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# Wonder Woman

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CHALLENGES THE  
OLD WEST'S MOST  
STARTLING PERIL--

The PRAIRIE  
PIRATE!"



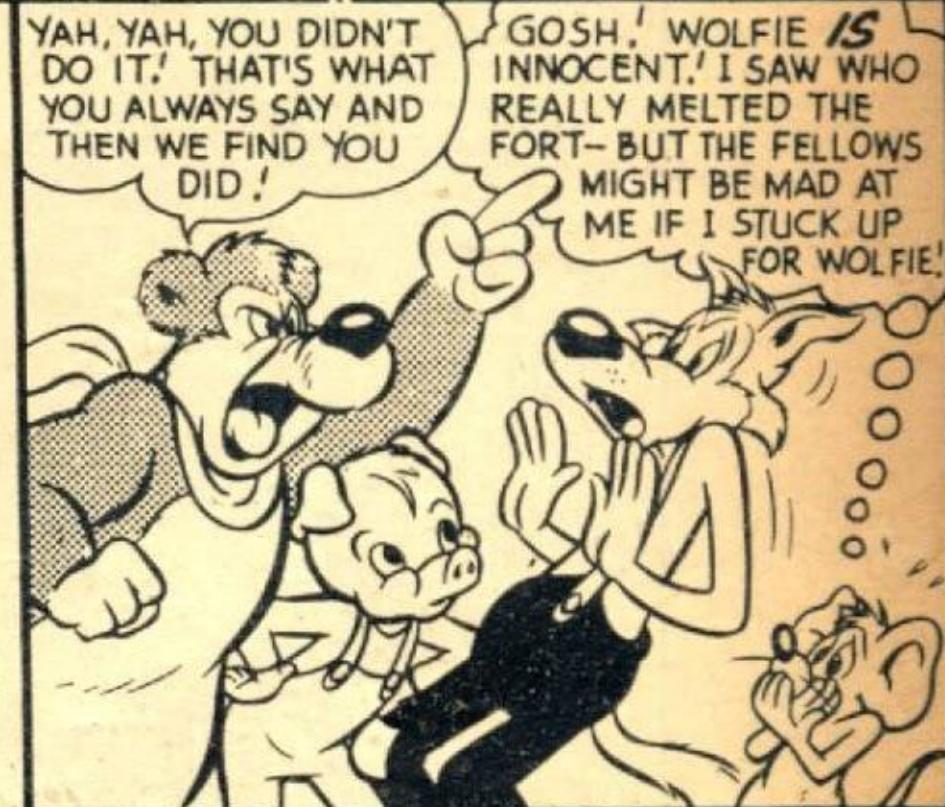
# PETER PORKCHOPS says: "DON'T BE AFRAID TO SPEAK UP!"

THERE IT IS--OUR SNOW FORT ALL MELTED WITH THAT SALT YOU THREW ON IT! START BUILDING, WOLFIE--THIS IS ONE PRANK YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY WITH!

BUT--BUT I DIDN'T DO IT, I TELL YOU!

YAH, YAH, YOU DIDN'T DO IT! THAT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS SAY AND THEN WE FIND YOU DID!

GOSH! WOLFIE **IS** INNOCENT! I SAW WHO REALLY MELTED THE FORT--BUT THE FELLOWS MIGHT BE MAD AT ME IF I STUCK UP FOR WOLFIE!



WAIT A SECOND, FELLOWS--MAYBE WOLFIE **DIDN'T** DO IT! WE HAVEN'T ANY REAL PROOF!

THAT'S A FINE ONE, PETER PORKCHOPS--**YOU** DEFENDING WOLFIE! AFTER ALL HE'S DONE TO US, IT WOULD SERVE HIM RIGHT EVEN IF HE DIDN'T DO IT!

I STILL DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT...

GOLLY! IF PETER HAS THE NERVE TO BUTT IN WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING THE TRUTH--I OUGHTTA SPEAK UP, EVEN THOUGH I'M SORTA AFRAID OF GETTING IN BAD WITH THE FELLOWS!

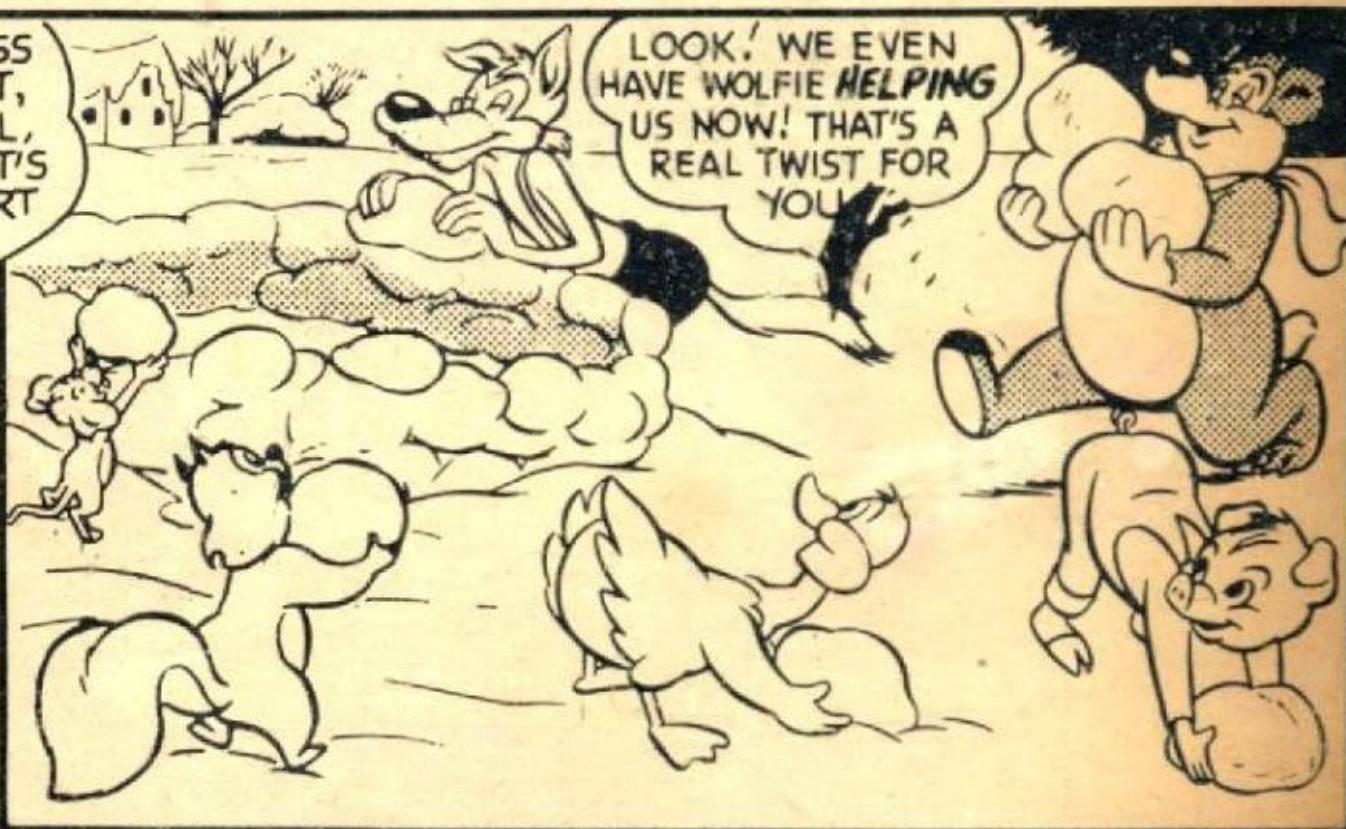
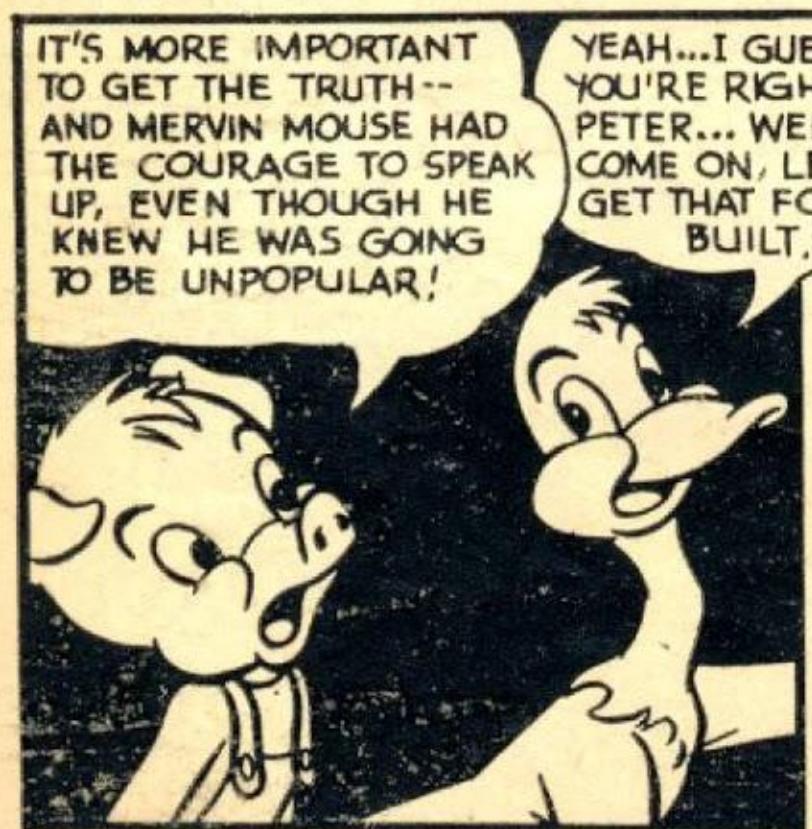
I--I GOTTA TELL YOU SOMETHING--I--I SAW THE SNOW TRUCK PASSING HERE LAST NIGHT AND WHILE THEY WERE SCATTERING SALT AROUND, SOME OF IT ACCIDENTALLY LANDED ON OUR FORT...

AW, WHY DID YOU HAVE TO SPOIL THINGS--NOW WE CAN'T GET EVEN WITH WOLFIE!

IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO GET THE TRUTH--AND MERVIN MOUSE HAD THE COURAGE TO SPEAK UP, EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW HE WAS GOING TO BE UNPOPULAR!

YEAH...I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, PETER... WELL, COME ON, LET'S GET THAT FORT BUILT!

LOOK! WE EVEN HAVE WOLFIE **HELPING** US NOW! THAT'S A REAL TWIST FOR YOU!

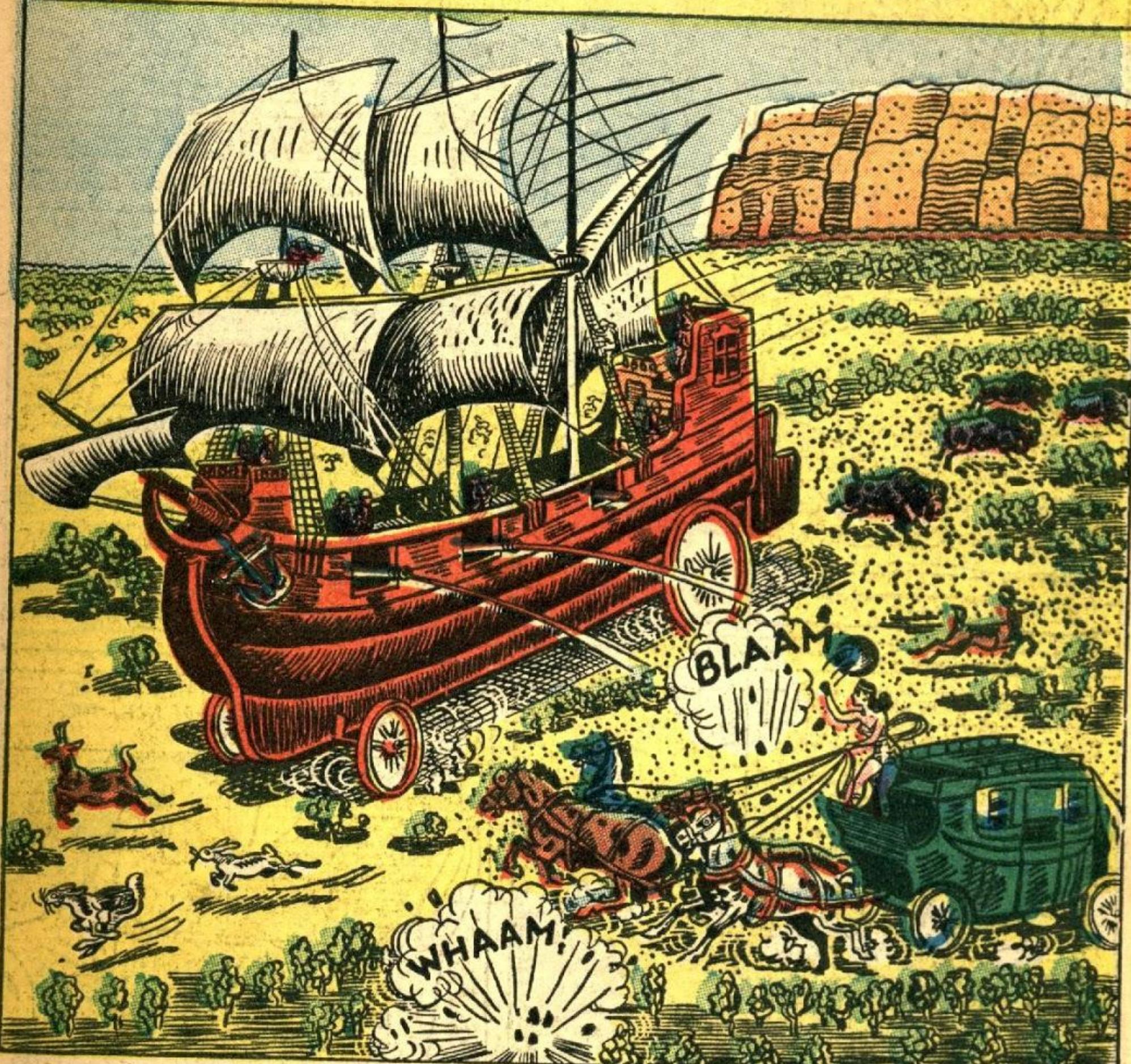


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By CHARLES MOULTON

IN HER UNCEASING FIGHT AGAINST CRIME AND INJUSTICE ON THIS AND OTHER PLANETS, WONDER WOMAN—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES—HAS BATTLED COUNTLESS CRIMINALS! BUT NEVER BEFORE HAS SHE ENCOUNTERED A GANG AS STARTLING AS THE ONE SHE MET IN THE INCREDIBLE ADVENTURE OF -----

## "The PRAIRIE PIRATES!"



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ON A FAST SPEEDBOAT, RUTHLESS GUNMEN  
SHOOT THEIR WAY ALONG AN INLAND RIVER—  
WE'RE MAKIN' A CLEAN GETAWAY  
WITH TH' RIVERVIEW BANK  
DOUGH!

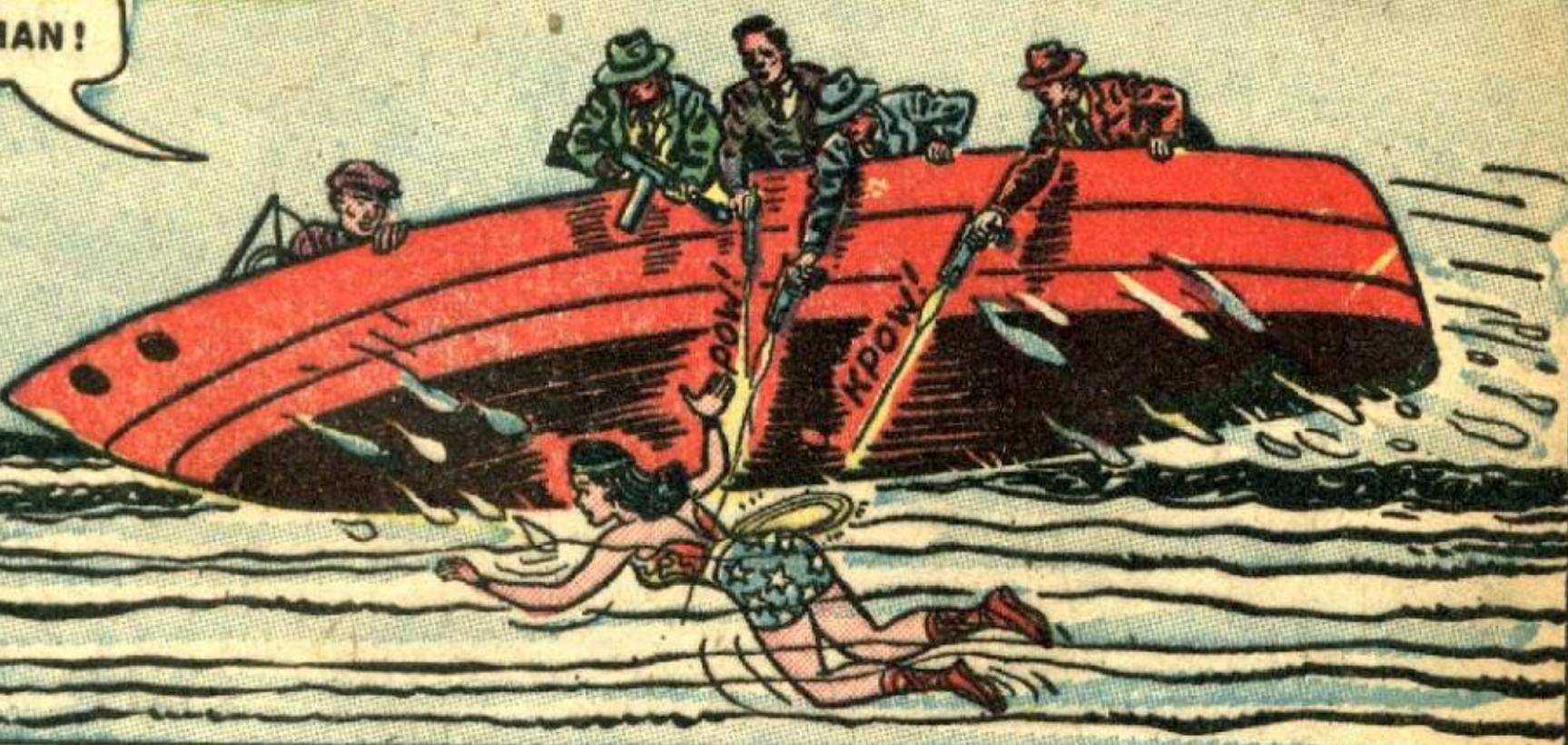


BUT HURTLING THROUGH THE WATER UNDER  
THEM IS THE MIGHTIEST AMAZON OF THEM  
ALL—WONDER WOMAN!



LIFTING THE BOAT AND ITS INFAMOUS PASSENGERS INTO THE AIR—THE POWERFUL AMAZON  
RACES TOWARD SHORE---

IT'S WONDER WOMAN!



A MOMENT LATER---

YEOW! I'M GETTIN' SEASICK!  
GET ME OUT'VE HERE!

YOU'LL SOON BE  
IN A NICE SAFE  
PLACE WHERE  
YOU'LL HAVE  
PLENTY OF TIME  
TO REGOVER IN  
JAIL!



THAT EVENING, BACK IN HER SECRET  
IDENTITY OF LT. DIANA PRINCE, THE  
AMAZON READS---

GREAT HERA!  
THIS IS ODD!

WONDER WOMAN'S  
ALERTNESS LANDS  
THE LOOTER GANG  
IN JAIL!



ON A BACK PAGE OF THE  
NEWSPAPER, DIANA READS A  
STRANGE REPORT---

"MYSTERIOUS THEFT OF  
HELIUM!" I'VE HEARD OF  
JEWELS, PRECIOUS ART OB-  
JECTS, MONEY BEING STOLEN—  
BUT WHY SHOULD ANYONE  
STEAL A LIGHT, COLORLESS,  
ODORLESS  
GAS?



AT THAT MOMENT---

I'M BEING SUMMONED  
ON MY SECRET AMA-  
ZON RADIO!



WHY—IT'S SHERIFF WAYNE OF  
BLUFF CITY!

GALLIN' WONDER WOM-  
AN! NEED YORE HELP  
BAD! TH' WHOLE TOWN'S  
BECOMIN'  
LOGO! CAN'T  
EXPLAIN!  
HURRY!



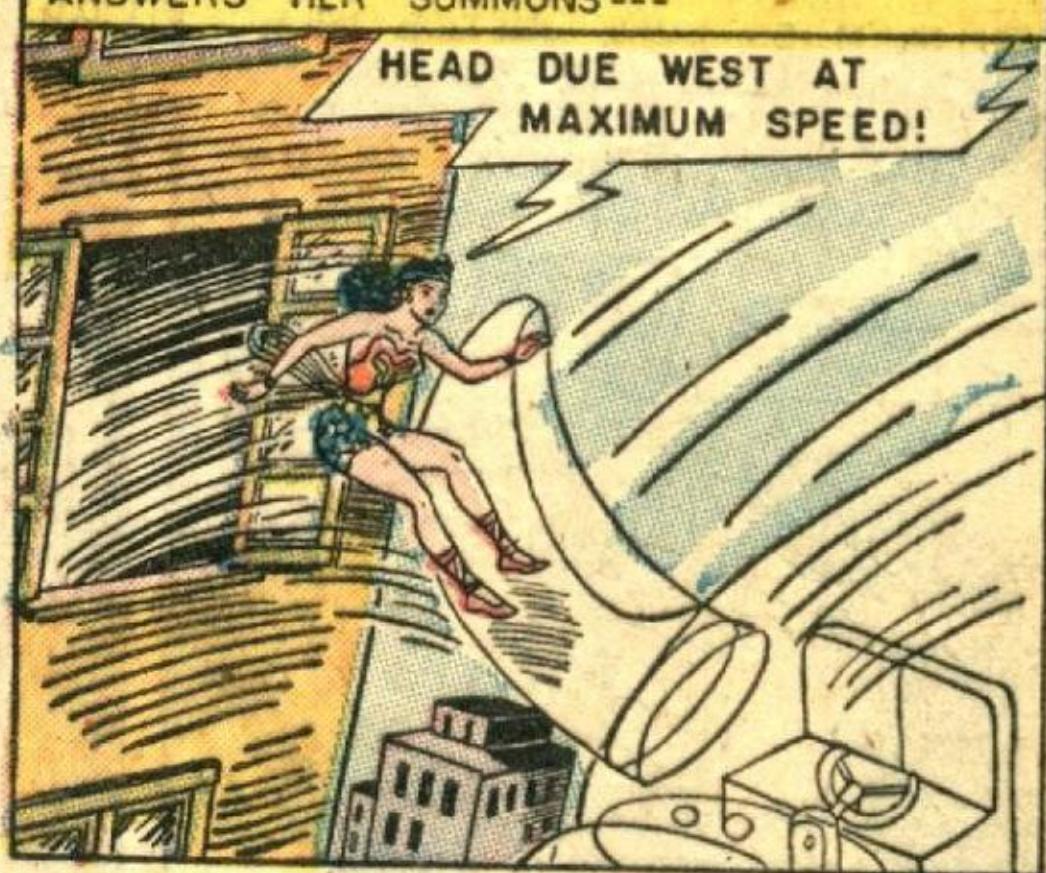
A LIGHTNING CHANGE INTO HER SECRET IDENTI-  
TY OF WONDER WOMAN---

CALLING PLANE!



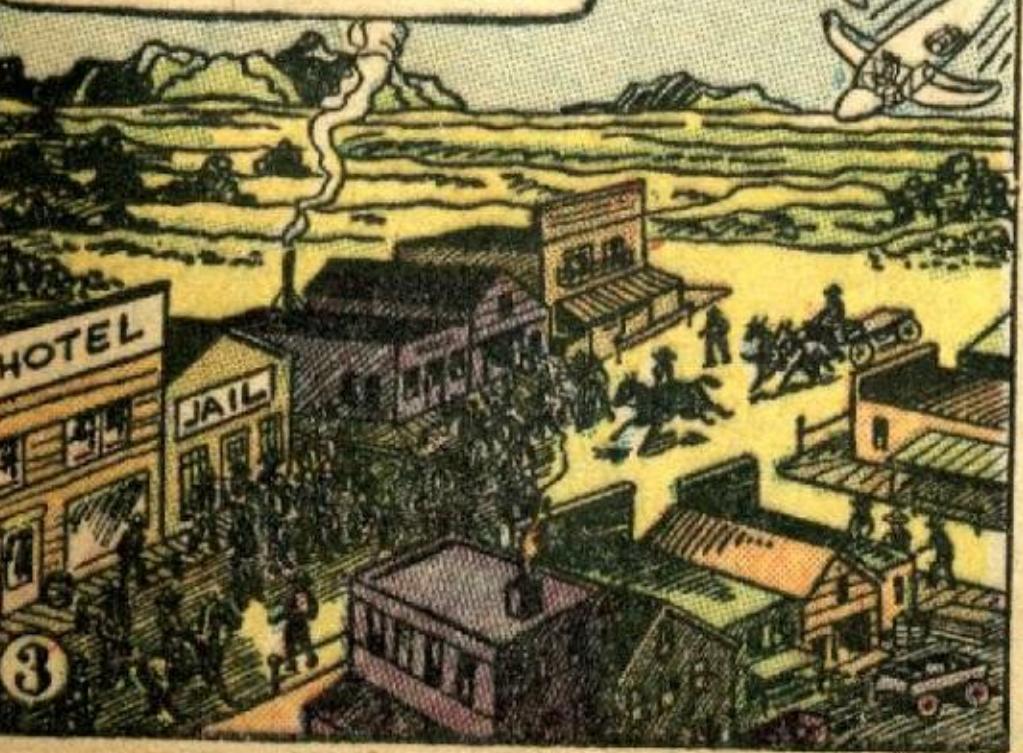
AND AS HER UNIQUE ROBOT PLANE  
ANSWERS HER SUMMONS---

HEAD DUE WEST AT  
MAXIMUM SPEED!



HURTLED WESTWARD WITH INCREDIBLE  
RAPIDITY---

THERE'S BLUFF CITY BELOW! I WONDER  
WHY THAT BIG CROWD IS GATHERED IN  
FRONT OF THE JAIL?



LEAPING GRACEFULLY TO THE SHERIFF'S SIDE---

WONDER WOMAN! I'M  
MIGHTY GLAD TO SEE  
YOU!



HARRY SMITH STOLE ALL OUR HARD-EARNED MONEY—THEN HE COMES BACK WITH A STORY TO FOOL US!

WE'LL MAKE HIM TELL US WHERE HE HID IT!

LET'S DO IT NOW!



WAIT! MOB VIOLENCE IS NOT THE AMERICAN WAY! LET THE LAW TAKE OVER THE CASE! JUSTICE WILL BE DONE!

