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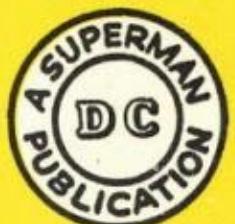
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GOOD BOOKS WORTH READING

reviewed by **JOSETTE FRANK**

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MOUNTED MESSENGER

By **Cornelia Meigs**

Tom Wetherall was sixteen and impatient to see more of the world than his mother's farm near Philadelphia. It was the year 1755, and the peaceful Colonies of America did not guess that very soon the French and Indians would be threatening their borders, firing their villages and over-running their hard-won lands.

When Ted decided to run away from home to try his fortune, it was his younger sister Prudence who persuaded him to come back and talk with a Mr. Benjamin Franklin. She had heard Mr. Franklin say that he was looking for a young man to ride the mail. Tom and his spirited red colt got the job, and from then on his life was anything but dull.

On his first mail trip to Boston he arrived just as news came that the French and Indians were preparing to make war on the Colonies. Back to Philadelphia he sped, with urgent messages from young John Adams. Then to Western Pennsylvania. Here he must open a new route for the mail to go where it had never gone before. It was dangerous work, and Tom had many narrow escapes and brave fights.

The defeat of General Braddock's British redcoats had left the Colonies without the protection they had counted on, but attached to the British troops was one young colonel whose name was George Washington, and the Americans were learning that they must band together for their own defense.

The thrill of those dangerous times runs through this book which will be just as thrilling to girls as to boys up to twelve. It's a new book. Ask your librarian about it.

**HAVE YOU JOINED THE JUNIOR
JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA?**

-IF YOU HAVE, YOU CAN READ THIS MESSAGE IN

THE FLASH CODE

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WHEN A MAN SPENDS TEN YEARS OF HIS LIFE PLOTTING AND PLANNING CRIME, DOING NOTHING BUT SCHEMING AGAINST A DAY WHEN HIS BRILLIANT BRAIN WILL BE CALLED ON FOR A TASK IMPOSSIBLE TO OTHER MEN....

WHEN THE THREE DUMWITS OF DOPE-DOM BUY A RESTAURANT AND SERVE THEIR OWN TYPE OF FOOD, A FOOD THAT (UNKNOWN TO THEM) REMOVES ALL THE COLOR FROM HUMAN BODIES, MAKING PERSONS INVISIBLE

WHEN THE FLASH FINDS HIMSELF OUT-WITTED AND OUTTHOUGHT AT EVERY TURN BY THE GRIM THINKER... WE HAVE ALL THE INGREDIENTS OF A THRILL-A-MINUTE STORY.... A STORY GRIM AND STRANGE, FRAUGHT WITH DANGER AND DARING, YET NOT WITHOUT LAUGHTER AND SOME TEARS....

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY

TUMBLE INN TO TROUBLE!

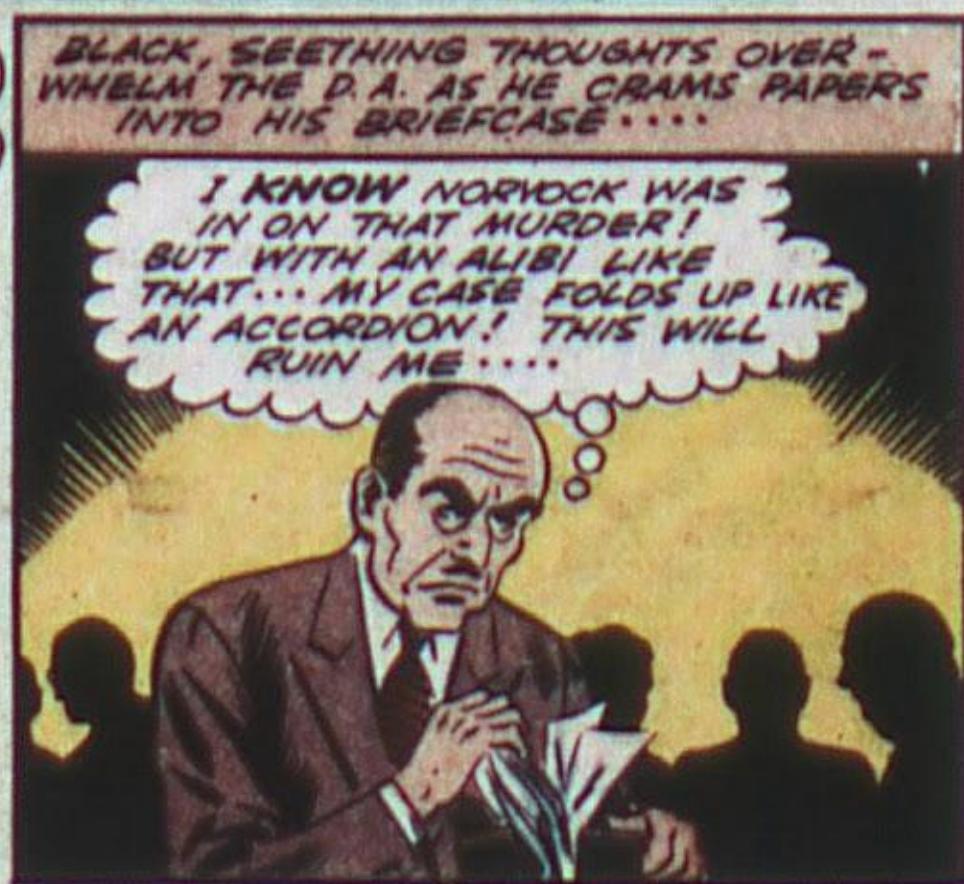
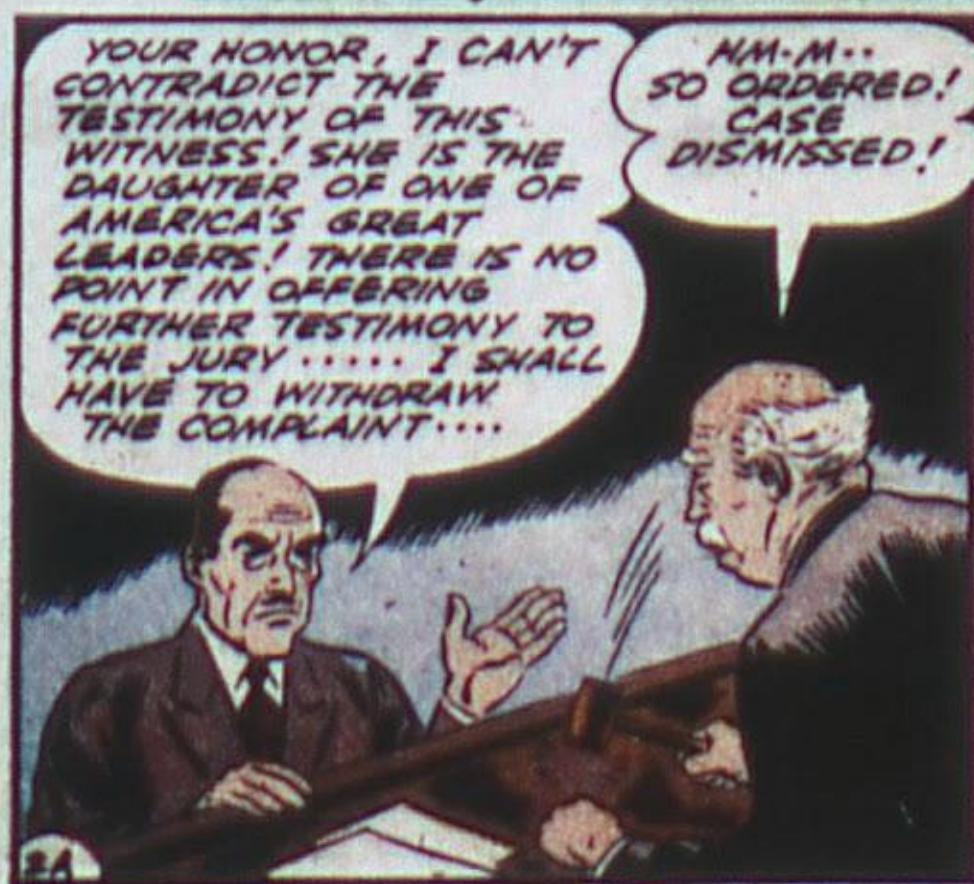


The Flash

FASTESt MAN ALIVE!!

BY GARDNER F. FOX AND E. E. HIBBARD

IT IS THE YEAR 1913! PROHIBITION IS STILL ON THE LAW BOOKS, AND AS A RESULT CRIME CZARS LIKE HUNK NORVOCK HAVE MADE A FORTUNE IN BOOTLEGGING! PEOPLE ARE SINGING "IT'S THE TALK OF THE TOWN" ... IN THE WHITE HOUSE, PRESIDENT HOOVER IS MAKING WAY FOR FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT ... AMERICA IS ABOUT TO COME OUT OF THE WORST DEPRESSION IN ITS HISTORY ... NEWSPAPER HEADLINES BLAZE WITH THE TRIAL OF HUNK NORVOCK, UNDERWORLD KING ... THE ABLE, BRILLIANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY CLIFFORD DEVORE IS PROSECUTING HIM, AND HUNK HAS SPRUNG A BOMBSHELL IN THE CROWDED COURTROOM ...



ALONG THE CORRIDOR, SHARP WHISPERS CARRY TO CLIFFORD DEVOE'S EARS...

TRYING TO PULL A FAST ONE - HE WAS TOO AMBITIOUS!

CONVICTION CRAZY THAT'S WHAT!

THIS OUGHT TO FINISH HIM!

I COULDN'T BUCK NORVOK'S POWER! HE'S TOO STRONG! LOOKS AS THOUGH I WAS ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE FENCE, BEING A D.A.! HA! SO CRIME DOES PAY, AFTER ALL!

THAT NIGHT...

ACROSS TEN BLOCKS OF KEYSTONE CITY A WORRIED, FRANTIC GIRL PLEADS WITH THE UNDERWORLD CZAR...

THE LETTERS -- YOU PROMISED -- IF I LIED AT THE TRIAL...

YOU'LL GET 'EM SIS!

YOU DID A GOOD JOB, SIS! YOU GOT ME FREE WITH THAT PHONY ALIBI! I OWE YOU A LOT! LUCKY FOR ME ONE OF MY BOYS FOUND THEM LETTERS WHEN HE SWIPED YOUR JEWELS, HEY?

YES--
YES--
YES--

HERE'S YOUR LETTERS AND YOUR JEWELS! NOBODY SAYS HUNK NORVOK IS A PIKER! I-- SOMEONE AT THE DOOR...

OH! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT WITHOUT ANYONE SEEING ME!

WELL! IF IT AINT MY OLD ENEMY, CLIFFORD DEVOE! COME ON IN!

LO HUNK JUSH CAME OVER TO SHAY CONGRATSHULASHUNS!

HUNK, I WANNA BE ON YOUR SHIDE FROM NOW ON! YOU'RE A COMIN' GUY! I WANNA TIE MY WAGON TO YOUR SHTAR!

NOBODY TIES A WAGON TO... OH! HO! WAIT A MINUTE... YOU MEAN YOU WANNA THROW IN WITH ME, EH?

WELL, YOU'RE A SMART LAWYER, DEVOE! YOU'D MAKE A GOOD MOUTHPIECE!

NOTHIN' LIKE THAT HUNK! I GOT A BETTER IDEA! WHOA, LEMME SOBER UP—AN' I'LL TELL IT TO YA!

THE COLD, STINGING SHOWER RESTORES CLIFFORD DEVOE'S QUICK BRAIN TO ITS NORMAL BRILLIANCE...

SOME DAY YOU'RE BOUND TO RUN INTO TROUBLE HUNK! YOU'LL NEED SOMEBODY WITH REAL BRAINS TO GET YOU OUT OF IT! A SORT OF ACE IN THE HOLE!

GO ON!

I'M SICK OF STRUGGLING! SICK OF PLAYING BIG SHOT LAWYER—ALL I WANT FROM NOW ON IS A ROOF OVER MY HEAD—THREE SQUARES A DAY AND A CHANCE TO RELAX! IN RETURN I'M AT YOUR CALL—FOR ONE JOB!

WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE CONFRONTED WITH AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK, HUNK! A JOB YOU AND YOUR BOYS CAN'T DO! I'LL ATTEMPT TO DO IT, AND SUCCEED OR DIE TRYING! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SEE THAT I HAVE THE BARE NECESSITIES OF LIFE AND IN RETURN YOU HAVE A MAN WHO'D RISK HIS LIFE FOR YOU WHEN YOU NEED IT! FAIR ENOUGH?

BUT IF I SUCCEED IN THAT JOB, YOU'LL GIVE ME WHATEVER I WANT! OKAY?

HMM... SOUNDS ALL RIGHT... WHAT CAN I LOSE?

IT'S LIKE HAVING INSURANCE! MAYBE FIVE, MAYBE TEN YEARS FROM NOW I'M IN A SPOT... THEN IT'S UP TO YOU! YOU GOT BRAINS—THE ONLY THING I'VE EVER HAD AGAINST YOU WAS YOUR HONESTY—BUT NOW... WELL... IT'S A DEAL!

LIKE FALLING LEAVES THE YEARS SLIDE GENTLY BY IN THE WAKE OF FATHER TIME... IT IS NOW 1943! AMERICA IS AT WAR! YET ON THE HOME FRONT A NEVER-ENDING WAR IS ALSO GOING ON: THE ETERNAL BATTLE OF CRIME AGAINST THE LAW!



IN MY CELLAR LABORATORY I HAVE PERFECTED SCIENTIFIC METHODS OF COMMITTING THE CLEVEREST MURDERS AND ROBBERIES! I HAVE THOUGHT EVERYTHING OUT IN ADVANCE! I AM UNBEATABLE!



YEP, THEY'RE ALL HERE, OFFICER! JUST COME AND PICK THEM UP... BUT YOU'D BETTER BRING A BLOWTORCH TO SET THEM FREE!



THROUGH THESE YEARS CLIFFORD DEVOE HAS LIVED ALONE, IN A TINY COTTAGE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF KEYSTONE CITY.

HUNK HAS NEVER CALLED ON ME, BUT WHEN HE DOES, I'LL BE PREPARED! I HAVE FIGURED OUT SCIENTIFIC SCHEMES FOR EVADING THE LAW THAT WOULD FILL A LIBRARY!



AT THIS MOMENT, IN THE YEAR 1943, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY, CRIME MEETS A SERIOUS SETBACK—

YOU WANTED TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE THOSE VAULTS—SO TAKE A GOOD LOOK!

OOOOH!



BETTER STEP ON IT—JOAN WANTS TO EAT AT TUMBLE INN TONIGHT AND SHE HATES ME TO BE LATE!



WITHIN HIS APARTMENT,
THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE
DOFFS HIS SCARLET
COSTUME AND REVEALS
HIMSELF AS JAY GARRICK,
RESEARCH SCIENTIST...

I'LL BE JUST IN TIME!
THOSE CROOKS DIDN'T
SLOW ME DOWN
A MINUTE!

LATER-
AT
TUMBLE
INN...

WONDER WHAT THEY'VE
BEEN UP TO SINCE WE
ALL CAME BACK
FROM THE PLANET
KARMA?

OH, JAY-
THERE'S NODDY
AND THE BOYS!

WE'VE BEEN ON
A LECTURE TOUR,
JAY! MADE FIVE
THOUSAND
BUCKS, TOO!

WHY, THAT'S
WONDERFUL!
WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO DO
WITH IT?

GO INTO
BUSINESS!

THEY DO
A GOOD
BUSINESS
HERE. WE
MIGHT
BUY THIS
PLACE!

YEAH - WE'D
GET FREE
EATS, ANYWAY.
WOULDN'T
WE? HEY,
THAT'S A
GOOD
IDEA!

BUT A PLACE
LIKE THIS
COSTS A LOT
MORE THAN FIVE
THOUSAND!

YEAH! AN' WE'D
RUN IT BETTER
THAN THIS! LOOK-
LOOK AT THIS
WET PLATE THEY
SERVED ME!

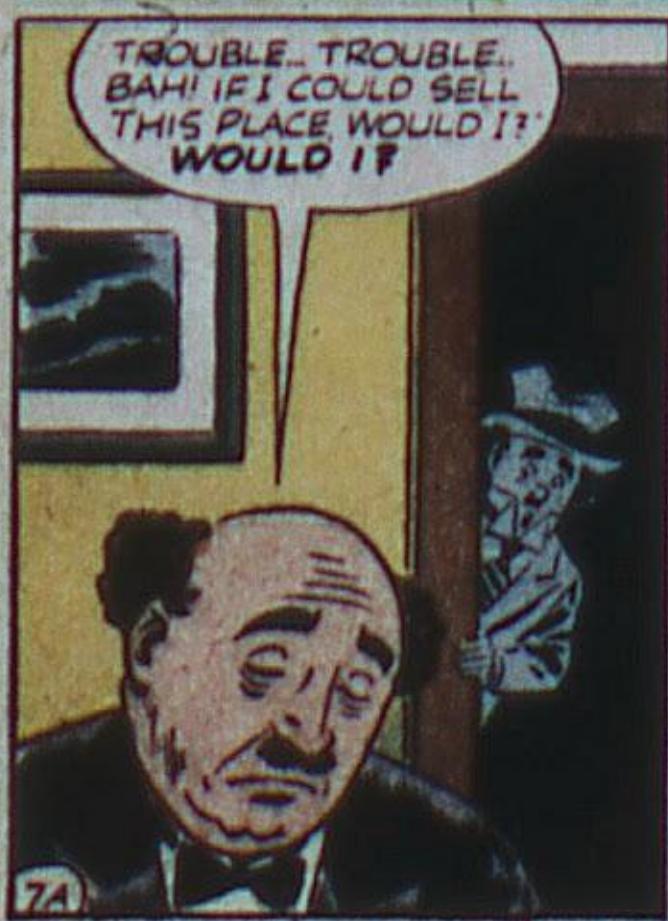
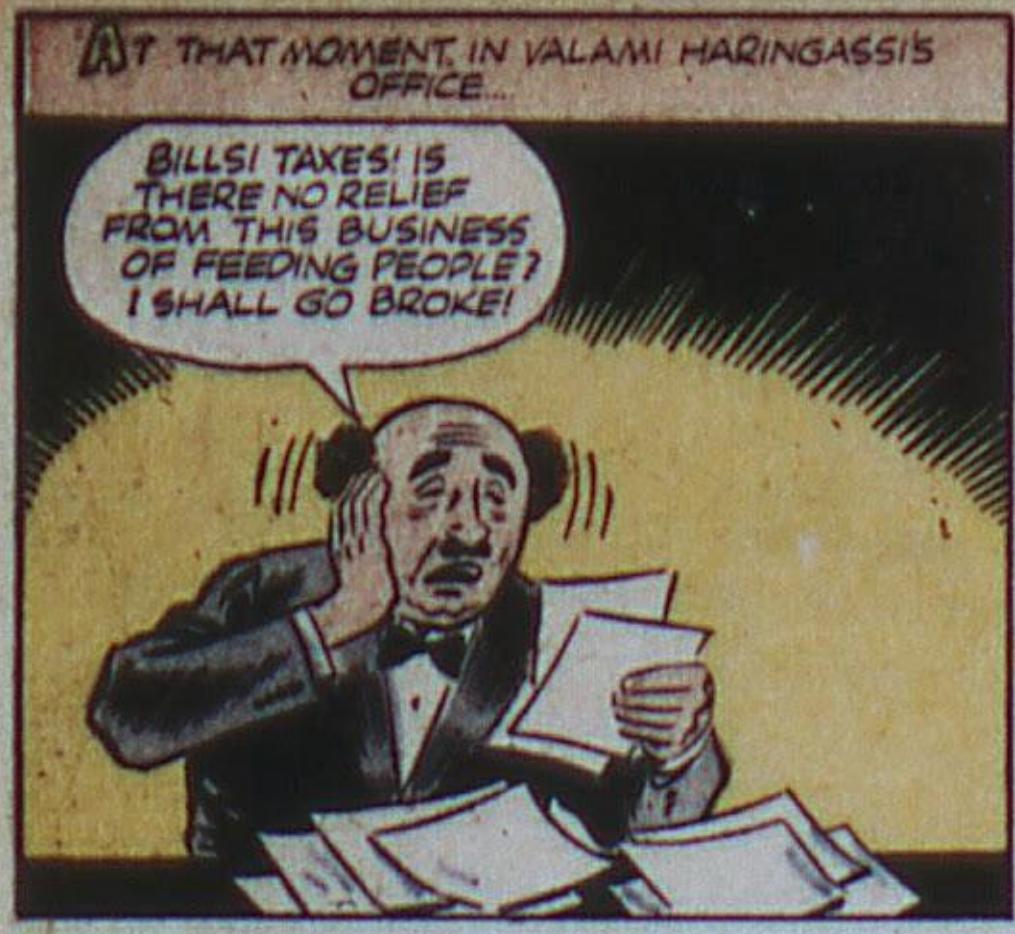
YA DOPE,
THAT'S YOUR
SOUP!

