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Article I  
Congress shall have the power  
to make laws  
Congress shall have the power  
to regulate commerce  
between the several States,  
to establish an uniform  
rule of naturalization,  
to regulate the coinage  
of money and the value  
of money, to fix the  
standard of weights and  
measures, to define  
piracy and felonies  
on the high seas, and  
to punish offenses  
against the law of  
nations.



## USE THIS ENTIRE COUPON!!!

JUST PRINT PLAINLY ON THIS COUPON, YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AGE AND SEND IT TO ME WITH 10¢ TO COVER COST OF MAILING AND HANDLING.

Joe Higgins  
Room 315  
60 Hudson St.  
New York City

DEAR JOE:

Please enroll me as a member of the **SHIELD G-MAN CLUB**. I am enclosing this coupon together with Ten Cents to cover the costs of handling and mailing my Badge and Identification Card.



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

CUT ON THIS LINE

### A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO SHIELD G-MAN MEMBERS:

Our country is in the throes of a life and death struggle with its enemies. Already, our brave soldiers are in mortal combat on the field of battle. Everyone of us, man, woman and child will have to pitch in if we are to win. But aren't we doing everything we can, you might ask? People are working night and day building airplanes, battleships and guns. TRUE! But there is something just as important as these. It is a thing called "morale." Morale means a spirit of confidence, a faith in our ability to triumph. It means an implicit trust in our leaders, and a firm belief in our democracy—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

This is where we Shield G-Man members can do our parts. The Shield G-Man Club has grown into a nation-wide organization—greater than our fondest expectations. The reason it grew so quickly is because WE liked the thing it stands for—a club for real Americans, who believe in the American way of life. The more members we have, the further will our ideals spread. **AND THE STRONGER WILL OUR MORALE BE!**

So it is up to you boys and girls to keep the good word going. Get your friends to join the Shield G-Man Club right away. Tell them what the G-Man button stands for—Americanism.

There is an old phrase as typically American as the flag itself. You have heard it at football games, at baseball games and on the streets. You have probably said it yourselves without realizing its full meaning. It goes, "We can't be beaten if we won't be beaten." And from now on we are adopting this slogan. Every member of the Shield G-Man Club says, "They can't lick us!" The more people saying this, feeling this, the tougher it is going to be for our enemies.

Below are listed some of the honorary members:

Lyman Balard	John Connor	Frederick Williams	Harold Marcus
Salt Lake City, Utah	Peoria, Ill.	Kansas City, Kans.	New York, N. Y.
Alfred Schmidt		Samson Stanley Ross	
Brooklyn, N. Y.		Kansas City, Kans.	

*Joe Higgins (The Shield)*

# THE ORIGINAL SHIELD

WITH **DUSTY**  
THE BOY DETECTIVE



MIQUELON I.  
(FRENCH)

NOW THE TALE CAN BE TOLD!..  
THE TERRIBLE TALE OF BLOOD  
AND SACRIFICE IN THE STRUG-  
GLE FOR FREEDOM. THE GLOR-  
IOUS TALE OF THE SPIRIT OF  
MAN WHICH REFUSES TO BE  
CHAINED TO THE YOKE OF  
NAZI OPPRESSION.....  
REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR,  
YES!.. BUT ALSO REMEMBER  
ST. PIERRE, AND NEVER FOR-  
GET MIQUELON. BOTH TINY  
ISLANDS OF FRANCE. HAR-  
BORING THE SOUL THAT IS  
REALLY FRENCH... A SOUL  
THAT IS FREE! READ ON!

BY IRVING NOVICK  
REGISTERED U.S. PATENT OFFICE

ONE SMALL OBJECT DOTS THE VAST EX-PANSE OF WATER OFF THE NEWFOUND-LAND COAST-A SMALL SLOOP BOBBING LIKE A CORK ON THE WAVES-



AND AT THE HELM JOE HIGGINS, THE SHIELD-

SAILING, SAILING, OVER THE BOUNDING MAIN!



INSIDE THE CABIN SITS DUSTY, HIS EARS GLUED INTENTLY TO THE APPA-RATUS OF A RADIO LOCATOR...

BOYBOY, I GOT IT! I GOT IT!



JOE, I'VE FINALLY LO-CATED THOSE RADIO BROAD-CASTS... C'MON DOWN AND LISTEN FOR YOUR-SELF!



HMM!.. THAT'S IT, ALL RIGHT, LAD! BROADCAST IN GERMAN, TOO. NOW TO TRACE IT TO ITS SOURCE!



AND IT WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME IF THE SOURCE WAS THE ISLAND OF ST. PIERRE OR

BOY, MIQUELON! THAT'S A HOT ONE ..GERMANS BE-ING GIVEN INFOR-MATION ABOUT OUR SHIPPING LANES BY THE 'FREE' FRENCH!



AND SO, THE SLOOP POINTS ITS PROW TOWARD THE DISTANT ISLANDS OF ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON



OUR SCENE CHANGES FOR THE MOMENT TO A PICTUR-ESQUE CHURCH ON MIQUELON IT-SELF..



INSIDE THE CHURCH PEACE AND GENTLE WORSHIP SEEMINGLY PREVAIL AMONGST THE PEASANTS GATHERED FOR PRAYER...



AFTER MASS THE PEASANTS FILE OUT, HOMEWARD



YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO ME M'SIEUR LECURE' ?

YES, PAUL!



ER..EVER SINCE I REPLACED THE OTHER PRIEST..A MONTH AGO, MY FLOCK SEEMS TO ACT RATHER ..ER.. DISTRUSTFUL TOWARD ME!



I AM SURE YOU'RE MISTAKEN M'SIEUR LE CURE

BUT NO..THEY SEEM TO PLACE MORE CONFIDENCE IN YOUR GRAND-FATHER! YOU KNOW, I TOO.. LOVE FRANCE, PAUL!



OH, I AM SURE.. YOU DO, M'SIEUR!

I SHOULD LIKE TO BE CLOSE TO THE PEOPLE ON THIS ISLAND..WON'T YOU HELP ME, MY SON?

ER..WELL... MAYBE I CAN!



LATER, PAUL RETURNS HOME..

PAUL, WHAT DETAINED YOU?

THE CURE, GRAND-PERE!



I TOLD HIM ABOUT THE MEETING WE'RE HAVING TONIGHT!

HMM..I SUPPOSE HE CAN BE TRUSTED..AFTER ALL HE IS A PRIEST!



WHILE AT THAT MOMENT FARTHER DOWN THE BEACH...

OKAY, JOE, WE GOT HER BEACHED NOW!

GOOD!.. NOW I'LL FURL THE SAIL!



PAUL, LOOK! STRANGERS!

PERHAPS THEY COME TO SPY ON OUR NEXT MEETING, GRAND-PERE!



CHIEN! SNEAK ASHORE LIKE THIEVES IN THE NIGHT, EH, NAZI SWINE - I'LL SHOW YOU!

QUICK AS A FLASH DUSTY REACHES BEHIND HIM, GRABS PAUL BY THE ARM, AND...

HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?



HEY! OOF!



THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW!

HE JUMPED ME FROM BEHIND! CALLED ME A NAZI SWINE, TOO!

BUT, YOU ARE NAZI, NON?

ELSE WHY DO YOU SNEAK IN THIS WAY?



BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY I DESPISE THE NAZIS AS MUCH AS YOU SEEM TO... SAY, MAYBE THIS'LL CONVINCHE YOU! HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE SHIELD? WELL, WE ARE FRIENDS OF HIS!

THE SHIELD!





A WILD MELÉE  
ENSUES...



COME ON, DUSTY,  
TIME FOR THE  
SHIELD AND  
THE BOY  
DETECTIVE!



BOY, HAND-  
ING IT OUT  
TO THOSE  
NAZI  
MUTTS IS  
GOING  
TO BE A  
PLEASURE!  
A  
PLEA-  
SURE...  
IT'LL BE  
POSITIVELY  
A LUX-  
URY!



LET'S GO, SHIELD!  
YAHOO!



PAUL,  
IT IS A  
MASSACRE

SACRE DIEU!  
HOW THEY  
CAN FIGHT!



HA, HA, HA...  
I GUESS WE  
EXHAUSTED  
THEIR PATIENCE,  
SHIELD!





MERCI, M'SIEUR SHIELD! YOU HAVE SAVED US!  
YES-BUT ONLY TEMPORARILY..NOW THAT THE NAZI SPIES KNOW WHO YOU ARE, THEY'LL GET YOU. HOW DID THEY FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR MEETING?



I MENTIONED IT TO LE CURE, GRAND PERE! HE SAID HE WISHED TO BE ONE OF US!



WHAT! PAUL, SHOULD NOT HAVE DONE THAT!  
WHO IS THIS CURE ANYWAY?



LAST MONTH, OUR BELOVED PRIEST STRANGELY DISAPPEAR. THEY TELL US HE IS TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL- THEN THIS PRIEST COME TO TAKE HIS PLACE!



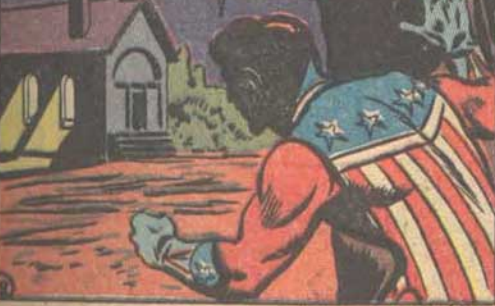
BUT WE DO NOT TRUST HIM! WE DO NOT THINK HE IS PRIEST, AT ALL!  
YOU THINK HE'S A SPY, EH? WELL, I THINK SO TOO, NOW!



AND I'M GOING TO THE CHURCH AND HAVE A TALK WITH HIM!



LIGHTS! HE'S IN THERE ALL RIGHT!



SAY, THAT'S FUNNY.. THAT PRIEST IS PLAYING THE ORGAN!





THEY KNEW THAT IF THEY SET UP A RADIO STATION OPENLY, UNCLE SAM WOULD BE ON THEIR NECKS!



THESE ISLANDS ARE "FREE FRENCH" IN NAME ONLY!



THE U.S. STILL RECOGNIZES THE VICHY GOVERNMENT SO UNCLE SAM'S HANDS ARE TIED!



ONLY ONE THING TO DO - AND I'M GOING TO DO IT RIGHT NOW!



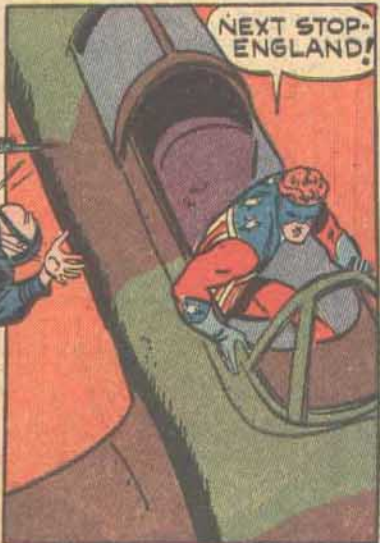
THE SHIELD MAKES HIS WAY TO THE AIR PORT..



OOPS! DEUCED CLUMSY OF ME!



NEXT STOP - ENGLAND!



ON THROUGH THE NIGHT SPEEDS  
THE SHIELD...



...UNTIL AT LAST-ENGLAND!



No. 10 DOWNING ST.-THE HISTORIC  
SEAT OF THE ENGLISH GOV'T.

AND THESE ISLANDS OF ST.  
PIERRE AND MIQUELON ARE  
SO STRATEGICALLY SITUAT-  
ED THEY WOULD BE INVALU-  
ABLE TO OUR  
CAUSE, YOUR  
EXCELLENCY!



I AGREE WITH YOU, GENER-  
AL DEGAULLE! BUT TAKING  
THESE ISLANDS THE WAY  
YOU SUGGEST WOULD BE  
VIOLATION OF THE PRIN-  
CIPLES WE ARE FIGHT-  
ING FOR! IF THERE  
WERE SOME LEGITIMATE  
REASON...



SUDDENLY-

THERE  
IS-YOUR  
EXCEL-  
LENCY!



SUPPOSING I TOLD YOU  
THOSE ISLANDS WERE  
BEING SECRETLY  
USED BY THE  
GERMANS TO  
RELAY MESS-  
AGES TO THEIR  
SUBMARINES? PROVE  
IT?



YES..BUT THERE IS  
SOMETHING EVEN MORE  
IMPORTANT THAT YOU  
COULD PROVE TO THE  
WORLD..PROVE THAT  
THE WEAPON THE  
DEMOCRACIES HAVE  
IS MORE POWERFUL  
THAN ANYTHING THE  
FASCISTS CAN  
PRODUCE!



THAT WEAPON  
IS CALLED A  
FREE MAN'S VOTE!

BY JOVE YOU'RE  
RIGHT, SHIELD!



AND SO, WITHOUT ANY FURTHER FORMALITIES THE FREE FRENCH FLEET IMMEDIATELY SETS SAIL FOR THE TINY FRENCH ISLANDS.....



MEANWHILE, WHAT OF DUSTY AND HIS NEW-FOUND FRIENDS?



PAUL, YOU MUST LEAVE THIS ISLAND! EET IS NO LONGER SAFE FOR YOU!

NON, GRAN' PERE..... I STAY WITH YOU!



LE CURE!! YES, LE CURE.. YOU DO NOT SEEM PLEASED TO SEE ME!

LAST NIGHT, SOMEONE ENTERED MY CHURCH, AND RATHER UPSET MY... ORGAN, M'SIEUR!..... A RATHER SACRILEGIOUS THING TO DO - N'EST CEPAS ?



SACRILEGE ? NO ONE HAS COMMITTED GREATER SACRILEGE THAN YOUR IMPERSONATION OF A PRIEST, YOU NAZI SPY!



I'LL PUT AN END TO YOUR CLACKING TONGUE, OLD FOOL!

