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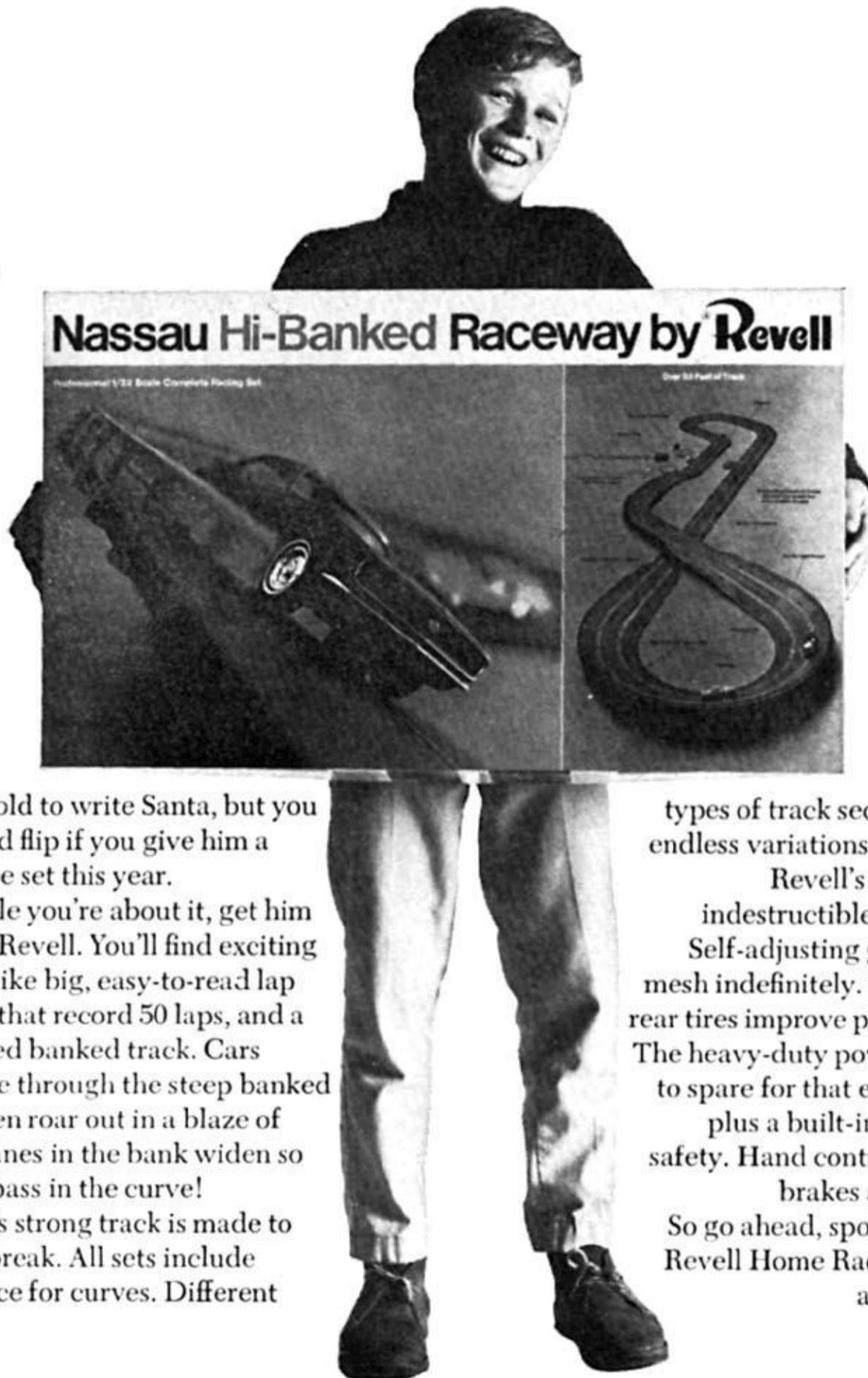
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a **Death for Diana!**

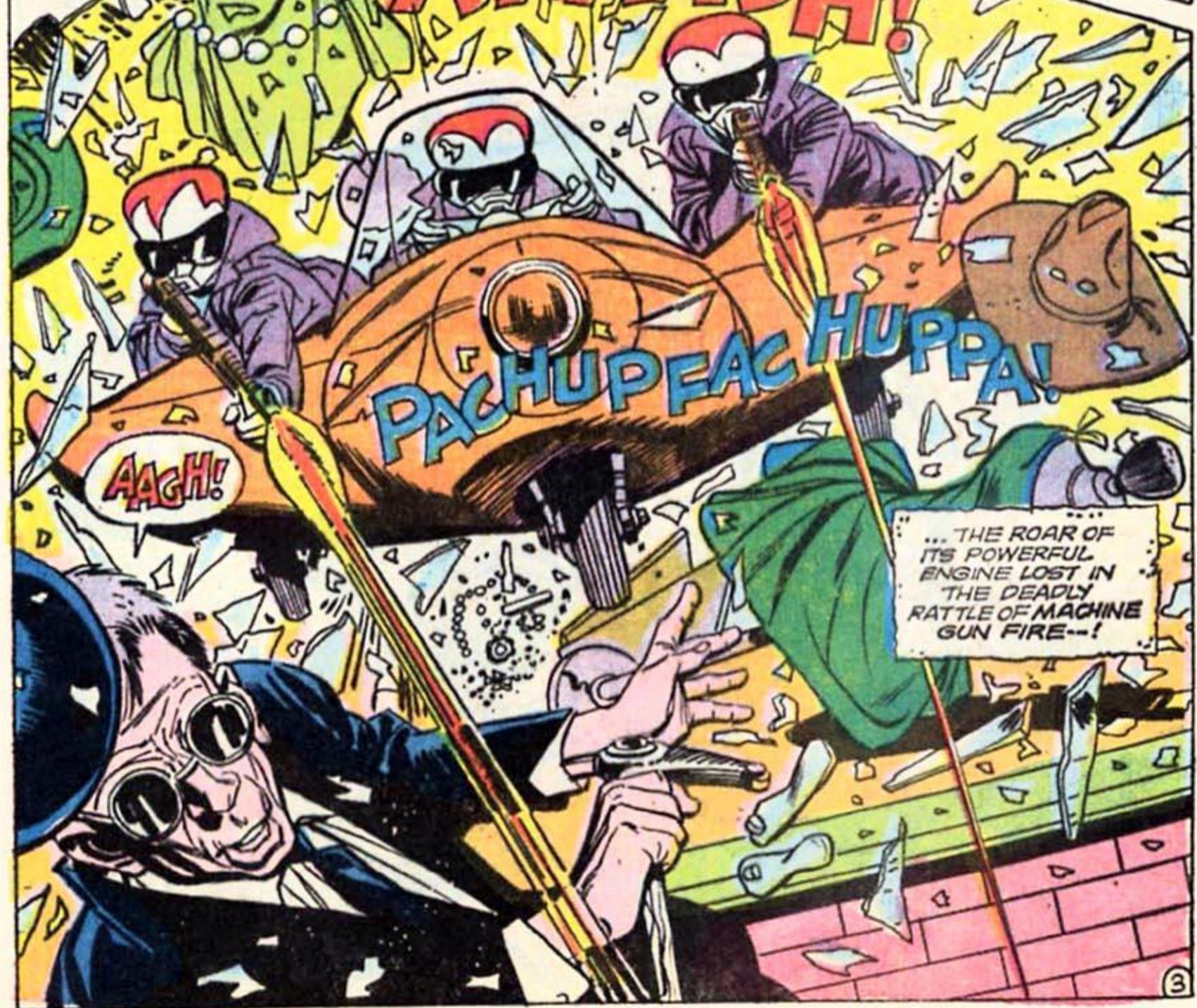
LESS THAN AN HOUR AGO DIANA PRINCE AND CHING SMASHED THE NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS OF THE SINISTER DOCTOR CYBER! NOW, AS THEY MAKE THEIR WAY BACK TO DIANA'S APARTMENT, A TALL, GRIM-VISAGED MAN MOVES AFTER THEM AS STEALTHILY AS A SHADOW...



