

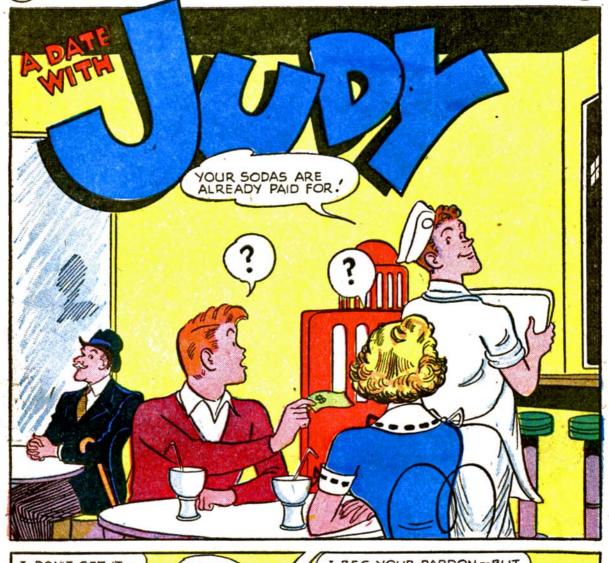


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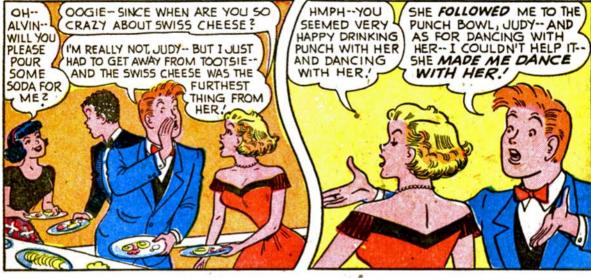








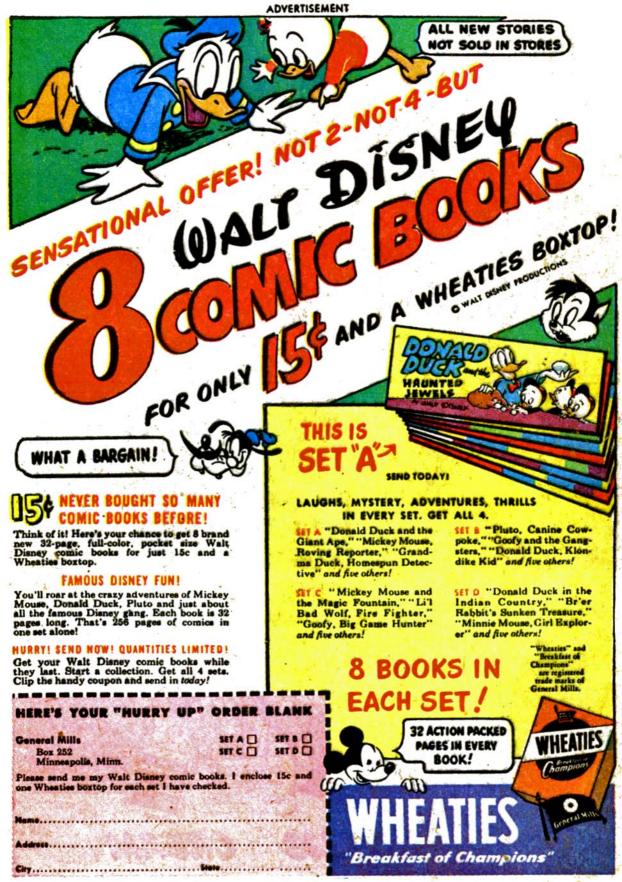
























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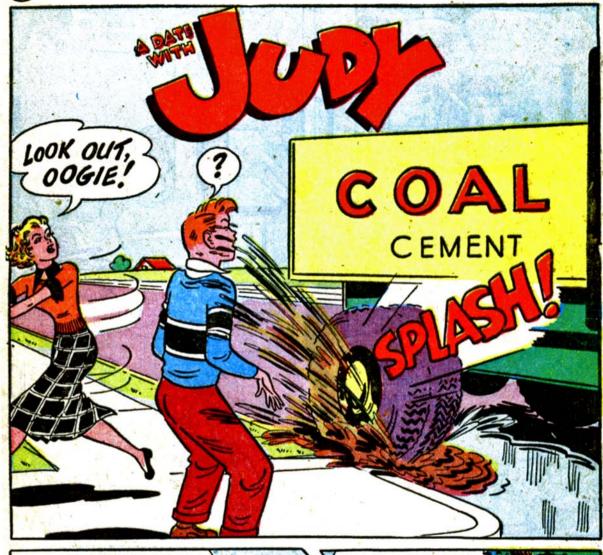






























































