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VS

## THE BLACK DRAGON

**D**ON WRIGHT, FEARLESS YOUNG NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER, IS IN REALITY, **CAPTAIN FREEDOM**, NEMESIS OF THE DENIZENS OF THE UNDER-WORLD, WHO PLOT TO DESTROY THE VERY FABRIC OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY!! AIDING HIM ARE **THE YOUNG DEFENDERS**, A GROUP OF NEWS-BOYS, WHO DO NOT KNOW HIS REAL IDENTITY!



### SABOTAGE!!

LIKE A CATACLYSMAL WAVE OF DESTRUCTION THAT DREAD CRY SMASHES ACROSS THE LAND --- THREATENING TO CRUSH AMERICA'S WAR EFFORT!! CAN CAPTAIN FREEDOM AND THE YOUNG DEFENDERS WIPE OUT THE RUTHLESS MEMBERS OF "The **BLACK DRAGON**"

IN EVERY CORNER OF THE COUNTRY, THE MAILED FIST OF AN INVISIBLE ENEMY STRIKES--LEAVING IN ITS WAKE--**DEATH--RUIN--HAVOC---**



LIKE WILD-FIRE THE NEWS SPREADS INTO EVERY HAMLET-- INTO EVERY CITY!

PAPER, MISTER? YES, SIR!

READ ALL ABOUT IT!! AIRPLANE FACTORY BLOWS UP!! RAILROAD BRIDGE COLLAPSES!! **EXTRA!**

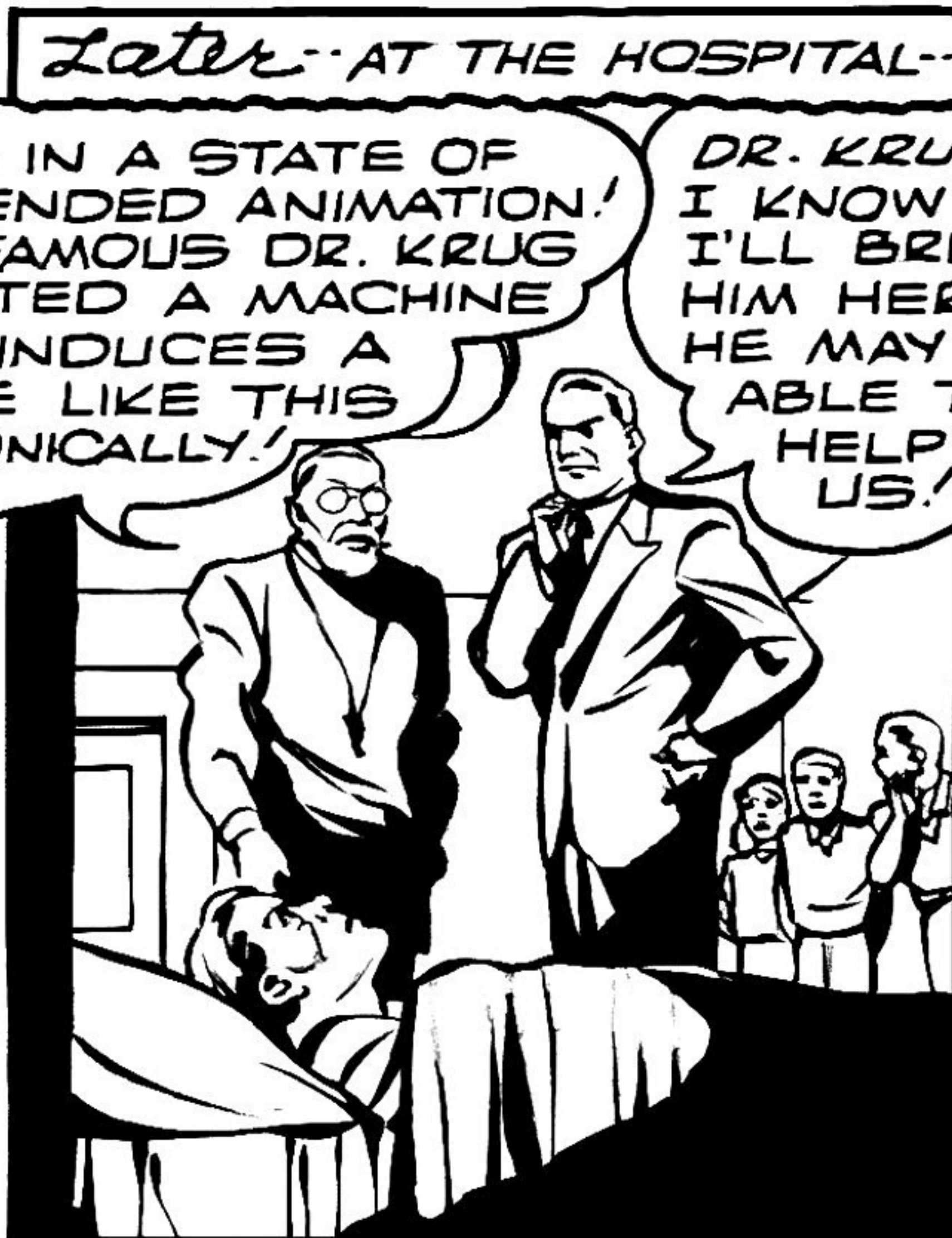
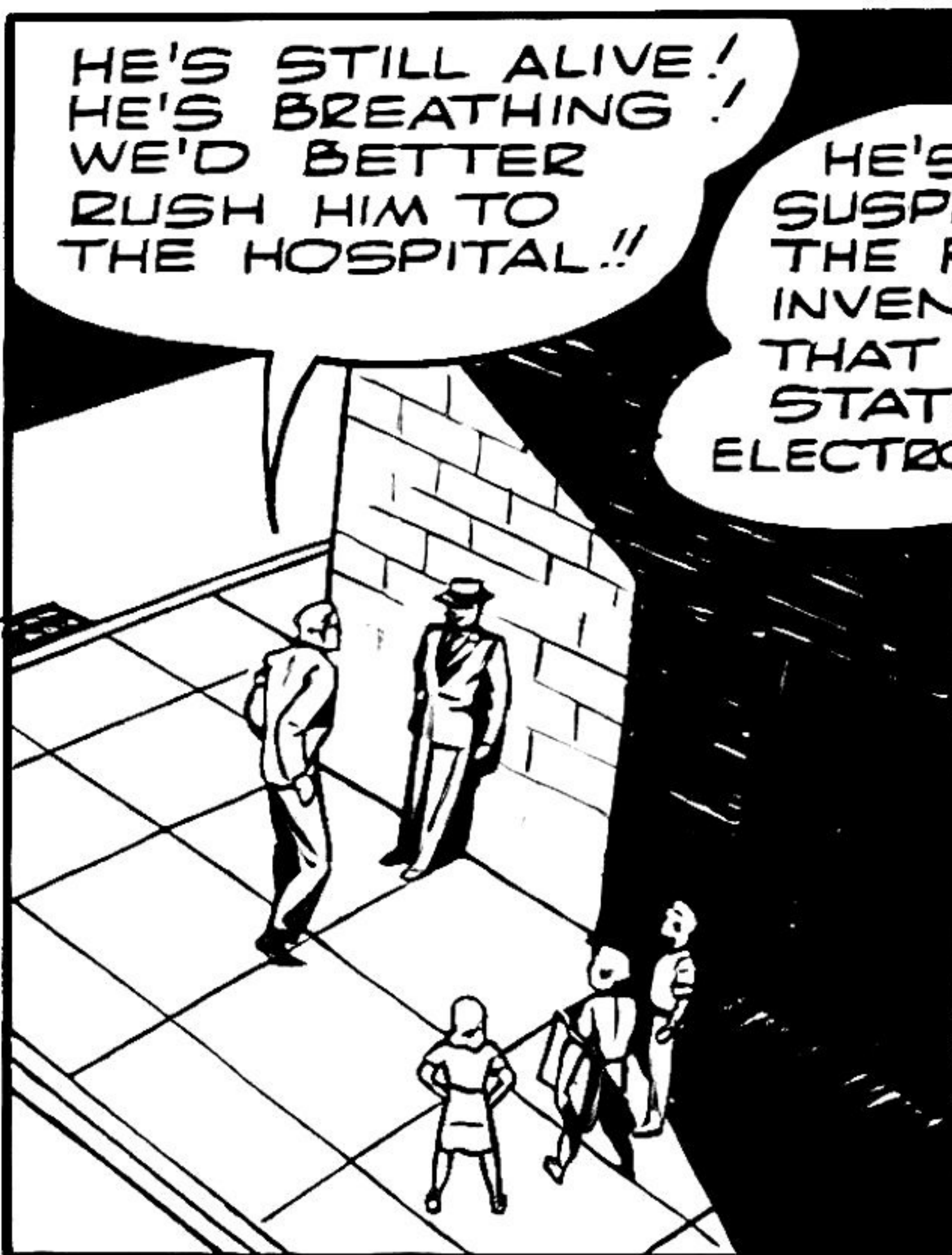


LATE PAPER, MISTER? READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

GEE-- HE LOOKS AWFULLY FUNNY! SO STIFF AND WHITE---









CAPTAIN FREEDOM LUNGES AT THE REMAINING JAP--- BUT---



THAT'S THE LAST TREACHEROUS STUNT YOU'LL PULL FOR A LONG TIME!!



THIS IS SERIOUS-- I MUST GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL IMMEDIATELY!



I'M DR. ALVA RONSON--- DR. KRUG'S ASSISTANT-- THOSE JAPS STOLE THREE ELECTRONIC RAY MACHINES WHICH DR. KRUG USED TO INDUCE A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION IN LIVING BODIES!

--AND NOW THEY TRIED TO GET DR. KRUG, EH? YOU'D BETTER TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE RAY MACHINES ON THE WAY TO THE HOSPITAL, DR. RONSON!



HELP!! HELP!! POLICE!!



MORE TROUBLE!! HA!-- IF YOU START LOOKING FOR IT, YOU'LL FIND IT!

DR. KRUG-- THEY'RE KIDNAPPING DR. KRUG! STOP THEM!!



THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN STOPPED, MISS, AND A LITTLE MORE VIOLENTLY THAN THEY EXPECTED!

MINUTES LATER-- AT THE HOSPITAL----

THOSE MACHINES WORK ON ORDINARY HOUSE CURRENT! A SUBJECT CLOSE TO THE MACHINE REMAINS IN A HYPNOTIC STATE EVEN AFTER THE RAY IS TURNED OFF! IF HE'S

A MILE OR MORE AWAY HE REMAINS UNDER ITS INFLUENCE ONLY SO LONG AS THE RAY IS TRAINED UPON HIM!



DR. KRUG IS STILL UN-CONSCIOUS! HE MAY NOT COME OUT OF IT FOR SEVERAL HOURS!

MAYBE THESE BIRDS WILL TALK! WHO SENT YOU TO KIDNAP DR. KRUG? COME ON, OPEN UP!!







NO USE!! THEY'RE ACTING DUMB! MEBBE THEY'LL TALK DOWN AT HEAD-QUARTERS! YOU BETTER COME ALONG WITH US, CAPTAIN FREEDOM!

NOT YET, SARGE-- I HAVE MORE WORK TO DO!

Meanwhile--THE YOUNG DEFENDERS ARE INTERESTEDLY DISCUSSING THE STRANGE CASE OF THE INANIMATE MAN---

I--I WONDER IF THEY B--BROUGHT THE M--MAN BACK TO LIFE!

I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHY HE WAS PUT IN A STATE OF SUS--SUS-- WHAT'S THAT WORD, WHITEY?

SUSPENDED ANIMATION! GEE! I DON'T KNOW!!



OooooH! LOOK AT THAT NICE CAR!

SAY-- THAT'S SOME BOAT! WHAT'S IT DOING ON THIS STREET?



YOU COME BACK FIVE O'CLOCK! I CLOSE STORE THEN!

YES, SIR!

THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! HOW CAN A CHINESE LAUNDRY MAN AFFORD A LIMOUSINE LIKE THAT?

MAYBE HE'S GOT A RICH UNCLE!

I'LL BET HE'S A GANGSTER! BOYS, I HAVE AN IDEA! LET'S WATCH HIM THROUGH THE STORE WINDOW!

HE'S N--NOT ACTING SUS-PICIOUS!

REAL CROOKS NEVER DO!



SLIM! WHITEY! LOOK AT HIM CLOSELY-- HE'S NOT CHINESE!



LOOK! THAT FLAT NOSE-- SHORT STUBBY BODY-- CHINESE AREN'T BUILT LIKE THAT! HE'S A JAP!

YOU'RE NUTS, JOANIE! YOU WOMEN ALWAYS GET CRAZY IDEAS!

SHE'S RIGHT!! I READ THE SAME THING ONCE! WE BETTER INVESTIGATE!!



LET'S GO IN! WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND OUT SOMETHING!

YOU WAIT HERE! THIS IS TOO DANGEROUS FOR GIRLS!

YOU'RE MEAN! YOU NEVER LET ME DO THINGS WITH YOU!



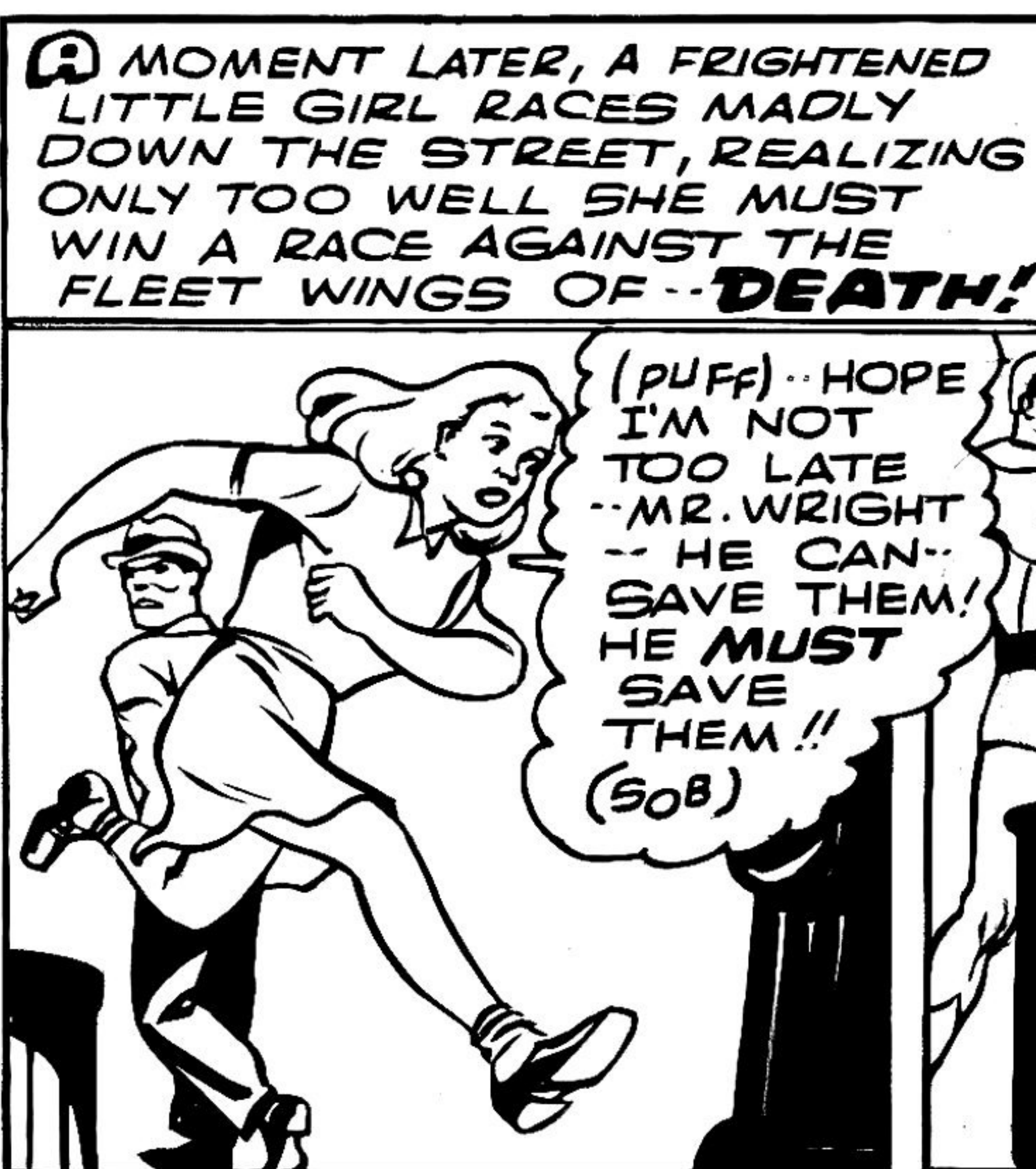
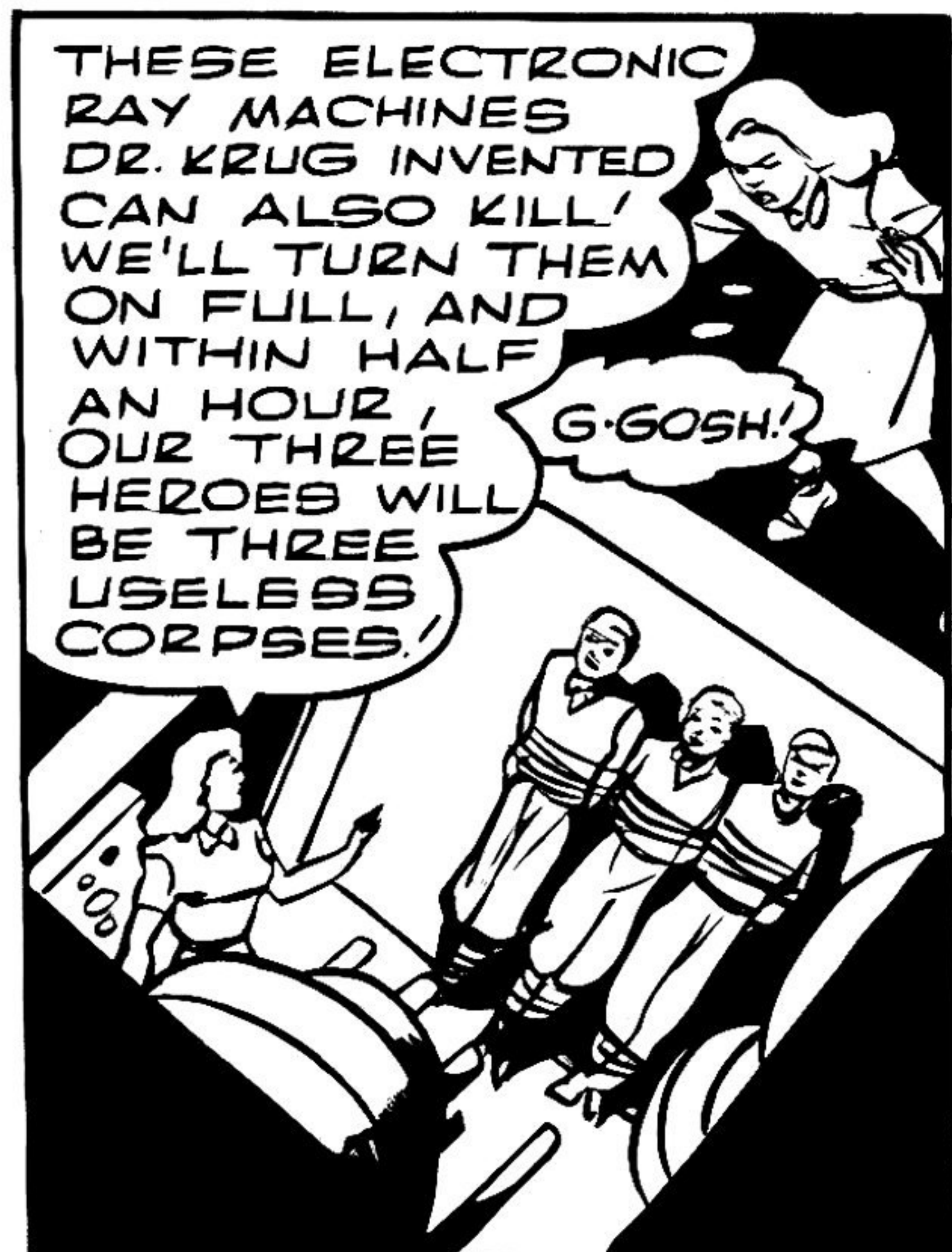
WITHOUT AROUSING THE LAUNDRY MAN'S SUSPICIONS LEFTY STRIKES UP A CONVERSATION---

I ADMIRE THE CHINESE PEOPLE! THE WAY THEY'RE FIGHTING THOSE JAPS IS MARVELOUS!!

CHINEE STRONG PEOPLE! WE FIGHT JAPS GOOD! IF CHINA LOSE WAR I COMMIT HARA-KIRI!

HARA-KIRI??









--AND THEY'LL DIE IN HALF AN HOUR UNLESS WE STOP THEM!

WE'LL DO OUR BEST, JOANIE!-- BUT WE MUST WORK FAST!!



JUST THEN THE METALLIC VOICE OF THE TELETYPE CLICKS OUT A FATEFUL MESSAGE-- A MESSAGE OF DOOM!!

WAIT!! AN EMERGENCY NEWS FLASH!



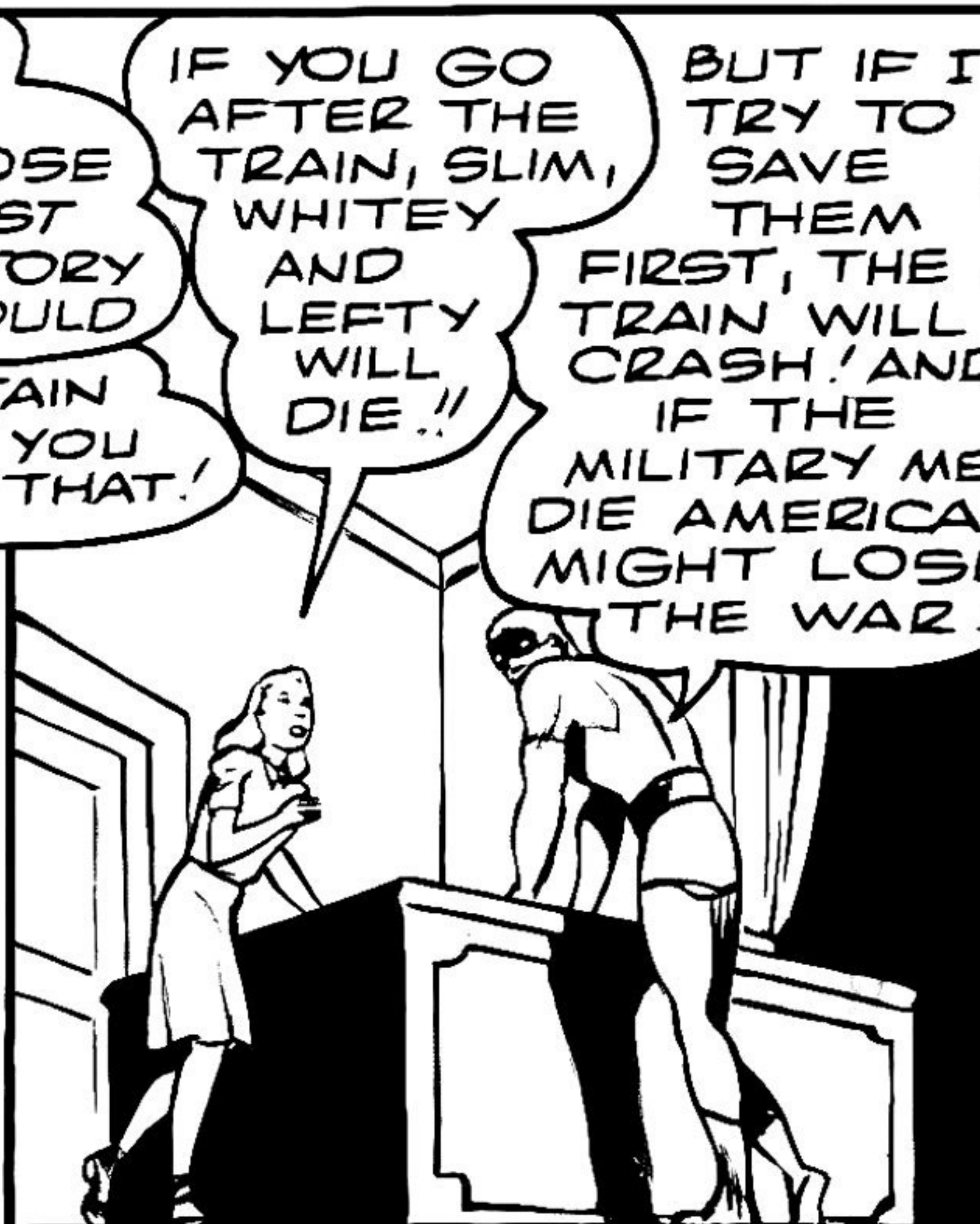
SPECIAL TRAIN, WASHINGTON BOUND, RUNNING WILD AT NINETY MILES AN HOUR-- HIGH AMERICAN AND BRITISH MILITARY STRATEGISTS ABOARD-- UNLESS TRAIN IS STOPPED IN TEN MINUTES IT WILL BE WRECKED ON DEAD MAN'S CURVE--ENGINEER AND FIREMAN SEEM TO BE PARALYZED----

GOOD HEAVENS!!



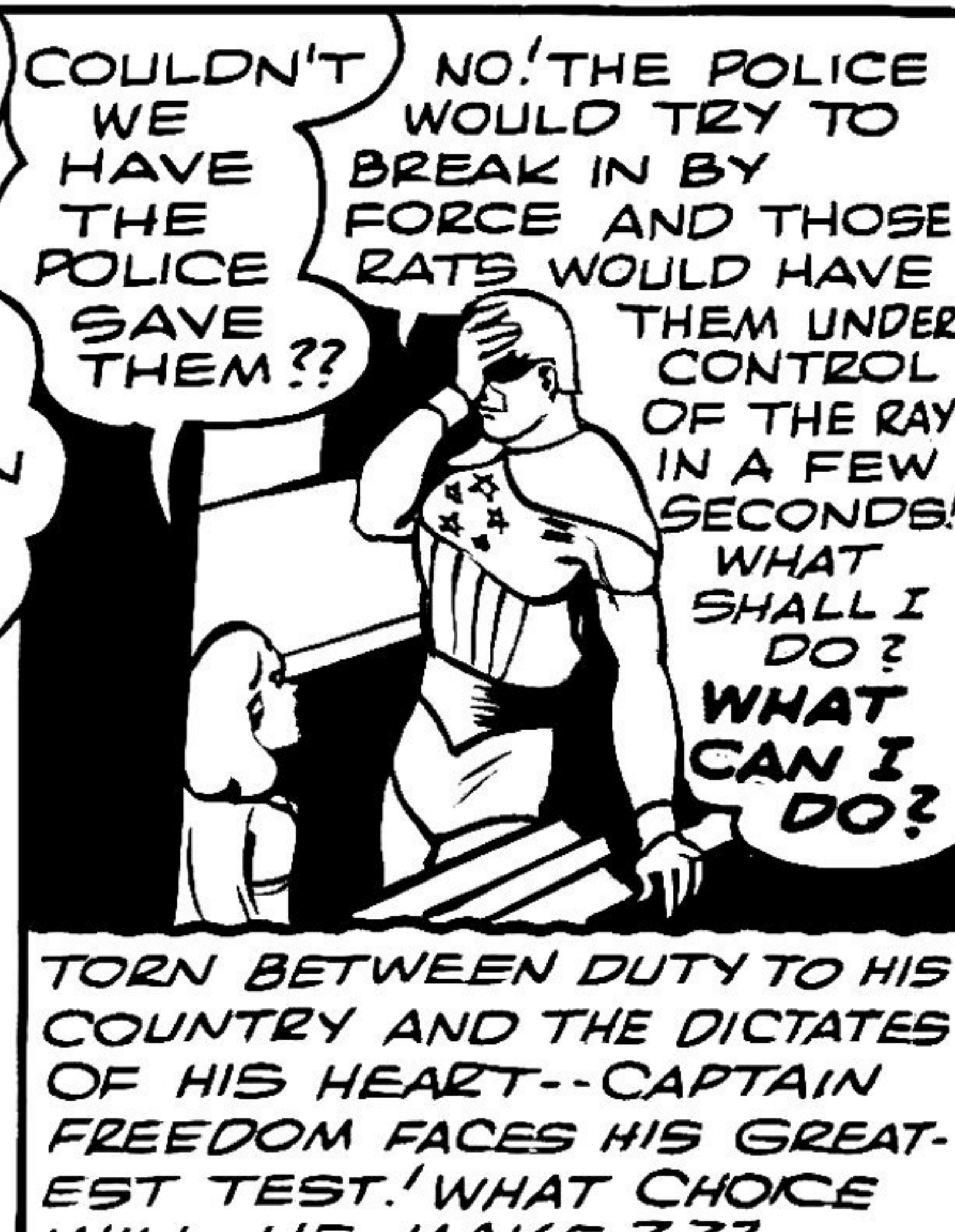
THEY MUST BE UNDER CONTROL OF THE ELECTRONIC RAY MACHINE--THOSE MILITARY MEN ABOARD MUST BE SAVED! AMERICAN VICTORY DEPENDS ON THEM--I COULD CATCH THE TRAIN BY AIR-PLANE!

BUT, CAPTAIN FREEDOM! YOU CAN'T DO THAT!



IF YOU GO AFTER THE TRAIN, SLIM, WHITEY AND LEFTY WILL DIE!!

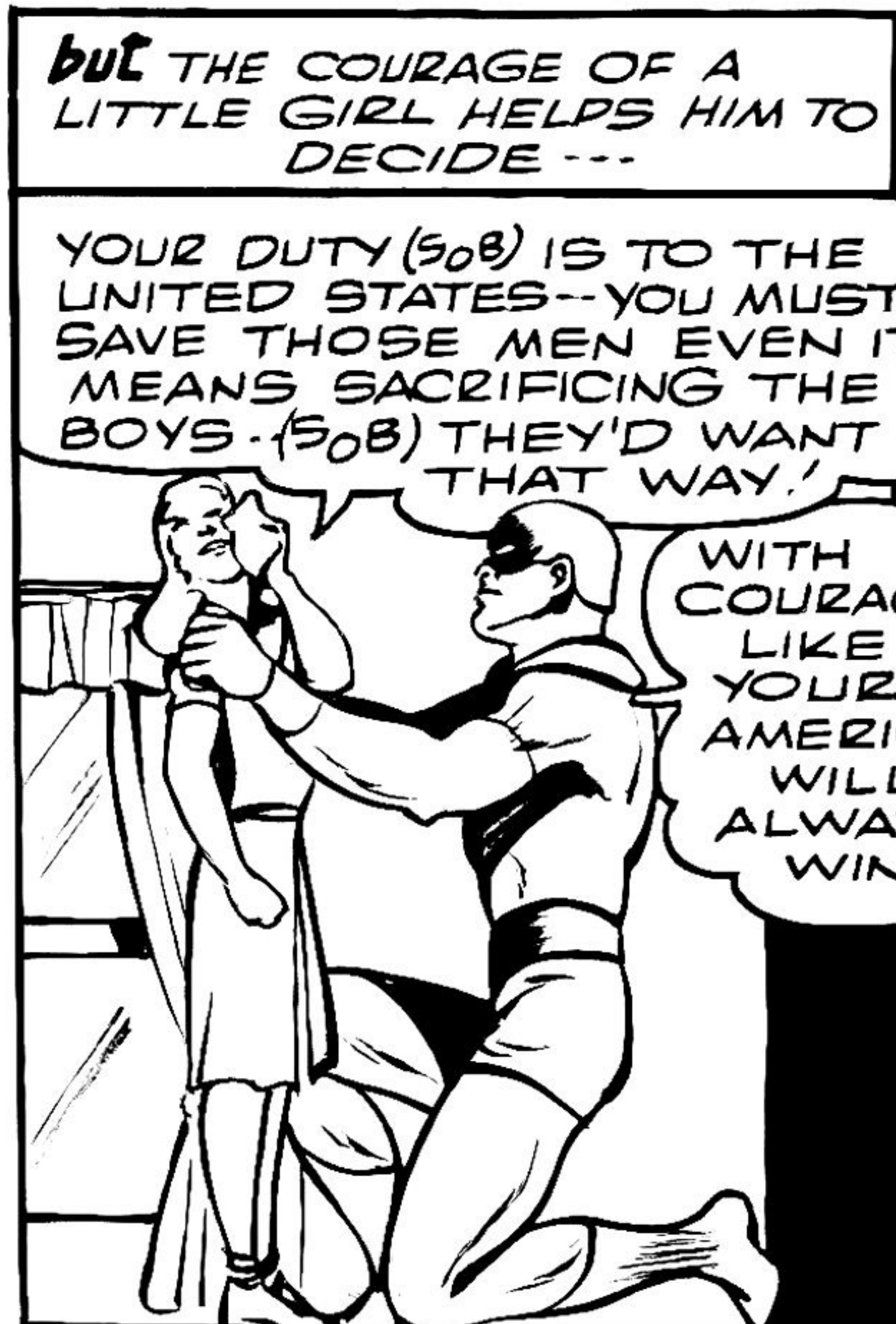
BUT IF I TRY TO SAVE THEM FIRST, THE TRAIN WILL CRASH! AND IF THE MILITARY MEN DIE AMERICA MIGHT LOSE THE WAR!



COULDN'T WE HAVE THE POLICE SAVE THEM??

NO! THE POLICE WOULD TRY TO BREAK IN BY FORCE AND THOSE RATS WOULD HAVE THEM UNDER CONTROL OF THE RAY IN A FEW SECONDS! WHAT SHALL I DO? WHAT CAN I DO?

