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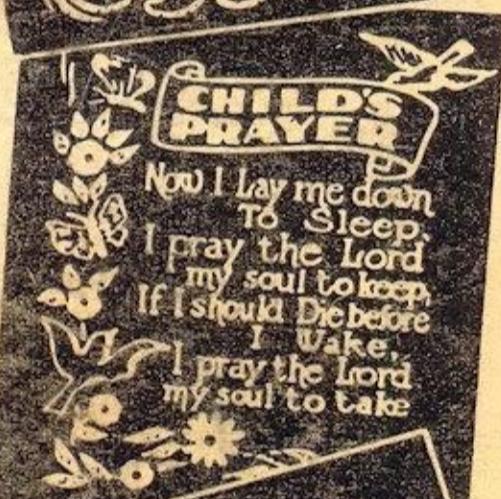
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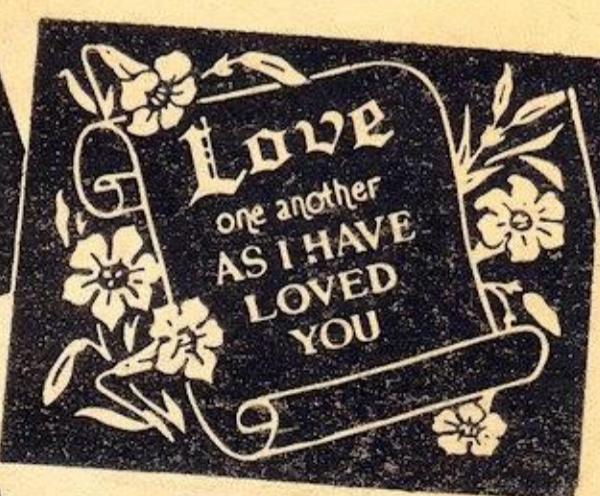
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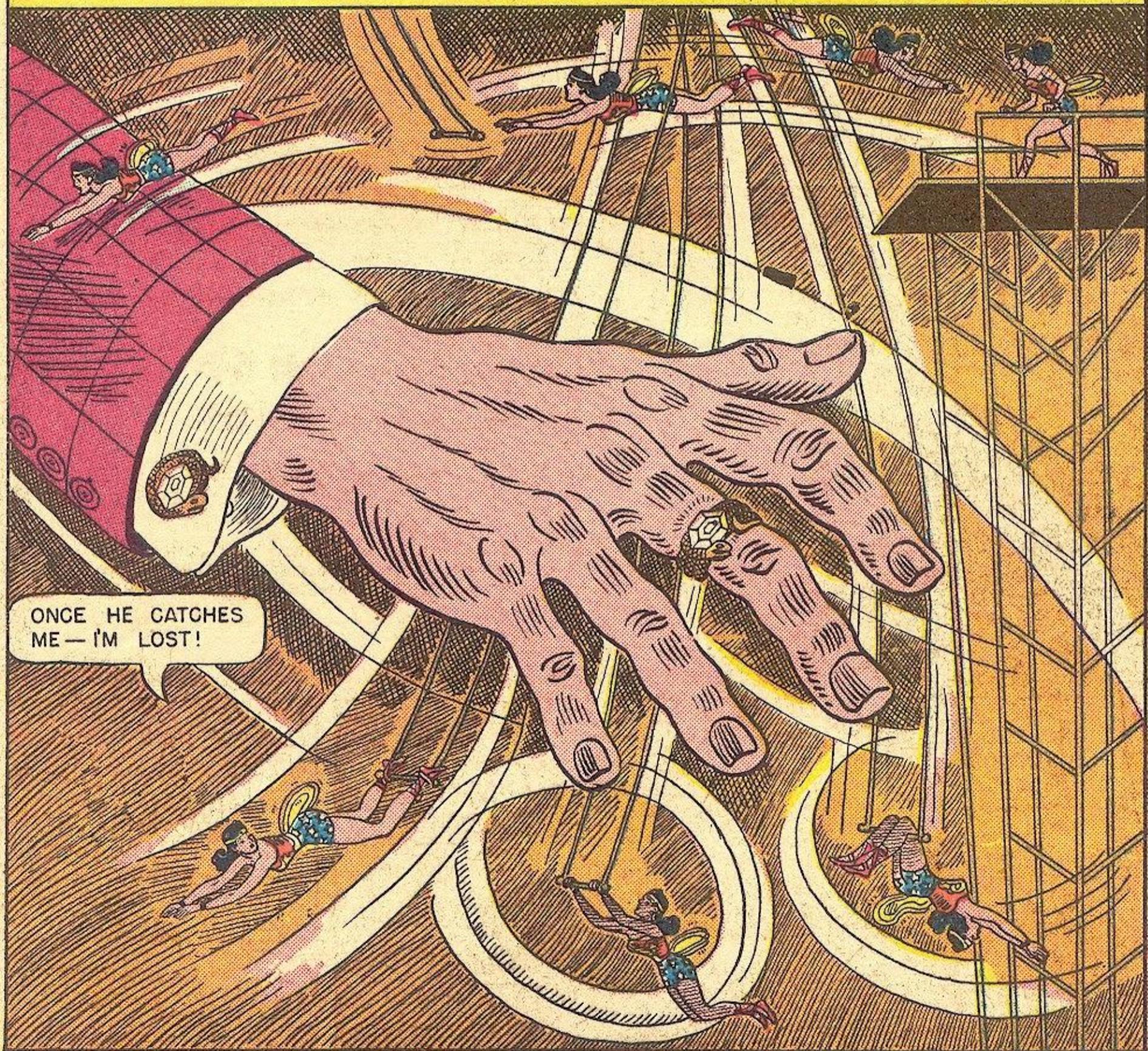
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Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

WE ALL KNOW FROM OBSERVATION THAT A MERE BREATH CAN SEND A FLEA TUMBLING OVER! YET, WONDER WOMAN—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES—MUST BATTLE A GIGANTIC, DIABOLICAL VILLAIN IN THE MOST SENSATIONAL ADVENTURE OF HER CAREER, IN THE STARTLING TALE OF----

"WONDER WOMAN *in* THE AMAZON FLEA CIRCUS!"



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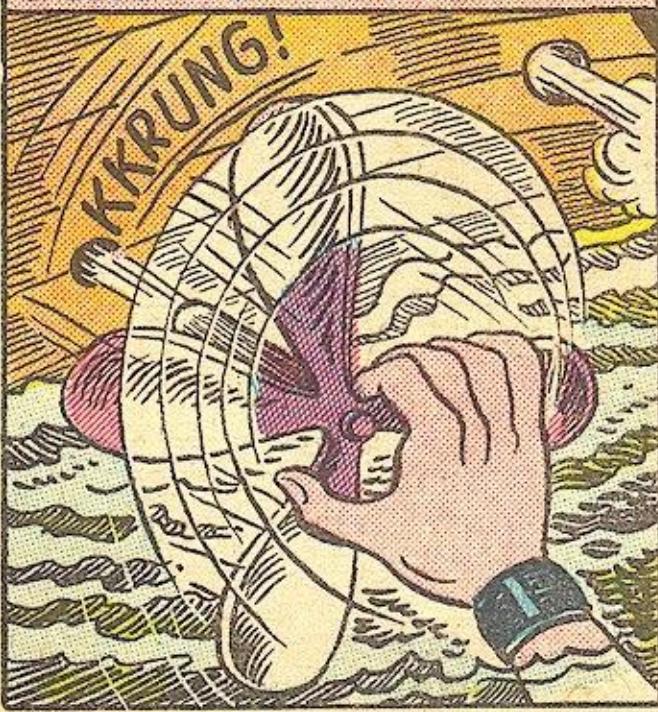
ON A FAST MOTORBOAT SPEEDING DOWN THE WEST RIVER---

WE'RE IN THE CLEAR, BOSS!
AN' WHAT A HAUL WE GOT
THIS TIME!

YEAH—AN' FOR ONCE—
WONDER WOMAN AINT
ON OUR TRAIL! EVEN IF
SHE WAS—SHE COULDN'T
CATCH UP TO THIS FAST
GETAWAY BOAT!



BUT, AT THAT MOMENT, STREAKING THROUGH THE WATER—A POWERFUL HAND SEIZES THE SPEEDBOAT'S PROPELLER—

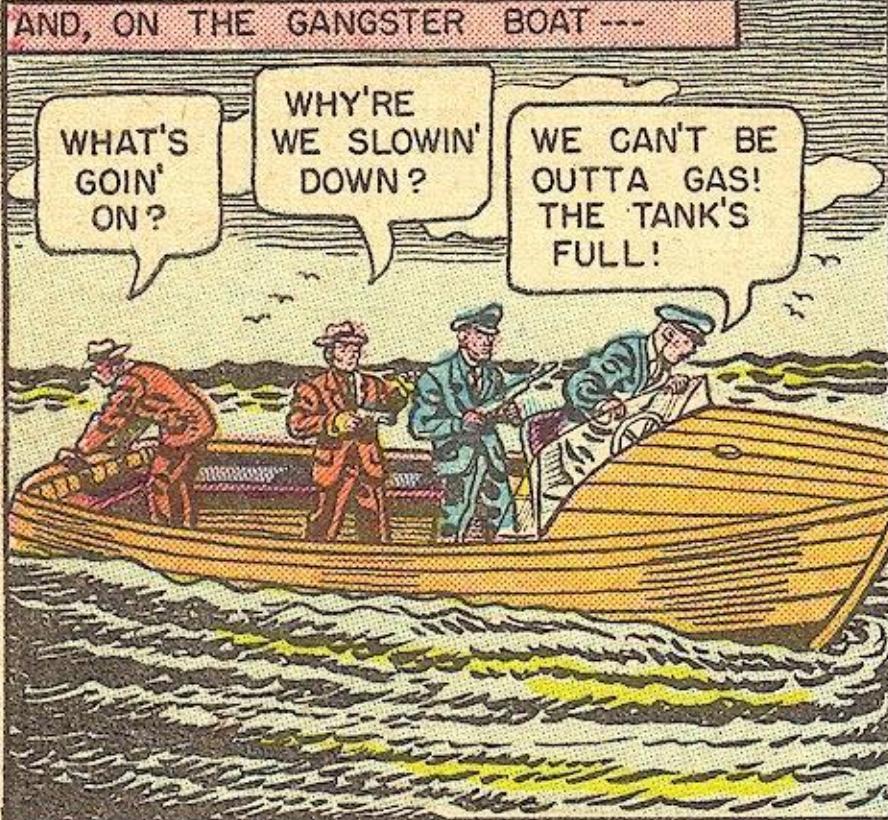


AND, ON THE GANGSTER BOAT ---

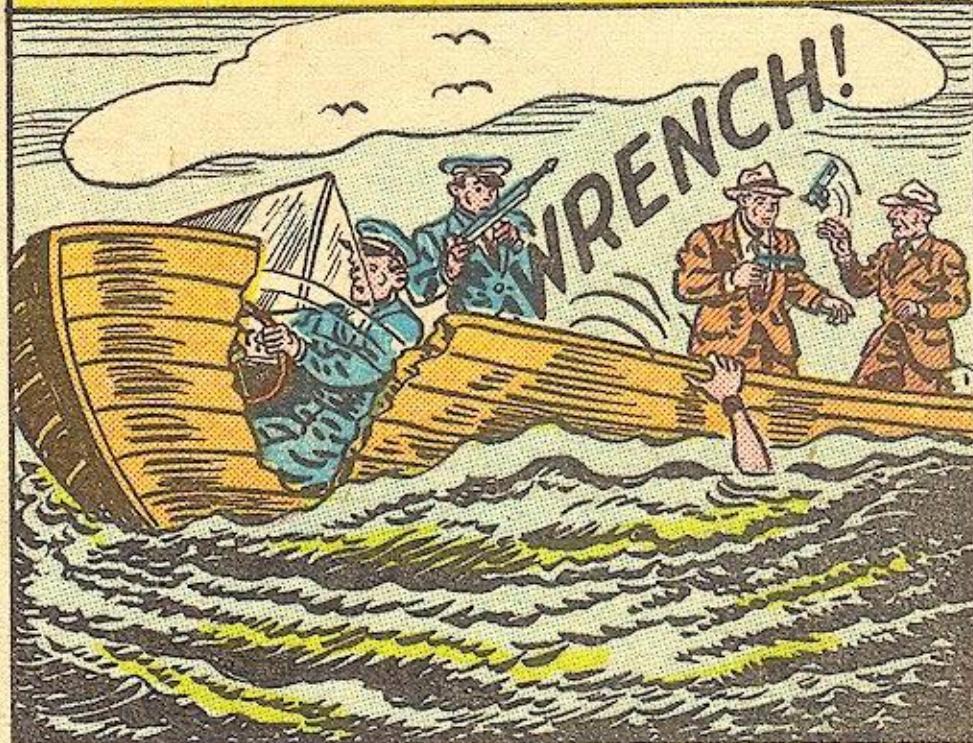
WHAT'S
GOIN'
ON?

WHY'RE
WE SLOWIN'
DOWN?

WE CAN'T BE
OUTTA GAS!
THE TANK'S
FULL!



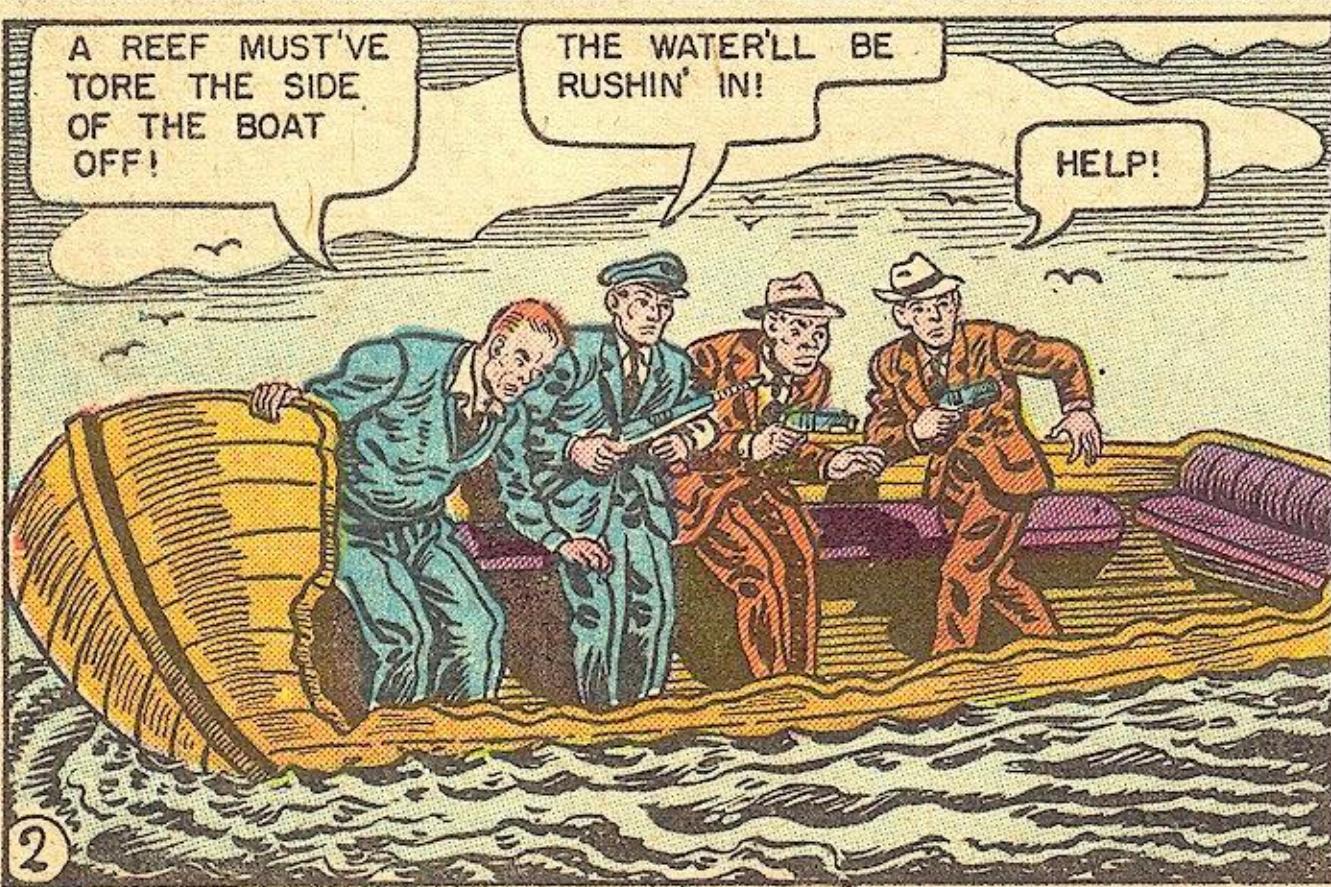
AGAIN, A POWERFUL HAND REACHES OUT—
THIS TIME TO THE SIDE OF THE BOAT---



A REEF MUST'VE
TORE THE SIDE
OF THE BOAT
OFF!

THE WATER'LL BE
RUSHIN' IN!

HELP!



INSTANTLY, THE FAMILIAR
FACE OF WONDER WOMAN
APPEARS---

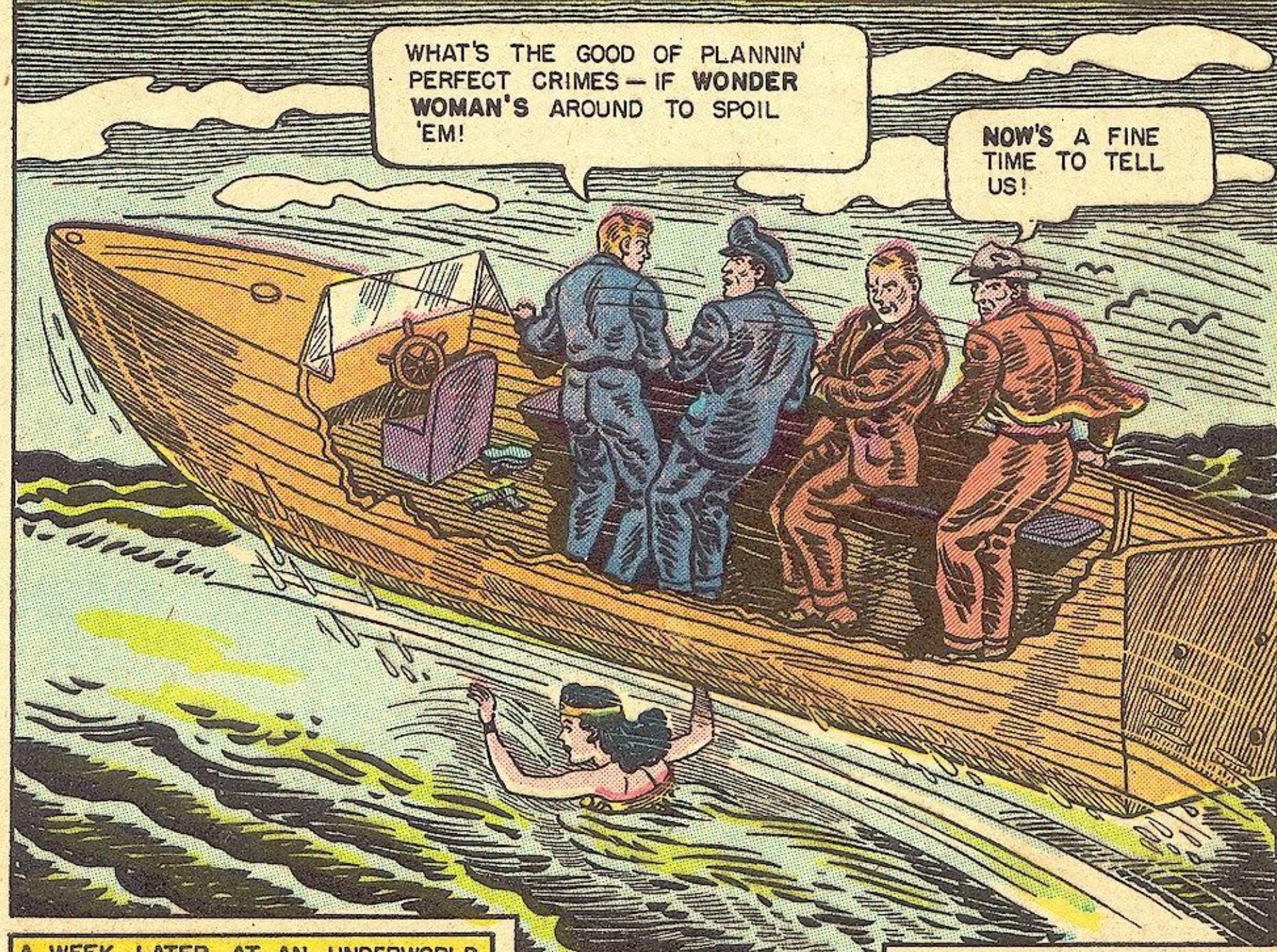
DON'T WORRY! I WON'T
LET YOU DROWN! I'M
GOING TO DELIVER YOU
SAFELY—WITHOUT EVEN
A DROP OF WATER ON
YOU!



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BALANCING THE BOAT WITH ONE HAND, THE MIGHTY AMAZON SWIMS TOWARD 'SHORE WITH THE STUNNED CRIMINALS ---



A WEEK LATER, AT AN UNDERWORLD HIDEOUT, GANG CHIEFS FILE PAST A CHEST ---



NO CHECKS! ONLY CASH! TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH! THAT'S WHAT WE AGREED ON FOR THE JOB I'M GOING TO DO!

SORRY, SPIDER! I FORGOT! I MUST'VE REACHED INTO THE WRONG POCKET BY MISTAKE!

FINALLY ---

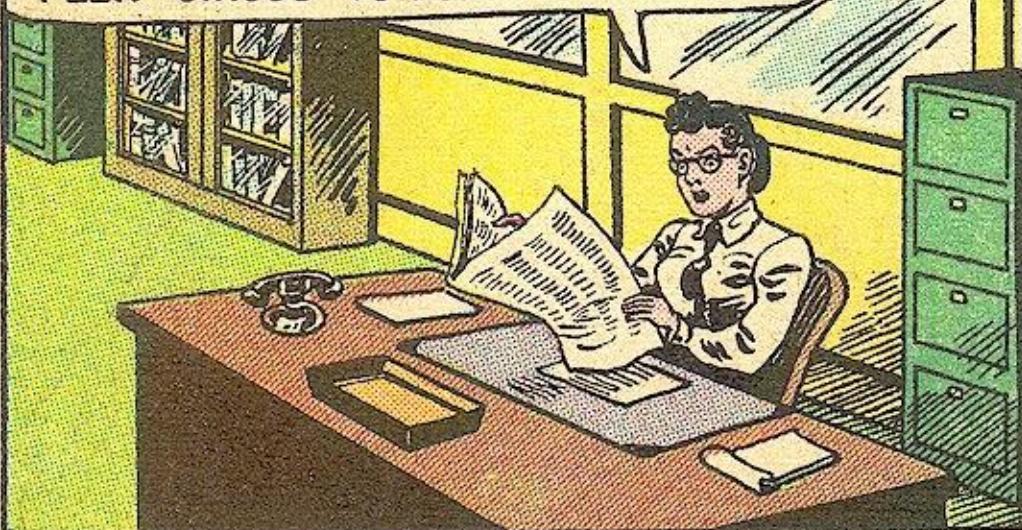
YOU KNOW MY REP! I ALWAYS DELIVER! YOU'VE PAID FOR WONDER WOMAN'S FINISH! AND, SHE WILL BE! MY TRAP'S READY! AND SHE'LL WALK INTO IT HERSELF! HA! HA! HA!



