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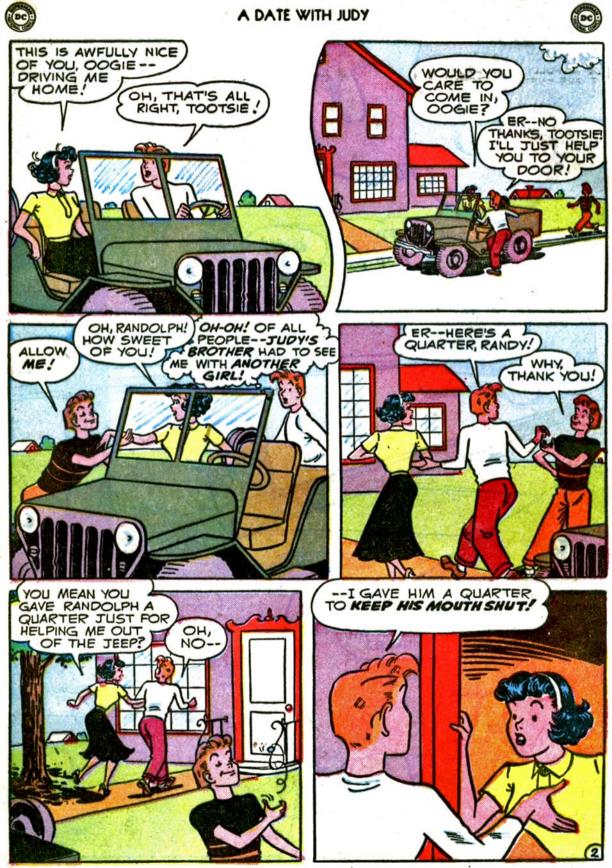
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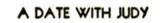
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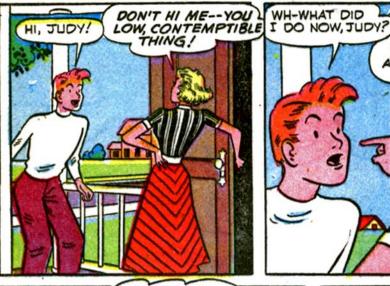
































