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# GANG BUSTERS

Featuring  
**"PRISON  
on WHEELS!"**



**YOU CAN'T BEAT THE LAW!**





Come on, Buddy, Quit being A BAG-of-BONES Weakling like I was

IN 10 MINUTES OF FUN A DAY

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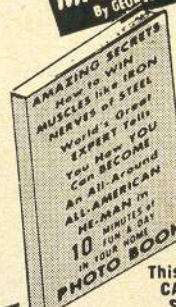
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**JIM NORMAN AFTER**

He Mailed Coupon Below is Cleveland

**BEFORE**

He Mailed Coupon

90 lb. Skeleton He says, I gained 70 lbs. of mighty muscle



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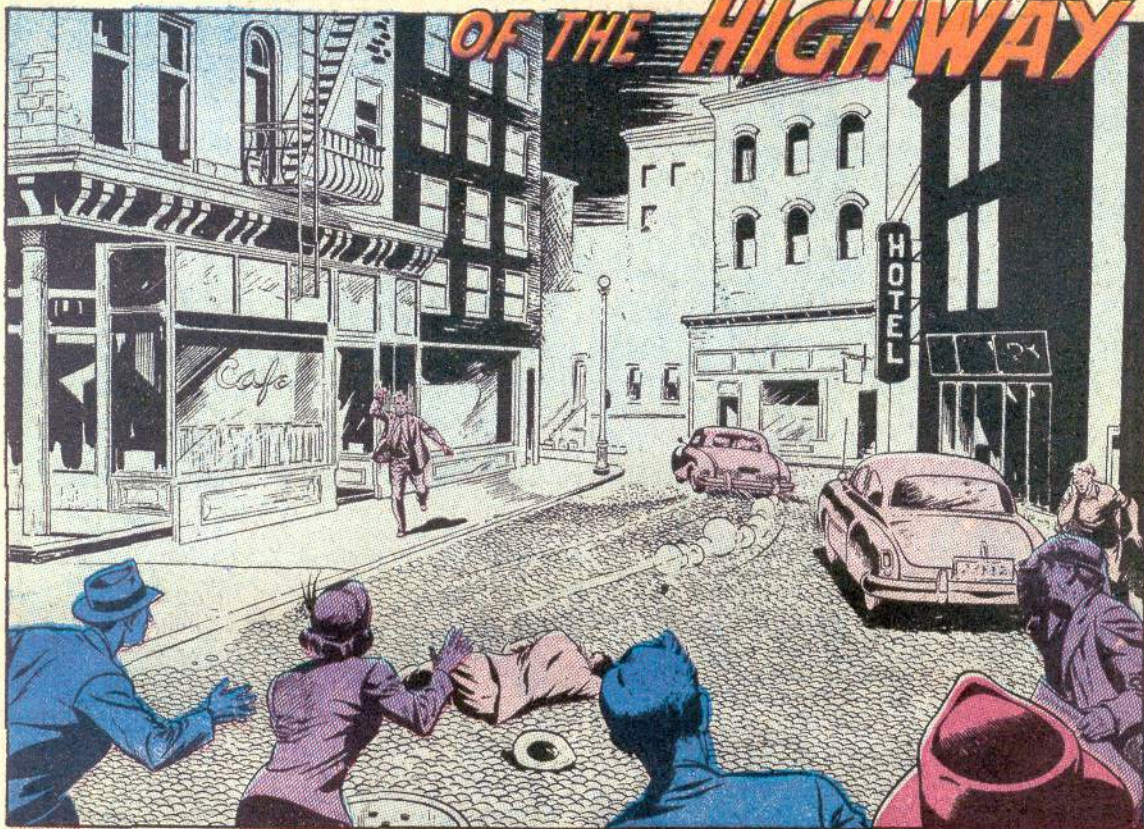
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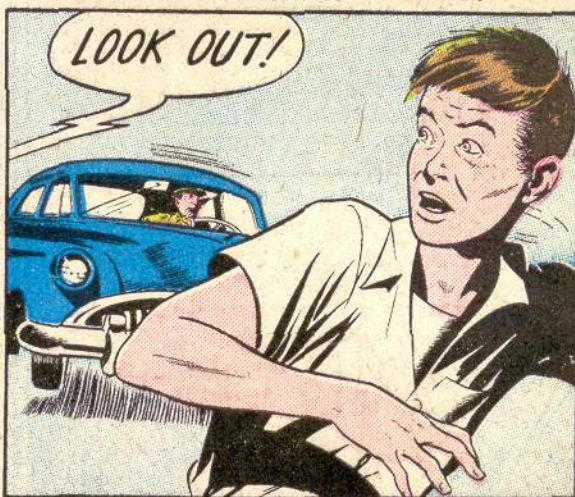
**1** IN THE SOCIAL SCALE OF THE UNDERWORLD, NO CRIMINAL HOLDS A LOWER POSITION THAN THE HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER! HE IS THE JACKAL OF CRIME...THE ANONYMOUS COWARD WHO STRIKES WITH RECKLESS ABANDON BY DAY AND BY NIGHT, LEAVING IN HIS WAKE THE DEAD, THE MAIMED AND THE ANGUISHED! HE IS THE...

# PUBLIC ENEMY OF THE HIGHWAY



IT HAPPENED AS IT ALWAYS DOES! A PATCH OF GRAY PLAYGROUND IN A CONCRETE JUNGLE-- A WILD PITCH, AND...

TOO LATE, THE SCREAMS OF WARNING! TOO LATE THE SHOCK OF IMPENDING DISASTER...



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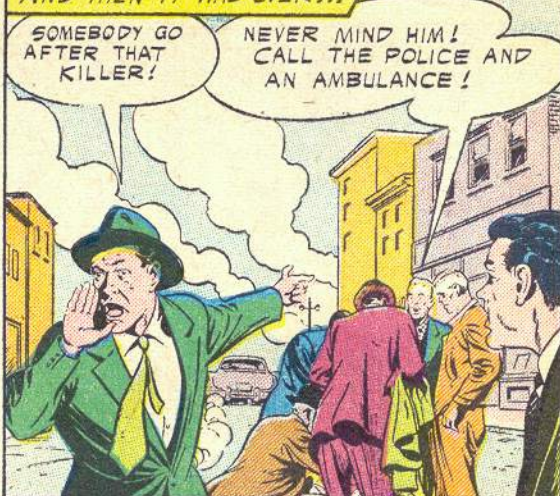
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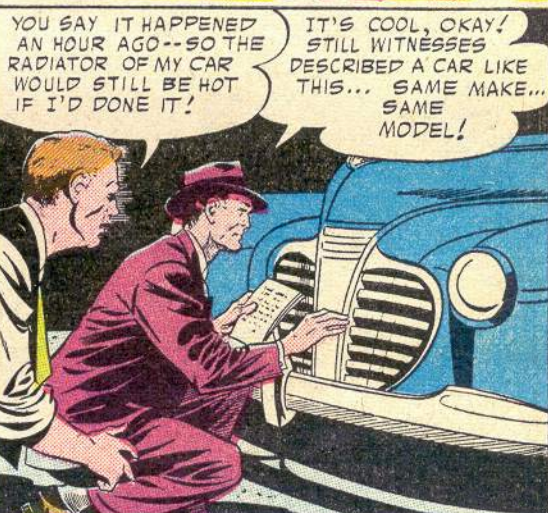
**TIRES WHINED AGAINST THE AGONY OF SUDDEN BRAKING...**



**AND THEN IT WAS OVER...**



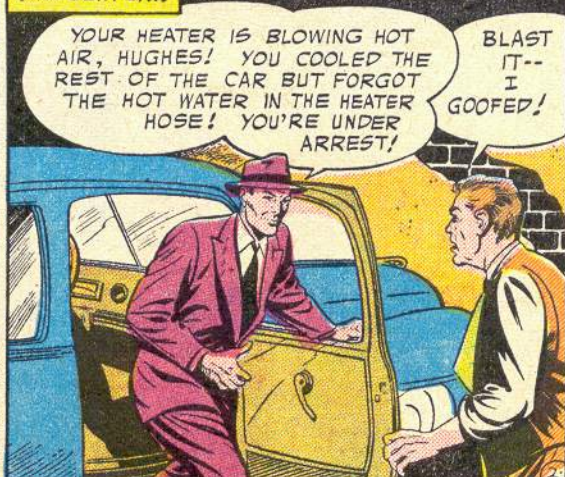
**MEANWHILE, IN A PRIVATE GARAGE IN A NEARBY AREA, THE LAW RELENTLESSLY PURSUED YET ANOTHER HIT-AND-RUN SUSPECT...**



**DETECTIVE JOE HALSEY DECIDED TO CHECK ONE FINAL ITEM...**



**PRESENTLY...**





WHEN DETECTIVE HALSEY ESCORTED HIS PRISONER OUTSIDE...

GLAD WE FOUND YOU HERE, JOE! YOU'D BETTER GET DOWN TO THE CITY HOSPITAL RIGHT AWAY... A HIT-RUN KILLER STRUCK A KID ON THE STREET!

SORRY TO HEAR THAT, BILL-- BUT I'M TIED UP NOW! CAN'T THEY PUT ANOTHER MAN ON THE CASE?



WELL--YOU SEE... IT'S YOUR KID, JOE!

M-MY KID?... J-JIMMY? TAKE OVER FOR ME HERE, BILL... I'LL REPORT TO HEADQUARTERS LATER!



LATER, AT CITY HOSPITAL...

YOUR BOY WILL LIVE, JOE! HE MAY NEVER WALK AGAIN, BUT HE'LL HAVE EVERY BENEFIT MODERN SCIENCE CAN PROVIDE TO PULL HIM THROUGH!

THANKS, DOCTOR...



