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THE WIZARD!
THE MAN WITH THE **SUPER-BRAIN**

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Sammy Kaye Uses Home Recordo!



Sammy Kaye, gentle dispenser of swing and sway rhythm is delighted with Home Recordo

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Sing or Play an
Instrument



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I have made several records and they have turned out well.

A.C. writer
I received my Home Recordo and am having lots of enjoyment with it.

It runs nice when you can make a record and afterwards listen to yourself play.

H.M. of Kentucky says.
Thanks for the Home

Recordo Set—it is fine. B.M. of Ohio says some records saving.

Your recorder was well worth waiting for. I have enjoyed it as well as my friends.

A.D.S. of Ohio well pleased and writes:

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It's wonderful—and so simple—PLEASE TRY IT MAKE A RECORD.

Yes, Bob, and it sure sounds like your voice!

IT'S LOTS OF FUN TOO! HAVING RECORDING PARTIES!

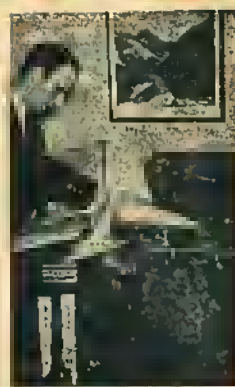
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J. H. W. of Nebraska writer

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Miss Lillian C. of New

York says.
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Robert Dodge, whose business is to tabulate Sammy Kaye's vast collection of popular hits, is shown filing one of his own recordings.

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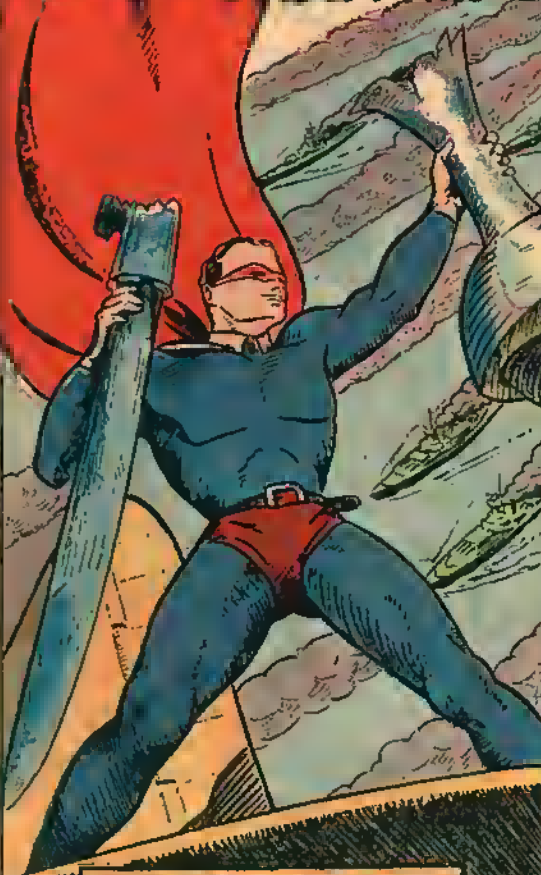
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THE

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

WIZARD

THE MAN WITH THE SUPER-BRAIN



WITH HIS SUPER-BRAIN AND PHOTOGRAPHIC MIND, THE WIZARD IS ABLE TO VISUALIZE FAR AWAY HAPPENINGS. WITH THESE MENTAL POWERS, AND HIS SUPER STRENGTH, HE FERRETS OUT PLOTS AGAINST THE U.S. GOVERNMENT! IN THIS ISSUE THE WIZARD, WITH THE HELP OF THE SHIELD, G-MAN EXTRAORDINARY, BRINGS TO AN END THE MOSCONIAN SPY RING!

THE WIZARD'S SUPER-BRAIN SEES THE MOSCONIAN MAIN HEADQUARTERS AS HE PROCEEDS TOWARDS IT IN HIS STRATO-PLANE!



WE WILL DIRECT
OUR SABOTAGE
EFFORTS AGAINST
CALIFORNIA!

GOOD!

THOSE HEADQUARTERS
ARE JUST OVER
WASHINGTON STATE'S
BORDER IN CANADA!

NICE HANGOUT
THESE MOS-
CONIANS
HAVE!

THE WIZARD ARRIVES
AT THE BASE OF THE
MOSCONIAN OPERATIONS

I'LL PARK
MY PLANE
HERE. I MAY
NEED IT IN
A HURRY!

OH, OH!
WRONG
WINDOW!

LOOK!
THE
WIZARD!

OUT OF MY WAY
BOYS! I'M CURIOUS
TO KNOW WHO'S
UPSTAIRS!

ACH! EVERYWHERE
IT IS THE
WIZARD.
THIS
TIME....

UPSTAIRS, A GUARD
RUSHES IN TO WARN
HIS SUPERIORS. ...

THE
WIZARD'S
HERE!

YOU'RE
BLOCKING
THE ROAD,
MISTER!

KILL
THE
SWINE!

AS YOU WERE
SAYING, GENTLEMEN!
THIS TIME, THE WIZARD
IS GOING TO CHASE
YOU VERMIN RIGHT
BACK TO WHERE
YOU CAME
FROM!

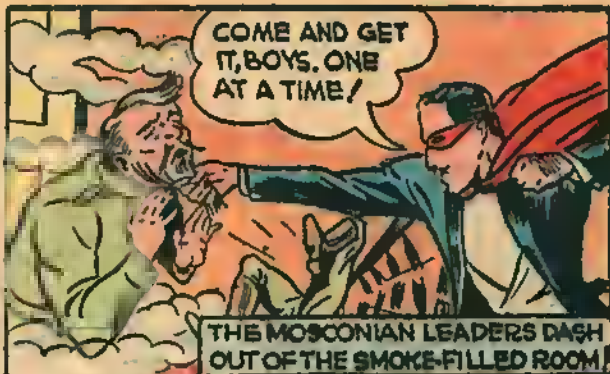
**THE WIZARD FLOODS THE ROOM
WITH A LUNG-SEARING CHEMICAL!**



SMOKE GETS
IN YOUR
EYES!

COUGH,
COUGH!

COME AND GET
IT, BOYS. ONE
AT A TIME!



**THE MOSCONIAN LEADERS DASH
OUT OF THE SMOKE-FILLED ROOM!**

WELL, WELL, LOOK
WHO'S HERE. WE
CAN'T BOTH
HAVE MASKS,
SO.....

SUPPOSE
WE TAKE
YOURS
OFF!



YOU'LL
(COUGH,
COUGH,) NEVER
LIVE TO
TELL!

HERE IS
SOMETHING
I HAVE BEEN
SAVING
FOR YOU!
NOW YOU ARE
HELPLESS!



**THE WIZARD IS BLINDED BY A COR-
ROSIVE AMMONIUM CHEMICAL!**

HELPLESS,
AM I?



HE'S
A
MAD-
MAN!

SORRY TO LEAVE YOU SO ABRUPTLY,
BUT THERE'LL HAVE TO
BE A CHANGE IN
MY PLANS!



DON'T
LET HIM
ESCAPE!

**ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO SEE, THE WIZARD STILL
RETAINS HIS TREMENDOUS STRENGTH!**

The Wizard, a man with a red mask and a blue suit, is shown in mid-air, leaping from the edge of a building. He has his arms outstretched and a determined expression.

I CAN'T SEE!
GOOD THING
I KNEW WHERE
THAT WINDOW
WAS!

A MIGHTY LEAP CARRIES
THE WIZARD OUT-
SIDE THE HOUSE!



I'M A
GREAT GUY
FOR PATRIOT-
ISM!....

The Wizard is shown pushing a large, multi-story building over the edge of a cliff. The building is tilted and falling. The Wizard is standing on the edge of the cliff, looking down at the building.

AS THE WIZARD SHOVES THE
SPY HEADQUARTERS OVER THE
CLIFF, THE MASTER-MIND ESCAPES,
UNSEEN BY THE BLIND WIZARD.

The Wizard is shown falling from a cliff. He is wearing a red robe and a red mask. The background shows a cityscape with buildings and a large explosion or fire in the distance.

I'LL HELP THEM
DIE FOR THEIR
COUNTRY!

THE DIRECTION FINDER, THE
WIZARD'S OWN INVENTION!

The Wizard is shown from the chest up, wearing a red mask and a blue suit. He is looking down at a small device on his wrist.

THIS'LL SET
MY ROBOT-
PILOT IN
OPERATION,
AND BRING
MY STRATO
PLANE TO ME!

The Wizard is shown from the chest up, wearing a red mask and a blue suit. He is looking out over a landscape with a large mountain in the distance.

AH! HERE
IT IS. AND
NOW FOR
CALIFORNIA!

The Wizard is shown from the chest up, wearing a red mask and a blue suit. He is looking out of a window or a small opening in a structure.

WITHOUT MY
EYESIGHT, I CAN'T
GET A PHOTO-
GRAPHIC VISION.
I'LL PROCEED
DIRECT TO
CALIFORNIA!

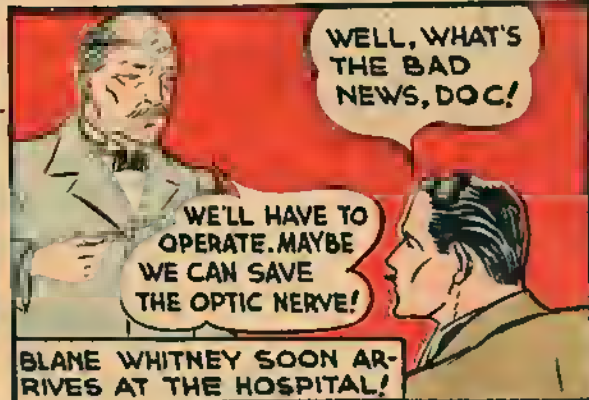
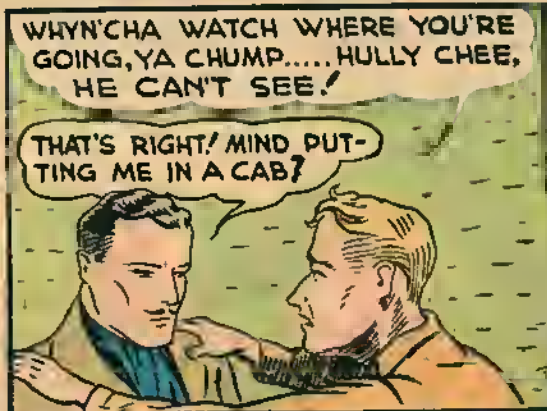
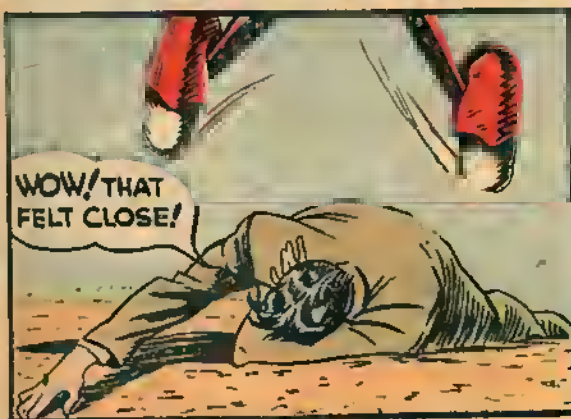
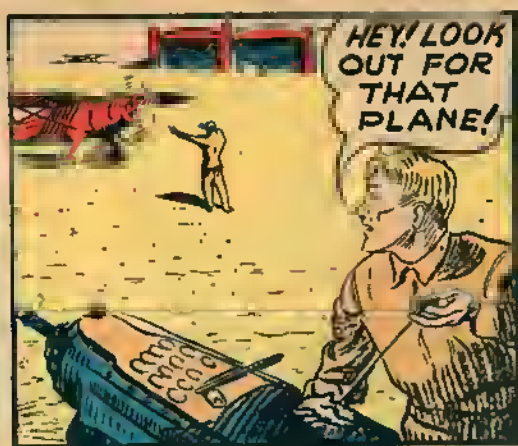
The Wizard's strato-plane is shown flying over a landscape. The plane is a biplane with a propeller and a large engine. It is flying towards the right side of the frame.

THE WIZARD'S
STRATO-PLANE
SOON REACHES
CALIFORNIA,
AND CIRCLES
FOR A LAND-
ING PLACE!

INSIDE THE PLANE!

The Wizard is shown inside the strato-plane. He is wearing a white shirt and blue pants. He is sitting in the cockpit, looking down at his hands.

I'LL HAVE TO
CHANGE MY
CLOTHES, AND
BECOME BLANE
WHITNEY, THE
BLIND PLAYBOY,
UNTIL I GET MY
EYES FIXED.....
IF I CAN!



MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY, THE MASTER-SPY OF THE MOSCONIANS, HAS GATHERED THE REMAINS OF HIS SHATTERED SPY RING!

WHILE THE WIZARD IS BLIND,
WE CAN DO CONSIDERABLE
DAMAGE TO THE U.S.!

MAP
OF U.S.A

WE WILL BLOW UP THE
GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE,
ONE OF THE BIGGEST
IN THE WORLD. TRANS-
PORTATION WILL BE
COMPLETELY
DISRUPTED!

THERE ARE SOME
VISITORS TO SEE
YOU, MR. WHITNEY!

SEND THEM
IN!

OH, BLANE,
HOW ARE YOU?

GROVER, JANE.
HOW DID
YOU
KNOW?

HELLO,
BLANE!

JANE, BLANE'S
EX-FIANCÉE,
AND HIS BROTHER
GROVER,
ENTER!

BACK AT THE HOSPITAL,
AFTER THE OPERATION!

THE DOCTOR ENTERS
THE ROOM!

TIME TO TAKE
OFF YOUR BAND-
AGES, WHITNEY!

THE BANDAGES ARE
REMOVED, AND.....

YOU LOOK AS PRETTY
AS EVER, JANE!

I'M SURE YOU'LL GET
WELL, BLANE.... AND
MAYBE THIS ACCIDENT
WILL MAKE YOU
MORE RESPON-
SIBLE.... LIKE
GROVER.

OR THE
WIZARD, THE
FELLOW WHO
STOLE YOUR
AFFECTIONS!

OH! THANK HEAVENS!
YOU CAN SEE!



WELL, BLANE!
WHAT NOW!

ER....GUESS
I'LL DIG UP A
POLO GAME!
I COULD USE
A BIT OF
EXERCISE!

OH, BLANE
YOU'RE
IMPOSSIBLE!

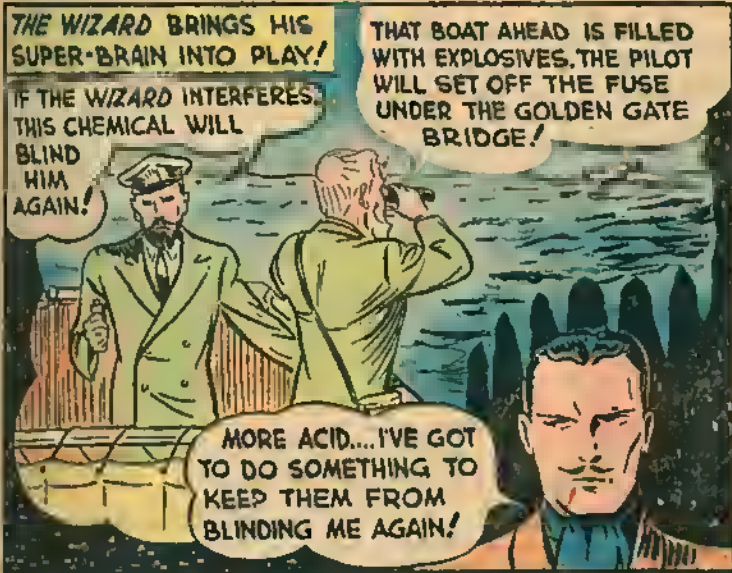


I SEE MY SYMPATHY
HAS BEEN WASTED!
YOU'LL NEVER
AMOUNT TO
ANYTHING!

HEY,
JANE.
BUT....



THOSE MOSCONIANS
KNOW MY EYES ARE
VULNERABLE, SO I'LL
HAVE TO DO SOME-
THING
DRASTIC!

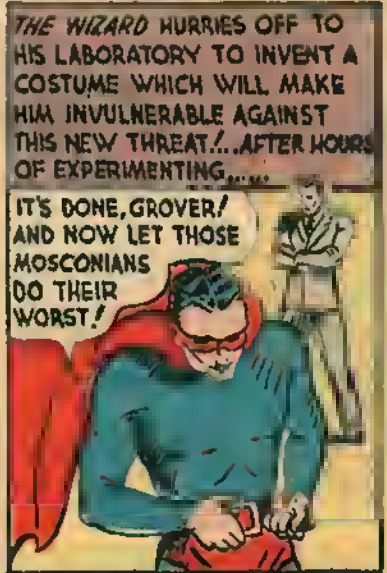


THE WIZARD BRINGS HIS
SUPER-BRAIN INTO PLAY!

IF THE WIZARD INTERFERES,
THIS CHEMICAL WILL
BLIND
HIM
AGAIN!

THAT BOAT AHEAD IS FILLED
WITH EXPLOSIVES, THE PILOT
WILL SET OFF THE FUSE
UNDER THE GOLDEN GATE
BRIDGE!

MORE ACID....I'VE GOT
TO DO SOMETHING TO
KEEP THEM FROM
BLINDING ME AGAIN!



THE WIZARD HURRIES OFF TO
HIS LABORATORY TO INVENT A
COSTUME WHICH WILL MAKE
HIM INVULNERABLE AGAINST
THIS NEW THREAT...AFTER HOURS
OF EXPERIMENTING....

IT'S DONE, GROVER!
AND NOW LET THOSE
MOSCONIANS
DO THEIR
WORST!



GOOD LUCK,
WIZARD!

SO LONG,
GROVER!
I'M GOING
TO CLEAN
OUT THOSE
MOSCONIANS
ONCE AND
FOR ALL!



THE WIZARD SPEEDS TOWARD
THE AIRFIELD....

I'LL STICK TO THE
ROOF-TOPS! IT'S
TOO DAN-
GEROUS
DOWN THERE
WITH THOSE
SUNGLASS DR-
IVERS!



AND ARRIVES THERE IN
A SHORT TIME!

AND NOW
FOR MY
STRATO-
PLANE!