A FEW DAYS LATER, AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE,
LT. DIANA PRINCE READS---

SUFFERING SAPPHO! THIS IS FANTASTIC!

"WONDER WOMAN TO APPEAR WITH
FLEAS AT OPENING OF ARGUS
FLEA CIRCUS TONIGHT!"

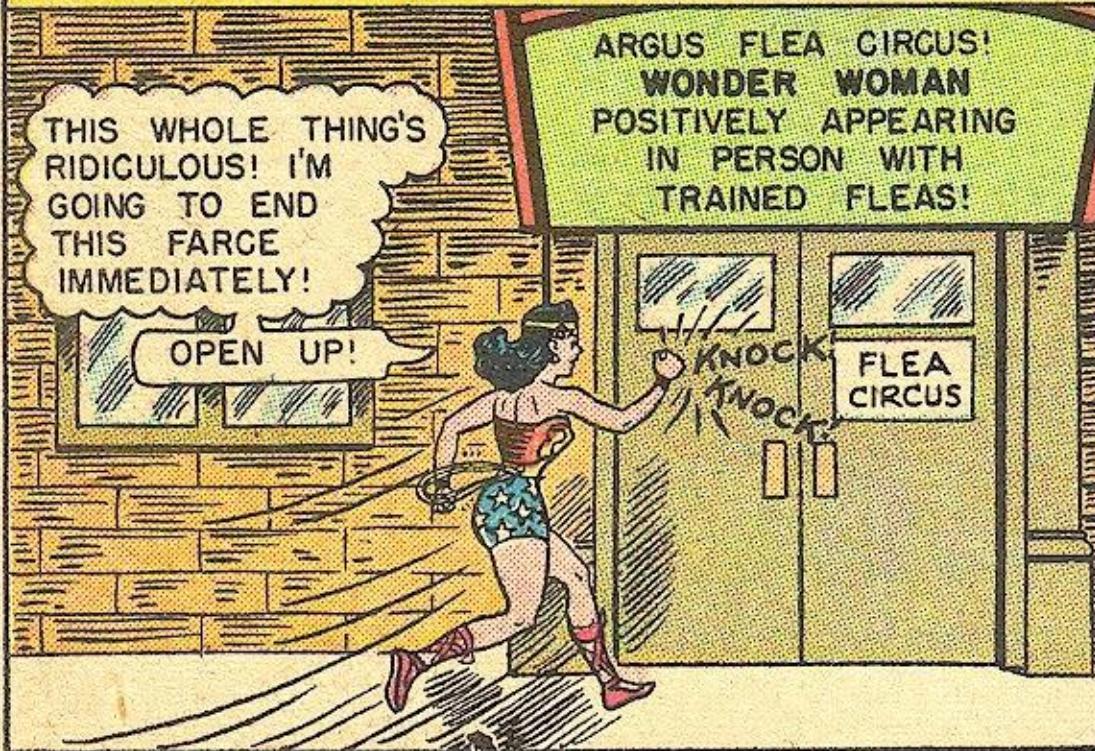


INSTANTLY, DI SWIFTLY CHANGES INTO
HER SECRET IDENTITY OF WONDER
WOMAN---

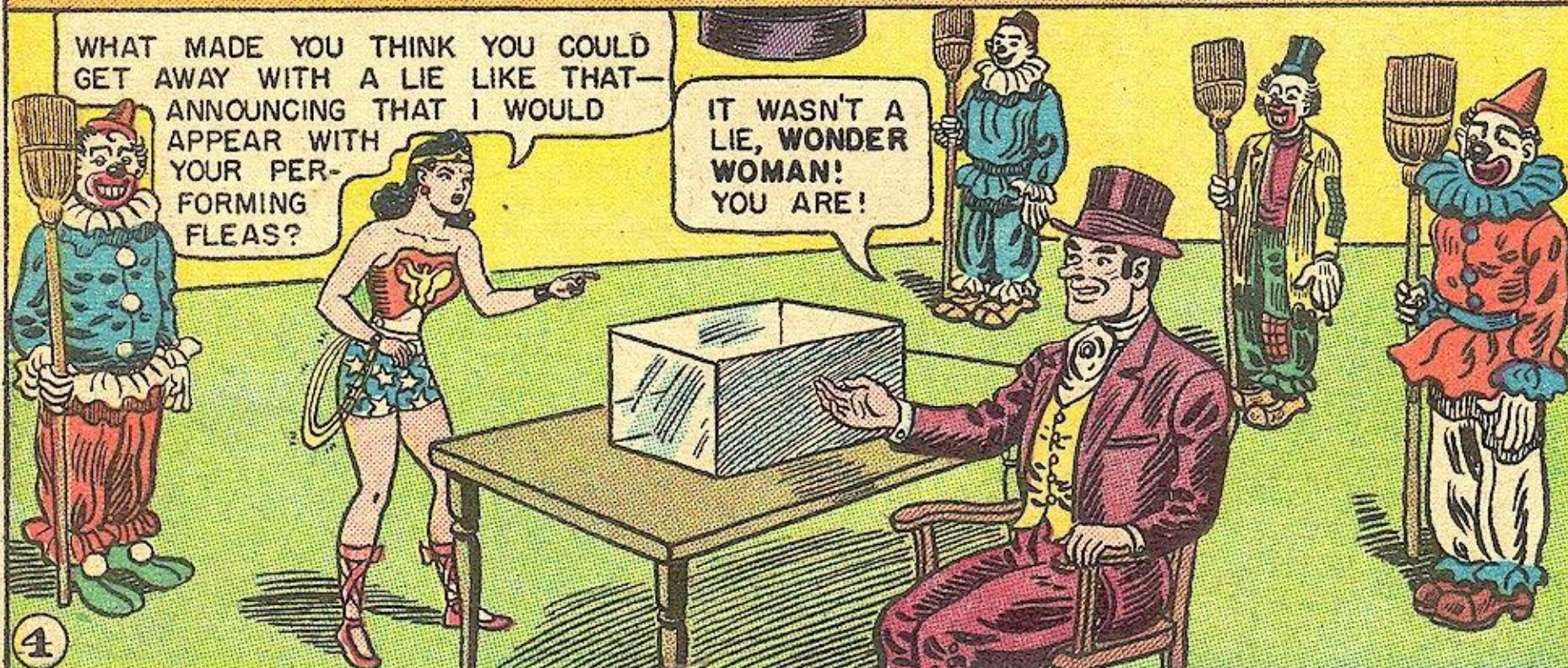
I NEVER EVEN HEARD OF THE ARGUS
FLEA CIRCUS — LET ALONE AGREED
TO APPEAR WITH PERFORMING FLEAS!
I'M GOING TO MAKE THEM RETRACT
THAT LIE!



AT EYE-BLURRING SPEED, WONDER WOMAN RACES TO---



AS WONDER WOMAN ENTERS THE ARGUS FLEA CIRCUS, THE DOOR CLOSES BEHIND HER ---



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SUDDENLY, FROM OVERHEAD, A STRANGE LIGHT BLAZES DOWN AT THE STARTLED AMAZON---

SUFFERING SAPPHO — I'M SHRINKING!

NATURALLY! YOU'RE IN THE FOCUS OF MY REDUCO-RAY MACHINE!

THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WAS A TRAP! A LIE! TO BRING ME HERE!

YES! IT WAS A TRAP! BUT IT WASN'T A LIE! YOU WILL PERFORM WITH MY FLEAS!



SUDDENLY, OBJECTS HUGE AS METEORS HURTLE AT THE MINUTE WONDER WOMAN ---

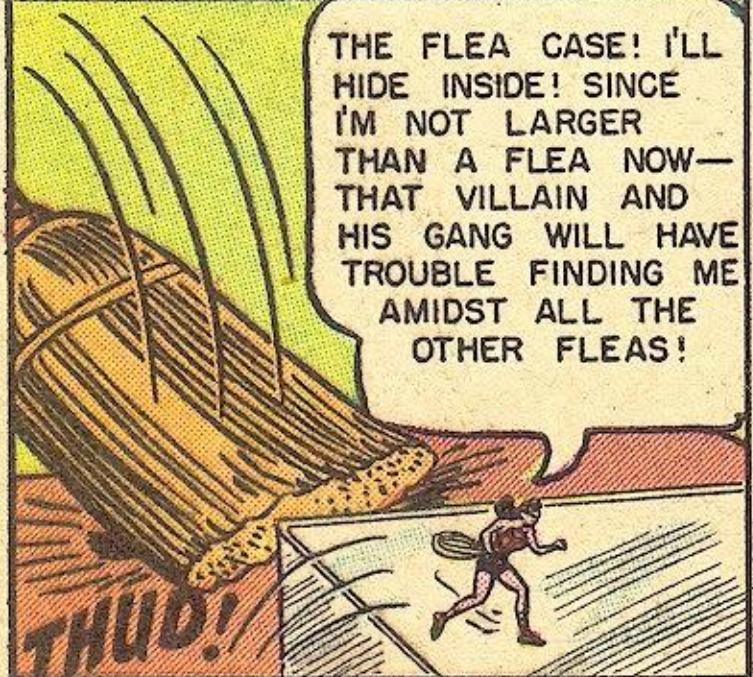


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AVOIDING THE JUGGERNAUT-LIKE BROOMS, THE TINY AMAZON LEAPS OVER THE GLASS CASE ON THE TABLE---

THE FLEA CASE! I'LL HIDE INSIDE! SINCE I'M NOT LARGER THAN A FLEA NOW—THAT VILLAIN AND HIS GANG WILL HAVE TROUBLE FINDING ME AMIDST ALL THE OTHER FLEAS!

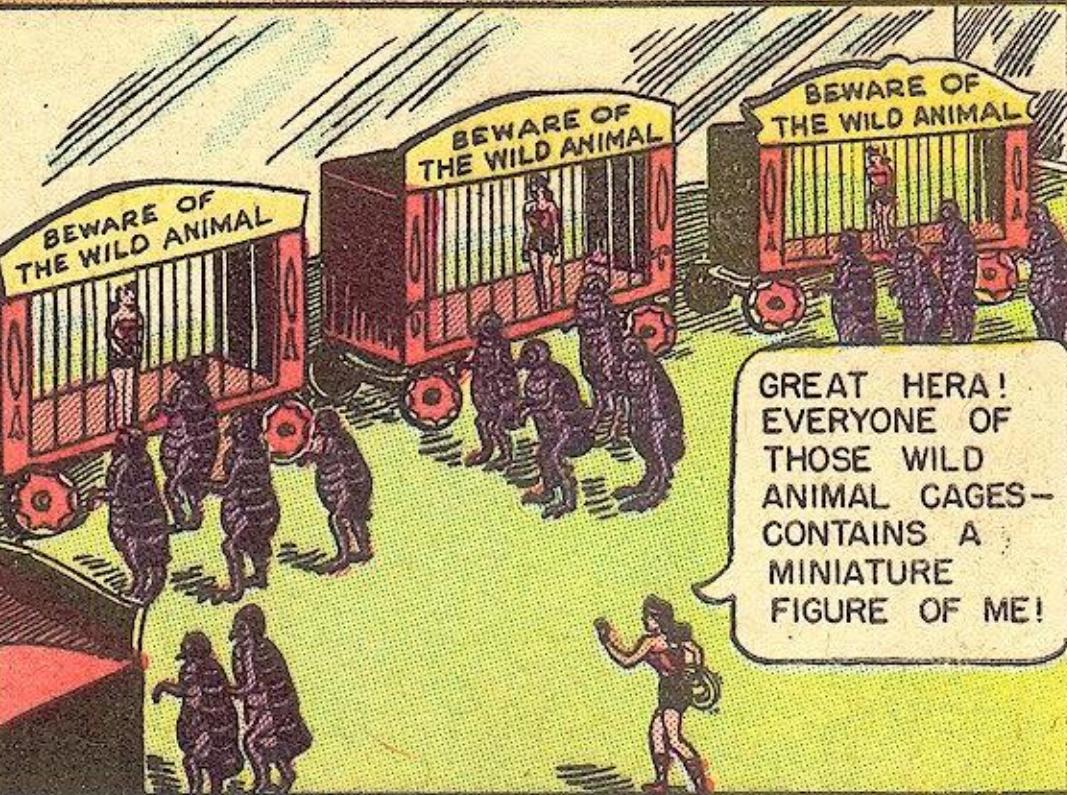


CATCHING SIGHT OF THE REAL WONDER WOMAN---

THEY'RE FLEEING FROM ME IN A PANIC—AS IF I REALLY WAS ONE OF THE BEASTS IN THE CAGES! I'LL LEAVE—SO THEY WON'T BE FRIGHTENED!

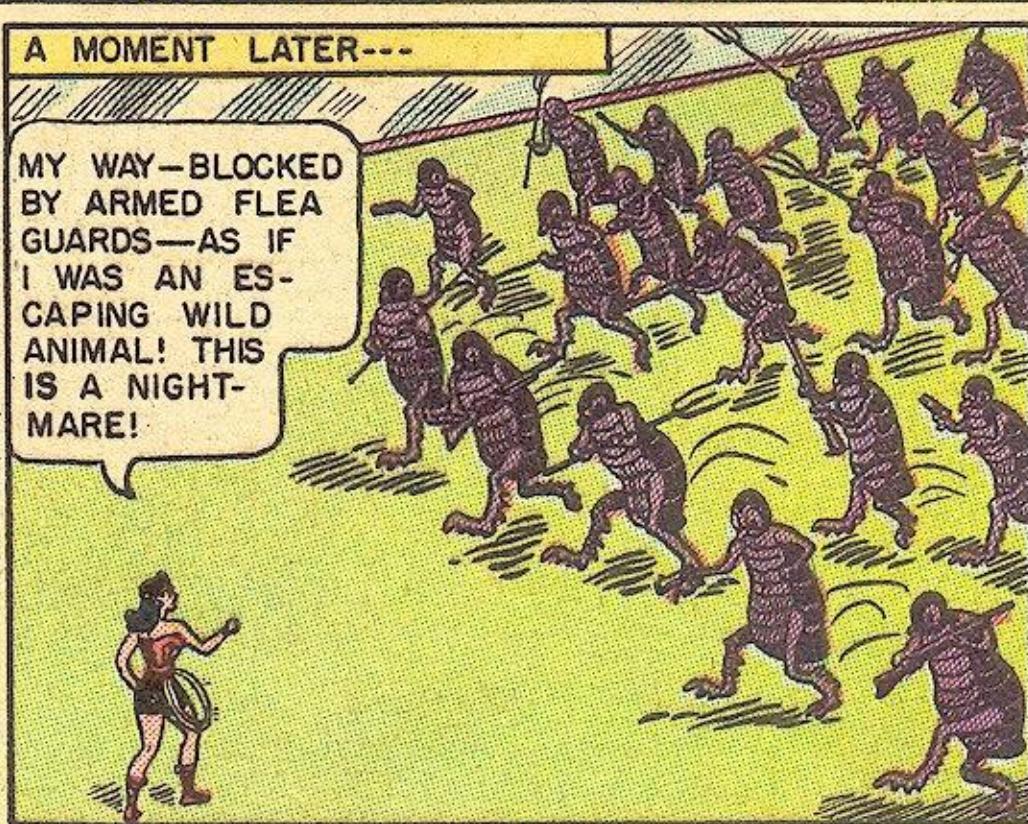


AS SHE DROPS INTO THE FLEA CIRCUS WORLD---



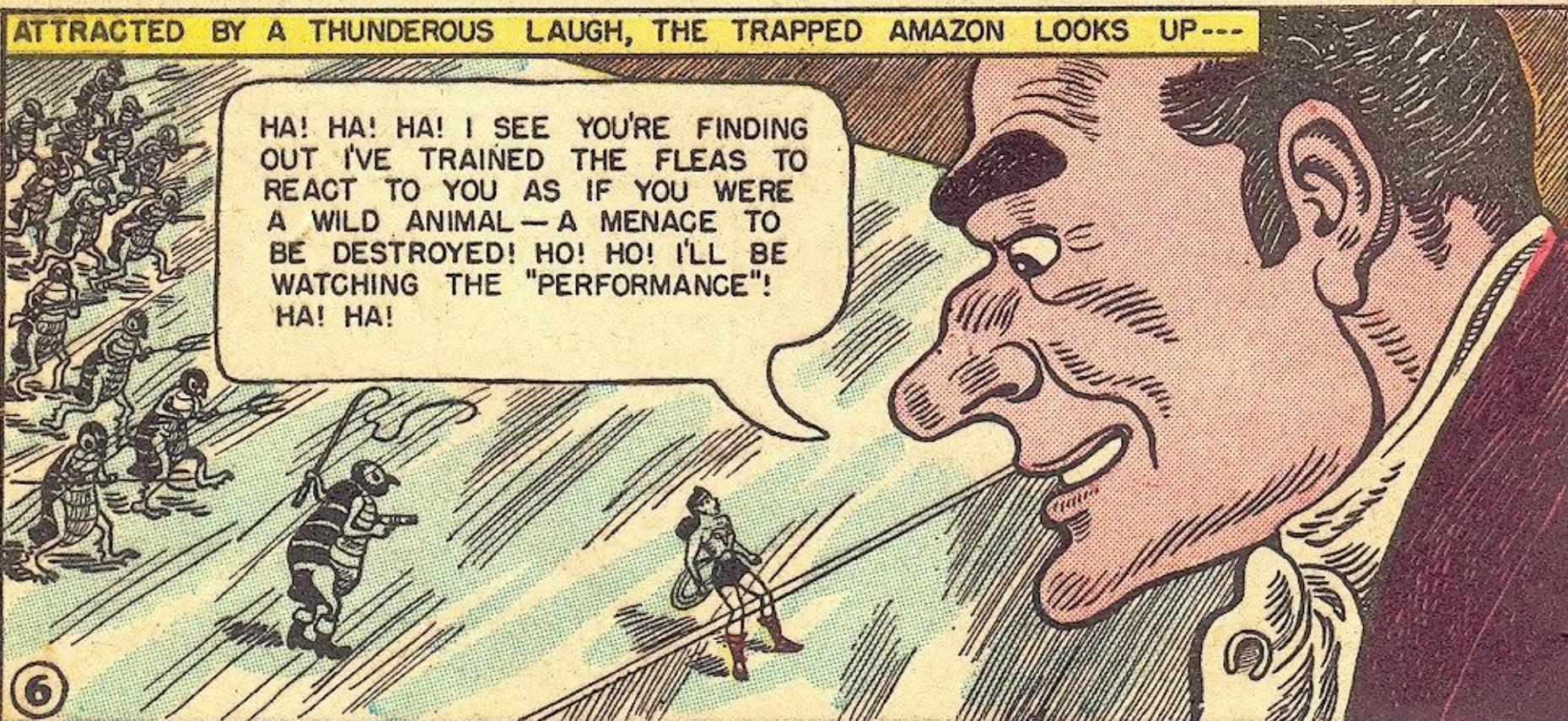
A MOMENT LATER---

MY WAY—BLOCKED BY ARMED FLEA GUARDS—AS IF I WAS AN ESCAPING WILD ANIMAL! THIS IS A NIGHTMARE!



ATTRACTED BY A THUNDEROUS LAUGH, THE TRAPPED AMAZON LOOKS UP---

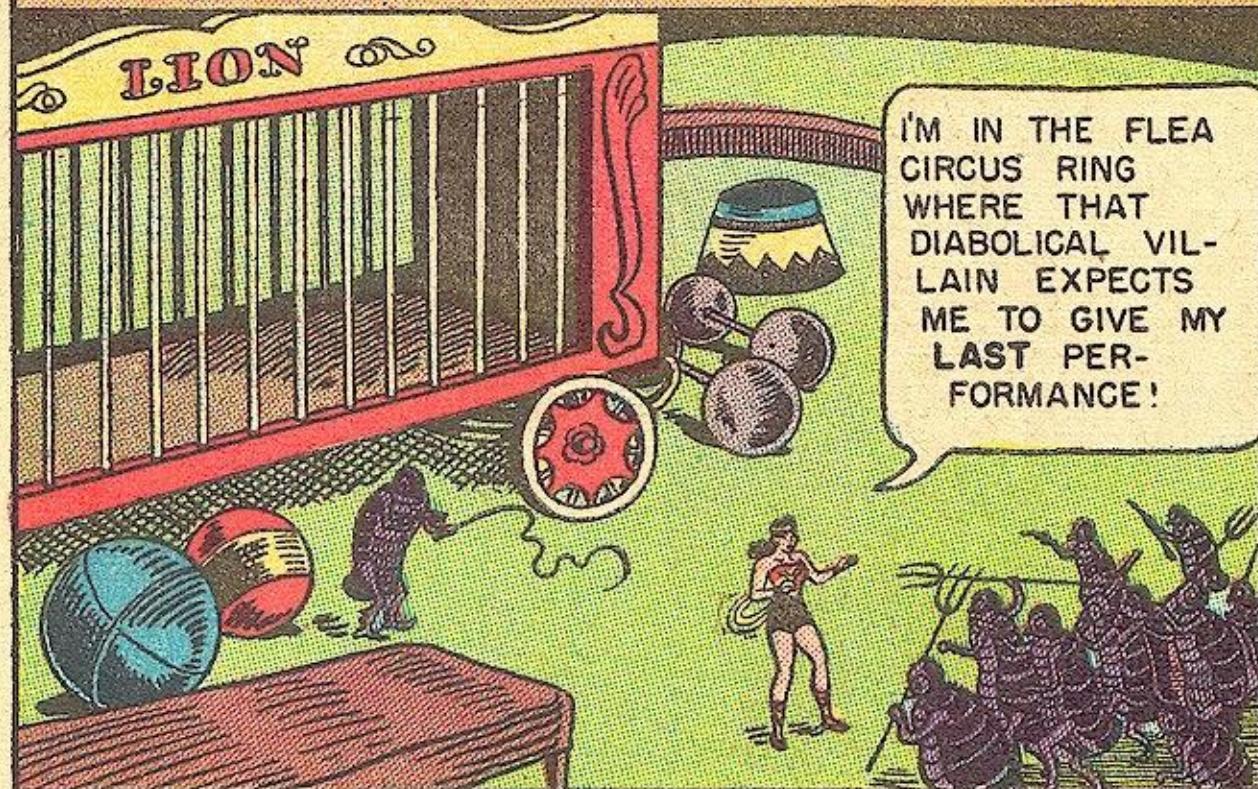
HA! HA! HA! I SEE YOU'RE FINDING OUT I'VE TRAINED THE FLEAS TO REACT TO YOU AS IF YOU WERE A WILD ANIMAL—A MENACE TO BE DESTROYED! HO! HO! I'LL BE WATCHING THE "PERFORMANCE"!
HA! HA!



