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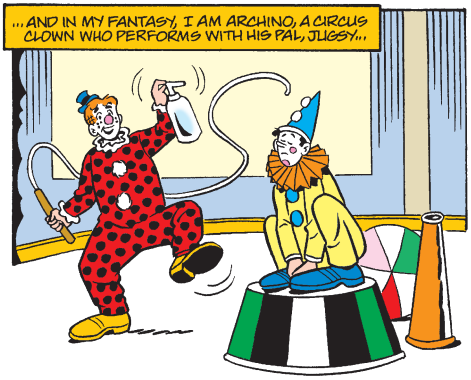

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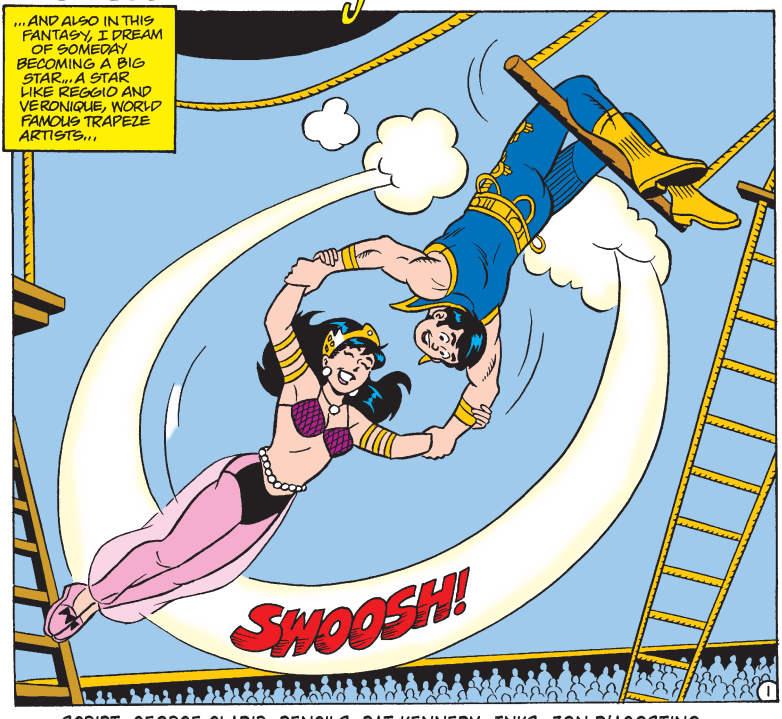

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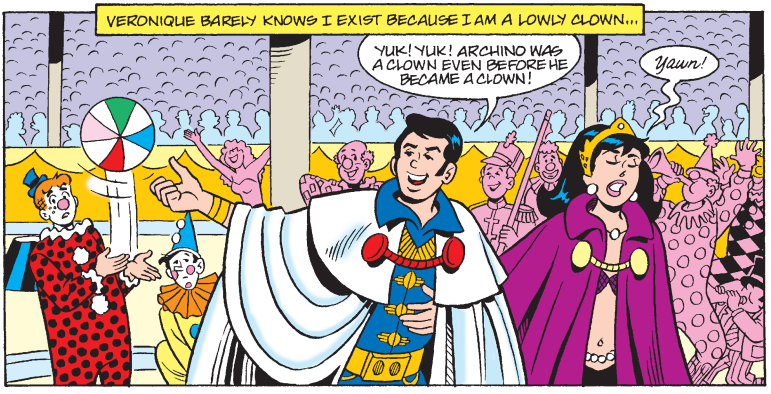
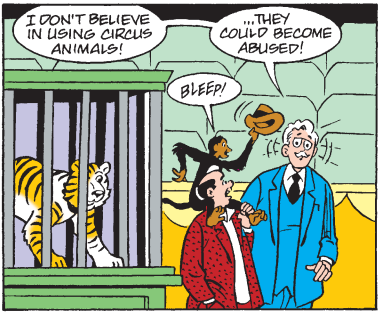
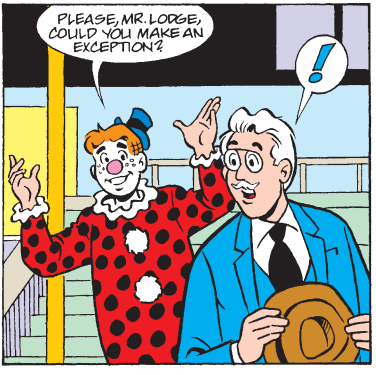

VERONIQUE BARELY KNOWS I EXIST BECAUSE I AM A LOWLY CLOWN...
YUK! YUK! ARCHINO WAS A CLOWN EVEN BEFORE HE BECAME A CLOWN!
Yawn!


SOMEONE TRIES TO SELL SOME ANIMALS TO OUR OWNER, MR. LODGE... BUT OUR BOSS DECLINES THE OFFER!
I DON'T BELIEVE IN USING CIRCUS ANIMALS!
...THEY COULD BECOME ABUSED!
BLEEP!


PLEASE, MR. LODGE, COULD YOU MAKE AN EXCEPTION?
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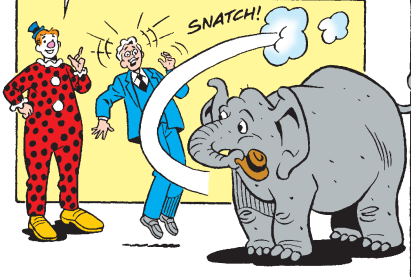
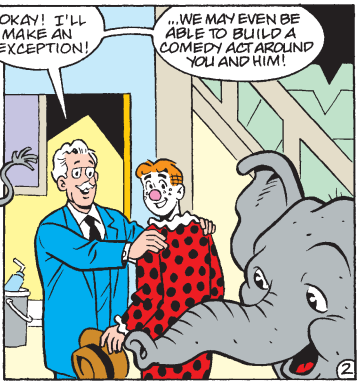

LI'L JUMBO HERE IS AN ORPHAN!
...I PROMISE TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM AND TREAT HIM PROPERLY!
SNATCH!


OKAY! I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION!
...WE MAY EVEN BE ABLE TO BUILD A COMEDY ACT AROUND YOU AND HIM!

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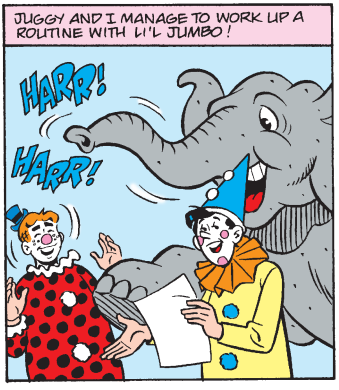
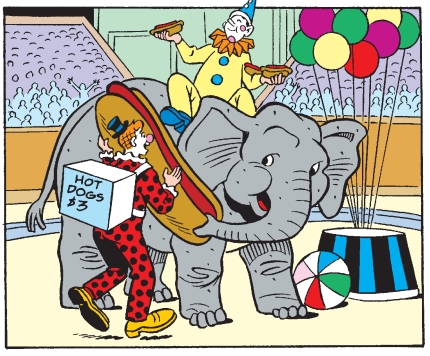
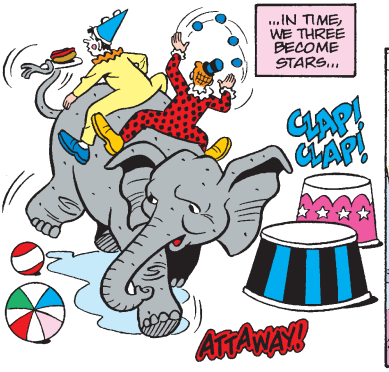
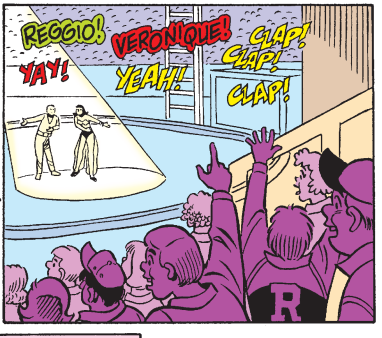
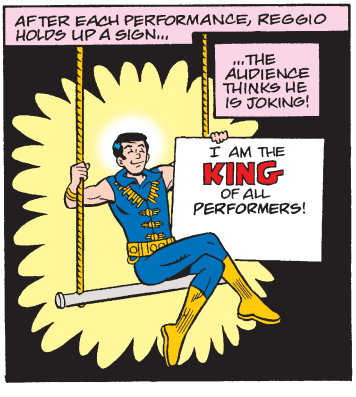
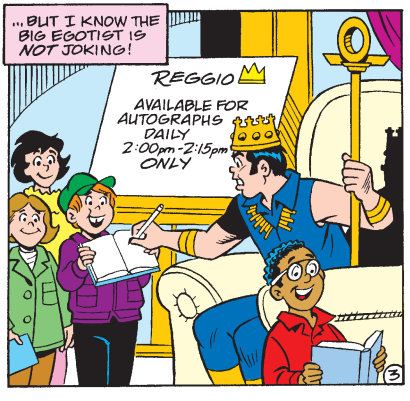

JUGGY AND I MANAGE TO WORK UP A ROUTINE WITH LI'L JUMBO!
HARR!
HARR!