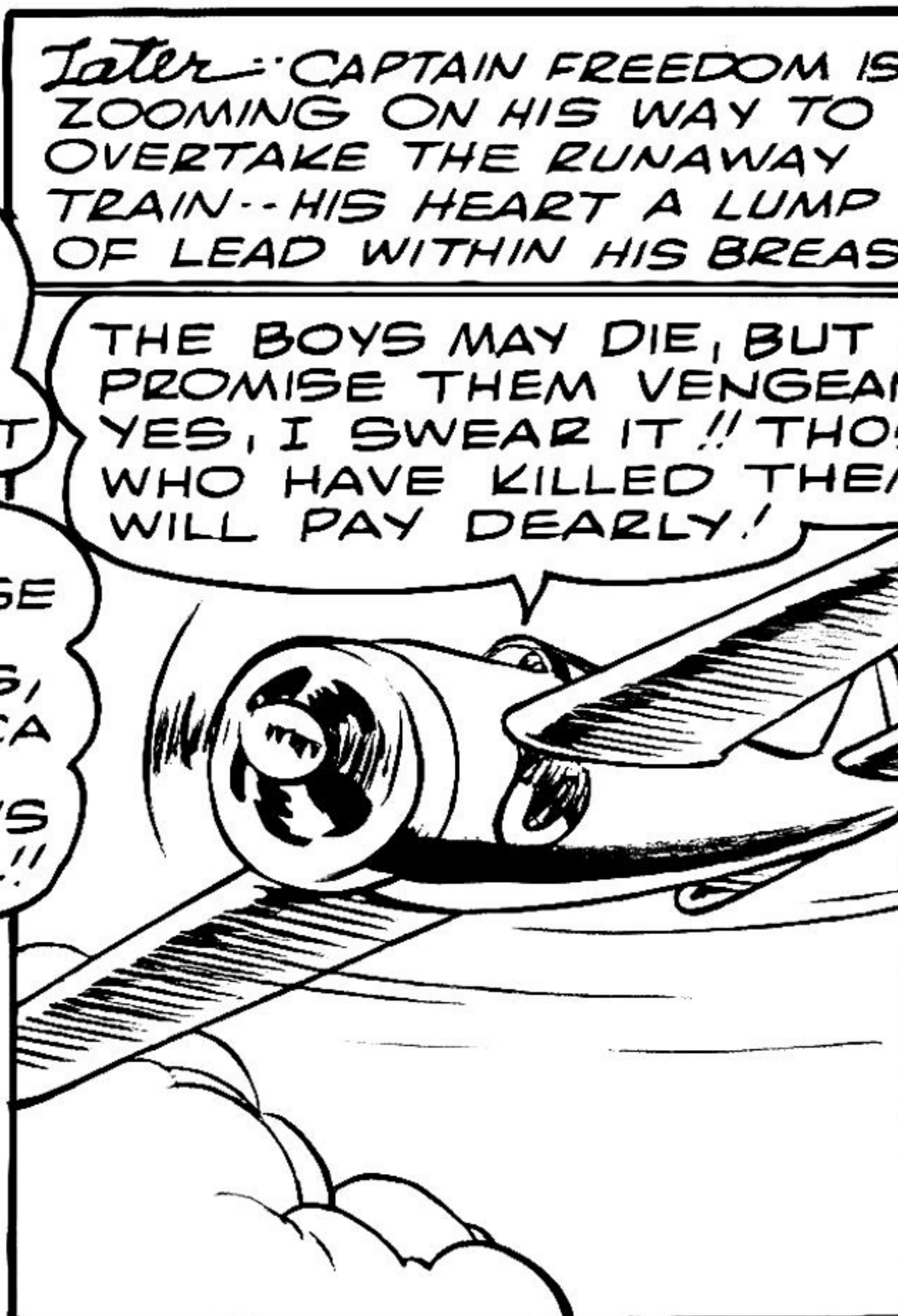
TORN BETWEEN DUTY TO HIS COUNTRY AND THE DICTATES OF HIS HEART--CAPTAIN FREEDOM FACES HIS GREATEST TEST! WHAT CHOICE WILL HE MAKE ???



*but* THE COURAGE OF A LITTLE GIRL HELPS HIM TO DECIDE ---

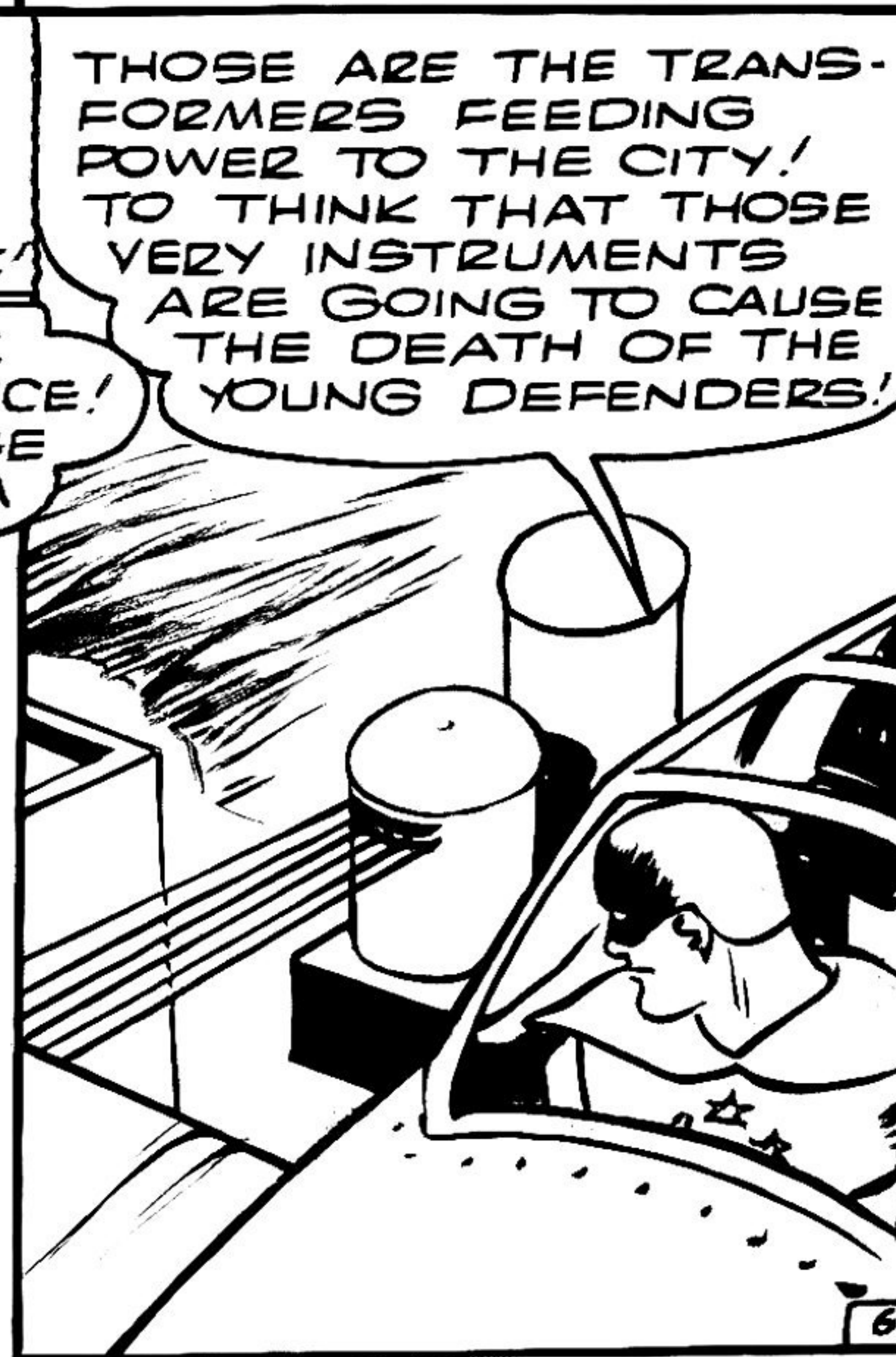
YOUR DUTY (S08) IS TO THE UNITED STATES--YOU MUST SAVE THOSE MEN EVEN IT MEANS SACRIFICING THE BOYS--(S08) THEY'D WANT IT THAT WAY!

WITH COURAGE LIKE YOURS, AMERICA WILL ALWAYS WIN!!



Later--CAPTAIN FREEDOM IS ZOOMING ON HIS WAY TO OVERTAKE THE RUNAWAY TRAIN--HIS HEART A LUMP OF LEAD WITHIN HIS BREAST!

THE BOYS MAY DIE, BUT I PROMISE THEM VENGEANCE! YES, I SWEAR IT!! THOSE WHO HAVE KILLED THEM WILL PAY DEARLY!



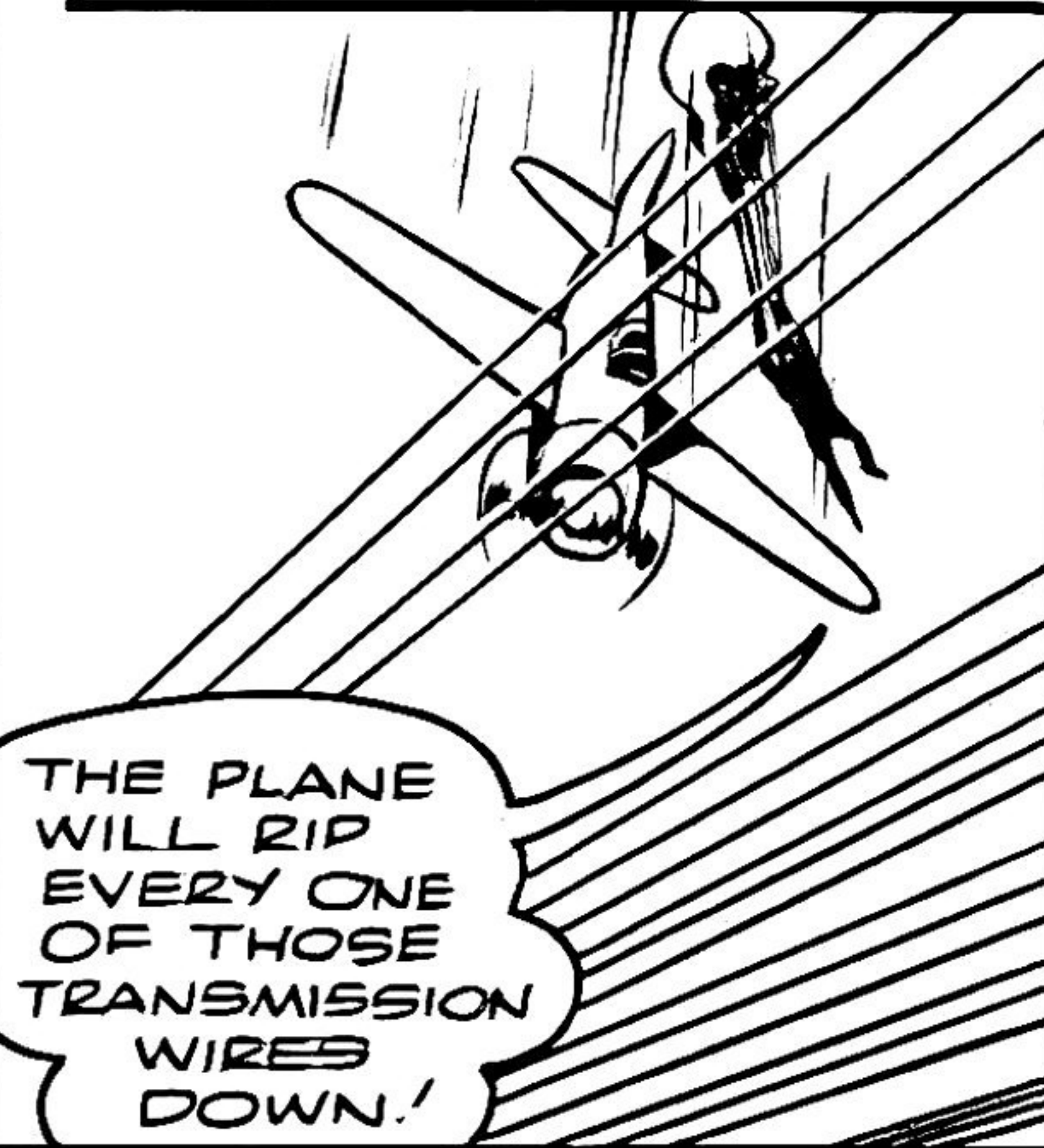
THOSE ARE THE TRANSFORMERS FEEDING POWER TO THE CITY! TO THINK THAT THOSE VERY INSTRUMENTS ARE GOING TO CAUSE THE DEATH OF THE YOUNG DEFENDERS!



WAIT!! THE RAY MACHINES WORK ON HOUSE CURRENT! IF I CAN CUT THE CURRENT TO THE CITY, THE MACHINES WILL STOP OPERATING! THE ENGINEER WILL REVIVE IN TIME TO STOP THE TRAIN AND THE BOYS WILL BE SAVED AT THE SAME TIME-- I MUST TRY IT!!

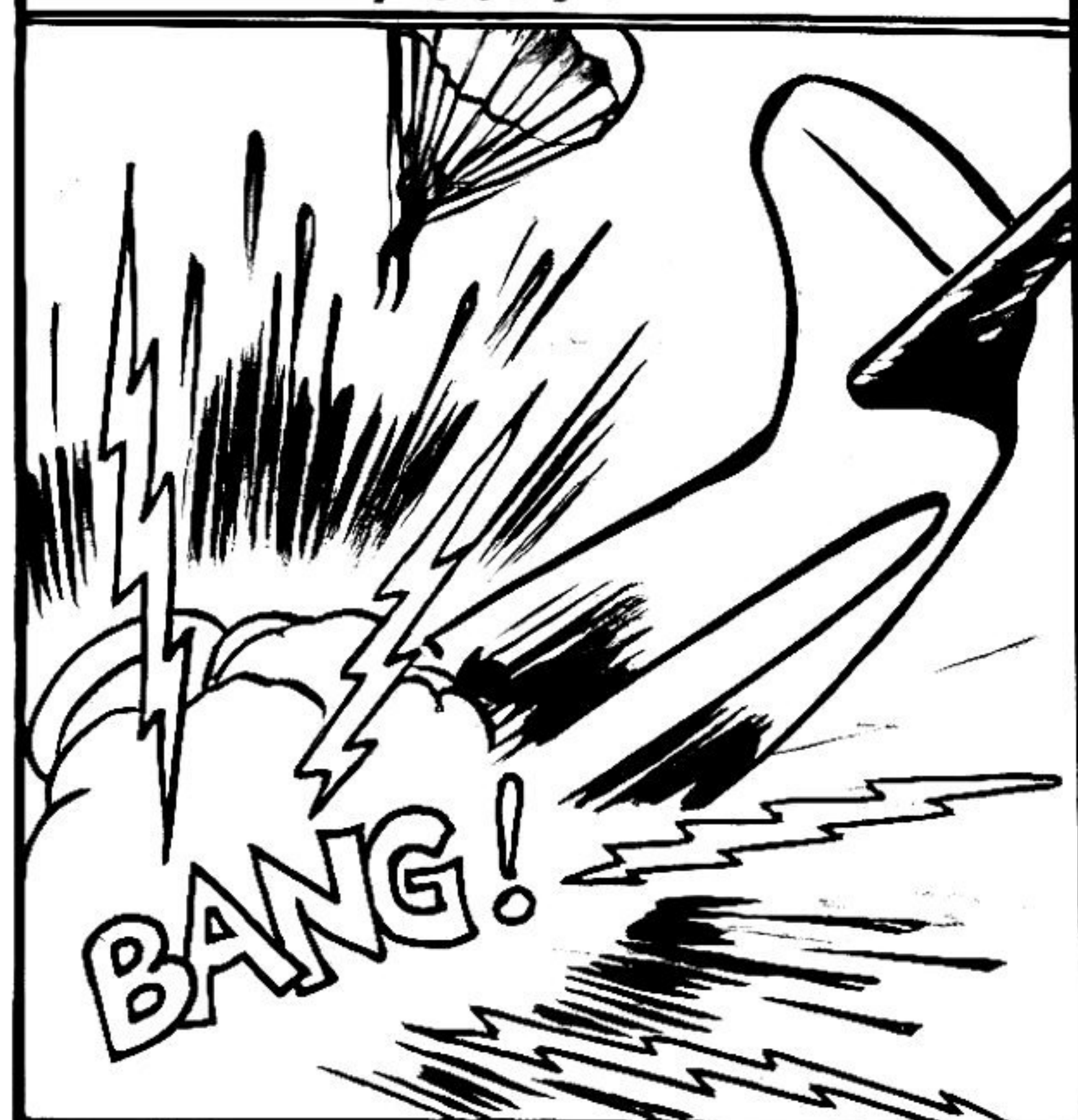


With MOTOR THRUMMING AT TOP SPEED, CAPTAIN FREEDOM NOSES THE PLANE DOWNWARD, AND BAILS OUT!



THE PLANE WILL RIP EVERY ONE OF THOSE TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN!

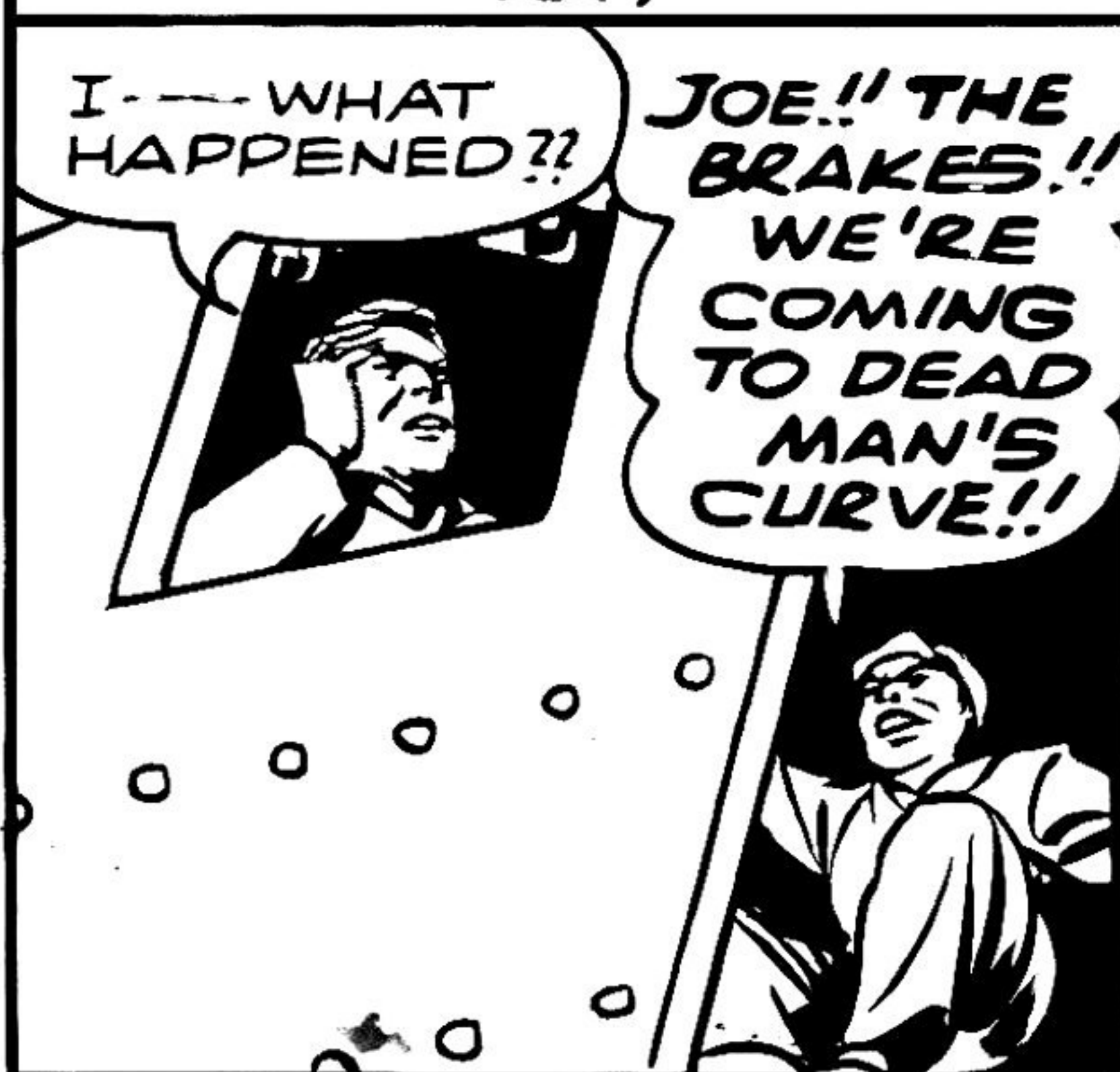
AN INSTANT LATER, THE PLANE TEARS THROUGH THE POWERLINES WITH A THUNDEROUS, CRACKLING ROAR OF UNLEASHED FURY!



AT THAT SAME MOMENT, 40 MILES AWAY, THE ENGINEER AND FIREMAN OF THE RUNAWAY TRAIN SUDDENLY REVIVE-- FREED FROM THE POWER OF THE ELECTRONIC RAY--

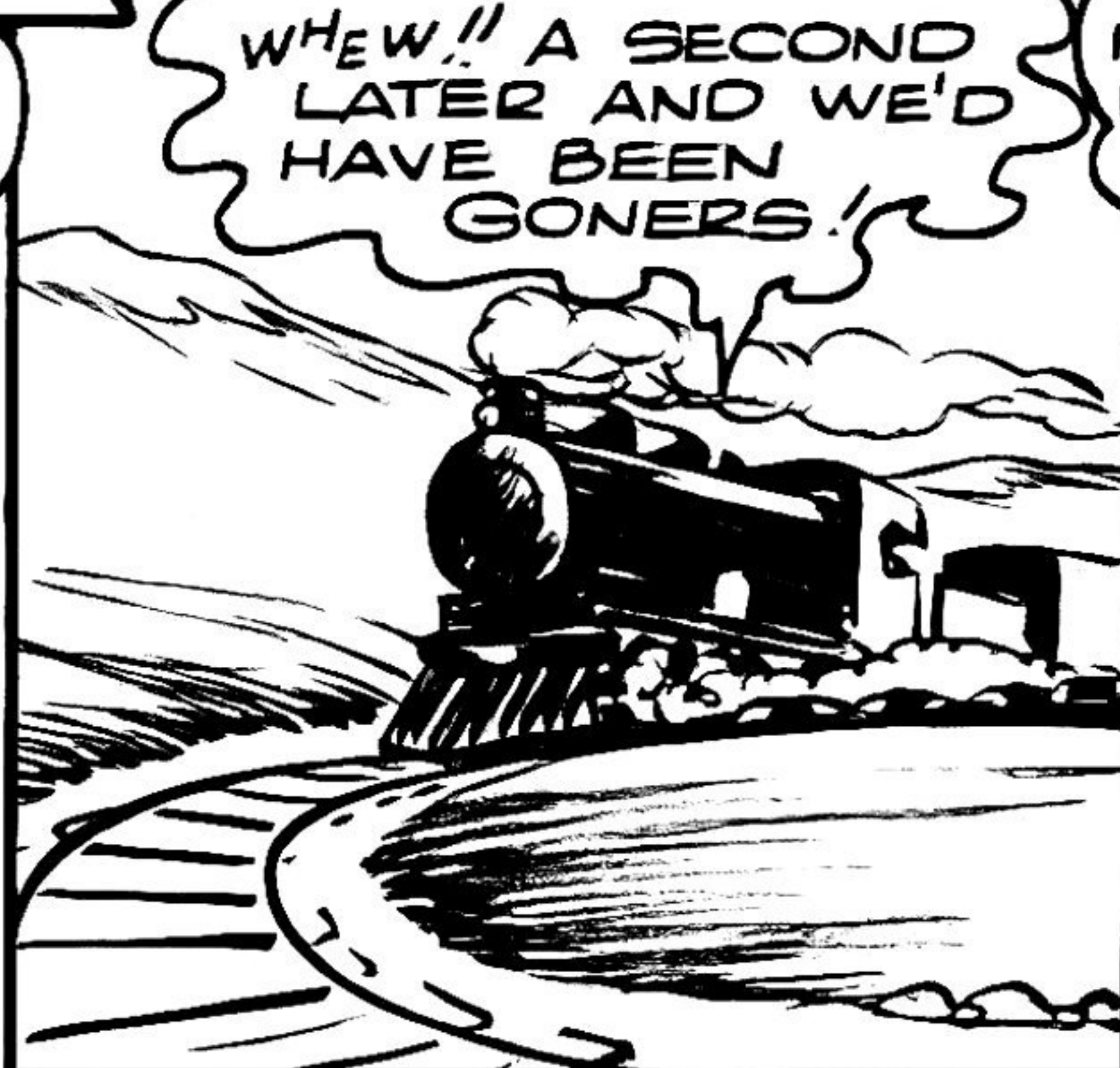
IN EAR-SHATTERING SQUEAL OF BRAKES CRASHES THROUGH THE AIR--THE TRAIN SLOWS DOWN JUST AS IT WHIPS INTO THE SHARP CURVE--

TEN MINUTES LATER--THE JAPS ARE FRANTICALLY TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT HAS GONE WRONG WITH THE ELECTRONIC RAY---



I---WHAT HAPPENED??

JOE!! THE BRAKES!! WE'RE COMING TO DEAD MAN'S CURVE!!



WHEW!! A SECOND LATER AND WE'D HAVE BEEN GONERS!

YOU FOOLS! HAVEN'T YOU FOUND THE TROUBLE YET??

YES! NO POWER IN SOCKET--HOUSE CURRENT GO OUT!



THEN GET THE BATTERIES, YOU FOOLS! WE'VE GOT TO KEEP THESE MACHINES GOING!

YES, MASTER!



HURRY UP!! OUR THREE SNOOPERS FOR CAPTAIN FREEDOM MUST BE GETTING BORED!

WE GO AS FAST AS CAN!

SUDDENLY, LIKE A HUMAN TORNADO, A MASKED FIGURE WHIPS INTO THE ROOM!

CAPTAIN FREEDOM!!

RIGHT ON THE SPOT, WHITEY!







HOLD YOUR FIRE, SWEETHEART! I DON'T LIKE TO BE USED FOR A TARGET!



THIS IS BY WAY OF A FINISHING TOUCH!

CAPTAIN FREEDOM!! SHE'S GETTING AWAY!!



JUST A MINUTE, LADY! YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO, YOU KNOW!

EEEEK!! PUT ME DOWN YOU-- HELP!!

BOY, WE WERE WORRIED FOR A MINUTE!

WE D-DIDN'T THINK YOU'D C-COME!

YOU'D BETTER THANK JOANIE WHEN YOU GET BACK! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR HER YOU'D BE GONERS NOW!

IT'S ALL OVER BUT THE SHOOTING! YOU MIGHT AS WELL TELL THE WHOLE STORY, ALVA ZONSON!

WHY NOT! I'VE NOTHING TO LOSE NOW! I'M THE LEADER OF THE BLACK DRAGON SOCIETY IN AMERICA! I HAD ORDERS TO WRECK THE AMERICAN WAR EFFORT BY SABOTAGE!



DID YOU PUT THAT MAN WE FOUND ON THE STREET INTO THAT STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION?

YES! HE FOUND OUT ABOUT ME! HE HAD TO BE SHUT UP! I ATTEMPTED TO HAVE KRUG KIDNAPPED SO HE WOULDN'T REVIVE HIM! HE WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF KRUG'S!

SAY-- ONLY JAPS ARE ALLOWED TO BELONG TO THE BLACK DRAGON SOCIETY-- HOW COME YOU'RE THE LEADER??

I AM JAPANESE!! VERY CLEVER! BUT I HAD MY FACE LIFTED SO I'D LOOK LIKE A WHITE PERSON!

VERY CLEVER! BUT YOU'LL HAVE A LONG TIME IN PRISON TO FIND OUT HOW BIG A MISTAKE YOU REALLY MADE TRYING TO FIGHT THE UNITED STATES!



G-GOSH LET'S HURRY AND TELL MR. WRIGHT! THIS STORY WILL SELL A LOT OF PAPERS!





# CAPTAIN FREEDOM

The Case  
OF THE  
FEARFUL



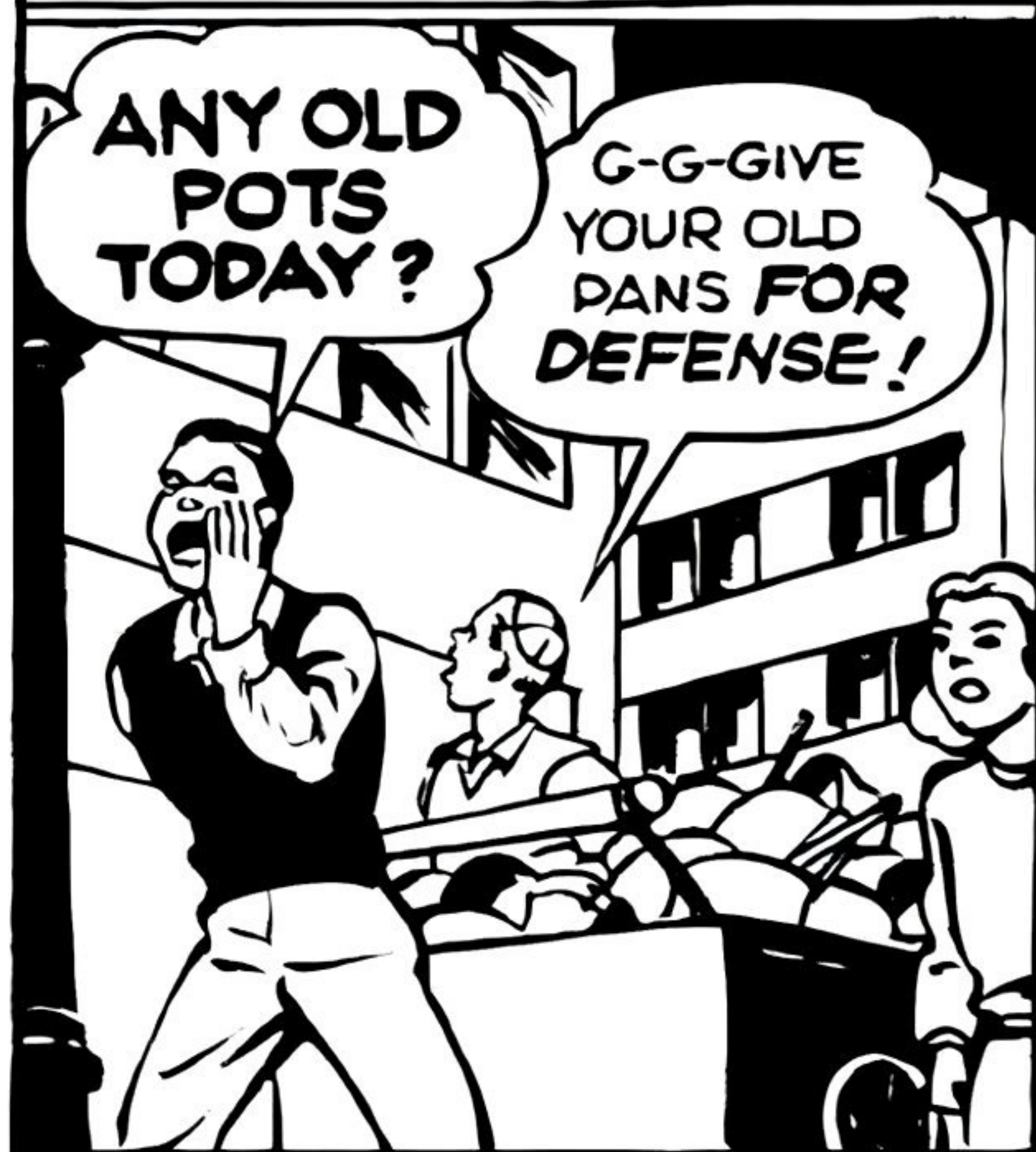
THE YOUNG DEFENDERS, BRAVE  
GROUD OF NEWSBOYS, DO NOT REALIZE  
THAT *DON WRIGHT*, FEARLESS YOUNG  
NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER IS IN  
REALITY **CAPTAIN FREEDOM**,  
DEFENDER OF THE POOR AND  
THE OPPRESSED AND THE  
HELPLESS.



CAN CAPTAIN FREEDOM AND HIS YOUNG  
CRIME-FIGHTERS STOP THE RUTHLESS FOES  
WHOSE DIABOLICAL SCHEME TO UNDER-  
MINE NATIONAL DEFENSE MEANS THE  
DOWNFALL OF OUR DEMOCRACY?



**S**PURRED BY THE NEED FOR ALUMINUM, THE YOUNG DEFENDERS TAKE PART IN THE DRIVE TO COLLECT THE PRECIOUS METAL...



**T**HE HOUSEWIVES OF THE NATION QUICKLY RESPOND TO THE CRYING NEED FOR ALUMINUM ---



**I**N THE HEART OF THE CITY A MOUNTAINOUS PILE STANDS AS PROOF OF THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITIZENS TO HELP DEFENSE







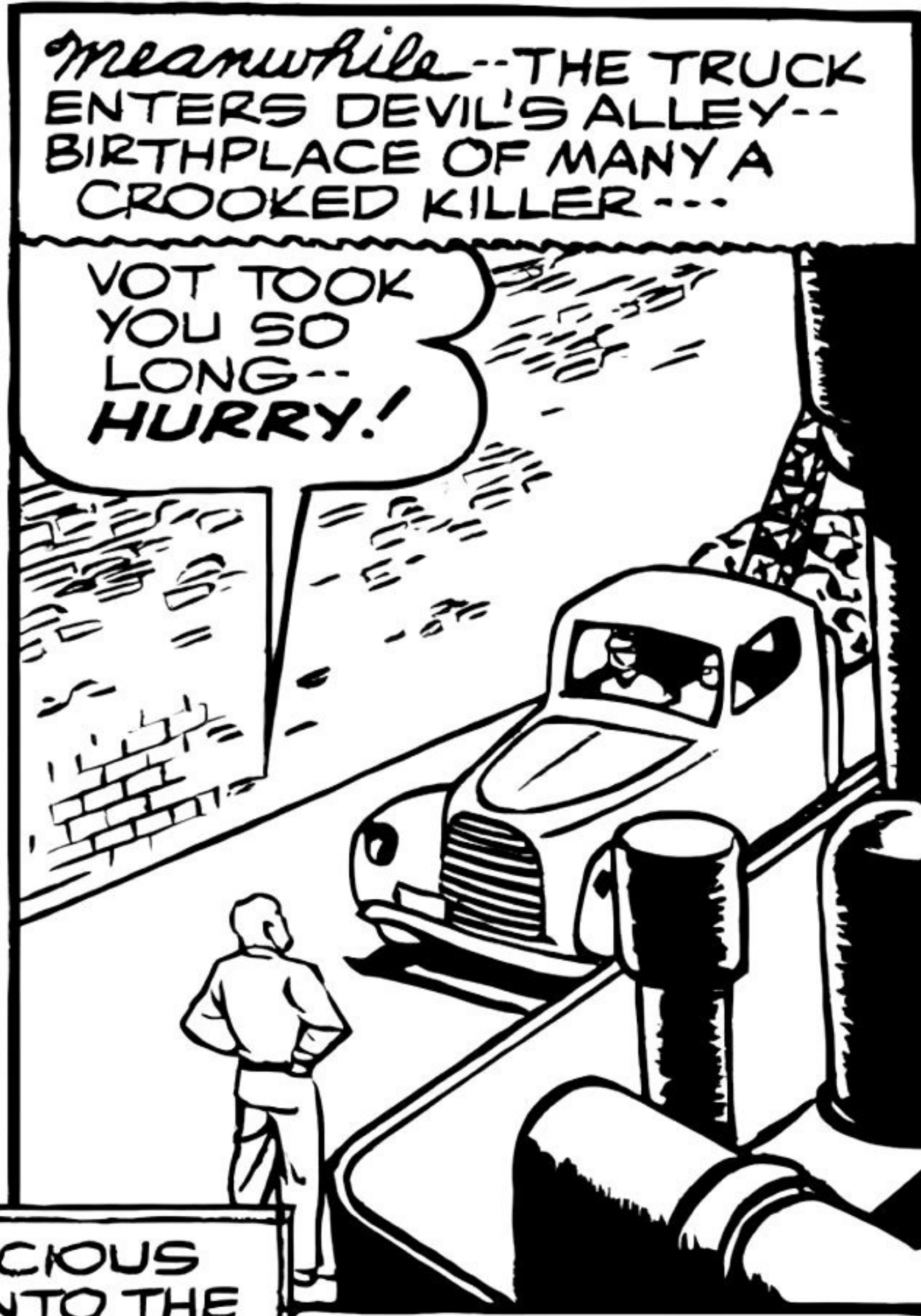




THE ALUMINUM IS GONE AND SO ARE THE YOUNG DEFENDERS!



