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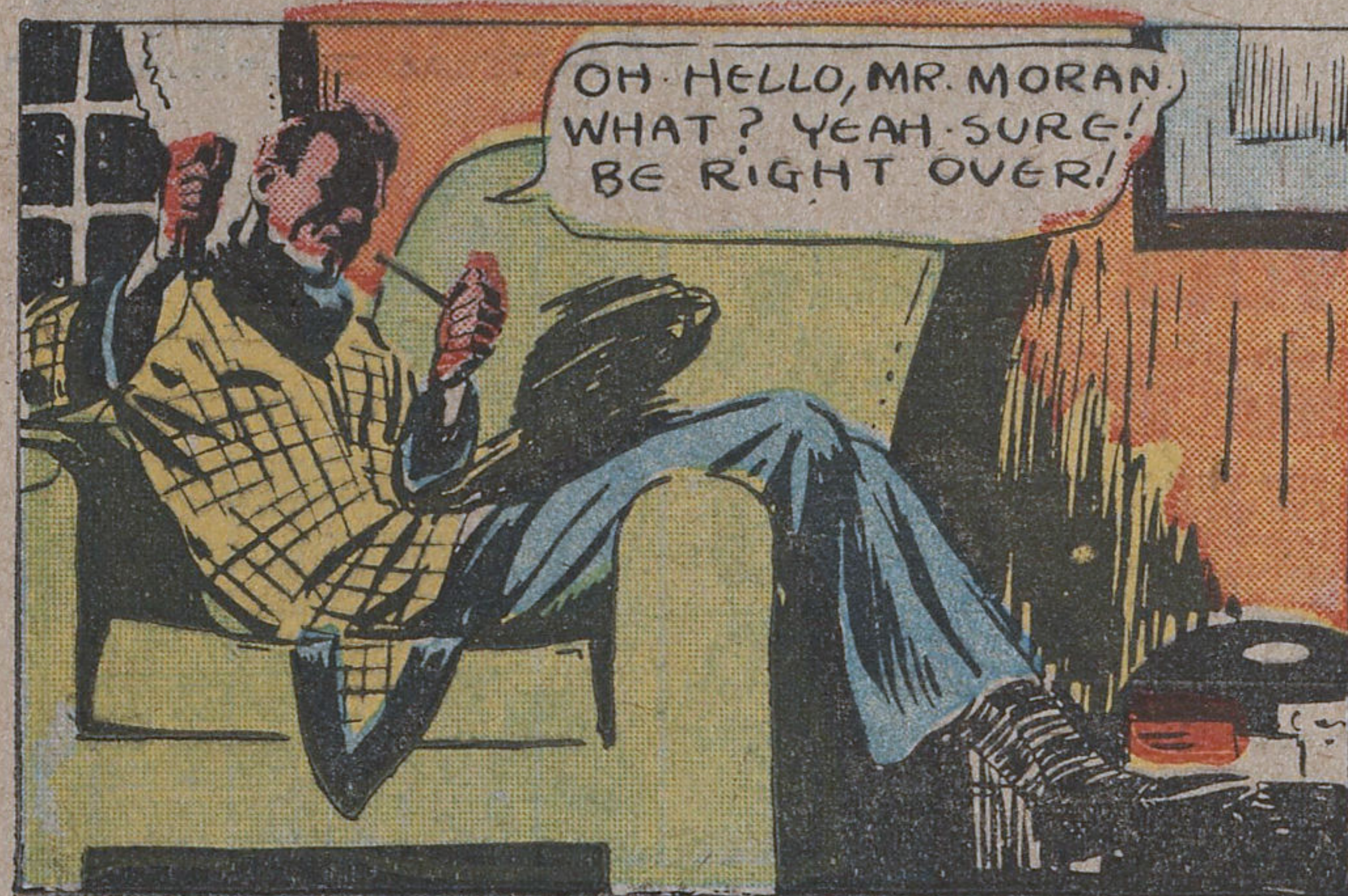
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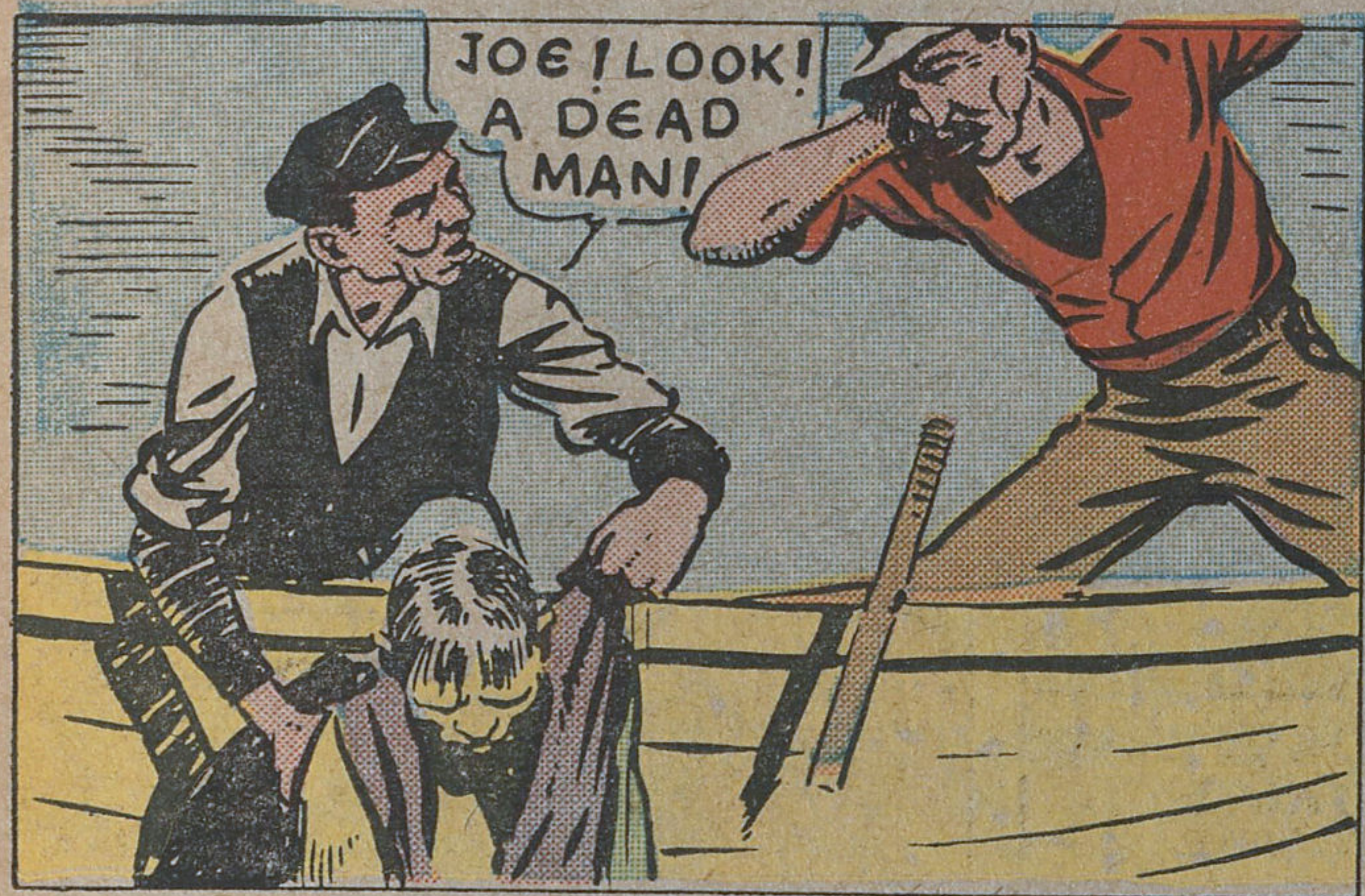
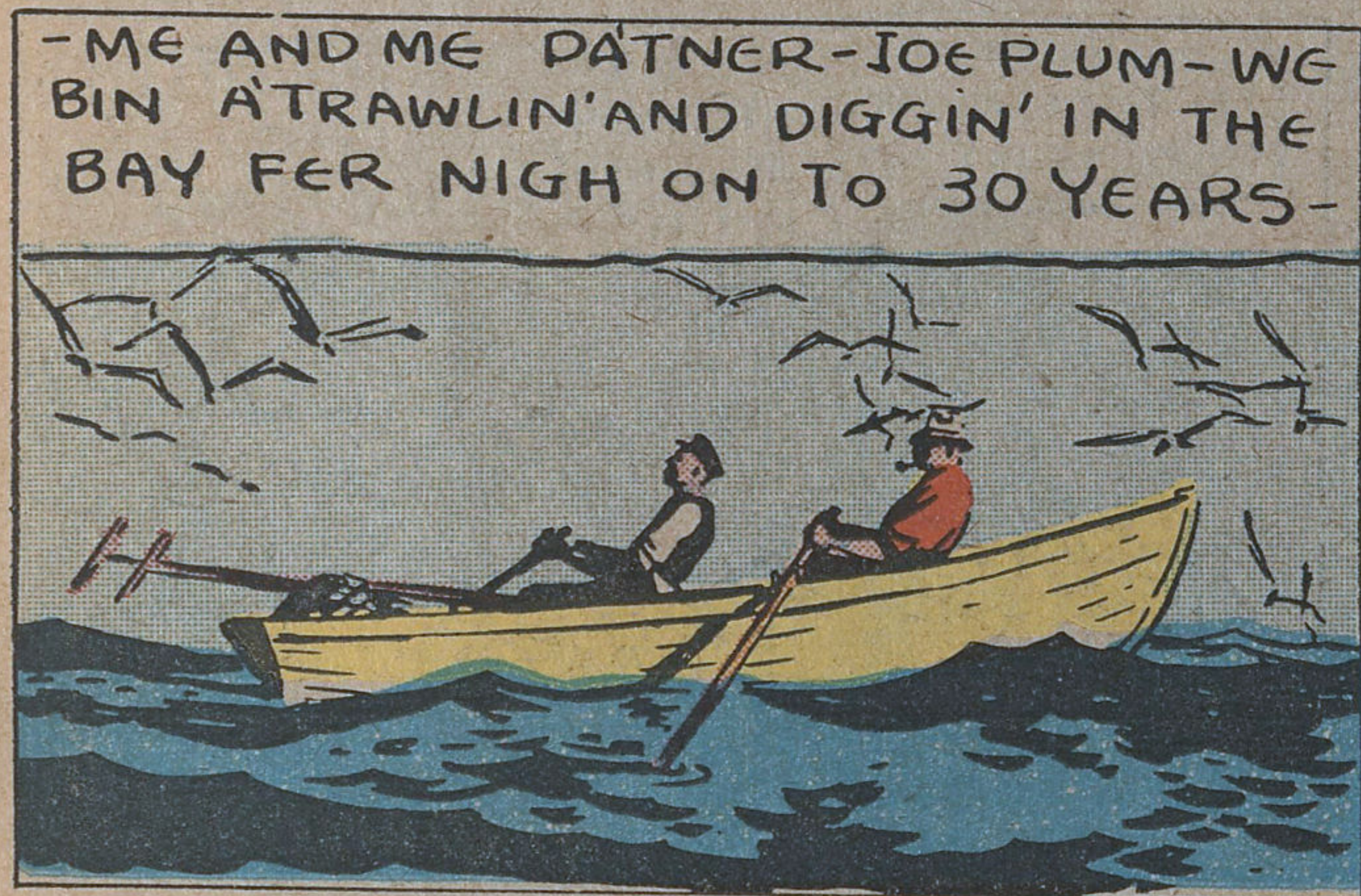
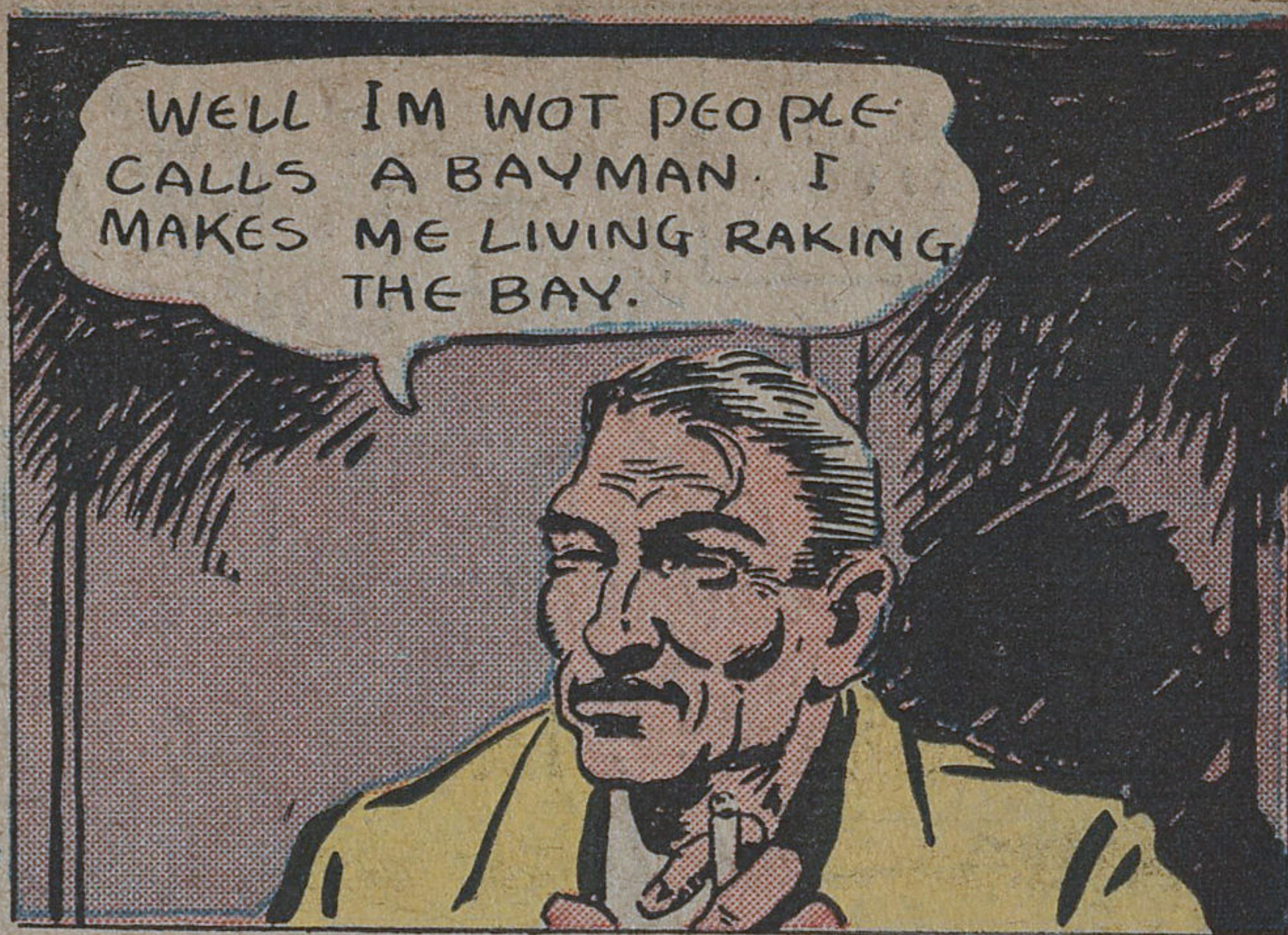
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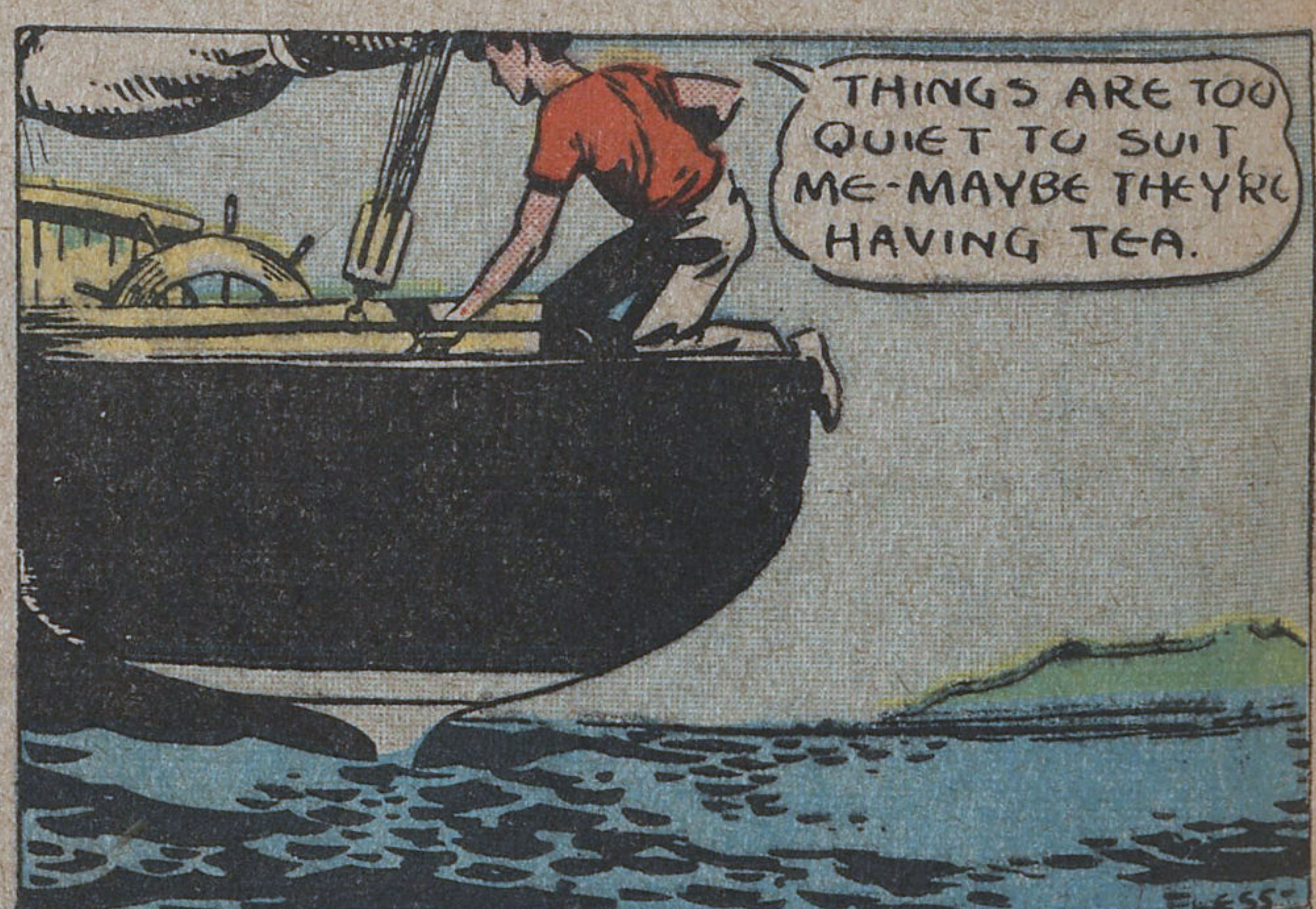
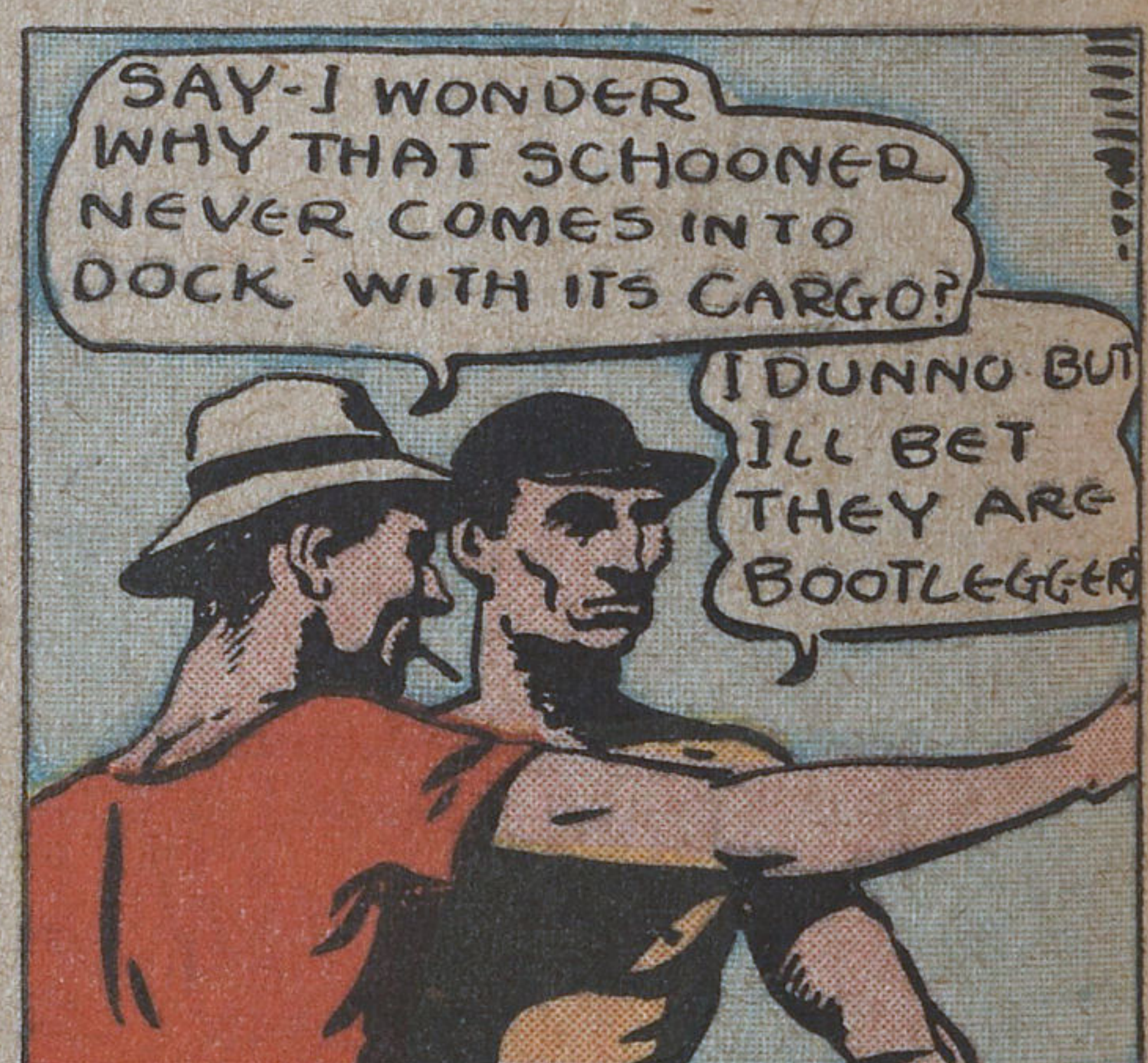
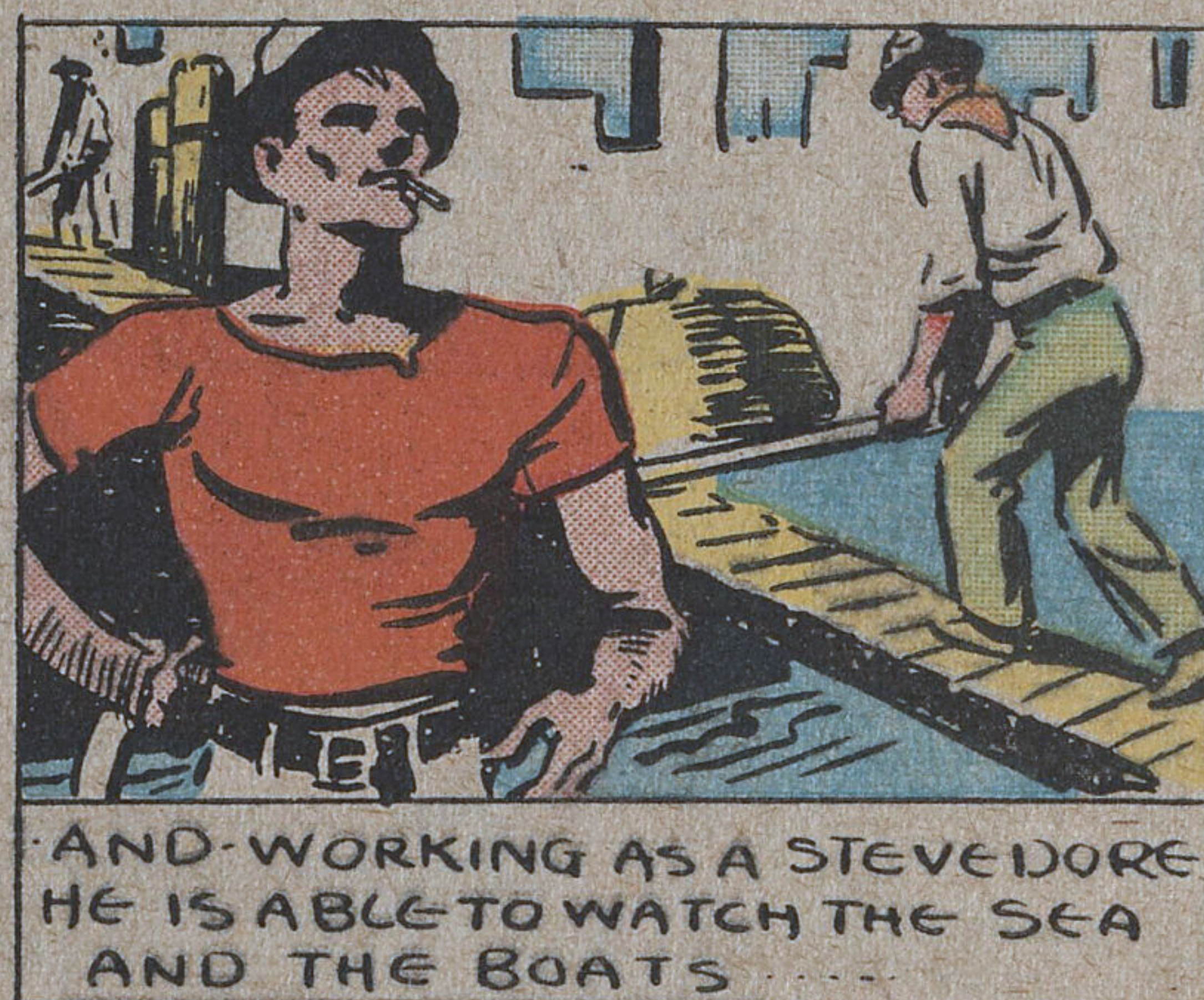
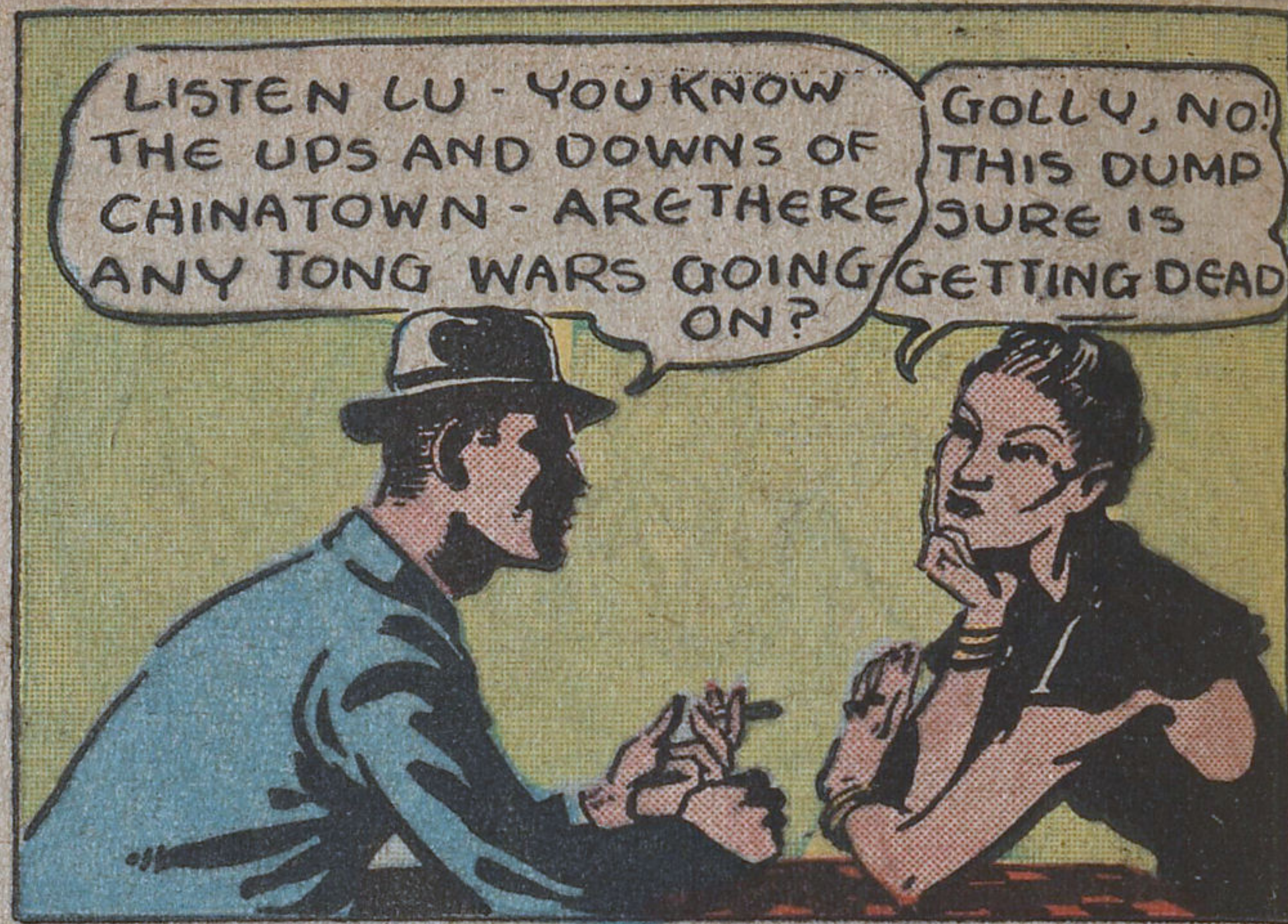
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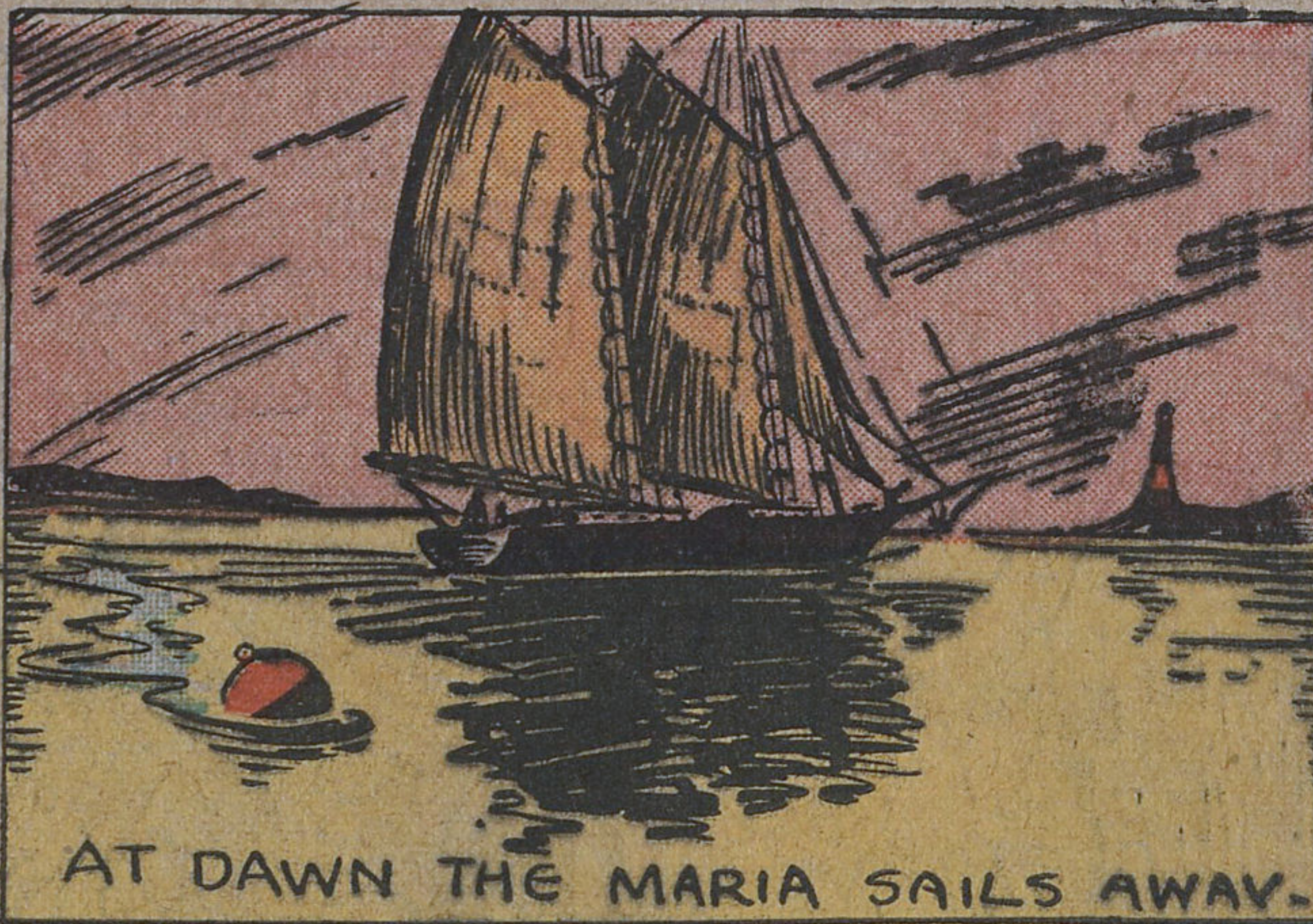
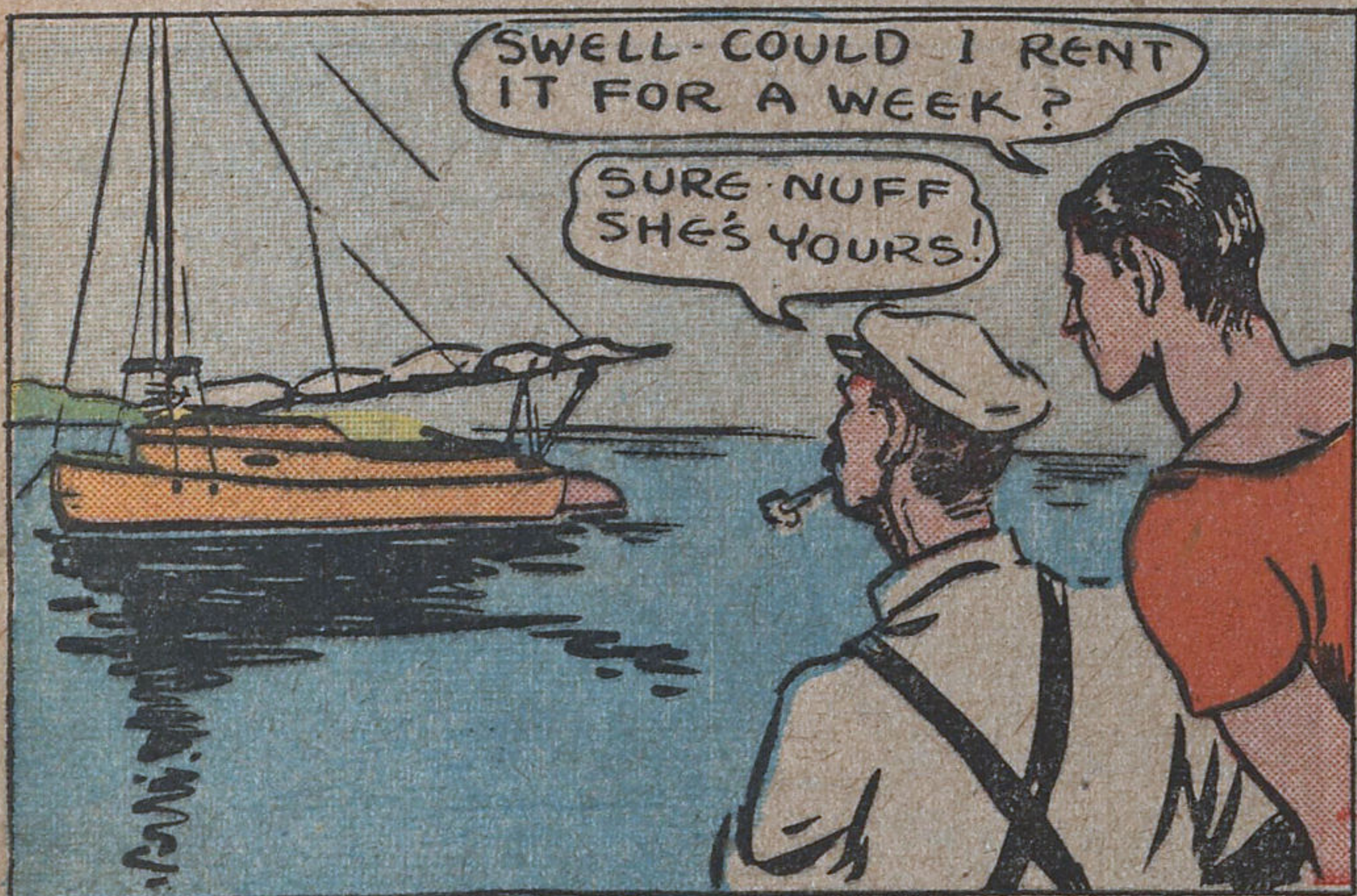
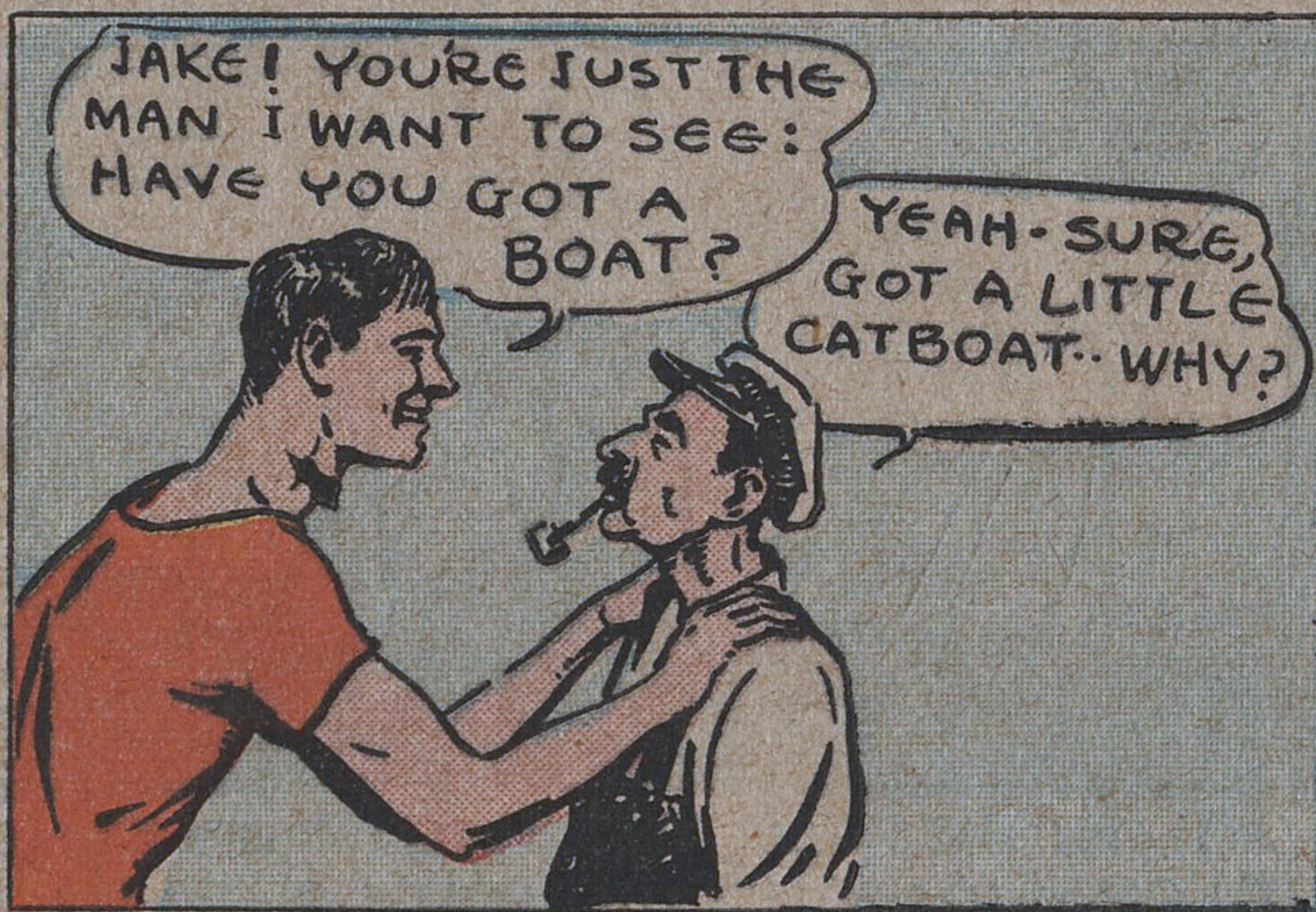
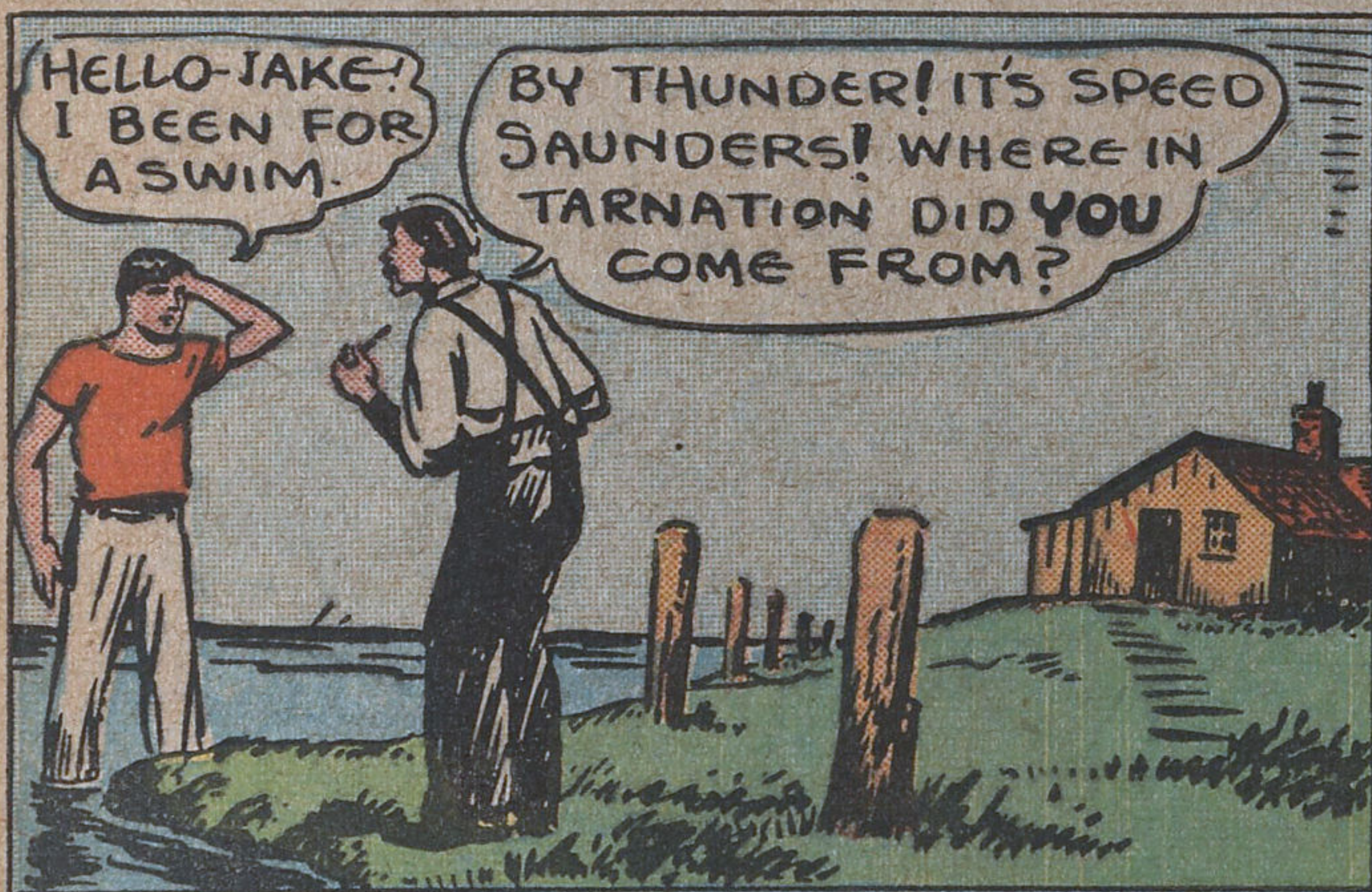
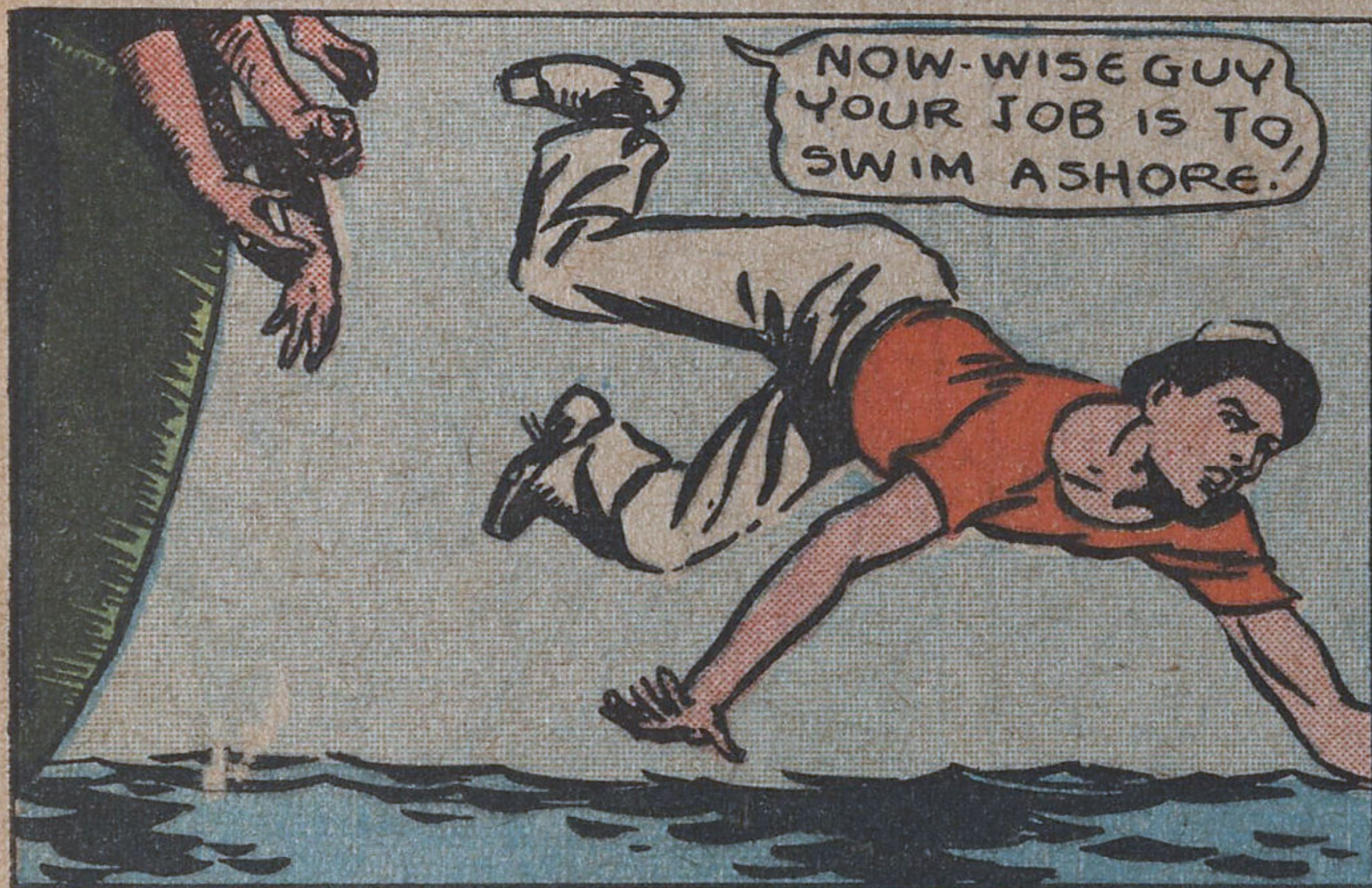
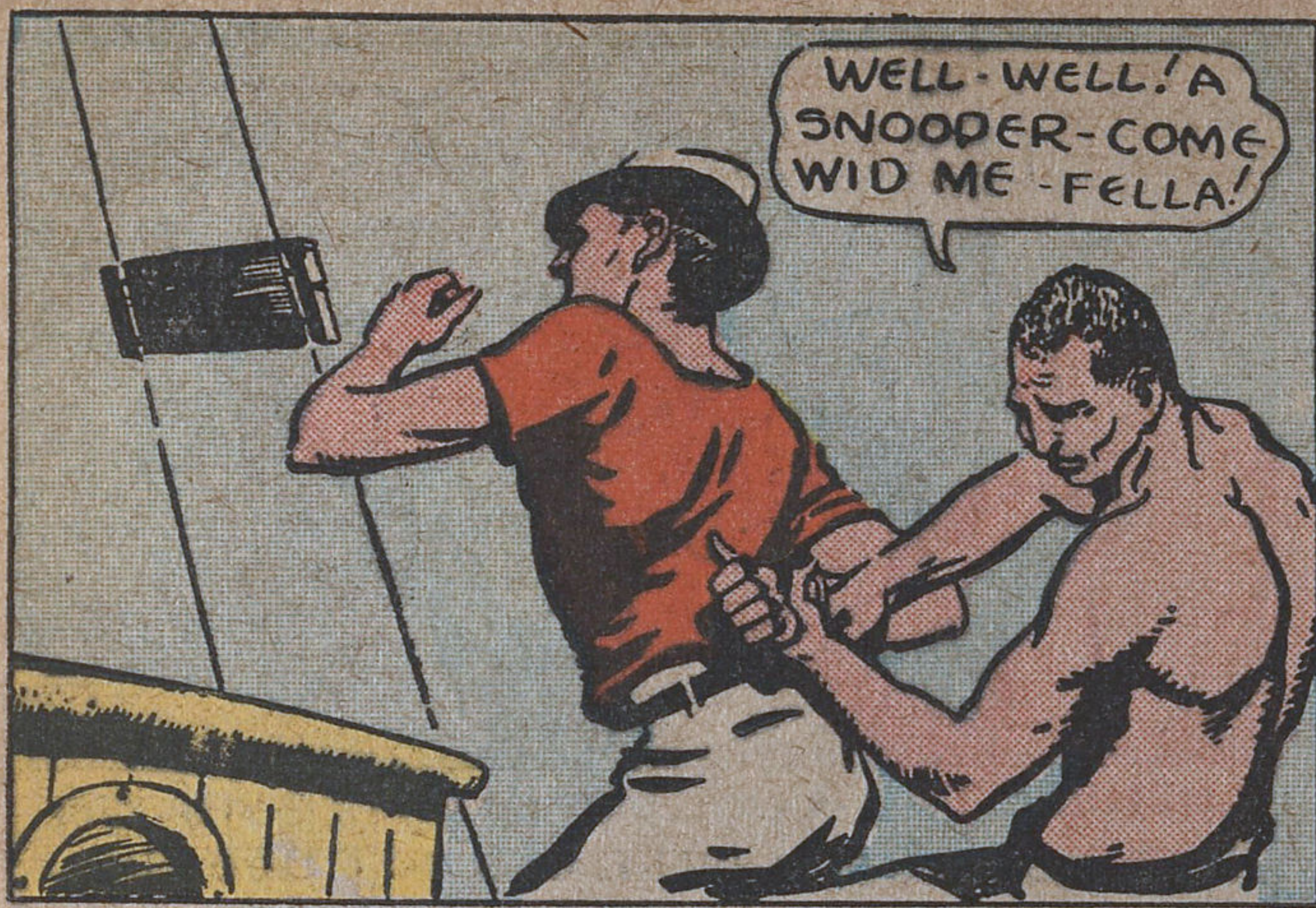


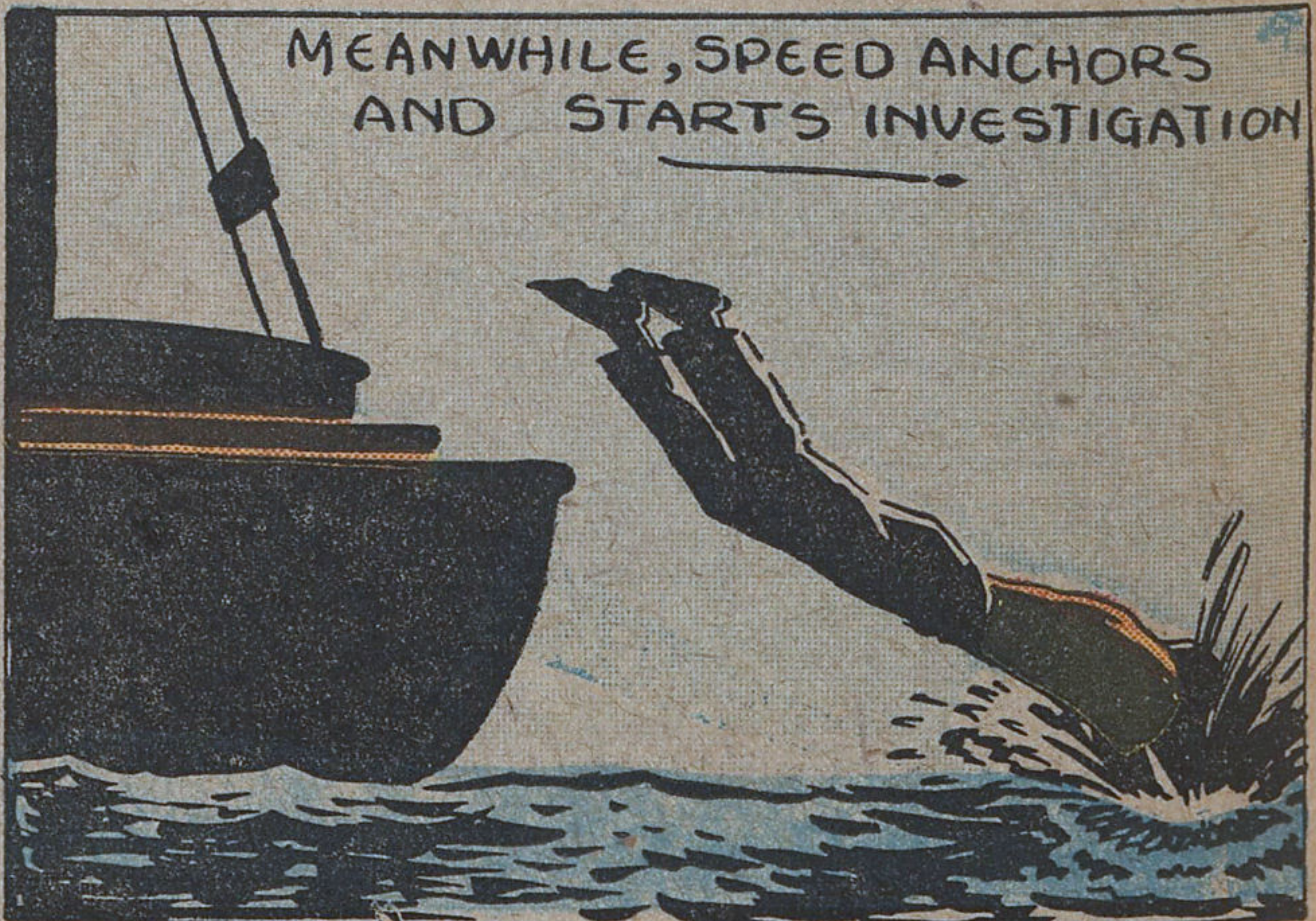
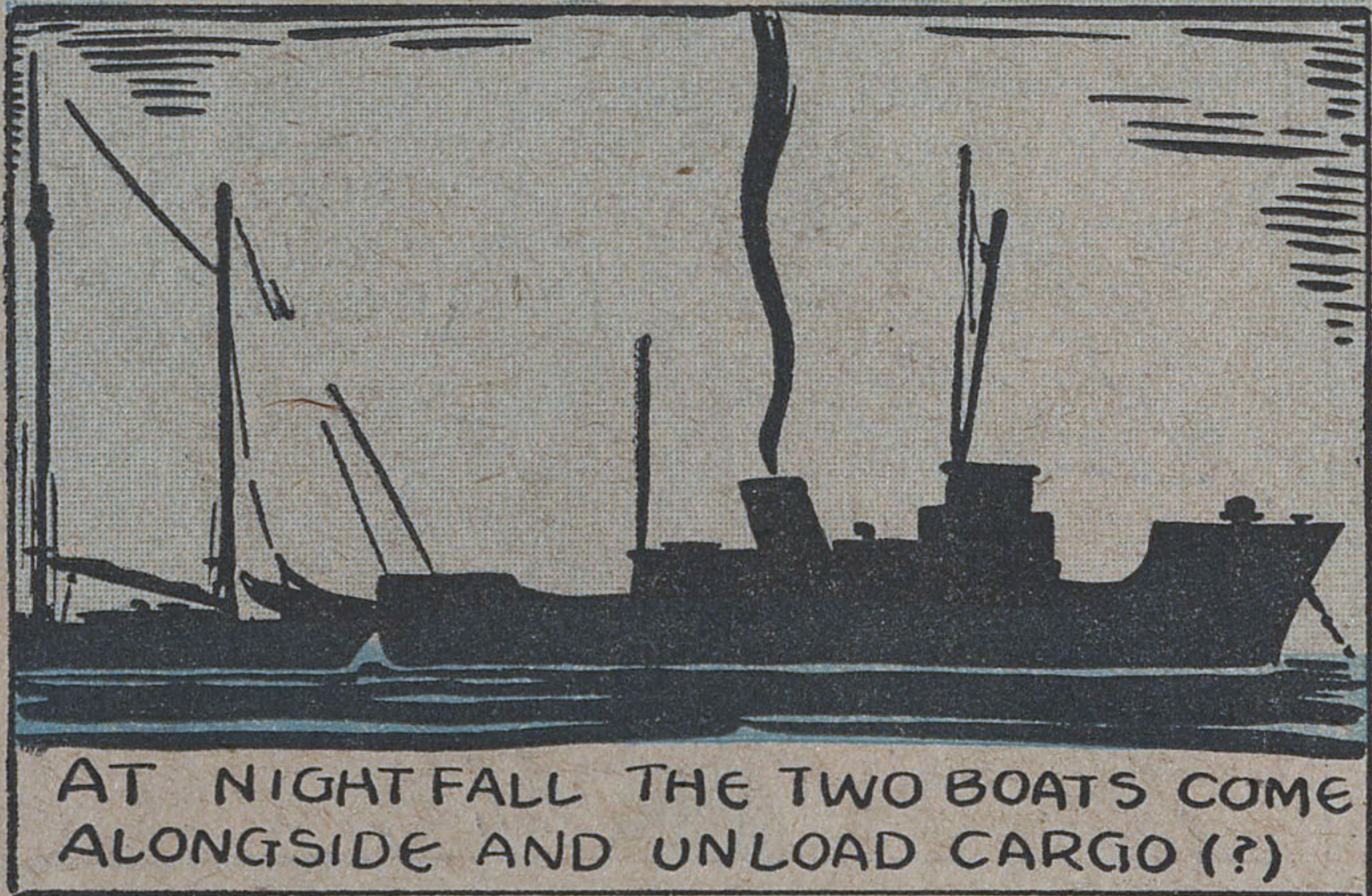
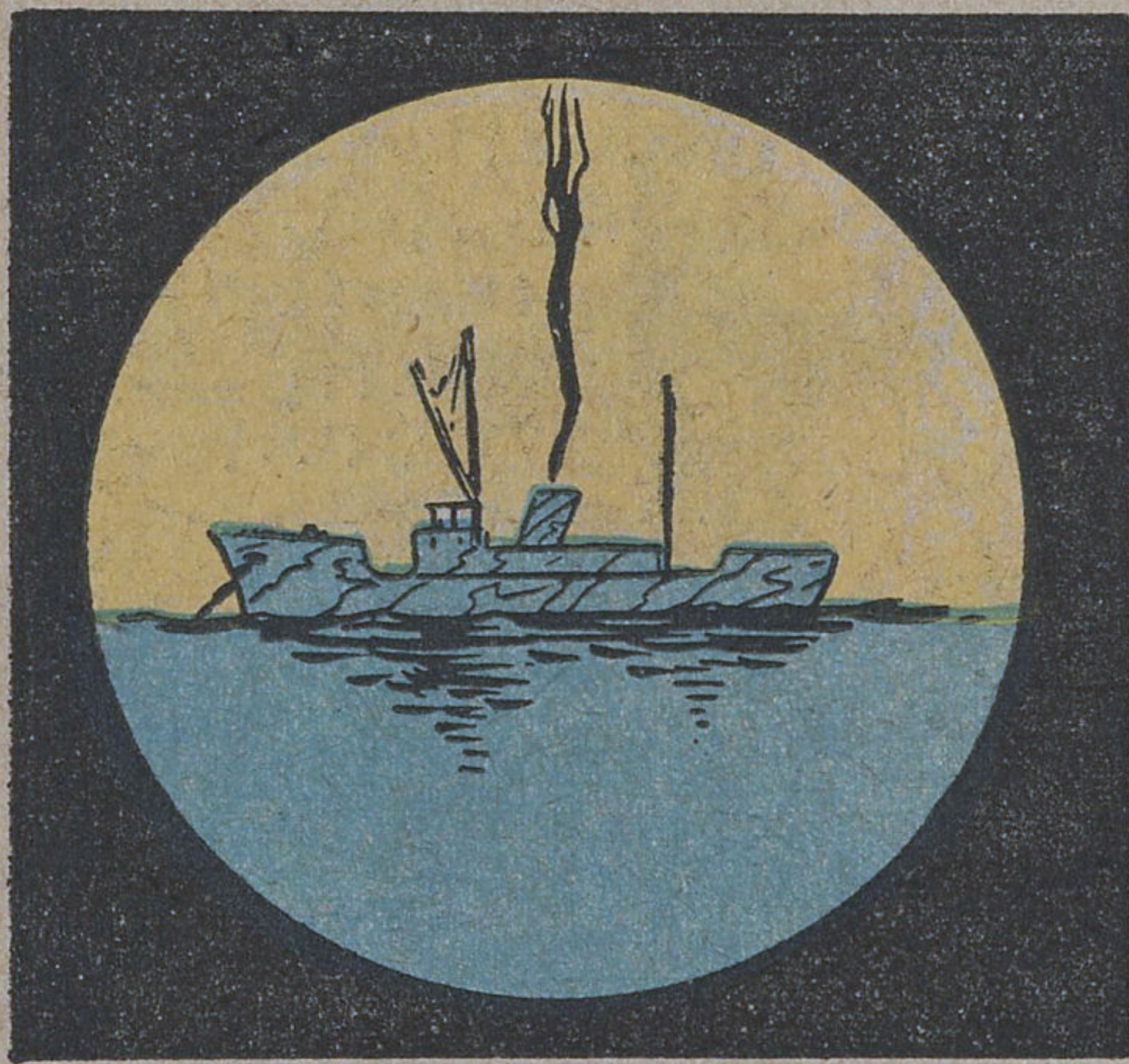
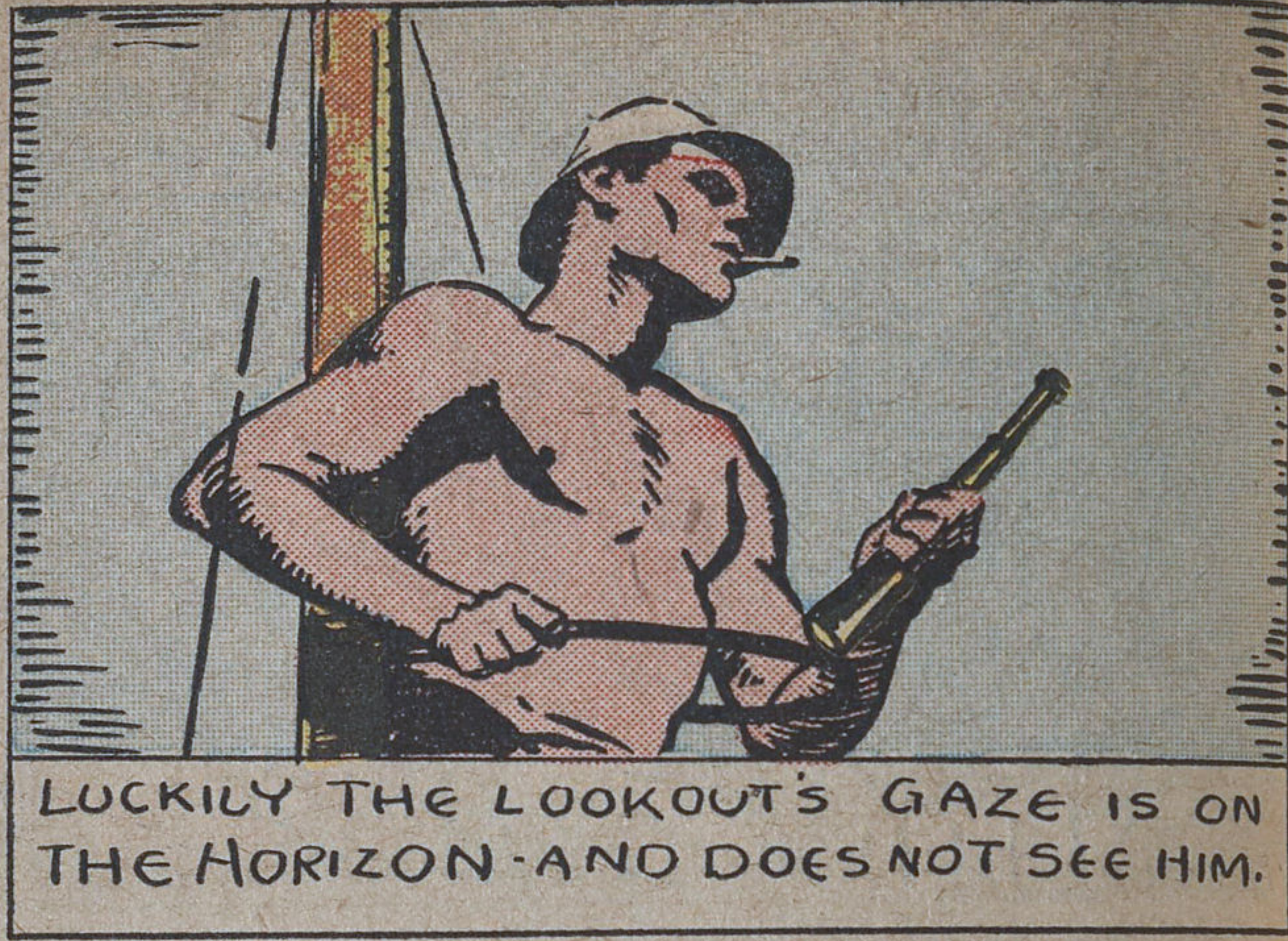
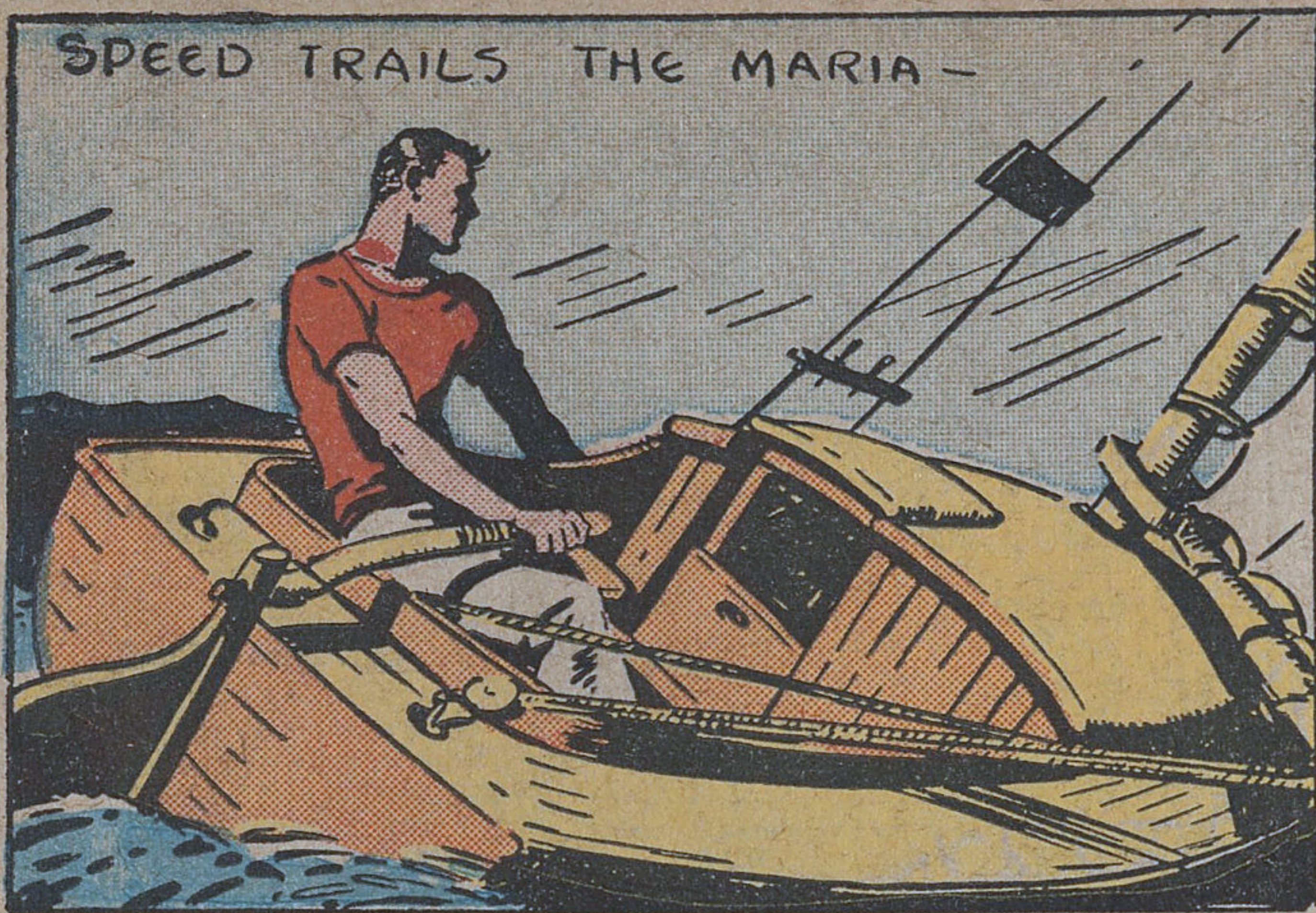
IN EVERY LARGE CITY THERE ARE THE G-MEN. IN EVERY LARGE SEAPORT THERE ARE G-MEN - KNOWN AS THE HARBOR POLICE. "SPEED" CYRIL SAUNDERS IS A SPECIAL OPERATIVE IN A UNIT OF THE RIVER PATROL.