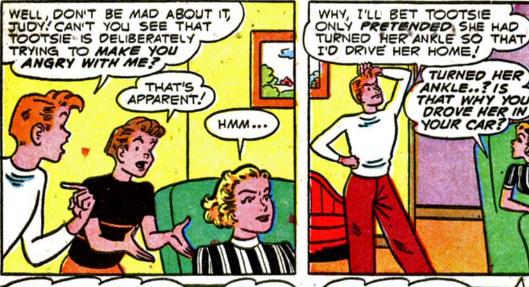
















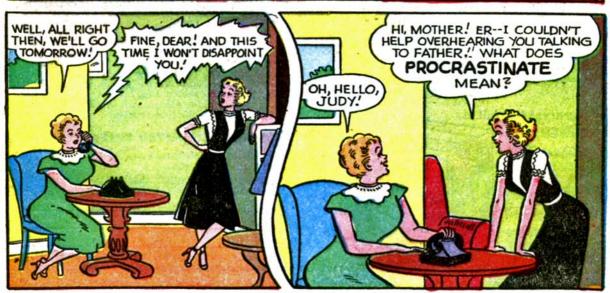


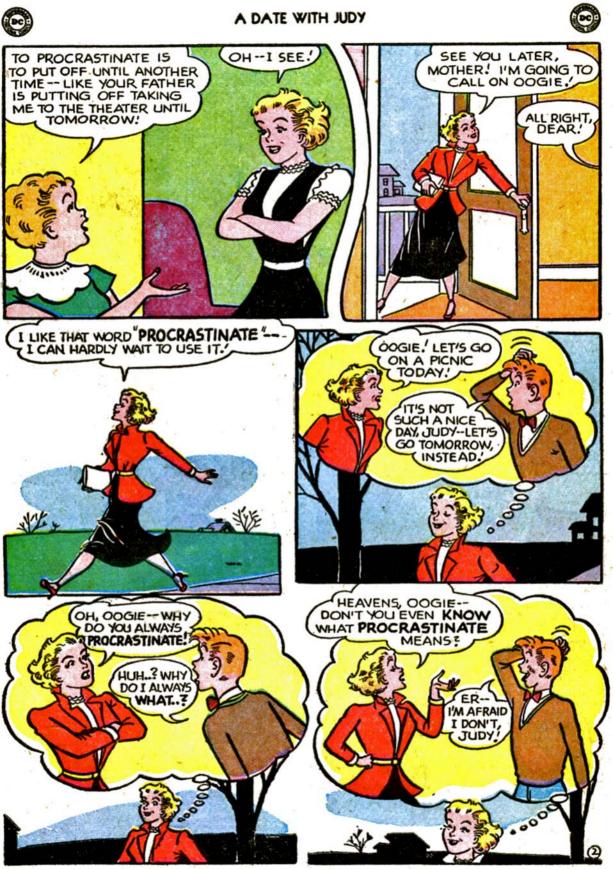






































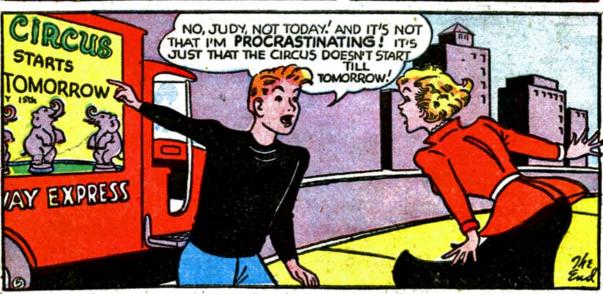




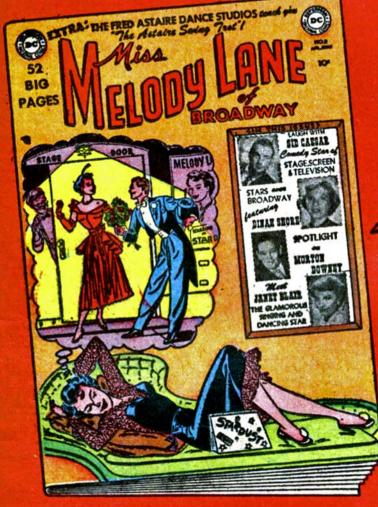








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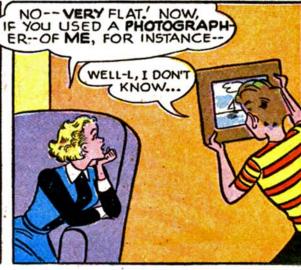