UGH!



GRAN' PERE, SPEAK TO ME!

WHY, YOU DIRTY MURDERING DOG!



I'LL BEAT YOU TO A PULP FOR THIS!





BETTER SAVE YOUR BREATH, MISTER, IF I DID KNOW I WOULDN'T TELL YOU!

OUI! AND I DO NOT SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF PIGS- AND SPIES!

YOU CURSED BRATS! THIS IS YOUR FINISH!



SUDDENLY... SHIPS ENTERING THE HARBOR! AND FLYING THE FLAG OF THE FREE FRENCH! WHAT!



MY RECORDS.. I MUST DESTROY THEM IMMEDIATELY!



HASTILY, THE TWO YOUNG- STERS TUG AT EACH OTHERS BONDS- UNTIL....

THAT DOES IT!



HERE THEY ARE... AND NOW...



NOW YOU'RE GOING TO TURN 'EM OVER TO US, M'SIEUR RAT!



DUSTY! HE'S GOING TO SHOOT... WATCH OUT! OHHHHH-





MORE OF THE SHIELD AND DUSTY THE BOY DETECTIVE IN PEP AND SHIELD-WIZARD COMICS

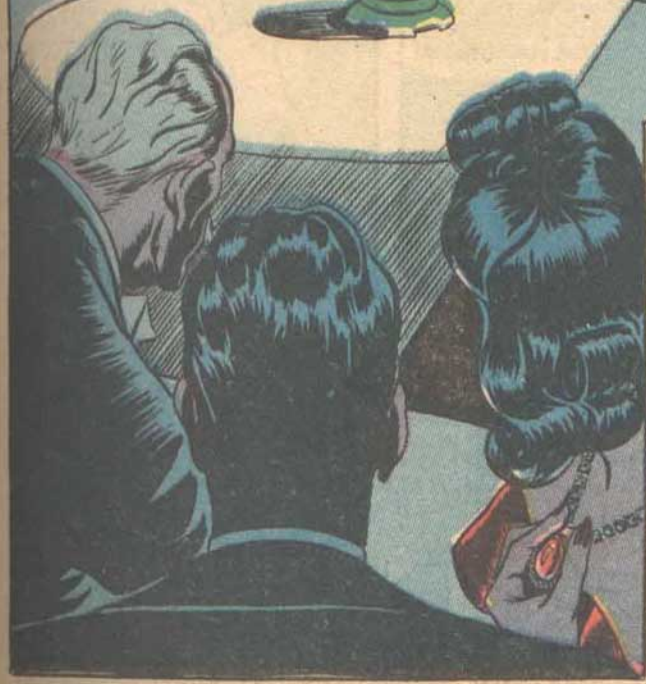


# HANGMAN

AT A FASHIONABLE NIGHT CLUB MARVEL, THE MAGICIAN, SEES A CURIOUS VISION...

THIS IS THE STRANGE TALE OF A RED RUBY, WHOSE COLOR GLOWED BRIGHT WITH THE BLOOD OF MEN...IT IS A STORY OF TIBET AND THE LITTLE KNOWN MYSTERIES OF THE LAMAS, THE TIBETAN MONKS, WHO ARE SAID TO POSSESS UNCANNY POWERS AND TO KNOW SECRETS UNKNOWN TO MAN... AND IT IS A STORY OF CROOKS WHO DEFIED THEM, AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM AFTERWARD...A STRANGE STORY, YES...BUT READ IT FOR YOURSELF...

I SEE A RUBY... YES, I SEE IT PLAINLY! SOMEONE IS WEARING A RUBY...THE RUBY OF DEATH!



IT IS A WOMAN... A LOVELY WOMAN... SHE IS SOMEWHERE IN THIS VERY ROOM!

HARRY, I HAVE THE STRANGEST FEELING THAT HE MEANS ME!



SHE DOES NOT KNOW THAT ALL THOSE WHO WEAR THE RUBY ARE DOOMED TO SUDDEN AND VIOLENT DEATHS!



HELP! SOMEONE IS TRYING TO STEAL MY PENDANT!



TURN ON THE LIGHTS! THERE'S BEEN A ROBBERY!



MYRA... MURDERED! AND HER RUBY PENDANT IS GONE!

AT A NEARBY TABLE THE HANGMAN AND THELMA GORDON HAVE BEEN WATCHING THE PERFORMANCE...



GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT A STORY! A MURDER IN MY NIGHT-CLUB! I'LL BE RUINED!

WHAT A STORY! I'VE GOT TO PHONE MY PAPER RIGHT AWAY!



THAT MAGICIAN DISAPPEARED... HE WAS RIGHT ABOUT THAT RUBY... TOO RIGHT TO SUIT MY TASTE! I THINK I'LL PAY HIM A VISIT!

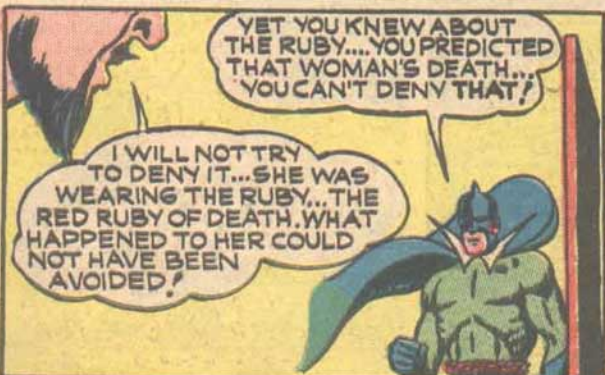


MEN HAVE A WAY OF ANSWERING QUESTIONS... WHEN THEIR QUESTIONER IS THE HANGMAN!



SO HERE YOU ARE! IT'S A WONDER YOU HAVEN'T TRIED TO ESCAPE!

WHY SHOULD I? I HAVE DONE NOTHING



YET YOU KNEW ABOUT THE RUBY... YOU PREDICTED THAT WOMAN'S DEATH... YOU CAN'T DENY THAT!

I WILL NOT TRY TO DENY IT... SHE WAS WEARING THE RUBY... THE RED RUBY OF DEATH... WHAT HAPPENED TO HER COULD NOT HAVE BEEN AVOIDED!

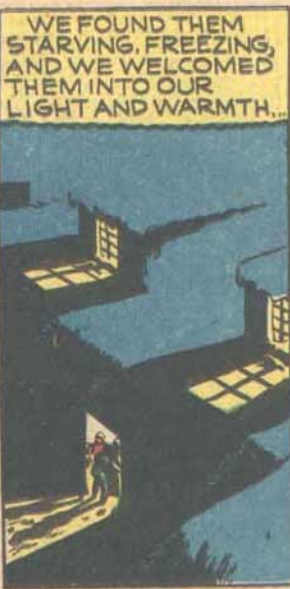


MANY YEARS AGO, THE RUBY WAS STOLEN FROM A LAM-ASTERY IN TIBET, WHERE I WAS A MONK... IT WAS STOLEN BY MEN WE HAD WELCOMED AS FRIENDS, AND WHO BETRAYED US!

