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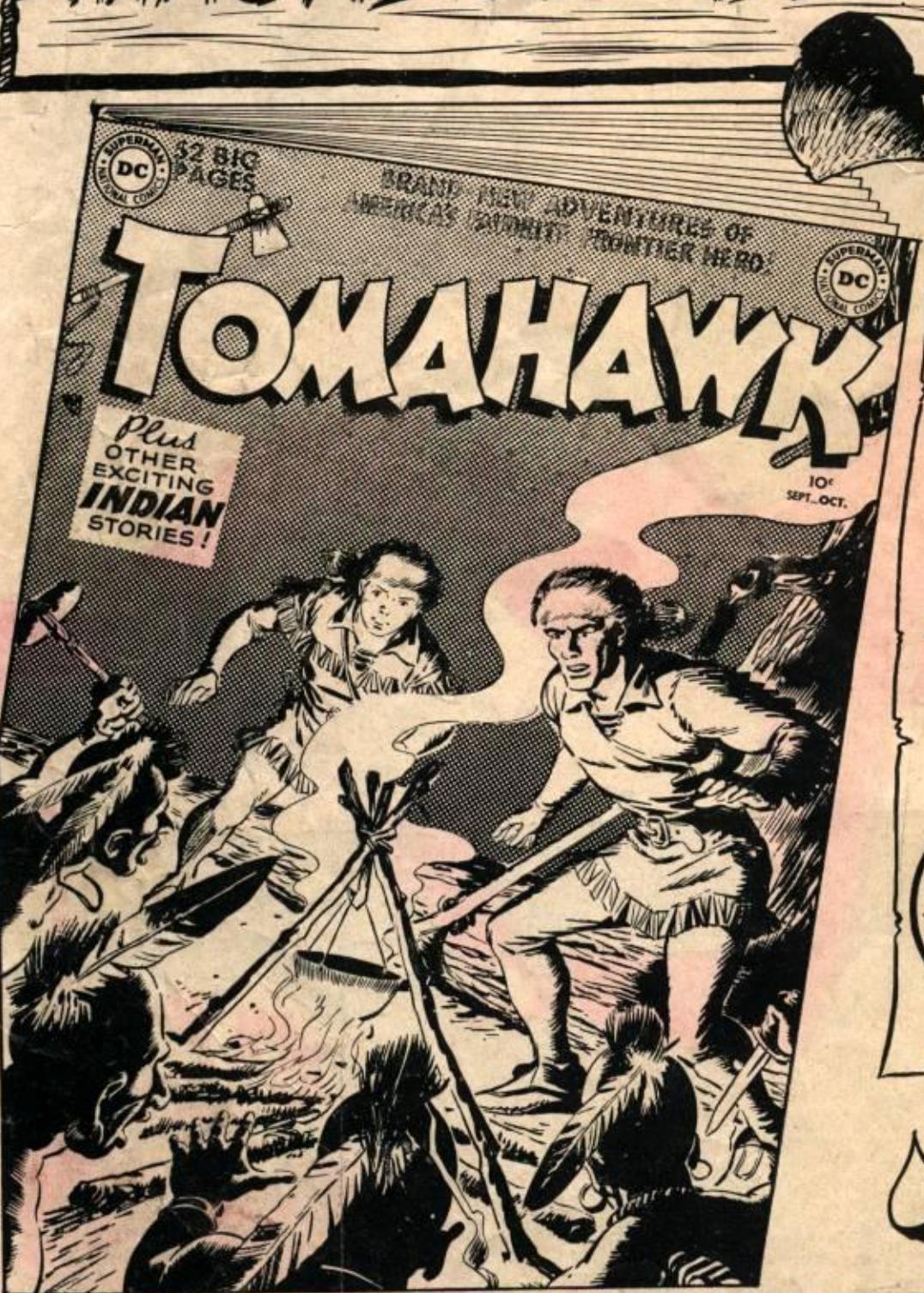
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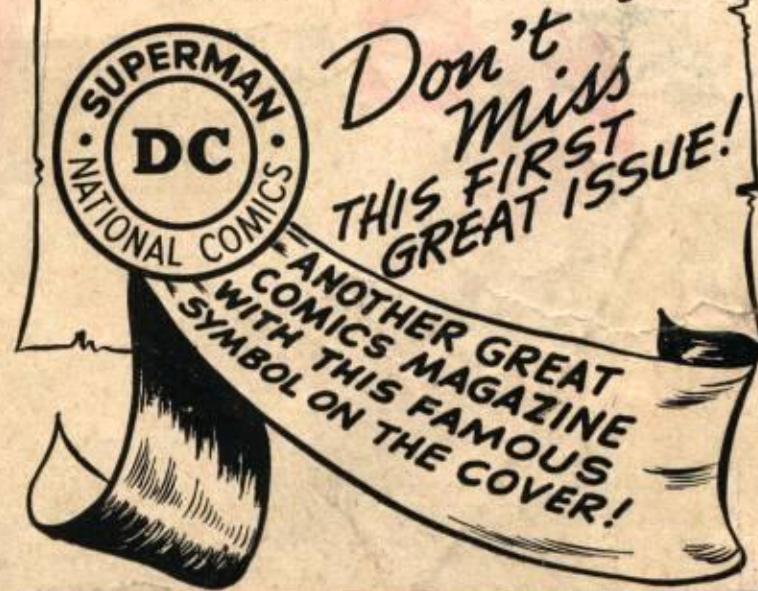


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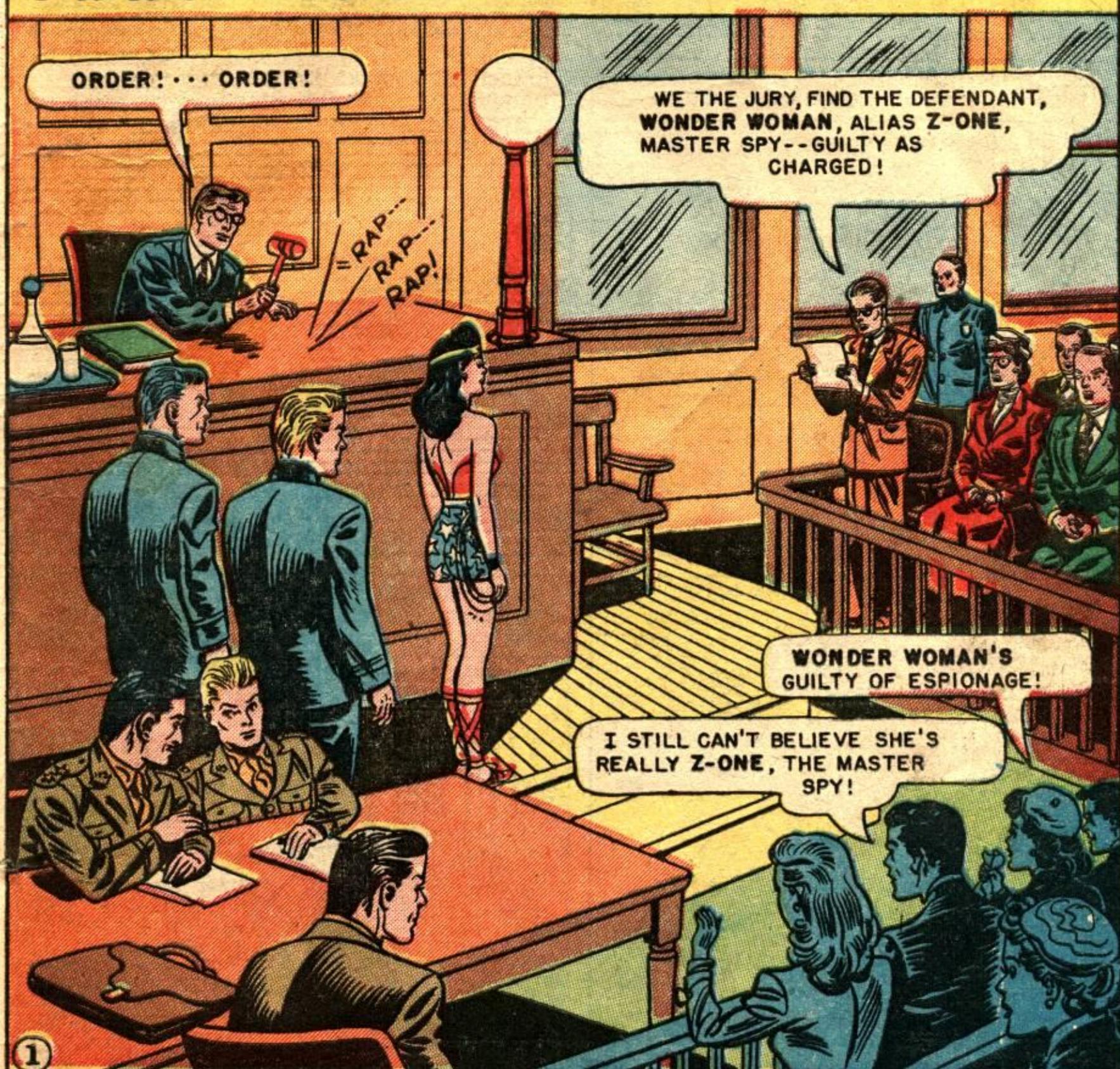
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Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

IS THIS A NIGHTMARE...OR REALITY? ONE WOULD SOONER EXPECT THE SUN TO SET AT DAWN, THAN FOR THE AMAZON MAID TO BE CONVICTED OF ESPIONAGE AGAINST AMERICA, THE VERY COUNTRY SHE HAS SWORN TO PROTECT! THERE MUST BE AN EXPLANATION FOR THIS INCREDIBLE EVENT! TO FIND IT, KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT AS YOU FOLLOW WONDER WOMAN — BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY — AS SHE LEAVES THE COURTROOM A PRISONER, ON THE FIRST STEP IN THE

"AMAZING SPYRING MYSTERY"



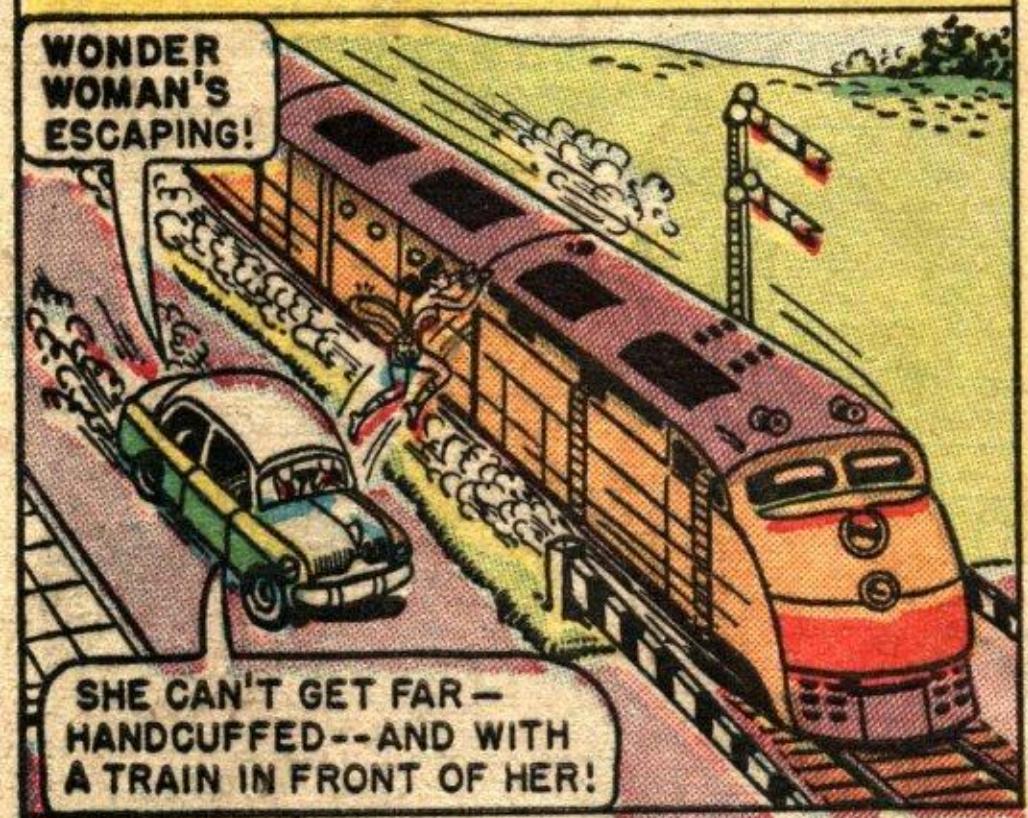
AS THE BEAUTIFUL YOUNG AMAZON IS LED FROM THE COURTROOM, SHE AND HER SWEETHEART, COL. STEVE TREVOR OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, AND HER ACCUSER, GEN. DARNELL MEET OUTSIDE . . .



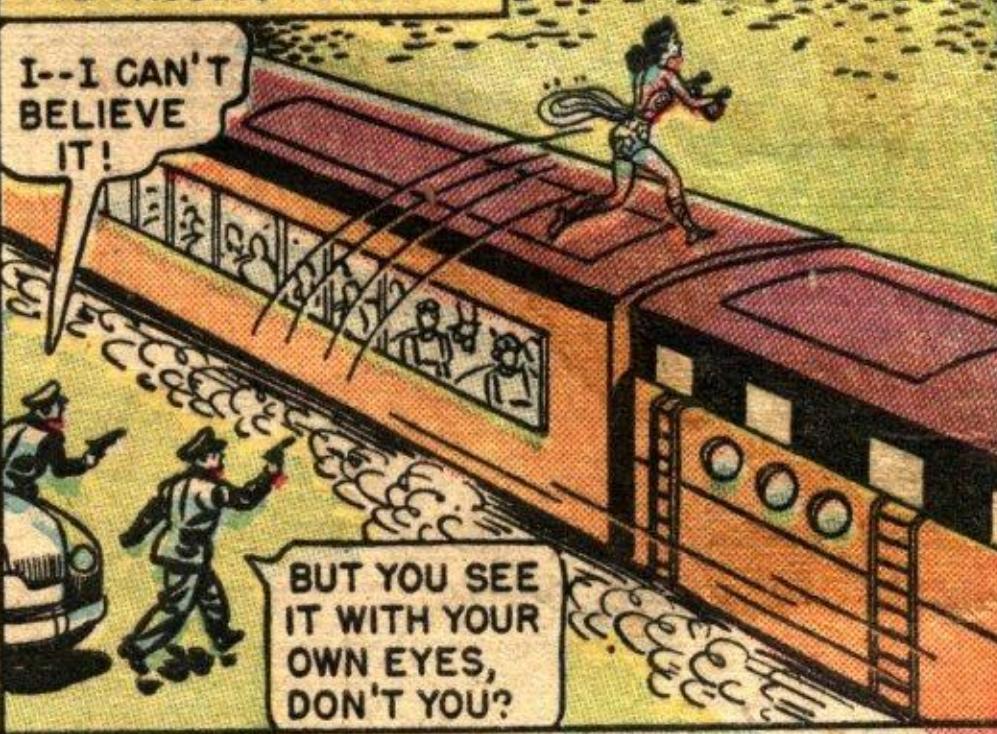
DESPITE THE VERDICT, TEMPER SEETHE AND ARGUMENTS RAGE AS WONDER WOMAN IS DRIVEN AWAY TO FEDERAL PRISON . . .



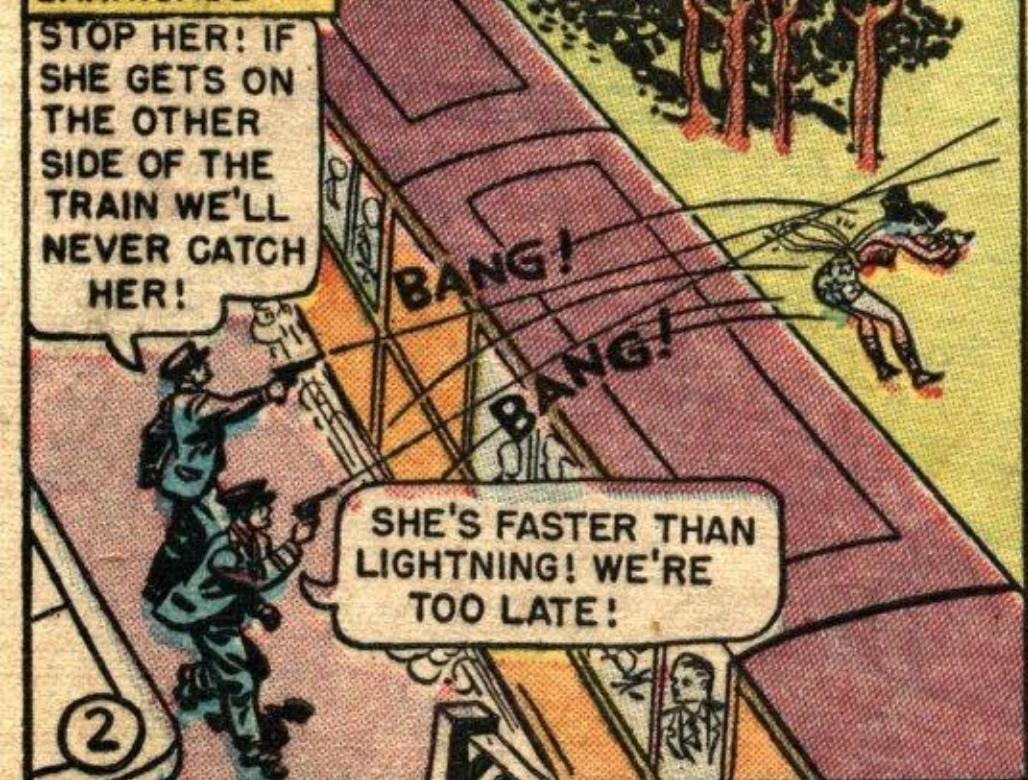
EN ROUTE TO THE PRISON, THE CAR IS FORCED TO STOP AT A RAILROAD CROSSING WHERE . . .



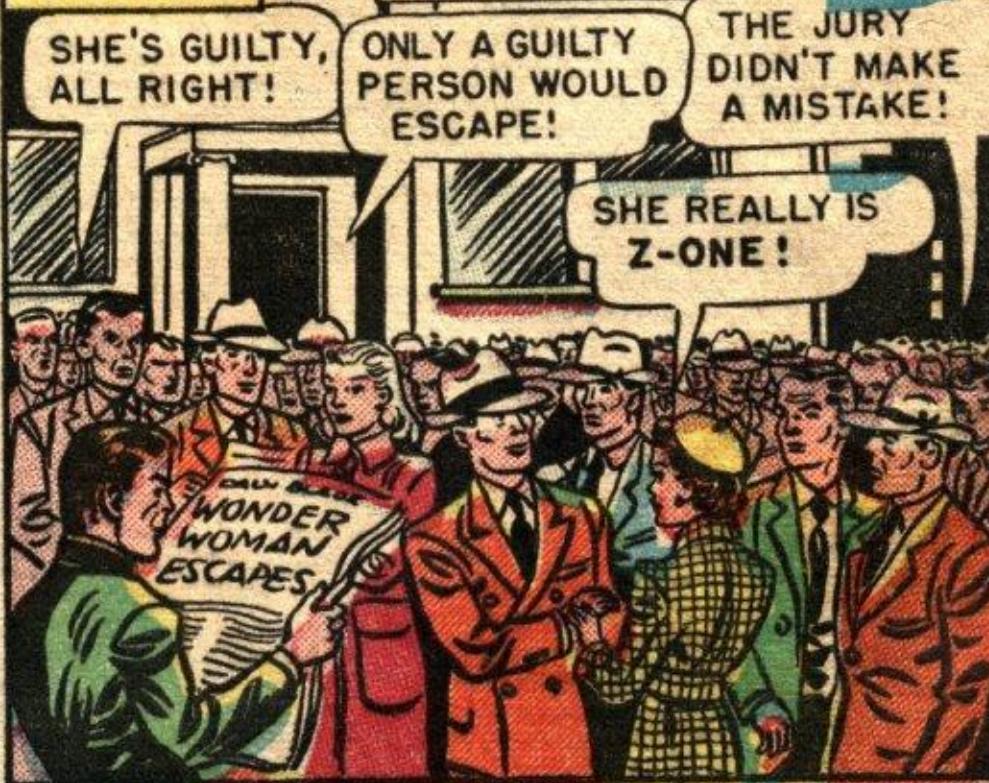
BEFORE THE AMAZED EYES OF THE GUARDS, THE ACROBATIC AMAZON, BOUND THOUGH SHE IS, MAKES AN AMAZING LEAP TO THE TOP OF THE PASSING TRAIN . . .



A MOMENT LATER, WONDER WOMAN DROPS LIGHTLY TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOVING BARRICADE . . .



NEWS OF WONDER WOMAN'S ESCAPE SETTLES A BURNING QUESTION IN THE MINDS OF MANY PEOPLE . . .



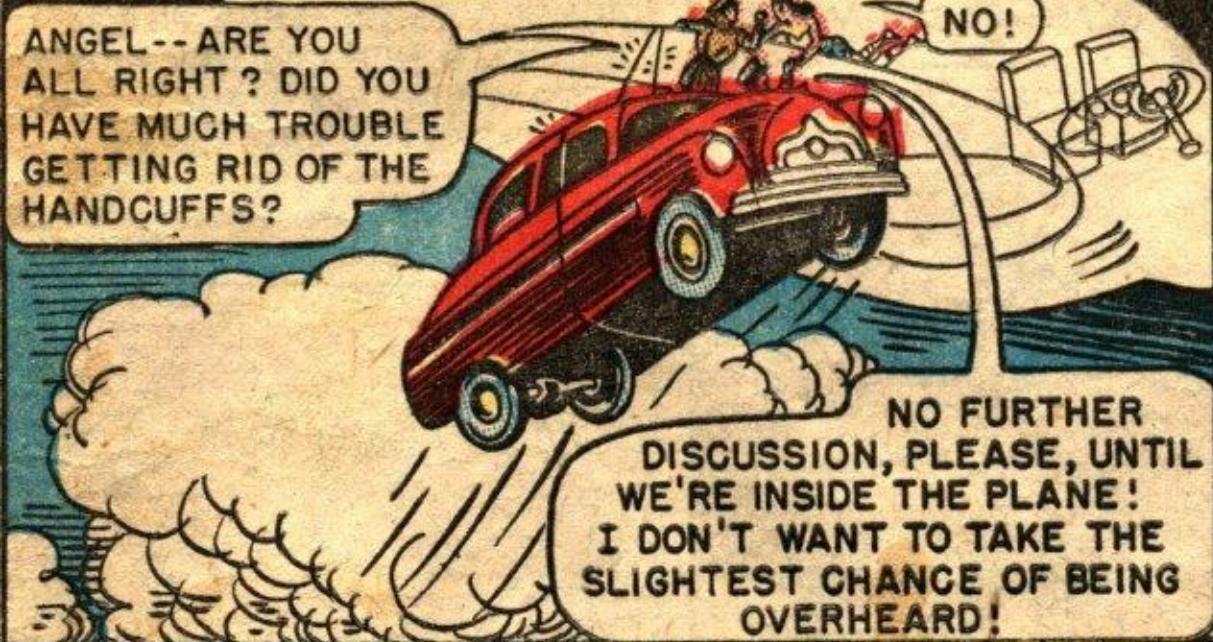
THAT EVENING, AS GEN. DARNELL AND STEVE RIDE ALONG THE RIVER ROAD THROUGH STATE PARK . . .



THE NEXT MOMENT, THE AMAZON'S GOLDEN LARIAT TIGHTENS AROUND THE CAR AND DRAWS IT SWIFTLY INTO THE SKY WHERE . . .



FASTENING THE CAR TO HER PLANE, WONDER WOMAN HELPS THE TWO MEN ABOARD . . .



FOR THE REASON BEHIND THIS STRANGE RENDEZVOUS ABOVE THE CLOUDS, WE MUST GO BACK A MONTH BEFORE WONDER WOMAN'S TRIAL . . . TO A LIGHTHOUSE ON LONELY POINT WHERE . . .

SO!--WONDER WOMAN! YOU AND COL. TREVOR THOUGHT TO CAPTURE ME--Z-ONE! INSTEAD--IT IS YOU WHO ARE TRAPPED! HEH! HEH!



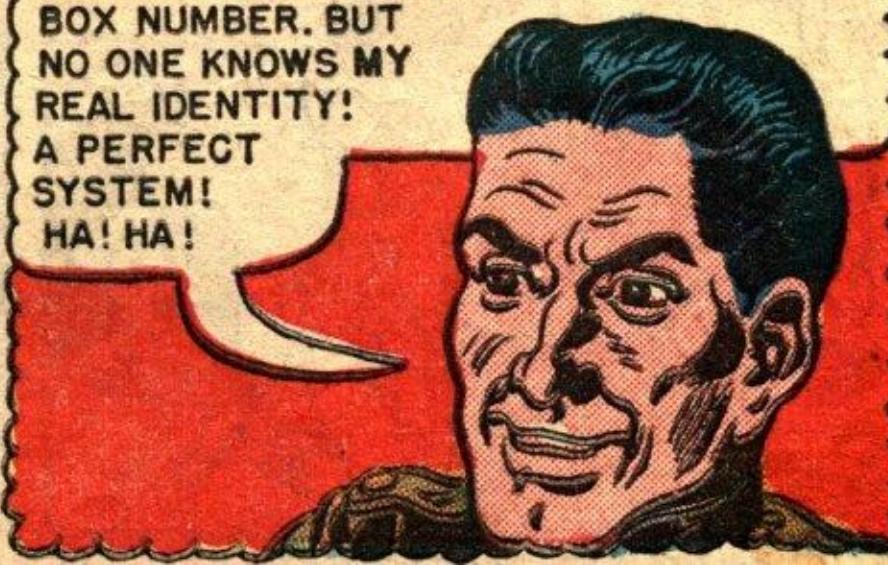
WHAT CAN BE THE REASON BEHIND THIS EXTRAORDINARY MEETING BETWEEN WONDER WOMAN AND HER ACCUSERS?

INSIDE THE LIGHTHOUSE, Z-ONE, THE MASTER SPY, MOCKS HIS CAPTIVES, FACING DEATH IN A GAS CHAMBER . . .