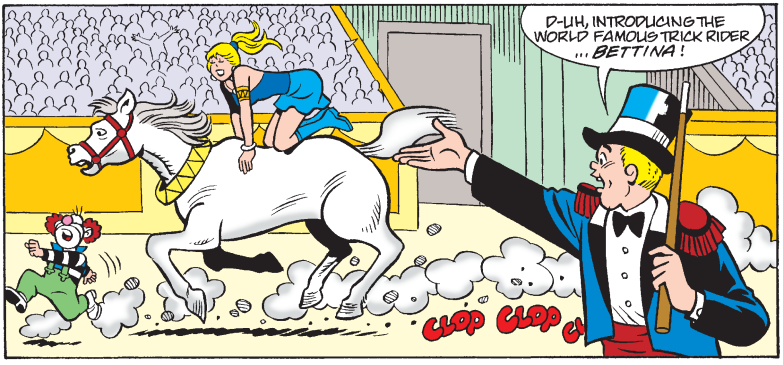

IN OUR ACT, I HAVE DIFFICULTY DECIDING WHICH OF MY TWO PALS HAS THE BIGGER APPETITE...
HOT DOGS $3

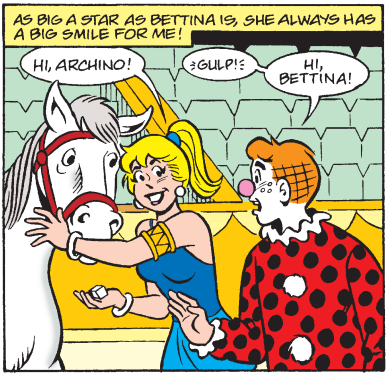

...IN TIME, WE THREE BECOME STARS...
CLAP! CLAP!
AWAY!

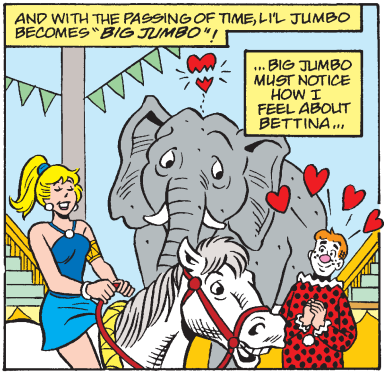

...BUT NOT SUPERSTARS LIKE REGGIO AND VERONIQUE...
REGGIO!
VERONIQUE!
YAY!
YEAH!
CLAP! CLAP!
CLAP!

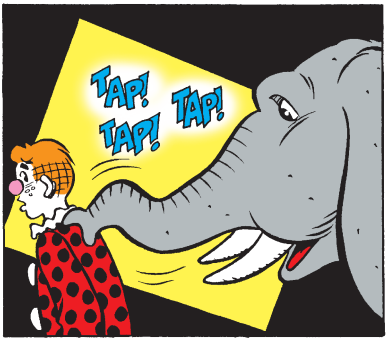

AFTER EACH PERFORMANCE, REGGIO HOLDS UP A SIGN...
...THE AUDIENCE THINKS HE IS JOKING!
I AM THE KING OF ALL PERFORMERS!

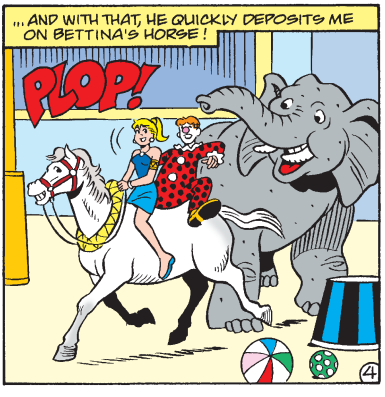

...BUT I KNOW THE BIG EGOTIST IS NOT JOKING!
REGGIO
AVAILABLE FOR AUTOGRAPHS DAILY 2:00pm-2:15pm ONLY

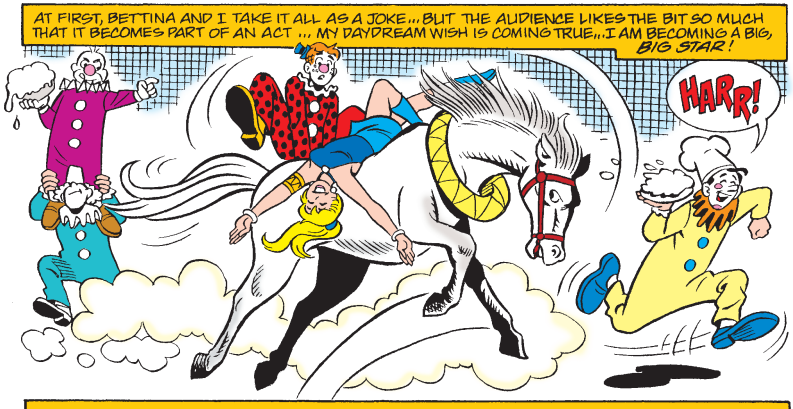

... IN TIME, WE ACQUIRE A NEW ADDITION TO OUR CIRCUS FAMILY...
D-UH, INTRODUCING THE WORLD FAMOUS TRICK RIDER ... BETTINA!
CLOP CLOP

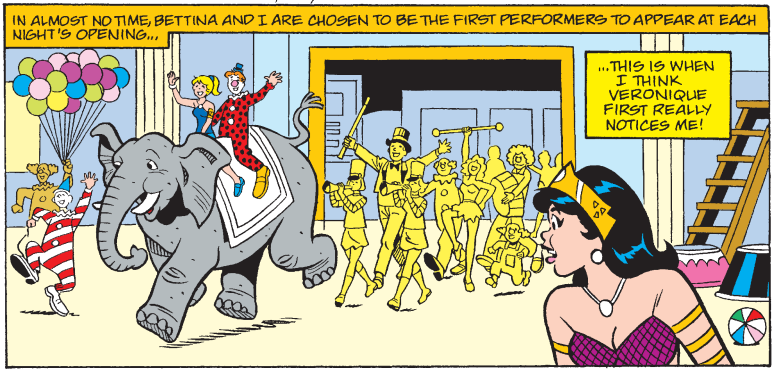

AS BIG A STAR AS BETTINA IS, SHE ALWAYS HAS A BIG SMILE FOR ME!
HI, ARCHINO!
:GULP!:
HI, BETTINA!

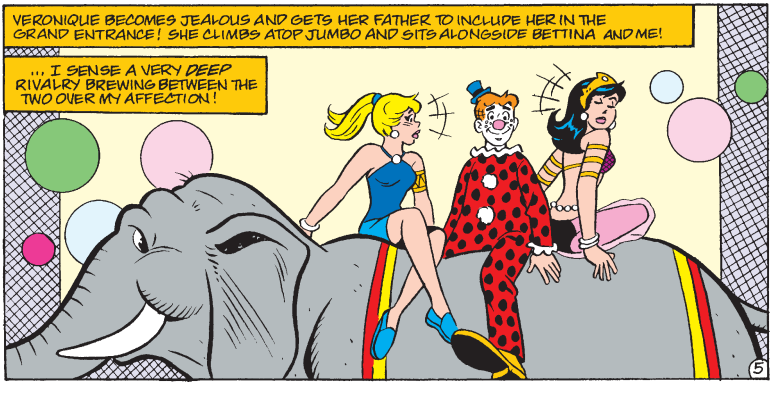

AND WITH THE PASSING OF TIME, LI'L JUMBO BECOMES "BIG JUMBO"!
... BIG JUMBO MUST NOTICE HOW I FEEL ABOUT BETTINA...


... BECAUSE HE MOTIONS FOR ME TO CLIMB ON HIS TRUNK... AND I DO!...
TAP! TAP! TAP!

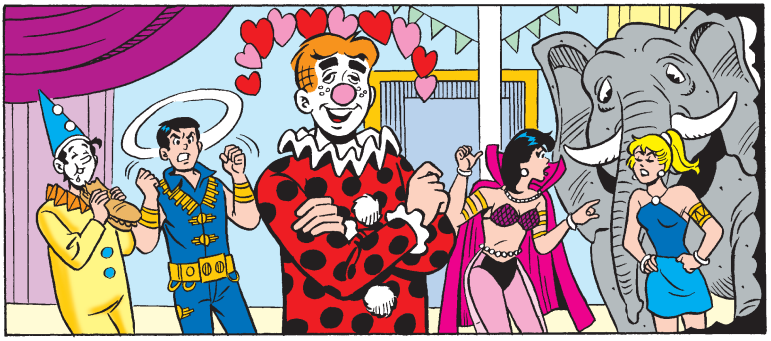

... AND WITH THAT, HE QUICKLY DEPOSITS ME ON BETTINA'S HORSE!
PLOP!

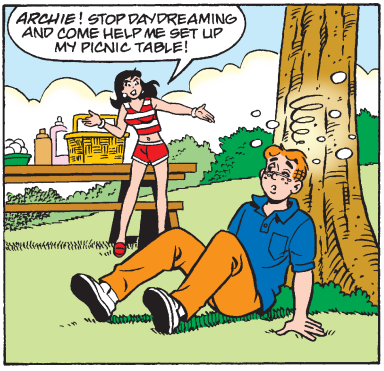

AT FIRST, BETTINA AND I TAKE IT ALL AS A JOKE... BUT THE AUDIENCE LIKES THE BIT SO MUCH THAT IT BECOMES PART OF AN ACT ... MY DAYDREAM WISH IS COMING TRUE... I AM BECOMING A BIG, BIG STAR!
HARR!