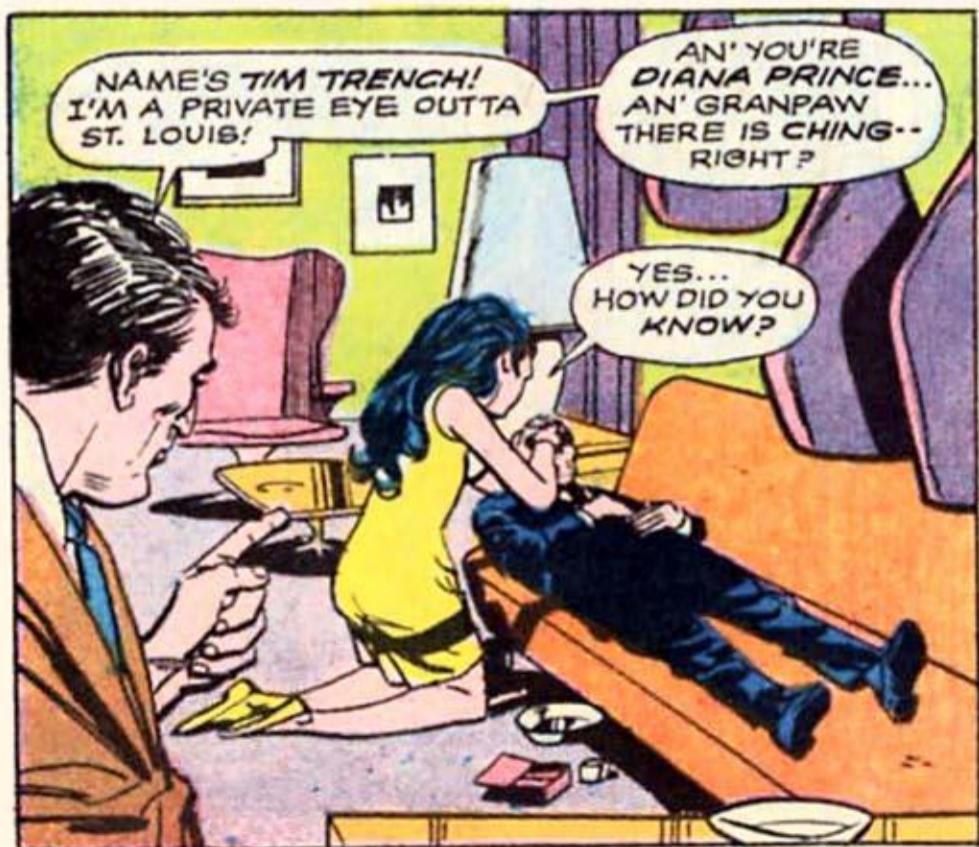
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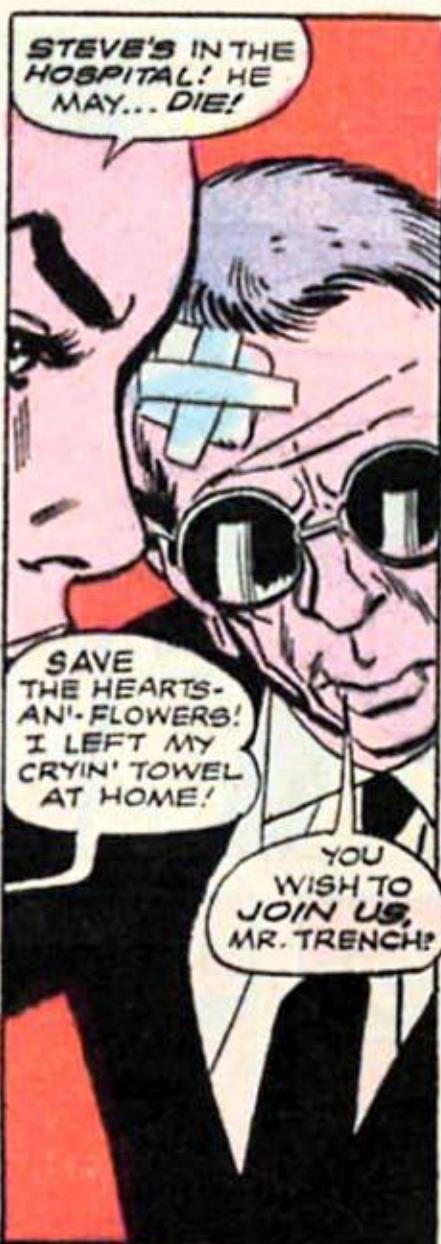
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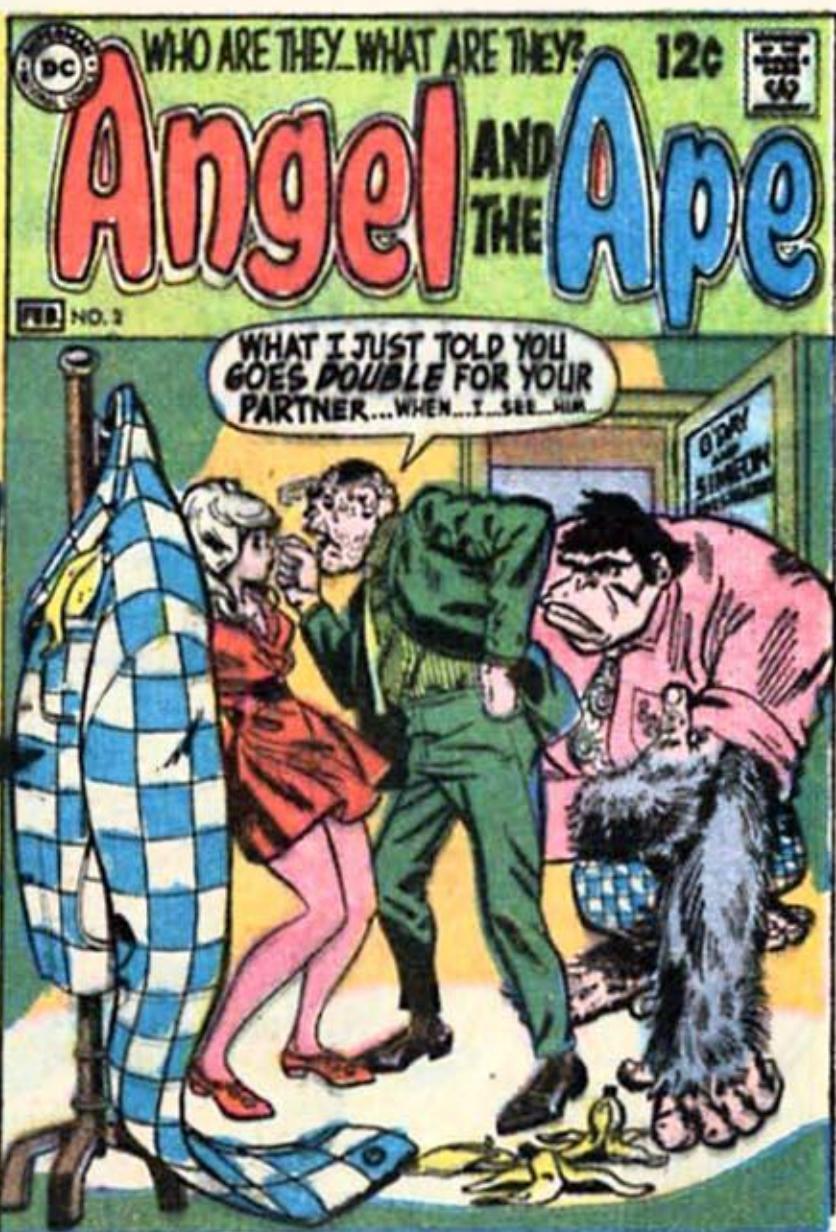




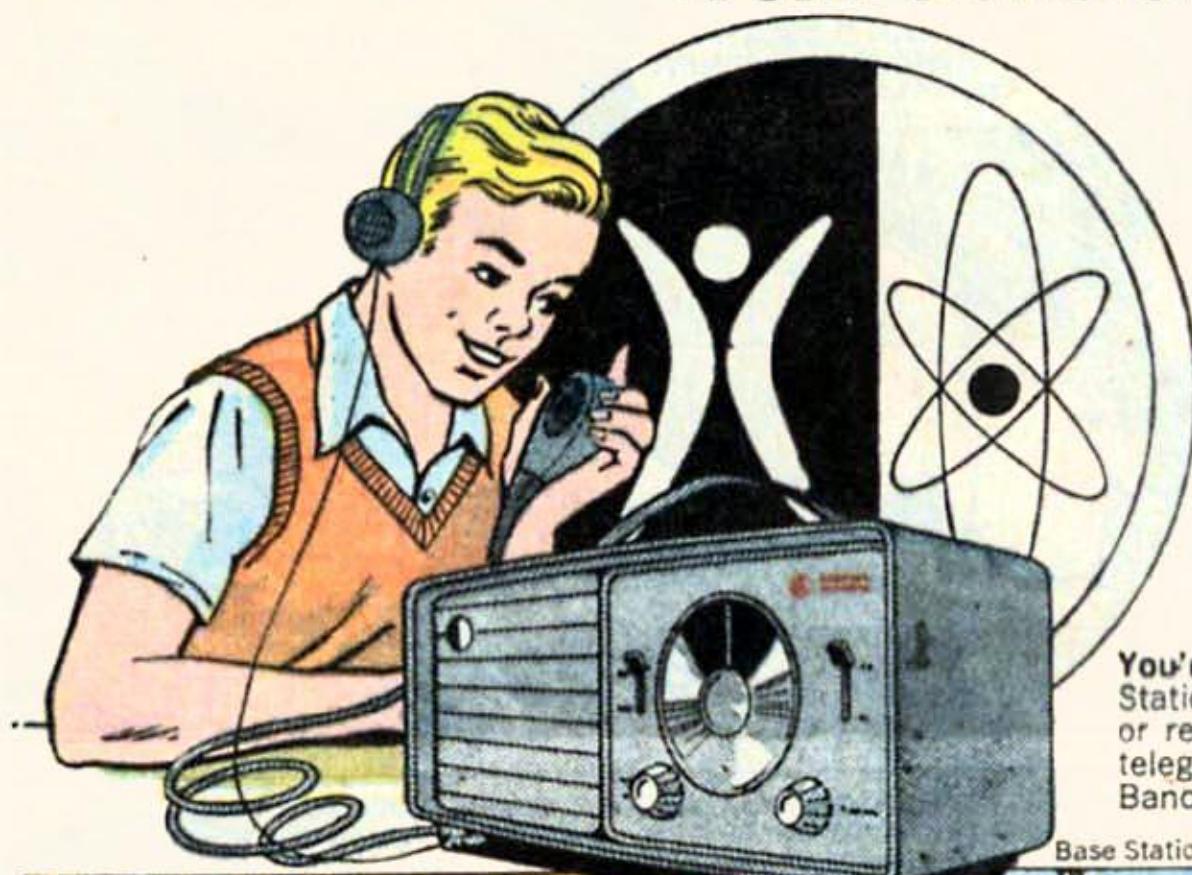




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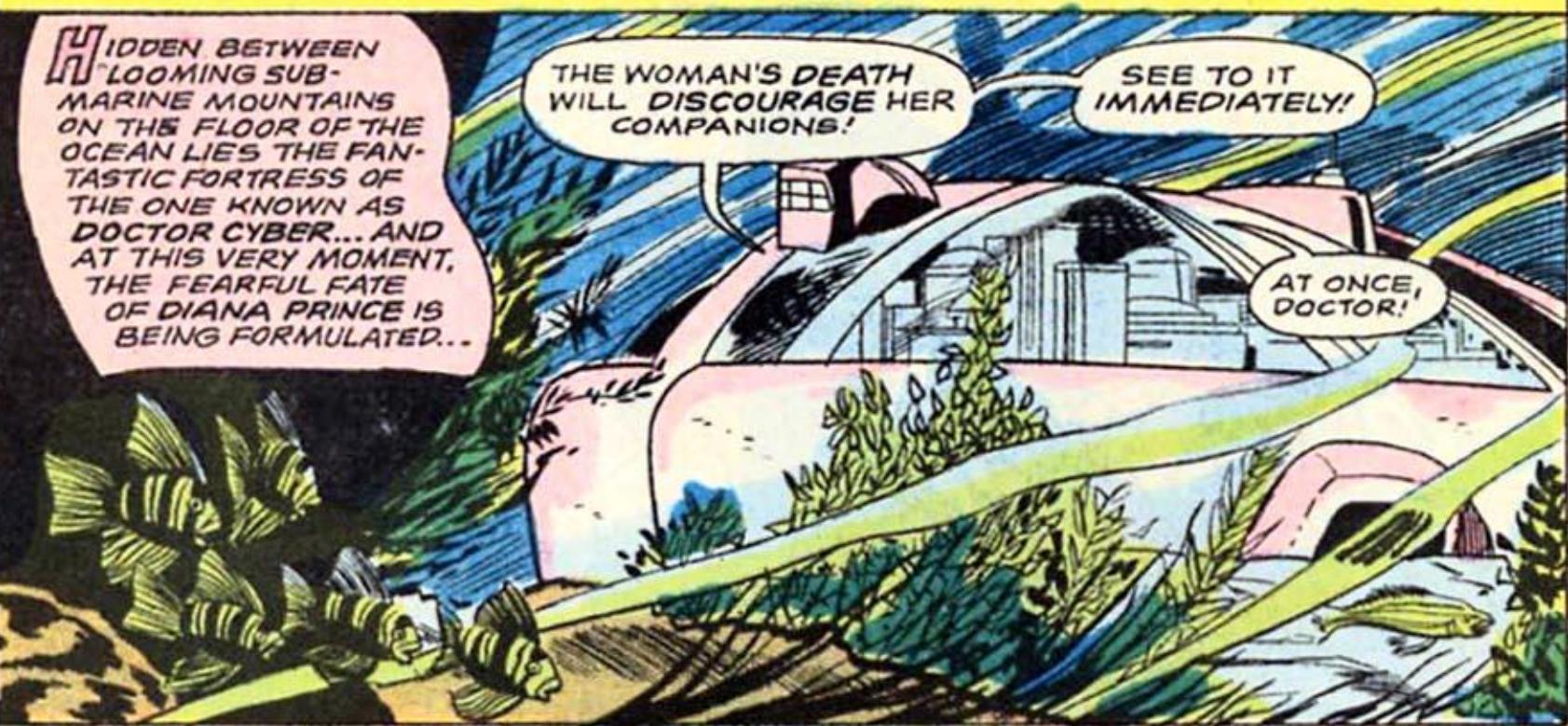
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HIDDEN BETWEEN LOOMING SUB-MARINE MOUNTAINS ON THE FLOOR OF THE OCEAN LIES THE FANTASTIC FORTRESS OF THE ONE KNOWN AS DOCTOR CYBER... AND AT THIS VERY MOMENT, THE FEARFUL FATE OF DIANA PRINCE IS BEING FORMULATED...

THE WOMAN'S DEATH WILL DISCOURAGE HER COMPANIONS!

SEE TO IT IMMEDIATELY!

AT ONCE, DOCTOR!

