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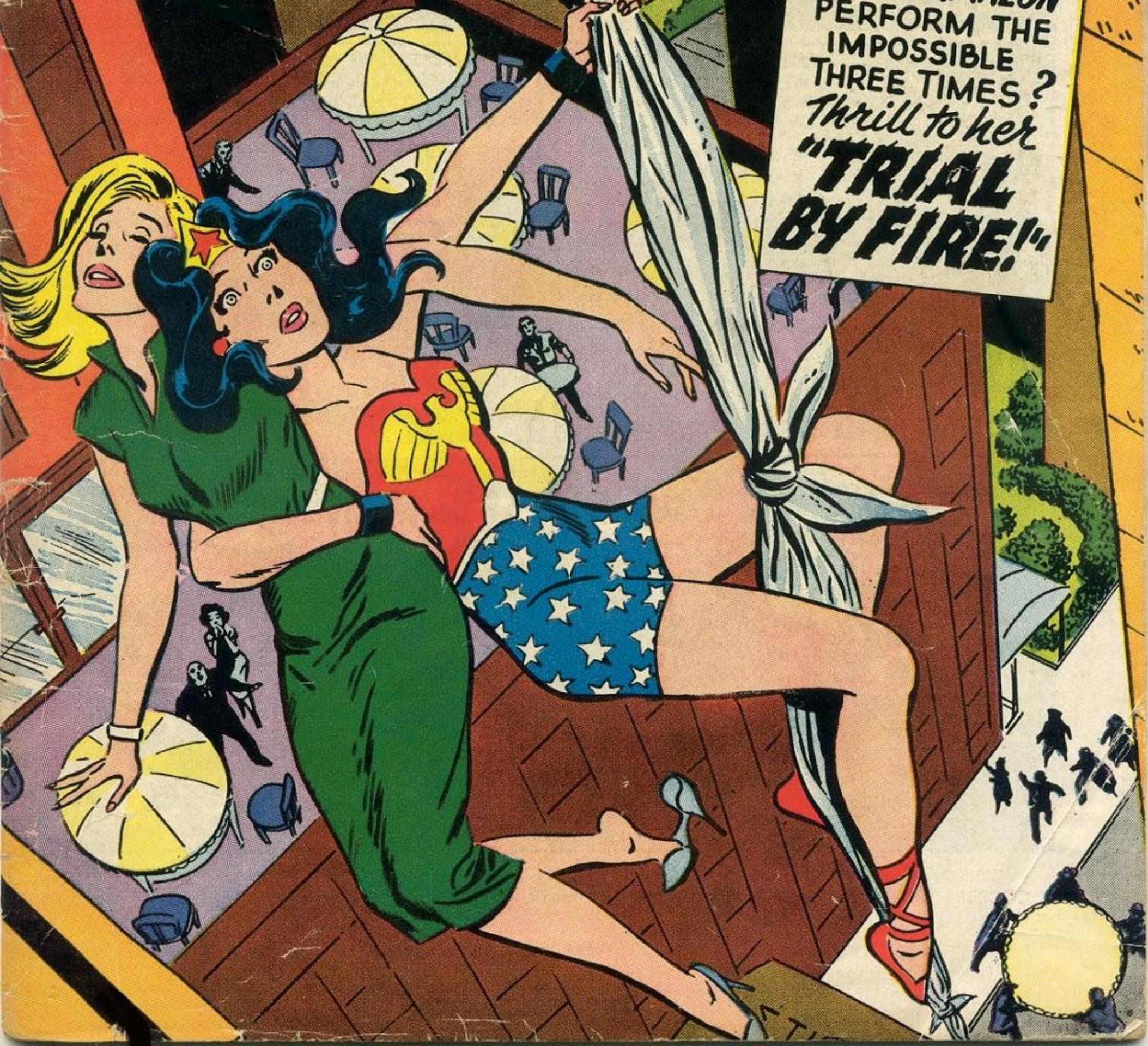
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CAN EVEN THE
MIGHTY AMAZON
PERFORM THE
IMPOSSIBLE
THREE TIMES?
Thrill to her
**"TRIAL
BY FIRE!"**



The MAGIC CARD!



HI, PETE! LOOK, WE'VE FINALLY FIGURED OUT HOW THIS REMOTE CONTROL GIMMICK WORKS! THIS DIAGRAM REALLY EXPLAINS IT.

WE'RE MAKING A COSTUME FOR THE PLAY NEXT WEEK.

WE FOUND SOME SWELL DESIGNS IN THIS BOOK. HOW DO I LOOK--REAL COOL, HUH?



BOY, WHAT A COLLECTION OF RECORDS! WHERE'D YOU PICK THEM UP?

EASY! SAME PLACE THEY GOT THEIR BOOKS--AT THE LIBRARY!



WITH THIS LITTLE BORROWER'S CARD, YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE ADVANTAGES OF THE LIBRARY AND ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME!



Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON



COUNTLESS PEOPLE
HAVE HAD THEIR WEIGHTS
AND FORTUNES TOLD BY
CARDS IN A WEIGHING
MACHINE AND CARELESSLY
TOSSED THEM AWAY!
BUT FOR WONDER
WOMAN, A FAR-FETCHED
PREDICTION TURNS INTO
A STARTLING ...

TRIAL BY FIRE!

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AS COL. STEVE TREVOR AND LT. DIANA PRINCE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE STOP AT A WEIGHING MACHINE ...

WONDER WHAT MY FORTUNE WILL BE?

OH, STEVE-- SURELY YOU DON'T BELIEVE WHAT'S WRITTEN ON THESE SILLY LITTLE CARDS?

IT SAYS:
THE BIGGEST SURPRISE OF YOUR LIFE IS RIGHT BESIDE YOU!

SEE? I TOLD YOU-- IT-- IT DOESN'T MEAN A THING! I'M RIGHT BESIDE YOU-- AND WHAT-- WHAT COULD BE SURPRISING ABOUT ME?

BY SHEER COINCIDENCE THAT RIDICULOUS LITTLE CARD SAID SOMETHING TRUE! BECAUSE THE BIGGEST SURPRISE OF STEVE'S LIFE IS AT HIS SIDE IF HE DISCOVERED THAT IN MY SECRET IDENTITY I AM **WONDER WOMAN!**



BUT, STEVE-- NEITHER AM I! BUT I AM INTERESTED IN WHAT KIND OF A FORTUNE YOU'LL GET! SO STOP ARGUING AND GET ON!

SO STOP ARGUING AND GET ON!

WELL-- DON'T KEEP ME IN SUSPENSE! WHAT DOES IT SAY?

OH-- SOME-
THING SILLY!
TODAY WILL
BE YOUR
TRIAL BY FIRE!



THAT IS A STRANGE PREDICTION!
WHAT WILL HAPPEN? WE
SHALL SEE...

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AS THE COUPLE JEEPS BACK TOWARDS MILITARY INTELLIGENCE...

MAYBE A FIRE WILL BREAK OUT IN ONE OF THOSE BUILDINGS AND YOU'LL RESCUE SOMEONE, DI ? THAT WILL BE YOUR TRIAL BY FIRE!

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, STEVE ! I'M NOT A FIREMAN ! AND THERE'S NO FIRE BREAKING OUT ANYWHERE !



LOOK ! A FIRE SALE ! MAYBE THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE YOUR TRIAL & PICKING UP A BARGAIN !

VERY FUNNY, STEVE ! REMIND ME TO LAUGH !



JUST THEN, SHOTS ARE HEARD FROM INSIDE THE STORE AND...

GUNMEN-- ! GET OUT OF THE JEEP, DI ! I'M GOING TO TACKLE THEM !



AS STEVE HEADS FOR THE GUNMEN, DIANA LIGHTLY LEAPS OUT OF THE JEEP, AND WHIRLING AROUND WITH SUCH INCREDIBLE SPEED THAT VIBRATIONS CONCEAL HER AS IF BY A SCREEN ...

STEVE CAN'T TACKLE THOSE THREE ARMORED KILLERS BY HIMSELF-- !



LIKE A HUMAN ROCKET, DI CHANGES INTO WONDER WOMAN JUST AS ...

SUFFERING SAPPHO ! ALL THREE HAVE JUST FIRED AT STEVE !

POW! POW!



CAN STEVE ESCAPE THE BULLETS HURTING AT HIM ?



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BUT FASTER, EVEN THAN THE HURTLING LEAD, WONDER WOMAN RACES IN FRONT OF THE BULLETS AND WITH HER BRACELETS MADE OF AMAZONIUM, HARDEST METAL KNOWN ...

SHE'S BOUNCED
OUR GUNS OUT'VE
OUR HANDS !

SPANG!

WITH OUR OWN
BULLETS !

W-W-WE--
S-SURRENDER!



AS THE FLABBERGASTED GUNMEN ARE LED AWAY...

THIS IS A SURPRISE,
ANGEL! ONE THAT PROBABLY
SAVED MY LIFE! WONDER
WHAT HAPPENED TO DI?
PROBABLY WENT FOR HELP!

THE REAL
SURPRISE
WOULD BE
IF HE KNEW
WHO I
REALLY
AM!



OH, THIS WAS JUST A COINCIDENCE!
AND I'D HARDLY CALL CAPTURING
GUNMEN AT A FIRE SALE--A TRIAL
BY FIRE!



AS STEVE LOOKS FOR DIANA... WONDER WOMAN SEIZES THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE BACK INTO HER OTHER IDENTITY AGAIN... AND...

DI! I GUESS WONDER WOMAN MUST HAVE TOLD YOU WHAT HAPPENED-- BEFORE SHE WENT ON HER WAY AGAIN!



THE COUPLE CONTINUES TO ITS DESTINATION AGAIN...

WELL, DI--
MAYBE THAT WASN'T
YOUR TRIAL BY FIRE--
BUT SOMETHING
ELSE MIGHT BE!

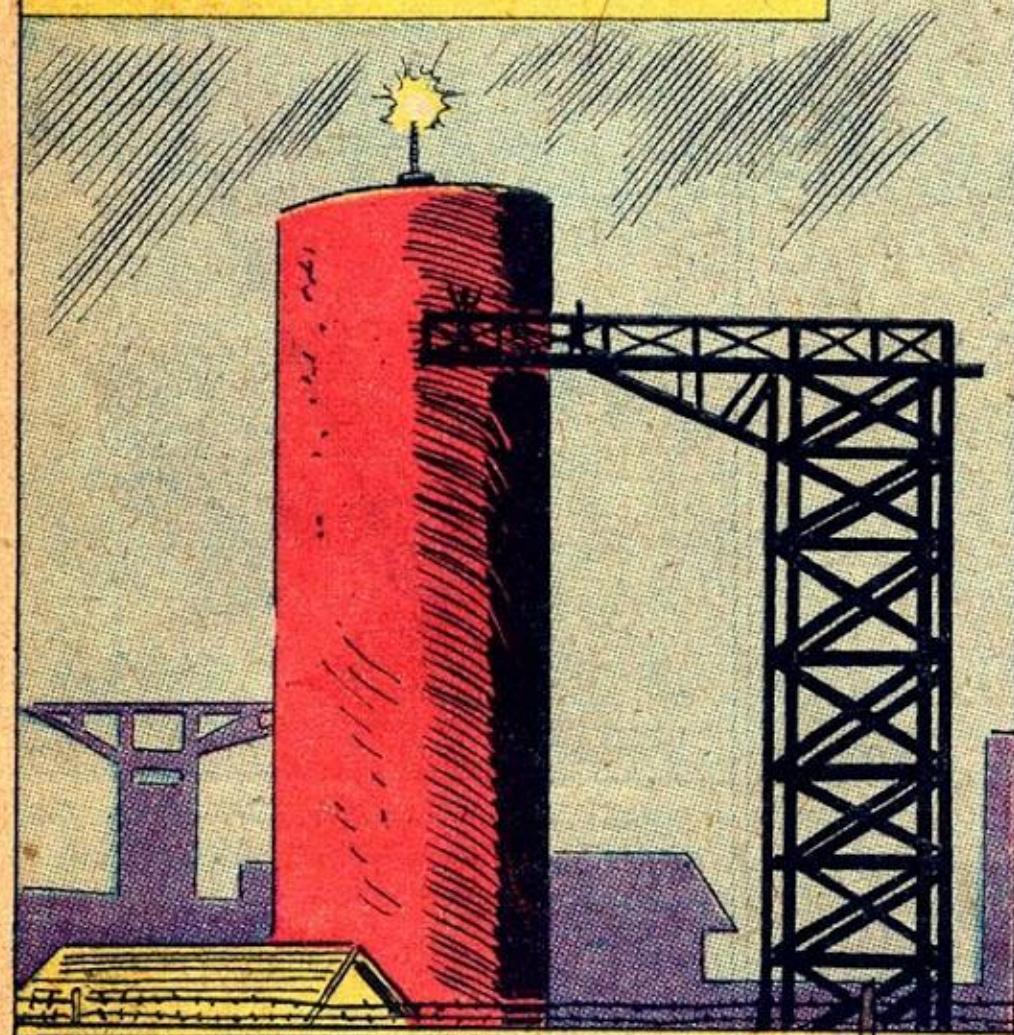
NONSENSE, STEVE!
ANYMORE THAN THE
BIGGEST
SURPRISE OF
YOUR LIFE IS
RIGHT BESIDE
YOU!



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SHORTLY PASSING THE YARD OF AN EXPLOSIVES WORKS, THE TWO ARE STARTLED BY...



LOOK AT THAT GIANT FIRECRACKER!

IT MUST BE FOR EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES!



EVEN AS STEVE DISAPPEARS, DIANA MAKES A LIGHTNING CHANGE BACK INTO WONDER WOMAN...

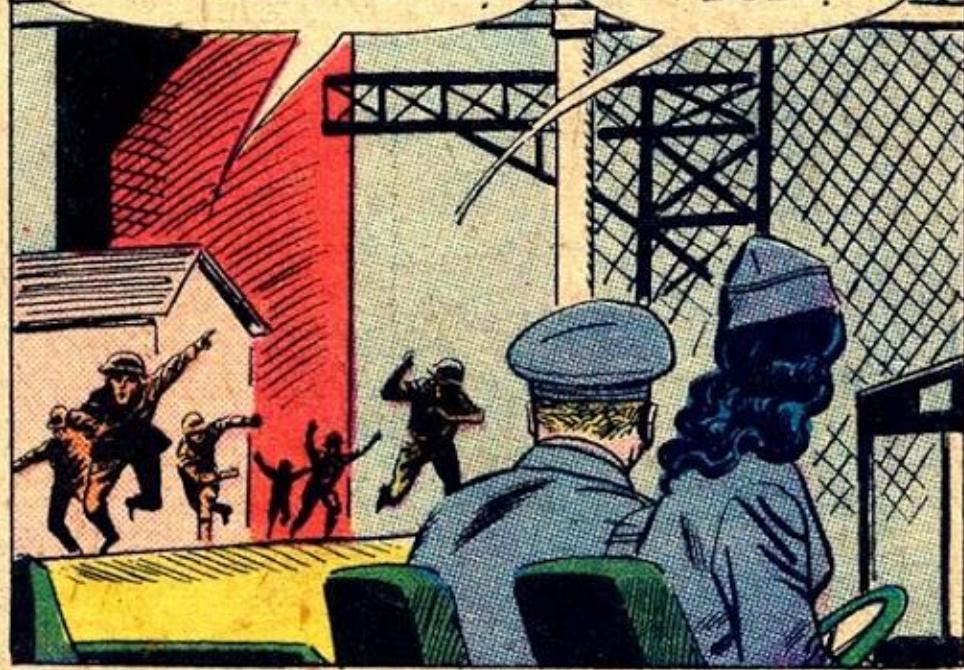
I'D BETTER GO ALONG--JUST IN CASE MY HELP'S NEEDED!