IT WAS ON A BITTER NIGHT OF FROST AND WIND THAT THE MEN CLIMBED TO OUR LONELY LAMASTERY...



WE FOUND THEM STARVING, FREEZING, AND WE WELCOMED THEM INTO OUR LIGHT AND WARMTH...



FOOD WE GAVE TO THEM, FOR IT WAS THE WISH OF OUR LEADER, THE GRAND LAMA, NONE BE DENIED SHELTER. NOT EVEN THE TREACHEROUS VINEGAROOM



...BUT ALL THE WHILE THEIR HEARTS WERE BLACK WITH VILLAINY. WHILE WE MADE THEM WELCOME THEY WERE PLOTTING AGAINST US...



FOR THE VINEGAROOM HAD TOLD MORGAN ABOUT OUR SACRED RUBY... AND HAD AROUSED HIS GREED

ONE NIGHT WHEN THEY THOUGHT WE WERE ALL ASLEEP THEY ENTERED THE THRONE-ROOM TO STEAL THE RUBY



BUT ONE OF OUR MONKS SAW THEM... BEFORE HE COULD CRY OUT THEY STRUCK HIM DOWN...



THEY HAD PREPARED WELL... BY MORNING, WHEN WE FOUND THE BODY OF OUR BROTHER MONK THEY WERE FAR AWAY...



FOLLOW THEM TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH... AND DO NOT RETURN WITHOUT THE RUBY!



SOON AFTERWARD, IN OBEDIENCE TO THE COMMAND OF THE GRAND LAMA, I SET OUT ON THEIR TRAIL...



IN A VILLAGE I DISCOVERED A MAN FROM WHOM THEY HAD RENTED A BURRO... I LEARNED THEY WERE MANY DAYS AHEAD OF ME...



BUT I HAD TAKEN THE SACRED OATH... NEVER, NEVER, WOULD I ABANDON THE SEARCH... I WOULD COVER THE EARTH TO FIND THEM...



FOR WEEKS, TRAVELING BY EVERY MANNER OF STRANGE CRAFT, I NEVER LET THE TRAIL GROW COLD

AND AT LAST MY PATIENCE WAS REWARDED... I FOUND A MAN TO WHOM THEY HAD TRIED TO SELL THE RUBY ONLY A FEW HOURS BEFORE...



I DIDN'T KNOW THE RUBY WAS STOLEN! OF COURSE I'LL BE GLAD TO COOPERATE IN ANY WAY I CAN!



I HAD HIM CALL THE MEN AND SAY HE WANTED TO BUY THE RUBY... THAT NIGHT WHEN THEY CALLED...



I WAS WAITING FOR THEM!



THE... THE MONK.

GIVE ME THAT RUBY TRAITOR!  
D... DON'T SHOOT! WE'LL GIVE IT TO YOU!



I KNEW THEY WERE FOLLOWING ME... I CHECKED THE RUBY AT A PARCEL STATION IN AN INNOCENT LOOKING PACKAGE...



I INTENDED TO COME BACK FOR IT LATER IF I WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE THEM...



BUT WHEN I DID GO BACK, I FOUND THE PACKAGE HAD BEEN GIVEN TO ANOTHER BY MISTAKE...



SINCE THEN I HAVE BEEN TRACING THE RUBY... TONIGHT I FOUND IT AGAIN! I SAW IT GLOWING LIKE A DROP OF BLOOD, ON THE THROAT OF THE WOMAN WHO WAS MURDERED!



BUT KEITH MORGAN WAS HERE... HE SAW IT TOO! AND NOW HE HAS STOLEN THE JEWEL AGAIN!  
KEITH MORGAN? ARE YOU SURE?



YOU ARE SURPRISED! KEITH MORGAN, THE WELL-KNOWN SOCIETY MAN AND EXPLORER! YES! HE WAS ONE OF THE MEN WHO CAME TO THE LAMASTERY THAT NIGHT LONG AGO... ONE OF THE MEN WHO STOLE THE JEWEL! THE OTHER WAS A TRAITOROUS MONK CALLED THE VINEGARROON WHOM WE HAD CAST OUT OF OUR TRIBE!



DON'T WORRY... IF YOUR STORY IS TRUE I'LL GET BACK THE RUBY FOR YOU... THERE WON'T BE ANY MORE BLOOD SHED FOR THAT JEWEL!

AS THE HANGMAN LEAVES, THE MAGICIAN WATCHES HIM WITH A MYSTERIOUS SMILE...

MEANWHILE KEITH MORGAN, THE EXPLORER, HAS ARRIVED OUTSIDE HIS APARTMENT...

AT LAST... THE RUBY IS MINE!

HOW IT GLOWS! LIKE A LIVING FLAME.. MURDER WAS WORTH WHILE FOR SUCH A TREASURE!

JUST A MINUTE... WHY, WHY, IT'S...

SUDDENLY HE LOOKS UP, HIS FACE DISTORTED WITH HORROR...

VINEGARON... YOU! NO! NO! DON'T KILL ME!

THE GRIM SHADOWS ON THE WALL TELL THEIR OWN TALE OF VIOLENCE AND DEATH...

SO, SWINE?... YOU THOUGHT YOU WOULD CHEAT ME OF MY SHARE OF THE RUBY, EH?

THEN, THE BLOOD-CHILLING SIGN OF THE HANGMAN.



GIVE ME THAT RUBY!



COME AND GET IT... IF YOU CAN!



I'M TAKING YOU UPON THAT INVITATION!



DIZZIFYING STORIES ABOVE THE STREET THE HANGMAN PURSUES HIS QUARRY...



GOODBYE, HANGMAN!





DESPERATELY THE HANGMAN GRABS FOR THE LEDGE...



WITH AMAZING STRENGTH AND DEXTERITY, HE WORKS HIS WAY BACK TO SAFETY...



WHEW! ANOTHER MINUTE AND THEY'D HAVE SCRAPED ME UP WITH A SPOON!



THIS IS THE ONLY WAY HE COULD HAVE COME!



THERE HE GOES!



THAT ONE WASN'T EVEN CLOSE!



HMM.. HIS AIM IS IMPROVING!





WITH A QUICK GESTURE THE CROOK RECOVERS HIS GUN...



PRETTY SMART, EH HANGMAN? WELL MY STORY ABOUT THIS RUBY WAS TRUE...EXCEPT FOR ONE THING.



THERE WERE THREE MEN NOT TWO WHO WENT TO THE LAM-ASTERY I WAS ONE OF THEM! AND THERE REALLY WAS A MONK FOLLOWING US!



HE GOT THE RUBY, LIKE I TOLD YOU... BUT HE DIDN'T KEEP IT LONG WE FOUND HIM AGAIN.. KILLED HIM. THEN WE FOUND THE PARCEL TICKET ON HIM... BUT SOME ONE HAD GOT THE PACKAGE BY MISTAKE.