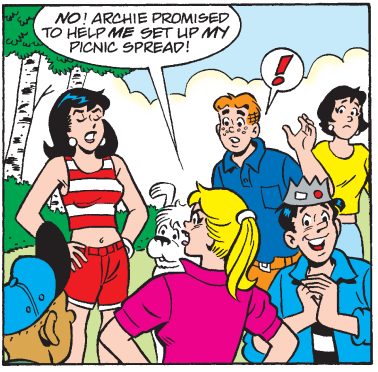

IN ALMOST NO TIME, BETTINA AND I ARE CHOSEN TO BE THE FIRST PERFORMERS TO APPEAR AT EACH NIGHT'S OPENING...
...THIS IS WHEN I THINK VERONIQUE FIRST REALLY NOTICES ME!


VERONIQUE BECOMES JEALOUS AND GETS HER FATHER TO INCLUDE HER IN THE GRAND ENTRANCE! SHE CLIMBS ATOP JUMBO AND SITS ALONGSIDE BETTINA AND ME!
... I SENSE A VERY DEEP RIVALRY BREWING BETWEEN THE TWO OVER MY AFFECTION!

AND IN MY DAYDREAM, I LIKE THE WAY BETTINA AND VERONIQUE FIGHT OVER *ME* ... AND I *FERVENTLY WISH THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO*...!







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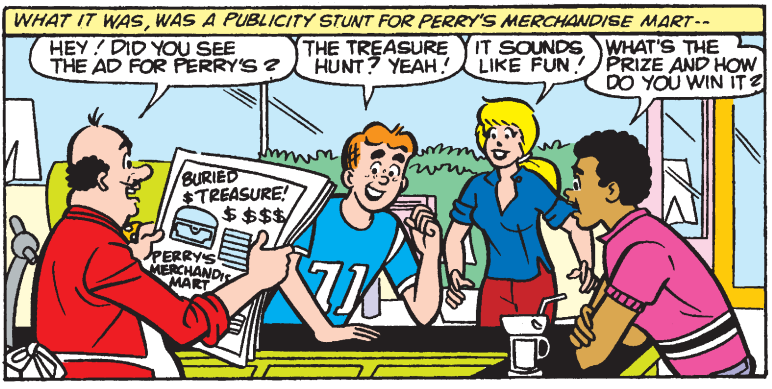

WHAT IT WAS, WAS A PUBLICITY STUNT FOR PERRY'S MERCHANDISE MART--
HEY! DID YOU SEE THE AD FOR PERRY'S?
THE TREASURE HUNT? YEAH!
IT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
WHAT'S THE PRIZE AND HOW DO YOU WIN IT?
BURIED $TREASURE! $$$$
PERRY'S MERCHANDISE MART

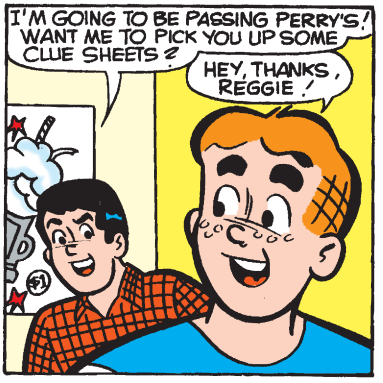
FIVE BIG ONES IN MERCHANDISE!
IF YOU CAN SOLVE THEIR CLUES, THEY'LL LEAD YOU TO A BURIED TREASURE!

LET'S HAVE A GO AT IT!
NOT ME! I WOULD NEVER WEAR ANYTHING THAT CAME OUT OF THAT TACKY STORE!

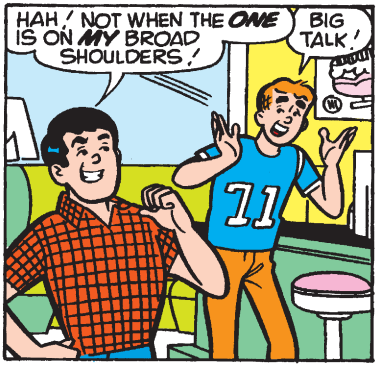
WHAT'S GOIN' ON? DID I MISS ANYTHING?
READ THIS AD!

HEY, THAT'S FOR ME! I'M GOOD AT PUZZLES!
IN FACT, I'M GOOD AT EVERYTHING!

YOU PICK UP THE LIST OF CLUES AT THE STORE-- SOLVE THE CLUES -- FIND THE TREASURE!
IT'S BURIED SOME-PLACE!
BURIED TREASURE


I'M GOING TO BE PASSING PERRY'S! WANT ME TO PICK YOU UP SOME CLUE SHEETS?
HEY, THANKS, REGGIE!

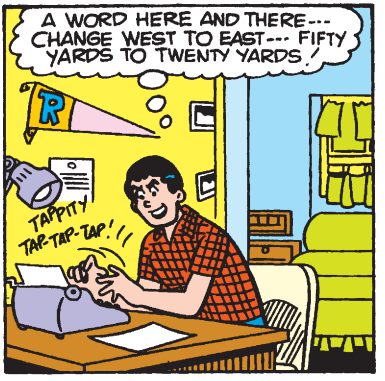
WHY DON'T WE JOIN FORCES? AFTER ALL, THREE HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE!
GREAT!


HAH! NOT WHEN THE ONE IS ON MY BROAD SHOULDERS!
BIG TALK!

OKAY, I'LL GET A CLUE SHEET FOR YOU THREE AND WE'LL SEE WHO THE BEST DETECTIVE IS!

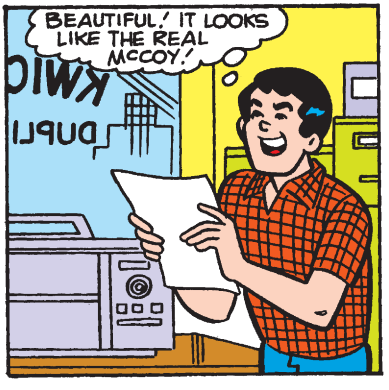
AT PERRY'S-
HMM! INTERESTING--AND NOT EASY! NOT EASY AT ALL!
SALE
PERRY'S TREASURE HUNT CLUES
TAKE ONE

A FEW CHANGES IN THEIR LIST OF CLUES MIGHT TIP THE ODDS IN MY FAVOR A BIT!


A WORD HERE AND THERE--- CHANGE WEST TO EAST--- FIFTY YARDS TO TWENTY YARDS!
R
TAPPITY TAP-TAP-TAP!

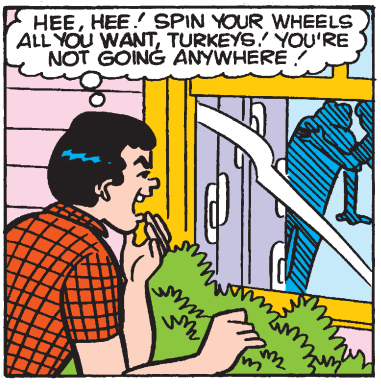
HEH, HEH! TRANSFER THE STORE LETTERHEAD TO MY PHONY LIST---
SNIP! SNIP!

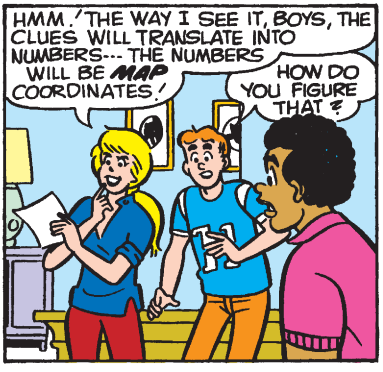
TOSS IT INTO A COPIER--
KWICKIE
DUPLICATING


BEAUTIFUL! IT LOOKS LIKE THE REAL McCOY!

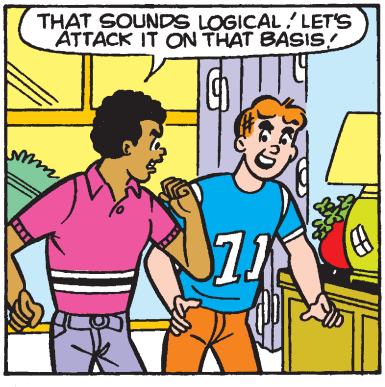
HERE'S YOUR LIST, GUYS! NOT THAT IT'LL DO YOU ANY GOOD!
THANKS, REGGIE!
IT'S A SHAME WE HAVE TO BEAT YOU!

OKAY, LET'S HEAR THOSE OLD WHEELS TURNING! WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!

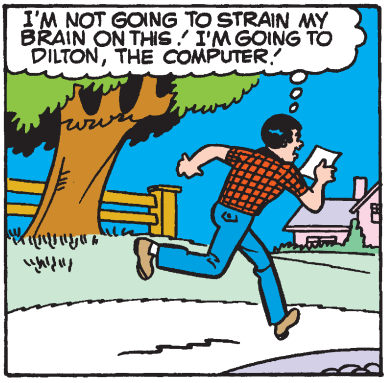

HEE, HEE! SPIN YOUR WHEELS ALL YOU WANT, TURKEYS! YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!

