STEEL STERLING MAN OF STEEL

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ZIP COMICS

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MAN OF STEEL
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REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR! A SLOGAN THAT HAS NOW BECOME THE CRY-WORD OF A NATION. BUT HERE'S THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY OF PEARL HARBOR.... A STORY OF STERLING'S VALIANT EFFORTS TO CHAIN THE DOGS OF WAR LET LOOSE BY THE TREACHEROUS JAPS! YOU'LL NEVER FORGET PEARL HARBOR AFTER THIS STORY!
ON THE FATAL DAY OF PEARL HARBOR STERLING ZIPS IN FRANTIC HASTE TO THE HOME OF ITOKI, PREMIER OF JAPAN...
HE'S DEAD!
BY IRVING NOWLIN
THEN THE RADIO BLARES FORTH AN ANNOUNCEMENT
PEOPLE OF JAPAN, I, YOUR EMPEROR BRING YOU A MESSAGE OF WAR! WAR AGAINST THE AMERICAN DOGS!

WE HAVE BEEN TOO PATIENT. THE WORLD SHALL SOON KNOW THE POWER OF THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN. THIS VERY MOMENT OUR AIR FORCE AND FLEET ARE STRIKING! STRIKING AT THE VITALS OF THE U.S.A --- PEARL HARBOR!
AND AT THAT MOMENT AT PEARL HARBOR...
BUT NOW, LET US DRAW THE CURTAIN ON THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO PEARL HARBOR AND GO BACK A FEW DAYS WHEN STEEL STERLING, AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOV'T. IS AT TOKYO AN AMBASSADOR OF GOOD WILL WHILE NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROCEEDING BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS...
THEN STERLING IS HASTILY SUMMONED TO THE OFFICE OF THE U.S. CONSUL --
STERLING - THERE'S TROUBLE IN THE AIR, I TELL YOU!
I'VE GOTTEN UNDERGROUND INFORMATION THAT THE JAPS ARE PLANNING SOME TREACHERY. IN MY OFFICIAL CAPACITY I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF AMERICANS HERE IN JAPAN, AND IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY WHO SHOULD LEAVE AT ONCE!
THERE'S NO WAY OF GETTING IN TOUCH WITH SOME OF THOSE REMOTE PLACES - SO I'LL HANDLE THEM MYSELF.. CLANCY AND LOONEY CAN BE HELPFUL RIGHT HERE!
YOU BETCHA WE CAN - STEEL!
SURE, IT'LL BE A CINCH!
I HOPE SO.. SO LONG!
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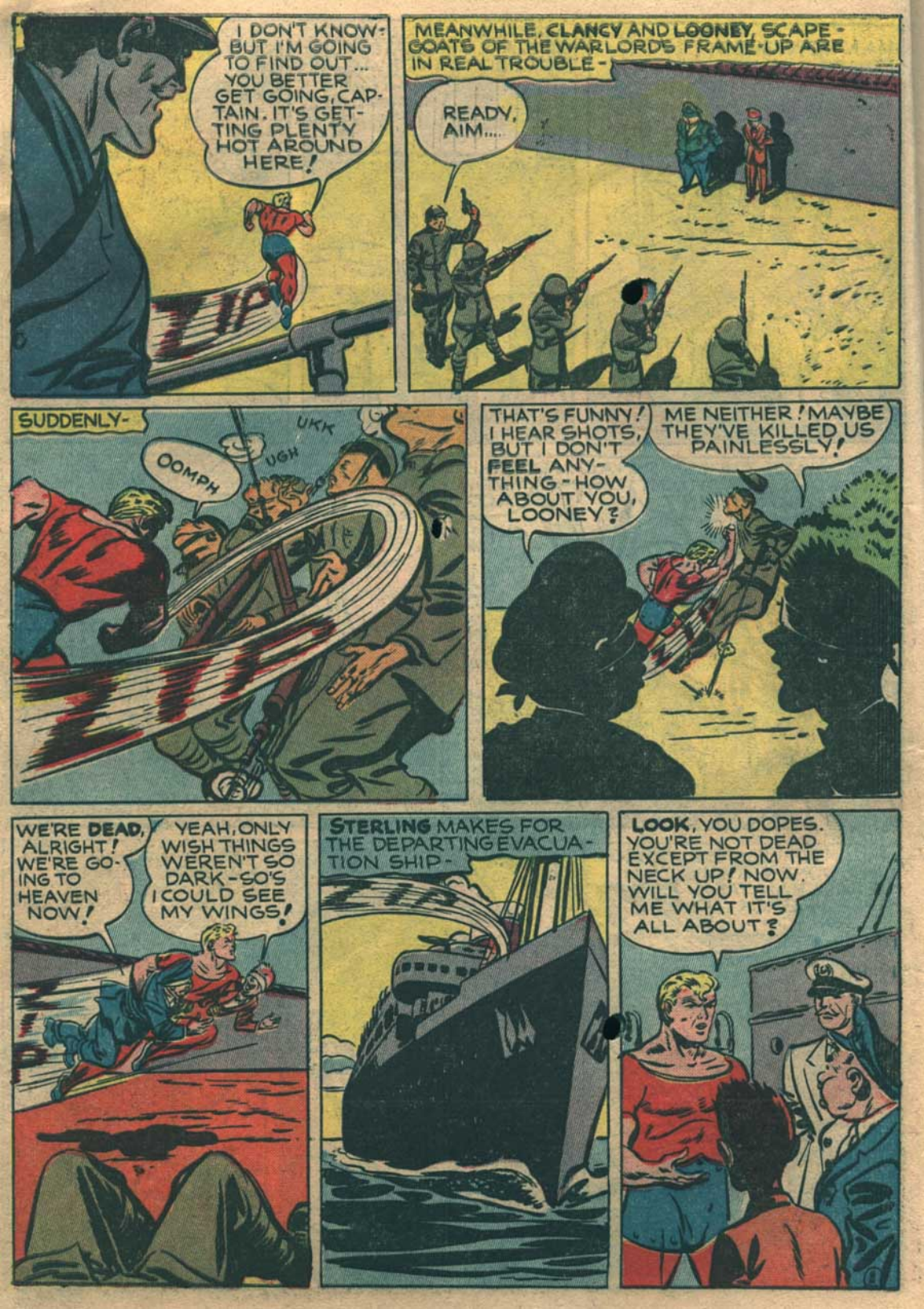
STREAKING THROUGH THE SKIES LIKE A METEOR, THE MAN OF STEEL ZIPS FROM VILLAGE TO VILLAGE -
YOU'D BETTER LEAVE THIS COUNTRY IMMEDIATELY, REVEREND. IT ISN'T SAFE FOR AMERICANS!
BUT SURELY, NOBODY WOULD HARM A MISSIONARY!
I'M AFRAID THESE JAPS HAVEN'T AS MUCH RESPECT FOR THE CLOTH AS YOU THINK!
AND SOON A MASS EMIGRATION BEGINS -
-WITH STERLING DOING THE WORK OF 100 MEN TO CLEAR THE DANGER SPOTS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE --
WHILE BACK IN TOKYO -
RIGHT THIS WAY, M'AM!
I TELL YA THERE'S NO ROUND-TRIP TICKETS FOR THIS TRIP!
BOY, OBOY, LOONEY, TAKE A LOOK AT THAT NUMBER, WILL YA?
WOW, WE BETTER GIVE HER OUR PERSONAL ATTENTION!
JUST A MINUTE, LADY!

ONE SIDE, CLANCY! I'LL HANDLE THIS LADY'S BAG!
OH, THANK YOU SO MUCH!
HUH ?
SURE, PORTER, AND BE VERY CAREFUL WITH THEM!
I'LL GIVE YOU A GOOD TIP, PORTER, IF YOU HUSTLE THOSE BAGS... THIS WAY, LADY!
WHY YOU FAT TUB! WHO YOU CALLIN' A PORTER? FOLLOW ME MISS! THAT WOLF CAN'T BE TRUSTED WITH HIS OWN MOTHER
OWOOO! STOP PULLING MY ARMS!
LEGGO OF HER! I SAW HER FIRST!
I SAID I'M GOING TO TAKE CARE OF HER AND I'LL - OOPS!
HELP!
UGH!
TEE HEE!.. HOW ROMANTIC! I'LL LET YOU BOTH TAKE CARE OF ME!
GULP
ER.. ON SECOND THOUGHT I DON'T WANNA BE SELFISH, LOONEY!
NO, PAL!.. YOU DID SEE HER FIRST AT THAT!
WHEW (PUFF) WOTTA FACE. IT'S EVEN HOMELIER THAN YOURS!
OUGHTTA BE A LAW AGAINST WOMEN WEARIN' VEILS!

IS THIS THE BOAT LEAVING FOR AMERICA?
WHY, YES! ARE YOU AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, LADY?
YES, BORN THERE OF JAPANESE PARENTS AND I WANT TO RETURN, NOW! WOULD YOU GENTLEMEN TAKE MY CHILD ON BOARD? I'LL BE RIGHT ALONG!
CERTAINLY, LADY!
KITCHY KOO!
HE SURE IS CUTE!
IT IS DONE, GEN. SIEGFRIED! THE STUPID AMERICANS WEREN'T EVEN SUSPICIOUS!
GOOD WORK! RETURN TO THE HOUSE AT ONCE!
HA, HA! NOW WE SHALL RETURN TO THE CABINET MEETING AND HAVE A TALK WITH OUR FRIEND ITOKI!
AT THAT MOMENT, A VIOLENT DISCUSSION RAGES IN THE CABINET WITH MINISTER ITOKI HOLDING THE FLOOR-
AND I FIRMLY REFUSE TO BE A PARTY TO A DECLARATION OF WAR, GENTLEMEN!
WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THE AMERICANS CANNOT BE TRUSTED... BESIDES, TO DECLARE WAR ON THE U.S.A. WOULD BE SUICIDE!
PREMIER ITOKI, YOUR HONORABLE SON WOULD TALK WITH YOU ON PHONE!