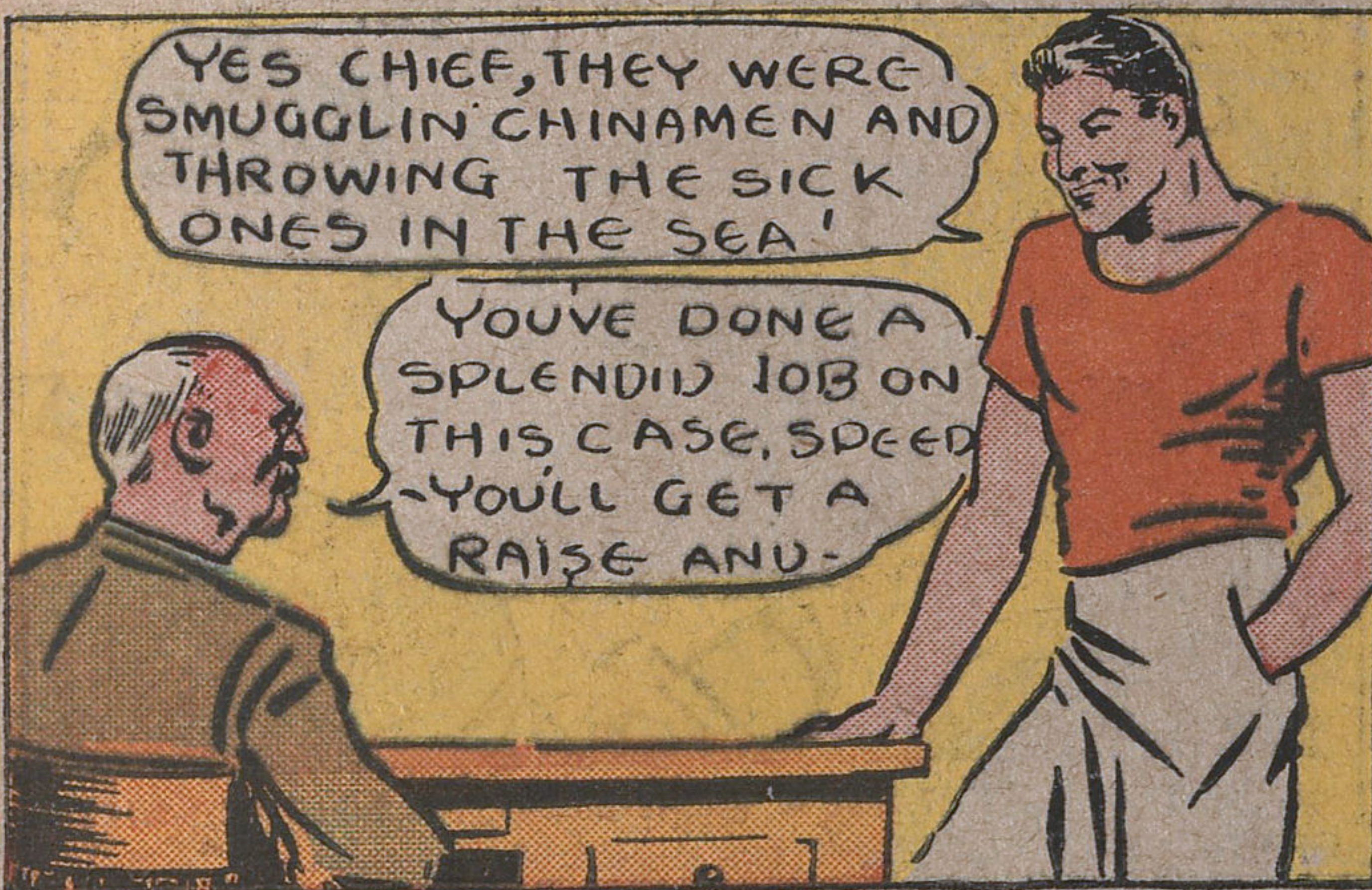
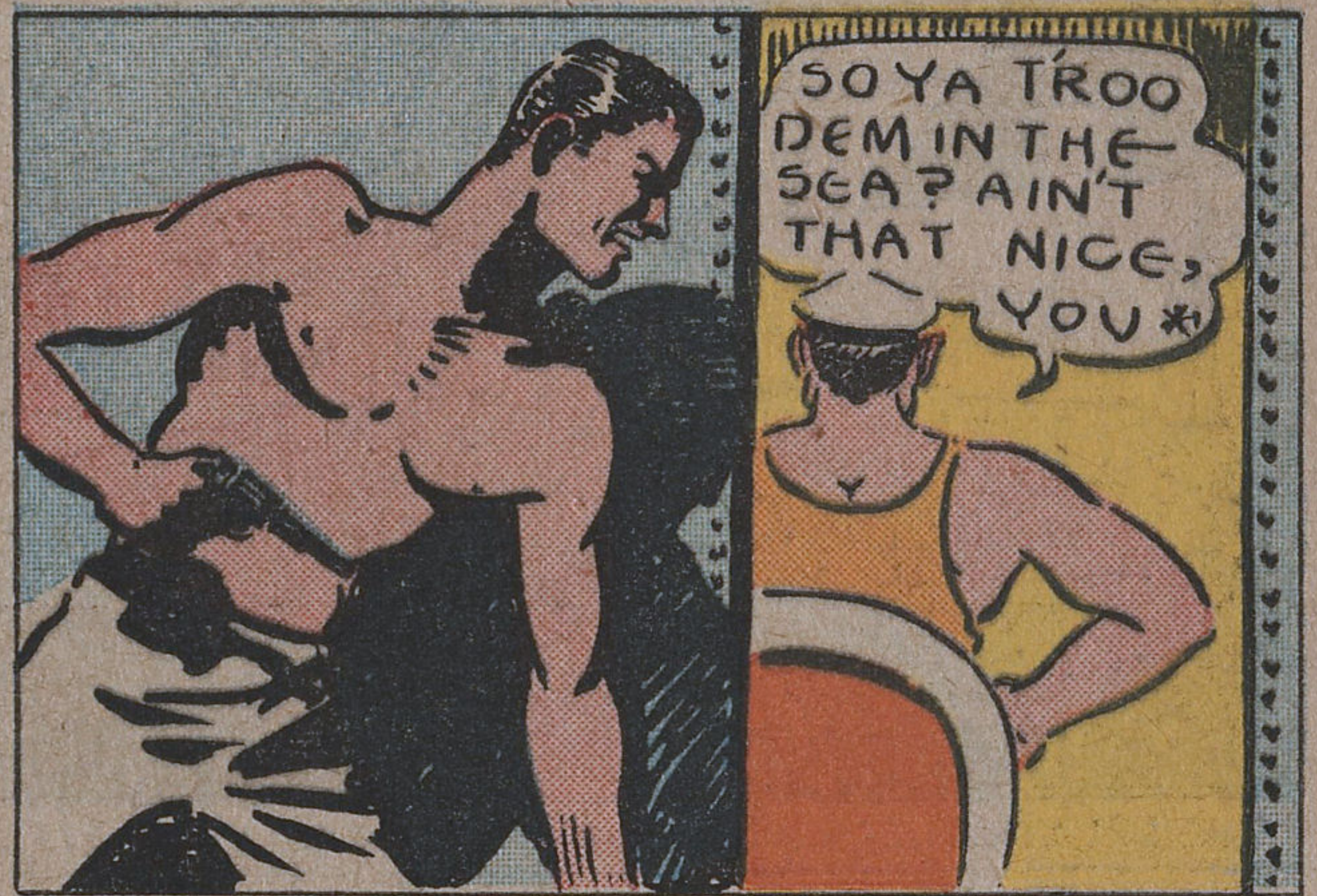
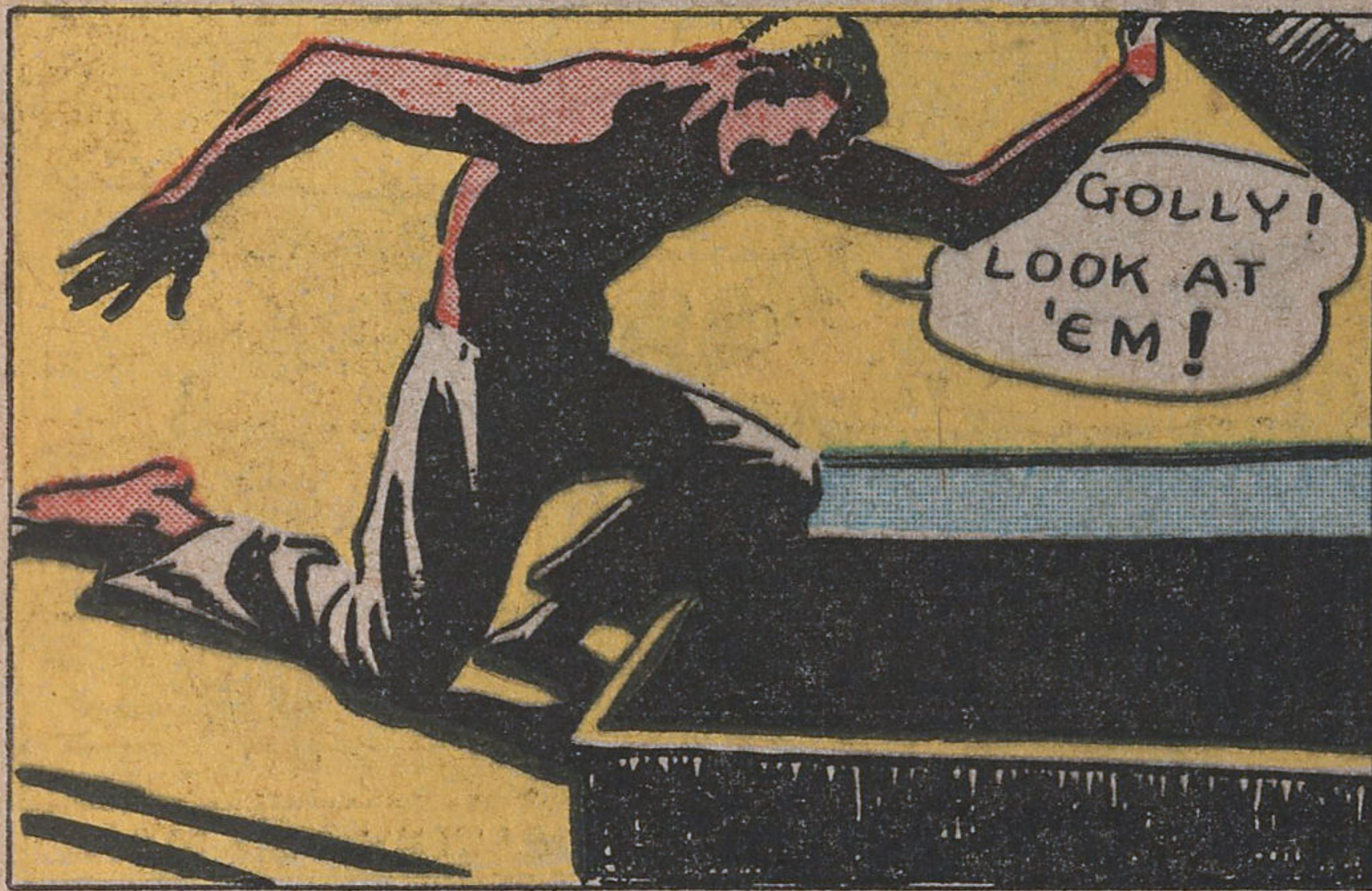
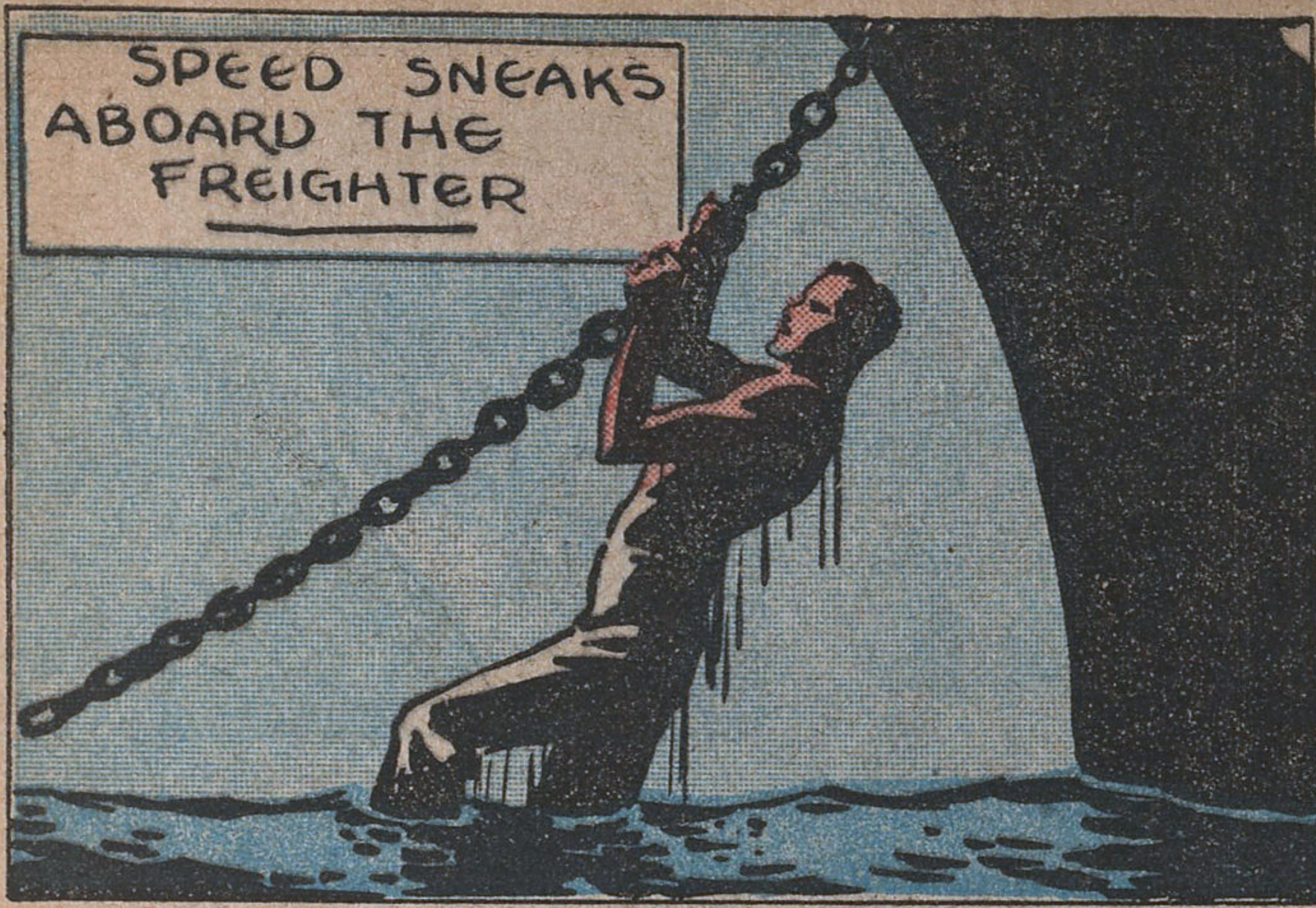






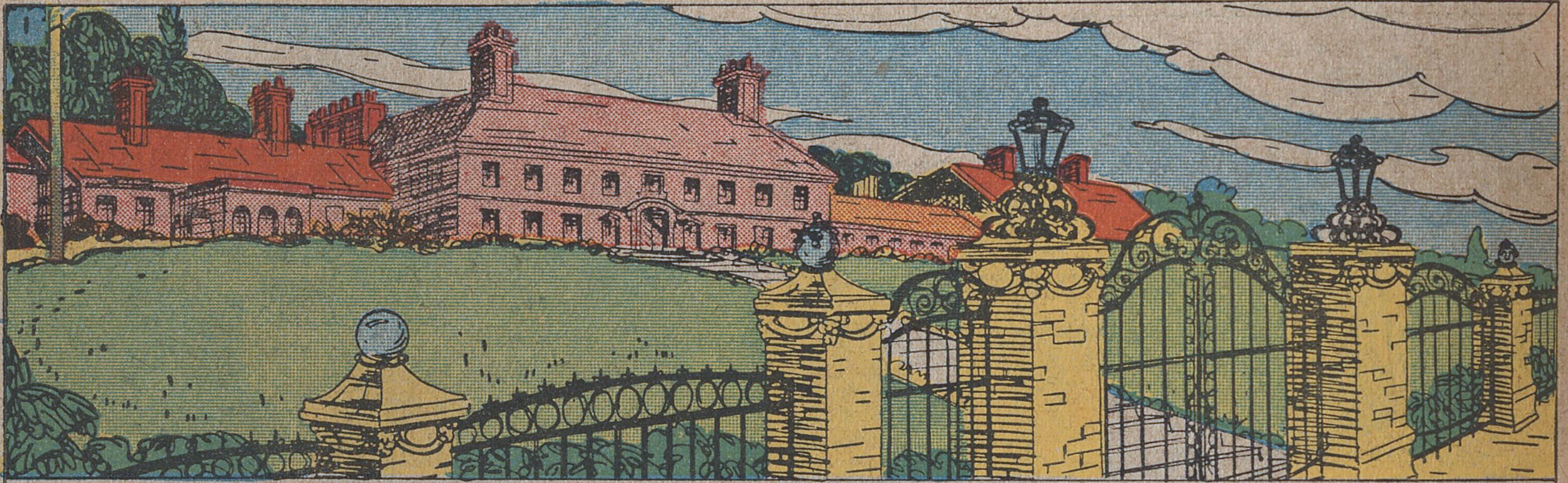




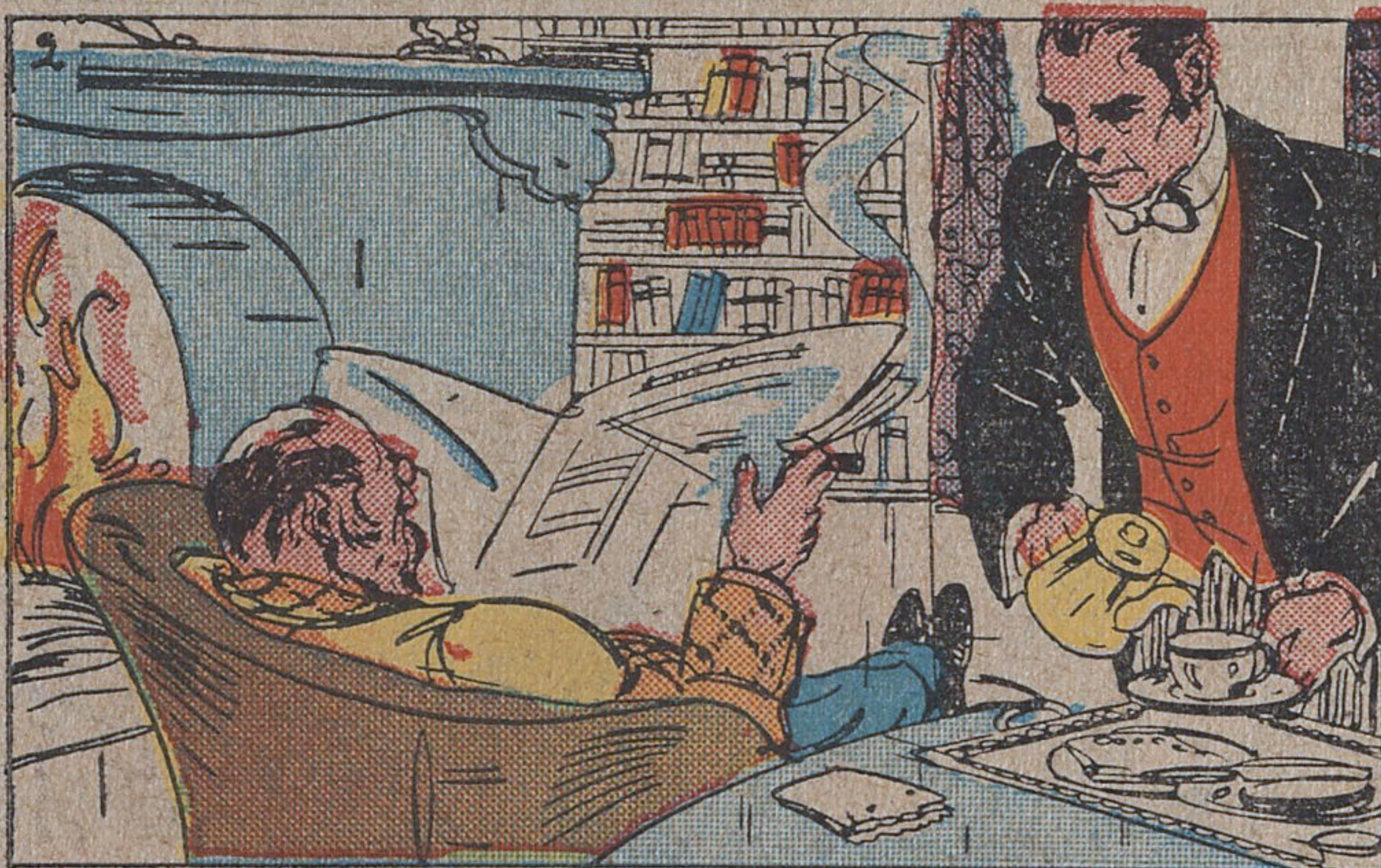


COSMO, THE PHANTOM OF DISGUISE

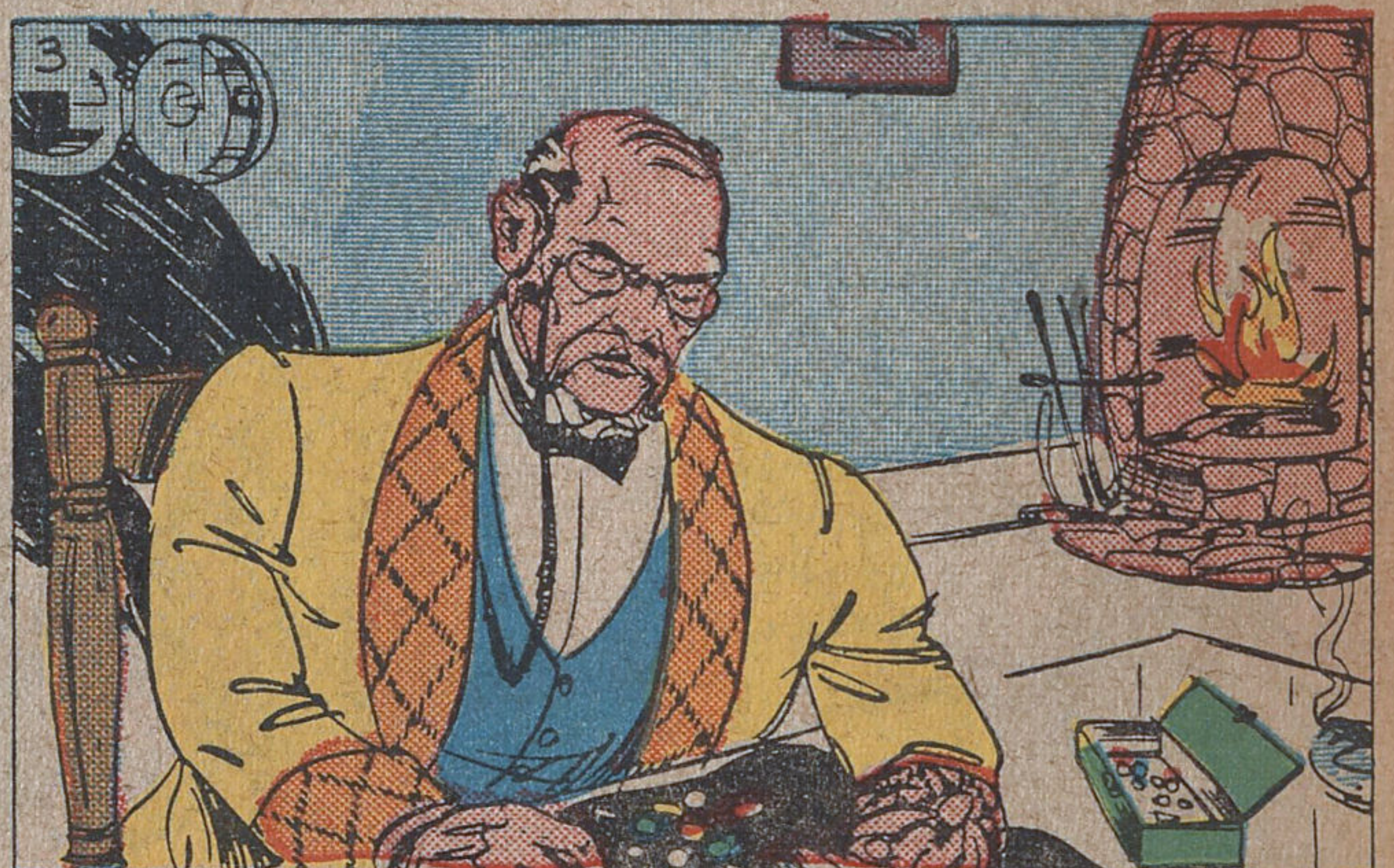
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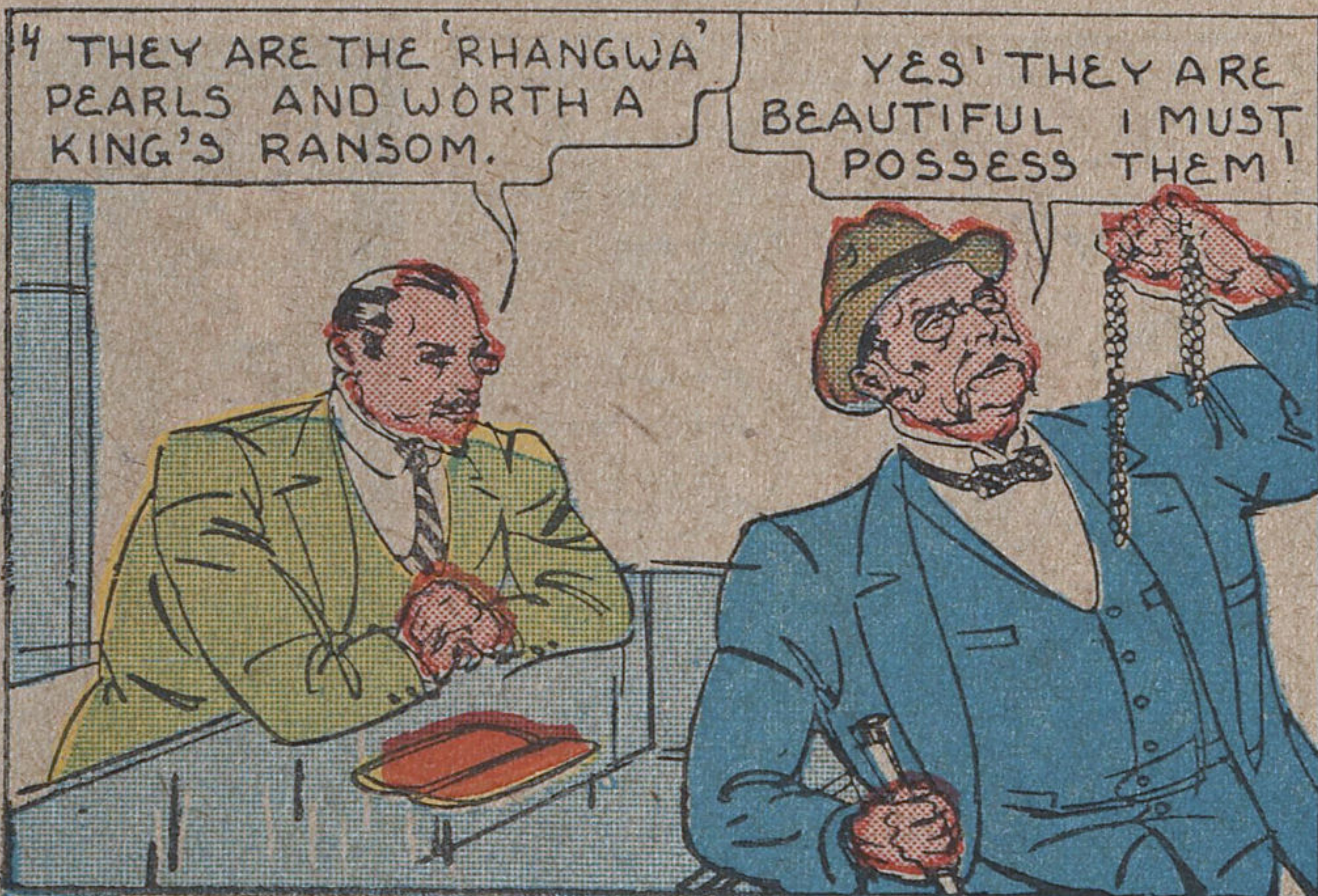
THE PALATIAL RESIDENCE OF GREGORY DILLINGWATER, AN ECCENTRIC AND EXTREMELY WEALTHY OLD MAN.



HE LIVES ALONE WITH HIS MANSERVANT, BUCKLEY

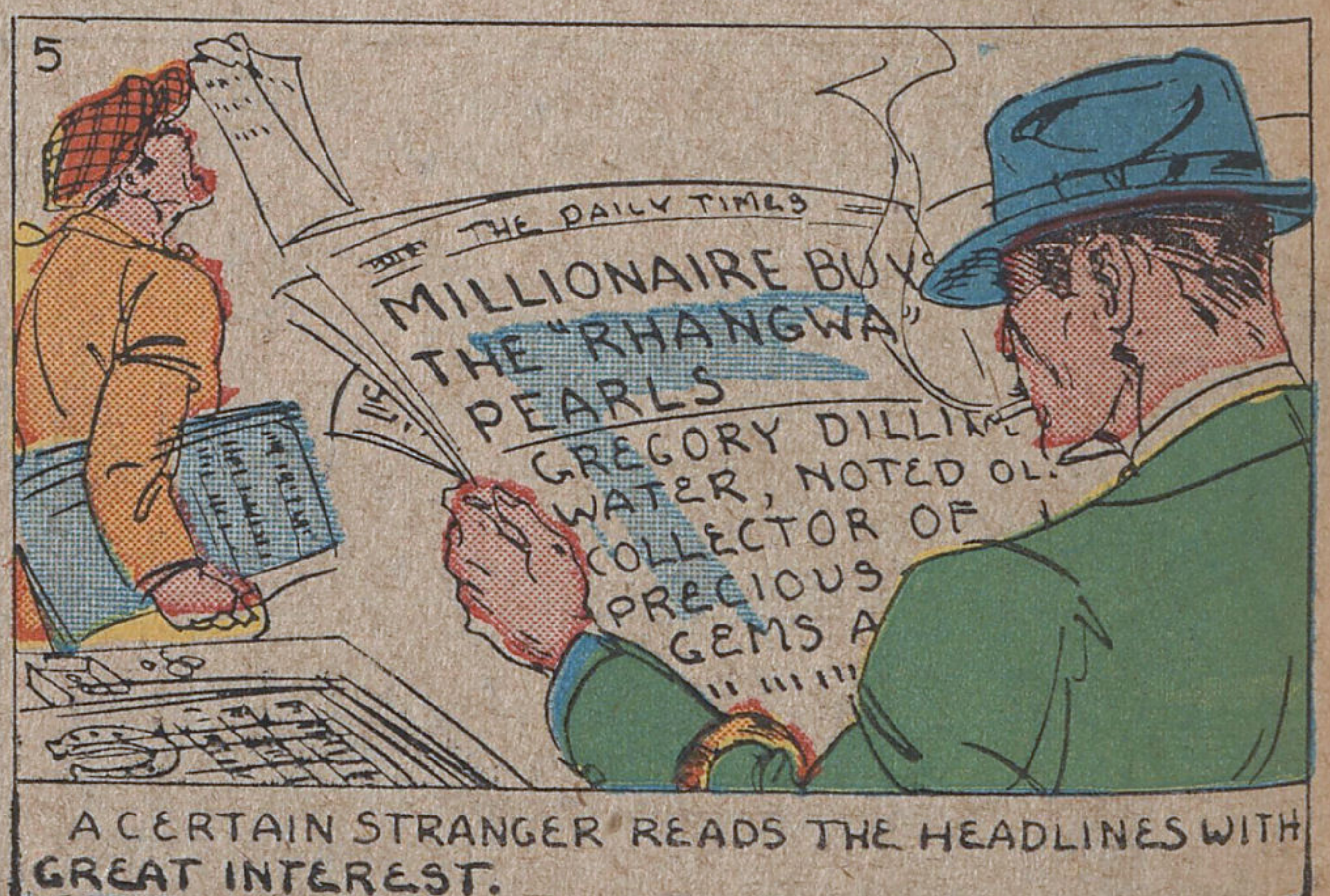


DILLINGWATER COLLECTS PRECIOUS GEMS AS A HOBBY.

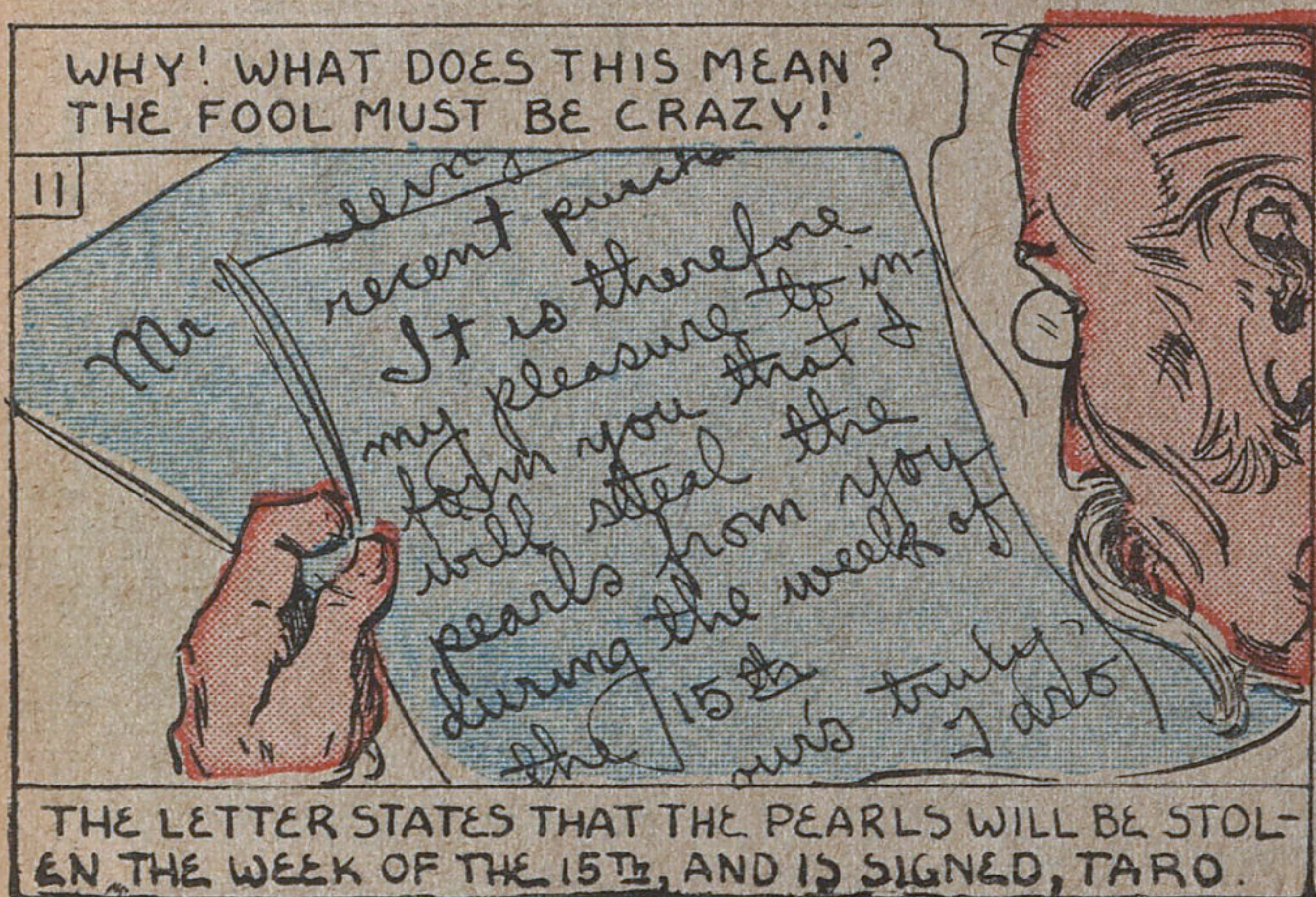
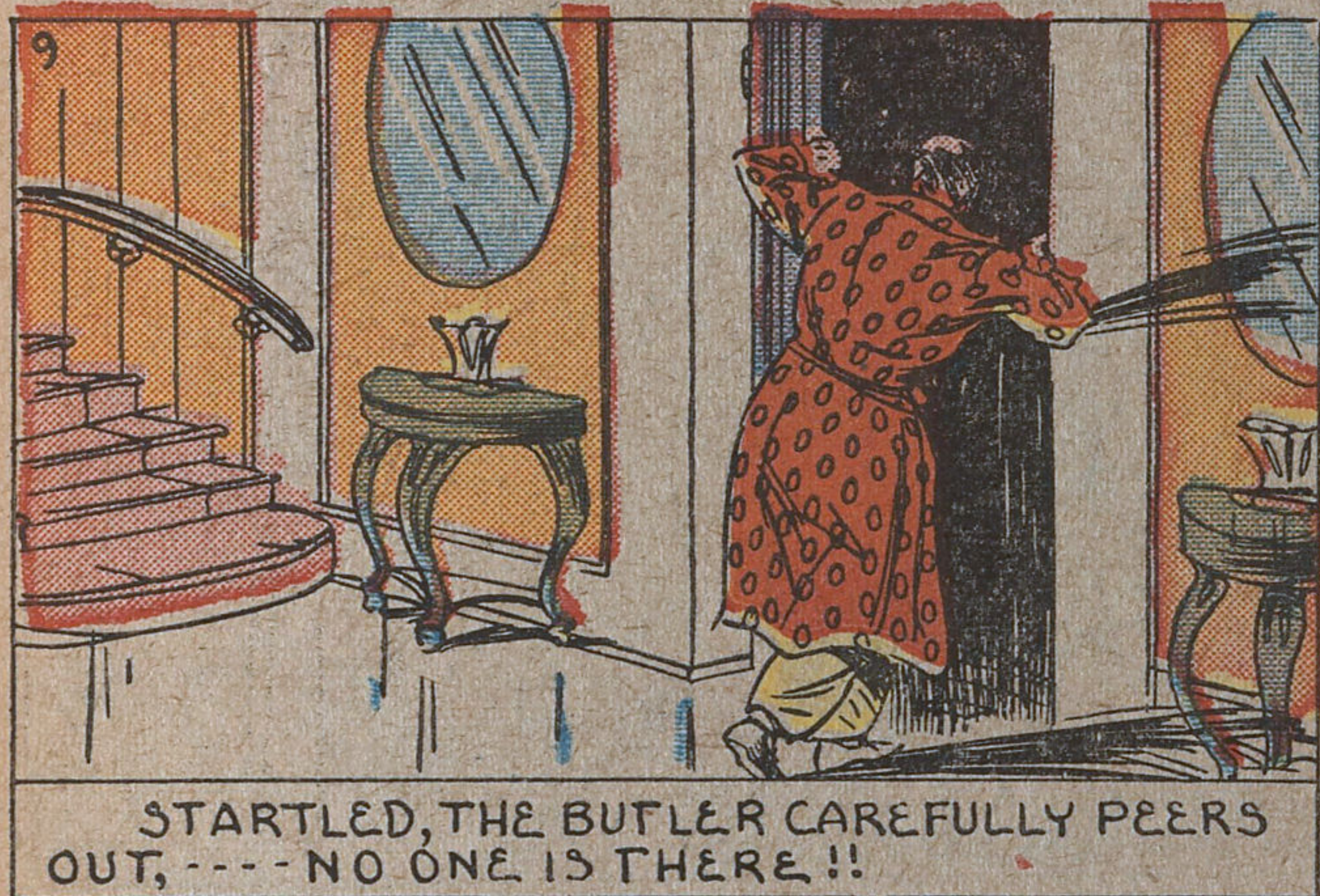
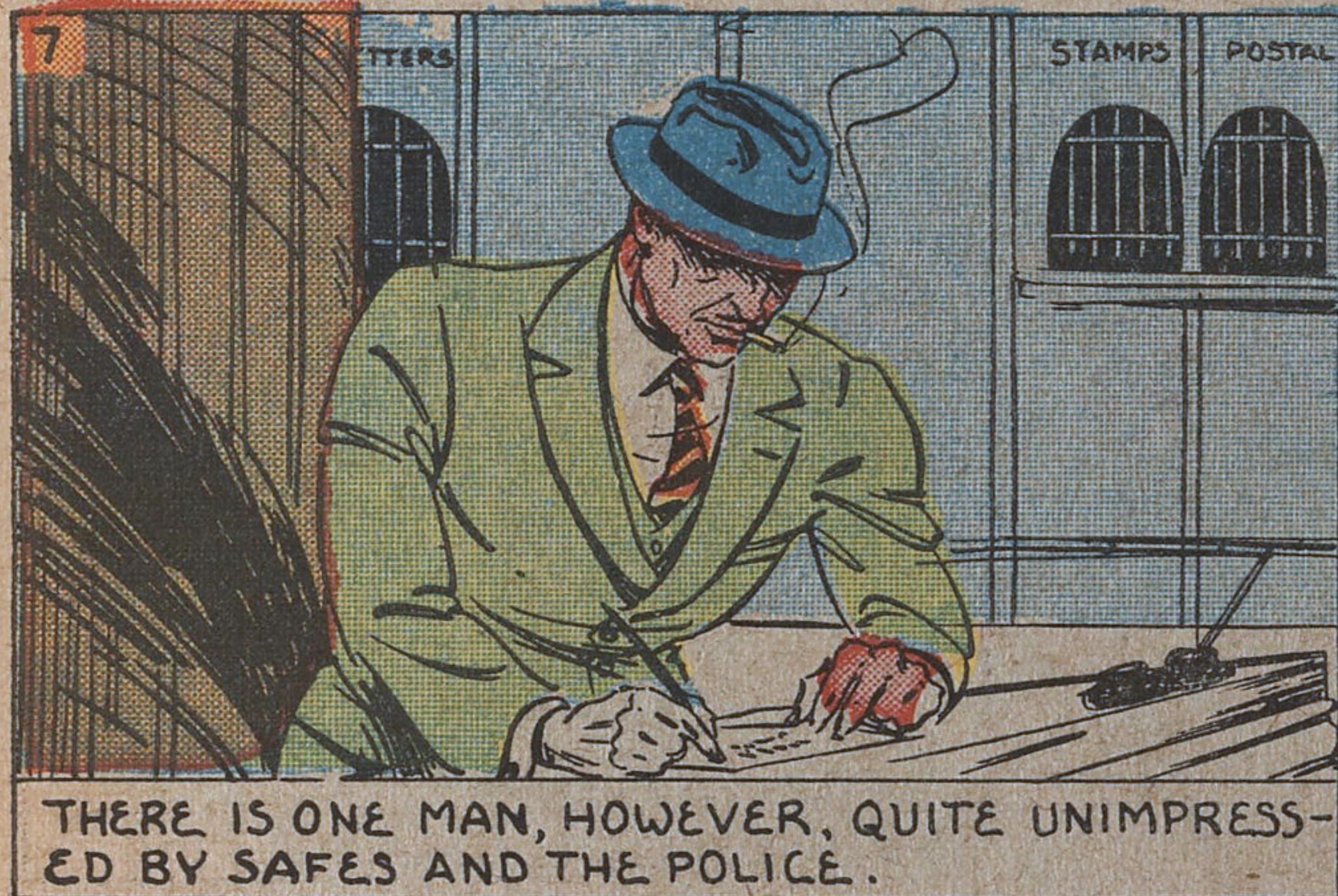
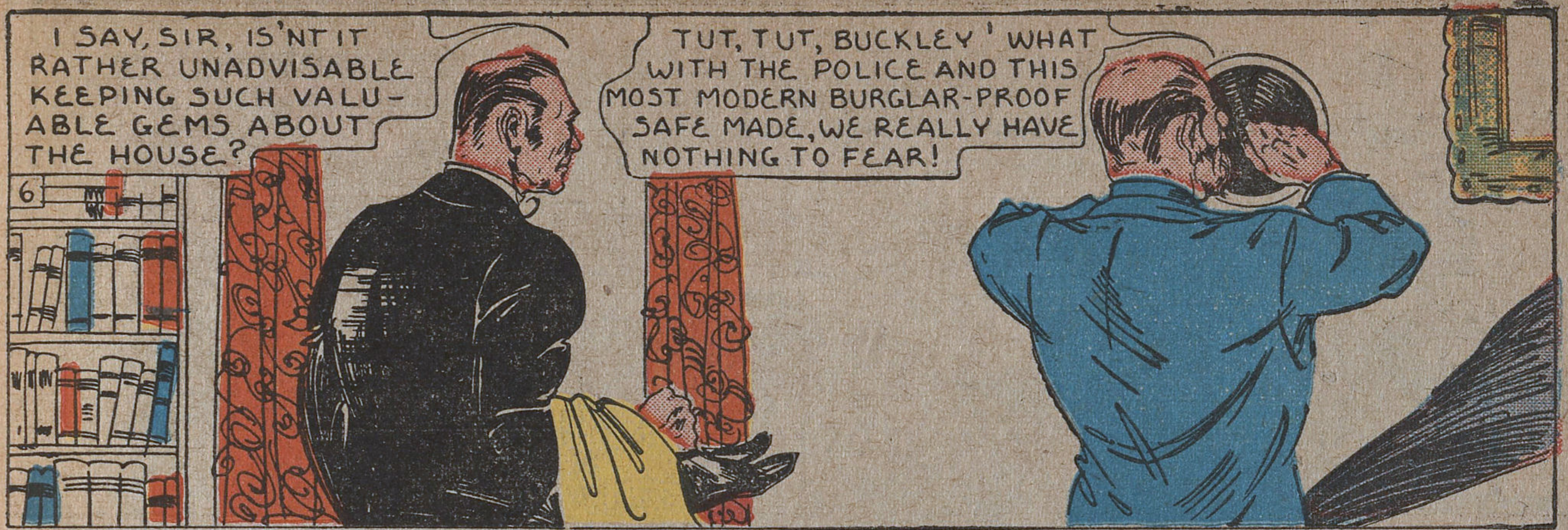


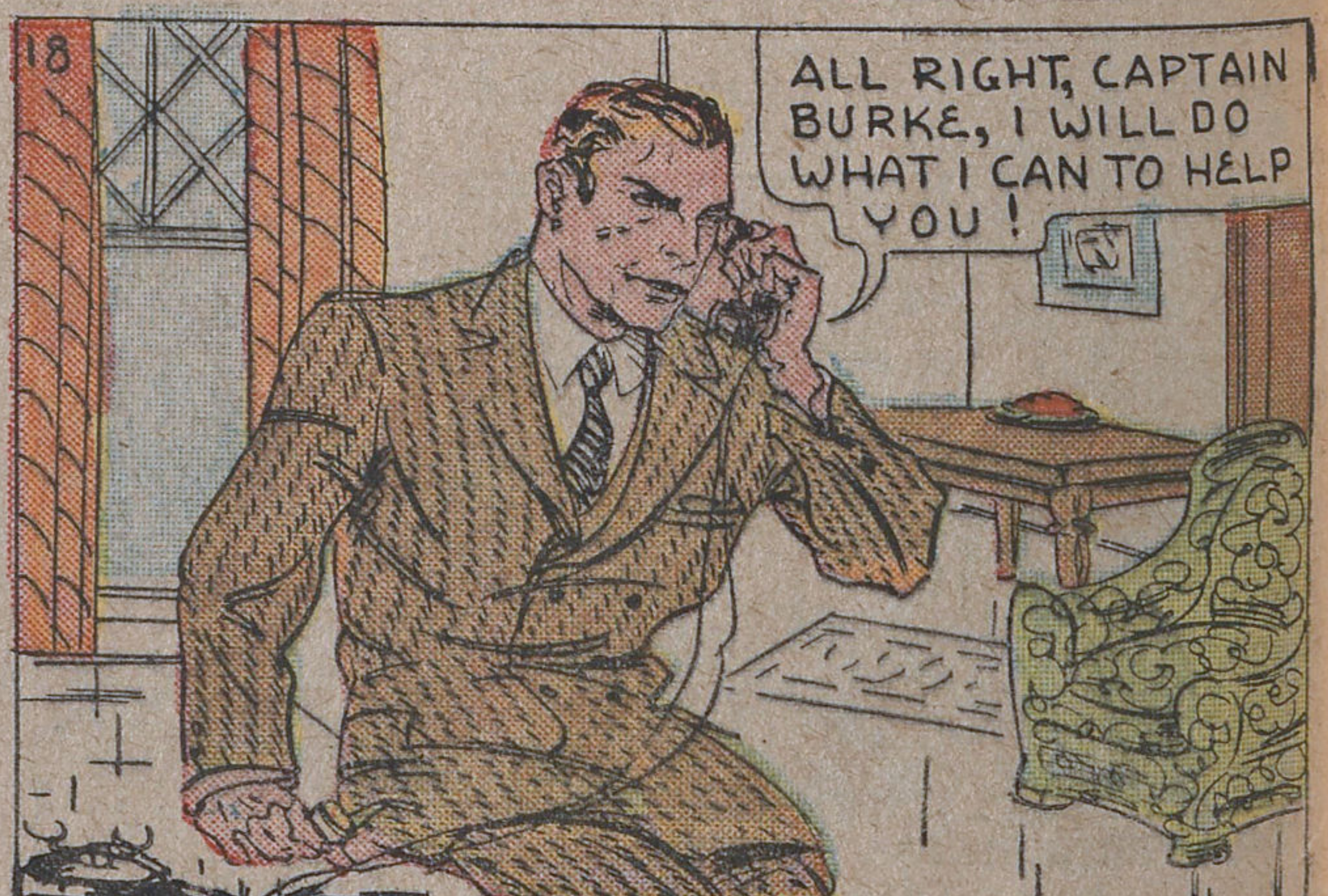
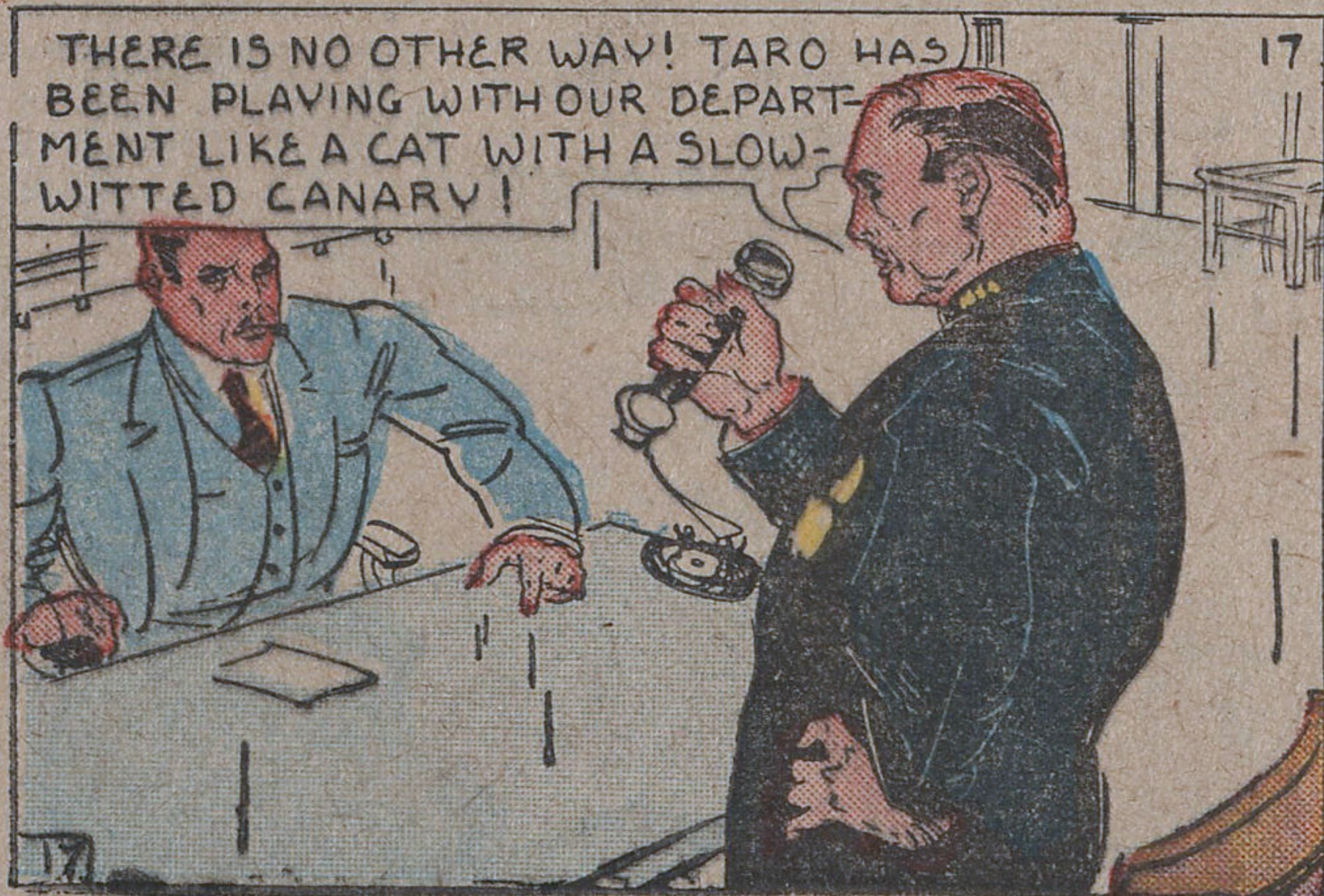
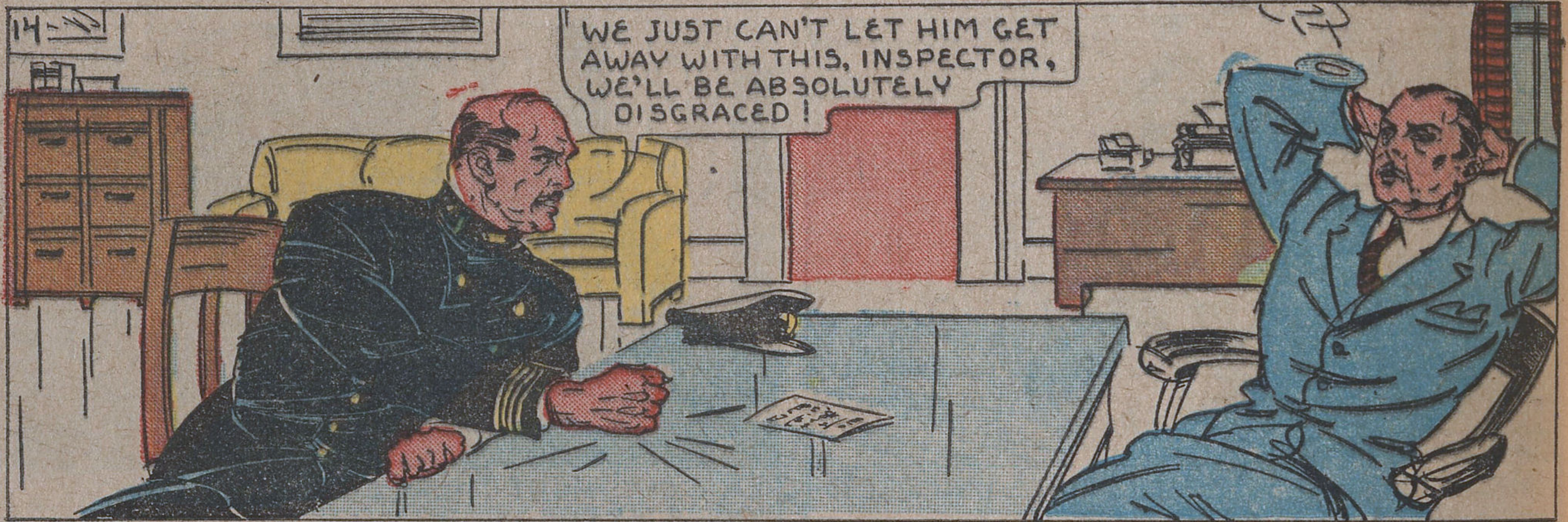
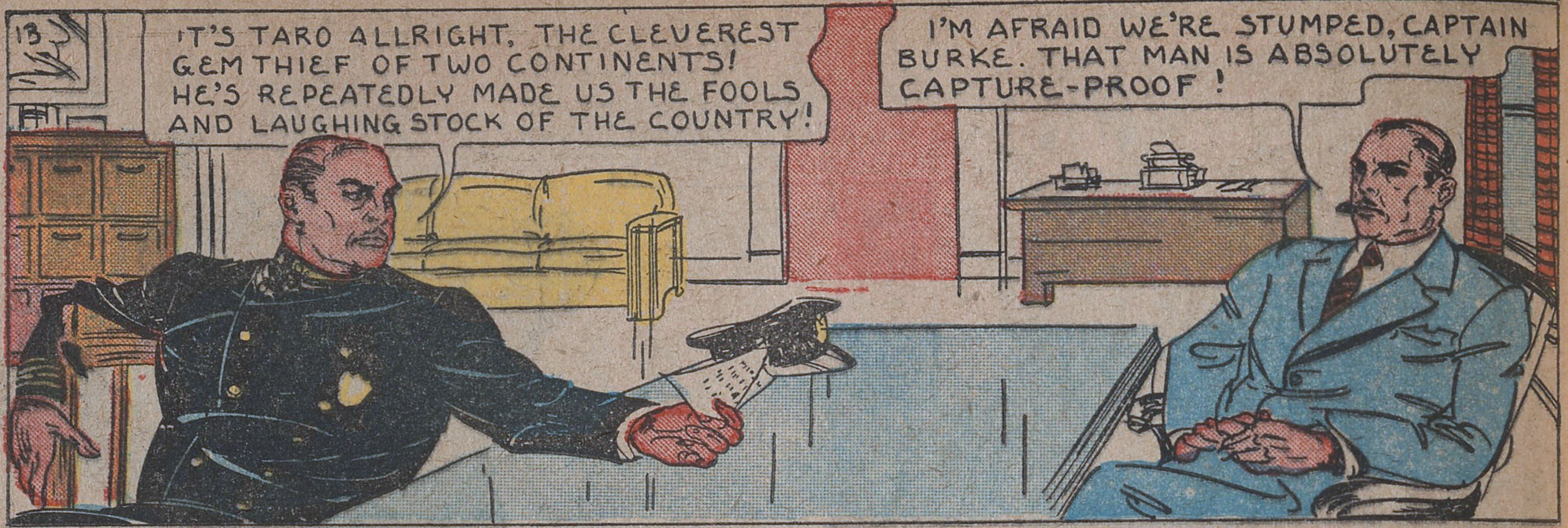
4 THEY ARE THE 'RHANGWA' PEARLS AND WORTH A KING'S RANSOM.

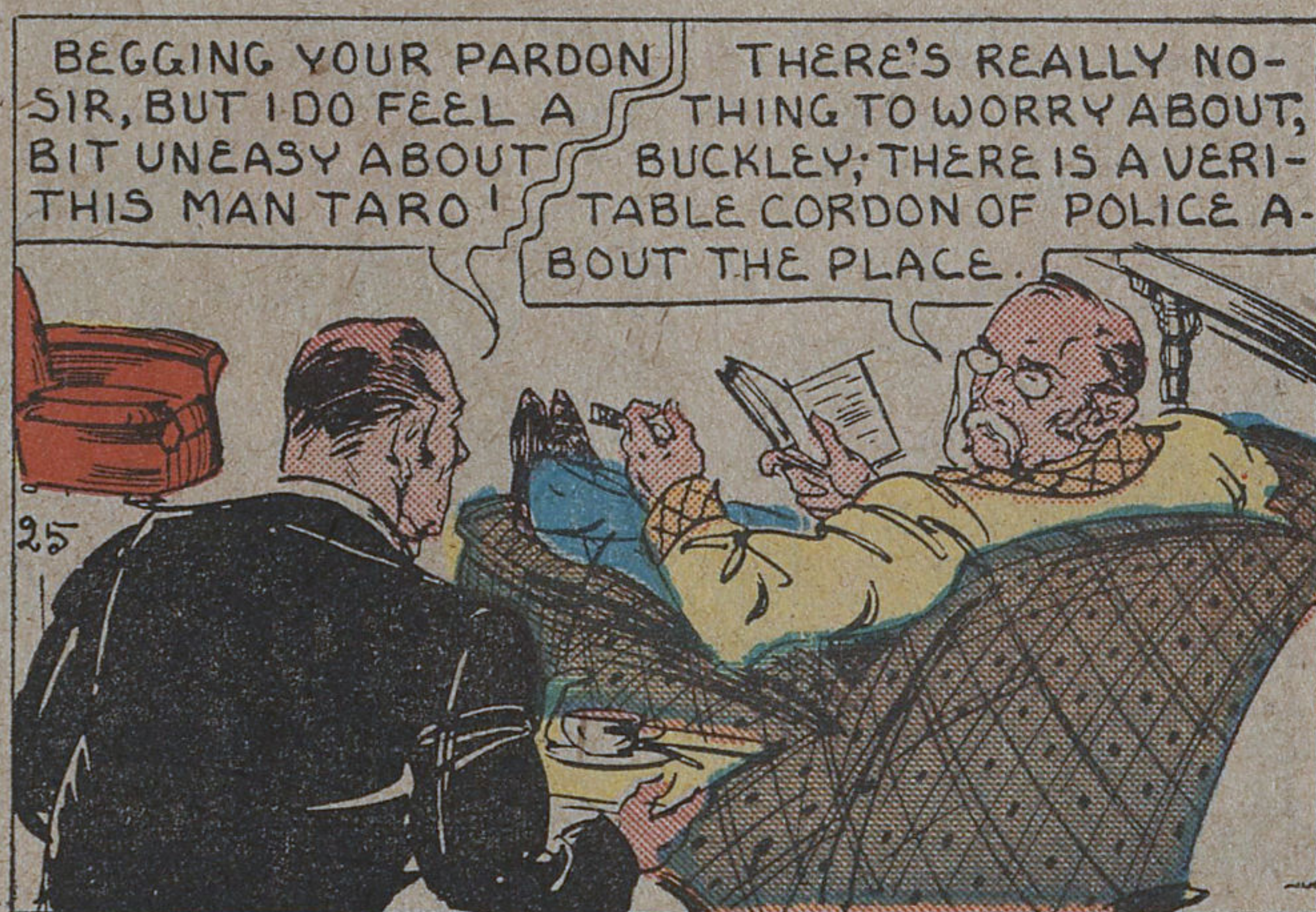
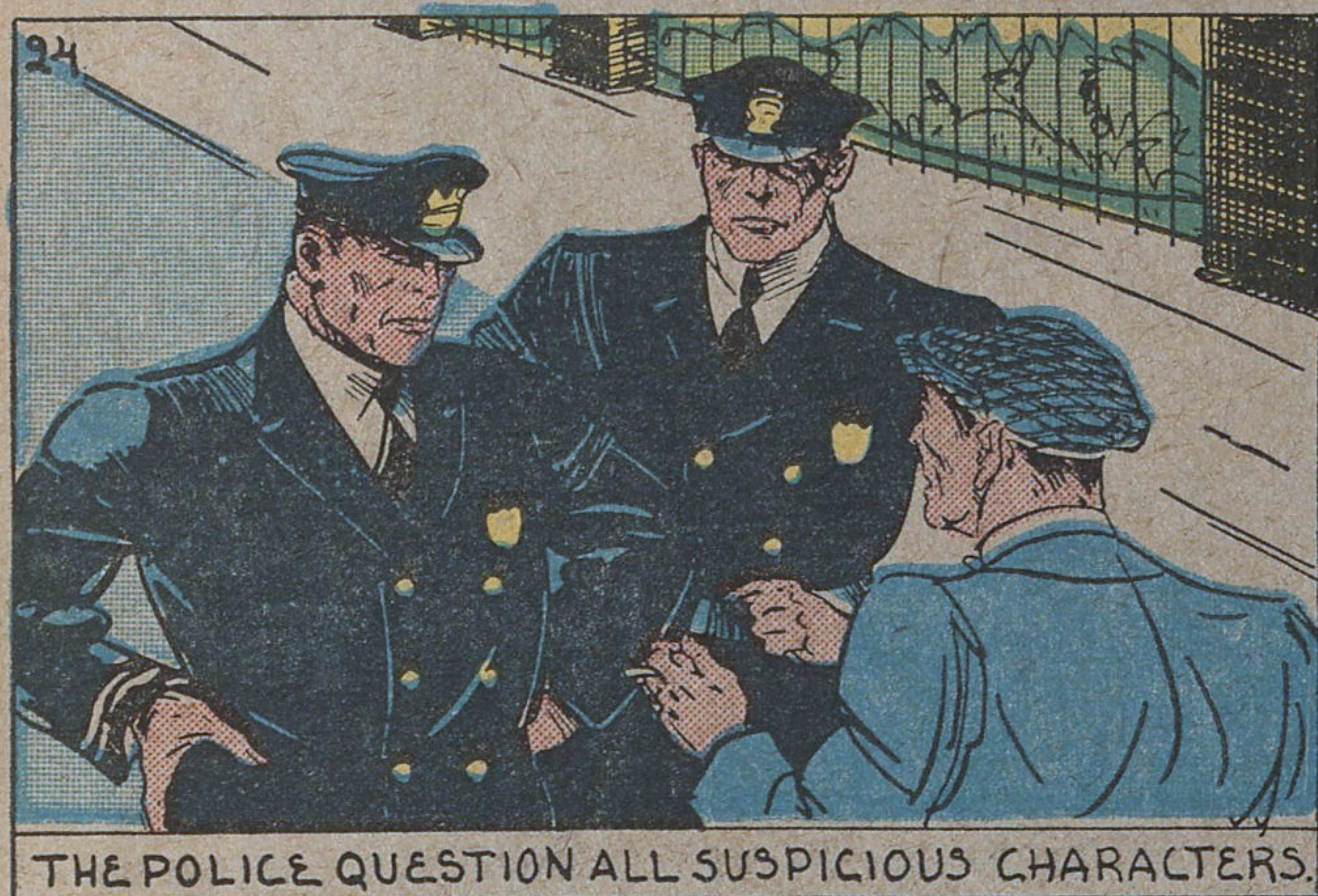
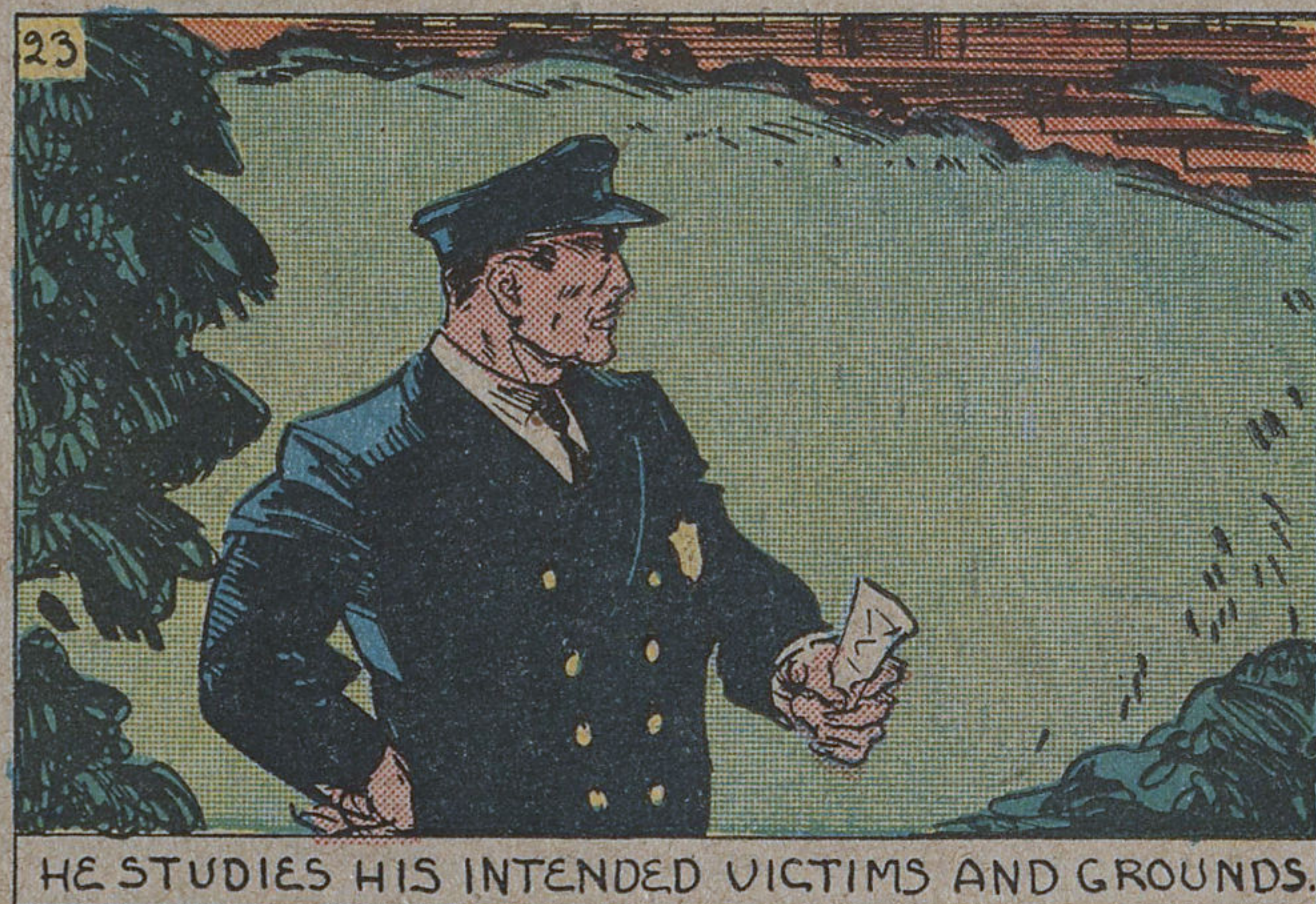
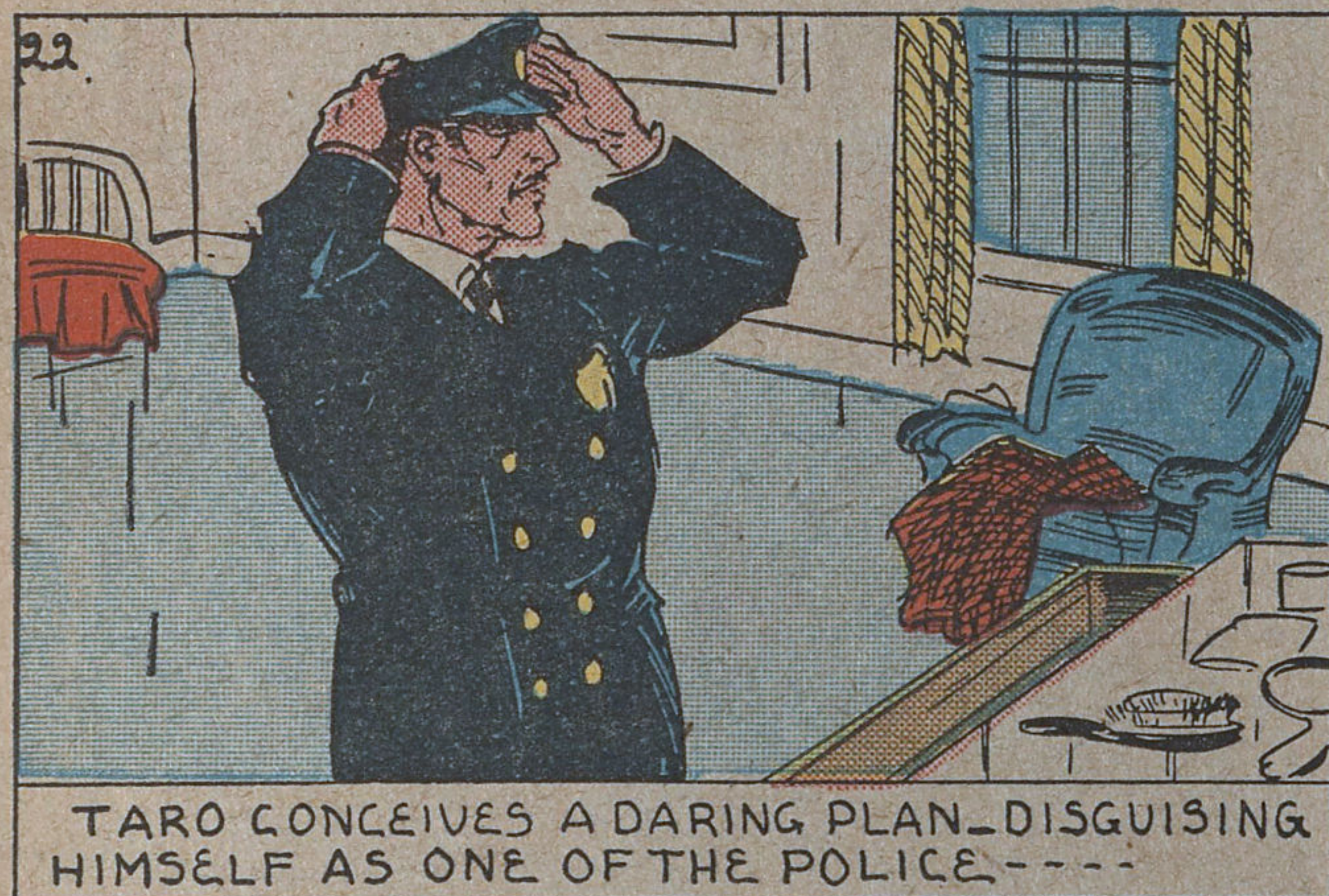
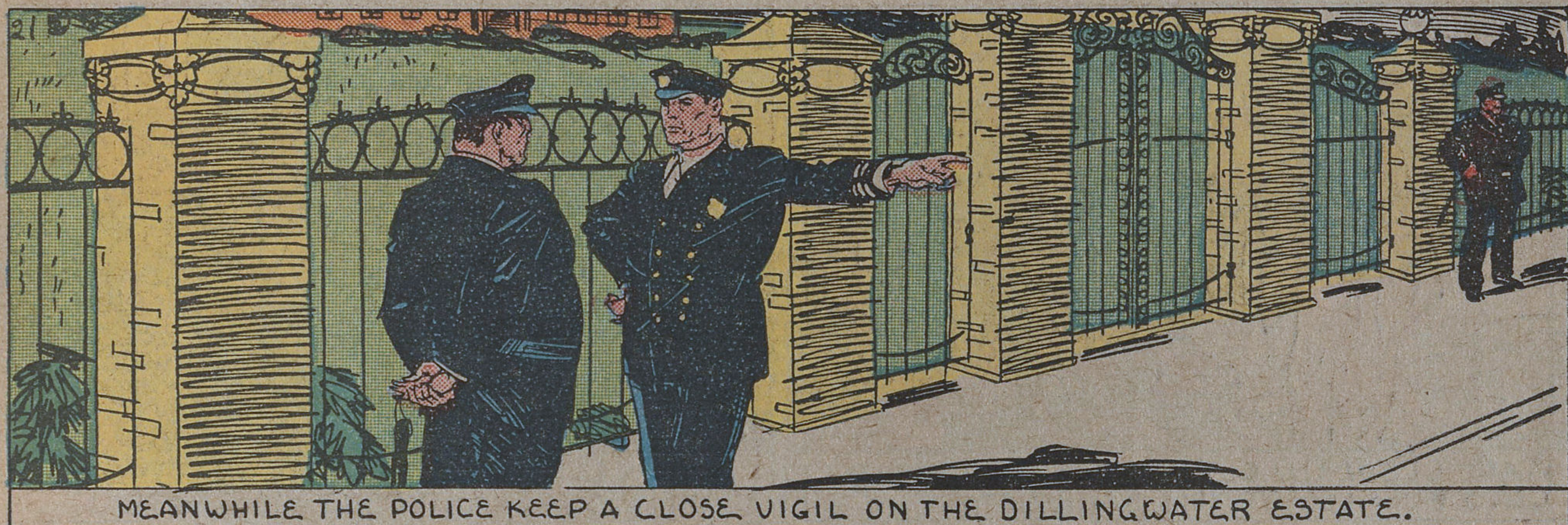
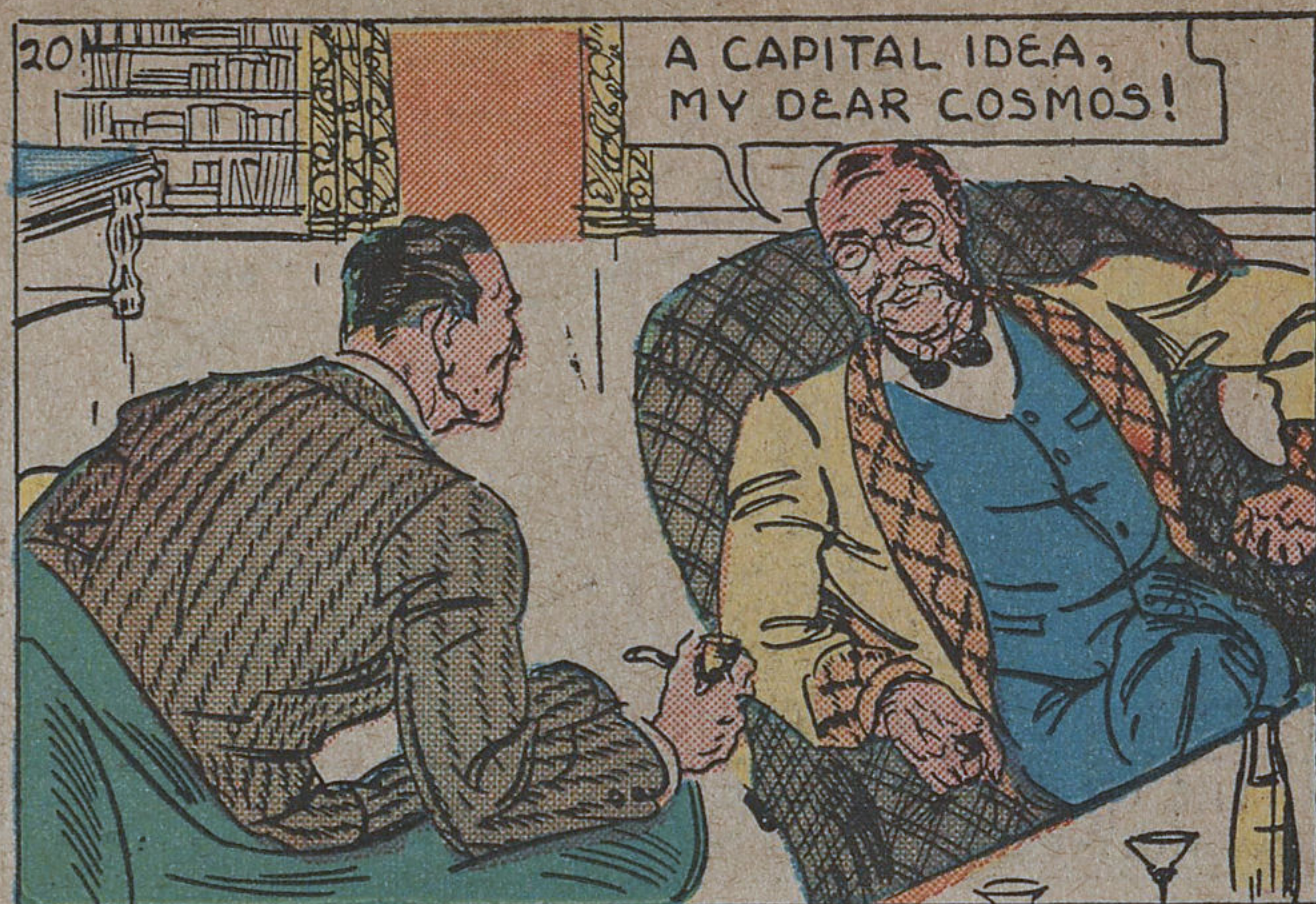
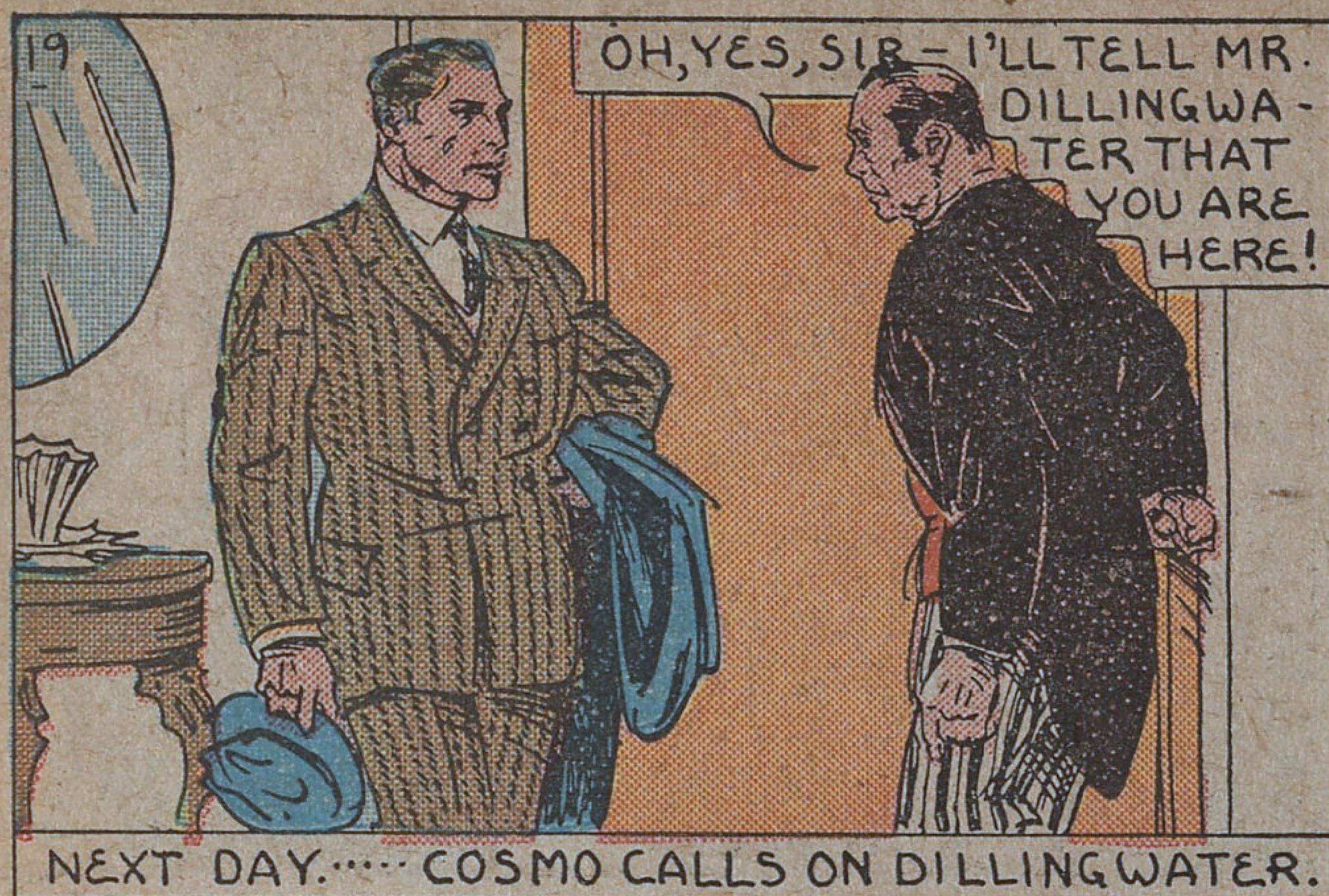
YES! THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL I MUST POSSESS THEM!



