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THE WIZARD
THE MAN WITH THE
SUPER-BRAIN

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ON MARS
WINGS JOHNSON
OF THE AIR PATROL
THE
WESTPONTER

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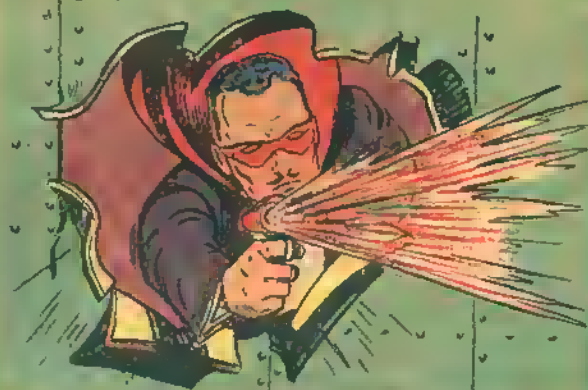
RUSH Coupon for MAMMOTH CATALOG

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HE SOLVES ALL PLOTS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT,
BUT THE PLOTTERS CANNOT SOLVE HIS PLOT AGAINST THEM!

WIZARD

THE MAN WITH THE SUPER-BRAIN



THE WIZARD HAS BEEN OF INCALCULABLE AID TO THE U.S. FOR, WITH HIS SUPER-BRAIN AND PHOTOGRAPHIC MIND HE IS ABLE TO VISUALIZE FAR AWAY HAPPENINGS. WITH THESE MENTAL POWERS, AND HIS SUPER STRENGTH, HE FERRETS OUT PLOTS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

BUT NOW HE IS CALLED UPON TO FRUSTRATE THE MOST GIGANTIC SCHEME AGAINST OUR DEMOCRACY THAT HISTORY HAS EVER KNOWN.

THE SITUATION IS SO FRAUGHT WITH PERIL THAT EVEN THE WIZARD SEEMS HELPLESS TO STEM THE TIDE OF DESTRUCTION.

WHAT WILL THE OUTCOME BE?

IN THE HOME OF BLANE WHITNEY, MILLIONAIRE PLAY BOY

I'M SORRY BLANE BUT THIS MUST BE GOOD-BYE. I'VE MET THE ONLY MAN I COULD EVER CARE FOR.

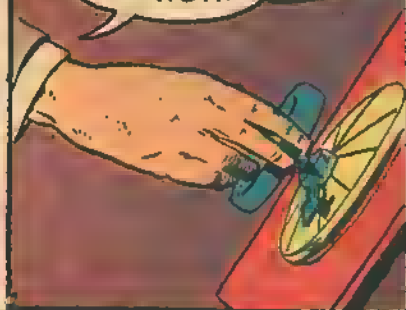
BUT, BUT JEAN!

THE WIZARD!

THAT'S IRONY, ALL RIGHT. SHE'S IN LOVE WITH ME, AND DOESN'T KNOW IT.

THERE'S THE SIGNAL GROVER MUST WANT TO TALK TO ME!

WONDER WHAT'S UP NOW.



AS THE WIZARD LIFTS THE PHONE!



THE WIZARD'S SUPER-STRENGTH SAVES HIM FROM INSTANT EXTERMINATION!

I'M WEAK AS A KITTEN, IF... IF I CAN ONLY GET TO MY SUPER-CALORIC CAPSULE!

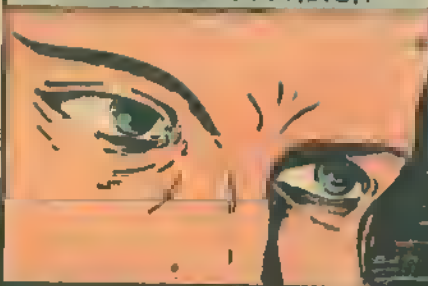


THE WIZARD BARELY MANAGES TO DRAG HIMSELF TO THE DESK WHERE HIS STRENGTH REVIVING CAPSULES ARE KEPT.

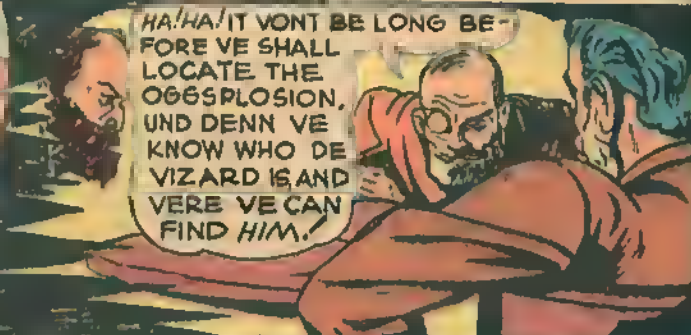
AH! HERE THEY ARE



THE WIZARD'S SUPER BRAIN CONJURES UP A VISION



HA/HA! IT VONT BE LONG BEFORE VE SHALL LOCATE THE OGGSPLOSION, UND DENN VE KNOW WHO DE VIZARD IS, AND VERE VE CAN FIND HIM.



IN ANOTHER ROOM, SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY, AN UNUSUAL DUTY IS BEING PERFORMED!

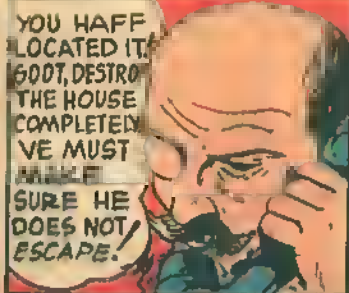
HA! I HAVE LOCATED THE OGGSPLOSION. DE VIZARD MUST LIVE AT MAPLE AND WALNUT STREET.



HE WILL NEVER LEAVE TO KNOW THAT THE OGGSPLOSION WAS WIRED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE NAVAL INTELLIGENCE!

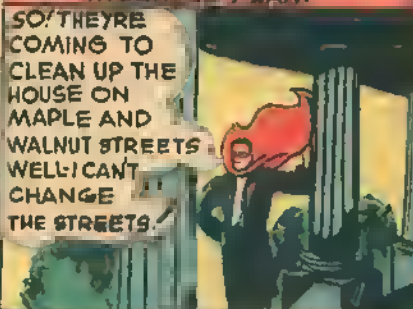
IN THE HOUSE THE WIZARD HAS SEEN WITH HIS SUPER BRAIN!

YOU HAF LOCATED IT, BOOT, DESTROY THE HOUSE COMPLETELY. WE MUST MAKE SURE HE DOES NOT ESCAPE.



THE WIZARD CONTRIVES AN INGENUOUS PLAN.

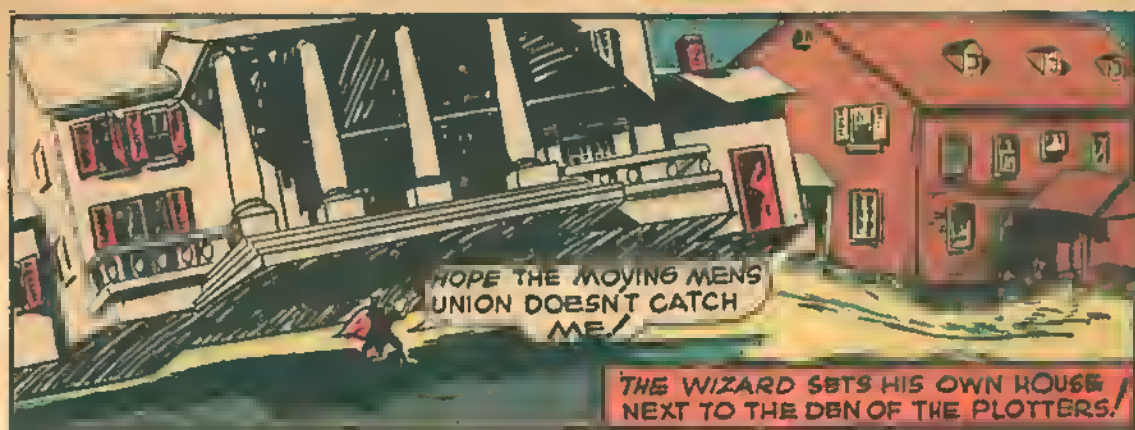
SO THEY'RE COMING TO CLEAN UP THE HOUSE ON MAPLE AND WALNUT STREETS. WELL, I CAN'T CHANGE THE STREETS.



WITH AN INCREDIBLE DISPLAY OF STRENGTH THE WIZARD LIFTS HIS HOUSE



BUT I CAN CHANGE THE HOUSES!



THE PLOTTERS ARE UNAWARE THAT THEIR ENTIRE HOUSE IS ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE MAN THEY THINK IS DESTROYED.

WE CELEBRATED DA VIZARD'S DEATH TO MUCH!

THINGS VOBBLE BEFORE MY EYES ALSO!



THE WIZARD SETS THE SPIES HOUSE DOWN WHERE HIS OWN FORMERLY STOOD.



THE WIZARD'S SCHEME WORKS!!! THE PLOTTERS MISTAKENLY DESTROY THEIR OWN HENCHMEN!

DOT FINISHES THE WIZARD, AND NOW WE REPORT TO THE MASTER!



THE WIZARD'S PHOTOGRAPHIC MIND VISUALIZES HIS BROTHER, THE CHIEF OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE, IN SERIOUS TROUBLE



THE WIZARD HEADS FOR WASHINGTON IN HIS ROCKET PLANE. HE'LL GET BACK TO THE REST OF THOSE PLOTTERS, AS SOON AS I TAKE GROVER FROM THE HANDS OF THOSE FIENDS!



THE WIZARD IS DEAD. NOW VE
DEMOLISH ALL THE STRATEGIC
MILITARY
CENTERS
OF YOUR
COUNTRY!



YOU'RE LYING!
NOTHING
CAN DESTROY
THE
WIZARD!

THE WIZARD CONTACTS GROVER THROUGH HIS
PHOTOGRAPHIC PROJECTION MIND!



NEVER MIND RESCUING ME,
THERE ARE MORE
IMPORTANT THINGS
TO DO FIRST!

IN WASHINGTON, BELOW THE WIZARD'S PLANE, CONGRESS
IS IN SESSION.



WHILE OUTSIDE, THE MOSCONIANS PREPARE TO
DESTROY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT!



A GOVERNMENT
OF, FOR AND
BY THE PEOPLE
VIT NOBODY
TO GOVERN
THEM!

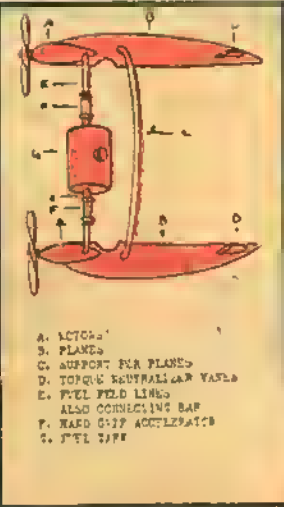
THIS IS WHERE
I GET OFF!



THE WIZARD BAILS OUT AND
SAILS TO EARTH IN HIS
AIROCHUTE!

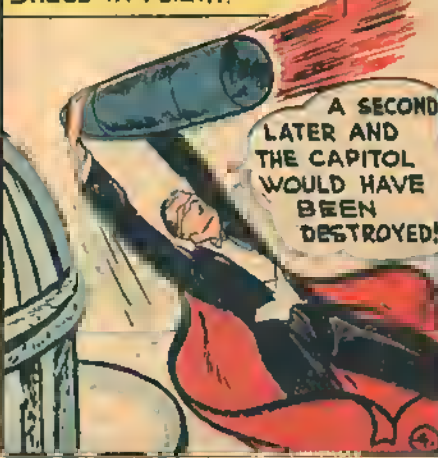


I HOPE I'M
IN TIME!



- A. LATCHES
- B. PLANKS
- C. SUPPORT FOR PLANKS
- D. TOPQUE NEUTRALIZER VARIO
- E. FUEL FIELD LINES
- F. ALSO CONNECTING BAR
- G. HARD G-17 ACCELERATOR
- H. FUEL TUBE

THE WIZARD STOPS THE
SHELL IN FLIGHT!



A SECOND
LATER AND
THE CAPITOL
WOULD HAVE
BEEN
DESTROYED!

AND FLINGS THE SHELL BACK AT
THE CANNONBERG!

HERE'S A TASTE OF YOUR OWN
MEDICINE-HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?

THE WIZARD SETS HIS
SUPER BRAIN TO WORK!

WE HAD MEN STATIONED
AT WEST POINT AND
ANNAPOLIS, SO SOON
WE DEMOLISH THESE
PLACES AND LEAVE
THE U.S. ARMY AND
NAVY WITHOUT SUFFICIENT
OFFICERS, OUR
GOVERNMENT WILL
INVADE THE U.S.!

THIS IS EVEN
MORE SERIOUS
THAN I
THOUGHT!

IN THE F.B.I. OFFICE!
I MUST HAVE
THE COMPLETE
COOPERATION OF
YOUR ENTIRE
FORCE!

I'LL PUT
MY BEST MAN
ON THE
CASE!

THIS IS
THE SHIELD!

AND YOU'RE
THE
WIZARD!

I HAVE
LOOKED FOR-
WARD TO THIS
MEETING!

YOU MUST PROCEED
IMMEDIATELY TO
ANNAPOLIS AND
WEST POINT. I'LL
HANDLE THE
SITUATION HERE

THE WIZARD SWINGS INTO IMMEDIATE ACTION.
HE REVERSES HIS AROCHUTE!

I'VE GOT MY PLANE
PARKED RIGHT
ABOVE!

THAT'S
A NEW
ONE ON
ME
TOO,
CHIEF!

WHAT
THE...

THE WIZARD CONVERTS HIS NEUTRO-PLANE
TO A ROCKET SHIP!

I CAN MAKE BETTER
TIME FLYING THROUGH
THE STRATOSPHERE!

THE WIZARD ARRIVES AT ANNAPOLIS,
AND HOVERS OVER THE POTOMAC.....

THAT BOAT DOESN'T
LOOK AS THOUGH
IT BELONGS
THERE!

ON THE BOAT BELOW

LOOK A
PLANE!

THE WIZARD PROJECTS HIS MIND TO THE
RIVER FLOOR!

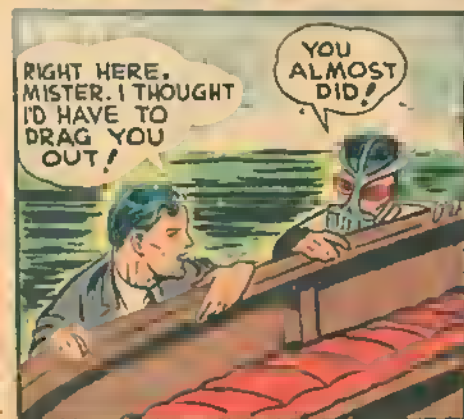
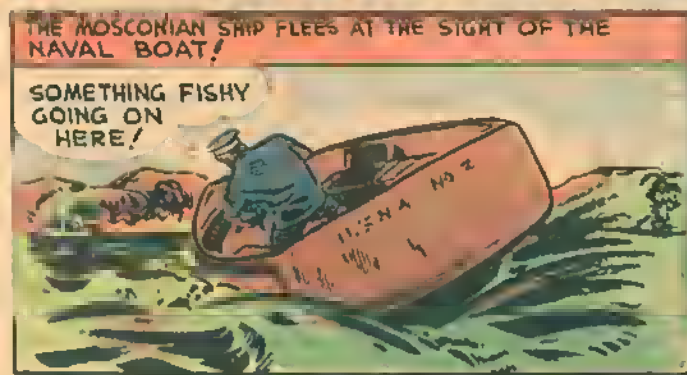
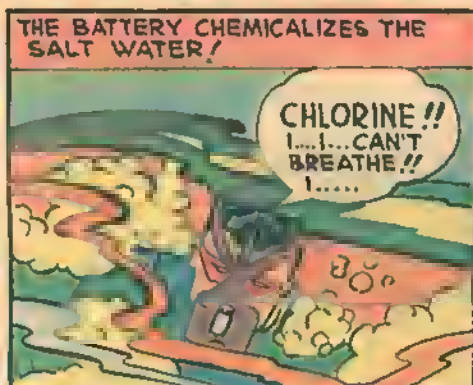
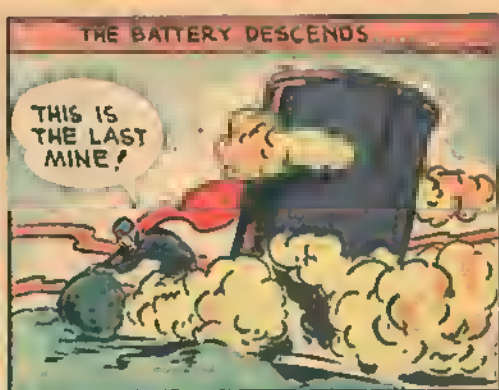
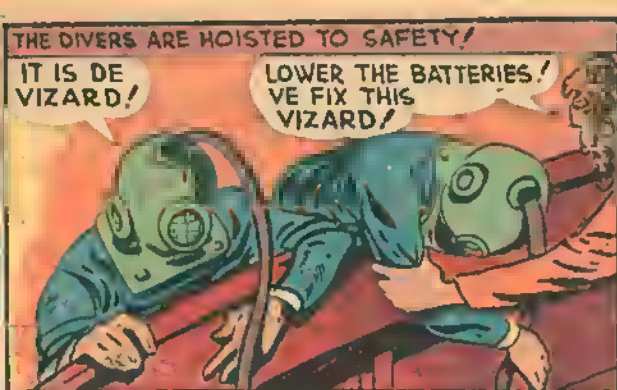
THOSE
ARE
MAGNETIC
MINES!

A MIDSHIPMAN WHO SEES THE HAPPENINGS DOES NOT KNOW THAT THE PLANE IS BEING
CONVERTED TO A SUBMARINE!

GREAT SCOT!
A CRACK-
UP!

WEARING THESE
WATER-BREATHERS
I CAN LIVE UNDER
WATER LIKE A
FISH!

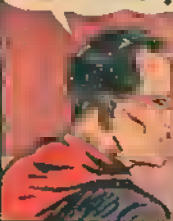
MEANWHILE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER



I'LL REPORT THIS IMMEDIATELY TO MY SUPERIOR OFFICERS. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THEY'VE TRIED TO MINE THIS RIVER. WHO ARE YOU?



WHO I AM ONLY ONE LIVING PERSON KNOWS—HOWEVER, I AM KNOWN AS THE WIZARD!



THE WIZARD SAY, I THOUGHT THOSE STORIES ABOUT YOU WERE MYTHS!



I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU. I CAN SEE I AM, LEAVING THE SITUATION IN CAPABLE HANDS!



THE WIZARD RETURNS TO HIS SHIP!



WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

TO WEST POINT!



GOOD LUCK WIZARD!

A SPECIAL REVIEW IS HELD ON THE WEST POINT PARADE GROUNDS. THE HIGHEST GOVERNMENT AND ARMY OFFICIALS ARE PRESENT TO WATCH THE GRADUATION DRESS PARADE!



IT'S TOO BAD THE PRESIDENT COULDN'T ATTEND!

HE IS WELL REPRESENTED. THE ENTIRE CABINET IS HERE, AS WELL AS EVERY HIGH RANKING OFFICER OF THE ENTIRE ARMY!

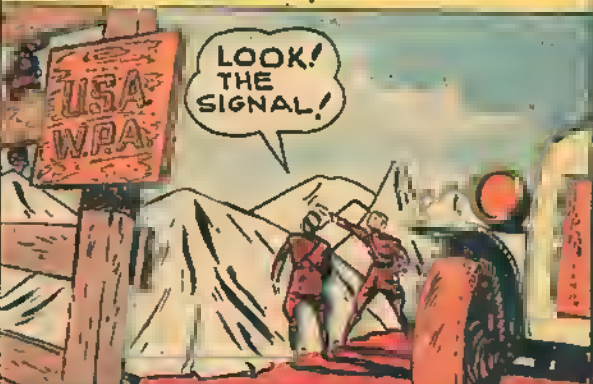
ON A MOUNTAIN TOP, SOME DISTANCE AWAY!

