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TAKE IT **EASY**,
CATHY! YOUR
TROUBLES ARE
OVER!



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DIANA
AND HER FRIENDS
BATTLE A **NEW**
KIND OF VILLAIN
IN...

"**THE GRANDEE CAPER!**"

DIANA PRINCE HAS A PROBLEM THIS NIGHT! AND HOW MANY WOMEN GET BY WITHOUT HAVING TO DEAL WITH THIS DILEMMA?



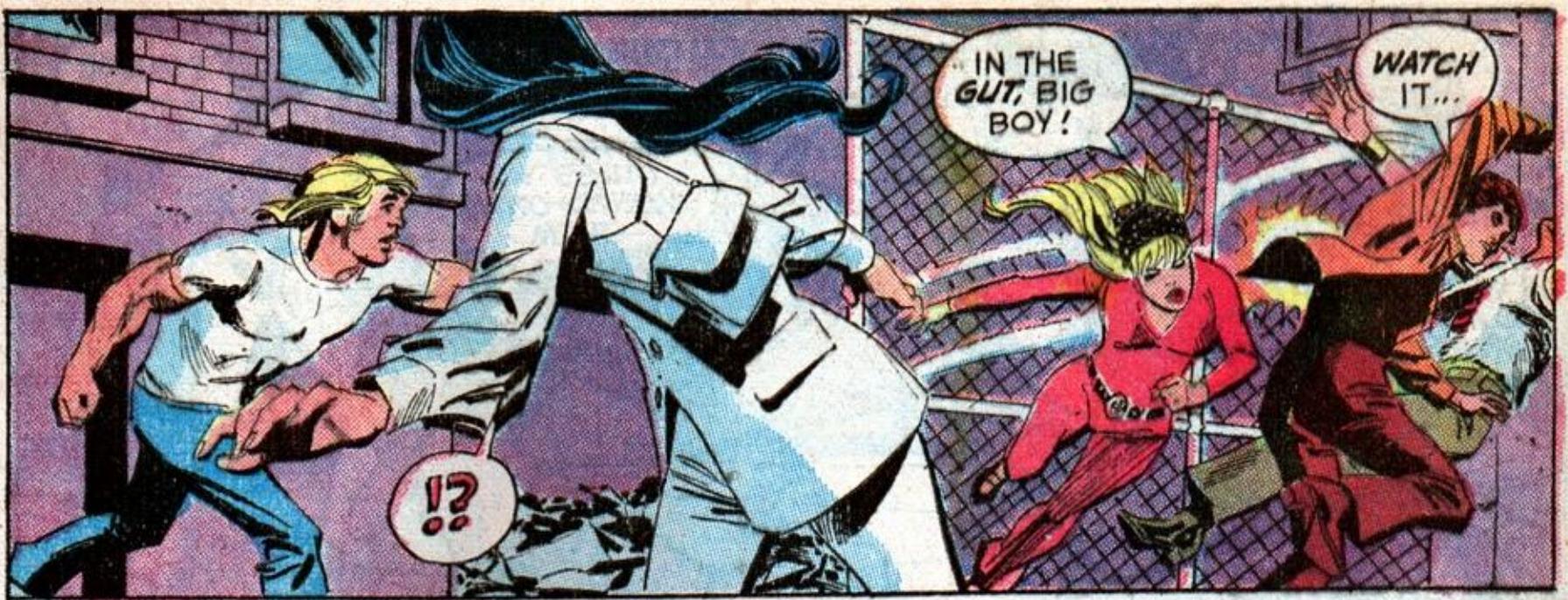