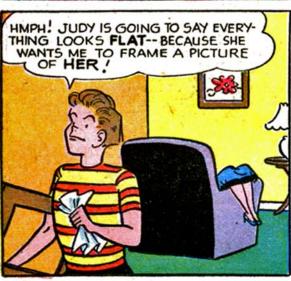
























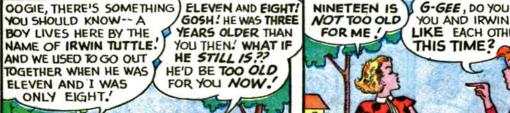






























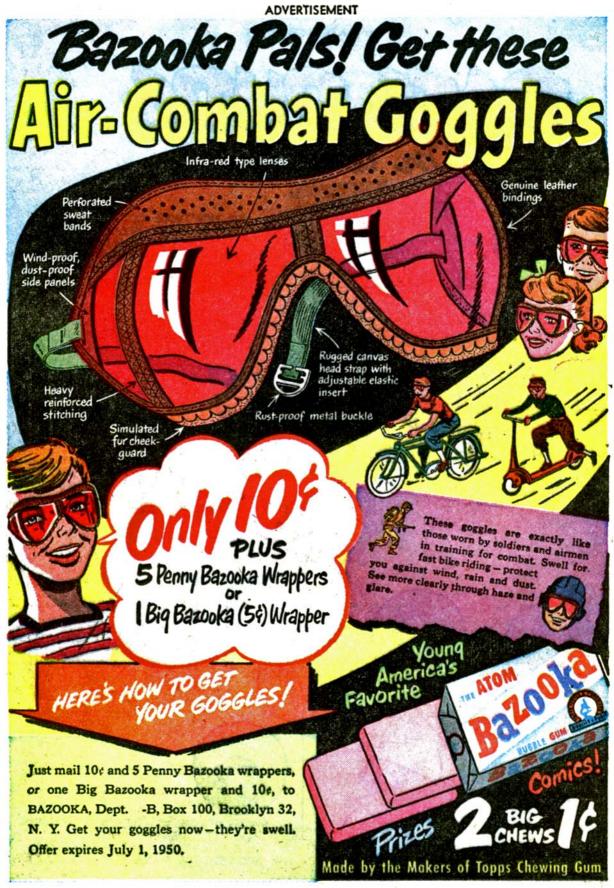


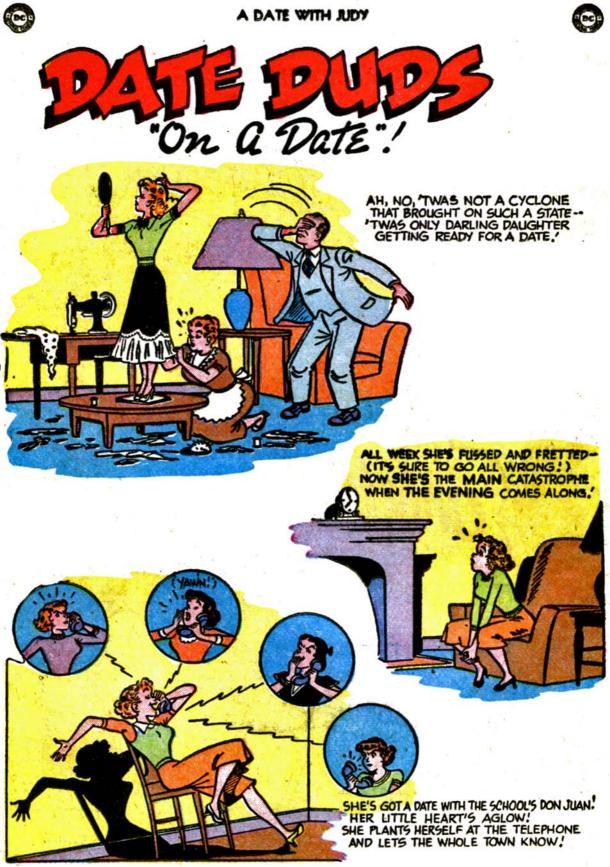


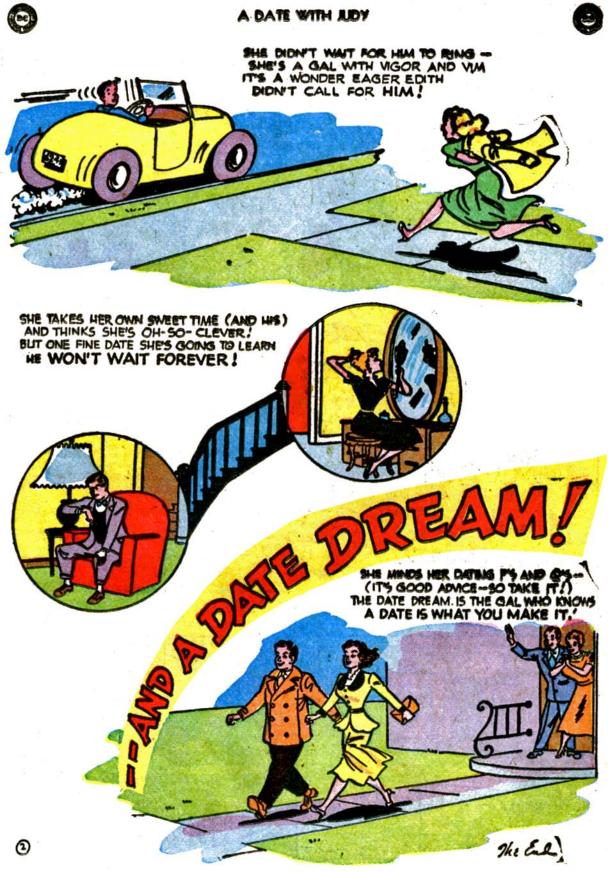
















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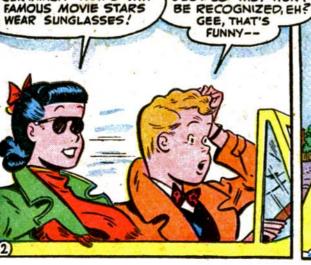