YES! YES! WHAT IS IT MY SON? YOUR VOICE QUIVERS LIKE A BAMBOO REED!
TERRIBLE NEWS, ESTEEMED FATHER. THE MAID JUST RETURNED WITHOUT OUR CHILD. SHE SAYS HE WAS KIDNAPPED!
HER STORY IS THAT TWO AMERICANS, A LEAN ONE, AND A SMALL FAT ONE IN AN AMERICAN POLICE UNIFORM RAN UP AND SNATCHED MY CHILD FROM HER ARMS!
BLOOD OF MY ANCESTORS! THIS IS..IS INCREDIBLE! WHAT SHALL I DO NOW?
GENTLEMEN I..I SHOULD LIKE TO BE EXCUSED! I.. I'VE RECEIVED SHOCKING NEWS - AMERICANS HAVE KIDNAPPED MY GRAND-SON!
SO! THOSE ARE YOUR TRUSTED AMERICANS! THE HONORABLE AMERICANS WHO WOULD NOT RESORT TO UNDERHANDED METHODS!
THEY KIDNAPPED THE CHILD TO HOLD OVER YOUR HEAD. THOSE AMERICANS ARE A WILY LOT!
THEY KNOW THAT YOU ARE AGAINST OUR RIGHTEOUS WAR AND THEY TOOK THIS DISHONORABLE WAY OF INTIMIDATING YOU- NOW, WILL YOU JOIN US?
PROVE THIS TO ME BEYOND A DOUBT. BRING MY GRAND-SON AND HIS KIDNAPPERS AND I WILL JOIN YOUR FORCES!

HA!.. HE WISHES PROOF, EH? HE SHALL SOON HAVE IT -VERY SOON!
A DETAIL OF JAPANESE SOLDIERS ARE IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO THE EVACUATION SHIP--
SPEAK TRUTHFULLY! YOU HAVE A JAPANESE INFANT ON BOARD THIS SHIP?
SURE, HE'S IN STATEROOM NO. 3 - CUTE TYKE, TOO!
HEY! WHAT'S THE IDEA- ARRESTING US? WE DIDN'T DO NUTHIN'!
YA CAN'T DO THIS T'ME-I'M A COP!
AND SO, YOU SEE, ITOKI, WE CAUGHT THESE AMERICANS RED-HANDED - JUST AS I SAID WE WOULD!
I NEED NO FURTHER PROOF, I'LL SIGN!
MEANWHILE, STEEL STERLING, DONE WITH HIS OWN HERCULEAN TASK, SPEEDS BACK TO TOKYO -
STERLING! I'M GLAD YOU'RE BACK!
AND THEN THEY ARRESTED CLANCY AND LOONEY FOR KIDNAPPING THE PREMIER'S GRAND-SON! WHAT CAN BE BEHIND ALL THIS?


I DON'T KNOW- BUT I'M GOING TO FIND OUT... YOU BETTER GET GOING, CAPTAIN. IT'S GETTING PLENTY HOT AROUND HERE!
ZIP
MEANWHILE, CLANCY AND LOONEY, SCAPEGOATS OF THE WARLORDS FRAME-UP ARE IN REAL TROUBLE-
READY, AIM...
SUDDENLY-
OOMPH
UGH
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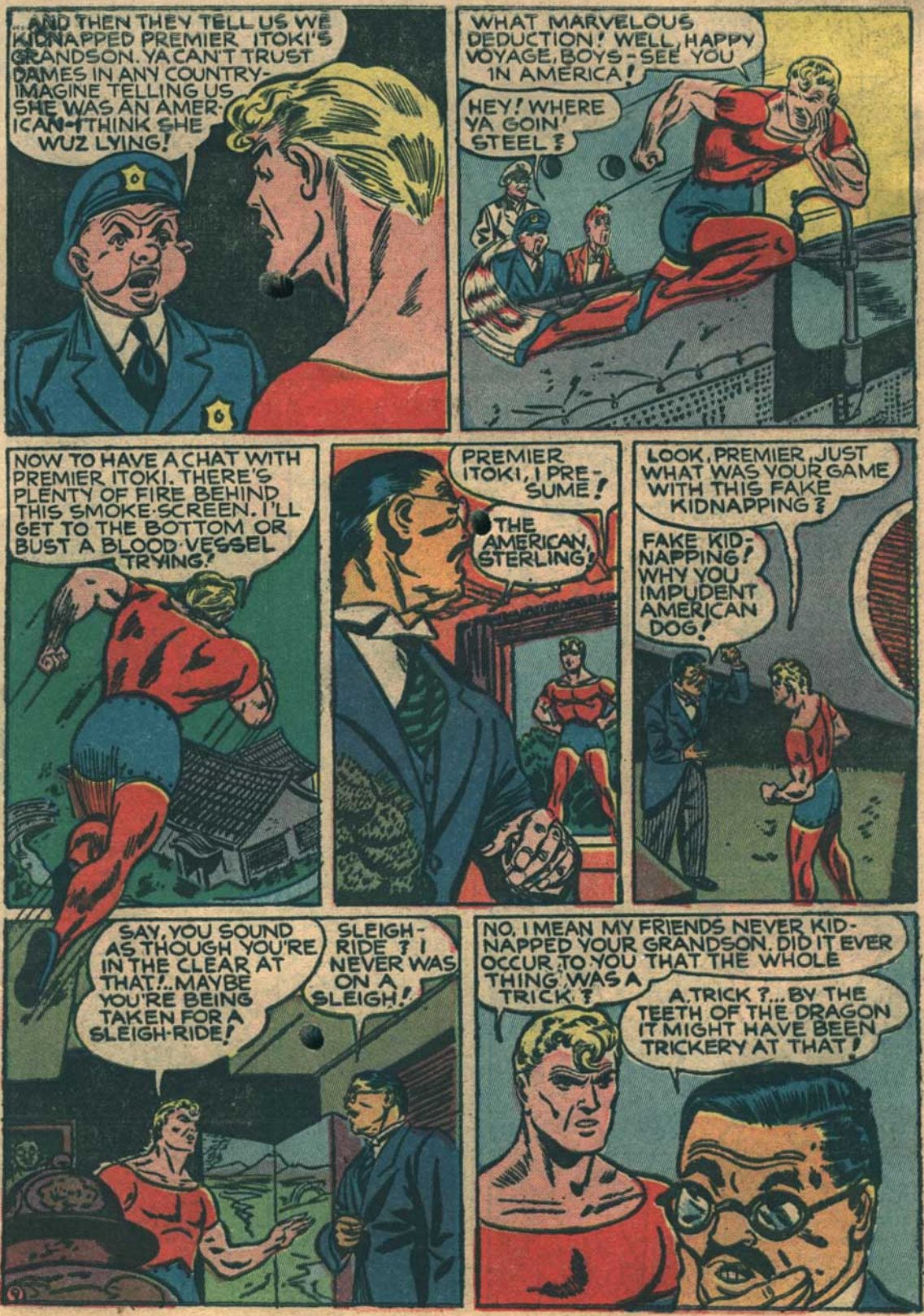
THAT'S FUNNY! I HEAR SHOTS, BUT I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING - HOW ABOUT YOU, LOONEY?
ME NEITHER! MAYBE THEY'VE KILLED US PAINLESSLY!
WE'RE DEAD, ALRIGHT! WE'RE GOING TO HEAVEN NOW!
YEAH, ONLY WISH THINGS WEREN'T SO DARK - SO'S I COULD SEE MY WINGS!
STERLING MAKES FOR THE DEPARTING EVACUATION SHIP-
LOOK, YOU DOPES. YOU'RE NOT DEAD EXCEPT FROM THE NECK UP! NOW, WILL YOU TELL ME WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT?


...AND THEN THEY TELL US WE KIDNAPPED PREMIER ITOKI'S GRANDSON. YA CAN'T TRUST DAMES IN ANY COUNTRY- IMAGINE TELLING US SHE WAS AN AMERICAN-I THINK SHE WUZ LYING!
WHAT MARVELOUS DEDUCTION! WELL, HAPPY VOYAGE, BOYS - SEE YOU IN AMERICA!
HEY! WHERE YA GOIN' STEEL?
NOW TO HAVE A CHAT WITH PREMIER ITOKI. THERE'S PLENTY OF FIRE BEHIND THIS SMOKE-SCREEN. I'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OR BUST A BLOOD-VESSEL TRYING!
PREMIER ITOKI, I PRESUME!
THE AMERICAN, STERLING!
LOOK, PREMIER, JUST WHAT WAS YOUR GAME WITH THIS FAKE KIDNAPPING?
FAKE KIDNAPPING! WHY YOU IMPUDENT AMERICAN DOG!
SAY, YOU SOUND AS THOUGH YOU'RE IN THE CLEAR AT THAT!.. MAYBE YOU'RE BEING TAKEN FOR A SLEIGH-RIDE!
SLEIGH-RIDE? I NEVER WAS ON A SLEIGH!
NO, I MEAN MY FRIENDS NEVER KIDNAPPED YOUR GRANDSON. DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU THAT THE WHOLE THING WAS A TRICK?
A TRICK?... BY THE TEETH OF THE DRAGON IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN TRICKERY AT THAT!