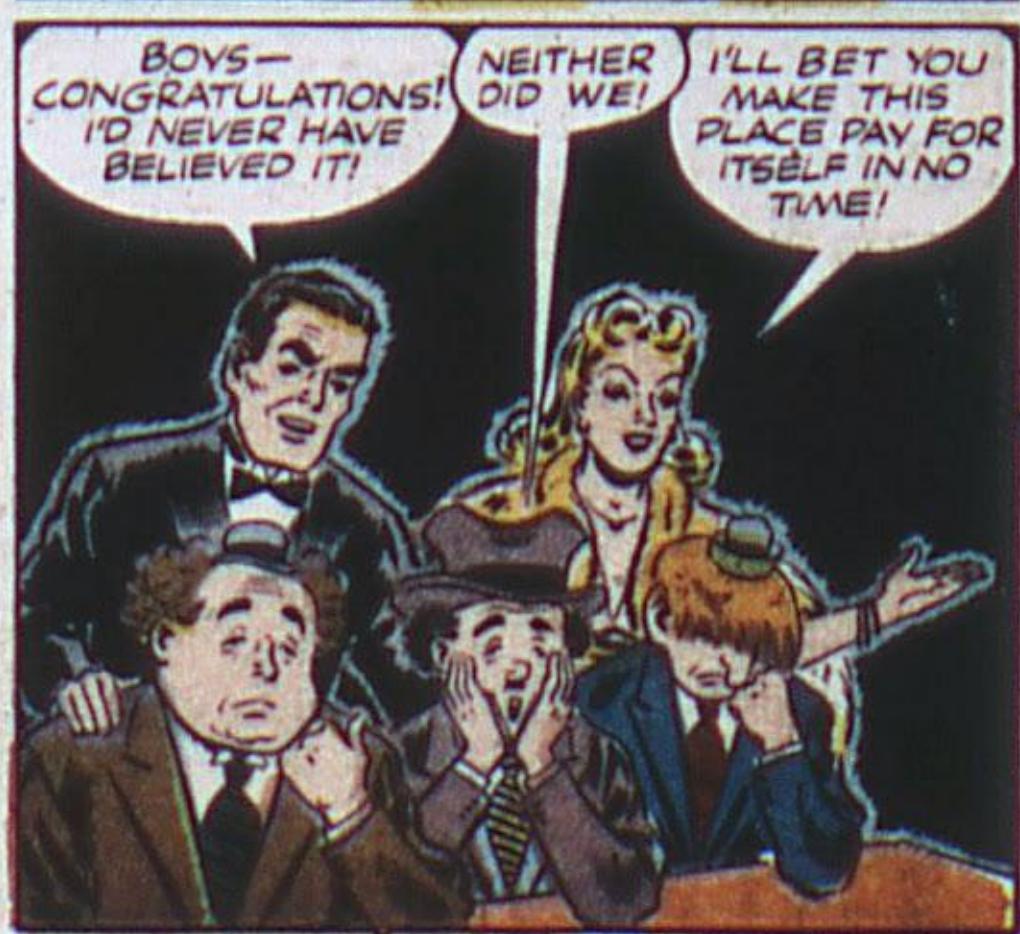
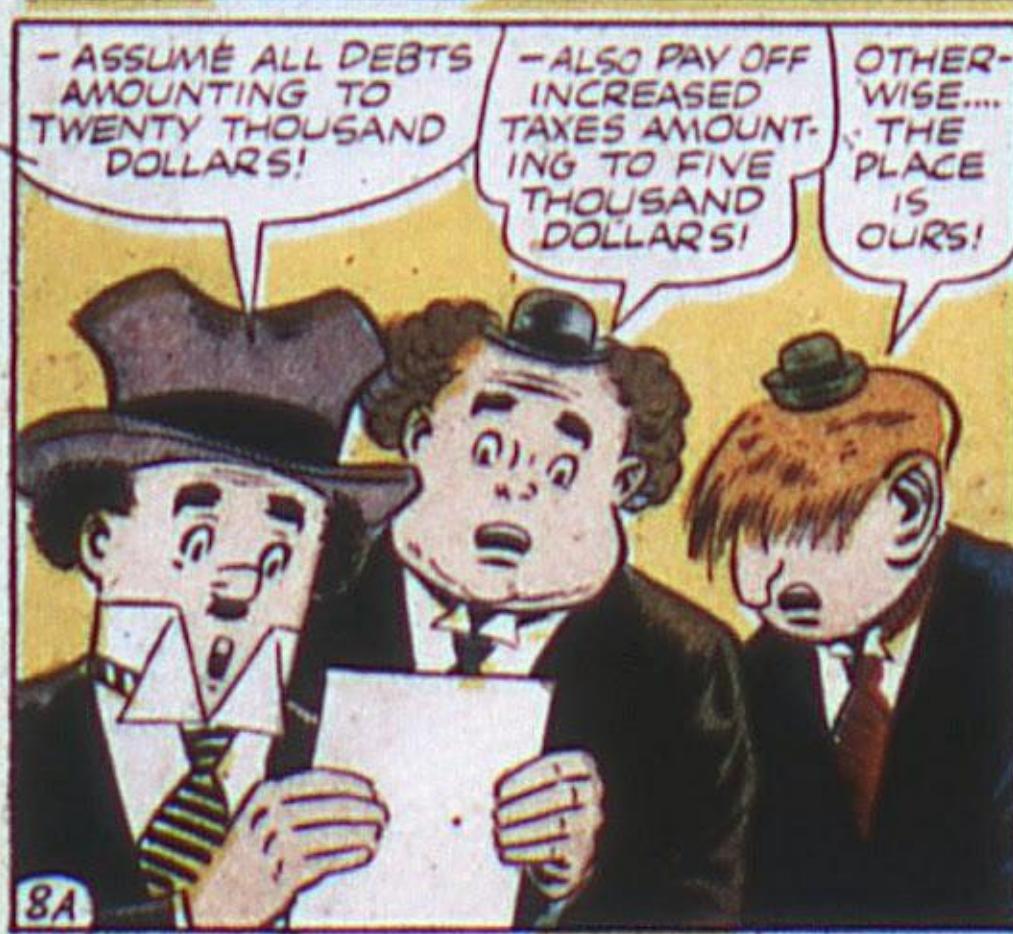
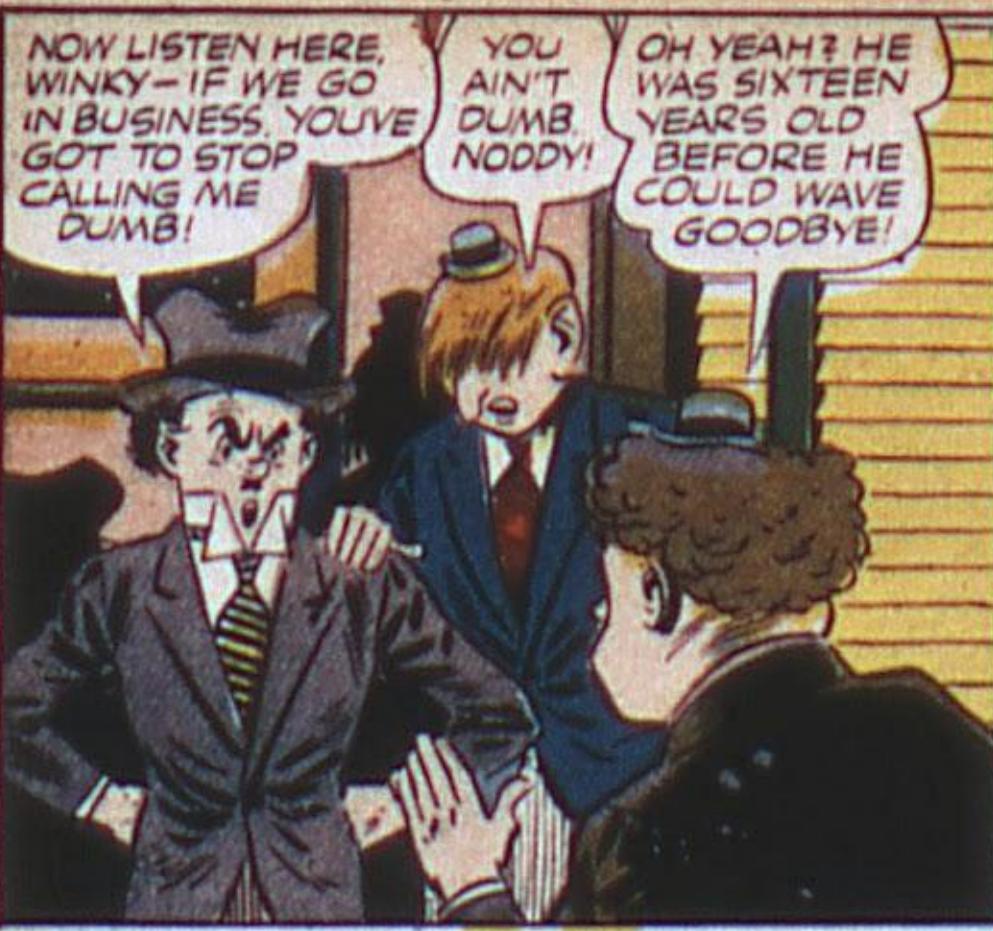
BRING ME SOME
OF THIS VALAMI
HARINGASSI...

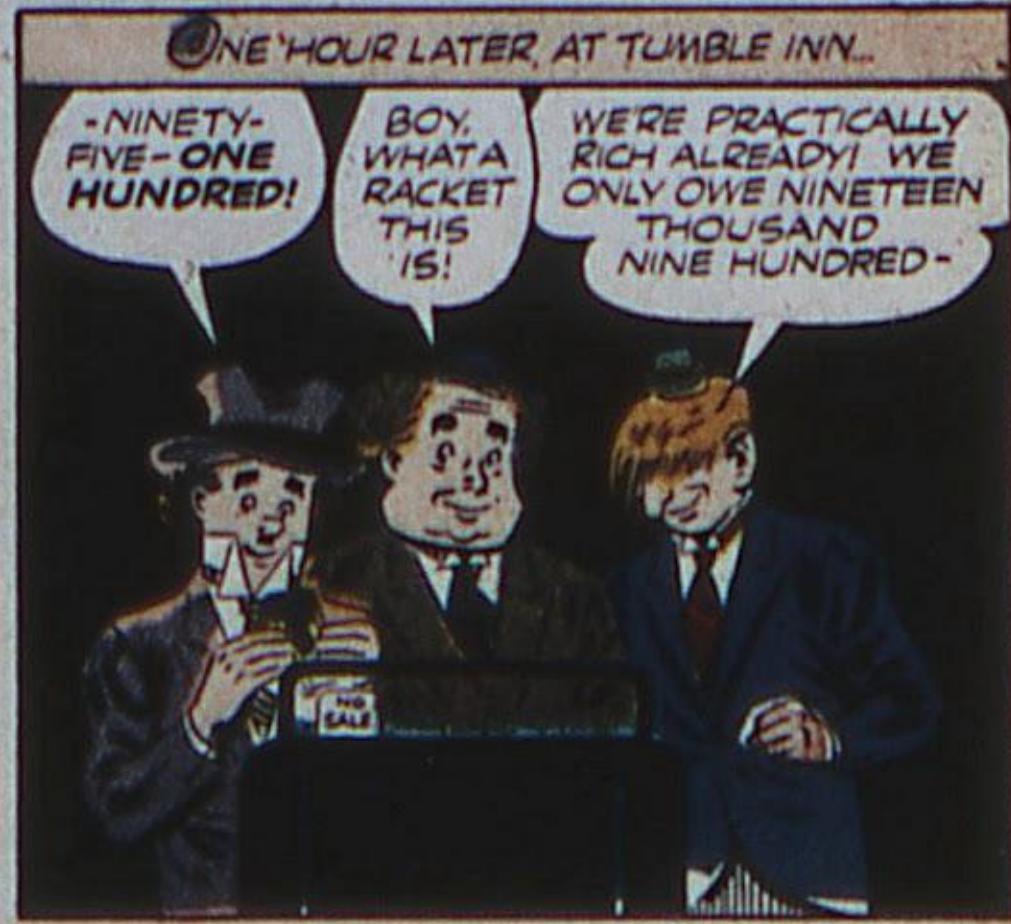
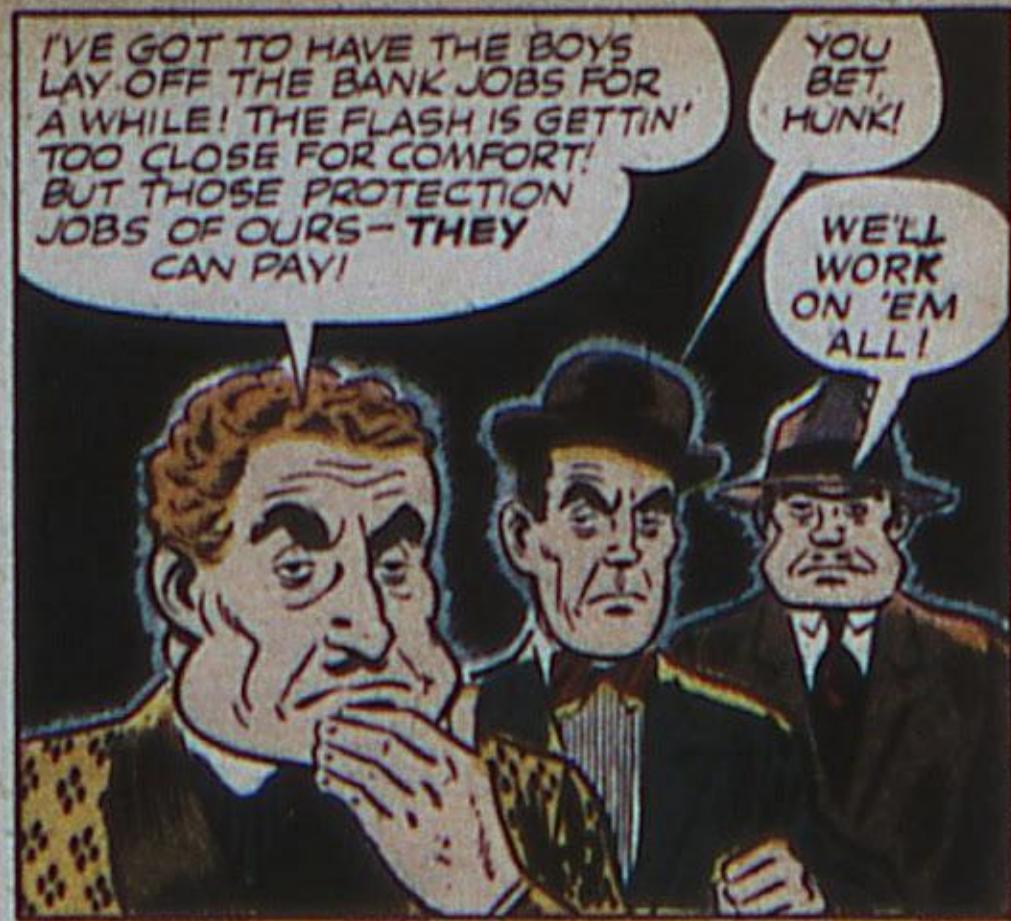
SORRY, SIR - THAT'S
THE NAME OF THE
MAN THAT OWNS
THE PLACE!

HA-HA-HA!
YOU BOYS ARE A
RIOT! HEAVEN
HELP THE CUSTOMERS
IF YOU EVER BOUGHT
THE PLACE!

