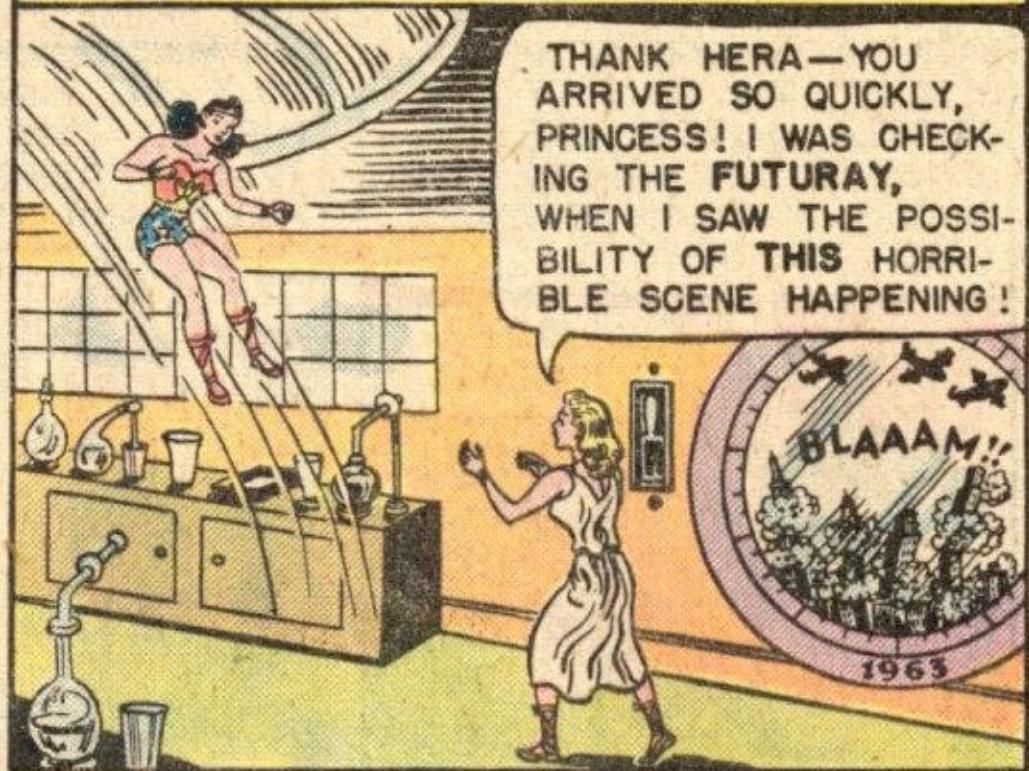


IMMEDIATELY, WONDER WOMAN SUMMONED HER ROBOT PLANE---

SOMETHING TERRIBLE MUST HAVE HAPPENED! PAULA SOUNDED VERY DISTURBED! I WONDER WHAT IT WAS!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER THE FLEET AMAZON PLANE PASSED OVER THE SECRET CHUTE TO THE AMAZON SCIENTIST'S LABORATORY AND---

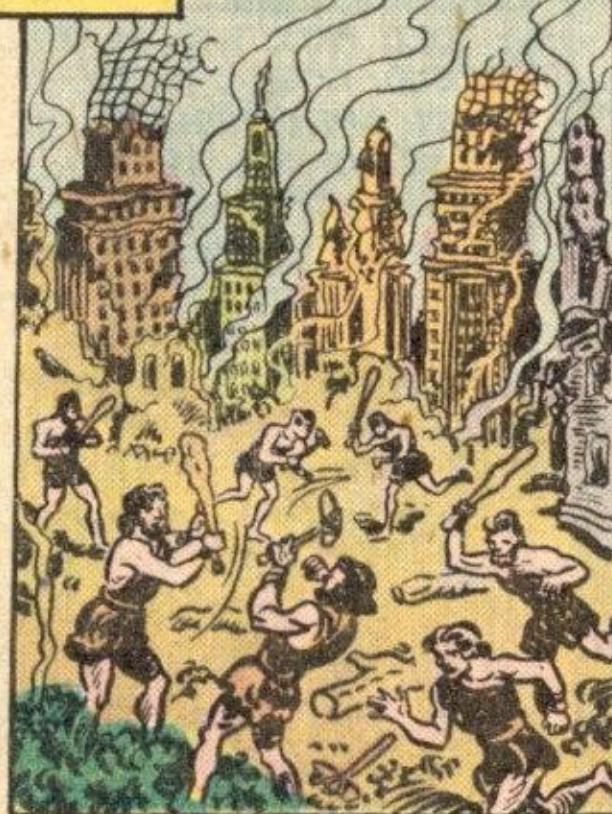
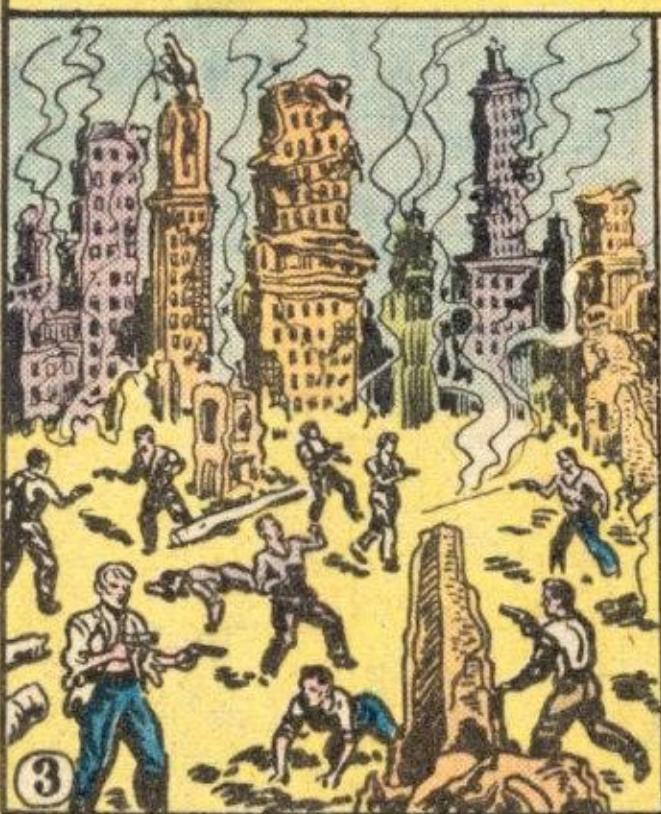


AS THE FUTURAY REVEALED THE CATASTROPHIC SHADOWS OF COMING EVENTS---

LOOK! NEW YORK, PARIS, LONDON—THE GREAT CITIES OF THE WORLD—LEFT IN SHAMBLES BY ENEMY BOMBERS!



RELENTLESSLY, THE FUTURAY UNREELED THE APPALLING PLIGHT OF MANKIND WHICH MIGHT HAPPEN IN THE YEARS TO FOLLOW---



MERCIFUL MINERVA! THIS NEXT WORLD WAR IS GOING TO DESTROY CIVILIZATION - TURN BACK THE CLOCK OF PROGRESS TO THE TIME OF THE CAVE MEN - RETURN THE GREAT CITIES TO THE JUNGLE! WHEN IS THIS HORRIBLE CONFLICT GOING TO START?



UNHESITATINGLY, THE FEARLESS AMAZON STEPPED IN FRONT OF THE TIME AND SPACE PROJECTOR ---

I MUST DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO PREVENT THIS POSSIBLE GREAT TRAGEDY THREATENING HUMANITY, PAULA! AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO DO IT!



AND SO WONDER WOMAN UNDERTOOK AN AMAZING JOURNEY TO CARRY OUT AN INCREDIBLE MISSION - TO STOP A WAR WHICH HAD NOT YET BEGUN IN THE PRESENT - BUT WHICH WOULD DESTROY CIVILIZATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE ---

AS THE INTREPID WONDER WOMAN ENDED HER AMAZING JOURNEY ---

1963! THE GREATEST CITY IN THE WORLD IN RUINS! THE LAST WORLD WAR IS ALREADY WREAKING DESTRUCTION!



AND MOST PITIFUL SIGHT OF ALL - ARE THE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF THE FORCES OF EVIL!



THERE'S NO HOPE FOR US! THE ENEMY IS GOING TO ATTACK US AGAIN! BUT WHERE CAN WE HIDE?

THERE'S NO HIDING PLACE ANYMORE - AND THE ENEMY PLANES WILL SOON BE HERE! WHAT ARE WE TO DO?



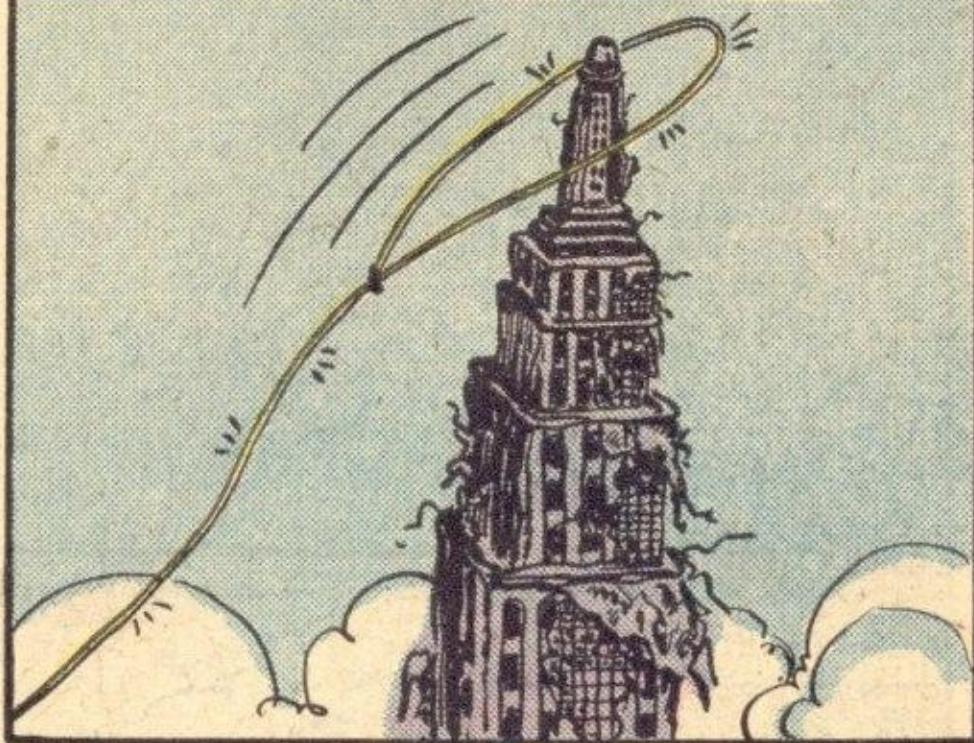
SUDDENLY ---

I TOLD YOU THE PLANES WOULD COME! THERE THEY ARE! THERE'LL BE NONE OF US LEFT AFTER THIS ATTACK!

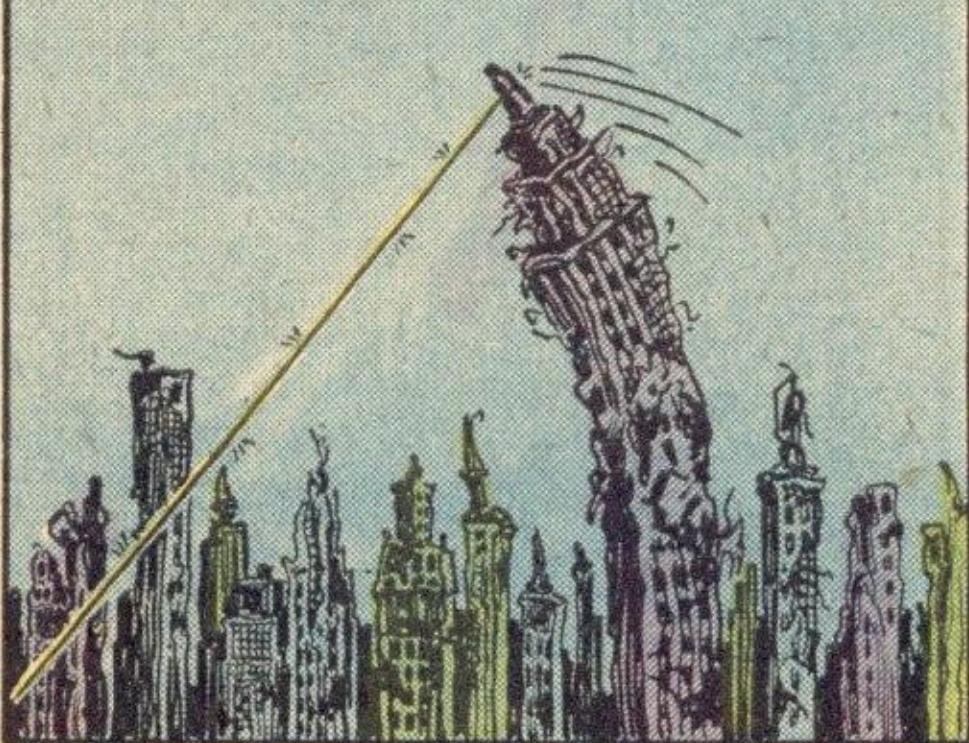
I'VE GOT TO GET INTO THE AIR TO STOP THEM BEFORE THEY DROP THEIR BOMBS - ! HMM - I'VE JUST GOT AN IDEA!



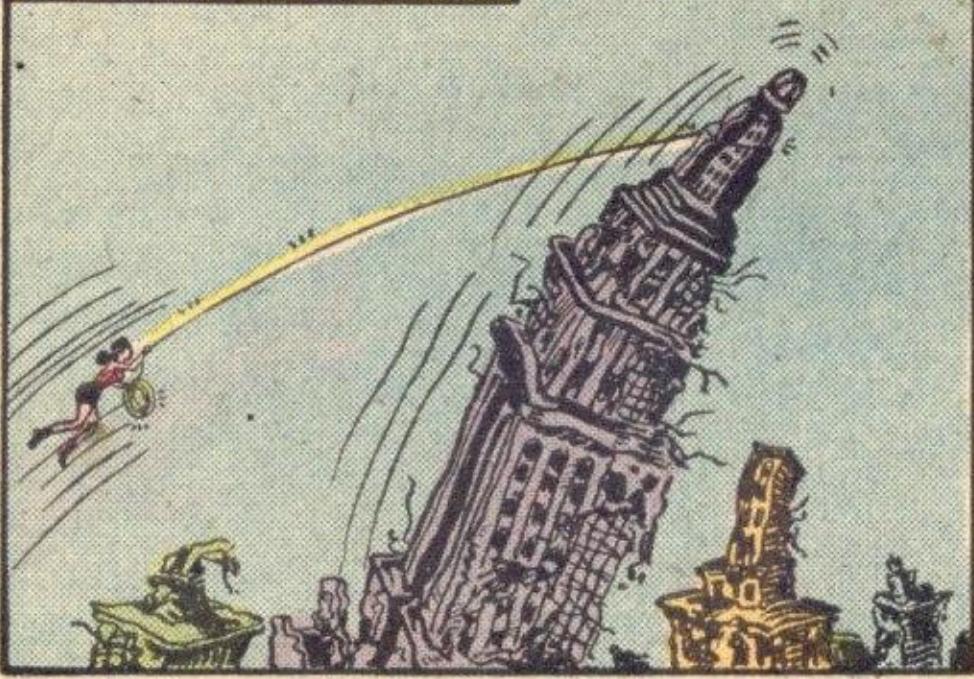
UNERRINGLY, WONDER WOMAN HURLED HER MAGIC LASSO TOWARD THE STEEL SPIRE OF THE WORLD'S LOFTIEST BUILDING ---



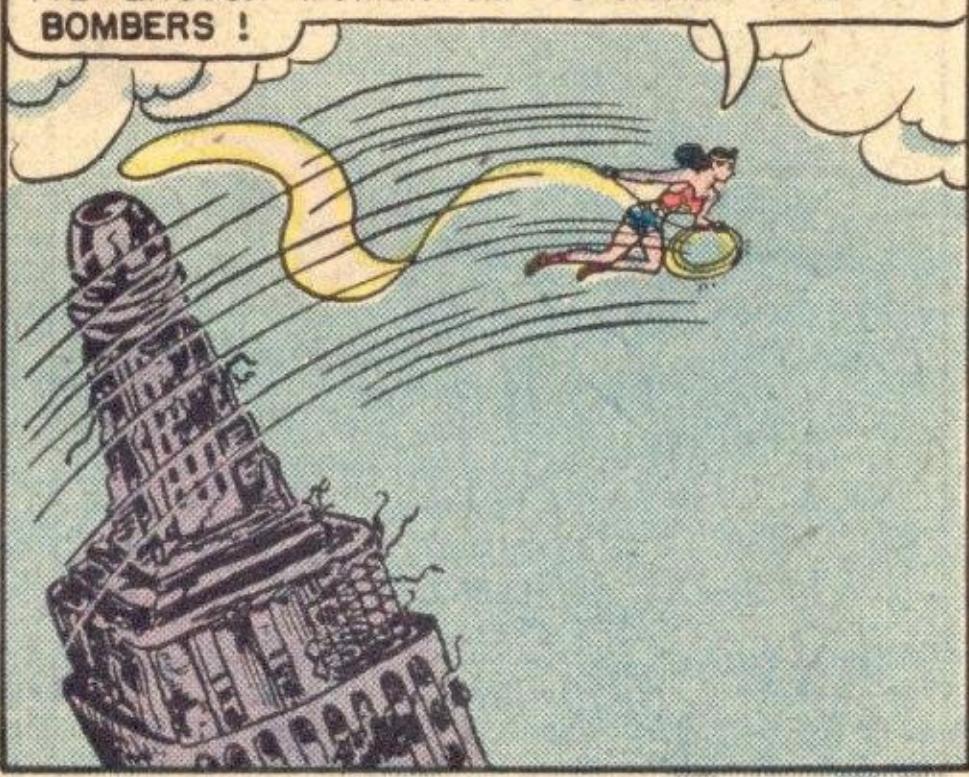
GRIMLY, THE MIGHTY AMAZON PULLED THE UNBREAKABLE LASSO TAUT---



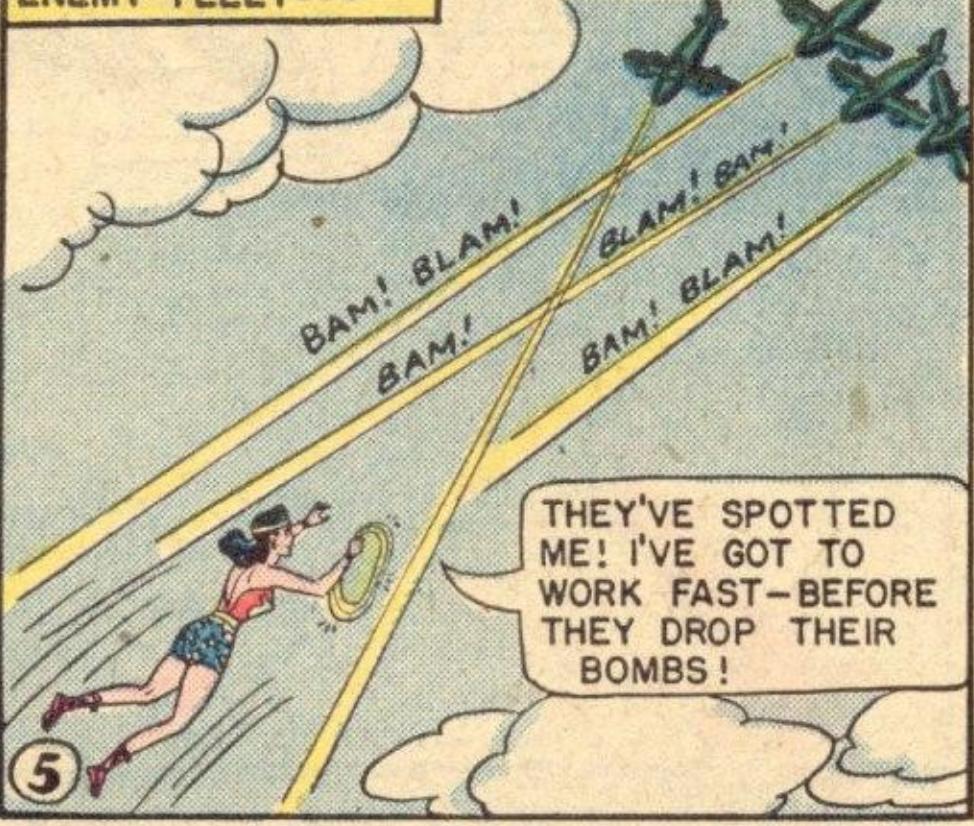
SUDDENLY RELEASING HER PRESSURE, SHE CAUSED IT TO CONTRACT, HURLING HER INTO THE AIR LIKE A HUMAN STONE FROM A GIANTIC SLING SHOT !



