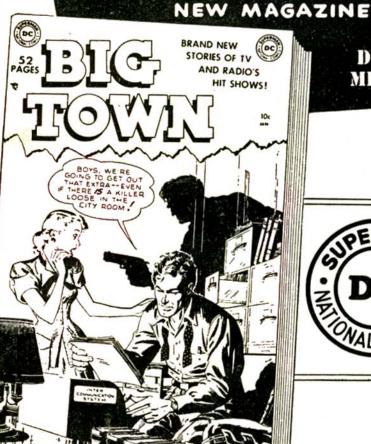


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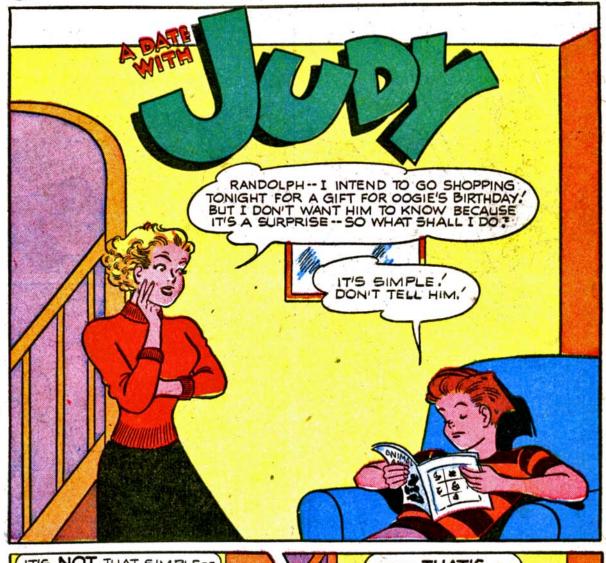








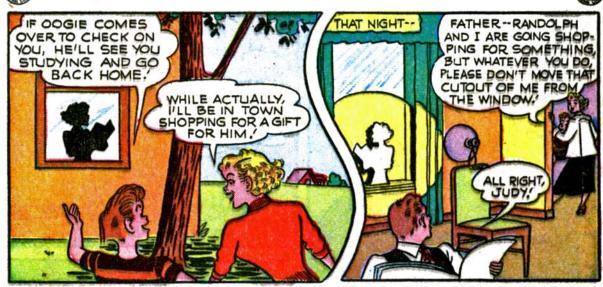
































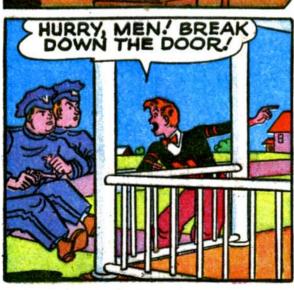
























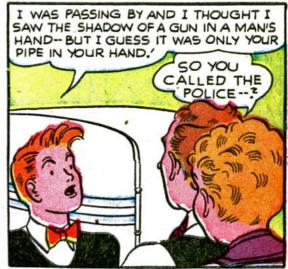












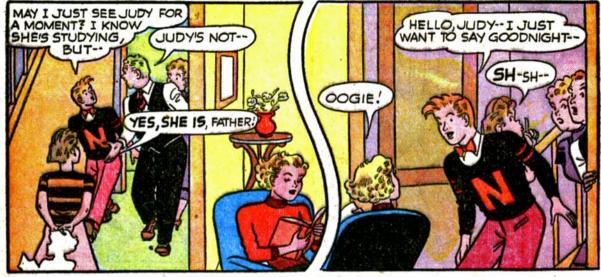






















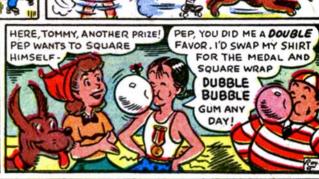
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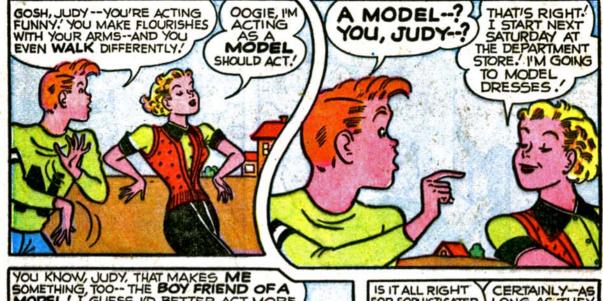


