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HERE WAS despair in the heart of Cookie O'Toole and despair in the hearts of his classmates. For Miss Clara Binyon, the new English teacher, had arrived and taken over! And Miss Binyon's name was not to be mentioned lightly, but in muted whispers, in fear and trembling.

Miss Binyon was elderly, skinny and strict. Her homework assignments covered an entire blackboard every single day. She was much given to springing unannounced quizzes to trap the unlucky ones who had not read the first fifteen chapters of "Ivanhoe" the night before. Further more, she would often steal up behind an unwary kid in the library to see what he was reading. If it was "trash", woe betide the unlucky reader!

Needless to say, none of this

mance! She was a different chick from then on. Sorta human, almost!" Into the hearts of Cookie, Angel and Jit came a thin ray of hope. "Maybe...maybe that would happen to Miss Binyon, too, if she had a...boyfriend," Angel said hesitantly, as though the idea were too fantastic.

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"Maybe she's got one right now!" Jit offered despondently. "Maybe she's as human now as she ever will be!"

"This is not time ta quit!" Cookie said. "The situation is serious! Why don't we find out an' do somethin' about it!" "You're elected!" Angel and Jit cried simultaneously. "And remember, a lot depends on you!" It was with this thought in mind, that Cookie started his investigation. For a starter, he trailed Miss Binyon to a local circulating library near the boarding house where she roomed. And his heart leaped as he saw Miss Binyon select a novel clearly entitled "Love's Tangled Web". "Hmmmmmm..." said Cookie thoughtfully, as he watched Miss Binyon slip the novel into a "Kenilworth" book jacket. From the library, there was a short brisk walk to the Bijou. Sacrificing some date money, Cookie followed Miss Binyon into the darkened movie house. The sacrifice was worth it. Miss Binyon fastened her eyes on Van Johnson as a few deep sighs escaped her. She sure was gone on Van! "Hmmmmmmm..." Cookie said again. On the way home, Miss Binyon paused for a moment in front of a store window. The display featured a perfume called "Love Thief". Miss Binyon appeared to be giving it a good deal of thought. "Hmmmmmmm..." said Cookie for the third time, "I think I see the way clear, with just a little figuring. Miss Binyon is ready for romance!"

testing and pouncing did anyone any good. In a few short weeks, all of Miss Binyon's students became quite pale and nervous, jumping at unexpected sounds and unable to have any fun because doing homework became a general career.

One afternoon, as Cookie, Angelpuss and Jitterbuck were gathered around some malts at the Soda Jerkerie, Angel burst forth, "I don't care! She's a terror! She's nothing but a mean old thing!"

No names were necessary. Raising his heavy-lidded eyes, Jit moaned, "Boy, Simon Legree had nothing on her! Talk about slavedrivers!"

Cookie was so disheartened that he could hardly finish his malt. "Don't fight it, friends," he advised, "it's bigger than we are!"

The soda jerk leaned across the counter and looked thoughtful. "Y'know somethin"," he said, "I used to have a teacher like that! She was murder...till she met some Romeo and made with the ro-

Cookie worked out what he considered a fool-proof plan to bring Cupid and a softening influence to Miss Clara Binyon. Carefully, he typed a note which read, "Dear Miss Binyon, please do not think me forward or bold. You are the type of woman I have long admired but seldom seen. If you think this note worthy of answer, please drop your reply at the newspaper office." Cookie thought for a while before adding the signature, "Smitten".

It worked like a charm. The very next day, Miss Binyon's class was surprised to note that Miss Binyon's cheeks were faintly pink and that she had a tendency to stare out of the window. Cookie knew that she had received the note. Perhaps she was even planning to answer it! She was. That very afternoon, Cookie picked up her answer at the newspaper office. It said, "Dear unknown, I am not the type who ordinarily responds to advances of any kind. Howother. I shall wait for you at the newspaper office tonight!" "Jeepers, I never thought of that!" Cookie exclaimed. "This means trouble! What'll I do if she finds out it wuz me all the time? I'll be court-martialled... she'll sock me with fifty years o' homework! I've gotta do somethin'!"

With the fear of Miss Binyon spurring him on, Cookie composed a note. It said, "Dear Clara, you must forgive me, but I am called out of town suddenly. You shall hear from me when I return!"

Wildly, frantically, he raced to the newspaper office to deliver it in time to head off the dread woman. And as he entered the office, a feeling of guilt hit him in the pit of his stomach. Someone was talking about her. "Now, you take that Clara Bin yon," he was saying. "She's gotten to be a mighty fine-looking woman. Changed a lot, I'd say!"