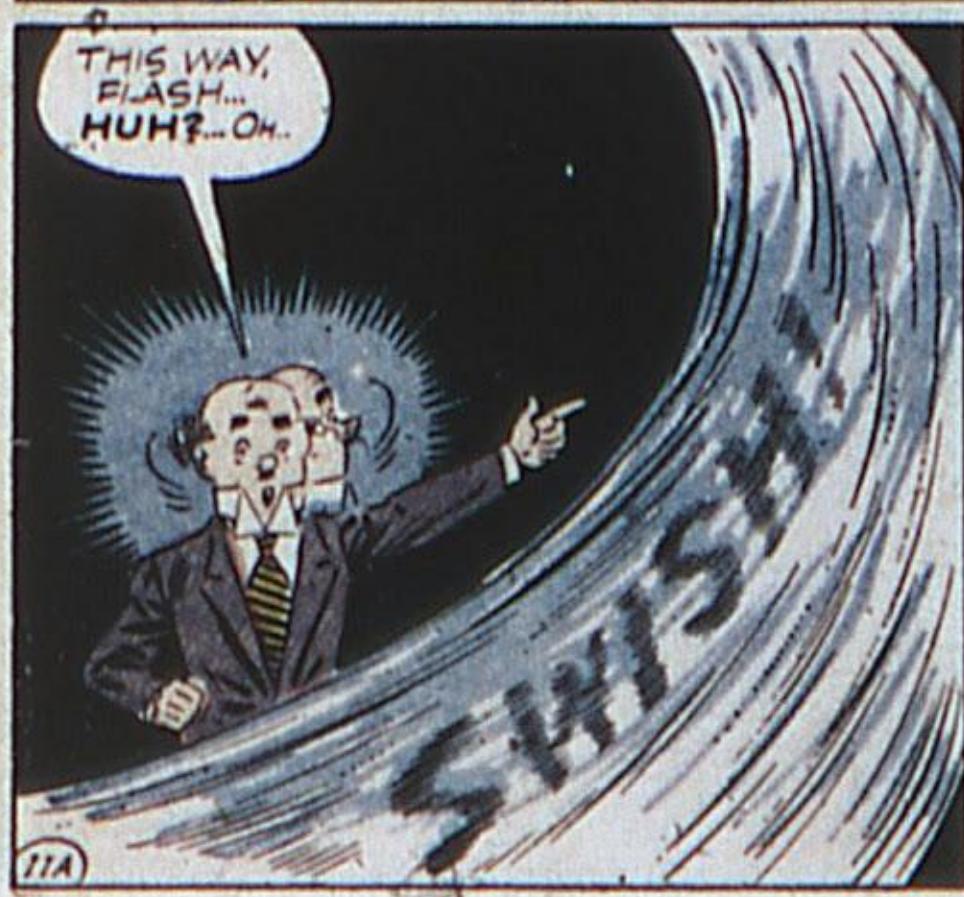
NO FEAR OF
THAT - NOT FOR
FIVE THOUSAND
DOLLARS!



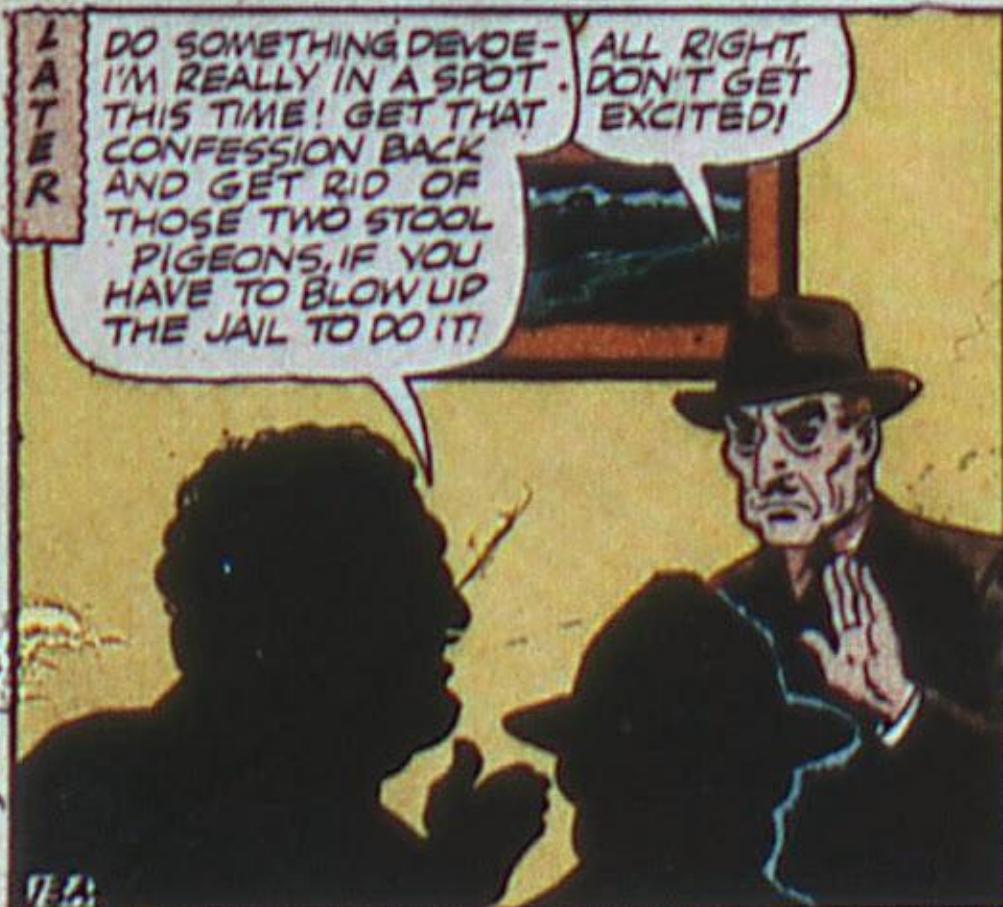












FOR TEN YEARS
THIS MAN HAS
PLOTTED CRIMES!
HE HAS
PLANNED EVERY
CHANCE, EVERY
INCIDENT TO
SPLIT-SECOND
PERFECT
TIMING! HIS
BRAIN SEETHES
WITH SCHEMES!
CAN THE
FLASH COPE
WITH HIM
ONCE HE GETS
STARTED?

BUY UNITED STATES
WAR SAVINGS
BONDS AND STAMPS



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- TWO -

THE THINKER
AGAINST
THE DOER!

IN THE GRIM
SHADOWS OF A
DESERTED STREET,
A FIGURE MOVES
WITH STARTLING
SPEED..... A
FOREARM OF STEEL
MUSCLES CHOKES
OFF A DESPAIRING
CRY, AS A SAVAGE
FIST DRIVES A
CRIPPLING BLOW!

FASTESt MAN ALIVE!!

BY GARDNER F. FOX AND E. E. HIBBARD



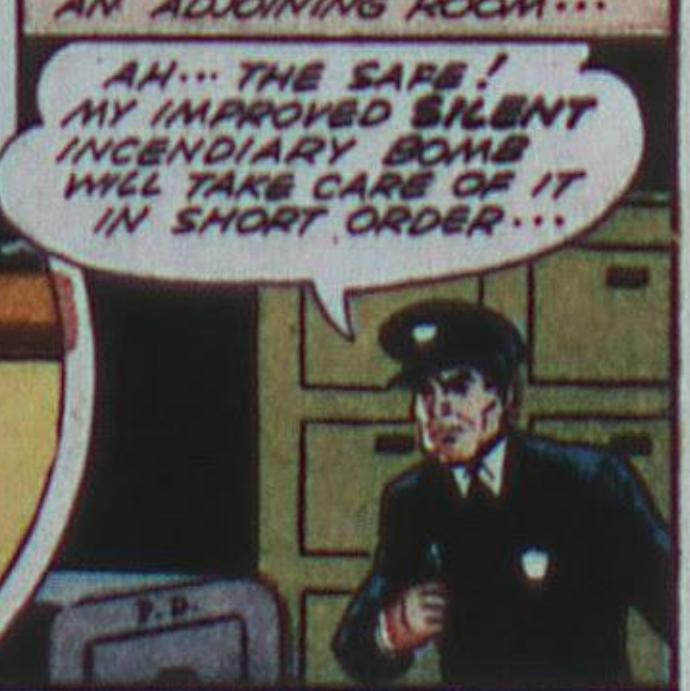
THIS QUICK-DRYING
LIQUID RUBBER
WILL MAKE A PERFECT
CAST OF THE
COP'S FACE...

LATER

NOW! WITH
THIS MASK OF
HIS FACE, HIS
BADGE AND
IDENTIFICATION
CARDS — I WILL
BECOME OFFICER
237! THE REST
WILL BE EASY...

AND THE REST IS EASY--
FOR, MINUTES LATER,
DEVOE NODS TO THE
CAPTAIN IN PRECINCT
35 AND WALKS INTO
AN ADJOINING ROOM...

AH... THE SAFE!
MY IMPROVED SILENT
INCENDIARY BOMB
WILL TAKE CARE OF IT
IN SHORT ORDER...



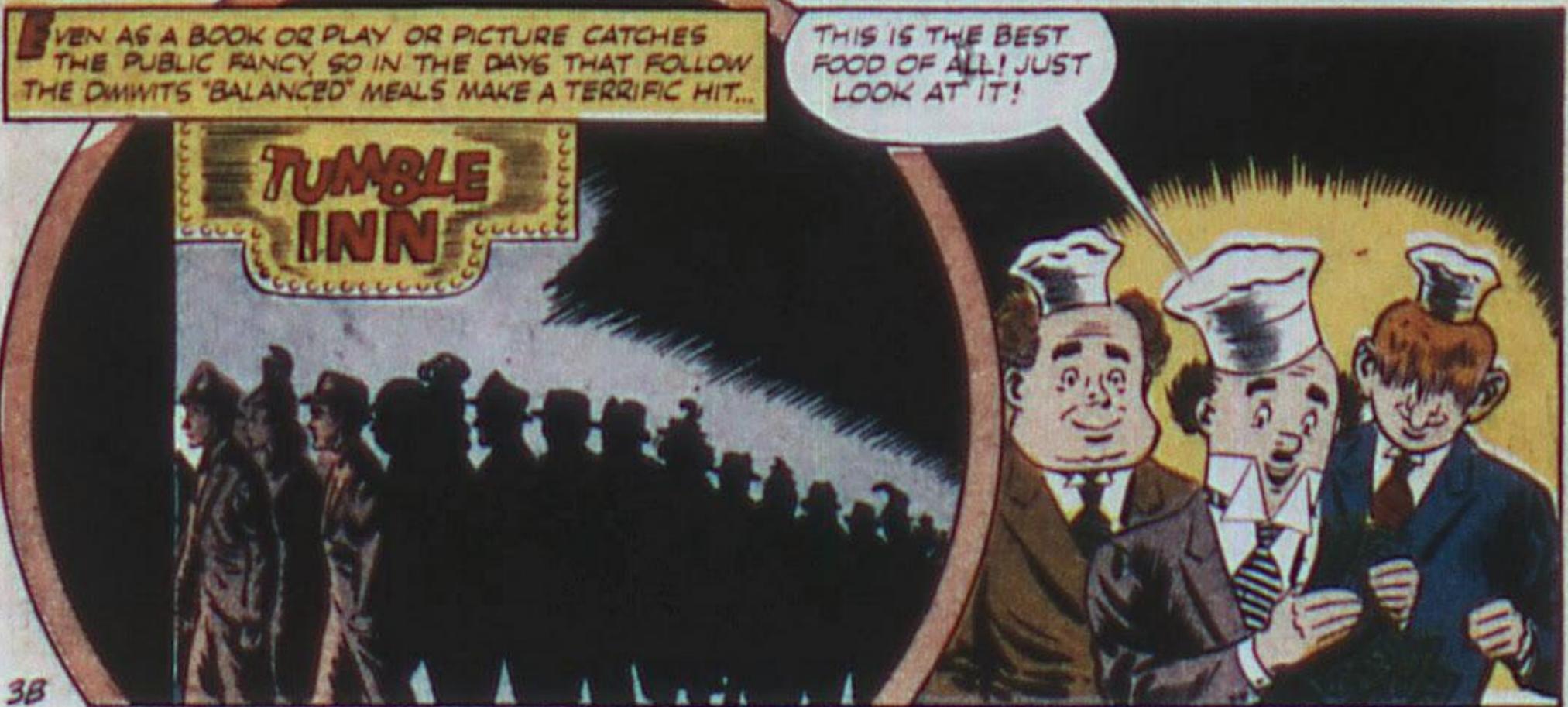
THE MAGNESIUM-THERMITE
IN THAT BOMB WILL EAT
THROUGH THE TOP OF THE
SAFE IN NO TIME... AND
BURN EVERYTHING
INSIDE IT!

THEN...

ARE WE GETTIN' OUT,
OFFICER? ARE WE
GOING TO FREE?

YES I'M GOING
TO FREE YOU-
FOREVER!





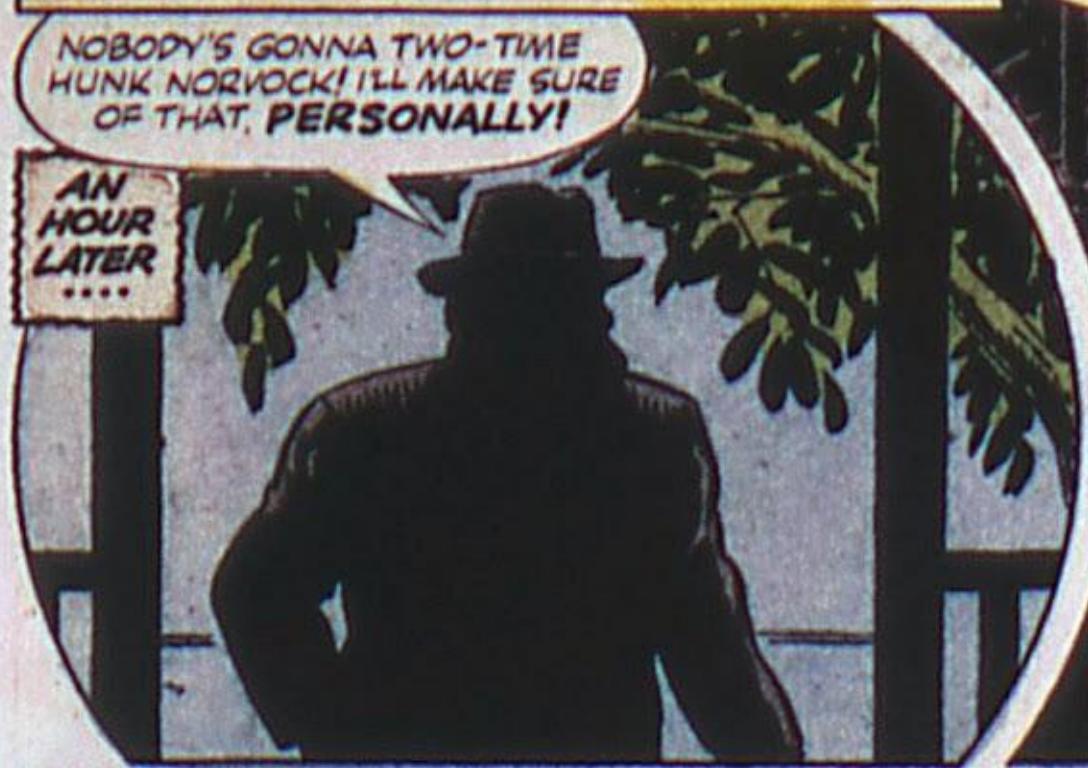


THE GUNMAN'S BULKY FORM BREAKS AN INVISIBLE ELECTRIC EYE BEAM ON THE PORCH OF DEVOE'S HOME...

I GOT YOU COVERED, DEVOE! DON'T MOVE! I GOTTA FEW THINGS TO SAY TO YOU!

NOBODY'S GONNA TWO-TIME HUNK NORVOCK! I'LL MAKE SURE OF THAT, PERSONALLY!

AN HOUR LATER



GRIM SILENCE HANGS OVER THE LITTLE COTTAGE, BROKEN ONLY BY HUNK'S HOARSE VOICE...

YOU AIN'T GOT A GUN, NOW, THINKER! LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN THINK UP NOW! SURE YOU'RE SMART—
TOO SMART!



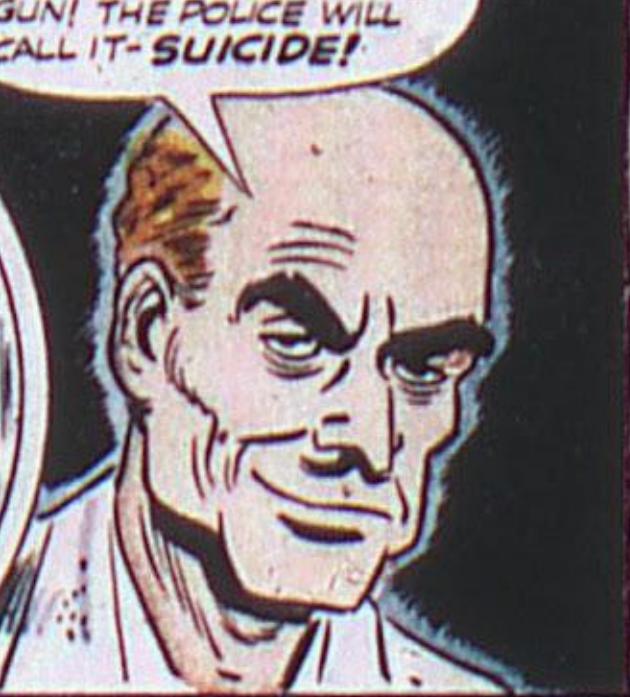
JUST TO MAKE SURE YOU NEVER TRY TO OUTSMART ME—
TAKE THIS!



THE QUIET FORM OF CLIFFORD DEVOE DOES NOT MOVE, YET HUNK NORVOCK SHUDDERS, STRETCHES IN RACKING AGONY, AND LUNGES FORWARD... DEAD!

FOOL! IF HE HADN'T BEEN SO FEAR-CRAZY, HE'D HAVE NOTICED THAT WHAT HE FIRED AT WAS A STEEL MIRROR IN WHICH I WAS REFLECTED!

IT WORKED PERFECTLY-- THE BULLETS HIT THE STEEL, AND REBOUNDED! WHAT IRONY! HE AIMED AT ME—AND WAS KILLED BY HIS OWN GUN! THE POLICE WILL CALL IT— SUICIDE!



THE MORNING PAPER BRINGS VARIED EMOTIONS
TO ONE READER...

PERHAPS A SEARCH OF HUNK'S
CLOTHES WILL REVEAL SOME
CLUE!

HMM... THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY
ABOUT THIS! HUNK WASN'T THE
TYPE WHO'D KILL HIMSELF! IF HE
HAD TROUBLES HE'D KILL
SOMEONE ELSE!



TO HUNK NORVOCK'S LIEUTENANTS IN LARCENY,
THE NEWS IS QUITE PLEASANT...

THE BOSS SHOT
HIMSELF! GAAAY,
THAT GIVES ME
AN IDEA!

IF YOU THINK
YOU'RE GONNA
TAKE OVER-

WAIT! THERE'S
ONLY ONE
MAN FOR THE
JOB.... THE
THINKER!

YOU'RE RIGHT!
HE SHOWED WHAT
HE COULD DO WHEN
HE SCOTCHED THAT
CONFESSTION!

