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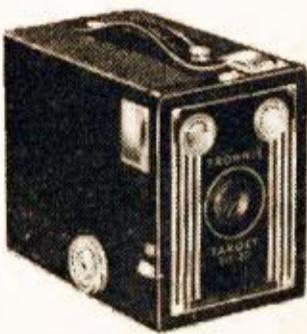
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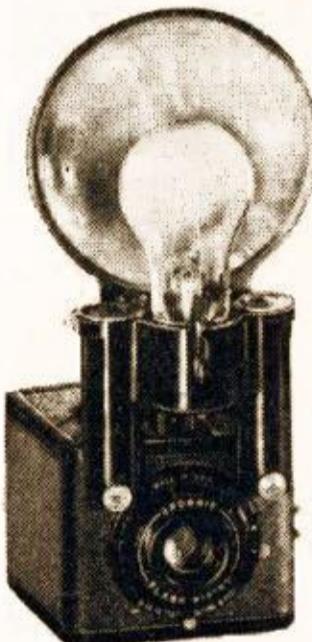


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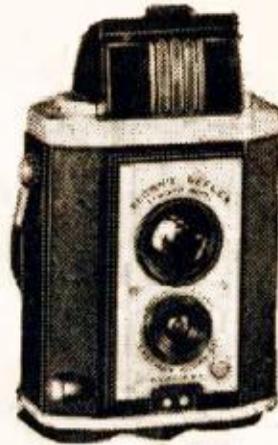
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"THE TRAIL OF THRILLS!"

THE INQUIRING REPORTER INTERVIEWS THE FIVE MOST UNIMPORTANT PEOPLE IN THE CITY.



MARY DOLAN
TELEPHONE TIME ANNOUNCER
"NOTHING EVER HAPPENS TO ME!"



ALEX SMITH — TAILOR
"NO ONE KNOWS I'M ALIVE!"



LEWIS BRAND
MUSEUM VISITOR COUNTER
"NOBODY CARES WHAT I DO!"



JOAN HALL
ELEVATOR OPERATOR
"I'M A FAILURE!"



① AL ROGERS
ELECTRIC BULB REPLACER
"I WISH I WERE USEFUL--!"



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WERE YOU TO DIAL MERIDIAN 7-1212, YOU WOULD HEAR A VOICE REPLY...



UNKNOWN TO MARY, SOMEONE ELSE IS DISCONTENTED WITH HIS LOT -- ALEX SMITH, A TAILOR --



AND IN THE LOBBY OF THE CITADEL BUILDING, ELEVATOR OPERATOR JOAN HALL FACES HER DAILY TASK --



THIS CAR GOING UP! STEP TO THE REAR OF THE CAR, PLEASE!

SIGH -- NOTHING EXCITING EVER HAPPENS TO ME! WISH I WERE SOMEWHERE ELSE!



BUT, BEHIND THAT VOICE IS A HUMAN BEING, MARY DOLAN, THE TIME ANNOUNCER OPERATOR WHO --

I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE WHO HAS A MORE MONOTONOUS AND UNIMPORTANT JOB THAN I!

SIGH -- WHEN YOU HEAR THE SIGNAL, THE TIME WILL BE 2:11 AND 1/2 --



LEWIS BRAND ALSO HAS HIS COMPLAINT. AT THE MODERN MUSEUM --

WHAT A USELESS EXISTENCE I LEAD -- COUNTING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO VISIT THE MUSEUM! WHO CARES WHETHER I COUNT THE RIGHT NUMBER -- OR NOT? SIGH ...



TOWARD EVENING, WE MEET THE LAST OF OUR UNHAPPY QUINTET -- AL ROGERS --

WHAT A JOB! REPLACING BURNED OUT BULBS! NO ONE EVER HEARD OF ME ... SIGH ... AN NO ONE EVER WILL!

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FOUR OF THE FIVE ARE ON THE CELEBRATED TELEVISION SHOW, PEOPLE IN THE NEWS, WAITING TO TELL THEIR DRAMATIC STORIES TO AN EXCITED AUDIENCE--

IF IT WEREN'T FOR WONDER WOMAN, I WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN HOW EXCITING MY JOB OF ANNOUNCING THE TIME REALLY IS!

WONDER WOMAN SHOWED ME HOW IMPORTANT A TAILOR CAN REALLY BE!

IT'S ONLY BECAUSE OF HER THAT I'M HERE TOO!

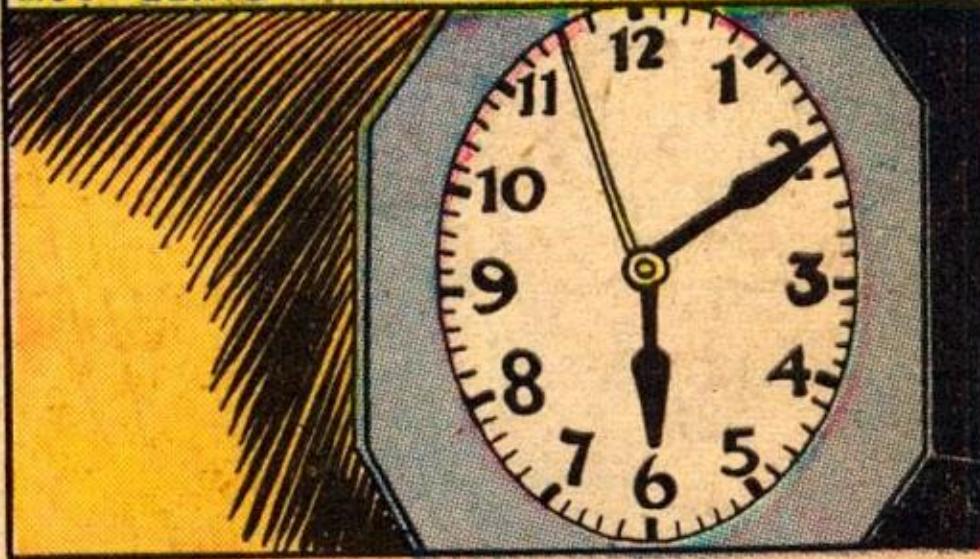


BUT WHAT OF THE FIFTH JOB HOLDER, AL ROGERS, THE ELECTRIC BULB REPLACER-- WHERE IS HE? LISTEN TO JAY BRENNON, PRODUCER OF PEOPLE IN THE NEWS --

IT'S 6 O'CLOCK. WE GO ON AT 7. UNLESS WONDER WOMAN APPEARS WITH AL ROGERS BY THEN, SHE WILL PUBLICLY HAVE TO ADMIT HER FAILURE--AND LOSE HER BET TO ME!



WHERE IS WONDER WOMAN? WHAT WAGER DID SHE MAKE WHICH SHE MAY LOSE WITHIN 60 MINUTES? WHAT HAPPENED TO CHANGE THE LIVES OF THE FOUR PEOPLE WAITING TO TELL THEIR STORIES TO THE NATION--WHO, A SHORT TIME AGO, WERE UNKNOWN? FOR THE AMAZING ANSWERS TO THESE BAFFLING QUESTIONS, WE MUST LEAVE THE STUDIO CLOCK--



--AND GO BACK 21 HOURS TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE WHEN LT. DIANA PRINCE GLANCED AT HER WATCH AND--



AS DIANA DIALS THE NUMBER, SHE HEARS--

WHEN YOU HEAR THE SIGNAL, IT WILL BE
9:15 $\frac{3}{4}$... BEEP --- SIGH! -- WHAT AN UNIMPORTANT JOB I HAVE! ... I FEEL SO USELESS!





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WITH LIGHTNING SPEED DIANA CHANGES INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF WONDER WOMAN, THE AMAZON PRINCESS --

THAT GIRL DOESN'T REALIZE HOW VITALLY IMPORTANT IS HER JOB OF ANNOUNCING THE TIME!



AS THE FLEET-FOOTED AMAZON MAID RACES TO HER DESTINATION --

I MUST PROVE THAT TO THE OPERATOR, TO FORESTALL HER FROM LOSING CONFIDENCE IN HERSELF AND TO RENEW HER INTEREST IN HER WORK!



SECONDS LATER, THE AMAZON GREETS A STARTLED MARY --

YOU'RE QUITE WRONG ABOUT YOUR JOB, MARY. IT'S EXCITING AND IMPORTANT!

WONDER WOMAN! YOU HEARD ME? WELL, I'M SORRY TO DISAGREE WITH YOU. BUT, YOUR SAYING SO, DOESN'T PROVE IT. BESIDES, YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO PROVE IT. MY REST PERIOD IS OVER IN TEN MINUTES -- AND I HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE BOARD!



THEN I'LL HAVE TO PROVE IT IN TEN MINUTES! COME ON, MARY, LET'S NOT WASTE TIME!



SECONDS LATER, WONDER WOMAN ARRIVES AT EAST VIEW HARBOR JUST AS --

AT EXACTLY 9:30, YOU WILL EXPLODE THE DYNAMITE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HARBOR, TO DEEPEN IT. THERE'S NO DANGER. ALL CRAFT HAVE BEEN WARNED OF THE EXPLOSION TIME. HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR WATCH WITH THE TELEPHONE TIME ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE SURE IT IS ACCURATE?

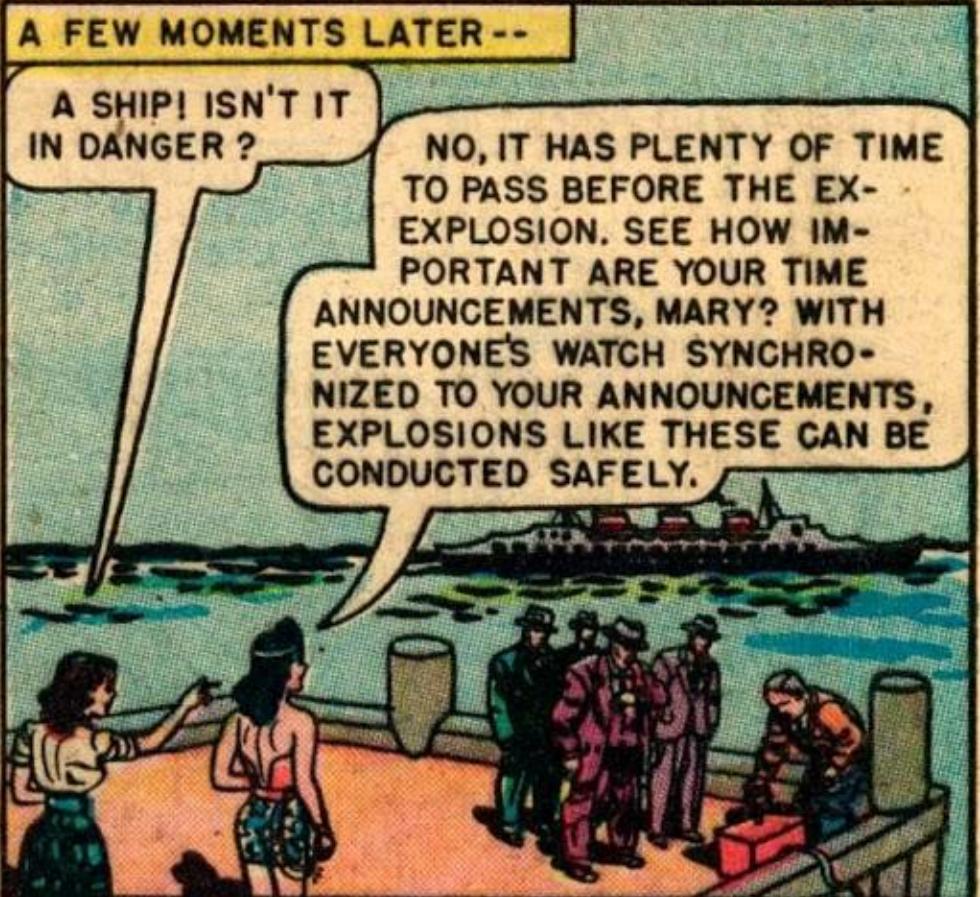
BAH! I DON'T NEED TO! MY WATCH IS NEVER WRONG!



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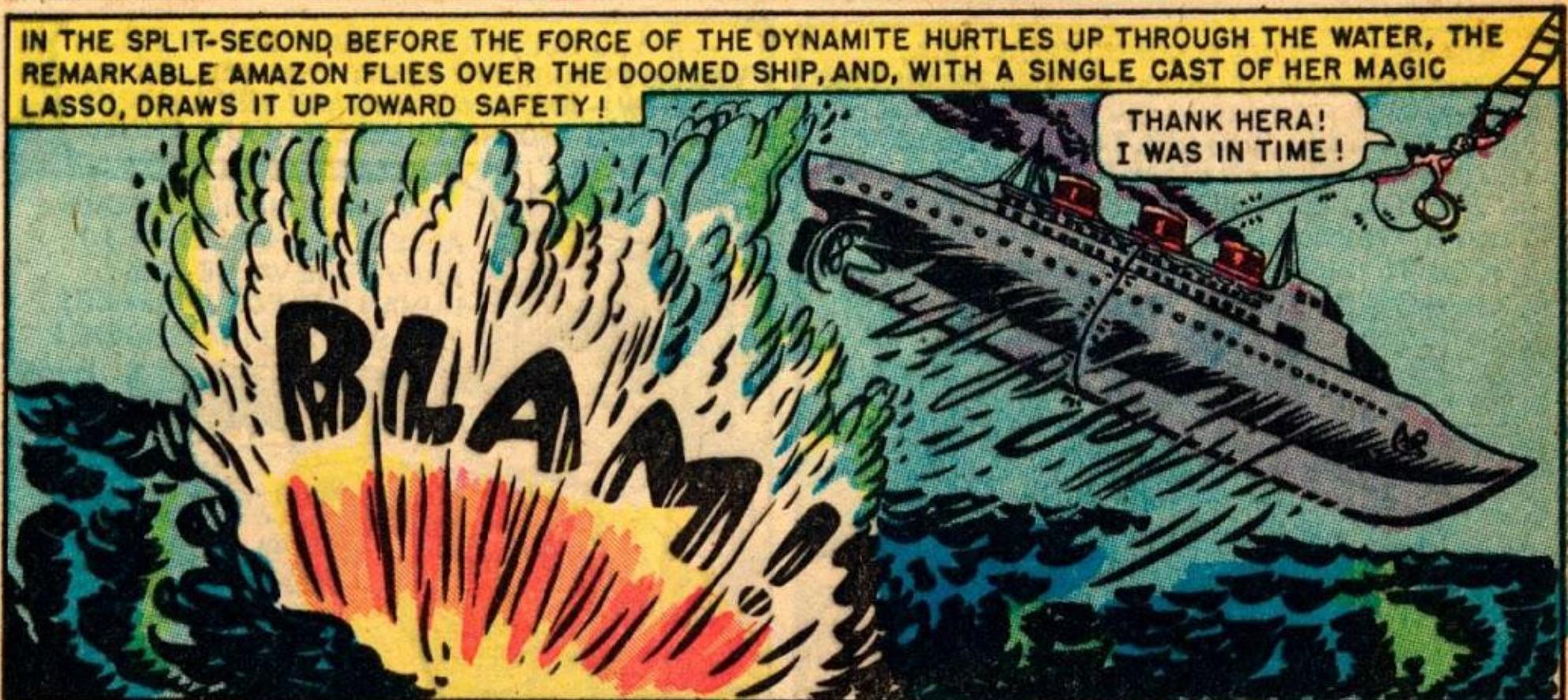
A SHIP! ISN'T IT IN DANGER?

NO, IT HAS PLENTY OF TIME TO PASS BEFORE THE EXPLOSION. SEE HOW IMPORTANT ARE YOUR TIME ANNOUNCEMENTS, MARY? WITH EVERYONE'S WATCH SYNCHRONIZED TO YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS, EXPLOSIONS LIKE THESE CAN BE CONDUCTED SAFELY.





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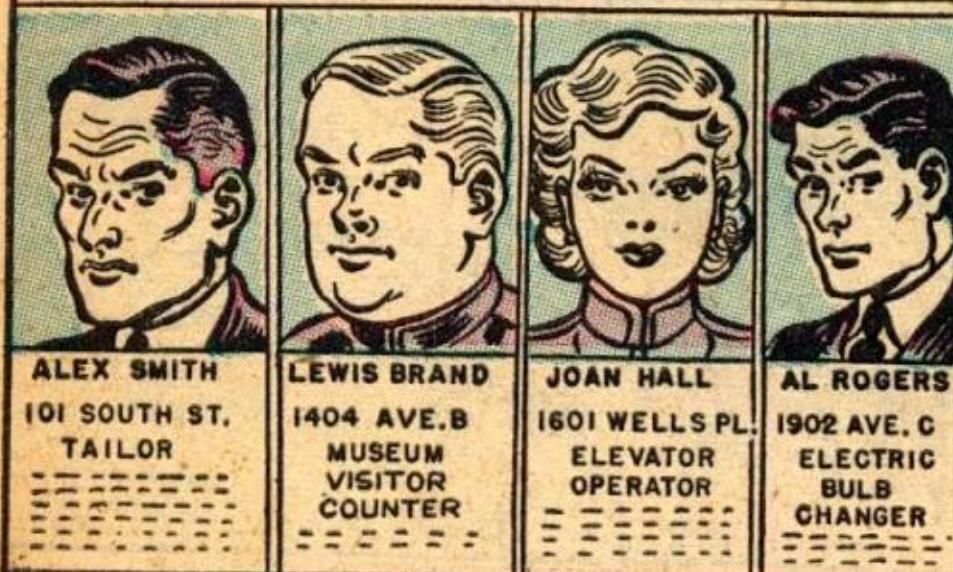


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AS DIANA RAPIDLY CHANGES TO WONDER WOMAN AGAIN, HER AMAZON BRAIN RECALLS WHAT SHE HAS JUST READ IN THE NEWSPAPER --

INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER INTERVIEWS PEOPLE WITH THE DULLEST JOBS!



MOMENTS LATER, THE ENERGETIC AMAZON RACES INTO THE OFFICE OF THE INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER --

I WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE YOU INTERVIEWED! IF I HAD TIME I COULD PROVE THAT ALL OF THEIR JOBS ARE VITAL AND EXCITING! NO ONE IS UNIMPORTANT IN A DEMOCRACY -- AND THAT GOES FOR HIS JOB!



YOU JUST GAVE ME A SENSATIONAL IDEA, WONDER WOMAN! I PRODUCE "THE PEOPLE IN THE NEWS" TELEVISION SHOW! IF YOU CAN PROVE THAT THE JOBS OF A TAILOR, A MUSEUM VISITOR COUNTER, AN ELEVATOR OPERATOR, AND AN ELECTRIC BULB REPLACER ARE EXCITING -- I'LL PUT THEM ALL ON MY SHOW -- AND DONATE \$5000 TO CHARITY! BUT --



-- IF YOU FAIL, WITH A SINGLE ONE OF THEM, YOU MUST PUBLICLY ADMIT THAT FAILURE ON MY SHOW -- AND BE MY SERVANT FOR A WEEK! YOU HAVE 24 HOURS, UNLESS YOU ARE AFRAID TO ACCEPT --?



AN AMAZON WILL ALWAYS ACCEPT A CHALLENGE TO PROVE THE VALUE ONE HUMAN HAS FOR ANOTHER! I'LL SEE YOU IN 24 HOURS!

SHORTLY, THE TIRELESS AMAZON RACES INTO THE TAILOR SHOP OF ALEX SMITH --

MR. SMITH! I READ ABOUT YOUR INTERVIEW, AND I'M HERE TO PROVE TO YOU THAT YOUR WORK IS IMPORTANT -- VERY IMPORTANT!



