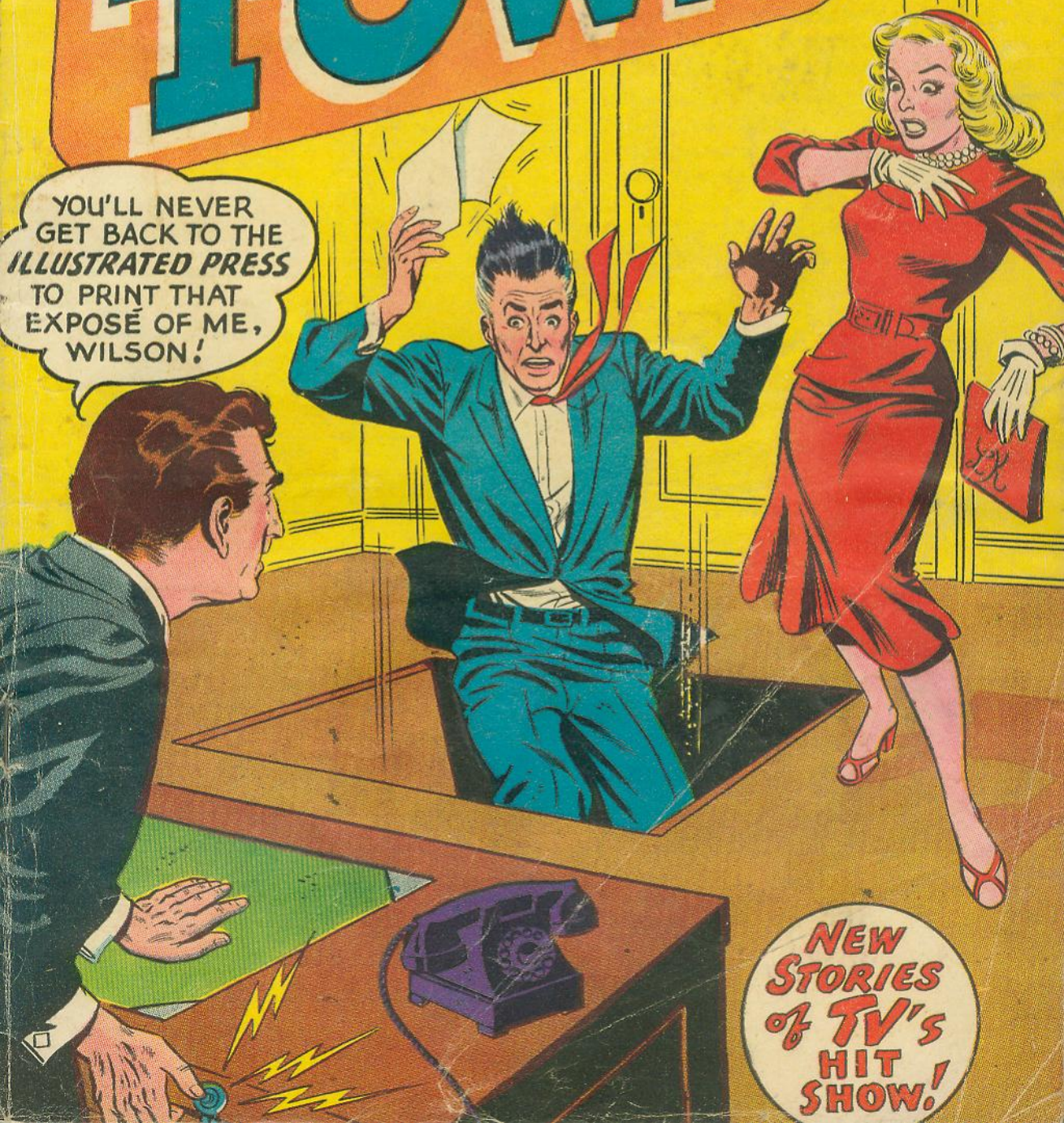


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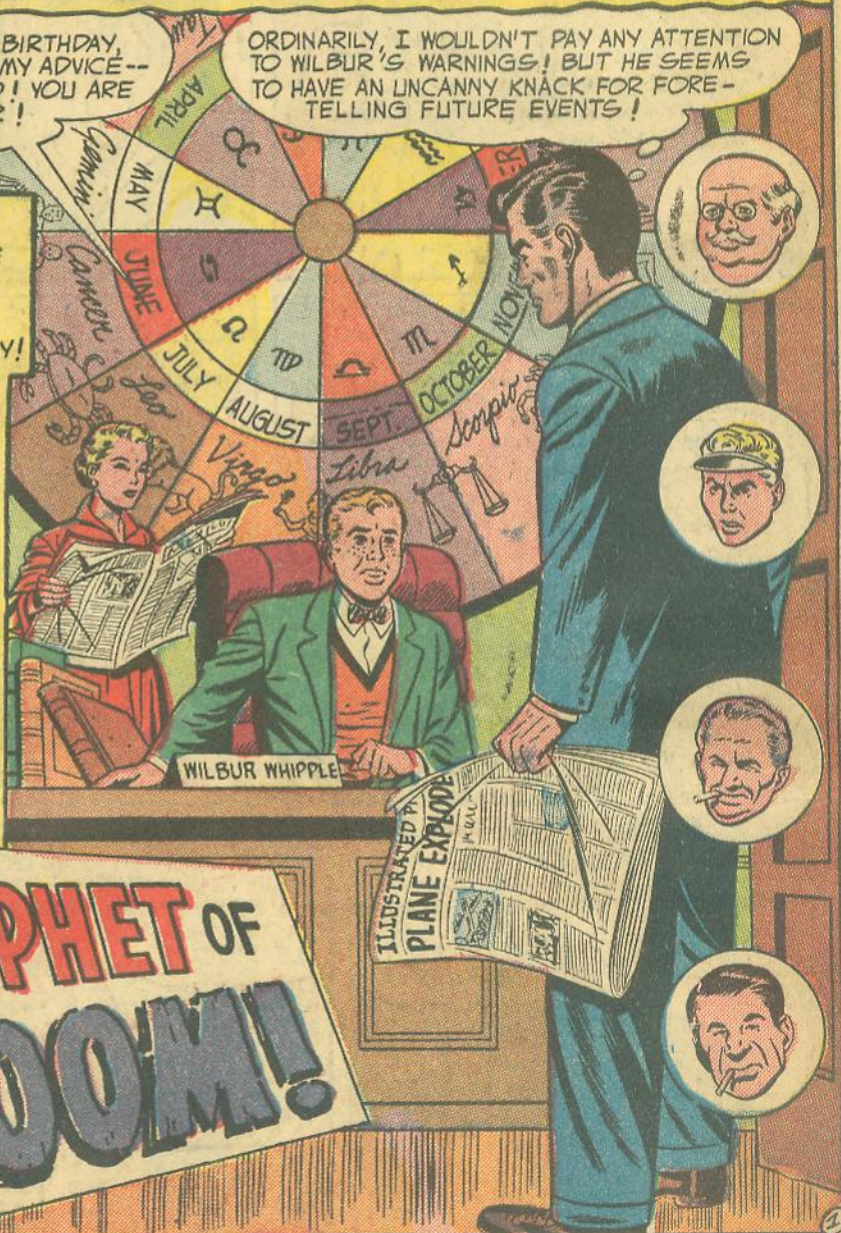
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SO TODAY IS **YOUR** BIRTHDAY, MR. WILSON! TAKE MY ADVICE-- BE ON YOUR GUARD! YOU ARE IN DANGER!

ORDINARILY, I WOULDN'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO WILBUR'S WARNINGS! BUT HE SEEMS TO HAVE AN UNCANNY KNACK FOR FORE-TELLING FUTURE EVENTS!

TO ALL APPEARANCES, YOUNG WILBUR WHIPPLE WAS JUST A GOOD-NATURED, RUSTIC FELLOW WITH A PLEASING PERSONALITY! BUT WHEN HE TOOK OVER THE HOROSCOPE COLUMN OF **BIG TOWN'S ILLUSTRATED PRESS**, HE REVEALED AMAZING, UNSUSPECTED TALENTS--WHICH MYSTIFIED ALL AROUND HIM, INCLUDING CRACK NEWSHAWK STEVE WILSON, WHO RESOLVED AT ANY COST TO SOLVE THE ASTROLOGICAL RIDDLE OF ...