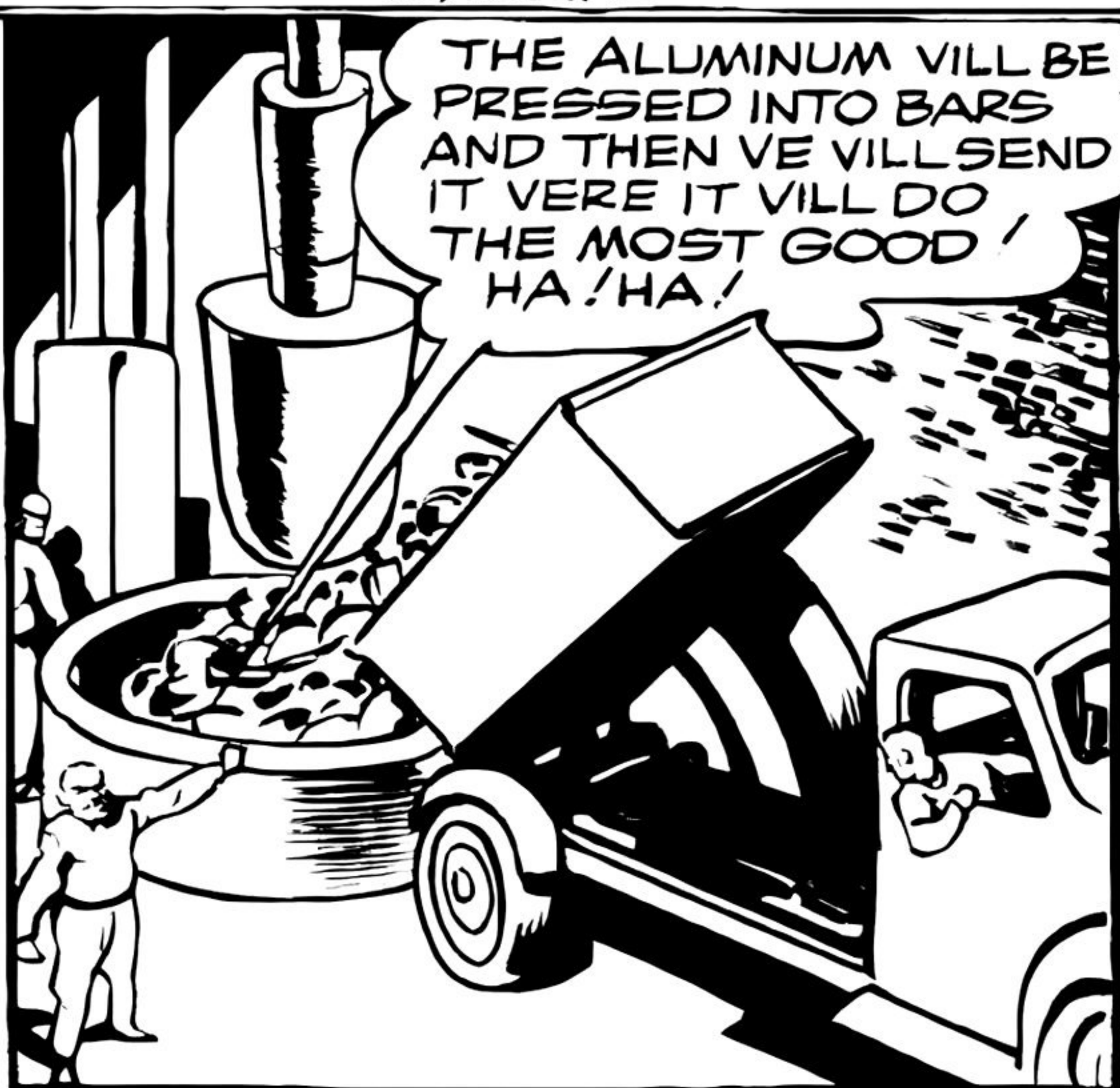
THE BOYS ARE ON THE TRUCK--AND THEY'RE DROPPING PANS TO GUIDE ME!



Meanwhile--THE TRUCK ENTERS DEVIL'S ALLEY--BIRTHPLACE OF MANY A CROOKED KILLER---

VOT TOOK YOU SO LONG--HURRY!

LEVERS SLIDE AND THE PRECIOUS ALUMINUM HOARD POURS INTO THE CRUNCHING MAW OF THE MASHING MACHINE---



THE ALUMINUM VILL BE PRESSED INTO BARS AND THEN VE VILL SEND IT VERE IT VILL DO THE MOST GOOD! HA!HA!



INSIDE THE MASHING MACHINE--A TON OF STEEL PRESSES THE ALUMINUM INTO SLABS---



GOOD VORK! THE FEARFUL FOUR ISS PROUD OF YOU--DUMP THE TRUCK!



PALLED BY APPROACHING DOOM--THE YOUNG DEFENDERS LEAP FROM THEIR HIDING PLACE!

TEAR INTO THOSE SPIES, BOYS!

AT LEAST WE'LL GO DOWN FIGHTING!



YOU GUYS WANTED THESE POTS--SO TAKE THEM!

BULLS-EYE!!



A WEIRD BATTLE OF WHIZZING KITCHENWARE--

YOU GET THE GONG!

THIS DOOR IS AN EXIT FOR YOU!



**But**...SUPERIOR NUMBERS  
FINALLY OVERCOME THE  
VALIANT DEFENDERS!

VERDAMTE KIDS!!  
THROW THEM INTO  
THE MASHER!!



!!HORRIBLE CRUNCHING DEATH  
REACHES OUT TO NIP THE  
CAREERS OF THE BRAVE  
YOUTHS ---

PERISH,  
PIGS!!

HELP!!

CAPTAIN  
FREEDOM  
WILL GET  
YOU FOR  
THIS!



**SUDDENLY- HELP COMES  
FROM ABOVE ---  
CAPTAIN FREEDOM!!**



**D**ESPAIR CLUTCHING AT  
HIS HEART, CAPTAIN  
FREEDOM DIVES HEADLONG  
AFTER HIS YOUNG ALLIES!

I MUST  
STOP  
IT!!



LOOKY!  
IT'S CAPTAIN  
FREEDOM..  
HOORAY!!

**at** THE MOUTH OF THE  
RUINED MACHINE THE SPIES  
PREPARE TO DESTROY THE  
DARING QUARTET .....

SHOOT TO KILL  
VEN DEY COME  
OUT!!



DROP YOUR  
GUNS OR YOU  
ARE A DEAD  
DUCK!!

DROP YOUR  
GUNS --VE  
ARE  
TRAPPED!



**W**HO IS THIS STAUNCH RE-  
INFORCEMENT AND WHAT  
STRANGE WEAPON MENACES  
THE SPIES ??

RUN-- YOU  
RATS!

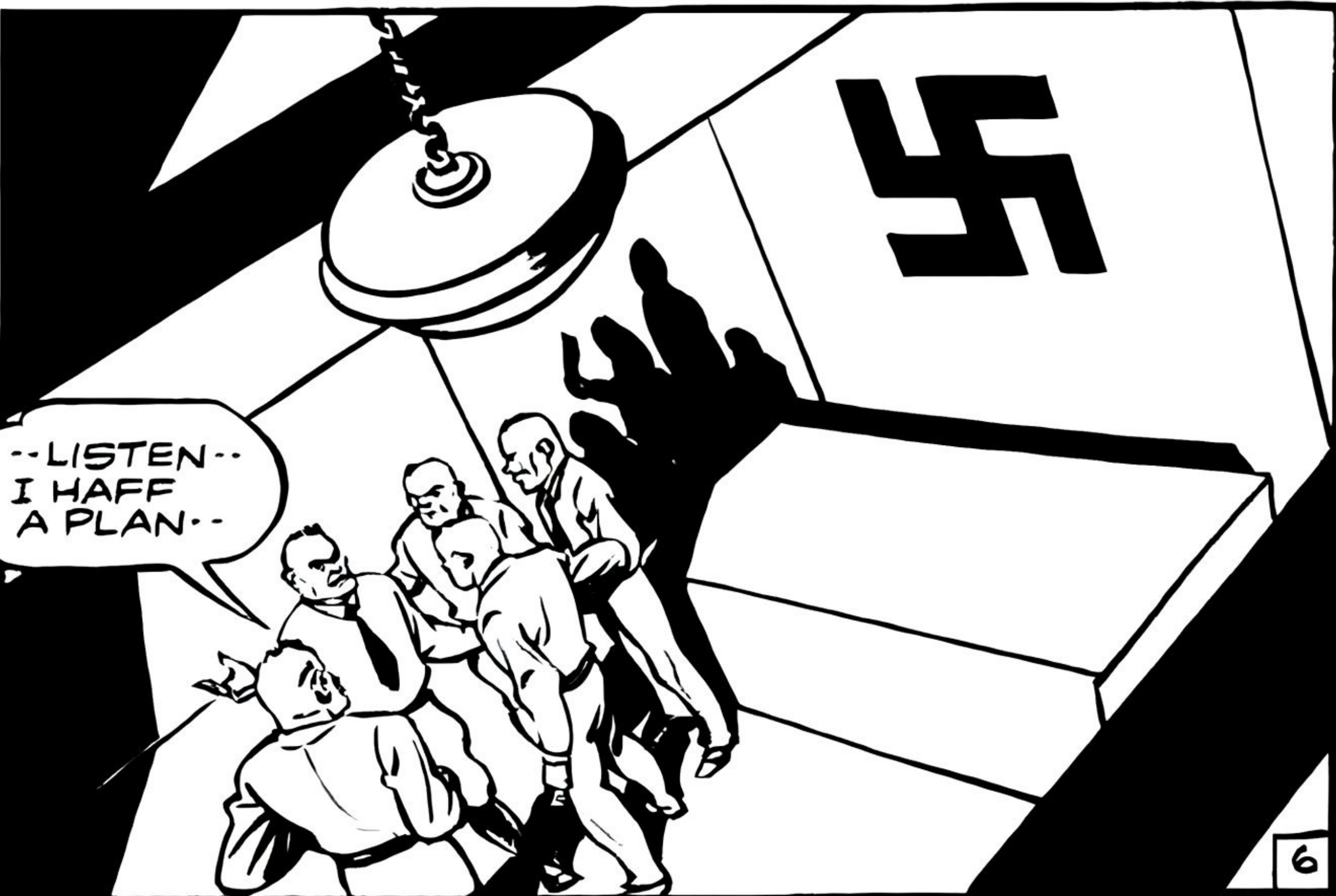
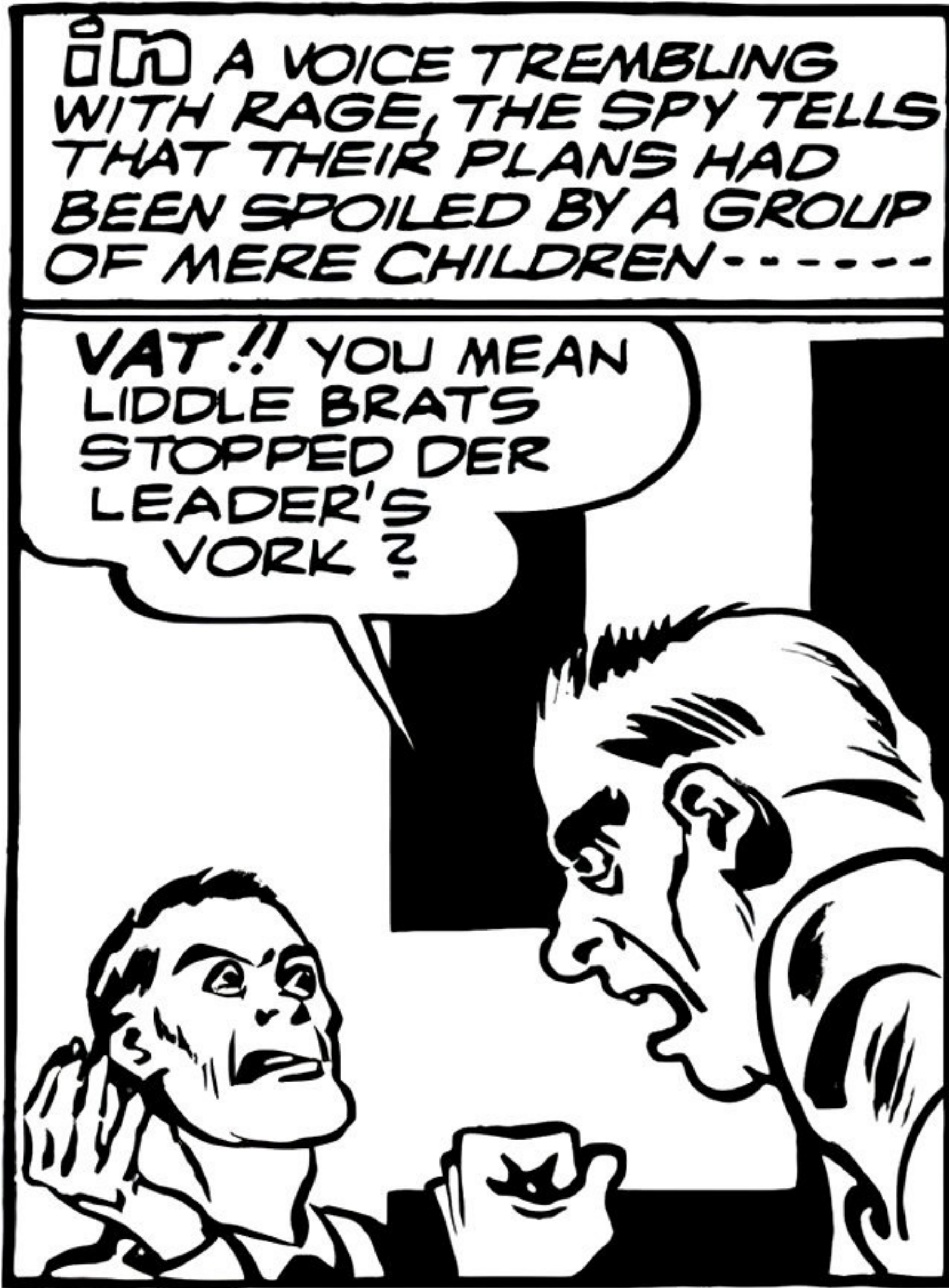
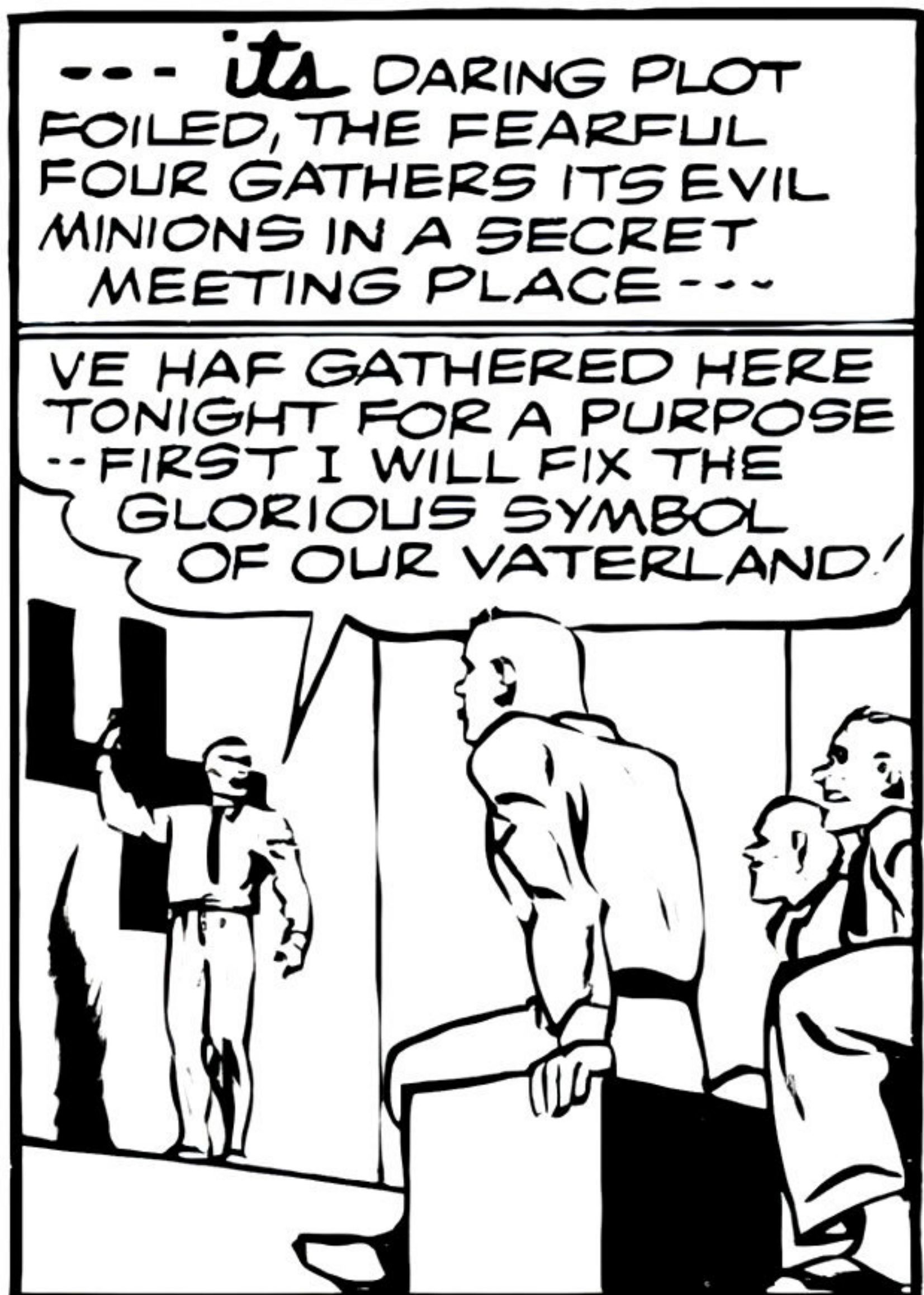
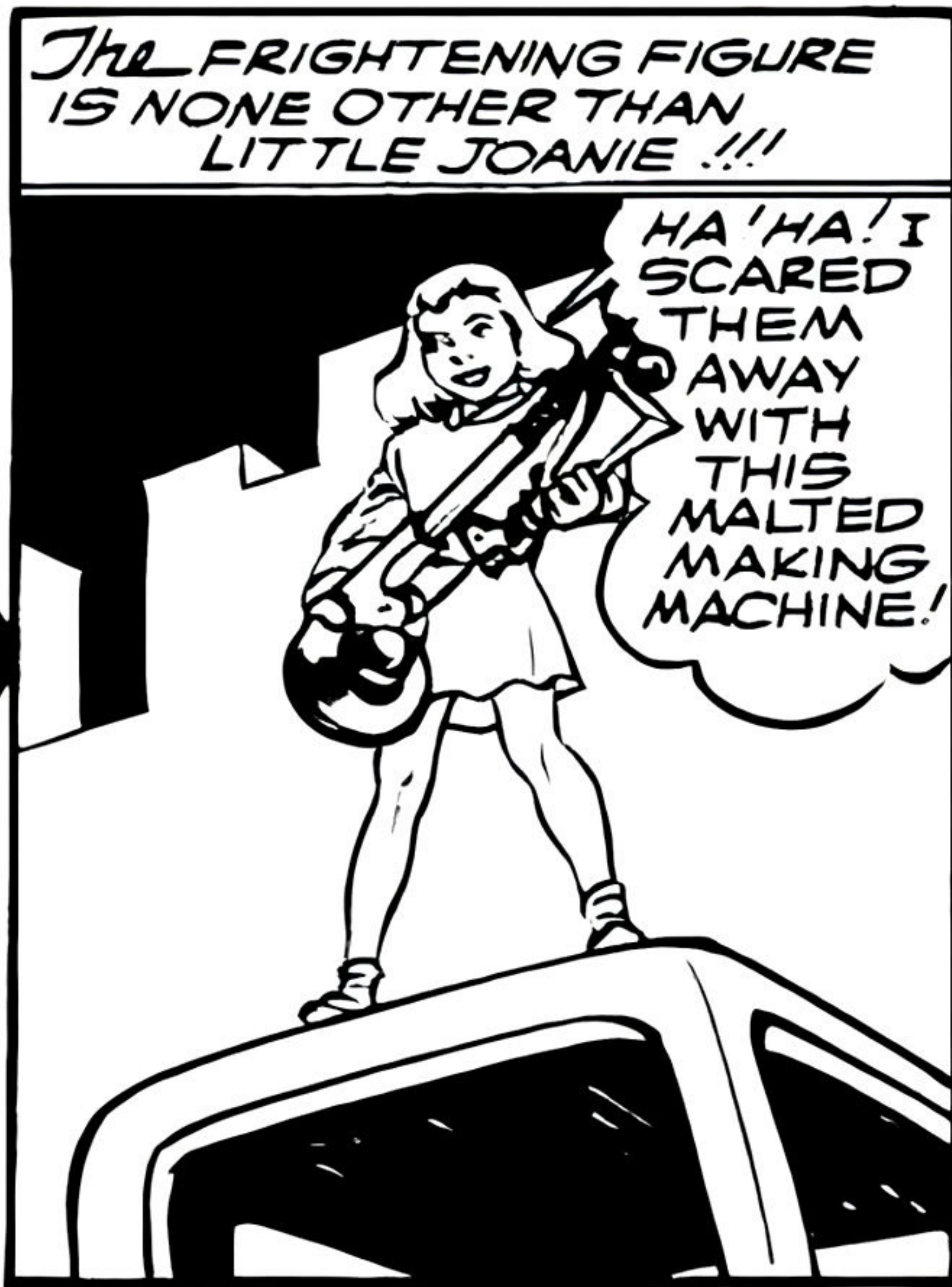


**F**RIGHTENED BY THE  
STRANGE APPARITION,  
THE SPIES SHOW THEIR  
TRUE COLORS AND  
SCATTER MADLY .....

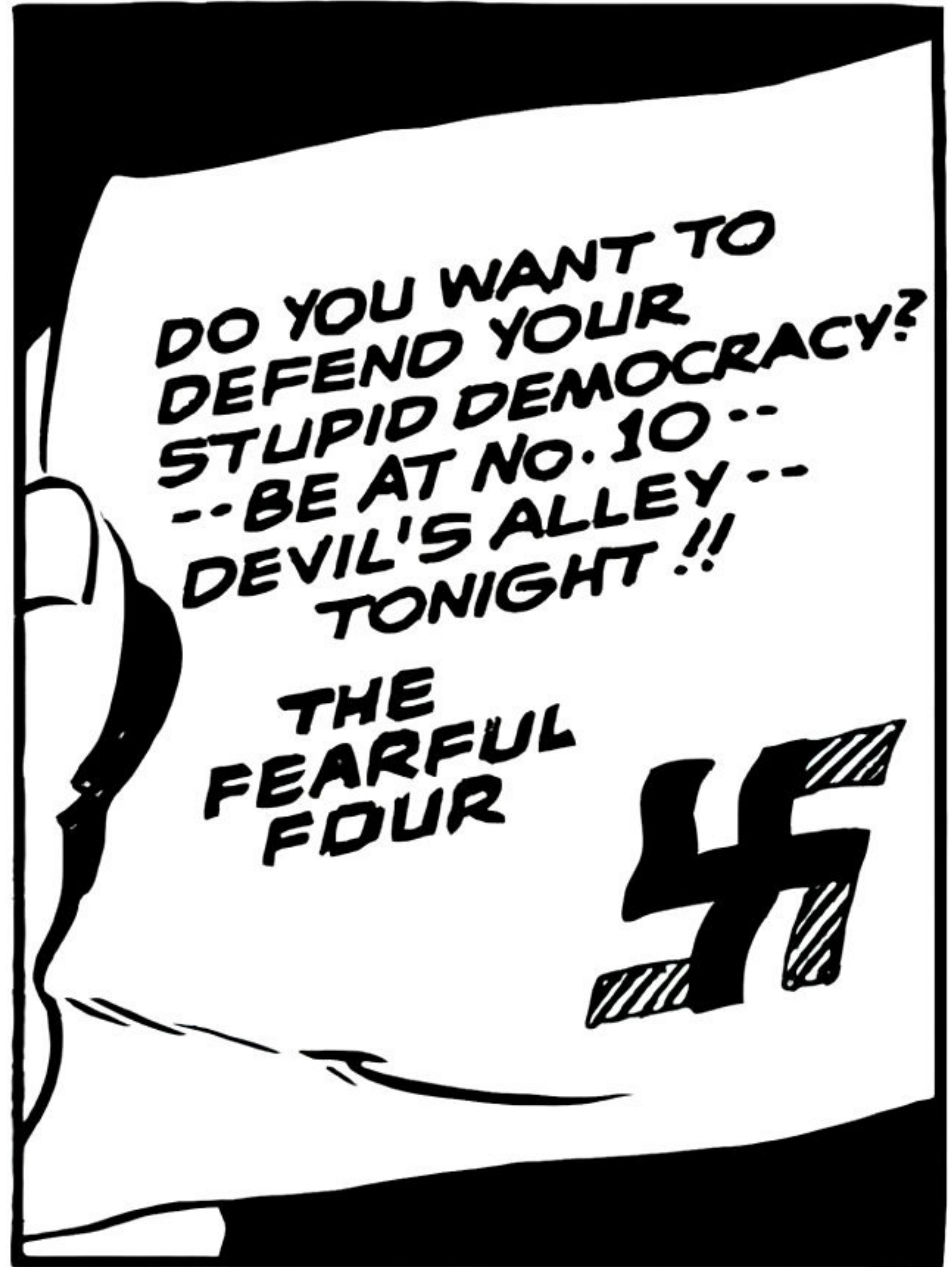
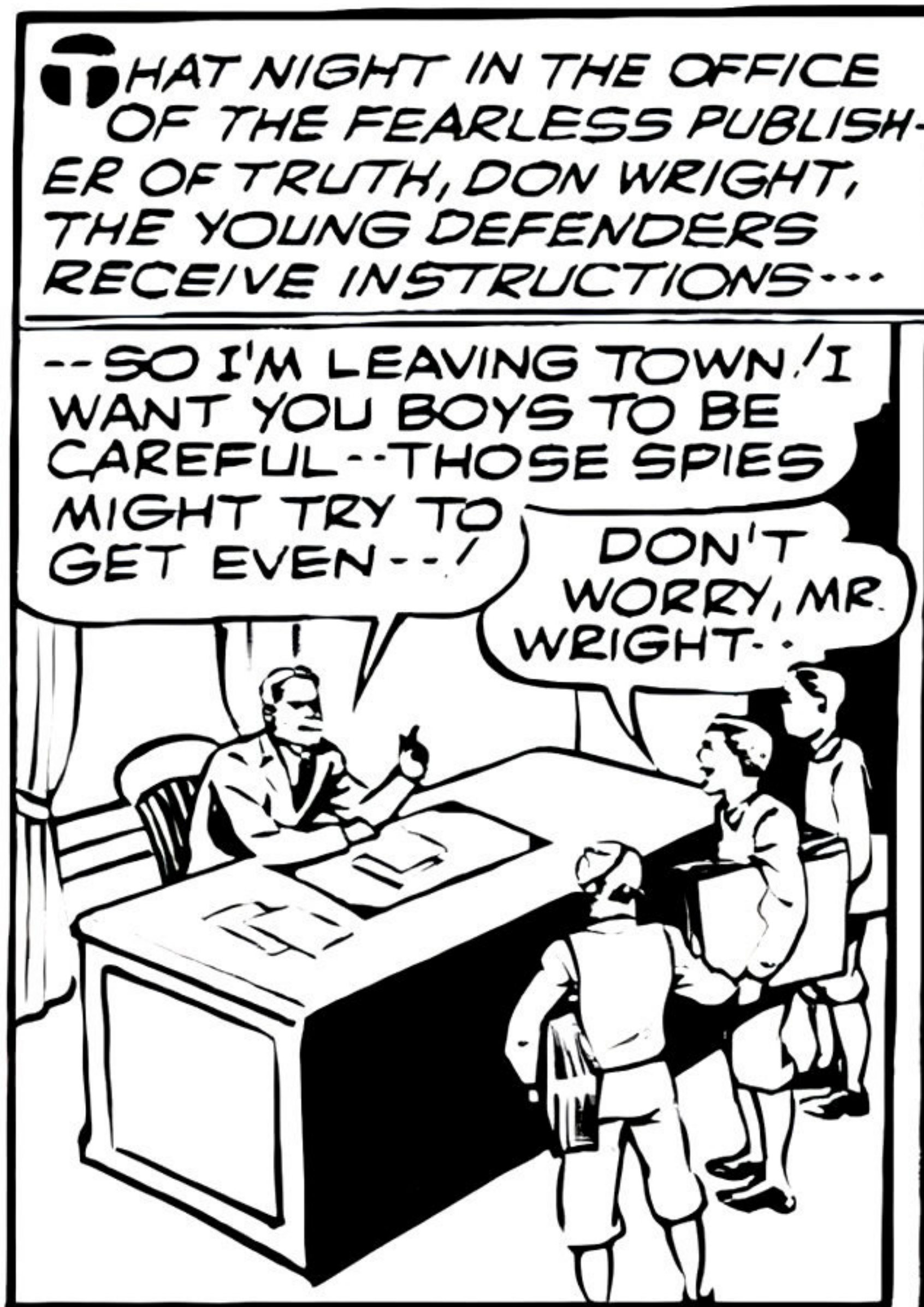
QUICKLY, KAMERADEN --  
IT MUST BE A --  
FLAME THROWER!!!



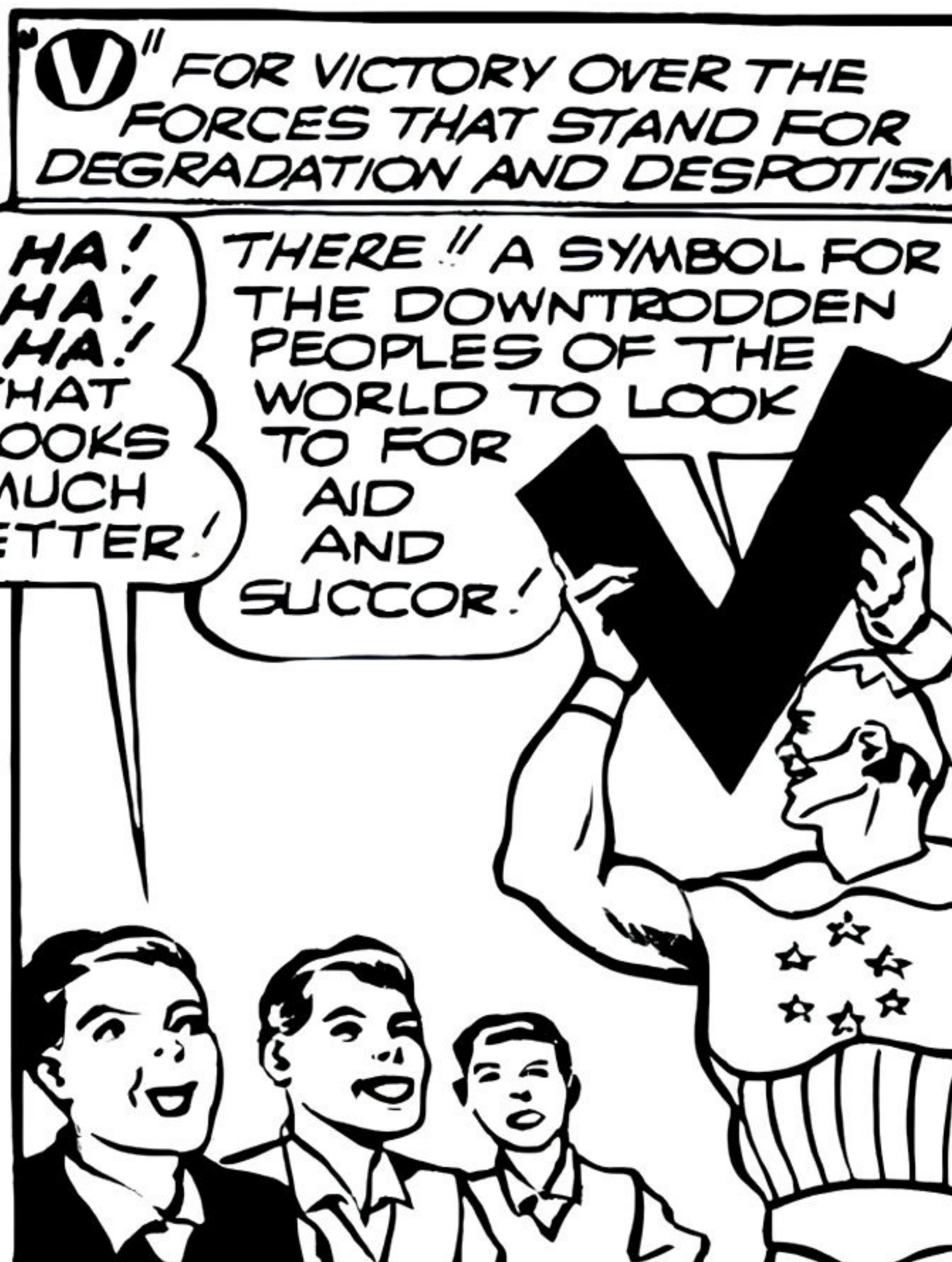
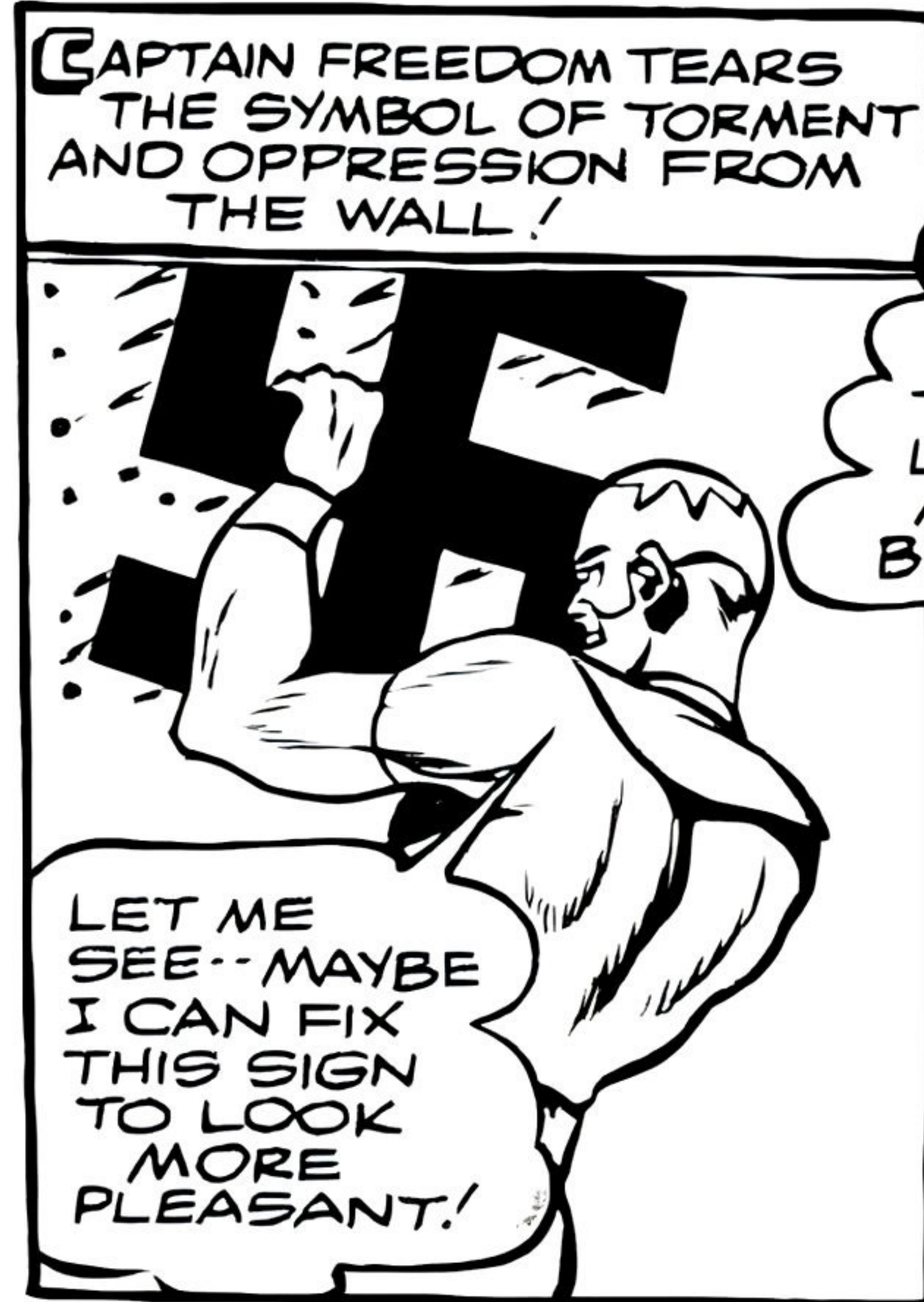














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**HURRY! HURRY! THE BIG  
SHOW IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!  
PRESENTING THAT FUNNY FOURSOME--  
THE YOUNG DEFENDERS--(ALSO KNOWN  
AS THE COPY CUBS)--AND HERE  
IS THE STAR OF OUR SHOW! THE  
ONE AND ONLY CAPTAIN  
FREEDOM!! HURRY! HURRY!  
YOUR ONLY TICKET OF ADMISSION  
IS A THIN DIME FOR A COPY OF  
SPEED COMICS!!  
HURRY AND SEE**

**THE CARNIVAL OF  
CRIME!**



**THE WATERFRONT UNDER MIDNIGHT--CAPTAIN FREEDOM HALTS HIS NOCTURNAL PROWL!**

NOW THERE'S A MAN BUSY AT HIS TRADE!