It was Mr. Oliver Worthing, old bachelor-about-town and ed -

ever, your note interests me." It was signed "Clara B".

After that, Cookie was kept very busy, Correspondence flowed between "Smitten" and Miss Binyon, getting warmer and warmer in tone. And Miss Binyon herself began to do her hair in curls, to make little jokes in the classroom and to become rather absent-minded about assigning homework of any sort. The class breathed again.

The romance between Miss Bin yon and her unknown admirer flourished so, that one day the schoolteacher turned up in class with a new permanent wave and lipstick! Something told Cookie that the name of her perfume, as it was wafted towards him, was "Love Thief". Oh, yes, all was serene in Miss Binyon's English classes.

And then...disaster! Cookie, stopping at the newspaper office to get Miss Binyon's note, almost choked as he read it. It said, "Dear unknown, I feel that it is time we met! I am sure we have much to say to each itor of the lovelorn column. In a flash, Cookie revised his strategy. It was do or die! Sink or swim! Tearing up the note he had brought, he wrote another one for Miss Binyon. It said, "Just ask for Oliver Worthing." Then Cookie ran.

About a month later, the newspaper carried the announcement of the engagement of Miss Clara Binyon to Mr. Oliver Worthing. Miss Binyon had blossomed with the romance, so that she was sweet and understanding, gentle and soft-spoken. Her classes adored her and were ready to vote her the most popular teacher of all time. Everything was perfect. Cookie was a hero! He collected enough money from the class to buy Miss Binyon a corsage of gardenias.

As she took them, Miss Binyon blushed and said, "Thank you so much. I wish to announce that after my marriage, I am going to retire. My place will be taken by Miss Louella Binyon, my older sister. And, class...she's very strict!"













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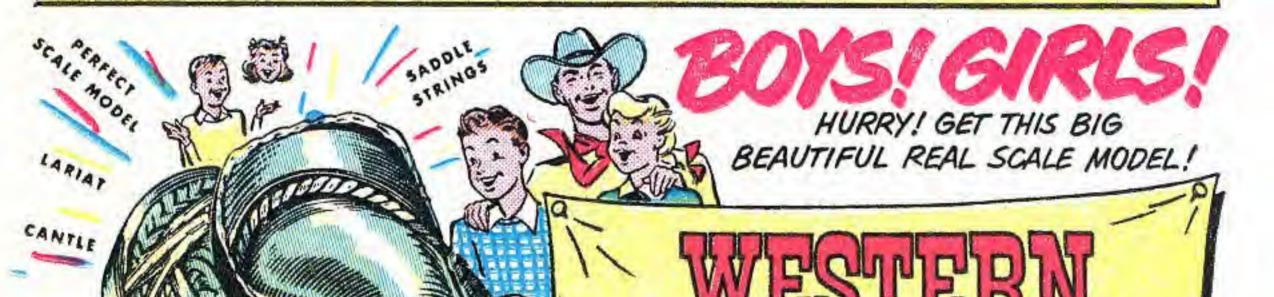
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JITTERBUCK JONES' heart melted within him as he stood in front of Ye Fancy-Pants Shoppe. A three-toned sports jacket! Three different colors, count'em, all on one snazzy set of threads! Was this an item for a guy to own! Wbwie! It was Shangri-La, with sleeves.

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Then Jit's eyes lit on the neat little price card below and for one bitter moment, he tasted defeat. "Fourteen dollars an' ninety-five cents!" he read. "A fortune! Who's got dough like that?" Discouraged, he was about to turn from the window, but he couldn't tear himself away without one last look. And that last look was enough.

"This jacket I gotta own!" he vowed. "From now on, my ambition is ta raise enough loot ta make it mine!"

From that moment, Jit was dedicated to the one task of raising the princely sum of fourteen dollars and ninety-five cents. Since the idea of working for the money was the last thing that would ever enter his mind, Jit used other methods. He begged, coaxed, borrowed, cajoled. To his sympathetic friends, he explained his great need. "Honest, fellas, I need that jacket like I need oxygen," he said. "Without it, I can't live!" The day came, however, when everyone, even Zoot, turned their pockets inside-out to prove to Jit that they were stone cold broke. And no matter how Jit added up the take, it still came to only thirteen dollars and ninety-five cents. One buck short! There was only one thing to do. Repulsive as the idea was, Jit would have to earn that dollar. Closing his eyes and trying to

overcome his disgust, he consented to sit for two whole hours with little Merton Cruller, the terror of the neighborhood. At fifty cents per hour, the take would be one buck! And the jacket would be his!