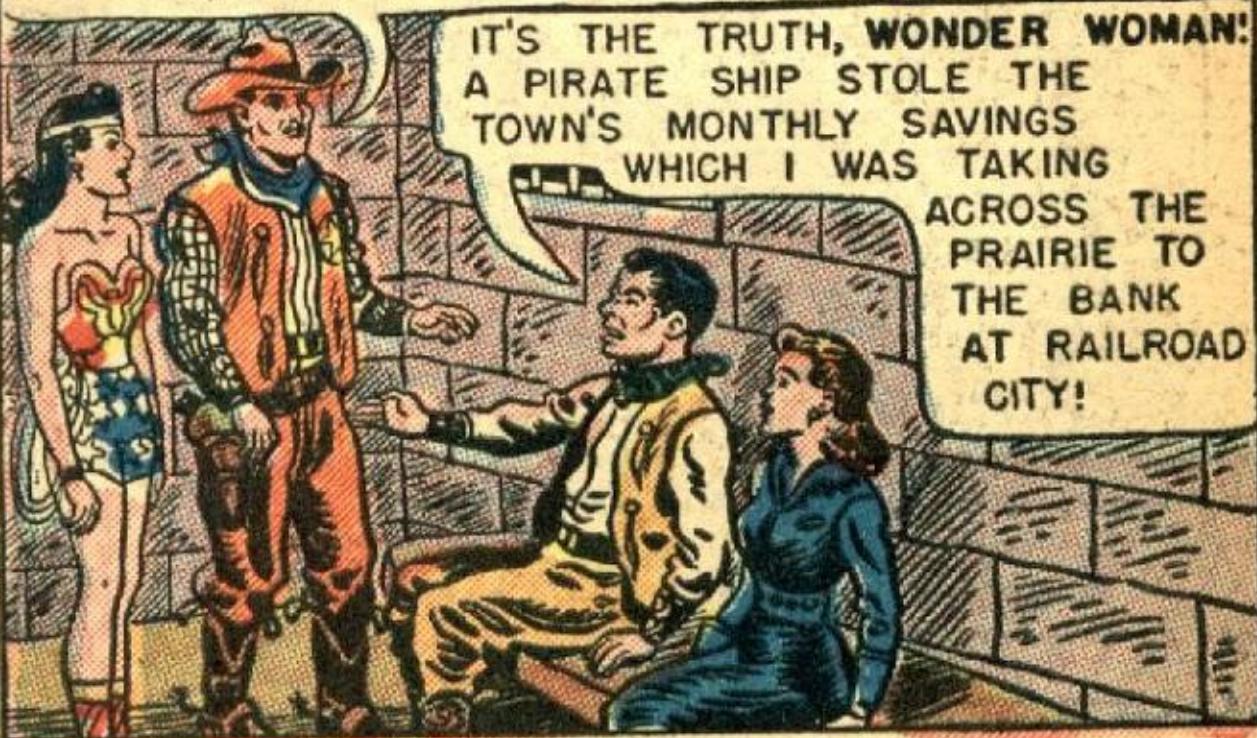


ALL RIGHT, WONDER WOMAN! SINCE YOU SEEM SO SURE JUSTICE WILL BE DONE—WE'LL GIVE YOU ONE HOUR TO SOLVE THIS CASE! AT THE END OF THAT TIME, IF YOU'VE FAILED—WE'LL TAKE MATTERS INTO OUR OWN HANDS!

THE AMAZON ACCOMPANIES THE SHERIFF INSIDE THE JAIL WHERE ---

I PUT HARRY IN HERE TO KEEP HIM SAFE FROM THE MOB! THIS IS HIS GIRL FRIEND, ANN TAYLOR!

IT'S THE TRUTH, WONDER WOMAN! A PIRATE SHIP STOLE THE TOWN'S MONTHLY SAVINGS WHICH I WAS TAKING ACROSS THE PRAIRIE TO THE BANK AT RAILROAD CITY!



WHAT? A PIRATE SHIP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PRAIRIE?

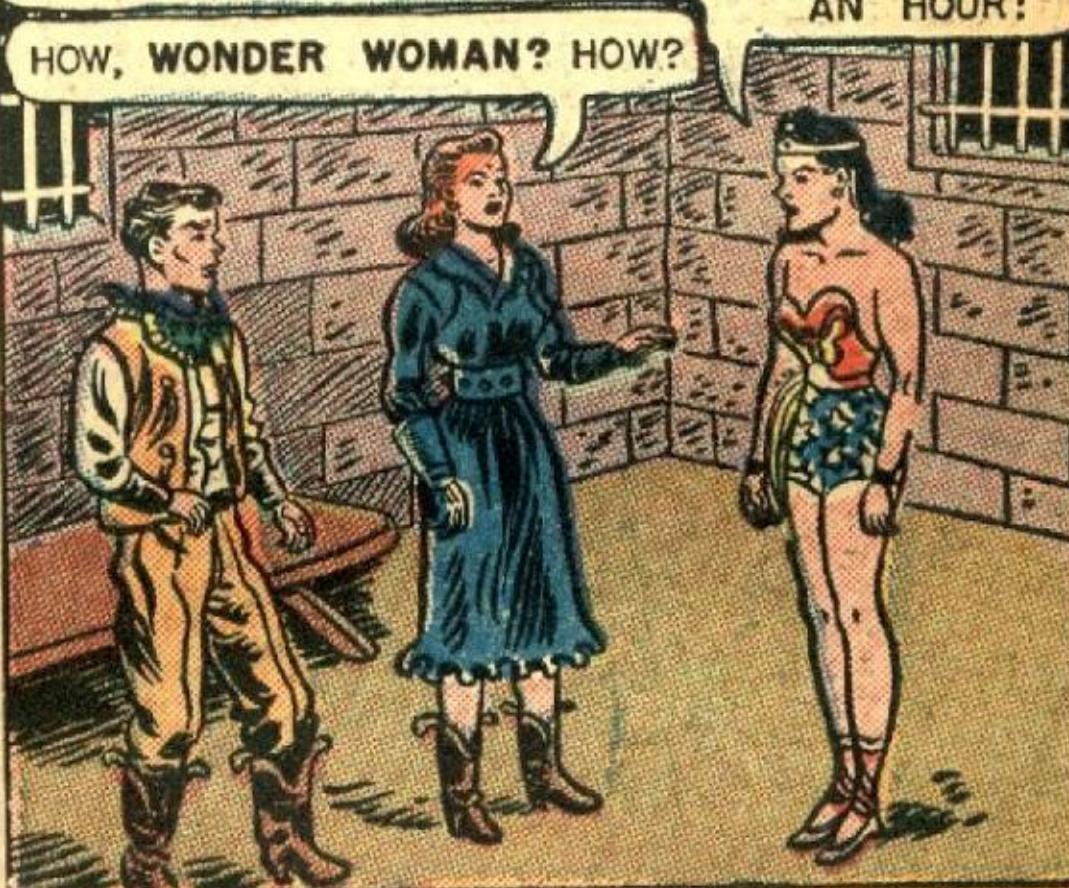
IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE HIM EITHER, WHAT CHANCE HAS HE, WONDER WOMAN?

I'M SORRY I ESCAPED FROM THE PIRATES! IT WOULD'VE BEEN EASIER IF I'D'VE LET THEM TAKE ME PRISONER!



I DO BELIEVE YOU, HARRY! WHAT I'VE GOT TO DO NOW—is PROVE YOUR INNOCENCE—in AN HOUR!

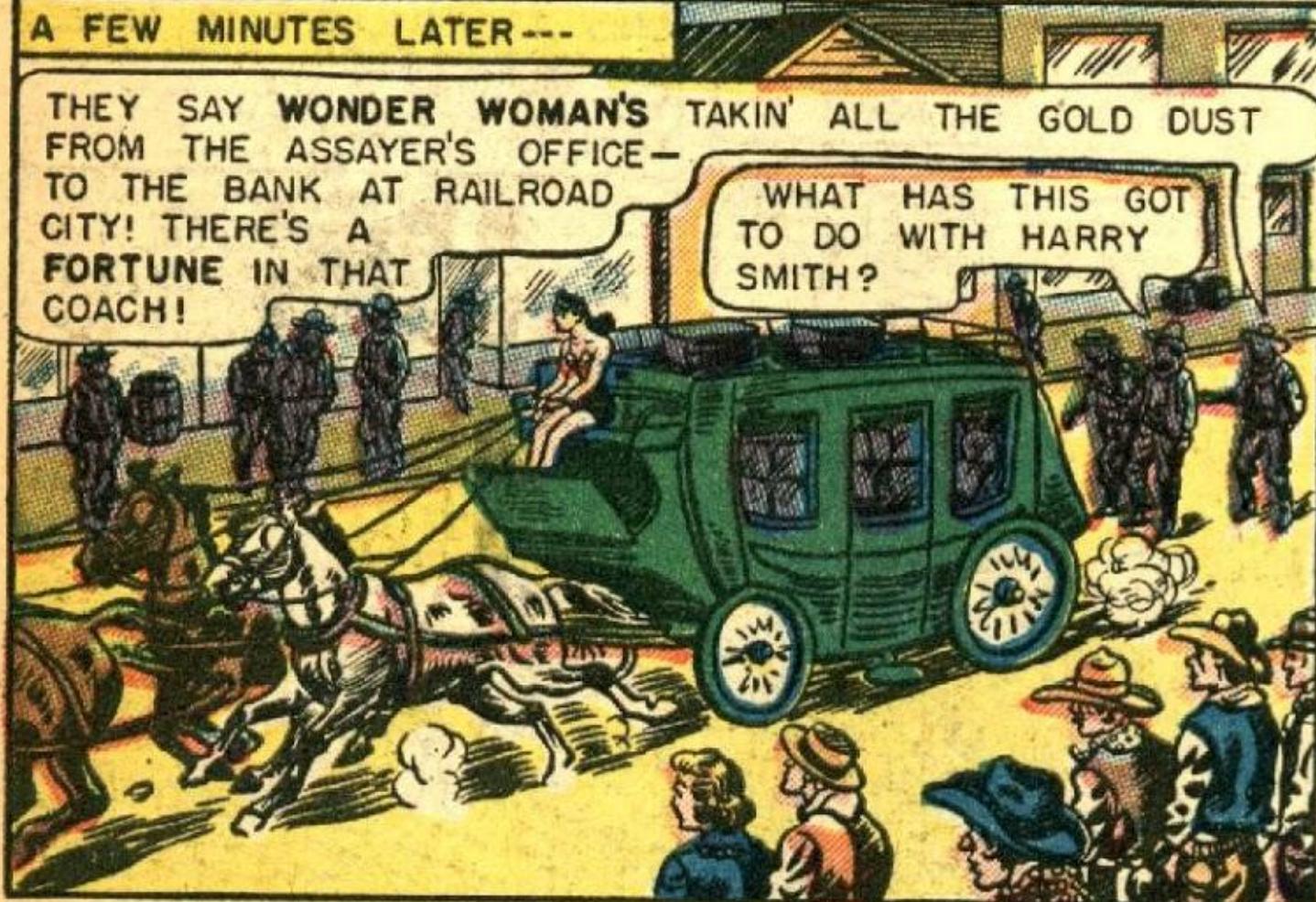
HOW, WONDER WOMAN? HOW?



A FEW MINUTES LATER---

THEY SAY WONDER WOMAN'S TAKIN' ALL THE GOLD DUST  
FROM THE ASSAYER'S OFFICE—  
TO THE BANK AT RAILROAD  
CITY! THERE'S A  
FORTUNE IN THAT  
COACH!

WHAT HAS THIS GOT  
TO DO WITH HARRY  
SMITH?



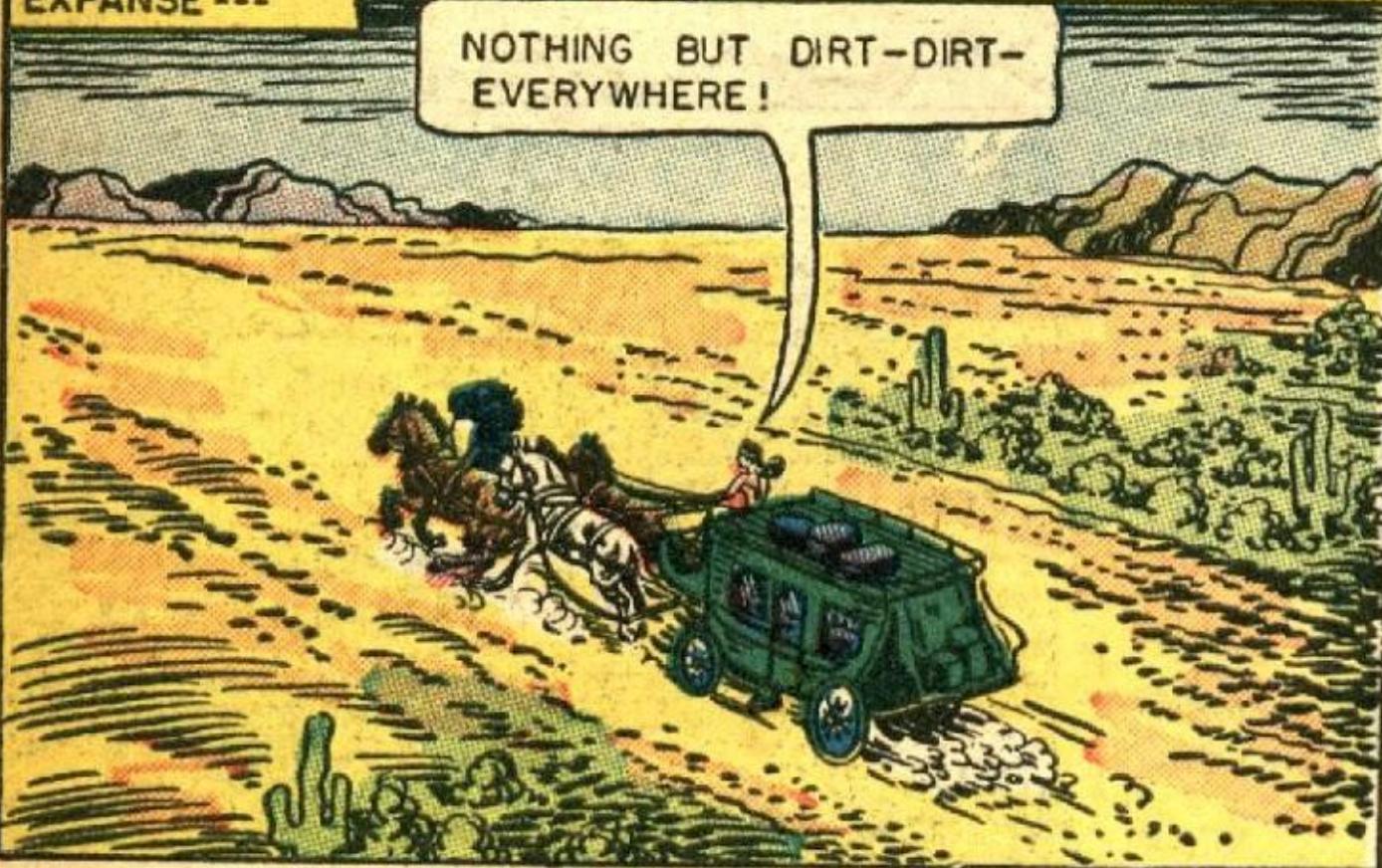
AS THE LONE AMAZON RACES  
OUT OF TOWN---

IF I'M RIGHT I'LL BE ABLE  
TO PROVE HARRY'S INNO-  
GENCE OUT ON THE PRAIRIE!

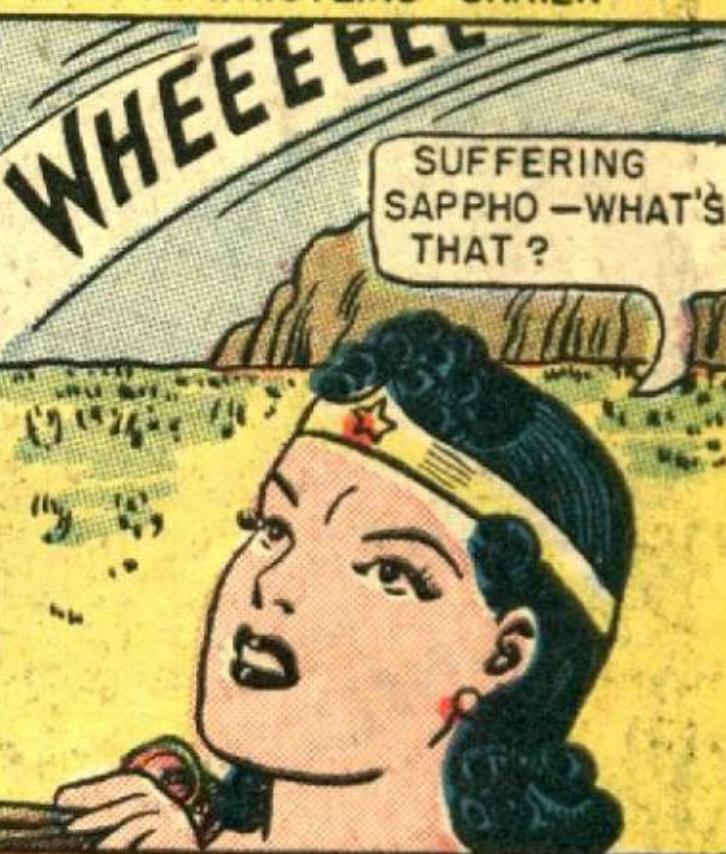


BUT AS SHE TRAVELS OVER MILE AFTER MILE OF BARREN  
EXPANSE---

NOTHING BUT DIRT-DIRT-  
EVERYWHERE!



SUDDENLY, THE AIR IS FILLED  
WITH A WHISTLING SHRIEK ---



THE NEXT MOMENT, THE PRAIRIE SHAKES  
UNDER THE STARTLED WONDER WOMAN AS---

CANNON SHELLS! I'M BEING FIRED AT!  
BUT BY WHAT? THERE'S NOTHING IN  
SIGHT FOR MILES ON THE DESERT!



AGAIN THE AIR IS RIPPED BY THE APPROACH  
OF A DEADLY PROJECTILE---

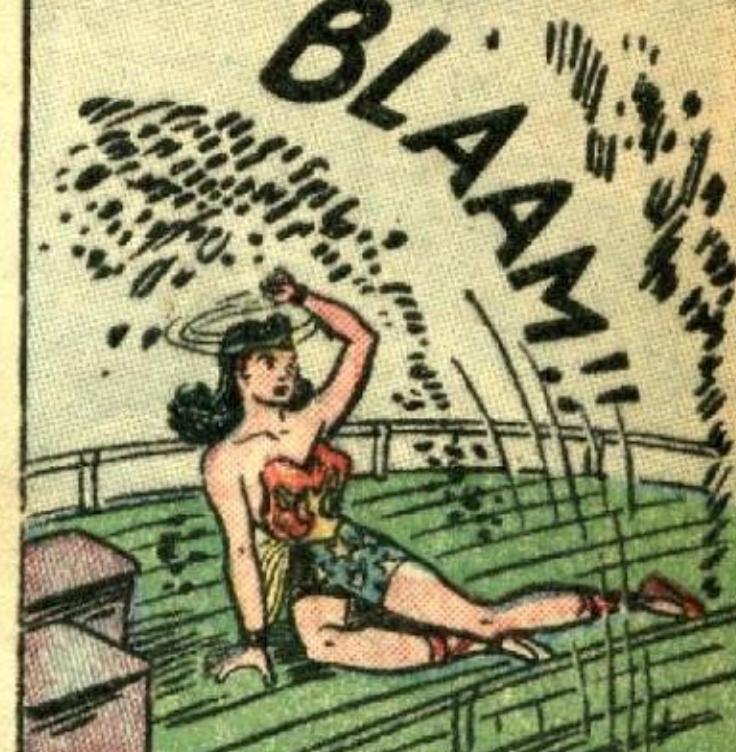
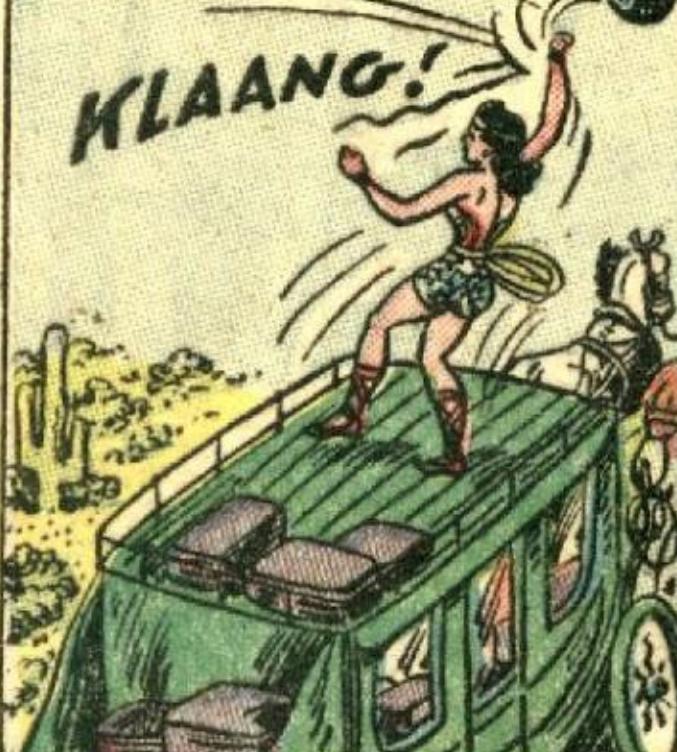
THIS ONE'S GOING TO BE A  
DIRECT HIT UNLESS--!



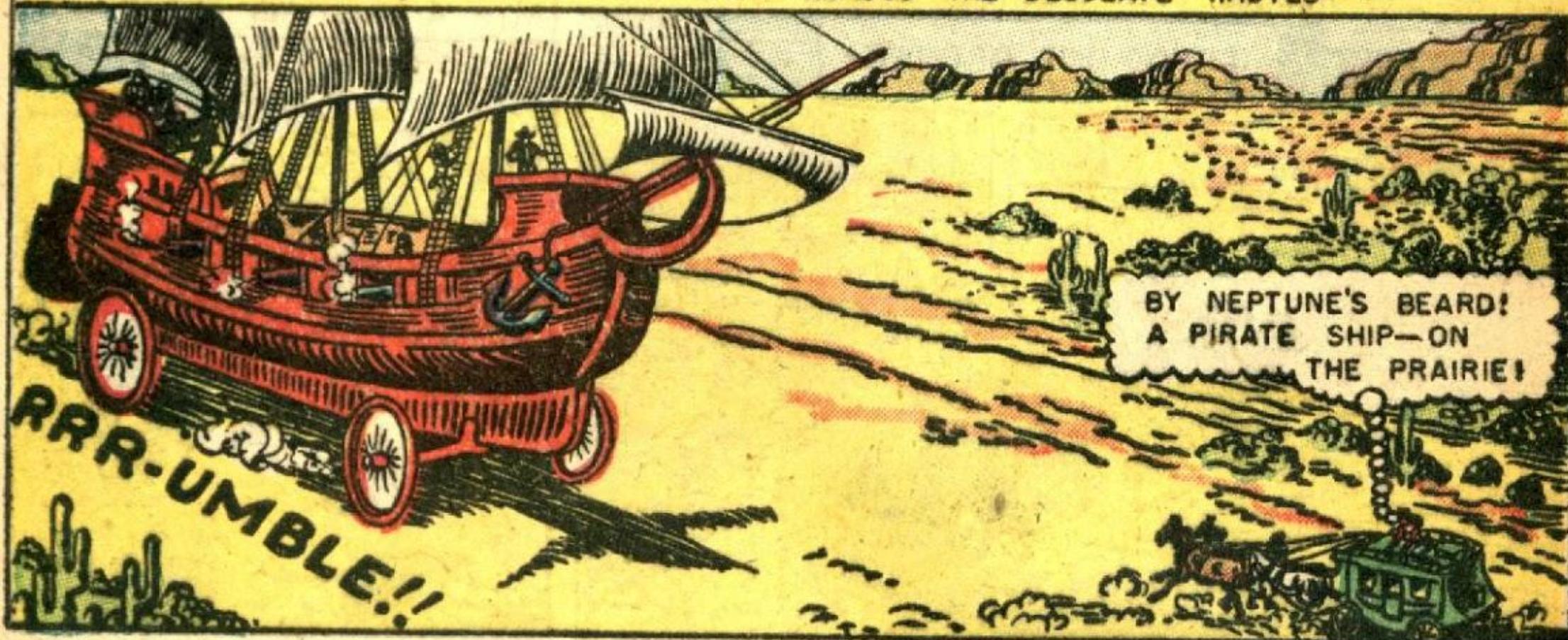
THE POWERFUL AMAZON  
MAKES THE HURTLING SHELL  
CAROM OFF HER UNIQUE  
BRACELETS MADE OF AMAZON-  
IUM, HARDEST METAL KNOWN---

AGAIN AND AGAIN SHE  
WARD OFFS THE DEADLY  
MISSILES RAINING DOWN AT  
HER ---

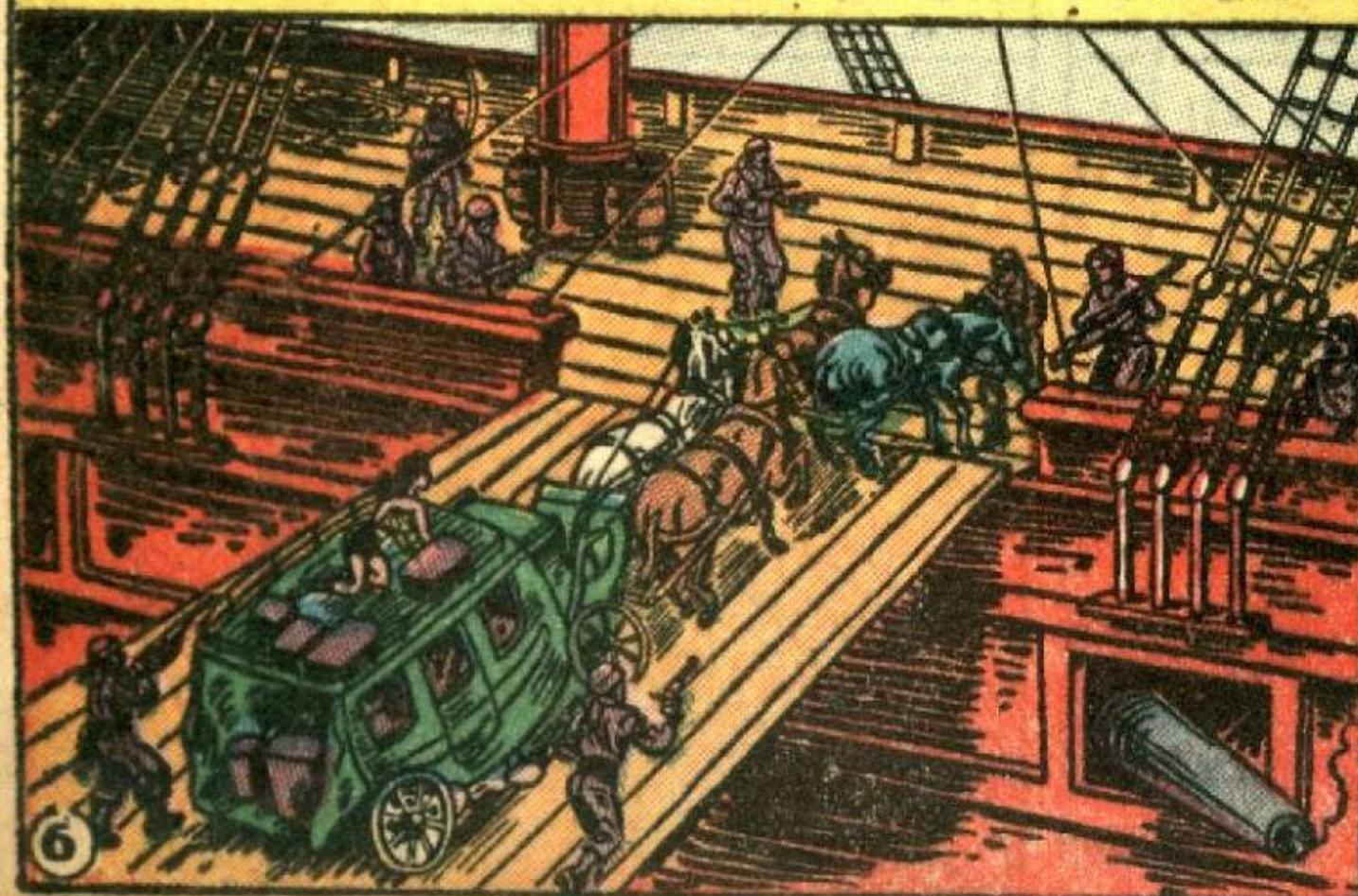
ONLY TO FINALLY FALL DAZED  
BY AN EXPLOSION WHICH  
WOULD HAVE KILLED ANY  
ORDINARY MORTAL ---