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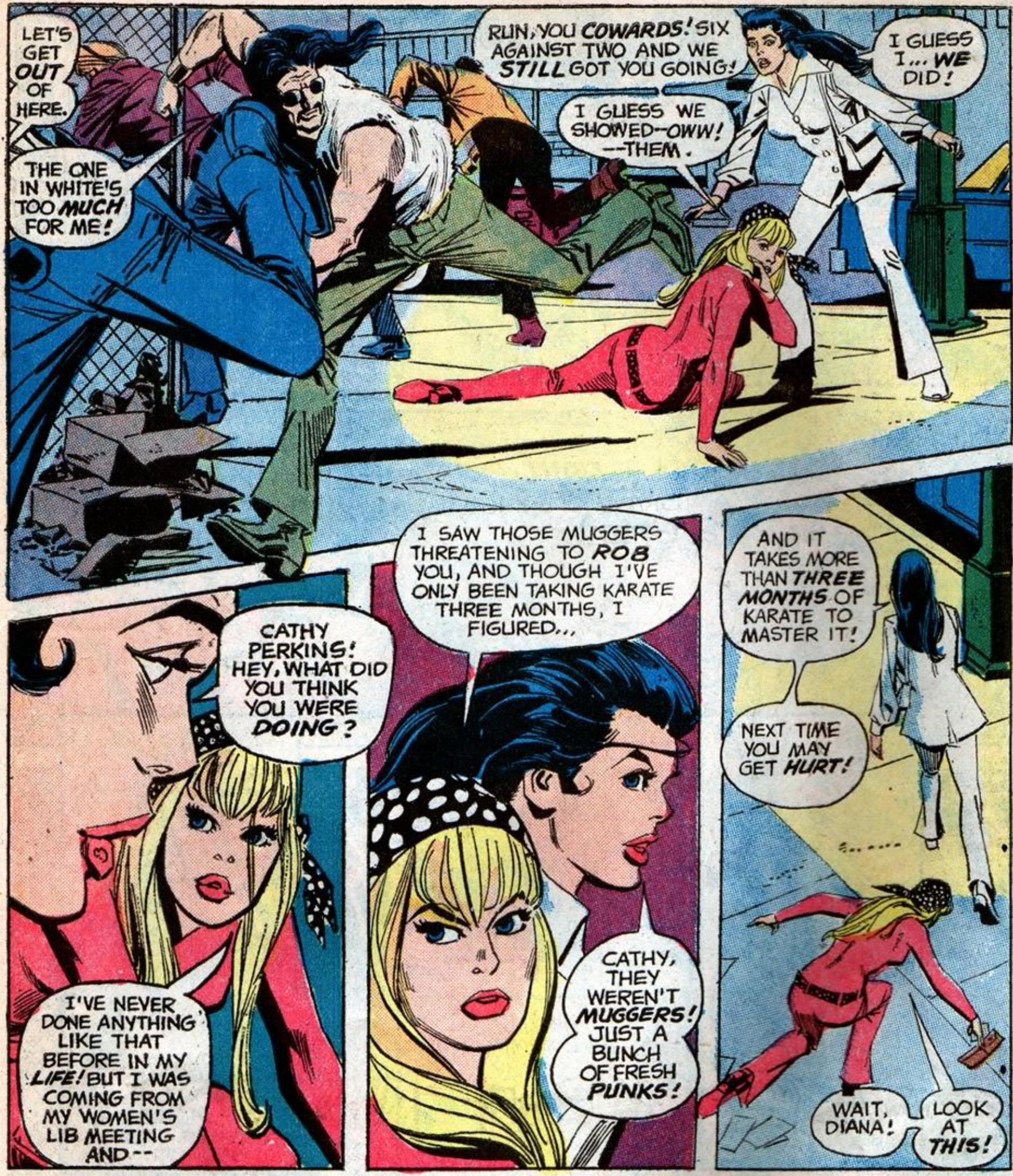
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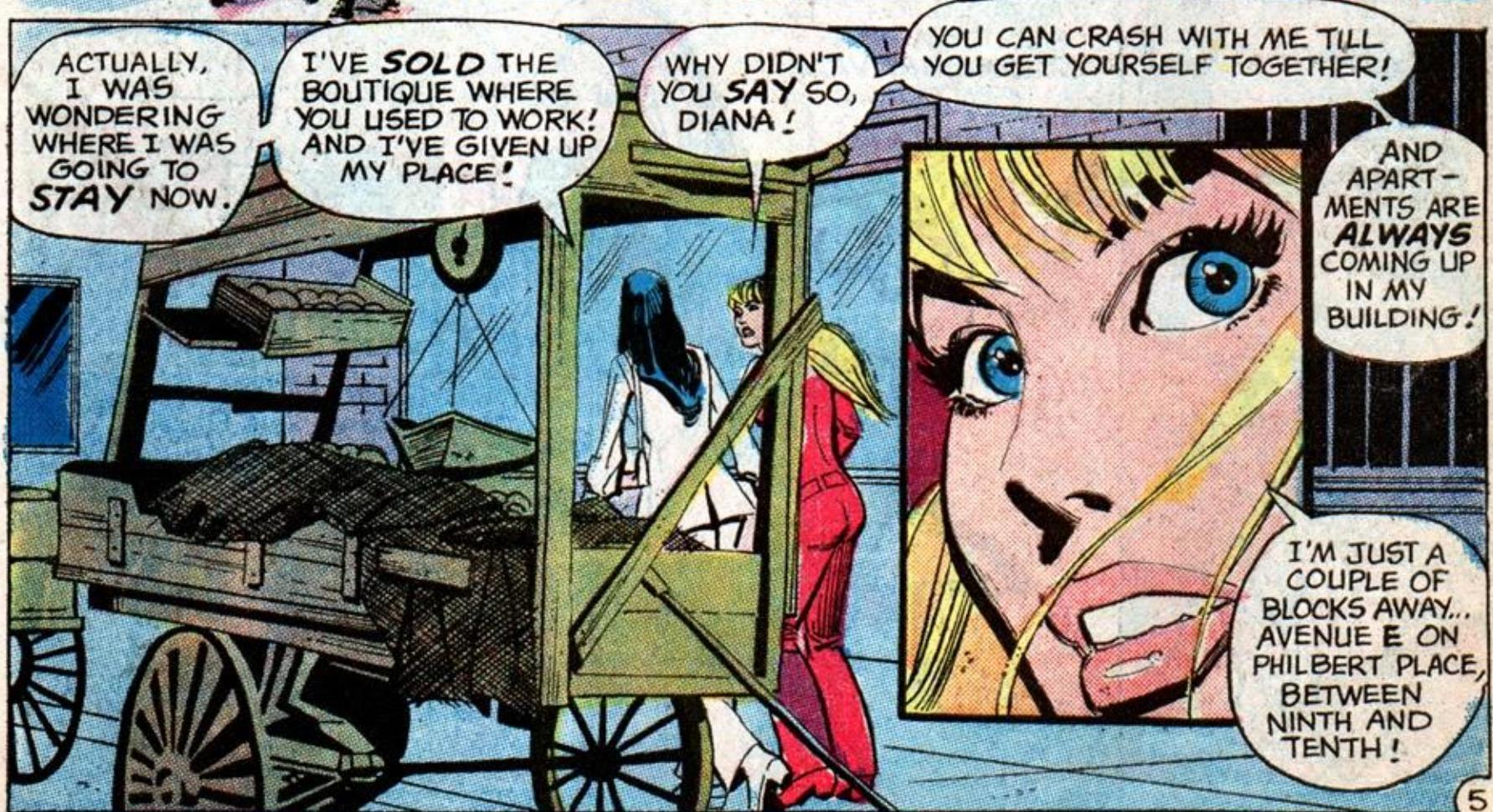
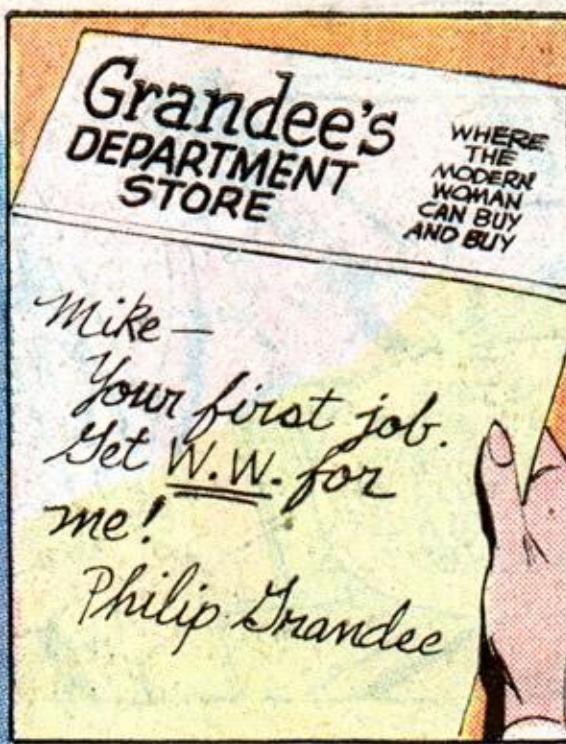
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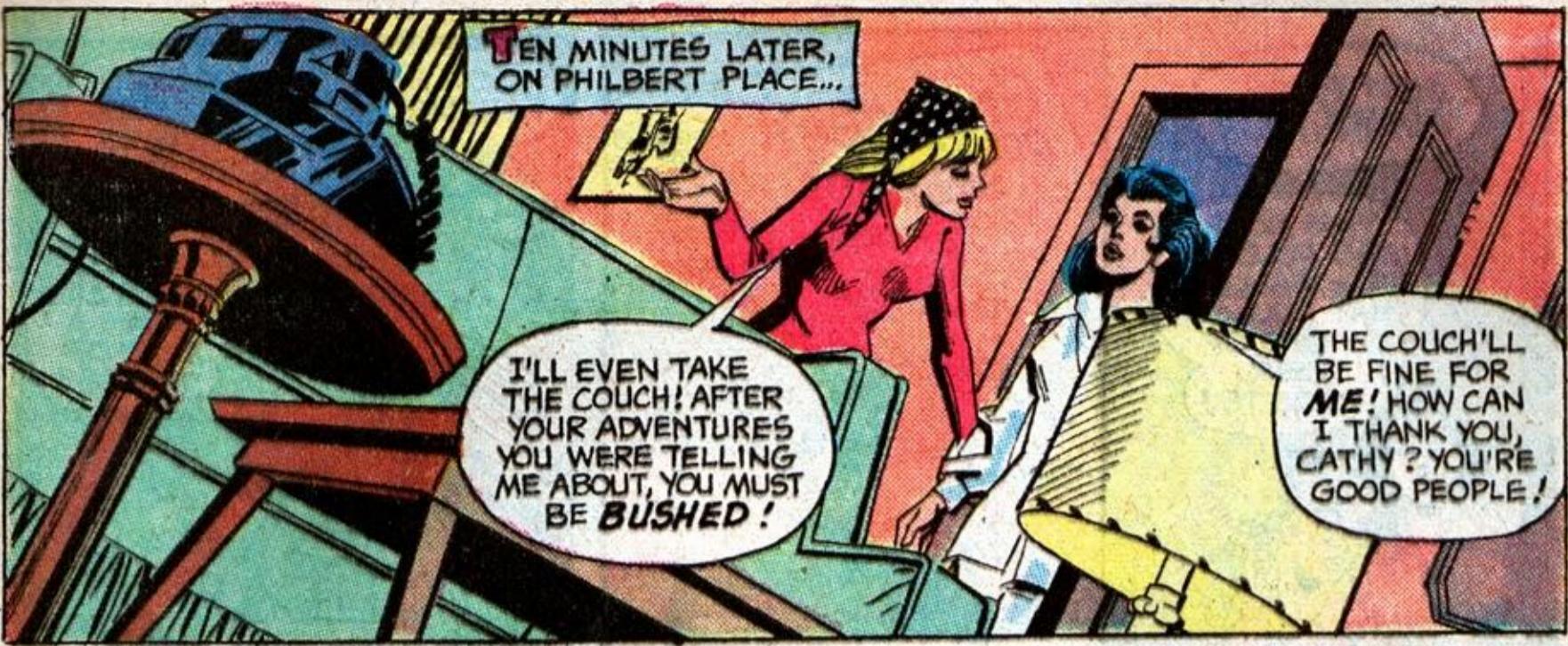
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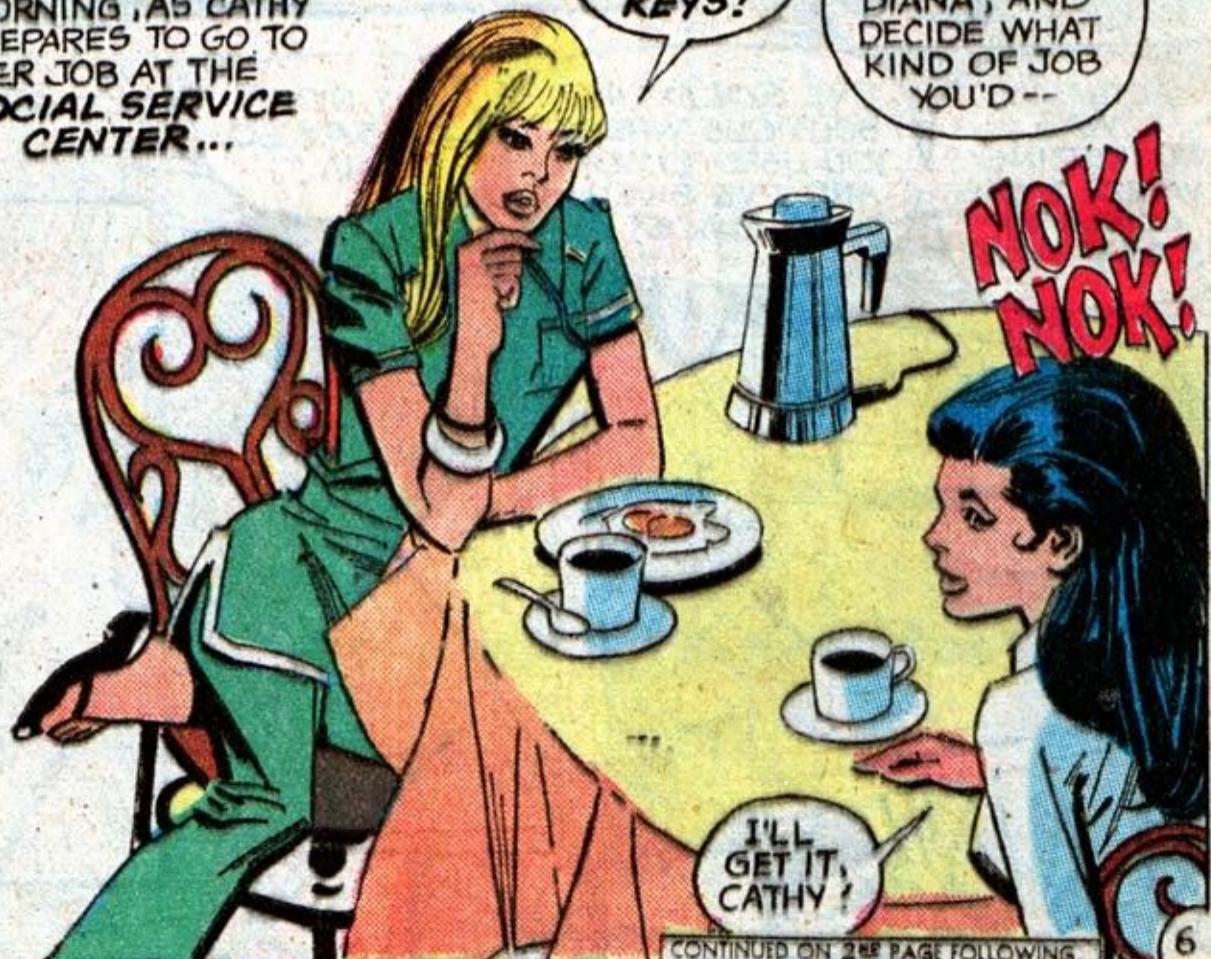