THAT WEEK, ALL THE PENT-UP ANGER IN JOE HALSEY'S HEART WAS CHanneled IN ONE DIRECTION...

YOU KNOW HOW I'VE ALWAYS FELT ABOUT HIT-RUN DRIVERS, CHIEF! THEY'RE LOWER THAN ANY CHEAP SHILL OR GRIFTER WHO WALKS THE STREET! THEY'RE... THEY'RE KILLERS ON WHEELS!



I'M APPLYING FOR SPECIAL DUTY, CHIEF! I'D LIKE TO BE ASSIGNED EXCLUSIVELY TO HIT-RUN CASES IN THE TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT!

I'LL ARRANGE IT, JOE! CONSIDER YOUR APPLICATION APPROVED!



HIS BEAT WAS A BUSY METROPOLIS, AND DETECTIVE JOE HALSEY CRACKED DOWN ON HIT-RUN CRIMES WITH EVERY PERSONAL AND SCIENTIFIC SKILL AT HIS COMMAND...

THIS PAINT SAMPLE AND A FEW THREADS ARE FROM A HIT-RUN SUSPECT'S CAR! I'D LIKE A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS MADE IN THE KOWALSKI CASE!

YOU'LL HAVE OUR REPORT FIRST THING IN THE MORNING, JOE!





THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT, POLICE SCIENTISTS PROBED INTO THE HIDDEN SECRETS OF A FEW CHIPS OF PAINT AND SOME COMMONPLACE THREADS--



--SO THAT BY THE TIME MORNING ROLLED AROUND...

YOU CAN CLOSE ANOTHER CASE, JOE! THE PAINT AND THREADS YOU FOUND ON THE SUSPECTS CAR MATCH THE EVIDENCE WE GOT FROM THE VICTIM'S CLOTHING!

THANKS, PHIL... THAT CLINCHES IT!



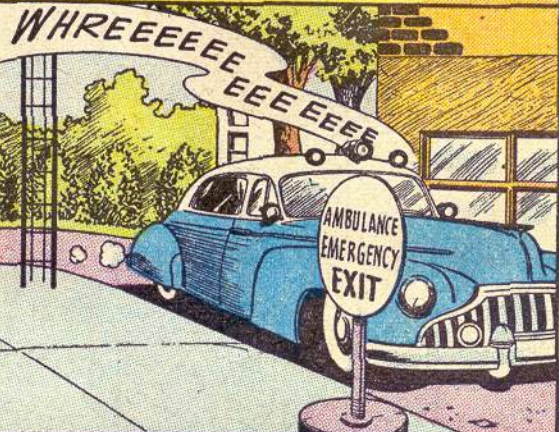
LATER THAT DAY, IN THE CHIEF'S OFFICE...

JOE, THE PITTSBURGH POLICE HAVE PICKED UP A HIT-RUNNER WHO BROKE DOWN AND CONSESSED A SIMILAR CRIME HERE! HE'S THE MAN WHO RAN DOWN YOUR KID!

I HOPE HE GETS THE BOOK THROWN AT HIM... BUT THAT WON'T HELP MY KID WALK AGAIN!



MEANWHILE, THE WAILING SIREN OF AN AMBULANCE ANNOUNCED YET ANOTHER VICTIM OF A HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER...



WITHIN MINUTES, A VAST NETWORK OF CRIME DETECTION MACHINERY MOVED INTO HIGH GEAR...

TELETYPE TO ALL STATIONS!



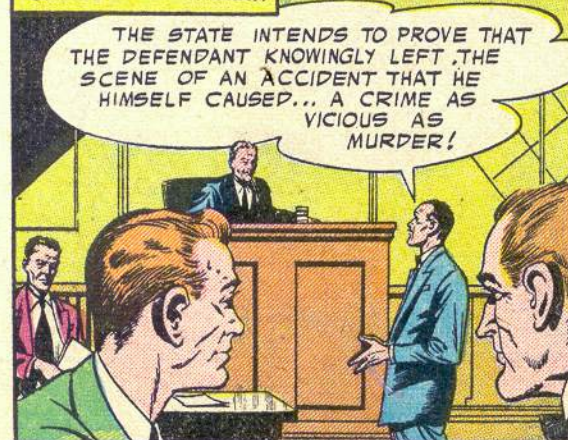
...FOR THIS TIME, IT WAS A CASE OF MANSLAUGHTER, AS THE VICTIM DIED IN-CITY HOSPITAL AT 7:45 P.M., SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 1955!



AT 8:45, EXACTLY SIX HOURS AFTER THE TRAGEDY HAD STRUCK, DETECTIVE JOE HALSEY WAS QUESTIONING A SUSPECT...



ON SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, ALBERT PETERS WAS CHARGED WITH WILLFUL MANSLAUGHTER AND BROUGHT TO TRIAL...





**YET, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER, JOE HALSEY WAS GNAWED BY DOUBTS--SO THAT NIGHT, BACK AT THE LABORATORY...**

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, JOE? SCIENTIFIC FACTS DON'T LIE! EVERY SCRAP OF EVIDENCE WE'VE ANALYZED POINTS TO PETERS!

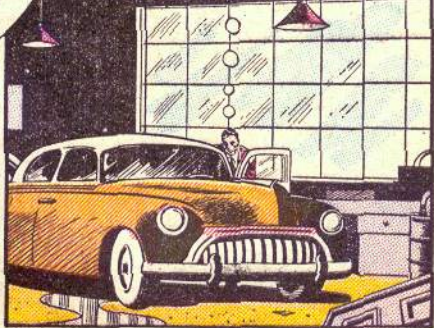
I KNOW... BUT DO IT FOR ME AS A PERSONAL FAVOR, PHIL! CHECK EVERYTHING AGAIN... PLEASE!

WHY, JOE? IS IT JUST A PERSONAL HUNCH?

WELL--MAYBE I'M GOING SOFT... BUT IT'S THE WAY THAT YOUNGSTER PLEADS INNOCENCE! IT'S THE LOOK IN HIS EYES THAT TELLS ME MAYBE WE'RE WRONG!

**BUT HOURS LATER, IN THE POLICE GARAGE...**

IT'S NO USE... I'VE SEARCHED EVERY INCH FOR AN ANGLE! PETERS DROVE THIS CAR... HE'S GUILTY ALL RIGHT!



WAIT... I DIDN'T NOTICE THAT LUBRICATION STICKER BEFORE! PETERS HAD THE CAR GREASED ON THE SAME DATE THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED!

**ABRUPTLY, THINGS BEGAN FALLING INTO LOGICAL ORDER, AS HALSEY'S EYES MOVED FROM THE STICKER TO THE MILEAGE METER...**

**LUBRICATION SMITH GARAGE**

DATE	8/15/55
OIL	OK
TIRES	OK
TRANS.	OK
BEARINGS	OK
MILEAGE	42110

40 50  
42118

**WITHIN MINUTES, ALBERT PETERS WAS A FREE MAN--AND DETECTIVE JOE HALSEY EXPLAINED WHY...**

PETERS' CAR WAS LUBRICATED ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 15th! THERE IS A DIFFERENCE OF EIGHT MILES BETWEEN THE SPEEDOMETER READING AND THE LUBRICATION TAG RECORD!



THE HIT-AND-RUN ACCIDENT OCCURRED 15 MILES FROM THE SERVICE STATION--SO NEITHER PETERS NOR HIS CAR COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED, BECAUSE HE CLOCKED ONLY EIGHT MILES THAT DAY!



**SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION SOON TURNED UP THE MAN WHO HAD COMMITTED THE CRIME, AND HE RECEIVED A SENTENCE OF 20 YEARS TO LIFE!** THE END.



**BOYS!  
GIRLS!**

# WHICH PRIZE DO YOU WANT?



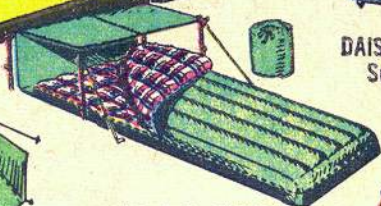
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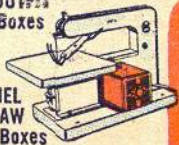
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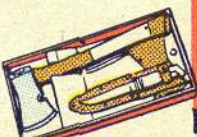
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# The GRAPEVINE

## YACHTING POLICE

The doctor, finished with his examination, straightened and said to his 7-year-old patient's anxious parents, "The auto accident has caused serious head fractures. A neuro-surgeon is needed to operate as quickly as possible."

"We'll get him to one," said the father.

"That's going to be difficult," cut in the doctor. "The nearest surgeon lives across Lake Champlain. The rain and fog have grounded all planes."

"What can we do? We just can't let Stevie—" said the mother, desperately, and let the rest of the sentence choke in her throat.

"I'll call the police. They might suggest something," said the doctor.

Half an hour later, a 38-foot Chris-Craft cruiser was on its mercy mission, manned by a crew of State Police of Troop B of Upper New York. The boy was delivered to the surgeon, who operated without delay. Not long after, the parents were assured that their son would live.

This incident describes one of the many jobs done by the State Police, the yachting officers, who are sometimes called "the horse marines." For it wasn't too long ago that they worked in the saddle, and the horse was their means of transportation. But today, with Troop B's modernization—laboratories, electronics, and other advance equipment—another pressing need has been filled.

That is to patrol the upstate, inland waterways of Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence, the Thousand Islands, the Richelieu River, and Lake Champlain. Yachting vacationists lately have added to their responsibility, and, doubtlessly, the fleet of Capt. Harold T. Muller, often referred to as the "Admiral," will be enlarged.

