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THE MYSTERY OF THE
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TWO GREAT HITS...



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--AS TWO TRAVELLERS ARE FINDING OUT TO THEIR CHAGRIN...

SNOW! ONE OF NATURE'S MOST BEAUTIFUL DESIGNS AND NO TWO FLAKES ALIKE, WHEN LOOKED AT THROUGH A MICROSCOPE-- BUT WHEN NUMBERED IN THE BILLIONS-- A TRAVELLER'S NIGHTMARE--

IT'S NOT GETTING ANY BETTER-- BUT WORSE!

TWO TRAVELLERS WE KNOW VERY WELL-- DIANA (WONDER WOMAN) PRINCE, AND I CHING, HER BLIND MENTOR AND GREAT FRIEND!

THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE FORCES OF NATURE SEEMS TO BE GETTING HARDER, DIANA!

TOUGHER THAN EVER-- I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I'M STILL ON THE ROAD!

SUDDENLY, UP AHEAD, TWO OTHER TRAVELLERS IN AN EVEN WORSE SITUATION-- THEY'VE WOUND UP IN THE DITCH...

UH-OH, I CHING, TRAVELLERS IN TROUBLE--

-- TIME TO BE GOOD SAMARITANS!

TRouble? WHICH IS QUITE A FOOLISH QUESTION-- SINCE IT'S OBVIOUS YOU ARE!

DEAD BATTERY,
AND IN THE DITCH--

IF YOU WANNA CALL THAT TROUBLE!

AND IT FEELS LIKE 20° BELOW OUT HERE IN THIS WIND.

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BEGINNING IN JUNE YOU WILL SEE THE DARING, THE DIFFERENT AND THE NEW!

AS THE CAR BATTLES ITS WAY INTO DEEPER AND DEEPER SNOW--ITS STRUGGLES FORWARD BECOME MORE AND MORE STRAINED AND SLOWER AND SLOWER--

CAN'T YOU GET ANY MORE SPEED OUT OF THIS THING?

VRUMMM

DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER WE CAN GO ON--

WE'RE IN UP TO THE HUBCAPS ALREADY!

AND DIANA'S PREDICTION IS ONLY TOO TRUE, FOR EVEN THE BEST SNOW TIRES MADE, FINALLY CAN'T MAKE IT THROUGH THE KIND OF BLIZZARD DIANA HAS BEEN TRYING TO FIGHT HER CAR THROUGH...

END OF THE ROAD, BOYS! WE'RE NOT GOING ANY FURTHER BY CAR.

SHE WON'T MOVE ANOTHER INCH!

THEN WE'RE WALKING-- AND YOU'RE COMING WITH US. WE NEED HOSTAGES! OUT, POP!

C'MON, MOVE!

WE WON'T GET A MILE IN THIS!

SUDDENLY, LIKE A MIRACLE-- A LIGHT APPEARS IN THE DISTANCE!

WHAT LUCK! OKAY, BABY--HEAD FOR THAT LIGHT--

THERE'S OUR THING-- LET'S DO IT!

A LIGHT!

DIANA PRINCE AS

WONDER WOMAN



AS DIANA PASSES THE SIGN OF THE OLD-FASHIONED INN--A CHILL RUNS UP HER SPINE--

SOMEBODY'S JUST WALKED OVER MY GRAVE!

INN OF THE WHITE HORSE--NOW WHERE DID I HEAR ABOUT THAT BEFORE?

BUT THE THOUGHT OF WARMTH AND FOOD--

KNOCK KNOCK

--STILLS ANY DOUBTS IN HER MIND AS SHE KNOCKS ON THE DOOR.

AND AS THE DOOR OPENS, HER DOUBTS VANISH AS THEY ALL LOOK INTO A BEAMING, CHERUBIC FACE.

AHHH, MORE REFUGEES FROM THE STORM!