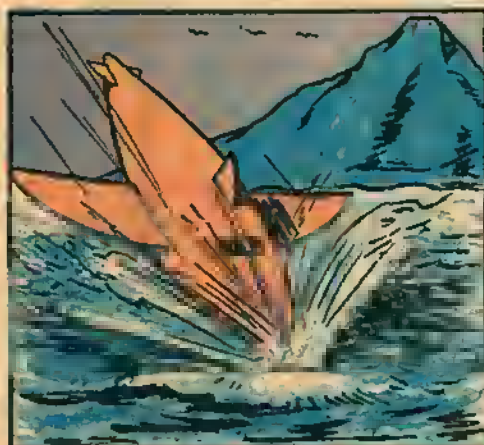
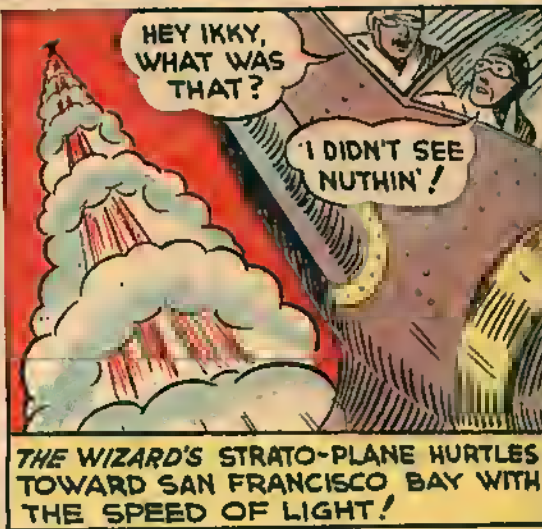
HELLO-WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?

WELL, I'LL BE....
THE WIZARD!
SOME OUT-
FIT! I
DIDN'T RECOG-
NIZE
YOU AT FIRST!

ONCE AGAIN **THE WIZARD**
MEETS **THE SHIELD**!

YOU'VE
HELPED
ME OFTEN
ENOUGH....
IT'S MY
TURN
NOW!

I SURE CAN USE YOU!
THE MOSCONIANS ARE
ABOUT TO BLOW UP
THE GOLDEN GATE
BRIDGE!



**THE WIZARD CONVERTS HIS PLANE
INTO A SUBMARINE, AND DIVES INTO
THE WATERS OF THE BAY!**



HAVE THE CREW READY TO
LEAP INTO THE WATER AS
SOON AS THE BOAT BLOWS
UP THE BRIDGE!

MEANWHILE THE TWO MOSCONIAN SHIPS, ONE
LOADED WITH POWERFUL EXPLOSIVES, AP-
PROACH THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE!

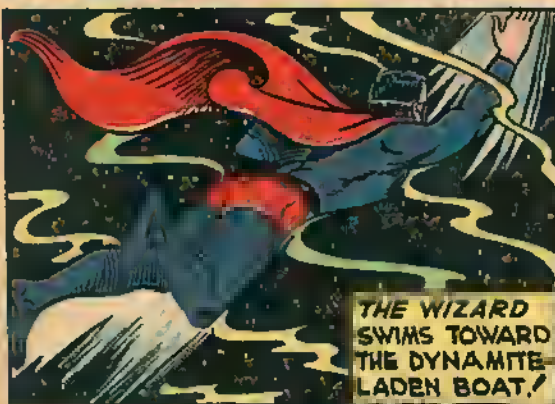
THEN WE WILL PICK UP THE CREW,
AND SAY THEY JUMPED OFF THE
EXPLODING BOAT. NOBODY
CAN PROVE IT WAS NOT AN
ACCIDENTAL EXPLOSION!



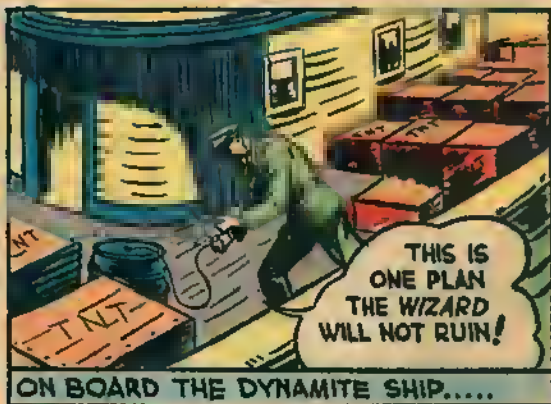
THERE'S THE
DYNAMITE SHIP
RIGHT ABOVE
ME!



CAN THE WIZARD PREVENT THE CATASTROPHE?



THE WIZARD
SWIMS TOWARD
THE DYNAMITE-
LADEN BOAT!



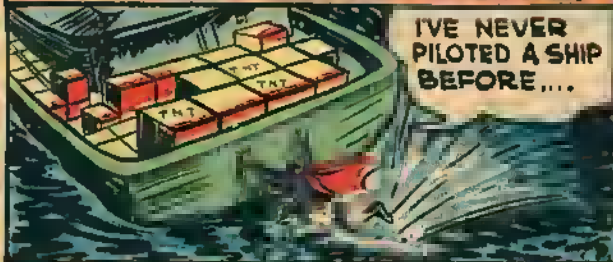
THIS IS
ONE PLAN
THE WIZARD
WILL NOT RUIN!

ON BOARD THE DYNAMITE SHIP.....



THE FUSE WILL
IGNITE THE EX-
PLOSIONS ANY
MINUTE!

THE WIZARD, EXERTING HIS HERCULEAN
STRENGTH TO THE UTMOST, PUSHES THE DYN-
AMITE-LADEN BOAT AWAY FROM THE BRIDGE!

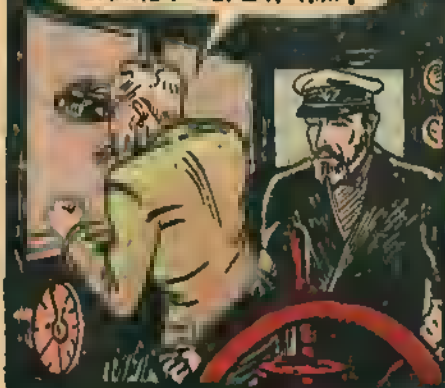


I'VE NEVER
PILOTED A SHIP
BEFORE....

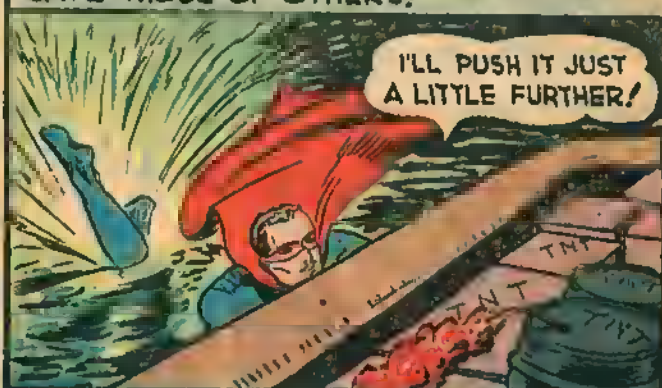


BUT THERE'S
ALWAYS A
FIRST TIME!

THE WIZARD, THE WIZARD,
ALWAYS THE WIZARD/WE
CANNOT DEFEAT HIM!



THE WIZARD, FULLY REALIZING THAT THE BOAT
WILL EXPLODE ANY MINUTE, RISKS HIS LIFE TO
SAVE THOSE OF OTHERS!

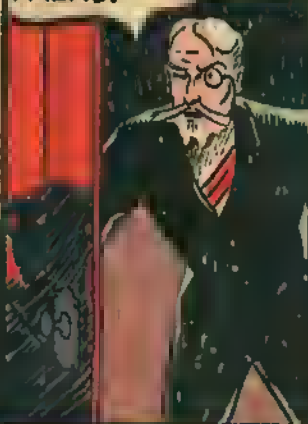


THE WIZARD DOES NOT LET GO IN TIME! CAN
EVEN HIS AMAZING STRENGTH SURVIVE THIS
TREMENDOUS BLAST?



THE TERRIFIC RECOIL OF THE
BLAST SENDS THE WIZARD
HURLING INTO THE DEPTHS!

AT LEAST THE WIZARD
IS DEAD! WE RETURN
TO MOSCONIA.
ORDER FULL SPEED
AHEAD!



LOOKS LIKE
THOSE BOYS
INTEND TO
MAKE A
QUICK
EXIT!



BUT JUST THEN, THE SHIELD,
G-MAN EXTRAORDINARY,
MAKES HIS APPEARANCE!

THE SHIELD LEAPS MIGHTILY!



AND LANDS ON THE MOS-
CONIAN BOAT.....



HELLO BOYS!
REMEMBER
ME?

THE
SHIELD!

JUST AS THE WIZARD
WEAKLY DRAGS HIMSELF
ON SHORE!

WHEW! SOME SHOCK! I'LL
HAVE TO TAKE ONE OF
MY STRENGTH-REVIVING
CAPSULES!



AH!
THAT
DOES IT!



THE WIZARD'S STRENGTH-
REVIVING CAPSULE, A COM-
POUND OF ALL THE VITAMINS
CONTAINED IN HEALTH BUILD-
ING FOODS!

THE WIZARD LOOKS AT THE
BRIDGE, AND SEES.....

GOOD LORD! I
DIDN'T PUSH THE
BOAT FAR ENOUGH!
THE MAIN CABLE
HAS GIVEN
WAY!



I'VE GOT TO GET THERE
BEFORE THE WHOLE
BRIDGE GIVES WAY!



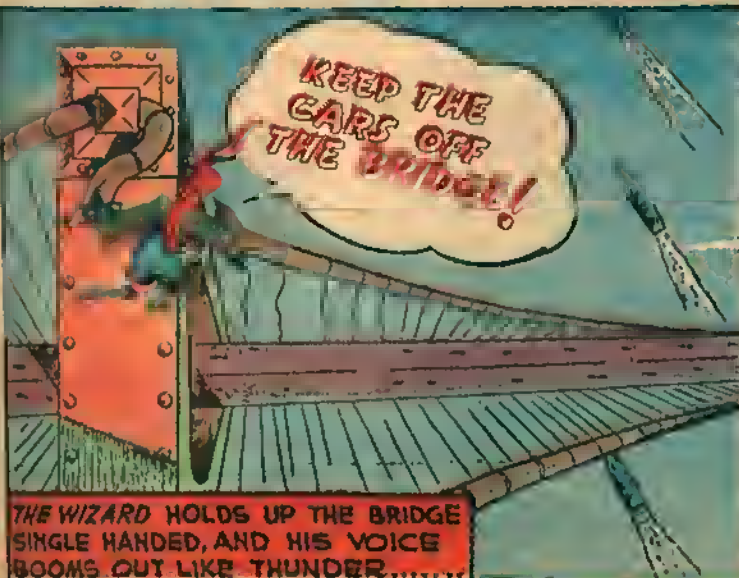
THE WIZARD CLIMBS TO-
WARD THE CABLE!



HEY, YOU
CAN'T GO
UP THERE!



TRY AND
STOP ME!

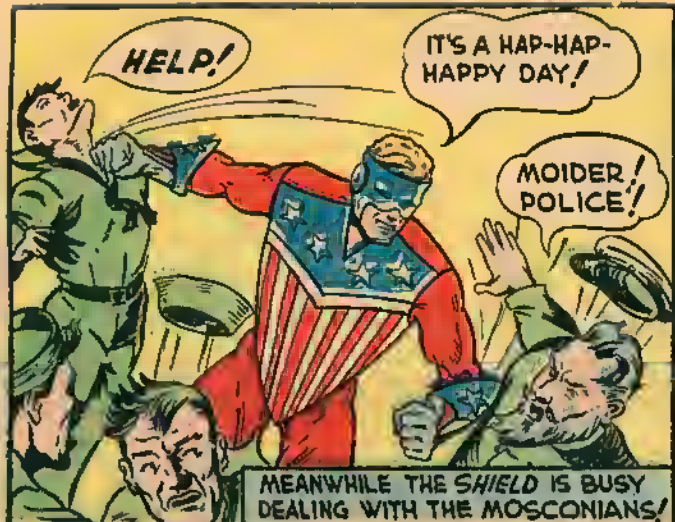


KEEP THE
CARS OFF
THE BRIDGE!

THE WIZARD HOLDS UP THE BRIDGE
SINGLE HANDED, AND HIS VOICE
BOOMS OUT LIKE THUNDER.....

HIVVIN HELP A POOR
IRISHMAN! OI' MUST HAVE
THE
D.T'S!





HELP!

IT'S A HAP-HAP-HAPPY DAY!

MOIDER!
POLICE!

MEANWHILE THE SHIELD IS BUSY
DEALING WITH THE MOSCONIANS!



I'M
GETTING
TIRED
OF THIS
GAME....



SO I THINK I'LL
FINISH YOU
OFF IN A
HURRY!



LOOKS LIKE THE
SHIELD HAS THE
SITUATION WELL
IN HAND!

THE WIZARD'S EYES, SHARPER
THAN AN EAGLE'S, SEES INTO
THE MOSCONIAN SHIP!



HEY! YOU CAN
COME DOWN
NOW! TRAFFIC'S
BEEN STOPPED!



THE WIZARD DESCENDS!

THE
BRIDGE'LL
HOLD AS
LONG AS
THERE ISN'T
TOO MUCH
WEIGHT
ON IT!

I STILL
DON'T BE-
LIEVE IT... SAY
YOU MUST BE
THE WIZARD!



OKAY
WIZARD!

TOSS THOSE
BOYS UP
HERE,
SHIELD!



ROY THE SUPER BOY — MEETS THE WIZARD IN THE NEXT TOP NOTCH ISSUE OF COMICS

GALAHAD

ALAHAD, BOLDEST OF KING ARTHUR'S KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE, HAS MADE HIS NAME FAMOUS THROUGHOUT THE LAND OF BRITAIN FOR HIS DEEDS OF CHIVALRY. GALAHAD STANDS EVER READY TO STRIKE A BLOW FOR HIS KING, FOR THOSE IN DISTRESS, AND FOR THE OPPRESSED, YOUNG OR OLD!

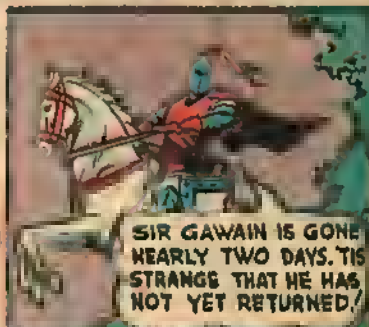
by Henry Shorten
Lin Streeten



KING ARTHUR AND HIS KNIGHTS RETURN TO CAMELOT FROM A VISIT WITH THE ARCH-BISHOP!

I WOULD FAIR BE ON MY WAY, BUT SIR GAWAIN IS MISSING!

LET ME GO IN SEARCH FOR HIM, MY LORD!



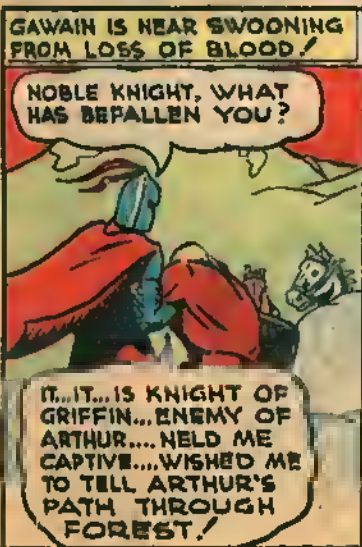
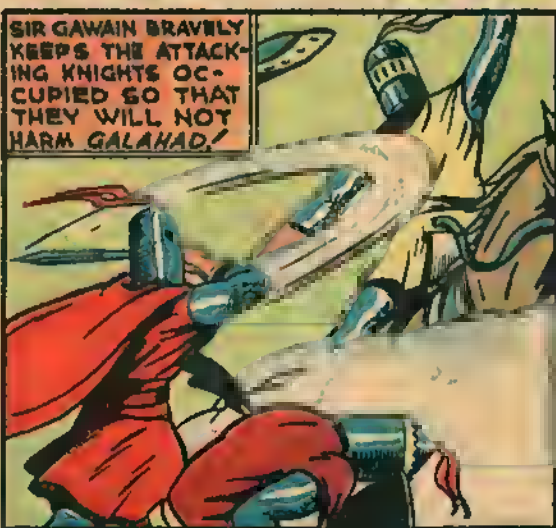
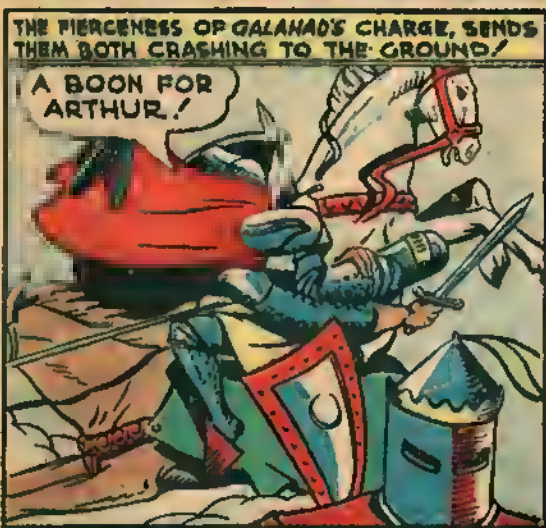
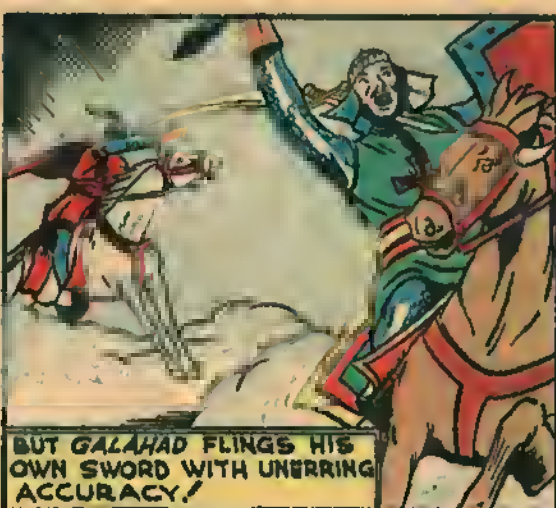
SIR GAWAIN IS GONE NEARLY TWO DAYS. 'TIS STRANGE THAT HE HAS NOT YET RETURNED!

ARTHUR GRANTS GALAHAD HIS BOON!

SUDDENLY, GALAHAD SEES.....

IT IS SIR GAWAIN!

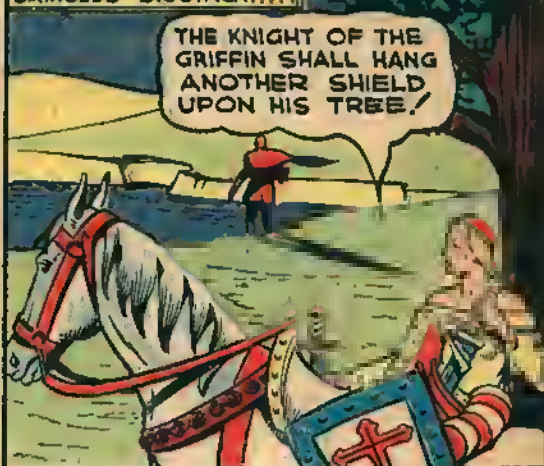




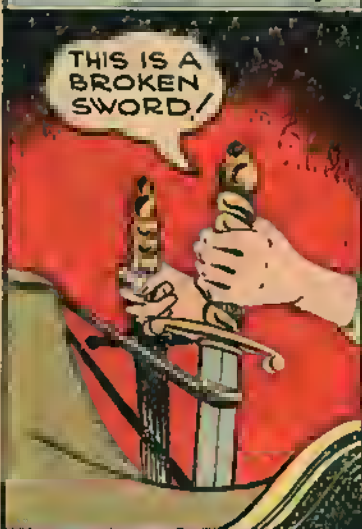
AS GALAHAD NEARS THE GRIFFINS CASTLE!



