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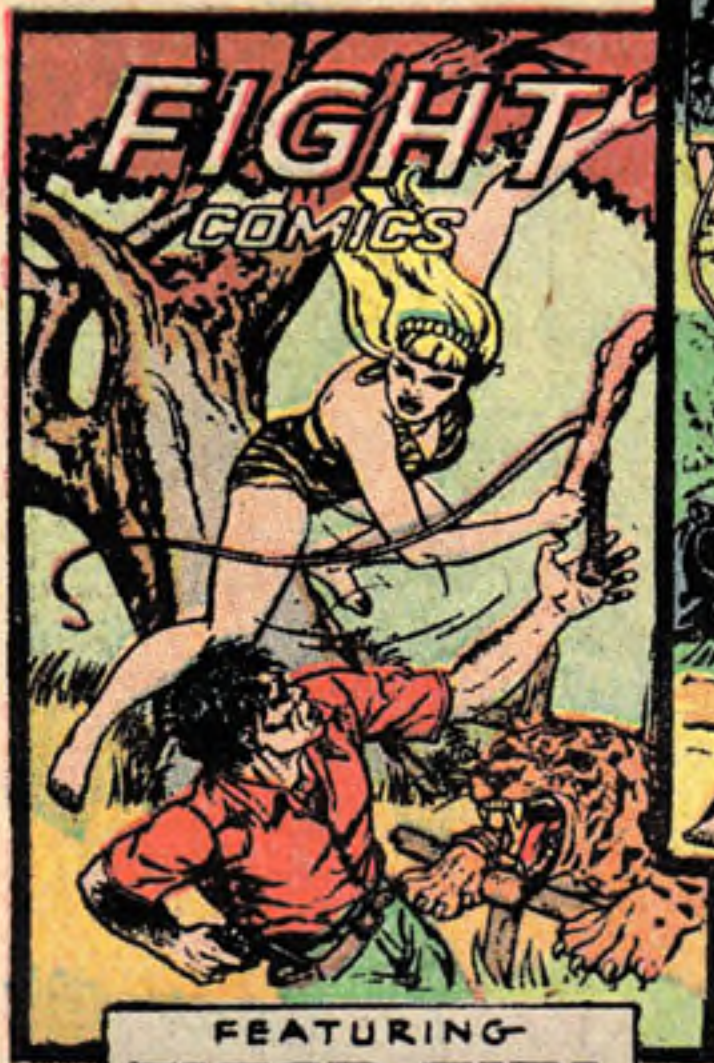
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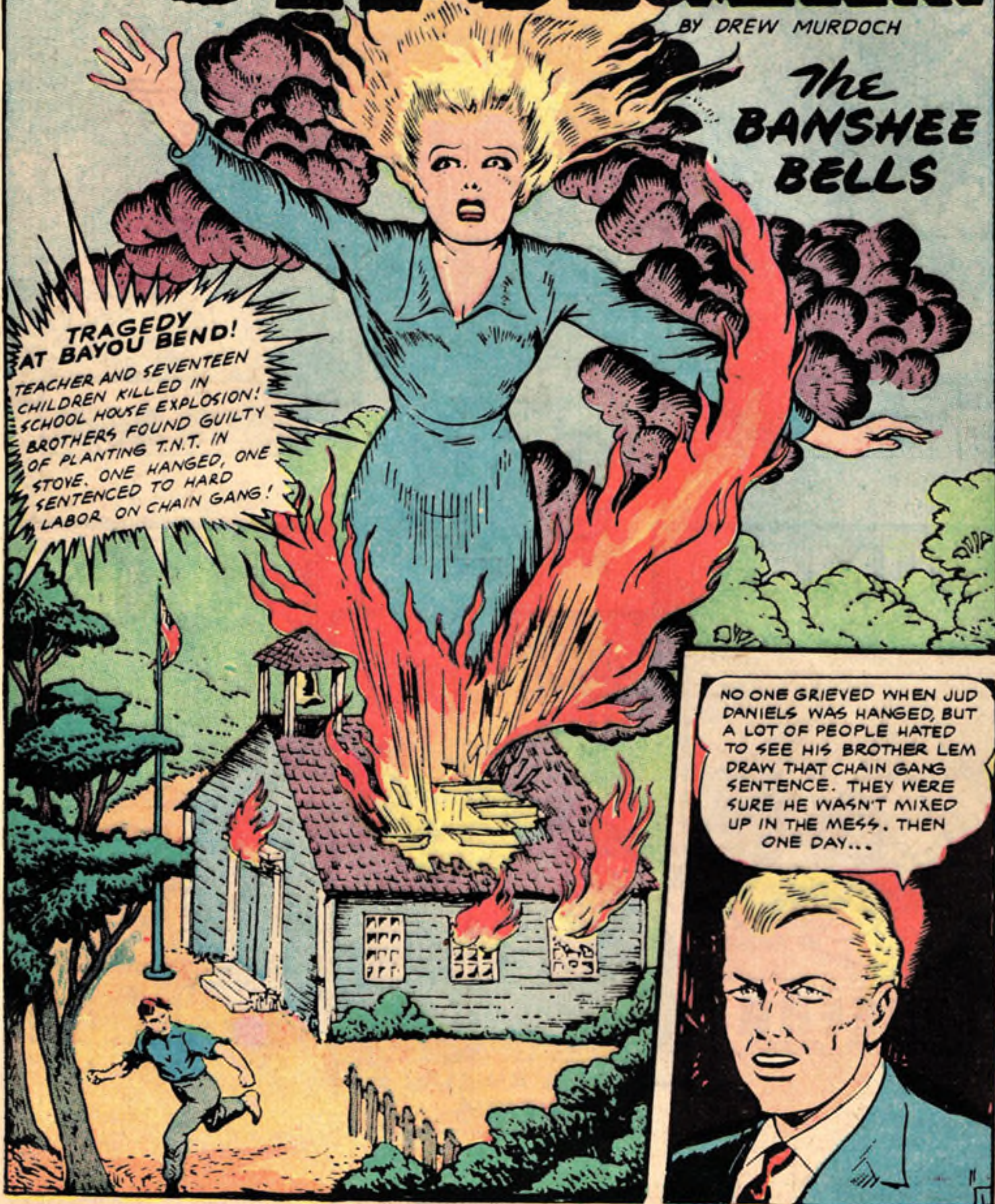


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THE GHOST GALLERY

BY DREW MURDOCH

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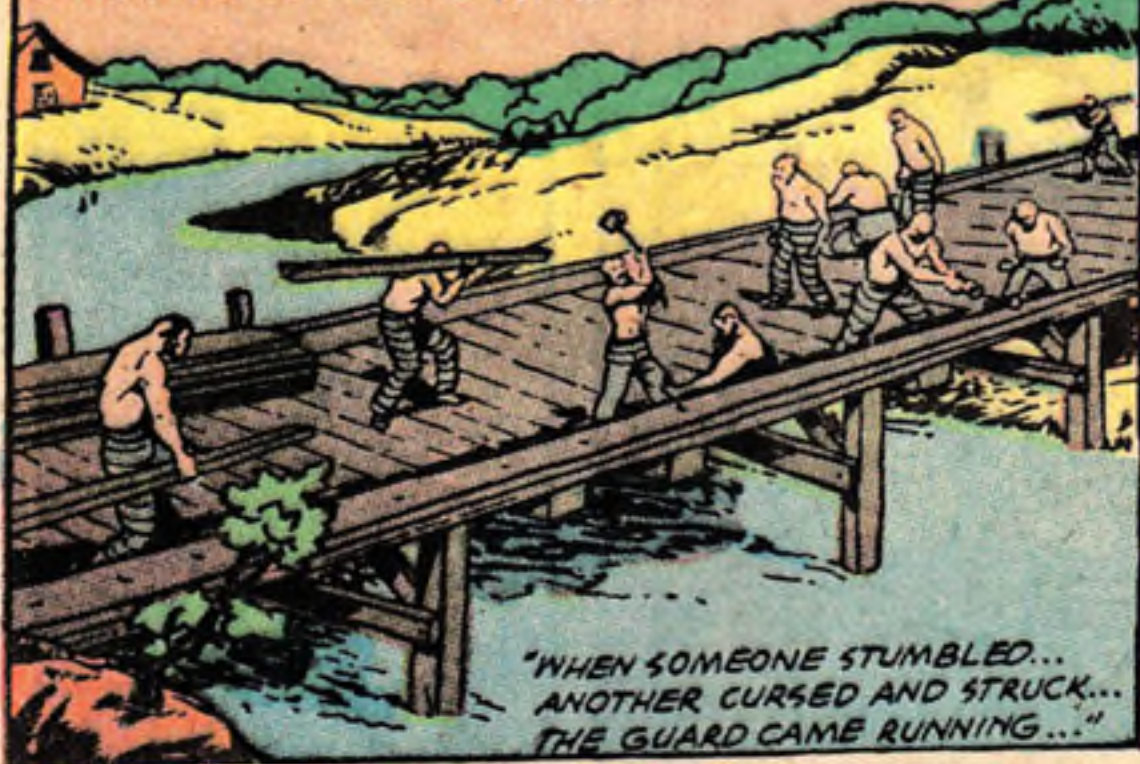


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TEACHER AND SEVENTEEN CHILDREN KILLED IN SCHOOL HOUSE EXPLOSION! BROTHERS FOUND GUILTY OF PLANTING T.N.T. IN STOVE. ONE HANGED, ONE SENTENCED TO HARD LABOR ON CHAIN GANG!

NO ONE GRIEVED WHEN JUD DANIELS WAS HANGED, BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE HATED TO SEE HIS BROTHER LEM DRAW THAT CHAIN GANG SENTENCE. THEY WERE SURE HE WASN'T MIXED UP IN THE MESS. THEN ONE DAY...



"THE PRISONERS' TEMPER'S WERE RUNNING SHORT UNDER THE BLISTERING SUN..."



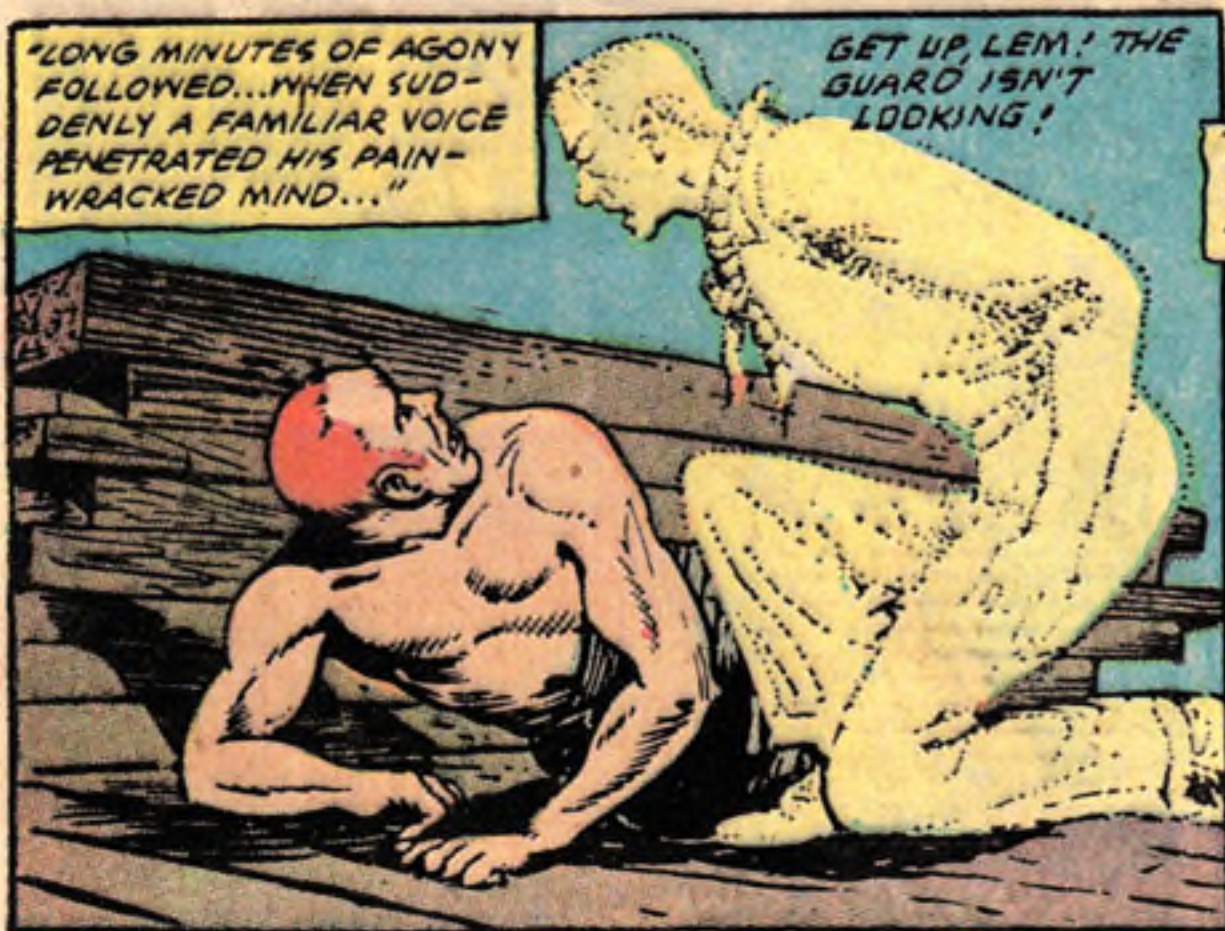
"WHEN SOMEONE STUMBLED... ANOTHER CURSED AND STRUCK... THE GUARD CAME RUNNING..."

SO IT'S TROUBLE YOU WANT, EH DANIELS... HERE IT IS!



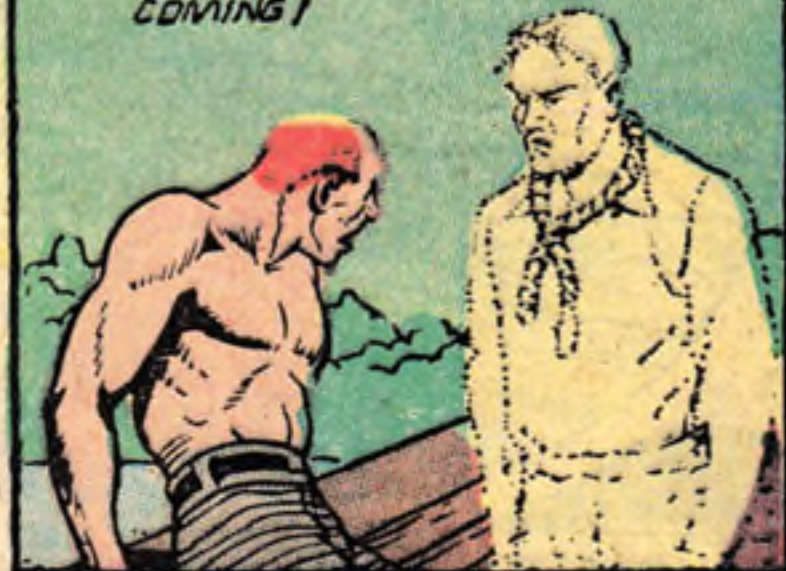
"LONG MINUTES OF AGONY FOLLOWED... WHEN SUDDENLY A FAMILIAR VOICE PENETRATED HIS PAIN-WRACKED MIND..."

GET UP, LEM! THE GUARD ISN'T LOOKING!



"JUD'S VOICE! AND AGAIN IT STABBED THROUGH HIS DARKENED BRAIN..."

I'VE BEEN LYING THERE IN MY COLD GRAVE... BUT I CAN'T SLEEP, LEM... UNTIL YOU PAY THE DEBT I OWE. WATCH OUT... THE GUARD'S COMING!



HE'S TRIGGER HAPPY, LEM. GOIN' TO SHOOT! HIT HIM BEFORE HE KILLS YOU!



"HIT HIM BEFORE HE KILLS YOU! HIT HIM BEFORE HE KILLS YOU!" THOSE GHOSTLY WORDS ECHOED IN LEM'S EARS... WHIPPED HIM INTO FRENZIED FURY, HE LEAPED AND STRUCK!"

"INSTANTLY A BLUBBERING PAIN-SCREAM ROLLED ACROSS THE VALLEY..."



"AND FROM FAR OFF A WHISTLE SHRILLED..."



IT'S THE BABY KILLER... HE'S GONE NUTS!

HE'S KNOCKED JAKE OUT! COME ON!



