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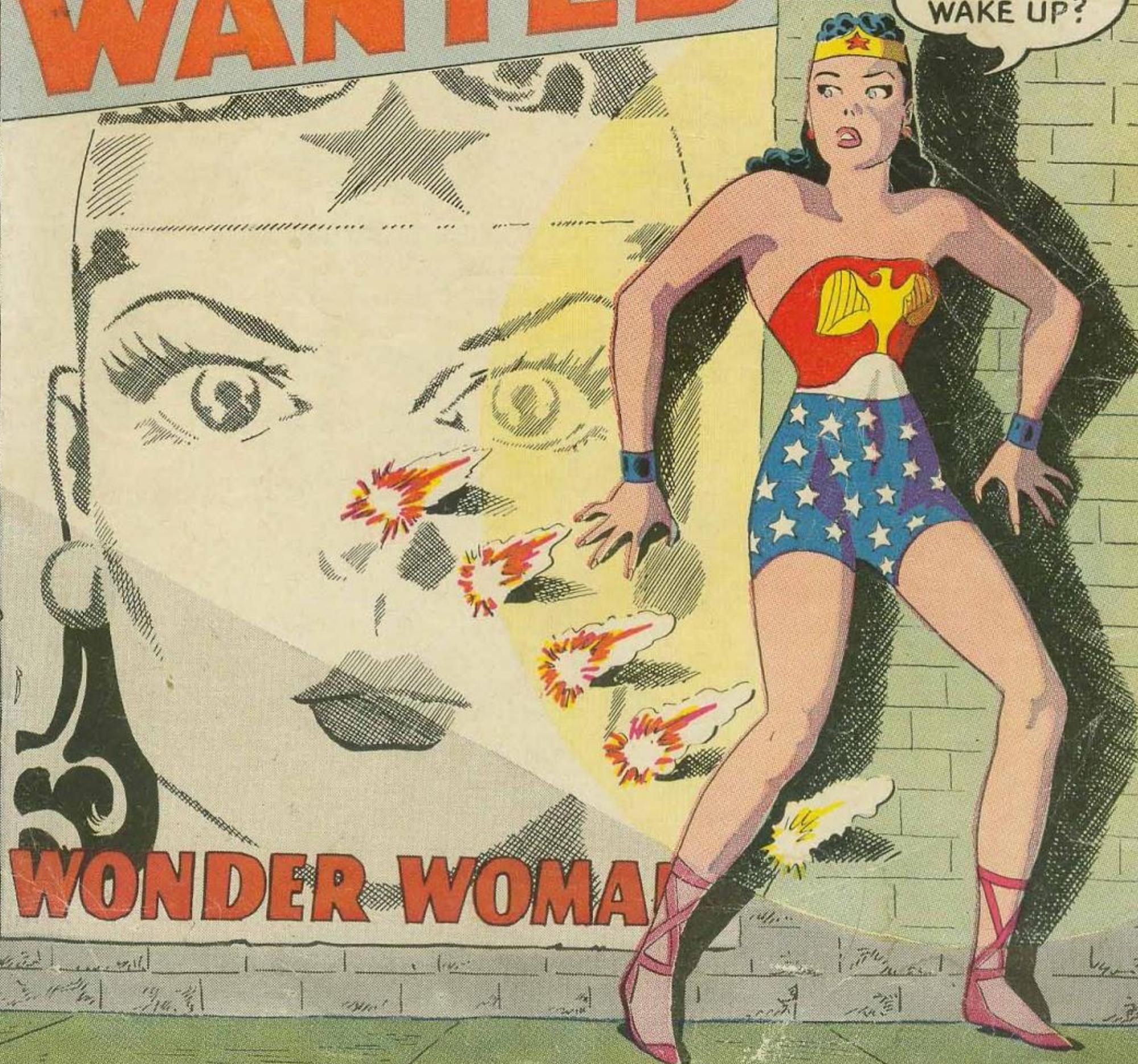
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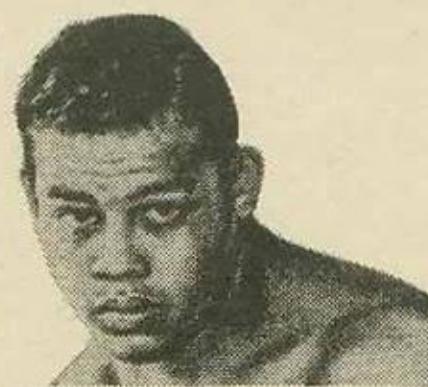
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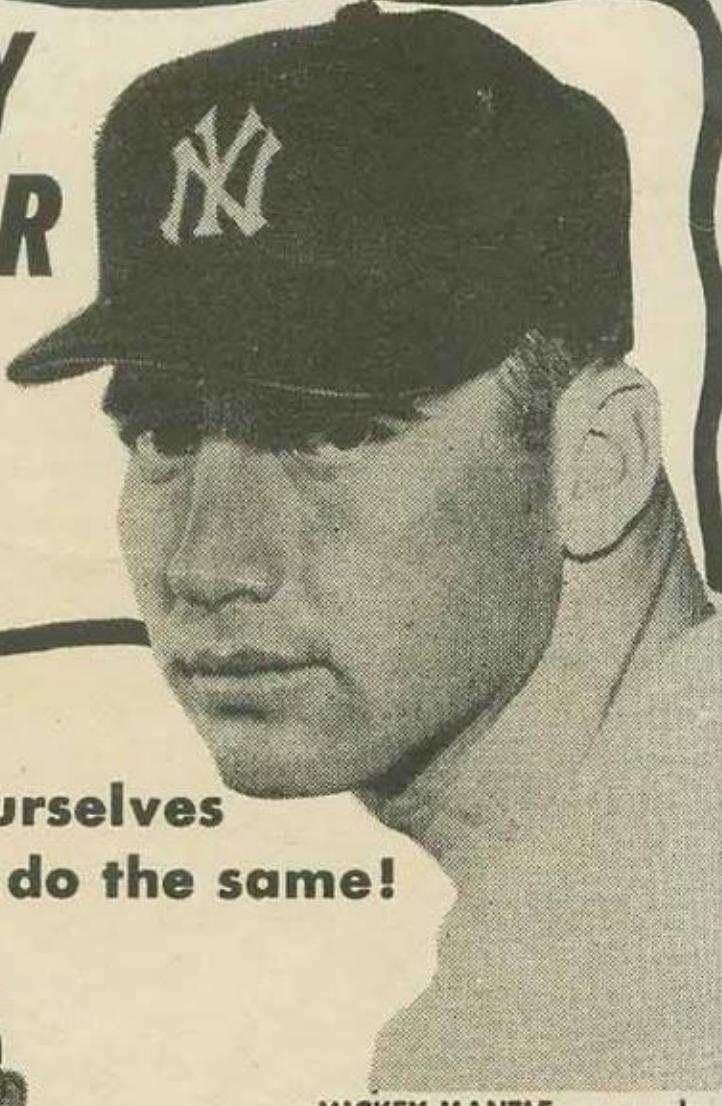
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WHAT FANTASTIC TURN OF EVENTS HAS TURNED WONDER WOMAN--BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES--A REAL CRIME-FIGHTER AND IDOL OF MILLIONS--INTO AN OUTCAST OF THE VERY SOCIETY SHE HAS ALWAYS PROTECTED? READ THE STARTLING EVENTS IN...

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AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, LT. DIANA PRINCE AND COL. STEVE TREVOR GLANCE AT THE TICKER TAPE IN THE DECODING ROOM...

REPORT OF A FLYING SAUCER AT COORDINATES THREE-SEVEN-TWO!

PROBABLY ANOTHER WILD GOOSE CHASE! BUT I'LL DO A SWEEP IN THAT AREA! JUST IN CASE!



I HAD A DINNER DATE WITH WONDER WOMAN! TELL HER I MIGHT BE LATE, DI!

STEVE DOESN'T KNOW WHOM HE'S REALLY TALKING TO!



IN THE PRIVACY OF HER OFFICE, THE YOUNG OFFICER MAKES A LIGHTNING CHANGE INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY... OF WONDER WOMAN!

I'LL CALL MY PLANE AND MEET STEVE—SO WE CAN SPEND SOME TIME TOGETHER BEFORE DINNER!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER, THE CELEBRATED AMAZON FLASHES OVER THE AREA WHERE STEVE IS MAKING HIS SEARCH OF THE REPORTED "FLYING SAUCER"—AND WITH AN AGILE LEAP...

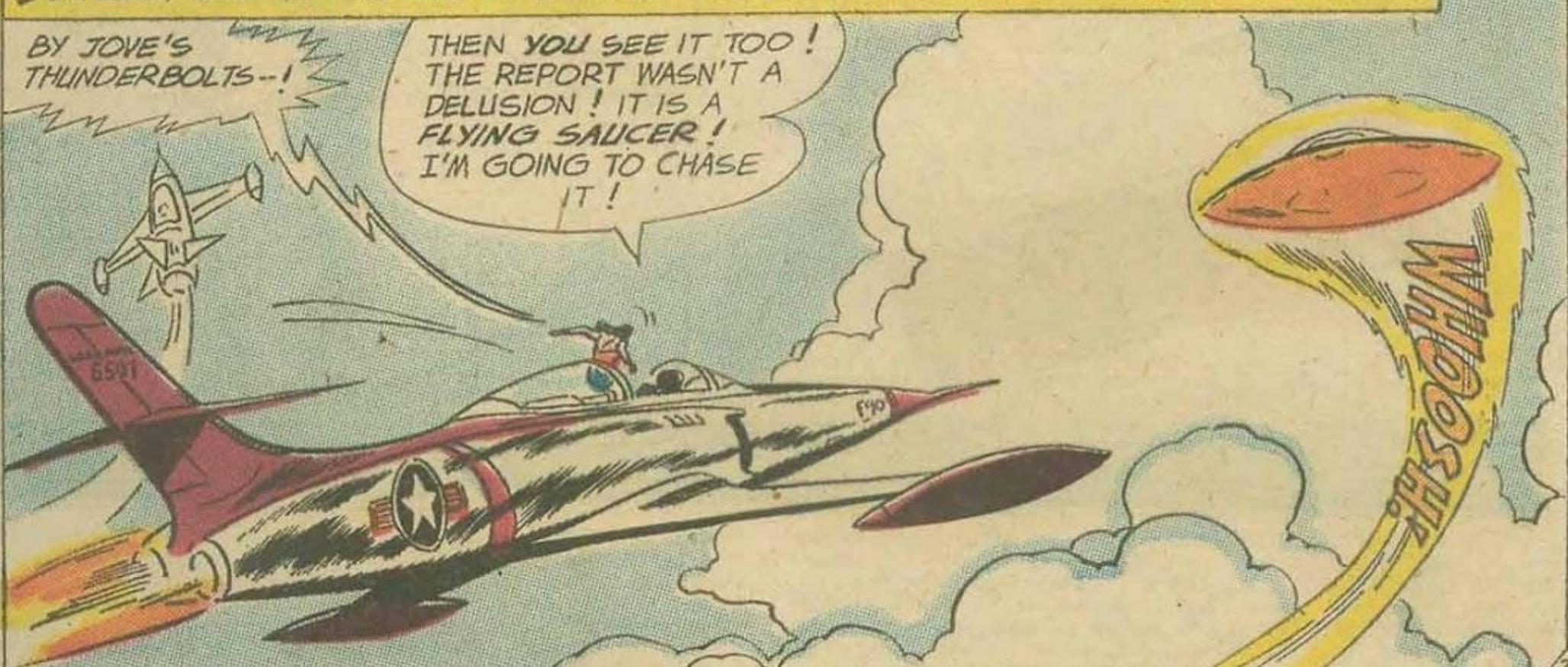
I'M SEEING THINGS! I BETTER CHECK MY VISION AGAIN! IT LOOKS LIKE MY ANGEL!



SCARCELY HAS THE BEAUTIFUL WONDER WOMAN DROPPED BESIDE THE FLIER THAN...

BY JOVE'S THUNDERBOLTS—!

THEN YOU SEE IT TOO! THE REPORT WASN'T A DELUSION! IT IS A FLYING SAUCER! I'M GOING TO CHASE IT!

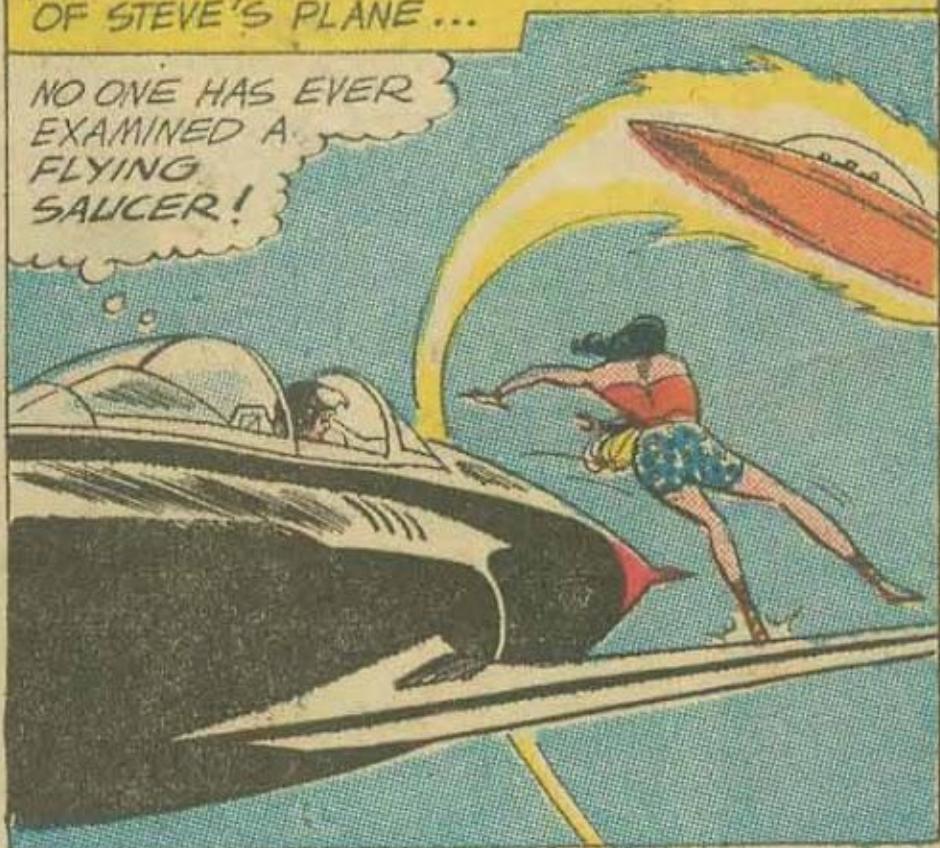


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THE DARING AMAZON LEAPS TO THE WING  
OF STEVE'S PLANE...

NO ONE HAS EVER  
EXAMINED A  
FLYING  
SAUCER!



AS IT PASSES, SHE HURLS HERSELF AT IT  
LIKE A HUMAN ARROW...

MAYBE I CAN  
BOARD IT!



BUT THE INCREDIBLE SPEED OF THE FLYING SAUCER CREATES SUCH TURBULENCE THAT  
BOTH THE DARING AMAZON, AND STEVE'S PLANE, ARE TOSSED ABOUT LIKE CORKS IN A  
STORMY SEA ...



SKILLFULLY, WONDER WOMAN "RIDES" THE  
AIR CURRENTS BACK TO STEVE'S PLANE...

GUESS THAT'S THE  
LAST OF THE FLYING  
SAUCER!



FATE HOWEVER HAS OTHER STARTLING  
PLANS--BECAUSE ON THE STRANGE OBJECT  
FROM OUTER SPACE... WONDER WOMAN IS  
BEING WATCHED...

THERE'S OUR GUINEA PIG!  
EARTH'S MOST IRON-WILLED--  
STEELY-NERVED INHABITANT!  
WONDER WOMAN!



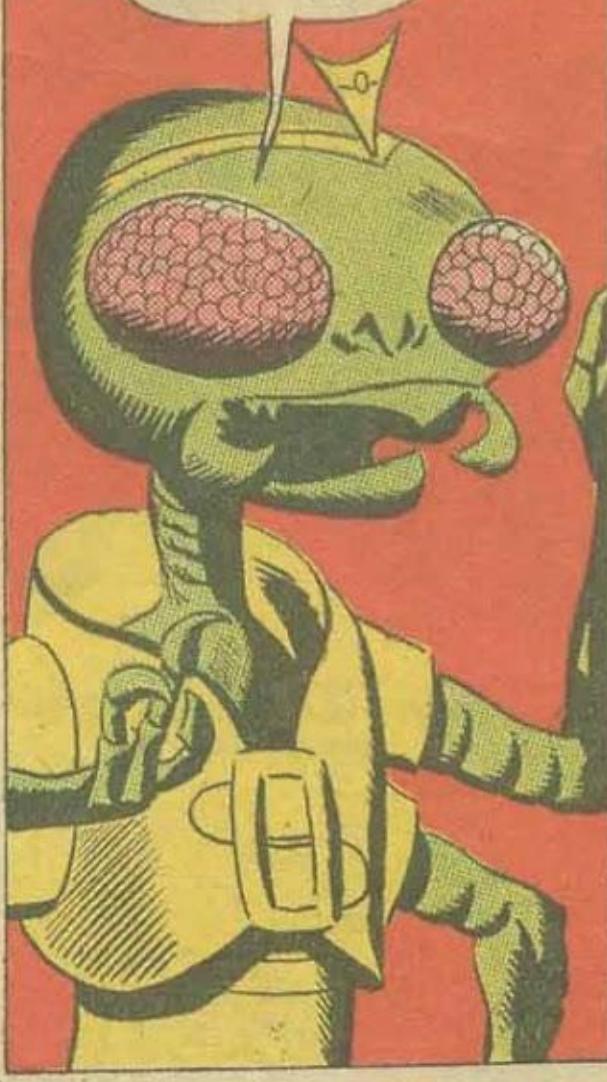
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THE LEADER OF THE FLYING SAUCER UNFOLDS HIS PLAN...

IF WE CAN FORCE HER TO OBEY OUR EVERY LONG DISTANCE COMMAND -- NO MATTER HOW CONTRARY TO HER REAL NATURE -- THEN EVERY OTHER EARTHLING WILL BE POWERLESS AGAINST US ! AND OUR INVASION WILL EASILY SUCCEED !

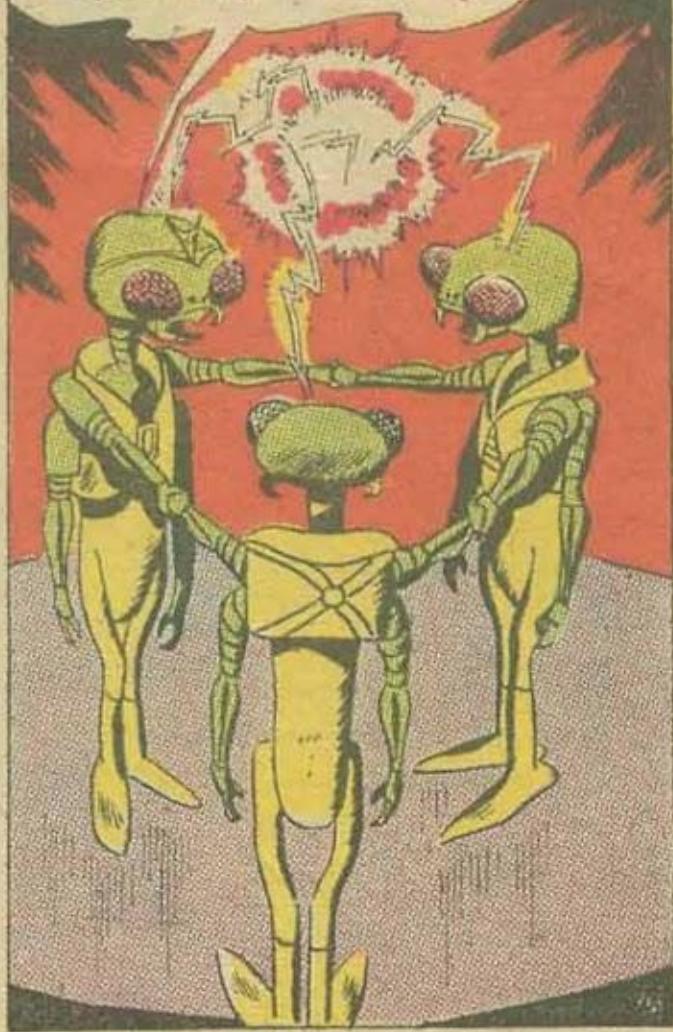


WE WILL START WITH SIMPLE COMMANDS AND OBSERVE HER REACTIONS -- UNTIL WE FORCE HER, BY HER OWN ACTIONS -- TO BECOME AN OUTCAST FROM HER OWN WORLD !



THUS BEGINS THE STRANGEST THREAT WONDER WOMAN HAS EVER HAD TO FACE -- WITHOUT HER EVEN BEING AWARE OF IT !

NOW -- WE WILL CONCENTRATE ALL OUR POWERS OF MENTAL TELEPATHY ON HER !



THE SPACE INVADERS' MENTAL RAYS PIERCE EVERY BARRIER UNTIL ... THEY FOCUS ON WONDER WOMAN IN STEVE'S PLANE ...

I WISH YOU'D CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT NOT MARRYING ME -- UNTIL YOUR SERVICES ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO COMBAT EVIL ?

WHY -- OF COURSE I'LL MARRY YOU, STEVE !



ANGEL ! YOU'VE MADE ME THE HAPPIEST MAN ON EARTH ! WHAT MADE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND SO SUDDENLY ?

I--I DON'T KNOW ! S-S-SOME-THING JUST CAME OVER ME !



SOMETHING HAS TAKEN HOLD OF ME ! I--I FEEL LIKE A-A-PUPPET ! I CAN'T MARRY STEVE ! CONDITIONS HAVEN'T CHANGED ! I'M STILL NEEDED TO FIGHT CRIME AND INJUSTICE ON A FULL TIME BASIS !