OUR INFORMATION WAS CORRECT. DEY ARE ALL DERE!



GOOT! I GIVE THE SIGNAL NOW!

IN A CAMP WHICH IS THOUGHT TO BE A W.P.A. PROJECT!



LOOK! THE SIGNAL!

THE TARDAPULINS ARE REMOVED FROM THE TRUCKS,
AND A FLEET OF BOMBERS IS DISCLOSED!



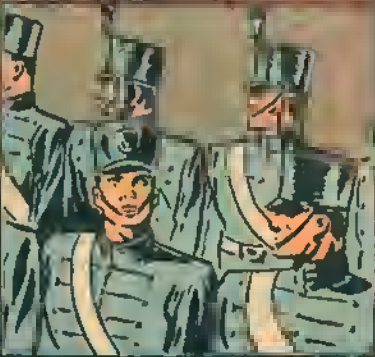
THE BOMBERS TAKE OFF ON THEIR
MISSION OF DESTRUCTION!



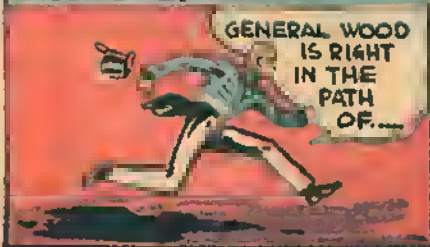
THE LEADER OF THE
BOMBING FLEET
GIVES INSTRUCTIONS!



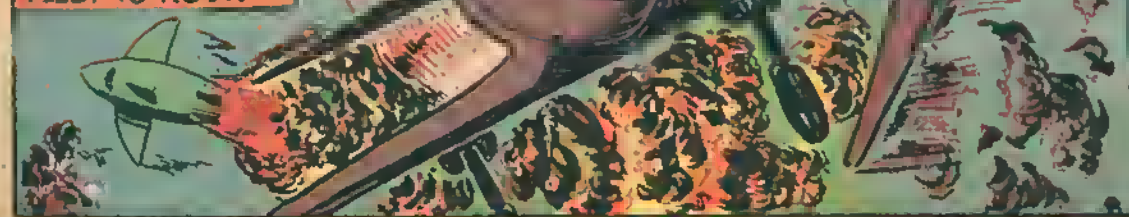
CADET KEITH KORNELL DIS-
OBEYS EYES RIGHT ORDER,
AND LOOKS UP - HE SIGHTS
THE BOMBERS!



CADET KORNELL COMMITS AN
UNPARDONABLE BREAK OF
DISCIPLINE!



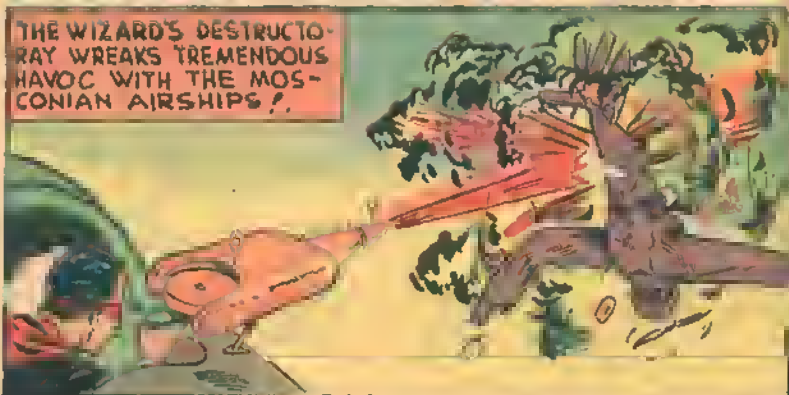
BUT SUDDENLY THE
WIZARD'S PLANE
APPEARS AND PUTS
THE MOSCONIAN AIR
FLEET TO ROUT.



AND NOW I'LL GIVE THEM A TASTE OF MY NEW DESTRUCTO-RAY!



THE WIZARD'S DESTRUCTO-RAY WREAKS TREMENDOUS HAVOC WITH THE MOS-CONIAN AIRSHIPS!



THE DESTRUCTO-RAY



- A. STORAGE BATTERY
- B. NEUTRON-VARIO RAY BATTERY
- C. SPINNING CONQUEROR DISC
- D. BARREL
- E. TRIGGER AND HANDLE
- F. GAS TANK
- G. ENGINE
- H. AIR INJECTOR
- I. MONOCIDE INJECTION
- J. BOLTER POINT

THE WIZARD LANDS, AND RECEIVES THE GENERAL'S THANKS—

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS GRATEFUL TO YOU!

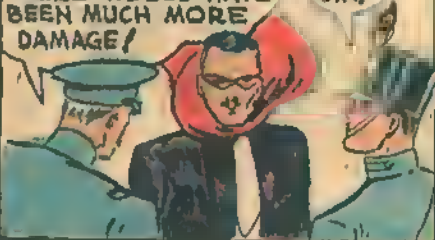
I ONLY DID MY DUTY!



THE GENERAL INTRODUCES THE WIZARD TO CADET KORNELL!

AND IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR CADET KORNELL, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE DAMAGE!

THANK YOU, SIR!



THE WIZARD FLASHES HIS SUPER-BRAIN INTO ACTION!

VUN LAST CHANCE, WHO IS THE WIZARD?

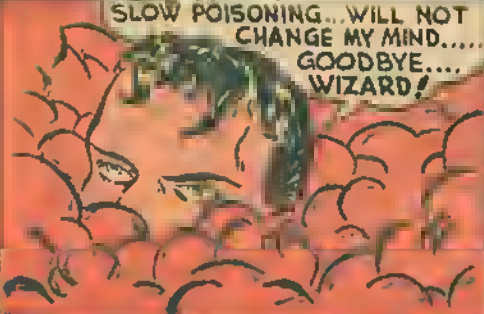
I'LL NEVER TELL!

THEY'RE GOING TO KILL GROVER!



IN THE HOUSE WHERE GROVER IS HELD CAPTIVE!

SLOW POISONING... WILL NOT CHANGE MY MIND.... GOODBYE.... WIZARD!



THE WIZARD'S STRATOSPHERIC ROCKET SHIP BRINGS HIM TO GROVER'S AID IN THE NICK OF TIME!

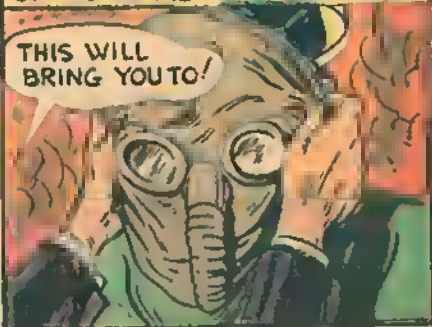
I'M HERE GROVER!



OUT OF MY WAY,
YOU BUZZARDS!

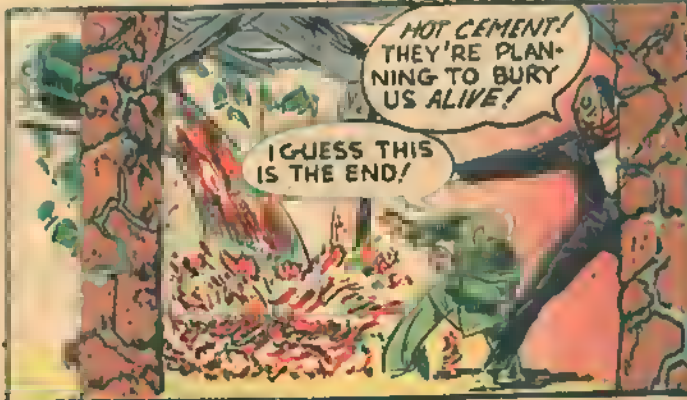


THE WIZARD STRAPS AN OXY-
HYDROUS MASK ON THE FACE
OF HIS NEARLY DEAD BROTHER!



THIS WILL
BRING YOU TO!

THE MOSCONIANS HAVE A
LAST CARD UP THEIR SLEEVE!

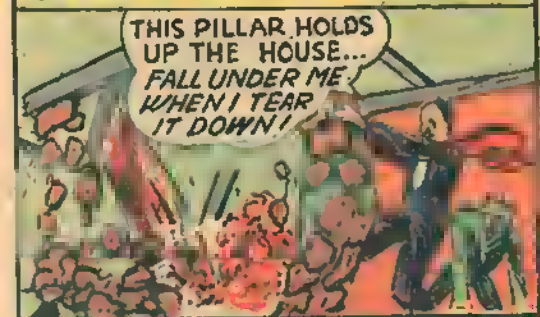


HOT CEMENT!
THEY'RE PLAN-
NING TO BURY
US ALIVE!

I GUESS THIS
IS THE END!

THE WIZARD WRECKS THE PILLARS!

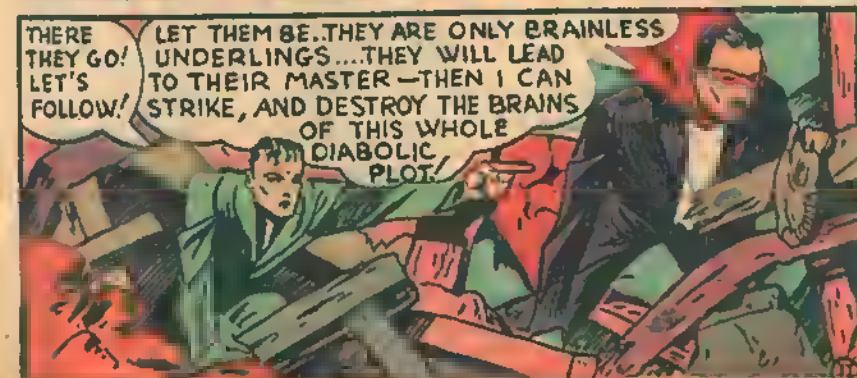
THIS PILLAR HOLDS
UP THE HOUSE...
FALL UNDER ME
WHEN I TEAR
IT DOWN!



HERE IT
COMES!
HOLD
TIGHT,
GROVER!

THERE
THEY GO!
LET'S
FOLLOW!

LET THEM BE...THEY ARE ONLY BRAINLESS
UNDERLINGS...THEY WILL LEAD
TO THEIR MASTER—THEN I CAN
STRIKE, AND DESTROY THE BRAINS
OF THIS WHOLE
DIABOLIC
PLOT!



WE DO IT!
WIZARD WIN OUT AS
EASILY AS HE EXPECTS!
—SEE THE NEXT ISSUE
OF
TOP-NOTCH
COMICS
AND SEE FOR YOUR-
SELF!... AND WHAT HAP-
PENS TO THE SHIELD,
AND THE MIDSHIPMAN
WHEN THEY RUN UP
AGAINST THE MOSCON-
-IANS?... THE MAY
ISSUE OF PEP COMICS
...ON SALE NOW, CAN
TELL YOU THAT.

GALAHAD

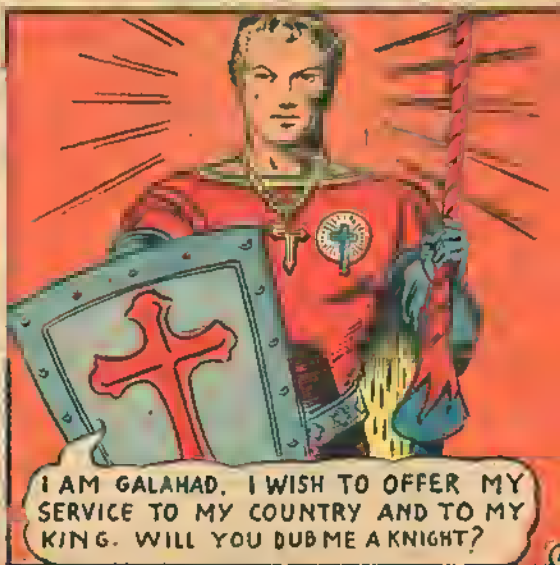


GALAHAD, MOST VALIANT OF KING ARTHUR'S KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE, FIGHTS FOR THE OATH HE HAS TAKEN IN THE SERVICE OF HIS KING AND HIS COUNTRY. --- COURAGE, CHIVALRY AND TRUTH ---

GALAHAD ENTERS THE CASTLE OF UTHUR.
KING ARTHUR PRESIDES OVER HIS KNIGHTS

A BOON, KING ARTHUR.

WHO ARE YOU, AND
WHAT DO YOU WISH
OF ME?



I AM GALAHAD. I WISH TO OFFER MY
SERVICE TO MY COUNTRY AND TO MY
KING. WILL YOU DUB ME A KNIGHT?

BEFORE YOU TAKE THE VOWS
YOU MUST PROVE YOURSELF.

I, SIR KAY, WILL
GIVE HIM BATTLE.

KING ARTHUR IS IMPRESSED WITH
THE NEWCOMERS BOLD APPEARANCE

GALAHAD AND
SIR KAY PRE-
PARE TO JOUST

I SHALL PROVE MYSELF
WORTHY OF THAT HONOR.

IF YOU ARE ABLE
TO CONQUER
SIR KAY, YOU WILL
BE DUBBED A
KNIGHT.

THEY MEET HEAD ON,
LIKE A CLAP OF
THUNDER

S... SIR KAY HAS
BEEN UNHORSED

I DUB YOU SIR GALAHAD, HENCEFORTH
MUST YOU FIGHT THE UNJUST AND FOR
THE POOR, CHIVALRY MUST BE YOUR
CODE

I SWEAR
IT, KING ARTHUR

GALAHAD IS SWORN INTO THE
SERVICE OF THE ROUND TABLE

SUDDENLY A FEATHERED PHALANX
ENTERS THE COURT YARD!

A BOON KING ARTHUR! GIVE
ME SIR LANCELOT TO FIGHT FOR
ME.

WHO
ARE YOU?

I AM LADY LYNETTE, MY
LANDS ARE OVERRUN BY
BANDITS! ONLY LANCELOT CAN
HELP ME!

I GIVE YOU
SIR GALAHAD
INSTEAD.

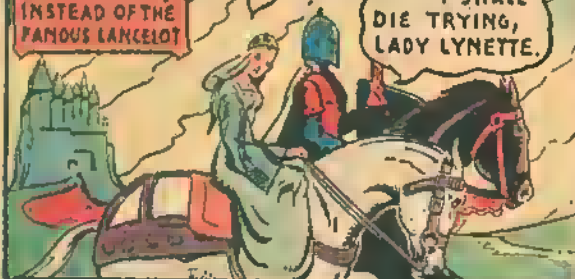
LEAD ON,
FAIR LADY.

KING ARTHUR MAKES
HIS OWN DECISION.

LYNETTE HIDES
HER ANGER AT
HAVING BEEN
GIVEN GALAHAD,
INSTEAD OF THE
FAMOUS LANCELOT

I DOUBT WHETHER YOU WILL
BE ABLE TO VANQUISH THEM
SINGLE-HANDED.

I SHALL
DIE TRYING,
LADY LYNETTE.



THEY SOON REACH THE FOREST
SURROUNDING LADY LYNETTE'S LANDS

WE MUST BE WARY. THE FOREST
IS FULL OF BANDITS, LED BY THE
WICKED SIR GILBERT, WHO RE-
SIDES ON THE NEIGHBORING LAND
AND WISHES TO DRIVE ME
FROM MINE.

I SHALL SOON
RIGHT THAT
INJUSTICE.

SO THIS IS YOUR
FOOL MASTER'S
WAY OF FIGHTING



SIR GALAHAD ATTACKS THE BANDITS
WITH THE FURY OF A LION, BUT
DURING THE BATTLE SOME OF THEM
MAKE OFF WITH LADY LYNETTE.

TAKE HER TO OUR
MASTER, SIR GILBERT.

HELP!!
SIR GALAHAD



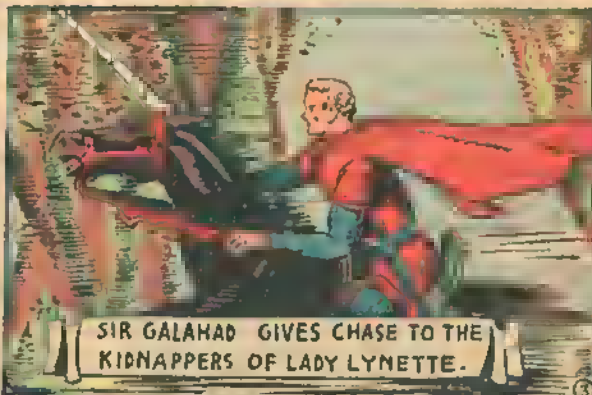
THE BANDITS ARE SOON PUT TO ROUT

METHINKS I AM
WANTED ELSEWHERE

LADY LYNETTE!
SHE... SHE'S GONE!



SIR GALAHAD GIVES CHASE TO THE
KIDNAPPERS OF LADY LYNETTE.





HA, HA, SIR GILBERT, THE KNIGHT OF THE SUN, WILL BREAK THE BOY IN TWO

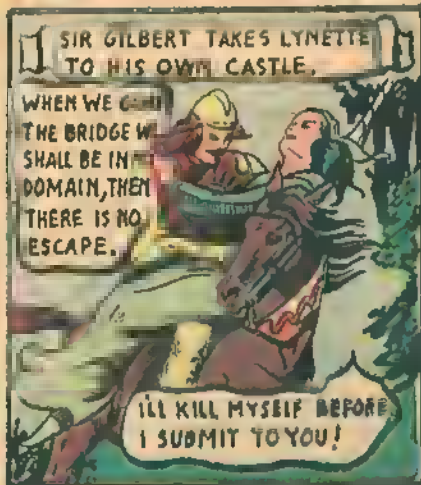
SIR GALAHAD WILL KILL SIR GILBERT FOR THIS.

THE BANDITS RUSH THEIR FAIR CAPTIVE TO THEIR MASTER



HA, HA, NOW I SHALL HAVE BOTH YOU AND YOUR LANDS.

SIR GILBERT, DREAD KNIGHT OF THE SUN.



SIR GILBERT TAKES LYNETTE TO HIS OWN CASTLE.

WHEN WE GET TO THE BRIDGE WE SHALL BE IN YOUR DOMAIN, THEN THERE IS NO ESCAPE.

I'LL KILL MYSELF BEFORE I SUBMIT TO YOU!

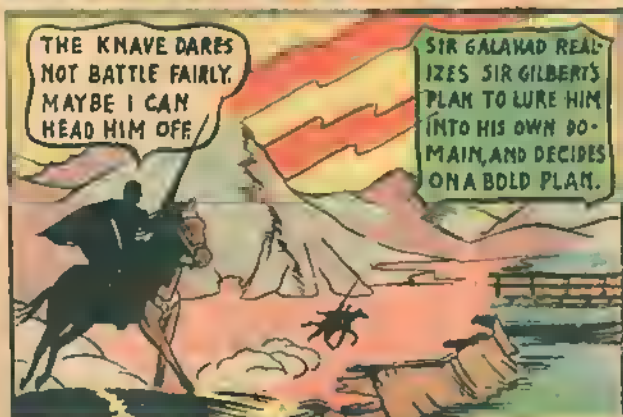


AS GILBERT APPROACHES THE FATAL BRIDGE, SIR GALAHAD BREAKS OUT OF THE WOODS

HALT VILLAIN, AND GIVE BATTLE

THE BRIDGE! IF I CAN CROSS THE BRIDGE I'M SAFE

HELP! SIR GALAHAD

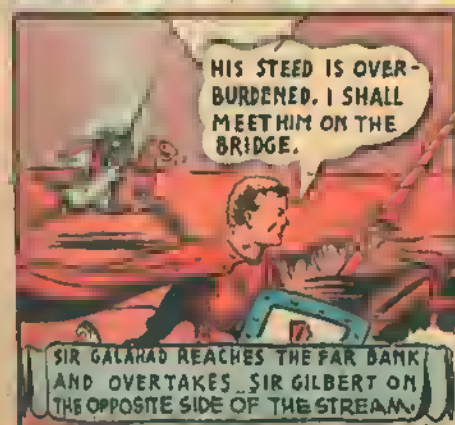


THE KNAVE DARES NOT BATTLE FAIRLY. MAYBE I CAN HEAD HIM OFF

SIR GALAHAD REALIZES SIR GILBERT'S PLAN TO LURE HIM INTO HIS OWN DOMAIN, AND DECIDES ON A BOLD PLAN.