A CERTAIN STRANGER READS THE HEADLINES WITH GREAT INTEREST.





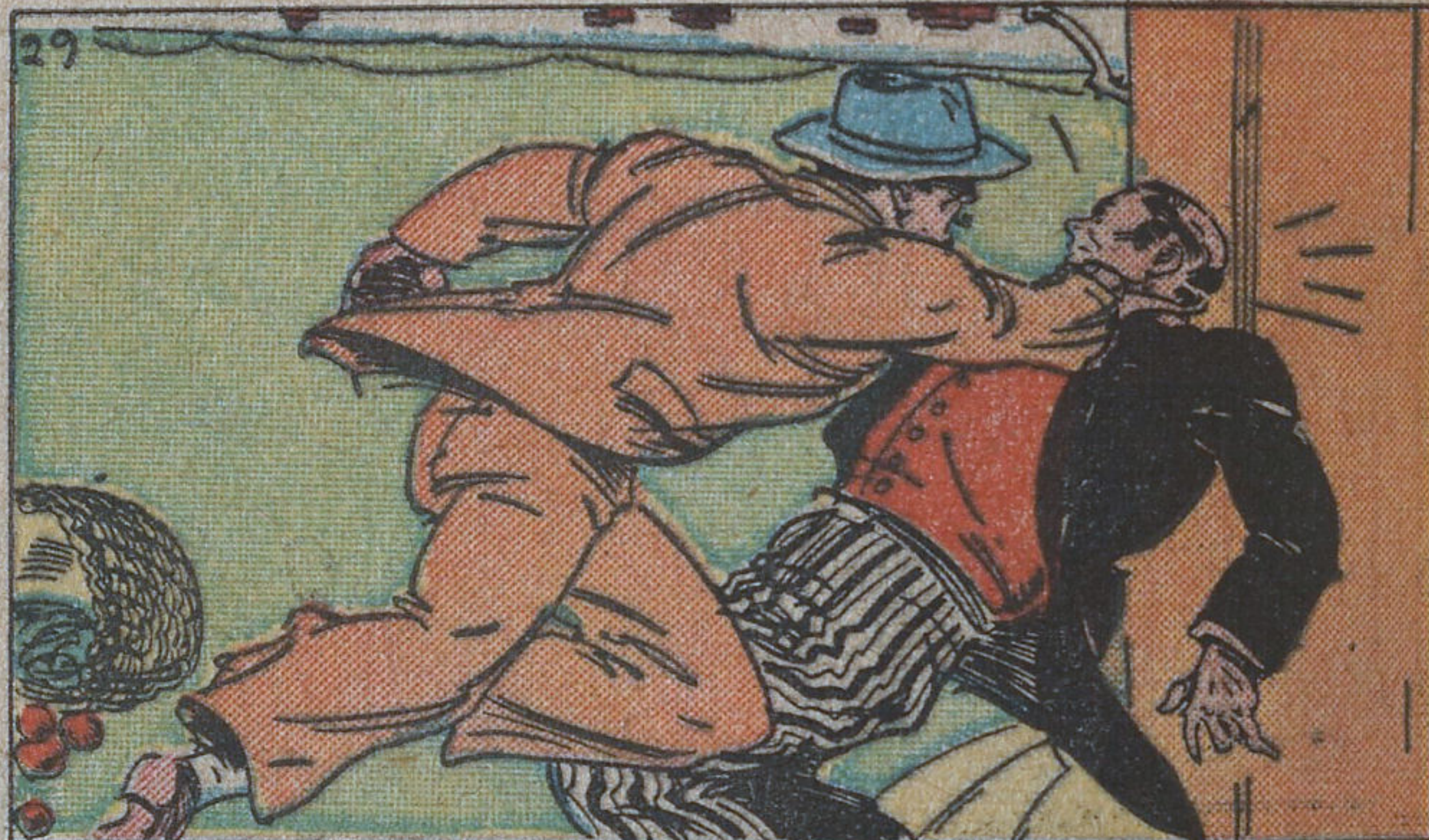




THE WEEK OF THE 15TH
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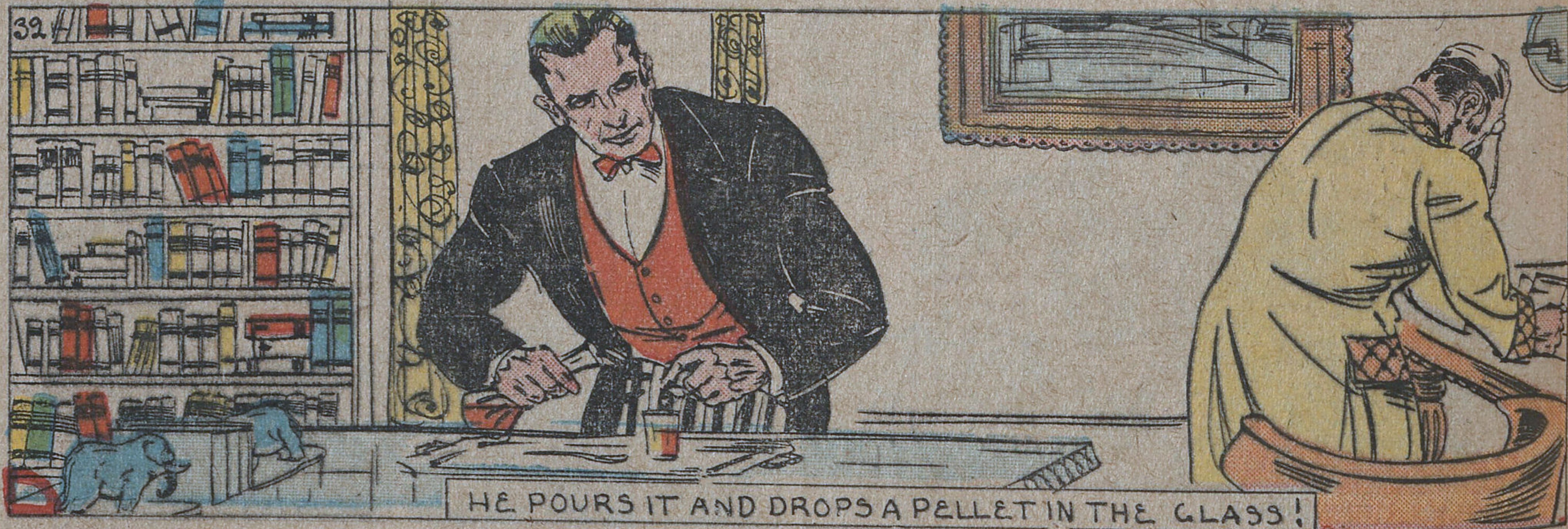
TARO CLEVERLY GETS BY THE POLICE, AND
GETS BUCKLEY TO THE BACK-DOOR.

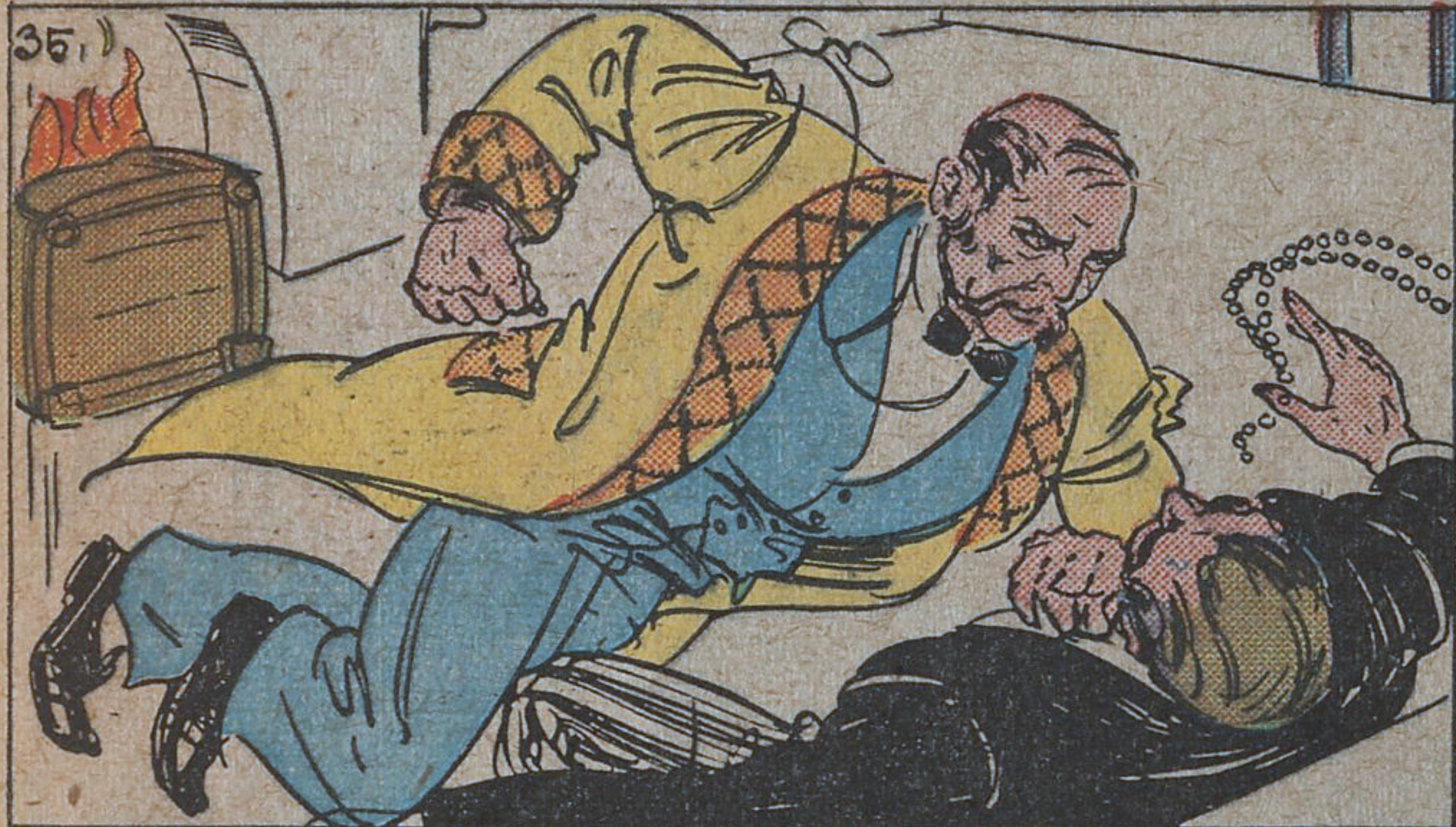
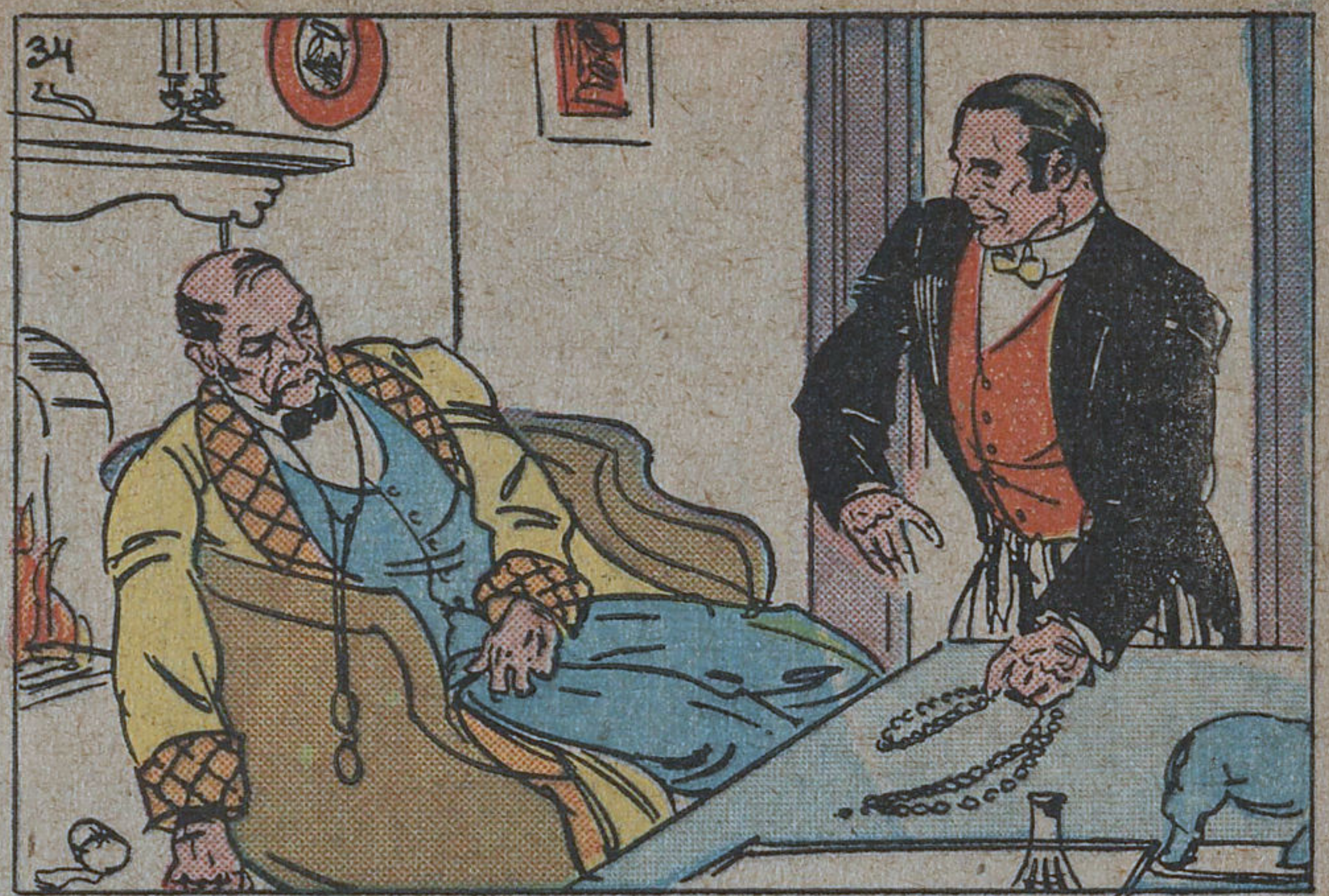
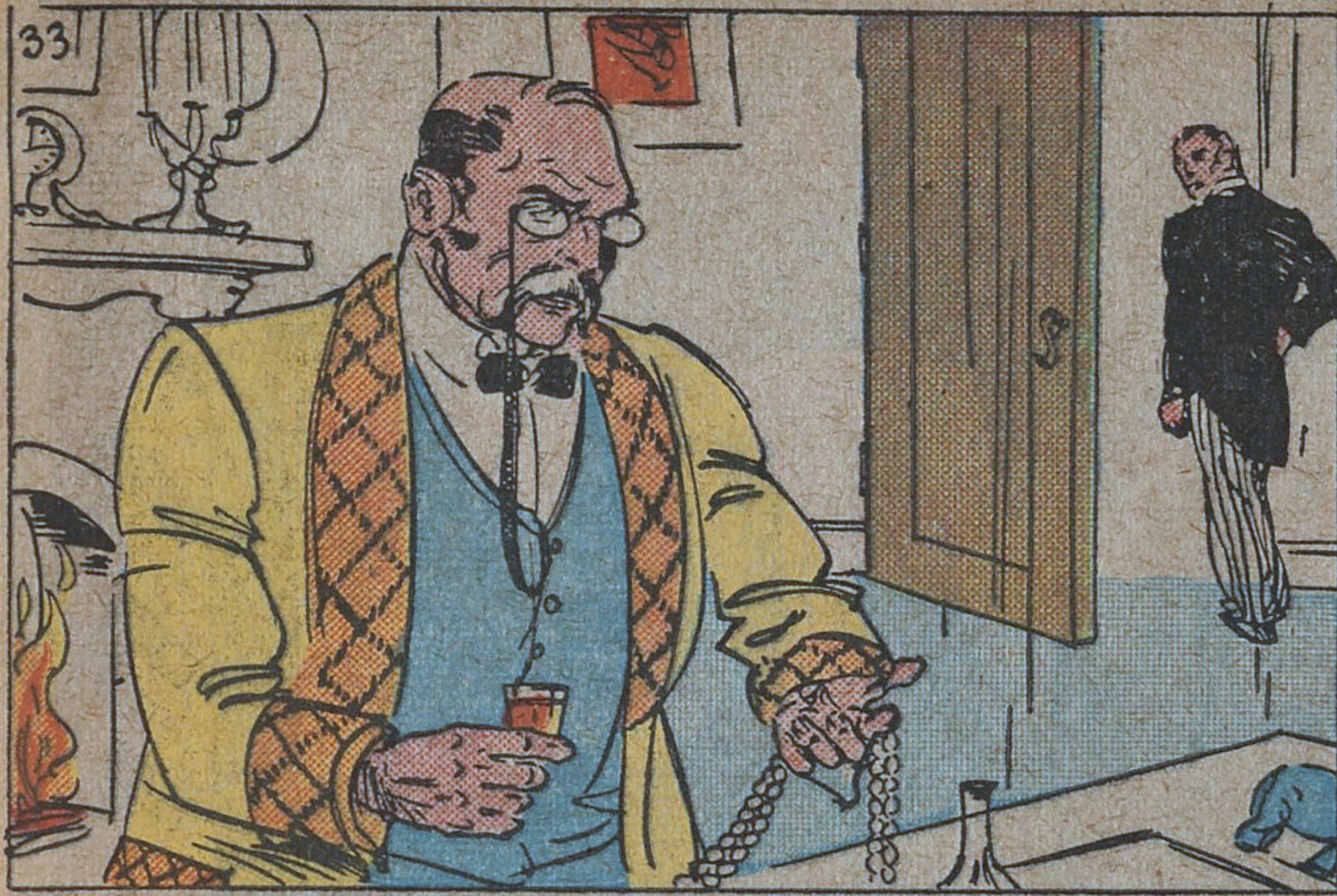


HE LEAPS UPON THE UNSUSPECTING BUCK-
LEY, BINDS HIM AND DONS HIS CLOTHES.



OLD DILLINGWATER IS ADMIRING HIS PRECIOUS
PEARLS.

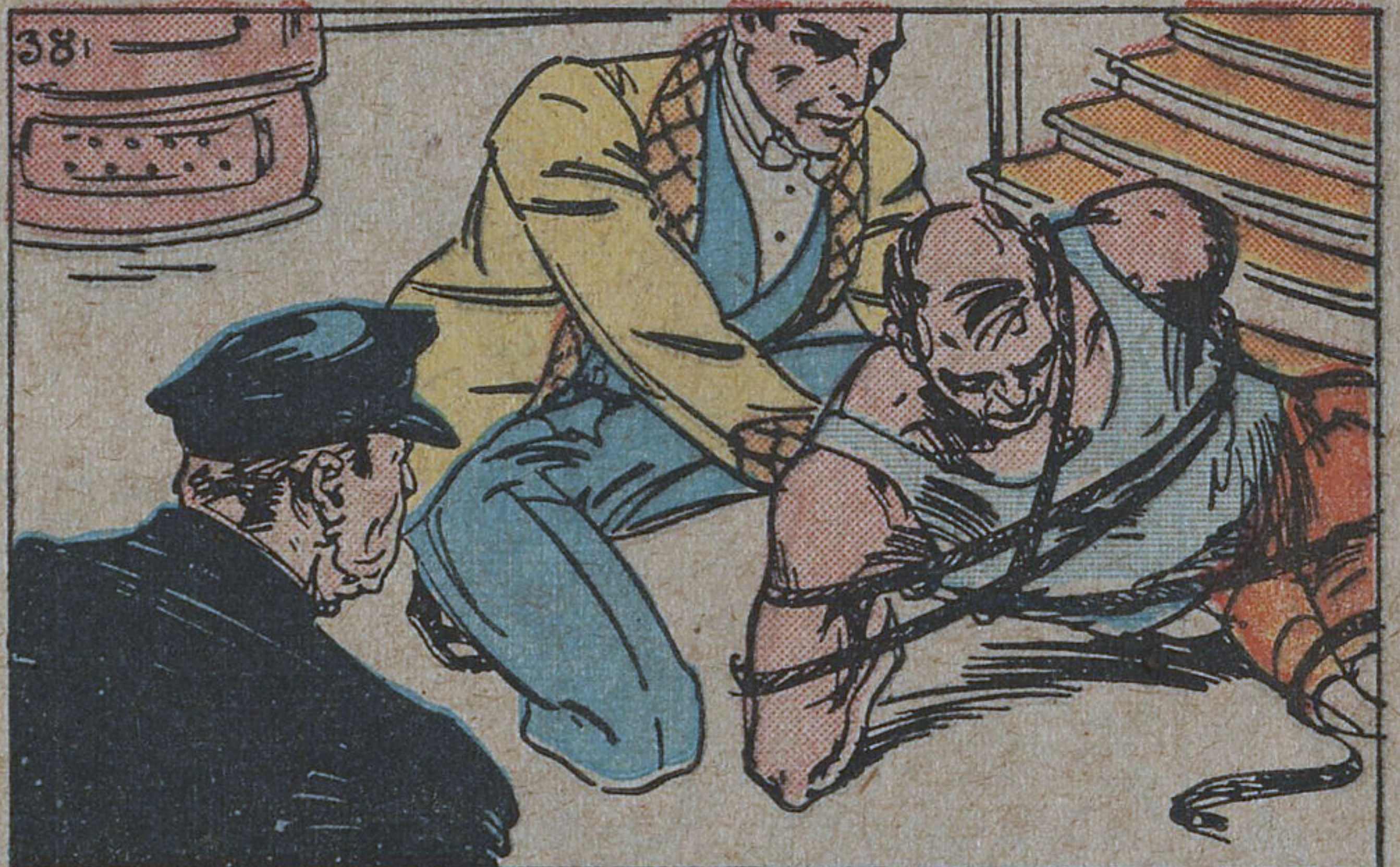




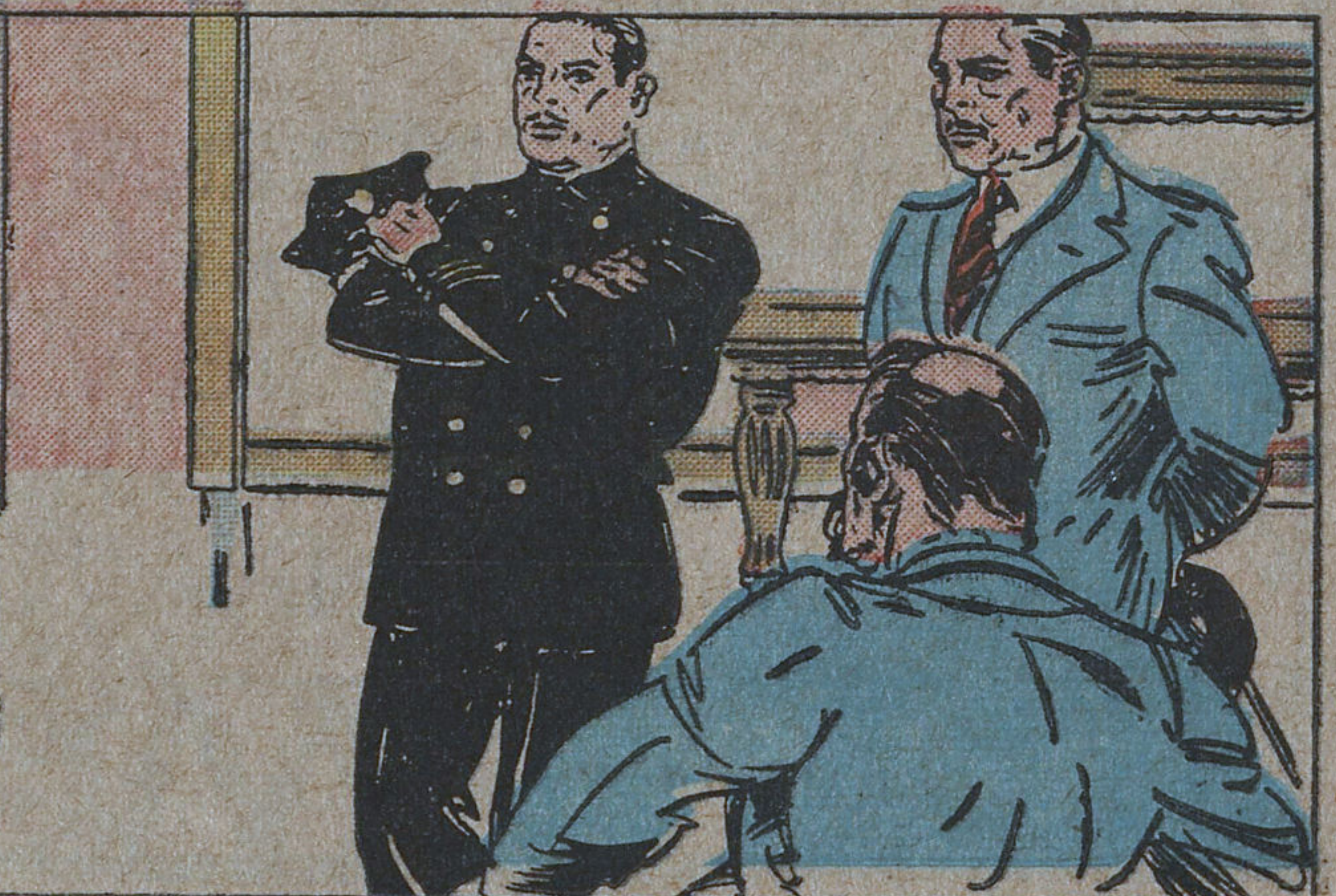
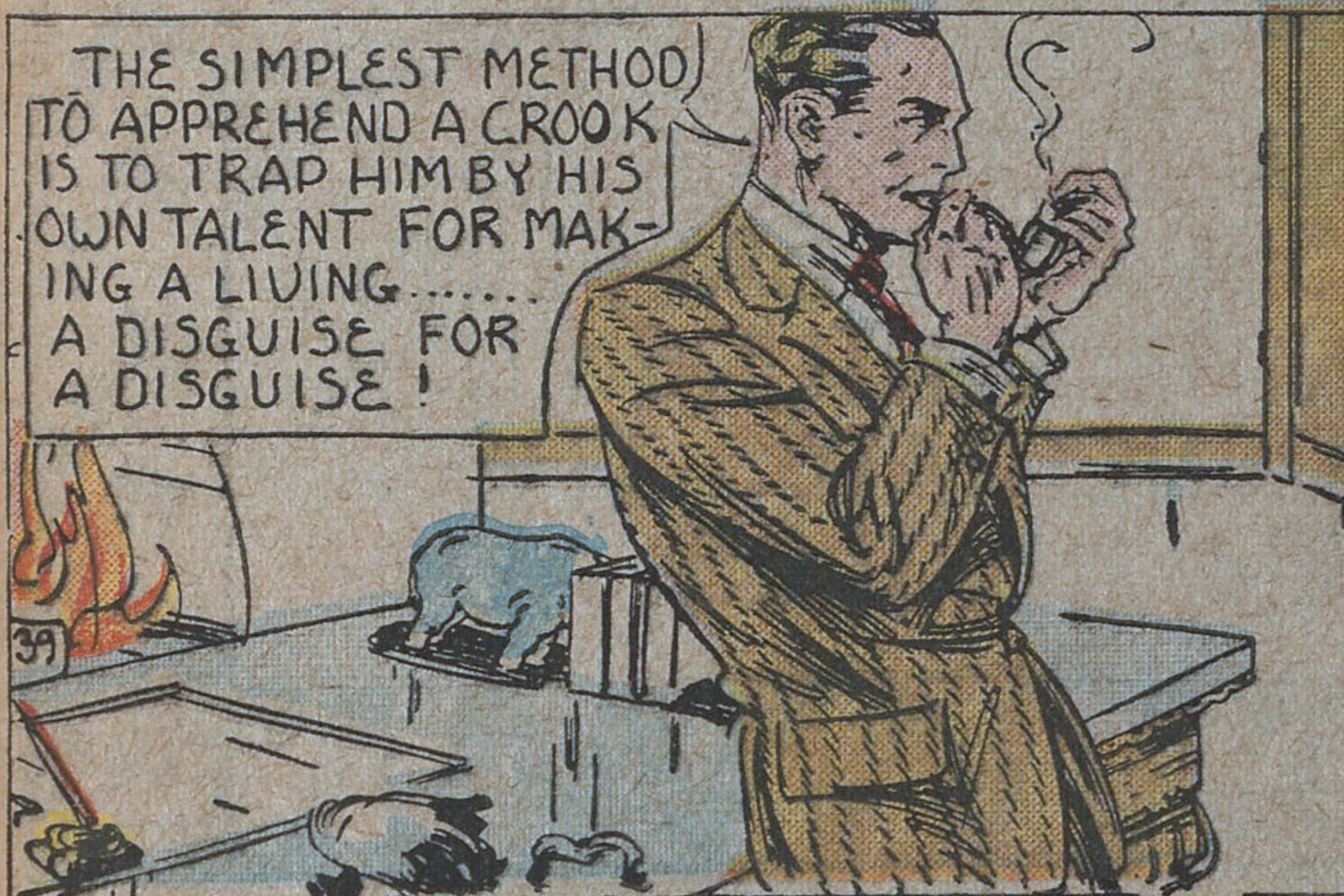
SUDDENLY DILLINGWATER SPRINGS UPON TARO, OVERPOWERS AND HANDCUFFS HIM.



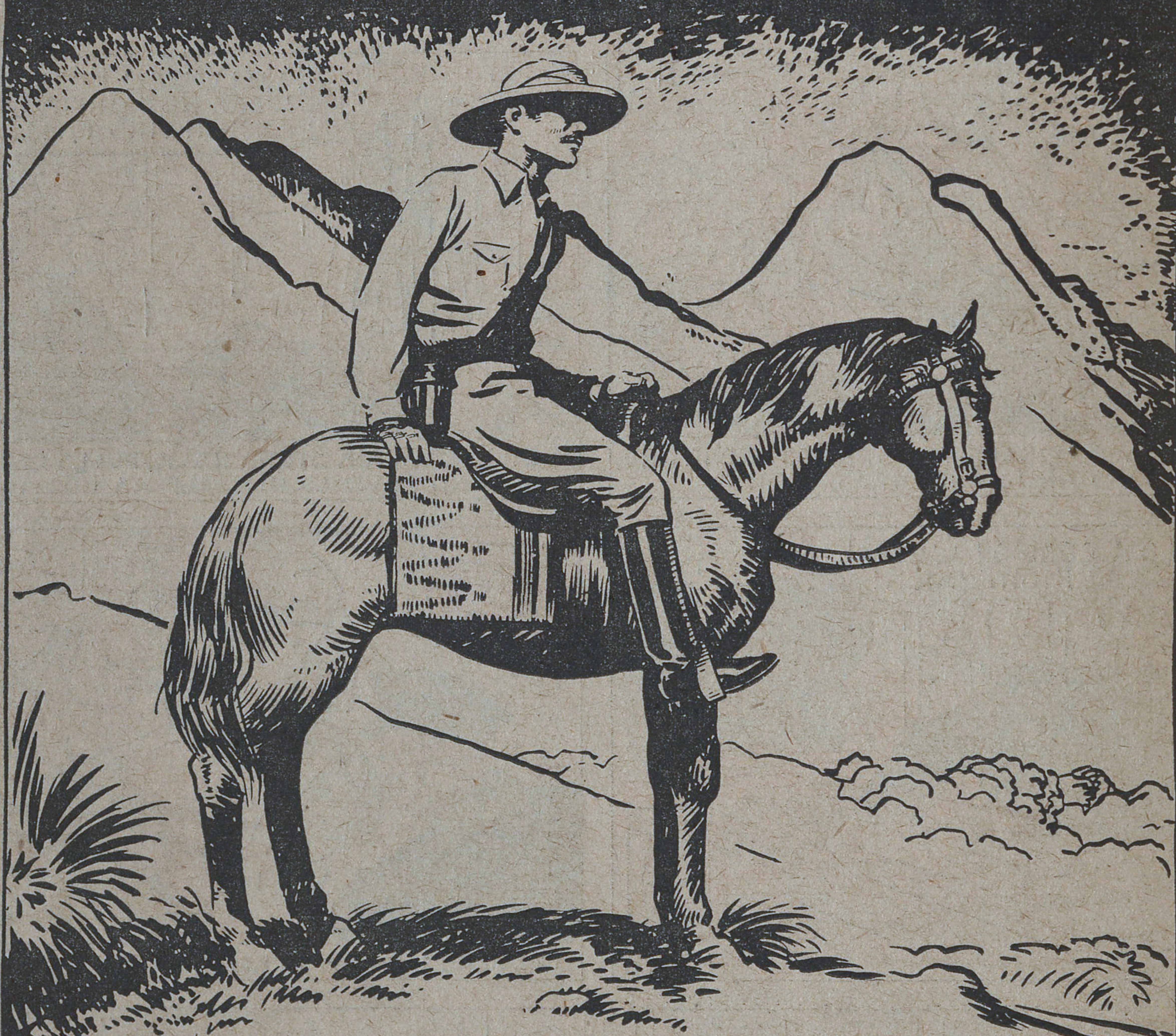
DILLINGWATER STEPS BACK, PULLS OFF THE WIG, AND REVEALS HIMSELF AS COSMO.



THE REAL BUCKLEY IS RELEASED FROM THE CELLAR.

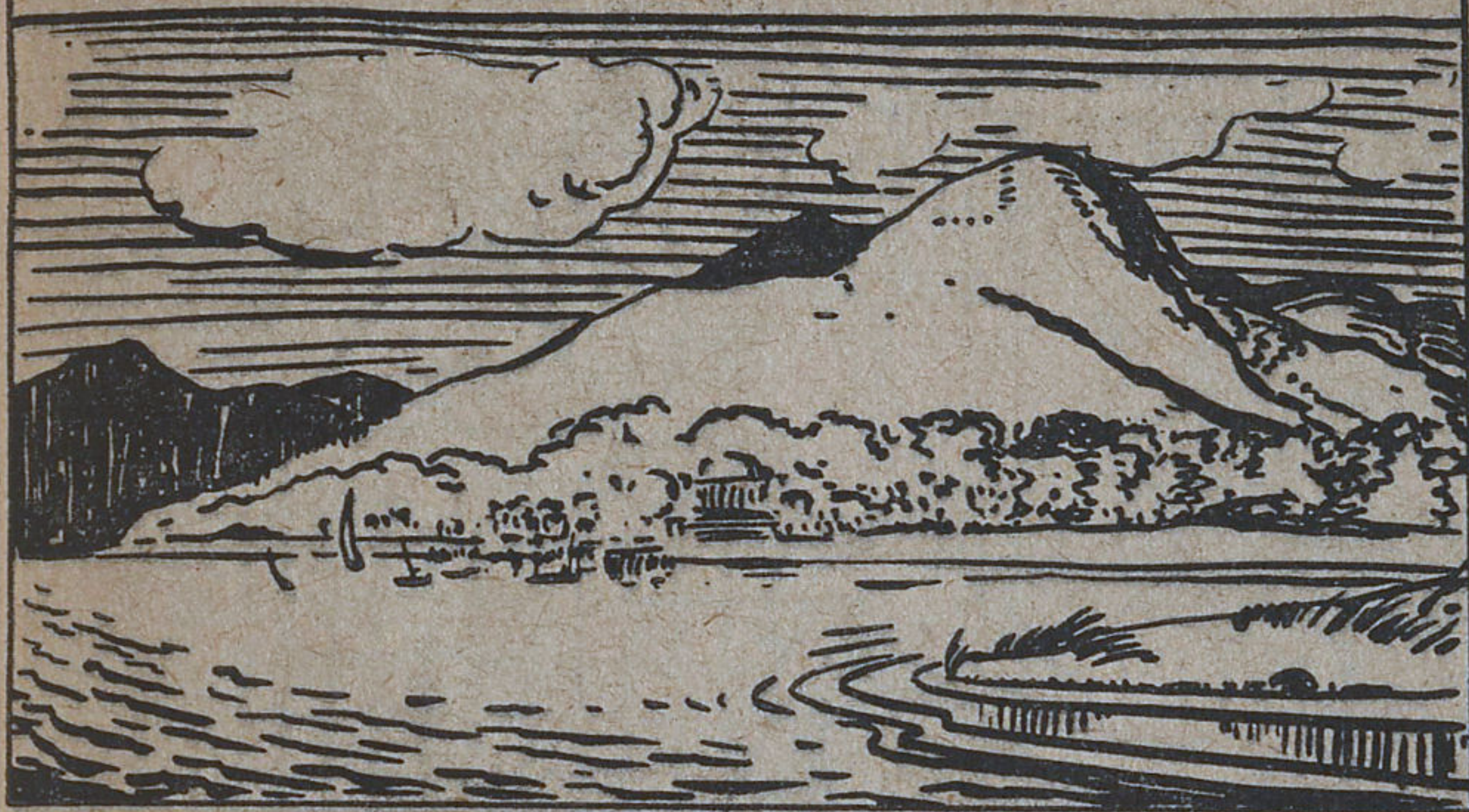


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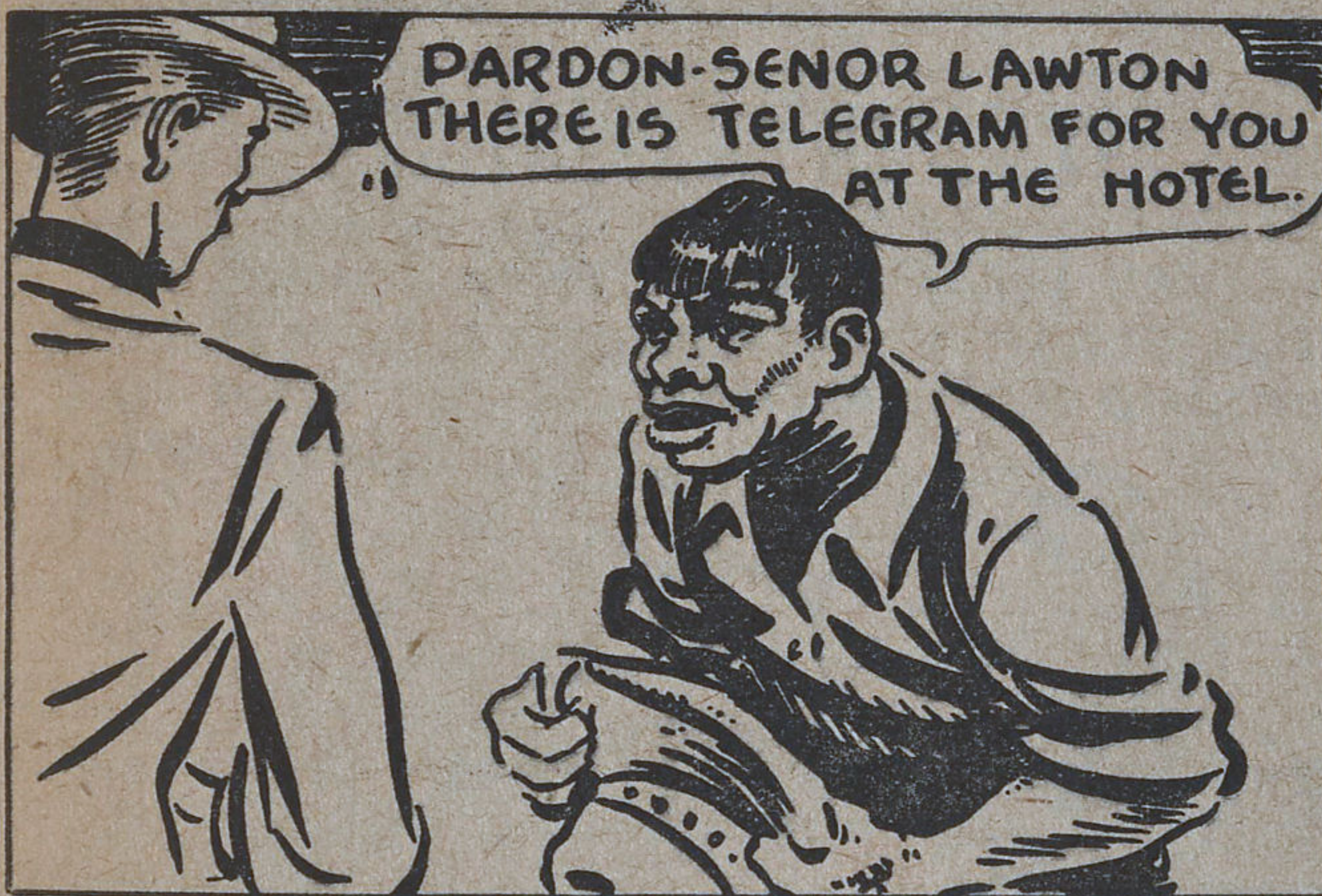


THE ACE INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE IS CONFRONTED WITH A SERIES OF BAFFLING MURDERS. MYSTERY AND ADVENTURE LURK AT EVERY STEP AS HE PENETRATES THE SILENT PERUVIAN JUNGLES.

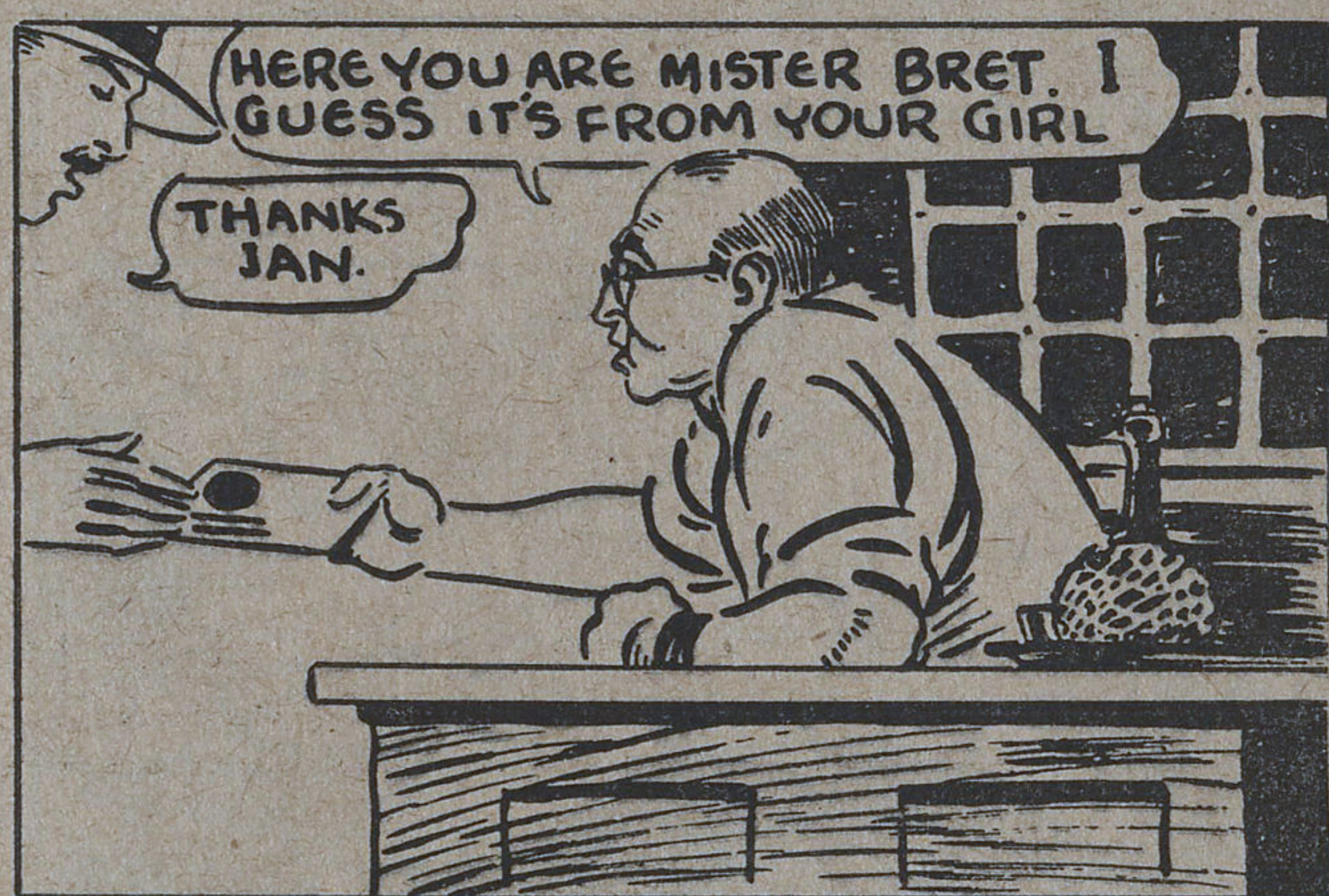
CRISTOBAL, PANAMA. A QUIET TOWN IN CENTRAL AMERICA WHERE MANY TOURISTS SPEND THEIR VACATIONS.



BRET LAWTON!

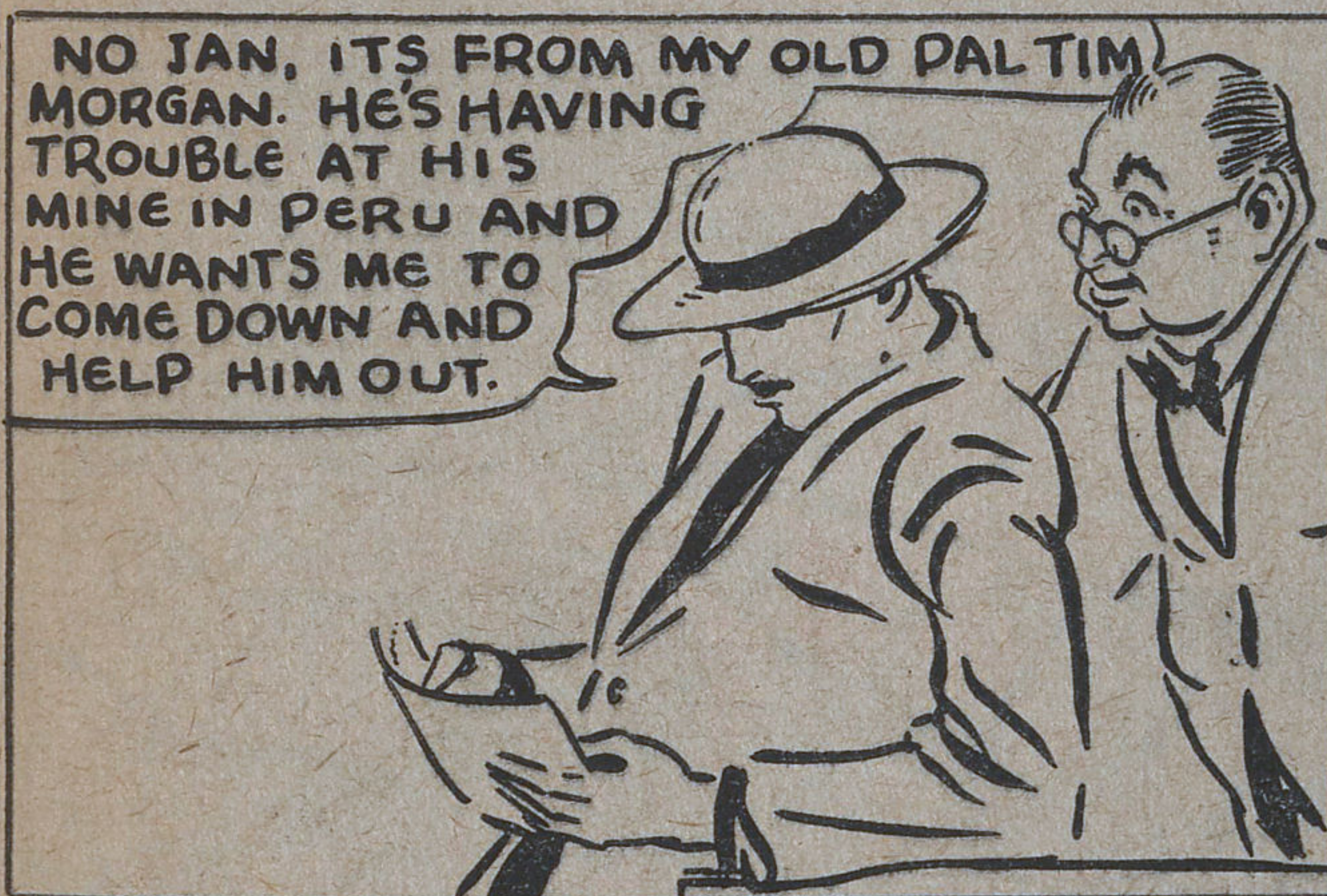


PARDON-SEÑOR LAWTON THERE IS TELEGRAM FOR YOU AT THE HOTEL.

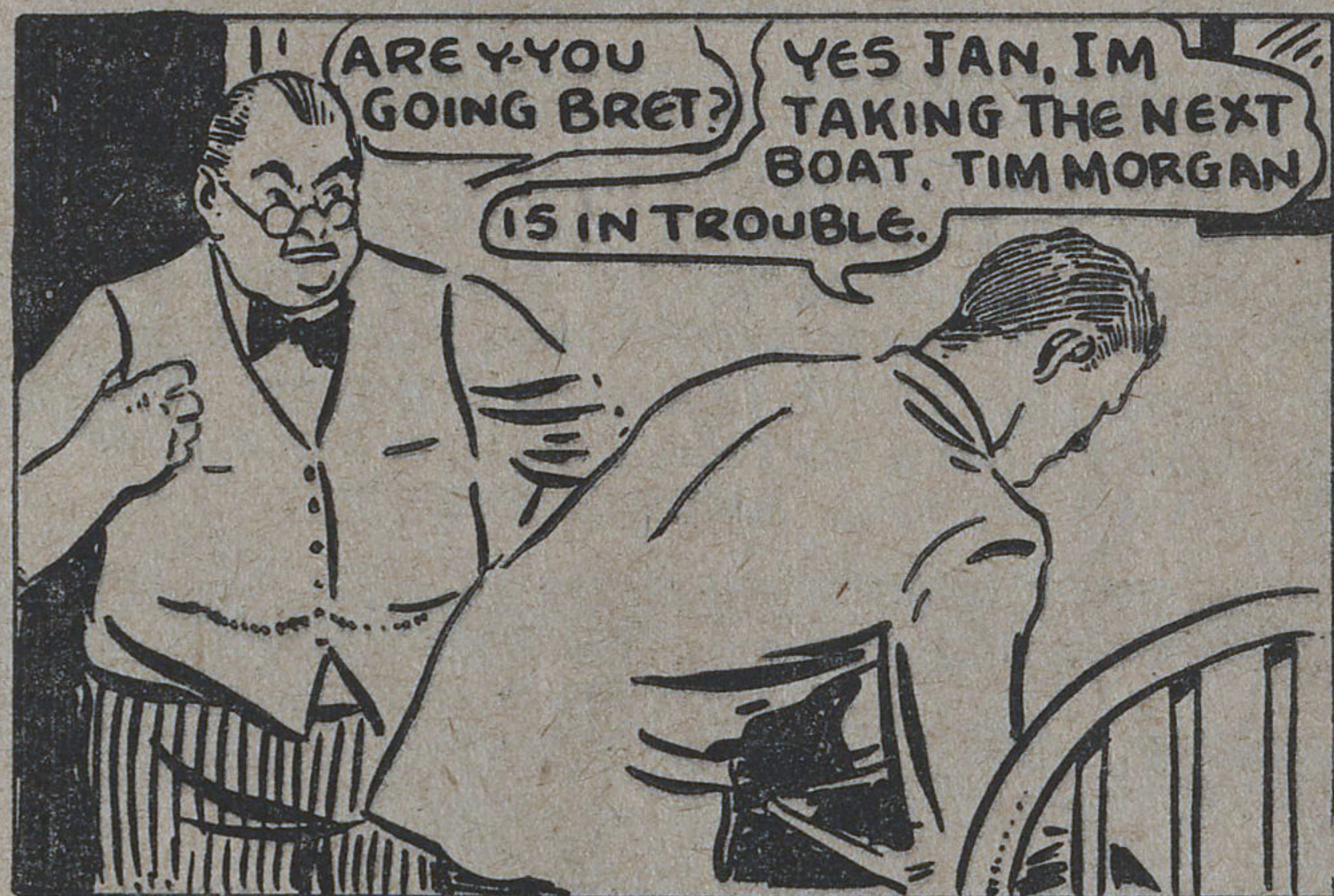


HERE YOU ARE MISTER BRET. I GUESS IT'S FROM YOUR GIRL

THANKS JAN.



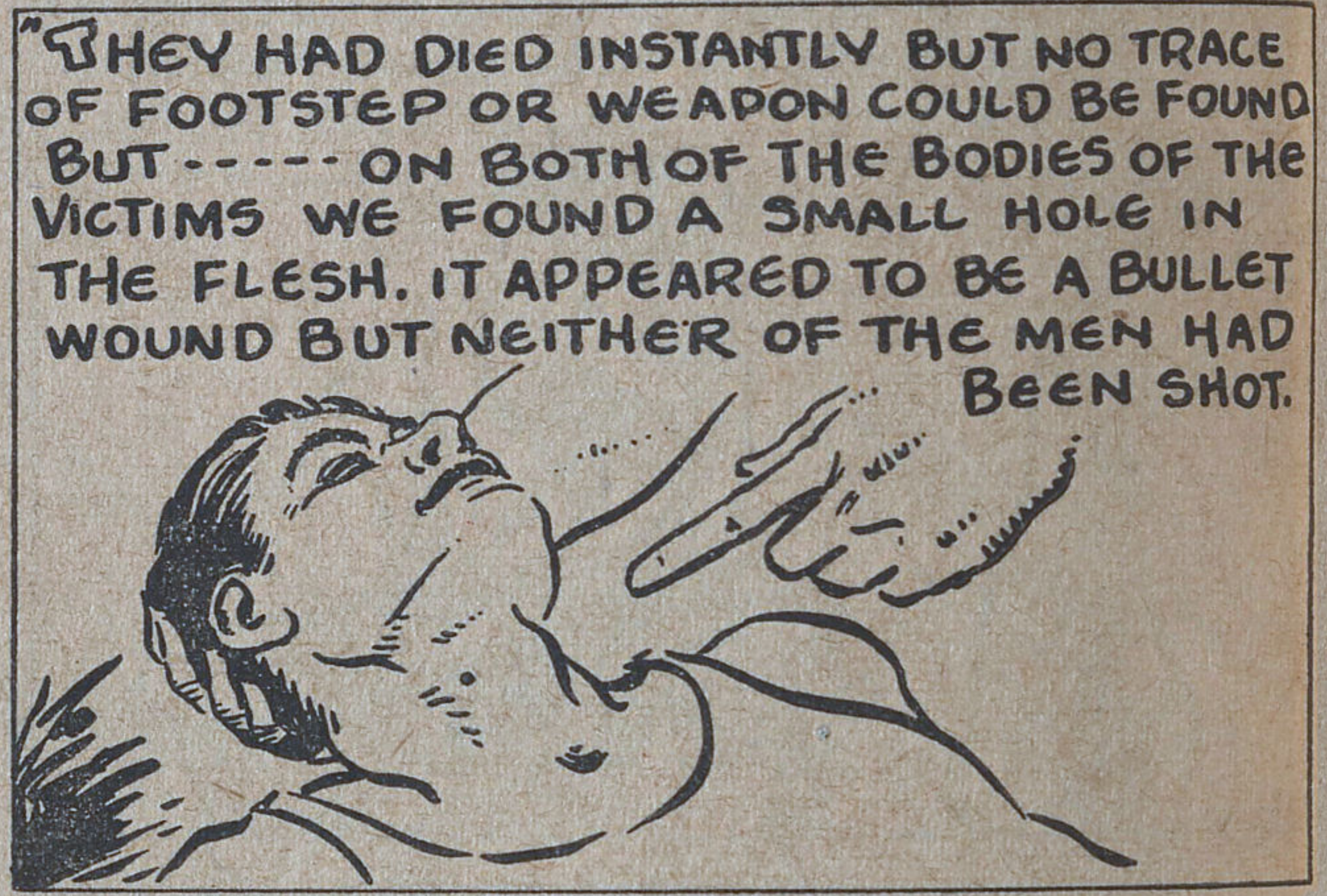
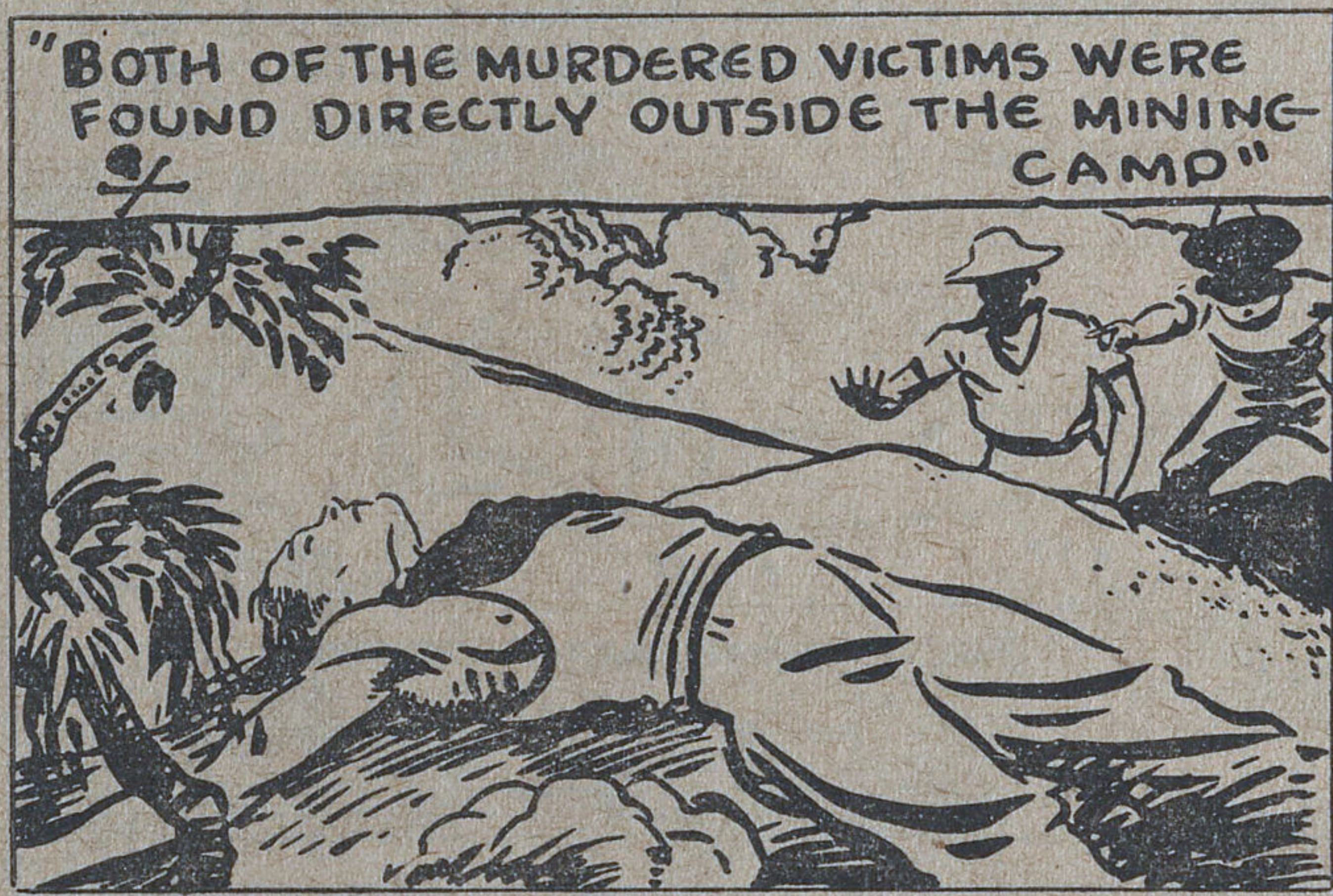
NO JAN, ITS FROM MY OLD PAL TIM MORGAN. HE'S HAVING TROUBLE AT HIS MINE IN PERU AND HE WANTS ME TO COME DOWN AND HELP HIM OUT.