GALAHAD GOES TO THE DAMSEL'S BIDDING.....



GALAHAD'S SWORD IS SWIFTLY REMOVED, AND ANOTHER SUBSTITUTED!



THE TREACHEROUS GIRL QUICKLY RESUMES HER FORMER POSITION!



FOR SHAME, CHURLS! TRY
YOUR METTLE ON ONE
YOUNGER THAN
HIM!



I WARRANT, YOU WILL
NOT FIND IT SUCH
AN EASY TASK!



GALAHAD PUTS THE THREE
BEGGARS TO ROUT!

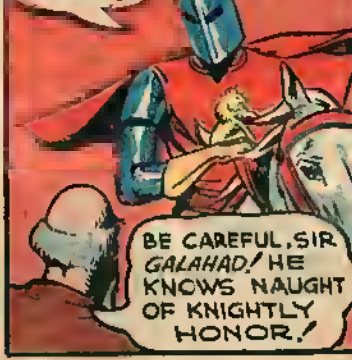


THANK YOU, BRAVE
KNIGHT!
WHO ARE YOU?

I AM MERLIN, THE
MAGICIAN! I REALLY
DID NOT NEED YOUR
HELP!



I AM ABOUT TO DO
BATTLE WITH THE
KNIGHT OF THE
GRIFFIN,
MERLIN!



BE CAREFUL, SIR
GALAHAD! HE
KNOWS NAUGHT
OF KNIGHTLY
HONOR!

AS GALAHAD
RIDES ON....

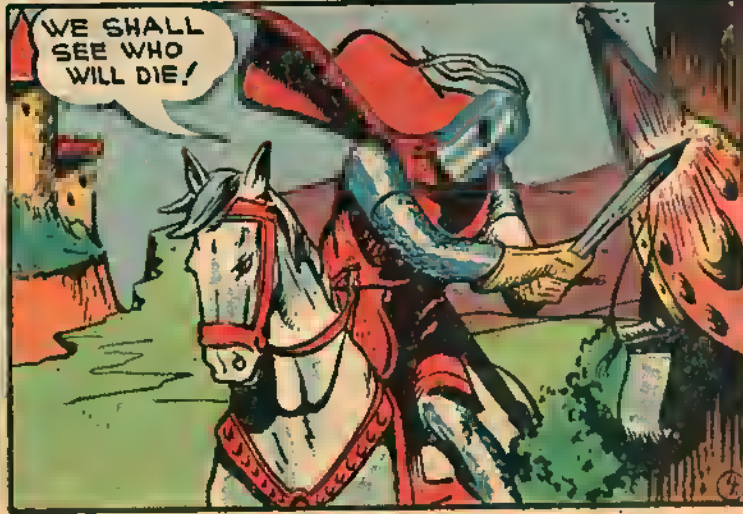


THAT IS A
CURIOUS
SHIELD!

WHO SOEVER STRIKES
THIS SHIELD, SHALL
DIE!



WE SHALL
SEE WHO
WILL DIE!



THE KNIGHT OF THE GRIFFIN COMES CHARGING FROM HIS CASTLE!

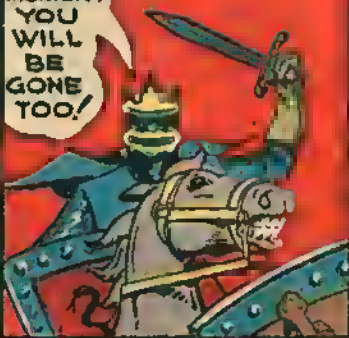
HO, 'TIS A VILLAINOUS KNIGHT OF THE ROUND TABLE. YOUR SHIELD SHALL ALSO HANG FROM THAT TREE!

MAYHAP YOU ARE AS SKILLFUL WITH YOUR SWORD AS WITH YOUR TONGUE!



ZOUNDS! MY SWORD IS GONE!

IN A MOMENT YOU WILL BE GONE TOO!

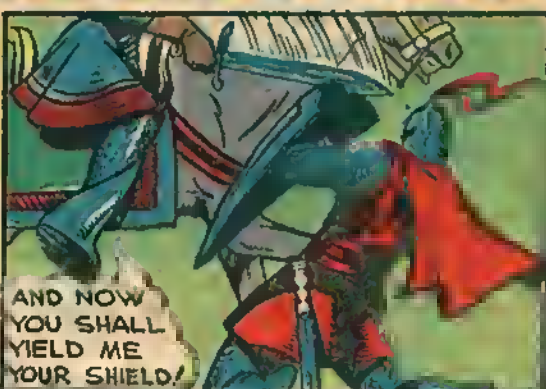


TAKE THAT!

I AM NOT YET UNDONE!



GALAHAD'S STEED REARS UNEXPECTEDLY, AND HE IS CAUGHT OFF BALANCE!



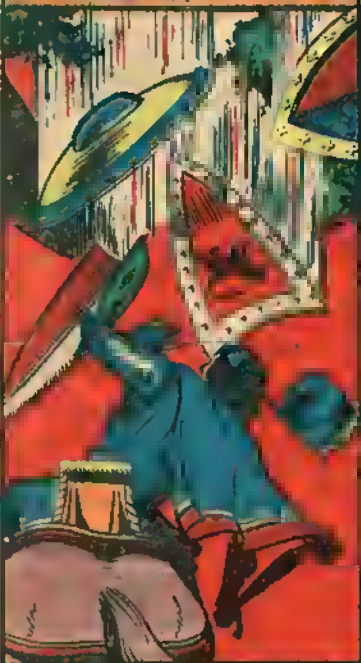
AND NOW YOU SHALL YIELD ME YOUR SHIELD!



MERLIN, THE MAGICIAN TAKES A HAND!

SIR GALAHAD HAS BEEN DEALT WITH TREACHEROUSLY. I SHALL SAVE HIM!

MERLIN'S CHARM LOOSENS THE SHIELDS ABOVE THE KNIGHT OF THE GRIFFIN'S HEAD!

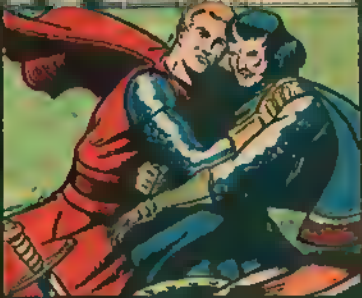


NOW WE MEET UPON EQUAL TERMS!



THE DELUGE OF SHIELDS UNHORSES THE GRIFFIN!

THE TWO KNIGHTS BATTLE FURIOUSLY TO REACH A SWORD LYING NEARBY!



UNABLE TO REACH THE SWORD, GRIFFIN PULLS FORTH A HIDDEN DAGGER!



WITH LIGHTNING SPEED, GALAHAD GRABS GRIFFIN'S WRIST AND FALLS BACKWARDS TOWARD THE CLIFF !....



AND THEN.....



WITH AN UPWARD KICK SENDS GRIFFIN TO HIS DOOM!

WELL DONE, SIR GALAHAD! IT WAS THE LADY MORGANA LE FAY AT THE STREAM WHO GAVE YOU THAT BROKEN SWORD!



LADY MORGANA, THE WIFE OF THE KNIGHT OF THE GRIFFIN!

GALAHAD RETURNS TO KING ARTHUR— THEN LET US PROCEED TO CAMELOT!



MORE ADVENTURES OF GALAHAD

IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF...
TOP NOVEN COMICS

SHANGHAI SHERIDAN

BY
IRVING
NOVICK
AND
JOE BLAIR



YOUNG JACK SHERIDAN, WHOSE FATHER WAS KILLED BY INVADERS, HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY WISE AND WEALTHY OLD CHAN SING-TAN, WHO LIVES IN THE HEART OF SHANGHAI. VOWING TO WAGE UNRELENTING WAR AGAINST THE INVADERS, SHERIDAN HAS JUST SUCCEEDED IN RESCUING AN AMERICAN MILLIONAIRE, HENRY FOSTER, AND HIS DAUGHTER, BETTY, FROM THE HANDS OF JAPANESE OFFICIALS!.....

JACK IS SUMMONED TO
BETTY FOSTER'S HOTEL!

FATHER HAS BEEN
KIDNAPPED. HE
WAS OUT WALK-
ING WITH FOLEY,
THE NEWSPAPER-
MAN.
AND...

FOLEY, EH?
WHERE'S THE
PHONE?



SHERIDAN CALLS HIS
FAITHFUL SERVANT,
AH MEE!

HELLO, AH MEE
ARRANGE TO
ARRIVE AT
NEWSMAN
FOLEY'S
HOME AT
ONCE!



MINUTES LATER,
IN FOLEY'S
ROOMS.....

WE WERE WALKING DOWN DRAGON
ALLEY... ATTACKED...YOUR
FATHER TAKEN PRISONER,
...SORRY!

FOLEY, WHAT
HAPPENED?



WHO IS THE YOUNG UNCONSCIOUS ONE?

I DON'T KNOW!
SOME PUNK WHO
TRIED TO ROB ME
A FEW MINUTES
AGO!

UNNOTICED BY THE OTHERS, SHERIDAN FINDS THREE SMALL JEWEL-LIKE OBJECTS.

HM! MANDARIN
BUTTONS FROM
THE BOY'S HAT!
THIS BOY IS NO
THUG- HE'S THE
SON OF A
WEALTHY MAN!

BUT WHERE DO WE
CONTACT DAD'S
KIDNAPPERS?

I HAVE AN IDEA
WHO THEY ARE.
WE'RE LEAVING
NOW, FOLEY!

GOOD LUCK! I'LL
TURN THIS RUFFIAN
OVER TO THE
POLICE WHEN I
RECOVER MY
STRENGTH!

OUTSIDE, AH MEE AWAITS
HIS MASTER!

AH MEE, FOLEY
MUST NOT LEAVE
HIS HOME UNTIL
WE RETURN!

I SHALL
ENTER-
TAIN
HIM
CAREFULLY!

WHERE
DO WE
GO
NOW?

TO DRAGON ALLEY! THE
LOTUS LEAF CLUB THERE
IS THE HANG-OUT OF
THE PIRATE CHIEFS
AND THEIR CONTACT
MEN!

IN THE LOTUS
LEAF CLUB!

WHAT
HAPPENS
NOW?

SHH!
WE'RE
BEING
WATCHED!

BUT POOR DAD!
AWFUL THINGS
MAY BE HAPPEN-
ING TO HIM!

QUIET! HERE
COMES THE MAN
WE'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR!

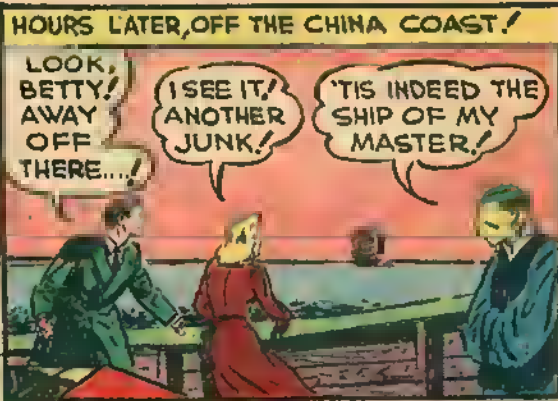
MY MASTER, LING CHING,
HAS REQUESTED THIS
HUMBLE ONE TO ASK IF
I MAY BE OF SERVICE?

YES, OH MESSENGER.
WE ARE READY
TO FOLLOW
WHERE YOU
LEAD!



I DON'T TRUST THIS MAN, JACK!

YOU MAY BE TRICKED IF YOU TRUST SOMEONE — BUT YOU'LL GET NOWHERE IF YOU DON'T!



LOOK, BETTY! AWAY OFF THERE....!

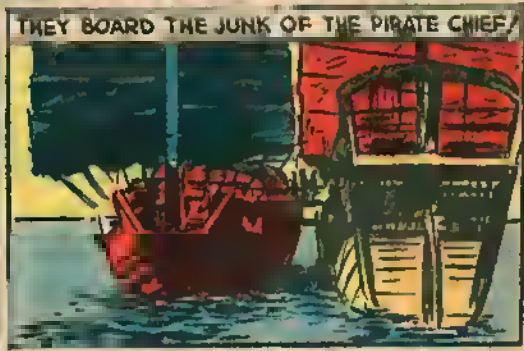
I SEE IT, ANOTHER JUNK!

'TIS INDEED THE SHIP OF MY MASTER!

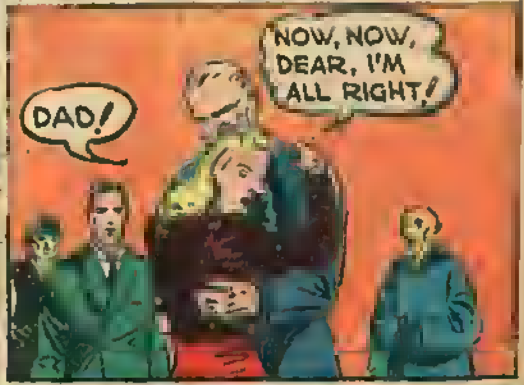


THERE'S YOUR FATHER, BETTY!

YES! I SEE HIM. THANK HEAVENS!



THEY BOARD THE JUNK OF THE PIRATE CHIEF!



DAD!

NOW, NOW, DEAR, I'M ALL RIGHT!



WHAT HAVE YOU TO REPORT?

I HAVE CONTACTED THE AMERICAN'S PARTNERS IN BUSINESS, AND THEY REFUSE TO PAY THE RANSOM!

WHAT! THAT CAN'T BE!



I WAS AFRAID OF THAT, BETTY! IF I DON'T RETURN, THEY'LL OWN THE BUSINESS THEMSELVES!

WAIT, GREAT ONE! I HAVE ANOTHER PLAN!

WHAT IS THE PLAN?

I HAVE BROUGHT THE SON OF WEALTHY CHAN SING-TAN! FROM HIM, WE MAY HOPE TO EXTRACT A SUM OF MONEY!

PERHAPS IT WOULD PLEASE YOUR FATHER TO SPARE YOUR LIFE BY PARTING WITH PALTRY JUNK!

MY STANDING ORDERS ARE THAT HE SHALL PAY NO RANSOM UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!

WHILE THE PIRATE CHIEF CONFERS WITH HIS MESSENGER!

THIS LOOKS LIKE THE END! WE MAY AS WELL MAKE A FIGHT OF IT!

I'LL DO MY BEST, SHERIDAN!

IN A MOMENT THE JUNK IS IN AN UPROAR!

PLEASE PARDON HONORABLE FIST!

SHERIDAN FIGHTS FURIOUSLY AGAINST TREMENDOUS ODDS!

THIS WOULD BE FUN IF OUR LIVES WEREN'T AT STAKE!

I SHALL DON MY MANDARIN HAT OUT OF DEFERENCE TO THE SO-BRAVE SHERIDAN!

I GUESS THIS IS AS FAR AS I GO!

JACK IS FINALLY OVERPOWERED!

AS THE EXECUTIONER MAKES
READY TO BEHEAD THE
CAPTIVES.....



BE
BRAVE,
BETTY!

I...I'M
AFRAID
I CAN'T...

SORRY
I GOT
YOU
INTO
ALL
THIS!

YOUR CAP
OF HONOR,
GREAT
MASTER!

CHING LING DONS HIS
MANDARIN HAT!



LET THE
RITES
BEGIN!



FROM
YOUR
SON!

MY SON! BUT
YOU KNOW HIM NOT!
RELEASE THIS MAN THAT
HIS TONGUE MAY
BE FREE!



AND NOW HE DOUBLE-CROSSES
YOU! YOUR SON IS IN
MY SERVANT'S HANDS
AND UNLESS WE
ARE RELEASED
YOUR SON WILL
DIE!



TOP! I HAVE
ONE MESSAGE
TO DELIVER
BEFORE
I DIE!

AND
FROM
WHOM
COMES
THIS
WORD?



SHERIDAN PRODUCES
THE THREE BUTTONS HE
RECOVERED IN FOLEY'S
ROOM!

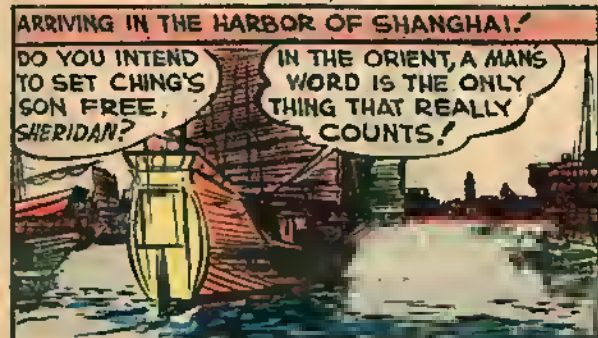
THESE ARE THE MANDARIN
BUTTONS OF MY SON!

FOLEY WAS IN
ON THIS
DEAL
WASN'T HE?



IT IS WORTH MORE THAN
THE WEALTH OF EM-
PIRES THAT MY MAN-
SON REMAIN UN-
HARMED! RELEASE
THEIR OWNERS!

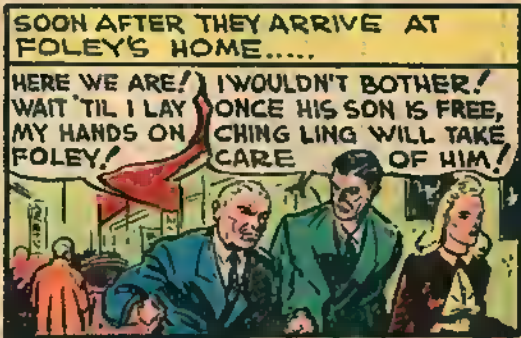
FREE ONCE
MORE, THEY
ARE TRANS-
FERRED TO
THE OTHER
JUNK!



ARRIVING IN THE HARBOR OF SHANGHAI!

DO YOU INTEND
TO SET CHING'S
SON FREE,
SHERIDAN?

IN THE ORIENT, A MAN'S
WORD IS THE ONLY
THING THAT REALLY
COUNTS!



SOON AFTER THEY ARRIVE AT
FOLEY'S HOME.....

HERE WE ARE!
WAIT 'TIL I LAY
MY HANDS ON
FOLEY!

I WOULDN'T BOTHER!
ONCE HIS SON IS FREE,
CHING LING WILL TAKE
CARE OF HIM!



AH MEE, ARE
YOU ALL RIGHT?

AH MEE ALL LIGHT!
BUT FOLEY NOT
ALL LIGHT—
FOLEY ALL
DARK!