JUST THEN...

THAT FIRECRACKER IS GOING TO GO OFF ANY SECOND--!

SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG WITH THE FUSE!



MAYBE I CAN HELP! I KNOW SOMETHING OF ANTI-DEMOLITIONS! BETTER STAY BACK HERE, DI!



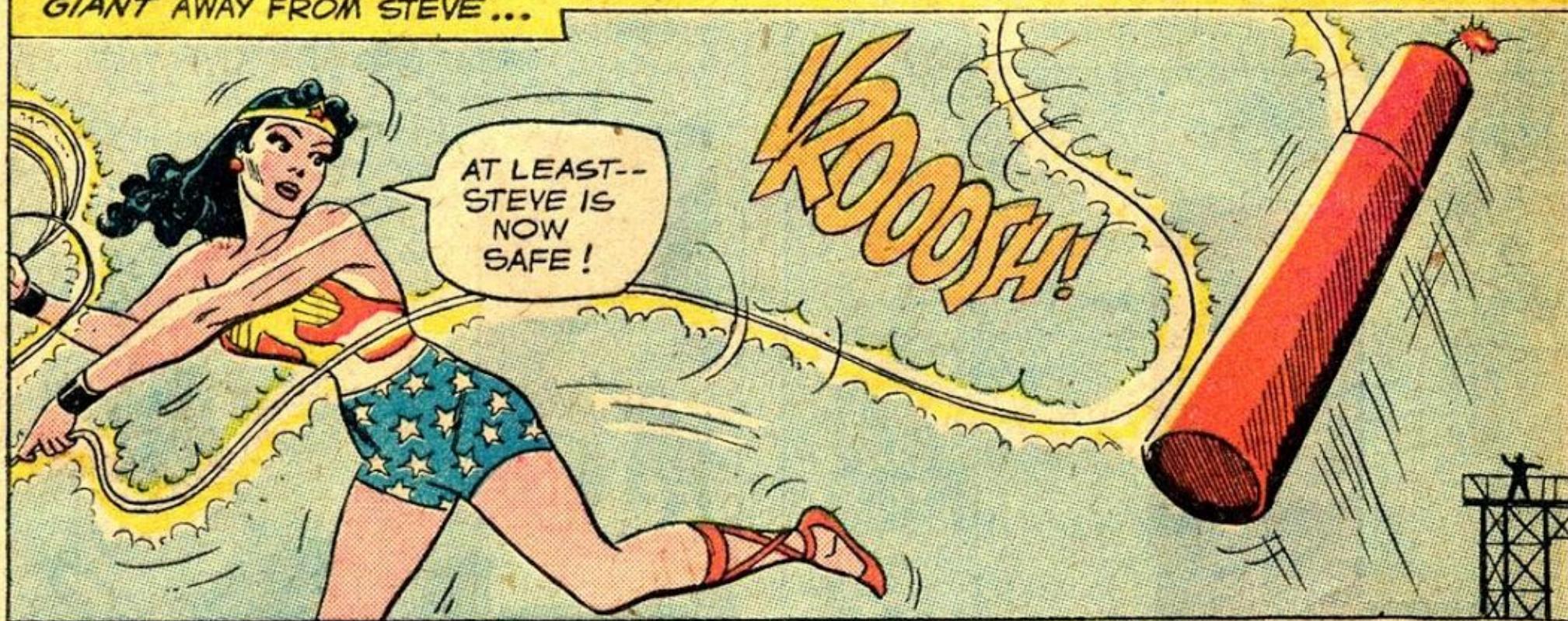
GREAT HERA! THAT GIANT FIRECRACKER IS GOING TO EXPLODE BEFORE STEVE HAS HAD A CHANCE TO DISMANTLE IT!



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WITH A LIGHTNING CAST OF HER AMAZON LASSO, WONDER WOMAN YANKS THE EXPLOSIVE GIANT AWAY FROM STEVE ...



WHERE CAN I PUT THE
GIANT EXPLOSIVE --
WHERE IT WILL HARM
NO ONE?

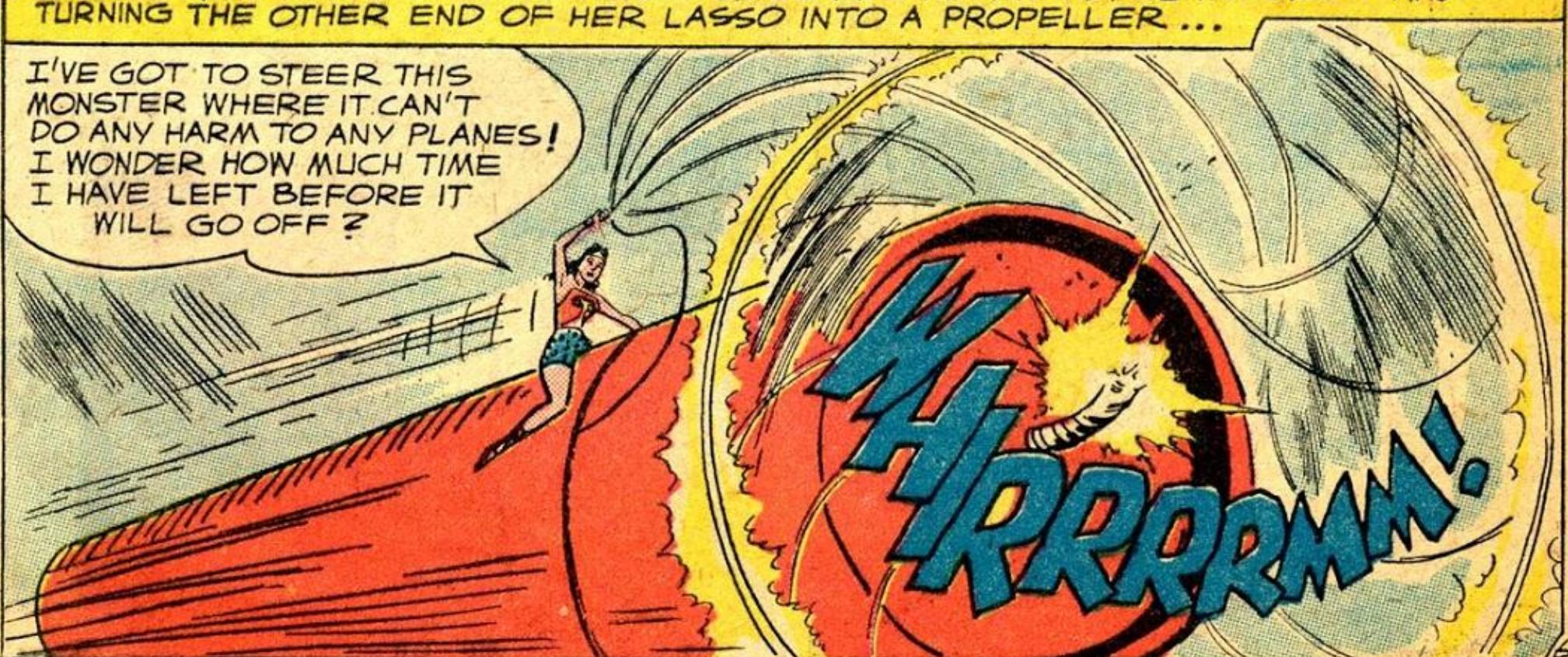


INSTANTLY, THE DARING AMAZON HURLS
THE T.N.T. GIANT UP INTO THE AIR ...



IN THE AIR, WONDER WOMAN DARINGLY LEAPS ABOARD THE FLYING MISSILE ... AND
TURNING THE OTHER END OF HER LASSO INTO A PROPELLER ...

I'VE GOT TO STEER THIS
MONSTER WHERE IT CAN'T
DO ANY HARM TO ANY PLANES!
I WONDER HOW MUCH TIME
I HAVE LEFT BEFORE IT
WILL GO OFF?



JUST THEN... LOOMING AHEAD OF HER...

BRRRRRMMMM!

MERCIFUL MINERVA! PLANE COMING! HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE WAY!

INSTANTLY, THE DAUNTLESS AMAZON MANEUVERS HER "FLYING STEED" DOWNWARD...

I'LL LET IT EXPLODE IN THE WATER --

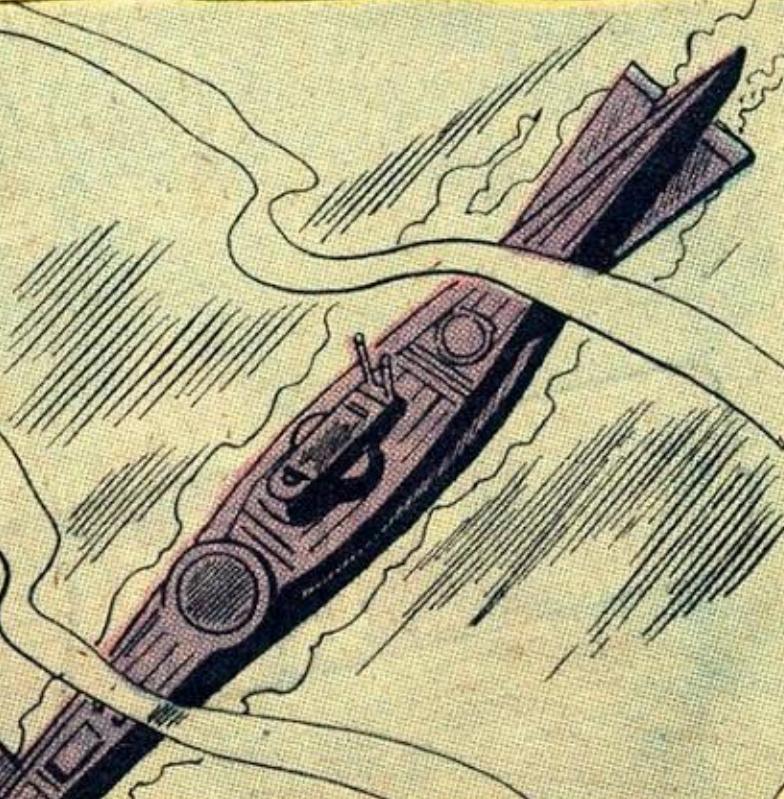
INGENIOUSLY, SHE TURNS THE FLYING MISSILE INTO AN UNDERSEA ONE...

-- WHERE IT WON'T HARM ANYONE!

SPLASH!

BUT A MOCKING FATE HAS NOT DONE WITH WONDER WOMAN... BECAUSE IN THE DEPTHS AHEAD OF HER... A SUB!

I'VE GOT TO KEEP STEERING OUT OF ITS WAY TOO!





Wonder Woman



BUT THE NEXT MOMENT, TO WONDER WOMAN'S HORROR--

THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE! THAT'S AN ENEMY SUB! IT JUST FIRED AN ATOMIC MISSILE UP TOWARDS THE SURFACE!

WITH A DESPERATE LUNGE, THE MIGHTY AMAZON HURLS THE DYNAMITE-LADEN STEED SHE IS RIDING--TOWARDS THE ONCOMING PROJECTILE...

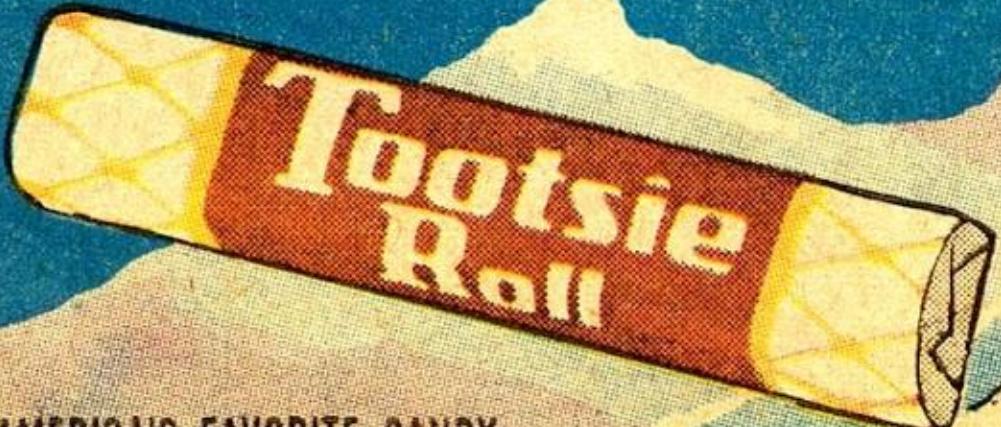
WILL I BE IN TIME TO STOP IT--BEFORE IT UNLEASHES DESTRUCTION?



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IT TAKES
FOR...

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BIRD ON
TWO FEET)



TO RUN
60 FEET!

The CHEETAH

(SPEED KING OF THE
ANIMAL WORLD)

TO DASH
100 FEET!

The DUCK HAWK

(FASTEST
FLYING
BIRD)



TO WHIZ
260 FEET!

A LIGHTNING
BOLT

TO TRAVEL
186,234 MILES!

but

The FLASH!

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CAN MOVE FASTER IN
ONE SECOND THAN
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SCANDANAVIANS FANCY THAT A BOY AND GIRL WHO SIMULTANEOUSLY EAT FROM THE SAME LOAF OF BREAD ARE BOUND TO FALL IN LOVE AND MARRY...



ACCORDING TO AN OLD EUROPEAN SUPERSTITION, IF A BETROTHED MAN PLACES A LETTER IN HIS FIANCÉE'S LEFT HAND, THE COUPLE WILL NEVER BE MARRIED...

NO! NO! NOT
IN THE LEFT
HAND!



A MOLE ON THE UPPER SIDE OF A WOMAN'S RIGHT TEMPLE-- JUST ABOVE HER EYE-- IS BELIEVED TO BE A SIGN THAT SHE WILL HAVE A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS MARRIED LIFE...