Today, only two craft, converted

second-hand cruisers named the *Syren II* and the *Vigilant*, speed their crews on their mission of saving lives and protecting property. Wearing the traditional State Police uniform—broad-brimmed hats, gray uniforms and purple ties—these sea samaritans have set a record and earned many friends.

For them, it has been a far cry from their barracks days. Some veterans even recall the time when horses occupied the stables. Then, automobiles were added, and now Troop B's beat embraces the waterways.

The two boats were bought at small cost after Capt. Muller realized the need for protecting commercial shipping and the increasing number of yachting enthusiasts. Moreover, in the lake area, occasional emergencies arose, like the injured boy who needed prompt attention.

Each boat is equipped with fire-fighting gear, towing facilities, dinghies, outboard motors, pumps, grappling hooks, not to say the varied assortment of police apparatus. Two-way radios keep each craft in constant communication ashore with headquarters and brother officers in roving sedans.

Sometimes, these sea cops are assigned to odd duties. Not long ago, they provided security patrol for a fishing trip by Vice President Nixon and his party. Another time, they patrolled the waters adjacent to the Governors' Conference, and shortly after they policed a yacht club regatta to prevent any mishap by sportsman or spectator.

## CASE OF THE COAL SMUGGLER

Things are tough all over, especially in Britain. An Englishman, returning from a trip to Germany, was asked by the Customs agent if he had anything that he wished to declare. At first, he hesitated, then, withering under the baleful eye of





# GANG BUSTERS



**T**HE LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS IS THE LAST PLACE IN THE WORLD WHERE YOU WOULD EXPECT TO FIND EXCITING COPS-AND-ROBBER'S ACTION... YET, IT TURNED OUT TO BE THE SCENE OF ONE OF THE MOST PUZZLING MYSTERIES IN THE HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT! UNOFFICIALLY, IT'S REFERRED TO AS...

## THE CASE OF THE FINDERS KEEPERS





I'M SOMETIMES SURPRISED AT THE KNOWLEDGE MANY PEOPLE HAVE OF MY DEPARTMENT...

AT THE END OF 90 DAYS...

LOST ITEMS RANGE FROM OBJECTS THE SIZE OF A PINHEAD TO POSSESSIONS AS LARGE AS...

YOU SAY YOU FOUND THIS STATUE ON **CROSS STREET?** IT LOOKS VALUABLE... LUCKY FOR THE LOSER THAT AN HONEST MAN FOUND IT!

EVEN IF I **WEREN'T** HONEST, I KNOW THE RULES! IF I DIDN'T RETURN A LOST ARTICLE, I'D BE BREAKING THE LAW!

NO ONE CALLED FOR IT, SO IT'S LEGALLY YOURS NOW, SIR!

THANK YOU!

A **HOUSE?** D-DID I HEAR YOU RIGHT, LADY?

YOU CERTAINLY DID, YOUNG MAN... **MY HOUSE IS MISSING!**

I SOLVED THAT CASE THE VERY SAME DAY...

IT WAS ALL A MISTAKE, SERGEANT! THE HOUSE-MOVING CREW JUST TRANSPORTED THE LADY'S HOME TO THE WRONG PLACE, THAT'S ALL!

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I'M FORCED TO BE A COMBINATION JUDGE, REFEREE--AND DIPLOMAT...

I TELL YOU, THAT MONEY'S **MINE!** IT'S THE EXACT AMOUNT I LOST... AND I WAS ON THE BUS WHERE IT WAS FOUND THIS MORNING!

YOU'RE **LYING!** I RODE THAT BUS JUST BEFORE I DISCOVERED THE MONEY MISSING FROM MY POCKET!

WHOA! ALL THIS SHOUTING IS GETTING US NOWHERE!

SINCE YOU BOTH HAVE AIRTIGHT CLAIMS AGAINST THIS MONEY, WHY DON'T WE JUST SPLIT IT BETWEEN YOU?

'EXCELLENT IDEA! I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER WAY TO SETTLE THE MATTER!

I'LL SHAKE ON THAT!

BUT BY FAR THE MOST DRAMATIC CASE THAT EVER OCCURRED IN THE **LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT** TOOK PLACE LAST SEPTEMBER...

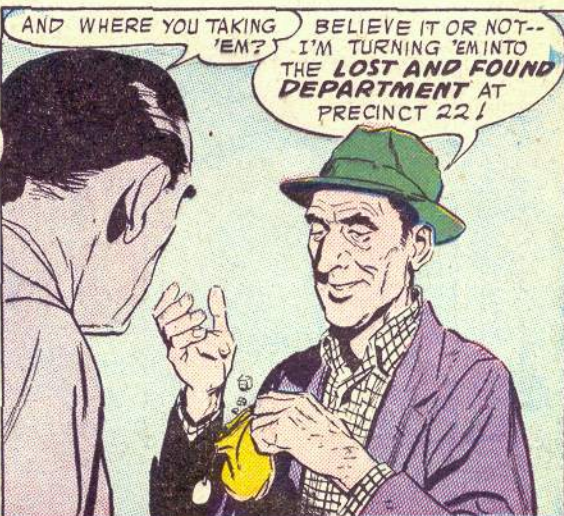


IT ALL BEGAN, AS I LEARNED LATER, IN THE CHEAP WALK-UP FLAT OF A JEWEL FENCE NAMED HARRY HARPER...



HARRY-- WHERE YOU BEEN? TO THE DIAMOND MINES?

YOU MUST HAVE NEAR A MILLION BUCKS WORTH OF UNCUT DIAMONDS THERE! WHERE'D YOU GET 'EM, HARRY?



AND WHERE YOU TAKING 'EM?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT-- I'M TURNING 'EM INTO THE LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT AT PRECINCT 22!



H-HARRY!... YOU CRAZY?

SURE, SURE-- CRAZY LIKE A FOX!



HARRY HARPER ACTED THE ROLE OF A DUMB-BELL WHEN HE SHOWED UP IN MY OFFICE THAT DAY...

GREAT SCOTT-- WHERE'D YOU GET THIS STUFF?

I FOUND 'EM IN THIS LITTLE BAG! ARE THEY REAL DIAMONDS?



WE'VE GOT AN EXPERT HERE WHO CAN TELL US THAT! JOHNSON-- COME IN HERE A MOMENT, PLEASE!

TERRY JOHNSON, OUR GEM SPECIALIST PUT THE DIAMONDS TO EVERY TEST IN THE BOOK-- TILL FINALLY...

COMING...

THEY'RE GENUINE, ALL RIGHT-- AND I'D ESTIMATE THE WHOLE LOT TO BE WORTH ABOUT \$800,000!

G-GOLLY... ALMOST A MILLION DOLLARS! W-WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

WE'LL KEEP THEM HERE FOR 90 DAYS! IF NO ONE SHOWS UP TO CLAIM THEM, THEY'RE LEGALLY YOURS!

NO KIDDING! UH-- WILL THEY BE SAFE HERE, SERGEANT?







DON'T WORRY, SIR-- THEY GO RIGHT INTO THIS VAULT... AND I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS THE COMBINATION!



THEY COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE STOLEN... BUT EVEN IF THEY WERE, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD PAY YOU THE ESTIMATED VALUE! I'LL HAVE YOUR RECEIPT IN A MINUTE!

THANK YOU, SIR!

THEN, AS HARRY HARPER WALKED OUT, CLUTCHING THE RECEIPT FOR \$800,000 WORTH OF DIAMONDS.

HE SURE LOOKS AS IF HE COULD USE A PILE OF MONEY! SPOT THOSE CLOTHES HE'S WEARING!

HE'S NOT POOR, TERRY--JUST CHEAP! NOTICE HE WAS ROLLING HIS OWN CIGARETTES?

**N**O CLAIMS WERE MADE FOR THE DIAMONDS-- AND AT THE END OF 90 DAYS, HARPER WAS BACK...

YOU'RE GETTING THE BREAK OF YOUR LIFE, MR. HARPER... THE DIAMONDS ARE LEGALLY YOURS! PLEASE EXAMINE THEM BEFORE YOU LEAVE-- AND SIGN FOR THEM!

GLAD TO, SERGEANT...

AND THAT'S WHEN I GOT THE SHOCK OF MY LIFE...

HEY--WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? THESE AREN'T MY DIAMONDS! THEY'RE NOTHING BUT SHINY HUNKS OF GLASS!

WHAT???



I THOUGHT HARPER WAS JOKING--UNTIL JOHNSON CAME IN AND GAVE HIS VERDICT...

HE'S RIGHT, SARGE... THESE ARE ZIRCONS-- CHEAP IMITATIONS OF DIAMONDS! SOMEONE MUST'VE SWITCHED THEM ON YOU!

BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! NO ONE CAN GET INTO THE VAULT EXCEPT ME!

LOOK, SERGEANT-- YOU SAID THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE! DO I GET THE ESTIMATED VALUE YOU PUT ON THE RECEIPT?

GULP! I--I GUESS SO! JUST LEAVE YOUR ADDRESS WITH ME--AND I'LL PUT YOUR CLAIM THROUGH!





WHEN HARPER LEFT... I JUST CAN'T FIGURE HOW IT HAPPENED, TERRY-- UNLESS I WALK IN MY SLEEP AND SWITCHED THEM MYSELF!

BETTER START WORRYING ABOUT WHAT THE CHIEF'LL SAY WHEN YOU TELL HIM THE DEPARTMENT'S GOT TO MAKE GOOD ON \$800,000 WORTH OF DIAMONDS!



I ENTERED THE CLAIM AT ONCE-- AND HALF AN HOUR LATER, BOTH THE CHIEF AND THE COMMISSIONER DESCENDED UPON ME...

THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER, SERGEANT! HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE FACT THAT YOU'RE THE ONLY MAN WHO COULD'VE GOTTEN INTO THE VAULT?