The
PROPHET OF DOOM!

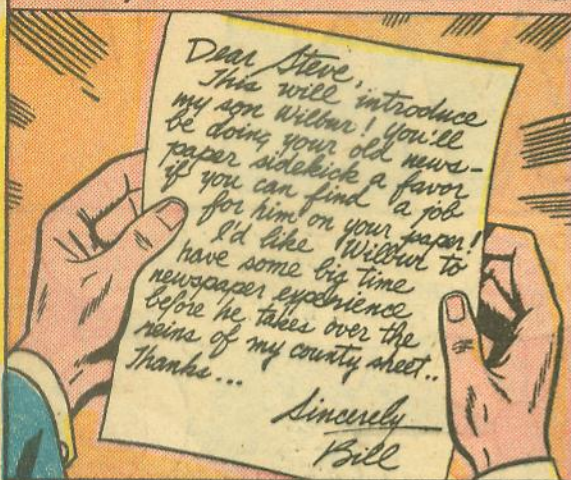


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IN THE CITY ROOM OF THE **ILLUSTRATED PRESS**, STEVE WILSON READS A LETTER...



SO YOU'RE BILL WHIPPLE'S SON! YOUR DAD AND I COVERED MANY A STORY TOGETHER! I'D SURE LIKE TO GIVE YOU A JOB HERE AS A REPORTER--BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY OPENINGS AT THE MOMENT!

WAIT, STEVE, THERE IS ONE POSSIBILITY--



WE DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO DO THE **DAILY HOROSCOPE**! I'VE BEEN TAKING CARE OF IT THE LAST FEW WEEKS...

SAY, THAT'S RIGHT, LORELEI!



LOOK, WILBUR--WE RUN THIS COLUMN CALLED "IS TODAY YOUR BIRTHDAY?" IN IT WE GIVE "ADVICE" TO PEOPLE WHOSE BIRTHDAY IT HAPPENS TO BE! OF COURSE, IT'S ALL HOKUM, PRETENDING TO MAKE PROPHECIES...



--BUT PEOPLE SEEM TO ENJOY BEING TOLD WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR--AND HOW THE STARS CONTROL THEIR LIVES! YOU CAN USE THIS DESK!

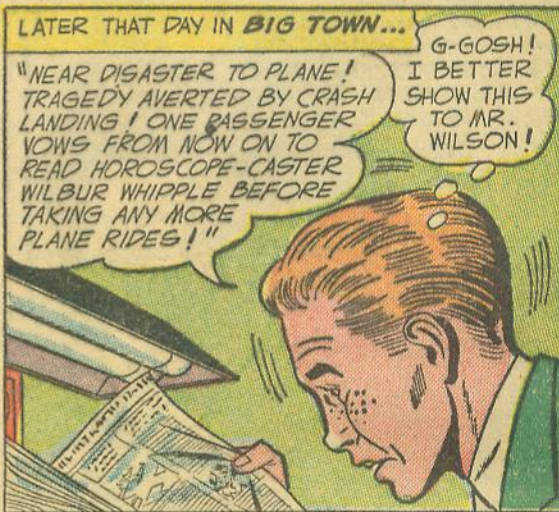
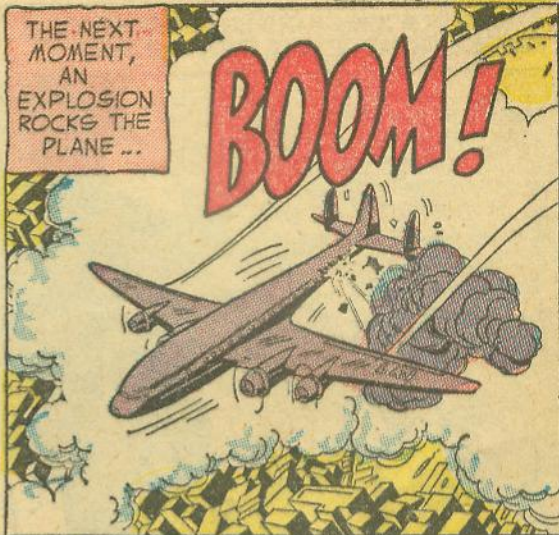
THANKS, MR. WILSON! I'LL MAKE THE MOST OF THIS OPPORTUNITY!



I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ASTROLOGY, BUT I'VE GOT TO DO MY BEST ON THIS JOB! IT MAY NOT BE IMPORTANT--BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT IT MIGHT LEAD TO?



WHO KNOWS, INDEED? WILBUR, THAT LAST REMARK OF YOURS COULD TURN OUT TO BE THE **PROPHETIC UNDER-STATEMENT OF THE YEAR!**





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HIS THE ACE NEWSMAN ANSWERS THE PHONE THERE IS A PAUSE AND THEN HIS EYES SHOOT WIDE...

THIS IS PETER CORNING! I'M FROM UPSTATE-- AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOUR PAPER ON YOUR ACCURATE HOROSCOPE COLUMN! TODAY IS MY BIRTHDAY! I WAS FLYING HERE IN MY PRIVATE PLANE -- NARROW ESCAPE...

WHEN STEVE TELLS WILBUR OF ANOTHER PLANE CRASH...

I-I'M GETTING SCARED, MR. WILSON! MAYBE I CAN SEE INTO THE FUTURE OR SOME-THING!

WILBUR, STOP WORRYING! YOU'LL SEE-- FROM NOW ON **NONE** OF YOUR OTHER PREDICTIONS WILL COME TRUE...

THE NEXT DAY...

"IS TODAY YOUR BIRTHDAY? TAKE THE ADVICE OF WILBUR WHIPPLE AND STAY OFF BRIDGES!"

ASTROLOGY-- BAH!

SUDDENLY, THE NEXT MOMENT...

HELP!

A PUZZLED AND CONCERNED STEVE WILSON READS THE NEWS FLASH OF THE NEAR TRAGEDY...

...AND WHEN THEY FISHED THE HALF-DROWNED FELLOW OUT OF THE RIVER, ALL HE KEPT MURMURING WAS... "MY BIRTHDAY... TODAY'S MY BIRTHDAY!"

IT'S HORRIBLE, STEVE!

IT'S ALMOST AS IF WILBUR WHIPPLE HAS SOME KIND OF A--A **FATAL TOUCH!**

NONSENSE, LORELEI! THAT CAN'T BE THE ANSWER AND I'M GOING TO PROVE IT!

TOMORROW IS **MY BIRTHDAY!** WHATEVER WILBUR SAYS **NOT** TO DO, I'M GOING TO DELIBERATELY DO! I'LL SETTLE THE QUESTION OF WHIPPLE'S PROPHETIC POWERS ONCE AND FOR ALL!

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MEANWHILE, AT WILBUR'S DESK IN THE CITY ROOM...

GEE WILLIKERS! I'VE GOT TO BE MORE CAREFUL! I MUST MAKE IT HARDER FOR PEOPLE TO ACCIDENTALLY DISOBEY MY PROPHETIC WARNINGS! NOW LET ME SEE... WHAT UNLIKELY THING CAN I PREDICT...?

EARLY THE NEXT DAY AS STEVE READS THE NEW EDITION... EH?

WILBUR'S WARNING TODAY IS TO KEEP AWAY FROM **SWANS**! GREAT THUNDER! PRACTICALLY THE ONLY PLACE IN **BIG TOWN** WHERE ANYONE COULD GET NEAR A SWAN IS IN MID-TOWN PARK LAKE...

SHORTLY AFTER THE FAMED NEWSPAPERMAN HAS TAXIED ACROSS TOWN... I FEEL THIS IS ALL PRETTY SILLY-- AS IF ANYTHING COULD POSSIBLY HAPPEN TO ME IN THIS PEACEFUL PLACE!