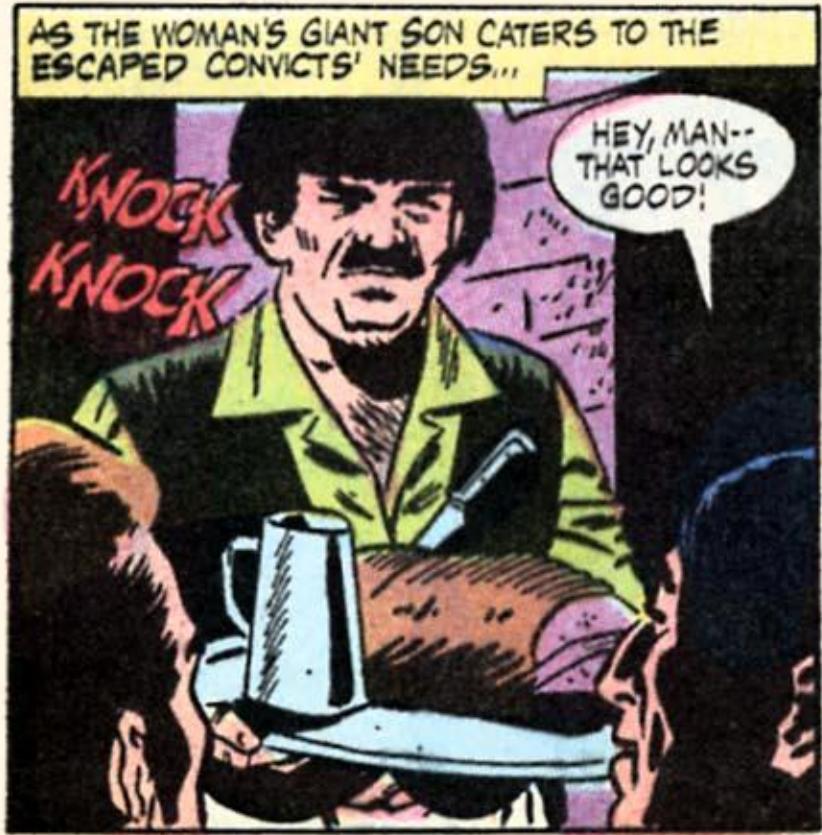
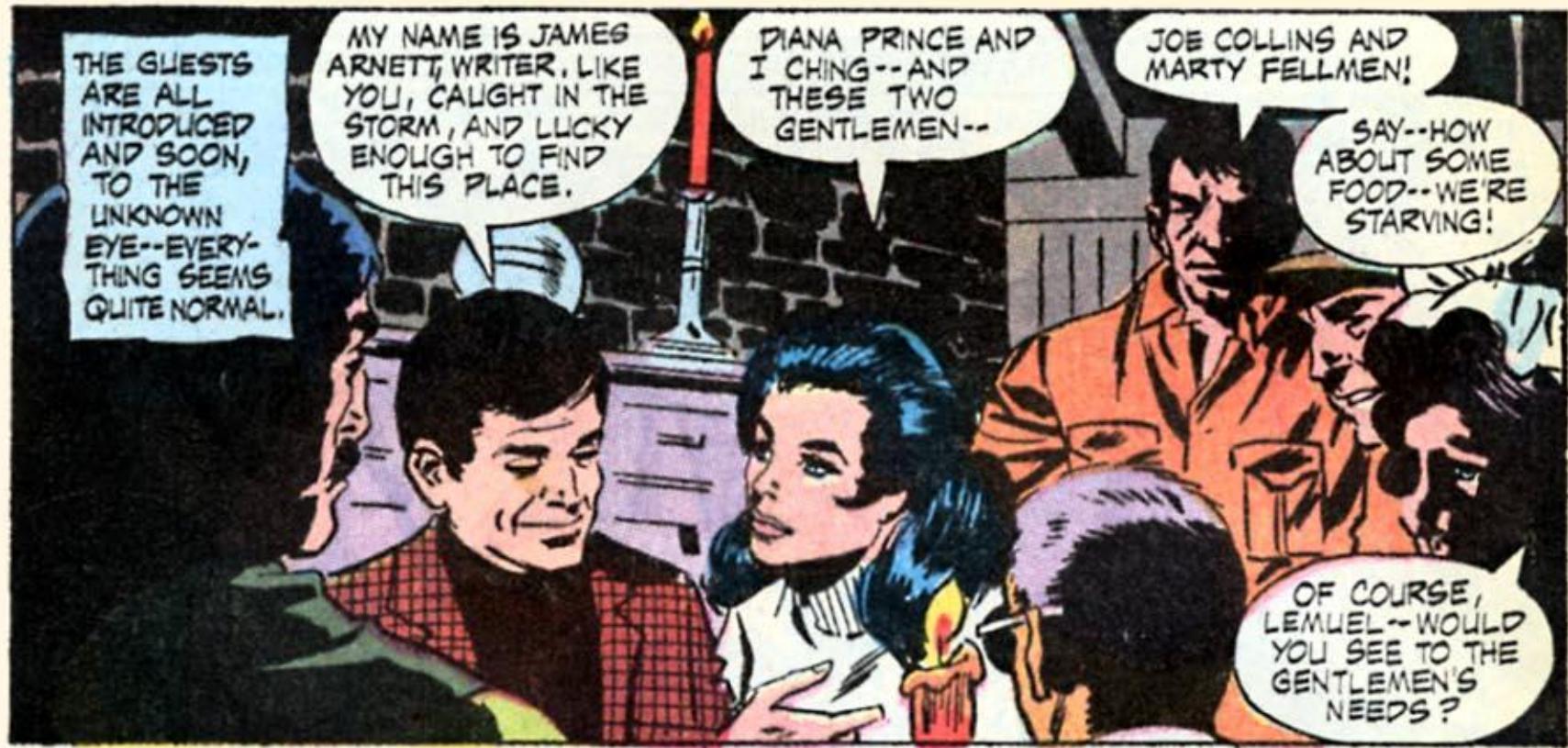
COME IN--COME IN! WARM YOURSELVES BEFORE THE FIRE!

YE MUST BE FROZEN!