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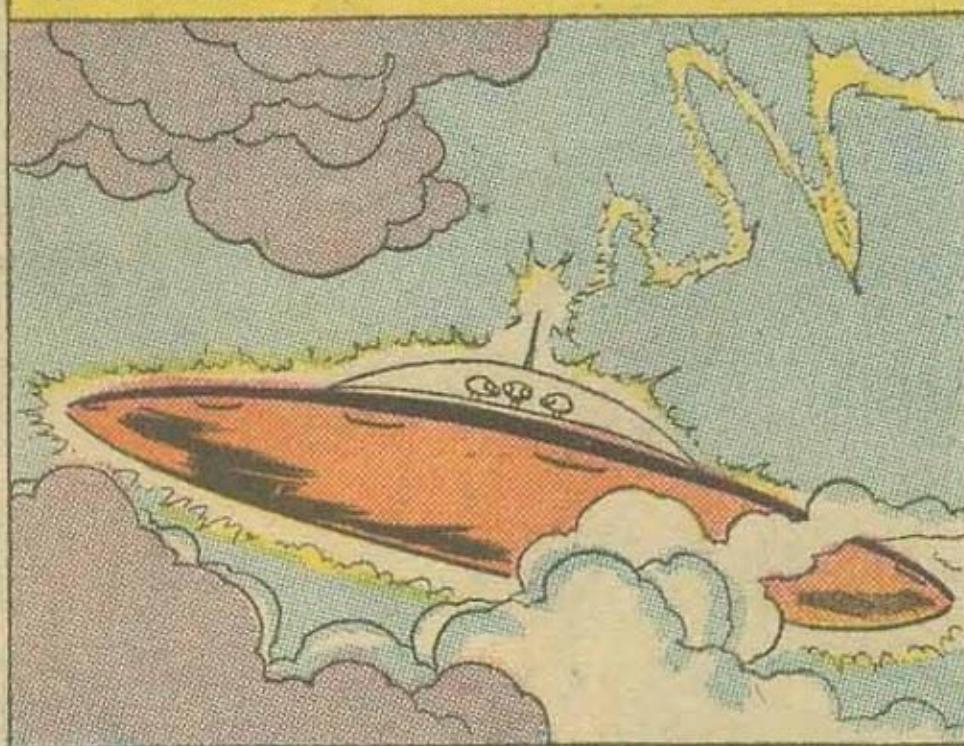


IN THE UFO (UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT) THE SPACE INVADERS ARE JUBILANT...

THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING! WE WILL INCREASE OUR MENTAL PRESSURE--AND FORCE HER TO DO MORE AND MORE THINGS SHE WOULD NEVER DO!



AGAIN THE SPACE INVADERS PROJECT THEIR EXTRAORDINARY MENTAL POWERS OUT...



MEANWHILE, WONDER WOMAN STAMMERS TO STEVE...

BUT YOU WILL MARRY ME, ANGEL! YOU GAVE YOUR WORD!

I KN-KNOW, STEVE! B-BUT I HAVE TO LEAVE NOW!



LEAPING ONTO A WING OF STEVE'S PLANE, WONDER WOMAN SUMMONS HER ROBOT PLANE...

I--I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT CAME OVER ME! I KNOW I GAVE MY WORD TO STEVE! BUT I CAN'T MARRY HIM! NOT YET! SOMEHOW, I'LL HAVE TO WORK MY WAY OUT OF THAT DILEMMA!



AS THE DARING AMAZON CATA-PULTS HERSELF TOWARDS HER UNIQUE PLANE IN WHAT WOULD BE AN ORDINARY FEAT FOR HER, SHE FINDS HERSELF COMMANDING ...

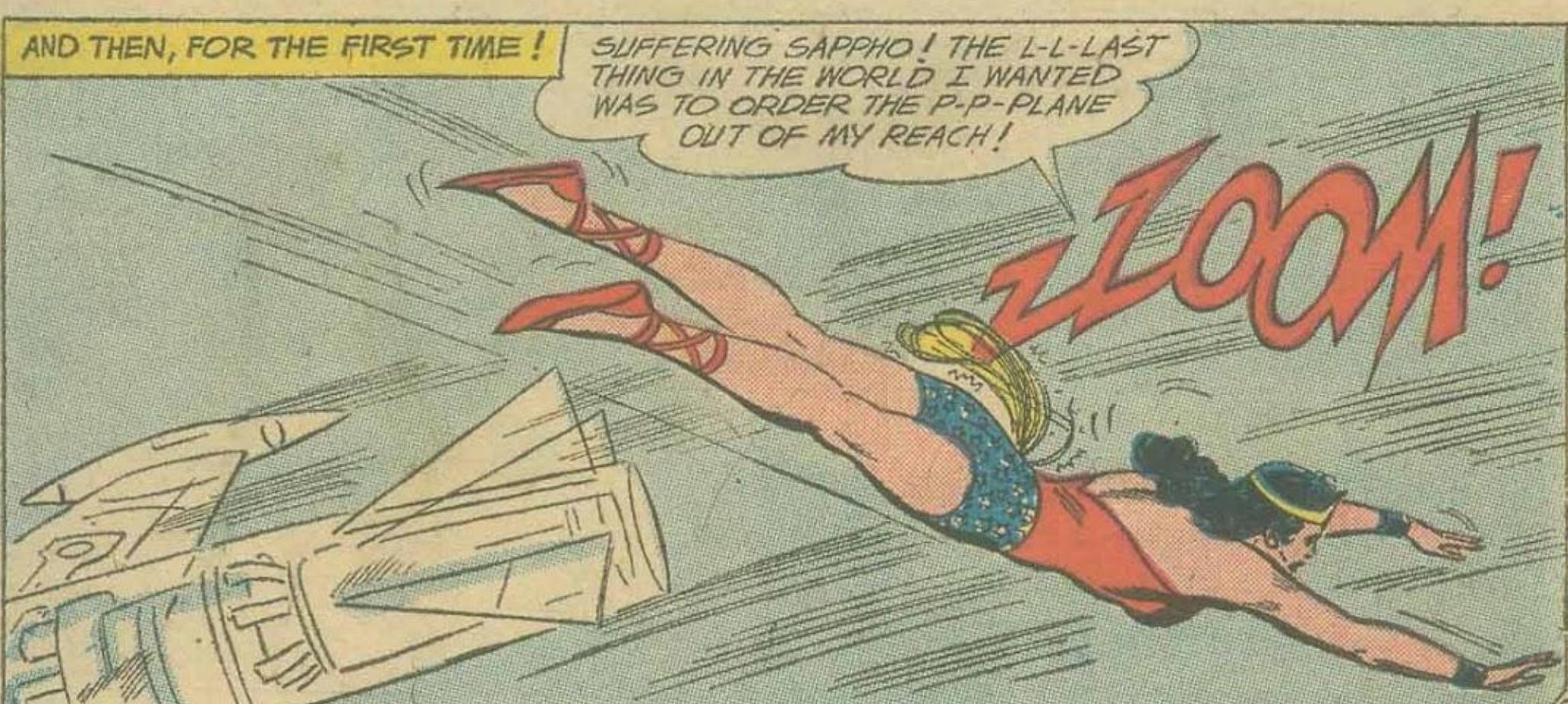
PLANE ZOOM AT MAXIMUM SPEED!



AND THEN, FOR THE FIRST TIME!

SUFFERING SAPPHO! THE L-L-LAST THING IN THE WORLD I WANTED WAS TO ORDER THE P-P-PLANE OUT OF MY REACH!

zoom!

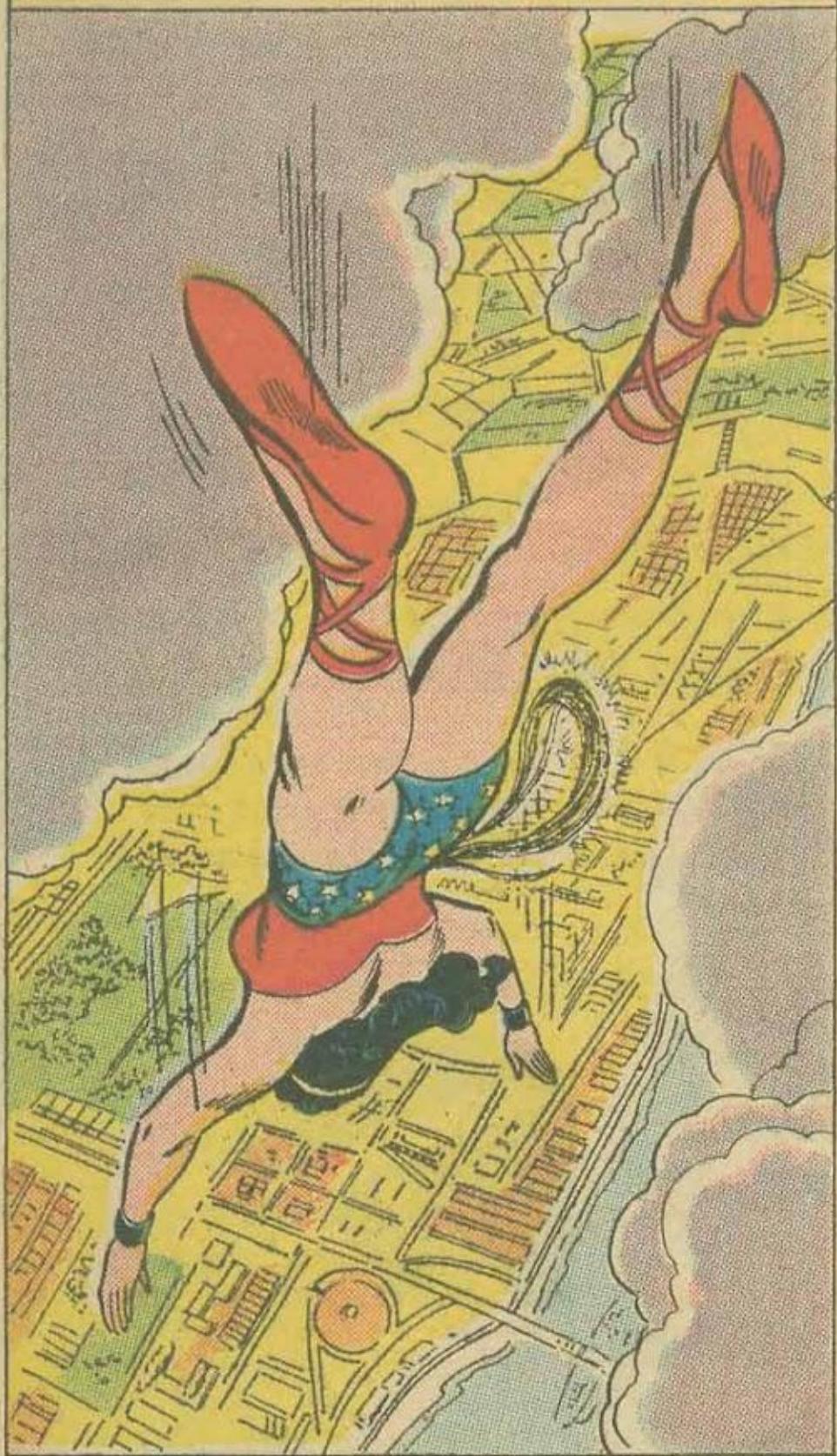




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NOWHERE CAN THE PLUNGING WONDER WOMAN..  
FIND ANY AIR CURRENTS... TO SUPPORT HER!

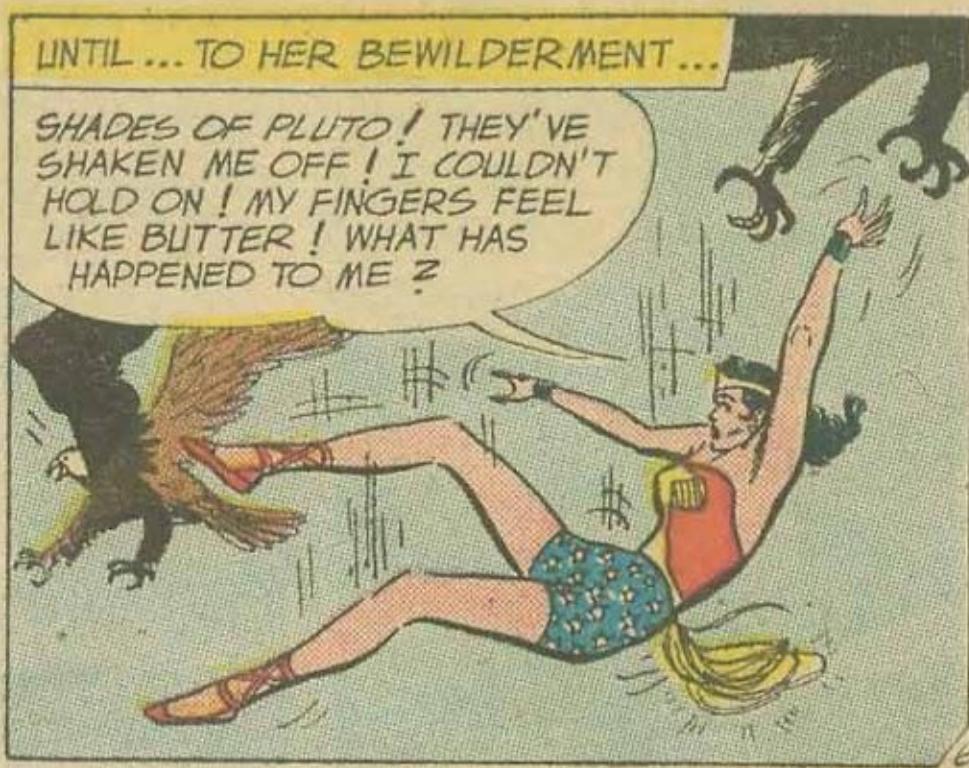


BUT, HER FIGHTING HEART DOES NOT DESPAIR  
AND AS SHE COMES WITHIN REACH OF TWO  
POWERFUL HAWKS...



UNTIL... TO HER BEWILDERMENT...

SHADES OF PLUTO! THEY'VE  
SHAKEN ME OFF! I COULDN'T  
HOLD ON! MY FINGERS FEEL  
LIKE BUTTER! WHAT HAS  
HAPPENED TO ME?

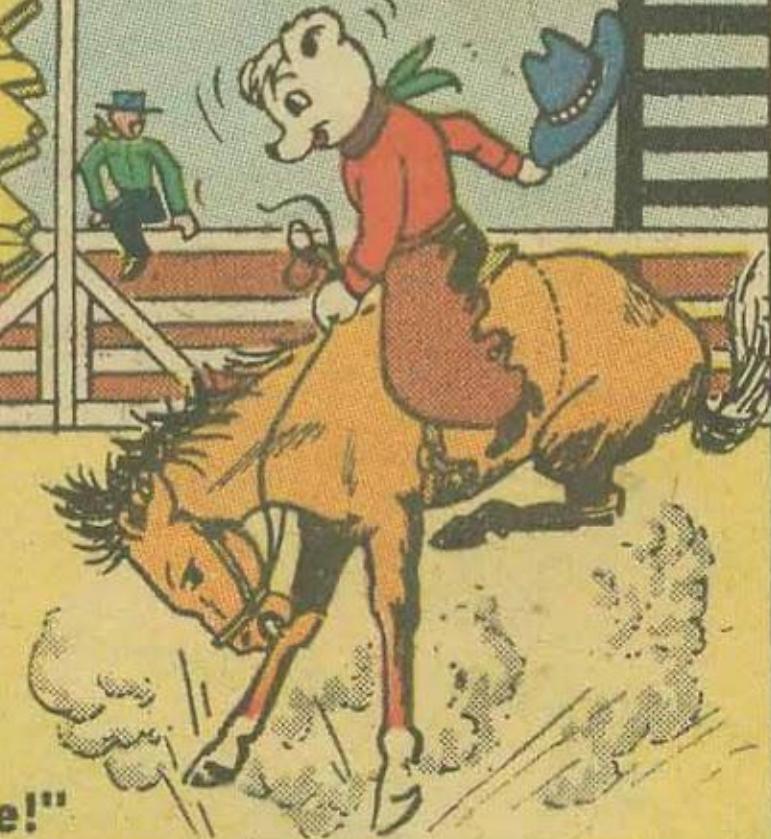


WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO WONDER WOMAN?  
THIS AMAZING TALE CONTINUES ON  
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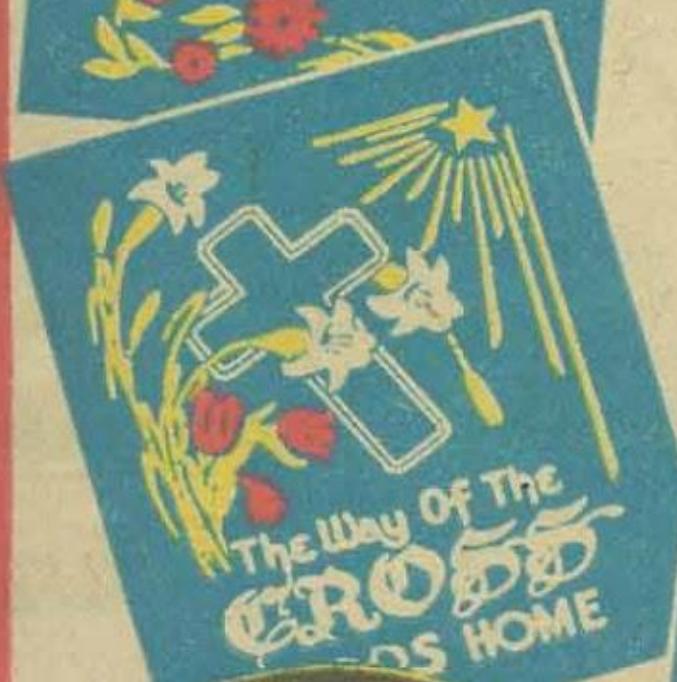
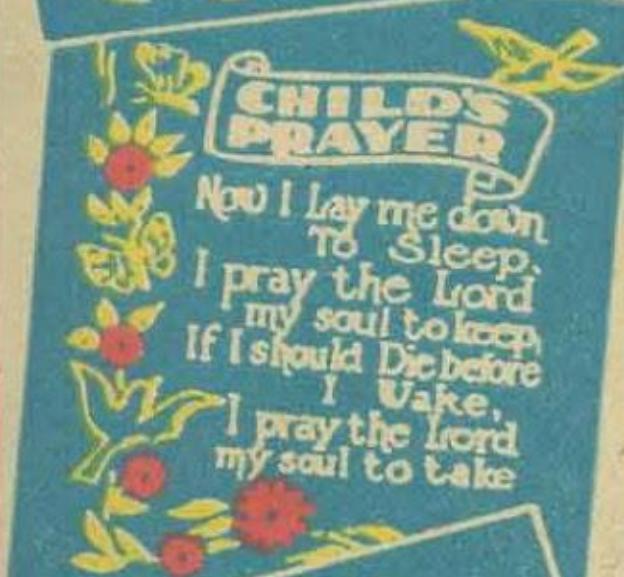
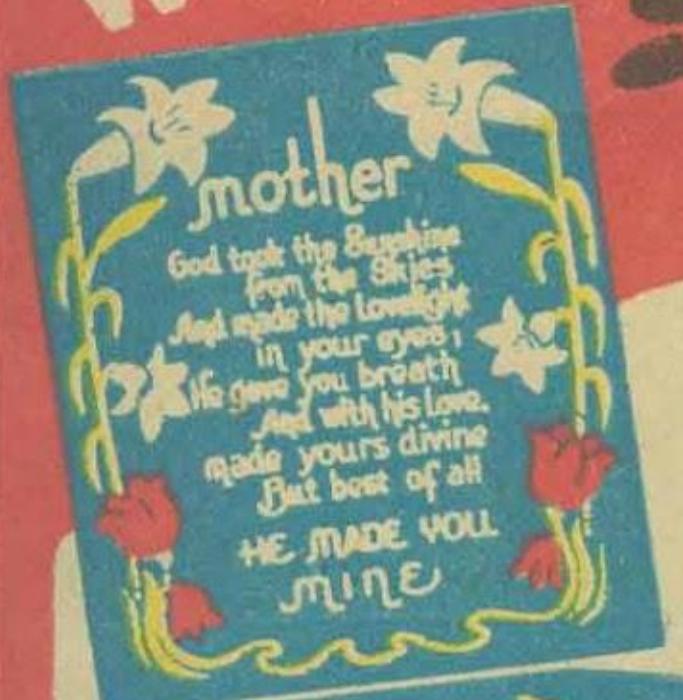
A bronc'-bustin' cowboy named Clyde  
Said, "There's nary a horse I can't ride.  
When they're hard to hol'

I just eat Tootsie Roll,  
Then wild horses can't throw me off stride!"