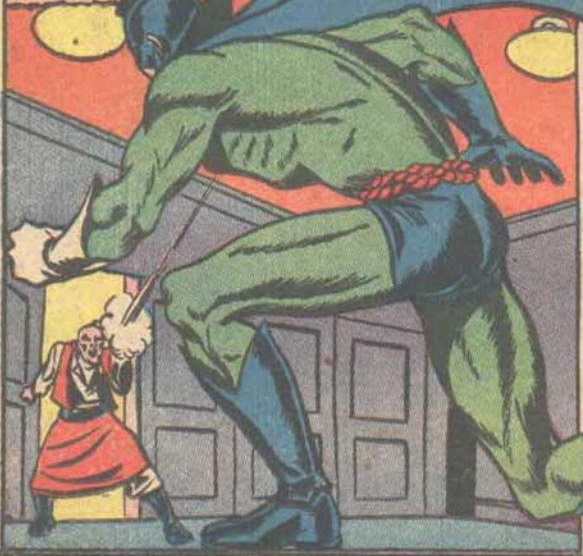
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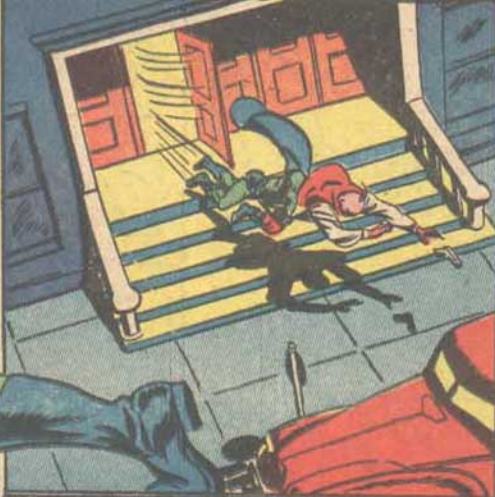
AND WITH YOUR HELP HANGMAN! ISN'T THAT A LAUGH? TOO BAD YOU AREN'T ANY USE TO ME ANYMORE!



LIKE A CAT THE HANGMAN MOVES...



AS THE CROOK FLEES THE HANGMAN LAUNCHES HIMSELF IN A DARING TACKLE...



**BOTH MEN CRASH WITH TERRIFIC IMPACT... THE HANGMAN IS FIRST TO RECOVER...**



**HE'S DEAD! HIS NECK'S BROKEN - JUST AS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BY THE HANGMAN'S NOOSE!**



**AND THE RUBY HE DIED FOR - IT'S GLASS. THE FALL BROKE IT INTO A THOUSAND PIECES!**



**SAY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!**



**IT'S ALL RIGHT, OFFICER... THERE'S NOTHING THAT WE CAN DO NOW!**



**IRONIC, ISN'T IT? THREE MEN DIED FOR A GLASS RUBY... AND ALL THE WHILE, THE REAL RUBY HAS BEEN ON ITS WAY BACK TO ITS HOME IN TIBET!**



**THE MONK DELIBERATELY CHECKED A FAKE RUBY TO THROW THEM OFF THE TRAIL... HE KNEW THEY WERE GOING TO KILL HIM, AND HE WANTED TO GAIN TIME. HE SUCCEEDED BETTER THAN HE KNEW!**

**THREE WISE MEN... AND IN THE END THEY WERE ALL OUTWITTED BY A SIMPLE TIBETAN MONK... TODAY IN A LAMASTERY HIGH ON THE SNOWY MOUNTAIN OF TIBET THERE RICHLY GLOWS IN AN IDOL'S FOREHEAD A RUBY...**



**AND THE MONKS GATHER STILL TO WORSHIP BEFORE IT AS THEY HAVE WORSHIPPED FOR COUNTLESS CENTURIES PAST...**



# SERGEANT BOYLE

BY HUBBELL



CHEER UP, BOYS!  
REMEMBER THAT SILVER LINING!

IN CASE YOU MISSED THE LAST ISSUE (AND IF YOU DID, WHY DID YOU?) BOYLE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE PACIFIC WAR THEATRE... LET ALL JAPS TAKE WARNING... YOU'RE IN FOR IT!



THE FIGHTING IS O.K. - IT'S THIS WAITING AROUND FOR AN ATTACK THAT GETS UNDER MY SKIN!

AND HOW! WHY DON'T THEY ATTACK AND GET IT OVER WITH!



THEY COULD INVADE THIS ISLAND AND TAKE US LIKE 1-2-3... THERE MUST BE SOME REASON!

THEY'RE TRYING TO BUST UP OUR MORALE BY PLAYING THOSE OLD-TIME SONGS!



COMMENCE MUSIC! SOON THEY ARE LIKE HONORABLE PUTTY IN OUR HANDS!







HEY! THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A GUARD ON THIS WALL... WHERE IS HE?

HA, HA! HE WENT TO FIND OUT WHO WAS YELLIN' OUTSIDE... PROBABLY SOME OF THE BOYS HAVING FUN!



YOU BETTER STAY HERE TILL HE GETS BACK. MOST OF THE GANG ARE WATCHING THE SHOW!



HURRY UP, BOYLE, WE'RE ON NEXT!

TAKE CARE OF THE KEY TO OUR ZIPPER, ED. BUT FOR THE LOVE OF PETE DON'T LOSE IT!

DON'T WORRY, SARGE. I'LL GUARD IT WITH MY LIFE!



OH, HERE YOU HERE, EDDIE! COME, LET'S HECKLE BOYLE!

NO, I'M KEEPIN' WATCH FOR THE G...??



NOW WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT WAS?

THAT'S THE SAME SCREAM! SOMEONE'S CARRYING THIS JOKE TOO FAR!



MEANWHILE BOYLE AND TWERP ARE MAKING A BIG HIT WITH THE BOYS...

NO MORE ENCORES! WE HAVEN'T GOT ALL NIGHT!

YAY! MORE! WE WANT BOYLE!



WILL I BE GLAD TO GET THIS FUR COAT OFF? I'M NEARLY COOKING!

YOU SAID IT! WHEW! IT SURE IS HOT!



NOT HERE? HE'S GOT THE KEYS TO THESE OUTFITS!

SOMEBODY WAS CALLING FOR HELP! HE OUGHTTA BE BACK SOON!



COME TO THINK OF IT, I WONDER WHO WAS BEHIND THAT YELLING? LET'S GO SEE!



AND THOSE GUYS SHOULD HAVE BEEN BACK LONG AGO! I HOPE THEY DON'T MISTAKE US FOR THE LOCAL LIVE STOCK!



NOTHING BUT SWAMP LAND DOWN THERE! WE BETTER GO BACK AND REPORT...







OK, THERE IT IS, BUT LEAVE THE SUIT ON FOR AWHILE - WE'LL NEED IT!



I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO KEEP AWAY! NOW I FINISH YOU OFF!

WOOF



THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!



GET UP IN A TREE AND START SPRINKLING THIS STUFF! BUT FAST!

THESE KNOTS... WOOF! BLANK! NOW IT'S COMING!



HUH? UH... ..ER... AH.. AH "AHH!"

WELL? LOOK AT ALL THE NICE PIGGIES TAKING THEIR SATURDAY NIGHT BATH!