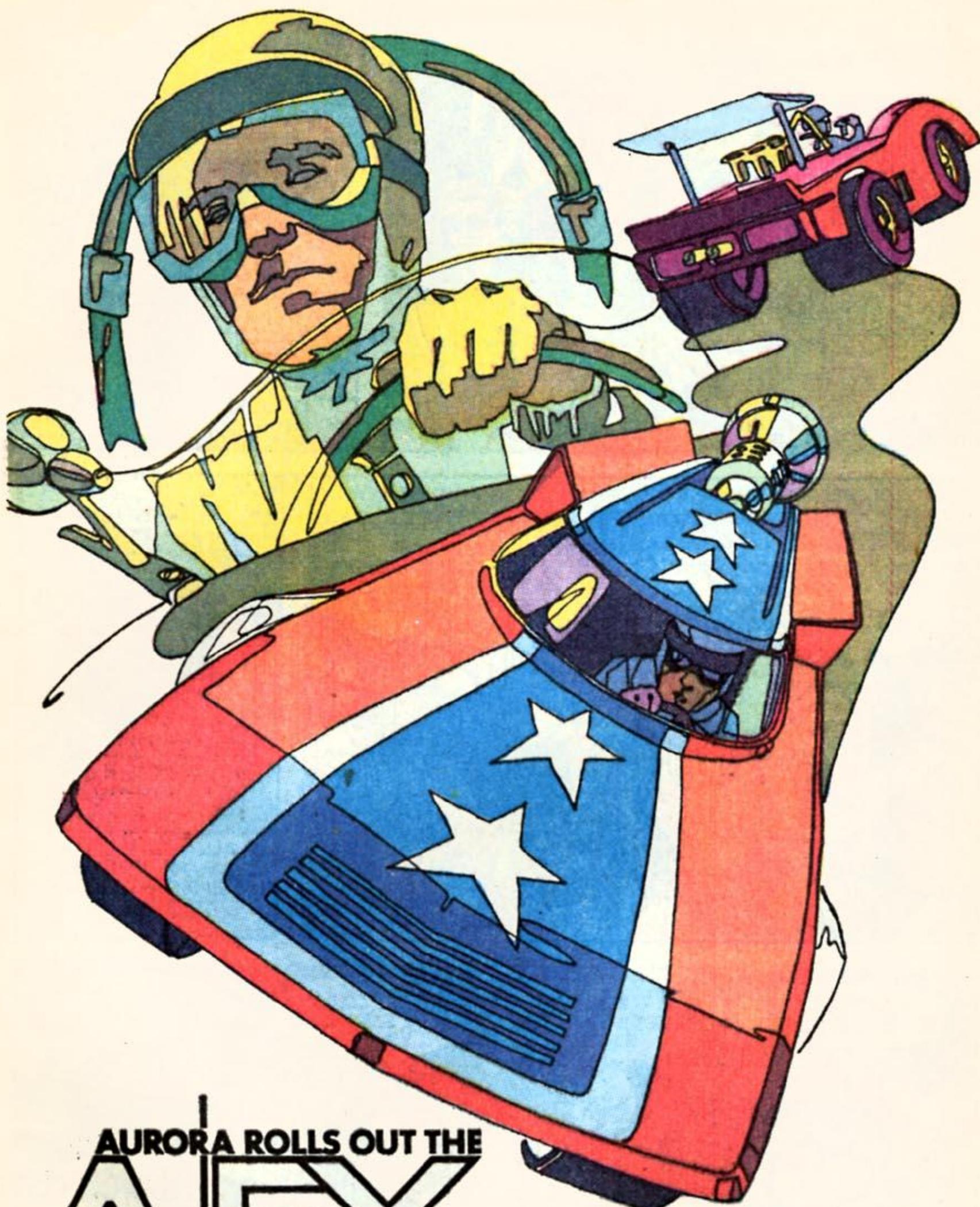
STEPPING INTO THE MAIN ROOM IS LIKE STEPPING BACK A HUNDRED YEARS IN THE PAST AS THEY ENTER THE LARGE MAIN ROOM AND SEE THE GIANT FIRE PLACE WARMING THE LOVELY OLD-FASHIONED ROOM.

ANOTHER LOST TRAVELLER--MR. JAMES ARNETT--AND MY SON, LEMUEL!

THE LATEST WEATHER REPORT--NO CHANGE--HEAVY SNOW CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL, DON'T!

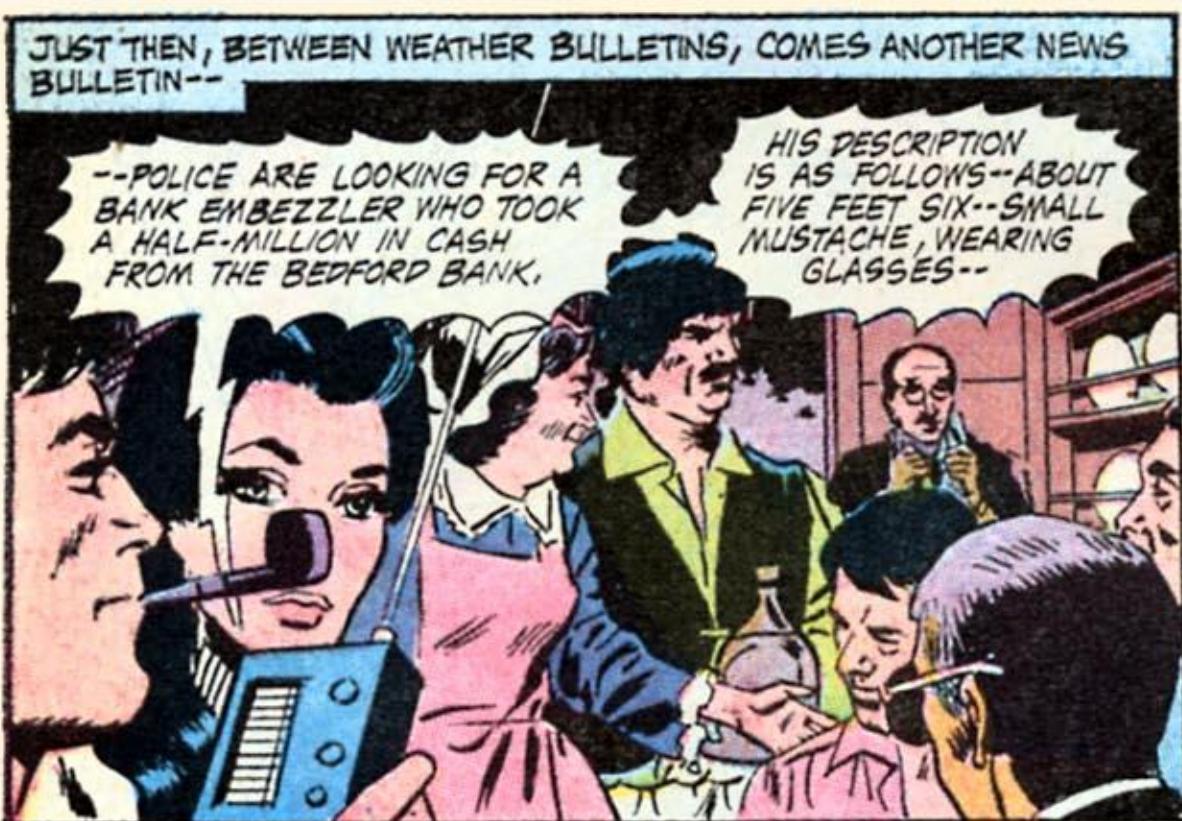


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NO USE JUST SITTING HERE LISTENING
TO THAT WIND HOWLING OUTSIDE--

THINK I'LL GO UPSTAIRS
AND HAVE SOME SHUT-EYE TOO!