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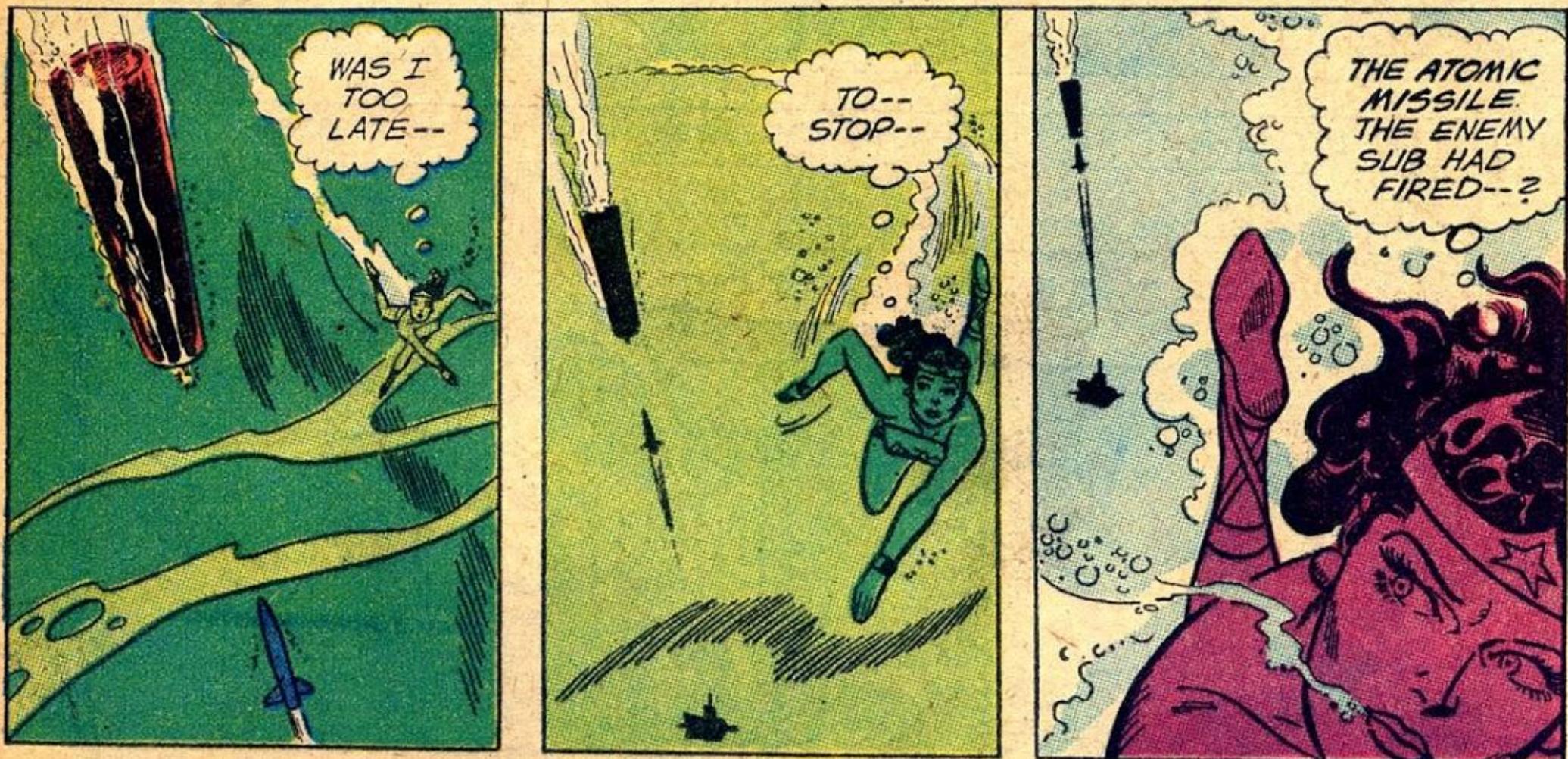
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TRIAL BY FIRE!

PART II-- THE SINISTER CARNIVAL !

A SIMPLE LITTLE FORTUNE-TELLING CARD IN A WEIGHING MACHINE HAS STARTED WONDER WOMAN OFF ON ONE STARTLING ADVENTURE AFTER ANOTHER--AND AT THIS VERY MOMENT..



THE THUNDERING ROAR WHEN THE GIANT FIRECRACKER THE MIGHTY AMAZON HAD HURLED AT THE ENEMY ATOMIC MISSILE--IS THE ANSWER ...



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THE TIRELESS AMAZON MAKES HER WAY TO THE SURFACE...

HOW IRONICAL ! THE ENEMY SUB WAS DESTROYED BEFORE IT COULD CAUSE HARM TO INNOCENT PEOPLE -- BY THE PREMATURE EXPLOSION OF ITS OWN ATOMIC MISSILE !



ANYWAY--AT LEAST THAT'S THE LAST OF MY HAVING ANYTHING THE SLIGHTEST TO DO WITH ANY TRIALS BY FIRE !



BUT, AS SHE LOOKS OUT TOWARDS SEA, WONDER WOMAN'S PIERCING AMAZON VISION DETECTS ...

SHADES OF PLUTO ! TWO FIREBOATS ARE STARTING TO BLAZE FROM THE SHIP FIRE THEY'RE TRYING TO PUT OUT ! GUESS THEY SIMPLY CAN'T PUMP ENOUGH WATER FAST ENOUGH TO PUT OUT THE FIRE !



THOSE CLOUDS MIGHT PROVIDE THE ANSWER-- IF I CAN GET ENOUGH SILVER IODIDE !



AT INDESCRIBABLE SPEED, THE MIGHTY AMAZON WHIRLS AROUND IN THE WATER UNTIL SHE CREATES AN IRRESISTIBLE SUCTION ...



I'M PULLING THE SEA WATER UP AFTER ME--AT LEAST THE FIRST PART OF MY TASK IS FINISHED ! NOW--FOR THE SECOND !

WROOOOSH !

WHAT DOES WONDER WOMAN HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH ?



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DRAWING THE HUGE FUNNEL OF SEA-WATER AFTER HER, WONDER WOMAN PIERCES THE CLOUDS...

I'VE SEEDED THE CLOUDS WITH THE SILVER IODIDE IN THE SEAWATER-- WILL MY PLAN WORK?



MEANWHILE, OUT OF SIGHT AND SOUND, THE TIRELESS AMAZON CONTINUES ON HER WAY...

FIRE SALES--FIRECRACKER-- FIREBOATS--THAT SHOULD BE THE LAST!



INSTANTLY, THE AMAZING TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE, AND FROM THE DESPERATE CREWS BELOW IN THE BURNING FIRE-BOATS... A CHEER ARISES AS...

RAIN! A CLOUDBURST OF IT--JUST WHAT WE NEEDED TO BLANKET THIS BLAZE!

FUNNY--A MOMENT AGO--IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE IT WOULD RAIN FOR A YEAR!



CHANGING BACK TO HER OTHER IDENTITY, DIANA SETS OUT TO MEET STEVE AGAIN...

NOW--ALL I HAVE TO DO IS KEEP STEVE FROM FINDING OUT MY DUAL IDENTITY!



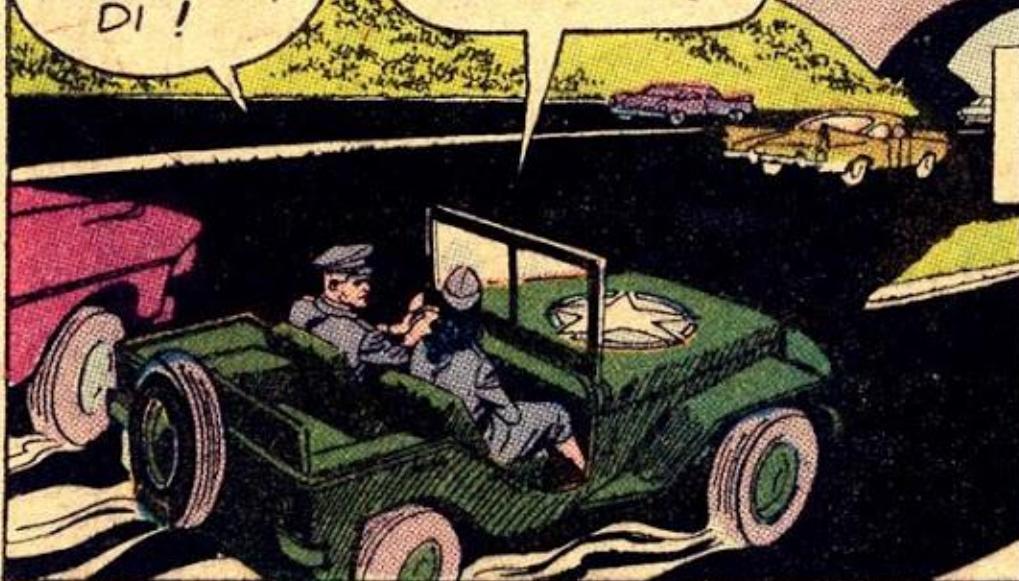
BUT IS THAT ALL? HAS THE AMAZON'S TRIAL BY FIRE ENDED?

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PICKING UP STEVE AGAIN AT THE EXPLOSIVES FACTORY...

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN WONDER WOMAN IN ACTION, DI !

HOW COULD I -- IF YOU ALWAYS SEND ME OUT OF HARM'S WAY EVERY TIME SOMETHING DANGEROUS THREATENS !



WELL, DI -- AFTER ALL -- YOU ARE NO WONDER WOMAN, NOW, ARE YOU ?

EVEN THOUGH WONDER WOMAN IS MY FRIEND; STEVE -- LET'S STOP TALKING ABOUT HER !



LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT KIND OF TRIAL BY FIRE -- YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE NEXT ?

STOP TALKING NON-SENSE, STEVE ! THERE'S NOTHING IN THOSE CARDS ! ... OH, LOOK -- A FLEA CIRCUS ! LET'S GO IN !



GO RIGHT ON IN, FOLKS ! I'LL PUT ON A SPECIAL SHOW -- JUST FOR THE TWO OF YOU !



AS THE COUPLE PASSES THROUGH THE STRANGE LIGHT SHINING DOWN AT THEM ...

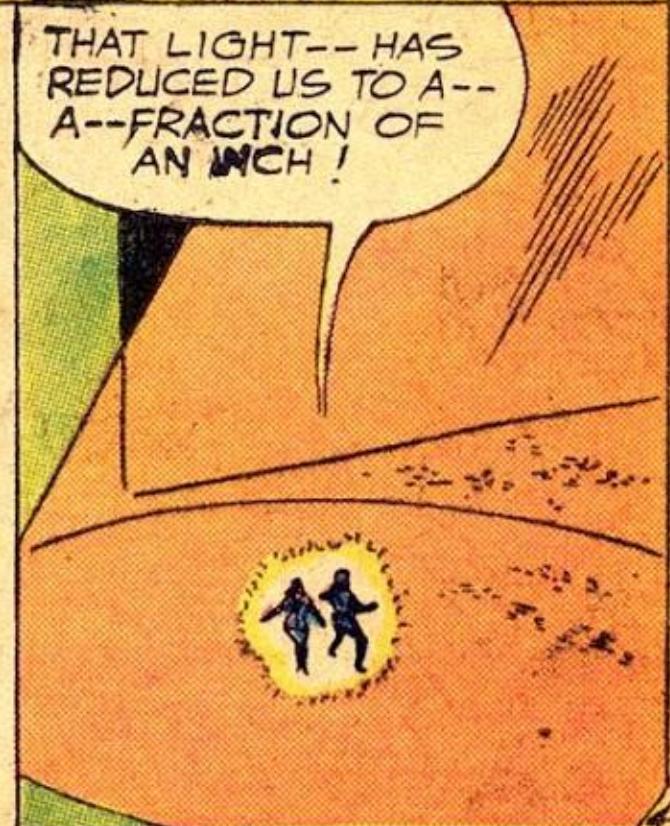
WHAT'S HAPPENING ?



WE'RE SHRINKING !



THAT LIGHT -- HAS REDUCED US TO A -- A-FRACTION OF AN INCH !



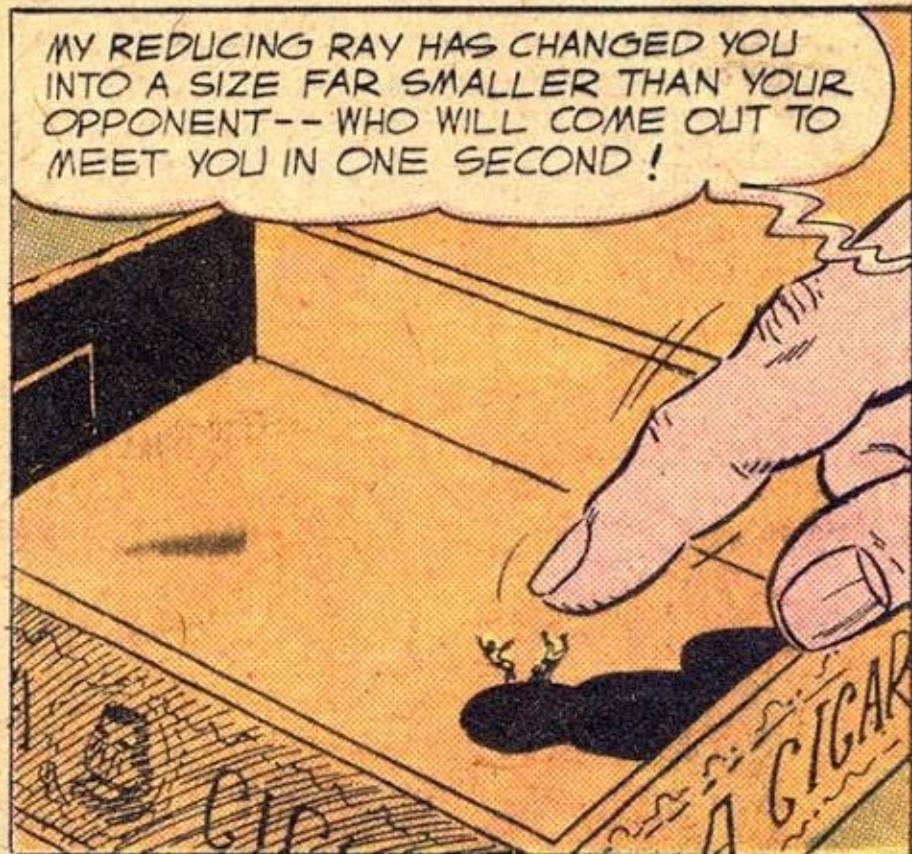
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THE NEXT MOMENT, THE MINIATURE FIGURES ARE PICKED UP BY THE GIANT HAND OF THE TICKET SELLER ...

