

SHIELD G-MAN CLUB

BULLETIN No. 37

Hiya, Pals:

Here's another one of those Junior G-Man contests that you seem to like so much. So far, Dusty and me haven't been able to stump many of you and as a result we've been busy as heck sending out FREE COPIES OF PEP COMICS to the winners. But it's been a pleasure. The more smart Shield G-Man members we've got, the better we like it. So here goes. Let's see how you make out this time!

Here are some G-Man terms with definitions alongside them. Only one of these definitions is the right one. Put a circle around the right answer and send 'em in to us:

F.B.I.-(a) Federal Branch of Investigation; (b) Federal Bureau of Investigation; (c) Federal Bureau of Immigration

G-MAN-(a) Gun man; (b) Short for 'Get your man'; (c) Government man CHIEF OF THE F.B.I.-(a) J. Edgar Hoover; (b) J. Herbert Hoover

(c) J. Edgar Wallace

T-MAN-(a) Treason Investigator; (b) G-man who's been promoted; (c) Treasury Man

Okay. That she blows. Now all you've got to do is guess 'em right and you get a FREE COPY OF THE NEXT ISSUE OF PEP COMICS. There's only one thing more. This contest is only open to members of the Shield G-Man Club. So if you want to have loads of fun, win a prize and join our swell club, all at the same time, just fill out the coupon below and send it along with your answers.

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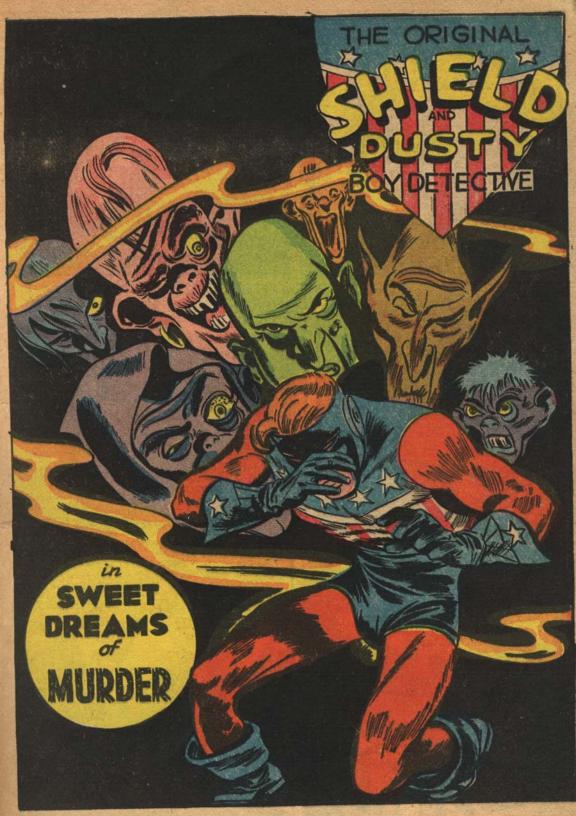






























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THE LAST LAUGH An Archie Story

"want to come to the movies with your mother and me?"

"No thanks, dad. I'll just stay home and spend a nice quiet evening. Enjoy yourselves, folks."

The Andrews left, and Arch settled himself comfortably in the morris chair alongside the radiator. "Yup, this is one time I'm goin' to stay put and keep outa trouble," Archie mused. "If I just stay in the house, and read, nothin' can POSSIBLY happen."

So Arch started reading. He didn't get very far when he suddenly became aware of a hissing sound. He tried to disregard it. But it soon became annoying. He got up to investigate. It was the radiator. "Hmm... the valve seems to be loose," said Arch, studying it. "Looks like it needs a washer. Well, that should be easy to fix. Pop has a raft of washers in a jar in the kitchen."

Arch hunted through . the kitchen closets and at last came across the jar hewas looking for. Sure enough there were a couple of washers. He could just make them out buried under the pile of screws, assorted nails and tacks. way at the bottom of the jar. He stuck his hand in, fished around, and finally got his finger on a washer. But when he tried to pull his hand out, it wasn't quite as easy. In fact, he couldn't do it. The more he tugged, the more his hand perspired, and the tougher it got to pry it loose.

"Holy mackerel," he panted, "I hate to break this jar. But it looks like I'll have to unless ... hey, wait a minute. Why didn't I think of it before? All I got to do is use some grease, and my hand'll slip out easy as pie."