AND ALL THEM
JOBS HE'S BEEN
PLOTTIN' FOR
TEN YEARS!

WOW!

UNDER DAT
GUY WE'D
MAKE SOME
REAL
DOUGH!



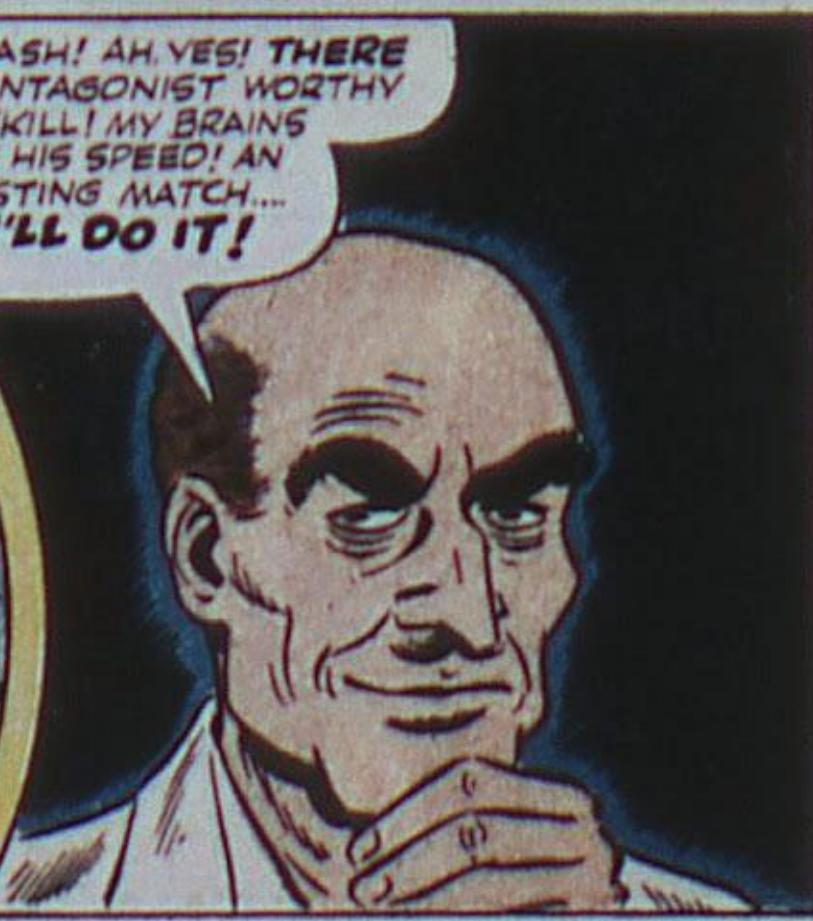
A LITTLE LATER...

BUT BOYS, I'M
PERFECTLY
CONTENTED
HERE...

YOU GOT A DUTY
TO YOURSELF,
THINKER! YOU'RE
SMART! SHOW THE
WORLD HOW
SMART YOU ARE!

YEAH—
ESPECIALLY
THE
FLASH!

THE FLASH! AH YES! THERE
IS AN ANTAGONIST WORTHY
OF MY SKILL! MY BRAINS
VERSUS HIS SPEED! AN
INTERESTING MATCH...
HMM... I'LL DO IT!



THE THINKER'S BRAIN SNAPS
INTO EVIL ACTION...



MEANWHILE, BUSINESS IS PANNING
OUT WELL AT TUMBLE INN...

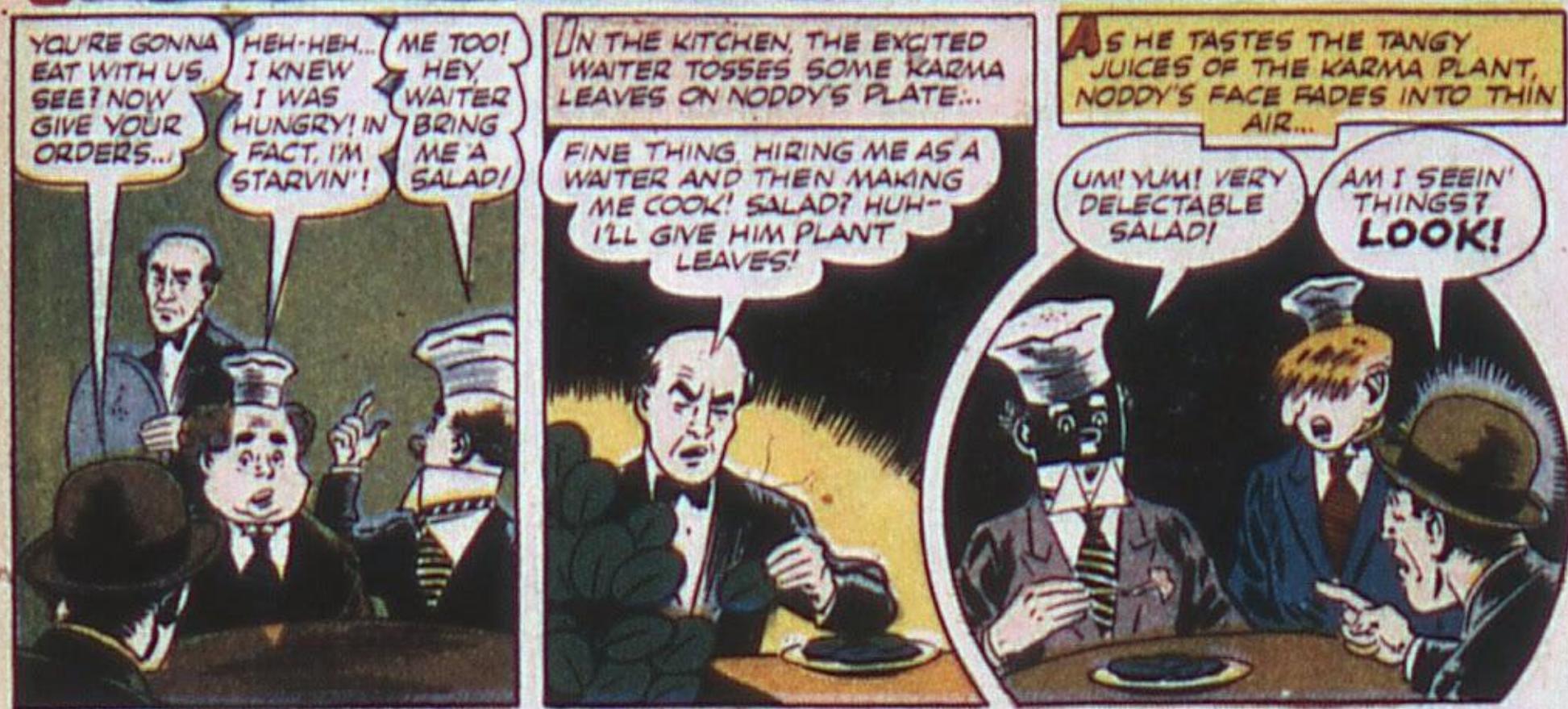


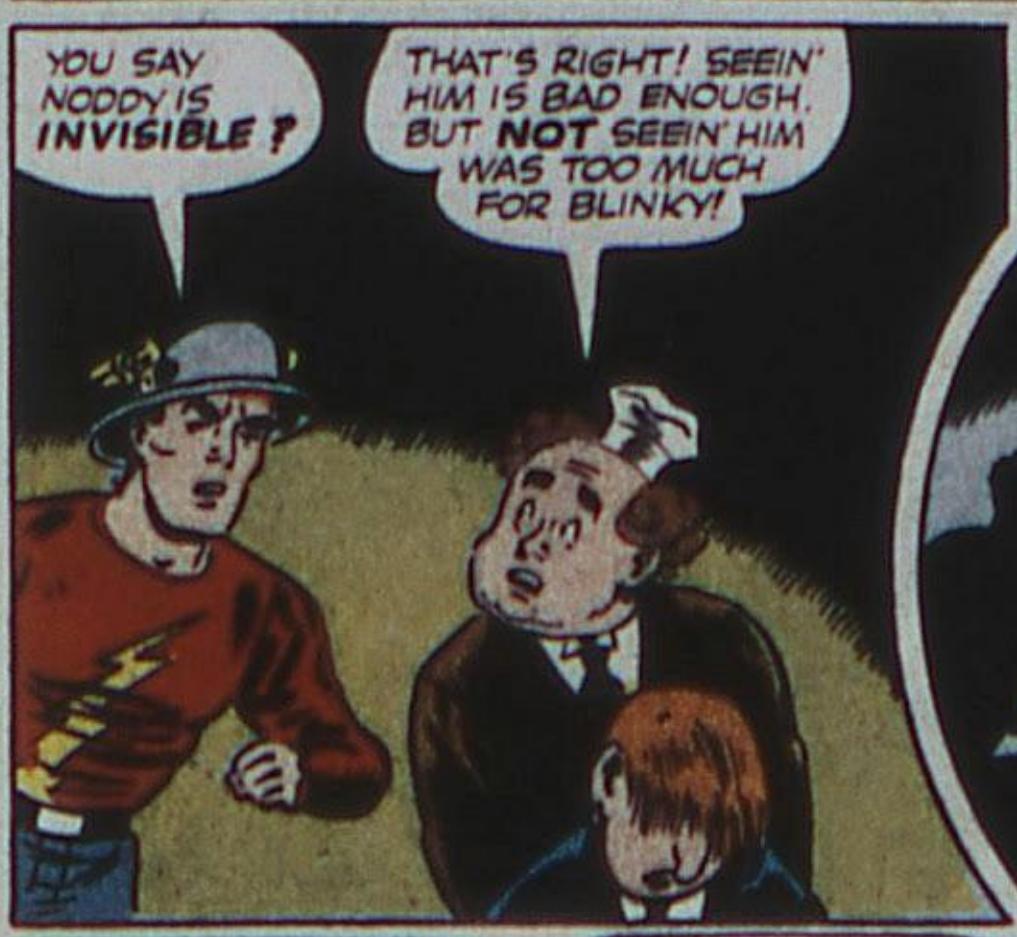
LATER...

PIG IN THE MUD!
CROW AND A
BLONDE!
BLANKETS
WITH
GREASE!

A BACON OMELETTE...
CHOCOLATE PIE
AND LIGHT COFFEE...
GRIDDLE CAKES
AND SAUSAGES...







SCANT SECONDS LATER...

HOPE I'M NOT
TOO LATE!

WHINEY'S JEWEL HOUSE

AH, THERE'S 'THE SUN'
SAFE AND SOUND! I'LL
JUST STICK AROUND
AND MAKE SURE IT
STAYS THAT WAY!

IN A BACK
ROOM OF
THE JEWEL
HOUSE....



WHIRLING ABOUT WITH THE INCREDIBLE SPEED
OF WHICH ONLY HE IS CAPABLE, THE INVISIBLE
FLASH KEEPS A WATCHFUL EYE ON THE ENTIRE
STORE... WHEN SUDDENLY—

OH-OH! HERE
COME SOME
TOUGH-LOOKING
SPECIMENS!

GET 'EM UP—
EVERYBODY!

CARA MIA!
I'LL BE KEELED!
CARA MIA!



I'LL JUST BORROW
YOUR BELT A
MOMENT!

WH-WH.
HUH?

I HOPE YOU ENJOY
YOUR SPIN, OLD TOP!
WHO'S NEXT?

SAVE ME!
PLEASE-A
SAVE ME!

FROM THUG TO THUG LEAPS
THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER,
SENDING THEM INTO MAD SPINS



DON'T LETTA DEM
KEEL ME! I GOTTA
FIVE KEEDS!!!

**CONTROL
YOURSELF,
DOMINICK!**

**BUT AS THE DIAMOND CUTTER'S
ATTENTION IS FOCUSED ON THE
OUTSIDE ROOM, THE SHOE SHINE
MAN STRETCHES FORTH AN
EAGER HAND...**

SWIFTLY, WITH THE EASE OF LONG PRACTICE, ADEPT FINGERS SHOVE THE GLITTERING GEM DEEP INTO A CAN OF SHOE POLISH!

THE FLASH IS
MAKING SHORT
WORK OF THOSE
GANGSTERS!

THEY BE
VERRY
BAD-A
MEN!

I GUESS THAT'LL
HOLD YOU BOYS
TILL THE POLICE
GET HERE!

I WISH SOMETHIN'
WOULD HOLD ME!
I'M STILL GOIN'
AROUND IN CIRCLES!

BLESS YOU,
BLESS YOU!
YOU WAN
GOODA
MAN!

HEY, TAKE
IT EASY-

**YOU CERTAINLY
SAVED HIS LIFE!
OR SO HE
THINKS!**

I NEVER SAW
ANYONE SO
SCARED
BEFORE!

MINUTES LATER...

THEN HE SURE
MADE A MISTAKE,
EH, FLASH?

HELP!
"THE SUN"
IS GONE!

DOMINICK! HE WAS
THE ONLY OUTSIDER
IN THAT ROOM! HE
MIGHT'VE BEEN THE
THINKER—
IN DISGUISE!

SMART OF THE THINKER
TO CREATE A DIVERSION
WHILE HE PILFERED
THE JEWEL... THERE
HE IS NOW!

I'VE GOT YOU
NOW, YOU
CROOK!

YOU CRAZEE, EH,
MEESTER? I NO
CROOK! I
DOMINICK,
SHOE SHINE
MAN!

I THINK I'M
GETTING THE
IDEA! WHERE'D
YOU GET THAT
BUMP ON YOUR
HEAD?

BAD MAN DO
THEES TO ME!
HE STEAL MY
SHOE SHINE
BOX - MAKE
RUBBER MASK
ON MY FACE!
I'M JUST NOW
WAKE UP AN'
FIND MY
SHOE SHINE
BOY BESIDE ME!

H-M-M... IT SEEMS I'VE
UNDERESTIMATED
THE THINKER. HE'S
WON THE FIRST ROUND

AT THAT MOMENT, IN A DELUXE APARTMENT

I THINK I OVERESTIMATED
THE FLASH! "THE SUN" IS
MINE! GOOD THING I TOOK
CARE OF THE PATROL WAGON—
THE BOYS MUST BE
GETTING INTO IT
RIGHT NOW!

I'LL GET "THE SUN" BACK
FOR YOU! THAT'S A
PROMISE!

GET IN, LUGS!
COME ON! SHAKE
A LEG!

THE PATROL WAGON RACES OFF DOWN THE STREET...

WE HAVE SOME OF THE THINKER'S MEN, ANYHOW! NOW IF HE TRIES TO GET THEM OUT OF JAIL, WE'LL GET HIM, TOO!

HE'S A SMART MAN, FLASH-VERY SMART! YOU'LL HAVE TO BE ON YOUR GUARD!

INSIDE THE PATROL WAGON, A GUNMAN'S FOOT PRESSES A TINY BUTTON CONCEALED IN THE FLOOR...

CLANG!
CLANG-
CLANG



... AND A THICK YELLOWISH GAS SUFFOCATES HIDDEN VENTS ALL OVER THE TRUCK...

COUGH-COUGH... CAN'T BREATHE...

I'M... CHOKING... UHH-H...

GET OUT
THE MASKS,
BOYS!

AS THE STRANGLING FUMES OVERCOME THE DRIVER, THE CAR LUNGES OUT OF CONTROL.... CAREENS MADLY... AND...

CRASH!

OUR BOYS ARE
RIGHT BEHIND
US! LET'S GO!

RIGHT!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER, IN THE THINKER'S APARTMENT...

SO YOU SEE, GENTLEMEN,
THE FLASH CAN BE DEFEATED
- PROVIDED THE JOBS ARE
CORRECTLY PLANNED!

AN' YOU'RE THE
ONE TO PLAN 'EM,
BOSS!

POL

I HAVE A LITTLE SCHEME PLANNED
THAT WOULD BE TOO EASY UNLESS
I GAVE THE FLASH A LITTLE HINT!
I GUESS YOU BOYS WILL HAVE
TO PAY ANOTHER VISIT TO
TUMBLE INN...

MEANWHILE, IN JAY GARRICK'S APARTMENT...

TRICKED BY A CROOK POSING AS
A SHOE SHINE MAN! THE THINKER
CERTAINLY MADE A FOOL OUT OF
THE FLASH, ALL RIGHT! I'LL
BET HE'S LAUGHING
AT ME THIS MINUTE!

OH, COME ON, NOW! IT ISN'T AS
BAD AS ALL THAT!

BUT IT IS! THE
THINKER'S NEW
CONFIDENCE
WILL MAKE HIM
DOUBLY DANGEROUS!
I'M JUST WONDERING
WHAT SCHEME HE'LL
DREAM UP NEXT!

IS JOANY-WOANY'S BIG
BOY ALL UPSET BY THAT
NASTY MAN? FORGET IT
AND LET'S GO
EATUMS!

I SURE AM SLIPPING!
THAT GOOEY TALK
DOESN'T EVEN BOTHER
ME! ALL RIGHT, LET'S
GO TO TUMBLE INN!

LATER, OUTSIDE TUMBLE INN...

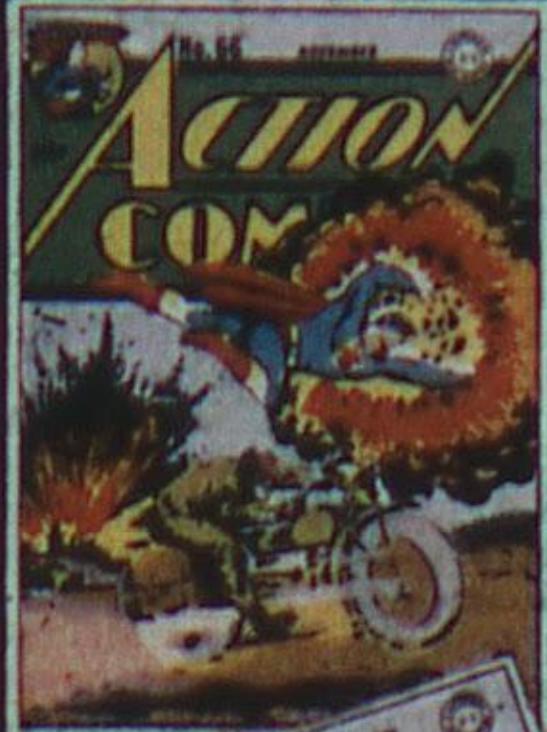
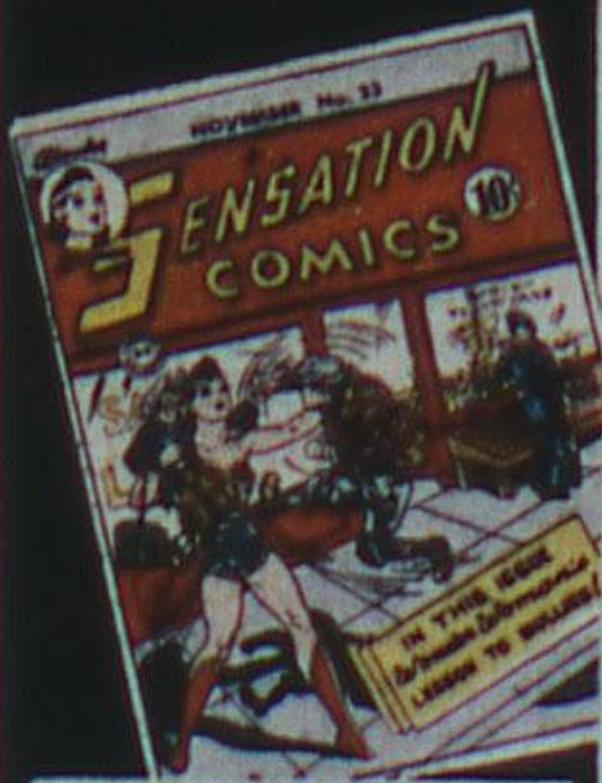
I SAW JOAN WILLIAMS
INSIDE! SHE'LL GET THIS
MESSAGE TO THE
FLASH!