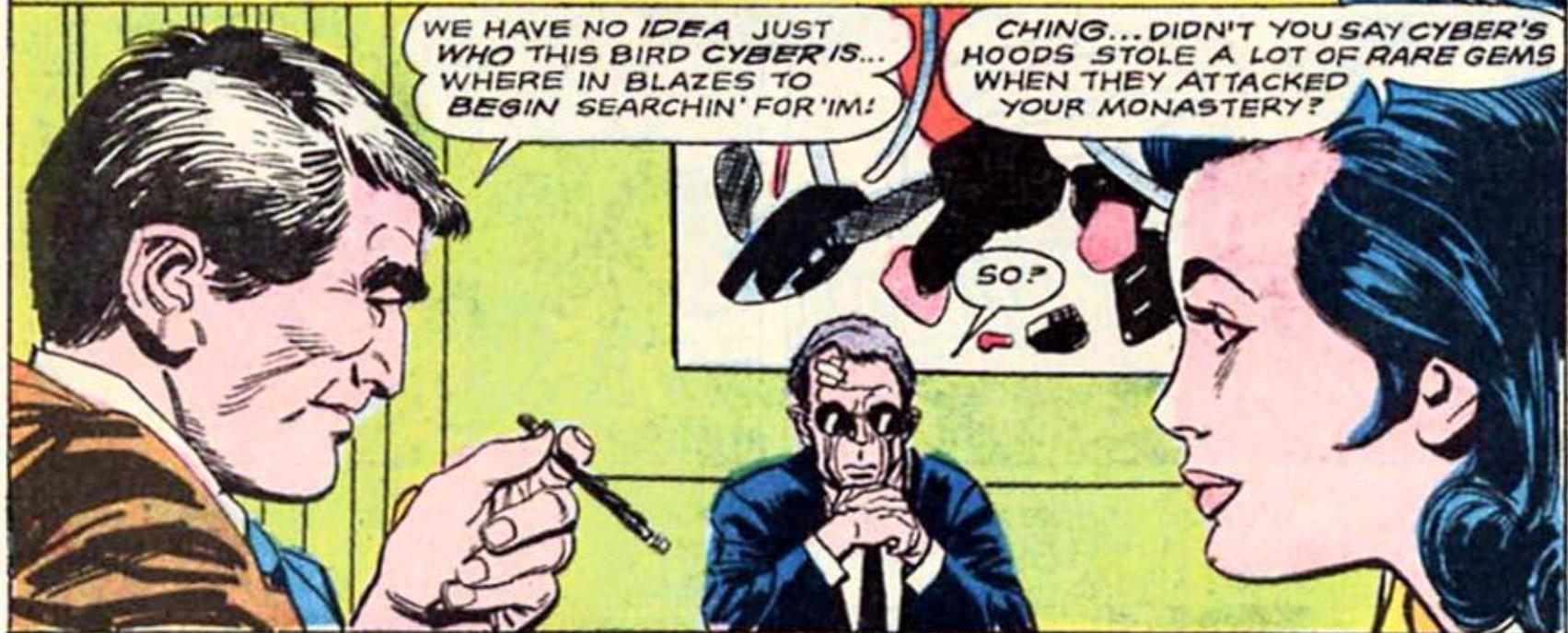


UNAWARE OF HER IMMINENT PERIL, DIANA CONTINUES HER CONVERSATION WITH PRIVATE DETECTIVE TIM TRENCH, AND ORIENTAL MASTER I CHING...

WE HAVE NO IDEA JUST WHO THIS BIRD CYBER IS... WHERE IN BLAZES TO BEGIN SEARCHIN' FOR 'IM!

CHING... DIDN'T YOU SAY CYBER'S HOODS STOLE A LOT OF RARE GEMS WHEN THEY ATTACKED YOUR MONASTERY?

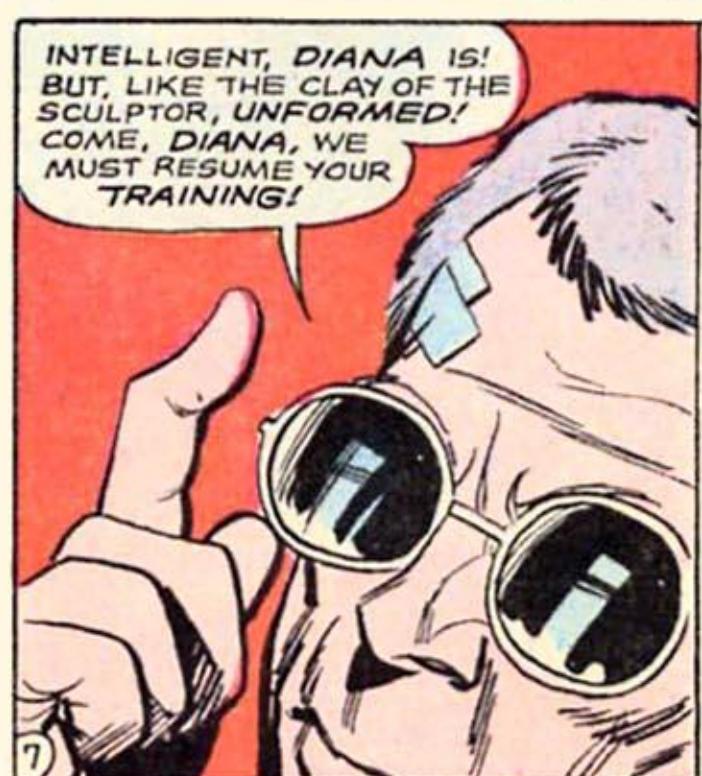
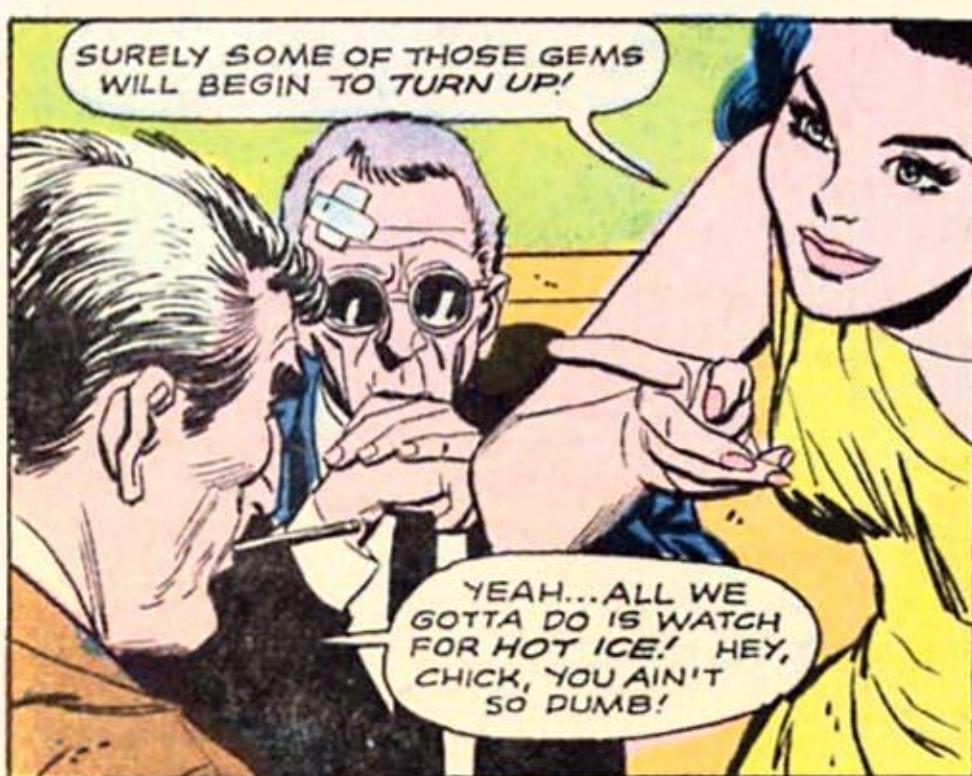
SO?



SURELY SOME OF THOSE GEMS WILL BEGIN TO TURN UP!

YEAH... ALL WE GOTTA DO IS WATCH FOR HOT ICE! HEY, CHICK, YOU AIN'T SO DUMB!

INTELLIGENT, DIANA IS! BUT, LIKE THE CLAY OF THE SCULPTOR, UNFORMED! COME, DIANA, WE MUST RESUME YOUR TRAINING!



AGAIN, IT BEGINS... THE RELENTLESS CONDITIONING -- THE MUSCLE-WRACKING EXERCISES... AS CHING TEACHES HIS EAGER PUPIL ANCIENT SECRETS -- TECHNIQUES WHICH MAKE OF THE HUMAN BODY AN INSTRUMENT OF MORE-THAN-HUMAN POWER...

TIMING IS ESSENTIAL, DIANA!
WAIT UNTIL YOUR OPPONENT MOVES...

USE OF
YOGA BREATH-
CONTROL ENABLES
ONE TO STORE
OXYGEN AS A
CAMEL STORES
WATER!

AND THEN USE HIS
MOMENTUM AGAINST
HIM! RIGHT, CHING?

EMPTY
YOUR MIND!
ONLY THUS CAN
YOU FREE IT
FROM THE PRISON
OF THE FLESH!

ULTIMATELY, YOU
WILL BE ABLE TO SEND
YOUR MIND WHERE
MORTAL FORMS
MAY NOT GO!

AND THEN
TO FINISH...

...A HAMMER
BLOW TO THE
NERVE CENTER
BELOW THE
EAR!

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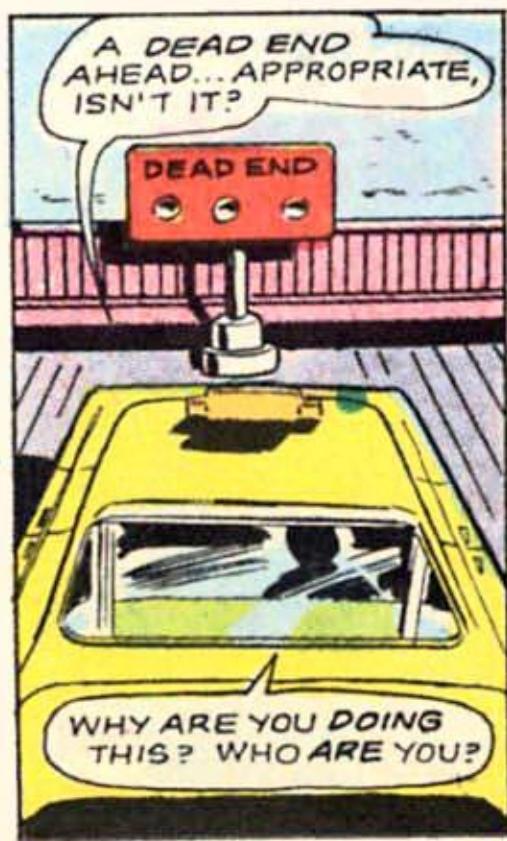
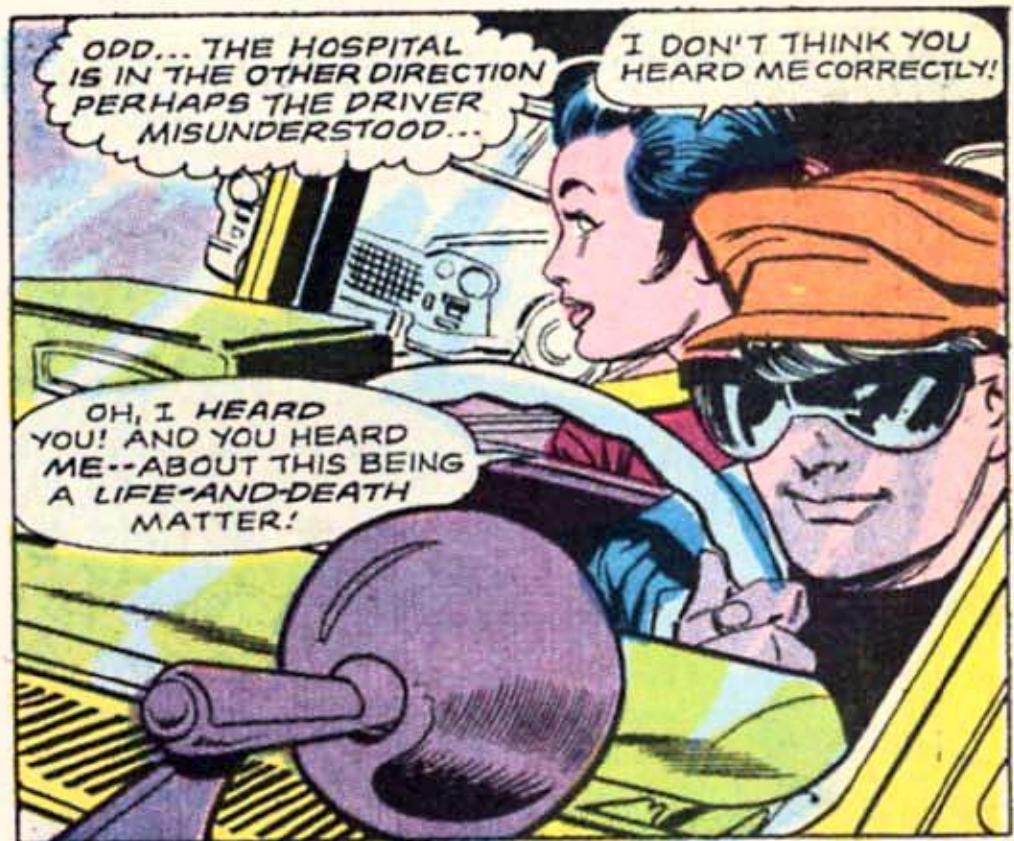
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ALONE
AT LAST!**