GO AHEAD, MARTY,
I'M NOT SLEEPY
YET--I'LL JUST
STAY DOWN HERE
AND GAB A BIT
MORE WITH OUR
FRIENDS HERE!



AS DIANA STARTS TO RISE--
INTENDING TO FOLLOW--

SIT DOWN--AND PLAY
IT COOL--THIS THING
HAS A FULL CLIP
IN IT!

BEFORE ANY OF
YOU WOULD
KNOW WHAT
WAS HAPPENING--
YOU'D BE DEAD!

UNDER THE DEADLY MENACE
OF THE HIDDEN GUN--DIANA
HELPLESSLY DOES AS SHE
IS TOLD...

THAT'S A
GOOD
GIRL!

SO YOU'RE
A WRITER,
EH? WHAT
KIND OF
STUFF DO
YOU WRITE?

OH, NOTHING GREAT--
MYSTERIES, ARTICLES,
ANYTHING THAT'LL BRING
IN ENOUGH MONEY TO
LET ME LIVE THE KIND
OF LIFE I WANT TO--

SOMETHING
WRONG?

MEANWHILE UPSTAIRS, THE
DOOR TO THE LITTLE MAN'S
ROOM SLOWLY, SILENTLY
OPENS...

AND...



AAOUGH!



AGAIN THE SCREAM OF MORTAL TERROR RIPS THROUGH THE AIR AND THE TERRIFIED FIGURE OF ONE OF THE ESCAPED CONVICTS ERLUTS INTO VIEW AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRS...



...WHERE IT SUDDENLY STOPS --AND APPEARS TO BE STRUGGLING WITH SOMETHING NO ONE CAN SEE...



THEN THE HORRIFIED SPECTATORS BELOW SEE...



HE'S DEAD!

BUT HOW--?
WE DIDN'T SEE
ANYTHING!

I'M GOING UP
TO SEE--

BE CAREFUL,
DIANA--

I'M COMING
WITH YOU!





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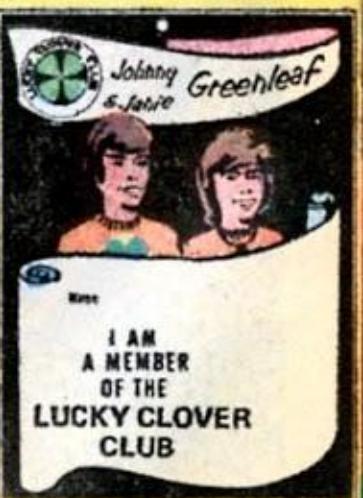
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--I'LL--
AH, THERE'S THE BRIEFCASE!

HEY, WHAT'S THIS--TRAVEL FOLDERS, A PASSPORT--

I--AH--
WHO'S THERE?

WHO--WHAT ARE YOU?

AR--I TOLD YER PARTNER--SHOWED HIM, TOO! GUESS YOU DIDN'T TAKE THE HINT!

BEFORE THE TERROR-STRICKEN, ESCAPED CONVICT CAN EVEN CRY OUT--INVISIBLE STEEL FINGERS LACE THEMSELVES AROUND HIS THROAT...

MEANWHILE..

AHHH--HERE WE ARE--DRINK THIS AND YE'LL SLEEP LIKE BABES TONIGHT!

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COMPLETELY STRAIGHTENED OUT!

COME NOW--DRINK UP! 'TIS A
CONCOCTION OF ME OWN MAKIN'!

AS DIANA WATCHES THE INNKEEPER PASS
THE MIRROR ON THE WALL, HER EYES
WIDEN IN DISBELIEF.

THE INN OF THE
WHITE HORSE!

OF COURSE--I KNEW
I HAD HEARD OF
IT BEFORE!

COME, DRINK UP--TO A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP!

I'LL DRINK
TO THAT!

SUDDENLY, DIANA LEAPS INTO ACTION...