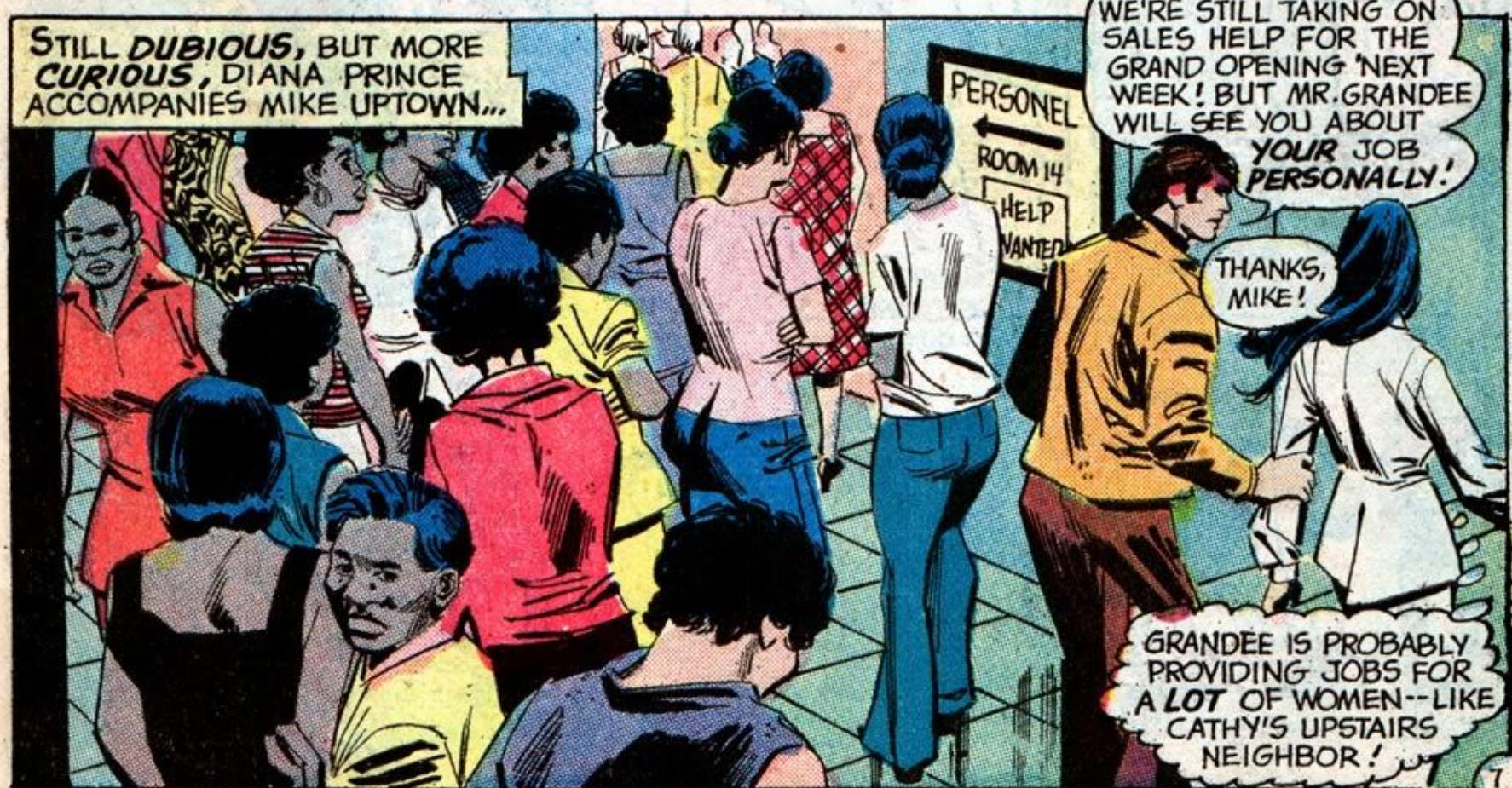


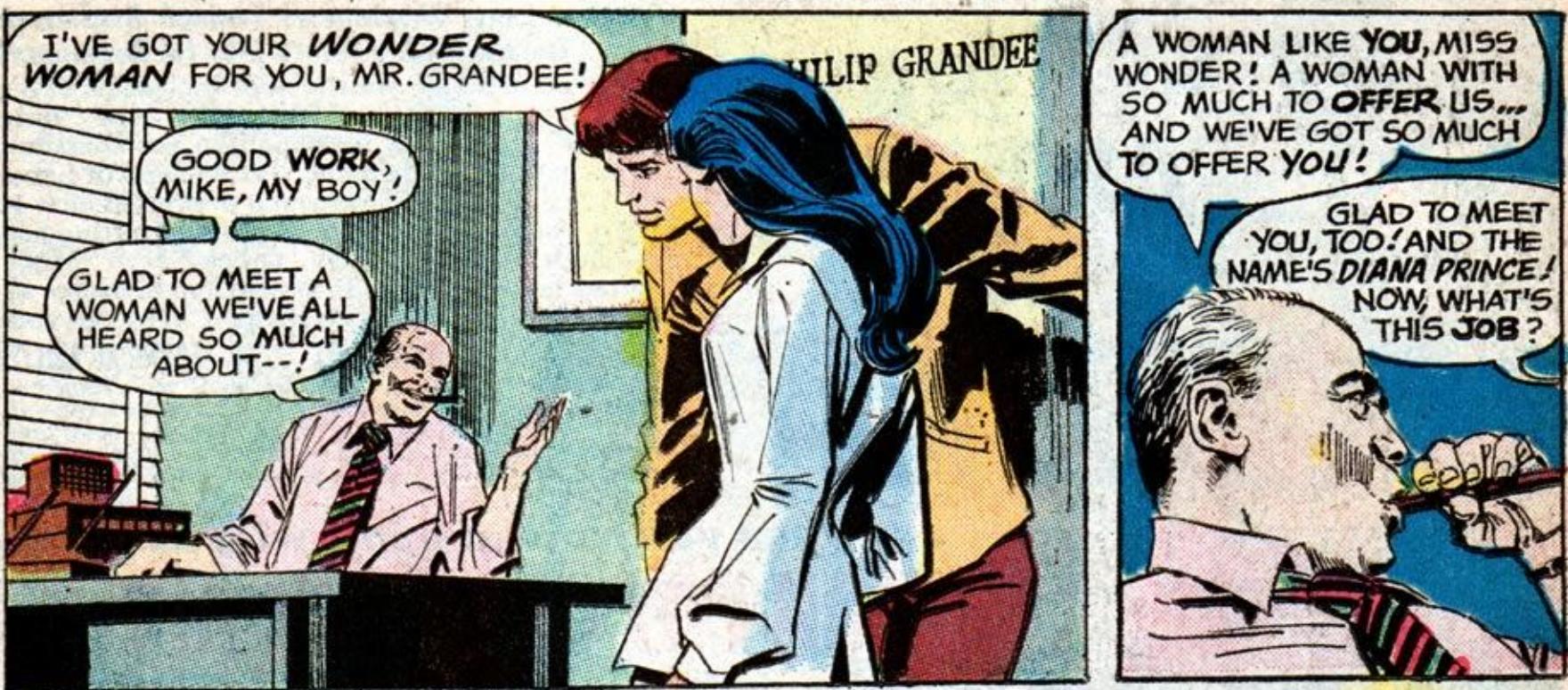
SUDDENLY, THROUGH THE THIN, TENEMENT CEILING, THE TWO GIRLS OVERHEAR ...



OVER COFFEE, NEXT MORNING, AS CATHY PREPARES TO GO TO HER JOB AT THE SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER...