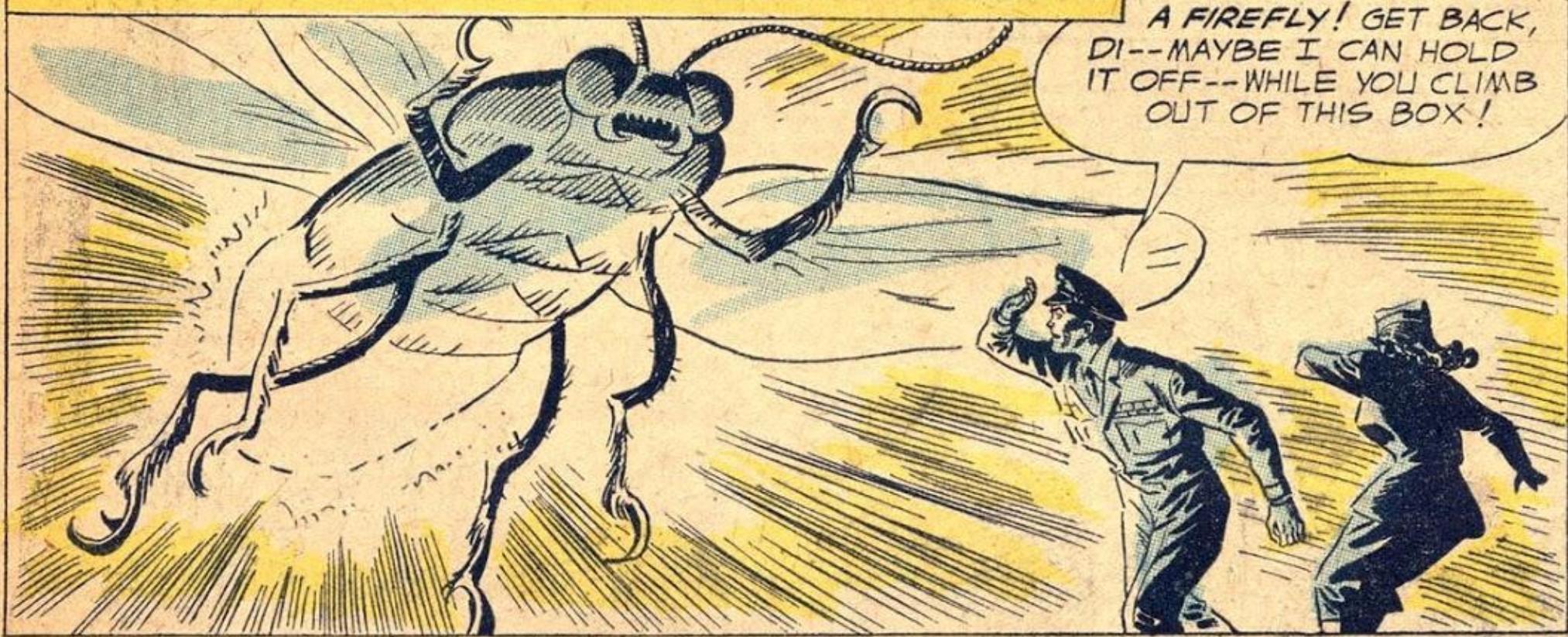
NOW--AT LAST--
I WILL HAVE AN ACT--
THE GREATEST IN THE
WORLD!

MY REDUCING RAY HAS CHANGED YOU INTO A SIZE FAR SMALLER THAN YOUR OPPONENT-- WHO WILL COME OUT TO MEET YOU IN ONE SECOND !



AND THEN--DWARFING THEM--BLINDING THEM WITH ITS LIGHT...

A FIREFLY! GET BACK,
DI--MAYBE I CAN HOLD
IT OFF--WHILE YOU CLIMB
OUT OF THIS BOX!

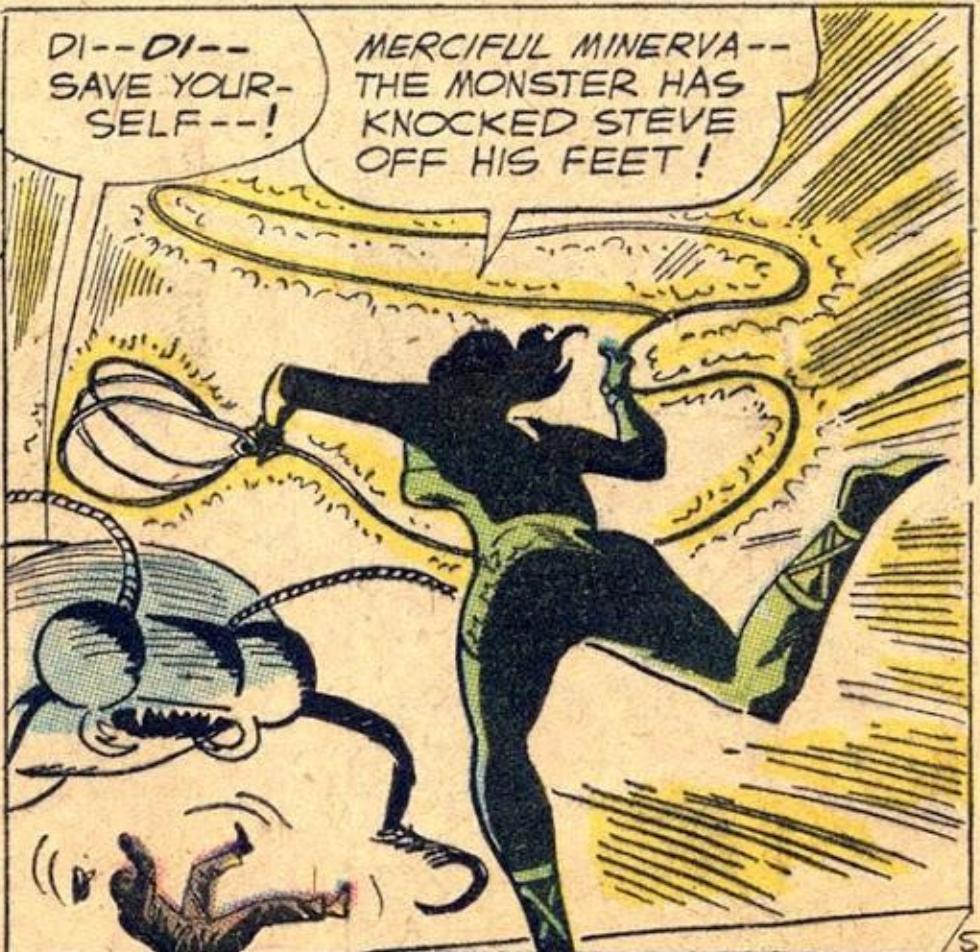
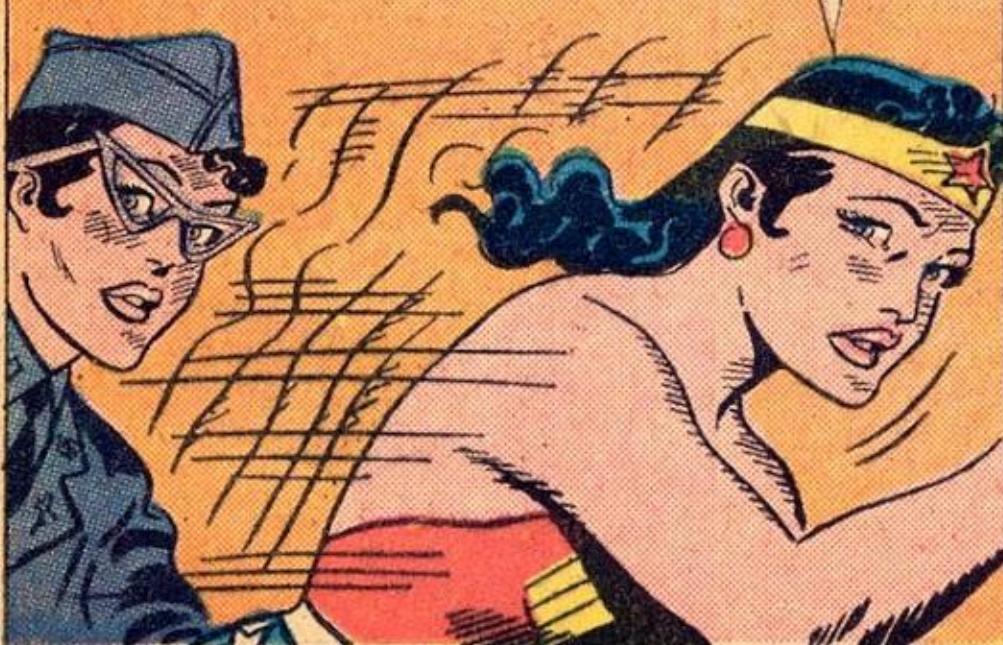


SWIFTER THAN A HUMAN EYE CAN FOLLOW,
DI MAKES A LIGHTNING CHANGE INTO HER AMAZON IDENTITY...

ANOTHER UNEXPECTED TRIAL BY FIRE --THE STRANGEST ONE YET!

DI--DI--
SAVE YOUR-
SELF--!

MERCIFUL MINERVA--
THE MONSTER HAS
KNOCKED STEVE
OFF HIS FEET !



WITH AN UNERRING CAST OF HER AMAZON LASSO, WONDER WOMAN PULLS THE GIANT FIREFLY AWAY FROM STEVE ...

THANK HERA--
STEVE IS OUT
OF DANGER !



BOUNDING ONTO THE BLINKING GIANT...

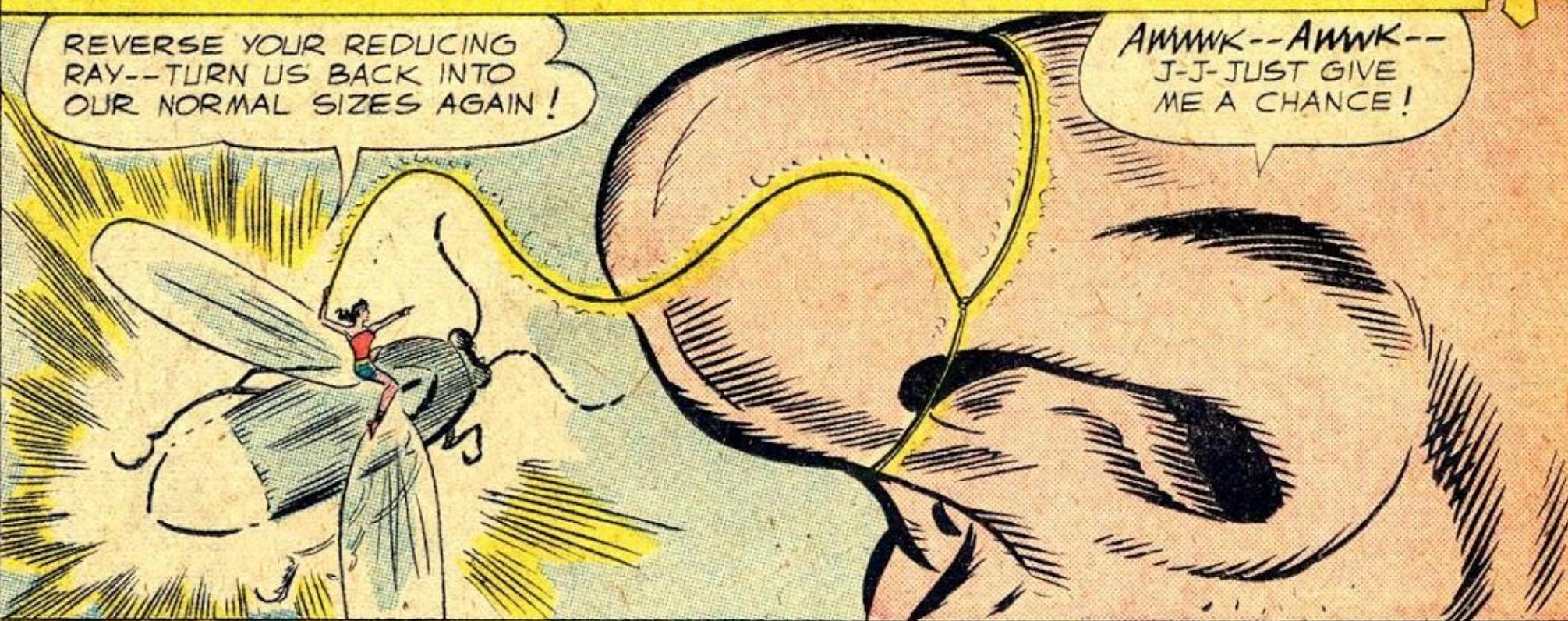
THIS IS THE STRANGEST
STEED I'VE EVER TRIED
TO RIDE !



FROM THE BACK OF HER WINGED STEED, THE MINUTE THOUGH DAUNTLESS WONDER WOMAN LASOES THE DUMBOUNDED VILLAIN WITH HER AMAZON LASSO...

REVERSE YOUR REDUCING
RAY--TURN US BACK INTO
OUR NORMAL SIZES AGAIN !

AWWK--AWWK--
J-J JUST GIVE
ME A CHANCE !



A MOMENT LATER...THE RAY IS REVERSED AND...

WE'RE BEING CHANGED
BACK TO OUR OWN
SIZES AGAIN !

NOW--I'VE GOT TO
CHANGE BACK TO
DIANA...

--BEFORE
STEVE
BECOMES
SUSPICIOUS!



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WITH THE VILLAIN HANDED OVER TO THE POLICE, STEVE AND DI CONTINUE ON THEIR WAY...

WELL--THE DAY IS ALMOST DONE ! GUESS THAT FORTUNE-TELLING CARD WAS WRONG AFTER ALL -- SAYING YOU WERE GOING TO HAVE A TRIAL BY FIRE, DI !

I TOLD YOU IT WAS NONSENSE !

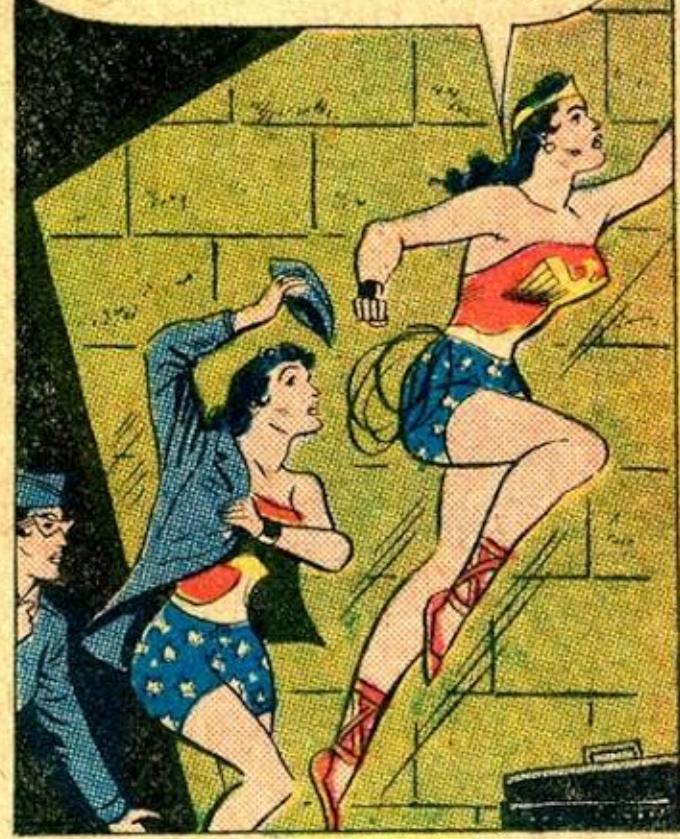


BUT, UPON ROUNDING THE NEXT CORNER...



BEFORE STEVE HAS GONE FAR... DIANA HAS MADE A LIGHTNING SWITCH INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF WONDER WOMAN, EVEN AS SHE LEAPS STRAIGHT FOR THE BURNING APARTMENT...

HERE'S MY TRIAL BY FIRE AT LAST ! BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH OF A TRIAL -- BUT A SIMPLE RESCUE -- WITH MY AMAZON LASSO !



AS THE AMAZON ALIGHTS ON THE LOFTY WINDOW SILL HOWEVER...

MY LASSO-- FALLEN !



INSTANTLY, WONDER WOMAN KNOTS ALL THE SHEETS SHE FINDS IN THE APARTMENT...

THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET DOWN-- THE STAIRWAY IS BLOCKED !



FLAMES GREEDILY LICK AT THE SHEETS AND...

THANK HERA ! THE GIRL HAS FAINTED-- SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED !



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BUT FIREMEN HAVE COME UP WITH THEIR EQUIPMENT, AND THEY HOLD OUT THE LIFE-NET JUST IN TIME AS...