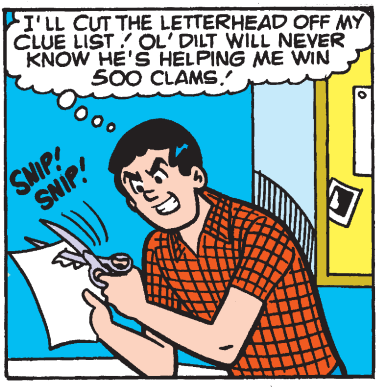

HMM! THE WAY I SEE IT, BOYS, THE CLUES WILL TRANSLATE INTO NUMBERS--- THE NUMBERS WILL BE MAP COORDINATES!
HOW DO YOU FIGURE THAT?

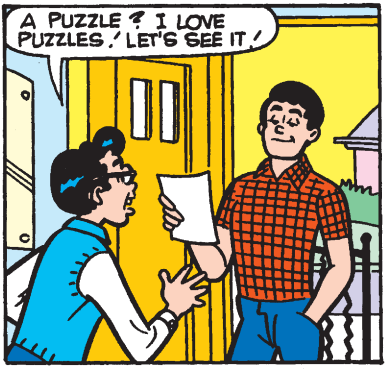
IT'S A TREASURE HUNT! THE ANSWERS SHOULD GIVE US A TRAIL TO FOLLOW!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A MAP TO ME!


THAT SOUNDS LOGICAL! LET'S ATTACK IT ON THAT BASIS!

SOUNDS LOGICAL TO ME, TOO! ONLY THEIR TRAIL IS GOING TO BE A WILD GOOSE CHASE!


I'M NOT GOING TO STRAIN MY BRAIN ON THIS! I'M GOING TO DILTON, THE COMPUTER!


I'LL CUT THE LETTERHEAD OFF MY CLUE LIST! OL' DILT WILL NEVER KNOW HE'S HELPING ME WIN 500 CLAMS!
SNIP! SNIP!


A PUZZLE? I LOVE PUZZLES! LET'S SEE IT!

HMM? THE WAY I SEE IT, THE CLUES SEEM TO CONCEAL NUMBERS AND DIRECTIONS--- AND, POSSIBLY DISTANCES!
NO KIDDING?

OH, THIS IS FUN! I DO BELIEVE THE ANSWER WILL TURN OUT TO BE SOME SORT OF A MAP!
WELL, HOW ABOUT THAT? DO GO ON!

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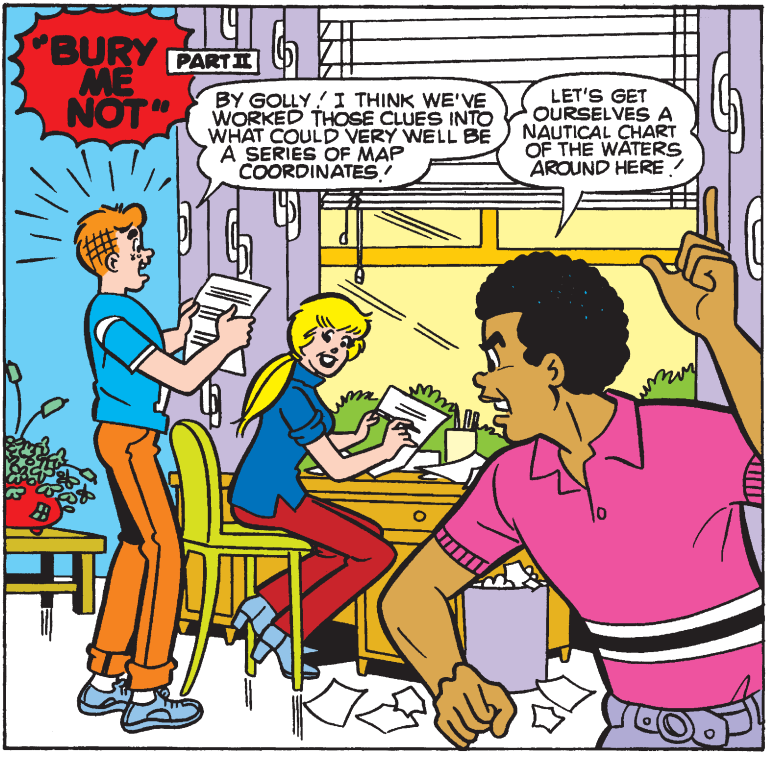
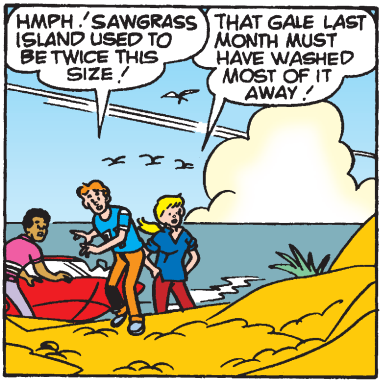
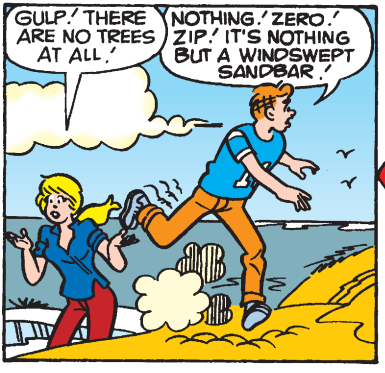

"BURY ME NOT"
PART II
BY GOLLY! I THINK WE'VE WORKED THOSE CLUES INTO WHAT COULD VERY WELL BE A SERIES OF MAP COORDINATES!
LET'S GET OURSELVES A NAUTICAL CHART OF THE WATERS AROUND HERE!

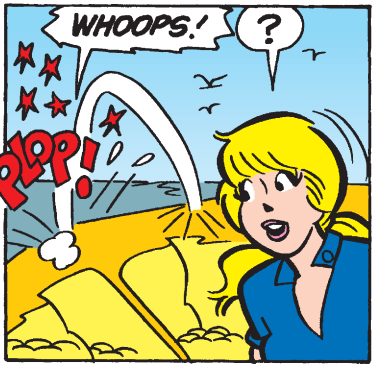
LOOK! LOOK! THAT FITS OUR ANSWERS! SAWGRASS ISLAND!
THAT'S GOT TO BE IT!
LET'S GO!

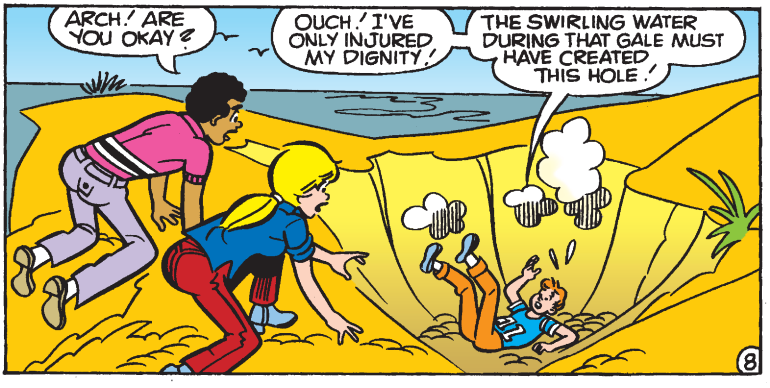
I SURE HOPE WE'RE THE FIRST ONES TO SOLVE THE PUZZLE!
PUTT! PUTT!


HMPH.! SAWGRASS ISLAND USED TO BE TWICE THIS SIZE.!
THAT GALE LAST MONTH MUST HAVE WASHED MOST OF IT AWAY.!

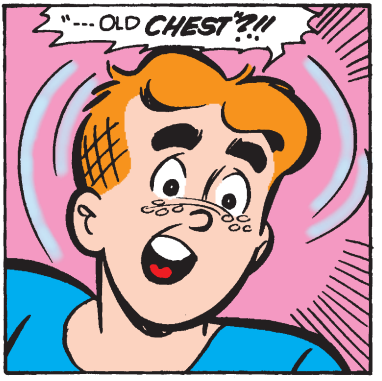
OKAY.! NOW WE HAVE TO PACE OFF 200 YARDS NORTH OF THE DEAD PINE.!
B-BUT, THERE IS NO PINE-- DEAD OR ALIVE.!

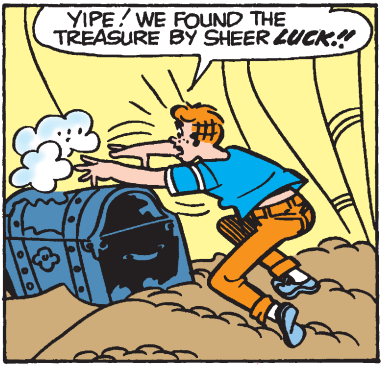

GULP.! THERE ARE NO TREES AT ALL.!
NOTHING.! ZERO.! ZIP.! IT'S NOTHING BUT A WINDSWEPT SANDBAR.!


WHOOPS.!
?
PLOP!