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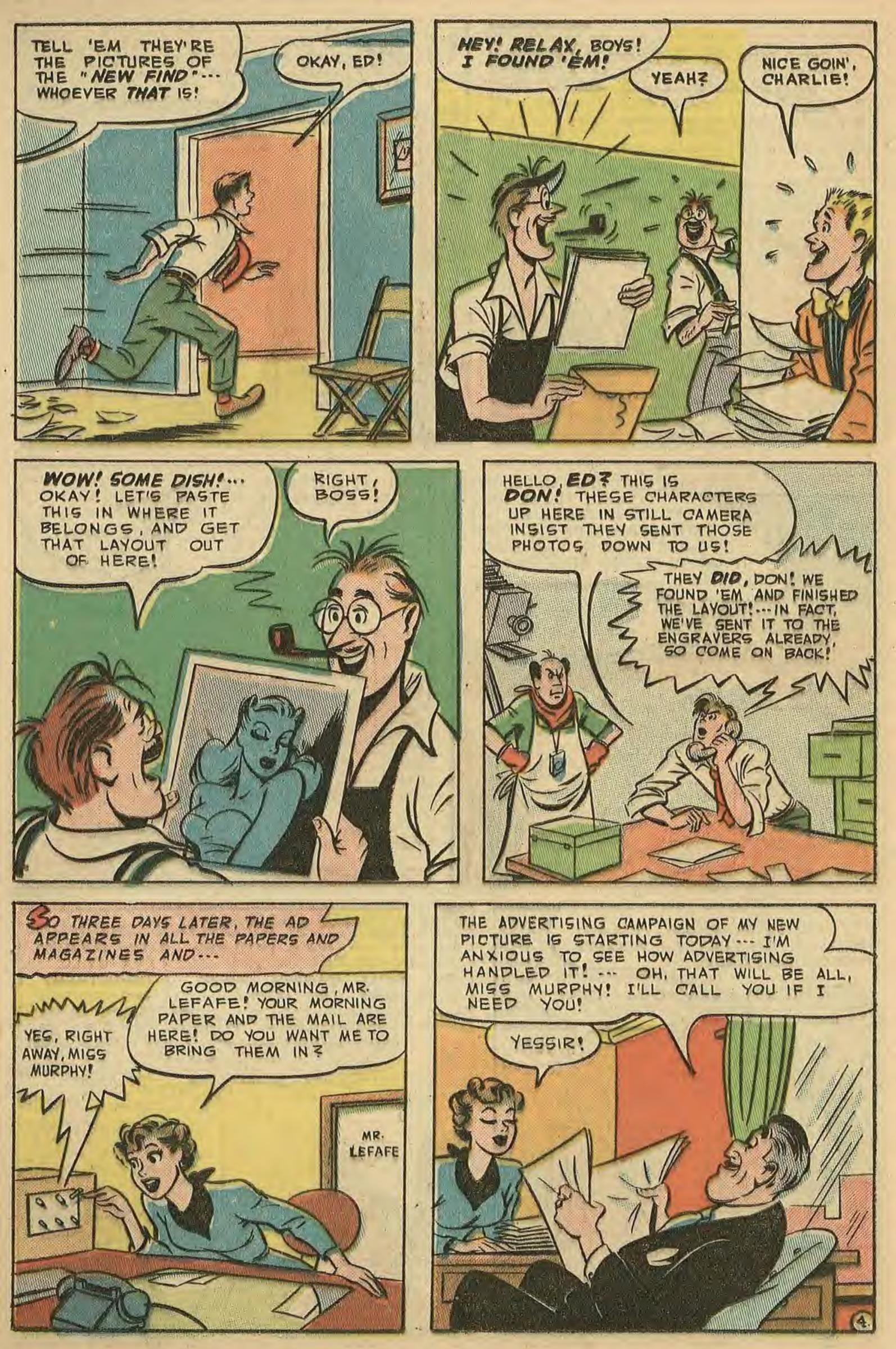
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All night, Jit had nightmares. Would the jacket still be there? Had they sold it to some square who would never treasure it as he would? Only the morning would bring the answer and when it came, Jit hastened to Ye Fancy-Pants Shoppe, his heart beating high. He was a block away from the store, when he saw the three gorgeous colors gleaming at him from the window. It was there, it was safe, it was his! But as he drew closer, Jit recoiled in horror! The two-timers! The cheats! For this he had endangered his life by baby-sitting with little Merton Cruller! On the neat little price card, the following appeared: "Special for today ... this jacket now thirteen dollars and ninety-five cents!"