INSTEAD OF SHOWING ME MERCY, YOU SHOULD HAVE KILLED ME IMMEDIATELY! THEN YOU WOULDN'T BE IN A DEATH TRAP! HO! HO! HO! I WILL LEAVE YOU NOW! AND WITH ME GOES MY MASTER SPY-FILE!

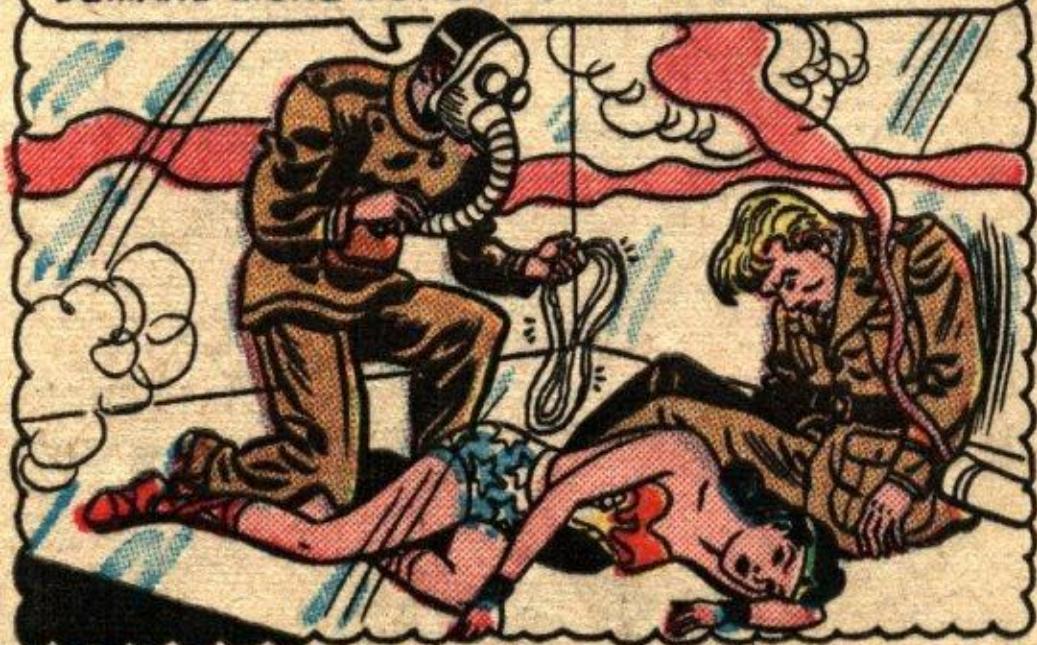


THE FILE CONTAINS THE NAMES OF MY THREE SPY LIEUTENANTS! EACH OF WHOM KNOWS THE IDENTITY OF ONLY ONE OTHER LIEUTENANT--THE ONE TO WHOM HE FURNISHES SPY INFORMATION FROM HIS OWN DISTRICT! IT IS PASSED ON FROM ONE TO ANOTHER UNTIL IT REACHES ME AT A GENERAL POST OFFICE BOX NUMBER. BUT NO ONE KNOWS MY REAL IDENTITY! A PERFECT SYSTEM! HA! HA!



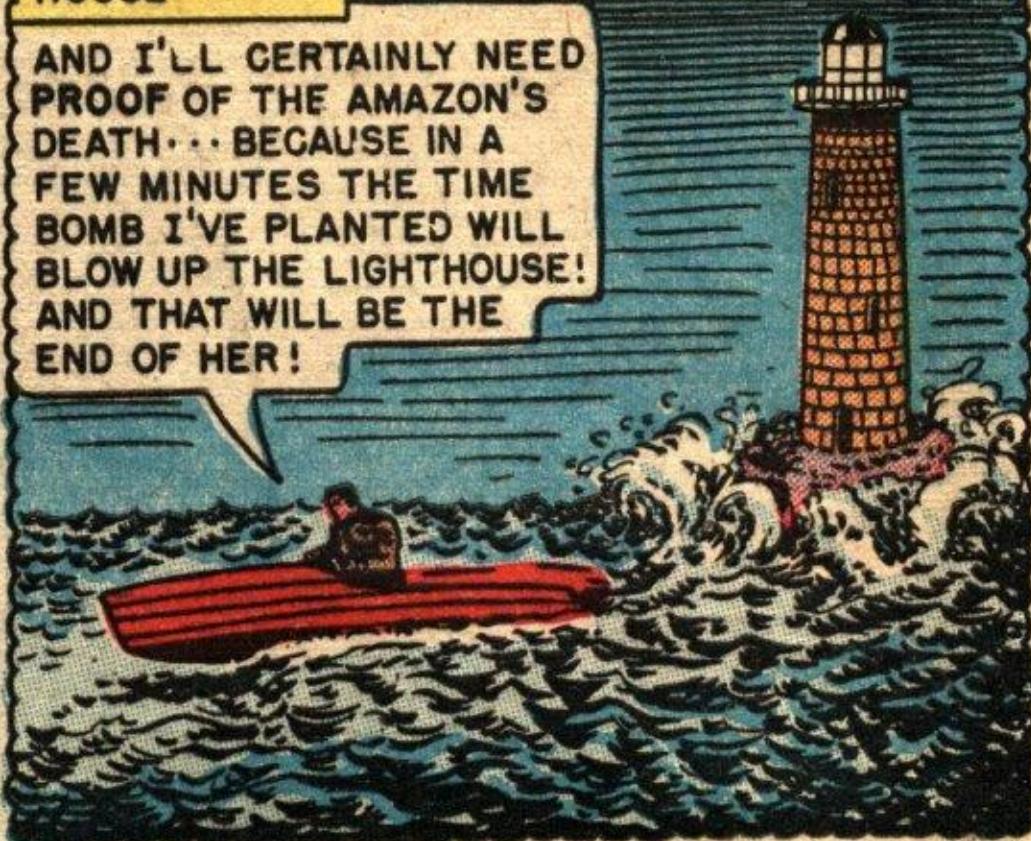
A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

THEY'RE UNCONSCIOUS. NOW'S MY CHANCE TO TAKE WONDER WOMAN'S MAGIC LASSO! IT WILL BE POSITIVE PROOF THAT I'VE REMOVED THE AMAZON--AND I'LL BE ABLE TO DEMAND MORE MONEY FOR MY WORK!



AS THE INFAMOUS Z-ONE LEAVES THE LIGHT-HOUSE...

AND I'LL CERTAINLY NEED PROOF OF THE AMAZON'S DEATH... BECAUSE IN A FEW MINUTES THE TIME BOMB I'VE PLANTED WILL BLOW UP THE LIGHTHOUSE! AND THAT WILL BE THE END OF HER!



BUT THE MURDEROUS SPY DIDN'T RECKON WITH THE FIGHTING INSTINCT OF THE INDOMITABLE AMAZON, WHICH SPURS HER ON EVEN AGAINST THE DEADLY FUMES AND THE WAVES OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS WHICH BUFFET HER...

MUST...REACH...WALL...

BEFORE --



WITH AN AGONIZING EFFORT, THE LOVELY AMAZON FINALLY MANAGES TO REACH THE WALL OF THE GLASS GAS CHAMBER WHERE...

TOO WEAK... TO BREAK GLASS...

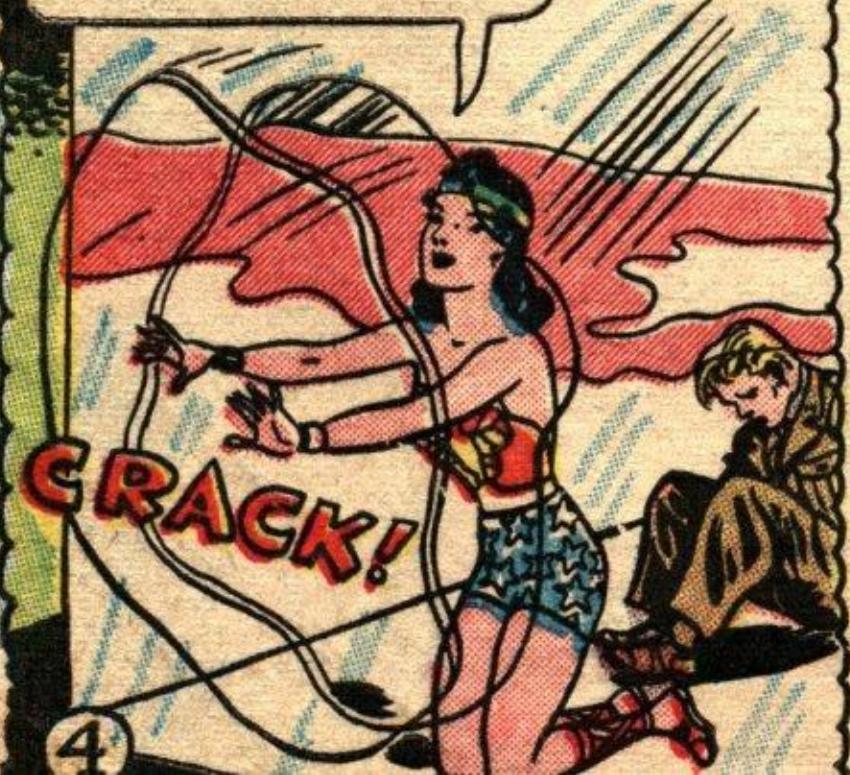


BUT THE INGENIOUS WONDER WOMAN DOES NOT GIVE UP... INSTEAD HER FERTILE MIND CONCEIVES ANOTHER PLAN... AND WITH HER AMAZON BRACELETS WHICH ARE MADE OF THE STRONGEST METAL KNOWN...

IF... DIAMOND... CAN... CUT... THROUGH... GLASS...



...MY BRACELET... SURELY... CAN... AH---!



REVIVED BY THE LIFE-GIVING AIR POURING IN, WONDER WOMAN QUICKLY RESCUES STEVE...

I'LL TAKE STEVE TO THE TOP OF THE LIGHTHOUSE, WHERE HE CAN GET SOME FRESH AIR, AND I'LL BE ABLE TO SCAN THE SEA AND PERHAPS FIND OUT WHERE Z-ONE HAS GONE!



AT THE TOP OF THE LIGHTHOUSE, THE ALERT AMAZON MAKES TWO STARTLING DISCOVERIES...

THERE'S Z-ONE ESCAPING IN A MOTORBOAT AND—

HAMMERS OF HEPHAESTUS! THERE'S A TIME BOMB IN THE REVOLVING BEACON, WHICH IS ABOUT TO EXPLODE!



WONDER WOMAN'S LIGHTNING MANEUVER SAVES STEVE AND HERSELF... BUT ON THE SURFACE, A GRIM PICTURE UNFOLDS...

Z-ONE WAS KILLED IN HIS OWN TRAP! WE WERE SAFE UNDERWATER, WHILE HE CAUGHT THE FULL FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION ON THE SURFACE! THERE'S NOTHING LEFT--

EXCEPT...
MY LASSO!



WITHOUT HESITATION, WONDER WOMAN SEIZES STEVE AND INSTANTLY DIVES DEEP INTO THE SEA WITH HIM AS BEHIND THEM, WITH AN EAR-SPLITTING ROAR...

WHAM!



LATER, AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE...

Z-ONE'S GONE,
GENERAL
DARNELL!

BUT SO IS HIS SPY-FILE!
AMERICA ISN'T SAFE AS LONG AS HIS SPY RING IS INTACT! AND THE ONLY WAY

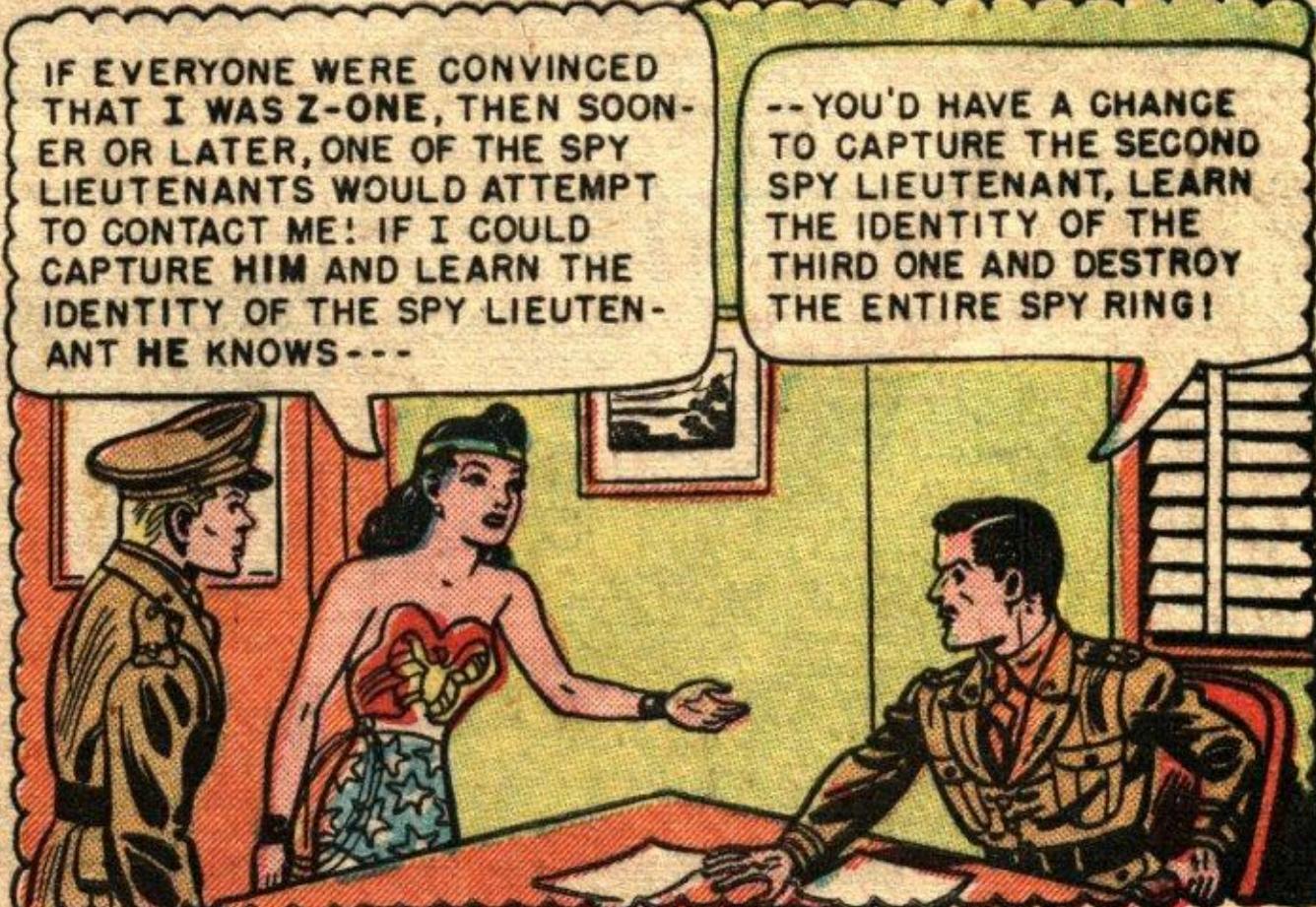
WE CAN BREAK THAT RING IS TO FIND THREE UNKNOWN SPY LIEUTENANTS — EACH OF WHOM KNOWS BUT ONE OTHER LIEUTENANT --- BUT NONE OF WHOM KNOWS THE IDENTITY OF Z-ONE!



BY ATHENA'S SHIELD! YOU'VE GIVEN ME AN IDEA! Z-ONE IS GONE! BUT NO ONE KNOWS IT EXCEPT US! THEREFORE, WHY CAN'T I BE Z-ONE?

IF EVERYONE WERE CONVINCED THAT I WAS Z-ONE, THEN SOONER OR LATER, ONE OF THE SPY LIEUTENANTS WOULD ATTEMPT TO CONTACT ME! IF I COULD CAPTURE HIM AND LEARN THE IDENTITY OF THE SPY LIEUTENANT HE KNOWS---

-- YOU'D HAVE A CHANCE TO CAPTURE THE SECOND SPY LIEUTENANT, LEARN THE IDENTITY OF THE THIRD ONE AND DESTROY THE ENTIRE SPY RING!



YOU'VE FOUGHT THE ENEMIES OF JUSTICE AND FREEDOM BEFORE, WONDER WOMAN. THAT WON'T BE NEW TO YOU. BUT MASQUERADE AS A TRAITOR, TO TRAP SPIES, WILL MEAN UNDERGOING HUMILIATION FAR WORSE THAN WOUNDS!



THE FUTURE OF AMERICA IS WHAT COUNTS, GENERAL, NOT MY PERSONAL FEELINGS! BETTER START BUILDING A CASE AGAINST ME AS Z-ONE IMMEDIATELY!

AND SO WE SEE THAT WONDER WOMAN'S "TRIAL" AND "ESCAPE" WAS A MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PLAN, TO TRAP THE THREE UNKNOWN LIEUTENANTS OF A DANGEROUS SPY RING THREATENING AMERICA. NOW BACK TO WONDER WOMAN'S PLANE...

THE MOST DANGEROUS PART OF YOUR PLAN LIES AHEAD! WAITING FOR ONE OF THE SPY LIEUTENANTS TO CONTACT YOU--NOW THAT NEWS OF YOUR "ESCAPE" HAS BEEN BROADCAST!



GENERAL! I'VE A PLAN TO DECOY ONE OF THE SPY LIEUTENANTS INTO THE OPEN RIGHT AWAY! AND I'M GOING TO PUT IT INTO EFFECT TOMORROW NIGHT!

THE NEXT NIGHT, AS RETURNING FISHERMEN PASS LONELY POINT, THEY ARE STARTLED BY A STRANGE SIGHT...

SHADES O' THE SEVEN SEAS--LOOK!

HOSTLY HANDS ARE REBUILDING THE LIGHTHOUSE AGAIN!



WHAT THE SUPERSTITIOUS FISHERFOLK HAD MISTAKEN FOR "HOSTLY HANDS" IS WONDER WOMAN, WORKING WITH EYE-BLURRING RAPIDITY...

THE FISHERMEN HAVE SEEN WHAT'S HAPPENING, ALTHOUGH THEY CAN'T SEE THAT I'M THE CAUSE OF IT! MY PLAN IS NOW IN MOTION!



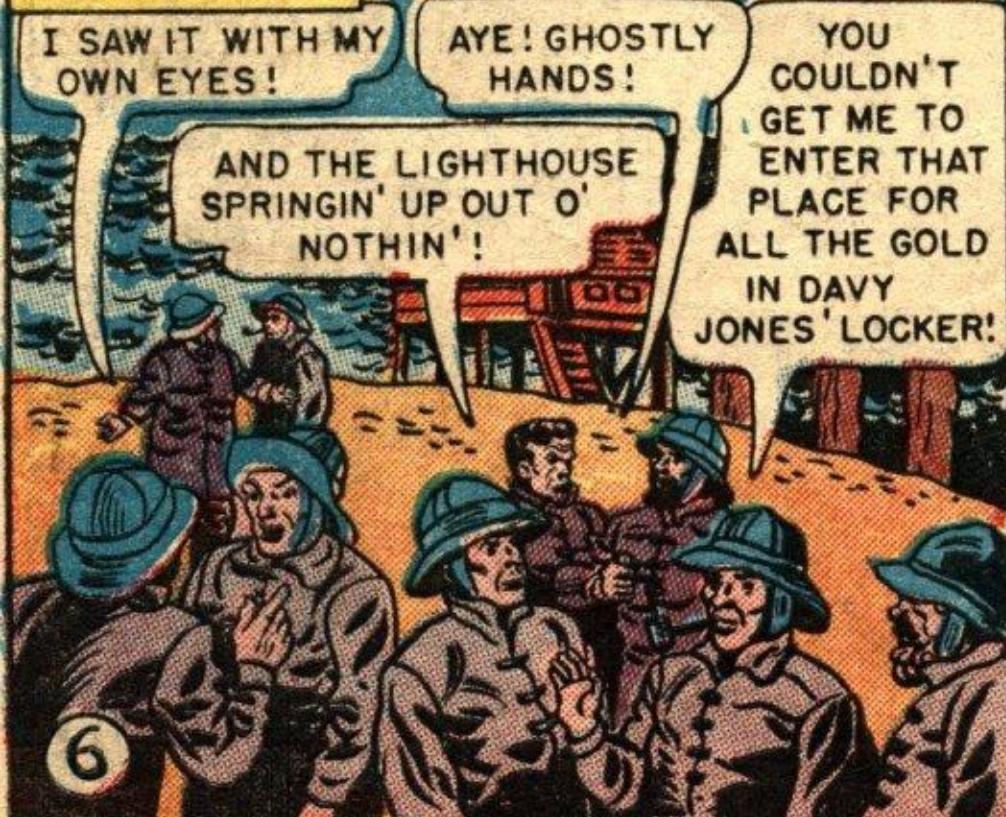
NEWS OF THE PHENOMENON IS SPREAD BY THE FISHERMEN...

I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES!

AYE! HOSTLY HANDS!

AND THE LIGHTHOUSE SPRININ' UP OUT O' NOTHIN'!

YOU COULDN'T GET ME TO ENTER THAT PLACE FOR ALL THE GOLD IN DAVY JONES' LOCKER!



MEANWHILE, NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, A LONELY WATCHER WAITS AT THE DESERTED LIGHTHOUSE...

NOT A SIGN OF ANYONE! IS MY PLAN A FAILURE?



SUDDENLY, FROM THE MISTY SEA, THE WAITING AMAZON HEARS A STRANGE VOICE ...

WONDER WOMAN...
WONDER WOMAN...
WONDER WOMAN...



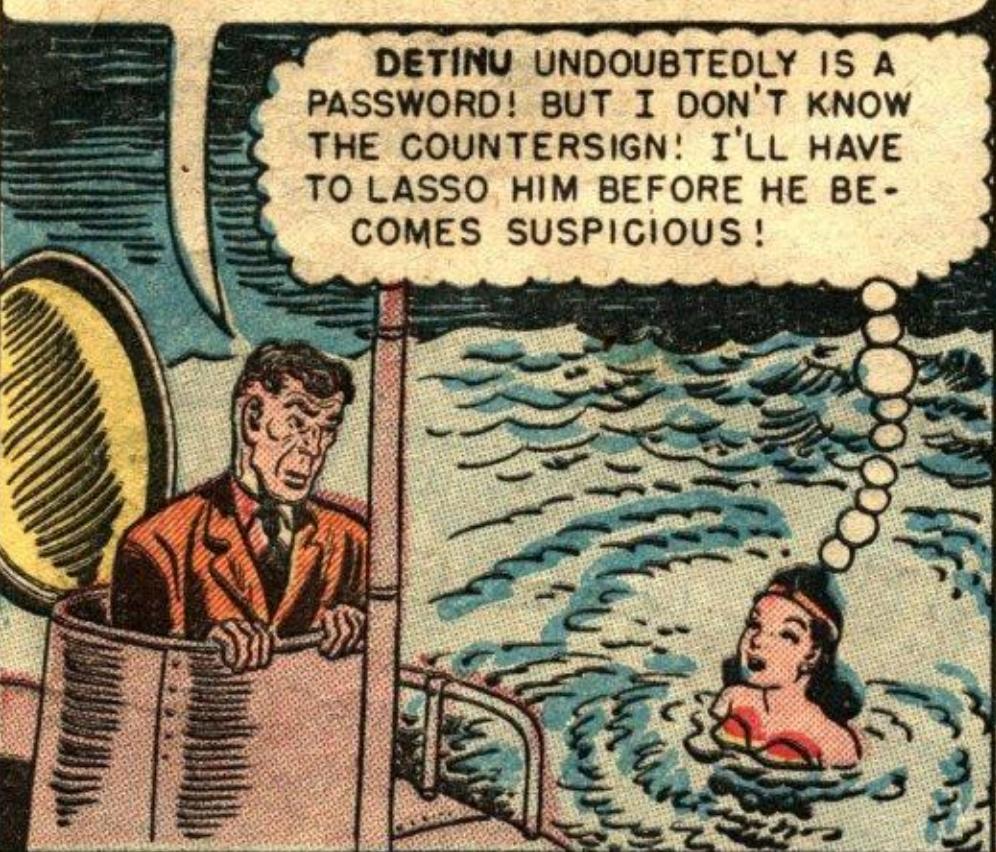
A FEW, POWERFUL STROKES BRING WONDER WOMAN TO THE VOICE'S OWNER ...

GREETINGS, FROM YOUR SPY LIEUTENANT FOR EASTERN AMERICA, WONDER WOMAN! IT WAS CLEVER OF YOU TO REBUILD THE LIGHTHOUSE AS A SIGNAL THAT YOU WERE IN THE VICINITY! THE FISHERMEN THOUGHT IT WAS THE WORK OF GHOSTS! BUT I KNEW ONLY YOU COULD PERFORM THAT FEAT! AND SINCE I KNOW NOW THAT YOU ARE Z-ONE TOO, I DECIDED TO CONTACT YOU FOR FURTHER ORDERS! DETINU!



I SAID DETINU - WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER?

DETINU UNDOUBTEDLY IS A PASSWORD! BUT I DON'T KNOW THE COUNTERSIGN! I'LL HAVE TO LASO HIM BEFORE HE BECOMES SUSPICIOUS!



BUT THE WARY SPY LIEUTENANT, ALREADY SUSPICIOUS AT THE AMAZON'S HESITATION IN REPLYING, SLAMS DOWN THE CONNING TOWER LID JUST AS THE LASO IS HURLED AND ...

MISSED HIM! BUT I GOT THE CONNING TOWER!



SUDDENLY, THE SUB PLUNGES TOWARD A ROCKY FORMATION AT THE BOTTOM IN AN ATTEMPT TO DASH WONDER WOMAN TO DEATH AGAINST IT...

I CAN'T LET GO -- CATCHING THE REST OF THE SPY RING DEPENDS ON IT!