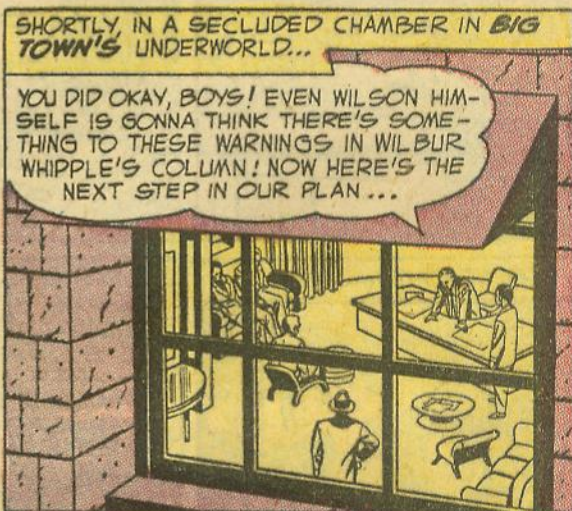
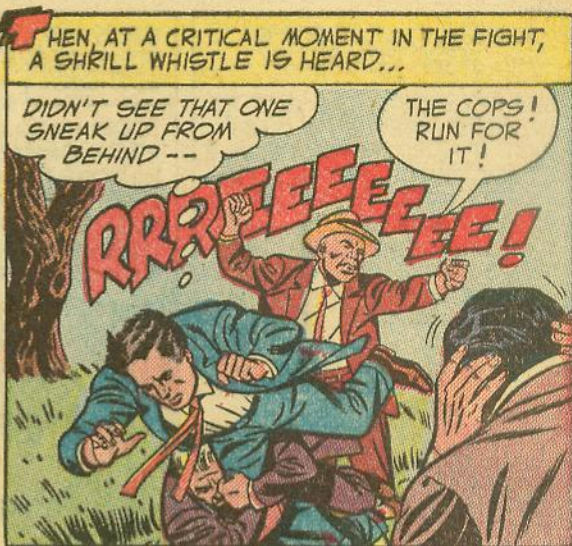
THEN, WITHOUT WARNING...

THUD!

HALF-STUNNED, THE CRACK NEWSHAWK BURSTS INTO ACTION--ON PURE INSTINCT ALONE... HEY! I WHAMMED THIS GUY HARD ENOUGH TO PUT HIM AWAY--

AS STEVE FLINGS HIS ASSAILANT INTO THE LAKE... HERE COME THE REIN-FORCEMENTS! ONE OF US IS GOTTA GET WILSON!

YAAAAA!



NOT LONG AFTER, IN THE CITY ROOM OF THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS...



COPY BOY! HERE YOU ARE -- MY COLUMN FOR TOMORROW!

SO FAR SO GOOD...

THE NEXT MORNING IN THE HOME OF JAY WICKFORD, ONE OF BIG TOWN'S WEALTHIEST CITIZENS...

WILBUR WHIPPLE ADVISES ALL THOSE WHOSE BIRTHDAY IT IS TODAY TO KEEP ANY **VALUABLE** JEWELRY THEY HAVE AT HOME FOR SAFETY! AND THIS IS **MY BIRTHDAY!**



A HALF HOUR LATER, THE FINANCIER'S LIMOUSINE PULLS UP IN FRONT OF THE BIG TOWN BANK ...

I'VE LEARNED TO RESPECT WHIPPLE'S HOROSCOPE READINGS! HIS WARNINGS HAVE BEEN UNCANNILY ACCURATE! I'M GOING TO REMOVE MY FABULOUS STOPE DIAMOND FROM THE SAFETY DEPOSIT VAULT-- AND TAKE IT HOME!



MEANWHILE, AT THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS...

LORELEI, DID YOU SEE THIS? ADVISING PEOPLE TO KEEP THEIR JEWELS AT HOME-- COULD BE DANGEROUS! HOW COULD WILBUR DO A THING LIKE THIS? WHERE IS HE?

I'VE TRIED TO REACH HIM AT HIS HOTEL ...



BUT THE DESK CLERK SAYS WILBUR GAVE STRICT ORDERS THAT HE WAS NOT TO BE DISTURBED THIS MORNING!

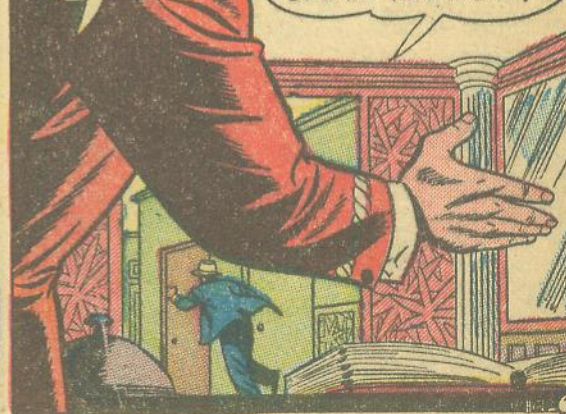
NOT TO BE DISTURBED? I'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

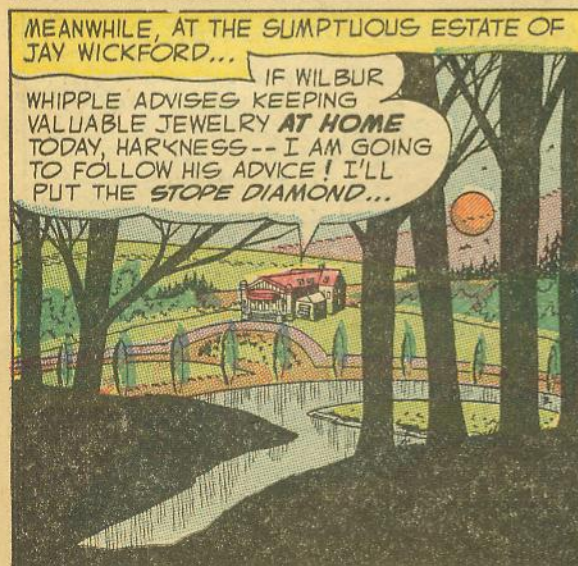


AT A RESIDENTIAL HOTEL NEARBY...

BUT, SIR, YOU CAN'T DISTURB ONE OF OUR GUESTS!

I'M WHIPPLE'S BOSS! IF HE KNOWS WHAT'S GOOD FOR HIM, HE'LL SEE ME ALL RIGHT!







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WITH A SWIFT MOTION, THE GANGSTER CHIEF GRABS THE STOPE DIAMOND FROM WICKFORD'S HAND...

THIS IS WHAT WE WANT! THE STOPE DIAMOND!

OKAY, NOW LET'S TIE 'EM UP AND GET OUTTA HERE...



BUT BEFORE THE THIEVES CAN LEAVE WITH THEIR LOOT...

JUST AS I FORECAST, WILBUR--A DIAMOND ROBBERY!

WILSON AND THAT KID COLUMNIST!



AS THE NEWS DUO RUSHES AT THE CROOKS...

PILE IN, WILBUR!

(GASP) I--I'M TRYING TO, MR. WILSON!



FORTUNATELY, THE CRACK NEWSHAWK NEEDS VERY LITTLE HELP FROM ANYONE...



AT THE END OF A TAUT AND HECTIC 90 SECONDS OR SO...

BOY, YOU SURE TOOK CARE OF THEM IN A HURRY, MR. WILSON!

PHONE THE POLICE, WILBUR! TELL THEM TO GET HERE ON THE DOUBLE!



AFTER THE GANG HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY...

BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW THE GANG WOULD BE HERE, MR. WILSON?

IT WAS REALLY SIMPLE, MR. WICKFORD! I READ WILBUR'S COLUMN!...





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ACTUALLY, WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT WILBUR HADN'T WRITTEN TODAY'S COLUMN, I REALIZED THAT WE HAD BEEN THE VICTIMS OF A TRICK! WILBUR'S REPUTATION AS A SEER WAS BASED ON ACCIDENTS--WHICH THE GANG ARRANGED! FOR INSTANCE, THEY PLANTED TIME BOMBS ON SEVERAL PLANES...



...AFTER MAKING SURE THAT ONE OF THE PASSENGERS ON EACH FLIGHT **HAD A BIRTHDAY THAT DAY!** THE MAN WHO FELL FROM THE BRIDGE WAS A HIRED STUNT MAN! THE ATTACK ON ME IN THE PARK WAS ANOTHER CLINCHER ...



THEIR WHOLE IDEA, MR. WICKFORD, WAS TO GET **YOU** TO BELIEVE COMPLETELY IN THE WARNINGS OF WILBUR WHIPPLE, SO THAT YOU WOULD REMOVE THE STOPE DIAMOND FROM THE BANK VAULT AND BRING IT HERE WHEN WHIPPLE "ADVISED" IT!



