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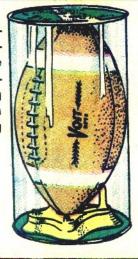
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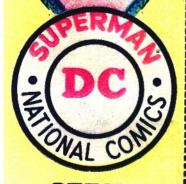


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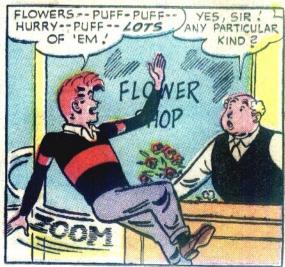






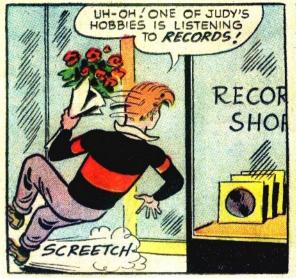
































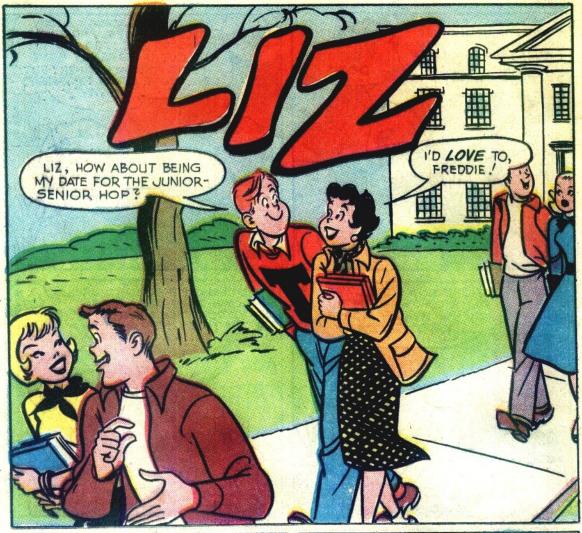




















































































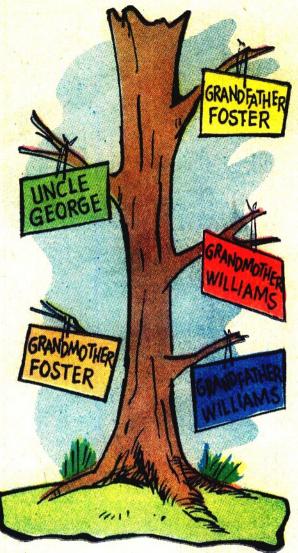








## HISTORY MYSTERY



JUDY looked at Oogie with an appraising gleam in her eye. "You know, Oogie," she said, "sometimes I'm really quite impressed with you!"

"Oh—?" said Oogie, warily. It appeared that Judy was going into one of her "moods," and from the looks of things, this one was going to be a lulu.

"What I mean," Judy went on by way of explanation, "is that I've noticed what a noble mien you have!"

"Noble mien—?" said Oogie. "Gosh, that's not so hot, is it? I'd rather not have anything

mean about me, noble or not!" He glanced at Judy to see if she was as amused by his pun as he was. She wasn't. She was frowning.

"That's not at all funny, Oogie," she reprimanded. "Here I am talking about a perfectly serious subject, and you try to clown it up!"

"Sorry," said Oogie, duly chastened.
"What were you starting to talk to me about?"

"Well," said Judy, "I've been thinking a lot about you lately, and I came to the conclusion that you must have a pretty impressive family background—you know, there must be lots of outstanding people among your ancestors!"

"Gosh, I don't know about that, Judy," said Oogie. "I've never paid much attention to our family history!"

"Well, you must know something," insisted Judy. "How about your aunts and unclesaren't there some famous people among them?"

"I don't think so," said Oogie. "They're nice folks, but they're just plain aunts and uncles!"

Judy's eyebrows quirked into an annoyed frown. "Well, what about your grandparents? I'll bet some of them are pretty important!"

"I'll say!" answered Oogie enthusiastically.
"They're MIGHTY important—to ME!
But if you mean are they famous—the answer is no. They're just plain grandparents like practically everybody else's grandparents!"

Judy looked more annoyed than ever. "Well, how about your great-aunts and great-uncles and your great-grandparents and—and all the aunts and uncles before them? And how about an illustrious cousin or two thrown in among them?"

Oogie shrugged. "I just don't know, Judy. Like I said, I've never paid much attention to my family history! It's a mystery to me!"

"Well, not for long!" snapped Judy. "I think it's very important for you to have famous, interesting, admirable forebears! If we get married someday as we plan, I want to be sure I'm not marrying a nobody!"

"Gosh, Judy, you won't be marrying a nobody," protested Oogie. "You'll be marrying me, and I'm somebody!" He looked at Judy with a hopeful twinkle in his eyes.