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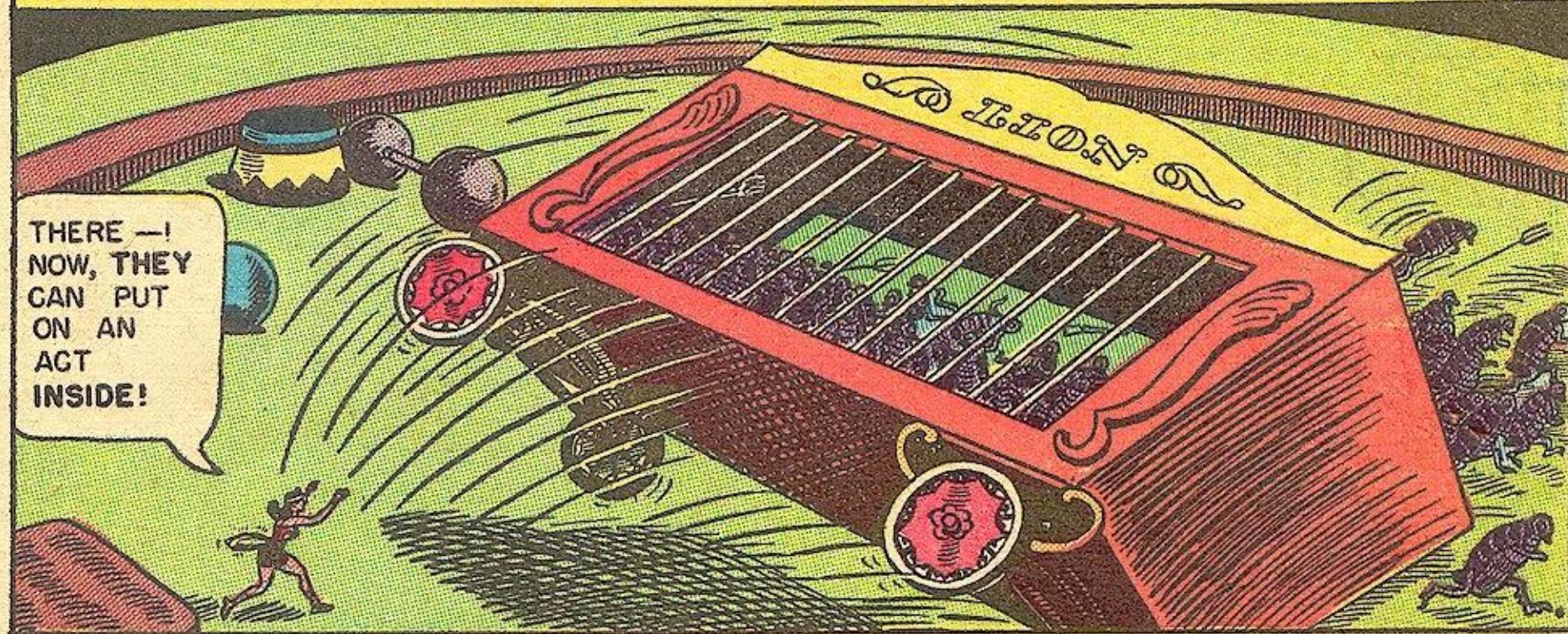
MENACED, THE LILLIPUTIAN AMAZON STEPS BACK UNTIL---



THESE TRAINED KILLER FLEAS ARE TRYING TO DRIVE ME INTO THE LION'S CAGE! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!



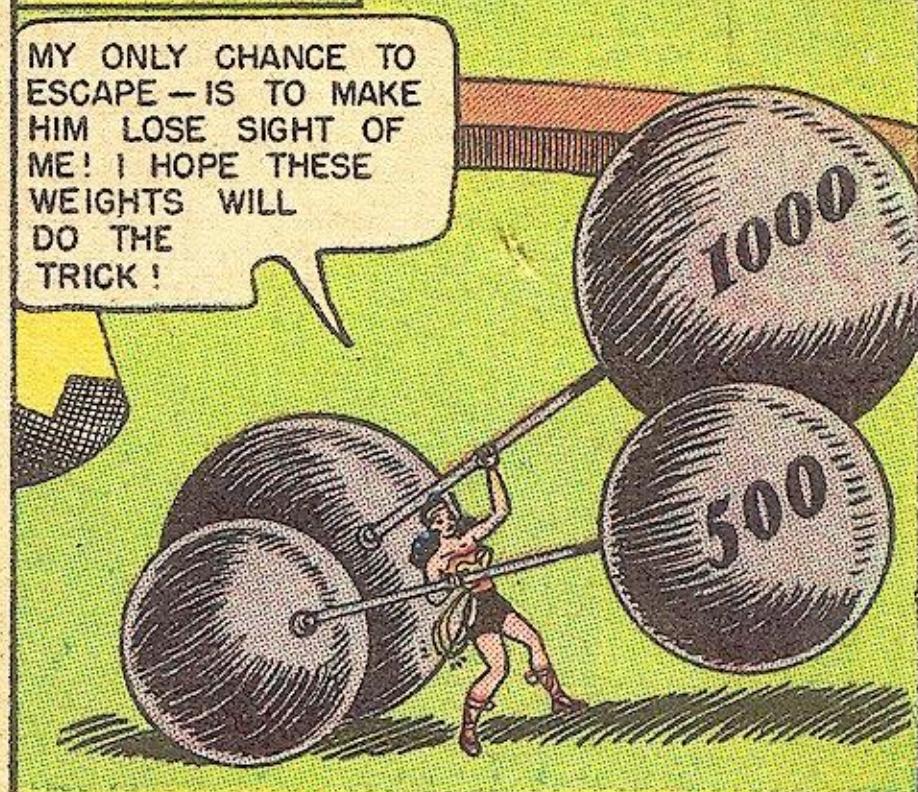
THE MIGHTY WONDER WOMAN LIFTS UP THE LION'S CAGE AND---



AT THAT MOMENT ---



INSTANTLY ---



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THE POWERFUL AMAZON CATAULTS HERSELF UPWARD ON THE TAMPOLONO ---

MISSED—! BUT I'LL GET YOU NEXT TIME!

SLAM!

NOW — TO BREAK THROUGH THAT MAGNIFYING GLASS!

I'VE LOST SIGHT OF THAT INFERNAL AMAZON! BUT SHE'S STILL ONLY THE SIZE OF A FLEA! SHE HASN'T A CHANCE AGAINST US!

SMASH!

BUT, THE FEARLESS WONDER WOMAN WHIPS HER AMAZON LASSO AROUND THE LEGS OF THE GANG ---

YEOW—WE GIVE UP!

SHOW US WHERE YOU ARE—SO WE CAN SURRENDER!

STEPPING UNDER THE REDUCO-RAY, THE ALERT AMAZON REVERSES THE POWER UNTIL---

HERE I AM—BACK TO NORMAL SIZE! JUST IN TIME TO TAKE YOU TO JAIL!

WONDER WOMAN! WHEN'S THE SHOW GOING TO START?

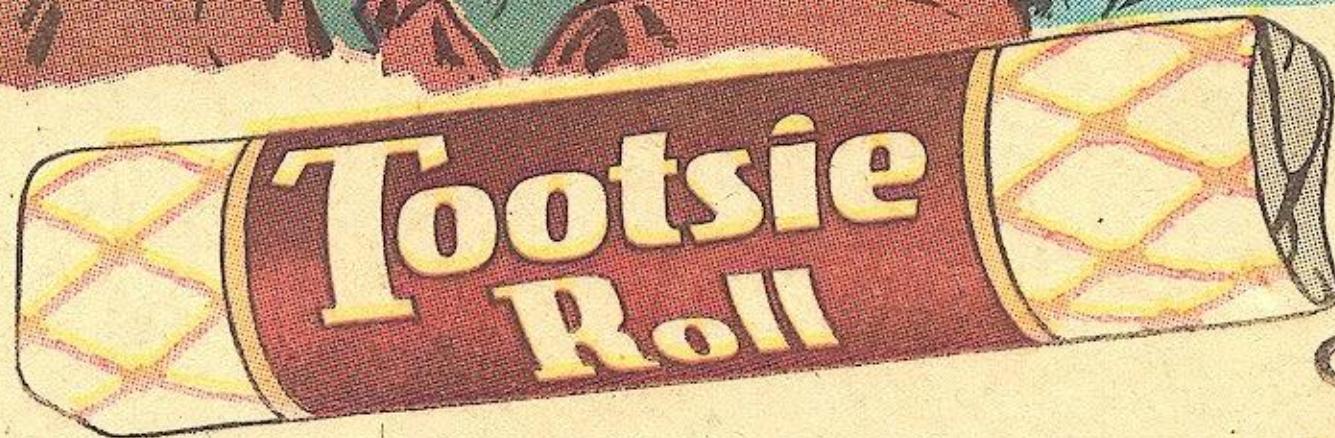
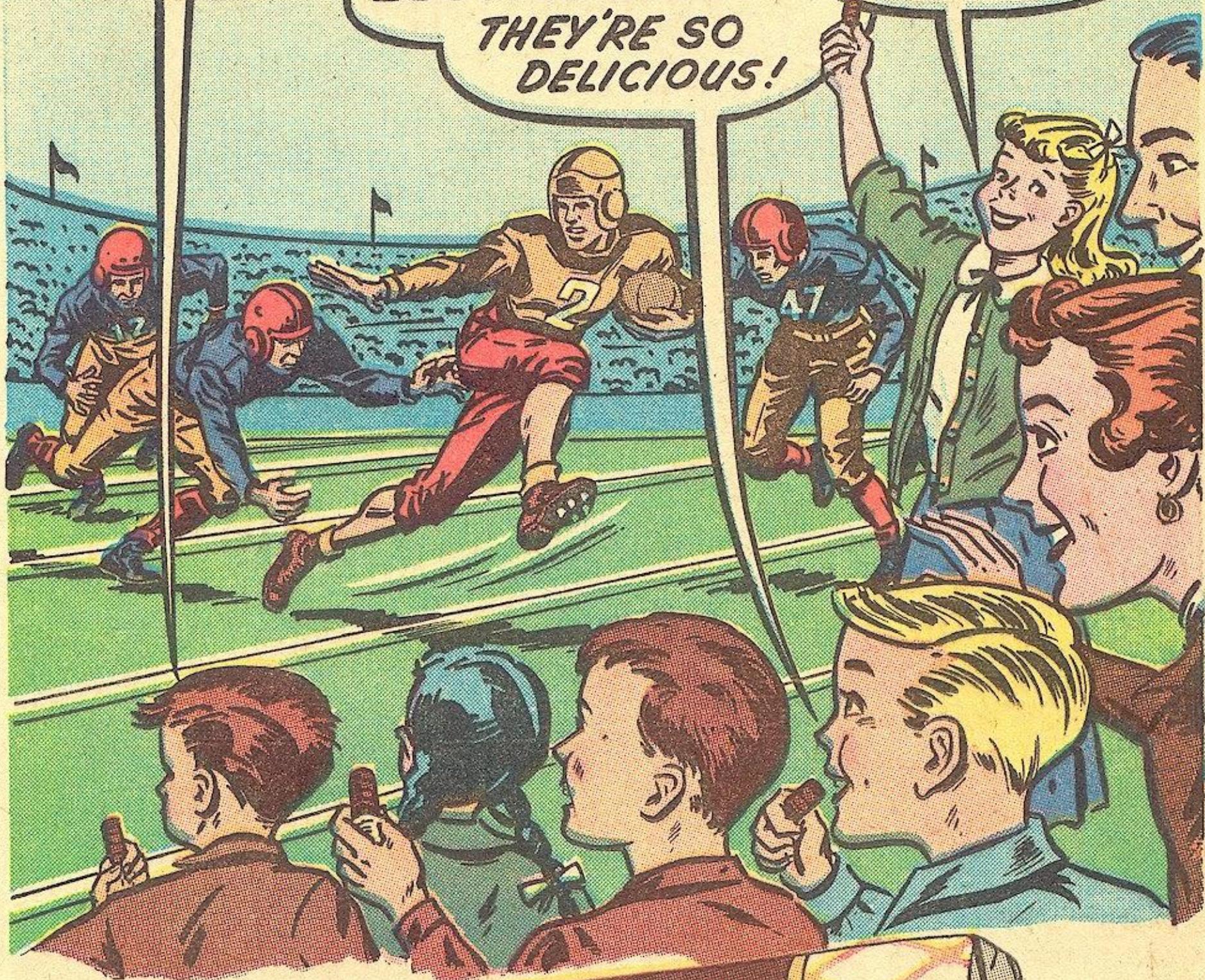
I'M AFRAID IT'S ALL OVER!

TRAINED FLEA

THE
WINNER!

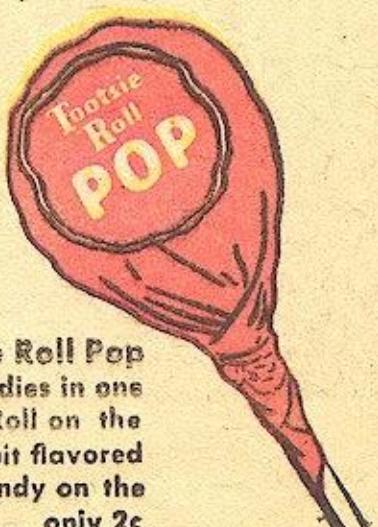
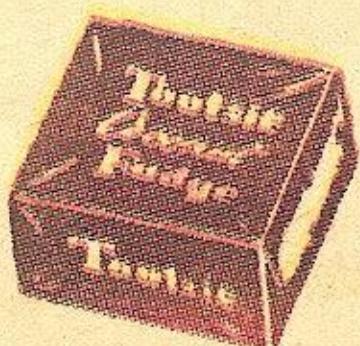
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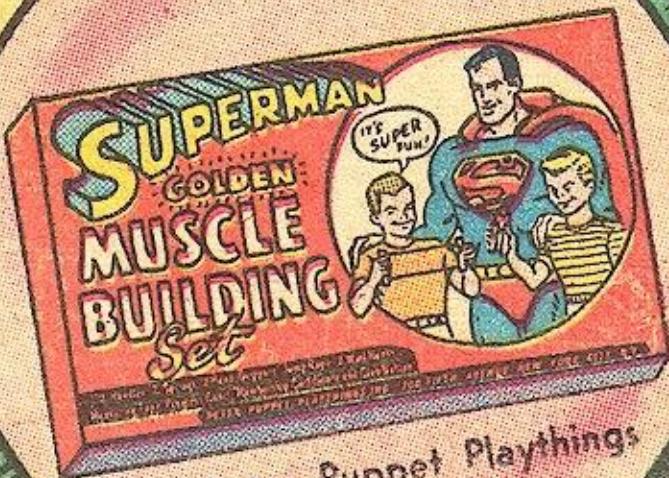
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THIS
A.....

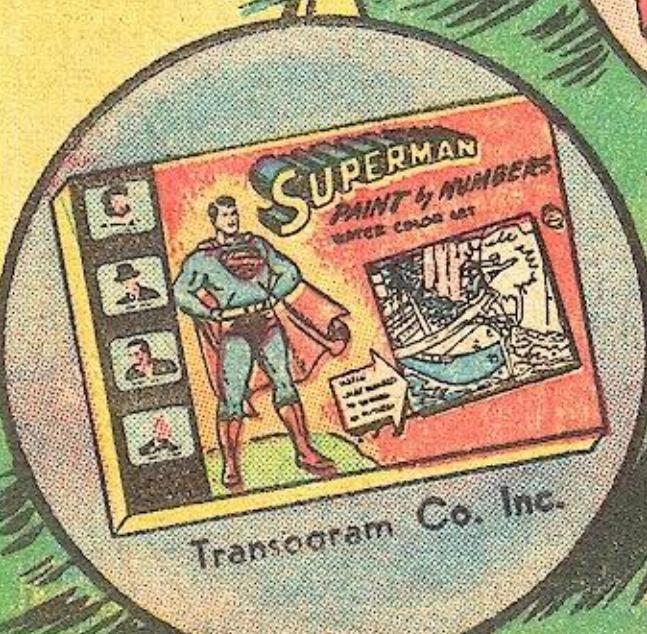
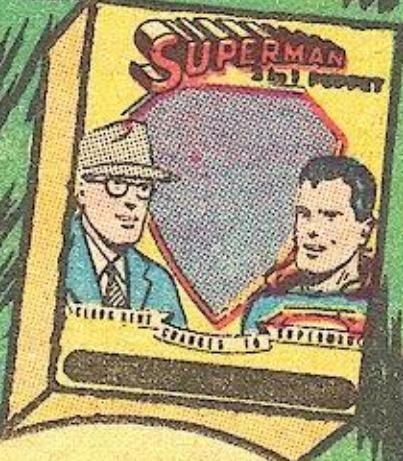
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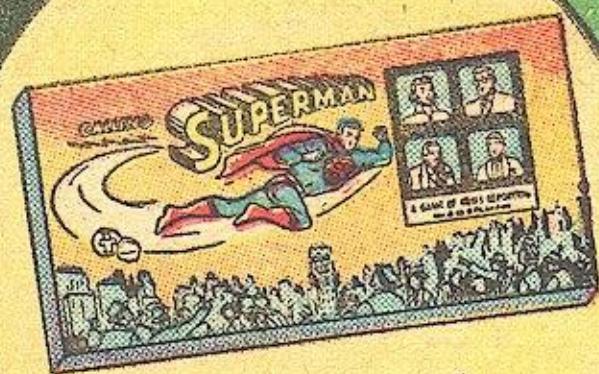
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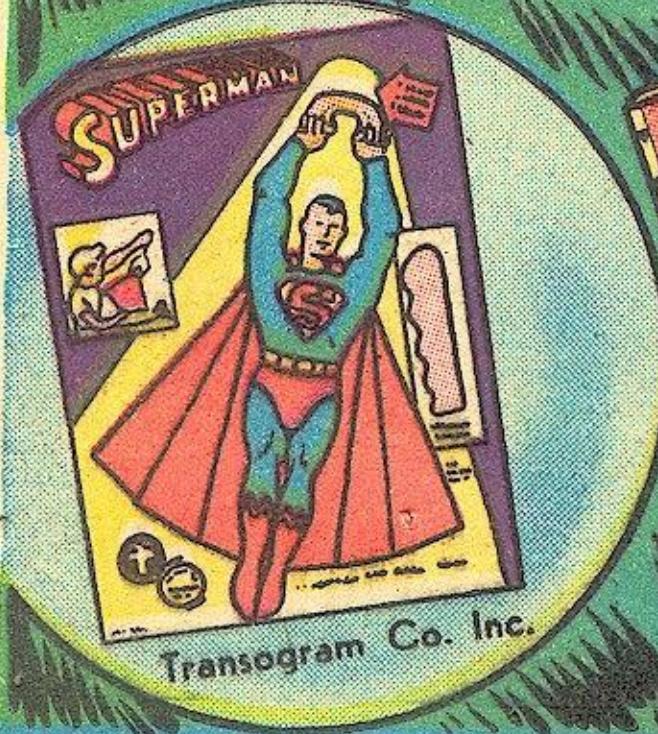


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"DANGER-WONDER WOMAN!"



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AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, LT. DIANA PRINCE ANSWERS HER OFFICE PHONE ---



ABSENT-MINDEDLY, SHE REPLIES ---

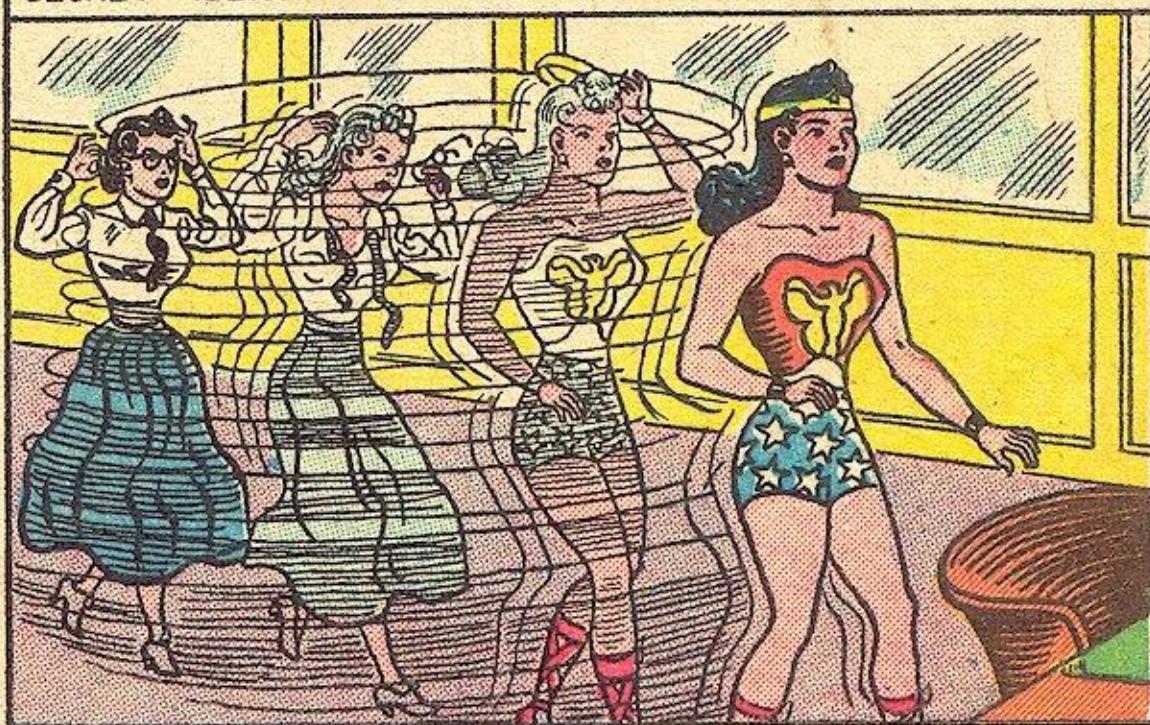


SUDDENLY, THE YOUNG OFFICER REALIZES ---

GREAT HERA! STEVE WILL BE HERE IN A MOMENT FROM HIS OFFICE — EXPECTING TO SEE WONDER WOMAN! IF HE SEES ME — HE'LL KNOW WE'RE ONE AND THE SAME!



WITH EYE-BLURRING SPEED, DI CHANGES INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF THE FAMOUS AMAZON ---



A SPLIT-SECOND BEFORE HER DOOR OPENS ---

SO THAT'S WHY YOU ANSWERED DI'S PHONE, ANGEL! SHE'S OUT! WELL, I'M GLAD SHE IS! I'VE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO ASK YOU!



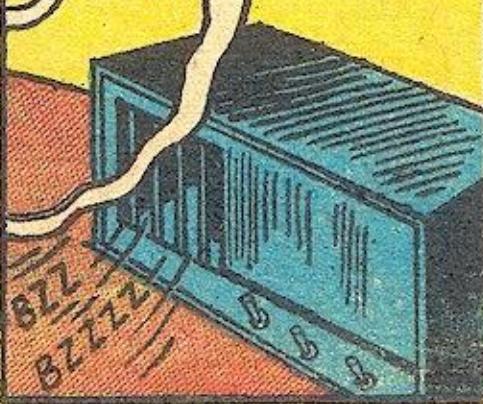
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO MARRY ME, ANGEL?

