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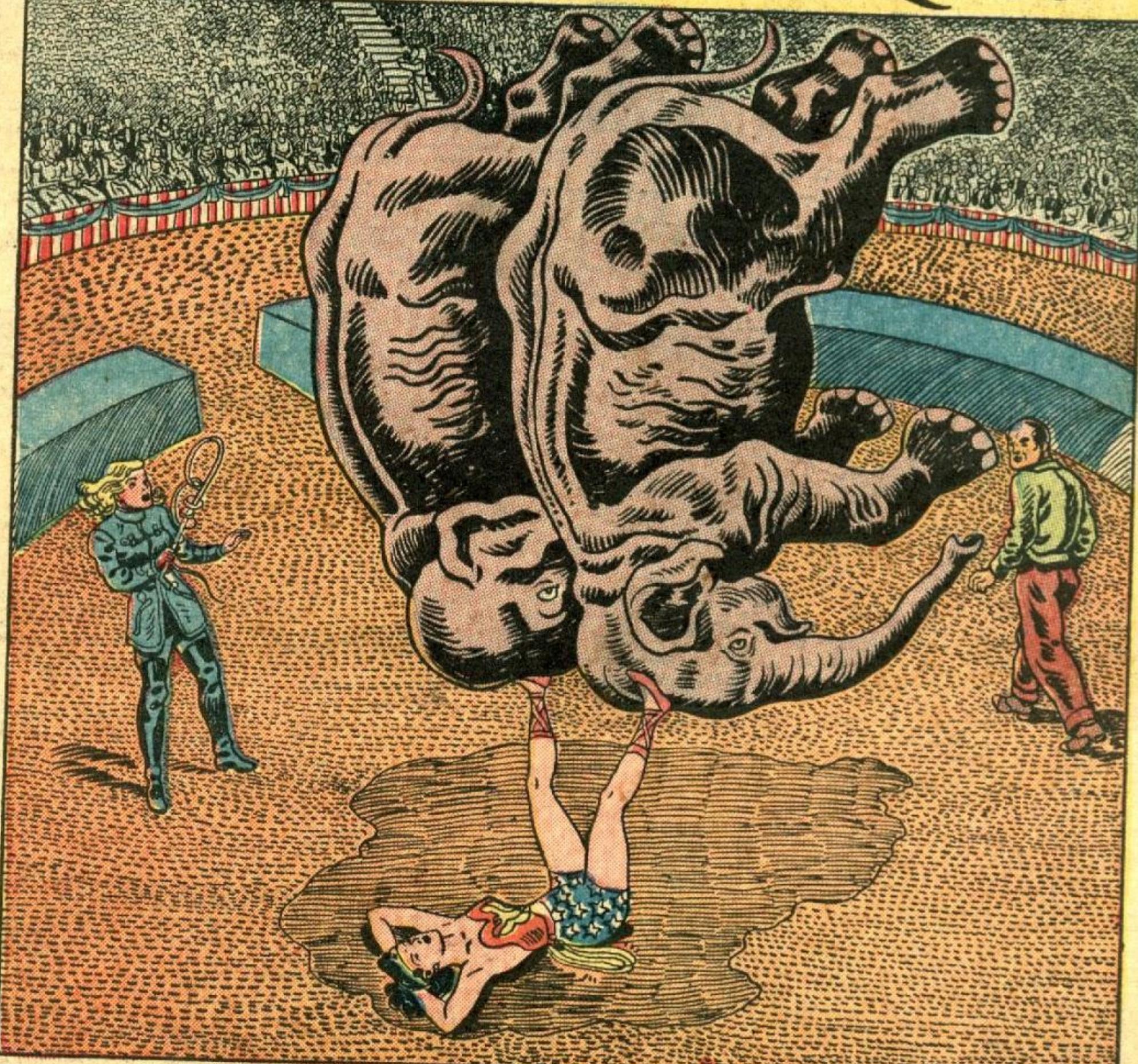
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Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

AUDIENCES THROUGHOUT THE AGES FROM ANCIENT ROME TO PRESENT DAY AMERICA, HAVE BEEN THRILLED BY COUNTLESS STARTLING EXHIBITIONS! BUT WHEN WONDER WOMAN—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES—COMES TO THE AID OF A DOOMED BIG TOP, THE DARING AMAZON PERFORMS FEATS NEVER BEFORE SEEN BY HUMAN EYES AS THE----

"ONE-WOMAN CIRCUS!"



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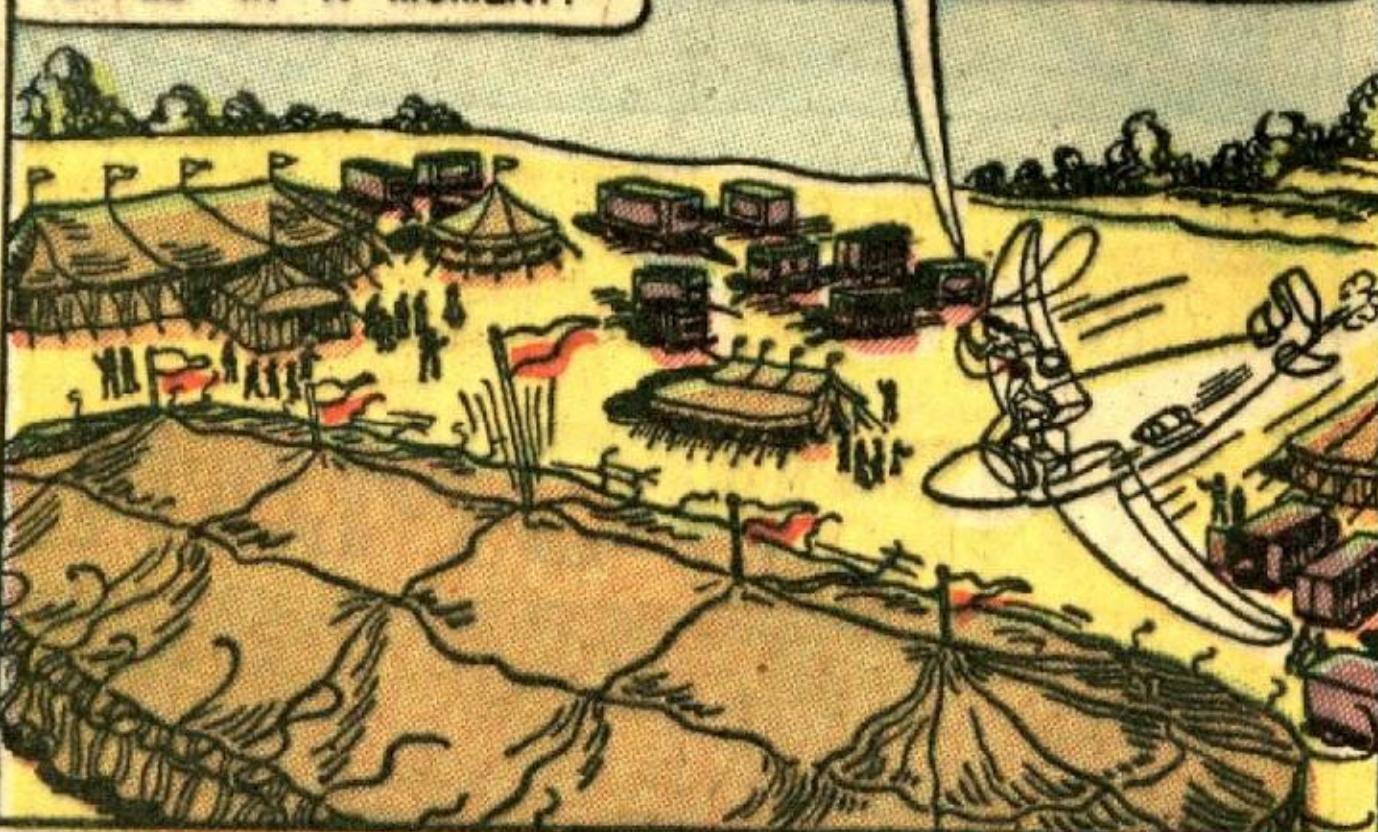
FLYING BACK FROM PARADISE ISLAND, HOME OF THE AMAZONS, WONDER WOMAN SEES A STARTLING SIGHT ---

GREAT HERA!



LEAPING ATOP HER ROBOT PLANE---

THAT CIRCUS TENT LOOKS AS IF IT'S GOING TO TOPPLE IN A MOMENT!

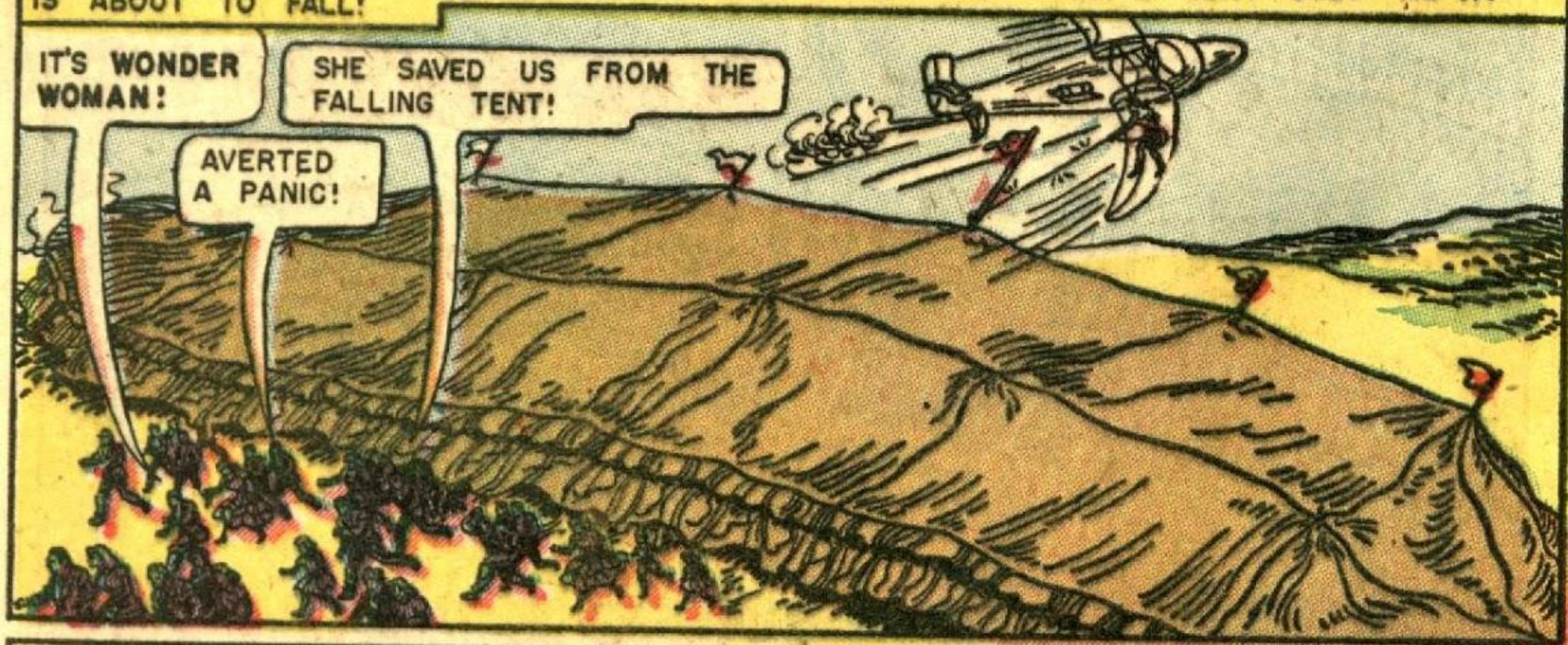


WITH HER AMAZON LASSO, WONDER WOMAN LIFTS THE MASSIVE TENT JUST AS IT IS ABOUT TO FALL!

IT'S WONDER WOMAN!

SHE SAVED US FROM THE FALLING TENT!

AVERTED A PANIC!



IN A NEARBY FIELD---

THERE! I'LL LOWER THE TENT HERE— WHERE IT CAN'T DO ANYONE ANY HARM! IT CAN BE REASSEMBLED LATER! NOW—I'LL LAND AND INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE OF WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT!



AFTER LANDING, AND HASTENING TO THE CIRCUS OWNER'S TRAILER---

A WOMAN CAN'T RUN A CIRCUS, ALICE! IF YOU'D HAVE LET ME TAKE OVER YOUR CIRCUS, AND MERGED IT WITH MINE—THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED!

A WOMAN CAN RUN A CIRCUS JUST AS WELL AS A MAN, BILL! AND I'M GOING TO PROVE IT TO YOU!

NORTON CIRCUS

CIRCUS

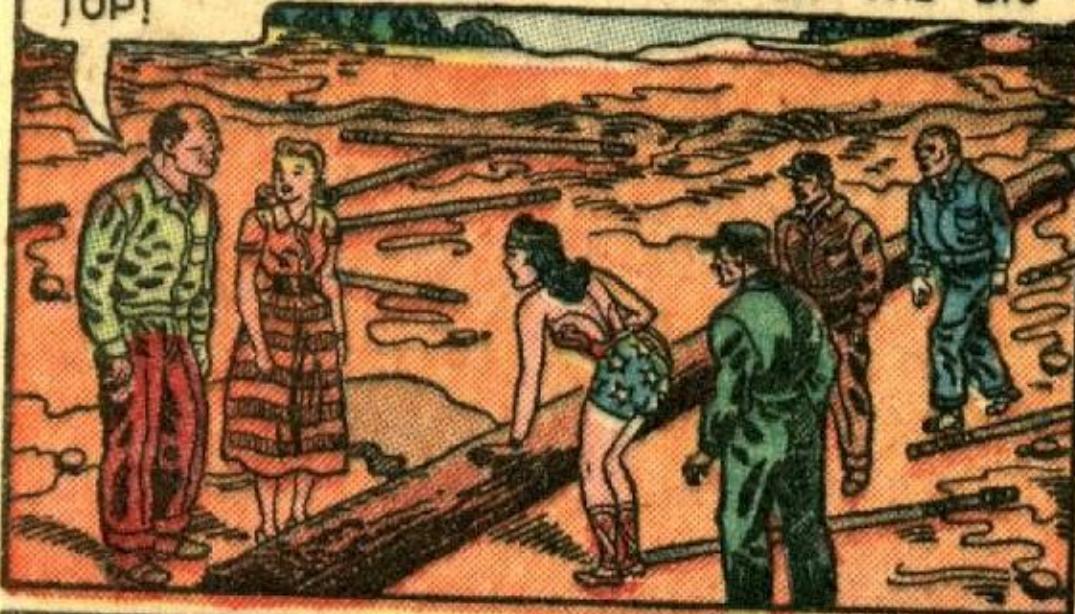


YOU'RE JUST BEING STUBBORN! I'LL BE STUBBORN TOO! WE'LL NEVER MARRY UNTIL YOU GIVE UP THIS FOOLISH IDEA OF TRYING TO RUN A CIRCUS YOURSELF! GOODBYE!



AS THE TIRELESS AMAZON EXAMINES ALL THE TENT PROPS---

I'M SURE GLAD YOU'RE NOT GOIN' TO GIVE UP THE CIRCUS TO BILL MASON, MISS NORTON! I WAS YOUR FATHER'S CHIEF ASSISTANT— AND I KNOW HE'D WANT YOU TO KEEP THE NORTON NAME ON THE BIG TOP!



ONLY ONE MAN HAS A MOTIVE FOR COMMITTIN' THIS CRIME— THE MAN WHO WANTS THIS CIRCUS— BILL MASON!

IT'S TRUE BILL WANTS THIS CIRCUS! BUT HE COULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS TERRIBLE THING! MY HEART TELLS ME HE COULDN'T!



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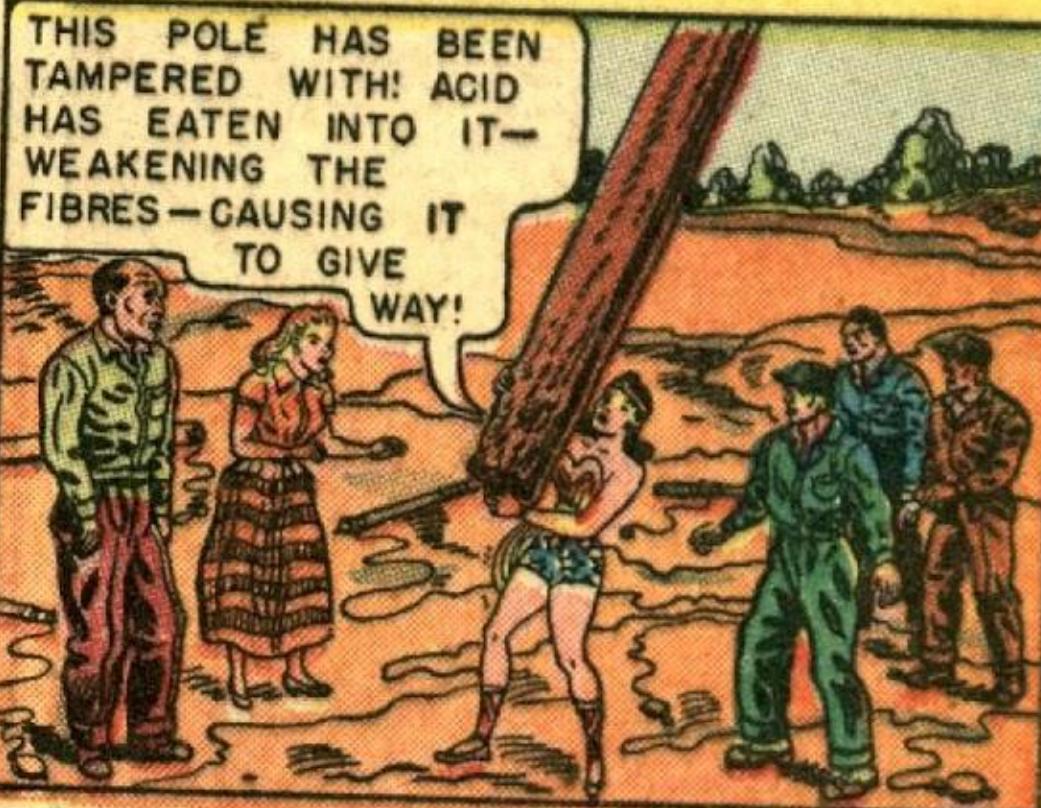
WONDER WOMAN— YOU HEARD MY ARGUMENT WITH BILL! I—I CAN'T GIVE UP THIS CIRCUS! I PROMISED MY FATHER I'D KEEP IT GOING— JUST AS HE DID! B-BUT EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE GOING WRONG!



I'LL DO MY BEST TO HELP YOU! FIRST— LET'S TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT MADE THE TENT START TO FALL!

SUDDENLY, WONDER WOMAN LIFTS UP THE GREAT CENTER POLE OF THE TENT AS IF IT WERE A MATCHSTICK ---

THIS POLE HAS BEEN TAMPERED WITH! ACID HAS EATEN INTO IT— WEAKENING THE FIBRES— CAUSING IT TO GIVE WAY!



IN AMERICA, WE DON'T JUDGE A PERSON GUILTY, UNTIL PROVEN SO! THAT'S DEMOCRATIC JUSTICE! SINCE THERE'S NO WAY OF FINDING OUT WHO WEAKENED THIS POLE WITH ACID— WE CAN'T ACCUSE BILL MASON!

MAYBE SO! BUT I'LL BET THIS WON'T BE THE LAST ACCIDENT TO HIT THIS CIRCUS! I'M GOIN' TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ANYTHIN' SUSPICIOUS!



THAT NIGHT---

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! THE LIONS ARE LOOSE!

NORTON CIRCUS

GRRR-RR!!



THE BIG CATS HAVE ESCAPED! RUN!

NOTHING CAN STOP THEM!

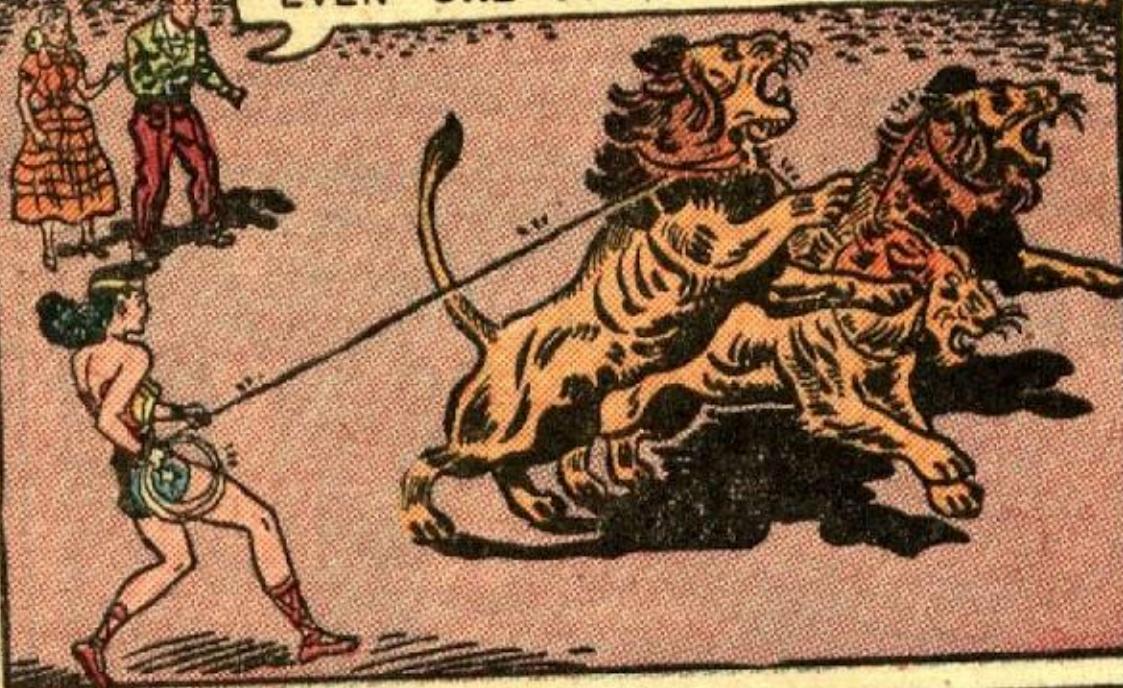
THIS CIRCUS IS DOOMED!

---CAPTURES THE RAGING LIONS AT ONE FELL SWOOP ---

WONDER WOMAN CAUGHT THEM ALL SINGLE-HANDED!

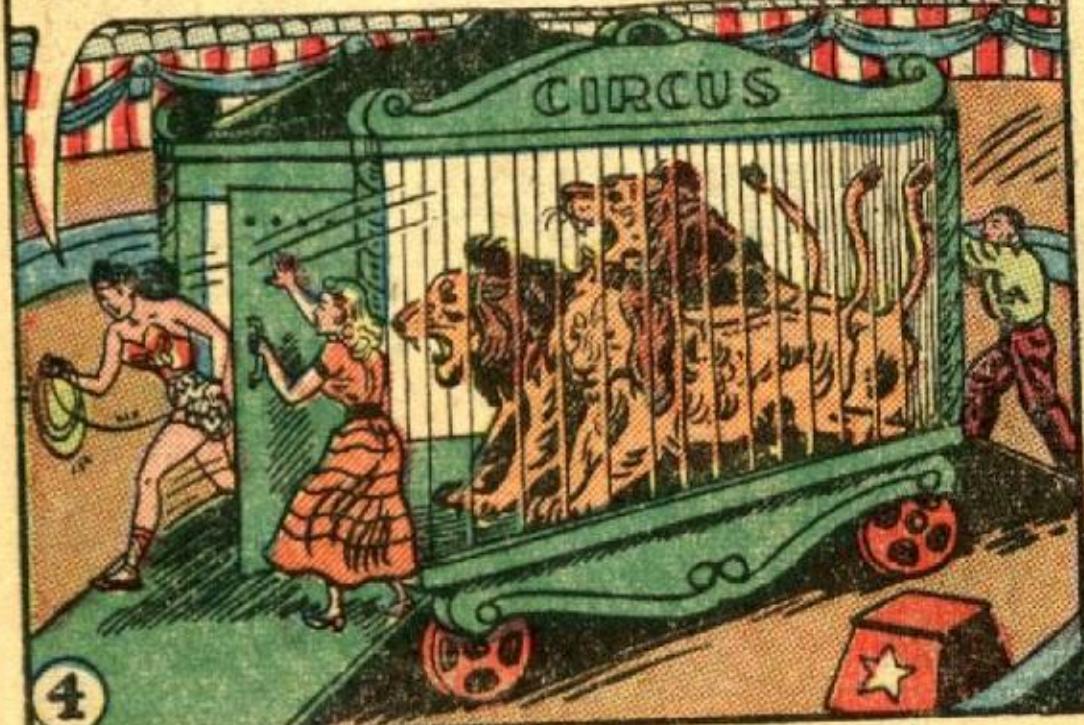
NEVER FIGURED THAT EVEN SHE COULD DO THAT!

ONE FEARLESS FIGURE STANDS FIRM—AND WITH A CAST OF HER AMAZON LASSO---



RACING THROUGH THE LIONS' CAGE A FEW MOMENTS LATER ---

SHUT THE DOORS! THE LIONS WILL BE SAFE HERE—UNTIL THEY CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO THEIR REGULAR CAGES!



I'LL GIVE YOU ONE GUESS WHO LET THOSE LIONS LOOSE!

YOU CAN'T MEAN BILL MASON!

NO ACCUSATIONS SHOULD BE MADE UNTIL WE HAVE PROOF—THAT'S THE AMERICAN WAY!

IN MY EYES—THE ONLY MAN WHO STANDS TO WIN IF THIS CIRCUS FAILS—is THE GUILTY MAN! AND HIS NAME IS BILL MASON!

NO-NO—I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!