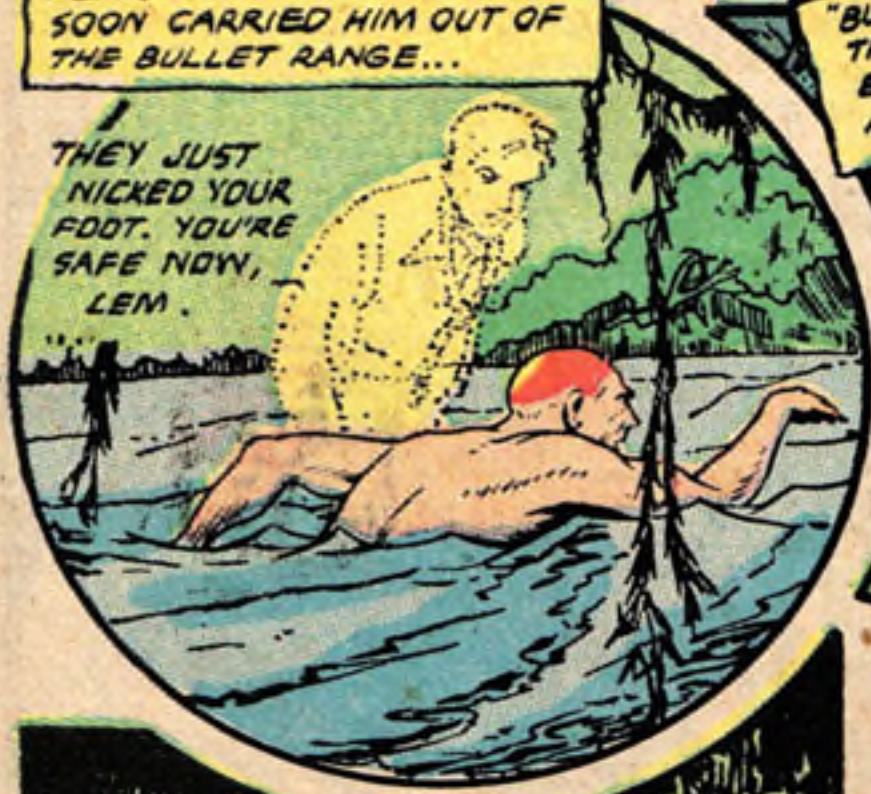
YOU'VE HIT HIM, LEM! RUN FOR IT, BOY, BEFORE THEY FILL YOU WITH LEAD!



"HE WAS A SLAVE TO THAT VOICE NOW... IT WAS NOT TO BE QUESTIONED... JUST TO BE OBEYED!"

FEAR - SWIFTENED STROKES SOON CARRIED HIM OUT OF THE BULLET RANGE...

"BUT NOT FOR LONG... FOR SOON THE FAR OFF BAYING OF THE BLOOD HOUNDS WAS ECHOING ACROSS THE SWAMP..."



THEY JUST NICKED YOUR FOOT. YOU'RE SAFE NOW, LEM.



MY FOOT HURTS, JUD. I CAN'T RUN ANYMORE.

BUT YOU'VE GOT TOO! THE DOGS HAVE PICKED UP YOUR SCENT... GET MOVING!

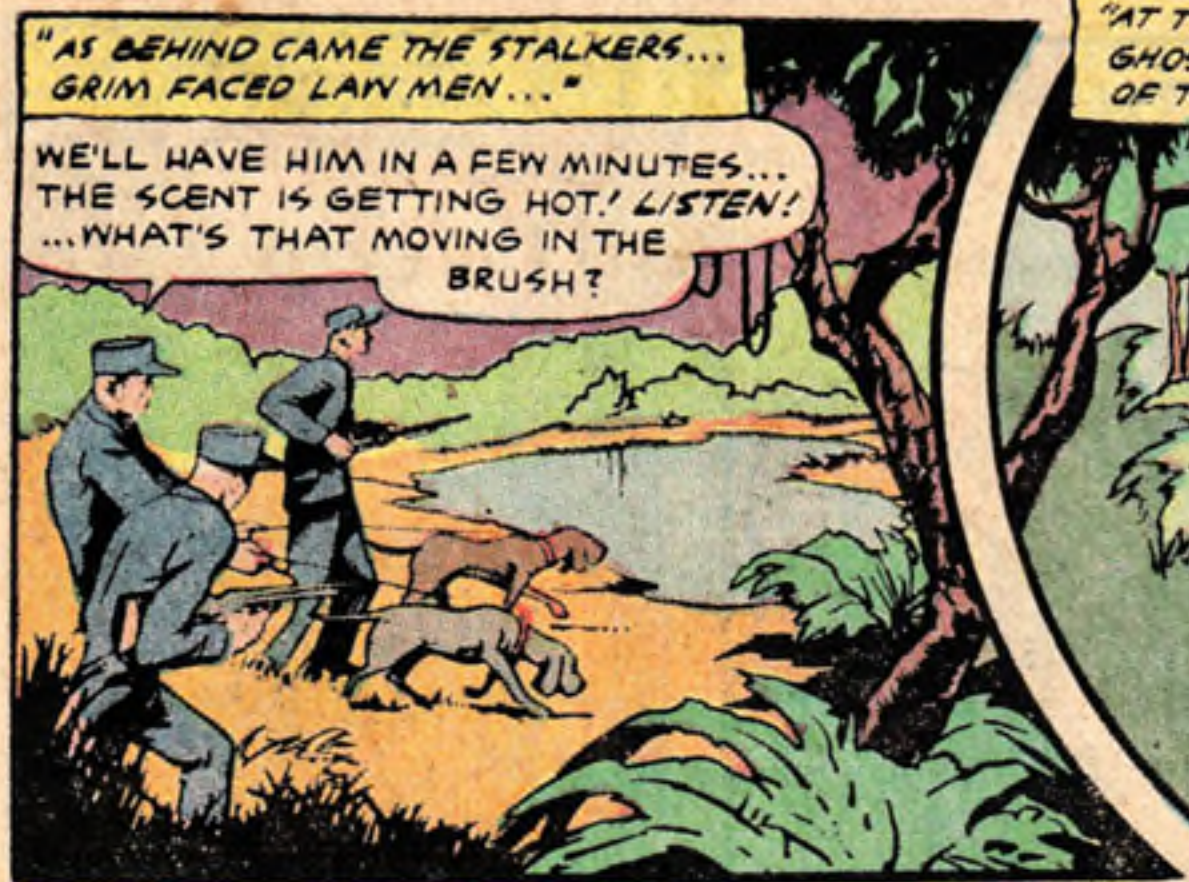


...I'LL STOP THEM! YOU GO ON!

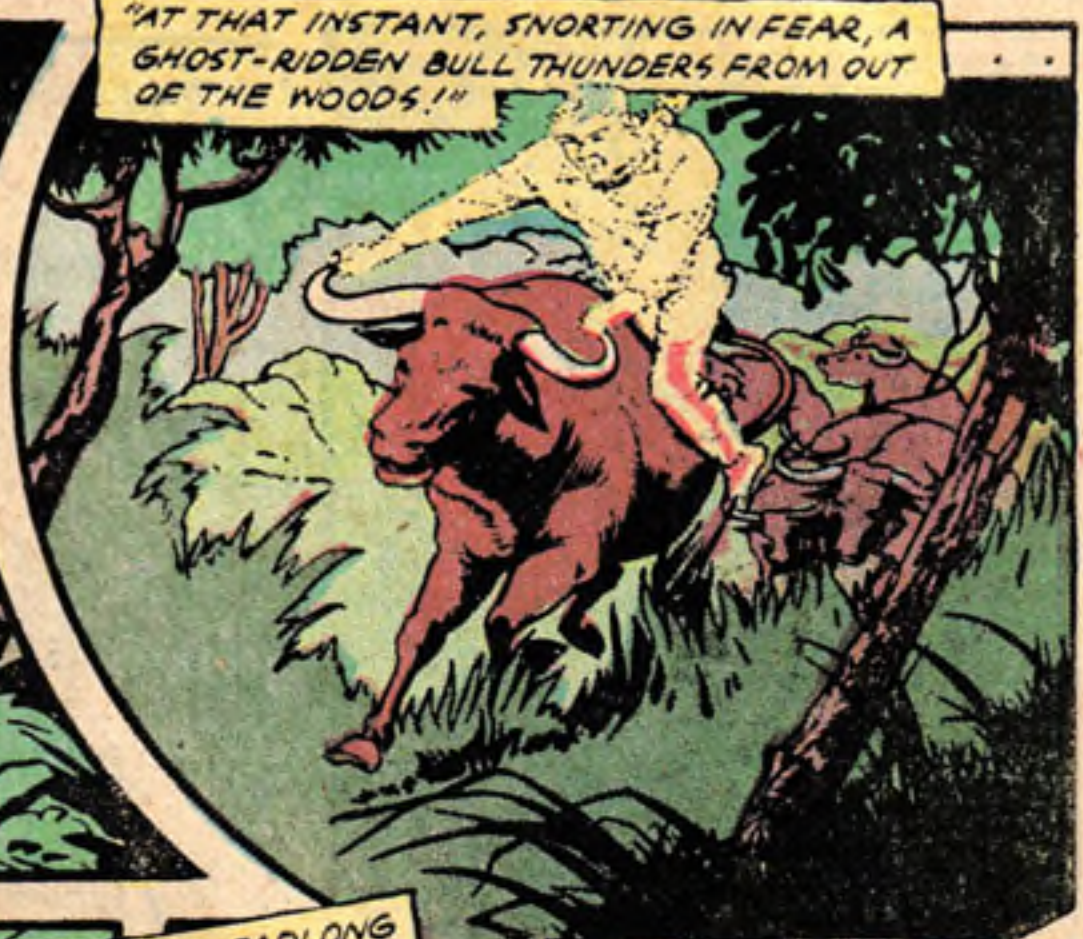
DON'T LET THEM CATCH ME, JUD! I DON'T WANT TO DIE!

"AS BEHIND CAME THE STALKERS... GRIM FACED LAW MEN..."

WE'LL HAVE HIM IN A FEW MINUTES... THE SCENT IS GETTING HOT! LISTEN! ...WHAT'S THAT MOVING IN THE BRUSH?



"AT THAT INSTANT, SNORTING IN FEAR, A GHOST-RIDDEN BULL THUNDERS FROM OUT OF THE WOODS!"



SWAMP MAVERICKS... KILLERS! RUN!



THEN HEADLONG PANIC...

ONE OF THE DEVIL'S HAS CORNERED ME IN THE BOG! HELP!



YOU'RE OKAY... THE CRITTER'S GONE. HEY... THAT THING AT YOUR FEET... LOOK OUT!



CROC! I QUIT! THEY CAN'T PAY ME ENOUGH TO RUN AROUND THIS SWAMP CHASING KILLERS!



THAT GOES FOR ALL OF US. COME ON... WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE!





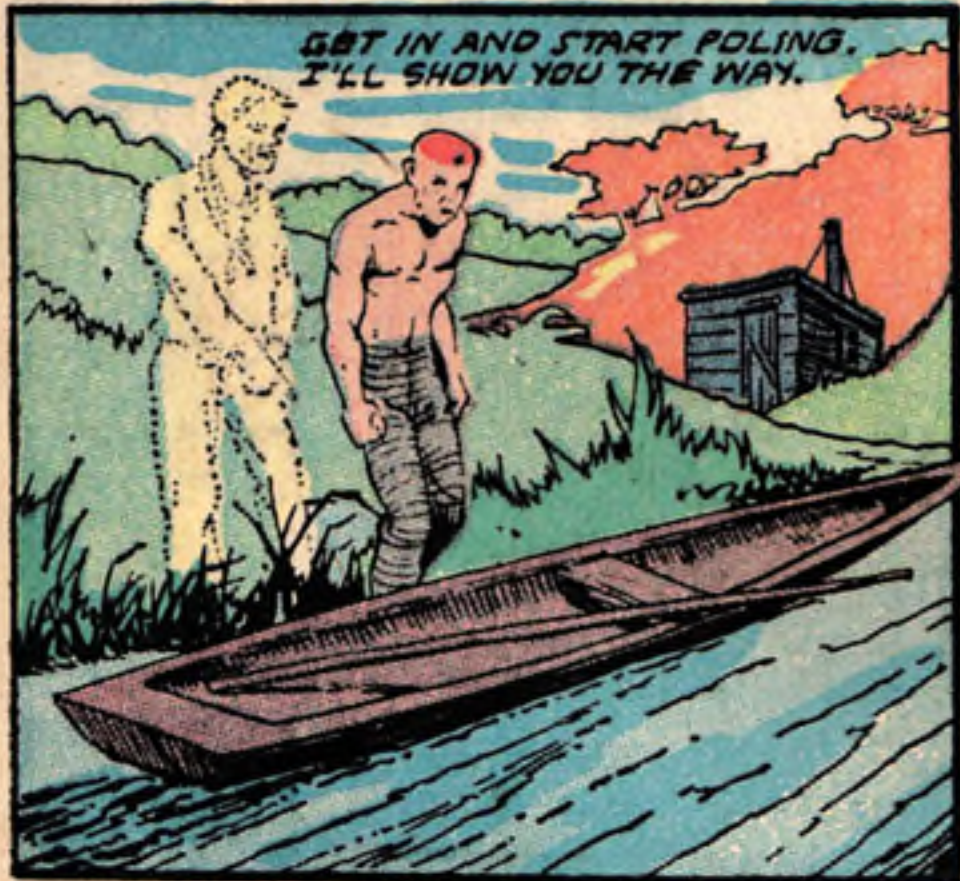
I SAW HOW YOU STAMPEDED THOSE CATTLE DOWN ON THE LAW MEN, JUD!

I KEPT MY PROMISE, DIDN'T I? COME ON!

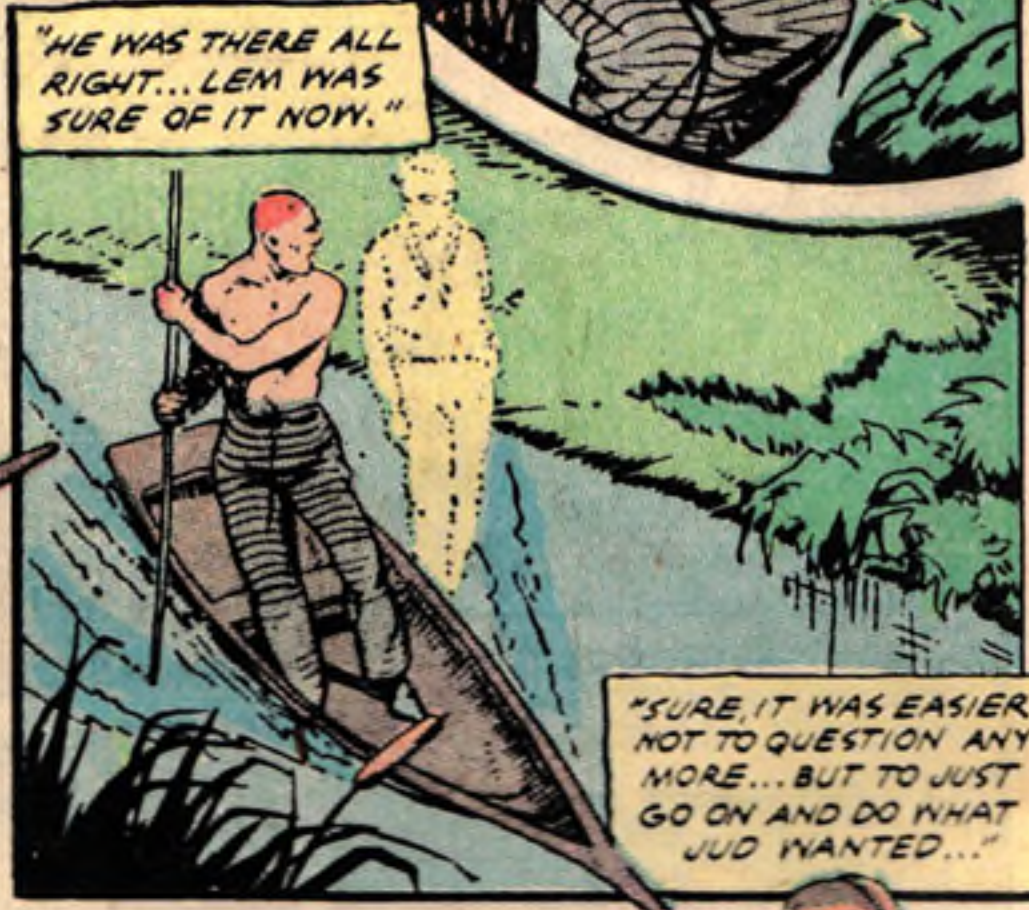
I'M TALKING TO MYSELF... MUST BE GOING CRAZY. JUD'S DEAD... HE COULDN'T COME BACK FROM THE GRAVE.