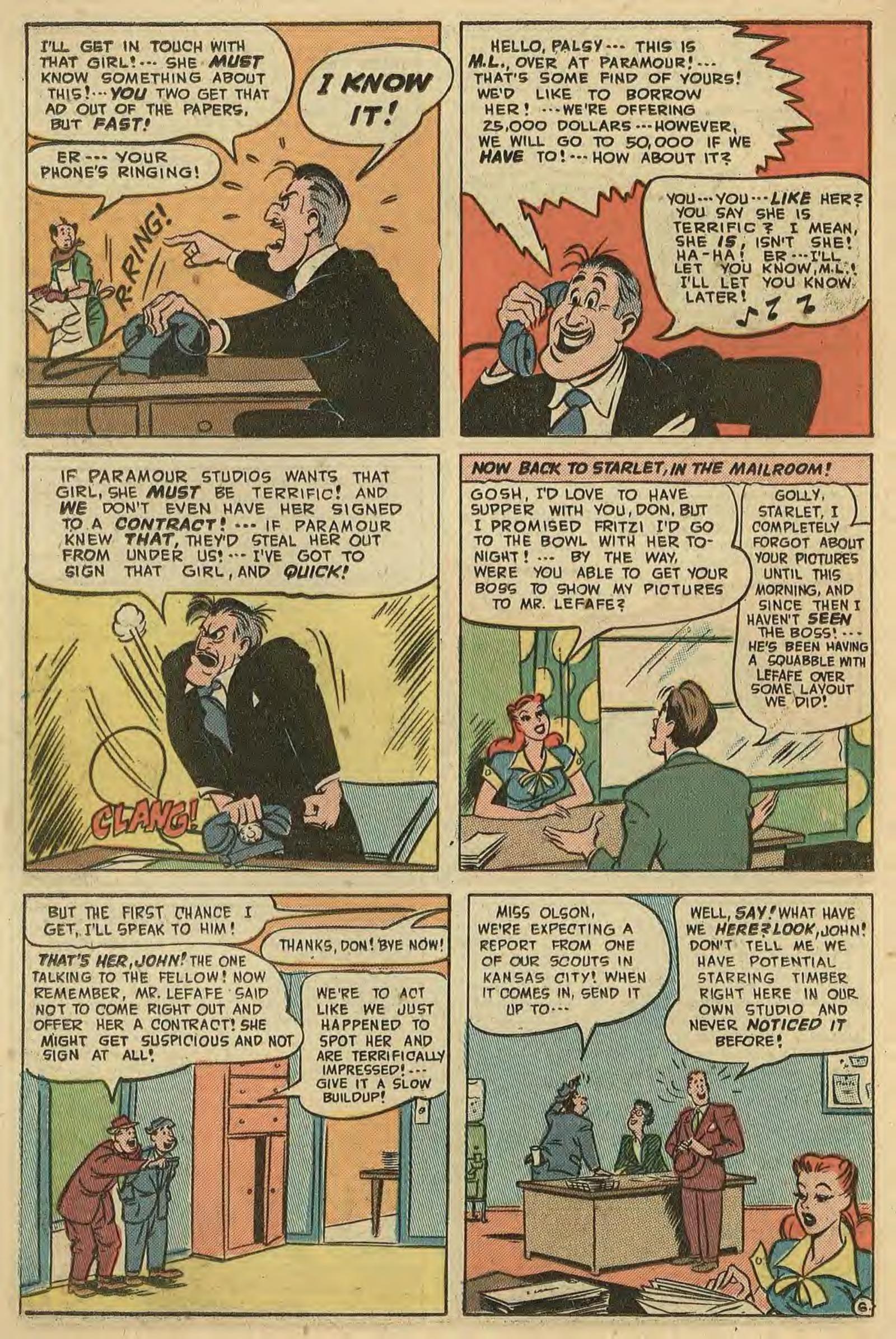








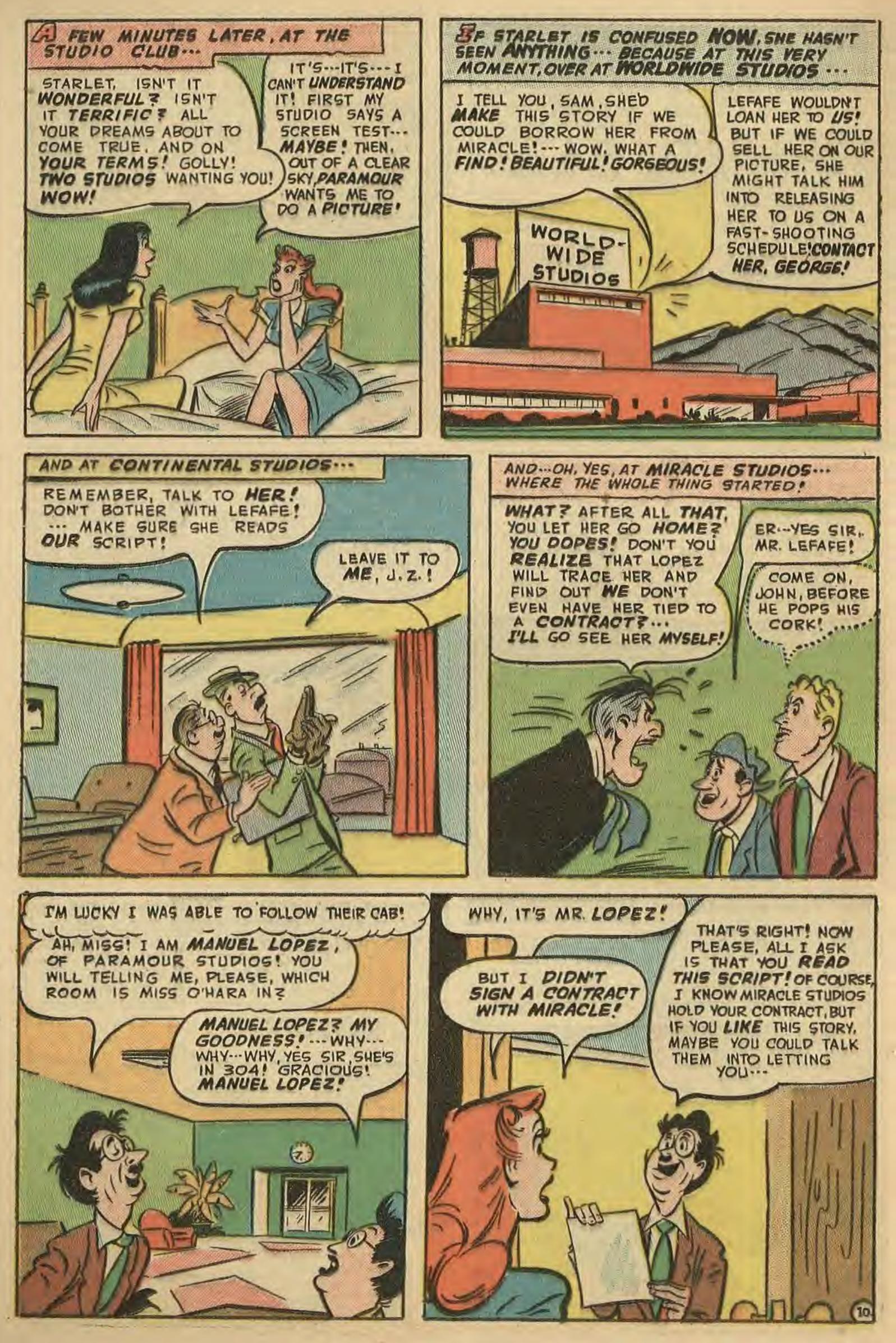
