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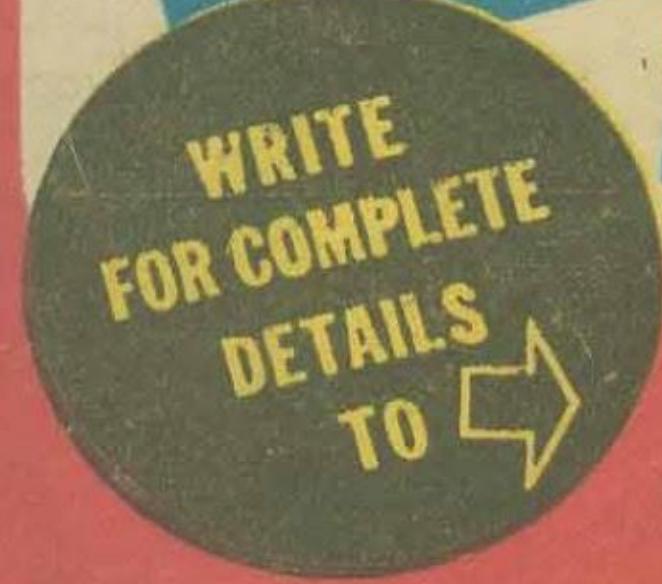
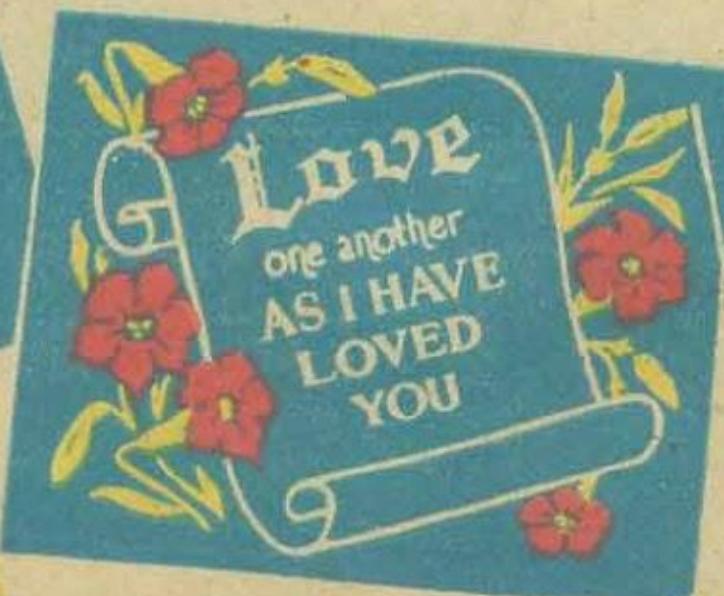
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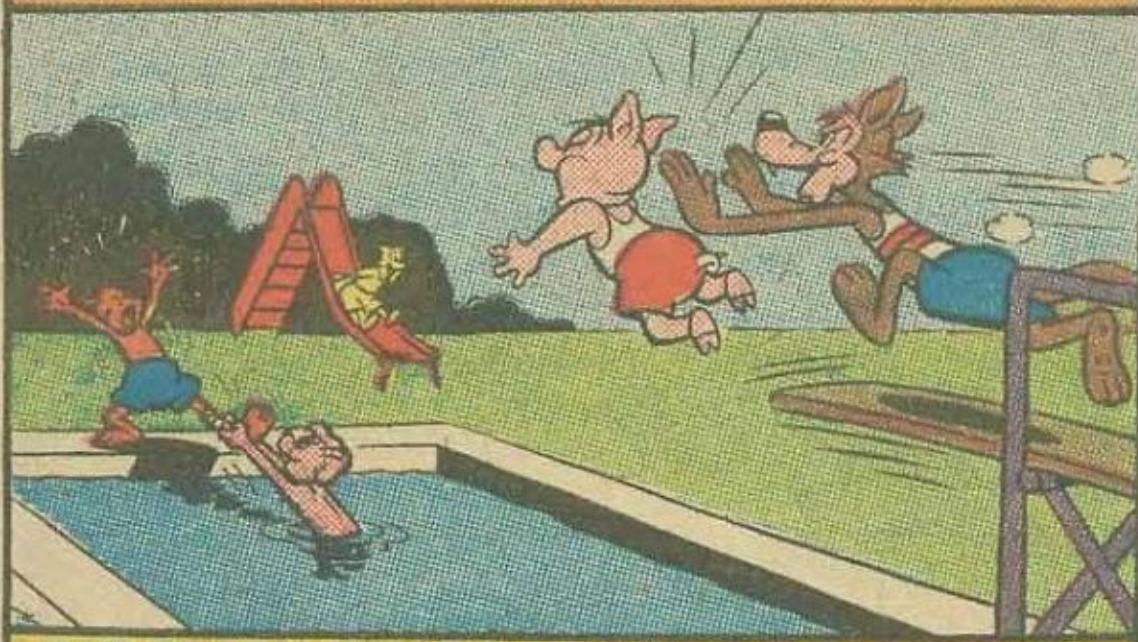


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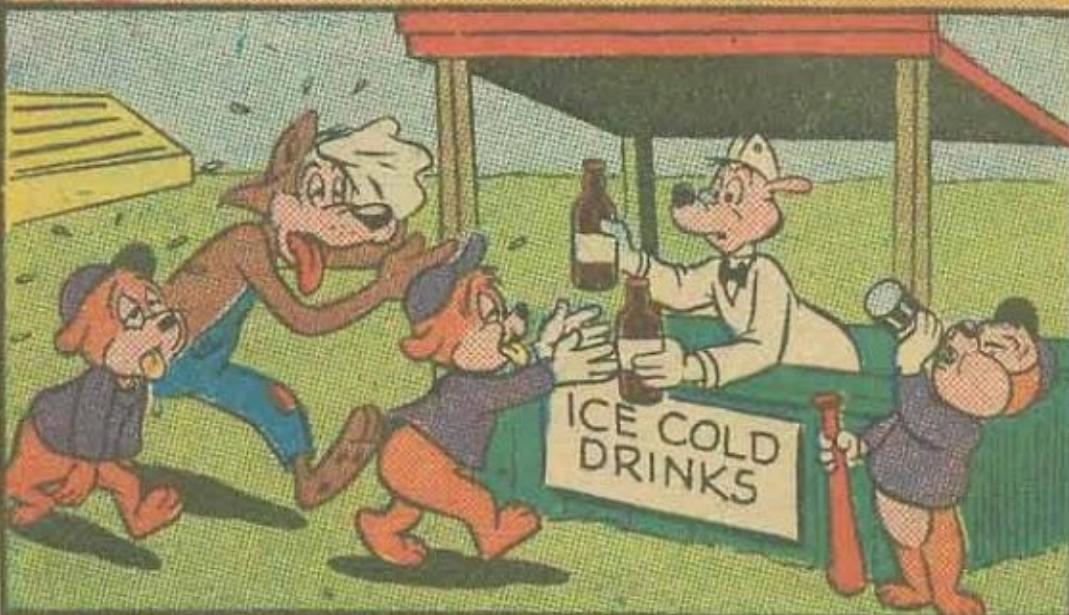
BUT REMEMBER ROUGHHOUSING DOESN'T PAY OFF!

TRY YOUR SKILL AT DIFFERENT SPORTS --



BUT DON'T SPOIL THE GAME BY BEING A POOR SPORT!

A COLD DRINK IS OKAY --



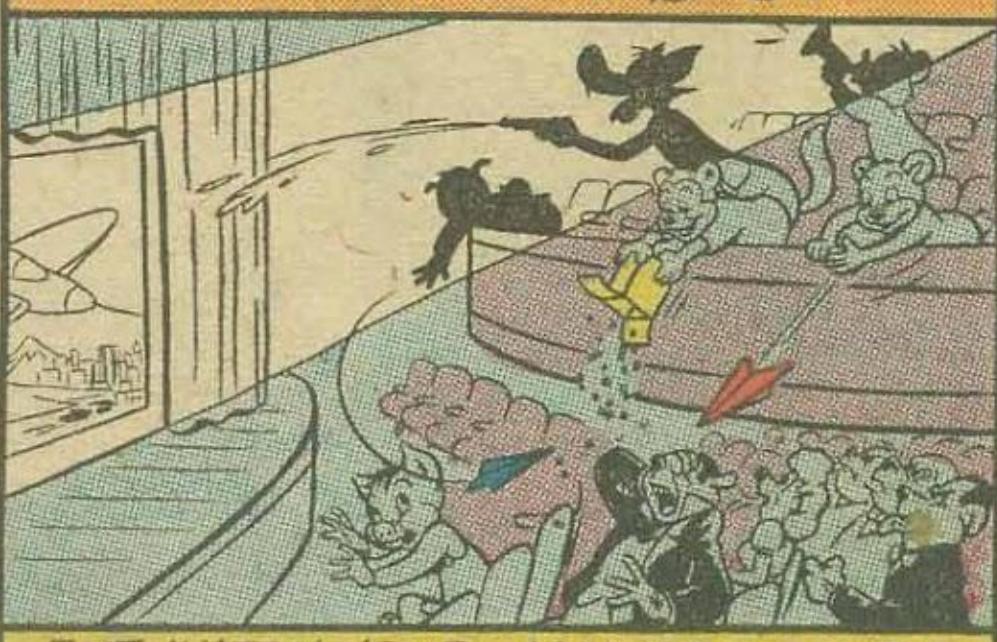
BUT COOL OFF FIRST AND KEEP HEALTHY SO YOU CAN PLAY MORE!

COUNTRY DRIVING IS A TREAT --



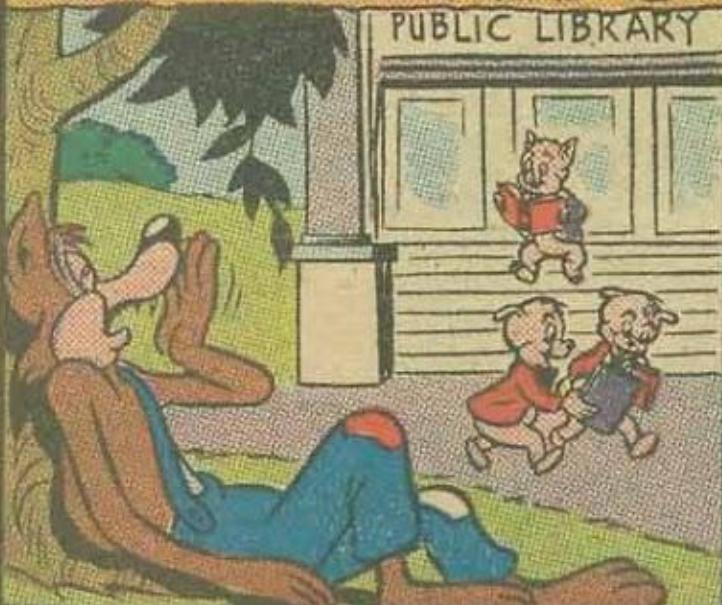
BUT REMEMBER NOBODY LOVES A "CLUTTERBUG"!

GOING TO THE MOVIES IS FUN --



BUT WATCH YOUR MANNERS SO IT'S FUN FOR EVERYONE!

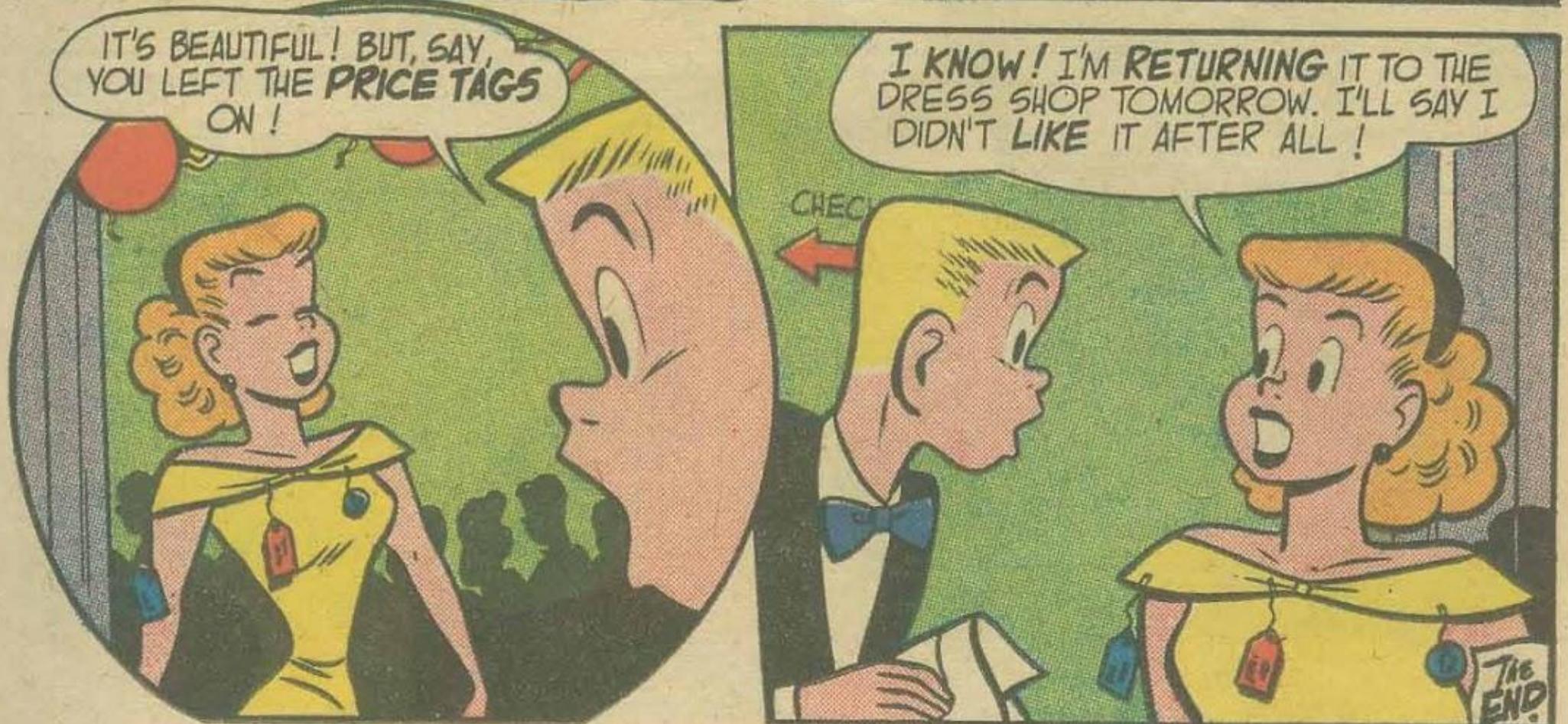
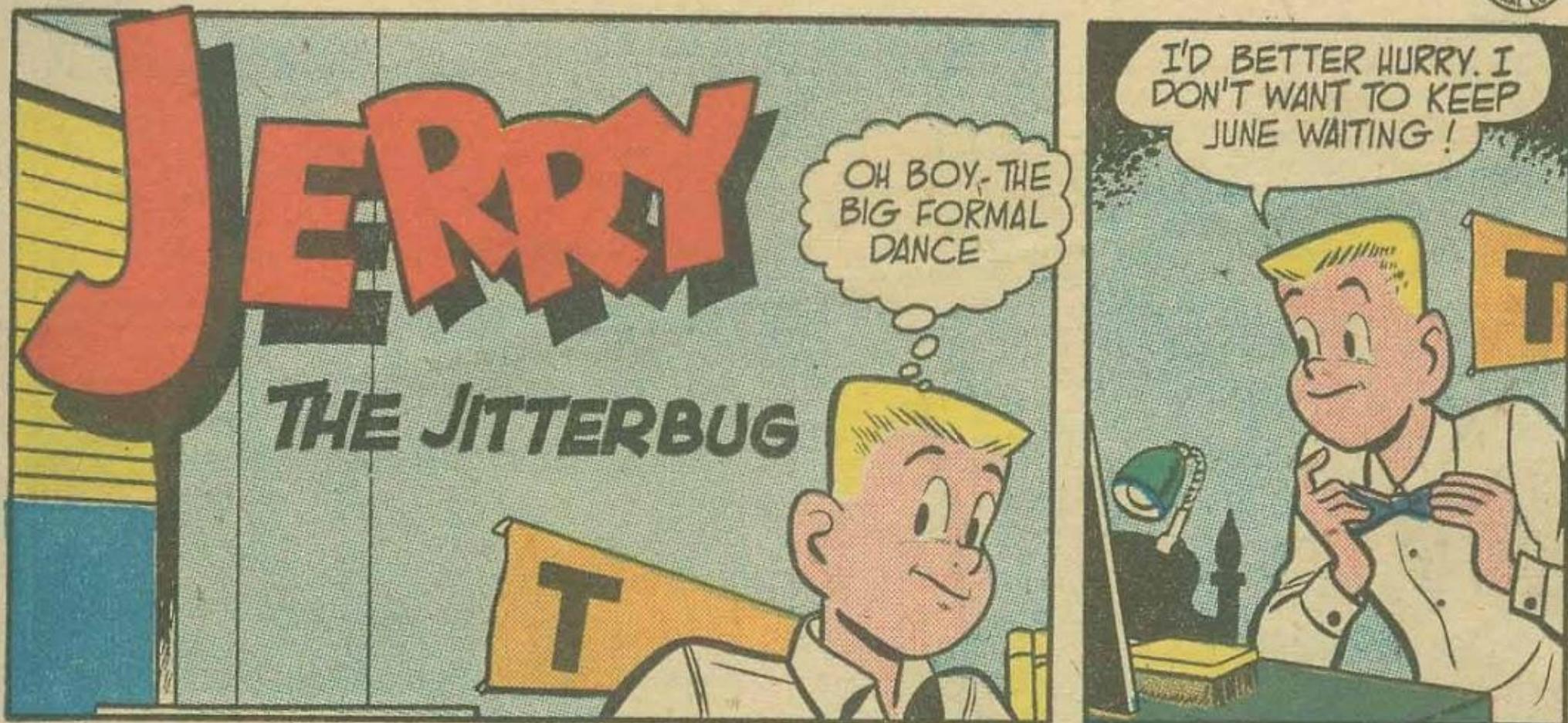
AND FINALLY, BALANCE YOUR FUN DIET WITH SUMMER READING!



HAVE FUN THIS SUMMER, KIDS!



YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE BORED, EVEN ON THE HOTTEST DAYS!

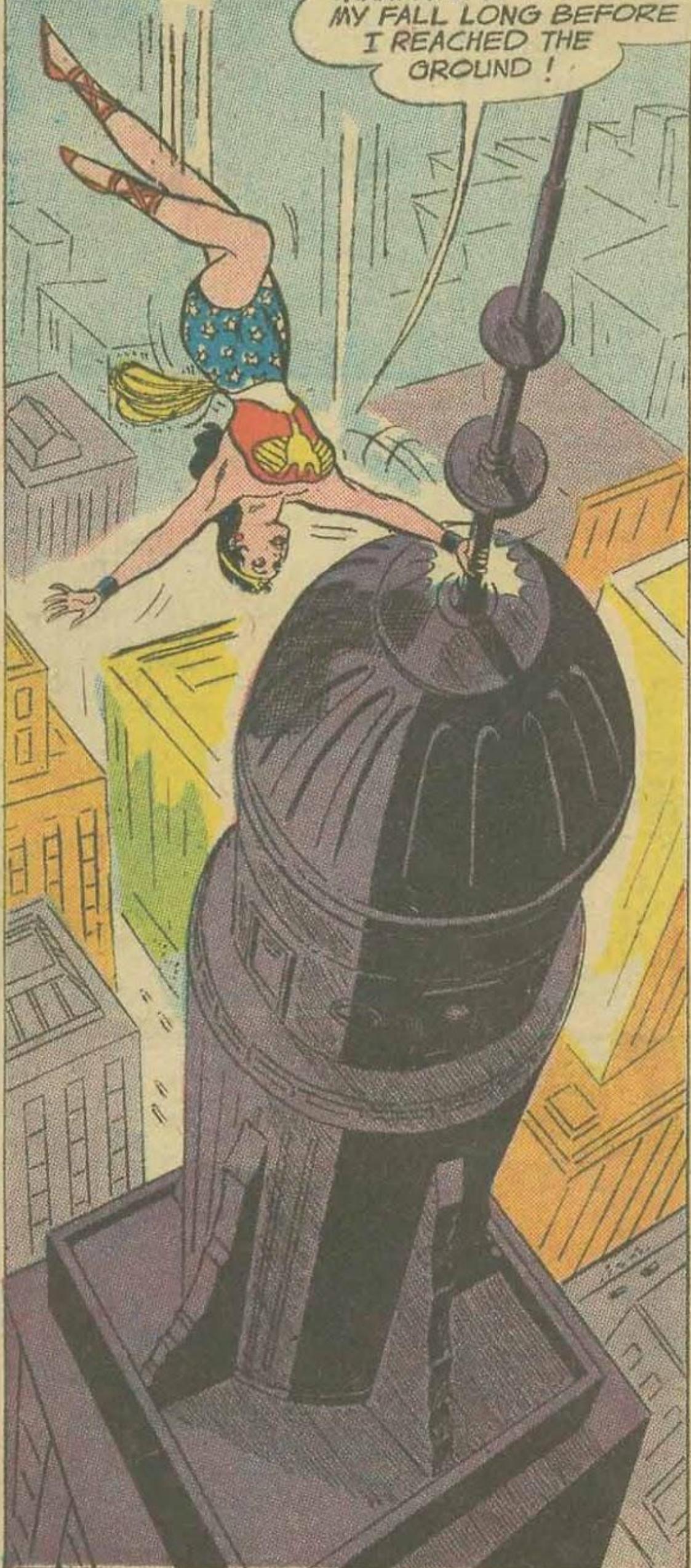


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DOWNTWARD PLUNGES WONDER WOMAN, BUT WITH A DESPERATE SURGE OF AGILITY, SHE MANAGES TO LAND ATOP THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS TOWER!

THANK HERA--I STOPPED MY FALL LONG BEFORE I REACHED THE GROUND!



BUT AS SHE CLIMBS DOWN--WHAT WOULD ORDINARILY HAVE BEEN A MERE TRIFLE FOR THE MIGHTY AMAZON...



I-I'M N-NOT

MYSELF--FOR TH-TH-THE FIRST TIME--I'M DIZZY--I-I-I FEEL AS WEAK AS A KITTEN--LOOKING DOWN FROM HEIGHTS!

IN THE SPACE INVADERS' CRAFT...

SHE IS  
HELPLESS,  
LEADER!

NOW WE  
MUST FORCE HER TO BECOME  
AN OUTLAW! AN ENEMY OF HER  
OWN WORLD! THAT WILL BE  
THE FINAL PROOF THAT WE CAN  
INVADE EARTH AT WILL!



MEANWHILE, THE CELEBRATED AMAZON FINALLY CLIMBS DOWN TO SAFETY--BUT THEN... DESCENDING TO THE STREET...



GREAT HERA! WHAT IS  
MAKING ME WALK TOWARDS  
THAT JEWELRY SHOP?

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AS THE WORLD-FAMOUS CRIME-FIGHTER FINDS HER STEPS DRAWN TOWARDS A FABULOUS NECKLACE, SHE REALIZES TO HER DISMAY...

MERCIFUL MINERVA! WHAT AM I THINKING ABOUT?



WITH A FANTASTIC DISPLAY OF WILL POWER, SHE STRUGGLES ON A SILENT BATTLEGROUND INSIDE HER ...

NO--NO--NO!



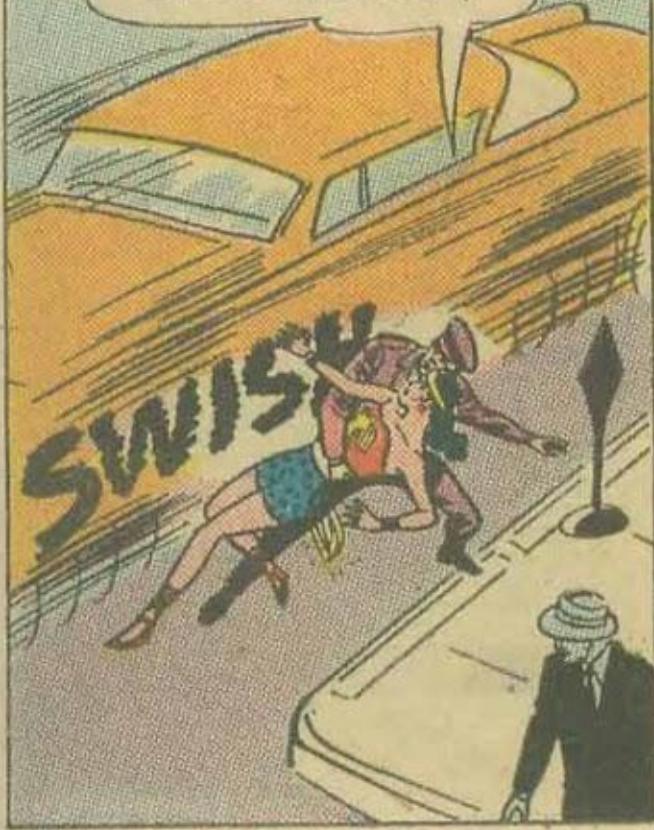
FINALLY, SHAKEN AS IF SHE HAD LITERALLY MOVED A MOUNTAIN ...

I--I--DON'T KNOW--HOW--LONG--I WILL BE ABLE--TO RESIST!



SO UNNERVED IS WONDER WOMAN--THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER FABULOUS CAREER--IT IS HER LIFE THAT IS SAVED BY STEVE...

THANK HEAVENS I FOUND YOU! IT IS A GOOD THING YOU WEREN'T HARD TO TRACE! IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE JUST COME IN TIME! WHAT'S COME OVER YOU, SWEETHEART?



HOW CAN I TELL HIM? AM I BECOMING AN ENEMY OF SOCIETY? THE OPPOSITE OF EVERYTHING I'VE STOOD FOR! HOW CAN I TELL HIM?



AND ON THE FLYING SAUCER, THE "HUMAN GUINEA PIG'S" ACTIONS ARE STUDIED...

WONDER WOMAN RESISTED STEALING THAT NECKLACE! BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT SHE IS BREAKING! NOW--FOR THE FINAL TEST!