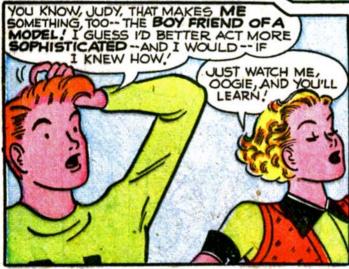










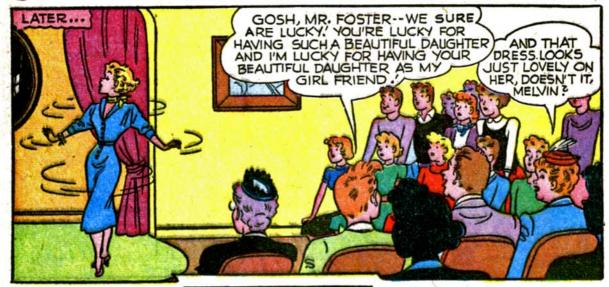










































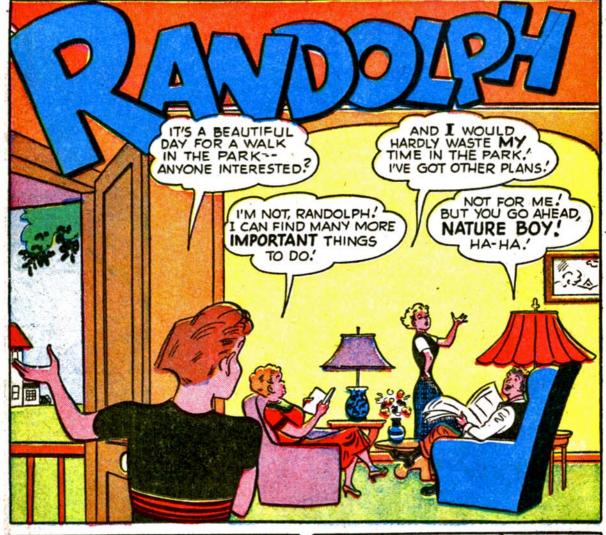










































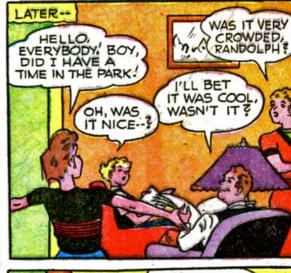
























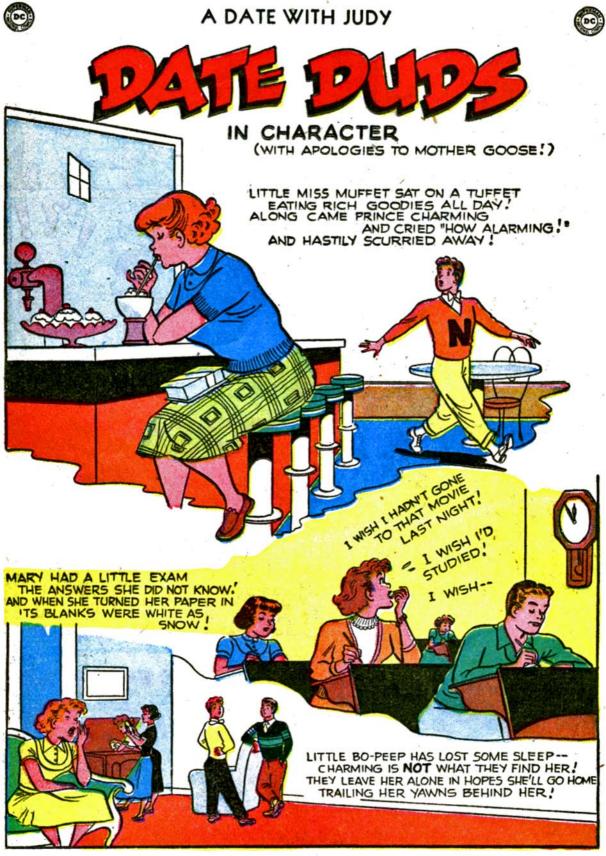












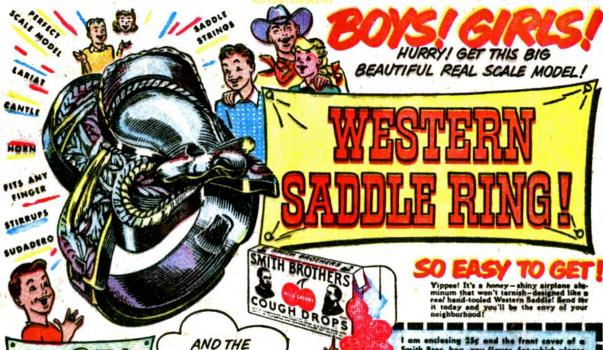