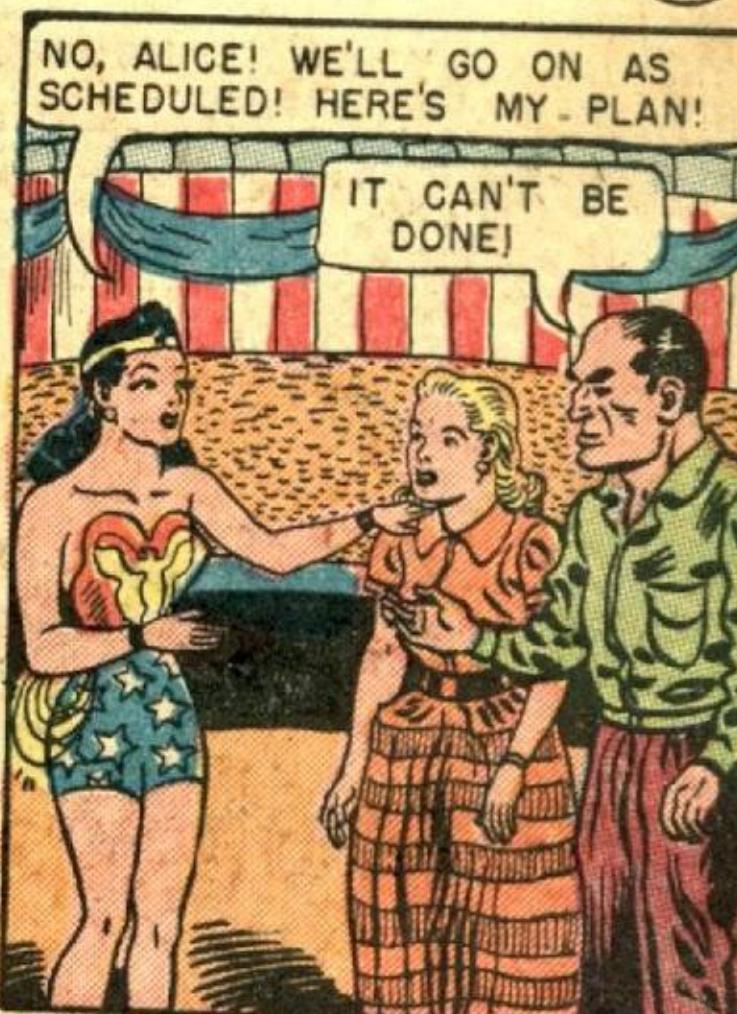
THE NEXT MORNING---

WONDER WOMAN! EVERYONE'S GONE! FEARFUL OF STAYING—IN CASE SOMETHING ELSE SHOULD HAPPEN! ONLY GRIMES IS LOYAL ENOUGH TO STAY! BUT HE CAN'T RUN THE CIRCUS ALL BY HIMSELF! WE'LL HAVE TO CLOSE! EVEN IF IT'S A BENEFIT PERFORMANCE FOR CHARITY!



NO, ALICE! WE'LL GO ON AS SCHEDULED! HERE'S MY PLAN!

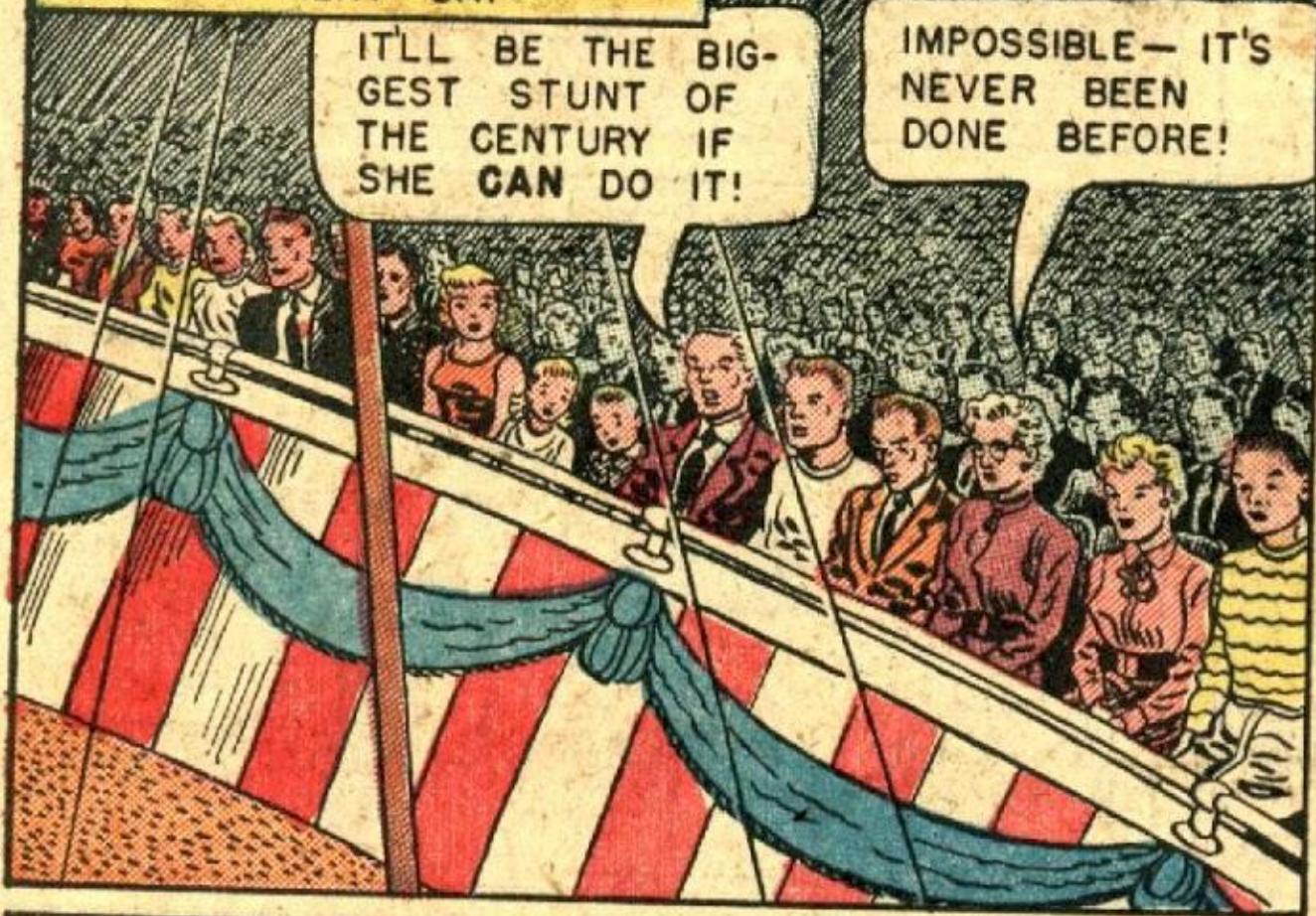
IT CAN'T BE DONE!



BUT THE NEXT DAY---

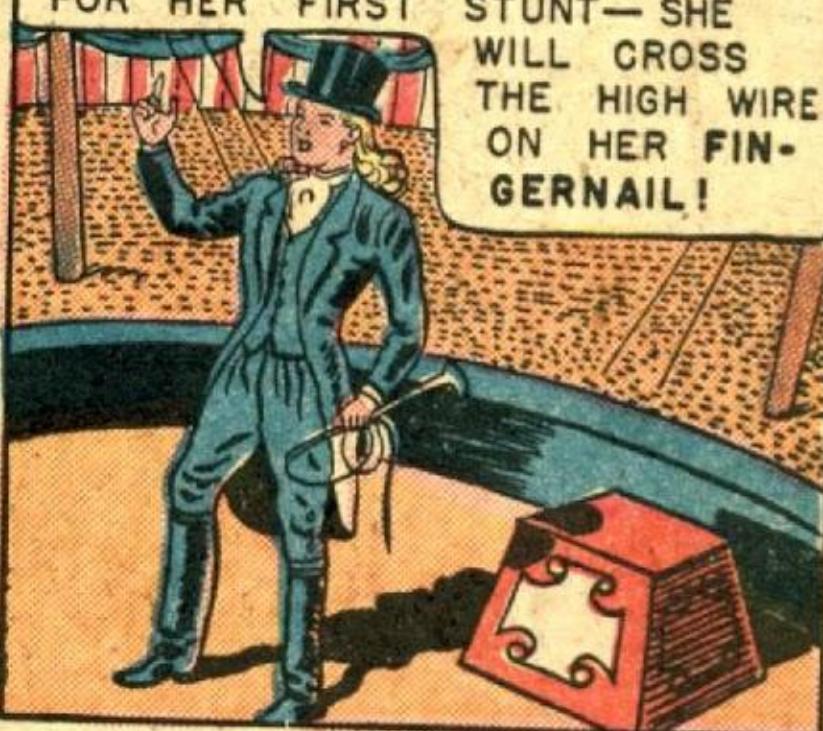
IT'LL BE THE BIGGEST STUNT OF THE CENTURY IF SHE CAN DO IT!

IMPOSSIBLE— IT'S NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE!

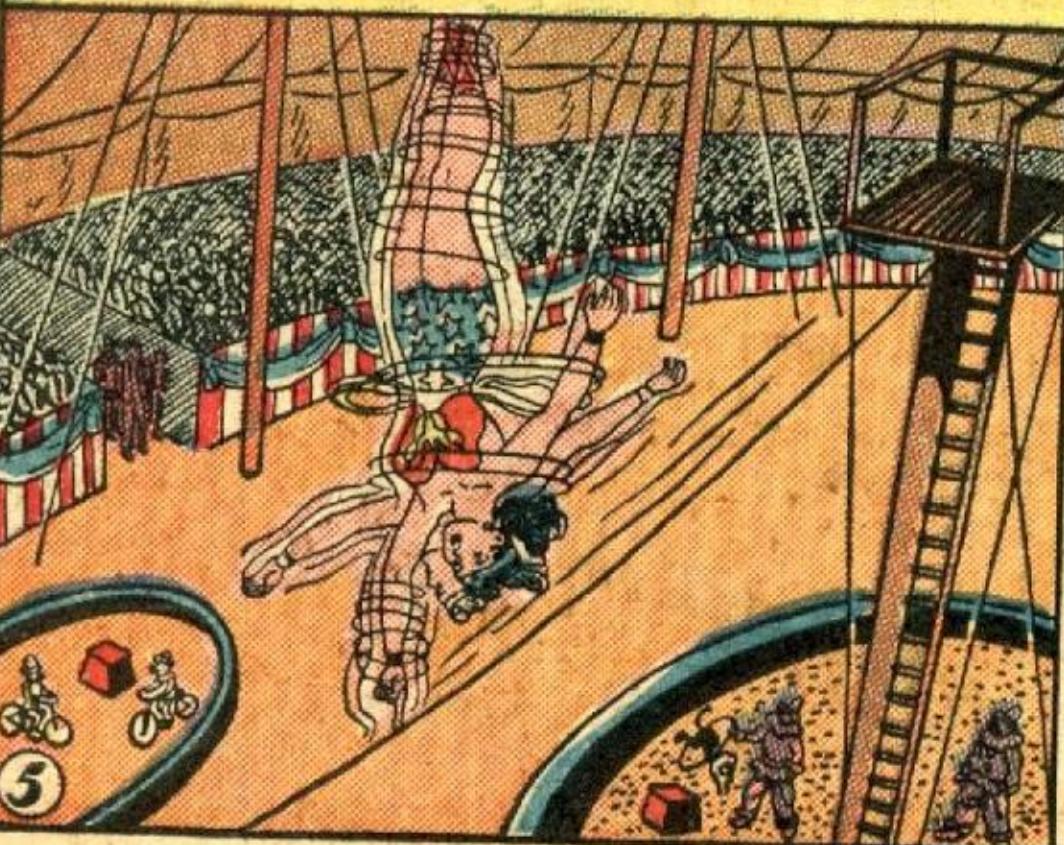


SHORTLY---

AND NOW, WE PRESENT, THE INCREDIBLE FEATS OF WONDER WOMAN—THE ONE-WOMAN CIRCUS! FOR HER FIRST STUNT—SHE WILL CROSS THE HIGH WIRE ON HER FINGERNAIL!



HIGH UP NEAR THE ROOF OF THE BIG TOP, THE DARING AMAZON ATTEMPTS A FEAT NEVER BEFORE SEEN IN THE WORLD---



MIDWAY, FAR ABOVE THE GROUND ---

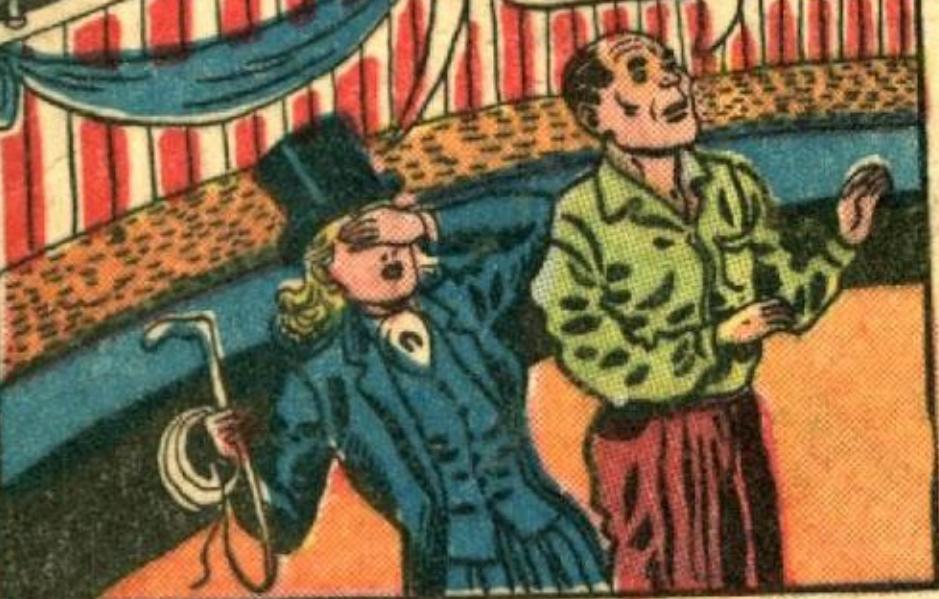
SUFFERING SAPPHO!
THE WIRE'S PARTED!



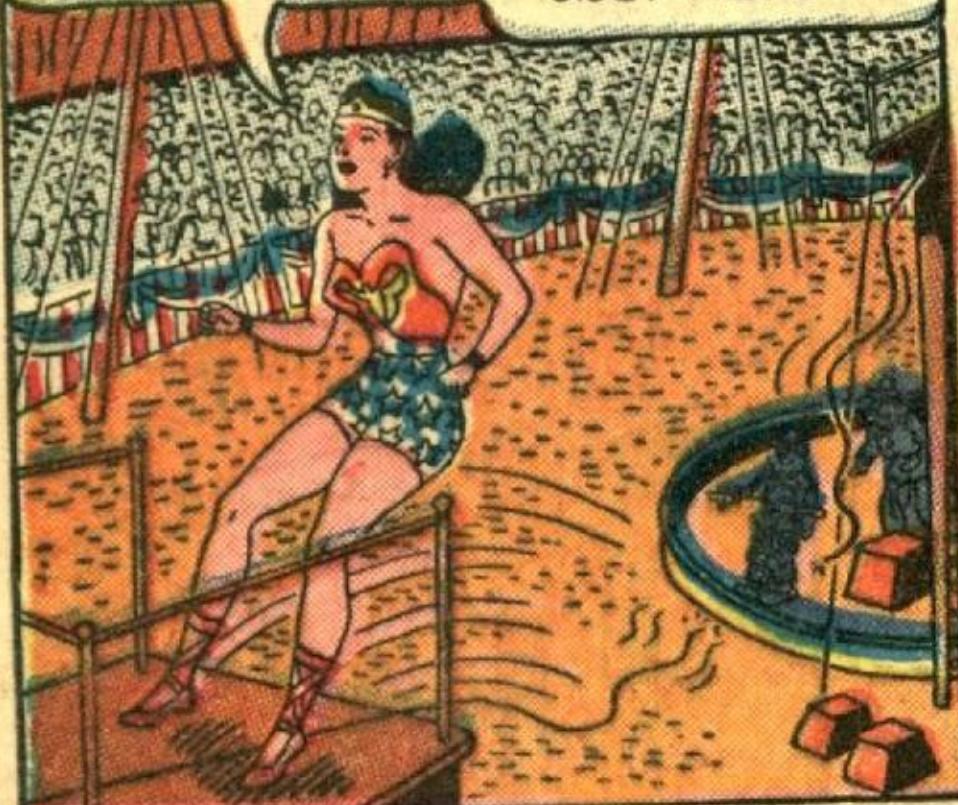
THE HORRIFIED SPECTATORS SENSE
THE IMPENDING TRAGEDY---

OHH—I CAN'T LOOK!

SHE'S DOOMED
WITHOUT A
NET!



—WHICH IS KEEPING THE WIRE FROM
FALLING UNTIL I REACH THE OTHER
SIDE! THERE—!



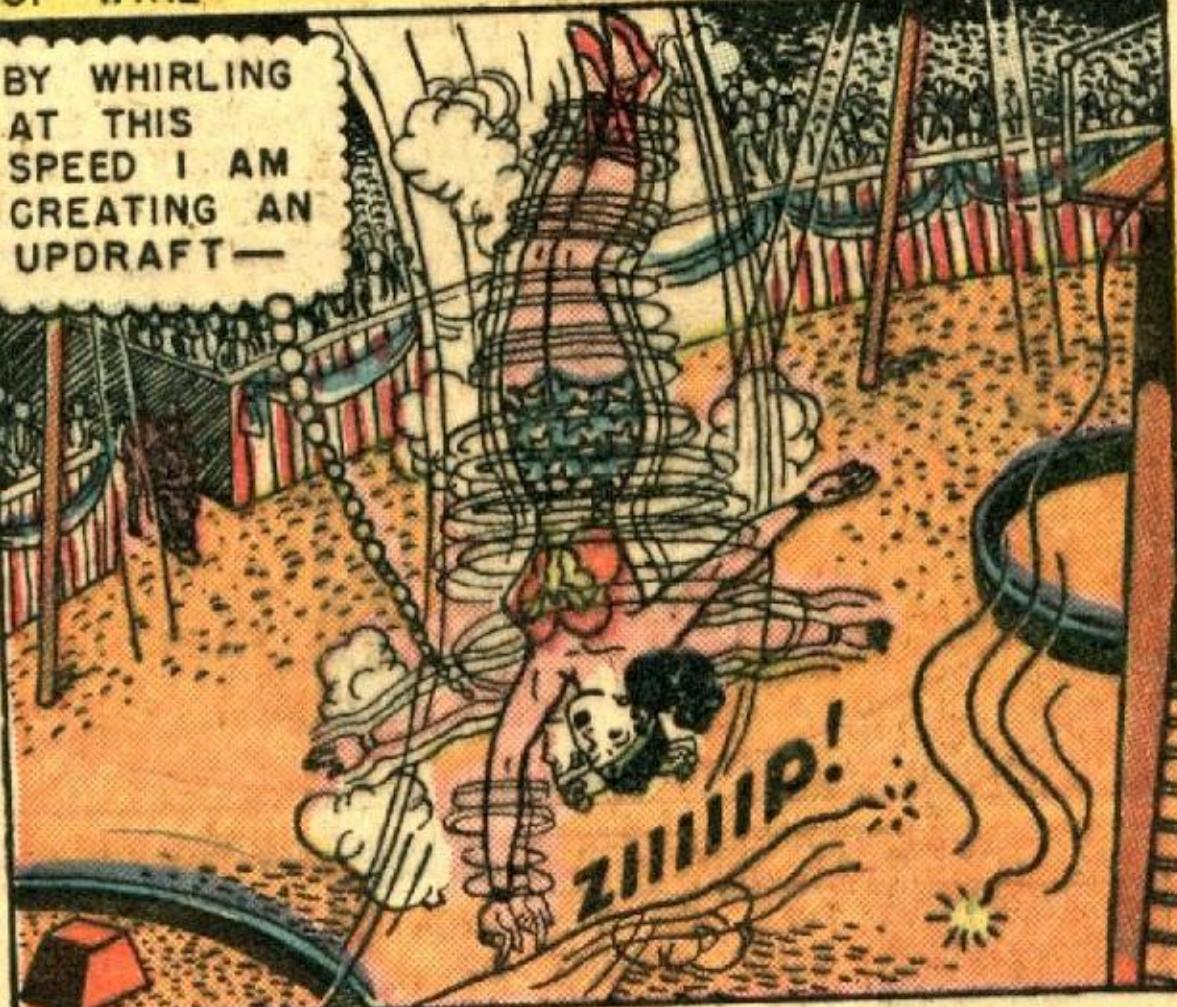
SHORTLY---

AND NOW, THE MIGHTY
AMAZON WILL BALANCE
TWO HUGE ELEPHANTS
ON HER FEET!



BUT TO EVERYONE'S AMAZEMENT, WONDER WOMAN
BEGINS SPINNING ON HER FINGERNAIL WITH
LIGHTNING SPEED ON THE REMAINING STRAND
OF WIRE---

BY WHIRLING
AT THIS
SPEED I AM
CREATING AN
UPDRAFT—



WHILE THE CIRCUS ROCKS WITH CHEERS---

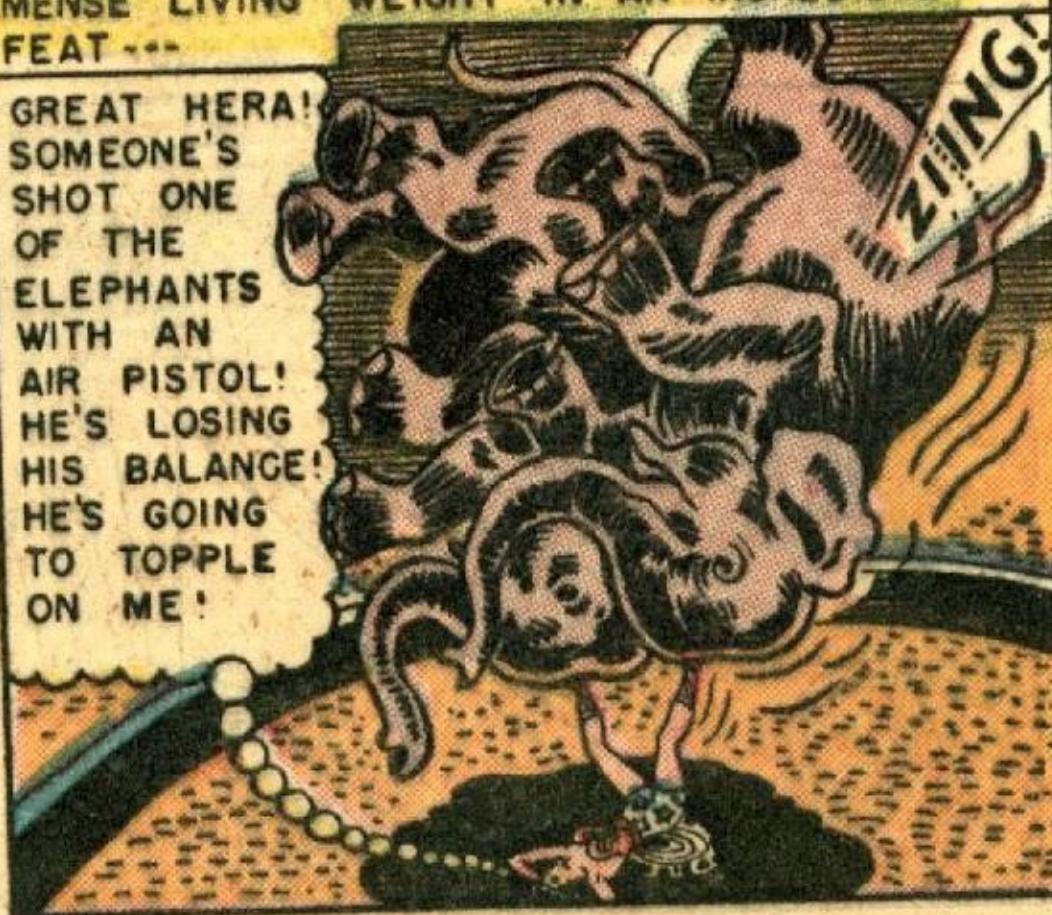
IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT THAT WIRE SNAPPED,
WONDER WOMAN! BETTER QUIT—NOT TAKE
ANY MORE CHANCES!



NO—IT'S FOR CHARITY!
ANNOUNCE THE NEXT
NUMBER, ALICE—
AFTER I'VE HAD
TIME TO
GET
READY!

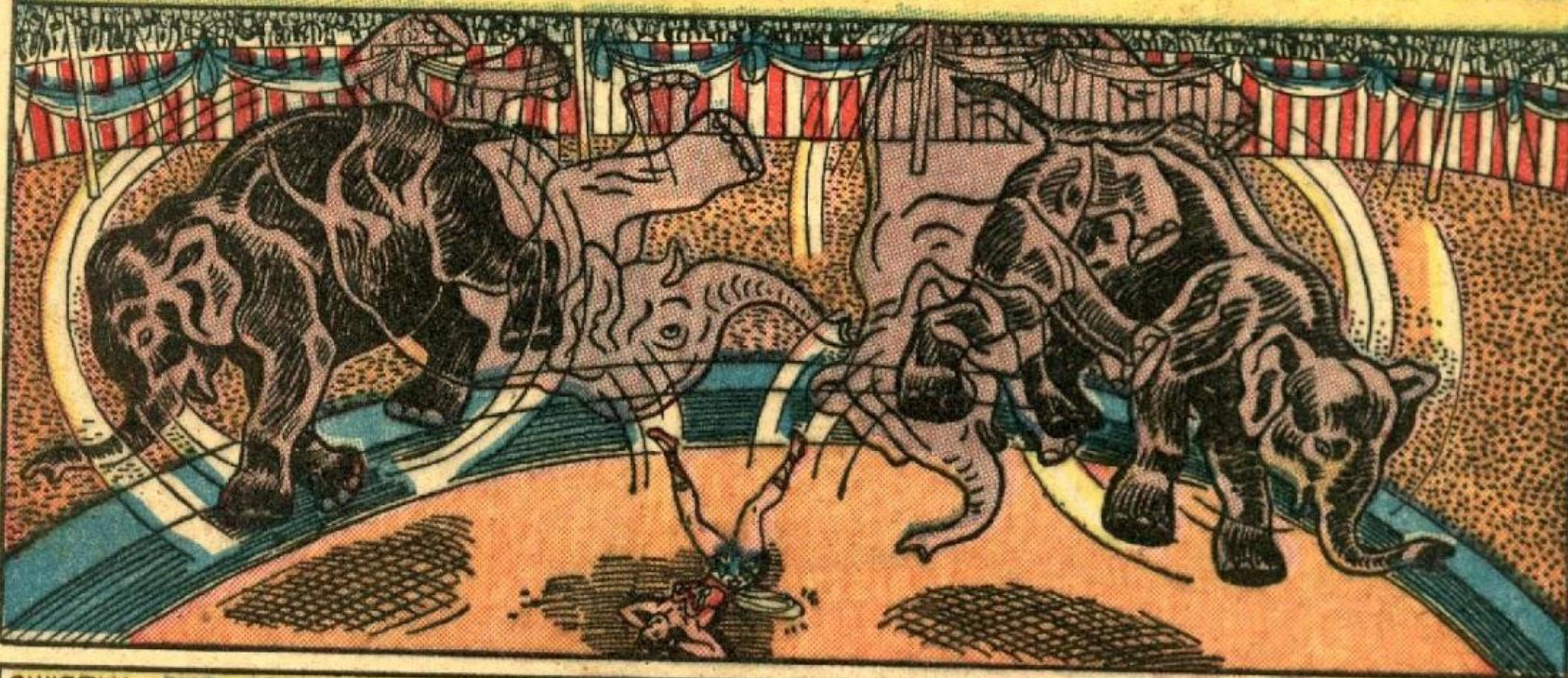
AS WONDER WOMAN BALANCES THE IM-
MENSE LIVING WEIGHT IN AN INCREDIBLE
FEAT---

GREAT HERA!
SOMEONE'S
SHOT ONE
OF THE
ELEPHANTS
WITH AN
AIR PISTOL!
HE'S LOSING
HIS BALANCE!
HE'S GOING
TO TOPPLE
ON ME!