WAIT'LL THE FLASH
GETS A LOAD OF
THIS! HE'LL SIZZLE
LIKE FAT ON A
GRIDDLE!

CAN IT BE THAT
THE FLASH
HAS MET HIS
MATCH AT LAST?
IT DOES LOOK
AS IF STORMY
SEAS ARE AHEAD!
BUT WHEN THE
CHIPS ARE DOWN,
THE SCARLET
SPEEDSTER
USUALLY COMES
THROUGH... SO
KEEP ON
READING!

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HOP HARRIGAN felt a thrill of pride in the 211th Squadron. Yes, sir, best little squadron of Zero-busters in the South Pacific. That's what they were going to do now, fight Nips over Munda. The prime objective was to bomb the Jap-held base of Munda, in the central Solomons, but Hop knew Zeros would be up after the bombers—and that's when the fun would begin.

The P-38's altimeter read 26,000 feet. Soon the giant Boeing Flying Fortresses below him would drop their loads of bombs. The Flight Commander signaled, and the bombs began hurtling down.

Almost instantly, the ack-ack began. Hop looked down, saw a bomb hit spang on an ammunition dump.

"Bullseye!" he shouted with satisfaction.

Blue eyes sparkling, he caught a glimpse of red-headed Tank Tinker in the plane ahead. Tank was scouring the sky looking for Zeros. He spoke into the transmitter.

"Too quiet up here, Hop," he said, "I don't like it."

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Hop's heart gave a sudden, violent lurch—the way it did just before battle. He had seen a dozen Mitsubishi 00's sweep up from behind a cloud—the dread Jap Zeros.

"Look below!" Hop spoke, grimly. "I think you're gonna like this better!"

"Oh, boy! Happy hunting!" came Tank's answer.

Hop's plane peeled off. He bore down on the tail of the first Zero. The Nip saw him coming and tried to gun out and gain altitude. But Hop soared after him. He tripped his guns, and a tracer caught the Zero's tail. Then the Zero was falling, a sheet of flame licking after it.

The ack-ack was breaking all around Hop's plane. It was deadly accurate. He wished he could have a shot at those gunners below! Flak fire had badly crippled one of the Fortresses and started flames on the wing of a Lockheed which wobbled along like a stunned bird, hovering uncertainly a moment, and then spun down.

Fighting mad, Hop winged over and zoomed at a Zero pilot head-on. It was a dangerous move and depended on terrific speed. Hop's tracer did its work before the Nip pilot knew what was happening. The Zero screamed down.

Another Zero swooped in on Hop's tail, but he rolled out and stitched tracers in the Nip's fuselage. Another one!

Hop felt exhilarated as he looked around for yet another victim. Then he spied Tank. The big red-head was just polishing off a Zero but two more Jap planes were zooming down at him. Hop reared his plane's nose and hit the cannon button. That accounted for one of the Jap planes.

Then he heard a machine gun strike up a stuttering fire. Bullets splattered across his instrument board. Glass was flying. When he managed to break out, he was rudderless and the stick was no use to him at all. He was falling fast.

Swiftly, Hop bailed out. The wind tore at his clothes.

Landing, he lost no time getting rid of his 'chute. Japs might come upon him any moment. He crouched in silence, eyes wide, ears listening.

"An anti-aircraft gun—not more than a hundred yards away!" he decided. Then he glanced at the furious air battle still going on, and a smile crossed his face.

Carefully, he threaded his way through the thick foliage and clumps of mangrove trees, and came out on a clearing.

There was the anti-aircraft gun, manned by two Jap soldiers. One was feeding ammunition to the other, who was operating the big gun.

Hop planned carefully and leaped. With crushing impact, his lithe body fell against one of the Japs, knocking him against the gunner. The two Japs sprawled to the ground in a dazed heap. The fighting Yank fell on top. Two well-aimed blows with their own rifles silenced them.

Then Hop sprang quickly to the gun. It took him a few minutes to figure out how to work it, but he caught on quickly. Soon he was sending murderous ack-ack into the sky, and smoking Zeros out of it!

"This ain't as good as being up there, Tank, old boy," Hop muttered, "but I'm still in the fight! This ought to prove it!"

He sent a blast of fire against a Zero that was giving Tank's

plane trouble. It burst into flames and plunged earthward. Grinning, Hop blasted away and sent four more Zeros and their pilots to their ancestors.

Suddenly, his eyes narrowed and his hands trembled on the gun. He thought he recognized the plane that came spiraling down. He couldn't be sure, but it looked like Tank's!

Grimly, he kept at the job. When there were only three Zeros left in the sky, they broke away from the Lockheeds and fled. The fight was over. Hop leaned back and sighed. It was a great fight! Funny, that all he could think of was Tank's plane whirling down, out of control. . . .

Hop had given no thought to his own dangerous position. But sharply, it was recalled to him as a voice, thin and whining, burst into his thoughts. A Jap voice. He wheeled.

Japs with guns were rushing from all sides of the clearing. Hop was completely surrounded. The Jap in front, obviously

an officer, kept snapping orders to him in Japanese. Hop guessed he meant for him to raise his hands. He did.

"All right, you Nip rats!" Hop shouted. "It's your turn now—but I had mine, and boy, it was worth it! I knocked nine of your Zeros out of the sky—not bad, eh?"

But the Jap did not seem to appreciate it. He kept rapping orders at Hop as he neared. And as he was about to seize Hop, a loud, stuttering noise filled the air.

The Japs stopped, bewildered.

A moment later, a plane came rolling wildly into the clearing. It zigzagged madly, this way and that. The Nips dispersed screaming. But Hop broke into a wide grin. The red-headed pilot yelled above the roar of the Allison twelve-cylindered engines.

"Hop onto the wing! Sorry, it's the only spare seat!"

Hop sprinted and jumped. The Lockheed taxied across the

clearing, to the tune of yelling, cursing Japs and a volley of gunfire.

"Pay 'em no mind, Hop!" Tank said, genially, lifting the Lockheed into the air. "They ain't got no manners!"

Hop's eyes were shining with excitement. "Tank, you ol' son of a gun!" he yelled. "I thought you crashed!"

"Naw!" Tank retorted. "Just got a little out o' control. I saw you 'chute down about here, so I figured I'd look." He shook his big red mop from side to side. "What a guy!" he said, wonderingly.

"What're you talkin' about?" Hop demanded.

"What a guy! He just don't know when to stop fighting!" Tank yelled still louder, above the hoarse-throated roar of the engines. "He's knocked out of an air fight, ~~and~~ he keeps on fightin'—from the ground! Wotta guy!"

"Aw, shut up!" growled Hop, "an' hurry up! Want me to catch cold out on this wing?"

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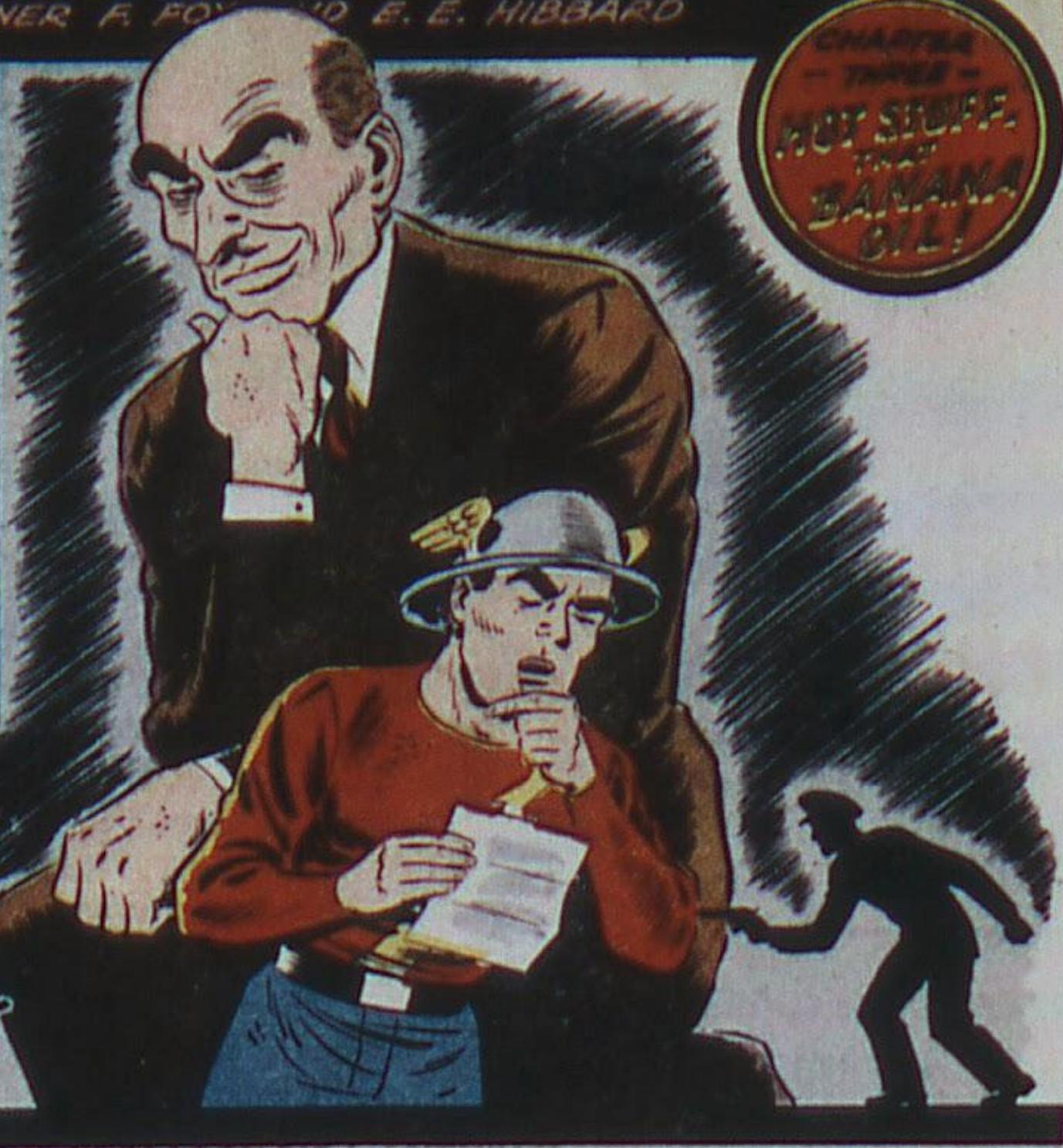
The Flash

FASTESt MAN ALIVE!!

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THE GATHERING FORCES OF GANGDOM CLOUD THE HORIZON LIKE THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM BEHIND THEM SITS THE GRIM, DIRECTING FIGURE OF THE THINKER DEADLIEST OF ALL THE FLASH'S ENEMIES CLEVER, MERCILESS! AT HIS FINGERTIPS ARE A THOUSAND SINISTER SCHEMES FOR DARING ROBBERIES, A HUNDRED PERFECT MURDERS CYNICAL, ARROGANT, ASSURED, HE BOASTS OF THE CRIMES HE WILL COMMIT OFFERING CLUES IN ADVANCE



AT TUMBLE INN...

EVERYTHING'S SET!
SHE'S SURE TO
GIVE THIS NOTE TO
THE FLASH
I'LL LEAVE IT
UNDER MY PLATE!

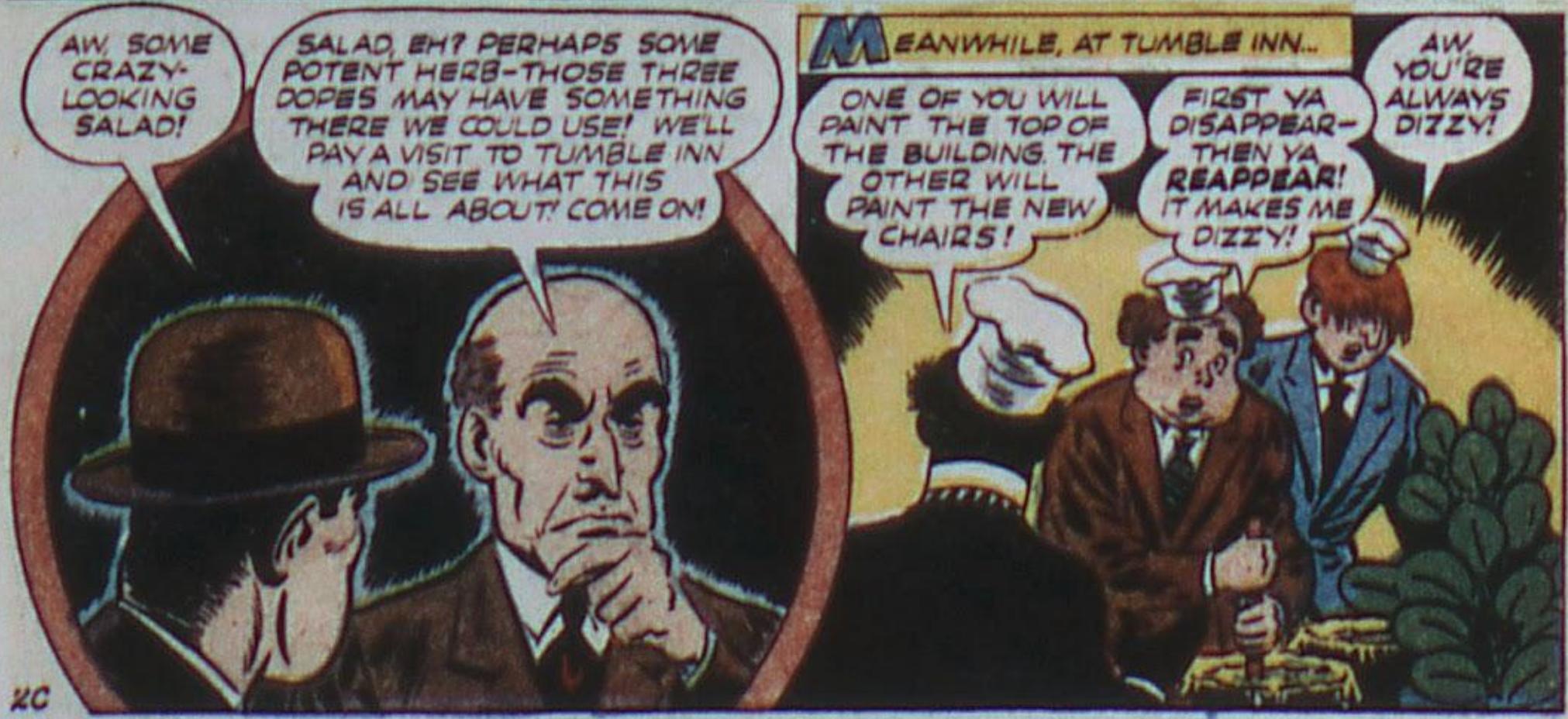
A WAITER FINDS THE NOTE ...

FOR ME? ... OH, FOR
THE FLASH! ALL
RIGHT, I'LL SEE THAT
HE GETS IT!