I'LL SOON FIND OUT! MY MAID REPORTED THE KIDNAPPING! NITCHI... OH, NITCHI!
YOU CALL, MASTER?
NITCHI, ARE YOU QUITE SURE THAT MY GRANDSON WAS KIDNAPPED EXACTLY AS YOU DESCRIBED?
BUT OF COURSE, HONORABLE MASTER! NITCHI NO MAKE LIE!
I'LL FIND OUT FOR SURE - BRING ME YOUR HUSBAND'S BELT OF A THOUSAND STITCHES AT ONCE, NITCHI!
YES, HONORABLE MASTER!
THE BELT OF A THOUSAND STITCHES IS SACRED TO EVERY JAPANESE SOLDIER. IF IT IS DESTROYED, HIS HONOR AND SOUL ARE DESTROYED ALONG WITH IT... AND NITCHI'S HUSBAND IS A SOLDIER!
HERE, MASTER, THE SACRED BELT! WH... WHAT YOU DO WITH IT?
DESTROY IT UNLESS YOU TELL ME THE TRUTH!
ME TELL! BARON WATANABI AND CAPTAIN VON SIEGFRIED PAY ME TO CARRY OUT DISHONORABLE PLAN!
BONES OF MY ANCESTORS! I HAVE BEEN TRICKED!
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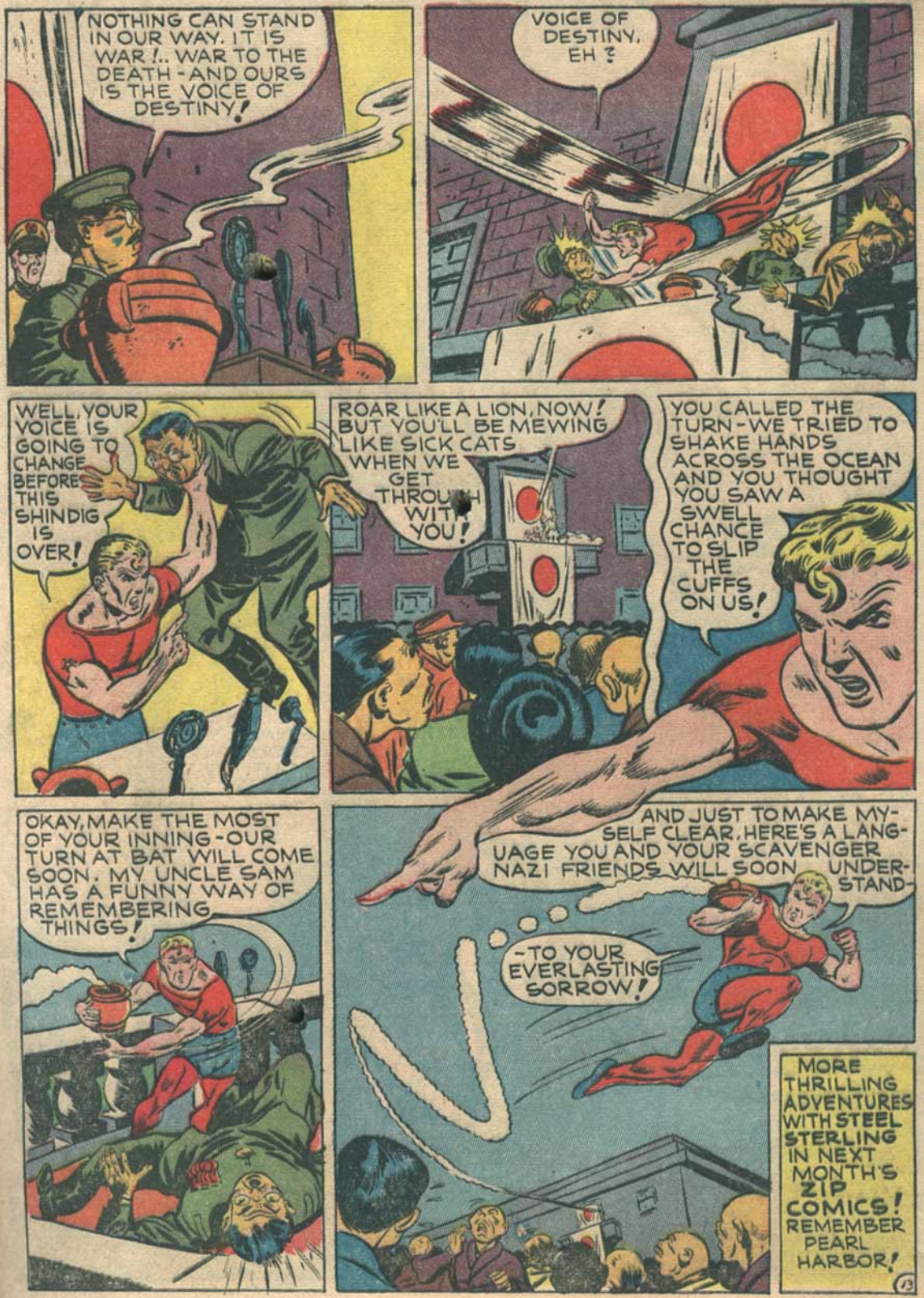
MAY THE WRATH OF MY FATHERS STRIKE ME DEAD FOR MY STUPIDITY. I HAVE BEEN TRICKED INTO SIGNING A DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST YOUR COUNTRY. WAIT HERE HONORABLE STERLING!
IN A TOWERING RAGE ITOKI MAKES HIS WAY BACK TO THE DIET.
WATANABI! OFFSPRING OF A REPTILE-GIVE ME THAT DOCUMENT I SIGNED!
EXCELLENCY, YOU CANNOT RETRACT NOW!
GIVE IT TO ME, OR I LET OUR PEOPLE KNOW OF YOUR TREACHERY!
THAT, ESTEEMED PREMIER, IS THE FATE OF ALL WHO DARE CROSS OUR PATHS! MAY YOUR TONGUE-WAGGING FALL ON THE DEMONS FOR ALL ETERNITY!
OWRGG!
I WONDER WHAT'S KEEPING THE PREMIER? HE SHOULD HAVE RETURNED A LONG WHILE AGO!
I BETTER TAKE A RUN OVER TO THE DIET MYSELF AND SEE WHAT'S WHAT

IF ANYBODY CAN PREVENT A WAR, ITOKI CAN, AND PRAY HEAVEN HE'LL SUCCEED!
GREAT GHOSTS! HE'S DEAD!
KNIFED IN THE BACK BY HIS OWN COUNTRYMEN... POOR ITOKI - HE GOT HIS WISH ALL RIGHT ONLY IT WASN'T THE WRATH OF HIS ANCESTORS THAT KILLED HIM. IT WAS DOUBLE-CROSSING SLANT-EYED RATS WHO WOULD STOOP TO ANYTHING!
AND SO, PEOPLE OF JAPAN, TRUST ME, YOUR EMPEROR, BLINDLY AND FAITHFULLY. I AM THE SOUL OF OUR COUNTRY!
YOU MAY BE THE SOUL TO YOUR COUNTRY BUT YOU'RE THE HEEL TO MINE AND I'M GOING TO TELL YOU OFF PERSONALLY!
HE'S BROADCASTING FROM HIS PALACE!
REMEMBER, MY PEOPLE, I SHALL GUIDE YOU TO INEVITABLE VICTORY - AND GLORY!


NOTHING CAN STAND IN OUR WAY. IT IS WAR!.. WAR TO THE DEATH - AND OURS IS THE VOICE OF DESTINY!
VOICE OF DESTINY, EH ?
WELL, YOUR VOICE IS GOING TO CHANGE BEFORE THIS SHINDIG IS OVER!
ROAR LIKE A LION, NOW! BUT YOU'LL BE MEWING LIKE SICK CATS WHEN WE GET THROUGH WITH YOU!
YOU CALLED THE TURN - WE TRIED TO SHAKE HANDS ACROSS THE OCEAN AND YOU THOUGHT YOU SAW A SWELL CHANCE TO SLIP THE CUFFS ON US!
OKAY, MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR INNING - OUR TURN AT BAT WILL COME SOON. MY UNCLE SAM HAS A FUNNY WAY OF REMEMBERING THINGS!
AND JUST TO MAKE MYSELF CLEAR, HERE'S A LANGUAGE YOU AND YOUR SCAVENGER NAZI FRIENDS WILL SOON UNDERSTAND-
-TO YOUR EVERLASTING SORROW!
MORE THRILLING ADVENTURES WITH STEEL STERLING IN NEXT MONTH'S ZIP COMICS! REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR!

THERE GOES THE CURTAIN ON TOP NOTCH'S SENSATIONAL NEW CHARACTER, **STEEL!**

YES, **HANGMAN!**.. THE ONE THAT THE BLACK HOOD'S BEEN RAVING ABOUT FOR WEEKS! BOY, IF HE'S HALF AS GOOD AS THEY SAY, WE'RE IN FOR A GOOD SHOW!

SENSATIONAL! SPECTACULAR!

THE WHO

YOU ARE IN FOR THE

OKAY HOLD YOUR BREATH, **BLACK JACK** HERE IT COMES!

IT'S HIGH TIME, **HOOD**.. BOY, YOU SURE CAN KEEP A SECRET! NOW, I'LL FINALLY FIND OUT ALL ABOUT THE **WEB!**

WHO IS THE WEB? WHAT IS THE WEB? YOU'LL GET THE ANSWERS IN **JULY** TOP NOTCH! DON'T SAY WE DIDN'T WARN YOU!

"THE WEB" *appears in* **JULY** *Topnotch*

NEW! DIFFERENT!!!

WEB

IS HE ??

SHOCK OF YOUR LIFE!

ROY'S BEEN SINGING THIS NEW CHARACTER'S PRAISES LONG AND LOUD, SHIELD!

SO HAS THE WIZARD AND THAT GUY HASN'T STEERED ME WRONG, YET! WE'RE IN FOR A GREAT SHOW!

OKAY, WIZARD, RING UP THE CURTAIN-AND LET 'ER RIP!

WE PREDICT THAT THE WEB WILL TAKE THE NATION BY STORM! A NEW HIGH IN COMIC ENTERTAINMENT!