I'LL TAKE THE LASSO WITH ME—NOW THAT I'VE ENOUGH MOMENTUM TO REACH THE BOMBERS !

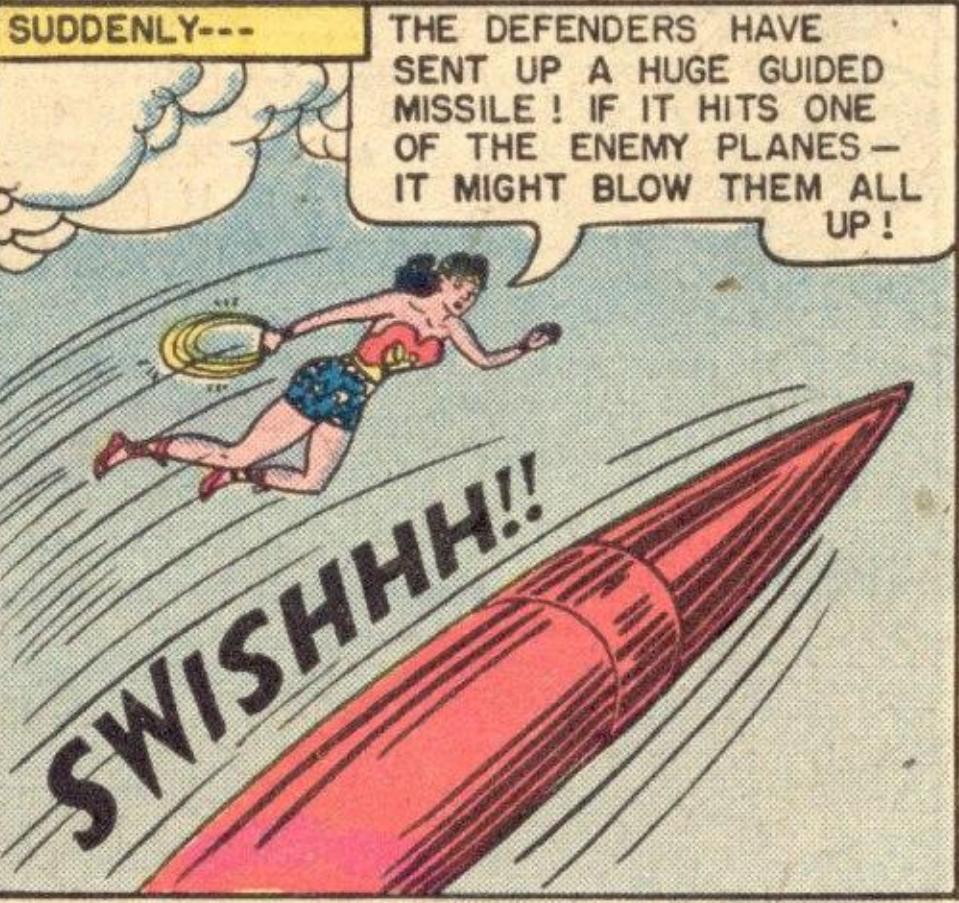


AS THE HUMAN MISSILE WHIRLED TOWARD THE ENEMY FLEET---



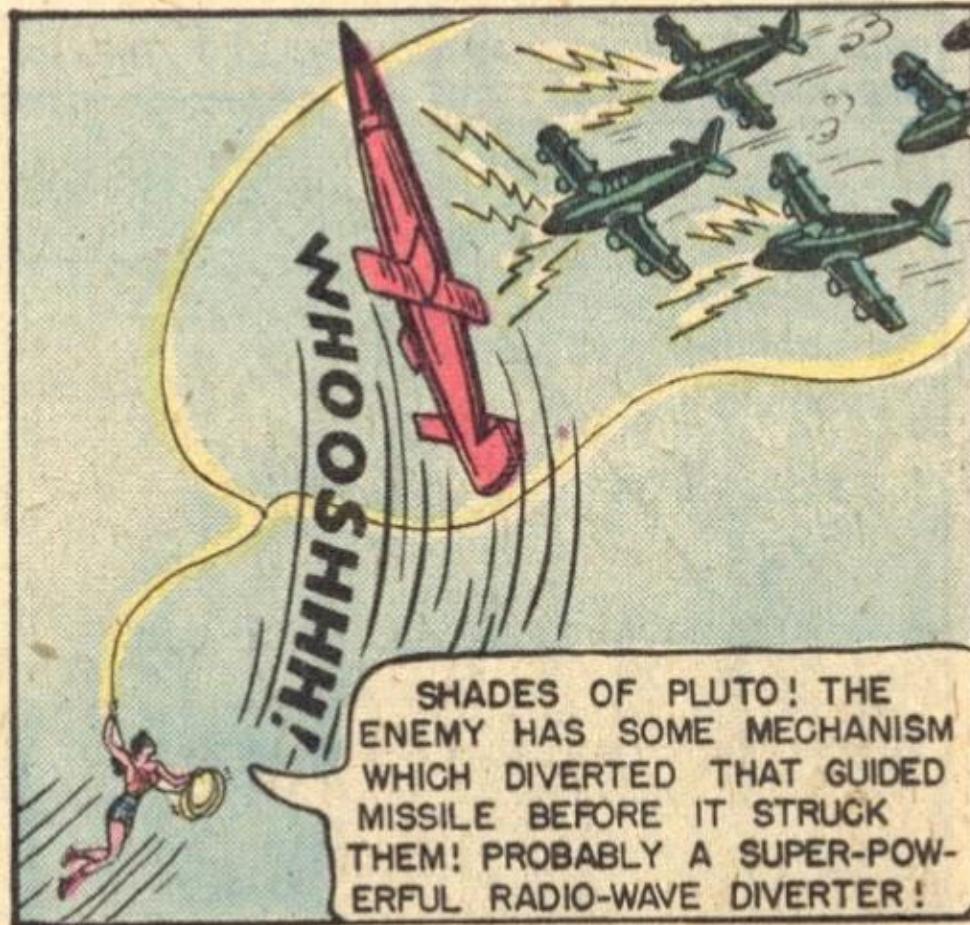
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SUDDENLY---

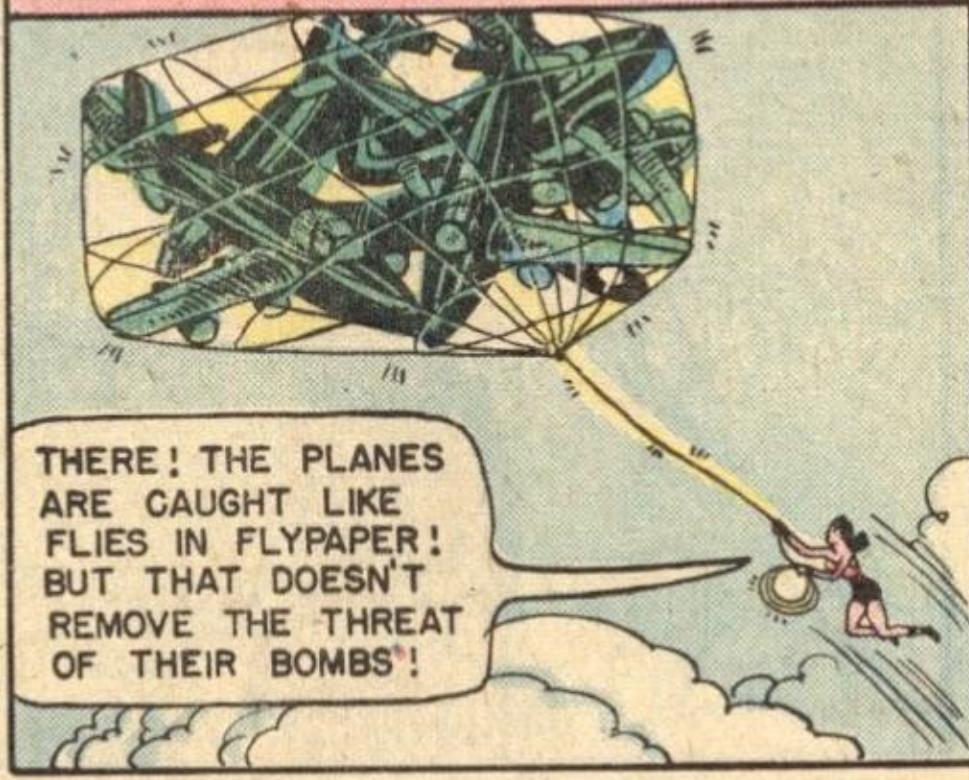




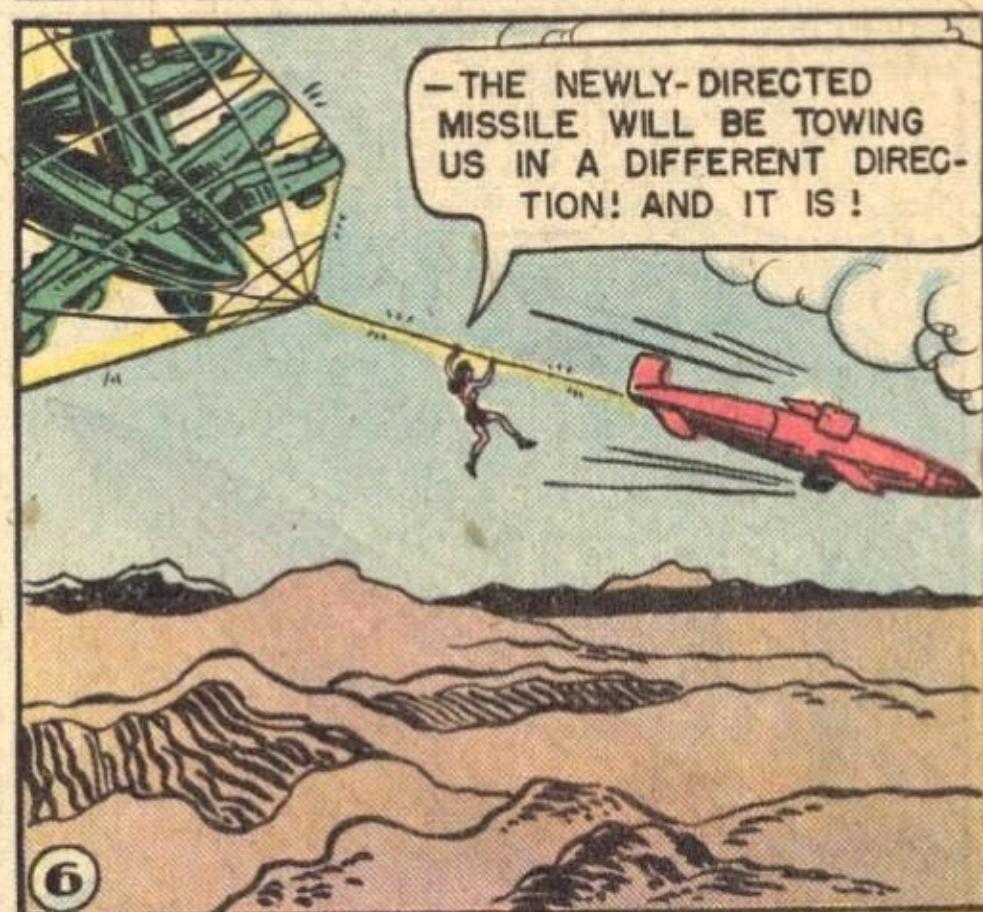
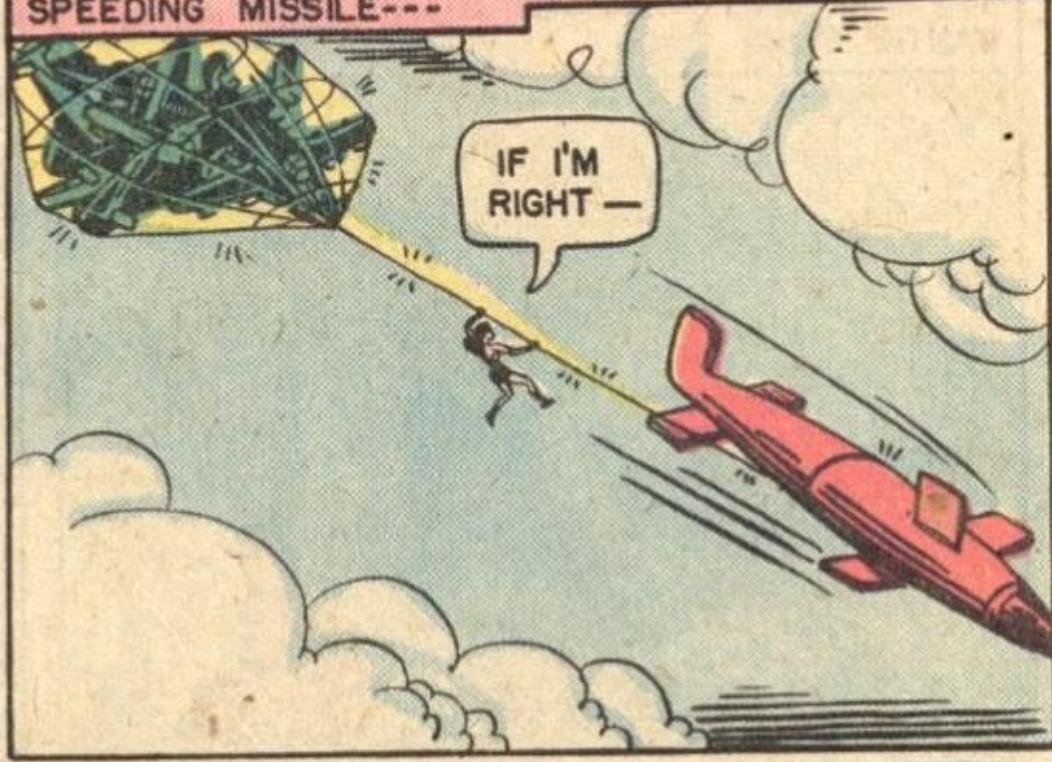
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SWIFTLY, THE INGENIOUS WONDER WOMAN LASSOED THE INVADERS WITH AN AMAZON MAZE KNOT ---



INSTANTLY, THE QUICK-THINKING AMAZON HURLED THE OTHER END OF HER LASSO AROUND THE SPEEDING MISSILE---



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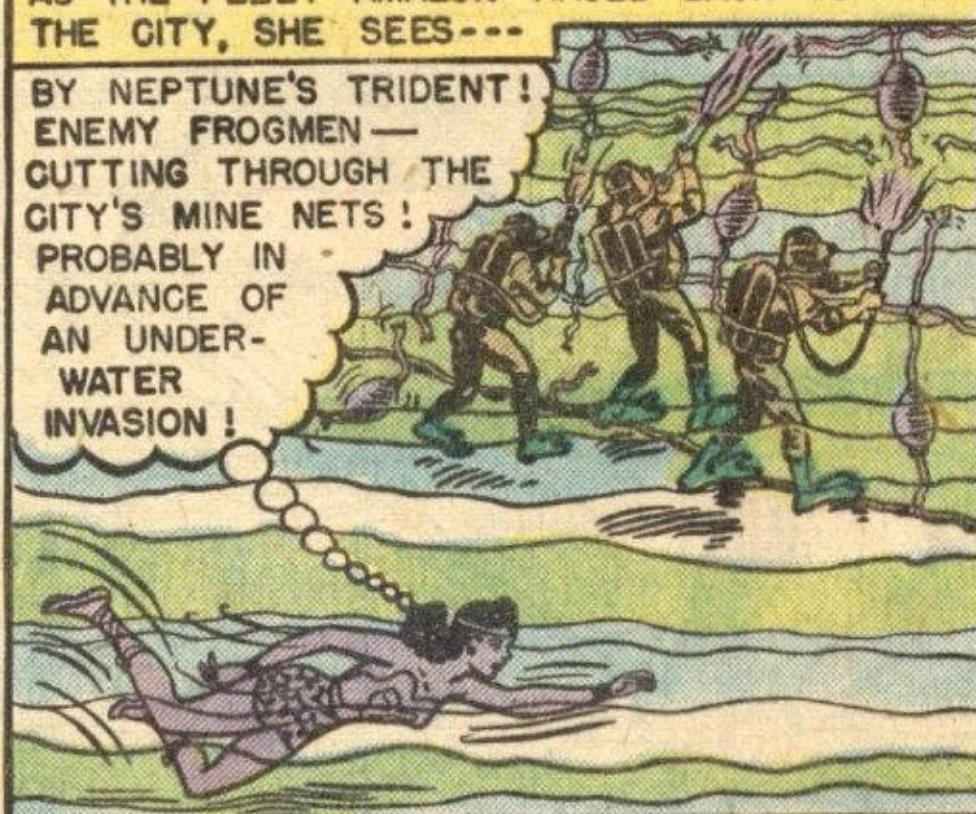