ALL I HAD TO DO THIS MORNING WAS TO CALL EVERY BANK IN TOWN AND INQUIRE IF ANYONE HAD TAKEN AN UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF JEWELRY HOME WITH THEM!

AND THAT'S HOW YOU LEARNED ABOUT ME, MR. WILSON! I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO THANK YOU ENOUGH!



ONE MONTH LATER...

WILBUR, WE'VE GOT A REPORTER'S JOB OPEN NOW--AND I THINK YOU'VE EARNED IT!

THAT'S WONDERFUL NEWS, MR. WILSON--AND A SWELL BIRTHDAY PRESENT! YES, **TODAY IS MY BIRTHDAY!**



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BUT AT THAT VERY MOMENT IN FAO HEADQUARTERS IN ROME...

BAD NEWS FROM IRAN, SIR. HUGE LOCUST SWARMS. THEY HAVEN'T ENOUGH EXPERTS AND EQUIPMENT TO COMBAT THEM. CROPS OF THE ENTIRE MIDDLE EAST ARE IN DANGER.

NOT IF OUR UN MEMBER NATIONS WILL HELP. SEND WORD IMMEDIATELY.



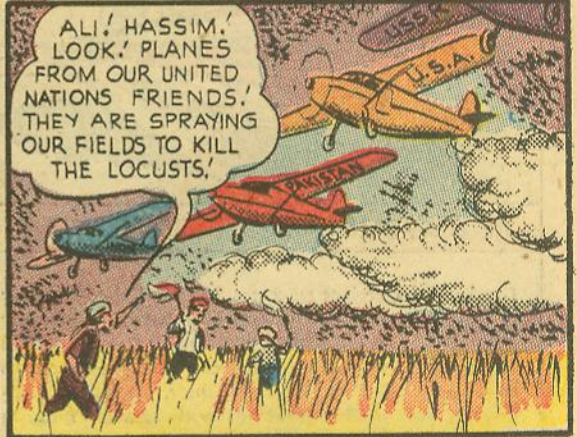
A FEW DAYS LATER...

FATHER, MUST WE LOSE ALL OUR CROPS?

I'M AFRAID THERE IS NO HELP FOR IT, MY SON!



ALI! HASSIM! LOOK! PLANES FROM OUR UNITED NATIONS FRIENDS! THEY ARE SPRAYING OUR FIELDS TO KILL THE LOCUSTS!



LATER--ATA MEETING OF THE FAO...

WILL THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM IRAN REPORT ON THE LOCUST PLAGUE? IS IT TRUE THAT IT IS NOW UNDER CONTROL?

YES, THANKS TO THE COUNTRIES WHO SENT HELP SO QUICKLY. THE PLANES AND TONS OF INSECTICIDE WORKED MIRACLES, AND THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM FAO WILL HELP US PREVENT FUTURE DISASTERS.



LOOK, FATHER, THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF LOCUSTS -- ALL DEAD. AND OUR CROPS STILL LIVE.

YOU ARE RIGHT, SON. PERHAPS WE SHALL NOT GO HUNGRY THIS WINTER, AFTER ALL.



ALI'S FAMILY AND MILLIONS OF OTHERS WERE SAVED FROM MONTHS OF HUNGER BY INTERNATIONAL TEAMWORK. HELPING COUNTRIES TO HELP THEMSELVES IS PART OF THE JOB OF THE FAO, ONE OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

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YOU HEADIN' WEST, MISTER? THEN IT'S WORTH A SAWBUCK TO YOU TO READ ALL ABOUT THE LATEST GOLD MINE DISCOVERIES!



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SPECIMEN OF SEQUOYAH'S CHEROKEE INDIAN ALPHABET

SEQUOYAH, CHEROKEE INDIAN



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HURKING BEHIND THE BUSY PANORAMIC SCENE OF ANY GREAT CITY ARE COUNTLESS NEWS STORIES--STORIES OF MYSTERY AND INTRIGUE--OF HUMOR AND HEART-ACHE! THESE ARE THE STORIES BROUGHT TO THE FRONT PAGES BY NEWSMEN SUCH AS STEVE WILSON, OF BIG TOWN'S ILLUSTRATED PRESS! THEN COMES THAT BIG STORY--THE ONE THAT MUST BE TRACKED DOWN AND PRINTED, BUT AS STEVE LEARNS THIS TIME, IT'S THE AMAZING STORY WITH...

THE VANISHING HEADLINE!



IN BIG TOWN'S CONCERT HALL, FAMED SINGER MARLOWE M. MARLOWE THRILLS A PACKED HOUSE WITH A STIRRING ARIA...



AMONG THOSE DEPARTING AT THE CONCERT'S CONCLUSION ARE STEVE WILSON AND LORELEI KILBOURNE, OF THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS...

IT'S THE POPULAR TENOR'S FIRST APPEARANCE IN BIG TOWN, STEVE! HE'LL CERTAINLY WIN RAVE NOTICES IN THE REVIEW COLUMNS!

YES--BUT IT'S A STRANGE THING ABOUT MARLOWE! SINCE HE'S BEEN IN BIG TOWN, NOT ONE NEWSMAN HAS BEEN ABLE TO INTERVIEW HIM!



WHY IS THAT, STEVE?

THAT'S WHAT I INTEND TO FIND OUT! COME ON -- WE'VE GOT TIME TO CATCH HIM BACKSTAGE!



BUT WHEN THEY REACH THE CONCERT STAR'S DRESSING ROOM...

I'M STEVE WILSON, OF THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS! I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO MR. MARLOWE!

I'M HIS PRESS AGENT AND SECRETARY-- MY ORDERS ARE TO KEEP ALL NEWSMEN AWAY FROM HIM!



YOU WERE RIGHT, STEVE! HE WON'T SEE THE PRESS! BUT WHY?

THAT'S AN ASSIGNMENT I'M GIVING MYSELF--TO FIND OUT! HE'S TAKEN AN APARTMENT IN TOWN! I'LL TRY THE DIRECT APPROACH, AND CALL HIM ON THE PHONE TOMORROW!



NEXT MORNING, FROM HIS OFFICE AT THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS, STEVE CALLS THE SINGER'S HOME...

BUT, MR. MARLOWE-- IF I COULD ONLY SEE YOU FOR A SHORT WHILE--I WON'T TAKE UP MUCH OF YOUR TIME...

HE HUNG UP WITHOUT SAYING A WORD!

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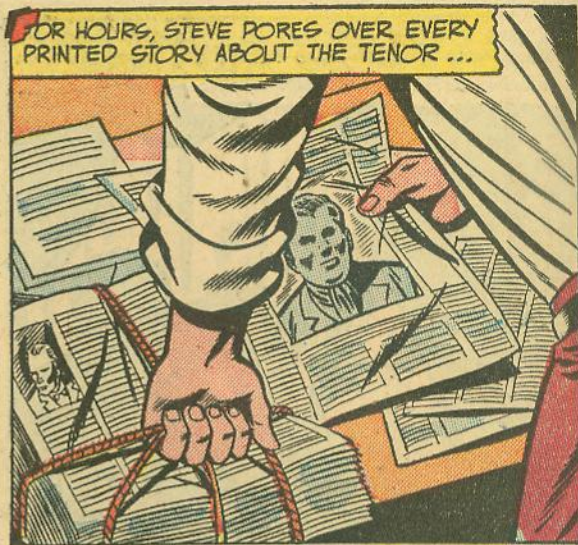




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THAT'S NOT GOING TO STOP ME!
I'LL USE ANOTHER APPROACH!
DIG UP EVERYTHING YOU CAN
ON MARLOWE FROM
THE FILE MORGUE!

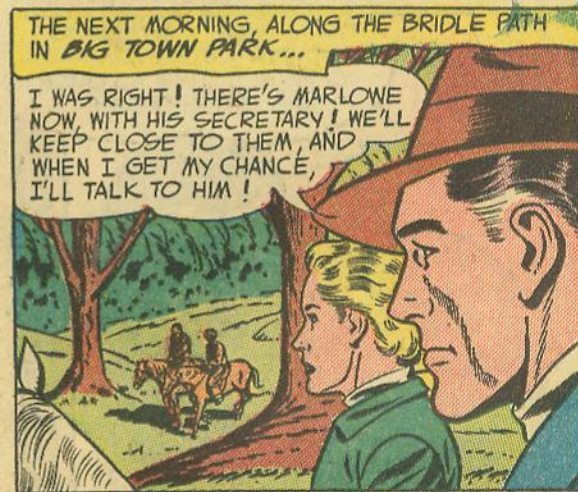


FOR HOURS, STEVE PORES OVER EVERY
PRINTED STORY ABOUT THE TENOR ...