BUT I DID, LEM. AND I'M GOING TO TAKE CARE OF YOU, BOY...

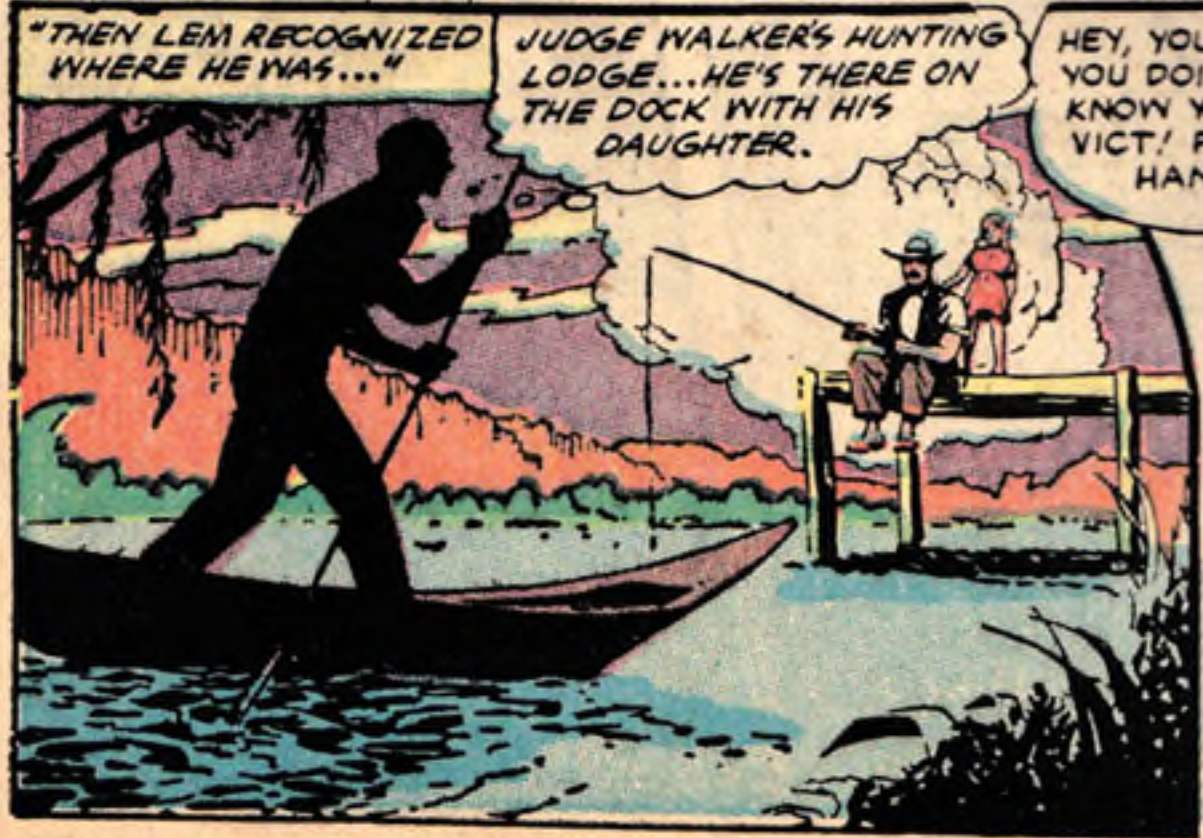


GET IN AND START POLING. I'LL SHOW YOU THE WAY.



"HE WAS THERE ALL RIGHT... LEM WAS SURE OF IT NOW."

"SURE, IT WAS EASIER NOT TO QUESTION ANYMORE... BUT TO JUST GO ON AND DO WHAT JUD WANTED..."



"THEN LEM RECOGNIZED WHERE HE WAS..."

JUDGE WALKER'S HUNTING LODGE... HE'S THERE ON THE DOCK WITH HIS DAUGHTER.

HEY, YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? I KNOW YOU'RE A CONVICT! PUT UP YOUR HANDS!



HE'S GOT HIS GUN ON ME. WHAT'LL I DO, JUD?

THROW THE POLE! HE'S THE ONE WHO SENTENCED ME TO HANG! THROW THE POLE!

"THROW IT! SMASH HIM!" JUD'S GHOSTLY VOICE SNARLING AS THE JUDGE SHOT!



"WAS IT JUD'S HAND THAT SPED THE POLE... SMASHING THE JUDGE DOWN?"

NEVER MIND HIM... GRAB THE KID... HURRY... HURRY!

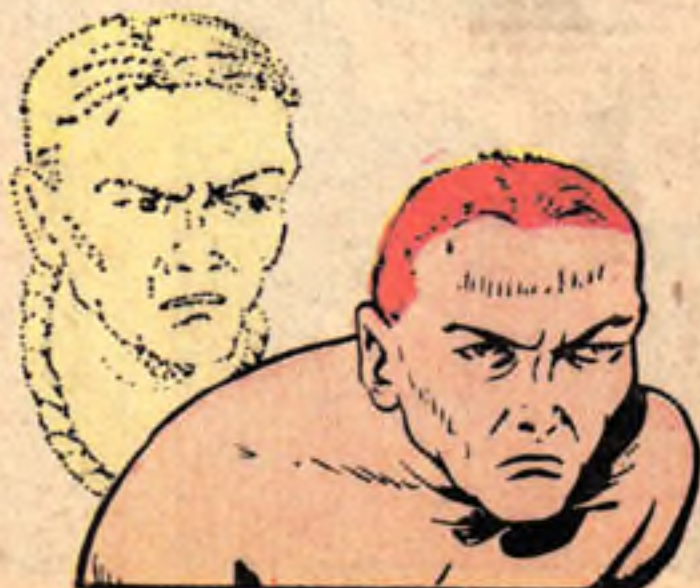
BUT WHY, JUD? I DON'T WANT TO HURT HER!

DID YOU FORGET WHAT HER FATHER DID TO ME? TAKE HER IN THE BOAT.

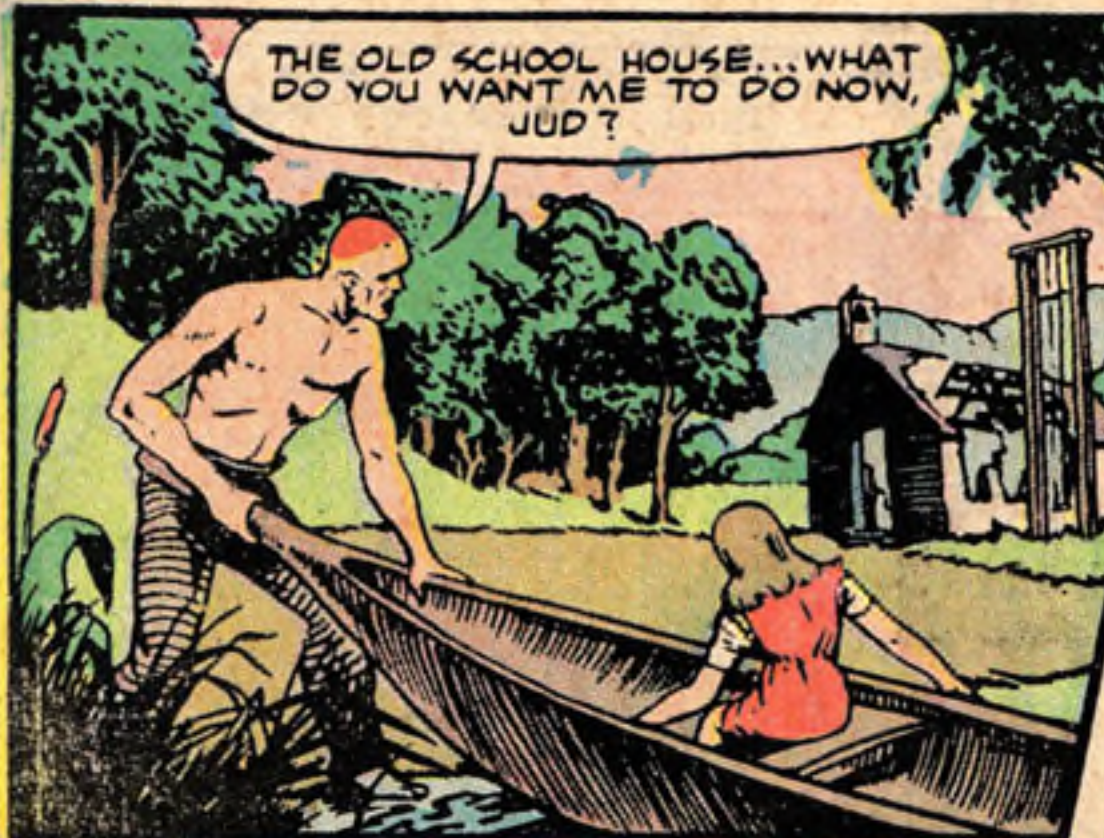


NOW WE'LL SHOW 'EM, BOY! WHEN WE'RE THROUGH, THEY'LL CURSE THE DAY THEY FIRST HEARD OUR NAME!

"...FOR HIS MIND WAS DEAD AND LOST WITH THE VOICE OF JUD DRIVING IN HIS EARS...!"



THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE... WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO NOW, JUD?

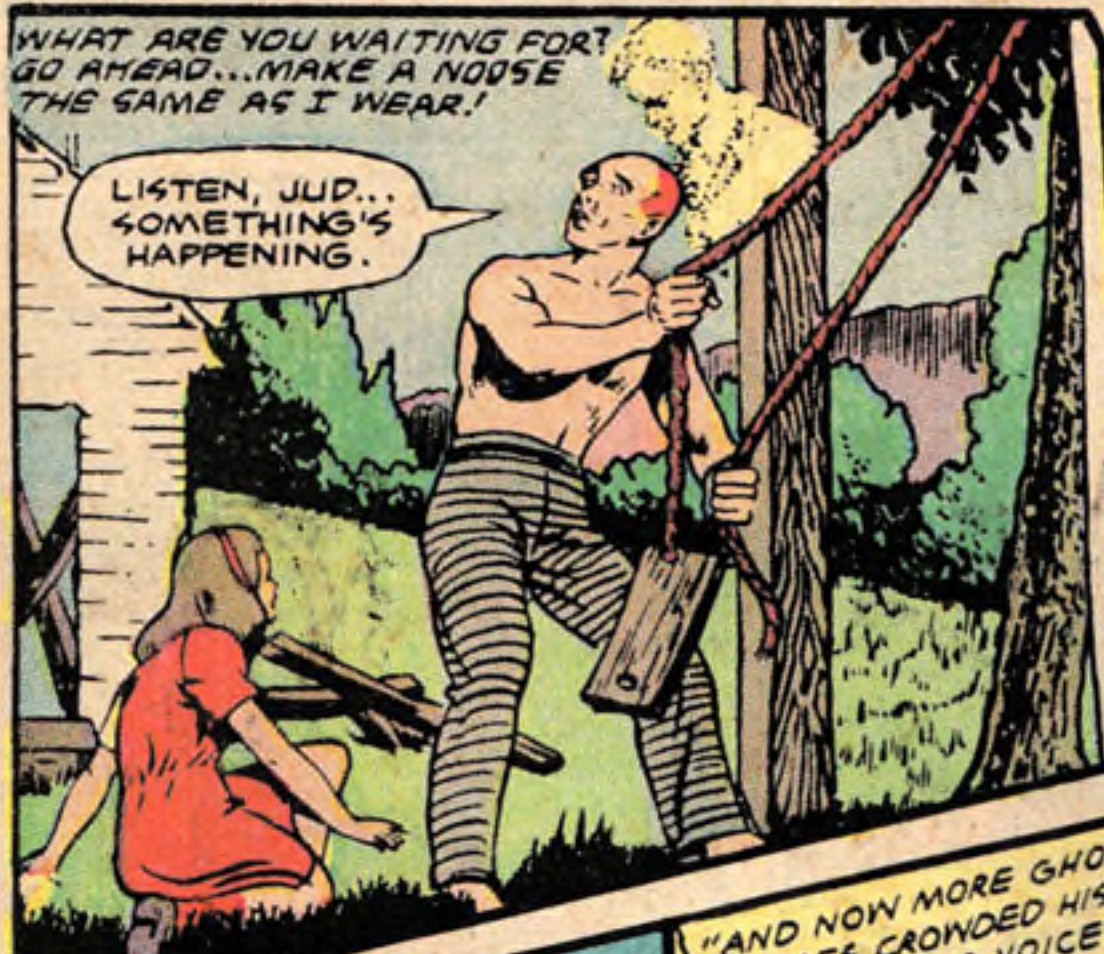


THERE'S A ROPE, LEM. USE IT ON THE KID THE SAME AS THE JUDGE GAVE IT TO ME.



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? GO AHEAD... MAKE A NOOSE THE SAME AS I WEAR!

LISTEN, JUD... SOMETHING'S HAPPENING.



"AS HIGH ABOVE IN THE OLD SCHOOL'S TOWER, THE BELL TOLLED OUT... ONCE MORE CALLING THE CHILDREN..."

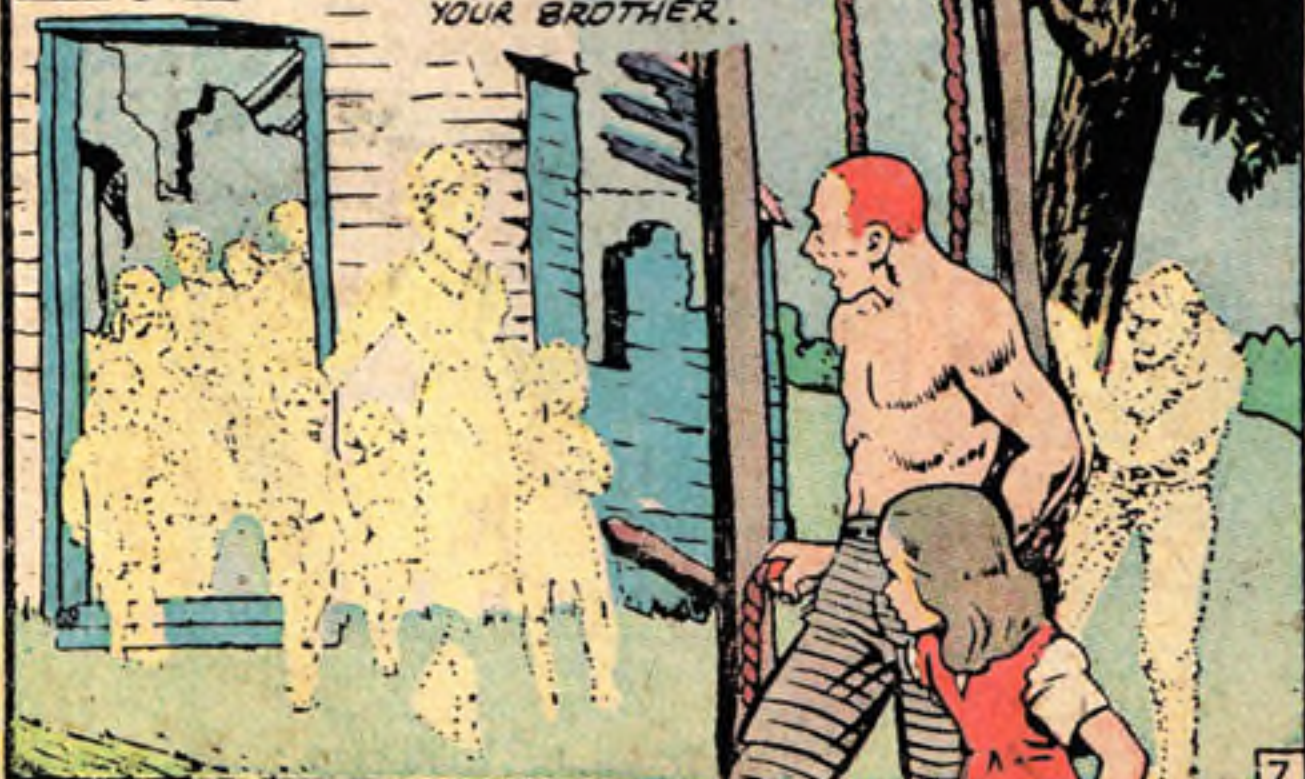


LOOK, JUD... LOOK THERE!



"AND NOW MORE GHOSTLY FIGURES CROWDED HIS MIND... AND ANOTHER VOICE WAS WHISPERING THROUGH HIS SHATTERED BRAIN..."

WAIT, LEM! I'M GOING TO TALK TO YOUR BROTHER.



THE PRICE YOU PAID FOR YOUR CRIME WAS JUST, JUD! WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE LEM A MURDERER, TOO?