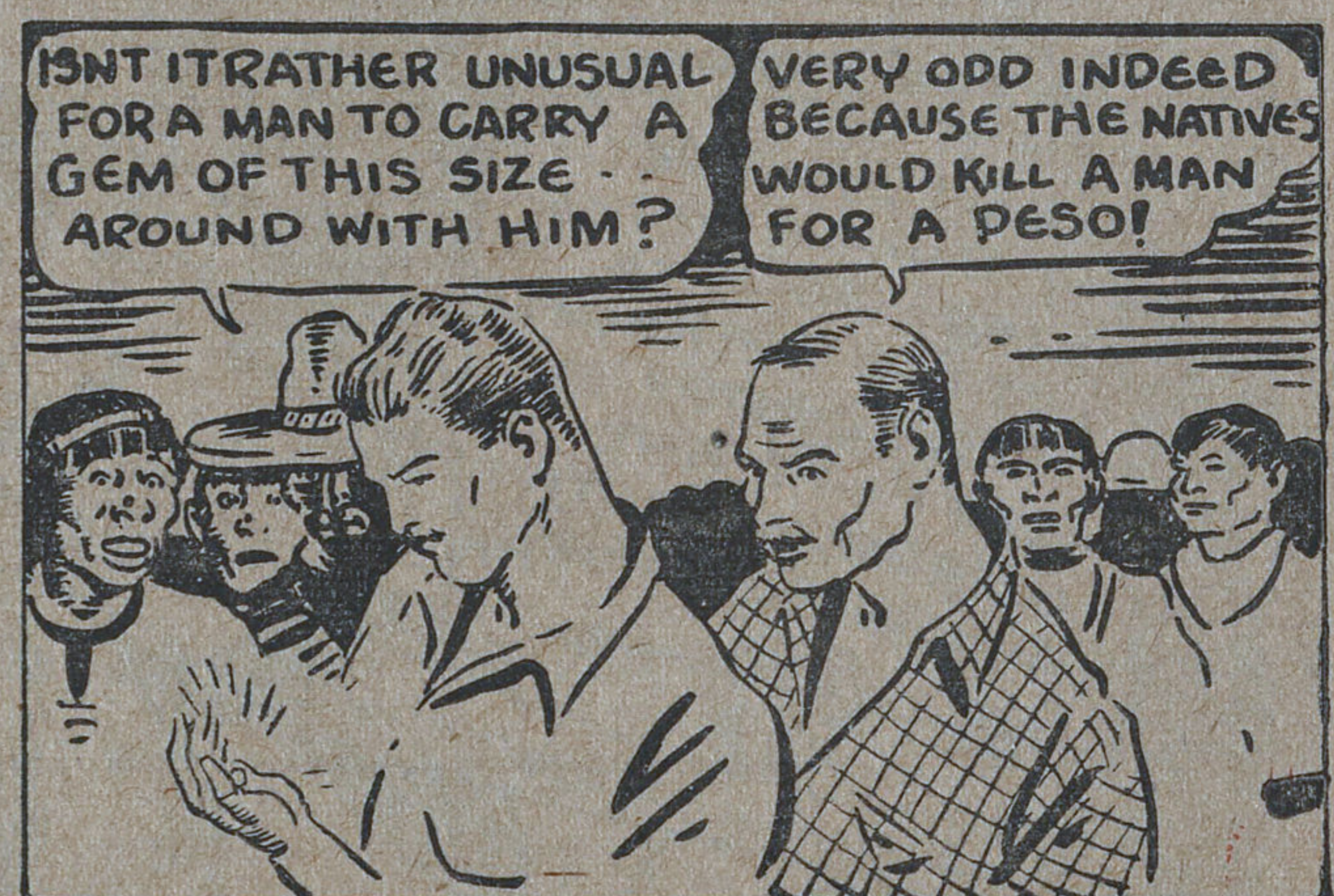
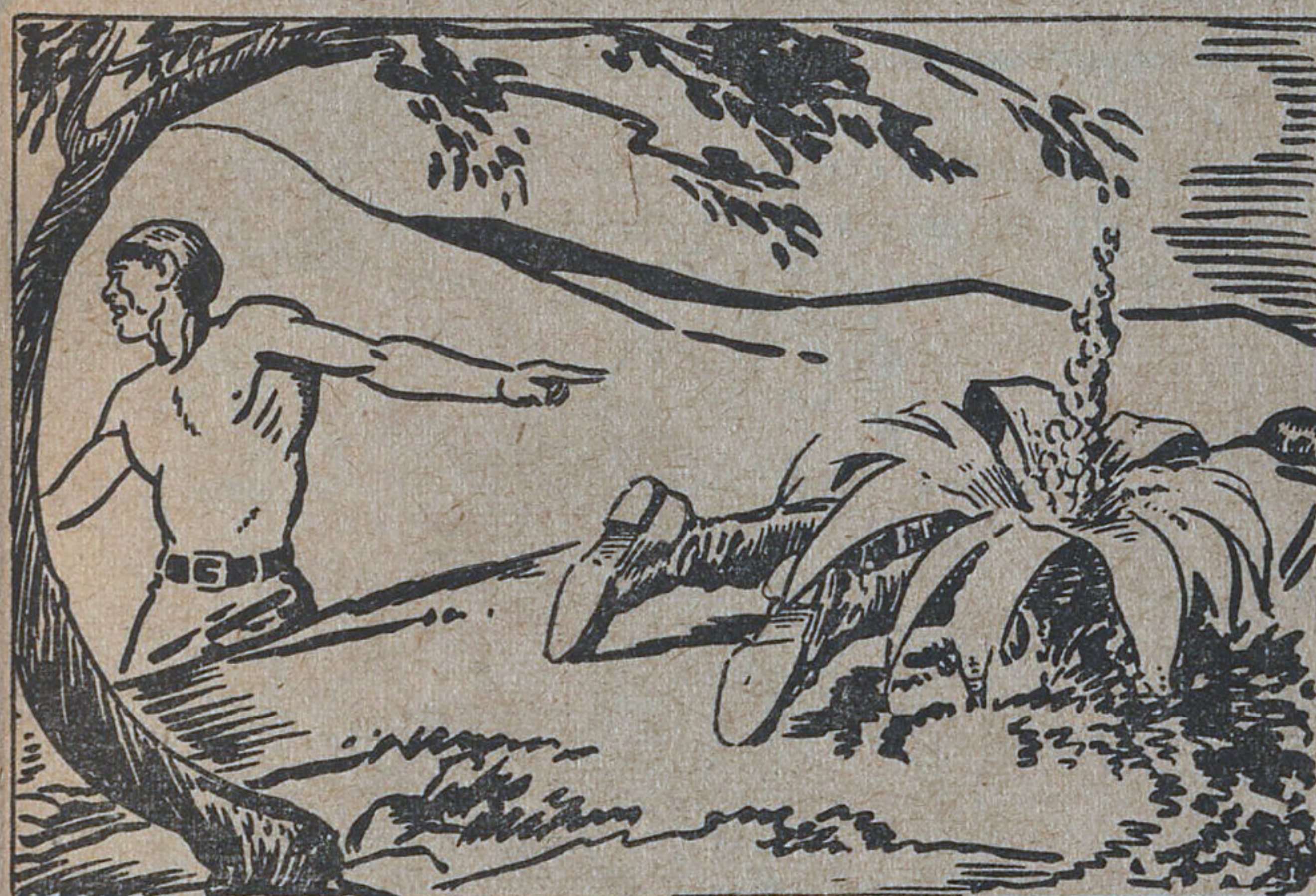
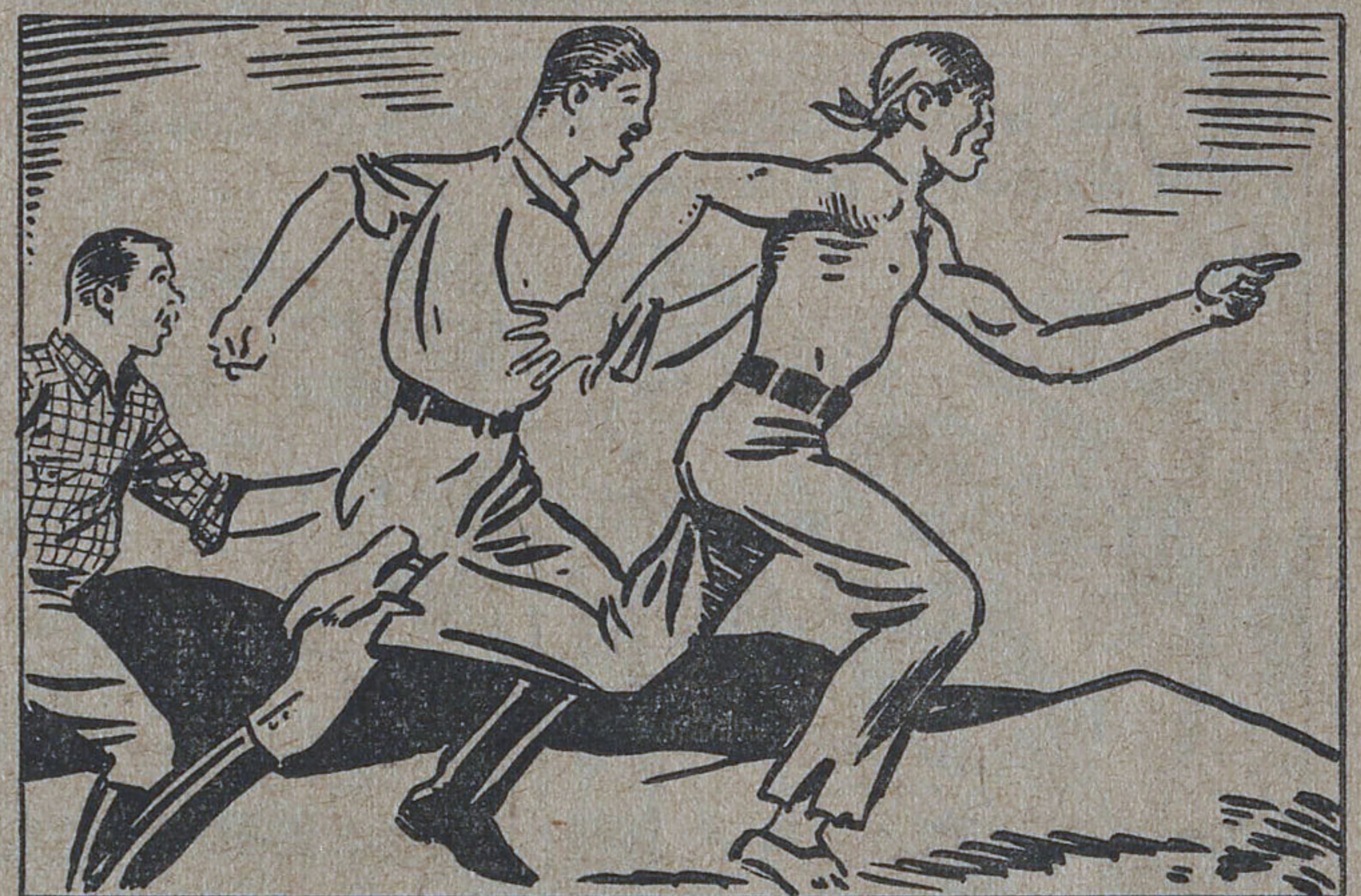
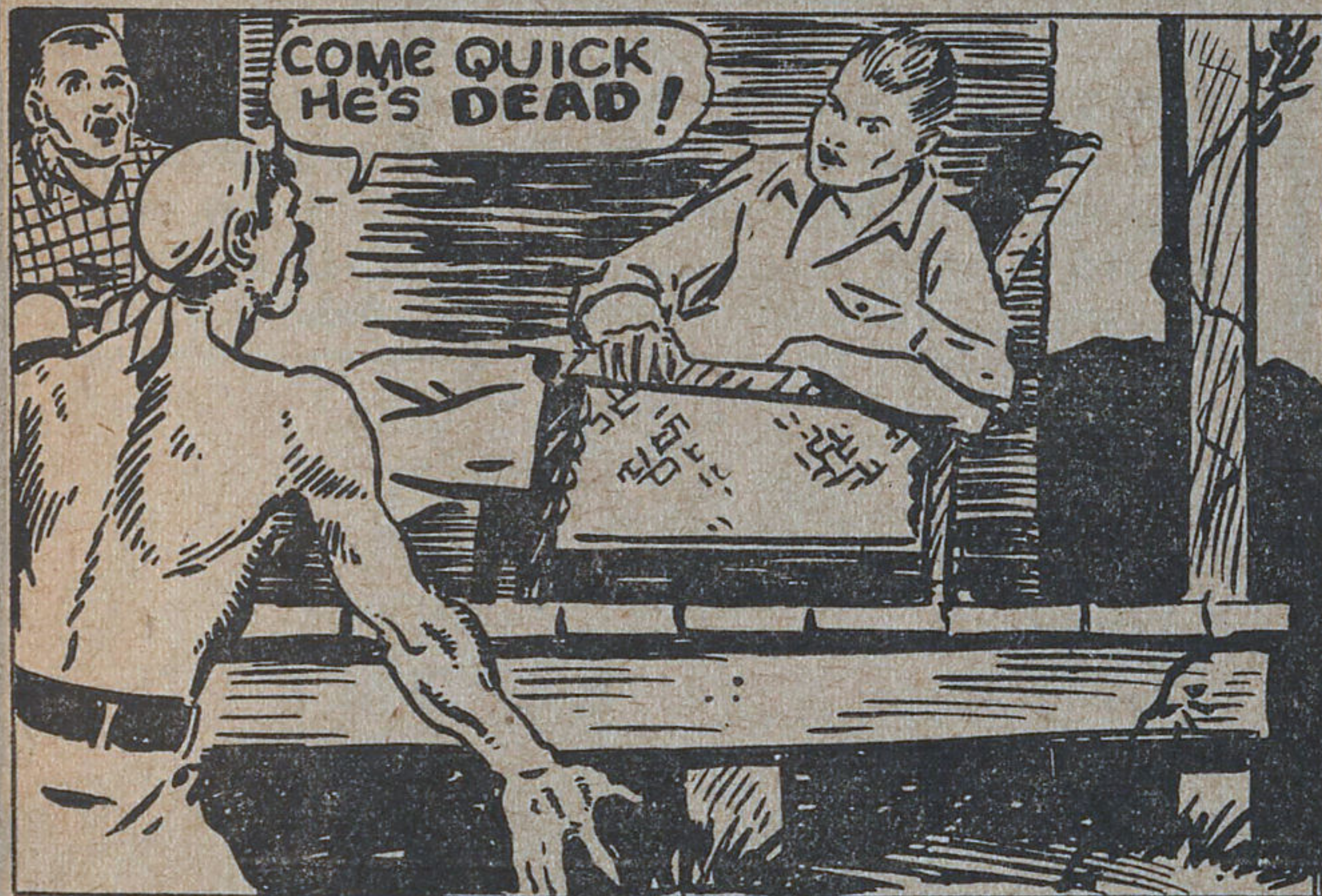
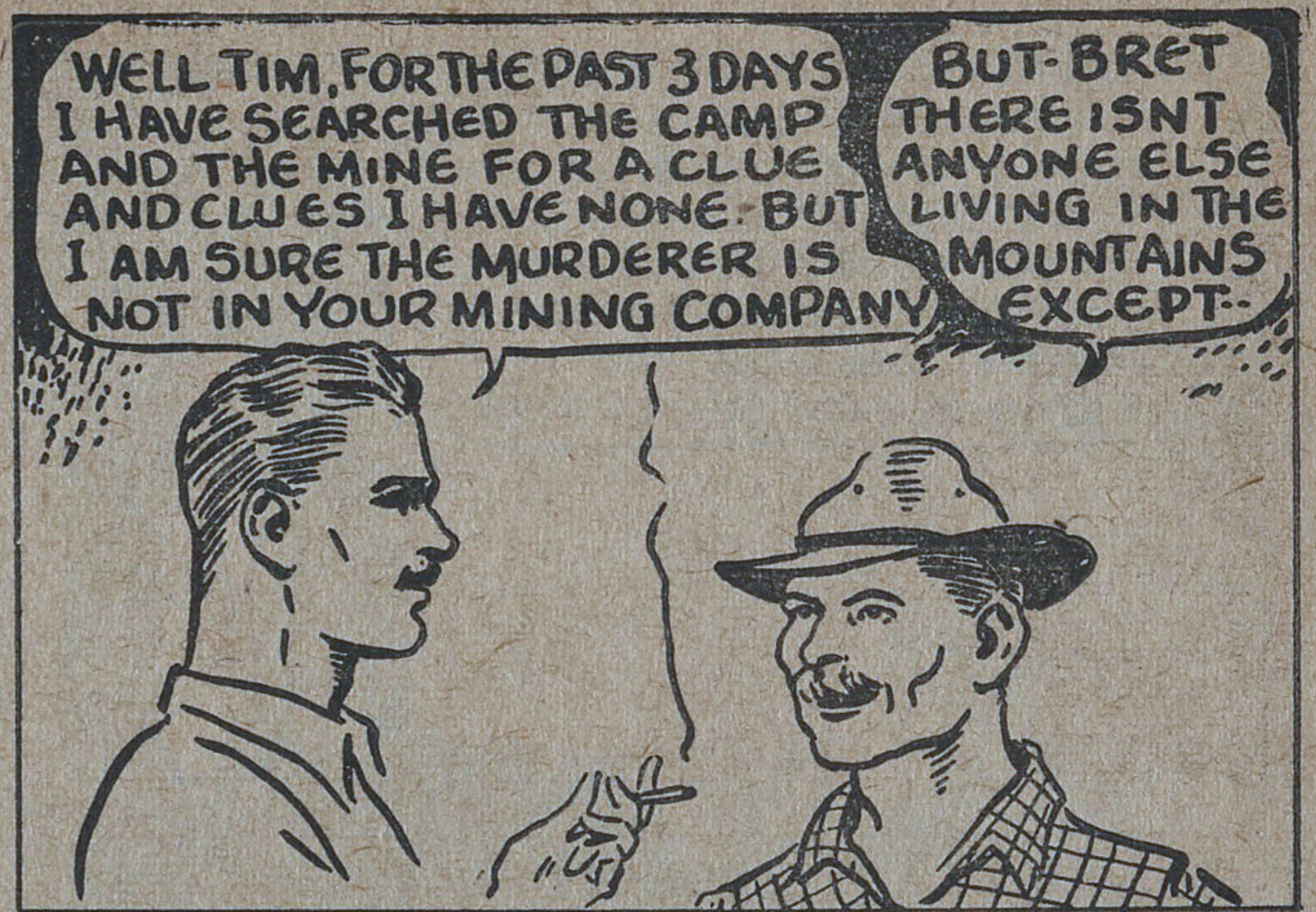
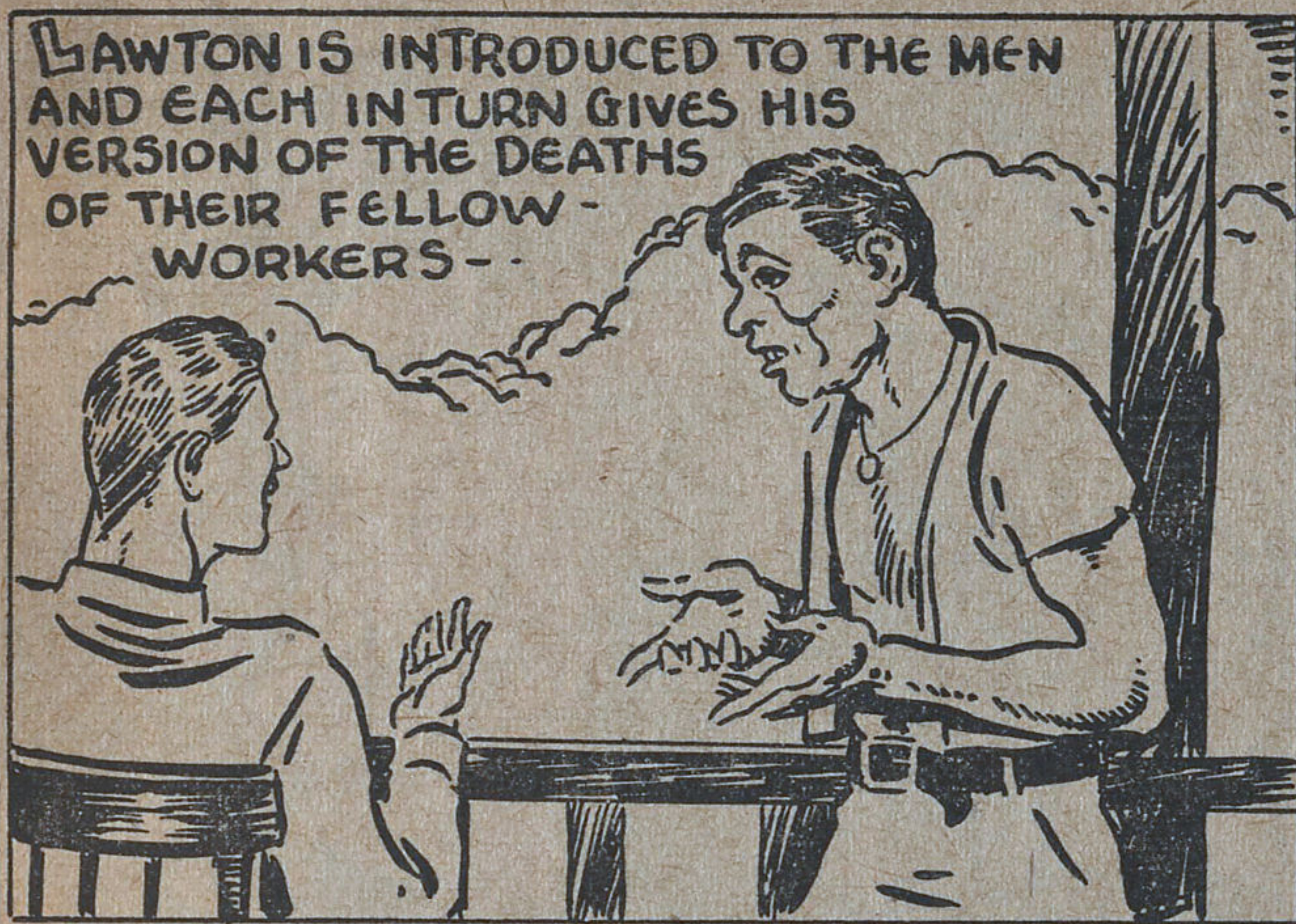


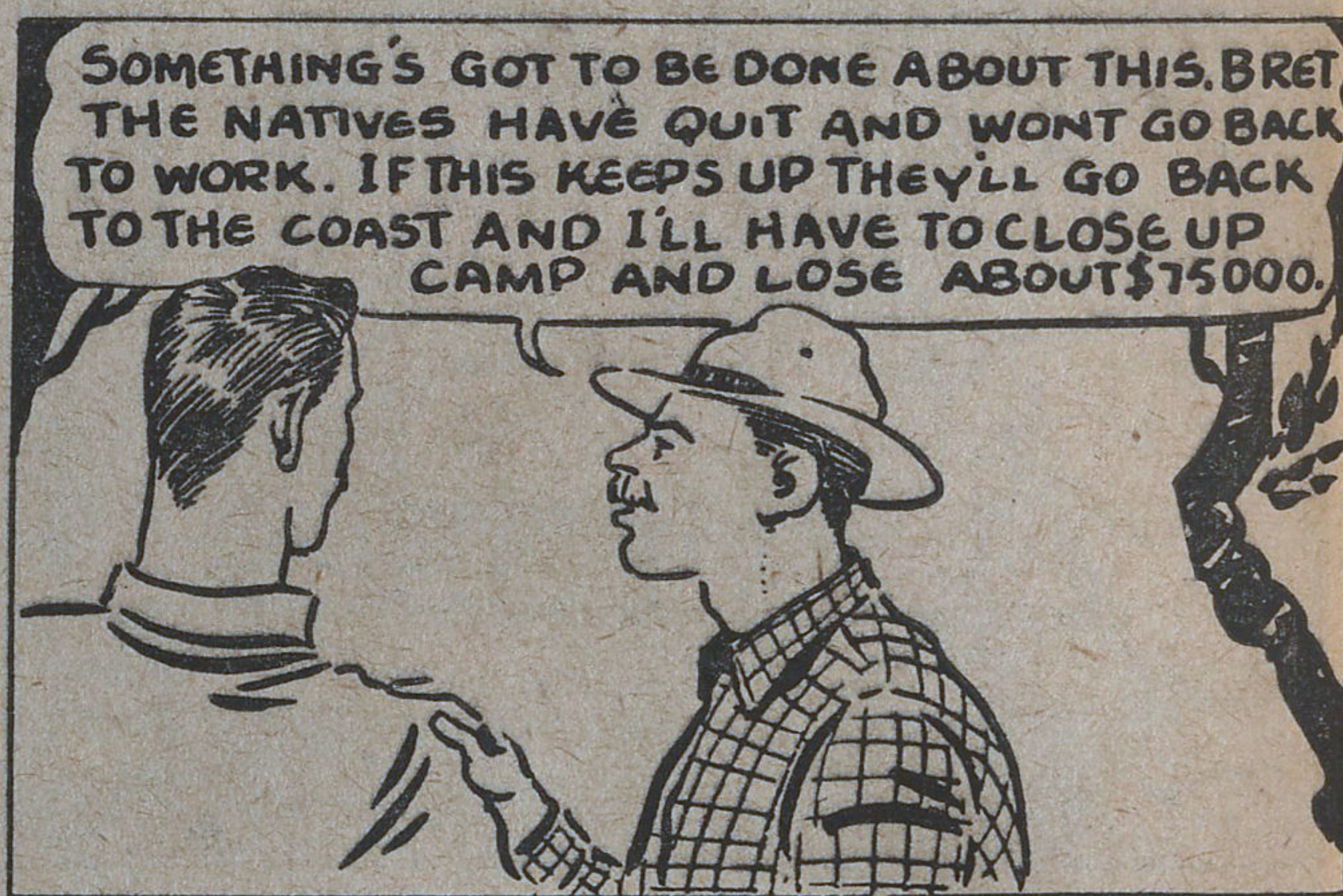
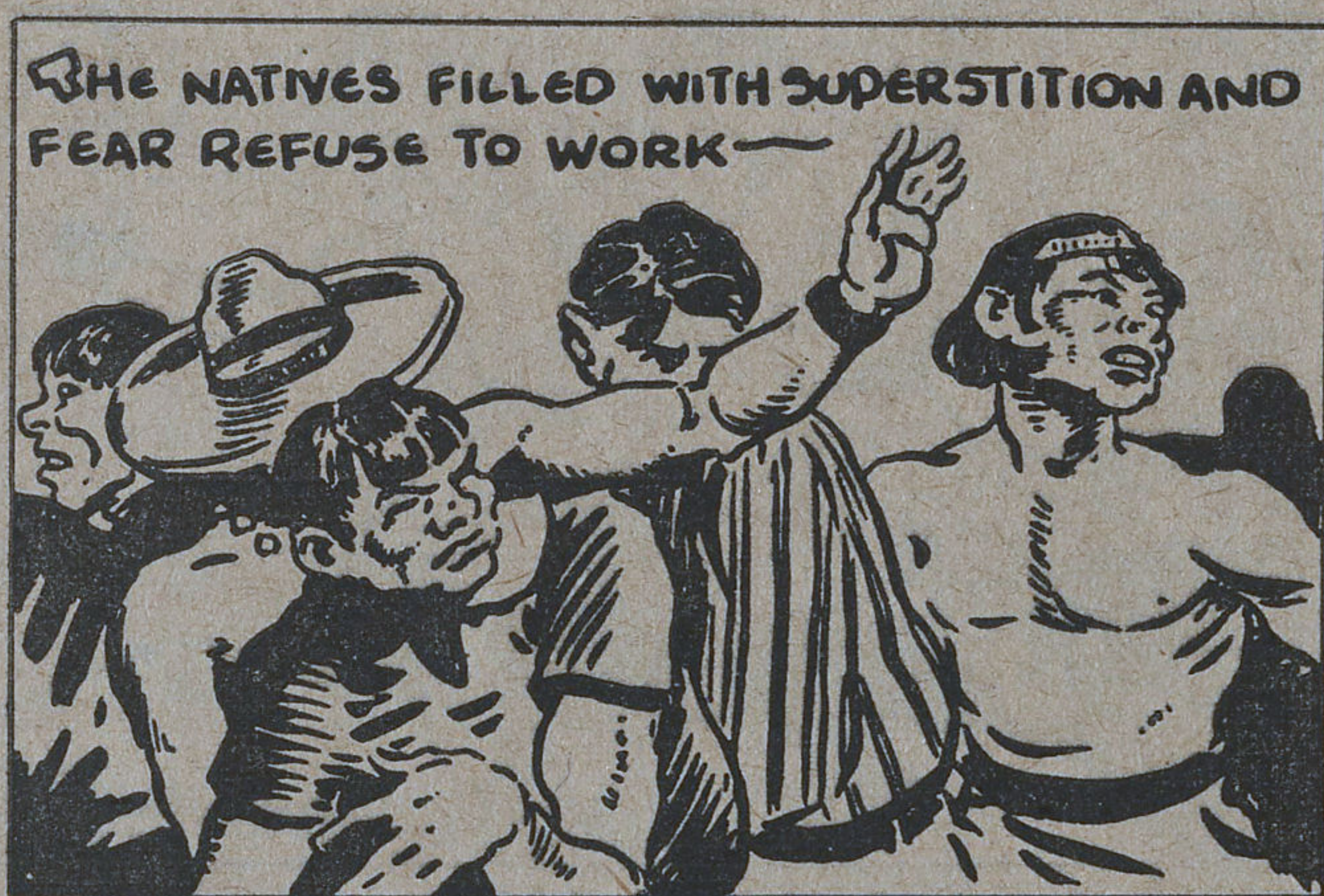
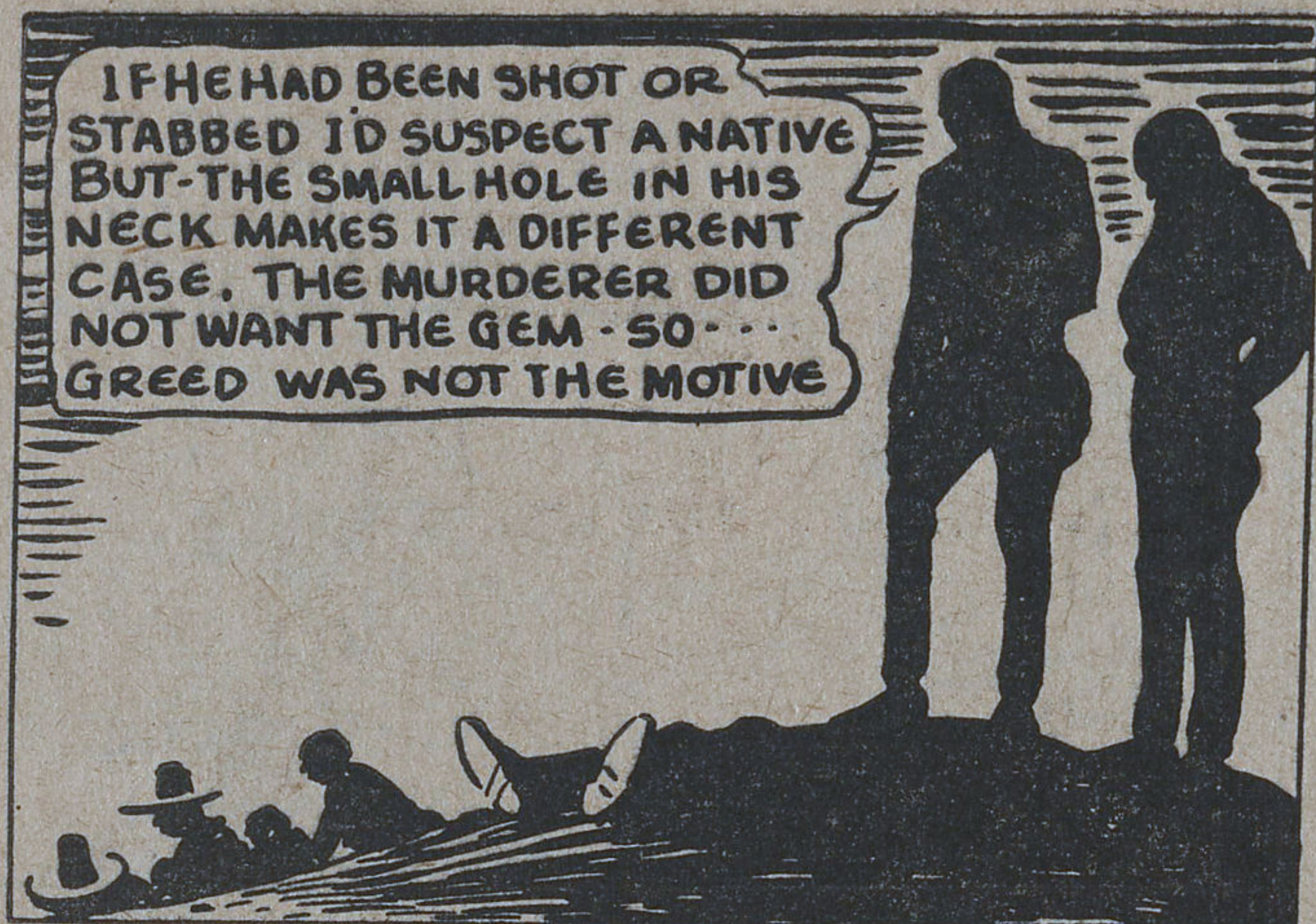
ARE YOU GOING BRET?

YES JAN, I'M TAKING THE NEXT BOAT. TIM MORGAN IS IN TROUBLE.





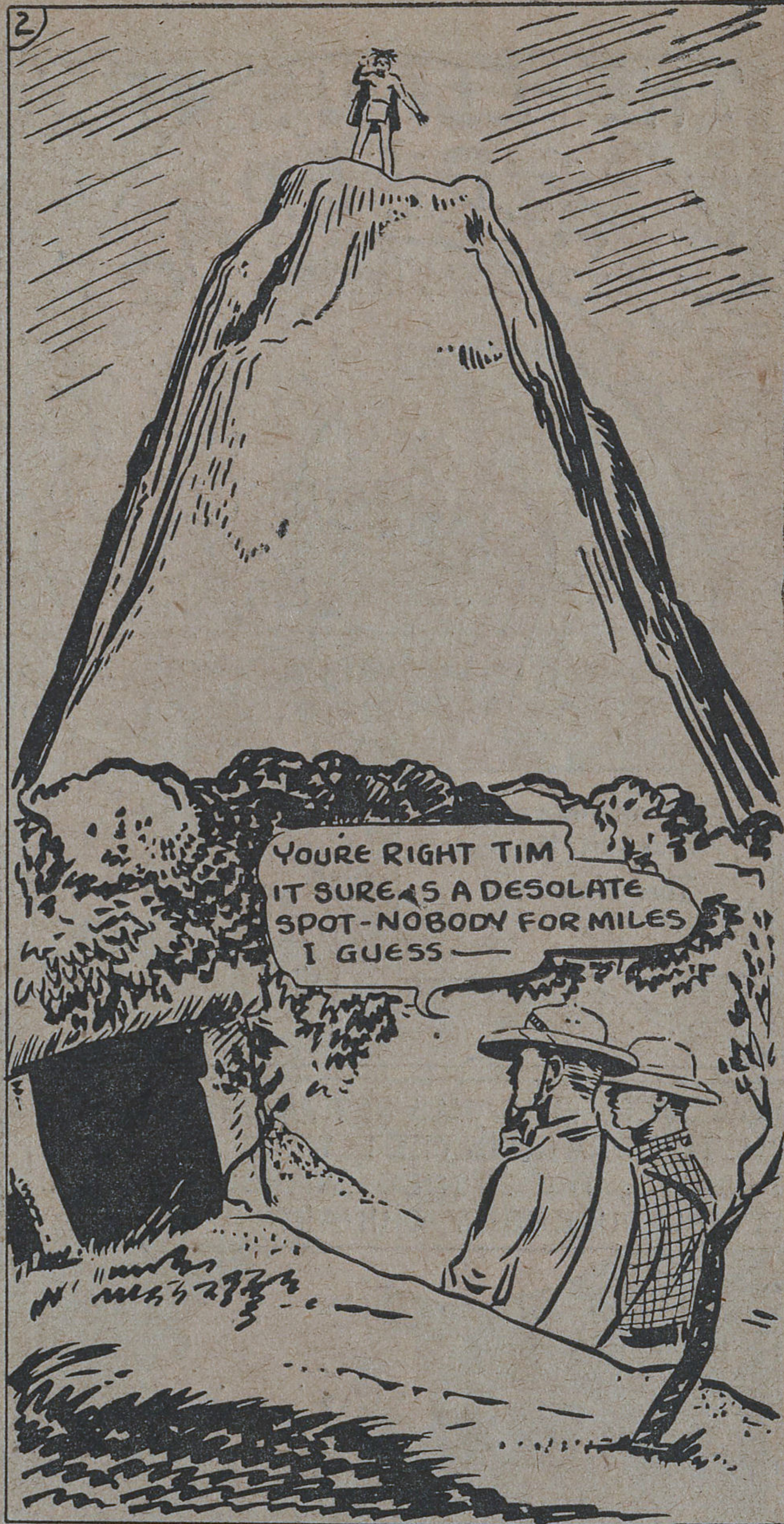




MEANWHILE HIGH ABOVE
THEM STANDS AN INCA
PRIEST IN CEREMONIAL
GARB, GLARING DOWN
WITH HATRED AND
MALICE IN HIS
CRUEL EYES!



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WHO IS THIS MYSTERIOUS INCA PRIEST?
IS HE THE MURDERER?
WILL BRET LAWTON SOLVE THE JUNGLE
MYSTERY?
READ NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE FOR THE
ANSWERS-



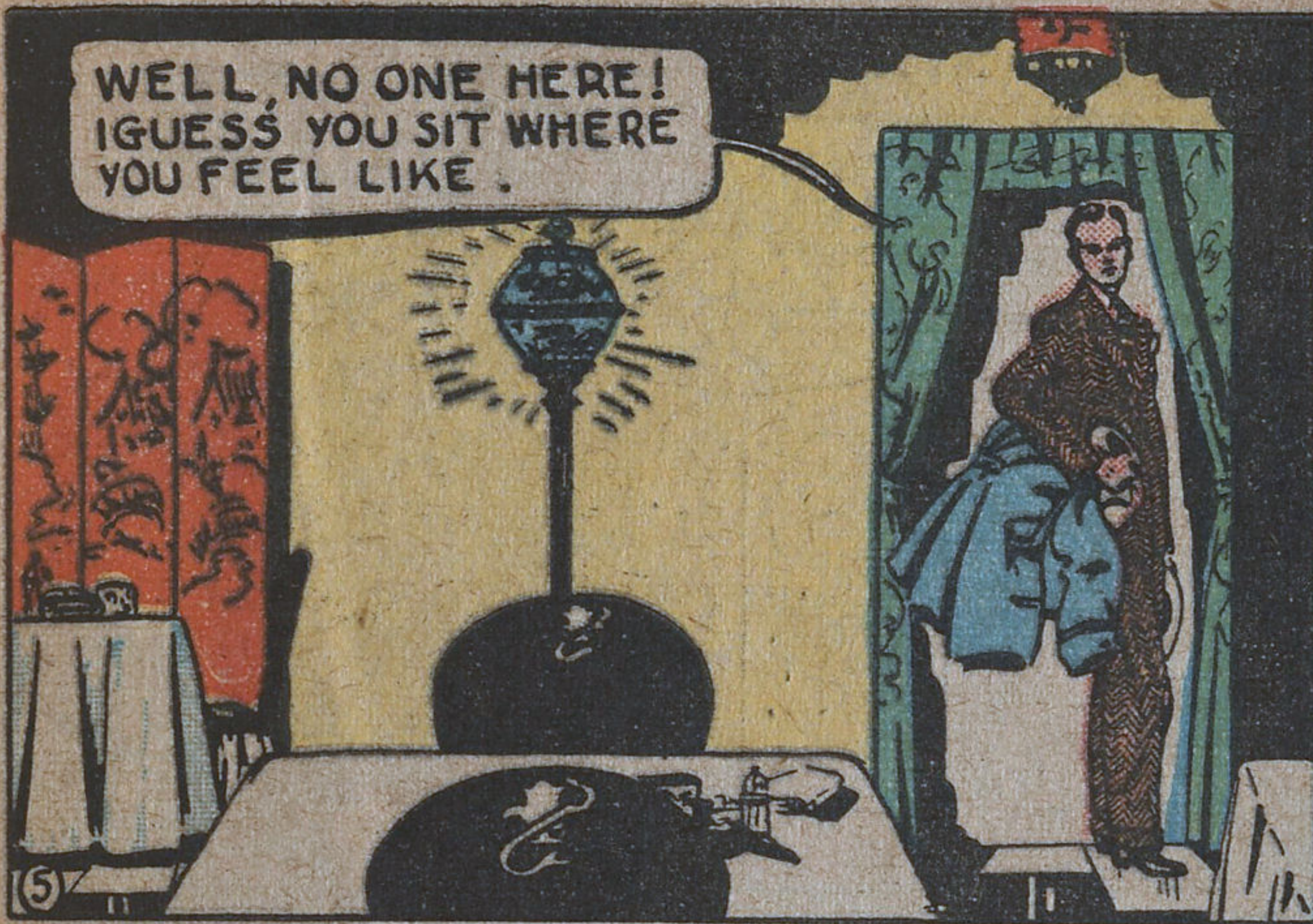
HOWEVER, THIS WAS NOT AN ORDINARY DRAGON. THE DRAGON'S FEET WERE ARMED WITH 7 CLAWS, THE SACRED SYMBOL OF THE IMPERIAL RULERS OF CHINA!



A MURKY, WET NIGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO. IN A SIDE STREET STANDS THE LEAN, SINEWY FIGURE OF NELSON GAZING AT AN ILLUMINATED SIGN. IT FORMS A CHINESE DRAGON, ODDLY OUT OF PLACE AMONGST THE GREAT BULK OF LOFTS AND OFFICE BUILDINGS.



WELL, NO ONE HERE!
I GUESS YOU SIT WHERE
YOU FEEL LIKE.



SEVERAL MINUTES PASSED WHILE NELSON
SAT THERE AND GREW UNCOMFORTABLE, FEEL-
ING, SOMEHOW, THAT HE WAS BEING WATCHED.



AT LAST, BECOMING IMPATIENT, HE RAPPED SMART-
LY WITH HIS SEAL RING AGAINST A WATER GLASS.



IN RAPPING ON THE GLASS NELSON IS CAREFUL
TO USE THE HEAVY GOLD PART OF THE RING.
THE CENTER OF THE RING IS MADE OF VERY
FINE RED JADE DONE IN THE LIKE NESS OF A
CLAWED DRAGONS FOOT.



THERE WAS NO RESPONSE, EXCEPT WHAT HE IM-
AGINED WAS A STEALTHY WHISPERING FROM THE
SHADOWS AT THE FAR END OF THE ROOM.



MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE
BROUGHT A SANDWICH.-
HEY! HOW ABOUT
SOME SERVICE??



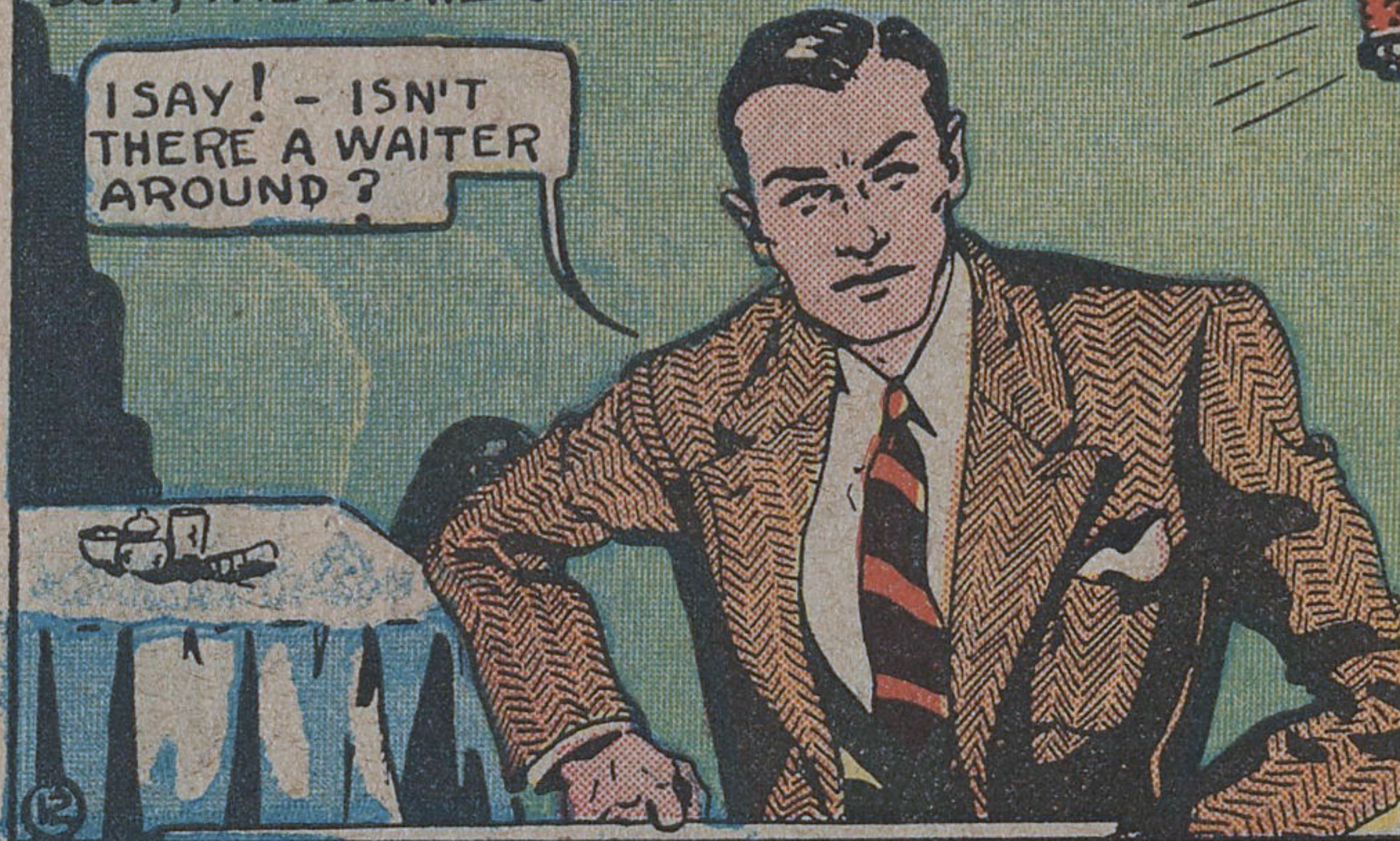
THERE FOLLOWED THE SOFT PAD
OF UNSHOD FEET IN THE HALLWAY.....
NELSON HEARS THE CLICK OF THE
BOLT ON THE DOOR BEING SHOT HOME.



WHAT THE DICKENS!

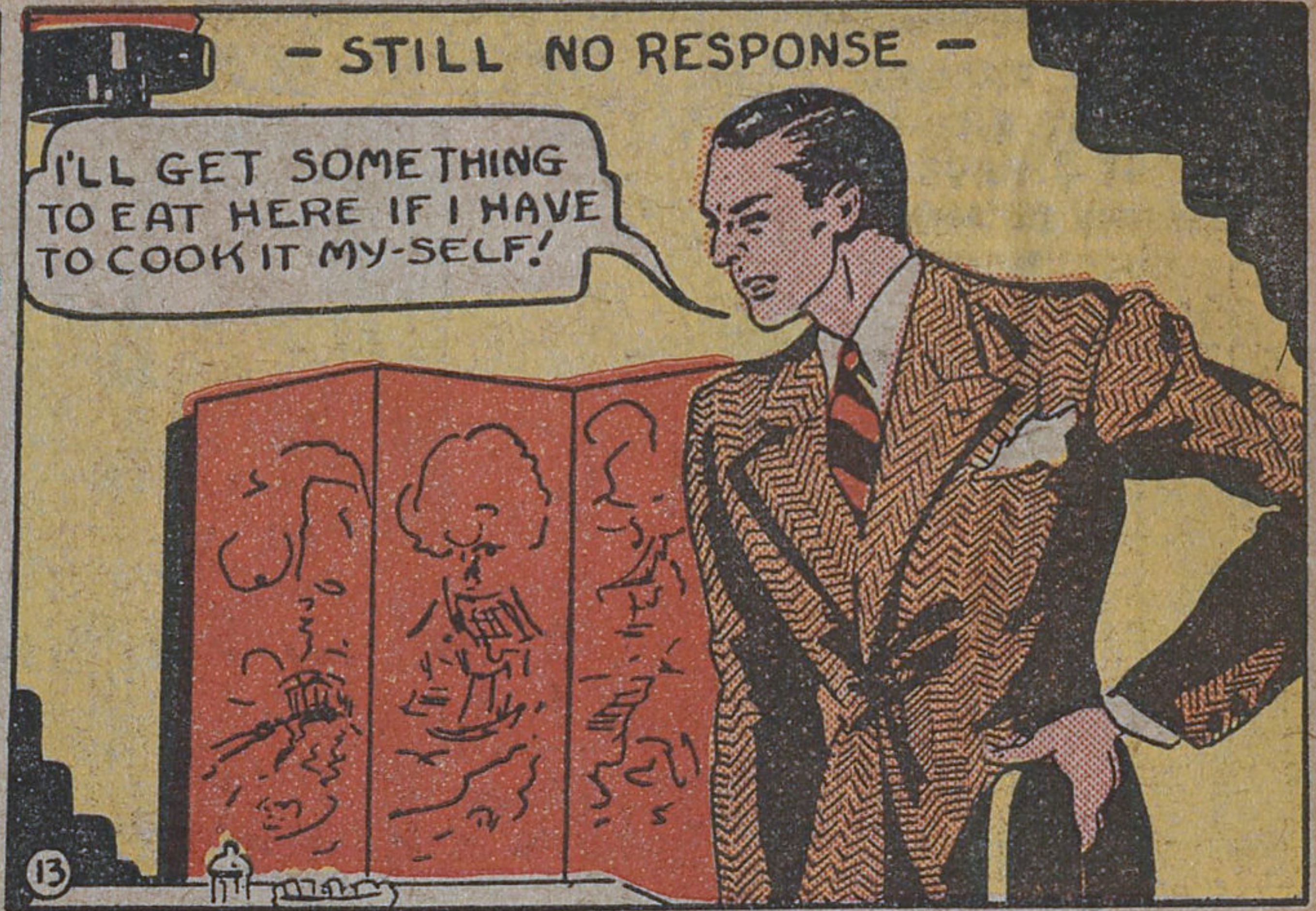
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CLICKING OF THE BOLT, THE EERIE SILENCE PERSISTS.

ISAY! - ISN'T THERE A WAITER AROUND?



- STILL NO RESPONSE -

I'LL GET SOMETHING TO EAT HERE IF I HAVE TO COOK IT MY-SELF!



AS NELSON STARTS TO RISE HE SUDDENLY BECOMES AWARE OF A HUMAN FORM LOOMING ABOVE HIM.

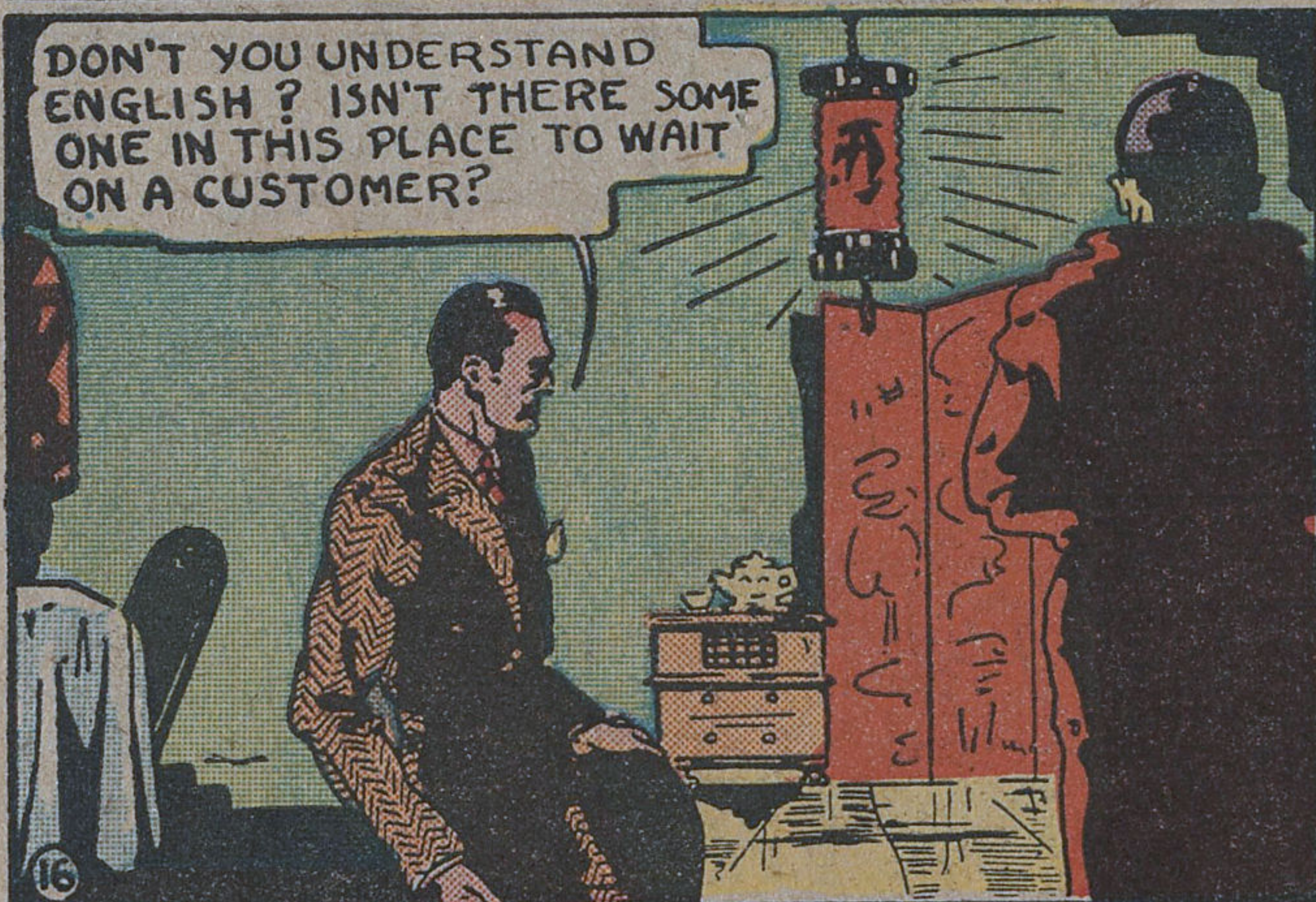
YOU STARTLED ME. WHERE DID YOU DROP FROM?



THE SINISTER, SILENT FORM SEEMED TO TOWER OVER NELSON.



DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND ENGLISH? ISN'T THERE SOME ONE IN THIS PLACE TO WAIT ON A CUSTOMER?

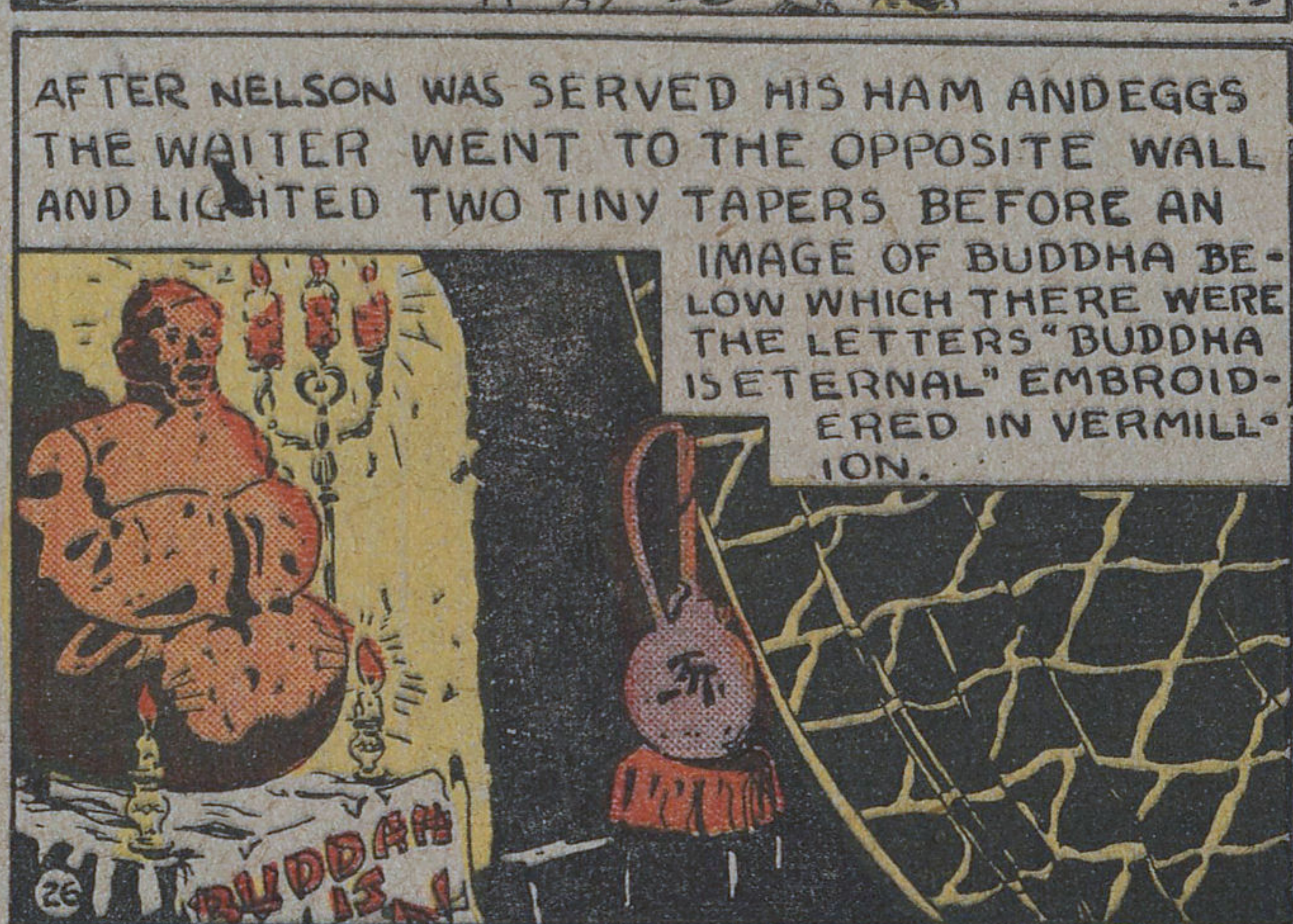
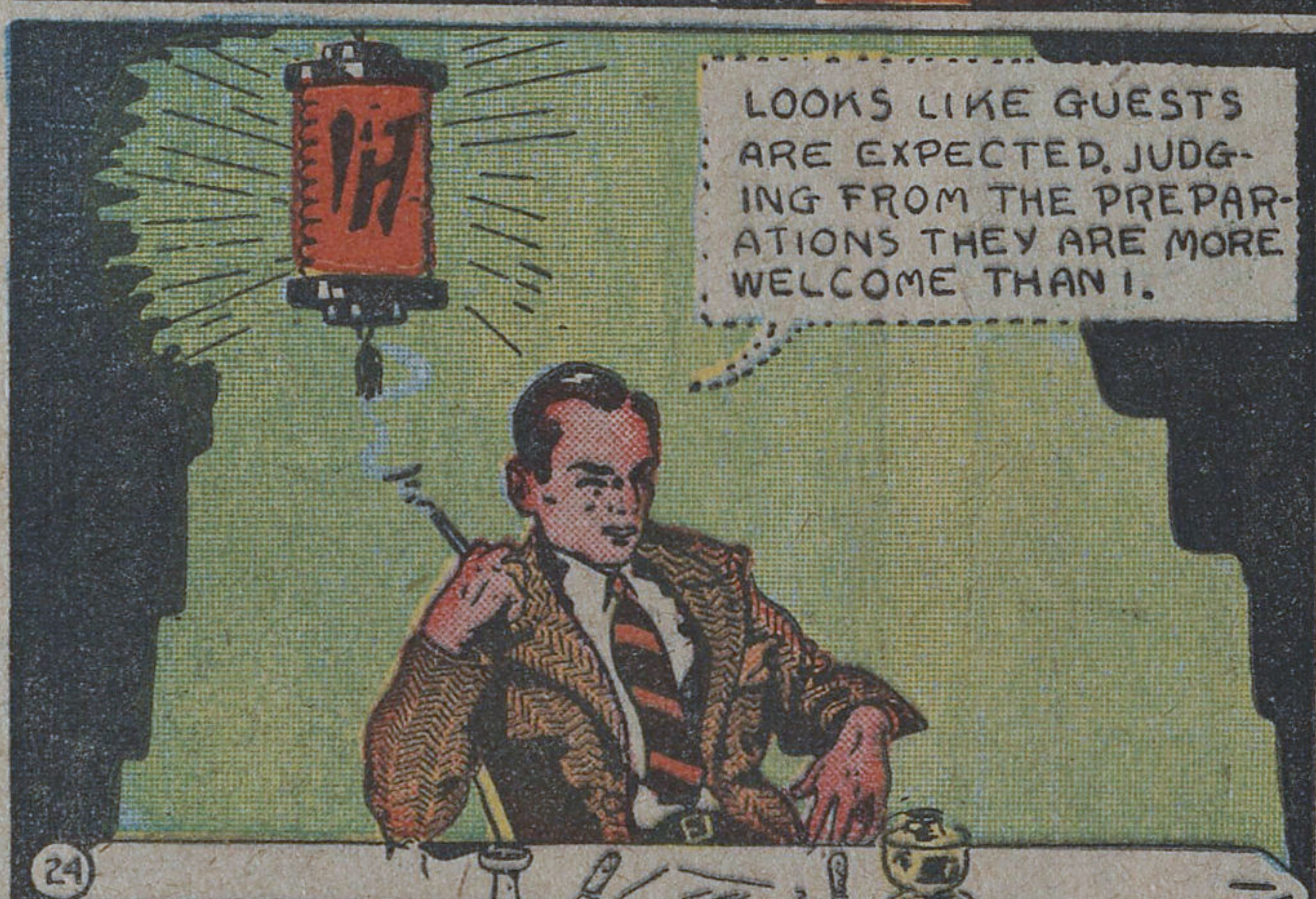
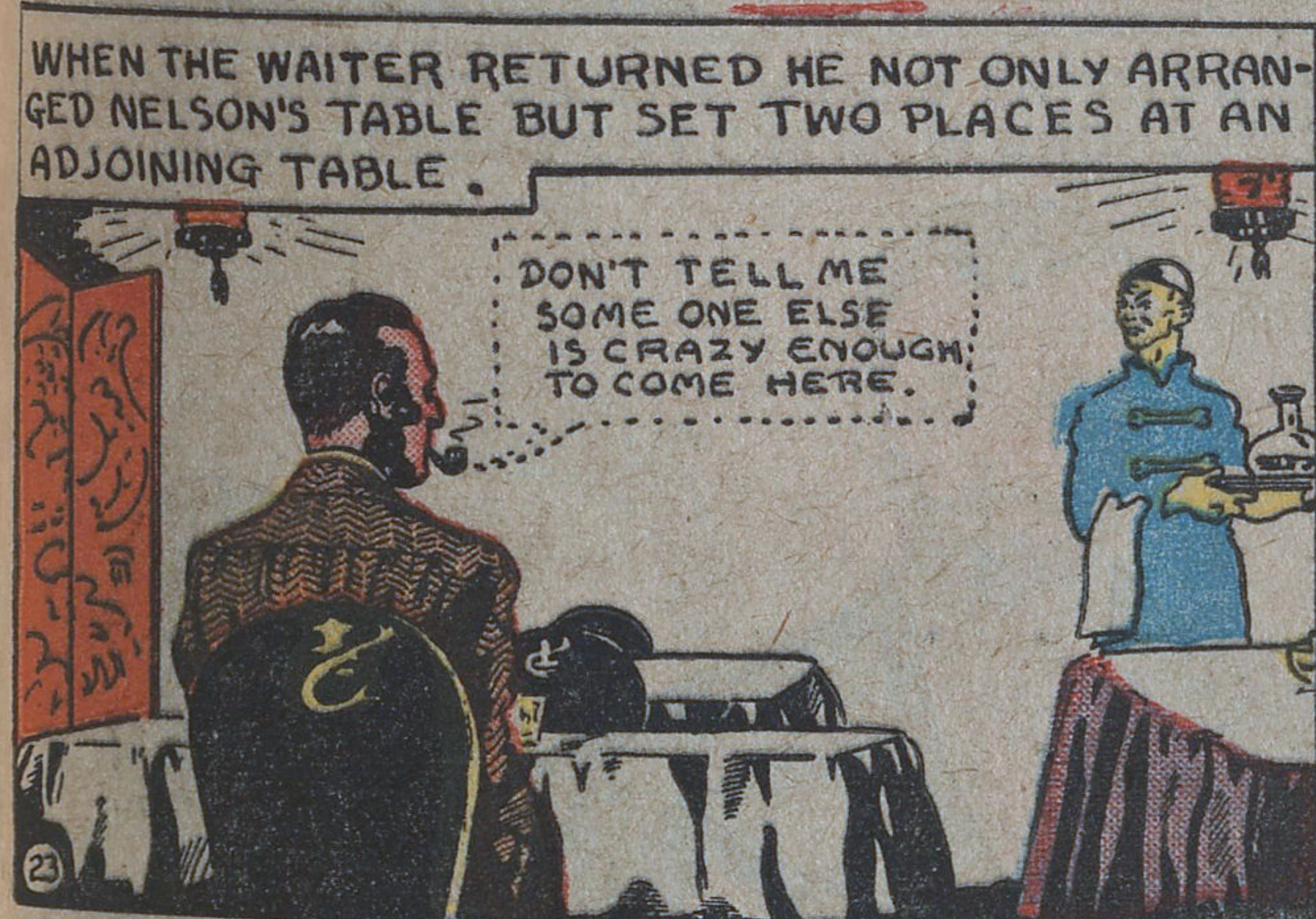
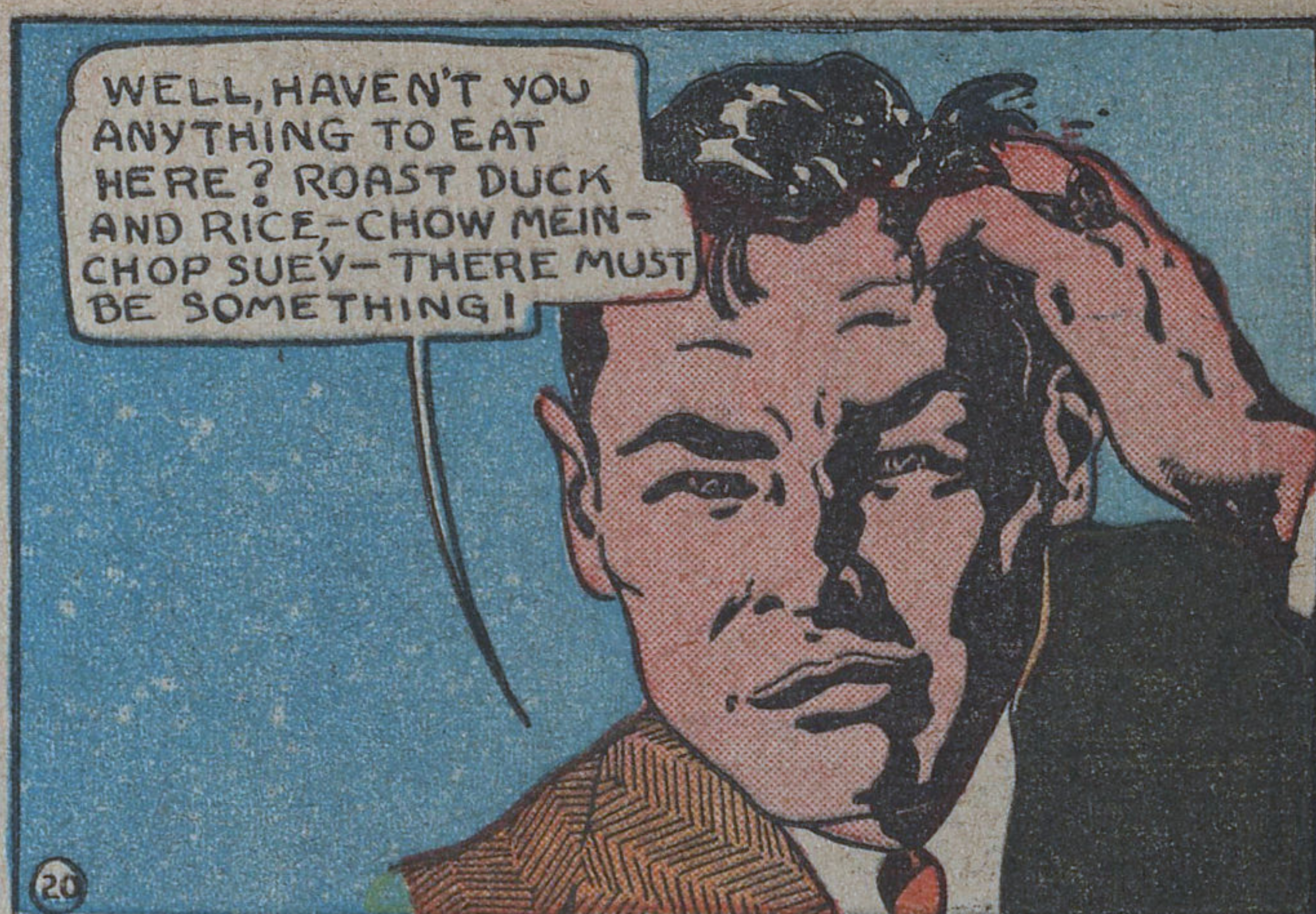
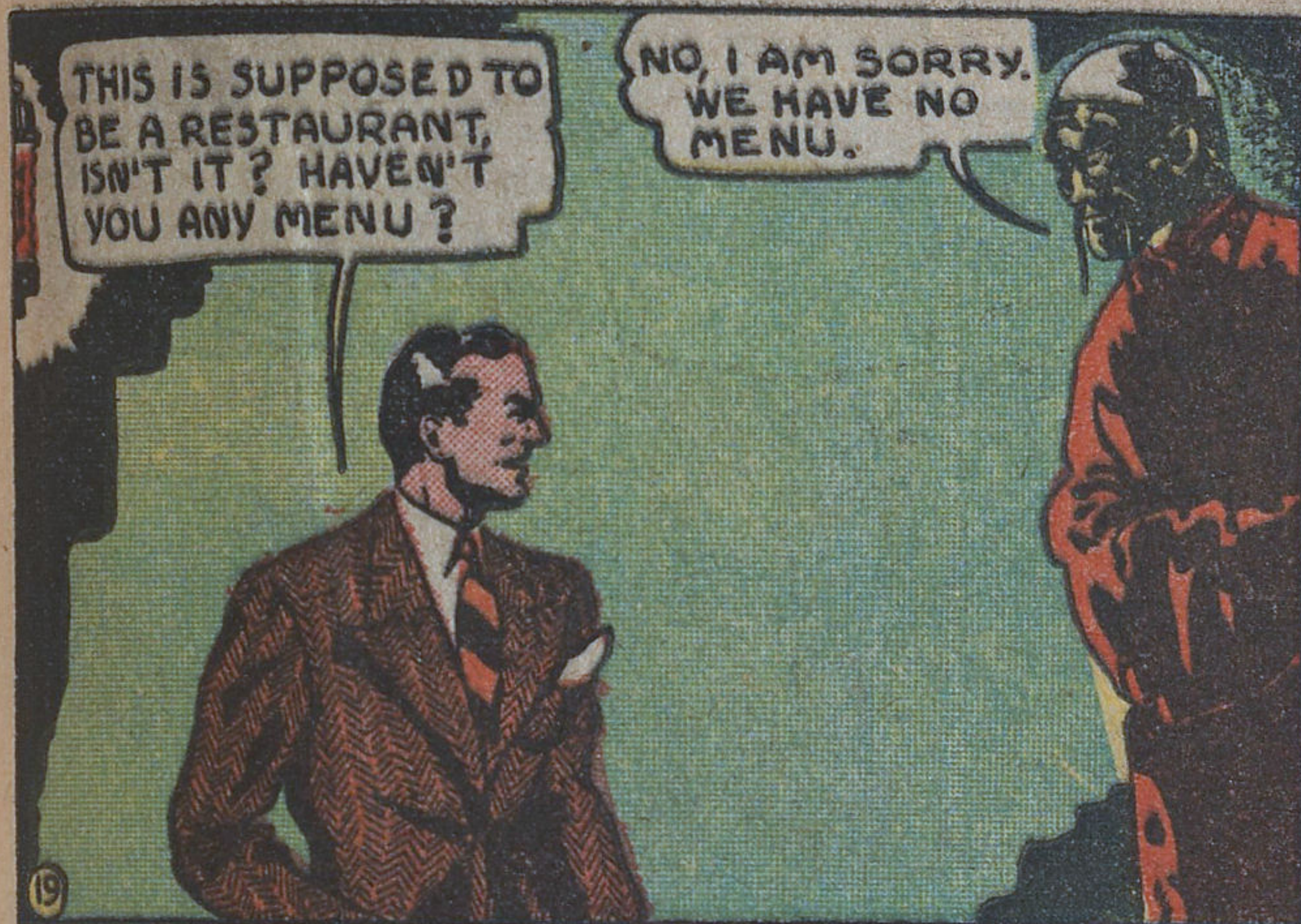


THE MAN BEFORE HIM SILENTLY BOWS HIS HEAD - THEN -



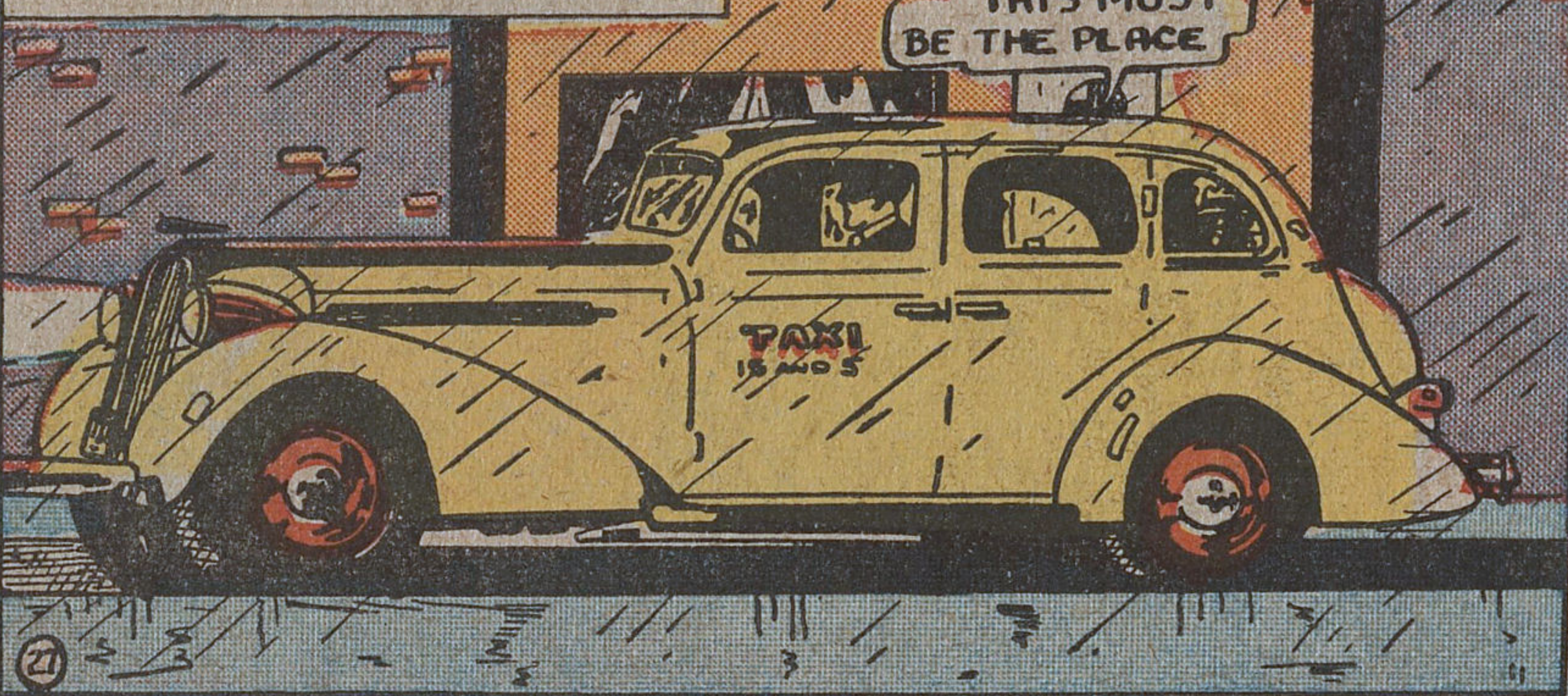
NELSON WHIRLS IN ASTONISHMENT AS THE ANSWER TO HIS QUESTION COMES FROM BEHIND HIM. THERE STANDS ANOTHER GIGANTIC FORM!!