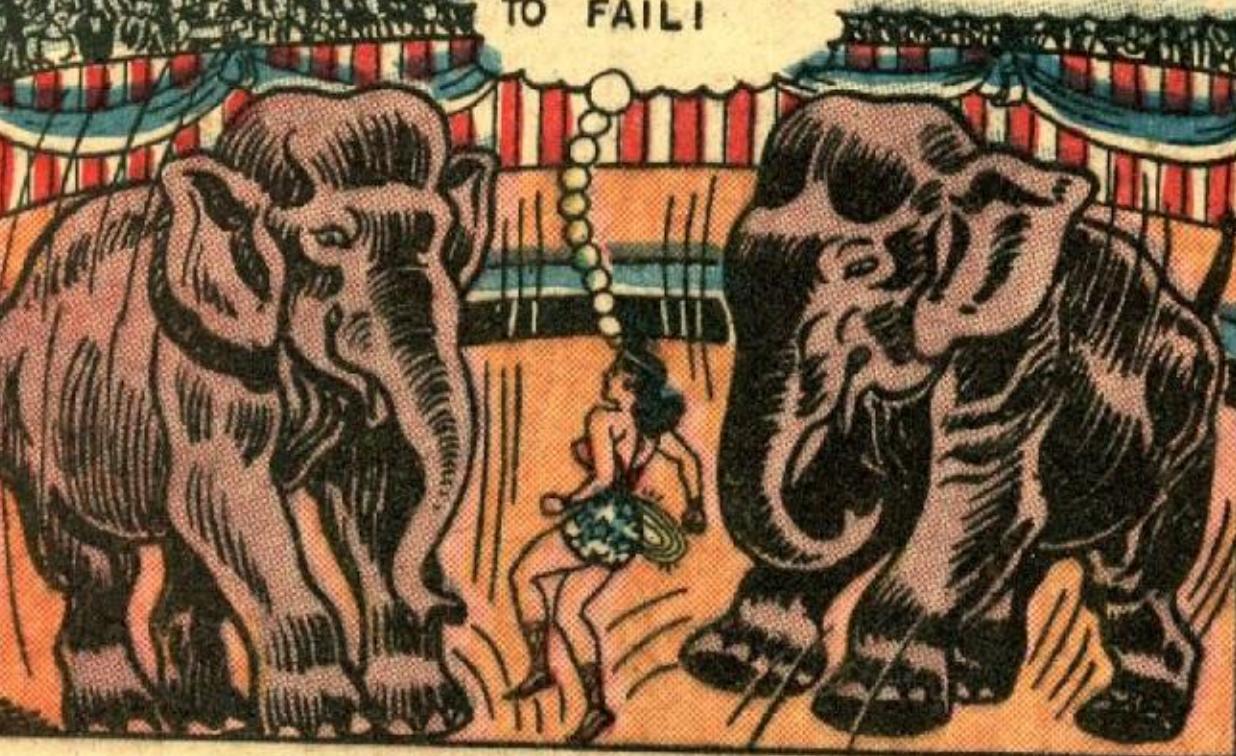
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WITH EXTRAORDINARY SKILL, THE MIGHTY AMAZON SUMERSAULTS THE PONDEROUS ANIMALS INTO THE AIR---



SWIFTLY, SHE SPRINGS TO HER FEET AS---

ANOTHER NEAR ACCIDENT! WHOEVER'S AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS-IS DESPERATE FOR THE CIRCUS TO FAIL!



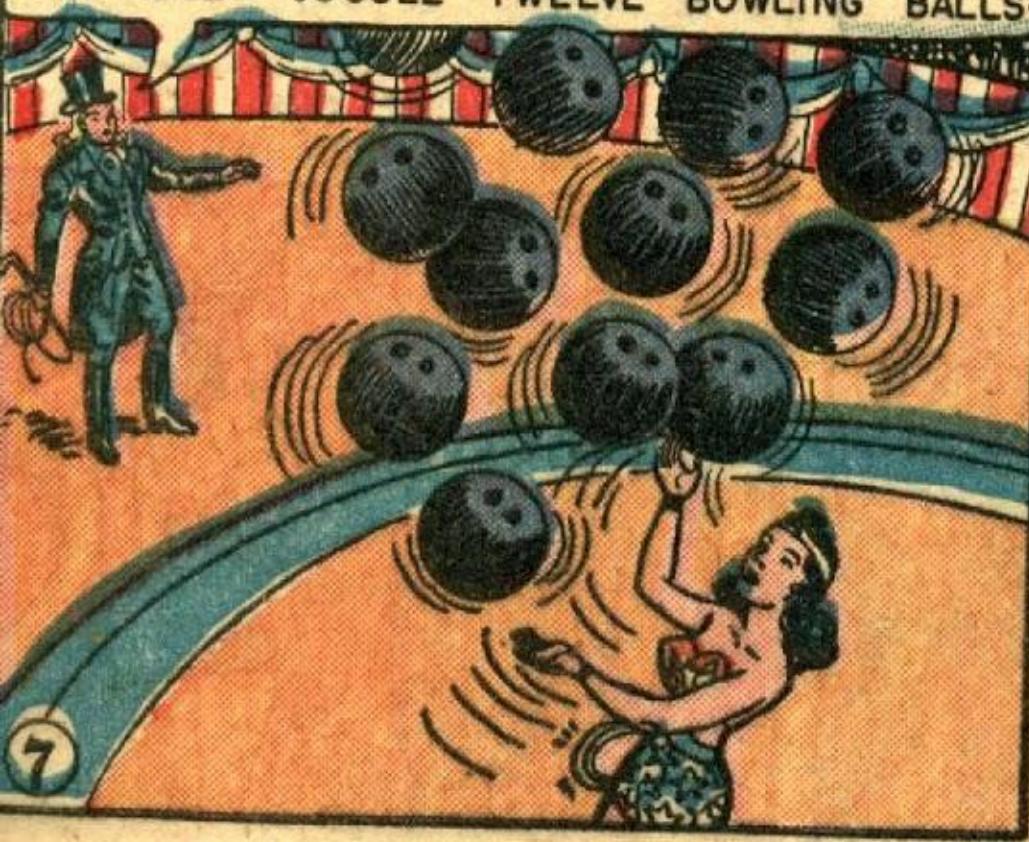
RETURNING TO THE LOVELY RING-MASTER---

DO YOU NEED ANY MORE PROOF BILL MASON'S OUT TO CLOSE THE CIRCUS? DON'T GO ON WITH THE SHOW, WONDER WOMAN!

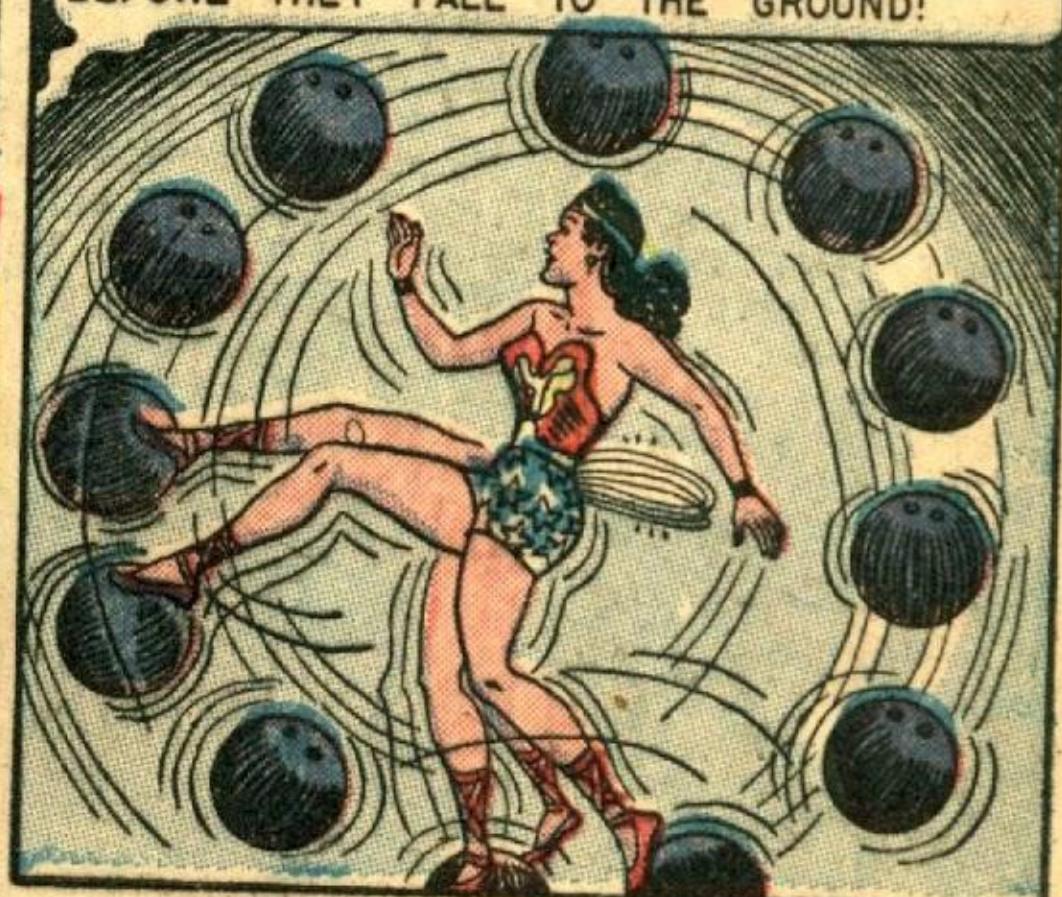


AGAIN AN ELECTRIFYING ANNOUNCEMENT---

FOR HER FINALE, WONDER WOMAN WILL NOT ONLY JUGGLE TWELVE BOWLING BALLS-

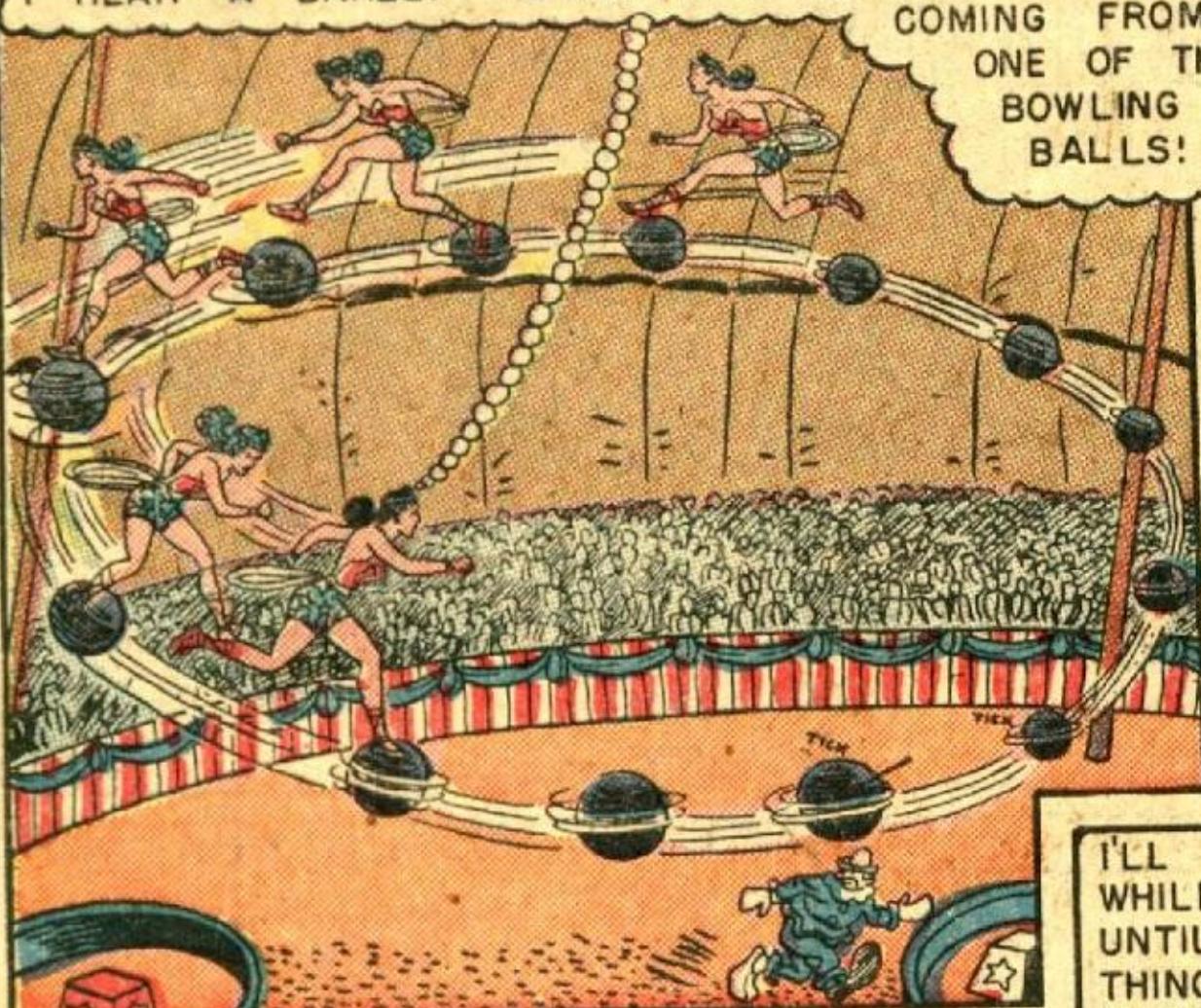


---BUT LEAP FROM ONE TO THE OTHER BEFORE THEY FALL TO THE GROUND!



AS THE AGILE AMAZON RACES AROUND THE WHIRLING BOWLING BALLS---

I HEAR A BARELY PERCEPTEBLE TICKING SOUND COMING FROM ONE OF THE BOWLING BALLS!



INSTANTLY—WONDER WOMAN LEAPS DOWN!

THIS ONE MUST CONTAIN A TIME BOMB!



JUST THEN---

I'VE CAUGHT BILL MASON SKULKING ABOUT THE TENT, WONDER WOMAN! HE'S GUILTY ALL RIGHT!

I'M NOT! I CAME TO APOLOGIZE TO ALICE!

HMM—!



I'LL QUESTION BILL MASON, GRIMES! MEANWHILE—HOLD THIS BOWLING BALL FOR ME UNTIL I CAN HAVE IT EXAMINED! SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH IT!

NO—NO! THAT MUST BE THE ONE I PLANTED THE TIME BOMB IN—I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY!



SMASHING THE TIME BOMB BEFORE IT CAN EXPLODE ---

YOU CONVICTED YOURSELF, GRIMES! NO ONE COULD KNOW THAT THE BOWLING BALL COULD HAVE BEEN TAMPERED WITH BUT THE GUILTY MAN—YOU!



THE NEXT MOMENT, THE AMAZON LASSO ENCIRCLES THE CRIMINAL---

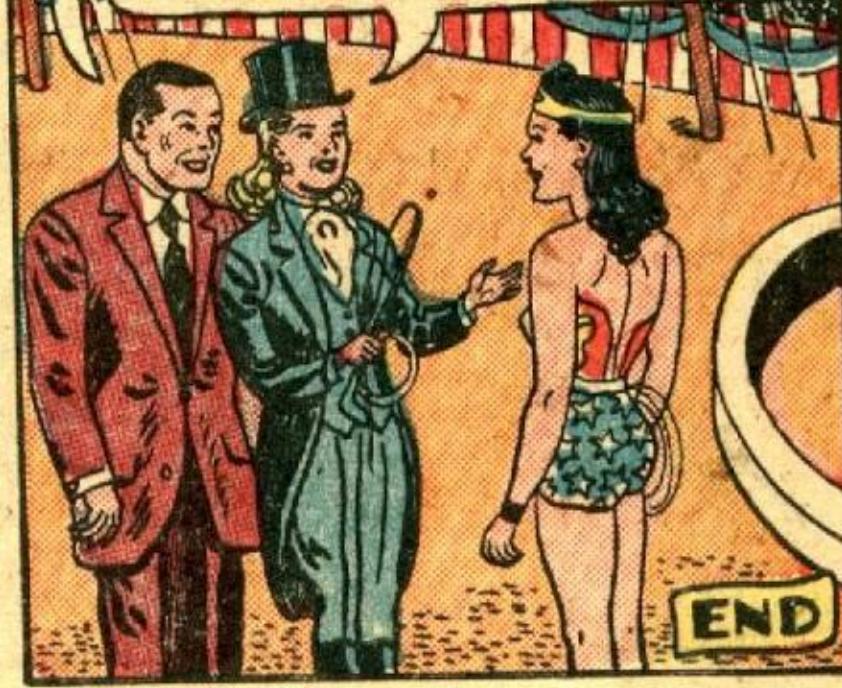
I DID IT OUT OF REVENGE! BECAUSE MR NORTON GAVE THE CIRCUS TO ALICE TO RUN—INSTEAD OF ME!



LATER, AFTER THE VILLAIN HAS BEEN JAILED---

WE'RE GOING TO MARRY—AND COMBINE OUR CIRCUSES!

AND WE OWE OUR HAPPINESS TO YOU, WONDER WOMAN!



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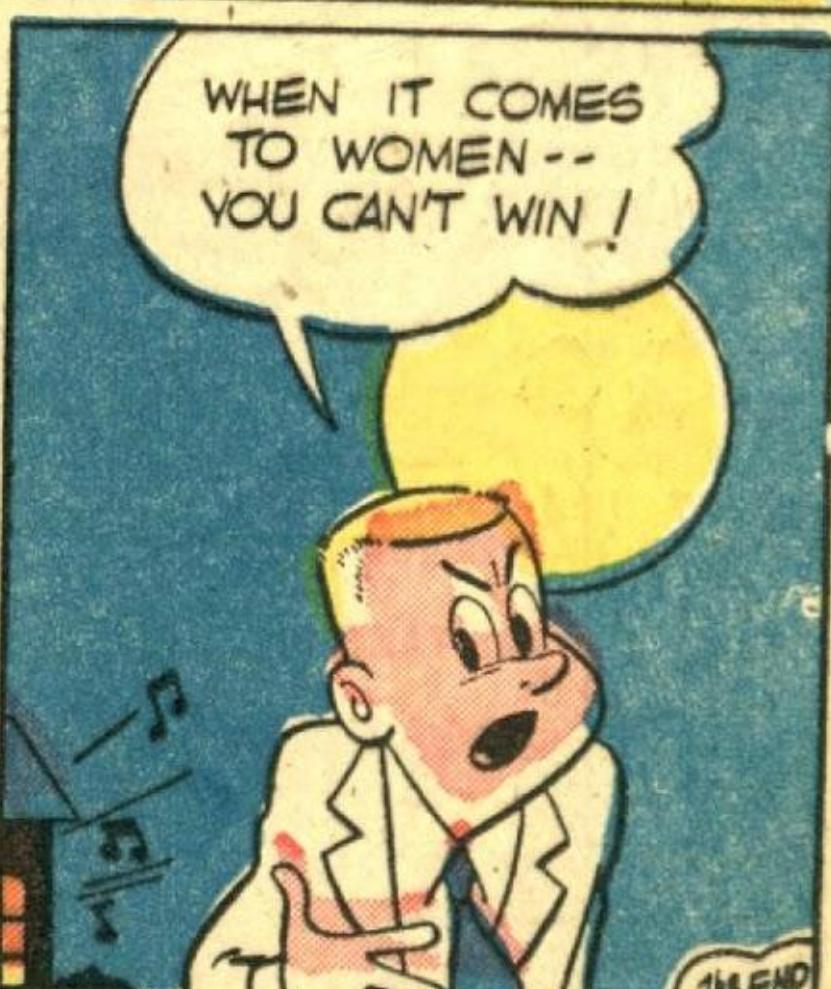
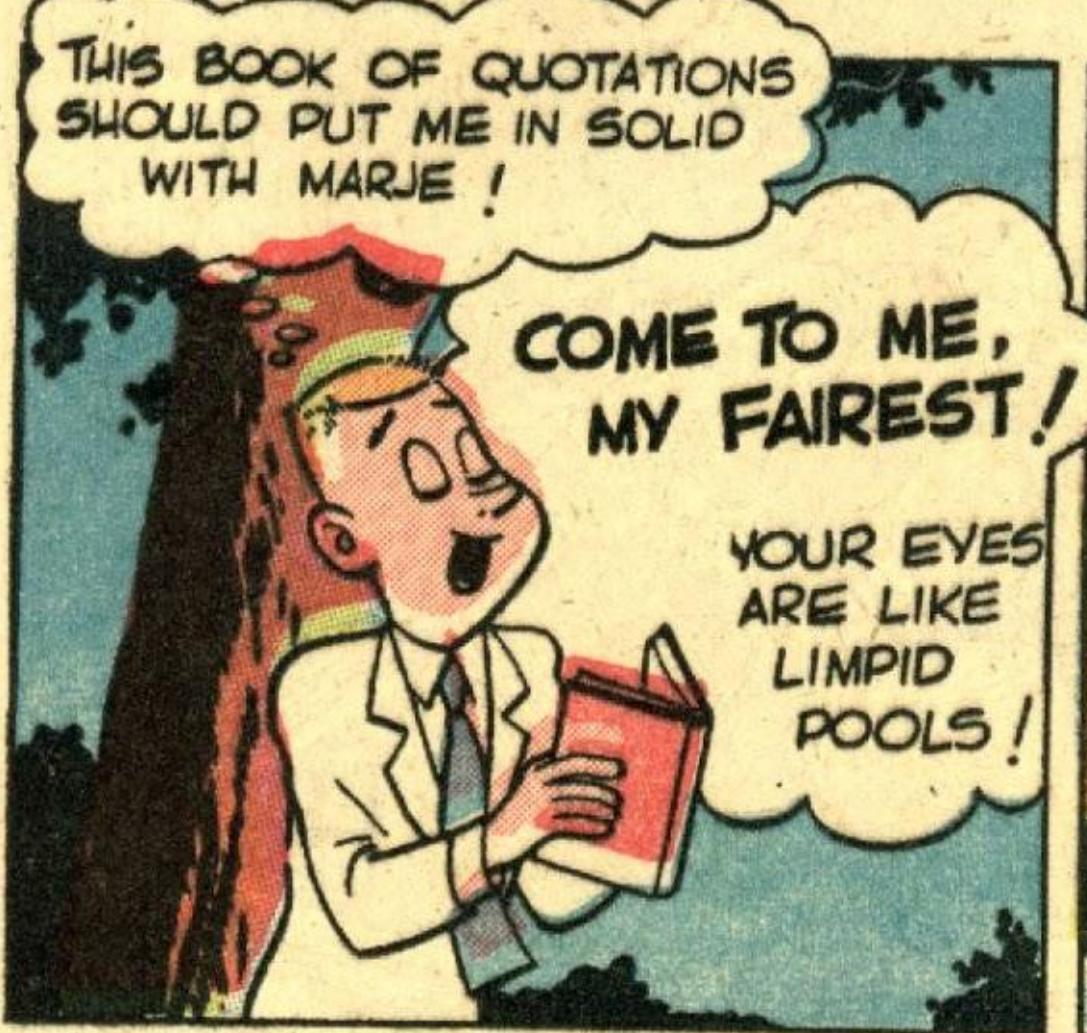
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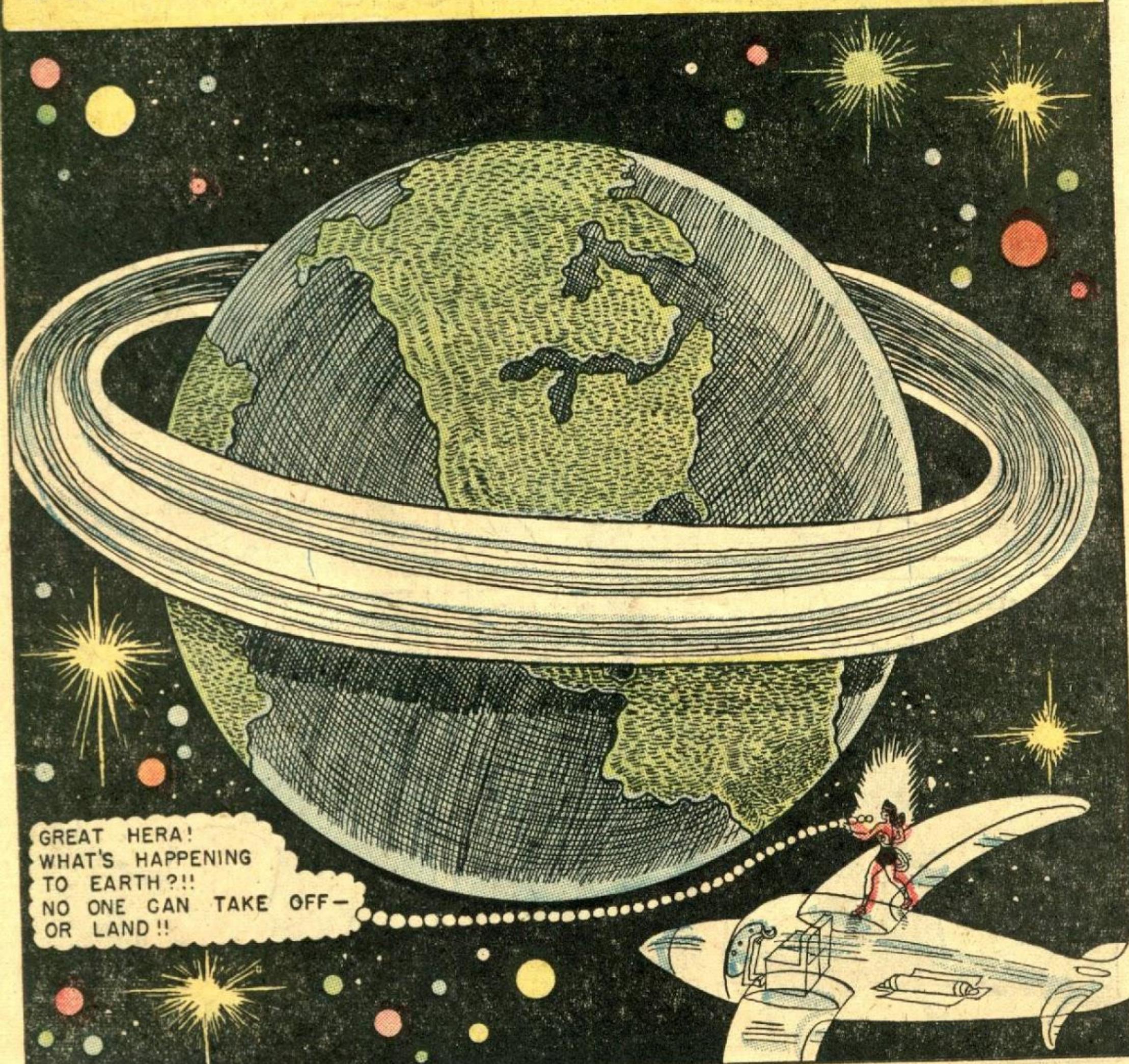


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SINGLE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN TAKEN CAPTIVE, AND EVEN COUNTRIES—BUT HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF AN ENTIRE PLANET BECOMING A PRISONER! THAT IS THE ASTOUNDING THREAT FACING EARTH, AS WONDER WOMAN—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES—ATTEMPTS TO REMOVE THE -----

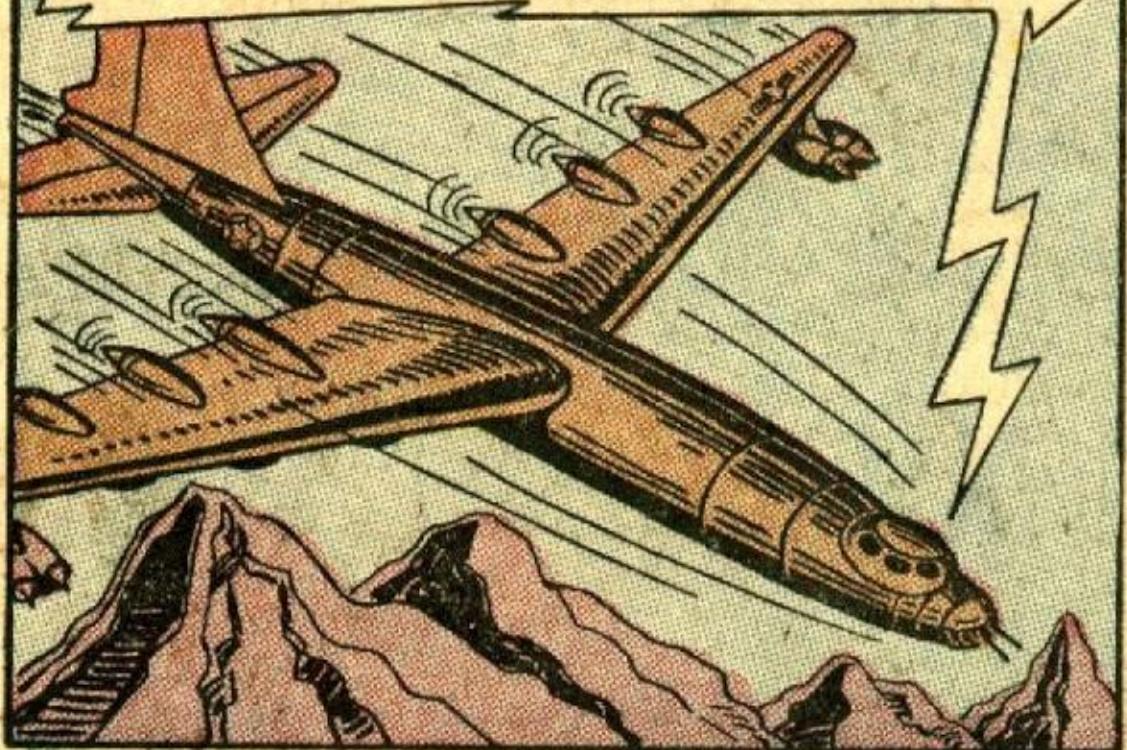
"RING AROUND the EARTH!"