A FEW MINUTES LATER, RUMBLING INTO SIGHT ACROSS THE DESOLATE WASTES---



THE PRAIRIE PIRATES DRIVE THE COACH ONTO THEIR SHIP---



THEN TAKE THEIR CAPTIVE  
ABOARD ---

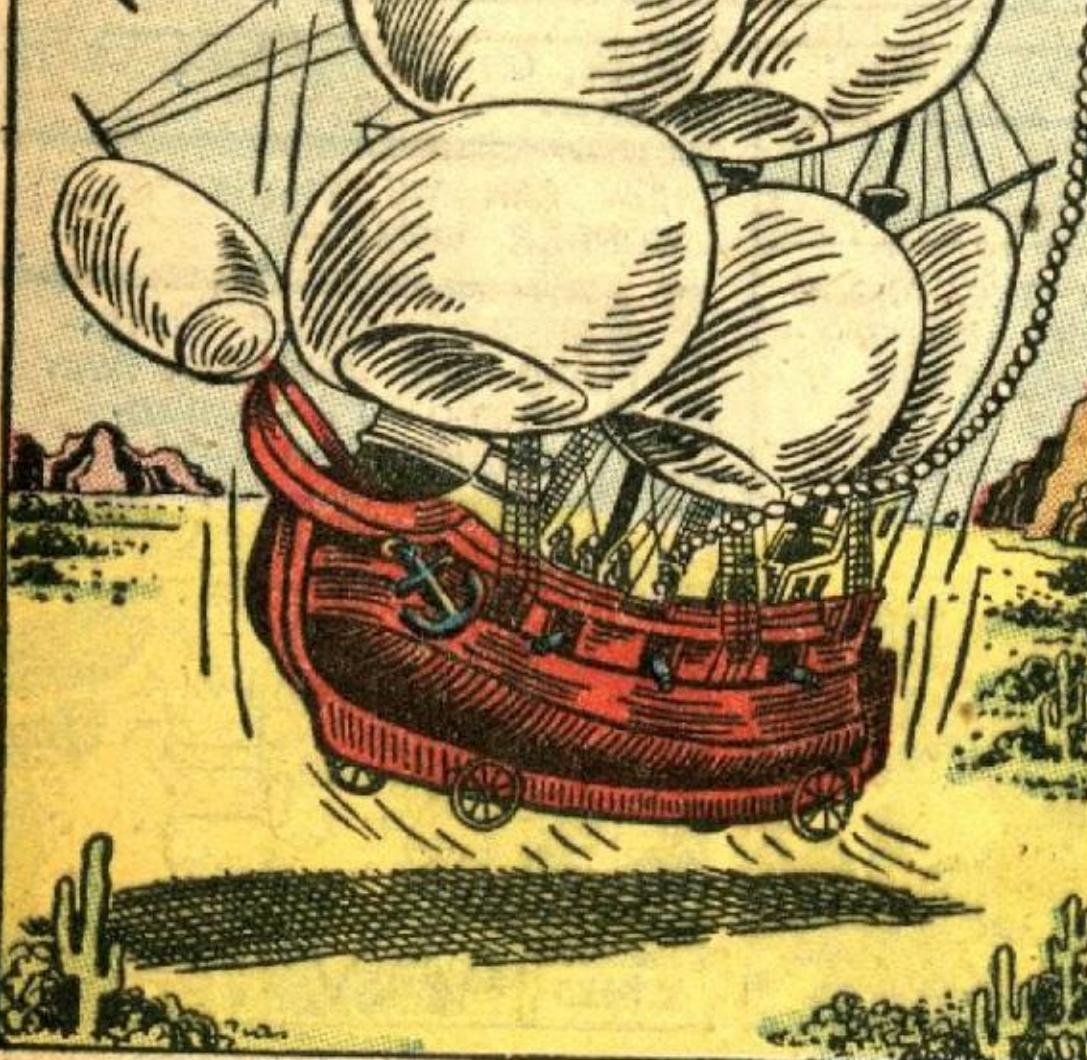
THIS PROVES HARRY'S INNOCENCE! BUT WHERE DID THIS  
SHIP COME FROM? IT ISN'T  
POSSIBLE TO HIDE AN OB-  
JECT OF THIS SIZE ON A  
FLAT  
PRAIRIE!



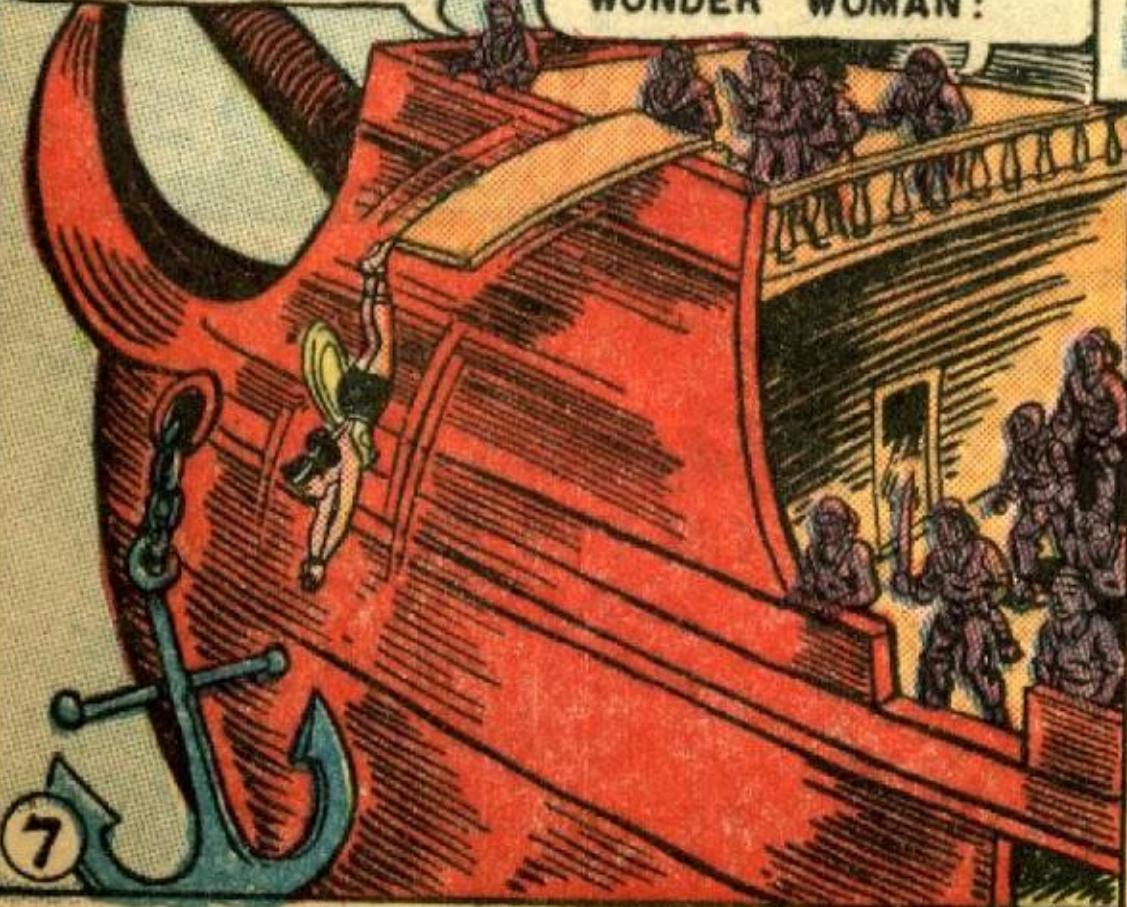
SUDDENLY, THE SAILS OF THE PIRATE SHIP BALLOON AS NO SAILS HAVE EVER BEFORE AND ---

BY THE WINDS OF AEOLUS! THIS IS WHERE THE STOLEN HELIUM DISAPPEARED TO! INTO THESE SPECIAL SAILS— TO CARRY THE SHIP INTO THE AIR!

WHOOOSH!

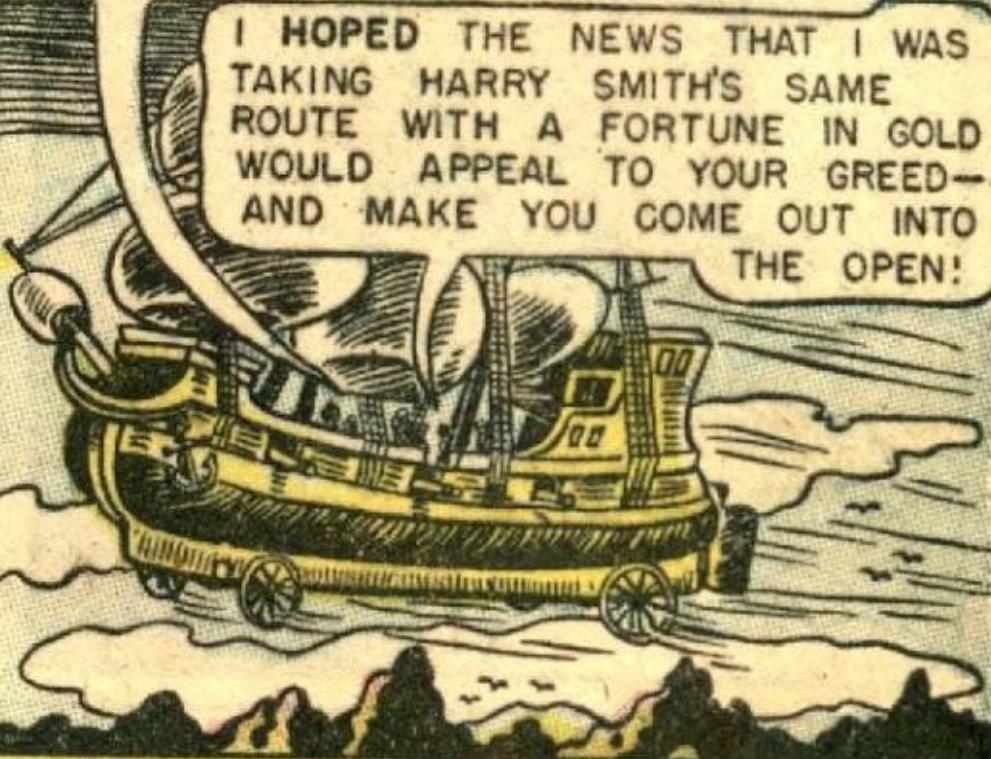


THERE SHE GOES! THAT'S THE END OF WONDER WOMAN!



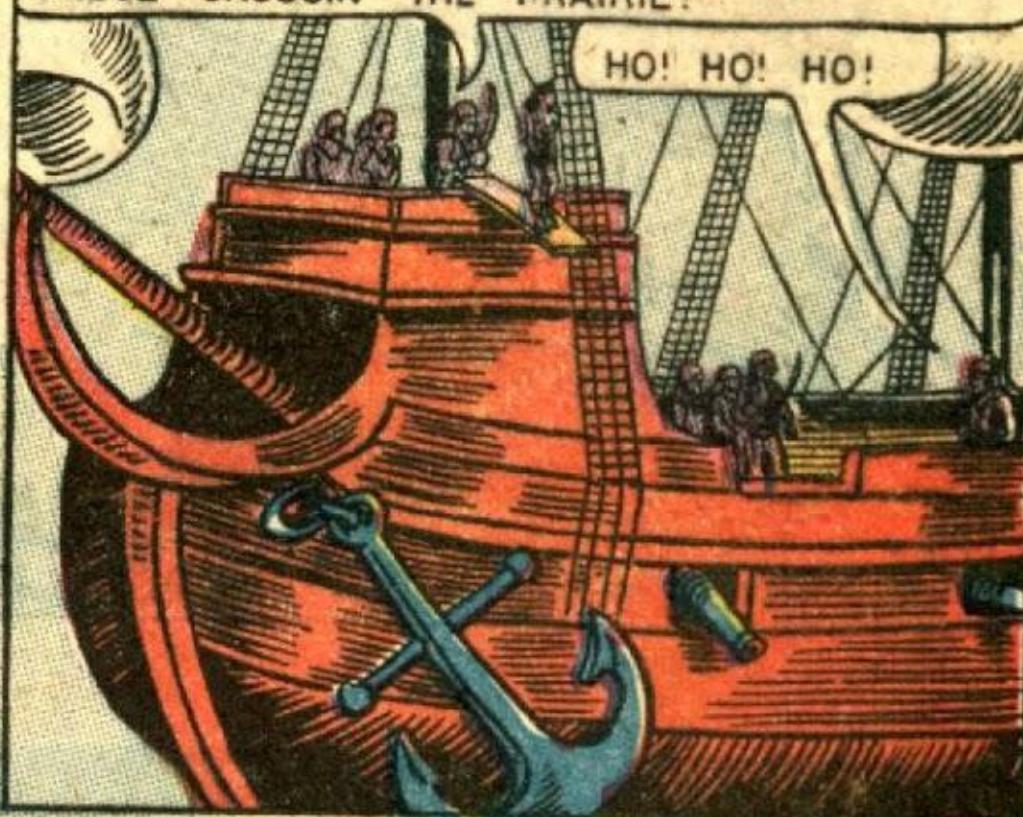
HIGH IN THE AIR---THE PIRATE CHIEF RAGES AT THE AMAZON---

YOU TRICKED US! THERE'S NOTHING BUT SAWDUST INSIDE THE COACH!



FORCED OUT ON A PLANK HIGH ABOVE THE CLOUDS---

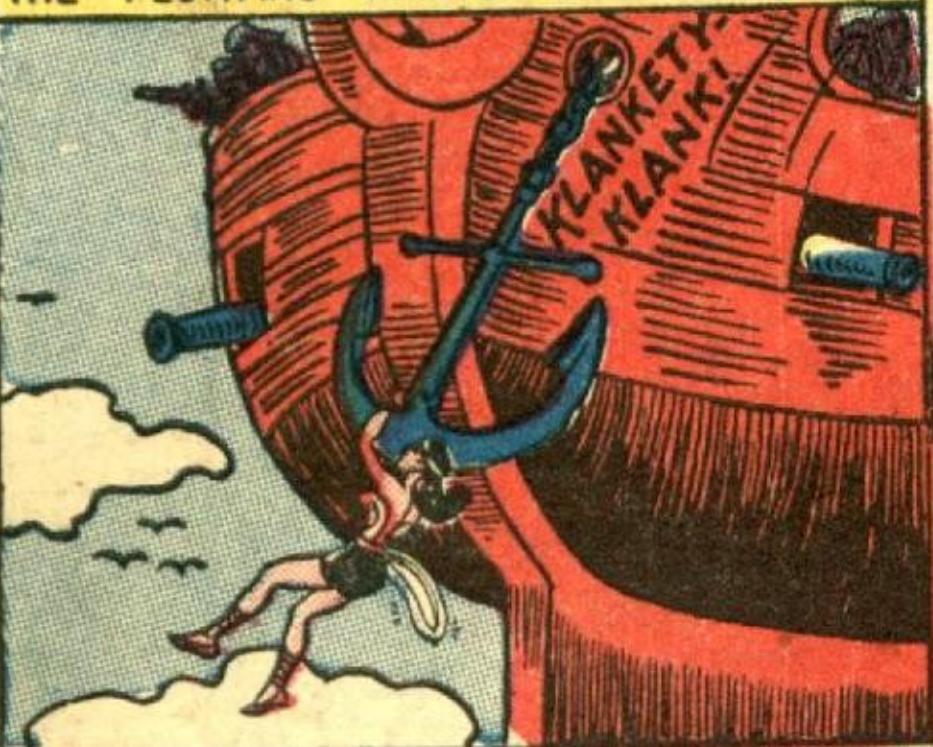
YOU'RE A FOOL, WONDER WOMAN! AFTER YOU WALK THE PLANK INTO SPACE—WE'LL CONTINUE LOOTIN' EVERY SHIPMENT OF VALUE CROSSIN' THE PRAIRIE!



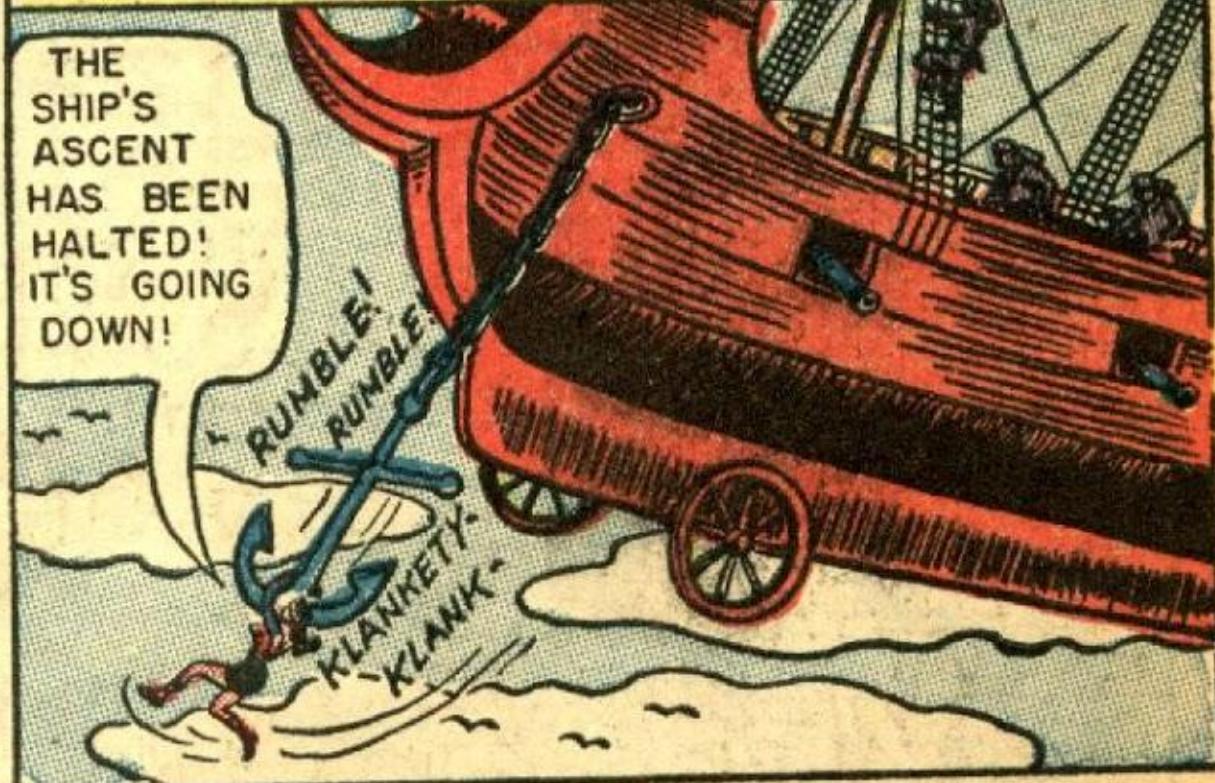
AS SHE HURLES INTO SPACE, THE DAUNTLESS AMAZON'S EYES LIGHT ON---



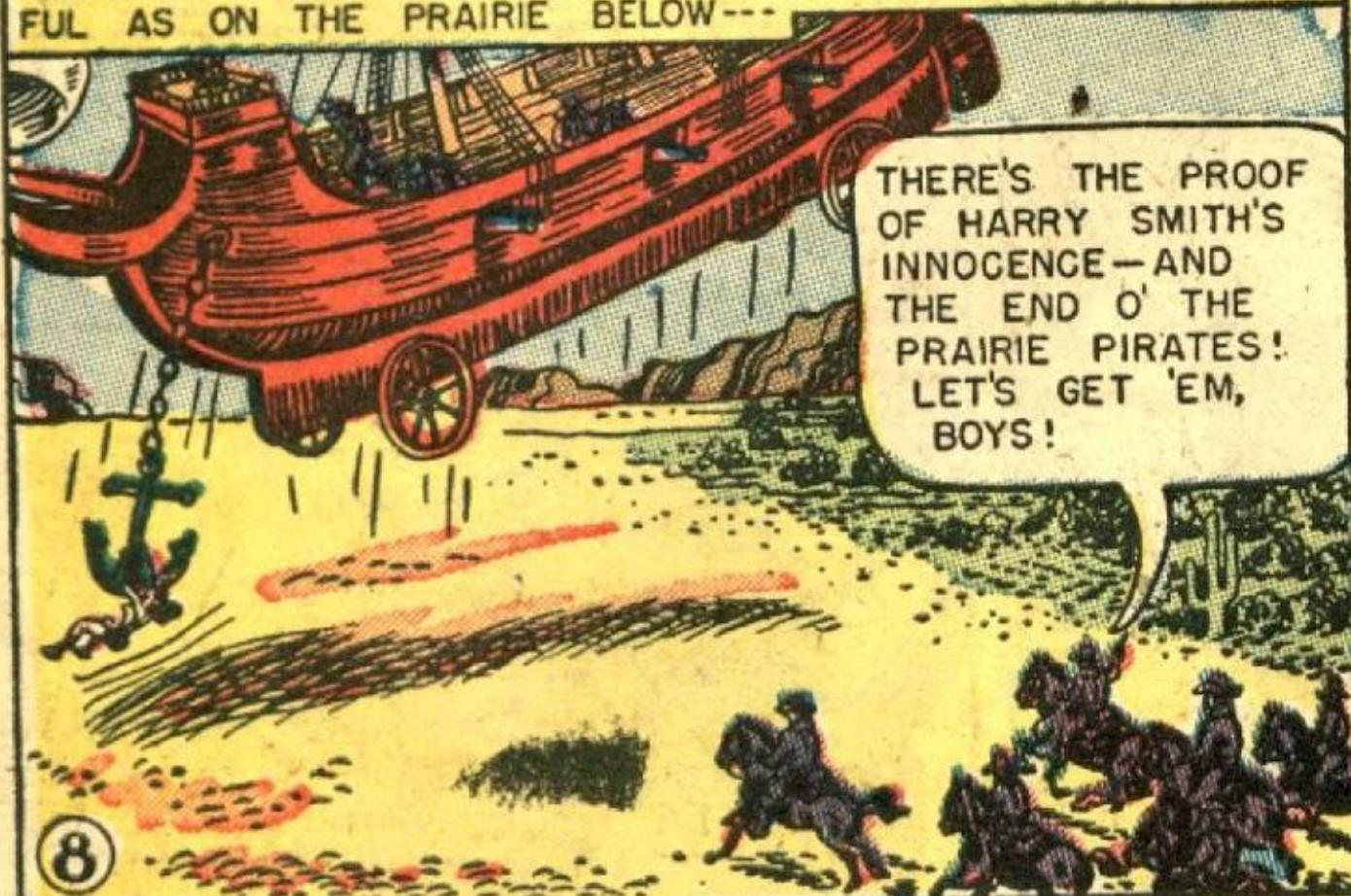
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WITH A PRODIGIOUS EFFORT, WONDER WOMAN WRENCHES THE ANCHOR FROM THE FLOATING PIRATE SHIP---



AIDED BY HER MOMENTUM, THE MIGHTY AMAZON CAUSES THE ANCHOR CHAIN TO UNREEL---



WONDER WOMAN'S INGENIOUS PLAN IS WHOLLY SUCCESSFUL AS ON THE PRAIRIE BELOW---



THERE'S THE PROOF OF HARRY SMITH'S INNOCENCE—AND THE END O' THE PRAIRIE PIRATES! LET'S GET 'EM, BOYS!

LATER, ON THE STROKE OF THE HOUR---

HOW CAN WE THANK YOU, WONDER WOMAN?

SEEING JUSTICE DONE—AND THE AMERICAN WAY UPHELD—is REWARD ENOUGH FOR ME!