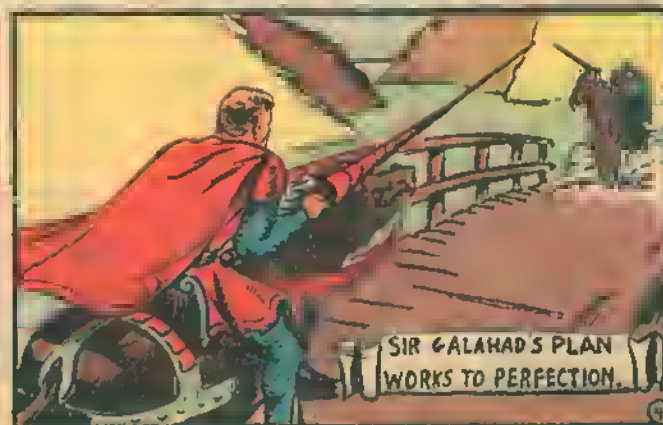


GALAHAD PLUNGES HIS STEED INTO THE STREAM.



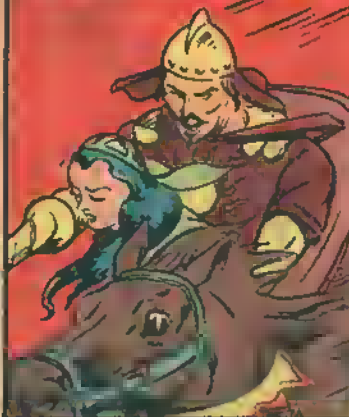
HIS STEED IS OVERBURDENED. I SHALL MEET HIM ON THE BRIDGE.

SIR GALAHAD REACHES THE FAR BANK AND OVERTAKES SIR GILBERT ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE STREAM.



SIR GALAHAD'S PLAN WORKS TO PERFECTION.

GILBERT RUSHES TOWARD
GALAHAD WITH LYNETTE IN
FRONT OF HIM AS A SHIELD

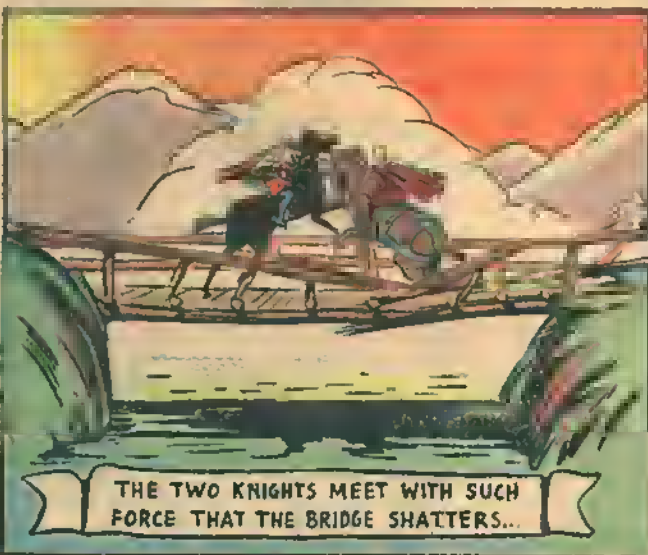


GALAHAD DUCKS THE LANCE AND
SNATCHES LYNETTE
FROM THE CLUTCH OF THE
COWARDLY SIR GILBERT.



FOR THE FIRST
TIME I AVOID
A LANCE.

WITH LYNETTE SAFE,
GALAHAD WHEELS TO
RESUME THE BATTLE.



THE TWO KNIGHTS MEET WITH SUCH
FORCE THAT THE BRIDGE SHATTERS...



AND THEY
TOPPLE INTO
THE STREAM.

YOU STRIKE A
WICKED LANCE
BUT IT SHALL A-
VAIL YOU NOTHING.

A BLIGHT ON
KING ARTHUR
AND HIS
KNIGHTS.



HA! AND NOW

WHAT TH-!

SUDDENLY SIR GALAHAD'S FOOT
SLIPS ON A LOOSE PEBBLE.



BUT SIR GALAHAD'S BRAIN, EVEN WITH DEATH SO CLOSE, IS ON THE ALERT. HIS HAND RESTS ON A ROCK IN THE STREAM.

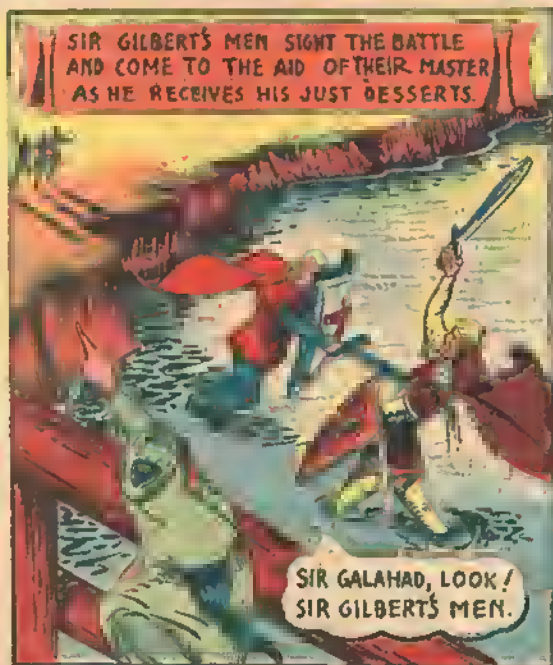


SIR GILBERT'S FATAL SLASH IS MET WITH THE ROCK.

THIS FOR YOUR SCURVEY KING.



SIR GILBERT'S MEN SIGHT THE BATTLE AND COME TO THE AID OF THEIR MASTER AS HE RECEIVES HIS JUST DESERTS.



SIR GALAHAD, LOOK!
SIR GILBERT'S MEN.

KILL HIM! HE
KILLED OUR MASTER.



SIR GILBERT WILL
DO MORE GOOD
DEAD THAN ALIVE.

SIR GALAHAD LIFTS THE DEAD KNIGHT AND

HEAVES MIGHTY! THE ATTACKERS FALL
LIKE FLIES BEFORE THEIR DEAD MASTER!



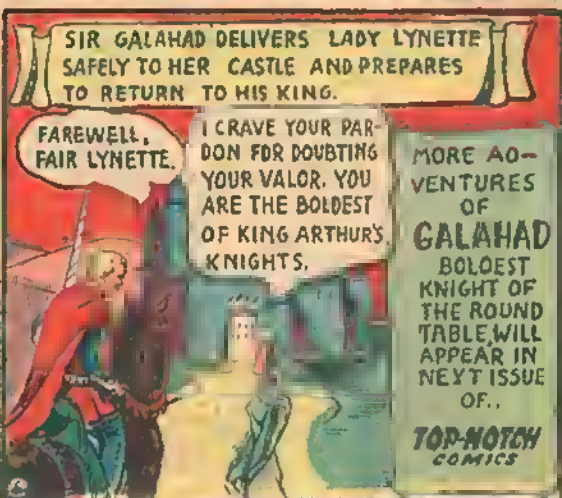
SIR GALAHAD DELIVERS LADY LYNETTE
SAFELY TO HER CASTLE AND PREPARES
TO RETURN TO HIS KING.

FAREWELL,
FAIR LYNETTE.

I CRAVE YOUR PARDON
FOR DOUBTING
YOUR VALOR. YOU
ARE THE BOLDEST
OF KING ARTHUR'S
KNIGHTS.

MORE AD-
VENTURES
OF
GALAHAD
BOLDEST
KNIGHT OF
THE ROUND
TABLE, WILL
APPEAR IN
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SHANGHAI SHERIDAN

BY IRVING NOVICK AND JOE BLAIR

WHEN JACK SHERIDAN'S FATHER WAS KILLED BY THE INVADERS IN 1931, YOUNG JACK WAS ADOPTED BY HIS FATHER'S WIFE AND WEALTHY OLD FRIEND, CHAN SING-TAN. JACK VOWED TO AVENGE HIS FATHER'S DEATH, AND SWORE NEVER TO REST UNTIL HE HAD DRIVEN THE INVADERS FROM THE LAND OF THE PEACEFUL CHINESE...

CHAN SING-TAN GIVES JACK SOME SOUND ADVICE...

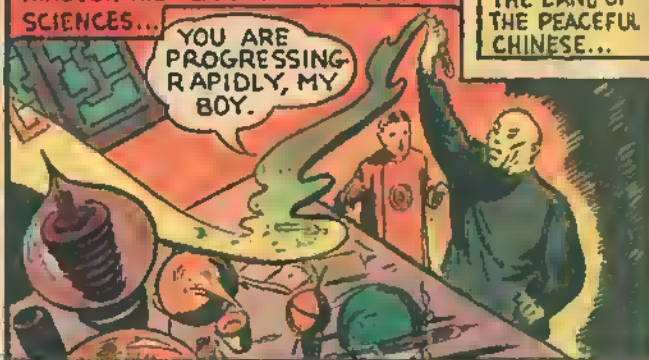
IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN: "KNOWLEDGE ALONE MAKES US MEN INSTEAD OF LIZARDS"

I AM PREPARED TO STUDY AND WORK, HONORABLE FATHER.



THROUGH THE YEARS JACK LEARNS THE SCIENCES...

YOU ARE PROGRESSING RAPIDLY, MY BOY.



THE HINDU ART OF ESCAPE...

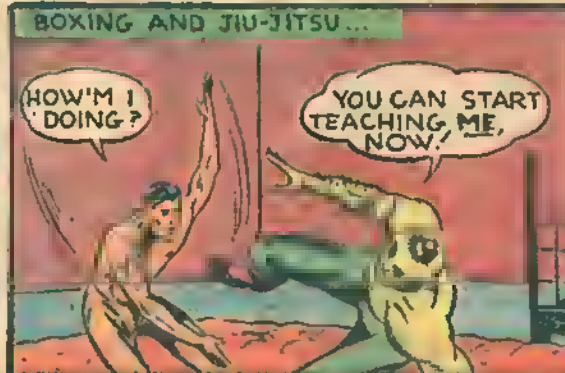
I HAVE TAUGHT YOU ALL THAT I KNOW!



BOXING AND JIU-JITSU...

HOW'M I DOING?

YOU CAN START TEACHING ME, NOW!



ANCIENT CHINESE MAGIC AND ILLUSION...

I CAN'T FEEL IT AT ALL!

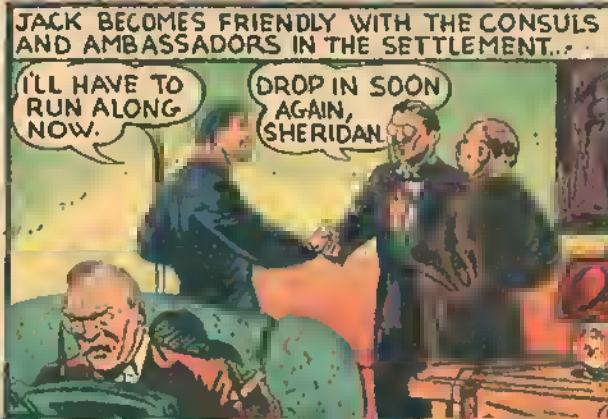
THE ANCIENTS HAD MANY SECRETS!



JACK BECOMES FRIENDLY WITH THE CONSULS AND AMBASSADORS IN THE SETTLEMENT...

I'LL HAVE TO RUN ALONG NOW.

DROP IN SOON AGAIN, SHERIDAN.

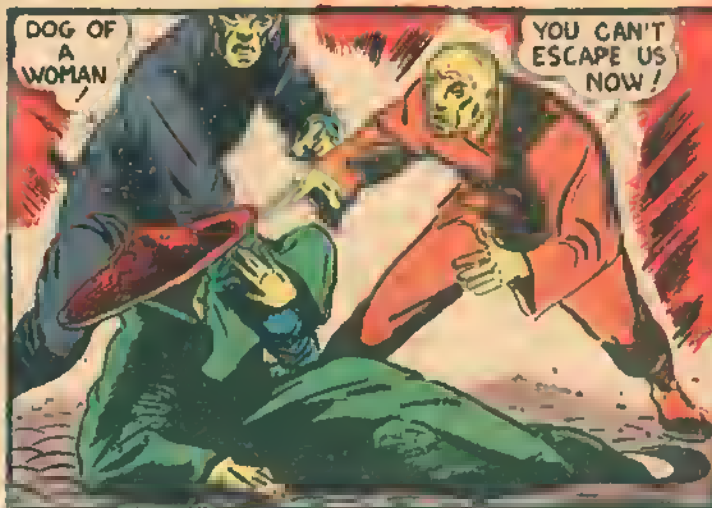


ONE NIGHT ALONG THE AVENUE
EDWARD VII...



WHAT'S GOING
ON DOWN
THERE?

DOG OF
A
WOMAN!



YOU CAN'T
ESCAPE US
NOW!

IN A FLASH,
JACK IS
UPON THE
THUGS, AND
SENDS THEM
SPINNING
SENSELESS
TO THE
GROUND..!

IT ISN'T
POLITE TO
MOLEST A
LADY.



AS THE THUGS FLEE, JACK HELPS THE
WOMAN TO HER FEET...

HOW CAN
I EVER
THANK YOU?

FORGET IT! I'LL
TAKE YOU TO
THE HOME OF MY
HONORABLE
FATHER... THERE
YOU ARE WELCOME.



AH MEE, PLEASE
INFORM THE
MASTER OF OUR
COMING...

IS SO! MASTER
AWAITS IN AD-
JOINING ROOM..



CHAN SING-TAN
BIDS YOU
WELCOME TO HIS
HUMBLE ABODE.

I'VE BEEN
WELCOME HERE
MANY TIMES
BEFORE...

WHAT TH-



THE MIND OF
AN OLD MAN
SOMETIMES LIES
SLEEPING...

MAYBE NOW
YOU WILL
RECOGNIZE
ME!



THE WOMAN REMOVES
HER HAT AND OUTER
GARMENT... AND STANDS
REVEALED AS THE WIFE
OF THE GENERALISSIMO,
RULER OF CHINA...



CAN BE?
MUST BE?
IS!

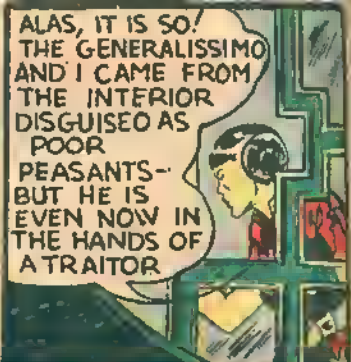
MADAME
KANG SHY-CHECK

CHAN SING-T
REJOICES IN
YOUR
PRESENCE

BUT WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE?
SHANGHAI IS IN
THE HANDS OF
THE INVADERS!



ALAS, IT IS SO!
THE GENERALISSIMO
AND I CAME FROM
THE INTERIOR
DISGUISED AS
POOR
PEASANTS--
BUT HE IS
EVEN NOW IN
THE HANDS OF
A TRAITOR



MADAME SHY-CHECK TELLS
HER STORY...



AN EVIL ONE-
WU-FANG- HAS
BRIBED MANY
OF OUR WAR
LORDS SO THAT
IS IMPOSSIBLE
TO TELL WHO
HE
TRUSTED



AND YOU CAME TO
SHANGHAI TO
DISCOVER HIS
HANG-OUT?

YES! FOR UN-
LESS WE DIS-
COVER THE WAR
LORDS IN HIS
POWER, AND
RELIEVE THEM
OF THEIR
COMMANDS,
I-I FEAR--

BUT WHAT
OF THE
GENERAL-
ISSIMO!

I DO NOT KNOW!
HE WAS DIS-
COVERED BY
FANG'S SPIES

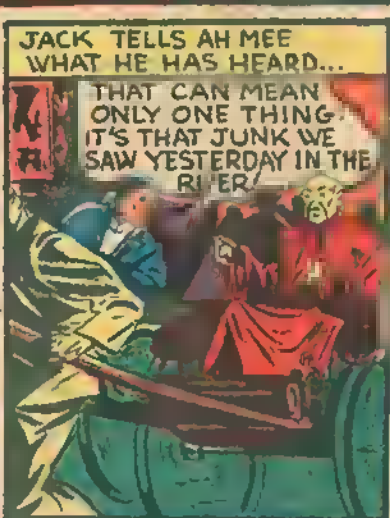
... I ALONE
MANAGED TO
ESCAPE!



AH MEE! HURRY!
I MAY NEED YOUR
HELP...



IN BLOOD ALLEY IS THE HEAVEN
FLOWER DANCE HALL WHERE
THE POLITICIANS GATHER...



HE REACHES THE
SIDE OF THE JUNK!



THE CREW PULLS HIM
ABOARD...

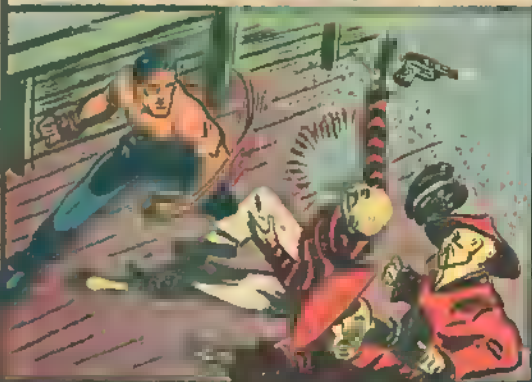


COME BELOW,
PLEASE, FOR
INVESTIGATION!

SURE I
WILL!



JACK STRIKES SWIFTLY!



...AND MAKES QUICK WORK OF THE CREW!



HE
LOCATES
FANG'S
QUARTERS...



YOUR GAME IS UP WU
FANG! RELEASE THE
GENERALISSIMO!

GLADLY! BUT--



FANG TOSSES THE KEY
THROUGH THE PORTHOLE!

I REGRET
TO AN-
NOUNCE
THAT THE
KEY TO
GENERAL-
ISSIMO'S
CHAINS
HAS
BEEN
CARE-
LESSLY
LOST
IN THE RIVER!



JACK'S KNOWLEDGE OF
LOCKS AND CHAINS COMES
IN HANDY!



THIS IS CHILD'S
PLAY COMPARED
TO THE CHAINS
THAT I'VE BEEN IN!

THE SONG OF A
FISHERMAN FLOATS IN
THROUGH THE
PORTHOLE...

THAT IS MY
SERVANT, IN
A RENTED
SAMPAH MY
GENERAL!

IT IS WELL
MY FRIEND
WE SHALL
GO!



ARE THESE
THE NAMES
OF THE
TRAITOR WAR
LORDS?

THEY
ARE-

THEY MARCH WU FANG
TO THE SIDE OF
THE SHIP.



IF YOU'RE
SMART, WU
FANG, YOU
DON'T MOVE
UNTIL WE'RE
OUT OF
SIGHT!

THE CREW MEMBERS REGAIN
CONSCIOUSNESS!



ROW, AH MEE!
HURRY! I'LL
FOLLOW YOU
LATER!

JACK STRUGGLES AGAINST
ODDS IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE
GENERALISSIMO TIME TO ESCAPE!



Jack is struggling against odds in order to allow the Generalissimo time to escape!

JACK IS TAKEN PRISONER!

THE INVADER OFFICIALS
WILL ARRIVE AT ANY
MOMENT, MY YOUNG
FRIEND! WE
SHOULD HAVE A
VERY INTEREST-
ING PARTY!