NO NOISE!

SQUOP!



HOW LONG WE BEEN WAITING, SARGE? THAT CEMENT GETS FAST!

ABOUT AN HOUR! LET'S GO SEE!



AMERICANS! CHARGE THEM!

CRACK!

OOFF!

UGH!



LATER... BOY! WE'LL HAVE TO USE PICKS TO GET THOSE GUYS OUT!

C'MERE, FELLAS! CAPTAIN TWERP'S IN SOME TROUBLE!



HIS KEY SEEMS TO BE MISSING. HE THINKS HE DROPPED IT IN THE SWAMP WHILE HE WAS POURING CEMENT!

BANGS POW

# Jolly ROGER

WHILE FIGHTING ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT, JOLLY ROGER AND HIS SIKY PIRATES VISIT A RUSSIAN BAZAAR TO HAVE SOME FUN--

OH, ONE OF US IS FROM THE STATES ANOTHER FROM "DOWN UNDER," AND WHEN WE GUN OUR FLYING CRATES WE SOUND LIKE MAR'S OWN THUNDER AND IF YOU TANGLE WITH THE SCOT, YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF WHERE IT'S BLAME HOT-- WITH OUR BROWNING GUNS A-SPITTIN'!



BY ED SMALLE '42

WOW!! LOOK AT THAT GIANT SWING!

BOY! IS THAT SOMEPIN'! SAY PRICE I BET YOU WON'T DARE TAKE A RIDE IN IT!

HOOT MON, AYE'LL TAKE YE OOP ON THAT BET!

NOW WATCH, THIS, GANG!! I'M GOING TO HAVE SOME FUN WITH PRICE!

UNKNOWN TO PRICE, ROGER TIES A ROPE TO THE BACK OF THE SWING.-----

WOTCHA DOIN' ROGER?

SHHH!



OKAY BOYS---  
ALL TO-GETHER  
PULL!!



YEOW! HEY!  
STOP THIS  
BLASTED  
THING!



OVER AND OVER GOES THE  
SWING---

RIDE EM'  
PRICEY!



FINALLY PRICE IS LET OUT---

A FINE  
COMBAT  
PILOT YOU  
ARE!  
A FEW  
LOOPS  
FLOOR  
YOU!

HEY IT'S  
GETTING  
LATE-----  
WE'VE  
GOT TO  
GET BACK  
TO THE  
FIELD!

AWA!  
WOT  
A RIDE!



BACK AT THE FIELD----

AH, THERE  
YOU ARE!  
WILL YOU  
BOYS STEP  
IN HERE A  
MOMENT?

YES SIR,  
WHAT'S  
UP?



I'VE GOT SOME BAD NEWS.  
THE UNITED STATES AND  
AUSTRALIA ARE RECALL-  
ING ALL THEIR PILOTS----  
THAT MEANS YOU, ROGER  
AND MARTIN, WILL HAVE  
TO LEAVE US.

WHAT!



BUT SIR! THAT  
WILL BUST UP  
THE JOLLY  
ROGERS!

I KNOW,  
BUT YOUR  
COUNTRIES  
NEED YOU.  
YOU'RE TO RE-  
PORT TO OUR  
PACIFIC BASE  
AT ONCE!



WHY CAN'T  
WE ALL GO?  
WE WORK  
BEST TO-  
GETHER!

YOU HEARD  
THE ORD-  
ERS. NOW  
SHUT UP BE-  
FORE I PUT  
YOU IN  
THE BRIG!

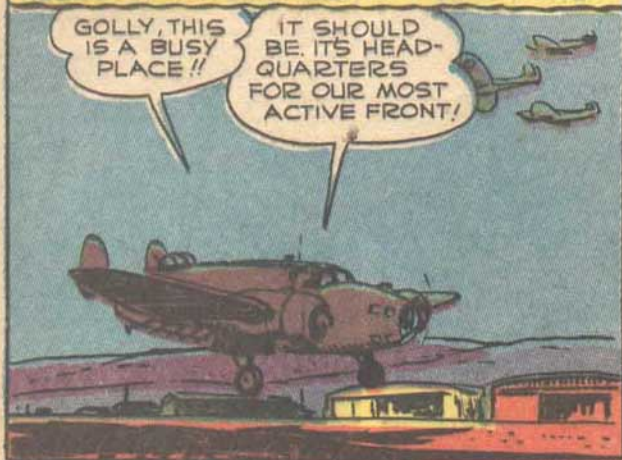


AND SO THE SKY PIRATES  
ARE SEPARATED

GOODBYE  
FELLOWS!  
WE'LL KEEP  
IN TOUCH  
WITH YOU.

DON'T GIVE  
UP HOPE,  
WE'LL TRY  
TO GET BACK  
TO-GETHER  
AGAIN!

## ROGER AND MARTIN ARRIVE AT SINGAPORE---



ROGER AND MARTIN REPORTING FOR DUTY

OH YES, YOU ARE AMERICAN, AREN'T YOU, ROGER? WELL WE HAVE A UNIFIED COMMAND HERE NOW SO YOU WILL STAY WITH US FIRST PATROL WILL BE IN THE MORNING

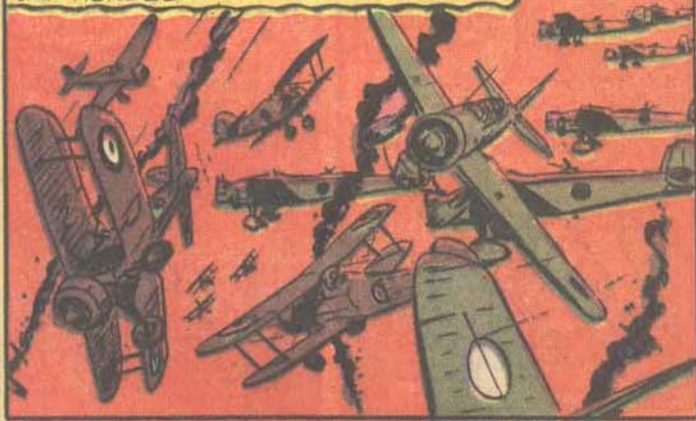


THAT'S A BREAK FOR US, MARTY WELL BE TO-GETHER.

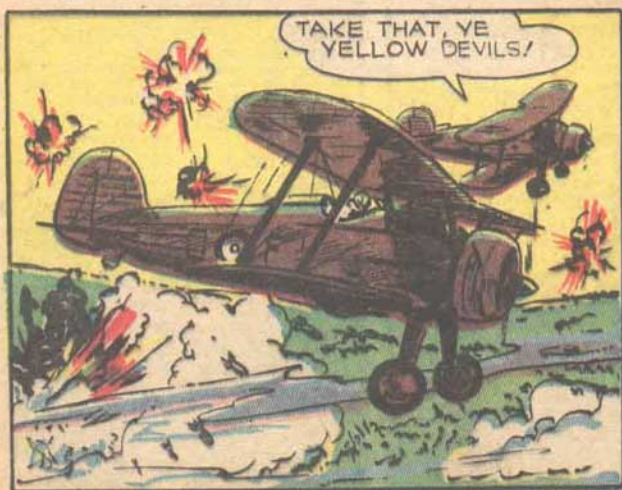
TOO BAD PRICE AND ROOT AREN'T HERE- LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF ACTION!!