BUT THE AGILE AMAZON TURNS A FATAL THREAT INTO AN ADVANTAGE, AS SHE QUICKLY LOOPS AN END OF THE LASO AROUND ONE OF THE ROCKY SHAFTS, AS IF IT WERE AN UNDERSEA HITCHING POST FOR A NAUTICAL STEED ...

THAT STOPPED HIM!



MORE SLIPPERY THAN AN EEL, THE SEEMINGLY TRAPPED SPY LIEUTENANT MAKES AN UNEXPECTED MOVE...

BY NEPTUNE'S TRIDENT! HE'S ESCAPING IN THAT TORPEDO!



LASSOING THE TORPEDO, THE INGENIOUS AMAZON BOARDS IT AND RIDES IT AS IF IT WERE A SELF-PROPELLED SURF BOARD...

THIS TORPEDO'S FOR ESCAPE ONLY AND WON'T EXPLODE ON CONTACT! I CAN SAFELY USE ITS OWN MOMENTUM TO STEER IT TO SHORE!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER THE ASTOUNDING RACE ENDS AS WONDER WOMAN GUIDES THE TORPEDO ASHORE TO A GRATING STOP AND...

AT LAST! NOW TO SEE WHO THIS FIRST SPY LIEUTENANT IS!



A SINGLE CUFF OF THE AMAZON MAID'S POWERFUL HAND AND THE TORPEDO IS OPENED...

I THOUGHT YOU WERE AN IMPOSTER WHEN YOU FAILED TO ANSWER MY CODE WORD! SO YOU THINK YOU HAVE CAUGHT ME! YOU WILL DIE FIRST! HO, HO!



BUT WITH A LIGHTNING MOVEMENT OF HER AMAZON BRACELET, WONDER WOMAN WARDS OFF THE SPY'S BULLETS, WHILE SHE LASOES HIM AND...

I COMMAND YOU TO REVEAL THE NAME OF THE OTHER SPY LIEUTENANT WITH WHOM YOU'RE IN CONTACT!

SOMETHING... COMPELS ME TO OBEY... HIS NAME IS... WALDO NORDO... HE MANAGES... THE AJAX STEEL MILLS...



CONTACTING STEVE, THE TIRELESS AMAZON LEAVES THE PRISONER WITH HIM WHILE SHE SETS OUT ON THE NEXT LAP OF HER AMAZING JOURNEY...

I MUST BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO AROUSE WALDO NORDO'S SUSPICIONS-- LEST HE DESTROY VALUABLE RECORDS!



AND SO WONDER WOMAN, BY DEVIOUS ROUTES TO AVOID BEING SEEN, FINALLY REACHES THE 2ND SPY LIEUTENANT'S OFFICE AT THE AJAX STEEL MILLS, WHERE...

WONDER WOMAN! I MEAN -- Z-ONE! HOW HONORED I AM AT YOUR VISIT!



IT'S ALL RIGHT... HE'S BEEN DECEIVED INTO THINKING I'M THE SPY LEADER TOO.

BUT THE NEXT MOMENT THE LOVELY AMAZON'S FEELING OF ASSURANCE VANISHES WHEN . . .

OH--! EXCUSE ME FOR BEING SO FOOLISH, MY LEADER! I SHOULD HAVE FIRST SAID SETATS BEFORE UTTERING A SINGLE WORD! SETATS!

GREAT HERA! ANOTHER PASSWORD! FIRST IT WAS DETINU -- NOW IT'S SETATS! AND I DON'T KNOW THE COUNTERSIGN! I CAN'T DELAY ANY LONGER! I'LL HAVE TO LASSO HIM IMMEDIATELY!



BUT THE WARY SPY QUICKLY PRESSES A BUTTON ON THE DESK, WHICH SENDS IT HURTLING AT THE AMAZON MAID AND . . .

SO-YOU'RE AN IMPOSTER, EH? THIS WILL DISCOURAGE YOU LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO MAKE MY GETAWAY! HA, HA, HA!

HE'S ESCAPING THROUGH A SECRET DOOR . . . IN THE WALL.



ONCE AGAIN, HOWEVER, THE LOVELY AMAZON PRINCESS ENCOUNTERS THE DIABOLICAL TRICKS OF THE 2ND SPY AS . . . SHE FINDS HERSELF HURTLING DOWN A STEEP DECLINE . . .

HE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO GO FAR!

SECRET DOOR--- LEADS TO AN ESCAPE CHUTE! BUT WHERE . . . DOES THE CHUTE LEAD TO---?



A MOMENT LATER THE SATANIC PLAN OF THE ESCAPING SPY IS REVEALED AS WONDER WOMAN REACHES THE END OF THE CHUTE:

TOO BAD THAT COVER-PLATE ISN'T UP TO STOP YOU FROM FALLING OUT OF THE CHUTE, WONDER WOMAN! I HAD IT RAISED TO STOP ME! BUT I DROPPED IT FOR YOU! HA, HA! YOU REALLY DIDN'T THINK I'D BE SO FOOLISH AS TO TRY TO RUN AWAY FROM YOU? NOT WHEN I COULD TRAP YOU BY MAKING BELIEVE I WAS! HO, HO!



BUT EVEN WITH THE FLAMING CAULDRON INCHES AWAY, WONDER WOMAN DOES NOT DESPAIR, BUT WITH A LIGHTNING CAST OF HER LASSO STOPS HER HEADLONG FALL ...

IT WAS EASY TO TRICK YOU, BECAUSE, AFTER ALL, YOU'RE JUST A WOMAN AND — BLAZING STEEL! YOU'VE LASSOED THE RAILING!



ENRAGED BY THE FEARLESS AMAZON'S DETERMINATION IN THE FACE OF SEEMINGLY HOPELESS ODDS, THE SPY TRIES TO LOOSEN HER HOLD ON THE LASSO ...

NO WOMAN CAN DEFEAT ME! I'LL DESTROY YOU IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO, WONDER WOMAN!



SUDDENLY, THERE IS A GRIM REVERSAL OF FORTUNE AS THE FURIOUS SPY LOSES HIS FOOTING AND ...

HELP... I LOST MY BALANCE... I'M FALLING... SAVE ME! SAVE ME! SAVE ME!

GREAT HERA! HE'S FALLING INTO THE VERY FLAMING DEATH HE PLANNED FOR ME!



STEADYING HERSELF ON THE LASSO WITH ONE HAND, WONDER WOMAN SEIZES THE PLUMMETING SPY WITH THE OTHER, JUST AS HE IS ABOUT TO FLASH PAST HER ...

YOU'RE ALL RIGHT! I'VE CAUGHT YOU!



ONCE AGAIN, WONDER WOMAN'S AMAZON CODE OF JUSTICE AND MERCY TRIUMPHS OVER MERE VENGEANCE!

PETRIFIED WITH FEAR, AS HE AND HIS RESCUER SWAY ABOVE THE FLAMING CAULDRON, THE 2ND SPY DESPAIRS, BUT ...

IT'S HOPELESS! HOPELESS! YOU'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP! YOU CAN'T HOLD ME WITH ONE HAND AND CLIMB UP THE LASSO WITH THE OTHER!

AN AMAZON NEVER GIVES UP! WHEN ONE WAY FAILS, THERE'S ALWAYS ANOTHER!



SUITING ACTION TO HER WORDS, WONDER WOMAN BEGINS TWIRLING AROUND WITH LIGHTNING SPEED ...

Y--Y--YOU'VE GONE M--M--MAD! YOU'LL ONLY F--F--FALL S-S-SOONER!



BUT THE INGENIOUS AMAZON'S PLAN BECOMES APPARENT WHEN THE LASSO, TIGHTENING CONSTANTLY FROM HER WHIRLING, GROWS SHORTER AND SHORTER, DRAWING THE TWO UPWARD UNTIL ---

THANK HERA! I'VE REACHED THE RAILING!

WONDER WOMAN -- YOU'RE UNBEATABLE!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER, THE SECOND OF THE SPY LIEUTENANTS CONFESSES . . .

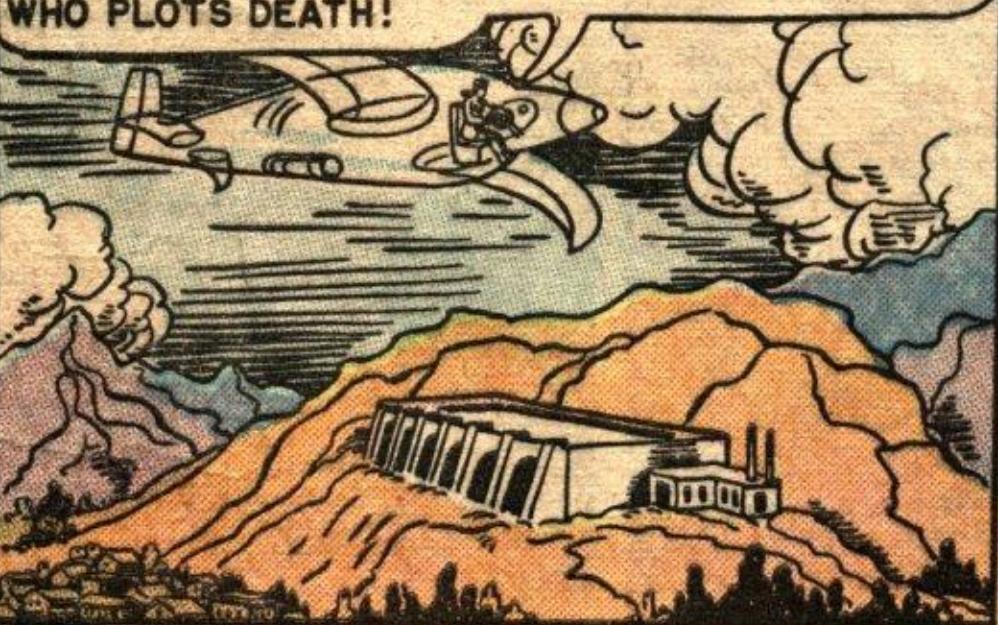
SOMETHING . . . COMPELS . . .
ME . . . THE SPY LIEUTENANT
I'M IN CONTACT WITH IS
DEREK WATERS AT THE
MAMMOTH MT. DAM . . .

THE LAST
OF THE SPY
LIEUTENANTS!



THE FLEET AMAZON PLANE FLASHES SILENTLY
THROUGH THE SKIES UNTIL . . .

MAMMOTH MT. DAM AND THE TONS OF WATER
WHICH IRRIGATE ALL THOSE TOWNS AROUND IT!
AND IN THE MIDST OF ALL THAT LIFE IS A SPY--
WHO PLOTS DEATH!



WITHOUT MY LASSO, I CAN'T
MOVE A MUSCLE WHILE HE'S
AT THE SWITCH!

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
PRECAUTION, DEREK WATERS!
BUT DO YOU DOUBT THE IDENTITY
OF Z-ONE, YOUR LEADER?

NOT IF YOU KNOW THE
COUNTERSIGN TO DETINU
SETATS! IF YOU DON'T
GIVE IT TO ME IN THREE
SECONDS, I'LL THROW THE
SWITCH!



IN ORDER NOT TO LOSE A MOMENT, THE TIRED
AMAZON CONTACTS STEVE BY MENTAL RADIO . . .

PICK UP NORDO AND HIS RECORDS
IN HIS OFFICE, STEVE! SUFFERING SAPPHO!
I FORGOT TO REMOVE MY LASSO FROM HIM.
OH, WELL, TOO LATE TO TURN BACK FOR IT
NOW!



BE CAREFUL, ANGEL!
THE THIRD SPY IS PROBABLY THE MOST DANGEROUS!



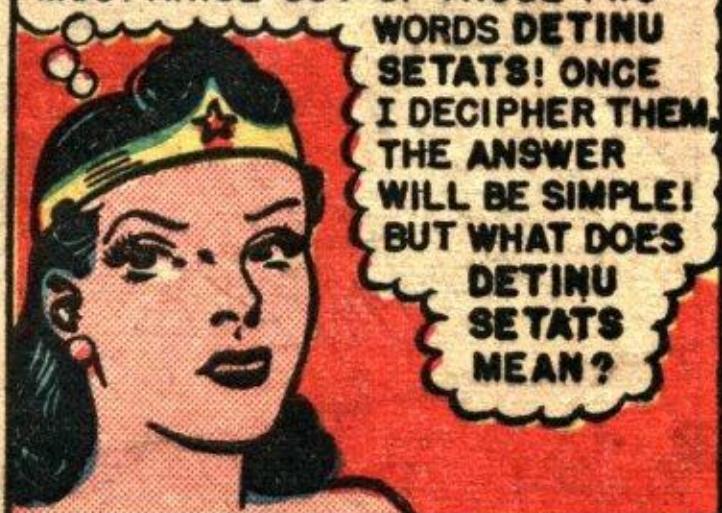
AT THE MASTER CONTROL ROOM, WHERE DEREK
WATERS IS STATIONED, WONDER WOMAN'S EN-
TRANCE IS GREETED QUITE DIFFERENTLY BY THE
LAST SPY LIEUTENANT . . .

SIT DOWN AT THAT DESK, WONDER WOMAN! BE-
FORE I THROW THIS MASTER SWITCH WHICH
WILL RELEASE TONS OF WATER ON THE TOWNS
AROUND THE
DAM!



NEVER BEFORE HAS THE AMAZON
MAID FACED SUCH A MOMENTOUS
CRISIS . . . WITH THOUSANDS OF
LIVES AT STAKE, HER MIND LUNGES
AT THE PROBLEM . . .

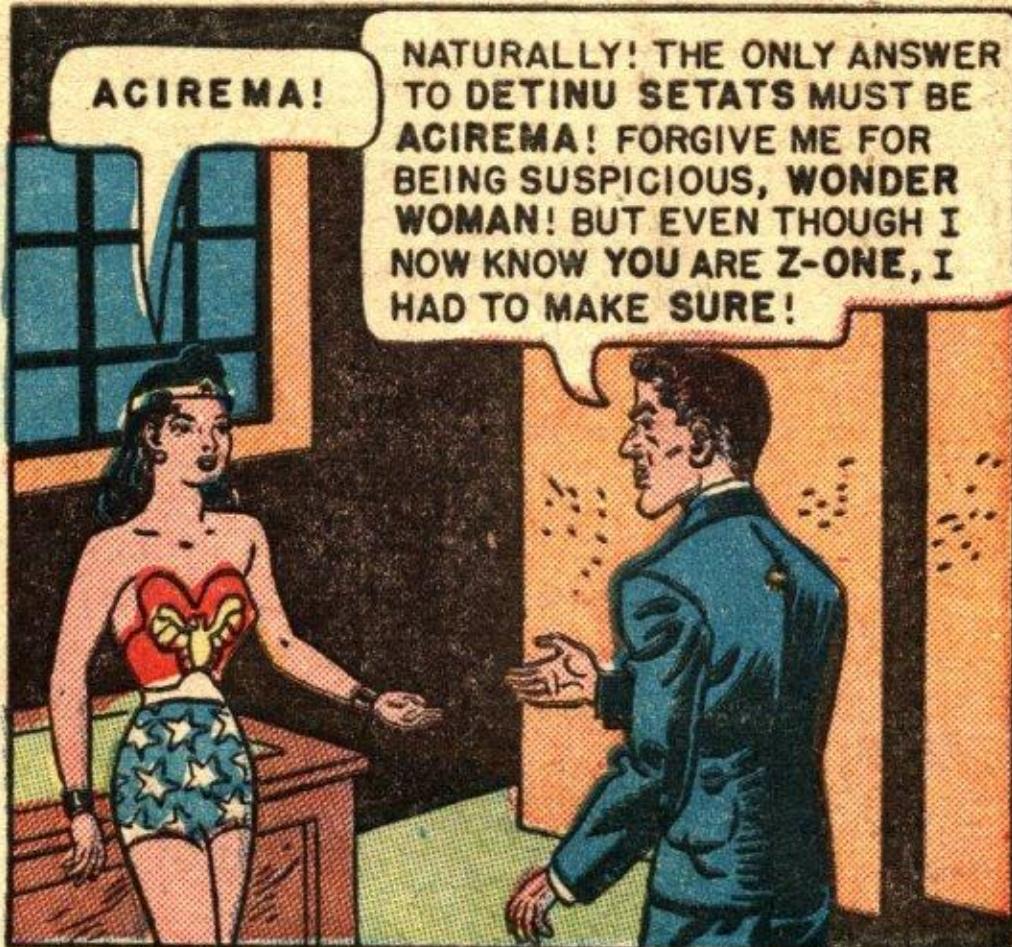
DETINU SETATS! THE SAME CODE
WORDS USED BY THE OTHER SPIES!
THIS MEANS THAT THE ANSWER
MUST ARISE OUT OF THOSE TWO
WORDS DETINU
SETATS! ONCE
I DECIPHER THEM,
THE ANSWER
WILL BE SIMPLE!
BUT WHAT DOES
DETINU
SETATS
MEAN?



AS WONDER WOMAN TRACES THE CODE WORDS IN THE DUST ATOP THE DESK, HER EYES SUDDENLY PERCEIVE THE ANSWER TO THE RIDDLE . . .



READERS! THE ANSWER IS BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES! CAN YOU SEE IT TOO?



BUT, TO THE SPY'S BEWILDERMENT, THE AMAZON COLLARS HIM . . .

AND I HAD TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU COULDN'T THROW THAT SWITCH AND DESTROY COUNTLESS LIVES BEFORE CAPTURING YOU!

B--B--BUT YOU MUST BE Z-ONE! HOW ELSE COULD YOU HAVE KNOWN THE COUNTER-SIGN?

THE MOMENT I SAW DETINU SETATS WRITTEN OUT, I KNEW THEY SPELLED UNITED STATES BACKWARDS!



AND THE MOST NATURAL ANSWER WOULD BE ACIREMA -- OR AMERICA SPELLED BACKWARDS!

DETINU SETATS
ACIREMA
UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

AND THAT ENDS THE CASE OF THE THREE SPY LIEUTENANTS! BUT OUR VIGILANCE MUST NEVER END, OR THERE WILL BE AN END TO OUR FREEDOM -- UNTIL THE DAY THE WORLD CAN ACCEPT THE AMAZON WAY OF LIFE OF LOVING KINDNESS!





WHEN IT COMES TO BLOWING BUBBLES, FLEER'S DUBLE BUBBLE CAN'T BE BEAT!

FRANK H. FLEER CORP.
PHILADELPHIA 41, PENNA.

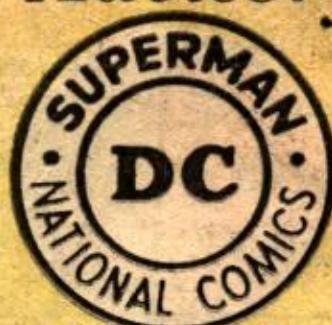
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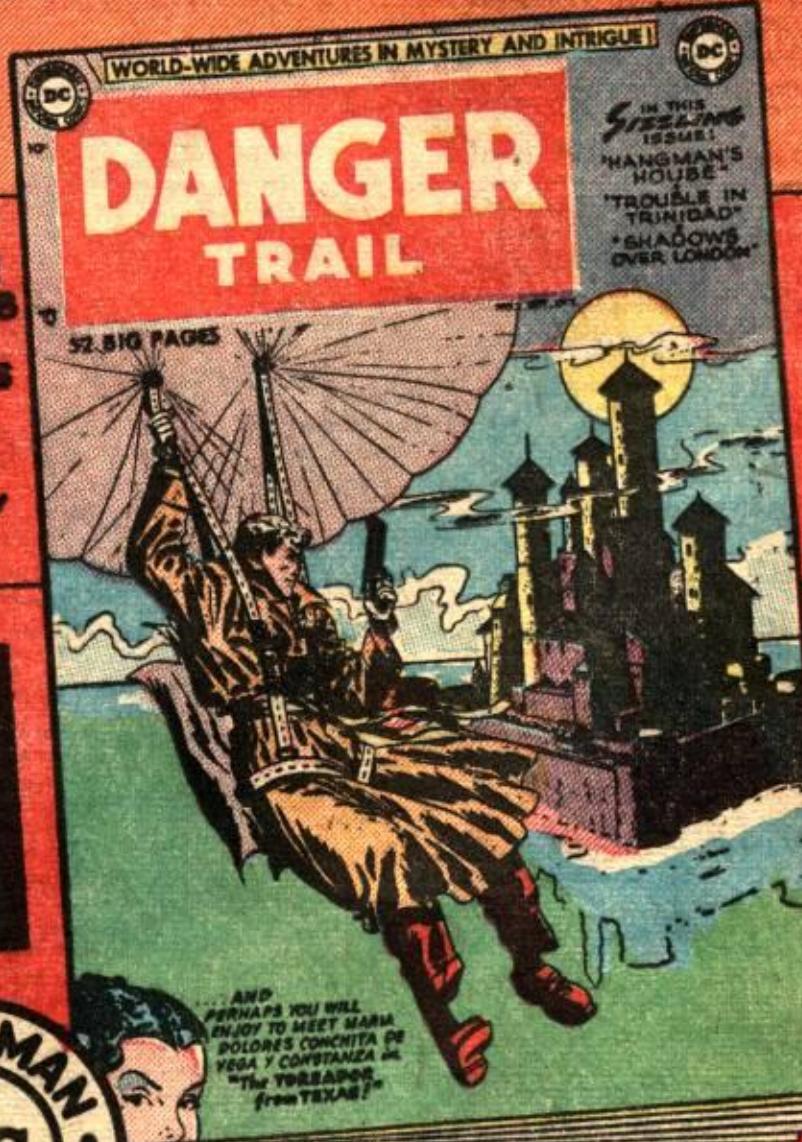
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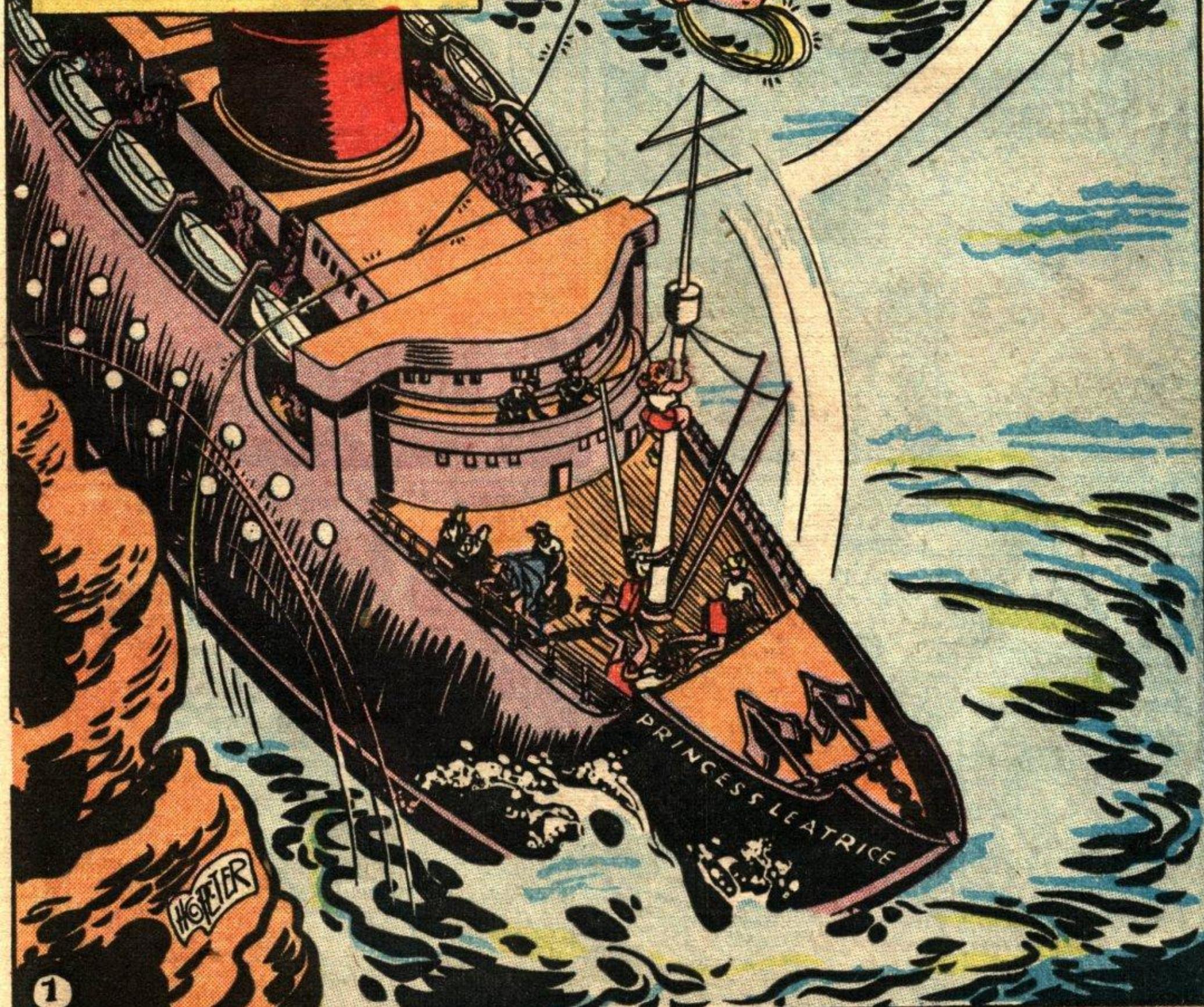
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By CHARLES MOULTON

WONDER WOMAN'S MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY IS ON THE PROWL AGAIN! THIS ARCH-CRIMINAL, WITH HIS MYSTERIOUS SUPERHUMAN POWERS, STOPS AT NOTHING TO GAIN HIS NEFARIOUS ENDS.

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HE HUNG UP! NOW WHAT?--



IN DIANA (WONDER WOMAN) PRINCE'S OFFICE AT INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS--

WHY, LEMUEL TUGBOAT-- WELCOME! DIANA, THIS MAN GAVE ME MY FIRST JOB WHEN I WAS A KID!--ORDINARY SEAMAN ON ONE OF HIS BOATS--

STEVE, I'M IN TERRIBLE TROUBLE--I NEED YOUR HELP!