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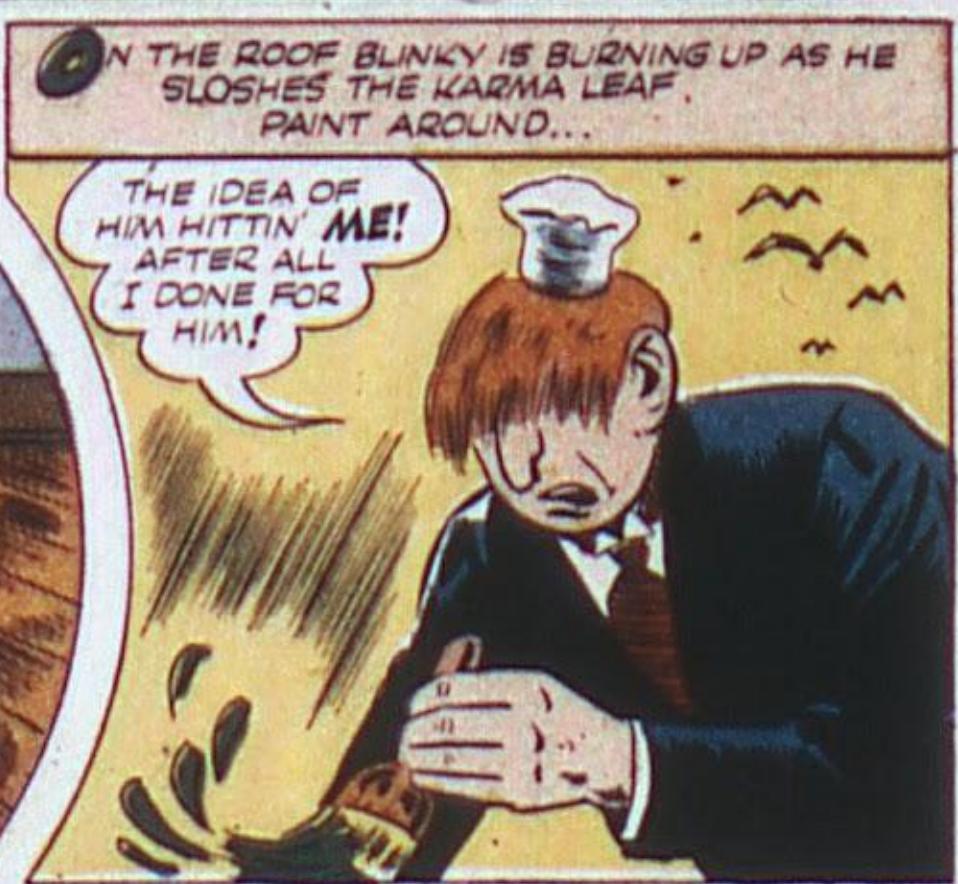




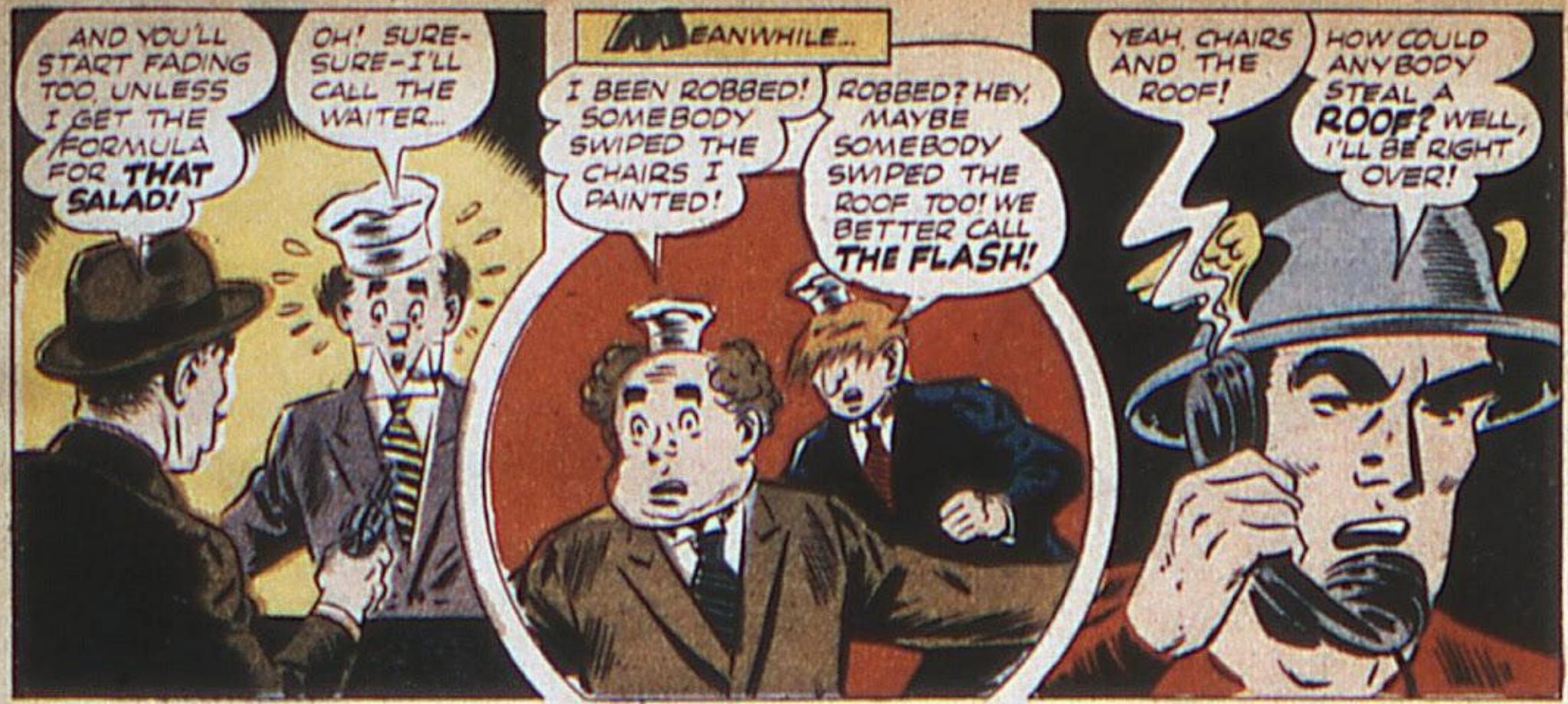
AS NODDY MOVES TO STOP THE BELLIGERENTS, HIS ELBOW ACCIDENTALLY DISPLACES SOME LOOSE KARMA PLANT LEAVES! THEY FLUTTER SILENTLY INTO THE PAINT PAILS...



AS WINKY INDUSTRIOUSLY PAINTS AWAY, THE POTENT KARMA LEAVES WIELD THEIR STRANGE AND EERIE POWER...









I'M NOT SURE! AMYL ACETATE IS KNOWN AS BANANA OIL! IT IS HIGHLY INFLAMMABLE, AND BURNS FURIOUSLY! BUT WHAT GOOD WILL IT DO ANYONE TO BURN DOWN A BANK?

WHILE I LOOK AROUND THE BANK TO SEE WHAT'S UP, NODDY, I WANT YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT'S CAUSING THIS STRANGE SURGE OF INVISIBILITY!

LEAVE IT TO ME, FLASH!

MEANWHILE, THE THINKER'S PLANS MOVE SMOOTHLY ALONG...

YOU'LL EASILY GET IN BECAUSE ALL OF YOU ARE DISGUISED AS THE NIGHT GUARDS WE KIDNAPPED! NOW—DON'T FORGET TO EAT THESE SALADS BEFORE YOU DON YOUR ASBESTOS SUITS!

LATER, IN THE BANK, AMYL ACETATE (BANANA OIL) IS SPRAYED THOROUGHLY ALL OVER THE VAULT...

THE FLARE OF A MATCH ROARS INTO A HOLOCAUST...

AS SOON AS THE DOOR GIVES WAY, WE'LL FILL THESE ASBESTOS MONEY BAGS!

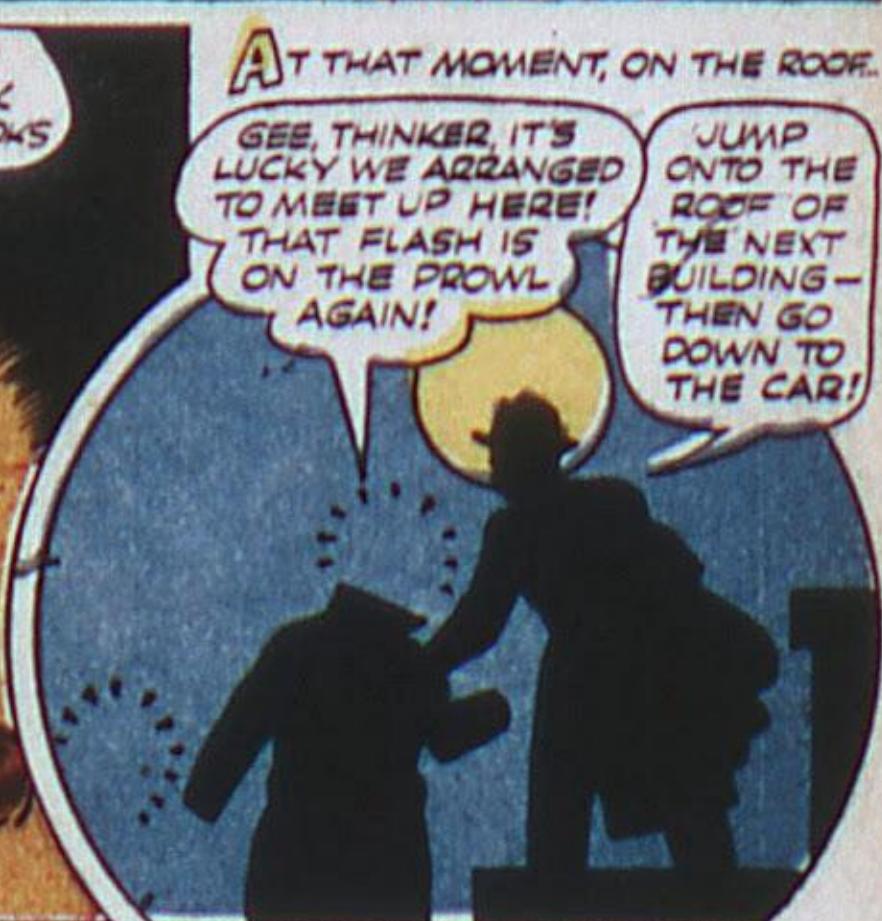
I WAS RIGHT! THE THINKER'S THUGS ARE ON THE JOB!



EVEN THOUGH INVISIBLE, THE THINKER'S JACKALS NEED AIR... PRECIOUS OXYGEN...



SCANT SECONDS LATER, AFTER THE GANG-
STERS HAVE FLED...



YOU AND YOUR SPEED!
YOU'VE WON THIS ROUND,
FLASH, BUT WAIT AND
SEE MY **NEXT** JOB!
EVEN YOU WON'T
BE ABLE TO
RUIN IT!

I COVERED THE INSIDE OF
THAT BANK IN FIVE SECONDS
FLAT! THOSE THUGS
COULDN'T HAVE
ESCAPED THAT FAST—
AND YET THEY SEEM
TO HAVE
DISAPPEARED...

DISAPPEARED! TOO MANY
THINGS HAVE DISAPPEARED!
FIRST NODDY BECOMES INVISIBLE,
THEN I TRIP OVER SOME CHAIRS
I CAN'T SEE—AND NOW
THOSE THUGS ARE GONE!
AND IT ALL BEGAN SINCE
NODDY STARTED COMPLAIN-
ING ABOUT PECULIAR
SALADS HIS WAITER
WAS CONCOCTING!

EARLY THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

HELLO, BOYS!
WHERE'S THAT
WAITER WHO
MAKES THE
SALADS?

HI, FLASH!
HIM? HE'S
DUE IN
AROUND
ELEVEN!

YEAH—BUT
WE WORK
ALL THE
TIME!

BUT, FLASH,
I AIN'T
HUNGRY, I
TELL YA!

I'M SORRY TO DO THIS
TO YOU, NODDY... BUT
TAKE A MOUTHFUL
OF THESE KARMA
LEAVES NEXT!
THEY'RE OUR
LAST RESORT!

THERE'S OUR
ANSWER!..
**THE KARMA
LEAVES!**

HEY, NODDY! THOSE
CROOKS ARE BACK
AGAIN FOR MORE
SALAD. THEY WANT IT
IN SANDWICHES
THIS TIME... ULP...

OH, MISERY!
NOW I'M
INVISIBLE...
AGAIN!

GIVE THEM THE SANDWICHES,
BLINKY—BUT LEAVE OUT
THE KARMA LEAVES
THIS TIME!



IF I WASN'T SURE DE FLASH
WAS HIDIN' SOMEWHERE
AROUND HERE I'D FIND
OUT RIGHT NOW WHAT
MAKES DIS
SALAD WORK!

YES, INDEED...
GOOD BYE,
PLEASE!

WITH MY SPEED I CAN BE
INVISIBLE WITHOUT KARMA
LEAVES - AND MAKE MY
CLOTHES INVISIBLE, TOO!
I'LL SEE WHAT THOSE
CROOKS ARE UP TO!



THIS IS GONNA BE
A CINCH.... START
EATIN' WHEN
WE GET
INSIDE!

OHO! SO THAT'S
WHY THEY
WANTED THE
SALADS!

THE PAYROLL,
CHUM! WHERE
IS IT?

IN-IN
THE SAFE,
MISTER...

WE BETTER
START CHEWIN'
ON THESE
SANDWICHES!



BUT - JUST THEN -

HELLO
BOYS! OUT
FOR A
STROLL?

HEH-HEH!
HELLO
FLASH!

STAND ASIDE, BUD! MY
FRIEND HERE WANTS TO
SHOW YOU THAT A
NEW BROOM
SWEEPS CLEAN!

DUSHT MAKESH
ME WANNA
SHNEE---SHNEEZE...
AAAHHCHOO!





THE FLASH VS.
THE THINKER! THE
GREAT LAW
UPHOLDER AGAINST
THE MIGHTY
CRIMINAL! THE
BATTLE GROWS
HOTTER AS
IT REACHES THE
FINAL SHOWDOWN!
CAN THE SCARLET
SPEEDSTER DEAL
A KNOCKOUT
BLOW TO THE
BRAINY THINKER?
HERE WE GO,
FOLKS, GRAB A
RINGSIDE SEAT,
FOR THE LAST
ROUND IS
ABOUT TO COME
UP.....

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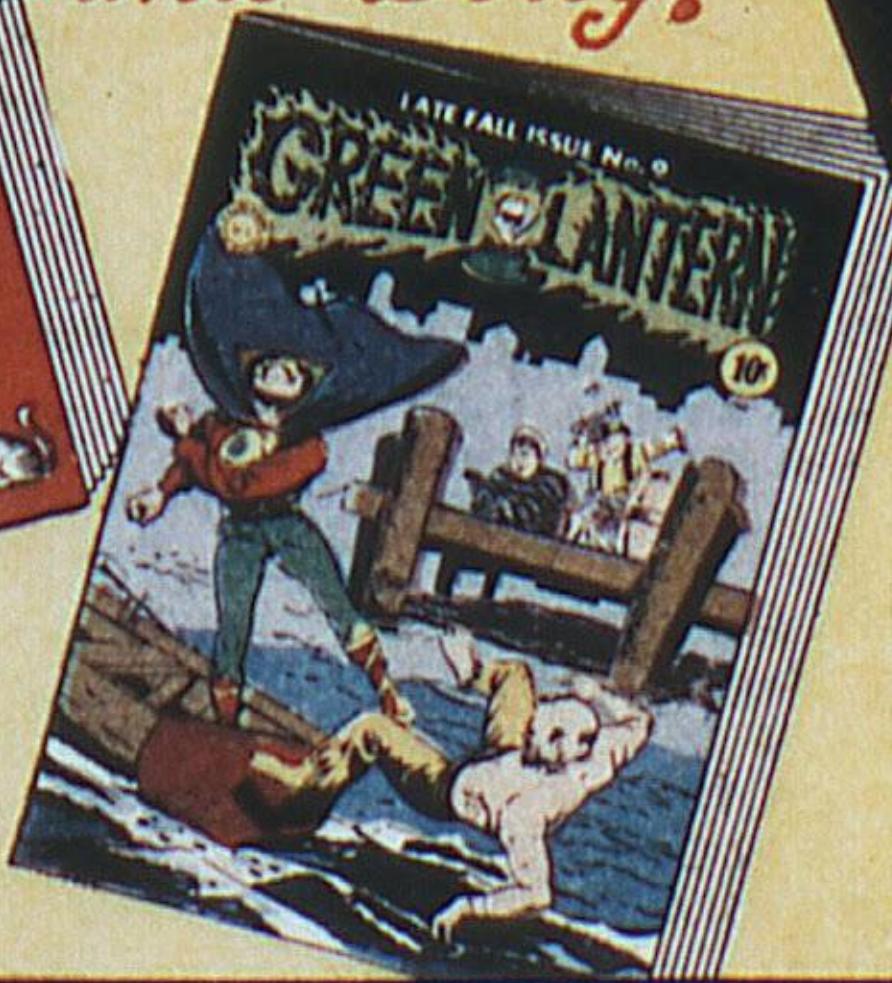
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CHAPTER
- FOUR -
WHO'S THE
REAL
THINKER

W HO WOULD EVER SUSPECT BLINKY, WINKY AND NODDY OF BEING MASTER MINDS OF CRIME? THOSE THREE DIMWITS CAN HARDLY MAKE UP THEIR OWN MINDS, MUCH LESS ANYONE ELSE'S! AND YET... AND YET... THE THINKER HAS THE TEMERITY TO ACCUSE THEM OF BEING BEHIND THIS BRILLIANT SCHEME ... LET'S SEE FOR OURSELVES

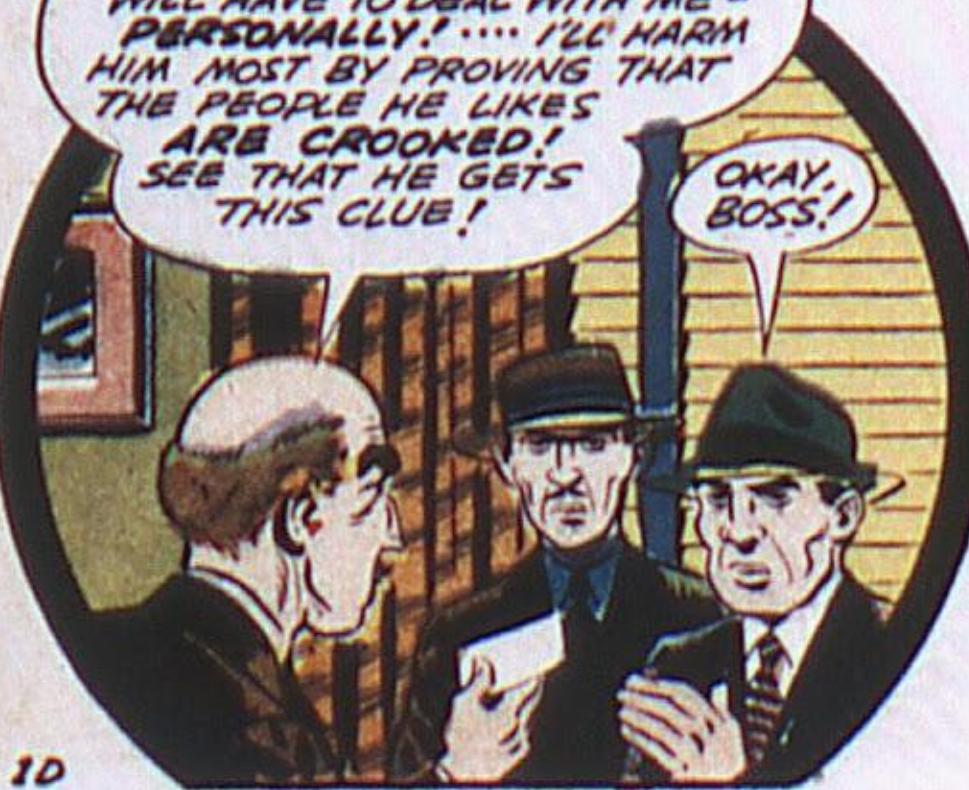


I'M NOT TAKING ANY MORE CHANCES! THIS TIME THE FLASH WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH ME - PERSONALLY! I'LL HARM HIM MOST BY PROVING THAT THE PEOPLE HE LIKES ARE CROOKED! SEE THAT HE GETS THIS CLUE!

OKAY,
BOSS!

MEANWHILE, AT TUMBLE INN, THE FLASH IS ON THE ALERT....

THE THINKER SEEMS TO GO FOR THESE KARMA LEAVES, SO I'LL JUST TAKE THEM ALONG... THEY'LL BE SAFER IN MY CARE!





AFTER JOAN HAS CHECKED THE WAITER'S STORY...

BUT I SAW THEM MYSELF—
PAPERS DESCRIBING THE
CRIMES YOU TRIED
TO STOP...

SOUNDS
PREPOSTEROUS
—BUT I'D
BETTER LOOK
INTO IT...