"MORE FORMS FLASHED THROUGH LEM'S TORTURED MIND... HE SAW HIS BROTHER'S FACE CRINGE IN FEAR... TINY ACCUSING FINGERS POINTING!"

"THEN THEY FADED... WAS IT THE WIND'S RUSTLING OF THE LEAVES THAT WHISPERED TO HIM, 'TAKE HER BACK TO HER FATHER, LEM. IT ISN'T TOO LATE!'"

LITTLE GIRL... LITTLE GIRL... DID YOU SEE WHAT I SAW... HEAR WHAT I HEARD?

I... I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING. PLEASE TAKE ME BACK TO MY FATHER!

"AND LATER, JUST AS THE JUDGE WAS LEAVING HIS SHACK TO HUNT FOR HIS DAUGHTER, A HAIL SOUNDED."

DON'T SHOOT, JUDGE, EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT NOW. I JUST DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS DOING WHEN I KNOCKED YOU DOWN AND TOOK HER.

THAT'S THE STORY... BUT SEVERAL MONTHS LATER, THE TEACHER'S DIARY WAS FOUND. THIS PAGE CLEARED LEM DANIELS OF THE CRIME.

MARCH 16... STRANGE THING HAPPENED TODAY. JUD DANIELS ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM. WHEN I REFUSED, HE SWORE HE WAS GOING TO BLOW UP THE SCHOOL. BUT I'M NOT SCARED... HE WOULDN'T DARE DO THAT WHEN HE LEARNS I AM GOING TO MARRY HIS BROTHER LEM.

GHOST SQUADRON

II PHANTOMS FROM THE SEA

DAY AFTER DAY, LIEUTENANT PHIL STRONG KEPT DRAWING THE TOUGH ASSIGNMENTS. IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR HIM TO WISE UP... THE OLD MAN WAS RIDING HIM!... SO HE PUT IN A REQUEST FOR TRANSFER, AND FINALLY THE ORDER CAME THROUGH...

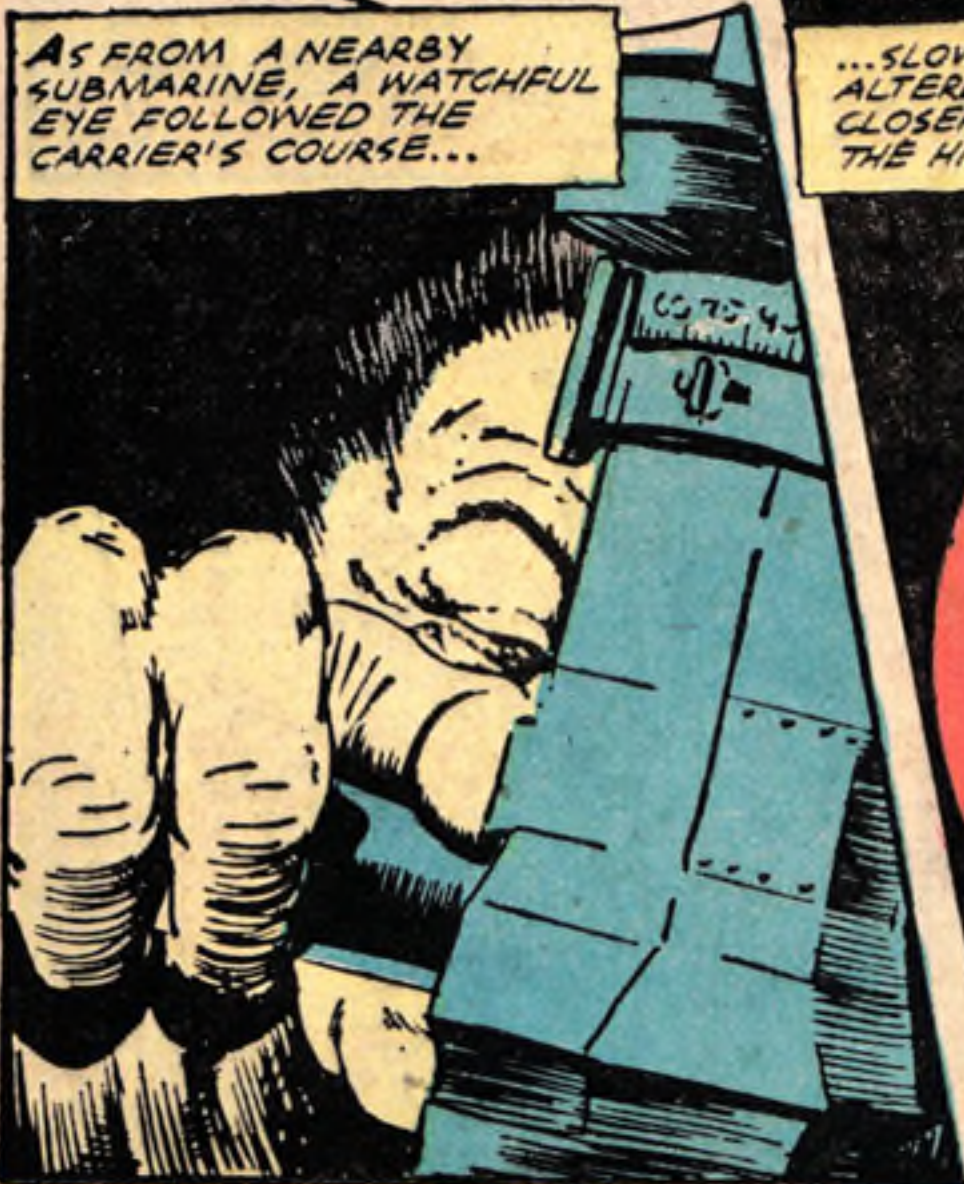
YOUR PLANE IS READY, STRONG. YOU'LL REPORT ABOARD THE LEXINGTON AT ONCE. GOODBYE, AND NO HARD FEELINGS!

OKAY, CAPTAIN RORKE... BUT BEFORE I GO, I'M LEAVING YOU A LITTLE SOUVENIR... AND HERE IT IS!



AS FROM A NEARBY SUBMARINE, A WATCHFUL EYE FOLLOWED THE CARRIER'S COURSE...

...SLOWLY, THE BIG SHIP ALTERED COURSE... CLOSER IT STEAMED TO THE HIDDEN AMBUSH...



WHILE ON THE CARRIER...

THE OLD MAN WON. HE MADE ME INTO A QUITTER. BUT IF I'D STAYED ANY LONGER, I'D HAVE GONE NUTS!

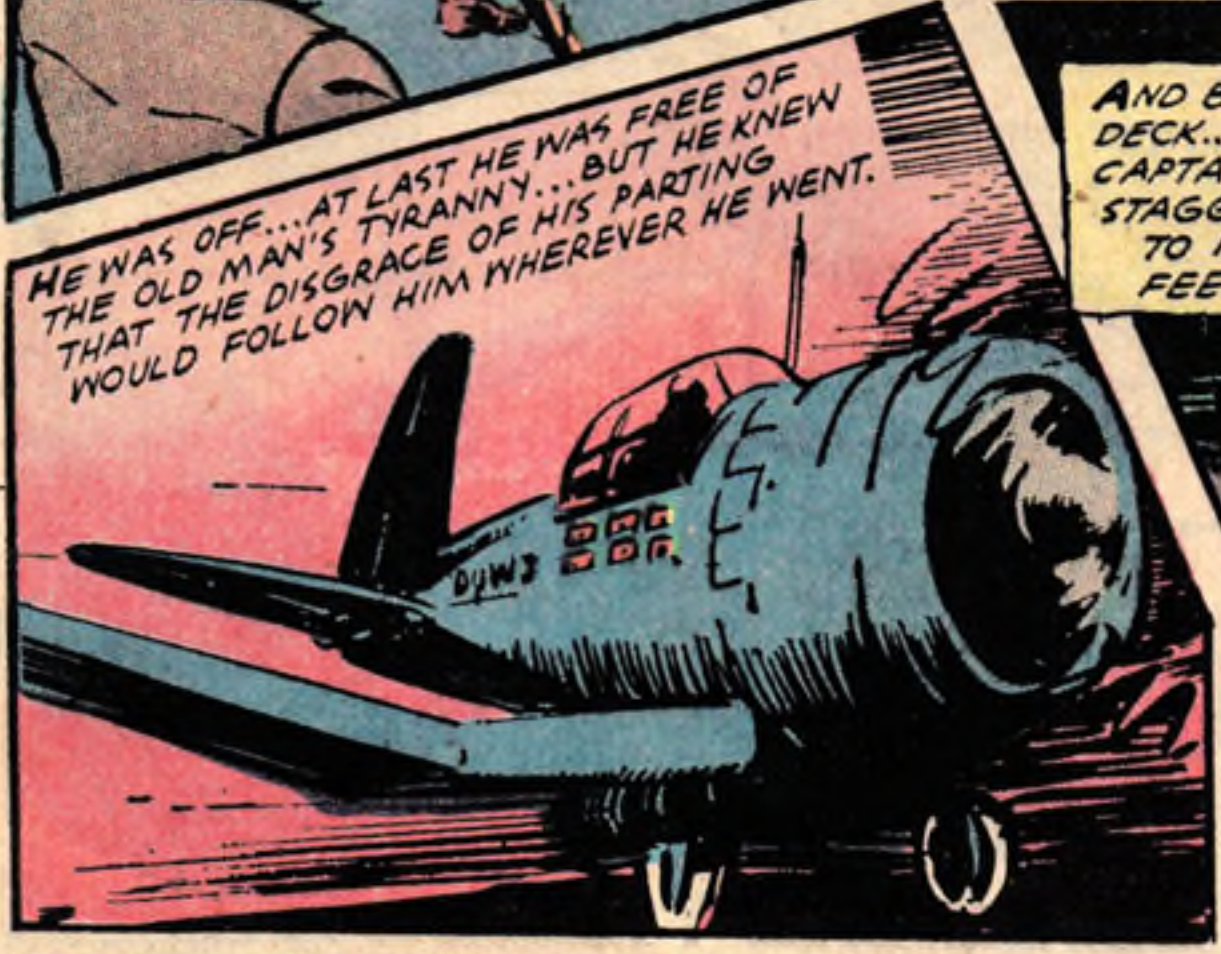


MAYBE HE WAS JUST TESTING YOU, STRONG. HE'S TOUGH - BUT STRAIGHT!

HE'S A DEVIL! BUT I GAVE HIM SOMETHING HE WON'T FORGET IN A HURRY!



HE WAS OFF... AT LAST HE WAS FREE OF THE OLD MAN'S TYRANNY... BUT HE KNEW THAT THE DISGRACE OF HIS PARTING WOULD FOLLOW HIM WHEREVER HE WENT.



AND BELOW DECK... THE CAPTAIN STAGGERED TO HIS FEET...

THE YOUNG FOOL... I GUESS I HAD IT COMING... BUT I DID PROMISE HIS FATHER I'D TRY TO MAKE A MAN OF HIM. WHAT!



THE CARRIER LURCHED AND SHUDDERED FROM THE BLOW.. THE ENEMY SUB HAD STRUCK!



INSTANTLY, MEN SCRAMBLING TO EMERGENCY STATIONS... THE DECK ALIVE WITH SCURRYING MEN...



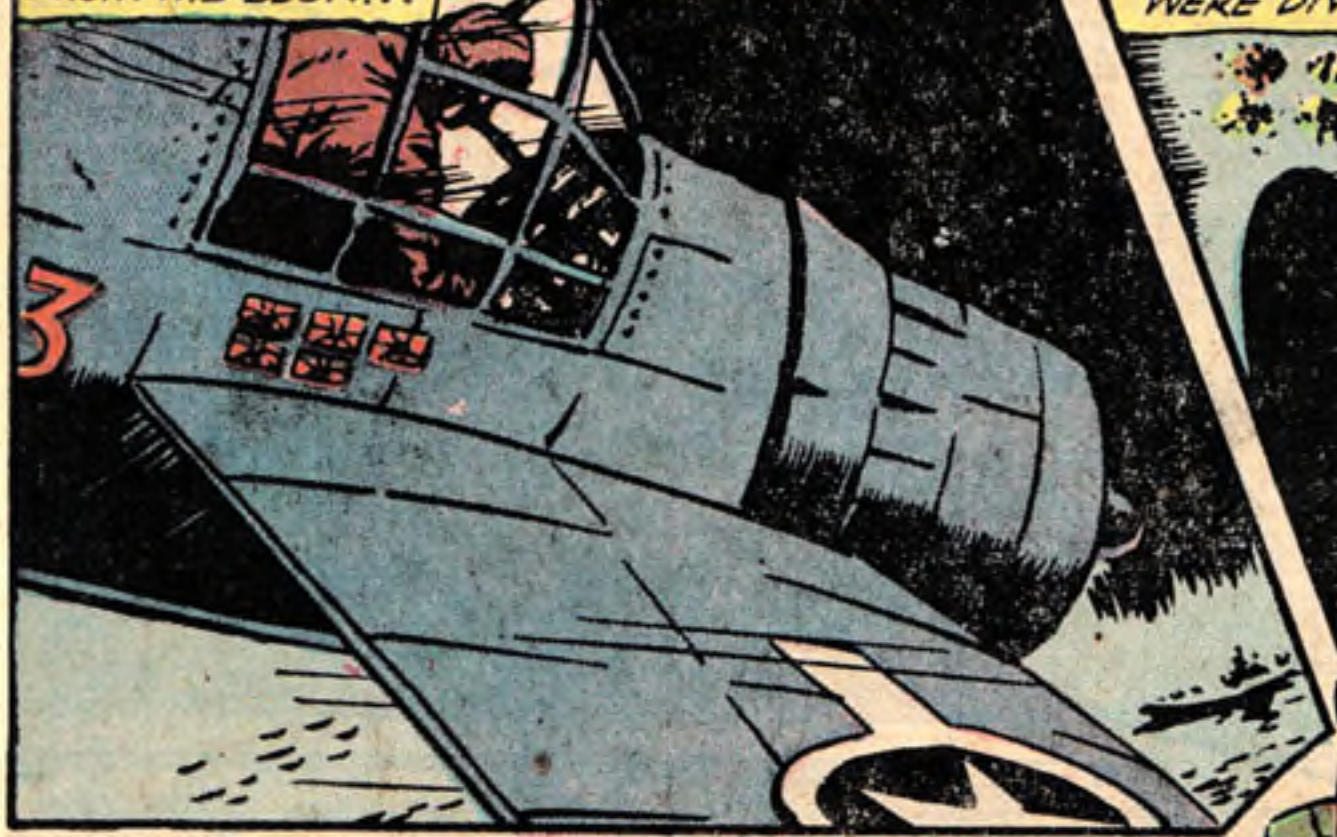
THE THE CAPTAIN STAGGERED FROM THE CABIN...

YOU'VE BEEN HURT, SIR?

IT'S NOTHING... THE ENEMY WILL BE THROWING THEIR PLANES AT US... MAN THOSE A.A. BATTERIES!



AND FROM ABOVE, STRONG HEARD THE BLAST... SAW THE BIG CARRIER LIMPING FROM THE BLOW...