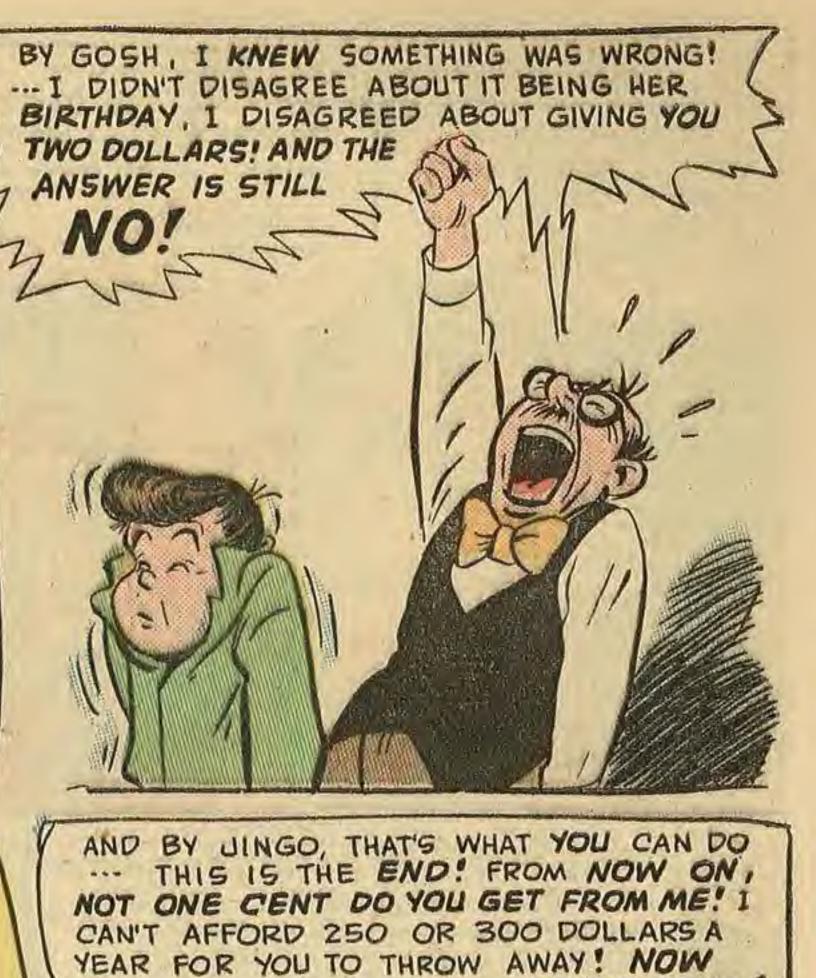
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