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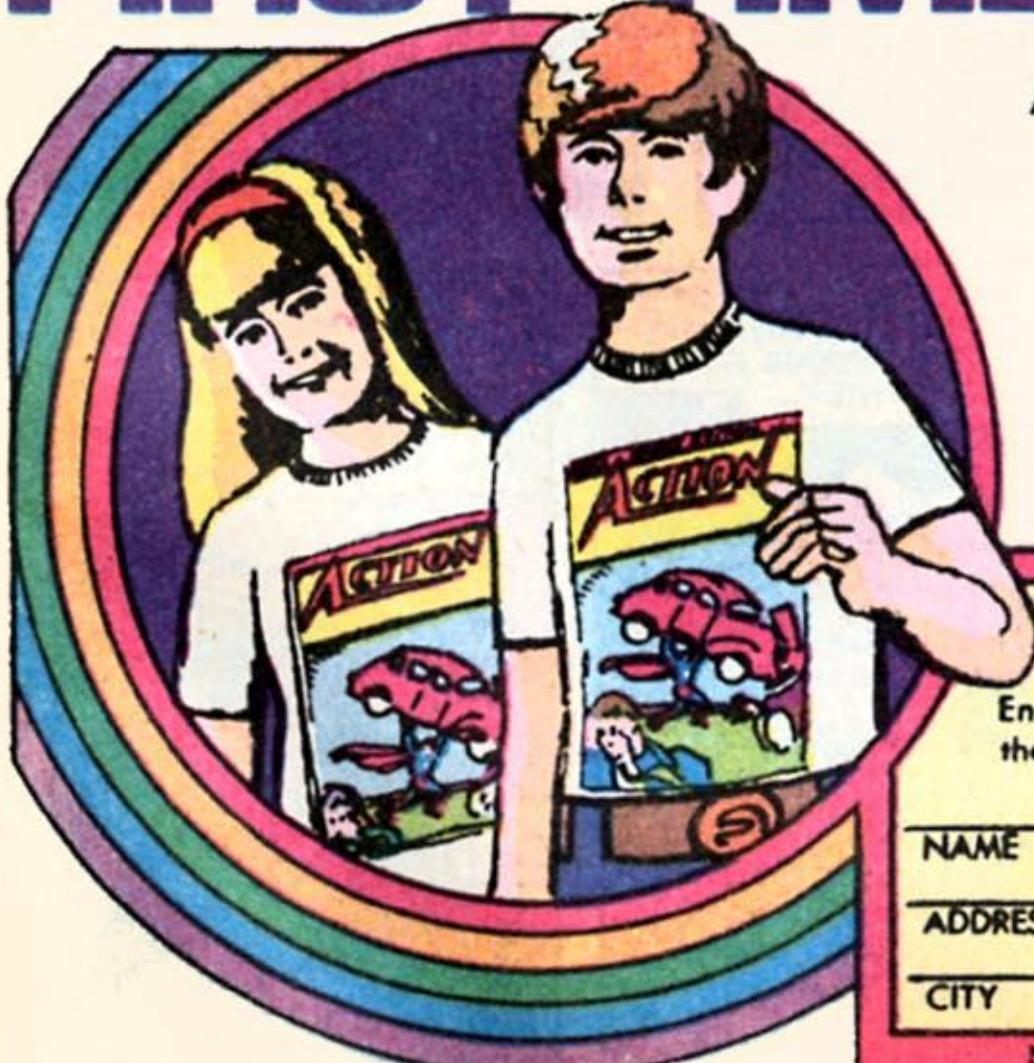
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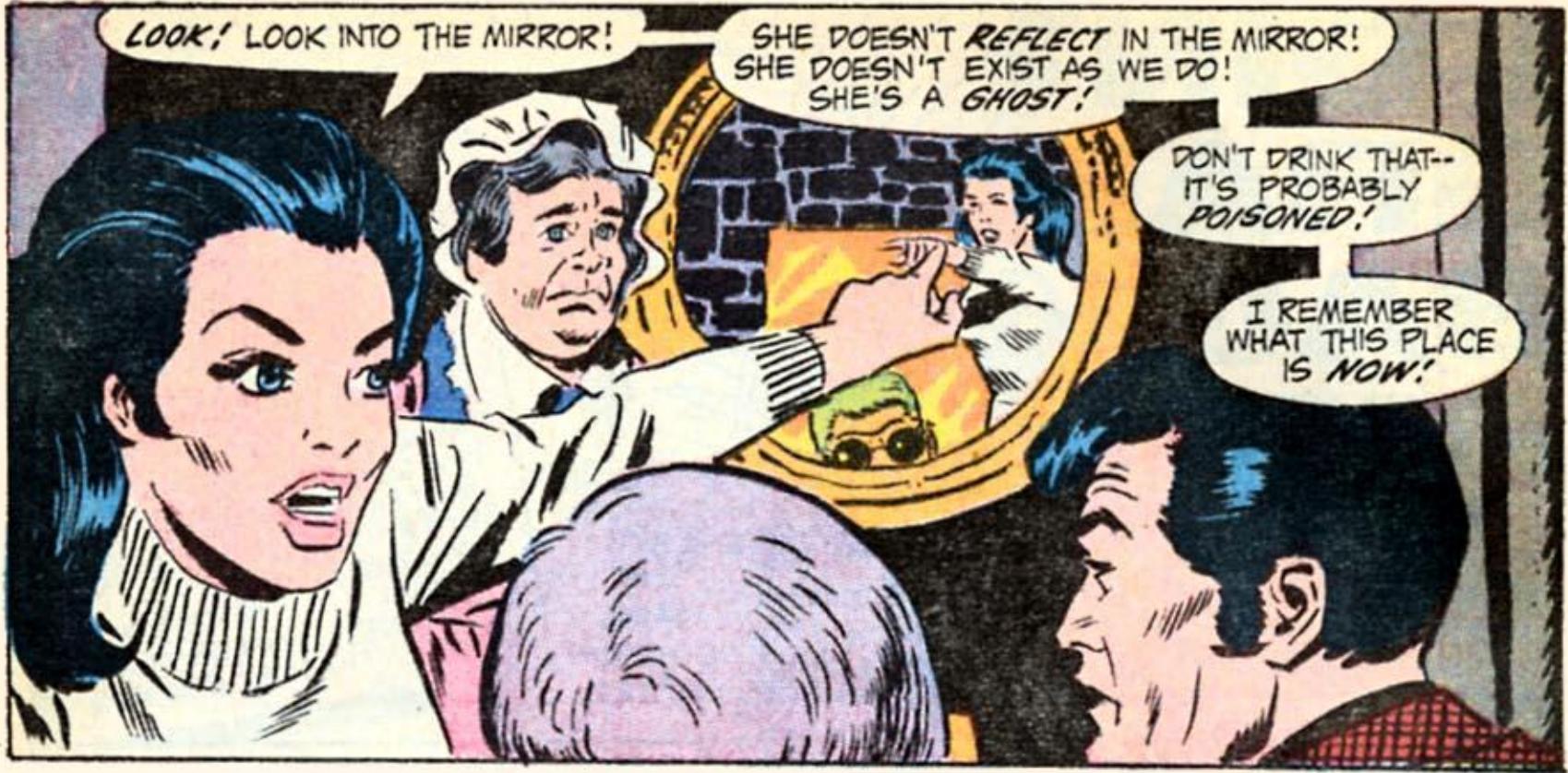
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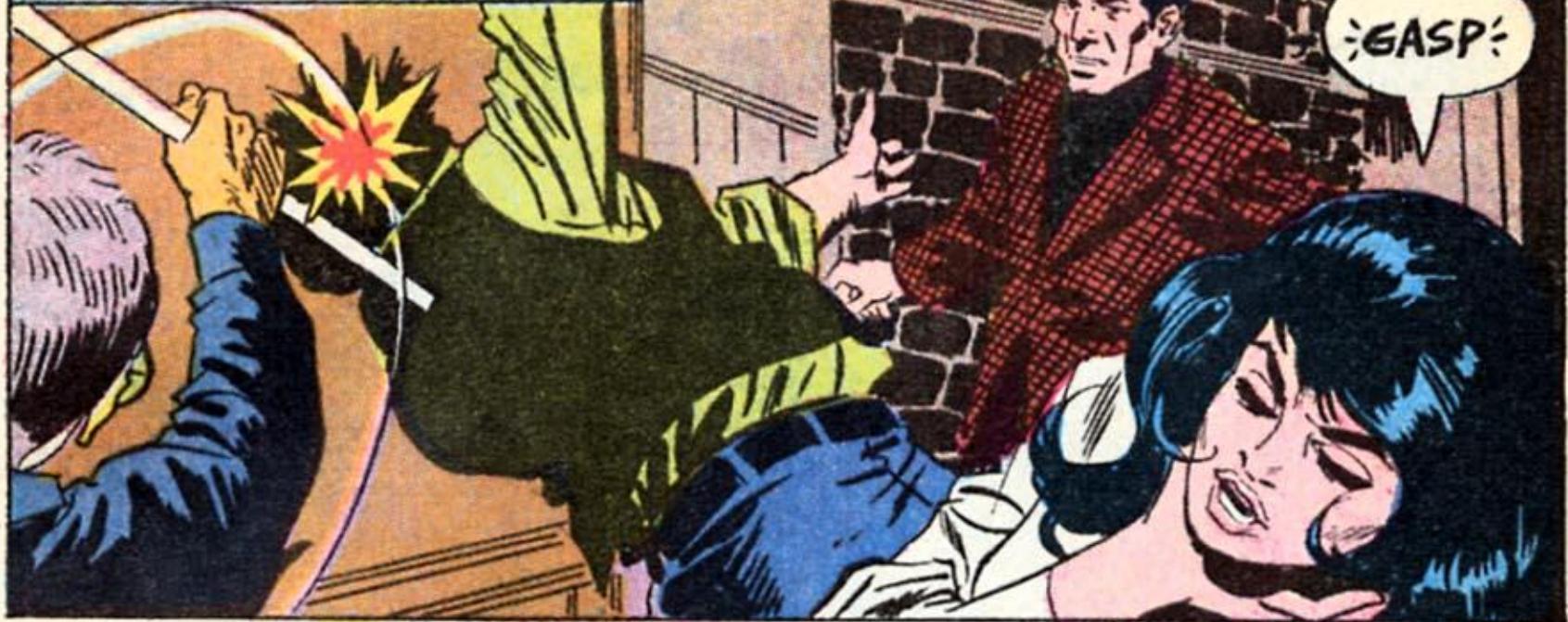
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HIM TO HIT HIS TARGET DEAD CENTER,
AS HIS CANE CONNECTS WITH
LEMUEL'S HEAD!