"THE WEB" *appears in* JULY *Topnotch*

BLACK JACK VERSUS "DEUCES" WILDE

LAWLESNESS RUNS RIFE THROUGHOUT THE CITY WITH A SINGLE FIGURE BATTLING HEROICALLY TO STEM THE TIDE. ONE LONE FIGURE .... AGAINST AN ORGANIZED HORDE THAT HAS BAFFLED THE ENTIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT. ONE LONE FIGURE STAKING HIS LIFE IN A GAMBLE AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS - WHERE THE CARDS ARE STACKED AND THE DEUCES WILD. AND THAT FIGURE... BLACK JACK!

Camy!

OUR STORY OPENS WITH A SLEEK, EXPENSIVE CAR DARTING INTO A SEEMINGLY BLIND ALLEY -

IT WAS MADNESS FOR DEUCES WILDE TO SEND YOU TO MY HOUSE!

CLAM UP! WE'RE BOTH TAKING ORDERS FROM DEUCE!

AND PERCHED ATOP THE CAR - BLACK JACK -

HMM! WM. KENT. PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL TAKING ORDERS FROM WILDE - VERY INTERESTING!

A KNOCK ON THE BARE BRICK WALL BRINGS CURIOUS RESULTS -

OH, IT'S YOU, SPIKE - JUST A SECOND!

A PORTION OF THE BRICK WALL SLIDES BACK AND THE DUO ENTER -

WHILE IN THE CAR -

NOT A BAD JOB DEUCES GAVE ME - PLAYING CHAUFFEUR TO KENT!

SUDDENLY -

UKK!

DRAGGING THE UNCONSCIOUS CHAUFFEUR ALONG BLACK JACK RAPS ON THE WALL -

WHADDA YOU WANT?

OPEN UP-IT'S O.K.!

KENT FORGOT SOMETHING!

CRIPES, WHAT'S DIS?

QUIET. YOU BABOON! I DON'T WANT TO BE ANNOUNCED!

THIS IS BETTER THAN A SLEEPING PILL!

IN THE DEN OF "DEUCES" WILDE, BIG SHOT GAMBLER--

I GOT YOUR SPLIT OF THIS WEEK'S TAKE READY FOR YOU, KENT. JUST KEEP THAT CITY COUNCIL IN HAND- AND YOU'LL BE SITTIN' PRETTY

LOOK, DEUCES, I'LL PLAY BALL WITH YOU, ALRIGHT, BUT I DON'T LIKE SIGNING RECEIPTS FOR MY MONEY- IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

DANGEROUS ONLY IF YOU START GETTING FANCY IDEAS. I'VE GOT ENOUGH RECEIPTS TO HANG YOU IF YOU TRY ANY DOUBLE-CROSSES!

VERY INTERESTING, DEUCES, I'LL TAKE THOSE RECEIPTS!

B-BLACK JACK!

WHY, YOU DIRTY... OOO - MY HAND!

OOPS, VERY SLIPPERY, THIS TRIGGER!

BANG

YOU'VE GOTTEN AWAY WITH YOUR LAST CRIME, DEUCES! AND YOU, KENT, YOU ROTTEN GRAFTING POLITICIAN...

YOU CAN USE THIS GUN TO BLOW YOUR BRAINS OUT - IT'LL BE EASIER FOR YOU!

FRANTICALLY DEUCES AND KENT CHASE AFTER BLACK JACK -

HE'S IN YOUR CAR - HE'S GETTING AWAY!

WILDE! WHAT'LL WE DO NOW? I'M RUINED - RUINED!

DO WHAT YOU WANT - I'M BLOWIN' TOWN!

OUR SCENE CHANGES FOR THE MOMENT TO THE HOME OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY WHERE A GRIEF-STRICKEN HOUSEHOLD WAITS OUTSIDE HIS BEDROOM-

I WARNED YOUR HUSBAND HE WAS WORKING TOO HARD!

OH! (SOB-SOB) POOR JAMES - THIS HEART ATTACK CAME SO SUDDENLY!

I'M SORRY BUT IT'S ALL OVER. HE'S PASSED AWAY!

MEANWHILE IN KENT'S APARTMENT -

I HAVEN'T A MINUTE TO LOSE. THE POLICE MAY BE HERE ANY MOMENT - THE PHONE! WHO - WHO CAN THAT BE?

Y-Y-YES, THIS IS KENT SPEAKING! WHAT IS IT? THE MAYOR?... WH-WHAT ABOUT THE MAYOR?

WHAT'S THAT? HE'S DEAD AND I'M THE NEW MAYOR -- HOW- WHAT ---

WHEW, THAT CHANGES THINGS AROUND A BIT- I'D BETTER LET DEUCES WILDE KNOW!

AT DEUCE'S PLACE -

SAY THAT'S GREAT. NOW WE'RE SITTING PRETTY!

OKAY- MUGGSY- THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO REALLY DO ME A FAVOR!

ALL YOU'VE GOTTA DO IS GET OUT A WARRANT FOR BLACK JACK'S ARREST AND THAT PUTS HIM ON ICE. HE HASN'T GOT A CHANCE!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE CHARGE. I'VE STILL GOT THAT GUN WITH HIS FINGER-PRINTS ON IT. IT'S ALL WE NEED! BLACK JACK'S GONNA HAVE A MURDER RAP PINNED ON HIM!

WAIT- BOSS!

DON'T DO IT! DON'T KILL ME, BOSS!

BANG

OKAY, MR. MAYOR, START THE WHEELS OF JUSTICE ROLLING!

MEANWHILE

WELL, I'VE GIVEN THESE RECEIPTS A THOROUGH CHECK-UP. **NOW** TO GET 'EM TO THE POLICE COMMISSIONER

I'D LIKE TO SEE THE COMMISSIONER RIGHT AWAY, PLEASE!

BLACK JACK - YOU -

WHAT'S THE MATTER, MISS? YOU LOOK AS THOUGH YOU'RE SEEING PINK ELEPHANTS!

ER, AH - IT'S NOTH-ING, GO RIGHT IN!

OKAY, COMMISSIONER - YOU CAN START CLOSING DOWN ON DEUCES WILDE RIGHT NOW! AND WAIT'LL YOU HEAR WHO'S BEEN PROTECT-ING HIM!

BLACK JACK - YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE! I'VE GOT ORDERS TO AR-REST YOU ON SIGHT. ORDERS BY THE NEW MAYOR, KENT!

WHAT?

NEW MAYOR KENT! GOOD LORD! HE'S THE GUY BEHIND THE WHOLE ROTTEN CRIME RING - AND I'VE GOT THE PROOF - RIGHT HERE!

WHAT A CRAZY SET-UP! WHO'S GOING TO ARREST KENT? HE'S GOT THE WHOLE TOWN SEWED UP. HE'S EVEN GOT A MURDER CHARGE ON YOU!

AND I CAN'T DISOBEY ORDERS TO ARREST YOU.. BUT IF YOU SHOULD SOMEHOW ESCAPE AND GET TO THE GOVERNOR WITH THAT EVIDENCE!

THANKS, COMMISSIONER!

THE WHOLE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE SEARCHING FOR ME. I'VE GOT TO WORK FAST!

UNION STATION, BUDDY, AND FORGET THE SPEED LIMIT!

A POLICE CAR SPOTS BLACK JACK

WHEEEE

STEP ASIDE, BUDDY. I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO MAKE THIS PEANUT-STAND WHISTLE!

ULP!

A WILD CHASE ENSUES-

TAXI

BLACK JACK SUDDENLY DARTS INTO A SIDE STREET-

UNTIL-

WE GOT HIM, KENNEY-THE DOPE TURNED UP A BLIND ALLEY!

AND HE'S A SMART GUY, EH?

FUNNY, HE'S NOT HERE-WHERE COULD HE HAVE GONE?

THAT GRATE OVER THERE, COME ON!

ALRIGHT, BLACK JACK, YOU BETTER COME OUT BEFORE WE START SHOOTING!

AND WE AIN'T KIDDIN'!

HE AIN'T HERE!

HE MUST BE-THERE'S NO OTHER PLACE!

MEANWHILE-

WHEW, I THOUGHT SURE THEY'D LOOK UNDER THE CAB, ANY SECOND!

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HEY- THERE GOES OUR CAR!

WHA... HOW? IT MUST BE BLACK JACK -HE OUT-SMARTED US!

WELL THERE'S THE S TION!

BUT AGAIN BLACK JACK IS SPOTTED - THIS TIME BY A DETECTIVE --

COME ON, BURKE. HE'S HEADIN' FOR THE TRAIN!

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, BLACK JACK!

YEAH! AND COME ALONG QUIETLY!

I'LL SLIP MY CUFFS ON HIM SWEENEY- I SEEN HIM FIRST!

HORSE-FEATHERS!

LOOK! THIS IS MY PINCH... AND I'M GOIN' TO GET THE CREDIT FER IT- SEE?

IZZASO!

YA GLORY-GRABBIN' FLAT-FOOT! THIS ONE TIME I'M GONNA GET SOME CREDIT, TOO!

WAIT A MOMENT, BOYS, I'VE GOT THE SOLUTION! WHY DON'T YOU **BOTH** PUT THEM ON? ONE CUFF ON EACH WRIST!

THAT WAY YOU **BOTH** GET CREDIT!

HMM, OKAY BY ME - HOW ABOUT YOU, BURKE?

SUITS ME!

DEFTLY, BLACK JACK GRABS BOTH HANDCUFFS, AND...

OOF!

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WELL, HAVE FUN, BOYS, GOTTA CATCH A TRAIN!

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PHEW! ANOTHER SECOND AND I'D HAVE TO HITCH-HIKE TO THE GOVERNORS!

NOW, IF I CAN ONLY GET OUT OF THIS UNIFORM, SOMEHOW, I'LL BE ALRIGHT!

HEY! IT'S BLACK JACK! STOP - YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

GREAT SCOT! KENT'S EVEN GOT THE TRAIN'S COVERED!