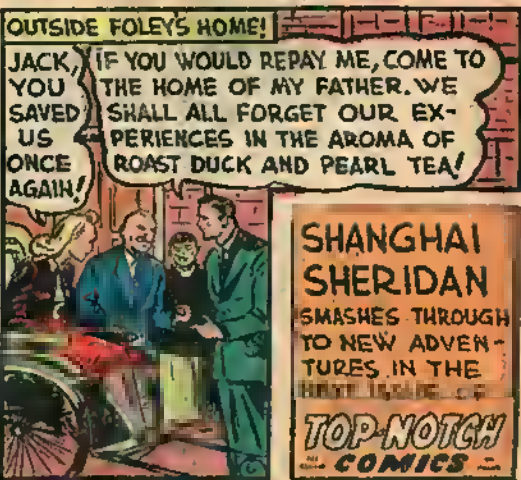
SHERIDAN RELEASES
CHING LING'S SON!

MY HONORABLE FATHER SHALL
REPAY YOU NOW!
GO!



DON'T HIT ME!
I'LL DO ANY-
THING YOU
SAY!

I ADVISE YOU
TO LEAVE
SHANGHAI
BEFORE
CHING'S
WRATH
OVERTAKES
YOU!

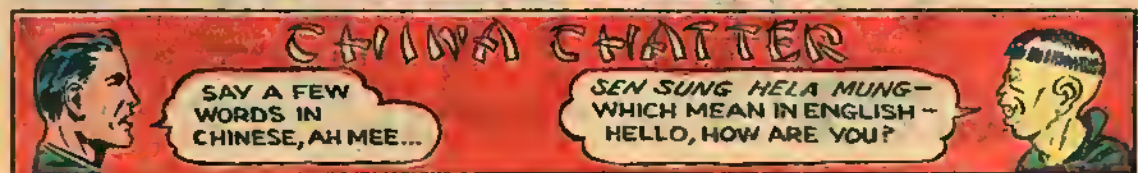


OUTSIDE FOLEY'S HOME!

JACK,
YOU
SAVED
US
ONCE
AGAIN!

IF YOU WOULD REPAY ME, COME TO
THE HOME OF MY FATHER. WE
SHALL ALL FORGET OUR EX-
PERIENCES IN THE AROMA OF
ROAST DUCK AND PEARL TEA!

SHANGHAI
SHERIDAN
SMASHES THROUGH
TO NEW ADVEN-
TURES IN THE
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CHINA CHATTER

SAY A FEW
WORDS IN
CHINESE, AH MEE...

SEN SUNG HELA MUNG—
WHICH MEAN IN ENGLISH—
HELLO, HOW ARE YOU?

A DISAPPEARING RIVER

ONE OF THE natural wonders of the short grass cattle country is the disappearing river. This river, the Arkansas, is the second largest tributary to the Mississippi and is among the great rivers of the world. It seems that people, in general, have only a vague idea of the wonders to be found along the course of this big stream. At least a dozen reference books have failed to mention that it is an invisible river for many miles.

At a point in western Kansas the Arkansas river sinks from sight in the prairie landscape and does not appear again for many miles, when it emerges from the sands and continues its course.

In the mountains the flow of this river is torrential and in the spring it is given to freshets and floods but, strange to say, it rarely does any damage. Because there is no loss or evaporation in its underground flow in western Kansas it has formed a subterranean lake or underground sea under hundreds of square miles of "dry farming" country. Wells, capped by windmills, tap this underground flow, all over western Kansas, but it is impossible to bring enough of the water to the surface for practical irrigation purposes. It is possible only to raise enough for household uses, for drinking water and for watering cattle.

THE RIVER rises on the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains in Lake county, Colorado, where it has its beginning in a bubbly little mountain spring. It flows, for a part of its course, through the scenic grandeur of the Royal Gorge. This gorge is nine miles long and is one of the deepest and most beautiful canyons in the world.

The mouth of the Arkansas river in southern Arkansas is the farthest point north where alligators are found. Its headwaters flow through gold-bearing rocks and its lower waters near the only diamond mine in North America. Some of the most valuable fresh-water pearls are found near the mouth. One of these pearls sold, recently, for \$7000. The river is 2110 miles long.

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STREAK CHANDLER

on Mars

STREAK CHANDLER, PROF. FINLAY, HIS DAUGHTER, VOLA, AND LAURA, BEAUTIFUL GREEN-WOMAN FROM THE PLANET JUPITER, ARE IN THE SPACE SHIP WHICH HAS JUST DESTROYED KALOX, THE TYRANT OF MARS, BEFORE THE LATTER COULD PUT THRU HIS FIENDISH PLAN OF WIPING OUT MARS WITH POWERFUL RADIUM RAYS. BUT STREAK AND HIS COMPANY ARE NOW BESET BY A NEW MENACE!

JUST AS STREAK IS ABOUT TO HEAD HIS SHIP BACK TO MARS.....

THAT GIANT SPACE SHIP DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT MEANS US ANY GOOD!

A THUNDEROUS ANNOUNCEMENT SUDDENLY FILLS STREAK'S SHIP!

YOU ARE PRISONERS OF KING QUANTUS. SURRENDER OR DESTROYED!

HE IS THE SPACE PIRATE FROM VENUS! HE IS MERCILESS!

IF HE WANTS US, HE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT FOR US!

STREAK! OUR RAYS HAVE NO EFFECT ON HIS SPACE SHIP!

I GUESS WE'D BETTER MAKE QUICK TRACKS FOR MARS. MAYBE WE CAN OUT RUN HIM!

DEATH WOULD BE BETTER THAN TO FALL INTO QUANTUS' HANDS!

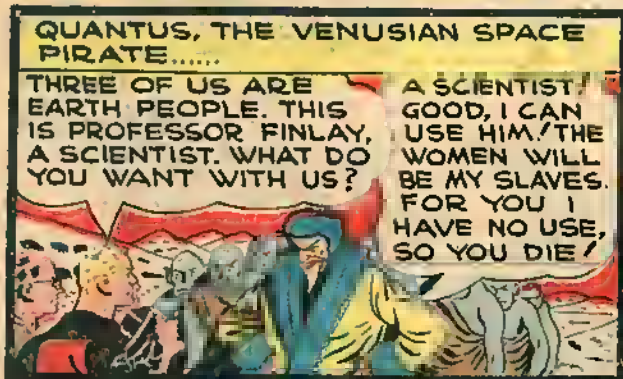
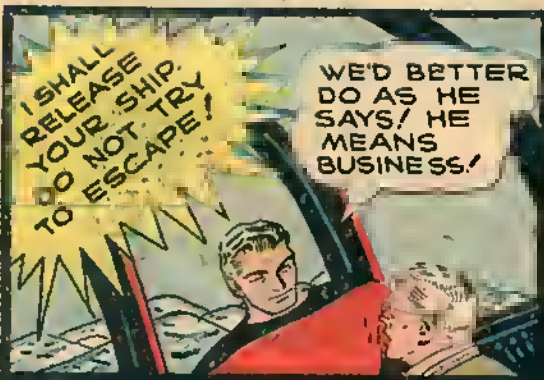
BUT STREAK'S SHIP IS EASILY OUTSTRIPPED BY THE SUPER-SHIP OF QUANTUS

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE HAVE MUCH CHOICE. HE'S GOT US NOW!

BUT HE'S NOT HEADING FOR VENUS AT ALL! HE'S GOING TOWARD JUPITER!

STREAK AND PROF. FINLAY..

BUT IT IS NOT TO JUPITER,
THAT QUANTUS BRINGS HIS
CAPTIVE SHIP! IT IS TO IO,
ONE OF JUPITER'S MOONS



THINK THIS ONE OVER,
YOU BIG GORILLA!

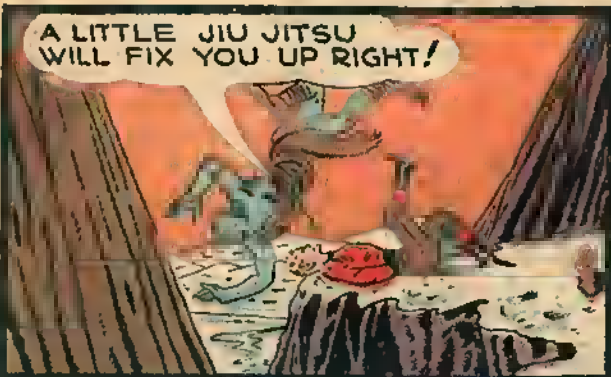


AAARRHH!

AND AS
FOR YOU...



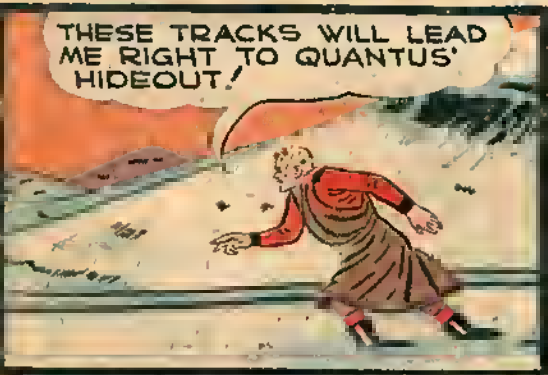
A LITTLE JIU JITSU
WILL FIX YOU UP RIGHT!



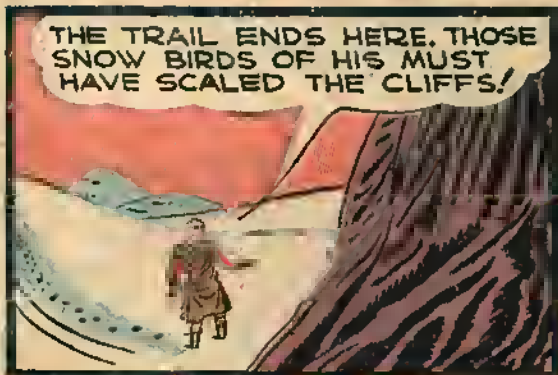
I'LL HAVE TO BORROW
THIS GUY'S CLOTHES TO
KEEP FROM FREEZING!



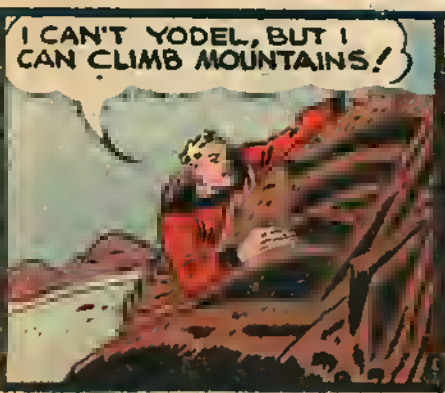
THESE TRACKS WILL LEAD
ME RIGHT TO QUANTUS'
HIDEOUT!



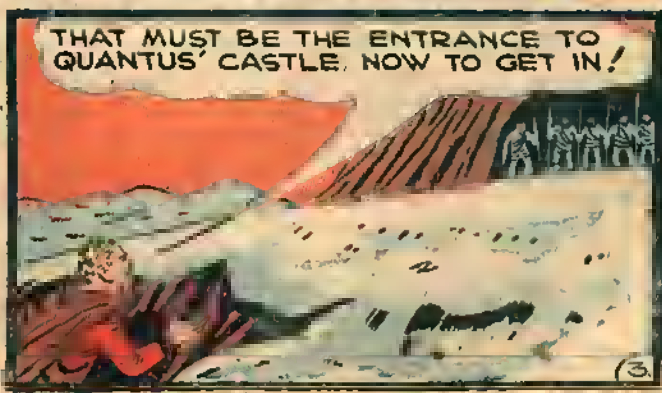
THE TRAIL ENDS HERE. THOSE
SNOW BIRDS OF HIS MUST
HAVE SCALED THE CLIFFS!



I CAN'T YODEL, BUT I
CAN CLIMB MOUNTAINS!



THAT MUST BE THE ENTRANCE TO
QUANTUS' CASTLE. NOW TO GET IN!



THAT CHASM GIVES ME AN IDEA!
I CAN'T OUTFIGHT THEM, BUT
I CAN OUTTHINK THEM!



HEY! YOU BIG
LUNKHEADS!
WANNA FIGHT?



THOSE IONIANS ARE TOO BULKY
TO JUMP ACROSS THE CHASM!



THEY'LL BE COMIN'
ROUND THE MOUNTAIN,
WHEN THEY COME!



HOT DOG!...!
IT WORKED!
HAPPY LANDING,
BOYS!

XADRU!

XADRU
VERVU!



WELL HERE
GOES!



STREAK RETURNS TO THE
CAVE ENTRANCE

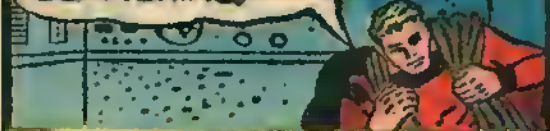
IT SEEMS LIKE I'VE BEEN
WALKING FOR HOURS.....AND
IT'S GETTING WARMER ALL
THE TIME!.....SAY WHAT'S THAT!



I KNOW WHAT THIS IS. IT'S AN ELEVATOR SHAFT. QUANTUS' HANGOUT IS WAY BELOW!



I GET IT NOW! QUANTUS IS A VENUSIAN, AND CAN'T EXIST ON COLD SO, HE'S BUILT HIMSELF SOME KIND OF UNDERGROUND HEATING SYSTEM.... I'LL HAVE TO REMOVE THESE SEARCHING!



STREAK GOES DOWN IN THE ELEVATOR.

WOW! THIS QUANTUS IS NO DOPE! IT TOOK PLENTY OF ENGINEERING BRAINS TO CARVE OUT THOSE UNDERGROUND CAVES!



SOMEBODY'S COMING, I'D BETTER DUCK!



THEY MUST BE CARRYING FOOD TO QUANTUS, I'LL FOLLOW THEM!



IN QUANTUS'S CHAMBER!

AH! HERE COMES OUR SUPPER. AND NOW WE SHALL FEAST, JUST WE TWO!



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH MY FRIENDS, YOU BEAST!

LONG HAVE I WANTED AN EARTH WOMAN FOR MY QUEEN!



NO! NO! DON'T TOUCH ME!

WHILE OUTSIDE QUANTUS'S CHAMBER!

I'VE GOT TO GET THOSE STOOGES AWAY FROM THAT ENTRANCE..... AH! I'VE GOT IT!



QUANTUS'S GUARDS ARE STARTLED BY THE NOISE OF FALLING BOULDERS...



AND RUN TO INVESTIGATE.

MAYBE QUANTUS IS SMART, BUT HE SURE HAS DUMMIES WORKING FOR HIM!



STREAK BURSTS INTO QUANTUS'S CHAMBER AND.....

SO THAT'S YOUR GAME!

STREAK!

THE EARTHLING!



THIS TIME YOU SHALL NOT ESCAPE..... OOOOMPHH!

NOT ON YOUR TINTYPE! HERE'S A GOOD OLD AMERICAN CUSTOM!



BUT THE VENUSIAN IS STRONGER THAN STREAK HAD ANTICIPATED!

LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO HAVE TROUBLE!



NOW YOU DIE. SCUM!

OOOH!



STREAK SLIPS AND-

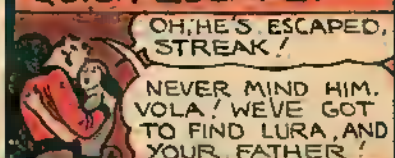
VOLA SAVES STREAK'S LIFE BY FREEZING QUANTUS'S ARM WITH HIS ICE GUN!



QUANTUS MAKES A QUICK ESCAPE!

OH, HE'S ESCAPED, STREAK!

NEVER MIND HIM. VOLA! WE'VE GOT TO FIND LURA, AND YOUR FATHER!



BUT STREAK CHANDLER'S TROUBLES HAVE JUST BEGUN. QUANTUS IS NO EASY FOE, AND THERE ARE PLENTY OF THRILLS AND DANGERS IN STORE FOR HIM BEFORE HE RESCUES HIS PARTY. READ THE NEXT ISSUE OF TOP-NOTCH COMICS.

WINGS JOHNSON OF THE AIR PATROL



WINGS JOHNSON, AMERICAN YOUTH, SERVING IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, HAS BEEN SENT TO SOUTH AFRICA TO SOLVE WAR-TIME PROBLEMS AT THE BRITISH DIAMOND MINES...

AT THE MINES---A PILOT PREPARES TO TAKE OFF FOR FRENCH WEST AFRICA -

HENRY, TWO PILOTS HAVE BEEN LOST TRYING TO FLY THE DIAMONDS TO THE COAST---

IT'S UP TO YOU TO GET THROUGH!

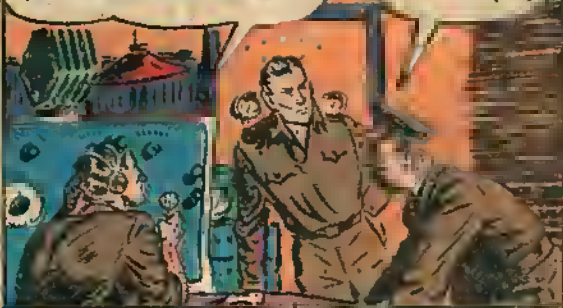
WILL DO ME BLINKIN' BEST, WINGS.



LATER, IN THE RADIO SHACK---

CALLING PILOT HIGGINS--PILOT HIGGINS! COME IN HIGGINS!..... HE DOESN'T ANSWER!

THAT'S THE THIRD PILOT TO DISAPPEAR, WINGS!



OUR GOVERNMENT NEEDS DIAMONDS BADLY, WINGS, FOR USE IN THE FACTORIES--WE'VE GOT TO GET THEM THROUGH--AND JOHNSON, YOU'RE OUR LAST HOPE!

I'LL START IMMEDIATELY!



HERE'S THE ROUTE YOU'RE TO FOLLOW--THE X'S MARK THE AREA WHERE THE OTHER PILOTS DISAPPEARED!



THERE'S A
FORTUNE IN
DIAMONDS IN
THIS BOX,
WINGS!

I'LL GET THEM
THROUGH
OR ELSE!



HOURS LATER AS JOHNSON
SPEEDS ABOVE THE WILD
AFRICAN JUNGLES

BLACKBURN SKUA

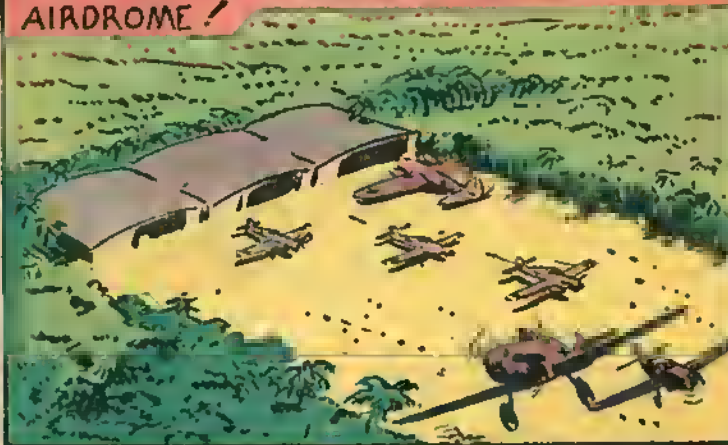


HE IS SIGHTED BY A
NAZI LOOKOUT!