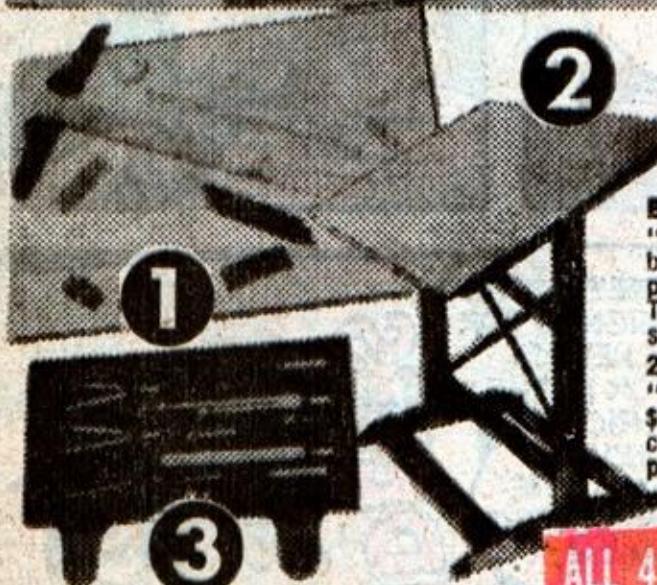








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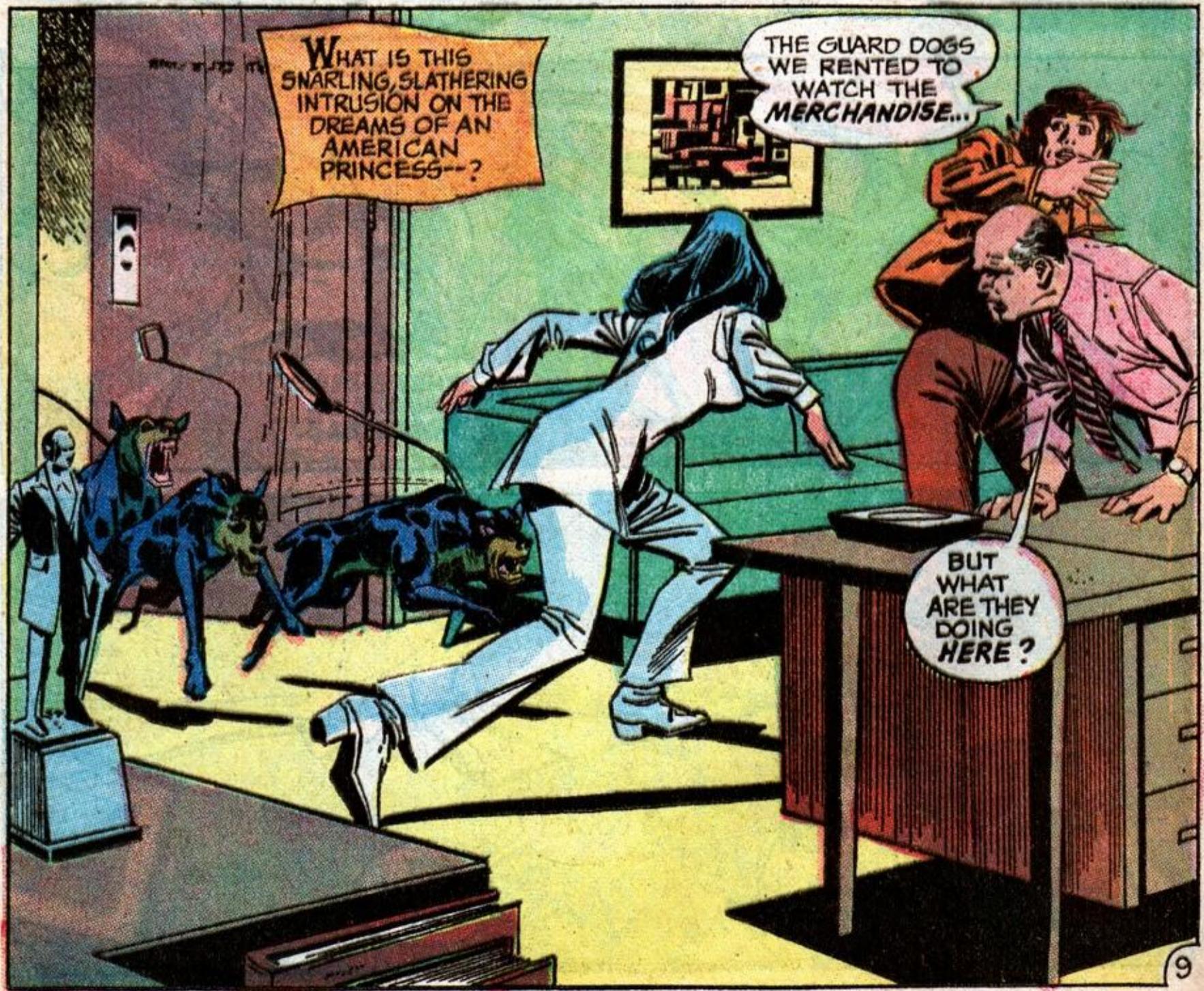
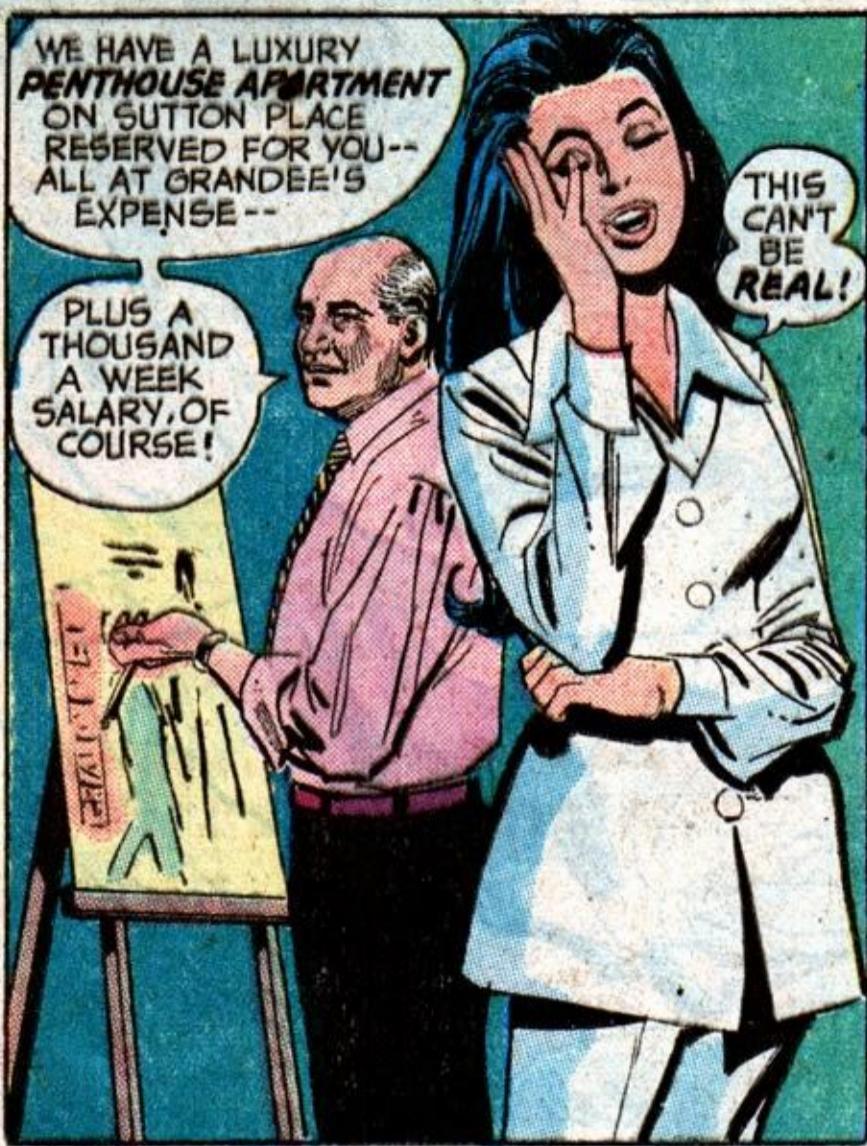
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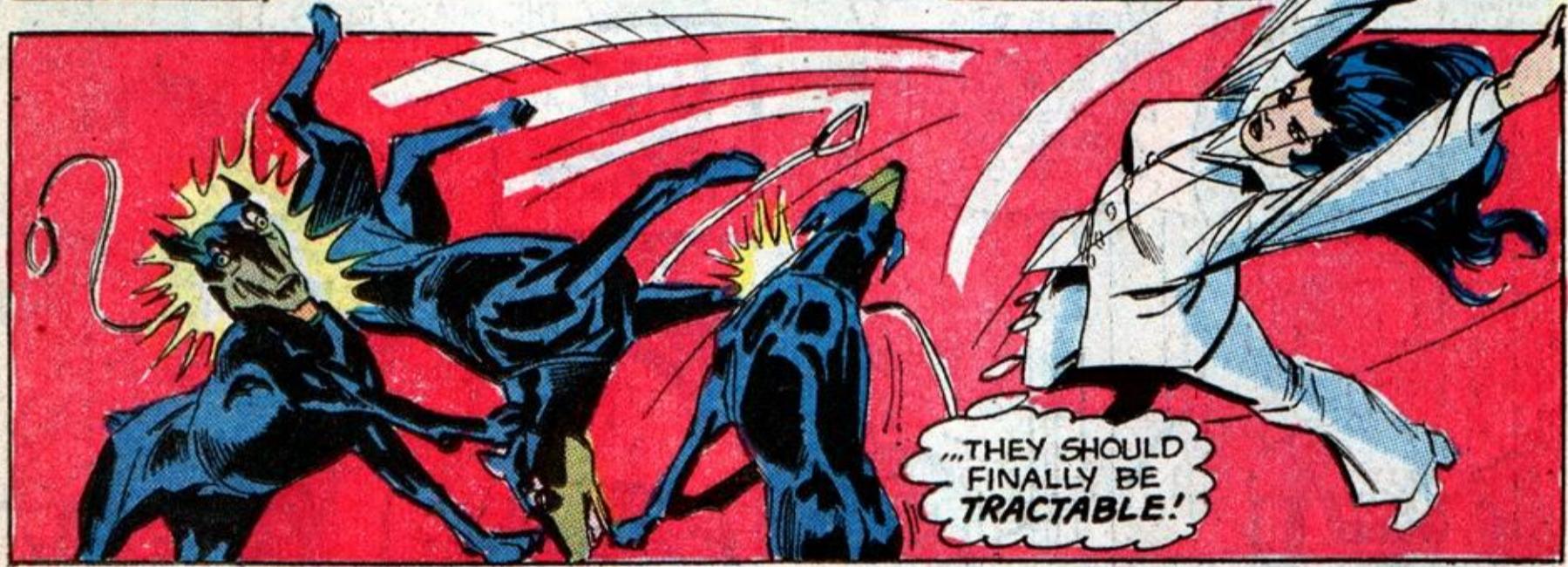
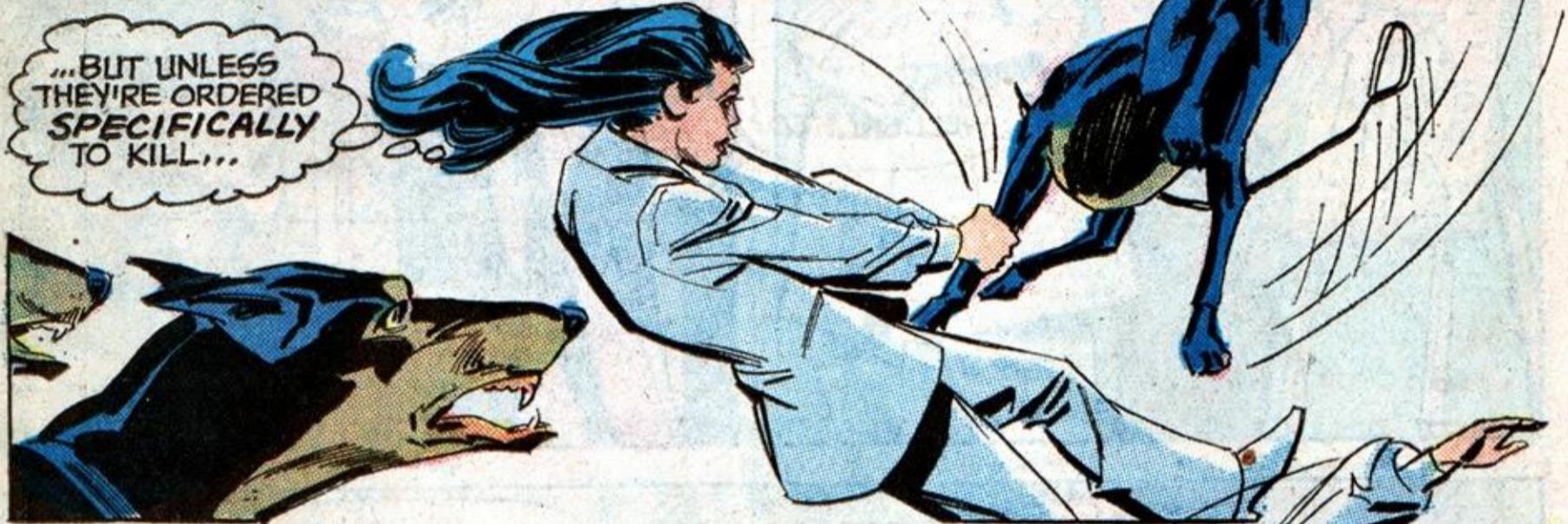