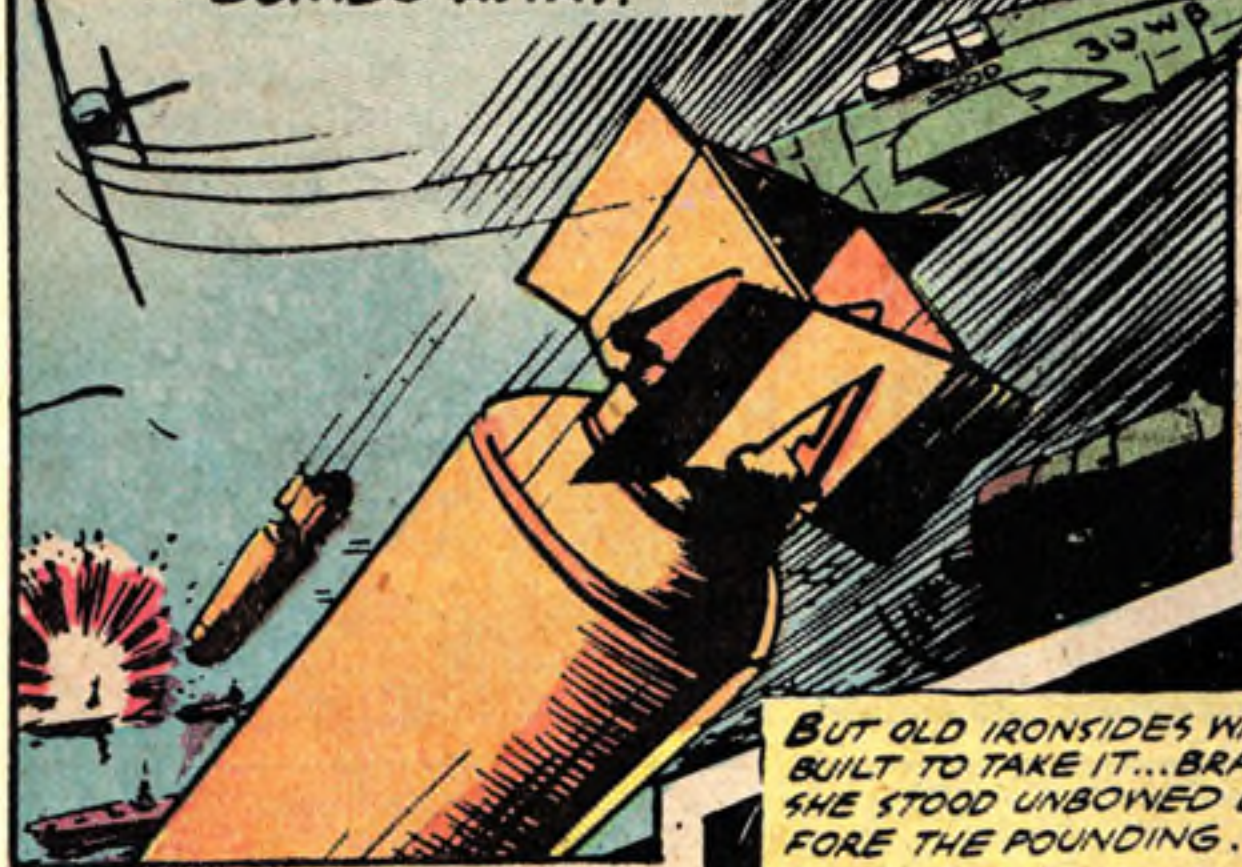


AND NOW THE ENEMY BOMBERS WERE DIVING FOR THE KILL.



ONE BY ONE THEY PEELED OFF FROM FORMATION... TO POUR MORE OF THOSE DEATH-DEALERS ON THE CRIPPLED CARRIER...

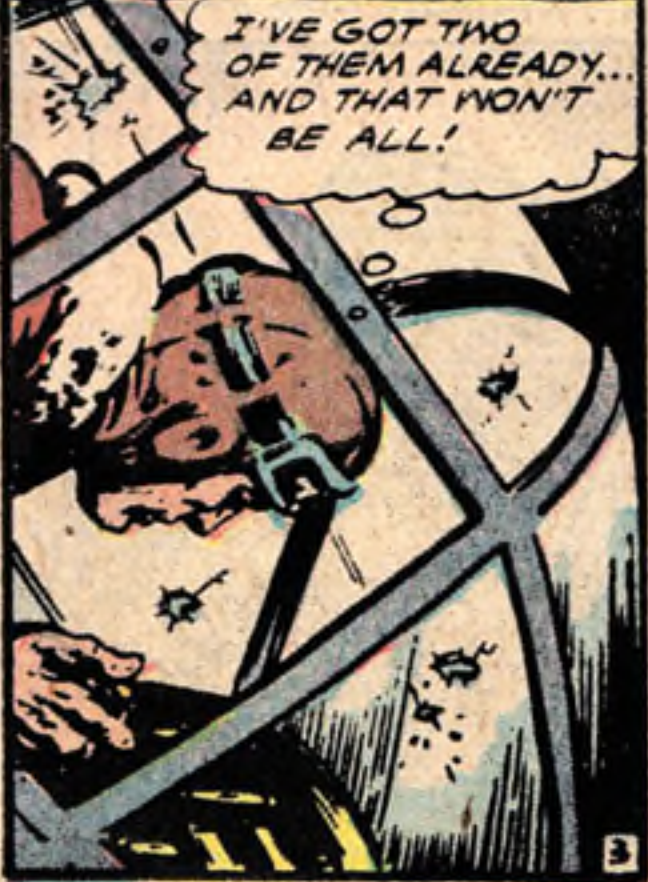
THEN THEY TRIPPED THE TOGGLE SWITCHES — AND... BOMBS AWAY!



BUT OLD IRONSIDES WAS BUILT TO TAKE IT... BRAVELY SHE STOOD UNBOWED BEFORE THE POUNDING...

MEANWHILE, LIEUTENANT STRONG'S GRUDGE FORGOTTEN, HE HAD STARTED PECKING AT THOSE GIANT WAR-BIRDS.

AND STILL THEY CAME... SMASHING... SMASHING... SMASHING!



I'VE GOT TWO OF THEM ALREADY... AND THAT WON'T BE ALL!

AND BELOW, THE STARBOARD SPOTTER WAS SCREAMING...

LOOK AT STRONG GO! HE JUST SOCKED ANOTHER ONE!

THE BOYS GOT GUTS... HIS FATHER WOULD BE PROUD OF HIM NOW.

LOOK AT HIM CHASE THAT ONE... COME ON, MEN - GET THOSE GUNS BARKING!



SOME WERE DOWNED, BUT MANY GOT THROUGH... AND NOW THE SHIP WAS A BURNING INFERNO.

THEN A BANZAI FOOL WAS SCREAMING...

MY CHANCE TO ADD FAME TO MY ANCESTORS' ILLUSTRIOUS NAME!



DOWN HE PLUNGED... STRUCK HARD... OLD IRONSIDES SPLIT WIDE OPEN...

AND FROM THE SUB'S CONNING TOWER SOUNDED THE VICTORY SHOUTS...

WE HAVE WON... THE SHIP IS SINKING... BUT THAT YANKEE PLANE IS ESCAPING!



THE FIGHT WAS OVER. STRONG HAD DONE HIS BEST... SO NOW HE FLED. BUT A BULLET HAD CREASED HIS FOREHEAD, HIS GAS TANK MARKER FLUTTERED ON EMPTY. AND NOTHING BUT WATER BELOW!

WHAT'S THE USE? I HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE. WHAT'S THAT?

A SIGNAL BEAM! BUT NO SHIPS IN THIS AREA... WHAT CAN IT MEAN?

THEN SUDDENLY A RADIO VOICE WAS CALLING...

COME IN, LIEUT. STRONG—
COME IN!

IT'S A CARRIER—AND A FIGURE WAVING ME IN—WHY—IT CAN'T BE! BUT IT IS—IT'S OLD IRONSIDES!

AND SECONDS LATER, HE WAS LANDING ON THE SHIP HE HAD SEEN GO DOWN... HEARD VOICES OF MEN HE KNEW HAD DIED...

TAKE IT EASY, BOY... WE'RE GOING TO HELP YOU. I TOLD YOU THE OLD MAN ALWAYS LIKED YOU!

SURE, PHIL... I WAS JUST GIVING YOU THE SAME TREATMENT YOUR FATHER GAVE ME. THAT'S THE WAY HE WANTED IT! BUT MAYBE I DID POUR IT ON A LITTLE TOO HEAVY!

WAS IT THE WIND WHISTLING THROUGH THE PROP THAT HUMMED THOSE WORDS IN HIS DEAD-ENED MIND? WAS IT THE MONOTONOUS COUGHING OF A DYING MOTOR THAT FORMED THOSE SHADOWS BEFORE HIS WEARY EYES?"

THE OLD MAN WAS GIVING YOU THOSE TOUGH ASSIGNMENTS SO HE COULD RECOMMEND YOU FOR PROMOTION...

AND I LET HIM DOWN... I QUIT...

WE INSTALLED AN EMERGENCY TANK, CAPTAIN. WE'LL HAVE IT FILLED IN A JIFFY.

GOOD, WE'RE READY TO TAKE OFF.

THERE, STRONG, EVERYTHING'S JAKE. I'LL GO ALONG WITH YOU FOR ANYHILE.

I'M TAKING YOU BACK, LIEUTENANT—THEY NEED YOU THERE.

YOU DID PROVE YOURSELF, PHIL... YOU BATTLED THOSE BOMBERS LIKE A REAL HERO. YOUR FATHER AND I WILL BOTH BE PROUD OF YOU. SO LONG.

AND SOON, ON THE DECK OF THE LEXINGTON.

IT'S ONE OF OUR PLANES, CAPTAIN!

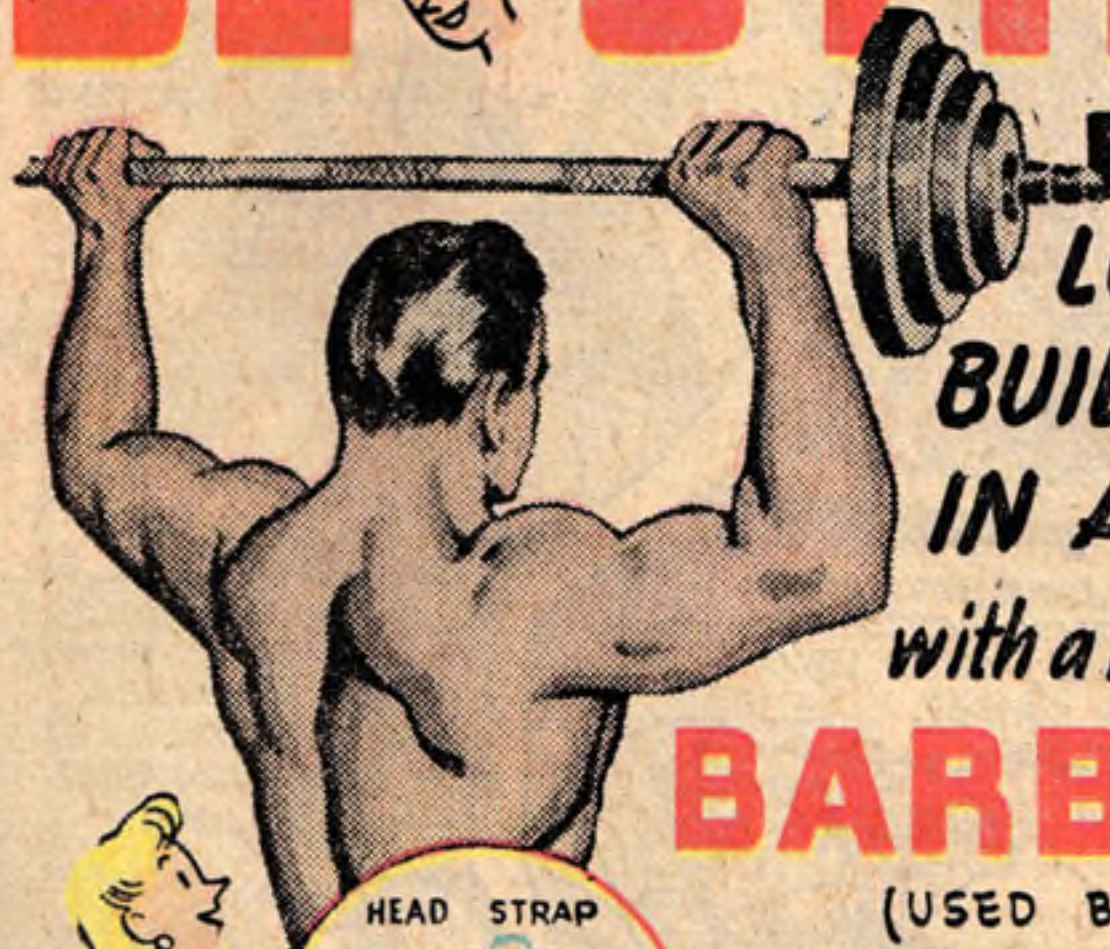
BUT WHERE DID IT COME FROM? OUR REPORT SAID OLD IRONSIDES WENT DOWN THREE HUNDRED MILES FROM HERE!

YOU SAW THE SHIP SINK... FOUGHT THE JAPS, YET MADE IT HERE, LIEUTENANT?

THAT'S RIGHT... BUT I NEVER WOULD HAVE WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE OLD MAN'S GHOST... AND HIS SHIP.

"AN UNBELIEVABLE STORY! STRONG WAS OUT OF HIS HEAD!" THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID. BUT NONE HAVE YET BEEN ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE BLOODY BANDAGE AROUND HIS HEAD OR HOW HIS GAS TANK WAS STILL FULL AFTER THAT LONG FLIGHT.

BE STRONG!

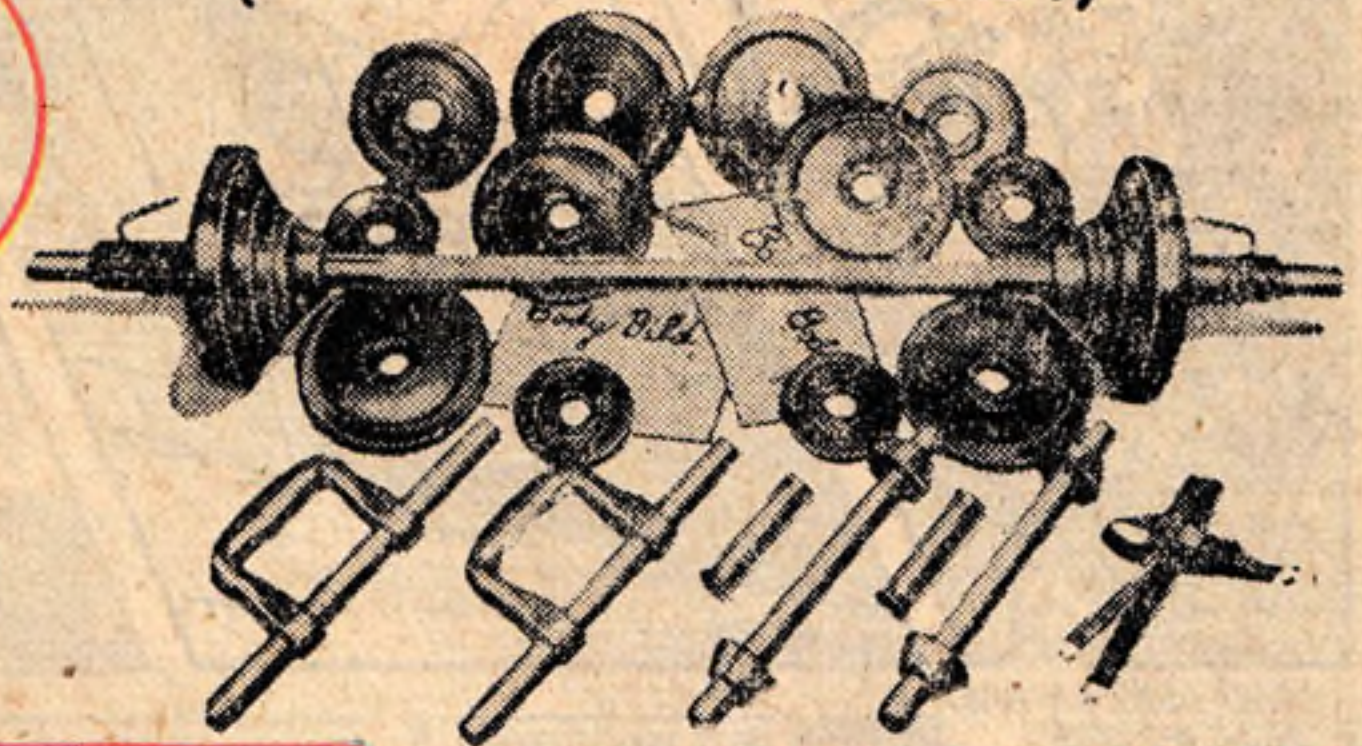


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Pulling Boners

"PULLING BONERS" on stamps, as described in a previous article, is the making of embarrassing mistakes by engravers who produce the designs which appear on stamps. In spite of careful research into old pictures and records these mistakes continue to occur and in the following paragraphs some of the recent "boners" are explained.

In 1933, Canada issued a 5-cent stamp to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first passage under steam by the steamship Royal William. This vessel was a paddle wheeler, whereas the engraver unwittingly shows the Royal William to be a screw-propeller type of ship.

A really embarrassing mistake or prize "boner", occurred on the Soviet Russian stamp of 1936, issued in commemoration of the 100th birthday of Nicolai Dobrolubov, a famous Russian revolutionary writer and critic. The portrait on the stamp shows Nicolai Dobrolubov, however, beneath his portrait appears the caption A. N. Dobrolubov, the name of a mystical religious poet who is detested by the Communists.

On the stamps of Gambia, the British colony in West Africa, there appeared in the 1922 issue a picture of an elephant with its hind legs formed like those of a horse. Elephants have only two rear leg joints whereas a horse has more than two. Stamp collectors called attention to this error and it was widely published. However, in 1938 when the new series of stamps showing King George VI appeared, the same elephant with the faulty legs was reproduced.