BUT HE'S NOT GOING TO MAKE TIME-AND-A-HALF TONIGHT!



IN PERSON!

WHAT TH--  
**CAPTAIN FREEDOM!**



QUITTING TIME, BUD!



WAIT!  
DON'T!



**S**UDDENLY--THE THIEF LEAPS TO THE WINDOW SILL! WITH BODY TENSE, HANDS ON HIPS, HE PLUNGES BACKWARD INTO--EMPTY SPACE!!



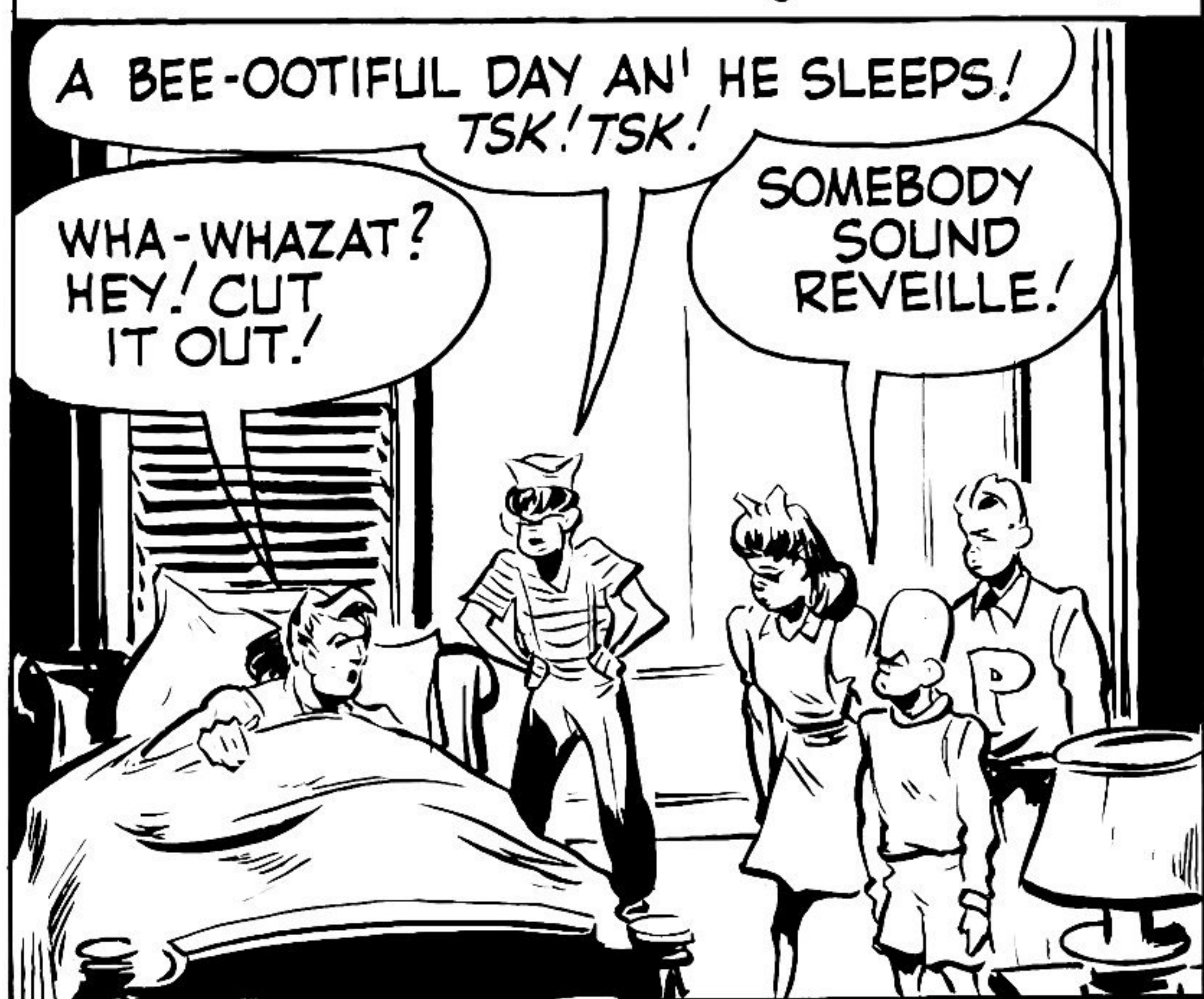
THEN A SMALL SPEEDBOAT DARTS FROM UNDER THE PIER AND PICKING UP THE THIEF, ROARS AWAY---

THE SLICKEST GETAWAY I'VE EVER SEEN!





MORNING BRINGS TO DON WRIGHT, NEWS-  
PAPER PUBLISHER--SUNSHINE--AND  
SOME VERY ENTHUSIASTIC YOUNGSTERS--  
THE YOUNG DEFENDERS--(COPY CUBS)--



C'MON! YOUSE PROMISED TO  
TAKE US TO GAYLAND! WE'RE  
GONNA COVER  
IT FOR DE  
CUB-COPY!



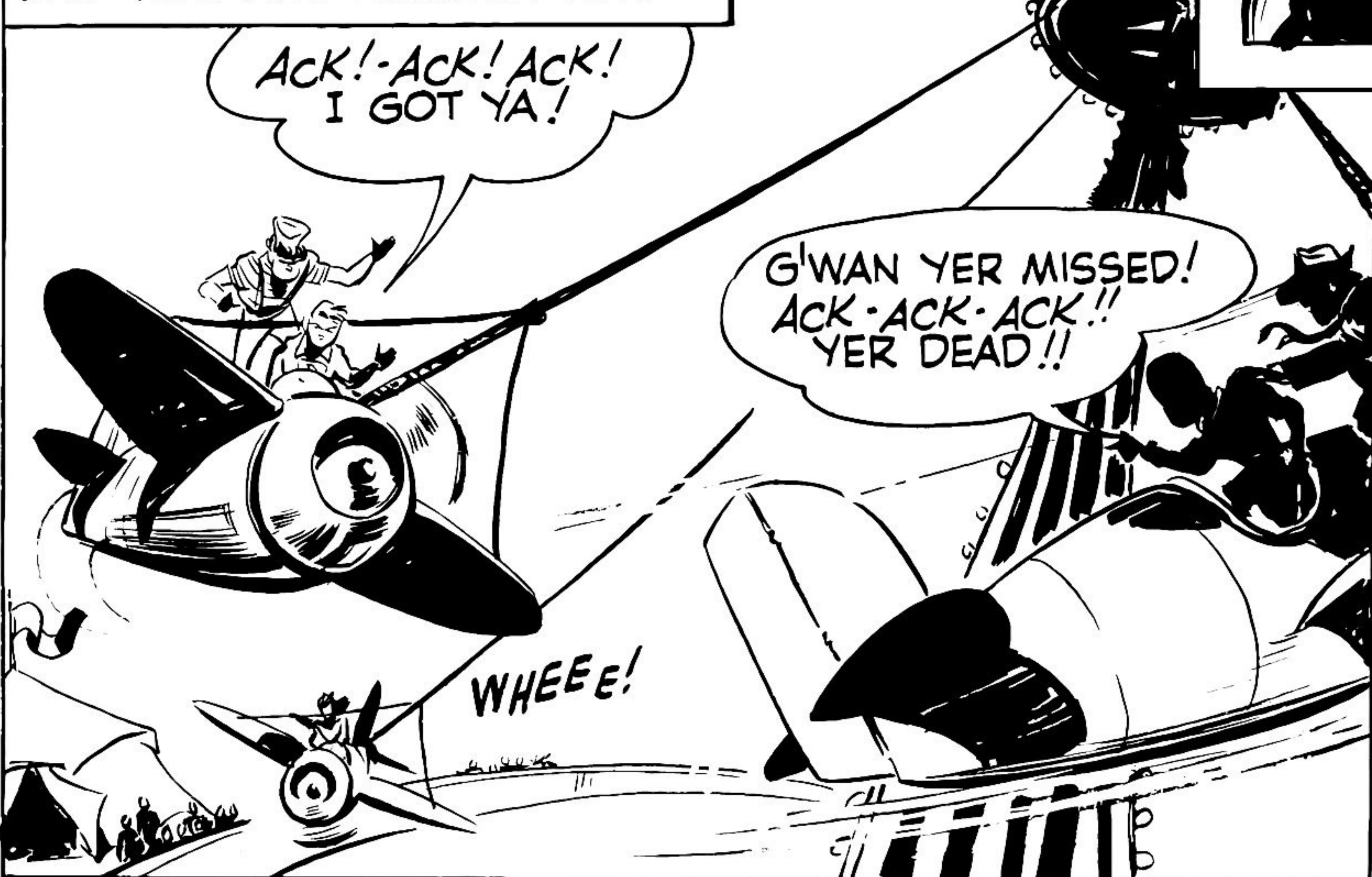
GAYLAND AMUSEMENT  
PARK GETS FIVE MORE  
CUSTOMERS --



LEFTY! SIT  
DOWN! BEANIE!  
OOH--I'M A SICK  
MAN!



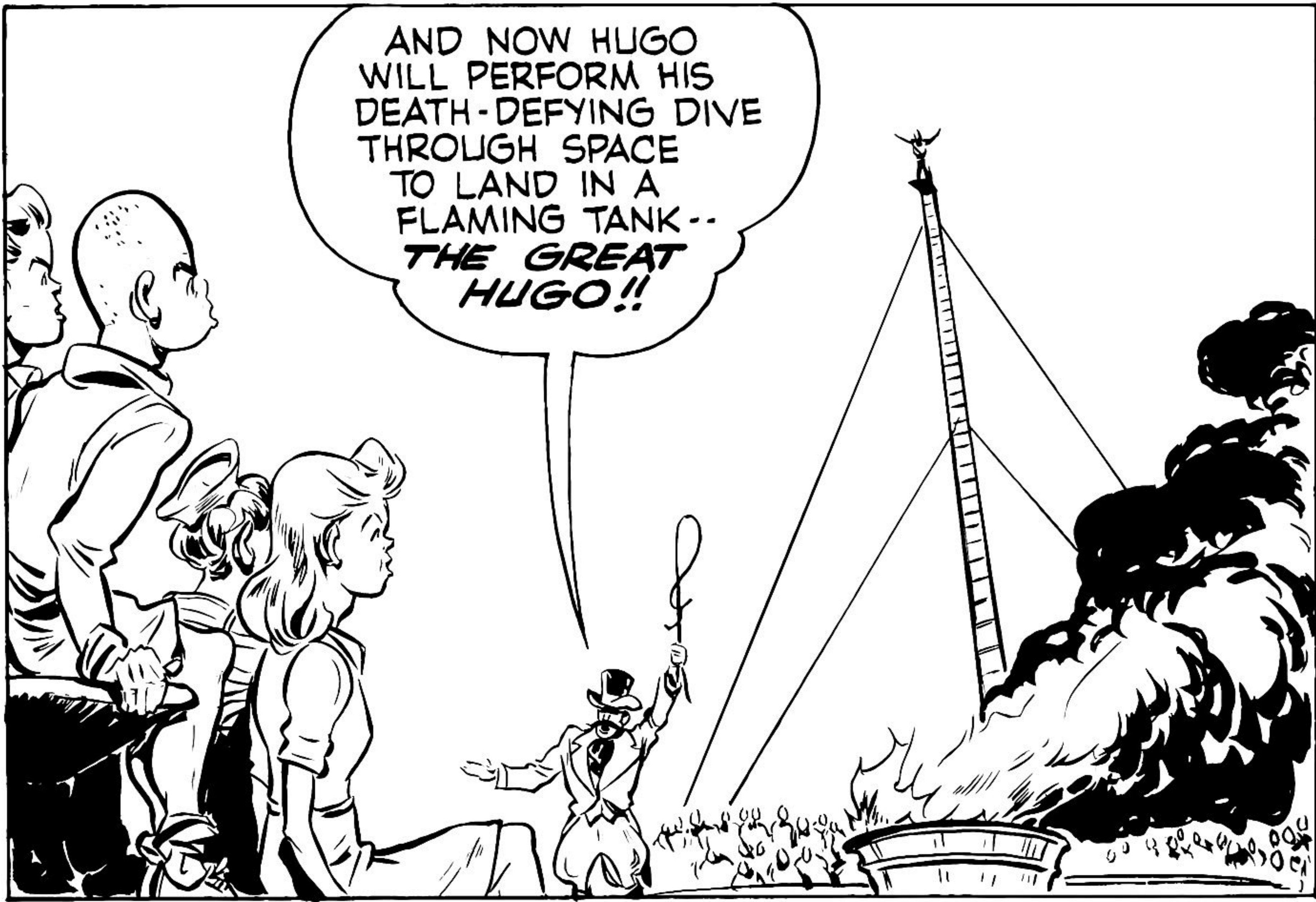
BUT HE'S NOT THROUGH YET!



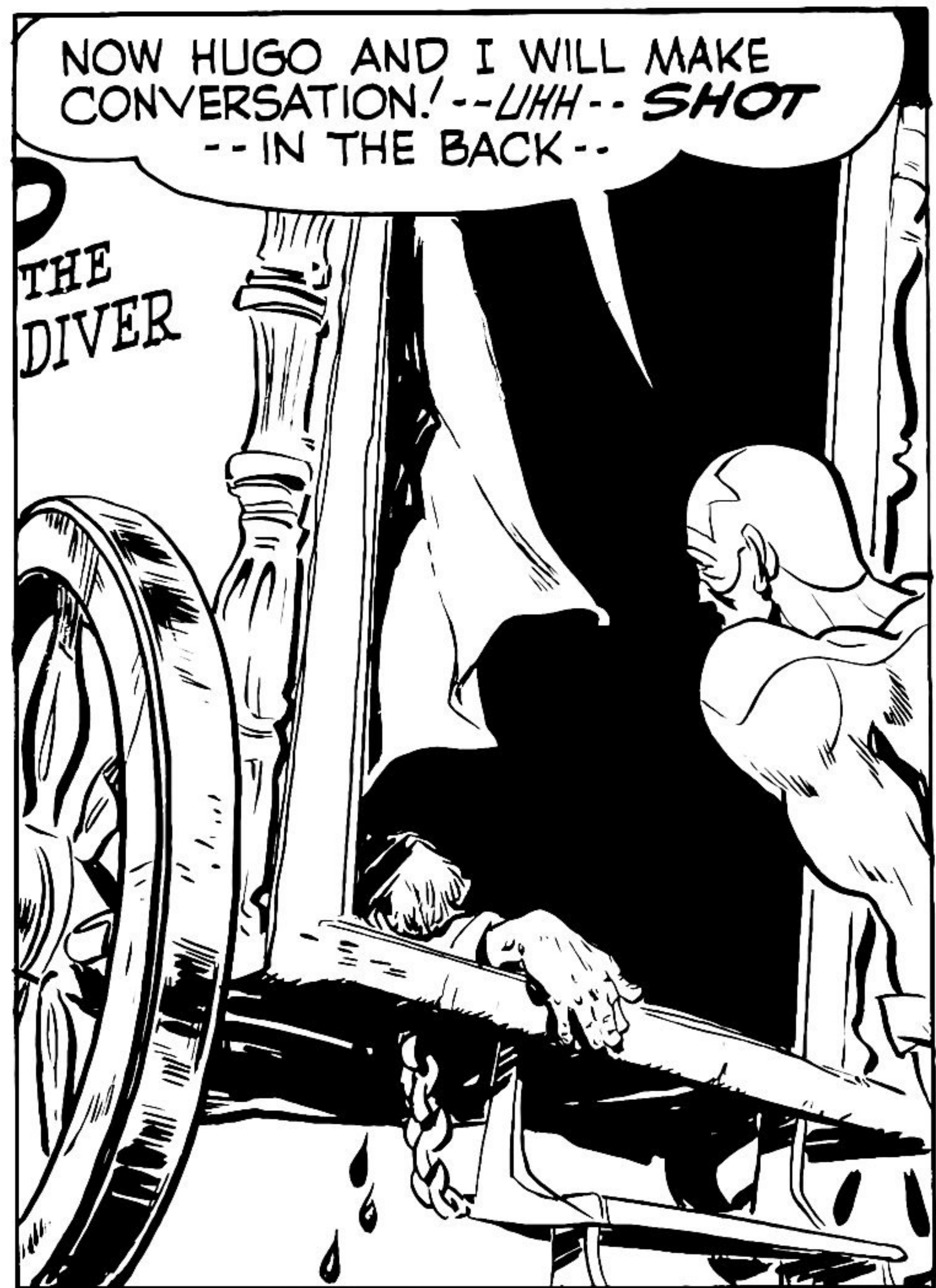
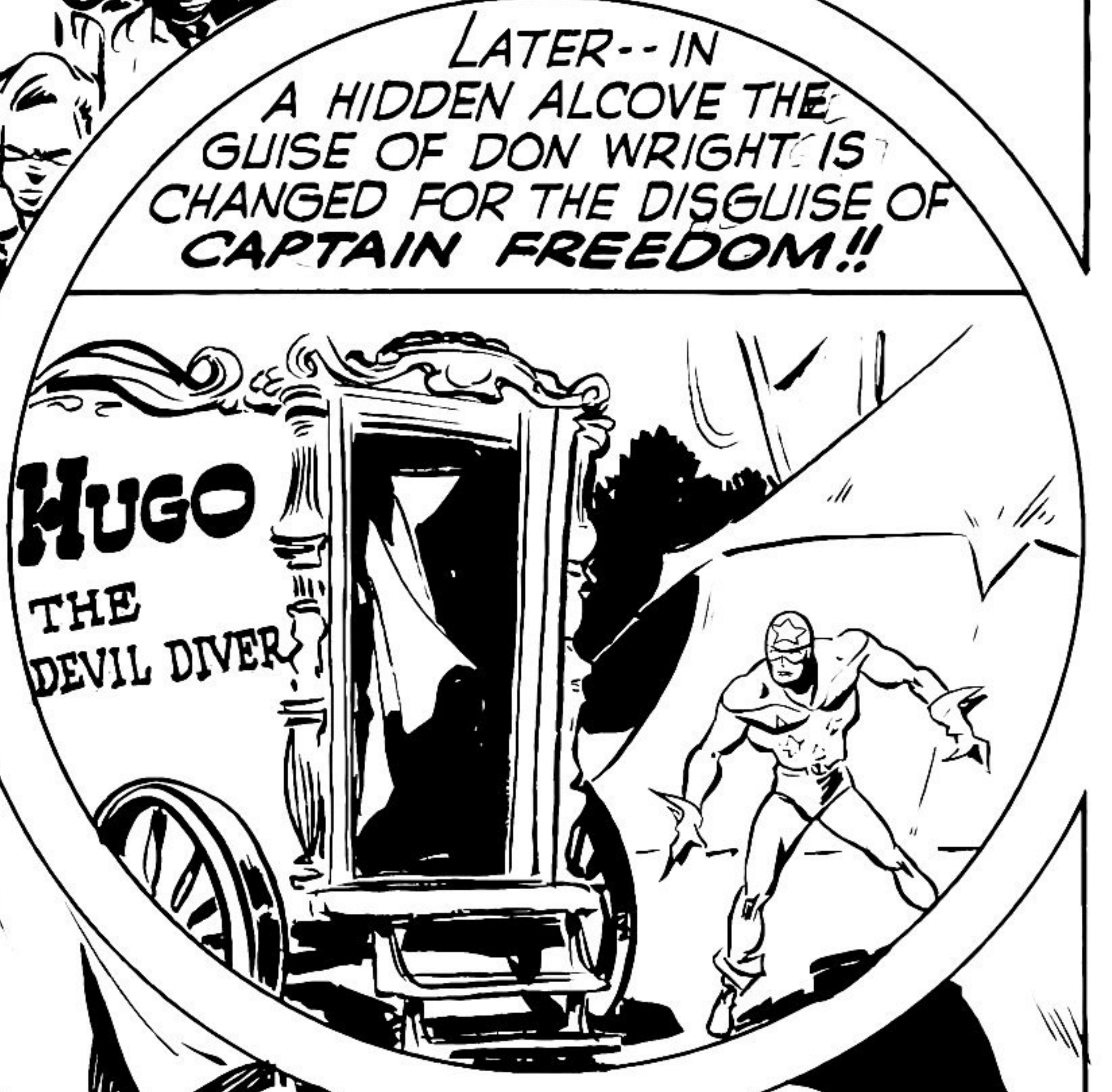
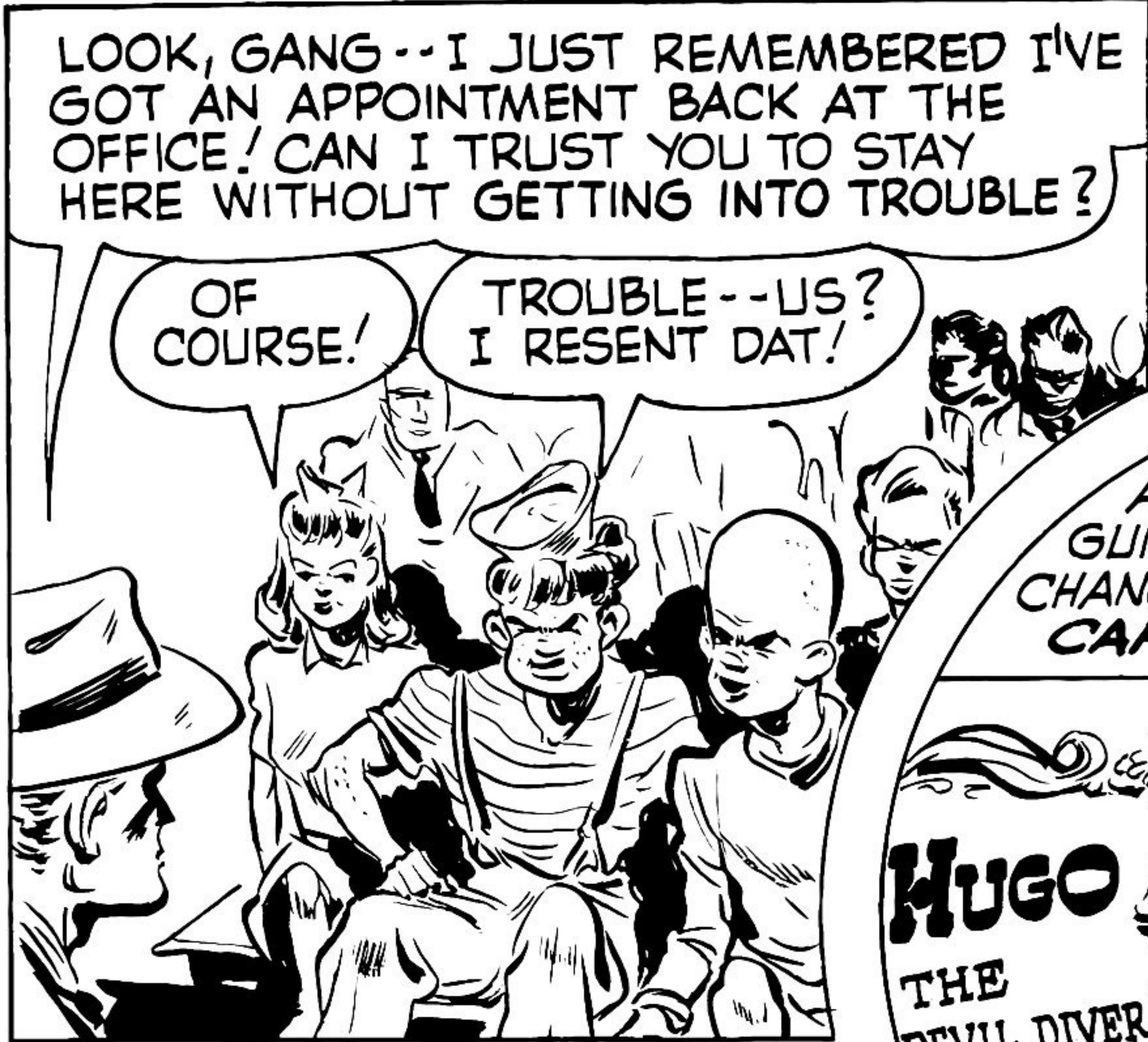
OKAY, WE'LL  
GO IN--ANY-  
THING TO  
KEEP YOU  
QUIET!







THE CROWD WAITS EXPECTANTLY, CRANING NECKS TO PEER UP AT THE PLATFORM EIGHTY FEET ABOVE THEM! THEN HUGO LEAPS!

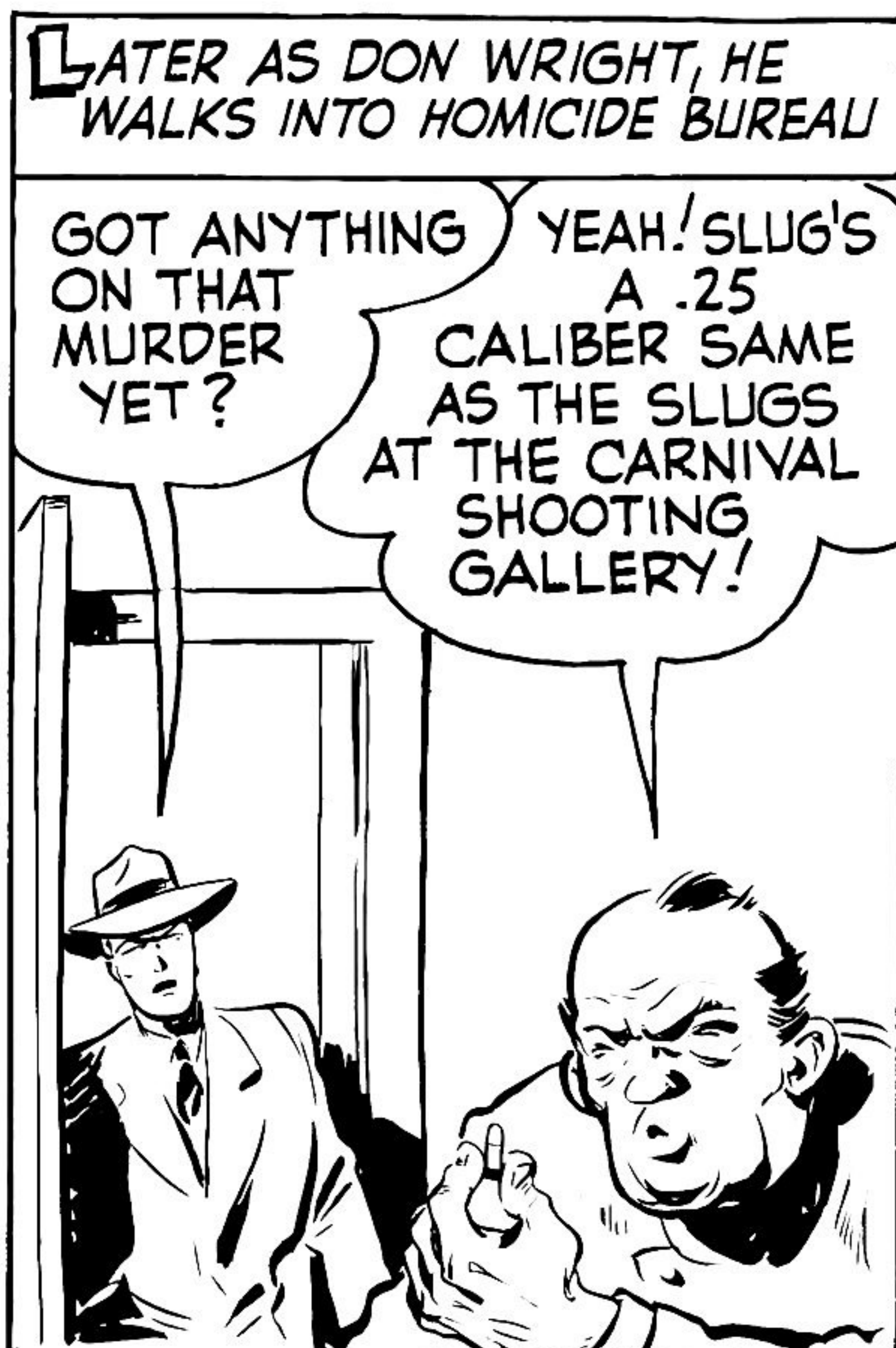






CALL THE POLICE! THIS MAN HAS BEEN MURDERED! I'M **CAPTAIN FREEDOM!** WHO'RE YOU?

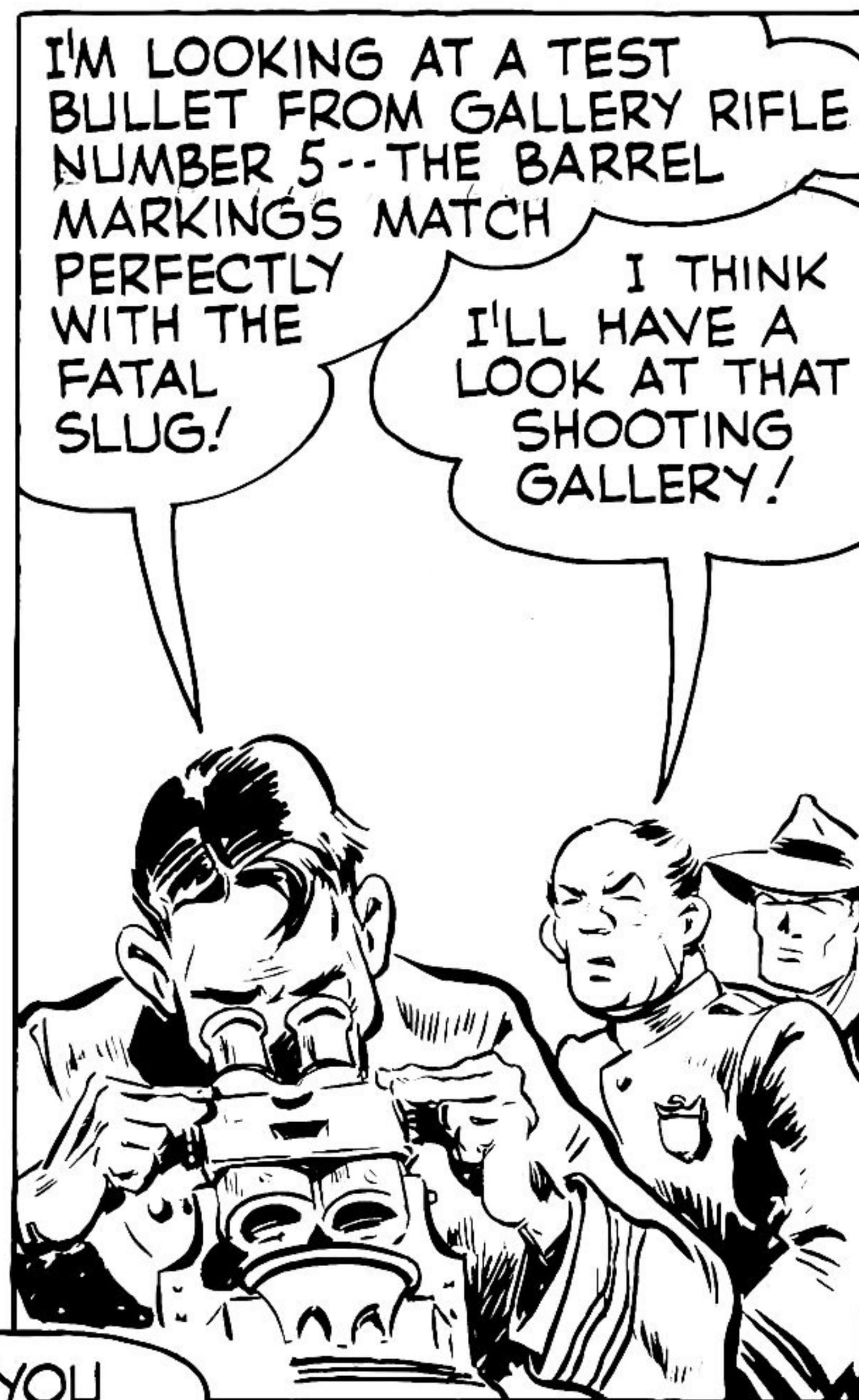
LUKE--I'M WITH THE CARNIVAL!