STOP-OR WE'LL SHOOT!

I CAN'T DODGE THOSE DETECTIVES ALL DAY ON THIS TRAIN! THAT COLORED PORTER GIVES ME AN IDEA. I'LL GET INTO ONE OF THESE STATE-ROOMS!

I'SE A-COMIN', BOSS!

CHAT TA HOOT CHOO CHOO

WE GOT HIM TRAPPED - HE'S SOMEWHERE ON THIS AISLE!

YOU TAKE THAT END - I'LL TAKE THIS. WE'LL SEARCH EVERY ROOM!

JUST THEN, THE TRAIN ENTERS A TUNNEL-AND WHEN IT EMERGES-

BLANKETY-BLANK! I'M COVERED WITH SOOT!

SO AM I! HEY, PORTER SEEN A GUY WITH A UNIFORM?-

NO SUH, BOSS!

THERE HE IS!

PHEW! WHAT DIG?

BOY, IS HE COVERED WITH SOOT-HE'S ALMOST BLACK

BUT AH IS BLACK, BOSS!

CUT OUT THE GAG-GING, BLACK JACK!

BOSS, I TELLS YA AH'S THE CULLUD PORTER!

I'M GETTIN TIRED O' YOUR GAGGIN', BLACK JACK! I'M GONNA WIPE THE SOOT OFF YOUR FACE, AND...

ULP! IT DON'T COME OFF!

HA, HA, YOU CAN LET THAT PORTER GO NOW, BOYS!.. HE'S NOT KIDDING!

YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO US (PUFF) COME OFFA THAT TRAIN!

BOY! THAT TRICK WORKED EVEN BETTER THAN I EXPECTED.... MIGHT AS WELL GET THIS SHOE-BLACK OFF MY FACE, NOW!

THEY HAVEN'T CAUGHT BLACK JACK YET... AND I WON'T FEEL SAFE UNTIL THEY DO! THAT MAN'S GOT ME FRIGHTENED!

STOP WORRYING, KENT- WE'RE SAFE NOW.. NOBODY IN THE WORLD CAN TOUCH US! NOT WHILE YOU'RE THE MAYOR!

THEN THEY GOT HIM AT LAST!

MR. KENT, THE POLICE COMMISSIONER IS HERE AND BLACK JACK IS WITH HIM!

GET BEHIND THAT DRAPE, WILDE! I DON'T WANT THE COMMISSIONER TO SEE YOU!

WELCOME, COMMISSIONER! I SEE YOU'VE CAUGHT UP WITH THE SCOUNDREL... GOOD WORK!

ALL RIGHT, MEN - ARREST HIM!

UH - WHAT'S THIS? YOU CAN'T ARREST ME I'M THE MAYOR OF THIS CITY!

AND THESE MEN ARE SPECIAL DEPUTIES FROM THE GOVERNOR. KENT. BLACK JACK HAS PUT YOUR LITTLE GAME ON ICE - FOR KEEPS!

A PAIR OF FEET BE - HIND THAT CURTAIN. AND I THINK I KNOW THE HEEL THAT'S STANDING ON THEM!

I THINK I'LL JUST SEE IF I'M RIGHT!

- AND IF I'M WRONG I'LL APOLOGIZE!

JUST A MINUTE, BOYS! LOOK WHAT I FOUND- MY OLD FRIEND, DEUCES WILDE!

I DON'T THINK WE'LL HAVE ANY MORE TROUBLE WITH THAT PAIR OF KNAVES!

JUST ONE KNAVE! THE OTHER WAS A DEUCE DEUCES WILDE!

YOUR HONOR, THERE'S BEEN A MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE! THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT A CHARGE AGAINST MY CLIENT, DEUCES WILDE!

NO? WELL, WHAT DO YOU CALL THIS SIGNED STATEMENT FROM MAYOR KENT PROVING THAT DEUCES WILDE MURDERED ONE OF HIS OWN HENCHMEN?

YOU DOUBLE-CROSSING RAT - I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS!

NOT UNLESS YOU'RE IMMUNE TO ELECTRICITY, WILDE - YOU'RE GETTING THE CHAIR! I'M LUCKY - I ONLY GOT LIFE!

BLACK JACK, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT YOU!

WE'RE BOTH WORKING ON THE SIDE OF LAW AND ORDER, COMMISSIONER! IT'S ONLY OUR METHODS THAT ARE DIFFERENT!

BLACK JACK APPEARS ONLY IN ZIP COMICS

WILBUR

LA-DE-DA-
ONE, TWO, THREE!
UP, DOWN!
ONE! TWO! THREE!

&IF YOU SHOULD PASS BY THE WILKIN HOME IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING, AND HEAR STRANGE, STRANGLED SOUNDS, LARGE GRUNTS AND DEEP GROANS DON'T BE ALARMED. IT'S SIMPLY MR. WILKIN DESPERATELY TRYING TO REDUCE ---

THUMP

GREAT HEAVENS! THE HOUSE IS COMING DOWN ON OUR HEADS NOW!

SPLAT

YOU GO RIGHT UP AND TELL YOUR FATHER TO STOP THAT NONSENSE, WILBUR!

YES, MOTHER!

INDIAN CLUBS (wheeze) GREAT STUFF FOR THAT OLD TUMMY (GASP)!

DAD! OH, DAD!

1-2-3-4 1-2-3- HUH?

?

WHAT IS IT WILBUR?

BONG!

WILBUR!.. DON'T EVER DO THAT AGAIN... OOooH - MY HEAD!

WELL, GEE, WHIZ DAD, MOM ASKED ME TO COME UP!

SHE SAYS TO STOP THOSE EXERCISES RIGHT AWAY!

NOW, ISN'T THAT JUST LIKE A WOMAN?... SHE KNOWS I'VE GOT TO REDUCE!

OR I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO LEAD THE AMERICAN LEGION PARADE NEXT SUNDAY!

S THAT YOUR UNIFORM, POP?

YES, AND IT'S-ER-A TRIFLE SMALL!

HAW-HAW- YOU'LL NEED A YEAR'S EXERCISE TO GET THAT ON!

SAY, DAD! I KNOW JUST THE THING TO KNOCK OFF WEIGHT FAST - ROAD-WORK!

OUR TRACK COACH TOLD US THAT RUNNING A COUPLE OF MILES EVERY MORNING WAS THE GREATEST EXERCISE IN THE WORLD!

HMM! THAT IS AN IDEA!

LOOK, YOU GO GET THE CAR WILBUR - I'LL GET INTO MY OLD COLLEGE TRACK UNIFORM AND NOT A WORD TO THE FOLKS!

OKAY, DAD!

ROBERT! WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING IN THAT RIDICULOUS OUTFIT?

ER-AH-ULP-HELLO, DEAR!

GOOD GRIEF!

YOU MEAN YOU'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO RUN AROUND THAT WAY-AND IN PUBLIC?

IT'S EARLY! NOBODY WILL SEE ME!

AND BESIDES, I'LL USE THE BACK ROADS! SO LONG, FOLKS!

KEEP OFF THE MAIN STREETS, WILBUR (PUFF) (PUFF)!

OK, DAD. WE'LL USE THE OLD SOUTH ROAD-BUT IT'S AWFUL ROUGH!

THE ROUGHER THE BETTER (PUFF) I WANT TO GET A (GASP) REAL WORKOUT! (PUFF)

..AND SO, WITH WILBUR PACING HIS DAD THE ROADWORK GETS UNDER WAY-

AND SO MR WILKIN TAKES HIS ROAD WORK-THE HARD WAY-

(PUFF) WILBURR! STOP! (GASP) TH-THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ONE DAY (WHEEZE) I M..MY FEET ARE KILLING ME! (PUFF)

I..I DON'T WANT TO RUN FROM COAST TO COAST! LET'S START BACK!

OKAY, DAD! HOP IN!

I..WAS NEVER SO EXHAUSTED IN MY LIFE! (GASP)

WELL, IT'LL BE A LOT EASIER GOING BACK, DAD!

HEY..SHE WON'T START!

W

WILBUR, THIS IS NO TIME FOR JOKING!

BUT I'M NOT JOKING, DAD! THE MOTOR'S DEAD!

GREAT CLOUDS OF BRIMSTONE! IT'S DEAD ALL RIGHT!

AND AS DUSK SETTLES OVER WESTFIELD-

ONLY FOUR MORE MILES TO GO, DAD!

OWOO! MY FEET ARE KILLING ME!

WILBUR, I'M STARVED! WONDER WHERE YOUR MOTHER IS? OH, MARY!

LOOK, DAD, A NOTE!

Dear Robert-
Virginia and I went to the movies. There's cold chicken in the Frigidaire for you and Wilbur.
And in case you're still serious about reducing, there's a big surprise for you in your bedroom.
Mary

BLESS ME!.. YOUR MOTHER BOUGHT ME A REDUCING MACHINE!
BOY, IT SURE IS SNAZZY!
YES-AND ALSO SENSIBLE. I SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THIS MYSELF!
WELL, ROAD-WORK HAS ITS ADVANTAGES TOO, DAD!

AH! THIS IS THE LIFE! SO RESTFUL. JUST LIKE A TURKISH BATH! I'LL REDUCE IN NO TIME, NOW!
WILBUR, THE DOOR-BELL'S RINGING!
I'LL ANSWER IT!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, TAKE IT EASY- I'M COMING!
RING

HIYA, EDDIE! WHAT'S UP?
PULLENTY! C'MON OUT AND SEE FOR YOUR-SELF!
THIS IS ROSE MARIE, WILBUR! SHE JUST MOVED INTO TOWN!
HELLO, WILBUR! ♪♪♪♪
(GULP) HIYA, ROSE MARIE!
TEN MINUTES LATER-
BOY, YOU'RE SURE A KEEN NUMBER, ROSE MARIE!
TEE HEE- YOU'RE CUTE TOO, WILBUR! LET'S DANCE

IN THE GROOVE - YEAH MAN!