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LATE THAT NIGHT, AN UNEXPECTED FIGURE IS SEEN TURNING THE BRICKS IN THE MAGNUS BANK TO POWDER--WITH A SINGLE BLOW OF HER MIGHTY FIST...

IT--IT CAN'T BE--! I--I-- MUST BE SEEING THINGS!



HASTENING TO THE HOLE MADE BY THE INTRUDER, THE WATCHMAN IS STARTLED TO SEE ...

ONLY ONE PERSON ON EARTH CAN CUT A HOLE IN THE STEEL OF THAT VAULT -- WITH HER FINGER-NAILS !



BUT--BUT I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT !



A MOMENT LATER, THE WATCHMAN IS FACED WITH PROOF POSITIVE -- BUT EVEN THEN ...

MAYBE IT'S HER DOUBLE ! MAYBE--? STOP--STOP-- OR I'LL SHOOT !



THE BULLETS OF THE WATCHMAN SPEED AT THE CRIMINAL--BUT...

POW!  
POW!  
ONLY ONE PERSON CAN FLIP BULLETS BACK WITH HER BRACELETS ! THERE'S NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT THIS TIME ! IT'S WONDER WOMAN !



AND SHORTLY, OVER ALL ALARMS...

WONDER WOMAN WANTED ! AT ALL COSTS ! USE EXTREME CAUTION !



AT FIRST, WHEN WONDER WOMAN IS SPOTTED.

LET HER HAVE THE HOSE!  
WATER WILL STOP HER--  
BUT NOT HURT HER!



BUT THE MIGHTY AMAZON EXHALES SUCH A TITANIC GUST OF AIR...



THAT AN AMAZING TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE!



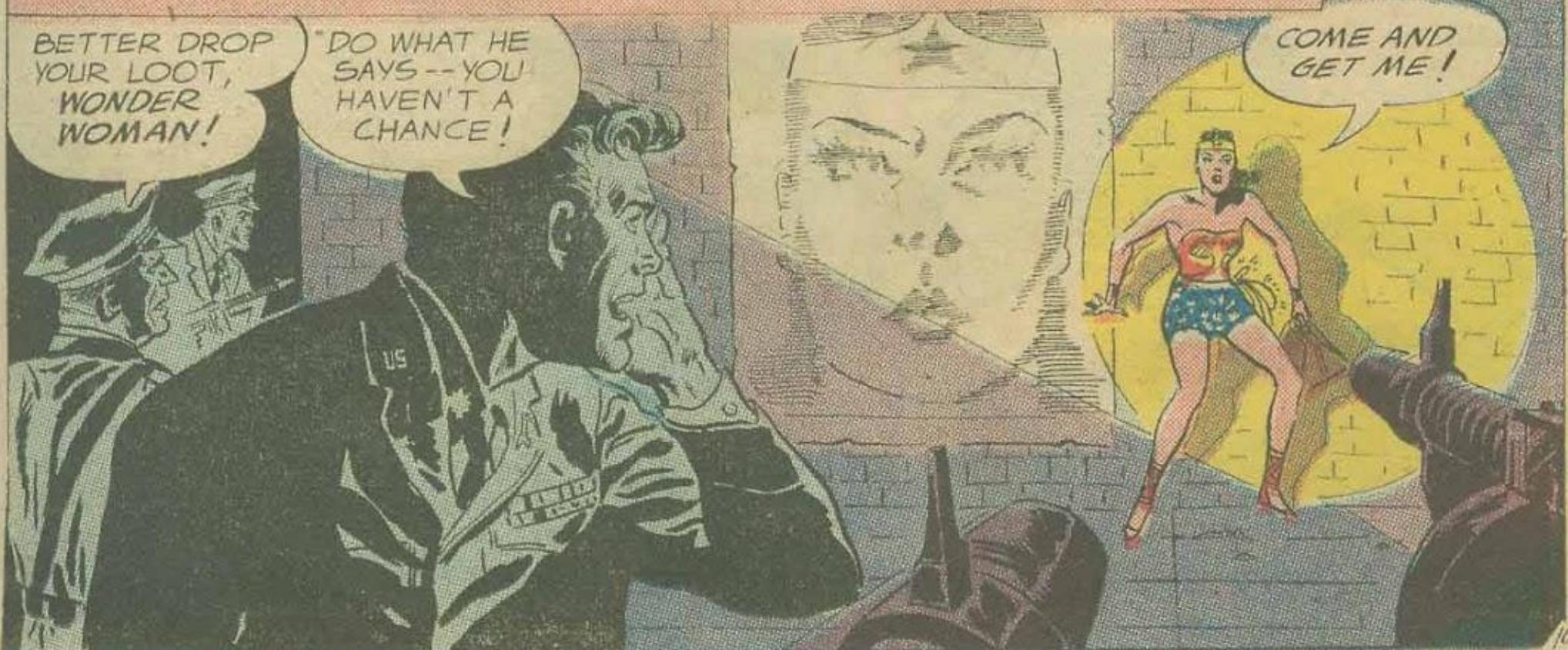
POSTERS OF THE ONCE FAMOUS CRIME-FIGHTER ARE DISPLAYED EVERYWHERE...



AND IT IS AGAINST SUCH A DRAMATIC BACKDROP THAT SHE IS CORNERED!

BETTER DROP YOUR LOOT,  
WONDER WOMAN!

DO WHAT HE SAYS--YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE!





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AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE FLYING SAUCER ...

IS THERE ANY DOUBT  
NOW, LEADER--THAT  
WONDER WOMAN IS  
HELPLESS? HAS SHE  
NOT BECOME A COM-  
PLETETE MENACE TO  
HER OWN WORLD?

AYE! NOW WE CAN INVADE  
EARTH WITHOUT ANY  
HESITATION BECAUSE  
IF SHE CANNOT STAND  
BEFORE OUR MENTAL  
BARRAGE - NO ONE CAN!



SCORNFULLY, THE SPACE INVADER WINGS  
TOWARD EARTH...

FIRST--WE WILL DESTROY  
THAT STATUE--THE  
STATUE SIGNIFYING  
LIBERTY!

BECAUSE THE  
LAST THING  
EARTHLINGS WILL  
HAVE FROM NOW  
ON--IS LIBERTY!

HEE...!  
HEE...!



AT THAT MOMENT, A TINY FIGURE HURLS HERSELF LIKE A THUNDERBOLT FROM THE WORLD'S HIGHEST TOWER...

MY PLAN HAS DECOYED THE DIABOLICAL POWER BEHIND ALL THIS--OUT INTO THE OPEN! AND IT IS--THE FLYING SAUCER!



DAUNTLESSLY, THE AMAZON ALIGHTS ON TOP OF THE STATUE SIGNIFYING LIBERTY TO THE WHOLE WORLD...

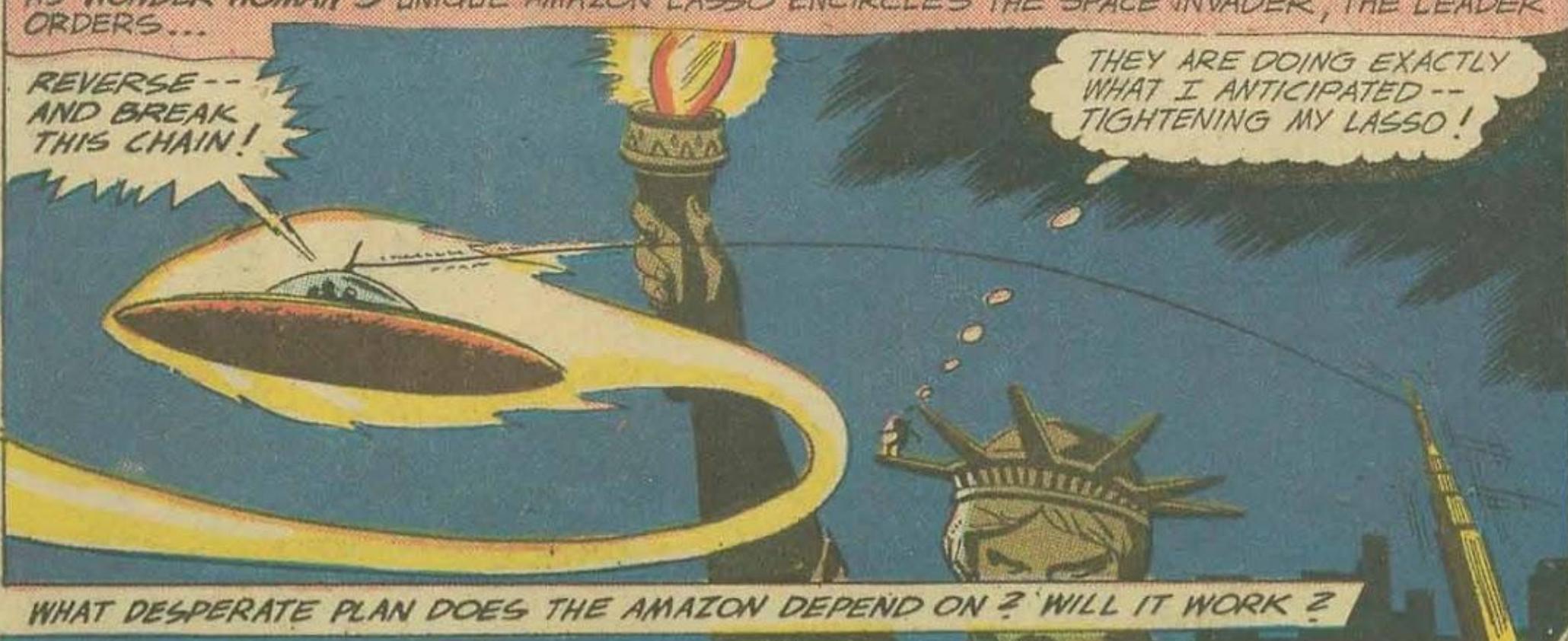
THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THIS IS THE START OF THEIR INVASION! PRAY HERA I CAN STOP THEM!



AS WONDER WOMAN'S UNIQUE AMAZON LASSO ENCIRCLES THE SPACE INVADER, THE LEADER ORDERS...

REVERSE--  
AND BREAK  
THIS CHAIN!

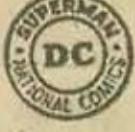
THEY ARE DOING EXACTLY  
WHAT I ANTICIPATED --  
TIGHTENING MY LASSO!



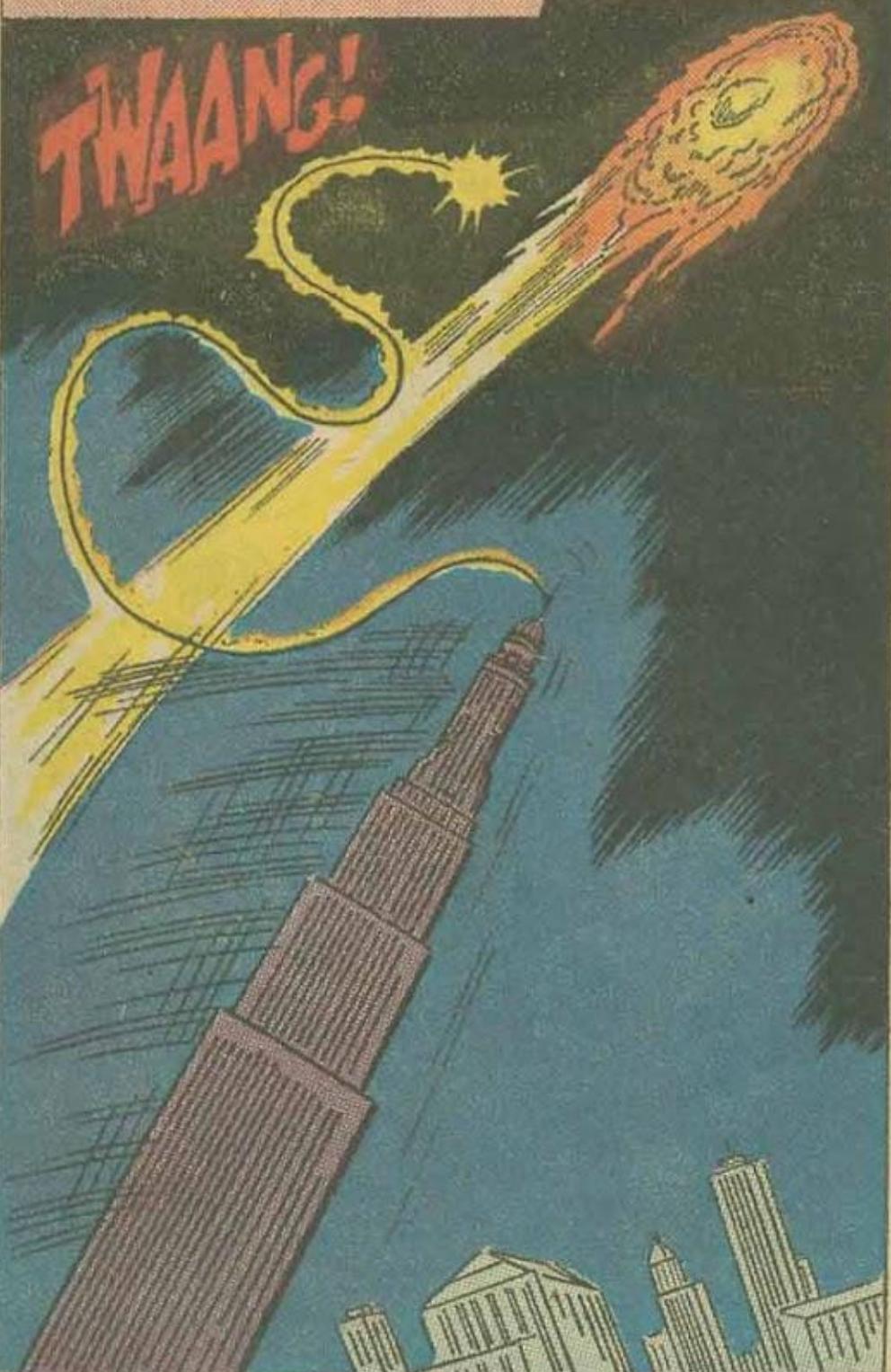
WHAT DESPERATE PLAN DOES THE AMAZON DEPEND ON? WILL IT WORK?



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THE NEXT MOMENT, WONDER WOMAN'S UNBREAKABLE LASSO, WITH THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BUILDING ACTING AS A MASSIVE SLING, HURLS THE INVADING CRAFT INTO THE ATMOSPHERE WITH SUCH FORCE--THAT FRICTION DESTROYS IT...

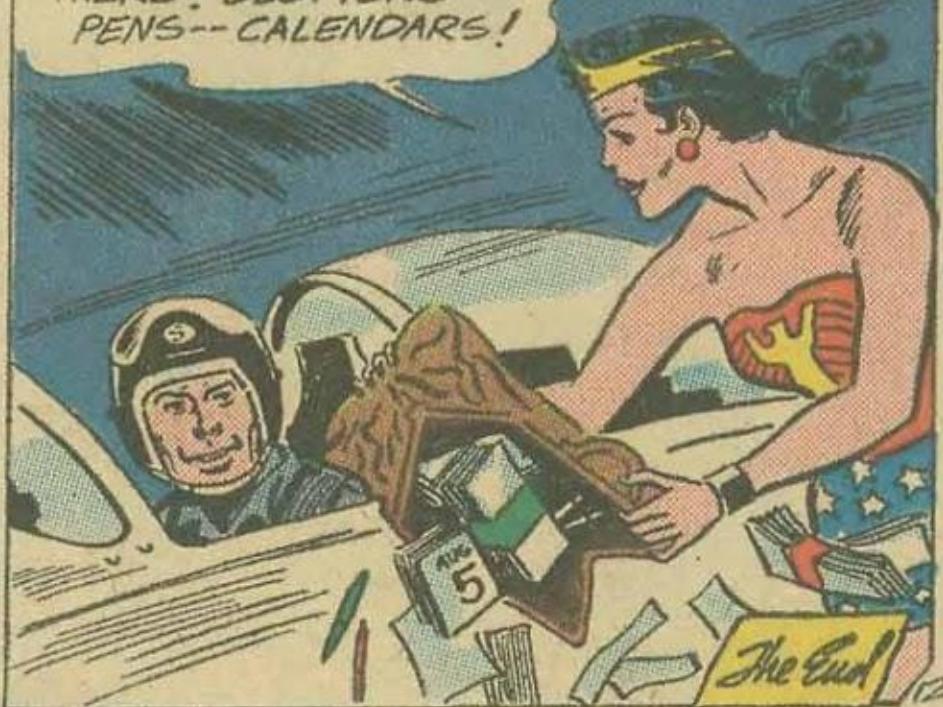


THE STATUE SIGNIFYING LIBERTY STILL STANDS UNSCATCHED AS THE AMAZON LIGHTLY LEAPS ONTO STEVE'S PLANE...

I WON'T HOLD YOU TO YOUR PROMISE, ANGEL! ABOUT MARRYING ME, I MEAN! I KNOW YOU WERE FIGHTING AN EVIL POWER THAT MEANT THE END OF OUR WORLD! IMAGINE! THEY THOUGHT YOU REALLY ROBBED A BANK!



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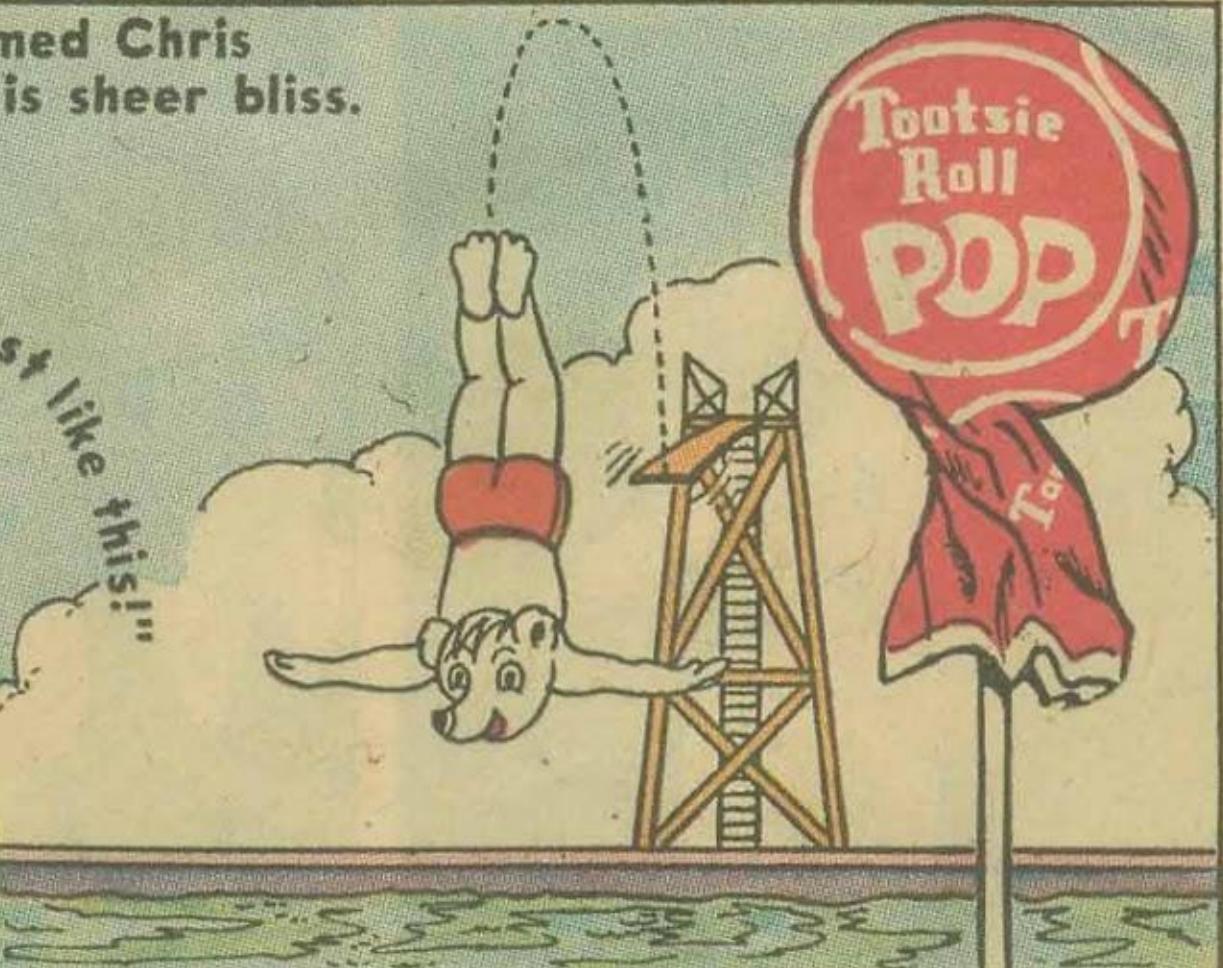
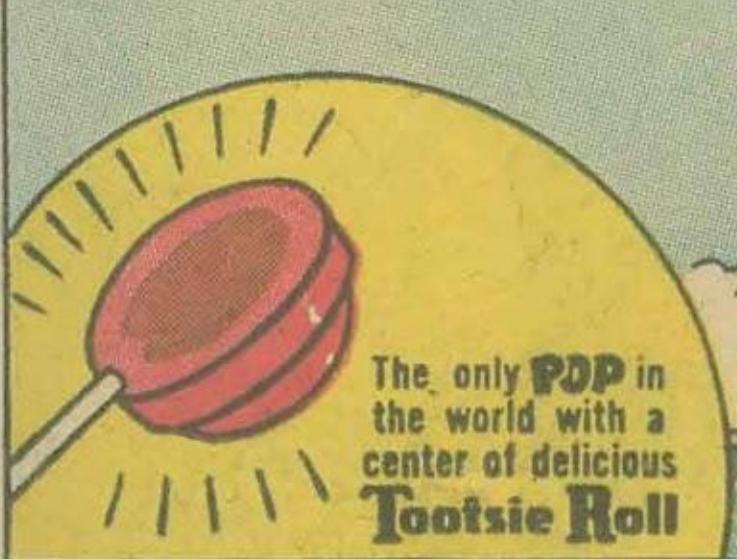
A high diving champion named Chris Said, "Diving from heights is sheer bliss.