LATER AS DON WRIGHT, HE WALKS INTO HOMICIDE BUREAU

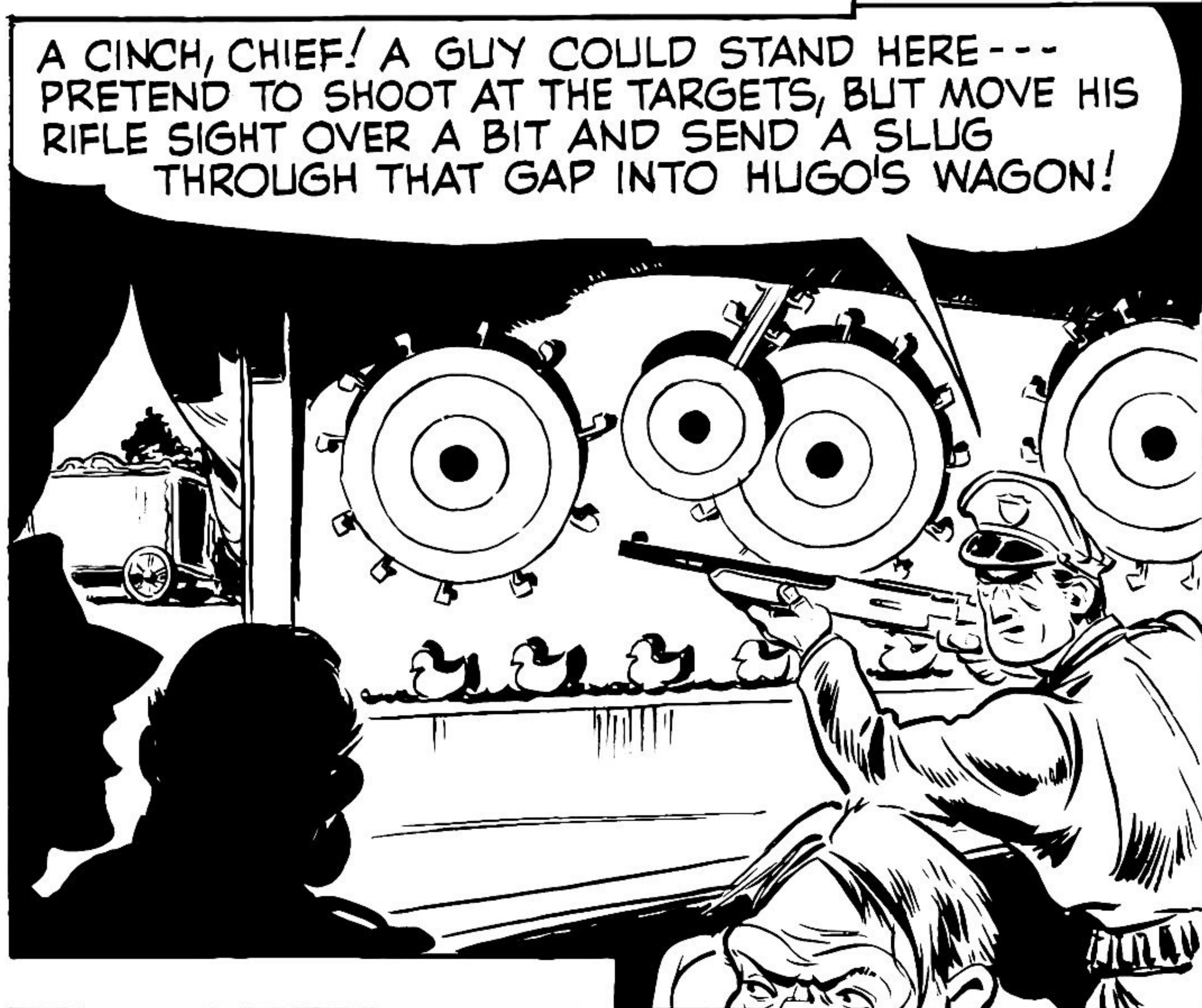
GOT ANYTHING ON THAT MURDER YET?

YEAH! SLUG'S A .25 CALIBER SAME AS THE SLUGS AT THE CARNIVAL SHOOTING GALLERY!

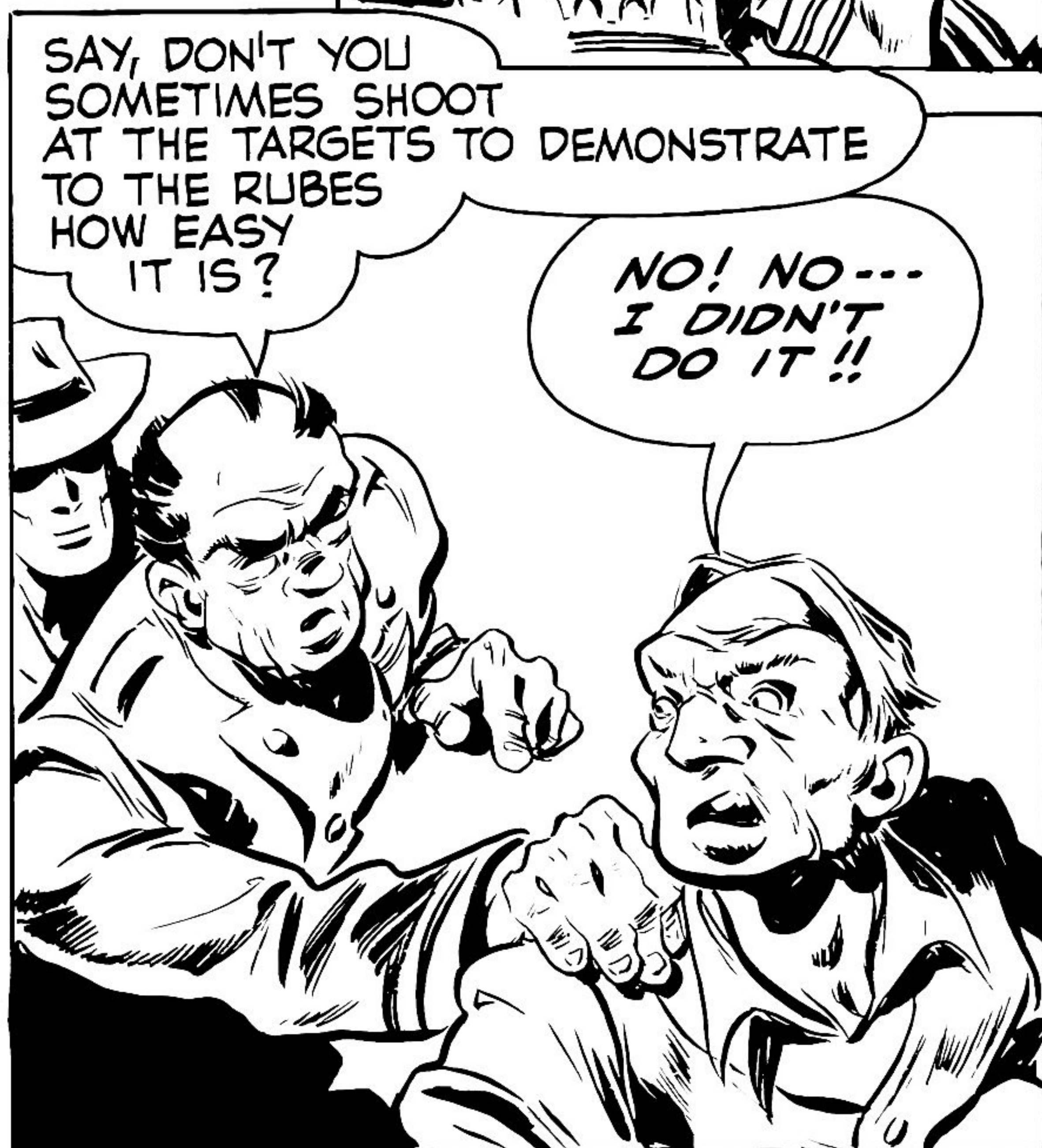


I'M LOOKING AT A TEST BULLET FROM GALLERY RIFLE NUMBER 5--THE BARREL MARKINGS MATCH PERFECTLY WITH THE FATAL SLUG!

I THINK I'LL HAVE A LOOK AT THAT SHOOTING GALLERY!



A CINCH, CHIEF! A GUY COULD STAND HERE--- PRETEND TO SHOOT AT THE TARGETS, BUT MOVE HIS RIFLE SIGHT OVER A BIT AND SEND A SLUG THROUGH THAT GAP INTO HUGO'S WAGON!



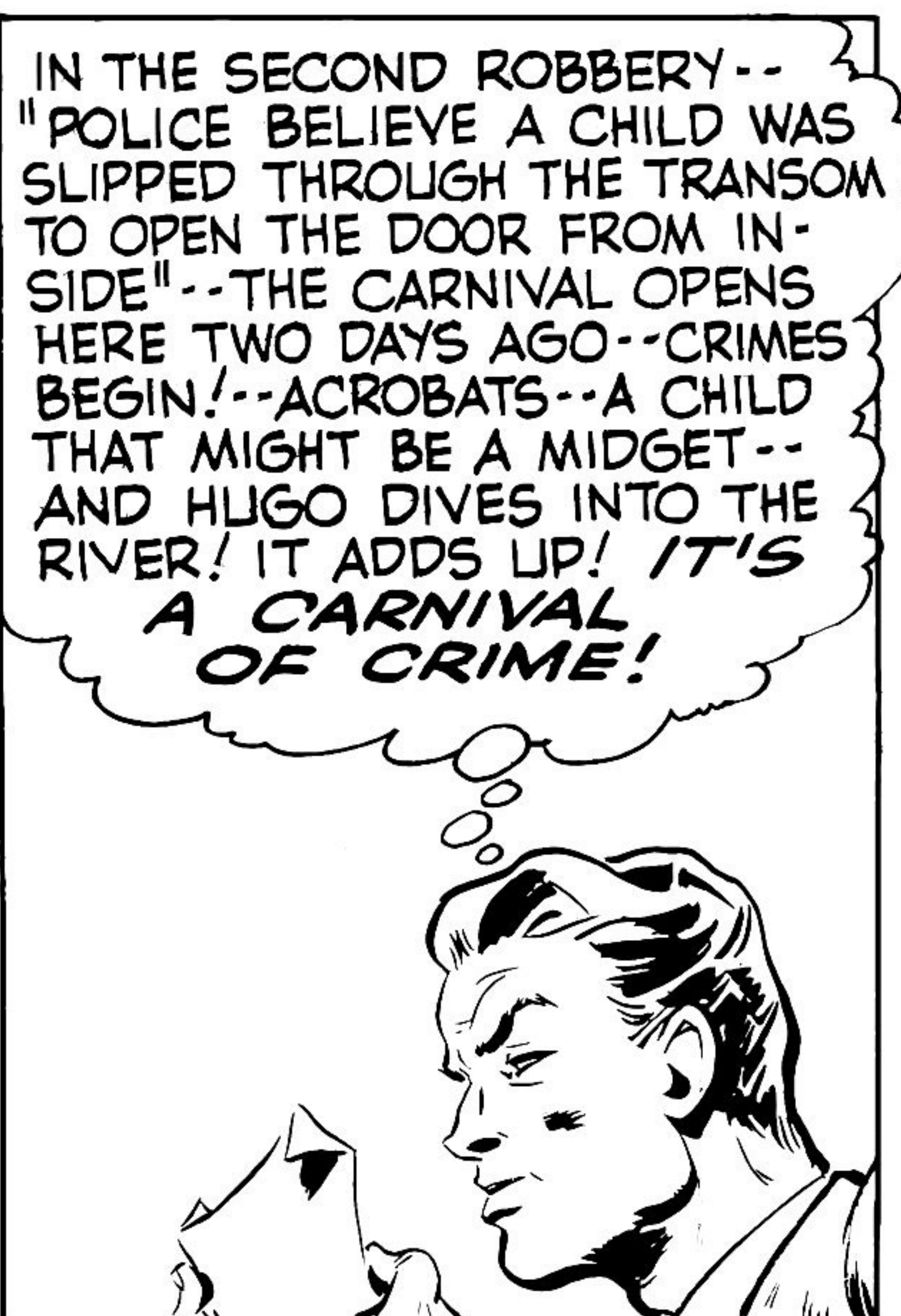
SAY, DON'T YOU SOMETIMES SHOOT AT THE TARGETS TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE RUBES HOW EASY IT IS?

NO! NO--- I DIDN'T DO IT!!

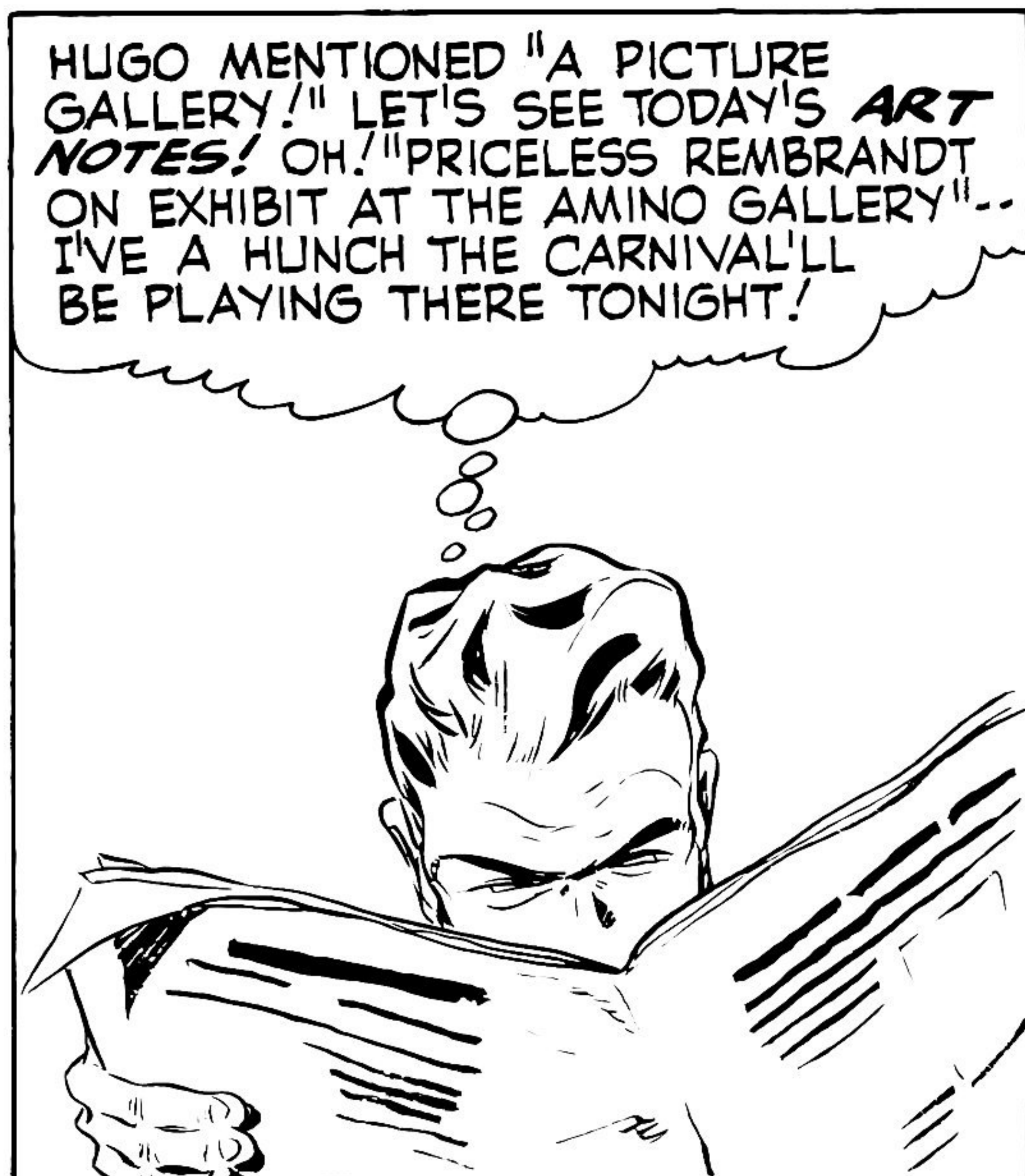


STILL LATER-- DON CONSULTS HIS NEWS-PAPER "MORGUE"---

TWO ROBBERIES IN THE PAST TWO DAYS!-- "BANDITS GOT AWAY BY SWINGING DOWN THE FIRESCAPES LIKE A TROUPE OF ACROBATS"--



IN THE SECOND ROBBERY-- "POLICE BELIEVE A CHILD WAS SLIPPED THROUGH THE TRANSOM TO OPEN THE DOOR FROM IN-SIDE"--THE CARNIVAL OPENS HERE TWO DAYS AGO--CRIMES BEGIN!--ACROBATS--A CHILD THAT MIGHT BE A MIDGET-- AND HUGO DIVES INTO THE RIVER! IT ADDS UP! **IT'S A CARNIVAL OF CRIME!**



HUGO MENTIONED "A PICTURE GALLERY!" LET'S SEE TODAY'S **ART NOTES!** OH!"PRICELESS REMBRANDT ON EXHIBIT AT THE AMINO GALLERY"-- I'VE A HUNCH THE CARNIVAL'LL BE PLAYING THERE TONIGHT!



MEANTIME THE COPY-CLUBS FIND  
THE MURDER IS HOT COPY--

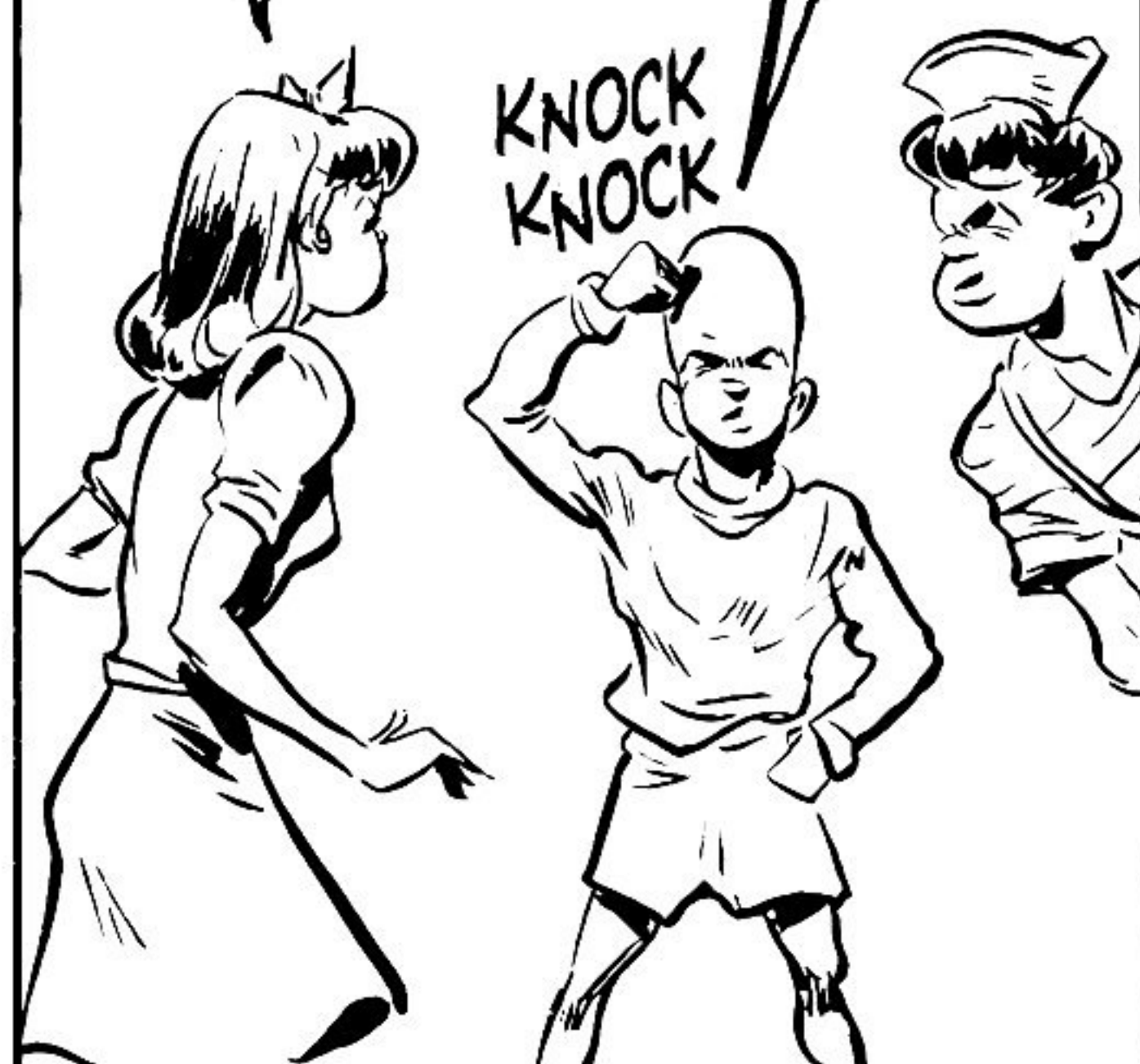
A MOIDER--KIN  
Y'IMAGINE! 'N'  
WE'RE ON DE  
SCENE O' DE  
CRIME!

NOW'S OUR  
CHANCE TO  
SHOW HOW  
GOOD WE  
ARE!



NOW WE'LL  
BE ABLE  
TO WRITE  
REAL  
ATMOSPHERE  
STUFF!

ME BEAN'S  
WOIKIN'  
AGIN!  
LET'S  
USE  
CARNIVAL  
SLANG  
WORDS FOR  
OUR STORY!



THE COPY-CLUBS CONTACT THE  
RINGMASTER WHO IS GLAD  
TO HELP--

--AND A PALMIST IS A *MITT  
READER*, A HOT DOG STAND  
IS A *KENNEL*, A TRAPEZE  
ARTIST IS CALLED A *DANGLER*,  
A CLOWN IS A *JOEY*!  
WANT MORE?

SURE!



--AND WHILE THE RINGMASTER GIVES THE  
KIDS MORE SLANG--A FIGURE WATCHES--

THE COPY CLUBS! THEY'RE PALS OF  
CAPTAIN FREEDOM! IF THEY SHOW HIM  
THAT SLANG, HE'LL CATCH WISE!  
I'LL SEE THAT THEY DON'T!



LATER--AS NIGHT  
SHADOWS  
LENGTHEN---

GRAB  
EM!



LET GO OF  
ME! YOU--  
YOU--

HEY, YOUSE CAN'T  
KIDNAP US! IT  
AIN'T LEGAL!

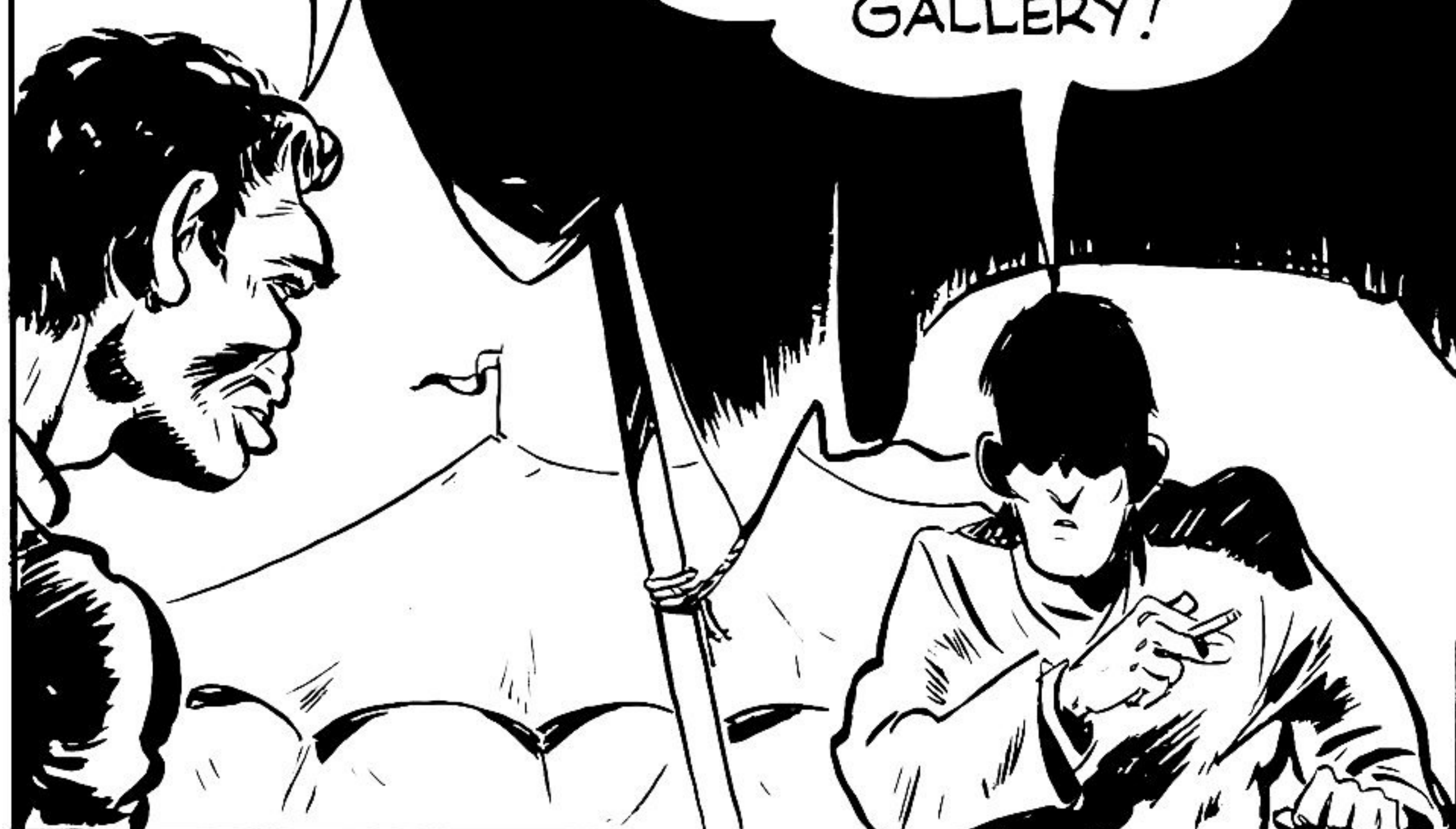
YOW!



BUT THE ODDS ARE TOO GREAT! THE KIDS  
ARE CAUGHT--THAT IS, ALL EXCEPT--

ONE KID GOT  
AWAY! THE  
BRAT WITH  
THE OVER-  
SIZED BEAN!

FIND HIM! WE'RE SUNK IF  
HE BLABS TO CAPTAIN  
FREEDOM! HE'LL FIGURE  
OUT I'VE GOT THREE  
GUYS READY TO BLAST  
HIM AT THE ART  
GALLERY!





ONE HOUR LATER! A FIGURE  
PADS THROUGH THE HALF-  
LIGHT OF THE GALLERY--



SUDDENLY CAP'S  
EARS PICK UP A  
FAMILIAR SOUND--



--AND CAP DROPS FLAT--





AN AMBUSH! BUT HOW'D THEY KNOW I'D COME HERE! WAIT! ONE MAN KNEW! HE HEARD THE GREAT HUGO'S DYING WORDS! I'LL JUG THESE RATS AND THEN -- LUKE!



**M**EANWHILE, BEANIE IS RUNNING INTO DIFFICULTIES!



and -- TRANSFORMATION!

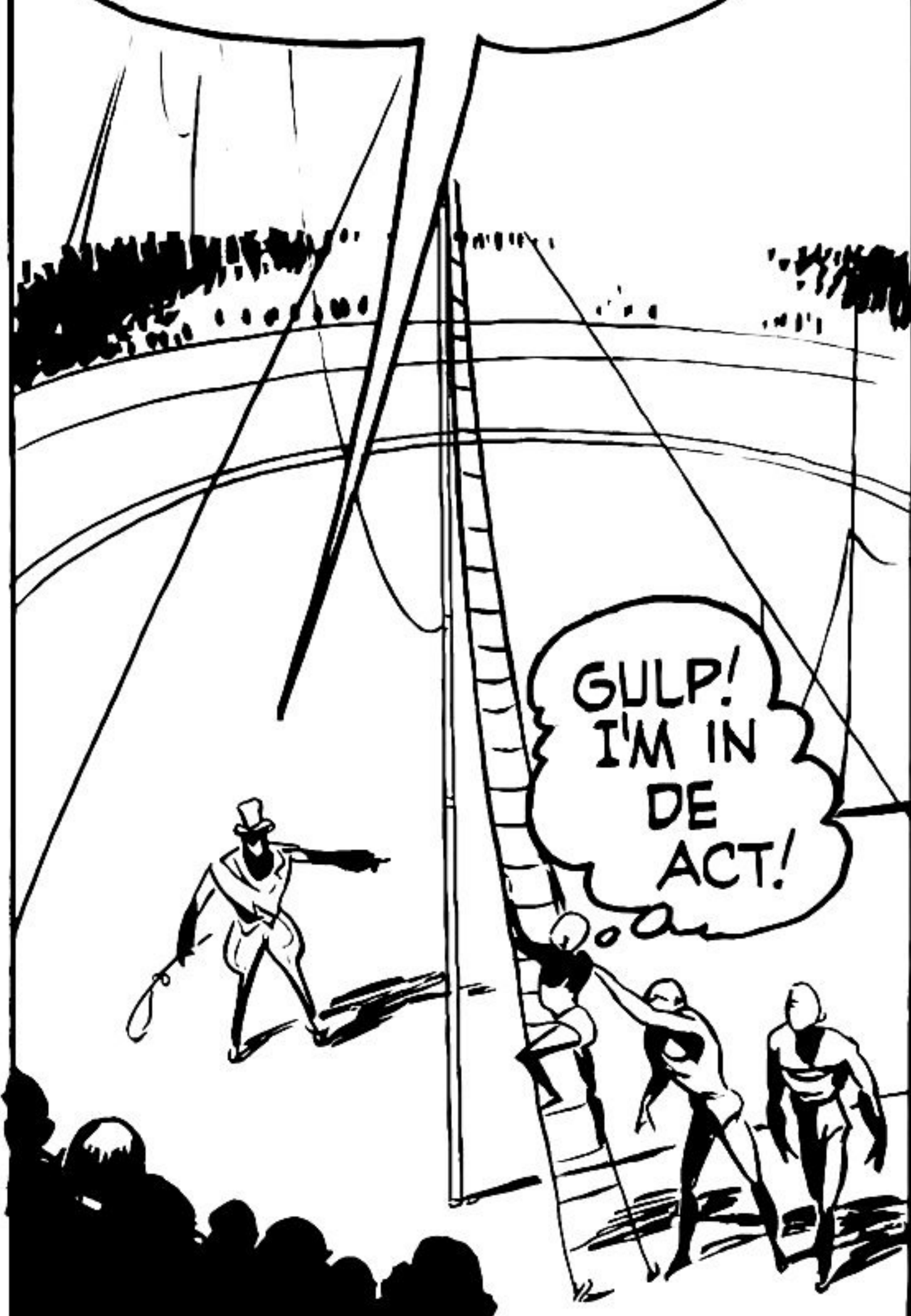
NOT A BAD FIT EVEN IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF!

MMMPH!