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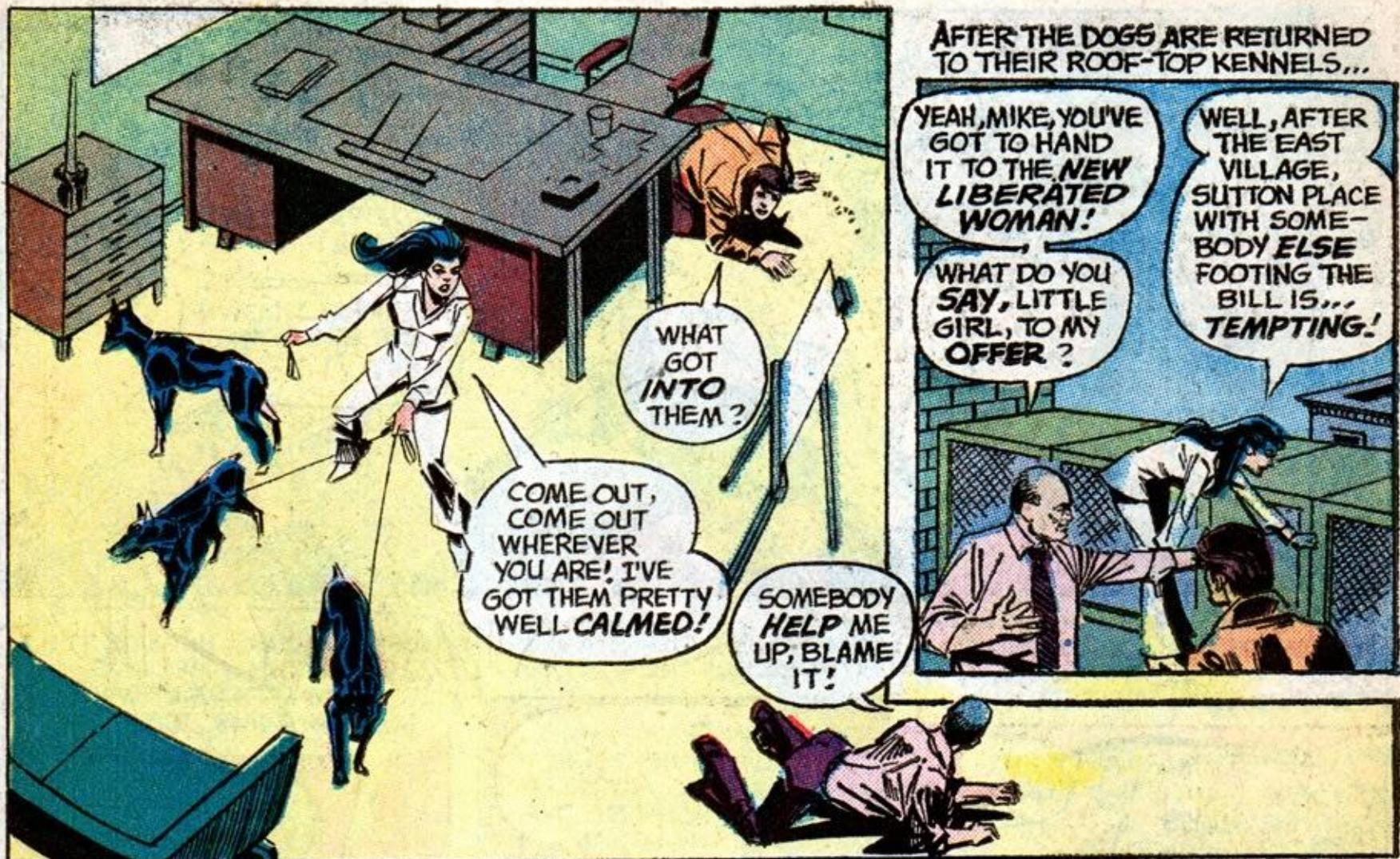
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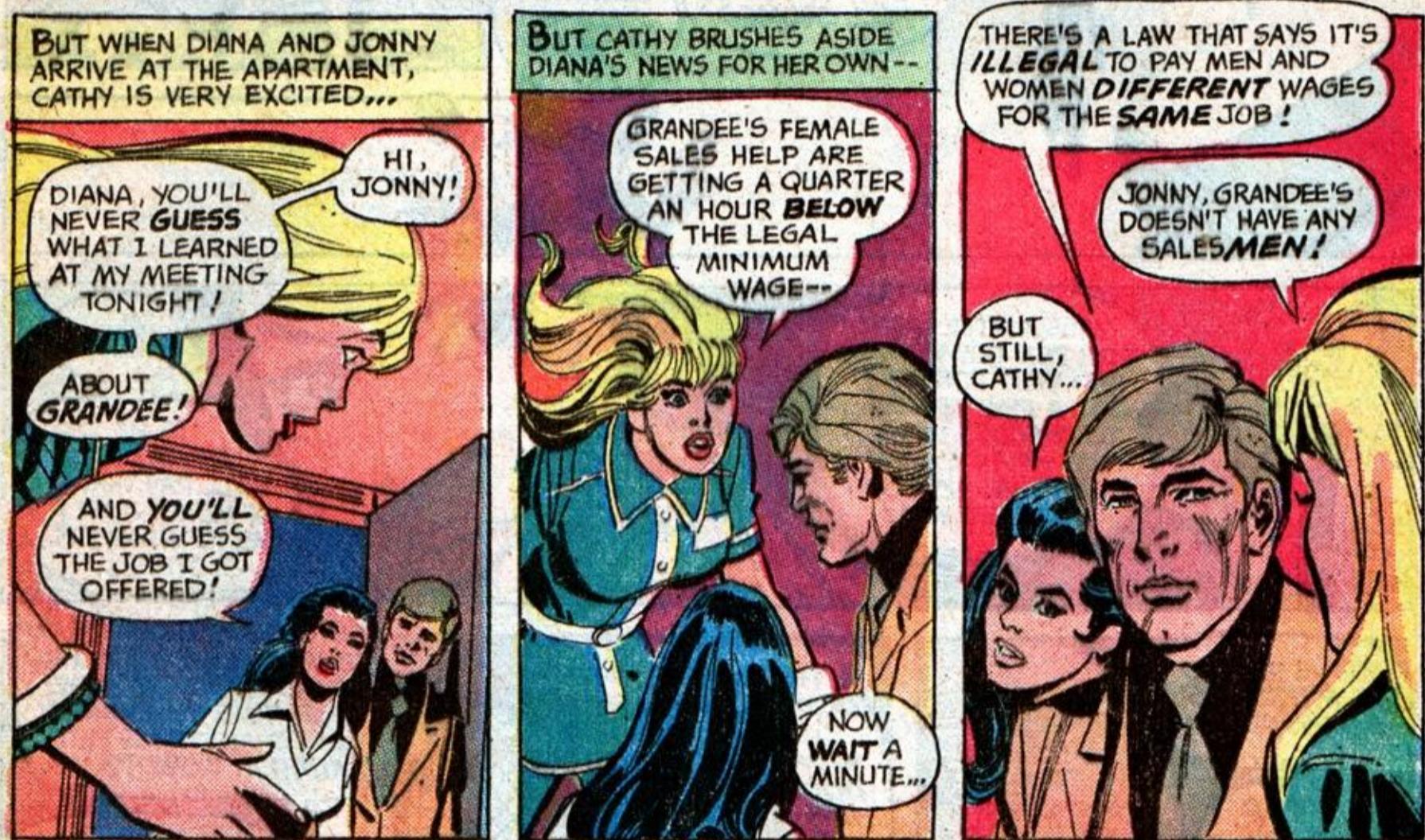
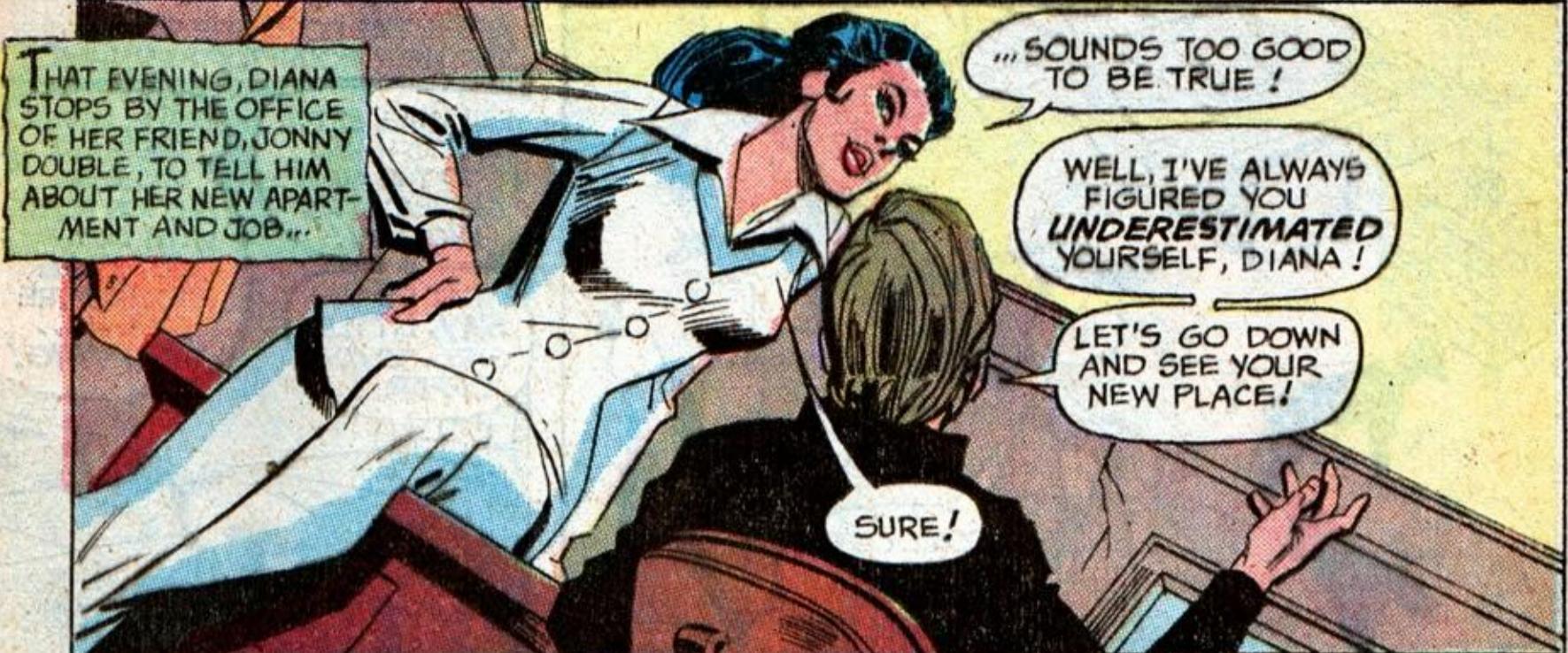
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CATHY, BECAUSE YOU'VE HAD THREE MONTHS OF KARATE, AND PULLED SOME PRANKS, YOU ACT LIKE YOU'RE ANGRY WITH--