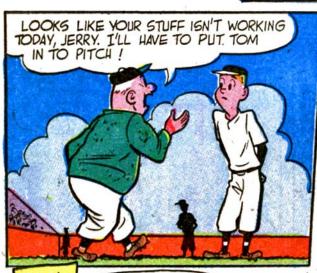




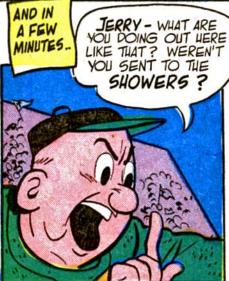










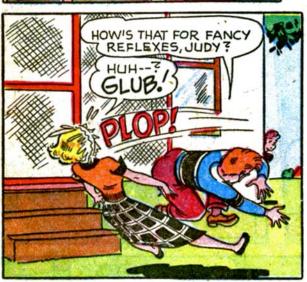




















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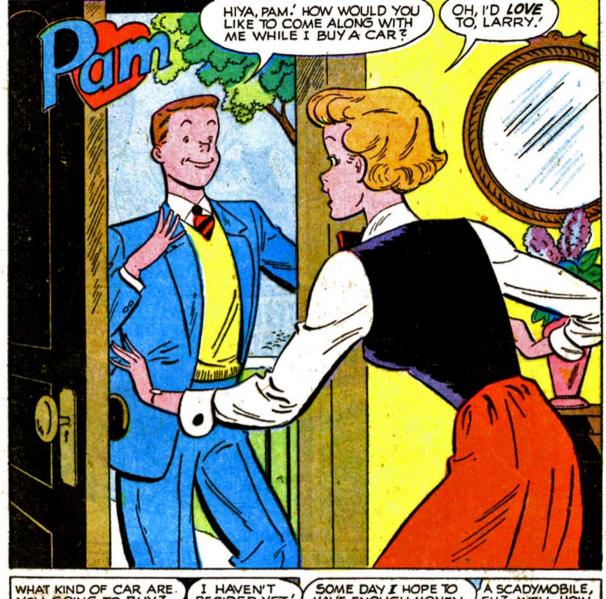