THE GENERALISSIMO
RETURNS TO
SAFETY, BUT JACK
IS IN THE HANDS
OF THE INVADER
SPIES.



WHAT FURTHER AD-
VENTURES AWAIT
SHANGHAI
SHERIDAN?
READ THE NEXT
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DANCES OF THE WILD WEST

Buffalo gals coming out tonight;
Coming out tonight; coming out tonight;
Buffalo gals coming out tonight;
To dance by the light of the moon.

—A. D. 1841

NOTHING much apparently to that little ninety-year-old lyric but reiteration. But there is really much more to it. There is a world of romance and history of the pioneer West concealed in the lines. And the music was what jitterbugs of today would call swell.

To begin with, the buffalo gals—the jitterbugs of their day—used to dance on horseback much of the time. They danced also on the short-grass sward of the open prairie and not on polished dance floors as they do today. Then there were no electric lights—not even kerosene lights, which afterwards laid the foundation for the John D. Rockefeller millions. There was nothing but candlelight. Candlelight was not adequate for the roomy, outdoor, horseback dances of the early West so "they danced by the light of the moon."

The first two words of the lyric hark back to the very early days in the settlement of the West. Then the pioneer women, the "buffalo gals," hunted the bison herds on the open plains, in the saddles of hard-running ponies stirrup to stirrup with their husbands and sweethearts. These were not the type of tourist sportsmen who later hunted the buffalo to extinction. The buffalo gals and their husbands and escorts hunted the buffalo only when necessary to provide meat for their rough-hewn log tables, sustenance for their hearty youngsters, clothes for their strong, broad backs and blankets for their crude bunks or beds.

It was only the foresight of these pioneers and the fecundity of their growing domesticated herds of cattle that prevented the extinction of the buffalo from being as great

a hardship to them as it was to the Indians of the plains country.

It is certainly history worth recording and remembering that these buffalo gals became the mothers of a great empire. The hardships they endured, the dangers they confronted unflinchingly, and the fortitude with which they surmounted every obstacle builded for a strong nation, one that now fears no power or force on earth!

The buffalo gals took their fun as they found it. They had builded an unflinching stamina on the firm foundation of their inherent virtue. When not about their housewifely or daughterly tasks they lived, like their men, in the saddle. That is how the earliest of the Western belles did their dancing.

For many seasons the Buffalo Bill Wild West show featured one of these dances, the Virginia Reel, done by hard-riding boys and girls on their horses. It was a beautiful spectacle but nothing like the real thing. The reason is that under the Big Top of the Col. Cody show, the dance was more or less restricted and restrained. To put it briefly, the hard-riding dancers were crowded for their natural wide-open space.

On the Western plains, as the dances were originally executed, the dancers had hundreds of miles of wide-open prairie—as level as a table-top, to dance on. And the band or orchestra, if you will, went along on horseback, too. The orchestra, often consisted of a fiddle, a concertina, a jewsharp and a mouth organ. There were no drums, and they needed none, for the place of the drums was often taken by a rattle-bone player. These "rattle-bones" were made from the ribs of calves. By a good performer they could be made to do about everything that can be done by a good snare-drummer.

The art of manufacturing and performing





on rattle-bones was discovered by the early slaves in the South. The few white Southerners who helped to settle the old West brought rattle-bones along with their banjos. The other breeds of Westerners learned the art, and rattle-bones were a part of most dance and minstrel show orchestras as late as the early nineties. It is practically a lost art now, but rattle-bones fashioned in artistic and geometrical perfection from ebony and other resonant woods are still on sale in the musical instrument stores, even on Broadway in New York City. A Chicago firm recently told the writer that there is still a small but regular demand for the bones in the hinterlands of the South and Far West where the art of the snare-drummer has been slow in penetrating.

THE moon in those interesting early days, the old song reveals to us, played as romantic a part as it does today. Even more so, no doubt. The pioneer jitterbugs of the frontier days were completely dependent on old Luna to illuminate their expansive outdoor dance pavilion. The moon, of course, did not show every night so a night with a full moon bathing the miles and miles of prairie in a mellow luster was a real event in the lives of the

young dancers. It was an event worth singing about. It meant a happy rendezvous of devoted couples and young lovers. It was well worthy of the lustiest singing of the swains of the old frontier. And so they sang:

Buffalo gals coming out tonight;
Coming out tonight; coming out tonight;
Buffalo gals coming out tonight;
To dance by the light of the moon.

And the swing of the music—dance music has always had a swing—was just as sweet and maybe not so corny as the moderns would have you believe. Music in its intrinsic primitives does not change. Musical terms change, of course. Nevertheless, take it from an old-timer, who was quite a bone-rattler in his youth, that the swing of the music of the old horseback dances and later the barn dances was just as exhilarating as is the swing of today. They changed the names of this sort of music through the years. It changed from hoe-down (meaning to beat down) to rag-time, and from rag-time to jazz, and now they call it swing.

In the early West swing meant something altogether different. They used to swing the horse thieves and bandits.

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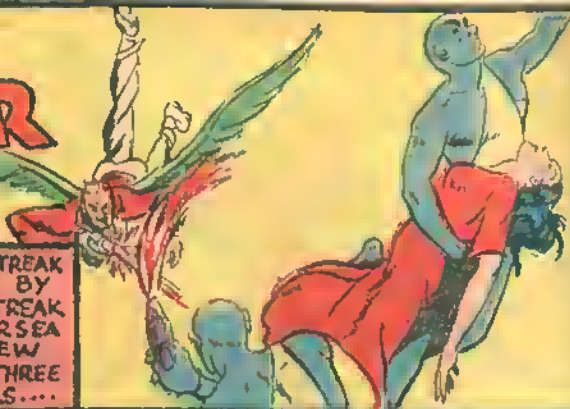
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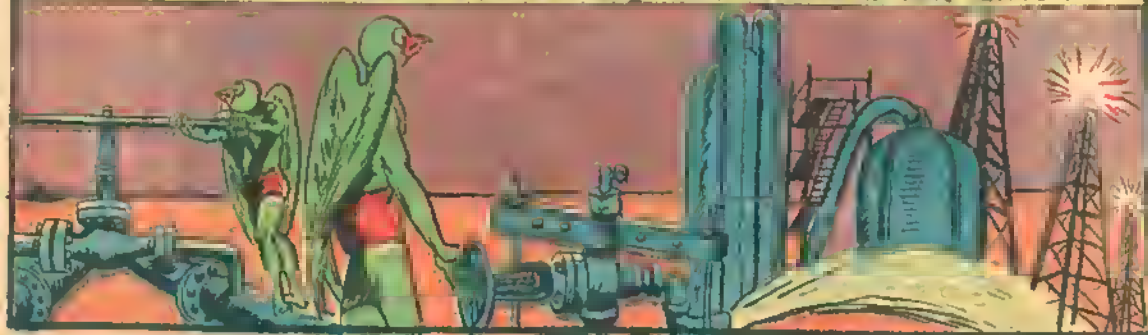
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STREAK CHANDLER ON MARS

PROFESSOR FINLAY, HIS DAUGHTER VOLA, AND STREAK CHANDLER, AFTER HAVING BEEN TAKEN CAPTIVE BY THE LOKIS WERE MADE ALLIES WHEN STREAK SUBDUED THE DREADED MARTIAN UNDERSEA MONSTER, THE BRONTAURIS. WHAT NEW ADVENTURES LIE IN STORE FOR THE FIRST THREE EARTH CREATURES EVER TO REACH MARS....

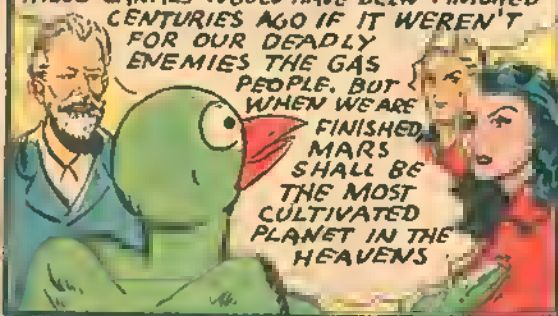


FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS THE LOKIS HAVE WORKED, BUILDING THE CANALS OF MARS, THAT EARTH SCIENTISTS HAVE SEEN AND PUZZLED AT FOR CENTURIES.



THE LOKI CHIEF EXPLAINS!

THESE CANALS WOULD HAVE BEEN FINISHED CENTURIES AGO IF IT WEREN'T FOR OUR DEADLY ENEMIES THE GAS PEOPLE. BUT WHEN WE ARE FINISHED, MARS SHALL BE THE MOST CULTIVATED PLANET IN THE HEAVENS



THE LOKI CHIEF APPOINTS STREAK TO A POSITION OF HONOR!

YOU, STREAK CHANDLER, I'LL TRY MY BEST, WILL TAKE CHARGE OF OUR ADVANCE GUARD AND KEEP WATCH FOR THE GAS MEN. I HOPE THESE ARTIFICIAL WINGS HOLD ME UP!



STREAK ASSUMES HIS NEW DUTIES

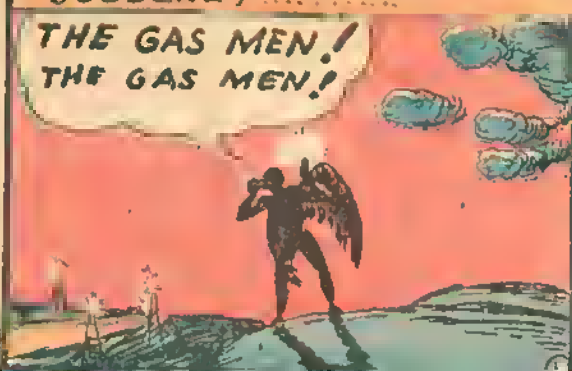
SAY, AORTA WHAT DO THESE GAS MEN LOOK LIKE?

YOU'LL KNOW THEM WHEN YOU SEE THEM!

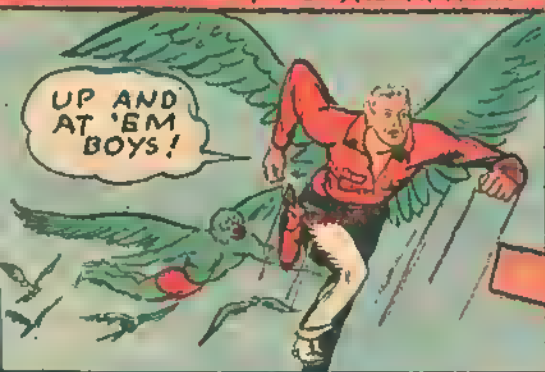


SUDDENLY.....

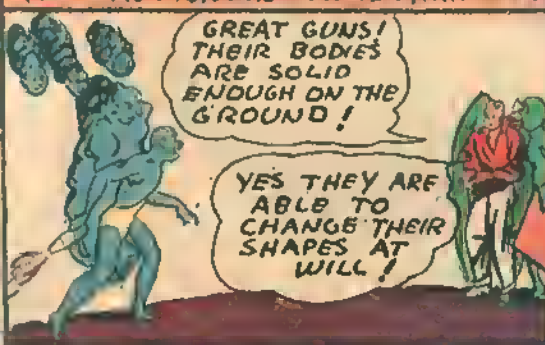
THE GAS MEN!
THE GAS MEN!



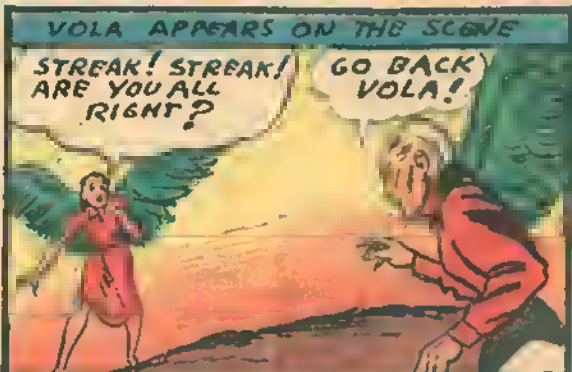
THE LOKIS FLY TO THE ATTACK



THE GAS MEN ARE FORCED EARTHWARD



THE GAS MEN FIGHT WITH ANIMAL-LIKE FEROCITY, BUT GIVE WAY BEFORE THE ONSLAUGHT OF THE LOKIS.



BUT STREAK CHANDLER'S WARNING COMES TOO LATE!



STREAK GIVES CHASE....

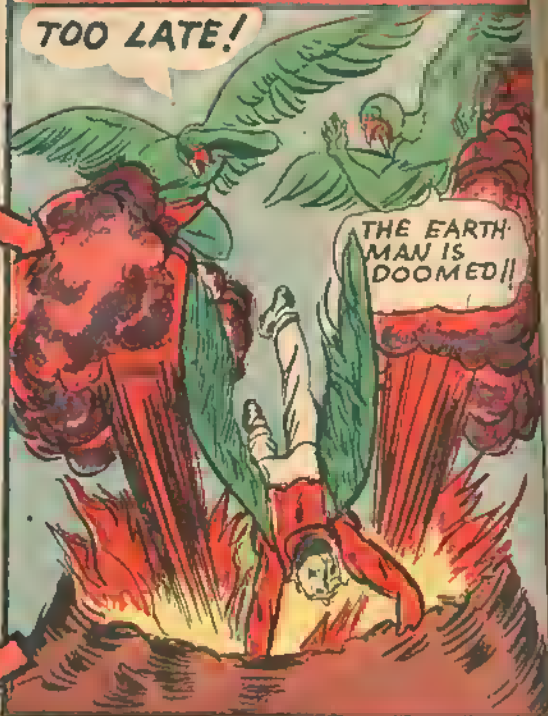


THE GAS MEN REACH THE CRATER
OPENING BEFORE THE LOKIS!



AN IMPENETRABLE FLAMING BARRIER
PREVENTS THE LOKIS FROM PURSUING
THE GAS MEN ANY FURTHER!

TOO LATE!



INSIDE THE CRATER



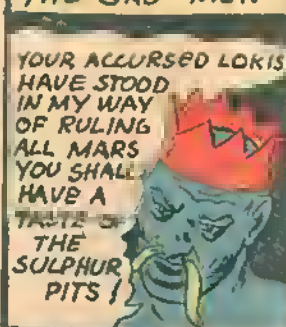
THE GAS-MEN TAKE
STREAK PRISONER



STREAK IS BROUGHT BEFORE
THE KING OF THE GAS-MEN



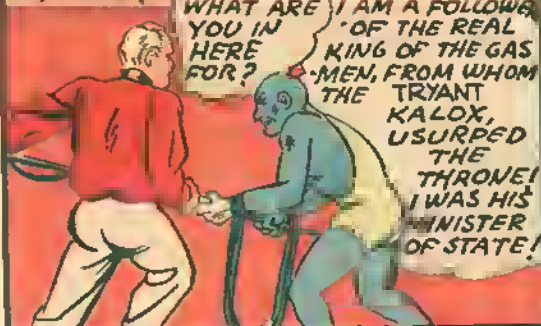
KALOX KING OF
THE GAS-MEN



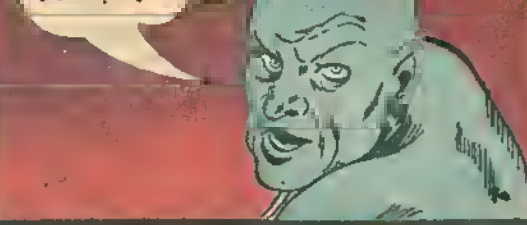
THOUSANDS OF FEET BELOW THE CRATER LAND OF THE GAS-MEN ARE THE
SULPHUR PITS, AND TO THEM STREAK CHANDLER IS LED!



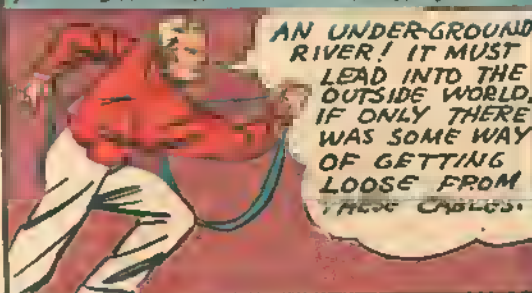
STREAK QUICKLY STRIKES UP AN ACQUAINTANCEHIP WITH A FELLOW CAPTIVE!



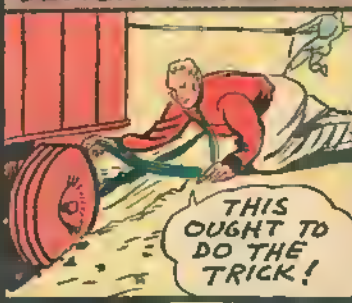
THE GAS PEOPLE THINK THEIR KING DEAD! THEY DO NOT KNOW THAT HE IS HELD PRISONER IN THE SULPHUR TOMBS BY KALOX. ALL THESE PRISONERS ARE FOLLOWERS OF THE TRUE KING!



DAYS LATER STREAK CHANDLER SEES SOMETHING THAT SENDS THE BLOOD POUNDING INTO HIS HEAD!



UNSEEN BY THE GUARDS STREAK PURSUES A DESPERATE PLAN!



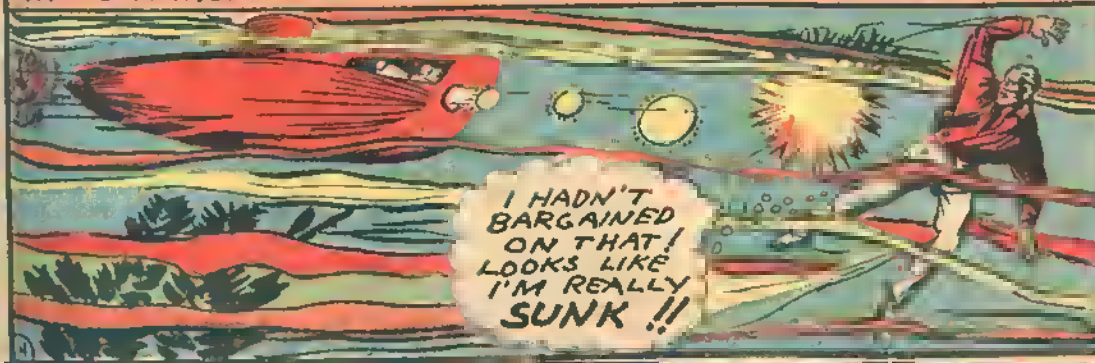
THE STEEL CABLES ARE SNAPPED



SWIFTLY DONNING THE ARTIFICIAL GILLS THAT WERE GIVEN HIM BY THE LOKIS, STREAK DIVES!!!



THE GAS MEN GIVE CHASE IN AN UNDER-WATER ROCKET SHIP!

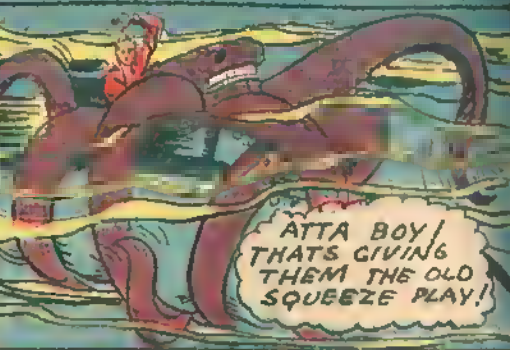


JUST THEN THE BRONTAURIS, KING OF THE DEEP, APPEARS!

WH.. WHY...TH..THATS MY BRONTAURIS I BOY AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!



THE BRONTAURIS IS OBEDIENT TO HIS MASTER, STREAK CHANDLER'S COMMAND



ATTA BOY! THATS GIVING THEM THE OLD SQUEEZE PLAY!

THE BRONTAURIS SUMMONS ITS TRIBESMEN!



WELL I'LL BE! HOW'D YOU KNOW THAT I WANTED YOU TO DO THAT!

A WEIRD UNDERSEAS ARMY RETURN TO THE SULPHUR PITS!