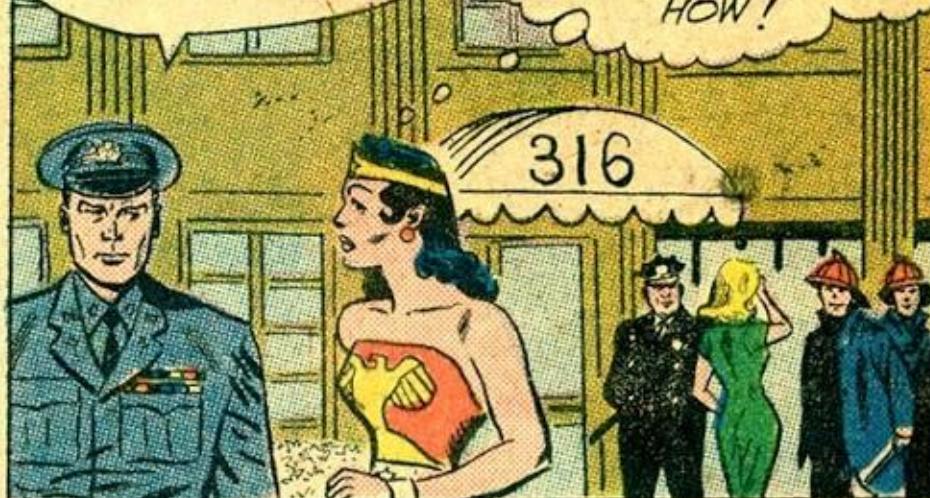
I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!



SHORTLY, AS THE FIRE IS BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL ...

FUNNY-- YOU'RE ALWAYS PERFORMING THE TRIAL BY FIRE THAT DIANA PRINCE IS SUPPOSED TO BE DOING TODAY! I WONDER WHAT THAT MEANS?

GREAT HERA! HE'S BEGINNING TO PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER-- AND GUESS MY DUAL IDENTITY! UNLESS I CAN DIVERT HIM SOMEHOW!



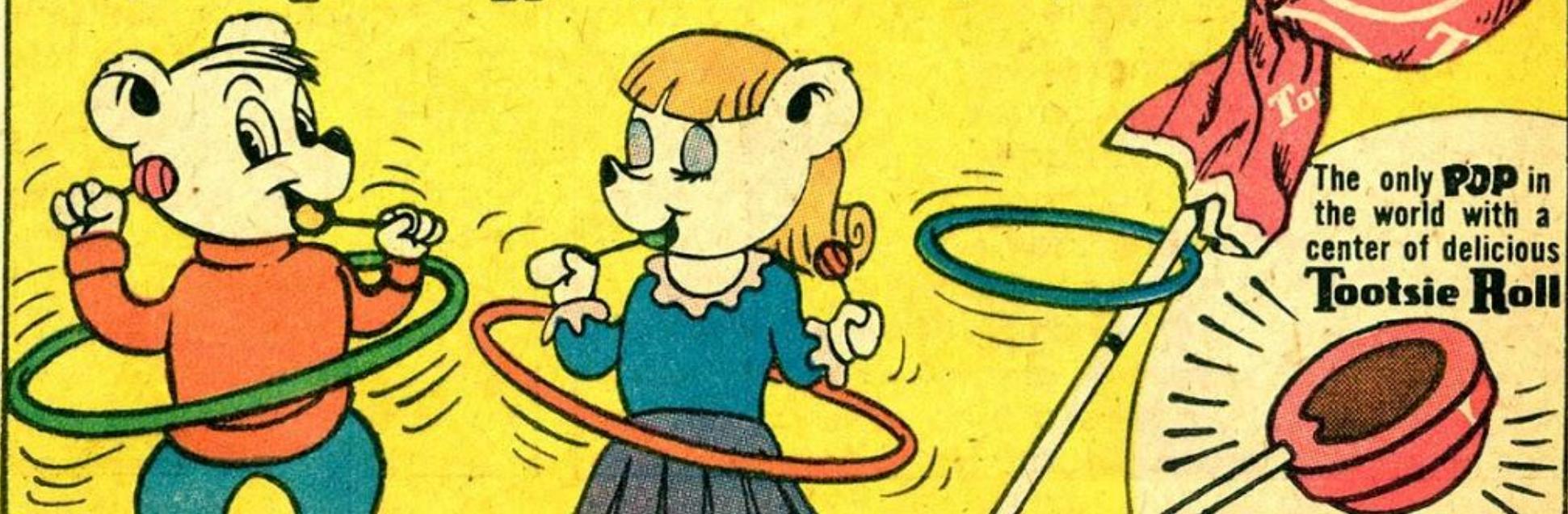
WHY-- WHAT ELSE CAN IT MEAN BUT THAT THAT'S THE BIGGEST SURPRISE AT YOUR SIDE --THAT I'M DOING IT INSTEAD OF DI !

OF COURSE -- OF COURSE, ANGEL -- TRUST YOU TO THINK UP THE RIGHT ANSWER !

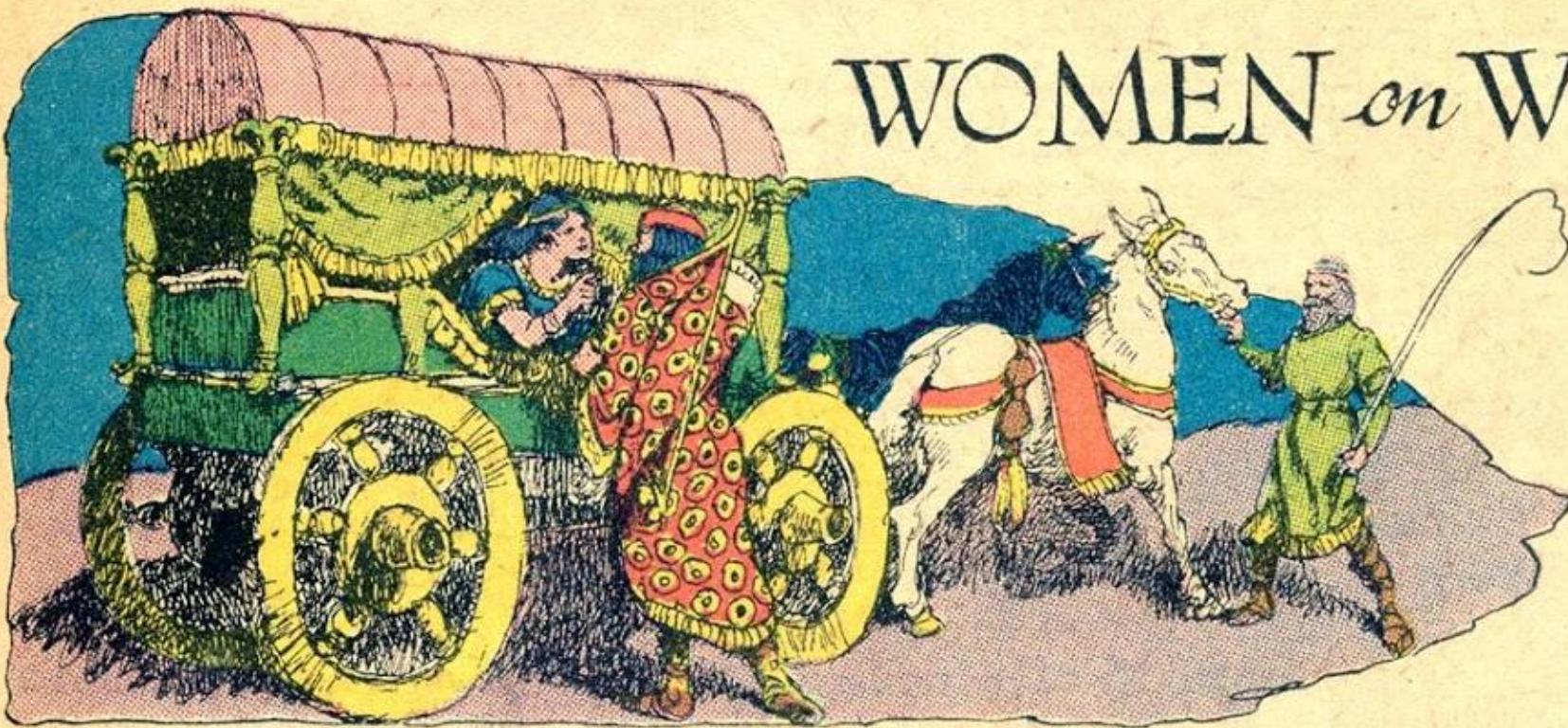


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There was a hoop whirler named Wynn,
Who'd whirl hoops with his girl friend named Lynn.
Once the game had begun,
To add to their fun,
They'd eat **Tootsie Roll POPS** while they'd spin!



WOMEN on WHEELS



WE think it unusual when we read in the papers about a woman holding down a truck driver's job, or piloting a plane. Yet throughout the ages, women have always shown the daring and initiative necessary for trying out the newest in vehicles.

In fact, one of the earliest known vehicles was actually called a women's wagon. This was the Persian *Harmanaxa*, which was in use about 450 B.C.

The *harmanaxa* was the earliest four-wheeled vehicle known to be used as a carriage, and its first use was restricted exclusively for women. This wagon had a box-like body, with a canopy top and curtains to keep out the sun and give privacy to the passengers. Its horses were yoked to a pole. The front and rear axletrees were connected by a perch, and there was a kingbolt to permit turning corners. The "perch" was a pole rigidly fixed to the rear axletree and swiveled to the middle of the front one by a single pin, called the "kingbolt."

The first Greek chariots were used only for war, but later on they were adapted for use as carriages. There were several types of chariots, but the kind used by a Greek lady who did her own driving was called the *biga*. It was called a *biga* because it was used with two horses. A chariot with three horses was called a *triga*, and one with four horses a *quadriga*.

The *biga* had wheels and axles of iron or bronze. There was a small seat, and it must have been difficult for the Greek ladies to stay on this seat once the *biga* began moving.

Some of the more adventurous women drove *quadrigas*, which were shaped something like the man's *quadriga*, but with a wider body and a seat for two.

The lady of Rome was known to take a spin in the *currus*, or town chariot, but she could not have enjoyed it greatly, for this vehicle contained no seat. The driver handled the horses, while the passenger stood on the tailboard.

More often, the elegant Roman lady hired a drive-it-yourself "car," to take her from one place to another. The Roman equivalent of the drive-it-yourself was called a *birotum*. This was a one-horse vehicle, with room for only one person.

For long-distance travel a horse-drawn post *rheda* which was covered, curtained, and cushioned was in use. This had four wheels instead of the two on the *birotum*.

At the height of the Roman Empire, a one-horse vehicle was built exclusively for women. This was the *monachus*, a two-wheeled cart that the ladies used for driving informally in the city.

By 1294, the use of riding in carriages by women was commonplace.

And then, a curious law was passed by Philip the Fair, of Belgium. He passed a decree forbidding the wives of Flemish citizens from riding in carriages. But, according to historians, the law was rarely obeyed.

In this same period, travel on horseback was still considered the most reliable, and the cheapest method, of transportation. Women rode horses, too, but they usually sat on *pillions*, which were little side-seats situated behind the men's saddles. Instead of stirrups a *pillion* usually had a little strap-hung shelf on which the rider's feet rested. *Pillions* were still used as late as a hundred years ago. Before 1388 there was simply no other way for a woman to ride a horse, since her billowing dresses would have prevented her from straddling it.

. Then, in the year 1388, Anne, queen of Richard II of England, invented the sidesaddle. This differed from the sidesaddle of today, which has only one stirrup, on the near side. Queen Anne's saddle was closer to resembling a *pillion*.

For long journeys, women rode in a horse-litter or a mule-litter. Both these litters resembled somewhat the ancient litters which were carried by strong men, except that in place of men, horses or mules were placed in front and in back.

It was a woman, the mother of King Louis XI of France, who eased the discomfort of carriage-riding in 1457. Her wagon had a body suspended on chains, the first of the kind ever seen in Paris.

As late as 1550 there were only three carriages in all of Paris. They were called *carrosses*, and two of the three in existence belonged to women, ladies of the royal court.

Another Queen, Queen Elizabeth I of England, did her bit in furthering the progress of carriages when she commanded Walter Rippon, builder of the first English coach, to construct

for her a "hollow-turning coach." This term meant that there was space for the front wheels to turn under the body. This coach had curtains which completely enclosed the carriage.

In the late 1700's appeared a carriage that was specially built to "show off a lady." This was the first of the long series of coaches called *phaetons*. It was definitely one of the first open carriages with four wheels since Roman times. The *phaeton* was pulled by two horses, one of which was saddled so the driver could ride it. The lady's escort did not sit alongside her, but stood up on a small platform attached behind the seat.

The sedan chair, also popular around this time, was an elaborately carved upright chest, with room for just one lady inside. This was carried by two servants by means of horizontal bars attached to either side of the sedan.

The sedan eventually penetrated to the more elegant centers of the American colonies where they were usually carried by slaves.

In old prints of the American cheer, or *shay*, women are more often pictured driving these one-horse vehicles than men. The gig actually developed in England, but it was an American, Oliver Wendell Holmes, who immortalized it in his verses about the "wonderful one-hoss shay."

The very last vehicle in history to be made especially for women was the "Governess cart," which appeared about 1895. Most of these vehicles, which were drawn by ponies, had basket bodies.

From the name it is obvious that the governess cart was intended as a safe and handy little carriage to be used by the governess when taking the children out for an airing. In time it was used for rushing into town, or a friendly visit in the afternoon.

Since then, women have driven almost everything men have!



Wonder Woman



Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

THERE WAS ONLY ONE MIGHTY BEING WHO CONSTANTLY THWARTED THE MARTIAN MASTER OF MENACE'S INVASION PLANS AGAINST THE EARTH -- WONDER WOMAN! AND SO, WONDER WOMAN -- BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES -- FOUND HERSELF IN THE MOST STARTLING TRAP OF HER CAREER, WITH THE FUTURE OF EARTH AT STAKE THE MOMENT SHE TURNED THE...

KEY OF DECEPTION!

WONDER
WOMAN--
THE KEY--?!

IT'S TAKING US INTO
SPACE--PRISONERS!



Wonder Woman



ON THE PLANET MARS, A TREMENDOUS SPACESHIP POINTS LIKE AN ARROW OF DOOM AT THE UNSUSPECTING EARTH...

I WILL
COMMAND
THE SHIP!

NO--I
WILL!

I AM BETTER FITTED
THAN ALL OF YOU--AM
I NOT, DUKE
DECEPTION?



THE MARTIAN VILLAIN GRINS DIABOLICALLY ...

THE ONE WHO SHOULD LEAD THIS INVASION AGAINST THE EARTH -- SHOULD BE THE ONLY ONE WHO UNTIL NOW--HAS STOPPED US-- WONDER WOMAN!

HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE,
DUKE? EVEN YOU--WITH
ALL YOUR MIGHTY POWERS
OF DECEPTION COULDN'T
ACCOMPLISH THAT
STAGGERING FEAT!

NO--? WE SHALL SEE! MY SCHEME IS ALREADY IN MOTION! WONDER WOMAN IS WALKING INTO MY TRAP AT THIS VERY MOMENT!



MEANWHILE, ON EARTH, WONDER WOMAN AND STEVE OBSERVE ...

THERE'S THE BIGGEST EARTH SATELLITE WE'VE LAUNCHED YET!