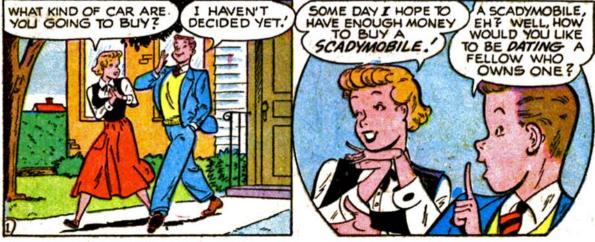


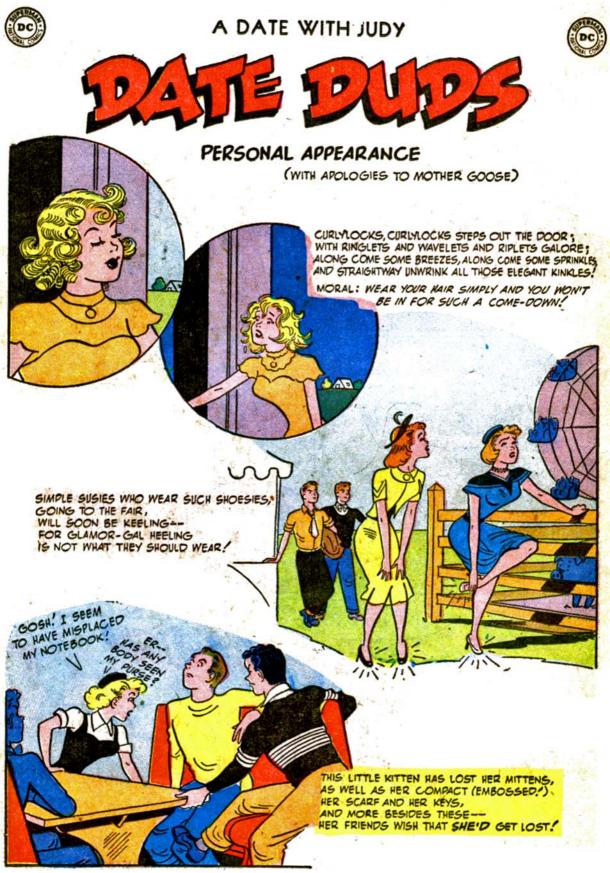




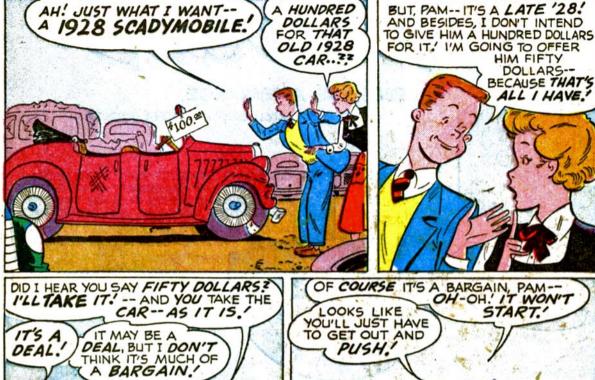










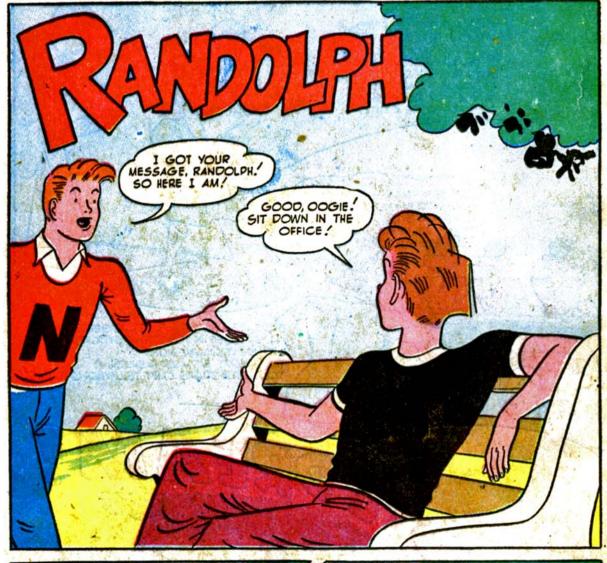








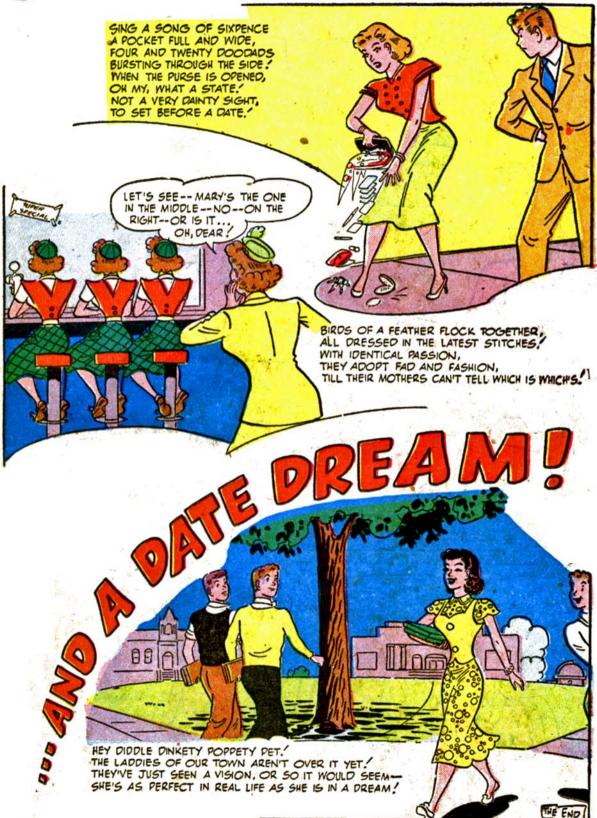






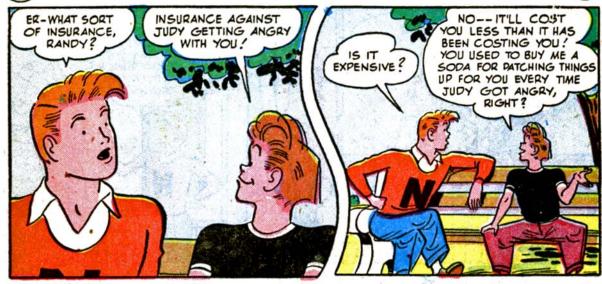


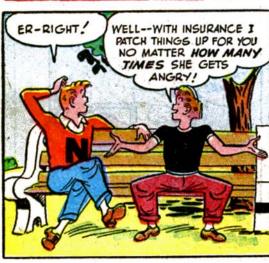
































































































"So do I!" sighed Mr. Foster. "Sometimes it seems to me you don't have a brain in your head! Take my word for it, you're Judy Foster, all right! You look like her! You sound like her! You act like her! You think like her! No other father would dare make that statement!"