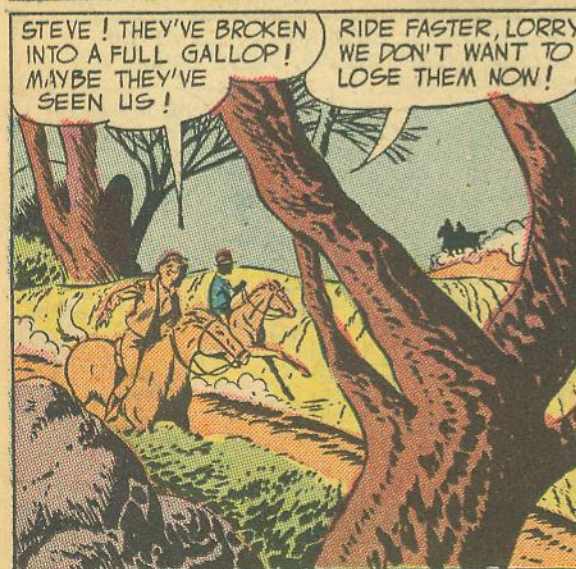
FIND OUT
ANYTHING,
STEVE?

YES, LORRY! MARLOWE
IS AN AVID HORSEBACK
RIDER--WHICH MEANS
WE'RE BOTH GOING
RIDING EARLY TOMORROW
MORNING!



THE NEXT MORNING, ALONG THE BRIDLE PATH
IN *BIG TOWN PARK*...

I WAS RIGHT! THERE'S MARLOWE
NOW, WITH HIS SECRETARY! WE'LL
KEEP CLOSE TO THEM, AND
WHEN I GET MY CHANCE,
I'LL TALK TO HIM!



STEVE! THEY'VE BROKEN
INTO A FULL GALLOP!
MAYBE THEY'VE
SEEN US!

RIDE FASTER, LORRY!
WE DON'T WANT TO
LOSE THEM NOW!

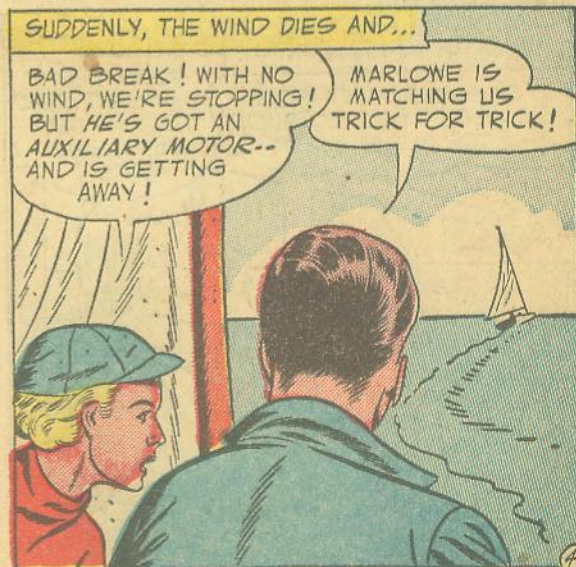
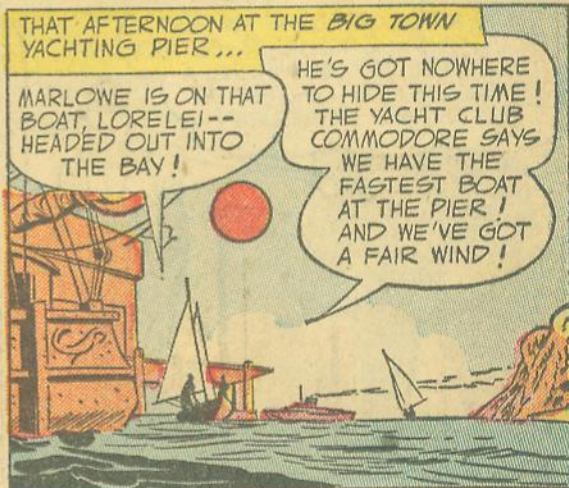
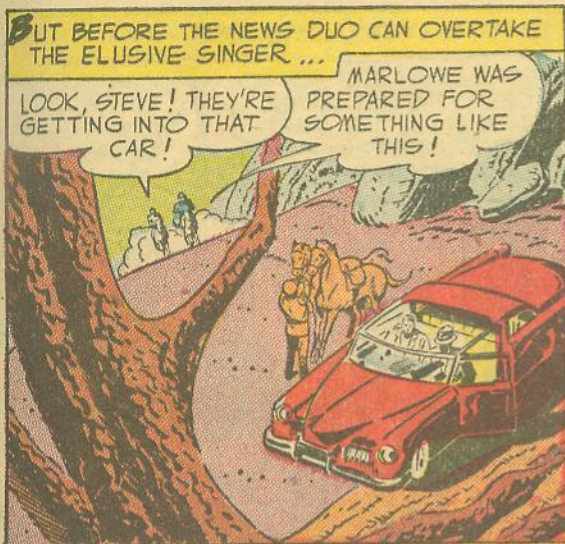


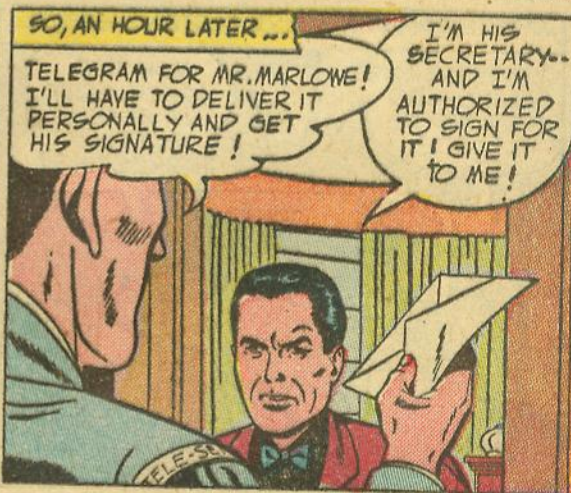
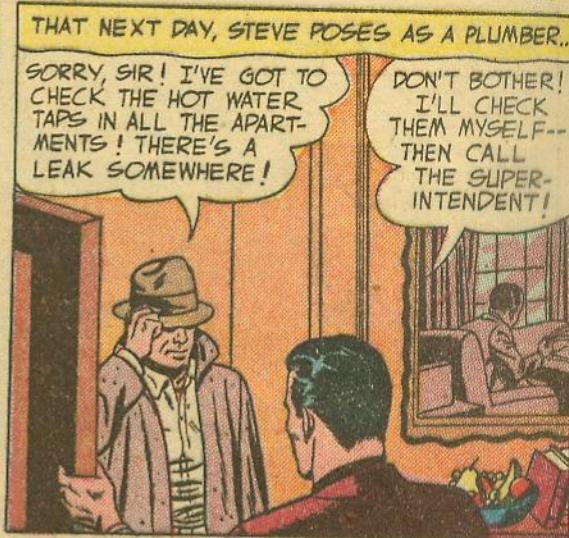
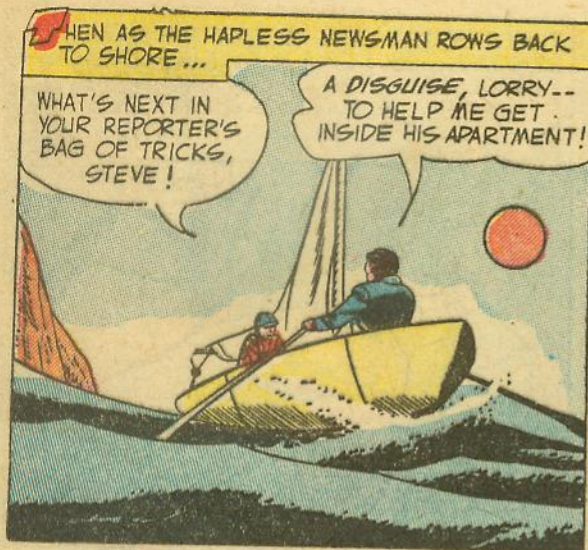
FOR SEVERAL MINUTES THE PURSUIT CON-
TINUES THROUGH THE PARK...