I'M AFRAID THAT LEAVES YOU HOLDING THE BAG, WELKY.

I'M SORRY, COMMISSIONER... BUT I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT!

YES, I GUESS... WAIT--? DID YOU SAY THE BAG? THAT'S IT! THAT LITTLE BAG THE DIAMONDS CAME IN!



WHAT ABOUT IT?

I THINK I CAN EXPLAIN IT AFTER ALL, COMMISSIONER-- IF YOU'LL GIVE ME A LITTLE TIME...



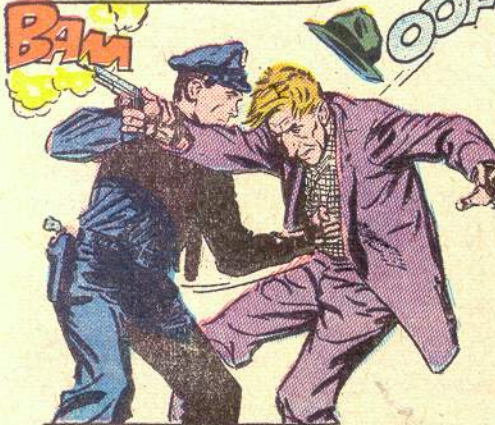
I WENT INTO ACTION AT ONCE--AND SEVERAL HOURS LATER, AT HARPER'S PLACE...

OKAY, HARPER-- THE GAME'S OVER!

HUH--? IT'S THAT LOST AND FOUND SERGEANT!



I SIDE-STEPPED HIS GUN, AND COUNTERED WITH A STRAIGHT LEFT...



AFTER TAKING HARPER AND HIS PALS TO HEAD-QUARTERS, I WRAPPED UP THE CASE...

THEY NEVER WERE DIAMONDS, CHIEF... THEY WERE ALWAYS ZIRCONS!

BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, SERGEANT! OUR OWN EXPERT SAID THEY WERE GENUINE STONES!







# GANG BUSTERS



"THAT'S RIGHT, CHIEF-- BUT WHAT HARPER DID WAS TO TAKE HIS ZIRCONS TO THE STATE UNIVERSITY LABORATORIES, WHERE..."

YES, HARPER, IT'S TRUE THAT IF ZIRCONS ARE SUBJECTED TO NEUTRON BOMBARDMENT IN THE CYCLOTRON, THEY BECOME EXACTLY LIKE DIAMONDS FOR A BRIEF TIME! BUT I'M NOT ALLOWED TO USE THE MACHINE!

IF YOU DON'T, I'LL TURN THAT GAMBLING I.O.U. OF YOURS OVER TO THE DEAN-- AND YOU'LL BE FIRED!

WHAT GOOD WILL THEY DO YOU ANYWAY? AFTER FIVE DAYS, THEY'LL LOOK LIKE ZIRCONS AGAIN!

THAT'S MY BUSINESS!

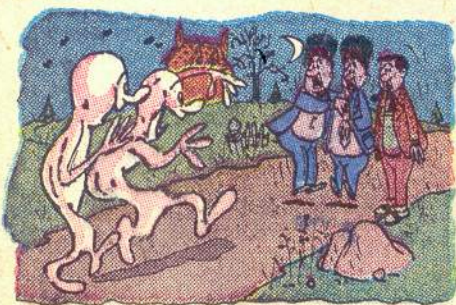
SHORTLY... HERE ARE YOUR "DIAMONDS", HARPER! I HOPE THEY BRING YOU BAD LUCK!

AND THEY SURE DID! BUT WHAT TIPPED YOU OFF TO THE HOAX, WELKY?

WELL--THIS TOBACCO BAG, IN WHICH HARPER CLAIMED HE FOUND THE DIAMONDS, IS IDENTICAL TO THE BAG HE HIMSELF USES TO ROLL HIS CIGARETTES! I FIGURED THAT WAS MORE THAN MERE COINCIDENCE-- AND I WAS RIGHT!

THE END.

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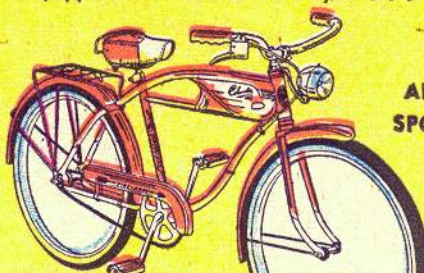
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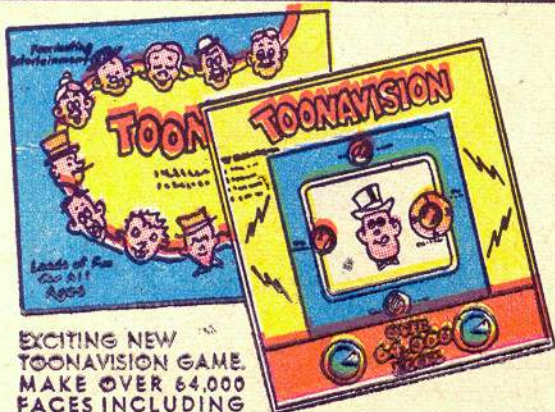
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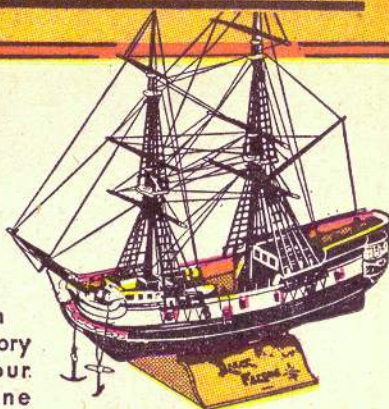
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The QUEEN of DOLLS

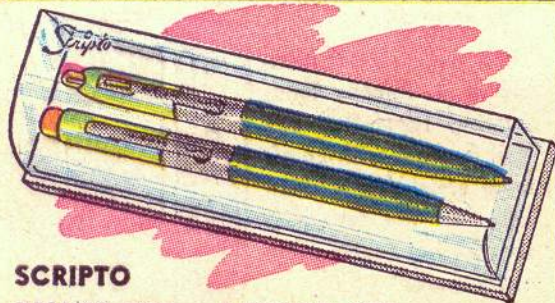
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OF EVERY  
COMIC  
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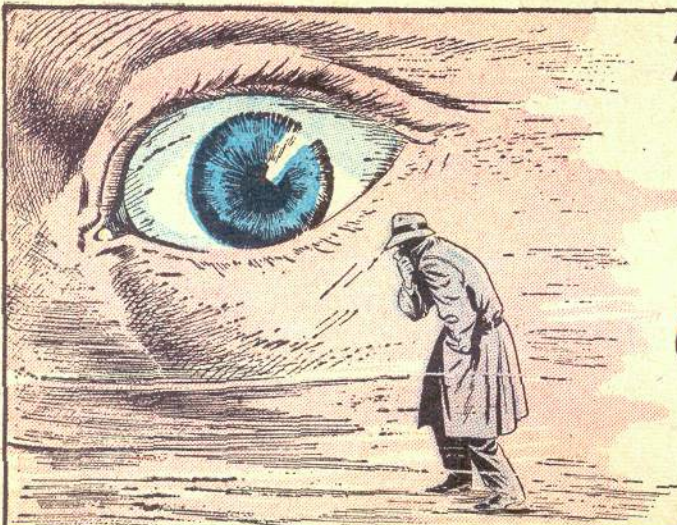
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**T**HE MODERN POLICE FORCE MAKES USE OF AMAZING SCIENTIFIC METHODS TO TRAP CRIMINALS, BUT DETECTIVES MUST STILL DEPEND UPON A QUICK AND ROVING EYE TO SPOT...

# THE UNSEEN CLUE!

NINE A.M., SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> AS DETECTIVE SERGEANT SAM "POP" HOOK AND HIS NEW ASSISTANT, JOHN STEINER, CHECK INTO HEADQUARTERS...

IT'S BEGINNING TO SNOW, POP!

LET IT, SON--THIS MORNING WE'LL BE IN A NICE WARM LAB-- I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOME OF OUR NEW EQUIPMENT!



BUT ALWAYS REMEMBER, STEINER THAT HAIR FIRST HAD TO BE SPOTTED! THAT TOOK OLD-FASHIONED HEAD-WORK, AND THE OLD-FASHIONED NAKED EYE OF THE DETECTIVE TO **SEE** THE CLUE!



**SOON...**

I CAN'T GET OVER IT, POP-- HOW THAT SINGLE HAIR PINNED A SUSPECT TO A CRIME! WITH ALL THIS SCIENTIFIC STUFF TO CATCH HIM, A CROOK HASN'T GOT A CHANCE!



MAN -- LOOK AT IT SNOW NOW!

I KNOW YOU'D RATHER BE PITCHING SNOWBALLS, SON-- BUT WE'VE GOT A REPORT TO FINISH! COME ON!





**THEN, AT 11 A.M....**

HOOK AND STEINER--  
PROCEED AT ONCE TO  
JAY TRUCKING OFFICE,  
35 PARROT LANE, AND  
INVESTIGATE REPORTED  
BREAK-IN!

THAT'S US,  
SON! LET'S  
GO!



**DRIVING SPEEDILY BUT CAREFULLY OVER  
THE SNOW-COVERED ROADS...**

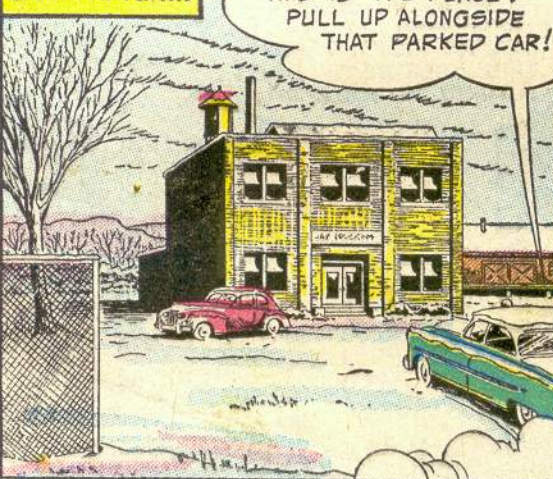
ODD THAT A BREAK-IN SHOULD  
BE DISCOVERED TODAY! WHO  
WORKS IN A TRUCKING OFFICE  
ON A SUNDAY?