A TAILOR -- IMPORTANT? YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT TO BE KIND, WONDER WOMAN!

I GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO SEE WHAT I MEAN WITH YOUR OWN EYES -- WHERE IS THAT WEDDING DRESS GOING TO, MR. SMITH?



SELENA DAVIS, IT WAS HER MOTHER'S. SHE'S GOING TO BE MARRIED IN IT THIS AFTERNOON.

ALEX
SMITH
TAILOR

AT THE DAVIS HOUSEHOLD, AFTER THE WEDDING DRESS IS DELIVERED --

HOW WONDERFUL TO HAVE YOU, WONDER WOMAN, AND MR. SMITH, AT SELENA'S WEDDING -- SELENA DARLING, WHAT'S WRONG?

MY WEDDING DRESS, MOTHER -- SOB -- SOB -- I RIPPED IT ACCIDENTLY!

I DID SO WANT TO BE MARRIED IN THE SAME DRESS THAT YOU WORE, MOTHER! SOB-SOB! WE HAVE NO TIME TO GET ANOTHER ONE! NOW WHAT WILL I DO? SOB-SOB!



DON'T CRY, MISS DAVIS. YOU FORGET THAT MR. SMITH IS A TAILOR! LET'S SEE WHAT HE CAN DO TO HELP.

OH--IF YOU ONLY COULD, MR. SMITH?

THE TAILOR'S DEFT HANDS SOON MEND THE WEDDING DRESS SO THAT IT IS AS GOOD AS NEW --- SELENA RETURNS TO HER ROOM TO PUT IT ON, AND THEN --

THANKS, MR. SMITH!
OH, HOW CAN I REALLY THANK YOU?

BUT WHAT DID I DO?--JUST A LITTLE MENDING JOB.

IT'S MORE THAN A LITTLE MENDING JOB TO MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER, WONDER WOMAN SPEEDS THE WEDDING PARTY TO THE BRIDGE WHERE SELENA'S FIANCEE PROPOSED TO HER, AND WHERE, FOR SENTIMENTAL REASONS, THEY ARE TO BE WED --



AS THE WEDDING CEREMONY STARTS, UNKNOWN TO ITS PARTICIPANTS, ENGROSSED IN THE SERVICE, THE WOODEN PILLAR UPHOLDING THE BRIDGE, BEGINS TO SAG, FROM THE EFFECTS OF WATER EROSION --



AS THE BRIDGE STARTS TO SWAY---

THE BRIDGE!—IT'S GIVING WAY!

OH, NEIL! WHAT'S
HAPPENING TO OUR
WEDDING?DON'T STOP THE
CEREMONY!
CONTINUE!

CREAK!!

THE DARING AMAZON HOLDS THE BRIDGE UP,
WHILE ONE OF THE MOST DRAMATIC WEDDINGS
ON RECORD TAKES PLACE--THERE! MY AMAZON
HEARING TELLS ME
THAT THE
CEREMONY
IS JUST
OVER!

AN INSTANT LATER, THE LITHE AMAZON LEAPS OUT OF THE WATER, AND BEFORE THE BRIDGE COLLAPSES, RESCUES THE WEDDING PARTY FROM IT ...

WONDER WOMAN!
YOU SAVED OUR LIVES!THAT'S MY WEDDING
PRESENT, SELENA!

LATER--

DON'T FORGET THAT YOUR WEDDING PRESENT TO SELENA WAS HER MENDED DRESS, MR. SMITH! A DRESS WHICH HAD A PRICELESS SENTIMENTAL VALUE! WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF YOUR WORK NOW?

GOSH, WONDER WOMAN,
I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW
MUCH IT MEANT TO PEOPLE
UNTIL YOU PROVED IT TO ME!

NEXT STOP FOR THE SPEEDING AMAZON IS THE MUSEUM WHERE GUARD LEWIS BRAND COUNTS THE VISITORS --

ANOTHER VISITOR COUNTED! WHO KNOWS WHAT I'M DOING -- OR CARES -- ? WHY - IT'S WONDER WOMAN!

YES, AND I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU HOW VITAL YOUR WORK IS TO THE MUSEUM!



THE BEAUTEOUS AMAZON RACES WITH THE GUARD TO THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S OFFICE WHERE--

B-B-BUT, YOU DON'T MEAN TO CLOSE THE MUSEUM, MR. VAN FORSYTHE?

WHY NOT? IT COSTS A LOT TO RUN. AND IT DOESN'T BENEFIT ENOUGH PEOPLE TO MAKE IT WORTHWHILE TO KEEP OPEN!

YOU'RE WRONG, MR. VAN FORSYTHE! MANY PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE ENRICHED BY VISITS TO THE MUSEUM. THIS INSTRUMENT, BY WHICH GUARD BRAND HAS BEEN COUNTING MUSEUM VISITORS, WILL PROVE IT!



WONDER WOMAN PERFORMS A RAPID CALCULATION AFTER A SINGLE GLANCE AT THE VISITOR TABULATOR --

DO YOU REALIZE THAT 2400 PEOPLE VISITED THE MUSEUM TODAY? WHICH MEANS THAT SIX PEOPLE PASSED THROUGH THE ENTRANCE EVERY 60 SECONDS!

YOU'VE CONVINCED ME, WONDER WOMAN! I'LL EVEN INCREASE THE FUNDS TO THE MUSEUM! GUARD, DO YOU REALIZE WHAT AN IMPORTANT JOB YOU HAVE?



JUST THEN--

IT'S THE BURGLAR ALARM! TWO RINGS MEANS

I REMEMBER SEEING IT ON THE WAY UP HERE!

THE ANCIENT GREEK STATUE ROOM!

A MOMENT LATER --

STOP WHERE YOU ARE, WONDER WOMAN! OR WE'LL DROP THE STATUE!



ALL RIGHT! BUT BE CAREFUL OF THAT STATUE! IT'S PRICELESS!

HAS WONDER WOMAN BEEN CHECKMATED?

I'VE GOT TO CAPTURE THOSE THUGS BEFORE THEY CAN BREAK THE STATUE!

WHAT DOES THE ALERT AMAZON HAVE IN MIND?



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WITH UNERRING AIM, THE QUICK-WITTED AMAZON LASOSES THE CROOKS AND BY USING THE CHANDELIER AS A PROP, DRAWS THEM OFF THE FLOOR!



AFTER REPLACING THE STATUE AND HANDING THE GANG OVER TO THE POLICE, WONDER WOMAN LEAVES THE JUBILANT GUARD --



A RAPID DASH TO THE CITIDEL BUILDING WHERE THE TIRELESS AMAZON FINDS ELEVATOR OPERATOR JOAN HALL --



JOAN SWIFTLY BRINGS THE ELEVATOR TO THE SMOKE-FILLED THIRTIETH FLOOR WHERE --



SUDDENLY--THE ELEVATOR STARTER RUSHES UP.

JUST RECEIVED AN EMERGENCY SIGNAL FROM THE CHEM LAB ON THE THIRTIETH FLOOR! A CHEMICAL FIRE BROKE OUT! ALL THE STAIR EXITS ARE BLOCKED!





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JUST AS THE LAST VICTIM IS
IN THE ELEVATOR--

SNAP!

WONDER WOMAN!
A CABLE SNAPPED!

GREAT HERA!
THE ELEVATOR'S
OUT OF CONTROL!

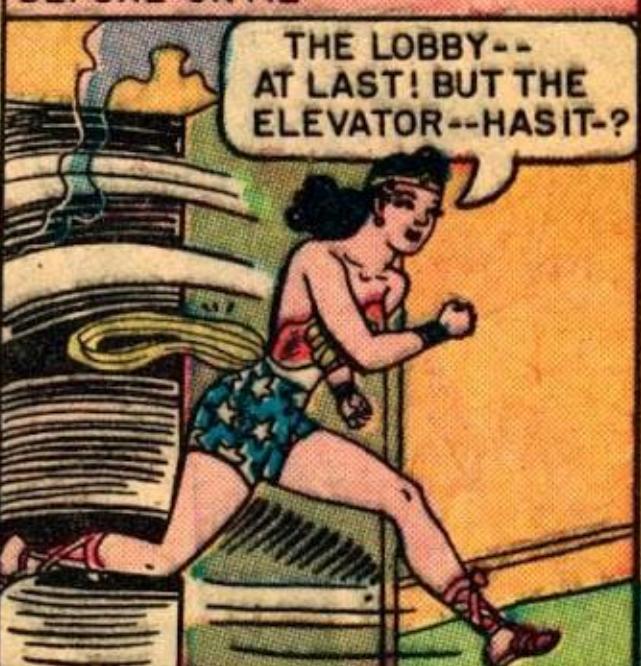


WITHOUT HESITATION,
WONDER WOMAN DASHES
DOWN THE CHEMICAL SMOKE-
FILLED STAIRS IN A DESPERATE
RACE AGAINST TIME --

MUST-BEAT-THE-
ELEVATOR-DOWN-THERE--
THIRTY-FLOORS!



HOLDING HER BREATH TO AVOID
THE SUFFOCATING FUMES, THE
INDOMITABLE AMAZON
SPEEDS AS SHE NEVER HAS
BEFORE UNTIL--



THANK HERA!
THERE IT IS! I'M
IN TIME!



THE MIGHTY AMAZON GENTLY HALTS THE
PLUNGING ELEVATOR AND HOLDS IT UP WHILE--

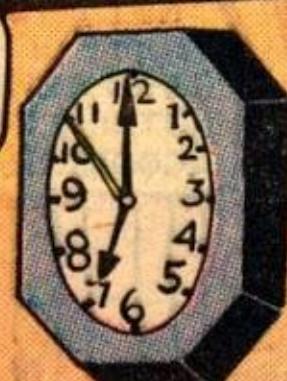
YOU'RE A BRAVE GIRL,
JOAN! YOU SAVED OUR
LIVES!

OH, NO! I JUST HELPED
WONDER WOMAN! BUT I'LL
NEVER SAY MY JOB ISN'T
EXCITING ANY MORE!

AND THAT IS THE DRAMATIC STORY OF THE
FOURTH PERSON WHO WAS TAUGHT A NEW
RESPECT FOR HER JOB AND HERSELF BY WONDER
WOMAN! BUT, WHAT OF THE FIFTH? -- AT THE
STUDIO --

SIXTY SECONDS LEFT--AND
WONDER WOMAN ISN'T HERE!
SHE'S FAILED--FOR THE FIRST
TIME IN HER CAREER!

GUESS SHE FOUND IT TOO
TOUGH TO PROVE THAT
THE JOB OF A MAN WHO
REPLACES BURNED-
OUT ELECTRIC BULBS
IS EXCITING!



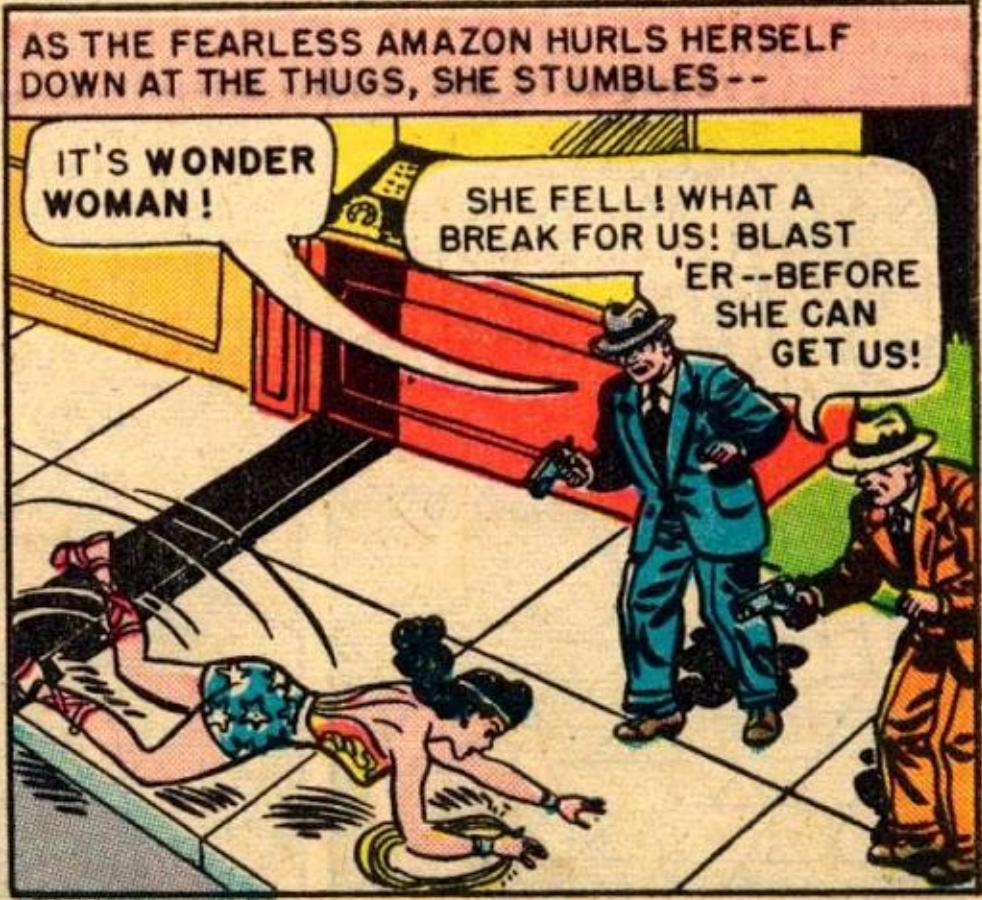
BUT, AL--?

YOU MEAN WELL, WONDER
WOMAN, BUT YOU CAN'T
CONVINCE ME THAT I'M
IMPORTANT. OR THAT WHAT
I DO IS VALUABLE. AFTER
ALL, THE BULBS AREN'T
GOLD. OR BULLETS-- TO
FIGHT CRIME!





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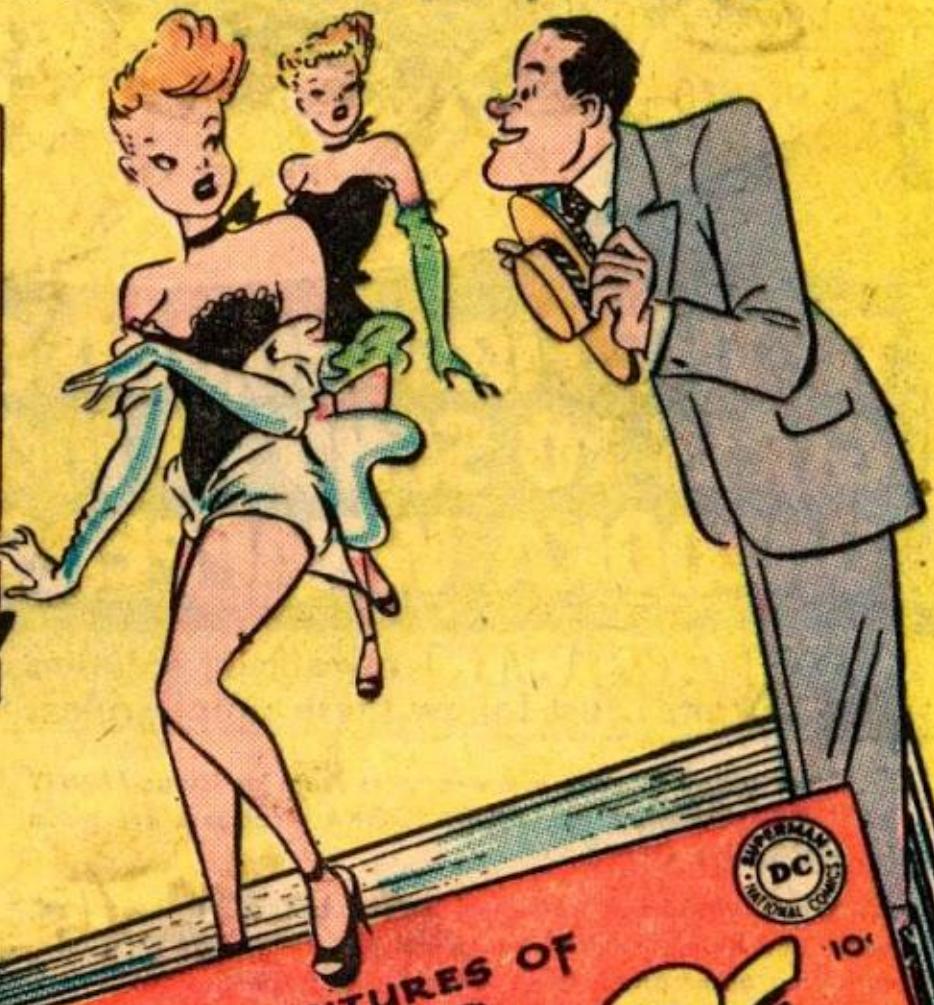


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AT LONG LAST, LOVE COMES TO MEG SOURPUSS, THE DEAN OF HOLLIDAY COLLEGE! BUT WHO IS THIS MAN WHO HAS SUDDENLY ARRIVED OUT OF NOWHERE TO COURT THE DEAN?

THAT IS THE PROBLEM THAT ETTA CANDY AND THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS PRESENT TO WONDER WOMAN — BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY — AND IT IS IN SEEKING TO UNRAVEL THE MYSTERIOUS PAST OF DEAN SOURPUSS' NEW SUITOR THAT WONDER WOMAN FINDS HERSELF PITTED AGAINST THE MASTER MISER OF ALL TIME, THE CRIMINAL KNOWN AS

"THE MODERN MIDAS!"



AT HOLLIDAY COLLEGE, WONDER WOMAN IS GUEST OF HONOR AT THE VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE.

IT'S TIME WE OPENED OUR VALENTINES, GIRLS!

Valentine Greetings
to Someone We Love
From the Holliday Girls

WOO WOO! LISTEN TO THIS!
"YOU MAY BE PLUMP, YOU MAY BE CHUBBY, BUT STILL I'D LIKE TO BE YOUR HUBBY!"
TEE HEE!

AS THE GIRLS GIGGLE AND BLUSH OVER THEIR VALENTINES, WONDER WOMAN VISITS A LONE WALLFLOWER, DEAN SOURPUSS.

SO, YOU'VE GOT A VALENTINE TOO, DEAN SOURPUSS?

YES, IT'S THE FIRST TIME IN TWENTY YEARS THAT ANYONE SENT ME A VALENTINE! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT IT IS!

BUT IT IS A CRUEL MESSAGE THAT GREETS THE DEAN'S EYES.

OLD MAID
YOUR FACE IS GRIM,
YOU'RE ALWAYS BLUE,
NO MAN ON EARTH WOULD MARRY YOU!

DON'T FEEL SO BADLY, DEAN SOURPUSS! IT'S ONLY A STUPID PRANK!

BUT—BUT IT'S TRUE!
(SOB) I AM AN OLD MAID! AND I'M ALL ALONE IN THE WORLD!

NO YOU'RE NOT!
ETTA AND THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS AND I—
WE'RE ALL YOUR FRIENDS! YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON US!

THANK YOU, WONDER WOMAN! I—I'M SORRY I BROKE DOWN, BUT I COULDN'T HELP THINKING OF MY YOUTH... YOU SEE...

"ONCE I WAS YOUNG AND PRETTY, TOO! AND I WAS IN LOVE WITH A YOUNG MAN, HERBERT MERRILY."

I—I LOVE YOU, DARLING! WILL YOU MARRY ME?