SEVERAL MINUTES PASSED IN SILENCE, AND THEN NELSON HEARD THE SLIDE AND CREAK OF A CAR COMING TO A STOP OUTSIDE.

THIS MUST BE THE PLACE



SOON THERE WERE VOICES AT THE OUTER DOOR. ONE, THE DEEP AND RESONANT VOICE OF A MAN, SPEAKING WITH THE TRACE OF AN ACCENT. THE OTHER IS THE CLEAR, BEAUTIFUL CONTRALTO VOICE OF A WOMAN. THE LATTER VOICE FACINATES NELSON

BOY! THAT'S A VOICE IN A MILLION



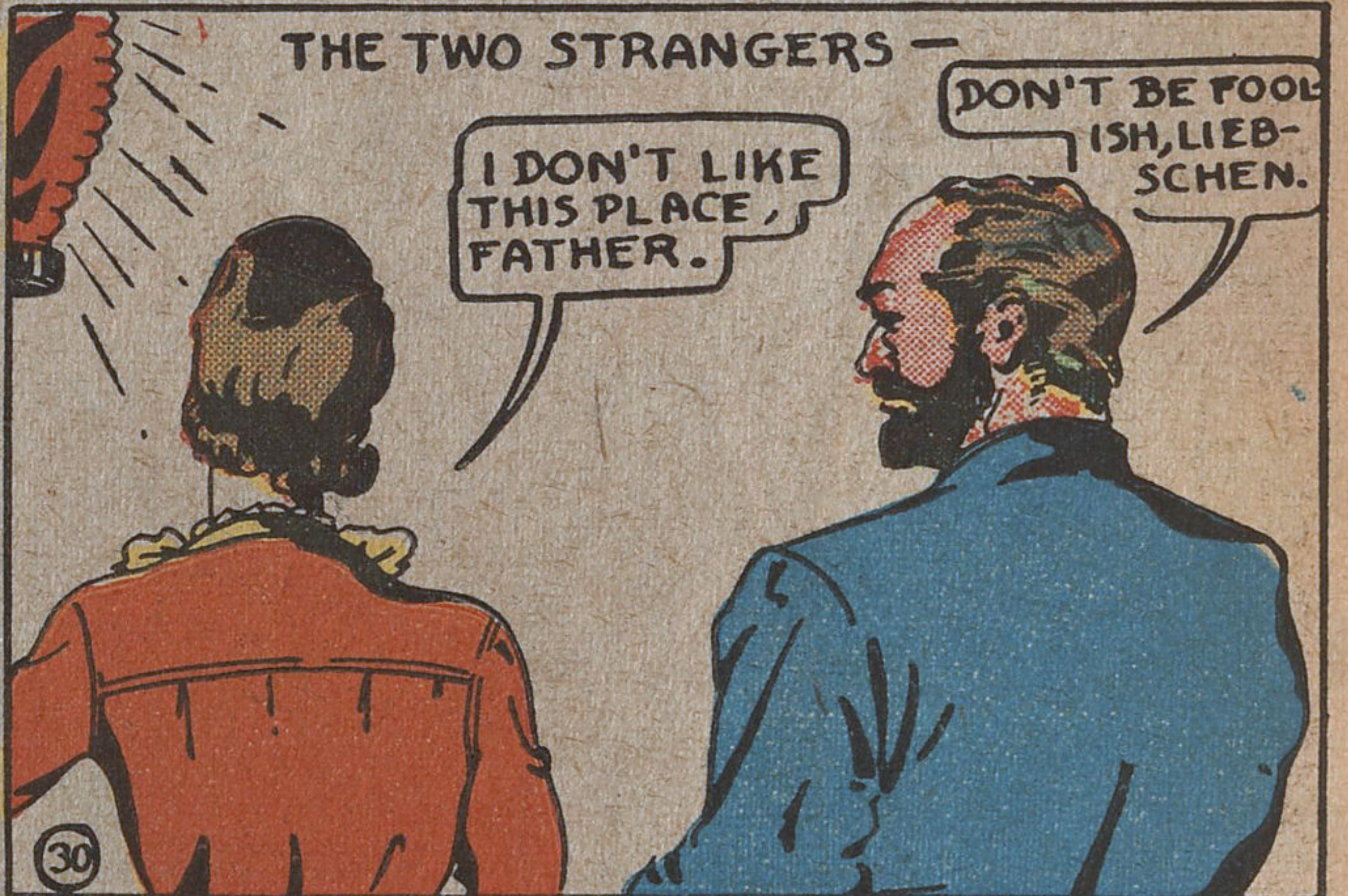
BY NOW THREE CHINESE HAD APPEARED OUT OF THE DARKNESS. ONE STOOD AT THE VACANT AND WAITING TABLE, THE OTHER JUST INSIDE THE DOOR, AND THE THIRD WAS GREETING THE NEWCOMERS.



THE TWO STRANGERS —

I DON'T LIKE THIS PLACE, FATHER.

DON'T BE FOOLISH, LIEB-SCHEN.



ACROSS HIS VISION PASSED THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL HIS EYES HAD EVER BEHELD. . .

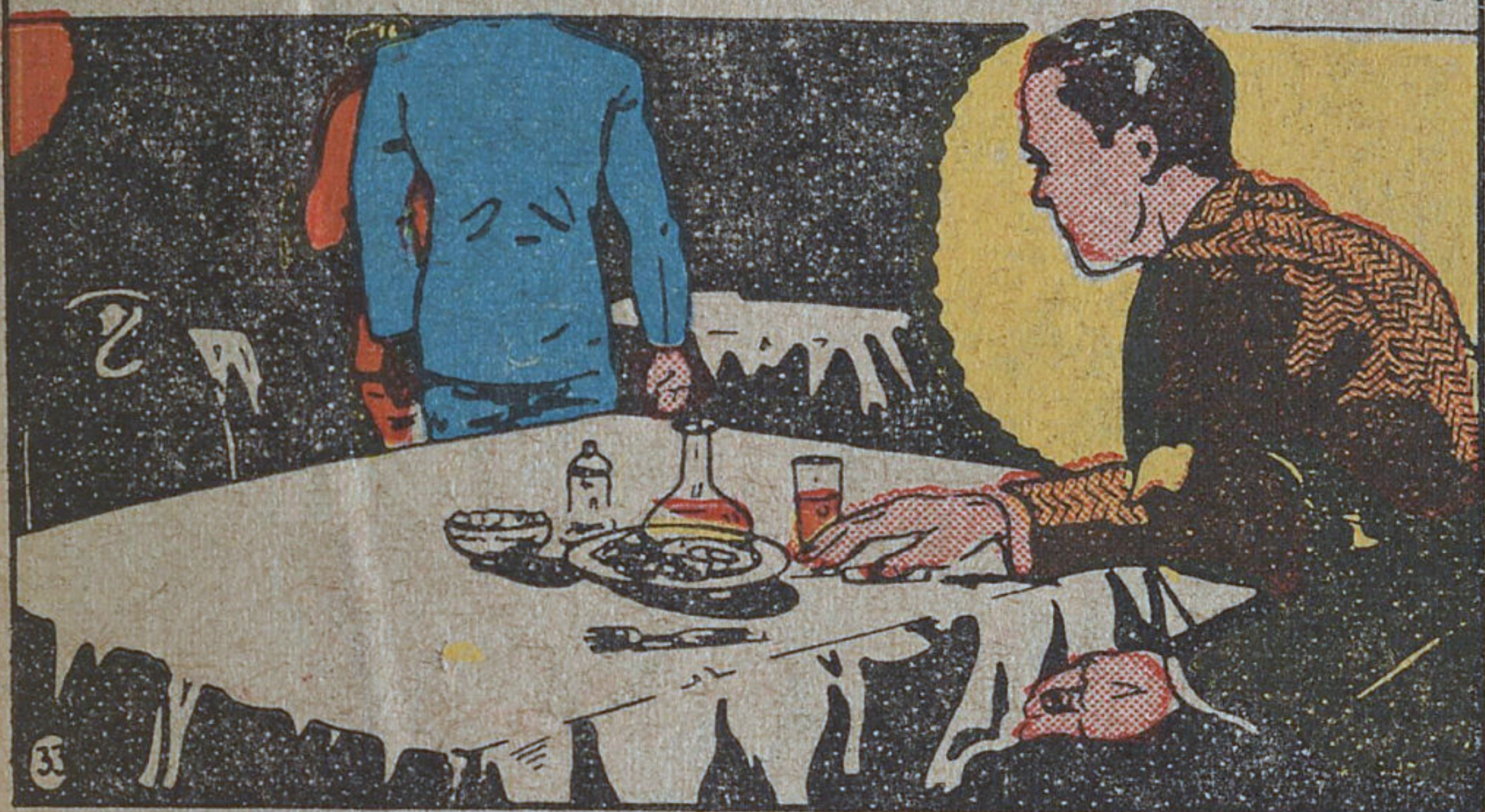


NELSON STARED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE VOICES BUT THE SHADOW CAUSED BY THE BULK OF THE CHINESE AT THE DOOR OBSCURED THE STRANGERS.

-THEN-



AS THE GROSSER BULK OF THE MAN PASSED, NELSON STARTED IN ASTONISHMENT AS HIS GAZE FELL ON THE RING WORN BY THE NEWCOMER.



GOOD LORD! HIS RING IS IDENTICAL WITH MINE



THAT'S A STRANGE COINCIDENCE! - VERY STRANGE -



HIS EYES THEN FELL ON THE CHINESE WAITER. HE SEEMED TO HAVE BECOME TENSE, REMINDING ONE OF A PANTHER GETTING READY TO SPRING ...



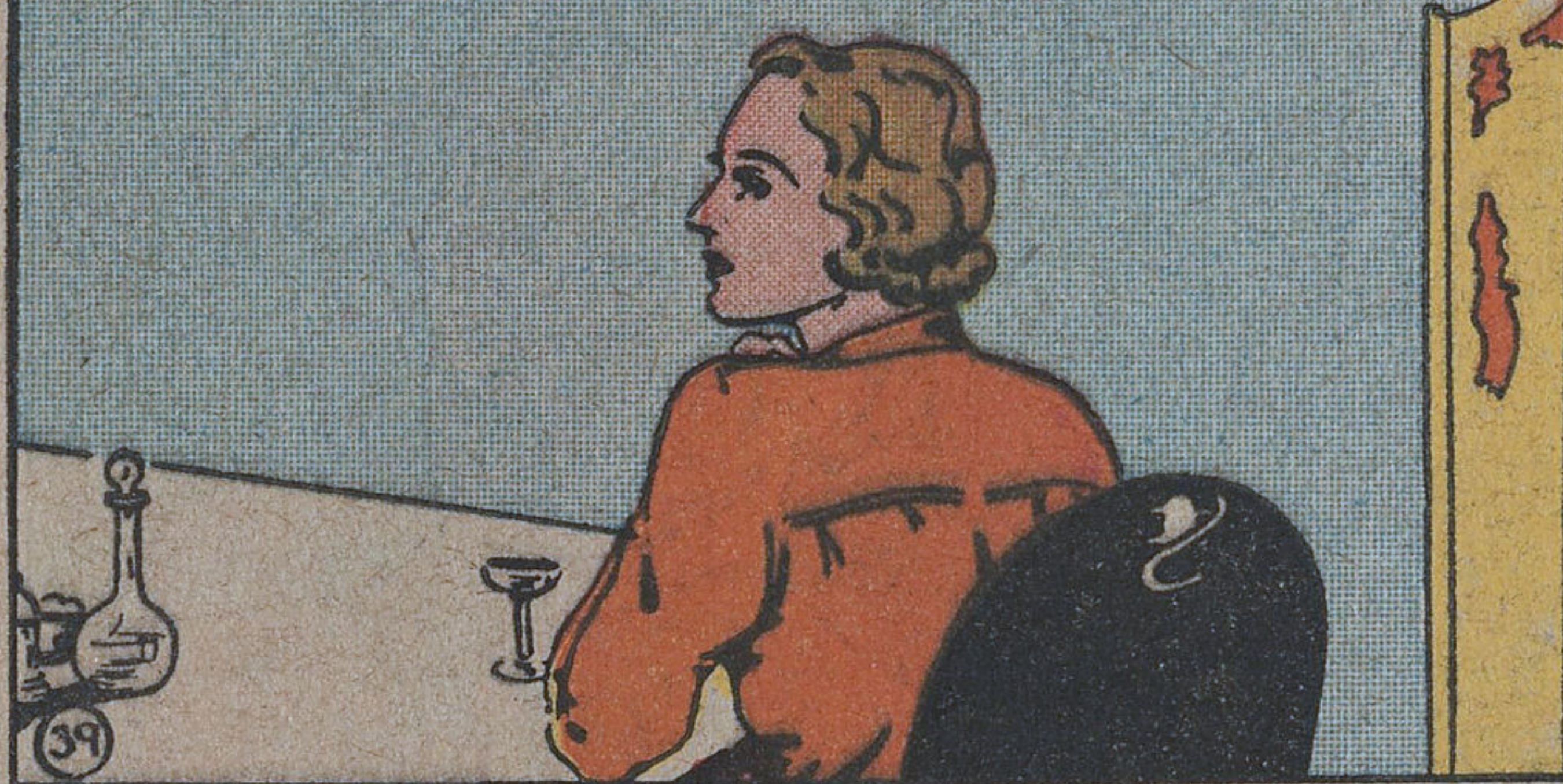
NELSONS' INTEREST AND CURIOSITY NOW REDOUBLED AS HE WATCHED THEM SEATED.



I FEEL UNEASY. SOMETHING QUEER IS GOING ON HERE OR I'M A CHINAMAN!



ONCE AGAIN NELSON'S EYES SWEEPED TOWARDS THE GIRL. HIS HEART THROBBED STRANGELY AS HE GAZED UPON HER. HE FELT SURE SHE WAS IN DANGER HERE . . .



FROM THE SHADOWS IN THE REAR AGAIN CAME THE STRANGE, FAINT, CHILLING MURMURS.



THRU THE SHADOWS CAME A QUICK GLEAM AS OF LIGHT STRIKING STEEL

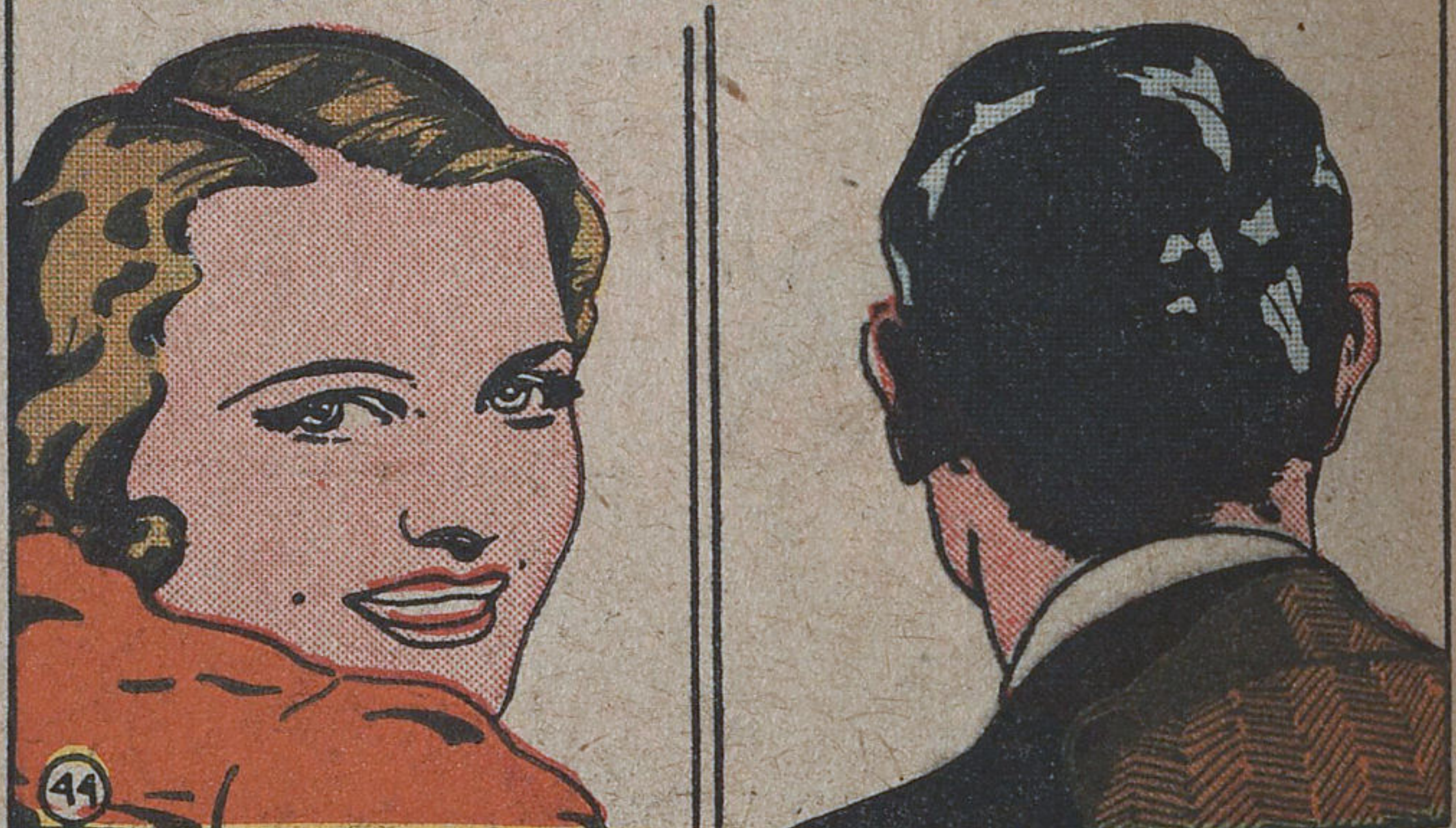


NELSON SMILES AT HIS THOUGHTS.

BUNK! PROBABLY MY IMAGINATION. MAYBE I'VE BEEN READING TOO MANY MYSTERY NOVELS LATELY!



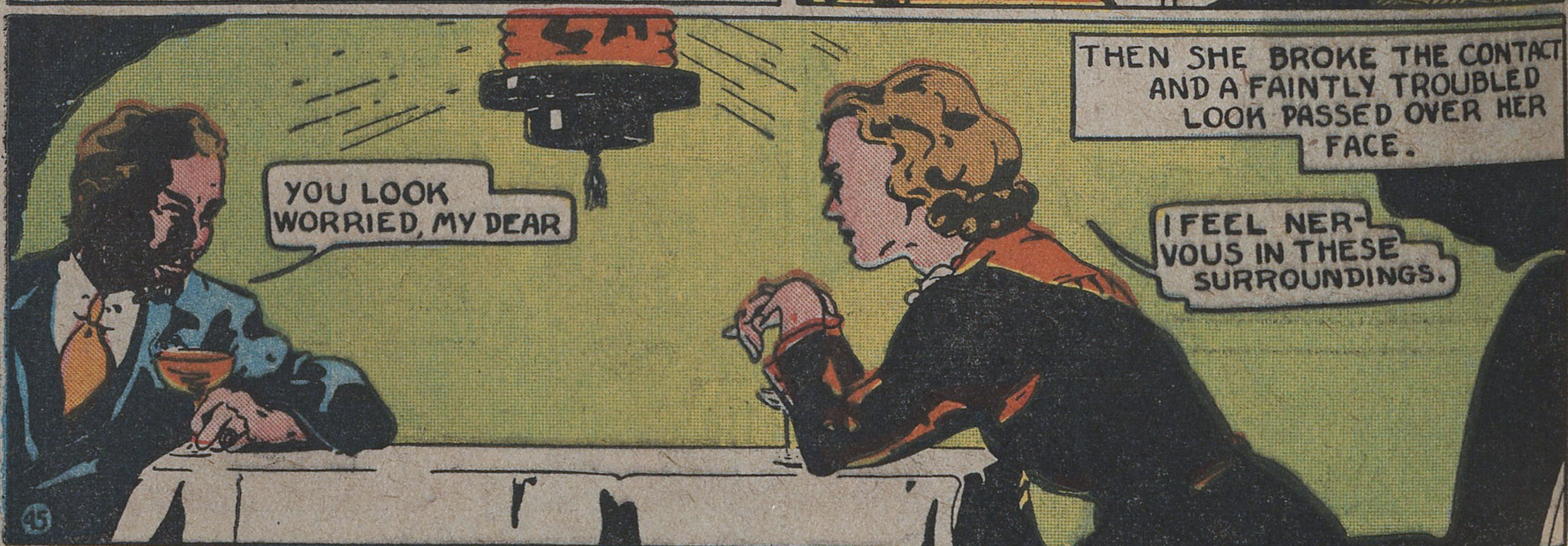
AT THIS MOMENT THE GIRL LOOKED IN HIS DIRECTION. THEIR GLANCES MET AND CLUNG....



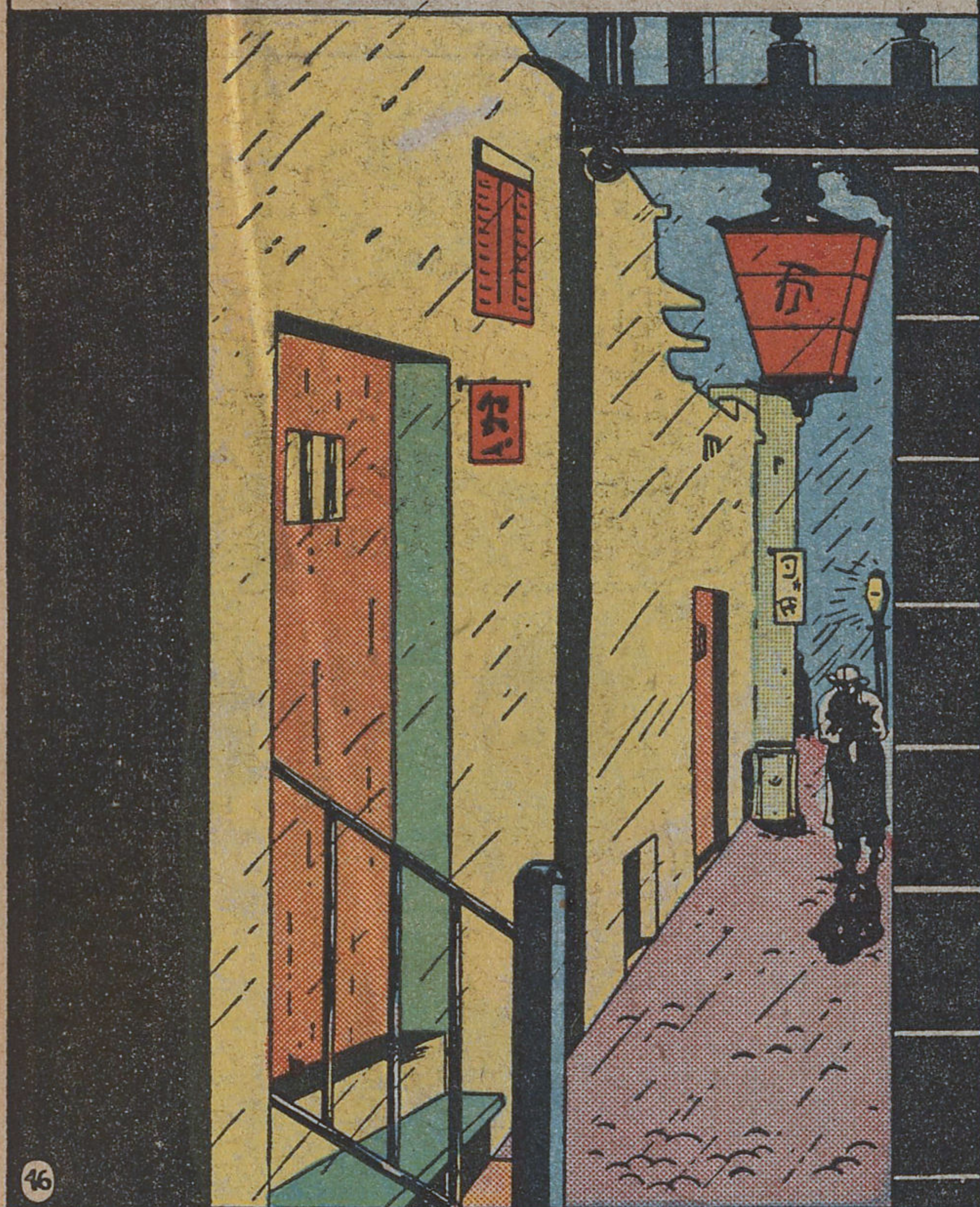
THEN SHE BROKE THE CONTACT AND A FAINTLY TROUBLED LOOK PASSED OVER HER FACE.

YOU LOOK WORRIED, MY DEAR

I FEEL NERVOUS IN THESE SURROUNDINGS.



A STEALTHY FIGURE GLIDED SWIFTLY UP A DARK ALLEY LEADING TO THE BACK OF THE RESTAURANT.



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THE FIGURE RAPS AT THE REAR DOOR. A HUGE, SINISTER-LOOKING CHINESE ADMITS HIM



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THEY PROCEED ALONG A DARK PASSAGEWAY CONVERTING IN LOW GUTTURAL TONES.



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THE PASSAGE ENTERS INTO A RICHLY DECORATED ROOM. AN IMPOSING CHINESE DOMINATES THE ROOM.



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THE GIRL'S FATHER SHOT A PIERCING LOOK IN NELSON'S DIRECTION. THE TWO MEN GAVE A BARELY PERCEPTIBLE NOD.



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SHORTLY TWO CHINESE ARRIVED AND SERVED THE COUPLE.



51

TO NELSON'S SURPRISE THEY ARE SERVED A FULL COURSE DINNER, ALL THE CHINESE DELICACIES AND TRIMMINGS THAT HAD BEEN DENIED HIM!

WELL, CAN YOU BEAT THAT?!

-WAITER!



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HE HAD DIFFICULTY REPRESSING A FAINT START WHEN HE FOUND THE MAN LOOMING CLOSELY OVER HIS SHOULDER.



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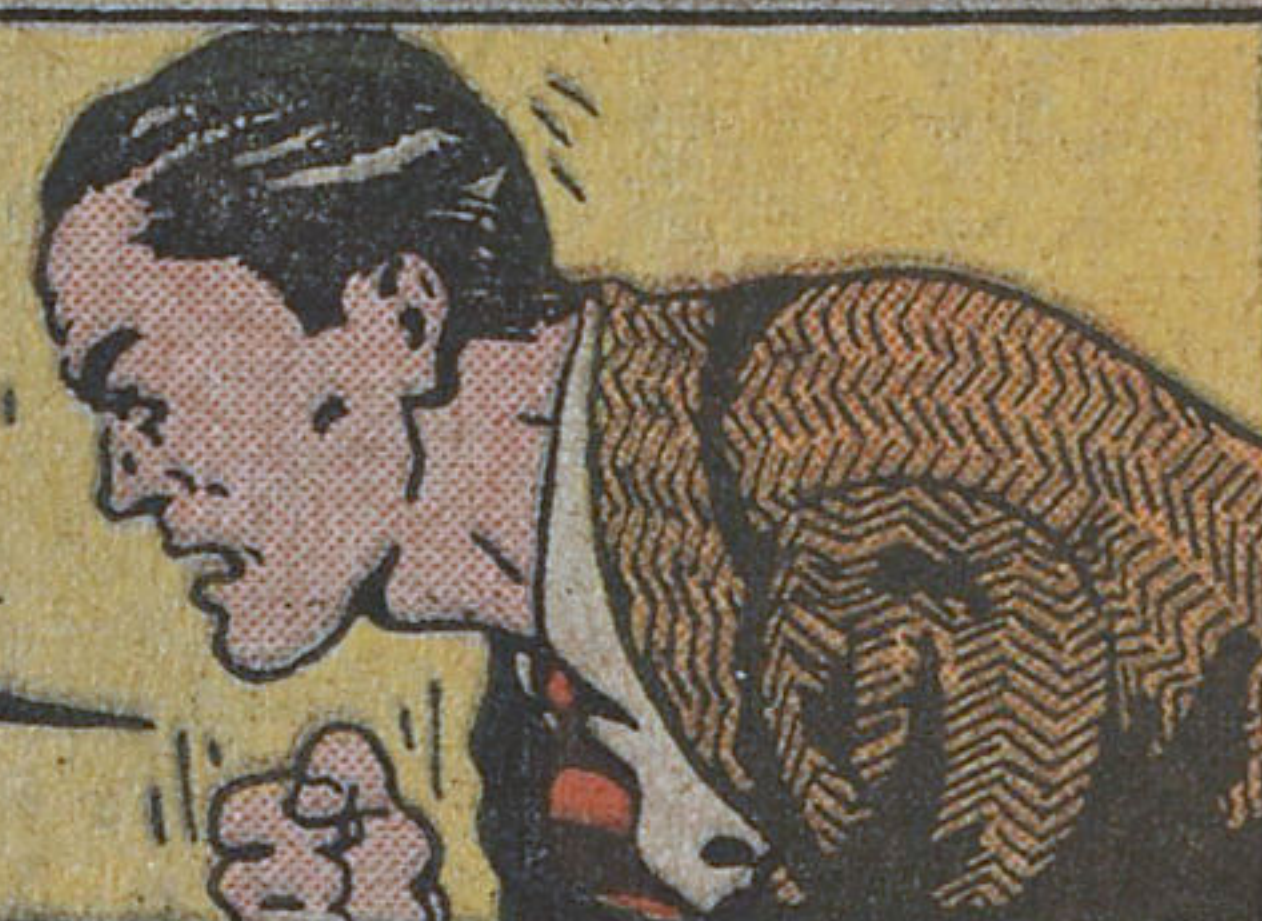
WITHOUT ANSWERING THE MAN PLACED THE CHECK BESIDE HIS PLATE.

I'LL ASK FOR THE CHECK WHEN I WANT IT!



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FURTHERMORE, BRING ME SOME TEA, NUTS AND FRUIT, -PRONTO!



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VELLY SORRY! NO TEA- NO NUTS - NO FRUIT -..



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NELSON GAZED UP AT HIM IN GROWING ANGER, THEN GLANCED AT THE OTHER TABLE WHERE ALL THE THINGS HE HAD ASKED FOR WERE IN PLAIN VIEW



WHILE HE STARED, THE WAITER SUGGESTIVELY SHOVED THE CHECK FORWARD AGAIN.

WHAT'S THIS BIRD UP TO?



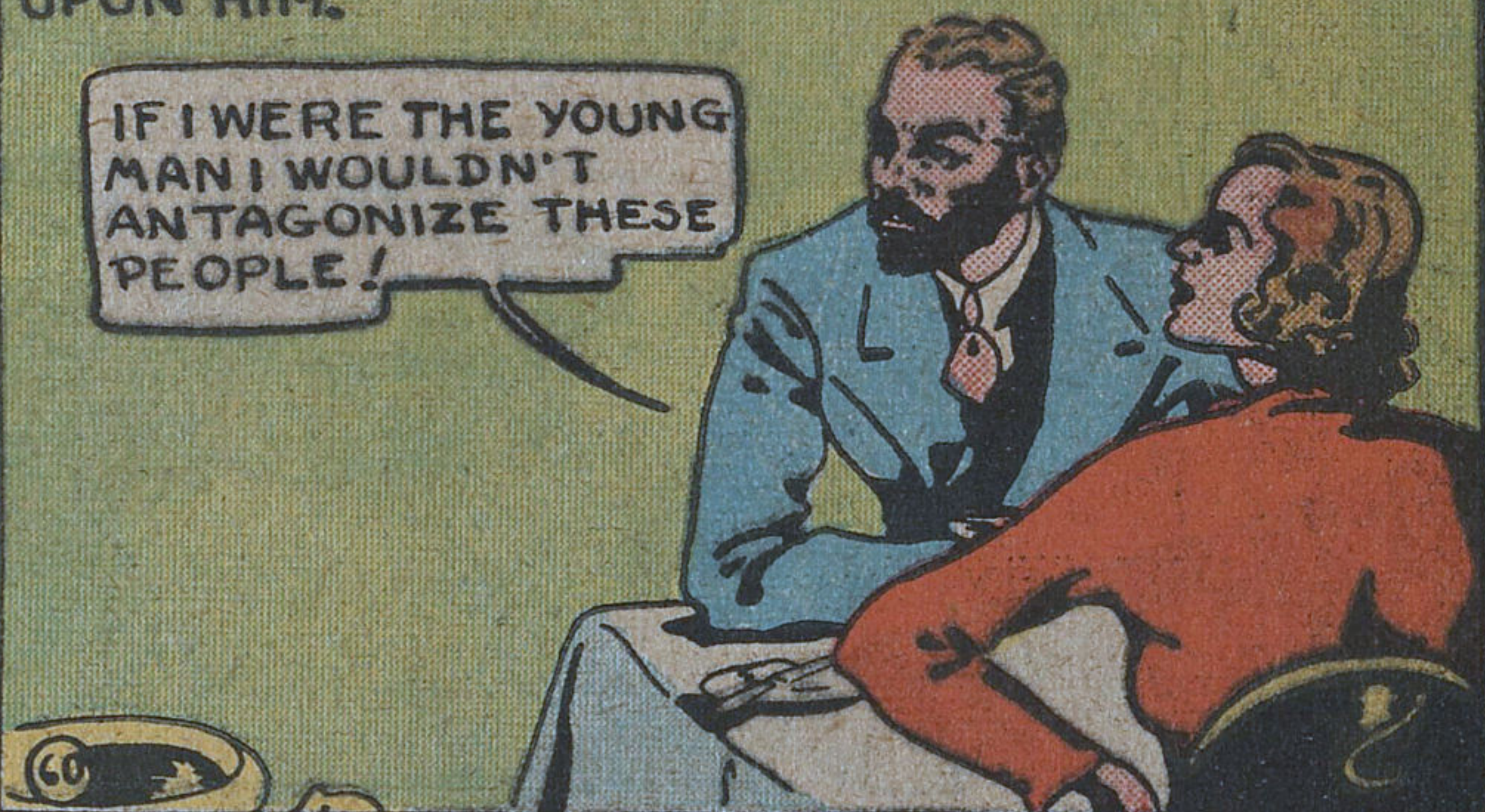
SENSING THAT HIS PRESENCE WAS NOT DESIRED, HE GREW INCREASINGLY CURIOUS AND STUBBORN.

I TELL YOU I HAVEN'T FINISHED MY MEAL YET! I DEMAND WHAT I HAVE ASKED FOR! IF YOU CAN'T GET IT SEND THE PROPRIETOR HERE!



HIS VOICE ROSE SLIGHTLY IN HIS ANGER AND HE FELT THE EYES OF THE OTHER TWO GUESTS UPON HIM.

IF I WERE THE YOUNG MAN I WOULDN'T ANTAGONIZE THESE PEOPLE!

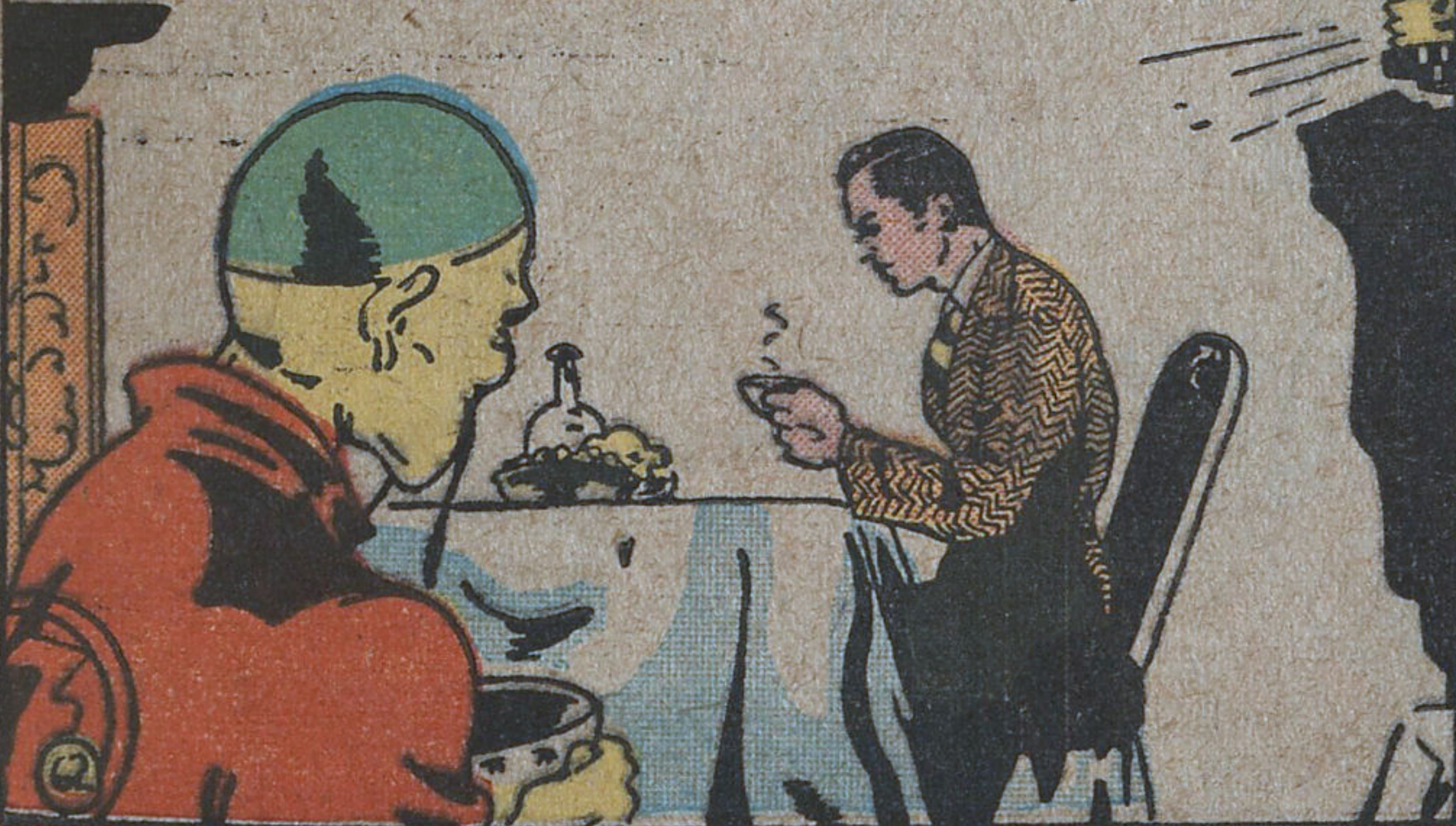


THE WAITER SAW THE COUPLE'S SURPRISE AND GREW AGITATED.

YES, YES, I WILL BRING THEM!



HE RETURNS WITH THE ORDER. AS NELSON EATS SLOWLY THE WAITER MAKES REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO HURRY HIM BY REMOVING PLATES, BOWLS, ETC.



NELSON, GRINNING TO HIMSELF, FORE STALLED THESE ATTEMPTS AND ATE SLOWLY AND CALMLY

OH, NO YOU DON'T, OLD BOY!!



THE TENSE NERVOUS FEELING CREATED BY THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE PLACE WAS PUTTING HIS NERVES ON EDGE. HE NOTICED THAT THE GIRL ALSO SEEMED NERVOUS. HER FOOD WAS SCARCELY TOUCHED.



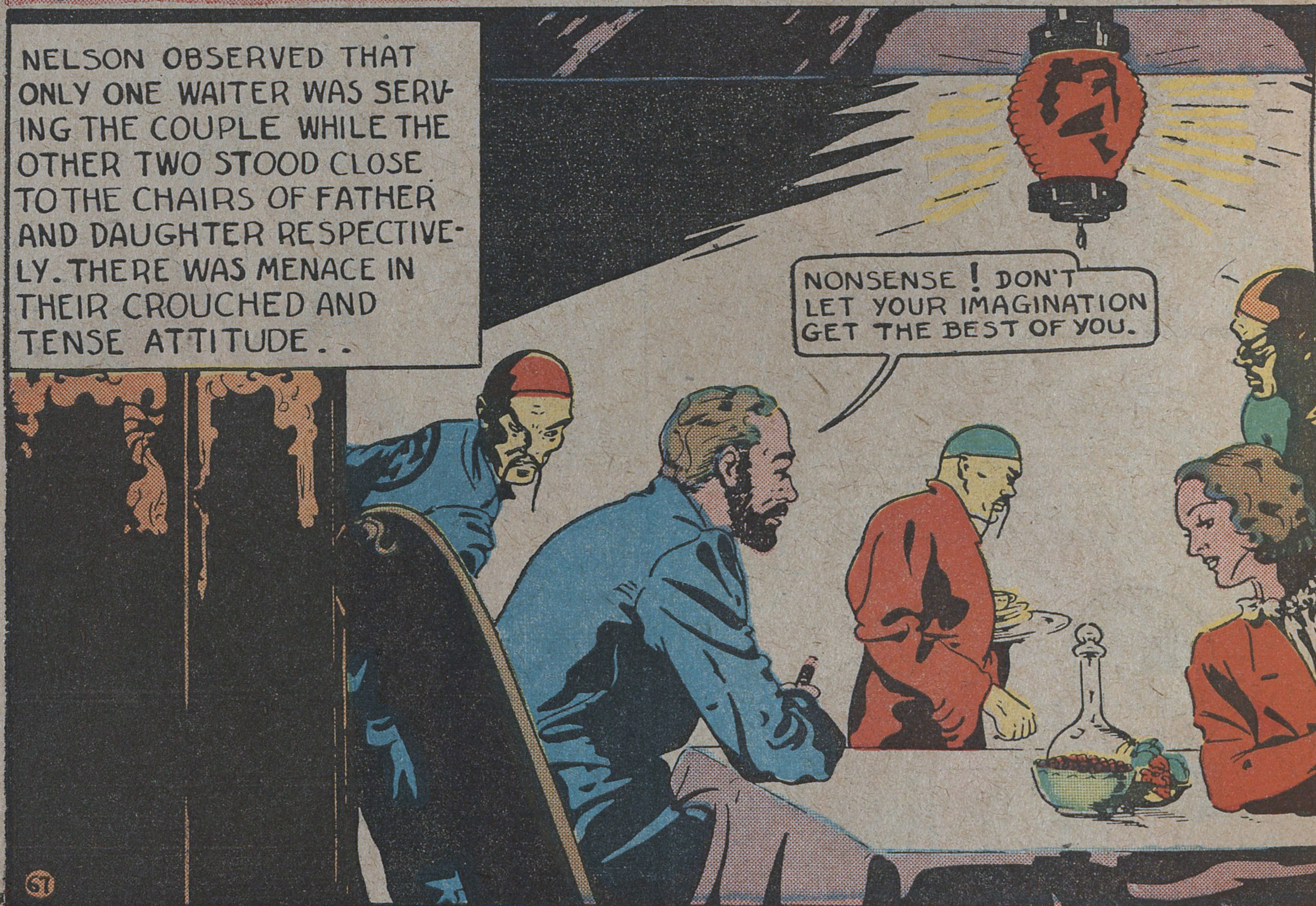
ONCE OR TWICE SHE GLANCED HIS WAY. NELSON IMAGINED HE SAW A LITTLE FEAR AND SOMETHING LIKE APPEAL IN HER EYES.



BY THIS TIME THE FORCE OF WAITERS HAD INCREASED. TWO HOVERED ABOUT HIS OWN TABLE, WHILE THREE WERE AT THE TABLE WHERE THE TWO STRANGERS SAT.



NELSON OBSERVED THAT ONLY ONE WAITER WAS SERVING THE COUPLE WHILE THE OTHER TWO STOOD CLOSE TO THE CHAIRS OF FATHER AND DAUGHTER RESPECTIVELY. THERE WAS MENACE IN THEIR CROUCHED AND TENSE ATTITUDE...





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THE RUSTLE AND WHISPER FROM THE REAR OF THE KITCHEN HAD ALMOST COMPLETELY DIED DOWN AND THE PLACE WAS IN SILENCE. BUT, THE SILENCE HAD BECOME OMINOUS, LIKE THE TENSE STILLNESS THAT USHERS IN A STORM...



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THE WAITER, SEEMINGLY ACCIDENTALLY, DROPS A TRAY OF BOWLS NEAR THE TWO GUESTS. THEIR ATTENTION BECOMES CENTERED ON THIS FOR A SECOND.



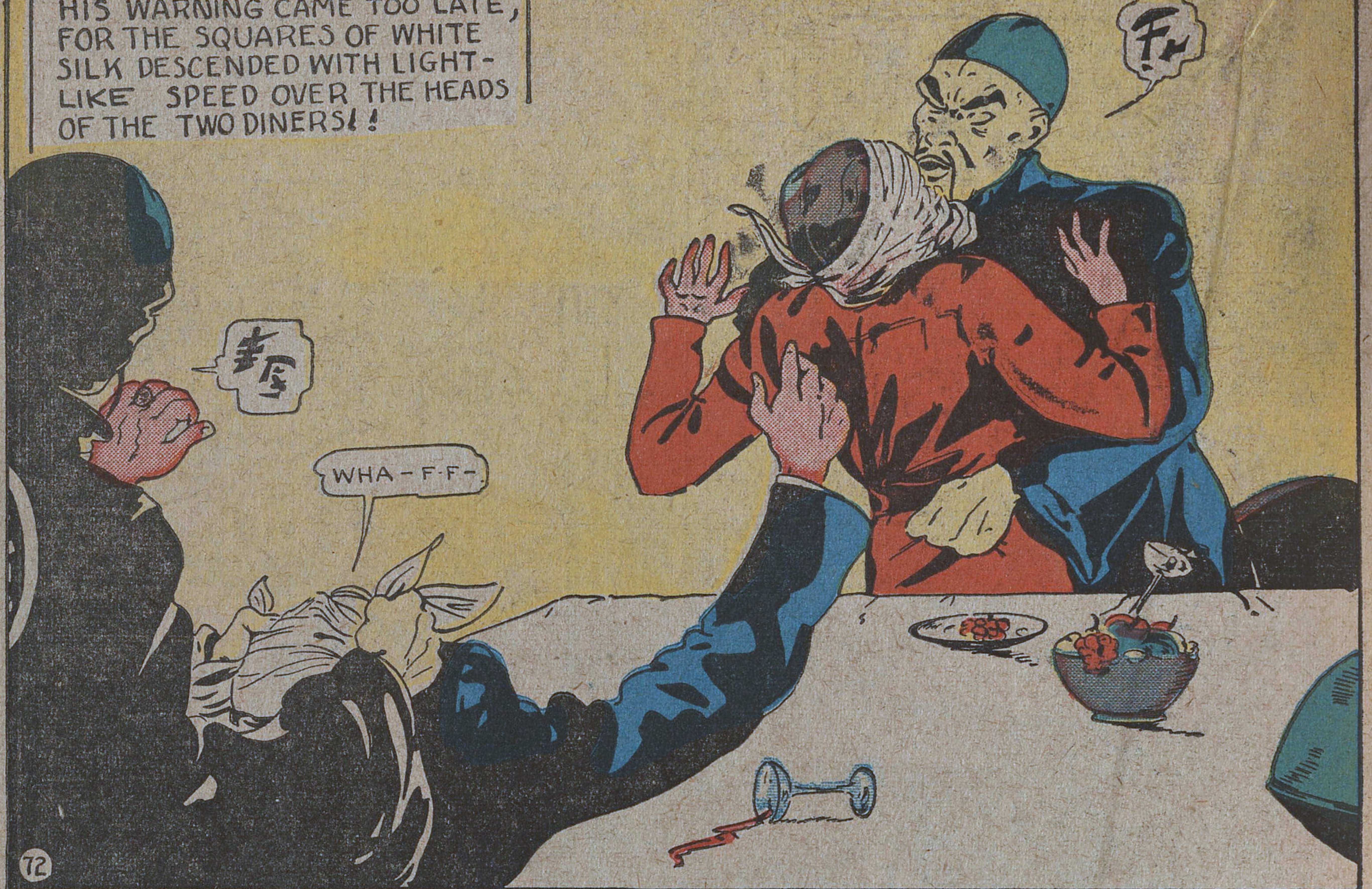
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NELSON ROSE WITH A WARNING SHOUT AS THE TWO WAITERS BEHIND THE BACKS OF THE BLACK BEARDED MAN AND HIS BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER MADE A SINGLE SWIFT STEP FORWARD, HOLDING SOMETHING WHITE IN THEIR HANDS...



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HIS WARNING CAME TOO LATE,
FOR THE SQUARES OF WHITE
SILK DESCENDED WITH LIGHT-
LIKE SPEED OVER THE HEADS
OF THE TWO DINERS!!



HE SAW NO MORE, FOR AT THAT SAME IN-
STANT THE SOFT FOLDS OF SOME HEAVY
SILK MATERIAL DROPPED AROUND HIS OWN
HEAD, NEARLY STIFLING HIM

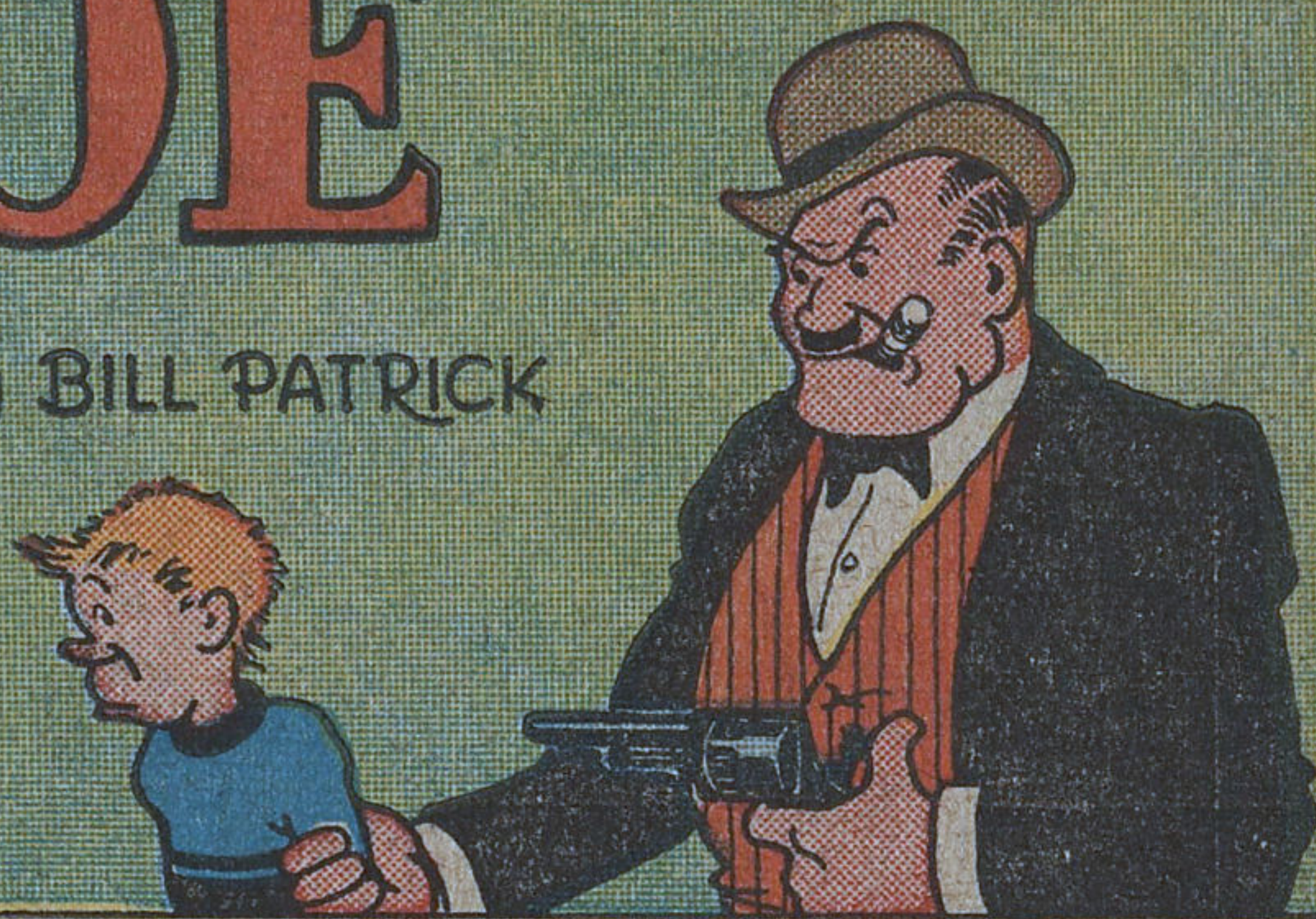


HE LUNGED FORWARD, UPSETTING THE
TABLE, ONLY TO HAVE HIS LEGS KICKED OUT
FROM UNDER HIM, AND A COIL OF ROPE TIGHT-
ENED ABOUT HIS ARMS WHILE STRONG HANDS
SEIZED HIM.



GUMSHOE GUS

By BILL PATRICK



BOYS—DID I EVER TELL YUH ABOUT TH'TIME I CAPTURED "LOUIE TH'LUMP" AND HIS GANG?—WELL—

CHANGE YER TUNE GUS—YOU'VE WORN THAT ONE OUT!

YEAH—THE FIRST THING YUH KNOW YOU'LL BE BELIEVIN' IT YERSELF!

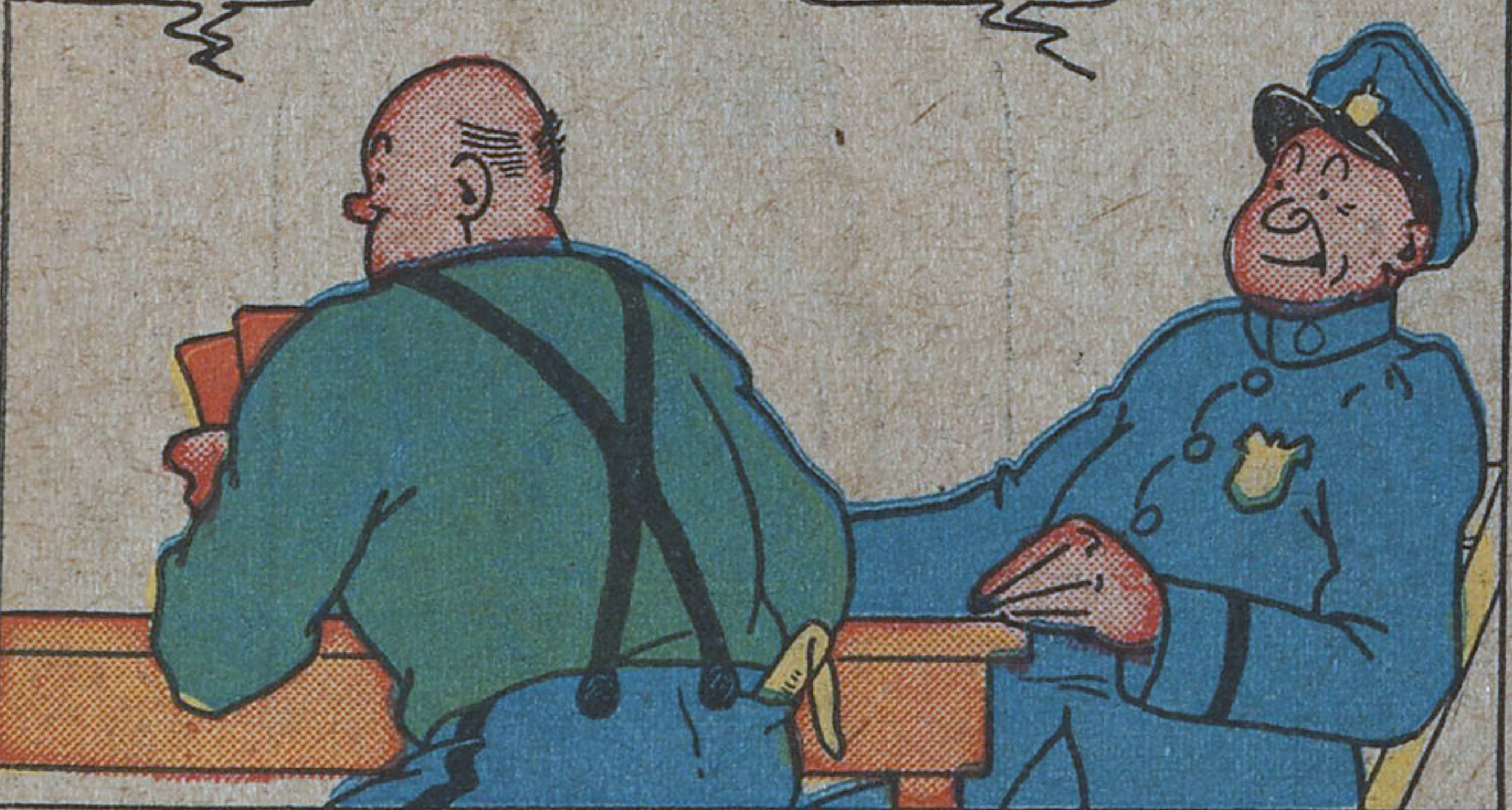


—AN' THE TIME "SQUINTY SQUIB" TIED ME UP AN' GAGGED ME!



IT'S TOO BAD HE DIDN'T LEAVE TH' GAG ON!

I SECOND THE MOTION!

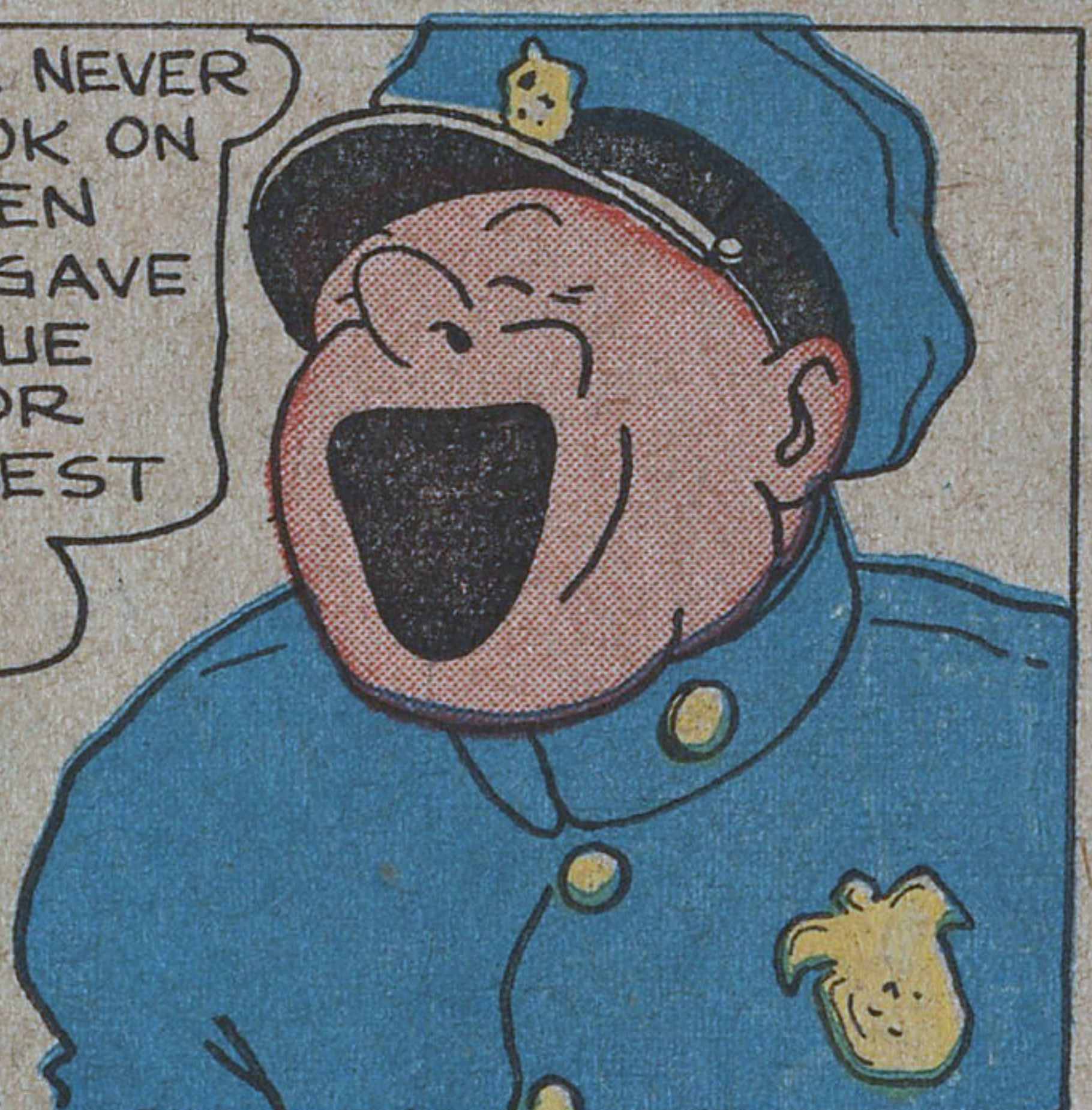


YOU FLAT-FEET ARE JUST JEALOUS BECAUSE TH' CHIEF GIVES ME ALL TH' TOUGH JOBS!

THAT'S RIGHT, IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY—YOU WERE ASSIGNED TO TH' DOG SHOW LAST TIME!



YEAH—AN' I'LL NEVER FORGET TH' LOOK ON GUS' FACE WHEN TH' JUDGES GAVE HIM TH' BLUE RIBBON FOR BEIN' TH' BEST POODLE IN TH' SHOW!



AW!—AIN'T NO USE TALKIN' T' YOU MUGS—YOU'RE JUST GREEN WITH ENVY!





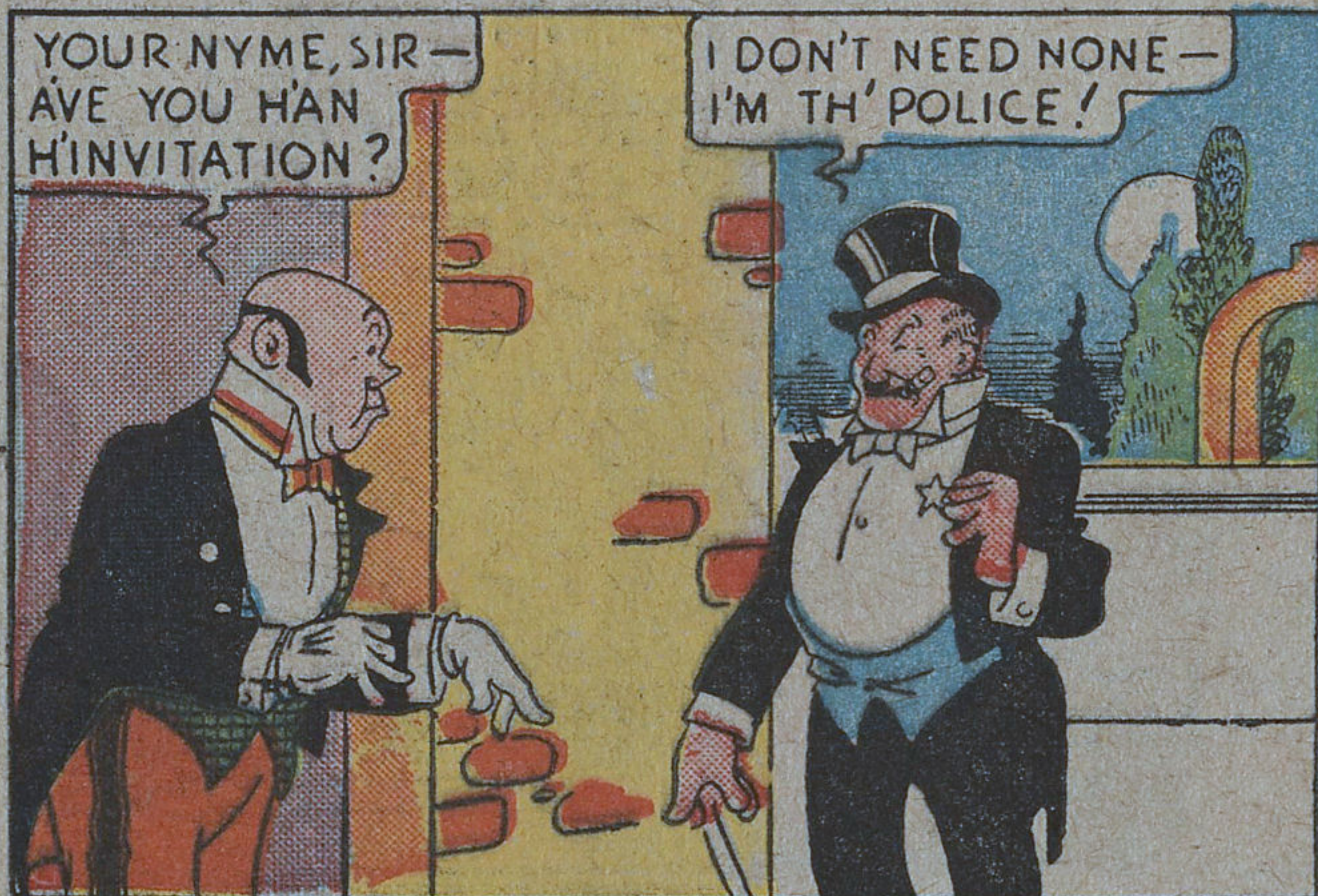
HEY, GUS—THE CHIEF WANTS TO SEE YUH!

PROBABLY WANTS ME TO GO OUT AN' SOLVE A MURDER OR A BANK ROBBERY!



GUS, YOU'VE GOTTA GO OUT TO MRS GOTLOTZ HOUSE—THERE'S A BIG AFFAIR ON AND YOU'VE GOTTA KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE JEWELS!

DON'T WORRY, CHIEF—I'LL KEEP ME GIMLET EYE ON TH' WHOLE WORKS!



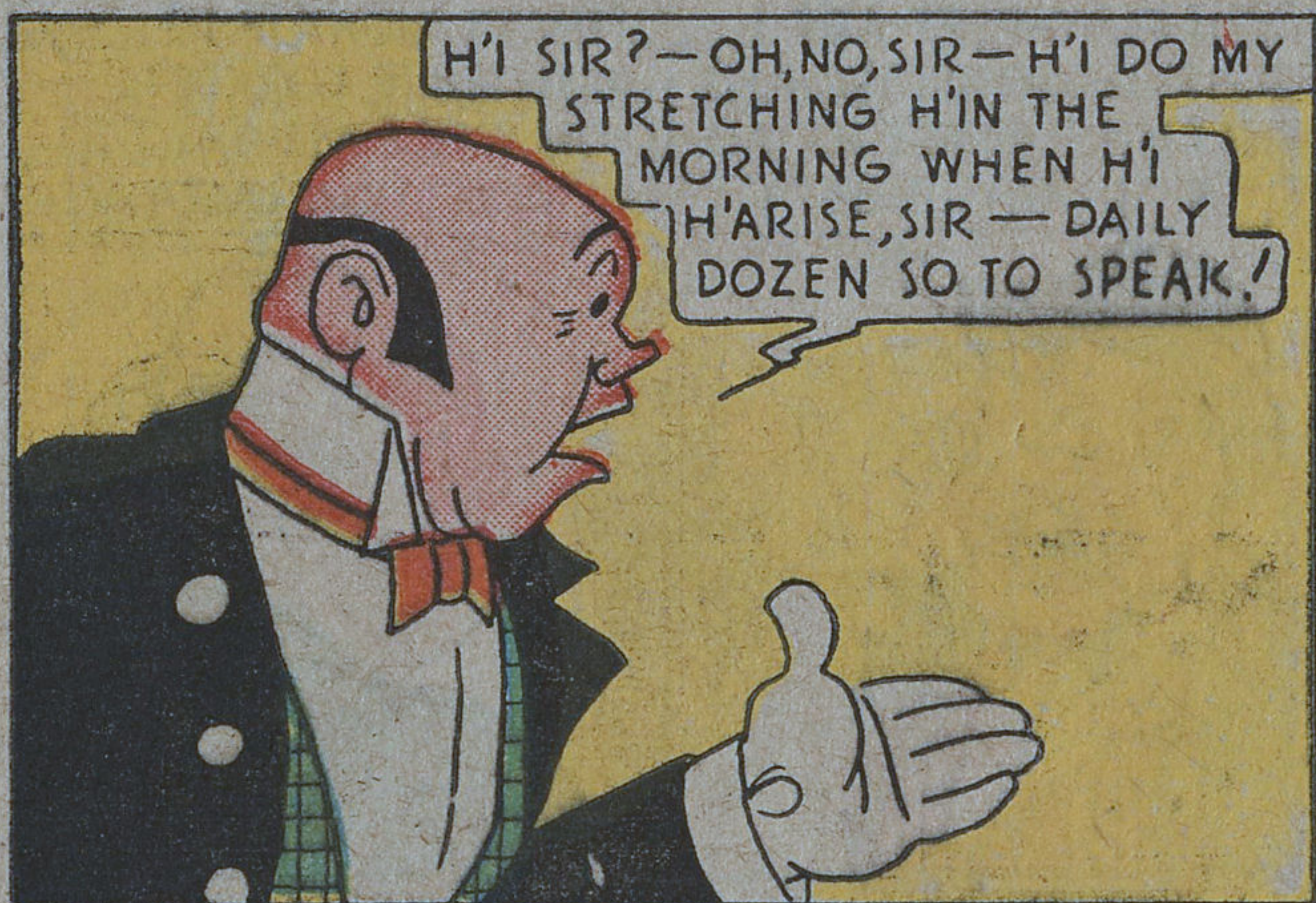
YOUR NYME, SIR—AVE YOU HAN H'INVITATION?

I DON'T NEED NONE—I'M TH' POLICE!