AT LEAST  
IT'S STOPPED  
SNOWING!



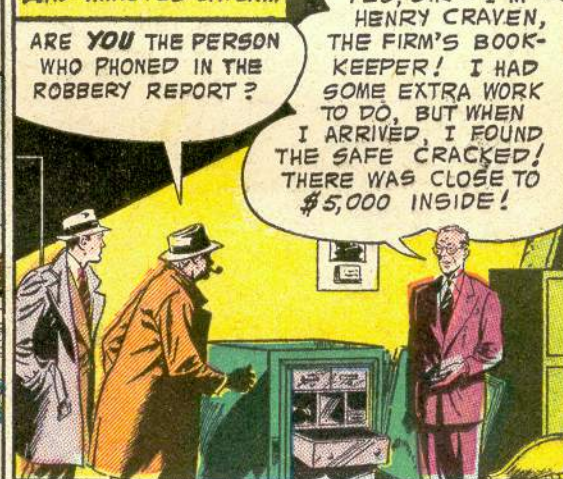
**SOON AFTER...**

THIS IS THE PLACE!  
PULL UP ALONGSIDE  
THAT PARKED CAR!



**AND MINUTES LATER...**

YES, SIR-- I'M  
HENRY CRAVEN,  
THE FIRM'S BOOK-  
KEEPER! I HAD  
SOME EXTRA WORK  
TO DO, BUT WHEN  
I ARRIVED, I FOUND  
THE SAFE CRACKED!  
THERE WAS CLOSE TO  
\$5,000 INSIDE!



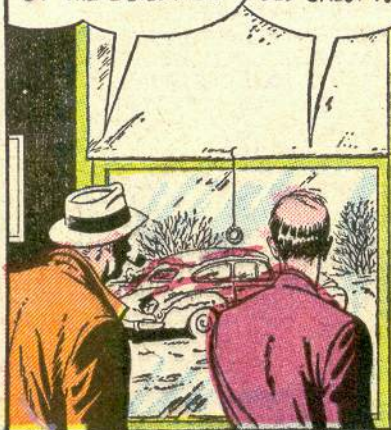
AT EXACTLY  
WHAT TIME  
DID YOU GET  
HERE,  
MR. CRAVEN?

WHY, JUST A  
FEW MINUTES  
BEFORE I CALLED  
HEADQUARTERS--  
CLOSE TO  
11 O'CLOCK!



I SEE! IS THAT  
YOUR CAR IN FRONT  
OF THE BUILDING?

YES, SIR--  
THAT'S MY  
OLD JALOPY!



STEINER, SUPPOSE YOU LOOK  
AROUND INSIDE THE OFFICE  
AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN  
FIND! I'M GOING TO  
MOSEY AROUND  
OUTSIDE!

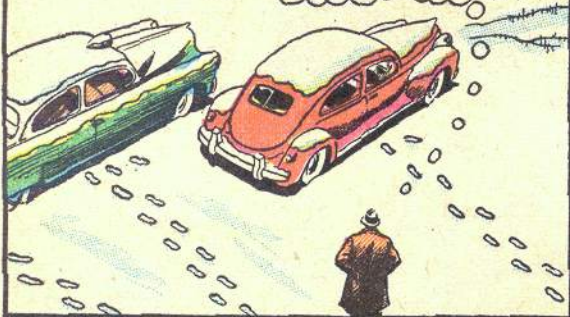
OKAY,  
SERGEANT!





**MOMENTS LATER...**

HMM... THESE PRINTS WERE MADE BY STEINER AND MYSELF-- WHILE THOSE OTHERS WERE MADE BY CRAVEN! NO OTHER PRINTS-- SO THE PLACE MUST HAVE BEEN BURGLARIZED BEFORE IT STARTED SNOWING.



THAT'S USING YOUR EYES AND BRAINS, SON!... I'VE ALSO MADE A DISCOVERY. LET'S START LOOKING FOR THE STOLEN MONEY-- IT'S HIDDEN SOMEWHERE IN THIS OFFICE!



HUH?

YOU, CRAVEN!... YOU KNOW I'VE GOT YOU-- SO YOU MAY AS WELL LET US HAVE THE TRUTH!

I--ER--



**THE UNEXPECTED ACCUSATION UNNERVES THE GUILTY MAN, AND...**

I--I NEEDED MONEY DESPERATELY-- TO PAY GAMBLING DEBTS! AND WHEN I SAW THE BOSS PUT THE MONEY IN THE SAFE YESTERDAY, I--I DECIDED TO STEAL IT!



**LATER, AS THE DETECTIVE SERGEANT RETURNS...**

FIND ANYTHING, STEINER?

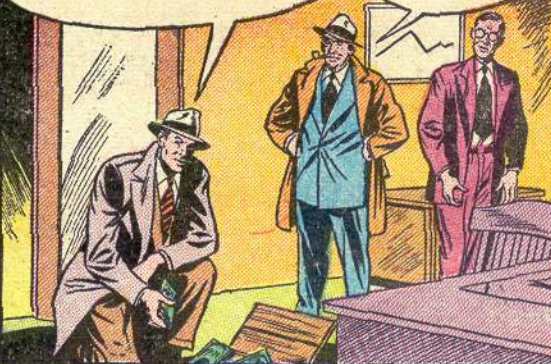
THIS IRON JIMMY, SARGE! THE BURGLAR COULDN'T HAVE BEEN A PROFESSIONAL TO USE THIS-- IT PROBABLY TOOK HIM A COUPLE OF HOURS TO CRACK OPEN THIS SAFE!



**AND, SURE ENOUGH, FOLLOWING A THOROUGH SEARCH...**

YOU'RE RIGHT, SARGE-- THIS MUST BE THE LOOT! BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW!

BECAUSE I KNOW WHO THE CROOK IS!



"HAVING SOME EXTRA WORK TO DO, I GOT HERE EARLY THIS MORNING..."

THE BOSS KNOWS I HAVE THE COMBINATION OF THE SAFE, AND WOULD SUSPECT ME AT ONCE IF I OPENED IT THAT WAY! SO I'LL BREAK IT OPEN-- AND HE'LL THINK BURGLARS BROKE IN OVER THE WEEK-END!





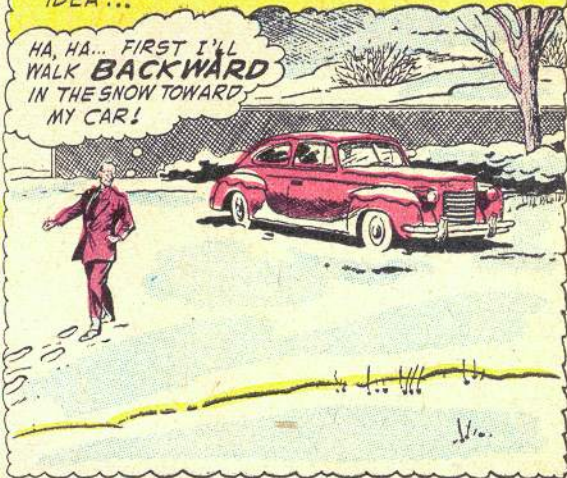
"IT TOOK ME TWO HOURS TO CRACK IT OPEN, BUT THEN I MADE A STARTLING DISCOVERY..."



IT'S--IT'S SNOWED SINCE I GOT HERE! MY FOOTPRINTS WILL BE SPOTTED IN THE SNOW WHEN I LEAVE!

"AND THAT'S WHEN I GOT THE BRILLIANT IDEA..."

HA, HA... FIRST I'LL WALK **BACKWARD** IN THE SNOW TOWARD MY CAR!



"THEN..."

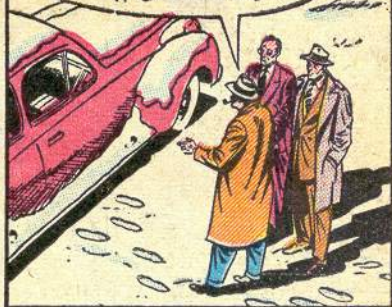
AND NOW, BY CAREFULLY STEPPING INTO MY OWN FOOTPRINTS, IT'LL LOOK AS IF I **JUST** REACHED THE OFFICE!

THAT'S HOW I FIGURED IT. YOU OVERLOOKED ONE THING, THOUGH, CRAVEN! FOLLOW ME--AND I'LL SHOW YOU!



SOON, OUTSIDE...

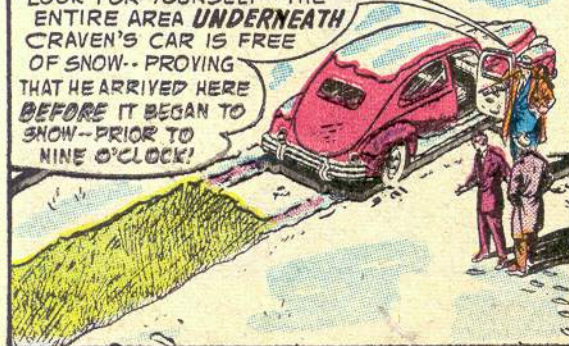
REMEMBER, STEINER, IT STARTED SNOWING AT NINE O'CLOCK THIS MORNING! BUT CRAVEN TRIED TO PROVE THAT HE HAD ONLY ARRIVED HERE AT 11 O'CLOCK!