Y—YES, HERBERT—I WILL!

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"I WAS SO HAPPY I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN IT COULDN'T LAST."

MY ANSWER IS FINAL, MEG! I WON'T PERMIT YOU TO MARRY HERBERT! NO DAUGHTER OF MINE WILL MARRY A POOR MAN AND SUFFER POVERTY!

NO, FATHER, NO! NO!



"BUT I LOVED HERBERT SO MUCH, I DECIDED TO DISOBEY FATHER. WE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO ELOPE!"

I MUST HURRY, HERBERT, BEFORE FATHER SEES ME! BUT I'LL MEET YOU TONIGHT AT NINE O'CLOCK — AT THE OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE!

ALL RIGHT, MEG! I'LL BE THERE!



"I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT NIGHT, I WAITED AND WAITED, BUT HERBERT DID NOT ARRIVE."

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! HE SAID HE'D MEET ME! SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED!

I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU, MISS!



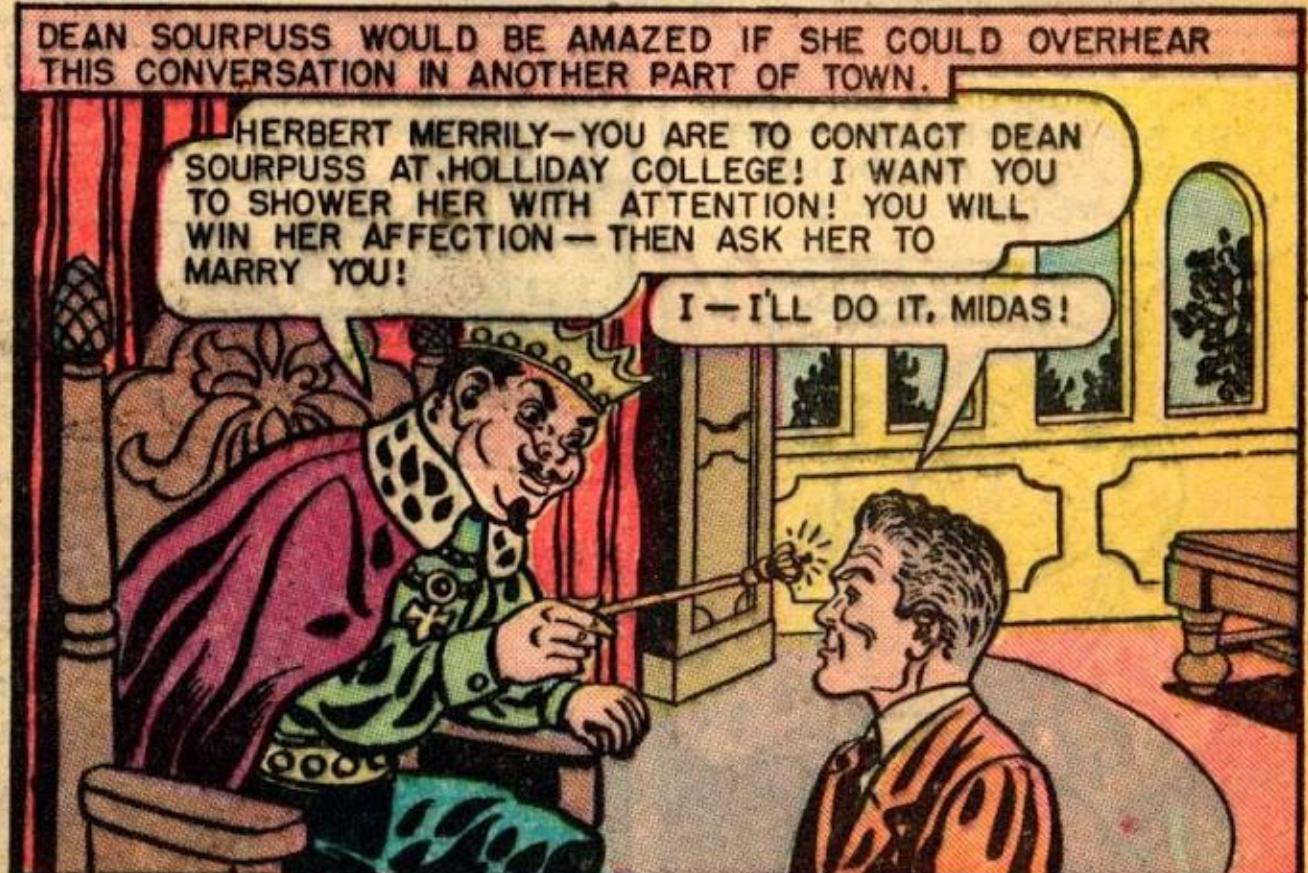
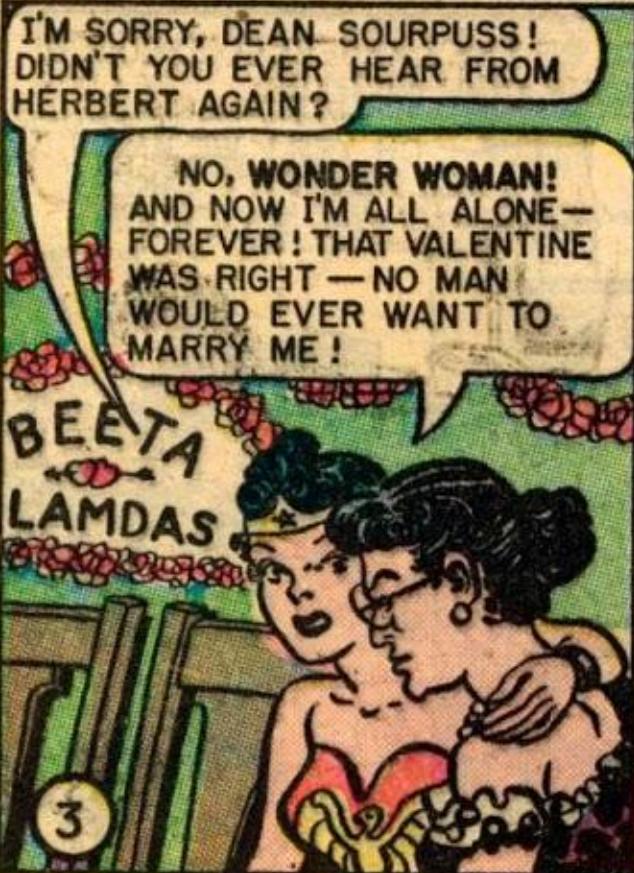
"WHEN I OPENED THE NOTE, I GOT THE SHOCK OF MY LIFE!"

Dearest Meg,
I can't go against the
wishes of your parents!
They'd hate me for
life. I love you
and always will, but
I'm going away.
Herbert

DEAN SOURPUSS WOULD BE AMAZED IF SHE COULD OVERHEAR THIS CONVERSATION IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN.

HERBERT MERRILY—YOU ARE TO CONTACT DEAN SOURPUSS AT HOLLIDAY COLLEGE! I WANT YOU TO SHOWER HER WITH ATTENTION! YOU WILL WIN HER AFFECTION — THEN ASK HER TO MARRY YOU!

I—I'LL DO IT, MIDAS!



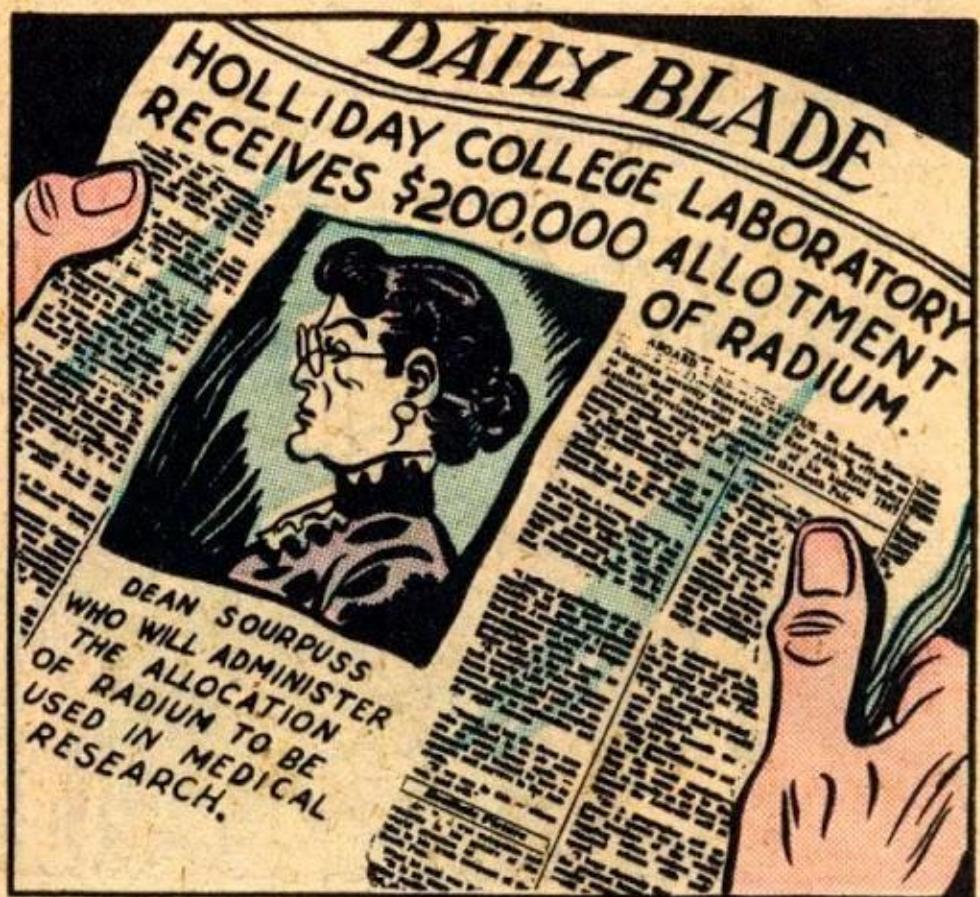
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AFTER HERBERT MERRILY HAS LEFT --

I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT, MIDAS! WHAT'S COURTIN' AN OLD SPINSTER DEAN GOT TO DO WITH BUILDIN' UP YOUR STOCK PILES?

READ THAT NEWSPAPER STORY, AND YOU'LL SOON SEE!



THEN THE MODERN MIDAS LEADS HIS HENCHMEN TO A VAST STOREROOM.

MY TREASURE STORE IS UNEQUaled ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD! BUT I'M STILL NOT SATISFIED! HERBERT MERRILY WILL HELP US GET THE RADIUM I NEED! AND TOMORROW WE'RE GOING AFTER THE GOLD AT THE COIN MUSEUM!



LEAVE THE DETAILS TO ME! THE COIN MUSEUM IS SUPPOSED TO BE BURGLAR-PROOF — BUT THE WAY I'VE PLANNED THIS ROBBERY, WE CAN'T FAIL!



THE FOLLOWING DAY, WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE LARGEST GOLD COIN IN THE WORLD IS CARRIED INTO THE UNIQUE COIN MUSEUM.



Wonder Woman



AMONG THE VISITORS AT THE MUSEUM ARE ETTA CANDY AND THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS...

UM, YUM! THIS BOX OF CANDY I GOT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY IS YUMMY!

LOOK AT THAT EMBOSSED COIN, ETTA! ISN'T IT UNUSUAL?



AND AT THAT MOMENT, THE COIN PROVES TO BE MORE THAN UNUSUAL, FOR IT LITERALLY COMES TO LIFE!

ALL RIGHT, MEN! GET OUT YOUR GAS MASKS!

ZOWEEE!



THE MODERN MIDAS PRESSES A CATCH ON THE COIN, AND NOXIOUS GAS ESCAPES FROM ITS SERRATED EDGES!

THE GAS WILL HAVE THEM ALL UNCONSCIOUS WITHIN THE MINUTE! THEN THIS GOLD TREASURY OF COINS WILL BE MINE — MINE!

I'VE... GOT TO... CONTACT... WONDER WOMAN...



MEANWHILE, AT ARMY INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS, COLONEL STEVE TREVOR REASSURES A WORRIED VISITOR, DEAN SOURPUSS.

DON'T WORRY, DEAN SOURPUSS! IF THERE SHOULD BE ANY ATTEMPT TO STEAL THE RADIUM AT HOLIDAY COLLEGE, YOU CAN COUNT ON OUR HELP HERE AT INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS!

THAT'S MY MENTAL RADIO BUZZING!

EXCUSE ME, PLEASE!



AS ETTA'S FRANTIC MESSAGE COMES FAINTLY OVER HER MENTAL RADIO, DIANA PRINCE LOSES NO TIME BECOMING — WONDER WOMAN!

HURRY...
WONDER WOMAN!
ROBBERS... AT... COIN...
MUSEUM... AGHH!

THERE'S NOT A MINUTE TO LOSE! I'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE MY CHANCES THAT STEVE WON'T MISS DIANA PRINCE!



Wonder Woman

THE AMAZON PRINCESS SUMMONS HER PLANE BY MENTAL
ROBOT CONTROL --

I MUST GET TO ETTA AND THE GIRLS!
BUT I'M SORRY I COULDN'T STAY TO HEAR
THE REST OF DEAN SOURPUSS' STORY! SHE
SEEMED WORRIED!



YES, DEAN SOURPUSS IS WORRIED, AND ALSO
UNHAPPY, AS SHE LEAVES MILITARY INTELLI-
GENCE HEADQUARTERS.

I REALIZE NOW WHAT
A BIG RESPONSIBILITY
THAT RADIUM STOCKPILE
IS! OH DEAR, SOMEHOW
I FEEL LONELIER THAN
EVER!

HERE SHE
COMES!
THIS IS MY
CHANCE!
HELLO,
MEG!



HERBERT! HERBERT
MERRILY! I CAN'T BELIEVE
MY EYES! WHERE — WHERE
HAVE YOU BEEN ALL
THESE YEARS?

IT'S A LONG
STORY, MEG!
CAN'T WE GO
SOMEWHERE
AND TALK?



WE CAN GO TO
MY OFFICE AT
THE COLLEGE!
I — I'M THE DEAN,
YOU KNOW!

THERE'S SO MUCH I
WANT TO TELL YOU!
I'M IN LUCK! THIS
IS EVEN EASIER THAN
MIDAS THOUGHT IT
WOULD BE!



MEANWHILE, THE VILLAINOUS MIDAS IS HAVING HIS
OWN TROUBLES AT THE COIN MUSEUM--FOR
WONDER WOMAN HAS ARRIVED!

YOU MADE A MISTAKE,
WONDER WOMAN! YOU'LL
SOON LEARN IT'S DANGEROUS
TO MEDdle WITH
MIDAS!

YOU CAN'T
STOP ME THIS
WAY, YOU COIN-
CRAZY CRIMINAL!
I JUST LOVE TO
PLAY BULLETS-
AND-BRACELETS!



IN THE GAS-LADEN, WINDOWLESS ROOM, THE
MIGHTY AMAZON SENDS HER FIST SMASHING
THROUGH THE SOLID STONE WALL--

THIS WILL LET SOME
AIR INTO THE ROOM TO
REVIVE THE GIRLS!

HMM -- THERE'S
HER MAGIC LASSO!
IF I CAN ONLY GET
MY HANDS ON IT --





Wonder Woman



AS WONDER WOMAN TRIES TO ROUSE THE GIRLS, MIDAS SEIZES HIS OPPORTUNITY --

ETTA! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? SPEAK TO ME!

GOT IT! NOW SHE WILL BE FORCED TO DO MY BIDDING!

AS THE MAGIC LASSO BINDS HER, WONDER WOMAN FEELS A STRANGE COMPELSION --

I -- AM -- COMPELLED -- TO OBEY !

HA HA! NO ONE OUTWITS THE GREAT MIDAS! GOLD, JEWELS, RADIUM -- ALL WILL BE MINE! HAND THAT SACK OF GOLD COINS OVER TO ME, WONDER WOMAN!

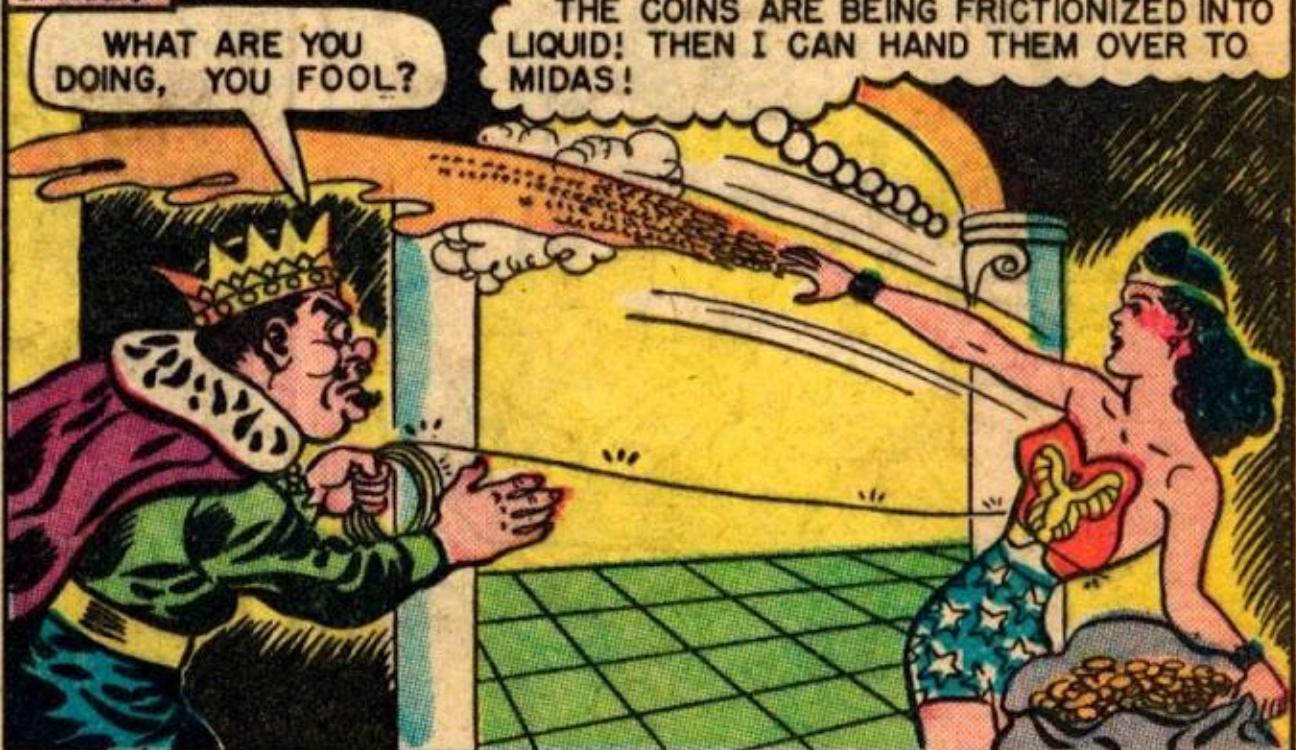


I MUST -- GIVE THEM -- THE GOLD! BUT THEY'RE THIEVES! PERHAPS THERE IS SOME WAY--

STILL UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE MAGIC LASSO, WONDER WOMAN SUDDENLY SENDS THE COINS HURTLING SPEEDILY THROUGH SPACE.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU FOOL?

THE COINS ARE BEING FRICTIONIZED INTO LIQUID! THEN I CAN HAND THEM OVER TO MIDAS!



FROM ITS LIQUID FORM, WONDER WOMAN MOULDS THE GOLD INTO A SOLID, MASSIVE BLOCK.

