

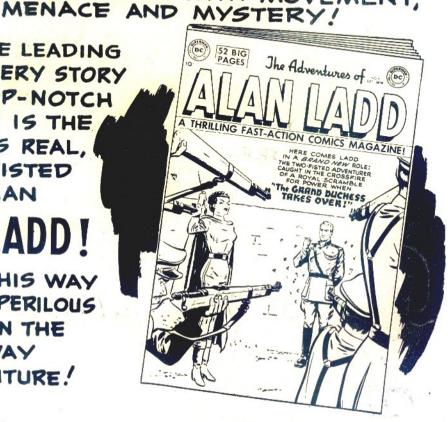
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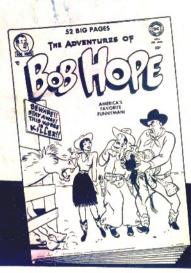
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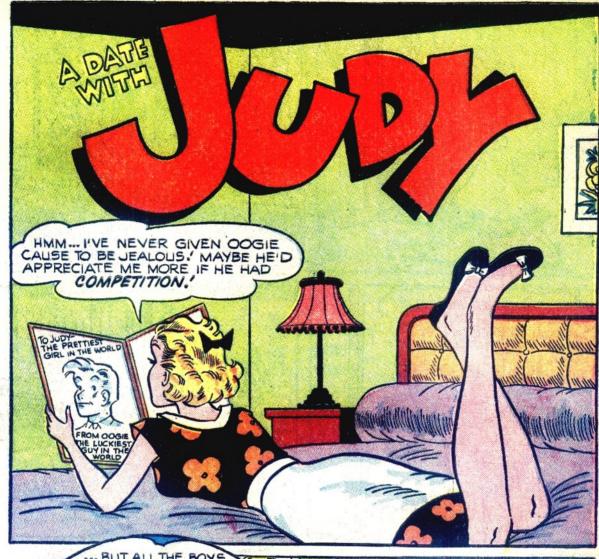
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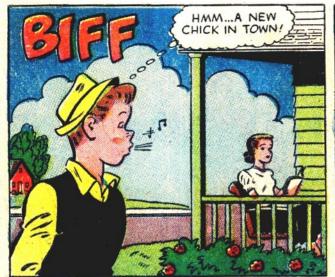




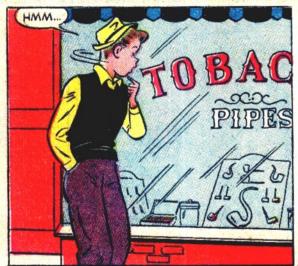






















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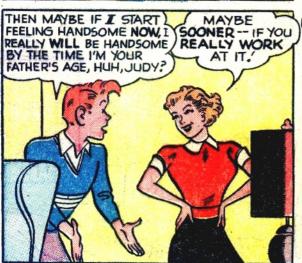




































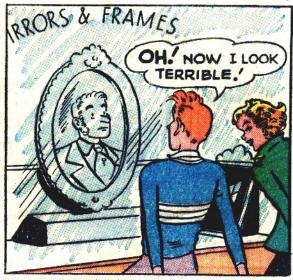




























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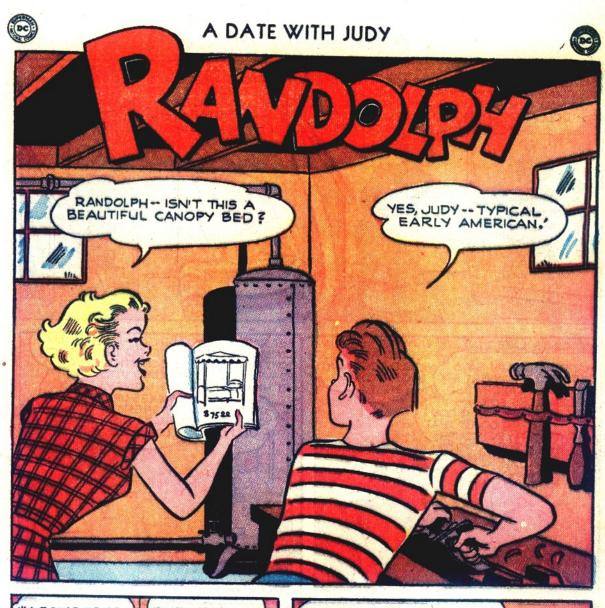
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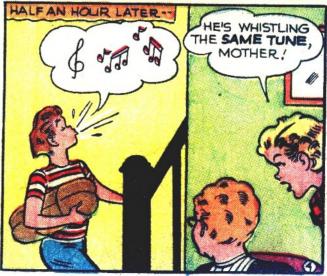