"I wonder . . ." said Judy. "No, I'm still not convinced I exist!" "Right now," shuddered Mr. Foster in despair, "I wish I didn't! Life would be a lot simpler!"

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The front door bell rang and Judy went to answer.

"Well, here I am!" announced Oogie as

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"I wonder . . ." said Judy.

"Huh?" said Oogie. "You wonder what?"

"I wonder if you're here . . ." said Judy.

"Of course I'm here!" said Oogie. "On account of here I am! It's obvious."

"It's not at all obvious!" said Judy. "It's entirely possible that you're not here at all ... that you're not Oogie Pringle ... that I'm not Judy Foster ... that we don't even

exist . . . ."

"For gosh sakes, Judy," said Oogie, "you see me, don't you? And hear me? And we have got a movie date, haven't we?"

"I wonder . . ." said Judy. "I wonder . . .
I wonder . . . you see, Oogie, now that I've decided to lead a philosophic life, I can't be sure of anything! As dear old Socrates said,

decided to lead a philosophic life, I can't be sure of anything! As dear old Socrates said, one must doubt and question everything in order to acquire knowledge!"

"Oh, so that's it!" said Oogie. "Hm! In that case, do you mind if I use your tele-

"Go right ahead, Oogie," said Judy.
"Though don't be too sure you're really making the call, since it's entirely possible the telephone doesn't exist!"

Oogie went to the phone in the hall and dialed a number. "Hello—Tootsie?" he said. "This is Oogie. How about seeing a movie with me tonight? Swell! I'll pick you up in ten minutes!" He rejoined Judy in the living room.

"Don't worry, we exist, all right!" stamped Judy. "And I, Judy Foster, am telling you, Oogie Pringle, that you'd better take me to that movie but quick, or our friendship will be non-existent as of this minute?" "That's all I wanted to hear you say!" grinned Oogie. "Let's go!"

"First," said Judy, "you march right back to that telephone and break your date

"That won't be necessary," said Oogie.

"That date is really non-existent! You see,

I was holding the hook down all the time!"

"Oogie Pringle!" snapped Judy, her

"What makes you think I asked Tootsie

"Why, I heard you ask her!" stormed

"But how can you be sure you heard me,

"Why, don't be silly, Oogie!" said Judy.

"The very idea!" flared Judy. "Trying to

"I have?" asked Oogie innocently. "But

take Tootsie Hoffman to a movie when

a few minutes ago you doubted that we had

a date! In fact, you doubted that we exist-

arms akimbo and her eyes blazing. "How

DARE you ask Tootsie Hoffman to go to a

Hoffman to go to a movie with me?" replied

Judy. "With my very own ears I heard

Judy?" asked Oogie. Maybe it just sounded

movie with you?"

like you heard me!"

"Of course I heard you!"

"I wonder . . . " said Oogie.

you've already got a date with me!"

Oogie.

you!"

ed!"

"Oogie Pringle," began Judy sternly, "sometimes I wonder—"

"Whoa!" interrupted Oogie. "Don't start that again!"

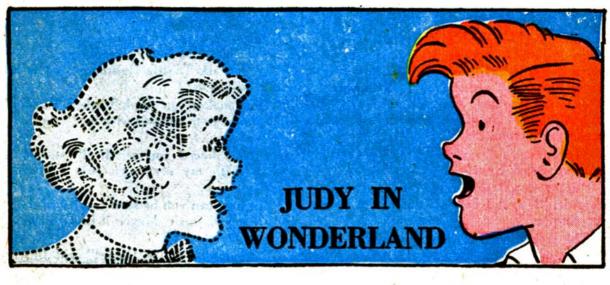
"I won't!" promised Judy, breaking into

with Tootsie Hoffman-"

"I won't!" promised Judy, breaking into laughter. "I was just going to say sometimes I wonder what you honestly think of me!"

I wonder what you honestly think of me!"
"You really want to know?" asked Oogie,
marching Judy out of the house and off to
the movie.

"Uh-huh!" said Judy. "What?"
"You wonder!" said Oogie.



66 Hmm . . . " said Judy, putting the large, scholarly looking book back in the bookcase, "I wonder . . ."

"You wonder what?" asked Mr. Foster, glancing up from his newspaper.

"I wonder," said Judy, "I wonder who I am . . . and what I am . . . and where I am' . . . . "Who you are-? What you-" repeated

Mr. Foster, somewhat startled. "Why, you're Judy Foster, of course! And you're my daughter-that's what! And you're sitting right here in our living room at 555 Elm Street with me-that's where you are!"

"I wonder . . ." responded Judy musingly. "I just wonder . . ."

Mr. Foster put down his paper and studied his daughter intently. "What do you mean-you wonder?" he asked.