**ON SALE
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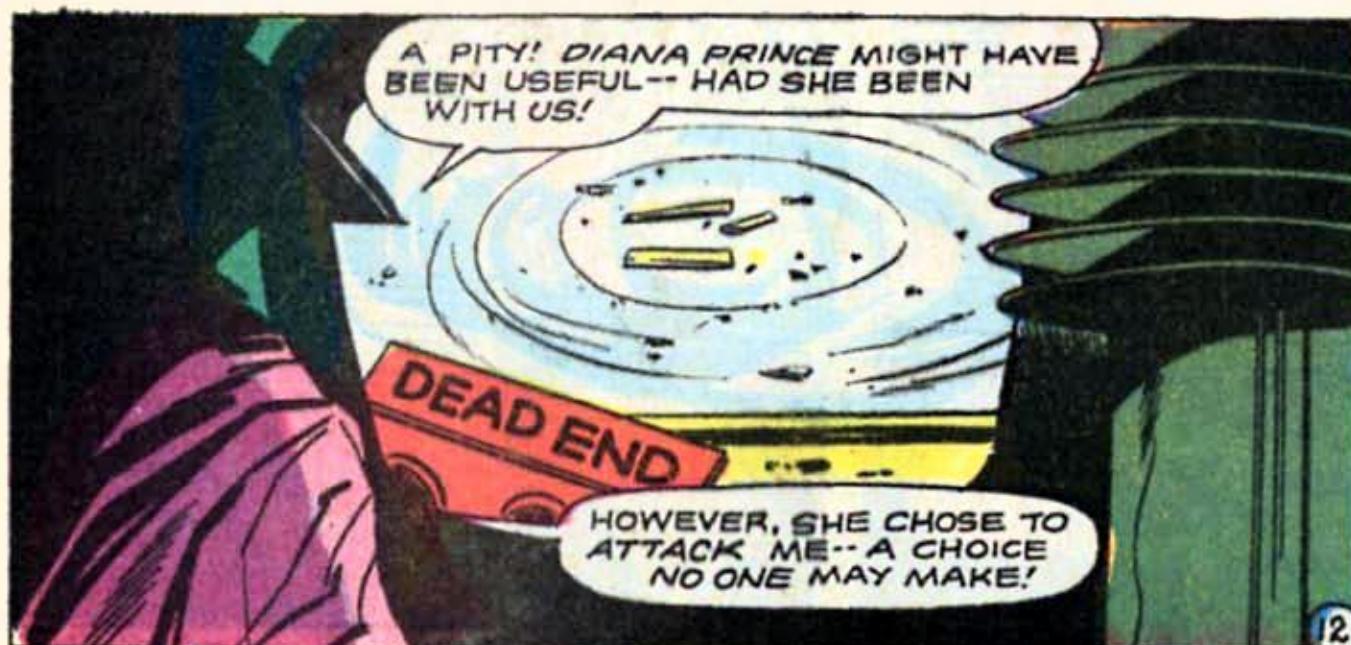
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DIANA'S DESPERATE PLEA IS LOST IN THE SPLINTERING OF THE BARRIER... THE TAXI HURLES OFF THE PIER, HANGS SUSPENDED IN THE AIR FOR A MOMENT, AND THEN...



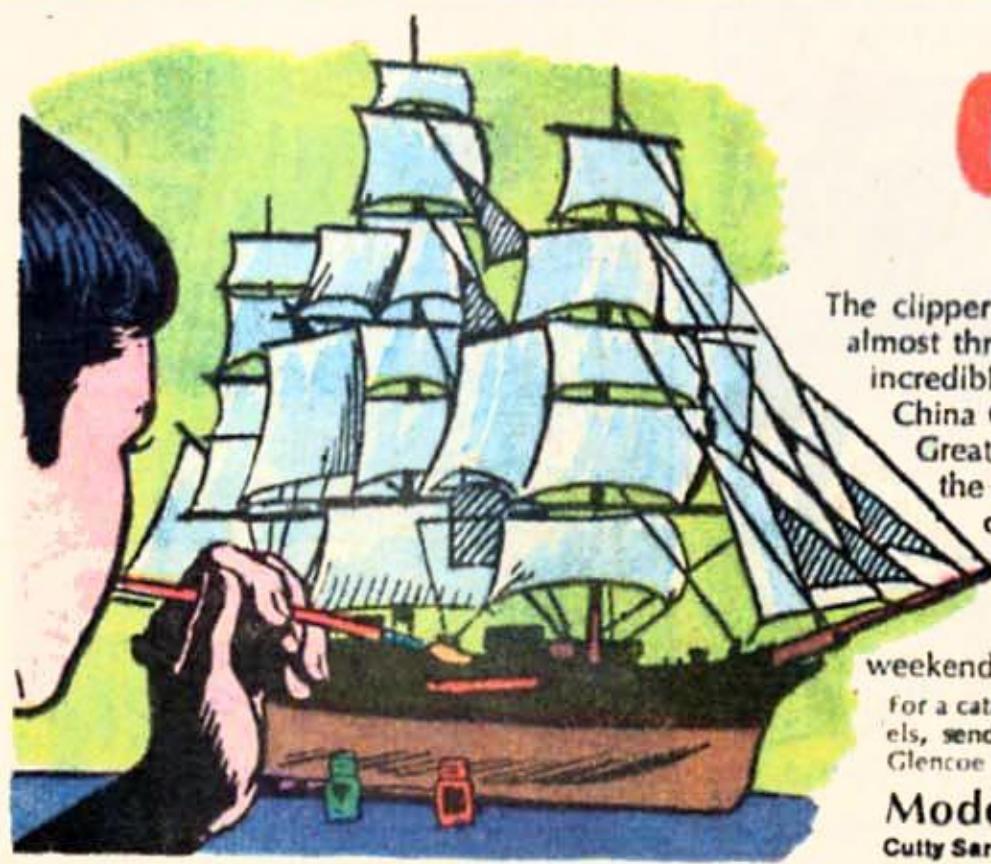
A MINUTE PASSES... TWO... SILENTLY, THE RIPPLES FADE AS THE DIRTY RIVER BECOMES A ... GRAVE!

MOURN DIANA'S PASSING ON THE 3RD PAGE FOLLOWING...