KLONG

:GASP:



CHING,
HOW?

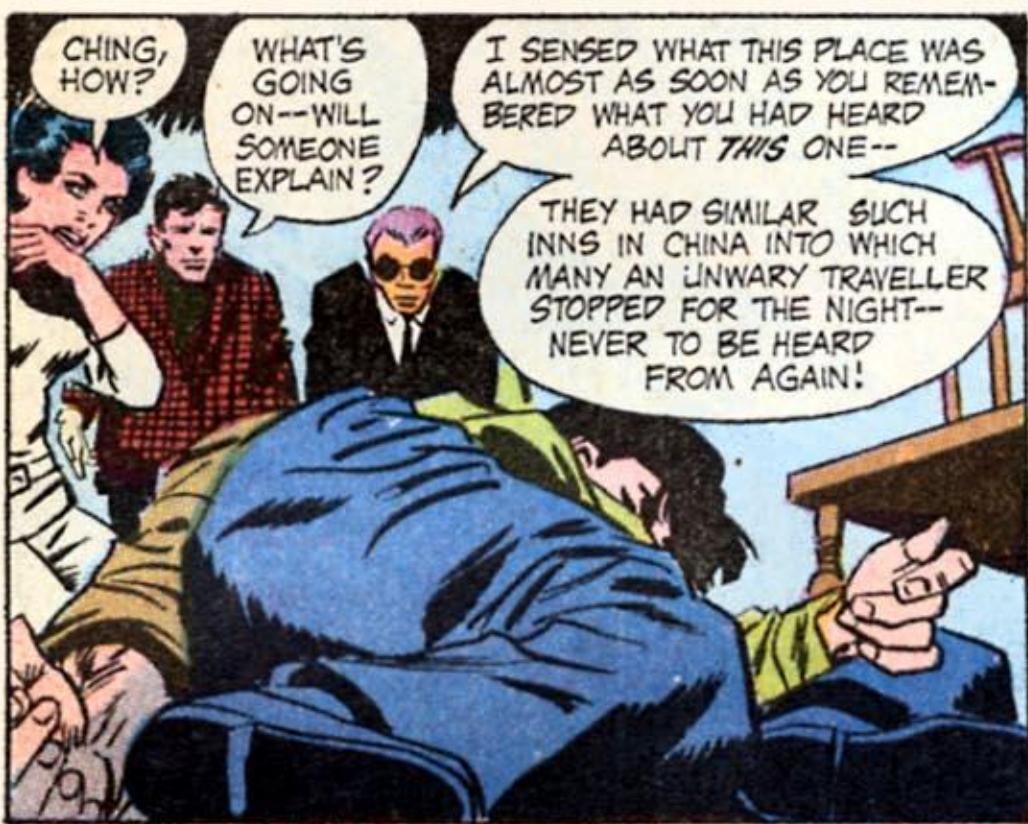
WHAT'S
GOING
ON--WILL
SOMEONE
EXPLAIN?

I SENSED WHAT THIS PLACE WAS
ALMOST AS SOON AS YOU REMEM-
BERED WHAT YOU HAD HEARD
ABOUT THIS ONE--

THEY HAD SIMILAR SUCH
INNS IN CHINA INTO WHICH
MANY AN UNWARY TRAVELLER
STOPPED FOR THE NIGHT--
NEVER TO BE HEARD
FROM AGAIN!