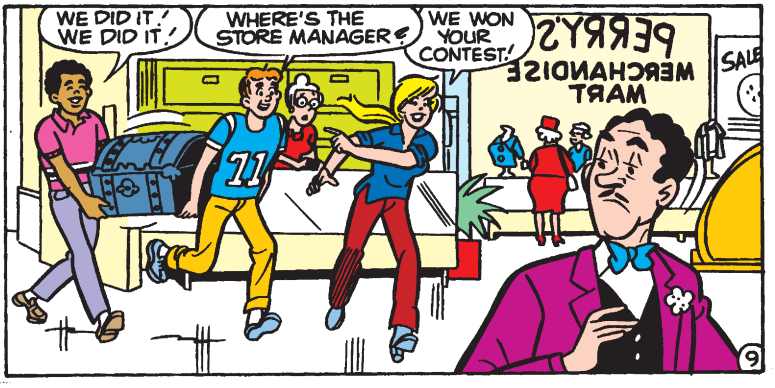

ARCH.! ARE YOU OKAY?
OUCH.! I'VE ONLY INJURED MY DIGNITY.!
THE SWIRLING WATER DURING THAT GALE MUST HAVE CREATED THIS HOLE.!

GRAB MY HAND! I'LL HELP YOU OUT!
MAYBE I CAN GET A BOOST ON THE EDGE OF THIS OLD CHEST, AND---


"--- OLD CHEST"?!!


YIPE! WE FOUND THE TREASURE BY SHEER LUCK!!

LET'S GET IT OUT OF THERE AND GO COLLECT OUR FIVE HUNDRED BUCKS' WORTH OF CLOTHES!
YIPPEE!


WE DID IT! WE DID IT!
WHERE'S THE STORE MANAGER?
WE WON YOUR CONTEST!
PERRY'S MERCHANDISE MART
SALE
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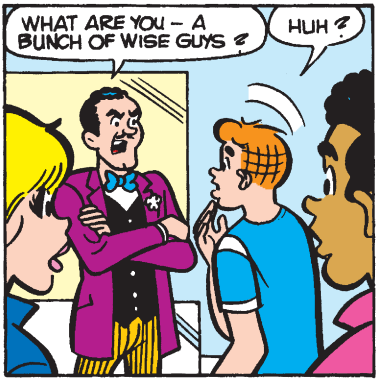
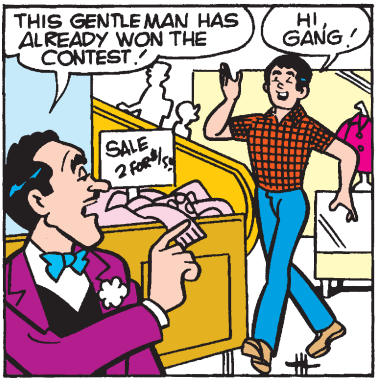
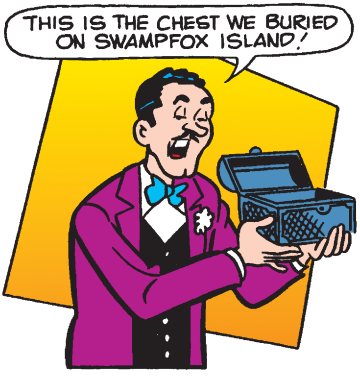
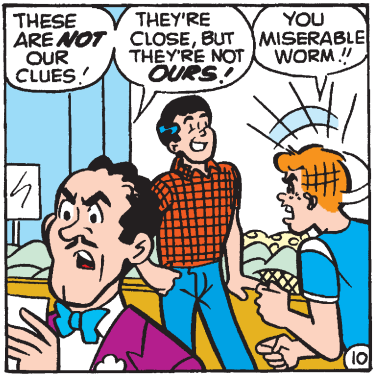

WHAT ARE YOU – A BUNCH OF WISE GUYS?
HUH?

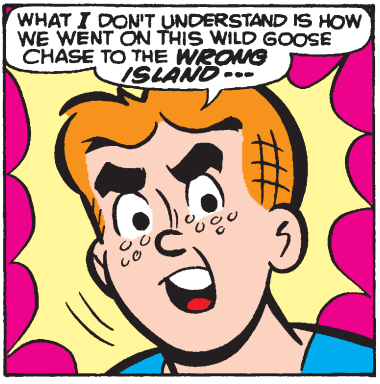

THIS GENTLEMAN HAS ALREADY WON THE CONTEST!
HI, GANG!
SALE 2 FOR $1.5

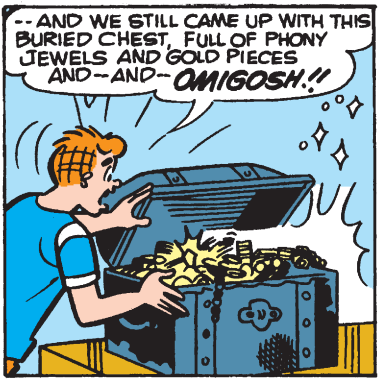

THIS IS THE CHEST WE BURIED ON SWAMPFOX ISLAND!

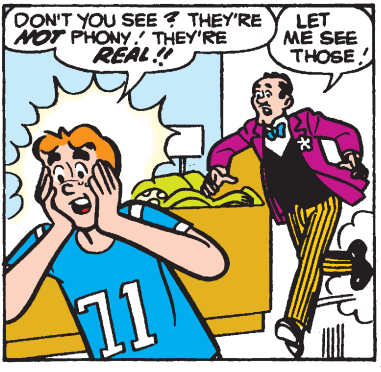
"SWAMPFOX" ISLAND? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
IT'S OUR CONTEST, AND YOU TELL US IT'S IMPOSSIBLE?

HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY GET SWAMPFOX OUT OF THESE CLUES?

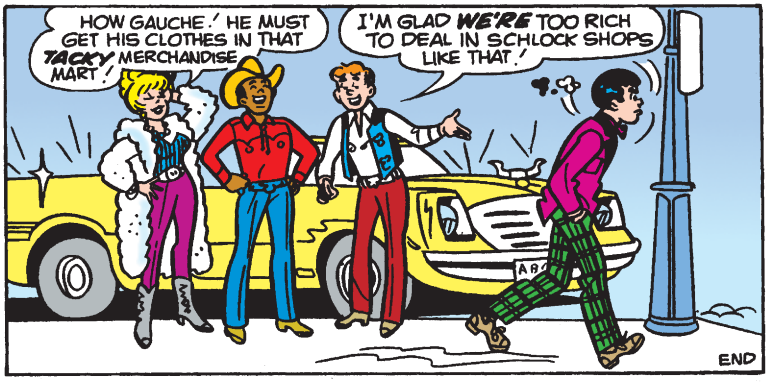

THESE ARE NOT OUR CLUES!
THEY'RE CLOSE, BUT THEY'RE NOT OURS!
YOU MISERABLE WORM!!


WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS HOW WE WENT ON THIS WILD GOOSE CHASE TO THE WRONG ISLAND---


--AND WE STILL CAME UP WITH THIS BURIED CHEST, FULL OF PHONY JEWELS AND GOLD PIECES AND--AND--OMIGOSH!!


DON'T YOU SEE? THEY'RE NOT PHONY! THEY'RE REAL!!
LET ME SEE THOSE!

GOOD HEAVENS!!
WE ACCIDENTALLY STUMBLED ON REAL PIRATE TREASURE!
WHAT?


HOW GAUCHE! HE MUST GET HIS CLOTHES IN THAT TACKY MERCHANDISE MART!
I'M GLAD WE'RE TOO RICH TO DEAL IN SCHLOCK SHOPS LIKE THAT!
END

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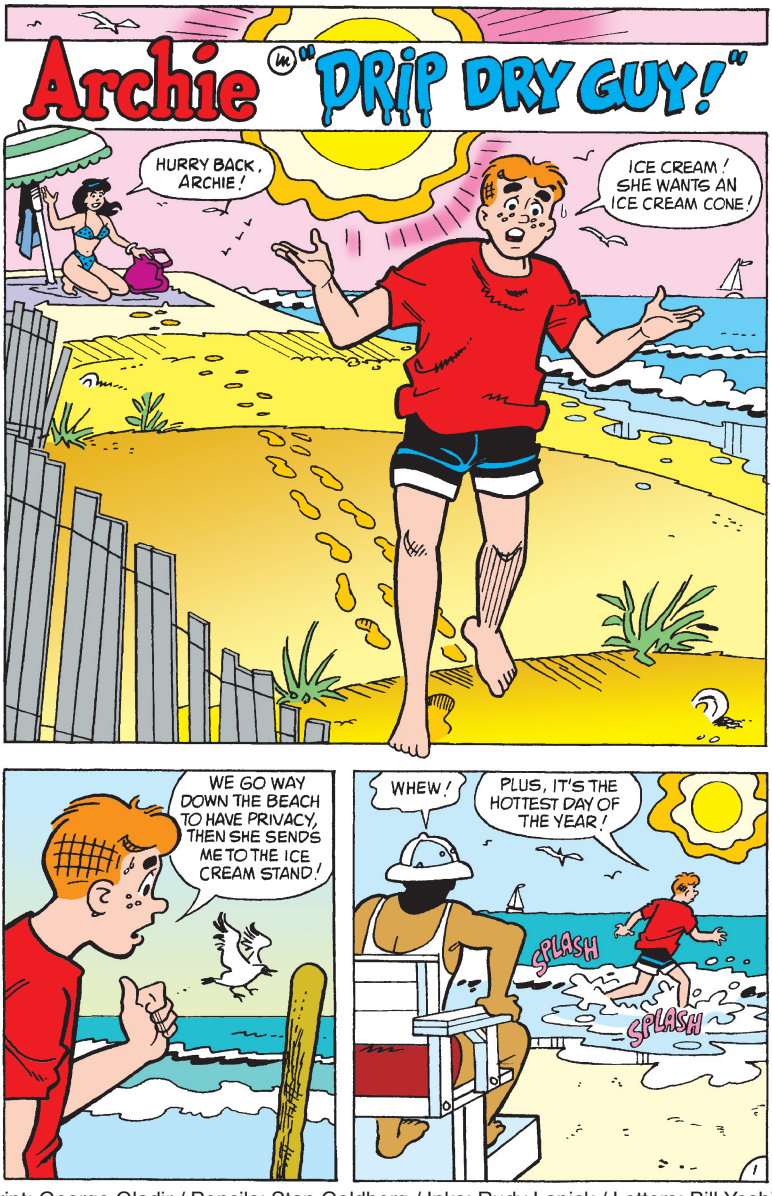