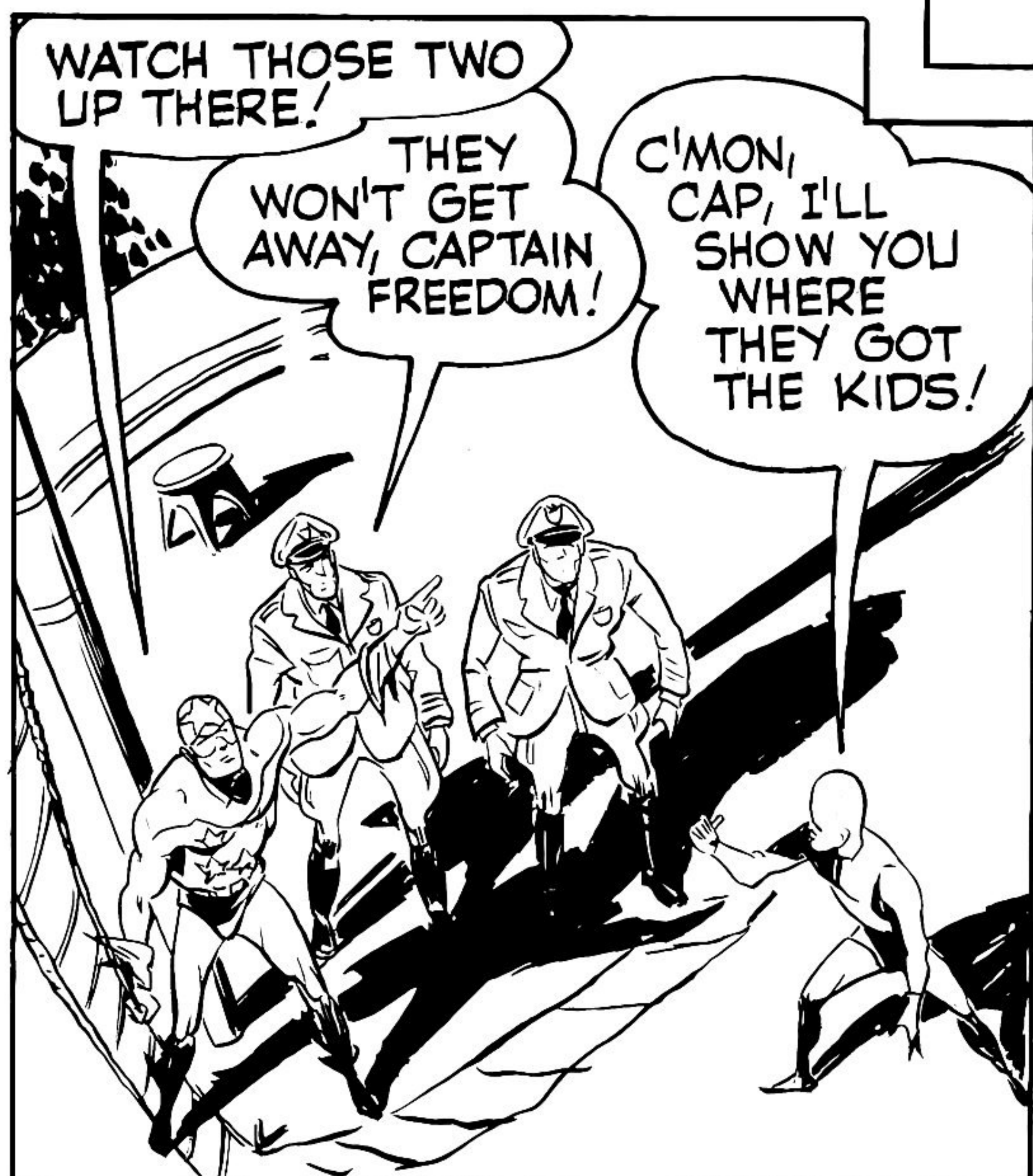
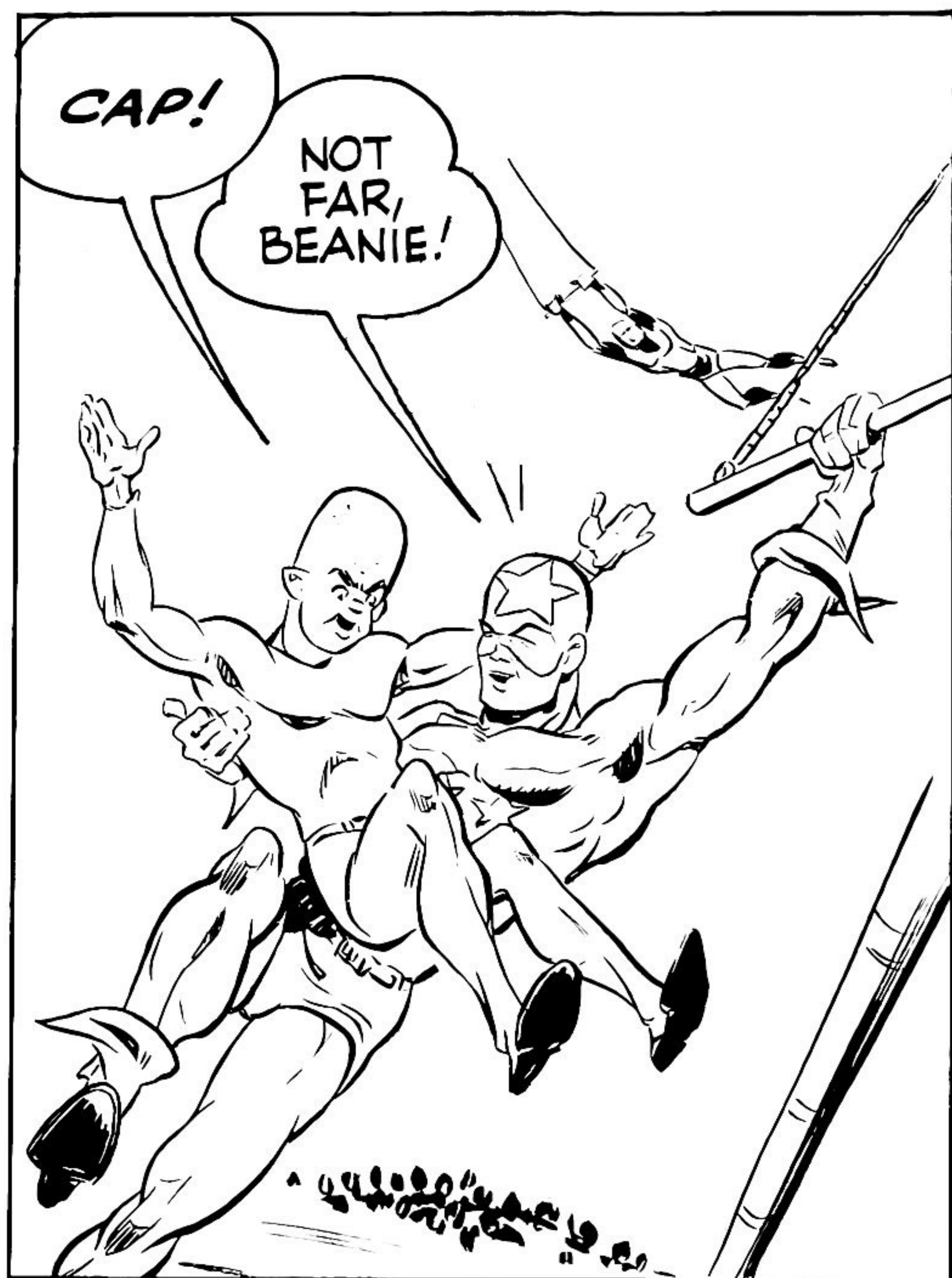
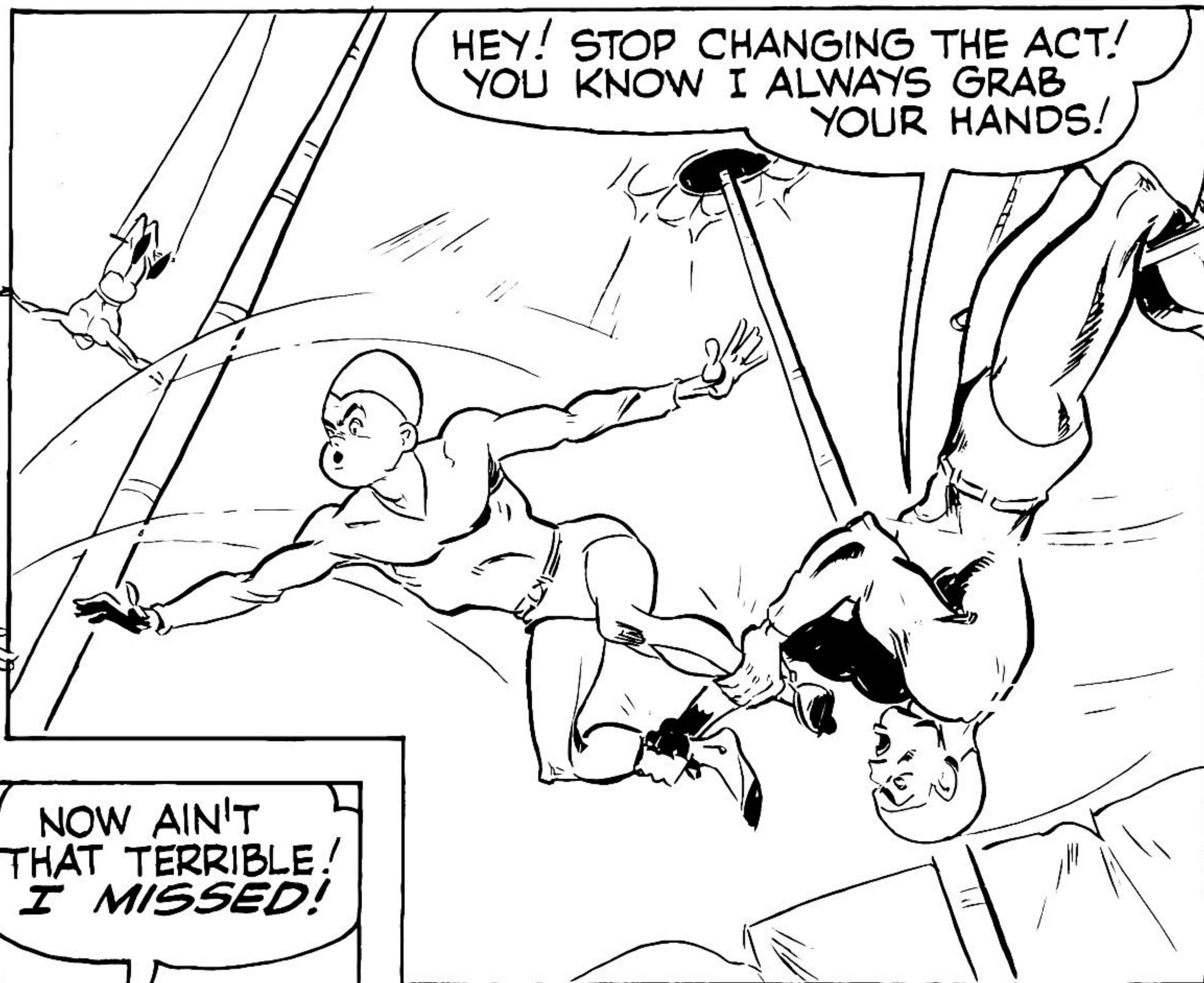
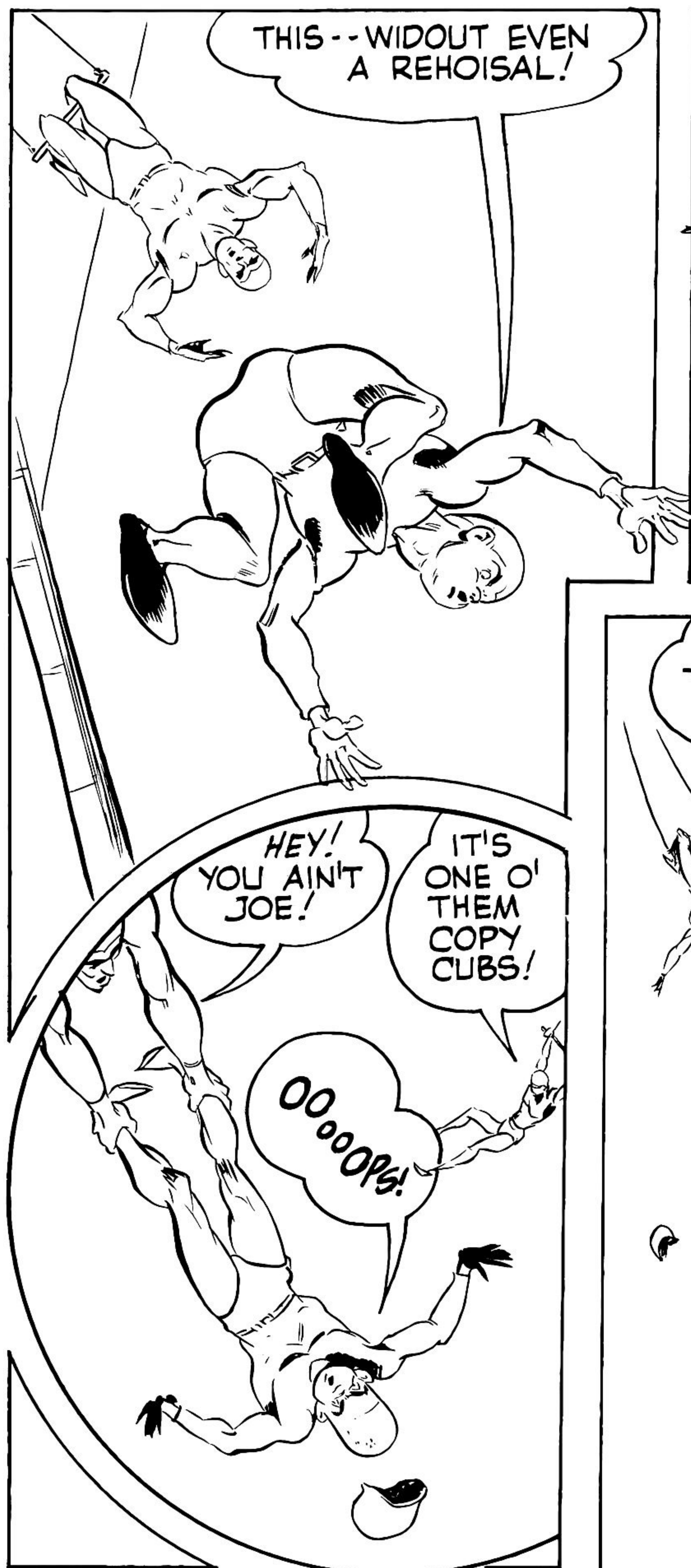
C'MON, JOE! WE AIN'T GOT ALL NIGHT!



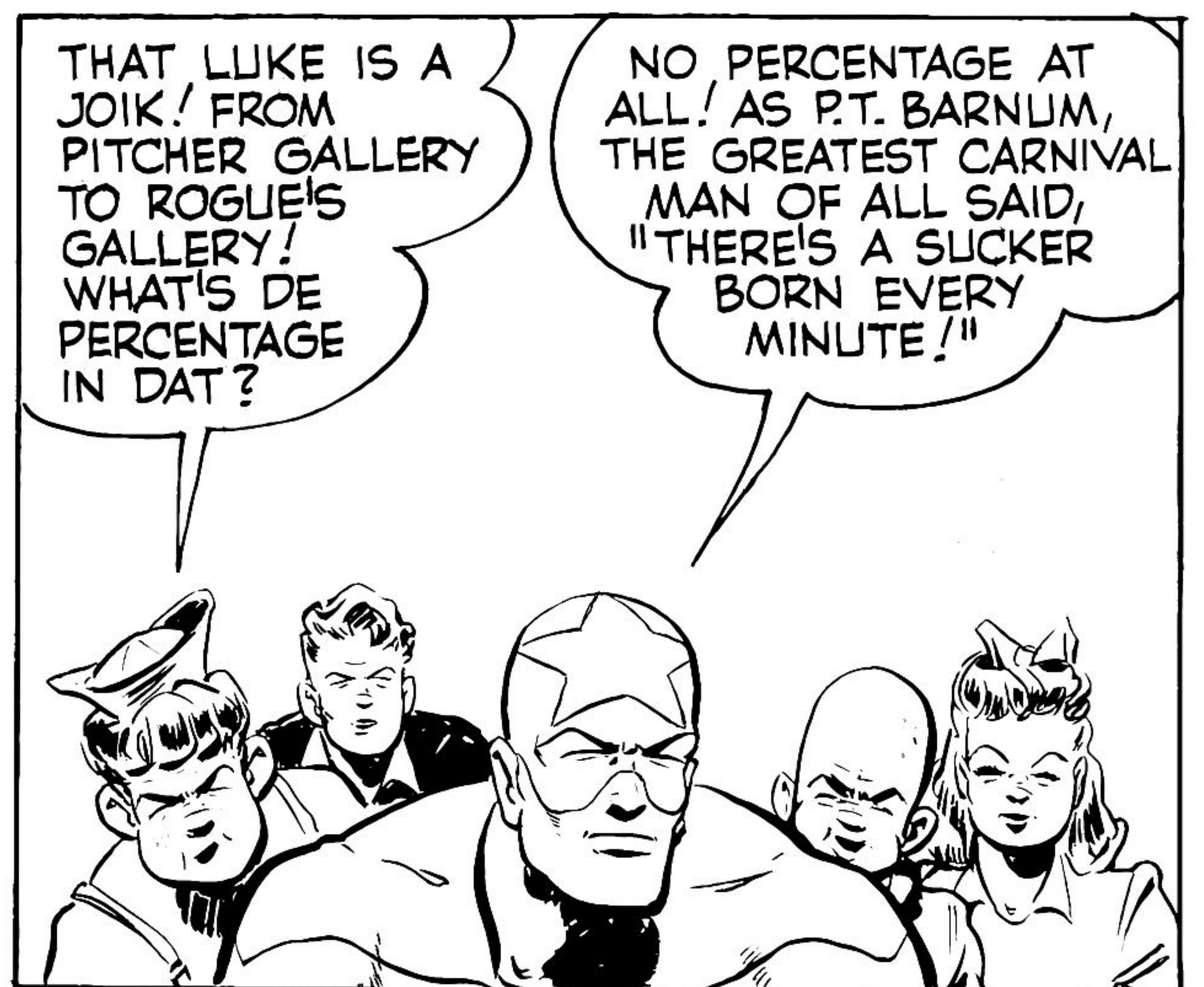
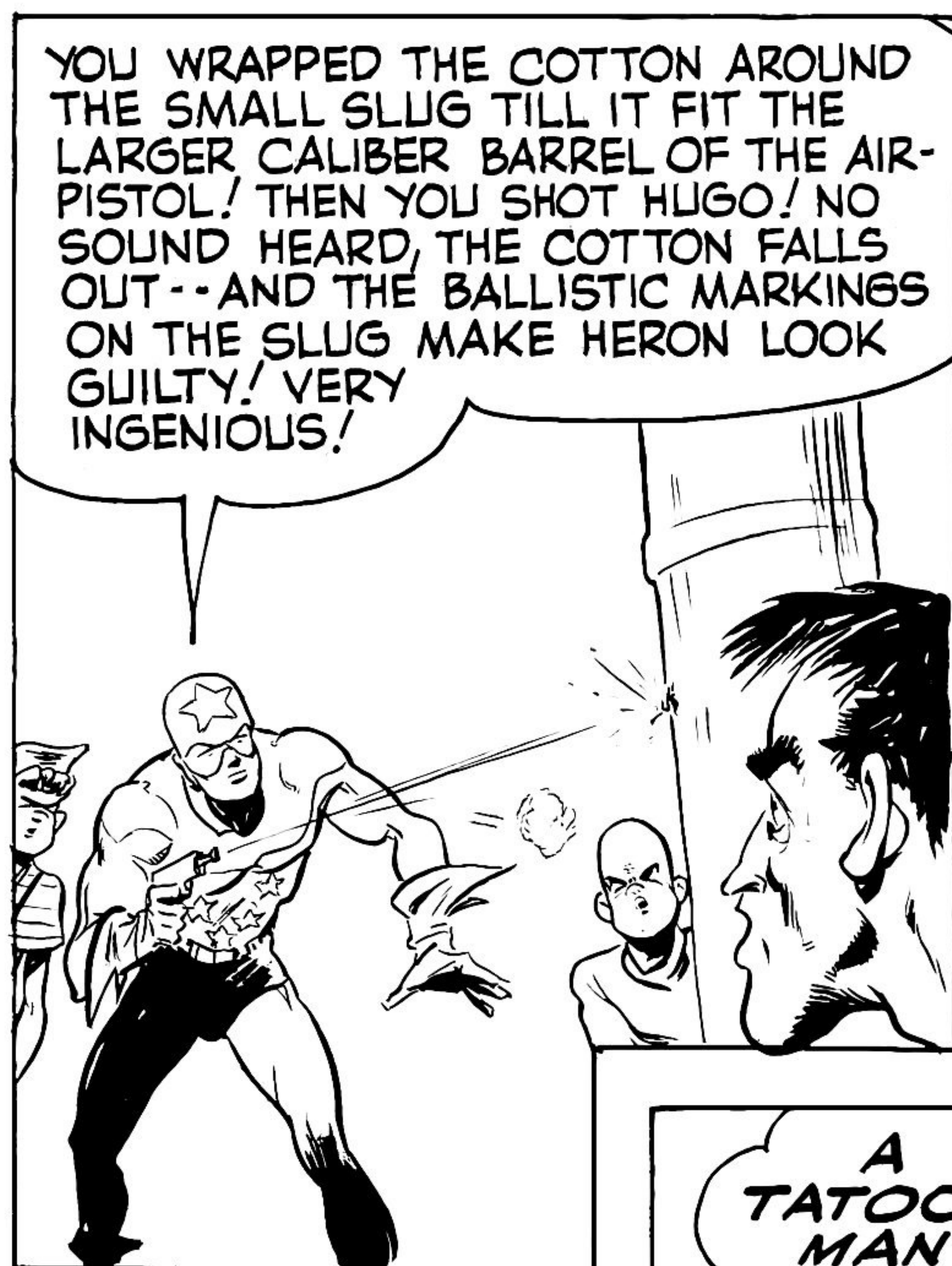
PRESENTING THOSE DAREDEVILS WHO WORK WITHOUT A NET ... THE **TRIX TRIO!**







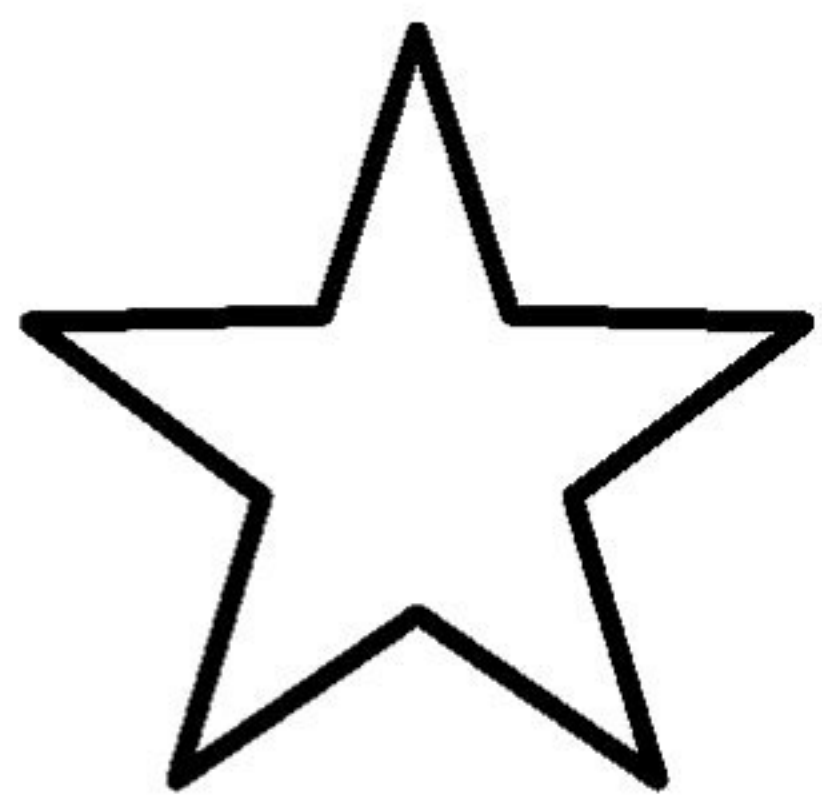




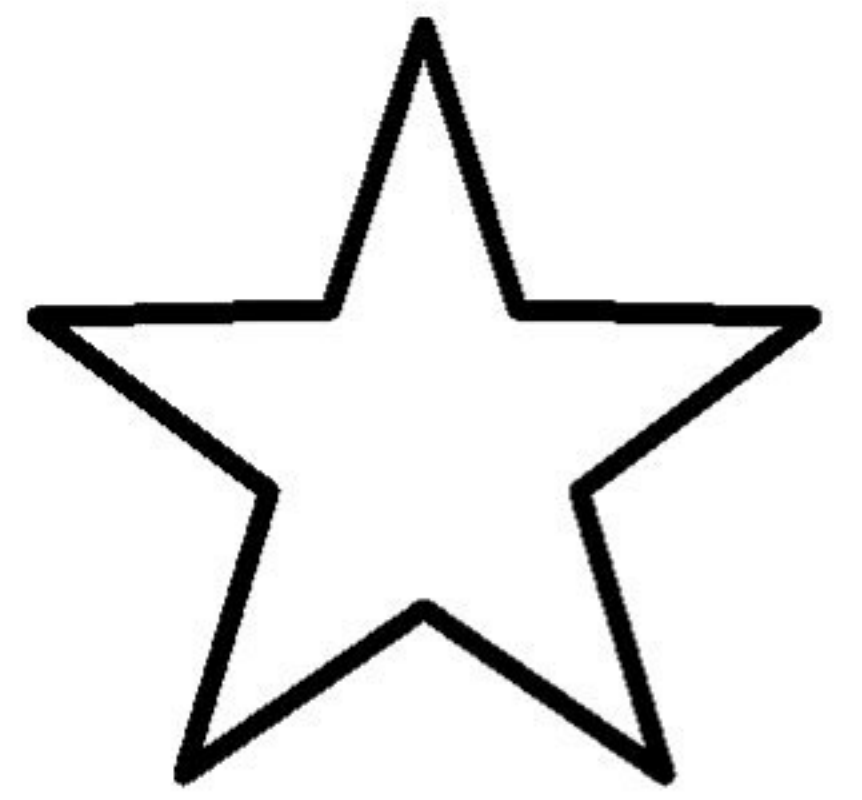
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# CAPTAIN FREEDOM



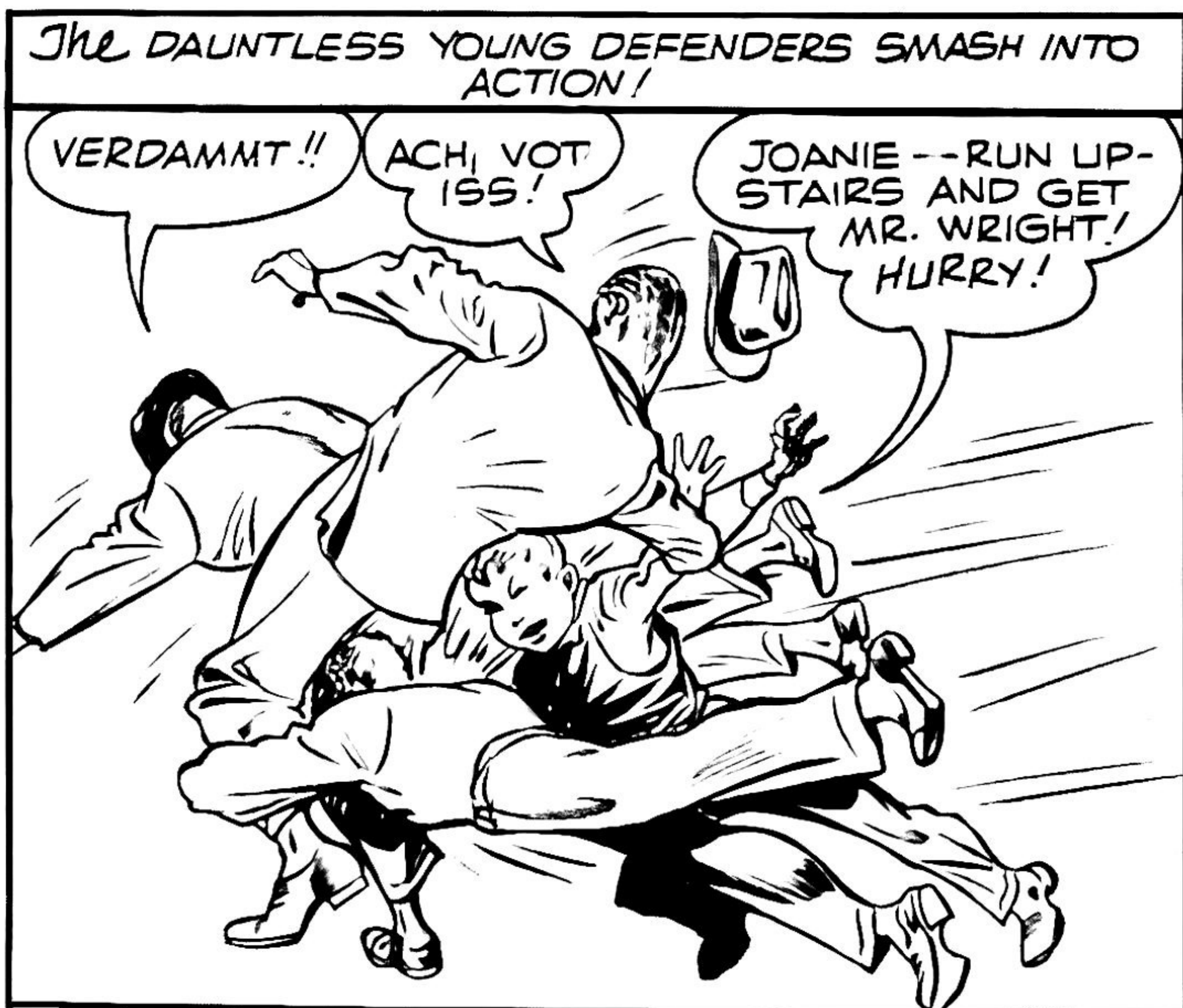
## THE BOMB!



**CAPTAIN FREEDOM** IS IN REALITY DON WRIGHT, FEARLESS YOUNG NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER! NOT EVEN THE DAUNTLESS **YOUNG DEFENDERS**, A GROUP OF NEWS-BOYS, SUSPECT CAPTAIN FREEDOM'S TRUE IDENTITY!

The LARGEST BOMB EVER CONSTRUCTED IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD, LARGE ENOUGH TO DESTROY A METROPOLIS OF MILLIONS IN ONE BLAST, LIES SOMEWHERE IN THIS CITY, TIMED TO EXPLODE AT MIDNIGHT! CAN **CAPTAIN FREEDOM** AND THE **YOUNG DEFENDERS** THWART THIS DIABOLICAL AXIS PLOT?









NAZI SPIES,  
YOU SAY?

YES!!  
HURRY!!  
HURRY!

TRY THIS  
SOCK ON  
FOR SIZE,  
HEEL!



THERE  
THEY  
ARE!!

LET  
GO,  
YOU  
LITTLE  
@xx!!x!

COME ON,  
HANS! VE  
MUST GET  
AWAY FROM  
HERE!

ACH!



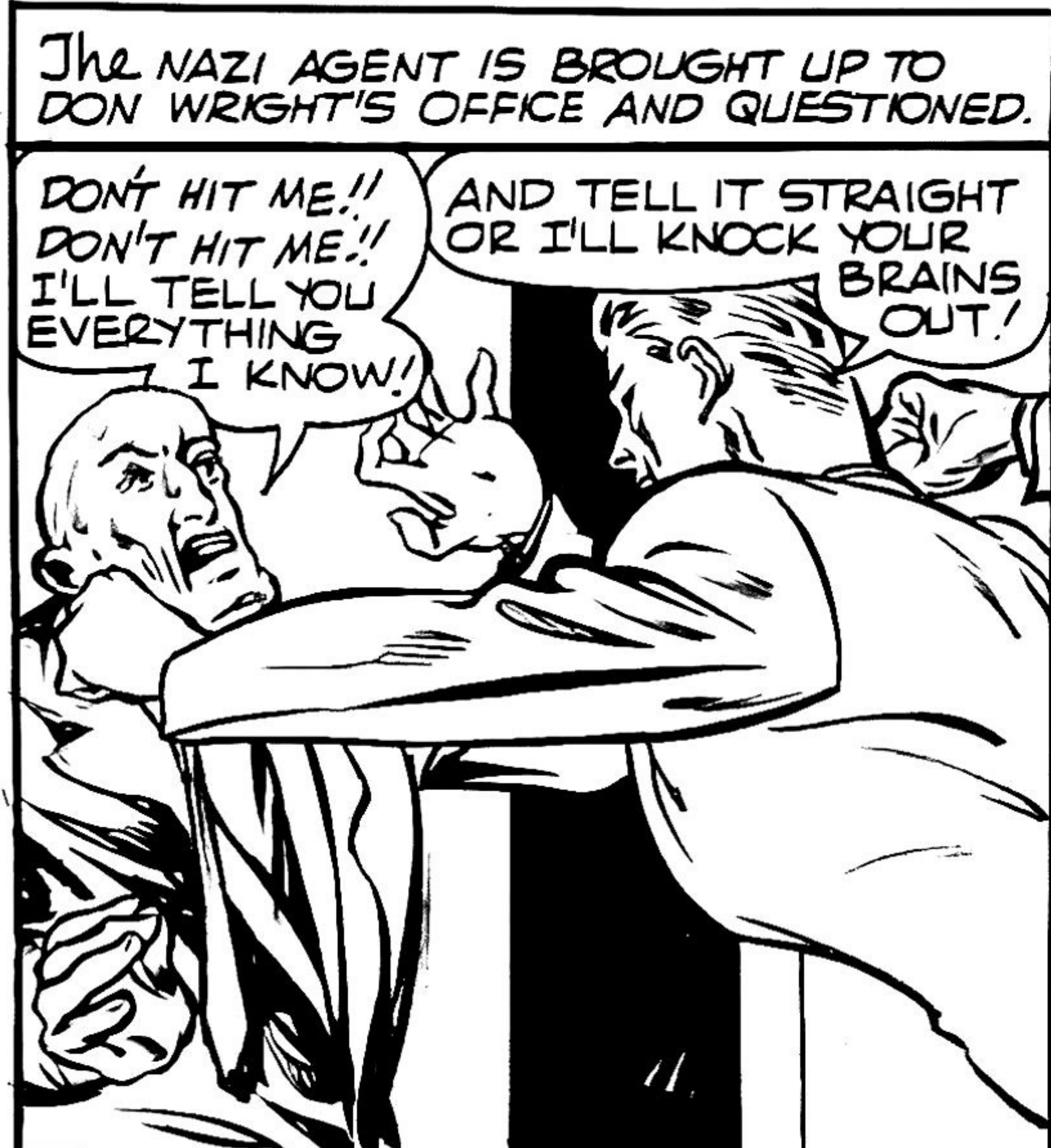
LET GO, OR  
I'LL BLAST  
YOU  
OFF!



THE  
OTHER  
NAZI  
GOT  
AWAY!

WELL, A BIRD IN THE HAND  
IS A BIRD IN THE HAND!  
LET'S TAKE THIS VULTURE  
UPSTAIRS AND FIND OUT IF  
HE'S GOT  
SOME  
PARROT  
IN HIM!

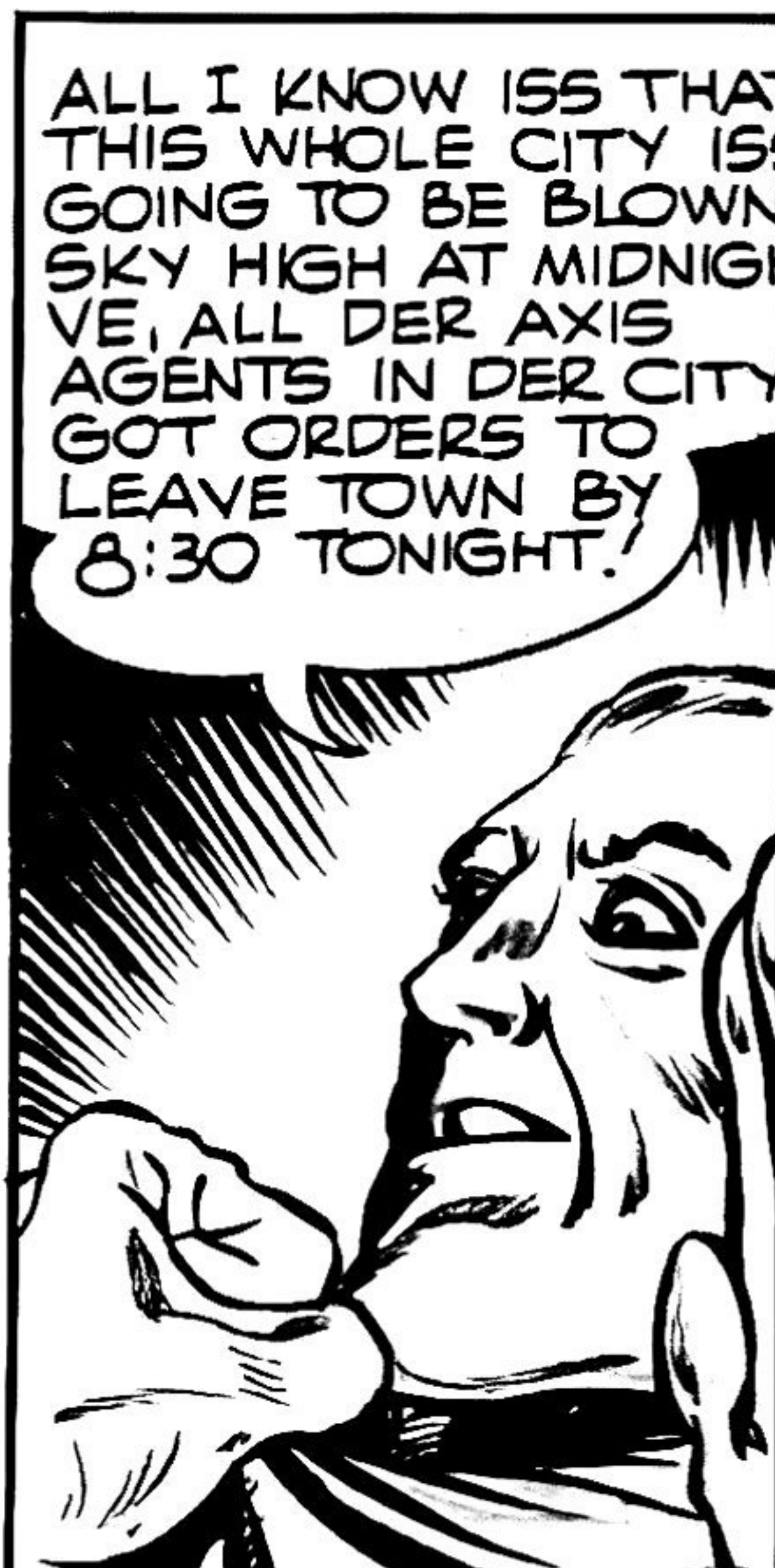
HE'LL TALK IF HE  
KNOWS WHAT'S  
GOOD FOR  
HIM!



THE NAZI AGENT IS BROUGHT UP TO  
DON WRIGHT'S OFFICE AND QUESTIONED.

DON'T HIT ME!!  
DON'T HIT ME!!  
I'LL TELL YOU  
EVERYTHING  
I KNOW!

AND TELL IT STRAIGHT  
OR I'LL KNOCK YOUR  
BRAINS  
OUT!



ALL I KNOW ISS THAT  
THIS WHOLE CITY ISS  
GOING TO BE BLOWN  
SKY HIGH AT MIDNIGHT!  
VE, ALL DER AXIS  
AGENTS IN DER CITY,  
GOT ORDERS TO  
LEAVE TOWN BY  
8:30 TONIGHT!



GIVE ME  
POLICE  
HEAD-  
QUARTERS!

THAT'S ALL I  
KNOW! IT'S  
DER JAPS  
WHO ARE  
PLANTING  
DER BOMB,  
NOT US!!





THIS IS DON WRIGHT! I'VE GOT A TIP FOR YOU! STOP ALL TRAINS, BUSES AND CARS LEAVING THE CITY TONIGHT, AND YOU'LL CATCH MORE SPIES THAN YOUR JAIL CAN HOLD!



IF THIS CITY IS GOING TO BE BLOWN SKY-HIGH, YOU AND ALL THE OTHER SPIES ARE GOING TO BE BLOWN SKY-HIGH WITH IT!



SO IF YOU WANT TO SAVE YOUR OWN MISERABLE LIFE, YOU'LL HELP US PREVENT THIS EXPLOSION!