IT'S NO ACT!

I NEVER ASKED TO BE DENIED WHAT'S DENIED ME BECAUSE I'M A WOMAN!

I'M TOLD TO BE A WHOLE PERSON, BUT NEVER FIGHT, BUILD, OR ENVISION-- ONLY TO RESPOND!

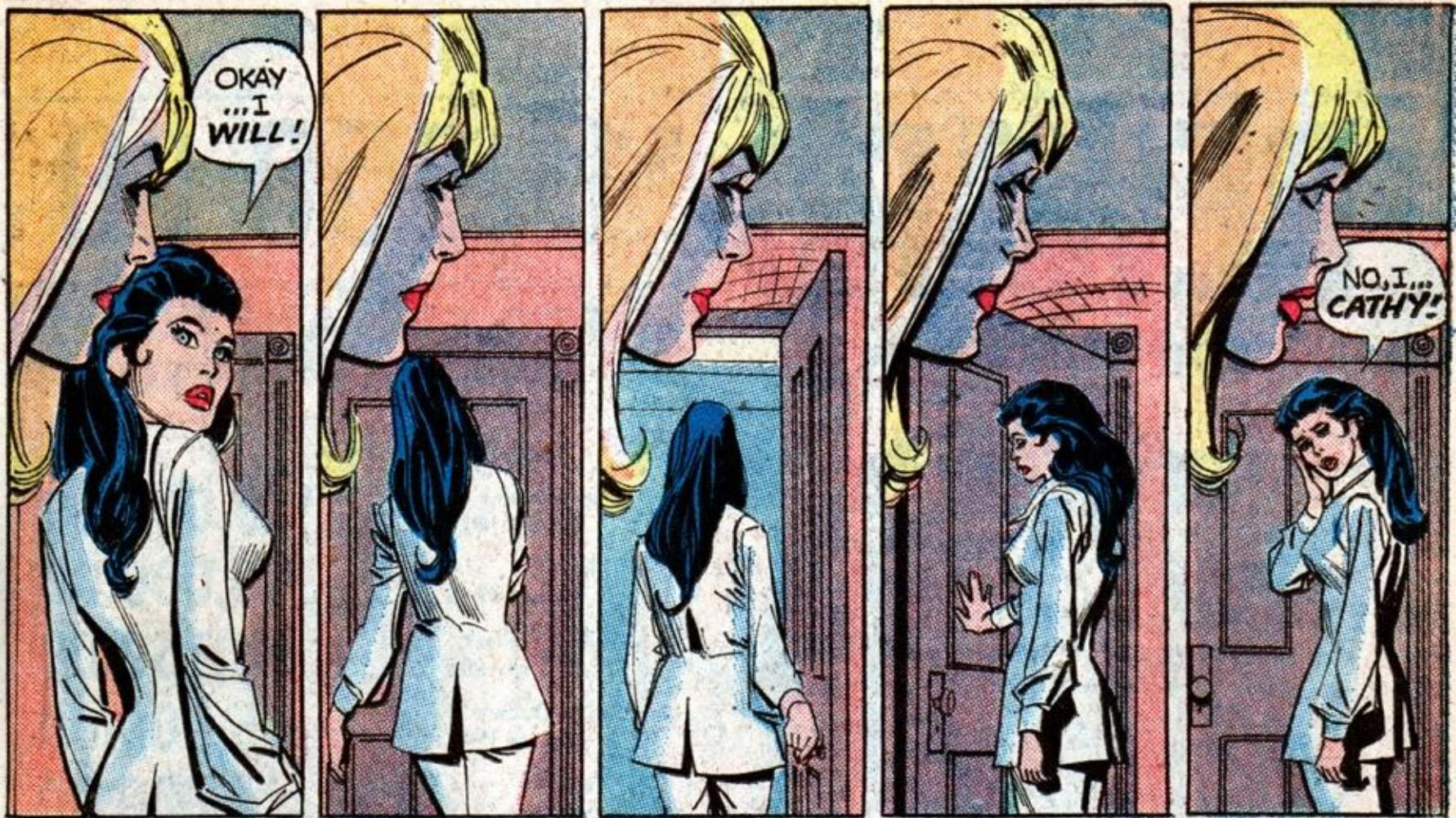
PERHAPS I'M INCOMPETENT AND UNSURE, BUT I'M CONSCIOUS OF IT AND ENRAGED AT ANYONE WHO SAYS I MUST STAY THAT WAY!

YOU'RE A WONDER WOMAN! -- SKILLED ENOUGH TO OVERCOME SOME OF OUR PROBLEMS, LUCKY ENOUGH TO AVOID OTHERS!

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT ALL OF THEM ARE!

NOW, WALK AWAY FROM MY ANGER!

GO ON!