I eat **Tootsie Roll POP**

When I get to the top

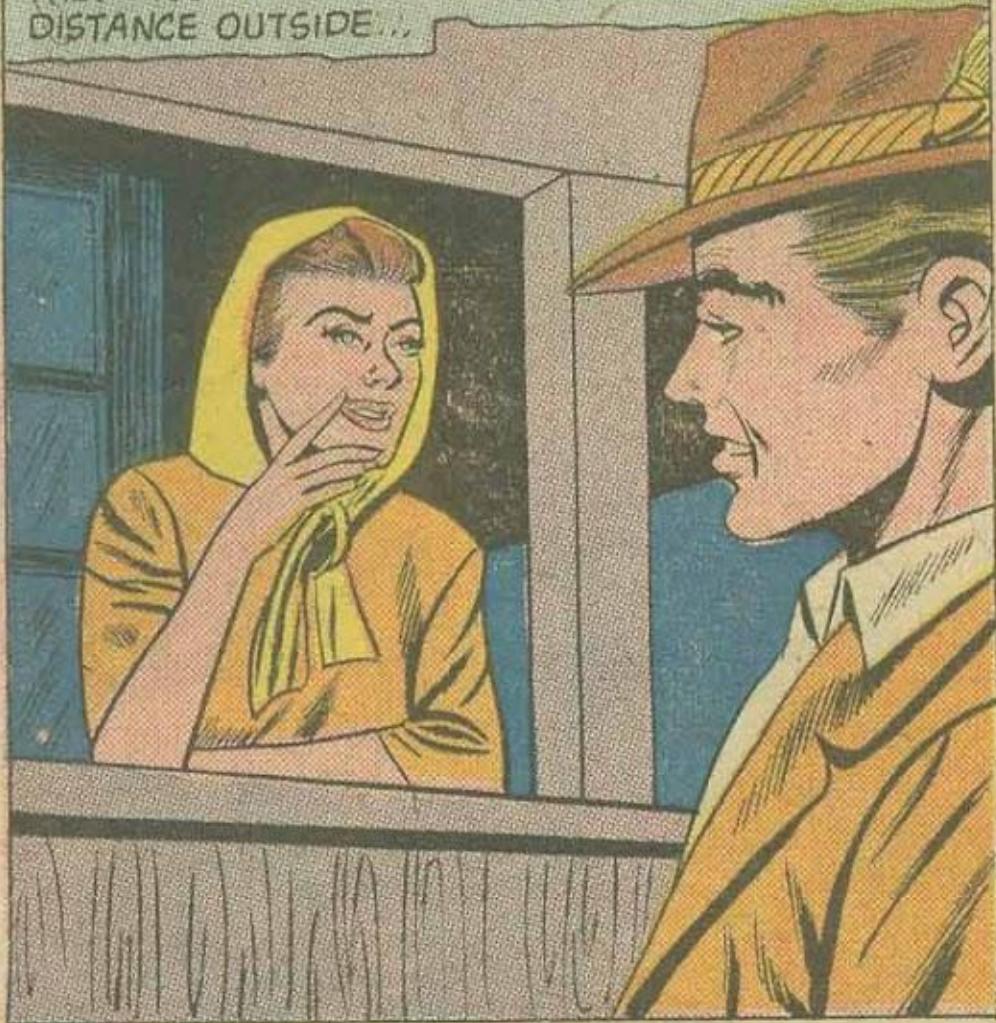
Then I dive off the board just like this!"

The only **POP** in  
the world with a  
center of delicious  
**Tootsie Roll**

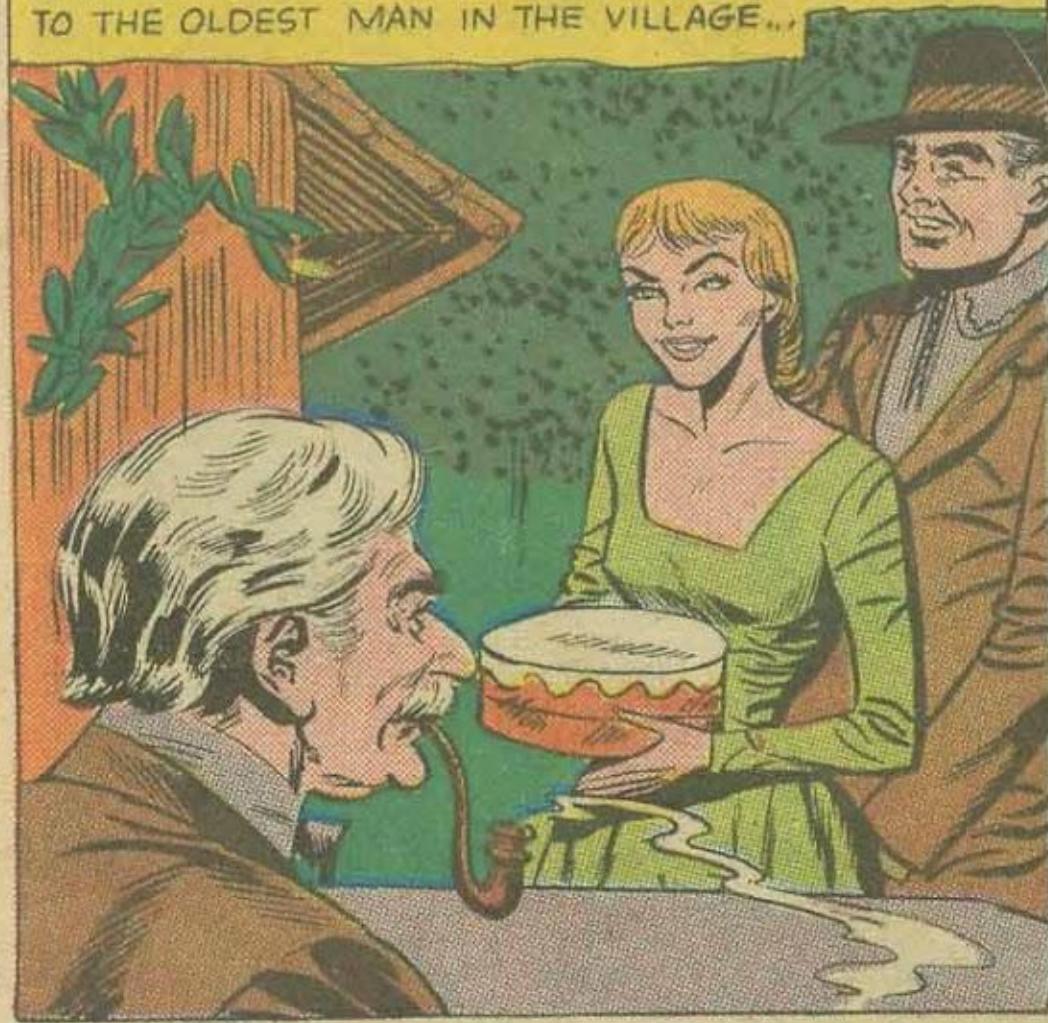


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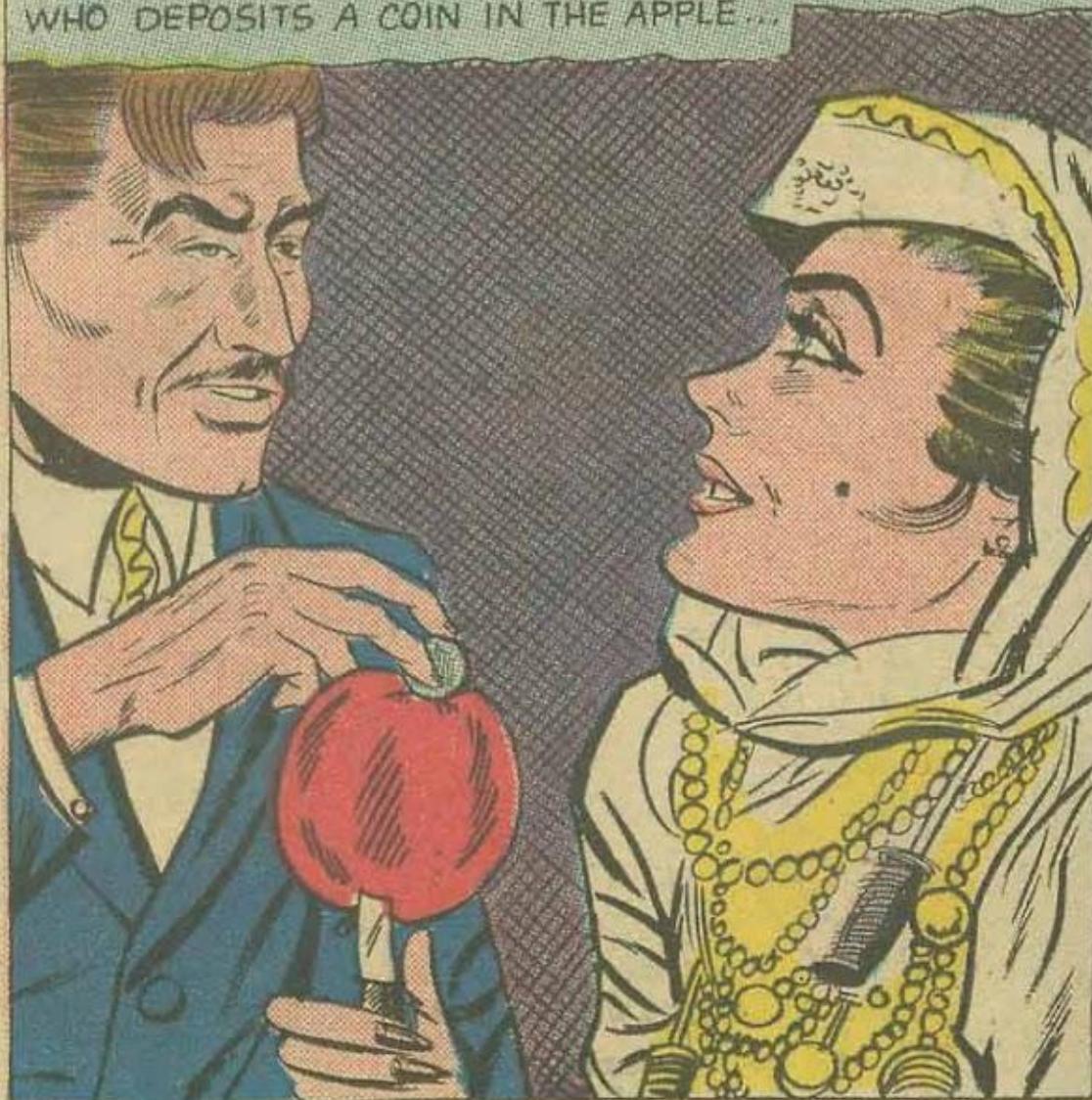
TO AVERT THE INFILTRATION OF HARM BY EVIL  
SPIRITS ON A MARRIED COUPLE, IT WAS CUSTOMARY  
IN GERMANY THE DAY BEFORE A WEDDING FOR A  
CAKE WITH A SILVER COIN INSIDE IT TO BE GIVEN  
TO THE OLDEST MAN IN THE VILLAGE...

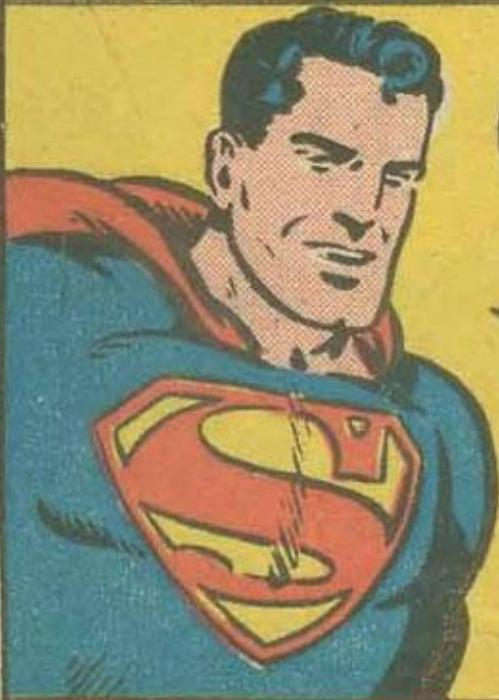


THE KEYS TO A MARRIED WOMAN'S NEW  
HOUSEHOLD IN ANCIENT ROME WERE  
PRESENTED TO HER ON HER WEDDING DAY.  
SHOULD HER HUSBAND TAKE THE KEYS  
AWAY FROM HER, IT WAS AN INDICATION  
THAT HE WANTED TO DIVORCE HER...

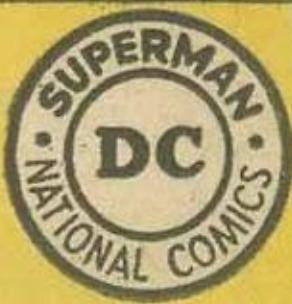


DURING THE WEDDING RECEPTION IN SPANISH  
CASTILE, THE BRIDE HOLDS AN APPLE IMPALED  
ON A KNIFE AND IS OBLIGED TO DANCE WITH ANY MAN  
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# THE FIGHTING QUEEN

FEW queens in history mounted their thrones in the face of greater perils and problems than did Elizabeth, daughter of the notorious Henry VIII and the tragic Anne Boleyn.

In 1558, when Elizabeth succeeded her sister, Mary Tudor, England was in a bad state. The people were discouraged by military failures on the continent, and the nation was torn by religious strife.

But even greater dangers were just around the corner, it then seemed. Spain was constantly threatening an open attack against the British, and everyone was sure that France would join hands with Spain in this war. England, whose finances were shaky, could never withstand the combined forces of these two great powers. It was reported quite openly that Queen Bess's reign might be an exciting one, but it would also be a brief one.

One of the queen's first moves was to prevent an alliance between France and Spain. This she accomplished by encouraging the French Huguenots to resist the French government. She did this by supplying the Huguenots with irregular troops and money. This action kept the French government so busy trying to keep control of its own country that it had neither the time nor the energy to join with Spain against England.

But Queen Bess had even longer-range plans. Spain kept threatening to hurl its armada against her country, and stronger alliances had to be cemented. In 1572 she signed the Treaty of Blois, making France her ally against Spain. But she did not entirely trust the French monarch, so she secretly supported the French Protestants whenever they went to war against their king. Learning of this, Henry III of France grudgingly called the British Queen the shrewdest woman in the world.

But there was still work to be done. When

Henry of Navarre started his struggle against the government, she supported him. When, eventually, he became king of France, he expelled the Spanish troops of Philip II from his country. Thus, at a small cost in men and money, she prevented any really effective Franco-Spanish alliance against her.

At the same time Elizabeth made sure that English gold and troops were put at the disposal of the Dutch in their long and bitter struggle for independence from the Spaniards. The eventual revolt of the Netherlands gave Bess a further opportunity to undermine the Spanish king's power, for the war in the Low Countries so occupied Philip that it was not until 1588 that King Philip was able to strike at England directly with the great armada.

But by then, Elizabeth was ready. For years she had been supporting and encouraging English seapower. Her seadogs raided the Spanish coasts, burning and looting cities and towns. They plundered Philip's galleons laden with the treasure of the New World, and broke Spain's trade monopoly with her American colonies. England enjoyed peace and prosperity at home while her seapower sapped Spain's strength and influence abroad.

Even so, the entire world expected King Philip's invincible armada to shatter England. Philip openly boasted that after the British fleet was at the bottom of the sea, he would hurl Bess from the throne. But Philip did not count on the love and loyalty which Bess had engendered in her naval officers.

The British outfought and outmaneuvered the Spanish in a brilliant victory that literally annihilated the invaders, sending the few survivors limping back to Spain.

After a reign of 45 years, Elizabeth, now known as Good Queen Bess to her subjects, died, leaving a heritage of courage and greatness.



# Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

THEY WERE THREE ORDINARY POSTAGE STAMPS--STAMPS HONORING THE EXPLOITS OF WONDER WOMAN! THEY WERE JUST THREE BITS OF PAPER--YET, WONDER WOMAN--BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES--NEEDED EVERY POWER AT HER COMMAND TO COMBAT THE DEADLY MENACE OF...

## The STAMPS OF DOOM!

MERCIFUL MINERVA!  
I'M PINNED!-- AND  
THE STAMP IS  
ABOUT TO EXPLODE!





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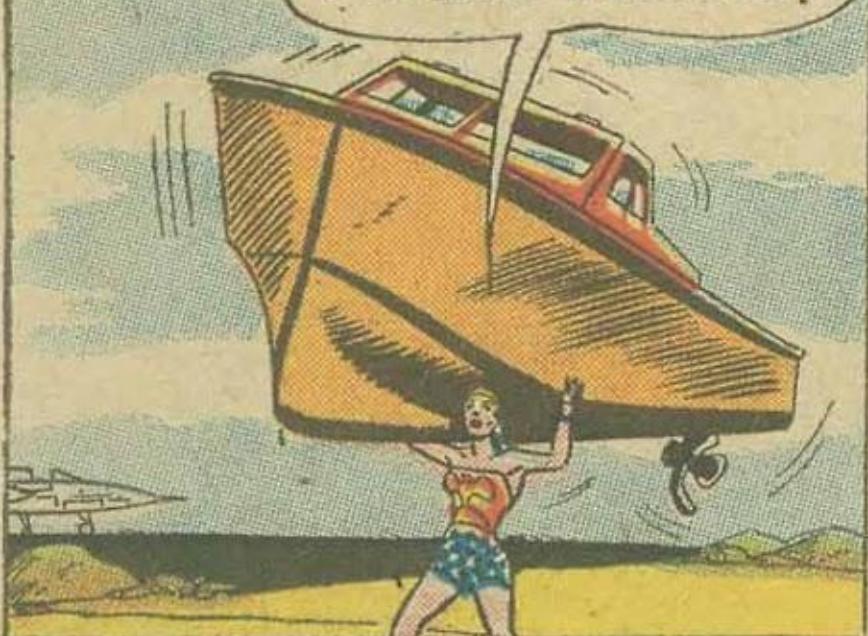


ONE HOT AFTERNOON, PAUSING FOR A SWIM AT A DESERTED BEACH, WONDER WOMAN SEES...



IN A FEW STARTLING MOMENTS...

IT'S GROWN TO THE SIZE OF A REAL MOTOR BOAT--AND IT'S STILL GROWING!



SUDDENLY, TO THE FAMOUS AMAZON'S AMAZEMENT...

GREAT HERA! THE TOY BOAT--IT'S STARTING TO GROW!



THEN, A TITANIC BLAST CHURNS THE SEA...

WHROOOM!

GREAT HERA! EXACTLY ONE MINUTE AFTER IT BEGAN TO GLOW--THE BOAT EXPLODED! WHAT CAUSED THIS? WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT?



VILLAINOUS EYES WATCH THE BIZARRE EPISODE FROM A NEARBY HIDING PLACE...

WONDER WOMAN DOESN'T KNOW I ONLY USED THAT TOY BOAT TO TRY OUT MY NEW FORMULA! NOW THAT IT HAS PASSED THE TEST--I'M READY TO SET MY PLAN IN MOTION!

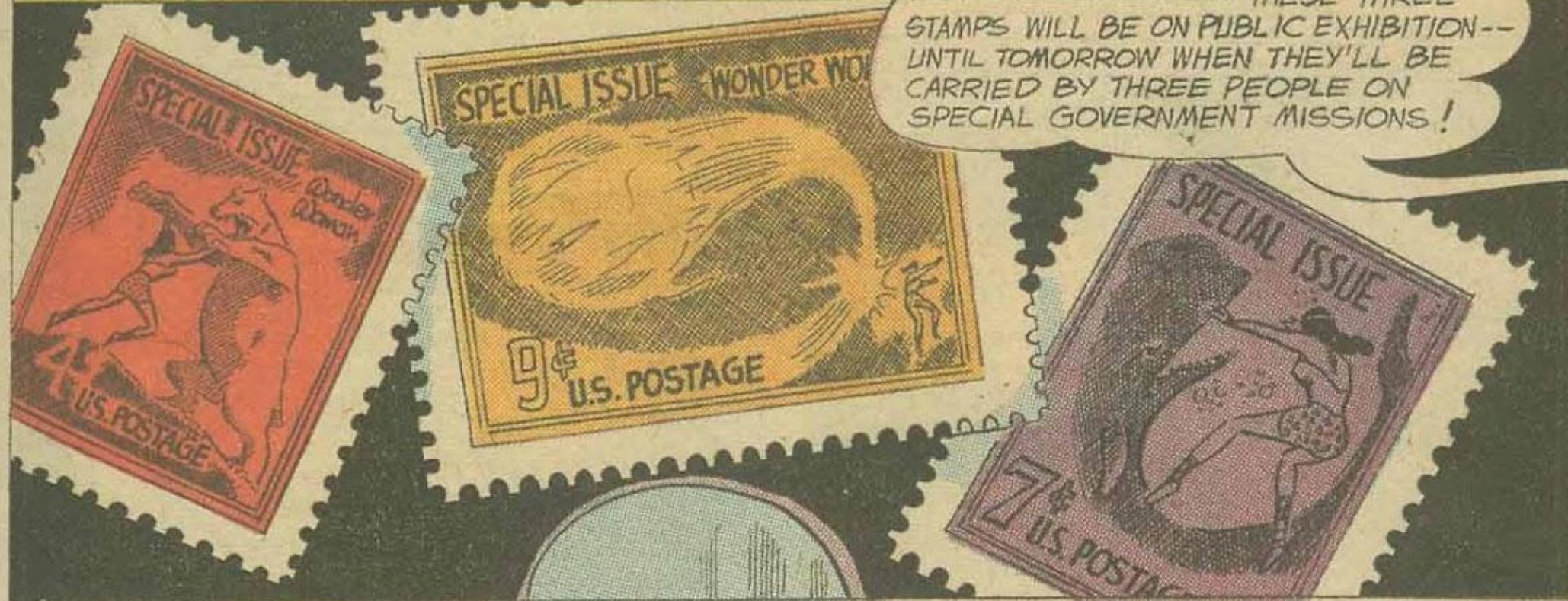


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LATER... AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, GENERAL DARNELL DISPLAYS THREE STAMPS TO WONDER WOMAN-- EACH ONE DEPICTING A GREAT FEAT SHE HAS PERFORMED...

THESE THREE STAMPS WILL BE ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION-- UNTIL TOMORROW WHEN THEY'LL BE CARRIED BY THREE PEOPLE ON SPECIAL GOVERNMENT MISSIONS!

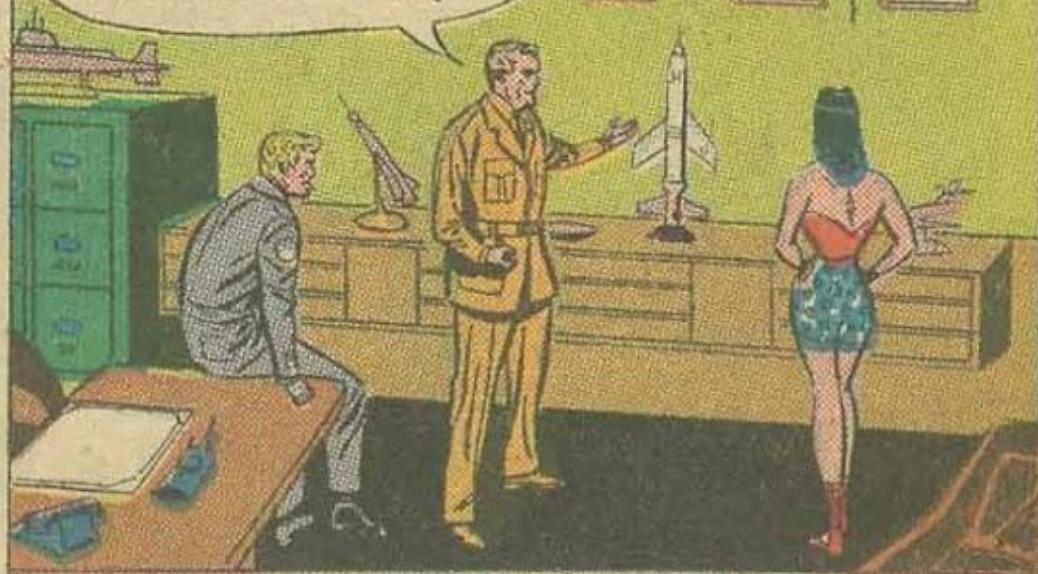


WHO ARE THE THREE PEOPLE, GENERAL DARNELL?