AS THE PROJECTILE TOWED THE ENEMY BOMBERS DEEP INTO THE SEA, WONDER WOMAN RELEASED HER LASSO---

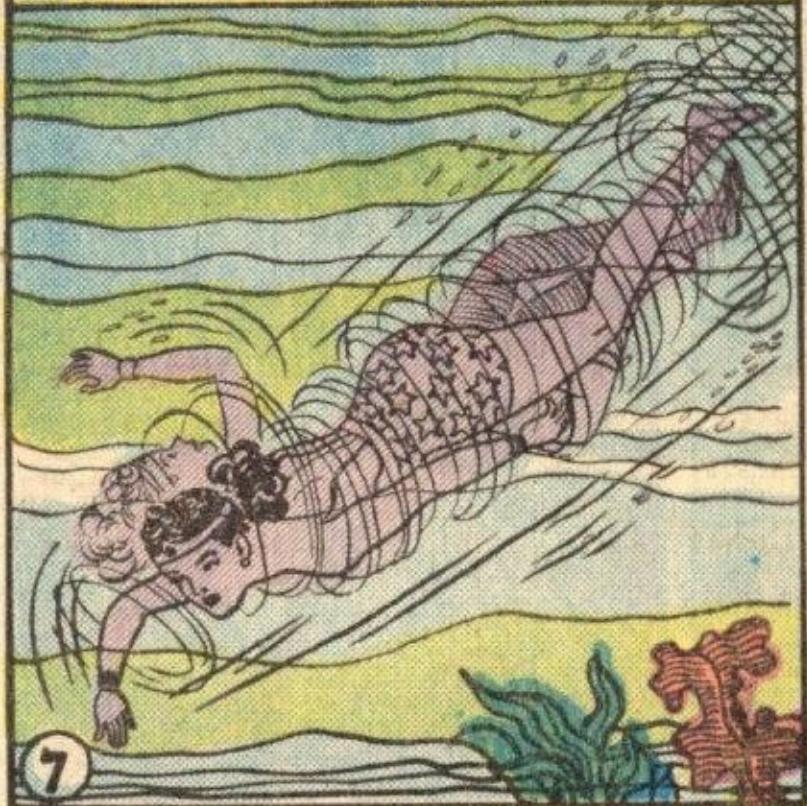


AS THE FLEET AMAZON RACED BACK TOWARD THE CITY, SHE SEES---

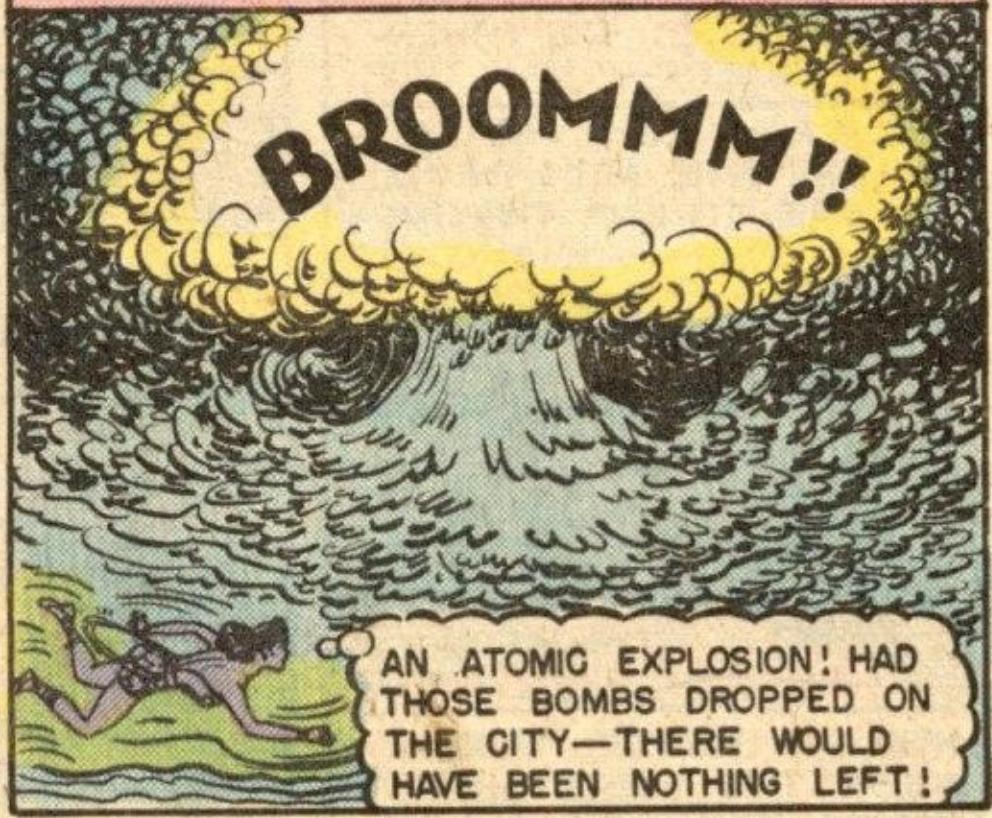
BY NEPTUNE'S TRIDENT! ENEMY FROGMEN — CUTTING THROUGH THE CITY'S MINE NETS! PROBABLY IN ADVANCE OF AN UNDER-WATER INVASION!



IMMEDIATELY, WONDER WOMAN BEGAN THE AMAZON SPIRAL STROKE ---



FAR AWAY FROM THE SCENE OF THE PLUNGE WONDER WOMAN GLANCED BACK JUST AS---



WARDING OFF THE SEARING FLAMES HURLED AT HER BY THE INVADERS---



CAUGHT IN HER WHIRLPOOL GYRATIONS, THE FROGMEN ARE SPUN AFTER THE AMAZON---



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BUT SUDDENLY, AN OMINOUS SIGHT GREETED THE POWERFUL SWIMMER---

THE ENEMY SUBS ARE NEARING THE MINE NET! THEY'LL BE ABLE TO SLIP THROUGH THE OPENING MADE BY THEIR FROGMEN!

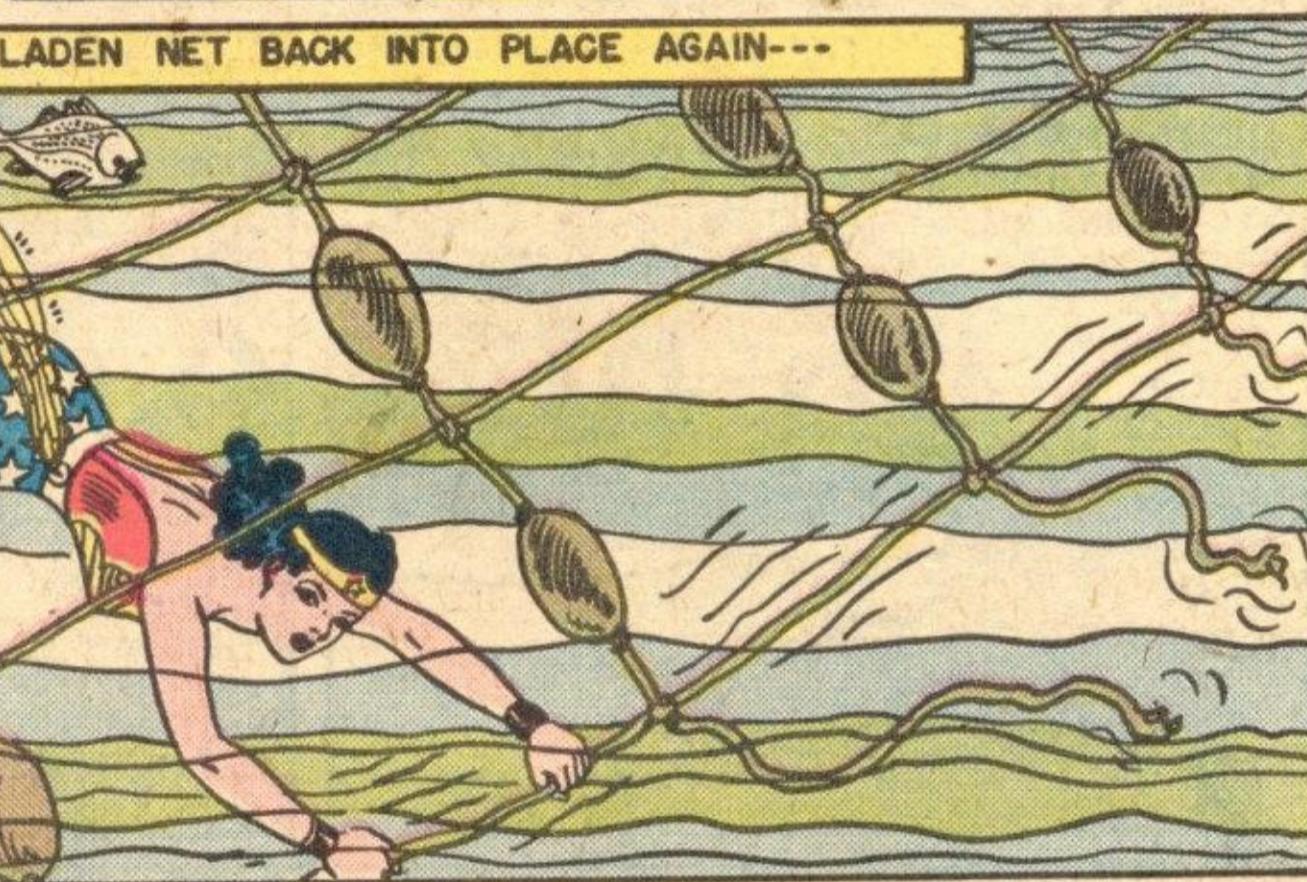


HOW CAN WONDER WOMAN SOLVE THIS EARTH-SHATTERING DILEMMA?

UNHESITATINGLY, WONDER WOMAN SWAM BACK TO THE DISABLED MINE NET AT LIGHTNING SPEED---



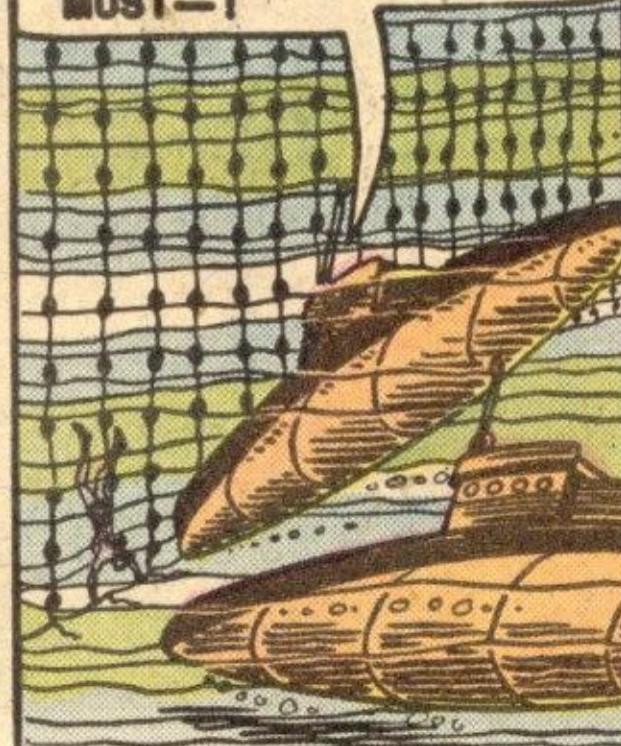
AND LOWERED THE EXPLOSIVES-LADEN NET BACK INTO PLACE AGAIN---



NEARER AND NEARER SPED THE ENEMY SUBS TOWARD THE UNFLINCHING AMAZON--

FULL SPEED AHEAD! NO HUMAN BEING IN THE WORLD HAS COURAGE ENOUGH TO REMAIN THERE!

SHE MUST LET GO—SHE MUST—!



WITH THE EXPLOSION STILL ROARING IN HER EARS, WONDER WOMAN FOUND HERSELF---

THANK HERA—I WAS ABLE TO BRING YOU BACK TO THE PRESENT—JUST AS YOU BLEW UP THOSE SUBS, PRINCESS!

BUT MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WILL BE KILLED! AND THE WORLD LEFT IN RUINS NOT TEN YEARS HENCE, PAULA! THAT TERRIBLE WAR MUST BE STOPPED! IF WE COULD ONLY FIND OUT WHAT CAUSED IT—AND PREVENT THAT—THEN THERE WOULDN'T BE A WAR!



THROUGH THE TIME-AND-SPACE PROJECTOR THE TWO AMAZONS EXHAUSTIVELY TRACED BACK THE WAR TO ITS DECLARATION---

IF THE AMERICAN DELEGATES HAD BEEN PRESENT THEY WOULD HAVE VOTED AGAINST WAR! WHAT LUCK THAT THEY DID NOT SHOW UP AT THE SESSION TO CAST A NEGATIVE VOTE!



BUT WHAT COULD HAVE POSSIBLY CAUSED THE AMERICAN DELEGATES TO MISS SUCH AN IMPORTANT OCCASION?



NOW THE TIME AND SPACE PROJECTOR SHOWED THE AMERICAN DELEGATES' CAR ON ITS WAY TO THE SESSION---

HURRY! WE MUST GET THERE ON TIME TO CAST OUR VOTE AGAINST WAR!



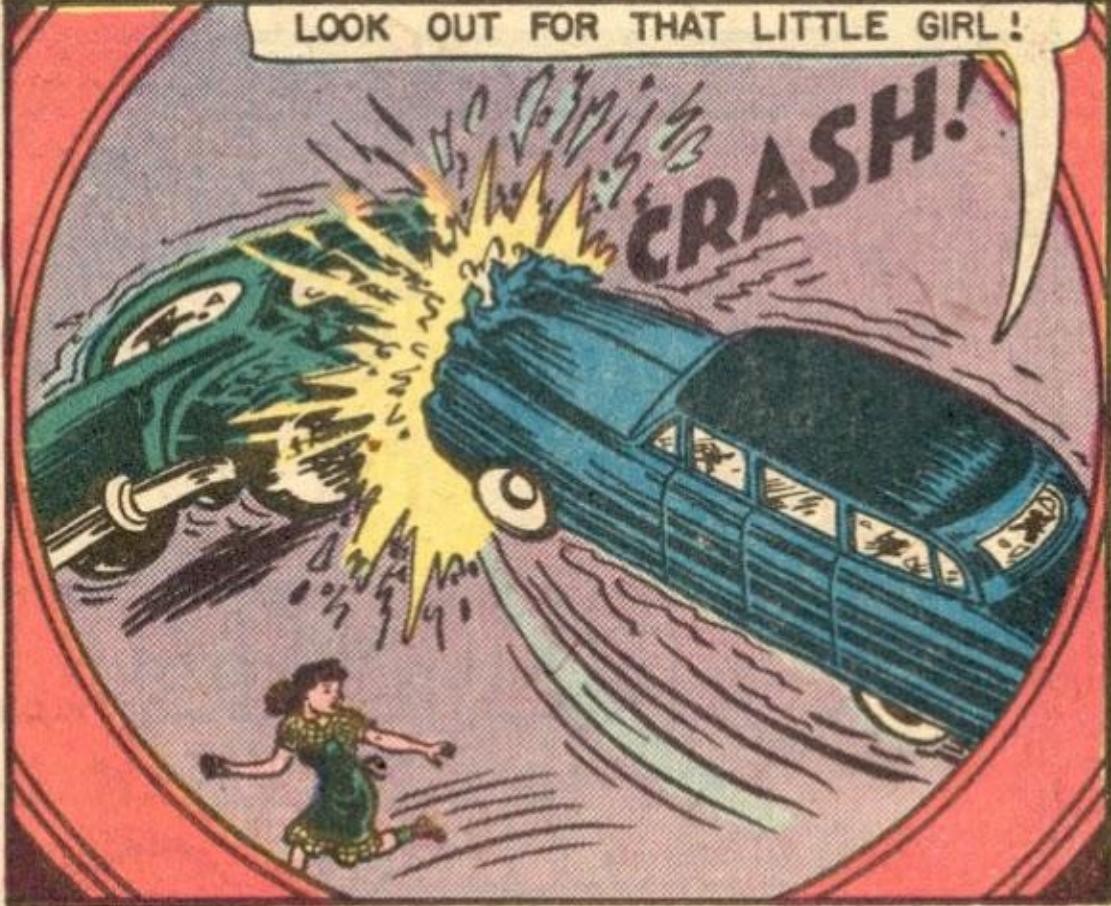
SUDDENLY---

OHHH—I DROPPED MY BALL!



LOOK OUT FOR THAT LITTLE GIRL!

CRASH!