BUT I COULDN'T
TOUCH THEM--
YET YOU--

A SILVER-HEADED
CANE--PLUS AN
OLD SPELL I
KNEW--AND THE
SON BECAME
SOLID AGAIN.



I STILL DON'T DIG
WHAT'S GOING ON--

BUT WE'VE GOT
TO GET OUT OF
HERE--STORM
OR NO STORM!

IT'S SAFER
FOR US ALL
OUTSIDE!

AS THE THREE GATHER UP THEIR BELONGINGS,
AND PREPARE TO GET OUT OF THIS HOUSE
OF HORROR!



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ANYWHERE! MA AN' ME
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LIVES WE CAN TAKE
DURING THE ONLY
CHANCE WE HAVE TO
APPEAR-- DURING
STORMS LIKE THIS--

ACCORDING TO
THE OLD LEGEND
THAT IS THE
PROPHECY!

--THE MORE OFTEN WE WILL THEN BE ABLE
TO APPEAR, STORM OR NO STORM-- ONCE
WE HAVE TAKEN ENOUGH SOULS, WE WILL
BE ABLE TO APPEAR AT WILL-- DO OUR
WORK, AND THEN DISAPPEAR!

AND YOU THREE ARE ALL WE
NEED TO-- LIM-- MAKE
OUR QUOTA!

GET READY--
IF YER WANT TO
SAY A PRAYER
YE CAN HAVE A
MINLITE-- WE
DON'T WANT YER
TO THINK WE'RE
HARD-HEARTED!

AH, YOU'RE A *GOOD*
BOY, LEMUEL,
THINKING OF
THAT!

LOOKING INTO THE TWO GLOATING
FACES BEFORE HER IS MORE
THAN DIANA CAN STAND-- NOR IS
SHE GOING TO SIT QUIETLY BY
AND DIE WITHOUT A FIGHT-- SO--



LEMUEL FINDS THAT THIS DELICIOUS,
FRAIL-LOOKING CREATURE BEFORE
HIM CAN MOVE WITH THE SPEED
OF A CAT-- AND CAN KICK LIKE A
MULE!

QUICK, BEFORE
THEY CAN
RELOAD!

LET'S GET
OUT OF
HERE!

NO, DIANA--
NOT YET--

LEMUDEL, YOU FOOL!
GET UP-- THEY'RE
GETTING AWAY!

GUG--
GLUGG--

IF WE GO, THEY CAN STILL COME BACK ON
NIGHTS LIKE THIS-- AND TRAP OTHER
UNWARY TRAVELLERS UNTIL THEY DO
FINISH THEIR-- UH-- QUOTA, AS THEY
CALL IT!





AS THE REMAINING THREE OF THE MORE FORTUNATE GUESTS OF THE WHITE HORSE INN RUN INTO THE SNOW--THE INN ITSELF EXPLODES INTO FLAME LIKE A GIANT FIREBALL. AND THE THREE WATCH AND LISTEN IN HORROR AS HIDEOUS SCREAMS FADE INTO SILENCE AS THE FLAMES SHOOT HIGHER...



NEXT MORNING, STATE TROOPERS, WITH THE AID OF A BULLDOZER, FINALLY FIND THREE SHIVERING PEOPLE HUDDLED IN A CAR ALMOST COVERED WITH SNOW...

LUCKY FOR US YOU FOUND US, TROOPER. OUR GAS HAD RUN OUT SOME HOURS AGO--AND WE'VE BEEN WITHOUT HEAT FOR SOME TIME!

WE'VE BEEN PICKING STRANDED VICTIMS OF THE STORM UP ALL NIGHT!

YOU'RE LUCKIER THAN SOME OTHERS WE'VE COME ACROSS!

--SON--WANTED EMBEZZLER OF HALF A MILLION DOLLARS FROM HIS BANK HAS BEEN CAUGHT. TWO ESCAPED CONVICTS FROM STATE PRISON ARE FEARED DEAD AS RESULT OF LAST NIGHT'S TERRIBLE STORM--THE WORST IN YEARS!

LOCAL WIFE REPORTS HUSBAND MISSING-- LEFT NOTE SAYING GOODBYE-- GOING TO A NEW AND MORE PEACEFUL LIFE!

OFFICER, I KNOW YOU WILL FIND THIS HARD TO BELIEVE--

DIANA, SOMETIMES SILENCE IS GOLDEN--AS THE OLD SAYING GOES...

OKAY, JERRY-- HOOK UP AND PULL HER OUT!

I CHING IS RIGHT--LOOK! THERE'S NOTHING LEFT OF THE INN--OR THE BODIES INSIDE IT--WHO'D BELIEVE US?

HEY, SARGE--ISN'T THIS THE SITE OF THAT OLD INN WHERE THE OWNERS OF THE PLACE MURDERED THEIR GUESTS? ACCORDING TO LEGEND IT'S SUPPOSED TO APPEAR AGAIN NOW AND THEN.

YEAH, FUNNY, HOW EVEN TODAY PEOPLE STILL BELIEVE IN THOSE OLD STORIES!

I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN-- BUT I CAN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT THAT POOR LITTLE MAN WITH THE BRIEFCASE--

--AND HIS POOR DREAMS--WHICH HE'LL NEVER REALIZE NOW!

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Dear Editor:

May I start off by saying something you have heard many times before? This is the first time I have ever written a letter to the publishers of a comic magazine. I still feel a bit foolish doing this, but I have heard it said too many times that if you don't vote for something you have no right to complain about the outcome. So here goes.

I wish to cast my vote in favor of less fantasy and more stories of the problems of today.