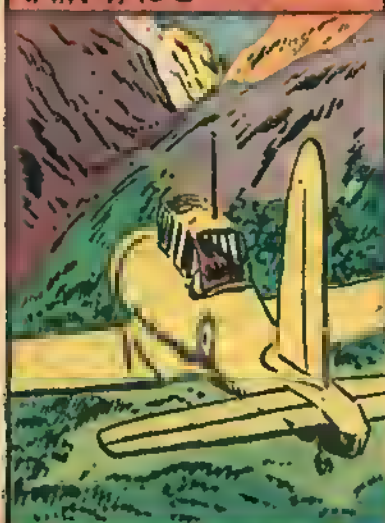
SEND ODER
PLANES! AN
ENGLISHER
IS COMINK!



DEEP IN THE JUNGLES, A SQUADRON OF
GERMAN SHIPS TAKE OFF FROM A HIDDEN
AIRDROME!

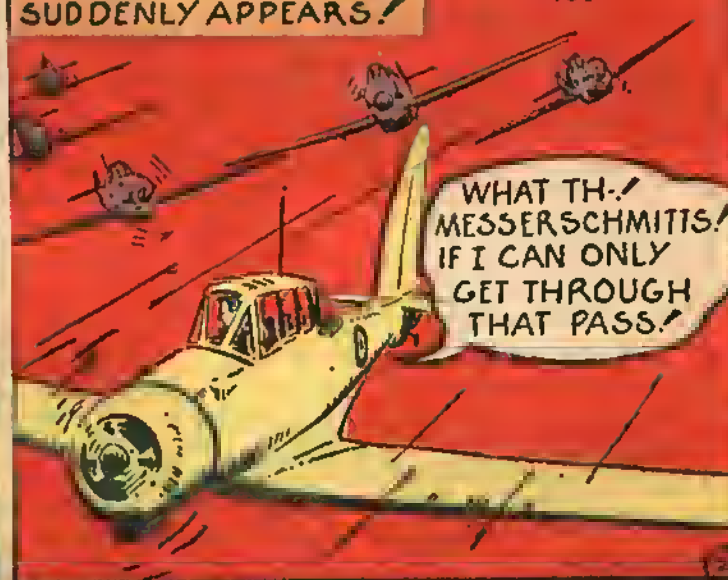


AS WINGS HEADS FOR
A DANGEROUS MOUNTAIN
PASS



THE NAZI SQUADRON
SUDDENLY APPEARS!

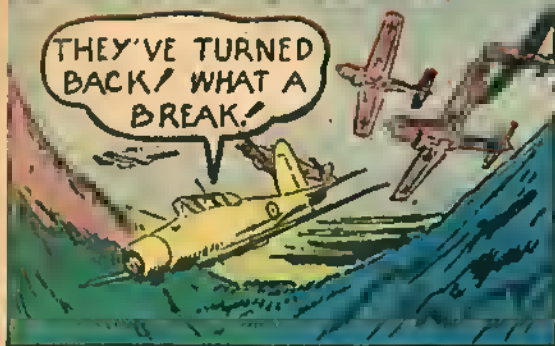
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WHAT TH-!
MESSERSCHMITTS!
IF I CAN ONLY
GET THROUGH
THAT PASS!

WINGS MAKES THE PASS.....

THEY'VE TURNED
BACK! WHAT A
BREAK!



ONLY TO FIND IT A TRAP!

WOW! SO
THAT'S IT!
A NET ACROSS
THE CHASM!



I DON'T THINK I
CAN MAKE IT!



CAUGHT
LIKE A FLY IN
A SPIDER'S
WEB!



JOHNSON'S PLANE IS LOWERED
TO THE FLOOR OF THE PASS!



ONLY SLIGHTLY SHAKEN
WINGS IS TAKEN PRISONER!

THANKS FOR
BEING SO
GENTLE.

DER DIAMONDS
ISS CAUSE FOR
THAT! COME! VE
TAKE YOU TO DER
COMMANDANT!



AT THE HIDDEN AIRDROME.....

SO! THIS IS
YOUR HANGOUT-
AND ON ENGLISH
TERRITORY!!

YAH! ISS
CLEVER,
NO?

JOHNSON FACES THE NAZI
COMMANDANT!

PUT HIM IN DER
GUARDHOUSE-HE
WILL BE SHOT AT
SUNRISE!

JUST LIKE
OUR OTHER
PILOTS, EH?

NOW VE GO BACK
TO DER PINOCHLE
GAME -

'ELLOW,
WINGS-
'OW'S THE
BLOOMIN'
BOY, EH?

HIGGINS! SO YOU'RE
WAITING FOR THE
SUNRISE SERENADE
TOO?

'ECK, NO-HI'M
DIGGIN' ME WAY
BACK TO MERRY
OLE H'ENGLAND!

ATTABOY-
LET'S GO!

WINGS
AND
HENNY
TUNNEL
THEIR
WAY
OUT OF
THE
PRISON
AT
NIGHT

HURRY UP,
HENNY-AND
DON'T KICK
MY TEETH OUT!

GET IN THAT SHIP
AND BE READY TO
GO WHEN I COME
BACK! I'M GOING
AFTER THOSE
DIAMONDS!!

-H'IF YOU
COME BACK,
YE MEAN!

WINGS CREEPS UP TO THE
COMMANDANT'S 'QUARTERS!

I HOPE
MY AIM IS
GOOD!

JOOLS! VAT
BEAUTIFUL
JOO-----

CLUNK!



I HATE TO TAKE
AWAY YOUR
TOYS LIKE THIS,
FATTY!



AS WINGS RUNS TOWARDS THE PLANE

I HOPE I
MAKE IT!



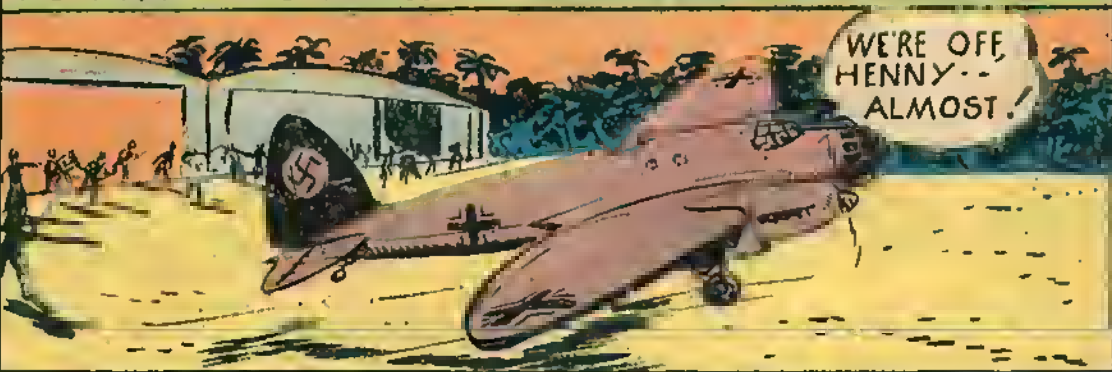
HIGGINS STARTS THE MOTORS!

HERE, TAKE
THESE!



THE ROAR OF THE HEINKEL MOTORS AROUSES THE NAZI CAMP!

WE'RE OFF,
HENNY--
ALMOST!



H'I PREFER
THIS TO A
BLOOMIN'
FIRIN' SQUAD!

WE'RE NOT SAFE
YET! THEY'LL HAVE
PURSUIT SHIPS
AFTER US!
UNLESS-----



H'UNLESS WOT,
WINGSIE? SAY--
WOT'RE YOU
TURNING BACK,
FOR?

WE FORGOT
TO SAY
GOODBYE!



HIGH
OVER
THE
AIR-
BASE
THEY
RELEASE
THEIR
BOMBS
!

I 'OPES THESE
ARRIVE IN TIME
FOR BREAKFAST!

I WONDER IF
BOMBS AND
CEREAL WILL
MIX?

HEINKEL-III K

AND THE SECRET NAZI AIRPORT IS BLOWN TO BITS!



SEVERAL HOURS LATER
OVER FRENCH WEST AFRICA -

WE'RE H'ABOUT
THERE, EH WOT
WINGSIE?

JUST ABOUT,
HEY-LOOK,
BEHIND US!

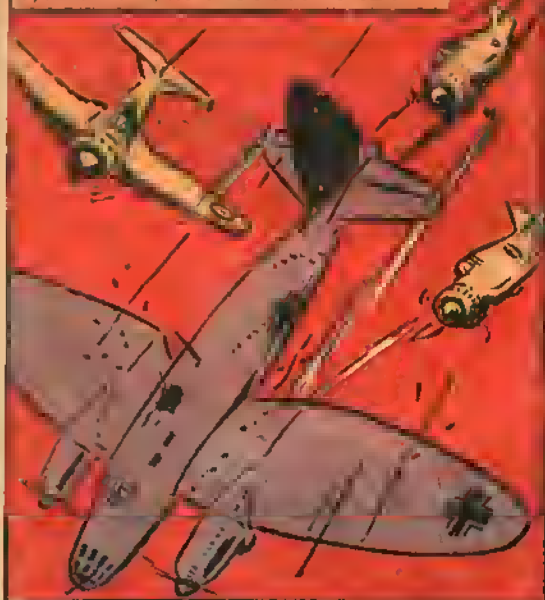
A FRENCH PATROL IS IN PURSUIT!

THE BLINKIN'
FROGS THINK
WE'RE THE
BLASTED
H'ENEMY!

BLOCH-151 S



WINGS POWER-DIVES AS THE
FRENCH SHIPS OPEN FIRE!



AT THE SAME TIME, FRENCH ANTI-
AIR-CRAFT BATTERIES
OPEN FIRE!



THEIR TAIL SHOT AWAY,
WINGS AND HENRY ARE
FORCED TO BAIL OUT!



BRAVO! ZE
DIAMONDS,
YOU HAVE
ZEM?

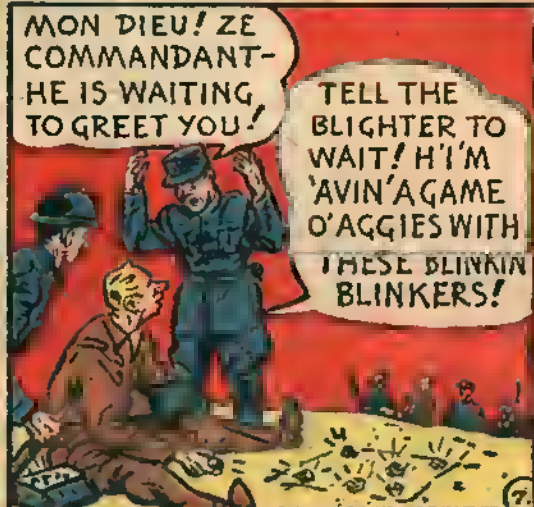
YES, SIR!
BUT WHERE'S
HENNY?

WHO? OH,
ZE CRAZY
MAN! HE'S
OVER ZERE!



MON DIEU! ZE
COMMANDANT-
HE IS WAITING
TO GREET YOU!

TELL THE
BLIGHTER TO
WAIT! H'I'M
'AVIN' A GAME
O' AGGIES WITH
THESE BLINKIN'
BLINKERS!



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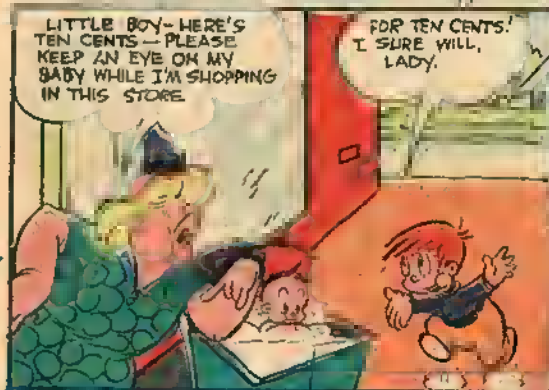
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QUINCY

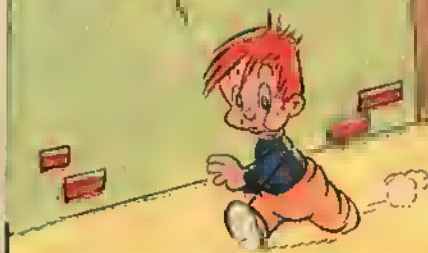


LITTLE BOY - HERE'S
TEN CENTS - PLEASE
KEEP AN EYE ON MY
BABY WHILE I'M SHOPPING
IN THIS STORE.

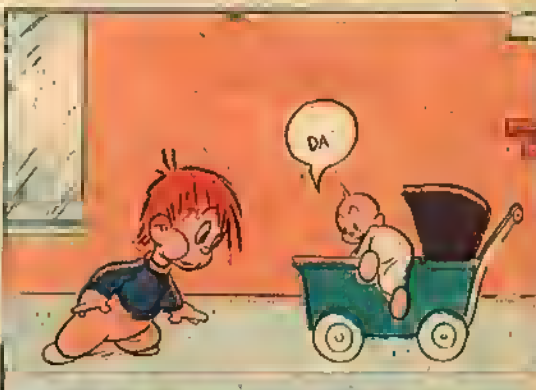
FOR TEN CENTS!
I SURE WILL,
LADY.



WONDER WHAT
THAT LADY WANTS

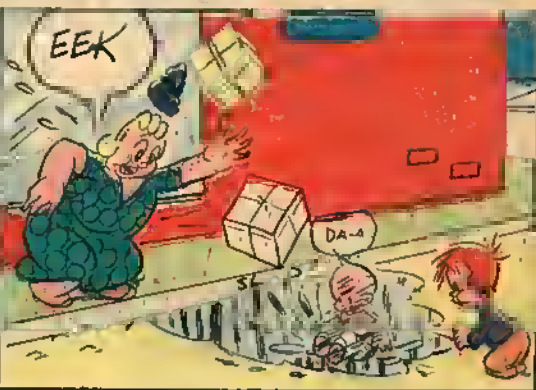


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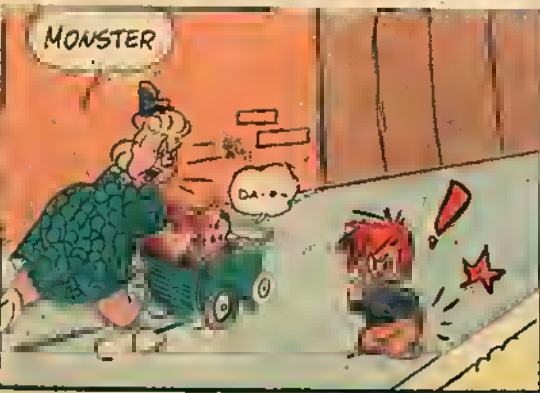
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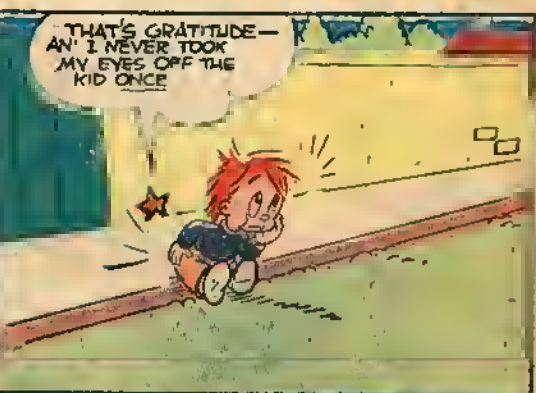


MONSTER

DA...



THAT'S GRATITUDE -
AN' I NEVER TOOK
MY EYES OFF THE
KID ONCE



DICK STORM

IN INDIA



MESKIN
AND
SHORTEN
by

DICK STORM, PROFESSIONAL ADVENTURER, IS AS FAMILIAR WITH THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE WORLD AS THE ORDINARY MAN IS IN HIS OWN PARLOR. NOW HE FINDS HIMSELF IN INDIA, THE LAND OF MYSTERY.

I THINK I'LL
STEP INTO
THAT CAFE AND
CATCH A DRINK.

WHAT SAHIB ORDER.

MILK!

HO
HUM!

HEY!
WHAT'S THIS!

CUTTUM
OFF BLIG
EARS!

YOU'D BETTER
GET MY PERMISSION
BEFORE YOU DO
ANY CUTTING,
MY ALMOND-
EYED FRIEND!

THAT MISERABLE
WHITE MAN IS
LISTENING TO
OUR PLANS.

ME FIX
'MELICAN
DOG!

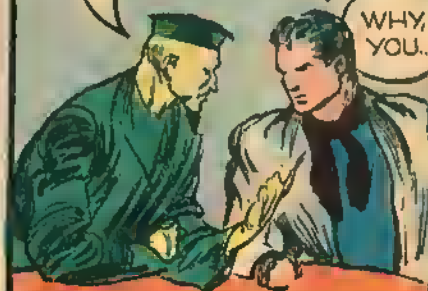
HO! YOU ARE INDEED
A CAPABLE
FELLOW.



PERHAPS YOU
WOULD BE IN-
TERESTED IN A
LITTLE ADVEN-
TURE FOR A
GREAT SUM OF
MONEY.



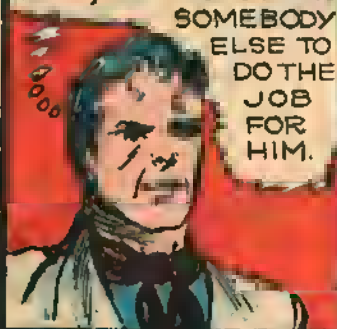
THERE IS A WHITE GIRL
IN ONE OF THE VILLAGES
IN THE JUNGLES OF INDIA
WHO WOULD FETCH A
HANDSOME RANSOM.
BRING HER BACK, AND
HALF IS YOURS!



WHY,
YOU...

WAIT A MINUTE! IF I
PRETEND TO STRING
ALONG WITH HIM, I'LL
BE ABLE TO SAVE
THAT GIRL FROM HIS
CLUTCHES. OTHER-

WISE, HE'LL JUST HIRE
SOMEBODY
ELSE TO
DO THE
JOB
FOR
HIM.

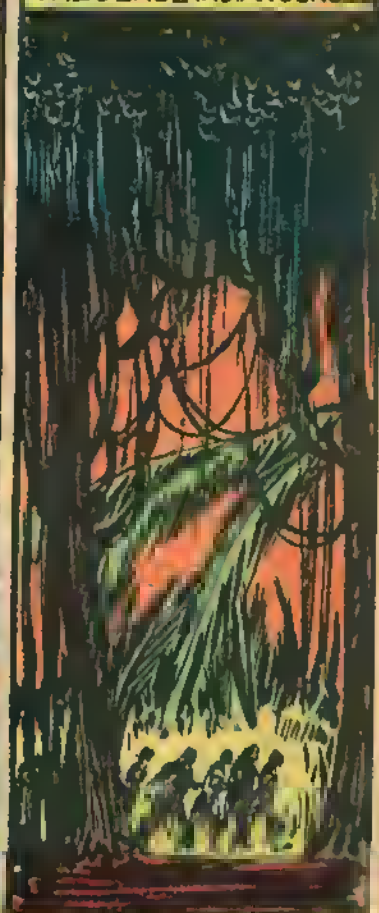


IT'S A DEAL!