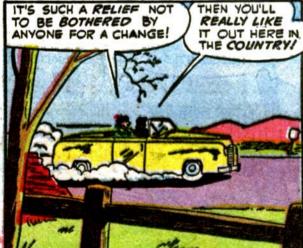












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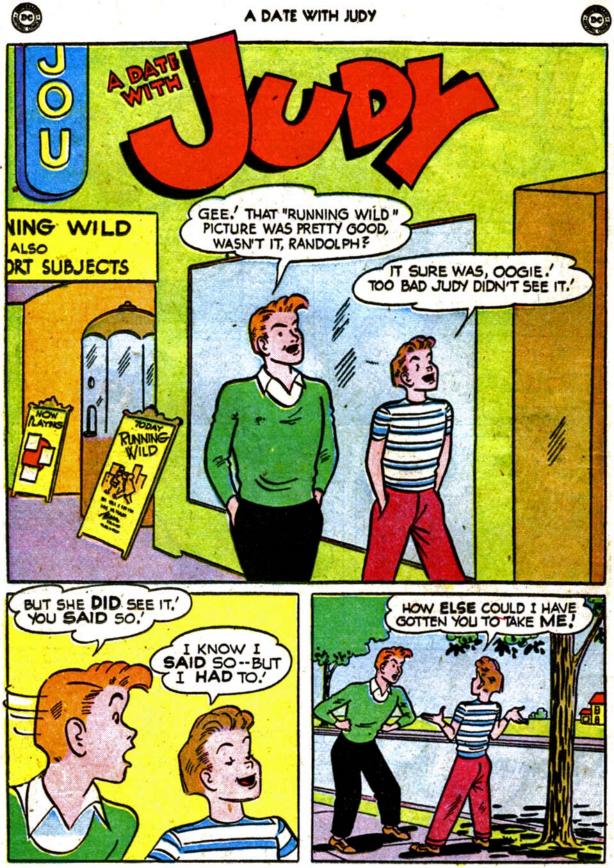




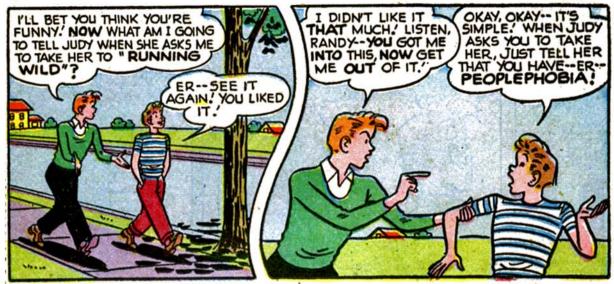


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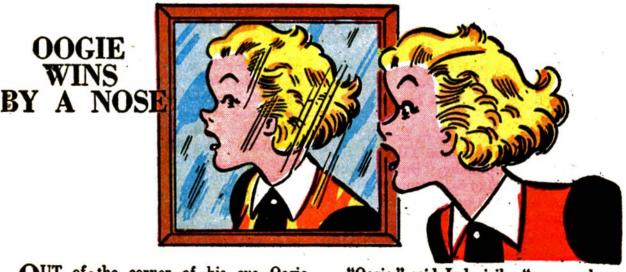












OUT of the corner of his eye Oogie studied Judy worriedly. There was a storm brewing, but he wasn't quite sure which way the wind was going to blow. He searched his mind for something he might have said . . . or forgotten to say . . . or done . . . or forgotten to do—but it was useless. For the life of him he couldn't imagine what the trouble was. But there was no mistake about it—Judy was definitely in a stew.