AT 18,000 MILES PER HOUR--IT WOULD GO THROUGH ANYTHING IN ITS PATH!



Wonder Woman

LATER, AN UNWARY WONDER WOMAN STOPS AT A CHARITY BOOTH WITH HER SWEETHEART, COL. STEVE TREVOR ...

THANK YOU, WONDER WOMAN! EVERYONE WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS CHARITY RECEIVES A KEY! ONLY ONE FITS THAT TREASURE CHEST! OPEN IT--AND THE FORTUNE INSIDE IS YOURS!



THAT PERSON'S KEY DIDN'T WORK!

I HOPE MINE DOES--SO I CAN GIVE THE TREASURE RIGHT BACK TO CHARITY!



KEY AFTER KEY IS TRIED... AND NONE FITS... AND THEN...

TURN THE KEY WITH ME, STEVE--FOR GOOD LUCK!

HOLDING YOUR HAND IS GOOD ENOUGH LUCK FOR ME, ANGEL!



SLOWLY THE KEY IS INSERTED... AND AS THE LOVELY AMAZON HOLDS HER BREATH...

STEVE--IT'S--IT'S TURNING THE LOCK--THE KEY FITS--THE KEY FITS!



AND THEN--BEFORE THE HORRIFIED EYES OF THE SPECTATORS...

LOOK--THEY--THEY'RE--
WONDER WOMAN
AND STEVE!

GONE--VANISHED!



IN THE NEXT INSTANT... ANOTHER ASTONISHING SURPRISE...

THE TICKET BOOTH--AND THE SELLER--!

GONE TOO!
IT WAS ALL A DECEPTION!





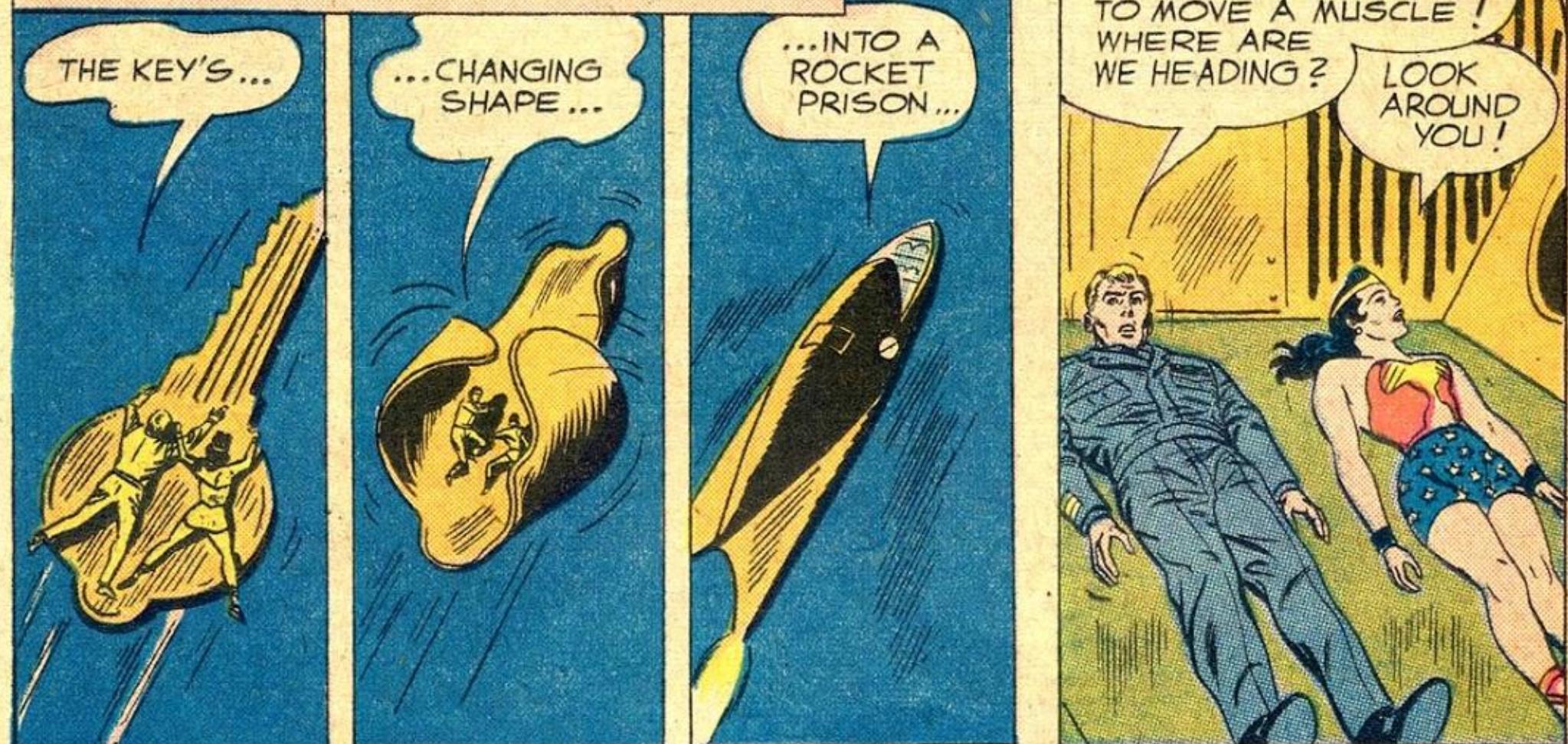
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THE MOMENT THAT WONDER WOMAN AND STEVE TURN THE KEY IN THE LOCK ...

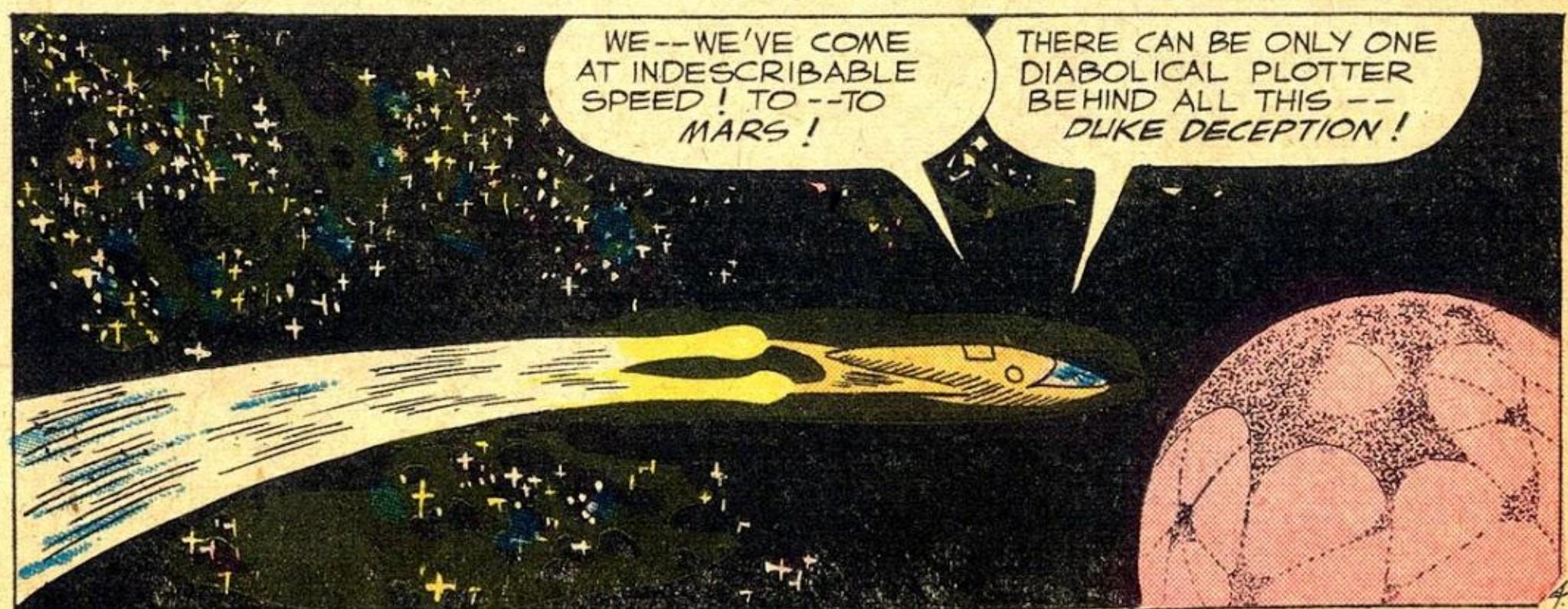


THEN, ANOTHER STAGGERING DEVELOPMENT...



WE -- WE'VE COME
AT INDESCRIBABLE
SPEED! TO -- TO
MARS!

THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE
DIABOLICAL PLOTTER
BEHIND ALL THIS --
DUKE DECEPTION!





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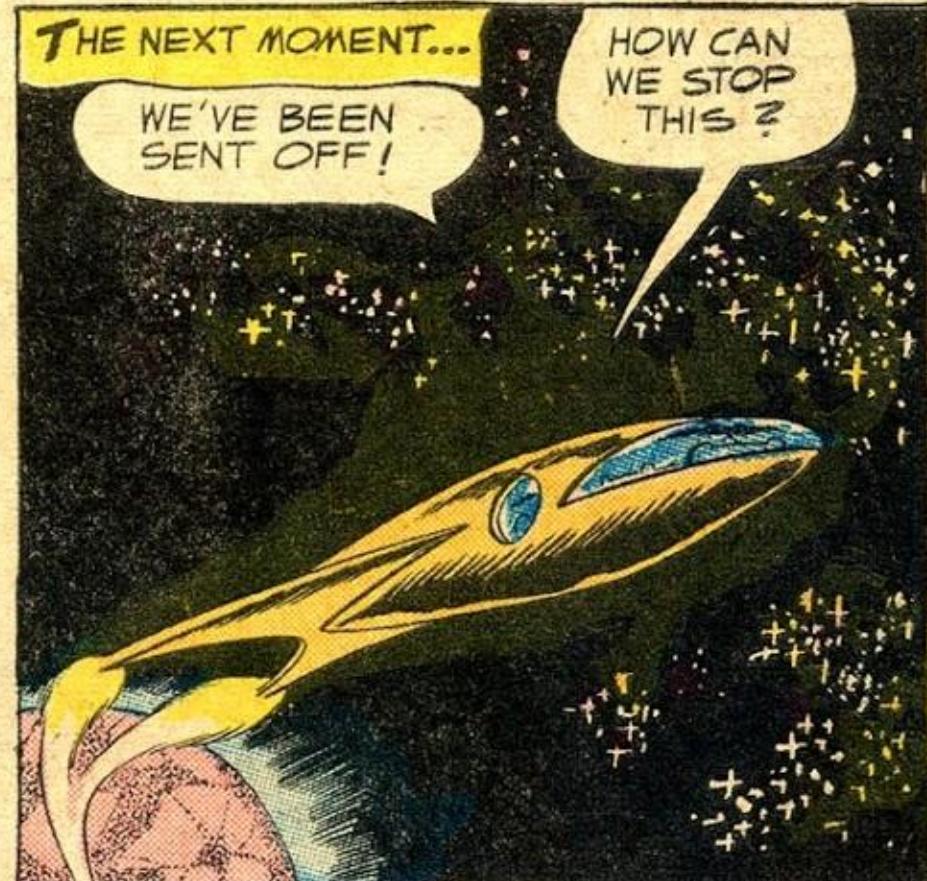
AT THE INVASION AREA, THE ROCKET PRISON LANDS...

WONDER WOMAN-- YOU ARE GOING TO LEAD OUR INVASION FLEET AGAINST YOUR OWN EARTH -- WHILE I RENDEZVOUS WITH FLEETS FROM SATURN AND JUPITER !

THE NEXT MOMENT...

WE'VE BEEN SENT OFF !

HOW CAN WE STOP THIS ?



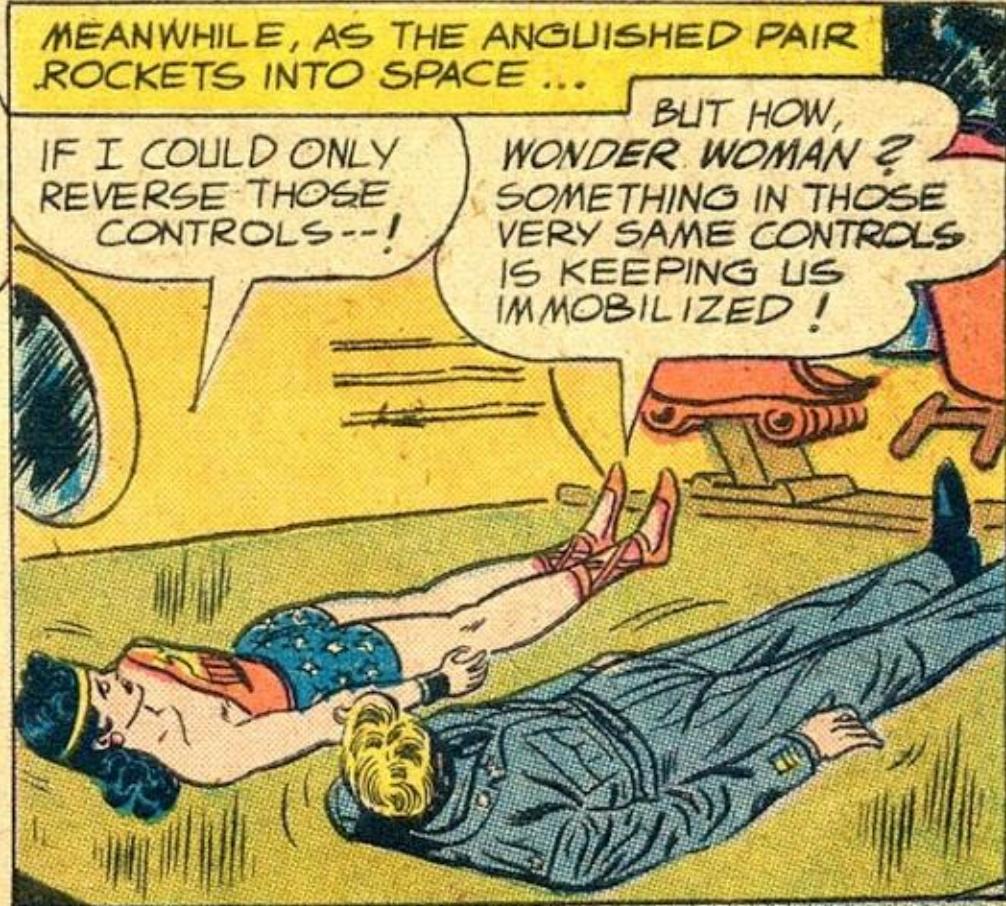
YOUR GREATEST MASTER-PIECE OF DECEPTION, DUKE-- USING WONDER WOMAN AGAINST HER OWN HOME PLANET !

AYE ! AND SHORTLY, WE'LL RENDEZVOUS IN SPACE WITH THE FLEETS OF SATURN AND JUPITER TO FOLLOW HER FOR THE ATTACK !

MEANWHILE, AS THE ANGUISHED PAIR ROCKETS INTO SPACE ...

IF I COULD ONLY REVERSE THOSE CONTROLS--!

BUT HOW, WONDER WOMAN ? SOMETHING IN THOSE VERY SAME CONTROLS IS KEEPING US IMMOBILIZED !