THERE --- IS -- YOUR -- GOLD, MIDAS!

WHEW! WE CAN'T BUDGE IT! SHE TRICKED US!



SUDDENLY, ETTA SNATCHES THE LASSO FROM MIDAS AND THE BEAUTIFUL AMAZON FREES HERSELF--

DANG IT! WONDER WOMAN'S FREE!

AND HERE COME MORE HOLLIDAY GIRLS -- WE'RE OUTNUMBERED -- RUN!



Wonder Woman



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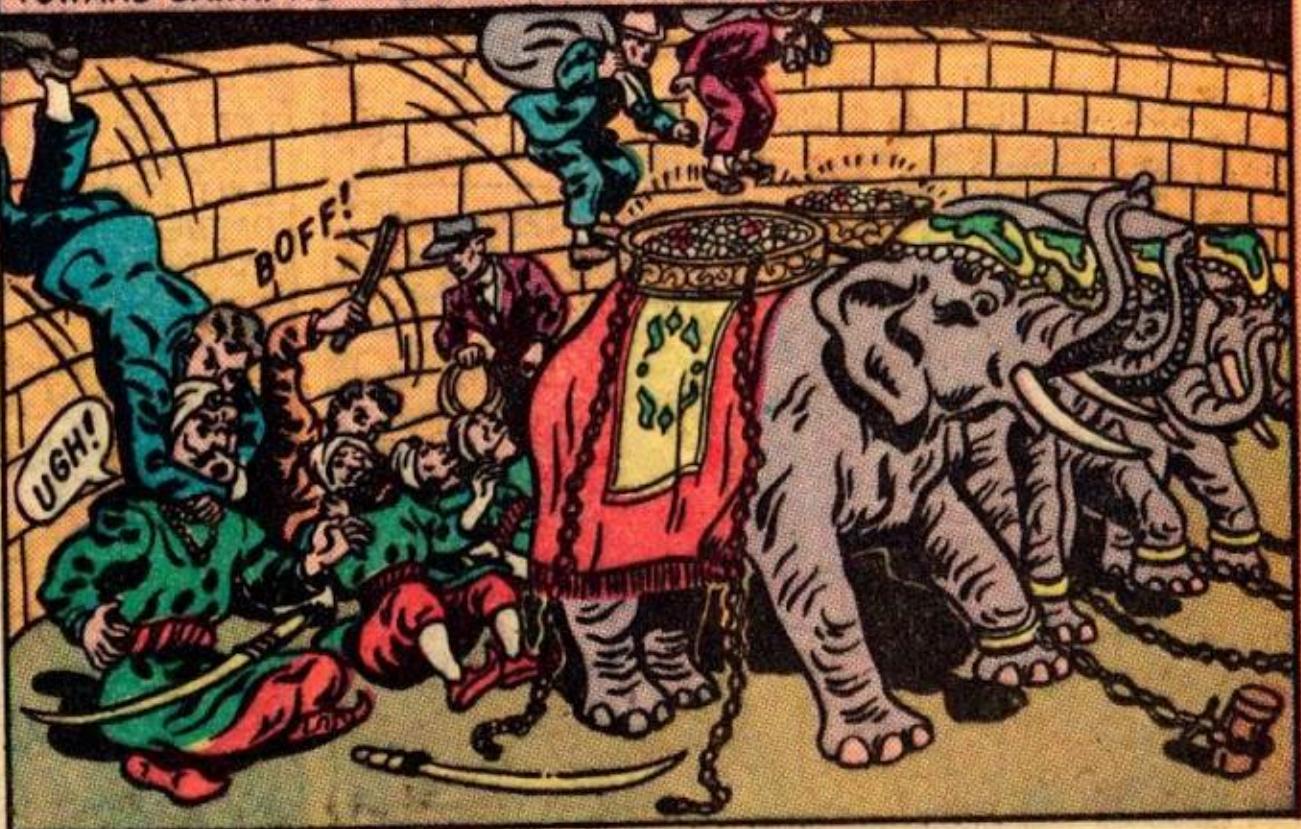
LATER THAT NIGHT IN MIDAS' PALACE--

THE JEWELS ARE ON LARGE TRAYS WHICH ARE CHAINED ON THE BACKS OF TWO ELEPHANTS.

THEN HERE'S MY PLAN-- BUZZ, BUZZ, BUZZ--



TOWARD DAWN, AS THE MAHOUTS GUARD THE ELEPHANTS--



DISGUISE THEMSELVES IN THE MAHOUTS' CLOTHES, THE GANGSTERS ARE SURPRISED BY PRINCE SLEEKO COMING TO SEE THAT THE JEWELS ARE SAFE.

IT'S TOO LATE NOW FOR THEM TO SUBSTITUTE THE BOTTLE GLASS AND SCRAM WITH THE JEWELS!

TOUGH LUCK! THEY'LL HAVE TO USE MIDAS' SECOND PLAN. SLIP 'EM THE BOX WHEN YOU CAN.



LATER, UNDER PRETENSE OF FIXING THE CHAINS, THE GANGSTERS TAKE THE JEWELS AND SUBSTITUTE THE BOTTLE GLASS--

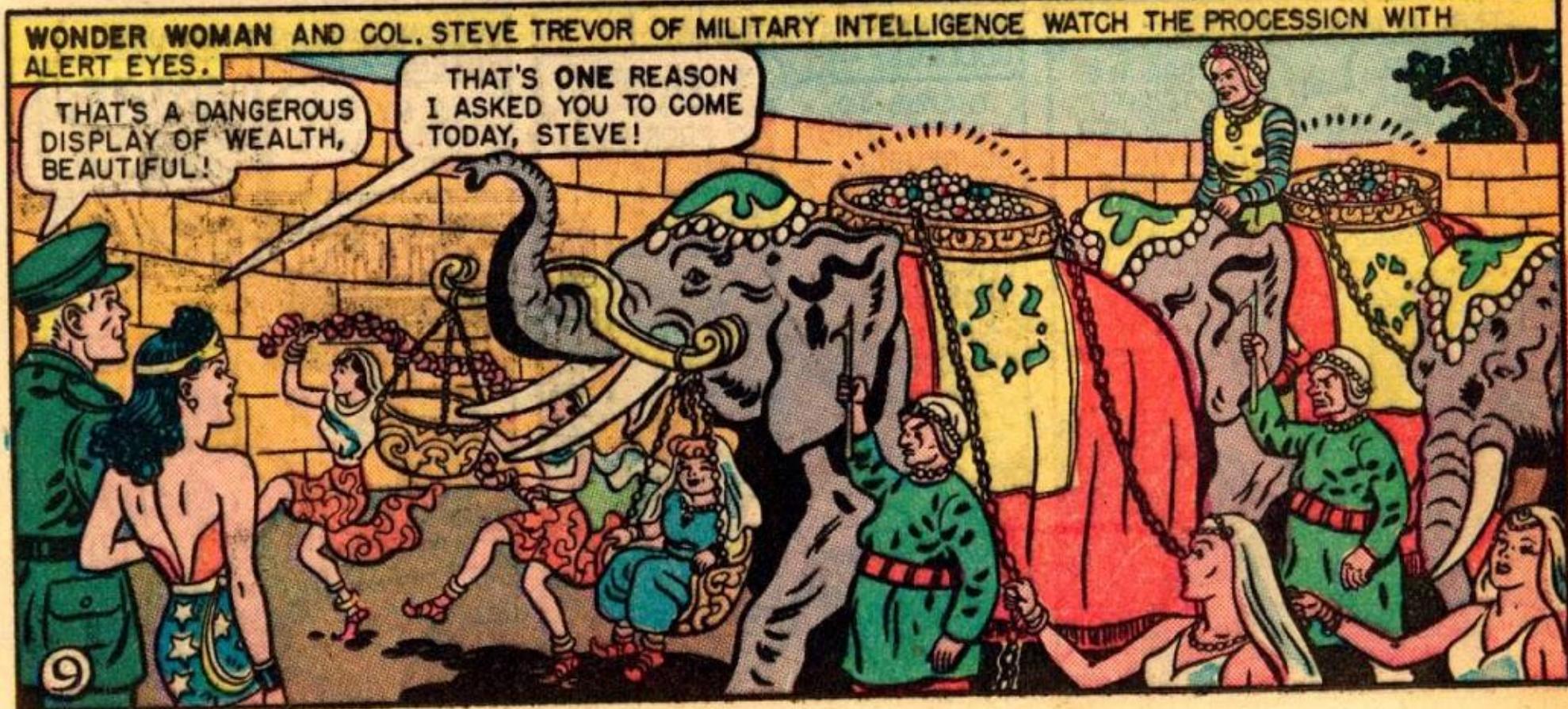
YEAH? DON'T OPEN IT 'TILL WE'RE NEAR THE PRIVATE EXIT DOOR!



WONDER WOMAN AND COL. STEVE TREVOR OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE WATCH THE PROCESSION WITH ALERT EYES.

THAT'S A DANGEROUS DISPLAY OF WEALTH, BEAUTIFUL!

THAT'S ONE REASON I ASKED YOU TO COME TODAY, STEVE!



Wonder Woman



THE PROCESSION STOPS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE JEWELS.

PLEEZE ACCEPT THEESE JEWELS!

JEWELS ARE ALL RIGHT--
BUT S'POSE THEY WERE CHOCOLATES! YUM-YUM!



SUDDENLY, SQUEAKING MICE, LET LOOSE FROM THE BOX, STAMPEDE THE ELEPHANTS--

HERBERT LEFT ME JUST BEFORE THAT EXIT DOOR OPENED! I WONDER--

MIDAS! HE'LL ESCAPE--BUT THESE GIRLS' LIVES ARE MORE IMPORTANT!



THE MIGHTY AMAZON PRINCESS HURLS HERSELF INTO ACTION--

SORRY TO DO THIS TO YOU, OLD FELLOW,
BUT PEOPLE MUSTN'T GET HURT!



LATER, IN MIDAS' PALACE--

BEAUTIFUL JEWELS, EH, HERBERT? AND NOW YOU LEAD US TO THE RADIIUM! WE MUST STRIKE TONIGHT!

I'LL SEE THE DEAN TONIGHT AND TRICK HER INTO GIVING ME THE KEYS TO THE LABORATORY, AND THE COMBINATION TO THE VAULT.



THAT NIGHT AT HOLLIDAY COLLEGE--

THANKS TO YOUR TRICKING SOURPUSS, THIS JOB IS A CINCH, HERB! YOU KNOW THE COMBINATION--OPEN THE VAULT!



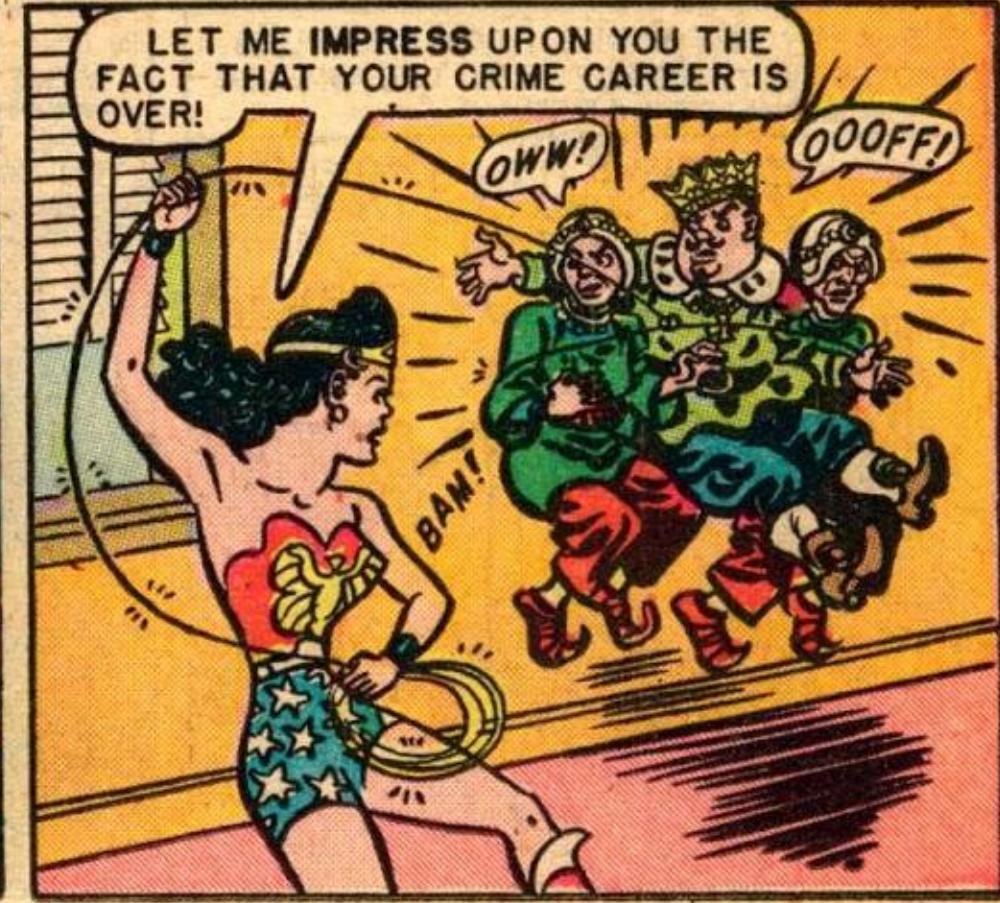
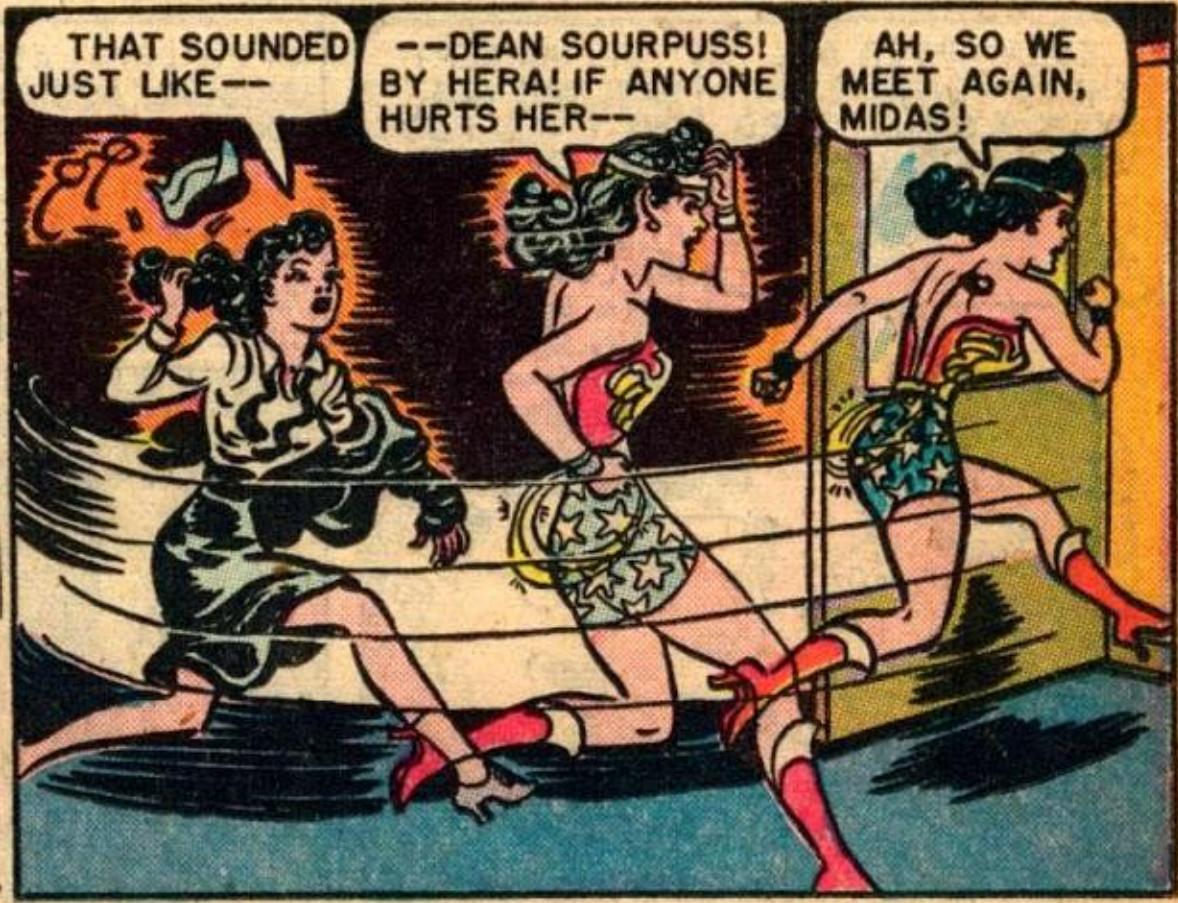
SUDDENLY, DEAN SOURPUSS ENTERS--

SO MY SUSPICIONS WERE CORRECT, HERBERT! YOU ARE IN LEAGUE WITH THESE THIEVES!

SHUT THE OLD FOOL UP BEFORE SHE BRINGS THE WHOLE COLLEGE RUNNING! GRAB HER!



Wonder Woman



Wonder Woman

HAVING HEARD THE SCREAMS, THE COLLEGE GUARDS RUSH INTO THE LABORATORY--

AS FOR YOU, MIDAS--DO YOU NEED ANY FURTHER CONVINCING, OR WILL YOU LET THE GUARDS TAKE YOU PEACEFULLY?

WHAT A WOMAN! I GIVE UP! I'D RATHER BE IN JAIL!



THEN, THE MAGIC LASSO COMPELS HERBERT MERRILY TO SPEAK THE TRUTH--

WHY WERE YOU MIXED UP WITH MIDAS, HERBERT MERRILY?

I-I HAD NO CHOICE! MIDAS INVESTIGATED MEG'S BACKGROUND--FOUND OUT WE WERE ONCE ENGAGED! HE CAME TO ME AND TOLD ME HE'D KILL HER UNLESS I HELPED HIM GET THE RADeUM!



EVEN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, I KNEW I STILL LOVED MEG! I-I COULDN'T LET HARM COME TO HER! BUT NOW SHE'S THROUGH WITH ME!

OH, HERBERT DARLING! YOU DID IT ALL FOR LOVE OF ME! HOW WONDERFUL! IT MAKES ME LOVE YOU EVEN MORE THAN BEFORE!



A FEW DAYS LATER, WONDER WOMAN UNDERTAKES AN UNUSUAL ASSIGNMENT--THE GLORIFYING OF DEAN SOURPUSS.

A GOWN OF PURE GOLD-SPUN CLOTH! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING PRESENT, WONDER WOMAN! I NEVER OWNED SO LOVELY A DRESS!

I'VE NOT FINISHED YET, DEAN SOURPUSS! NOW WE'RE GOING TO EXPERIMENT WITH A NEW HAIRDO AND SOME MAKEUP! AND THOSE GLASSES, I THINK, ARE JUST A HABIT!



IT'S A TRANSFORMED DEAN SOURPUSS WHO SURVEYS HERSELF IN THE MIRROR A FEW MOMENTS LATER!

WOO WOO! KEED! YOU SURE MADE THE DEAN LOOK PRETTY!

IT'S A SUPERFICIAL CHANGE, ETTA! THE DEAN'S TRUE BEAUTY COMES FROM WITHIN, AS EVERY WOMAN'S DOES--WHEN SHE RADIATES LOVE!



IN THE CHAPEL OF HOLLIDAY COLLEGE, DEAN SOURPUSS' TWENTY-YEAR OLD DREAM COMES TRUE!