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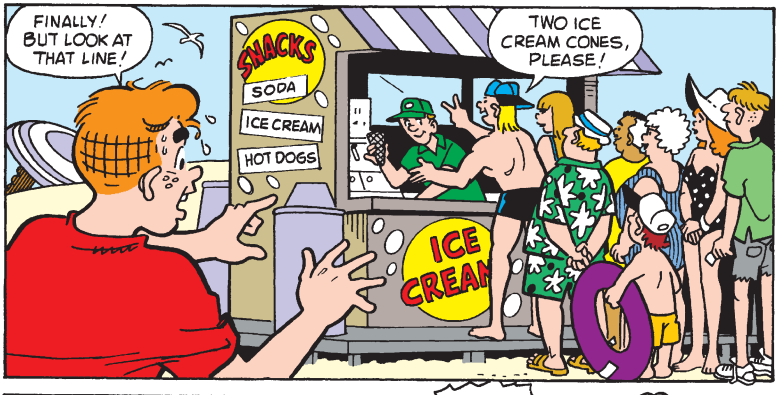
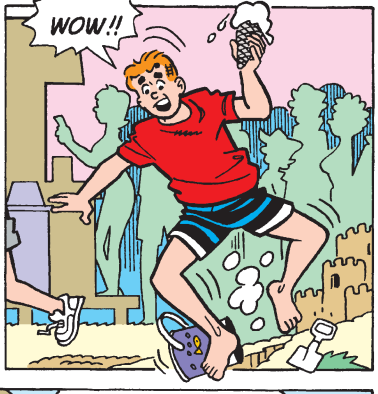

FINALLY! BUT LOOK AT THAT LINE!
SNACKS
SODA
ICE CREAM
HOT DOGS
TWO ICE CREAM CONES, PLEASE!
ICE CREAM

A BIT LATER...
HERE YOU ARE! ONE VANILLA CONE!
AT LAST! THANKS!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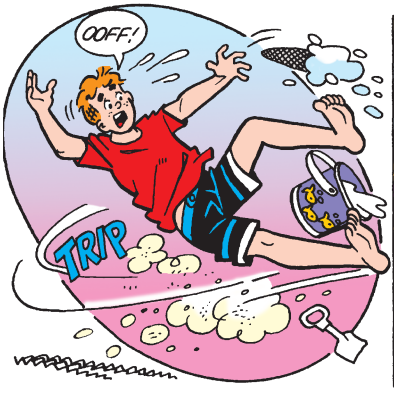
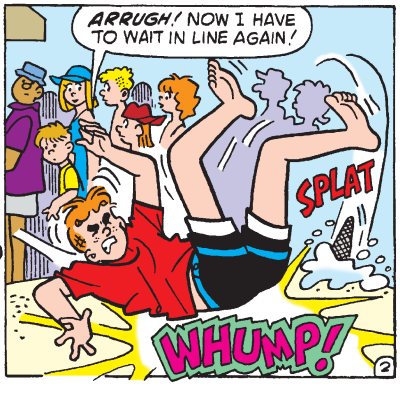
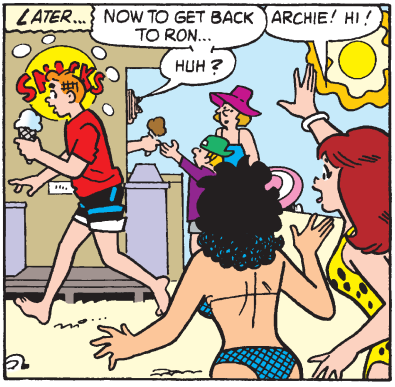
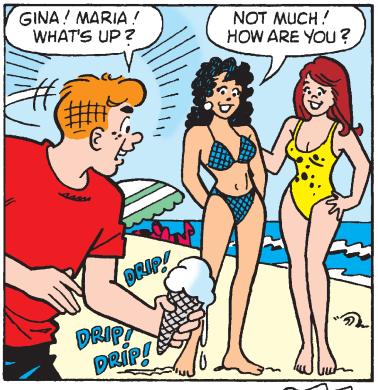
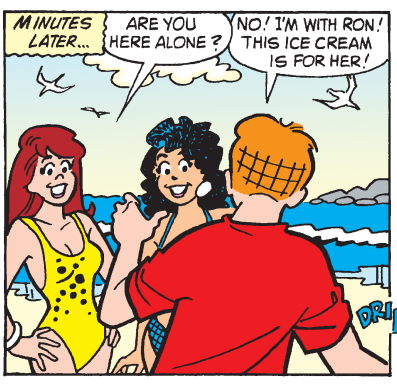
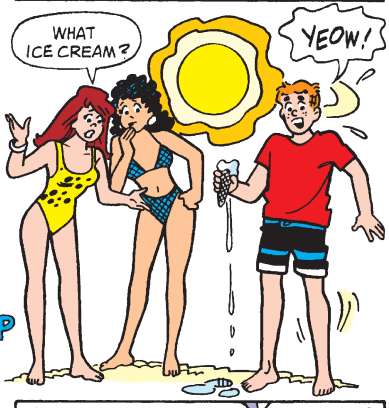

OOFF!
TRIP

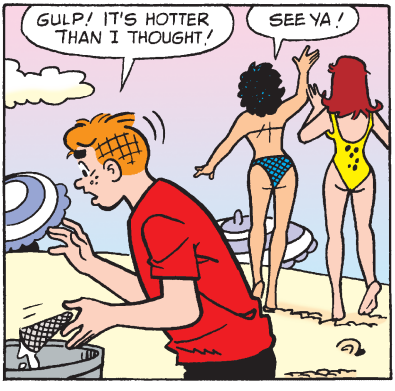

ARRUGH! NOW I HAVE TO WAIT IN LINE AGAIN!
SPLAT
WHUMP!


LATER...
NOW TO GET BACK TO RON...
ARCHIE! HI!
HUH?

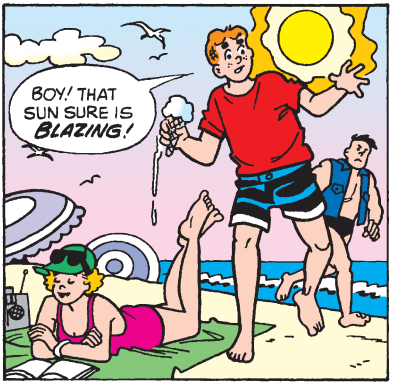

GINA! MARIA! WHAT'S UP?
NOT MUCH! HOW ARE YOU?
DRIP!
DRIP! DRIP!

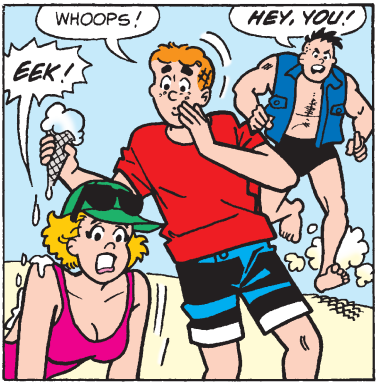

MINUTES LATER...
ARE YOU HERE ALONE?
NO! I'M WITH RON! THIS ICE CREAM IS FOR HER!
DRIP

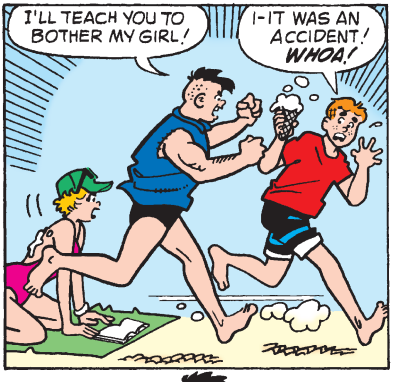

WHAT ICE CREAM?
YEOW!

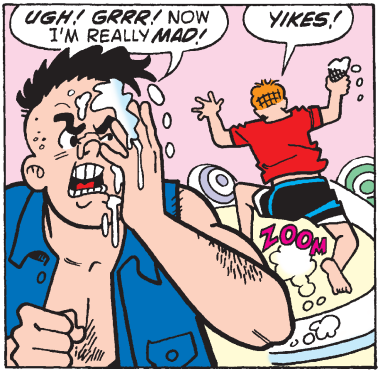

GULP! IT'S HOTTER THAN I THOUGHT!
SEE YA!

