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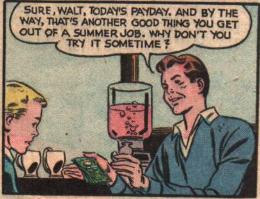








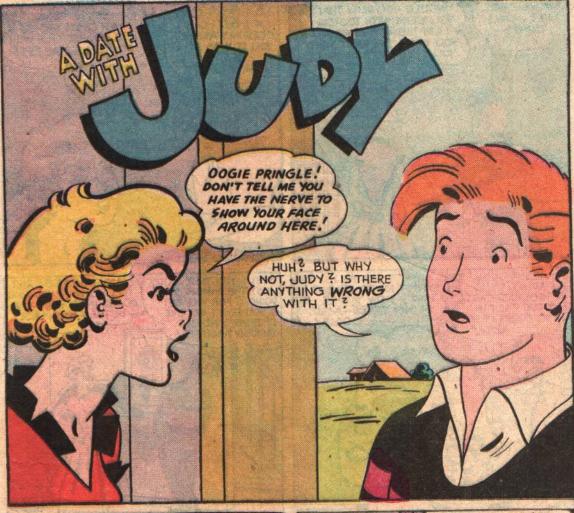




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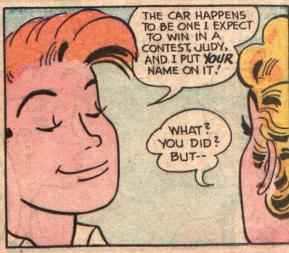
















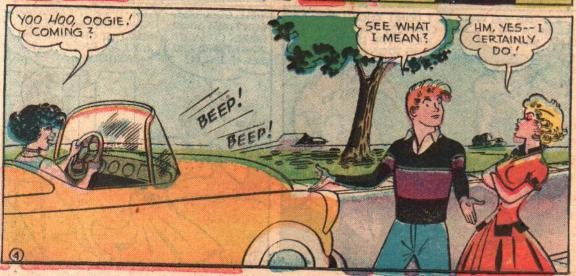












































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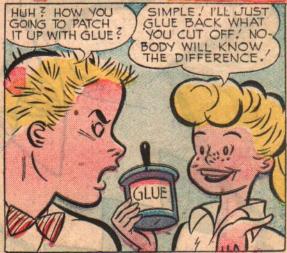
















































































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THERE was a knot of excitement at the far end of the swimming pool as Judy and Oogie emerged from the locker rooms, so naturally they headed straight for it.

"Something's going on—that's for sure!" said Judy, curiosity written all over her face.

"Maybe something's going OFF," suggested Oogie with a broad grin. "Like a firecracker! That always causes a lot of excitement!"

"That's a distinctly corny joke either at this time or on the Fourth of July!" sniffed Judy. "But I wish I'd said it anyway!"

"Oh, well—we can't all be bright!" chided Oogie. "But then, you're so pretty, no one will notice!"

"Thanks!" said Judy. "But the next time you think one and one adds up to a twosome—think again . . . because I just might have me another fellow by then!"

"A likely thing!" said Oogie. "Why don't you admit it, Judy—you can't get along without me!"

"The truth is, Oogie," retorted Judy, "that I can scarcely get along with you! I don't know why I went for you in the first place!"

"You went for me—because you were meant for me!" explained Oogie. "It was fate that brought us together! The inevitable, the irresistible force that guides our destinies! Face the facts, Judy—you're stuck with me! Hah!"

"Hmph!" said Judy. "We'll see!" But before either of them could think of anything else to say, they had reached the far end of the pool, where a dozen or so of their friends were gathered—or rather, separated. It took only a quick glance to see that the girls—Mitzi, Tootsie, Elna, Mary, and several others—were clustered together in one little group, all smiling and chattering busily. And several feet away from them were the boys

—Sammy, Elmo, Frankie, Chester, and the rest—all glum, unsmiling, and muttering unhappily among themselves.

"What goes?" asked Judy, mystified.

"My heart!" sighed Tootsie, looking as if she were about to go into a swoon.

"At the speed of light!" added Mitzi, looking equally swoony.

"Mine, in fact, is about to break the sound barrier!" cooed Mary.

"Never mind about breaking the sound barrier!" growled Elmo, glowering darkly at them from several feet away. "Just give a small thought to how you girls are breaking our hearts!"

"Can we help it if you boys just don't measure up to the new competition?" said Helen. "It's a free society and, frankly, I prefer to socialize with—" she looked ecstatically in the direction of a handsomely tanned figure knifing his way through the water toward them "—HIM!"

Judy and Oogie turned to look and for the first time saw the cause of it all. "Well!" said Judy, a certain bright light coming into her eye. "Well, well, well!"

"Who's he?" growled Oogie.

"Who's he!" laughed Tootsie, as if Oogie had just asked the silliest question in the world. "Who's he!" echoed Mitzi. "Who's he! Who's he! repeated several of the other girls.

"I'll tell you who's he," said Tootsie. "I could oversimplify by just saying that he's Lucy Orwell's cousin Bob, who's come to visit for a few weeks, but I won't! I'll tell you who he really is! He's—"

others—were clustered together in one little "He's the handsomest, brawniest, brainiest, group, all smiling and chattering busily. And charmingest hunk of masculinity who ever several feet away from them were the boys walked the streets of this or any other town!"

cried Mitzi, taking the ball away from Toot-

"He's the smoothest swimmer, the smoothest dancer, the smoothest talker ever seen in these or any oher parts!" added Mary.