GREAT HERA!
WHAT'S HAPPENING
TO EARTH?!!
NO ONE CAN TAKE OFF—
OR LAND!!

AN ARMY BOMBER IS ON A ROUTINE FLIGHT
OVER THE ROCKIES ---

RAZOR RED TO BLUE BASE! CONDITIONS
NORMAL! NOTHING TO REPORT! OVER!

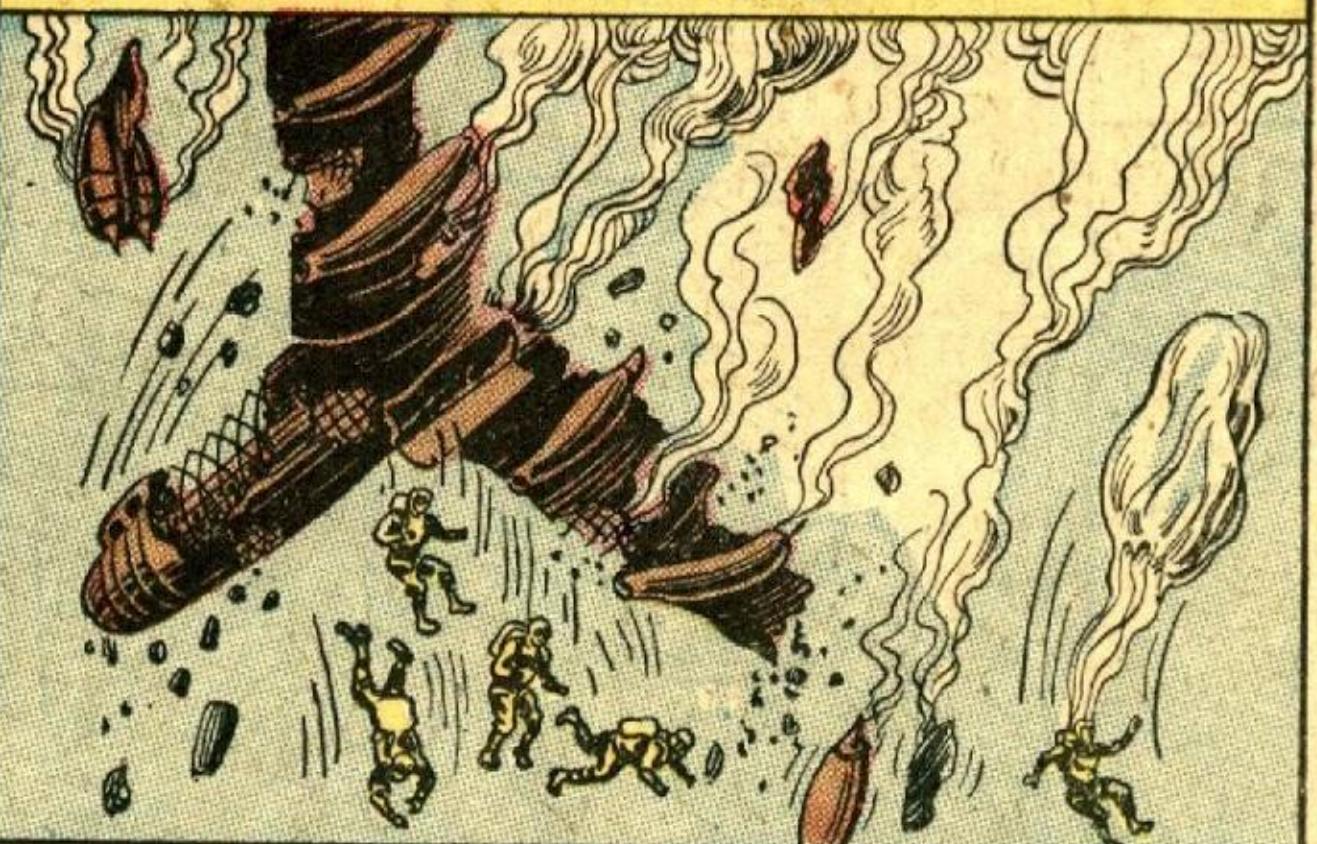


BUT EXACTLY NINE MINUTES LATER--

PILOT TO CREW:
ABANDON SHIP
IMMEDIATELY!
GOOD LUCK!
OVER!



PERFECT DISCIPLINE PREVAILS AS THE CREW TUM-
BLES FROM THE STRICKEN PLANE ---



HOW COULD MY PLANE HAVE DIS-
INTEGRATED—BIT BY BIT—FROM
UNDER MY VERY HANDS—WITHOUT
APPARENT CAUSE? IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
BUT IT
HAPPENED!

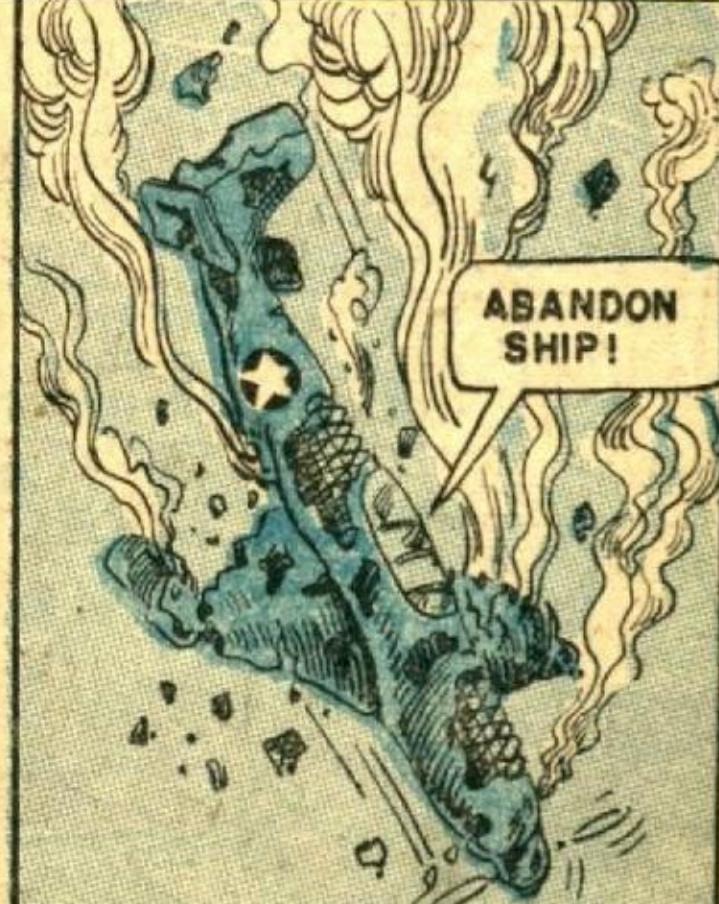
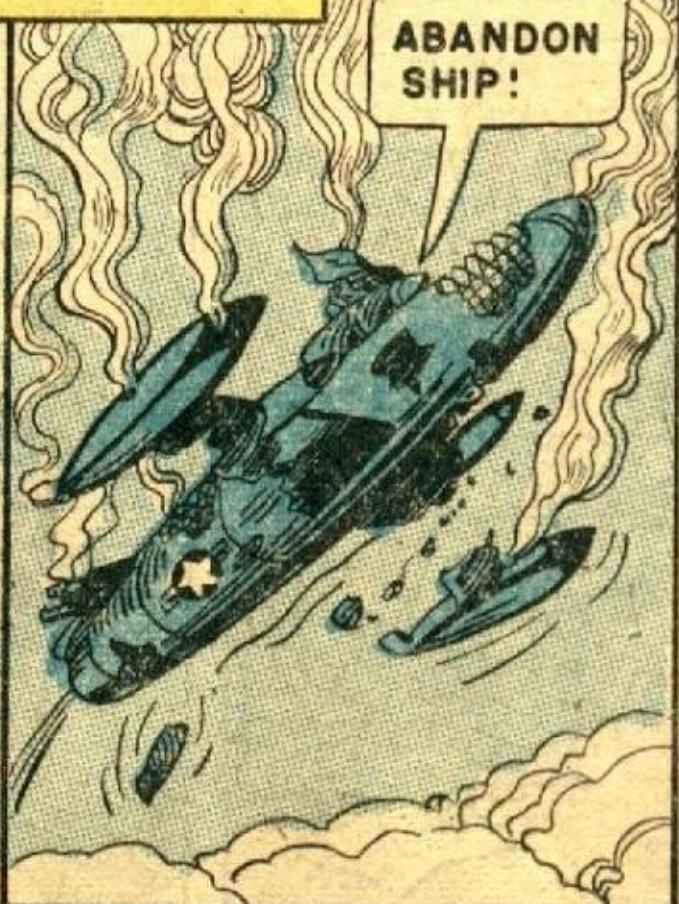


AT THAT SAME MOMENT—IN OTHER SKIES—THIS "IMPOSSIBLE" SPECTACLE IS REPEATED
AGAIN AND AGAIN---

ABANDON
SHIP!

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SHIP!

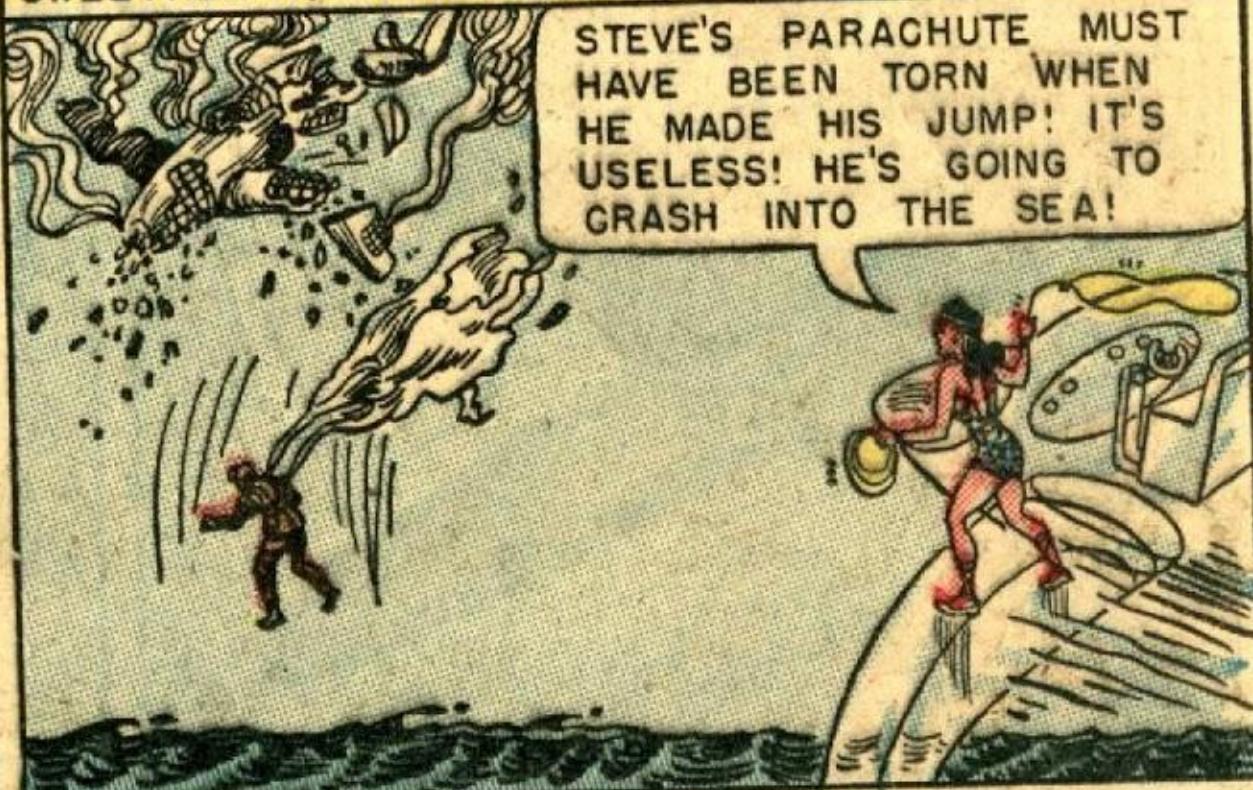


MEANWHILE, CRUISING IN THE SKIES IN HER UNIQUE AMAZON PLANE, WONDER WOMAN HEARS A FAMILIAR VOICE ON HER OMNI-WAVE SET---

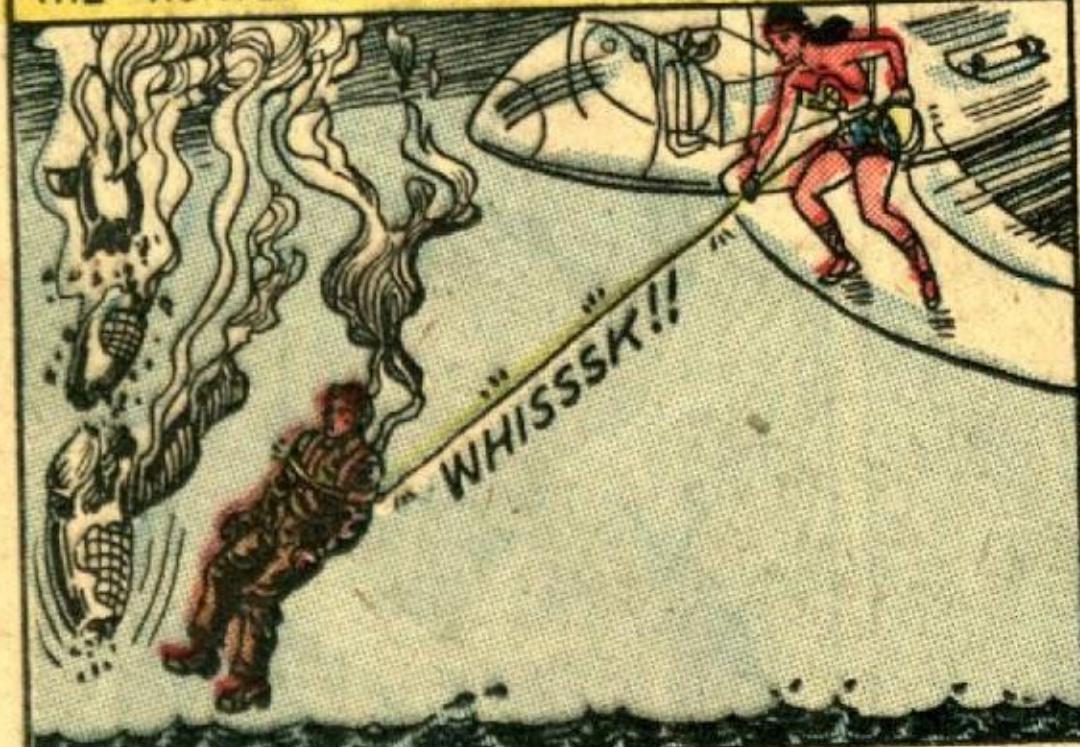
KST TO B-7! PLANE DISINTEGRATING WITHOUT REASON! AM DITCHING! AC-414! OVER!



WITH THOUGHT-STAGGERING SPEED THE SILENT, TRANSPARENT PLANE REACHES THE LOCATION GIVEN BY COL. STEVE TREVOR, THE AMAZON'S SWEETHEART, JUST AS --

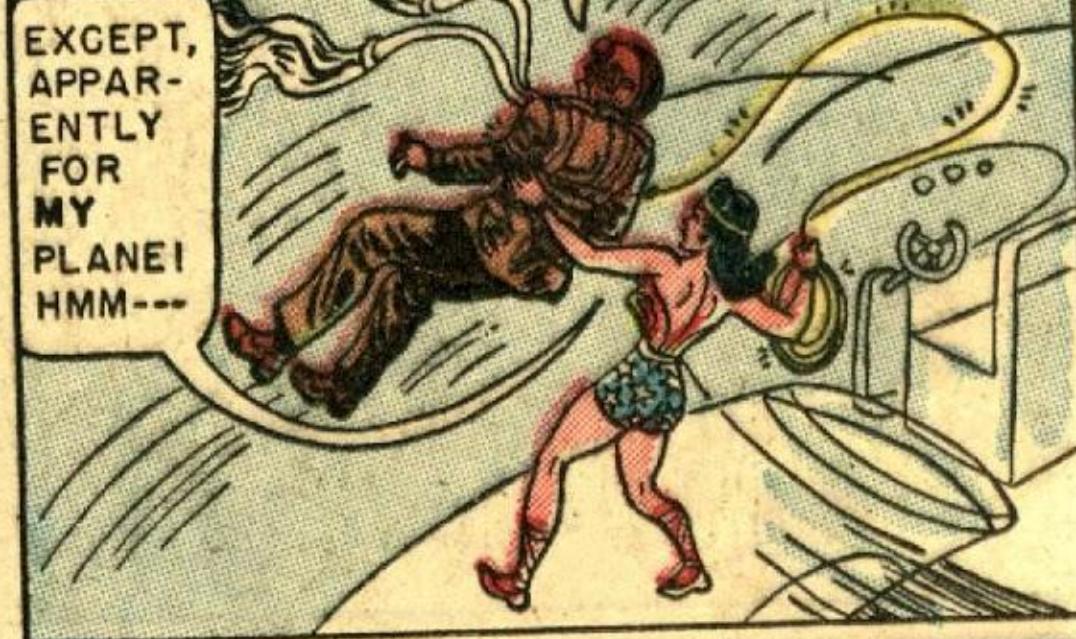


WITH A LIGHTNING CAST OF HER LASSO, MADE OF AMAZONIUM, STRONGEST METAL KNOWN TO MAN—WONDER WOMAN HALTS THE HURTLING FIGURE---



THE NEXT INSTANT, SHE SAFELY DRAWS HIM TOWARD HER ---

THANKS FOR SAVING MY LIFE, DARLING! I'VE GOT TO GET TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AT ONCE! THE SKIES HAVE BECOME UNSAFE!



SHORTLY, AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE—IN GEN. DARNELL'S OFFICE ---

EVERY PLANE IN THE SKY HAD THE SAME THING HAPPEN TO IT, STEVE! UNTIL WE CAN SOLVE THIS MYSTERY, FOR SAFETY'S SAKE, I'M GOING TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AND GROUND EVERY PLANE IN THE COUNTRY!

BUT THIS MEANS THAT WE WOULD BE HELPLESS BEFORE A HOSTILE AIR ATTACK! LET ME TAKE OFF!

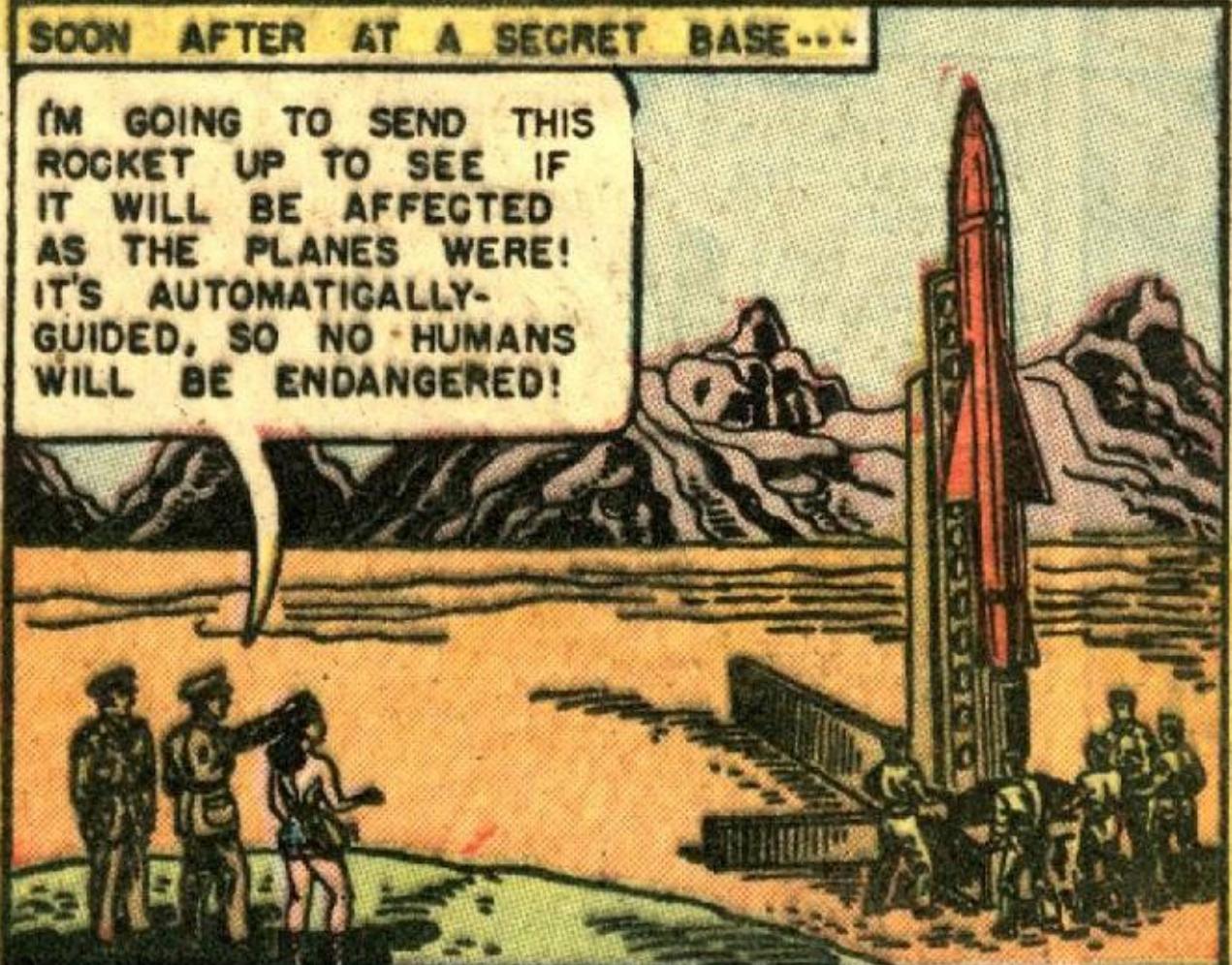


NO! YOU SEE, SIMILIAR REPORTS HAVE COME IN ALL OVER THE WORLD: THERE ISN'T A PLANE ON THIS PLANET—EXCEPT YOURS, WONDER WOMAN—which CAN REMAIN IN THE SKY WITHOUT DISINTEGRATING!