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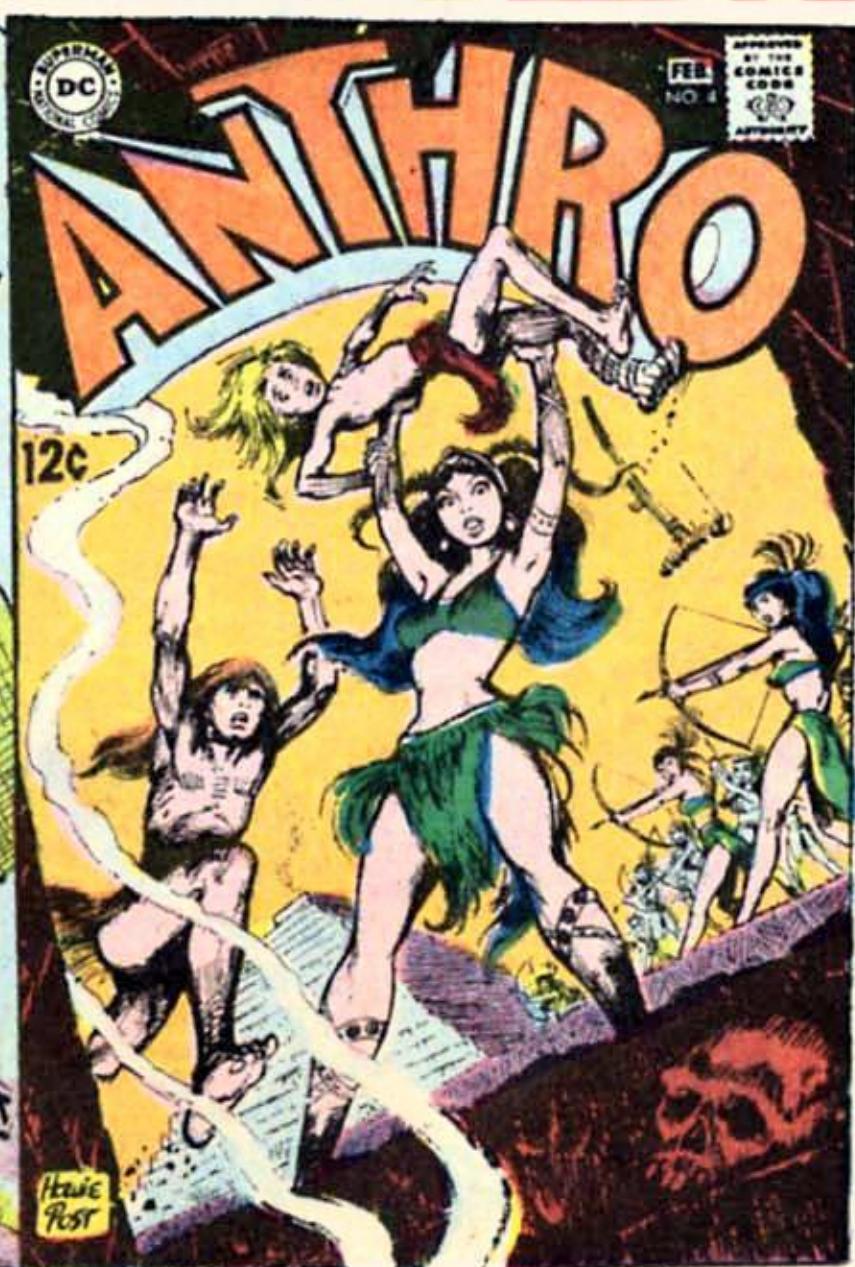
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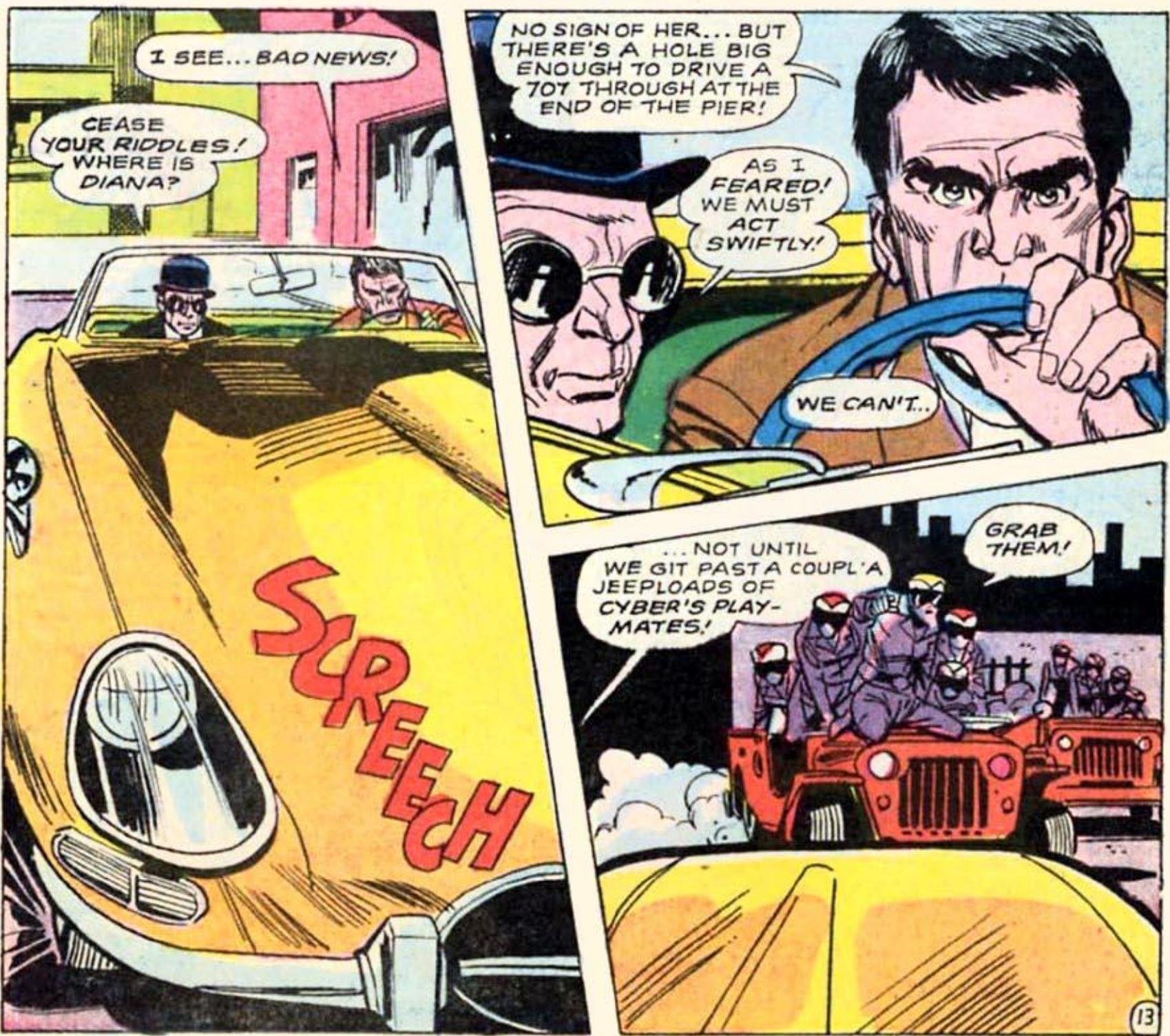
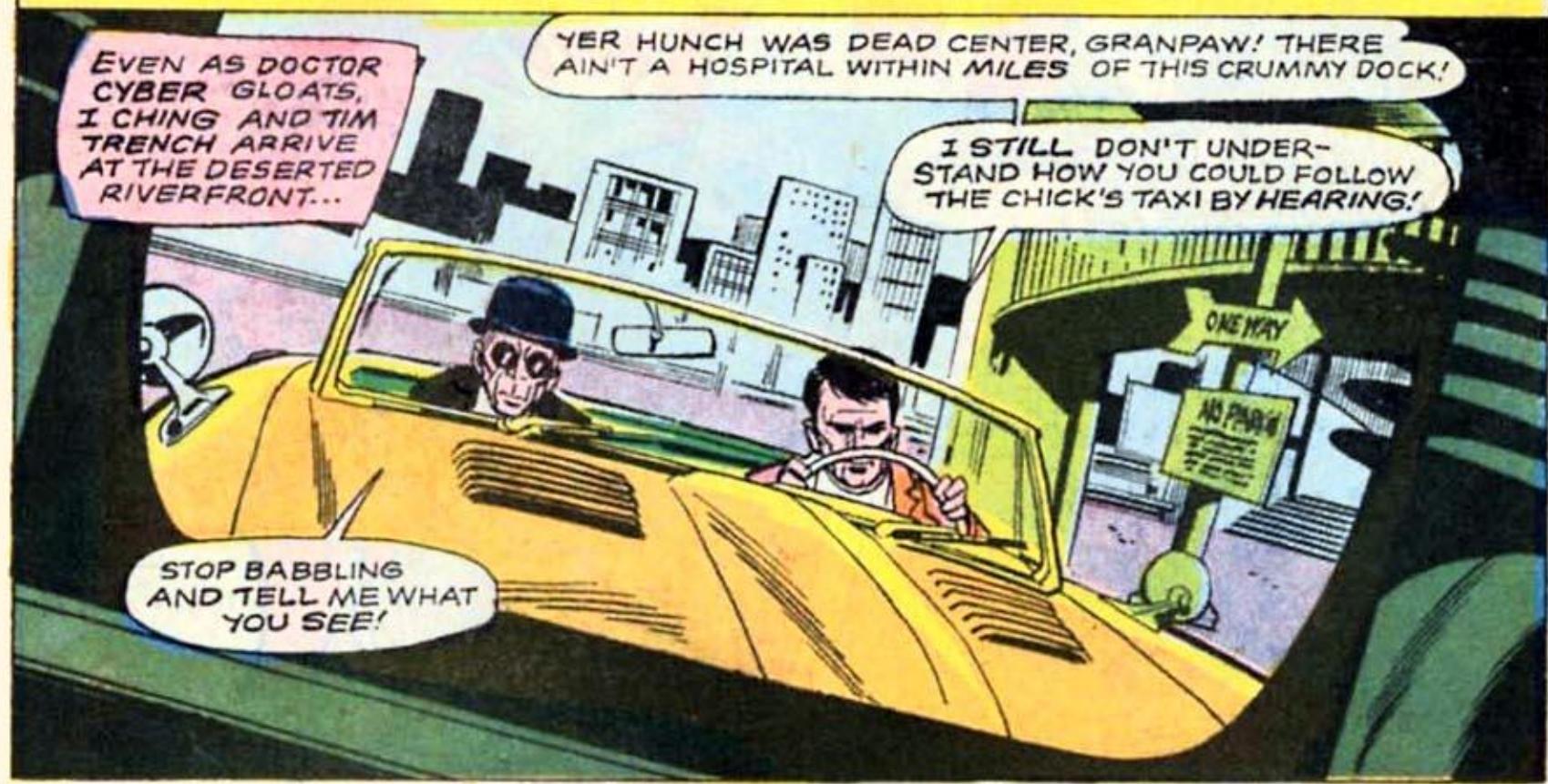
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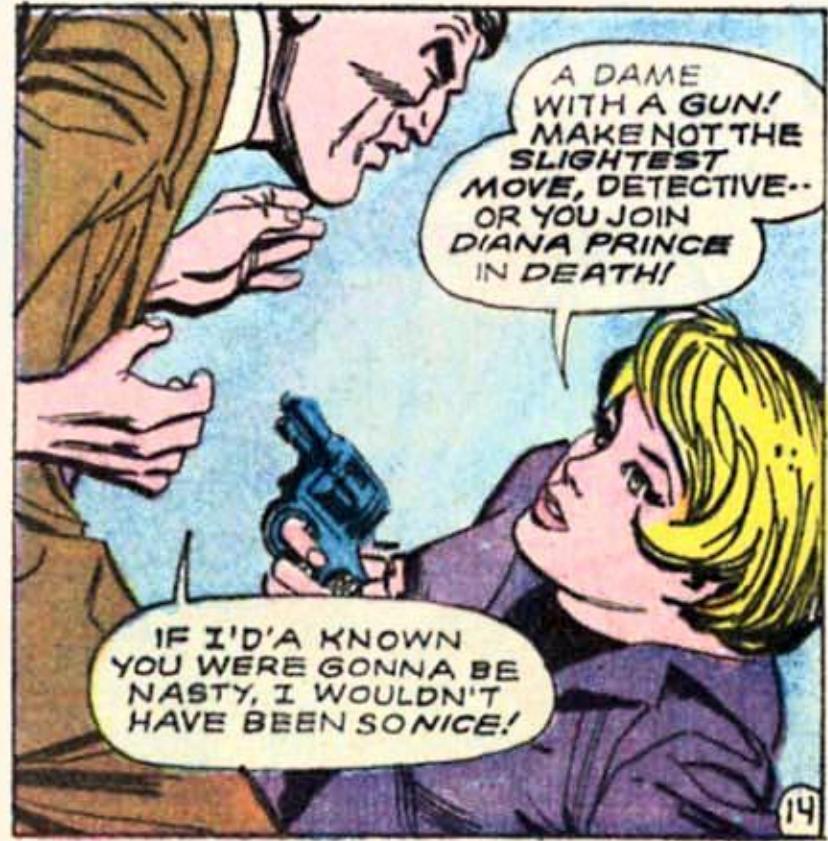
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**SEE IT LIKE IT WAS
AND PUT YOURSELF...
TO THE TEST!!**