SCANT SECONDS LATER—AT TUMBLE INN...

YES OFFICER,
THESE PAPERS
DESCRIBE
THOSE CRIMES
EXACTLY!

YA SEE?
I TOLD
YA SO!

I'LL SEND
OUT A GENERAL
ALARM FOR
THOSE THREE
GUYS!



JUST A MINUTE,
OFFICER! THOSE
PAPERS COULD
HAVE BEEN
PLANTED
HERE!

YEAH? IT'S FUNNY
THOSE CLUE CARDS
ALWAYS CAME FROM
HERE! THOSE GUYS
INVENTED THAT INVISI-
BILITY STUNT, DIDN'T THEY?
AND WENT OFF WITH
THOSE CROOKS? THEY'RE
GUILTY, AND I'M
GONNA GET 'EM!

"WHEN IT RAINS INDOORS,
I SHALL REMOVE THE
LONG GREEN FROM
LONGGREEN.... THE
THINKER!"... HMM... I
NOT ONLY HAVE TO STOP
THE THINKER NOW BUT
I ALSO HAVE TO PROVE
THAT THE BOYS ARE
NOT CROOKS BUT
JUST PLAIN SAPS!

AND THE SAPS HAVE
BEEN QUITE BUSY CON-
VINCING THE THINKER HOW
SAPPY THEY REALLY ARE—

HOPELESS? OH, NO! BUT
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH AN
ABYSMAL INTELLIGENCE
LEVEL! MORONIC FACES,
AND SUB-NORMAL MINDS!
THEY'RE PRACTICALLY
DROOLING IDIOTS!

AW!
QUIT
FLATTER-
IN' US!

THANKS,
MISTER!



THEN... AS A MARK OF MY
ESTEEM, I'M GOING
TO LET YOU STAY HERE
AND ENJOY ALL THIS—
FREE OF CHARGE! AND
YOU CAN INVITE THE
FLASH TO VISIT
YOU HERE!

SAY DAT'S
SWELL! I'LL
SEND A
TELEGRAM!

LATER...

GET SET FOR THE
LONGGREEN JOB! AND
WHEN WE'RE THROUGH
WITH THAT, THIS
TELEGRAM I HELPED
THE DOPES WRITE WILL
HELP ME FINISH OFF
THE FLASH—
FOREVER!



LITTLE LATER, UPTOWN...

LONGGREEN...AH! HERE IT IS-
LONGGREEN'S DEPARTMENT
STORE! FARMER MEANT.
FARMER'S BANK...SO THIS
MUST MEAN THAT STORE!
HERE'S HOPING I
MAKE IT IN TIME!

BETTER HURRY FLASH-THE THINKER AND HIS
MEN ARE ALREADY ON THE JOB!

ALL RIGHT MEN! THE
PAYROLL HAS JUST BEEN
DELIVERED UPSTAIRS!
QUICKLY NOW WHILE
I TAKE CARE OF
OUR PROTECTIVE
DEVICES....



UPSTAIRS...

LOCK THE MONEY
IN THE SAFE, MISS
CRAWFORD!

DON'T BOTHER
MISS CRAWFORD...
WE'LL SAVE YA
THE TROUBLE!

HAND
IT OVER!

OHHH...

GREAT
STUFF,
SOAP
FLAKES!



SUDDENLY!

WELL BOYS-
BEING
THOUGHTFUL
AGAIN, EH?

IT'S-IT'S
THE
FLASH!

OHOH....

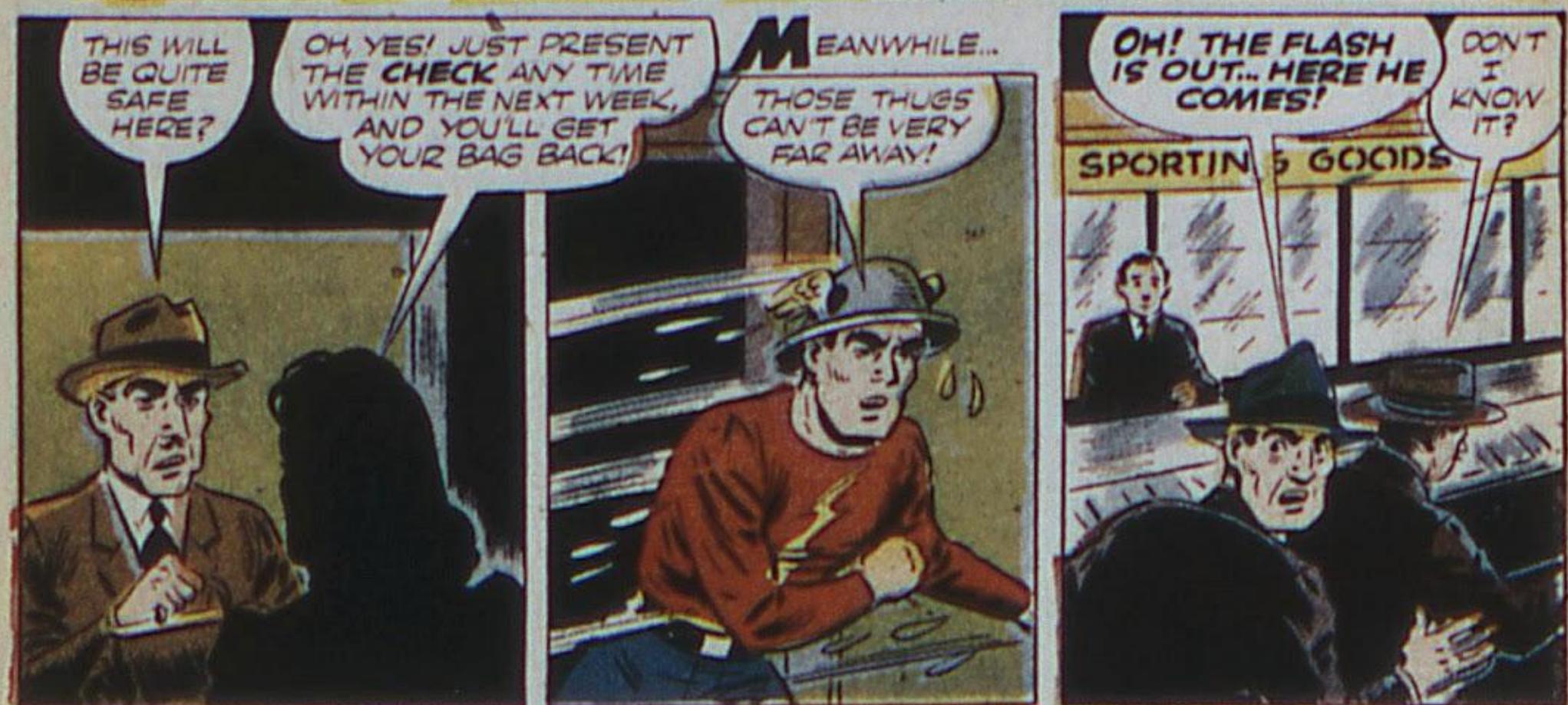
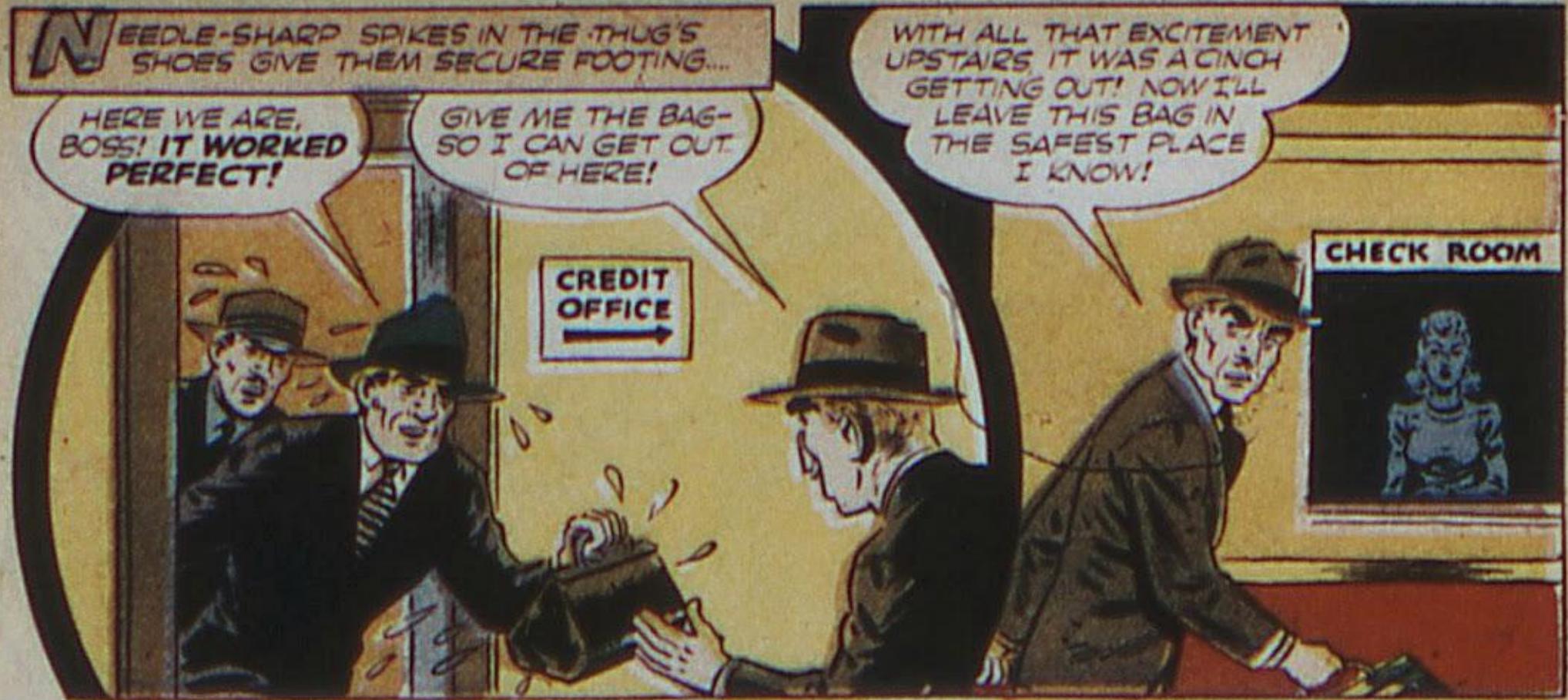
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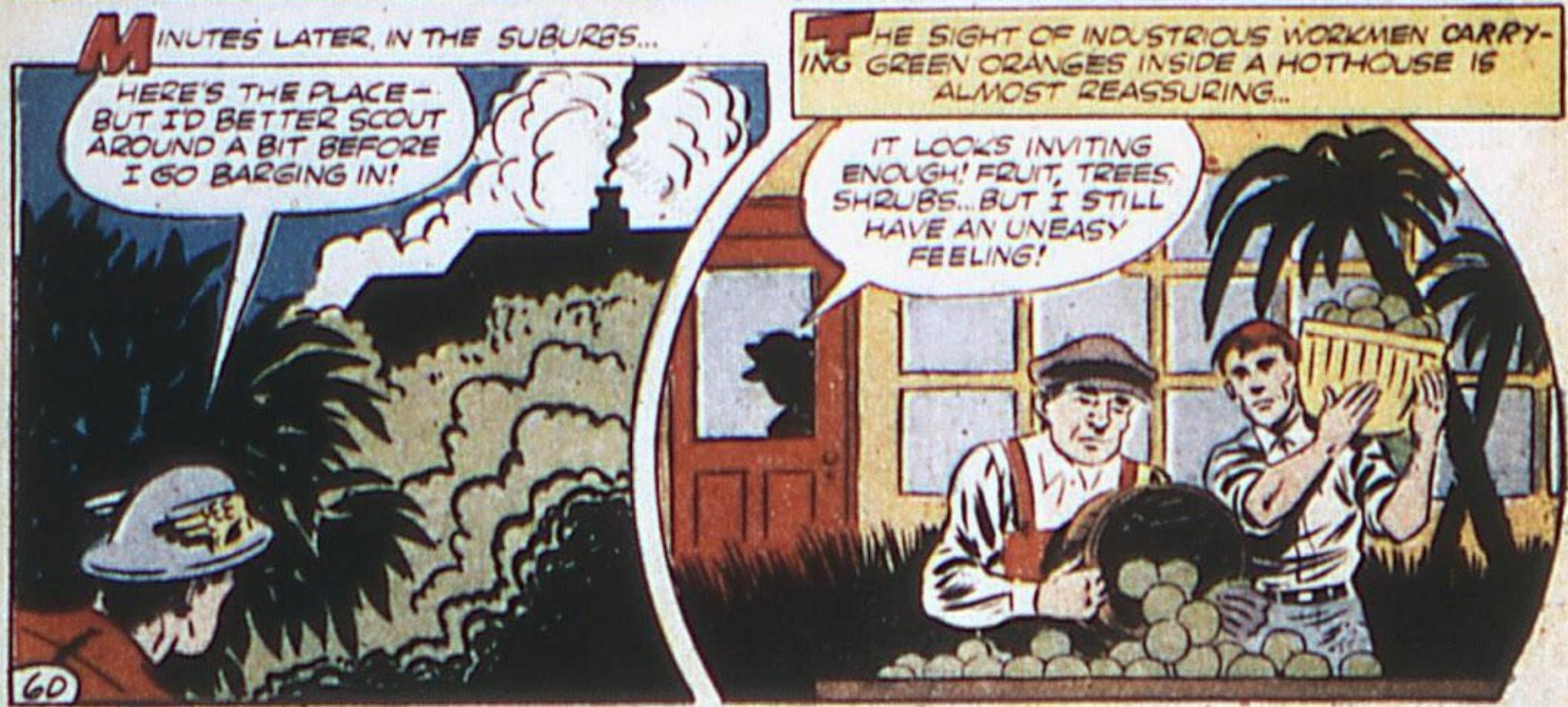
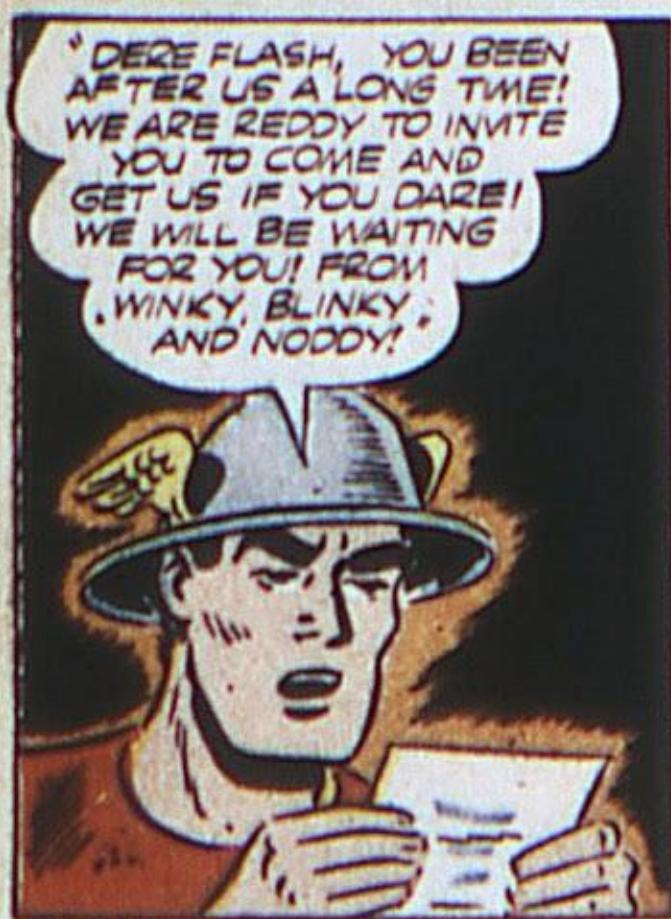
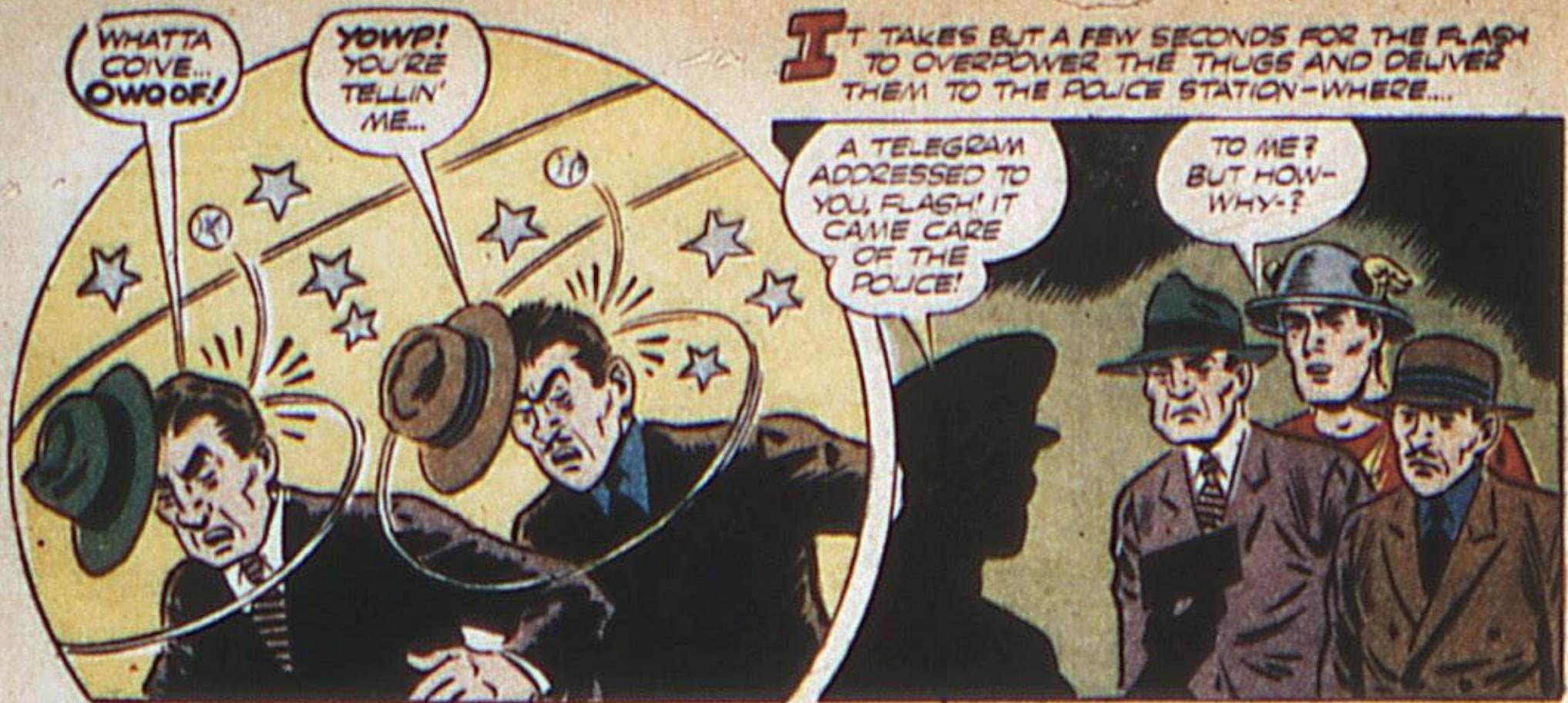
HAHA! THE
THINKERS ON :
THE JOB-
WHATTA MAN!