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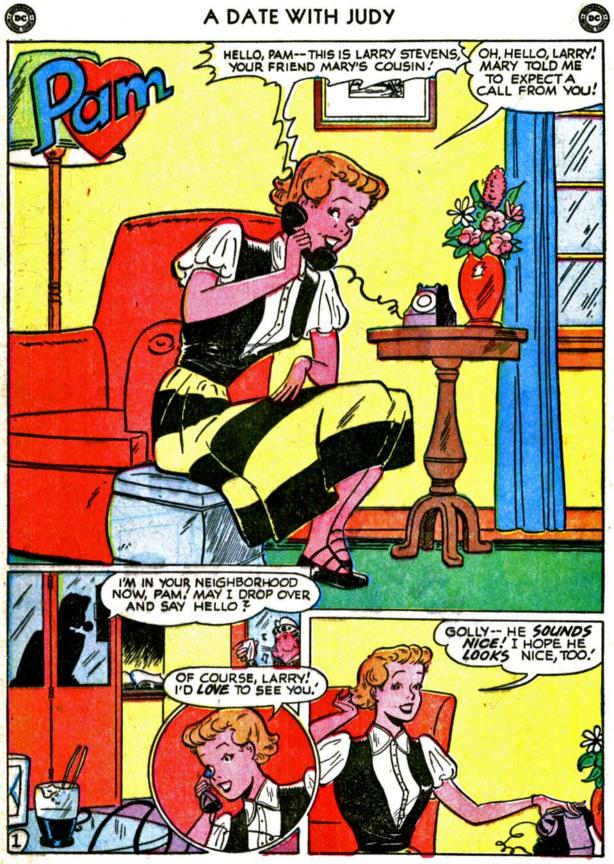
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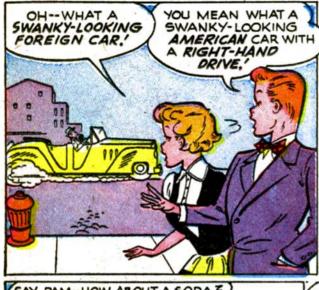




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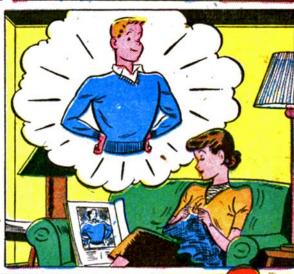
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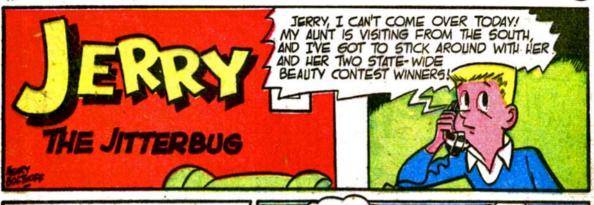
