AND I PRONOUNCE YOU-MAN AND WIFE!

WILL I EVER HEAR THOSE WORDS, BEAUTIFUL, THAT WILL MAKE YOU MY WIFE?

WHO KNOWS, STEVE? MAYBE SOME DAY---



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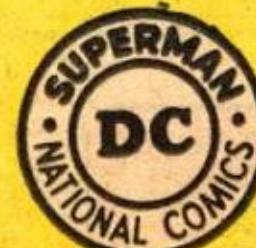
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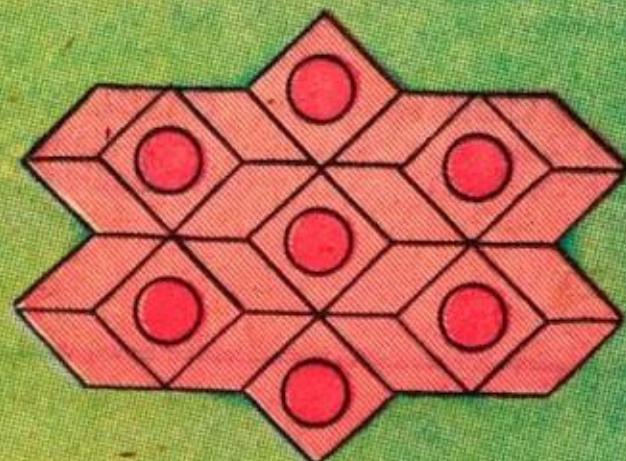
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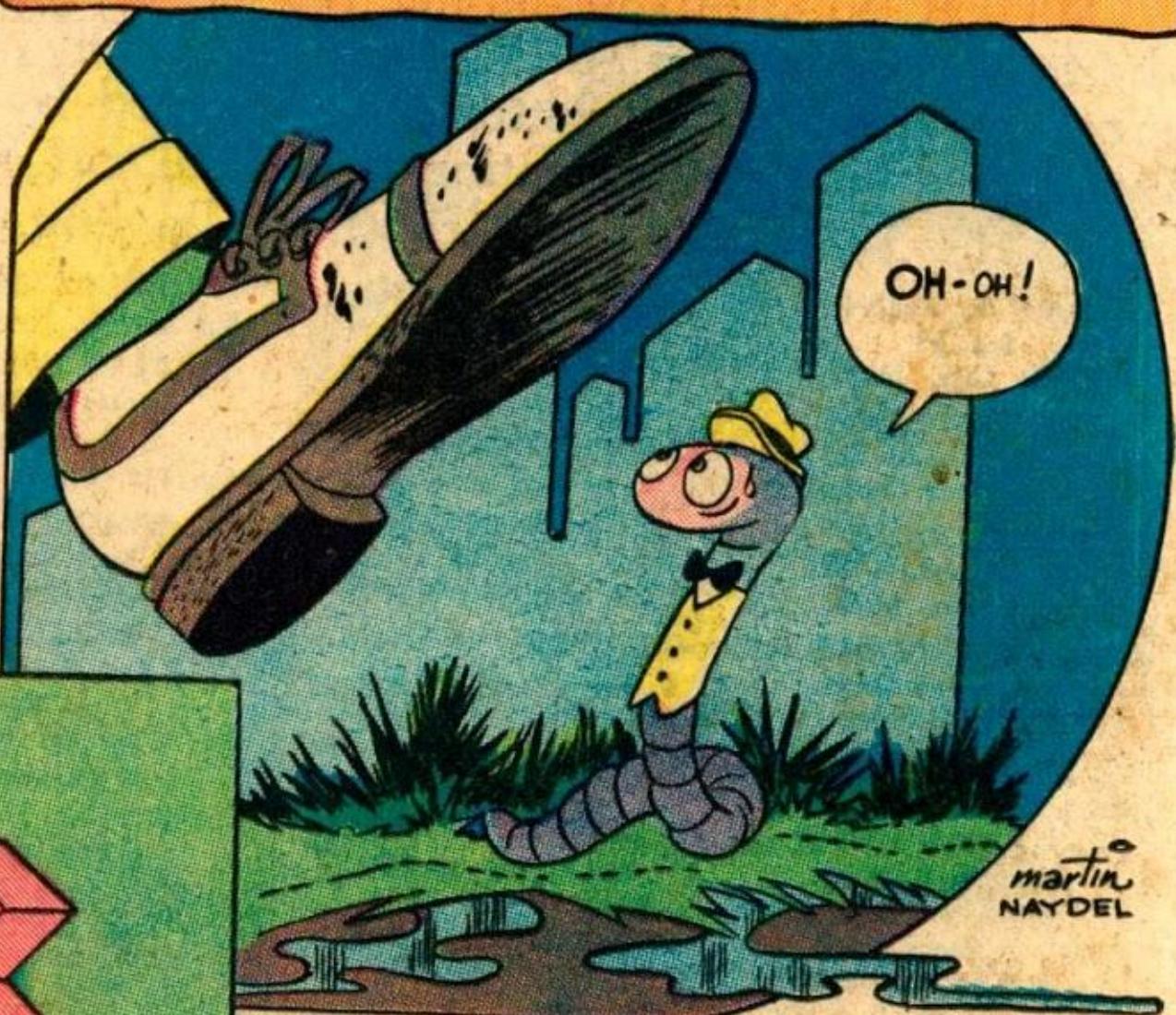
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GAZE INTENTLY AT THIS DESIGN AND YOU'LL SEE THAT THE GEOMETRIC FIGURES SEEM TO CHANGE THEIR APPEARANCE! YOU CAN'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU SEE!



AFTER A HEAVY SHOWER, AN EARTH WORM'S TUNNEL IS FLOODED WITH WATER AND HE COMES TO THE SURFACE FOR AIR. THAT'S WHY WE SEE SO MANY OF THEM AFTER A DOWNPOUR!



ANNIE GRAM

CAN YOU ADD THIS LETTER TO THE LETTERS OF THE WORD BELOW, MIX 'EM UP, AND SPELL ANOTHER WORD? NO FAIR PEEKING AT THE ANSWER!

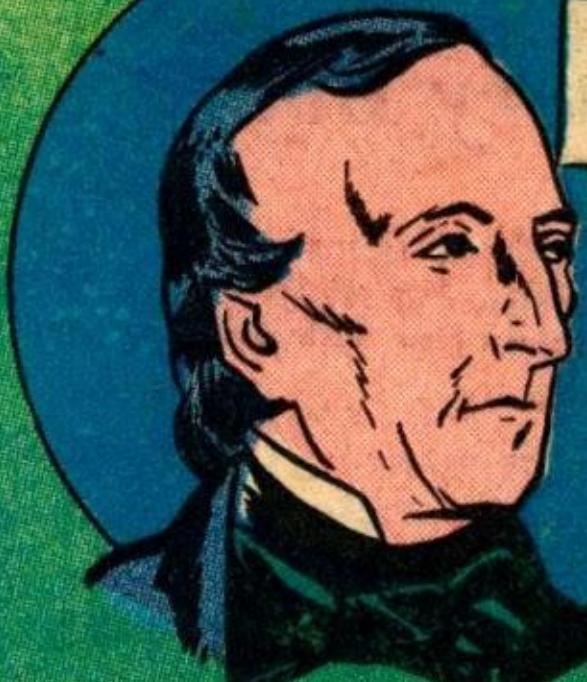


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JOHN TYLER WAS NEVER ELECTED PRESIDENT, BUT WAS THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT TO BECOME CHIEF EXECUTIVE UPON THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT... HE WAS THE FATHER OF FOURTEEN CHILDREN.



FUR FACTS

WHEN the thermometer starts taking its usual nose-dive in the latter part of the year, every girl begins thinking about the fur coat she owns—or would like to own! Fur coats are a very expensive item on the family budget, yet it is surprising what little information most women have about this very thing they are willing to spend large sums of money for.

We're aiming this article about furs directly at our female readers, with the hope that when the lucky day comes to buy *that* fur coat, they will be equipped with enough knowledge about furs to see that they are getting their full money's worth. Fellows, you might as well read this dissertation too—the day will come when you may have to go fur-shopping with your wife, and you'll want to make sure you're paying money for something worthwhile.

First, let's start off with a commercial definition of a fur coat. It is composed of three elements—the leather or hide, the pelage or soft down fur, and the longer, stiff guard hair or over-fur.

A practical rule you can use to judge which are the best furs is that the colder the climate, the better the coats of the fur-bearing animals will be. Furs are considered to be in their "prime" when they are obtained in the latter part of the winter season, for at this time the animal's coat is at its very prettiest, its soft down under fur at its heaviest, glossiest, and smoothest, and its leather toughest.

By far the greater majority of fur coats are bought for practical everyday use during the

cold winter months. It is important to know, therefore, how furs are rated according to their comparative durability. In the following list, the first mentioned furs rank highest: otter, beaver, Alaska seal, mink, skunk, raccoon, Persian lamb, natural muskrat, dyed muskrat (Hudson seal), Russian sable.

If you propose to use a fur for light or dress wear, the rate of durability is: ermine, marten, fox, natural squirrel, silver muskrat.

When the sheer grace or beauty of the fur is the prime consideration, the list is headed by broadtail (most durable), with chinchilla and mole next.

Some women prefer to have a fur coat as an adjunct to their sports wear, in which case the best-lasting is raccoon; then natural muskrat, leopard, ocelot, opossum, kidskin.

Another factor to be considered in the purchasing of a fur coat is the physical appearance of the wearer. Those with tall, slender figures would be wise to select *long-haired* furs—such as skunk, raccoon, marten, badger, wolf, fox. Women with short and stout figures should concentrate their attention on the *short-haired* furs—mink, natural muskrat, dyed muskrat, squirrel, mole. Insist that the furs be made length-wise, with flat collars, plain sleeves, and preferably no belts.

Now the all-important question: what type of fur will you buy? Of course, there are many dozens of different furs for you to choose from—so we have selected some of the most popular (as well as some of the most valuable—

if you're that lucky) to help give you some indication of what you might like to own.

Beaver

This is considered one of the warmest of all furs. It wears very well, is soft and dense, with a velvety smooth appearance. The best skins are recognized by their rich brown appearance. However, it should be pointed out that beaver coats will generally molt and curl when repeatedly exposed to damp weather. Also, care must be taken not to expose them to strong sunlight, lest they fade. The Hudson Bay District pelts rank highest.

Persian Lamb

This is a good bet for those desiring a handsome and good-wearing fur. An important advantage of this fur is that when the leather begins to dry out, any skins that "peel" can be easily replaced. On the other hand, dust and dirt are more harmful to the lustre of this fur than to any other, so it is advisable always to shake it after wearing and have it beaten by an experienced furrier.

Alaska Seal

There are more than 100 separate processes required to turn this raw, natural fur (best taken from three-year-old bachelor seals), with its stiff guard hair and spotty color into the beautiful skins we see on display. It is among the warmest of furs, and is as comfortable as beaver. One advantage it has over the latter is that damp weather won't harm it, for it is quite durable with a fast color. Its strength and toughness guarantee long service.

Dyed Muskrat (Hudson Seal)

Muskrats that have been dyed and seared a seal color offer a good all-purpose coat, handsome and serviceable, at a moderate price. Conscientious care of this fur coat will repay you in long service and handsome appearance. Though cheaper than the Alaska Seal counterpart, it is easier and less expensive to repair, lighter in weight—and you can comfort yourself that only a fur expert can distinguish Dyed Muskrat from an Alaska Seal.

Mink

The American Mink outranks those of Russia, Alaska, or Japan. The most valuable is not only dark on the surface, but clear down to the roots. It is well-supplied with dark guard hair, is glossy, with a still darker back stripe. The hair of superb mink will stand out, bristling and lively in appearance. Only the highest skilled labor is employed in manufacturing this expensive coat. Cheaper grade minks will have the natural back stripe imitated by blending, or feathering with dye, an undesirable factor.

Chinchilla

Easily the most delicate and silken of all furs. The fur is quite long, extremely soft and fine. It is mottled blue-gray on the back, and white beneath. Worn primarily for its outstanding beauty, it must be handled with extreme care, for even a little friction causes permanent harm to it.

Ermine

This celebrated fur is unsurpassed for evening wraps, and moreover, wears well. The finest ermine comes from the coldest parts of Russia and Siberia, for only there does it become completely blanched. Other ermine skins not entirely white, are often dyed or bleached. Ermine has a tendency to turn yellow with age—it is advisable, therefore, to keep it covered with blue paper or cloth when not in use, to retain its whiteness as long as possible.

Fox

The softness and beauty of fox fur is not easily matched. At the same time, it must be well cared for or it may break. *Silver fox* (Black fox flecked with silver) is most in demand, and likewise the most expensive. Genuine skin sides are white, while dyed skins are betrayed by their golden brown appearance. The tail is always white-tipped. The next most valuable fox fur is *Blue fox*; it is also the most serviceable. The attractive fox neck piece may be worn many years without requiring repair, because of its deep under-fur and coarser top hair. If it is held up by one end, the fur will ripple down toward the other end—a sheen of silken lustre.

*Wonder Women
of History***MUMTAZ MAHAL**

MOST WOMEN ARE RENOWNED FOR THEIR ARTISTIC SKILLS OR THEIR SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS, BUT THE LADY ARJIMAND BANU, OR MUMTAZ MAHAL AS ALL THE WORLD KNOWS HER, ACHIEVED FAME FOR THE SUBLIME LOVE SHE BORE HER HUSBAND. TO HONOR HER NAME AND THAT SAME LOVE, THE GREATEST ARCHITECTURAL MONUMENT OF ALL ASIA WAS BUILT — THE TAJ MAHAL!



THE SHAH JEHAN, SON OF JAHANGIR AND NUR MAHAL, ASCENDED THE THRONE OF INDIA IN 1627. BY HIS SIDE SAT HIS LOVELY BRIDE, THE MUMTAZ MAHAL...

MY LORD, YOU ARE FATIGUED. FOR MY SAKE, CALL A HALT TO YOUR VIGOROUS ACTIVITIES AND COME INTO THE GARDENS --

PRETTY MUMTAZ MAHAL SHOULD HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE ANONYMITY OF THE HAREM, BUT HER LOVE FOR SHAH JEHAN WAS STRONG AS ROCK, AS WARM AS THE RAYS OF THE RISING SUN...

YOU ARE TROUBLED, MY LORD. I HAVE PREPARED SPICED WINE AND CAKES.

WAS EVER A MAN SO BLESSED? ALWAYS YOU THINK OF ME AND MY WELFARE! SOME DAY I WOULD LIKE TO FORGET I AM EMPEROR - AND DO SOMETHING FOR YOU, MY LOVE!



Wonder Woman



IS IT NOT MY DUTY AS WIFE AND EMPRESS TO COMFORT YOU IN TIMES OF WORRY? IF I FAILED IN THAT, I SHOULD BE AS THE ASHES BLOWN BY THE BREEZE.

YOU GIVE ME STRENGTH TO CARRY ON.



ONE NIGHT, AS THEY WALKED HAND IN HAND BENEATH THE MELLOW INDIAN MOON...

MUMTAZ MAHAL, ASK OF ME WHAT YOU WILL. TOO LONG HAVE I BEEN THE STERN RULER OF MY NATION. IT IS MY DESIRE TO THINK OF YOU FOR ONCE...

I ASK NOTHING... EXCEPT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO BE REMEMBERED BY YOU -- AFTER I AM GONE... SOME LITTLE REMEMBRANCE, WHEREBY YOU MIGHT BE COMFORTED.

WHEN HER HUSBAND RETURNED FROM FIGHTING THE HILL TRIBES OF PECCA, IT WAS MUMTAZ MAHAL WHO RELIEVED HIM OF HIS WEAPONS...

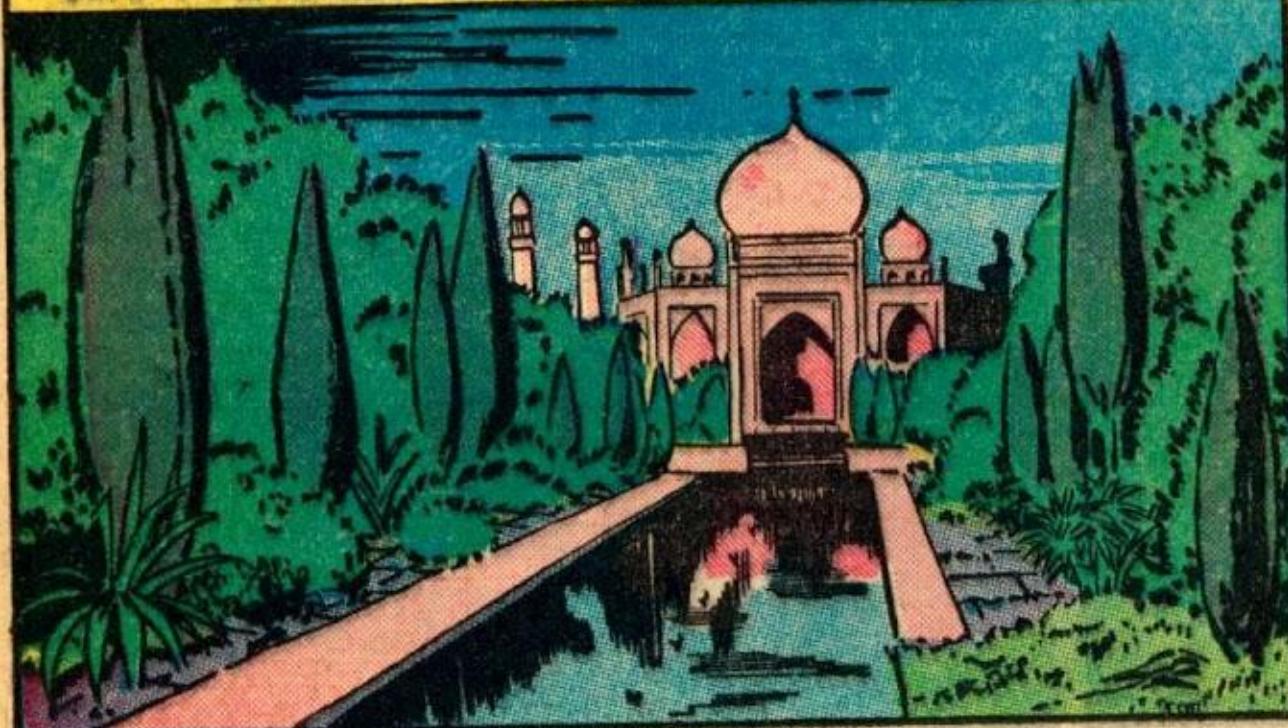
I HAVE GRIEVED IN YOUR ABSENCE, MY LORD. I HAVE PRAYED YOU WOULD RETURN TO ME SAFELY.



EVEN IN YOUR WISHES, YOU THINK OF ME! SO BE IT! I SHALL ERECT A MONUMENT TO OUR LOVE, THAT ALL THE WORLD MAY SEE AND KNOW YOU FOR THE MOST LOVING WIFE, AND ME, THE MOST HONORED HUSBAND OF OUR AGE!



MUMTAZ MAHAL DIED WHILE THE SHAH JEHAN WAS AT THE ZENITH OF HIS POWER. EVEN THOUGH HIS EMPIRE WAS BEGINNING TO BE TORN BY DISSENSION AND STRIFE, SHAH JEHAN REMEMBERED HIS PROMISE...