GREAT SCOT IT'S UNCANNY! THESE THINGS SEEM TO BE ABLE TO READ MY THOUGHTS

INTO THE ENEMY CAMP



BREAK THE PRISONERS' CABLES! DON'T HARM THEM!



THE BRONTAURIS OBEY !!!

NOW IF I CAN MANAGE TO ESCAPE THOSE FLAME GUNS LONG ENOUGH!



THE WHITE LOKI IS A GOD!

THE FREED CAPTIVES BATTLE THE GUARDS



DEATH TO TYRANT KALOX! LONG LIVE REGA, THE TRUE KING!

CHARGE

STREAK LOCATES THE MINISTER OF STATE!

QUICK TO THE KING'S PRISON!

THIS WAY!



THEY ARRIVE AT THE TOMB



YOUR MAJESTY WE COME TO RESCUE YOU!

REGA THE TRUE KING OF THE GAS-MEN



WH...WHAT H...HOW!

THE KING IMMEDIATELY FLOATS TO FREEDOM!



QUICK, TO THE PALACE! KALOX SHALL RECEIVE HIS JUST DESSERTS!

IF HE'S HARMED VOLA, HE'LL ANSWER TO ME!

MEANWHILE, IN THE PALACE!



I SHALL MAKE YOU A PRINCESS, BEAUTIFUL WHITE CREATURE!

NO...NO DON'T TOUCH ME!

VOLA! VOLA!

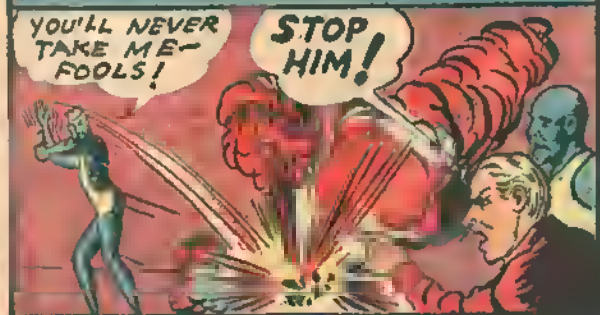
KALOX I'VE COME TO DEAL WITH YOU!

SEIZE THE TRAITOR!

WHAT WHAT



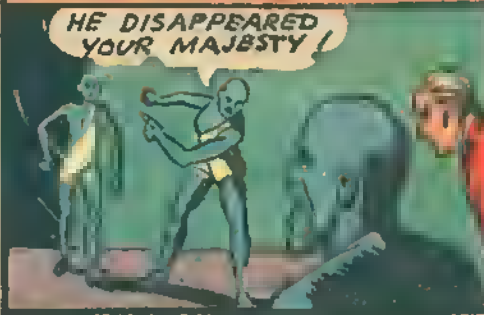
BUT KALOX PLAYS HIS TRUMP CARD AND MAKES HIS ESCAPE !!



YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME-FOOLS!

STOP HIM!

EMPTY-HANDED THE PURSUERS OF KALOX RETURN!



HE DISAPPEARED YOUR MAJESTY!

THAT NIGHT STREAK BRINGS THE KING OF THE LOKIS, AND REGA, TRUE KING OF THE GAS-MEN TOGETHER!



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE MARS THE GARDEN PLANET OF THE UNIVERSE!

YES! AND WE HAVE STREAK CHANDLER TO THANK FOR THIS MEETING

AND IT WAS THE BRONTAURIS WHOM HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONSIDERED YOUR ENEMY, WHO REALLY SAVED BOTH YOUR KINGDOMS

MORE STIRRING ADVENTURES OF

Streak Chandler ON MARS

IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF TOP-NOTCH COMICS

WINGS JOHNSON OF THE AIR PATROL

BY ED SMITH JR.

WINGS JOHNSON, AMERICAN YOUTH, JOINED THE R.A.F. TO AVENGE THE DEATH OF HIS BOYHOOD CHUM KILLED BY THE GERMAN SUBMARINE COMMANDER, VON SCHILLER. THOUGH HE HAS SUNK TWO OF VON SCHILLER'S U-BOATS, THE NAZI IS STILL ALIVE. JOHNSON'S SUPERIOR OFFICER, THINKING WINGS IS AN ENEMY SPY FAKING A HATRED OF VON SCHILLER, HAS WINGS COURT-MARTIALED. NOW, AFTER HOURS OF DELIBERATION THE COURT HAS REACHED A DECISION. WHAT WILL THE VERDICT BE?



THIS COURT FINDS THE DEFENDANT NOT GUILTY. WE FEEL THAT JOHNSON SHOULD BE PROMOTED, NOT PROSECUTED FOR HIS HEROIC FIGHTS AGAINST VON SCHILLER.

WINGS IS EXONERATED.

A FEW DAYS LATER—
AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COURT, YOU ARE PROMOTED TO FIRST LIEUTENANT AND MADE FLIGHT LEADER.

THANK YOU, SIR!

INTELLIGENCE INFORMS US THAT VON SCHILLER IS OPERATING OFF SOUTH AFRICA. YOUR FLIGHT WILL GO THERE AND HUNT HIM DOWN.

I'LL REALLY GET HIM THIS TIME, SIR!

OFF TO SOUTH AFRICA

A NAZI BATTLESHIP TO OUR LEFT, SIR.

WE'LL ATTACK!

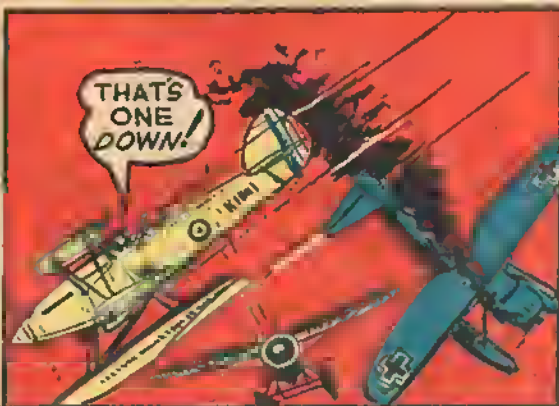
THEY'RE SENDING PLANES UP TO INTERCEPT US—YOU BOYS BOMB THE BATTLESHIP—I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE PLANES.

HAWKER OSPREY

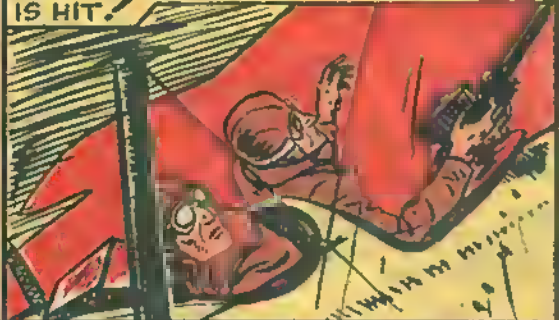
BEFORE BOTH ENEMY PLANES CAN GET INTO ACTION WINGS DIVES ON THE LEADING ONE.



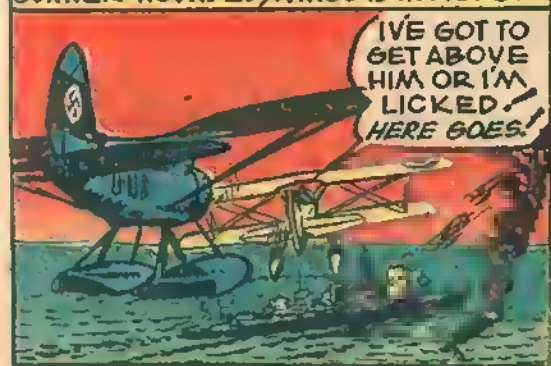
THAT'S ONE DOWN!



BUT HIS DIVE CARRIES HIM PAST THE SECOND NAZI SHIP—WINGS' GUNNER IS HIT!

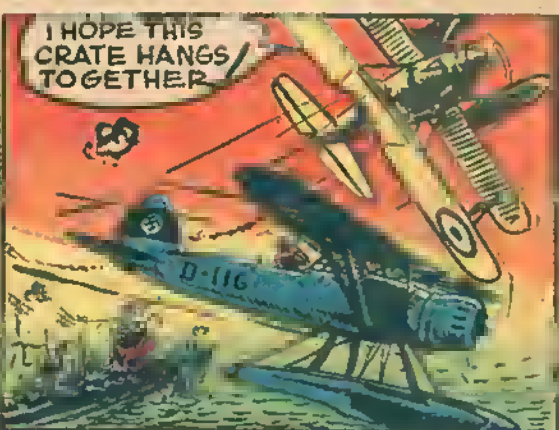


WITH THE ENEMY ABOVE HIM AND HIS GUNNER WOUNDED, WINGS IS IN A SPOT

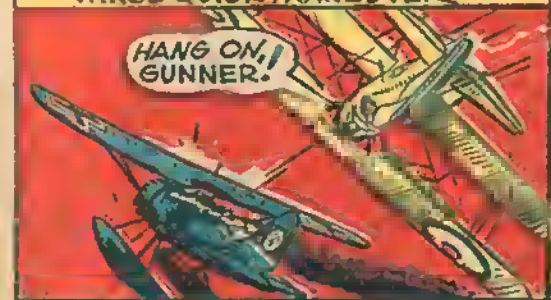


I'VE GOT TO GET ABOVE HIM OR I'M LICKED! HERE GOES!

I HOPE THIS CRATE HANGS TOGETHER



THE SECOND NAZI SHIP FALLS PREY TO WINGS' QUICK MANEUVER

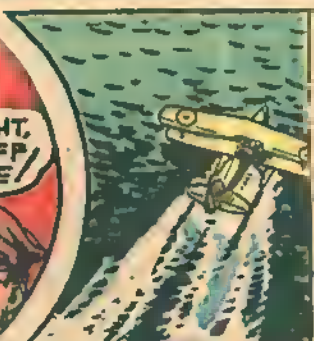
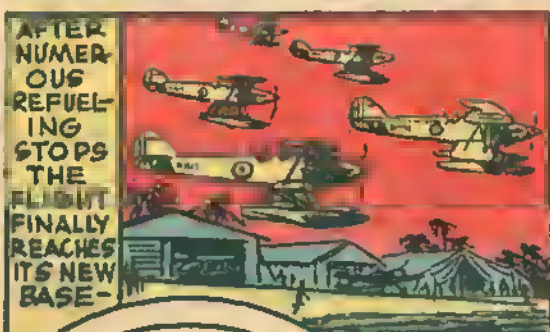
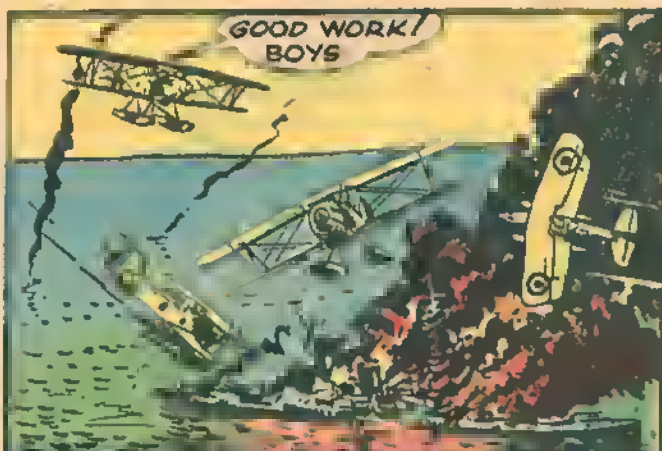


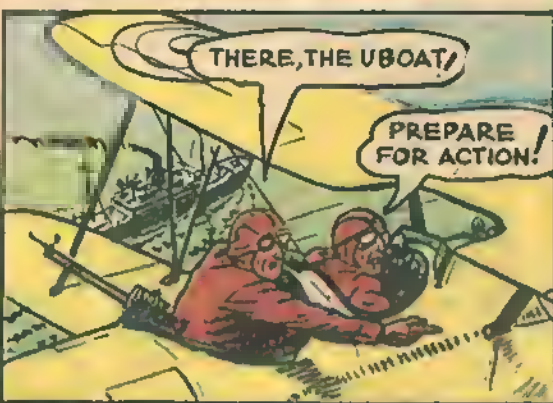
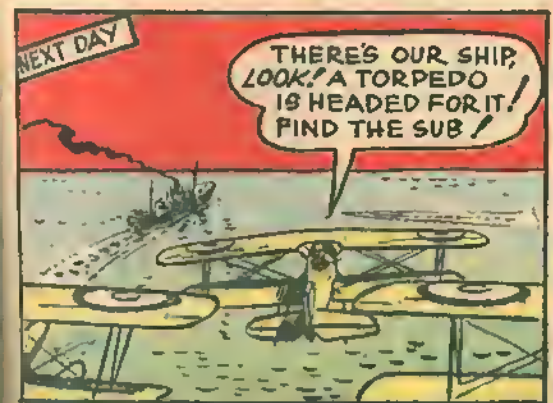
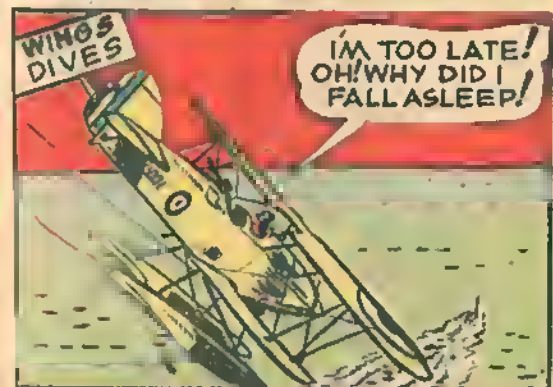
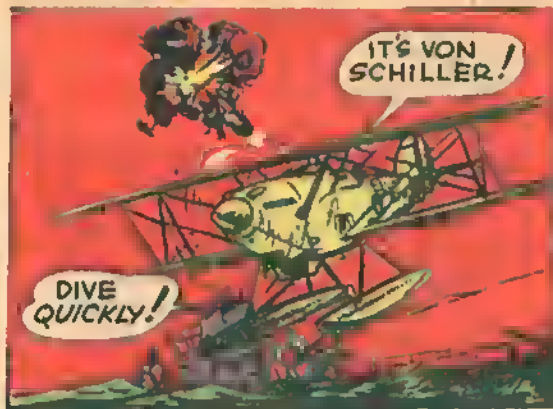
HANG ON, GUNNER!

GOOD SHOOTING YANK! SORRY I COULDN'T HELP YOU.



MEANWHILE, THE OTHER PLANE HAVE BEEN BLASTING THE NAZI WAR SHIP.





I HOPE IT'S NOT
TOO DEEP FOR
OUR BOMBS TO
TAKE EFFECT!

YOU HIT HIM, SIR!

HE'S
PROBABLY JUST
CRIPPLED, THOSE
PEOPLE NEED HELP.

YOU SET THE PLANE
DOWN, I'M GOING TO
THE AID OF THAT
WOMAN AND CHILD.

WE'VE GOT TO GET
THESE PEOPLE TO A
HOSPITAL. I'LL TAKE
CARE OF VON SCHILLER
LATER!

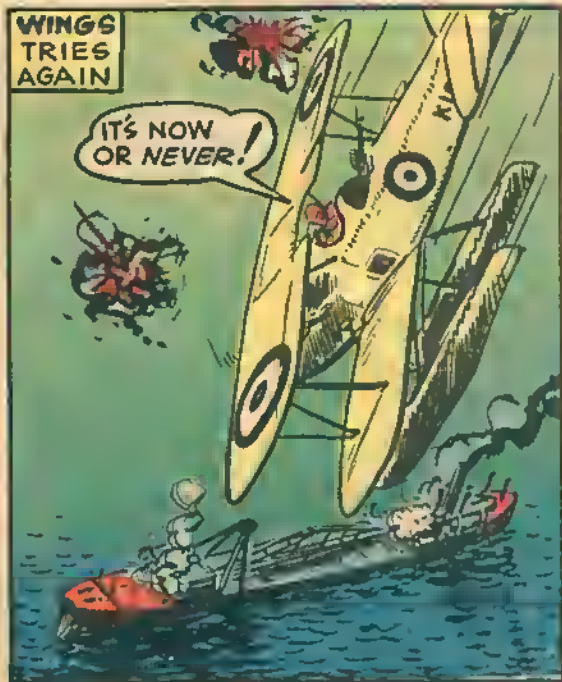
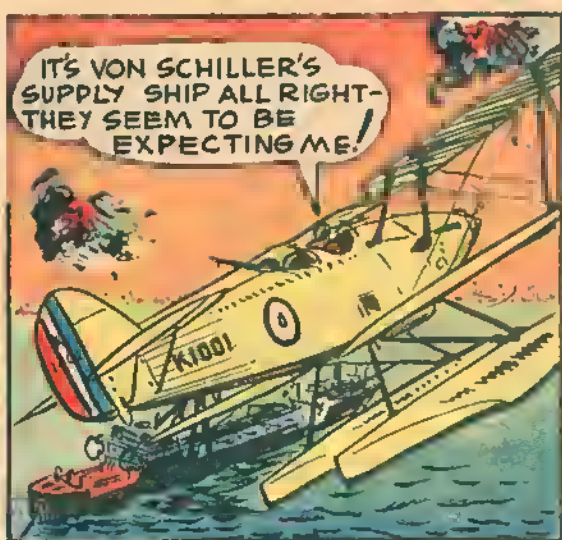
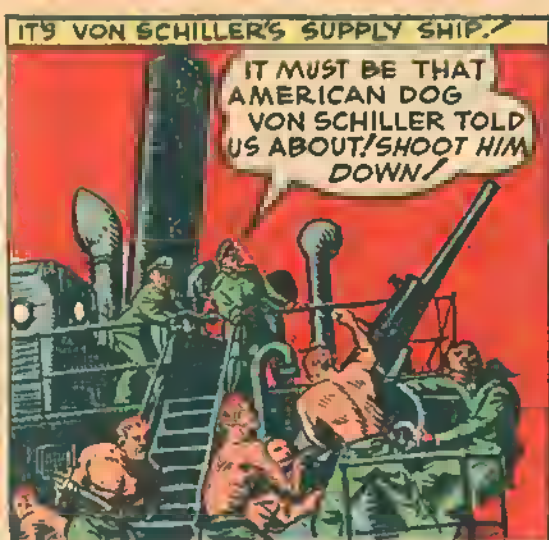
OH! THANK YOU!
I WAS JUST A-
BOUT TO GIVE
UP.

A SHIP AT ANCHOR,
WAY OUT HERE, THAT'S
FUNNY—I'LL
INVESTIGATE!

MY IDEA
EXACTLY. I'LL
START
NOW!

200 MILES OUT

LATER
SO! YOU ONLY
CRIPPLED THE SUB.
THE BEST THING TO DO
IS FIND ITS SUPPLY SHIP
AND DESTROY IT BEFORE
IT CAN MAKE REPAIRS!



JUST
THEN
VON
SCHILLER
ARRIVES

OUR SUPPLY
SHIP IS SUNK!
AND THERE'S
THE BIRD WHO
DID IT.

VON SCHILLER!
WELL, YOU GOT
HERE JUST IN TIME
FOR ME!

MAN, THE GUN!
IT MUST BE THAT
CRAZY YANK-NO-
BODY ELSE WOULD
FLY THIS FAR OUT
ALONE.

I'VE ONLY ONE BOMB
LEFT. I'LL HAVE TO
DIVE TO MAKE
SURE OF A HIT.