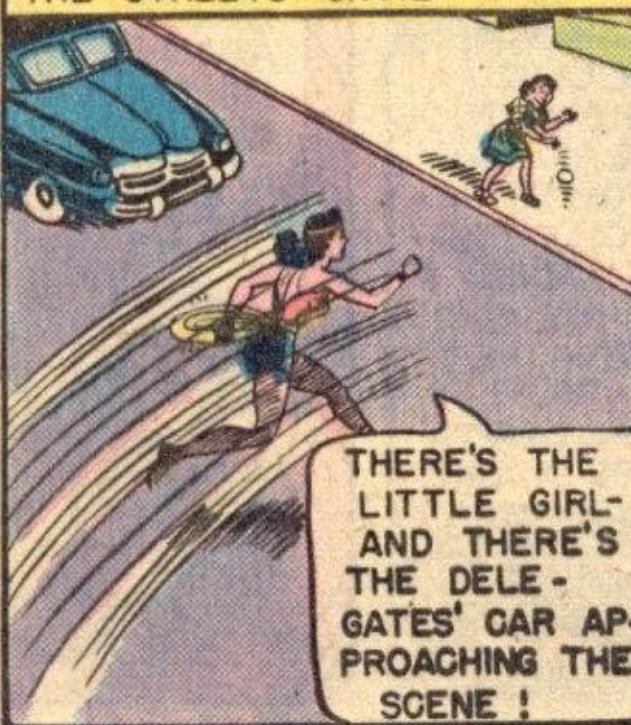




SO THAT'S WHY THE DELEGATES DIDN'T SHOW UP! THEY WERE IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT - SWERVING INTO ANOTHER CAR - TO AVOID HITTING A LITTLE GIRL WHO RAN OUT INTO THE STREET AFTER HER BALL! WHEN IS THIS GOING TO HAPPEN? IF I CAN STOP IT - IT WILL STOP THE WAR!

SUFFERING SAPPHO! IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITHIN SIXTY SECONDS AT THE CORNER OF RIVER AND STATE STREETS!

AT EYE-BLURRING SPEED WONDER WOMAN RACED THROUGH THE STREETS UNTIL ---



THERE'S THE LITTLE GIRL - AND THERE'S THE DELEGATES' CAR APPROACHING THE SCENE!

OHHH—I DROPPED MY BALL!



IT'S VERY DANGEROUS TO RUN INTO THE STREET AFTER A BALL! WHO KNOWS WHAT HARM IT COULD CAUSE?

I PROMISE NEVER TO DO IT AGAIN, WONDER WOMAN!



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AS WONDER WOMAN FINISHED HER ASTOUNDING STORY ---

YES--- YOU CAN TRULY SAY THAT INSIGNIFICANT LITTLE RUBBER BALL WAS THE MEANS OF SAVING THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT - FROM DESTRUCTION!



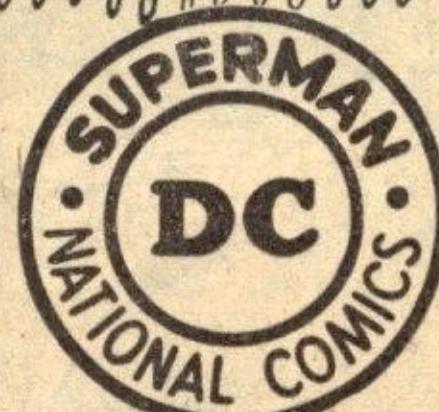
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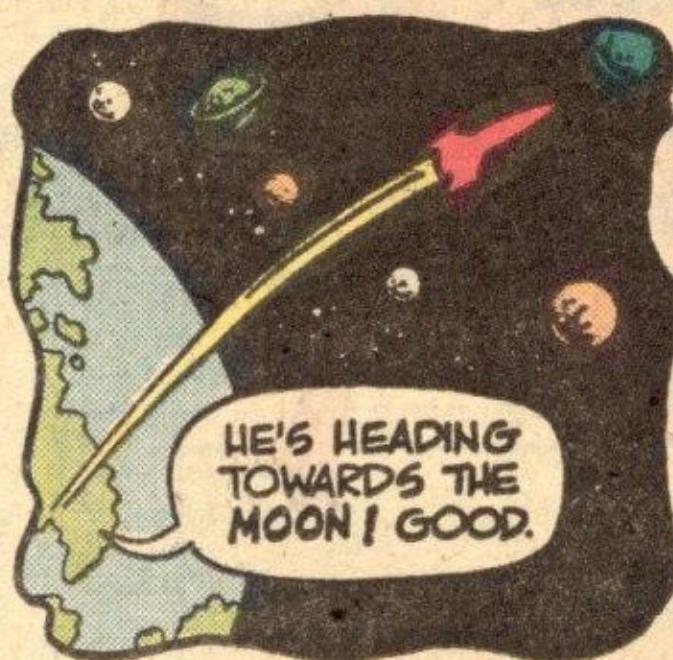
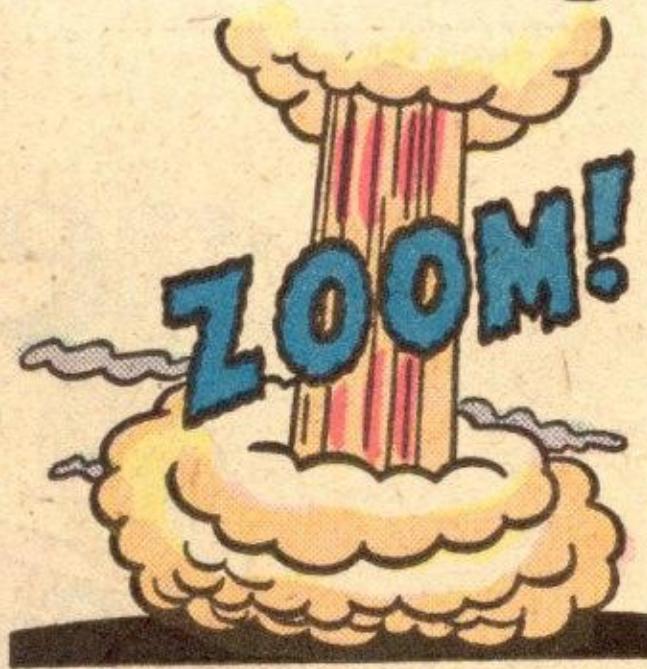
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Doctor ROCKET

THIS IS OUR MOST EXPENSIVE PROJECT TO DATE. WE HAD TO GET PRIVATE INDUSTRY TO BACK US FINANCIALLY.

HARRY KOTWICH



HE'S HEADING TOWARDS THE MOON! GOOD.

NOW FOR A REPORT ON OUR TV SCREEN.

WE ARE APPROACHING THE MOON. I CAN SEE CRATERS.



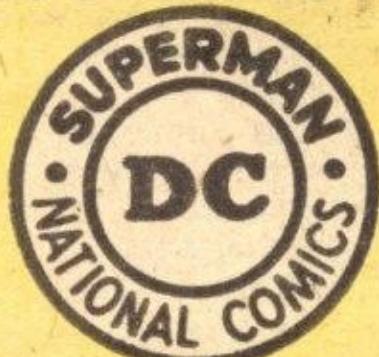
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"WONDER WOMAN—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES—" HOW OFTEN HAS THIS BEEN THE INTRODUCTION TO STARTLING TALES OF AMAZING ADVENTURES! BUT THIS ISN'T AN IDLE DESCRIPTION IMAGINED OUT OF THIN AIR! IT IS A THRILLING STORY IN ITSELF -- NEVER TOLD BEFORE UNTIL NOW IN -----

"The SECRET OLYMPICS!"

"WONDER WOMAN—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES—"

EVERYONE KNOWS THE AMAZON PRINCESS IS ALL THOSE WONDERFUL THINGS—
BUT HOW DID SHE EARN THEM?

IT'S AN AMAZING TALE:
IT STARTED ON THE SECRET ISLAND OF STADIA,
WHERE THE GREATEST FIGURES OF ALL TIME HAD TO DEFEND THEIR CROWNS AGAINST NEWCOMERS EVERY CENTURY!--



"APPROACHING THE GIGANTIC ARENA WHERE THESE EPOCHAL EVENTS TOOK PLACE, HIPPOLYTA, QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS, SPOKE TO HER DAUGHTER, PRINCESS DIANA---"

DIANA DEAR, ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO COMPETE AGAINST THE MIGHTY CHAMPIONS? NO ONE HAS EVER ANSWERED THEIR CHALLENGE—AND BEATEN THEM!

YOU YOURSELF TAUGHT ME THAT AN AMAZON NEVER REFUSES A WORTH-WHILE CHALLENGE, MOTHER!

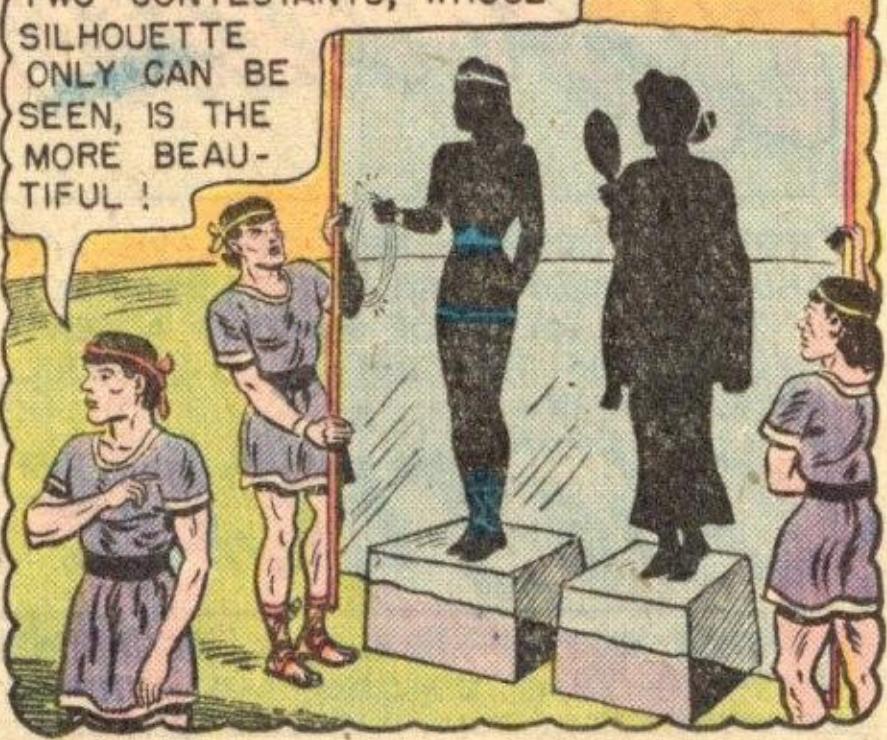


"AND SO, BEFORE AN ENTHRALLED AUDIENCE, THE AMAZON PRINCESS MET THE FIRST CHAMPION---"

THERE WILL BE FOUR CONTESTS! THE FIRST, OF BEAUTY! THE CROWN HOLDER IS THE GODDESS APHRODITE! THE CHALLENGER, PRINCESS DIANA!



I AM NOW GOING TO SUMMON PRAXO, THE MOST FAMOUS SCULPTOR OF BEAUTY IN THE WORLD, TO JUDGE WHICH OF THE TWO CONTESTANTS, WHOSE SILHOUETTE ONLY CAN BE SEEN, IS THE MORE BEAUTIFUL!



I-I CHOOSE THAT ONE!

N-NO! WAIT—! THAT ONE!

I-I NEVER HAD SUCH A DIFFICULT DECISION TO MAKE—BOTH OF THE CONTESTANTS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL! BUT, MY FINAL CHOICE IS—THAT ONE!



PRAXO HAS CHOSEN PRINCESS DIANA!

I COULD NOT LOSE TO A LOVELIER CONTESTANT! YOU MAY HAVE THE MIRROR OF BEAUTY I'VE HELD FOR SO LONG!



MY DAUGHTER BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE—INCREDIBLE!

AN ACCIDENT! IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN!
SHE MUST LOSE!



IN OUR NEXT CONTEST, PRINCESS DIANA, WHO IS NOW JUDGED AS BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE—MUST SOLVE A PROBLEM WHICH ATHENA, THE GODDESS OF WISDOM, WILL GIVE HER!





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"AS NEWS OF THE SECOND CONTEST REACHED THE AUDIENCE AT THE STADIUM---"

HOW COULD ANYONE BE AS WISE AS THE GODDESS OF WISDOM?

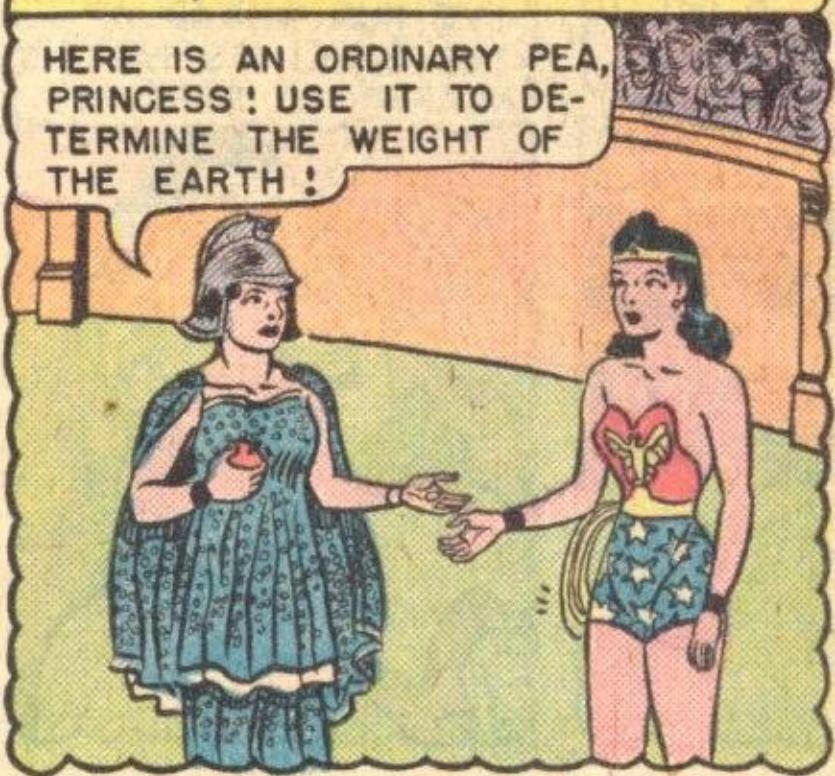


REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS, I SHALL ALWAYS BE PROUD OF MY DAUGHTER FOR BATTLING AGAINST SUCH ODDS!

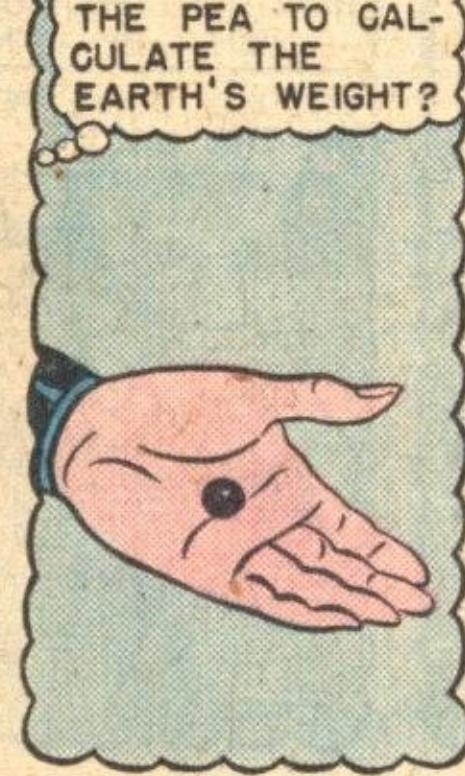


"NOW THE AMAZON PRINCESS FACED ATHENA, GODDESS OF WISDOM---"

HERE IS AN ORDINARY PEA, PRINCESS! USE IT TO DETERMINE THE WEIGHT OF THE EARTH!

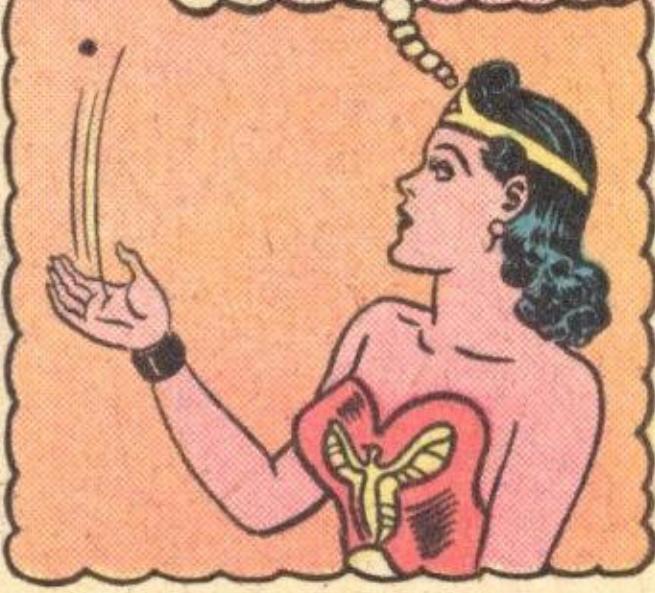


HOW CAN I USE THE PEA TO CALCULATE THE EARTH'S WEIGHT?