And so was built the **TAJ MAHAL**,
AND MUMTAZ MAHAL LAID TO REST WITHIN.
IT IS A SHRINE OF LOVELINESS, BUILT NOT ONLY OF MARBLE AND METAL, BUT ALSO BY THE SINGING FLAME OF A WOMAN'S LOVE!

Diana Prince
(WONDER WOMAN)

Wonder Woman



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says

"GIVE YOUR TOWN A PRESENT!"

SMALLVILLE, HOME OF SUPERBOY, IS VISITED BY A GROUP OF OUT-OF-TOWN CIVIC LEADERS ...

WE'RE ANXIOUS TO SEE THE KIND OF VOLUNTEER WORK THAT THE BOYS AND GIRLS HERE HAVE DONE TO MAKE THIS A MODEL TOWN.'

AND I'VE VOLUNTEERED TO SHOW YOU!



MOMENTS LATER...



NEXT-- SMALLVILLE MUSEUM ...

FIRST STOP-- SMALLVILLE HOSPITAL ...

THESE GIRLS PREPARE BANDAGES, SET UP TRAYS, FIX FLOWERS FOR PATIENTS, AND READ TO THEM.

I'M THINKING OF BEING A NURSE SOME DAY-- AND THIS IS A GOOD WAY OF LEARNING AS WELL AS BEING USEFUL.



WE'RE MAKING POSTERS ADVERTISING A NEW EXHIBIT NEXT WEEK.

I'M LEAVING NOW TO MAKE CLOTHES FOR THE YOUNGSTERS AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME.



THEN, A SCHOOL PLAYGROUND...

THERE'S AN OLDER BOY WHO'S HELPING THE COACH TEACH BEGINNERS FOOTBALL. HE'S PERFORMING A USEFUL FUNCTION-- AND AT THE SAME TIME GETTING VALUABLE EXPERIENCE HIMSELF.

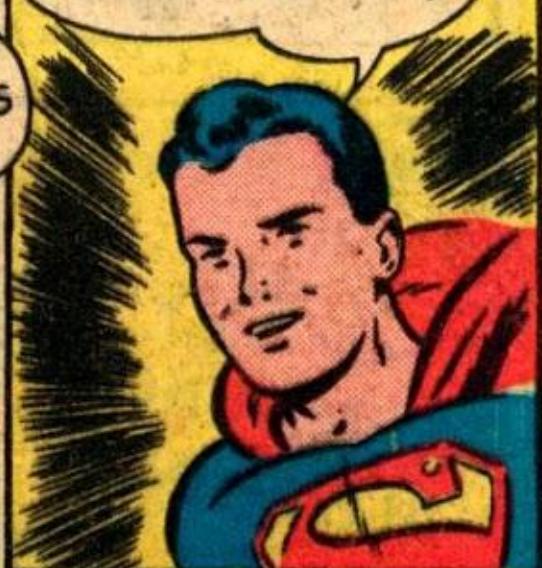


FINALLY, AT THE END OF THE RAPID TOUR ...

THESE ARE ONLY SOME OF THE VOLUNTEER JOBS THE BOYS AND GIRLS HAVE UNDERTAKEN. SOME ARE BUSY NOW REHEARSING A RADIO PROGRAM TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST, OTHERS ARE WRITING COPY FOR THEIR WEEKLY COLUMN IN OUR NEWSPAPER.



THERE'S A VOLUNTEER JOB FOR YOUNGSTERS IN EVERY TOWN. PITCH IN AND HELP MAKE YOUR TOWN A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN!



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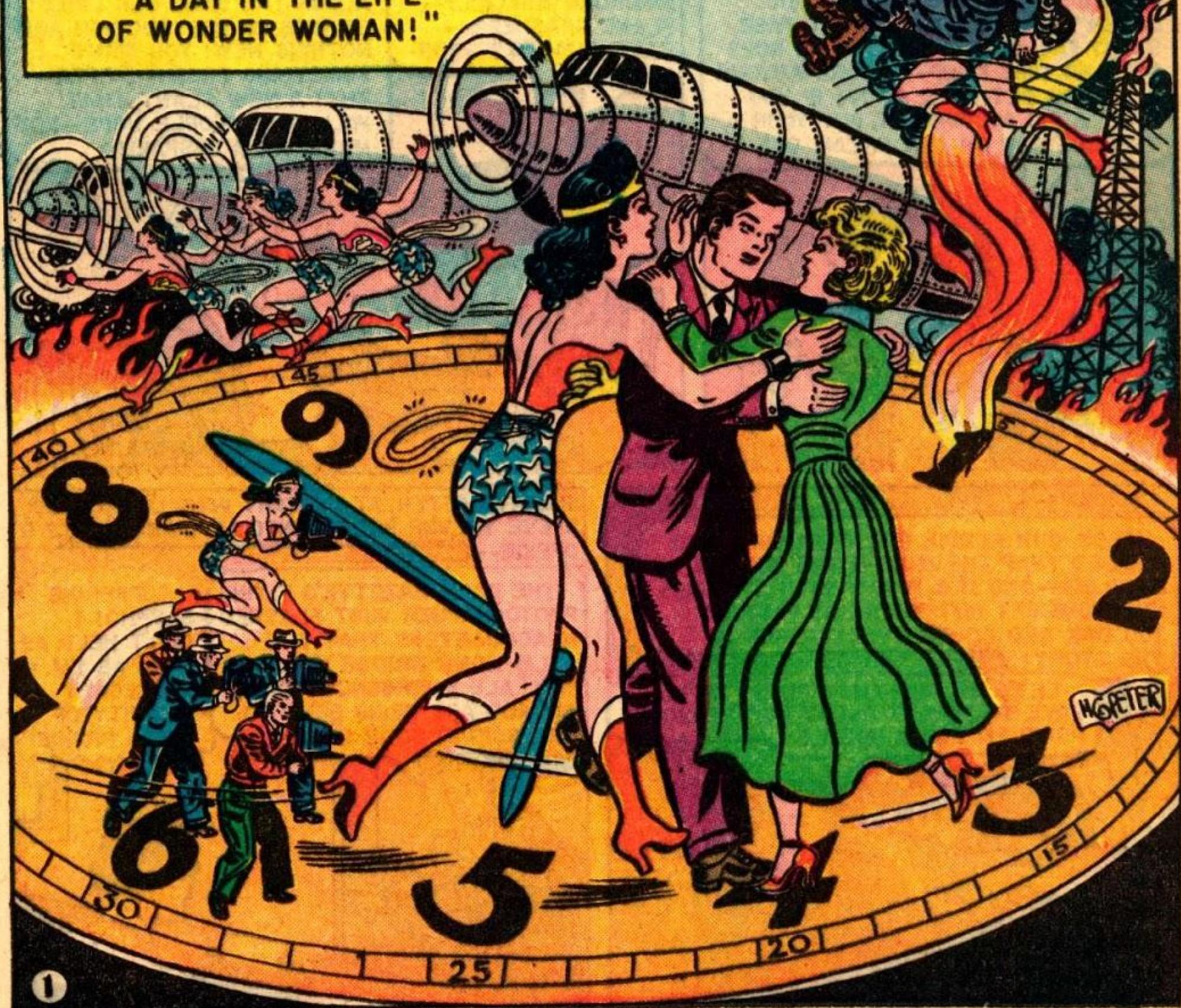


Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

WONDER WOMAN—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY—is naturally too quick for any human to follow on her round of activities as a crime-fighter! But when an eager young reporter's future depends on it, the glamorous Amazon princess slows down long enough for him to accompany her and record her incredible feats! Yes, here, for the first time, is the exclusive story of---

"A DAY IN THE LIFE
OF WONDER WOMAN!"



Wonder Woman



AT THE CITY DESK OF THE DAILY GAZETTE, JIM EAGER, A YOUNG CUB REPORTER, PLEADS HIS CASE--

ALL I WANT IS A CHANCE TO MAKE GOOD! GIVE ME A BIG ASSIGNMENT--AND I'LL COME BACK WITH A SCOOP THAT WILL SELL OUT EVERY EDITION AS SOON AS IT HITS THE STANDS!

YOU'VE GOTTEN PRETTY AMBITIOUS ALL OF A SUDDEN, JIM! WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?



HM--! I DON'T NEED SHERLOCK HOLMES TO TELL ME THAT IT'S MARIAN LEE, OUR WOMAN'S PAGE REPORTER!

YES! MARIAN'S PROMISED TO MARRY ME--IF I MAKE GOOD!

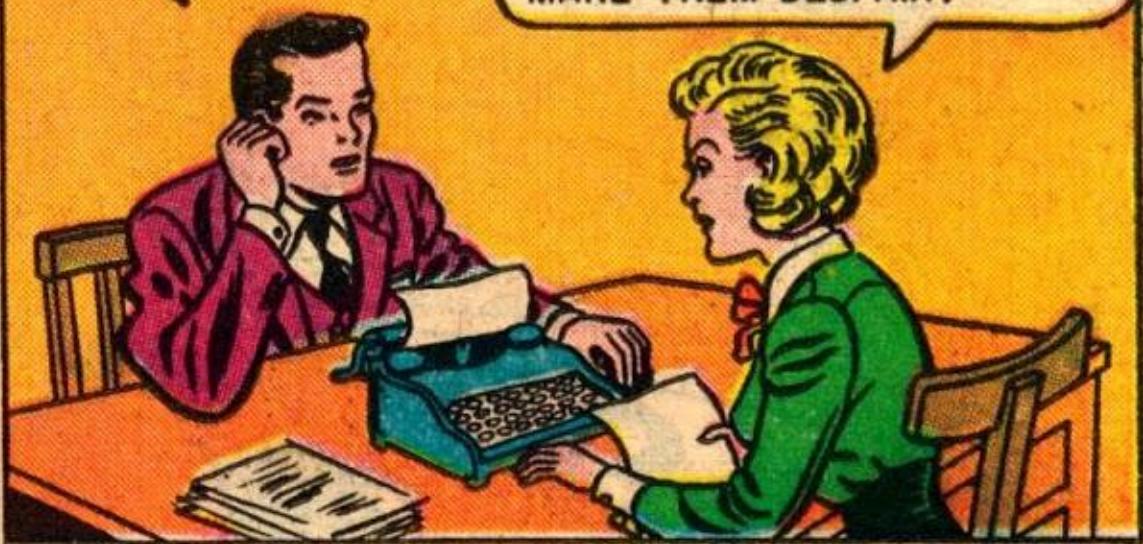
I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN JIM! I KNOW HE CAN BECOME AN ACE REPORTER IF HE'S ONLY GIVEN A CHANCE!



JIM WILL HAVE TO MAKE HIS OWN CHANCE! A TOP-NOTCH REPORTER DOESN'T WAIT UNTIL A FRONT PAGE STORY FALLS INTO HIS LAP! HE GOES OUT AND DIGS IT UP--BEFORE ANYONE ELSE CAN GET HOLD OF IT! IF YOU WANT A BIG ASSIGNMENT, PUT YOUR THINKING CAP ON AND DREAM ONE UP!

FIRE?--FLOODS?-- RAILROAD WRECKS?-- PLANE CRASHES?-- EARTHQUAKES?-- TORNADOES?

NO, JIM! YOU'RE THINKING ALONG THE SAME OLD LINES! STORIES OF DESTRUCTION ARE NOTHING NEW! YOU WANT SOMETHING FRESH--DIFFERENT! A NEW SLANT THAT WILL GIVE PEOPLE HOPE--NOT MAKE THEM DESPAIR!



SUDDENLY--

JASON, OUR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHER, JUST RADIOED THAT THE MILE-LONG BRIDGE IS BUCKLING--AND IT'S HEAVY WITH TRAFFIC! EVERYONE GET OUT THERE AS FAST AS YOU CAN AND COVER EVERY ANGLE OF THE STORY!

LET'S GO, MARIAN! I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO FORGET ABOUT OUR PERSONAL PROBLEM FOR A WHILE!



SHORTLY AFTER, AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, COL. STEVE TREVOR BURSTS INTO LT. DIANA PRINCE'S OFFICE--

THE DAILY GAZETTE'S FLYING PHOTOGRAPHER JUST FLASHED HEADQUARTERS THAT THE MILE-LONG BRIDGE IS GIVING WAY! ALL EMERGENCY RESCUE SQUADS ARE BEING SENT TO THE SCENE! COME ON, DI!

SUFFERING SAPPHO! I CAN'T HELP AS LONG AS I'M IN MY SECRET IDENTITY OF DIANA PRINCE!



Wonder Woman

A MOMENT LATER, AS STEVE'S CAR SPEEDS TOWARD THE SCENE ALONG A BUMPY COUNTRY ROAD--

IF THAT BRIDGE COLLAPSES WITH ALL THOSE PEOPLE ON IT-- IT WILL BE A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY! THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON WHO CAN AVERT THE DISASTER-- WONDER WOMAN! I'M GOING TO MENTAL-RADIO HER!



CALLING WONDER WOMAN!
CALLING WONDER WOMAN! CALLING--

I CAN'T ANSWER THAT MENTAL RADIO SUMMONS WITHOUT REVEALING THAT I AM WONDER WOMAN! AND YET-- I MUST BECOME WONDER WOMAN IF I AM TO HELP SAVE THE PEOPLE ON THE BRIDGE!



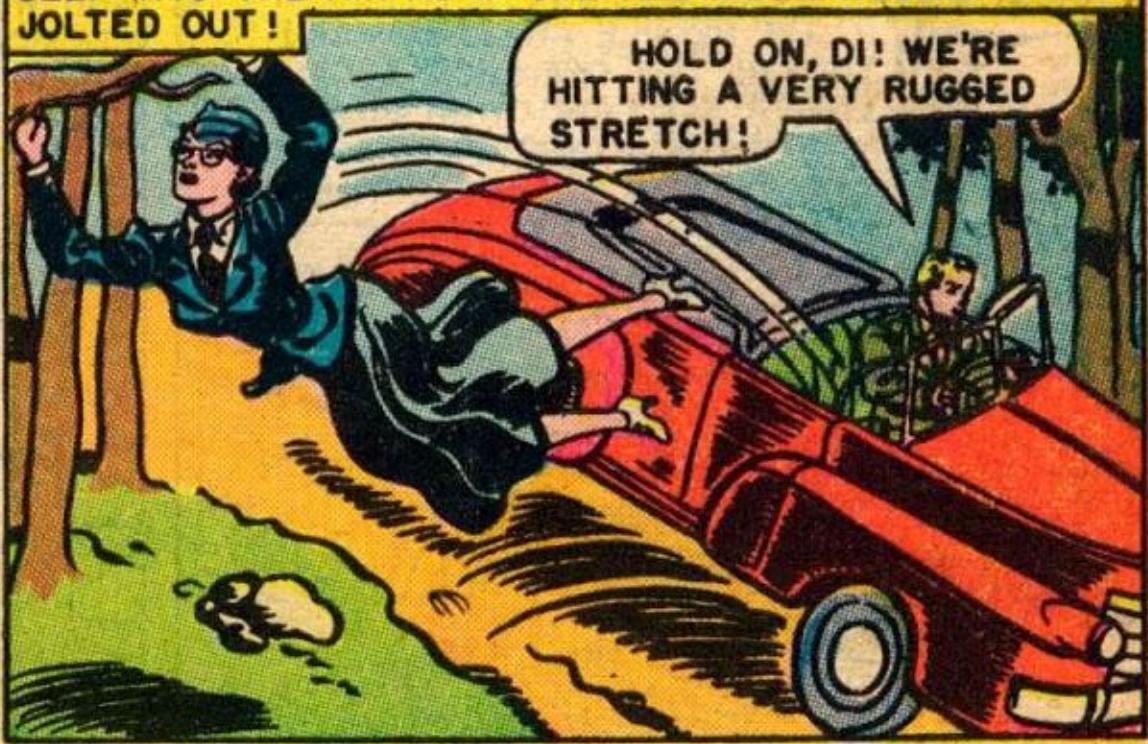
--WONDER WOMAN!
CALLING WONDER WOMAN!

IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE!
THE NEXT TIME WE HIT A BUMP-- I'M GOING TO DO IT!



A SECOND LATER, AS THE SPEEDING CAR BOUNCES ON A RUT IN THE ROAD, THE AGILE AMAZON MAID HURLS HERSELF INTO THE AIR AS IF SHE HAD BEEN ACCIDENTALLY JOLTED OUT!

HOLD ON, DI! WE'RE HITTING A VERY RUGGED STRETCH!



THE ACROBATIC AMAZON SEIZES A BRANCH OF AN OVERHANGING TREE AND, SWINGING HIGHER, OUT OF SIGHT, CHANGES INTO WONDER WOMAN!



WHILE STEVE STOPS THE CAR A LITTLE FARTHER ON--

BLAZES! DI MUST HAVE FALLEN OUT ON THAT BAD STRETCH OF ROAD! I MUST GO BACK! I HOPE SHE ISN'T HURT!