WITH ALL HER STRENGTH...
MY ONLY CHANCE--



THE MIGHTY AMAZON SQUEEZES HER WRISTS...

--IS TO CONTRACT MY WRISTS--



--UNTIL MY BRACELETS ARE LOOSE !



Wonder Woman



WONDER WOMAN'S ASTONISHING AGILITY EN-
ABLES HER TO FLIP HER BRACELETS OFF HER
CONTRACTED WRISTS -- AT THE CONTROLS...

SPANG!

THE NEXT MOMENT...

YOU'VE DONE, IT,
ANGEL ! RELEASED
THE CONTROLS
WHICH IMMOBILIZED
US !

BUT OUR JOB
HAS ONLY
JUST BEGUN,
STEVE !

NOW WE HAVE TO STOP THE
INVASION FLEETS ! FIRST--
TO PLUTO !

THE MARTIAN PRISON ROCKET BECOMES A
BLUR OF SPEED THROUGH SPACE UNTIL
WITH MIND-STAGGERING SPEED...

PLUTO!

THEIR INVASION FLEET
HAS ALREADY STARTED
OUT !

THE NEXT MOMENT, THE TWO ARE RINGED WITH FLASHING RAYS...

THEY'VE OPENED
FIRE !

THEY'VE
SPOTTED
US !

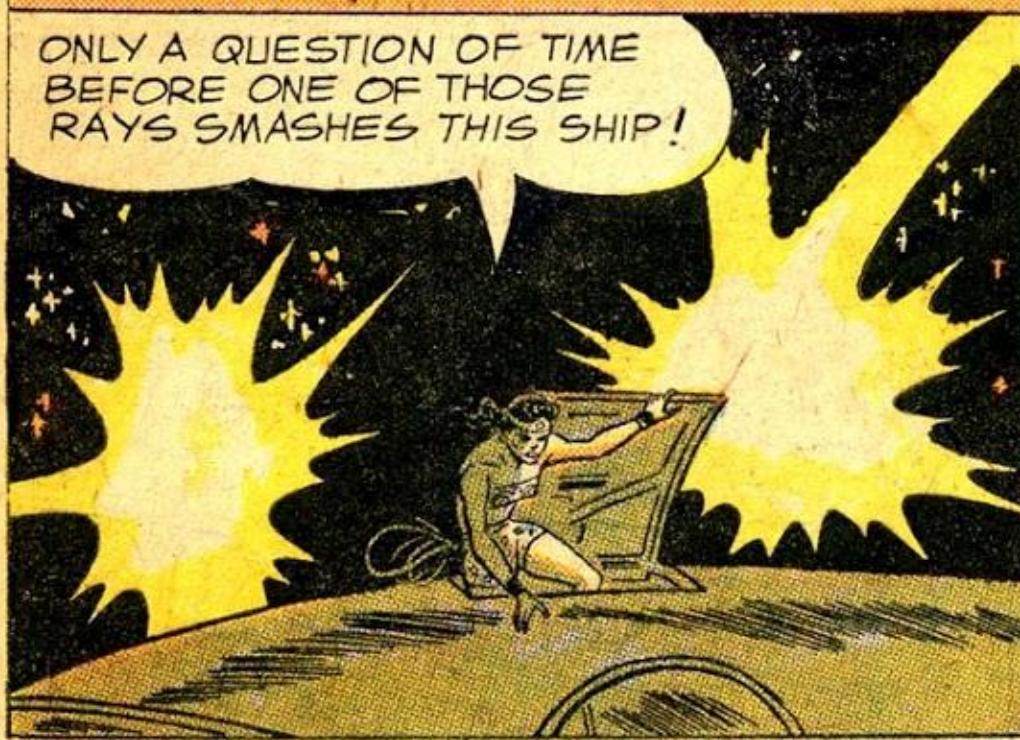


Wonder Woman



OUT THROUGH A HATCH INTO OUTER SPACE
THE DAUNTLESS AMAZON CLIMBS...

ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME
BEFORE ONE OF THOSE
RAYS SMASHES THIS SHIP!



WITH A LIGHTNING CAST OF HER UNIQUE
LASSO...

CAN'T
AFFORD
TO MISS !



AROUND AND AROUND WONDER WOMAN WHIRLS THE CAPTURED INVASION CRAFT--AND
THEN--LIKE A GIGANTIC BOLO...



BACK INTO HER SPACE CRAFT, THE
INDOMITABLE AMAZON RETURNS...

YOU'VE
STOPPED
THEM !

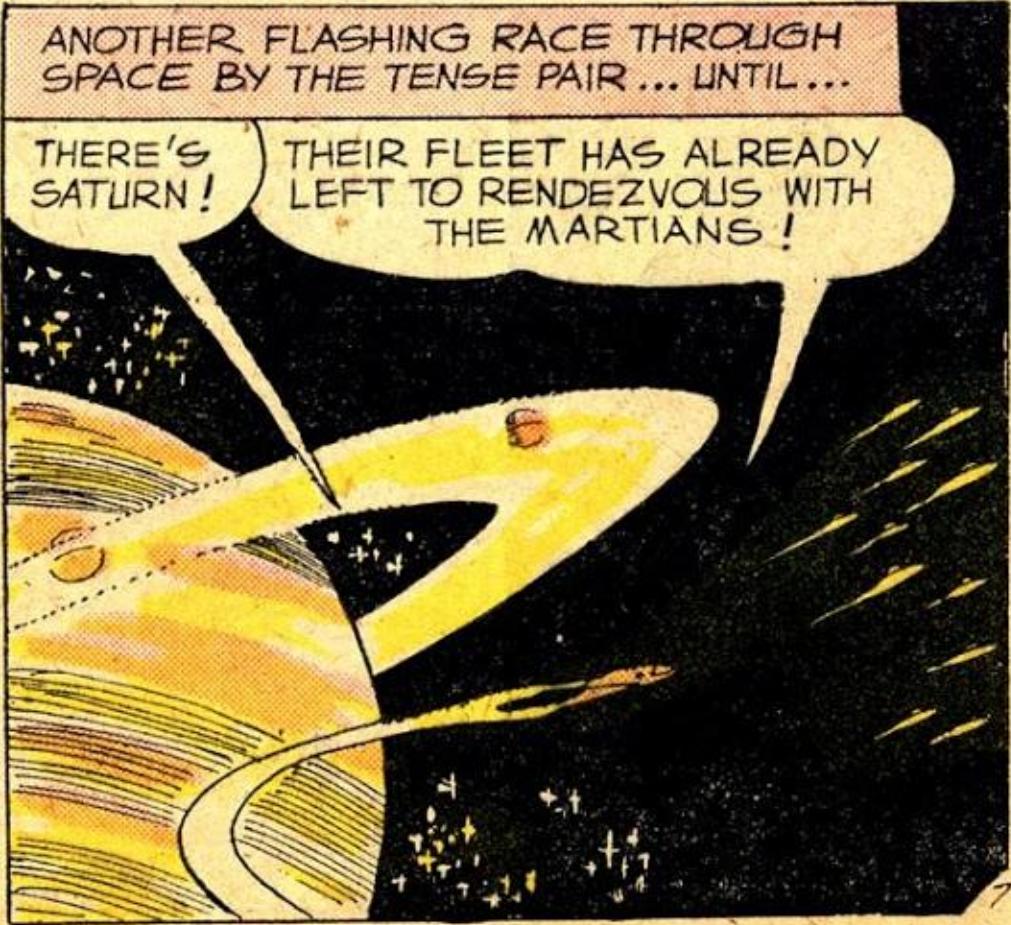
BUT THEY'RE ONLY ONE—
THIRD OF THE INVASION
FLEETS ! SATURN AND
MARS STILL MENACE THE
EARTH !



ANOTHER FLASHING RACE THROUGH
SPACE BY THE TENSE PAIR... UNTIL...

THERE'S
SATURN !

THEIR FLEET HAS ALREADY
LEFT TO RENDEZVOUS WITH
THE MARTIANS !





Wonder Woman



AGAIN, THE EARTH PAIR IS SIGHTED...

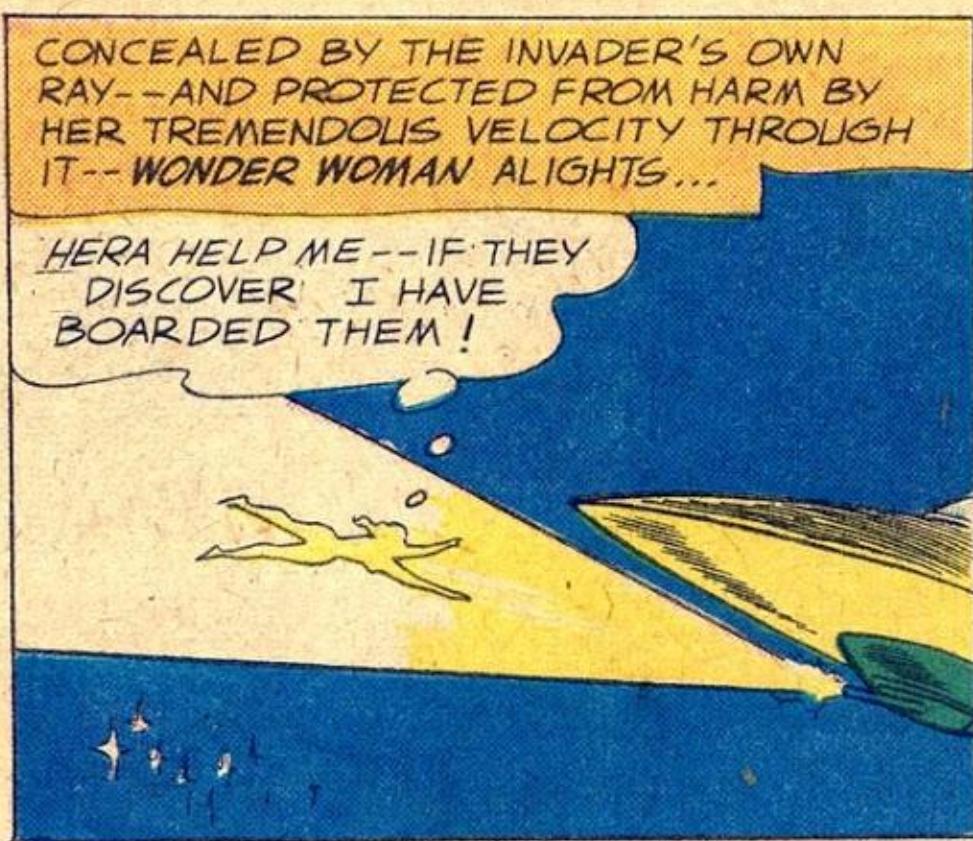
THEY'RE FIRING AT US!

DUKE DECEPTION FORESAW EVERYTHING--HE LEFT NOTHING IN THIS SHIP FOR DEFENSE!



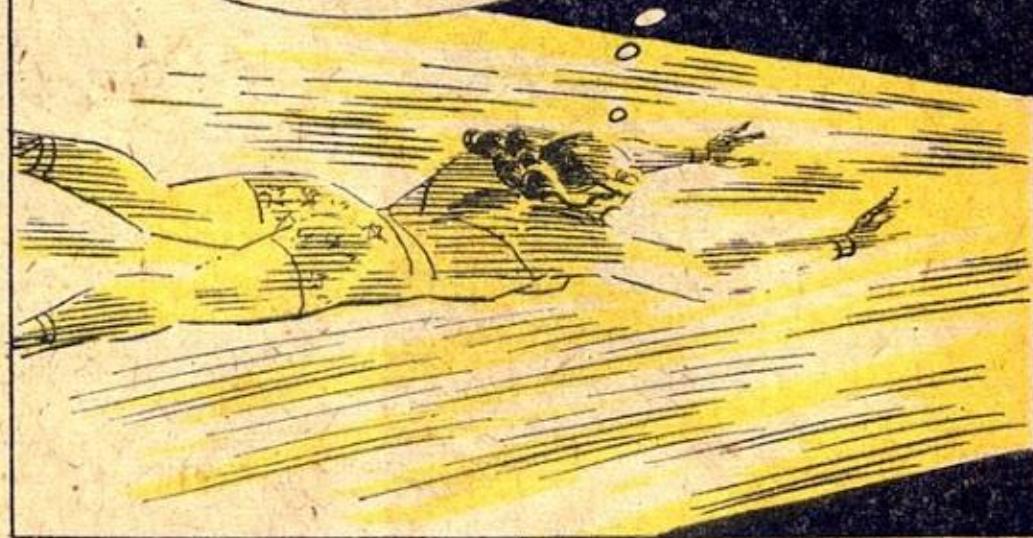
CONCEALED BY THE INVADER'S OWN RAY--AND PROTECTED FROM HARM BY HER TREMENDOUS VELOCITY THROUGH IT--WONDER WOMAN ALIGHTS...

HERA HELP ME--IF THEY DISCOVER I HAVE BOARDED THEM!



WITH STARTLING COURAGE, THE MIGHTY AMAZON HURLS HERSELF DIRECTLY INTO THE PATH OF AN ONCOMING RAY...

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY I CAN COME TO GRIPS WITH THESE INVADERS!



AS ONE OF THE FLYING SAUCERS WHIRLS PAST HER, THE MIGHTY AMAZON SEIZES IT...

TIME--TIME--TIME--IS RUNNING OUT FOR THE EARTH!



LIKE A GIGANTIC DISCUS--WONDER WOMAN HURLS THE INVADING CRAFT INTO THE FLEET--AND AS IT CAROMS FROM ONE TO THE OTHER...

TWO-THIRDS OF THE INVADERS NO LONGER THREATEN EARTH--BUT THE MARTIAN FLEET STILL REMAINS!



Wonder Woman

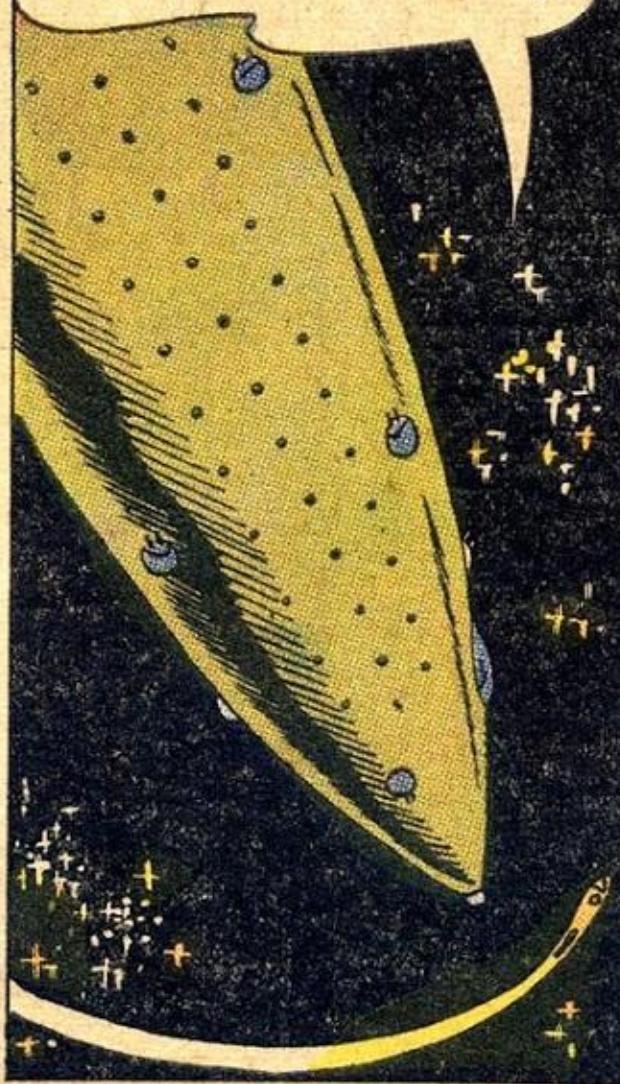
MEANWHILE, AT HIS SPACE RENDEZVOUS, AN ENRAGED DUKE DECEPTION SEES WONDER WOMAN'S SMALL CRAFT SPEED ACROSS HIS VISION LIKE A TINY GADFLY...