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The Australian commemorative set of 1937, issued on the 150th anniversary of the founding of New South Wales, depicts Governor Phillip landing at Sydney Cove in 1788 wearing epaulettes on his shoulder. According to the author of British Naval Customs and Traditions, epaulettes were not worn on uniforms until 1795.

Another error was the one detected by New Zealand stamp collectors who discovered that the 1-pence stamp of the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce issue of 1936, showing a truck, carried a license plate number valid only for passenger cars.

The GHOST Gallery

THE CAR RACED WILDLY THROUGH THE NIGHT... TWO PEOPLE FROM THE LIFE THAT WAS... HURRYING TO UNVEIL THE FUTURE..

III
"FLEE THE PHANTOMS!"

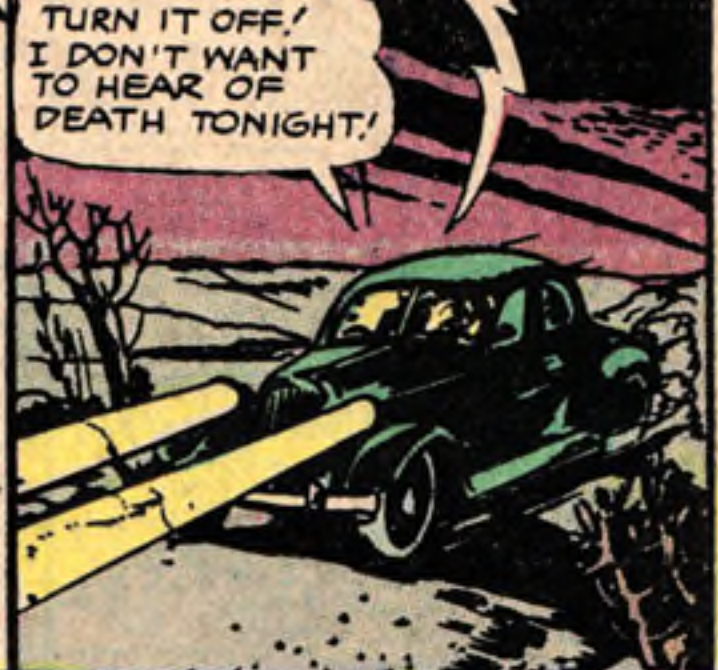
WON'T WE EVER GET THERE, HOWARD? THE TRIP SEEMS ENDLESS.

PERHAPS SOME MUSIC WILL MAKE IT PASS FASTER... LISTEN... IT'S A NEWS BROADCAST.

NOW FOR A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE NEWS... LEILA D'ADORR, FAMOUS ACTRESS, BURNED TO DEATH IN FIRE AT STRAND THEATRE IN SAN FRANCISCO...

... SENATOR PAYNE KILLED BY FALL FROM HORSE AT HIS HOME IN MIAMI... BALDY DANA, GANGSTER, FACES HANGMAN TONIGHT AT DEER LODGE, MONTANA...

TURN IT OFF! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR OF DEATH TONIGHT!



...HE SNAPPED IT OFF... THEY RODE IN SILENCE... WHEN SUDDENLY...



STOP! THERE'S A ROADBLOCK AHEAD... STOP!

TOO LATE THE WARNING... A SICKENING CRASH SPLIT THE STILLNESS



AND SECONDS LATER...

I'LL BE BACK THELDA! I'LL HAVE TO GET HELP TO MOVE THE CAR!



THEN HE SCRAMBLED TO THE ROAD, AND SOON...



A BUS! SOMEONE IN IT WILL HELP ME!

SECONDS LATER...

COME ON... CLIMB ABOARD! WE'VE GOT TO KEEP ON SCHEDULE.



BUT A GIRL'S PINNED UNDER A CAR! SHE'S DYING! I NEED HELP!

BUT HE WAS PUSHED ON BOARD, WITH PROTESTS UNHEEDED. FOR SECONDS HE STOOD DAZED AND BLINKING...



BETTER RIDE ON...NEXT STOP...GET HELP...I MUST BE HURT...THESE LIGHTS KEEP BLINKING...FACES LOOK SO QUEER.

BUT ALTHOUGH NONE OF THE PASSENGERS OFFERED TO LEAVE THE BUS TO HELP... HE SAW SYMPATHY IN THEIR FACES... HEARD THEM SPEAKING SORROWFULLY...



WE'RE STARTING AGAIN. YOU'D BETTER SIT DOWN!

THE NEXT STOP IS A LONG RIDE, KID!

MY FRIENDS... WILL THEY RECOGNIZE ME?

THERE'S A VACANT SEAT!

HEAD FEELS DIZZY. SUCH ROTTEN LUCK... I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THE MAIN ROAD...



LUCK? LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO ME! I'M SENATOR PAYNE. I WENT HOME FOR A REST...TOOK AN EARLY MORNING CANTER...



YOU CAN MAKE THAT EASILY... GO ON, BOY!



HE MADE IT, BUT I DIDN'T... SO THAT'S WHY I'M RIDING THIS BUS NOW!!



I'M LEILA D'ADORR, THE FAMOUS ACTRESS... DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT LUCK...I WAS IN MY DRESSING ROOM...



YOU'RE SMOKING TOO MUCH, LEILA. IT MIGHT HURT YOUR THROAT!



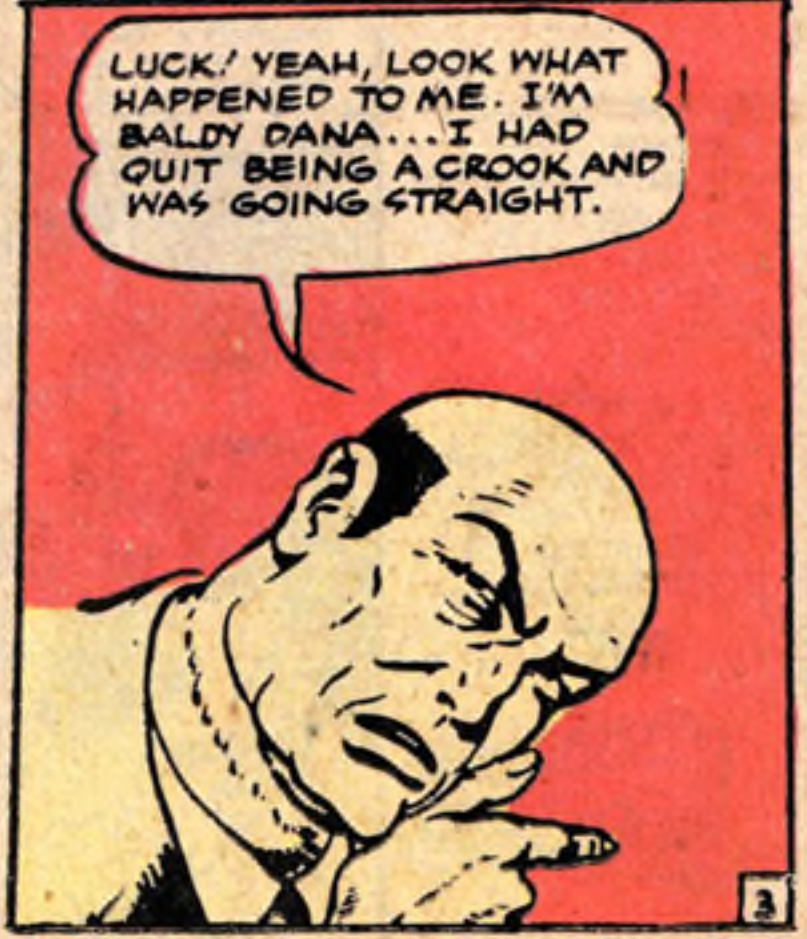
ARE YOU TELLING ME WHAT TO DO? REMEMBER YOUR PLACE...



WHEN I TURNED, THE FLAME FROM MY LIGHTER TOUCHED THAT BENZENE CAN... I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO GET OUT.



LUCK! YEAH, LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO ME. I'M BALDY DANA... I HAD QUIT BEING A CROOK AND WAS GOING STRAIGHT.



"I WENT INTO THE BANK TO DEPOSIT MY DOUGH, WHEN I SAW..."

TRYING TO KICK THAT ALARM, EH, KID? THEN TAKE IT!



"I RAN OUTSIDE AFTER THE CROOKS, AND LIKE A FOOL PICKED UP THE GUN THEY'D DROPPED."

"THEN THE COPS GRABBED ME... THE DEATH BULLET FITTED THE GUN. THE CASE WAS CUT AND DRIED!"



WAIT! WAIT! LEILA D'ADORR BURNED TO DEATH... SENATOR PAYNE KILLED BY FALL FROM HORSE. BALDY DANA SENT TO THE GALLOWES TONIGHT... I HEARD IT ALL ON THE RADIO!

THE REALIZATION STRUCK HIM... HE LEAPED TO HIS FEET IN FRENZY... RUSHED TO THE DOOR...



LET ME OUT! LET ME OUT! YOU'RE ALL DEAD... STOP THE BUS! LET ME OUT!



STOP THAT! COME, HAND OVER THE TICKETS YOU BOUGHT FOR THE GIRL AND YOURSELF!

TICKETS? GIRL? WHAT GIRL?



HE MEANS ME, HOWARD. I'VE BEEN SITTING IN THE REAR ALL THIS TIME!

THELDA...HOW DID YOU GET HERE? WHERE ARE WE?

I DON'T WANT TO RIDE WITH THEM! I WANT TO LIVE! PLEASE, HOWARD, DON'T LET THEM TAKE US!



HE CLUTCHED HER... FOUGHT HIS WAY TOWARD THE DOOR...

STOP THIS BUS! STOP IT!



NO ONE EVER GETS OFF!

BUT YOU CAN'T LEAVE NOW...WE WON'T LET YOU!



BUT HE WOULDN'T LISTEN...

STOP THIS BUS... YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE US!

SORRY, MISTER...NO STOPS UNTIL WE REACH THE JUNCTION!



HE FOUGHT PAST THE DRIVER, YANKED AT THE WHEEL...

YOU WILL STOP! I'LL MAKE YOU!

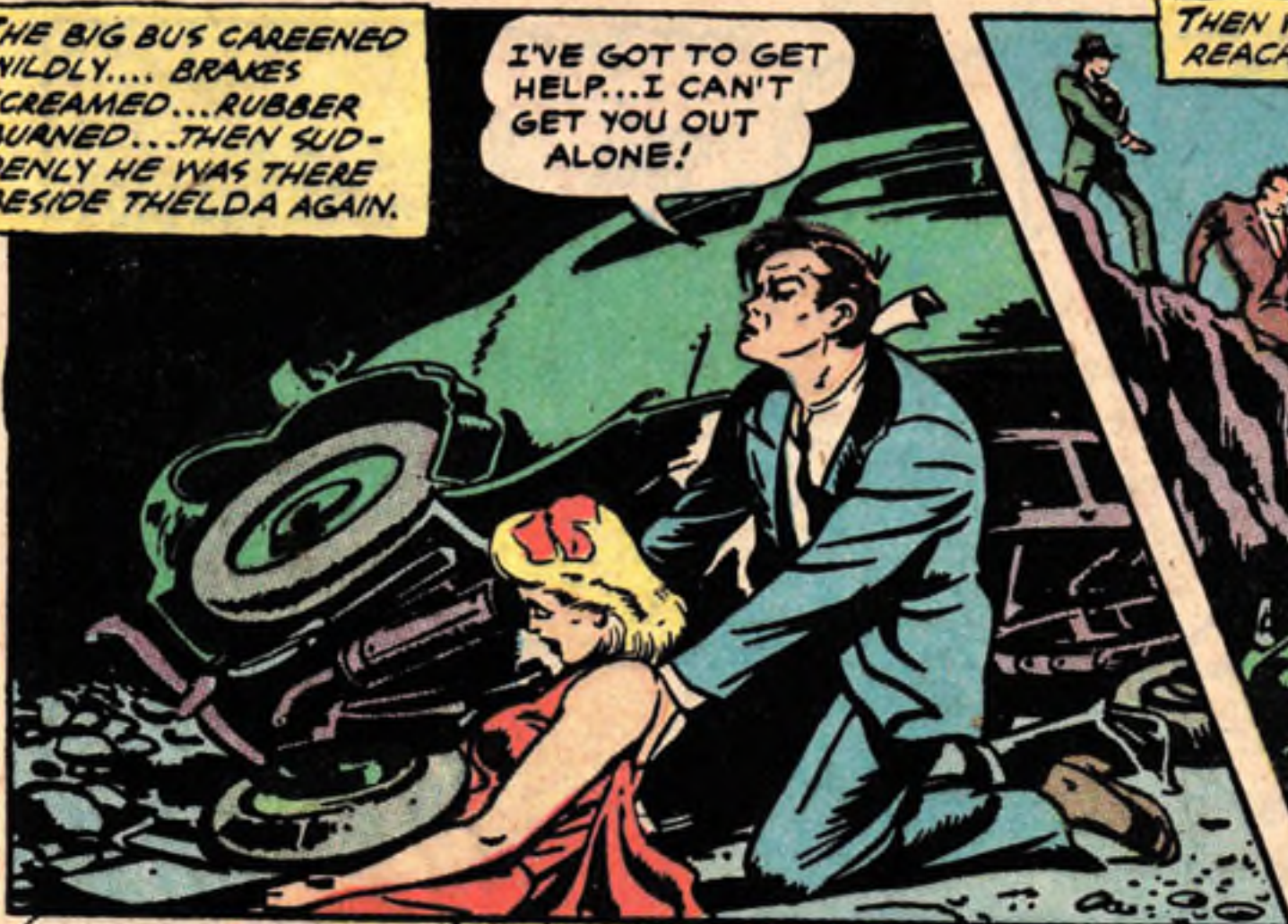
THE BIG BUS CAREENED WILDLY... BRAKES SCREAMED... RUBBER BURNED... THEN SUDDENLY HE WAS THERE BESIDE THELDA AGAIN.

I'VE GOT TO GET HELP... I CAN'T GET YOU OUT ALONE!

THEN WELCOME SHOUTS REACHED HIS EARS.

CAN YOU SEE THEM? ARE THEY ALIVE?

THIS WAY... THERE'S THE CAR!



ALL RIGHT, OLD MAN, TAKE IT EASY!

OKAY, FELLOWS... ALL TOGETHER, LIFT!

GET THIS MAN TO THE HOSPITAL IMMEDIATELY... THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO FOR THE GIRL!



LATER, IN THE HOSPITAL, GHOSTLY FORMS SUDDENLY CAME CREEPING AROUND HIS BEDSIDE...

GODDBYE, HOWARD DEAR!

COME, IT'S GETTING LATE!

THELDA'S GOING WITH US. NOW AREN'T YOU SORRY YOU GOT OFF?



HOWARD SWEARS HE WAS ON THAT BUS THAT RUNS FROM THE PRESENT INTO THE PAST... AND THE PEOPLE HE SAW AND THE THINGS THEY SAID WERE AS REAL TO HIM AS THE AUTO CRASH THAT STOLE HIS SWEETHEART'S LIFE!