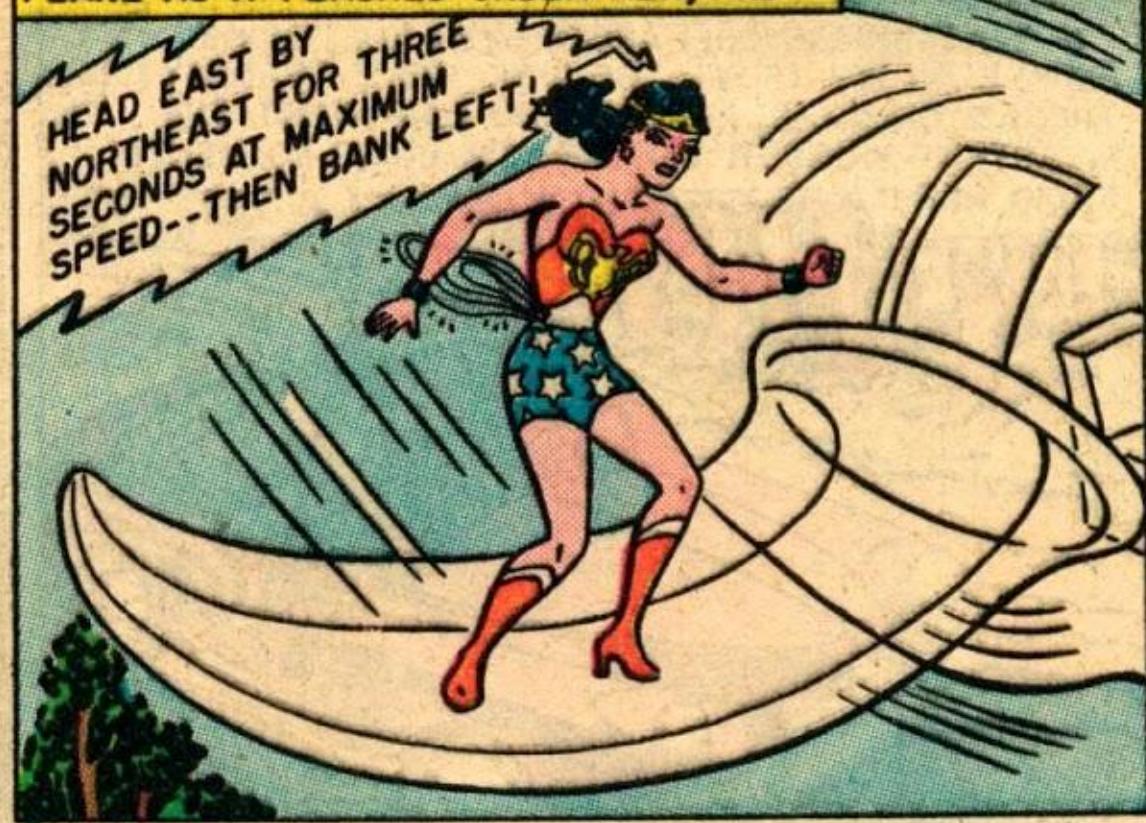


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HURLING HERSELF PAST THE TOPMOST BRANCH OF THE TREE, THE FLEET WONDER WOMAN CALLS FOR HER ROBOT PLANE--



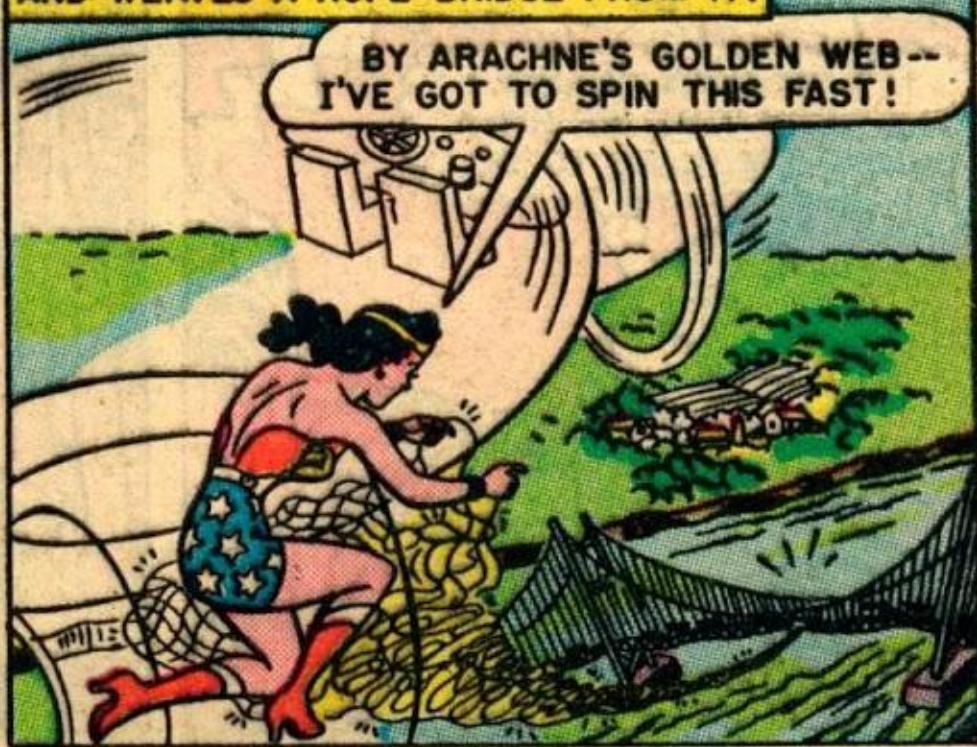
THE AMAZON DEXTROUSLY ALIGHTS ON THE WING OF HER PLANE AS IT FLASHES UNDER HER, AND--



BRIEF MOMENTS LATER, THE INCREDIBLY SPEEDY PLANE ZOOMS OVER THE DOOMED MILE-LONG BRIDGE--



WITH LIGHTNING SPEED, WONDER WOMAN LAS- SOES ONE SIDE OF THE VIBRATING STRUCTURE, AND WEAVES A ROPE BRIDGE FROM IT.



THUS, THE TIRELESS AMAZON PRINCESS LEADS THE THANKFUL CROWD TO SAFETY OVER HER AMAZING ROPE BRIDGE!





Wonder Woman



AMONG THE EXCITED SPECTATORS OF THE RESCUE ARE MARIAN AND JIM--

JIM! THIS IS YOUR BIG CHANCE! A STORY ON WONDER WOMAN WILL BE A SCOOP!

IT WOULD BE IF I WERE THE ONLY ONE PRESENT AT THIS SCENE, MARIAN! BUT YOU'RE FORGETTING THAT THE WHOLE STAFF IS HERE TOO! THIS ISN'T AN EXCLUSIVE!



NO, BUT THINK WHAT A SCOOP IT WOULD BE, IF YOU WENT AROUND WITH WONDER WOMAN AND WROTE AN EXCLUSIVE EYE-WITNESS STORY OF ALL THE EXCITING THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO HER DURING THE COURSE OF A SINGLE DAY!

IF SHE'D ONLY CONSENT TO IT! BUT WHY SHOULD SHE? I'M A NOBODY-- AND SHE'S A BIG CELEBRITY!



BUT WHEN THE SWEETHEARTS TELL THEIR STORY--

--- AND I THOUGHT YOU'D BE THE NATURAL SUBJECT FOR A GREAT STORY, WONDER WOMAN! BECAUSE YOURS IS A WORK OF A CONSTRUCTIVE--NOT DESTRUCTIVE--NATURE!

THAT IS THE AMAZON WAY, MARIAN! OF COURSE, JIM CAN ACCOMPANY ME FOR HIS STORY! I'LL CALL FOR HIM TOMORROW!

GOSH, THANKS, WONDER WOMAN!



AS THE AMAZON PLANE CARRIES ITS MISTRESS AWAY--

UNTIL TOMORROW!

I WONDER WHAT STRANGE AND EXCITING ADVENTURES THE MORROW WILL BRING?

I CAN HARDLY WAIT!



BACK ON THE ROAD TO THE BRIDGE, THE ALLURING AMAZON UNERRINGLY LIFTS UP STEVE, TOGETHER WITH HIS CAR--

WONDER WOMAN! I WAS LOOKING FOR DI!

SHE'S ALL RIGHT, STEVE! I TOOK CARE OF HER! THE PEOPLE ON THE BRIDGE ARE SAFE, TOO!



I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU'D SEE THAT NO ONE WAS HURT, BEAUTIFUL! HOW DO YOU DO IT?

AMAZON TRAINING, STEVE, DEAR! ANYONE COULD DO THE SAME, IF SHE WENT THROUGH THE RIGOROUS TRAINING THAT I DID!





Wonder Woman



EARLY THE NEXT DAY, AT HOLLIDAY COLLEGE, A MEETING IS IN PROGRESS--

HOLLIDAY COLLEGE ISN'T THE SAME SINCE VITA VAIN ARRIVED!

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT HER?

WOO WOO! THIS IS A PROBLEM FOR WONDER WOMAN!



ETTA CANDY'S RIGHT!

I'M GOING TO MENTAL-RADIO HER RIGHT AWAY! SHE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO!

CALLING WONDER WOMAN!
CALLING WONDER WOMAN!



AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE GLAMOROUS AMAZON'S PLANE, HIGH ABOVE THE CITY--

IT'S EXCITING BEING IN YOUR PLANE, WONDER WOMAN! WHY, A SENSATIONAL ADVENTURE MAY CALL YOU AT ANY MOMENT! AND I'LL BE ALONG TO GET AN EXCLUSIVE STORY ON IT!

SHH--IT'S ETTA CANDY!

CALLING WONDER WOMAN!
CALLING WONDER WOMAN!



ETTA CANDY WAS SO EXCITED, SHE SIGNED OFF BEFORE TELLING ME WHAT WAS THE MATTER!

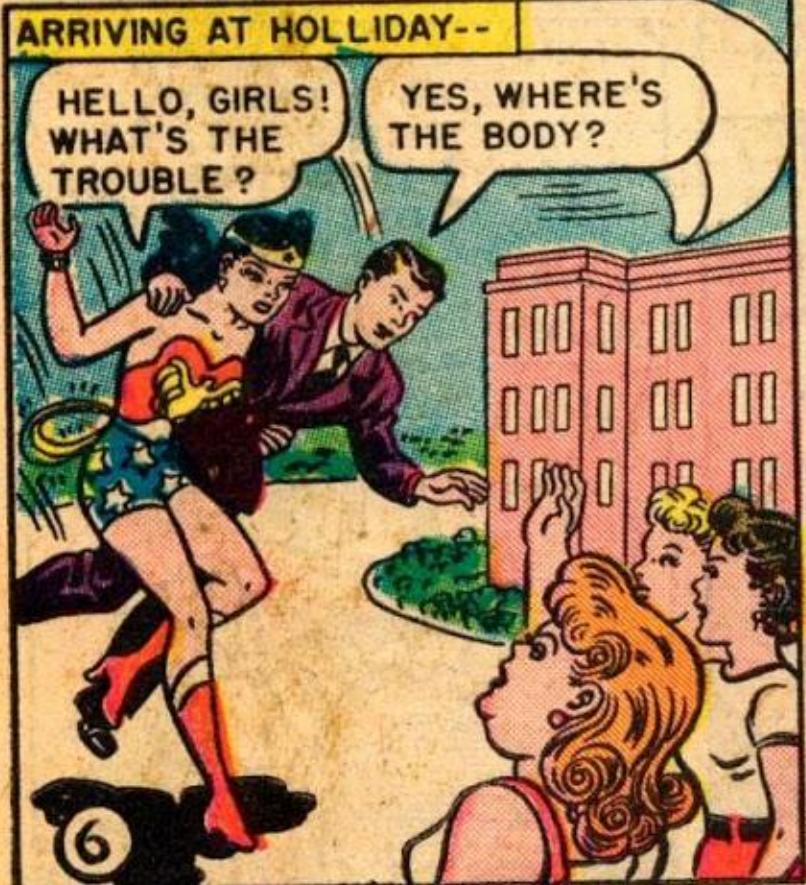
PERHAPS SHE WAS AFRAID TO SAY ANYTHING MORE UNTIL YOU ARRIVED! IT'S PROBABLY ABOUT A MYSTERIOUS MURDER! OR THE THEFT OF AN IMPORTANT RESEARCH SECRET! I CAN SMELL A BIG STORY IN THE MAKING!



ARRIVING AT HOLLIDAY--

HELLO, GIRLS!
WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?

YES, WHERE'S
THE BODY?



THERE! VITA VAIN! THE MILLIONAIRESS! SHE'S A TERRIBLE SNOB! SHE'S RUINING THE HOLLIDAY SPIRIT! YOU MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT HER, WONDER WOMAN!



OH--NO! IT CAN'T BE ONLY THAT?!

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MEANWHILE, AT THE DAILY GAZETTE--

WHERE IS JIM EAGER? I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR HIM! I WANT HIM TO COVER A LECTURE ON GARDENING AT A WOMAN'S CLUB! THEY'VE CALLED ME A DOZEN TIMES ALREADY!

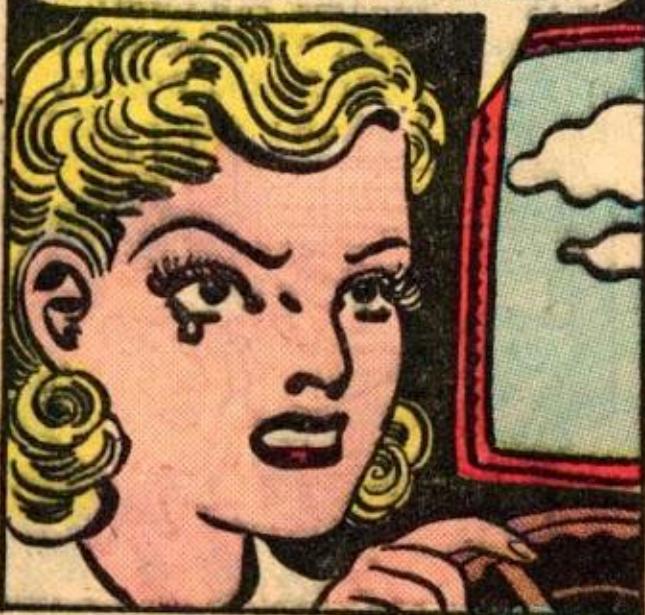
JIM'S OUT TO--TO GET A BIG STORY! TO SHOW YOU THAT--THAT HE'S AN ACE REPORTER!

HIS JOB IS TO BE READY WHEN I NEED HIM! AND I NEED HIM RIGHT NOW! HE'D BETTER COME BACK WITH A SCOOP--OR HE'S GOING TO FIND HIMSELF FIRED!

YES, SIR! BUT DON'T YOU WORRY! JIM WILL COME BACK WITH A BIG STORY! JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE! MEANWHILE, I'LL COVER HIS ASSIGNMENT--



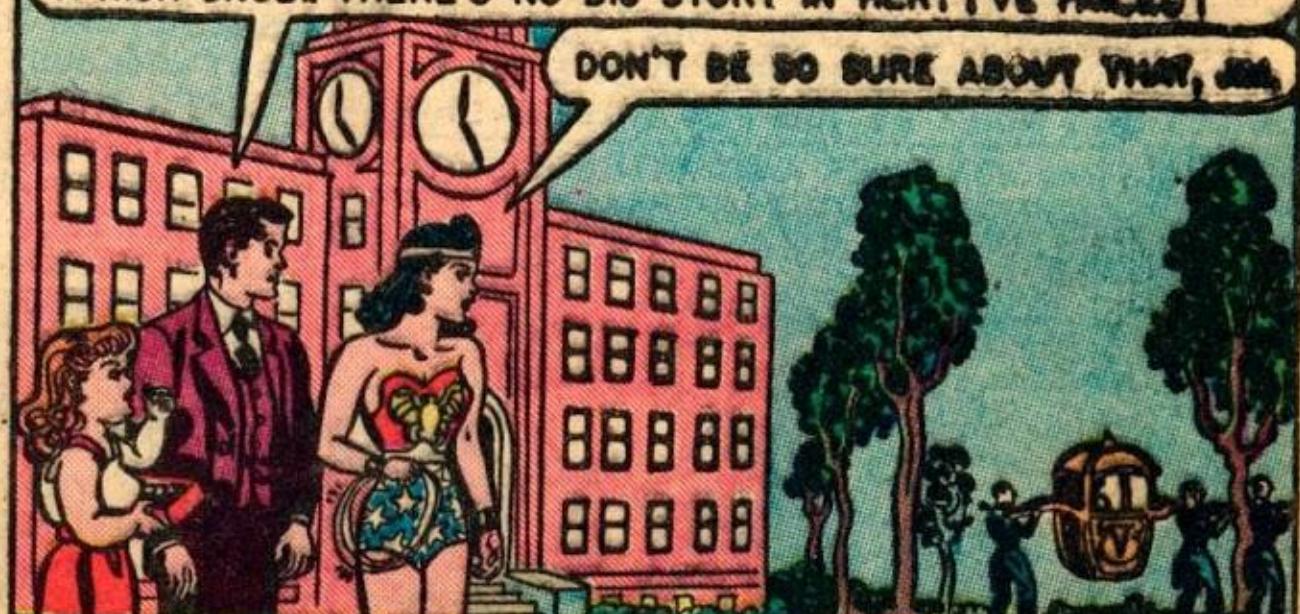
NOT A SINGLE WORD FROM JIM SINCE HE LEFT WITH WONDER WOMAN! WHAT'S HAPPENING? HAS ANYTHING GONE WRONG? WON'T HE GET HIS BIG STORY AFTER ALL?



AND AT HOLLIDAY COLLEGE--

SO THAT'S WHAT ALL THE EXCITEMENT'S ABOUT? VITA VAIN! A RICH SNOB! THERE'S NO BIG STORY IN HER! I'VE FAILED!

DON'T BE SO SURE ABOUT THAT, MR.



IS WONDER WOMAN RIGHT? WHAT STRANGE AND EXCITING STORY LIES AHEAD? YOU SHALL SEE--

MEANWHILE, ETTA TELLS WONDER WOMAN ABOUT VITA VAIN--

IT WAS VITA'S BUSINESS IF SHE WANTED TO ARRIVE AT HOLLIDAY COLLEGE IN A GOLD LIMOUSINE, AND WALK ON A CARPET! WE WOULD GREET HER IN THE NAME OF HOLLIDAY JUST THE SAME!



"BUT THAT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING!"

WELCOME TO HOLLIDAY, VITA--

I NEVER SPEAK WITH ANYONE WHO HAS LESS THAN A MILLION DOLLARS!

GALLOPING GOPHERS! HOLD ME BACK BEFORE I FORGET I'M A LADY!



Wonder Woman

"WHEN WE HELD OUR ELECTIONS FOR STUDENT OFFICERS, EVERY CANDIDATE PLEDGED TO WORK FOR THE GOOD OF THE SCHOOL. EVERYONE -- BUT VITA!"

VOTE FOR ME FOR PRESIDENT -- AND I'LL SEE THAT EVERYONE WHO ISN'T IN THE SOCIAL REGISTER IS EXPELLED!

HERE'S YOUR PRESENT OF A SOLID GOLD FOUNTAIN PEN WITH WHICH TO VOTE FOR VITA VAIN!

VOTE FOR VITA VAIN!

ARE WE GOING TO SELL OUR PRECIOUS RIGHT TO VOTE, FOR GOLD? REMEMBER YOUR DEMOCRATIC RESPONSIBILITIES -- VOTE FOR THE PERSON YOU THINK IS BEST SUITED FOR THE COMMON GOOD!

ETTA IS RIGHT!

FREE PEOPLE CAN'T BE BOUGHT!

HURRAY!

"VITA LOST THE ELECTION. ANGERED, SHE BOUGHT A SORORITY HOUSE IN WHICH MANY OF THE GIRLS LIVED AND --"

TOO BAD YOU HAVE TO GET OUT! BUT I'VE DECIDED TO USE THIS HOUSE TO LIVE IN! I TRUST YOU WON'T BE TOO PUT OUT! HA! HA!

YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, VITA!

"BUT WHEN WE WENT TO DEAN MERRILY WITH OUR TALE --"

BETTER GIVE IN TO VITA! SHE ALWAYS HAS HER WAY, ANYWAY! JUST LIKE ME! THAT'S THE POWER OF MONEY! THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT, EITHER! TELL THEM WHY, DEAN! HA, HA!

MR. VAIN BOUGHT ALL THE SCHOOL'S MORTGAGES! HE CAN CLOSE HOLLIDAY ANY TIME HE WISHES! I--I'M SORRY, GIRLS!

SINCE VITA'S BEEN HAVING HER WAY, THE SCHOOL'S NOT THE SAME! WONDER WOMAN -- YOU'VE GOT TO HELP US! OR THE GIRLS WILL REALLY BELIEVE THAT MONEY'S THE MOST POWERFUL THING IN THE WORLD!

LOVE -- AND SERVICE IS, ETTA. YOU KNOW THAT.

A MESSAGE FROM MISS VITA VAIN! TO ALL OF YOU!

"MISS VITA VAIN INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A TEA AT HER HOME THIS AFTERNOON -- IF YOU DARE! DRESS STRICTLY FORMAL! WEAR YOUR MOST EXPENSIVE JEWELRY! IF YOU CANNOT COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS -- DO NOT COME!" HM -- THIS CERTAINLY IS AN ODD INVITATION!

THAT AFTERNOON--

WELL, JIM? THINK YOU'LL GET A STORY OUT OF THIS?

NOTHING'S HAPPENED HERE YET, WONDER WOMAN. BUT FRONT PAGE NEWS IS IN THE MAKING IN ASIA! IT'S IN EVERY PAPER! MR. VAIN HAS SOLD ALL HIS HOLDINGS AND SUNK THE MONEY INTO A TREMENDOUS OIL FIELD! IT'S DUE TO GUSH ANY MOMENT! WHEN IT DOES, MR. VAIN WILL BE THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD!



AS VITA, TO EVERYONE'S SURPRISE, GRACIOUSLY GREETS HER GUESTS--

WELCOME! I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU!

HAS VITA HAD A CHANGE OF HEART?

THE DOOR'S BEEN CHANGED!--HM--I WONDER IF--?