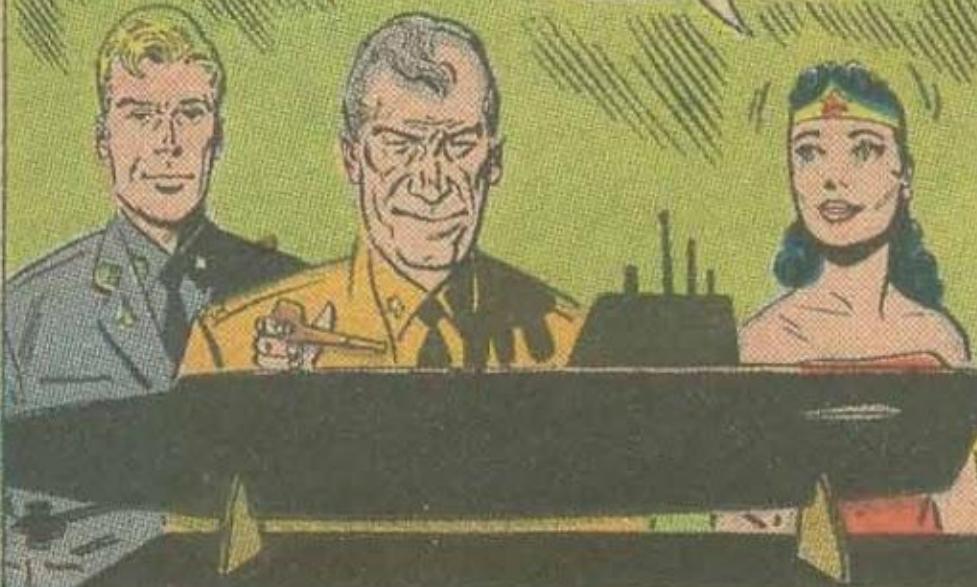
TOMORROW, ONE STAMP WILL RIDE WITH COL. TREVOR AS HE PILOTS A SPACE-SHIP EQUIPPED TO RECOVER ONE OF OUR ARTIFICIAL SATELLITES ORBITING AROUND EARTH!

WONDERFUL! WHO'S THE SECOND CARRIER?



ANOTHER STAMP WILL GO WITH YOU, WONDER WOMAN-- IN AN ATOMIC SUBMARINE ATTEMPTING TO SET A SPEED RECORD TO THE NORTH POLE!

I'M HONORED! AND WHO WILL BE CARRYING THE THIRD STAMP?



THE THIRD STAMP WILL RIDE WITH ME AND LT. DIANA PRINCE IN A DRIVERLESS, ROBOT-CONTROLLED CAR ON A TEST RUN! I'M GOING TO LT. PRINCE'S OFFICE TO TELL HER ABOUT IT NOW!

GREAT HERA! IN MY SECRET IDENTITY-- I AM DIANA PRINCE! I'D BETTER GET TO MY OFFICE AND CHANGE TO MY OTHER IDENTITY QUICKLY!



AS THE TWO TURN TO LEAVE FOR LT. PRINCE'S OFFICE, WONDER WOMAN MAKES A LIGHTNING CHANGE NO HUMAN EYE CAN FOLLOW...



SWIFTER THAN A PUFF OF WIND--THE AMAZON WHIRLS PAST THEM UNOBSERVED...



IN THAT SAME FLASHING INSTANT... SHE REACHES HER OFFICE JUST AS...

LT. PRINCE! I HAVE A VERY PLEASANT SURPRISE FOR YOU! YOU ARE GOING TO BE THE THIRD CARRIER OF WONDER WOMAN STAMPS!

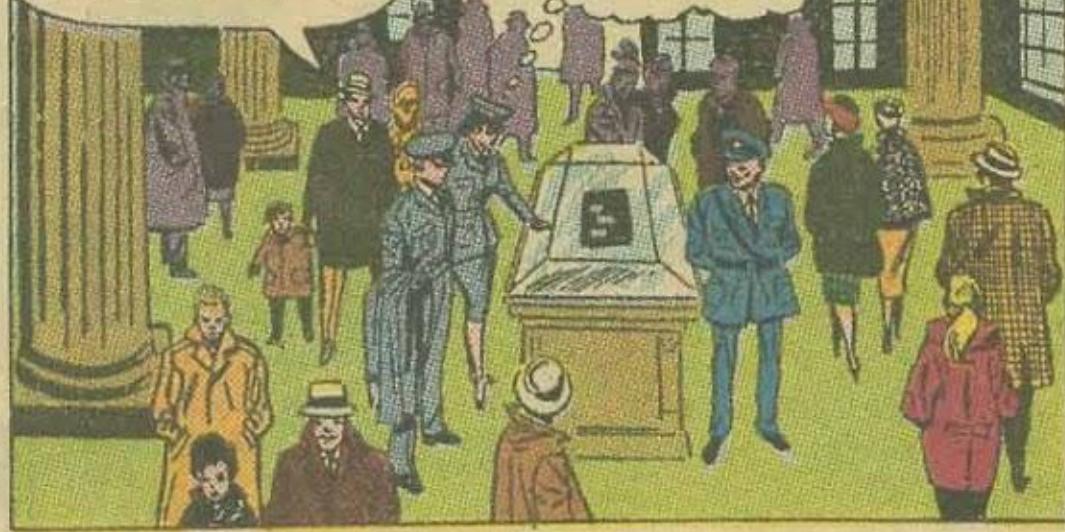
NOW I'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO BE IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE!



LATER, STEVE AND DIANA JOIN THE CROWDS FLOCKING TO THE EXHIBIT OF WONDER WOMAN STAMPS...

JUST THINK--TOMORROW YOU, I AND WONDER WOMAN WILL HELP THESE STAMPS MAKE HISTORY!

THEY WON'T--UNLESS I CAN FIGURE OUT HOW I CAN BE IN THE SUB AS WONDER WOMAN--AND THE CAR AS DIANA PRINCE!

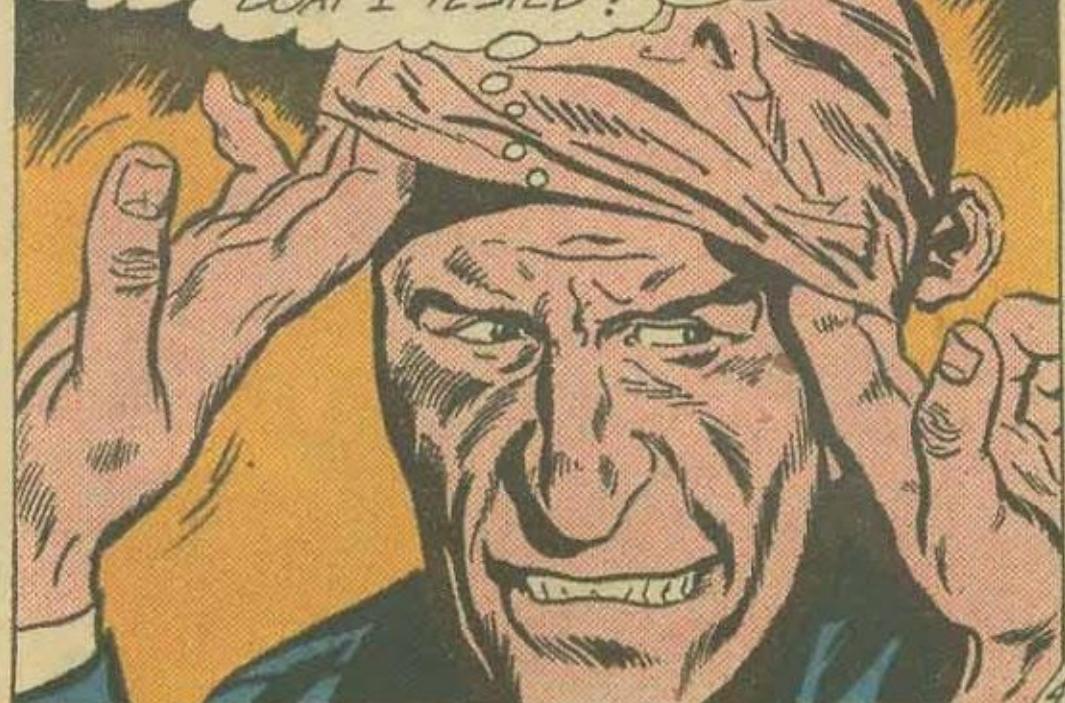


NIGHTFALL... THE EXHIBIT CLOSES... AND THE UNIFORMED GUARD IS ALONE...



YES--COL. STEVE TREVOR-- TOMORROW THESE STAMPS WILL MAKE HISTORY--BUT NOT IN THE WAY YOU THINK! TAKING THE REGULAR GUARD'S PLACE WAS THE FIRST STEP IN MY SCHEME!

TOMORROW--THE WONDER WOMAN STAMPS WILL BECOME STAMPS OF DOOM--AFTER I TREAT THEM WITH MY NEW EXPLOSIVES-- THEY WILL REACT JUST LIKE THE TOY BOAT I TESTED!

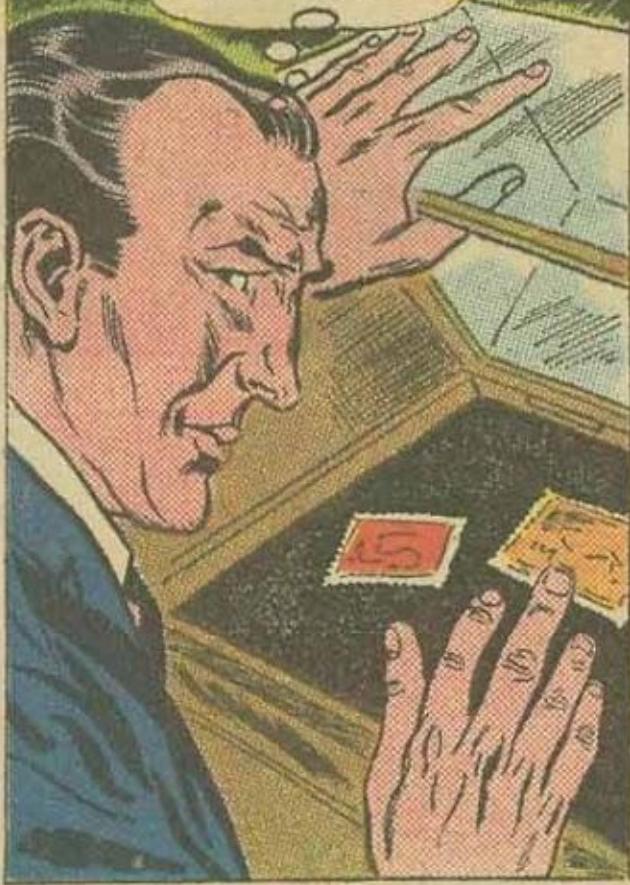


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THE VILLAIN REACHES FOR THE STAMPS...

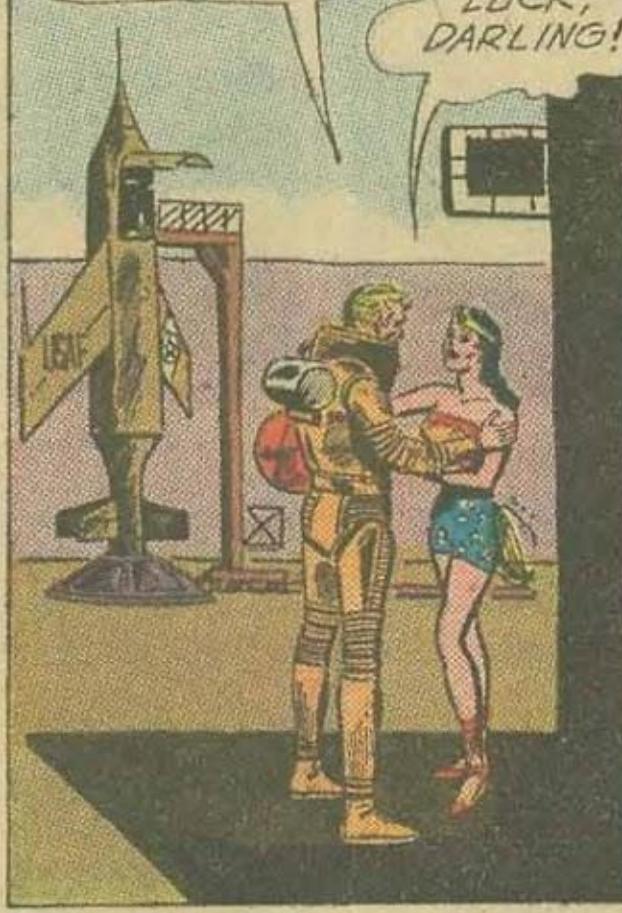
TOMORROW, THE EXPLOSIONS WILL BE DRAMATIC PROOF OF THE POWER OF MY NEW EXPLOSIVE TO THE FOREIGN POWER WHO OFFERED ME A MILLION DOLLARS IF MY FORMULA WORKS! AND IT WILL WORK--NOTHING--AND NO ONE CAN STOP ME!



THE NEXT DAY, AS THE FIRST STAMP IS PLACED INSIDE STEVE'S SHIP, WONDER WOMAN LOOKS ANXIOUSLY AT THE MAN SHE LOVES...

I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I RECOVER THE SPACE SATELLITE THAT'S DUE TO FALL FROM ITS ORBIT TODAY!

GOOD LUCK, DARLING!



SHORTLY, WITH A FLAMING ROAR, STEVE'S SHIP HURTELS TOWARD SPACE--CARRYING WITH IT A STAMP OF DOOM...

NOW I'D BETTER GET OVER TO THE DOCK WHERE THE SUBMARINE IS WAITING FOR ME!



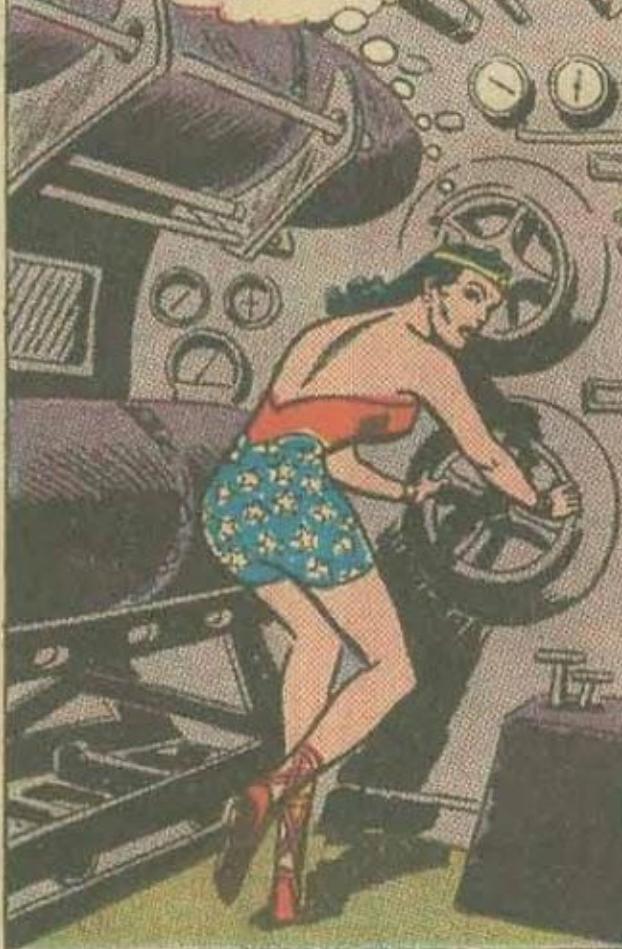
IN HER CABIN ABOARD THE SUB, SOON AFTERWARDS...

THESE STAMPS CERTAINLY PUT ME IN THE GREATEST DILEMMA OF MY CAREER! HOW CAN I GO ON MY OTHER MISSION AS DIANA PRINCE WITH GENERAL DARNELL-- WHILE I'M ALSO HERE AS WONDER WOMAN?



AS THE ATOMIC SUBMARINE GETS UNDER WAY... THE AMAZON IS PASSING THROUGH THE TORPEDO ROOM...

NO ONE HERE FOR THE MOMENT! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO EXIT--WHILE EVERYONE THINKS I'M ASLEEP IN MY CABIN!



SOON AFTER, A HUMAN PROJECTILE EXITS FROM THE SUB--THROUGH THE TORPEDO TUBE!

I'M OUT AT LAST! NOW I'LL SWIM BACK TO SHORE SWIFTLY--AND CHANGE TO MY DIANA PRINCE IDENTITY!



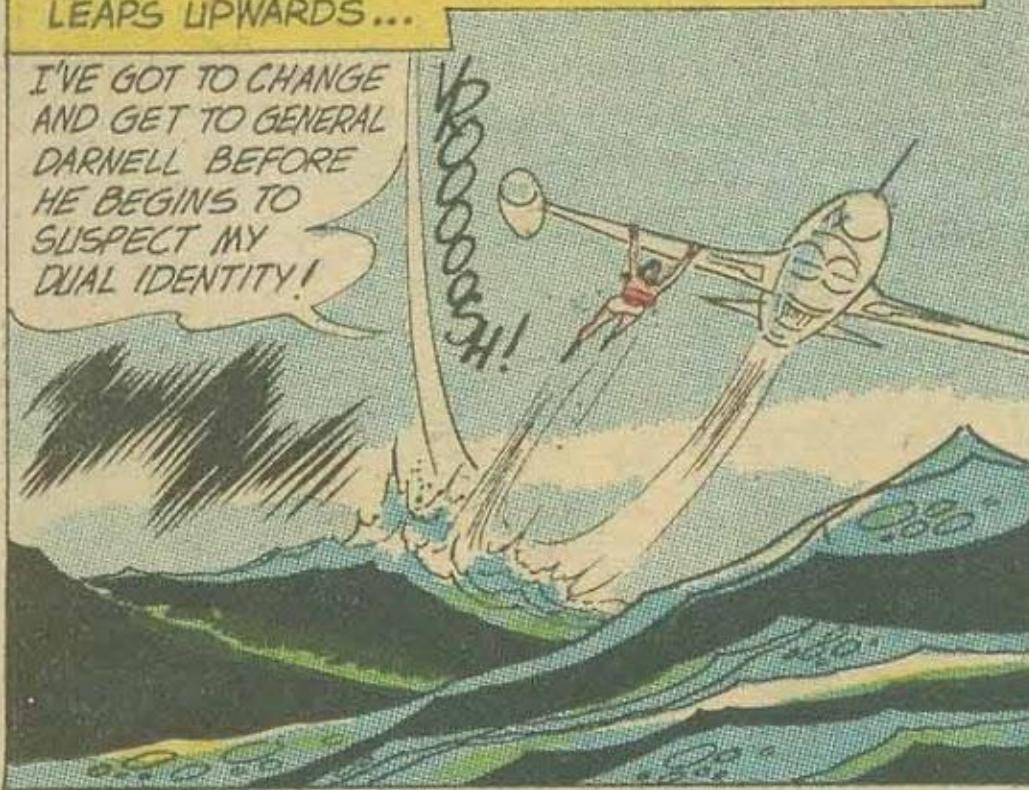
BUT--THE AMAZON IS UNAWARE OF THE EXPLOSIVE STAMP THE SUB IS CARRYING!

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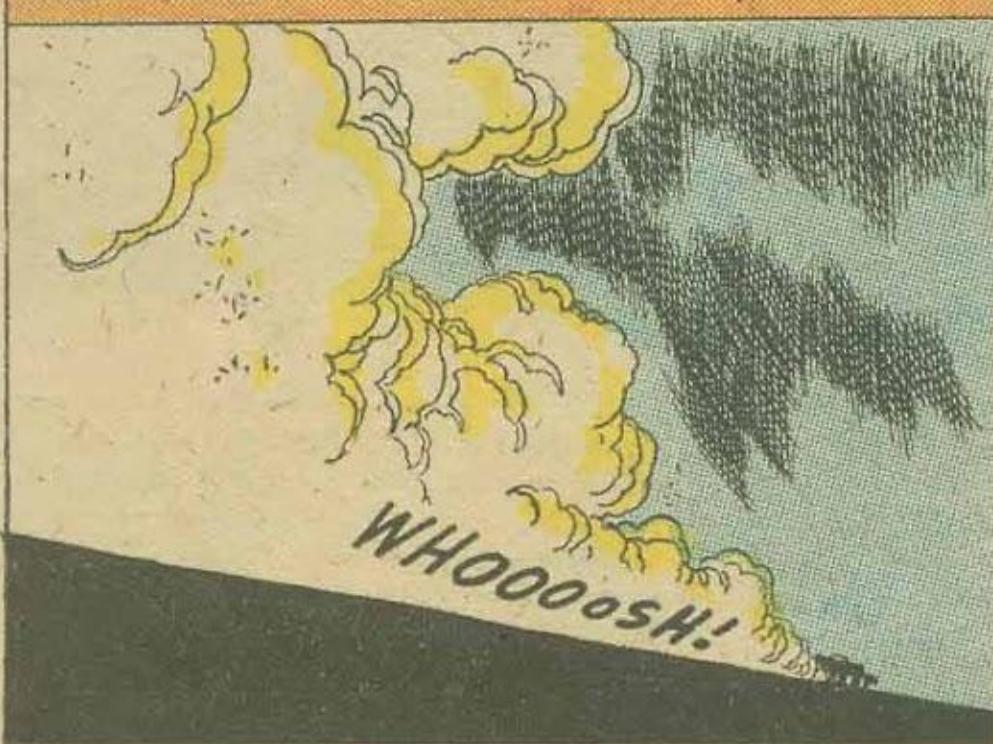


SUMMONING HER ROBOT PLANE, WONDER WOMAN LEAPS UPWARDS...

I'VE GOT TO CHANGE AND GET TO GENERAL DARNELL BEFORE HE BEGINS TO SUSPECT MY DUAL IDENTITY!



NO DANGER FROM THE CAR -- BUT THERE IS DOOM--DOOM WAITING IN THE CAR WITH THEM IN THE FORM OF A STAMP !



I MUST BECOME WONDER WOMAN SWIFTLY-- AND GET AWAY TO PREVENT THE STAMPS FROM EXPLODING ! BUT HOW CAN I -- WITHOUT GENERAL DARNELL NOTICING THAT I'M GONE !



LEAVING HER PLANE SHORTLY IN HER OTHER DISGUISE...

SORRY-- I'M LATE, GENERAL !