OH, STEVE, DEAR — I'VE TOLD YOU DOZENS OF TIMES! WHEN I'M NO LONGER NEEDED TO BATTLE CRIME AND INJUSTICE! PLEASE BE PATIENT!



I LOVE YOU, WONDER WOMAN! I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER THIS TIME!

STEVE DARLING — I-I-OH! THE INTER-COM'S BUZZING! LET ME ANSWER IT!





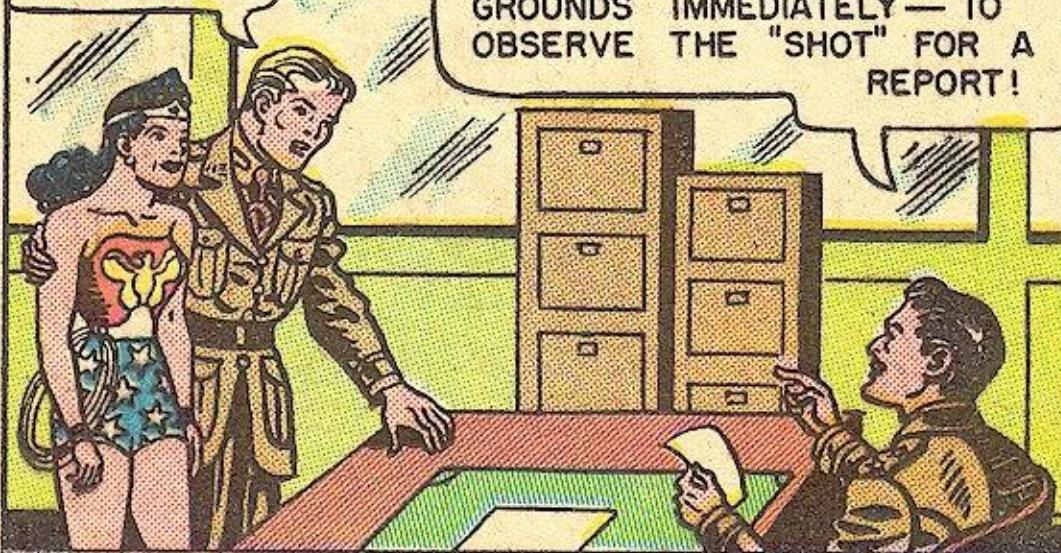
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A MINUTE LATER, IN GEN. DARNELL'S OFFICE---

BUT, GENERAL!
I WAS PROPOSING
TO WONDER
WOMAN!

PROPOSE TO HER AT THE
NEXT A-BOMB TEST, STEVE!
I WANT YOU TWO TO FLY
OUT TO THE PROVING
GROUNDS IMMEDIATELY — TO
OBSERVE THE "SHOT" FOR A
REPORT!



SHORTLY, THE CELEBRATED COUPLE
HURTLES WESTWARD IN THE AMA-
ZON'S UNIQUE PLANE ---

I MEAN IT, WONDER WOMAN! I'M
NOT GOING TO GIVE UP UNTIL
YOU SAY "YES" TO MY PROPOSAL!

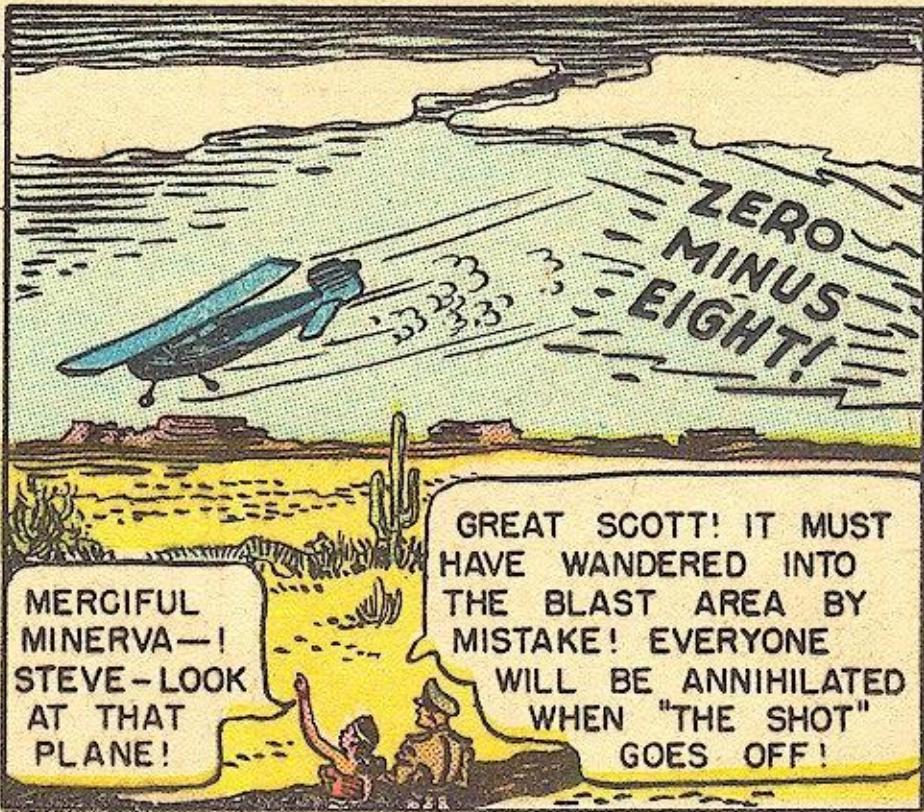


LATER, IN AN OBSERVATION SLIT-TRENCH,
JUST BEFORE THE BLAST ---

IF YOU DON'T
WANT TO
MARRY ME—
IT MUST BE
BECAUSE
YOU DON'T
LOVE ME!

THAT ISN'T
TRUE,
STEVE!
AND YOU
KNOW IT!

ZERO
MINUS
TEN!



MERCIFUL
MINERVA—!
STEVE—LOOK
AT THAT
PLANE!

GREAT SCOTT! IT MUST
HAVE WANDERED INTO
THE BLAST AREA BY
MISTAKE! EVERYONE
WILL BE ANNIHILATED
WHEN "THE SHOT"
GOES OFF!

INSTANTLY, THE FEARLESS AMAZON CALLS
HER ROBOT PLANE ---

ZERO
MINUS
SIX!

CALLING PLANE!
DARLING—
YOU CAN'T
GO INTO
THE BLAST
AREA
NOW!

I'M THE
ONLY ONE
WHO HAS
THE FAINT-
EST CHANCE
OF HELPING
THOSE
PEOPLE!

SHE'S ---
GONE ---

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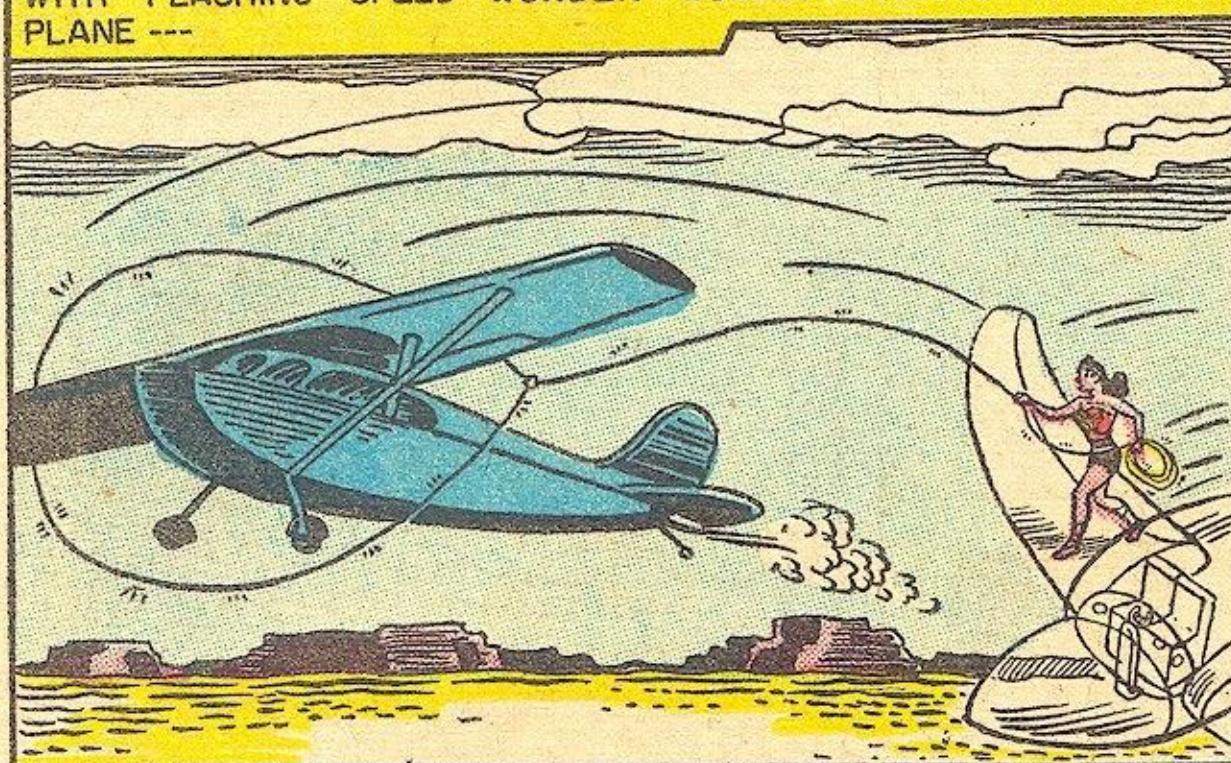




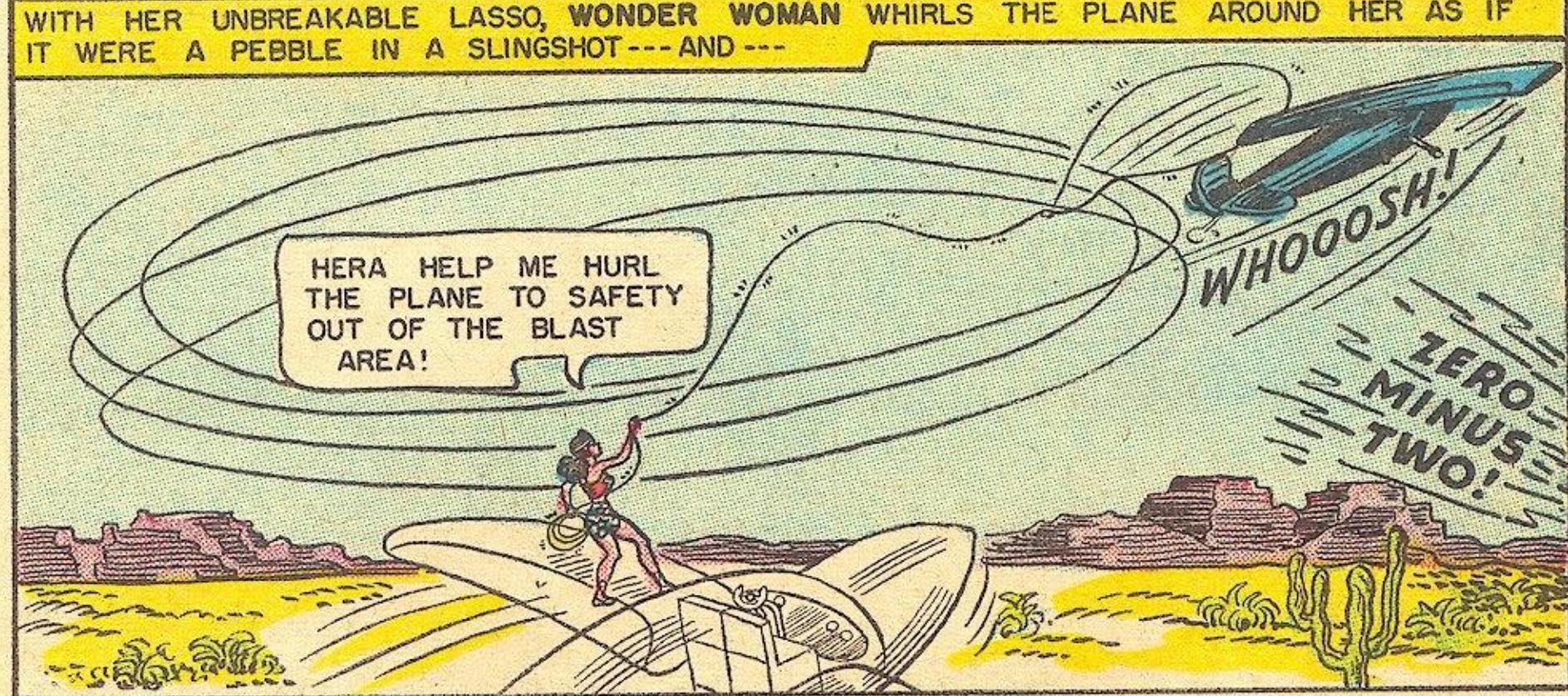
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WITH FLASHING SPEED WONDER WOMAN LASOES THE OTHER PLANE ---

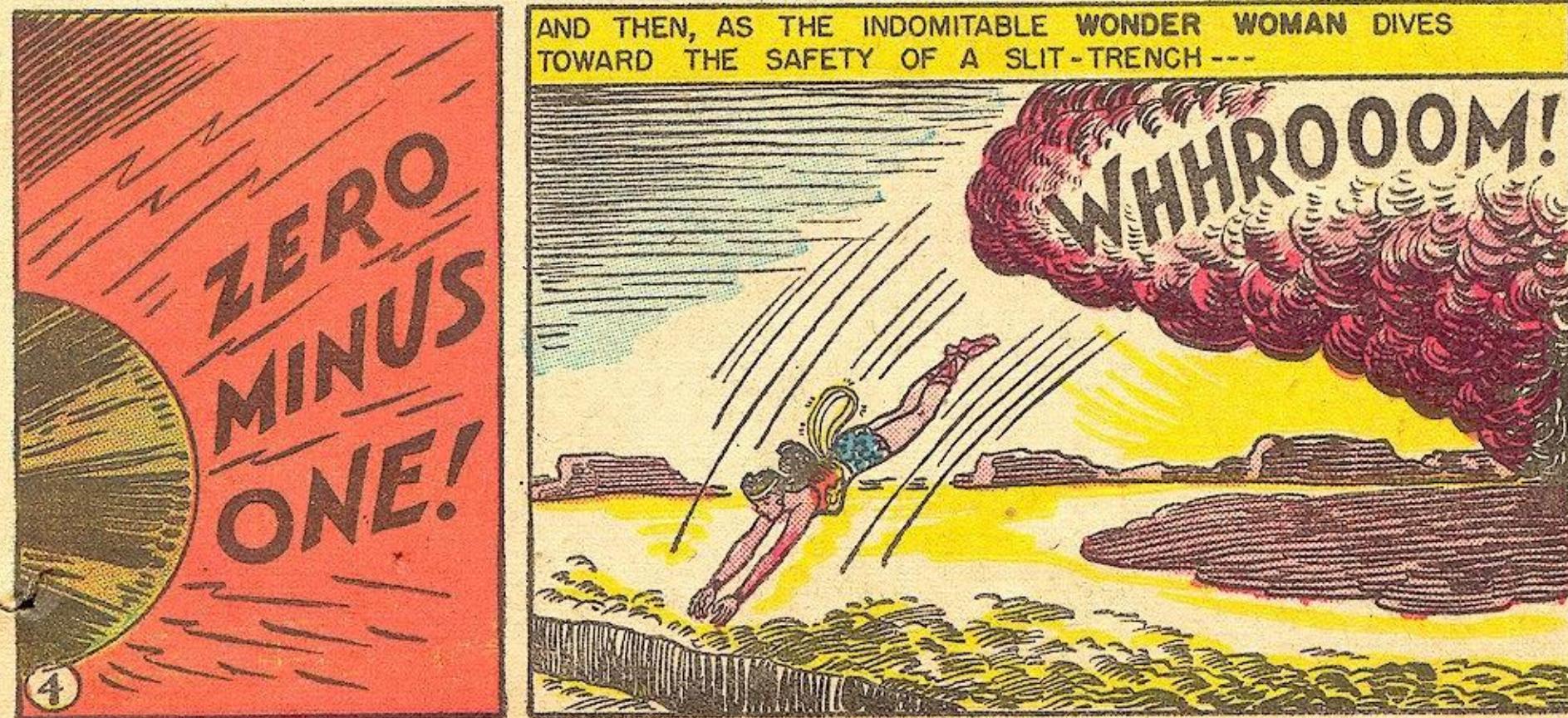


WITH HER UNBREAKABLE LASSO, WONDER WOMAN WHIRLS THE PLANE AROUND HER AS IF IT WERE A PEBBLE IN A SLINGSHOT --- AND ---



ZERO
MINUS
ONE!

AND THEN, AS THE INDOMITABLE WONDER WOMAN DIVES TOWARD THE SAFETY OF A SLIT-TRENCH ---



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AS THE LOVELY AMAZON RECOVERS FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE BLAST WHICH WOULD HAVE FELLED AN ORDINARY HUMAN---

THAT PLANE'S SAFE!
YOU ARE TOO—
THANK GOODNESS!



BUT---

DON'T COME ANY NEARER,
STEVE! LISTEN TO YOUR
GEIGER COUNTER!

NO—NO! IT
CAN'T BE—!



YOUR GEIGER COUNTER CAN'T LIE, STEVE! THAT BLAST MUST HAVE MADE ME SO RADIOACTIVE—I'M A MENACE TO ANYONE NEAR ME! GOODBY, DARLING—WE MUST NEVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN!

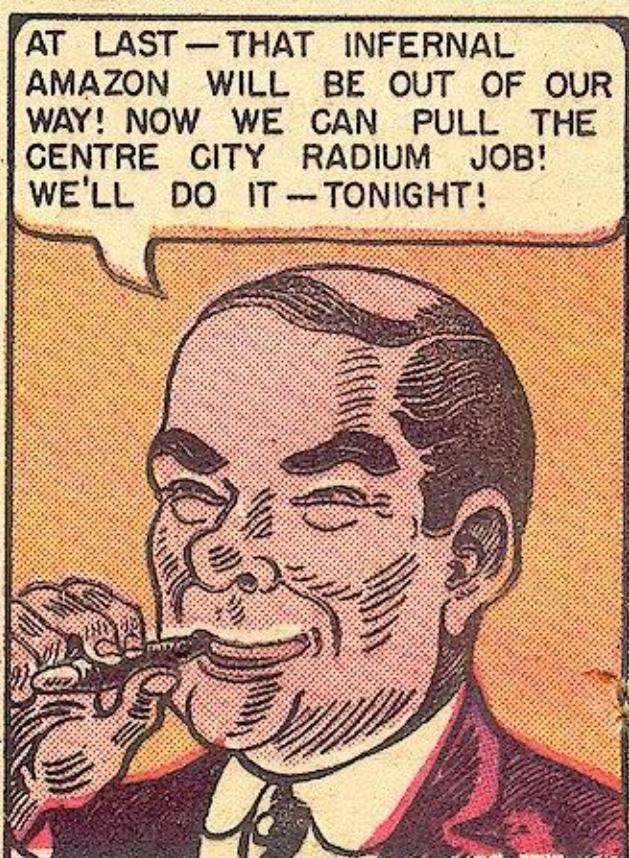
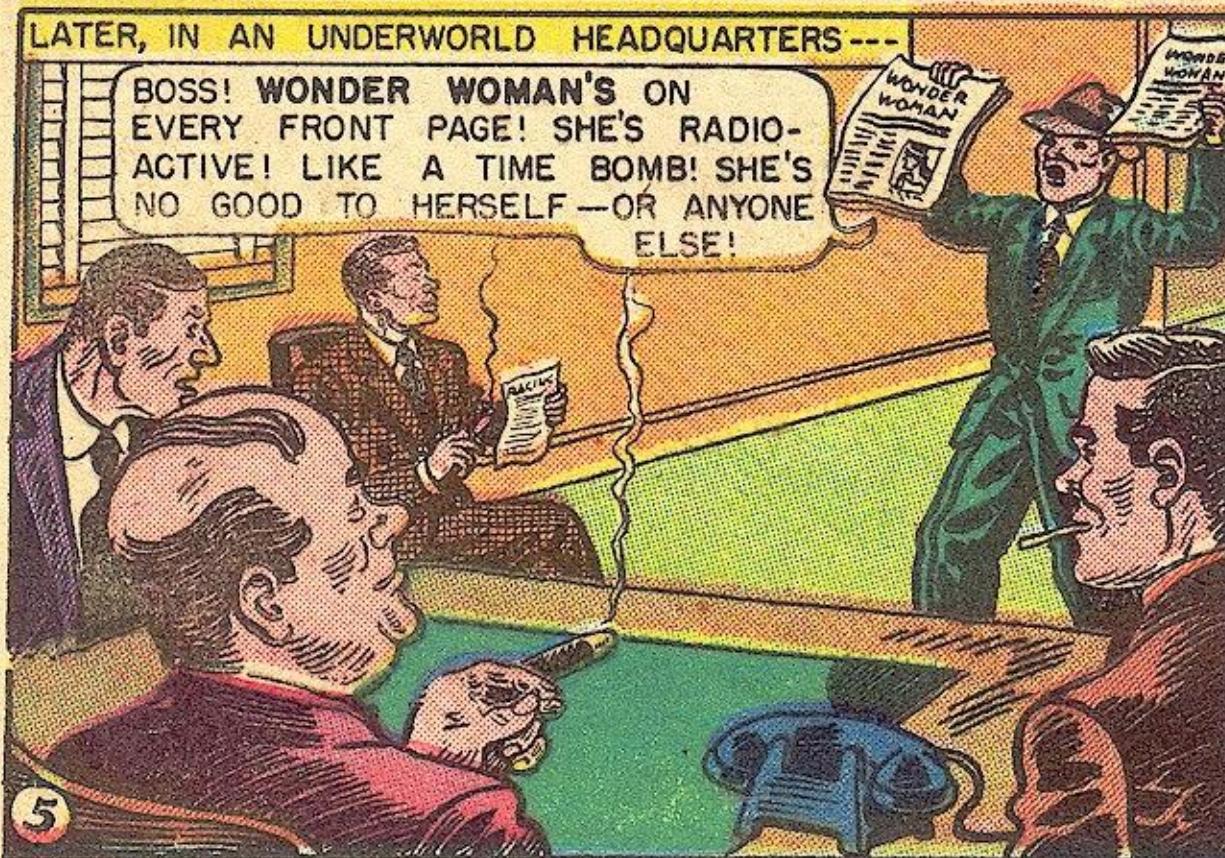
AGAIN HER ROBOT PLANE WINGS OVERHEAD---THE LOVELY AMAZON BOARDS IT ---AND ---

GOODBY —



LATER, IN AN UNDERWORLD HEADQUARTERS---

BOSS! WONDER WOMAN'S ON EVERY FRONT PAGE! SHE'S RADIACTIVE! LIKE A TIME BOMB! SHE'S NO GOOD TO HERSELF—OR ANYONE ELSE!