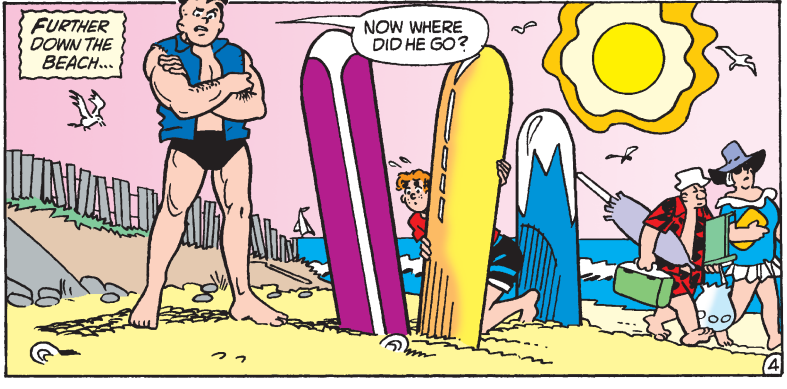
AT LEAST THERE'S NO LINE! ONE VANILLA CONE PLEASE!
ANOTHER? SURE, PAL!

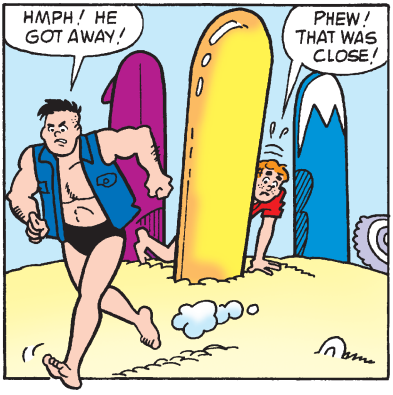

BOY! THAT SUN SURE IS BLAZING!

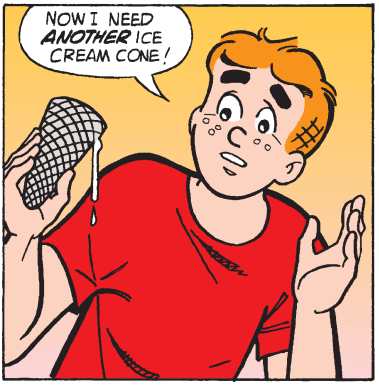

WHOOPS!
HEY, YOU!
EEK!

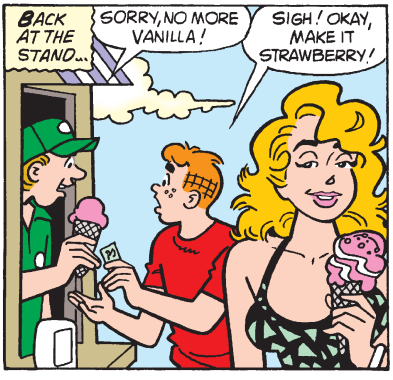

I'LL TEACH YOU TO BOTHER MY GIRL!
I-IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! WHOA!

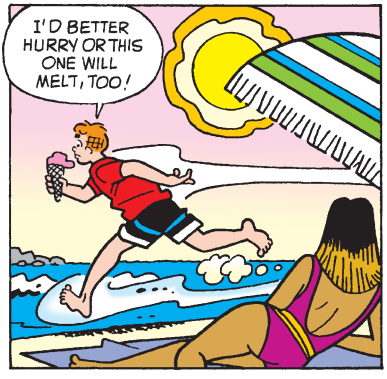

UGH! GRRR! NOW I'M REALLY MAD!
YIKES!
ZOOM

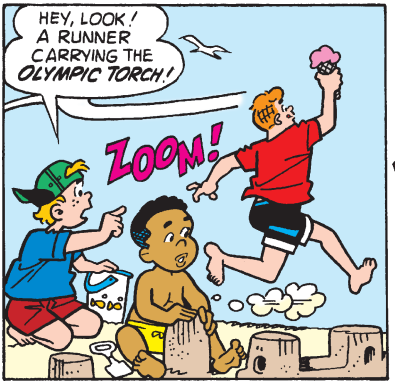

FURTHER DOWN THE BEACH...
NOW WHERE DID HE GO?

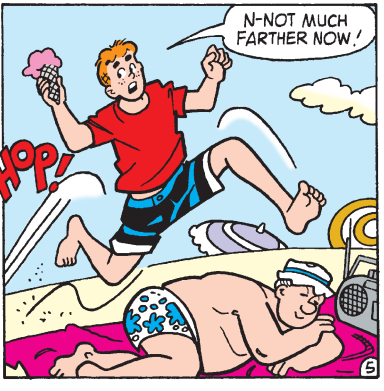

HMPH! HE GOT AWAY!
PHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE!

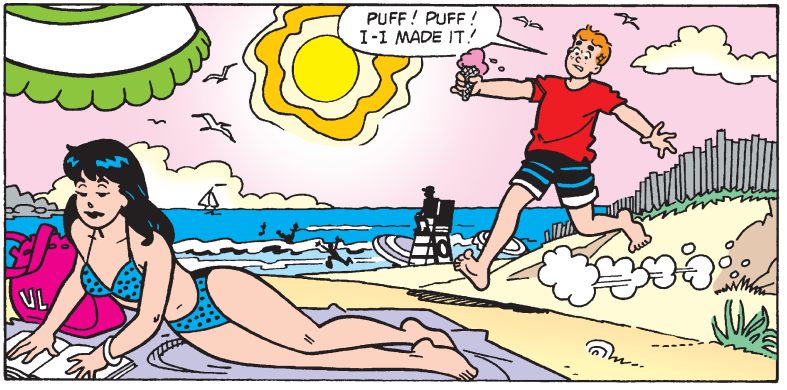

NOW I NEED ANOTHER ICE CREAM CONE!

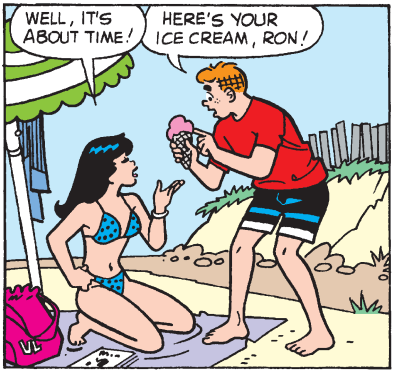

BACK AT THE STAND...
SORRY, NO MORE VANILLA!
SIGH! OKAY, MAKE IT STRAWBERRY!

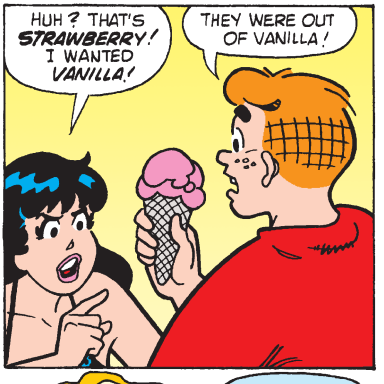

I'D BETTER HURRY OR THIS ONE WILL MELT, TOO!


HEY, LOOK! A RUNNER CARRYING THE OLYMPIC TORCH!
ZOOM!

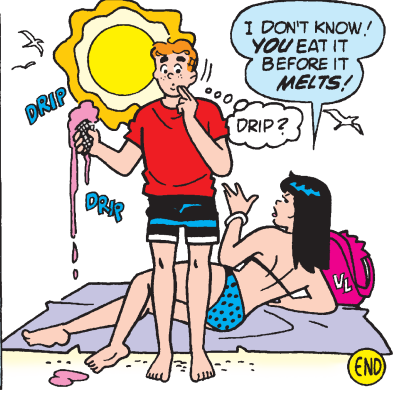

N-NOT MUCH FARTHER NOW!
HOP!


PUFF! PUFF! I-I MADE IT!


WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME!
HERE'S YOUR ICE CREAM, RON!


HUH? THAT'S STRAWBERRY! I WANTED VANILLA!
THEY WERE OUT OF VANILLA!

I HATE STRAWBERRY!
WELL... WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH IT, THEN?