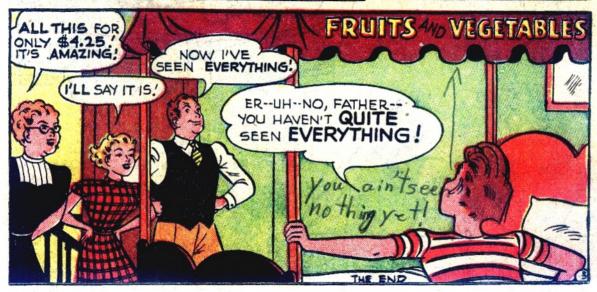
















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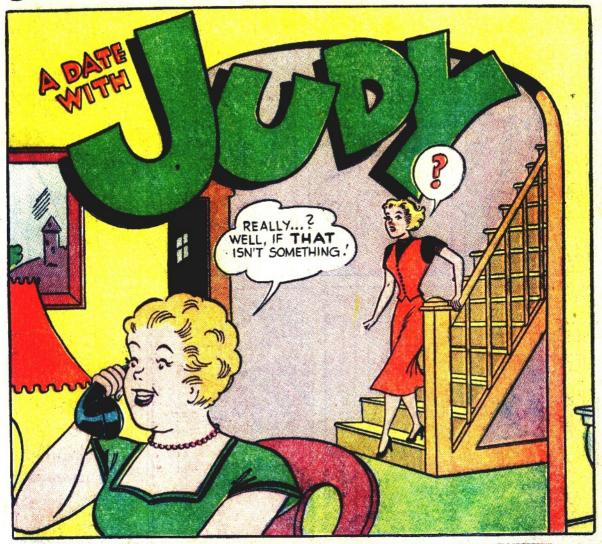






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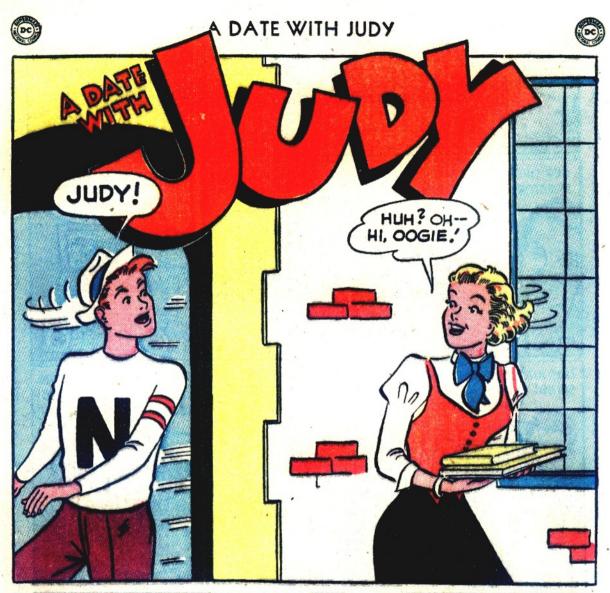
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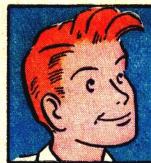












THE OLD OAKEN OXIGE



IT was a beautiful spring day and Judy and Oogie were walking through the park, content with life and each other. Suddenly Oogie began whistling—a full, loud, happy whistling. Judy listened attentively a moment, smiling softly. Then she recognized the tune. Her smile deepened.

"Oogie," she said sweetly, "why are you whistling that?"

"I don't know!" shrugged Oogie "I just whistled and there it was, I guess! What was I whistling, by the way?"

"Silly!" chided Judy laughingly. "It was 'The Old Oaken Bucket,' of course! Everybody knows that song!" She started singing the words softly: "'How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood. Whose fond recollections recall them to me "Her singing trailed off and she looked at Oogie with a coy smile. "NOW you know why you were whistling it, don't you, Oogie?"

"Uh-uh!" said Oogie. "Why?"

"Because of us, of course!" said Judy. "Because of us and all our beautiful, beautiful memories together! You were harking back to the scenes of our childhood, beginning when we first met in our cradle days! Isn't it too, too wonderful, dear, oh dear friend Oogie!"

"Er—uh—sure, friend Judy, dear oh dear!" croaked Oogie a little warily.

Judy appeared not to notice. She linked her arm fondly through his and sighed blissfully. "Oogie," she said, "do you remember the time when we were four and you pushed little Johnny Jergens into the mud puddle for trying to kiss me? I'll never forget it—you vere so jealous—so possessive—so romantic!"