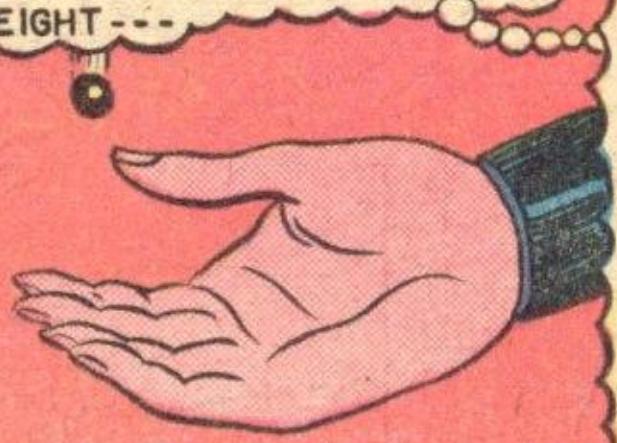


"SWIFTER THAN LIGHTNING, THE 'QUICK-THINKING AMAZON DISCARDED IDEA AFTER IDEA UNTIL---"

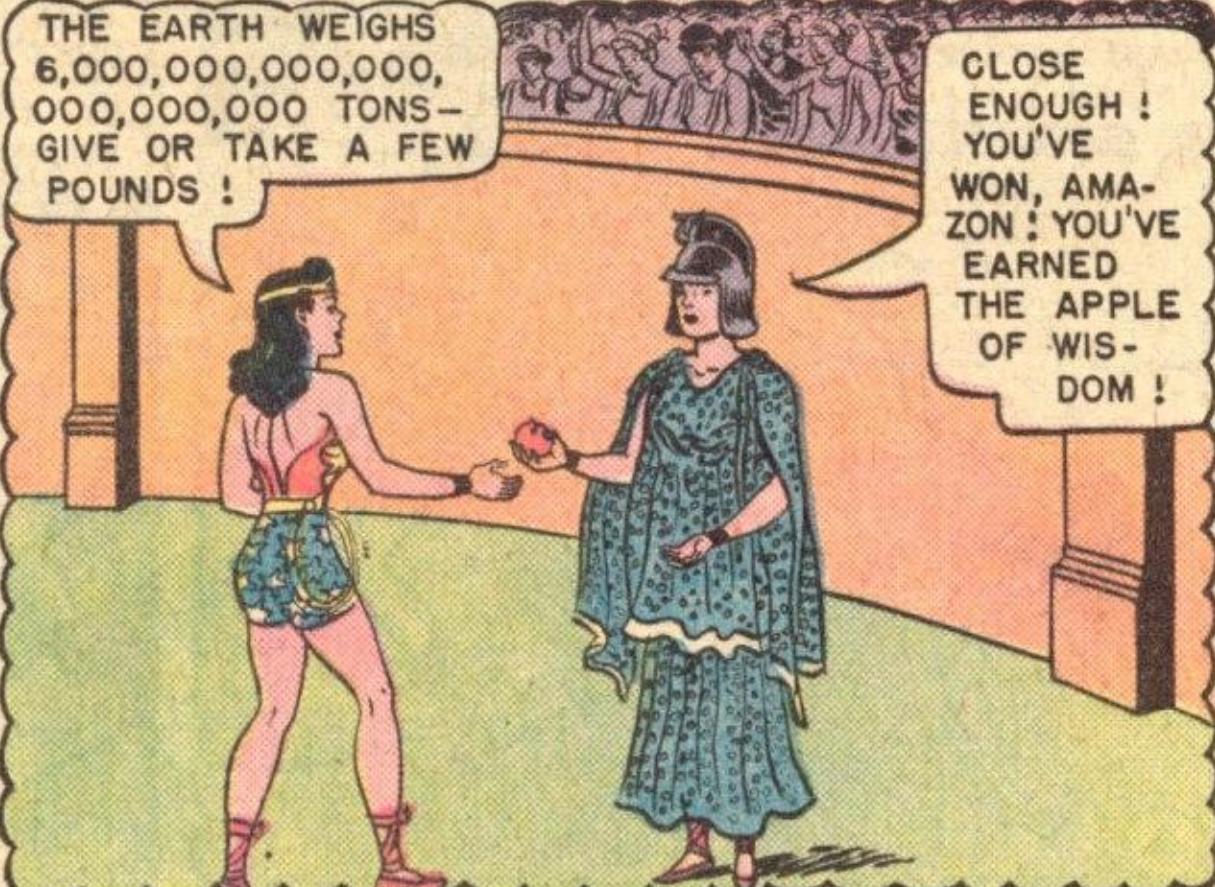
FIRST I'LL TOSS THIS PEA INTO THE AIR---



NOW, LET'S SEE---KNOWING THE RATE OF SPEED WITH WHICH I THREW THE PEA INTO THE AIR, AND THE LENGTH OF TIME IT'S TAKING TO RETURN, DUE TO THE GRAVITATIONAL PULL OF THE EARTH—I CAN DETERMINE THE EARTH'S WEIGHT---



THE EARTH WEIGHS 6,000,000,000,000,000 TONS—GIVE OR TAKE A FEW POUNDS!



CLOSE ENOUGH! YOU'VE WON, AMAZON! YOU'VE EARNED THE APPLE OF WISDOM!

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"IN THE THIRD CONTEST, DIANA FACED MERCURY, THE GOD OF SPEED---"

WHEN I FIRE THIS CATAPULT, IT WILL HURL AN IRON BALL FAR FROM THE STADIUM! WHOEVER CATCHES IT BEFORE IT FALLS TO THE EARTH— WILL BE THE VICTOR!



"AS THE CATAPULT WAS FIRED---"



"OUT OF THE ARENA RACED THE TWO SPEEDSTERS ---"

I MUST DRAW AHEAD OF HIM—
I MUST—I MUST—!



"STRAINING EVERY MUSCLE,
THE GRIM AMAZON DREW A-
HEAD OF THE GOD OF SPEED
---INCH---BY---INCH---"

SHOULD COME IN SIGHT ---
OF THE BALL---ANY MOMENT
---NOW---



"SUDDENLY—"

SUFFERING SAPPHO!
I'VE RUN AHEAD OF
THE BALL! IT'S FALLING
NEARER TO MERCURY!

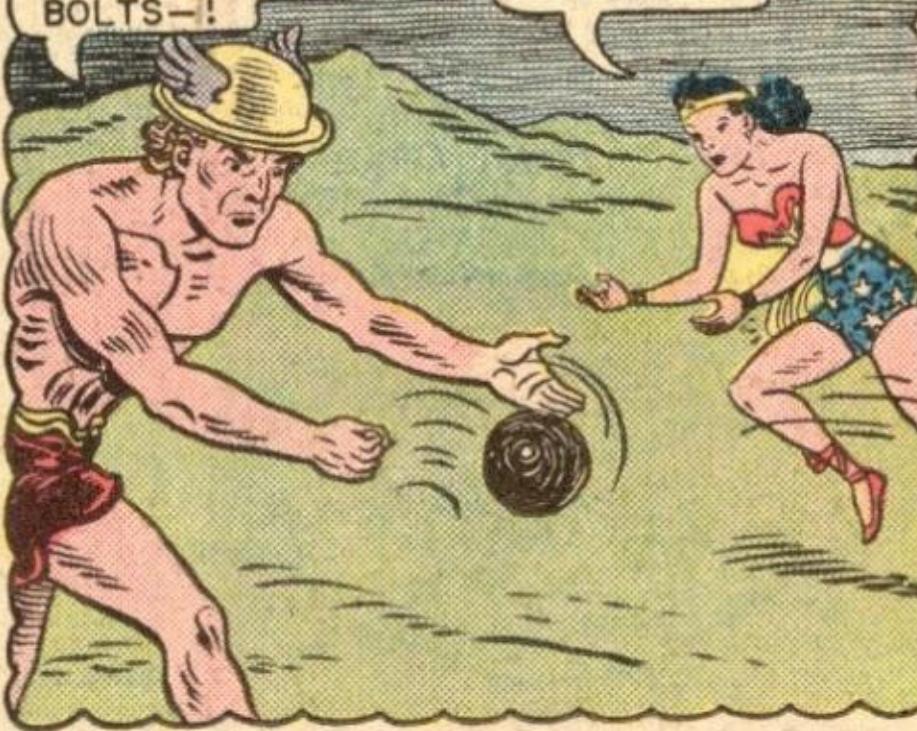


HO! HO! PRINCESS!
YOU OUTSPED
YOURSELF!



"BUT TO THE SUPREMELY CONFIDENT MER-
CURY'S SURPRISE---"
BY JOVE'S THUNDER-
BOLTS—!

MERCURY FUMBLED
THE BALL!



"WITH AN ASTOUNDING LEAP, THE AMAZON PRINCESS CAUGHT THE BALL BEFORE IT TOUCHED THE GROUND!"

BY NEPTUNE'S BEARD—YOU'VE CAUGHT THE BALL! YOU RIGHTFULLY WIN, PRINCESS! YOU'RE SWIFTER THAN I—MERCURY HIMSELF!



"BACK AT THE STADIUM, AN ANXIOUS MOTHER AWAITED THE FINAL CONTEST---"

WHATEVER HAPPENS—WIN OR LOSE—I KNOW THAT MY DAUGHTER WILL DO HER UTMOST—AS A GOOD AMAZON!



HERCULES, SHOW US THAT YOU ARE TRULY THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD BY LIFTING THIS SOLID STONE SPHINX!

BAH! I WOULDN'T HAVE TO EXERT MYSELF TO DO THAT!



"THE MOST POWERFUL MAN OF ALL TIME WENT TO A CORNER OF THE HUGE STADIUM ENCIRCLING THE ARENA AND---"

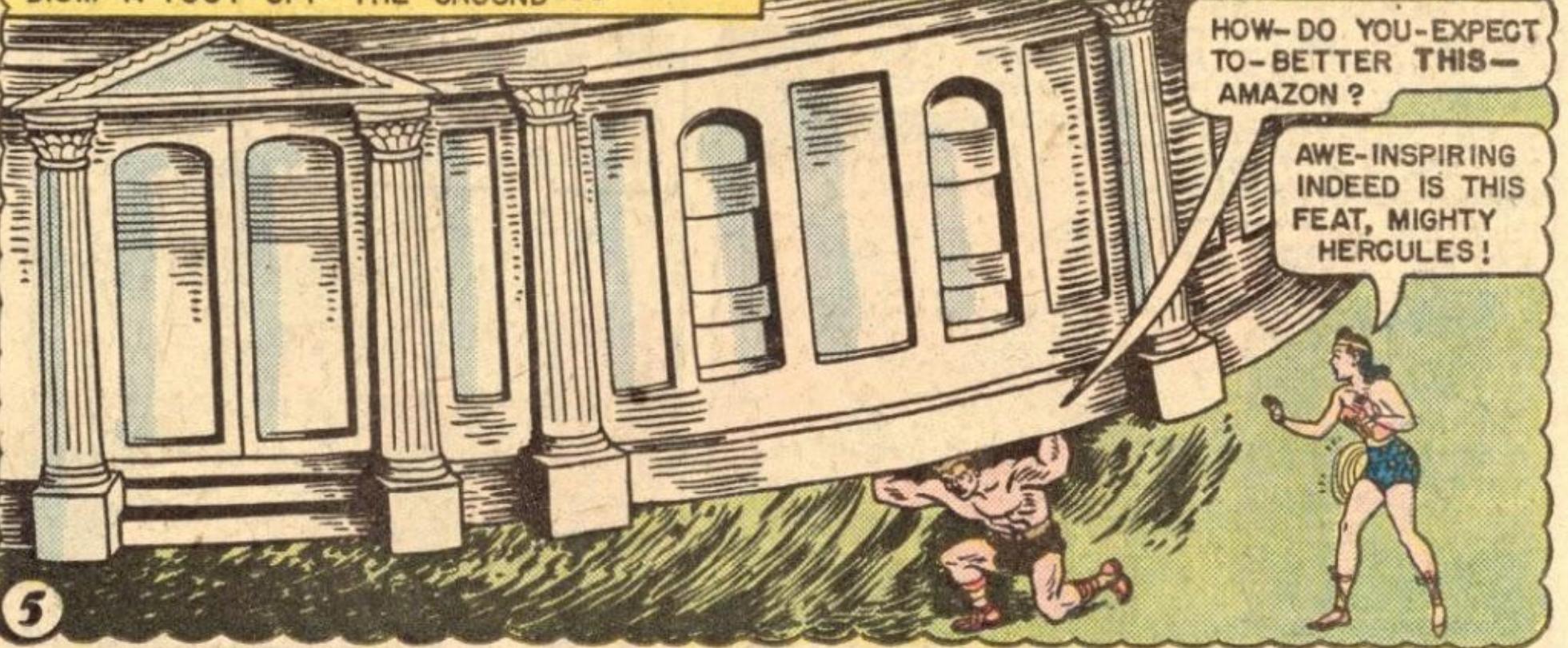
MY FOOLISH YOUNG AMAZON—YOU WOULD CHALLENGE ME, THE GREAT HERCULES, EH?



EXERTING EVERY IOTA OF HIS LEGENDARY STRENGTH, HERCULES LIFTED THE GREAT STADIUM A FOOT OFF THE GROUND---

HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO BETTER THIS AMAZON?

AWE-INSPIRING INDEED IS THIS FEAT, MIGHTY HERCULES!



"A TUMULTUOUS CHEER AROSE FROM THE SPECTATORS---"

HOW CAN THE AMAZON HOPE TO BEST HERCULES—WHEN EVEN HE CAN BARELY LIFT THE STADIUM WITH ITS SPECTATORS OFF THE GROUND?

HOW CAN MY DAUGHTER EQUAL THIS FEAT?

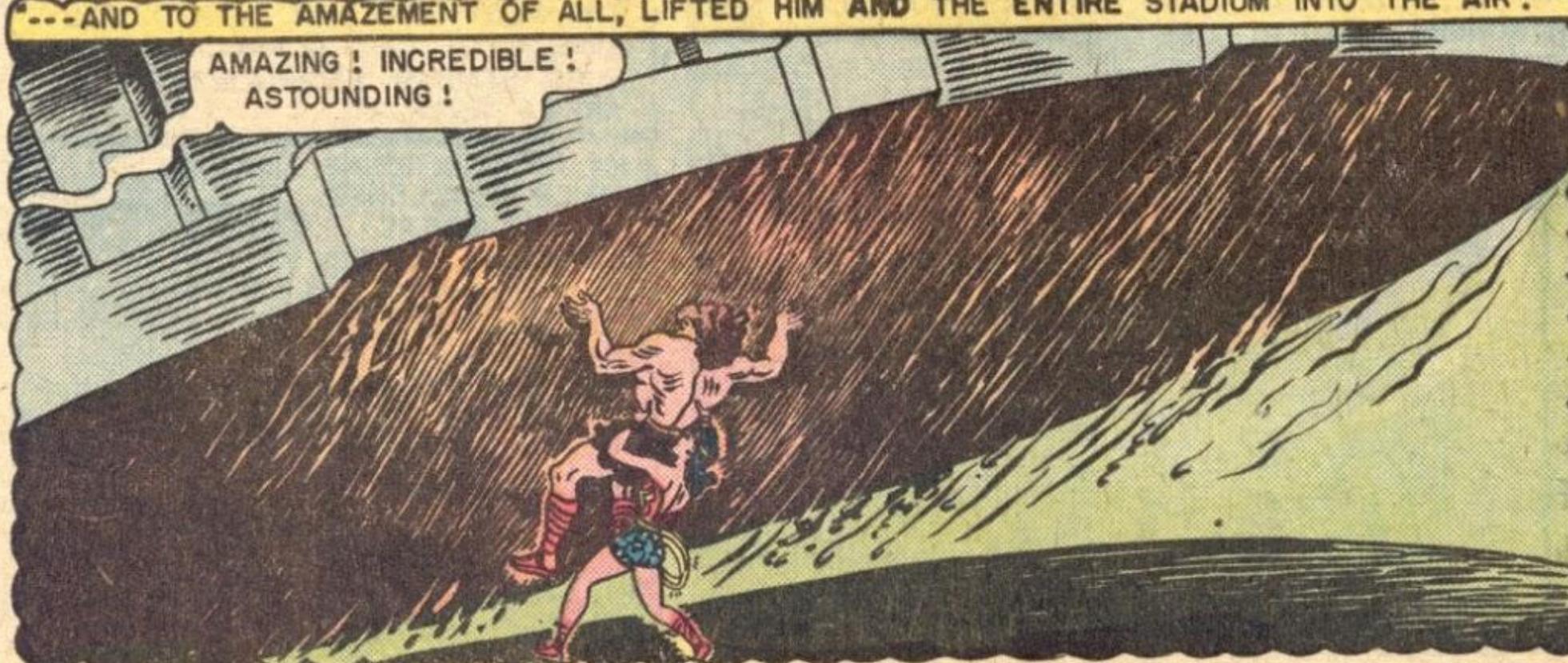


"AT THAT MOMENT, THE AMAZON GRASPED THE STRAINING HERCULES—"



"---AND TO THE AMAZEMENT OF ALL, LIFTED HIM AND THE ENTIRE STADIUM INTO THE AIR!"

AMAZING! INCREDIBLE!
ASTOUNDING!



"AFTER THE MIGHTY AMAZON MAID SAFELY LOWERED HERCULES AND THE STADIUM TO THE GROUND---"

YOU ARE STRONGER THAN HERCULES, PRINCESS! RIGHTLY, HAVE YOU EARNED THE GLOBE OF STRENGTH!

AYE! SHE IS A WONDER WOMAN—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES!



AS THE MUSEUM GUIDE FINISHED---

—AND THAT IS HOW WONDER WOMAN EARNED HER NAME IN FEATS NEVER BEFORE EQUALLED—OR SINCE CHALLENGED!



With this ring . . .



EVERY bride remembers the wonderful moment during the marriage ceremony when the words, "With this ring, I thee wed," are uttered. But the modern practice of placing a ring on the bride's finger didn't always "ring" true.

In the beginning, the bridegroom, or his family, handed a ring over to the prospective bride, but only as a token of his good financial standing. He didn't tenderly place it on his beloved's finger. He dropped it on the table, and the bride's father instantly picked it up and carefully examined it to judge its gold content.

In ancient times, rings were made of iron, not gold. An exception to this is the beautiful gold ring which, legend has it, King Solomon presented to the Queen of Sheba.

The Greeks and Romans favored iron and copper rings, but during the course of the second century, gold rings were introduced into the betrothal ceremony. But the wife did not continue to wear her gold marriage ring around

the house. Instead it was placed in a strong box, and an iron ring worn in its place. Only on important public occasions, was the gold ring brought out.

During the Middle Ages wedding rings began to be set with gems, but it was the Venetians who first introduced the diamond into the wedding band.

Look into the display case of any jewelry shop of today, and it's hard to imagine there was ever a greater variety of wedding rings. But the fact is, the betrothal rings of long ago were far more elaborate, intricate, and unique in design.

In a London museum you can still admire the remarkable ring which Prince Albert placed on the finger of Queen Victoria. This is a snake ring, representing a gold snake composed of 14 hinged joints, 12 of them set with one diamond to each joint. The inside of the ring is enameled in black and white, and the head joint, which unscrews, passes through a loop in the tail.

Another interesting ring of the same period is one which contains a perfume well. A third is the "crowned heart" ring, set with diamonds and held by two white enameled hands, inscribed inside with the first names of the bride and groom.

A quaint example of a certain ruby ring had a small enameled cupid holding a heart. On the ring hoop is inscribed the warning: "Stop, Thief!"

Iron rings were used only once in modern times. During World War I, in Germany, patriotic housewives turned in their gold wedding bands as a contribution to the war effort, and wore iron bands in their place.

Strangely enough, the early rings which prospective bridegrooms gave their brides-to-be were not wedding rings at all, but engagement, or betrothal rings. Later, in England, about the time of the Reformation, the engagement ring became the wedding band.

Another curious fact is that in a large part of the world, the wedding band was placed upon a finger of the right hand. This is still the custom in Scandinavian countries.

Throughout the ages, the wedding ring has had a deeper meaning than merely binding the marriage contract. There was a time when the wedding ring was given to the bride as a sign that it was now her duty to protect the goods of her husband.