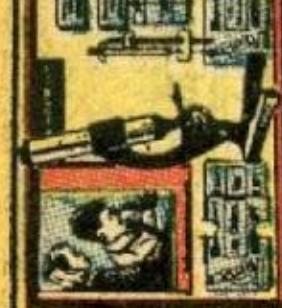


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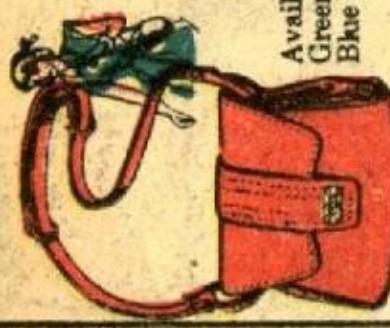
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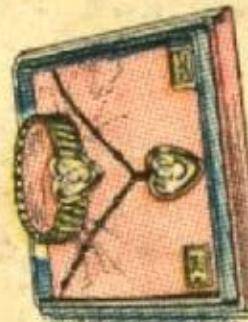
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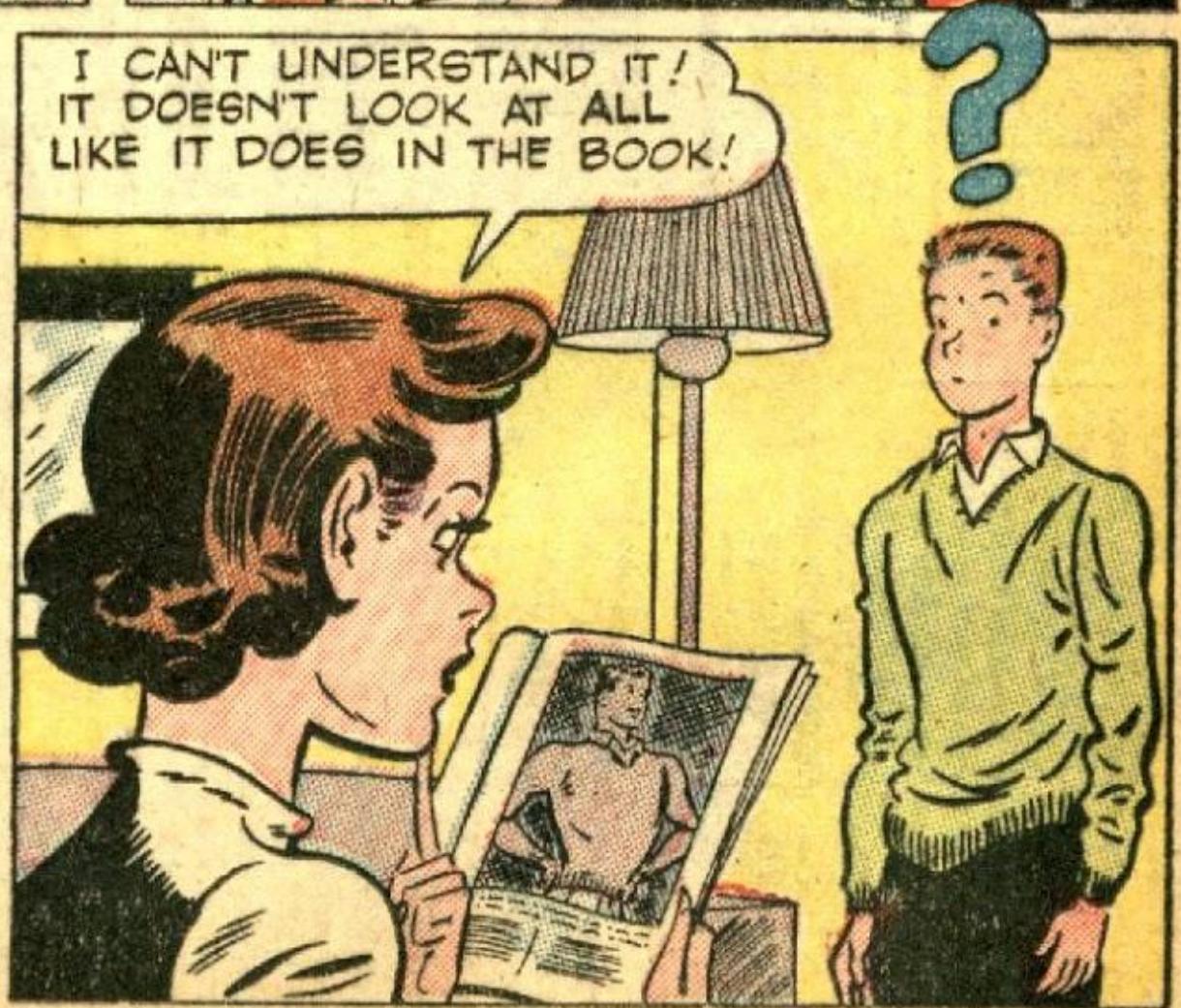
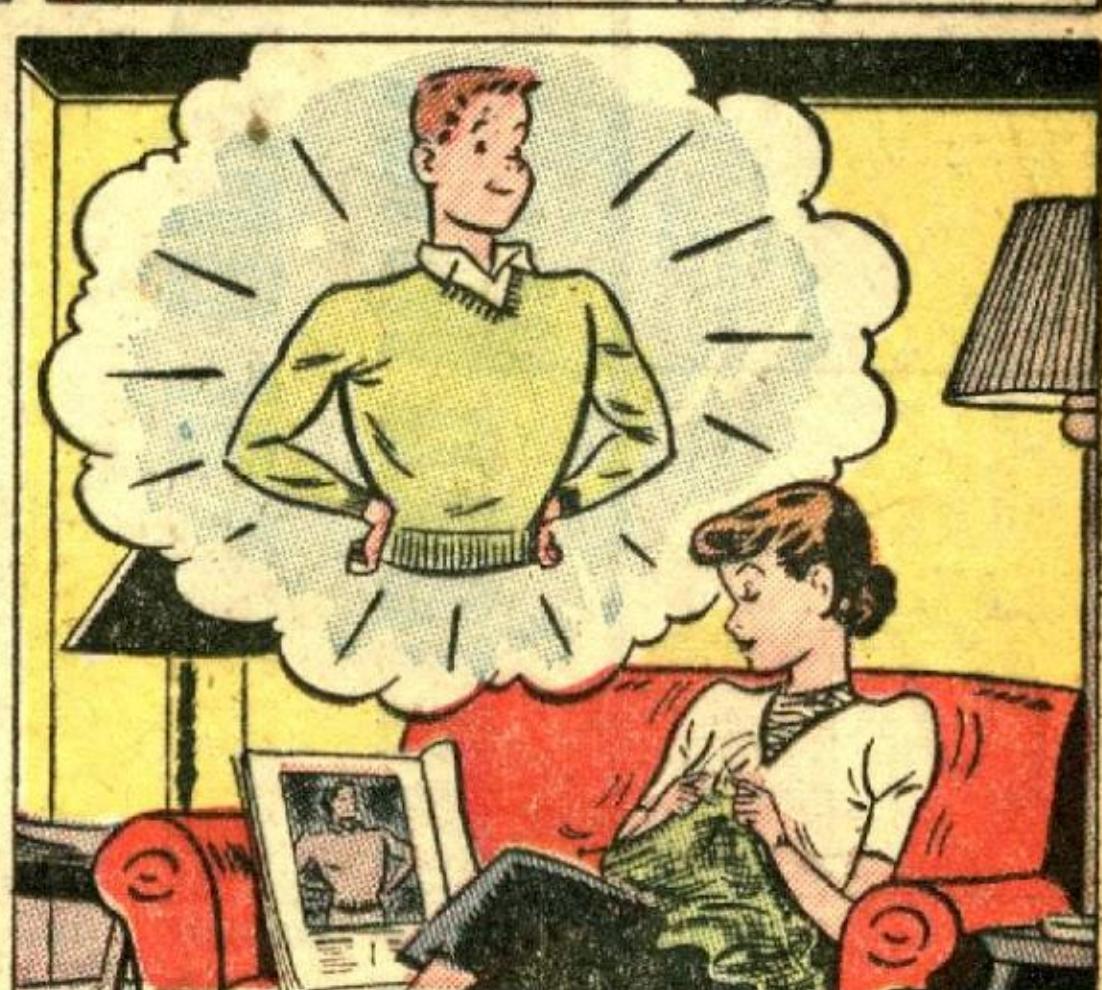
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## "The TWO FACES of WONDER WOMAN!"

WATCH CLOSELY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—AS WONDER WOMAN ATTEMPTS TO DIVE HEADFIRST THROUGH 50 BARRELS!

I WISH THAT WAS ALL I HAD TO DO!

ZING!



AT LT. DIANA PRINCE'S OFFICE ---

I WANT TO SPEAK TO WONDER WOMAN, DIANA! I HAPPENED TO BE GLANCING OUT OF MY OFFICE WINDOW WHEN I SAW HER LEAP IN HERE!

SHADES OF PLUTO! IF STEVE DOESN'T SEE WONDER WOMAN IMMEDIATELY—HE'LL SUSPECT THAT SHE AND I ARE REALLY ONE PERSON!

IMMEDIATELY---

I CAN RECOGNIZE THE TOUCH OF THOSE LOVELY HANDS ANYWHERE—HELLO, WONDER WOMAN!

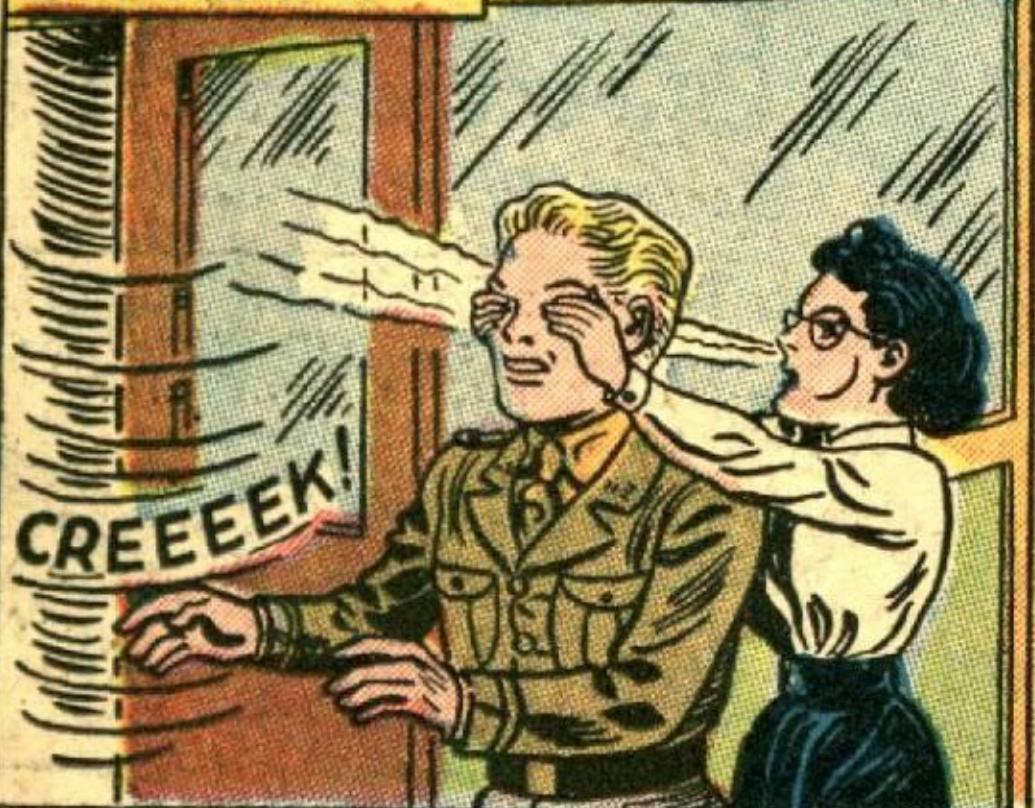


TAKE AWAY YOUR HANDS, WONDER WOMAN! LET ME SEE YOUR BEAUTIFUL FACE!

GREAT HERA! IF STEVE SEES ME NOW—HE'LL KNOW DIANA PRINCE AND WONDER WOMAN ARE ONE PERSON!



INSTANTLY, THE QUICK-THINKING AMAZON DRAWS IN A SILENT BREATH WITH SUCH FORCE THAT THE SUCTION DIRECTED AT THE DOOR-OPENS IT---

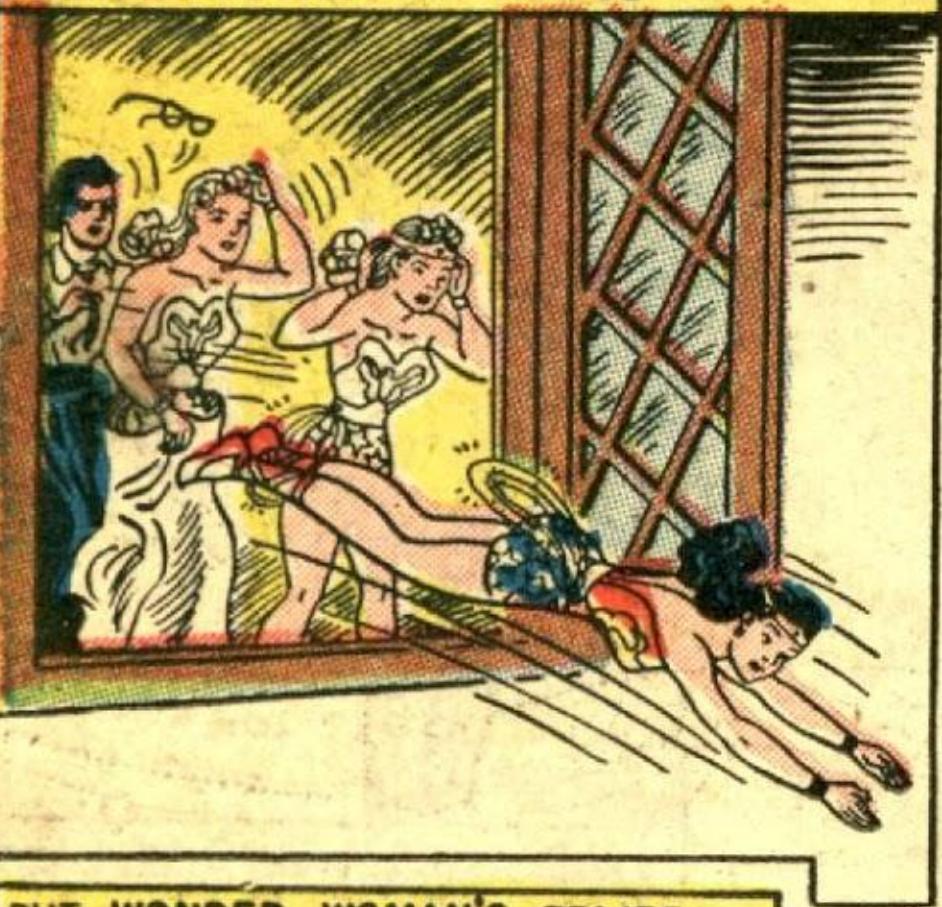


THE NEXT MOMENT SHE REMOVES HER HANDS FROM COL. STEVE TREVOR'S EYES, WHO ---

HOW MY ANGEL LIKES TO TEASE ME! I CAN SEE SHE'S JUST RUN OUT OF YOUR OFFICE!

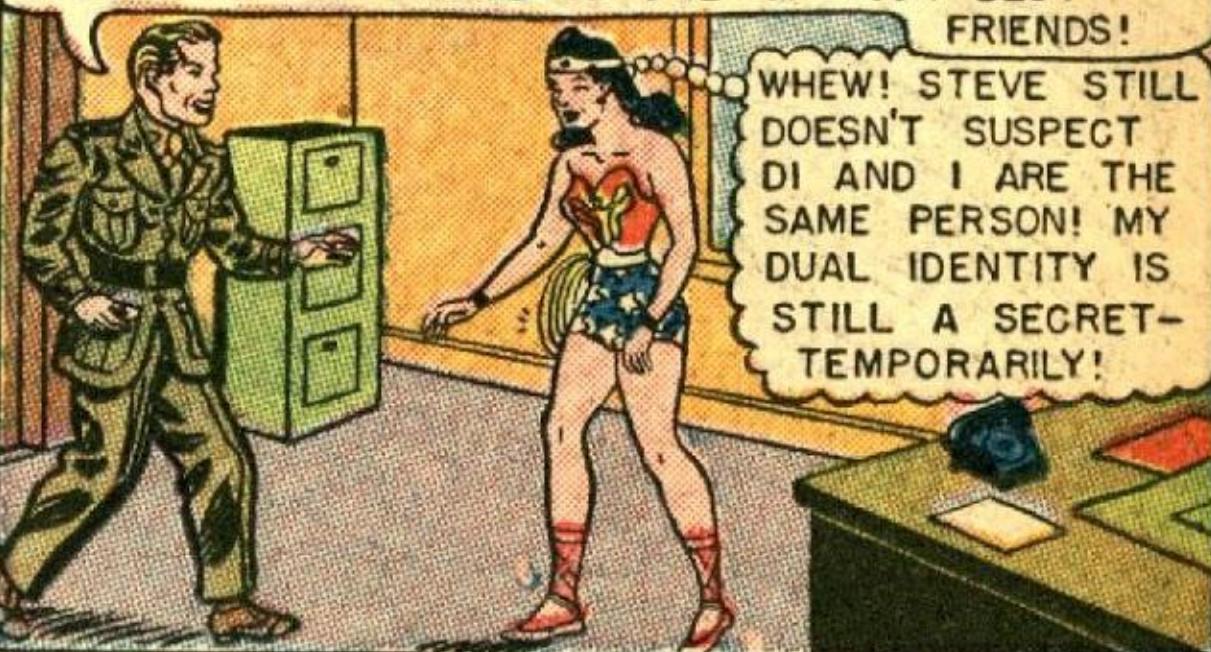


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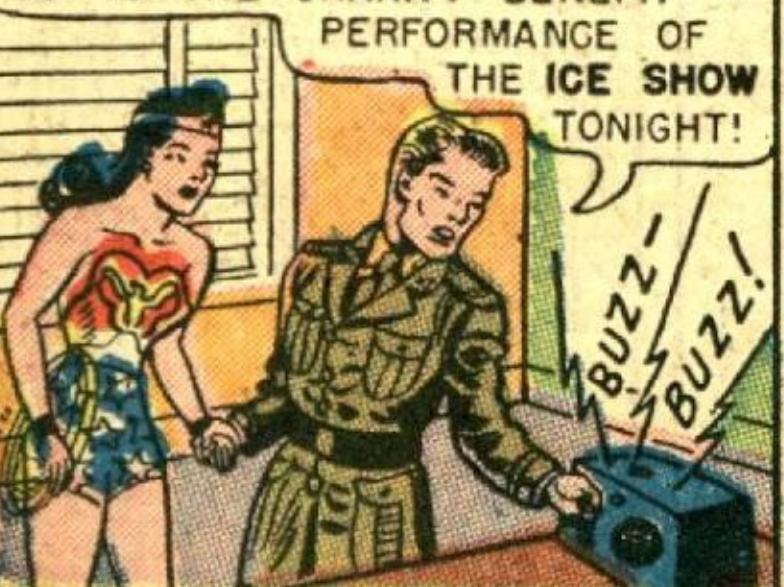
--AND WITH ASTONISHING ACROBATIC SKILL, WONDER WOMAN MAKES A CURVING DIVE INTO STEVE'S OFFICE---JUST AS--

HELLO, DARLING! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU'D WANT US TO BE ALONE FOR A FEW MOMENTS-EVEN THOUGH DIANA PRINCE IS ONE OF YOUR BEST FRIENDS!



BUT WONDER WOMAN'S RELIEF LASTS ONLY AN INSTANT...

I'M GOING TO CALL DI ON THE INTER-COM-AND INVITE HER TO GO TO THE CHARITY BENEFIT PERFORMANCE OF THE ICE SHOW TONIGHT!



CAN WONDER WOMAN BE IN THE SAME ROOM WITH STEVE-AND AT ② THE SAME TIME ANSWER HIM FROM ANOTHER?

THAT'S FUNNY? SHE DOESN'T ANSWER! SHE COULDN'T HAVE LEFT HER ROOM-IT'S BEEN BARELY A MOMENT SINCE---

I CAN'T DELAY ANY LONGER! STEVE'S GOT TO HEAR DI'S VOICE EVEN IF I AM RIGHT HERE AT HIS SIDE!



SUDDENLY---A FAMILIAR VOICE IS HEARD---

HELLO, STEVE! WHAT IS IT?

IT'S DI, WONDER WOMAN! HELLO, DI! I JUST WANTED TO INVITE YOU TO GO TO THE ICE SHOW WITH WONDER WOMAN AND ME TONIGHT! I WON'T TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER!



I'D LOVE TO COME, STEVE!  
THANKS!

THE ANSWER LIES IN THE INGENIOUS AMAZON'S ASTONISHING POWERS OF VENTRiloquism!

THAT EVENING, IN STEVE'S CAR, EN ROUTE TO THE ICE SHOW---

I'LL SEE YOU TO-NIGHT!  
'BYE NOW!

STEVE THINKS MY VOICE IS COMING FROM THE INTER-COM—WHEN IN REALITY IT'S COMING FROM ME!

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY DIANA WASN'T HOME WHEN WE CALLED TO DRIVE HER TO THE ICE SHOW?

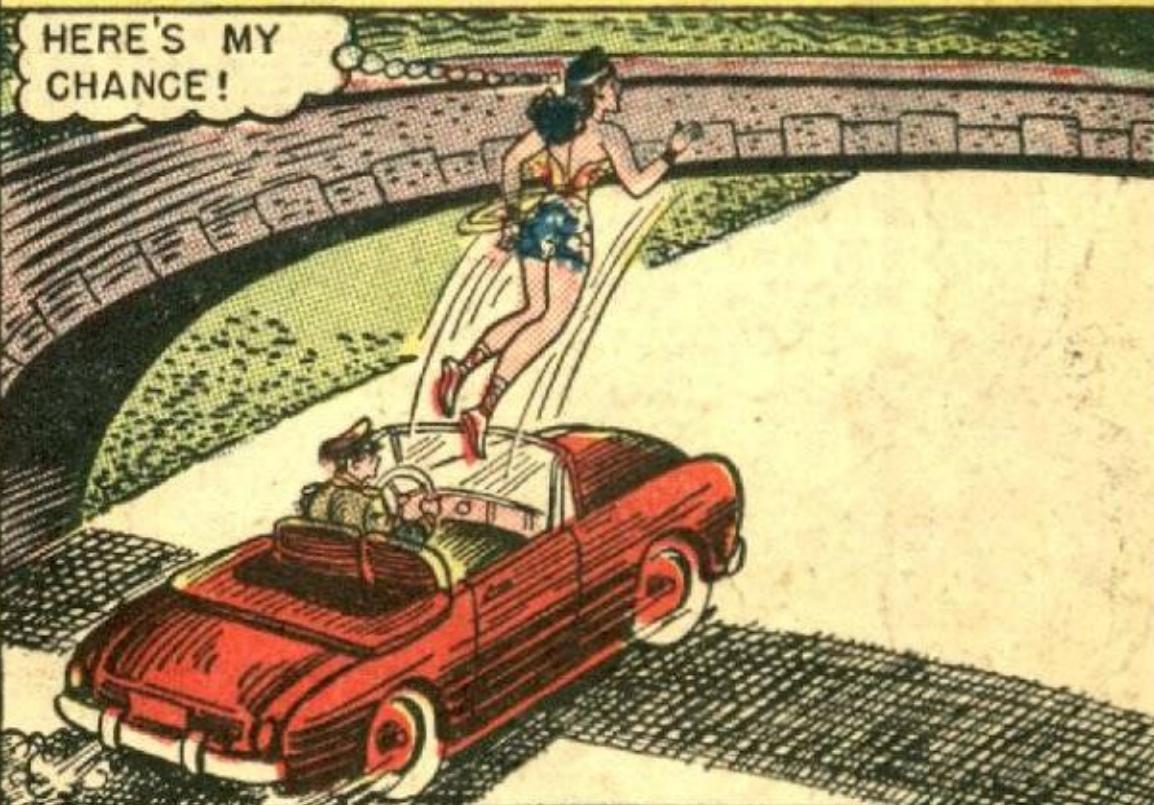
PERHAPS SHE MEANS TO MEET US AT THE BOX OFFICE, STEVE?

IS THIS POSSIBLE? DIANA'S VOICE COMING FROM THE INTER-COM, WHILE IN HER OTHER IDENTITY AS WONDER WOMAN, SHE IS IN ANOTHER OFFICE?

SHE SHOULD HAVE WAITED FOR US! WHAT REASON COULD SHE HAVE FOR NOT BEING HOME, AFTER I TOLD HER I WAS CALLING FOR HER?

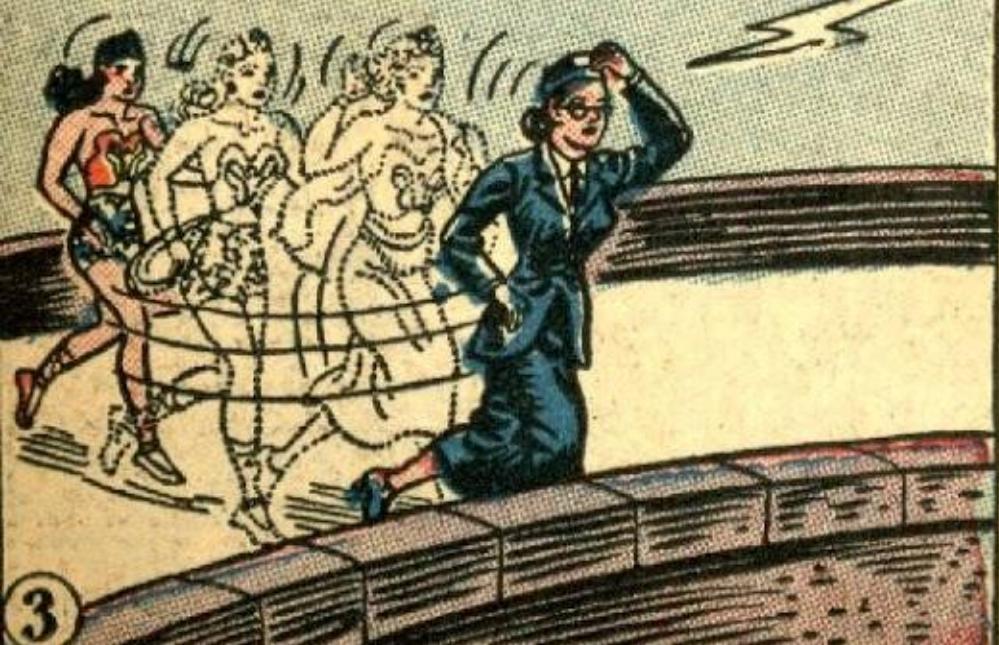
STEVE'S SUSPICIONS ARE AROUSED! UNLESS HE SEES DIANA SOON— HE'LL GUESS THAT SHE AND I ARE ONE PERSON!

AS THE CAR APPROACHES AN OVERHEAD PASS, WONDER WOMAN LEAPS UP WITH A SPEED NO HUMAN EYE CAN FOLLOW---

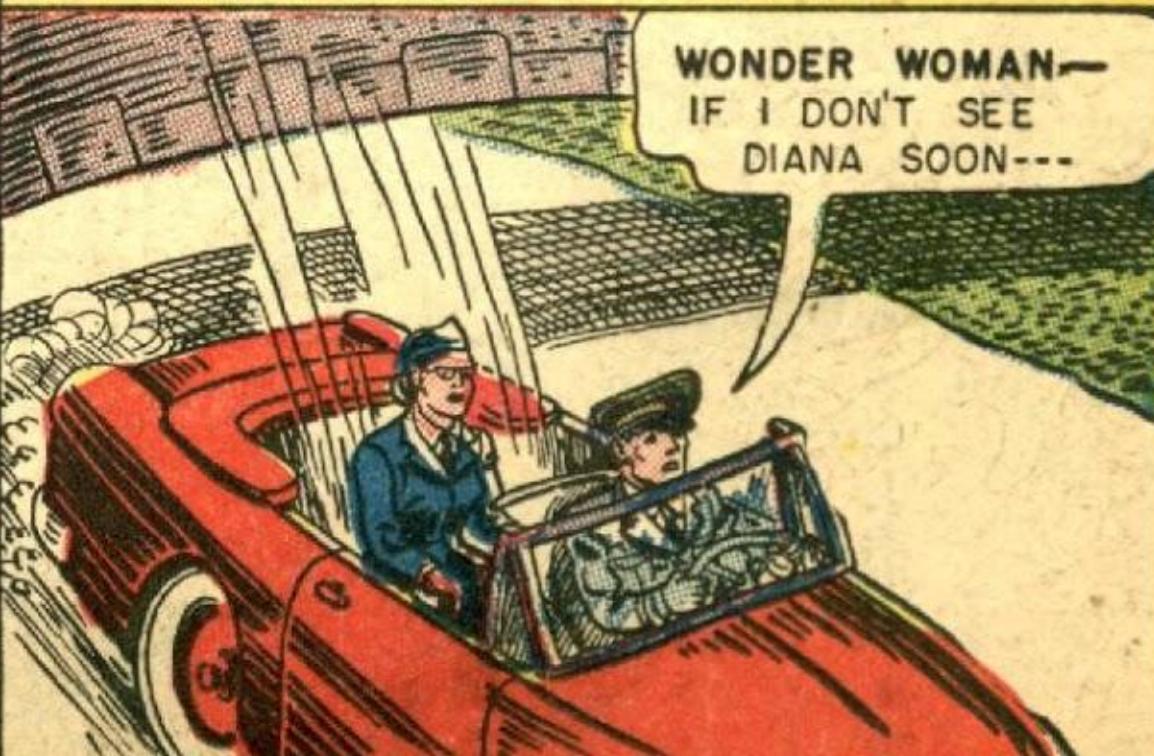


ALONE ON THE OVERHEAD PASS, SHE CHANGES INTO HER IDENTITY OF DIANA PRINCE WITH LIGHTNING RAPIDITY---

CALLING PLANE---  
DIVE AND LEVEL OUT---



AS HER UNIQUE PLANE FLASHES BY OVERHEAD, THE FLEET AMAZON SILENTLY LEAPS BACK INTO STEVE'S CAR JUST AS IT EMERGES FROM THE OVERHEAD PASS, WITHOUT HIS EVEN REALIZING THAT SHE HAD GONE AND RETURNED---



DIANA! HOW DID YOU GET HERE?  
AND WHERE'S WONDER WOMAN?