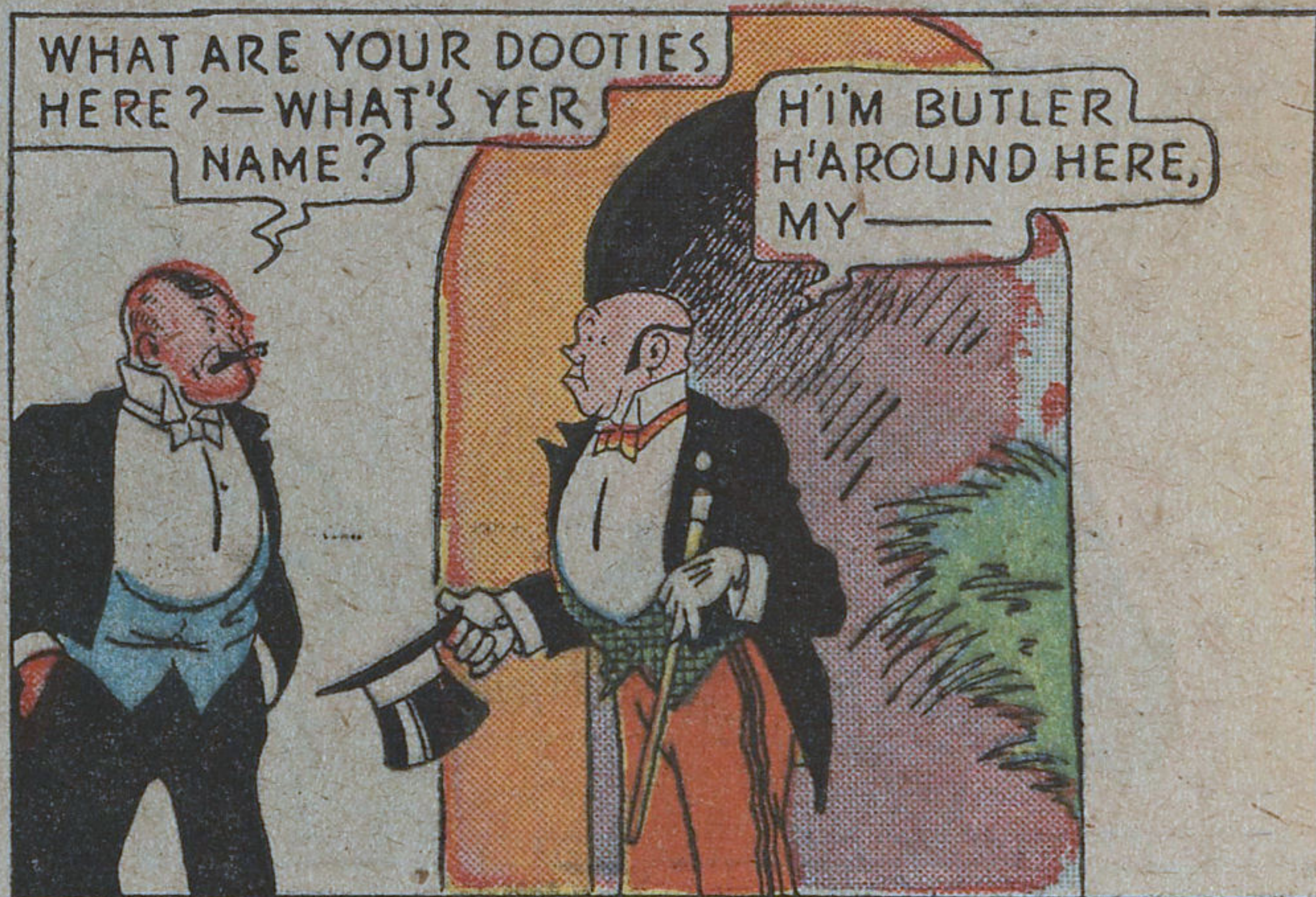


VERY GOOD, SIR—YOU MAY HENTER

SAY!—DIDN'T YOU DO A STRETCH UP TH' RIVER?

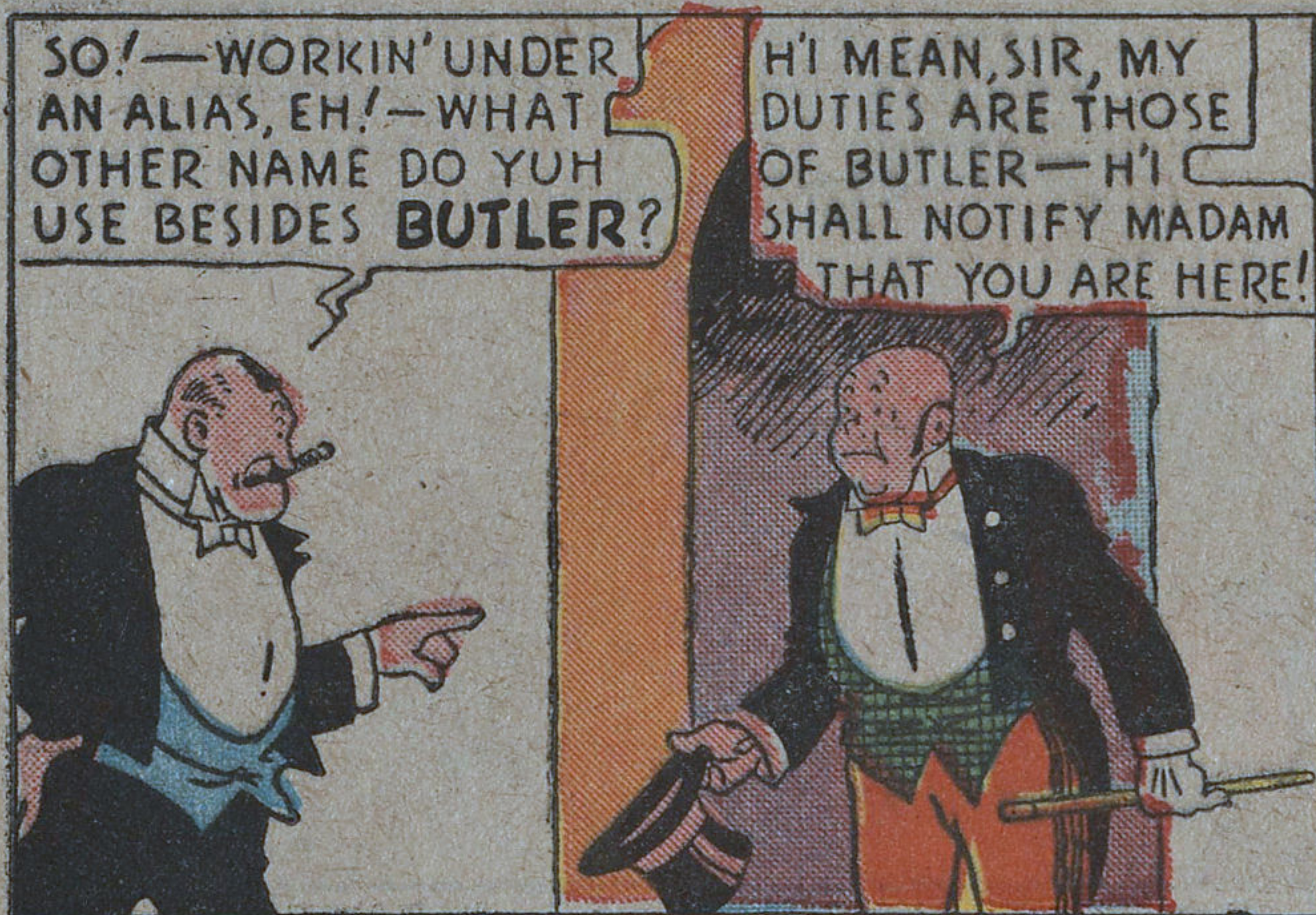


H'I SIR?—OH, NO, SIR—H'I DO MY STRETCHING H'IN THE MORNING WHEN H'I H'ARISE, SIR—DAILY DOZEN SO TO SPEAK!



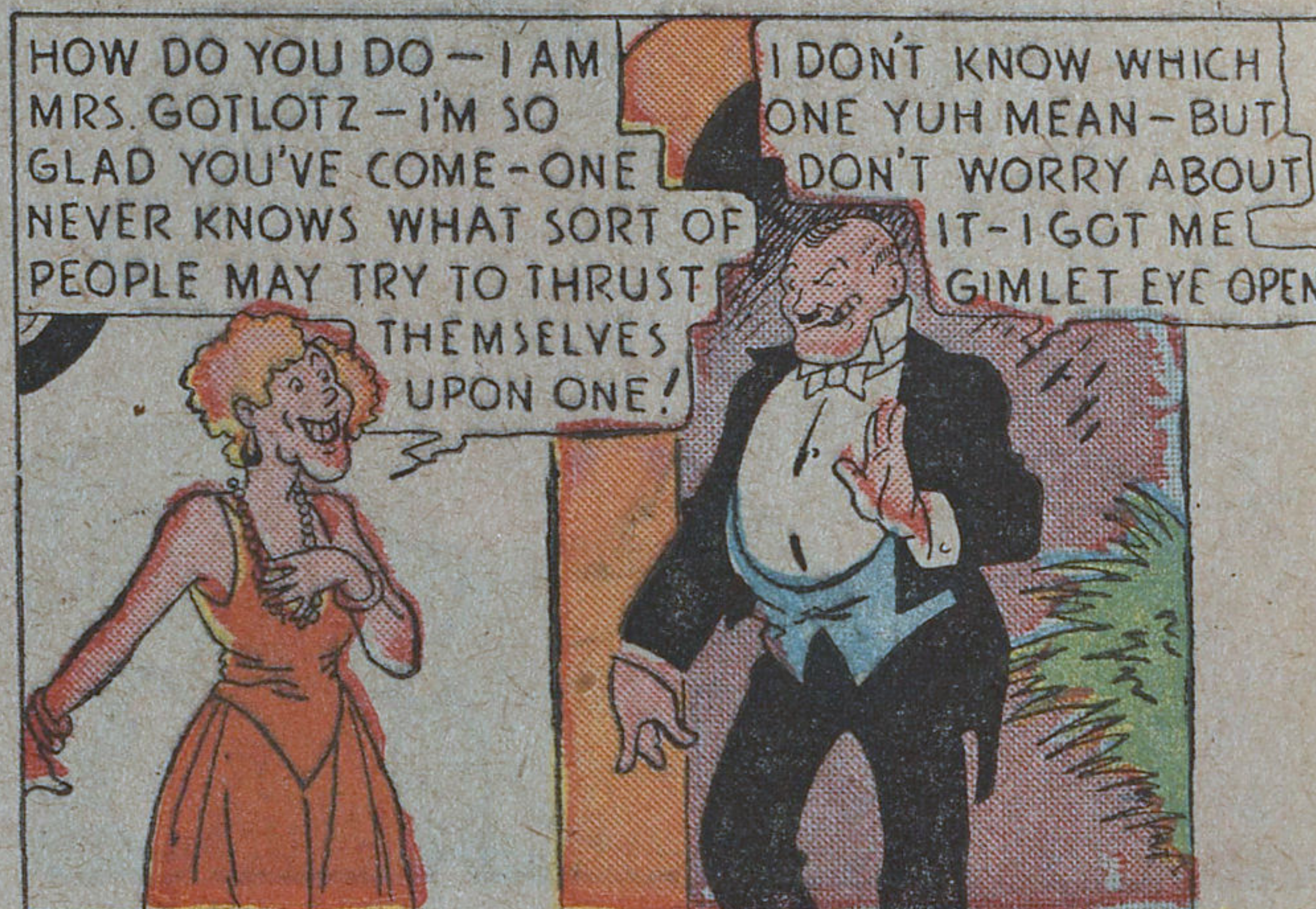
WHAT ARE YOUR DOOTIES HERE?—WHAT'S YER NAME?

H'I'M BUTLER H'AROUND HERE, MY—



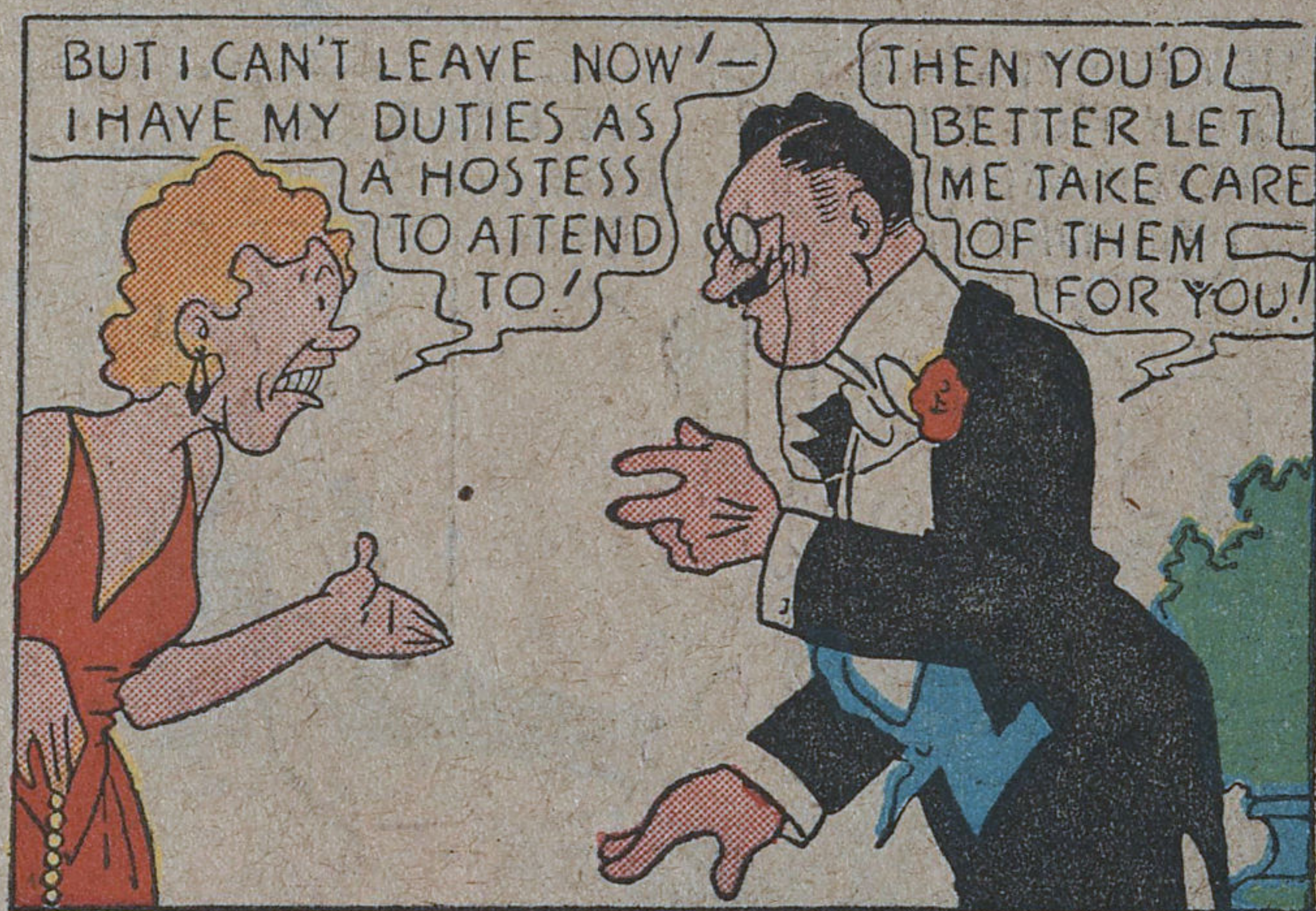
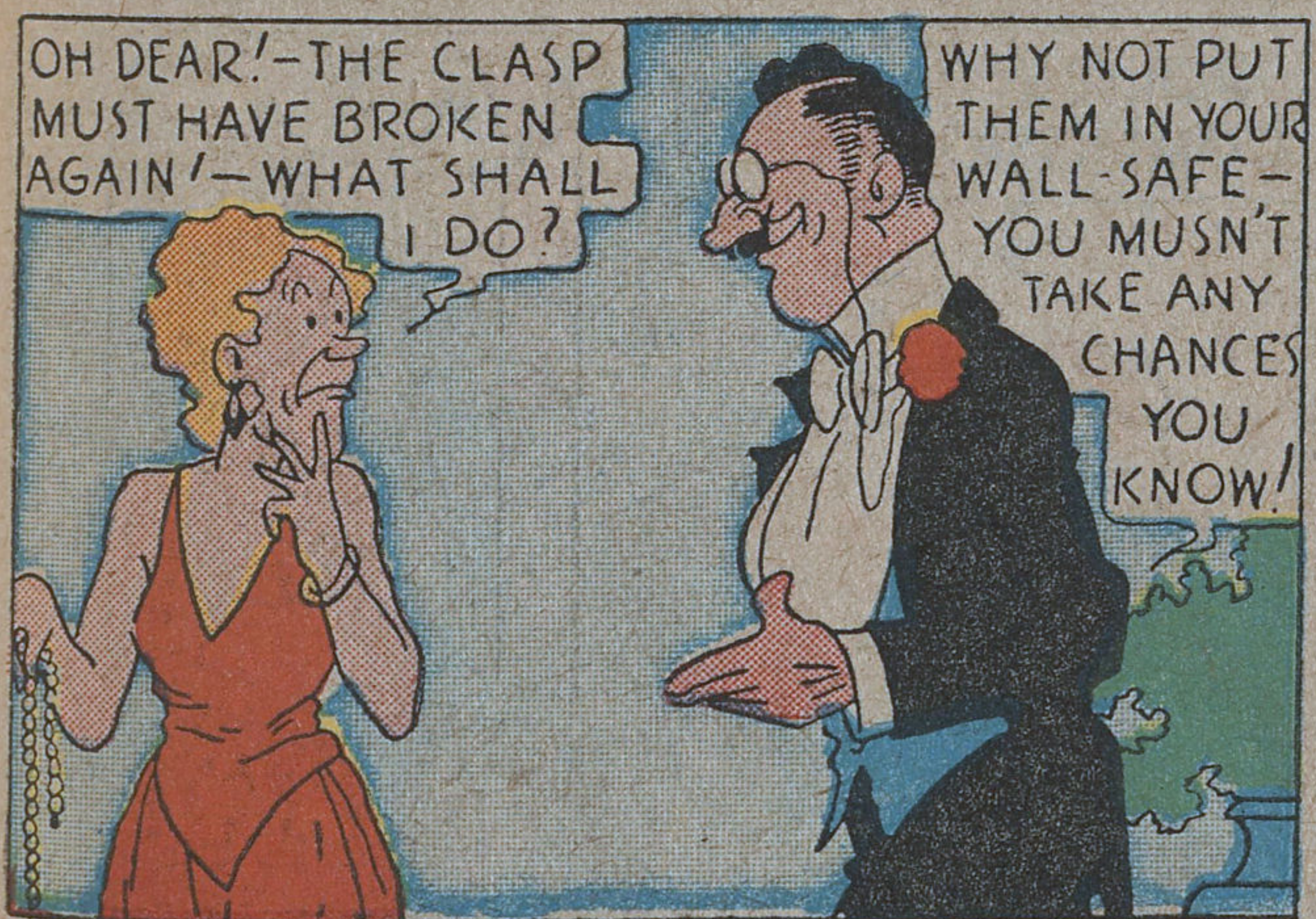
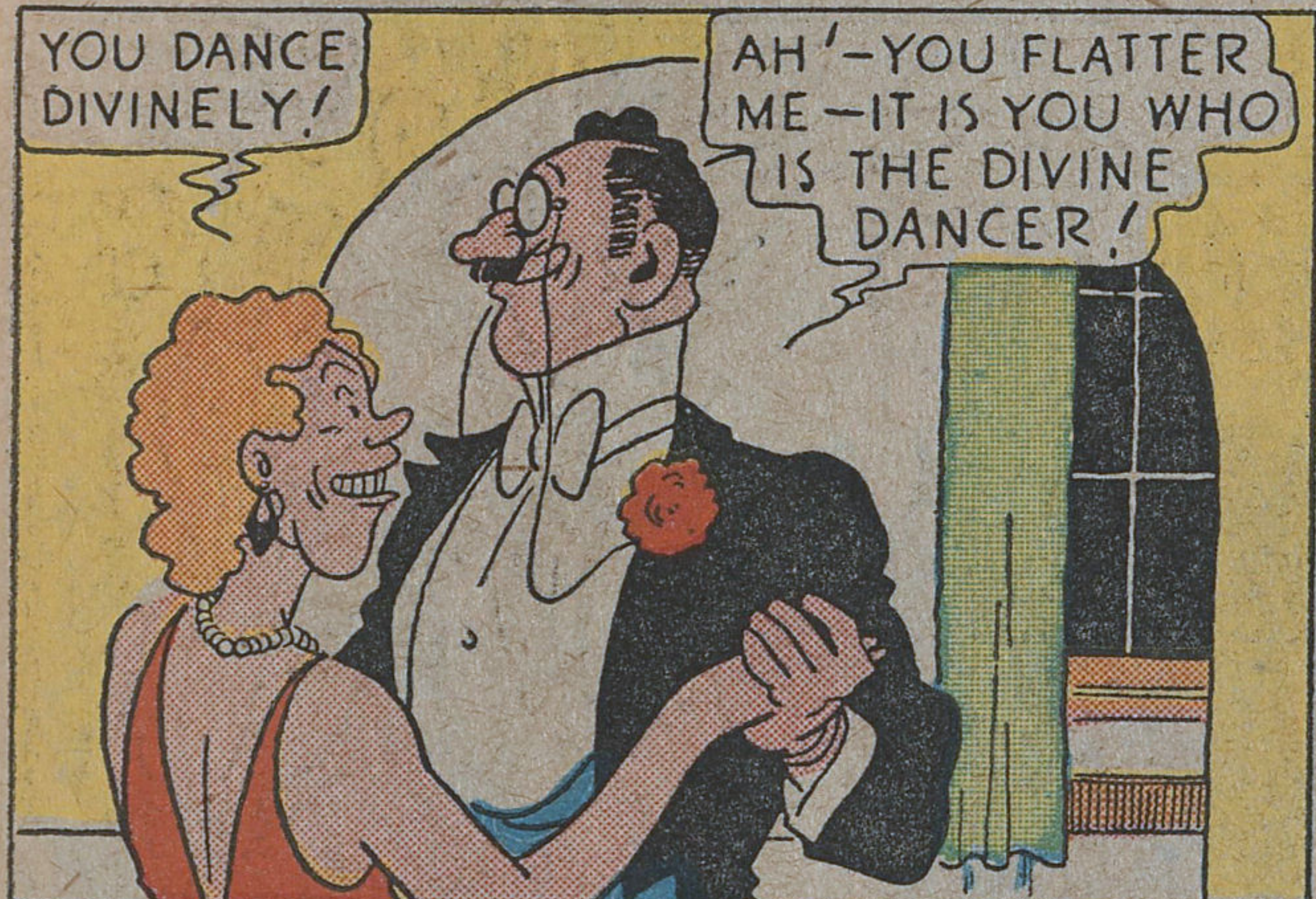
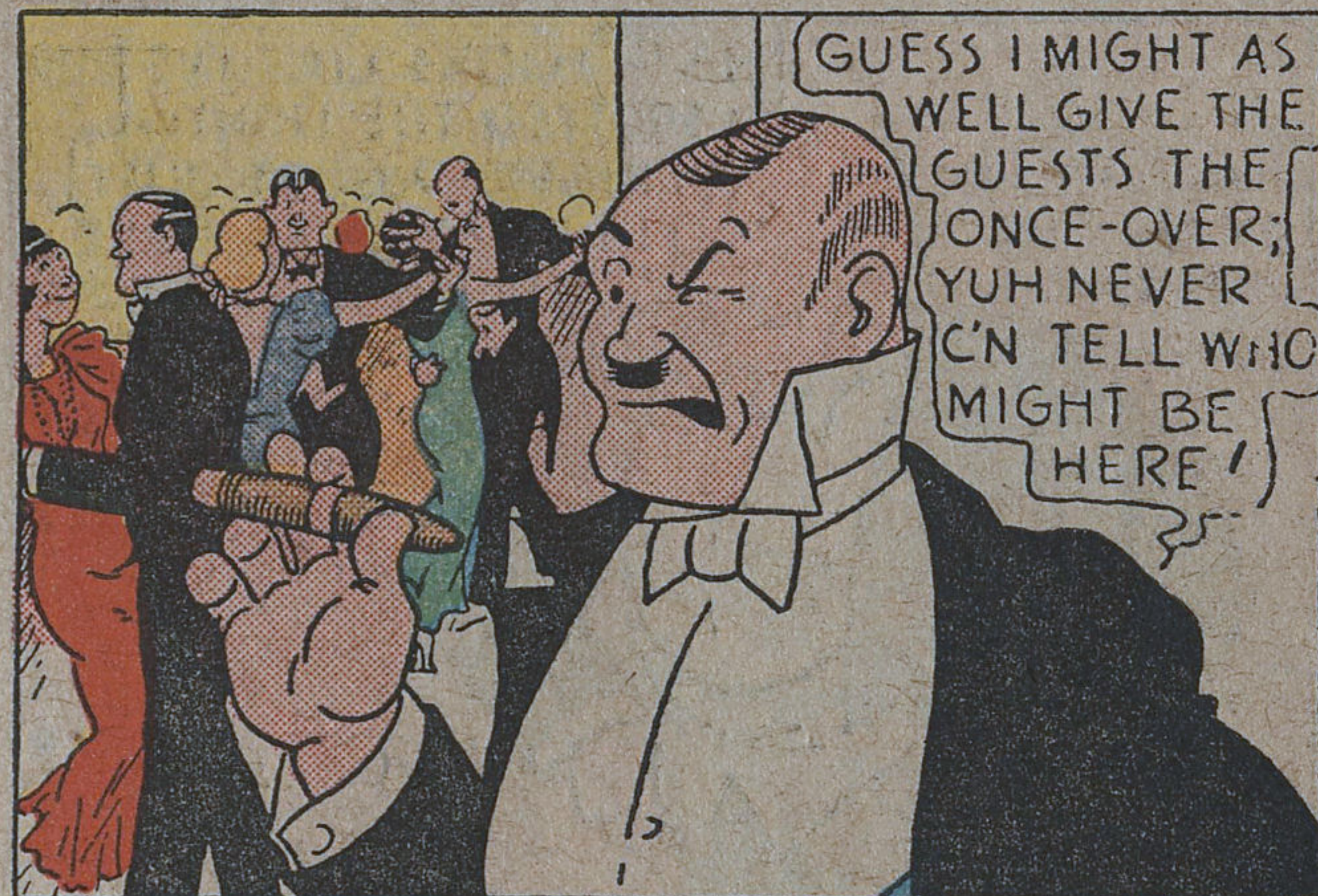
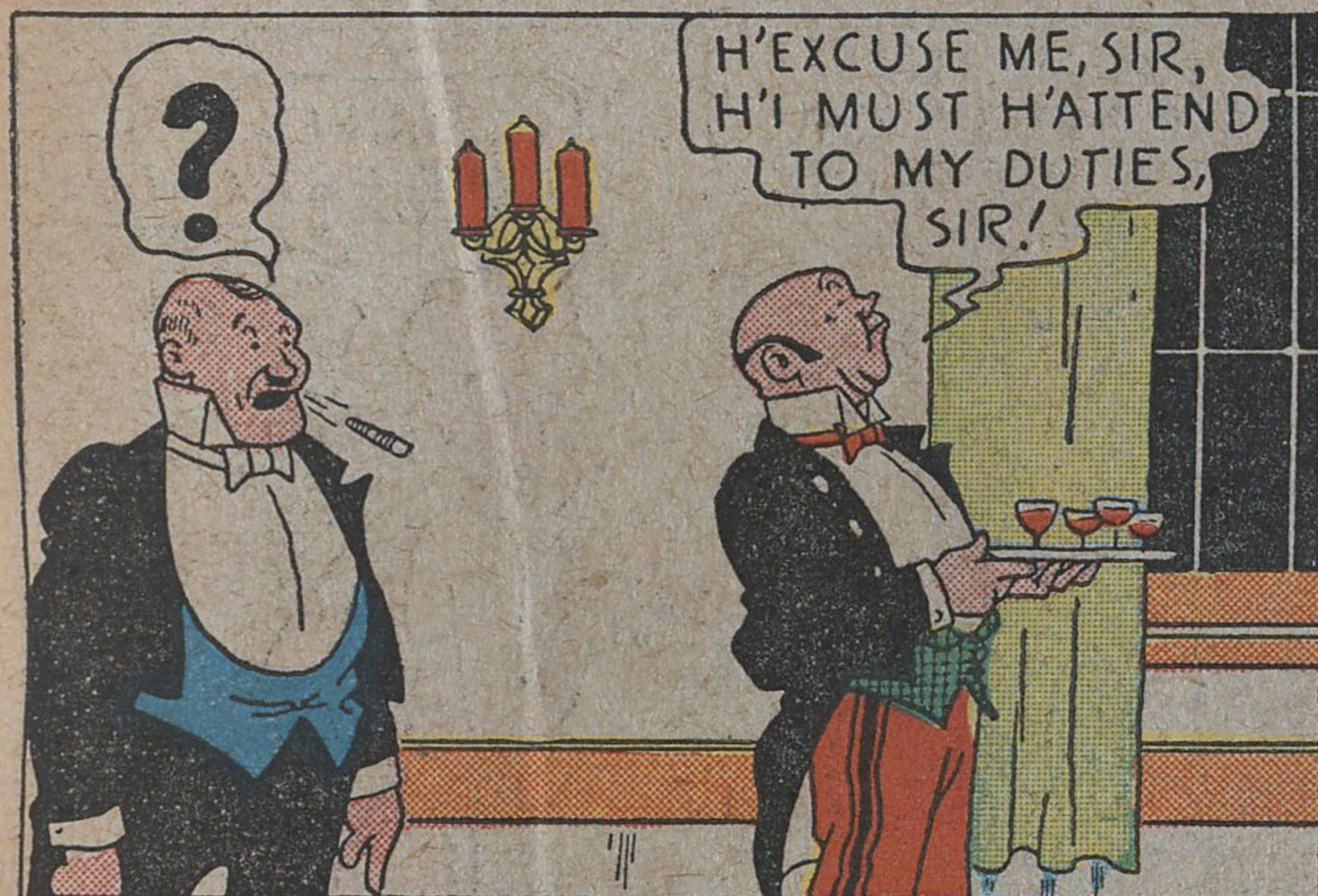
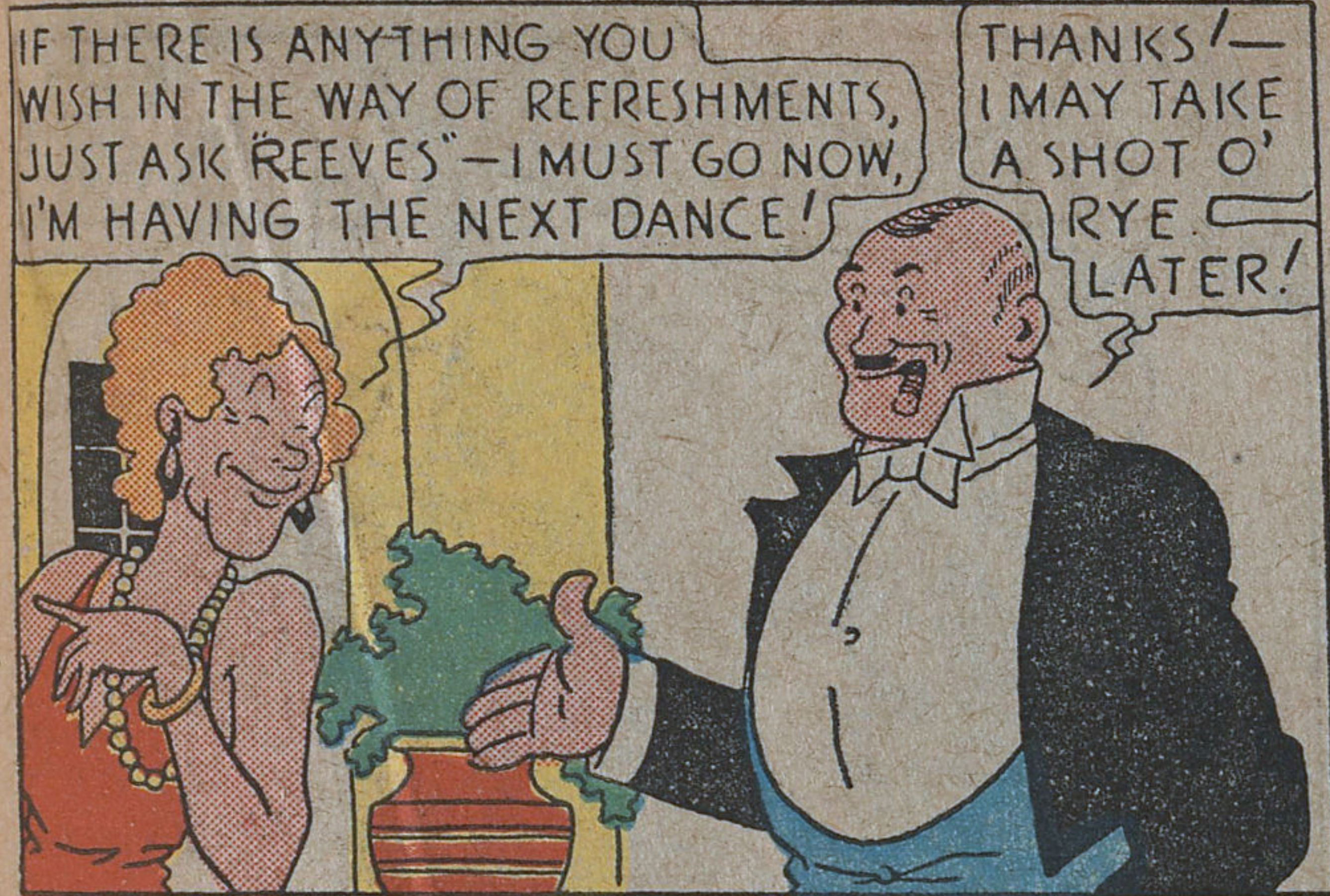
SO!—WORKIN' UNDER AN ALIAS, EH!—WHAT OTHER NAME DO YUH USE BESIDES **BUTLER**?

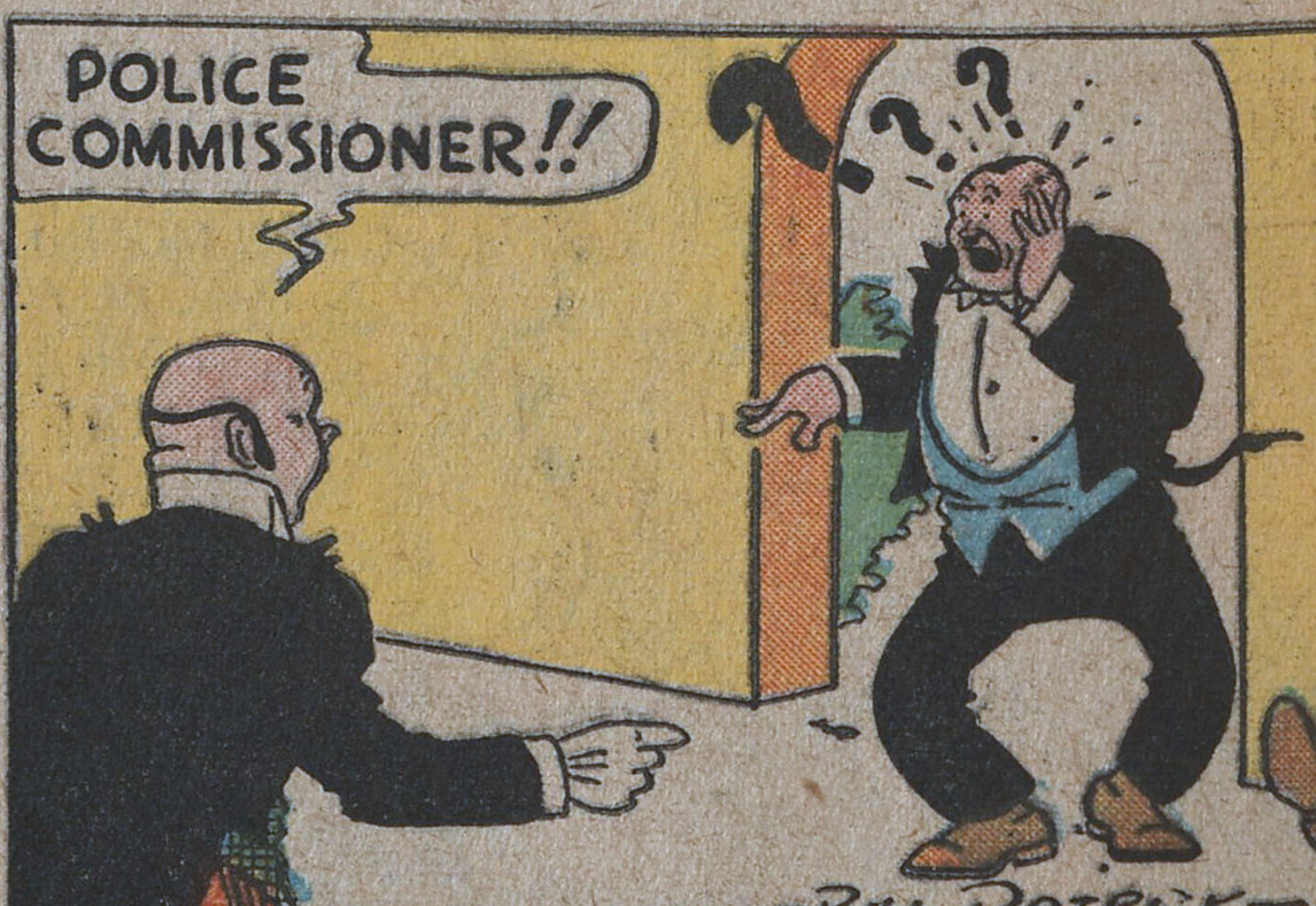
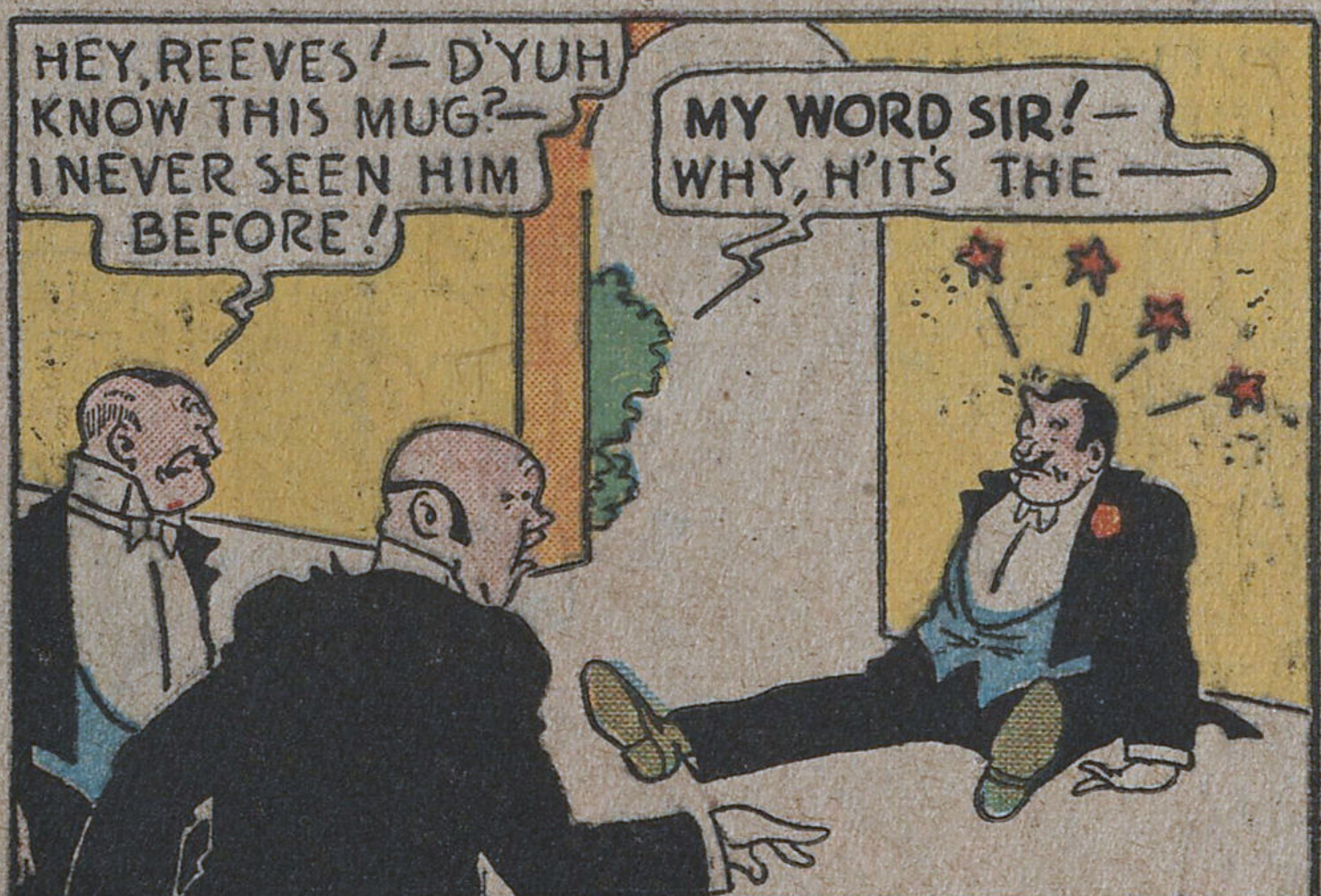
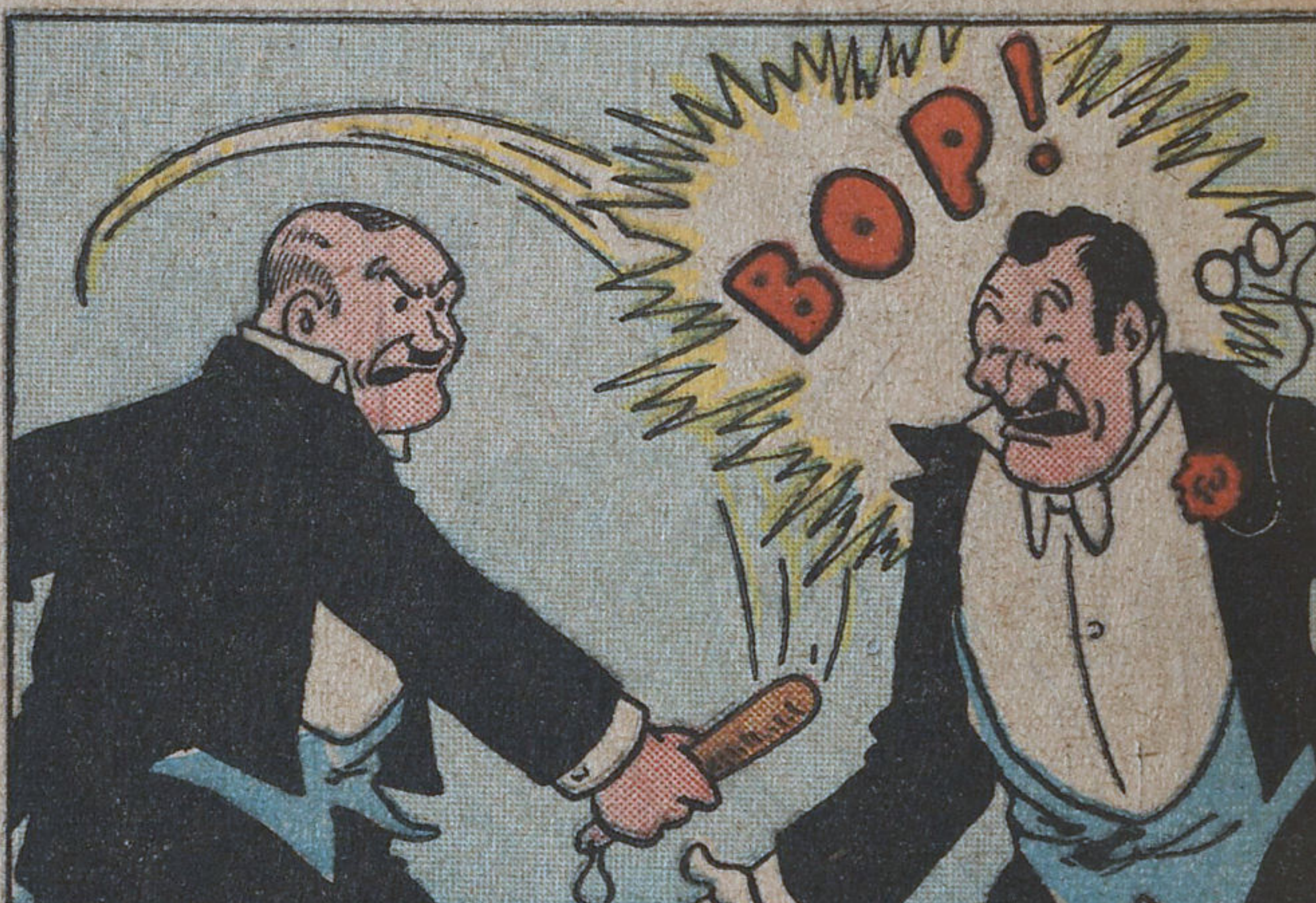
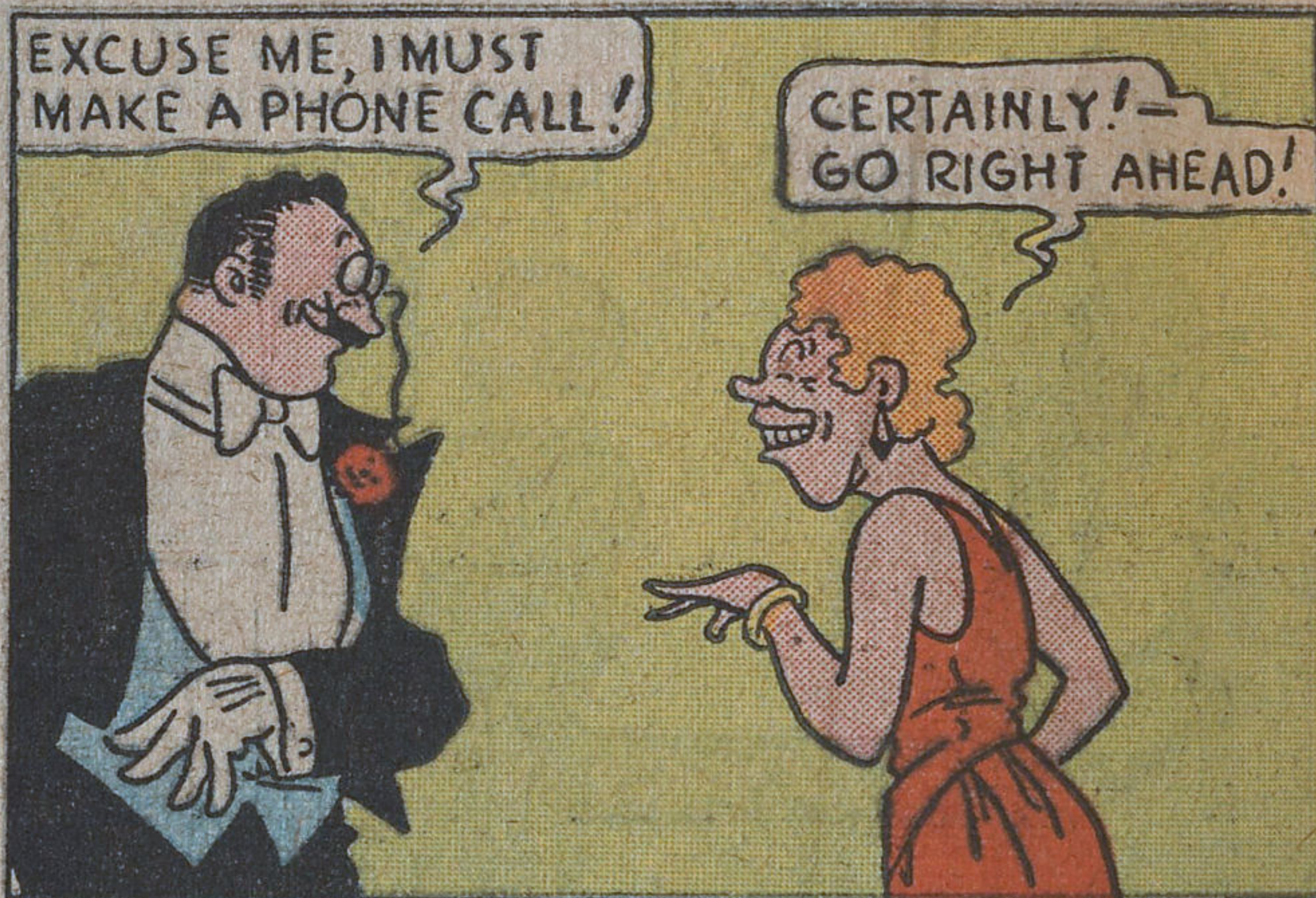
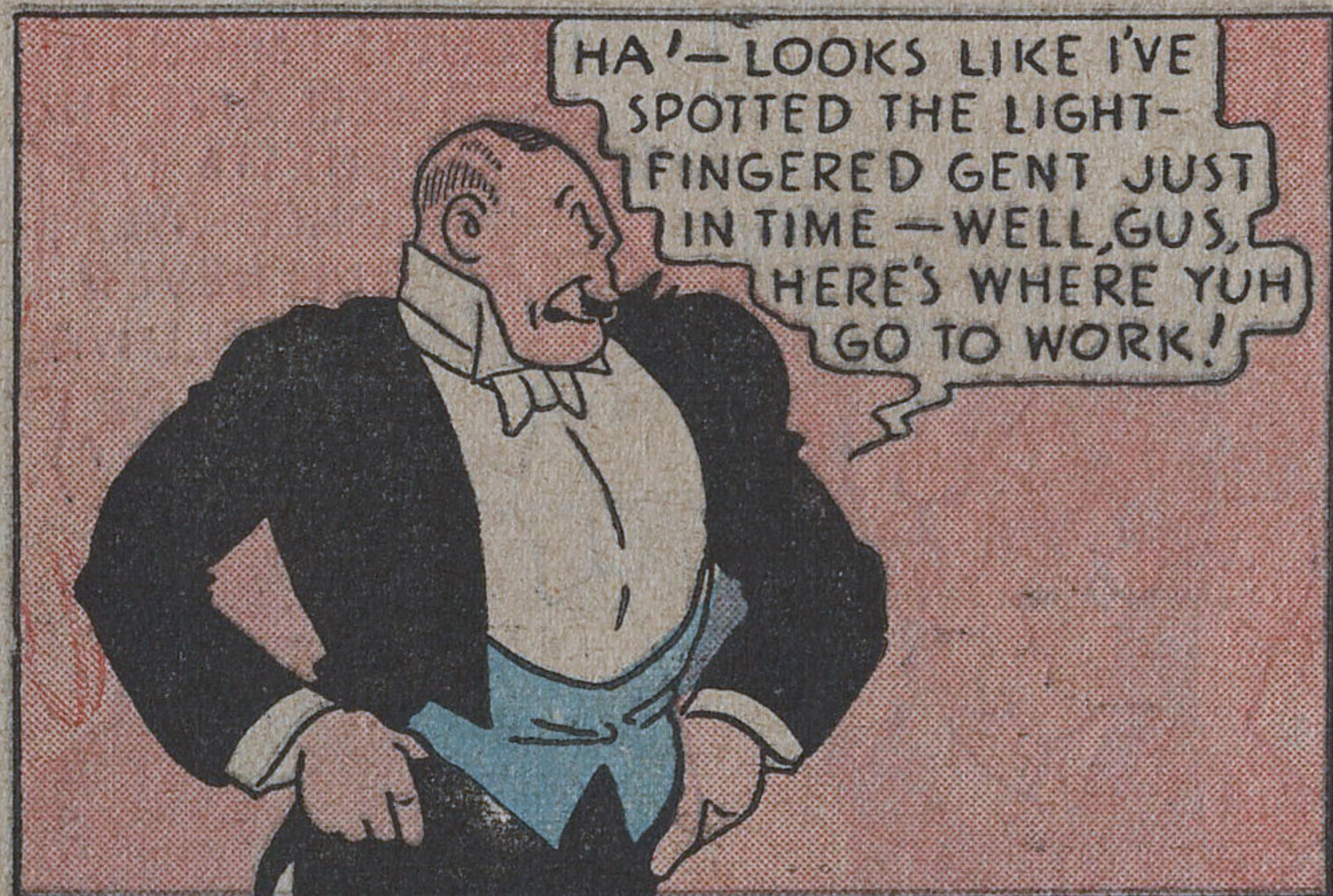
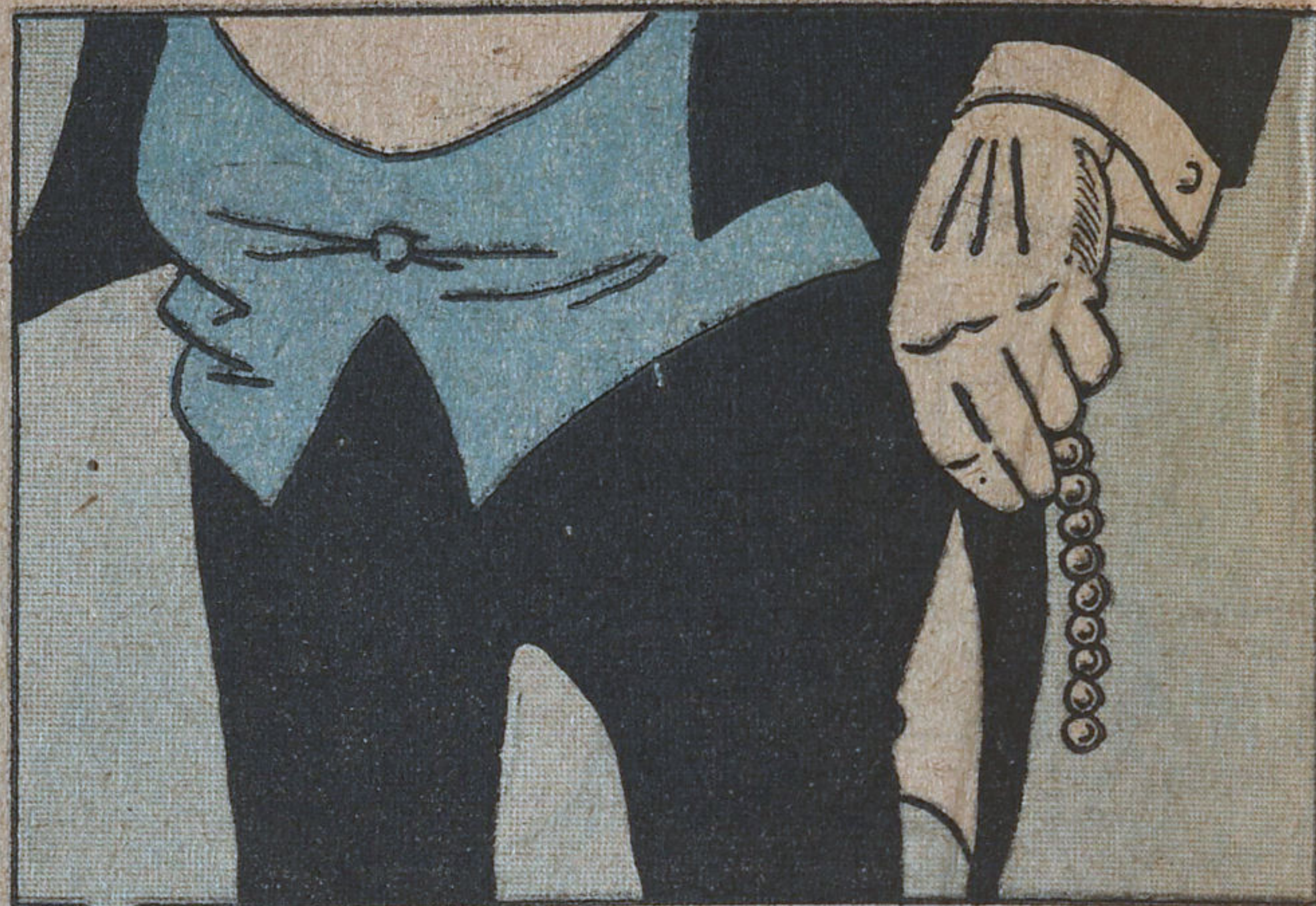
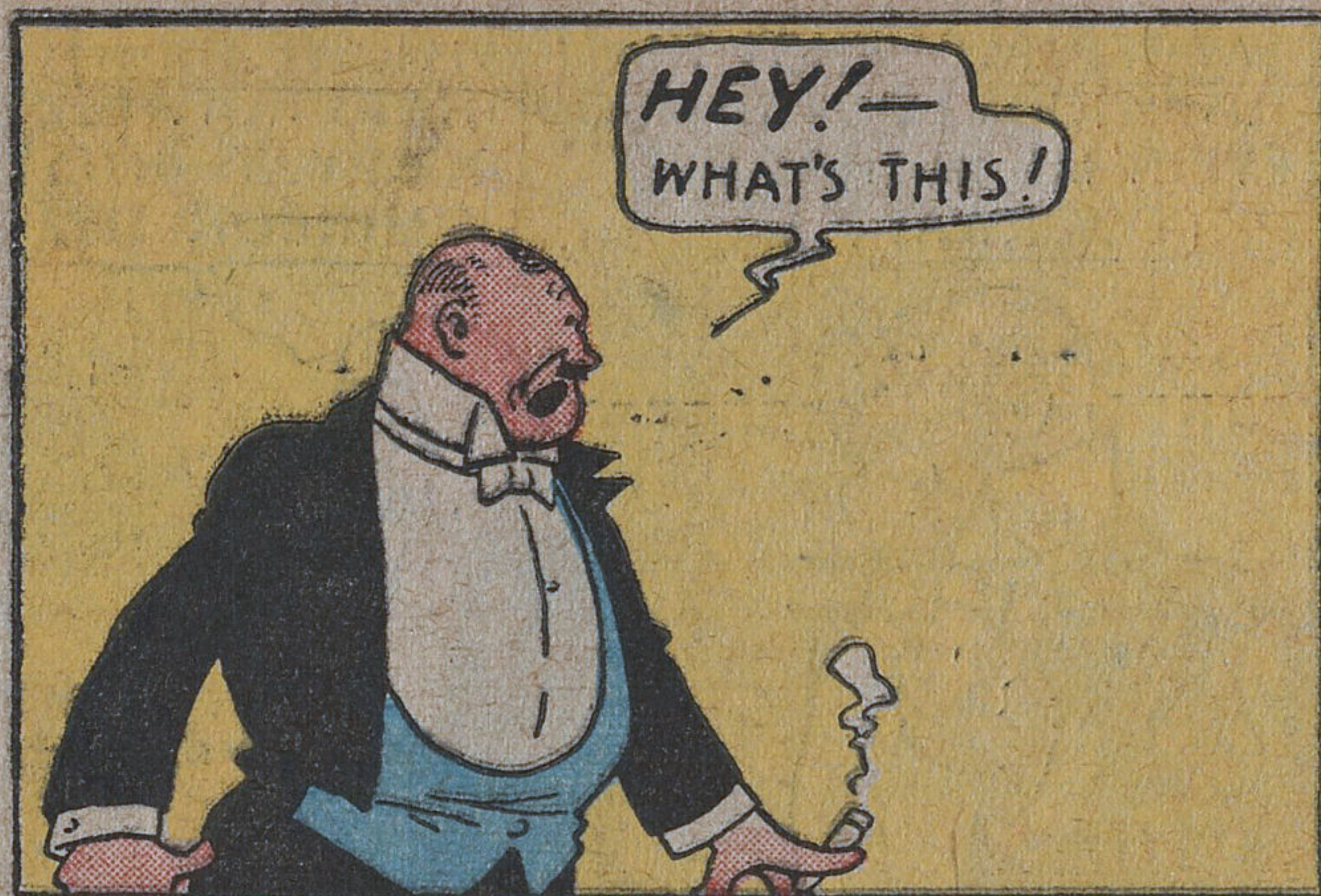
H'I MEAN, SIR, MY DUTIES ARE THOSE OF BUTLER—H'I SHALL NOTIFY MADAM THAT YOU ARE HERE!



HOW DO YOU DO—I AM MRS. GOTLOTZ—I'M SO GLAD YOU'VE COME—ONE NEVER KNOWS WHAT SORT OF PEOPLE MAY TRY TO THRUST THEMSELVES UPON ONE!

I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE YUH MEAN—BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT—I GOT ME GIMLET EYE OPEN





BART REGAN, SPY

AGENTS FILE

JEROME SIEGEL and JOE SHUSTER

BART REGAN IS ASTOUNDED TO RECEIVE A NOTICE DISCHARGING HIM FROM FURTHER SERVICE AS A FEDERAL AGENT

LOOK HERE, CHIEF! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

NOW, DON'T GET EXCITED, REGAN! I'VE AN ORDER FROM HIGHER UP TO APPARENTLY FIRE YOU. IN REALITY YOU'RE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE SECRET SPY DETAIL. REPORT TO ROOM 2048 -- GOOD LUCK, BART!

WHEN BART REACHES ROOM 2048

MAYBE YOU'D RATHER BE A FEDERAL MAN AS YOU SAY, BUT YOU MUST FORGET PERSONAL PREFERENCES. YOU SEE, YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU BADLY -- AS A SPY. WE ARE BEING HARRIED BY FOREIGN ESPIONAGE AGENTS AND WHILE WE MUST PROTECT OURSELVES, CANNOT COME OUT IN THE OPEN WILL YOU ACCEPT?

IF THAT'S THE CASE, I WILL

YOU REALIZE OF COURSE, YOU WILL NOT REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES OFFICIALLY, THAT IF YOU GET IN A TIGHT SPOT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE AND ASSIST YOU -- YOU'VE GOT TO SACRIFICE YOUR PERSONAL LIFE AND ALL THOUGHTS OF MARRIAGE

I'M SORRY, SON WE'RE PRACTICALLY ASKING YOU TO FORGET ALL YOU'VE EVER DREAMED AND -- DASH IT ALL! -- WE CAN'T EVEN GIVE YOU PUBLIC CREDIT FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

IT'S ALL IN THE GAME, I GUESS.

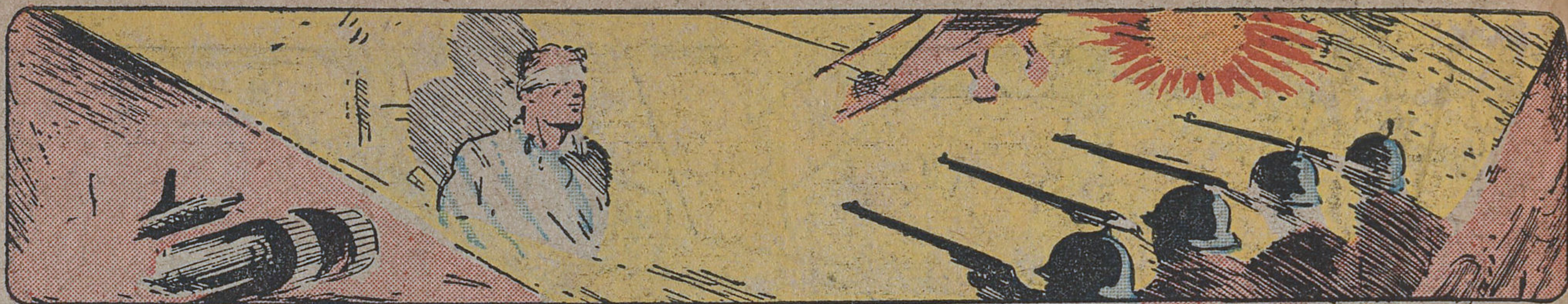
A GREAT SORROW STIFLES BART'S HEART AS HE ATTEMPTS TO SEVER THE LAST TIE WHICH BINDS HIM TO HIS FORMER LIFE

I GUESS OUR AFFAIR WAS ALL A MISTAKE, SALLY. SO LONG -- AND GOOD LUCK!

HE PHONES SALLY NORRIS, HIS FIANCEE AND FALSELY TELLS HER HE NO LONGER LOVES HER

BUT SALLY HAS OTHER IDEAS

BART! -- HE HUNG UP! ... HE DOESN'T FOOL ME. I KNOW HE STILL LOVES ME -- WELL, HE'LL SOON LEARN I'M HARD TO SHAKE OFF



THAT EVENING ... FOLLOWING ORDERS, BART DONS AN ARMY CAPTAIN'S UNIFORM. HE IS TO ATTEND A SOCIAL GATHERING AS "CAPTAIN MARKHAM" AND MAKE THE ACQUAINTANCE OF OLGA BALINOFF, WHO IS SUSPECTED OF USING HER CHARMS TO WORM VALUABLE ARMY SECRETS OUT OF YOUNG OFFICERS

I WONDER WHAT ONE SHOULD SAY UPON BEING INTRODUCED TO A BEAUTIFUL FEMALE SPY

SALLY, DRIVING TO BART'S RESIDENCE IN THE HOPE OF AGAIN AROUSING HIS INTEREST IN HER, GLIMPSES HIM DRIVE OFF IN A TAXI

FOLLOW THAT TAXI DRIVER! -- SO! HE BREAKS OUR ENGAGEMENT THEN GOES OUT TO CELEBRATE!

WILL YOU PLEASE ANNOUNCE ME, BUTLER? I'M CAPTAIN MARKHAM

"REGAN" TO ME -- DON'T WORRY BUDDY I'M A GOVERNMENT MAN, TOO. I'LL POINT OUT OLGA TO YOU

BART ARRIVES AT HIS DESTINATION

WHY, SALLY NORRIS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

CRASHING YOUR PARTY -- SAY, WOULD YOU PLEASE INTRODUCE ME TO THAT HANDSOME OFFICER OVER THERE?