WHAT...??

OOPS! THE WATER AND
SOAP HAVE MADE THIS
FLOOR AS SLIPPERY
AS A BANANA PEEL!







GO ON IN, FLASH,
GO ON IN! IT WILL
BE OVER IN A
MOMENT! YOU
WILL FEEL NO
PAIN!

OH, WELL—I CAN'T QUITE
PICTURE WINKY BLINKY
AND NODDY—WHY
THERE THEY ARE!

WITH ONE HAND ON THE HANDLE
OF THE HOTHOUSE DOOR THE
SCARLET SPEEDSTER PAUSES,
HIS KEEN EYES FASTENED
ON THE ORANGES THAT
ARE CHANGING COLOR...

OH-OH! THAT COLOR CHANGE
WAS TOO FAST—BUT WINKY
BLINKY AND NODDY—I'VE
GOT TO SAVE THEM!

HEY, FLASH.
HOW ARE
YA?

WHATCHA
STARIN'
AT SO
FUNNY?

I-I-
WHAT IN
THUNDER...
??

IF YOU WERE IN
THERE, YOU'D BE
COOKED GEESE
BY NOW!

COME OUT
OF THERE
THEN YA
SAPS!

YEAH,
WHATCHA
WATIN'
FER? GET
OUT OF
THERE!

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING THAT
WILL CHANGE ORANGES' COLOR SO
QUICKLY—ETHYLENE! IT'S AS DEADLY
AS ETHER! I'D HAVE BEEN OUT ON
MY FEET BEFORE I TOOK TEN
STEPS IN THAT ROOM—
IT'S FILLED WITH IT!

OOOH... AN'
THAT WAS ME
IN THERE! NO
WONDER I FEEL
WEAK!

I WAS IN THERE
WITH YA!
WHATTA YOU
GETTIN' SO
EXCITED
ABOUT?

ARE YA BOTH
CRAZY? THEY
WERE DUMMIES
IN THERE!

THAT REMINDS ME! ARE YOU THE ONES BEHIND THIS THINKER BUSINESS? YOUR TELEGRAM SOUNDED AS IF YOU WERE!

ER-WELL, I FORGOT HOW TO SPELL A FEW WORDS-

SO THAT NICE MAN WE'RE VISITING DICTATED IT AND NODDY WROTE IT DOWN!

WHOEVER DICTATED THAT NOTE WANTED TO FINISH ME OFF! IT'S EITHER THE THINKER, OR ONE OF HIS MEN!



UPSTAIRS, SLITTED EYES FOLLOW THE FLASH'S PROGRESS BY MEANS OF ELECTRICALLY CONTROLLED LIGHTS ON A WALL MAP OF THE HOUSE...

AS THE LEVER IS THROWN, THE FLOOR BENEATH THE FLASH FALLS AWAY AND HE PLUMMETS DOWNWARD TOWARD....

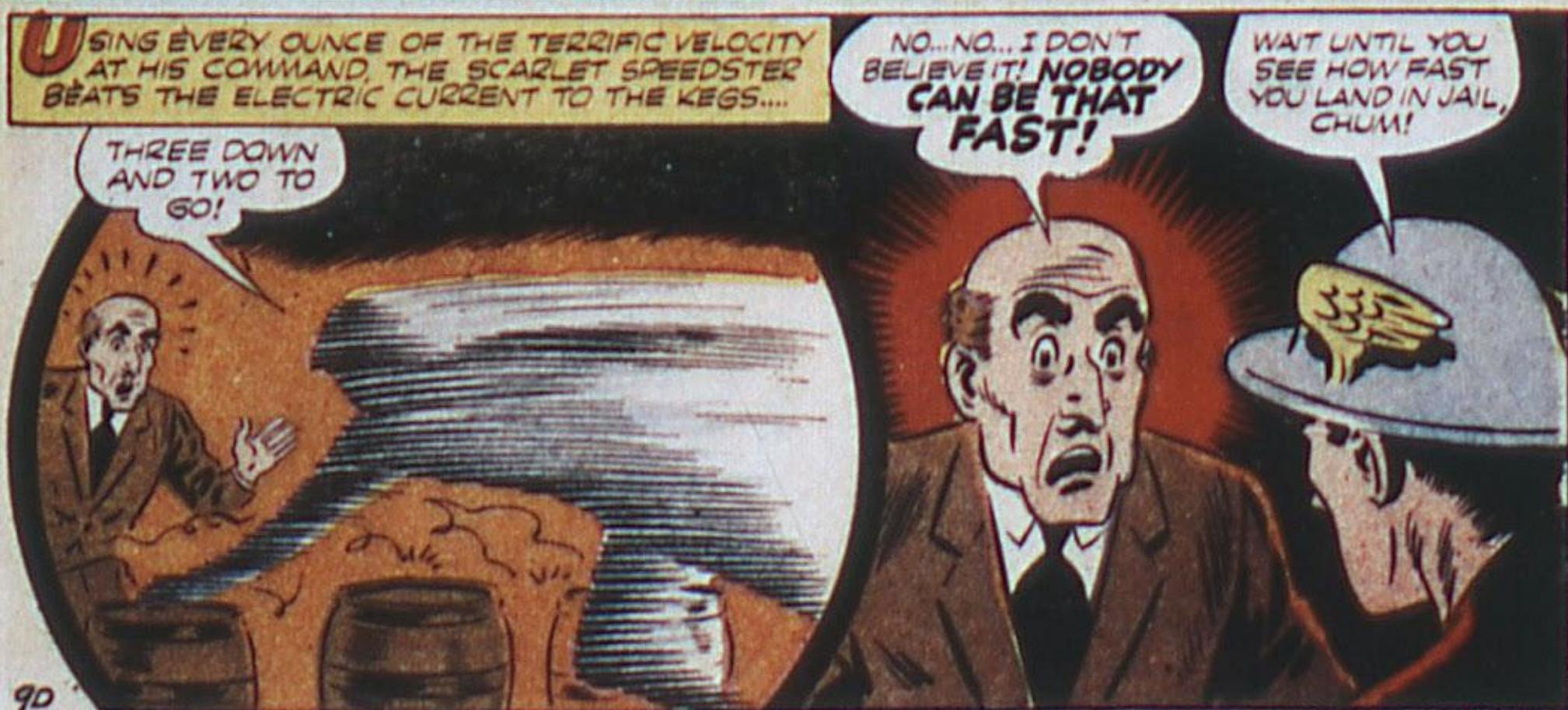
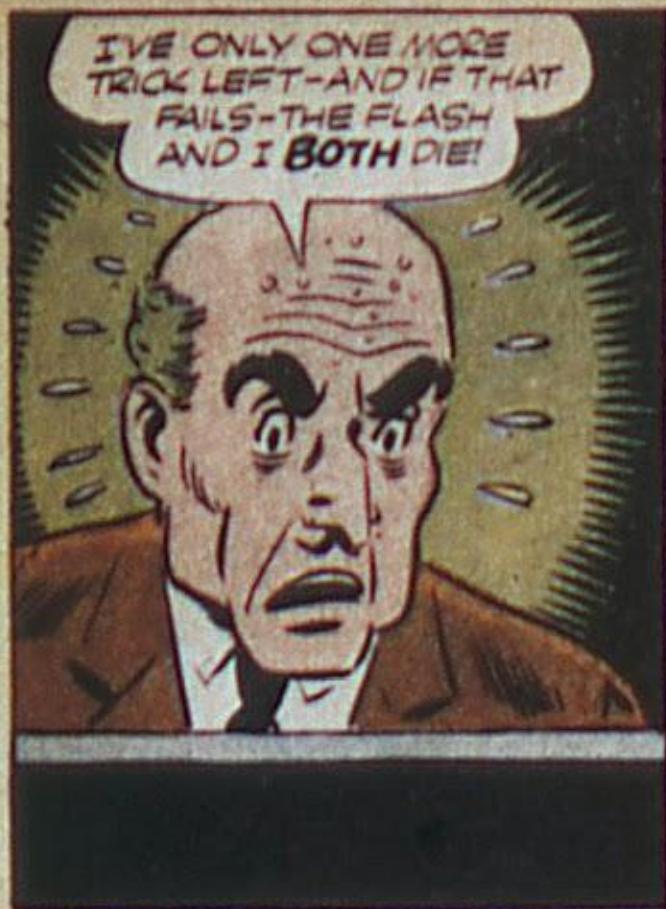


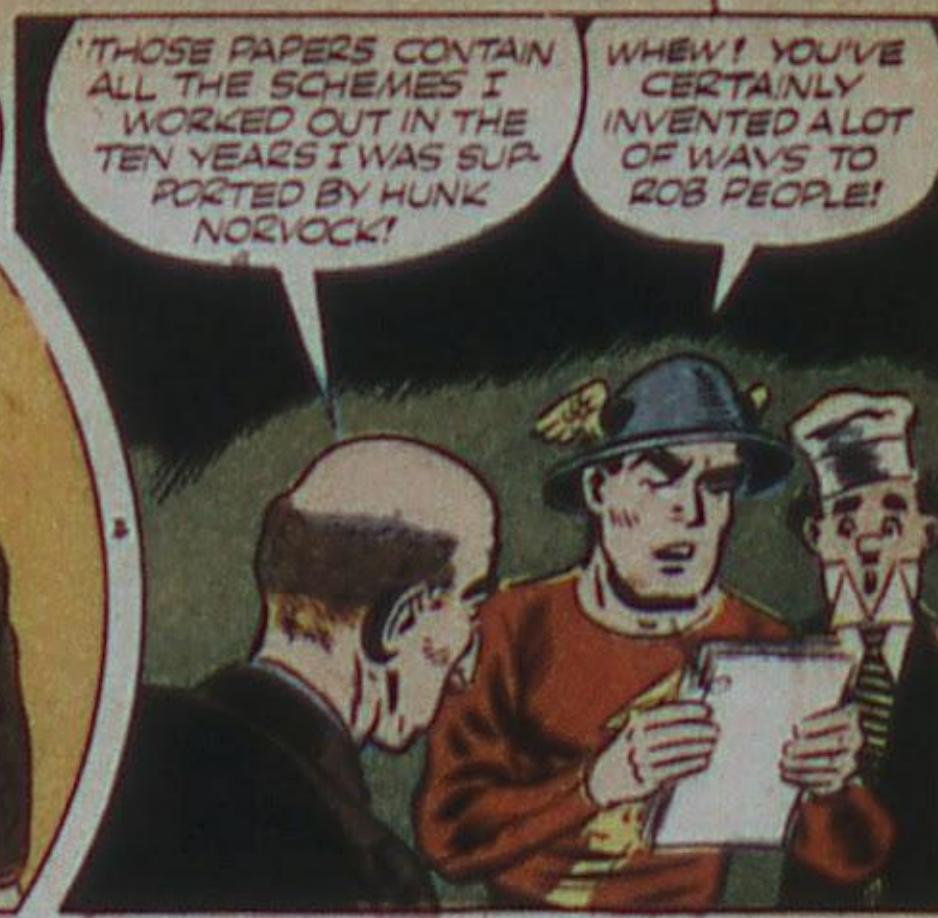
STEAMING, BUBBLING, A HUGE CAULDRON OF SULPHURIC ACID, POTENT ENOUGH TO BITE THROUGH FLESH AND BONE, AWAITS THE HURTLING SPEED DEMON...



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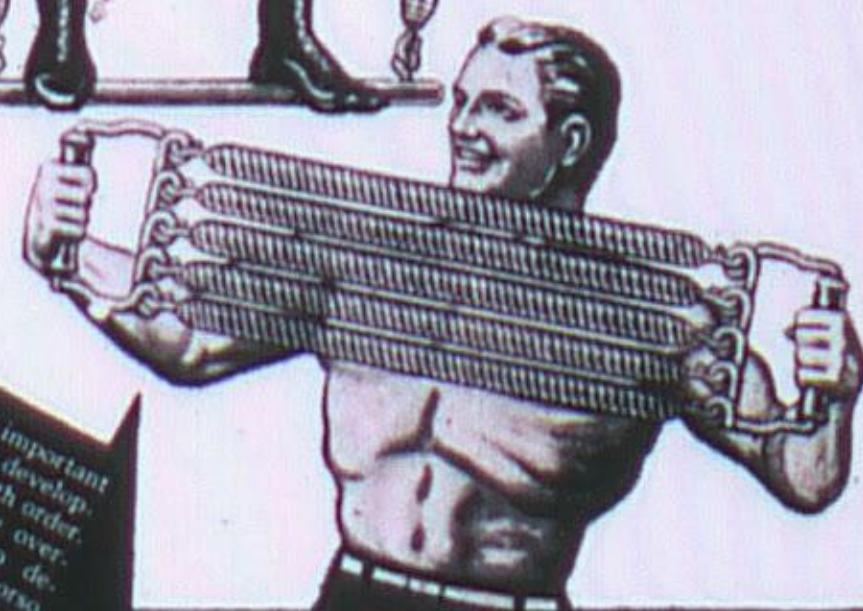
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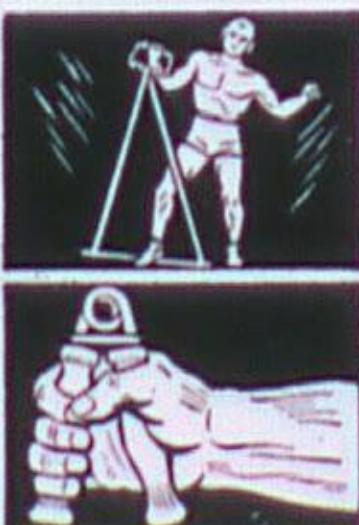
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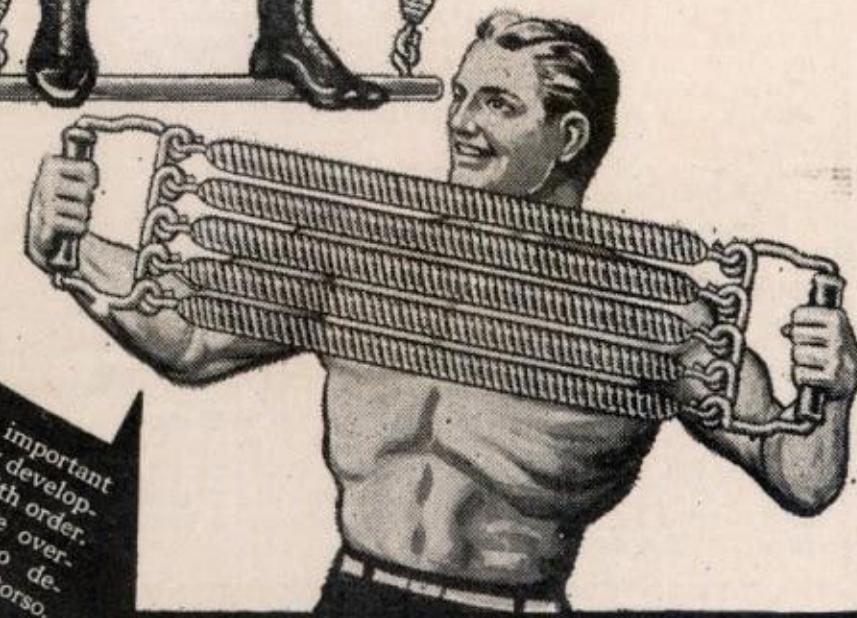
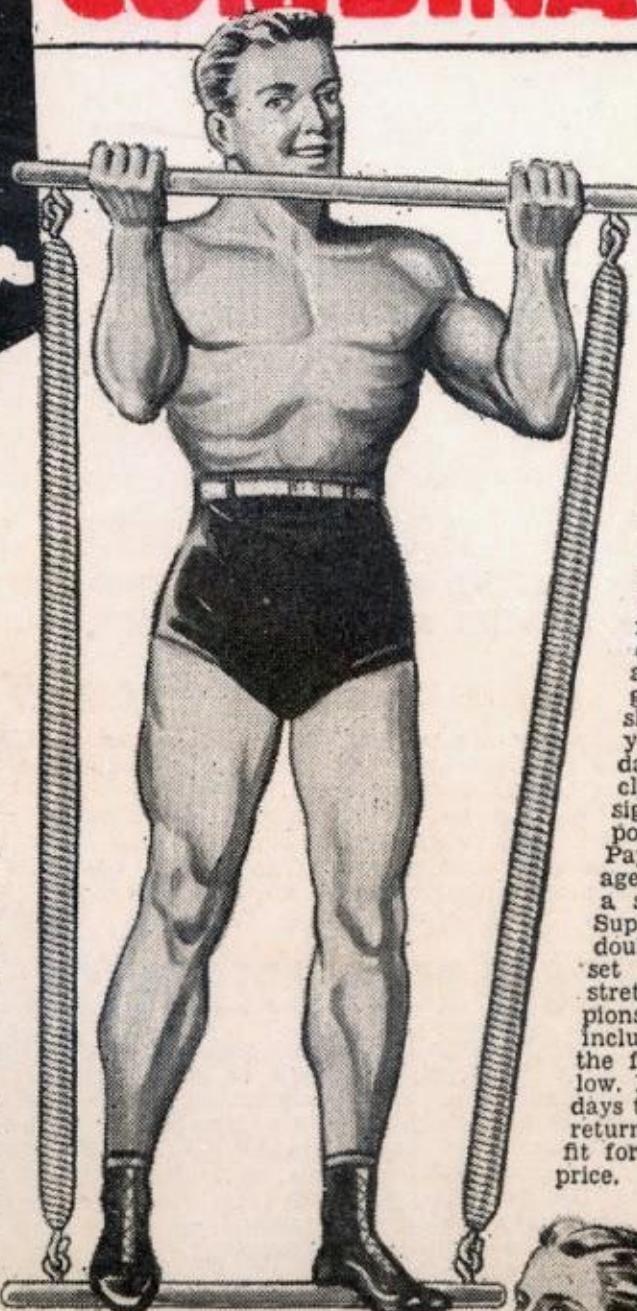
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