"BACK IN THE OFFICE, I HID THE MONEY AND CALLED HEAD-QUARTERS TO REPORT THE ROBBERY!"

GETTING INTO CRAVEN'S CAR, THE DETECTIVE DRIVES FORWARD FIVE YARDS, THEN...

LOOK FOR YOURSELF--THE ENTIRE AREA **UNDERNEATH** CRAVEN'S CAR IS FREE OF SNOW--PROVING THAT HE ARRIVED HERE **BEFORE** IT BEGAN TO SNOW--PRIOR TO NINE O'CLOCK!



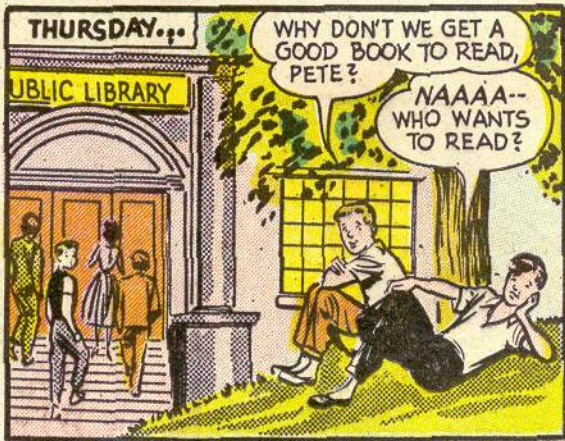
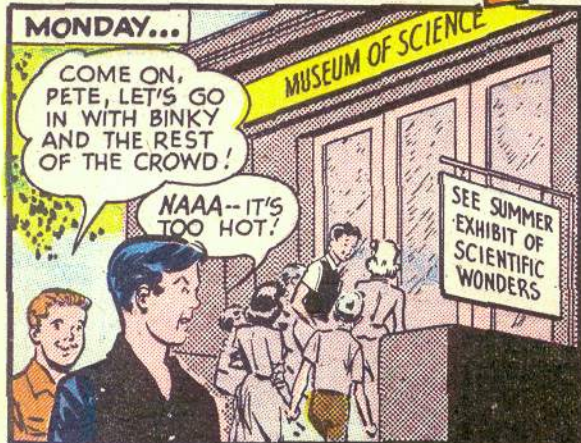
AS I SAID THIS MORNING, STEINER-- SCIENCE IS GREAT TO PIN CRIMES ON SUSPECTS-- BUT A DETECTIVE MUST STILL LEARN TO USE HIS OWN EYES AND HIS HEAD!



THE END



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the official, admitted that he had 25 pounds of coal.

The Customs man was skeptical. Whereupon the traveler opened his valise to reveal the 25 pounds of coal, each chunk wrapped neatly in a piece of paper. Since their total price came under the maximum allowed, the coal was permitted to enter without duty being paid, or the man fined.

### STRANGE INMATES

Prisoners awaking one morning recently in the county jail at Fort Wayne, Ind., rubbed their eyes in surprise. For there stood four elephants. Consternation reigned, until the sheriff arrived with an explanation.

En route to Chicago to play a performance, their trainer, Roy Bush, was unable to find suitable quarters to house them overnight, finally persuaded the sheriff to lodge the behemoths in the county jail.

### POPULAR CASE

No nation views the activities of a court as avidly as the people of India. One particular case not long ago ran for three years, during which 1,600 witnesses testified. Since the newspapers couldn't satisfy the demand of reporting the day-by-day proceedings, four additional dailies were established.

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The cable address of Scotland Yard is "Handcuffs, London."

### BLOTTER JOTTINGS

CHARLOTTE, Mich.: Embittered when the judge sentenced him to six months in jail, a defendant snapped scornfully, "Why don't you make it a year?" The judge made it a year.

CHICAGO: A shoplifter was easily nabbed when he forgot to remove the price tag from the stolen coat he was wearing.

SOUTH ZANESVILLE, Ohio: Burglars cracked the safe at Bob's Supermarket, looted \$700 in cash, sorted out some papers, thoughtfully left a burglar insurance policy on top of the safe.

DOUAI, France: Arrested for stealing two bricks, a suspect confessed to gendarmes, led them to the basement of his home, where for 32 years he had stored such stolen items to build himself a country home as flooring, nails, paints, timber, bricks, window frames, steel beams, and shingle roofing.

ST. LOUIS: "Didn't I arrest you a few months ago?" asked a policeman of a panhandler. "I never saw you before in my life," replied the blind beggar. The slip of the tongue sent him to jail for fraudulent representation.

JOLIET, Ill.: Determined to cure his smoking habit, a lifer at the State Prison pleaded with the warden to put him into solitary confinement for 15 days. The warden acceded. On his release, the inmate announced the cure as a success.



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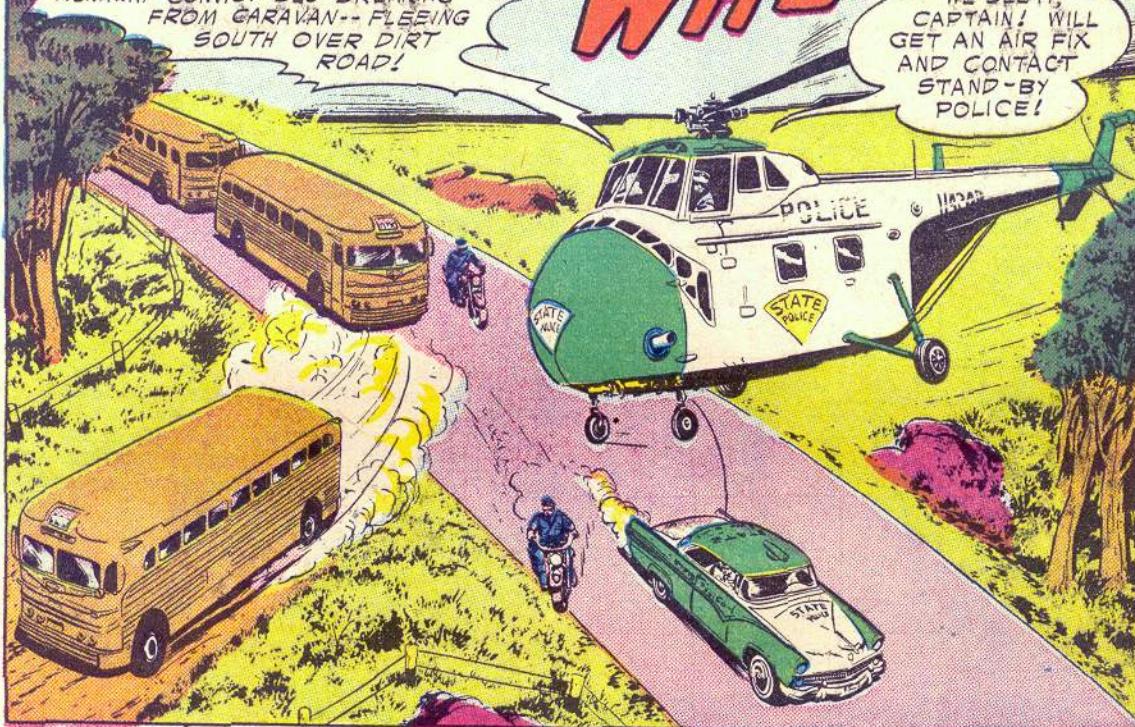


**C**OUNTRY AND STATE ROADS WERE CLEARED-- TRAFFIC WAS RE-ROUTED-- LOCAL POLICE WERE ON THE ALERT! WHY? THIS WAS THE BIGGEST, MOST DANGEROUS MASS MOVEMENT OF MEN IN HISTORY! FOR WITHIN ONE WEEK, A COLOSSUS OF LAW ENFORCERS HAD MADE THE GRIM DECISION TO TRANSFER 3,011 CONVICTS VIA...

# THE PRISON ON WHEELS

ATTENTION, AIR PATROL!  
RUNAWAY CONVICT BUS BREAKING  
FROM GARAVAN-- FLEEING  
SOUTH OVER DIRT  
ROAD!

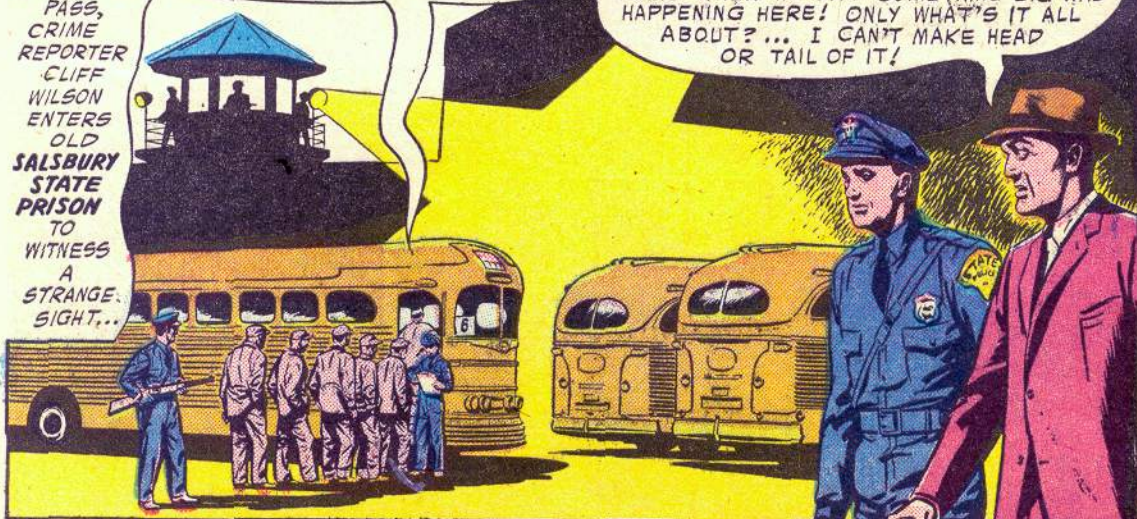
WE SEE IT,  
CAPTAIN! WILL  
GET AN AIR FIX  
AND CONTACT  
STAND-BY  
POLICE!