THAT'S BURNING UP THE BOARDS!

BURNING UP! DAD! I FORGOT ALL ABOUT HIM!

WILBUR! WHERE ARE YOU GOING!

JUMPIN JUNIPER! FIRE ENGINES AND AMBU-LANCES. THE HOUSE MUST BE BURNING DOWN!

THERE'S NO FIRE, BOYS - ONLY STEAM COMING OUT OF A REDUCING MACHINE!

WHAT'TA GOOF! GETTING HIMSELF LOCKED INTO THAT THING!

LATER AT THE HOS-PITAL -

HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT, MRS. WILKIN!

OH DEAR, I'M SO GLAD!

ONLY THING HE NEEDS IS PLENTY OF REST AND THE PROPER DIET SO HE CAN GAIN SOME WEIGHT!

HE LOST TOO MUCH IN THAT MACHINE - GOOD LORD - HE'S FAINTED!

GAIN WEIGHT! OWOO.....

DROP A FAREWELL LINE TO ARTIST LIN STREETER, GANG. HE'S GOING TO THE ARMY - 60 HUDSON ST. N.Y.C. RM. 315

CAPTAIN VALOR

OF THE UNITED STATES MARINES

King Draws Hick

ONE PEACEFUL NIGHT. HE IS WALKING ALONG THE BEACH FRONT

BABY WHAT COUNTRY! THIS IS FOR ME ALRIGHT!

CAPTAIN VALOR HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM ICELAND TO HAWAII, AMERICAN TINDERBOX. THIS RED-BLOODED, RUGGED MARINE IS SPOILING FOR ACTION, AND HE DOES NOT HAVE TO WAIT LONG... FOR, POISED, JUST BEYOND THE HORIZON, IS AN AIRPLANE CARRIER, READY TO COMMIT AN ACT OF TREACHERY WHICH WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED IN THE ANNALS OF INFAMY.

SUDDENLY

HOLY CROCK-EYE!

WONDER, WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM!

HOLD ON FELLOW, I'LL GET YOU OUT!

I GOTCHA, BOY!

UGH THANKS, PAL!

HE REALLY LANDED WITH A BANG!

WHAT'S UP? WHAT HAPPENED?

STRANGE PLANES, SIGHTED---OUT-- OFF COAST

TRIED TO GET BACK, BUT THEY SPOTTED ME! AARGH

EASY, PAL.

HE'S DEAD..POOR CHAP..DIED IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY... WELL, FROM HERE ON, IT'S UP TO ME!

MEANWHILE AT THE OFFICE OF THE MARINE COMMANDANT, PRIVATE GOOP IS ON SENTRY DUTY!

WAIT'LL THIS SUCKER PASSES!

AS THE MARINE PASSES, GOOP LET'S FLY WITH A B.B. SHOT.

HEY WHAT TH--- GK!CX!

WHY YOU BLINKETY BLANK GK!!9X!

JUST THEN

HA, HA! NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT HIM!

ONE SIDE CHUM, I'M IN A HURRY!

HEY! WHATS THE IDEA!

COLONEL! SOUND THE AIR RAID ALARM! HURRY!

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, CAPT-AIN

ENEMY PLANES, SIR!--- THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY HERE. MUST BE JAPA-NESE. A CIVILIAN PLANE JUST SPOTTED THEM!

PREPOSTEROUS!----NO ENEMY PLANES COULD GET PAST OUR PATROLS. YOU'RE TOO EXCITED TO THINK STRAIGHT CAPTAIN!

EVEN IF I AM, THERE'S NO HARM IN PREPARING. IS THERE?---- WE'VE NO TIME TO LOSE, I TELL YOU!!

LOOK SIR, I KNOW YOU'RE MY SUPER-IOR OFFICER--BUT IF YOU DON'T STOP BE-ING SO CONFOUNDED STUPID, SO HELP ME, I WON'T BE RESPONS-IBLE FOR MY ACTIONS!

ORDERLY, HAVE CAPTAIN VALOR CONFINED TO HIS QUARTERS!

(GULP) WHO ME?

I'LL PROBABLY BE COURT MARTIALLED FOR THIS--- BUT YOU'RE FORCING ME TO DO IT!

OOOF

HEY, YOU CAN'T HIT THE COLONEL!

CLAM UP AND COME WITH ME EGG HEAD!

YOU'RE IN THIS WITH ME!

WHERE ARE WE GOIN?

HEY BUDDY! SOUND THE ALARM, HURRY!

SORRY FRIEND, MY ORDERS COME FROM THE COLONEL!

GREAT JUPITER!--- WHAT A SPOT!---- THOSE BOMBERS MAY BE HERE ANY MOMENT!---- I'VE GOT TO GET AN ALARM SOUNDED--- WELL, I'LL TRY ONCE MORE!

KNOCK OFF, WILL YA LEATHER-NECK! NEXT TIME SAVE ME A DRINK OF THE SAME STUFF!

BUT!

AIR RAID WARDEN

WHAT'LL WE DO NOW, CAP?

I'VE GOT IT, THAT FIRE ALARM BOX!

SEE THAT GRASS, ROOFED SHACK, WE'LL GO DOWN AND BZZZZZZZ!

GOTCHA-CAP!

AS GOOP HURRIES OFF, VALOR DASHES TO A NEARBY FIRE ALARM BOX.

AND RINGS THE ALARM.

A FEW MOMENTS LATER

DANGER PULL DOWN EXIT

WHIRRRR

THERE IT IS!

THE BRAVE FIRE LADDIES RUSH TO THE BURNING BUILDING---

---AND FIND

WHAT THE DEVIL ARE YOU DOING?

WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG!

JUST HAVIN'A HOT TIME FOR MYSELF! SO LONG SUCKERS!

HEY!

WHILE OUTSIDE

HANG ON, GOOP!

LET'ER RIP, CAP!

WITH VALOR AT THE WHEEL, THE FIRE ENGINE DASHES MADLY ABOUT TOWN

OWW

SOUNDING THE SIGNAL FOR THE AIR RAID ALARM.

HEY! YOU @#!?(!x GIMME BACK MY TOWEL!

THAT'S THE AIR RAID SIGNAL, SOUND OFF, HURRY!

YES SIR!

INSTANTLY THE ISLAND BECOMES A BEE HIVE, AS MEN RUSH TO THEIR DEFENSE POSTS!

THEN, ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, COMES A GRIM SWARM OF ENEMY FIGHTER PLANES!

THE ENEMY BOMBERS DROP THEIR EGGS OF DESTRUCTION.

HOWEVER, THE BRAVE DEFENDERS STRIKE BACK WITH TELLING EFFECT---

AND SOON AMERICAN PURSUIT PLANES ARE IN THE AIR, PUTTING THEIR FOE TO ROUT!

LATER AT HEADQUARTERS-

CAPTAIN VALOR, YOUR QUICK THINKING IN THIS TIME OF EMERGENCY HELPED SAVE MANY LIVES, AND WERE VERY PROUD OF YOU! HOWEVER, DESPITE THE CIRCUMSTANCES--

-STRIKING A SUPERIOR OFFICER CAN NEVER BE TOLERATED WITHOUT SUITABLE PUNISHMENT. IN YOUR CASE WE CAN BE LENIENT AND MERELY DEMOTE YOU TO RANK OF SERGEANT!

YES SIR!

BUT CONFIDENTIALLY VALOR, YOU SHOULD HAVE SOCKED ME AGAIN, I DESERVED IT!

MEANWHILE, GOOP UNABLE TO RESIST LETS FLY---

HEY!

THAT LUMMOX! I WONDER.---I'LL SOON FIND OUT!

AND OH, I FORGOT TO TELL YOU THAT I THINK YOU'RE OKAY TOO, GOOP!

SLAP

GULP!

GULP! I SWALLOWED MY BEEBEES!

HA HA

HA HA

STORIES OF The BLACK WITCH...

SO-MY CURIOUS FRIEND-YOUR SNOOPING GOT YOU STUCK EH... HEH HEH.'

IN THE EERIE GLOW OF THE FIRES EMBERS A STRANGE TALE IS TOLD BY THE BLACK WITCH. A TALE OF DEATH AND HORROR. THE STORY OF THE BLACK CAT OF DOOM.'

I KNOW A STORY ABOUT ANOTHER CAT WHO GOT STUCK INSIDE A WALL! MAYBE IT WILL INTEREST YOU- HEH, HEH HEH.'

MY STORY STARTS IN A SMALL TOWN, WHERE A CRIPPLED WOMAN IS STROKING HER LARGE BLACK CAT!

HULLO SHWEEHEART, GLAD TO SHEE ME!

GET OFFA ME YA CONFOUNDED NUISANCE!

JED, DON'T, YOU DRUNKEN FOOL!

ARE YOU ALRIGHT BLACKY? DID HE HURT YOU?

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THAT CURSED CAT! I'M WARNING YOU! GET RID OF HIM!

DON'T WORRY BLACKY, YOU'RE THE ONLY FRIEND I'VE GOT! I'LL PROTECT YOU!

YOU'RE A FOOL FOR PUTTING UP WITH THAT CRIPPLE, JED!

WHY DON'T YOU GET RID OF HER! THEN WE CAN GET MARRIED.

I'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHIN', I'M SICK OF BEIN' TIED DOWN TO HER AND THAT CAT!

LATER

WHAT THE! WHAT WAS THAT?

THAT BLACK DEVIL OF A CAT!

I'LL GET RID OF HIM ONCE AND FOR ALL!

JED! JED! STOP!

LET GO OF ME!

DON'T, YOU FOOL! YOU'RE DRUNK. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

I TOLD YOU TO LET GO! MAYBE THIS'LL STOP YOU!

MY GOD I'VE KILLED HER! WHAT'LL I DO!