MARTY'S PREDICTION IS CORRECT---FOR DAYS ON END THEY ARE BUSY FIGHTING OFF JAP HORDES----



TAKE THAT, YE YELLOW DEVILS!



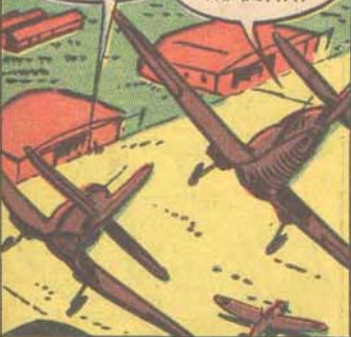
AS A REST--THE TWO SKY PIRATES ARE GIVEN ANTI-SUBMARINE PATROL IN A QUIET SECTOR ----



MEANWHILE, BACK IN RUSSIA

HOORAH!  
TODAY WE  
GET A WEEK'S  
FURLOUGH!

WHAT FUN  
WILL THAT  
BE WITHOUT  
ROGER AND  
MARTIN?



HERE  
ARE  
YOUR  
PASS-  
ES

I SAY, COLONEL  
HAVE YOU ANY  
OBJECTION TO  
OUR USING  
OUR SHIPS FOR  
A LITTLE  
TRIP.



WHY NO!  
A SHORT  
HOP IS  
OKAY!

THANKS, SIR,  
C'MON PRICEY,  
LET'S GET GO-  
ING !!



GUESS WHERE  
OUR SHORT  
HOP WILL  
TAKE US,  
PRICEY!

HOOT MON!  
WE'RE GOIN'  
TO PAY  
ROGER  
AND MARTY  
A VISIT.



THAT'S  
RIGHT!

WELL WOT ARE  
WE WAITING  
FOR? LET'S  
GO !!!



LATER, OVER SUMATRA.

I BET THEY'LL BE SUR-  
PRISED TO SEE US!



BUT ROGER AND MARTY OUT ON PATROL,  
ARE GETTING OTHER SURPRISES!

LOOK MARTY!  
A JAP AIRCRAFT  
CARRIER!

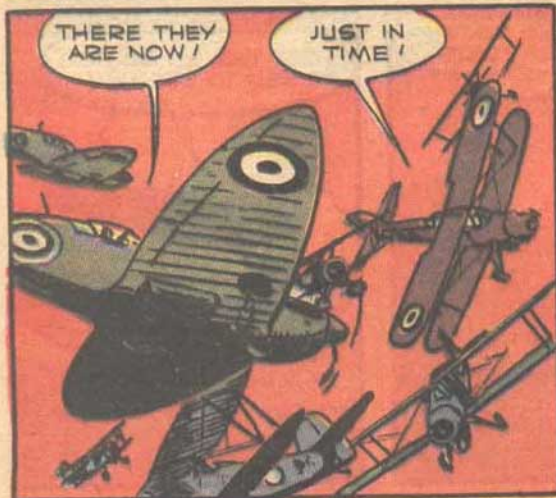
HOW DID IT  
GET WAY IN  
HERE?



WE'VE GOT TO GET  
THAT CARRIER BE-  
FORE IT'S PLANES  
GET AT OUR  
FLEET!

WE HAVEN'T A  
CHANCE! THESE  
CRATES ARE TOO  
SLOW TO DODGE  
THOSE FIGHTERS!!  
OH, FOR A COUPLE  
OF SPITFIRES!!





MARTY CIRCLES CLOSE TO THE JAP CARRIER, BLINDING ITS GUNNERS !!!



THEN ROGER SWOOPS DOWN AND HEADS INTO THE SMOKE -----



RIGHT ON THE NOSE! LET THE TORPEDO GO!



ROGER'S TORPEDO HITS A VITAL SPOT.



BACK AT THEIR BASE ONCE MORE, ROGER MAKES A REPORT.

WHAT? YOUR FRIENDS FLEW HERE FROM THE RUSSIAN FRONT!



BECAUSE YOU HAVE BROKEN REGULATIONS, I'LL HAVE TO REPRIMAND YOU TWO!



HOWEVER, YOU ACHIEVED SUCH SPECTACULAR RESULTS THAT I'VE ARRANGED FOR THE FOUR OF YOU TO BE ORGANIZED INTO YOUR OLD JOLLY ROGER SQUADRON.



OH, WE'RE THE JOLLY ROGER BOYS ♪ WERE SPORTING FOR A SCRAP THE GERMANS GOT THEIR BELLIES FULL --- NOW WE'RE ♪ READY FOR THE JAPS !!



# Archie

by  
Montana

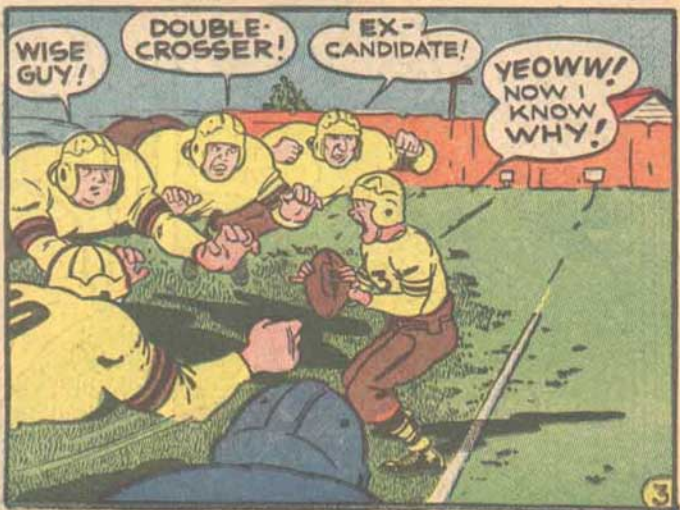
"SAY 'TROUBLE'  
FAST... NOW SAY  
'ARCHIE' FAST??  
NOW SAY THEM  
BOTH IN ONE  
QUICK BREATH!  
THEY SEEM TO GO  
TOGETHER, DON'T  
THEY? AND IF YOU  
ARE NOT CONVINCED  
YET - JUST WAIT  
UNTIL YOU READ  
THIS STORY..."

BOYS AND GIRLS -  
(HARRUMPH) THIS IS,  
AS YOU KNOW, A VERY  
IMPORTANT OCCASION!  
(BRRPPH) - A VERY IM-  
PORTANT ONE IN-  
DEED! (COUGH  
COUGH)









AND THAT'S ONLY A SAMPLE OF WHAT YOU'LL GET IF YOU WIN THE ELECTION!



I'M CERTAINLY IN NO CONDITION TO DO MY HOMEWORK TONIGHT-I THINK I'LL GET THEODOSIUS AGAIN!



WELL?