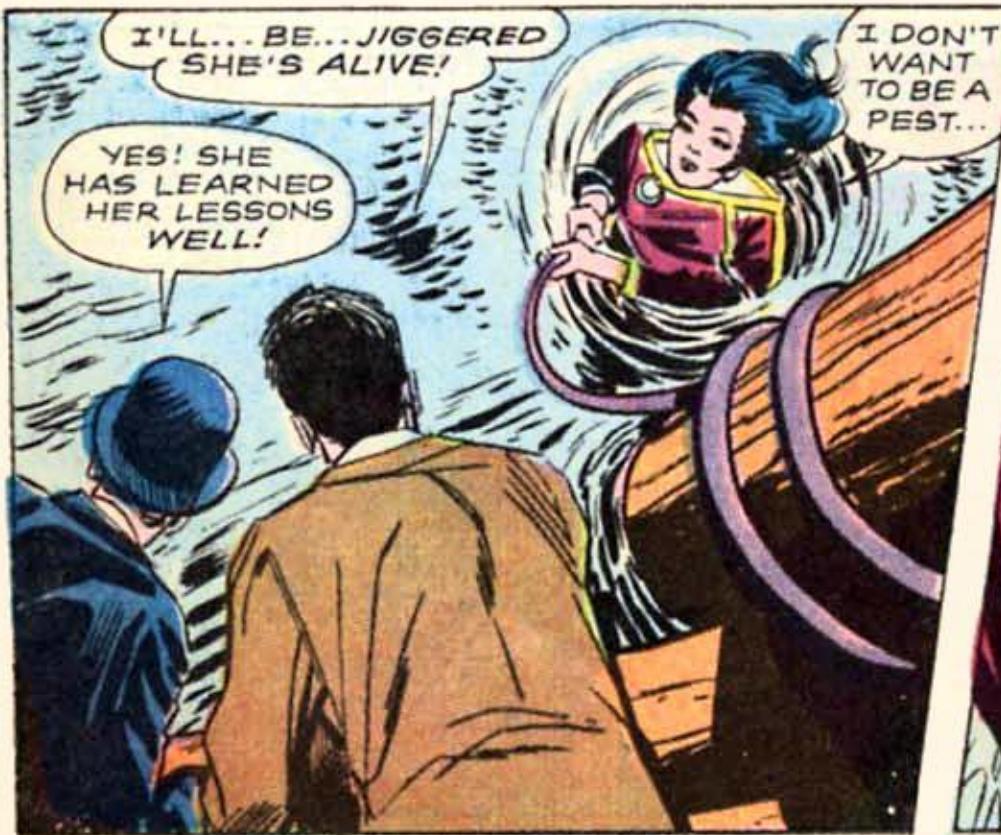
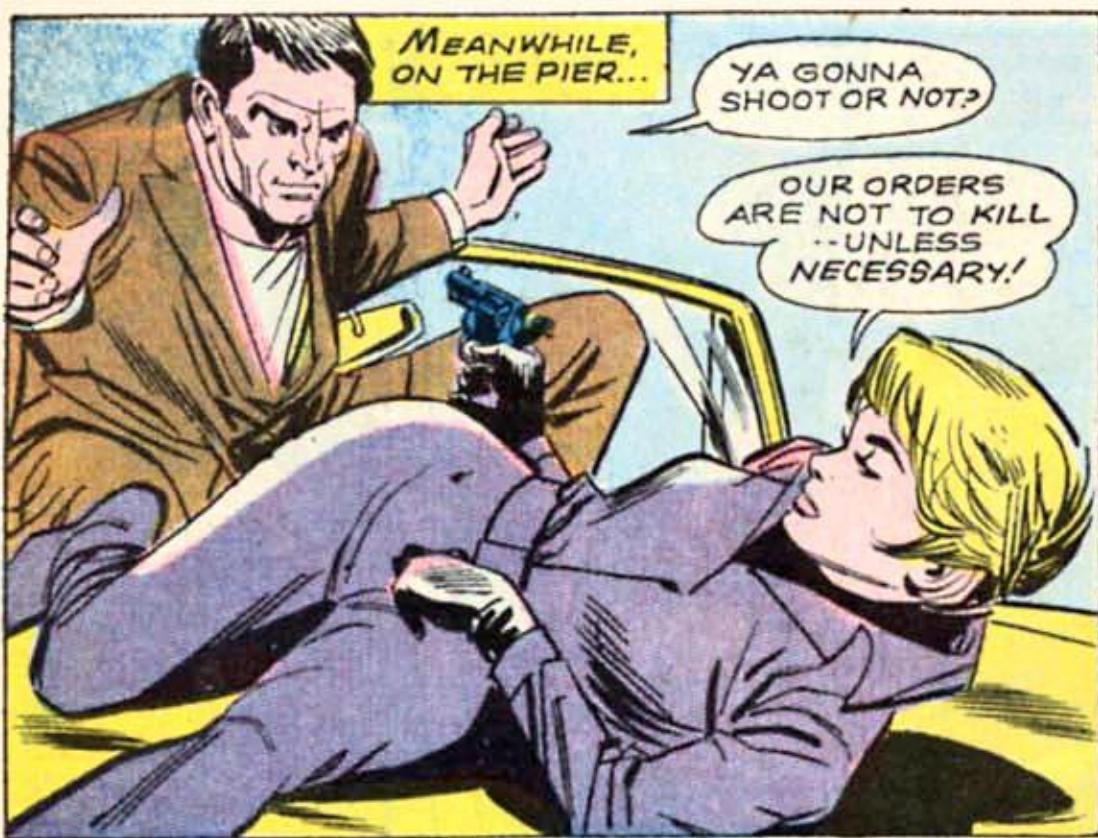


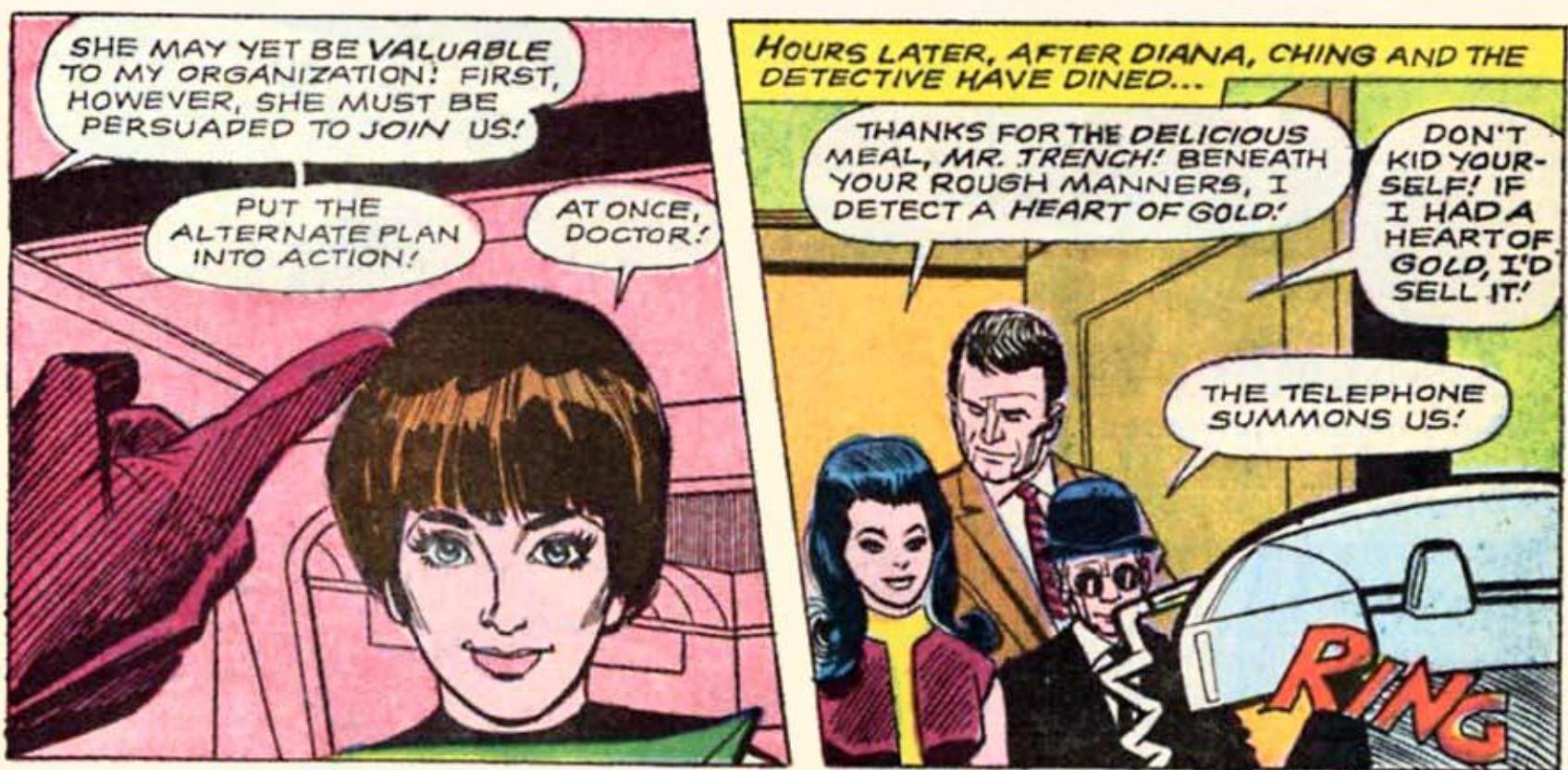
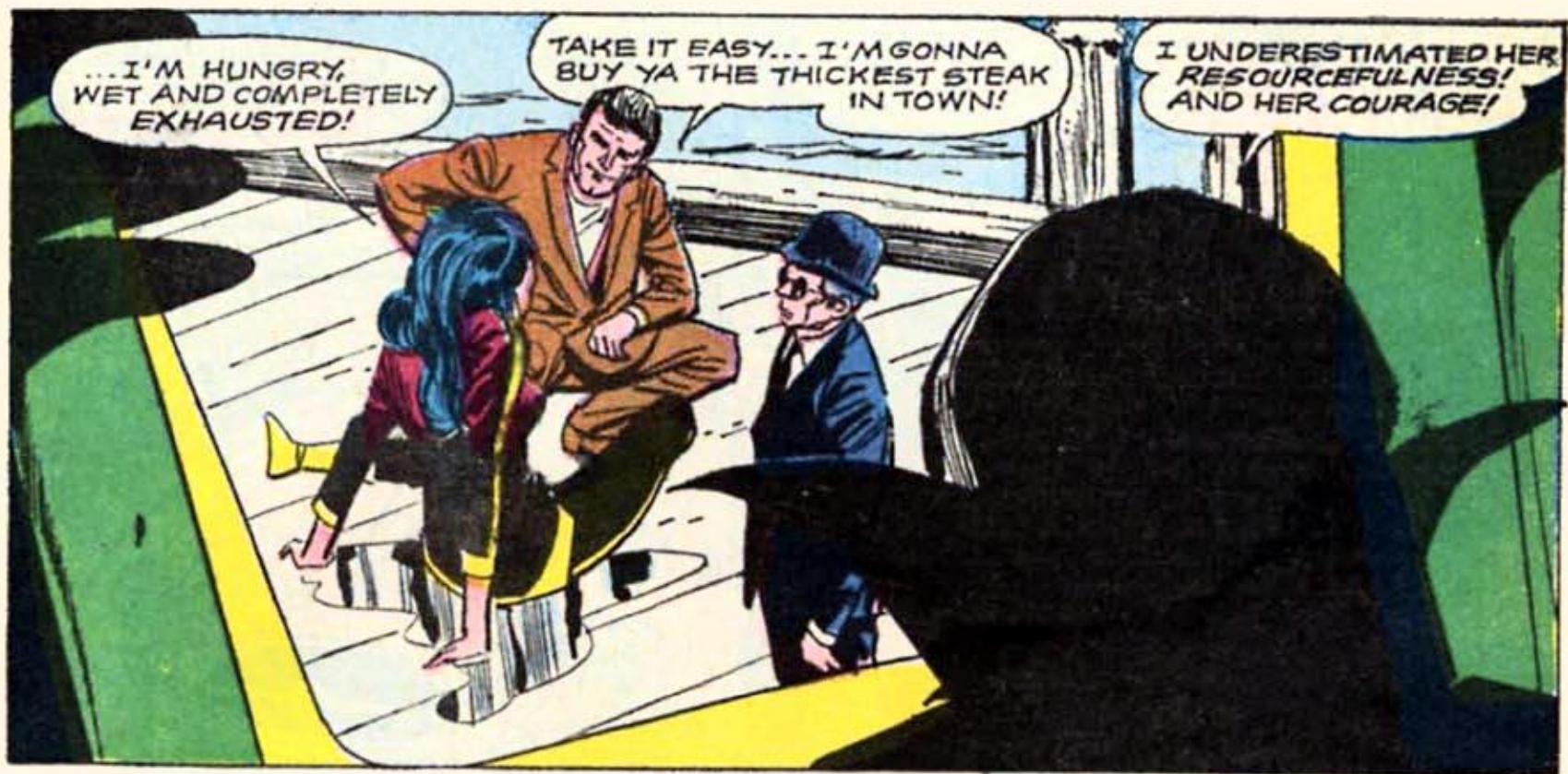
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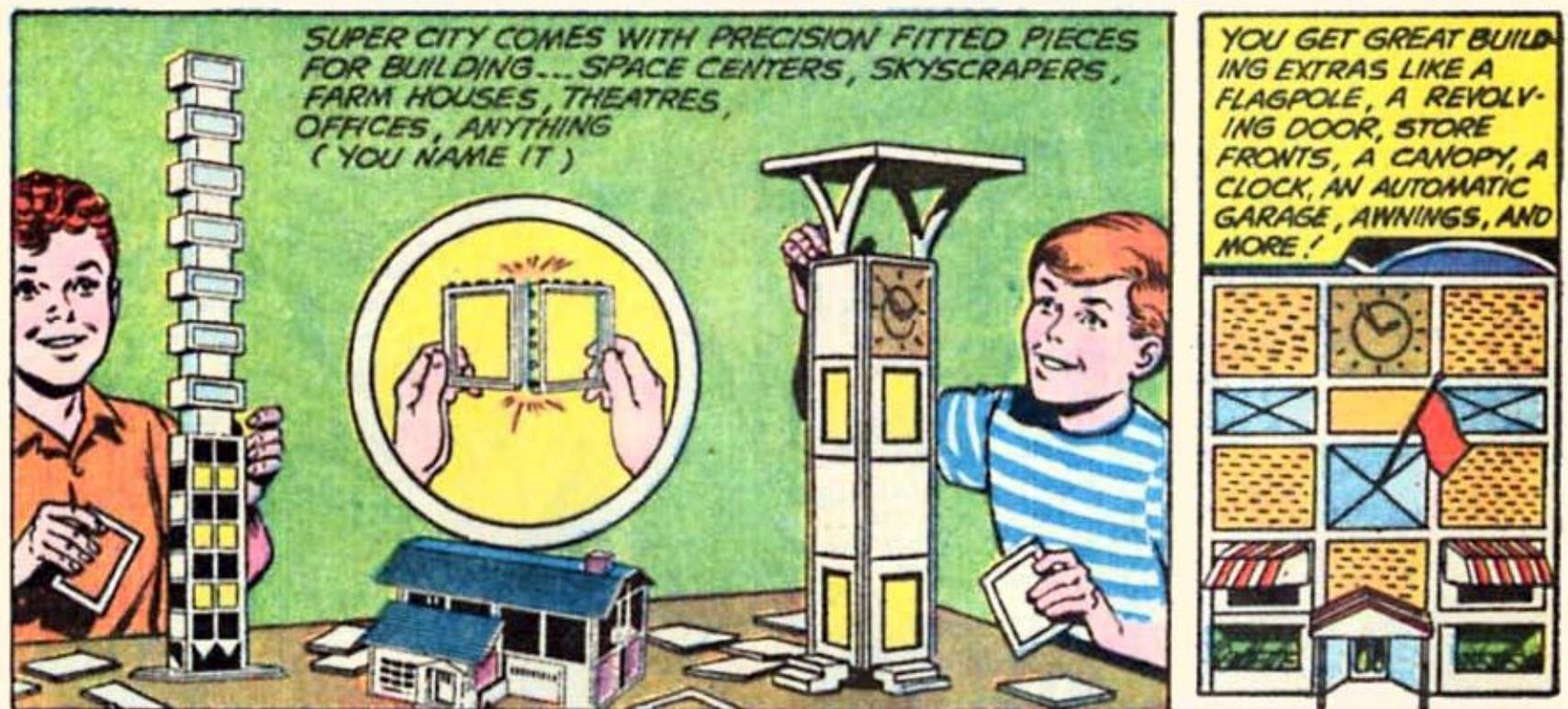