GOOD!
THAT PIG YOU
JUST SUBDUED
WILL GO ALONG
WITH YOU, AND A
FEW MORE OF MY
MEN... THE GIRL IS
THERE WITH HER
FATHER, A MISSION-
ARY.



FOR DAYS, DICK AND HIS
CREW MARCH THROUGH
THE DENSE INDIAN JUNGLE.



DICK WASTES
NO TIME IN
GETTING THE
EXPEDITION
STARTED.

IT'S A WEEK'S
MARCH TO WHERE
THE WHITE GIRL
AND HER FATHER
ARE.

WE SHALL
DO IT IN
FIVE
DAYS!



DICK AND HIS
EVIL BAND ENTER
THE VILLAGE OF
BURPAL!

HEY, THERE, DON'T RUN
AWAY. WE WON'T HARM
YOU

WASTE NO TIME!
ME GETTUM
GIRL!

I'M GIVING ORDERS
AROUND HERE. I'LL
GO TO THE GIRL
ALONE.

THOSE DEVILS
ARE GETTING
SUSPICIOUS.
I'LL HAVE TO
WORK
FAST!

A WHITE MAN!
THANK
HEAVENS!

MY FATHER DIED
YESTERDAY
FROM FEVER,
AND I'VE BEEN
ALL ALONE!

YOU ARE IN
EXTREME
DANGER!

BENEATH THE HUT,
AH MING AND HIS
MEN OVERHEAR
DICK'S WARNING.

SO, THE WHITE
SCUM BETRAYS US!
HIS BONES SHALL
BE LEFT TO BLEACH
IN THE JUNGLE SUN,
WHILE WE TAKE
THE RANSOM MONEY
FOR OURSELVES

AS DICK LEAVES,
WOW! THAT WAS
CLOSE! THOSE MUR-
DERING HOUNDS ARE
WISE TO ME!

BUT I WON'T
MISS!

UGH!

QUICK!
GET ON TOP
OF THAT
TRUNK!



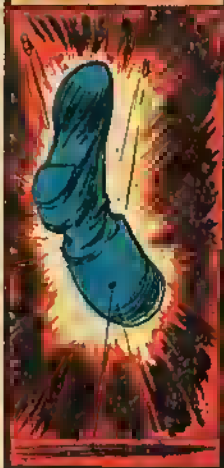
I'LL TRY
AN OLD
ARMY TRICK!



IF THERE'S
ANYBODY
UNDER THERE,
I'LL KNOW
SOON
ENOUGH!



DICK'S GUESS
IS RIGHT.



DICK
RETURNS
FIRE

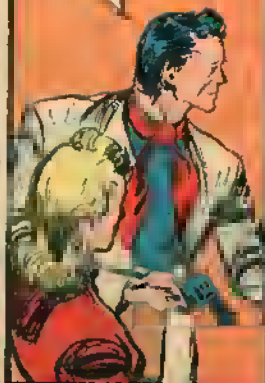


DICK'S BULLETS
FIND THEIR
MARK...



LATER...

SHOTS!
AND THEY'RE
NOT COMING
THIS WAY! I'D
BETTER
INVESTIGATE!



GREAT SCOT!
A WHITE MAN!



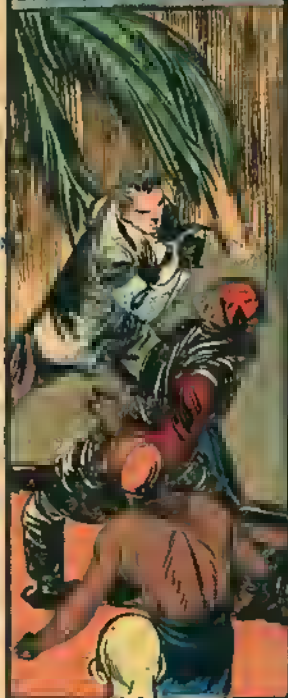
HE'LL NEVER
MAKE IT!
UNLESS...



KEEP RUNNING! I'LL
KEEP THESE PIRATES
AWAY FROM YOU.



THE PIRATES
SWARM UPON DICK



COME BACK
INTO THE
HUT. IT'S
DANGEROUS!

BUT
THEY'LL
KILL HIM!



AHA! AND NOW
MELICAN SWINE!--



THE ODDS ARE TOO GREAT

IF I MISS,—DICK
IS DOOMED!

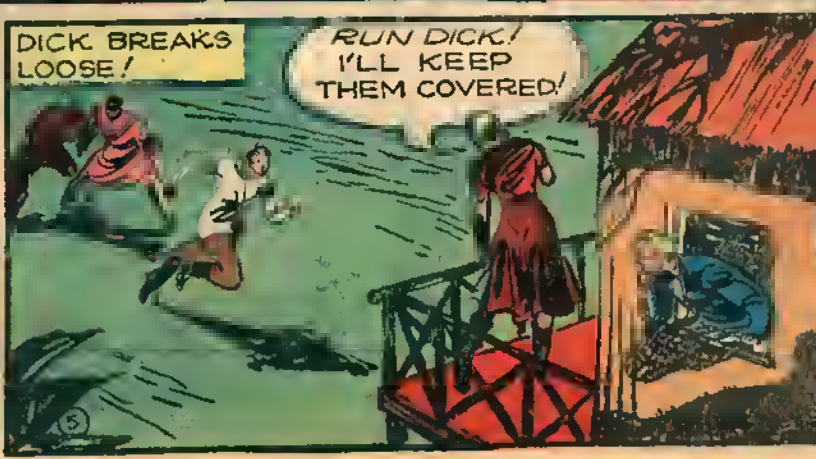


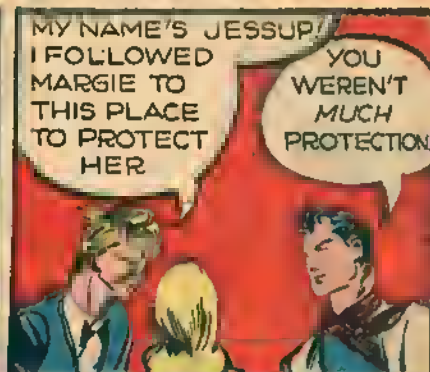
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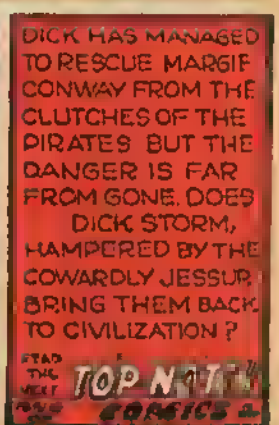
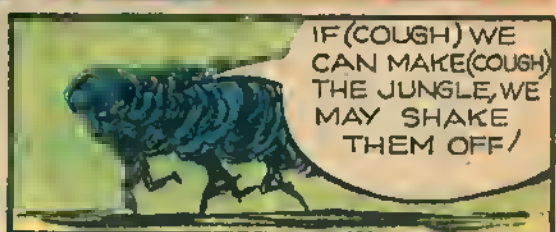
DICK BREAKS
LOOSE!

RUN DICK!
I'LL KEEP
THEM COVERED!





TO DRIVE THE WHITES INTO THE OPEN, THE PIRATES THROW FIREBRANDS ONTO THE HUT.



BOB PHANTOM

THE SOURCE OF THE UNDERWORLD

BOB PHANTOM IS NOT MERELY A NAME... IT IS A SYMBOL - A SYMBOL FOR JUSTICE AND LAWFULNESS, AND ALL THE FORCES WHICH GO TO MAKE OURS A BETTER CIVILIZATION

ONE NIGHT, WALT WHITNEY, BROADWAY COLUMNIST, WALKS TO HIS HOME FROM HIS OFFICE..

IT'S BEEN KIND OF QUIET LATELY... NOTHING FOR ME TO RIB THE POLICE ABOUT.

THE STILLNESS IS SUDDENLY SHATTERED BY THE SCREECHING OF SIRENS.

FIRE ENGINES! WHITNEY RIDES AGAIN.

WHITNEY BOARDS THE SPEEDING FIRE ENGINE!

HEY! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE... THE MAYOR? MORE IMPORTANT, I'M WALT WHITNEY!

WHERE'S THE FIRE?

YOU MEAN FIRES? THERE'S BEEN A RAFT OF THEM LATELY!

WOW! THAT BUILDING IS GUTTY FAR GONE!

SUDDENLY, FROM A WINDOW HIGH UP
IN THE BUILDING,

HELP!
HELP!

SUDDENLY
OUT OF
THE
SMOKE..

**BOB
PHANTOM**
!!

I'VE GOT TO
WORK FAST,
THIS BUILDING
IS READY TO
COLLAPSE!

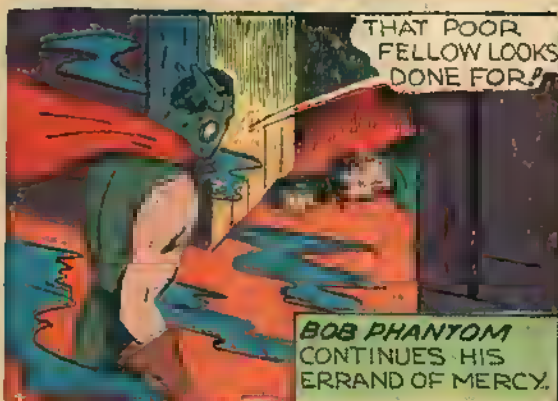


GOOD LORD!
THOSE PEOPLE
ARE HOPELESS-
LY TRAPPED!
THAT BUILDING'S
FLAMING
COFFIN!

BOB PHANTOM CARRIES THE GIRL OUT
OF THE BUILDING, AND DISAPPEARS...

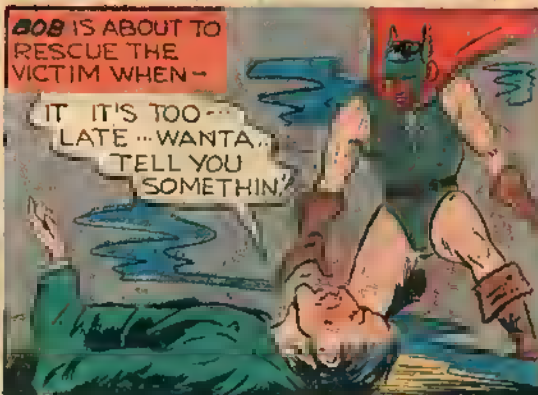
WH-WHERE'D SHE COME FROM, DOC?

I COULD HAVE
SWORN SHE WAS
BEING CARRIED
BY A PUFF
OF SMOKE.



THAT POOR
FELLOW LOOKS
DONE FOR!

BOB PHANTOM
CONTINUES HIS
ERRAND OF MERCY.

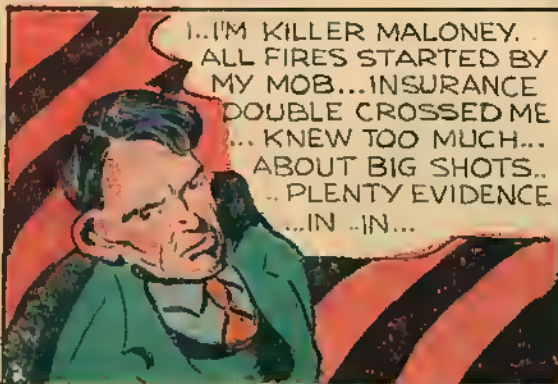


BOB IS ABOUT TO
RESCUE THE
VICTIM WHEN -

IT IT'S TOO
LATE...WANTA...
TELL YOU
SOMETHIN'!

I..I'M KILLER MALONEY.
ALL FIRES STARTED BY
MY MOB...INSURANCE
DOUBLE CROSSED ME
...KNEW TOO MUCH...
ABOUT BIG SHOTS..
...PLENTY EVIDENCE
...IN ..IN...

HE'S DEAD...
JUST AS HE
WAS ABOUT
TO TELL ME
WHERE THE
EVIDENCE IS!



JUST THEN
THE
BUILDING
COLLAPSES!
HAS
BOB
PHANTOM
MET A
HORRIBLE
FIERY
DEATH
?



THE NEXT
DAY, WALT
WHITNEY
DOES SOME
SLEUTHING.

I'D LIKE TO TALK TO THE GIRL
WHO WAS RESCUED FROM
THE FIRE LAST NIGHT. YOU'RE
HER AUNT, I SUP-
POSE?



YES,
COME IN.

WALT MEETS VIVIAN CORAL..

MISS CORAL, I UNDERSTAND YOUR
FATHER OWNED THAT BUILD-
ING THAT BURNED DOWN... HE DID
OWN IT!
HE WAS
BOUGHT OUT
ABOUT A
MONTH
JUST BE-
FORE HE
DIED!



I'VE FOUND OUT THE BUILDING WAS IN-
SURED BY THE ACME INSURANCE CORP..
I'D LIKE TO ASK THEM A FEW QUESTIONS

WILL YOU
COME WITH
ME?



YES..

WALT AND VIVIAN SOON ARRIVE AT THE
INSURANCE OFFICE.



THANKS!

MR BLOATER
WILL SEE YOU NOW.

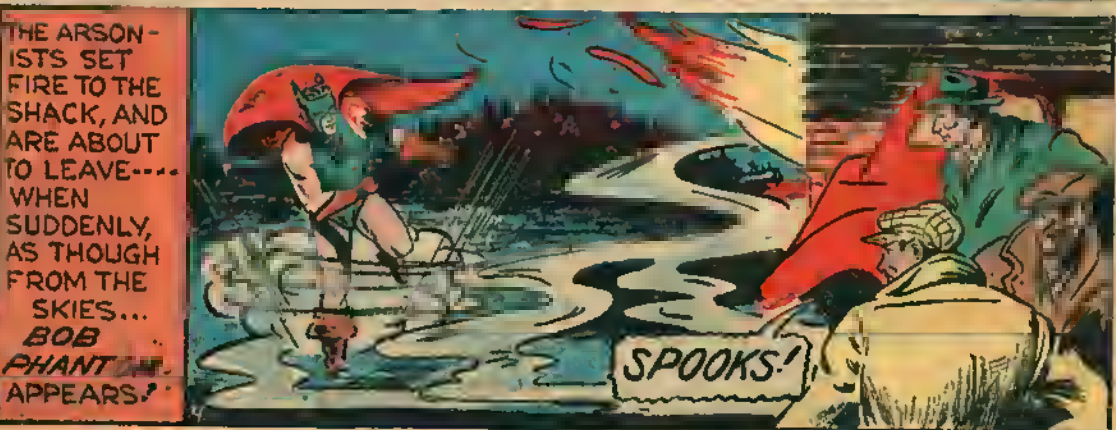
ISN'T YOUR COMPANY TAKING
TERRIFIC LOSSES, PAYING
OUT INSURANCE FOR ALL
THE FIRES WE'VE
HAD LATELY?

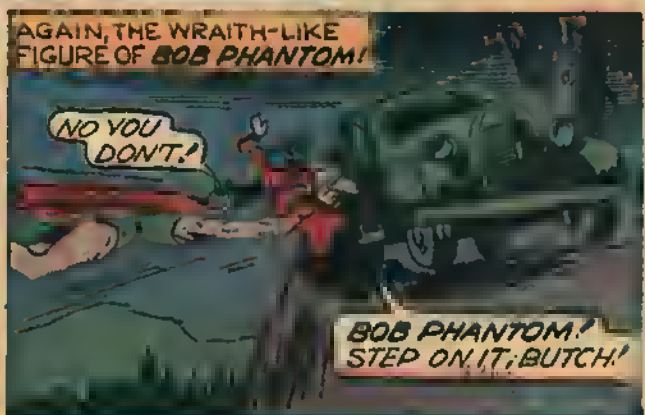
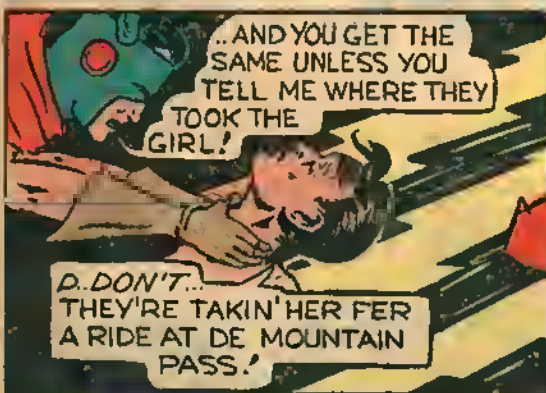
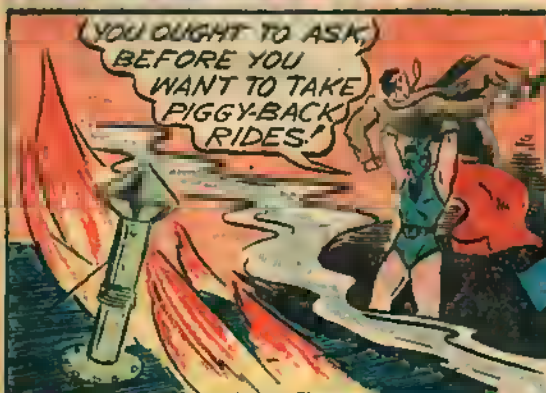


YES! BUT WE'RE
HELPLESS. WE GET
NO COOPERATION
FROM THE POLICE.

I'D LIKE TO SEE WHO'S GOING
TO COLLECT THE INSURANCE
ON THE BUILDING THAT
MISS CORAL'S FATHER
OWNED...
WILL YOU
LOOK IT
UP FOR
ME?