BUT, AS THE GIRLS ATTEMPT TO ENTER, THEY ARE MYSTERIOUSLY FLUNG BACK--AND ARE CAUGHT BY THE ALERT AMAZON!

I FORGOT TO TELL YOU! A PHOTO-ELECTRIC CELL IN THE DOOR MEASURES THE VALUE OF YOUR JEWELRY! AND IF IT ISN'T MUCH--SETS OFF JETS OF COMPRESSED AIR WHICH PREVENT YOU FROM ENTERING! LIKE BOUNCERS EJECTING UNWELCOME GUESTS! HA! HA! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME IF YOU COULDN'T ACCEPT THE CONDITIONS OF MY INVITATION!



THE QUICK-THINKING WONDER WOMAN QUICKLY ENCIRCLES HER FRIENDS WITH HER LASSO AND--

NO, NO! YOU SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH!

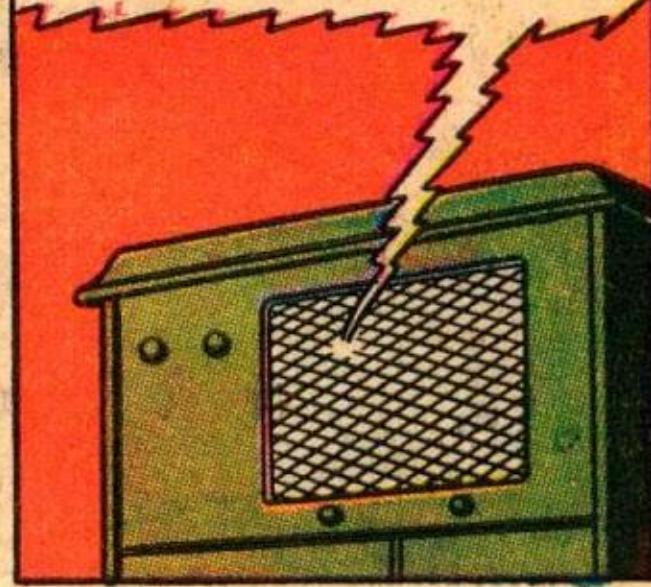
HA, HA! VITA'S TRICK BOOMERANGED!

YOUR DOOR WILL LET ANYONE THROUGH WEARING PRECIOUS METAL! AND MY LASSO, OF PUREST AMAZON GOLD, CERTAINLY ANSWERS THAT REQUIREMENT!



JUST THEN, IN THE LIVING ROOM-

FLASH! THE GREAT VAIN OIL FIELD IN ASIA IS ABLAZE! IT IS RUMORED THAT THE FINANCIER PERISHED IN AN ATTEMPT TO STOP THE FIRE, WHICH IS BANKRUPTING HIM!



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OH, WONDER WOMAN! HELP MY FATHER! WE HAVE NO FRIENDS! EXCEPT THOSE WE BOUGHT WITH MONEY! AND NOW THAT WE ARE PENNILESS, WE'RE ALL ALONE!

VITA'S BEEN SUCH A HORRIBLE SNOB THAT I WOULDN'T BLAME WONDER WOMAN FOR NOT HELPING HER!

BUT JIM IS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE CODE OF THE AMAZONS, WHICH IS TO HELP ANYONE IN DISTRESS AND--

COME ON, JIM. IF YOU WANT A BIG STORY, WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE VAIN OIL FIELD!

CALLING PLANE--



MOMENTS LATER, THE SPEEDY, SILENT PLANE HURDLES THE OCEAN AND CIRCLES OVER THE VAST FLAMING OIL FIELD.

THERE IT IS! WOW! IT DOESN'T SEEM HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO STOP THOSE FLAMES! THEY'LL BURN UP ALL THE OIL-- AND EVERY PLANE ON THAT DESERT AIRFIELD!

AN AMAZON IS TAUGHT THAT WHEN SOMETHING DOESN'T SEEM "HUMANLY POSSIBLE--" FURTHER EFFORT IS REQUIRED TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE!



SUDDENLY--AS WONDER WOMAN'S PIERCING AMAZON GAZE PENETRATES THE FLAMES--

WONDER WOMAN--WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I SAW SOMETHING BELOW-- I MUST INVESTIGATE!



I WAS RIGHT! IT'S MR. VAIN!



Wonder Woman

BREAKING THROUGH THE FLAMES, THE FEARLESS AMAZON MAID CARRIES VITA'S FATHER TO SAFETY--

IT'S WONDER WOMAN!
SHE'S RESCUED MR. VAIN!

HE'D HAVE
BEEN A GONER
SURE! NO ONE
COULD HAVE
GONE THROUGH
THOSE FLAMES!

YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE--FOR ME! WHY--
WONDER WOMAN? I NEVER--DID ANY-
THING FOR YOU!

WE AMAZONS HAVE DIS-
COVERED THAT THE GREATEST
HAPPINESS IN LIFE IS TO HELP
OTHERS! WHY DON'T YOU TRY
IT SOMETIMES, MR. VAIN? YOU'LL
FEEL WONDERFUL!



YOU'VE OPENED MY EYES, BY YOUR EXAM-
PLE, WONDER WOMAN!
IF ONLY THERE WAS
SOME WAY OF STOPPING
THE FIRE AND SAVING
THE OIL, TO GIVE THE
PROFITS TO CHARITY!

THERE'S ALWAYS
A WAY, MR. VAIN!
AND I'M GOING TO
TRY TO FIND ONE
TO FIT THIS
EMERGENCY!

THE FLEET-FOOTED AMAZON RACES TO THE DESERT
AIRFIELD, SCOOPING A DEEP TRENCH IN THE SAND,
WITHOUT PAUSING IN HER FLIGHT--



HASTILY LASOING ALL THE PLANES ON THE
FIELD, WONDER WOMAN SPEEDS BACK TO THE
BLAZING OIL FIELD WITH THEM--

I'VE GOT TO GET WELL IN BACK OF THE
TRENCH I DUG, WITH THESE PLANES--IF MY
PLAN IS TO WORK!



WITH EYE-BLURRING RAPIDITY, THE AMAZON
PLACES ALL THE PLANES IN A DOUBLE ROW,
AND SWITCHES ON THEIR PROPELLERS--

THERE! NOW I'VE GOT TO
HURRY BACK TO THE TRENCH!



WHAT INGENIOUS PLAN HAS WONDER WOMAN
IN MIND? WILL IT SUCCEED?



Wonder Woman



FROM THE CIRLING ROBOT PLANE, JIM EAGER IS AN AMAZED SPECTATOR TO AN INCREDULOUS SIGHT-

GREAT THUNDER! AS THE PLANES' PROPELLERS BLOW THE FLAMES INTO THE TRENCH--WONDER WOMAN IS BURYING THEM WITH SAND! SHE'S PUTTING OUT THE BLAZE SINGLE-HANDED! WHAT A STORY!



SHORTLY, AT HOLLIDAY--

I--I'VE NOTHING LEFT--AND I--I DESERVE IT! OH--IF I ONLY HAD ANOTHER CHANCE TO REDEEM MYSELF!



SUDDENLY--

YOU'RE STAYING WITH US, VITA! YOU CAN SHARE WHATEVER WE HAVE!

YOU FORGIVE ME--? AFTER THE WAY I'VE BEEN SO MEAN TO YOU? BUT WHY?

BECAUSE LONG AGO WE LEARNED FROM WONDER WOMAN THAT LOVE IS THE STRONGEST FORCE IN THE WORLD!



AT THAT MOMENT--

SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE AMAZON, ETTA. HERE'S SOMEONE TO SEE YOU, VITA!

YOU'VE SAVED MY FATHER! OH, WONDER WOMAN! I'LL DO MY BEST TO LIVE LIKE AN AMAZON FROM NOW ON! HURRAY!



A FEW HOURS LATER--

EXTRA! READ JIM EAGER'S EXCLUSIVE STORY OF--A DAY IN THE LIFE OF WONDER WOMAN!

WOW, AM I OR AM I NOT AN ACE REPORTER?

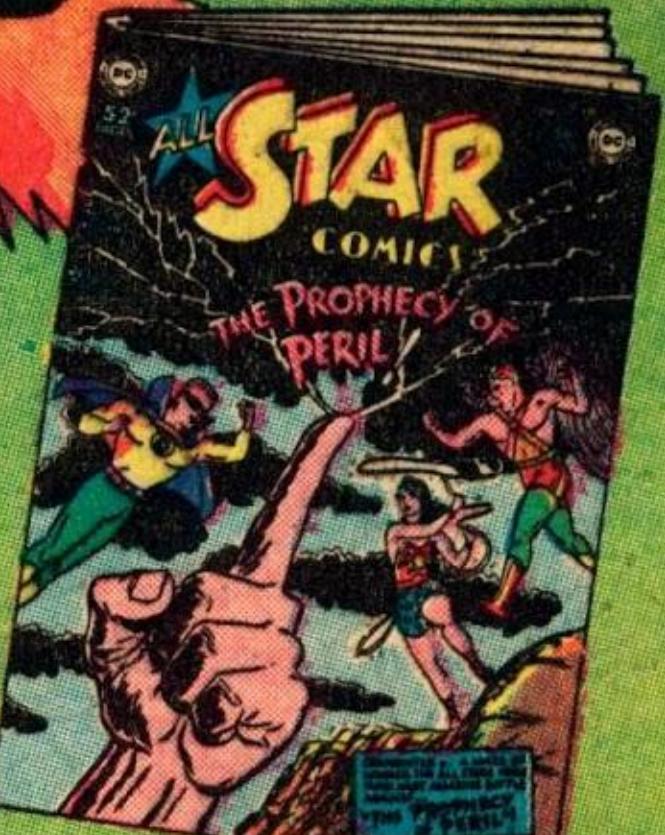
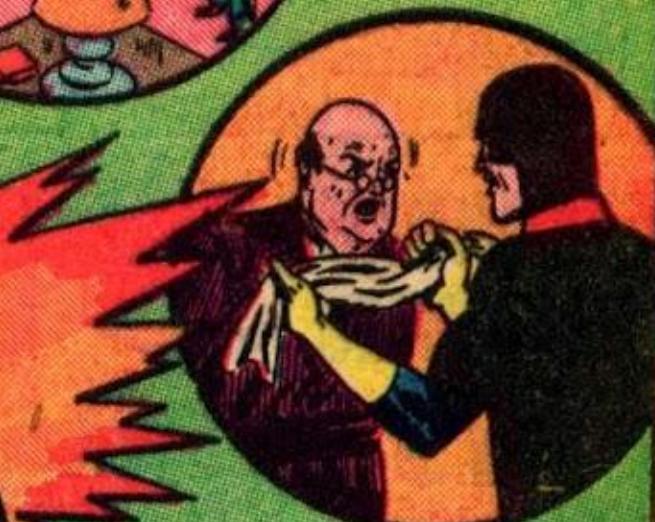
YOU ARE, DEAR! WITH WONDER WOMAN'S HELP!



CAN YOU FORETELL YOUR OWN FUTURE?

PAUL TURNBULL THOUGHT HE COULD--

Then, TEN YEARS LATER,
MR. ALPHA
STRUCK!!



FOR THE BREATH-TAKING SOLUTION
TO THIS EXCITING MYSTERY-
ADVENTURE, READ --

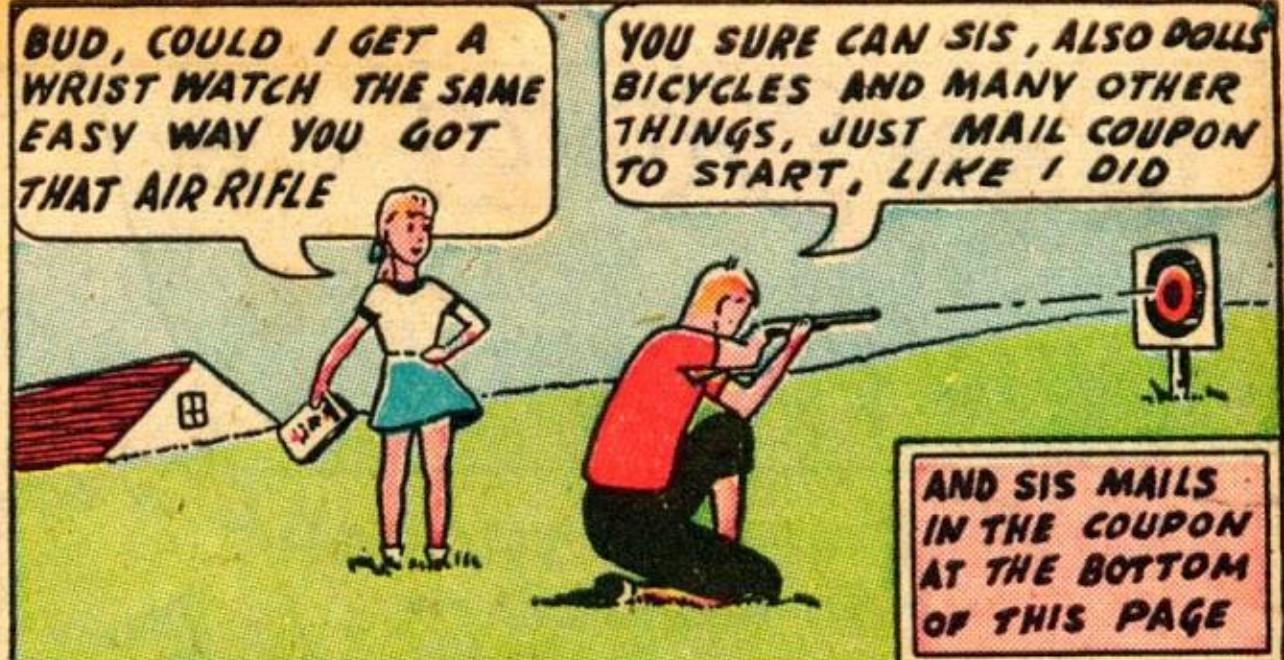
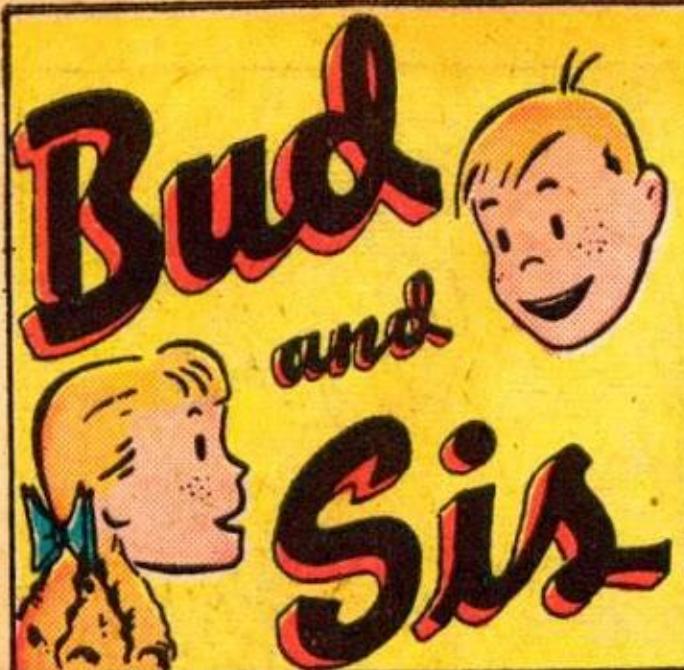
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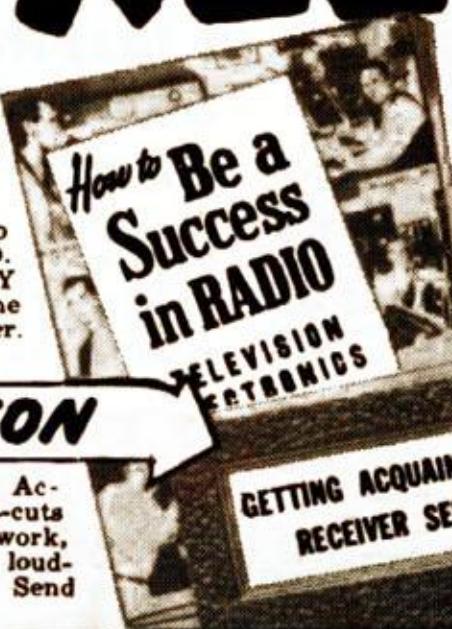
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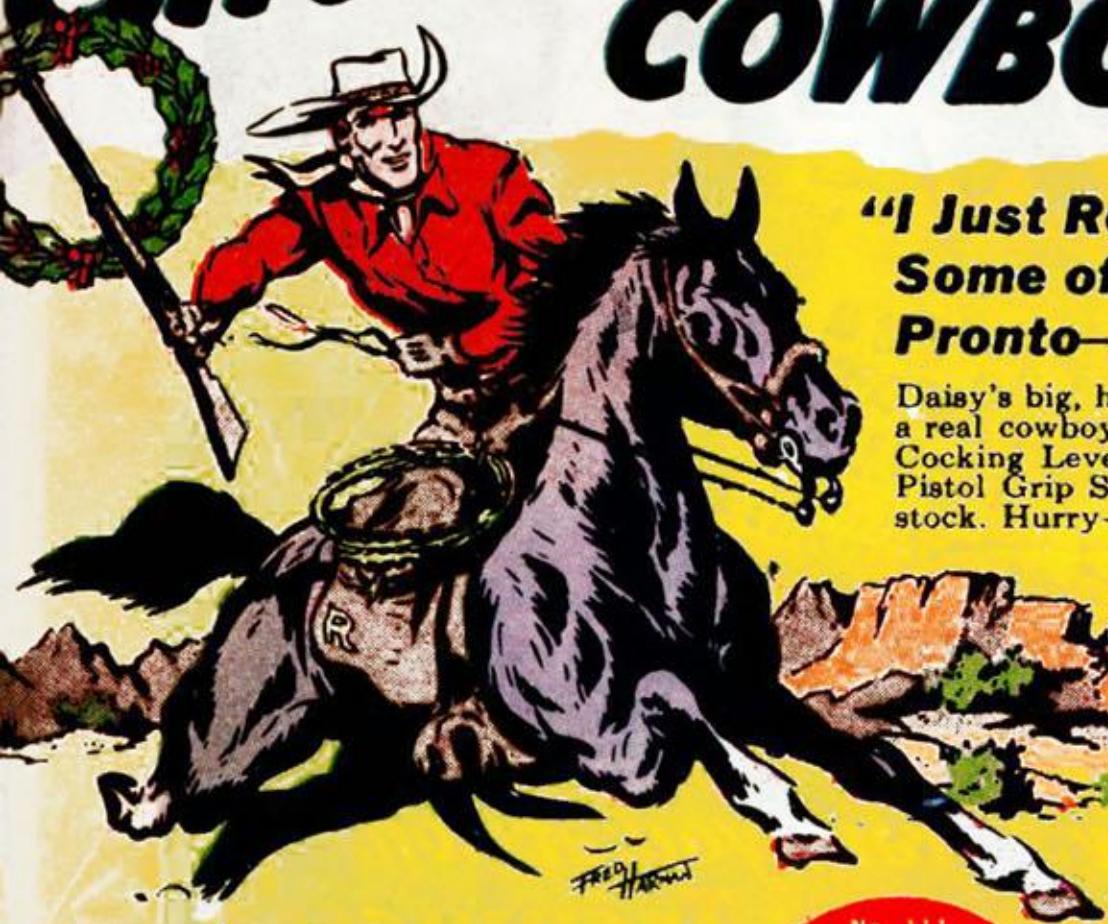
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