"No-o-o, can't seem to remember that," said Oogie. Then his face brightened suddenly. "But I sure remember the time I pushed you into the mud puddle just for kicks! Boy, what a sight! You went home dripping mud from head to foot and bawling like everything!" And Oogie threw back his head and roared with laughter.

"I seem to have forgotten that particular incident!"

They walked on, and gradually Judy's annoyed expression gave way to a dreamy smile again. "Oogie," she sighed, "do you remember the time I sprained my wrist and you had a fight with Stevie McCall during recess time over which one of you was going to send me roses? That was when we were seven!"

"You mean," grinned Oogie, "we were both trying to get out of it?"

"Of course not, silly!" said Judy. "It was kind of like a duel to the death, vying to do honor to the maiden of your heart, who was me! And the principal caught you and made you both spend the rest of the day in her office sitting on little red chairs! Oh, I'll never forget that divine memory!"

"Funny," said Oogie, "but I don't remember it at all! But I sure remember the time I tied your long curls into knots and nobody could get the knots out again and you had to go to the barber and have them cut off! That was a riot!"

"That," said Judy, her voice and face darkening ominously, "is another thing I seem to have forgotten!"

She was silent, frowning deeply for awhile

-and then gradually her face softened and she smiled again. "Oogie," she said, "do you remember the time you got down on your knees and begged me to marry you and we decided to wait till we graduated from kindergarten before eloping? And then there was the time you cried because you didn't draw my name as your partner for the sleigh ride party and you had to take Agnes, and I went with Philip. You vere so red-eyed and miserable the whole time, Oogie-it was just beautiful to watch you! And then the time you stuffed the ballot box at school with votes for me, just to make sure I'd be elected Queen of the May, and you were caught and had to stay after school every day for a week and they had to hold the election over again and I won anyway? Do you remember that—do you, Oogie dear?"

"N-no-o-o," said Oogie, pursing his lips thoughtfully, "can't say that I do, Judy! But I sure remember the day Irvie Brown and I sneaked up on you girls when you were having a picnic and swiped your lunch! Boy, were you mad! And then on top of it, we hid your bicycles in some bushes and you couldn't find them and had to walk home and we came riding by on ours and wouldn't give you a lift because we decided we didn't like your looks!" Oogie slapped his thigh and chuckled gleefully. "You're right, Judy—we sure have a lot of swell memories together!"

"Hmm!" said Judy, her face very dark.
"Tell me more, Oogie—tell me more! This
gets more interesting all the time!"

"Sure, Judy!" agreed Oogie, cheerfully unaware of the ominous tone in Judy's voice.
"I've got loads of wonderful memories of you like that! You sure were a card, so to speak, Judy! Always good for a laugh! I remember the time you had the whole neighborhood chasing you around, trying to get you to let someone pull your loose front tooth because they were afraid you would swallow it, but you

were such a scaredy cat you wouldn't let anyone touch you and you finally fell flat on your
face and the tooth came out by itself! And
Irvie and us boys called you JUDY THE
TOOTHLESS TERROR after that! Boy,
you sure looked funny! Homely like everything!" And Oogie whooped with laughter
as he recalled the sight.

"I must say, Oogie," said Judy icily, "you have a most unusual sense of memory! Psychologists say that MOST people have a tendency to remember the PLEASANT things of life—NOT the UNPLEASANT!"

"But, Judy," said Oogie, "those were pleasant—very pleasant! Why, look—I'm still laughing at them! That proves they're pleasant!"

"OOOOOHH!" shrieked Judy. "You—you old, oaken Oogie, you! How could you be so horrid?! Well, here's something else for you to remember—GOODBYE!!"

"Oh, boy!" said Oogie miserably as he suddenly realized what he had done. "Leave it to me—old woodenhead Pringle! Now what'll I do?" An idea struck him. He hurried and caught up with Judy. "Judy," he pleaded, "don't be mad! You know what the psychologists ALSO say—that when a little boy teases and plays tricks on a little girl, it's just his way of showing that he loves her!"

"Really, Oogie?" exclaimed Judy, breaking into a bright smile. "That must mean you loved me very much, because you were perfectly horrid to me!"

"That's right, Judy!" said Oogie. "But now that I'm grown-up, I've got another way of showing how much I love you!" And he leaned over and kissed Judy on the cheek.

"Ohhh, Oogie!" sighed Judy. "How beautiful! I'll never forget this day as long as I live!"

"Believe me," said Oogie, inwardly sighing with relief, "neither will I!"

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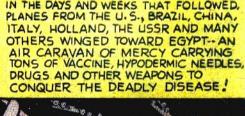
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