FOR THE PAST WEEK I'VE HAD ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS DEMANDING ENORMOUS SUMS OF MONEY TO KEEP MY SHIPS SAILING! I'VE REFUSED TO PAY--

GOOD FOR YOU, LEMUEL. STOP WORRYING, I'LL INVESTIGATE THIS FOR YOU--



MY ONLY SHIP AT SEA NOW IS THE "PRINCESS LEATRICE"--DO YOU SUPPOSE HE'D BOMB IT?

MERCIFUL MINERVA-- THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS ARE ABOARD THAT SHIP! WONDER WOMAN HAD BETTER CHECK ON THIS AT ONCE!



MEANWHILE, ETTA AND THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS, ON A PEACEFUL TRANS-ATLANTIC VOYAGE, LITTLE REALIZE THE DANGER LURKING BEFORE THEM--

SUFFERIN' SASSAFRAS! I'M SICK OF SEEING THE SEA-- THIS IS MONOTONOUS--

I S'POSE YOU'RE PINING FOR SWEETGULPER!



NIX--HE'D EAT ALL MY CANDY! BUT I WISH SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN!



SUDDENLY THE SHIP GOES BERSERK, SAILING ZIGZAGGEDLY BACKWARDS--

EEEK!

UG-ULP!

--I FEEL SICK!

WELL, ARE YOU SATISFIED
SOMETHING'S HAPPENING,
ETTA?

MEANWHILE ON THE SHIP'S BRIDGE--

ACCORDING TO OUR INSTRUMENTS, WE'RE
SAILING A TRUE COURSE--

HA HA--TRYING TO
BE FUNNY? IT'S UP TO
YOU, CHIEF ENGINEER
LURCHISON--THE SHIP'S
MACHINERY'S GONE
HAYWIRE!

SIR, I'VE
CHECKED THE
ENGINES--
EVERYTHING'S
IN PERFECT
CONDITION!

MERCIFUL GUMDROPS!
L-LOOK--

THE SHIP'S GOING
TO BE WRECKED!

WE'RE DOOMED!

THE ILL-FATED SHIP ZOOMS STRAIGHT FOR THE
CLIFF--

--THEN FANTASTICALLY RISES FROM THE SEA--

CAPTAIN, DO
SOMETHING! GOSH,
WE'RE STARTING
TO FLY--

THE AIR'S SO FULL
OF STATIC, I CAN'T
GET AN S.O.S. THROUGH!

AS THE SHIP HEADS FOR A CLIFF-TOP, ETTA SEES A BIZARRE FIGURE WHICH SENDS SHIVERS DOWN HER SPINE --

I WARNED TUGBOAT--
HA HAA!



WHAT'S THE MATTER, ETTA-- HAVE YOU SEEN A GHOST?

Y-YES--NUCLEAR,
THE MAGNETIC MURDERER!

BUT HE WAS KILLED
IN HIS OWN FIRE--

I DON'T SEE HIM NOW--
HE--HE'S VANISHED!



IN ANOTHER INSTANT THE MIGHTY OCEAN LINER PERCHES PRECARIOUSLY ATOP THE CLIFF--

DON'T ANYONE MOVE--IF THE SHIP ROCKS, WE'LL BE DASHED TO BITS!



NUCLEAR, AT THE FOOT OF THE CLIFF, AGAIN EXERTS HIS MAGNETIC POWERS...

COME TO PAPA, MY LITTLE SUBMARINE--
THE "PRINCESS LEATRICE" IS DONE FOR--
NOW TUGBOAT AND EVERY OTHER SHIP OWNER
WILL HEED MY WARNINGS!



I MUST HURRY HOME
BEFORE MY "DEVOTED"
SISTER JOYE MISSES
HER "BELOVED" BROTHER
PERCY, WHO IS SUFFERING
FROM A NERVOUS
BREAKDOWN--HA HAAA!



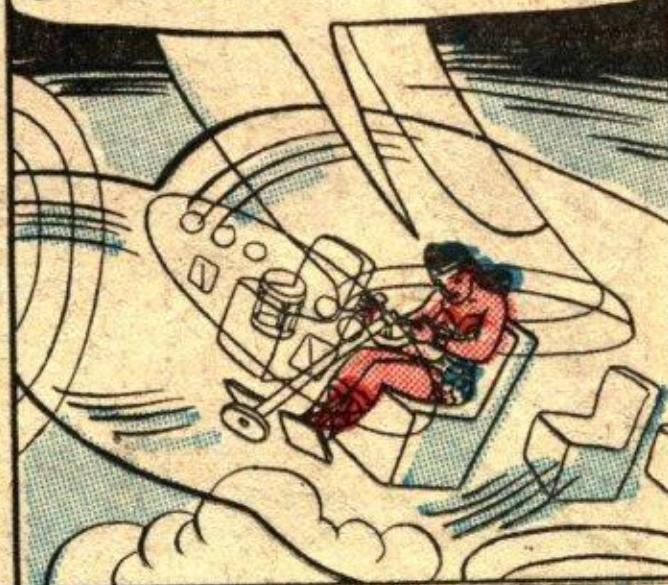
A SUDDEN GUST OF WIND, AND THE OCEAN LINER TIPS --IT
LOOKS LIKE THE END FOR ALL ABOARD...

EEEK-HELP



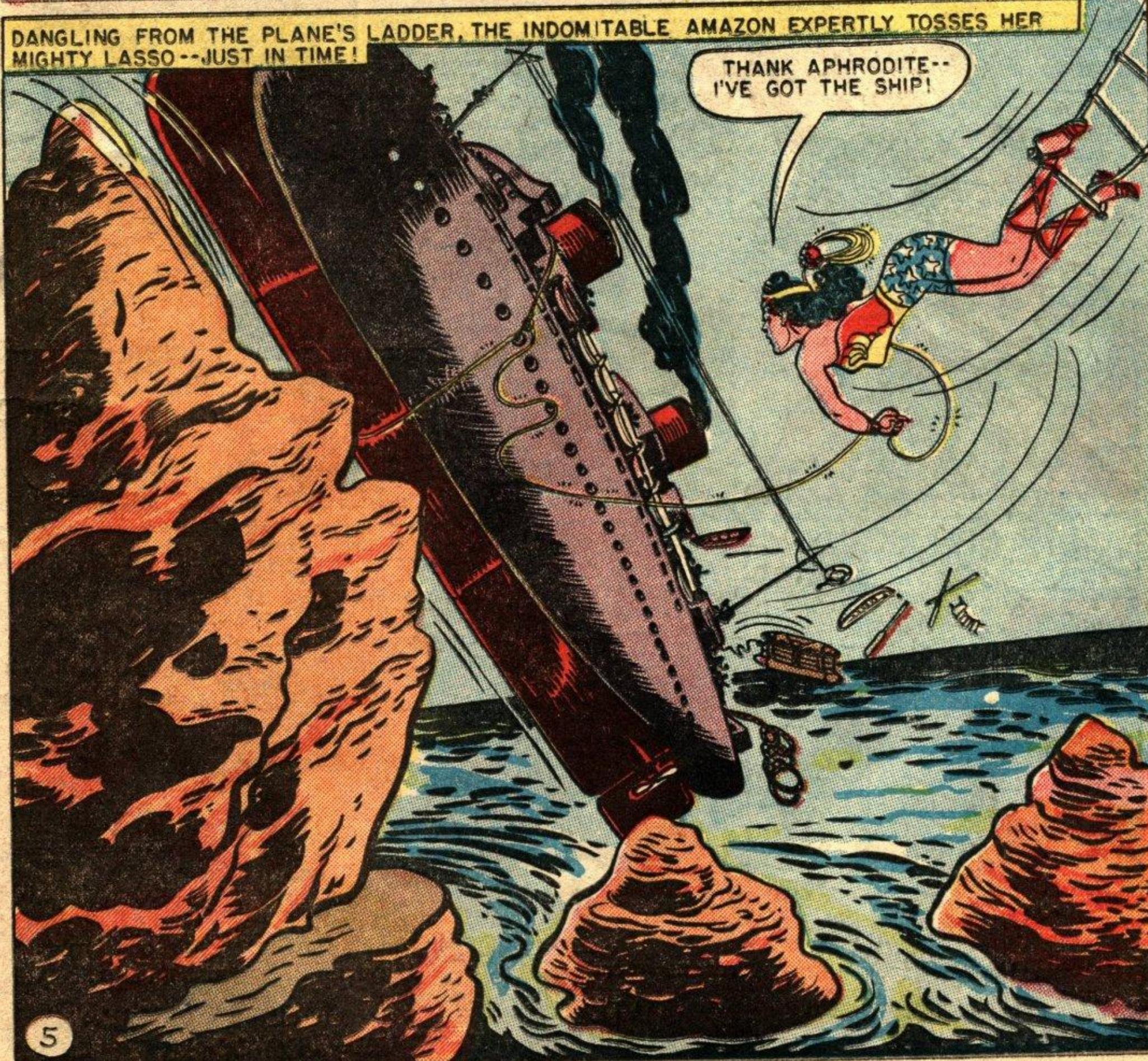
WONDER WOMAN, MEANWHILE,
FOLLOWING LEMUEL TUGBOAT'S
WARNING, STREAKS ACROSS
THE OCEAN IN HER INVISIBLE
PLANE --

SHADES OF HADES! THE
"PRINCESS LEATRICE" IS FALLING
OFF A CLIFF!



DANGLING FROM THE PLANE'S LADDER, THE INDOMITABLE AMAZON EXPERTLY TOSSES HER
MIGHTY LASO--JUST IN TIME!

THANK APHRODITE--
I'VE GOT THE SHIP!



OH HAPPY DAY! OUR WONDERFUL GUARDIAN HAS RESCUED US AGAIN!

TAKE US ABOARD, WONDER WOMAN --

BRAVO!

WHATTA WOMAN!

ETTA TELLS WONDER WOMAN ABOUT NUCLEAR --

I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT--
I SAW NUCLEAR FALL INTO A FLAMING FURNACE--

BUT I SAW HIM STANDING AT THE TOP OF THAT CLIFF ! WHO ELSE COULD MAKE AN OCEAN LINER FLY ?

IF NUCLEAR'S ALIVE AS ETTA CLAIMS, I'M GOING TO INVESTIGATE PERCY PLAYBOY'S HOUSE WHERE NUCLEAR HAD HIS LABORATORY. PERCY AND HE DISAPPEARED AT THE SAME TIME AND I THINK THEY ARE ONE AND THE SAME MAN !

LET'S SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PLAYBOYS MANSION WHICH OVERLOOKS THE OCEAN--

IN A SECRET INLET, NUCLEAR DOCKS HIS SUBMARINE AND--

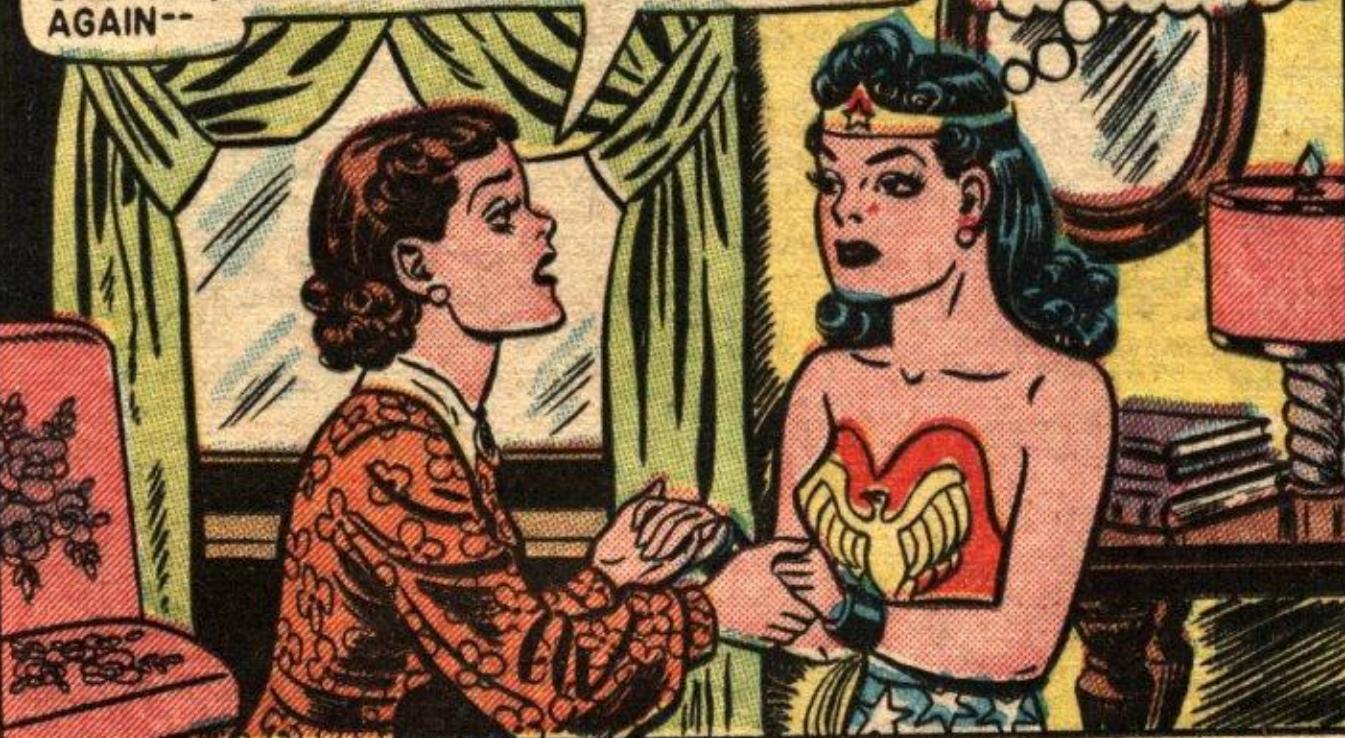
NOW TO RETURN TO MY "SICK BED" THROUGH MY SECRET SUBTERRANEAN PASSAGEWAY BEFORE MY SIMPLE SISTER DISCOVERS MY ABSENCE !

MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE HOUSE, WONDER WOMAN TALKS WITH JOYE...

SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED SINCE I LAST SAW YOU, WONDER WOMAN! PERCY IS HOME AGAIN--

AHA! JUST AS I SUSPECTED!

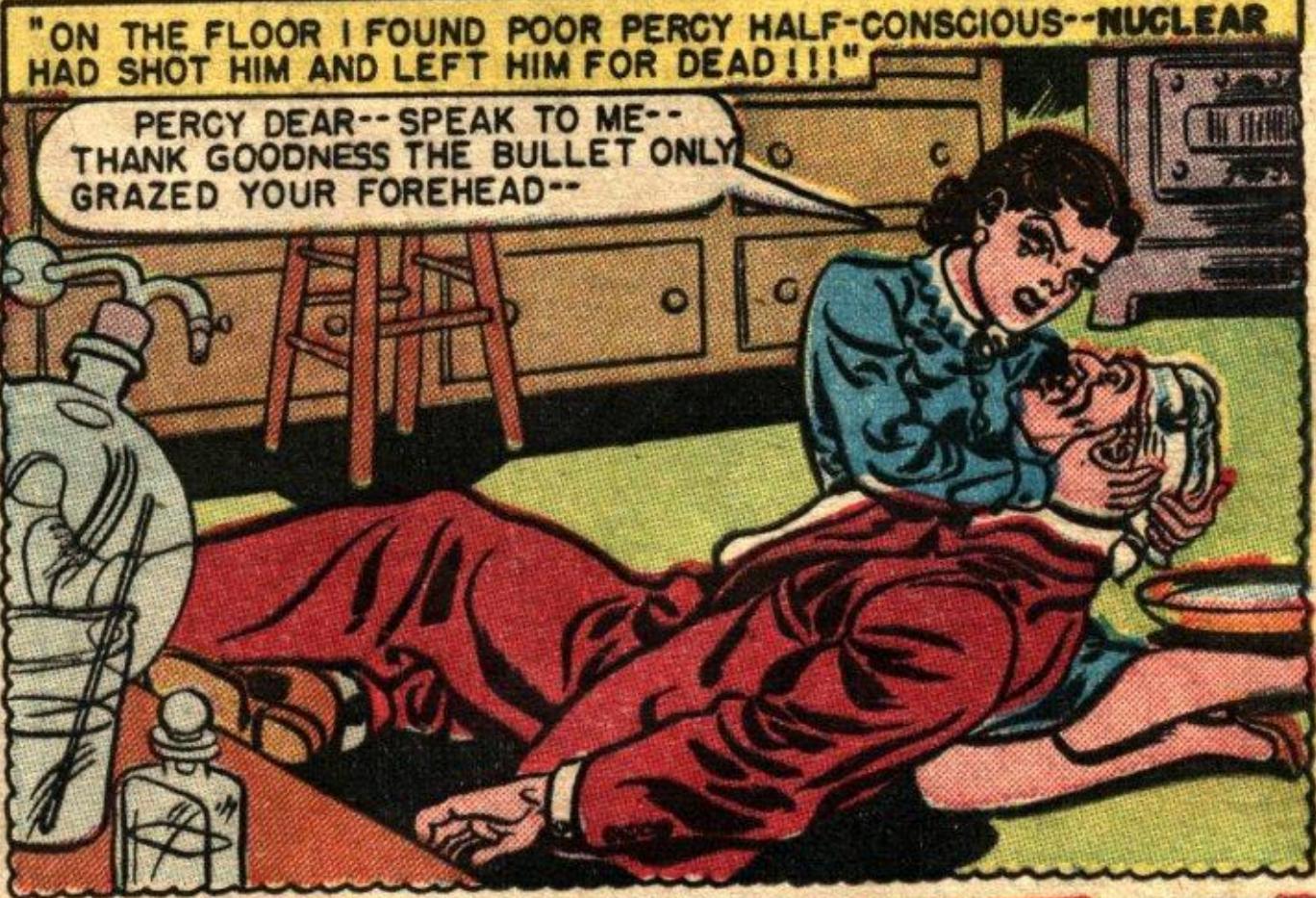
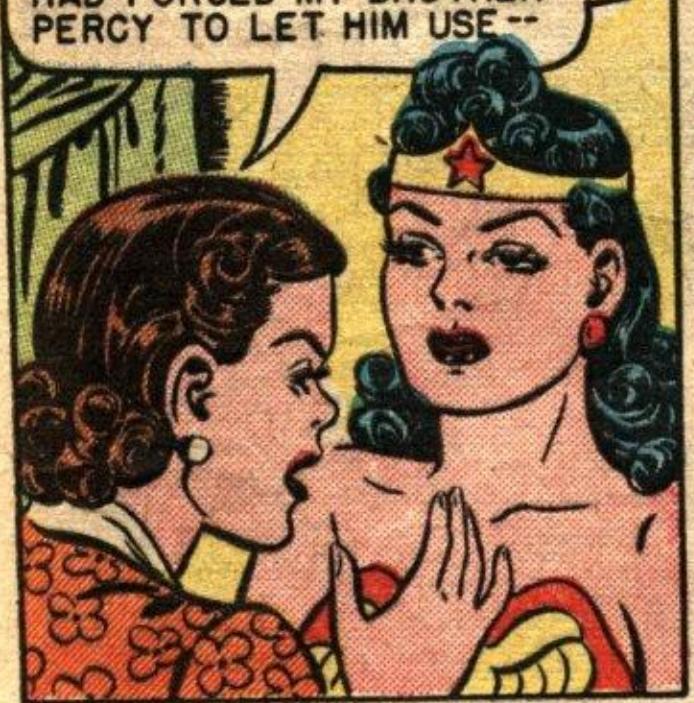
YOU REMEMBER WHEN NUCLEAR CAPTURED YOU AND HIS MAGNETIC MACHINE WAS PULLING YOU INTO A FIERY PIT? STEVE TREVOR ARRIVED JUST IN TIME TO SHOOT NUCLEAR WHO FELL INTO THE FURNACE INSTEAD--



WELL, I THOUGHT NUCLEAR HAD KILLED MY BROTHER. BUT LATER THAT DAY I HEARD GROANS COMING FROM THE LABORATORY WHICH NUCLEAR HAD FORCED MY BROTHER PERCY TO LET HIM USE--

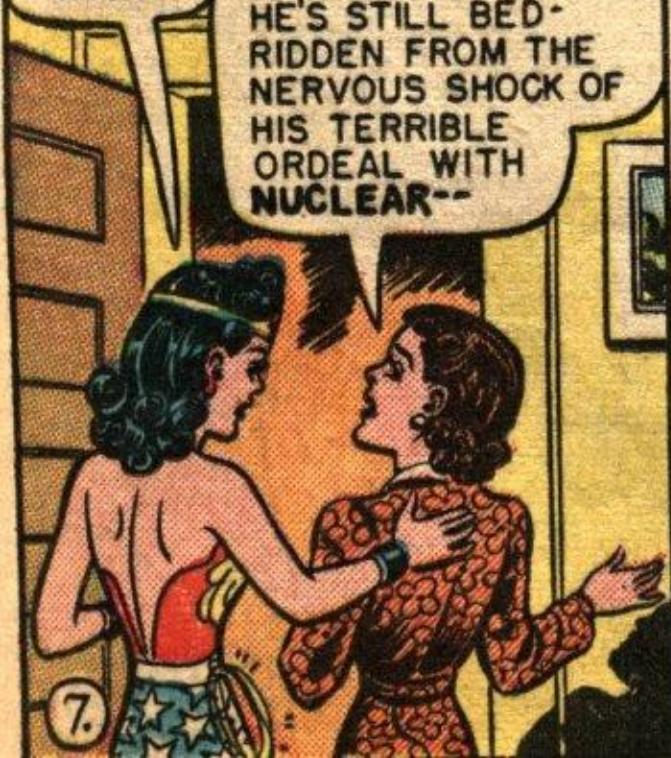
"ON THE FLOOR I FOUND POOR PERCY HALF-CONSCIOUS--NUCLEAR HAD SHOT HIM AND LEFT HIM FOR DEAD!!!"

PERCY DEAR-- SPEAK TO ME-- THANK GOODNESS THE BULLET ONLY GRAZED YOUR FOREHEAD--



I'D LIKE TO TALK WITH PERCY--

I'LL ASK HIM. BUT HE HAS REFUSED TO SEE ANYONE SINCE THAT AWFUL DAY. HE'S STILL BED-RIDDEN FROM THE NERVOUS SHOCK OF HIS TERRIBLE ORDEAL WITH NUCLEAR--



IN PERCY'S ROOM--

PERCY, DEAR, WILL YOU SEE WONDER WOMAN? PLEASE LET US IN--

WHY, I'D LOVE TO SEE WONDER WOMAN!

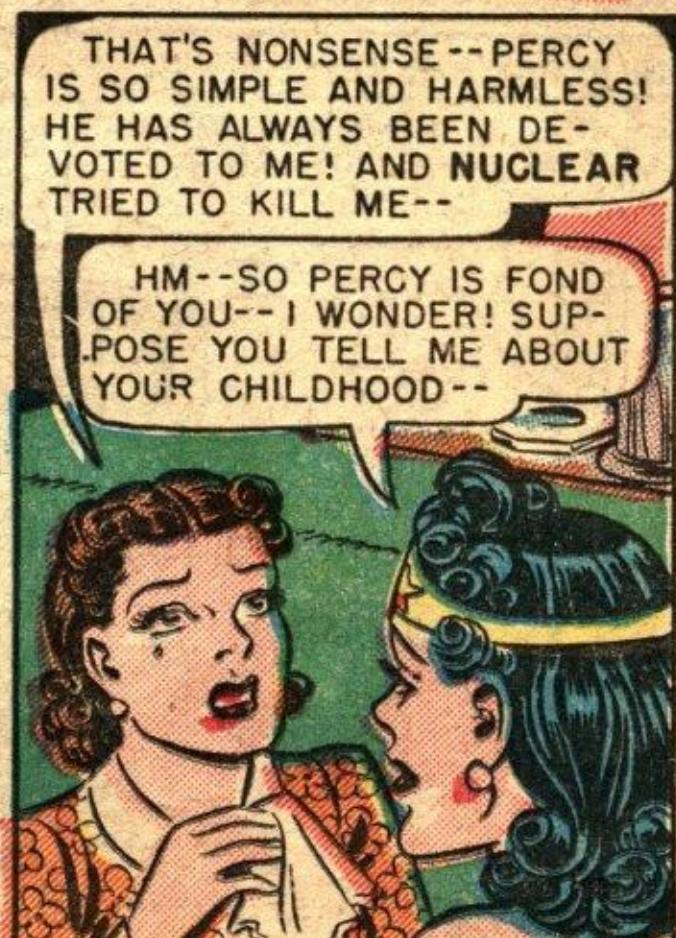
SO THE AMAZON'S SNOOPING AROUND AGAIN--



NO--DON'T COME ANY CLOSER--I'M AFRAID--AFRAID--NUCLEAR'LL GET ME--

YOU'VE NOTHING TO FEAR, WITH WONDER WOMAN HERE. BESIDES, NUCLEAR'S DEAD! TELL HIM SO, WONDER WOMAN!