IT'S THE AMAZON! SOMEHOW SHE REVERSED THE CONTROLS! NO NEED TO KNOW NOW WHY THE OTHER INVASION FLEETS DIDN'T APPEAR! SHE MUST HAVE STOPPED THEM!



THE STUPENDOUS SHIP HURTELS AFTER THE TINY ONE...

WE'LL SMASH IT OUT OF THE WAY-- AND THEN CONTINUE ON TO DESTROY THE EARTH OURSELVES!



THEY'RE AFTER US-- NOW WHAT, ANGEL?

AS LONG AS THEY'RE PURSUING US-- EARTH IS OUT OF DANGER!



AND THEN--AHEAD--A DREAD SIGHT...

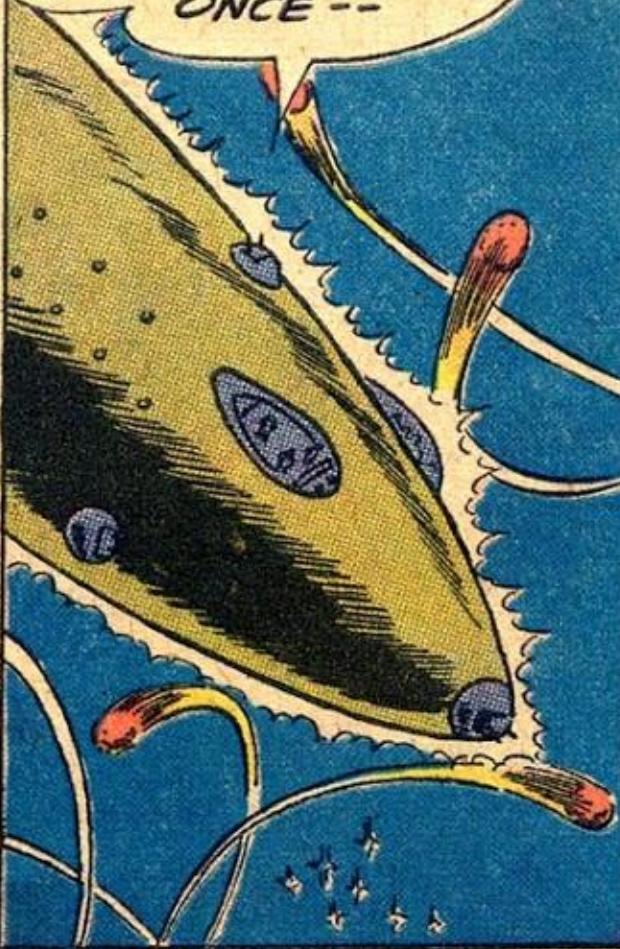
A METEOR STORM--IF A SINGLE ONE OF THOSE HITS US--?!

THIS SHIP ISN'T EQUIPPED WITH METEOR BUMPERS-- I'LL HAVE TO DODGE THE METEORS!



BEHIND THE FRANTICALLY-- DODGING LITTLE CRAFT-- THE PURSUIT CONTINUES...

OUR BUMPERS TURN AWAY THE METEORS--BUT THE AMAZON HAS TO MIS-CALCULATE JUST ONCE--



--AND SHE IS FINISHED!





Wonder Woman



IT SEEMS LIKE AN ETERNITY LATER
THAT...

WE
JUST GOT THROUGH
THE METEOR
STORM --

LOOK OUT--AHEAD
THERE --OUR OWN
EARTH SATELLITE !
IF THAT EVER
HITS US !



A LIGHTNING-LIKE MANEUVER
AND...

THANK HERA--
WE JUST
MISSSED
IT !

BUT THE MARTIAN
IS STILL CLOSE
BEHIND US !

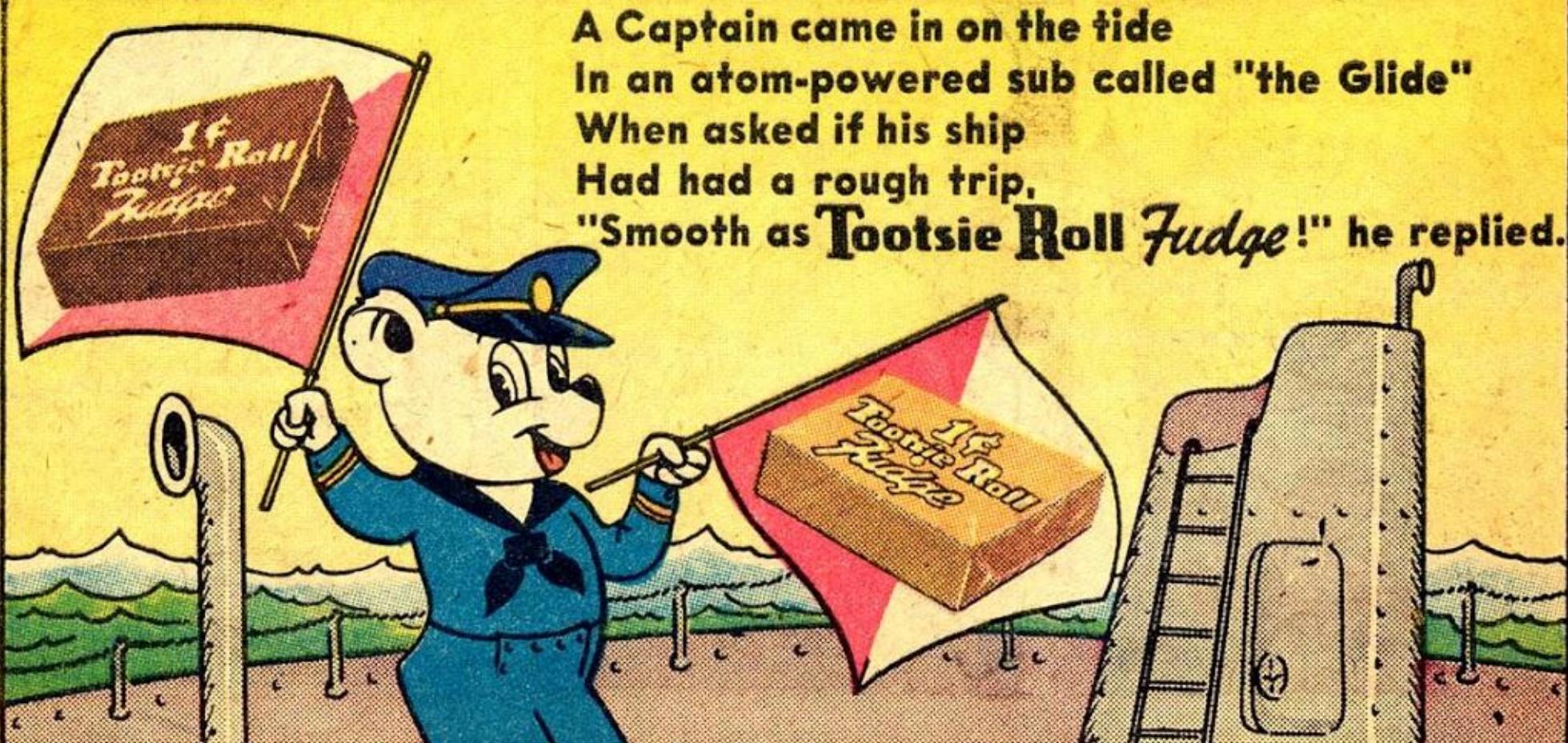


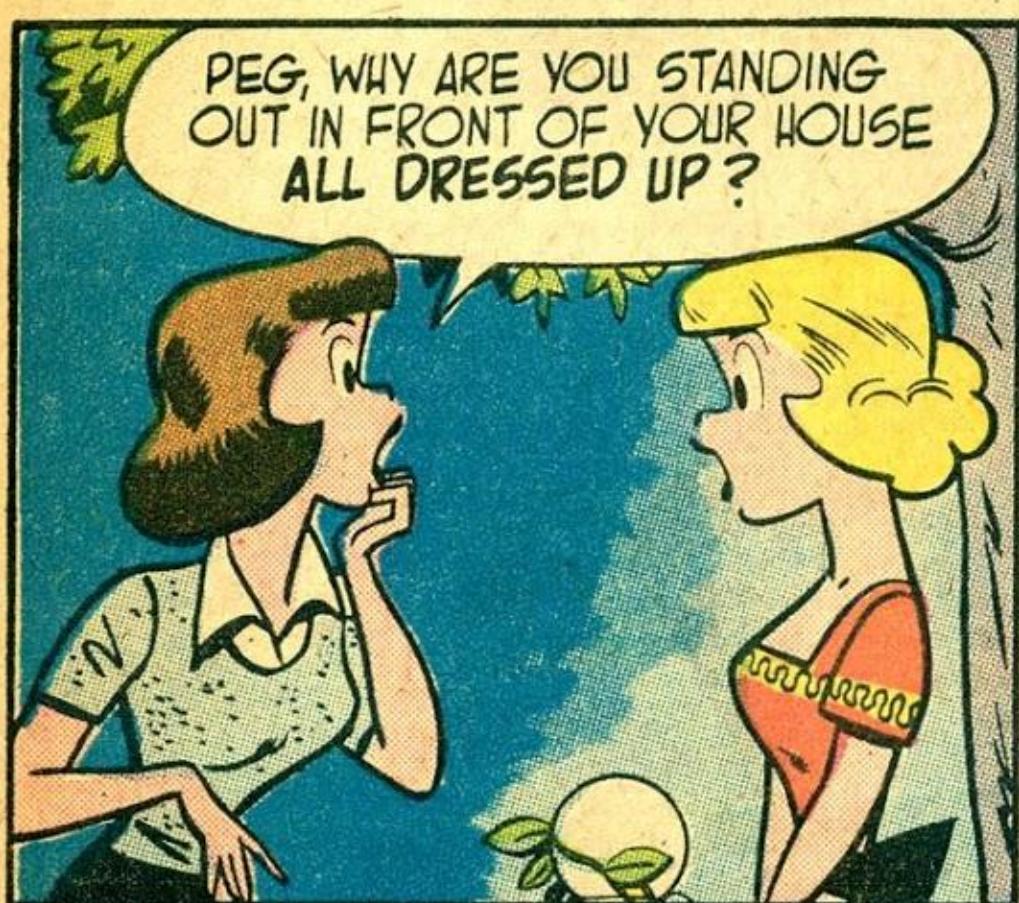
AND THEN, THE GRIMMEST IRONY OF FATE...



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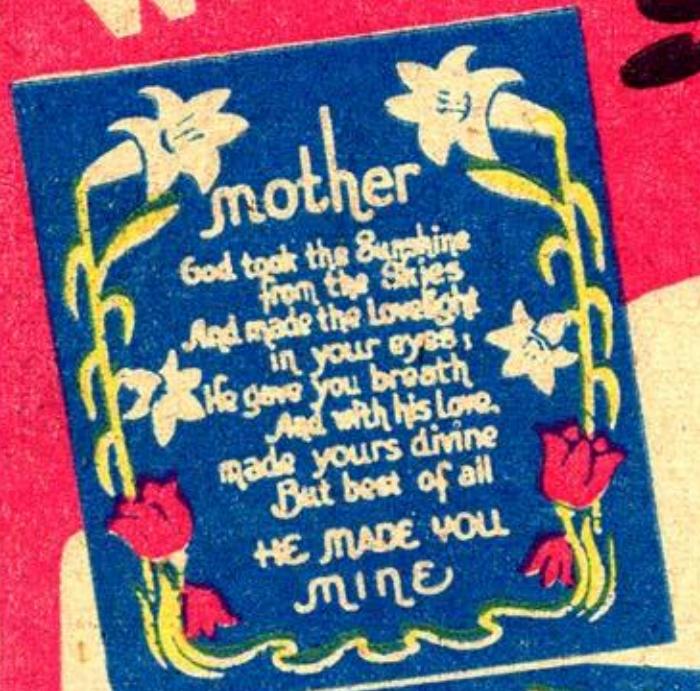
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In an atom-powered sub called "the Glide"
When asked if his ship
Had had a rough trip,
"Smooth as Tootsie Roll Fudge!" he replied.





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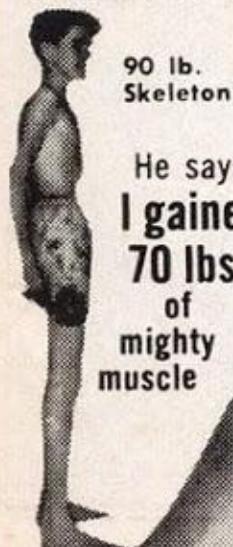


JIM NORMAN
AFTER

He Mailed Coupon
Below is Cleveland

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He Mailed Coupon



He says,
I gained
70 lbs.
of
mighty
muscle

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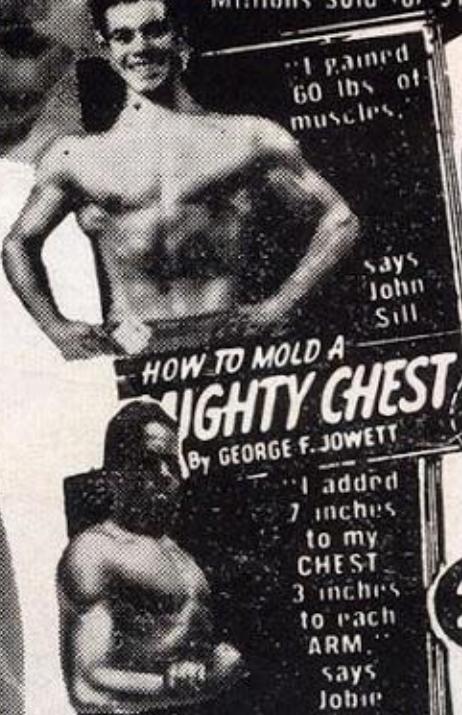
Stop being a **SKINNY** Weakling like I was
IN 10 MINUTES of FUN A DAY YOU CAN DO ALL I DID
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FREE

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"I'm
PROUD
to be
seen
with
Jim
NOW!
Every-
body
admires
his build," says Nellie.
"Jim can lift the front
of a 2700 lb. car.
He amazes his friends!"

2

COME ON, PAL, NOW YOU give me
10 PLEASANT MINUTES A DAY
IN YOUR OWN HOME like Jim did
and I'll give YOU A NEW HE-MAN BODY
for your OLD SKELETON FRAME

NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby
you are I'll make you OVER by the
SAME method I turned myself from a
wreck to the strongest of the strong.
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