I DON'T KNOW! YOU EAT IT BEFORE IT MELTS!
DRIP?
DRIP
DRIP
END

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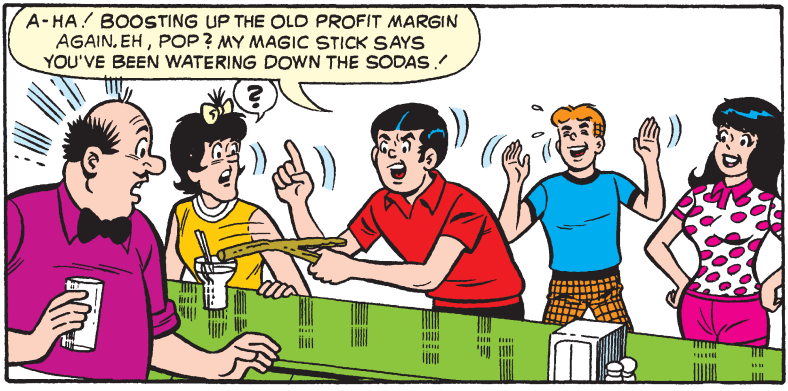
A-HA! BOOSTING UP THE OLD PROFIT MARGIN AGAIN, EH, POP? MY MAGIC STICK SAYS YOU'VE BEEN WATERING DOWN THE SODAS!
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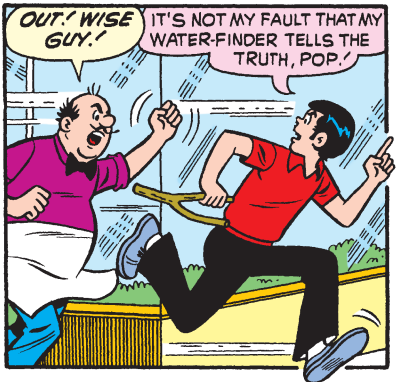
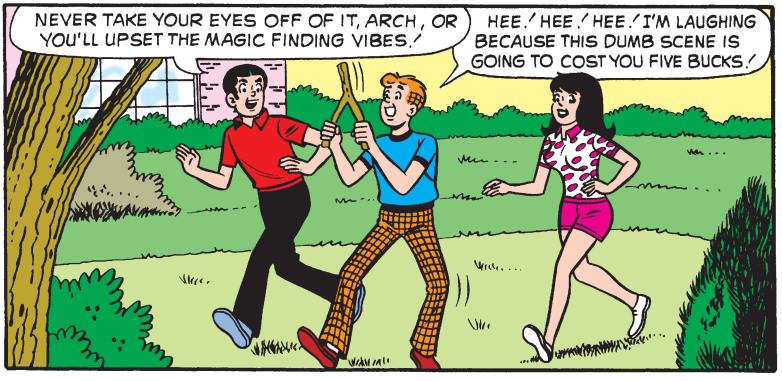

OUT! WISE GUY!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT THAT MY WATER-FINDER TELLS THE TRUTH, POP!

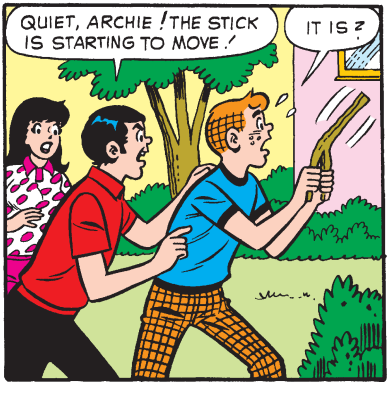
HEE! HEE! YOU CAN'T FIND WATER WITH THAT SILLY STICK, REG!
OH YEAH! ARE YOU WILLING TO MAKE A $5 WAGER THAT IT CAN?

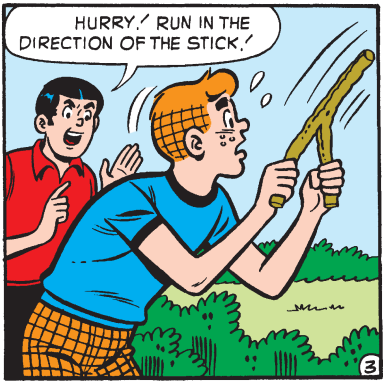
YOU HAVE YOURSELF A BET, REG! PROVE IT TO ME!
OKAY, NON-BELIEVER! LET'S GO OVER TO RONNIE'S HOUSE! SHE HAS A LOT OF PROPERTY! SO THERE'S BOUND TO BE AN UNDERGROUND STREAM SOMEWHERE ON THE GROUNDS!
ALT SHO

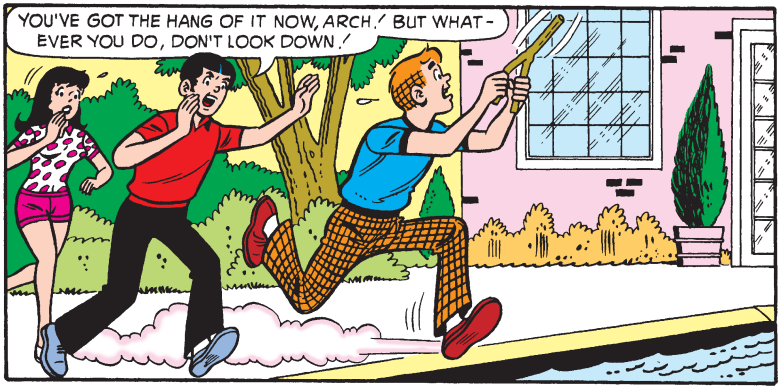
I'M GOING TO LET YOU FIND OUT FIRST-HAND FROM THE STICK, ARCH.! HERE! HOLD THE MAGIC WATER-FINDER IN YOUR TWO HANDS.!
HEE! HEE!

NOW KEEP WALKING FORWARD, AND KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE STICK.!

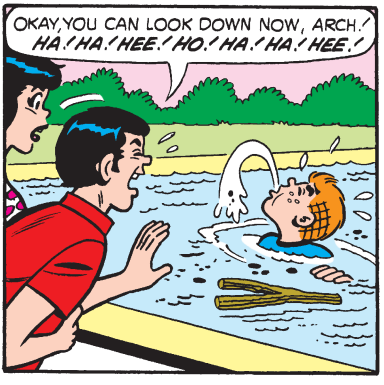

NEVER TAKE YOUR EYES OFF OF IT, ARCH, OR YOU'LL UPSET THE MAGIC FINDING VIBES.!
HEE.! HEE.! HEE.! I'M LAUGHING BECAUSE THIS DUMB SCENE IS GOING TO COST YOU FIVE BUCKS.!

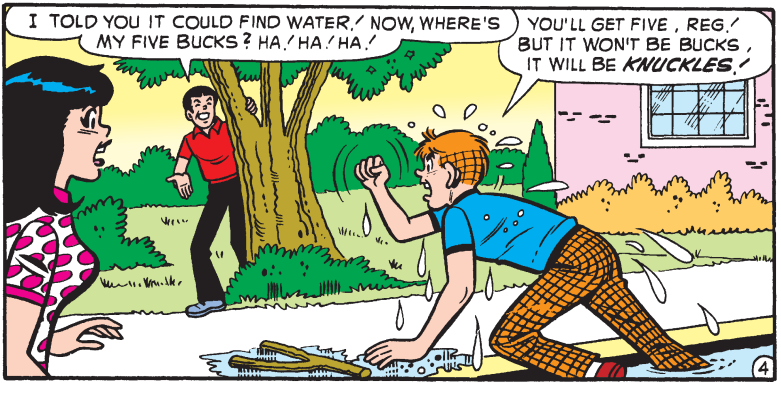

QUIET, ARCHIE! THE STICK IS STARTING TO MOVE.!
IT IS?


HURRY.! RUN IN THE DIRECTION OF THE STICK.!


YOU'VE GOT THE HANG OF IT NOW, ARCH.! BUT WHAT-EVER YOU DO, DON'T LOOK DOWN.!

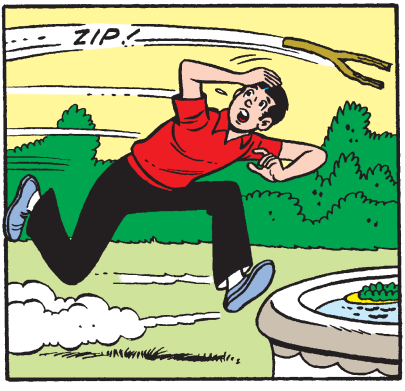
SPLASH!

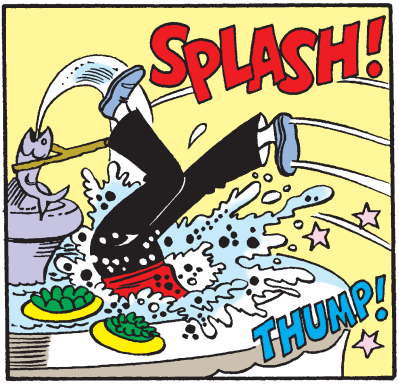

OKAY, YOU CAN LOOK DOWN NOW, ARCH.! HA.! HA.! HEE.! HO.! HA.! HA.! HEE.!

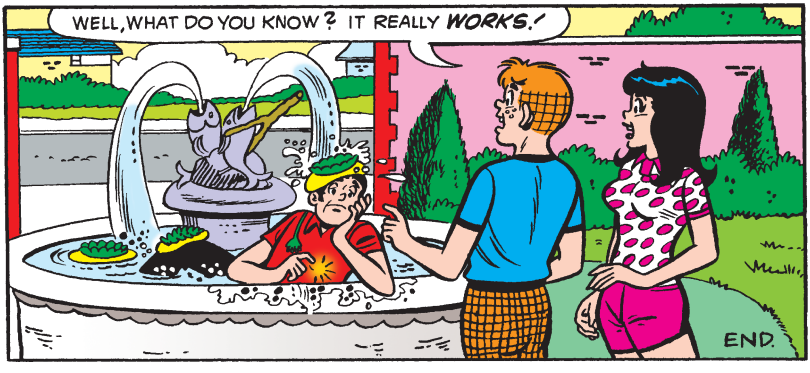

I TOLD YOU IT COULD FIND WATER.! NOW, WHERE'S MY FIVE BUCKS? HA.! HA.! HA.!
YOU'LL GET FIVE, REG.! BUT IT WON'T BE BUCKS, IT WILL BE KNUCKLES.!

WELL, THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS GIVE ME BACK MY MAGIC WATERFINDER, SPOIL SPORT.!
HEE! HEE!

GLADLY.!


ZIP.!


SPLASH!
THUMP!


WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW? IT REALLY WORKS.!
END.

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