"He's the worldliest, most sophisticated, most—" began Elna, but she was broken off By Helen.

"He's the MOST!" said Helen. "The MOST! The MOST! The MOST!" echoed the others.

"Well!" said Judy, interest gleaming in her eyes. "I must meet this MOST! I—" But she didn't have time to finish—or rather, she couldn't finish, because just then the subject under discussion pulled himself up over the side of the pool and—well, as far as Judy was concerned, further words were both unnecessary and impossible.

"Oh, look, Judy," whispered Tootsie, "he's coming over to you! He can spot a new girl a mile away! He's already found out about all the rest of us!"

"Hi, gorgeous!" said Bob, looking at Judy as if there weren't a thing else in the world to look at. "Don't tell me—I know—you're Judy Foster!"

"Wh-why, yes—" Judy stammered in surprise. "B-but how did you know—?"

"My heart told me!" he said, smiling down into her eyes. "And my heart is never wrong!"

'Ohhh-!" sighed Judy. "Ohhh-!"

Bob studied her for a moment. "Aha! Now I know who it is you remind me of," he said. "A good friend of mine out in Hollywood—Darlene Deauville!"

"Darlene Denaville!" gasped Judy.
"Th-the movie star—"

"Y-you know Darlene Deauville?!" cried Mitzie. "Gosh!"

"Oh, that's nothing!" shrugged Bob. "I know most of the stars in Hollywood—the big ones, that is! If you ever want to try your luck in Hollywood, Judy, just let me know—

I know all of the producers and directors and studio heads, too! Er—the big ones, that is!" Judy was wide-eyed and speechless. Before she could get her breath back, Bob was talking again. "On second thought, maybe you belong on the stage. You have that kind of glowing quality that my dear friend, Stella Starr, has!"

"St-St-Stella St-St-Starr - ?!" gasped Judy. "Th-the-the great actress?!"

"Certainly," laughed Bob. "But there's no need to be so impressed. Stella's just another human being as far as I'm concerned!"

"Y-you know her that well-??" said Mary. "Gosh!"

Bob ignored her adoring gaze and concentrated on Judy once more. "But on third thought, my dear, why do you bother with a career at all? What you ought to do is set your cap for a wealthy husband who can keep you in the lap of luxury for the rest of your life! Someone like—like my old pal, Reggie de Paul, for instance. Why, only last month Reggie was saying to me aboard his yacht that he was looking for a nice, beautiful wife! Then again, maybe you prefer mind to money -and Reggie's not very bright. Maybe I should introduce you to some of my literary friends-like John Warner-you know-the best-selling novelist! Or maybe Thor Thorson, the prize-winning poet! Or-hey, Judy -where are you going-??"

"Back to my fate—to my simple, humble, adorable, sweet destiny!" said Judy airily, not giving Bob a second look over her shoulder. She went straight to Oogie and linked her arm in his. "Hi, Oogie!" she said softly.

"Hi, Judy!" he smiled.

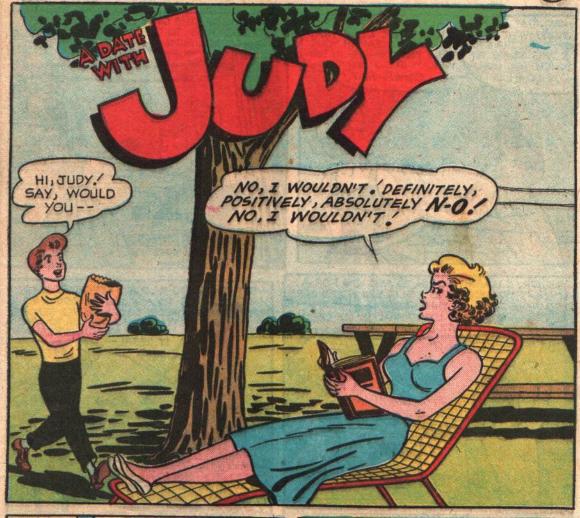
"I have just dropped a certain name-dropper's name right out of my life!" she confided as they strolled away.

"I knew you would!" said Oogie. "As I said before, you're stuck with me—you just can't help it."

"I not only can't help it," said Judy, "I like it . . . because I like you!"















































































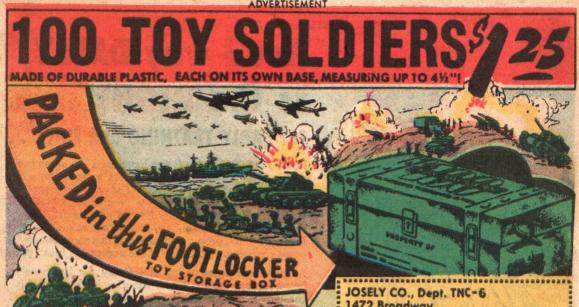












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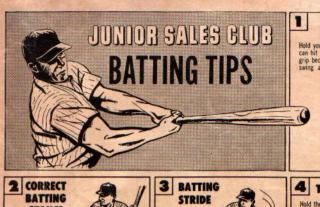
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