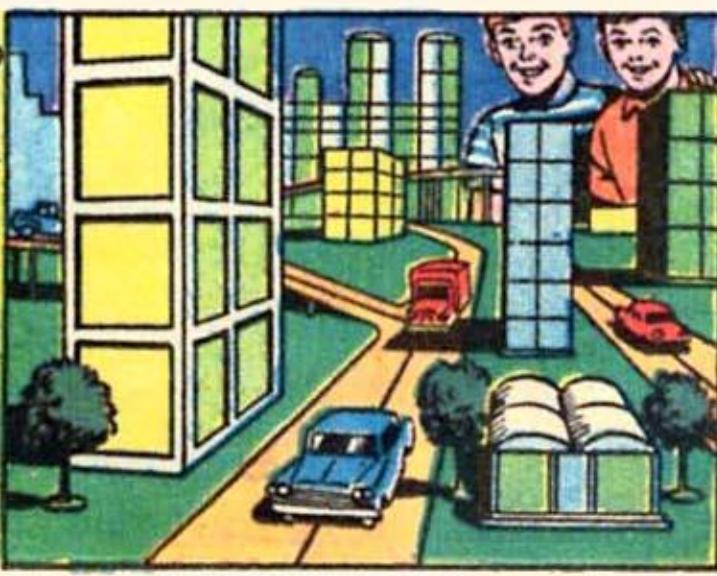


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NOBODY AROUND!
YA THINK THAT CALL
WAS A GAG?

IT'S SO
DARK,
CHING!
YOU'D
BETTER
GUIDE
US!

I'VE SEEN
LIVELIER
TOMBS!

I WISH YOU
WOULDN'T TALK
ABOUT THINGS
LIKE THAT...

SUDDENLY...

GO BACK!
GET OUT OF
HERE!

YOU'RE WALKING
INTO A TRA...
AAGH!

GOOD
LORD...
STEVE!

SOMEBODY'S MAKING
WITH A TOMMY GUN!
HIT THE FLOOR!

CYBER'S MOB
SNATCHED ME FROM
THE HOSPITAL...



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WITH INHUMAN STRENGTH AND SWIFTNESS, SHE SWEEPS THROUGH HER ENEMIES...

SWOK!

BAFF!

MOMENTS LATER,
CHING REACHES
THE SCENE...

DIANA! LET ME
ASSIST YOU!

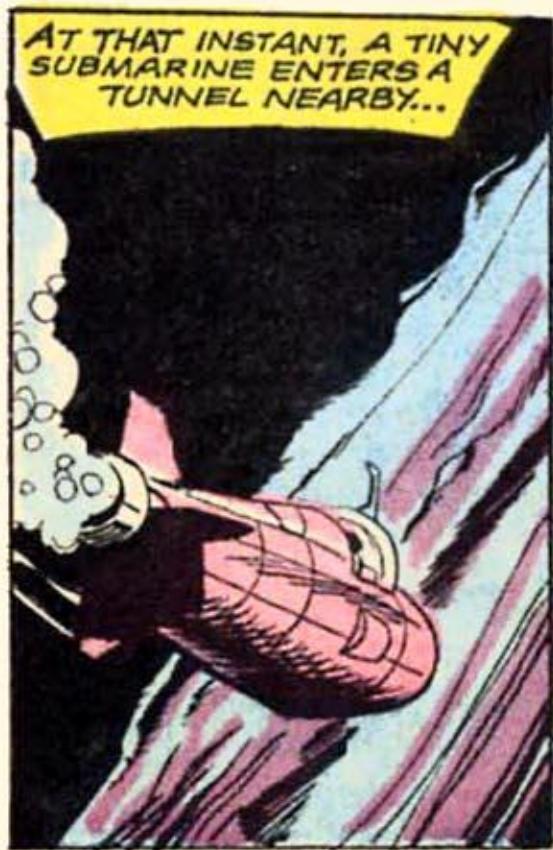
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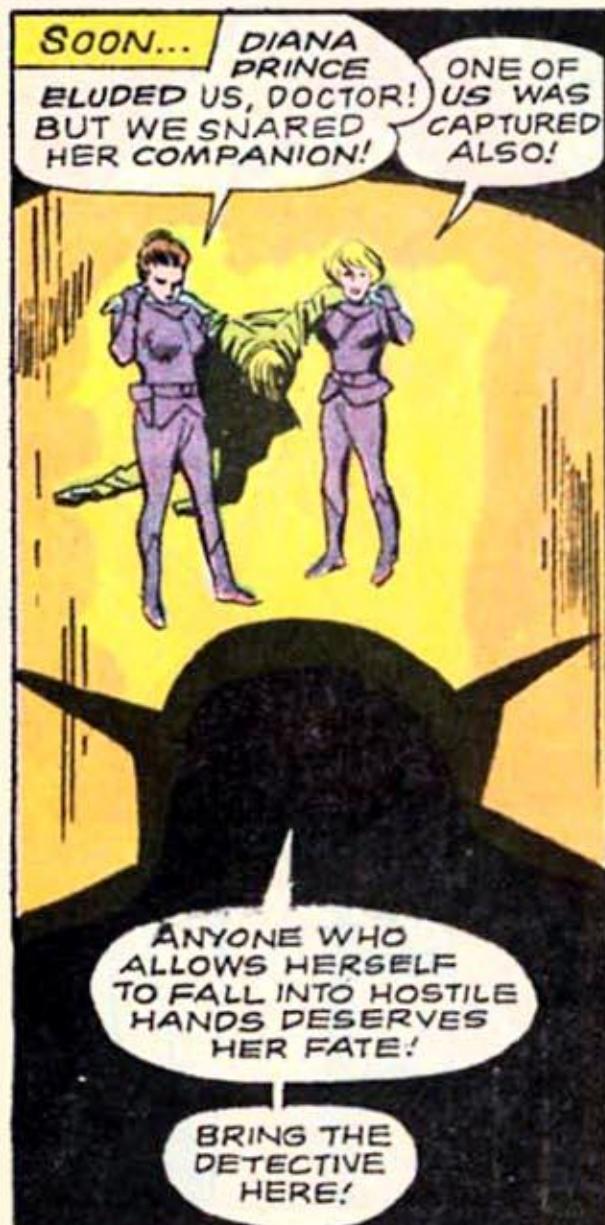
WE HAVE UNDER-
ESTIMATED THEM--
BADLY! FLEE!

...AND THE CORRIDOR IS FILLED
WITH A STINGING, CHOKING
CLOUD OF GAS!

CYBER'S MINIONS FLING A TINY
CAPSULE TO THE STONE FLOOR...

AN AGONIZING
MINUTE
PASSES! WHEN
DIANA CAN
ONCE MORE
SEE CLEARLY...





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FROM
BEGINNING to END!

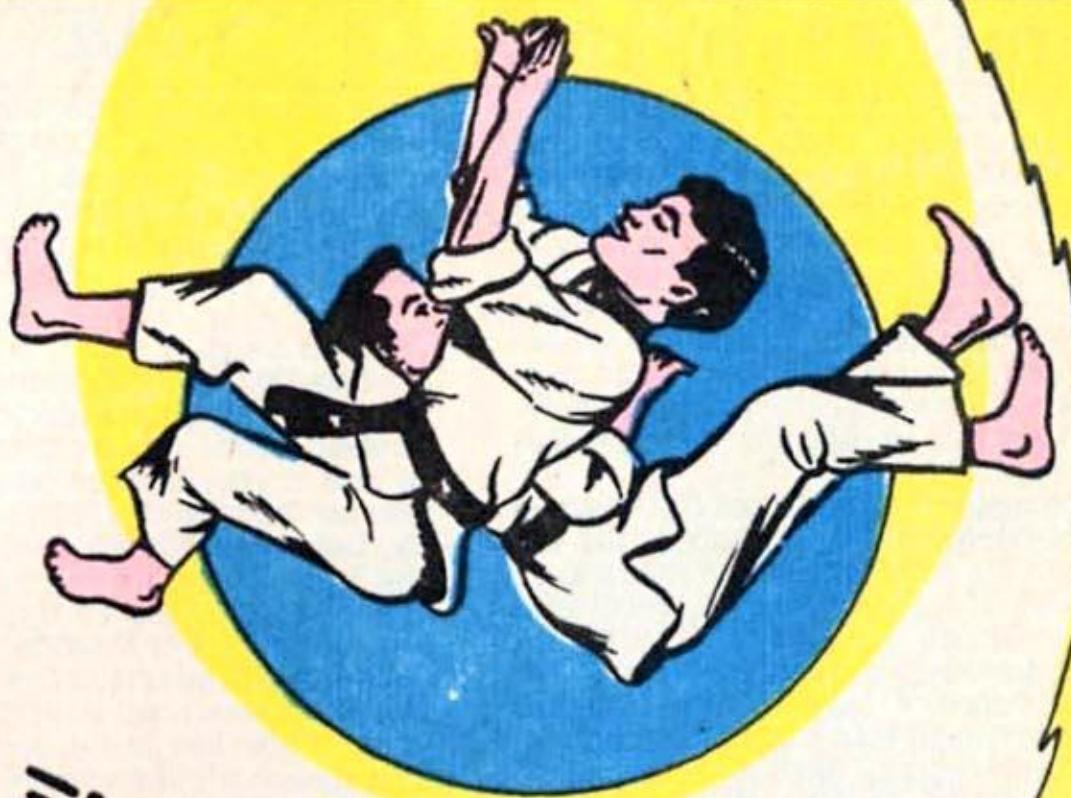




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WHO EVER HEARD OF JAY SCOTT PIKE?!