YOU'RE HERE ! THAT'S WHAT COUNTS ! WE'RE TESTING THE CAR OF THE FUTURE, LT. PRINCE-- A ROBOT CAR THAT DRIVES AND STEERS ITSELF SAFELY BY ELECTRONIC CONTROLS !



AS THE ROBOT CAR SPEEDS ALONG ITS TEST ROUTE, SUDDENLY DIANA IS AWARE OF A FANTASTIC OCCURRENCE ...

THE STAMP--IT'S

GROWING--LIKE THE TOY BOAT DID YESTERDAY ! SUFFERING SAPPHO ! NOW I UNDERSTAND ! YESTERDAY'S EXPLOSION WAS ONLY A TEST ! SOMEONE'S REAL OBJECTIVE IS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE THREE GOVERNMENT MISSIONS--BY MEANS OF THESE STAMPS !



THINKING AND ACTING SWIFTLY, THE YOUNG OFFICER SHAPES THE EXPANDING STAMP INTO A PROPELLOR--AND THEN POKEs HER FINGER THROUGH ITS CENTER ...

NOW A

POWERFUL PUFF OF MY BREATH WILL START IT SPINNING !



WHAT DOES SHE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH ?

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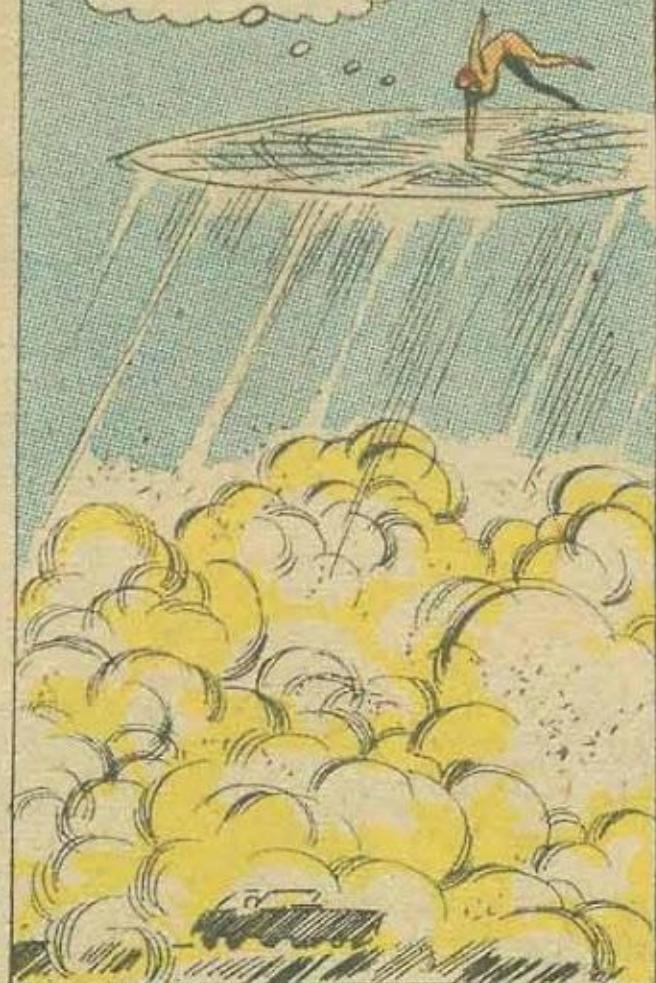
LIKE A HUMAN HELICOPTER,  
THE ASTOUNDING MAID  
RISES UP--UP--OUT OF  
THE ROBOT CAR...

HE'S UNAWARE OF  
MY ABSENCE! BUT  
HE MIGHT BE--IF  
HE TURNS AROUND!

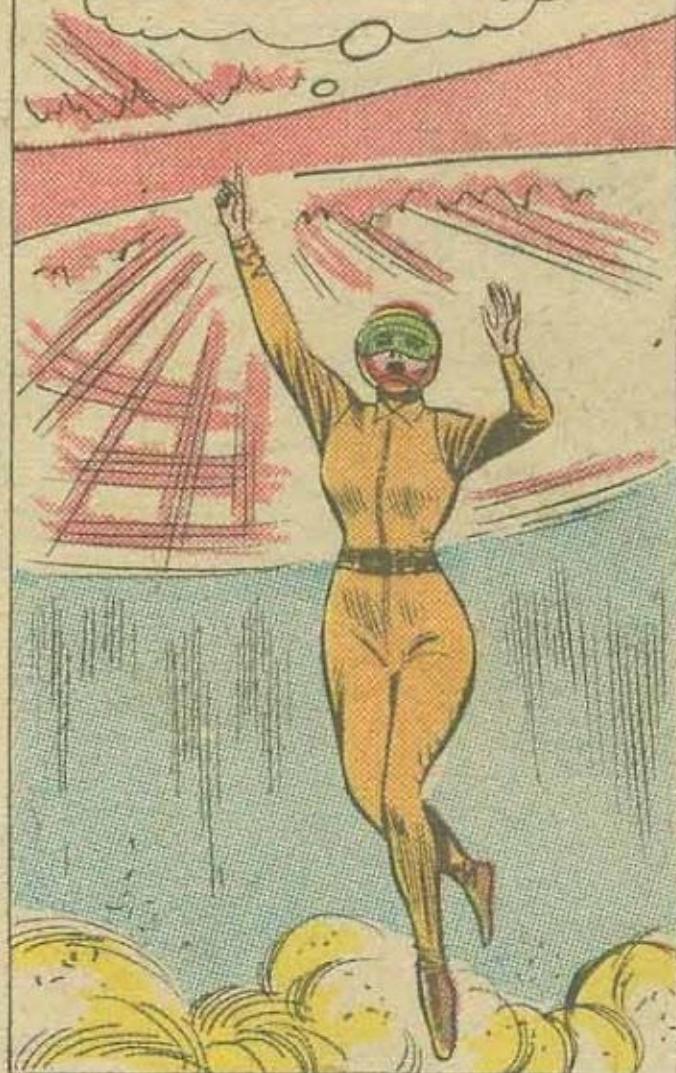


THE QUICK-THINKING AMAZON  
AIMS HER PROPELLOR AT THE  
SANDY BEACH AND...

THE PROPELLOR'S BACKWASH  
IS STIRRING UP A SAND  
STORM! THE GENERAL  
WON'T NOTICE MY  
ABSENCE!



BUT THEN... MERCIFUL MINERVA!  
THE STAMP IS STARTING  
TO GLOW! IT WILL EXPLODE  
SHORTLY! I'VE GOT TO BURY  
IT SOMEPLACE -- WHERE IT  
CAN DO NO HARM!



INSTANTLY, THE AMAZON  
HURLS IT DEEP INTO THE  
SAND...

IT EXPLODED  
HARMLESSLY! THAT WILL  
ADD TO THE SAND STORM  
I'VE ALREADY CREATED  
AND GIVE ME THE PRECIOUS  
TIME I NEED! NOW I MUST  
SUMMON MY ROBOT PLANE  
AND HURRY TO STEVE'S  
AID!



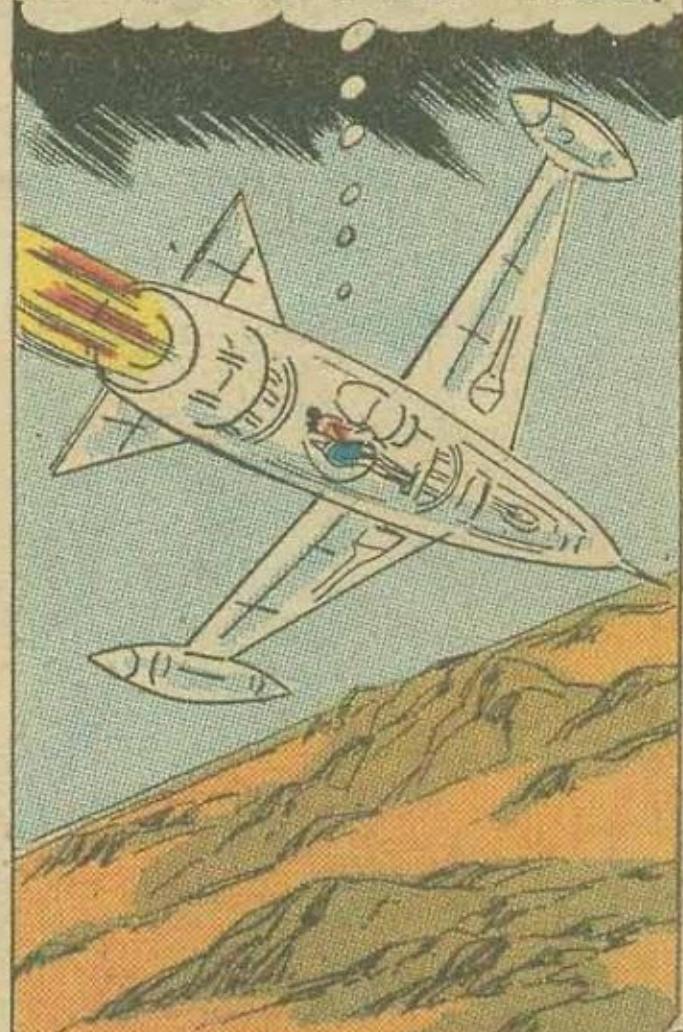
AS SHE CHANGES BACK TO  
WONDER WOMAN--THE MAID  
IS TORN BY A DECISION...

THE SUB IS CARRYING A  
STAMP TOO! IT'S STEVE'S  
LIFE--AGAINST THAT OF  
ALL THE MEN IN THE SUB!



IN ANGUISH, WONDER WOMAN  
SUMMONS HER ROBOT PLANE  
AND SENDS IT FLASHING  
DOWNTOWARDS...

I'LL HAVE  
TO GET THE STAMP OUT OF  
THE SUB--AND PRAY THAT  
I'M IN TIME TO HELP STEVE!



THE AMAZON UNERRINGLY PILOTS HER PLANE ABOVE THE SUB... AND PLUNGES THROUGH AN ICE FLOE ABOVE IT--LIKE A HUMAN DRILL...

NOW I'LL ENTER THE SUB THE SAME WAY I LEFT--THROUGH THE TORPEDO TUBE !



INSTANTS LATER, UPON SNATCHING UP THE DEADLY STAMP FROM HER CABIN...

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY I CAN GET THROUGH THE TORPEDO TUBE WITH THE STAMP THE SIZE IT IS NOW... AND THAT'S TO WRAP IT AROUND ME !



AGAIN, THE AMAZON EXITS THROUGH A TORPEDO TUBE--BUT TO HER HORROR...

MERCIFUL MINERVA ! I'M CAUGHT BY A GIANT SQUID--AND THE STAMP IS STARTING TO GLOW ! THAT MEANS IT WILL EXPLODE IN A FEW MOMENTS !



EXERTING HER AMAZING AMAZON STRENGTH, WONDER WOMAN TURNS HER BODY INTO A PROPELLOR-LIKE SPIN ...

HERA HELP ME IN MY PLAN TO ESCAPE BEFORE THE SUB IS THREATENED BY THE EXPLOSION !



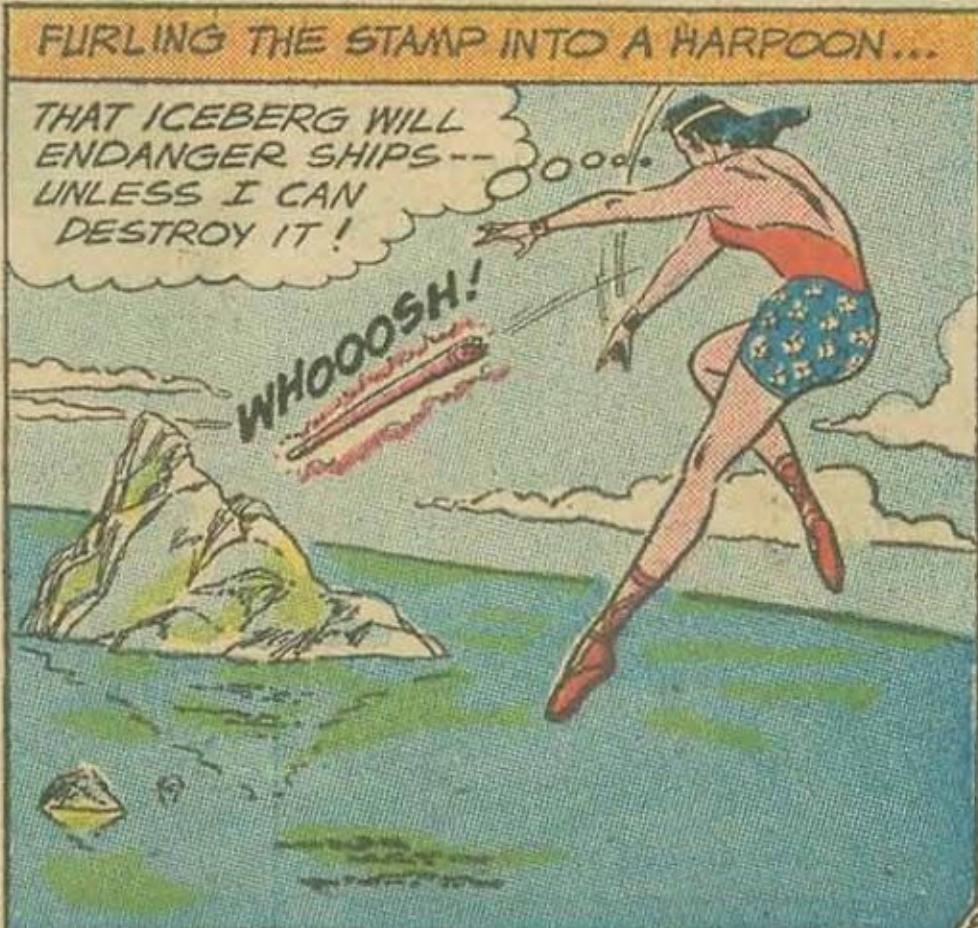
LIKE A HUMAN PROPELLOR, WONDER WOMAN PULLS THE SQUID UP-UP-UP- INTO THE SKY !

THE MONSTER HAS RELEASED ME



FURLING THE STAMP INTO A HARPOON...

THAT ICEBERG WILL ENDANGER SHIPS-- UNLESS I CAN DESTROY IT !



# Wonder Woman



THE EXPLOSIVE STAMP HURLES  
INTO THE ICEBERG AND...

THERE ! NOW PRAY  
HERA I'M IN TIME  
TO SAVE STEVE !



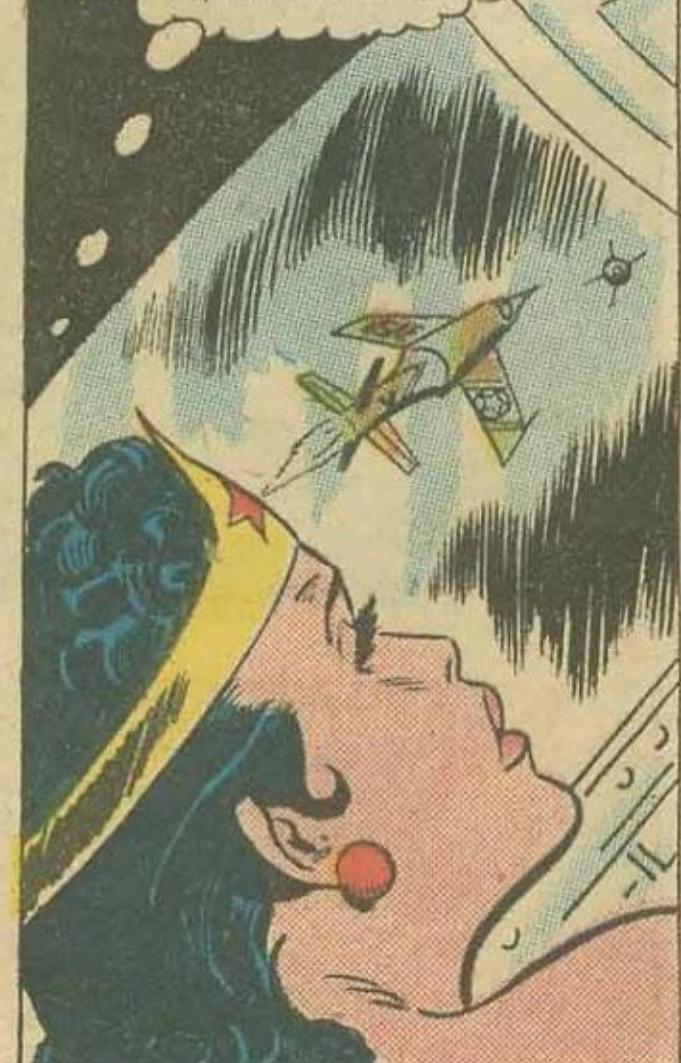
IN HER ROBOT-PLANE,  
**WONDER WOMAN**  
ROCKETS INTO OUTER SPACE!

AM I TOO LATE ? I--I  
CAN'T SEE A TRACE OF  
HIM--ANYWHERE !



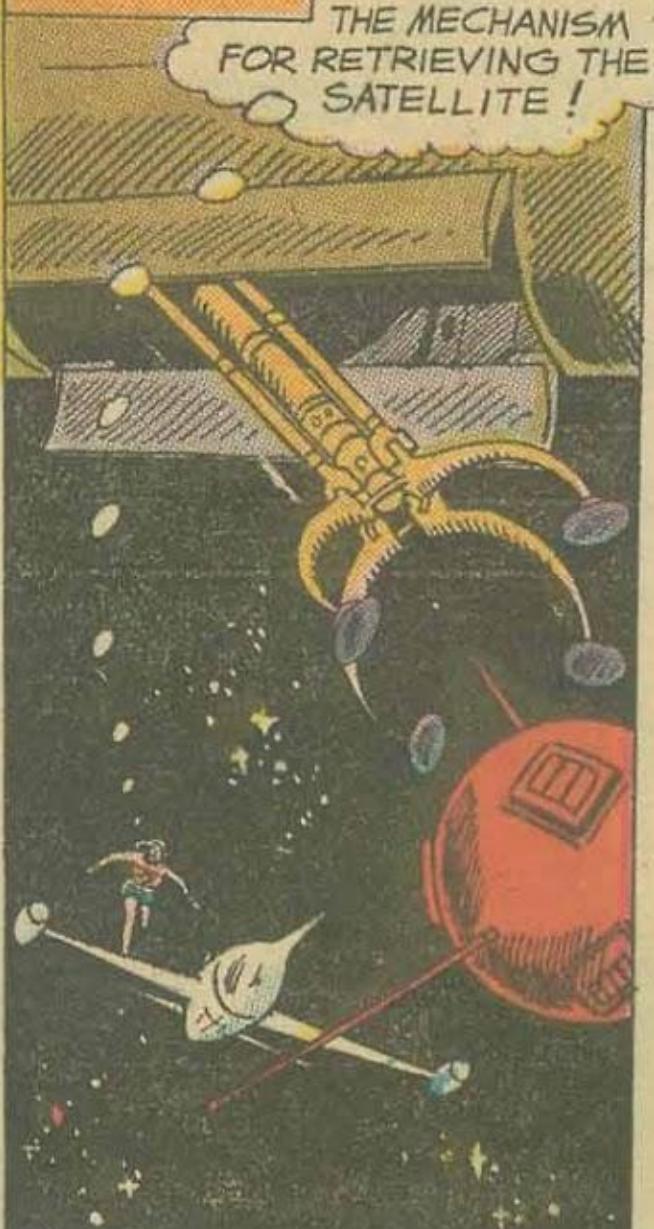
THEN, A WELCOME SIGHT  
LOOMS AHEAD...

STEVE'S  
SHIP ! BUT HOW CAN I GET  
INTO HIS SHIP QUICKLY--AND  
GET THE STAMP OUT WITH-  
OUT LOSING PRECIOUS  
MOMENTS ?



SUDDENLY, A HATCH IN THE  
HULL OF STEVE'S SHIP  
OPENS AND...

THE MECHANISM  
FOR RETRIEVING THE  
SATELLITE !



SWIFT AS A PROJECTILE,  
**WONDER WOMAN** HURLS  
HERSELF ACROSS THE  
VOID...

HOW CLOSE TO  
EXPLODING IS  
THE STAMP ?



AS SHE FLASHES INTO THE  
SHIP...

WONDER  
WOMAN?! WHAT ARE  
YOU D--?  
WILL  
EXPLAIN  
LATER !





## Wonder Woman



SEIZING THE STAMP—WONDER WOMAN FLASHES OUT AGAIN JUST AS THE HATCH CLOSES...

I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR I'LL HAVE TO GO WITH THE STAMP--SO ITS EXPLOSION WON'T AFFECT STEVE!



SPREADING THE DEADLY STAMP LIKE A GLIDER, WONDER WOMAN RIDES DOWN THROUGH SPACE--FASTER--EVER FASTER--TO THE TUG OF EARTH'S GRAVITATIONAL PULL...



THEN, AS THE STAMP ENTERS EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE--THE INEVITABLE HAPPENS...

THE FRICTION HEAT OF THE ATMOSPHERE HAS CAUSED IT TO BURN--LIKE A METEOR! IT WON'T EXPLODE NOW!



LEAPING ABOARD HER ROBOT PLANE...

NOW--TO CATCH THE VILLAIN RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE CRIMES! PLANE--DIVE AT MAXIMUM SPEED!



LATER... WONDER WOMAN RE-ENTERS THE EXHIBIT HALL...

WONDER WOMAN! B-BUT I READ THAT--THAT YOU'D BE ON THE SUBMARINE WITH A STAMP!

THE SUB NEEDED SOME LAST-MINUTE REPAIRS--SO I'M RETURNING THIS STAMP TO THE EXHIBIT CASE UNTIL TOMORROW!





## Wonder Woman



SUDDENLY, THE STAMP "FALLS" OUT OF ITS CASE ...

I'VE DROPPED THE STAMP !  
PICK IT UP FOR ME,  
PLEASE !

I--I ...