SOON AFTER AT A SECRET BASE---

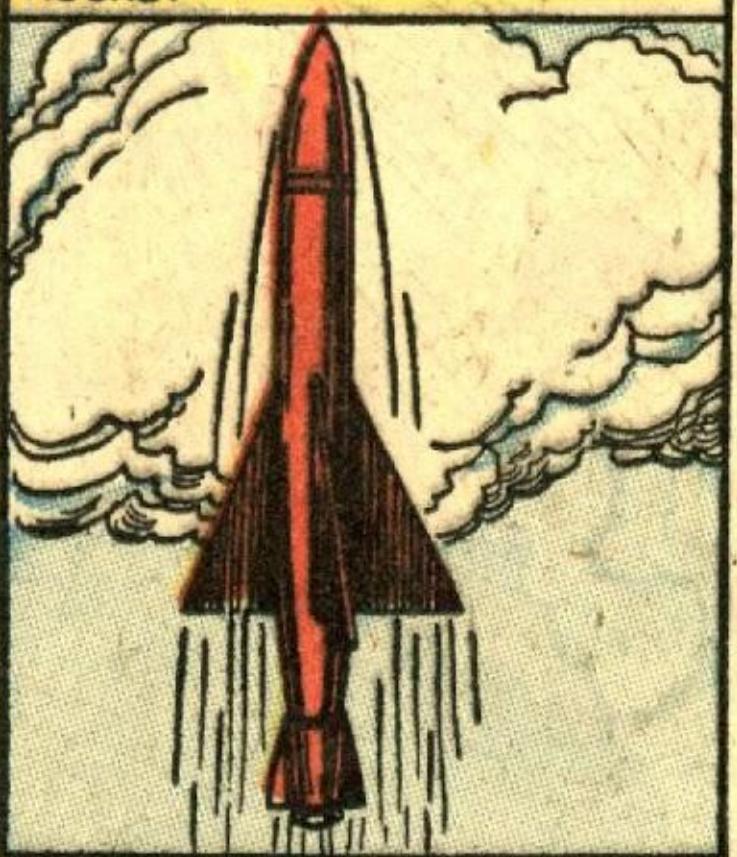
I'M GOING TO SEND THIS ROCKET UP TO SEE IF IT WILL BE AFFECTED AS THE PLANES WERE! IT'S AUTOMATICALLY-GUIDED, SO NO HUMANS WILL BE ENDANGERED!



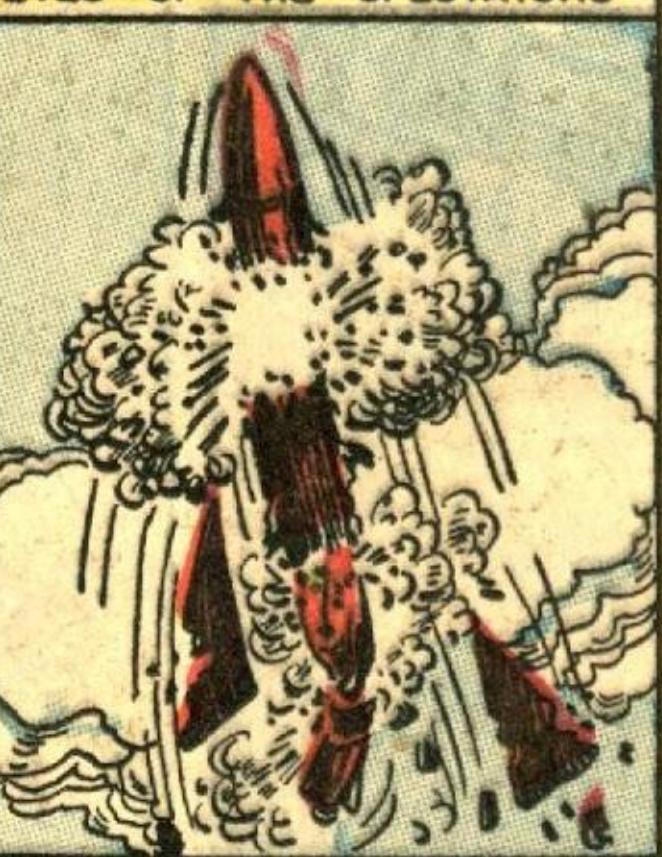
THERE IT GOES! IT CONTAINS INSTRUMENTS WHICH WILL RECORD THE PRESENCE OF ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT CAUSE THIS MYSTERIOUS DISINTEGRATION!



UPWARD HURLES THE ROCKET --



AND BEFORE THE VERY EYES OF THE SPECTATORS--



DISINTEGRATES---



THERE'S NO DOUBT OF IT NOW! THERE'S AN INVISIBLE BARRIER UP THERE! LET ME INVESTIGATE, GENERAL!



NO, WONDER WOMAN! BY NOW—
EVEN YOUR PLANE MAY NO
LONGER BE IMMUNE TO THE IN-
VISIBLE PERIL IN THE SKIES! I'M
GOING TO TRY ANOTHER STRATE-
GY!

THAT DAY, ASCENDING SKYVIEW MOUNTAIN---

CLEVER IDEA OF GEN. DARNELL'S—
SENDING US UP THIS MOUNTAIN WITH IN-
STRUMENTS TO DETECT
THE PRESENCE OF
WHATEVER MAY BE
THREATENING US!
I'LL THROW THIS
STEEL HOOK INTO
A NICHE SO
WE CAN
CLIMB UP
FURTHER!



AS THE STEEL HOOK CATCHES IN A
CREVISE ON THE ROCKY LEDGE-

HAVE YOUR INSTRUMENTS
RECORDED ANYTHING YET,
WONDER WOMAN?

NO, STEVE!



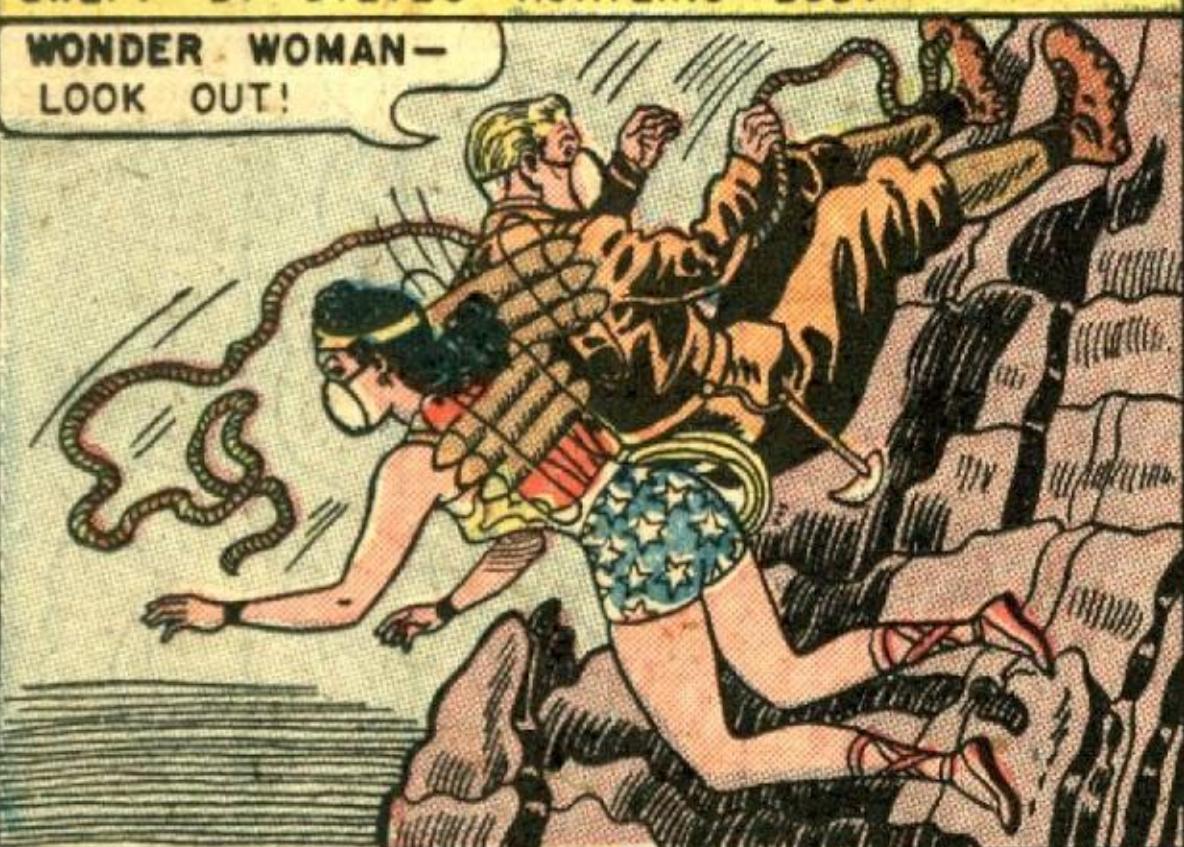
THE NEXT INSTANT---

THAT HOOK IS DISIN-
TEGRATING! WE'VE
REACHED THE
ALTITUDE
WHERE THAT
DESTRUCTIVE
FORCE IS
OPERATING!

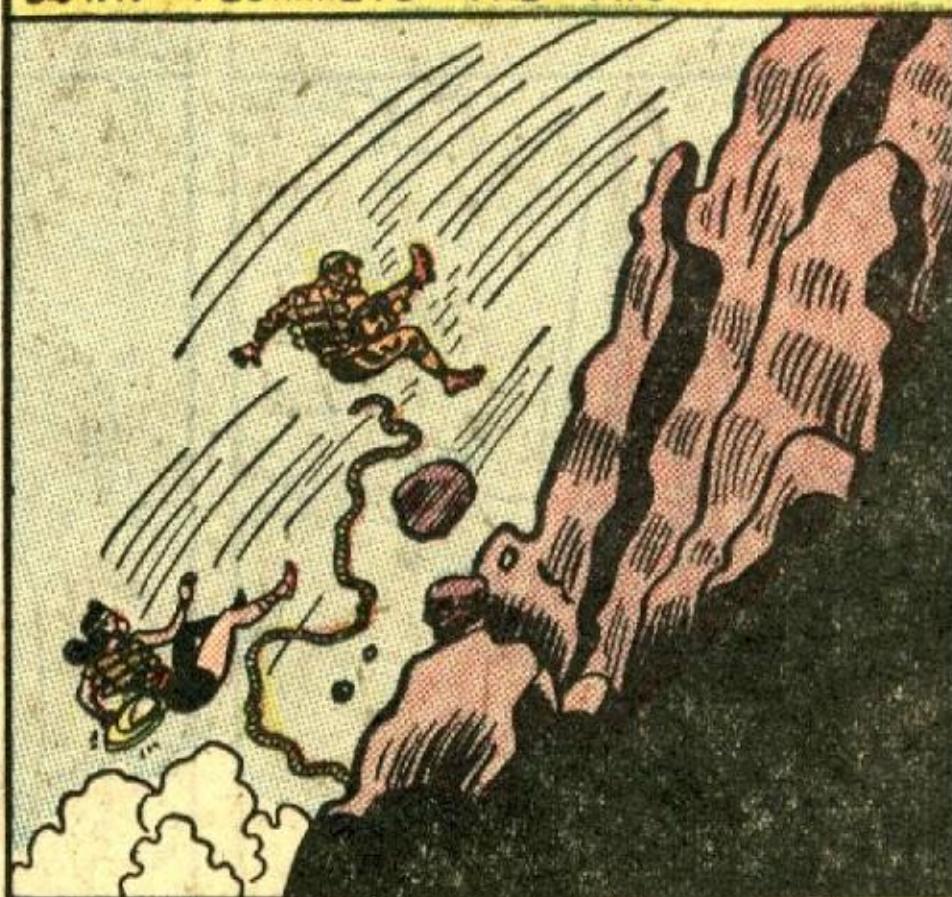


OFF THE LEDGE THE LOVELY AMAZON IS
SWEPT BY STEVE'S HURTLING BODY ---

WONDER WOMAN—
LOOK OUT!

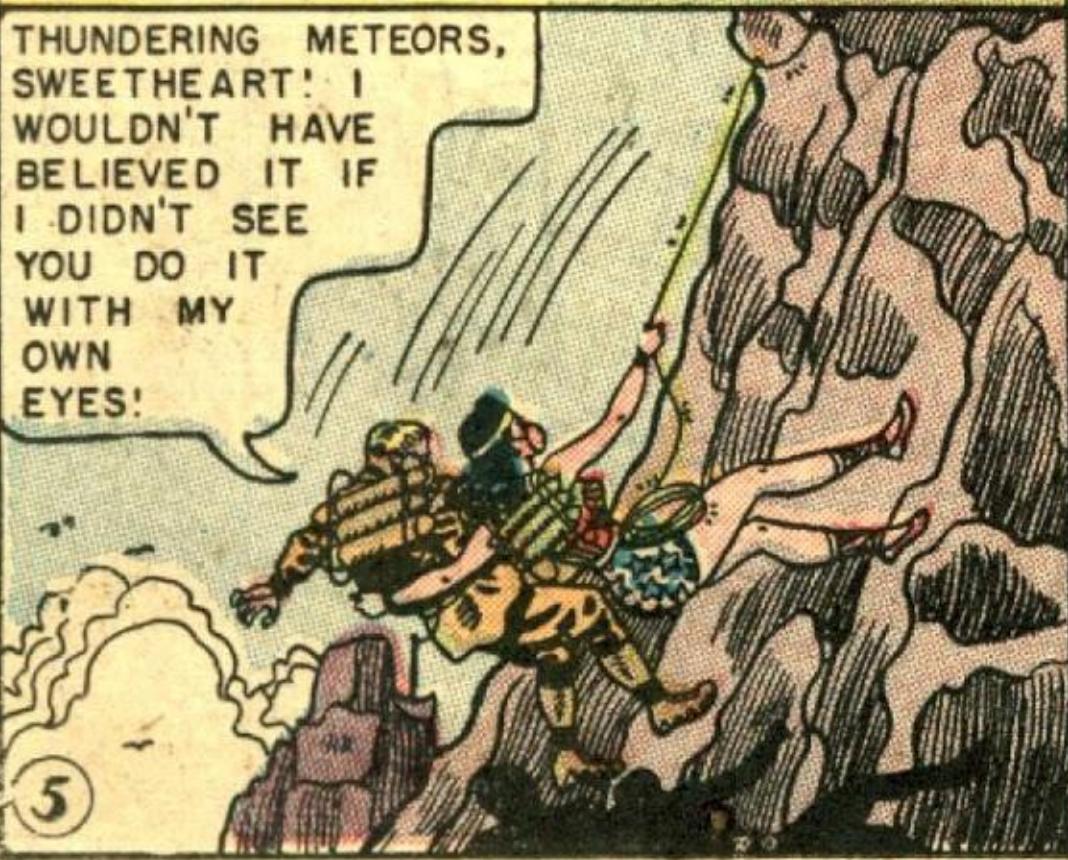


DOWN PLUMMETS THE TWO---



UNTIL, WITH ICY NERVES, WONDER WOMAN
SEIZES STEVE WITH ONE ARM AND WITH
A LIGHTNING CAST OF HER LASSO---

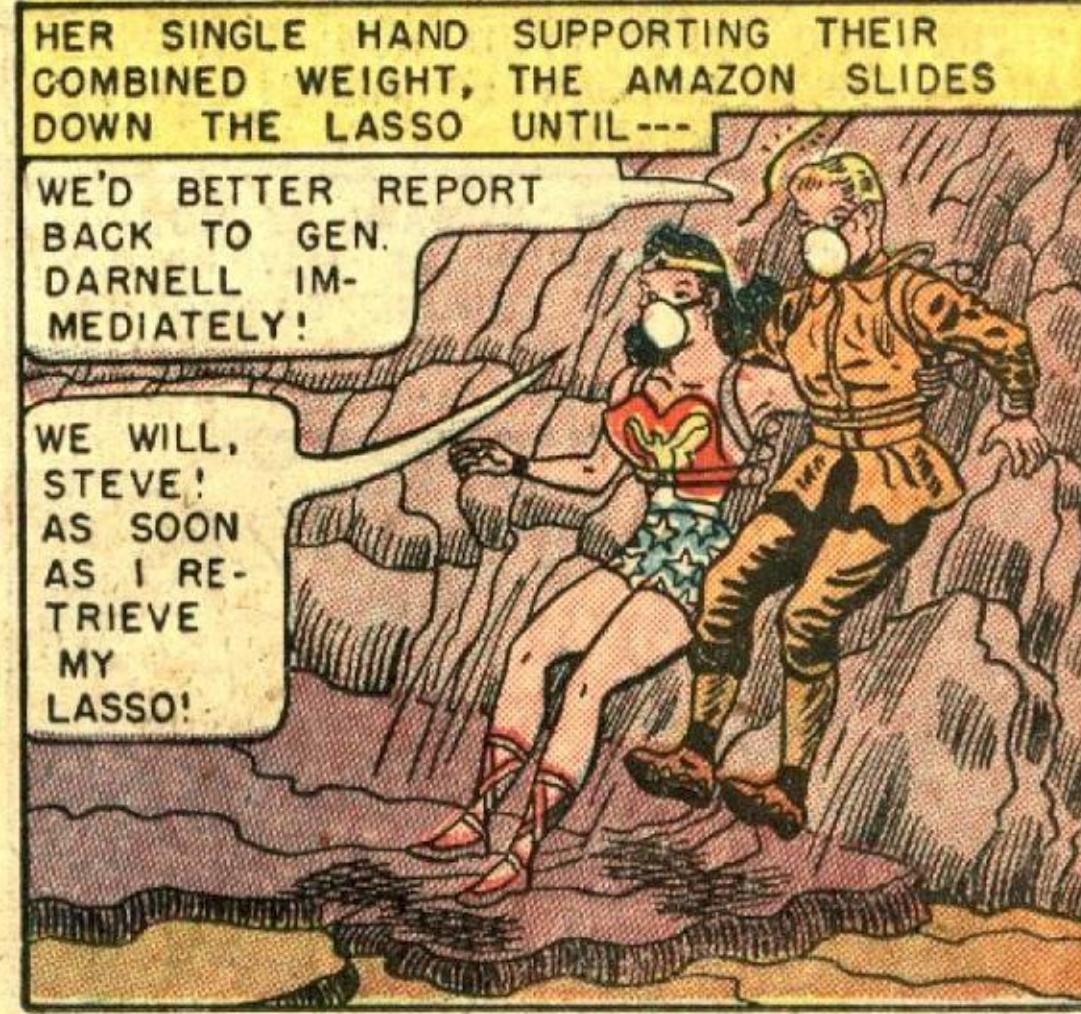
THUNDERING METEORS,
SWEETHEART! I
WOULDN'T HAVE
BELIEVED IT IF
I DIDN'T SEE
YOU DO IT
WITH MY
OWN
EYES!



HER SINGLE HAND SUPPORTING THEIR
COMBINED WEIGHT, THE AMAZON SLIDES
DOWN THE LASSO UNTIL---

WE'D BETTER REPORT
BACK TO GEN.
DARNELL IM-
MEDIATELY!

WE WILL,
STEVE!
AS SOON
AS I RE-
TRIEVE
MY
LASSO!



EN ROUTE BACK TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ---

LOOK! THE TOPS OF THOSE SKYSCRAPERS ARE GONE!

STEVE! WHATEVER IS AFFECTING METAL AT A HIGH ALTITUDE— HAS DESCENDED TO A LOWER ONE!

SUFFERING SAPPHO! EVERY HUMAN HAS IRON IN HIS BLOOD! WHEN THIS DISINTEGRATING FORCE DROPS LOW ENOUGH TO COME IN CONTACT WITH PEOPLE—IT MAY VERY WELL MEAN THE END OF LIFE ON THIS PLANET!

INSTANTLY, THE FEARLESS AMAZON SUMMONS HER ROBOT PLANE AND---

DARLING! YOU CAN'T FLY TOWARD THAT UNKNOWN PERIL! LET ME DO IT!

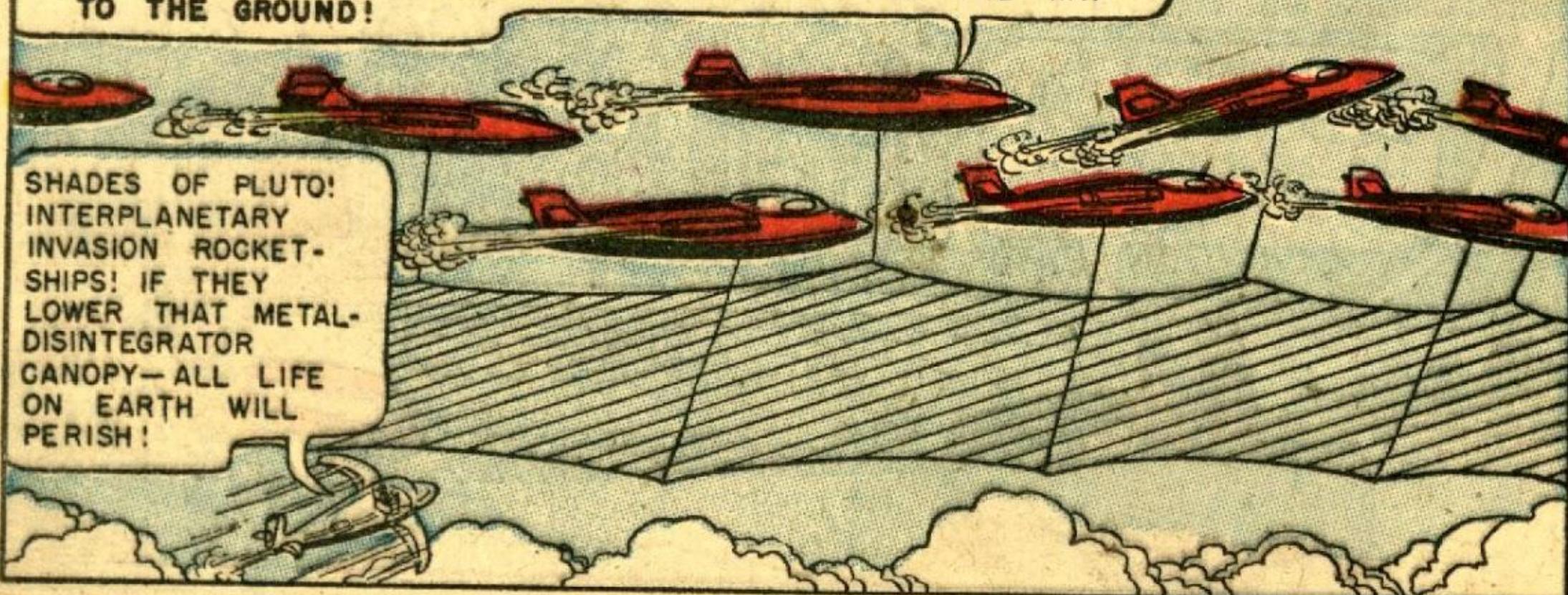
NO PLANE IN THE WORLD BUILT BY MAN WOULD LAST IN THE AIR! ONLY MY PLANE HAS A CHANCE! AND SINCE I KNOW HOW TO FLY IT BEST—I'M TAKING IT! FAREWELL!

I'VE ALREADY PASSED THE INVISIBLE BARRIER---

AN UNSEEN WAVE—SEEKS TO BE—BATTERING—ME—

LOSING—CONSCIOUSNESS— SETTING CONTROLS—FULL SPEED AHEAD—UN—

AS WONDER WOMAN'S POWERFUL FIGHTING SPIRIT FIGHTS OFF THE EFFECTS OF THE INVISIBLE PERIL IN THE SKIES, SHE OVERHEARS ON HER OMNI-WAVE SET TERRIFYING NEWS. LOWER THE METAL-DISINTEGRATOR CANOPY ALL THE WAY TO THE GROUND!



AN UNEARTHLY FACE FILLS THE OMNI-SCREEN AS THE HORRIFIED AMAZON TUNES IN THE SPEAKER---

WHEN ALL THE METAL ON EARTH—THE SOLE ELEMENT HARMFUL TO US—HAS DISINTEGRATED—THE PLANET WILL BE OURS! HUUUEEE!



LEAPING ONTO THE WING OF HER SILENT, TRANSPARENT PLANE WHICH ALONE HAS WITHSTOOD THE METAL-DISINTEGRATOR---



BUT TO THE AMAZON'S AMAZEMENT---

THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE! I'VE LOST MY LASO! THE METAL-DISINTEGRATOR HASN'T MADE MY LASO FALL APART—BUT HAS MADE IT LOSE ITS UNIQUE PROPERTIES!



THE NEXT MOMENT—ANOTHER AWFUL DILEMMA---

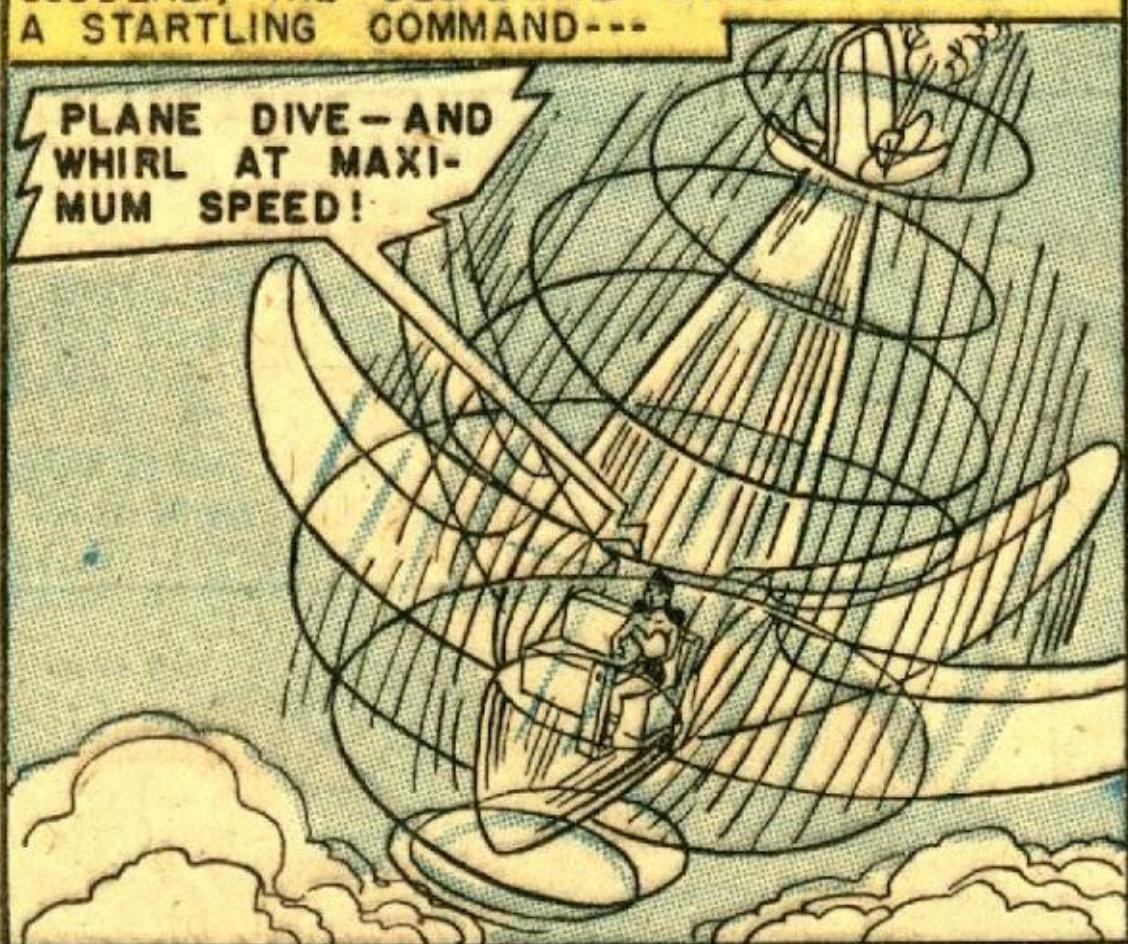
MY AMAZON BRACELETS AREN'T WORKING EITHER! I CAN'T WARD OFF THE RAYS THE INVADERS ARE FIRING AT ME! I'M NOW WITHOUT ARMOR—OR WEAPONS. AT THE VERY MOMENT THE EARTH

IS MOST THREATENED!