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AS WONDER WOMAN'S PLANE APPROACHES CENTRE CITY---

I CAN'T GO BACK TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE IN MY SECRET IDENTITY OF DIANA PRINCE — I'D BE ENDANGERING EVERYONE THERE!



I CAN'T GO BACK TO PARADISE ISLAND EITHER — MY SISTER AMAZONS WOULD SUFFER! I—I'VE GOT TO GO SOMEWHERE — WHERE THERE ISN'T A LIVING THING—ANIMAL OR HUMAN — WHO WOULD BE IN DANGER FROM ME!



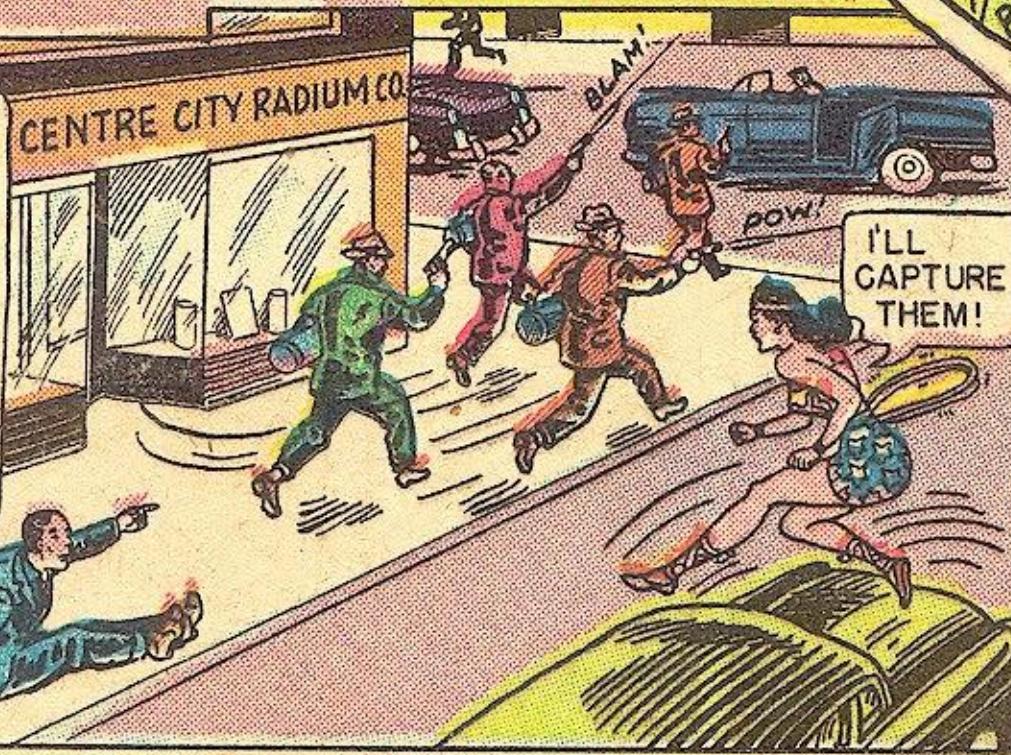
SUDDENLY---

GREAT HERA! SHOTS! AN ARMED GANG'S ESCAPING FROM THAT BUILDING BELOW! I'VE GOT TO STOP THEM BEFORE THEY HARM SOMEONE!



LITHELY, THE ACROBATIC AMAZON LEAPS FROM HER PLANE---

WONDER WOMAN —! THAT GANG'S STOLEN RADIUM — FOR — HOSPITALS — THEY'RE IN THOSE LEAD CONTAINERS!



WONDER WOMAN'S LEAP FOR THE GANG SUDDENLY HALTS ---

GREAT HERA! I JUST REMEMBERED! I CAN'T TOUCH THOSE CRIMINALS! I'D BE CONTAMINATING THEM WITH MY RADI-ACTIVITY!



GLANCING BACK, THE GANG CHIEF SEES ---

LOOK AT WONDER WOMAN ! PARALYZED LIKE A STATUE ! GUESS THAT ACCIDENT FINISHED HER AS A CRIME-FIGHTER ! HA! HA!

HO! HO!



THEY'RE ESCAPING ! HOW CAN I STOP THEM WITHOUT TOUCHING THEM ?





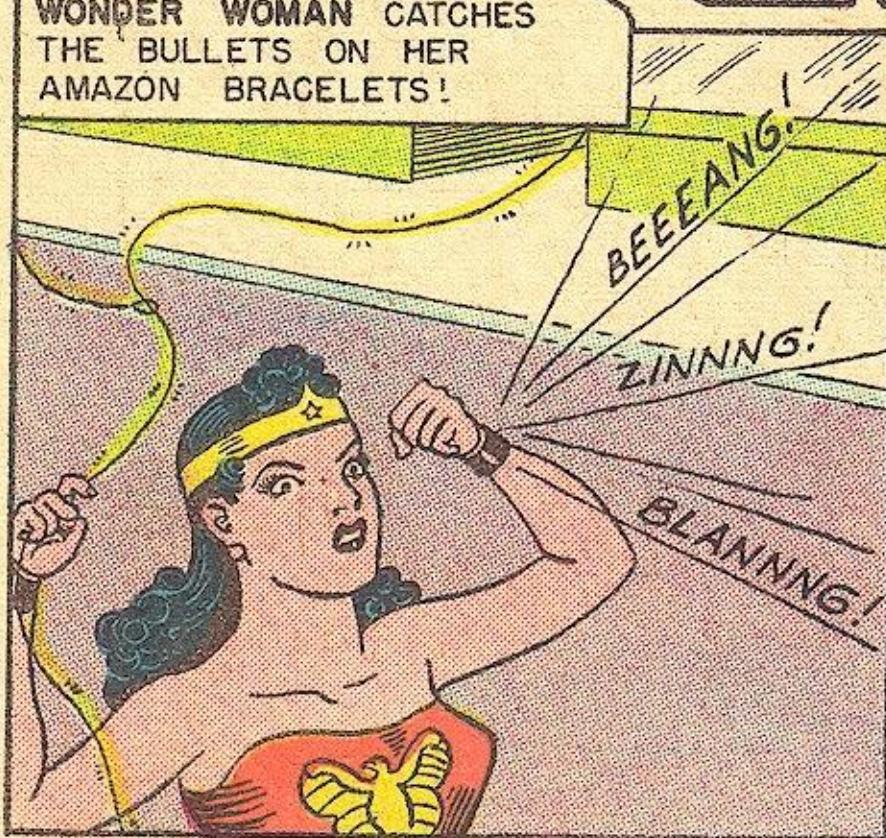
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AS THE GANGSTER CARS RACE AWAY...



WITH DAZZLING SPEED,
WONDER WOMAN CATCHES
THE BULLETS ON HER
AMAZON BRACELETS!



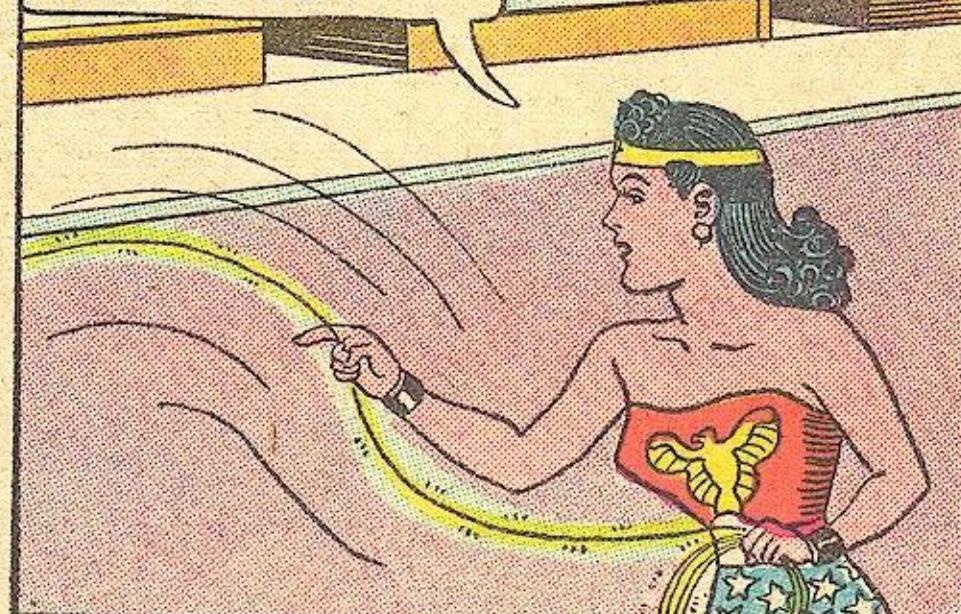
IN A FEW SECONDS, THE FLEET AMAZON CATCHES
UP TO THE GETAWAY CARS ---



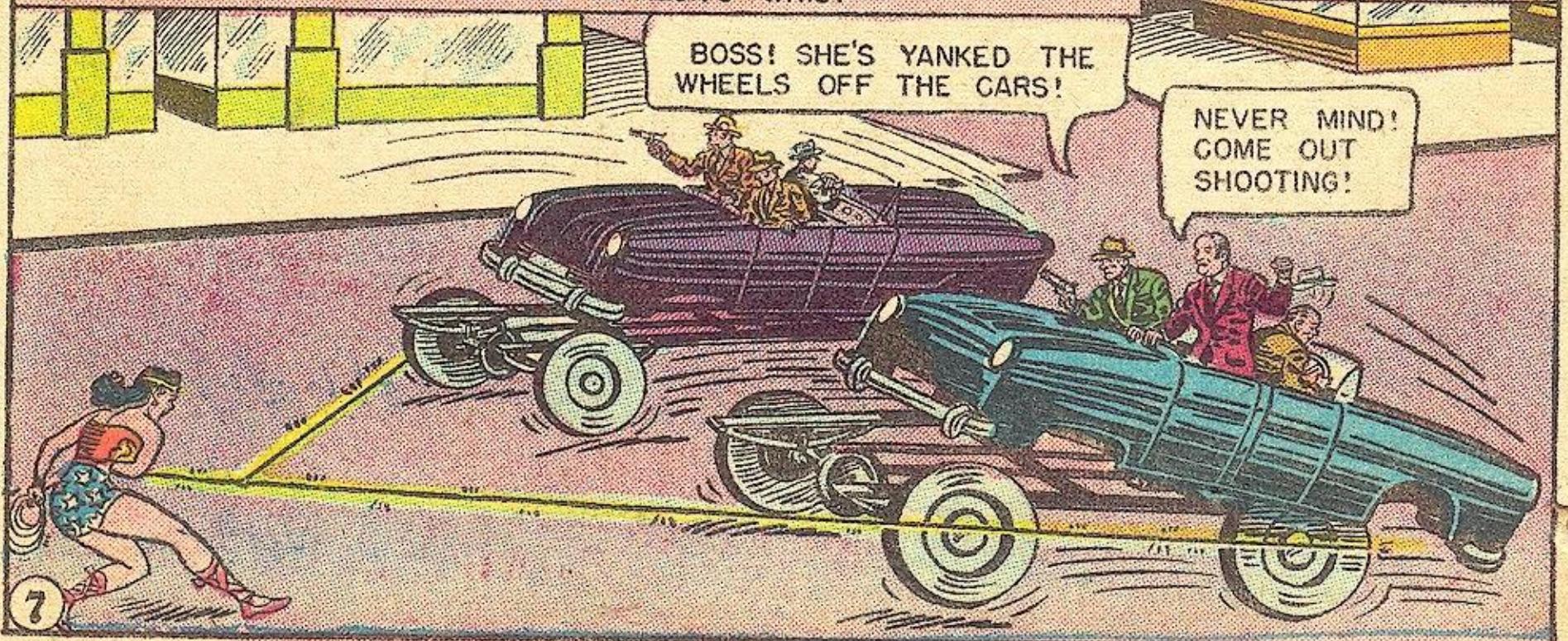
IT'S WONDER WOMAN! SHE CAN'T
HANDLE TWO CARS AT ONCE!
EVERYBODY - FIRE!

AT THE SAME MOMENT ---

MY LASSO WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF MY
ARM IN CAPTURING THOSE CROOKS WITHOUT
TOUCHING THEM!



AROUND THE WHEELS OF THE GANGSTER CARS HURTLES THE UNIQUE LASSO — THEN, WITH A
SINGLE TWIST OF THE POWERFUL AMAZON'S WRIST ---



Wonder Woman

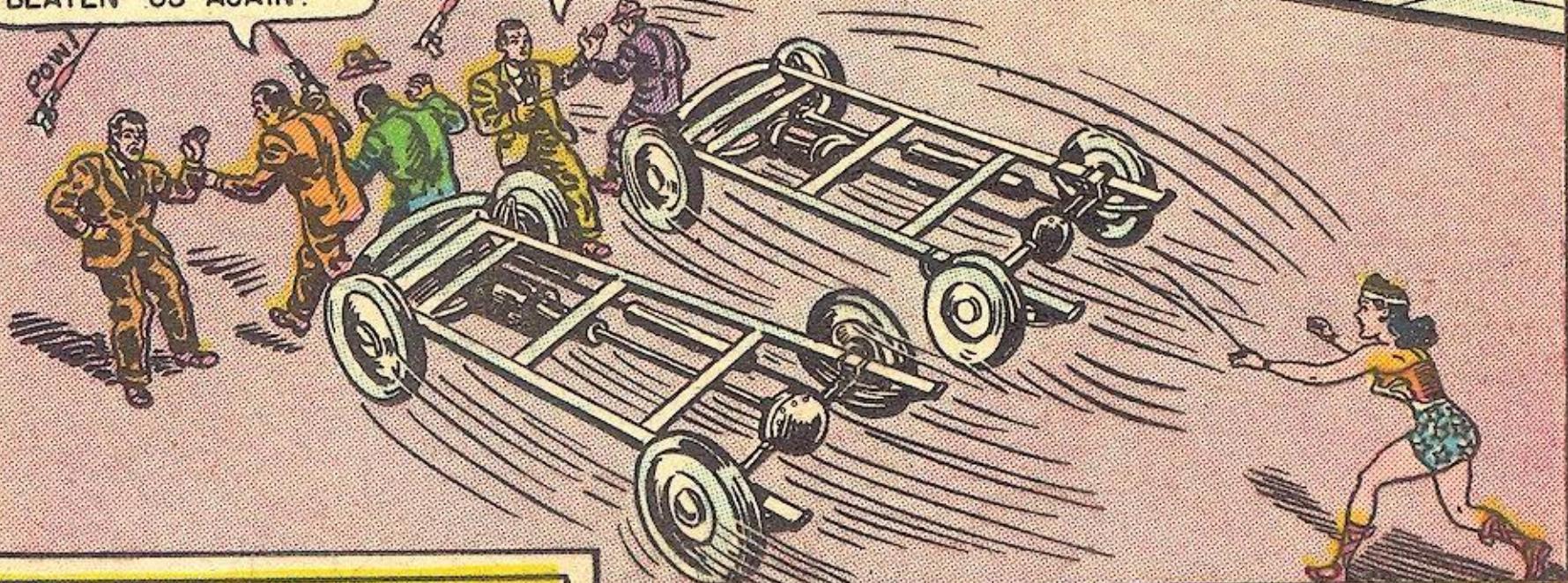
BUT, AS THE GANG RUSHES OUT, THE ALERT AMAZON SNAPS THE DETACHED CAR WHEELS FORWARD AGAIN ---

WONDER WOMAN'S BEATEN US AGAIN!

BAM!

YEOW! WE GIVE UP!

DON'T



ABJECTLY, THE THUGS START TOWARD WONDER WOMAN ---

HERE'S EVERYTHING WE STOLE!

YEAH—EVERYTHING—EVEN THIS GEIGER COUNTER!

WAIT! DON'T COME ANY NEARER! I'M RADIO-AC—



THE AMAZON'S GAZE IS CAUGHT BY THE GEIGER COUNTER ---

IT—IT'S NOT CLICKING! AND IT'S POINTING STRAIGHT AT ME! IT MUST MEAN THAT BECAUSE OF MY AMAZON POWERS OF RESISTANCE—I WAS RADIO-ACTIVE FOR ONLY A SHORT WHILE! THANK HERA! NOW I CAN CONTINUE FIGHTING CRIME AND INJUSTICE!

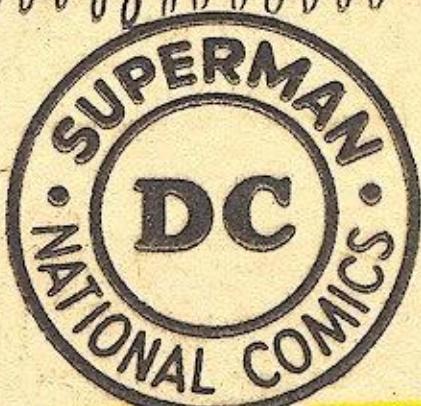


LATER ---

GOSH—I'M SO HAPPY JUST TO BE NEAR YOU—I WON'T ASK YOU TO MARRY ME—UNTIL TOMORROW!



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To the Boys and Girls of America--

THIS FAMOUS SYMBOL IS YOUR

GUARANTEE
OF THE BEST IN COMICS READING

Binky in "The BEST PRESENT OF ALL!"

WHAT'S THE MATTER, ALLERGY? YOU LOOK AS IF YOU'VE LOST ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS CHEER!

I HAVE!

YOU ALL GAVE ME SUCH NICE PRESENTS FOR CHRISTMAS, AND I HAD HARDLY ANY MONEY TO GET REAL NICE THINGS FOR YOU. SO I GOTTA START MAKING MONEY FOR NEXT YEAR...

MAYBE YOU CAN... BUT DON'T THINK WE DIDN'T LIKE YOUR PRESENTS.

THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE YOU'RE OVERLOOKING, SON. DIDN'T YOU SEND SOME OF YOUR CHRISTMAS MONEY OVERSEAS FOR COLD AND HUNGRY BOYS AND GIRLS?

SURE, ALL THE GANG DID THAT, DAD.

"AND DIDN'T YOU SING CAROLS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB?"

"AND DIDN'T YOU SPEND A LOT OF TIME AND PART OF YOUR CHRISTMAS MONEY FIXING UP TOYS FOR THE KIDS IN THE HOSPITAL?"

SO, YOU SEE, YOU GAVE THE BEST THINGS ANYONE CAN--REAL THOUGHT FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S HAPPINESS. AT CHRISTMAS, OR ANY OTHER TIME. THIS IS THE MOST WELCOME PRESENT YOU CAN GIVE--AND THE ONE THAT LASTS LONGEST!

YOU SAID IT, DAD!

The First Co-Eds



IT is hard to believe that only forty-three years ago, when President Eliot of Harvard University was asked for his opinion regarding sending girls to college, the famous educator shook his head and remarked: "I'm afraid that women are physically too fragile to stand the pace of higher learning."

Despite President Eliot's pessimism, there are today over 700,000 women attending American colleges and universities.

Just the same, it was a long, hard fight, waged by women and men alike, to put the "co" in co-education.

In the early 1800's education ... girls was a private matter. It had either two aims: to produce useful homemakers, or to turn young ladies into carefully-groomed "society ladies." In those days, girls, if they could afford it, attended finishing schools, or were taught by a private tutor.

But even those girls lucky enough to obtain some education were not taught the same subjects as their brothers attending college. Languages, mathematics, and history were considered suitable courses for boys, but the general feeling was that these subjects would overtax women,

whose brains were "too light and reasoning powers too defective".

So, instead of learning "boys' subjects," girls were taught music, painting on glass, embroidery, and "the social graces".

Perhaps the biggest opening wedge for women to enter colleges was the spreading of the idea of free education. This resulted in more and more girls being graduated from high schools. For the first time, girls were learning Latin, mathematics, and economics, and, what's more, doing well in these subjects. Slowly but surely the notion that girls' minds were too fragile to learn deep subjects was vanishing.

At the close of the 19th Century there were already more girls than boys in the nation's high schools. One observer, James Bryce, an Englishman, was shocked enough by this situation to remark that before long American wives would be better educated than their husbands.

It remained for the comparatively new state of Ohio, in 1833, to pave the way for women to enter college. This took place when Oberlin College in that year opened its doors to both men and women, thus becoming the country's first co-educational school.

Four years later, Massachusetts became

the first eastern state to provide a college for women when a young schoolteacher named Mary Lyon raised the then munificent sum of \$27,000 to build an advanced female seminary in Mt. Holyoke. Miss Lyon served as the college's first principal. Her salary was \$3.85 a week.

Vassar, one of our country's most illustrious women's colleges, had a curious beginning. A Poughkeepsie, New York, brewer named Matthew Vassar had made a considerable fortune, and in 1861 voiced the hope of finding some philanthropy that would perpetuate his name. He had first decided to found a library, then changed his plan to a hospital.

But before he could put his hospital plan into effect, a niece of Vassar's suggested that he found a women's college. Vassar liked the idea at once and instantly set aside the sum of \$408,000 to start the college.

Vassar Female College threw open its doors in 1865, and became at once one of the leading colleges for women in the country.

Thanks to Matthew Vassar's intelligence in leaving the administration of the school to a trained body of trustees, the institution grew by leaps and bounds. Even more important, it dared to be different from other old-fashioned schools.

Two years after it was founded, the word "female" was dropped from its name, and every effort was made to obtain the finest teachers in the world.

In the very year it opened, Vassar invited Maria Mitchell, who had won worldwide fame for discovering a comet, to teach astronomy and run the observatory of the college. Miss Mitchell accepted, receiving \$800 a year in salary.

Smith College, another famous women's

institution of higher learning, had an equally curious beginning. In 1875, an heiress named Sophia Smith was on the point of awarding Harvard University a gift of about \$400,000. Oddly enough, it was a man interested in fostering education for women, who got to Miss Smith before the award was made.

"Why not use that money to start a college for women—to be named after yourself?" he suggested.

That same year another famous college for women was founded—Wellesley.

By this time, the idea of women in college was accepted by the average person. And universities that had stubbornly resisted the idea of women in college were slowly giving way. Harvard opened an annex to accommodate women. As women flocked to attend, Harvard stopped calling its women's department an annex, and gave it a name, Radcliffe. Columbia University followed Harvard's action with Barnard.

Meanwhile, new colleges that were opening up in the west and south admitted women at the outset.