NO--NUCLEAR ESCAPED THE FIERY PIT SOMEHOW--HIS COSTUME MUST HAVE BEEN FIREPROOF. NOW HE'S UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS AGAIN! I JUST TOOK A SHIP OFF A CLIFF WHERE NUCLEAR HAD PULLED IT MAGNETICALLY--

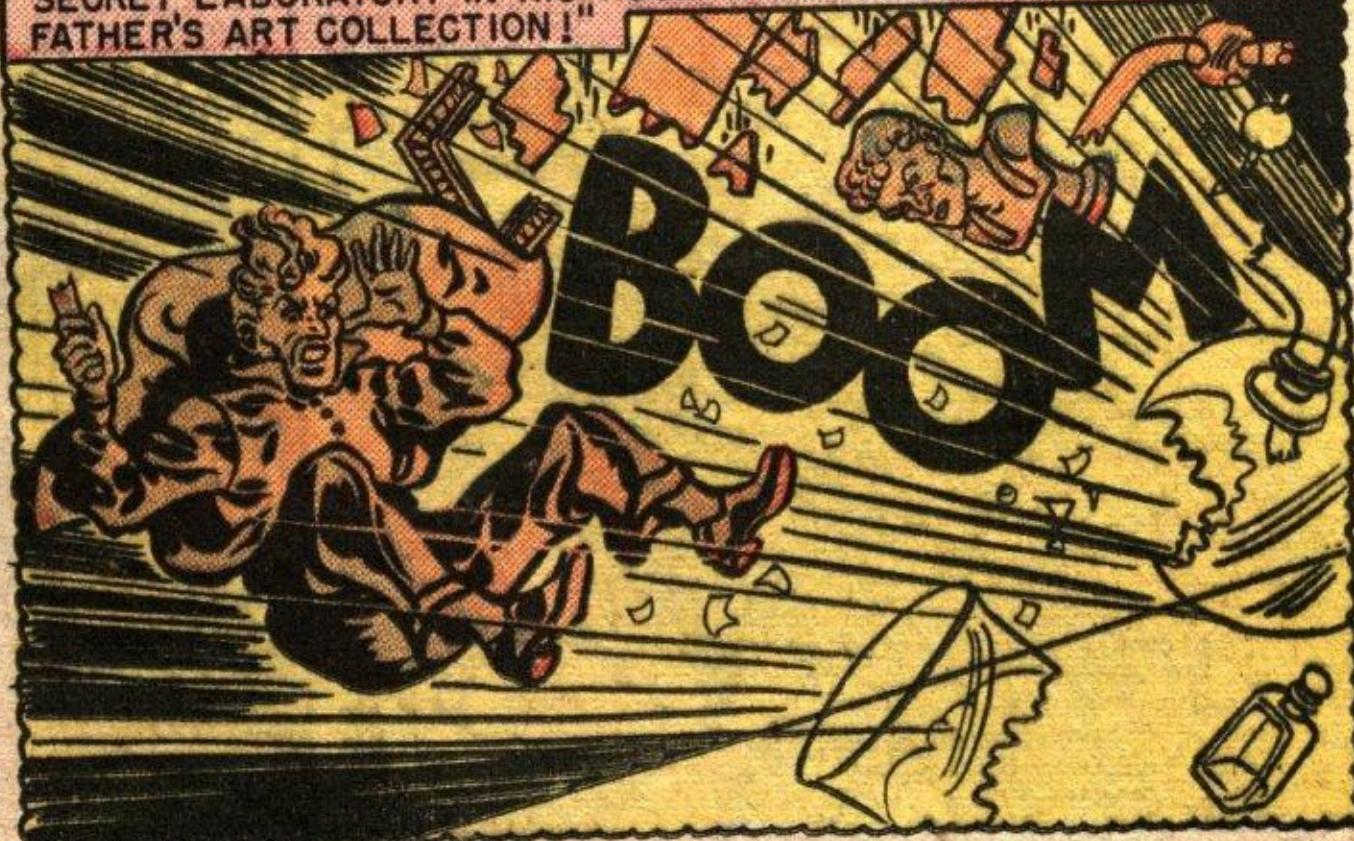


"FATHER TRIED TO REASON WITH PERCY."

AT YOUR AGE I PUT MY MIND ON STUDIES INSTEAD OF GADDING ABOUT LIKE A SOCIAL BUTTERFLY -- YOUR SISTER HAS MORE SENSE THAN YOU --

SCHOOL WORK BORES ME --

"BUT PERCY WAS TERRIBLY INTERESTED IN SCIENCE -- HE HAD A SECRET LABORATORY IN HIS ROOM WHICH BLEW UP, RUINING FATHER'S ART COLLECTION!"



"MY FATHER WAS HEART-BROKEN--"

ALL MY RARE STATUES AND PAINTINGS ARE BLOWN TO BITS -- THIS IS TERRIBLE !

PERCY DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT -- IT WASN'T HIS FAULT IF HIS CHEMICALS EXPLODED!



"MY FATHER TURNED ON PERCY WITH A FURY FRIGHTENING TO BEHOLD--"

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE -- YOU LOAFER! YOU BLITHERING IDIOT!

I WON'T FORGET THIS --

STOP IT, FATHER --



WHEN FATHER DIED, HE LEFT ALL HIS MONEY TO ME, BUT IN TRUST. I ONLY GET THE INCOME. I GIVE ALL I CAN SPARE TO PERCY, BUT HE'S VERY EXTRAVAGANT!



EVERYTHING YOU'VE TOLD ME MAKES ME CERTAIN THAT PERCY IS NUCLEAR! HE'S NURSED A SECRET HATRED AND RESENTMENT TOWARD YOU -- IT WAS YOU WHO TOLD YOUR FATHER WHO SET OFF THE EXPLOSION --



-- AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF THAT, PERCY FIGURED, THAT HIS FATHER LEFT HIM NO MONEY. ADD TO ALL THESE FACTS PERCY'S INTENSE INTEREST IN SCIENCE, AND YOU HAVE NUCLEAR!

NO, NO!



MEANWHILE IN LEMUEL TUGBOAT'S OFFICE--

TREVOR--I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO CAPTURE NUCLEAR! THE "PRINCESS LEATRICE" IS DUE TO SAIL AGAIN BUT NO PASSENGERS WILL BOARD IT, AND NOBODY'LL SHIP FREIGHT -- BUSINESS IS RUINED!



LET THE SHIP SAIL. I'LL BE ABOARD AND WHEN NUCLEAR TRIES ANY OF HIS FUNNY STUFF, I'LL BE READY FOR HIM--

I'D FEEL BETTER IF WONDER WOMAN WERE ALONG!



BACK IN THE PLAYBOY MANSION--

ENOUGH LIVES HAVE BEEN ENDANGERED BY NUCLEAR-- MY MAGIC LASO WILL FORCE PERCY TO TELL THE TRUTH!

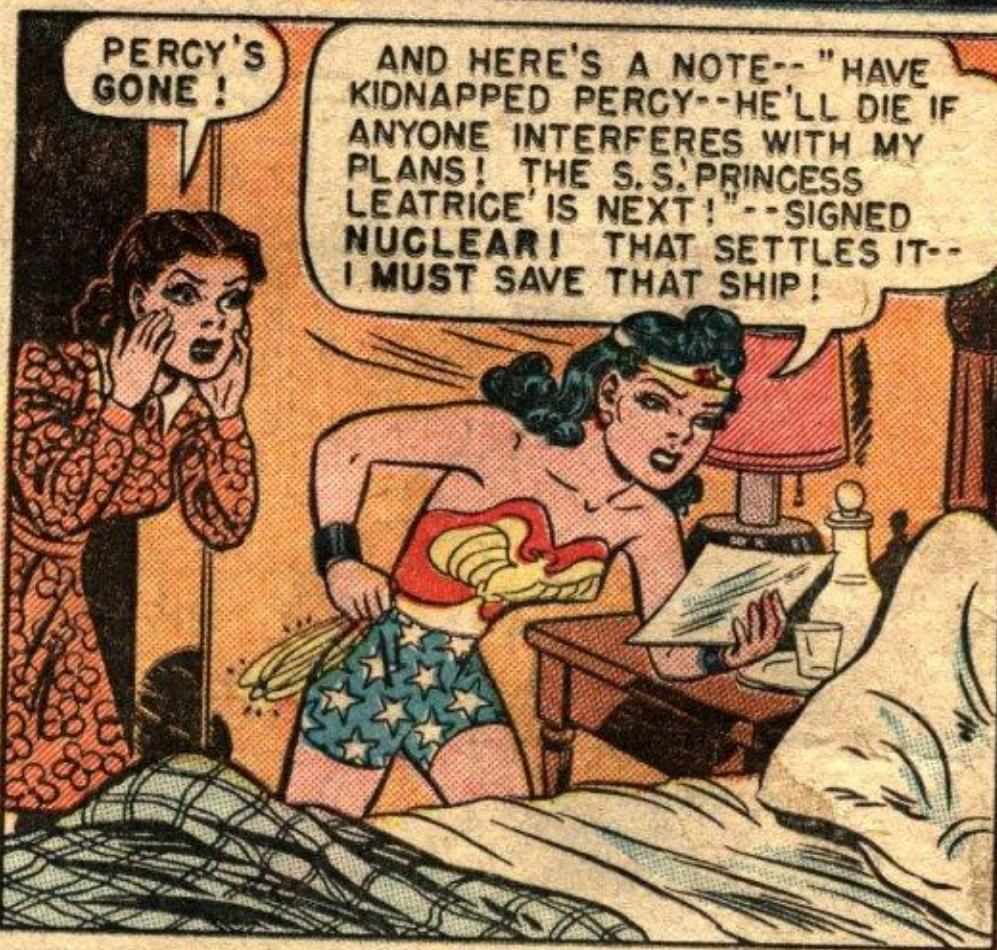
OH, HE ISN'T NUCLEAR! YOU WILL ONLY UPSET HIM AGAIN!

CRASH!



PERCY'S GONE!

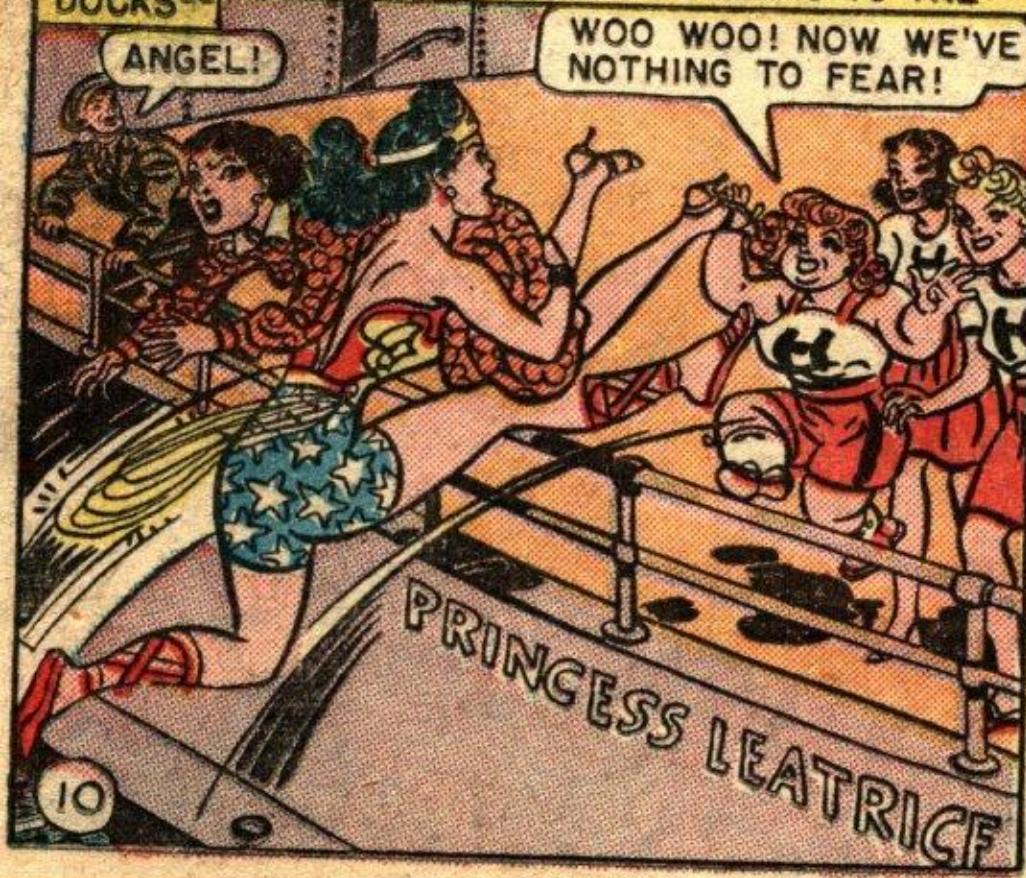
AND HERE'S A NOTE-- "HAVE KIDNAPPED PERCY--HE'LL DIE IF ANYONE INTERFERES WITH MY PLANS! THE S.S. PRINCESS LEATRICE' IS NEXT!" -- SIGNED NUCLEAR! THAT SETTLES IT-- I MUST SAVE THAT SHIP!



INSTANTLY WONDER WOMAN STREAKS TO THE DOCKS--

ANGEL!

WOO WOO! NOW WE'VE NOTHING TO FEAR!



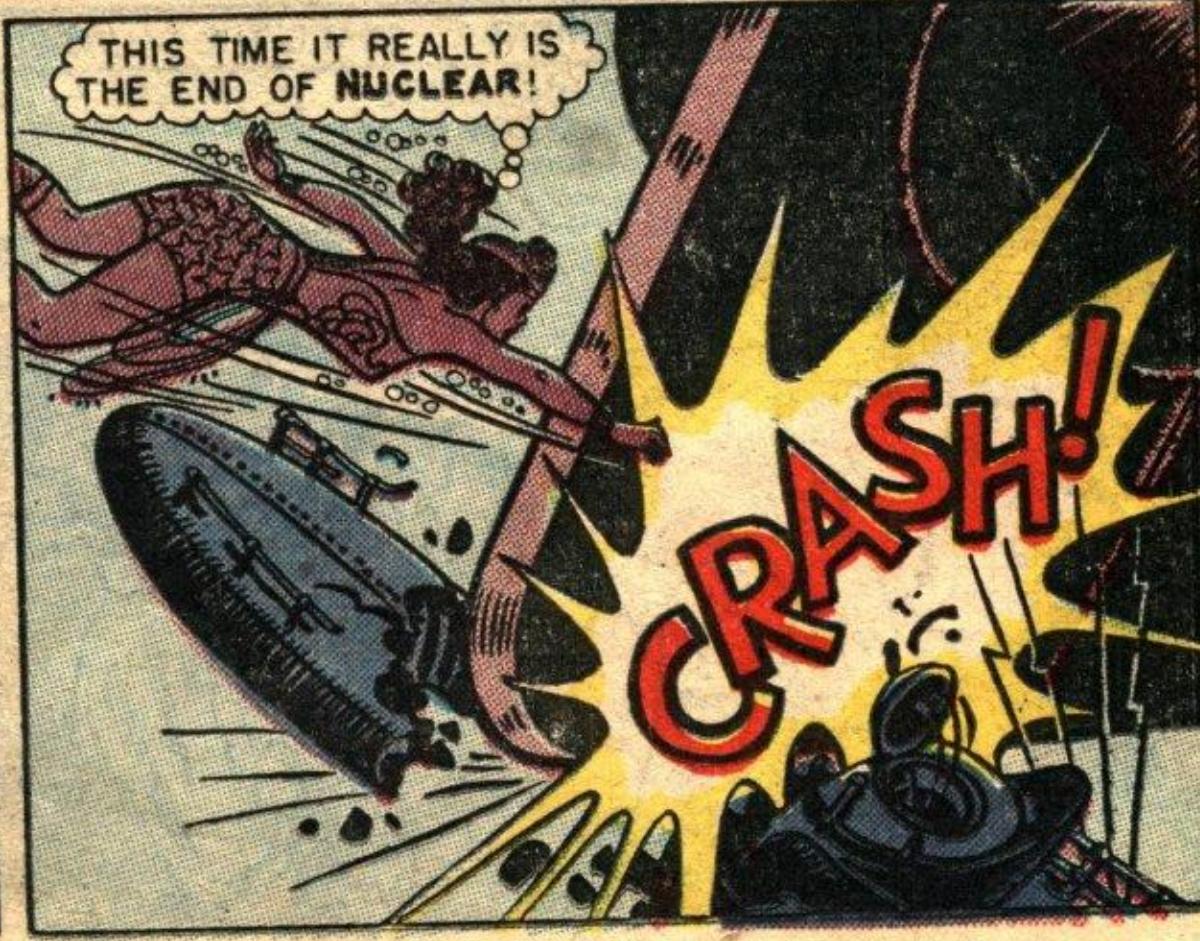
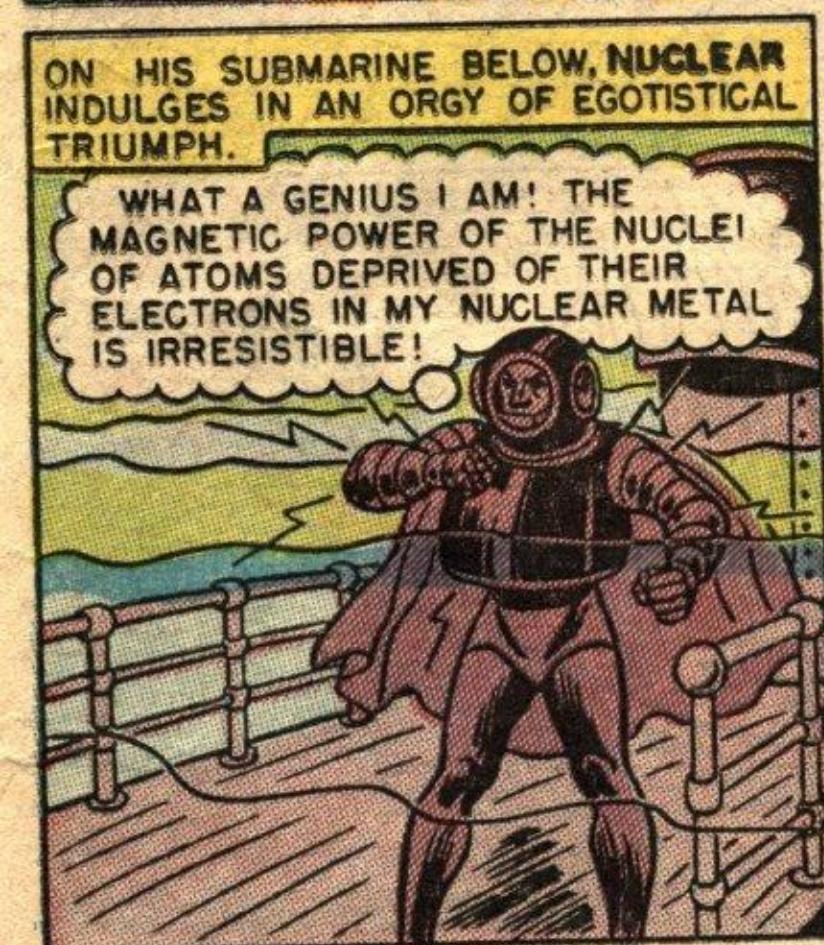
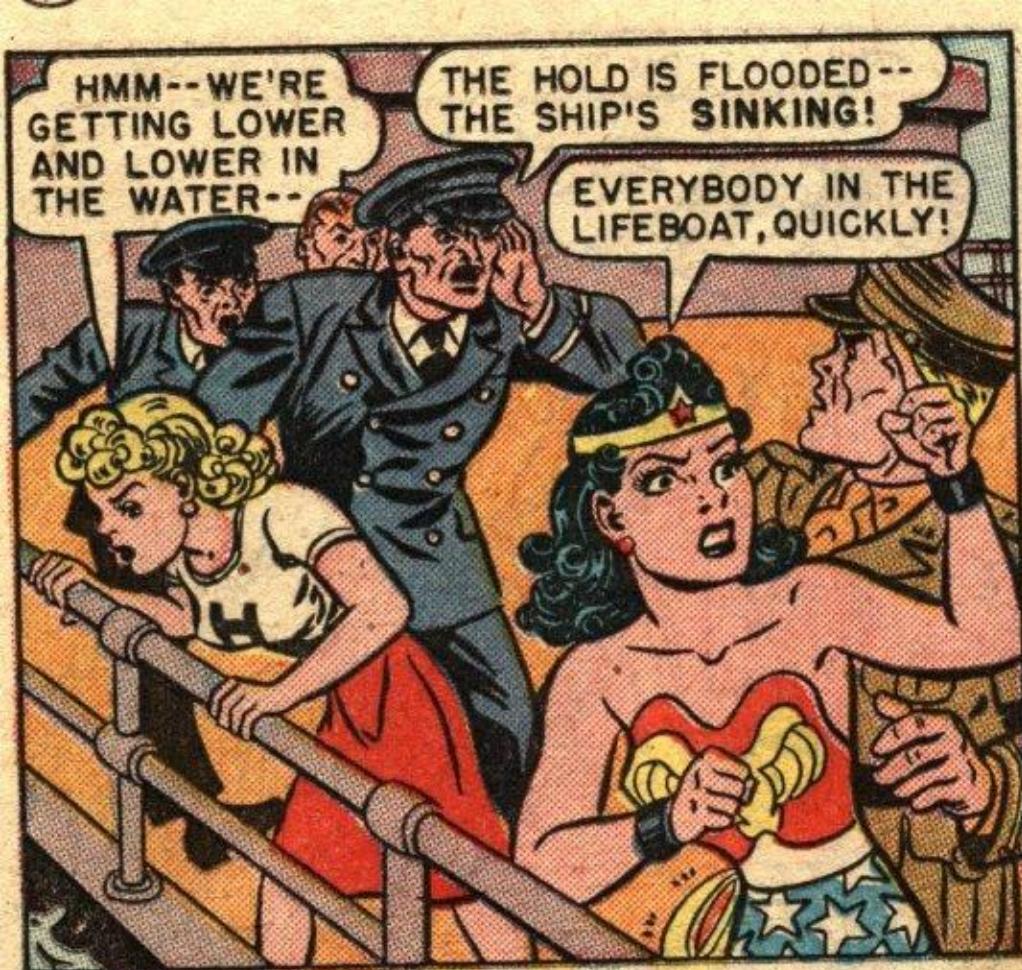
IN MID OCEAN--

OH, I'M SO AFRAID NUCLEAR WILL KILL MY BROTHER--

NOT UNLESS HE COMMITS SUICIDE--

WELL, WE HAVEN'T STARTED FLYING YET!





WITH SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH, THE DAUNTLESS PRINCESS SPRINGS FROM THE SEA BOTTOM, RAISING
THE HUGE SHIP HIGH ABOVE WATER AND--

IT'LL BE EASIER TO
RETURN TO AMERICA
IN THIS THAN A LIFE-
BOAT, SO I'LL EMPTY
THE WATER OUT --

PRINCESS LEATRICE

WONDER WOMAN AND HER FRIENDS BOARD THE SALVAGED SHIP--
THE LINER CRASHED INTO NUCLEAR'S
SUBMARINE BEFORE HE COULD GET AWAY--

MAYBE MY BROTHER WAS
ON THAT SUBMARINE TOO--
BOO HOO --

IT MAY BE EASIER ON
JOYE NOT TO KNOW THE
TRUTH. I WON'T TRY TO
CONVINCE HER THAT PERCY
PLAYBOY WAS NUCLEAR.

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Wonder Women of History



MYRA COLBY BRADWELL

[1831-1894]

NIGHT AND DAY, THE WINDOWS OF THE BRADWELL HOME IN CHICAGO WERE ABLAZE WITH LIGHT. IT WAS THE MIDDLE OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY, AND PEOPLE DID NOT BURN OIL OR GAS IN THAT WAY! BUT MYRA COLBY BRADWELL WAS STUDYING — STUDYING TO DO SOMETHING THAT HAD NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE!

EYES RED, AND RIMMED WITH WEARINESS, SHE READ ON AND ON... FIGHTING THE DESPAIR IN HER HEART, AND THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE ONE MAJOR OBSTACLE IN HER PATH WAS INSURMOUNTABLE — SHE WAS A WOMAN!

AGAIN AND AGAIN MYRA'S YOUNG LAWYER-HUSBAND, JAMES B. BRADWELL, WOULD THROW OPEN THE LIBRARY DOOR AND CALL OUT...

MYRA, IT'S PAST ONE O'CLOCK!

I KNOW, JIM. BUT I WANT TO READ THESE REAL PROPERTY CASES. I WON'T HAVE TIME TOMORROW! AND IF I'M EVER GOING TO BE A LAWYER....

I COULDN'T GET INTO COLLEGE BECAUSE I'M A WOMAN -- AS IF A WOMAN DOESN'T HAVE BRAINS, TOO. JIM... SOMETIMES IT'S TOO MUCH FOR ME!



FORGET THIS DREAM OF YOURS TO BE A LAWYER, DEAR. LET'S GO BACK TO NEW ORLEANS. I COULD TAKE UP MY PRACTICE THERE ...

NO, JIM! EVEN IF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS WON'T ADMIT WOMEN TO PRACTICE LAW... I'M GOING TO KEEP STUDYING... TAKE THE BAR EXAM... MAKE THEM ADMIT ME!



AND THEN, ONE DAY, THE LONG PERIOD OF HELPING HER HUSBAND WITH HIS LEGAL CASES AND OF STUDYING WAS OVER. MYRA BRADWELL TOOK THE EXAMINATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR, AND --

JIM! JIM! I PASSED! I PASSED THE EXAMINATION!

JAMES
RADWELL
ATTORNEY

CONGRATULATIONS, DARLING! THIS CALLS FOR A CELEBRATION! WE'LL HAVE DINNER IN THE FINEST RESTAURANT IN CHICAGO!



BUT, ALTHOUGH MYRA BRADWELL PASSED THE EXAMINATION, THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS DENIED HER ADMISSION TO THE BAR. SHE WAS A — WOMAN! *

RIDICULOUS! DISABILITY — NONSENSE! I'M GOING TO CARRY THIS TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT!



* SEE BRADWELL VS. THE STATE 65 ILLINOIS 535

ALTHOUGH BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT ETCHED ITSELF ON HER FACE, MYRA BRADWELL WAS NO QUITTER! IN 1868, SHE FOUNDED THE "CHICAGO LEGAL NEWS", THE FIRST LAW PAPER IN THE WEST...

HERE, JOE. THE LATEST LEGAL DECISIONS! SOMEDAY I HOPE TO HAVE MY PAPER ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE IN COURT!

I SURE HOPE SO, MRS. BRADWELL! WHY, I WAS READING ONLY LAST NIGHT HOW NO OTHER WOMAN WAS EVER EDITOR AND BUSINESS MANAGER OF A NEWSPAPER LIKE YOU!



THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE RECOGNIZED HER SPLENDID WORK. THEY DID WHAT MYRA BRADWELL HAD HOPED... MADE THE "LEGAL NEWS" EVIDENCE OF THE LAWS AND JUDGES' OPINIONS IT PUBLISHED! AND THEN, IN 1871, TO RUIN HER CREATION, CAME THE CHICAGO FIRE!



MAYBE I CAN ARRANGE TO HAVE THE "NEWS" PRINTED SOMEWHERE ELSE... IN MILWAUKEE, PERHAPS. BUT THE PAPER MUST COME OUT... ON TIME!