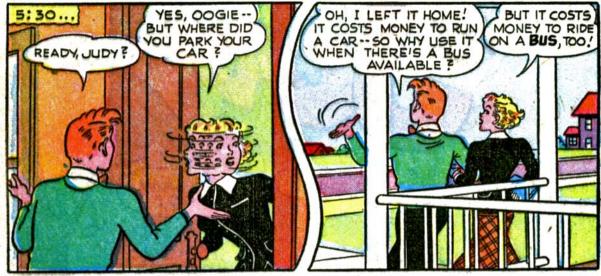


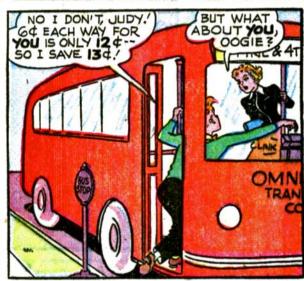














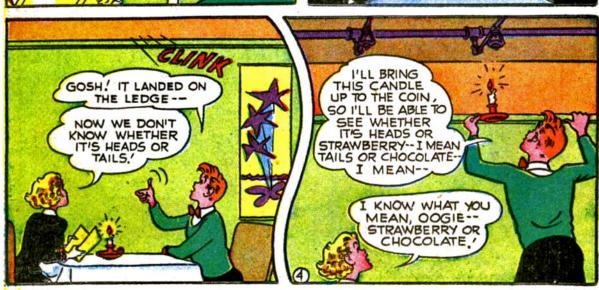












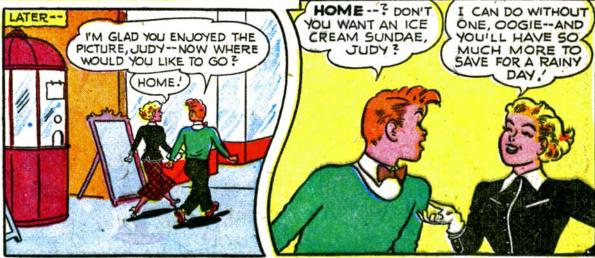
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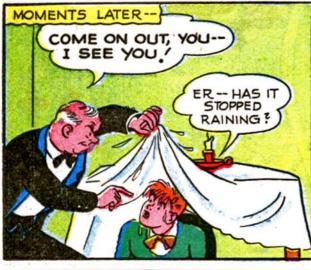
















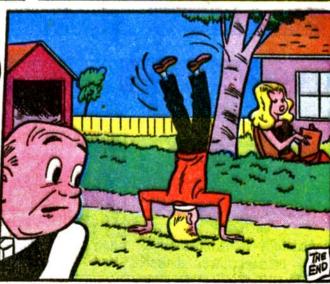






























IT was one of those days—those nothing doing days. Judy was lying face-down in the center of the living room floor, lackadaisically doing push-ups. In the middle of the seventh push-up, she stopped, let herself down with a slump, and lay for a few moments, completely resigned to inertia.

"Uhhh . . ." she sighed. "Nothing doing!"

She rolled over onto her back and stretched lazily. She edged over toward the telephone

table, raised one foot and caught the telephone

wire between two toes. Slowly, gently, she tugged with her foot at the wire, and just as the telephone toppled over the edge of the table, she raised her hands and caught it. With obvious effort she dialed a number, then sigh-

ed deeply and sank back to the floor once

more, limp with exhaustion.
"Hello?" came Oogie's voice a moment

later.

"Hello, Oogie . . ." said Judy. "It's me . . .

"Oh, hi, Judy . . . How are you?"

"Fine. How are you?"

"Fine."

"That's nice." There was a long and very silent pause. Then Judy continued, "What are you doing, Oogie?"

"Nothing. What are you doing?"

"Nothing. Er—what's doing at your house in general?"