WE'RE GAINING! IN A MOMENT
WE'LL KNOW WHY NEWSMEN
CAN'T SQUEEZE AN INTERVIEW
OUT OF MR. MARLOWE!

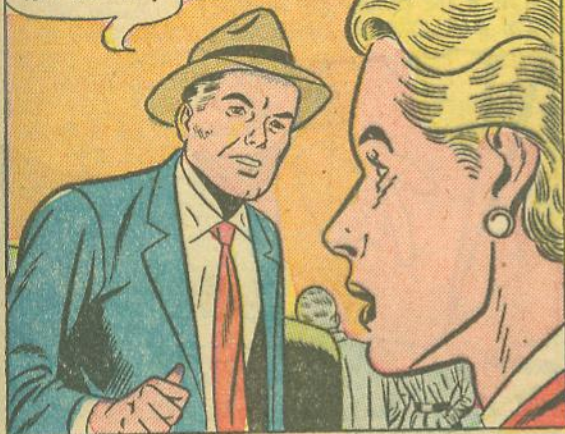


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MARLOWE MUST BE USING
A BACK OR SIDE WAY!
COME ON! WE'RE GOING
TO FIND IT!



SOON AFTER--AT THE REAR ENTRANCE TO THE
APARTMENT BUILDING...

THIS IS THE ONLY
OTHER ENTRANCE!
LET'S GO IN!



INSIDE, THEY ASCEND A SHADOWY STAIRWAY...

THIS STAIRWAY LEADS UP
TO THE BACK OF THE
APARTMENTS!

I HOPE THAT
AFTER ALL THE
TROUBLE WE'VE
GONE TO, WE GET
THAT INTERVIEW!



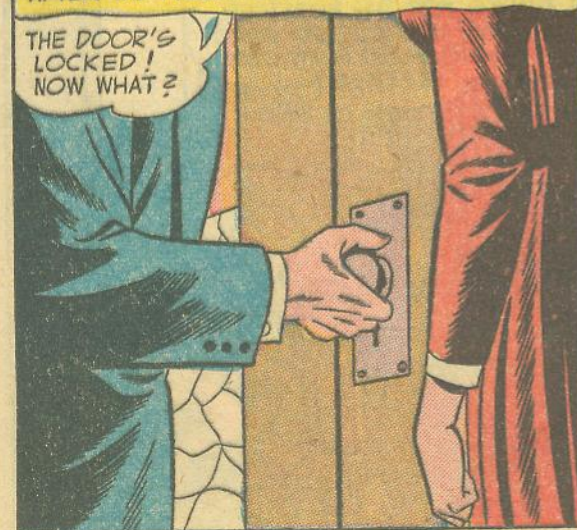
THEN, IN THE UPPER HALLWAY, THEY STOP
IN THE SHADOWS AS THEY SEE A FIGURE
LEAVING THE SINGER'S APARTMENT...

SHHH--IT'S THE SECRETARY!
HE'S LEAVING! MY GUESS WAS
RIGHT! THEY HAVE BEEN
USING THE BACK WAY!



AFTER THE FIGURE DEPARTS DOWN THE STAIRS...

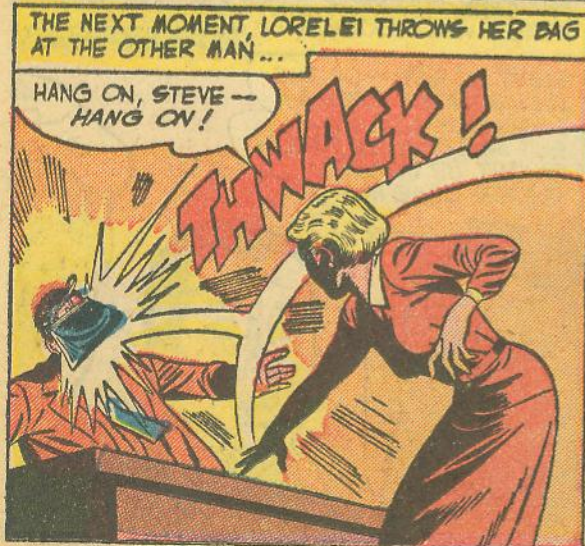
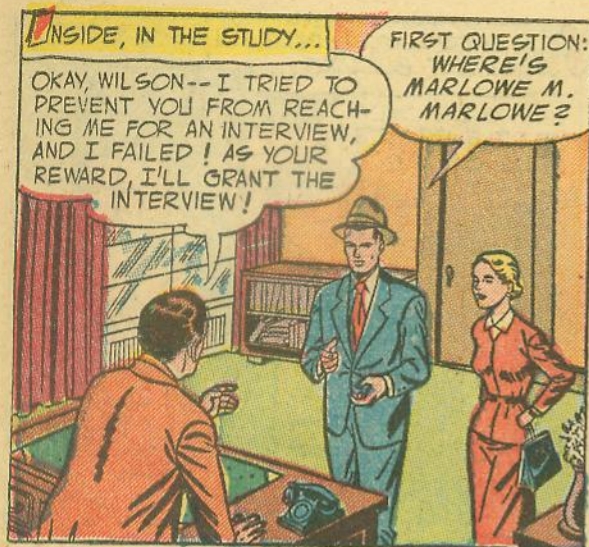
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NOW WHAT?

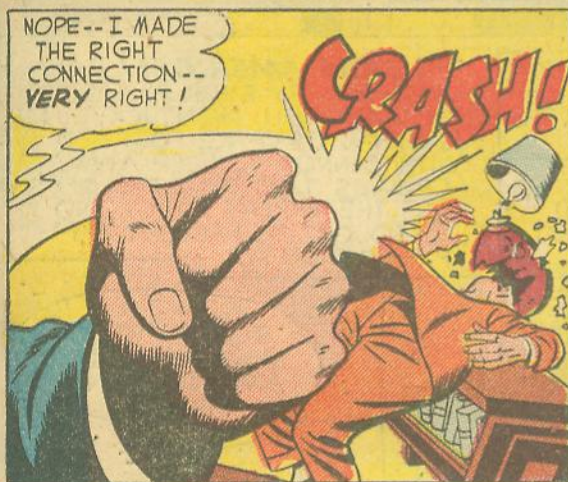


BUT THEN, SUDDENLY, THE DOOR OPENS--AND
A DEEP VOICE SOUNDS...

STEVE WILSON--OF THE
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I WAS JUST LEAVING--
BUT SINCE YOU'VE FINALLY
CAUGHT UP WITH ME,
PLEASE COME IN!









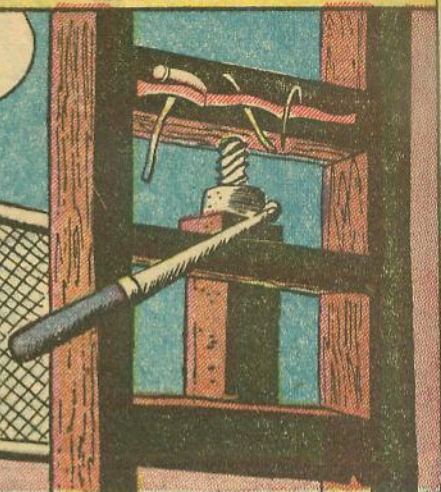
BIG TOWN



ODD NEWS ITEMS!

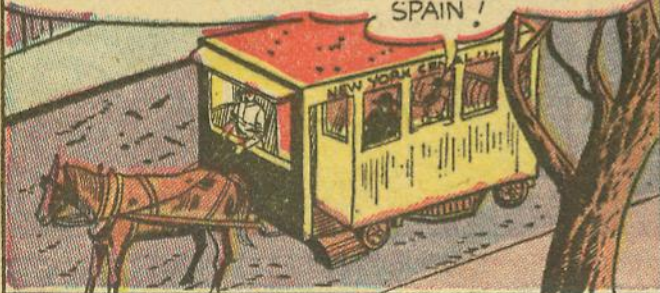
IN COLONIAL TIMES MOST EDITORS OF NEWS-PAPERS WERE "MASTER PRINTERS" BY TRADE -- AND MERELY PUBLISHED NEWSPAPERS AS A SIDELINE. THEY ALSO HANDLED SUCH OTHER BUSINESS PURSUITS AS POSTMASTER, MAGISTRATE, LOTTERY AGENT, AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE STOREKEEPER...