SALLY ARRIVES

BART AND OLGA BALINOFF ARE INTERRUPTED

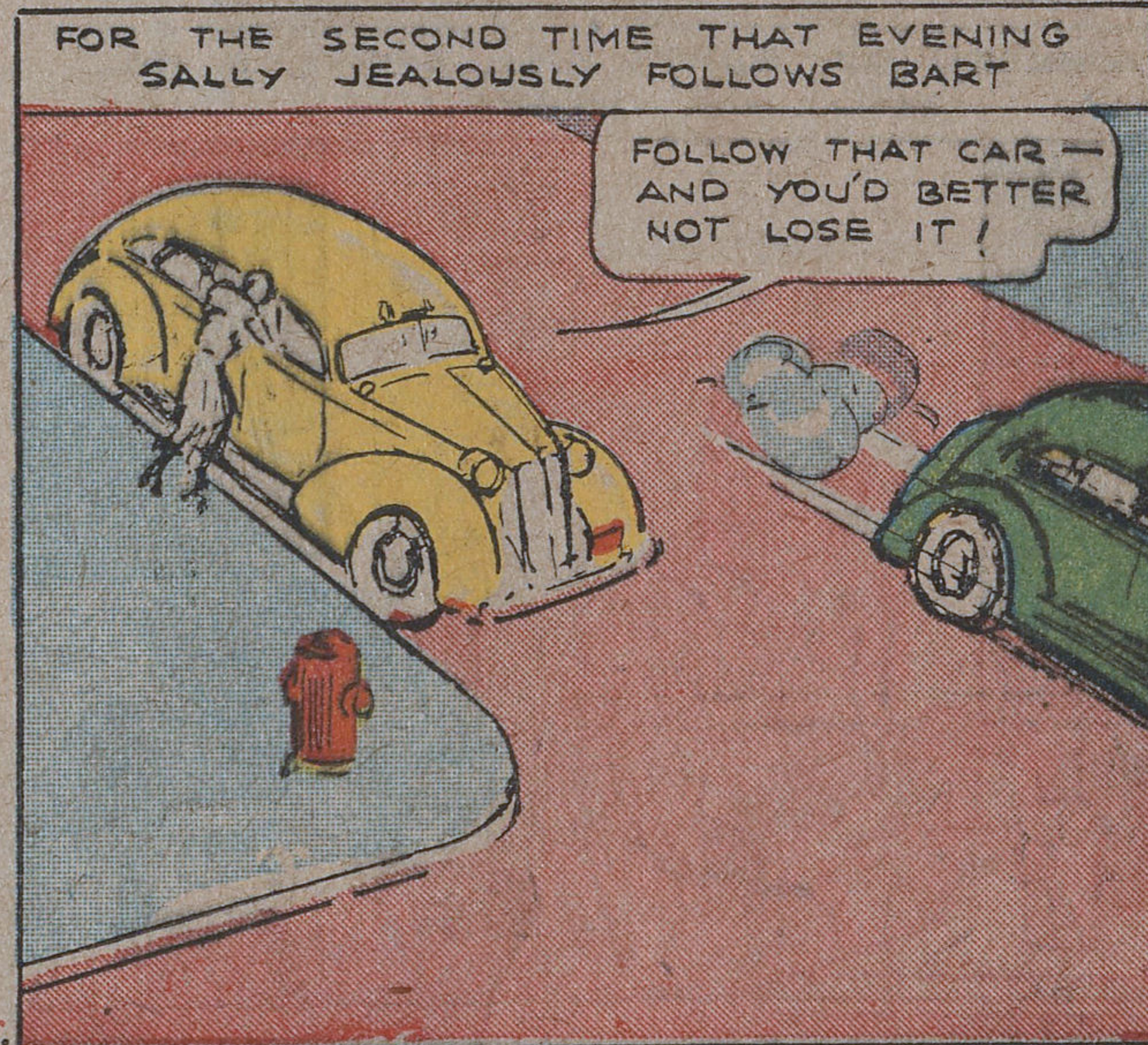
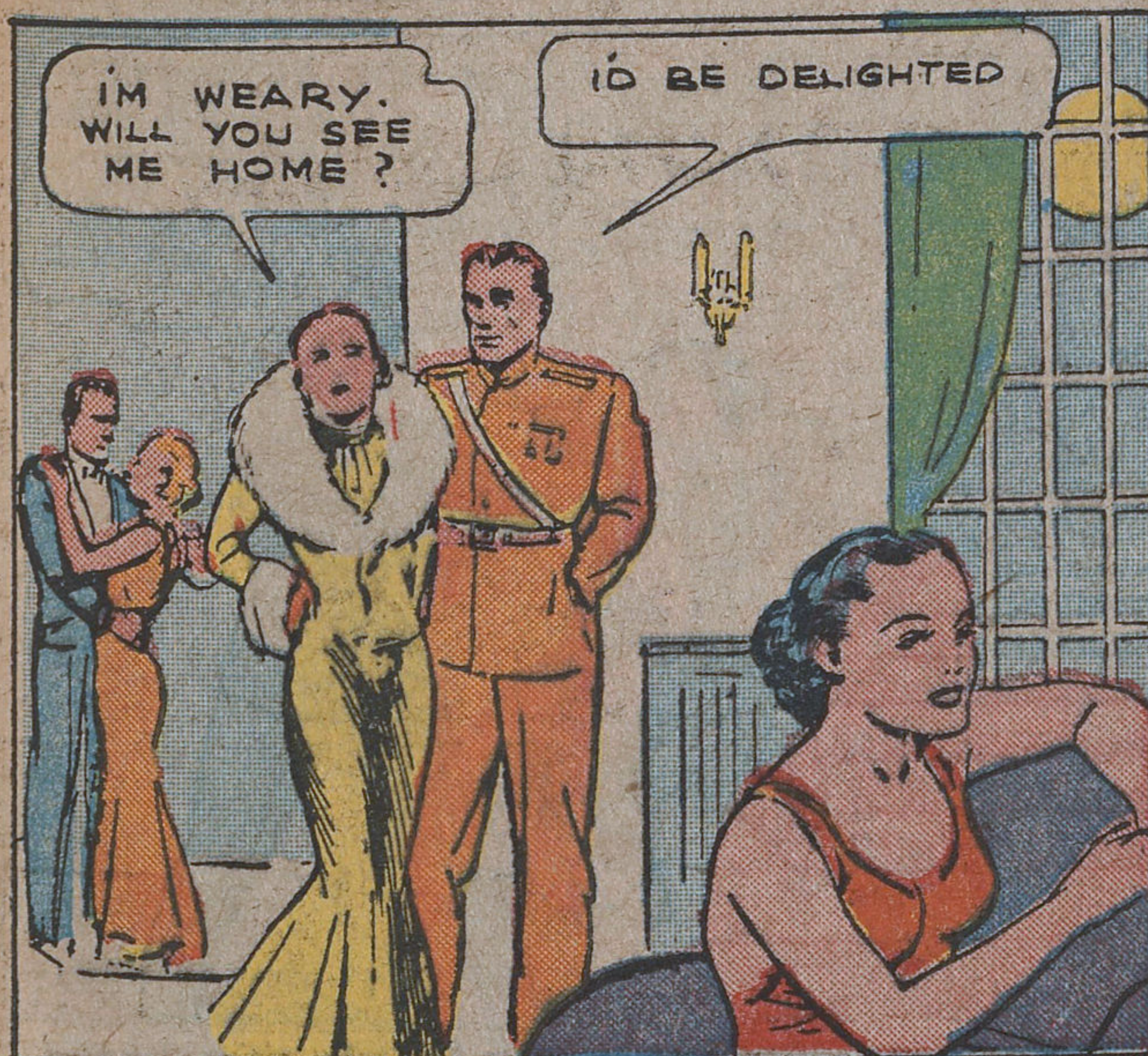
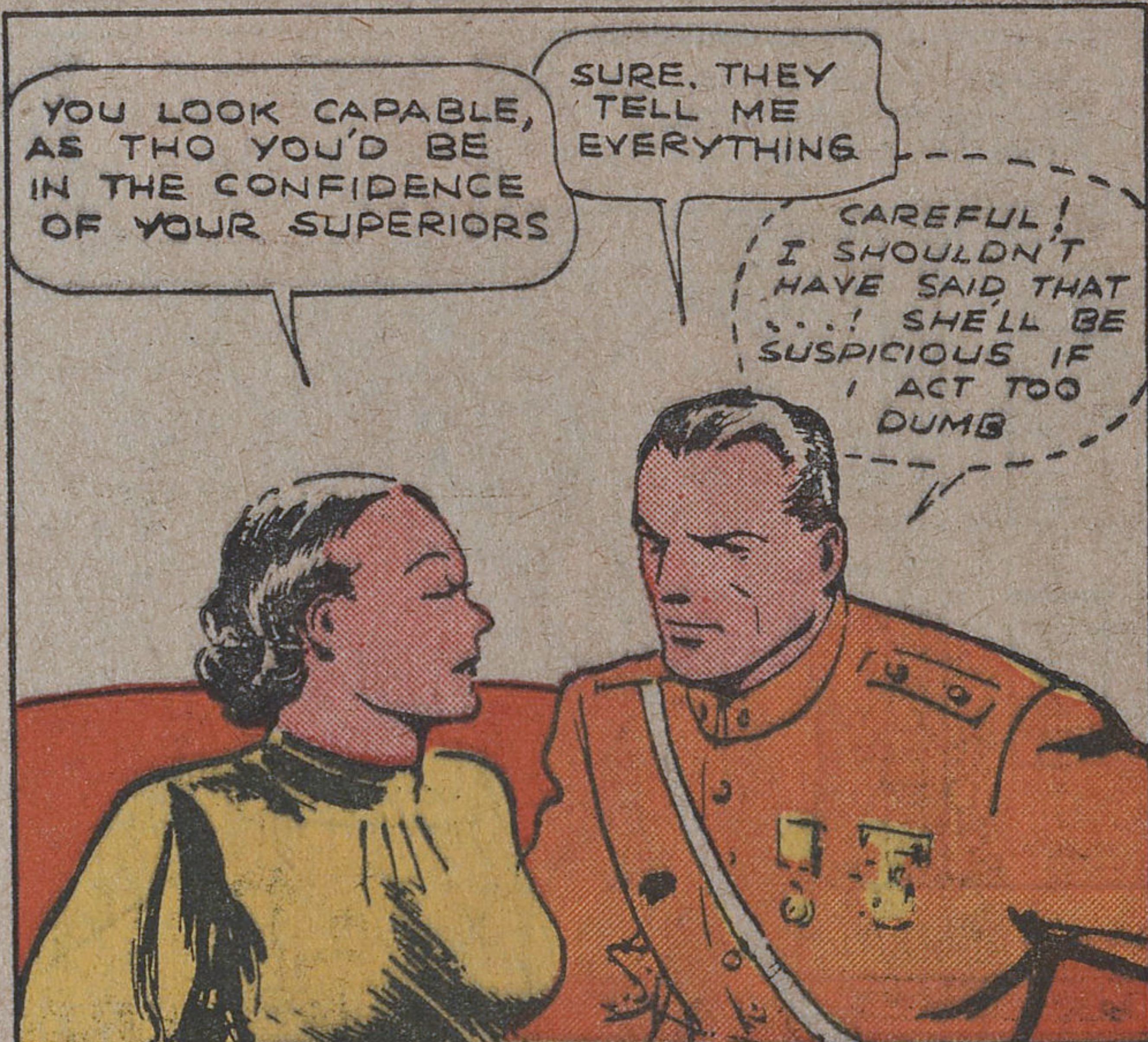
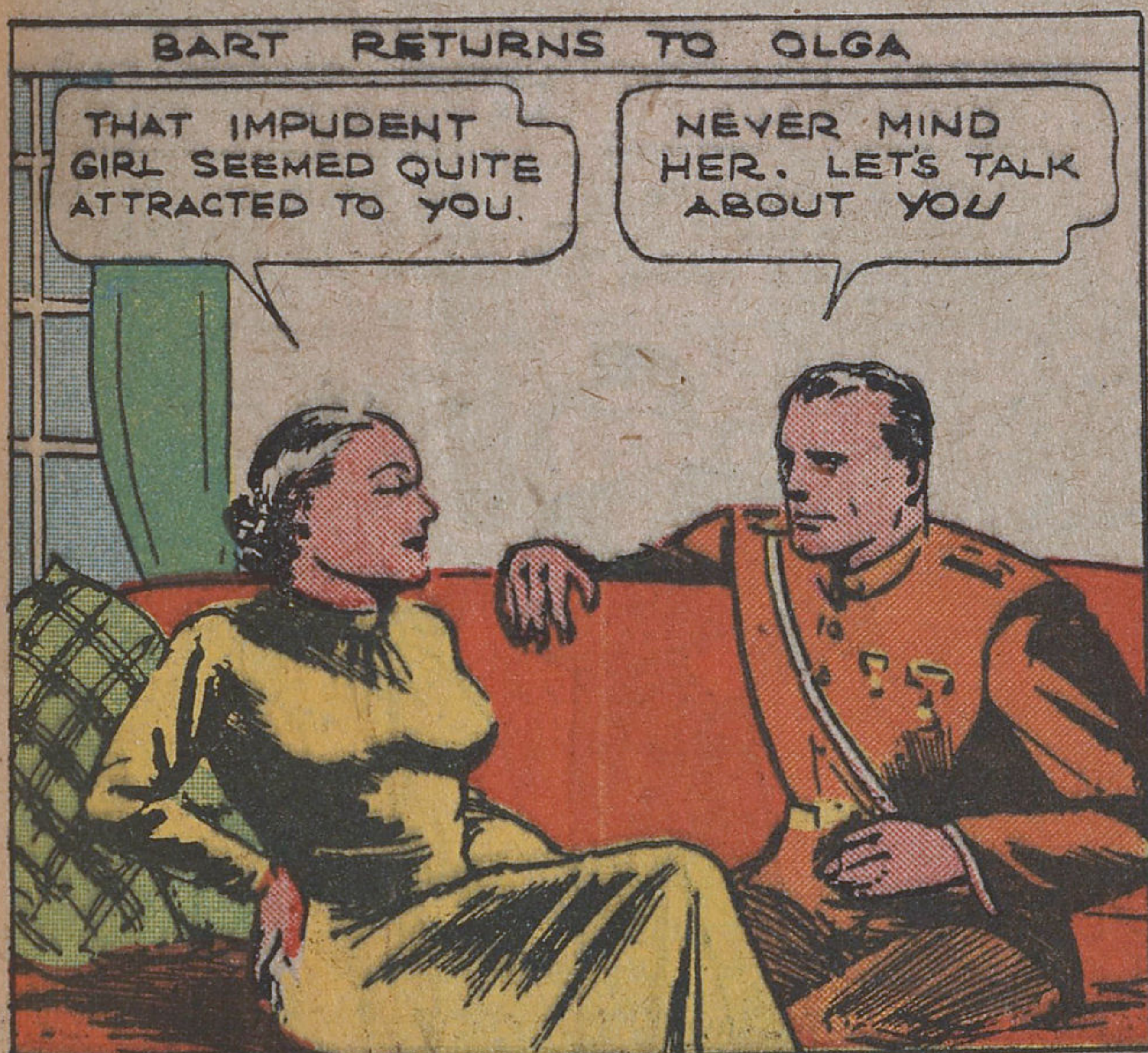
CAPTAIN MARKHAM, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET SALLY NORRIS

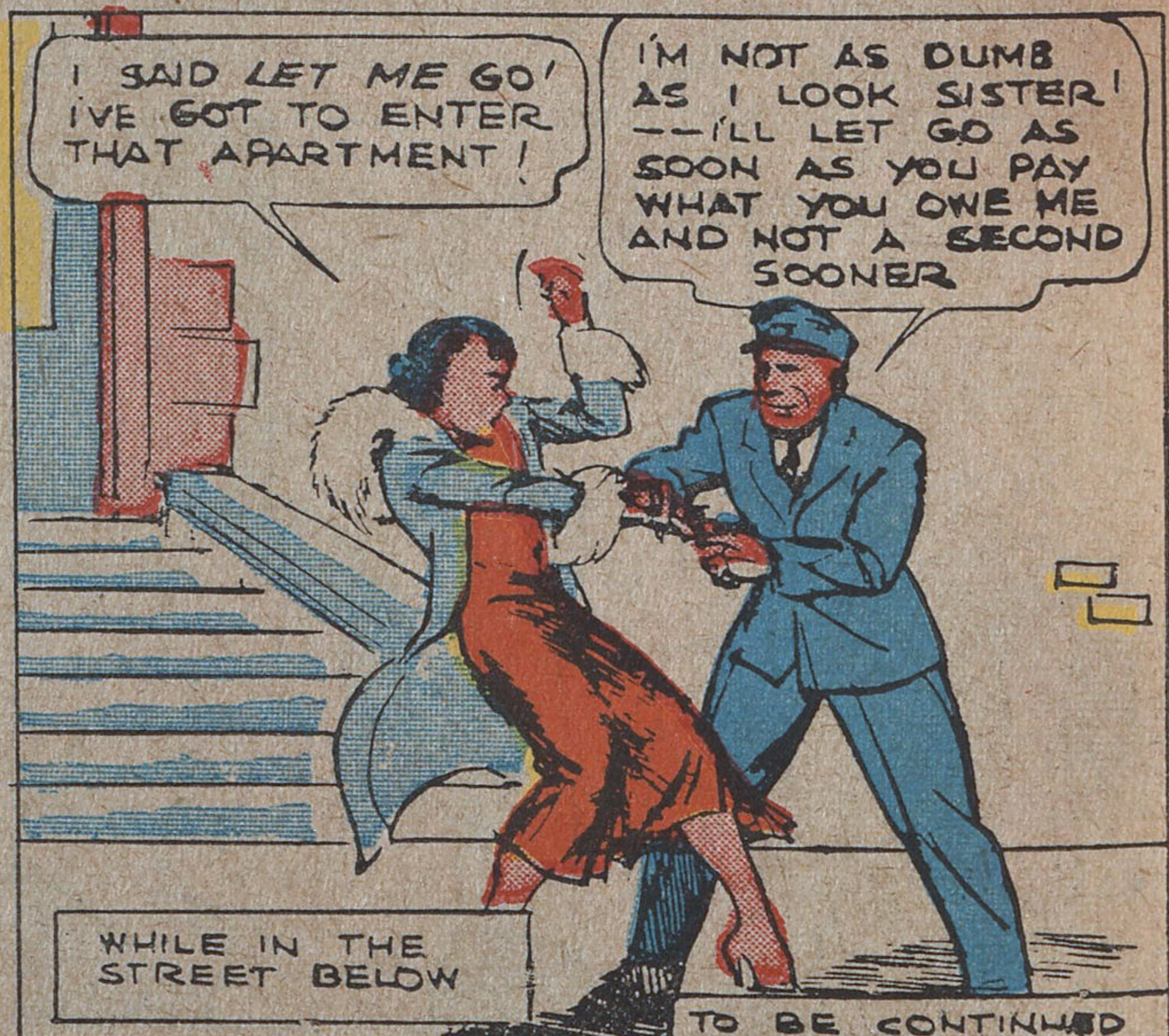
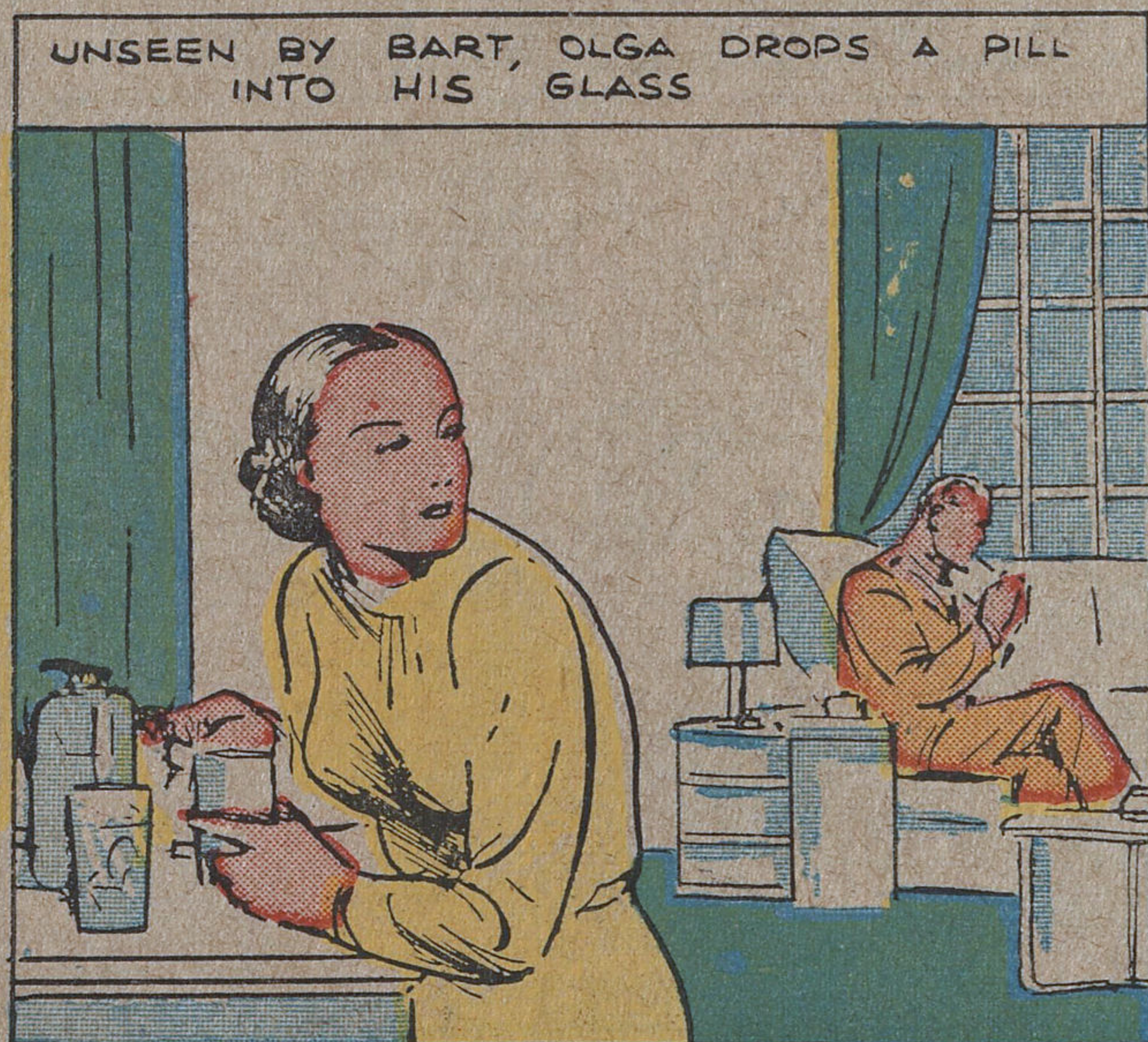
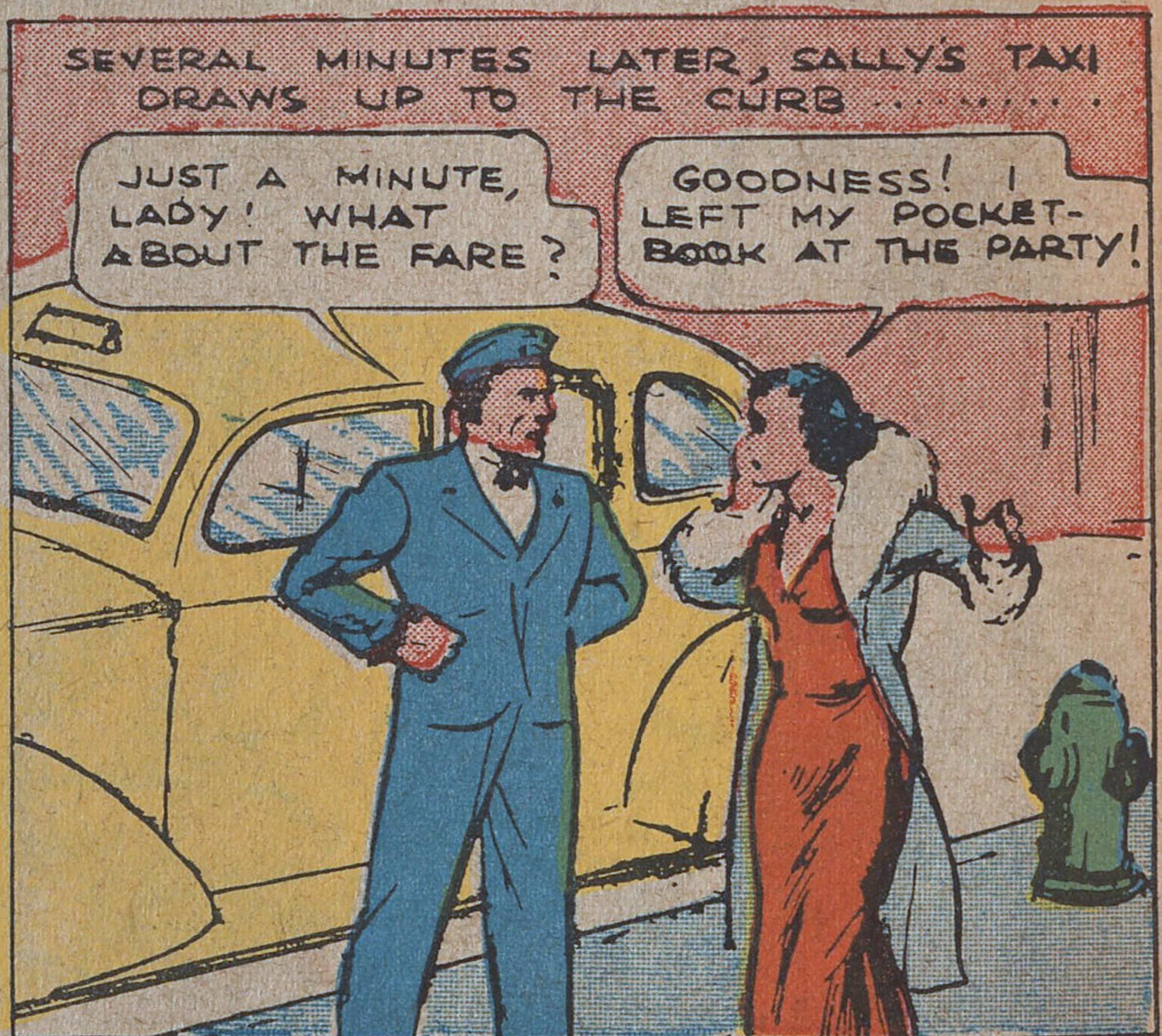
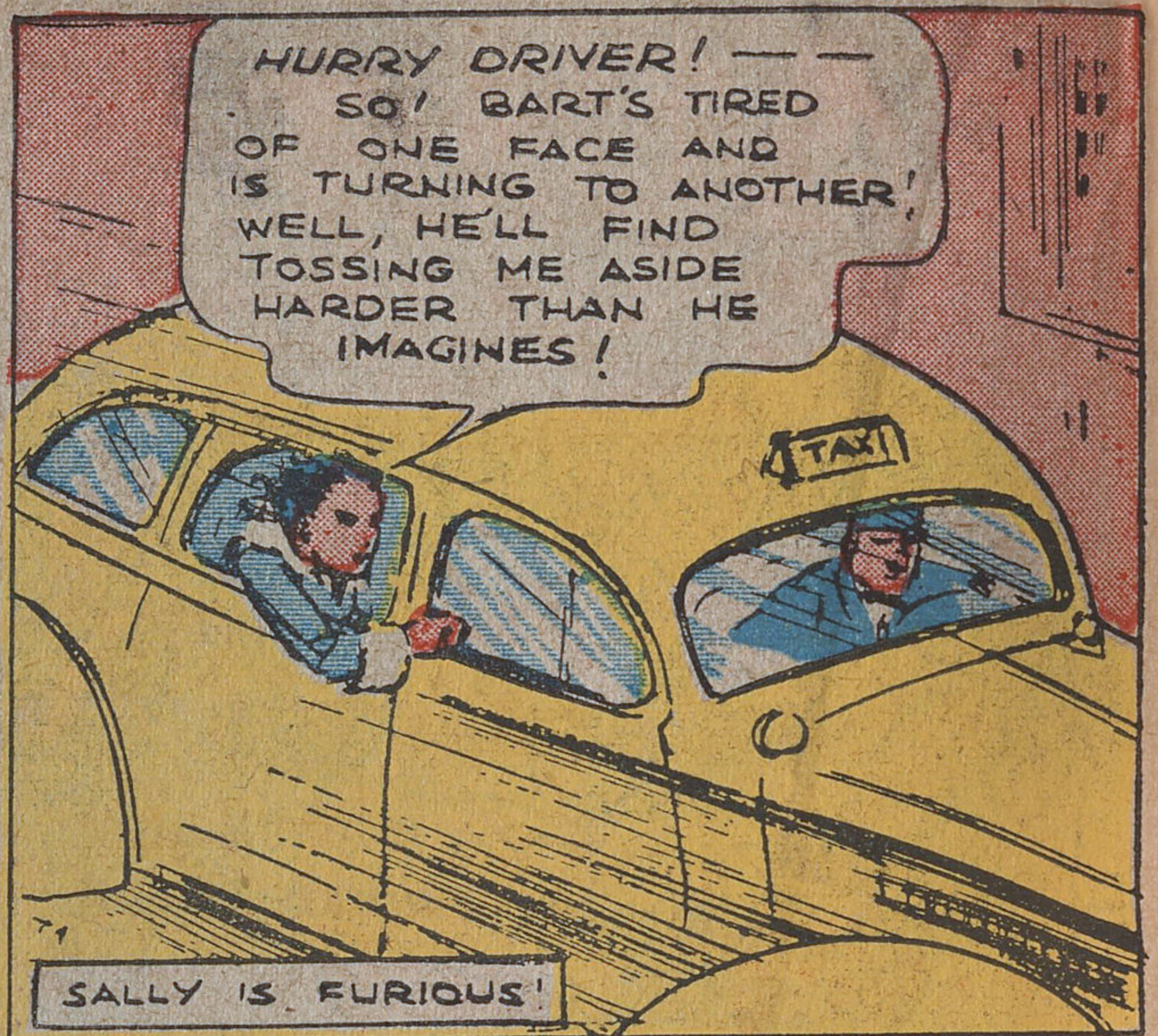
YOU' -- I -- WHY --

CERTAINLY! I'D BE DELIGHTED TO DANCE WITH YOU!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY PULLING ME OUT ON THE FLOOR? -- HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?

WELL, WELL, SO YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW!



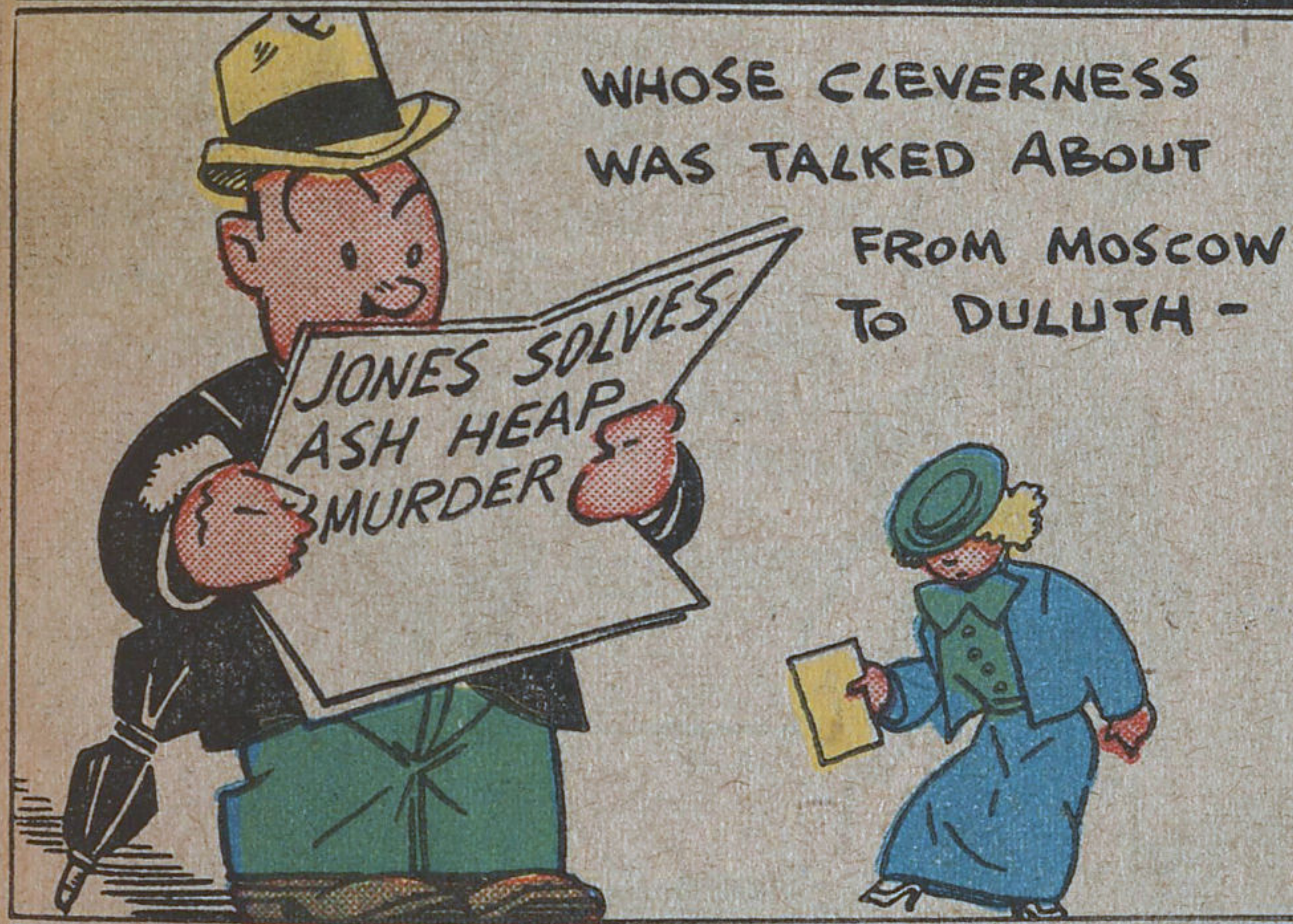


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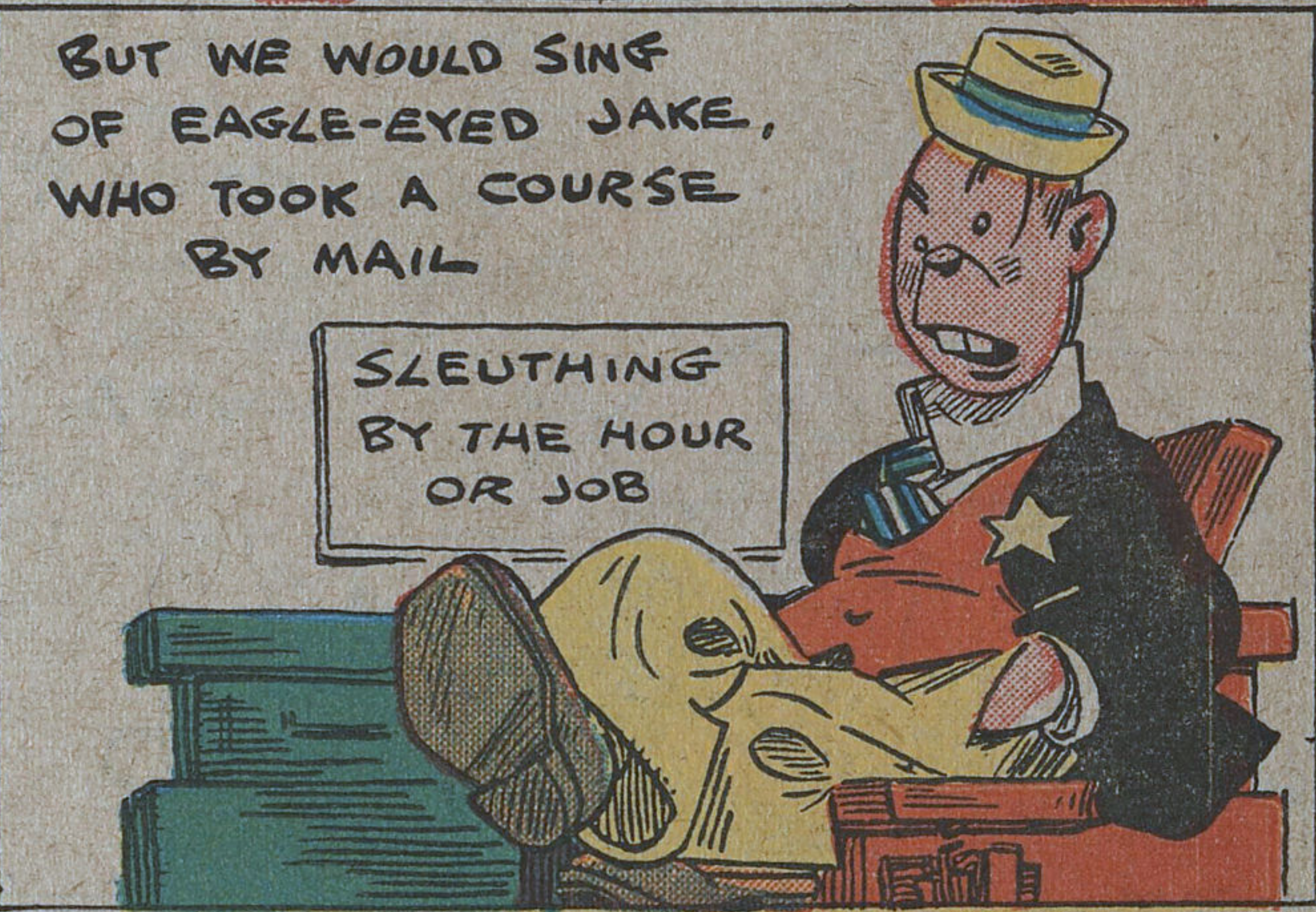
BY ALGER



WHO HASN'T HEARD
OF HAMMOCK JONES,
THE CELEBRATED
SLEUTH,

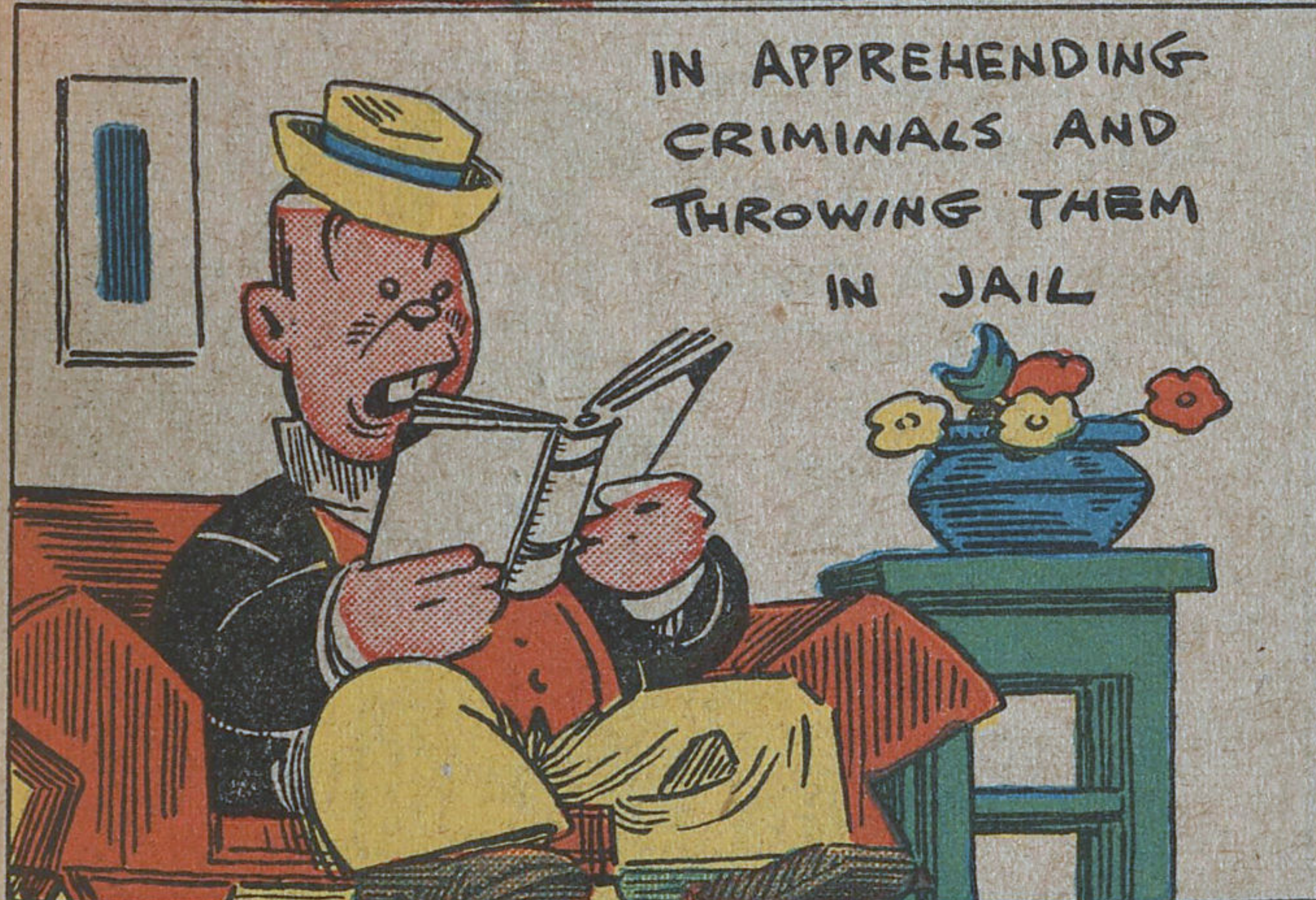


WHOSE CLEVERNESS
WAS TALKED ABOUT
FROM MOSCOW
TO DULUTH -

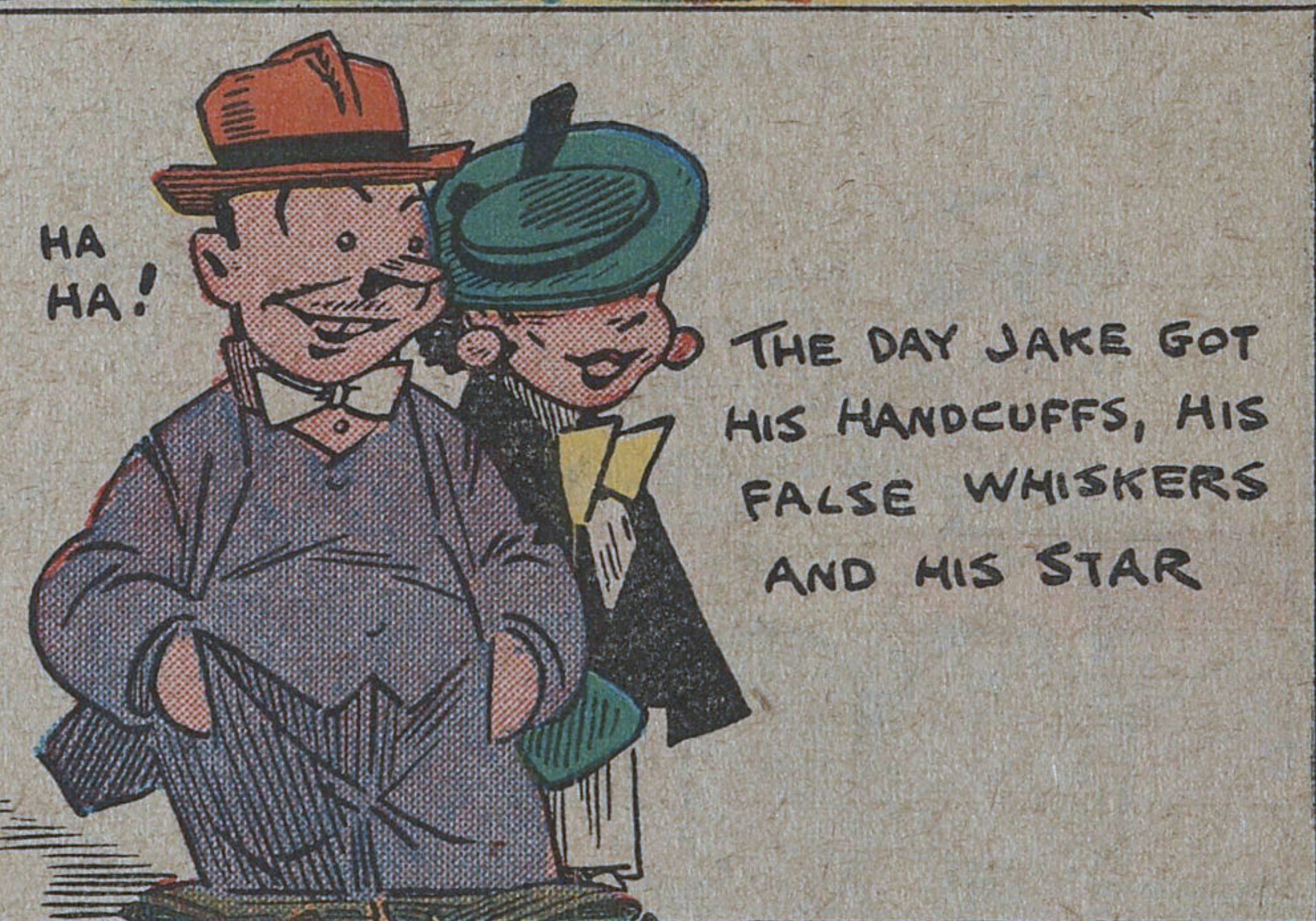


BUT WE WOULD SING
OF EAGLE-EYED JAKE,
WHO TOOK A COURSE
BY MAIL

SLEUTHING
BY THE HOUR
OR JOB

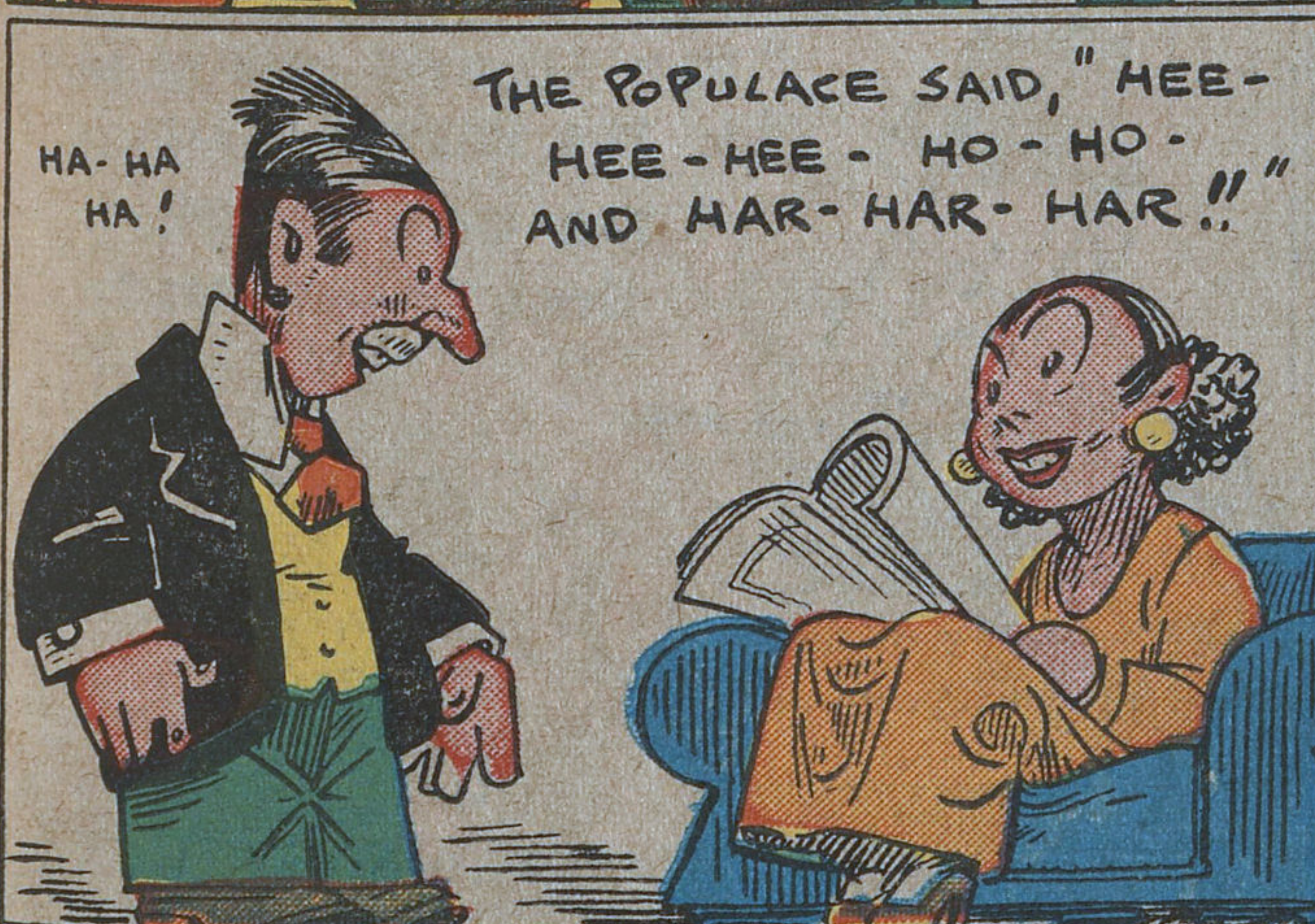


IN APPREHENDING
CRIMINALS AND
THROWING THEM
IN JAIL



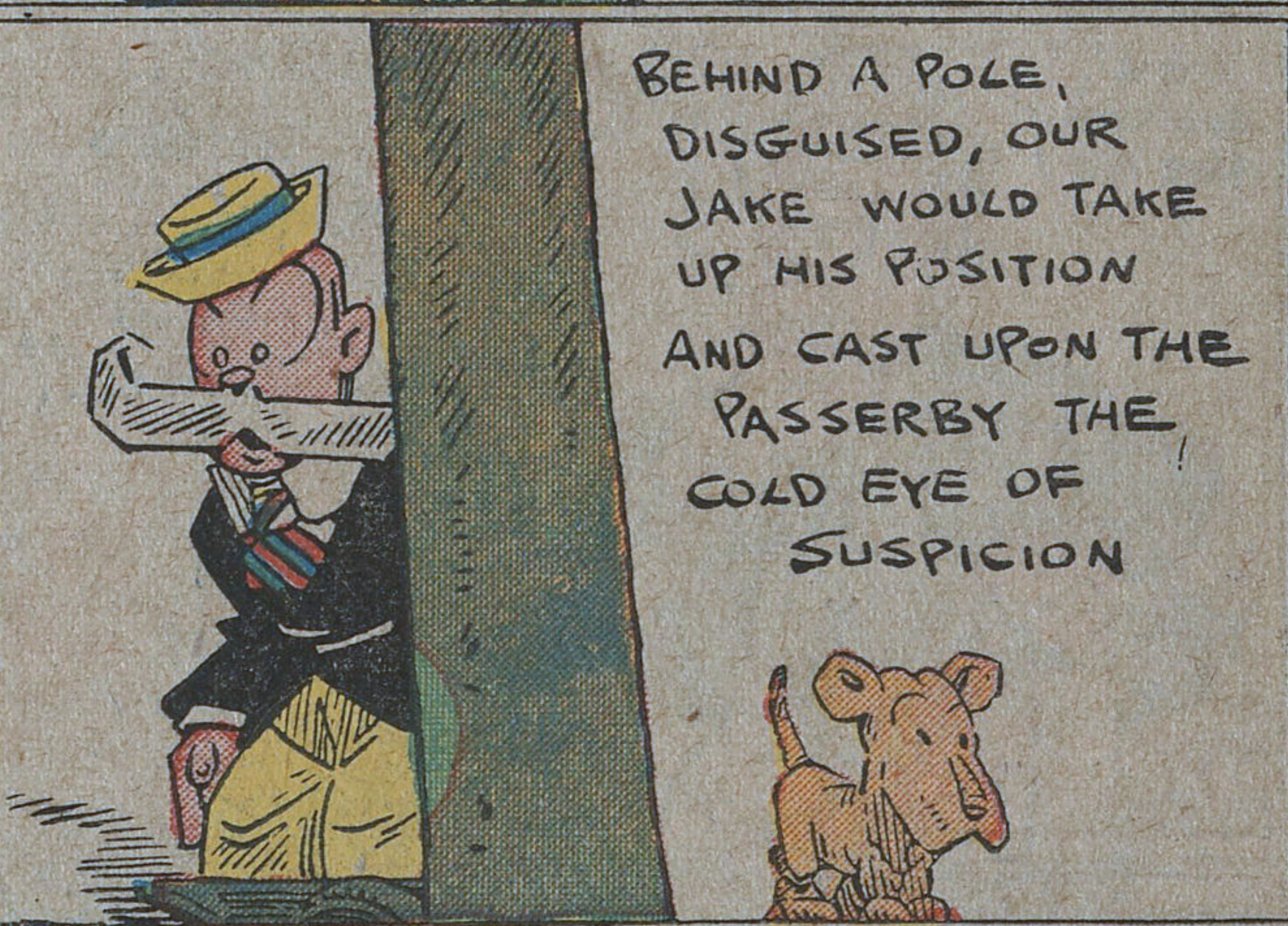
HA
HA!

THE DAY JAKE GOT
HIS HANDCUFFS, HIS
FALSE WHISKERS
AND HIS STAR

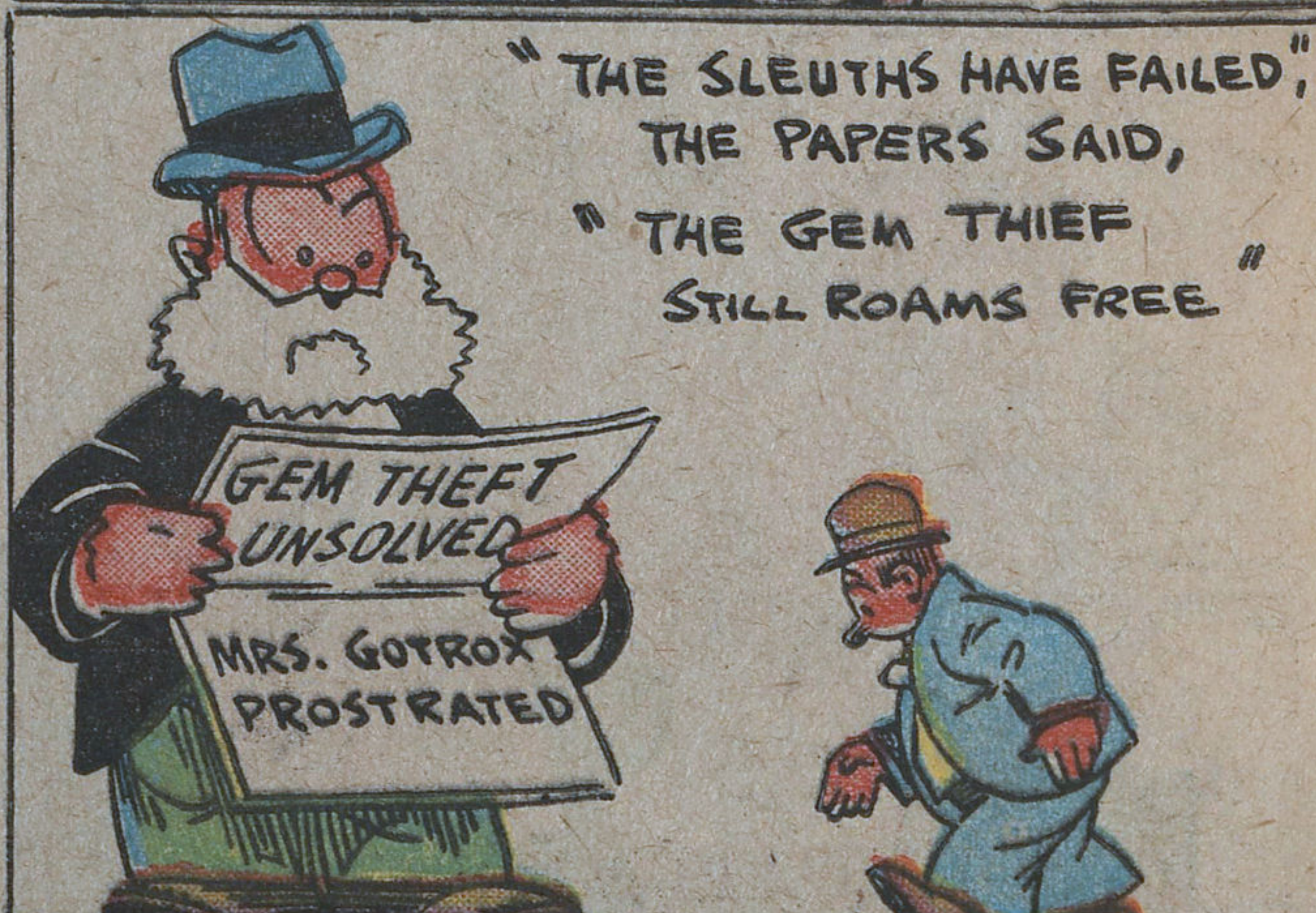
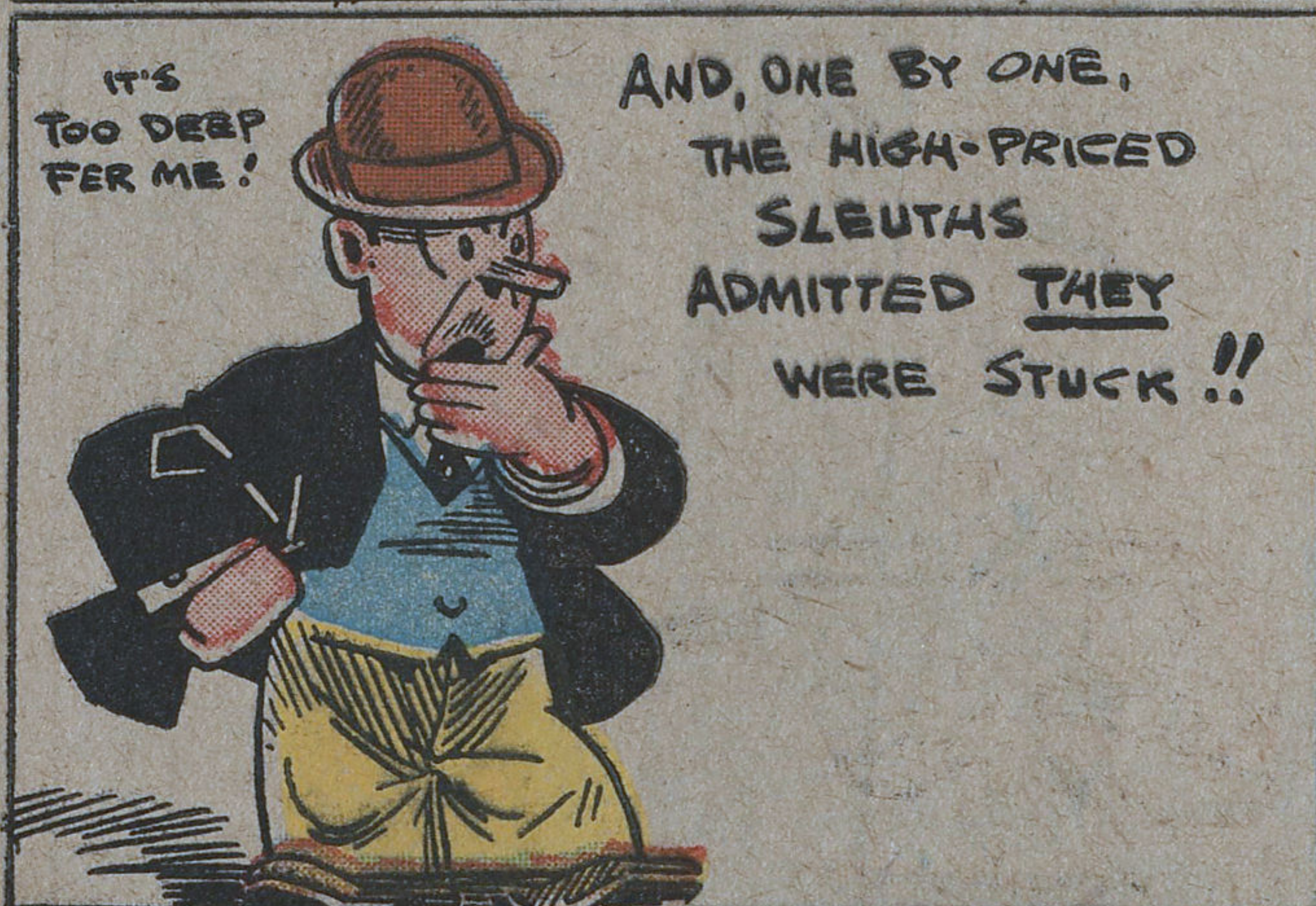
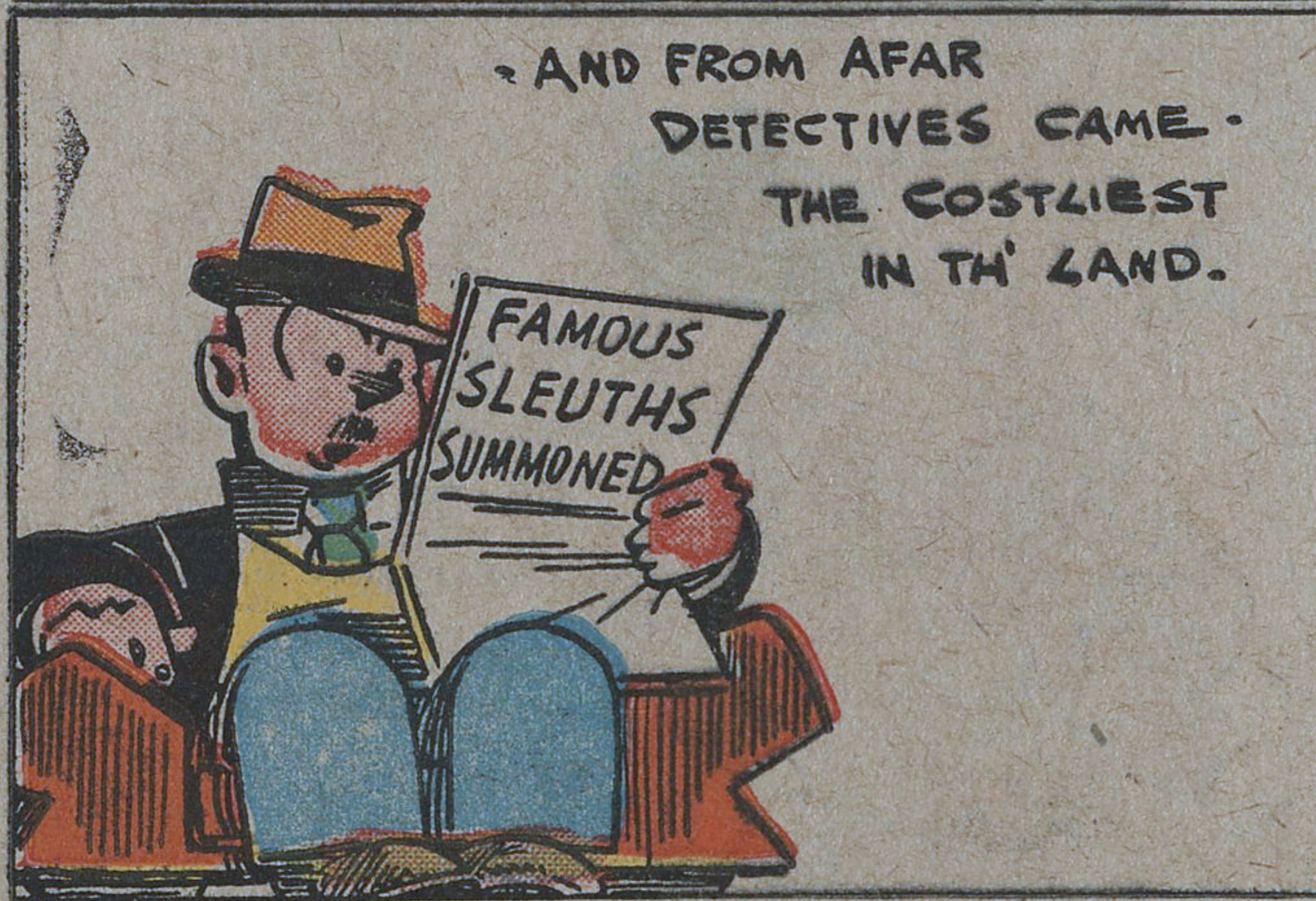
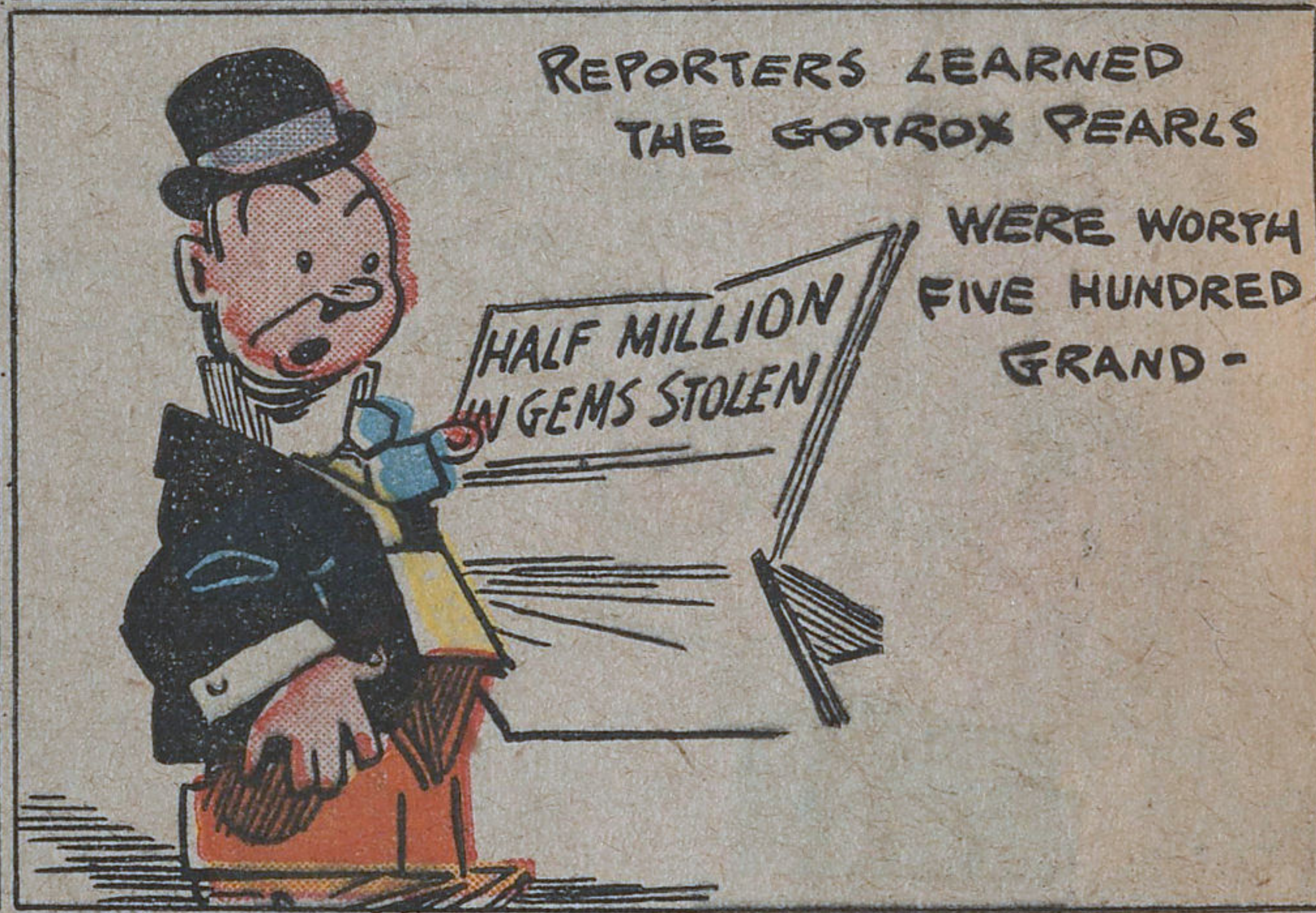
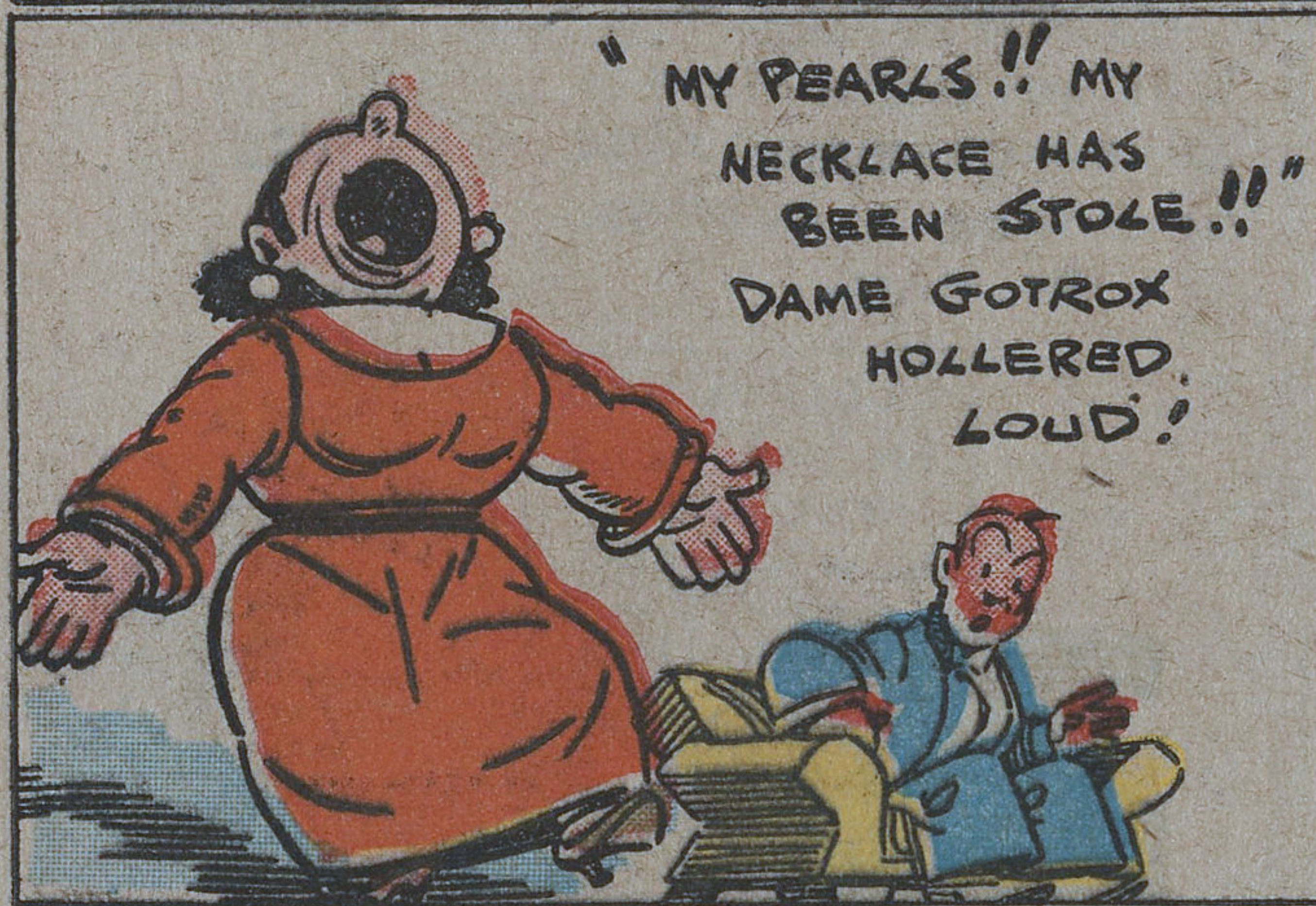
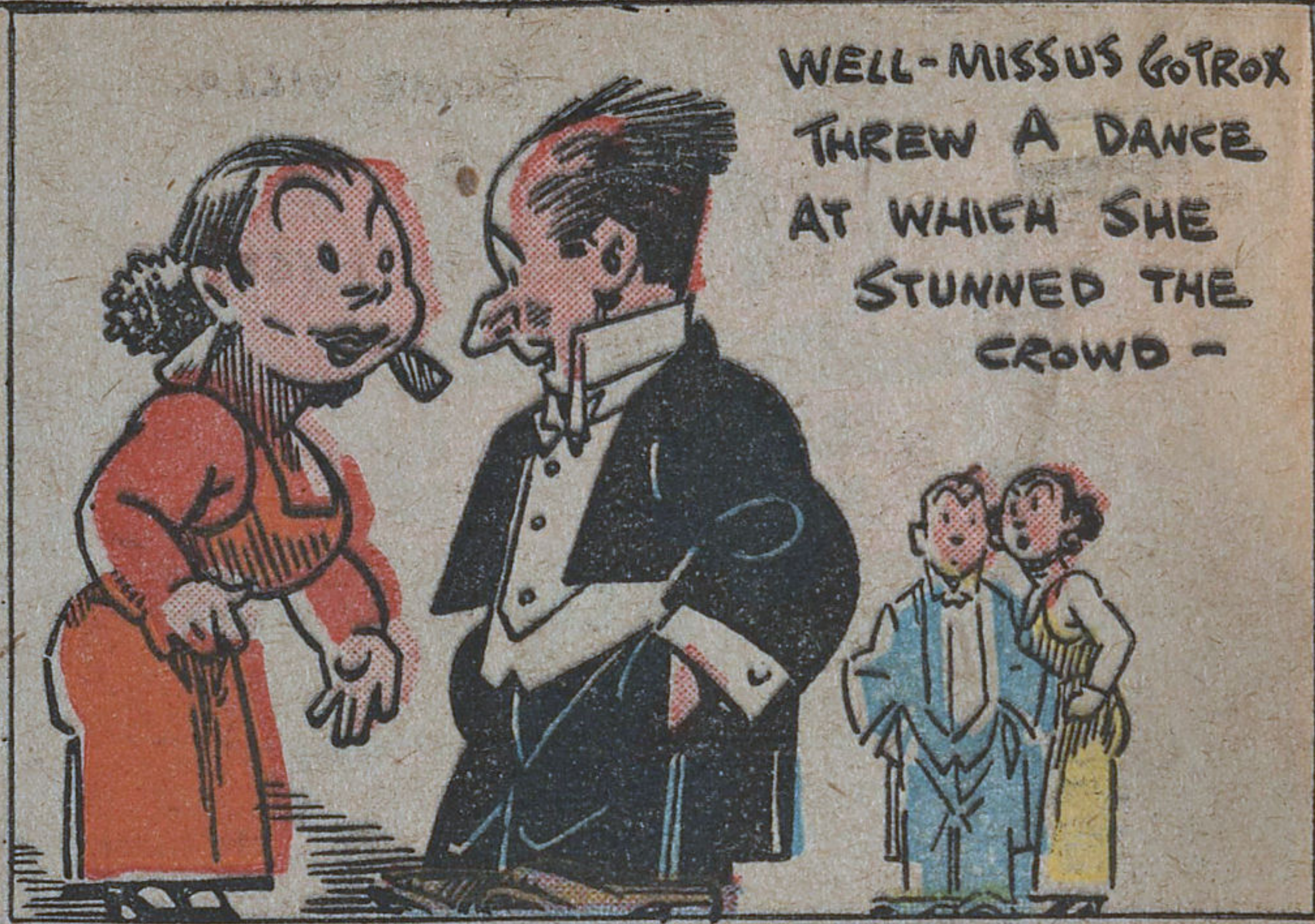
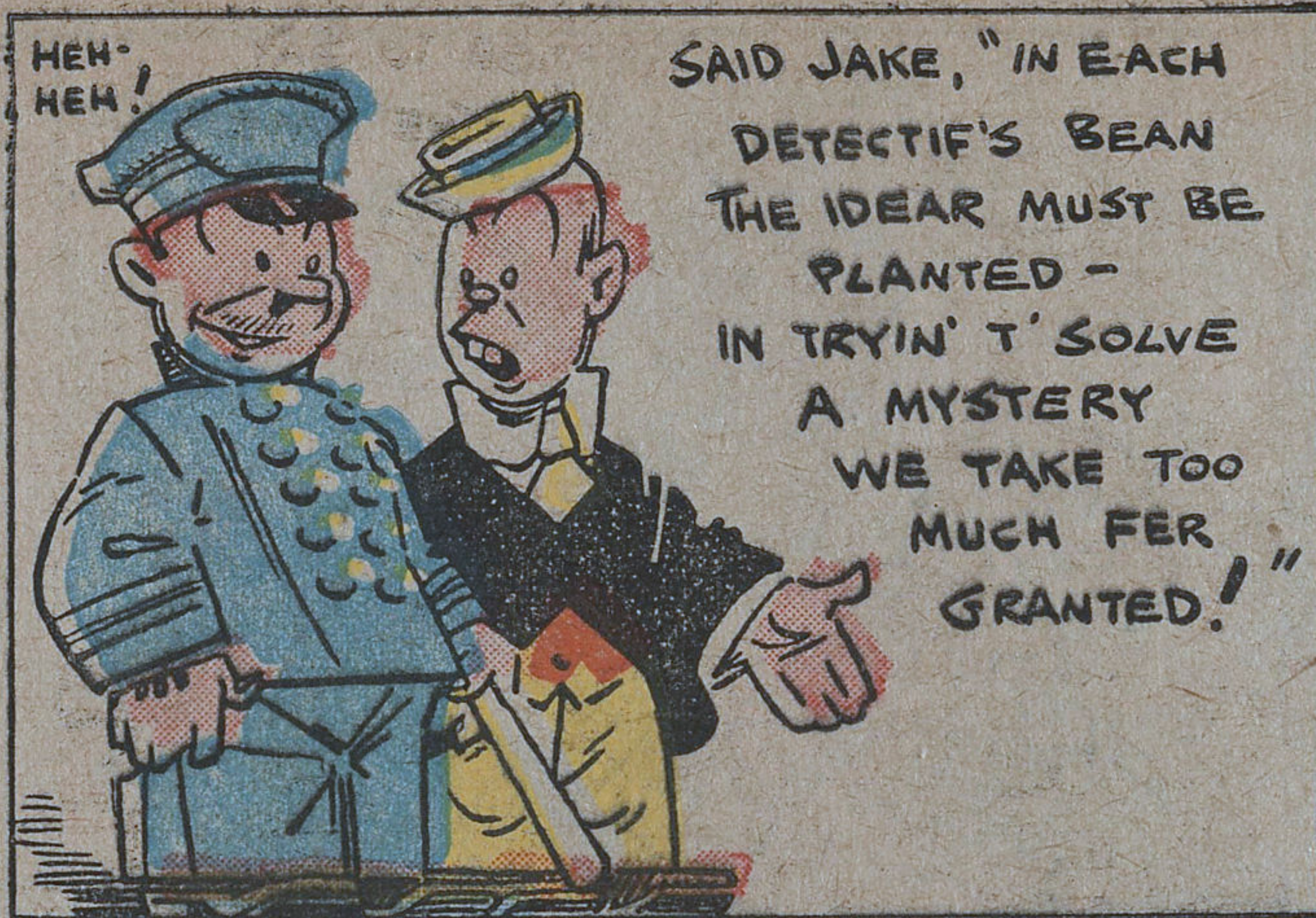


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HA!