Actually, this was how the key or signet rings came into favor. On some of the old Roman rings were little knobs in the form of a key. This signified that the bride was now entitled to enter the vaults or warehouses of her husband.

At times more than one ring was given at a wedding ceremony. One betrothal ritual called for three rings—one for the bride, one for the groom, and one for the official witness. Later in the ceremony, the bride accepted the rings from the groom and the witness, wearing all three as the marriage was solemnized.

A record was set at the marriage of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, at which ceremony six dozen rings were handed out.

One of the most interesting specimens of an ancient gold wedding ring, dating back to Anglo-Saxon times, was found in an ancient burial place near Salisbury, England. This is a spiral band twice encircling the finger. It was used as part of the Order of Matrimony in the Sarum Rite.

The reader may find the vows, as spoken by the man and woman, interesting.

The man was the first to make the vow, and he spoke the following words:

"Ich (Name) take thee (Name) to my wedded wyf, to haven and to holden from this day forward, for betre for wors, for rychere for porere, in syknesse and in helthe, till deth us do parte, and thereto y plith thee my trewth."

The woman then made her vow with the following words:

"Ich (Name) take thee (Name) to be my wedded hosebund, to haven and to holden from this day forward, for betre and for wors, for rychere, and for porere, to be boneyre and buxom . . . and at borde, till dethe us do parte and thereto y plith thee my trewth. With this ring ich thee wedde . . . and with all my god icche thee dowre."

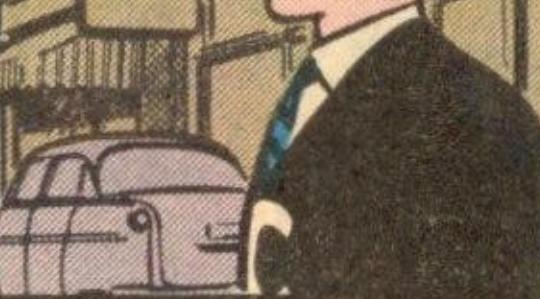
BUZZY "Get a Box-Seat to NATURE'S WONDERS!"

says: HI, BUZZY. SAY, HAVE YOU SEEN DANNY, THE NEW KID WHO MOVED IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO?

YES—HE'S OVER IN THE EMPTY LOT ON THE NEXT STREET. WHY DO YOU WANT HIM?

WE'RE GONNA ASK HIM TO JOIN OUR CLUB--WE JUST VOTED ON HIM!

YEAH—AND I THINK IT'S A MISTAKE! I STILL DON'T LIKE HIM. ALWAYS FOOLING AROUND WITH BIRDS AND NATURE AND STUFF LIKE THAT.



WHAT'S WRONG WITH STUDYING BIRDS AND NATURE, TOM? YOU CAN LEARN A LOT OF WONDERFUL THINGS THAT WAY, EVEN IN THE CITY, IF YOU TAKE THE TROUBLE TO LOOK.

NAAAAA...



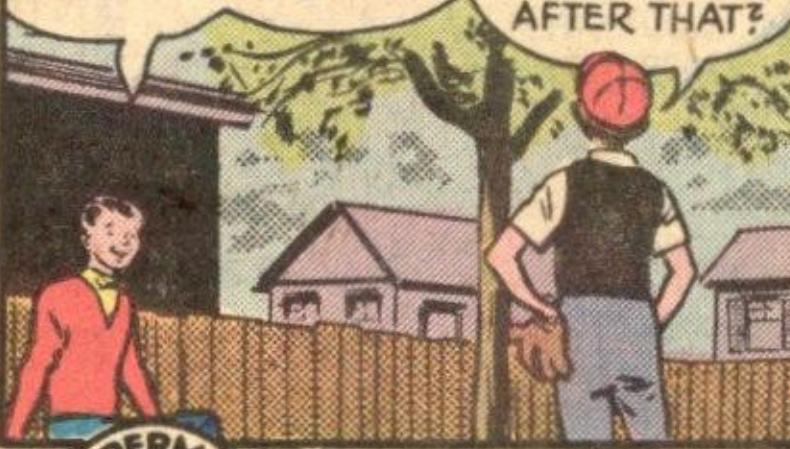
THERE'S DANNY NOW...

YEAH, LOOK AT HIM, SITTING THERE, WATCHING THAT SILLY OLD BIRD FLYING AROUND... SAY, WHAT'S THAT STUFF THE BIRD'S CARRYING IN ITS MOUTH?



SOME TWIGS AND A PIECE OF STRING--THAT'S HOW SHE BUILDS HER NEST, LITTLE BY LITTLE. SHE MIXES IT UP WITH MUD AND OTHER STUFF SHE FINDS AROUND...

NO KIDDING! GOLLY--I DIDN'T KNOW JUST HOW BIRDS BUILD THEIR NESTS!... WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT?



WELL, AFTER SHE'S FINISHED HER NEST, AND THE EGGS ARE LAID AND HATCHED, WE CAN SEE, IF WE COME AROUND, HOW THE MOTHER AND FATHER GET FOOD AND FEED THE LITTLE BIRDS.



SAY, THAT'S GONNA BE FUN-- LIKE A BOX SEAT TO A BASEBALL GAME! D'YA MIND IF I WATCH, TOO?

LOOKS LIKE THE BEGINNING OF A FRIENDSHIP, EH, FOLKS? THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GET TO STUDY AND UNDERSTAND THE THINGS AROUND YOU. YOU GET TO KNOW THEM AND LIKE THEM BETTER-- HUMAN BEINGS AS WELL AS NATURE!



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•UNLUCKY BRIDES

THOUGH EVERY BRIDE GLADLY ACCEPTS THE BEST WISHES OF HER FRIENDS FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE, SHE MUST BE CAREFUL TO AVOID CERTAIN "HOODOOS" WHICH MIGHT MAKE HER MARRIED LIFE MISERABLE, IF SHE IS OF A SUPERSTITIOUS NATURE THAT REGARDS SUCH OMENS SERIOUSLY...



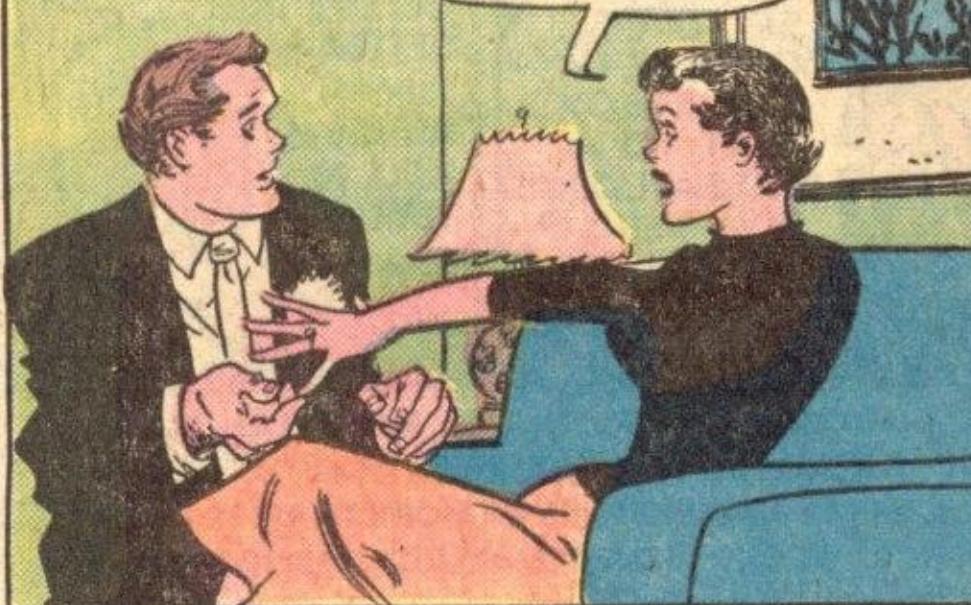
IT IS AN INVITATION TO DISASTER FOR A BRIDE TO GO TO HER WEDDING CEREMONY THROUGH ONE DOOR AND LEAVE BY A DIFFERENT EXIT...

I CAME IN THROUGH THE RIGHT OUTSIDE DOOR. THEREFORE, I MUST LEAVE THROUGH THE LEFT INSIDE DOOR!



IF A GIRL IS THE LEAST BIT SUPERSTITIOUS, SHE SHOULD NOT ACCEPT AN ENGAGEMENT RING CONTAINING PEARLS, AS IT IS FATED TO BRING TEARS TO A MARRIAGE...

NO! NO! I CAN'T ACCEPT A PEARL ENGAGEMENT RING!

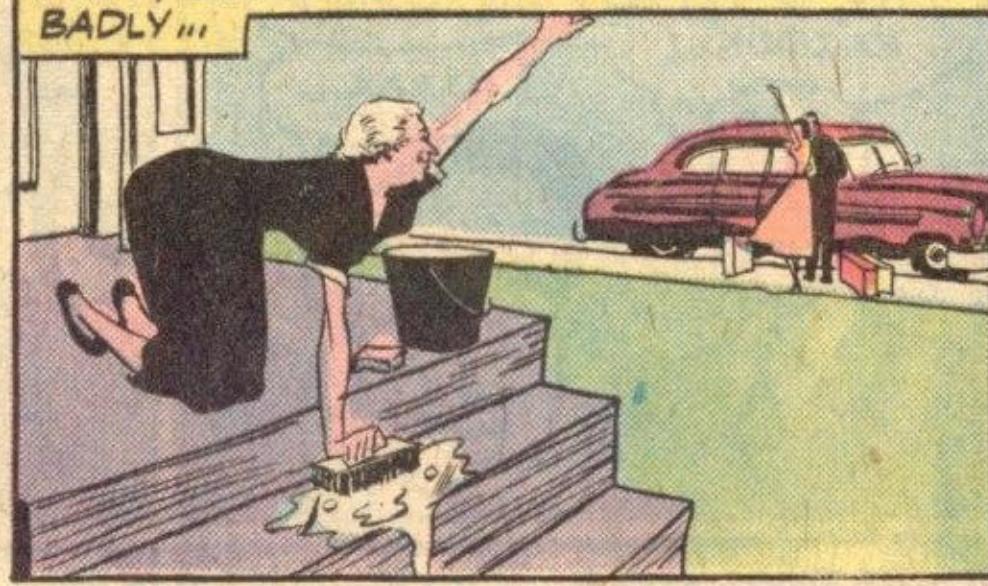


SHOULD A BRIDE LOSE HER WEDDING RING, OR BREAK IT, OR ALLOW IT TO SLIP OFF HER FINGER, IT IS AN INDICATION THAT SHE WILL SOON LOSE HER HUSBAND'S AFFECTIONS...

OH, MY GOODNESS!
MY WEDDING RING
IS MISSING!



IMMEDIATELY AFTER A BRIDE LEAVES HER PARENT'S HOME TO GO ON HER HONEYMOON, THE STEPS MUST BE WELL SCRUBBED WITH SOAP AND WATER TO REMOVE THE IMPRINTS OF HER FEET, ELSE HER MARRIAGE WILL FARE BADLY...



OTHER UNLUCKY PITFALLS THAT MIGHT CATCH THE UNWARY BRIDE ARE WEARING GREEN ON HER PERSON, OR A PIN, OR LOOKING IN THE MIRROR AFTER SHE IS COMPLETELY DRESSED...

DON'T YOU DARE LOOK AT YOURSELF IN THAT MIRROR!





LUCKY BRIDES



FOR EVERY UNLUCKY OMEN THAT MIGHT PLAGUE A BRIDE, THERE'S A LUCKY SIGN, IF SHE ONLY KNOWS HOW TO RECOGNIZE IT...

ONE SURE WAY TO GUARANTEE A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS WEDDED LIFE IS TO BE MARRIED IN AN OLD PAIR OF SHOES. AN ALTERNATE CHOICE IS TO SLIP A SILVER SIXPENCE IN THE BRIDE'S SHOE...



JUST BEFORE THE BRIDE LEAVES FOR THE CEREMONY, AN EXTRA STITCH SHOULD BE ADDED TO HER DRESS FOR GOOD LUCK...



A BRIDE WHO WEEPS BITTER TEARS ON HER WEDDING DAY WILL NEVER HAVE REASON TO CRY AGAIN AFTER SHE IS MARRIED...



IF A CAT SNEEZES IN THE HOME OF THE BRIDE-TO-BE ON THE EVE OF HER MARRIAGE IT, FORECASTS A WEDDED LIFE OF PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS...



ANOTHER ANIMAL SYMBOLIC OF GOOD LUCK IS THE TOAD, ESPECIALLY IF ONE IS ENCOUNTERED ON THE WAY TO A MARRIAGE...



BUT LET THE BRIDE BEWARE IF SHE SEES A SPIDER, A DOG, OR A ROLLING STONE! THEY'RE ALL OMENS OF MISFORTUNE!

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A DATE
WITH
JUDY

BOB
HOPE

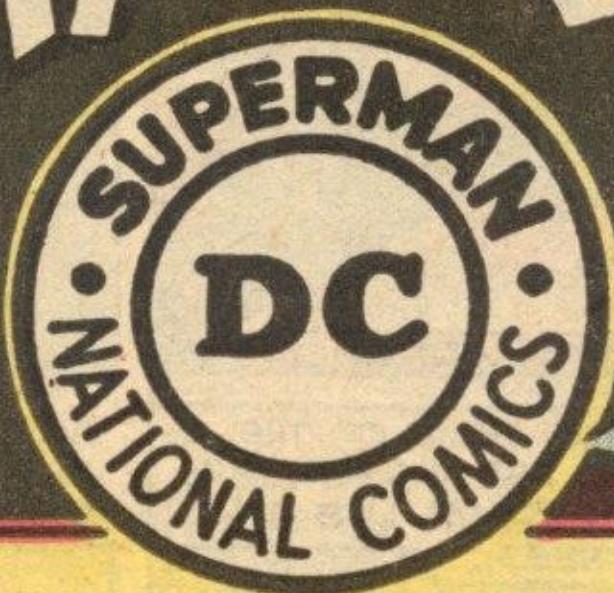
MARTIN
AND
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MR.
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MUDD
& JEFF

LINE OF STARS



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Wonder Woman

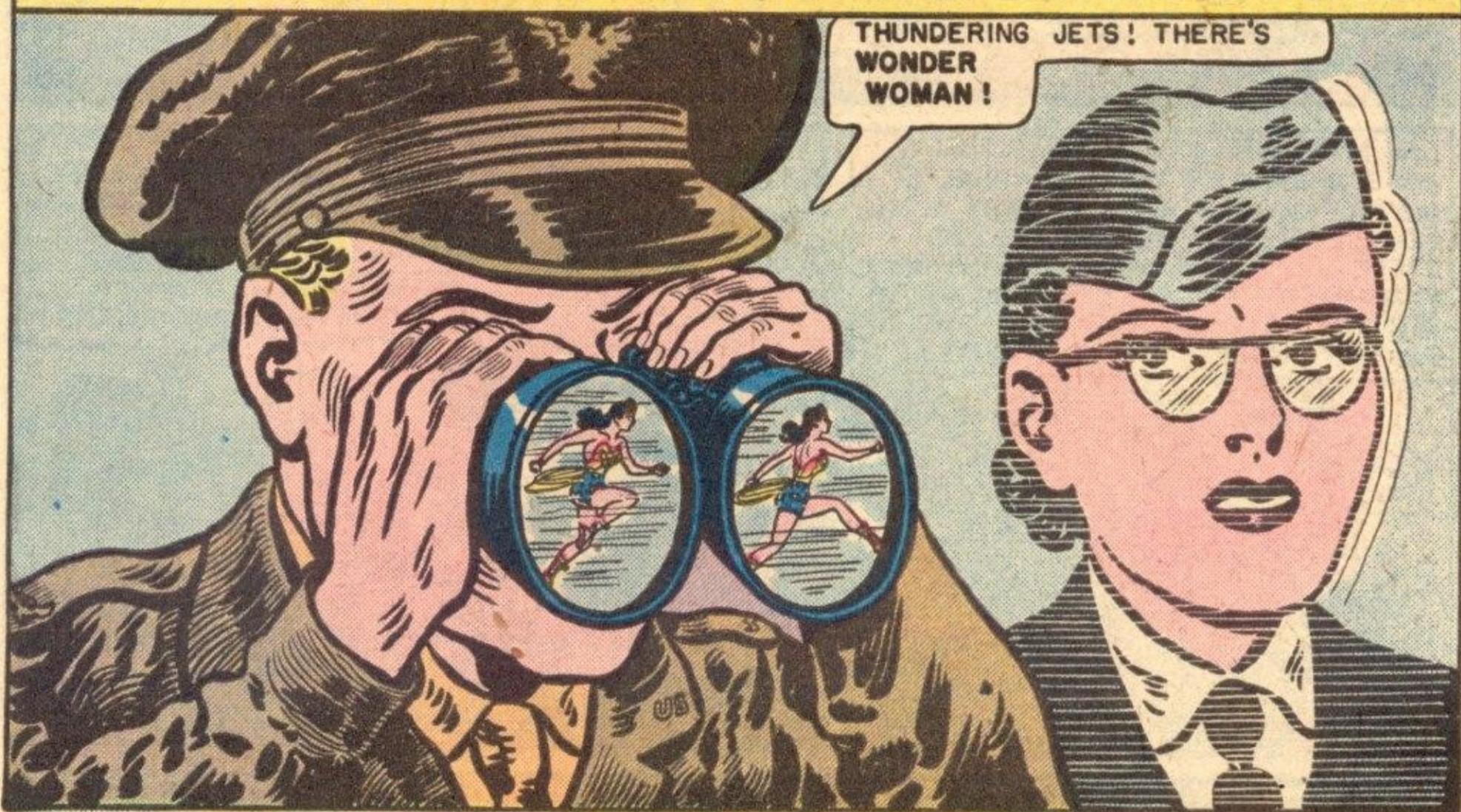


Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

AGAIN AND AGAIN SCIENCE HAS EXPLICITLY STATED THAT NO ONE CAN BE IN TWO PLACES AT THE SAME TIME! YET WONDER WOMAN—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES—HAS TO PERFORM THIS SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE FEAT NOT ONCE--BUT THREE TIMES--IN THE STARTLING TALE OF-----

"WONDER WOMAN'S DOUBLE DATE!"