BUT, MYRA -- WITHOUT MONEY... WITHOUT PAPER... IT'S ALMOST AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK!



DESPITE THE CONFUSION AND DISMAY THAT WAS CHICAGO IN THOSE DAYS, THE "CHICAGO LEGAL NEWS" MADE ITS REGULAR APPEARANCE ON TIME!

I DON'T SEE HOW MRS. BRADWELL DID IT! SHE'S A WONDER!



ALTHOUGH HER APPEAL TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT WAS DENIED*, MRS. BRADWELL CONTINUED HER FIGHT FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS...

SENATOR, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON WHY A WOMAN SHOULD NOT HAVE THE SAME PRIVILEGE AS A MAN--TO SELECT A PROFESSION, AND TO FOLLOW IT!

AHEM, MA'AM! YOUR THOUGHTS ARE RADICAL, BUT I MUST ADMIT YOUR ARGUMENTS ARE SOMEWHAT OVERWHELMING!

*ED. NOTE: SEE BRADWELL VS. THE STATE 16 WALLACE 130

IN 1882, MYRA BRADWELL'S LIFE AMBITION WAS REALIZED! THE ILLINOIS STATE LEGISLATURE PASSED A LAW ENABLING WOMEN TO CHOOSE AND FOLLOW THE PROFESSION OF THEIR CHOICE!

MYRA, I'M PROUD. YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED THE IMPOSSIBLE! AS A JUDGE, I CAN SAY NOW THAT--WHY, DEAR--YOU'RE CRYING! IS ANYTHING WRONG? ARE YOU ILL?



FINALLY, IN 1885, THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT ADMITTED A TRIUMPHANT MYRA BRADWELL TO THE BAR...

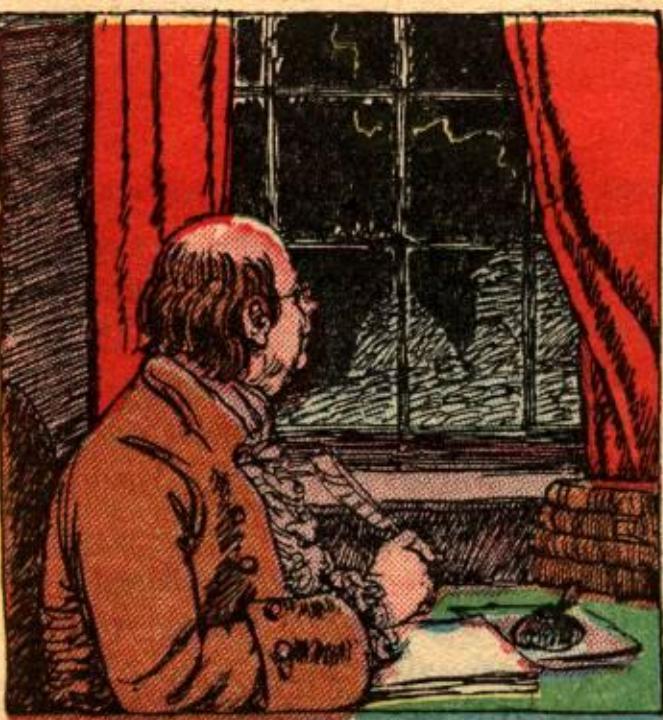
I SWEAR TO UPHOLD THE HONOR AND DIGNITY OF THIS COURT!



MYRA BRADWELL
—LEGAL WONDER WOMAN!
THE FIRST WOMAN ADMITTED TO THE ILLINOIS BAR! THE FIRST WOMAN EVER TO EDIT AND BE MANAGING EDITOR OF HER OWN LEGAL NEWSPAPER! THE FIRST WOMAN TO FOUND A LEGAL NEWSPAPER IN THE WEST!

Diana Prince

(WONDER WOMAN)



FRANKLIN— *The Inventor*

MANY of us remember Benjamin Franklin chiefly as a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Some recall that he once flew a kite in an electrical storm; others that he had something to do with printing. A few regard him merely as a head on a one-cent postage stamp.

Yet Benjamin Franklin probably stands next to Leonardo da Vinci for the title of the most versatile man who ever lived!

The boy who walked the streets of Philadelphia nibbling on a loaf of bread, and who was destined to become one of the framers of the Declaration of Independence, had the ability to turn a neat phrase. This was first apparent in his book, "*Poor Richard's Almanac*." Quotations from this work have crept into our everyday speech. For example, "He that lieth down with dogs, shall rise up with fleas." The man who was guided by his own advice that "One today is worth two tomorrows," rose from printer's devil to a leading publisher in the country he helped form. Statesman and diplomat, scientist and inventor, philosopher and prophet, business man and publisher, writer and sage, and, above all, a human being of great common sense, keen wit and unimpeachable integrity—these and more were our Benjamin Franklin.

"Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise," said *Poor Richard* in his *Almanac*. "*Poor Richard*," of course, was Franklin's pen name. If your aim is a life of fullness and achievement then you would do well to follow the advice of the sage who both uttered and lived these words.

Moving from Boston to Philadelphia, Franklin, in a few short years, rose from a printer's apprentice to owner of a thriving publishing business. Taking over a failing newspaper, he changed its name to *The Pennsylvania Gazette* and increased its circulation from less than 100 to over 10,000 which, at that time, was the largest in America.

The publication is still on the newsstands today as *The Saturday Evening Post*, "Founded A.D. 1728 by B. Franklin."

Franklin's mind was ever inquisitive and thoughtful. His thrifty upbringing led him to wonder about the wasteful fireplaces of the colonial homes, fireplaces from which most of the heat of the burning logs went up the chimney with the smoke. He therefore invented the Franklin stove, a cast-iron stove making use of the principle of ventilation which not only conserved heat but freshened the stale air as well.

Several years later Franklin was prevented from observing an eclipse by a sudden gale. Reading an account of it in the papers some days later, he was impressed by the fact that an observer in Boston reported the gale as coming after the eclipse, even though the storm seemed to be blowing from the same direction. The ordinary man would not have thought twice about this, much less have noted the direction of the wind. Not so Franklin. Puzzled, he wrote to friends in various cities and traced the course and time of the storm at those places. This led him into a study of storms and gales and enabled him to make the subsequently proven observation that these dis-

turbances travel in the *opposite* direction to that from which they blow. In other words, a storm blowing from the northwest will come from the southeast. All this with no previous training in the field!

One great scientific problem of Franklin's day was the exact nature of electricity. A great popular favorite at the time were devices which produced sparks from the static electrical charges brought about by rubbing two surfaces together. Franklin was fascinated after witnessing such a performance and, since his income was assured by his successful publishing business, determined to engage in a study of these phenomena. It did not take this rank amateur long to make some startling discoveries.

He found that pointed objects seemed to draw or throw off electrical charges more readily than those of other shapes. This was followed by an investigation of the relationship between the spark produced by friction and lightning. The similarity between these two had been noted by many, but never explained. Franklin's studies led to his famous kite experiment, in which he flew a kite with a key connected to it, by a silk string during an electrical storm. The kite became charged with electricity when it reached an electrified cloud and the silk string conducted the electricity to the key which was attached near the point at which the kite-string was tethered. When Franklin brought his hand close to the key, he grounded the charge, and a fat spark appeared.

When it rained, the kite and string conducted better and the electrical discharge was even more spectacular. Franklin did not realize how dangerous these pioneer experiments were and that if the kite and string had been thoroughly wetted he might have been electrocuted. This actually happened to a Swedish scientist who tried to repeat Franklin's performance.

Franklin's kite had a metal wire at its top to draw in the electrical charge. Since he was a practical man as well as an experimenter he immediately visualized a use for his discovery. Lightning destroyed millions of dollars' worth of property every

year. Why not put a sharp metal rod pointed upward on the top of a house, insulate it against the roof, and connect the rod to the ground by a wire? Lightning would be attracted to the rod and be conducted to the ground by the wire, thereby leaving the structure intact. And so the lightning rod was born—and still is used today.

But Franklin was a newspaperman as well as a scientist and inventor. He scooped everyone with his amazing discoveries that lightning rods could prevent damage to property; and that lightning and electricity were the same, by publishing them in his own newspaper! His lightning rod was adopted by most of the colonists to protect their homes. Franklin never asked for or received any payment for the use of his discovery.

Franklin's agile mind was never quiet. He experimented with the conduction of heat by different materials and, finding that metals conducted heat readily and wood hardly at all, suggested that all silver teapots have a wooden handle for the comfort of the person who was to pour.

Later on Franklin experimented on the heat loss which occurred when liquids evaporated. From this he was able to conclude that by the evaporation of sweat, heat was drawn from the body, lowering its temperature in hot weather. Moreover, the principles involved in his experiments were the same ones which form the basis of the modern refrigerator.

Franklin took pieces of cloth of different colors and placed them out on the snow on a sunny day. The darker ones absorbed more heat and, causing the snow beneath them to melt more, sank deeper than the lighter ones. On this basis Franklin, ever practical, recommended that light-colored clothing be worn in hot climates. However, it took over a hundred years before this good advice was followed.

This is the first part of a two part article on Benjamin Franklin, the great American who was so far ahead of his time. In the next article, we shall tell you of this amazing genius' career at the age of 80!

—William I. Irwin

CINDY

THIS HAT LOOKS
VERY WELL
ON YOU !

THE BRIM IS
MUCH TOO LARGE
AND IT'S NOT
DRESSY ENOUGH.
NO, I DON'T
CARE FOR IT.

ONE HOUR LATER...

DON'T YOU HAVE
ANYTHING IN
BROWN WITH
A VERY SMALL
PEAK ?

WHY,
CERTAINLY!

TWO HOURS LATER...

NOW THIS IS A
VERY CUTE HAT !

NOT BAD. BUT I'D
LIKE SOMETHING
A LITTLE MORE
FUSSY.

THREE HOURS LATER...

THAT ONE
IS REALLY
ADORABLE !

OH, YES, I LIKE
IT VERY MUCH ! IT
MAKES MY FACE
LOOK FULLER AND
IT IS VERY ORIG-
INAL. I'LL TAKE IT !

OH, THIS IS TERRIBLE ! IT'S
POURING OUTSIDE AND I
DON'T HAVE AN UMBRELLA !
I'LL BE SOAKING WET BY THE
TIME I GET HOME...AND MY
HAIR ... I JUST HAD IT
SET ! ER ... MISS ...

I LIKED THIS FIRST HAT
MUCH BETTER ANYWAY !



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IT WAS FUN, BOB!

SH-- LISTEN, I MAY BE WRONG BUT I THINK I HEAR FUNNY NOISES COMING FROM THAT SIDE OF THE HOUSE!

YOU'RE RIGHT, BINNY! IT'S A BURGLAR! HE'S TRYING TO FORCE THAT WINDOW OPEN!

I'LL STOP HIM!!

BOB! DON'T-- PLEASE!



STOP HOLDING ME BACK, BINNY! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? HE'S TRYING TO OPEN YOUR WINDOW!

IT'S ALL RIGHT!

FOR PETE'S SAKE, BINNY! LET GO! HE'S GOT IT OPEN!

HE HAS? HOW WONDERFUL! NOW GO GET HIM!



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TO LEAVE IT UNSOLVED MEANS DEATH FOR WONDER WOMAN'S FRIENDS! TO ATTEMPT TO SOLVE IT---MEANS DEATH FOR WONDER WOMAN --BUT WONDER WOMAN TURNS WITH ALL THE SKILL AT HER COMMAND TO SOLVE THE RIDDLE OF...

"WHO KILLED COL. SOUTH!"

GLOBE TROTTER

VANCE TROTTER

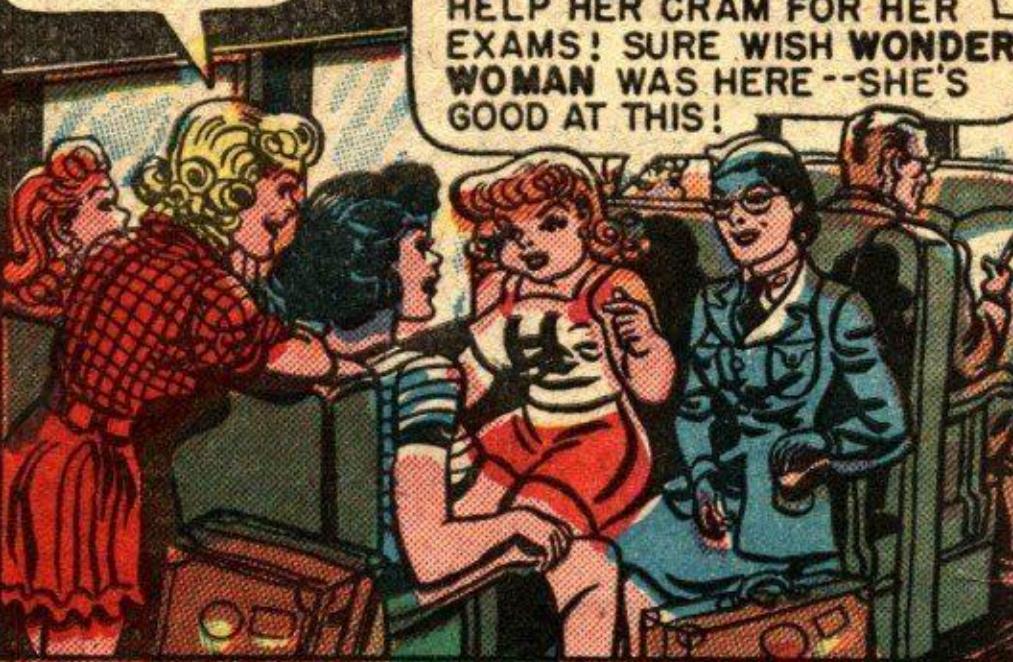
SABRINA HARROW

LAIRD BRAND

ABOARD A SPEEDING TRAIN, DIANA (WONDER WOMAN) PRINCE, ETTA CANDY AND THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS ROLL SOUTHWARD!

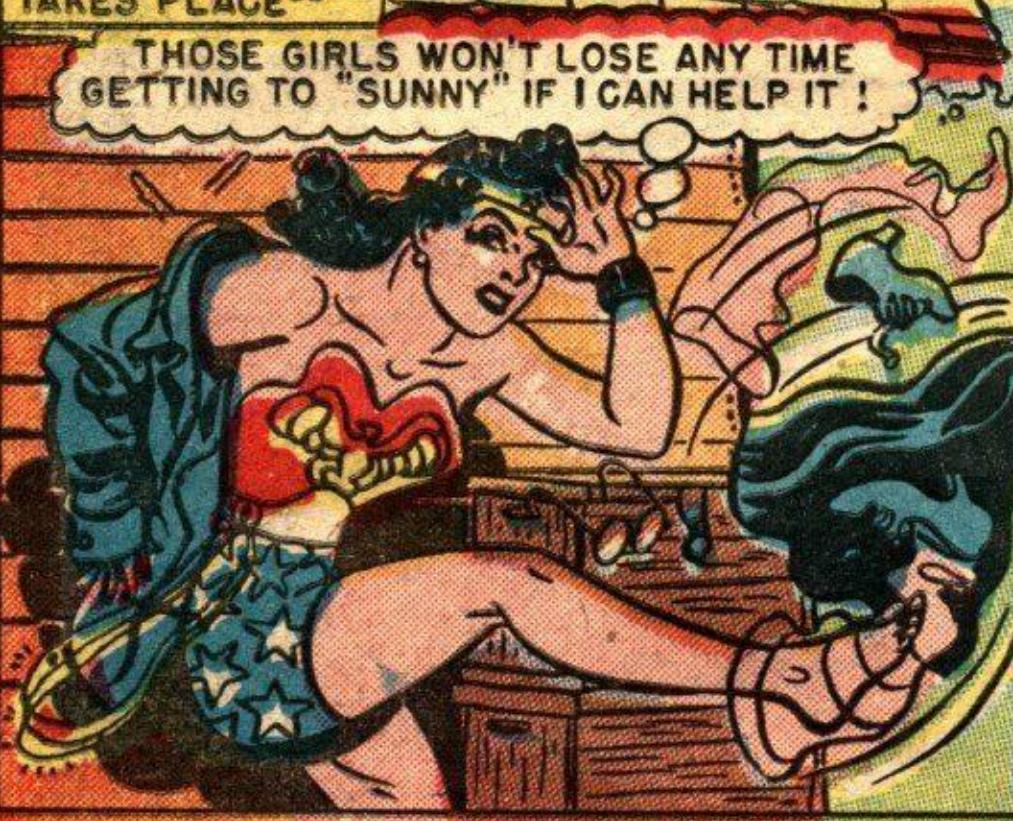
Poor "Sunny"--
She'll be tickled
to see us!

SHE MISSED A LOT OF SCHOOL WHEN SHE WAS SICK! AND WE'VE GOT TO HELP HER CRAM FOR HER EXAMS! SURE WISH WONDER WOMAN WAS HERE--SHE'S GOOD AT THIS!



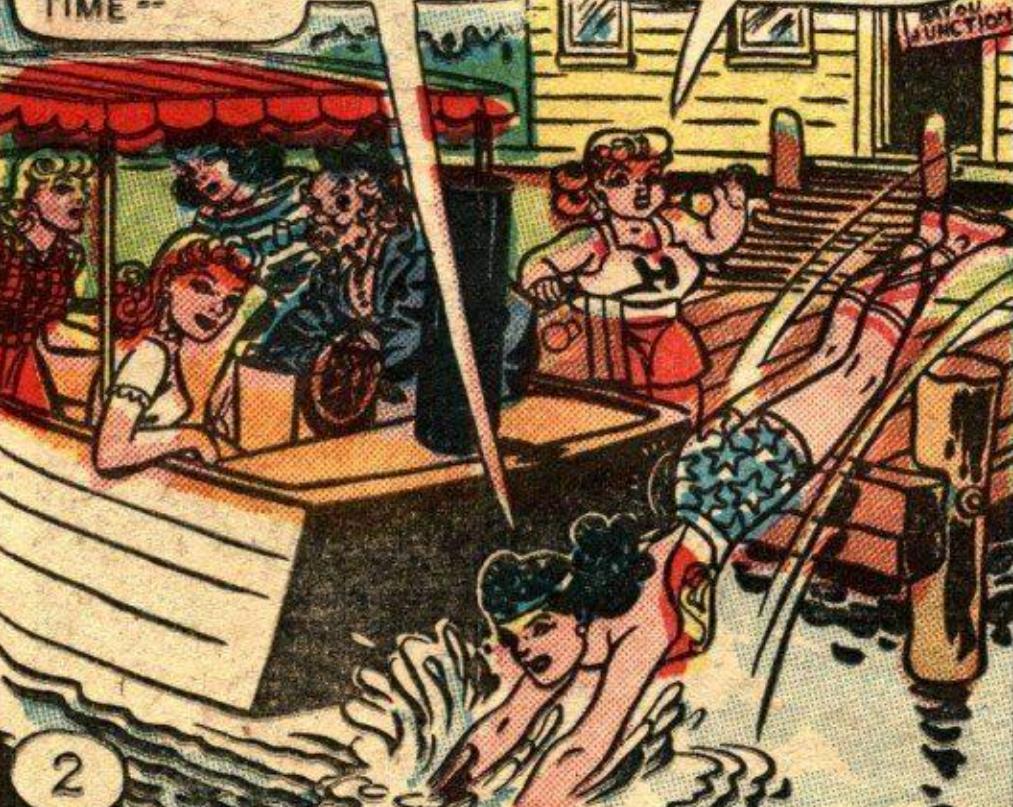
AS SOON AS DIANA PRINCE IS OUT OF SIGHT OF THE GIRLS--AN AMAZING TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE--

THOSE GIRLS WON'T LOSE ANY TIME GETTING TO "SUNNY" IF I CAN HELP IT!



HOP IN, EVERYBODY!
WE'LL BE THERE IN NO TIME--

HEY--WAIT!
WHAT'S WITH DI?



HOURS LATER AT BAYOU JUNCTION--

YEAH, THIS IS THE BOAT TO SOUTH HAVEN, BUT YOU ALL WILL HAFTA WAIT FER THE OTHER BOAT--THIS'N'S BROKE DOWN--

CHEER UP, GIRLS,
I'LL SEE ABOUT
GETTING SOME HELP!



GOLLY--THIS IS AWFUL! "SUNNY" WILL WORRY IF WE DON'T SHOW UP SOON!

RELAX, GIRLS! THE BOAT HAS A NEW MOTOR!

WOO! WOO!
WONDER WOMAN!



DIANA? OH--ER-- DARNELL WANTED HER BACK IN WASHINGTON-- I GAVE HER THE MESSAGE.

SHIVERIN' CYPRESS!
THAT GAL'S BETTER'N A DEISEL ENGINE!



TRAVELING WITH THE SPEED OF A METEOR,
WONDER WOMAN PUSHES HER BOATLOAD TO
SOUTH HAVEN COVE HOURS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE...

OOOH--IT'S
BEAUTIFUL!

WOO! WOO! WHAT A
CLASSY SHACK!

BUT SUDDENLY THE STILLNESS OF THE AFTERNOON
IS SHATTERED BY A PIERCING SCREAM!

HELP!

BURSTING BUBBLE
GUM! WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S TUSKA!
HE'S GOTTEN
FREE!

TUSKA ? WHAT
DOES HE MEAN ?

WONDER WOMAN STREAKS FOR SHORE--

GREAT HERA! AN AFRICAN
ELEPHANT IS AFTER THAT
GIRL! BUT WHAT'S AN AFRICAN
ELEPHANT DOING HERE?

HELP!

SPYING WONDER WOMAN, THE ELEPHANT DROPS
HIS LIMP BURDEN AND TURNS WITH A TRUMPET
OF RAGE.

TRRUMP!

THIS SHOULD
STOP YOU FOR
AWHILE!

WONDER WOMAN SECURES THE ELEPHANT
WITH HER MAGIC LASSO !

WOO WOO, WONDER
WOMAN! NICE WORK!

OH, WONDER WOMAN, IF
YOU HADN'T COME I'D HAVE
BEEN KILLED! SOMEONE
DELIBERATELY LET THAT
ROGUE ELEPHANT LOOSE--

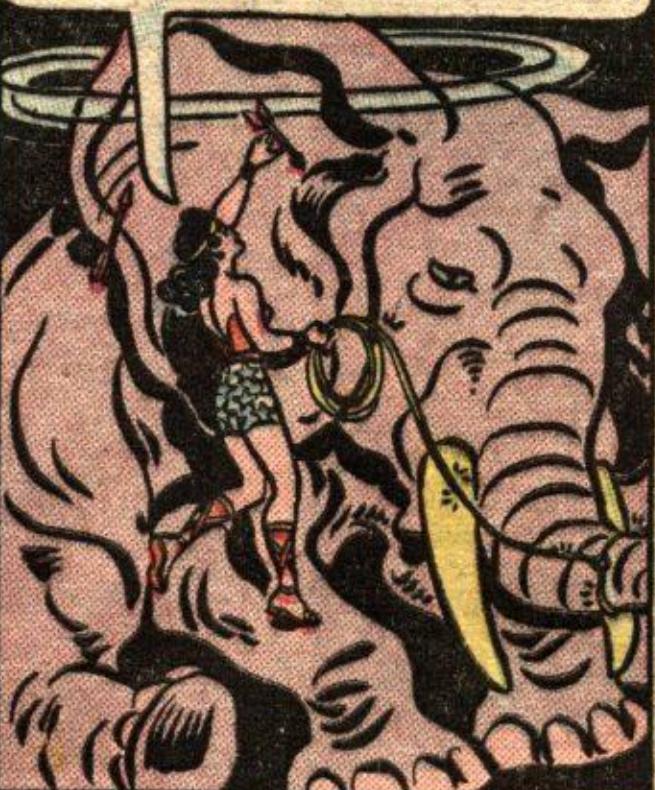
JUMPIN' JELLY BEANS -- ARE YOU SURE?

YES, AND WHEN I TRIED TO GET INTO THE HOUSE, THE DOOR WAS LOCKED --

HMM -- THIS DOES LOOK LIKE A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT ON "SUNNY'S" LIFE --

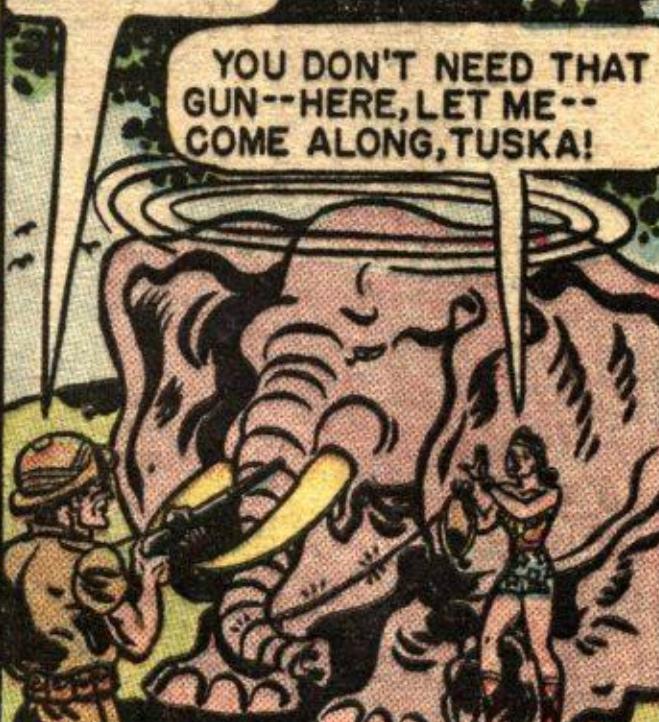


NO WONDER THIS POOR BEAST RAN WILD -- LOOK -- SOMEBODY'S BEEN SHOOTING DARTS AT HIM!



I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU, WONDER WOMAN, FOR SAVING MY COUSIN'S LIFE. COME, TUSKA, GET UP!

YOU DON'T NEED THAT GUN -- HERE, LET ME -- COME ALONG, TUSKA!