I'D LIKE TO LEAVE THIS LETTER WITH YOU FOR POSTING -- AND I'D LIKE TO BUY THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE **NEWSLETTER!**

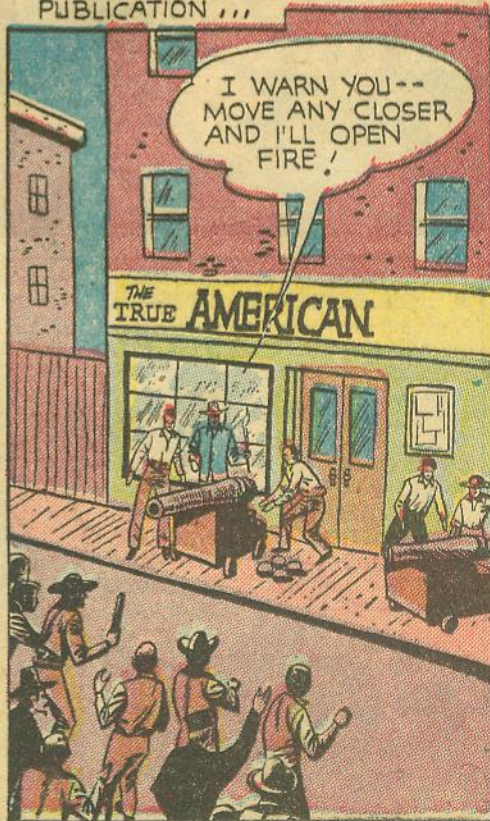


NEWS SOURCES WERE SO UNRELIABLE IN THE EARLY PART OF THE 19TH CENTURY, THAT PAPERS PRUDENTLY PRINTED UNVERIFIED ITEMS UNDER THE HEADING, "IMPORTANT -- IF TRUE"...

DID YOU SEE THE LATEST "RUMOR" PRINTED IN THE **AMERICAN HERALD**...? WE ARE INFORMED THAT WAR WAS DECLARED BY ENGLAND AGAINST SPAIN!



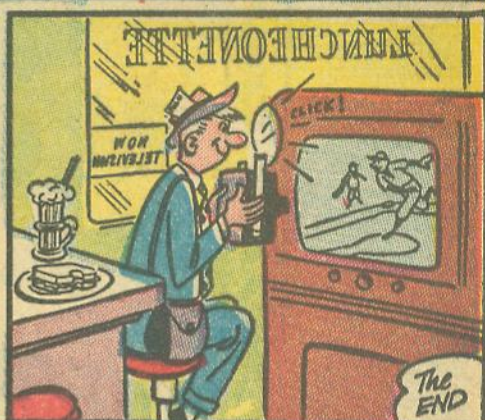
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BIG TOWN



BIG TOWN

THIS 17TH CENTURY DUELLING PISTOL HAS NEVER MISSED KILLING ITS MAN, WILSON! AND YOU'RE NEXT IN LINE!



A SHOW OF CURIOUS AND VALUABLE ANTIQUE WEAPONS IN FAMED EXPOSITION HALL IN **BIG TOWN**--AND THE KILLING SOME WEEKS BEFORE OF A DEPUTY SHERIFF IN A NORTHERN SUBURB... WHAT CONNECTION COULD THESE TWO ITEMS HAVE WITH EACH OTHER? NEWS-MAN STEVE WILSON DISCOVERED THE SPECTACULAR ANSWER--THE MOMENT HE FACED...

The **GUN THAT NEVER MISSED!**



BIG TOWN



IN EXPOSITION HALL IN BIG TOWN, ONE OF THE EXHIBITORS--WEAPONS--FANCIER HARVEY PRESTON--MAKES A DISCOVERY...

STRANGE! MY FAMOUS 17TH CENTURY DUELLING PISTOL--THE PRIZE OF MY COLLECTION--IS MISSING!

AT THAT MOMENT, IN STEVE WILSON'S ILLUSTRATED PRESS OFFICE...

ANY NEWS IN THE CASE OF THE KILLING OF THAT DEPUTY SHERIFF UP IN NORTH BIG TOWN, STEVE?

NOT YET, LORELEI! WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO BREAK, WE'RE TAKING ON ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT!

THERE'S AN INTERESTING SHOW AT EXPOSITION HALL--AN EXHIBITION OF ANCIENT WEAPONS--THAT SHOULD MAKE A GOOD PICTURE-SPREAD!

SOUNDS EXCITING, STEVE!

SHORTLY, IN EXPOSITION HALL, A HUGE, ARMORY-LIKE BUILDING DEVOTED MOSTLY TO SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS...

WHEW!! I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY GUNS!

CIRCULATE AROUND, GAL, AND SEE WHAT ITEMS OF INTEREST YOU CAN PICK UP! I'LL DO THE SAME...

SOME MINUTES LATER, AS STEVE MEETS AN OLD FRIEND OF HIS--MILLIONAIRE HARVEY PRESTON...

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU HERE, MR. PRESTON! BUT, WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SEEM BOTHERED BY SOMETHING...

YOUR NEWS-MAN'S EYE IS AS KEEN AS EVER, STEVE!

HARVEY PRESTON PRIVATE COLLECTION

IT'S NOT AN IMPORTANT MATTER, AND YET--WELL, MY FAMOUS 17TH CENTURY DUELLING PISTOL IS MISSING! I PUT IT IN THIS CASE MYSELF LAST NIGHT...

YOU THINK IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN STOLEN?

SUDDENLY, THE CRACK NEWS-HAWK WHIRLS ON HIS HEEL...

MAYBE IT IS IMPORTANT, MR. PRESTON--MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU THINK! BUT I HAVE NO TIME TO EXPLAIN NOW! I'LL SEE YOU LATER!

NOW WHAT DID I SAY TO MAKE HIM LEAVE SO ABRUPTLY?

MOMENTS LATER, THE ACE NEWSMAN WEAVES NORTHWARD THROUGH TRAFFIC...

I COULDN'T WASTE TIME LOOKING FOR LORELEI BACK THERE... BESIDES, IF MY GUESS IS RIGHT, THIS IS A JOB THAT CAN BEST BE DONE BY A **LONE HAND!**

SOON AFTER, IN THE EXCLUSIVE SECTION OF NORTH BIG TOWN...

THIS IS PRESTON'S ESTATE! IT WAS HERE THAT HE LAST SAW THE DUELLING PISTOL-- LAST NIGHT WHEN HE TOOK IT DOWN FROM THE WALL TO PUT IT INTO ITS CASE! SO HERE'S WHERE THE TRAIL BEGINS!

AT STEVE'S REQUEST, THE HOUSEHOLD STAFF IS GATHERED TOGETHER...

I AM GREEVES, THE BUTLER, MR. WILSON!

HANSON, THE CHAUFFEUR, SIR...

I'M WIKERT, THE GARDENER...

AFTER SOME PRELIMINARY QUESTIONING BY STEVE...

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY MISSING DUELLING PISTOL EITHER!