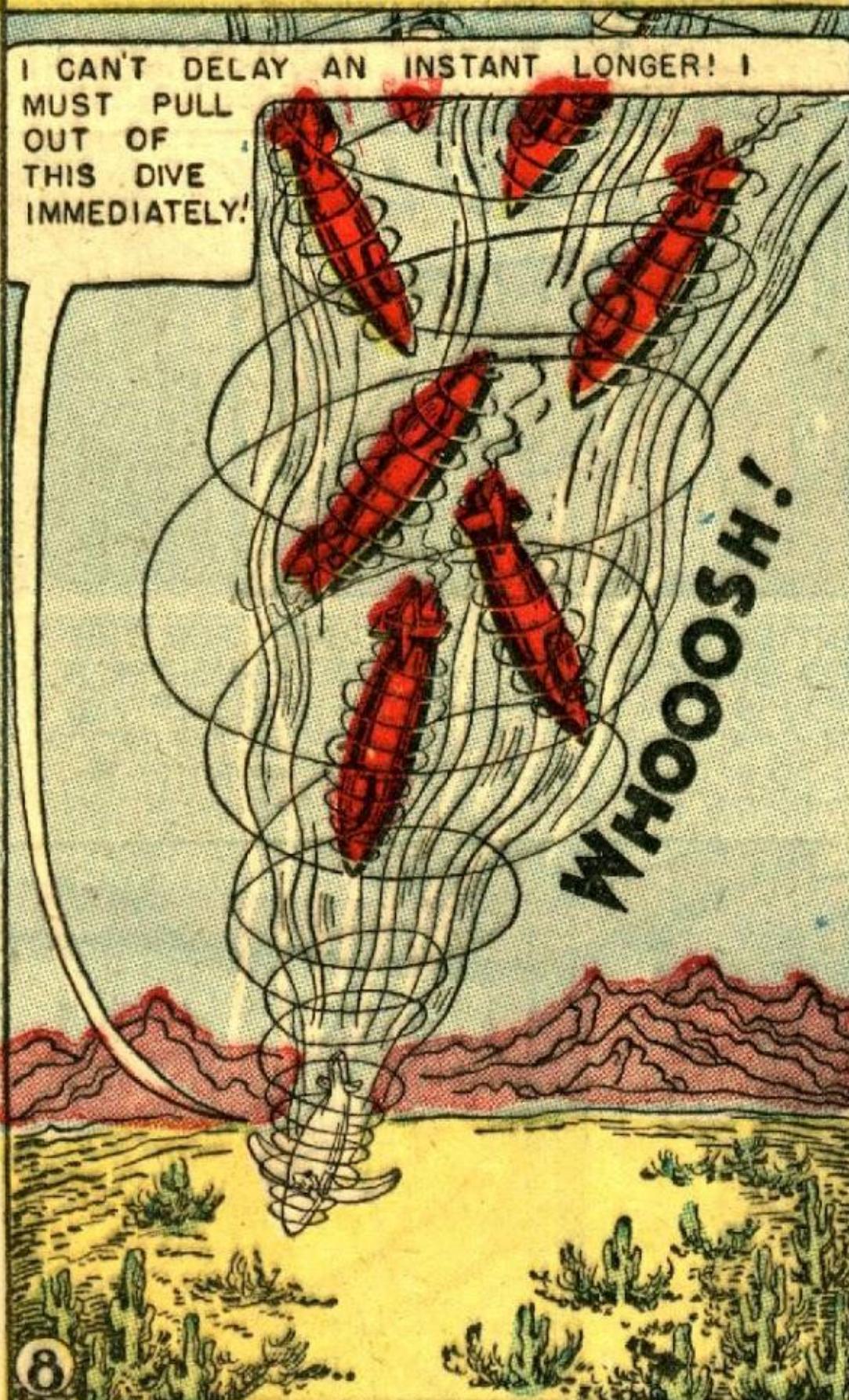
SUDDENLY, THE DESPERATE AMAZON UTTERS A STARTLING COMMAND---

PLANE DIVE—AND WHIRL AT MAXIMUM SPEED!



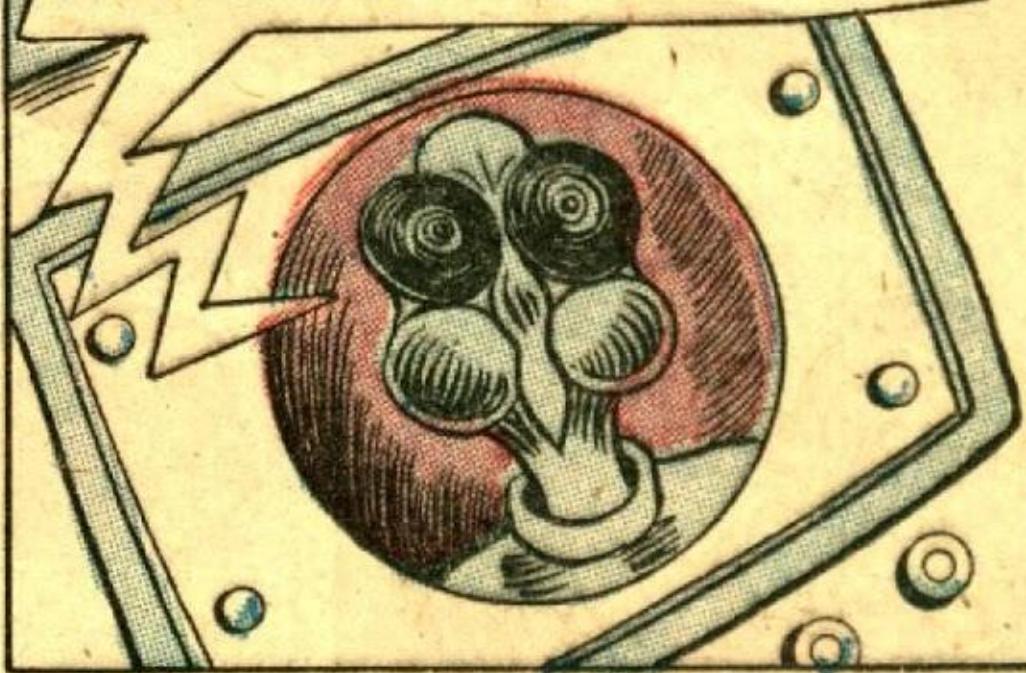
HURTLING DOWNWARD LIKE A METEOR, WONDER WOMAN GLANCES BEHIND HER, AND IN THE WHIRLPOOL IN THE AIR HER ROTATING PLANE HAS CREATED, SEES---

I CAN'T DELAY AN INSTANT LONGER! I MUST PULL OUT OF THIS DIVE IMMEDIATELY!



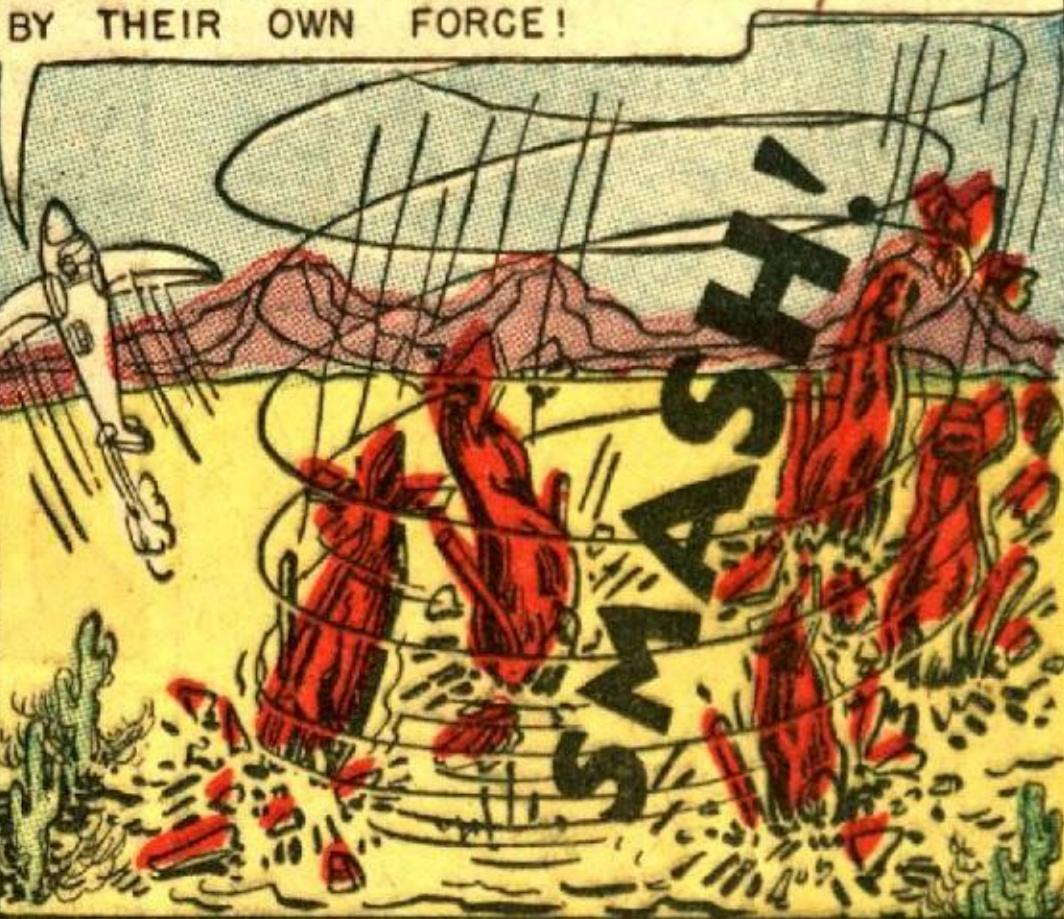
THE EERIE LAUGHTER OF THE UNEARTHLY INVASION CHIEF HISSES THROUGH THE OMNI-WAVE SET ---

THE EARTHLING FLEES! AFTER HER! DESTROY THIS LONE CHALLENGER TO OUR INVINCIBLE MIGHT!



WITH INCALCULABLE SPEED THE UNIQUE AMAZON PLANE HURLES OUT OF ITS DIVE, WHILE BEHIND IT—UNABLE TO HALT, THE INVADERS MEET THEIR DOOM ---

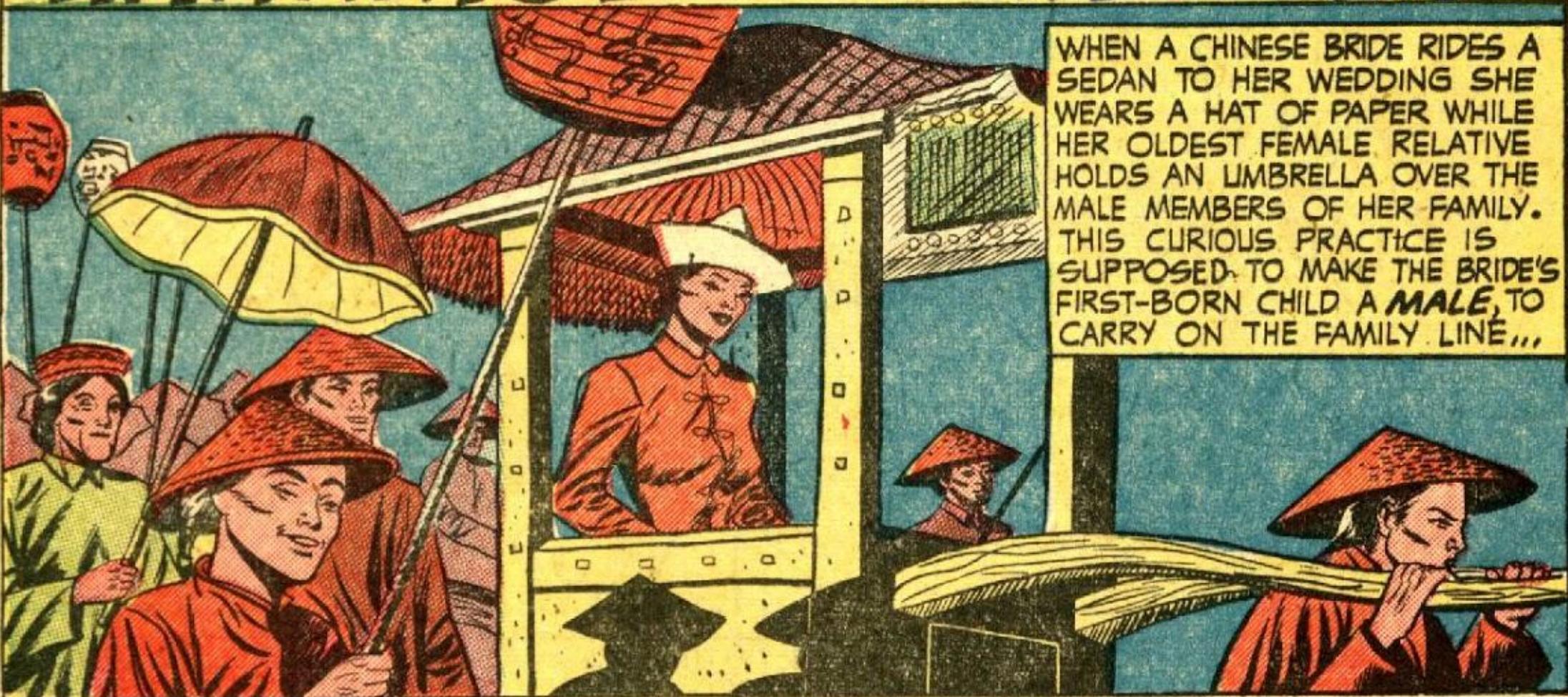
THEY MEET THE FATE OF ANYONE ATTACKING FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY—DESTROYED BY THEIR OWN FORCE!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER, A FAMILIAR OBJECT, FALLING DOWN THROUGH THE AIR, IS CAUGHT--

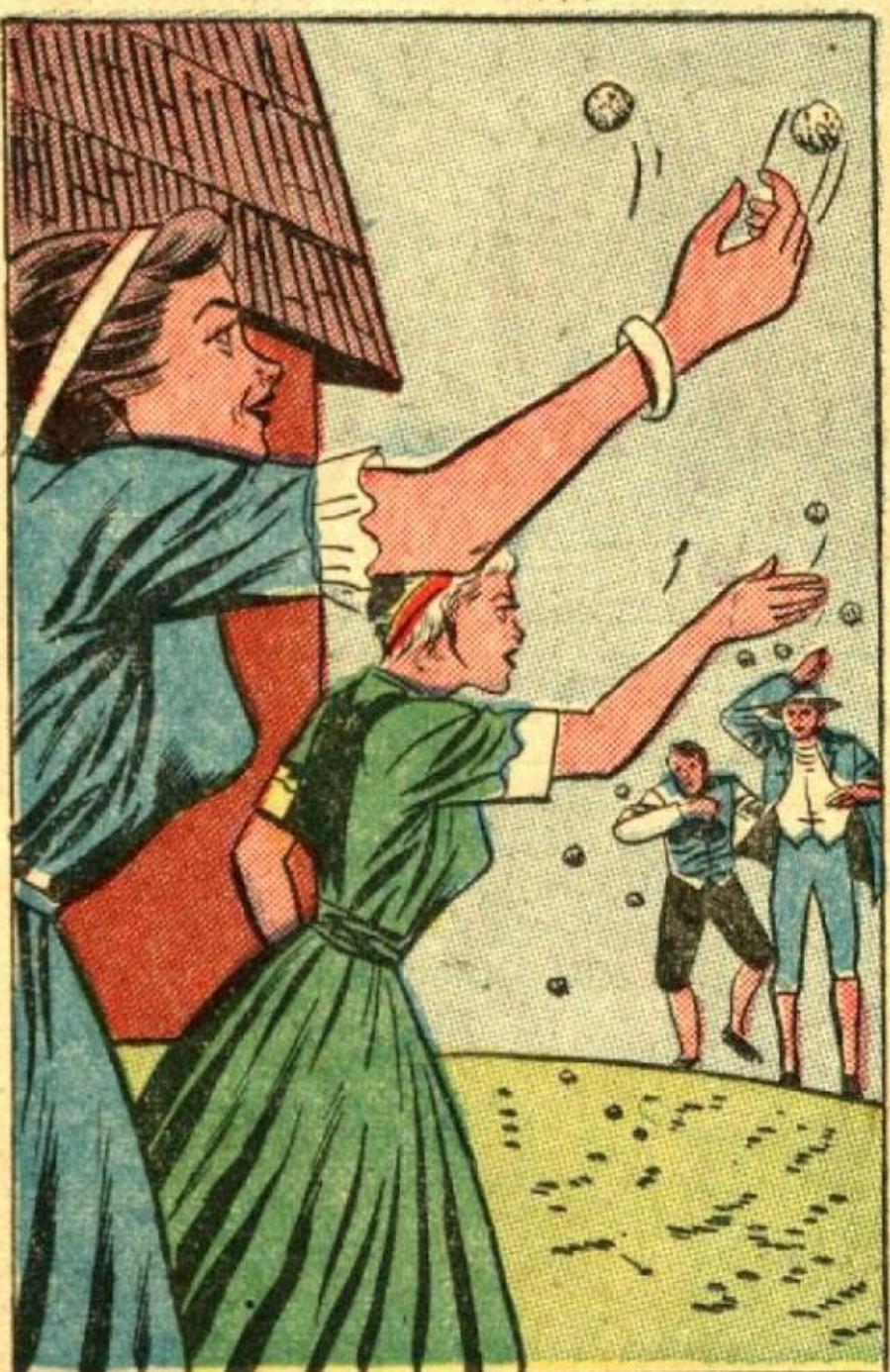


MARRIAGE A LA MODE!



WHEN A CHINESE BRIDE RIDES A SEDAN TO HER WEDDING SHE WEARS A HAT OF PAPER WHILE HER OLDEST FEMALE RELATIVE HOLDS AN UMBRELLA OVER THE MALE MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY. THIS CURIOUS PRACTICE IS SUPPOSED TO MAKE THE BRIDE'S FIRST-BORN CHILD A **MALE**, TO CARRY ON THE FAMILY LINE...

IN SOUTHERN EUROPE, THE BRIDES-MAIDS STAND ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE BRIDE'S HOUSE AND PREVENT THE GROOM AND HIS MALE FRIENDS FROM ENTERING BY SHOWERING THEM WITH BALLS OF BOILED RICE. THE RICE BARRAGE CONTINUES UNTIL THE MEN OFFER THE GIRLS PRESENTS AS A "BRIBE" TO ENTER THE HOUSE ...



AFTER A HINDU WEDDING, THE GUESTS SURROUND THE BRIDE AND GROOM AND YELL IN UNISON, "**GOOD LUCK!**" IN THE BELIEF THAT THE NOISE OF THE SHOUTED WORDS WILL SCARE AWAY ANY NEARBY EVIL SPIRITS THAT MIGHT TRY TO BLIGHT THE MARRIED COUPLE'S HAPPINESS...



IN ANCIENT BRITAIN, IT WAS CUSTOMARY FOR THE FATHER TO GIVE ONE OF HIS MARRIED DAUGHTER'S SHOES TO HIS NEW SON-IN-LAW TO SYMBOLIZE HIS TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY OVER HIS DAUGHTER. THE GROOM SIGNIFIED ACCEPTANCE OF HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITY BY GENTLY TAPPING HIS BRIDE ON THE HEAD WITH THE SHOE...



JANIE

OH, GOLLY!
YEAH--GEE
WHIZ! HE'S
YUMMY!

OH,
JANIE!

YES,
MOM?

I DO WISH YOU'D BE MORE
CAREFUL WITH YOUR LANGUAGE,
JANIE! YOU USE
ALTOGETHER TOO
MUCH SLANG!

PEOPLE JUDGE YOU BY THE LANGUAGE YOU
USE, YOU KNOW! AND THERE ARE TWO WORDS
I WANT YOU TO PROMISE ME NEVER TO
USE! ONE IS **GOONY** AND THE
OTHER IS **AWFULISH** --WILL
YOU PROMISE?

ANYTHING
TO OBLIGE,
MOM--

--WHAT ARE THE
TWO WORDS?



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—tantalizing and good—just
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you'll love 'em!

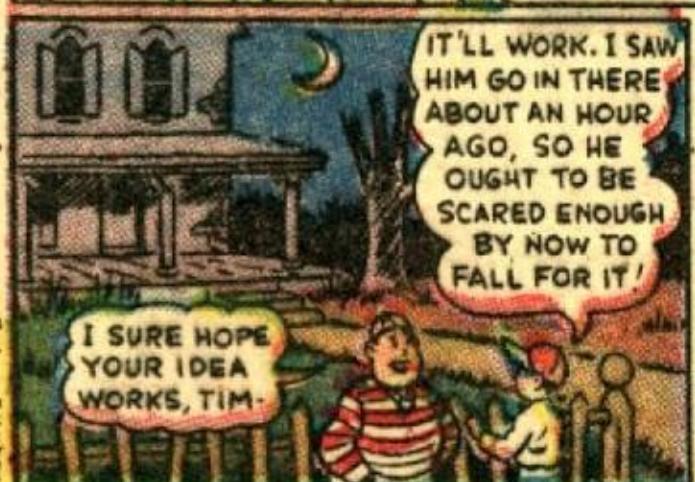
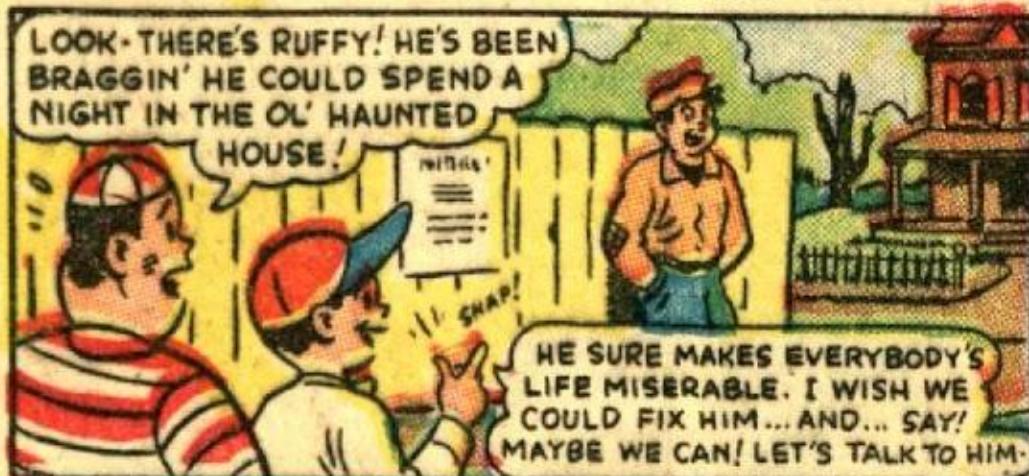
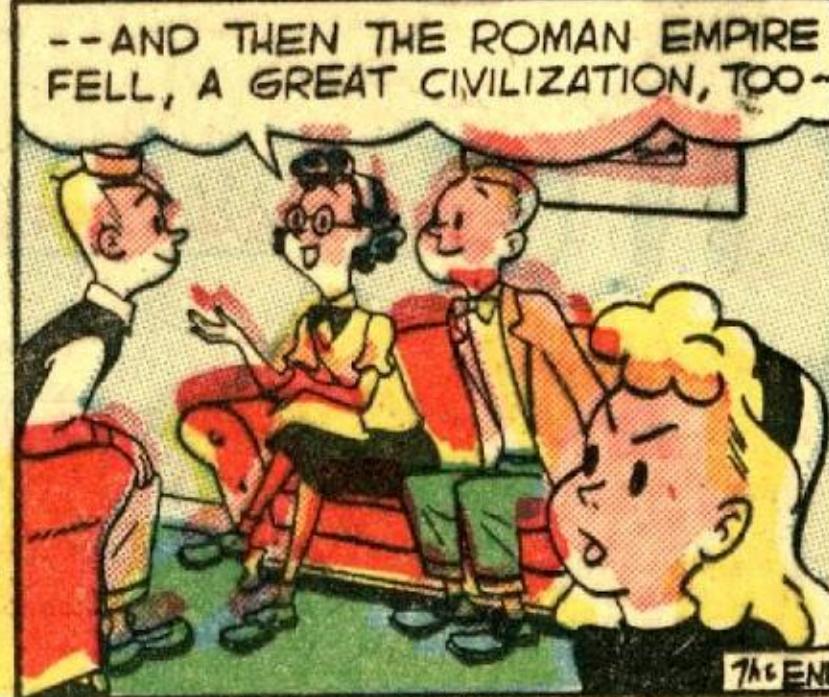
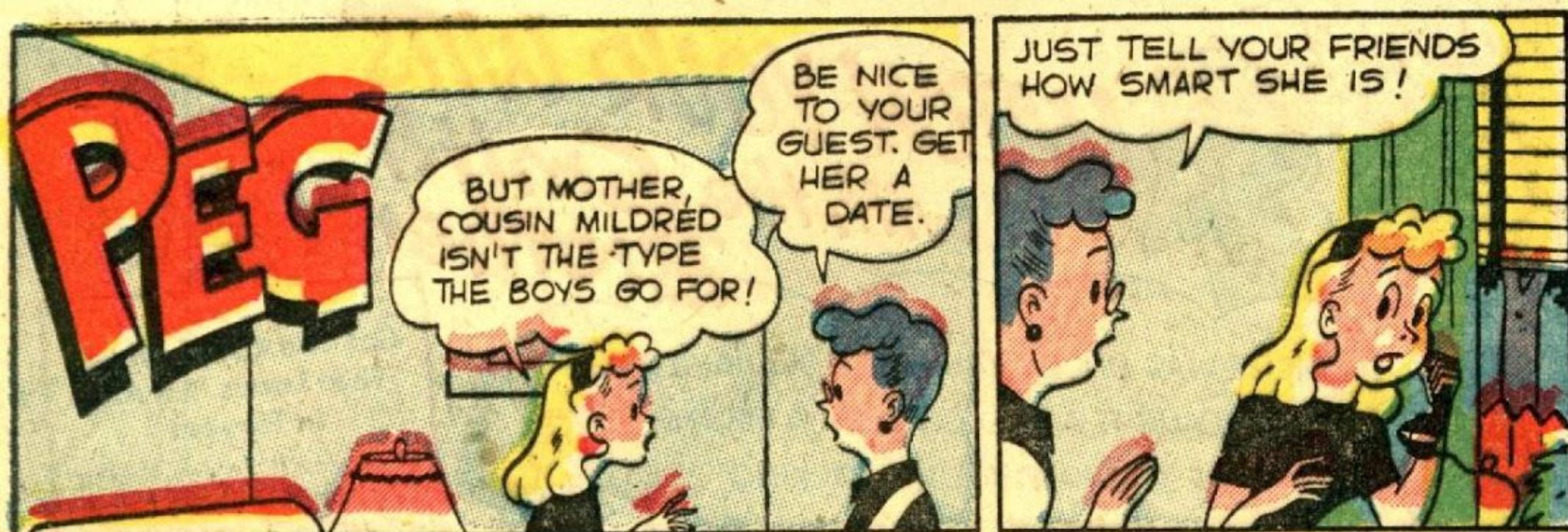


SMITH BROTHERS WILD CHERRY

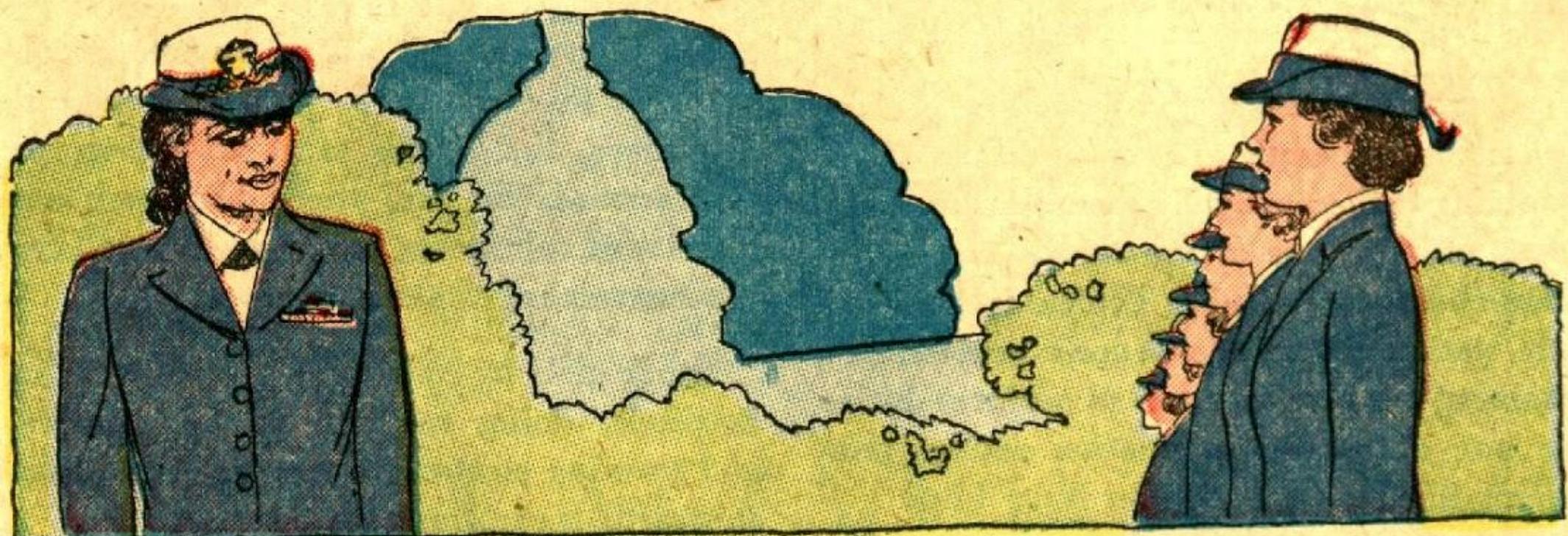
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THE GIRLS IN NAVY BLUE



THE history of women selected for active duty with the U. S. Navy began in World War I when, in March 1917, the then secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels, inaugurated the Naval Reserve program for "Yeoman F." More than 10,700 yeomanettes served the nation in the first World War.