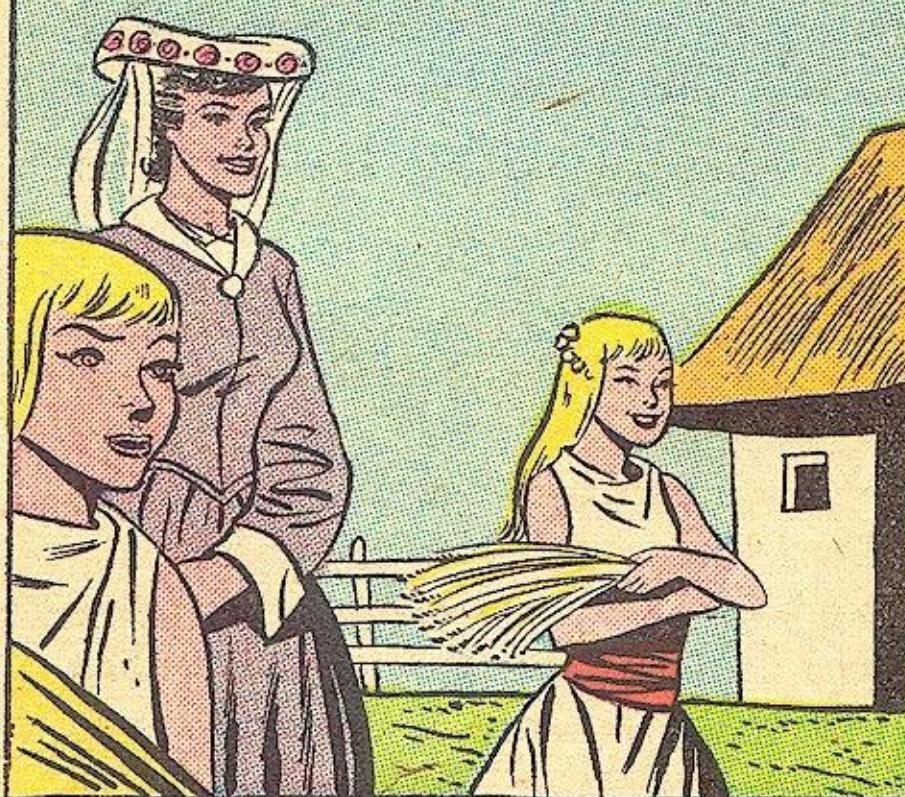
An interesting problem raised by the admittance of women to colleges was never solved.

As we all know, the name of the degree awarded to students completing the arts course at college is Bachelor of Arts. The science course leads to Bachelor of Science. It seemed ridiculous, at first, to give a "Bachelor's" degree to a woman. So, some colleges began awarding such degrees as "Laureate of Science," and "Maid of Philosophy."

In time, this quaint nomenclature was dropped, and women think nothing of getting Bachelor degrees today.

MARRIAGE à la MODE !

DURING THE MIDDLE AGES, A BRIDE FOLLOWED IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF TWO LITTLE GIRLS HOLDING GARLANDS OF WHEAT, IN THE BELIEF THAT IT WOULD BRING FRUITFULNESS AND HAPPINESS TO HER MARRIAGE...



A CARRY-OVER OF THIS CUSTOM PREVAILS TO THIS DAY WHEN FLOWER-GIRLS PROCEDE A BRIDE AS SHE WALKS DOWN THE AISLE.

IT WAS CUSTOMARY FOR WHITE RUSSIANS TO BURN STRAW INSIDE THE HOUSES OF A COUPLE BEFORE THEY WERE WED IN ORDER TO REPEL EVIL SPIRITS THAT MIGHT BE LURKING ABOUT...



IN CENTRAL ASIA, A BRIDE and BRIDEGROOM GAZE AT THE SUN TOGETHER ON THEIR WEDDING DAY TO ASSURE THEMSELVES OF A BRIGHT FUTURE...





Wonder Woman

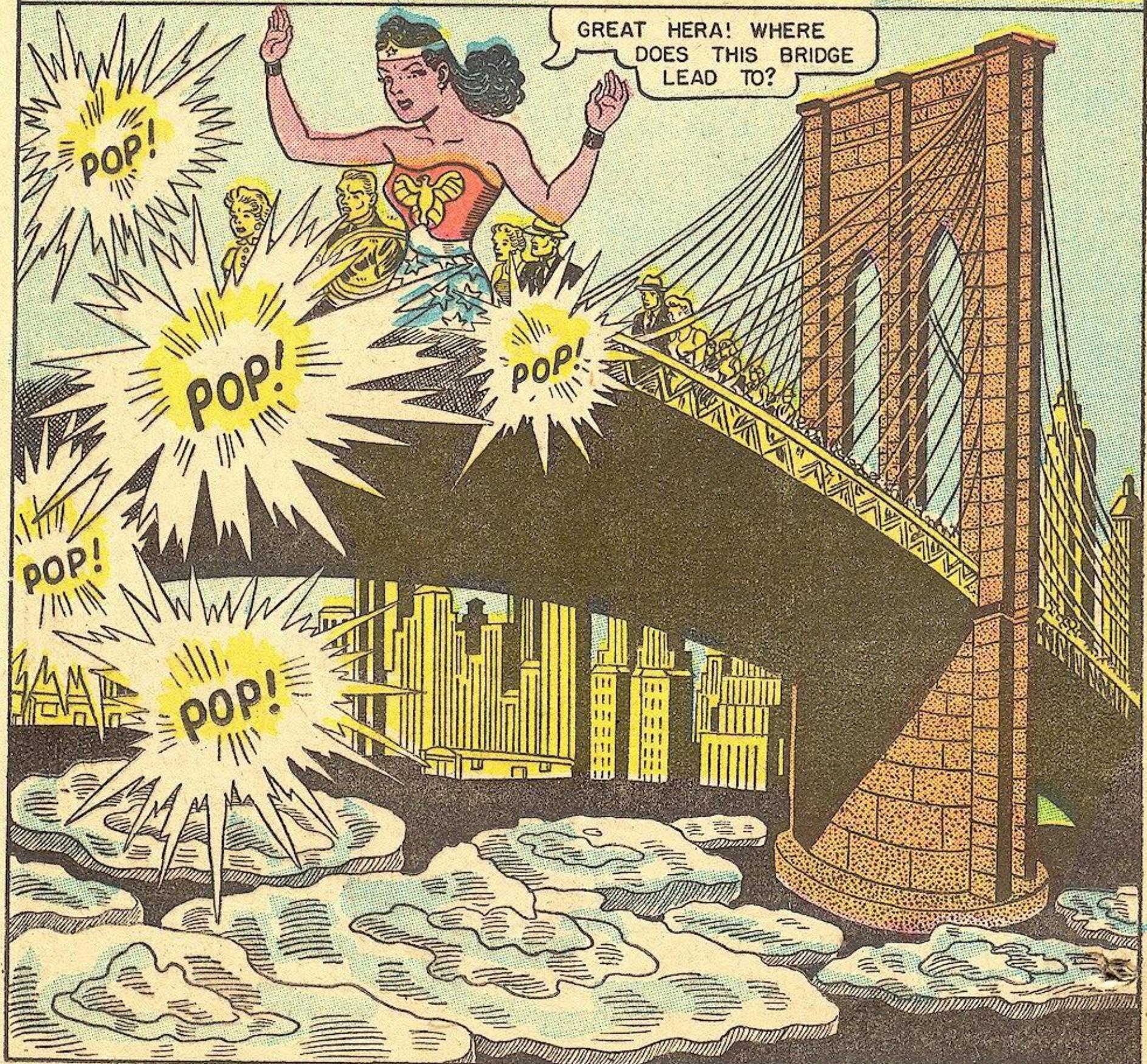


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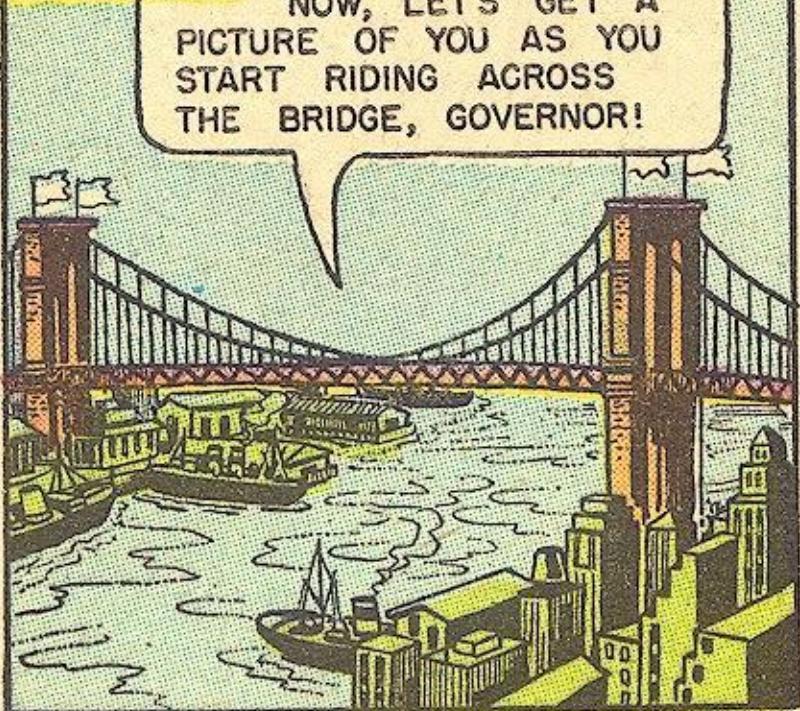
CAN PEOPLE INEXPICABLY DISAPPEAR WHILE CROSSING A BRIDGE IN PLAIN VIEW OF THOUSANDS? THE ASTONISHING ANSWER IS: YES! AND WONDER WOMAN—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES—MUST TROD THE SAME PERILOUS PATH IN A MIGHTY EFFORT TO SOLVE THE RIDDLE BEHIND THE -----

"BRIDGE TO NOWHERE!"



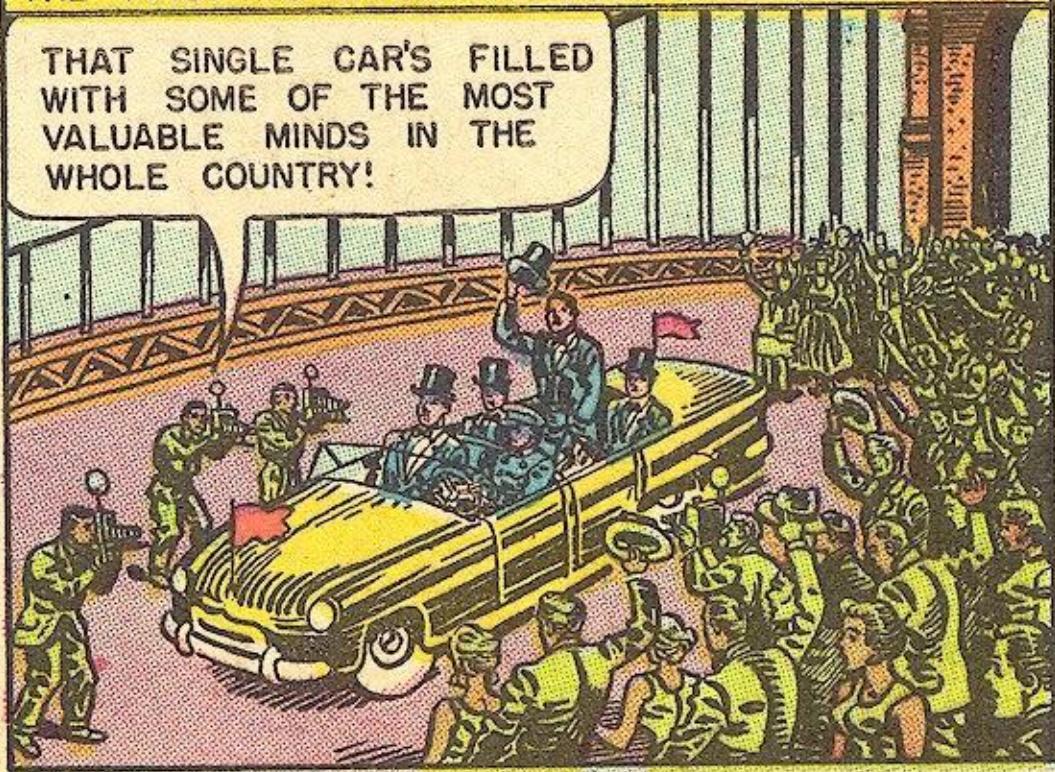
IN MID-WEST CITY DURING THE WINTER,
THE NEWEST BRIDGE REACHES COM-
PLETION---

NOW, LET'S GET A
PICTURE OF YOU AS YOU
START RIDING ACROSS
THE BRIDGE, GOVERNOR!

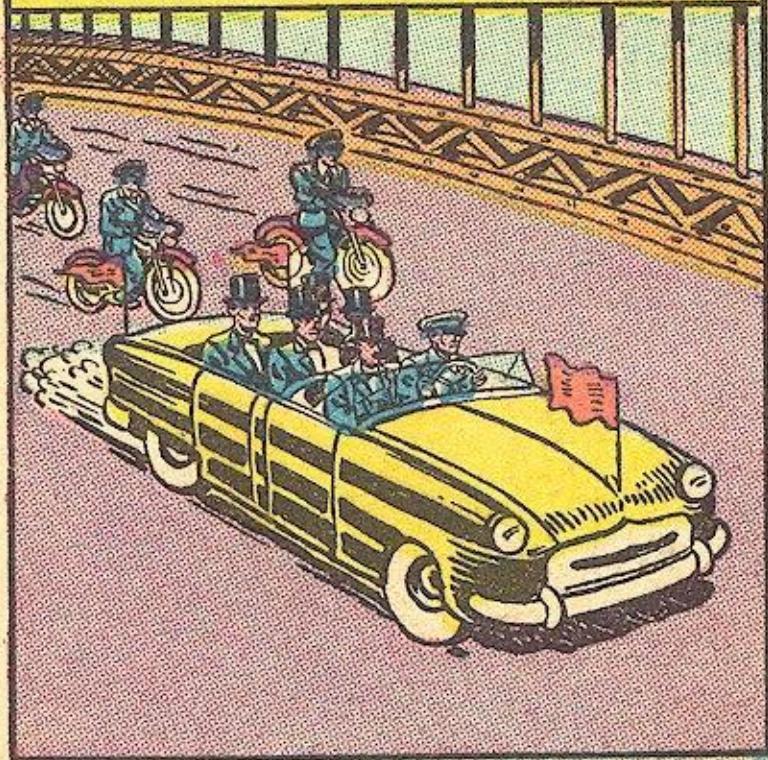


FILLED WITH NOTABLES, THE GOVERNOR'S CAR IS
THE FIRST TO START ACROSS---

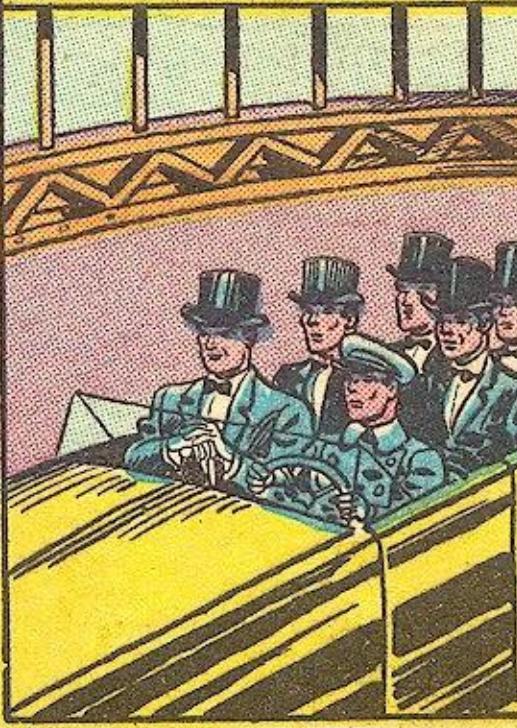
THAT SINGLE CAR'S FILLED
WITH SOME OF THE MOST
VALUABLE MINDS IN THE
WHOLE COUNTRY!



ON COMES THE GOVERNOR'S CAR---



AND, AS IT REACHES THE
MIDDLE OF THE BRIDGE---



IT VANISHES!



BEHIND IT, THE MOTORCYCLE ESCORT STARES
IN AMAZEMENT ---

THEY'VE DISAPPEARED—
INTO THIN AIR!

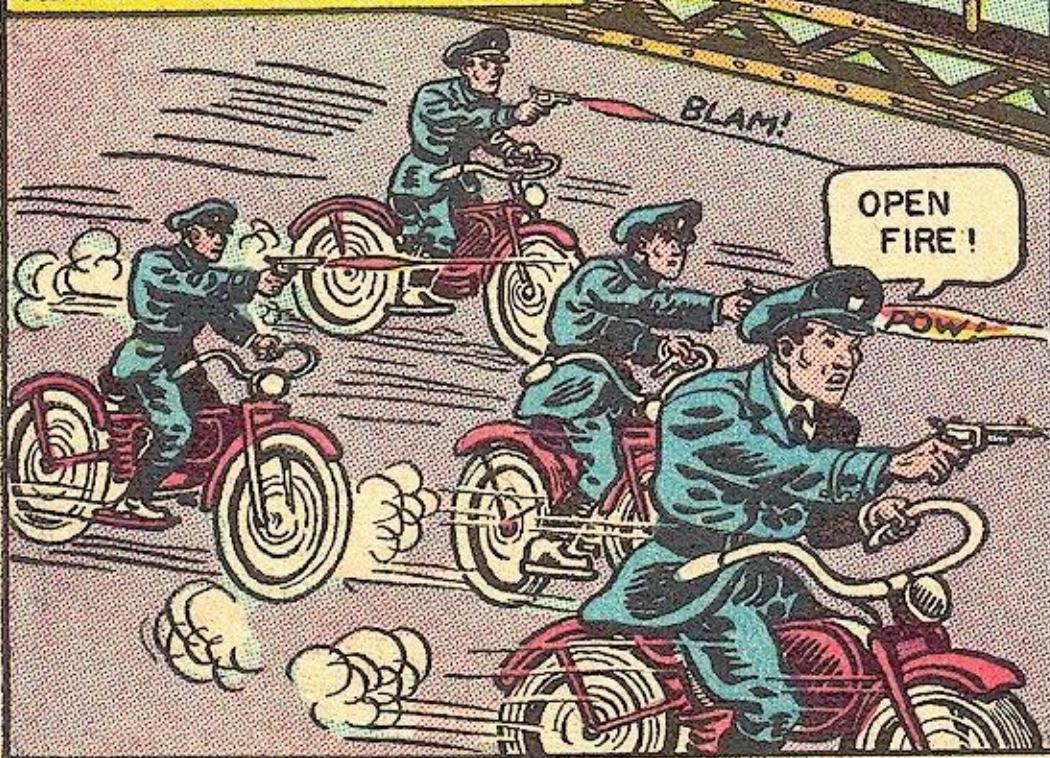
DRAW YOUR
GUNS, MEN!



WHATEVER MADE THE GOVERNOR'S
CAR DISAPPEAR IS STILL THERE!
WE'RE ALMOST UP TO THE EXACT
SPOT! SHOOT AT ANYTHING
SUSPICIOUS!



AS THE GRIM MOTORCYCLISTS ROAR OVER THE CENTER OF THE BRIDGE ---



THE NEXT MOMENT ---



THE APPALLED WATCHERS LEFT ON THE BRIDGE FALL INTO A PANIC ---



AT THAT MOMENT, CRUISING IN HER AMAZON PLANE NEARBY, WONDER WOMAN'S ATTENTION IS CAUGHT BY HER OMNI-WAVE SET ---

CALLING ALL CARS! EMERGENCY ON MID-WEST CITY BRIDGE! SPECTATORS PANICKING AFTER GOVERNOR'S CAR AND MOTOR-CYCLE ESCORT VANISH HALF-WAY ACROSS THE BRIDGE!



DIVING TOWARD THE BRIDGE, THE ALERT AMAZON SEES ---

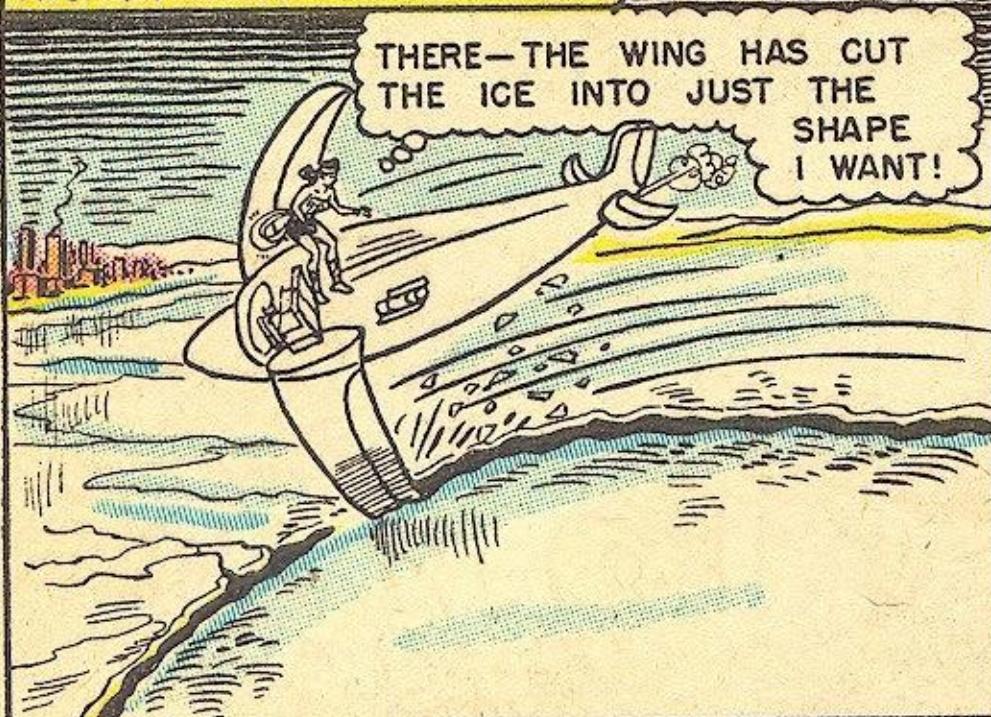


WHAT CAN I FASHION -- TO GET THAT CROWD OFF THE BRIDGE IMMEDIATELY -- BEFORE ANYONE IS TRAMPLED? HMM -- THOSE ICE FLOES IN THE RIVER BELOW GIVE ME AN IDEA!



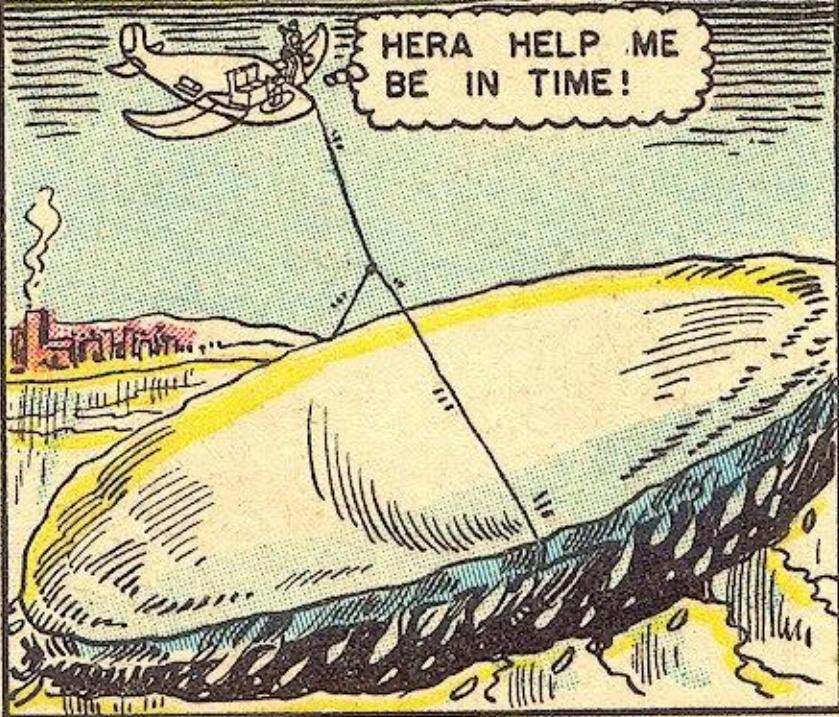
WITH DAZZLING SPEED, WONDER WOMAN DIRECTS HER ROBOT PLANE TO MANEUVER IN SUCH A FASHION THAT---

THERE—THE WING HAS CUT THE ICE INTO JUST THE SHAPE I WANT!