THE END

The GHOST Gallery

BY DREW MURDOCH

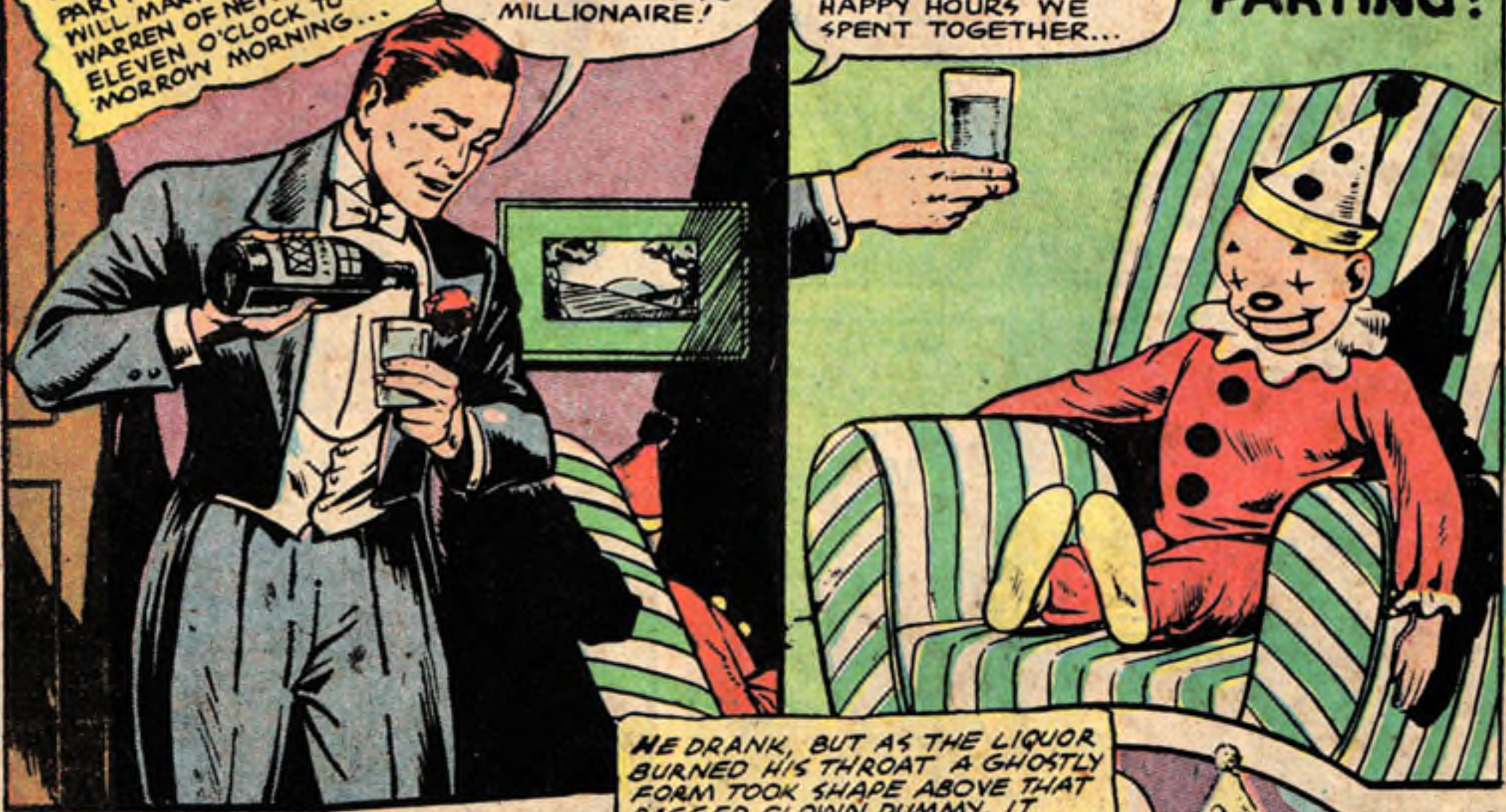
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"THE PARTING!"

MR. RUSSELL BURKE OF THIS CITY WILL BE HOST TO HIS GENTLEMEN FRIENDS AT A BACHELOR PARTY THIS EVENING. HE WILL MARRY MISS JANICE WARREN OF NEWPORT AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING...

ONE LAST DRINK TO BURY THE PAST AND TOAST THE FUTURE... FOR TOMORROW RUSS BURKE GRADUATES FROM PAUPER TO MILLIONAIRE!

...I'M FORGETTING SOMETHING... HERE'S TO YOU, MR. JERRY DINGLE, AND THE HAPPY HOURS WE SPENT TOGETHER...



HE DRANK, BUT AS THE LIQUOR BURNED HIS THROAT A GHOSTLY FORM TOOK SHAPE ABOVE THAT RAGGED CLOWN DUMMY. IT SEEMED TO ANSWER HIM...

...I'M TAKING ON A NEW PARTNER, JERRY... MISS JANICE WARREN. SO IT'S THE ASH CAN FOR YOU, OLD MAN...

OH, SO YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE ME THE AIR, EH, RUSS? BUT YOU CAN'T GET ALONG WITHOUT ME... REMEMBER WHEN WE JOINED UP?



"IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO... YOU WERE JOBLESS, FRIENDLESS AND ALMOST BROKE... TRUDGING ALONG SECOND AVENUE..."

ONLY FOUR BITS IN MY POCKET... AND NOT A THING IN THE WORLD I CAN HOCK... GOSH... THAT DUMMY!



QUEER LITTLE DEVIL. I'D ALMOST SWEAR IT'S BEGGING ME TO BUY HIM. AND WHY NOT? FOUR BITS WON'T GET ME ANYWHERE!



WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, MISTER?

LET'S SEE THAT DUMMY IN THE WINDOW. WHAT'S IT WORTH?



IT ONCE BELONGED TO MR. JERIMIAH DINGLE, THE FAMOUS VENTRILOQUIST. FOR TWO DOLLARS IT'S YOURS!



I'LL GIVE YOU HALF A BUCK... THAT'S ALL I'VE GOT. IS IT A DEAL?

I'LL TAKE, MISTER! AND I HOPE IT BRINGS YOU BETTER LUCK THAN IT BROUGHT ME.



"YOU GRABBED ME AND TURNED TO GO. MAD AT YOURSELF FOR HAVING BOUGHT ME..."

I'M THE WORLD'S BIGGEST FOOL... THROWING AWAY THE PRICE OF A MEAL ON YOU!



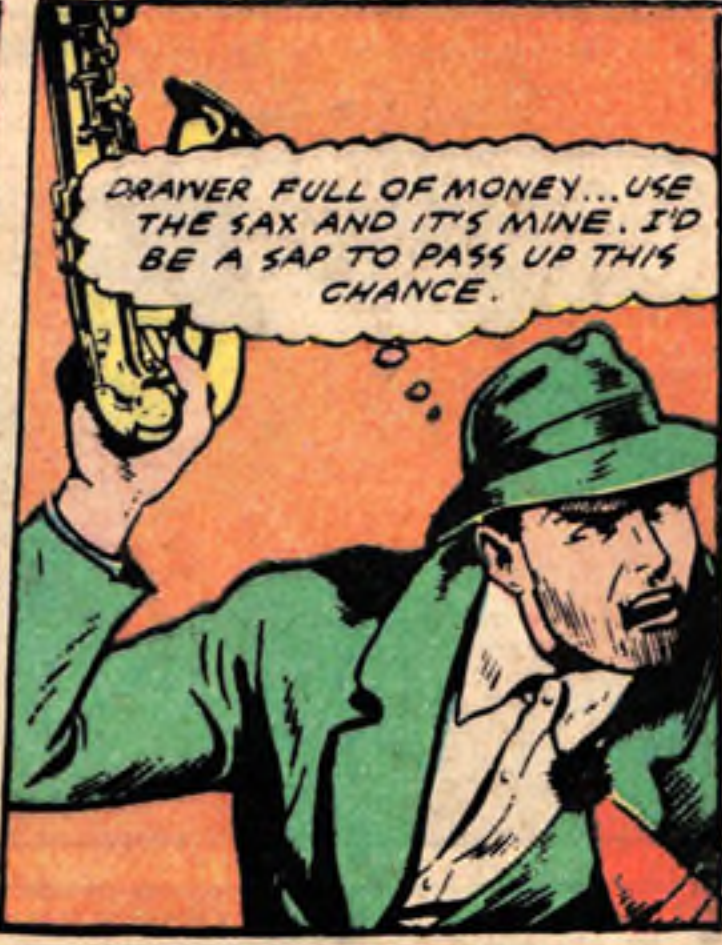
"REMEMBER HOW I ANSWERED YOU THEN, RUSS? THE OLD MAN'S GOT A DRAWER FULL OF MONEY BEHIND THE COUNTER. USE THAT SAX, RUSS! THAT'S WHAT I TOLD YOU TO DO."



"AT FIRST, YOU WERE TOO STARTLED TO HEAR ME TALK TO GET THE DRIFT OF WHAT I SAID..."



AM I HEARING THINGS? MUST BE GOING BATTY FOR WANT OF A SQUARE MEAL... BUT WAIT...



DRAWER FULL OF MONEY... USE THE SAX AND IT'S MINE. I'D BE A SAP TO PASS UP THIS CHANCE.



"JUST ONE SMACK AND IT WAS ALL FINISHED, RUSS... YOU'D NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM TESTIFYING AGAINST YOU..."



"AND YOU FOUND THE DOUGH, RUSS. JUST LIKE I TOLD YOU."



THAT'S HOW IT STARTED. REMEMBER, RUSS? WE'VE HAD EASY PICKING EVER SINCE.

YEAH... BUT THAT'S ALL OVER NOW, MR. DINGLE. I'M GETTING RID OF YOU!



YOU BRING UP MEMORIES I WANT TO FORGET! I'M GOING TO SMASH YOU INTO A THOUSAND PIECES! BUT... AFTER ALL... THERE'S NO HURRY!

THANKS FOR THE REPRIEVE, RUSS... SAY...
REMEMBER HOW I TAUGHT YOU HOW TO
USE ME. YOU LEARNED FAST, RUSS...
SOON WE WERE PLAYING FOR DINNER
PARTIES...



"YOU HITCHED UP WITH A MOB...
THE REST WAS EASY..."

I'LL LEAVE THIS
WINDOW OPEN...
WAIT FOR MY
SIGNAL...



"AND SOON..."

HERE HE IS, FOLKS...
THE ONE AND ONLY
JERRY DINGLE.

GLAD TO MEET ALL
YOU NICE PEOPLE. I
WISH SOME OF MY
FRIENDS WERE HERE...



"WHEN THE GANG HEARD
ME SPEAK, THEY RUSHED
IN!"

JUST KEEP
QUIET AND
NO ONE WILL
GET HURT!



DON'T YOU DARE TAKE
THAT NECKLACE!

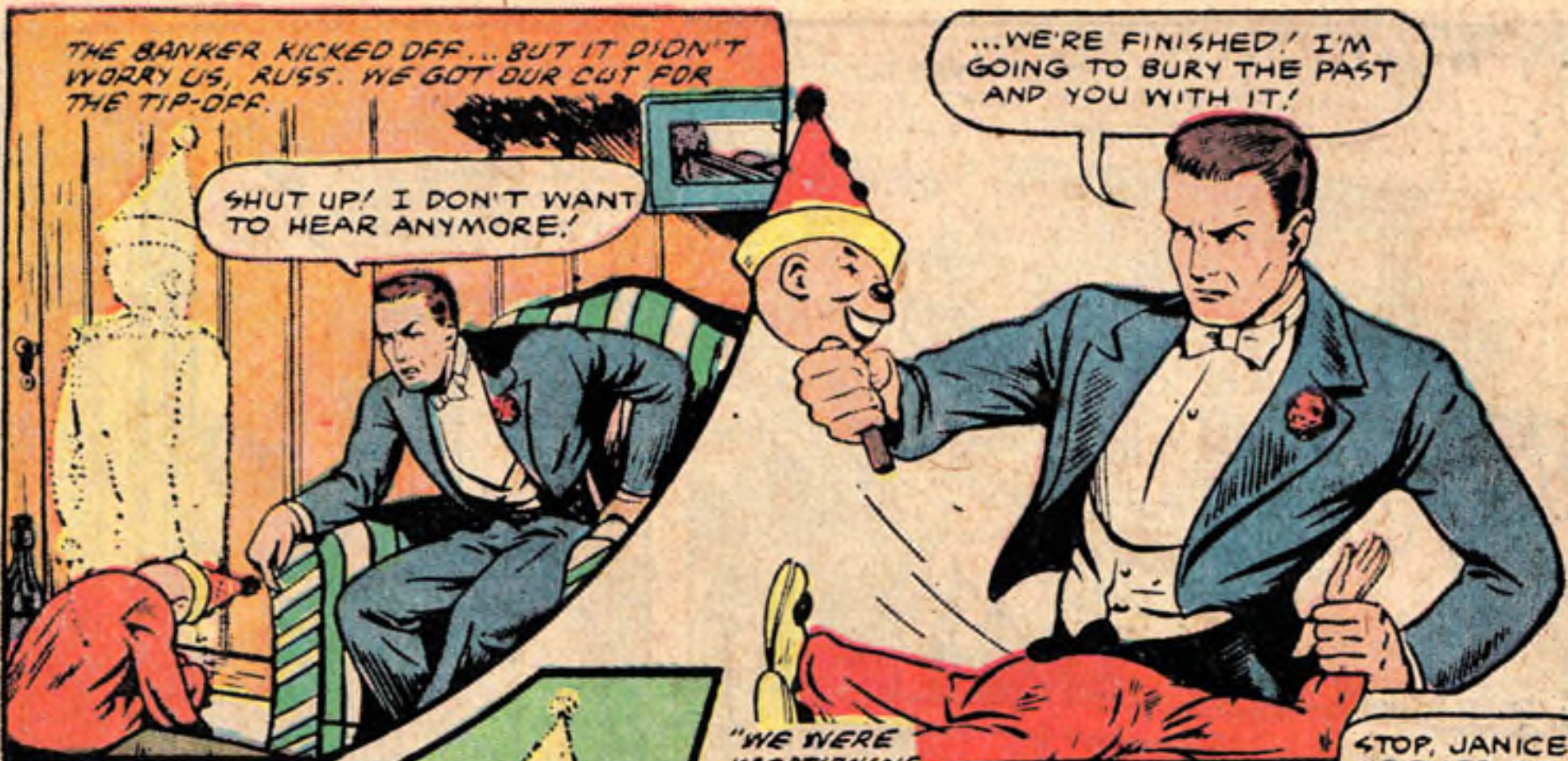
I TOLD YOU TO SHUT
UP, DIDN'T I? THIS
WILL MAKE YOU!



THE BANKER KICKED OFF... BUT IT DIDN'T WORRY US, RUSS. WE GOT OUR CUT FOR THE TIP-OFF.

SHUT UP! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANYMORE!

...WE'RE FINISHED! I'M GOING TO BURY THE PAST AND YOU WITH IT!



BUT YOU CAN'T DO THAT, RUSS. YOU'RE GOING TO NEED ME... LIKE YOU DID WHEN YOU FIRST MET JANICE...



"WE WERE VACATIONING AT THE LAKE WHEN..."

STOP, JANICE, NEITHER OF US CAN SWIM.

HELLO THERE, MR. BURKE. HOW ABOUT INVITING US FOR A RIDE?