THE KING OF THE JUNGLE OBEDIENTLY FOLLOWS WONDER WOMAN BACK TO HIS ENCLOSURE --

AMAZING! I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED IT --



AND NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE TO LOOK IN ON MY BROTHER -- IT'S TIME FOR HIS LUNCH --

THAT'S MY COUSIN, GLOBE TROTTER -- HE AND HIS BROTHER, VANCE, WERE EXPLORERS --



"BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED TO VANCE IN AFRICA -- HE WENT MAD -- AND GLOBE BROUGHT HIM HERE ABOUT A MONTH AGO --"

THANK YOU, UNCLE, FOR LETTING ME BRING VANCE HERE -- I DON'T WANT TO SEND HIM TO AN ASYLUM --

OF COURSE, M'BOY! YOU AND VANCE MAY HAVE THE GUEST HOUSE --



"GLOBE LEFT TO BRING HIS PYGMY ELEPHANTS -- THE NEXT MORNING HIS BROTHER ARRIVED IN THE CARE OF THEIR FAITHFUL SERVANT, TONGA."

EASY, BWANA --

TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF ME -- I DON'T NEED ANY HELP!



SOON GLOBE RETURNED BRINGING HIS CAPTIVE ELEPHANTS, BUT VANCE BECAME MORE AND MORE VIOLENT-- SO NOW HE'S LOCKED UP IN THAT ROOM.

AS "SUNNY" ENDS HER STORY--

LEECHES! YOU'RE ALL AFTER UNCLE'S MONEY! BUT I'LL KILL YOU ALL AND KEEP IT FOR MYSELF! HA! HA!

THAT'S POOR VANCE! HE'S QUITE MAD--AND GLOBE IS SO DEVOTED TO HIM--



LATER WONDER WOMAN MEETS THE REST OF THE FAMILY--

HELLO!

MY COUSINS,
SABRINA HARROW
AND LAIRD BRAND.

SOME STUNT YOU FADED WITH THE ELEPHANT, "SUNNY." YOU DIDN'T COOK IT UP TO PIN ON ME, BY ANY CHANCE, DID YOU?



OH LAIRD, HOW COULD YOU SAY SUCH A THING? *(Sobbing)*

IT WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME IF YOU DID TURN THAT MAD ELEPHANT LOSE--

WHY YOU--

STOP THIS!



YOU ARE A PACK OF LEECHES WAITIN' FOR ME T'DIE--WELL I'M FOOLIN' YOU ALL-- TOMORRA I'M CHANGIN' MA WILL!

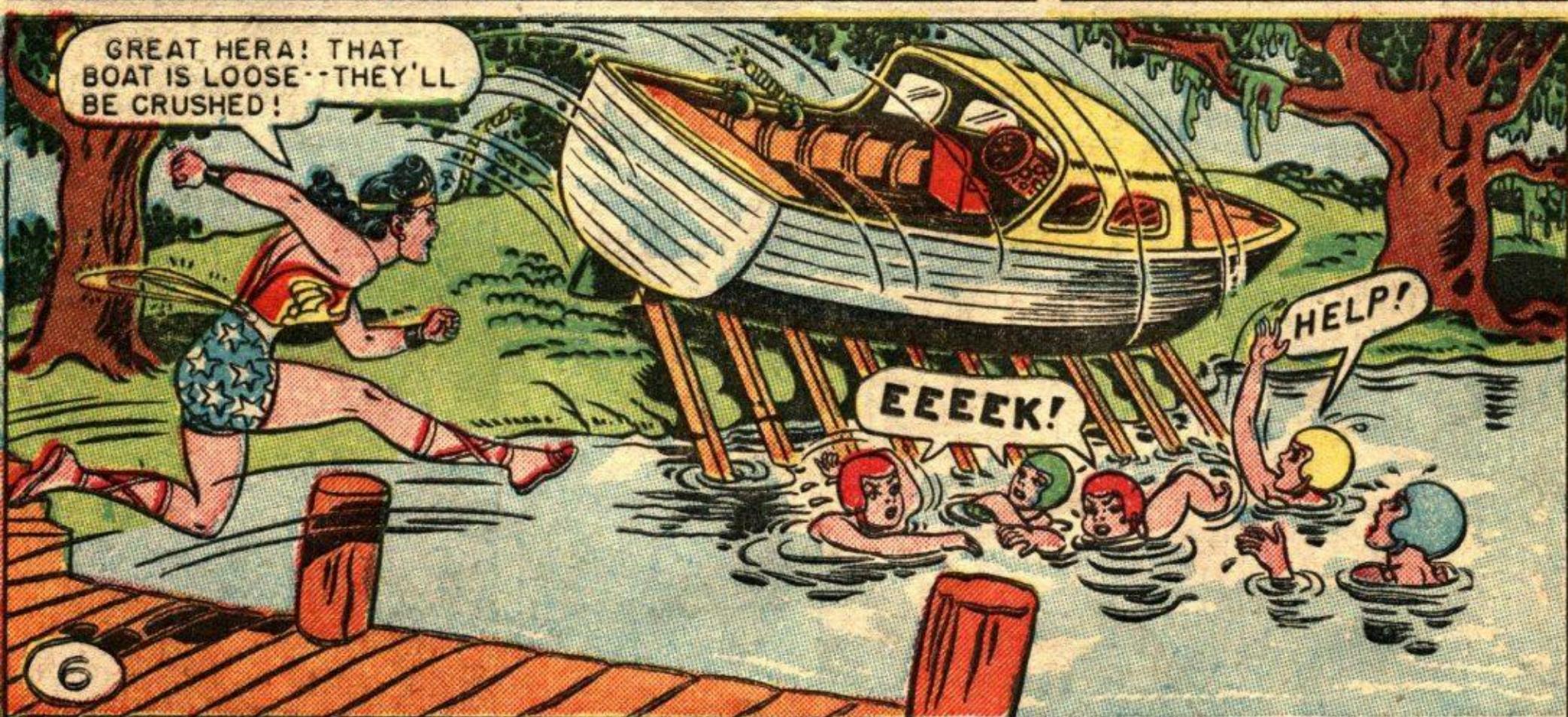
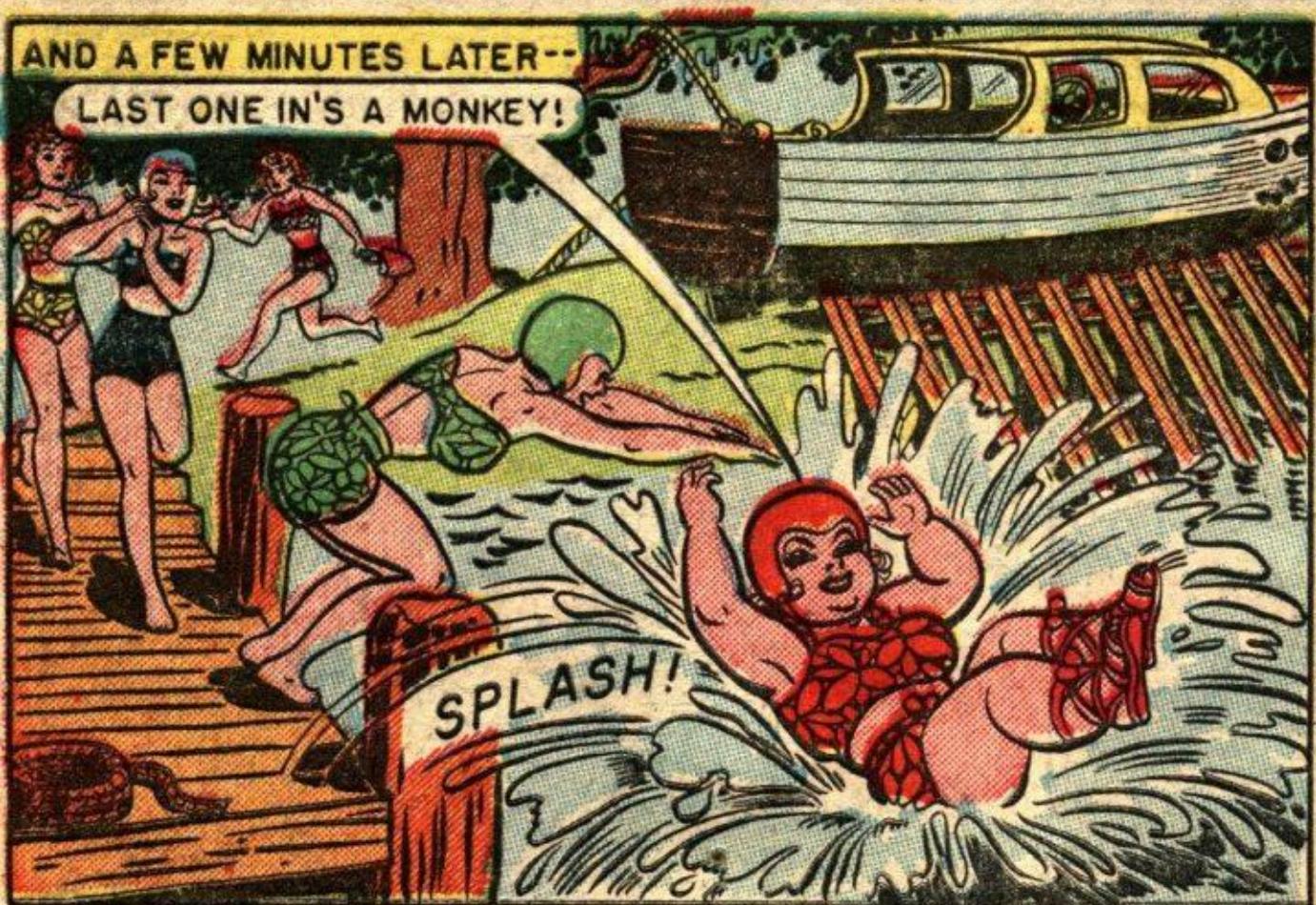
THIS MUST BE COLONEL SOUTH--

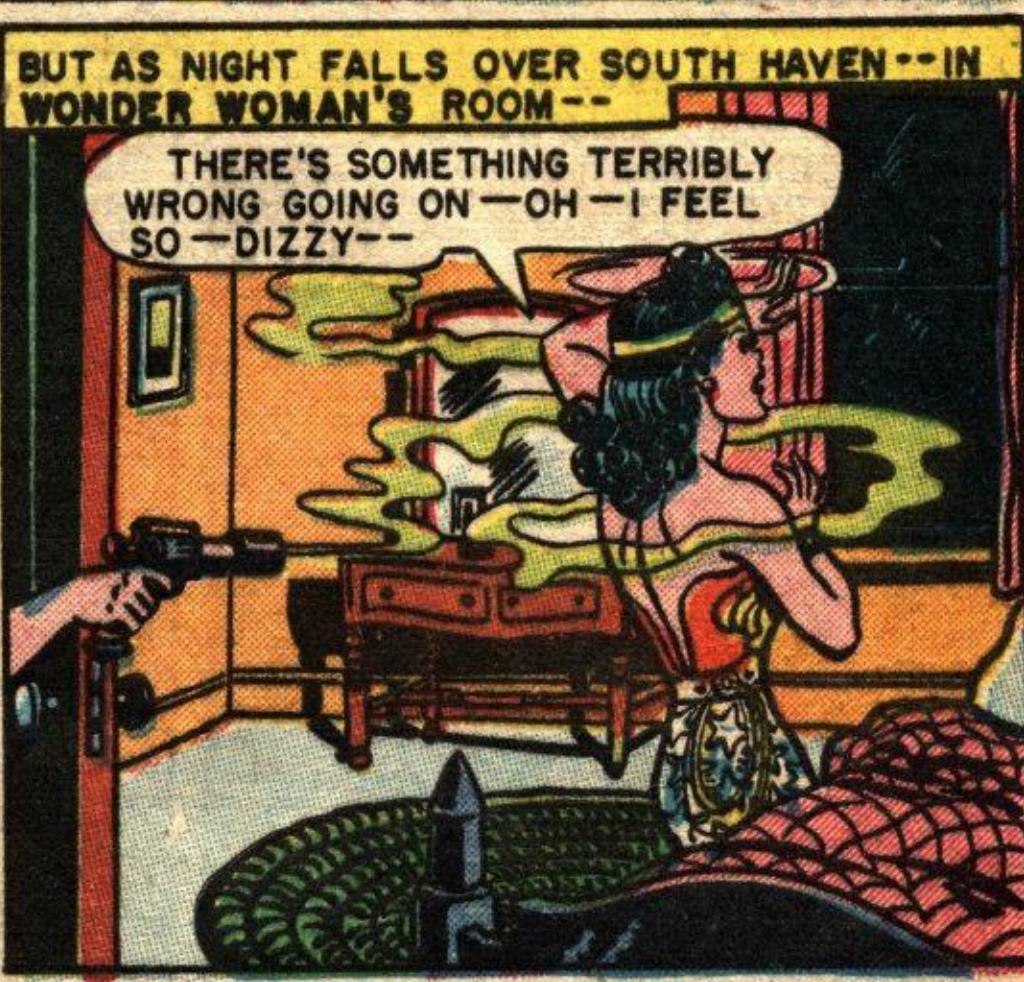
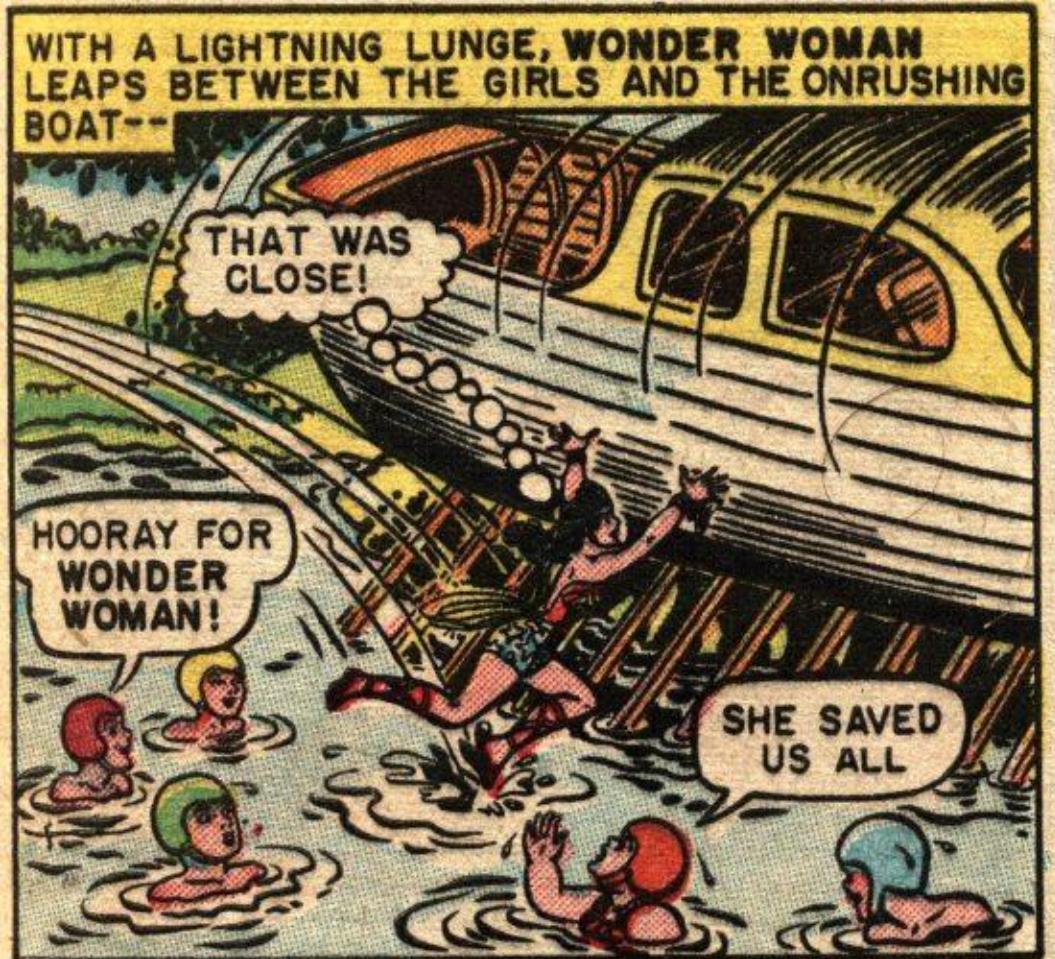


WHY DON'T YOU STOP THIS WRANGLING? YOU KNOW UNCLE'S A SICK MAN--

NOW LOOK, THERE IS WHAT I CALL A MAN--NOT LIKE LAIRD HERE WHO OWES HIS SHIRT IN GAMBLING DEBTS--







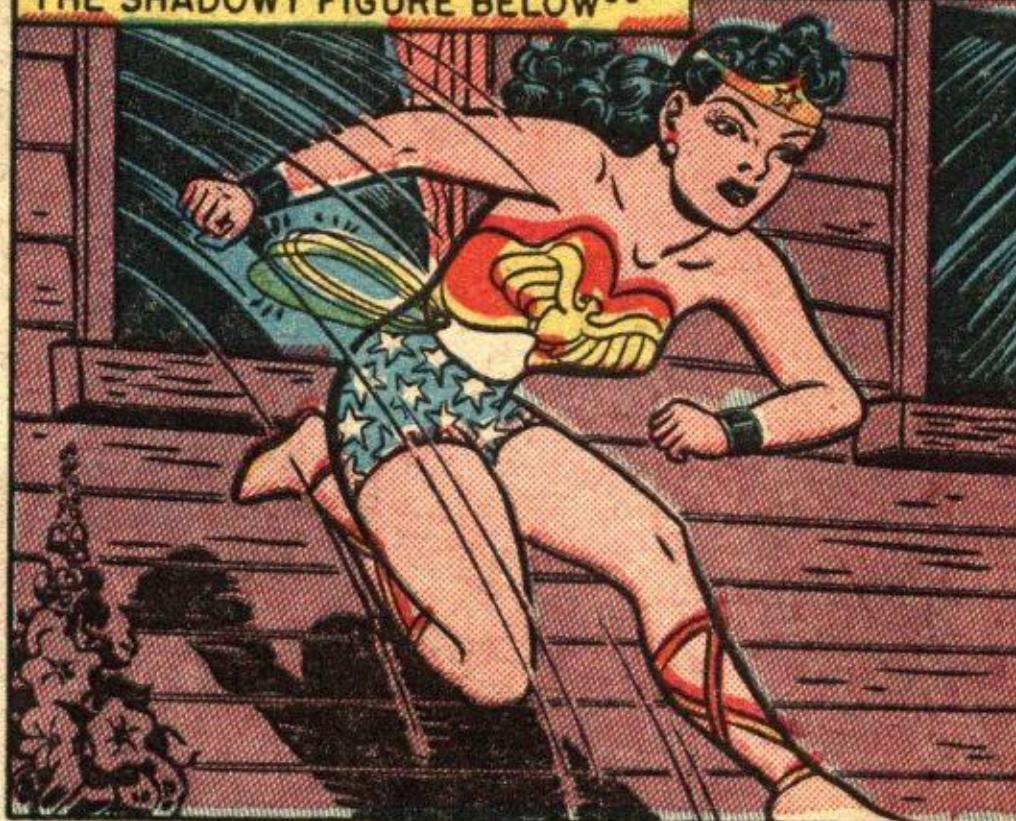
ATTRACTED BY THE SOUND OF CRACKLING TWIGS,
WONDER WOMAN GLANCES OUT THE OPEN
WINDOW--

THAT FIGURE! IT LOOKS LIKE--

ETTA! TAKE OVER, I'M LEAVING--

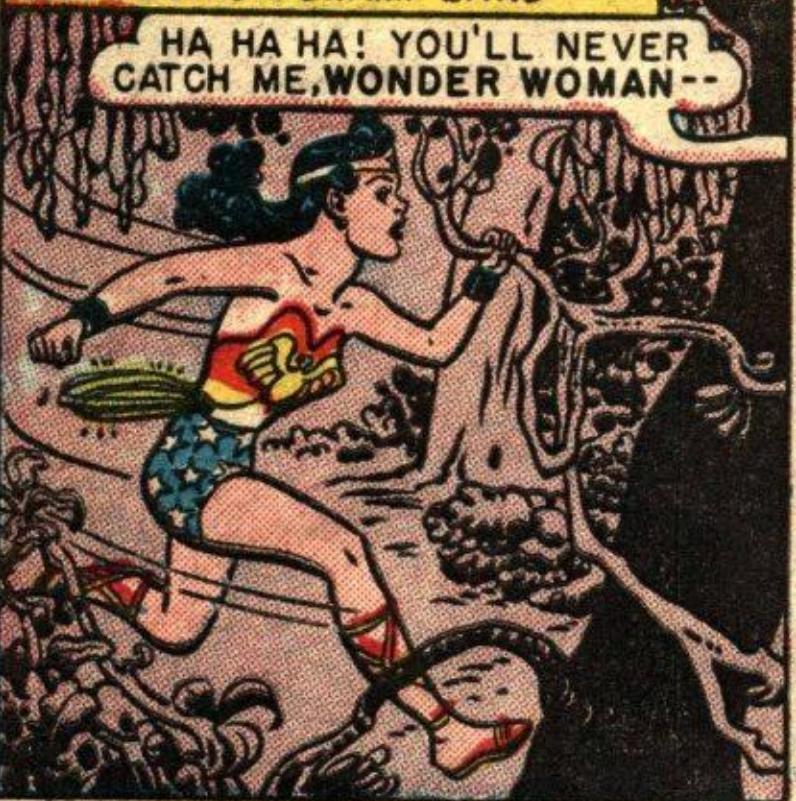


WITH ONE LITHE MOVEMENT, THE ALLURING
AMAZON FLASHES THROUGH THE WINDOW AFTER
THE SHADOWY FIGURE BELOW--



AND A CHASE BEGINS THROUGH THE
SINISTER MOSS-HUNG TREES OF
THE FLORIDA SWAMP LAND--

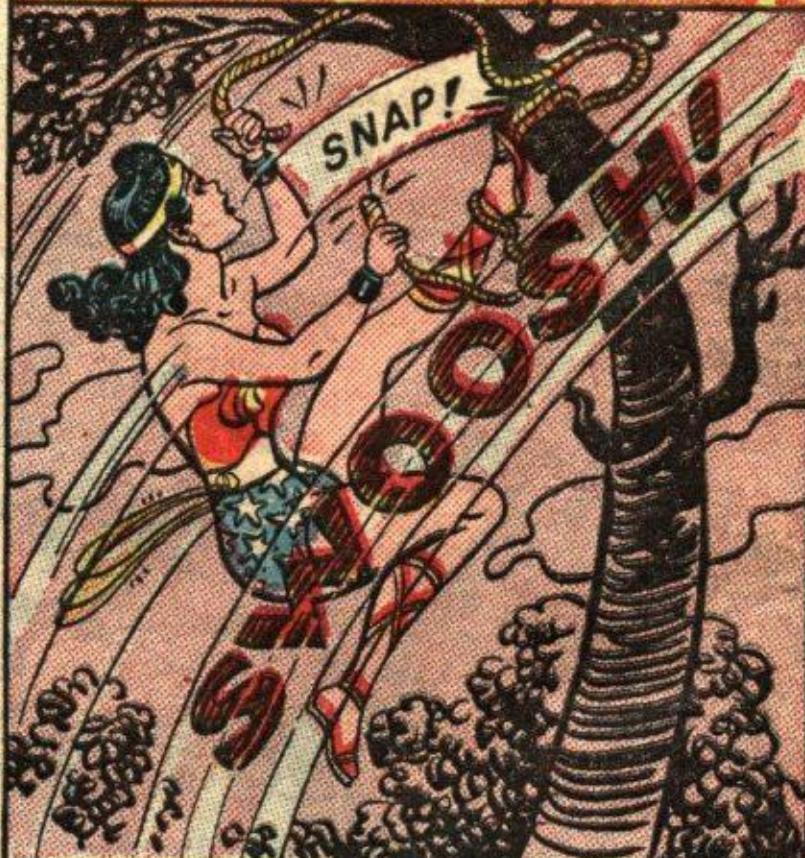
HA HA HA! YOU'LL NEVER
CATCH ME, WONDER WOMAN--



WONDER WOMAN
FLASHES THROUGH
THE TANGLED
UNDERGROWTH,
AND--

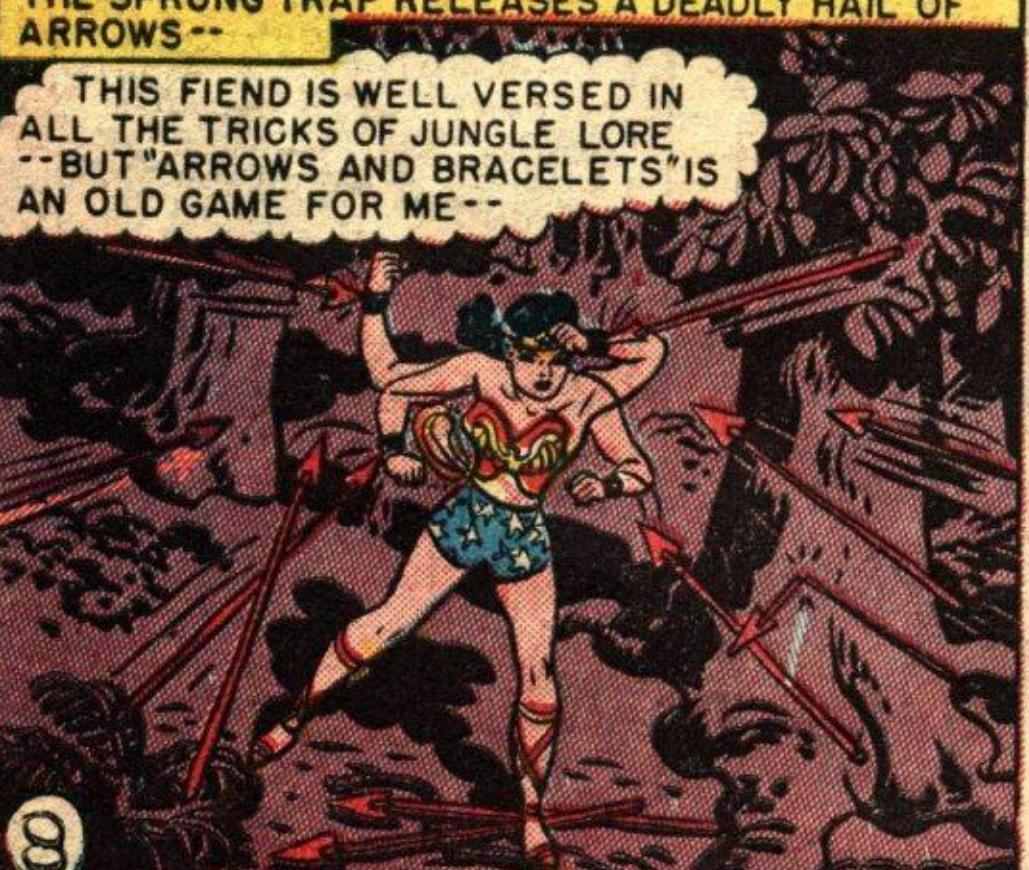


A BENT TREE SPRINGS UPRIGHT!