"Er-Judy-" he ventured timidly, but then his voice cracked and he had to stop. "SEE?" said Judy explosively. "That's

"Er-WHAT'S what you mean, Judy?"
"The way your voice cracked just then!
Oogie, MUST you be so adolescent?"

what I mean!"

"Gosh, Judy," said Oogie, "guess it's just the age I'm in—"

"Of course it's the age you're in!" retorted Judy. "But why must you show it so? Anyone would think you were proud of having your voice crack, the way you

do it all the time!"

"I don't try to do it, Judy," said Oogie.
"It just happens!"

"Well, it shouldn't happen! You should have more poise, more—more maturity, more grown-up-ness—like ME, Oogie!"

"What are you talking about, Judy?" said Oogie angrily. "We grew up together —remember?"

"Oogie," said Judy icily, "we may have grown up at the same time, but we did not grow up together! Somewhere along the line I got way ahead of you! Honestly, Oogie, I think you're just awfully childish! It isn't only your voice, but the way you stumble around—like on that curb back there! What did you expect the curb to do—get out of YOUR way?"

the irritation growing in his voice. "That's hitting a fellow when he's down! I stumbled on that curb because I was upset, and you're the one who upset me! So it was all YOUR fault!"

"Now wait a minute, Judy," said Oogie,

"HMPH!" snorted Judy. "Typical baby stuff—blaming it on someone else!"

"Judy, what's gotten into you lately? You're always finding fault with me! You're just a hyper-critical sourpuss—that's what you are!"

"I am not!" replied Judy sharply. "I'm just hyper-truthful, and you can't take it!"

"What you mean," jeered Oogie, "is that you're hyper-Judy! You think there's nobody quite like Judy, and you're getting more Judy-fied every day! Well, I'm good and sick and tired of looking at your was up nose and having you think you're wo good for me!"

"The trouble with you," Judy flun, back coldly, "is that you're hyper-sensitive because you're not only hyper-adolescent,

lives any longer!" "I'm only too hyper-happy to agree with you, Miss Foster!" said Oogie. "GOOD-BYE!" And he turned on his heels and

but also HYPER-STUPID! And I really

can't see any point in wasting each other's

stalked away. "WELL!" thought Judy to herself. "He certainly was quick about THAT!" She

tossed her head proudly. "But I'm sure I don't care! It had to come sooner or later,

and better now than never! It's all for the best!" She headed for home. As Judy entered the living room, Mrs.

Foster appeared in the kitchen doorway. "Hello, Judy dear!" she called. "Where's Oogie? I thought he was coming home with you for an after-school snack!" "He was, Mother," answered Judy, "but he isn't now! The truth of the matter is that Oogie and I will never snack together again! We have definitely and finally come to a

"Oh, really . . ?" said Mrs. Foster, studying Judy's face closely. "What brought that "Oogie!" said Judy. "It's all his fault-

for being so unsmooth and uncouth and

parting of the ways!"

unsmart and so ultra, ultra adolescent!" "Oh?" said Mrs. Foster. "Are you sure that it wasn't just a little bit your fault, too, Judy?"

"It couldn't possibly be my fault, Mother! Oogie has become impossibly impossible! He's so awkward and unsophisticated and-well, I simply can't put up with him and his adolescent ways any longer!" "Personally, I think Oogie is a very nice"

boy! And he's no more awkward than ANY boy or girl his age!" "Each to his own opinion, Mother! As for me, I've had enough of him-especially

after he accused me of having a stuck-up nose!" Judy started up the front stairs to her room. Then she stopped. She came back

down and went to the hall mirror above the telephone table. She studied herself care

She looked again, more closely. She turned to the side and studied her nose from that angle. "It doesn't turn up at all-" she

wrong with MY nose!"

fully. "HUH!" she said to herself. "Nothing

thought, "-well, not very much anyway!"

She swung around and viewed it from the other side. A little frown appeared in her

forehead. "-or DOES it . . ?" She looked

some more. Her nose turned up some more.