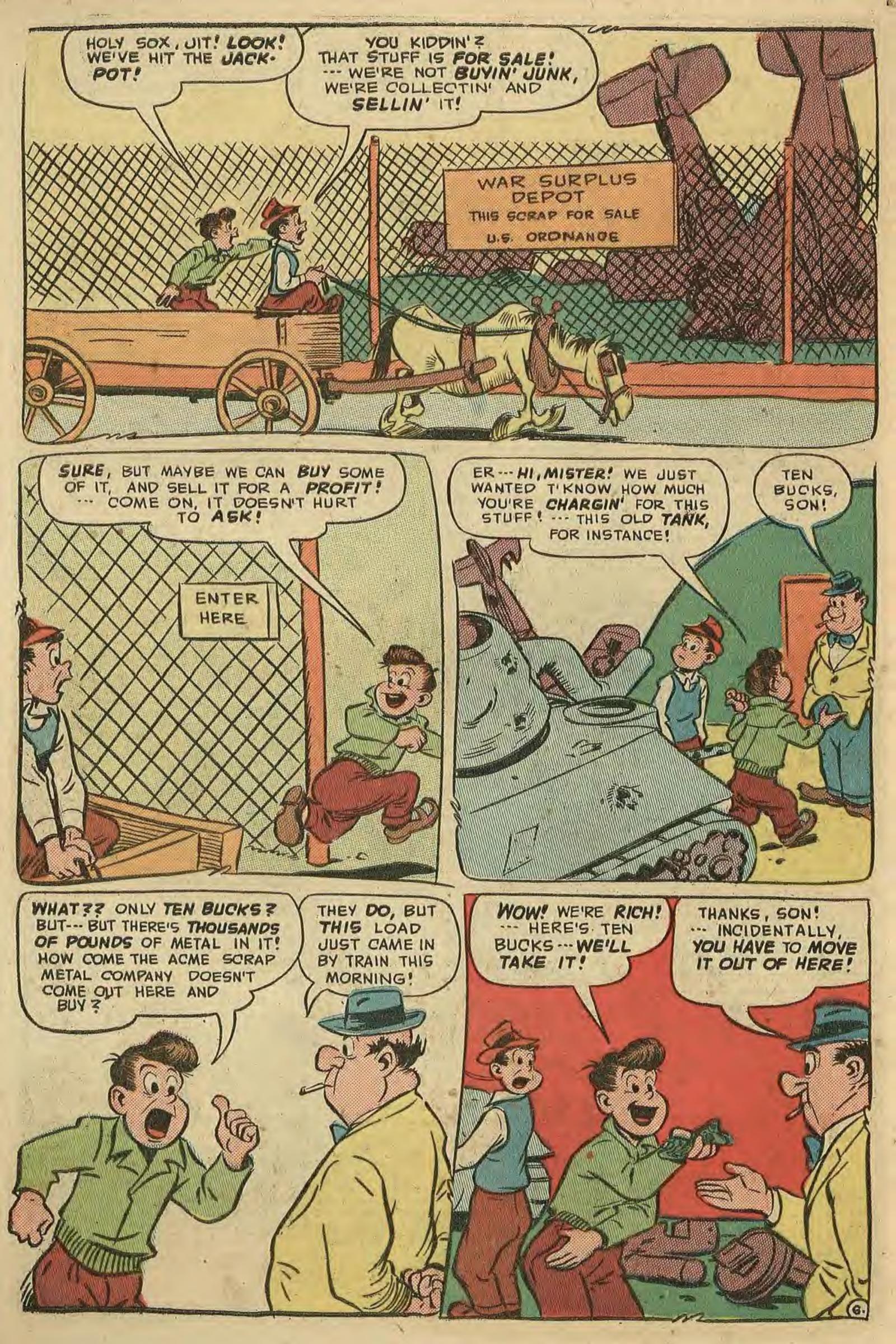
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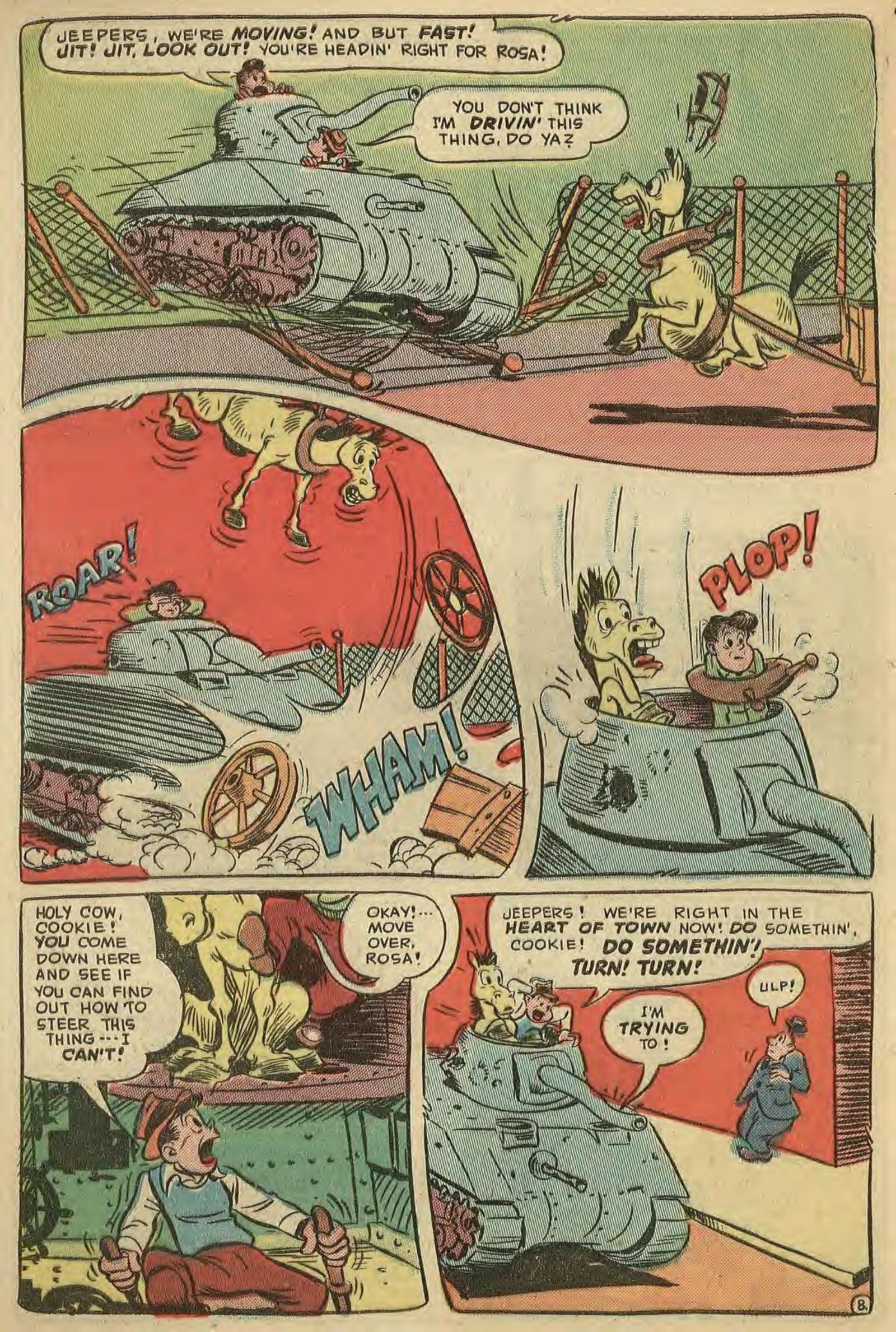