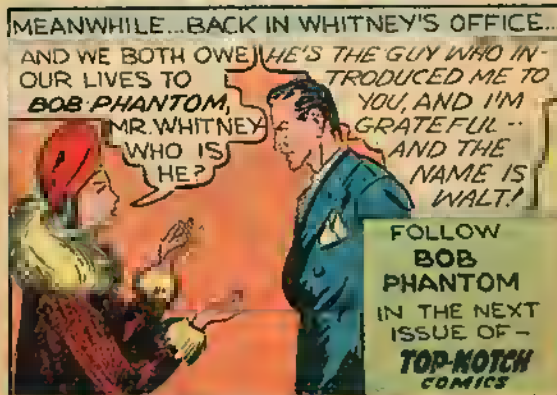
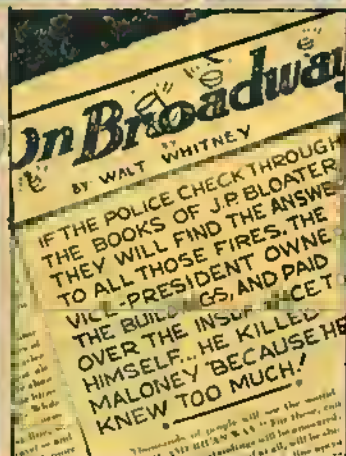
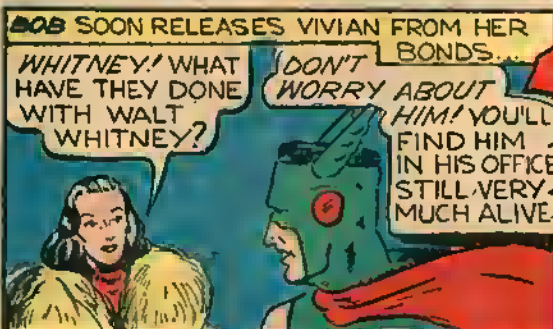
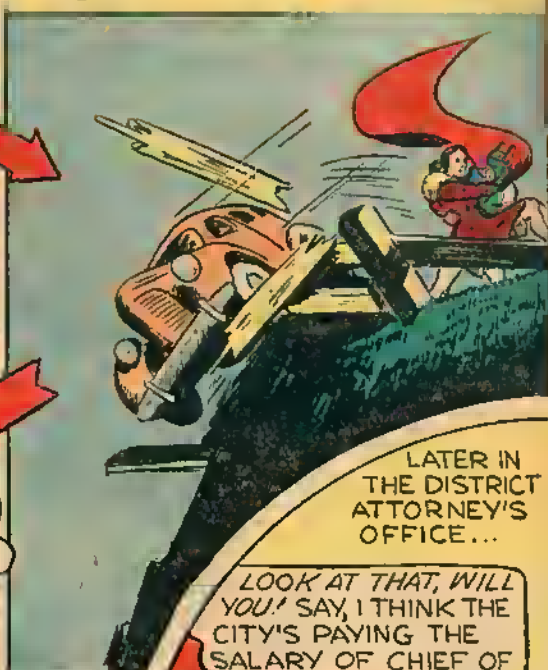
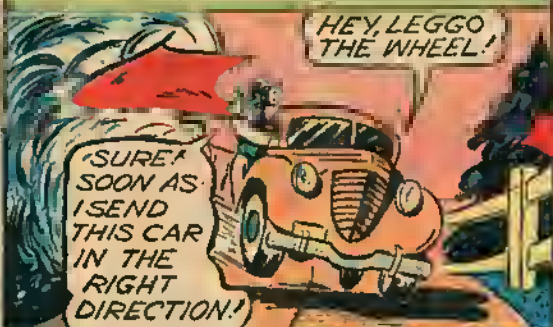






BOB LEAPS TO THE DASHBOARD OF THE CAR AND TWISTS THE WHEEL...

...AND SENDS THE KILLERS TO THEIR DOOM...



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KEITH KORNELL

WEST-POINTER

During THE SUMMER MONTHS THE CADETS AT WEST POINT ARE REQUIRED TO KILL IN FIELD MANEUVERS, AND SO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THEIR VARIOUS DUTIES !!

KEITH KORNELL NOW FINDS HIMSELF AT FORT RILEY, KANSAS, WHERE THE ENTIRE ACADEMY WILL ENGAGE IN A SHAM BATTLE !!

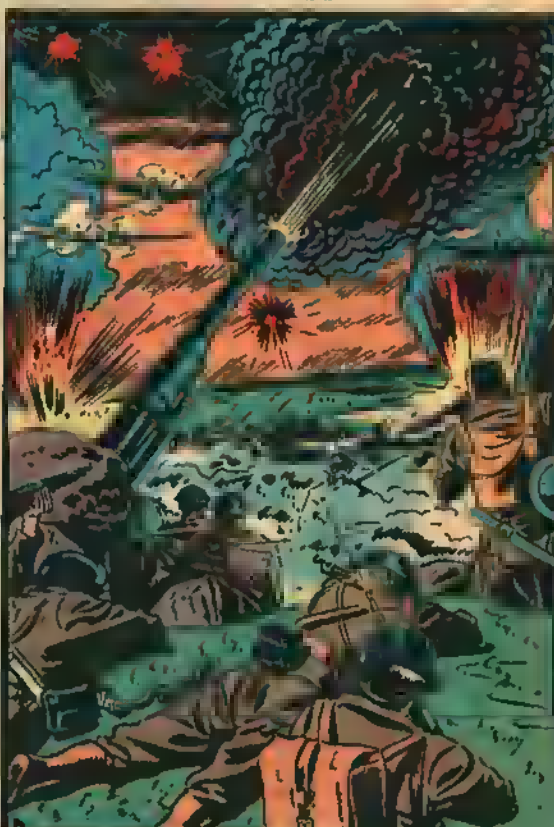


THE SHAM BATTLE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN, WITH CADETS AND THE REGULAR ARMY PARTICIPATING !! YOU, CADET KORNELL, WILL MAN THIS NEW ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN. WE WANT TO TEST ITS EFFECTIVENESS !!

YES, SIR!

THE BRIGADIER GENERAL GIVES KEITH FURTHER INFORMATION !!

THE BULLETS IN THIS GUN WILL LEAVE WHITE POWDER MARKS ON THIS PLANE. IF THE PLANE IS HIT IN A VITAL PART, THE PILOT WILL BRING IT DOWN!



THE BATTLE IS ON !!

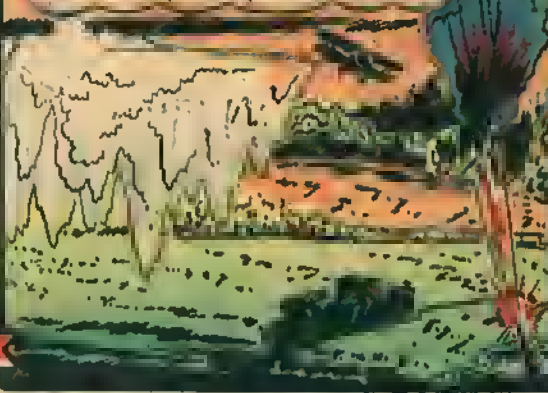
IF THIS GUN DOES ALL THEY CLAIM, IT WILL BE THE BIGGEST THREAT AGAINST INVADING PLANES YET DEvised!



IN THE PLANE AGAINST WHICH KEITH IS DIRECTING HIS FIRE



HOLY SMOKES! WHAT A GUN! THOSE FOREIGN SPIES OUGHT TO PAY PLENTY FOR IT !!



AFTER THE BATTLE- THE GUN LIVES UP TO THE CLAIM OF ITS INVENTOR. WE'VE GOT TO GUARD IT CAREFULLY. YOU WILL TAKE SENTRY DUTY TONIGHT, KORNELL



THAT NIGHT, THE TRAITOROUS PILOT REPORTS TO CADET KORNELL IS ON SENTRY DUTY TONIGHT. THE SPIES !!



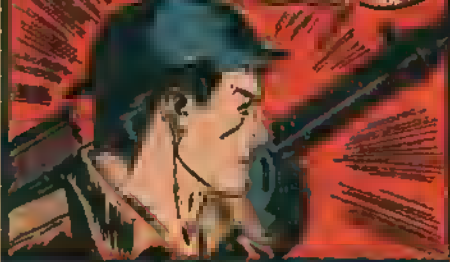
HE'LL BE A TOUGH ONE TO GET OUT OF THE WAY!

I HAVE A PLAN !!

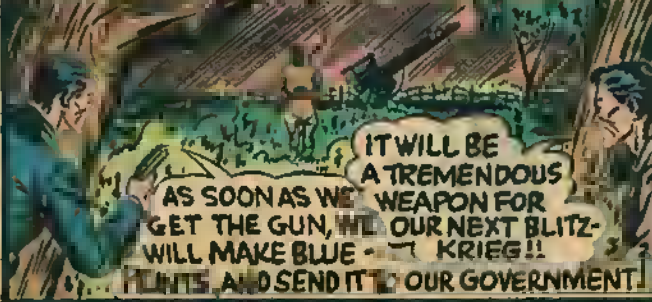
YOU WILL CRASH YOUR PLANE, AND DISTRACT EVERYBODY'S ATTENTION. IT WILL GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO STEAL THE GUN!



MEANWHILE, BACK AT FORT RILEY- WELL, ALL'S QUIET SO FAR, TOO QUIET !!



UNKNOWN TO CADET KORNELL, HIS EVERY MOVE IS WATCHED BY HOSTILE EYES !!



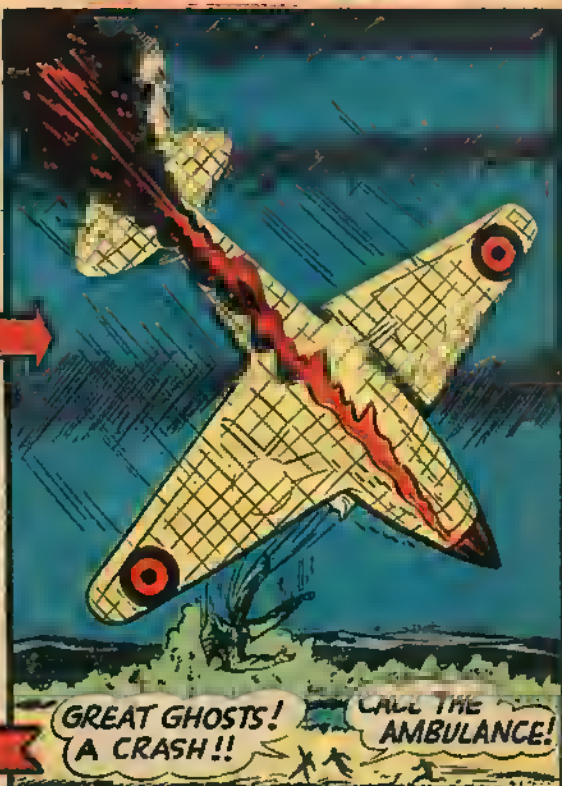
IT WILL BE A TREMENDOUS WEAPON FOR AS SOON AS WE GET THE GUN, WE OUR NEXT BLITZ- WILL MAKE BLUE - KRIEG !! PLANTS AND SEND IT TO OUR GOVERNMENT.

MEANWHILE,
THE TRAITOR-
OUS PILOT
PROCEEDS TO
PUT THE PLAN
INTO EFFECT
!!

I'LL SEND THE PLANE CRASH-
ING DOWN IN
FLAMES, THEN
BAIL OUT !!



THAT'S A CRASH
OVER THERE!
- BUT I MUSTN'T
LEAVE MY POST !!



QUICK! GRAB
HIM!!

THE SPIES
RUSH
KEITH
KORNELL

HEY,
I... !!

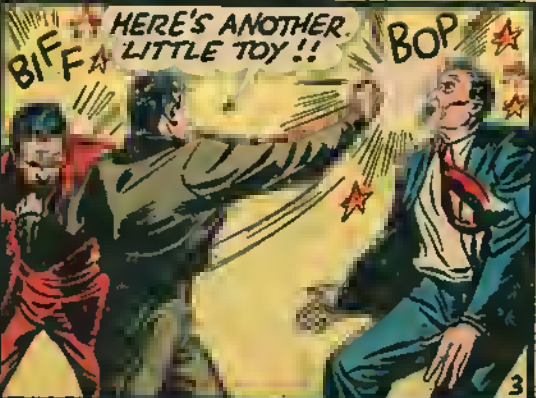


OH, SO SOMEBODY
WANTS TO PLAY
EH?



HERE'S ANOTHER
LITTLE TOY !!

BOP

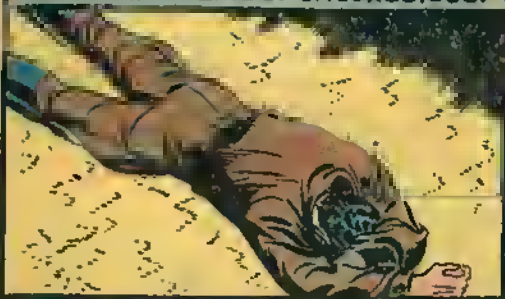


THIS WILL TAKE
THE FIGHT OUT
OF YOU !!

OW! MY
LEG!!



AS HE FALLS, KEITH IS HIT A MURDEROUS BLOW ON THE HEAD, WHICH LEAVES HIM ALMOST UNCONSCIOUS!



KEITH RECOVERS, AS ONE OF THE GUARDS RUSHES UP.



SORRY! NO TIME FOR EXPLANATIONS!

I'M GONNA TELL THE GENERAL ON YOU!!



AND BRUSQUELY BRUSHES HIM ASIDE AS HE BORROWS HIS MOTORCYCLE...

THE GUARD REPORTS TO THE GENERAL!!

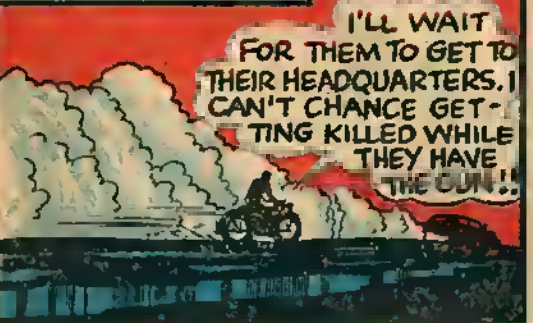
"AND THERE WAS NO SIGN OF THE GUN WHEN KORNELL TOOK MY MOTORCYCLE!!

ORDER OUR MEN TO COMB THE COUNTRY-SIDE!!

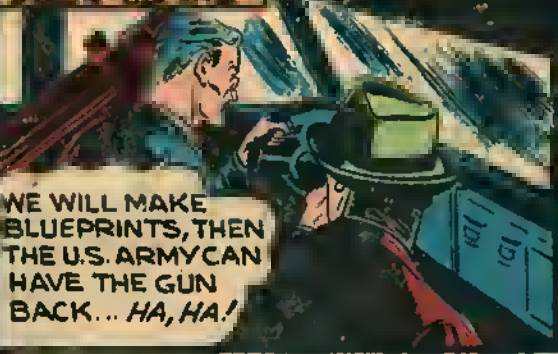


MEANWHILE, KEITH IS CLOSE ON THE TRAIL OF THE SPIES!!

I'LL WAIT FOR THEM TO GET TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS. I CAN'T CHANCE GETTING KILLED WHILE THEY HAVE THE GUN!!



INSIDE THE CAR-



WE WILL MAKE BLUEPRINTS, THEN THE U.S. ARMY CAN HAVE THE GUN BACK... HA, HA!

THE SPIES ARRIVE AT THEIR HEAD-QUARTERS!!

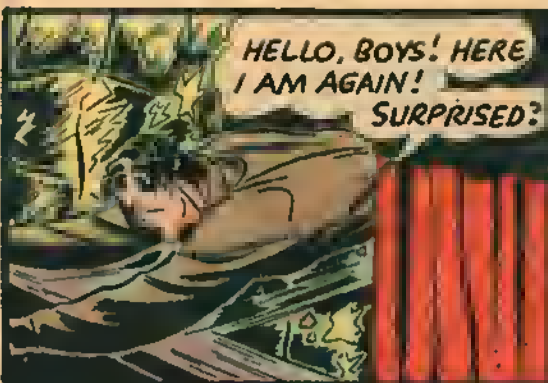
THIS WILL NOT TAKE LONG!



OUTSIDE, KEITH LOOKS FOR AN ENTRANCE!



THEY'VE LOCKED THE DOOR! WELL, THERE IS ONLY ONE THING TO DO, SO.....



HELLO, BOYS! HERE
I AM AGAIN!
SURPRISED?



THIS TIME I WON'T
BE SUCH AN
EASY VICTIM!

BAM

GLUG!!



SUDDENLY, THE SPY LEADER WHIPS OUT
THIS TIME IT WILL NOT
BE A FLESH WOUND!

A GUN!!

LOOK
OUT
BEHIND
YOU!!



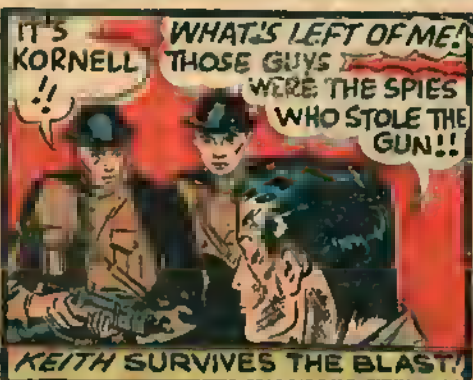
KEITH'S STRATEGY WORKS, BUT THE GUN
GOES OFF AS THE SPY LEADER TURNS !!

WHERE !!



THE SPY'S WILD BULLET FINDS ITS
MARK IN THE STILL LOADED ANTI-AIR-
CRAFT GUN AND.... !!

BOOM!



IT'S
KORNELL

WHAT'S LEFT OF ME!
THOSE GUYS
WERE THE SPIES
WHO STOLE THE
GUN!!

KEITH SURVIVES THE BLAST!



LATER, KEITH MAKES HIS REPORT-

YOU'VE
SMASHED AN
INSIDIOUS
SPY RING!

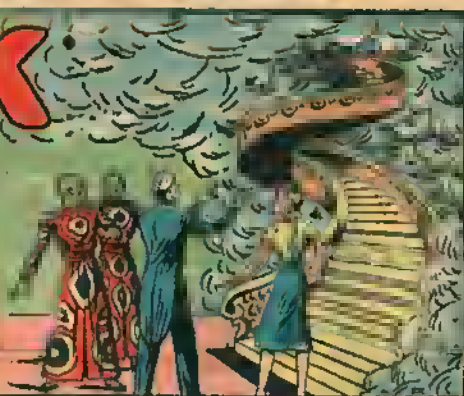
THANK YOU,
SIR!!

MORE
EXCITING
ADVENTURES
OF
KEITH KORNELL
WEST POINTER
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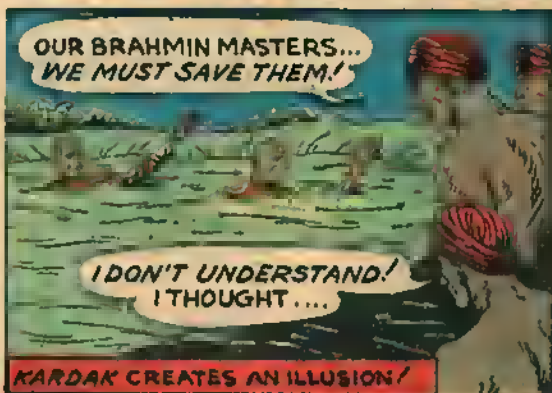
KARDAK

THE MYSTIC MAGICIAN

KARDAK AND HIS FIANCEE, LORNA, HAVE STUMBLED INTO A MYSTICAL LAND, HIDDEN DEEP IN THE LOUISIANA BAYOUS, AND RULED BY A TRIBE OF BRAHMINS WHO THREATEN CIVILIZATION UNLESS KARDAK'S POWERS CAN STOP THEM!



KARDAK AND LORNA FINDING THE BRAHMIN HORDES ARE TRAPPED IN QUICKSAND!