WONDER WOMAN'S PLANE!  
I GUESS YOU MUST HAVE  
BEEN ON SOME ASSIGNMENT—  
AND SHE LOANED YOU THE  
PLANE TO CATCH UP TO US!  
NOW, WONDER WOMAN MUST  
HAVE BOARDED IT TO USE  
IT ON SOME MISSION OF  
HER OWN! WE'LL FIND OUT  
ALL ABOUT IT WHEN WE  
MEET HER AT  
THE ICE  
SHOW!

SHORTLY---AT THE HUGE SIGN AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE ICE SHOW---

DI, I'VE BEEN THINKING! WHY DON'T I EVER SEE YOU AND WONDER WOMAN TOGETHER AT THE SAME TIME? WHEN SHE WAS IN MY CAR, YOU WERE NOT! WHEN YOU WERE, SHE WASN'T!



SUDDENLY, A WIND OF TORNADO FORCE ARISES AND---



RIPPED BY THE STUPENDOUS FURY OF THE WIND, THE IMMENSE STATUE TOPPLES---

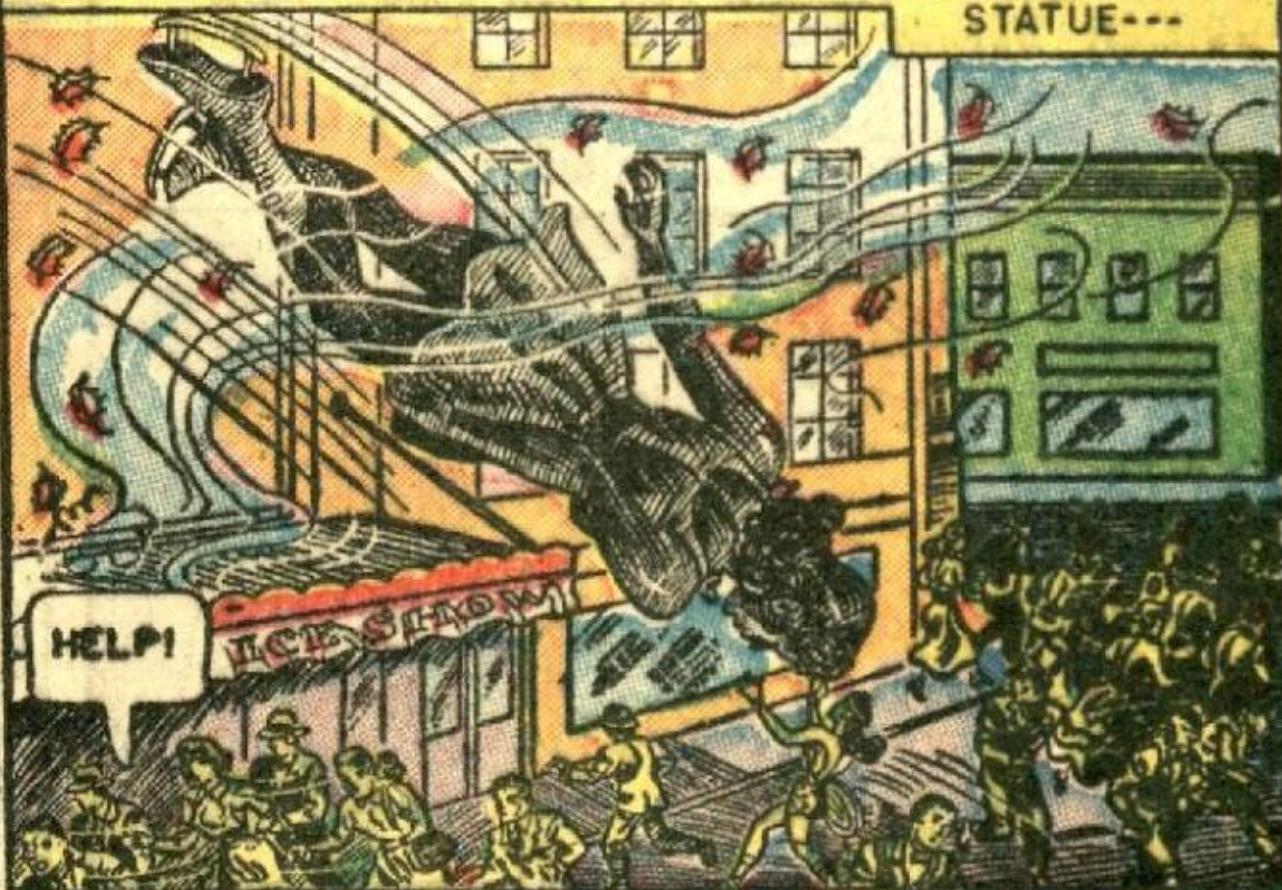


SO SWIFTLY, THAT STEVE DOESN'T REALIZE IT-SHE HAS SLIPPED FROM HIS GRASP---

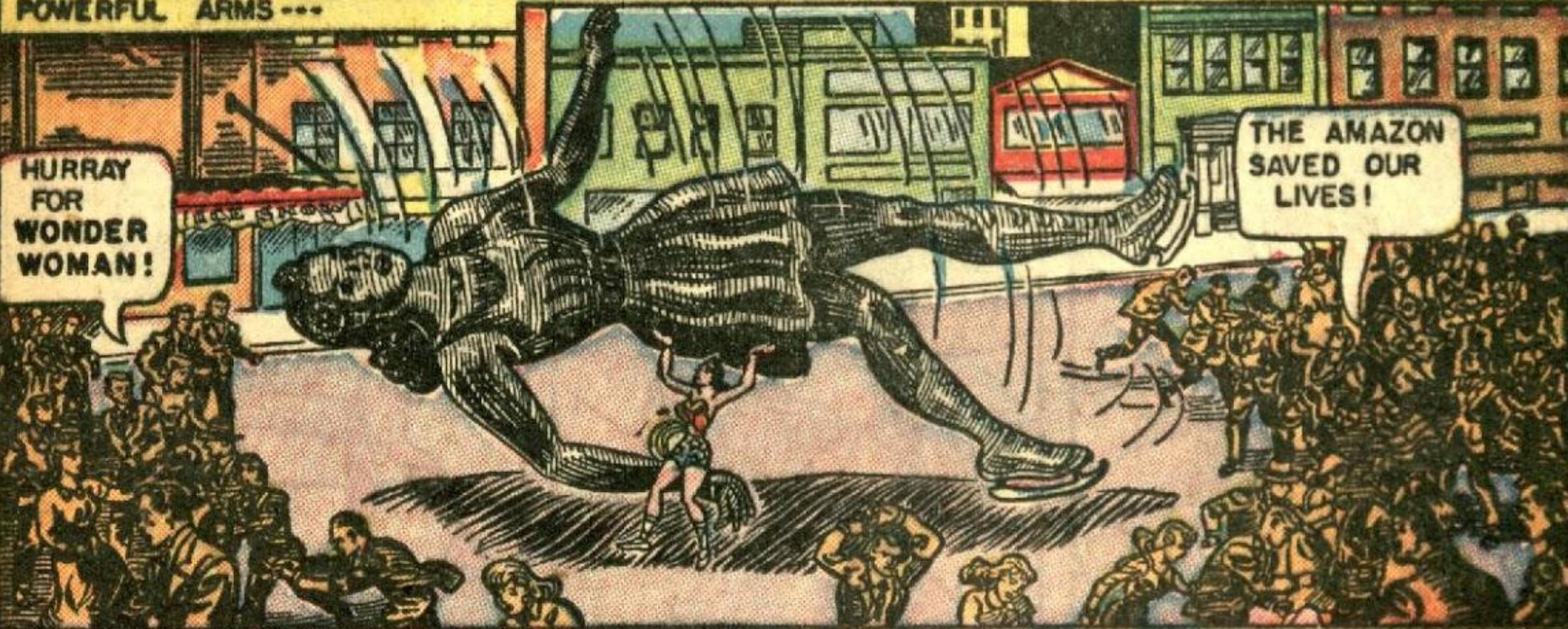
IN THE CONFUSION-I'LL BE ABLE TO CHANGE BACK INTO MY IDENTITY AS WONDER WOMAN!



A BLINDING SECOND LATER, THE POWERFUL AMAZON HAS AFFECTED THE CHANGE AND FACES THE HURTLING STATUE---



THE CROWD IS SAVED FROM THE FALLING JUGGERNAUT BY A SINGLE THRUST OF THE AMAZONS POWERFUL ARMS ---



A MOMENT LATER---

FUNNY THING, WONDER WOMAN! I WAS JUST TELLING DIANA THAT I NEVER SEE YOU TWO TOGETHER-WHEN THE STATUE FELL! NOW, YOU'RE HERE! AND SHE'S GONE! SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN FRIGHTENED AND RAN OUT OF REACH OF THE STATUE! OR-?

I'M SURE SHE'LL SHOW UP! LEAVE HER TICKET AT THE BOX OFFICE!

THERE'S NO WAY OUT OF IT NOW! HE MUST SEE THE BOTH OF US! BUT HOW--?



JUST THEN ---

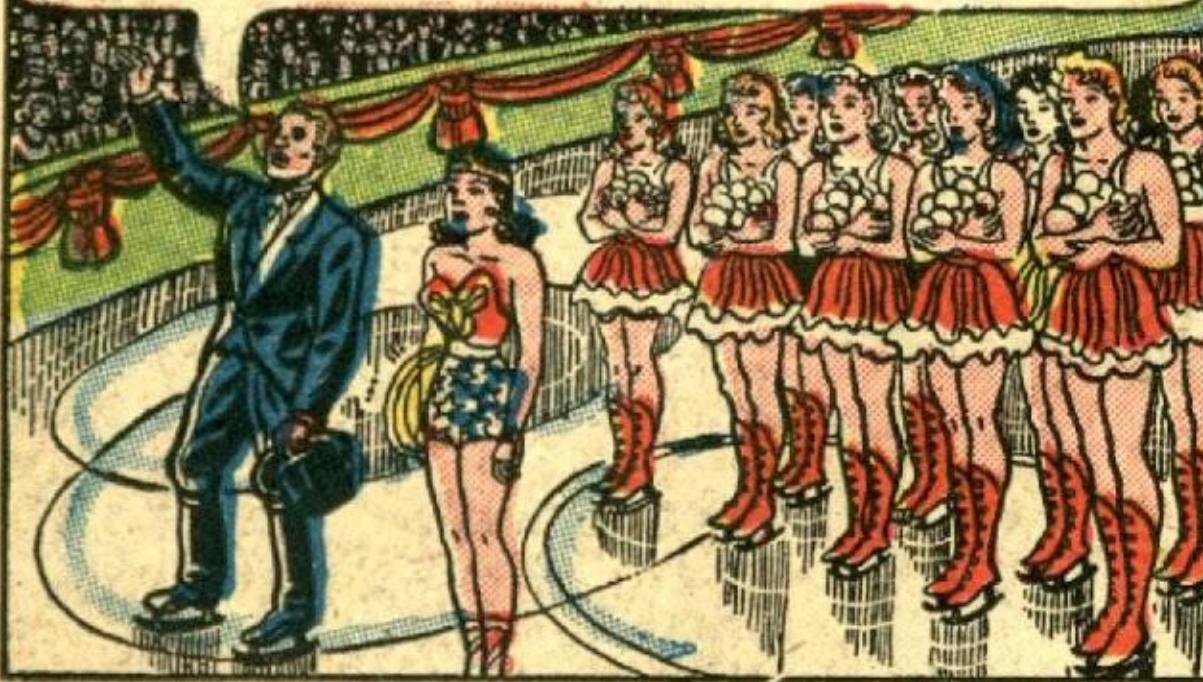
THAT WAS A MARVELOUS FEAT, WONDER WOMAN! WOULD YOU PERFORM A FEW MORE ON THE RINK? I'M SURE WE WILL GET MORE DONATIONS FOR CHARITY-IF YOU DO!

I'LL BE GLAD TO!



SHORTLY---

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! FOR HER FIRST FEAT—  
**WONDER WOMAN** WILL ATTEMPT TO FASHION A  
SNOWMAN OUT OF THE SNOWBALLS THE SKATERS  
WILL THROW INTO THE AIR—BEFORE A SINGLE  
ONE CAN FALL TO THE GROUND!



INSTANTLY, A HUGE VOLLEY OF SNOW-  
BALLS FILLS THE AIR AND---

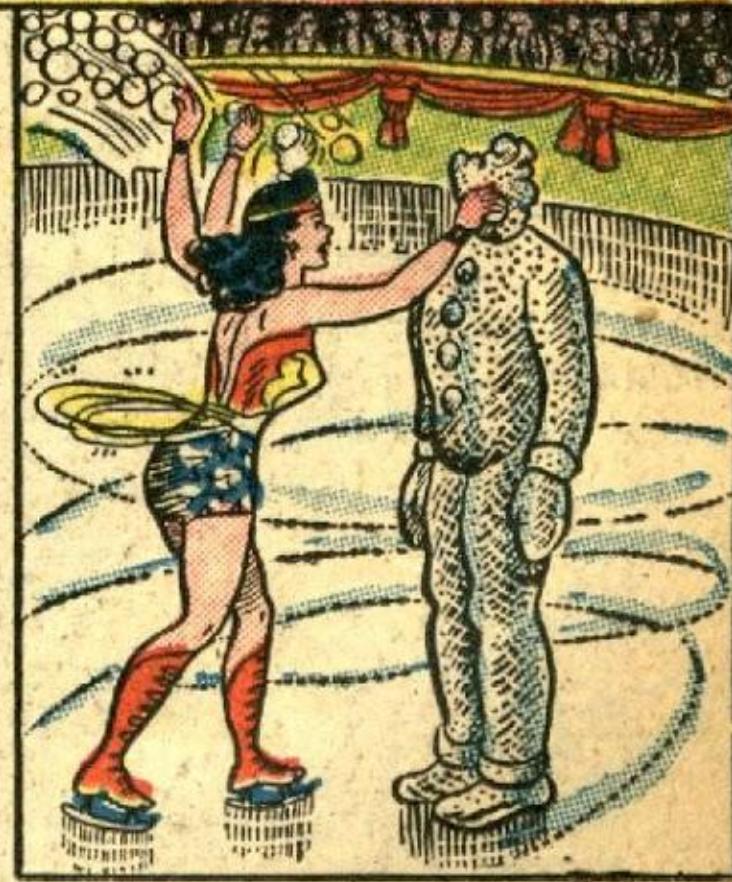


AS THE SHOWER OF SNOWBALLS HURLES TOWARDS HER, WONDER WOMAN PERFORMS AT  
EYE-BLURRING SPEED ---

I'LL START FASHIONING THOSE  
NEAREST TO THE GROUND—



—AND WORK MY WAY UPWARD—



A MOMENT LATER, THE ASTONISHING FEAT  
IS COMPLETED---

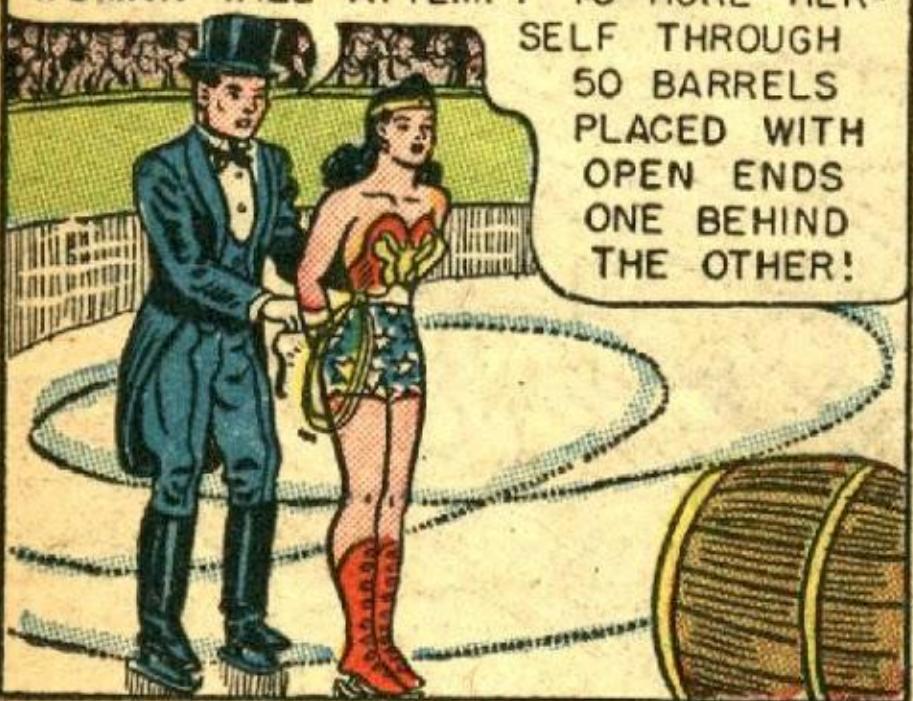
FINISHED! BUT I STILL  
HAVEN'T SHOWN STEVE  
**WONDER WOMAN** AND  
DIANA PRINCE IN THE  
SAME PLACE AT THE  
SAME TIME!



AMID THE CHEERS OF THE AUDIENCE,  
WONDER WOMAN HAS SKATES PLACED  
ON HER AND ---

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! WITH HER  
HANDS BOUND BEHIND HER, WONDER  
WOMAN WILL ATTEMPT TO HURL HER-

SELF THROUGH  
50 BARRELS  
PLACED WITH  
OPEN ENDS  
ONE BEHIND  
THE OTHER!

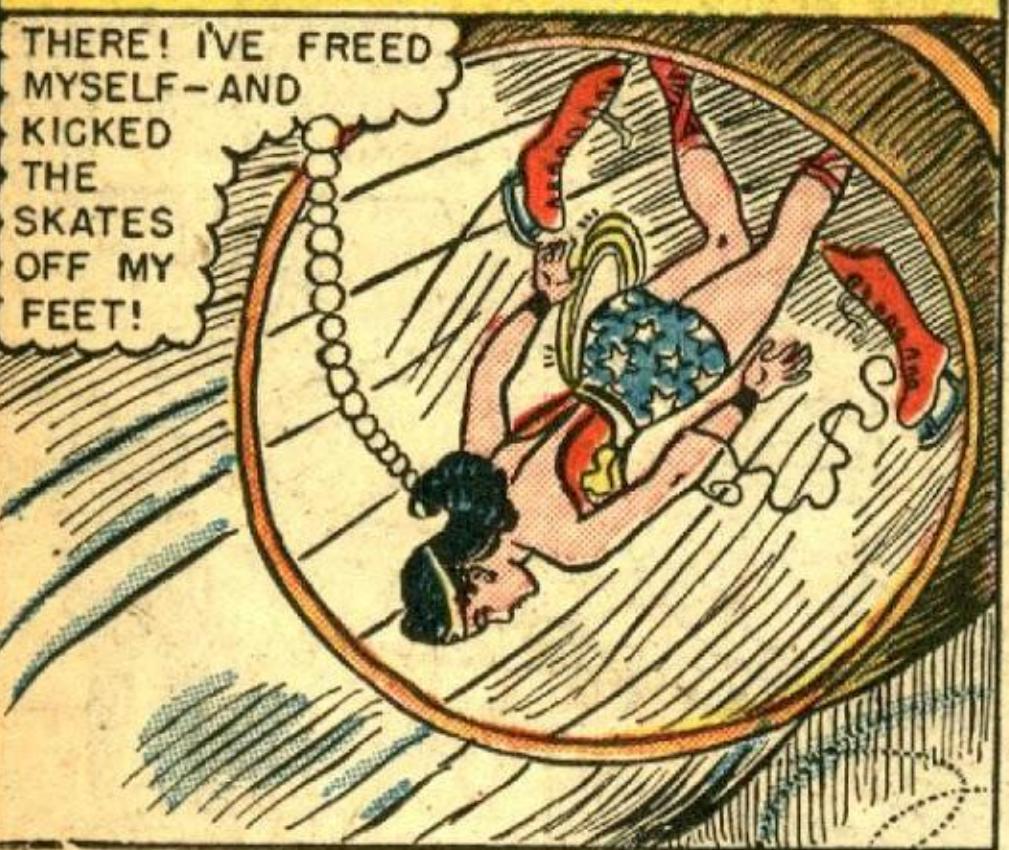


SHORTLY, WITH A BLINDING BURST OF SPEED, THE  
FLEET AMAZON SKATES TOWARD THE OPENING IN THE  
BARRELS ---

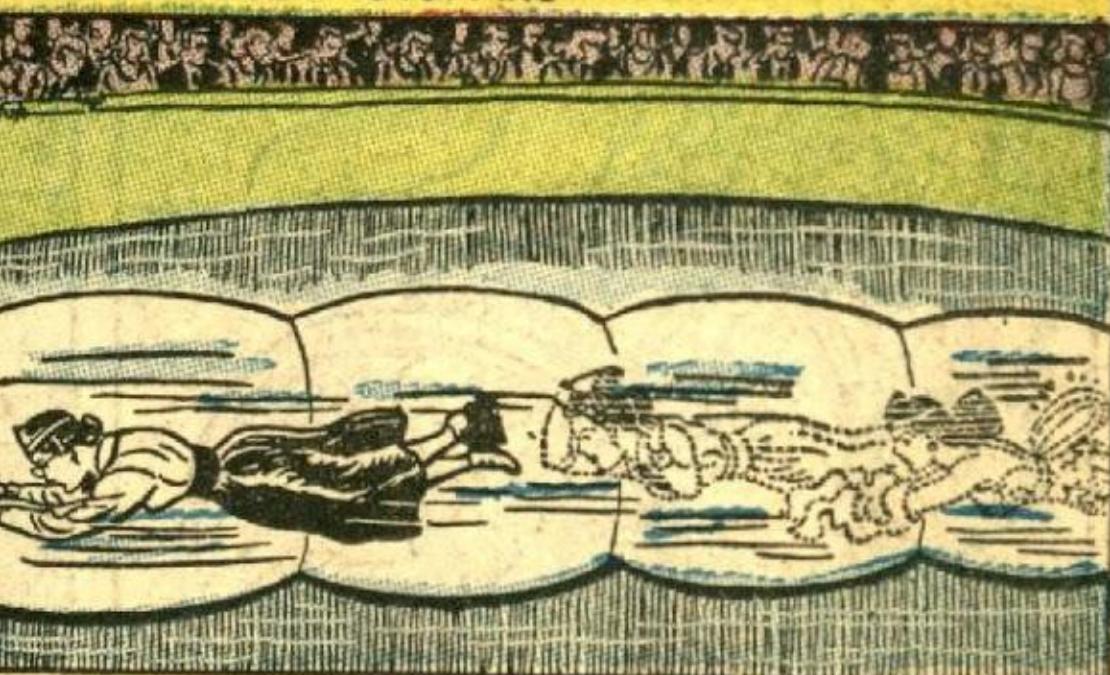


AS SHE HURLES THROUGH THE BARRELS  
WITH INCONCEIVABLE SPEED ---

THERE! I'VE FREED  
MYSELF—AND  
KICKED  
THE  
SKATES  
OFF MY  
FEET!

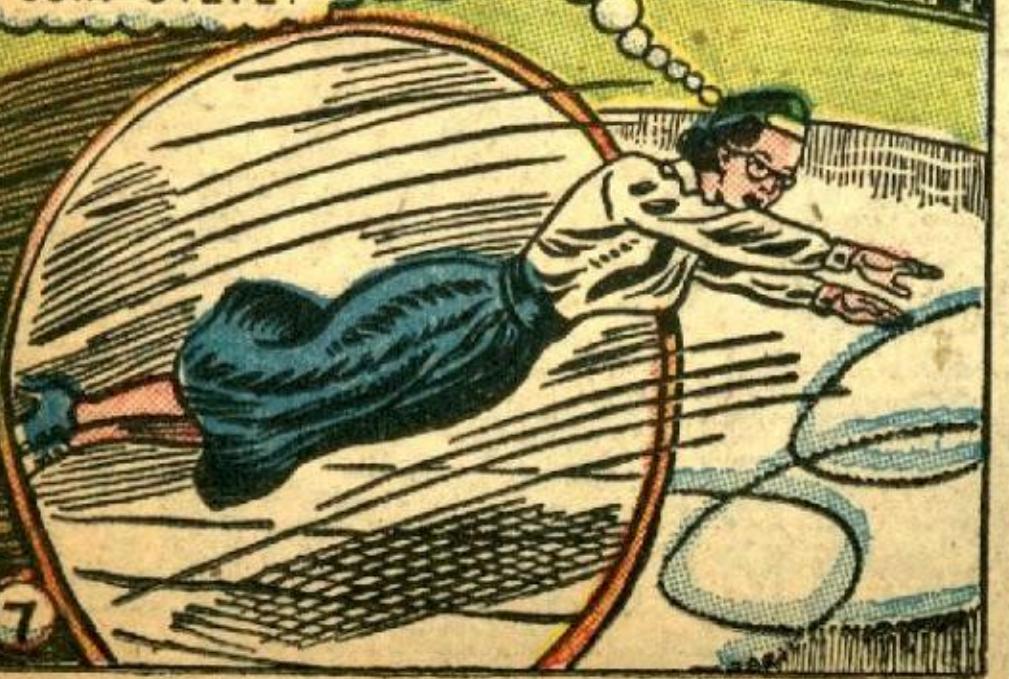


UNSEEN BY ANYONE, THE INCREDIBLE AMAZON  
MAKES A LIGHTNING CHANGE INSIDE THE BAR-  
RELS WITHOUT STOPPING ---



WITH A SPEED NO HUMAN EYE CAN FOCUS  
ON—DIANA PRINCE EMERGES FROM THE  
BARRELS ---

WHILE EVERYONE'S ATTENTION IS RIVETED  
ON THE BARRELS—WAITING FOR WONDER  
WOMAN TO EMERGE—I'LL  
JOIN STEVE!



A FRACTION OF AN INSTANT LATER ---

HELLO, STEVE! SORRY I'M LATE!

DI! IF WONDER WOMAN WHIZZES OUT OF  
THOSE BARRELS ON THE RINK—SHE'S  
GOING TO SPOIL A THEORY I HAVE ABOUT  
YOU TWO! I'M NOT  
TAKING MY EYES  
OFF THOSE  
BARRELS!