So now Arch went looking for the jar of grease. He finally tracked it down ... way up on the top, shelf of the closet above the sink. He got a precarious foothold on the sink. and reached out. Just as he got his fingers on it, it happened. His foot slipped. There was a resounding crash as Arch hit the floor, and an even louder one, as the grease bottle smashed into a thousend fragments. Grease poured all over the kitchen. Arch looked dazedly at the mess all around him, his hand still wedged in the jar. But he didn't sit there long.

Suddenly, the hissing in

the next room got louder, and still louder, until it sounded like all the sirens in Riverdale going at the same time. Then there was a loud pop, and something that sounded like a minor explosion.

"Holy Hannah! The steam's blown the valve right off," Archie yowled. "I gotta get in there and put it back before. . . ." Arch got in there all right. Faster than he intended. He forgot all about the grease, and slid head first, smack into the bookshelves, clear across the living room. They all came down. And to Arch. it seemed that not one of them missed his head. He picked himself up out of the wreckage, and tore over to the radiator.

AND STILL HIS HAND WAS STUCK IN THE JAR.

With his free hand he managed to clamp the valve back into place, and stemmed the rush of steam, Just then, the phone rang.

"Jiminy, what'll I do? Maybe that's Veronica. But I can't let go this valve. If only I could shake this darn jar loose, I would be able to reach over and grab ahold of the phone."

He shook furiously. No good. In a towering rage, he flung his hand out wildly, and at that moment, if it had come loose from its wrist, he could have wished no better. His wrist stayed on. But the jar shot off. Straight into the air, toward the ceiling, like a bullet out of a rifle . . . AND SMACK INTO THE CEILING LIGHT!

Now the room was plunged into total darkness. Arch lost his grip on the valve, and couldn't locate it again. So the steam poured out, filled the room like a turkish bath, and seeped out the windows.

A passerby in the street spotted it, mistook it for a fire, and turned in an alarm. Soon, every fire engine in Riverdale was roaring toward the Andrews house.

When the Andrews came home from the movies, they walked into a house that was a shambles. Arch was taken to the hospital suffering from second degree burns. The fire and police departments served summonses on Mr. Andrews, the insurance companies increased the premiums, and they couldn't get any repair men to fix the radiators and nearly froze all winter.

Jughead came to visit Archie in 'he hospital, and brought him a book. "I figgered you'd like to just relax with a nice quiet book while you're in bed, Arch," Jug grinned shyly. "That way you kin be sure and keep outa trouble, huh Arch?"

Jug never knew what hit him. But when he came to, he was lying in a bed alongside Archie.







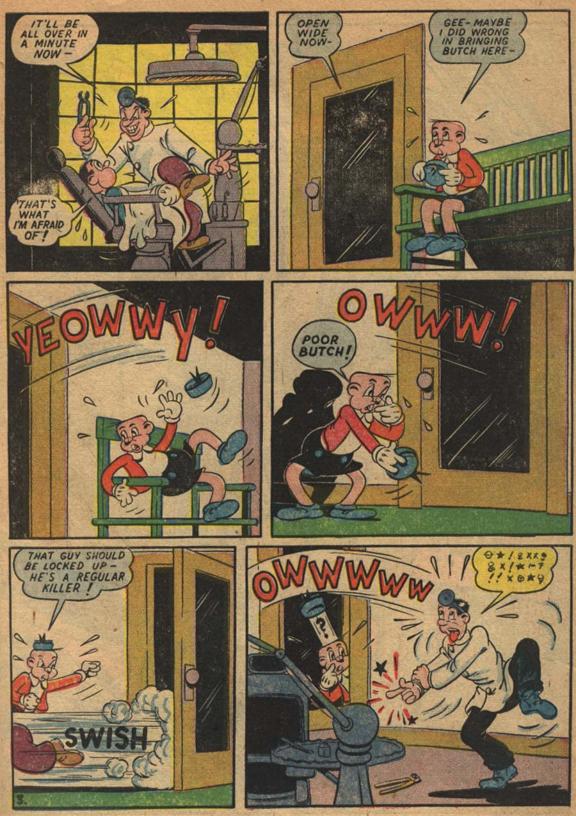




























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