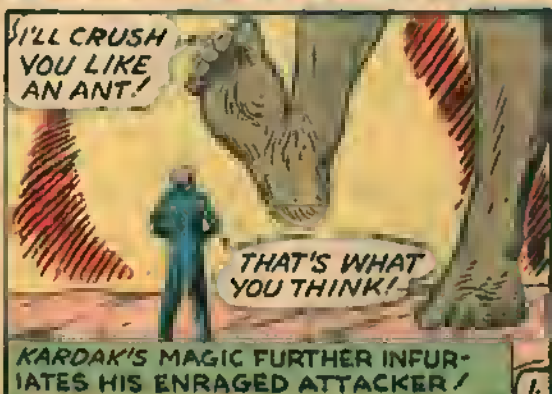
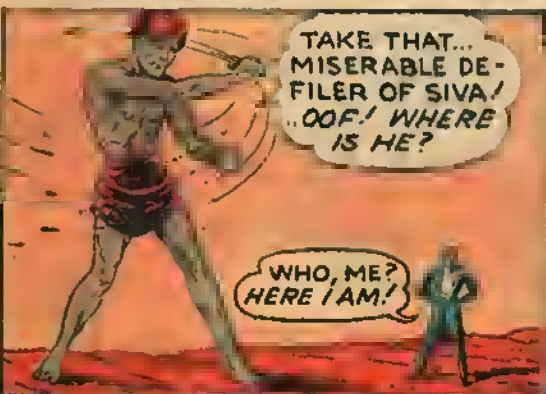
KARDAK CREATES AN ILLUSION!



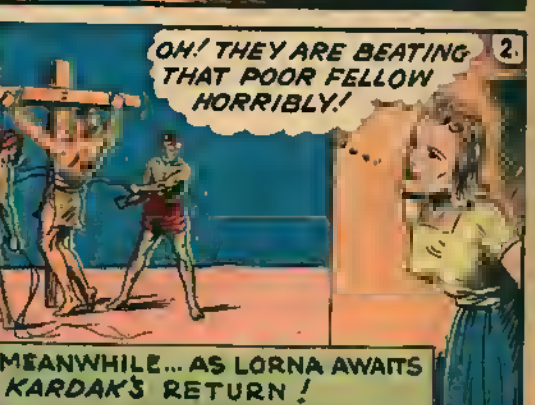
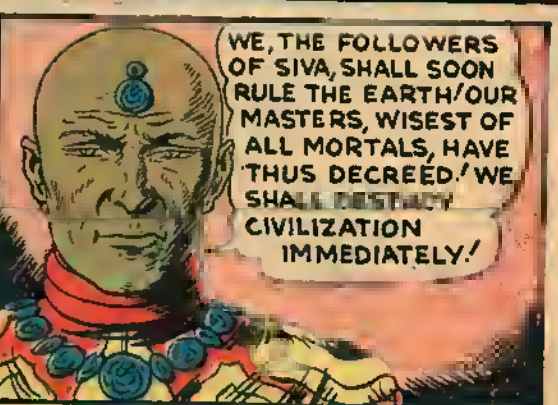
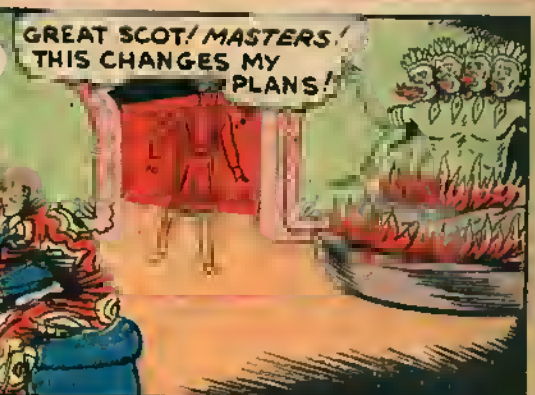
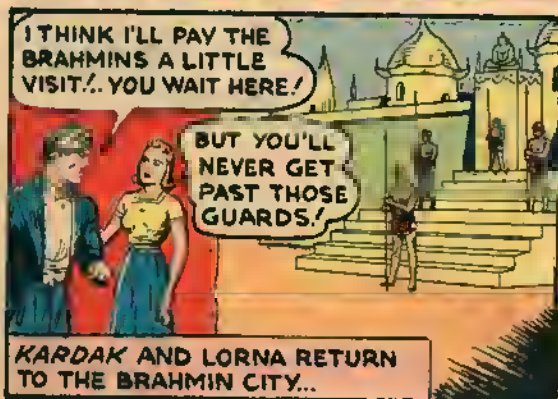
THE BRAHMINS' SERVANTS RESCUE THOSE THEY BELIEVE TO BE THEIR MASTERS!



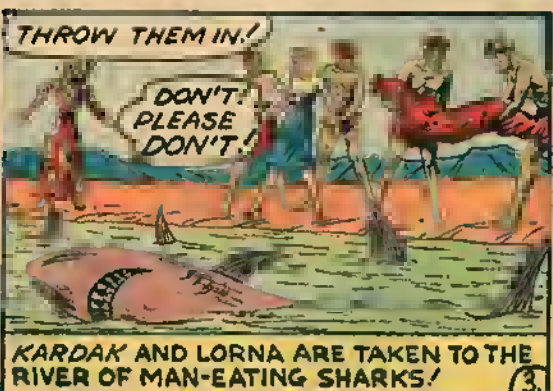
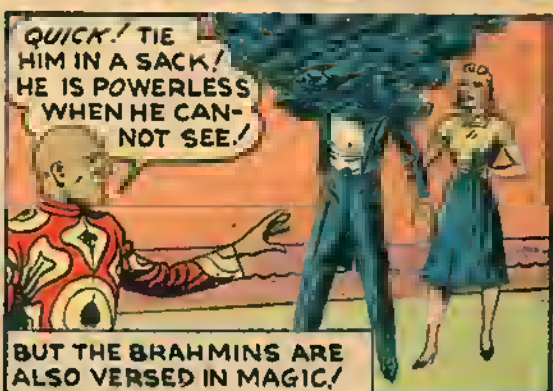
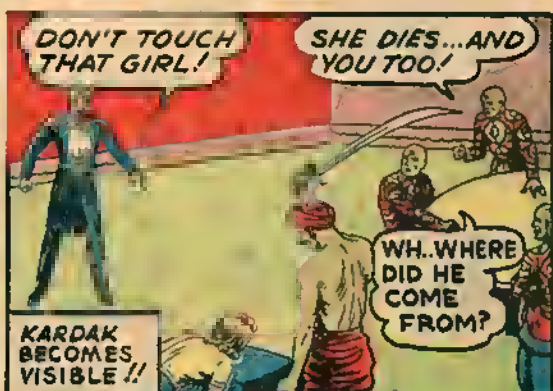
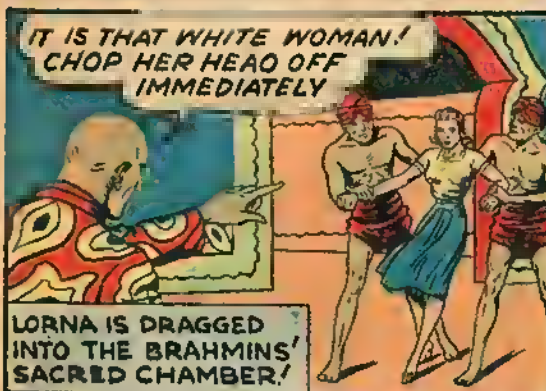
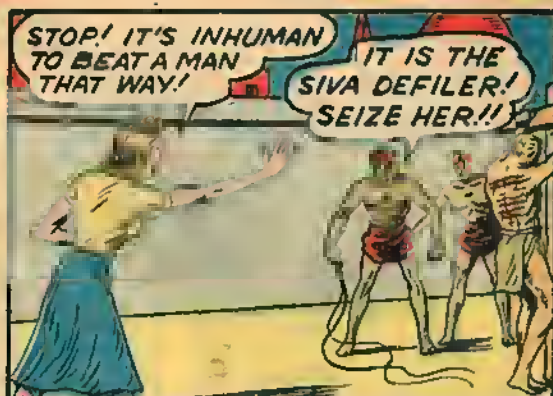
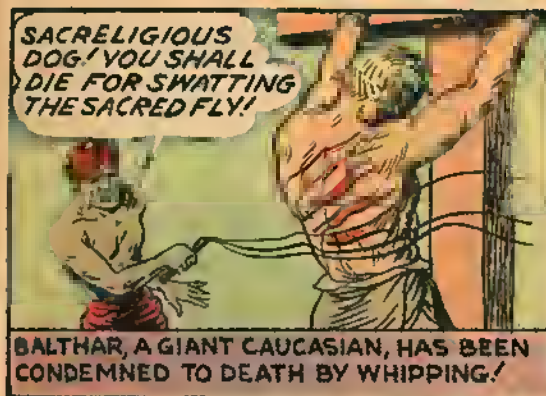
WE HAVE BEEN FOOLED! KILL THEM!



KARDAK'S MAGIC FURTHER INFURIATES HIS ENRAGED ATTACKER!



MEANWHILE... AS LORNA AWAITS KARDAK'S RETURN!



I SAVE MISTRESS! OOF!
ROPES TIGHT SQUEEZE!



THE GIANT BALTHAR SEES THE GIRL,
WHO BEFRIENDED HIM, IN DANGER!

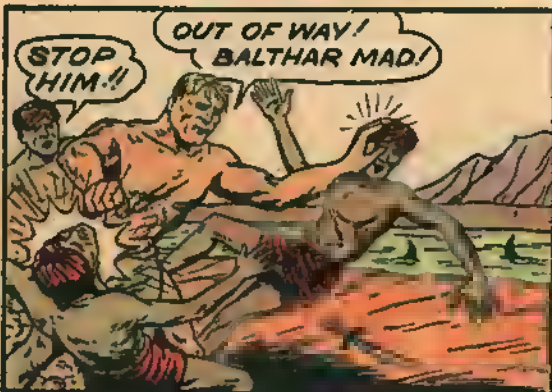
HURRY, BALTHAR,
OR SHARK EAT
GIRL!



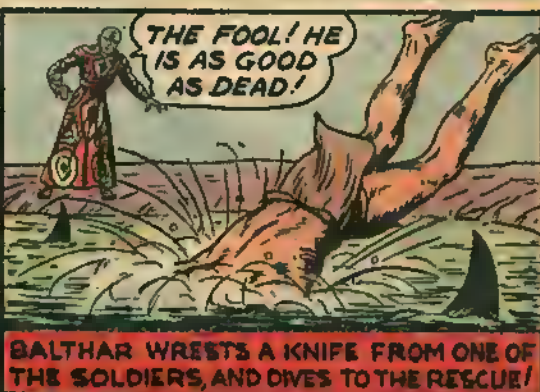
BALTHAR'S TERRIFIC STRENGTH EN-
ABLES HIM TO RIP HIS BONDS LIKE STRAW!

STOP
HIM!!

OUT OF WAY!
BALTHAR MAD!

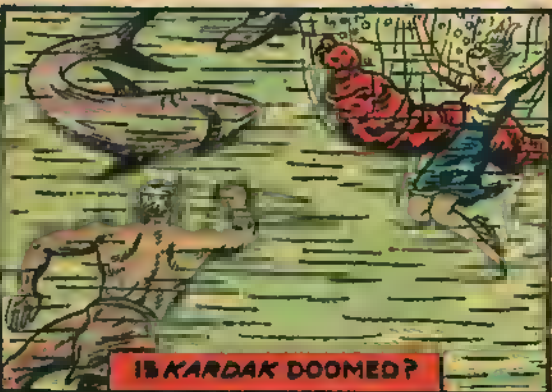


THE FOOL! HE
IS AS GOOD
AS DEAD!

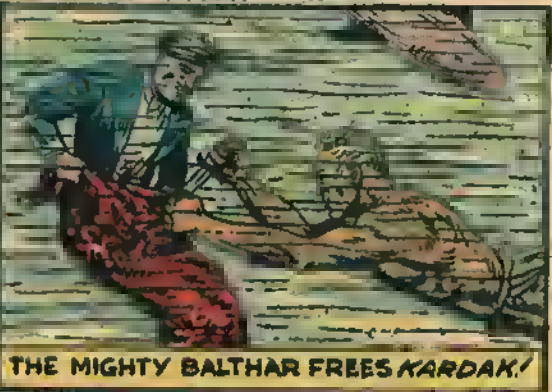
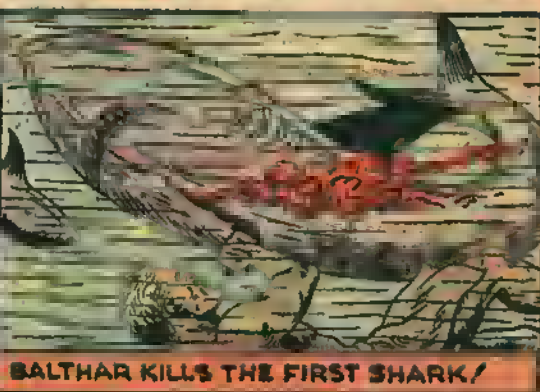


BALTHAR WRESTS A KNIFE FROM ONE OF
THE SOLDIERS, AND DIVES TO THE RESCUE!

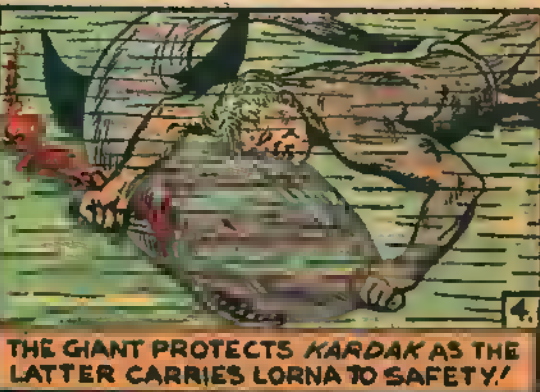
IS KARDAK DOOMED?



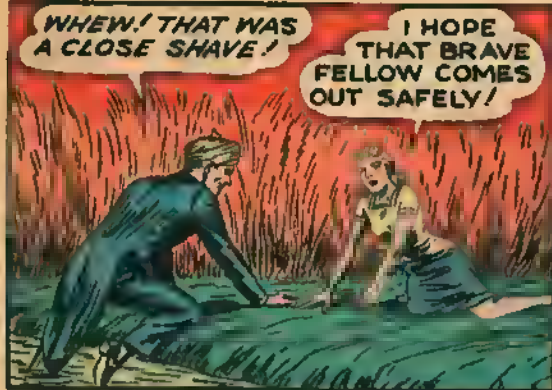
BALTHAR KILLS THE FIRST SHARK!



THE MIGHTY BALTHAR FREES KARDAK!



THE GIANT PROTECTS KARDAK AS THE
LATTER CARRIES LORNA TO SAFETY!



WHEW! THAT WAS A CLOSE SHAVE!

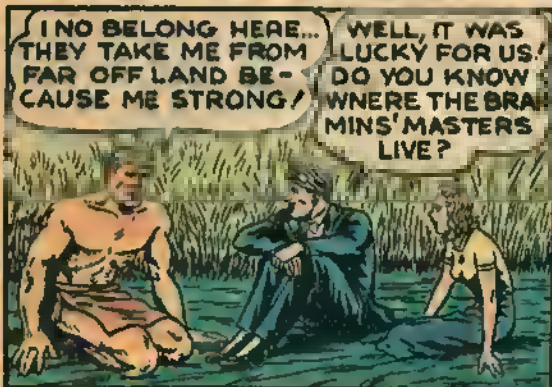
I HOPE THAT BRAVE FELLOW COMES OUT SAFELY!



HA/HA/ BALTHAR TOO STRONG FOR SHARK!

WHAT A MAN!

LORNA GETS HER WISH!



I NO BELONG HERE... THEY TAKE ME FROM FAR OFF LAND BE- CAUSE ME STRONG!

WELL, IT WAS LUCKY FOR US! DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE BRAHMIN'S MASTERS LIVE?



BALTHAR KNOW... BUT MUCH BAD COUNTRY TO CROSS! MUST PASS THREE PLACE. FIRST PLACE LAND OF LIVE-DEAD/ CAN GO THERE ONLY WITH MAGIC FLYING CARPET! I KNOW PLACE WHERE KEEP! COME, I SHOW YOU!



BRAHMINS KEEP WHOLE ARMY HERE!

LOOK! THERE ARE SOME MORE BRAHMIN TROOPS COMING! I'VE GOT A PLAN!

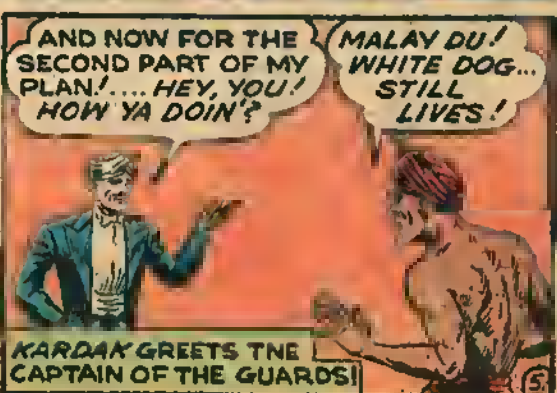
BALTHAR LEADS KARDAK TO THE SACRED TEMPLE CONTAINING ALL THE BRAHMIN'S MAGIC RELICS!



I ALWAYS KEEP MY SHADOW AROUND FOR ERRANDS LIKE THIS!

ZLOWIE! YOU MORE MAGIC AS BRAHMINS! BRING MAGIC TURBAN!

KARDAK SENDS HIS SHADOW AFTER THE MAGIC CARPET.



AND NOW FOR THE SECOND PART OF MY PLAN!... HEY, YOU! HOW YA DOIN'?

MALAY DU! WHITE DOG... STILL LIVES!

KARDAK GREETES THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS!



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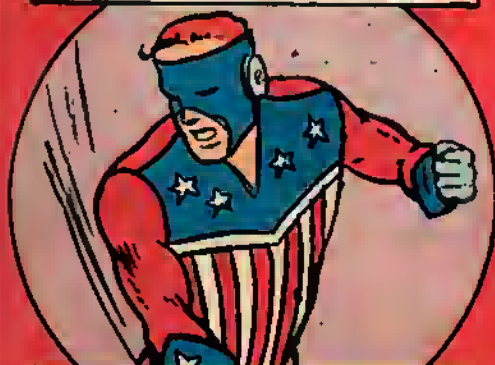
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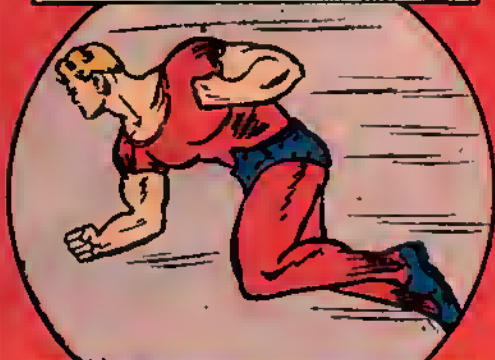
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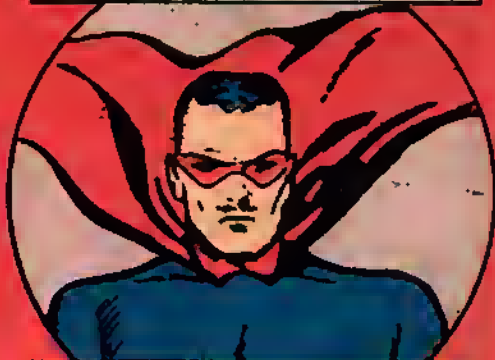
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