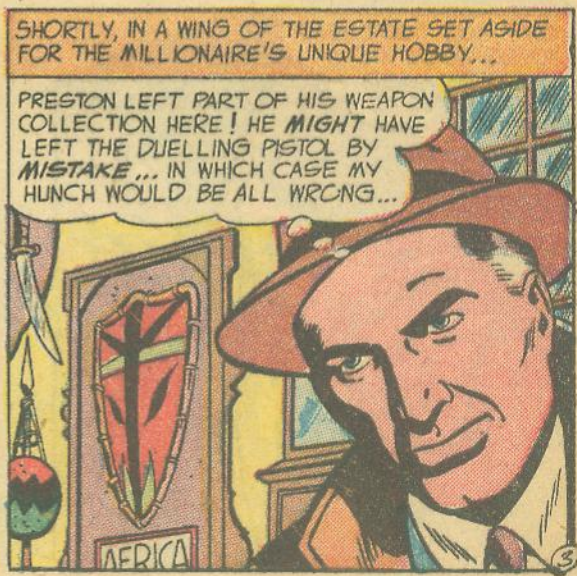
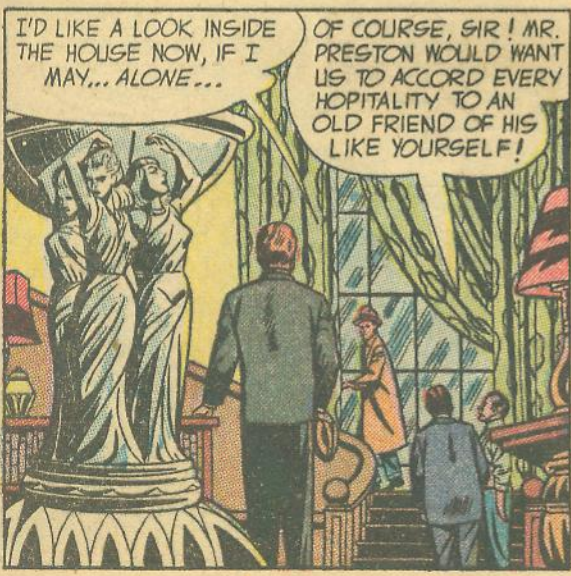
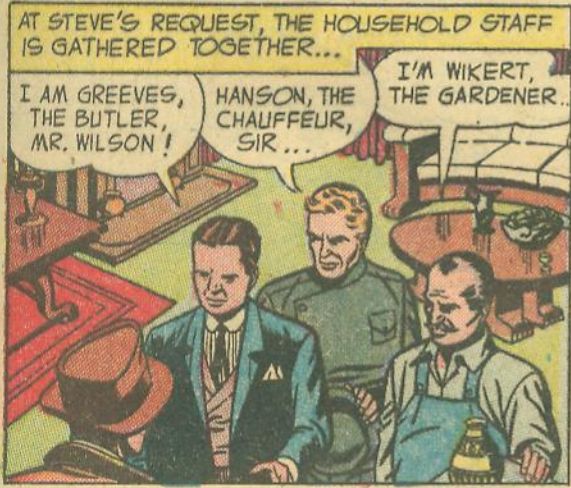
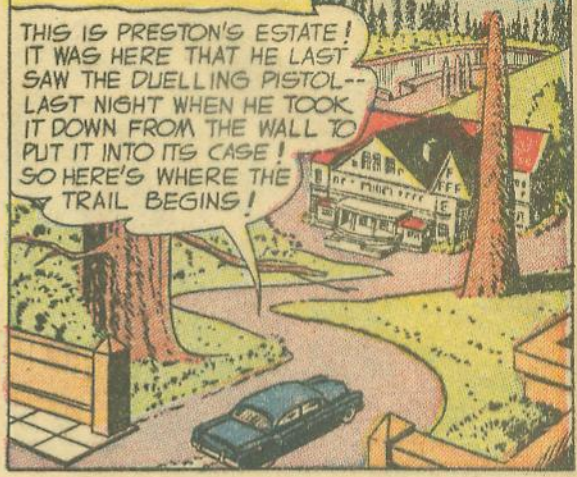
HMM! THEY ALL DENY ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE MISSING WEAPON...

I'D LIKE A LOOK INSIDE THE HOUSE NOW, IF I MAY... ALONE...

OF COURSE, SIR! MR. PRESTON WOULD WANT US TO ACCORD EVERY HOPITALITY TO AN OLD FRIEND OF HIS LIKE YOURSELF!

SHORTLY, IN A WING OF THE ESTATE SET ASIDE FOR THE MILLIONAIRE'S UNIQUE HOBBY...

PRESTON LEFT PART OF HIS WEAPON COLLECTION HERE! HE MIGHT HAVE LEFT THE DUELLING PISTOL BY MISTAKE... IN WHICH CASE MY HUNCH WOULD BE ALL WRONG...

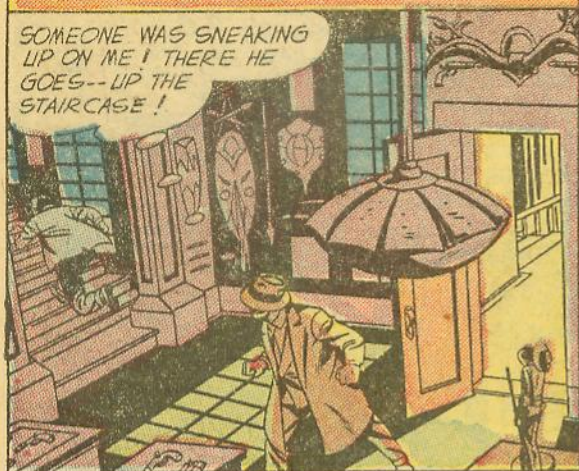




BIG TOWN



THEN, AS A SIXTH SENSE WARNS THE CRACK NEWSHAWK OF SOMEONE ELSE'S PRESENCE...



SWIFTLY PURSUING THE SHADOWY FIGURE TO THE SECOND FLOOR...

HE'S HEADING FOR THAT DOORWAY--!



A MOMENT LATER...

EMPTY! YET I'M ALMOST SURE I SAW HIM COME IN HERE --



LOCKED IN! NOW WHY SHOULD MY RUNAWAY WANT TO LOCK ME IN HERE?



HUH? THAT TIGER HEAD MOVING ASIDE AND A REVOLVER AIMED POINT-BLANK AT ME!



A BOUNDING LEAP TAKES STEVE OUT OF RANGE OF THE SNIPER'S WEAPON...

I CAN'T PLAY "SHOOTING DUCK" WITH HIM FOREVER! ONLY ONE WAY TO GAIN THE UPPER HAND...





BIG TOWN





BIG TOWN



WITH A SWEEPING ROUNDHOUSE, THE NEWSPAPERMAN BRINGS THE BATTLE TO A SWIFT CLOSE...

THIS IS TURNING INTO A BETTER SCOOP THAN YOU COUNTED ON, HANSON!



SORRY I HAD TO SPOIL THE RECORD OF THAT DUELLING PISTOL, HANSON, BUT THERE'S ALWAYS A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING! NOW GET UP--WE'RE GOING TO THE POLICE!



IN INSPECTOR CALLAHAN'S OFFICE AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS SOON AFTER...

HANSON HAS CONFESSED, STEVE! ALL YOU SUSPECTED WAS TRUE! IT WAS HE WHO KILLED THAT DEPUTY SHERIFF LAST MONTH! TURNER, THE DEPUTY, WAS MAKING A ROUTINE CHECK OF PRESTON'S ESTATE! PRESTON HIMSELF WAS AWAY ON VACATION AT THE TIME...



"TURNER CAUGHT THE CHAUFFEUR RIFLING PRESTON'S SAFE! HANSON SEIZED THE FIRST WEAPON THAT CAME TO HAND AND SHOT HIM!"

THEY SAY THIS DUELLING PISTOL NEVER MISSES! I GUESS IT'S TRUE!



"LATER, THE CHAUFFEUR RODE THE BODY OVER TO THE ROAD IN NORTH BIG TOWN WHERE IT WAS FOUND! WE HAD NO CLUES LEADING TO THE KILLER, AND EVEN THE TYPE OF BULLET AND GUN PUZZLED OUR EXPERTS..."

YES, I KNEW THAT, INSPECTOR--AND THAT'S WHY WHEN HARVEY PRESTON TOLD ME HIS ANCIENT PISTOL WAS MISSING--AND I REMEMBERED HE LIVED IN NORTH BIG TOWN--WELL, I JUST PLAYED A HUNCH THAT THE TWO FACTS WERE WORTH AN INVESTIGATION! TURNED OUT I WAS RIGHT...



WITHIN THE HOUR, STEVE DICTATES A FRONT-PAGE STORY FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS...

...AND BE SURE TO GET THIS IN TOO, LORELEI! HANSON STOLE THE DUELLING PISTOL BECAUSE HE FEARED THE POLICE MIGHT RECOGNIZE IT AS THE WEAPON THAT KILLED THE DEPUTY!

GOT IT...



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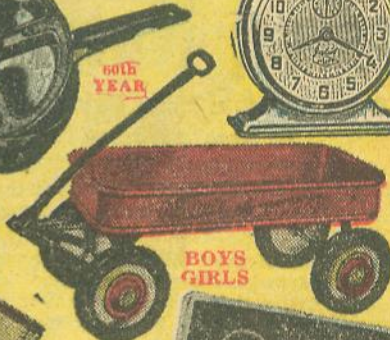
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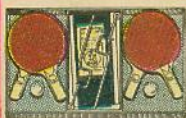
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