IN THE EDITOR'S OFFICE AT THE DAILY GLOBE ---

LISTEN, CHIEF! THE NEWS SERVICE REPORTS COL. STEVE TREVOR, THE FAMOUS FLYER, IS RETURNING HOME FROM KOREA!

THAT'S NOT NEWS! BUT-MAYBE I CAN MAKE A HEADLINE OUT OF IT! HMM--



THE NEXT DAY, A DAILY GLOBE HEADLINE AROUSES THE INTEREST OF THE NATION---

THE DAILY GLOBE



WHO WILL BE THE LUCKY GIRL TO HAVE A DATE WITH COL. STEVE TREVOR?

SEND IN YOUR CHOICE! CONTEST OVER MIDNIGHT, SUNDAY, JUNE---

LETTERS POUR IN FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY--AND THE DAY AFTER THE CONTEST ENDS--STEVE IS AT THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE WITH HIS SWEETHEART, WONDER WOMAN, THE AMAZON PRINCESS, WHEN---

THEY'VE JUST FINISHED COUNTING THE NOMINATIONS! THE GIRL CHOSEN TO GO OUT ON A DATE WITH YOU, COL. TREVOR, IS--LT. DIANA PRINCE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE!



WHAT'S THE MATTER, ANGEL? NOT JEALOUS OF DI, ARE YOU?

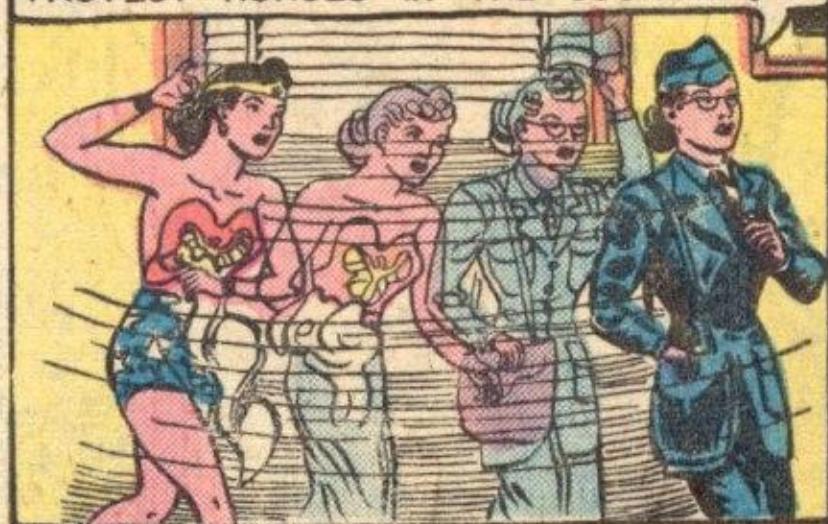
OF COURSE NOT, STEVE!

BUT THIS DATE IS GOING TO BE MORE COMPLICATED THAN HE KNOWS--BECAUSE MY SECRET IDENTITY IS THAT OF LT. DIANA PRINCE--AND IT MUST REMAIN SECRET!



THE NEXT AFTERNOON, THE LOVELY AMAZON CHANGES INTO HER DUAL IDENTITY OF THE PERT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER BEFORE MEETING STEVE---

STEVE'S TAKING ME TO SEE THE RACE BETWEEN THE TWO FASTEST HORSES IN THE COUNTRY!



AT THE RACE TRACK SHORTLY---

HERE, DI! WATCH THE RACE THROUGH THESE BINOCULARS! IT'S GOING TO BE SENSATIONAL!

STEVE DOESN'T REALIZE MY AMAZON VISION IS KEENER THAN THE MOST POWERFUL BINOCULARS!



SUDDENLY--THE RACE BEGINS!

THEY'RE OFF!

C'MON, THUNDERBOLT!

C'MON, LIGHTNING!



BUT ONE PAIR OF KEEN EYES DETECTS---

BY MERCURY'S WINGED SANDALS--AN ACCIDENT'S IN THE MAKING!



DI CASTS A SWIFT GLANCE AT HER EXCITED COMPANION---

COME ON, THUNDERBOLT! I TOLD YOU THIS WOULD BE A SENSATIONAL RACE, DIDN'T I, DI?

YES, STEVE!

I CAN'T LET THE ACCIDENT HAPPEN! BUT I CAN'T REVEAL MY SECRET IDENTITY EITHER!



Wonder Woman



WITH SPEED NO HUMAN EYE CAN FOLLOW, DI RACES OUT OF THE BOX, CHANGING INTO WONDER WOMAN IN THE NEARBY EXIT---

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THUNDERBOLT, DI!

I'VE GOT TO FINISH MY TASK BEFORE STEVE TAKES HIS EYES AWAY FROM THE BINOCULARS!



A FRACTION OF A SECOND LATER---

RACING JETS! WHAT'S WONDER WOMAN DOING—RUNNING ALONG THE TRACK?

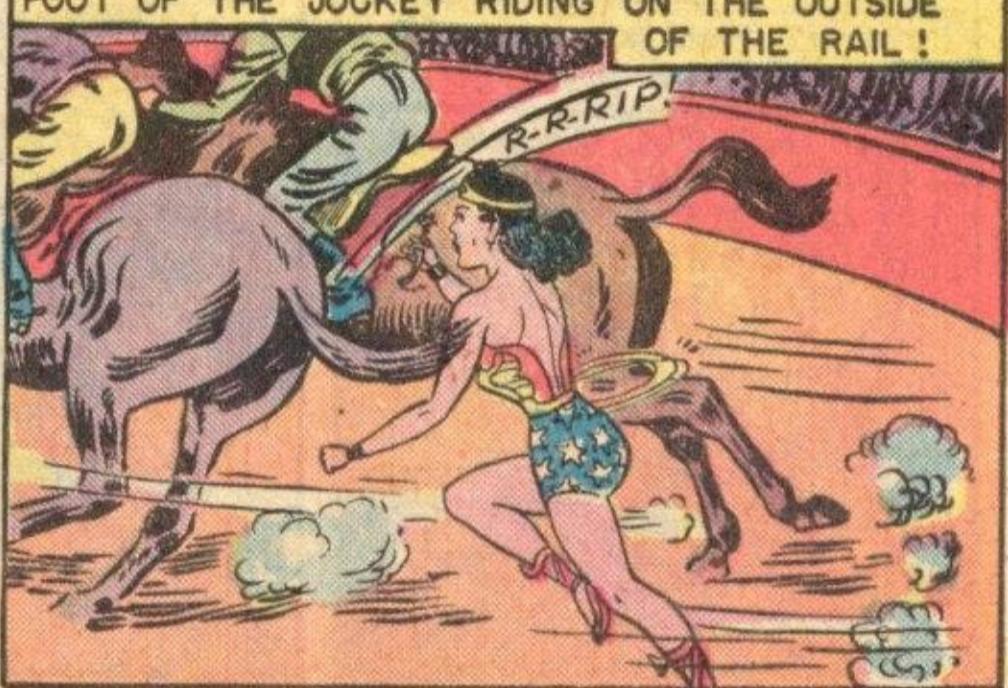


SWIFTLY, THE FLEET AMAZON OVERTAKES THE RACE HORSES---

IN ANOTHER MOMENT THEY'LL BE RUNNING SO CLOSE TOGETHER THE JOCKEY'S BOOTS WILL SCRAPE EACH OTHER'S HORSES!

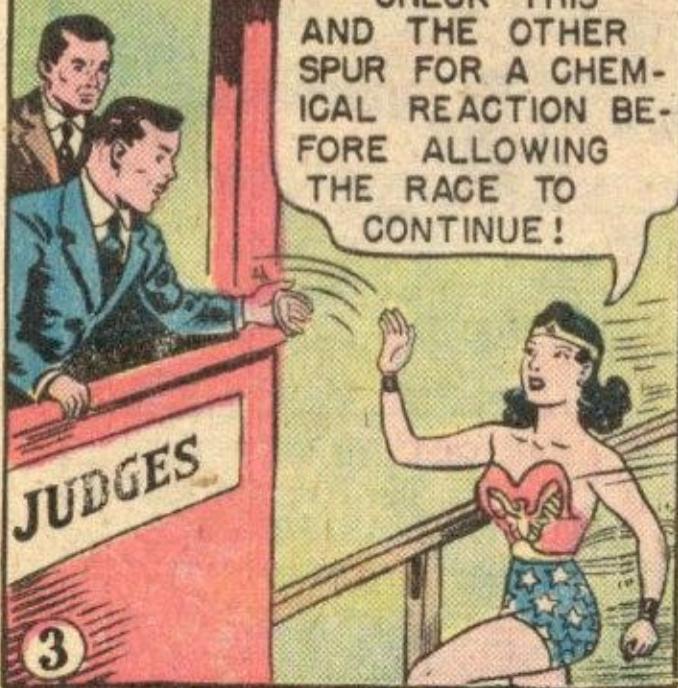


WITH A FINAL BURST OF SPEED, WONDER WOMAN RACES IN BETWEEN THE THUNDERING HOOFES, AND YANKS THE SPUR OFF THE LEFT FOOT OF THE JOCKEY RIDING ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE RAIL!



WHILE THE STARTLED JOCKEYS COME TO A HALT, THE TIRED AMAZON RUNS TOWARD THE JUDGE'S BOX---

CHECK THIS AND THE OTHER SPUR FOR A CHEMICAL REACTION BEFORE ALLOWING THE RACE TO CONTINUE!



AN UNSEEN CHANGE—AND WONDER WOMAN RETURNS TO STEVE'S SIDE JUST AS--

I WONDER WHAT MADE WONDER WOMAN DO THAT? I'M SURE WE'LL SOON FIND OUT!



SOON AFTER, A JUDGE RETURNS WITH THE SPUR WONDER WOMAN HAD SNATCHED FROM THE JOCKEY'S BOOT AND ANNOUNCES---

TESTS PROVE THUNDERBOLT'S JOCKEY'S SPURS TO BE COATED WITH A HARMFUL DRUG! HAD IT RUBBED OFF EITHER ON LIGHTNING OR HIS JOCKEY—IT WOULD HAVE CAUSED AN ACCIDENT! THE JOCKEY HAS BEEN PROVEN TO BE INNOCENT! THIS FOUL DEED WAS UNDOUBTEDLY COMMITTED BY CRIMINALS HOPING TO WIN FORTUNES BY FIXING THE RACE!





Wonder Woman

WONDER WOMAN PROBABLY SAVED THE LIVES OF BOTH LIGHTNING AND HIS JOCKEY BY DETECTING THE DRUG ON THE SPUR! WHAT MARVELOUS SIGHT SHE MUST HAVE TO HAVE SPOTTED IT!



AS THE FERRIS WHEEL LIFTS DI AND STEVE TOWARD THE TOP, THE AMAZON GLANCES SKYWARD!

LOOK AT THE WONDERFUL VIEW FROM UP HERE, DI!

MERCIFUL MINERVA! A PLANE'S IN TROUBLE! I CAN SEE A MOTOR SMOKING! I'VE GOT TO HELP IT—BUT WITHOUT STEVE SEEING ME!



WITH EYE-BLURRING SPEED, DI MAKES A TREMENDOUS LEAP UPWARD---



ON THE WING OF HER ROBOT PLANE, DI RAPIDLY CHANGES INTO WONDER WOMAN---



GREAT HERA! A SECOND MOTOR'S CAUGHT FIRE!

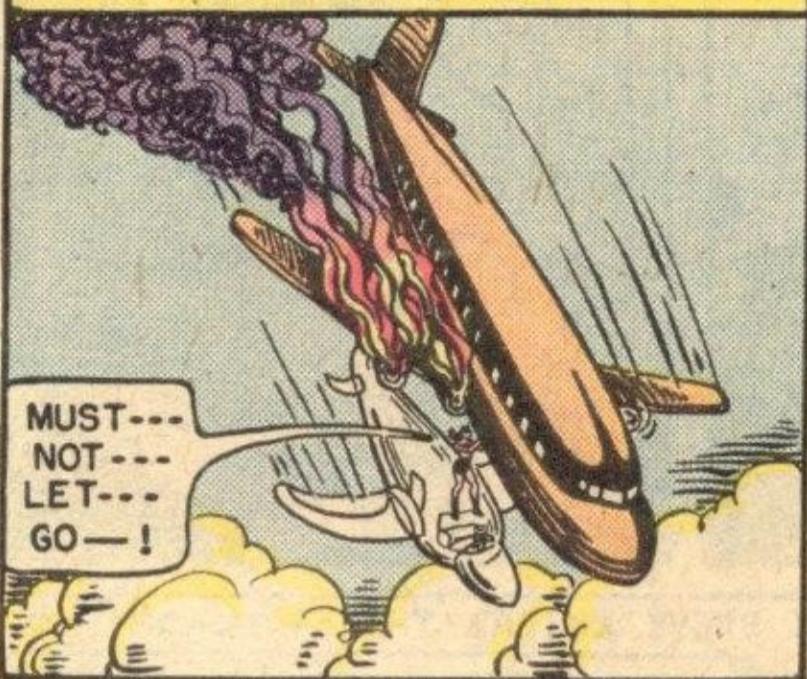


I'VE GOT TO GET THE PLANE TO THE GROUND AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!

Wonder Woman



IGNORING THE BLAZING GASOLINE WHICH SHOWERS HER ON HER FLIGHT DOWNWARD, THE INTREPID WONDER WOMAN DAUNTLESSLY RETAINS HOLD OF THE BURNING PLANE !



BACK WINGS THE TIRELESS AMAZON, ONCE AGAIN CHANGING TO HER IDENTITY OF DIANA PRINCE, AND DROPPING BESIDE STEVE AS ---

YOU DIDN'T ANSWER ME, DI ! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE VIEW ?

IT'S WONDERFUL !



FASTER THAN MORTAL EYE CAN PERCEIVE, DI HURLES OUT OF THE HANSOM UNPERCEIVED, CHANGING INTO WONDER WOMAN ---

I'VE GOT TO FOIL THIS HOLD-UP-AND RETURN-BEFORE STEVE DISCOVERS I'M GONE !



A MOMENT LATER, THE FEARLESS AMAZON DEPOSITS THE CRIPPLED PLANE ON THE GROUND, ALLOWING THE PASSENGERS TO ESCAPE SAFELY ---



AS DUSK FALLS, STEVE TAKES DI TO METROPOLIS PARK WHERE ---

AREN'T HANSOMS ROMANTIC-LOOKING, STEVE ? I'VE NEVER RIDDEN IN ONE, HAVE YOU ?



NO-BUT THERE'S NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT FOR STARTING ! LET'S GO !

THROUGH THE PARK ROLLS THE HANSOM---WHEN SUDDENLY---

QUITE A CHANGE FROM JET PLANES, ISN'T IT, DI ?



YES, STEVE-

SUFFERING SAPPHO ! A MAN'S BEING HELD UP ON A PATH OUTSIDE ! I'VE GOT TO HELP HIM-- BUT I CAN'T LET STEVE DIS-COVER MY DUAL IDEN-TITY !

IN A SPLIT SECOND, THE FLEET AMAZON'S GOLDEN LASSO DROPS AROUND THE FLABBERGASTED GUNMAN-

W-W-WONDER WOMAN ! I-S-S-SURRENDER !

I OWE YOU MY LIFE, WONDER WOMAN !





AS PARK POLICE TAKE THE PRISONER AWAY, IT IS WONDER WOMAN'S TURN TO BE STARTLED WHEN---

I WAS SO EXCITED WHEN I SAW YOU, ANGEL, I DIDN'T STOP TO SAY ANYTHING TO DI! I JUST DASHED RIGHT AFTER YOU—BEFORE YOU COULD DISAPPEAR! I WANT YOU TO JOIN US!

B-B-BUT STEVE—! IT—IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR! SHE—SHE IS YOUR DATE FOR THIS EVENING! AND—AND THREE'S A CROWD!



NONSENSE! DI WILL BE HAPPY TO SEE YOU!

STEVE DOESN'T KNOW DI AND I ARE ONE! IF HE DOESN'T FIND DI THERE—HE'LL GUESS MY DUAL IDENTITY! I'VE GOT TO PREVENT IT—SOMEHOW! HMM—I'VE AN IDEA!



SUDDENLY---

THE HORSE—it's running away—and DI'S INSIDE THE HANSOM!

I'LL GO AFTER IT!



AS SOON AS SHE IS OUT OF SIGHT, WONDER WOMAN LEAPS INTO THE HANSOM WITH LIGHTNING SPEED---

STOPPING! THE DRIVER'S GOT IT UNDER CONTROL! STEVE WILL BE HERE IN A MOMENT! I'VE GOT TO CHANGE BACK INTO DIANA BY THAT TIME!



AND AS STEVE ENTERS THE STATIONARY HANSOM---

I SEE—WONDER WOMAN'S—GONE ALREADY! GUESS SHE DIDN'T WANT TO INTERFERE WITH OUR DATE---WONDER WHAT MADE THE HORSE BOLT?



I DID! WITH AMAZON VENTRiloQUY! URGING THE HORSE TO RUN—WITHOUT STEVE'S HEARING ME! BUT I CAN'T EXPLAIN—WITHOUT REVEALING MY DUAL IDENTITY!