"That's funny!" she thought. "It seems to

be going up . . ." The more she looked, the

ing into the kitchen where Mrs. Foster was

preparing dinner. "It's AWFUL-PER-

FECTLY AWFUL! I—I'm ALL NOSE!

"there's nothing wrong with your noce!

more it turned up. She tried to re-focus on the rest of her face, but all she could see was nose-turned-up nose. She blinked hard and tried again to see the rest of her face. It was useless. It was gone. All that was left was nose. "MO-O-OTHERRR!" wailed Judy, run-

And it just turns UP and UP and UPlike Oogie said—ENDLESSLY! I look RIDICULOUS! And everybody's LAUCH. ING at me behind my back, and-" Mrs. Foster smiled. "Judy," she said,

It's just the right size and it really turns up very prettily! The trouble is that you've been concentrating on it so much that you. have lost all perspective and sense of preportion and just can't see anything else!"

"Really, Mother?" asked Judy. "Of oourse! And that's just what's happened between you and Oogie! You've been concentrating on his faults so much that they look much bigger to you than

"Oh!" said Judy softly. "I see what you mean!" She slipped into her coat and kerchief. "I'm going right over to Oogie's and

apologize! I—I hope he'll forgive me!" "I'm sure he will!" said Mrs. Foster.

winner-by a nose!"

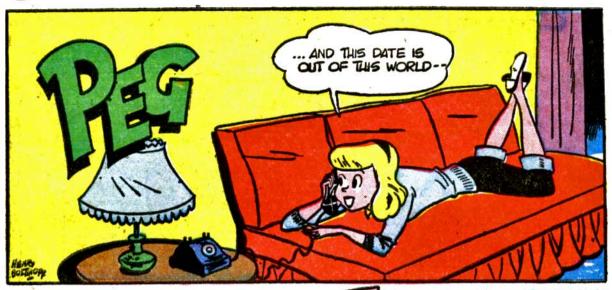
"Oogie's a fine boy! They don't come any better!" "You're so right!" said Judy. "He's a

they really are, and you can't see any of

the good things about him any more!"