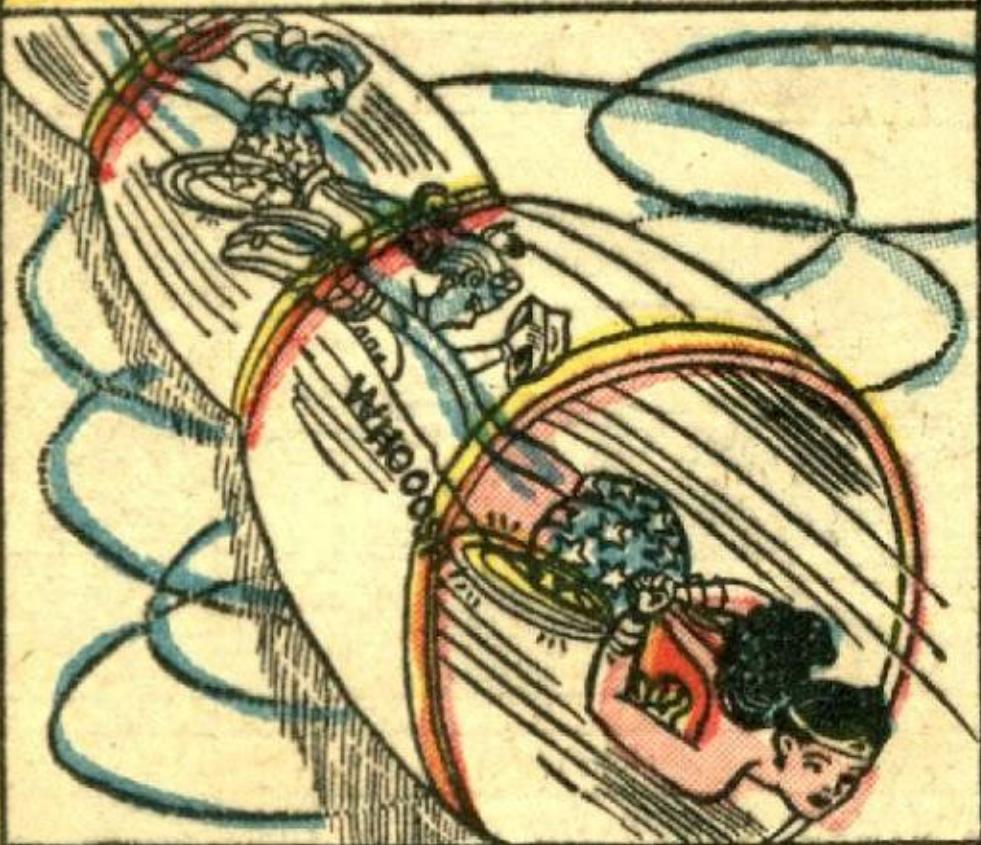


WITH STEVE'S ATTENTION AGAIN FASTENED ON THE BARRELS, THE TIARELESS AMAZON RACES FROM HIS SIDE---

I'VE GOT TO DO THIS FASTER THAN ANYTHING I'VE EVER DONE IN MY LIFE!



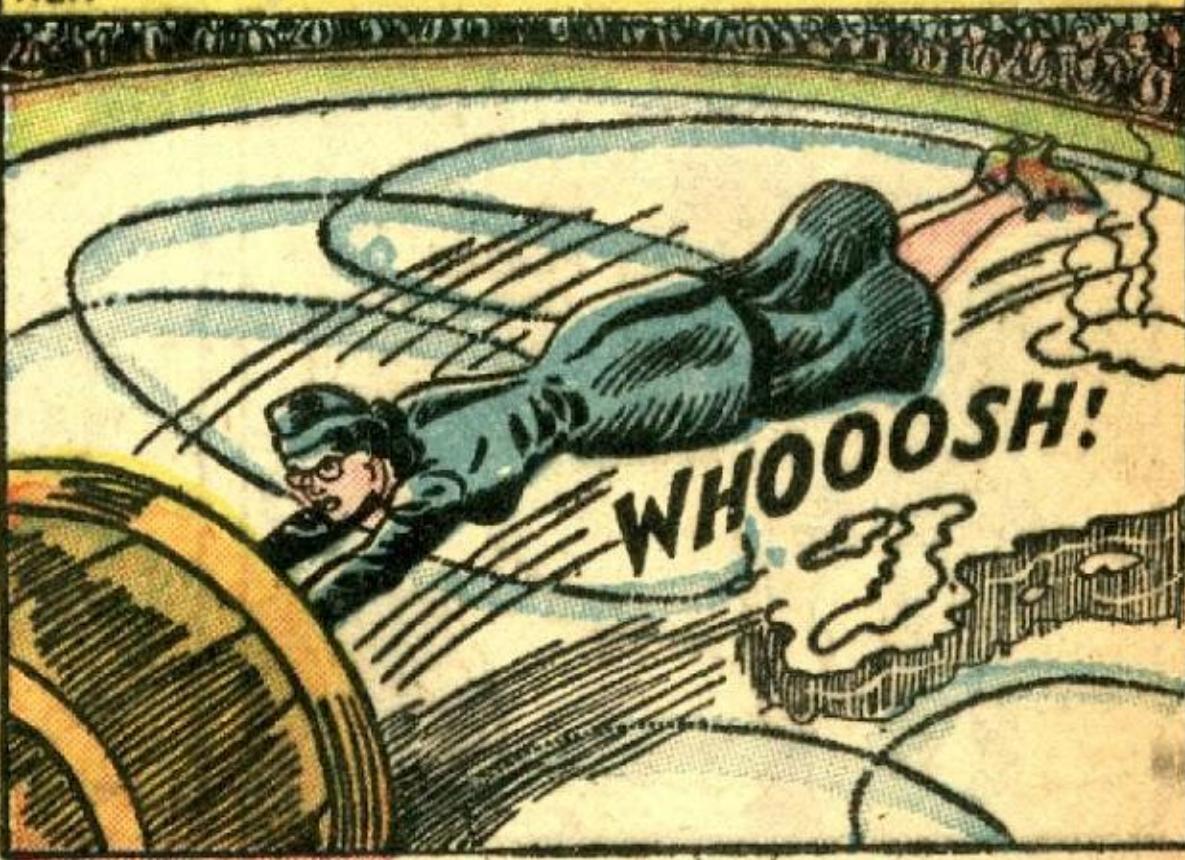
ANOTHER LIGHTNING CHANGE INSIDE THE CONCEALMENT OF THE BARRELS—



AN INSTANT LATER, WITH AN AGILITY UNMATCHED ANYWHERE ---



SO FAST DOES SHE RETURN, THAT THE FRICTION FROM HER RACING FEET MELTS THE ICE UNDER HER —



AND WONDER WOMAN EMERGES WITH MIND-STAGGERING SPEED —

THERE SHE IS! WITHOUT KNOCKING OVER A SINGLE BARREL! CAN SHE COMPLETE THIS EXTRAORDINARY STUNT BY BRAKING TO A STOP ON HER FEET?



AS THE AUDIENCE POURS FROM ITS SEATS TO CHEER THE SENSATIONAL AMAZON---

I LOST DI IN THE CROWD, SWEETHEART! SO I'LL TELL HER ABOUT IT LATER! I KNOW IT WILL MAKE YOU LAUGH—BUT DO YOU KNOW—FOR A LITTLE WHILE I THOUGHT YOU TWO WERE THE SAME PERSON!



# MATRIMONIAL AGENTS!

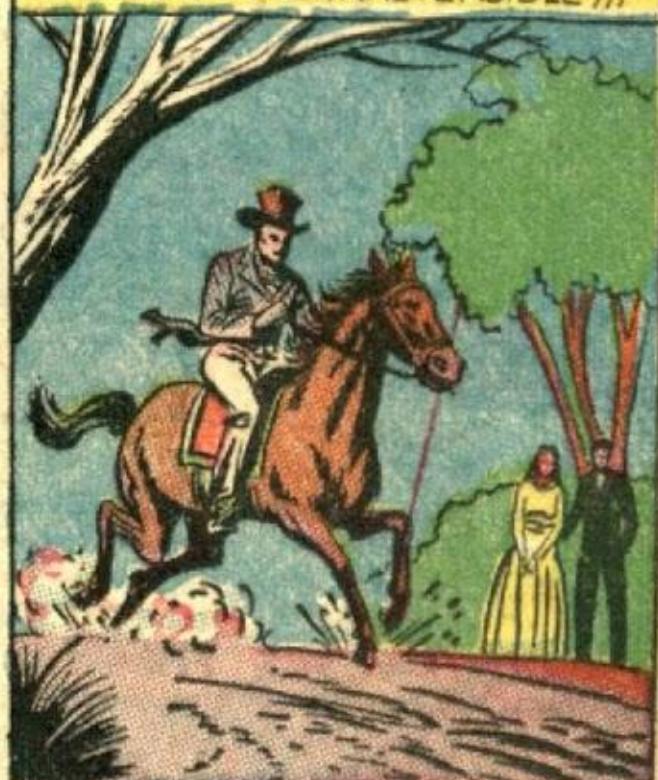
YEARS AGO, THE FIRST GUEST TO VISIT A NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE WAS EXPECTED TO BRING A **HEN** AS A GIFT, FOR IF THE FOWL COULD BE INDUCED TO CACKLE IT WAS A SIGN THAT THE MARRIAGE WOULD BE A HAPPY ONE...



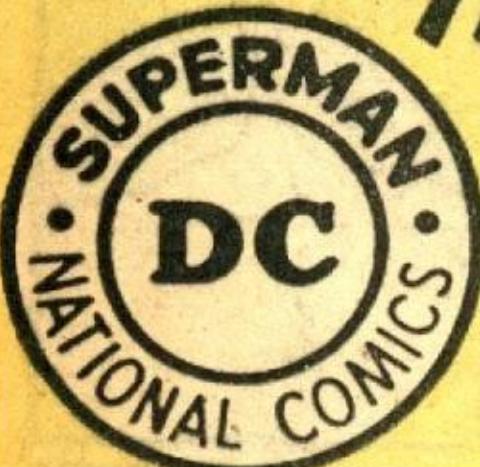
ON THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING, WEDDING-MINDED GIRLS USED TO RUN INTO FIELDS AND LISTEN INTENTLY FOR A CUCKOO'S FIRST CHIRP. AS SOON AS SHE HEARD THE BIRD'S FIRST NOTE, SHE'D TAKE OFF HER SHOE AND, ACCORDING TO THE PREVAILING BELIEF, FIND INSIDE A STRAND OF HAIR MATCHING THE COLOR-HAIR OF HER HUSBAND-TO-BE...



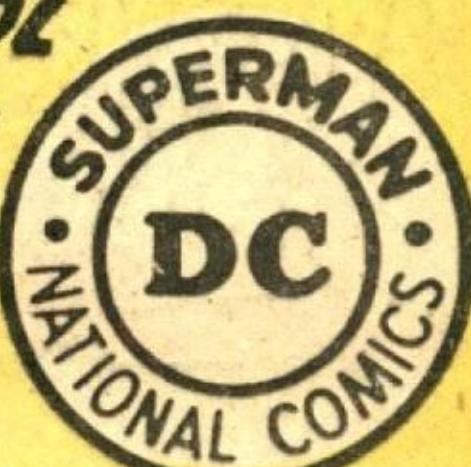
IN OLDEN TIMES, A BRIDEGROOM THAT RODE TO HIS WEDDING ON A **MARE** COULD LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING A **DAUGHTER** FOR HIS FIRST CHILD. THE OBVIOUS TACT OF RIDING ON A **MALE** ANIMAL IN THE HOPES OF GETTING A **SON** WOULD NOT WORK, FOR THE MAGIC POWER WAS IRREVERSIBLE...



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# LINDA LEE

OH, LINDA! HERE'S A FRIEND OF MY BEAU'S! HE'S COMING THIS WAY! I'LL INTRODUCE HIM.

I JUST HAD TO TELL YOU HOW PRETTY THAT BATHING SUIT LOOKS ON YOU!

WHY... THANK YOU!



I'LL BE BACK SOON, SIS!

THE MOMENT I SAW YOU IN THAT SUIT, I KNEW THERE IS A GIRL FOR ME!

I WAS HOPEFUL THAT YOU MIGHT ACCEPT A DATE WITH ME TONIGHT, SAY ABOUT SEVEN?

I'D LOVE TO!



OH, BABS, WASN'T HE DIVINE? HE ASKED ME OUT FOR TONIGHT!

THAT SUIT CERTAINLY MADE A HIT, LINDA!

That evening...

BUT, BABS, I ONLY MET HIM TODAY! HOW ELSE WOULD HE REMEMBER ME IF I DIDN'T WEAR MY BATHING SUIT?



THE END.

# WOMEN IN THE AIR



WHEN pioneering pilots began taking flying machines into the air, it was regarded as exclusive male enterprise. Scarcely any thought was given to the possibility that women could become capable airplane pilots.

Nevertheless, historical records show that women's role in aviation goes all the way back to its earliest beginnings.

Even before the first successful airplane flight, women were fighting for the right to take to the air.

At a time when huge crowds would assemble on a Sunday afternoon to witness the thrilling ascent of a daredevil in a balloon, women were already showing an interest in getting their feet off the ground.

As early as the French Revolution, the ladies were making their mark as pioneers in aviation. At that time, in France, the famous Montgolfier brothers were conducting amazing experiments with balloons.

The Montgolfier brothers themselves tried to ascend in a contraption borne aloft by hundreds of paper bags filled with air. A lovely Frenchwoman, Madame Thible, offered to test the impossible craft, but was turned down.

Madame Thible finally got her chance in a giddily painted balloon, built by the Montgolfier brothers, that did work. According to the newspapers of the day, she "soared above the crowd singing with the voice of a skylark."

In more modern times, another Frenchwoman, Baroness De La Roche, was the first woman in the world to obtain a pilot's license for heavier-than-air aircraft.

In America, the first woman to hold a license for heavier-than-air aircraft was Harriet Quimby. Miss Quimby, in her long and colorful flying career, also established another record—the first woman pilot to fly the English Channel.

The dramatic crossing of the Atlantic by Lindbergh in 1927 dramatized the possibilities of aviation. At that time there were only 12 women flyers in the United States.

But two years later, women kept pace with the fast-growing industry, and there were 117 licensed women pilots. It was at this time, also, that the famous women's aviation club, the *Ninety-Nines*, was organized.

Three enthusiastic women pilots, noting the difficulties that stood in the way of female flying, decided that the ladies should organize a club.

Accordingly, these three sent out letters to the 117 women who were licensed pilots, inviting them to join. Of the 117, 99 responded. The number, of course, gave the group its name.

The club's first president was also the most famous female name in flying—Amelia Earhart. The club still pays homage to Miss Earhart for the inspiration she gave women who wished to fly.

Amelia Earhart established many records. She was the first woman passenger to cross the Atlantic in a plane. And, in 1932, she flew the Atlantic Ocean on her own—a thrilling solo flight in a durable Lockheed Vega.

In 1935 Amelia Earhart established two famous firsts. She flew from Honolulu to Oakland, California, and from Burbank, California, to Newark, New Jersey, with one stopover in Mexico City.

Two years later, she set forth on her most dramatic flight—an attempt to fly around the world at the Equator. With her was a navigator, Fred Noonan, of Pan-American Airways.

Unluckily, somewhere on the 2,500-mile hop from New Guinea to Howland Island in the Pacific, Amelia's Lockheed Electra disappeared. The flight abruptly ended the career of a woman who is regarded as America's outstanding female pioneer of aviation.

Another famous past president of the *Ninety-Nines* is Jacqueline Cochran. Miss Cochran was one of the original members of the club, and today holds more records than any other woman flyer in the world.

Miss Cochran, the first woman pilot to

fly faster than sound, played an important role in organizing the Women's Air Force Service Pilots during World War II.

Under the guidance of Miss Cochran and other members of the *Ninety-Nines*, graduate WASPS flew planes for the Women's Auxiliary Ferry Squadron, went on photographic missions, and towed aerial targets.

Miss Cochran still holds the women's world speed record in level flight.

Another famous past president of the *Ninety-Nines*, Blanche Noyes, won honor for the group when she was appointed chairman of the air-marking division of the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Today, the *Ninety-Nines* would have an unwieldy name, indeed, if it re-named itself after the number of members on its rolls. The membership list is made up of school teachers, salesgirls, college girls, and grandmothers.

Women no longer run into difficulties when they want to take up flying. The unjust jokes about women car drivers are never aimed at women flyers, for their record and experience in the air are beyond criticism.

The *Ninety-Nines* encouraged women to enter aviation, and to this end awards each year an Amelia Earhart Scholarship to a member of the group who wishes to study advanced technical training.

Members of the *Ninety-Nines* look forward to the club's annual cross-country races, called the "Powder Puff Derbies." These races are conducted to improve the efficiency of the contestants.

They laughed when ladies of the '20s first stepped into a plane. But since then they have stopped laughing, for women have played an important part in the development of flying.

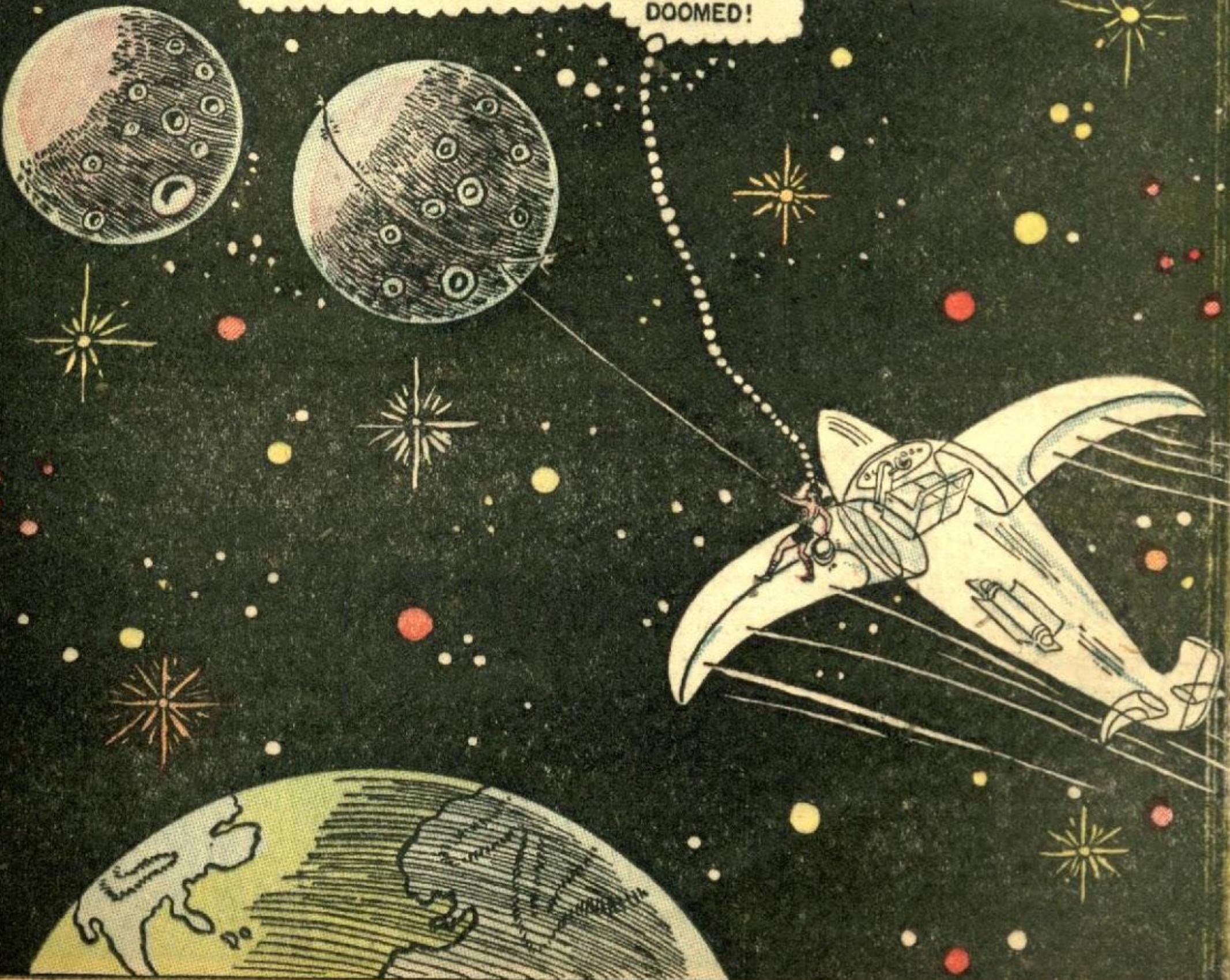
# Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

WE ARE TOO ACCUSTOMED TO TAKE THINGS FOR GRANTED! IN THE MORNING YOU EXPECT THE SUN TO RISE—AND IN THE EVENING TO SET! OCEAN WATER ALWAYS TASTES SALTY AND MOUNTAIN LAKE WATER SWEET! BUT SOMETIMES THINGS AREN'T WHAT THEY SHOULD BE—AS WONDER WOMAN—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES—DISCOVERED, IN HER MOST STARTLING ADVENTURE OF HER THRILL-STUDDED CAREER -----

## "The MYSTERY of the MISSING MOON!"

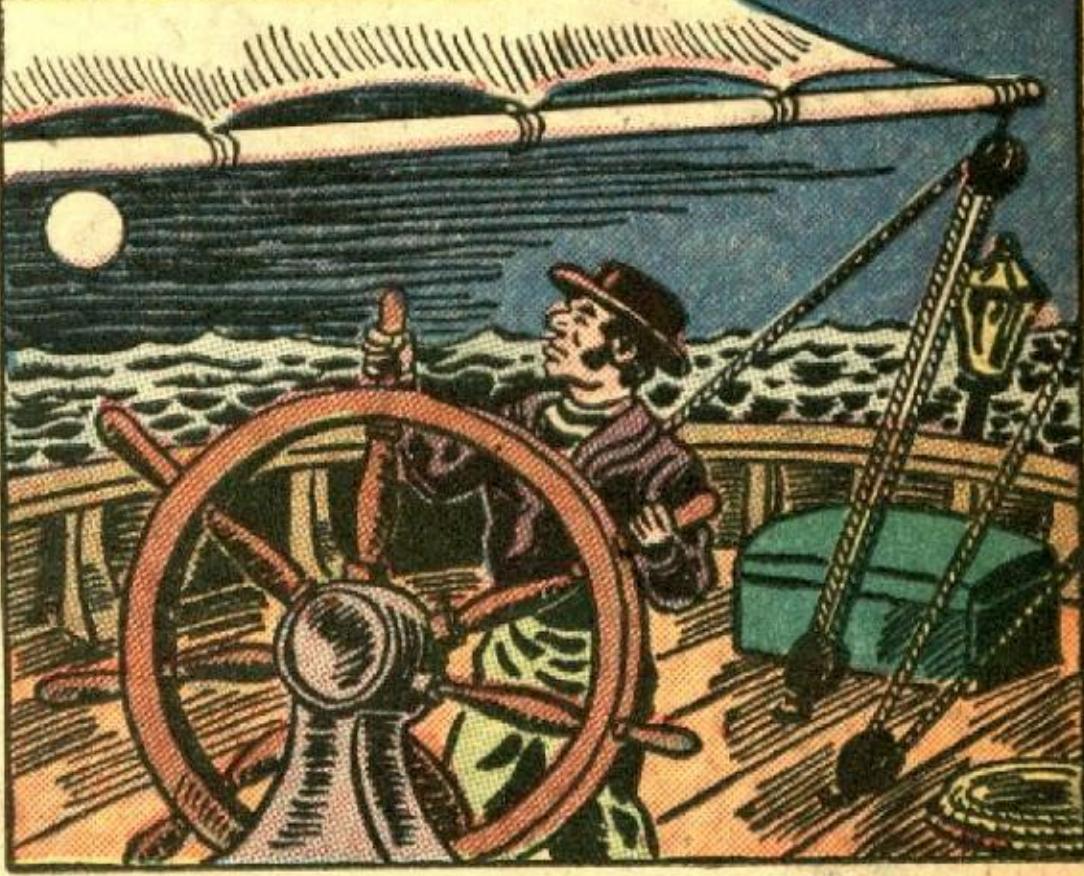
IF I CAN'T TOW THIS SECOND MOON AWAY FROM EARTH'S ORBIT—THE PLANET IS DOOMED!



EVER SINCE MAN CAN REMEMBER A FAMILIAR SIGHT IS ALWAYS IN THE SKIES---



240,000 MILES FROM EARTH, THE MOON IS OUR NEAREST INTERPLANETARY NEIGHBOR---



UNTIL NOW THE MOON HAS BEEN AS FAMILIAR TO US AS OUR OWN FACES---

ISN'T IT A BEAUTIFUL MOON, WONDER WOMAN?

I WOULDN'T WANT IT CHANGED FOR THE WORLD, STEVE!



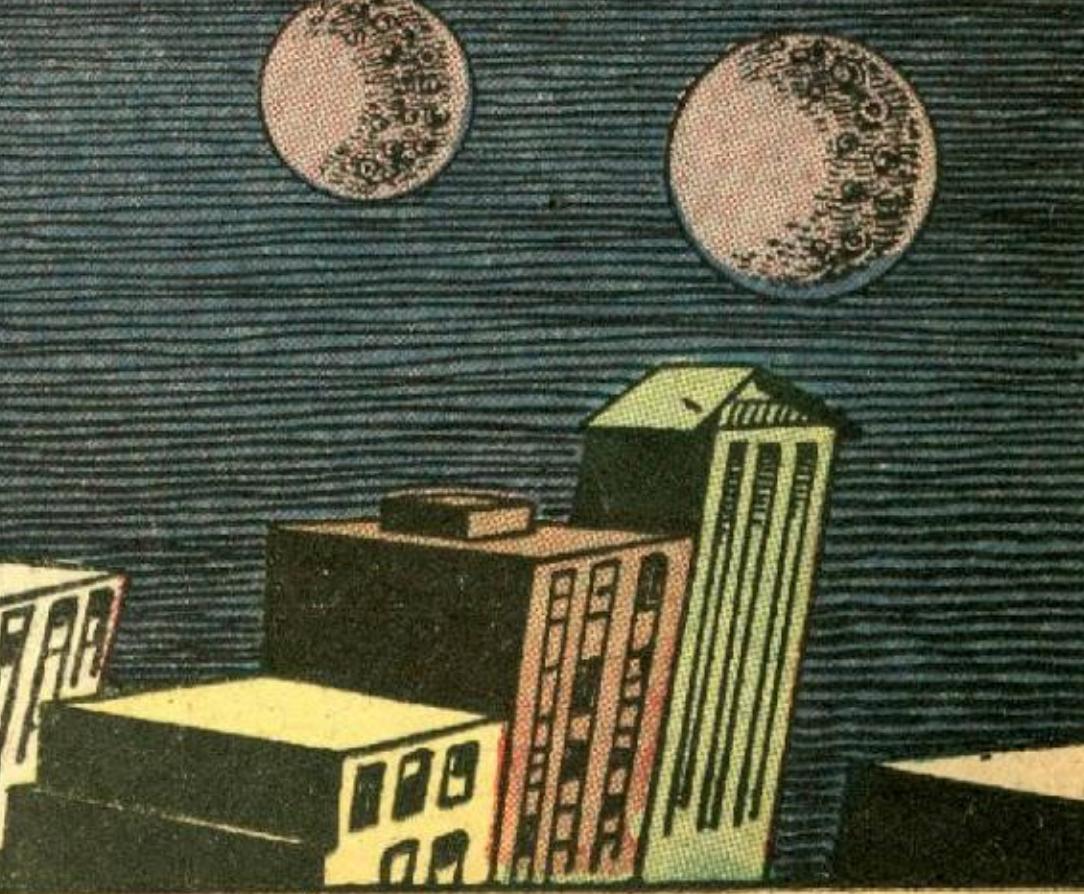
BUT ONE EVENING, THE SLEEP OF LIEUTENANT DIANA PRINCE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE IS SUDDENLY DISTURBED WHEN--

THE MOON MUST BE UNUSUALLY BRIGHT TONIGHT—FOR ITS LIGHT TO HAVE AWAKENED ME!