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It was a simple matter for me to get the answers to my questions, however, I didn't expect the answers to be quite so embarrassing to me, and to fandom in general. The reason for the embarrassment lies in a prejudice that is shared by almost all members of fandom, and probably one that they're not even aware of. Despite their protestations about respecting all forms of comic strip art, most fans wouldn't be caught dead looking through a girl's romance comic, much less buying one. That's unfortunate because Jay Scott Pike has been turning out some great art-jobs for the DC romance line over the last decade, and this artist's work has gone virtually unnoticed by fans. I don't expect a great surge of fans buying romance comics, that deep a prejudice is hard to shake; but I do expect many fans will be buying the **Dolphin** adventure strip in SHOWCASE, and once they've seen his artwork, I think a talented artist is going to get some long overdue praise.

COMICON NEWS •

Although all previous Comicons sponsored by The Academy Of Comic Art Fans And Collectors have been traditionally held during the summer months, this year's function has been scheduled to coincide with the Thanksgiving Holiday. The 1968 Academy Con will commence on November 29th and continue thru the first of December.

As usual, New York City is to be the convention site, and con-attendees will be predominantly from the metropolitan area. However, because this locale is also the heart of the comic book publishing business many comic strip artists, writers, and editors are able to attend and, consequently, fans from all areas of the country travel to New York to attend these Comicons hoping to meet and talk with some of their favorite writers and artists.

The admission fee for the full three days of the Con will be \$4.00. The program will include panel discussions, and exhibits of original artwork and rare, old, Golden Age comics, as well as other events. There will also be a Dealer's Room where Golden Age and more recent comics will be for sale or trade. For further details send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: David Kaler, P.O. Box 392, Cooper Station, New York 10003.

QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION •

Q: Whatever happened to: Metamorpho, Dial H for Hero, Plastic Man, Rip Hunter... Time Master, Secret Origins, House Of Secrets, Sea Devils, etc., etc., etc. . . . ?

— From various letters.

A: All of the above titles and strips have been discontinued, for one reason or another. The factors that affect the cancellation of strips are varied and complicated, but I'll try to explain some of the reasons in the answer to this next letter . . .

Q: Dear Inquiring Fanatic,
Can you please try to get SUPERGIRL and ROBIN into their own comics? In fact, National said SUPERGIRL would have her own comic this year. ROBIN has been around since the 1930's and SUPER-

GIRL since 1959. True, SUPERGIRL has her own feature in ACTION COMICS, but even this, including guest appearances in other DC mags, is not enough. ROBIN doesn't even have as much as SUPERGIRL does and he's been around much longer.

— From Barry Lee Zlochower, Bronx, New York.

A: Dear Barry,

It's true that DC had planned to give SUPERGIRL her own book, but that project has been temporarily shelved. Whenever a project has to be suspended, or one of your favorite comics ceases publication, you can be sure that it has not been done arbitrarily, but only after much discussion and review of the facts. There are many factors that decide the fate of a strip, and I'll try to explain some of the most important of them to you.

The most important factor, of course, is sales. If a title doesn't sell enough copies to make a profit, that title has to be dropped. However, sometimes even profit-making titles must be canceled. Often the writer or artist for a strip may be busy with other assignments and unable to do the scripting or artwork for that strip. Sometimes an editor may be forced to drop a title because he finds that he can not handle so many books on his schedule. Or it may simply be that there are not enough people to handle production chores such as lettering, proofreading, corrections or coloring. The last time I looked at DC's production schedule they were publishing 53 titles, with several other new books in the works. An awful lot of hard work has to go into keeping up a schedule like that.

Another very important factor, that probably even the best informed of fans know nothing of, is the matter of "press time." Comic books are printed on huge four-color presses. (To give you an idea of just how huge these presses are, the press must first be built and then have the building in which it will be housed built around it because individual pieces of the press are far too large to get through any door.) Several companies and publications use these presses, and each comic has only an allotted amount of time in which it can be run through the press to be printed. Because there is a limited "press time," there is a limit to the number of comics that can be produced.

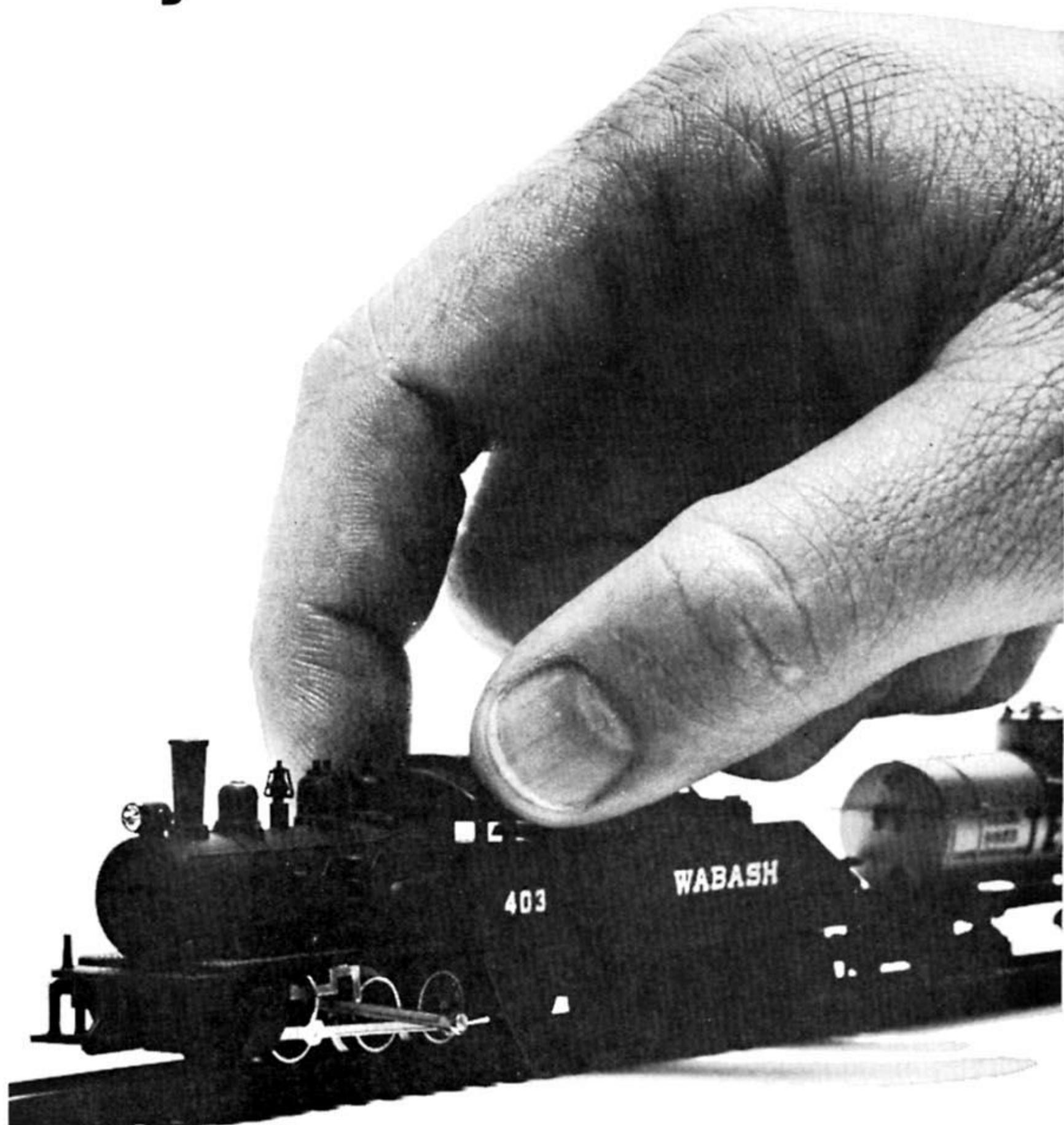
I hope I've answered your question, Barry, as well as those of all the fans who want to know why some of their favorite titles are no longer on the stands. By the way, ROBIN did appear in a strip of his own, in STAR-SPANGLED COMICS issues number 65 through number 130. And here's a further bit of information that should make you happy . . . ROBIN will again be starring in a series of new stories that will appear as a back-feature in DETECTIVE COMICS, alternating with the new BATGIRL strip.

— The Inquiring Fanatic.

Q: Barry's letter also included some questions about the Golden Age Of Comics. He wants to know whether or not today's SUPERMAN and BATMAN are the same SUPERMAN and BATMAN that appeared in the Golden Age, and if it is true that the DAILY PLANET was originally called the DAILY STAR?

A: Both the SUPERMAN and BATMAN strips have changed and developed in the thirty years of their existence, and most of the fans I know consider the first few years of each strip to be about the SUPERMAN and BATMAN of "Earth-Two." It helps to explain the little inconsistencies, such as the fact that CLARK KENT worked for the DAILY STAR in the first few strips, and the fact that LU-THOR was originally depicted as having red hair.

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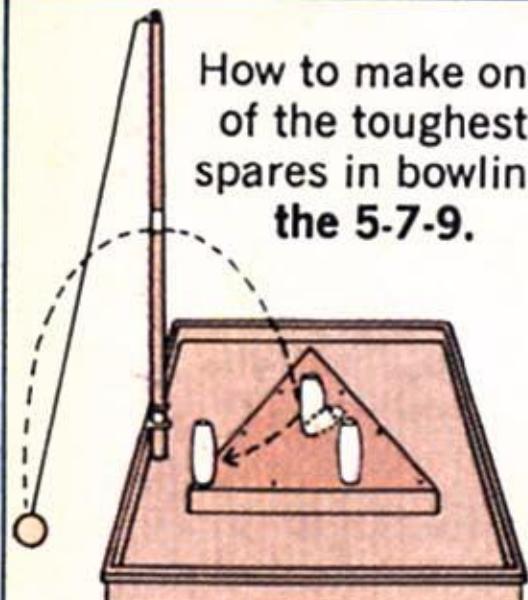
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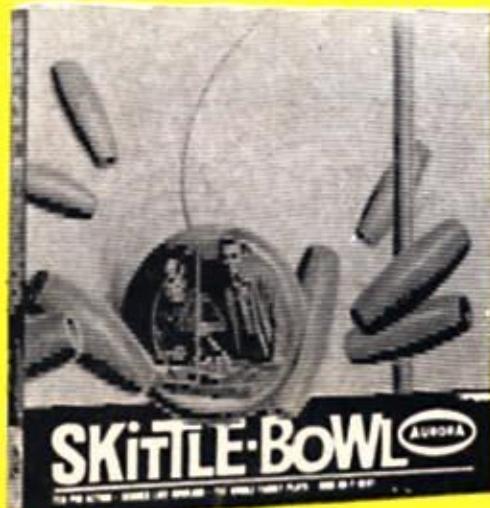
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