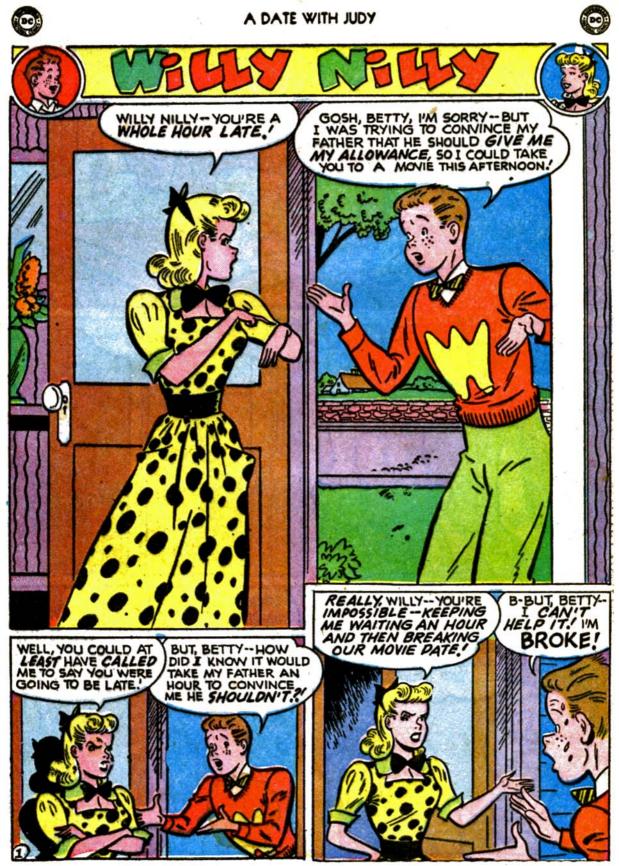






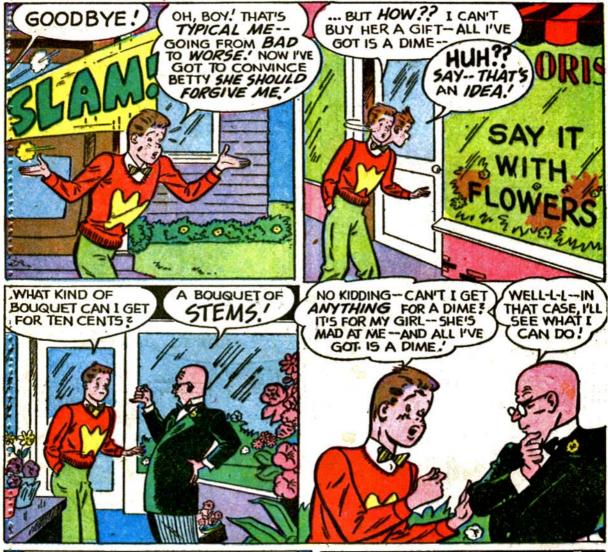




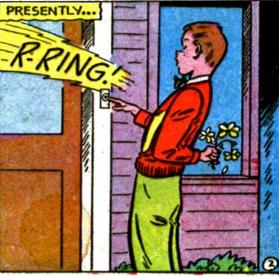




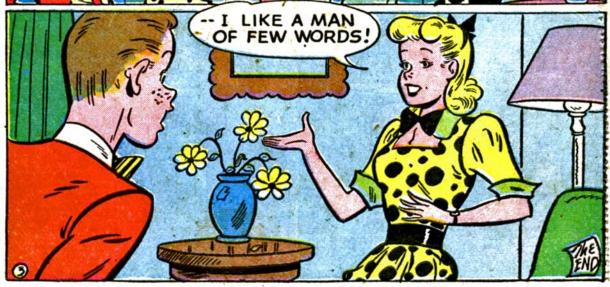


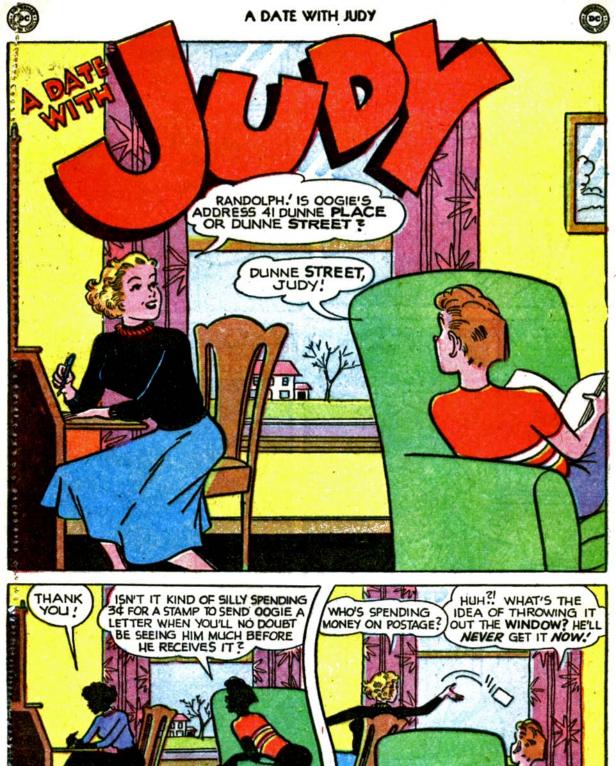
















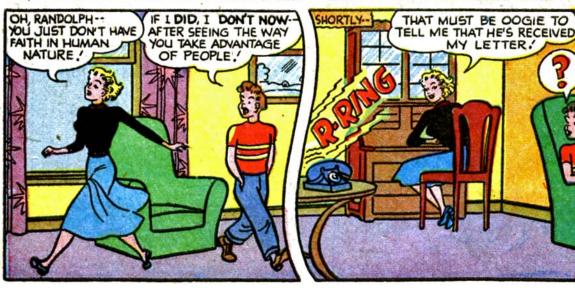






















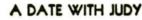








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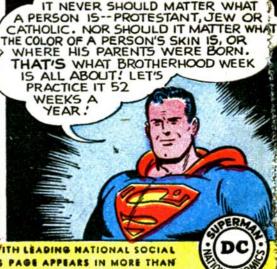












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