GLANCING OUTSIDE, THE YOUNG LIEUTENANT IS STUNNED BY A SPECTACLE NEVER BEFORE SEEN ON EARTH ---

THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE!  
TWO MOONS!



SWIFTLY CHANGING INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF WONDER WOMAN, THE MIGHTY AMAZON---

HERA ALONE KNOWS WHAT TERRIBLE EFFECT THIS SECOND MOON WILL HAVE ON EARTH!

CALLING PLANE! ---  
BANK AT MAXIMUM SPEED AND —



ON HER ROBOT PLANE WHICH MANEUVERS TO THE VIBRATIONS OF HER VOICE ---

THE DOUBLED AMOUNT OF LUNAR ENERGY DUE TO THE SECOND MOON—HAS ALREADY AFFECTED THE WEATHER—CREATING TREMENDOUS WINDS!



BY MERCURY'S WINGED SANDALS! THOSE PLANES ARE TOO LIGHT TO COMBAT THESE TERRIFIC WINDS! THEY'RE SPINNING TOWARD DESTRUCTION! IF THEY WERE ONLY HEAVIER—!

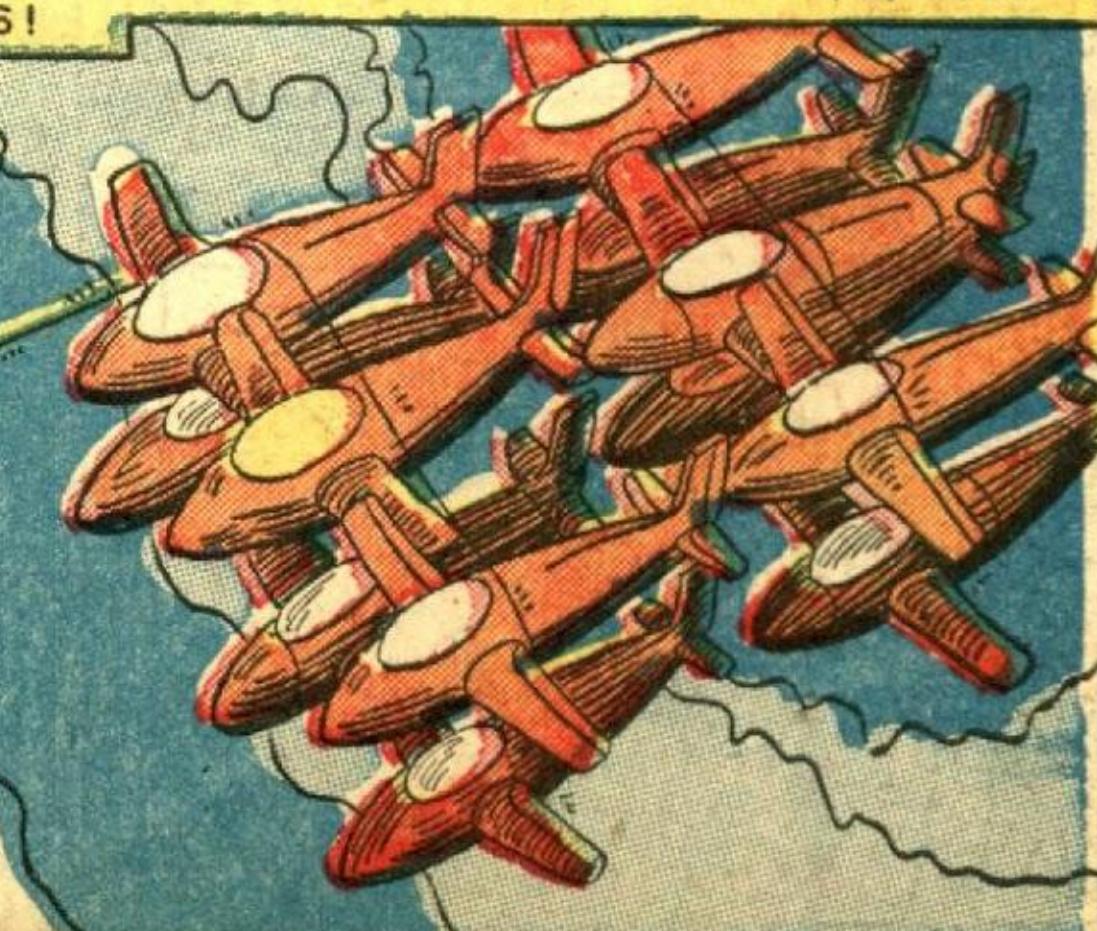


INSTANTLY, THE QUICK-THINKING AMAZON LASOES THE WILDLY-GYRATING PLANES ---

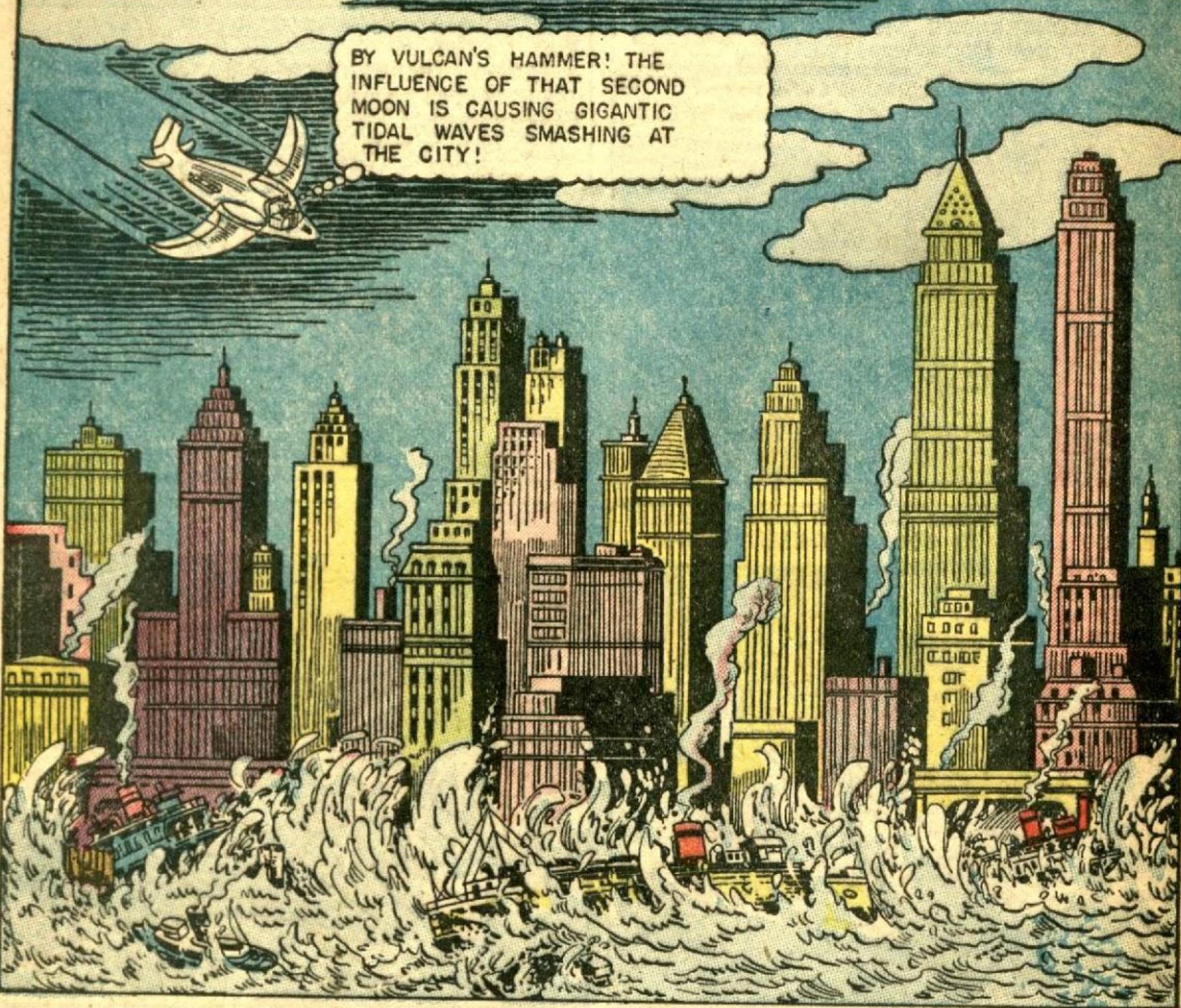


AND WITH INCREDIBLE AGILITY, FORMS THE PLANES INTO A SINGLE MASSIVE STRUCTURE, ABLE TO RESIST THE MIGHTY BUFFETS OF THE WINDS!

WITH EARTH'S SINGLE MOON THE DOMINANT FACTOR IN THE PRODUCTION OF TIDES—NEPTUNE ALONE KNOWS WHAT EFFECT THIS ADDITIONAL MOON WILL HAVE! AFTER THESE PLANES LAND SAFELY—I'LL HURRY TO THE SEACOAST!



AFTER LANDING THE PLANES SAFELY, WONDER WOMAN SPEEDS TOWARD THE COAST WHERE---



THE ONLY CHANCE TO SAVE THE CITY FROM THESE MIGHTY TIDAL SMASHES IS TO ERECT A WALL BIG ENOUGH TO HOLD THEM BACK!

BUT WHERE CAN I FIND THE MATERIAL TO BUILD THIS GREAT DIKE!



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UNHESITATINGLY, THE DAUNTLESS AMAZON UTTERS A STARTLING COMMAND!

I'LL TAKE IT FROM THE SEA ITSELF!

PLANE SUBMERGE AT MAXIMUM DIVING SPEED!



FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE HARBOR WONDER WOMAN'S PLANE SCOOPS UP A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF EARTH---

BY DOING THIS I'LL NOT ONLY GET THE MATERIAL FOR THE DIKE--BUT DEEPEN THE HARBOR!



ZOOMING OUT OF THE WATER, THE TIRELESS AMAZON LEAPS OFF FROM THE RIVER MUD SHE HAS COLLECTED---

PLANE--CONTINUE THE MANEUVER!



AND, WHILE HER AMAZON PLANE RETURNS AGAIN AND AGAIN WITH FURTHER DEPOSITS FROM THE RIVER BOTTOM, WONDER WOMAN ERECTS A MIGHTY SEA WALL WHICH--

THIS DIKE--PLUS THE DEEPPED BAY--WILL HOLD BACK THE HUGE WAVES CAUSED BY THE APPEARANCE OF THE SECOND MOON!



SHORTLY, THE ACROBATIC AMAZON AGAIN BOARDS HER PLANE, AND AT FLASHING SPEED ---

AS LONG AS THAT SECOND MOON IS THERE--OUR PLANET IS IN GREAT DANGER! I MUST REMOVE IT FROM EARTH'S ORBIT!



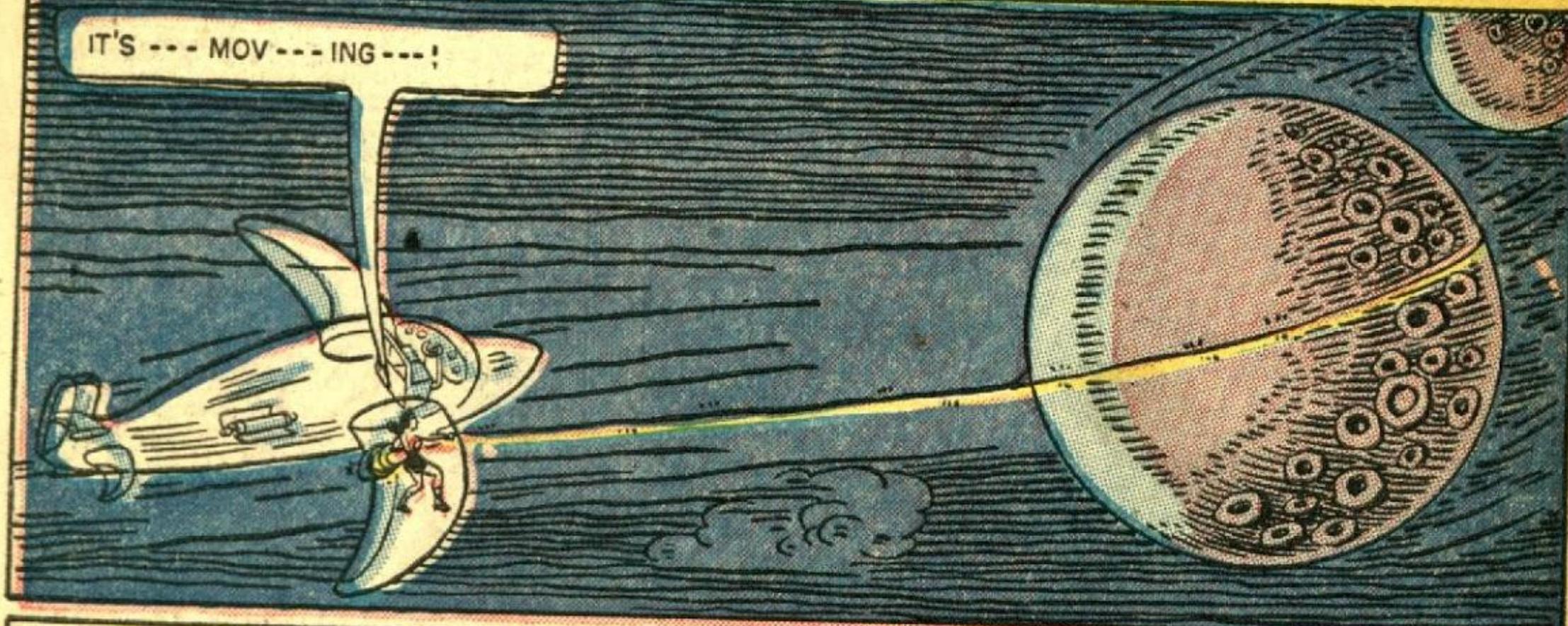
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DISTANCE SHRINKS BEFORE THE UNIQUE PLANE UNTIL---THE DARING WONDER WOMAN ATTEMPTS THE INCREDIBLE FEAT OF LASSOING THE SECOND MOON!



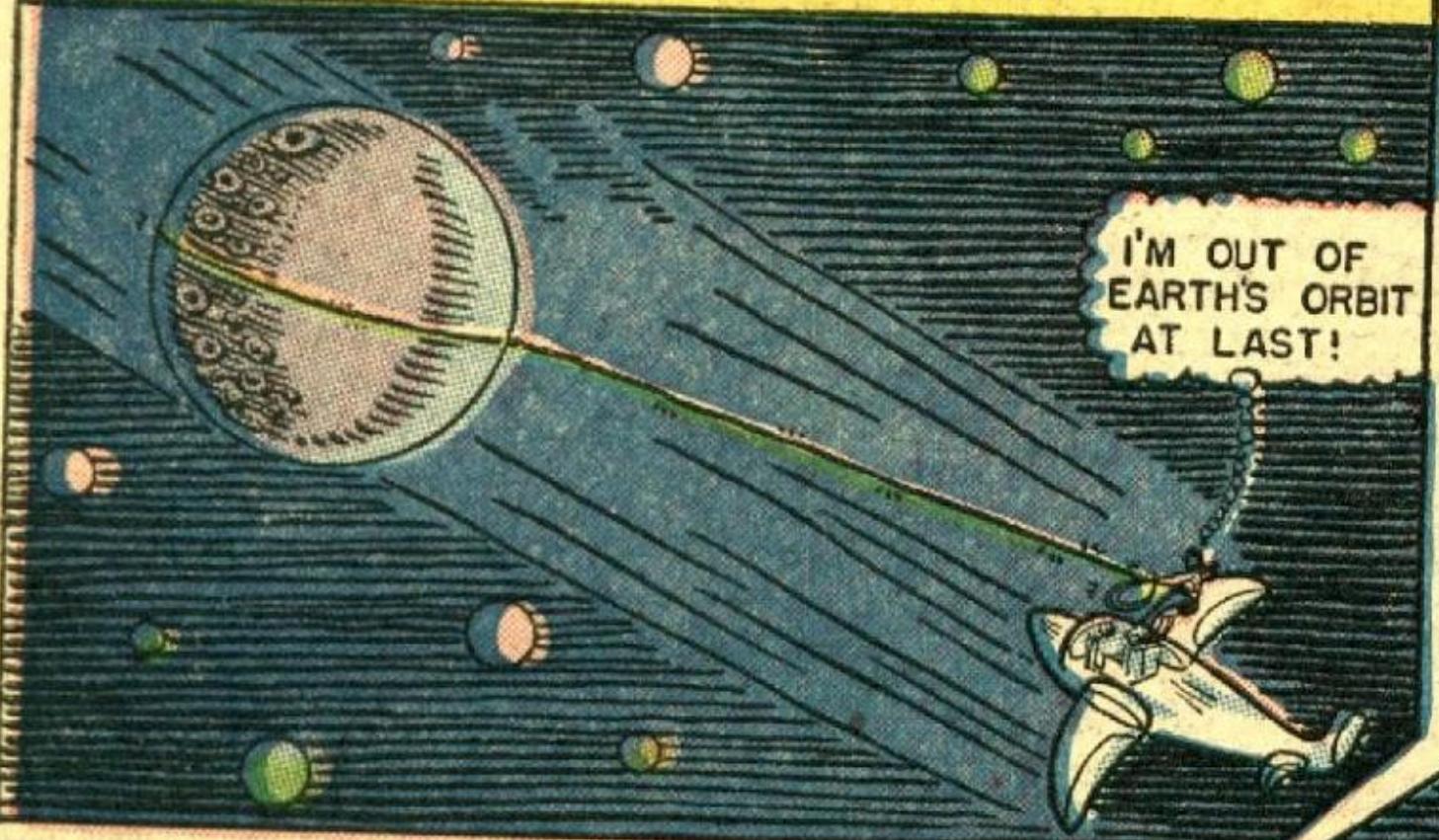
EXERTING EVERY IOTA OF POWER SHE POSSESSES, THE MIGHTY AMAZON STRAINS AT THE SECOND MOON UNTIL ---SLOWLY AT FIRST---THEN FASTER---

IT'S --- MOV--- ING ---!

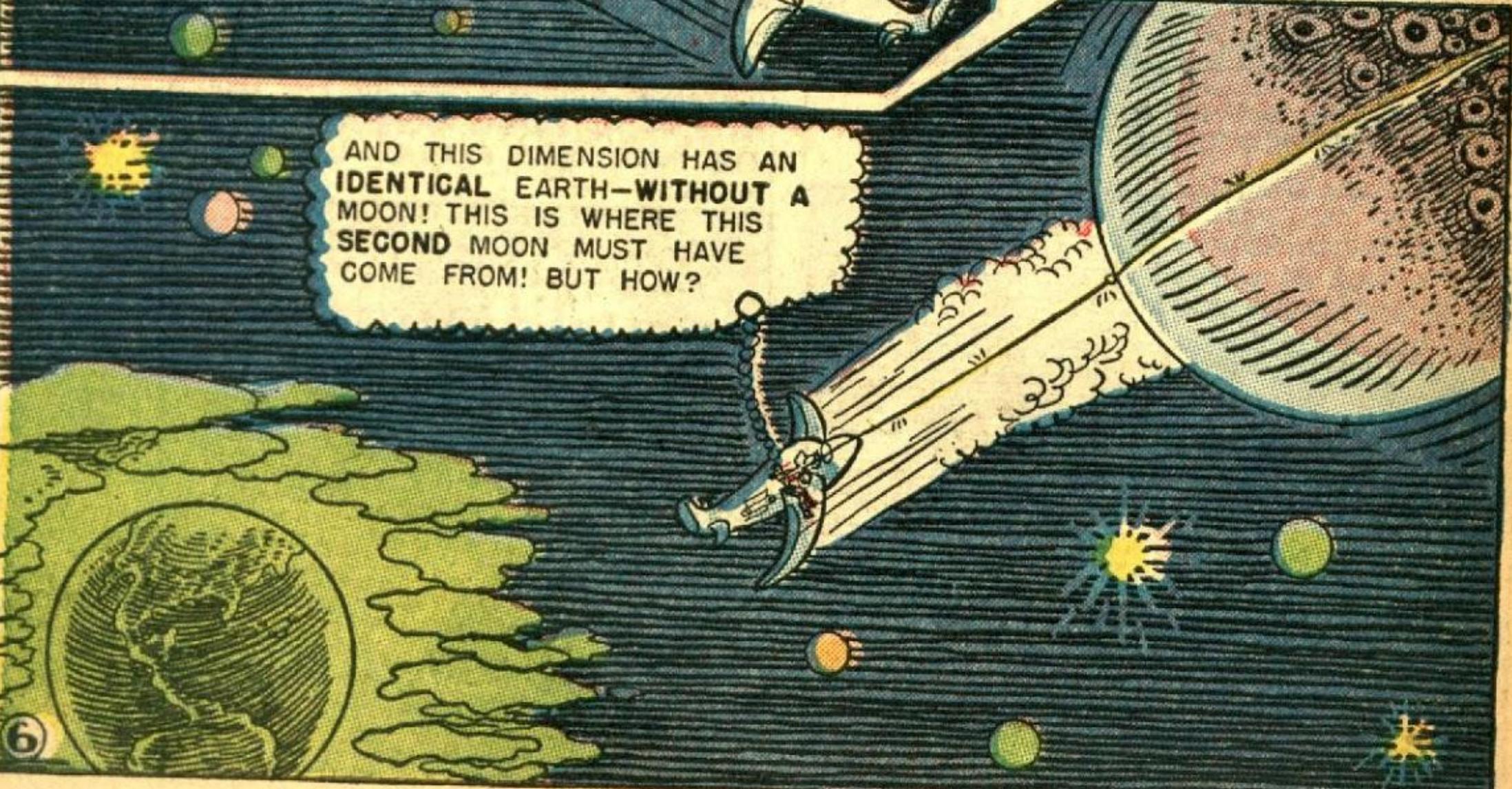


AT INCALCULABLE SPEED WONDER WOMAN SPEEDS THROUGH SPACE, DRAWING THE SHINING ORB AFTER HER---

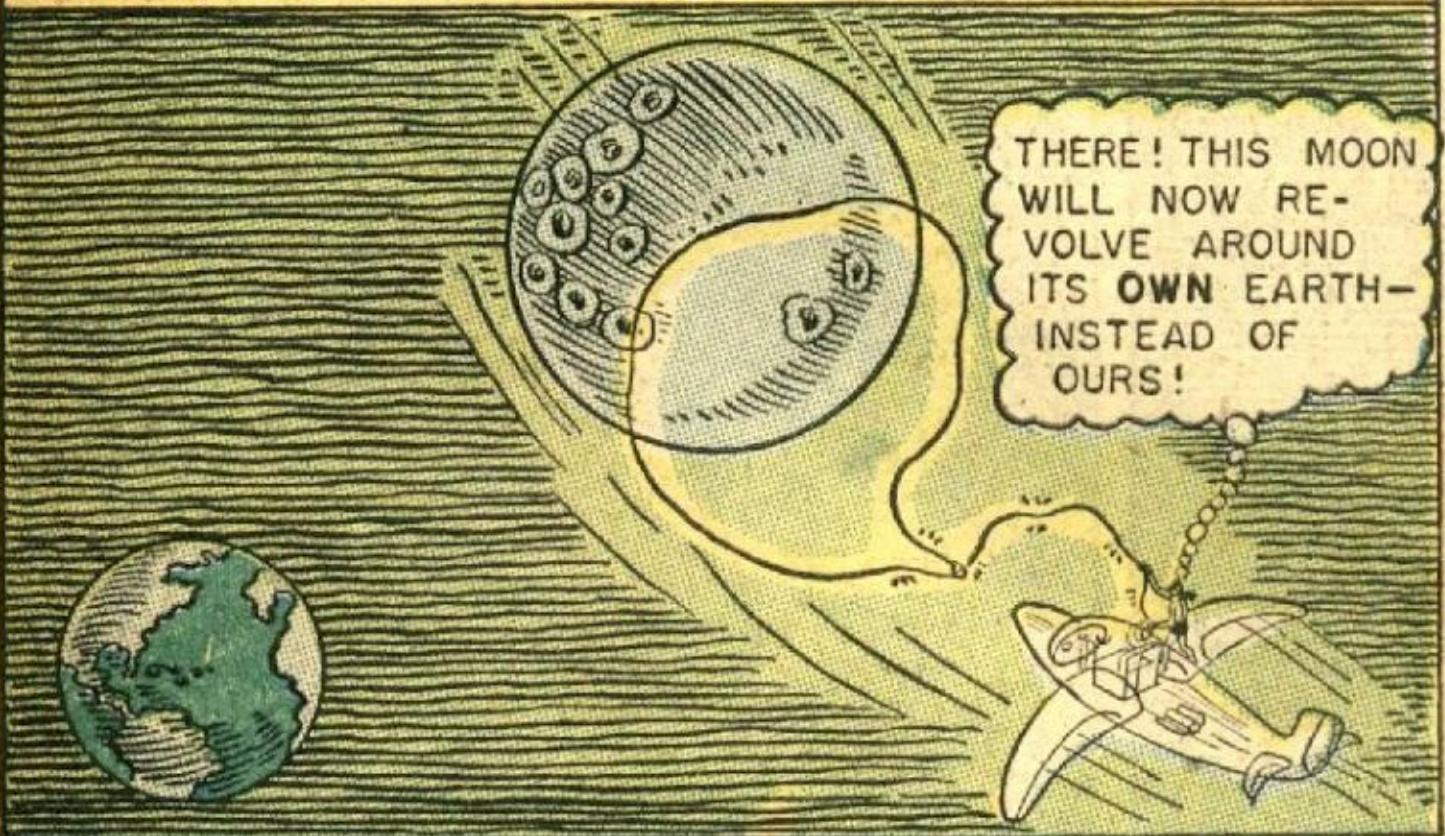
SHADES OF PLUTO! I'VE PASSED INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION!



AND THIS DIMENSION HAS AN IDENTICAL EARTH--WITHOUT A MOON! THIS IS WHERE THIS SECOND MOON MUST HAVE COME FROM! BUT HOW?