I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT! SHE MADE ME ANGRY. I WAS BLIND WITH RAGE!

I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF HER, SO NO ONE FINDS OUT ABOUT THIS!

I'VE GOT IT! THE WALL!

THERE'S A HOLLOW SPACE BEHIND HERE!

THAT'S BIG ENOUGH TO HIDE HER IN!

NO ONE WILL EVER FIND HER NOW!

NOW TO RECEMENT THE CRACKS, AND FINISH THE JOB!

I KNEW THIS CEMENT WOULD COME IN HANDY SOME DAY!

I'LL DIRTY THIS FRESH CEMENT AND MAKE IT LOOK JUST LIKE THE REST OF THE CELLAR.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE CAT'S DISAPPEARED TO HE'S PROBABLY BEEN SCARED FOR GOOD

JED TRIES TO SLEEP...

..... GO AWAY. I CAN'T STAND IT. THAT FACE, AND THAT CAT- THEY'RE HAUNTING ME!

A GOOD STIFF DRINK IS WHAT I NEED!

THAT WHEEL CHAIR! EVERYTHING TO REMIND ME OF HER!

I CAN'T STAND IT, I'M GOING MAD... GO AWAY!

A SHORT WHILE LATER.

WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE!

WHAT'S GOING ON? WHO'S DOING ALL THAT YELLING?

THE NEIGHBORS COMPLAINED ABOUT SOME TERRIFYING SCREAMS COMING FROM IN HERE!

WHERE'S YOUR WIFE?

GET OUT OF HERE AND MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS. SHE'S NOT HERE!

SOMETHING'S FISHY AROUND HERE!

YEAH. I THINK WE BETTER HAVE A LOOK AROUND!

LET'S START DOWN THE CELLAR!

I TELL YA YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG HERE!

NOTHING DOWN HERE!

EVERYTHING SEEMS OKAY!

SEE I TOLD YA!

JUST THEN AS THE POLICE ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE A STRANGE MUFFLED SOUND IS HEARD.

WHAT'S THAT?

IT CAME FROM IN THERE! SOUNDS LIKE A CAT!

DON'T DO IT I TELL YA. YOU WON'T FIND ANYTHING THERE/ YOU'RE CRAZY!

AS THE WALL IS RIPPED OPEN, THE BODY FALLS OUT, AND THERE PERCHED ON ITS HEAD IS THE BLACK CAT!

MEOWRR

THAT CAT'S BEWITCHED I TELLYA. HOW'D IT GET IN THERE!

TAKE ME AWAY FROM IT. IT'S THE DEVIL HIMSELF, I KNOW IT!

BEWITCHED, EH! THE DEVIL, HM! PERHAPS HE'S RIGHT!

War Eagles

the devil's flying twins

TIM AND TOM SHANE, THE DEVIL'S TWINS, AND THEIR PAL, SWEN ARE ON THEIR WAY TO JOIN THE ALLIES IN LIBYA AFTER AN ADVENTURE WITH GUERILLA BANDS FIGHTING THE GERMANS IN CRETE /----- COMES THE DAWN ----------

BY GOLLY, WE'VE OVERSHOT CAIRO BY QUITE A BIT-WERE OUT IN THE DESERT!

BY YUMPIN' YIMMINY, DERE BAN BE DE PYRAMIDS!

BY ED SMALLE #2

HEY, LOOK! A LONE RIDER WAY OUT HERE. MEBBE WE SHOULD INVESTIGATE!

WHY, IT'S A GIRL!

SHE'S SHORE IN A HURRY- SAY, THAT LOOKS LIKE HELEN!

HELEN? NO, IT COULDN'T BE. BUT I'LL SWING OVER HER AGAIN TO MAKE SURE!

OH, WHY DOESN'T THAT NAZI SHOOT AND GET IT OVER WITH - SAY - WHAT TH - ! THAT LOOKS LIKE TIM AND TOM!

IT IS! NOW, MY TROUBLES ARE OVER!

IT'S HELEN, ALRIGHT, AND SHE'S SIGNALING FOR US TO LAND - HANG ON - WE'RE GOING DOWN!

UNNOTICED BY HELEN OR THE TWINS IS ONE WHEEL DAMAGED IN THE ESCAPE FROM CRETE.

ONE WING BITES THE GROUND - THE SHIP WHIPS ABOUT -

TIM! TOM! WHAT HAVE I DONE TO YOU? THANK GOODNESS THEY'RE NOT HURT!

OH, TOM, I'M SO SORRY. I THOUGHT YOU COULD GET ME OUT OF A JAM, BUT ALL I DID WAS GET YOU INTO ONE!

A JAM? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE NOW?

I PICKED UP SOME USEFUL INFORMATION ON THE AXIS FORCES IN LIBYA BUT WAS DISCOVERED. I MANAGED TO ESCAPE BUT I'M BEING PURSUED VERY CLOSELY!

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

THE PYRAMIDS AREN'T FAR FROM HERE - WE TAG ALONG TO THERE AND AMBUSH YOUR PURSUERS THERE. WHILE YOU GO ON!

A SHORT TIME LATER-

WE'RE SLOWING YOU DOWN A LOT, HELEN!

CHEER UP, BOYS! THERE'S YOUR NEXT STOP, NOW!

PY GOLLY, I BAN SEE DE NAZIS, HEY, POYS, LOOK!

HEY! WAIT FOR ME!

WE'LL NEVER REACH THE PYRAMIDS IN TIME! TRY FOR THE SPHINX - WE MUST GET TO COVER!

THE NAZIS CLOSE IN RAPIDLY -

SPREAD OUT, MEN!

GOOT! VE GOT DEM CORNERED!

DEY'RE GOINK INTO DER SPHINX!

HELEN, YOU AND SWEN TAKE THE HORSES INSIDE. TOM AND I WILL MAKE A STAND HERE!

THEY'VE GOT US FLANKED BY THOSE PAWS. WE BETTER RETREAT!

WHAT IS THIS - THE END OF THE PASSAGE! THEN WE ARE TRAPPED!

WHEW - I BAN TIRED OUT!

SWEN, KEEP THE HORSES STILL! SWEN, DO YOU HEAR ME?

HE'S DISAPPEARED!!

SWEN! WHERE ARE YOU?

OOOH! HERE I BE, BOYS!

I BAN LEAN BACK AND DE NEXT THING I KNOW I'M IN HERE!

SWEN HAS EVIDENTLY OPENED UP A SECRET CHAMBER. QUICK GANG, GRAB THE HORSES AND DUCK INSIDE! CLOSE THE DOOR AFTER YOU, TIM!

WOW! IT'S DARK IN HERE!

IT'S SPOOKY!

WAIT A MINUTE I'LL LIGHT A TORCH.

GOSH IT'S A TOMB!

BY YUMPIN' YIMMINY!

LOOK A MUMMY AND ALL SORTS OF ANCIENT STUFF.

SAY, ALL THIS GIVES ME AN IDEA! WE MAY BE ABLE TO **SCARE** OUR WAY OUT OF HERE!

IF WE CAN MAKE THE THE NAZIS BELIEVE WE'RE EGYPTIAN GHOSTS WE'RE ALL SET.

BUT HOW?

HELEN, YOU'LL BE CLEOPATRA, YOU THREATEN 'EM AND WE'LL CARRY OUT YOUR THREATS. C'MON LETS SET THE STAGE----

MEANWHILE THE NAZIS HAVE CAUTIOUSLY ENTERED THE SPHINX. (VE SHALL GO IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, YOU TWO FIRST UND SEE IF DER COAST IS CLEAR!

OH, VY DIDI HAFF TO HAVE A NAME LIKE ADOLPH!

LOOK, DERE'S A LIGHT AHEAD!

THE CURSE OF ANCIENT EGYPT IS NOW UPON YOU!

OKAY, TIM LET 'EM HAVE IT!

HELP! HE--OOF!

GOLLY THEY ALMOST CAUGHT US UN-PREPARED!

THAT CRY WILL BRING THE REST OF 'EM, EVERYBODY GET SET FOR ACTION!

WHOEVER ENTERS THIS DOOR SHALL DIE A THOUSAND DEATHS.

YOU TWO GO IN DERE UND--

NOT US! THAT PLACE IS HAUNTED.

ALRIGHT D VE SHALL ALL GO IN! FOLLOW ME.

THE NAZIS ENTER THE SECRET CHAMBER

FOOLS! YOU WERE WARNED-NOW YOU SHALL MEET YOUR FATE!

DUNNER VETTER!

VAT IS?

LEMME OUT UFF HERE!

VAIT, YOU FOOLS - IT'S A FAKE!

LET 'EM HAVE IT, BOYS!

HELP! THE GHOSTS ARE AFTER US!

BOY! DID YOU SEE THOSE GUYS RUN! QUICK, GET THAT CHARIOT HOOKED UP - WE'LL MAKE OUR BREAK NOW WHILE THEY ARE STILL DISORGANIZED!

YI! DEY ARE AFTER US! RUN!

DOT VAS DER GIRL! VE HAFF BEEN TRICKED!

DEY'VE SCATTERED OUR HORSES!

WHEW!... THAT WAS CLOSE! WE'RE SAFE FROM PURSUIT NOW, BUT FOR A WHILE I THOUGHT IT WAS CURTAINS!

YA! NOW ALL WE GOT TO DO IS GET OUT OF DIS DESERT!... DATS ALL!...

THE END

BUILD A BARRAGE BALLOON!

USE BALSA WOOD

6 FLAPS - MAKE WITH PAPER AND PASTE ON

SLIGHT CREASES (USE FILE)

TAB

CUT SLOT IN BALLOON AND INSERT FINS. TAB.