CONVICT JOHNSON, T., 09768...  
CONVICT BURKE, K., 09877...

HMM... THE BOSS WASN'T JUST BEATING HIS  
GUMS WHEN HE SAID SOMETHING BIG WAS  
HAPPENING HERE! ONLY WHAT'S IT ALL  
ABOUT? ... I CAN'T MAKE HEAD  
OR TAIL OF IT!

WITH A  
GOVERNOR'S  
PASS,  
CRIME  
REPORTER  
CLIFF  
WILSON  
ENTERS  
OLD  
SALSBUURY  
STATE  
PRISON  
TO  
WITNESS  
A  
STRANGE  
SIGHT...





SHORTLY, IN THE TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS OF STATE TROOPER CAPTAIN FRANK JORDAN...

THE GOVERNOR'S ORDERS ARE TO BRIEF YOU THOROUGHLY ON "OPERATION ANGEL WINGS" FOR A FUTURE NEWS RELEASE, MR. WILSON!

HAS BEEN CUT OFF FROM THE WORLD FOR NEARLY A WEEK, CAPTAIN! WHY THE NEWS AND COMMUNICATION BLACKOUT?

A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE, WILSON! YOU COULD HARDLY EXPECT US TO MAKE PUBLIC OUR PLANS TO TRANSPORT 3,011 CONVICTS OVER 400 MILES OF STATE ROAD!

WHAT??... BUT... WHERE ARE YOU TAKING THEM?

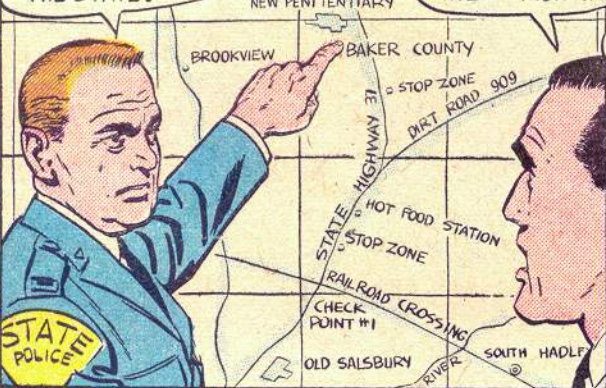


TO THE **NEW** PENITENTIARY, LOCATED HERE IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE STATE!

BUT THE NEW PRISON ISN'T SCHEDULED TO BE FINISHED UNTIL NEXT MONTH!

IT WAS COMPLETED AHEAD OF TIME AND WE DECIDED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT FACT, WILSON! SECRECY IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE!

YES...THERE'S ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY A CRIMINAL GANG MIGHT ATTEMPT TO SPRING A CONVICT FRIEND EN ROUTE! HOW MANY MEN HAVE ALREADY BEEN TRANSFERRED?



TWO SECTIONS, WILSON... AND IN THIS, THE LAST PHASE OF THE OPERATION, WE'RE TRANSFERRING THE LAST 4011 INMATES!

WHAT A TREMENDOUS UNDERTAKING! HOW WILL YOU MANAGE THE PROBLEM OF FEEDING AND EXERCISING THE CONS EN ROUTE?

INSTEAD OF ASKING ALL THESE QUESTIONS, WHY NOT TAKE THE 20-HOUR TRIP WITH US, WILSON? THAT WAY, YOU CAN LEARN **ALL** THE PROBLEMS OF EVACUATING A PRISON!

I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU, CAPTAIN!



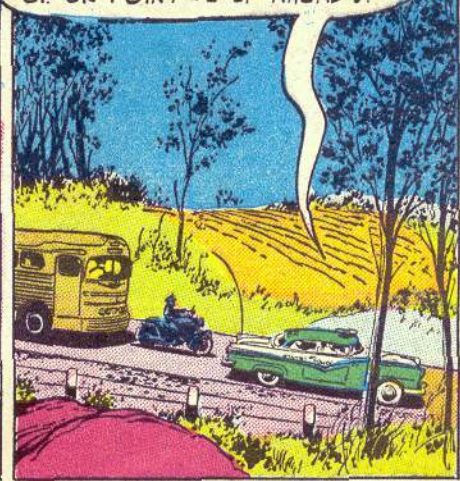


SOON, AS "OPERATION ANGEL WINGS" GOES INTO ITS FINAL PHASE... THERE ARE TWO GUARDS

IN EACH BUS OF THE CARAVAN, WHICH IS FLANKED BY ROVING MOTORCYCLES! THREE PROWL CARS ACT AS REAR GUARDS!

AT WHAT SPEED DO YOU TRAVEL?

THE 20 BUSES IN THE MOTORCADE AVERAGE 35 MILES PER HOUR! NOW, I'VE GOT TO MAKE CONTACT WITH CHECK POINT #1 UP AHEAD!



AS CAPTAIN JORDAN UTILIZES THE PROWL CAR RADIO...

JORDAN TO CHECK POINT #1--

CITY LIMITED  
PASSED ON TIME--  
RAILROAD CROSSING  
CLEAR--TRAFFIC  
RE-ROUTED--  
AWAITING YOUR  
ARRIVAL!

YOU SEE, WILSON, CHECK POINTS ALONG THE ROADS ARE ALERTED TO OUR APPROACH AND RE-ROUTE TRAFFIC WHICH COULD BOG DOWN THE CONVOY!

I GET IT... ANY UNFORE-  
SEEN DELAY COULD  
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SOME OPERATION!



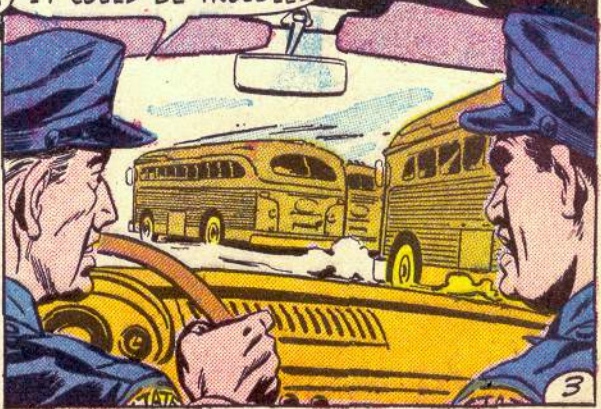
AT DAWN THE NEXT DAY, THE CARAVAN TAKES ITS FIRST BREAK IN AN OPEN COUNTRY FIELD...

YOU SAY THESE "STOP ZONES" ARE COMPLETELY RINGED WITH TROOPERS, CAPTAIN? YES... AND AFTER THE EXERCISE PERIOD, THE PRISONERS WILL RECEIVE A BOX-BREAKFAST TO EAT ON THE ROAD!

LATER, AS THE FANTASTIC MOTORCADE SNAKES ALONG STATE HIGHWAY #37...

LOOK--BUS 14 IS PULLING OUT OF THE CARAVAN! IT COULD BE TROUBLE!

LET'S GET UP THERE AND CHECK IT...





BUT AS THE PROWL CAR SPURTS FORWARD...

JOE...THEY'VE CUT US OFF!

YES...AND THE DRIVER'S MAKING FOR THAT SIDE ROAD! THIS IS AN ESCAPE ATTEMPT--I'LL CONTACT THE CAPTAIN!

AFTER CAPTAIN JORDAN RECEIVES THE STARTLING REPORT...

WE'LL KNOW THAT WHEN WE CAPTURE IT! ATTENTION, CARAVAN...MAINTAIN YOUR POSITIONS AND SPEED! HELLO, AIR PATROL...HELLO, AIR PATROL...

BUT...HOW COULD THE CONS POSSIBLY TAKE OVER THE BUS?

KA-THUNK!

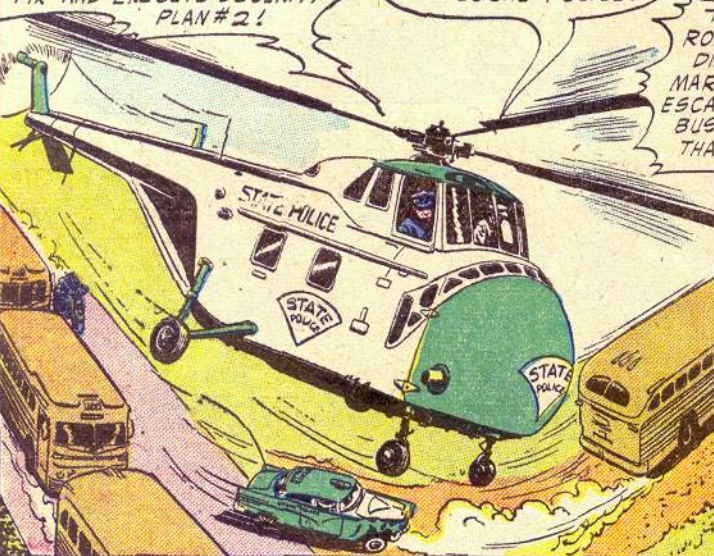
...RUNAWAY BUS VEERING FAST OVER DIRT ROAD! TAKE AN AIR FIX AND EXECUTE SECURITY PLAN #2!

WE SEE IT, CAPTAIN! CONTACTING STAND-BY LOCAL POLICE!