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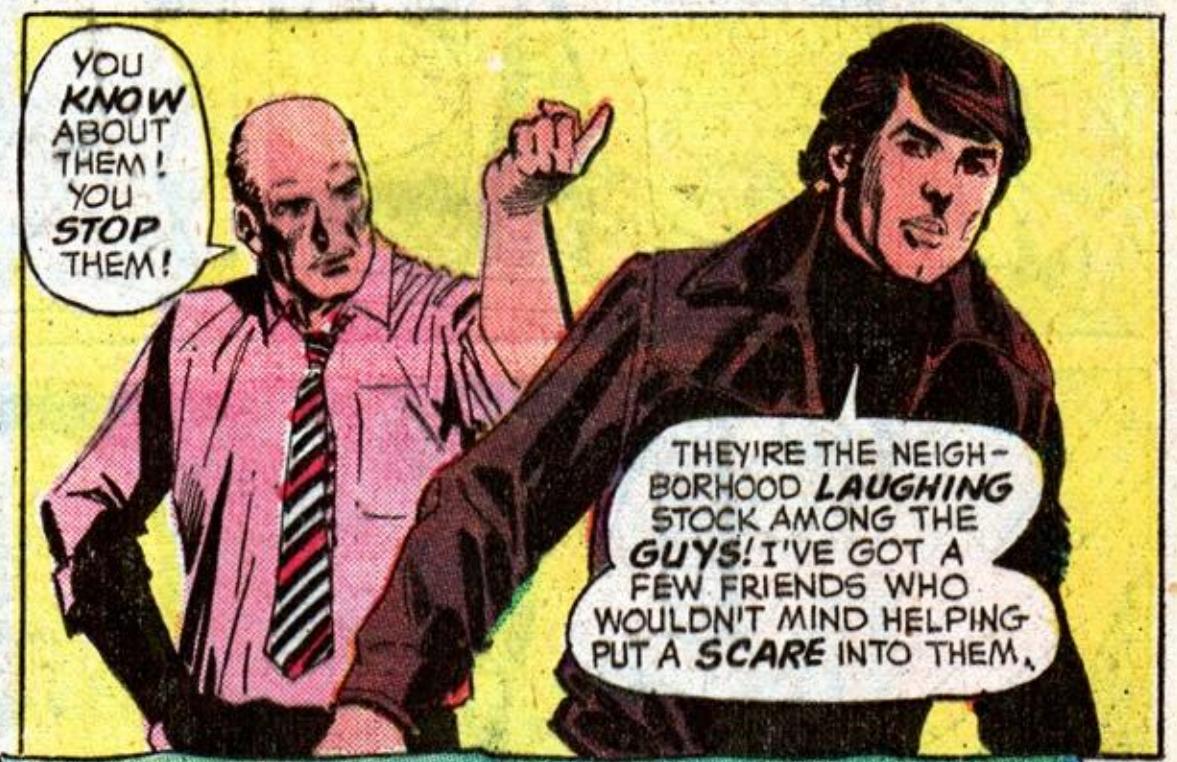
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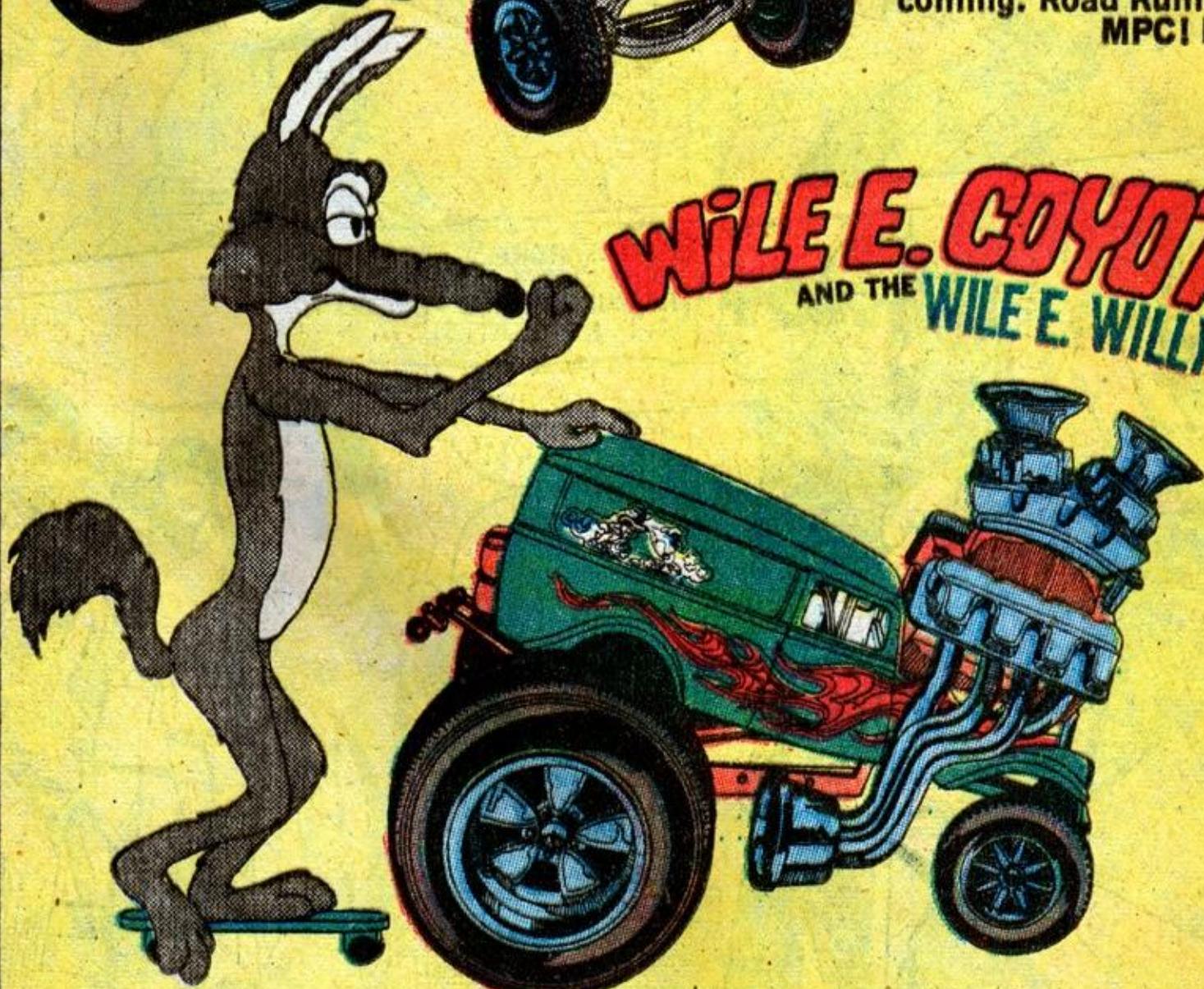
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coming. Road Runner kits from
MPC! Beep! Beep!

WILE E. COYOTE
AND THE **WILE E. WILLYS**





BUT A MOMENT AFTER THE DEPARTURE...

WE CAN FOLLOW THEM WITH THE DOGS!

AND I'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD IDEA WHERE THEY'VE GONE!



BOLTING FROM THE STORE FRONT AFTER THEIR KIDNAPPED FRIEND, DOG TRAINER, KARATE TEACHER, AND DIANA PRINCE ARE NOT SURPRISED BY WHERE THEY ARRIVE...

I RESISTED THINKING GRANDEE WAS A CRIMINAL, BUT I'M ABOUT CONVINCED!

LET'S TRY THE SIDE ENTRANCES!



AFTER FINDING A DOOR LEFT OPEN, AS THE DOGS LEAD THEM ON, DIANA LOOKS AROUND...

THIS IS PRETTY STRANGE FOR A DEPARTMENT STORE! AND FROM WHAT I SEE HERE, I THINK I'VE GOT THE FINAL DOPE ON GRANDEE...



CAN YOU SEE WHAT DIANA SEES? WONDER WOMAN IS WONDEROUSLY OBSERVANT! WHAT ABOUT YOU...?

THE DOGS SMELL SOMETHING THIS WAY! COME ON!



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Frank
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says...

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I DON'T THINK YOU'LL
BE **BOthered** BY
LADY'S LIB HASSLERS
ANY **MORE**, MR. GRANDEE!
WE'LL SHOO THIS ONE
OUT IN A WHILE...

YOU MAY HAVE
GONE A LITTLE FAR,
MIKE! BUT IF IT
GETS THEM OUT
OF MY HAIR, IT'S
WORTH IT!

BUT **SUDDENLY...**

NOW
WE'VE
GOT
THEM...!

WHAT
ARE **THEY**
DOING
HERE?

DIANA,
YOU'RE
HERE!

THE FIGHTING FEMALES
EXPLODE INTO ACTION...

YOU GET CATHY!

MARGO, TAKE
THAT ONE!

--IN **FINE**
STYLE

GOT
HIM--

ARGHHH!

HERE, CATHY! **TRIGGER**
AND **SILVER** WILL HOLD
THEM OFF WHILE
I CUT YOU
LOOSE!

ARE YOU FOLKS
EVER A
WELCOME
SIGHT!





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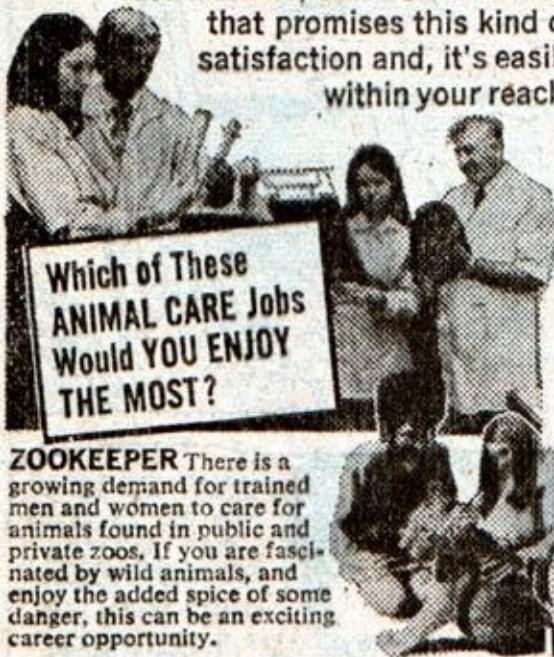
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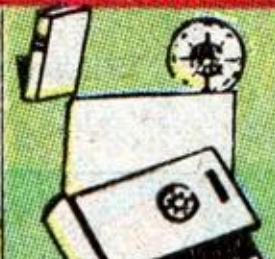
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ta-ta-taaaaaa . . . ta taaaaaa!

Anthony Kowalik,
of 15641 Union Avenue, Harvey, Ill.

The prize, a copy of the Green Lantern/Green Arrow paperback comic, autographed by artist Neal Adams, editor Julie Schwartz, introduction-writer Samuel R. Delany and myself, is in the mail.

Hey, congratulations.

Speaking of Samuel R. Delany—known to his friends (and an enemy or two) as "Chip" . . . you may've noticed that this issue, like the last, carries his byline. I think Chip's tale is a small but nonetheless polished milestone; it gets Diana solidly into women's liberation. In the story, Di and her friends echo the sentiments of millions of women throughout the world who are . . . well, sick of being second-class citizens. If you missed that particular aspect of the yarn, read it again. And think about it.

Dick Giordano did his usual fine job of illustrating. I'm continually awed by Dick; he used to be a fine editor, he is a fine penciler. And his inking was voted best in the entire comics medium by the Academy of Comic Book Arts at the Academy's big dinner bash last May, where Dick was awarded the much-coveted Shazam, the comics' version of Hollywood's Oscar. Nobody doubts he deserved it.

You've noticed I'm being especially long-winded? You did, huh. I plead guilty, but there's a reason. Which is, I'm not going to print any of your letters this outing. There's a reason for that, too. Which is, this is the last issue of Wonder Woman I'll be editing. As of number 204, Bob Kanigher will be guiding Di's destiny. Bob will be doing a whole other thing, so it would be pointless to print your pans and praises of our efforts.

Who is Bob Kanigher? Most hard-core fans can answer the question in a Flash . . . or a Sergeant Rock, or a Hawkman, or a Justice League, or a Superman. For more than 25 years, Bob has been writing these, and literally hundreds of other features. He's one of the most respected and prolific pros in the business; there isn't a comics writer around who hasn't been influenced by him. He hasn't told me his plans for Di, but it's certain he has some nifty ideas. I'll be looking forward to his reign here, and you should, too.