ZOOMING ABOVE THE RIVER, THE TIRELESS AMAZON LASOES THE GIGANTIC ICE CUTOUT ---

HERA HELP ME BE IN TIME!



AT THE SIDE OF THE BRIDGE, WONDER WOMAN DANGLES HER INGENIOUS EMERGENCY PLATFORM---

THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM FOR EVERYONE!

THIS WAY—

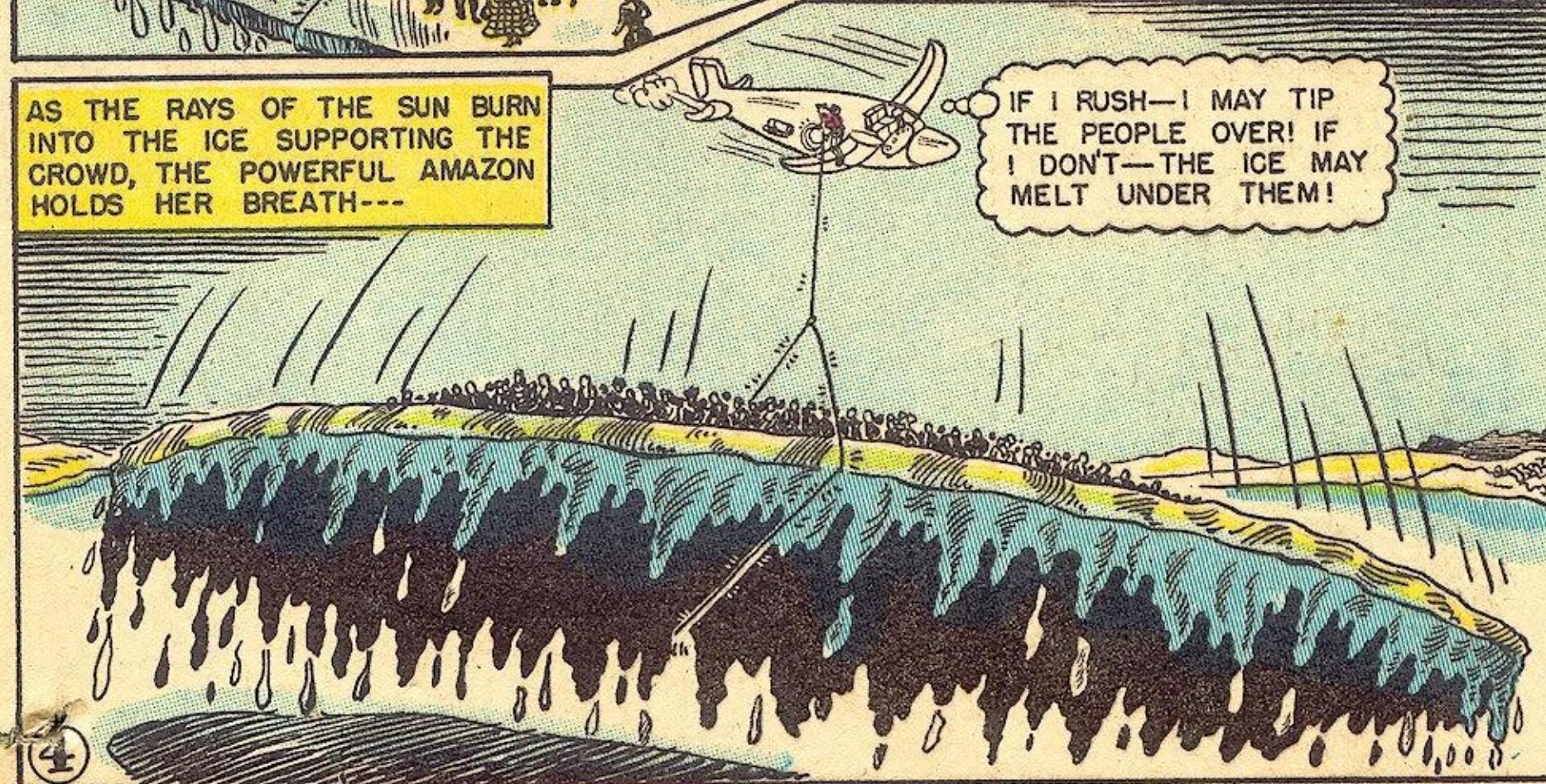


SUFFERING SAPPHO! THE SUN HAS JUST COME OUT! I'VE GOT TO LOWER THE PLATFORM TO THE GROUND BEFORE THE SUN WEAKENS THE ICE!



AS THE RAYS OF THE SUN BURN INTO THE ICE SUPPORTING THE CROWD, THE POWERFUL AMAZON HOLDS HER BREATH---

IF I RUSH—I MAY TIP THE PEOPLE OVER! IF I DON'T—THE ICE MAY MELT UNDER THEM!



Wonder Woman

WONDER WOMAN'S INCREDIBLE SENSE OF BALANCE ENABLES HER TO LOWER THE PEOPLE TO THE GROUND SAFELY, BEFORE THE ICE WEAKENS---



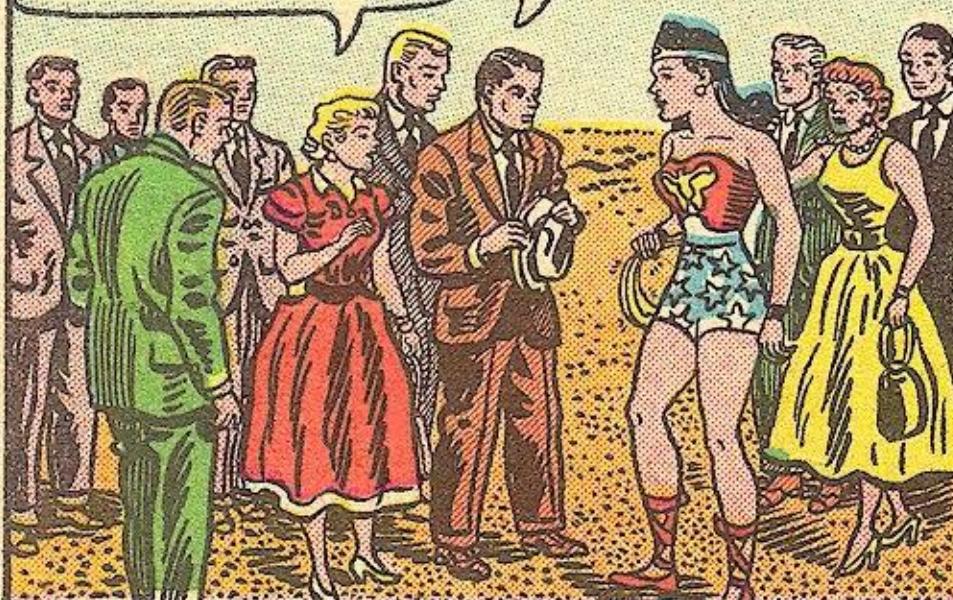
BUT---

MY TASK'S JUST BEGINNING! I HAVE TO GO BACK ONTO THE BRIDGE AND FIND OUT WHAT MADE THE GOVERNOR'S CAR AND HIS ESCORT DISAPPEAR!



NO, WONDER WOMAN! YOU'VE DONE YOUR SHARE! DON'T GO!

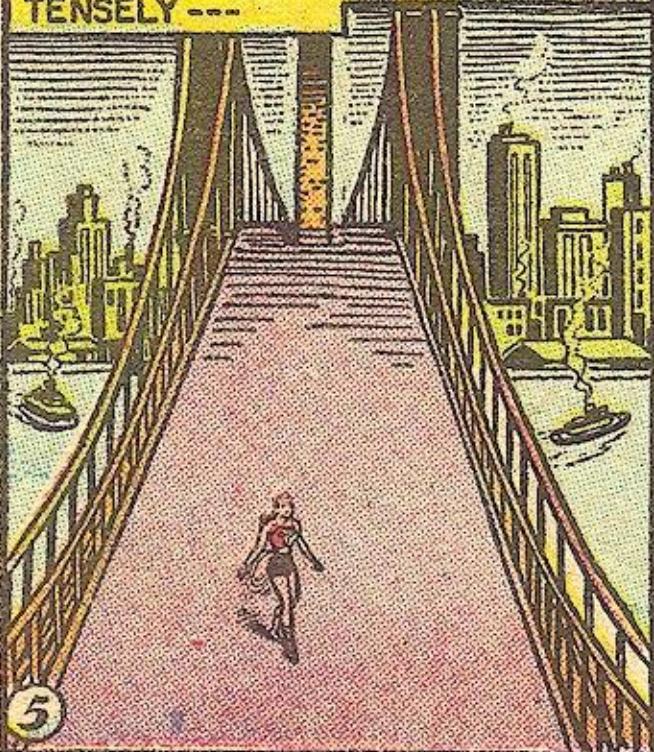
THE SAME TERRIBLE THING WILL HAPPEN TO YOU TOO!



SILENTLY, THE CROWD WATCHES THE INDOMITABLE AMAZON WALK TOWARD THE OMINOUS BRIDGE ---



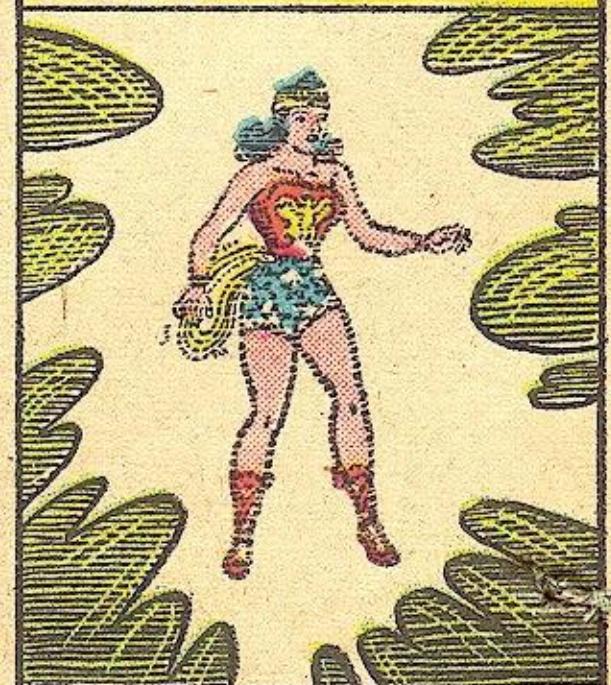
ONTO THE LANE ON THE BRIDGE SHE MAKES HER WAY TENSELY ---



APPROACHING THE CENTER OF THE BRIDGE WHERE THE OTHERS HAD DISAPPEARED, SHE PAUSES FOR AN INSTANT ---



THEN, AS SHE FEARLESSLY CONTINUES---SHE WALKS ONE STEP---ANOTHER---AND SUDDENLY---

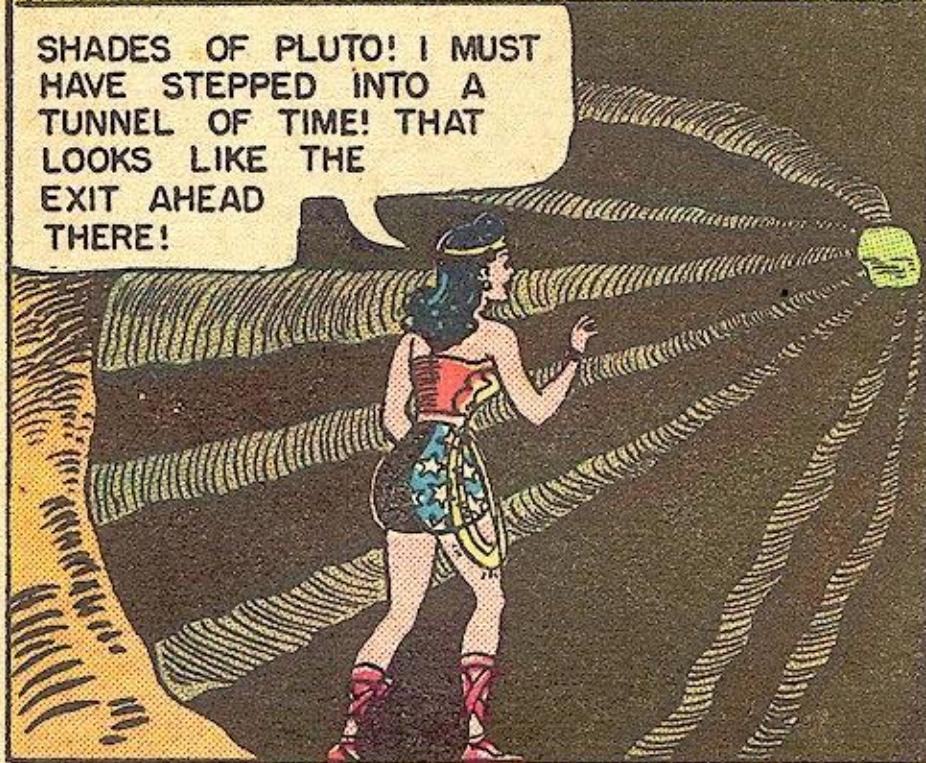


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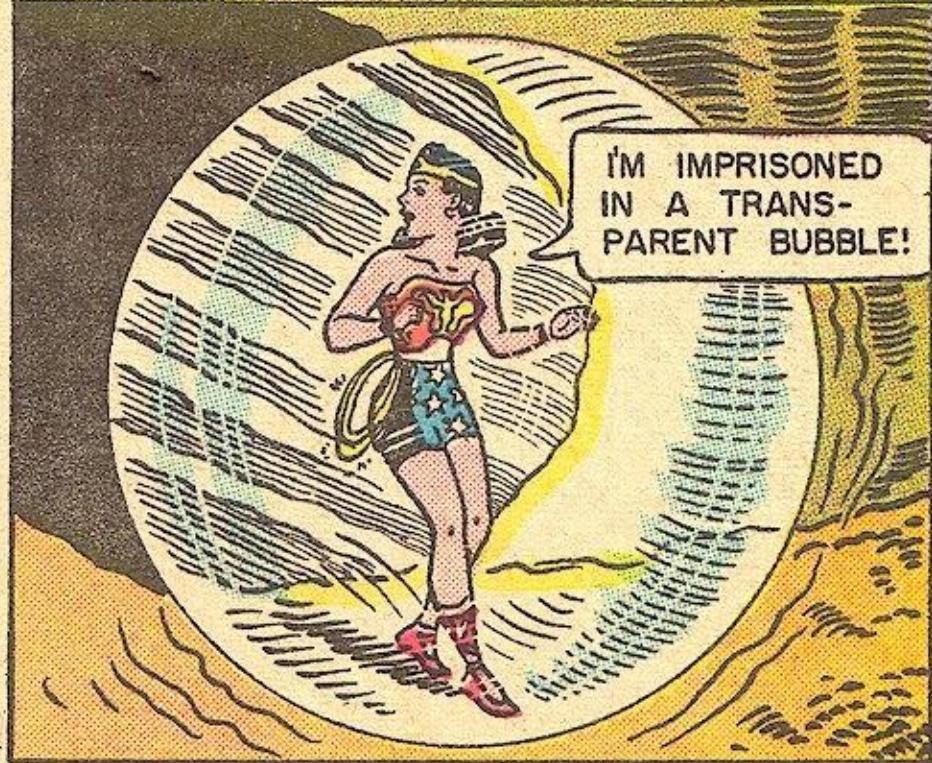
AS WONDER WOMAN CROSSES THE MIDDLE OF THE BRIDGE AND DISAPPEARS FROM SIGHT—

SHADES OF PLUTO! I MUST HAVE STEPPED INTO A TUNNEL OF TIME! THAT LOOKS LIKE THE EXIT AHEAD THERE!



AS WONDER WOMAN EXITS FROM THE TUNNEL OF TIME ---

I'M IMPRISONED IN A TRANSPARENT BUBBLE!



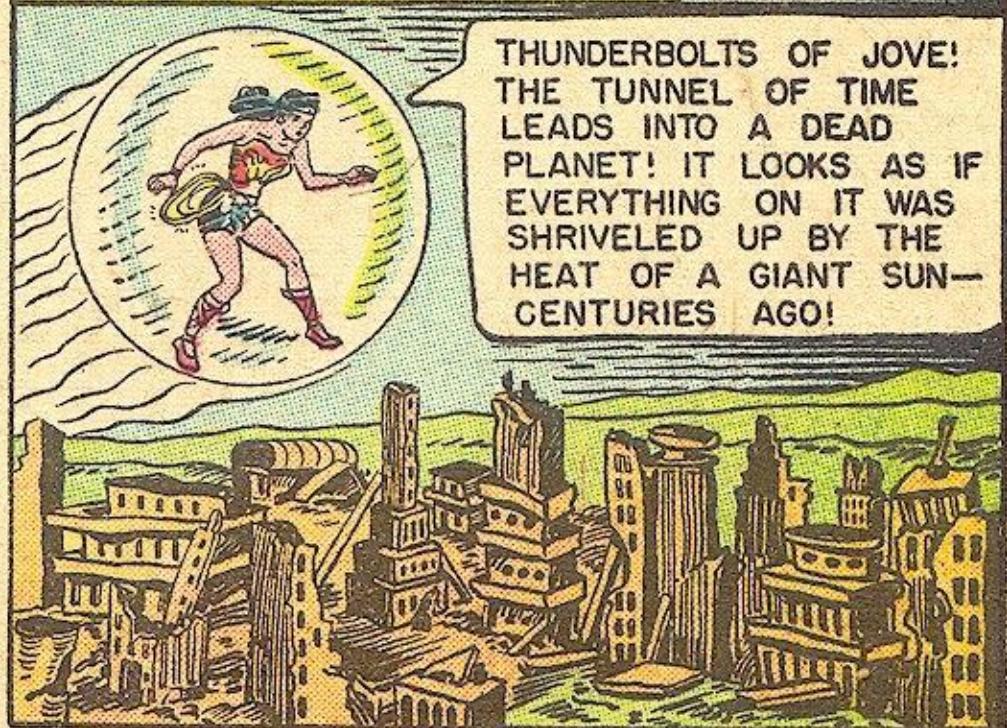
THE NEXT MOMENT ---

THE PRESSURE OF MY FEET WHEN I ENTERED—MUST HAVE SET SOME MECHANISM IN OPERATION, SENDING MY PRISON INTO THE AIR!



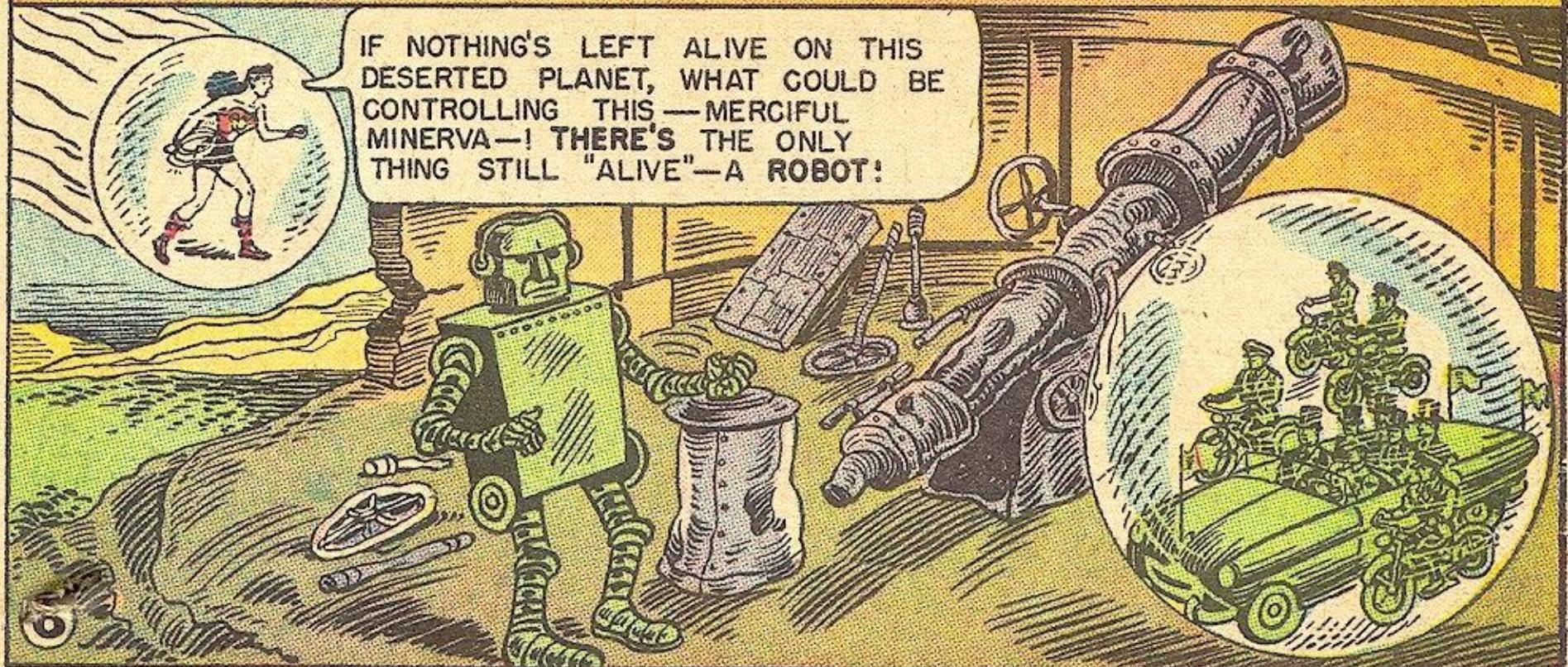
OVER A STRANGE, DEVASTATED LAND SOARS THE FLYING BUBBLE ---

THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE! THE TUNNEL OF TIME LEADS INTO A DEAD PLANET! IT LOOKS AS IF EVERYTHING ON IT WAS SHRIVELED UP BY THE HEAT OF A GIANT SUN—CENTURIES AGO!