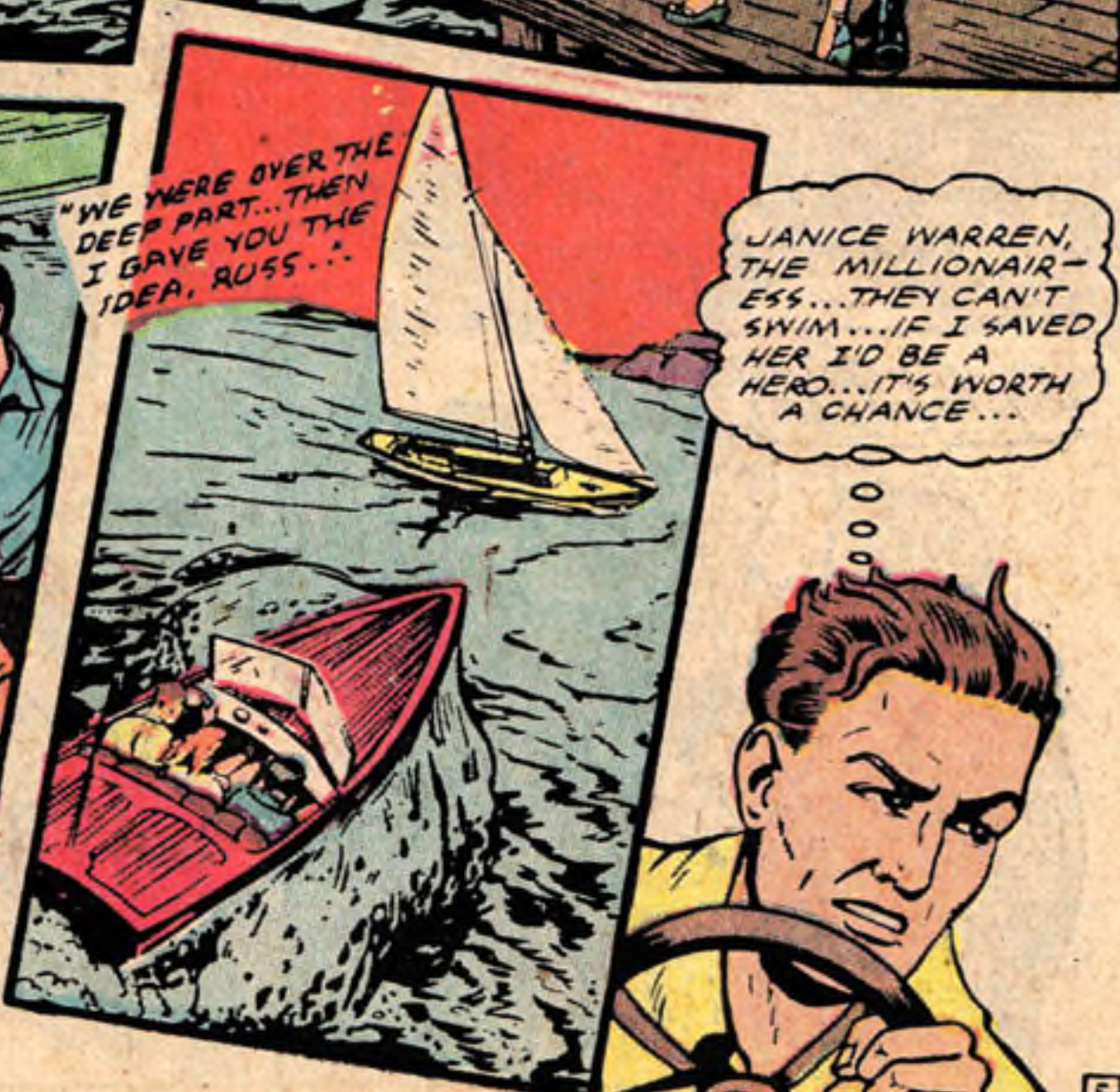


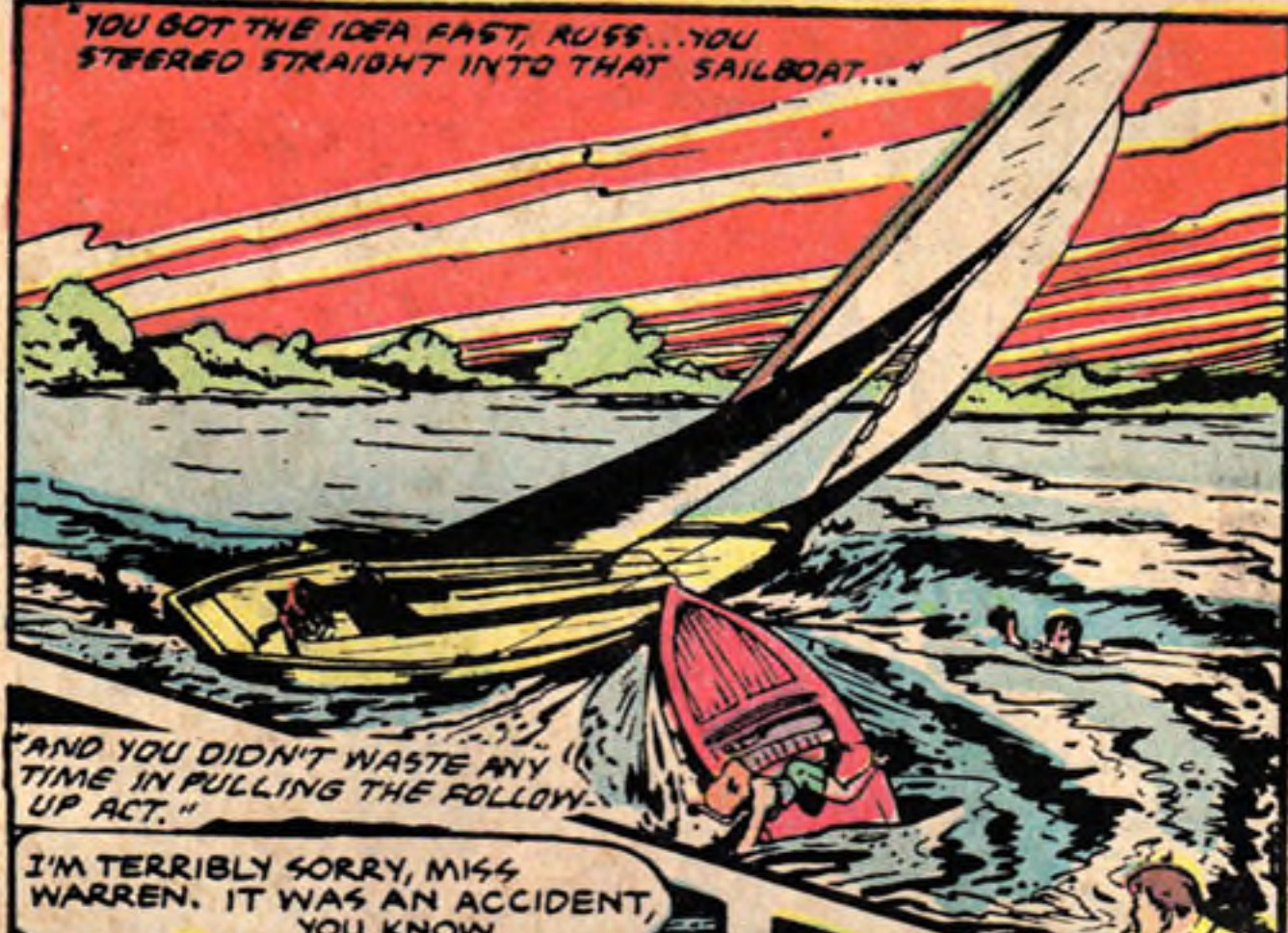
"WE WERE OVER THE DEEP PART... THEN I GAVE YOU THE IDEA, RUSS..."

JANICE WARREN, THE MILLIONAIRESS... THEY CAN'T SWIM... IF I SAVED HER I'D BE A HERO... IT'S WORTH A CHANCE...

HOP IN, FOLKS. AND DON'T WORRY... IT'S SAFE!

COME ON, BEN. DON'T BE A SCARECAT!





"YOU GOT THE IDEA FAST, RUSS... YOU STEERED STRAIGHT INTO THAT SAILBOAT..."

"AND YOU DIDN'T WASTE ANY TIME IN PULLING THE FOLLOW-UP ACT."

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, MISS WARREN. IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, YOU KNOW.

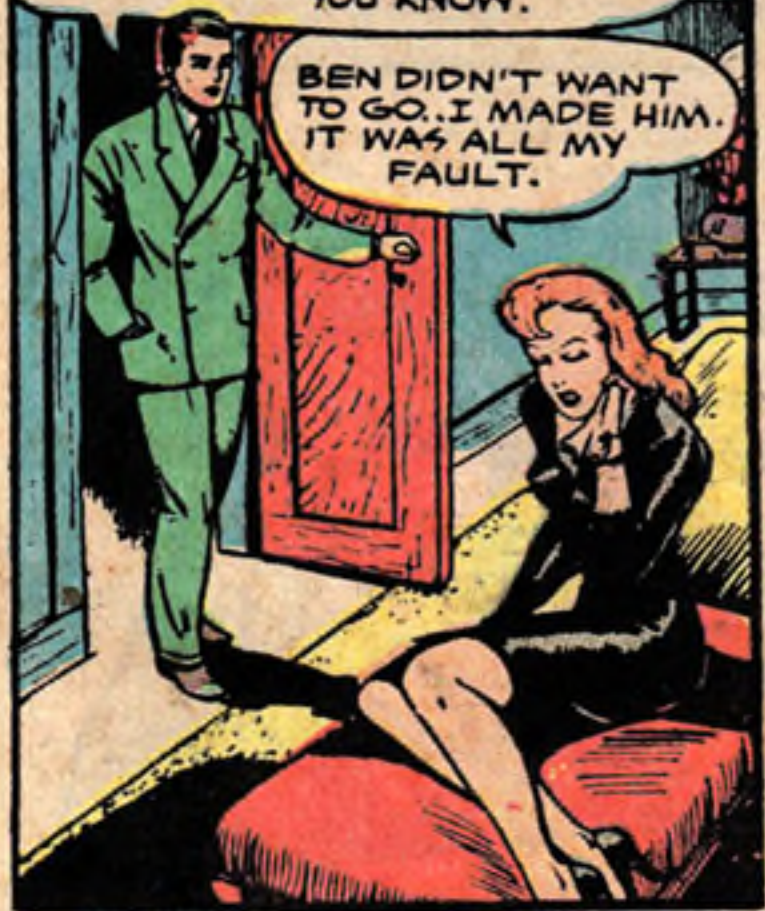
BEN DIDN'T WANT TO GO.. I MADE HIM. IT WAS ALL MY FAULT.

"JANICE DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE... YOU PLAYED YOUR CARDS CAGEY. AND SOON SHE'LL BE YOUR WIFE!"



"THE BOY SANK LIKE A ROCK.. BUT YOU GRABBED JANICE JUST AS YOU PLANNED!"

THE GHOSTLY VOICE WAS STILLED. RUSS SAT STARING ACROSS AT THE BROKEN DUMMY... WHEN SUDDENLY THE DOOR BURST OPEN...



WHY, YOU...



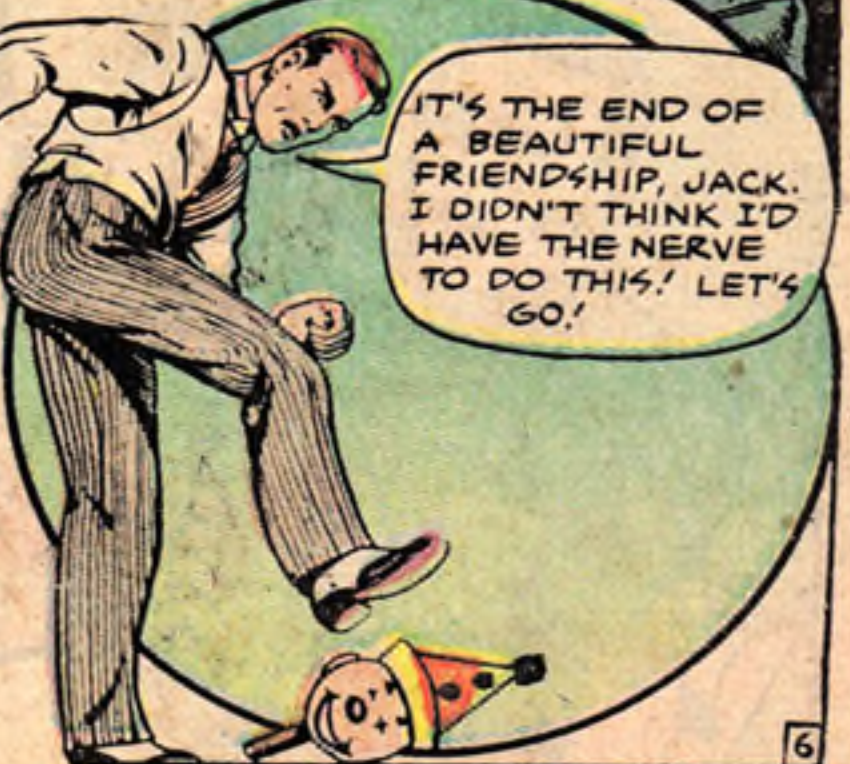
HEY, RUSS... WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? BET YOU GOT DRUNK AND FELL ASLEEP. HURRY UP AND CHANGE. IN ONE HOUR THE WEDDING BELLS START RINGING.

OH, IT'S YOU, JACK... MY BEST MAN!



WHAT'S THIS CRAZY LOOKING THING? LOOKS LIKE A VENTRILOQUIST'S STOUGE.

OH, THAT... GIVE IT HERE...



IT'S THE END OF A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP, JACK. I DIDN'T THINK I'D HAVE THE NERVE TO DO THIS! LET'S GO!

SO NOW HE HAD DONE IT! THE BROKEN DUMMY LAY BACK THERE, HIS ROOM A MONUMENT TO HIS FORGOTTEN PAST... EVERYTHING WAS ROSY!

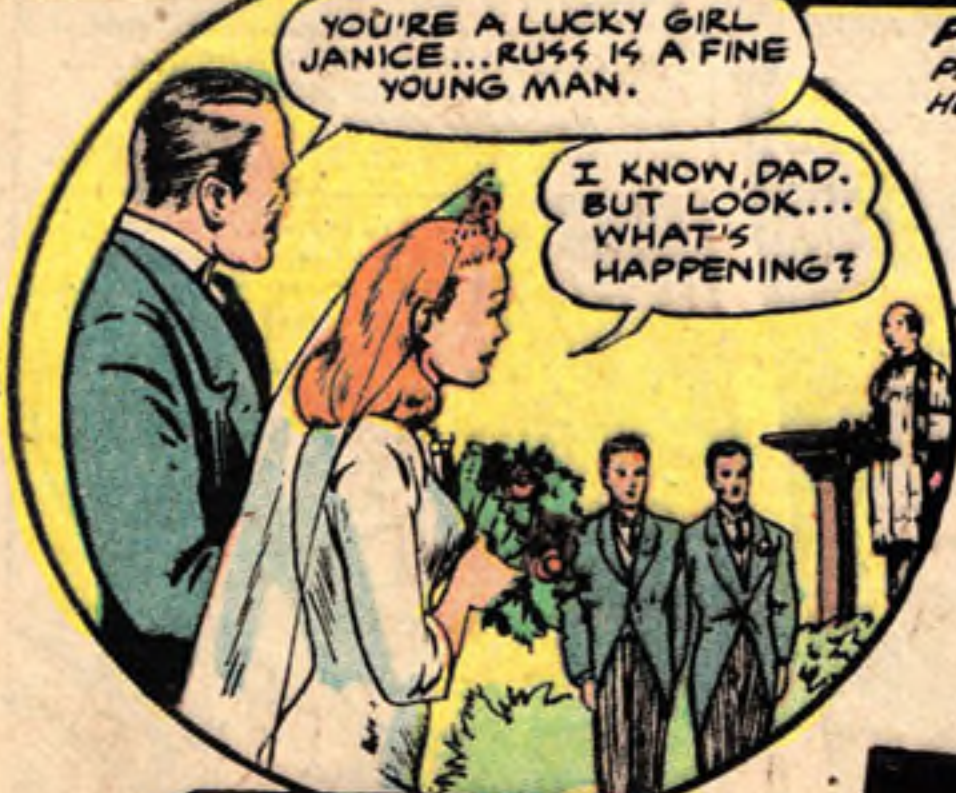


THE WEDDING MARCH SOUNDED... AND FIFTY MILLION BUCKS CAME MARCHING DOWN THE AISLE...



YOU'RE A LUCKY GIRL JANICE... RUSS IS A FINE YOUNG MAN.

I KNOW, DAD. BUT LOOK... WHAT'S HAPPENING?



FOR SUDDENLY HIS FACE TURNED PALE... FEAR GRIPPED HIS HEART! HE SCREAMED IN TERROR.

JERRY! LET ME ALONE, JERRY. WHY DID YOU BRING THOSE DEAD ONES HERE?



STOP YELLING, RUSS! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

LOOK... THERE'S MR. DINGLE WITH THE PAWNBROKER, THE BANKER AND THE BOY!



HUSH, RUSS... I'VE COME TO PERFORM THE CEREMONY!...



WHAT'S THE MATTER, RUSS... YOU FORGOT TO INVITE US TO THE WEDDING, DIDN'T YOU? BUT WE CAME, RUSS... WE CAME...

WHY RUSS, YOU LOOK SCARED... WE'RE FRIENDS... WE WON'T HURT YOU!

GO AWAY! YOU'RE GOING TO SPOIL EVERYTHING... GO AWAY!

SCREAMING CURSES AT JERRY AND THE OTHERS, HE TURNED AND FLED...

NOW HE WAS BLIND TO THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM... DEAF TO THEIR SHOUTS...

LOOK OUT, RUSS... LOOK OUT FOR THAT TRUCK!

TAKE THEM AWAY FROM ME! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!

RUSSELL BURKE, AGE TWENTY SEVEN, RAN IN FRONT OF TRUCK... NOW YOUR NAMES.

A THUD... A SCREAM OF PAIN AND TERROR... AND SECONDS LATER...

MORNING GLOBE = MAN KILLED OUTSIDE CHURCH ON WEDDING DAY...

RUSSELL BURKE WAS STANDING AT THE ALTAR WAITING FOR HIS BRIDE WHEN HE SUDDENLY SUFFERED FROM WHAT APPEARED TO BE HALLUCINATIONS. HE SHRIEKED AND RACED OUT OF THE CHURCH INTO THE PATH OF A TRUCK. AMONG HIS EFFECTS WERE THE PIECES OF WHAT RESEMBLED A VENTRILOQUIST'S DUMMY...



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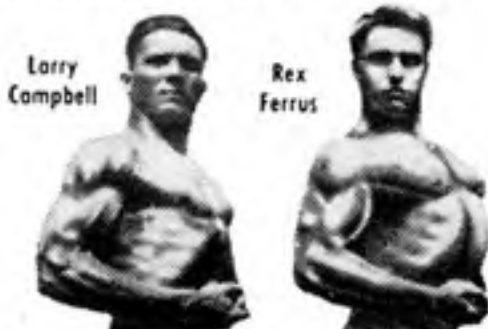
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