THEN, AS THE PLANE FLASHES A WARNING AHEAD OF THE SPEEDING BUS...

THROW UP ROADBLOCK ON DIRT ROAD MARKED 909! ESCAPED CONVICT BUS MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION!

THERE IT IS... BARRELING DEAD AT US! ABANDON THE PROWL CARS--THEY MIGHT TRY TO RAM THROUGH!



BUT THE PROWL CAR ROADBLOCK PROVES EFFECTIVE...

STOP, DRIVER--OR WE'LL ALL BE KILLED!

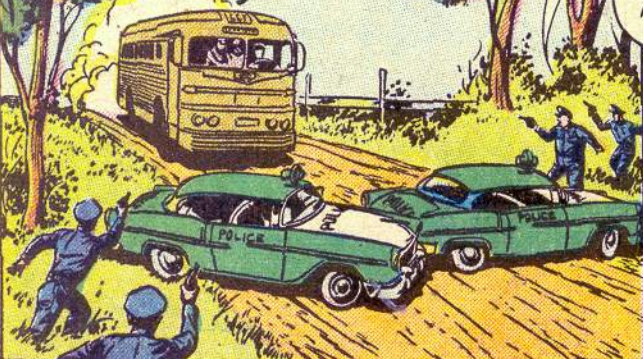
ALL RIGHT--EVERYONE IN THE BUS GET OUT! AND KEEP THOSE HANDS UP!

AFTERWARD, AS THE BUS GUARDS TELL THEIR STORY...

WHILE WE WERE PATROLLING THE AISLE, THE BUS LURCHED AND THREW US OFF-BALANCE! THAT WAS ALL THEY NEEDED TO GET THE JUMP ON US AND THEN FORCE THE DRIVER TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT!

BETTER TELL THE CAPTAIN ABOUT IT... YOU CAN CONTACT HIM ON OUR CAR RADIO!

SCREECH!





AND AS CAPTAIN JORDAN'S PROWL CAR LEADS THE CONVOY INTO A HOT FOOD STATION...

CAPTURING THAT ESCAPED BUS WITHOUT INTERRUPTING THE MOVEMENT OF THE CARAVAN WAS MIGHTY CLEVER, CAPTAIN!

MY MEN ARE BRINGING THE RUN-AWAY BUS HERE FOR THE RENDEZVOUS WILSON! ALL THOSE CONVICTS SUCCEEDED IN DOING WAS TO CHEAT THEMSELVES OUT OF A HOT MEAL AND INTO LONGER JAIL TERMS!



THEN, AS THE PRISONERS START EATING...

YOU THERE, DRIVER... YOU KNOW IT'S AGAINST THE RULES TO SPEAK WITH THE CONVICTS!

BURKE WAS JUST ASKING ME FOR ANOTHER CIGARETTE, CAPTAIN JORDAN!



I'M SORRY-- YOU'LL HAVE TO BREAK IT UP!

HUH--! YOU GUYS WOULDN'T GIVE A MAN THE TIME OF DAY!



30 MINUTES LATER, A POLICE WHISTLE SUMMONS THE CONVICTS TO THE VEHICLES-- BUT AS THE PASSENGER LIST IS CHECKED...

CAPTAIN... THE GUARD ON BUS #9 REPORTS A PRISONER NAMED BURKE MISSING!

WHAT? PERHAPS HE STRAYED ON ANOTHER BUS BY MISTAKE! LET'S MAKE A CHECK IMMEDIATELY...



SHORTLY...

NOT A SIGN OF BURKE ANYWHERE! SHALL WE HOLD THE CARAVAN AND MAKE A SEARCH, SIR?

NO... WE'VE GOT TO STICK TO OUR SCHEDULE! I'LL SEARCH THE VICINITY WITH A COMPANY OF MEN... YOU TAKE CHARGE OF THE MOTORCADE!



NEARLY AN HOUR LATER, AFTER AN INTENSIVE SEARCH OF THE AREA...

THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, CAPTAIN! BURKE'S ABSOLUTELY DISAPPEARED--AND YET, YOUR OFFICERS HAD THIS STOP ZONE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED!

YES... EVEN HOUDINI HIMSELF COULDN'T HAVE SLIPPED THROUGH THAT POLICE RING UNNOTICED!

I'D GIVE A MONTH'S PAY TO KNOW THAT CON'S ESCAPE GIMMICK! WELL, I HAVE TO JOIN THE CARAVAN AT THE NEW PRISON! LET'S HOPE MY MEN HERE FIND BURKE!





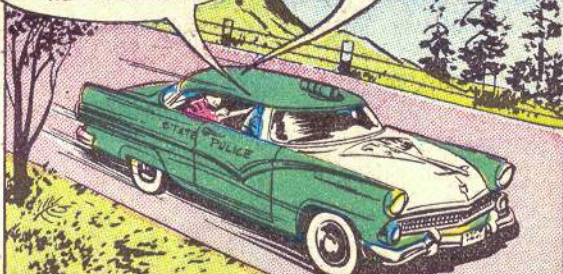
AND, AS CAPTAIN JORDAN SPEEDS TOWARD THE NEW PENITENTIARY...

HERE'S THAT RECORD REPORT YOU REQUESTED ON BURKE, SIR! HE WAS CONVICTED OF PICKPOCKETING IN '47 AND '55 AND WAS SERVING A FIVE-YEAR SENTENCE!

HMM-- NO SPECIAL ESCAPE TALENTS INDICATED, UNLESS... WAIT A MINUTE!

HE NEVER **DID** ESCAPE US! DRIVER-- GET MOVING TO THE PENITENTIARY, ON THE DOUBLE!

I DON'T FOLLOW YOU, CAPTAIN... THIS WHOLE THING HAS ME CONFUSED!



ARRIVING AT THE PRISON, CAPTAIN JORDAN CHECKS ALL THE BUS DRIVERS...

THEY ALL HAVE THEIR LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT KEYS, SIR!

THEN I WANT OFFICERS TO ESCORT EACH DRIVER TO HIS RESPECTIVE BUS AND CHECK OUT THE COMPARTMENTS! IT'S MY HUNCH THAT BURKE'S HIDING IN ONE OF THEM!

AS COMPARTMENT AFTER COMPARTMENT IS INVESTIGATED...

YOUR REASONING DOESN'T TALLY, CAPTAIN! IF ALL THE BUS DRIVERS HAVE THEIR KEYS, NO ONE COULD HAVE POSSIBLY ENTERED THE LOCKED COMPARTMENTS!

A DEFT PICKPOCKET COULD HAVE LIFTED A KEY FROM ONE OF THE DRIVERS, OPENED THE COMPARTMENT AND RETURNED THE KEY UNNOTICED, WILSON!



SURE ENOUGH, IN THE NEXT INSTANT...

HEY, CAPTAIN-- LOOK WHAT WE FOUND!

IT'S BURKE! YOU WERE RIGHT, JORDAN! BUT I STILL DON'T SEE HOW YOU FIGURED IT!

IT WAS REALLY VERY SIMPLE, WILSON! I RECALLED BURKE AND THE BUS DRIVER FRATERNIZING, AND REALIZED IT WAS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CONVICT TO STEAL-- OR RETURN THE KEY!

IN OTHER WORDS, BURKE FIGURED WE'D OVER-LOOK THE OBVIOUS AND SEARCH FOR HIM OUTSIDE THE PRISON!

EXACTLY-- ONE WOULD HARDLY EXPECT A CONVICT TO SMUGGLE HIMSELF INTO A PRISON! HE PLANNED TO ESCAPE LATER WHEN THE BUSES RETURNED TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY!

THOSE CONVICTS WORK EVERY ANGLE, DON'T THEY? STILL, THE LAW'S ALWAYS ONE JUMP AHEAD OF THEM!



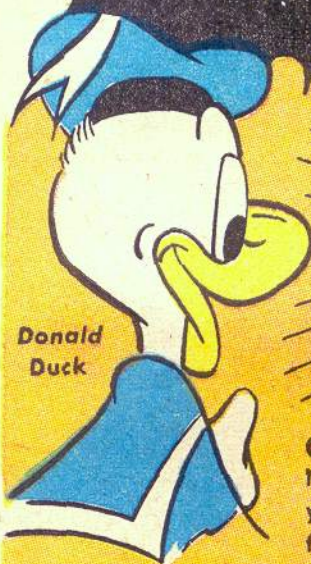
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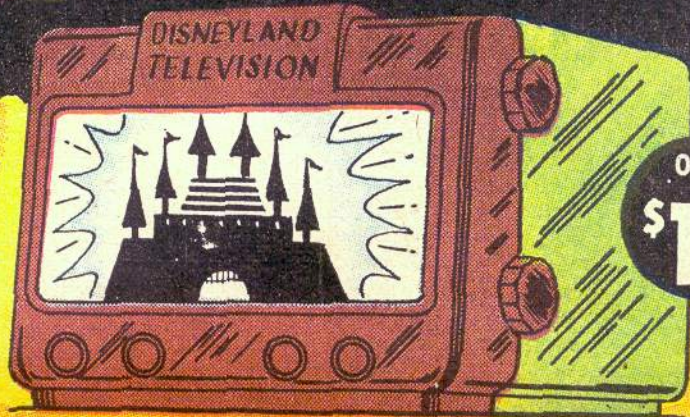
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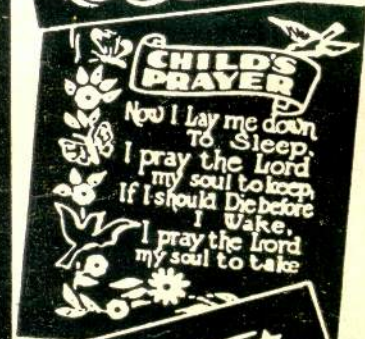
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