HIYA, THEO! SAY, I'VE GOT A FEW MATH PROBLEMS DUE TOMORROW AND YOU'RE SO SMART-I THOUGHT...



UMPH! MY DEAR MR ANDREWS, I SHOULD DO THE HOMEWORK OF MY PRESIDENTIAL OPPONENT? REALLY, YOUR GALL IS... IS OUT OF THIS WORLD!



BOY, I'M GETTING IT FROM ALL SIDES! I'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE I DON'T GET ELECTED OR I'LL FLUNK MATH AND GET MY FACE PUSHED IN!



OH, VERONICA, HAVE YOU SEEN JUGHEAD?

HE'S IN THE GYM... SAY, I HOPE YOU WIN THE ELECTION, ARCHIE!

DON'T SAY THAT, VERONICA!



WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?... DOUBLING FOR THE HANGMAN?

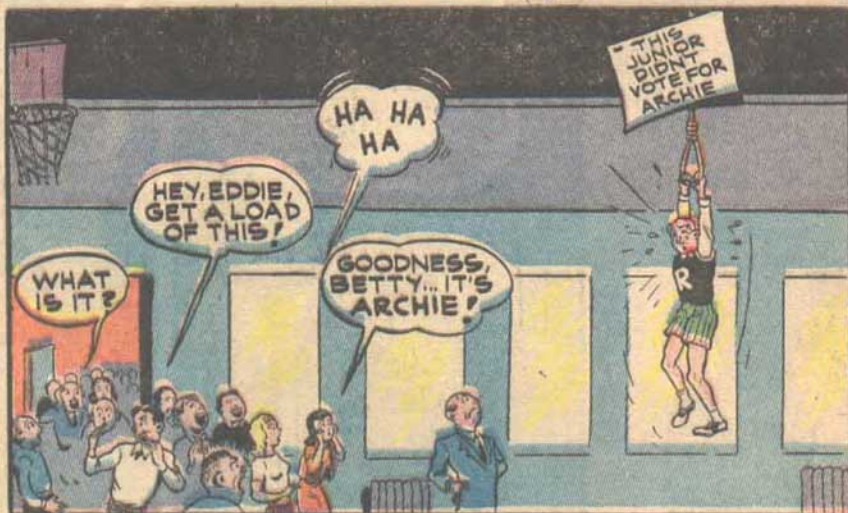
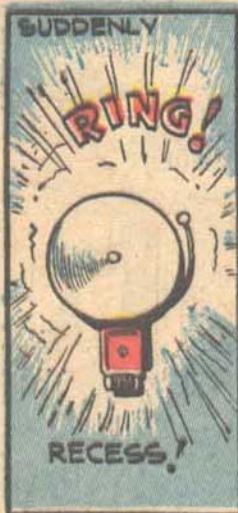


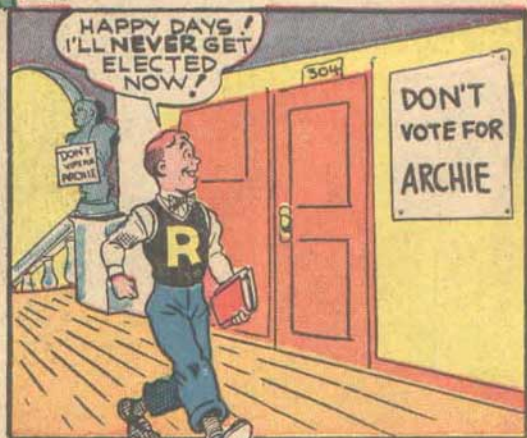
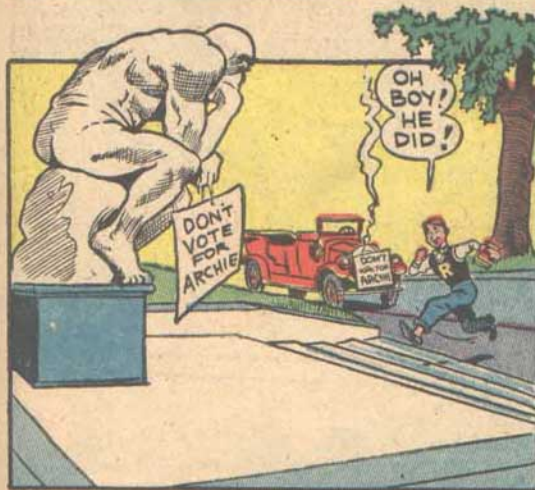
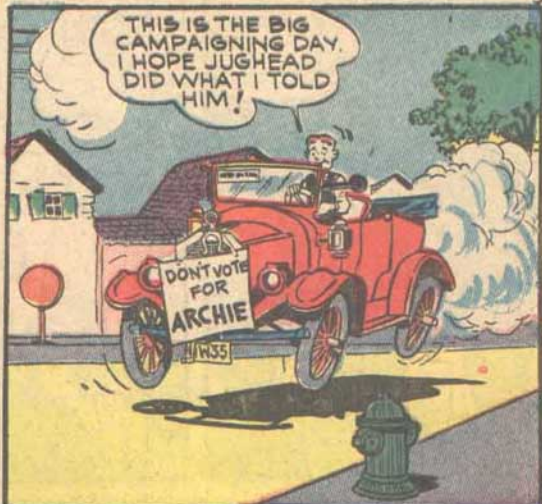
WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M DOING? I'M PUTTING AN AD UP FOR YOU WISE-GUY!

WELL, YOU CAN TAKE IT DOWN... RIGHT NOW!



WHADDAYA MEAN I SPENT ALL NIGHT FIXING THAT DUMMY AND THAT'S THE THANKS I GET, GEE, THINK OF THE PUBLICITY... IN TWO MINUTES THE WHOLE SCHOOL WILL BE IN HERE FOR RECESS!





PECULIARLY ENOUGH, THE STUDENT I LEAST EXPECTED SEEMS TO HAVE A FULL GRASP OF THIS STRANGE, NEGATIVE PSYCHOLOGY!



CONGRATULATIONS, ANDREWS! I NOTICED THOSE SIGNS OF YOURS ALL OVER THE PLACE. CERTAINLY SHREWD OF YOU. HA, HA! IT'LL HELP YOU WIN THE ELECTION!

ER...AH...ULP... IT WILL?



WELL, GOOD LUCK, ARCHIE!

THANKS, MR. HARRINGTON!



WE SHALL ALL GO TO THE AUDITORIUM THIS PERIOD TO HEAR THE SPEECHES OF THE CANDIDATES!



GEE! I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WERE SO MANY STUDENTS!

RH

NOW STUDENTS WE HAVE HERE ON THE PLATFORM THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR MANAGERS!



BOY! WHEN OLD MAN WEATHER-BEE TALKS IT SOUNDS LIKE HE HAS A MOUTHFUL OF POTATOES!



PSST! ARCHIE! TAFFY-TAKE A BITE AND PASS IT ON!

HUH? OH...THANKS!



IX-NAY! A TEACHER'S LOOKIN'!

SHOVE IT IN YOUR MOUTH QUICK!







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