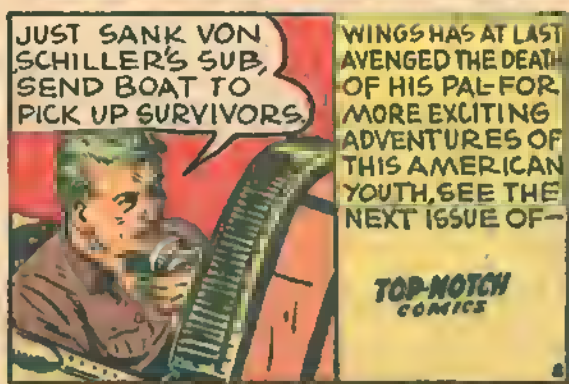
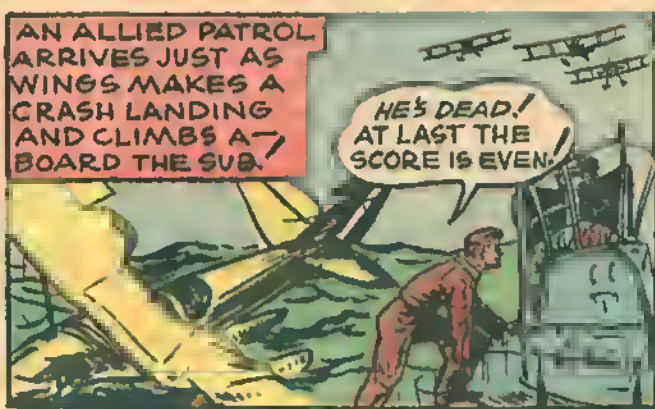
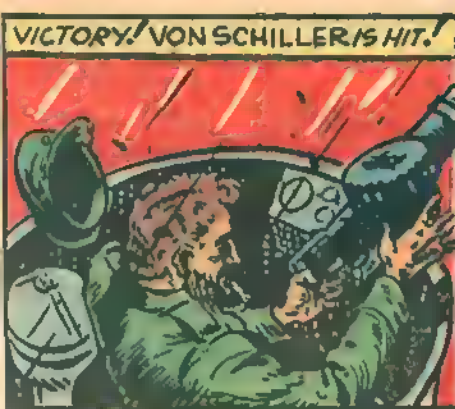
THE FOOL IS COMING
STRAIGHT AT US!
HURRY UP AND
SHOOT!

A
NAZI
SHELL
RIPS
A
BIG
HOLE
IN
ONE
WING!

GOOD! NOW HE
CAN'T SUBMERGE.
THEY'RE AT MY
MERCY!

WINGS
BOMB
BLOWS
UP
THE
SUB
GUN
AND
DAM-
AGES
THE
HULL!

WITH VON SCHILLER, THE ONLY MAN
ON DECK LEFT ALIVE, IT BECOMES
A DUEL BETWEEN THE TWO.



NOODLE

BY
QUINCY

UNFAIR
TO
ME

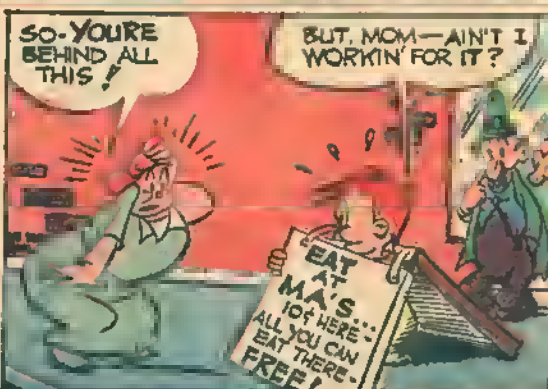
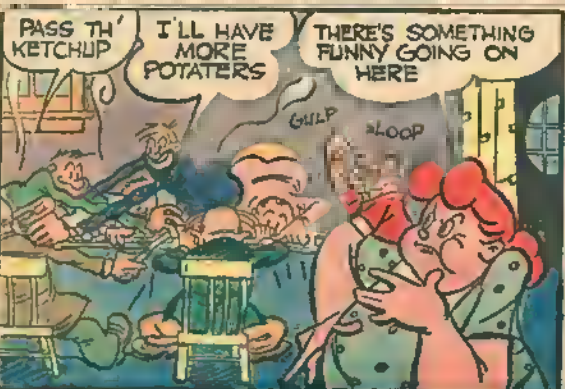
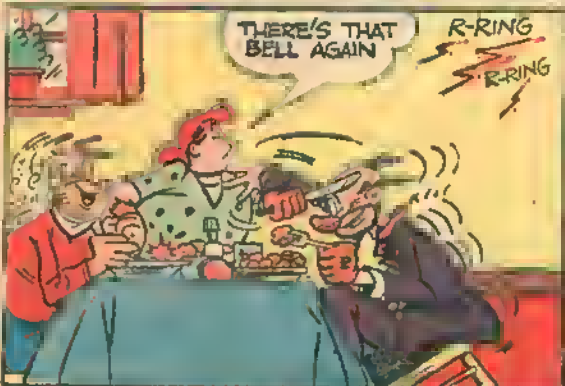
MOM—CAN I HAVE
A QUARTER TO GO
TO THE MOVIES?

NOT SO FAST YOUNG MAN.
MONEY DOESN'T GROW
ON TREES—YOU HAVE TO
WORK FOR IT.



PARDON ME, LADY—
COULD I TROUBLE YOU
FOR A BITE TO EAT?

ER... WHY... YES...
COME IN



DICK STORM



**ON
THE ISLAND
OF THE DEVIL
DEVIL DOCTOR**

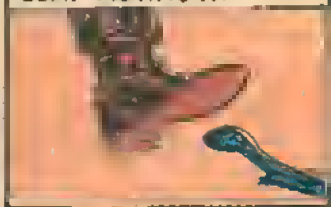
IN THE CORAL SEAS, OFF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS,
DICK STORM FISHES FOR PEARLS...



I GUESS WE CAN START
BACK. WE'VE GOT ENOUGH
PEARLS FOR THIS TRIP
HEY, BURTON! COME
ON BACK...!
WE'RE LEAVING !

HA HA / YOU'RE
LEAVING ALL RIGHT...
RIGHT OUT OF THIS
WORLD / I'M NOT
SHARING THESE
PEARLS WITH
ANYONE !

UNAWARE OF THE DEATH
LURKING BENEATH THE
HARMLESS LOOKING START-
ER, ONE OF THE MEN
PREPARES TO GET THE
BOAT MOVING ...!



THE STARTER SETS OFF A BOMB
AND THE BOAT IS BLOWN TO
THE SKIES ...!

DICK STORM MANAGES TO
SURVIVE THE BLAST ...!



... I CAN'T
HOLD OUT
LONG ... GOT TO
REACH SHORE
!!

DICK STORM'S
ESCAPED /
HE'LL KILL ME
IF HE CATCHES
ME / I'VE GOT TO
GET AWAY !

DICK STORM ADVENT-
URER AND EXPLORER,
PITS HIS COURAGE
AND DARING
AGAINST THE FIEND-
ISH DEVIL-DOCTORS
OF THE SOLOMON
ISLANDS !!



I'M GOING AFTER THAT MURDERING SWINE... I'LL BRING HIM BACK TO JUSTICE IF IT'S THE LAST THING THAT I DO!



DICK SETS OUT ON HIS MANHUNT

HE WENT THIS WAY!



AHEAD, BURTON FLEES IN TERROR!!

HE-HE'LL NEVER CATCH ME! THE PEARLS... THEY'RE MINE. ALL MINE!



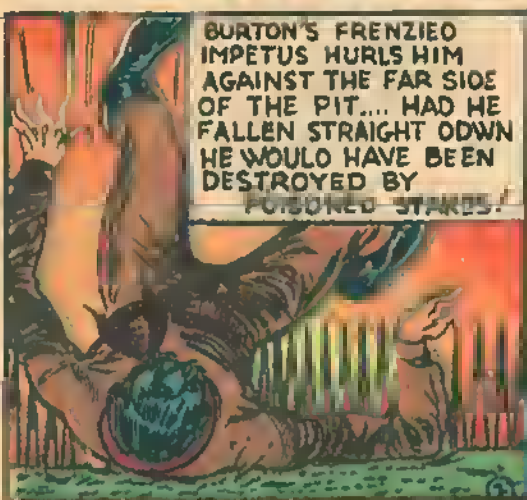
BURTON CONTINUES HIS HEADLONG RUSH, AND SETS OFF A TRAP-- A POISONED ARROW SET OFF BY A VINE UNDERFOOT!

LUCKILY HE STUMBLES AND THE ARROW SPEEDS OVER HIS HEAD!!



ANOTHER TRAP.... A PIT COVERED WITH UNDERBRUSH!

H-HELP! I'M.. FALLING //



BURTON'S FRENZIED IMPETUS HURLS HIM AGAINST THE FAR SIDE OF THE PIT.... HAD HE FALLEN STRAIGHT DOWN HE WOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY POISONED STAKES!



THE NATIVES OF THE ISLAND APPEAR AND TAKE BURTON CAPTIVE!

MEANWHILE DICK STONE
IS IN PURSUIT

THAT
BRANCH LOOKS
A LITTLE TOO
INNOCENT TO
SUIT ME.

I'LL JUST
PUSH THAT
THING OFF
THE TRAIL
AND KEEP
MY
DISTANCE

DICK'S SUSPICIONS ARE
CONFIRMED

WOW!
I WOULD HAVE
BEEN MINCE
MEAT IF I'D
BEEN
UNDER
THAT.

THE LOUD CRASH BRINGS
THE SOLOMON ISLAND
BUSHMEN TO THE SCENE.

WHAT THE--IT'S A
QUICK EXIT FOR
ME IF I WANT
TO KEEP IN
ONE PIECE

BUT RETREAT IS CUT OFF BY
MORE BUSHMEN.

OH! OH!
THAT DOES
IT!-- WAIT
A MINUTE,
THIS VINE
GIVES ME
AN IDEA.

PARDON ME
EIGHT BALLS,
IT'S THE
KALTHAR
IN ME!

OOMPH!

BUT THE ODDS
ARE TOO GREAT!



I...I'M SUNK!

MALU
KWANA!

THE SOLOMON
ISLANDERS
MARCH THE CAP-
TIVE TO THEIR
VILLAGE!

I GUESS THEY
WANT ME ALIVE!
BUT I WISH
THEY'D STOP
LOOKING AT ME
LIKE I WAS A
CAFETERIA
TICKET!



GREAT GHOSTS!
HEAD HUNTERS! WHAT
A HORRIBLE WAY
TO DIE!

M-BUNGO
BWANGA

DICK IS TIED TO A TREE, NEXT TO
THE OTHER PRISONER!



SO, THEY
GOT YOU
TOO!

HA, HA!
YOU'LL DIE
WITH ME!

BURTON IS THE FIRST ONE TO GO!



YOU WERE
WILLING ENOUGH
TO LET YOUR
FRIENDS DIE!

THEY CAN'T DO
THIS. I...DON'T
WANT TO
DIE!

BURTON, CRAZED WITH
FEAR, BREAKS LOOSE,
AND MAKES A MAD
DASH AT DICK!



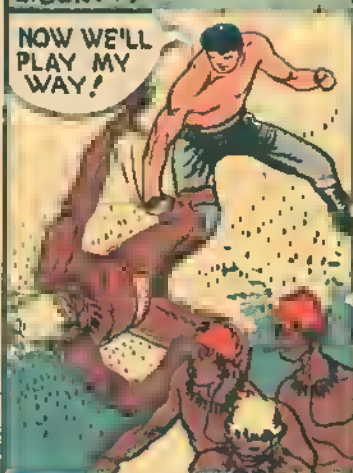
DON'T LET
THEM KILL
ME. I...I....



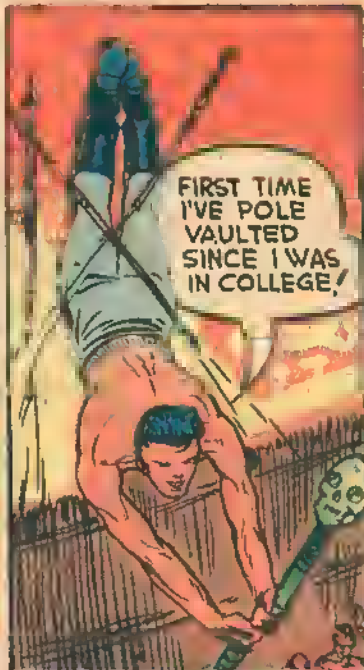
THE BLACKS MANAGE TO PRY THE MAD BURTON AWAY FROM THEIR OTHER WHITE CAPTIVE!



DICK DECIDES ON A DESPERATE BREAK FOR LIBERTY!



UNNOTICED IN THE CONFUSION, THE TREACHEROUS BURTON ESCAPES INTO THE JUNGLE, LEAVING DICK TO BATTLE HIS WAY OUT ALONE!



BUT DICK DOES NOT DASH RECKLESSLY INTO THE JUNGLE!

IF I RUN FOR IT THEY'LL CATCH UP WITH ME. BEST THING FOR ME TO DO IS TO WAIT FOR THEM TO GO BY, AND THEN RUN THE OTHER WAY!



DICK IS FORCED TO USE ONE OF THE GRISLY STICKS IN HIS DARING PLAN!

THE BLACKS GIVE CHASE
ALONG THE TRAIL THEY
BELIEVE DICK HAS
TAKEN!

YOU GO
YOUR WAY
I'LL GO MINE!

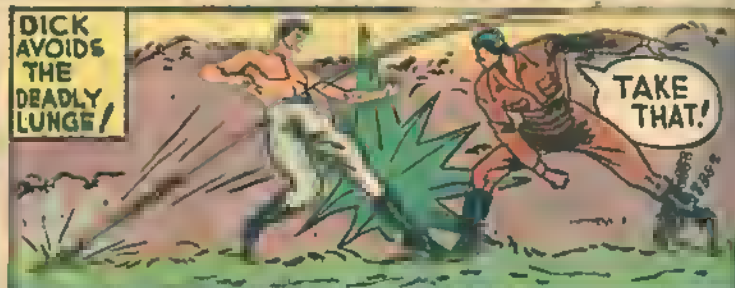


BUT THE TREACHEROUS BURTON
AMBUSHES DICK!



YOU'LL
NEVER GET
THESE
PEARLS!

DICK
AVOIDS
THE
DEADLY
LUNGE!



TAKE
THAT!

HERE'S ONE
FOR YOUR
WHISKERS.
YOU MUR-
DERING
HOUND!



OOOCH!

I OUGHT TO LEAVE YOU HERE
TO ROT, BUT THE BRITISH
AUTHORITIES WILL GIVE YOU
WHAT YOU DESERVE!



DICK TAKES BURTON BACK TO THE BRITISH MILITARY
POLICE WHICH HAS JURISDICTION OVER THE
SOLOMON ISLANDS!

THIS MAN IS WANTED BY THE
BRITISH POLICE. HE'LL HANG
FOR THIS LATEST KILLING!

HANGING'S
TOO GOOD
FOR HIM!



MORE ADVENTURES OF DICK STORM, THE WORLD'S
MOST FAMOUS SOLDIER OF FORTUNE, IN THE
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BOB PHANTOM

SCOURGE OF THE UNDERWORLD

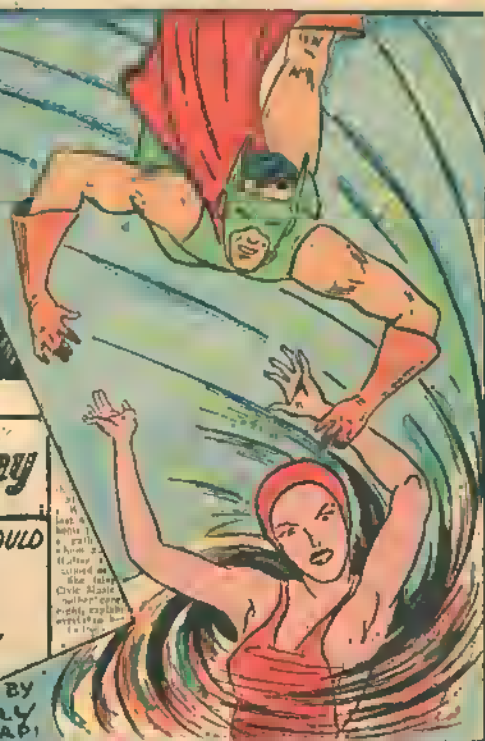
BOB PHANTOM IS A NAME THAT INSPIRES DREAD IN THE HEARTS OF EVILDOERS... APPEARING AND DISAPPEARING AT WILL LIKE THE WILL O' THE WISP... HE STRIKES LIKE LIGHTNING, CONSTANTLY FRUSTRATING FORCES OF EVIL!

On Broadway

BY WALT WHITNEY

NOTE TO SALLY IVER: "I SHOULD BE VERY CAREFUL OF KIDNAPPERS IF I WERE YOU, SALLY... WITH ALL YOUR DOUGH, YOU'RE A PRETTY GOOD TARGET FOR A SNATCH... PLAY SAFE, KID!!"

BY GERRY THOMPSON



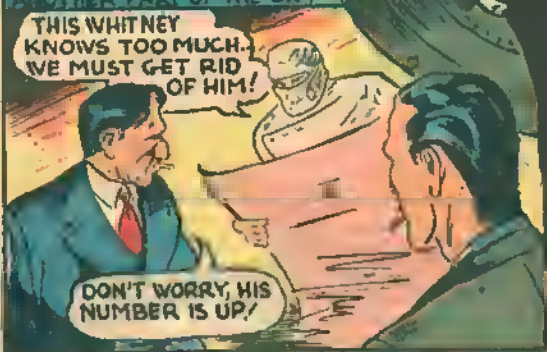
IN THE HOME OF THE MIL- LIONAIRE MORTIMER IVER



THIS WHITNEY IS RIGHT, SALLY. YOU OUGHT TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS.

OH, THAT OLD RUBBER-NECK! HE'S JUST GOT TO HAVE SOMETHING TO WRITE ABOUT.

IN A DOCTOR'S OFFICE, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY!



THIS WHITNEY KNOWS TOO MUCH... WE MUST GET RID OF HIM!

DON'T WORRY, HIS NUMBER IS UP!

THE WARNING OF WHITNEY'S WAS NO EFFECT ON SALLY...



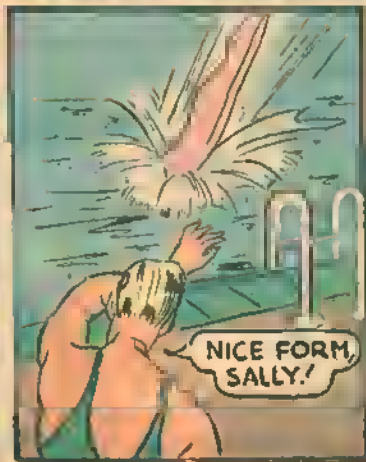
WATCH THIS SWAN DIVE, EVERYBODY!

...BUT MR. IVER TAKES HIS CHANCES... HE HAS EVERY ENTRANCE GUARDED!



CHEE, SHORTY EVEN HOUDINI COULDN'T BREAK INTO OIS JOINT

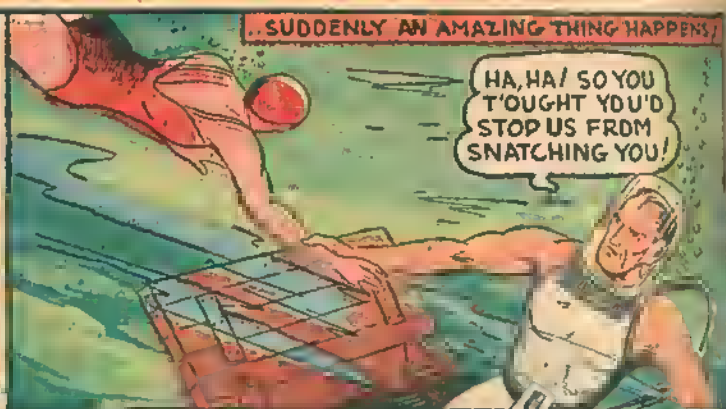
YEAH! THAT IVER DAME IS SAFE FROM SNATCHES!



NICE FORM, SALLY!