Although I'm leaving Diana in Bob's capable hands, I am not-repeat not-retiring to a desert island. Or dying of brain rot. Or devoting my time to translating baseball statistics into ancient Greek. Don't believe the rumors being spread by the guys in the coffee room, okay? The truth is, this office is almost buried in new projects. In the space remaining, I'd like to tell you about a couple of them.

Up front, we can mention a magazine titled *Sword of Sorcery*. It'll appear on your comics rack on December 28, give or take a few days, and you'll be seeing it every two months thereafter. You've already met S.O.S.'s stars—Fafhrd the Barbarian and the Grey Mouser. They co-starred with Diana in Wonder Woman #202, remember? The response to the sword-slinging pair was so great that our leader and resident father figure, Carmine Infantino, decreed Faf and the Mouser be given their own mag. We've just completed the first issue and we're tremendously excited, and we expect to have lots of company, once readers see it. If you have a taste for fantasy in the grand manner—full of evil magicians and monsters and gloomy castles and dark spirits and, most of all, action—you'll want to give *Sword of Sorcery* a look.

The second project is perhaps ever more exciting. Sometime late this year or early next, we'll be bringing to comics one of the best known characters in all of American fiction. I'll give you a hint.

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Watch for him.

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Oooops . . . bottom of the page already. Only a few lines remaining—enough to express gratitude to Dick, Chip and the rest of the fine talents I've been privileged to work with on the past few issues of *Wonder Woman*. It's been fun, crew; I hope we'll get together again, soon.

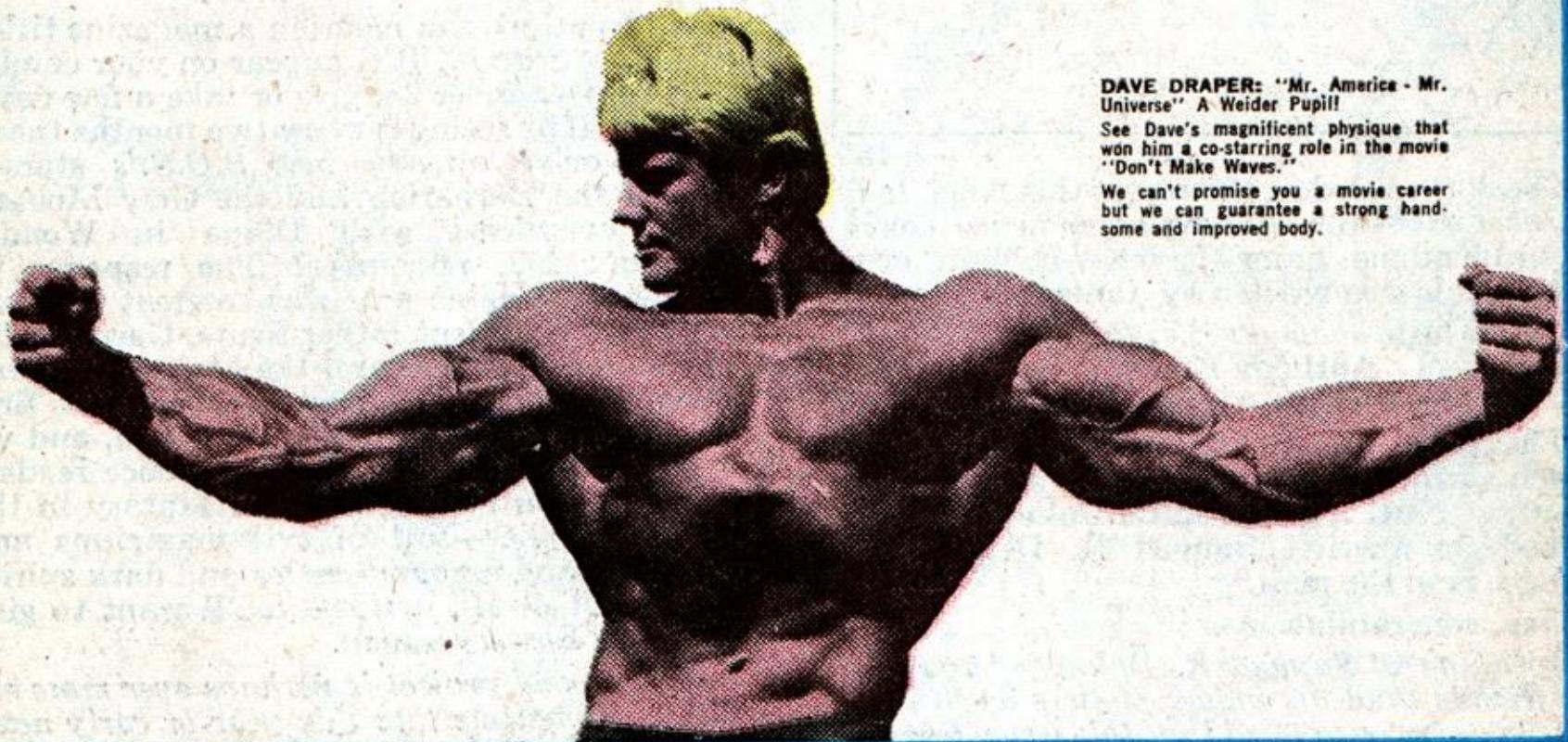
I also want to thank you—the readers. Your letters have been concerned, intelligent, stimulating—a pleasure. No editor ever had a finer audience.

Before I break down and start spewing tears, I'll quickly say—that today is the first day of the rest of your life.

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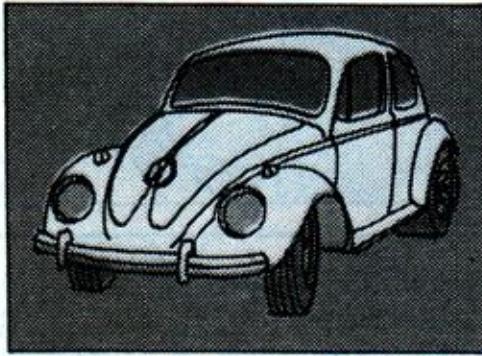
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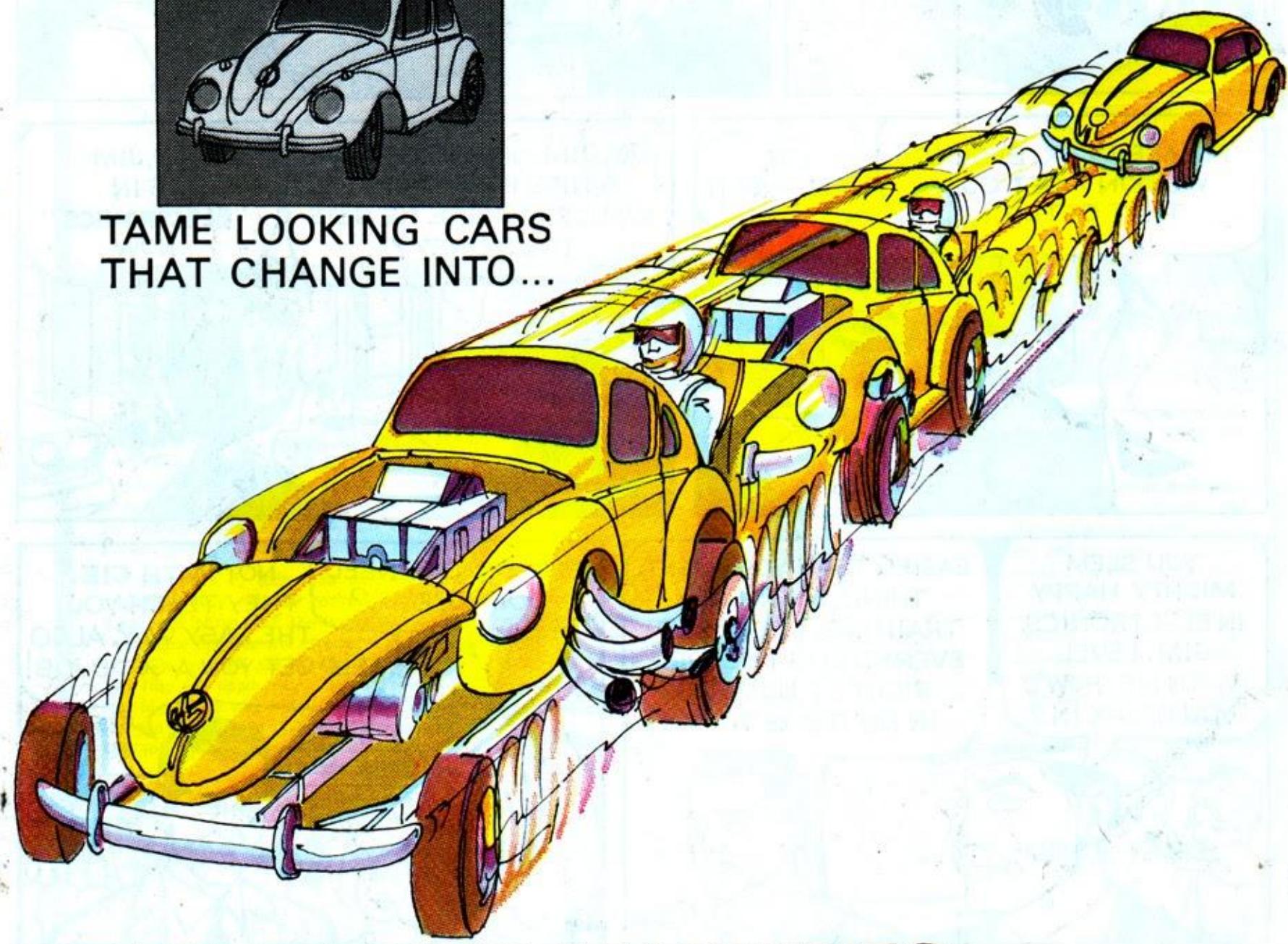
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