BUT I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING MORE ABOUT IT THAN I'VE TOLD YOU! DER JAPS ARE DOING IT!



THEN GIVE ME THE ADDRESS OF THE MOST PROMINENT JAP SPY IN THE CITY!

MAKU SIKI, 21 RIVEREDGE DRIVE!



A FEW MINUTES LATER, A POLICEMAN ARRIVES ---

I'M FROM HEAD-QUARTERS, MR. WRIGHT, ABOUT THIS TIP ---

THE TIP IS STRAIGHT! HERE, TAKE THIS NAZI SPY OFF MY HANDS, WILL YOU?



IT'S A PLEASURE!

YOU YOUNGSTERS GO BACK AND SELL YOUR PAPERS! DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!

I WISH CAPTAIN FREEDOM WERE HERE!

I BET HE SOON WILL BE!

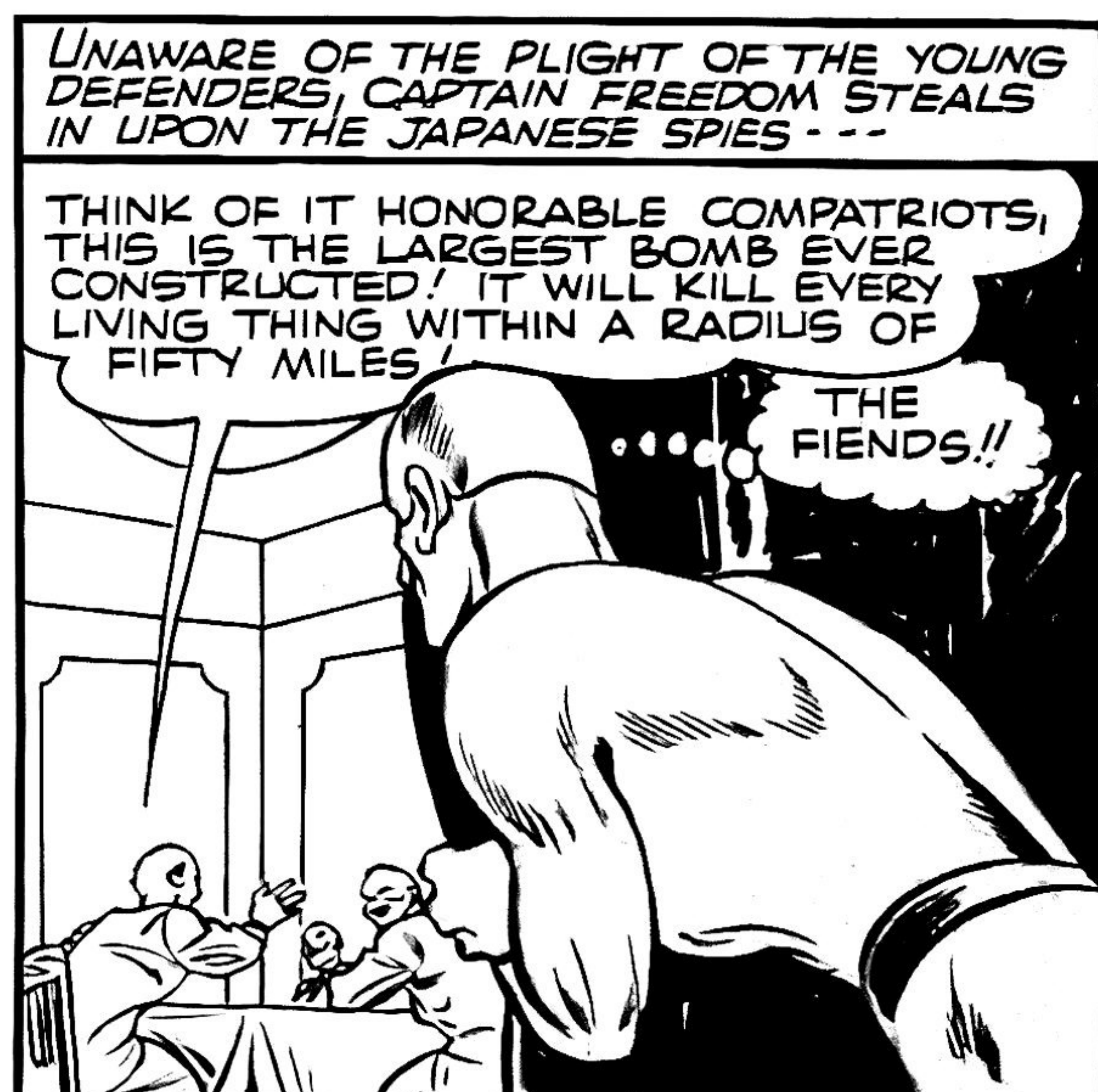


AS SOON AS THEY ARE GONE, DON WRIGHT REMOVES HIS CIVILIAN CLOTHES AND ---



--- STANDS REVEALED IN THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE UNIFORM OF CAPTAIN FREEDOM, FIGHTING Foe OF FASCISM!









A PYTHON!!



THE HUGE, HUNGRY REPTILE ATTACKS!

NOW WAIT A MINUTE -- CAN'T WE TALK THIS OVER?



GREAT MUSCULAR COILS OF BONE-CRUSHING STRENGTH WIND THEMSELVES ABOUT CAPTAIN FREEDOM'S BODY!

I SEE I'M GOING TO HAVE TROUBLE WITH YOU!



VERY SORRY WE CANNOT STAY AND WATCH OUR PET ENJOY HIS DINNER! HA-HA-HA!!

HA! HA!! HA!!

THE BOMB IS IN THE EXACT CENTER OF THE CITY AND WILL BLOW UP AT MIDNIGHT! YOU AMERICAN PIGS WILL LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO OPPOSE JAPAN!

COME, COME, WE MUST GO!

YOU WON'T GO FAR! EVERY ROAD IS BLOCKED! YOU'LL BE KILLED ALONG WITH EVERYBODY ELSE!

DID YOU HEAR THAT, MAKU SIKI?

JUST A BLUFF, MY FRIEND!

COME, WE MUST HURRY!



BELOW, CAPTAIN FREEDOM'S NIMBLE FINGERS REMOVE A LOOSE BRICK FROM THE WALL!



IF YOU'RE SO DARN HUNGRY --



--- HERE'S A LITTLE UN-APPETIZER!



THE PYTHON DISENGAGES ITSELF, FROM CAPTAIN FREEDOM IN WRITHING FURY, TRYING TO DISGORGE THE BRICK!

WELL, YOU STARTED IT!



THEN CAPTAIN FREEDOM SMASHES IN THE SKULL OF THE SERPENT WITH ANOTHER BRICK!

SO I'M ENDING IT!



A VIOLENT THRESHING, THEN SUDDENLY, THE GIANT SNAKE LIES LIMP AND STILL ---

I'M GOING TO PUT YOU TO SOME GOOD USE!



I HOPE THOSE JAPS HAVEN'T LEFT YET!



THEY'RE GONE!! I'VE GOT TO WORK FAST!



THE CITY MAP! NOW I'LL FIND OUT WHERE THE EXACT CENTER IS!



CAPTAIN FREEDOM FOLDS THE MAP IN HALF --

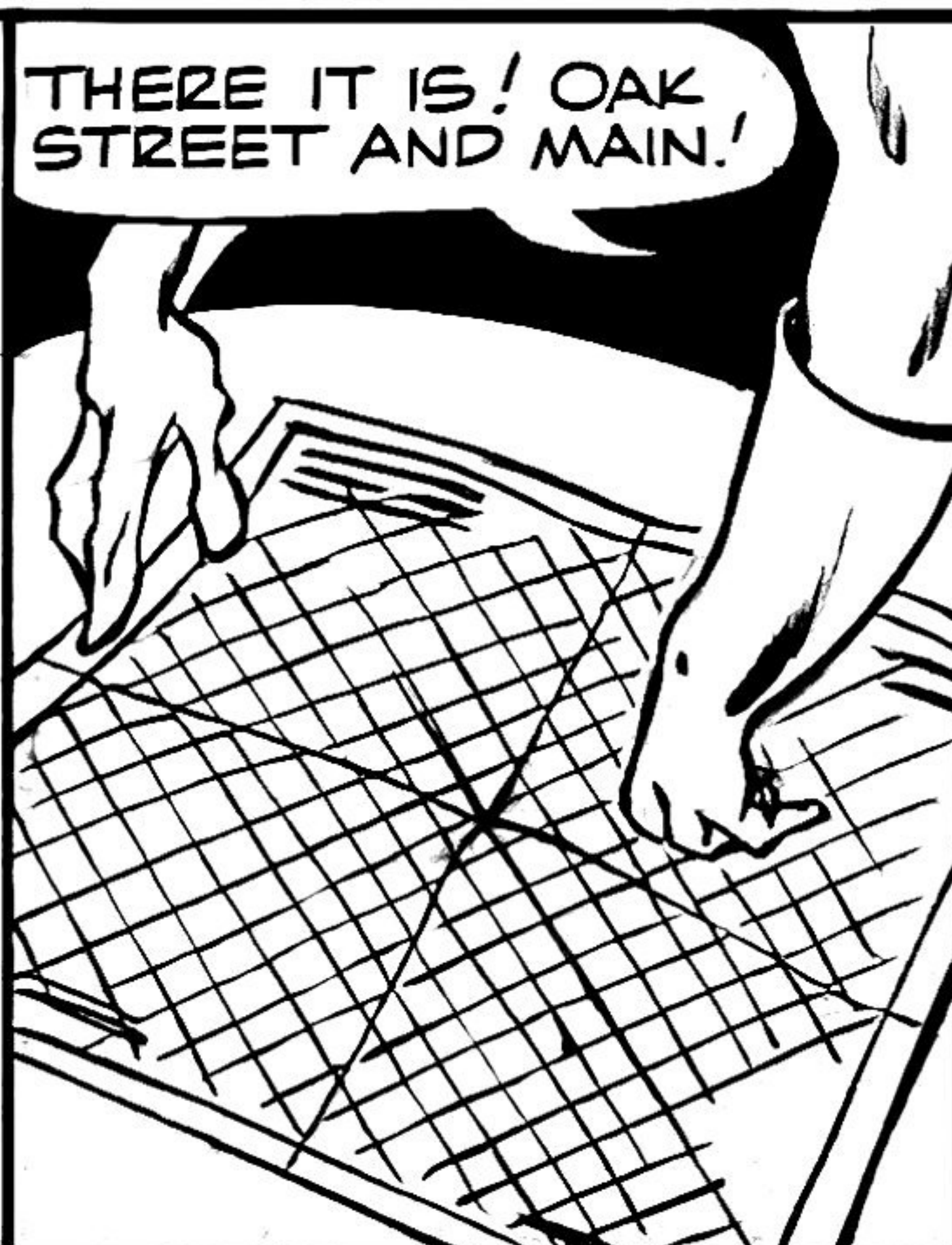


--AND FOLDS IT ONCE AGAIN---



THEN OPENS THE MAP AND FINDS THE EXACT CENTER WHERE THE FOUR FOLDED LINES MEET!

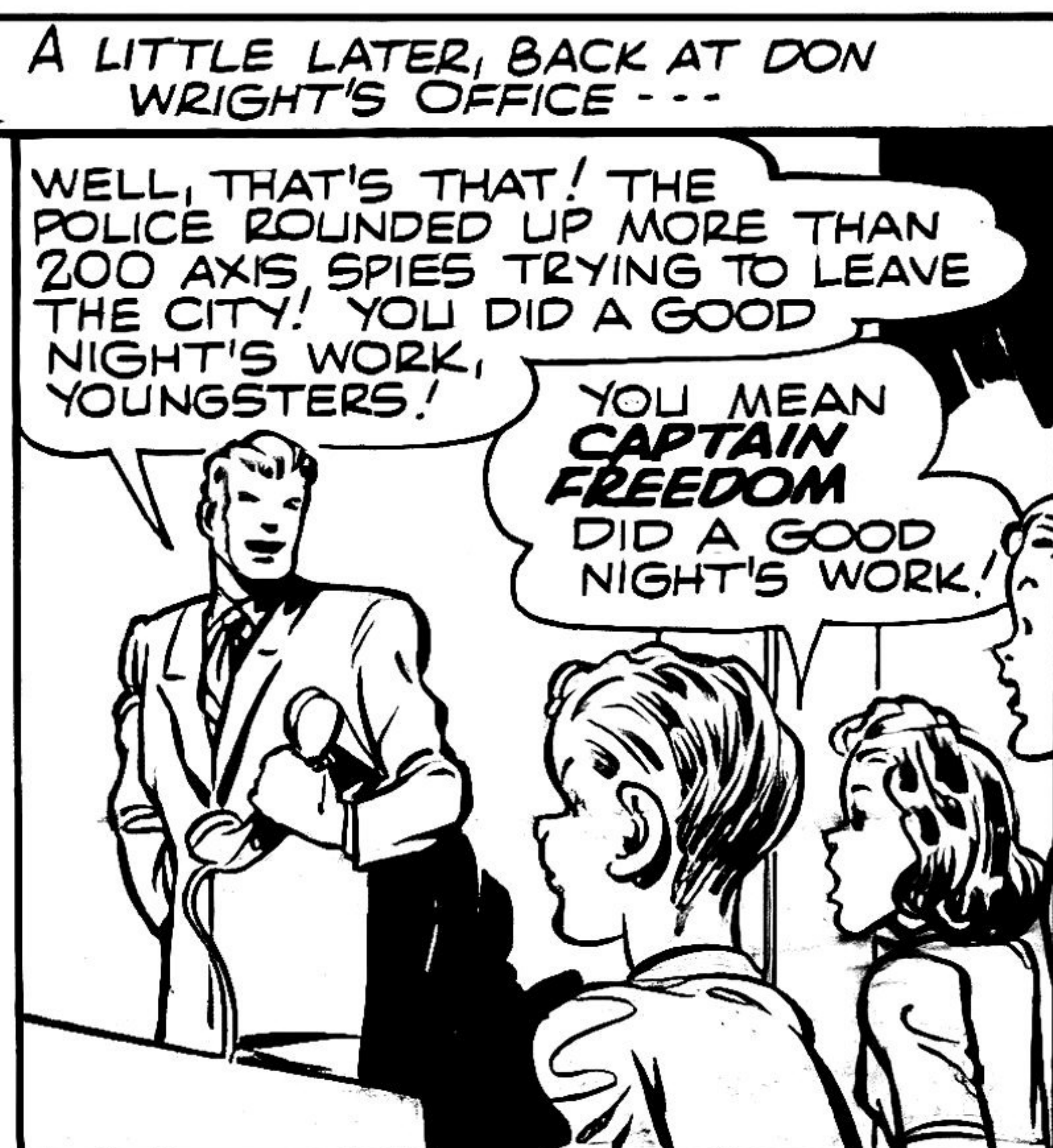
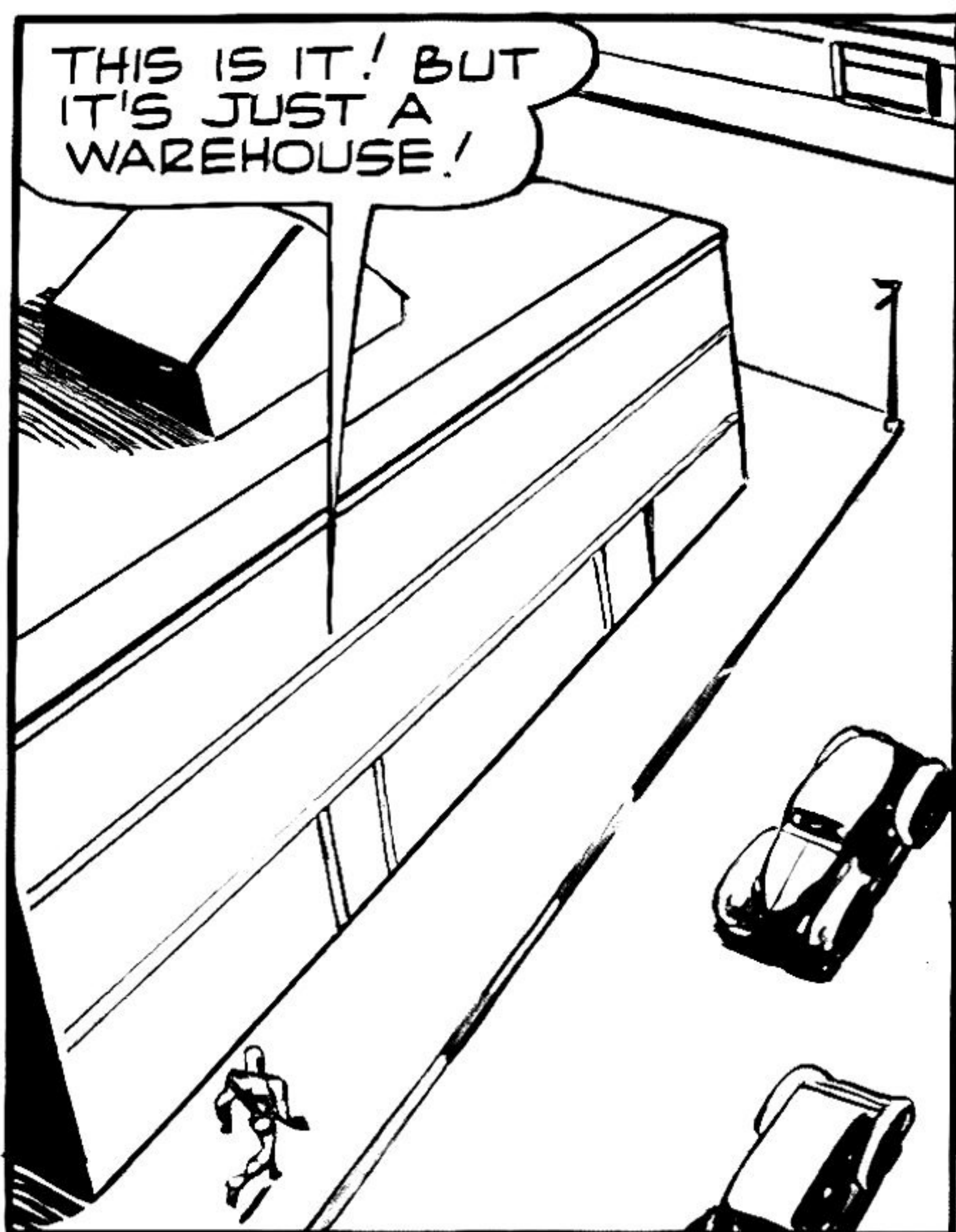
THERE IT IS! OAK STREET AND MAIN!



HOPE I GET THERE IN TIME!







Follow  
THE BREATH-  
TAKING  
ADVENTURES  
OF **CAPTAIN  
FREEDOM**  
AND THE  
**YOUNG  
DEFENDERS**  
IN EVERY  
ISSUE OF  
**SPEED  
COMICS!**



# Captain FREEDOM

AND THE YOUNG DEFENDERS

IN THE CASE OF

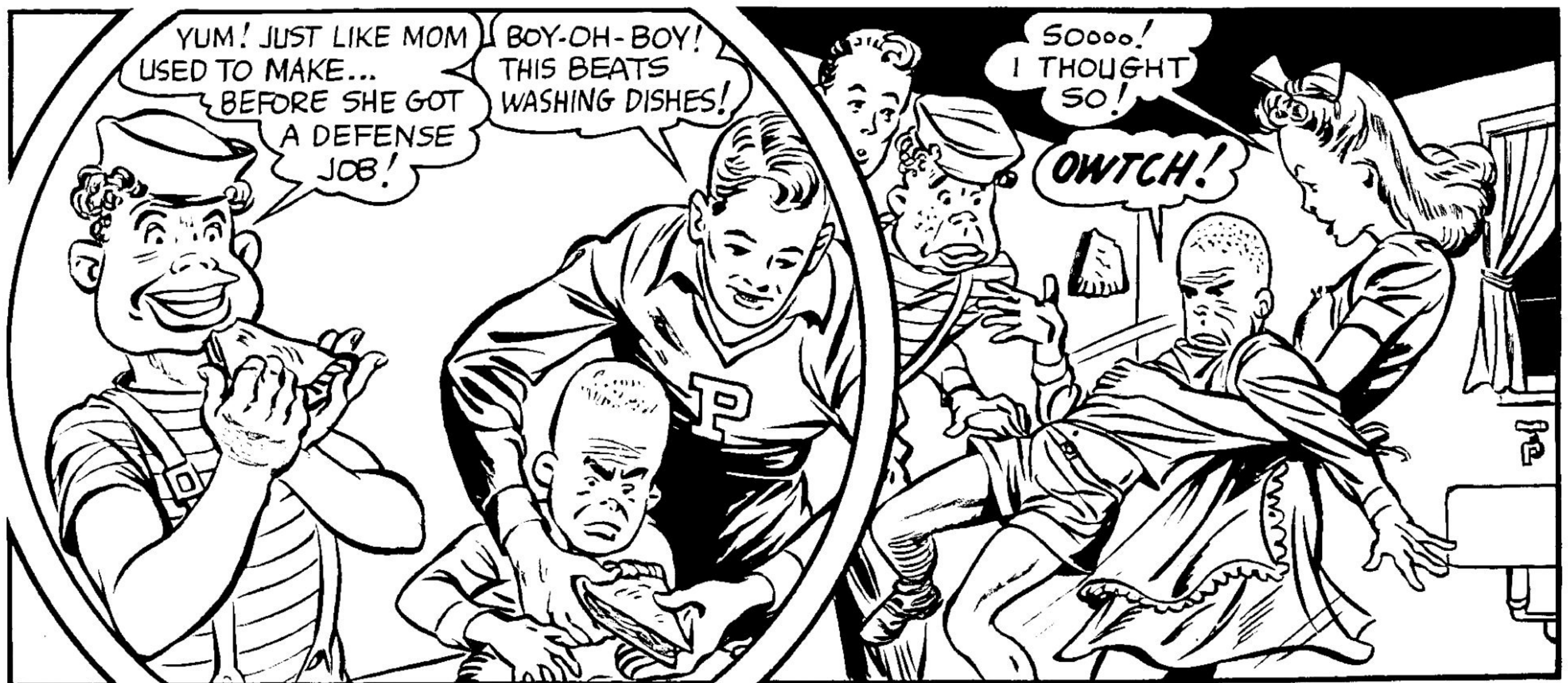
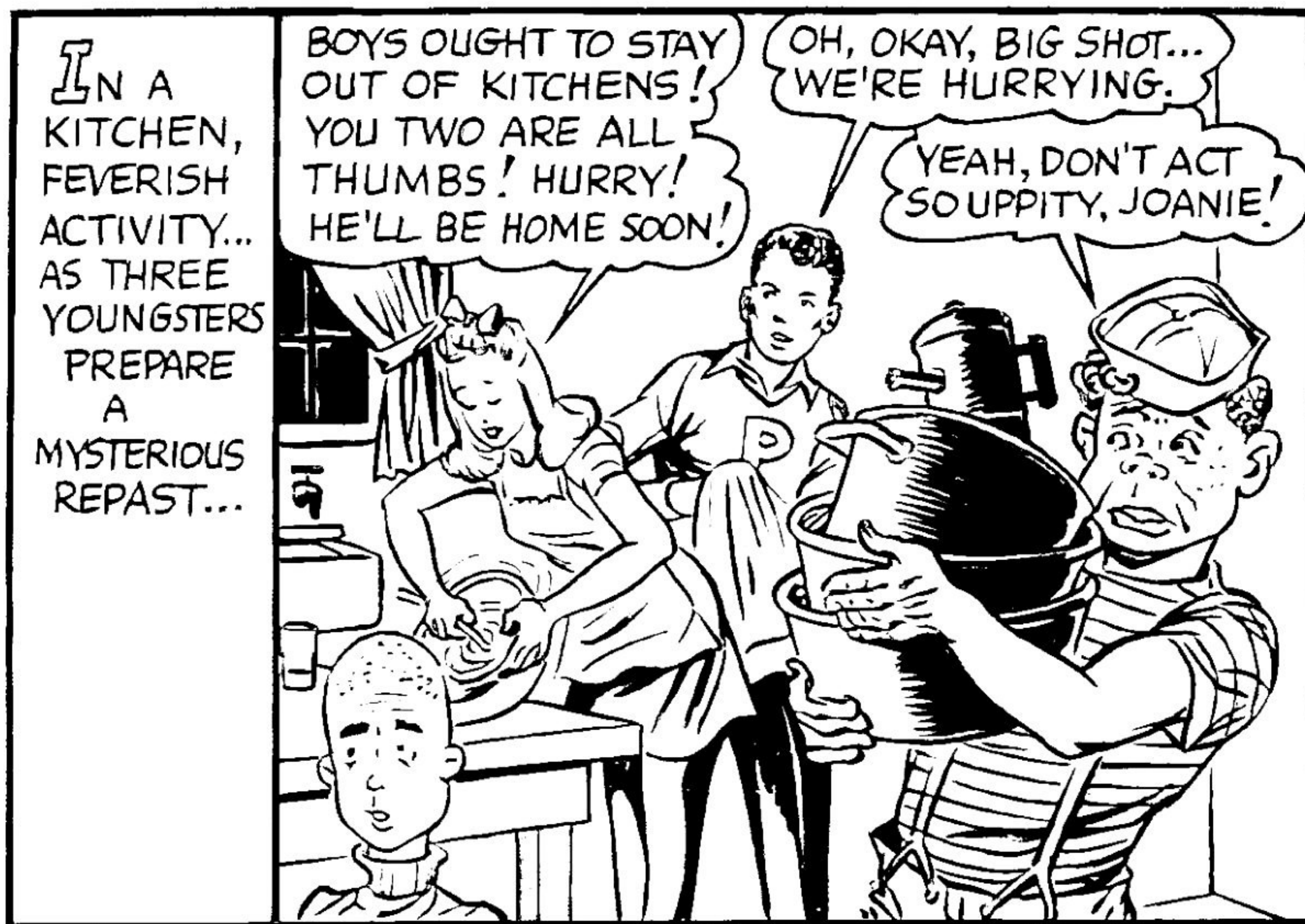
## THE BLACK MARKETEERS



ETERNAL VIGILANCE...  
THE PRICE OF LIBERTY  
A GREAT AMERICAN  
DECLARED THREE LIFE-  
TIMES AGO... WHAT WAS  
SO TRUE IN JEFFERSON'S  
DAY IS TRIPLY TRUE TODAY..  
AND YET, WHILE WE SAFE-  
GUARD OUR FOUR FREE-  
DOMS FROM ATTACK, LET  
US NOT FORGET THE HOME-  
GROWN TRAITORS... FOLLOW  
CAPTAIN FREEDOM IN  
ANOTHER TALE FILLED  
WITH THRILLS AND  
CHILLS AS HE TRACKS  
DOWN A TRAITOR TO  
OUR COUNTRY!

MID-WEST  
RAILROAD







A COUPLE OF BLOCKS AWAY--A FEW MINUTES LATER...  
AN ANGRY MOB GROWS MORE RESTLESS EVERY MINUTE!



IN THE MEANTIME, DON WRIGHT, NOTED  
PUBLISHER, AND SECRETLY THE MIGHTY  
**CAPTAIN FREEDOM**, RETURNS FROM  
HIS OFFICE .....





'LO, THAT YOU, CHIEF?  
THIS IS THE CITY DESK! ALL  
HADES HAS BROKEN LOOSE--  
PEOPLE ARE BERSERK!  
YEAH, CHIEF-- IT'S A  
FOOD RIOT! SHALL I  
HOLD THE PRESSES?

**WHAT!**

OF COURSE,  
HOLD THEM!

A SWIFT CHANGE, MADE ON THE RUN...

...AND  
DON WRIGHT  
BECOMES THE  
PEERLESS  
**CAPTAIN  
FREEDOM!**

MOB  
RIOTS ARE  
UN-AMERICAN.  
THEY MUST BE  
STOPPED!

**CAPTAIN FREEDOM!**

I'LL BET HE CAN DO  
SOMETHING ABOUT  
THIS RIOT!

A SUSPENSE-FULL MOMENT... AS CAPTAIN FREEDOM'S  
COMMANDING PERSONALITY FIGHTS SHEER PANIC  
IN EACH BERSERK BRAIN...

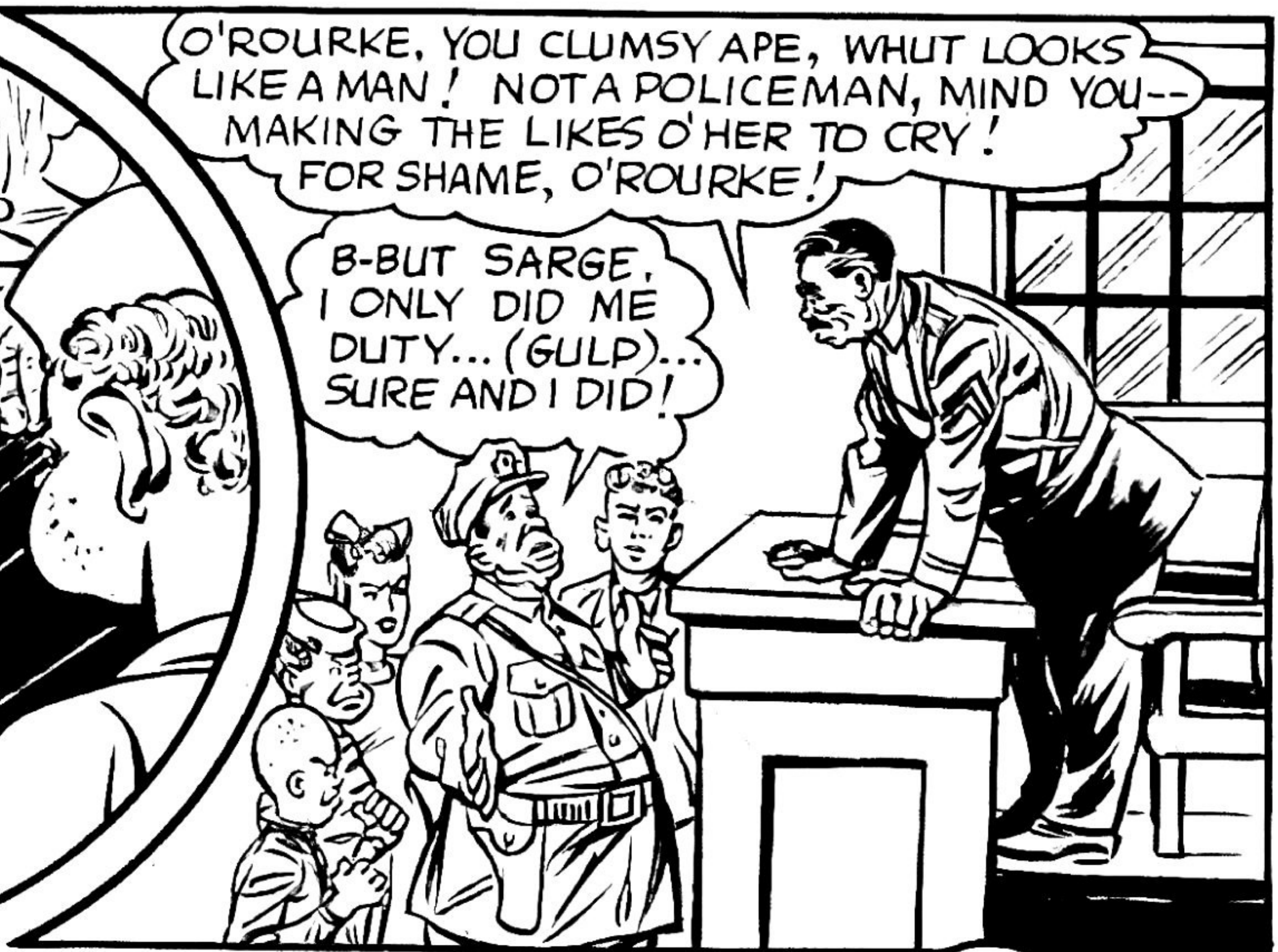
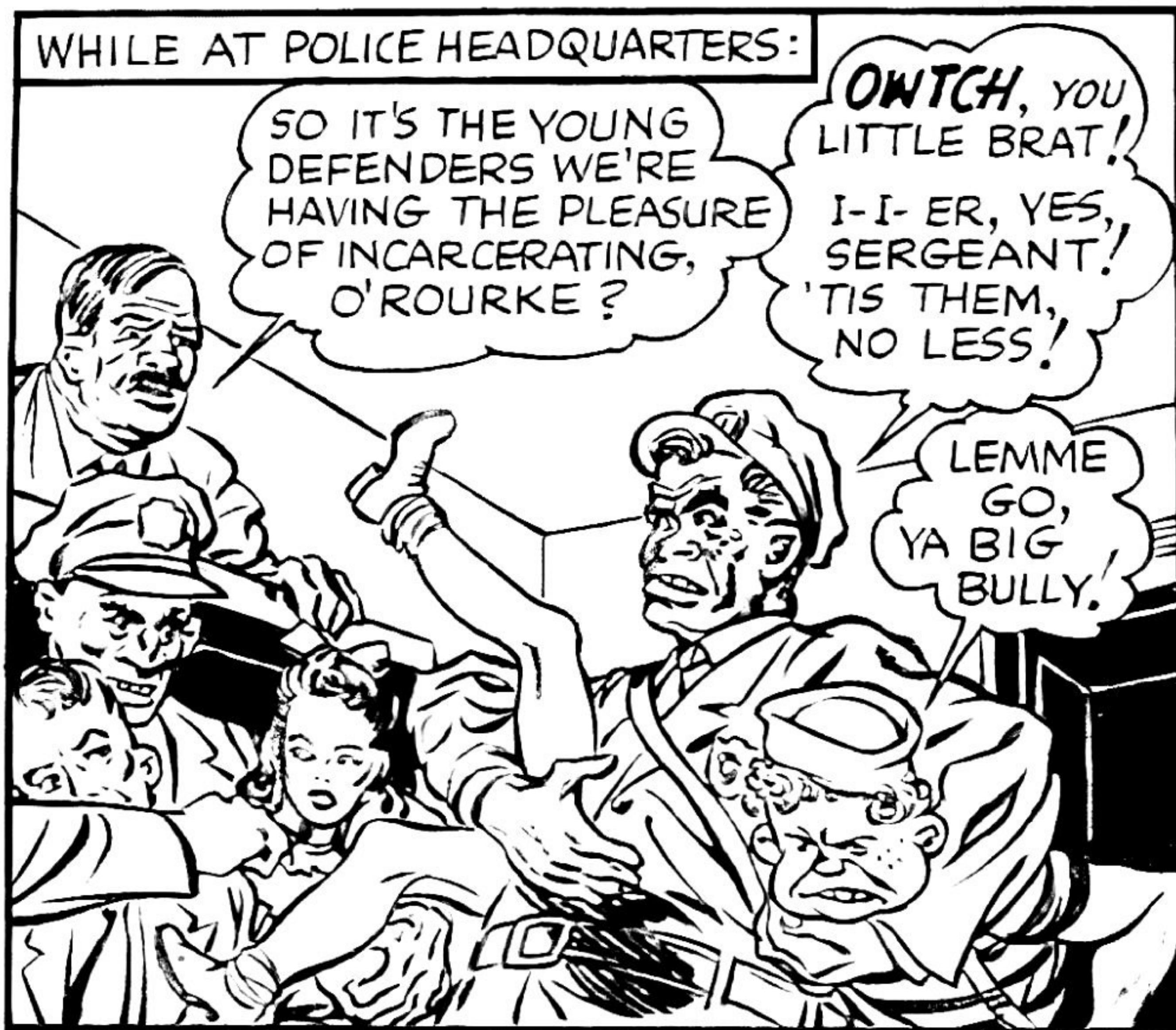
**SO WHAT!**

WHO ASKED FOR  
HIM TO BUTT IN?  
I WANT MEAT!!