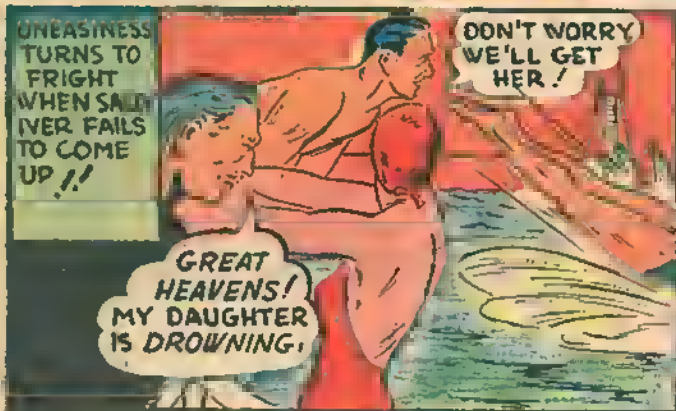


SALLY REACHES THE POOL BOTTOM, WHEN



SUDDENLY AN AMAZING THING HAPPENS!

HA, HA! SO YOU T'UGHT YOU'D STOP US FROM SNATCHING YOU!



UNEASINESS TURNS TO FRIGHT WHEN SALLY NEVER FAILS TO COME UP !!

DON'T WORRY WE'LL GET HER!

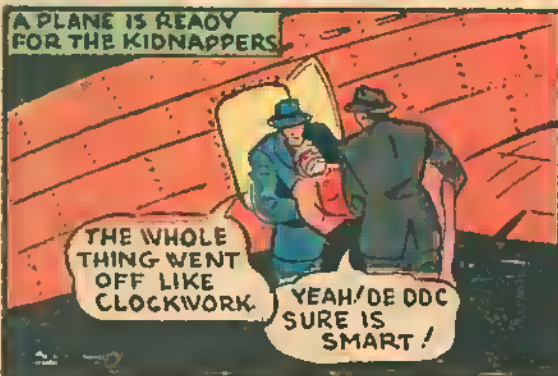
GREAT HEAVENS! MY DAUGHTER IS DROWNING!



WALT WHITNEY, BROADWAY COLUMNIST APPEARS...

DID I GET HERE TOO LATE? IS YOUR DAUGHTER GONE?

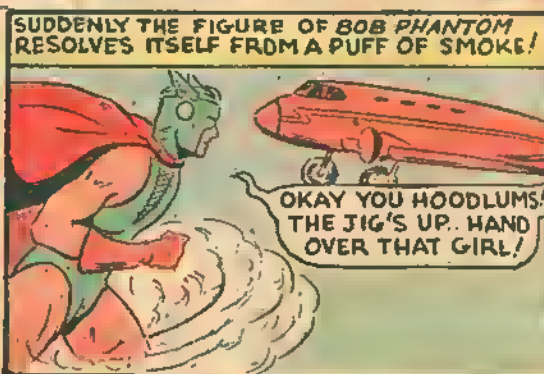
H.. HOW DID YOU KNOW?...IT JUST HAPPENED!



A PLANE IS READY FOR THE KIDNAPPERS.

THE WHOLE THING WENT OFF LIKE CLOCKWORK.

YEAH/DE DDC SURE IS SMART!



SUDDENLY THE FIGURE OF BOB PHANTOM RESOLVES ITSELF FROM A PUFF OF SMOKE!

OKAY YOU HOODLUMS! THE JIG'S UP. HAND OVER THAT GIRL!

THE KIDNAPPERS SPRING A SURPRISE ON BOB PHANTOM!!



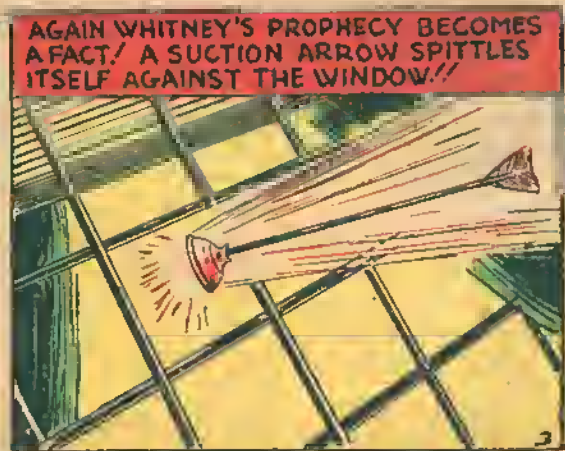
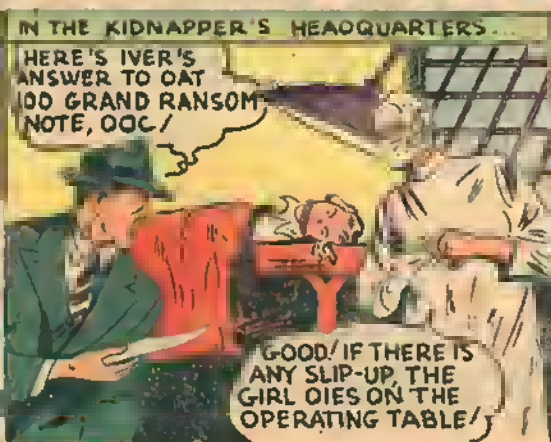
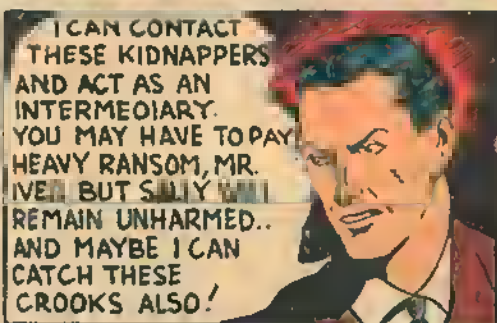
DAT'S NOT YOU T'INK...WE'RE PREPARED FOR YOU DIS TIME!!

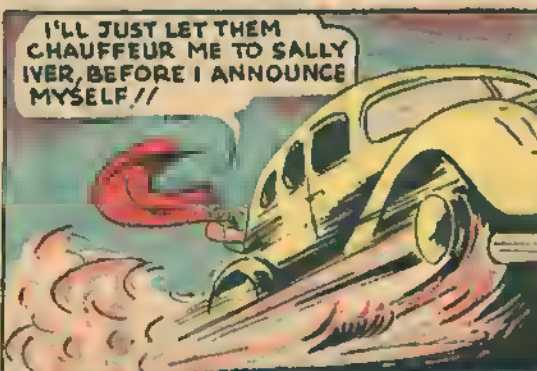
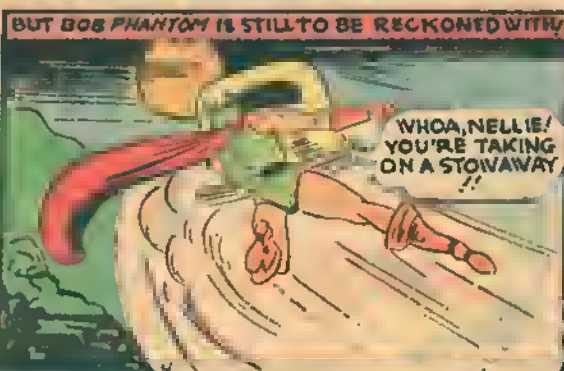
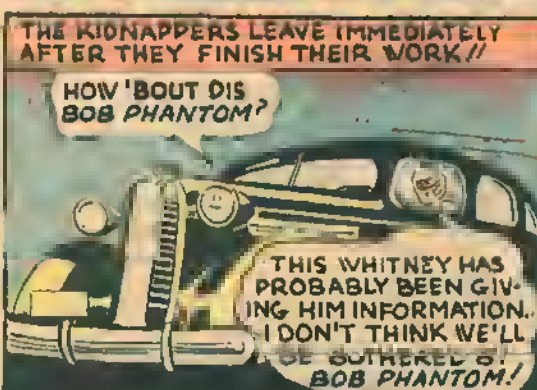
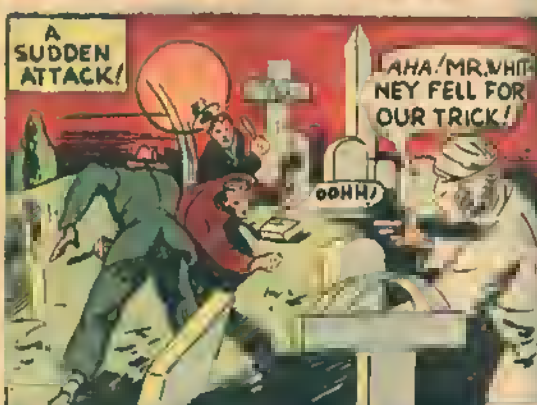
GAS!

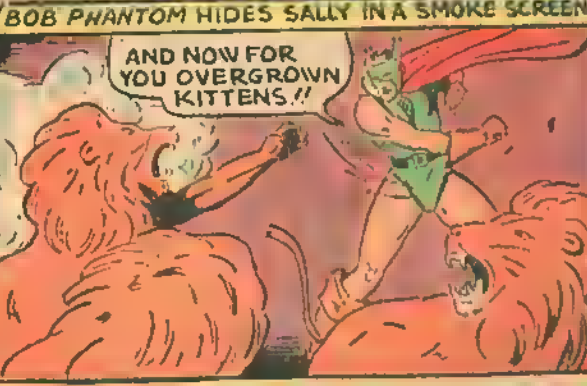
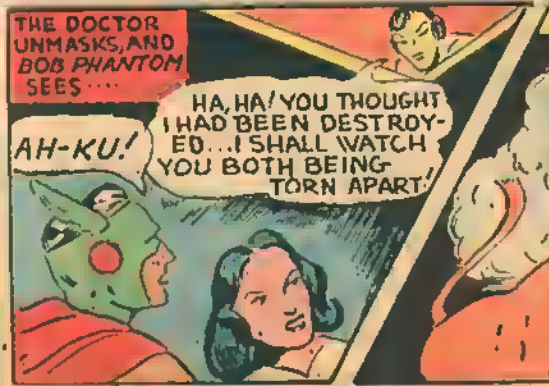
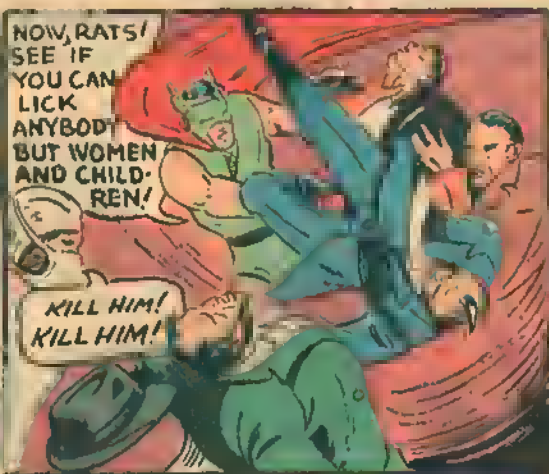
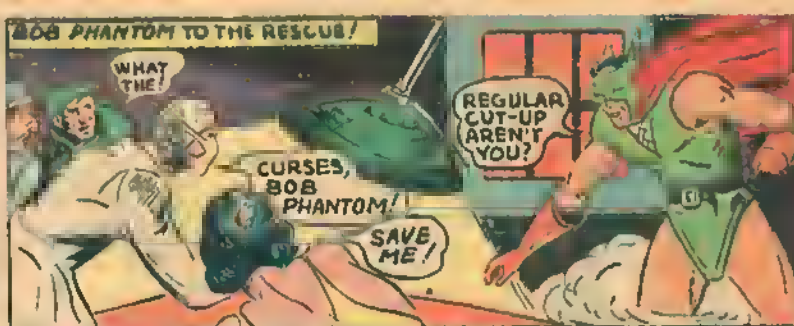
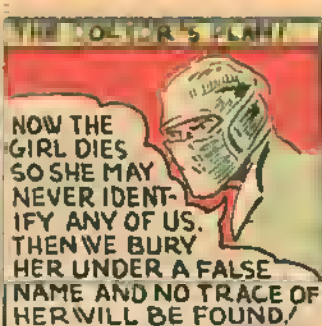
BOB PHANTOM'S AMAZING VITALITY OVER-
COMES THE EFFECTS OF THE DEADLY POISON!



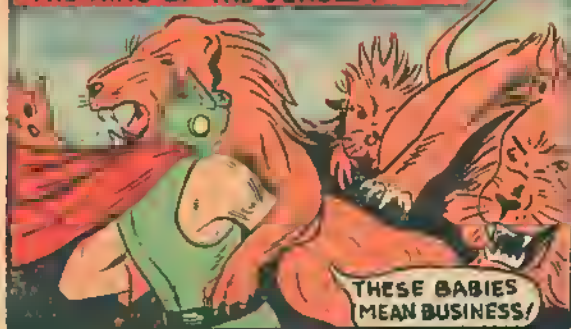
WALT WHITNEY IS ARRESTED
ON SUSPICION!







CAN EVEN THE PROWESS OF BOB PHANTOM MATCH THE MIGHT OF THE KING OF THE JUNGLE?



THESE BABIES MEAN BUSINESS!

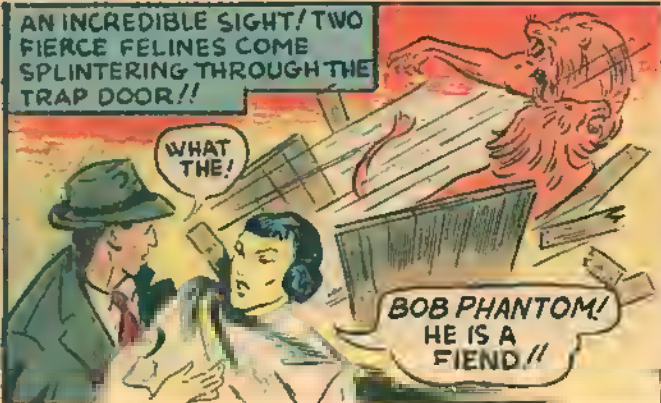
WHILE IN THE ROOM ABOVE, THE KIDNAPERS CHUCKLE AT THE FATE OF THEIR VICTIMS...



HAW, HAW / DID YOU SEE THE LOOK ON HIS FACE WHEN HE SAW THEM LIONS?

SILENCE, FOOL! PREPARE TO LEAVE...

AN INCREDIBLE SIGHT! TWO FIERCE FELINES COME SPLINTERING THROUGH THE TRAP DOOR!!



WHAT THE!

BOB PHANTOM! HE IS A FIEND!!

THE THUGS DIVE INTO THE PIT FROM WHICH THE LIONS CAME!



YEOW!

HELP!

POLICE BURST IN ON THE SCENE.



HOLY SMOKE! ... LIONS!

SHOOT 'EM!

THE POLICE SUBDUE THE LIONS.



HEY, WHITNEY, WE FOLLOWED AS SOON AS... HOLY SMOKE! IT AIN'T WHITNEY! ... IT'S BOB PHANTOM!

HELLO SER-GEANT! I'VE BEEN

NEY AND SALLY ARE SAFE!

AN-KU IS THE LEADER... WHERE IS SHE?



MUST'VE MADE A CLEAN GETAWAY!

PUT ME IN A NICE SAFE JAIL, COPPER! I DON'T WANT NO PART OF THIS PHANTOM!

BOB PHANTOM DOES NOT WAIT FOR MR. IVER'S THANKS



NAME YOUR REWARD... WHAT THE!! WHERE DID HE GO?

TA, TA, EVERYBODY! ... SERVING JUSTICE IS MY REWARD!

on Broadway
BY WALT WHITNEY

THE POLICE DESERVE A LOT OF CREDIT FOR A GREAT PIECE OF WORK. SALLY IVER IS SAFE, THE RANSOM IS RETURNED, AND YOUR CORRESPONDENT NEARLY GOT HIMSELF A FORM-FITTING COFFIN.

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THE
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CLUB
AND THE
RANG-A-TANG
HONOR LEGION!
CONTEST
WINNERS
ANNOUNCED!

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THE WONDER
DOG BRINGS TO
THE PAGES OF
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COURAGE AND DARING, THAT
MADE RIN-TIN-TIN THE MOVIES
MOST FAMOUS CHARACTER---
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GENCE, HIS UNERRING SENSE OF

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The WEST POINTER



KEITH KORNELL, OF WEST POINT, HAS PROVED HIS COURAGE MANY TIMES BEFORE, BUT NOW HE IS PITTED AGAINST MORE VICIOUS FORCES. CAN HE FRUSTRATE THESE ENEMIES OF HIS COUNTRY ??

THE HIGHEST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS REVIEW THE DRESS PARADE BEFORE GRADUATION CEREMONIES.

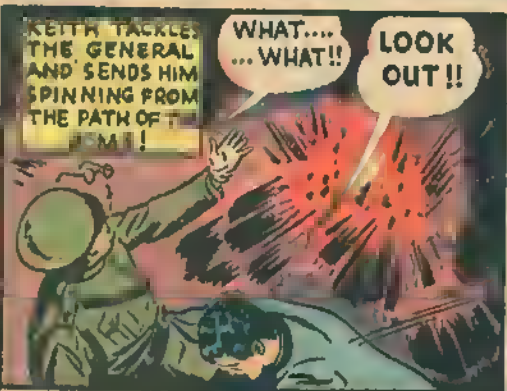


EYES RIGHT!!



THAT'S FUNNY! NO PLANES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE FLYING OVER THE GROUNDS TODAY... GOOD HEAVENS!! THEY'RE DROPPING A BOMB!!

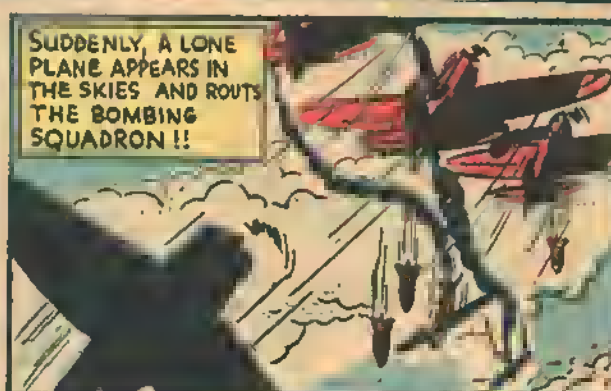
KEITH'S SHARP HEARING DETECTS THE DRONE OF A OF A MOTOR IN THE SKIES!!



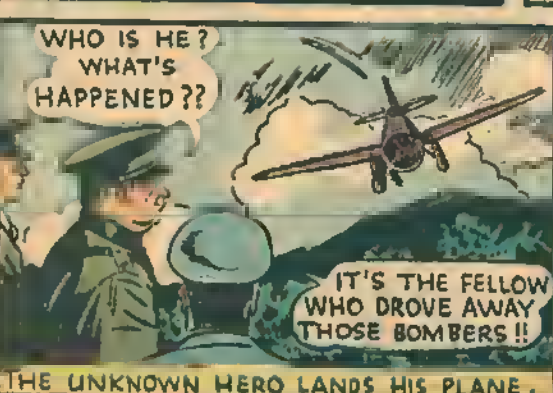
KEITH TACKLES THE GENERAL AND SENDS HIM SPINNING FROM THE PATH OF THE BOMB!!

WHAT....
...WHAT!!

LOOK OUT!!



SUDDENLY, A LONE PLANE APPEARS IN THE SKIES AND ROUTS THE BOMBING SQUADRON!!



WHO IS HE?
WHAT'S
HAPPENED??

IT'S THE FELLOW WHO DROVE AWAY THOSE BOMBERS!!

THE WIZARD INTRODUCES HIMSELF

I'M THE WIZARD, SIR. SORRY I HAD TO BREAK IN ON YOU SO ABRUPTLY

I... I'M PROUD TO MEET YOU SIR!!

THE WIZARD!! WHY.... WHY I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOME KIND OF MYTH!!

THE UNKNOWN HERO LANDS HIS PLANE.

THE BOMBING IS ONE PART OF A TREMENDOUS PLOT OF THE MOSCONIAN GOV'T. THEY PLAN TO DESTROY THE MOST VITAL POINTS OF THE U.S. AND THEN TO INVADE. THESE SPIES PLANNED TO KILL THE HIGH OFFICIALS BY BOMBING WEST POINT THEREBY WEAKENING THE U.S. ARMY !!