"You're joking again," said Judy severely.

"Yeah, I suppose so," sighed Oogie, deflated. Then his face took on a troubled look again. "I don't know how it's going to be possible to find out everything about my ancestors!" he said. "There are millions of Browns!"

"No matter," said Judy. "We've got to look them all up and find out which ones belong to you. And we can't stop at the Browns who spell their name exactly as you do—we have to look up the B-R-O-W-N-E Brownes and the B-R-A-U-N Brauns and the B-R-O-W-N-N Browns and every-whichway Browns! Sometimes families spell their names slightly differently, even though they're related to each other! Why, you may even have nobility among your ancestors, to say nothing of aristocracy!"

Oogie groaned. "But, Judy—" he started. Judy interrupted him firmly. "I'll hear no more groaning and griping, please," she said. "You should be grateful to me for getting you started on this. Now you'll find out who you really are—and so will the rest of the world!"

Oogie groaned again in spite of Judy's reprimand. "How about you?" he said. "Do you know all about your family history?" I certainly do!" replied Judy. "You may not realize this, Oogie, but I have quite a collection of relatives and forebears! Why, I've got all sorts of artists and champions and civic leaders and—oh, all sorts of things

among my ancestors!"

"Golly!" breathed Oogie. "That's pretty impressive, all right!" He turned as Mr. Foster came through the terrace door. "Hi, Mr. Foster—or should I bow, maybe?" grinned Oogie. "After all, with such important people in your family history, I guess you really deserve a bow!"

"Oh—?" said Mr. Foster, arching his eyebrows. "And just what, may I ask, makes you say that?"

"I was just telling Oogie about all the illustrious people we have in our family background!" explained Judy. "And do we have such important people?" asked Mr. Foster.

"Why, of course, Father!" insisted Judy smilingly. "I've heard you and mother talking about it often, ever since I was a little child! Why, I can remember your saying what an artist great-grandmother Foster was!"

"Oh, I seeeee!" said Mr. Foster, the light dawning. "Yes, that's true, very true. Great-grandmother Foster was very creative! She could do wonderful things with her hands! In fact, with one well-placed slap on a child's bottom, she could transform him from naughty to nice in the twinkling of an eye! Yes, indeed! She was very creative!"

"Oh!" Judy looked a bit crestfallen. "I—I guess I kind of misunderstood about Great-grandmother Foster...." Then she brightened again. "But what about Grandmother Williams? Now, she really was a community leader, wasn't she?"

"I should say so!" agreed Mr. Foster warmly. "Why, do you know that she was the champion sock knitter of Newcomb County! Forty pairs in one winter! Yessir! And what's more, that woman could quilt quilts like nobody else could quilt quilts! She led not only the community and the county, but practically the whole state!"

"Er—that's wonderful . . ." said Judy weakly. "But it isn't exactly the sort of thing I meant. Er—what about Grandfather Foster—? Wasn't he some sort of brilliant lawyer? In fact, Father, he's just got to be! I've got to have somebody illustrious to make me feel good!"

"I think this has gone far enough, Judy," said Mr. Foster. "You just want to have important ancestors, so that you can feel important, too. Well, just remember—each person's worth belongs to him and him alone—and it can't be passed on from generation to generation! The only way for you to feel good about yourself is to be good yourself! Don't ever forget that!"

"I—I'm sorry, Father," said Judy contritely. "I guess—I sort of got carried away by my own vanity!" She turned to Oogie and smiled softly. "I guess I really don't have to know about your ancestors, Oogie! Anybody as nice as you has to have had some pretty wonderful people behind him!"













































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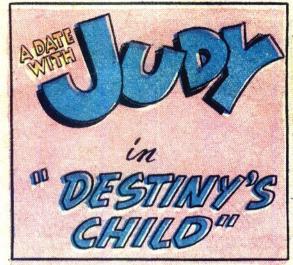




























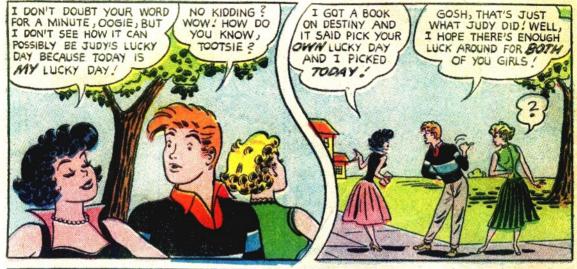














































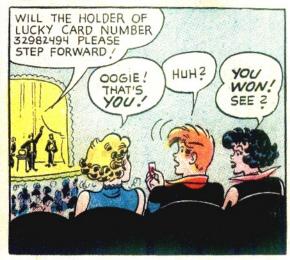


















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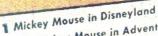
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