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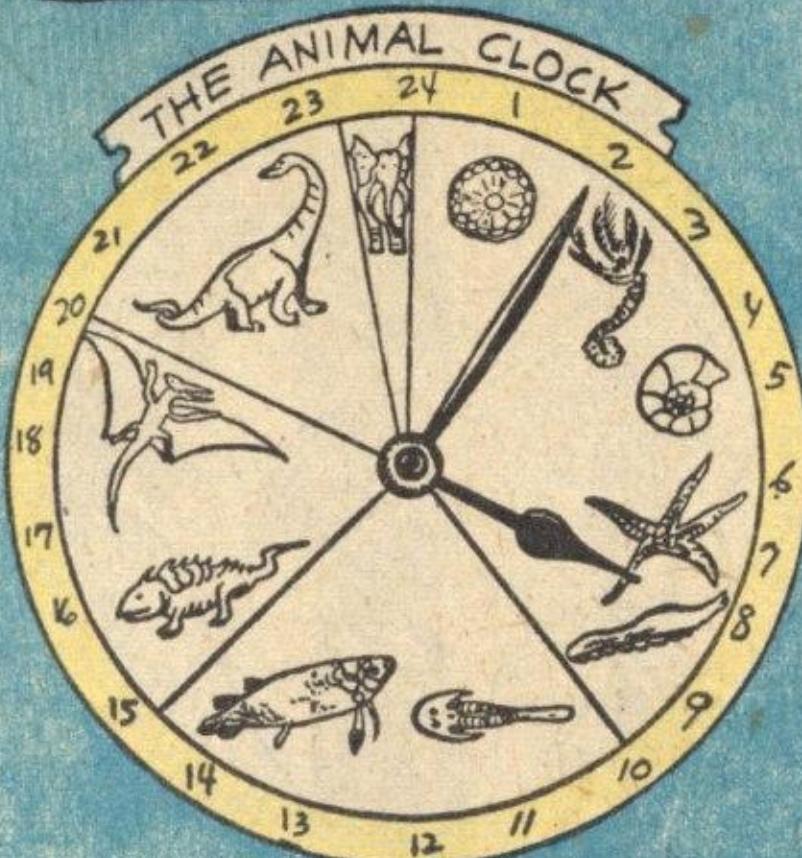
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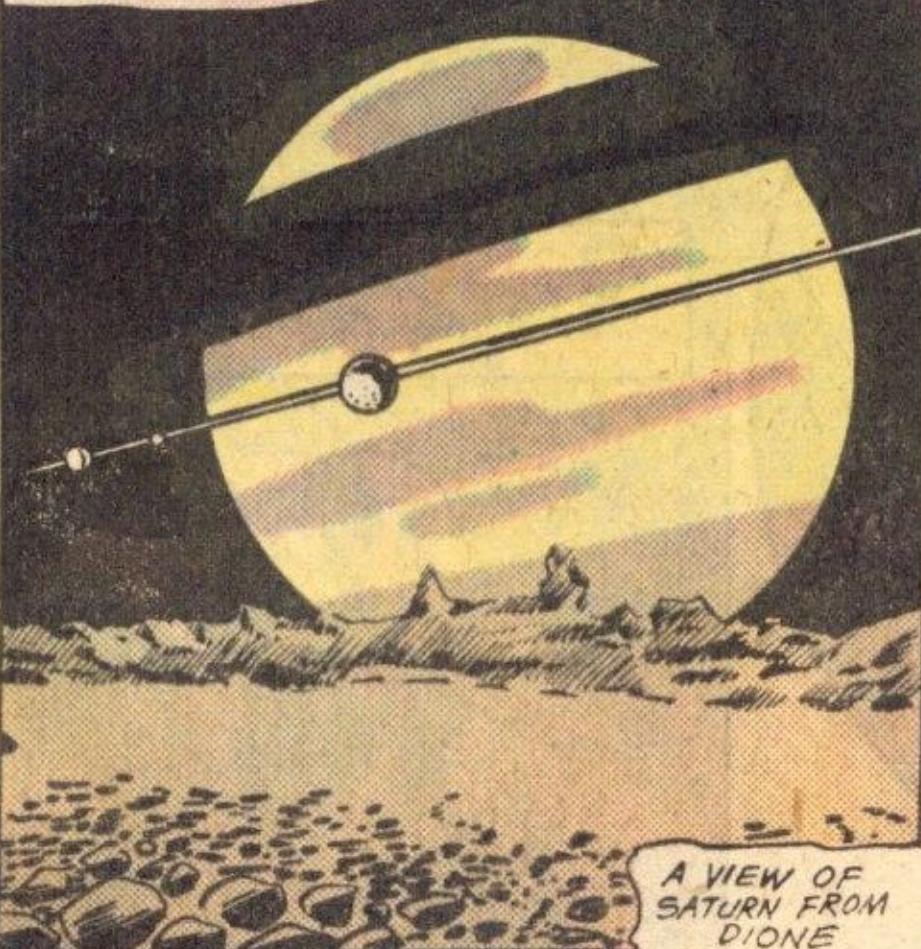
IF THE EARTH'S 3-BILLION-YEAR HISTORY OF LIFE WERE DIVIDED INTO A 24-HOUR DAY, THE LIFE-SPAN OF MAMMALS WOULD TAKE UP ONLY ONE HOUR, OF WHICH SIX SECONDS WOULD BE DEVOTED TO THE EXISTENCE OF THE HUMAN RACE...



THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM OF THE AVERAGE PERSON CONTAINS MORE THAN SEVEN QUARTS OF BLOOD AND 25 BILLION RED BLOOD CORPUSCLES. IF ALL THE CORPUSCLES WERE LINKED TO EACH OTHER THE RESULTANT CHAIN WOULD ENCIRCLE THE EARTH FOUR TIMES...

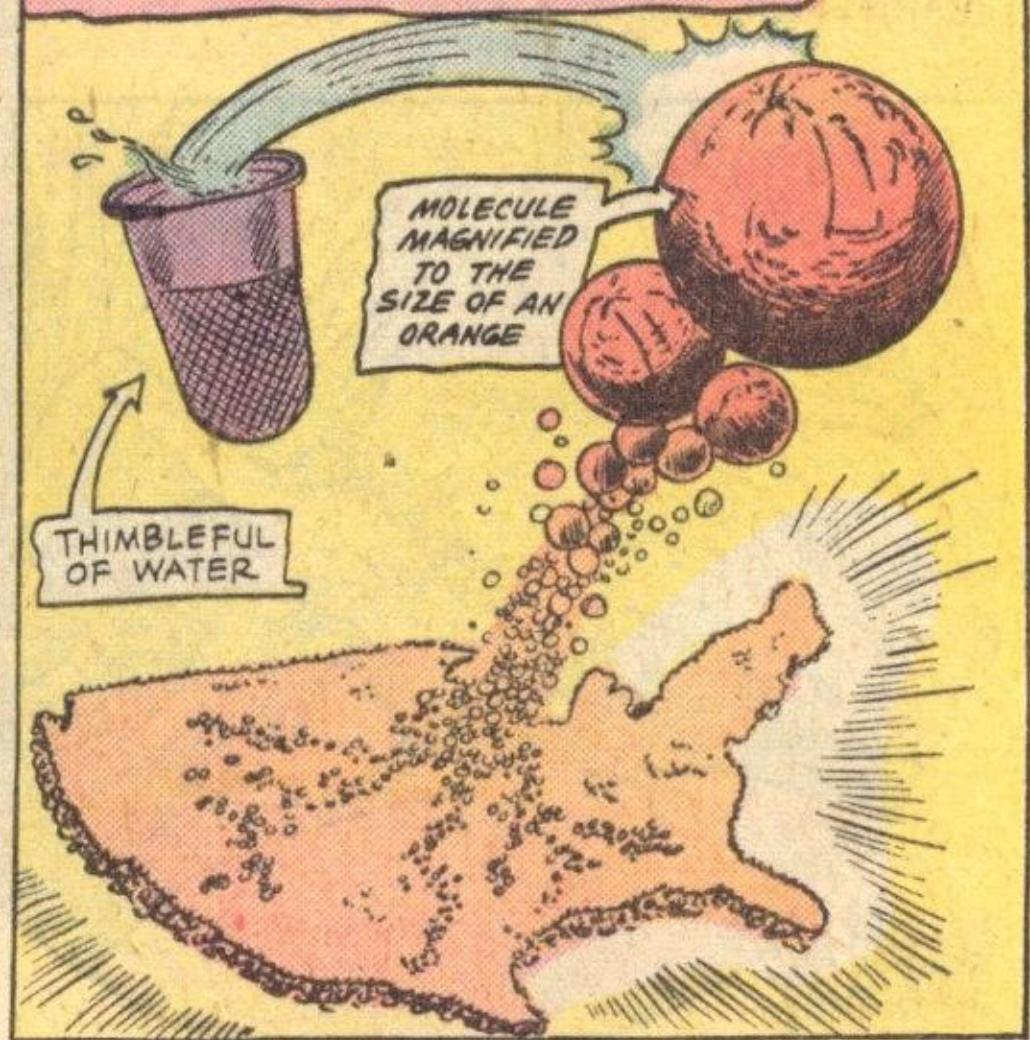


THE ONLY SATELLITE IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM ABOUT THE SAME DISTANCE FROM ITS MOTHER PLANET AS THE MOON IS FROM EARTH, IS DIONE, OF SATURN. THOUGH OUR MOON TAKES 27 DAYS, 7 HOURS TO REVOLVE AROUND THE EARTH, DIONE WHIRLS COMPLETELY AROUND SATURN IN 2 DAYS AND 17 HOURS...



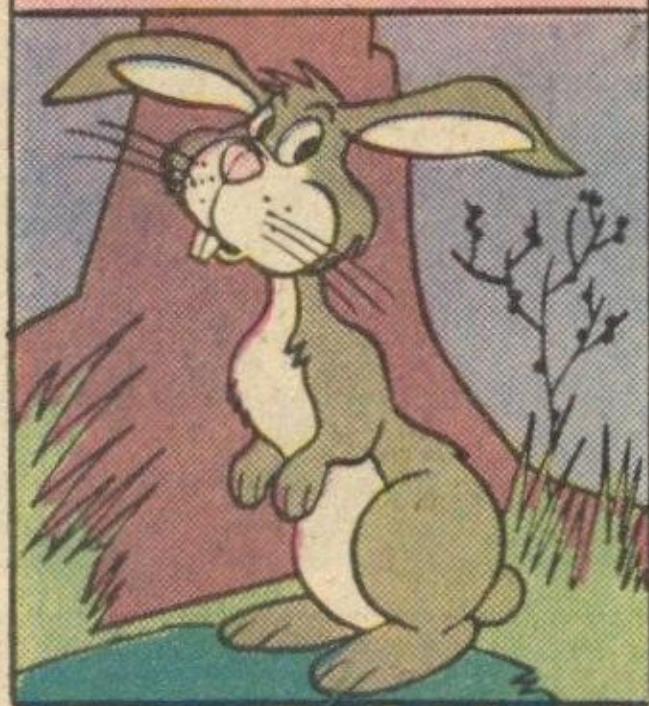
A VIEW OF SATURN FROM DIONE

THERE ARE SO MANY MOLECULES IN A THIMBLEFUL OF WATER THAT IF EACH MOLECULE WERE MAGNIFIED TO THE SIZE OF AN ORANGE, THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES WOULD BE COVERED WITH A LAYER OF ORANGES 1,000 FEET DEEP...

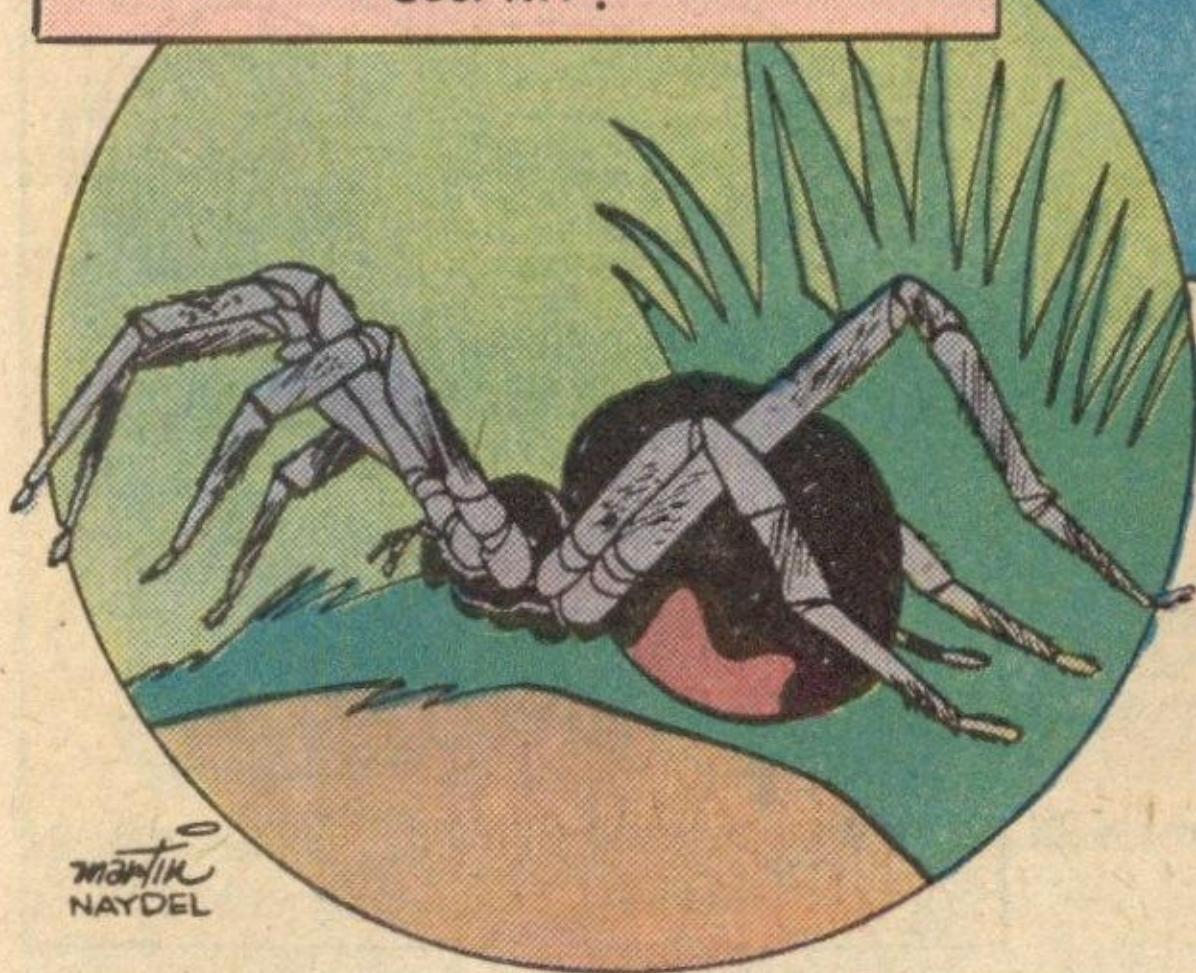


MA NATURE'S Curiosity Shop

7 RABBIT CAN RUN FASTER UPHILL, THAN DOWNHILL BECAUSE ITS HIND LEGS ARE LONGER THAN ITS FORELEGS!

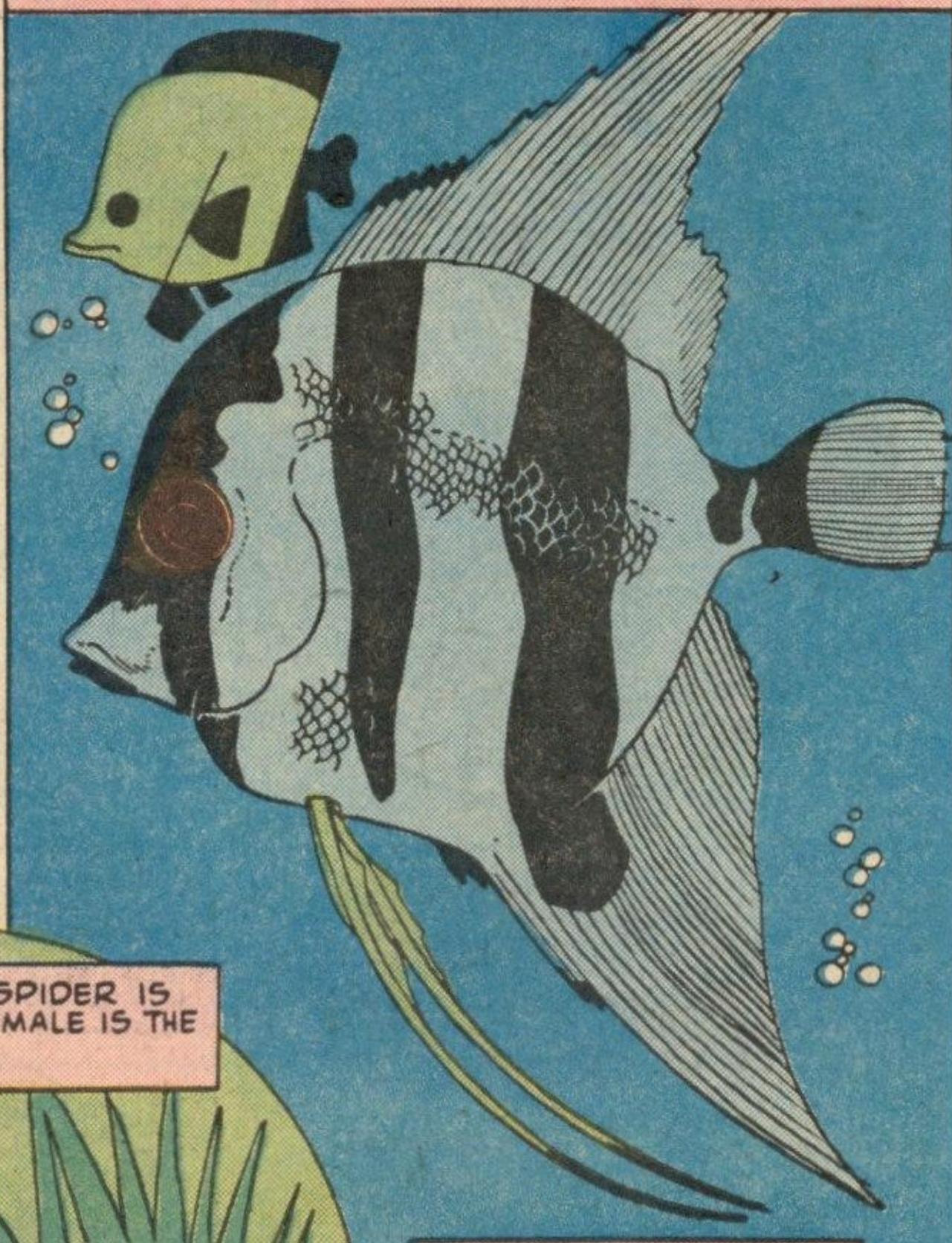


THE MALE BLACK WIDOW SPIDER IS HARMLESS TO MAN. THE FEMALE IS THE CULPRIT!



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THE WING-LIKE, SILVER FIN OF THE ANGEL FISH IS VERY FRAGILE AND LIABLE TO BE DAMAGED AT THE LEAST CONTACT WITH A ROCK OR THE SEA BOTTOM. THEREFORE, THE FISH IS EQUIPPED WITH LONG BONY APPENDAGES WHICH WARN IT WHEN THE DELICATE LOWER FIN IS IN DANGER OF TOUCHING SOME HARD SUBSTANCE!



7 BIRDS CANNOT FLY IN A HEAVY FOG!