"Nothing. What's doing at your house these days?"

"Nothing. What—what's doing in your part of town?"

"Nothing. What's doing in your part-"

"Nothing, Oogie—nothing at all," interrupted Judy, a note of irritation creeping into her voice.

There was a long, long silence. Judy fiddled with the bare spot in the rug that Buttons had chewed when he was a puppy. "Oogie." she said at last, "what are you thinking?"

"Nothing," replied Oogie stolidly. "What are you—"

"Nothing. !" exclaimed Judy suddenly.
"That's ridiculous, Oogie! You must be thinking something!"
"Uh-uh." insisted Oogie a little dully.

"Nothing.

"All right, Oogie," said Judy with suppressed impatience, "let's not be funny! Come on and tell me what you were thinking!"

"I can't!" said Oogie. "I wasn't thinking anything, I tell you—anything at all!"

There was a long, taut silence. Judy frowned at the bare spot in the rug. Her eyes gleamed suddenly.

"Oogie Pringle," she said, her voice tight with suspicion, "you're hiding something from

me!"
"I—I'm what?" said Oogie, startled.

"Don't act so surprised and innocent," retorted Judy. "You can't fool me! I know a guilty Oogie when I hear one! You're keeping something from me, Oogie—something you don't want me to find out about! That's why you're pulling all this nothing-doing-nothing-thinking business! Now, out with it, Oogie, before I get REALLY mad!"

"But, Judy, cross my heart-I'm not hiding a thing from you!" said Oogie in desperation. "HONEST!" "Well-l-l-" conceded Judy, you're not hiding anything from me on purpose! But you are hiding things from me unconsciously!"

"I wish I were!" muttered Oogie. "Wish you were what, Oogie?" said Judy.

"Unconscious!" said Oogie miserably. "Oogie!" scolded Judy. "This is no time to joke! You're in a serious condition and you don't realize it! You just think you weren't thinking anything! Actually, your mind was full of a lot of things, only they're so far deep down inside of you that you don't even know they're there! The trouble with you, Oogie, is that you haven't read enough psychology!"

"The trouble with you, Judy," retorted Oogie, "is that you haven't, either! A smattering of psychology can cause a lot of troublesome thoughts!" "Exactly my point in reverse!" said Judy. "A smattering of troublesome thoughts can cause a lot of psychology! That's why you must tell me about those thoughts hidden deep down inside of you, Oogie, or they'll grow

and grow and grow till pretty soon that's all

you'll be thinking about-although, of course, you won't realize it!" 'Judy," said Oogie, "that's silly! If there's something on my mind, I'd certainly be the first to know about it, wouldn't I?" "Not at all, Oogie!" said Judy. "Unless you force them, those thoughts may never come out into the open, though they're there all the time, affecting your whole life!"

"But, Judy! I can't for the life of me think what they are!" "Oogie, it's just that you're a little afraid!

But there's nothing to fear, really! Lots of people have complexes!" "Well," said Oogie, "if I haven't got one

already, you're certainly giving me one!" "Oogie, you must learn to face your complex!" warned Judy. "If you don't, the day will come when it will EXPLODE inside of you!" "Oh, boy!" chuckled Oogie. "You mean

it'll be all over and so will I, hah, Judy!"

ing a joke of it all! Very well, Mr. Oogie Pringle—I did my best to help you! Hereafter you can just keep your horrible old complexes to yourself and see if I care! And I don't ever want to speak to you again! GOODBYE!" There was an ear-rending click from

"So now," screeched Judy, "you're mak-

Oogie's receiver. "Oh, boy!" he thought unhappily as he hung up the phone. "She's really steaming! I'd better get over there and set things straight!" He dashed out the front door and over to Judy's house, "Judy," he said to the icy face

that greeted him, "I've come over to confess my hidden thoughts to you!" "I'm sorry, Oogie," said Judy coldly. "You had your chance-" "Aw, please, Judy," begged Oogie. "You

can't let me down now! I-I might explode or something!" "Well-l-l-all right!" conceded Judy. "If you're really sorry about before! Come in and sit down and concentrate on your inner psy-