"I mean I wonder if I really am Judy Foster," said Judy. "I mean how can I be SURE? Just because you say I'm Judy Foster and I say I'm Judy Foster doesn't prove that I AM Judy Foster! Why, for all we know, I may be someone completely different! In fact, I may not exist at all!"

"Oh, for heaven's sake, Judy," said Mr. Foster, "whatever put all this nonsense into your head?"

"It isn't nonsense, Father," explained Judy condescendingly. "It's philosophy!

I've been reading all about it in that book I just put away. Why, because of those few pages I read, the entire course of my life has been unalterably altered! I'll never be sure of a single thing as long as I live!" She sighed fully. "It's so wonderful to be enlightened!"

"Hm!" commented Mr. Foster dryly. "How about enlightening me then, Judy? Just what philosophy were you reading?"

"Oh, a bunch of them," said Judy. "For instance, there's this fellow named Socrates. Now, he advises everyone: 'Know thyself.' Then in another place he says that in order to achieve knowledge, one must doubt and question and wonder about things. So if I'm going to know myself, I must first doubt myself! But the trouble is that the more I doubt myself, the less I know myself! Fascinating, isn't it?"

"Very!" said Mr. Foster humorlessly.

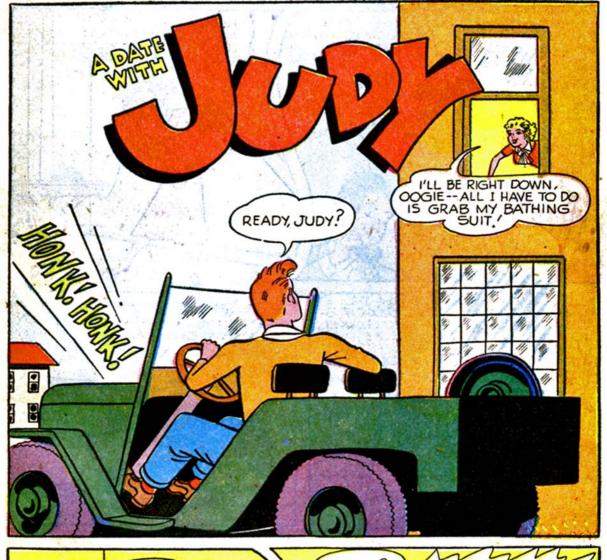
"Why, just think, Father," said Judy dreamily, "you and I may not exist at all! Here we sit talking to each other and wondering about whether or not we're actually sitting here and talking to each other, and maybe we're really not!"

"Judy," said Mr. Foster, "I'll prove to you that you do exist. Another philosopher named Descartes once said: 'I think; there fore I am.' That applies to everybody-including you! New, you think, don't you?"

"I wonder . . ." said Judy.























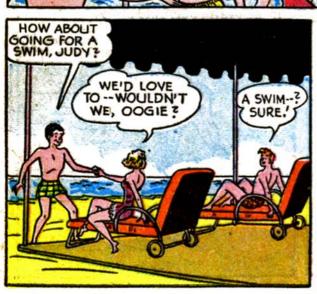








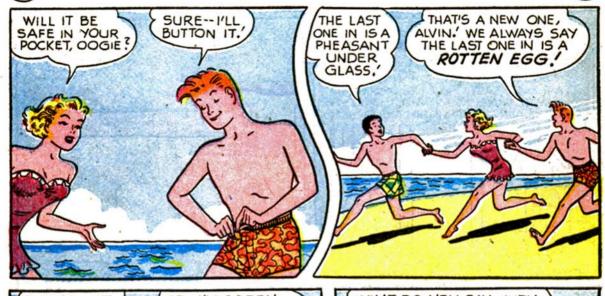


















































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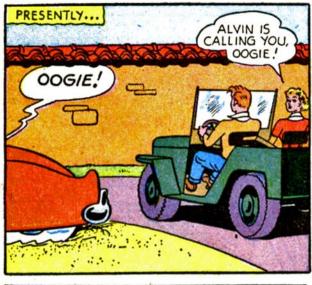






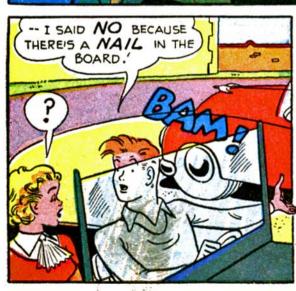










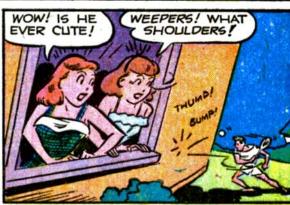






















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