Adverse criticism from many quarters had greeted Secretary Stimson's establishment of a woman's corps in the Navy, most of it coming from conservative die-hards with old-fashioned opinions about woman's place being in the home.

But so well did the yeomanettes handle their jobs in World War I that when, on July 30, 1942, Congress authorized the enlistment of *Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service*—the full and official title of the WAVES—not a word was raised in criticism. The act opened the door for more than 100,000 Waves to serve on duty in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

During World War II the Waves performed 450 different wartime jobs in 900 continental shore activities. Many of the jobs formerly considered "a man's job" were eagerly accepted and performed by the girls in blue.

The only limitation placed on service jobs were the following:

- (1) Waves were prohibited from serving in aircraft on combat missions.
- (2) Waves were not permitted on shipboard, except on hospital and transport jobs.
- (3) Waves were excused from ratings which required considerable physical strength.

For the rest, the Waves successfully handled the duties of 36 of the Navy's 62 ratings with such distinction that, when the war ended, Congress, in June 1948, passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, making the Waves a regular part of the Navy. Women were now enabled to make the Navy their career.

Enlisted Waves are today playing a major role in naval aviation. Each Wave airman recruit, upon completion of basic training at the Bainbridge, Md., Naval Training Center, takes an eight-week familiarization course in electronics, structural mechanics, machinery, storekeeping, parachute rigging, aerography and control-tower operation.

At the successful completion of this airman school, candidates often go on to specialized training lasting from 14 to 28 weeks depending on the course selected.

The recruits receive their technical training at such aviation training facilities as the U. S. Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn.

As a rule, the *Wave* airwoman who completes this schedule of basic and specialized training is then assigned a permanent shore-duty billet at one of the Navy's large aviation operating facilities. Typical is the naval air station where the *Wave's* professional training has prepared her to perform duties in one of the seven aviation ratings now being filled by the girls in Navy blue.

Typical of the type of job held down by an *air Wave* is that of instructor in the Navy Department's link trainer unit at Washington, D. C. The duty of this *air Wave* is to prepare Navy pilots for instrument flight training. She gives instructions to each pilot prior to his "flight" in the link trainer, showing him how to operate signal controls and giving him the necessary instructions and criticisms during this "flight."

This same *air Wave* also gives familiarization lectures on radio ranges, instrument approaches to airports, and instruction on the automatic radio compass and simulated conditions of cross-country flight.

Waves of the air Navy are also going in for parachute rigging in a big way. Although hundreds of *Waves* qualified as parachute riggers during World War II, the parachute leap was not a requirement at the time. Today, however, each recruit at the parachute rigger school at NAS Lakehurst, N. J., is required to make the jump.

There is good reason for this. Officials at the school where the Navy trains the riggers who pack the parachutes, life rafts and other aviation emergency gear, believe there is nothing that impresses a rigger with the importance of the job like having him

—or her—risk his own neck testing his own packing skill. Of course, the 'chute used for the jump is the one they pack themselves.

The Navy doesn't assign anyone involuntarily to duty as a parachute rigger. Therefore, the *Waves* must volunteer for this service. So far, there has been no scarcity of volunteers, which speaks well for the courage of the students.

Other girls in Navy blue are working in hospitals, doing research in laboratories, and training electronics personnel in naval shipyards throughout the country.

In fact, thousands of *Waves* are filling many important assignments which are essential to the support of world-wide naval operations at sea and in the air.

Under the Navy's *Wave* officer procurement program, qualified young women are appointed as commissioned officers in the Regular Navy and the Naval Reserve. Similarly, enlisted women of the Navy are offered opportunities to earn commissioned rank through the Officer Candidate School in Newport, R. I.

To enter this program, a candidate must be between their 21st and 27th birthdays, and must be a graduate of a college or university. She must meet the Navy's medical standards, and be a citizen, by birth or naturalization, of the U. S.

The Navy's current program for the procurement of *Wave* officers calls for a quota in excess of 200 commissioned appointments a year.

How do the boys in Navy blue feel about their female buddies? From all reports, they are glad to have them. Through the years, the *Waves* have earned their position in the Navy, as well as the high respect of the officers and men of the service.

Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

WONDER WOMAN—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES—DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER SHE WAS ASLEEP OR AWAKE! BUT ONE THING SHE WAS SURE OF—THAT SHE SEEMED TO BE THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD WHO WAS AWARE THAT EARTH WAS BEING DESTROYED BY THE -----

"DREAM INVASION!"



AS STEVE TREVOR OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BIDS LT. DIANA PRINCE FAREWELL ---

YOU'VE WORKED PRETTY HARD AT HEADQUARTERS LATELY, DI! GET SOME REST! HAVE A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP! DON'T FORGET—WE'RE GOING TO OBSERVE THE ATOM BOMB EXPLOSION IN THE PACIFIC--DAY AFTER TOMORROW!

I'LL PROBABLY FALL ASLEEP THE MOMENT MY HEAD HITS THE PILLOW!

BUT DURING THE NIGHT, DIANA SLEEPS FITFULLY--

NO—NO—!



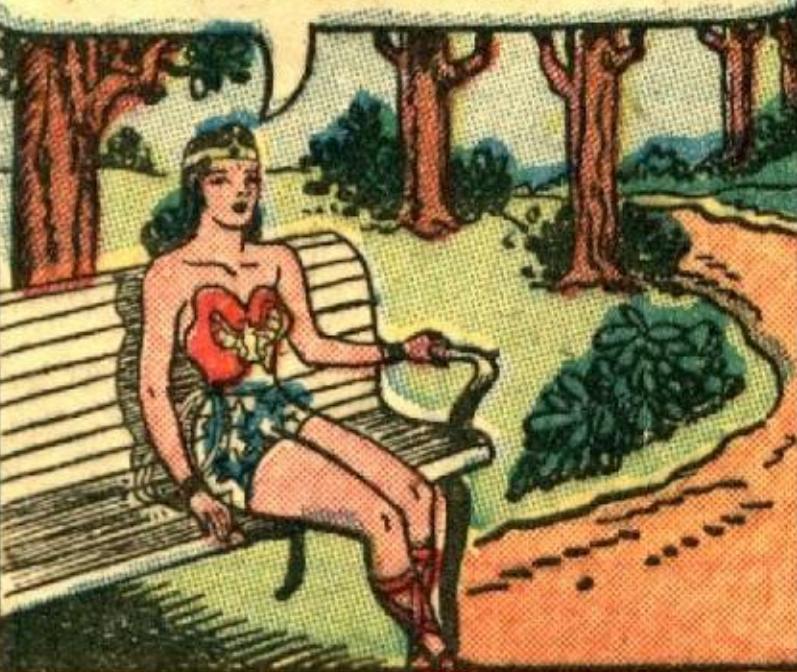
IN THE MORNING—AS DI
CHANGES INTO HER SE-
CRET IDENTITY OF
WONDER WOMAN---

WHAT A HORRIBLE
NIGHT! I SEEMED TO
HAVE DREAMED THAT
EARTH WAS BEING IN-
VADED! BUT I CAN'T RE-
MEMBER A THING ABOUT
IT!



ALL THAT DAY THE LOVELY AMA-
ZON IS TROUBLED---

I WISH I COULD REMEMBER
THAT DREAM! BUT ALL I KNOW
IS THAT AWFUL THINGS HAP-
PENED TO THIS PLANET!



THAT EVENING ---

I'M PRETTY TIRED — FROM
THINKING ABOUT THAT —
HORRIBLE NIGHTMARE —
GUESS I WON'T DREAM
ANYTHING — TONIGHT!



BUT AGAIN ---

NO—NO—I'VE GOT TO STOP THEM—!



MORNING FINDS A BAFFLED, HARRASSED
AMAZON---

I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT THIS
HORRIFYING DREAM—OTHER THAN THAT THIS
UNSUSPECTING, PEACEFUL PLANET IS GOING
TO BE DESTROYED—UNLESS
I CAN FIGHT OFF THIS
UNKNOWN THREAT!

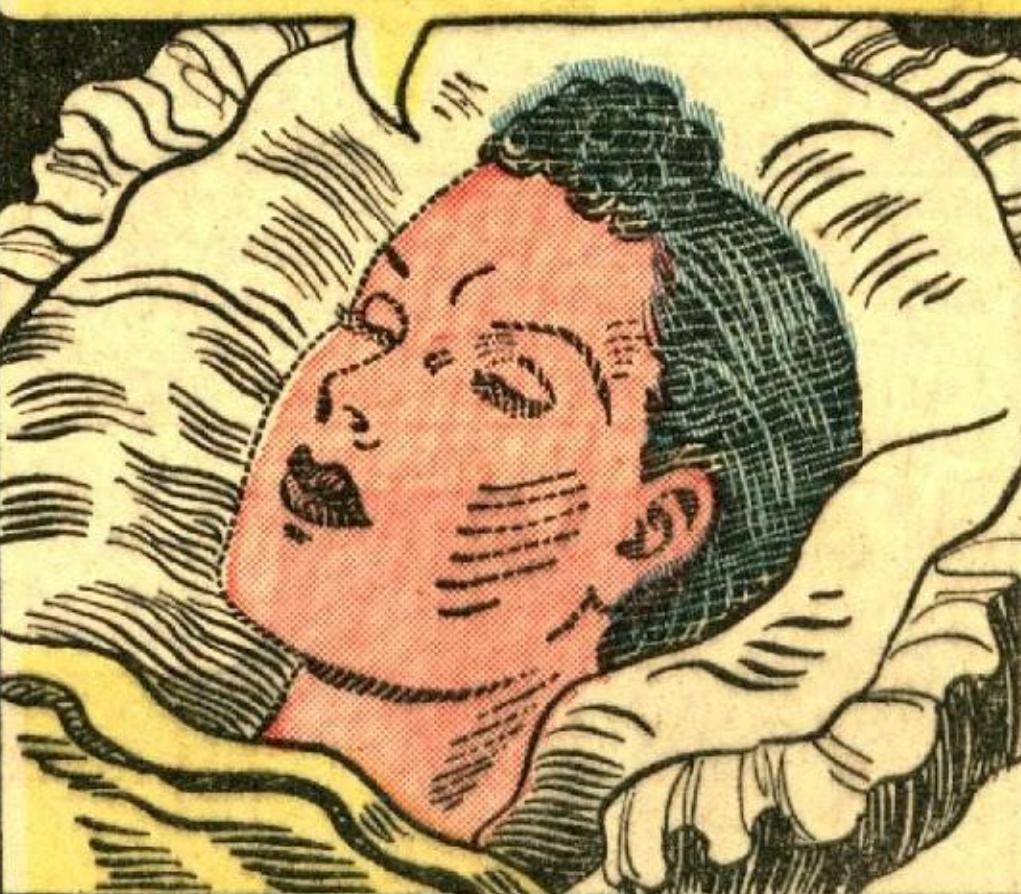


THE NEXT NIGHT WONDER WOMAN SUMMONS
EVERY IOTA OF HER MIGHTY WILL POWER
AS ---

THIS TIME I
MUST REMEMBER—
AS WONDER WOMAN—
WHAT HAPPENS IN
THAT DREAM!



I MUST REMEMBER---I MUST REMEMBER---
I MUST REMEMBER ---



I MUST REMEMBER--- I MU---
S--- T--- RE---



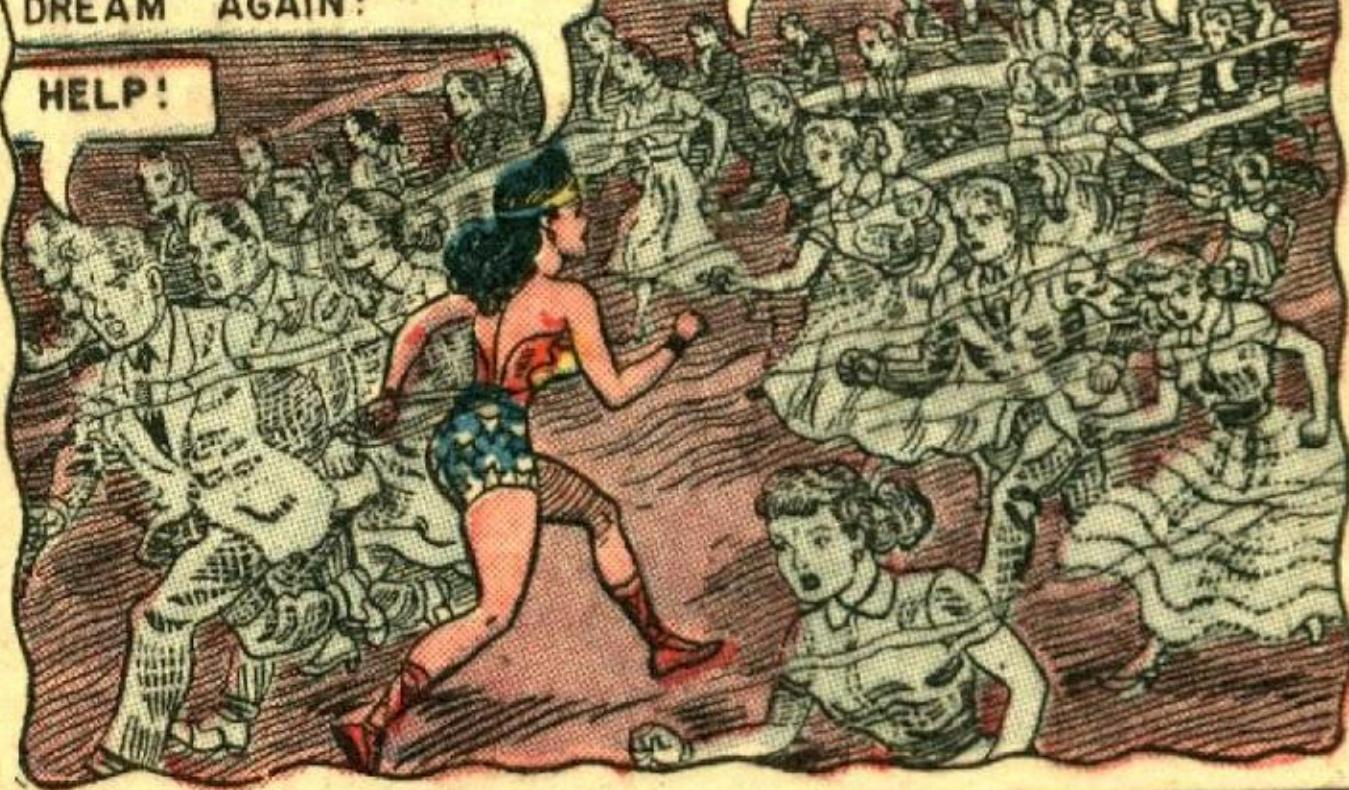
SUDDENLY, THE FIGHTING AMAZON FINDS HERSELF ---

SHADES OF PLUTO! I'M
DREAMING THE SAME
DREAM AGAIN!

HELP!

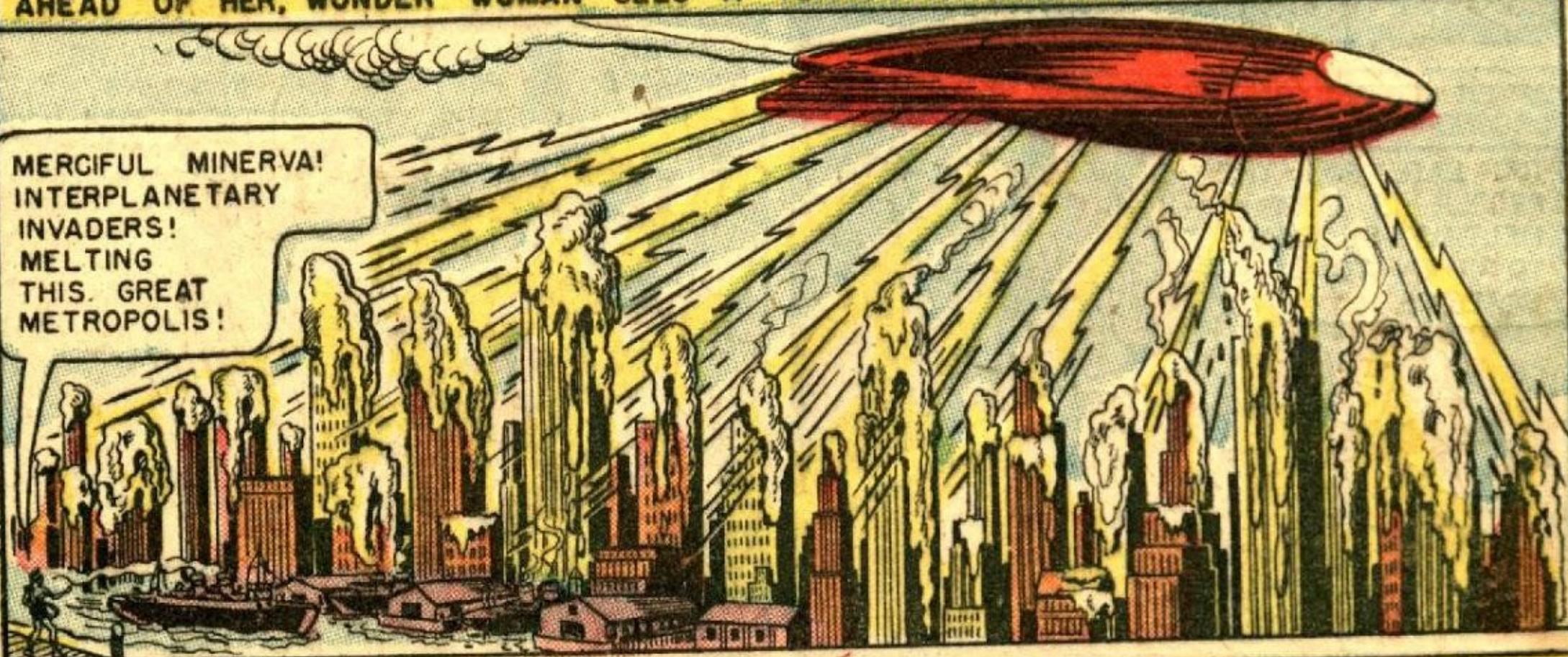
HELP!

FLEE FOR
YOUR LIVES!



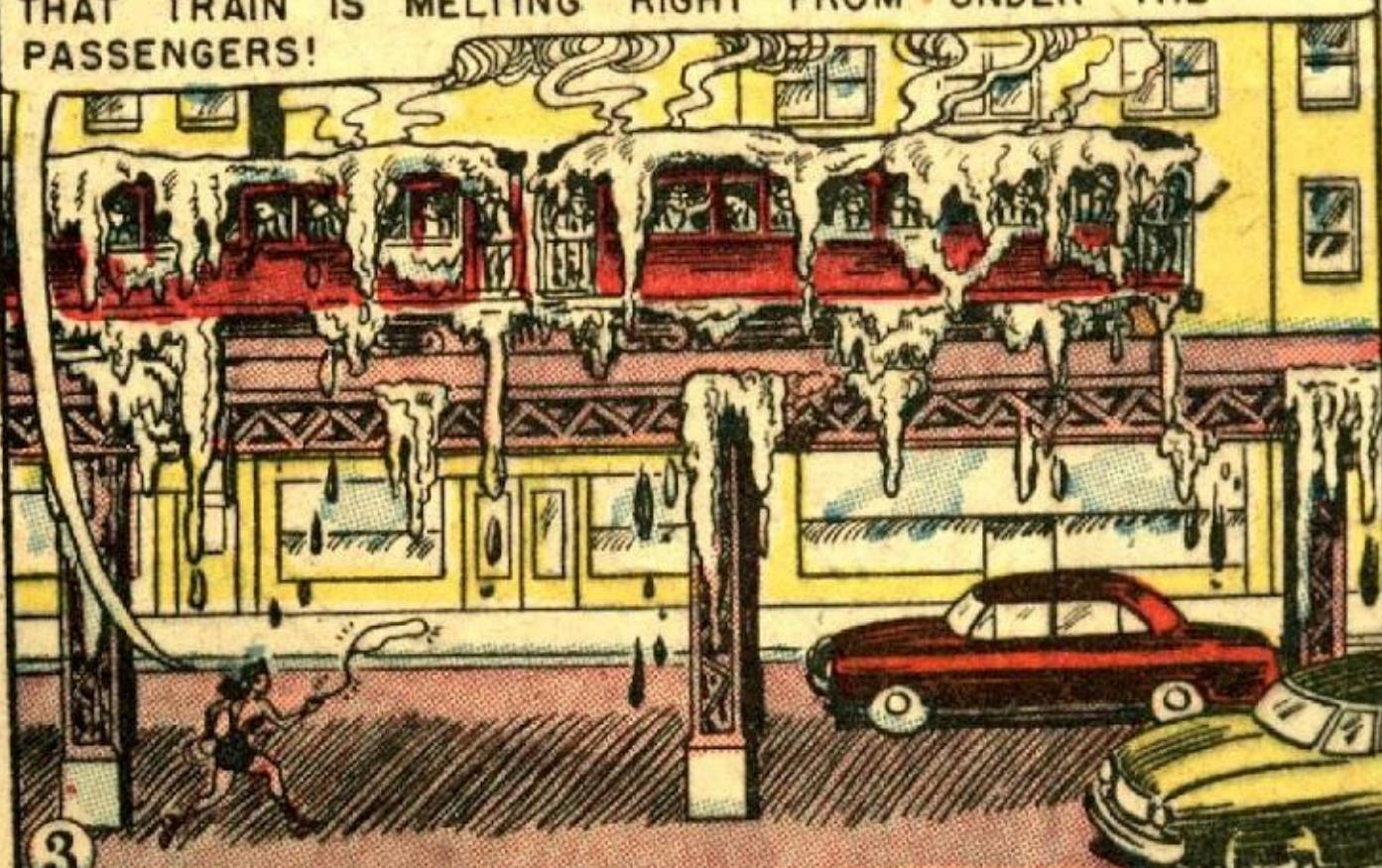
AHEAD OF HER, WONDER WOMAN SEES A TERRIFYING SPECTACLE ---

MERCIFUL MINERVA!
INTERPLANETARY
INVADERS!
MELTING
THIS GREAT
METROPOLIS!



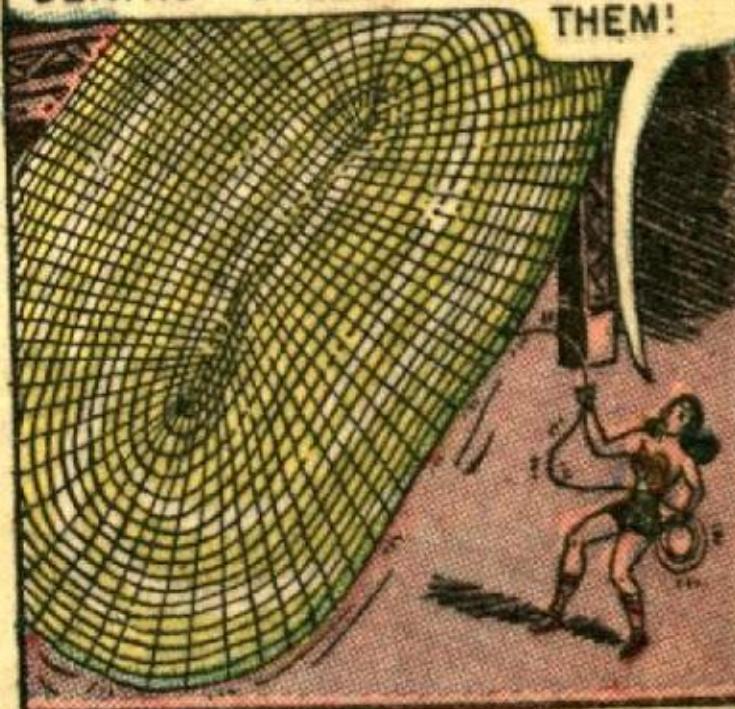
RACING INTO THE DOOMED CITY ---

THAT TRAIN IS MELTING RIGHT FROM UNDER THE
PASSENGERS!