A MOMENT LATER, WONDER WOMAN'S STRANGE CARRIER STARTS DESCENDING---

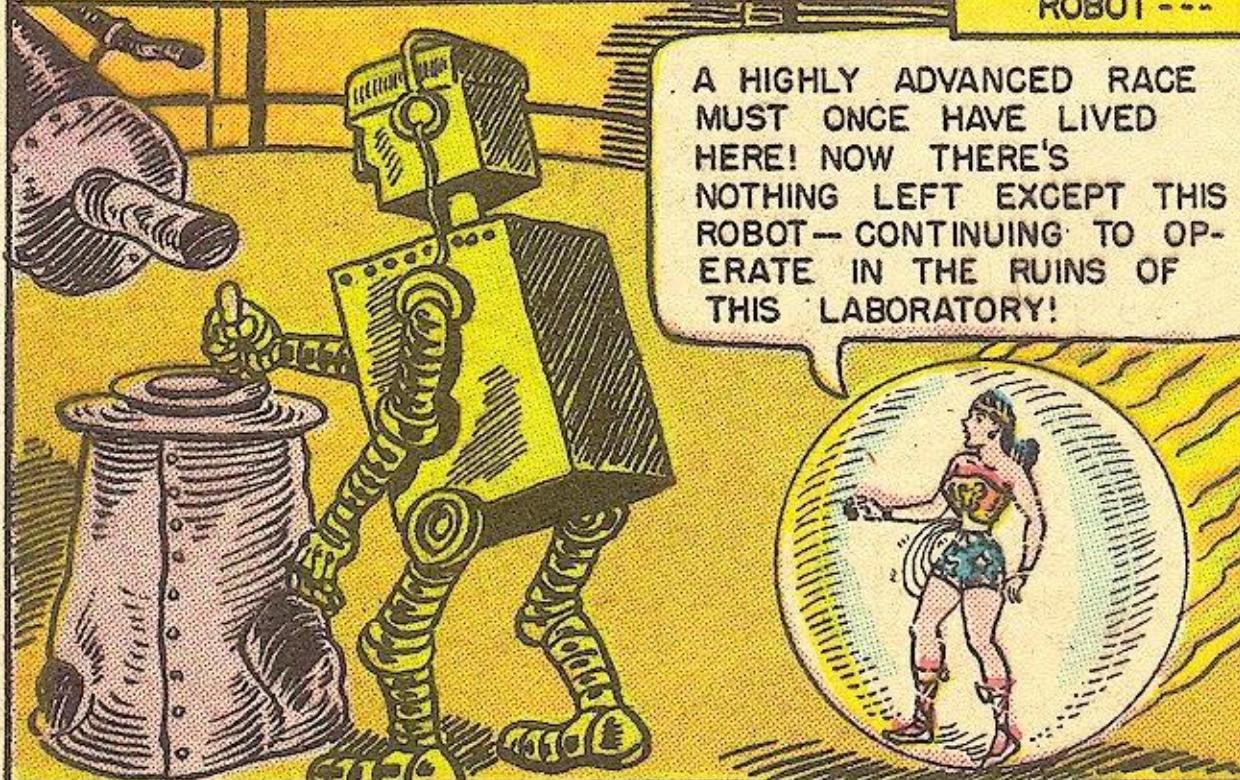
IF NOTHING'S LEFT ALIVE ON THIS DESERTED PLANET, WHAT COULD BE CONTROLLING THIS—MERCIFUL MINERVA—! THERE'S THE ONLY THING STILL "ALIVE"—A ROBOT!



Wonder Woman



AS WONDER WOMAN'S FLYING CELL LANDS BESIDE THE GIANT ROBOT---



A HIGHLY ADVANCED RACE MUST ONCE HAVE LIVED HERE! NOW THERE'S NOTHING LEFT EXCEPT THIS ROBOT—CONTINUING TO OPERATE IN THE RUINS OF THIS LABORATORY!

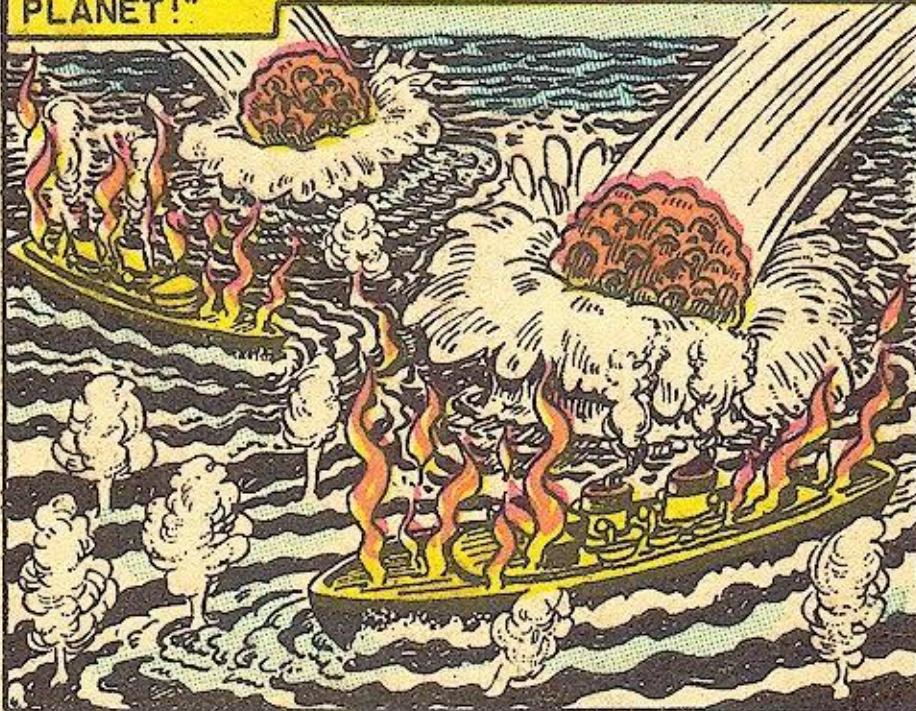
BUT, WITH NO ONE TO REGULATE IT—THE ROBOT IS OUT OF CONTROL! IT HAS ALREADY TAMPERED WITH TIME ON EARTH!—CAUSING THE CRACK IN TIME ON THE BRIDGE! THAT'S HOW WE GOT HERE! HERA KNOWS WHAT OTHER AWFUL DAMAGES IT MAY INFILCT!



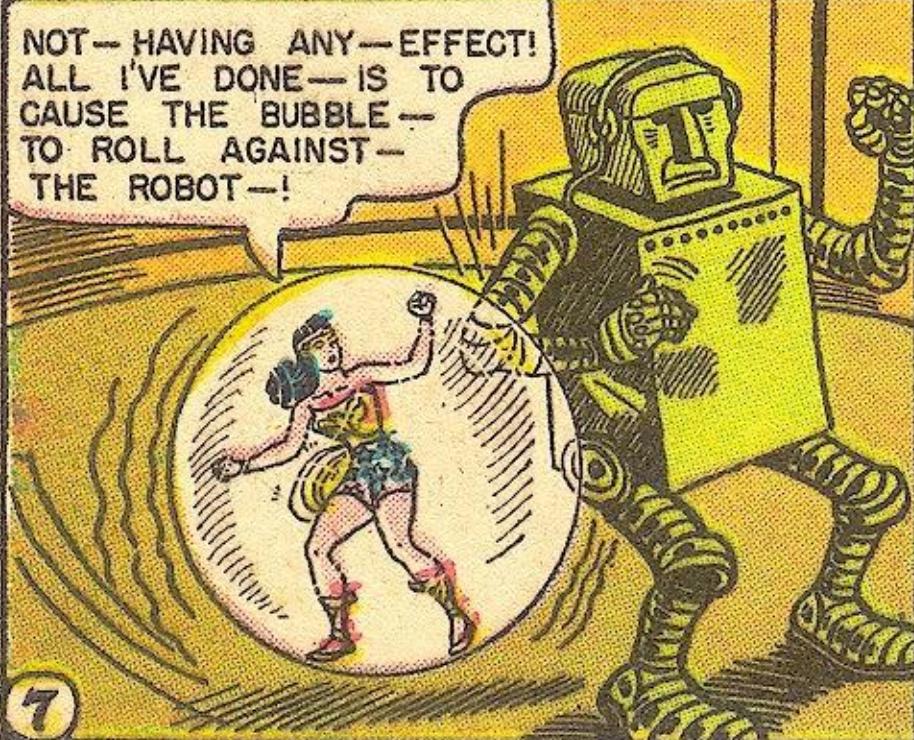
"PERHAPS A SHIFT IN GRAVITY—CAUSING SKYSCRAPERS TO TOPPLE!"



"OR A CHANGE IN EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE, REMOVING THE PROTECTIVE COVERING FROM THE PLANET!"



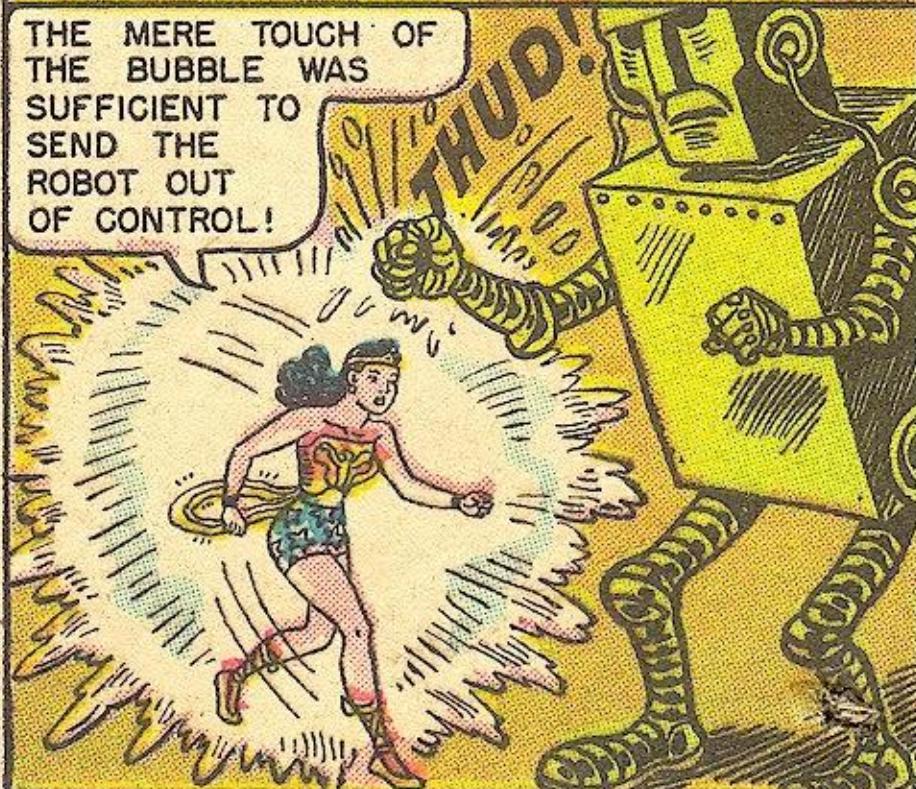
DESPERATELY, WONDER WOMAN STRIVES TO BREAK THROUGH HER PRISON---



NOT—HAVING ANY—EFFECT!
ALL I'VE DONE—IS TO
CAUSE THE BUBBLE—
TO ROLL AGAINST—
THE ROBOT—!

BUT---A GIANT FIST RAISES SUDDENLY AND--

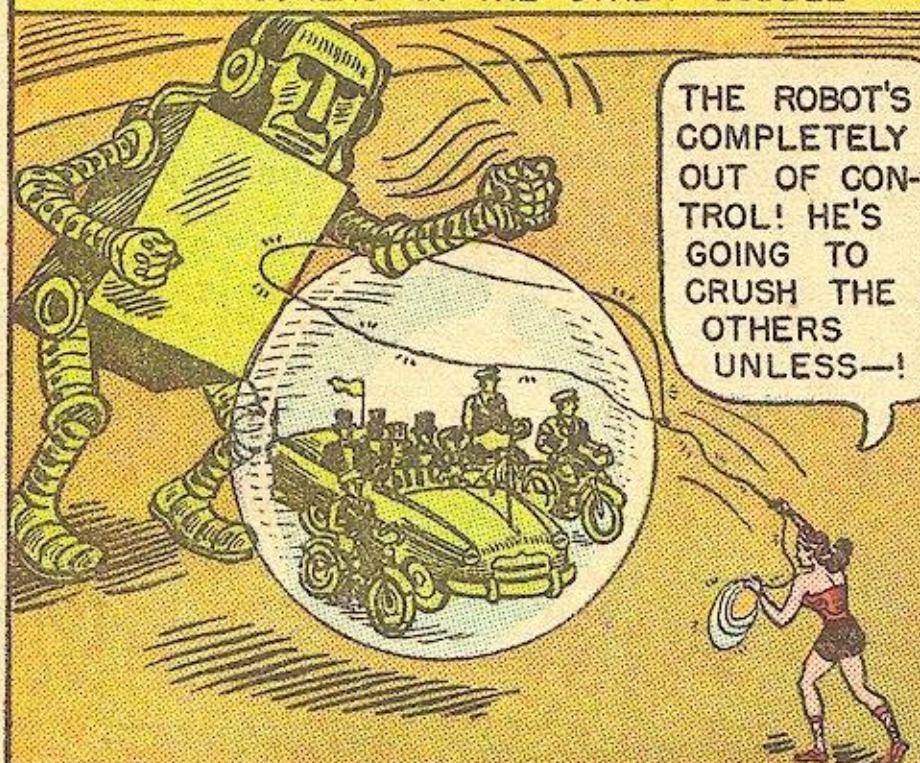
THE MERE TOUCH OF
THE BUBBLE WAS
SUFFICIENT TO
SEND THE
ROBOT OUT
OF CONTROL!



Wonder Woman



AS THE GIANT ROBOT AIMS A MASSIVE FIST AT THE PRISONERS IN THE OTHER BUBBLE---



THE MIGHTY AMAZON BARELY MANAGES TO WHISK THE HELPLESS PRISONERS OUT OF RANGE OF THE MASSIVE SMASHING FIST---



BUT---

THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE! THE ROBOT JUST BLEW ITSELF AND THE LABORATORY UP! IT MUST HAVE SET THE EXPLODING MECHANISM GOING—RIPPING UP EVERYTHING IN THE LAB TO HURL AT US!



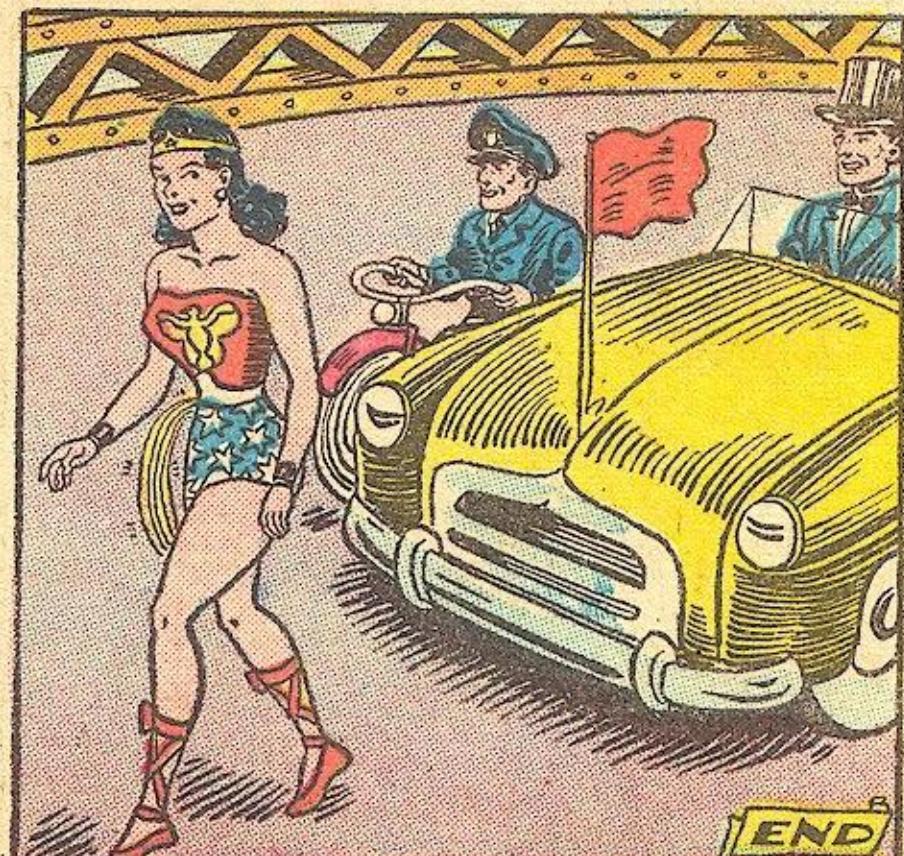
BACK INTO THE TUNNEL OF TIME RACES THE TIRELESS AMAZON---



A MOMENT OF EARTH-TIME LATER---

GOVERNOR! YOU CAN CONTINUE ACROSS THE BRIDGE SAFELY! THE TIME-DEVIATION IS GONE!

THANKS TO YOUR EFFORTS, WONDER WOMAN! BUT IF ANYONE DESERVES THE HONOR OF BEING FIRST TO CROSS THIS BRIDGE—it's YOU! WILL YOU LEAD THE WAY?



CURIOS CLOTHING CUSTOMS!

IT WAS ONCE CONSIDERED A GESTURE OF GOOD LUCK TO PINCH A GIRL THE FIRST TIME SHE APPEARED IN PUBLIC WEARING A NEW DRESS...

HEALTH TO WEAR YOUR NEW DRESS,
STRENGTH TO TEAR IT, AND MONEY
TO BUY ANOTHER !

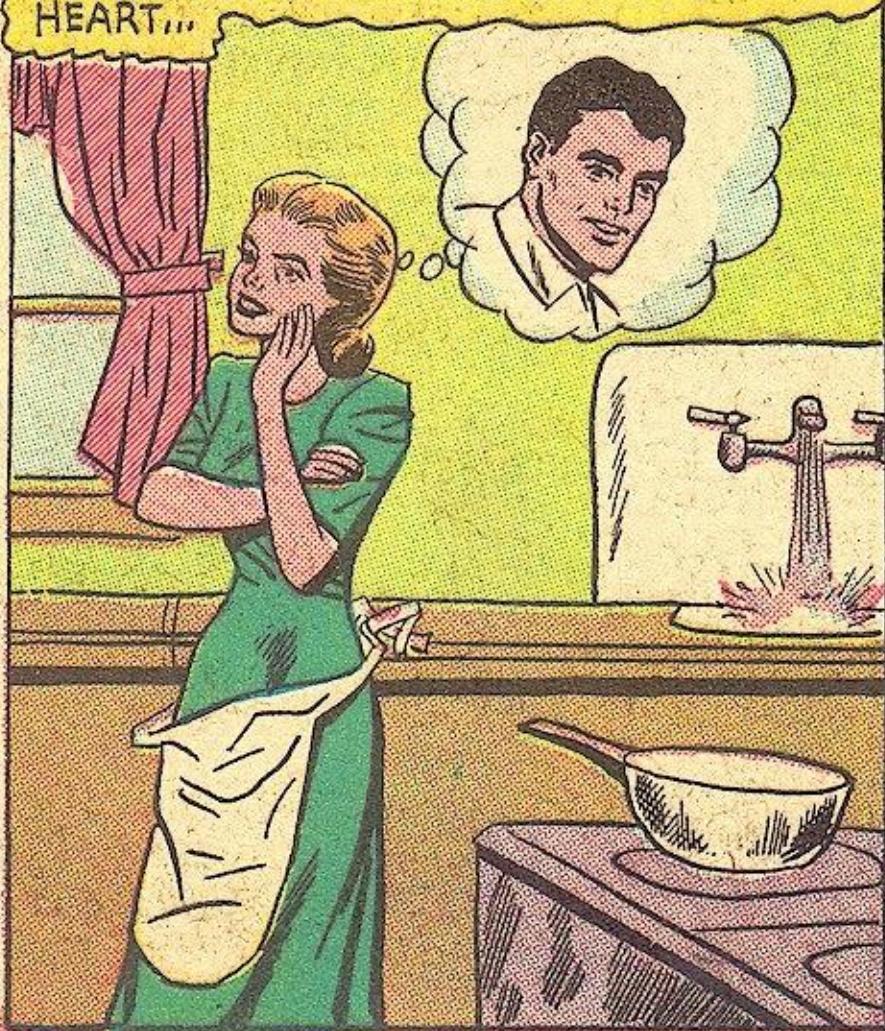


SUPERSTITIOUS-MINDED PEOPLE YEARS AGO AVOIDED HAVING ANY ARTICLE OF APPAREL MENDED WHILE IT WAS BEING WORN, FOR FEAR IT WOULD BRING THEM A LIFE OF POVERTY...

YOU HAVE A RIP IN YOUR SLEEVE, DEAR!
I'LL MEND IT!
I'LL HAVE TO TAKE MY DRESS OFF FIRST, MOTHER...



IF AN APRON SLIPPED OFF AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, IT WAS REGARDED AS A SIGN THAT SHE WAS THINKING OF HER SWEET-HEART...



WHEN A VISITOR RETURNED TO A HOUSE TO RE-COVER A FORGOTTEN PAIR OF GLOVES, CUSTOM DECREED SHE HAD TO SIT DOWN BEFORE PICKING THEM UP, THE GLOVES THEN HAD TO BE PUT ON WHILE STANDING, ELSE SHE'D BE DESTINED NEVER AGAIN TO VISIT THAT HOUSE...

IT'S TIME FOR ME TO LEAVE AGAIN. I'LL STAND UP AND PUT ON MY GLOVES!





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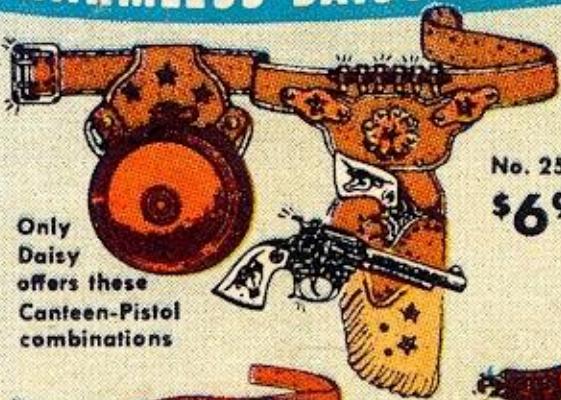
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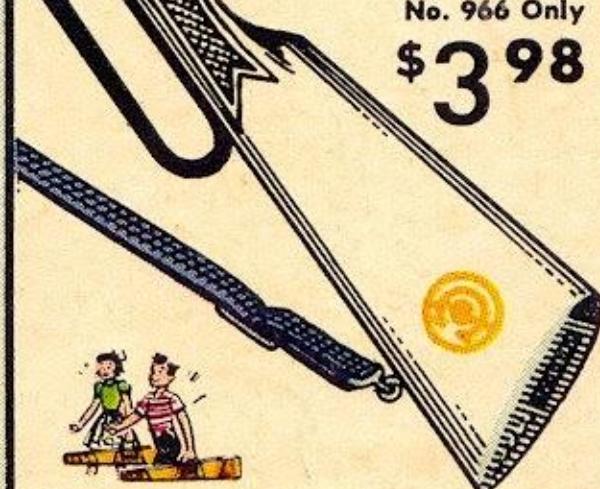
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