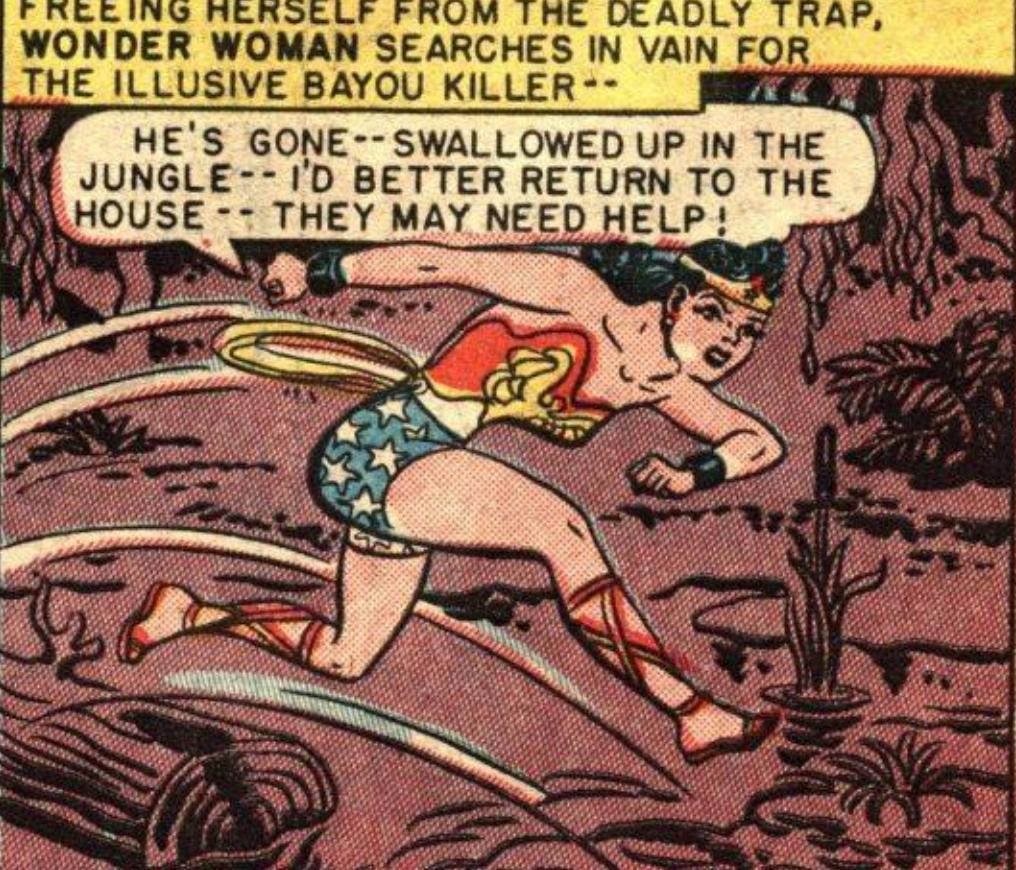
THE SPRUNG TRAP RELEASES A DEADLY HAIL OF
ARROWS--

THIS FIEND IS WELL VERSED IN
ALL THE TRICKS OF JUNGLE LORE
--BUT "ARROWS AND BRACELETS" IS
AN OLD GAME FOR ME--



FREEING HERSELF FROM THE DEADLY TRAP,
WONDER WOMAN SEARCHES IN VAIN FOR
THE ILLUSIVE BAYOU KILLER--

HE'S GONE--SWALLOWED UP IN THE
JUNGLE--I'D BETTER RETURN TO THE
HOUSE--THEY MAY NEED HELP!



BUT ON RETURNING TO SOUTH HAVEN--

WONDER
WOMAN!
MORE
TROUBLE--

MY BROTHER ESCAPED--HE
HIT ME ON THE HEAD! YOU'VE
GOT TO CATCH HIM--HE'LL KILL
US TOO!



WONDER WOMAN,
THE ELEPHANTS ARE
GONE!

OH--THAT'S TERRIBLE!
MY BROTHER HAS AN UN-
HOLY INFLUENCE OVER
THEM--

HMM--



ALONE IN HER ROOM, WONDER WOMAN MENTAL
RADIOS STEVE TREVOR AT ARMY INTELLIGENCE--

NOW--HAVE YOU GOT
THAT, STEVE? HURRY--
IT'S URGENT--

GOT IT,
ANGEL--
I'LL FIND
OUT!



MEANWHILE ETTA FORMS A PLAN OF HER OWN--

C'MON, GIRLS, LET'S FIND THE MANIAC
OURSELVES --WE CAN DO IT!

OH LET'S!

GIRLS, I WOULDN'T--
THERE'S NO TELLING
WHAT MY BROTHER
MIGHT DO!



HOURS LATER, DEEP IN TREACHEROUS CHOKOLOOSKEE SWAMP--

PHEW--I'M
ALL IN! WE'D
BETTER BE
GETTIN'
BACK--

BUT WHICH
WAY DO WE
GO, ETTA?
I'M LOST--



COME ON--
LET'S NOT--
EEEEEE!!

HE HE HAI YOU CAME
HUNTING FOR ME--HERE I AM!
GO GET THEM, MY BEAUTIES!



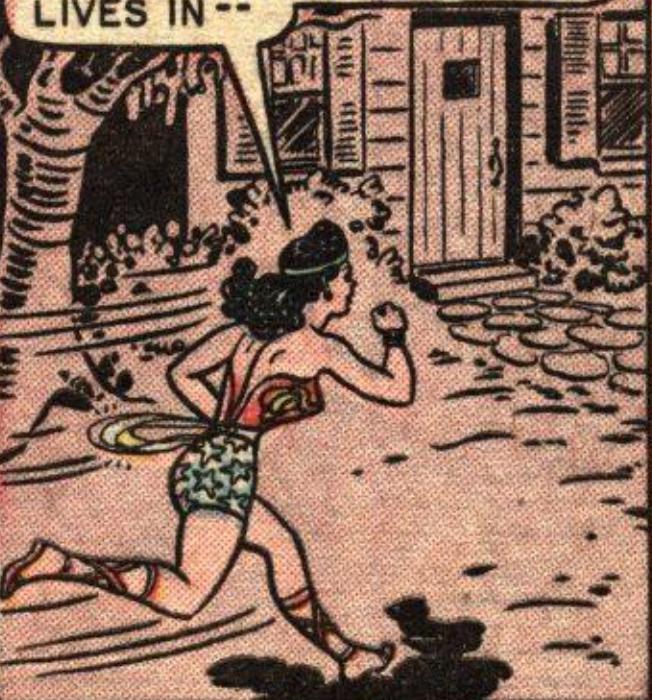
MEANWHILE, BACK AT SOUTH HAVEN--

-- AND THAT'S ALL, ANGEL!
STEVE, YOU'RE A DARING! THAT'S JUST THE INFORMATION I NEED--



WONDER WOMAN DASHES ACROSS THE LAWN TOWARD THE GUEST HOUSE --

NOW TO INVESTIGATE THE ROOM VANCE TROTTER LIVES IN --



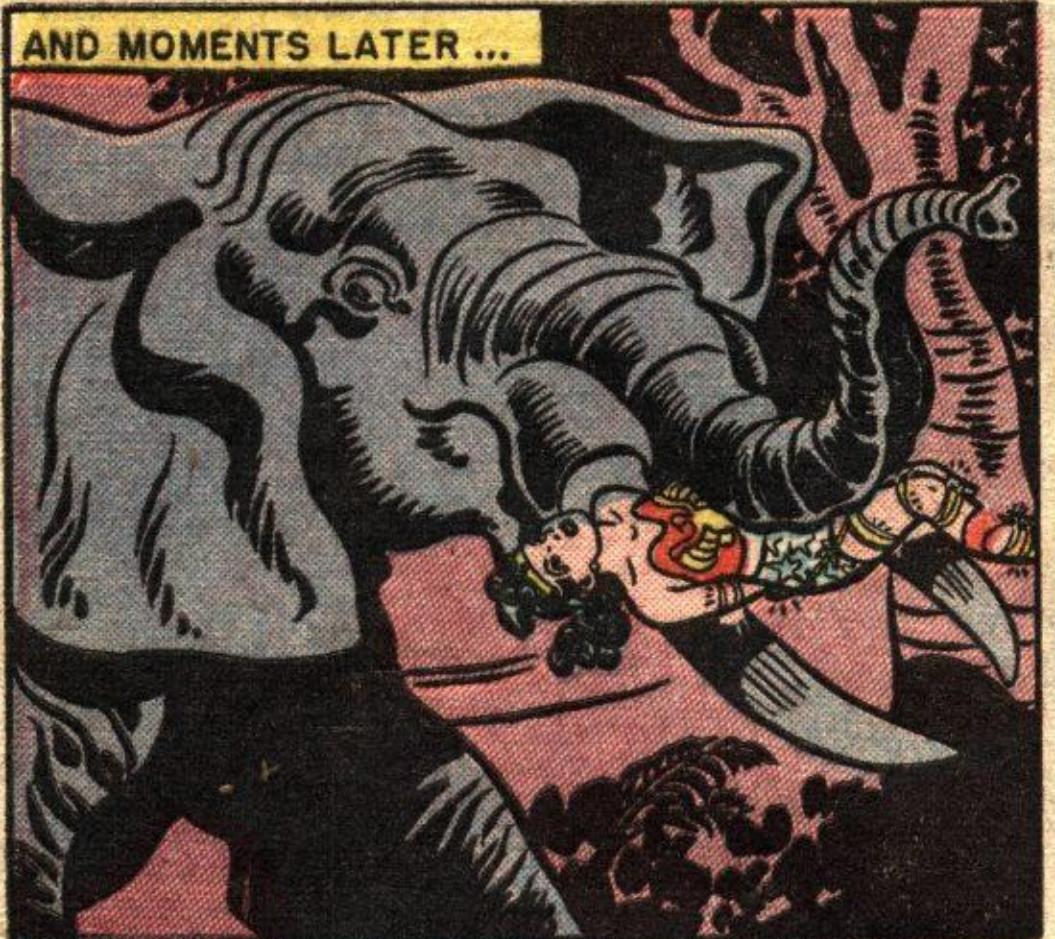
BUT AS WONDER WOMAN ENTERS THE GUEST HOUSE, A BLOW AT THE BASE OF HER BRAIN FELLS THE LOVELY AMAZON AND A COWARDLY ASSASSIN REACHES FOR HER LASSO--

HA! HA! HA!

WHACK!



AND MOMENTS LATER ...



THE AMAZON MAID AWAKENS TO FIND --

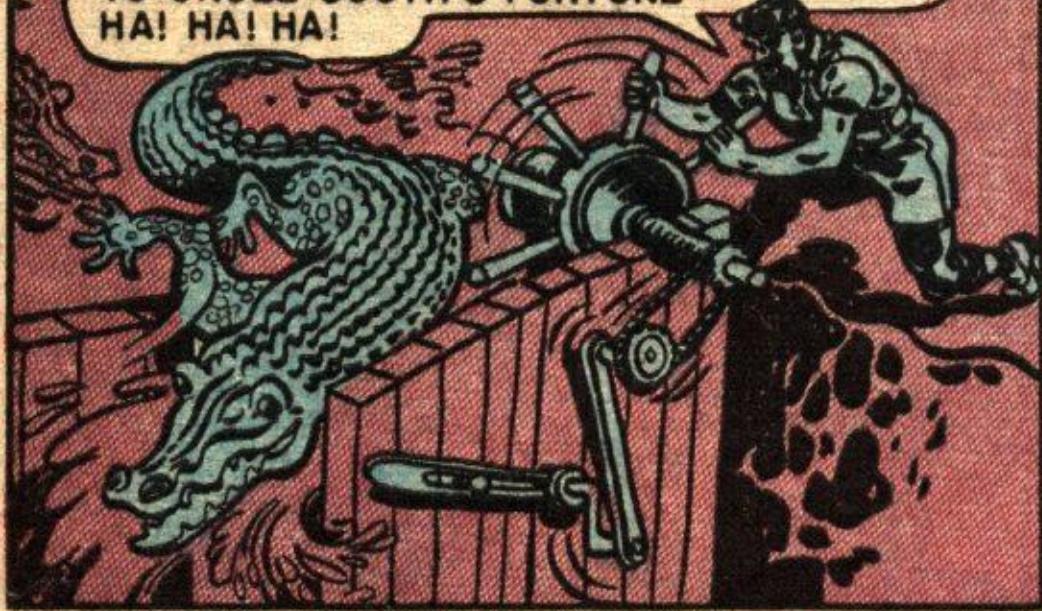
APHRODITE
HELP ME-- I'M TIED WITH MY OWN LASSO--
I CAN'T GET FREE --



HO HO! WONDER WOMAN -- WHEN I PULL THIS LEVER THE ALLIGATORS AND TUSKA WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU!



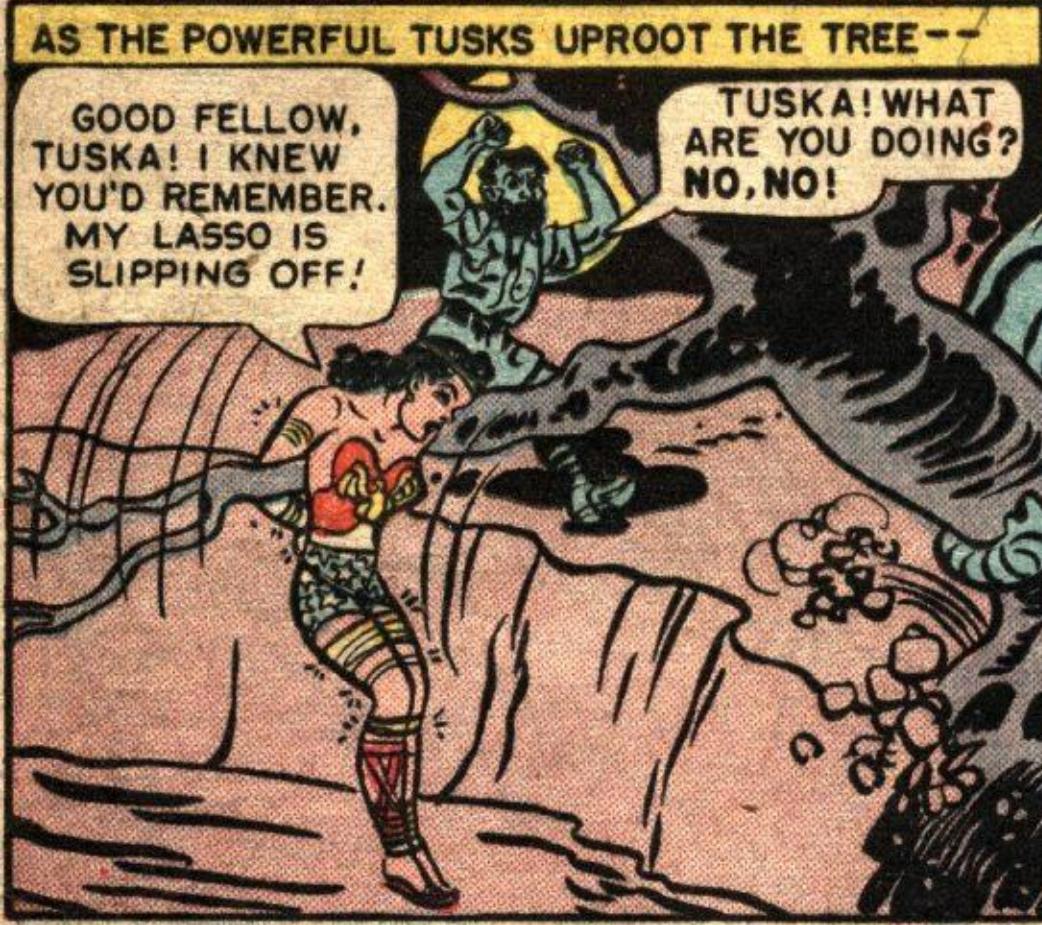
WITH YOU OUT OF THE WAY, WONDER WOMAN, I'LL SOON DISPOSE OF MY STUPID COUSINS. THEN I SHALL BE SOLE HEIR TO UNCLE SOUTH'S FORTUNE-- HA! HA! HA!



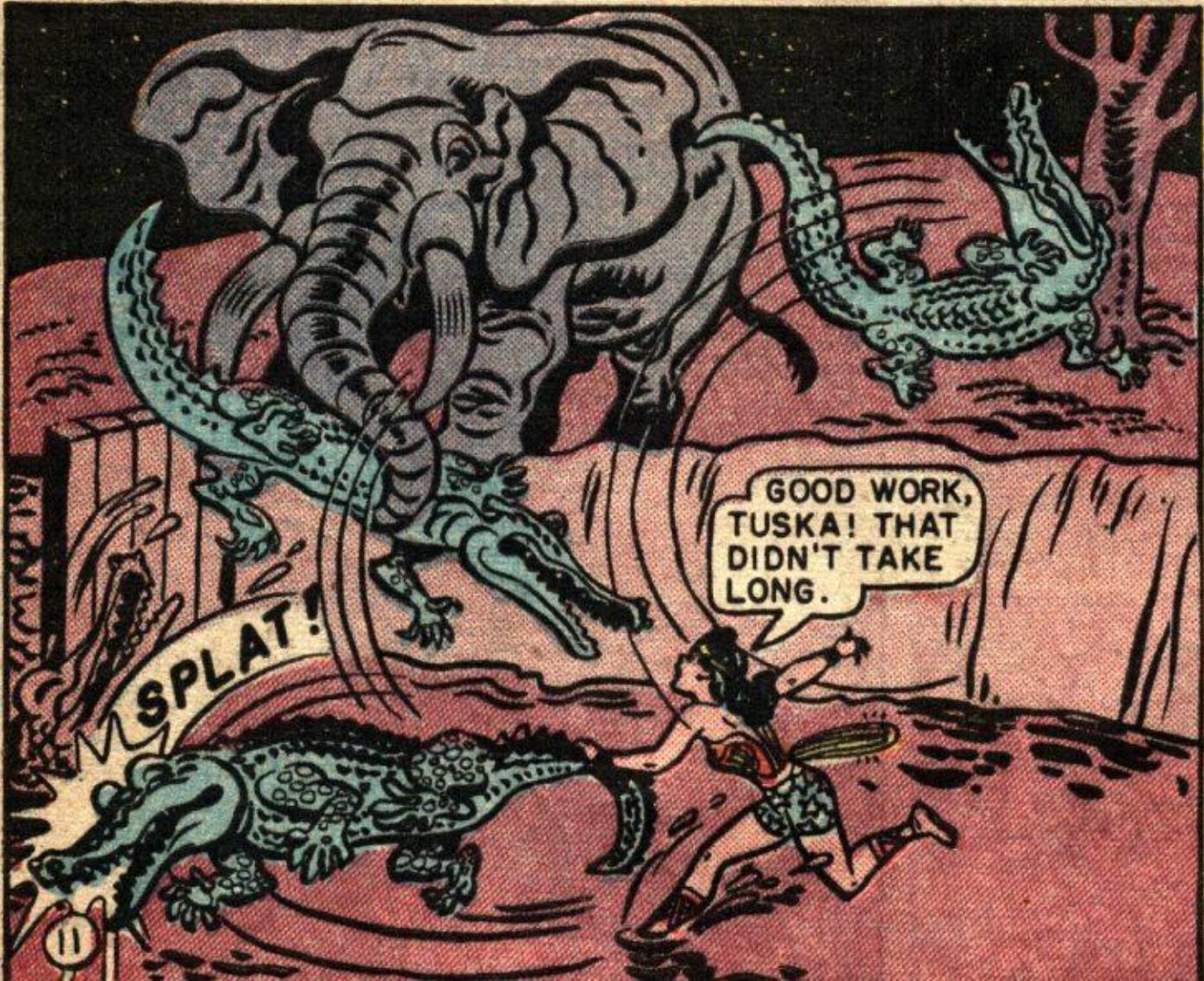
THE VICIOUS ALLIGATORS SWARM TOWARD THEIR HELPLESS VICTIM --

CHARGE, TUSKA!
KILL! KILL! KILL!
HA! HA! HA!

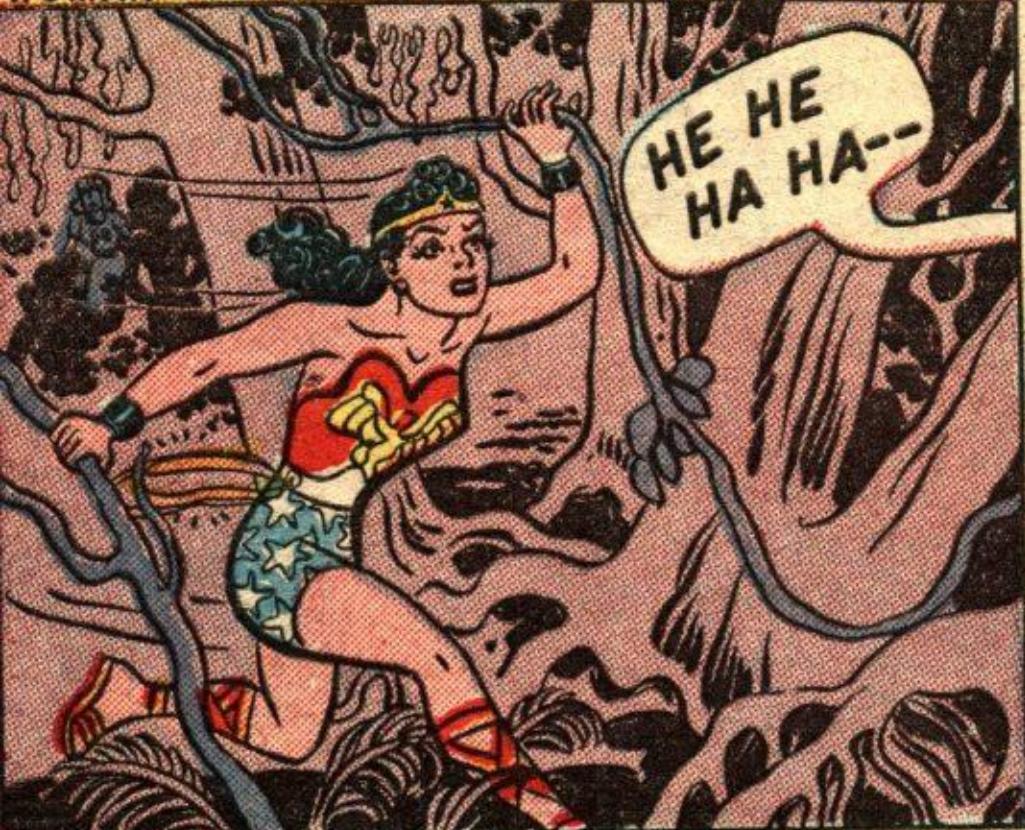
I KNOW TUSKA WON'T HARM A FRIEND. HE'LL CHARGE THE TREE --



WITH HER LASSO UNTIED,
WONDER WOMAN GOES INTO ACTION --



THROUGH THE TWISTING LABYRINTH WONDER WOMAN PURSUES THE MAD VANCE TROTTER--



AND THEN UP AHEAD THE AMAZON MAID HEARS--





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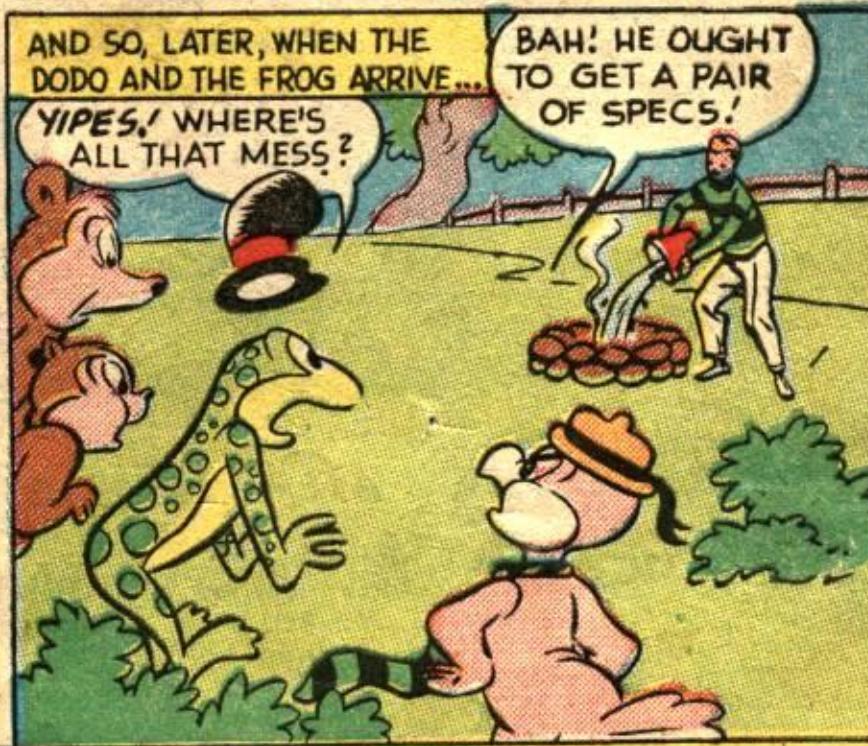
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