No other character in comedom besides Diana Prince can claim to be dealing with life as it is today. I know you may say that Batman deals with crime, but really, how many people do you know who go around in a mask and cape and don't get picked up by the police as some kind of nut! Diana lives in an apartment on the type of street where crimes of every kind are liable to be committed. This makes her unique. All the other comic magazine characters live in nice neighborhoods.

If you involve Wonder Woman in mostly fantasy stories, then the Big Change has been for nothing. The old Wonder Woman was involved (to my way of thinking, anyway) in pure fantasy stories. When I was a child I enjoyed Wonder Woman. As I grew older, I became more and more bored with the whole bit. She was no longer a real person in whom I could take an interest. She was a simple dimension, cardboard character. Steve Trevor was even more unbelievable. What man could adore a woman who was stronger than he was? He definitely had a screw loose somewhere.

For many years I quit reading Wonder Woman because she was so unreal and boring. Then you announced your Big Change with ads in the other DC family of magazines. I decided to see what you had in mind. The surprise was marvelous. Wonder Woman became a beautiful, warm and very believable human being. She made you care what was happening to her. She could be hurt or become fatigued just like a normal person.

Well, I have been hooked ever since. I absolutely haunt the drugstore waiting anxiously for each issue. No comic magazine has ever had that effect on me. Your stories about Diana's life read like continuing episodes in a novel. Each book is an episode in the life of a very real and delightful woman.

I am not entirely against fantasy. In fact, I am a big fan of J. R. R. Tolkien. I have read his trilogy *The Lord of the Rings* many times, and plan to read it many more times in the future. I like the blend you have now of having Diana making occasional trips to see her mother. Every real daughter would wish to see her mother. But, almost all the other comic magazine heroes are involved in stories of fantasy. Diana is unique unto herself in dealing mainly with today's problems down on the streets where they happen.

As I stated before, I am really hooked on the New Wonder Woman. This is the only magazine that I save. I enjoy reading your stories because your characters be-

have as normal people. Tony, Cathy and Mrs. Petrucci are very believable. Tony especially is enjoyable because he doesn't make a complete idiot of himself over Diana as Steve Trevor did over Wonder Woman.

Are you selling subscriptions yet? (First time I ever wanted to subscribe to a comic magazine, too.) I wish I could. I bought ISSUE #193 today, and it was the only copy on the rack. Either the management did not stock many, or more probably there are a great number of people like me who grab the magazine as soon as they spot a new issue. Please start selling subscriptions and publishing Wonder Woman more frequently. Two months is a long time to wait between chapters in a novel.

Yours truly,
Barbara Champayne

Dear Barbara:

You should read GREEN LANTERN put out by one of our other editors, Julius Schwartz, before you say no other character besides Diana is dealing with life as it is today.

Editor

Dear Editor:

If Queen Hypolyte is Queen Hypsipyle she must be dead! According to ancient Greek Mythology a Queen Hypsipyle was killed by Heracles (Hercules) when her female Amazons attacked him. How do you explain that she is alive in the 20th century?

And to my knowledge the Amazons were not created by Aphrodite, but were women who killed all males on the island.

Last, but not least, why did you have Steve Trevor killed?

(I personally think this letter will not be printed because it establishes a major problem in your comic series.)

Sincerely yours,
Angel L. Gonzales

Dear Angel:

Queen Hypolyte is still alive because she hasn't yet gotten around to meeting Hercules as Queen Hypolyte—but she did meet him in her dual identity as an ordinary Amazon soldier.

According to Charles Moulton, creator of the original Wonder Woman, Aphrodite shaped with her own hands a race of super women stronger than men.

Steve Trevor was dull and boring and I didn't like him much so I disposed of him.

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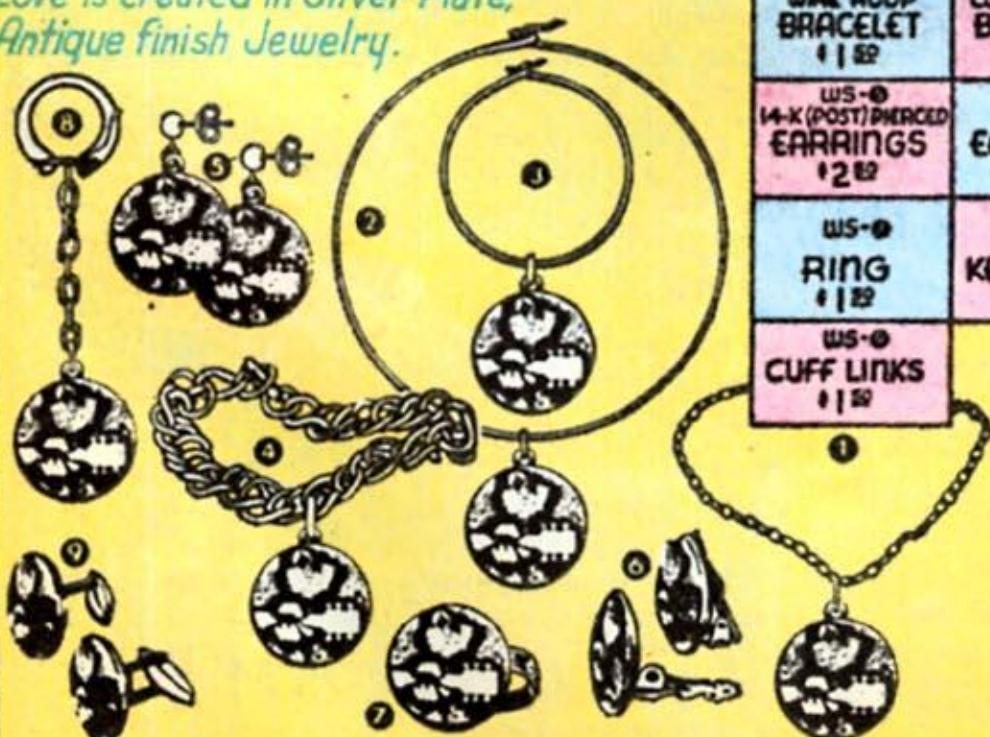
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