Oogie sat down, closed his eyes tightly, and concentrated. "I find," he said, "J-U-D-Y! JUDY!" "Why, Oogie," cried Judy, "that's me! I'M the one you're thinking about deep down

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inside you!" "Yeah!" grinned Oogie. "You're my complex! Is that bad?" "On the contrary," smiled Judy, "that's

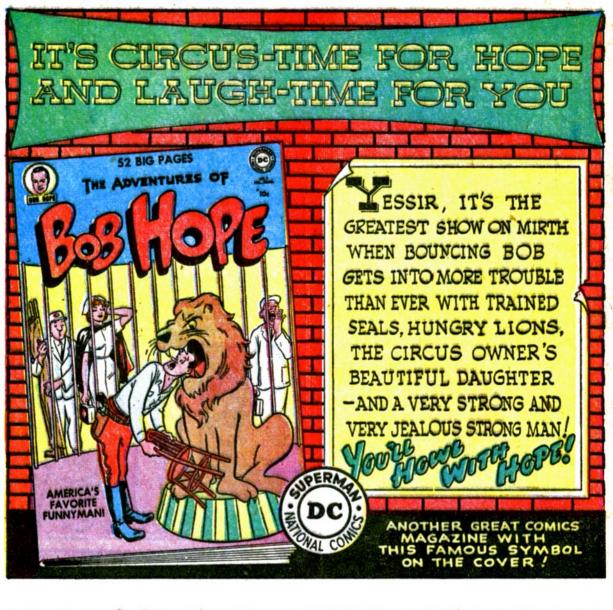
good! Especially now that you've faced it!" "Well," proposed Oogie, "how about helping me face my complex over a soda?"

"You talked me into it!" said Judy, running to get her jacket. Just then Judy's brother, Randolph, walk-

ed lazily into the room from the kitchen, munching an apple. "Hi, Oogie," he said with a bored shrug. "Some day, hah? Mothing doing!"

"Randolph," said Oogie, "take it from me -where your sister Judy's concerned, THERE'S NEVER NOTHING DO-

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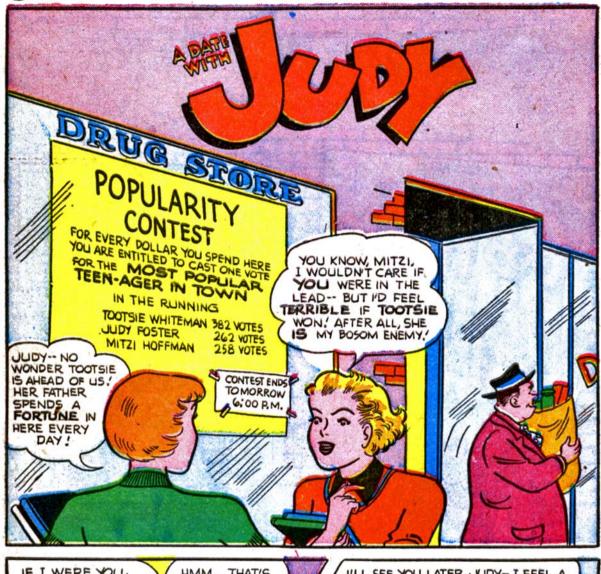
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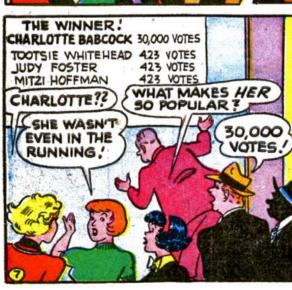
























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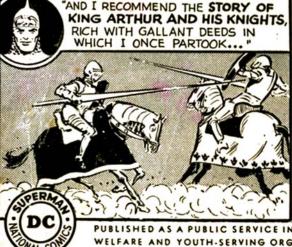
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