WITH EYE-BLURRING SPEED
WONDER WOMAN SHAPES HER
UNIQUE AMAZON LASSO INTO
A GIGANTIC NET ---

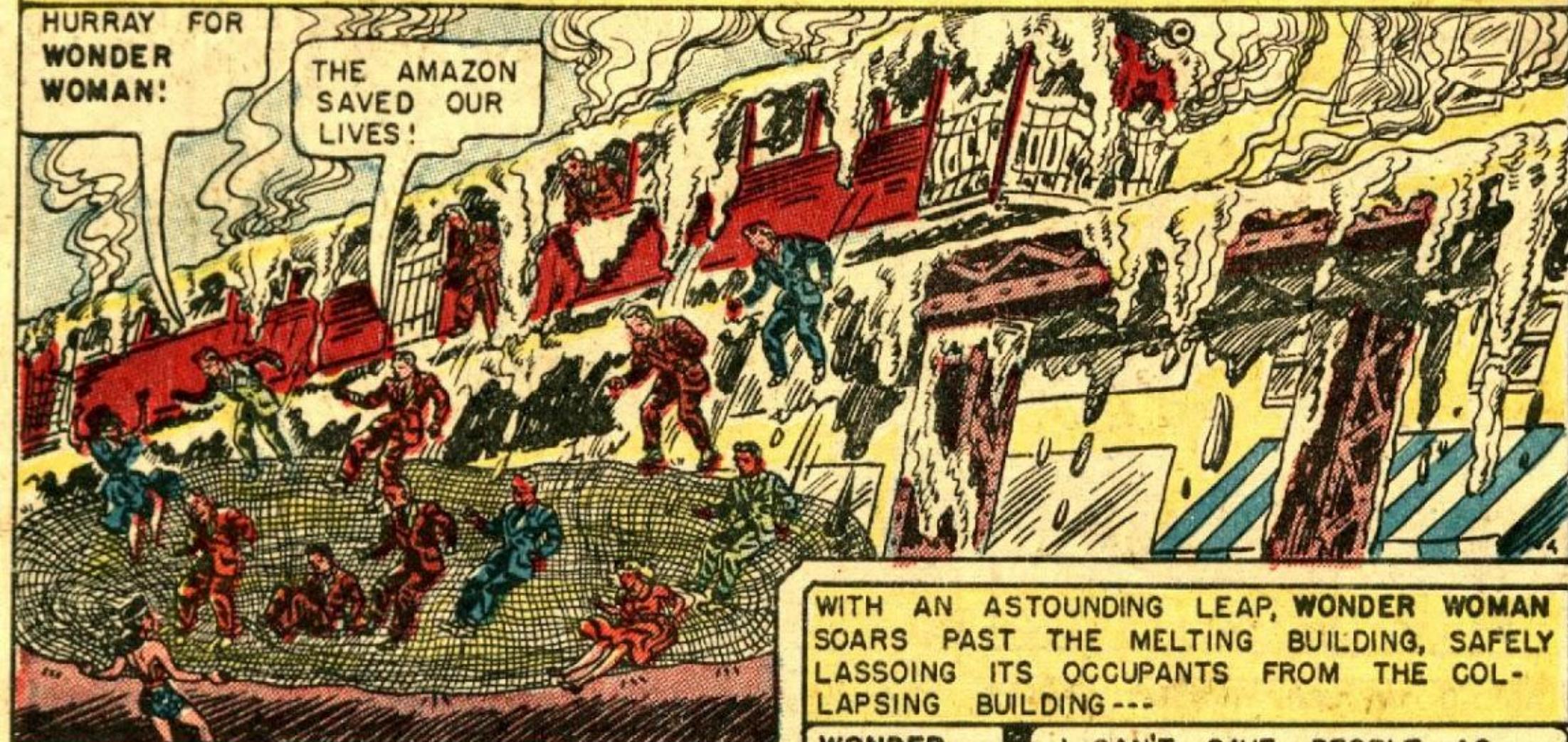
THEY'LL HURTLE TO THEIR
DEATHS UNLESS I CAN SAVE
THEM!



INTO THE GIGANTIC NET HELD UP BY THE POWERFUL AMAZON, THE PEOPLE LEAP SAFELY-

HURRAY FOR
WONDER
WOMAN!

THE AMAZON
SAVED OUR
LIVES!



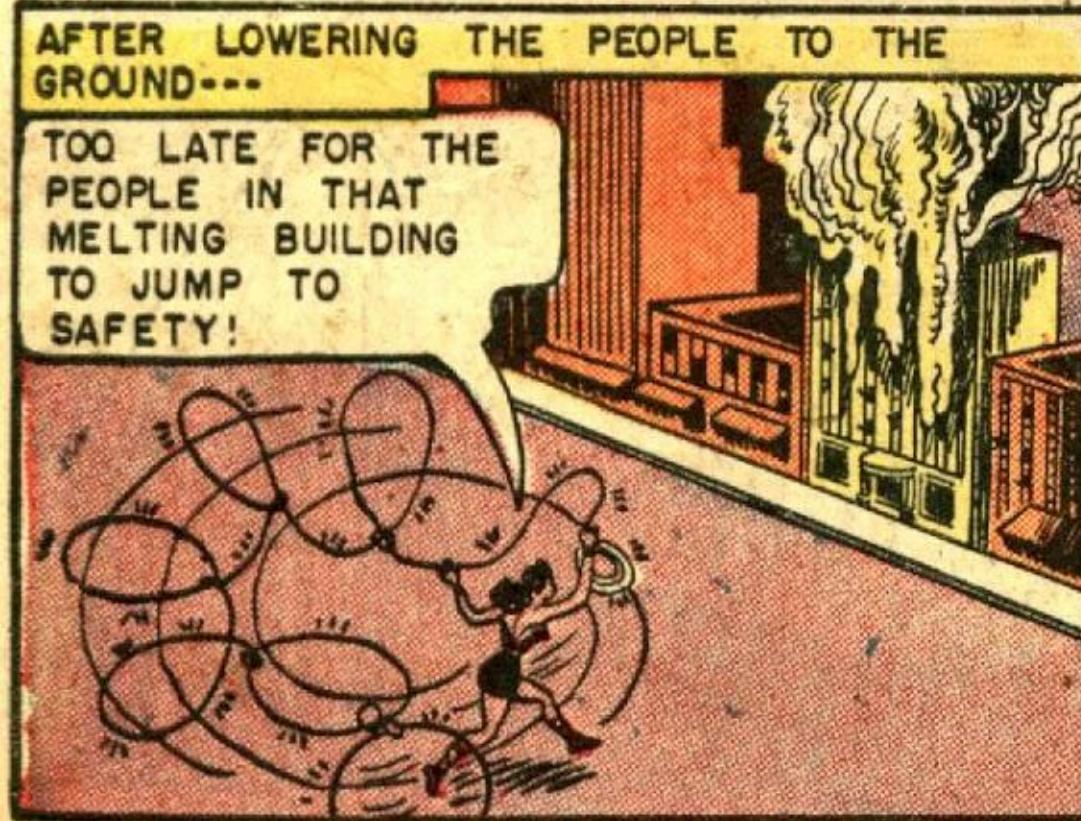
WITH AN ASTOUNDING LEAP, WONDER WOMAN SOARS PAST THE MELTING BUILDING, SAFELY LASOOGING ITS OCCUPANTS FROM THE COLLAPSING BUILDING ---

WONDER
WOMAN'S
SAVED
US!

I CAN'T SAVE PEOPLE AS FAST AS THE INVADERS HURL THEM INTO PERIL!

AFTER LOWERING THE PEOPLE TO THE GROUND---

TOO LATE FOR THE PEOPLE IN THAT MELTING BUILDING TO JUMP TO SAFETY!



AS WONDER WOMAN SAFELY DEPOSITS THE PEOPLE ON THE GROUND ---

THE INVADERS ARE FIRING AT ME! RUN OUT OF RANGE - QUICKLY!



SUMMONING HER UNIQUE PLANE ---

AS LONG AS THEY'RE FIRING AT ME - I'D BETTER GET AS FAR AWAY FROM HERE AS POSSIBLE - TO PREVENT ANYONE ELSE FROM BEING HURT!



WITH ASTOUNDING SPEED THE AMAZON PLANE FLASHES ACROSS THE VAST PACIFIC ---

THEY'RE GAINING ON ME!



NO ONE ON EARTH BUT YOU, ACCIDENTALLY TUNED IN ON OUR THOUGHT WAVES DURING YOUR SLEEP! THUS DISCOVERING OUR INVASION PLANS! WHAT YOU SEE NOW IS A PREVIEW OF THINGS TO COME!

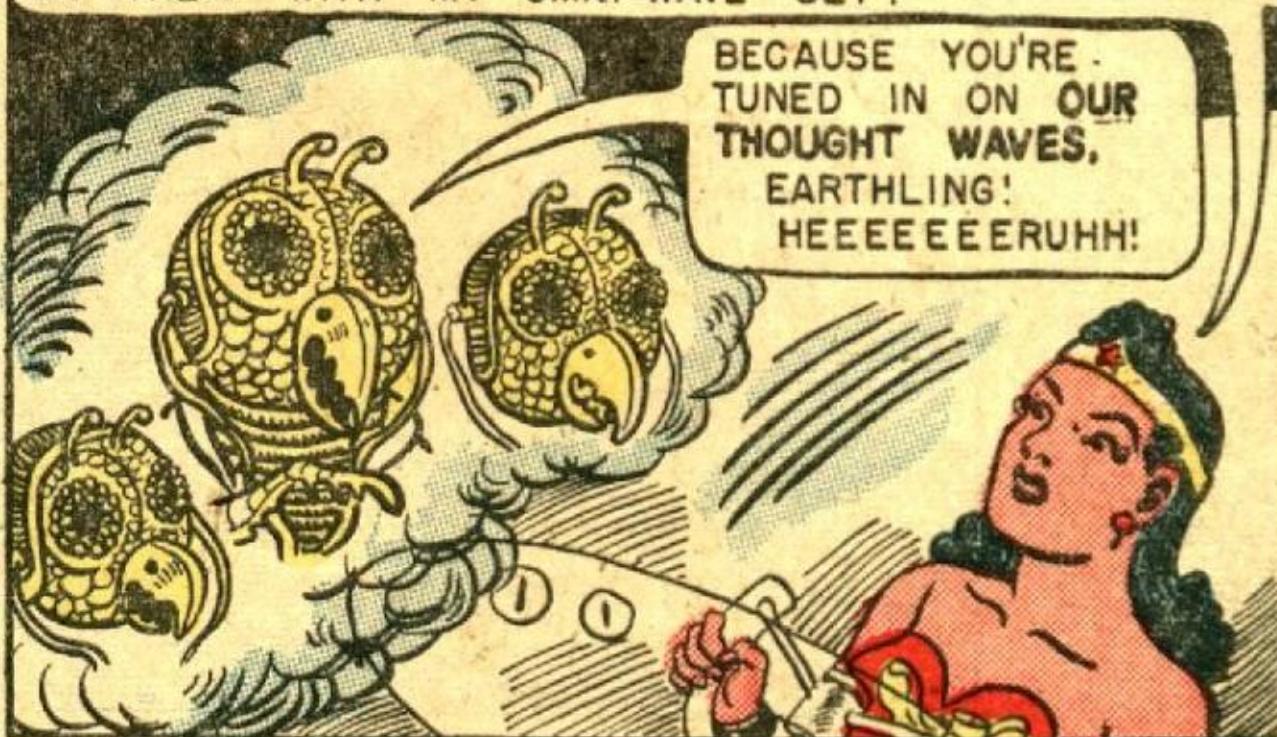
HEEEEEE-RUHH!



SUDDENLY, BEFORE WONDER WOMAN'S STARTLED GAZE-

MERCIFUL MINERVA! THE INVADERS! BUT HOW CAN I SEE — OR HEAR THEM — WITHOUT BEING TUNED IN ON THEM WITH MY OMNI-WAVE SET?

BECAUSE YOU'RE TUNED IN ON OUR THOUGHT WAVES, EARTHLING! HEEEEEEEERUHH!



YOU PUNY EARTHLINGS CANNOT POSSIBLY DEFEND YOURSELF AGAINST US! AND WHEN WE DESTROY YOU — WE'LL ELIMINATE THE POSSIBILITY OF EVEN YOU ALARMING YOUR HOME PLANET!

HEEEEEEERUHH!



DESPERATELY, WONDER WOMAN GLANCES AT THE REMOTE PART OF THE PACIFIC OVER WHICH SHE SPEEDS ---

EARTH WILL BE DESTROYED UNLESS I CAN STOP THESE HORRIBLE CREATURES! GREAT HERA! I SUDDENLY REMEMBERED WHERE I AM — AND WHAT IS TO HAPPEN HERE TODAY!



INSTANTLY, THE FIGHTING AMAZON FLIES HER UNIQUE PLANE TO ITS UTMOST SPEED ---

FOOLISH EARTHLING — THINKING SHE CAN ESCAPE US!



SUDDENLY, THE AIR IS SPLIT BY A TREMENDOUS ATOMIC EXPLOSION---

NO POWER ON EARTH CAN
STOP U-!



INSIDE THE ROBOT PLANE---

THE INVADERS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED! AND THE SHIELD I FORMED AROUND ME WITH MY LASSO, MADE OF AMAZONIUM, STRONGEST METAL KNOWN, HAS PROTECTED ME FROM THE RADIATION EFFECTS OF THE ATOMIC EXPLOSION!



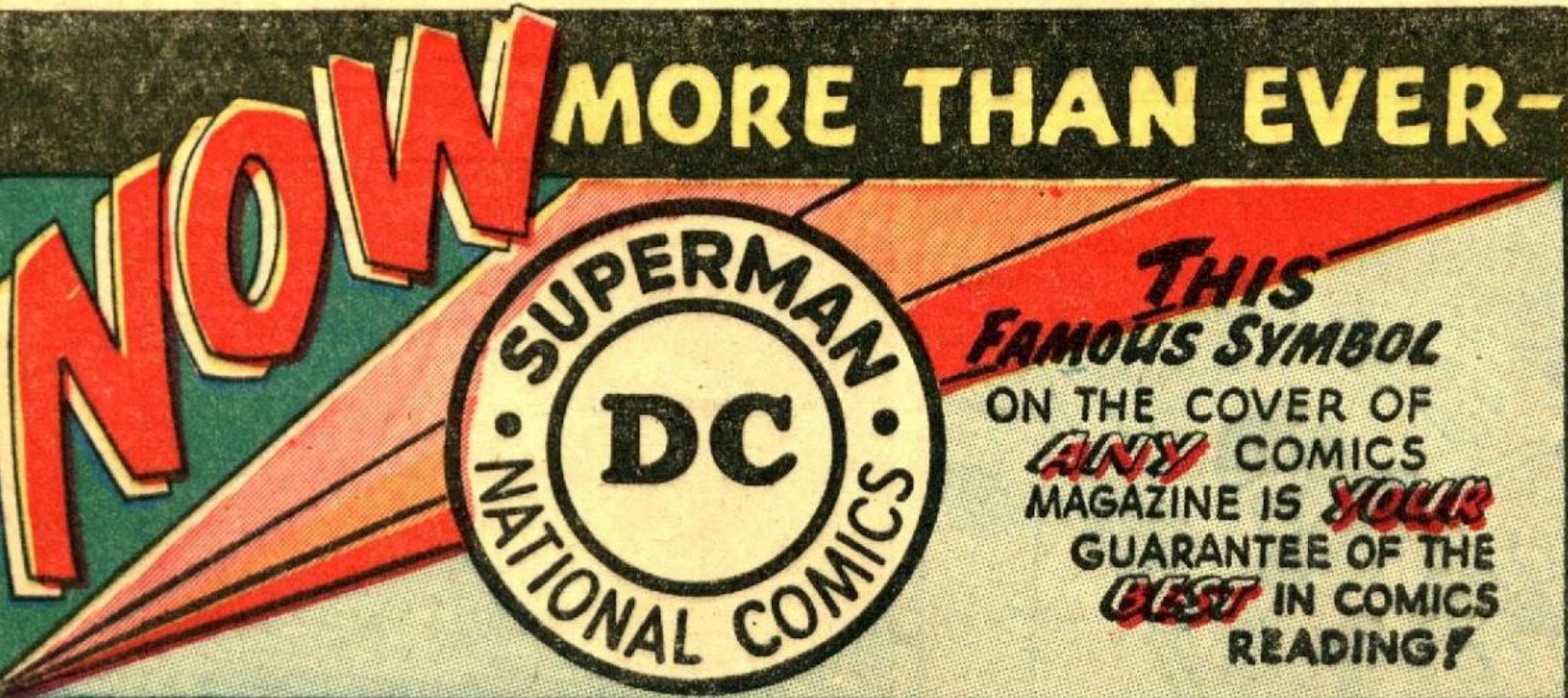
WONDER WOMAN RETURNS TO HER APARTMENT, AND CHANGES TO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF DI AND ---

SLEEPY --- SO --- SLEEPY ---



LATER, AWAKENED BY PERSISTENT RINGING ---

I'VE BEEN RINGING FOR THE PAST TWENTY MINUTES, DI! REMEMBER WE'VE GOT AN ATOMIC EXPLOSION TO OBSERVE TODAY! YOU MUST HAVE OVERSLEPT! HAVE AN INTERESTING DREAM?



YIPPEE! RIDE IT COWBOY!

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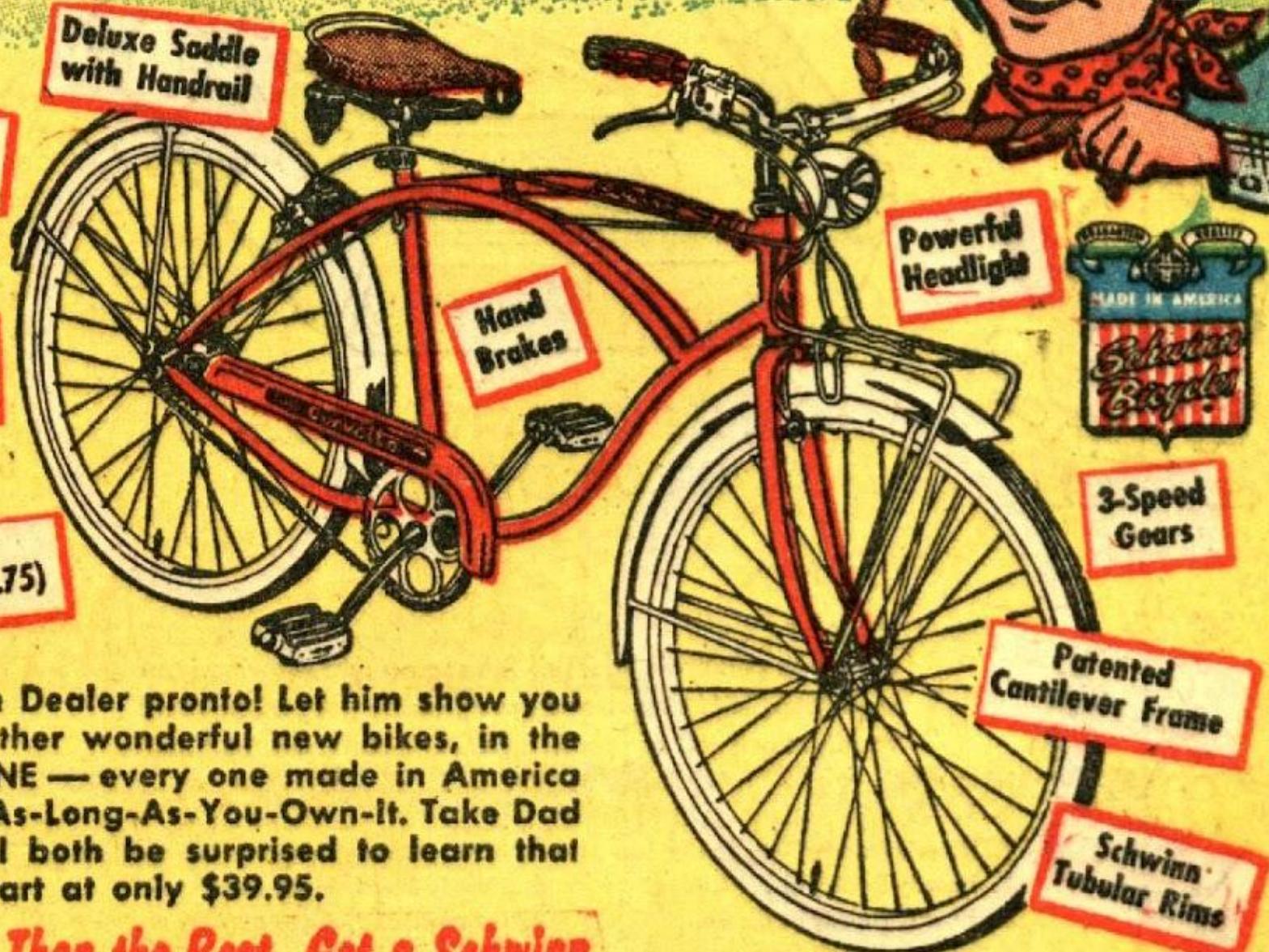
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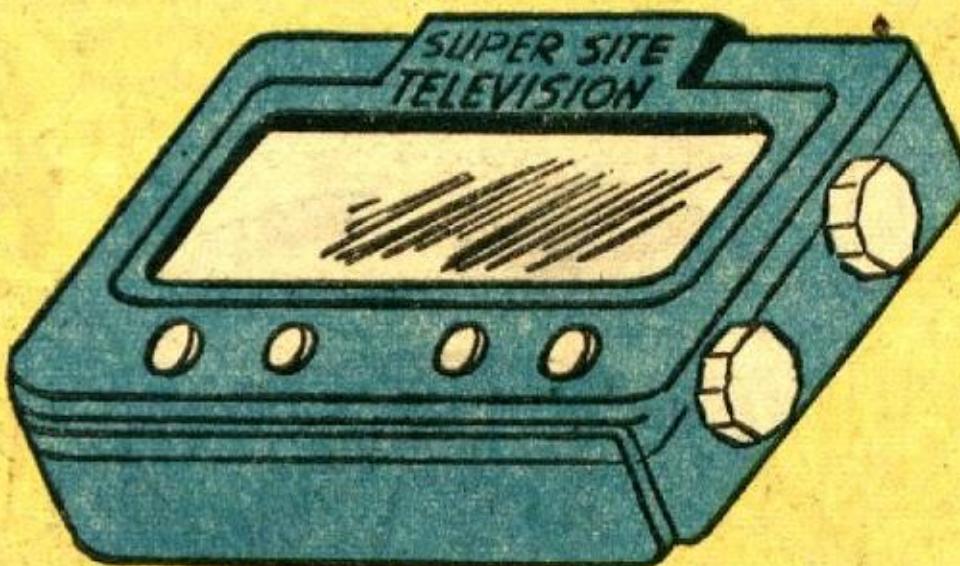
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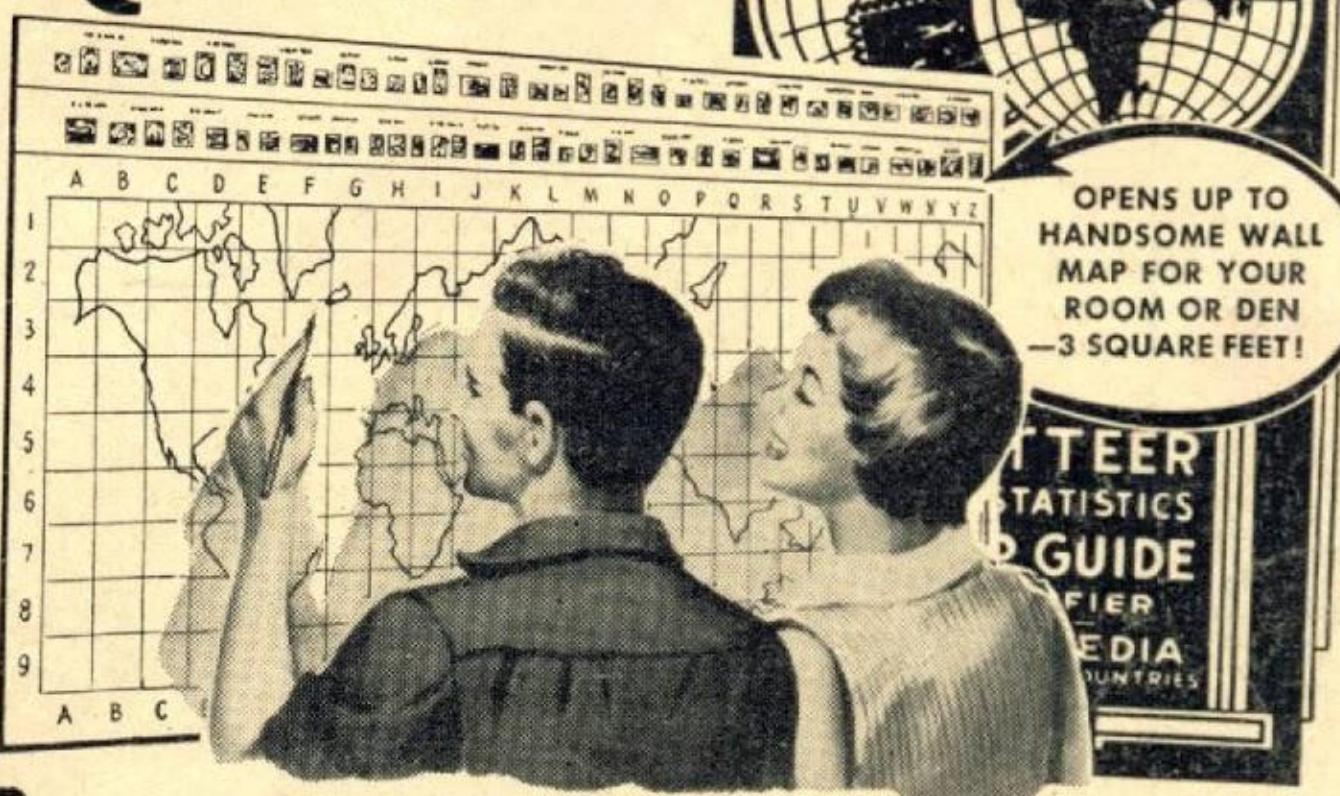
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