BACK VIEW

CABLE (USE WIRE)

SIDE VIEW

CABLE

CROSS SECTION

DICKY IN THE MAGIC FOREST

THE ONLY WAY THE MEDUSA, WHO IS RAVAGING PANORA, CAN BE DESTROYED, IS BY ITS OWN OFF-SPRING. DICKY HAS GONE TO THE PEAK OF A VERY TREACHEROUS MOUNTAIN, WHERE HE CAN OBTAIN A MEDUSA EGG, AND HE IS ATTACKED BY A HUGE EAGLE!

Magic Boxing Gloves

Magic Watch

Magic Bottle

DON'T FAIL ME NOW MAGIC BOXING GLOVE!

SO LONG EAGLE!

POW

THIS EGG IS THE ONLY THING THAT CAN SAVE PANORA!

I DON'T WANT TO TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH IT!

I'D BETTER NOT WASTE ANY TIME, THE MEDUSA'S PROBABLY WILD!

MEANWHILE THE MEDUSA ENRAGED AT THE LOSS OF THE EGG HAS STARTED ON A RAMPAGE ----

I'LL DESTROY EVERYTHING, AND EVERBODY I COME ACROSS!

NO ONE WILL ESCAPE ME!

RANTING AND RAVING, HE SETS OUT FOR PANORA.

MEANWHILE

LET'S GO MAGIC BROOM, NO TIME TO LOSE!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER

BOY! IS HE SORE!

YOU CURSED FOOL! YOU'LL BE THE FIRST TO DIE!

WHERE DO **YOU** THINK YOU'RE GOING??

YOU'RE THE ONLY THING THAT'S GOING TO DIE AROUND HERE! THIS EGG MEANS YOUR DOOM!

YOU PUNY BRAT, YOU'LL NEVER KILL ME!

THIS EGG... OOPS. I DROPPED IT!

NOW HE CAN NEVER BE DEFEATED

COME ON YOU UGLY BRUTE, I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU WITH MY MAGIC SWORD!

LOPPING OFF SERPENT AFTER SERPENT, DICKY FIGHTS VALIANTLY-BUT TO NO AVAIL...

AS SOON AS I CUT ONE OFF ANOTHER GROWS!

I'LL SET IT BACK AN HOUR, AND THE EGG WILL REGAIN THE FORM IT HAD AT THE TIME!

SUDDENLY MY MAGIC CLOCK, WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT BEFORE?

HA, HA!... MAYBE YOU'RE BEGINNING TO REALIZE HOW FOOLISH YOUR EFFORTS AR

HERE IT IS!

TICK TOCK

NOW TO HOLD HIM OFF LONG ENOUGH TO USE MY MAGIC CLOCK!

OH, MAGIC CLOCK. MAKE THINGS AS THEY WERE ONE HOUR AGO!

WHAT TH- HEY!!!! WHAT IS THIS - A GAG?

NOW FOR THE REST OF MY PLAN!

WHEN I POUR THIS RAPID GROWTH LIQUID ON YOU'LL SEE JUST WHAT KIND OF GAG IT IS!

DICKY POURS THE MAGIC LIQUID ON THE EGG-

AND SUDDENLY, IT BEGINS TO GROW AND CRACK-

UNTIL-

PHEW! WAS IT HOT IN THERE!

THE NEW MEDUSA GROWS RAPIDLY-

I'LL MAKE YOU WISH YOU WERE BACK IN THERE!

MADLY, THE MEDUSA TRIES TO KILL ITS OFFSPRING BEFORE IT CAN GROW ANYMORE, BUT TO NO AVAIL!

THE FORCE OF THE MIGHTY ENCOUNTER CARRIES TO PANORA AND THE CITY TREMBLES.

AND THE PEOPLE ARE THROWN INTO PANIC:

IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD!

AN EARTHQUAKE!

NO, LOOK IT'S THE MONSTER

AS THE MONSTERS CONTINUE TO FLAIL EACH OTHER MERCILESSLY.

THIS IS THE END OF YOU, UGLY!

UNTIL

THEY'VE STOPPED FIGHTING!

THEY'RE DEAD! THEY'VE KILLED EACH OTHER!

THE CROWD RUSHES TO THE SCENE --

THEN AS THE DUST CLOUDS OF BATTLE FADE AWAY, DICKY STEPS FORTH---

IT'S DICKY!

THE MONSTER IS DEAD, DICKY! BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T BRING BACK OUR CROPS WHICH HE DESTROYED!

THAT'S TRUE!

BUT DON'T WORRY-I CAN TAKE CARE OF THAT---YOU WATCH THIS!

DICKY POURS THE MAGIC LIQUID ON THE DESTROYED CROPS--

AND IMMEDIATELY THEY BURST INTO FULL BLOOM---

WHY, I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES!

YOU'VE SAVED PANORA, DICKY!

NOW WE HAVE NO FEAR OF STARVING! EVERYTHING IS ALRIGHT AGAIN!

AND SO, ONCE MORE, DUE TO DICKY'S MAGIC ARTICLES, PEACE, HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY RETURN TO PANORA.

Zambini

THE 'MIRACLE MAN'

ZAMBINI MATCHES WITS WITH A MAN FOR WHOM WORDS ARE WEAPONS IN THIS ENGROSSING STORY WHICH BEGINS AS ZAMBINI WALKING ALONE, LOOKS UP TO SEE A MAN HURTLING TO HIS DEATH FROM AN OPEN WINDOW MANY STORIES ABOVE THE STREET-

ZAMBINI RUBS HIS MAGIC BOOMERANG AMULET--

AND THE MAN SUDDENLY FINDS HIS DESCENT CHECKED, REVERSED-

BACK IN MY OWN ROOM- IT'S-IT'S INCREDIBLE! BUT STRANGE, I'M GLAD TO BE ALIVE!

WH-WHO ARE YOU?

A FRIEND-WHY WERE YOU TRYING TO KILL YOURSELF?

I STOLE MONEY THAT BELONGED TO MY PARTNER-IT WAS MONTHS AGO, AND I'VE BEEN PAYING IT BACK, A LITTLE AT A TIME!

BUT NOW, WHIT WARREN THE COLUMNIST HAS EXPOSED ME-I THOUGHT I COULD NEVER FACE MY FRIENDS AGAIN!

WHIT WARREN'S COLUMN

BROADWAY IS BUZZING WITH THE STORY OF HOW A RESPECTABLE BROKER, WHOSE INITIALS ARE E.J., IS REALLY A SWINDLER AND A CROOK, WHO HAS CHEATED HIS PARTNER OUT OF THOUSANDS-

ZAMBINI TAKES HIS LEAVE--

AT THAT MOMENT IN WHIT WARREN'S APARTMENT-

OH, MR. WARREN, YOU'RE A SCREAM!

ISN'T HE THE FUNNIEST MAN?

ON WITH THE DANCE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF THERE ARE ANY PRESENT!

WHERE DID HE COME FROM?

WHAT IS THAT? A MASQUERADE COSTUME?

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK FOLKS-OUR MASQUERADING FRIEND WANTS TO TALK TO ME-ALONE--

GOSSIP IS A DOUBLE-EDGED WEAPON, MR. WARREN - I'VE COME TO WARN YOU BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

YOU HAVE NO FRIENDS - ONLY THOSE WHO ARE AFRAID OF YOU - AND YOU HAVE MADE NUMBERLESS ENEMIES!

FRIENDS? WHY, YOU FOOL, ALL THOSE PEOPLE OUT THERE ARE MY FRIENDS!

HOW DARE YOU COME TO ME WITH SUCH DRIVEL?

GET UP - GET UP AND I'LL KILL YOU!

WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?

CALL THE POLICE! HE'S DEAD - YOU'VE KILLED HIM, WARREN!

READ ALL ABOUT IT! WHIT WARREN HELD FOR MURDER!

THE COURT WILL COME TO ORDER. IN THE CASE OF THE PEOPLE VERSUS WHIT WARREN!

YOU DO NOT DENY, MR. WARREN, THAT YOU STRUCK THIS MAN A FATAL BLOW?

IT WASN'T INTENTIONAL- I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT!

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY CALLS WITNESSES-

I HEARD THEM QUARRELING AND WHEN I CAME IN WARREN WAS STANDING OVER THE DEAD MAN!

I WOULDN'T PUT SUCH A THING PAST THAT--- THAT SLANDERER!

WARREN IS A BRUTAL MAN!

WARREN ALWAYS STRUCK ME AS BEING A POTENTIAL MURDERER

NO, NO, I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT!!

WARREN ALWAYS HAD A VIOLENT TEMPER!

YOU SEE, WARREN, THOSE PEOPLE YOU THOUGHT WERE YOUR FRIENDS ARE THE FIRST TO TURN AGAINST YOU!

GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY, IN VIEW OF THE TESTIMONY YOU CAN RETURN ONLY ONE VERDICT - I KNOW YOU WILL NOT FAIL IN YOUR DUTY!

WE FIND WHIT WARREN GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE!

WHIT WARREN, I SENTENCE YOU TO DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING TO ME – IT'S ALL PART OF SOME HIDEOUS NIGHTMARE!

NO – IT'S REAL! THEY'RE GOING TO KILL ME!

WARREN, WHAT WOULD YOU GIVE FOR ANOTHER CHANCE?

ANYTHING – ANYTHING! I'VE BEEN A FOOL – A MISERABLE FOOL!

SUDDENLY THE SCENE FADES – AND WARREN OPENS HIS EYES –

YOU – CAN IT BE? ARE YOU ALIVE?

VERY MUCH ALIVE – WARREN!

HELLO – OH, YES, BREWSTER, WHAT IS IT?

BOSS, I'VE GOT A JUICY LITTLE BIT OF GOSSIP – HUH – WHAT'S THAT?

YOU'RE FIRED!

AND THERE'LL BE NO MORE SCANDAL FROM NOW ON – I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON!

I'M GLAD, WARREN, THERE'S TROUBLE ENOUGH IN THE WORLD WITHOUT ADDING ANY MORE TO IT!