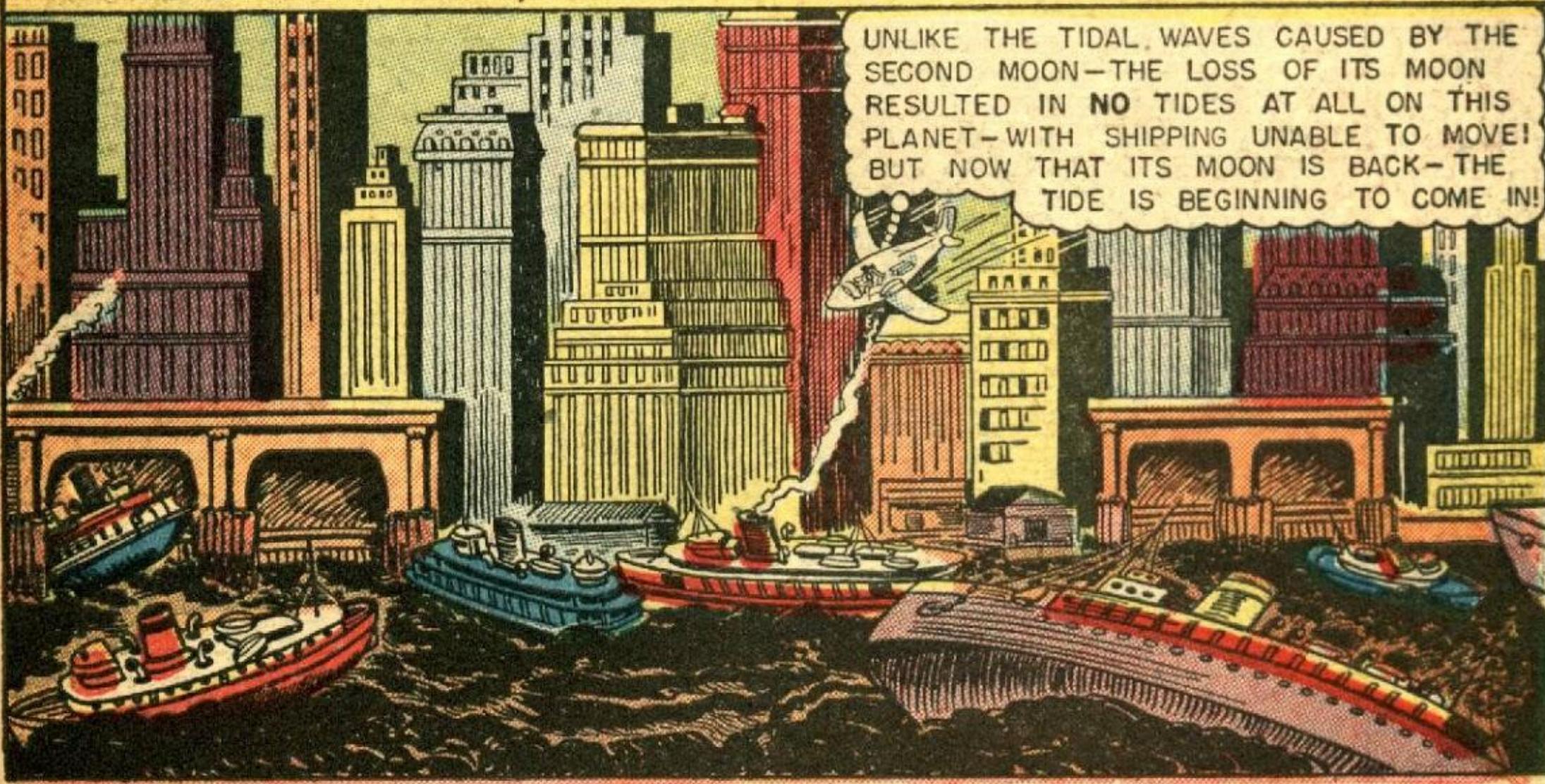
AS WONDER WOMAN TOWS THE CAPTIVE MOON WITHIN THE ORBIT OF THE IDENTICAL EARTH ---



I'LL VISIT THIS PARALLEL EARTH AND SEE WHAT EFFECT THE LOSS OF ITS MOON HAD ON IT!

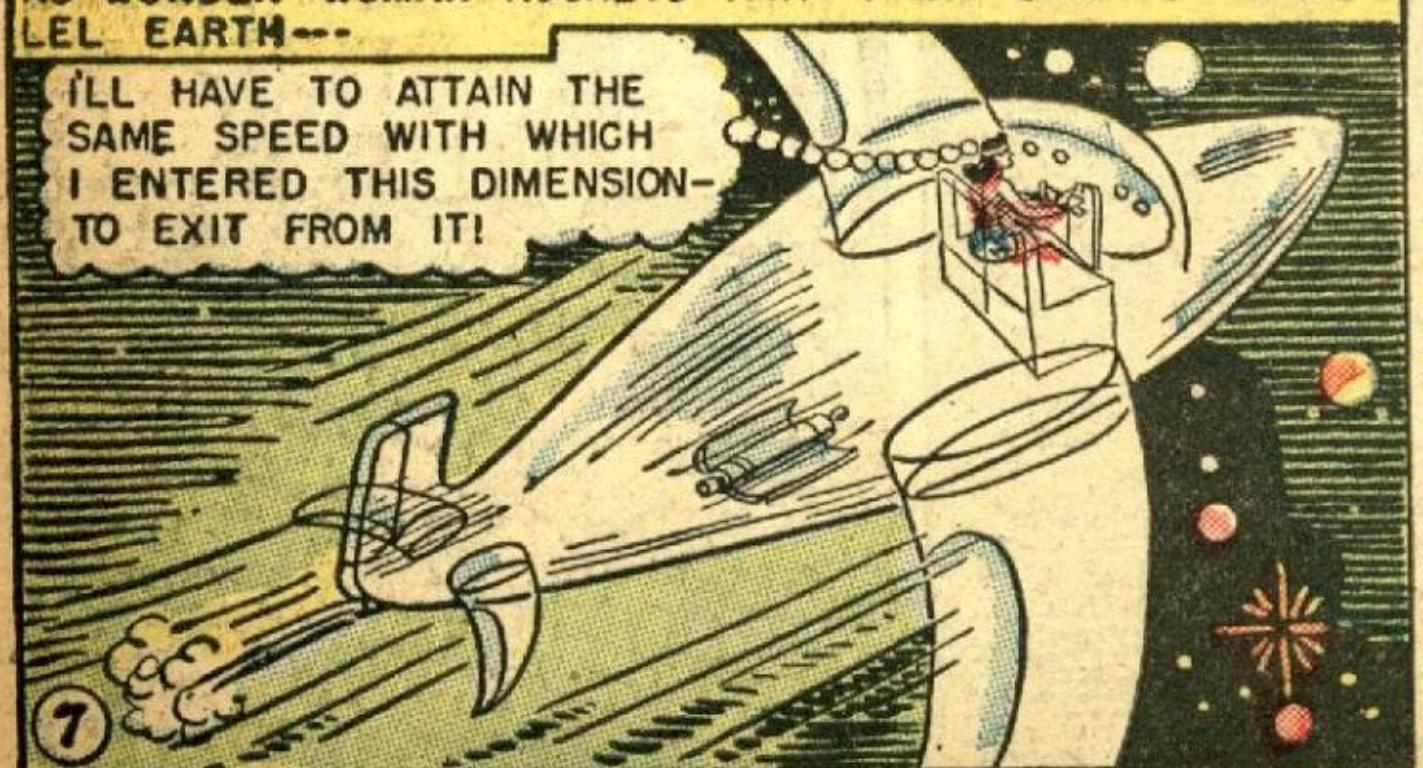


HOVERING OVER AN IDENTICAL HARBOR TO HER OWN PLANET, THE VISITING AMAZON SEES---



AS WONDER WOMAN ROCKETS AWAY FROM EARTH'S PARALLEL EARTH ---

I'LL HAVE TO ATTAIN THE SAME SPEED WITH WHICH I ENTERED THIS DIMENSION--TO EXIT FROM IT!

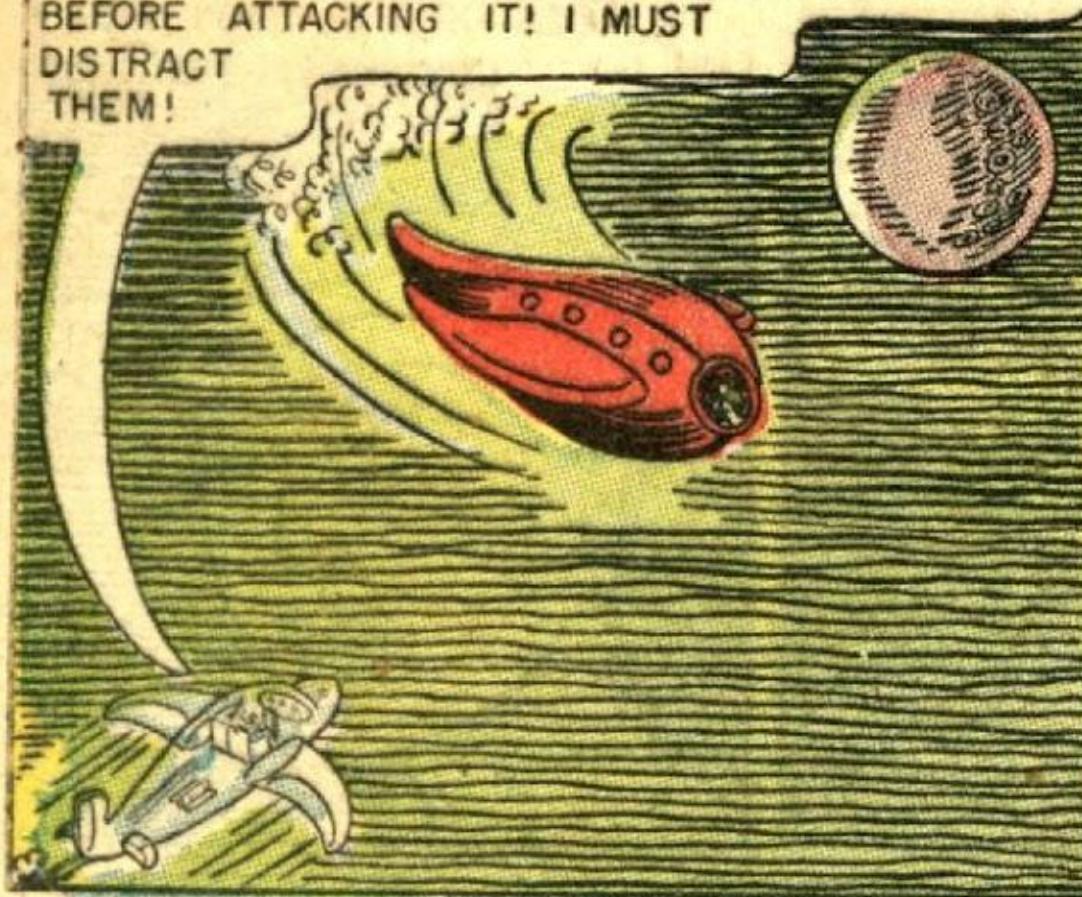


SUDDENLY ---

GREAT HERA! A GIANT INVADING SPACESHIP IS TRYING TO ATTRACT THE MOON OUT OF ITS ORBIT! THIS EXPLAINS HOW THIS IDENTICAL MOON REACHED EARTH'S!

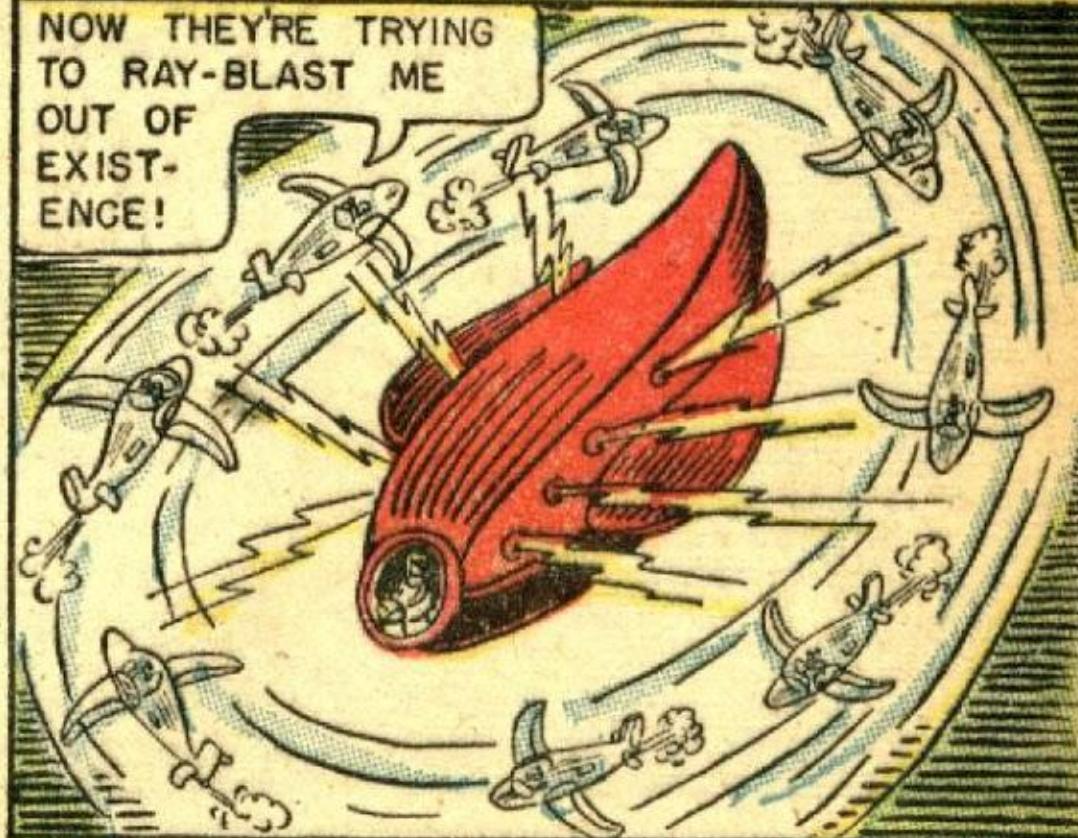


IT'S OBVIOUS THIS ENEMY SPACESHIP IS TRYING TO DISLODGE THIS EARTH'S MOON AGAIN—BEFORE ATTACKING IT! I MUST DISTRACT THEM!



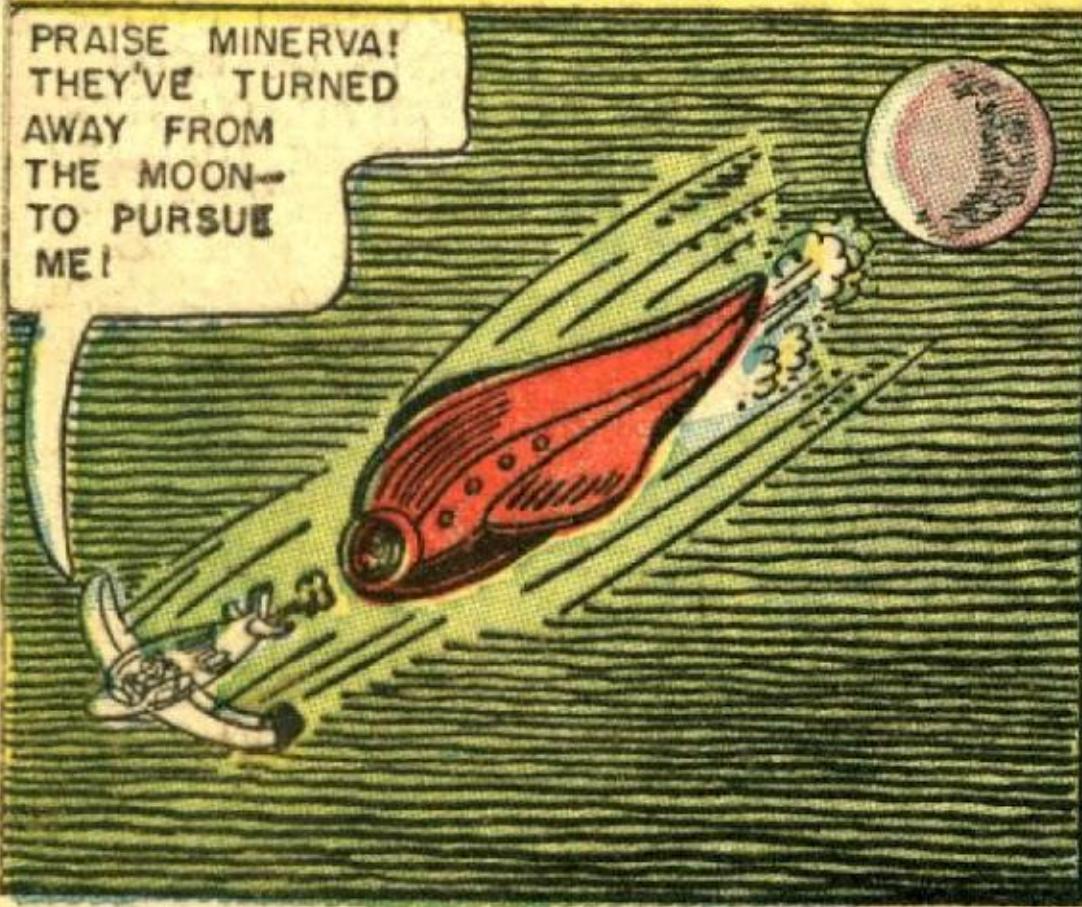
LIKE A GNAT BUZZING AROUND A GIGANTIC SPACE BEAST, THE FEARLESS AMAZON WHIRLS AROUND THE INVADER---

NOW THEY'RE TRYING TO RAY-BLAST ME OUT OF EXISTENCE!



ENRAGED BY ITS TINY ADVERSARY---

PRAISE MINERVA! THEY'VE TURNED AWAY FROM THE MOON—TO PURSUE ME!



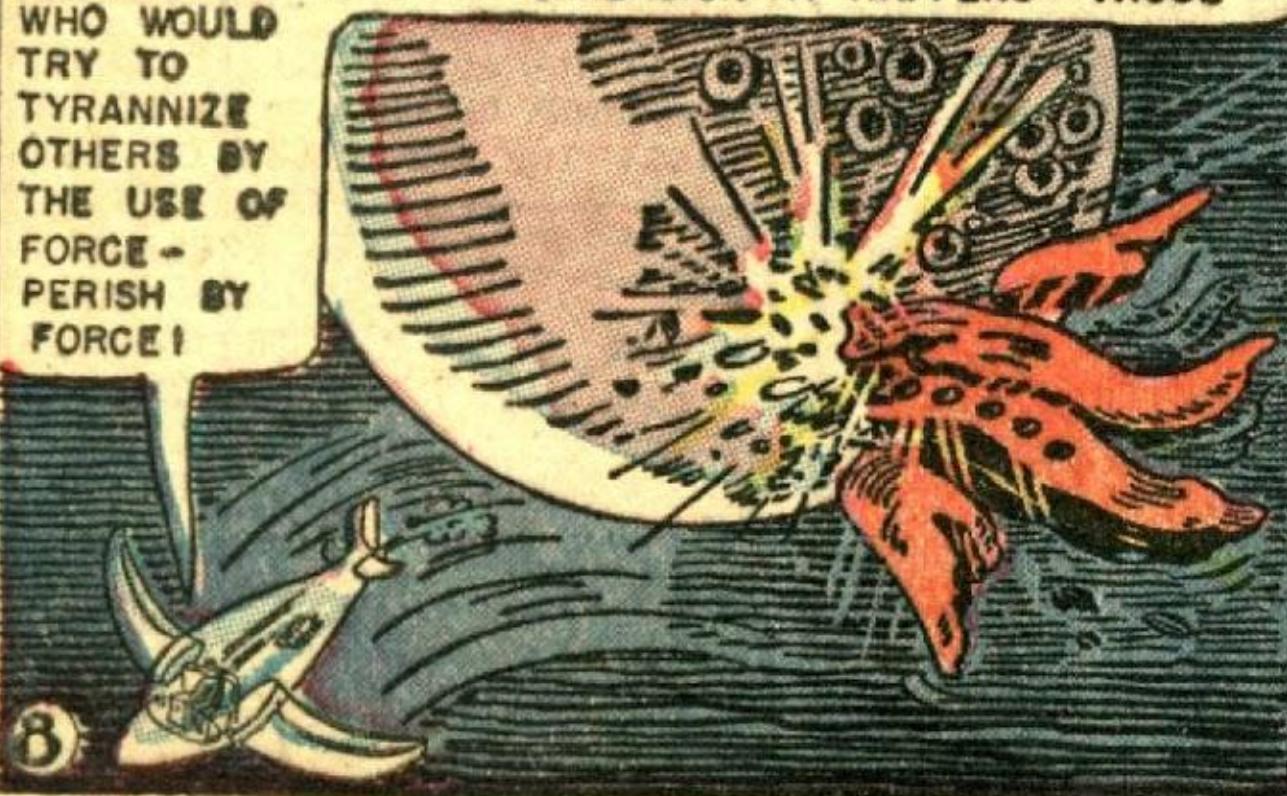
THE PURSUIT REACHES BLINDING SPEED UNTIL—

I'VE REACHED THE SPEED NECESSARY TO EXIT FROM THAT PARALLEL DIMENSION—THERE'S EARTH'S REAL AND ONLY MOON AHEAD! AND THAT RUTHLESS INVADER IS STILL PURSUING ME!



AT THE LAST MOMENT, THE ALERT WONDER WOMAN TWISTS OUT OF THE WAY OF THE IMMENSE, SHINING ORB---WHILE BEHIND HER ---

NO MATTER IN WHAT DIMENSION IT HAPPENS—THOSE WHO WOULD TRY TO TYRANNIZE OTHERS BY THE USE OF FORCE—PERISH BY FORCE!



LATER---BACK ON EARTH---

IT'S NICE TO HAVE OUR MOON AGAIN—JUST AS IT ALWAYS WAS! I WONDER WHAT CAUSED THAT SECOND MOON TO APPEAR—THEN DISAPPEAR?

PERHAPS, SOME DAY, YOU'LL KNOW, STEVE!



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I HATE TO MOVE  
LEAVING THE HOUSE  
SO UNTIDY!

DON'T SWEEP  
IT UP! IT'S FOR  
OUR OWN GOOD!



NEVER DISCARD AN OLD SALT-BOX BEFORE MOVING. IT SHOULD BE TRANSPORTED WITH ALL ONE'S WORLDLY GOODS TO INSURE THE SAFE ARRIVAL AT THE NEW MOVING PLACE...

ARE YOU SURE  
WE DIDN'T LEAVE  
ANYTHING  
BEHIND?

WE'VE TAKEN EVERY-  
THING WITH US--EVEN  
OUR OLD SALT-BOX!



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WE'VE BROUGHT YOU SOME LUCKY  
PRESENTS FOR YOUR  
NEW HOME!



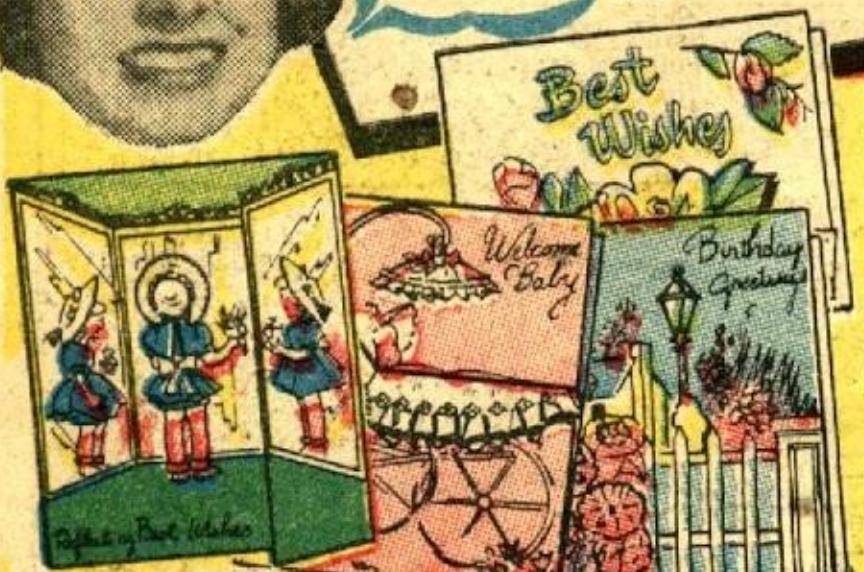
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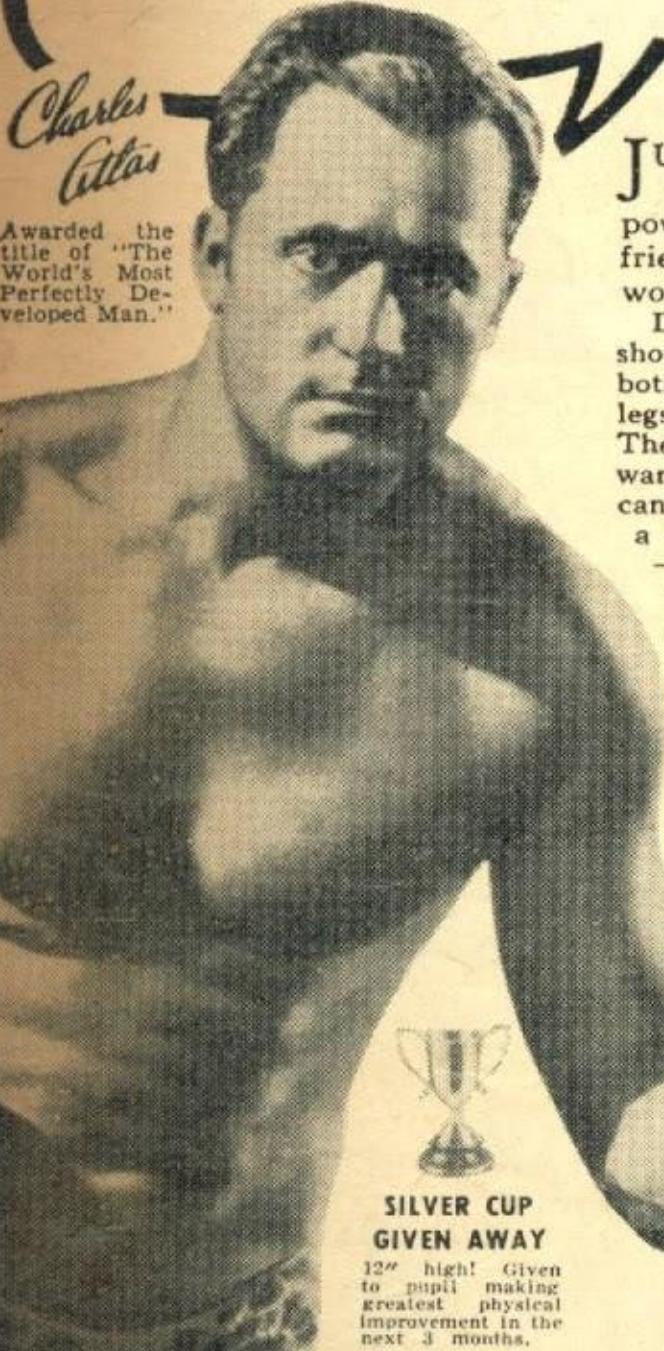
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