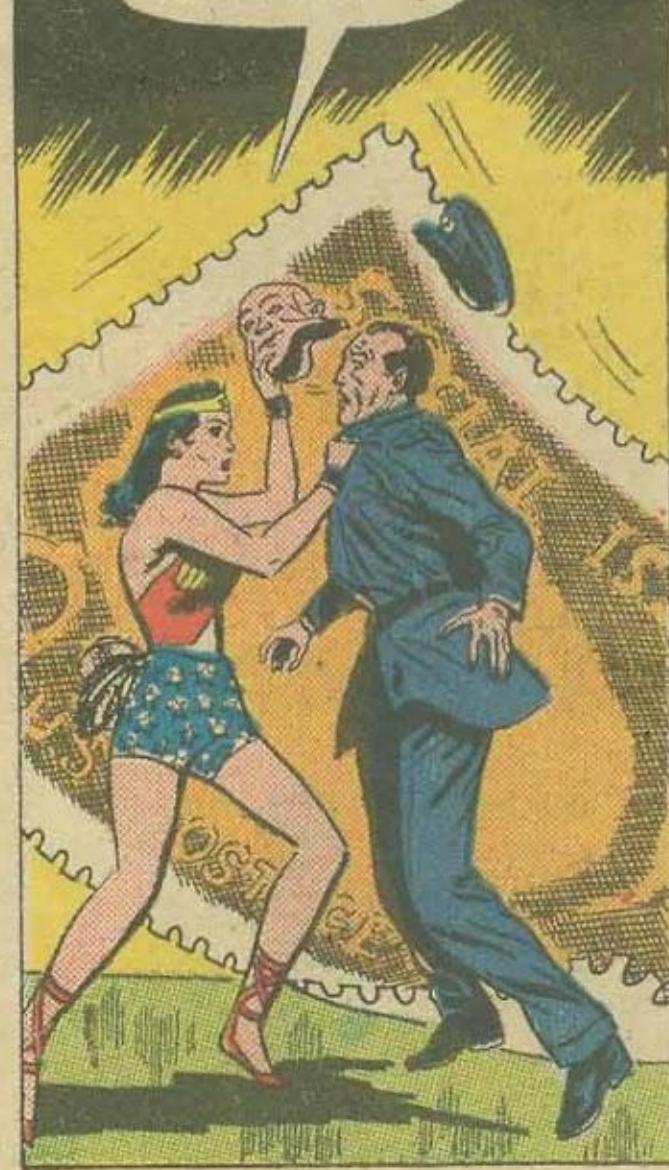


GREAT HERA !  
THE STAMP'S  
STARTING  
TO EXPAND !

L-LET ME  
OUT OF  
HERE --  
BEFORE IT  
EXPLODES !



JUST AS I FIGURED--ONLY  
YOU--WHO WERE ALONE  
WITH THE STAMPS--HAD THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO TAMPER  
WITH THEM !



IT--IT'S  
NOT ONE  
OF MY  
STAMPS--!

NO ! I FASHIONED  
IT OUT OF RUBBER  
THAT INFLATES --  
LIKE AN INFLATABLE  
RUBBER RAFT !



RACING TO MILITARY HEAD-  
QUARTERS WONDER  
WOMAN SWIFTLY DELIVERS  
HER CAPTIVE ...

WONDER WOMAN !  
WHY AREN'T YOU  
IN THE SUBMARINE ?

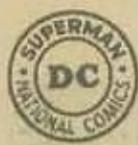
I WAS--  
BUT I  
HAD  
SOME  
UN-  
FINISHED  
BUSINESS TO  
DO... I'LL  
EXPLAIN LATER !



AGAIN SUMMONING HER  
ROBOT PLANE ...

NOW--I  
HAVE TO GET BACK TO  
GENERAL DARNELL BE-  
FORE HE DISCOVERS  
I'M MISSING !





## Wonder Woman



FLASHING BACK TO THE ROBOT CAR... THE AMAZON LEAPS DOWN...

QUITE A SAND-STORM ! CAN'T SEE !

Y-YES,  
GENERAL  
DARNELL !

LATER, WHEN THE MISSIONS ARE COMPLETED, IT IS AS WONDER WOMAN THAT THE AMAZON TELLS OF THE STAMPS OF DOOM...

Hmm ! Obviously, when you saw the stamp growing in the sub, you realized the other two stamps were explosives, too-- and went after them !

SO THAT ACCOUNTS FOR THE EXPLOSION I HEARD FROM THE CAR ! YOU MUST HAVE TAKEN THE STAMP FROM THE CAR SO QUICKLY THAT LT. PRINCE DIDN'T EVEN SEE YOU !

THE NEXT DAY, AS WONDER WOMAN IS LED BY STEVE INTO A POST OFFICE...

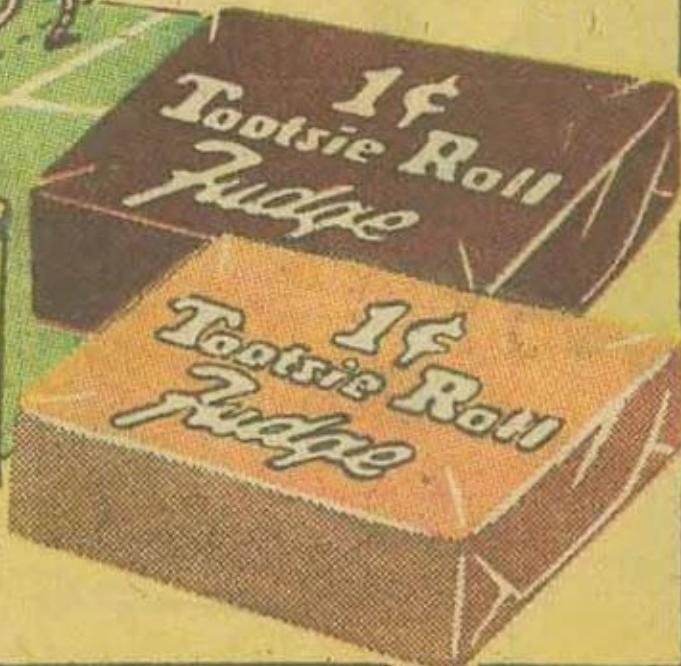
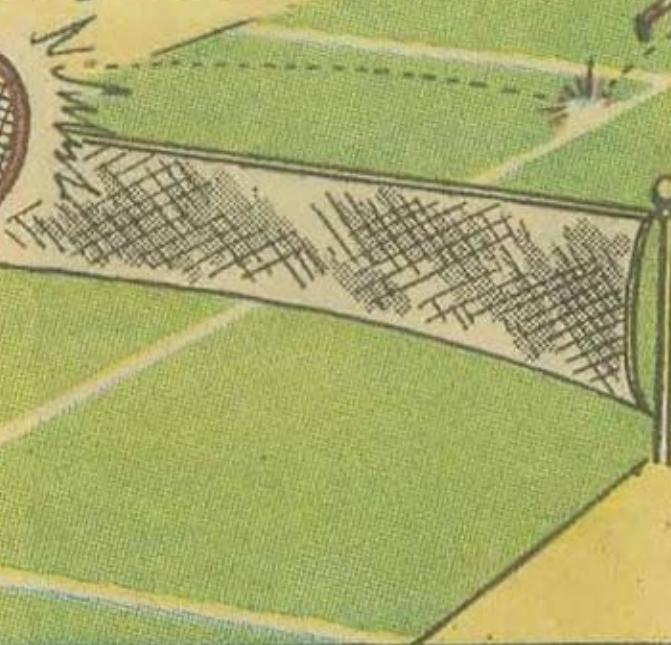
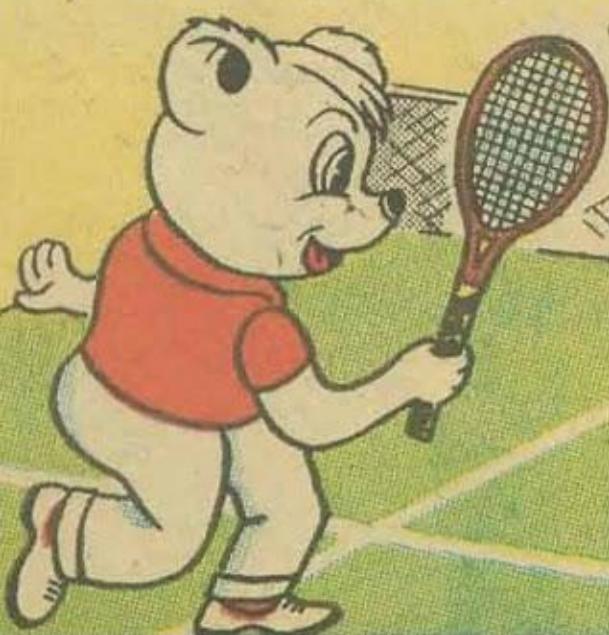
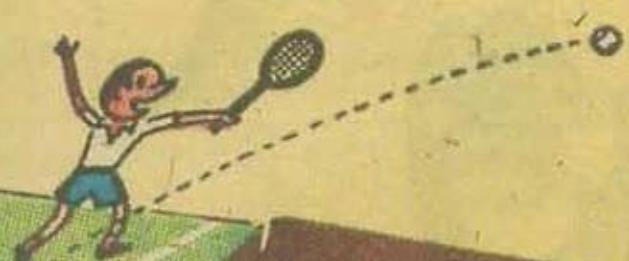
FIRST DAY  
SALE OF  
WONDER  
WOMAN  
POSTAGE  
STAMPS !

WHY DID  
YOU COME  
IN HERE ?

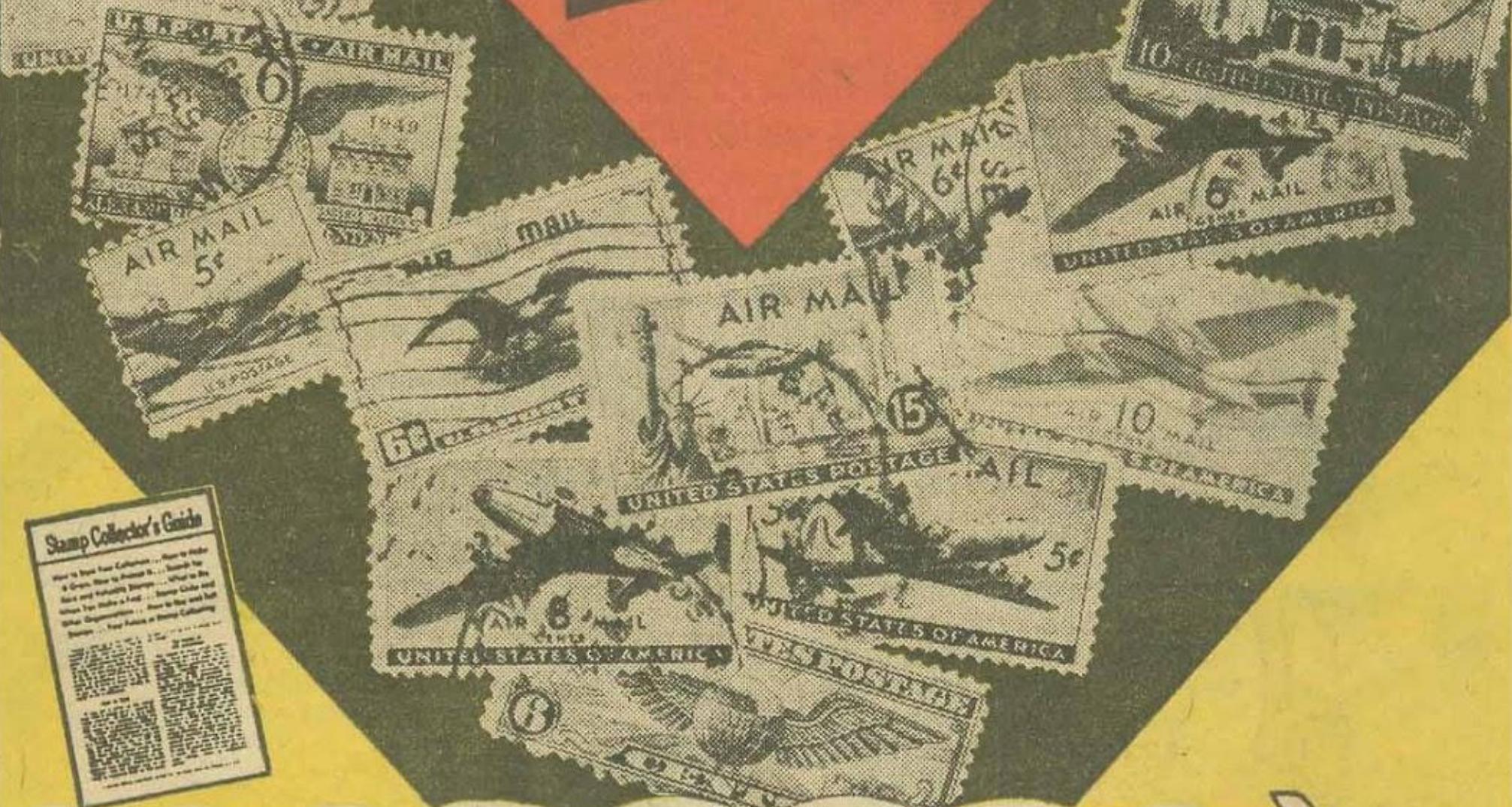
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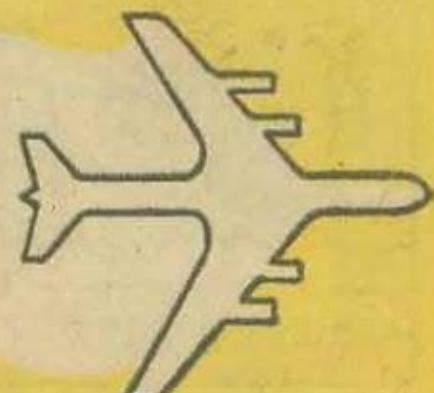
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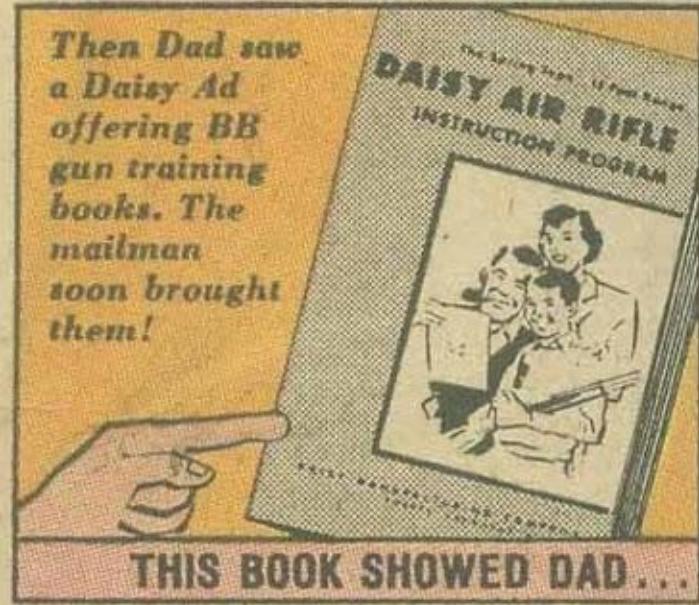
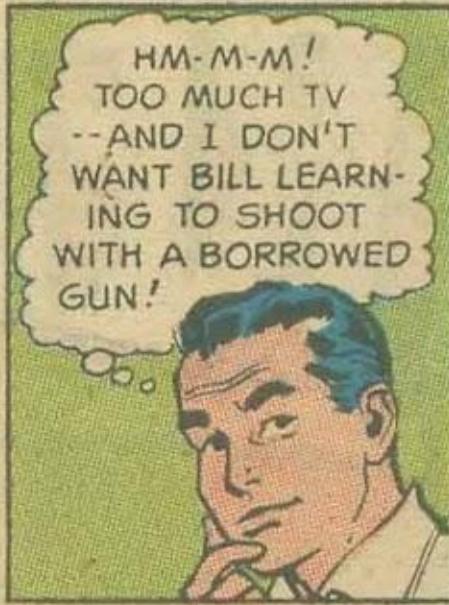
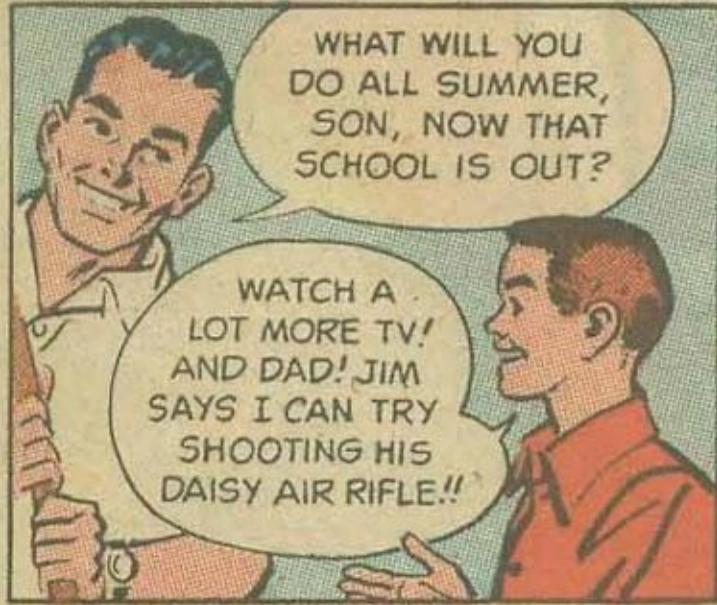
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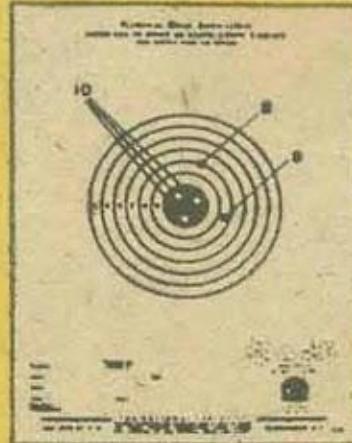
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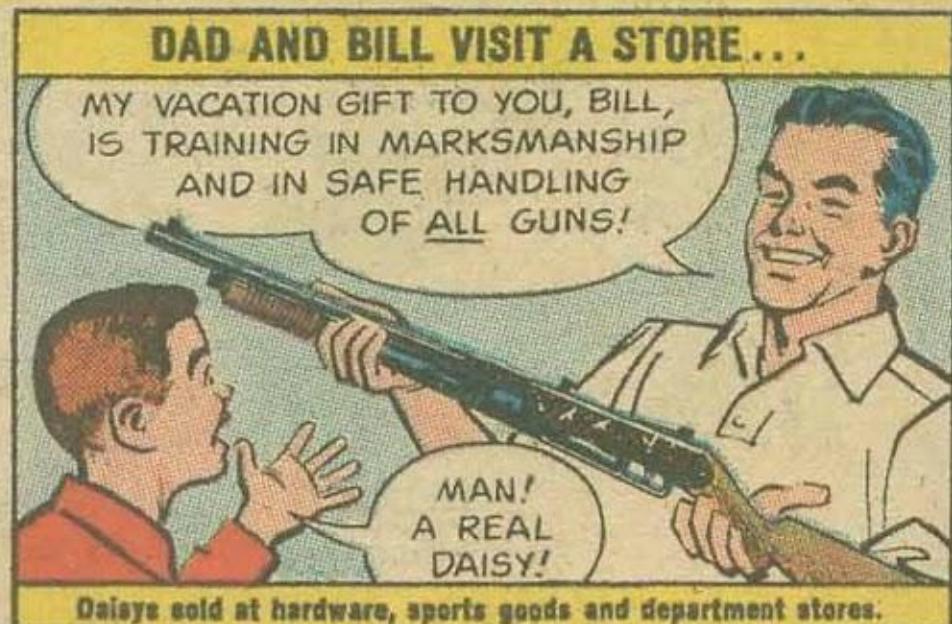
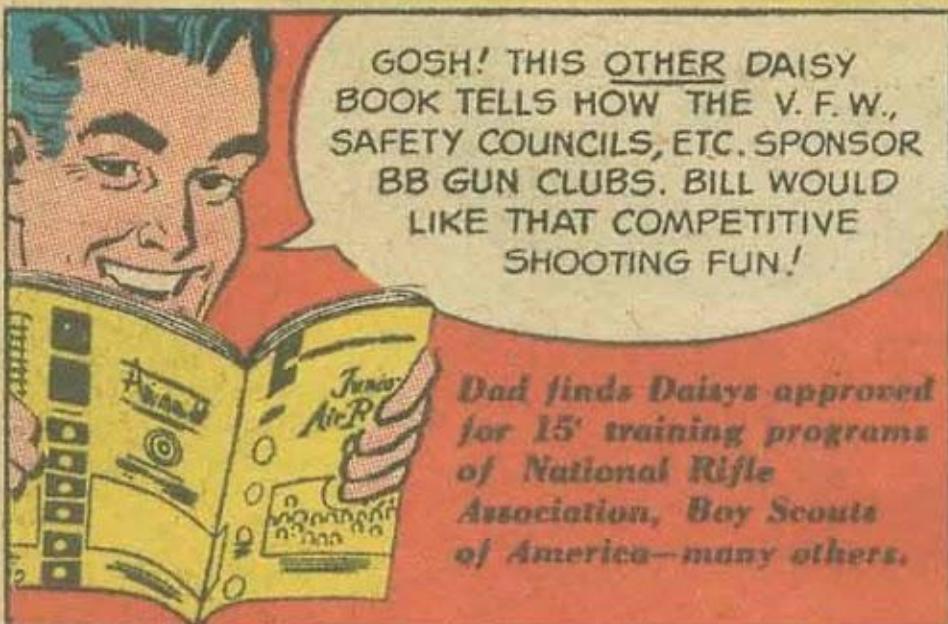


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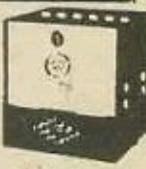
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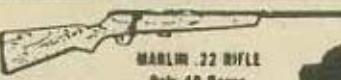
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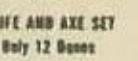
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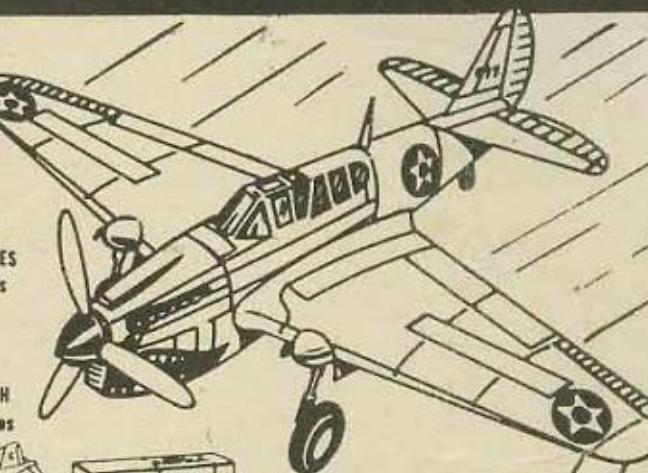
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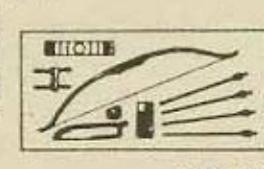
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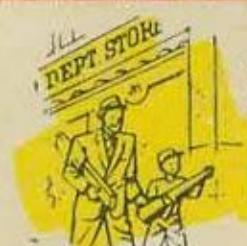
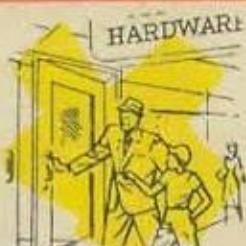
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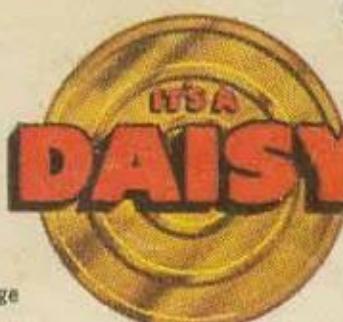
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