THE WIZARD DISCLOSES THE PLOT !!

I MANAGED TO STOP THIS FIRST ATTEMPT BUT THEY'LL TRY AGAIN !

GOODBYE, AND GOOD LUCK! THE ACADEMY SHALL BE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU !!



THE WIZARD TAKES HIS LEAVE

THE GENERAL ASSIGNS KEITH TO A HAZARDOUS TASK !!

THE BOMBING HAS DELAYED THE GRADUATION CEREMONIES. YOU HAVE EARNED THE TASK OF KEEPING SPECIAL GUARD ON THE GROUND !!

THANK YOU SIR! I SHALL DO MY BEST !!



UNKNOWN TO ALL, A HIDDEN MICRO-PHONE PICKS UP THE GENERAL'S WORDS



AND TRANSMITS THEM TO MOSCONIAN EARS IN A DESERTED SHACK ON STORM KING MOUNTAIN, NEAR-BY !!

DE CEREMONY VILL BE HELD LATER.

GOOT! UND NOW DER IS NO VIZARD TO BODDE US !!



BUT DERES STILL CADET KORNELL !!

KEITH PHONES THE MILITARY GUARD AT THE ACADEMY GATE...

ORDERS ARE THAT NO ONE IS TO ENTER THE ACADEMY.

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT.



THE MOSCONIAN SPIES PROCEED WITH THEIR PLAN

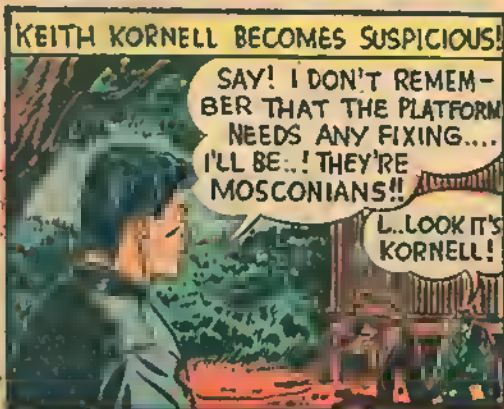
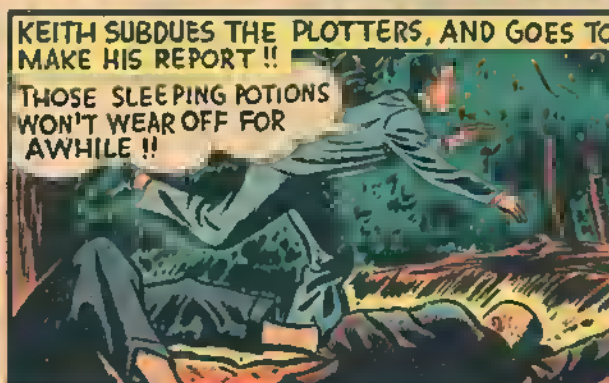
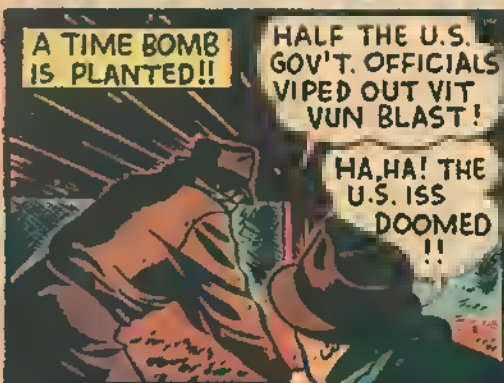
DERE MUST BE NO SLIP-UP. FAILURE MEANS DEATH!

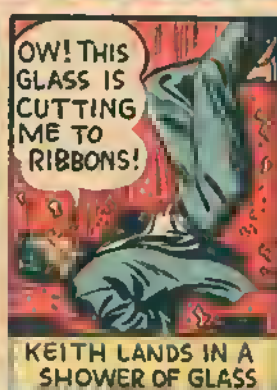
THE MILITARY GUARD IS OVERPOWERED !!

QUVICK. OFF VID DERE CLOTHES!

SILENCE, DOG!







KEITH KORNELL CIRCLES THE
THE HOUSE, AND ATTACKS !!

TAG, YOU'RE IT !!

HE ISS A
VILDMAN !!

OKAY, THE REST OF
YOU GET INTO
THE CAR.

DO AS HE SAYS, OR
I'M A DEAD MAN!

KEITH
ORDERS THEM
TO DRIVE TO
THE ACADEMY

NOW, STEP ON THE G
YOU MONKEYS!

Y..YES, S..SIR

KEITH TURNS THE MOSCONIAN SPIES
OVER TO THE GUARD

TAKE CARE OF
THEM !!

WH..WHAT
THE...!!

UNAWARE OF THE DANGER, THE U.S.
OFFICIALS PROCEED CALMLY !!

THANK YOU,
SIR

GOOD LUCK !!

SUDDENLY,
A WILD FIG-
URE DASHES
UP TO THE
PLATFORM

WHAT'S THIS ??

OFF THE
PLATFORM,
QUICKLY !!

NOT A MOMENT
TOO SOON !!

KEITH TOSSES
THE BOMB
UP INTO THE
AIR !!

LATER.....

THE ACADEMY
WILL BE FOREVER
INDEBTED
TO YOU!

I ONLY DID MY
DUTY, SIR !!

— AND,
SO ENDS THIS
THRILLING
ADVENTURE OF
KEITH KORNELL!
LOOK FOR THE
FURTHER DARING
DEEDS OF THE
WEST POINTER
IN THE NEXT
TOP-NOTCH

KARDAK

THE MYSTIC MAGICIAN

KAROAK, THE MYSTIC MAGICIAN AND LORNA OORNE, A BEAUTIFUL AMERICAN GIRL, HAVE BEEN CAPTURED FROM AN OCEAN LINER BY THE FISHTAILS, AN UNDERSEAS TRIBE OF THE SUNKEN CONTINENT, ANDERRAS. LORNA HAS BECOME THEIR QUEEN, AND KAROAK, THEIR MINISTER OF STATE.



YOU HAVE TREATED US VERY KINDLY, YOUR MAJESTY, BUT LORNA AND MYSELF ARE GETTING HOMESICK FOR OUR OWN COUNTRY. WILL YOU SHOW US THE WAY OUT?

I CANNOT. OUR LEGEND SAYS THAT THE MOCHA MEN WILL DESTROY US UNLESS WE ARE PROTECTED BY OUR WHITE QUEEN!



THEN I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO GET RID OF THE MOCHA MEN.



KAROAK PROPOSES A PLAN.

THEN WE MUST DESTROY THE MOCHAS BEFORE THEY DESTROY THE FISHTAILS. WE MUST INVADE THEIR KINGDOM.

B-BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THEIR KINGDOM IS IMPENETRABLE AND OUR SOLDIERS WOULD NEVER DARE INVADE.



LORNA IS QUICK TO REALIZE KAROAK'S PLAN!

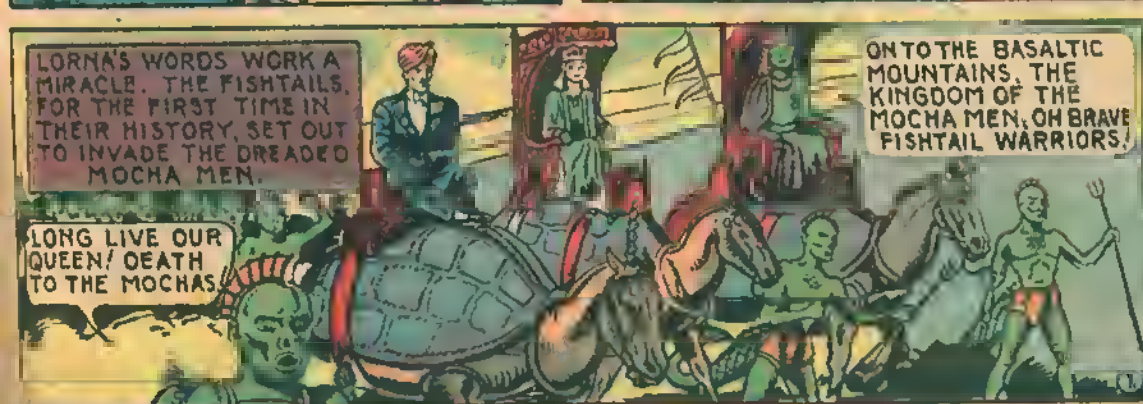
I AM YOUR PROTECTRESS. I SHALL ACCOMPANY YOUR SOLDIERS AND NO HARM SHALL BEFALL THEM. THE MOCHAS SHALL BE CONQUERED!



LORNA'S WORDS WORK A MIRACLE. THE FISHTAILS, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR HISTORY, SET OUT TO INVADE THE DREADED MOCHA MEN.

ONTO THE BASALTIC MOUNTAINS, THE KINGDOM OF THE MOCHA MEN, OH BRAVE FISHTAIL WARRIORS!

LONG LIVE OUR QUEEN! OATH TO THE MOCHAS!



THE FISHTAIL ARMY ARRIVES
AT THE BASALTIC MOUNTAIN
KINGDOM OF THE MOCHA
MEN.

SAY, THAT'S FUNNY!
ALL THESE SHIPWRECKS
BEING IN ONE PLACE.

IT IS THE MOCHA MEN. IN
SOME MYSTERIOUS WAY
THEY PULL DOWN ALL
PASSING EARTH SHIPS!

KARDAK HAS A PLAN.

NOW IF I HAVEN'T
GROWN RUSTY,
THESE ROPES OUGHT
TO GET ME INTO
MOCHA LAND!

JUST THEN ANOTHER SHIPWRECK APPEARS!

GREAT GHOSTS! THIS IS IN-
HUMAN! NOW I'VE GOT A
PERSONAL SCORE TO SETTLE
WITH THESE MOCHANS!

BUT THERE IS NO WAY
FOR US TO ENTER
MOCHA LAND!

OH!

THIS IS MY OWN
VARIATION OF THE
INOIAN ROPE TRICK!

WITH THE ROPE
STANDING
STIFF IN THE AIR,
KARDAK STARTS
TO CLIMB!

I'LL FIND SOME
WAY
TO ENTER!

KARDAK,
BE CAREFUL!

KARDAK'S CLIMB LEADS HIM TO THE ENTRANCE
OF A HUGE CAVERN ATOP THE BASALTIC
MOUNTAINS.

HM! NOW WONDER
MOCHA LAND HASN'T
BEEN INVADED! BUT
THERE MUST BE
SOME WAY OF
GETTING IN!

SUDDENLY, A TERRIFIC SUCTION IS FELT!

WHAT THE
I'M BEING
SUCKED IN

HE EMERGES INTO THE OCEAN
AND IS WHIRLED ABOUT
LIKE A STRAW IN A HURRI-
CANE, AS HE IS SUCKED
TOWARD A HUGE FUNNEL!

INTO THE LAND OF THE MOCHA MEN!

A HA! WELCOME
TO MOCHA LAND,
EARTHLING!

KARDAK IS TAKEN PRISONER.

SEIZE
HIM!

THE MYSTIC IS LED TO THE
RULER OF THE MOCHAS.

THE FEELING
WILL BE MUTUAL

THE MAGATOR
WILL BE
DELIGHTED
TO MAKE YOUR
ACQUAINTANCE
AGAIN.

THE MOCHAN MAGATOR

HO! IT IS THE WHITE
DEVIL AGAIN. THIS TIME
YOU SHALL NOT ESCAPE
SO EASILY!

TALK IS CHEAP!

SOON THE MOCHAS
SHALL CONQUOR THE
EARTH WORLD. YOU
SHALL SEE FOR YOUR-
SELF OUR LATEST
WEAPON AGAINST
YOUR FELLOW MEN,
AND THEN YOU DIE.

WE KNOW THAT THE FISHTAIL LEGIONS ARE
OUTSIDE, READY TO INVADE. THE FOOLS
SHALL SOON BE DESTROYED. WE MOCHAS
ARE NOT CONTENT TO RULE ONLY
THE ANDERRAS!

KARDAK IS TAKEN TO THE MOCHAN LABORATORIES!

SHOW THIS FOOL SOME OF OUR EQUIPMENT BEFORE WE KILL HIM.

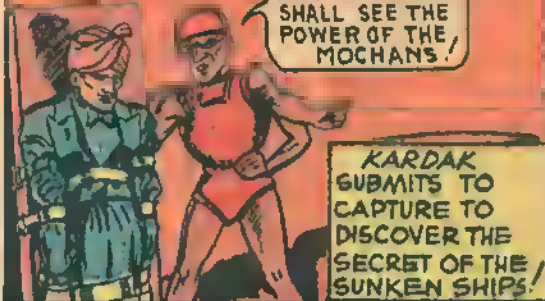
YOU BOYS SURELY HAVE A HIGH IDEA OF ME.



KARDAK IS STRAPPED AGAINST A STEEL SLAB

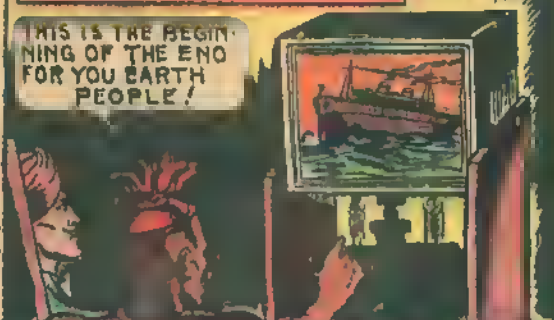
AND NOW YOU SHALL SEE THE POWER OF THE MOCHAN'S!

KARDAK SUBMITS TO CAPTURE TO DISCOVER THE SECRET OF THE SUNKEN SHIPS!

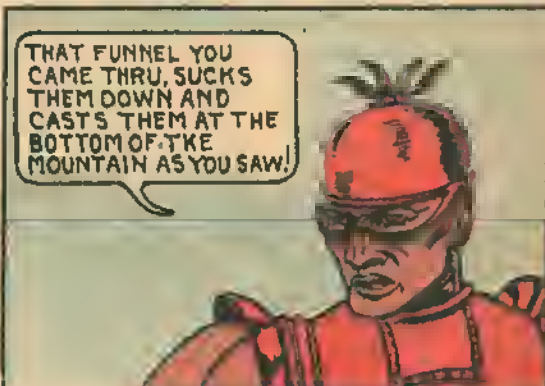


KARDAK IS STARTLED AT THE SIGHT OF AN EARTH SHIP!

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR YOU EARTH PEOPLE!



THAT FUNNEL YOU CAME THRU, SUCKS THEM DOWN AND CASTS THEM AT THE BOTTOM OF THE MOUNTAIN AS YOU SAW!



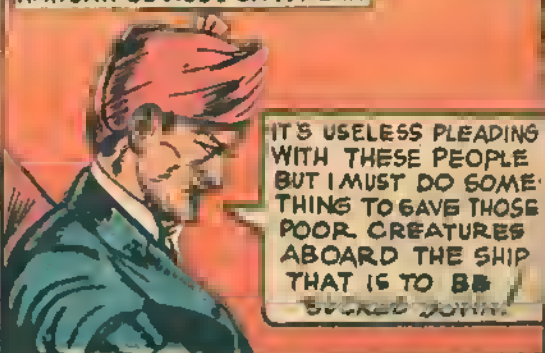
THE STEEL SLAB AGAINST WHICH KARDAK IS TIED, BECOMES SIZZLING HOT!

HA, HA! AND NOW YOU SHALL WATCH THE DESTRUCTION OF YOUR COUNTRYMEN AS YOU YOURSELF DIE!



KARDAK DECIDES ON A PLAN

IT'S USELESS PLEADING WITH THESE PEOPLE BUT I MUST DO SOMETHING TO SAVE THOSE POOR CREATURES ABOARD THE SHIP THAT IS TO BE SUCKED DOWN.



A DESPERATE RUSE. IF IT FAILS...

WE EARTH PEOPLE HAVE A CURIOUS CUSTOM. WE LIKE TO SMOKE A CIGARETTE BEFORE WE DIE!

HA, HA! WE MIGHT AS WELL LET THE DOG CARRY OUT THIS FINAL RITE



ONBOARD THE SHIP WHICH IS BEING SUCKED DOWN.

THIS IS FANTASTIC, SIR. WE'RE BEING SUCKED DOWN AS IF IN SOME GIANT WHIRL POOL!

GOOD HEAVENS!



KARDAK'S PLAN SUCCEEDS!

THANKS FOR THE USE OF MY
RIGHT ARM, NOW I'LL LIVEN UP
THIS PARTY WITH
SOME SEA-
SERPENTS!

PLUTO LAHULA!
SEA SERPENTS!

THE ACCURSED
EARTHLING HAS
OUTWITTED US
AGAIN!

KARDAK GIVES THE MOCHAN
ANOTHER TASTE OF HIS MAGIC

NOW YOU DON'T
SEE ME!

KARDAK APPEARS INSIDE
THE CIRCLE OF SERPENTS.

H-HELP!

NOW YOU DO!

KARDAK REVERSES THE
SUCTION SWITCH, AND
DASHES THE MOCHAN
SCIENTIST AGAINST THE
WHITE HOT SLAB.

WHILE OUTSIDE THE MOCHAN CITY, THE
FISHTAILS LIE IN WAIT.

I'M WORRIED ABOUT
KARDAK. WE SHOULD
HAVE HEARD FROM
HIM.

I FEAR THAT HE
HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY THE
MOCHAN!

LORNA RECEIVES A MENTAL
TELEPATHIC MESSAGE.

LORNA, TELL THE FISH-
TAILS TO SWIM THRU THE
WATER. I'LL GET THEM
INTO MOCHA CITY.

VERY WELL
KARDAK!

THE MOCHAN SOLDIERS COME RUNNING TO
ATTACK, AS KARDAK STANDS BY THE
SUCTION SWITCH.

I'VE GOT TO STAND
BY AND GET THE
FISHTAILS IN!

HELP!

IT IS ONLY
A MATTER
OF MOMENTS
BEFORE WE
KILL YOU!

THE MOCHAN SOLDIERS ARE ABOUT TO
DISINTEGRATE KARDAK WITH THEIR RAY GUNS

OH, HO! THIS
PARTY'S GET-
TING ROUGH

KARDAK PERFORMS AN OPTICAL ILLUSION.

I DON'T THINK YOU'LL
BE ABLE TO DO MUCH
HARM WITH
THOSE FISH

MUALA LUGD
I AM
BEWITCHED!

**LORNA HAS CARRIED OUT
KARDAK'S INSTRUCTIONS**

DEATH TO
THE MOCHANS!

THE FISHTAILS!

A BLOODY BATTLE ENSUES

WE WE'RE BEING
BEATEN BACK!

SLAY!
MOCHAN WARRIORS

**KARDAK HELPS THE FISHTAIL WITH
THE AID OF VENTRILOQUISM**

LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS
MOCHANS! WE ARE
BEATEN!

WHAT
THE..!

THE TRICK WORKS!

THIS IS TOO MUCH,
I SURRENDER TOO!

AFTER THE BATTLE

THE WHITE QUEEN SAVED THE FISHTAILS
FROM DESTRUCTION. THE MOCHANS WILL
NEVER THREATEN US AGAIN!

IN THAT CASE,
WE'LL GO BACK
TO OUR OWN
COUNTRY!

I'M ALMOST SORRY
TO LEAVE.

SO LONG. I'LL
DROP IN AGAIN
WHEN I'M IN
THE NEIGHBOR-
HOOD!

FAREWELL!

THANK HEAVENS
THEY'VE SEEN US!

SOME HOURS LATER

YOU'RE STILL
A WHITE QUEEN
TO ME!

MORE ADVENTURES OF
KARDAK

In the next issue of

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SIGHTED BY A SHIP AS THEY
EMERGE.

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A
TOY

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a
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