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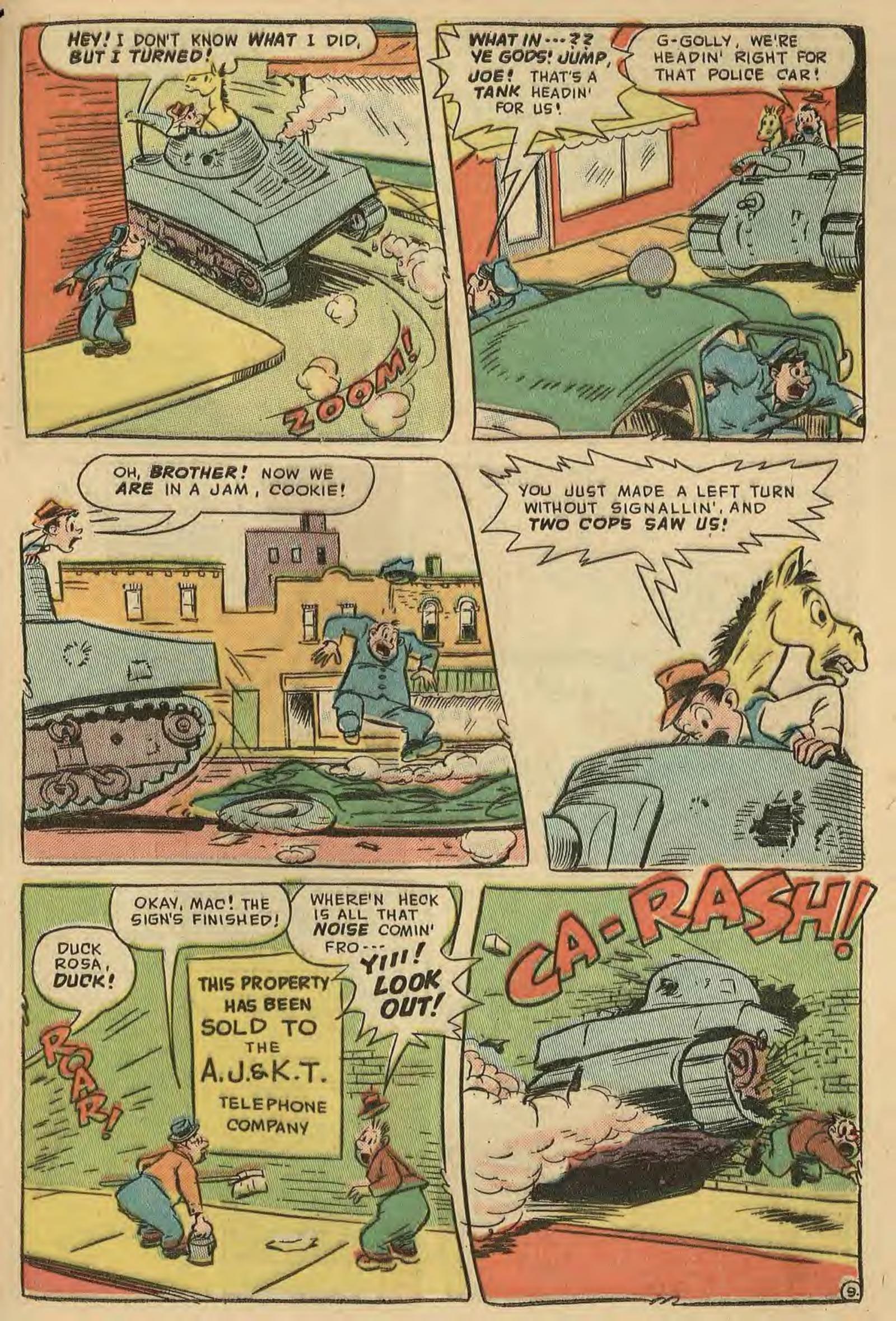
















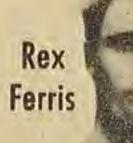


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