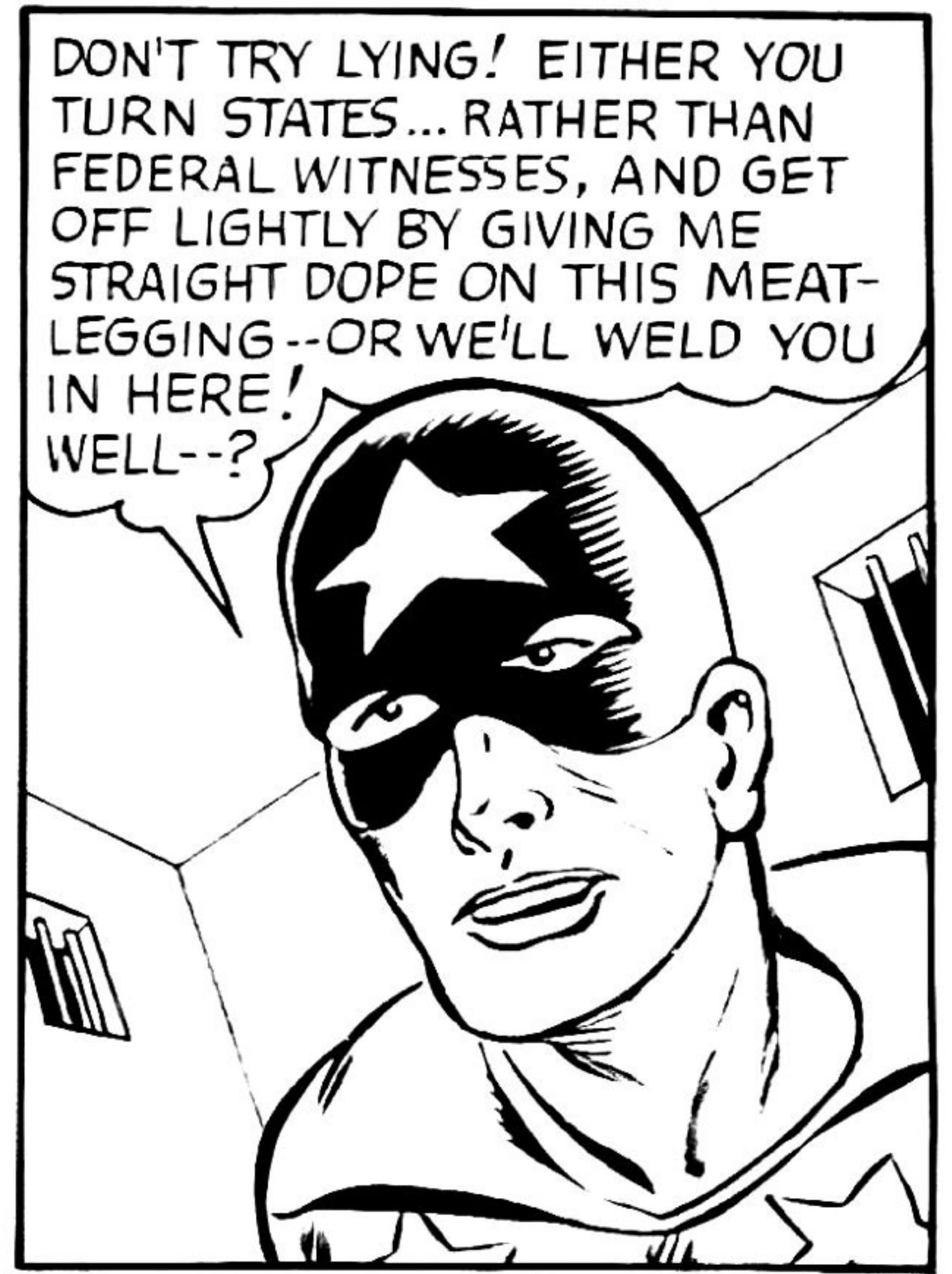
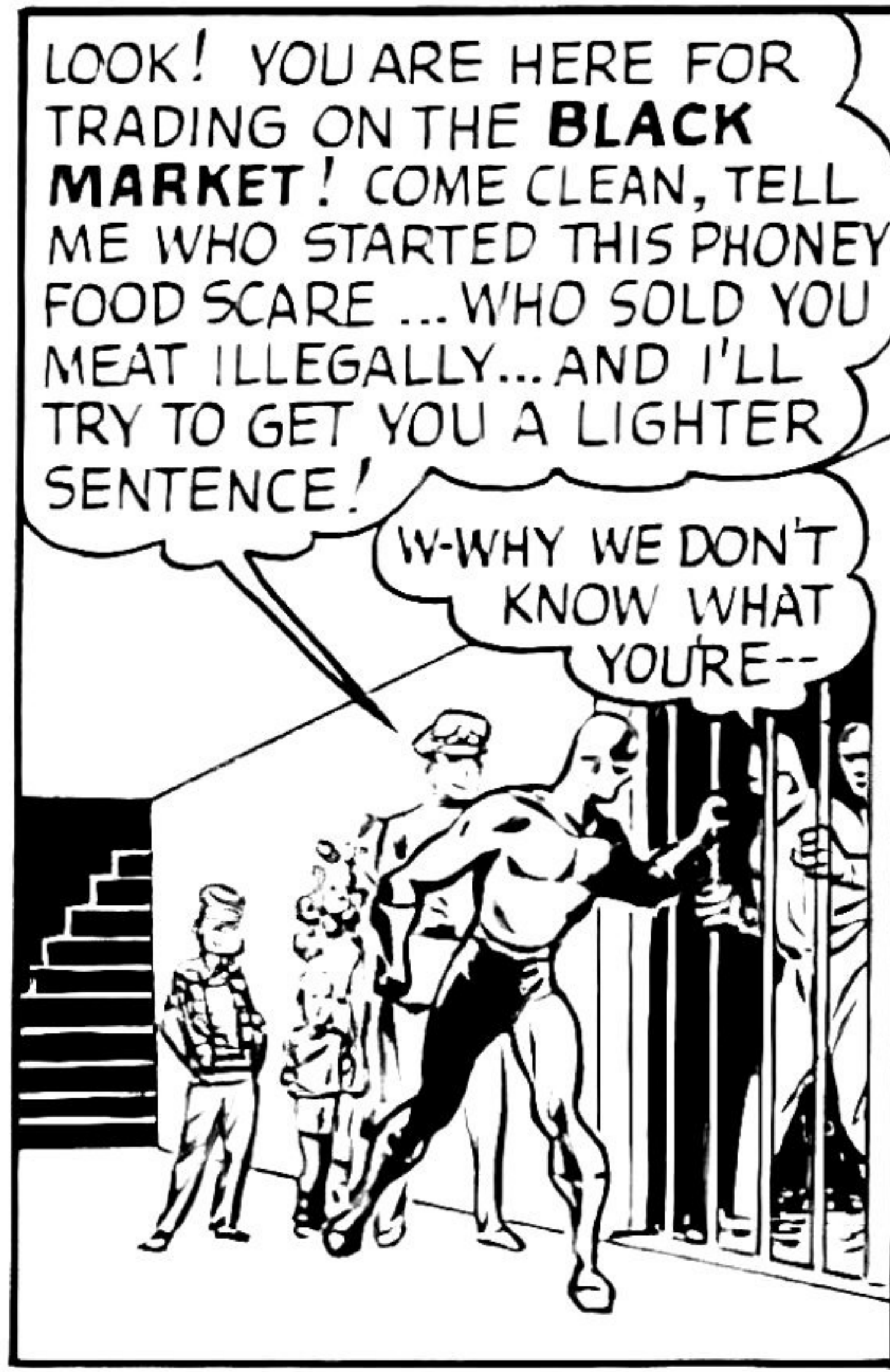
PEOPLE! LISTEN TO ME!  
I ORDER YOU TO LISTEN!

**QUIET!**

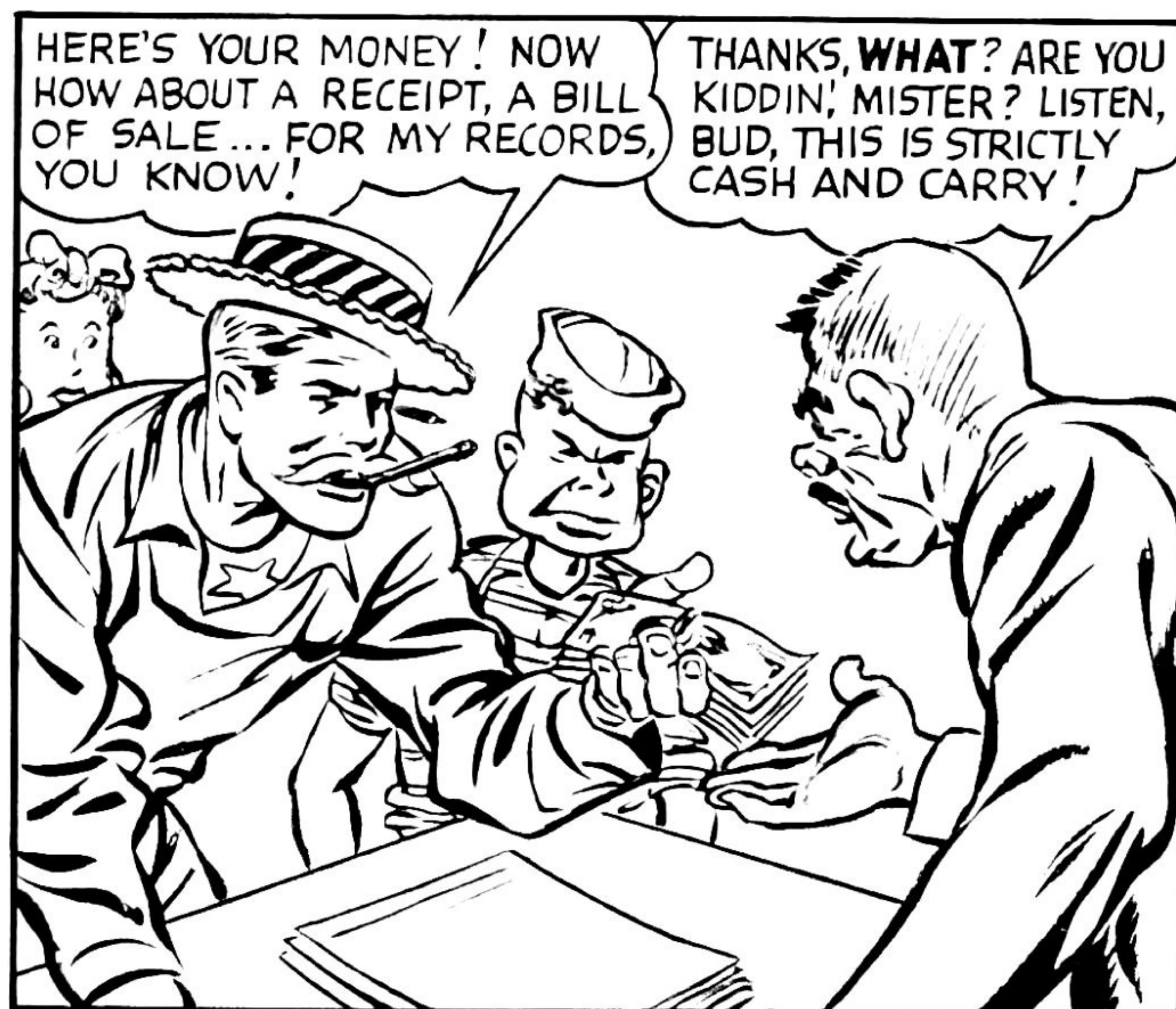
















--HIS HANDS AIN'T CUT AND SCARRED LIKE A BUTCHER'S SHOULD BE! BOYS, HE'S A PHONEY! TAKE 'IM!

RATHER CLEVER, WATSON!



PARDON ME WHILE I TURN "QUICK-CHANGE ARTIST"!

WOW! I'LL SAY HE AIN'T A BUTCHER! H-H-E'S **CAPTAIN FREEDOM!**

WHAT THE-- WE'VE BEEN TRICKED!!



LET'S GO, KIDS! LET'S SEE YOU DO YOUR STUFF!

O.K. CAP!

YIPEE!



WAHOO! TAKE THAT, YOU LIVER-LIFTER!



HERE'S JUST A PREVIEW OF WHAT'S COMING!



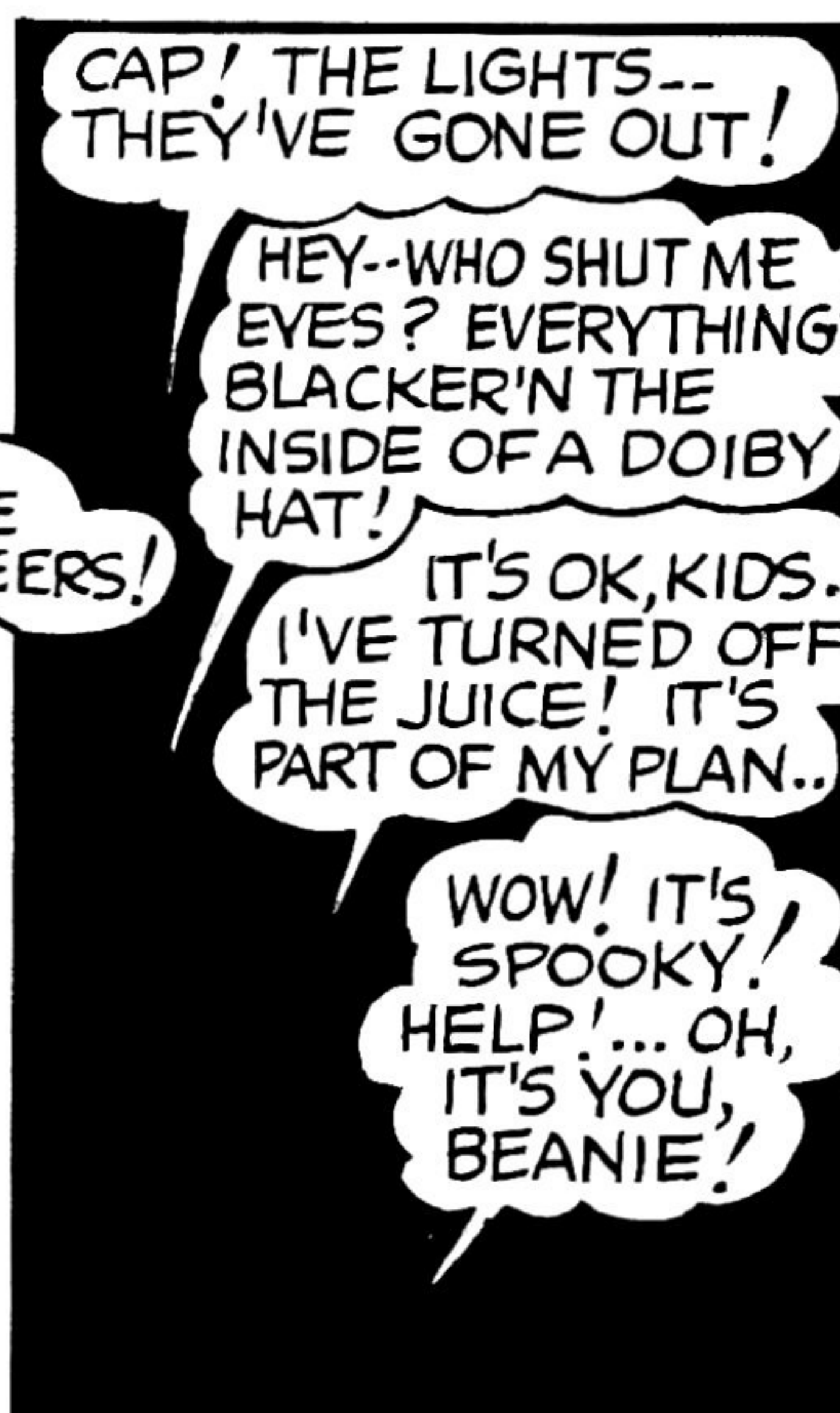
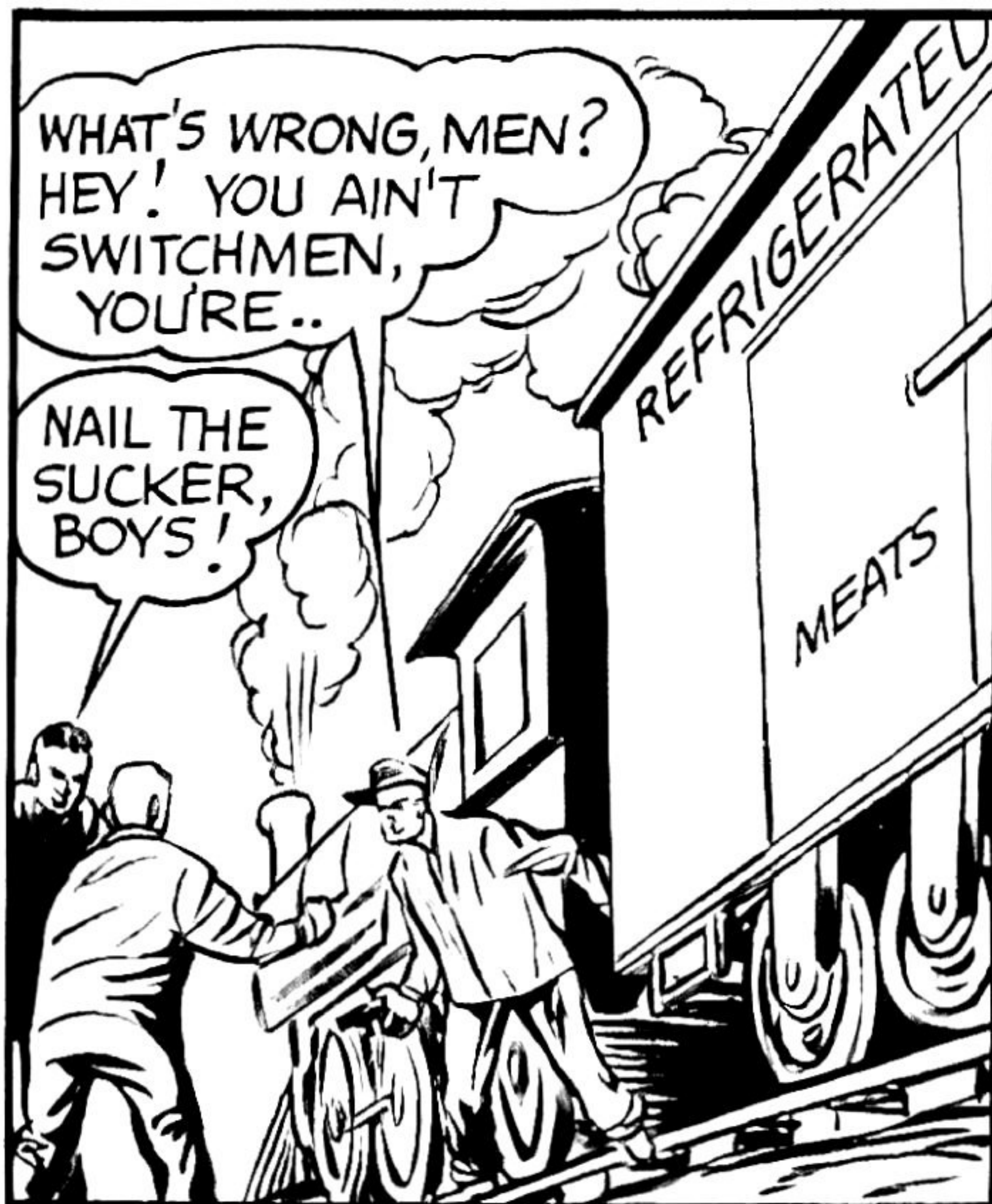
WITH TERRIFIC SUDDENNESS CAPTAIN FREEDOM IS FLOORED BY A VICIOUS BLOW FROM BEHIND!

BEFORE WE'RE THRU WITH YOU, YOU'LL WISH YOU WERE DEAD, CAPTAIN FREEDOM!

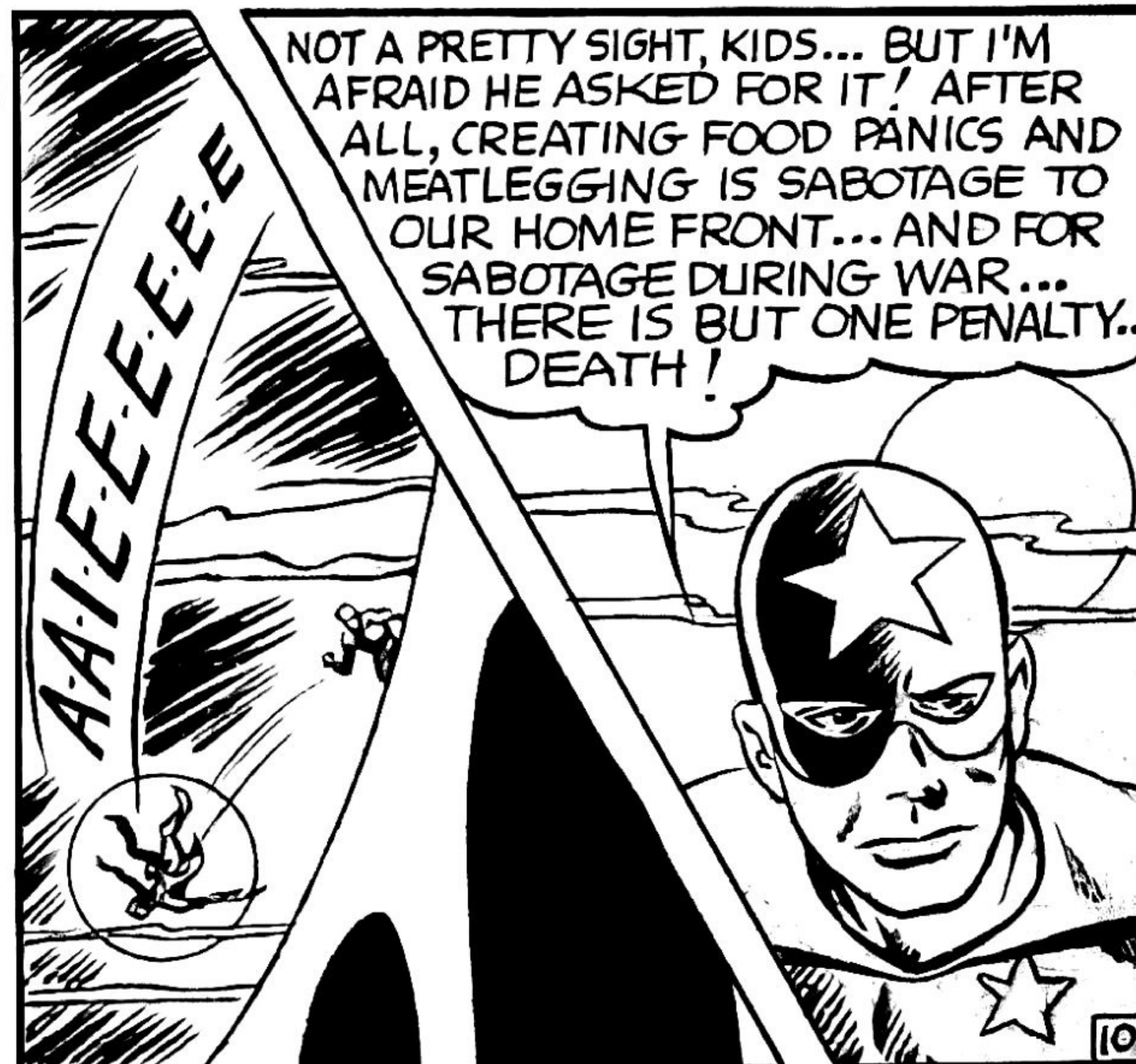
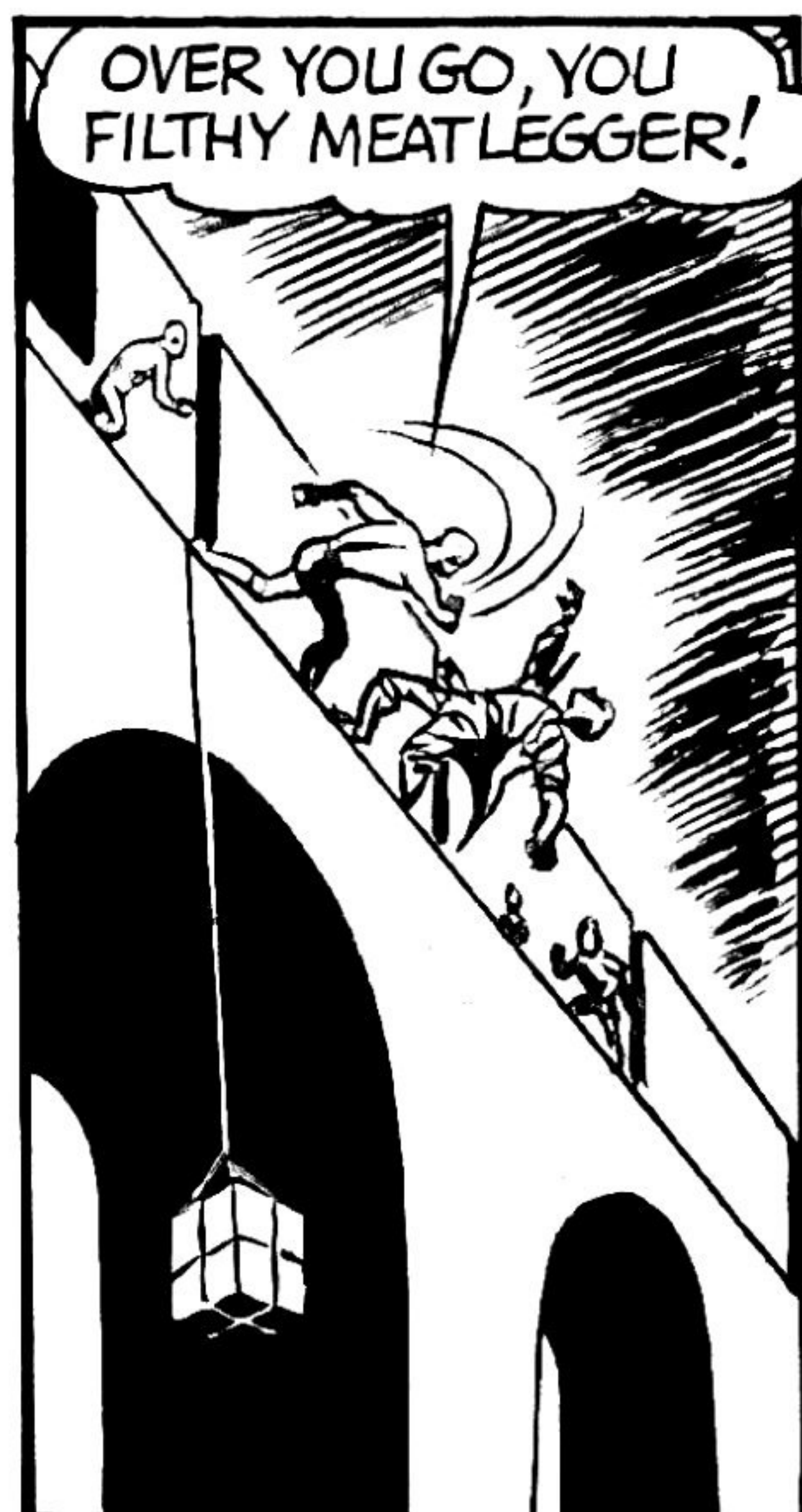
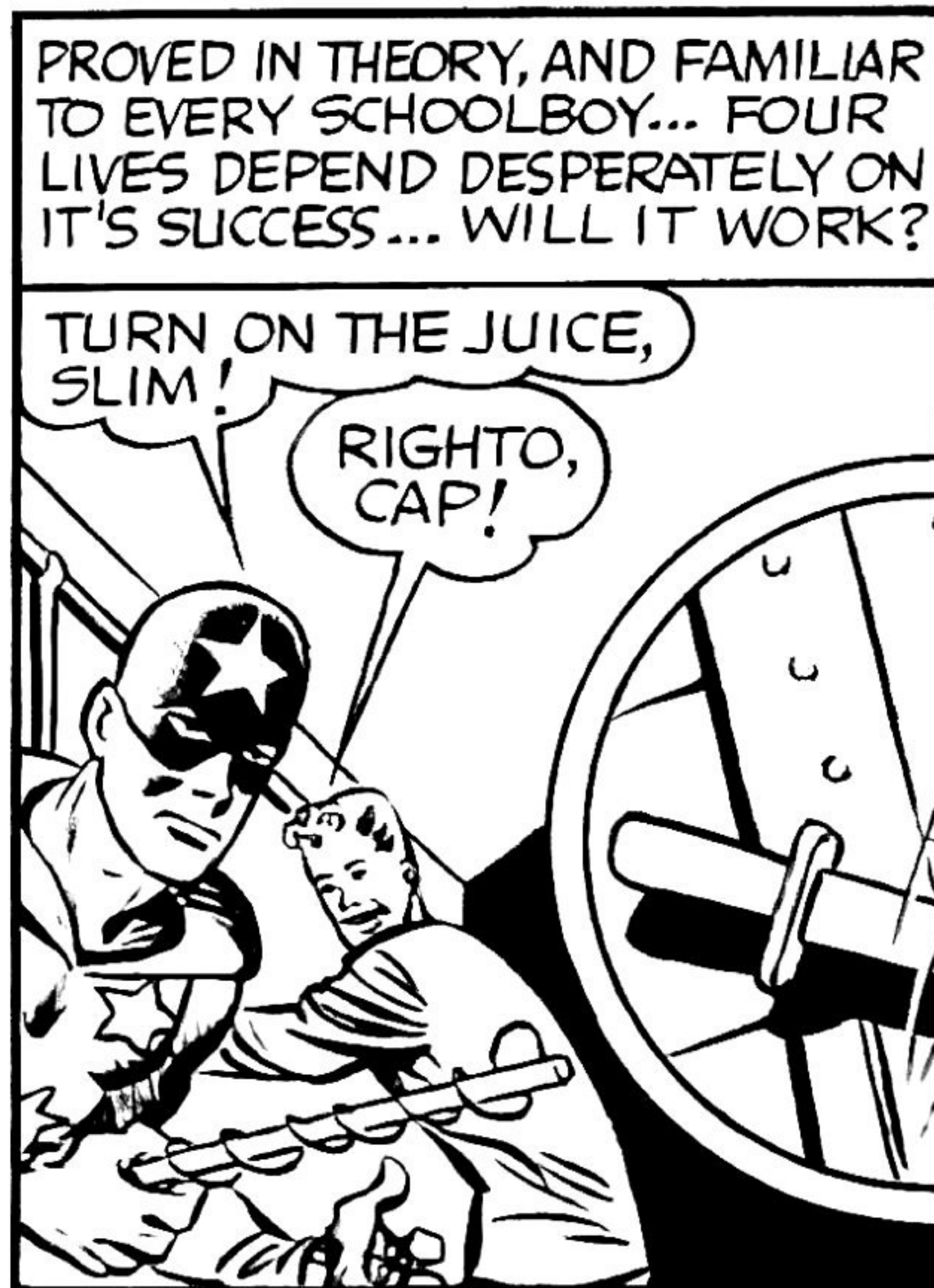
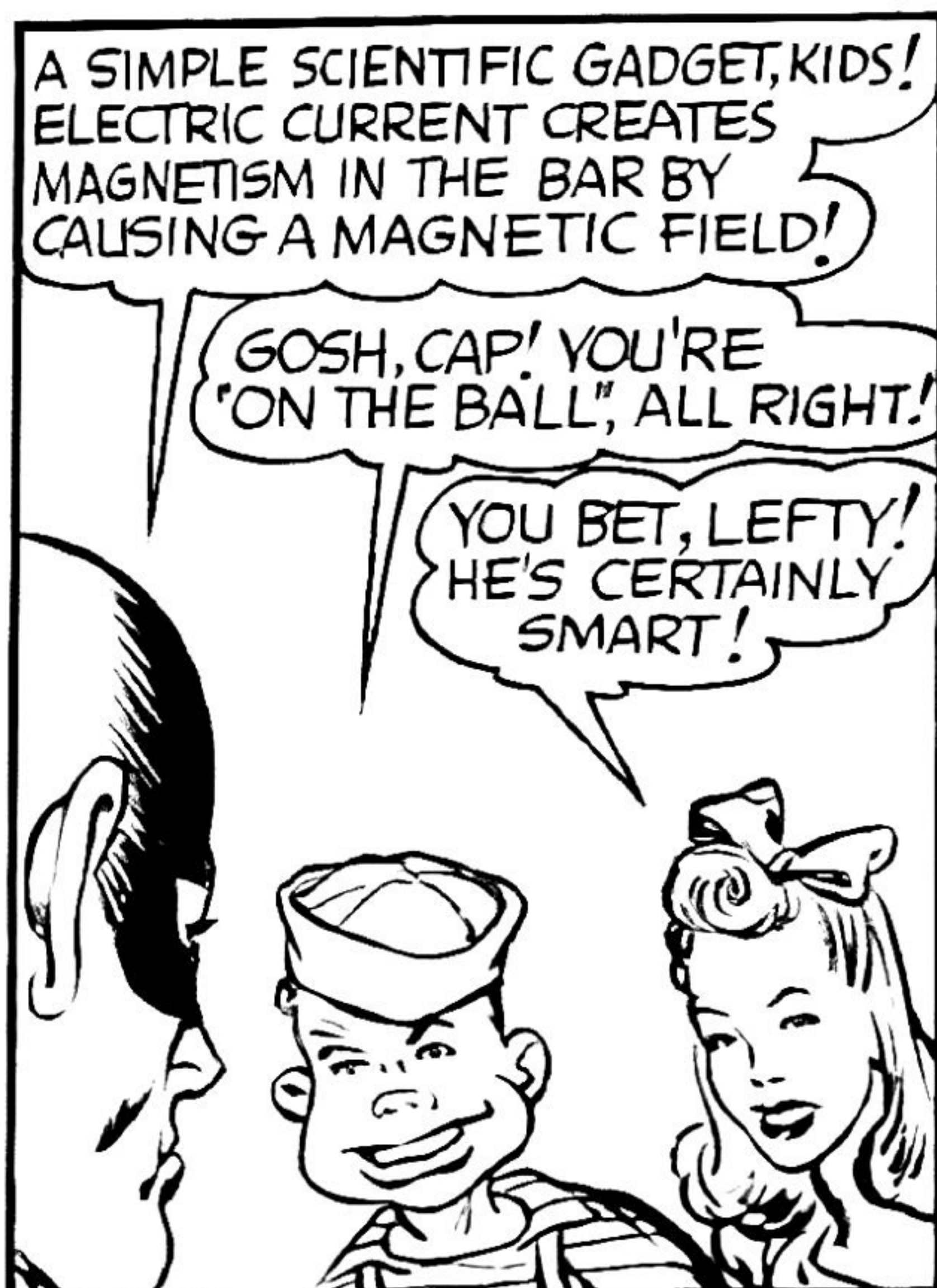


THE FREEZER FOR 'EM, BOYS! AT A TEMPERATURE THEY OUGHTA KEEP! HEH, HEH!











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