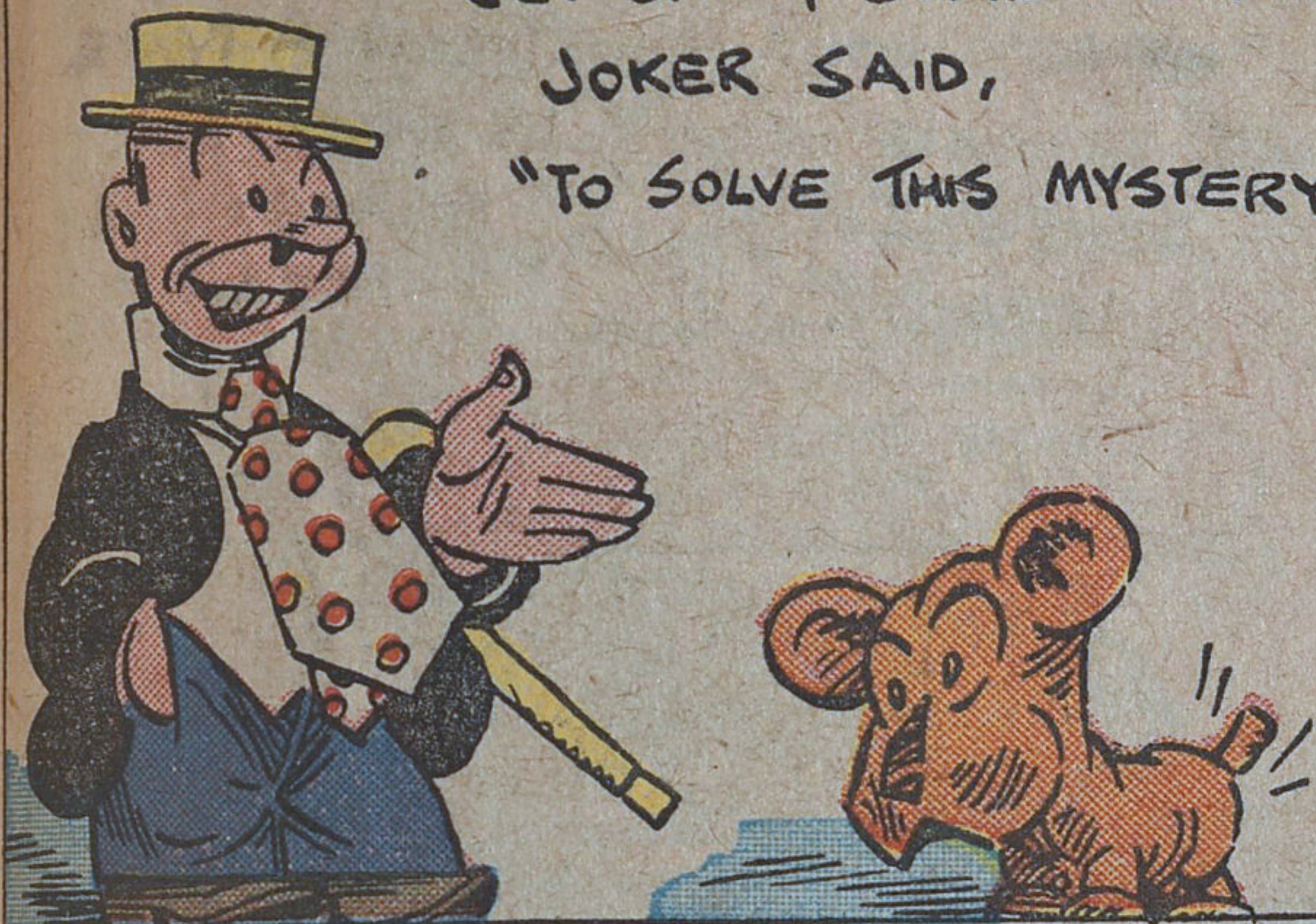
THE POPULACE SAID, "HEE-
HEE-HEE- HO- HO-
AND HAR- HAR- HAR!"



BEHIND A POLE,
DISGUISED, OUR
JAKE WOULD TAKE
UP HIS POSITION
AND CAST UPON THE
PASSERBY THE
COLD EYE OF
SUSPICION



"GET JAKE", SOME VILLAGE
JOKER SAID,
"TO SOLVE THIS MYSTERY"



AND, STRANGE TO SAY,
JAKE GOT THE CASE



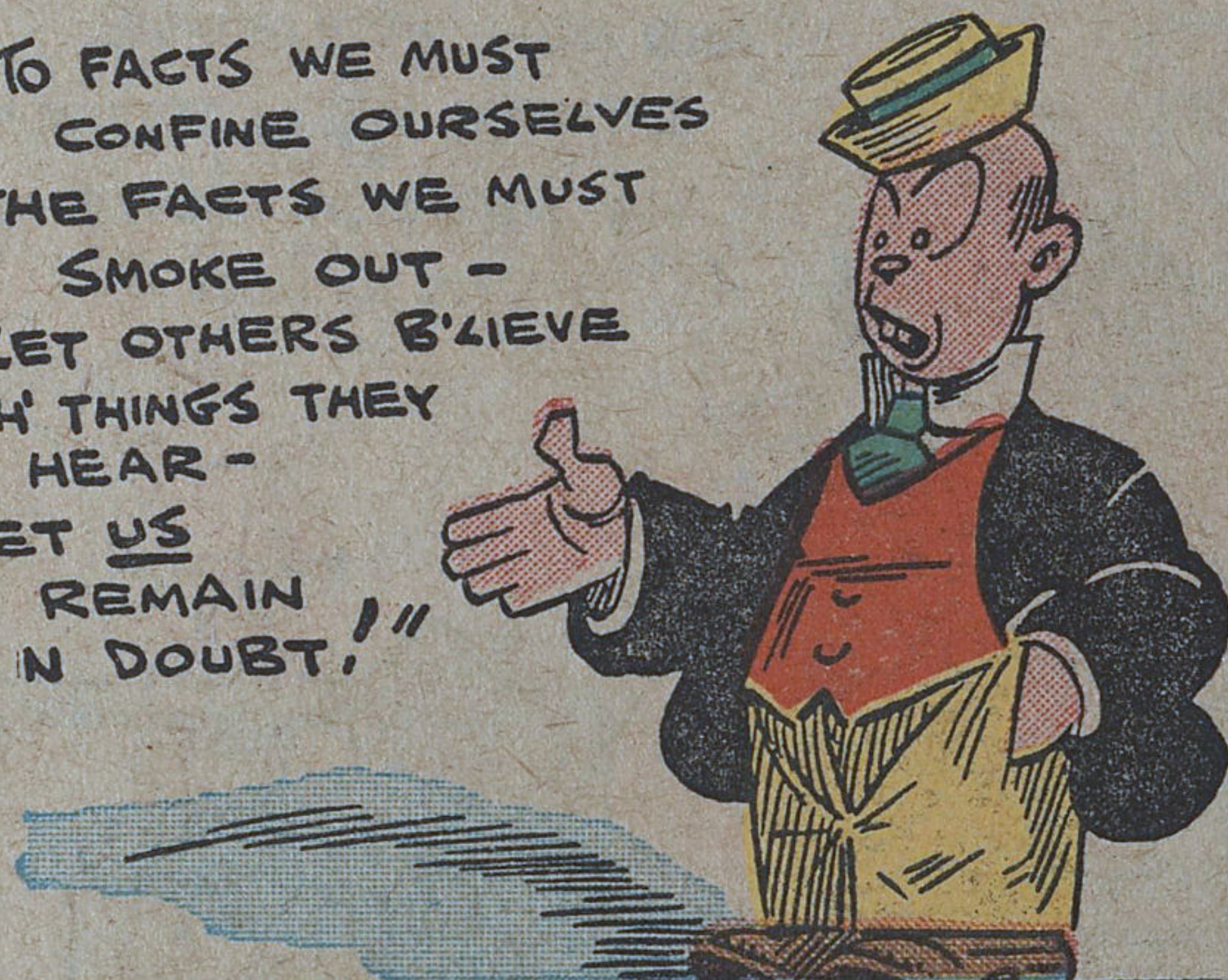
HELP US
IF YOU
CAN!

OKAY!

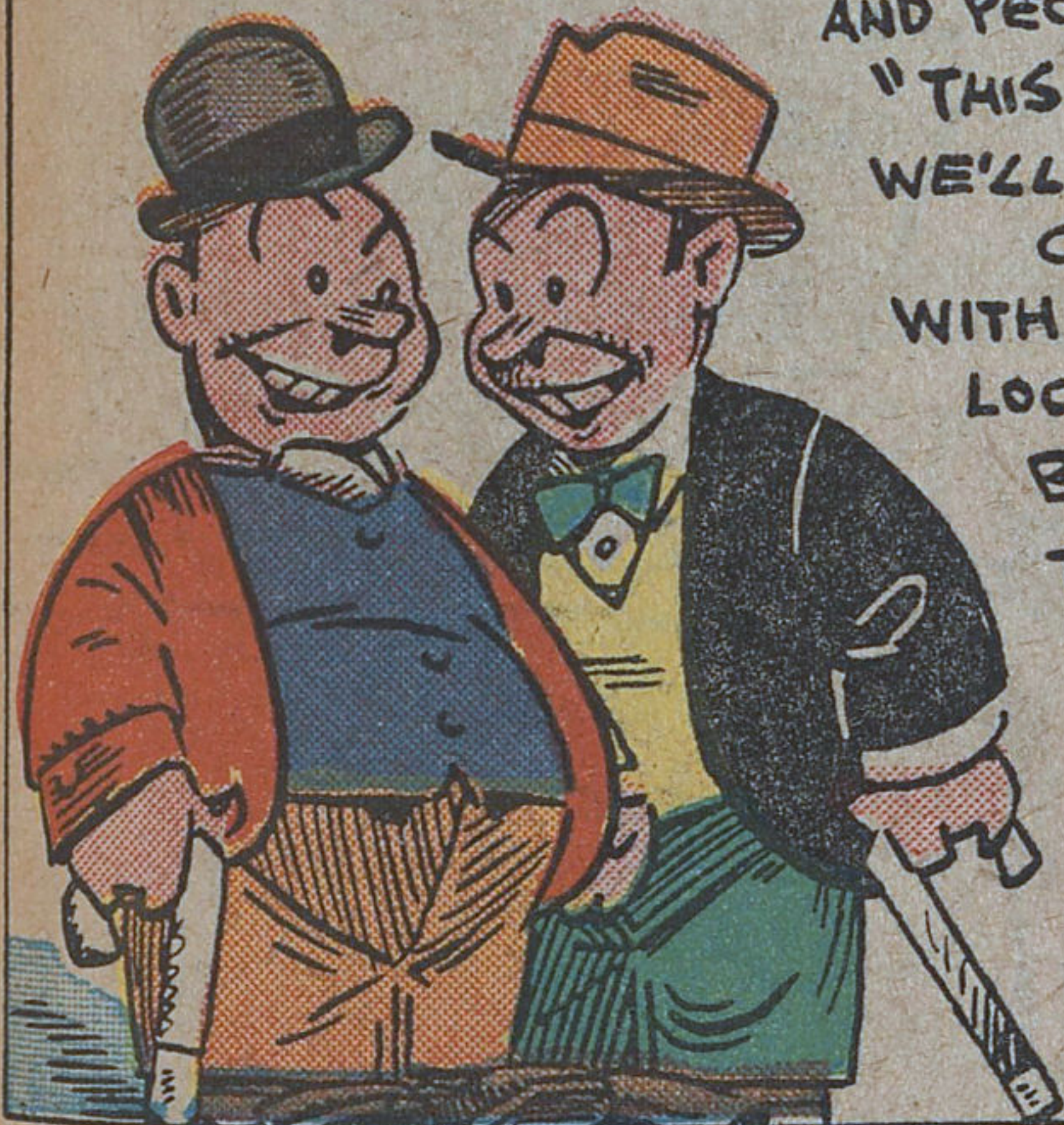
AND SAID, "ALL THIS CONFUSION
HAS COME BECAUSE YOU
LOST YOUR HEADS
AND JUMPED AT A
CONCLUSION!"



"TO FACTS WE MUST
CONFINE OURSELVES
THE FACTS WE MUST
SMOKE OUT -
LET OTHERS B' LIEVE
TH' THINGS THEY
HEAR -
LET US
REMAIN
N DOUBT!"



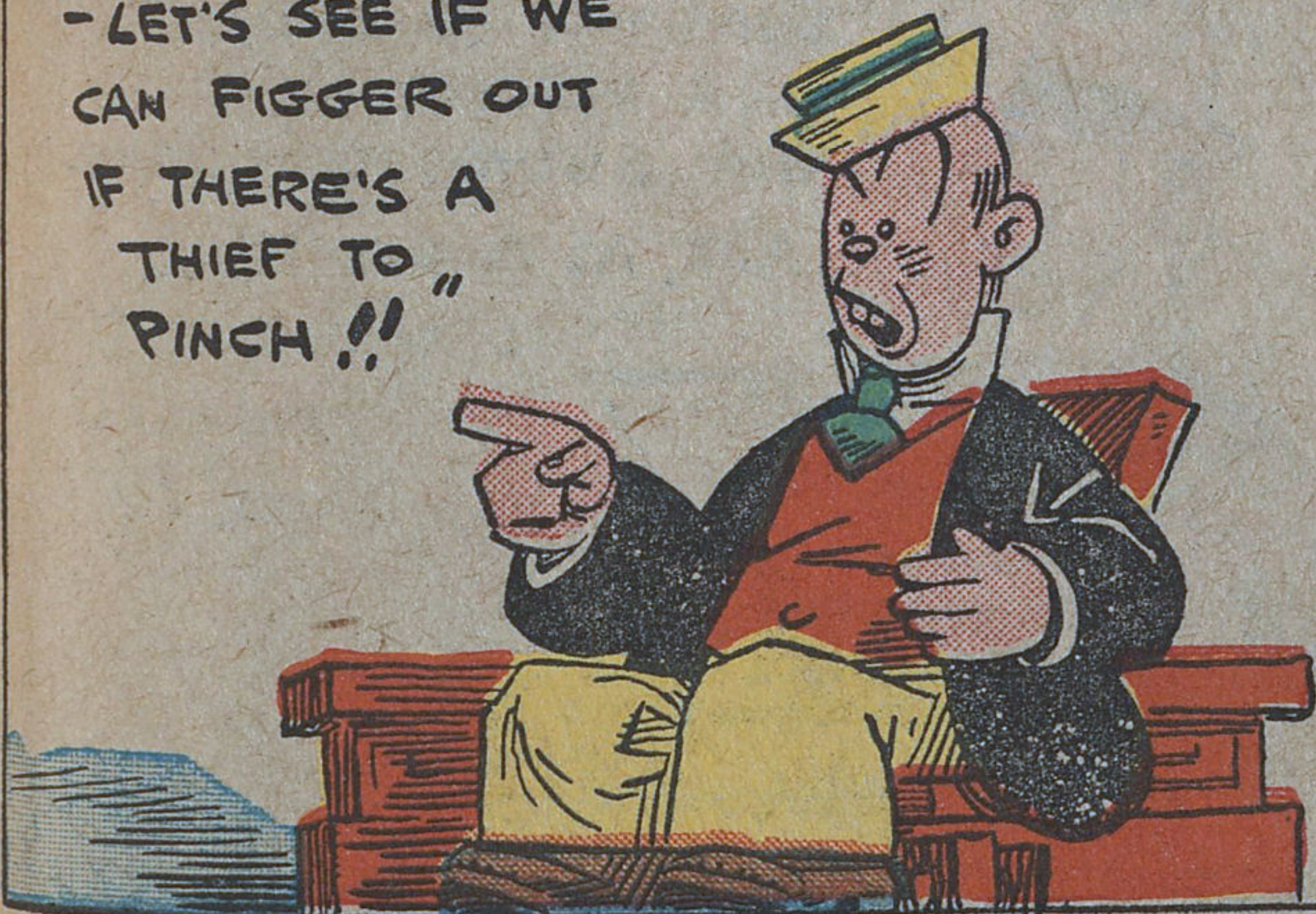
AND PEOPLE WHISPERED,
"THIS IS RICH!
WE'LL HAVE A LOT
OF FUN
WITH JAKE, OUR
LOCAL PINKERTON,
BEFORE THIS
THING IS DONE!"



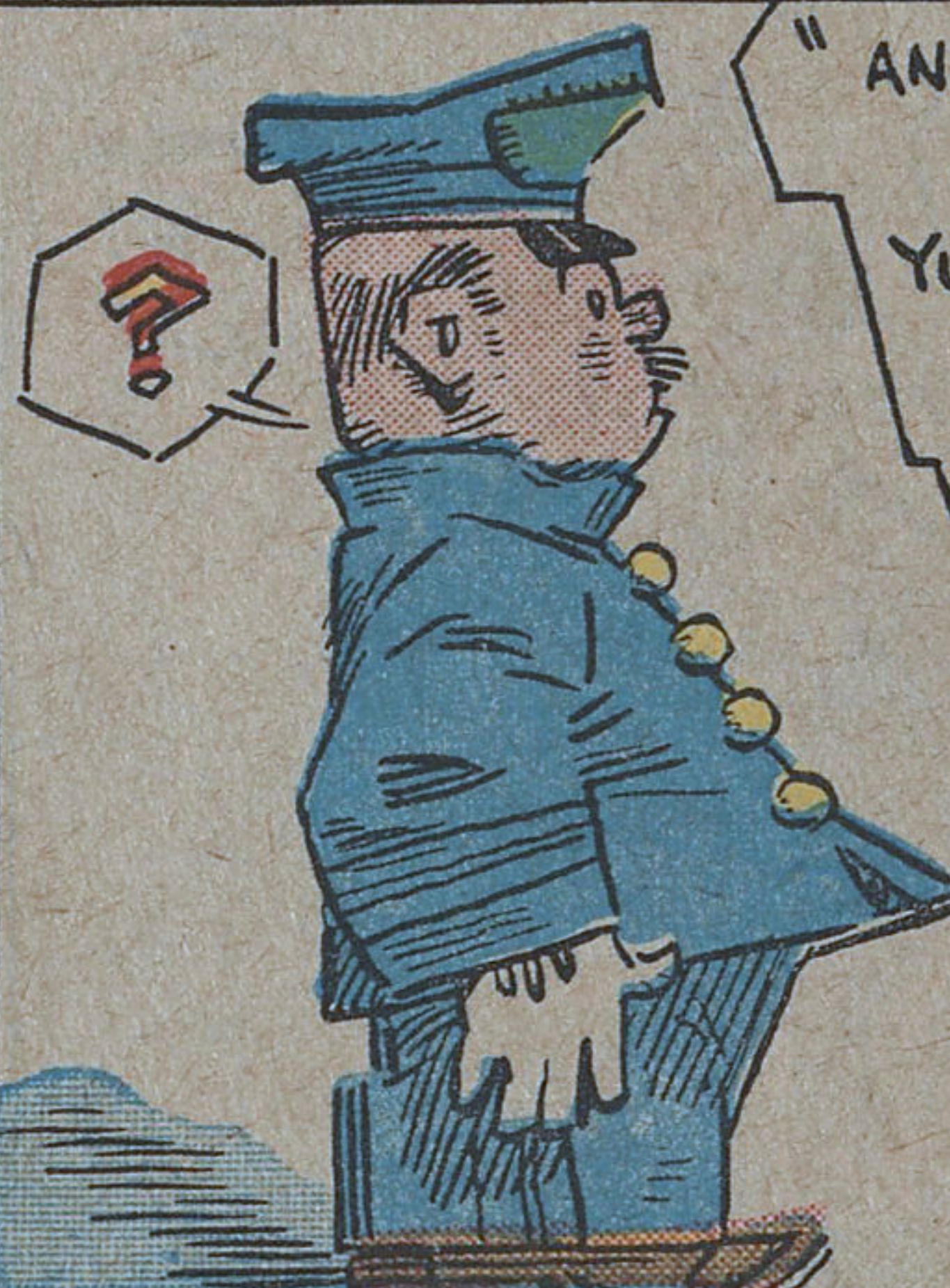
"WE'RE ASKED TO PINCH
A THIEF," SAID JAKE,
"BUT, ERE WE MOVE
AN INCH, -"

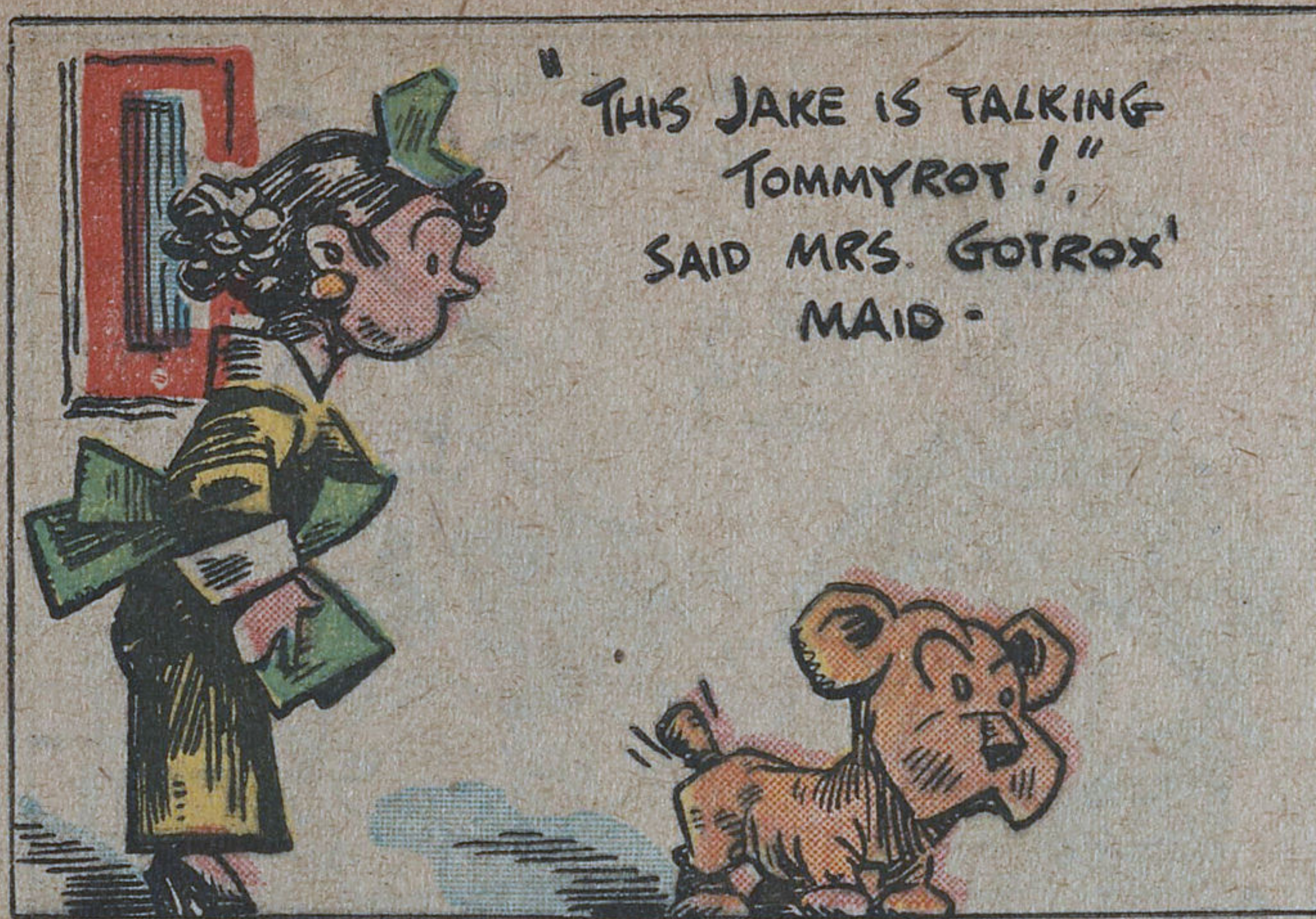


"-LET'S SEE IF WE
CAN FIGGER OUT
IF THERE'S A
THIEF TO
PINCH!!"



"AND, TOO, T' STAGE A
JEWEL THEFT
YUH GOTTA HAVE
SOME JOOLS!
T' START OUT
HUNTIN' OTHERWISE
WE'D BE A
PACK O' FOOLS!"





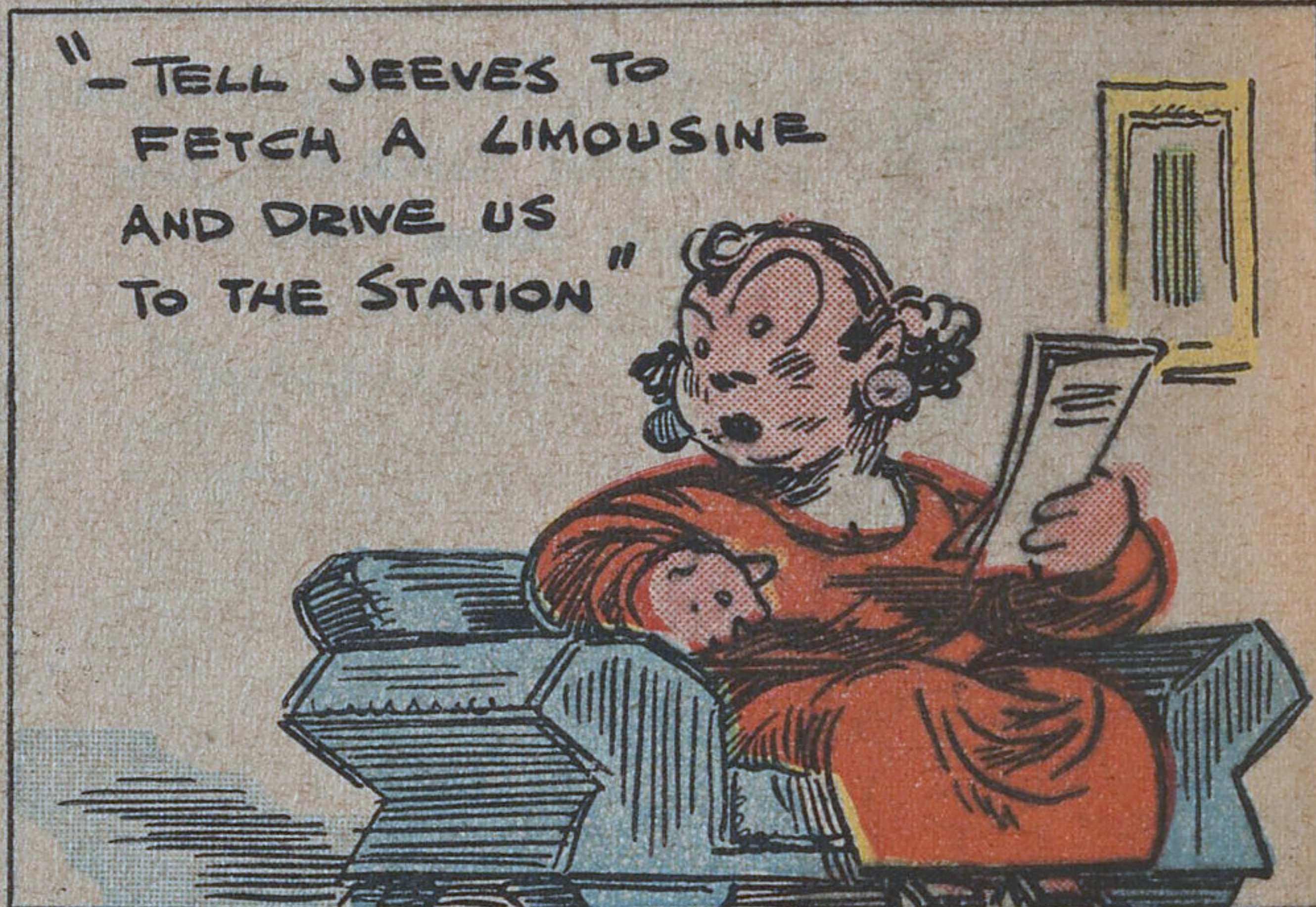
"THIS JAKE IS TALKING
TOMMYROT!"
SAID MRS. GOTROX'
MAID -



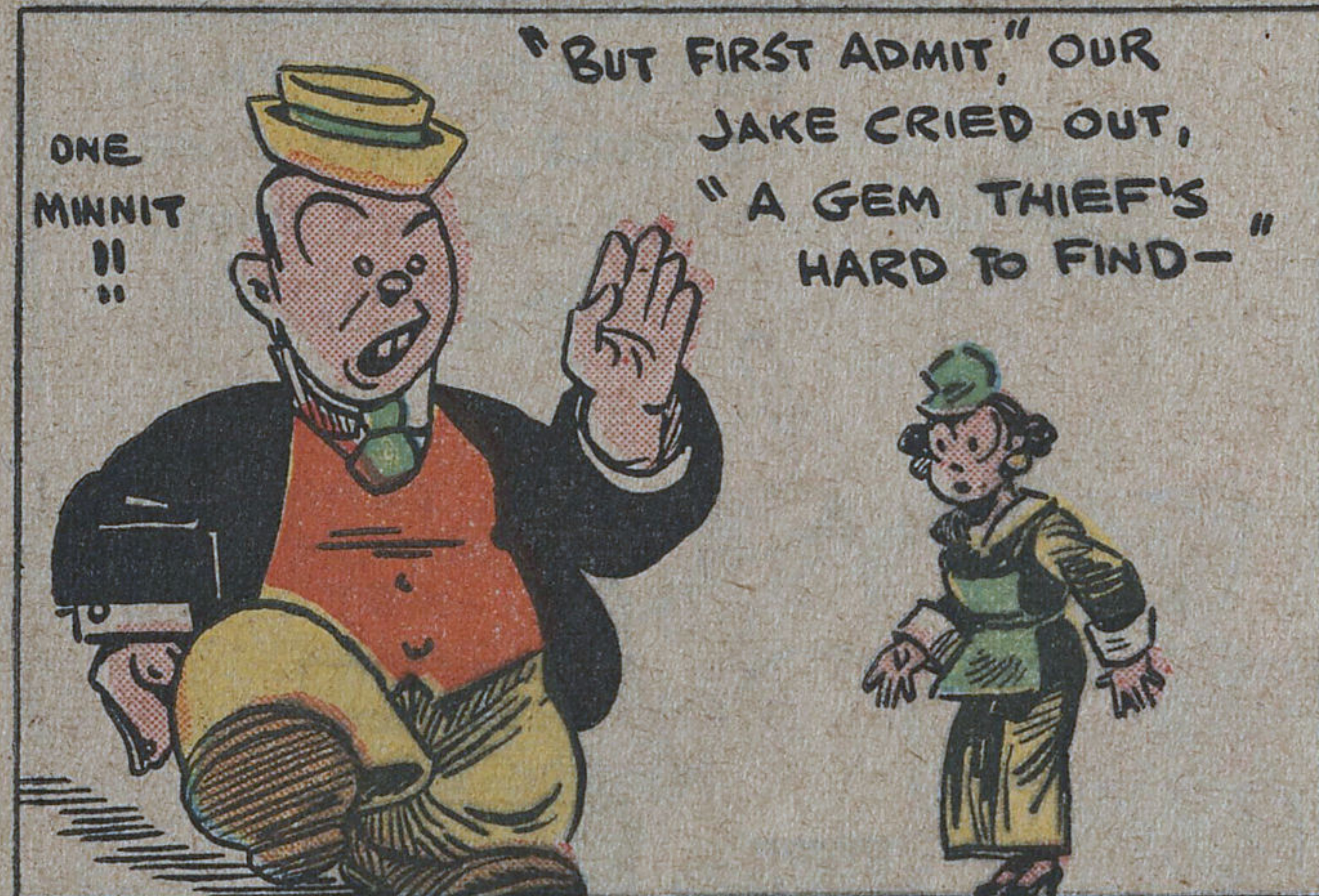
SAID MISSUS GOTROX,
"NO HE'S NOT!
HE'S TALKING
SENSE, I'M
'FRAID!!"



"AND NOW, HORTENSE,
I THINK WE'LL PACK -
WE NEED A LONG
VACATION -"

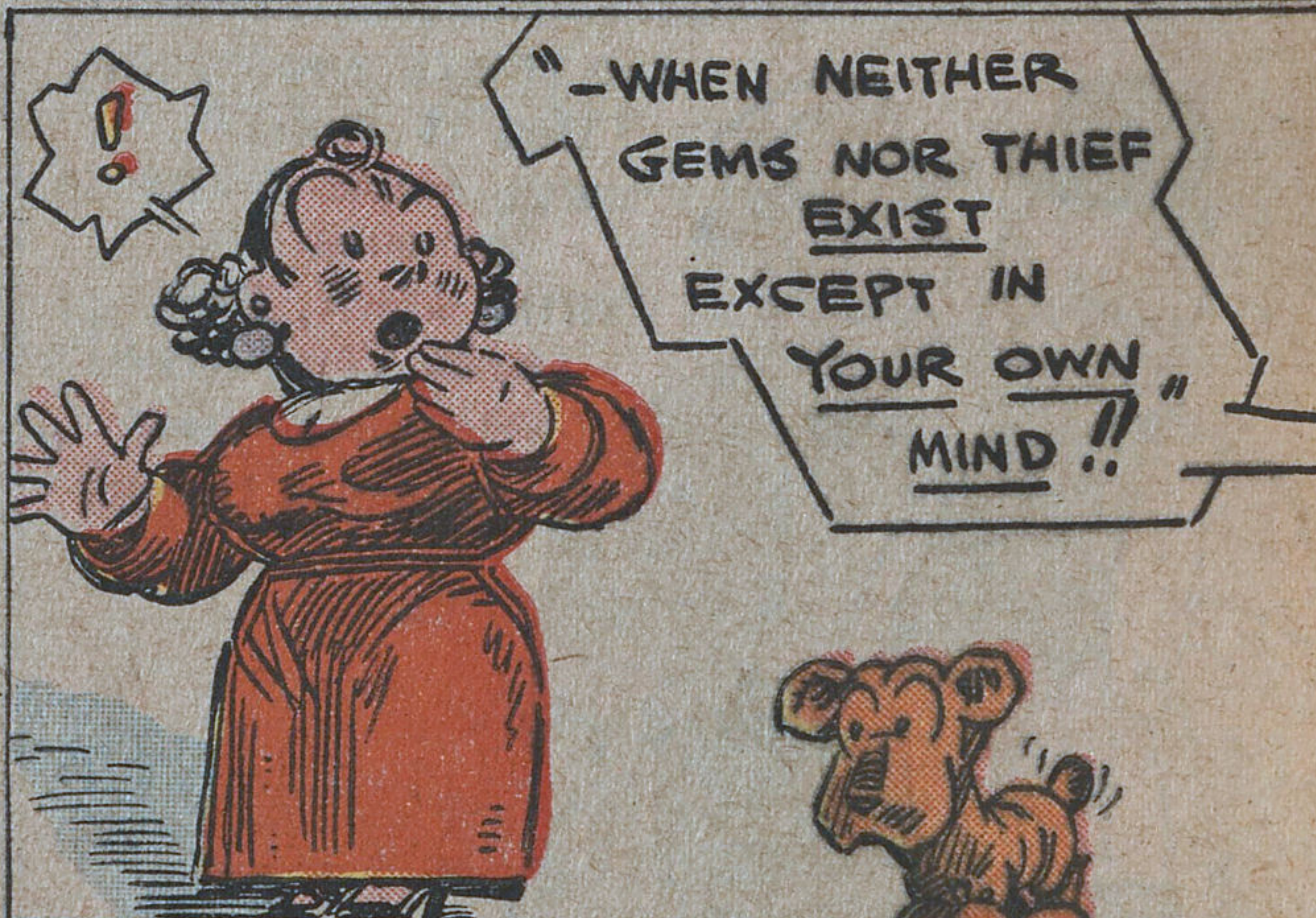


"-TELL JEEVES TO
FETCH A LIMOUSINE
AND DRIVE US
TO THE STATION"



ONE
MINNIT
!!

"BUT FIRST ADMIT," OUR
JAKE CRIED OUT,
"A GEM THIEF'S
HARD TO FIND -"

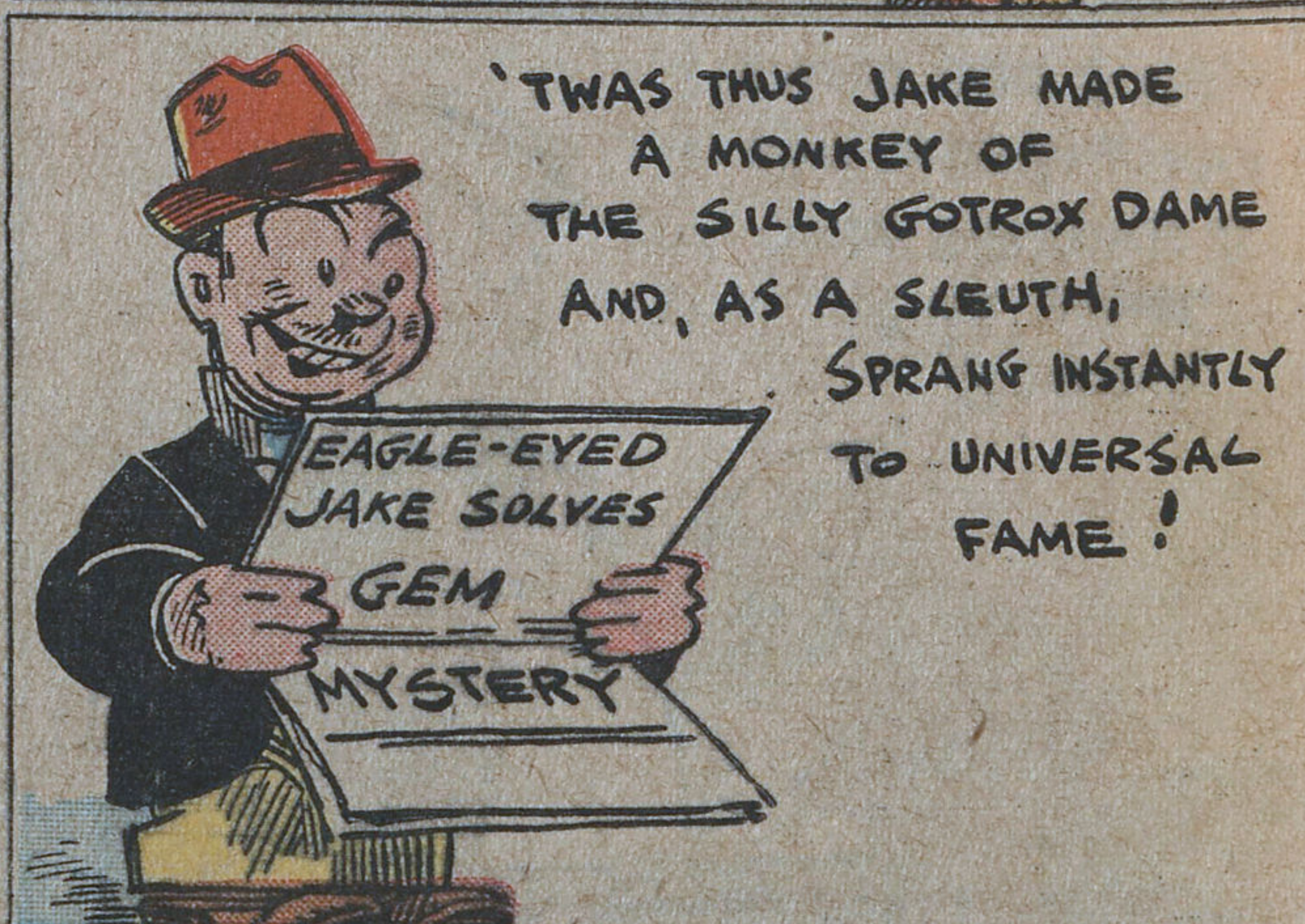


"-WHEN NEITHER
GEMS NOR THIEF
EXIST
EXCEPT IN
YOUR OWN
MIND!!"



"I KNOW THE
EXPLANATION FOR
YOUR VERY
STUPID CAPERS -
YOU THOUGHT
YOU'D LIKE T'
SEE YOUR NAME
IN ALL THE
EV'NING
PAPERS!"

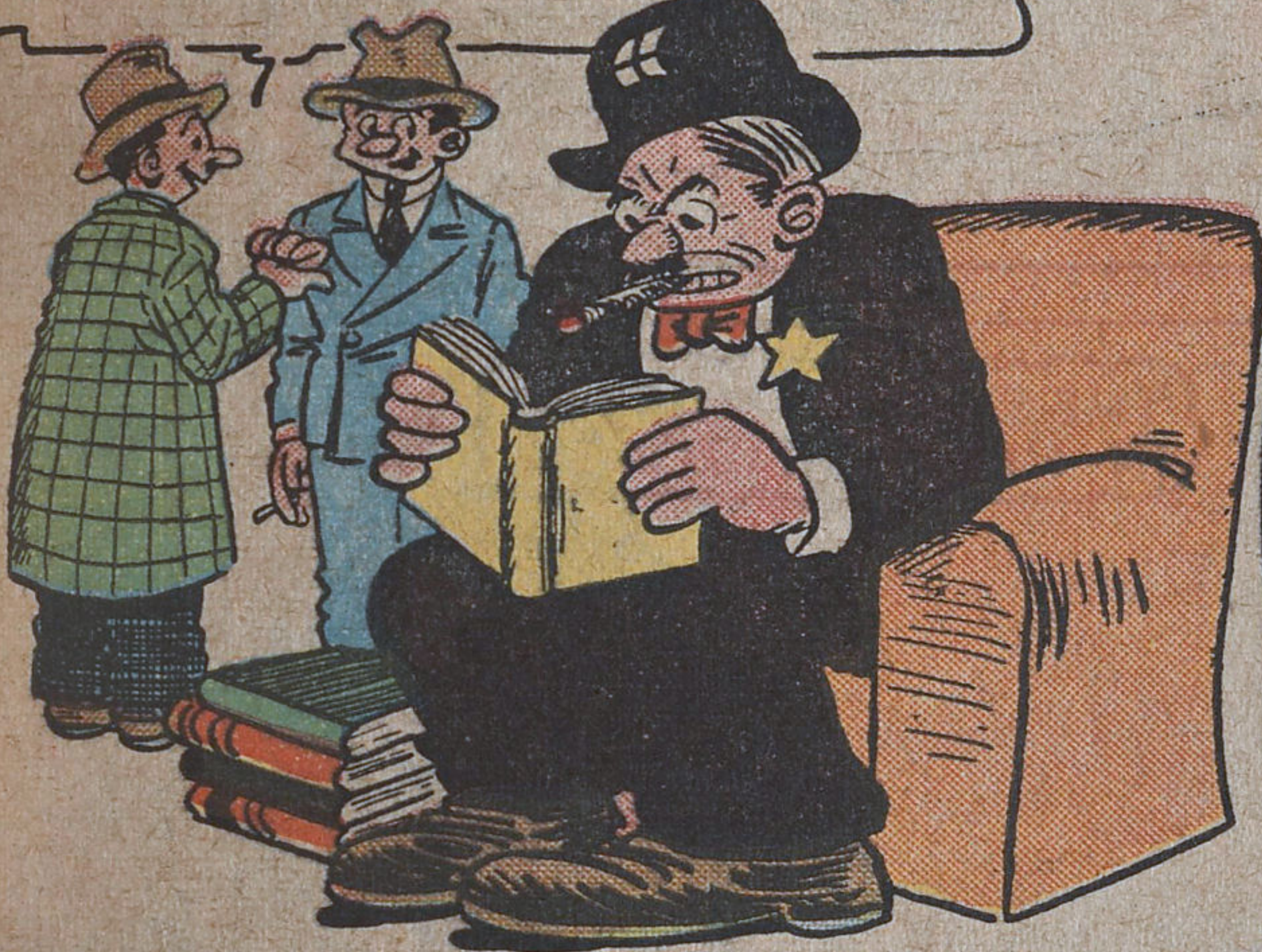
YOU WIN,
JAKE!



'T WAS THUS JAKE MADE
A MONKEY OF
THE SILLY GOTROX DAME
AND, AS A SLEUTH,
SPRANG INSTANTLY
TO UNIVERSAL
FAME!

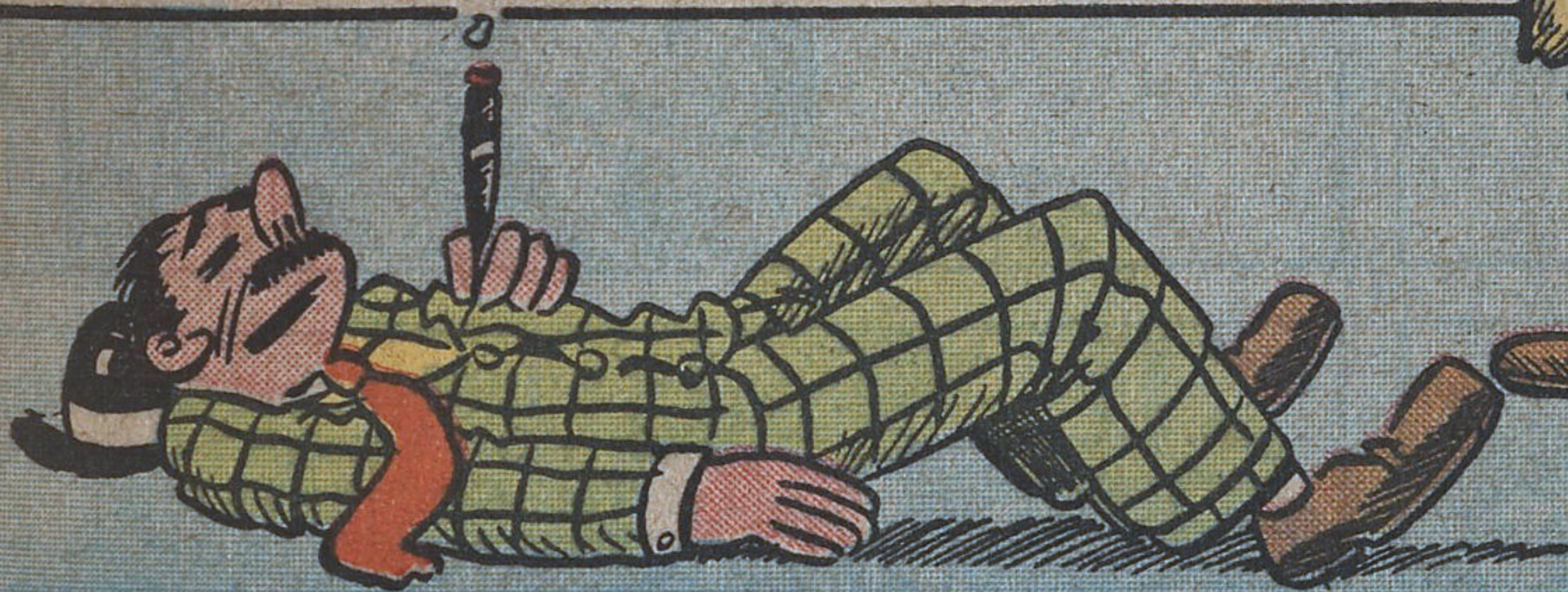
SILLY STORIES

JUST 'CAUSE HE'S GOT BIG FEET AN' A DERBY HAT, GUS IS TAKIN' A CORRESPONDENCE COURSE IN DETECTING!!



IS THAT THE BODY?

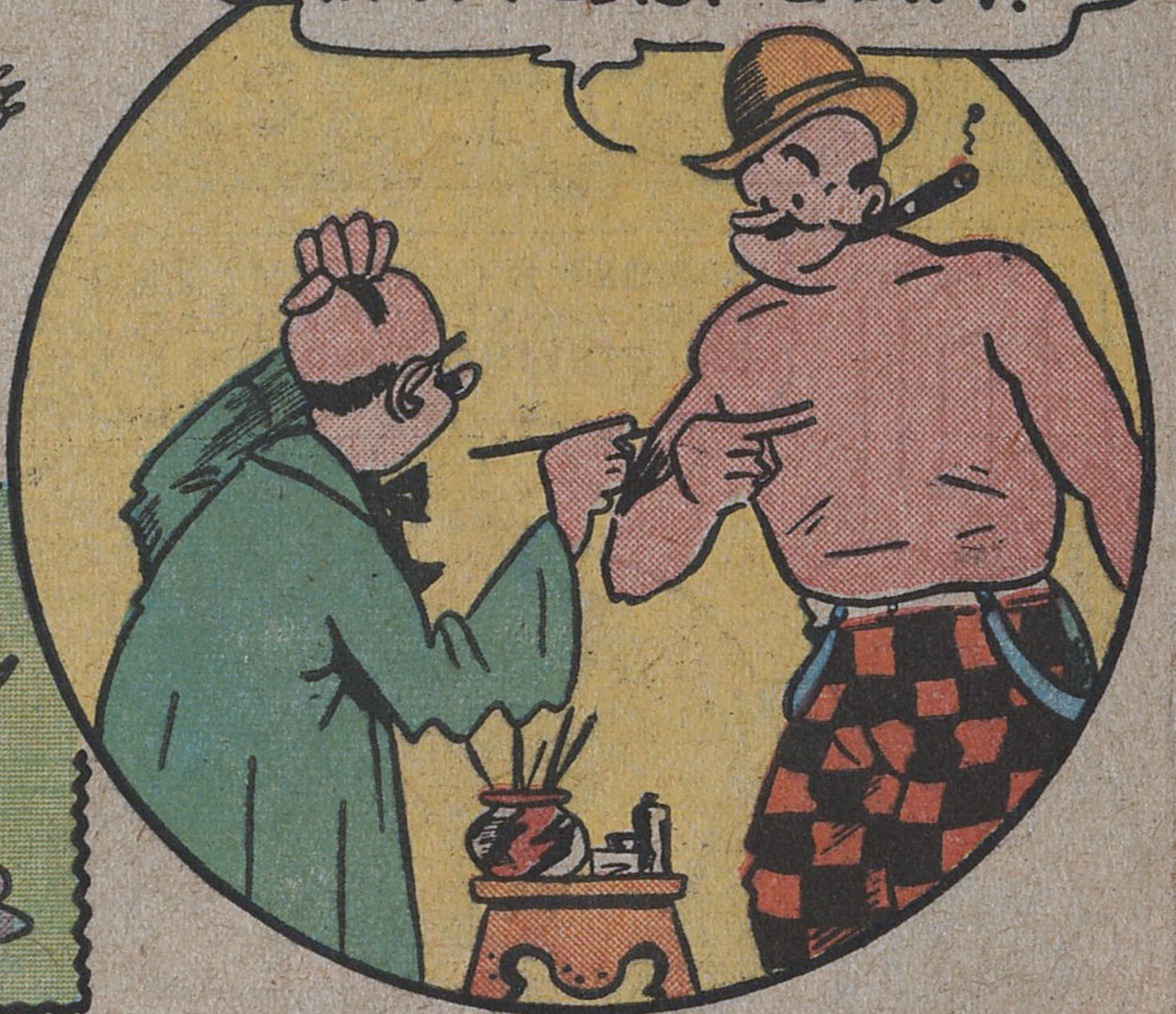
NO - INSPECTOR SCHMALTZ IS TRYIN' T'FIND TH' MURDERER BY GETTIN' IN TH' VICTIM'S FRAME OF MIND!

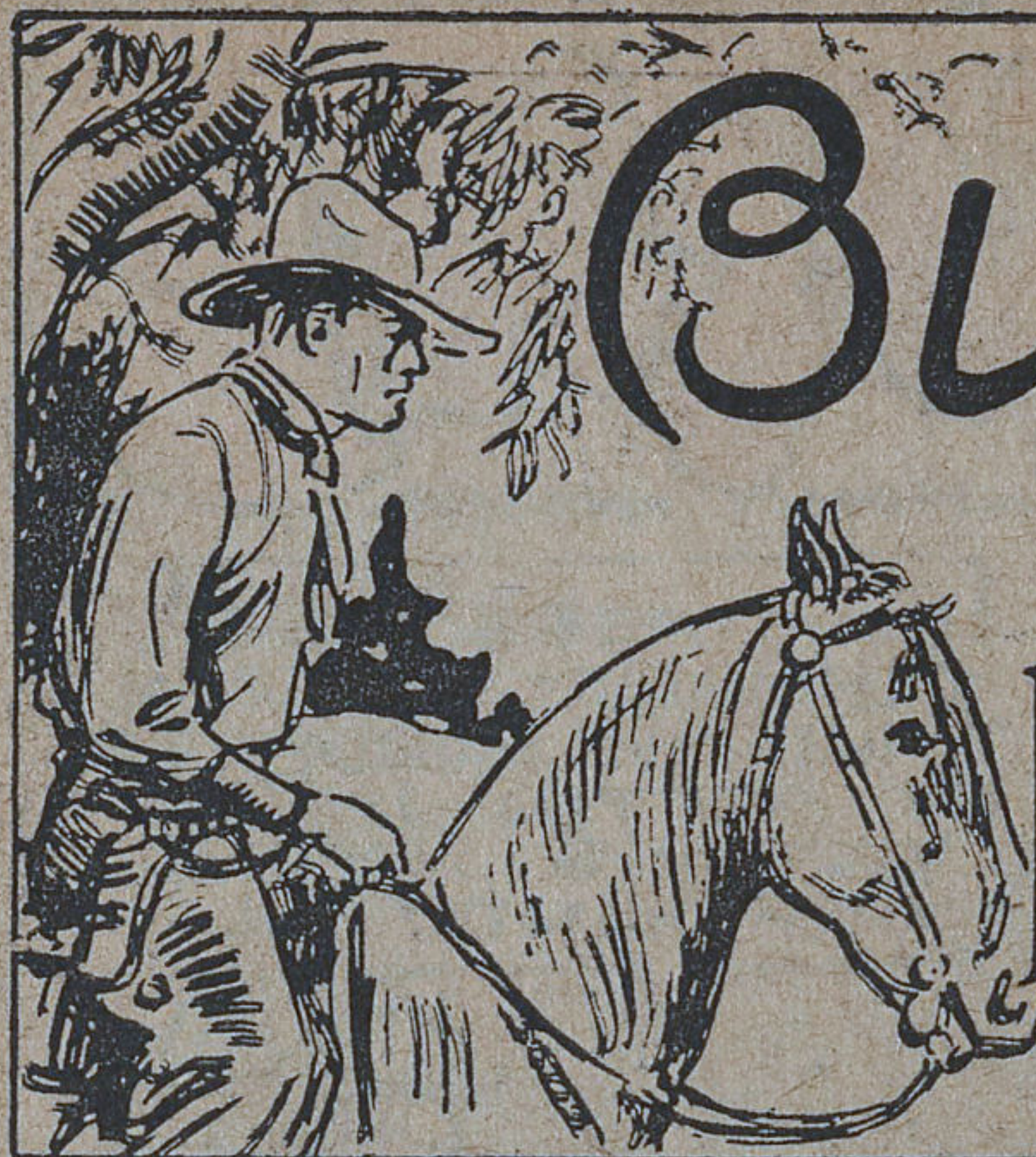


WHERE ARE YA GOIN' - REILLY?? TO A MASQUERADE?

NO - YOU DOPE! I'M IN DISGUISE - THERE'S BEEN A MURDER DOWN AT THE ZOO!

YOU GOTTA TATTOO A BADGE HERE ON MY CHEST - I JUST GOT A JOB AS HOUSE-DETECTIVE IN A NUDIST CAMP!!





Buck MARSHALL

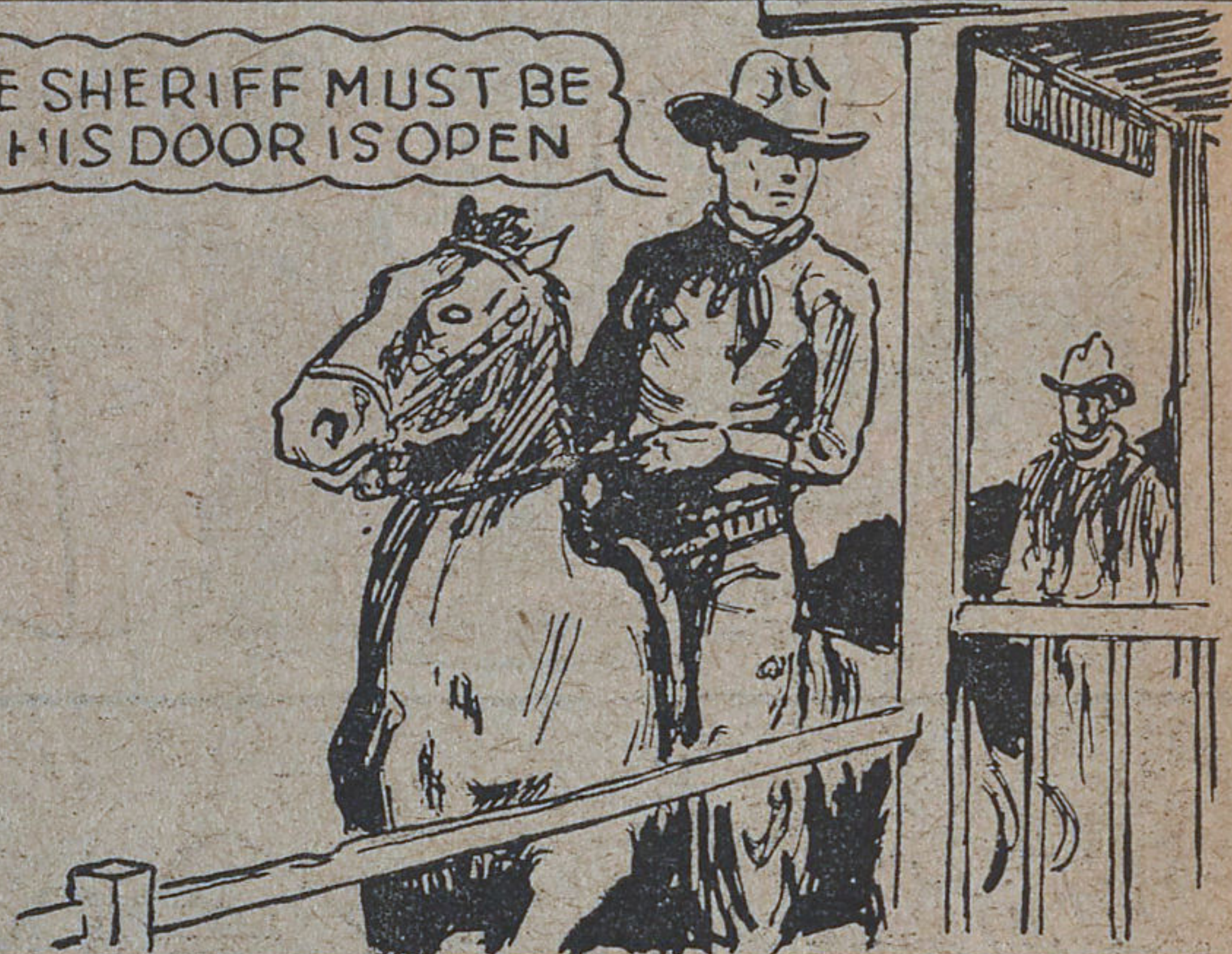
RANGE DETECTIVE

BY HOMER FLEMING

BUCK MARSHALL, RANGE DETECTIVE, RECEIVES A LETTER FROM HIS FRIEND, THE SHERIFF. THE MESSAGE IS URGENT—CATTLE THIEVES ARE TERRORIZING THE COUNTRY.

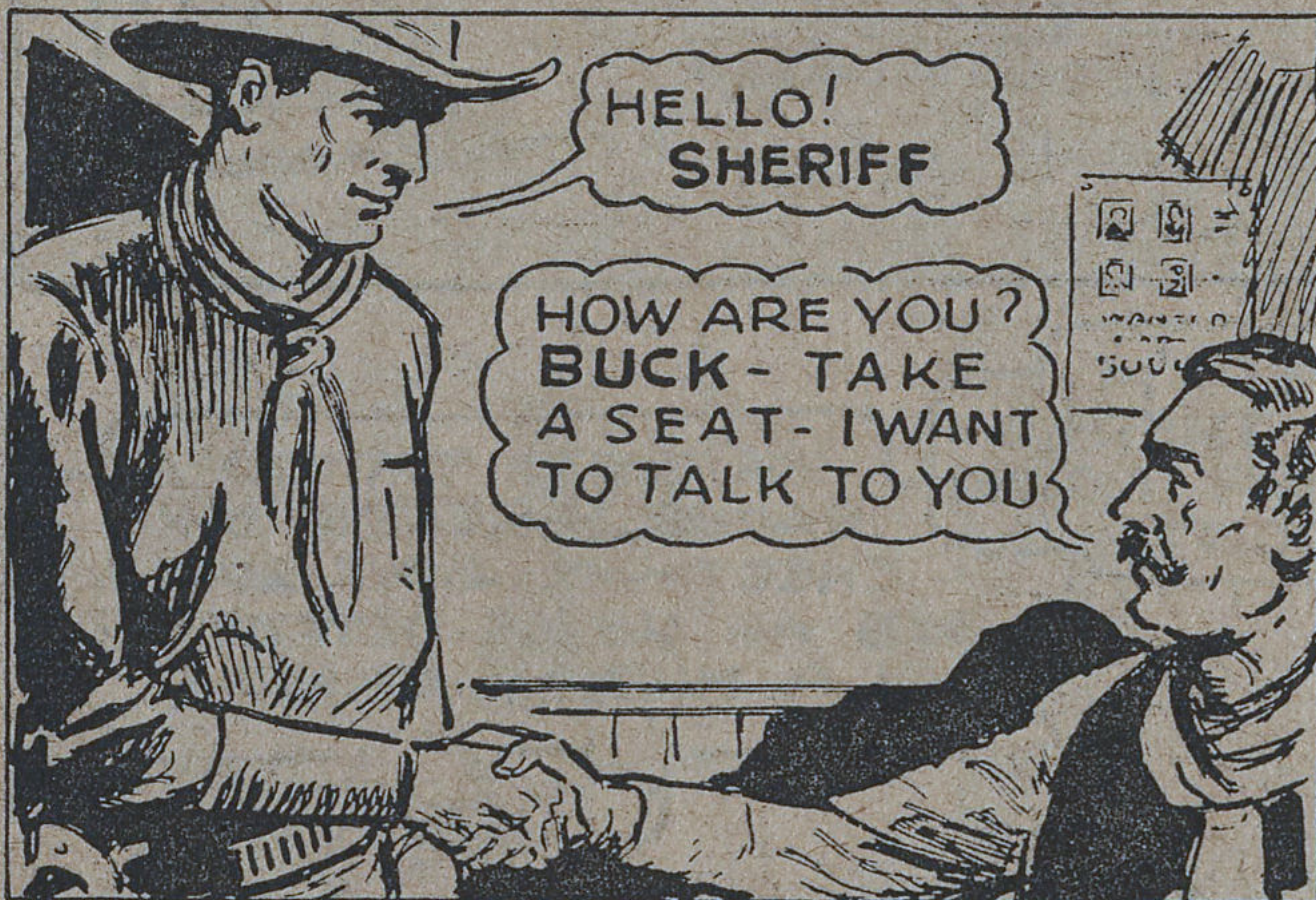
BUCK LOSES NO TIME IN RESPONDING TO THE SHERIFF'S APPEAL FOR HELP, AND NOW, IS PULLING UP HIS HORSE AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AFTER A LONG, HARD RIDE OVER PLAINS AND MOUNTAIN TRAILS... HE HAS NEVER BEEN IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY BEFORE, HAVING KNOWN THE SHERIFF IN TEXAS.

THE SHERIFF MUST BE IN—HIS DOOR IS OPEN



HELLO! SHERIFF

HOW ARE YOU? BUCK—TAKE A SEAT—I WANT TO TALK TO YOU



SHERIFF, WE ELECTED YOU TO GET RID OF THESE NESTERS. RUSTLING IS AS BAD AS EVER!

I'M DOING ALL I CAN, SANDERS



SANDERS OWNS THE BAR S, A BIG SPREAD, WITH JACKSON—HE ACCUSES VOLK, OWNER OF CIRCLE BAR 8, OF RUSTLING TRICKS. THERE'S BEEN BAD FEELING EVER SINCE VOLK REFUSED TO SELL SOME LAND.

AND YOU SAY THERE HAVE BEEN KILLINGS ON OTHER SPREADS?



BUCK APPLIES
FOR A JOB AT
BAR S, USING
ANOTHER
NAME

YES, WE CAN USE ANOTHER
HAND - SEE SLICK
AT THE BUNKHOUSE



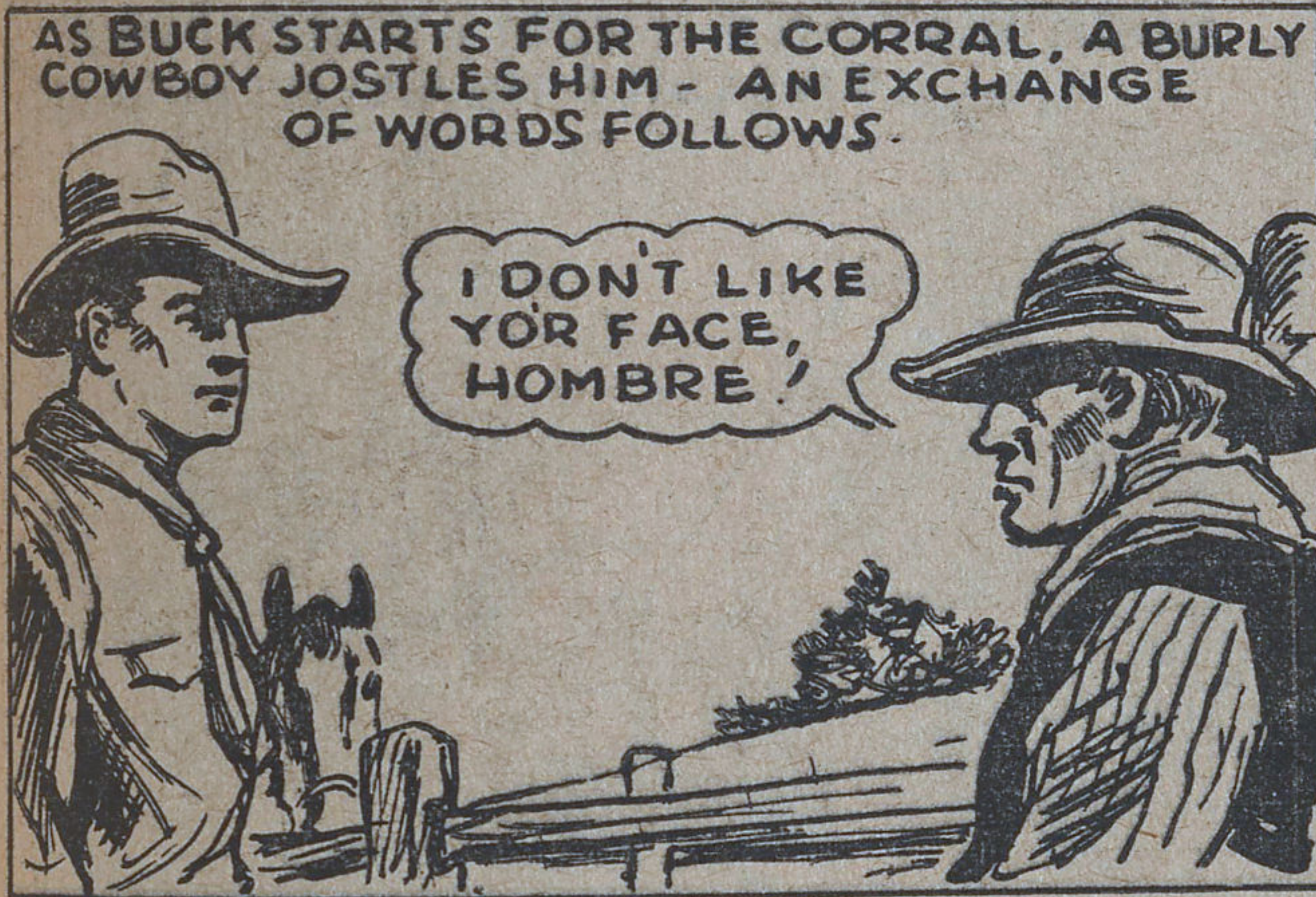
JACKSON JUST PUT
ME ON - MY NAME
IS SAM WILSON

O.K. WILSON
- TAKE THAT
END BUNK

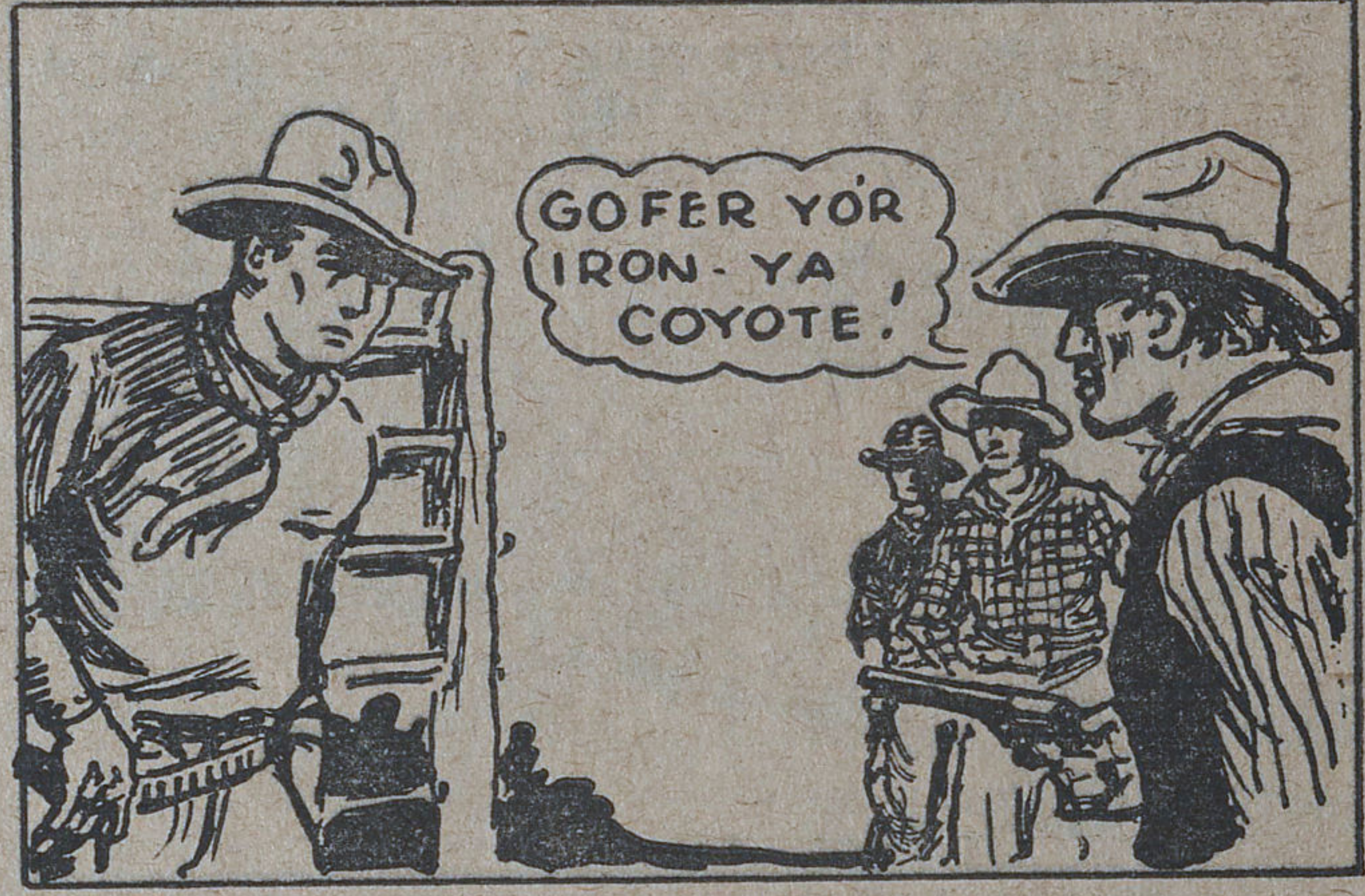


AS BUCK STARTS FOR THE CORRAL, A BURLY
COWBOY JOSTLES HIM - AN EXCHANGE
OF WORDS FOLLOWS.

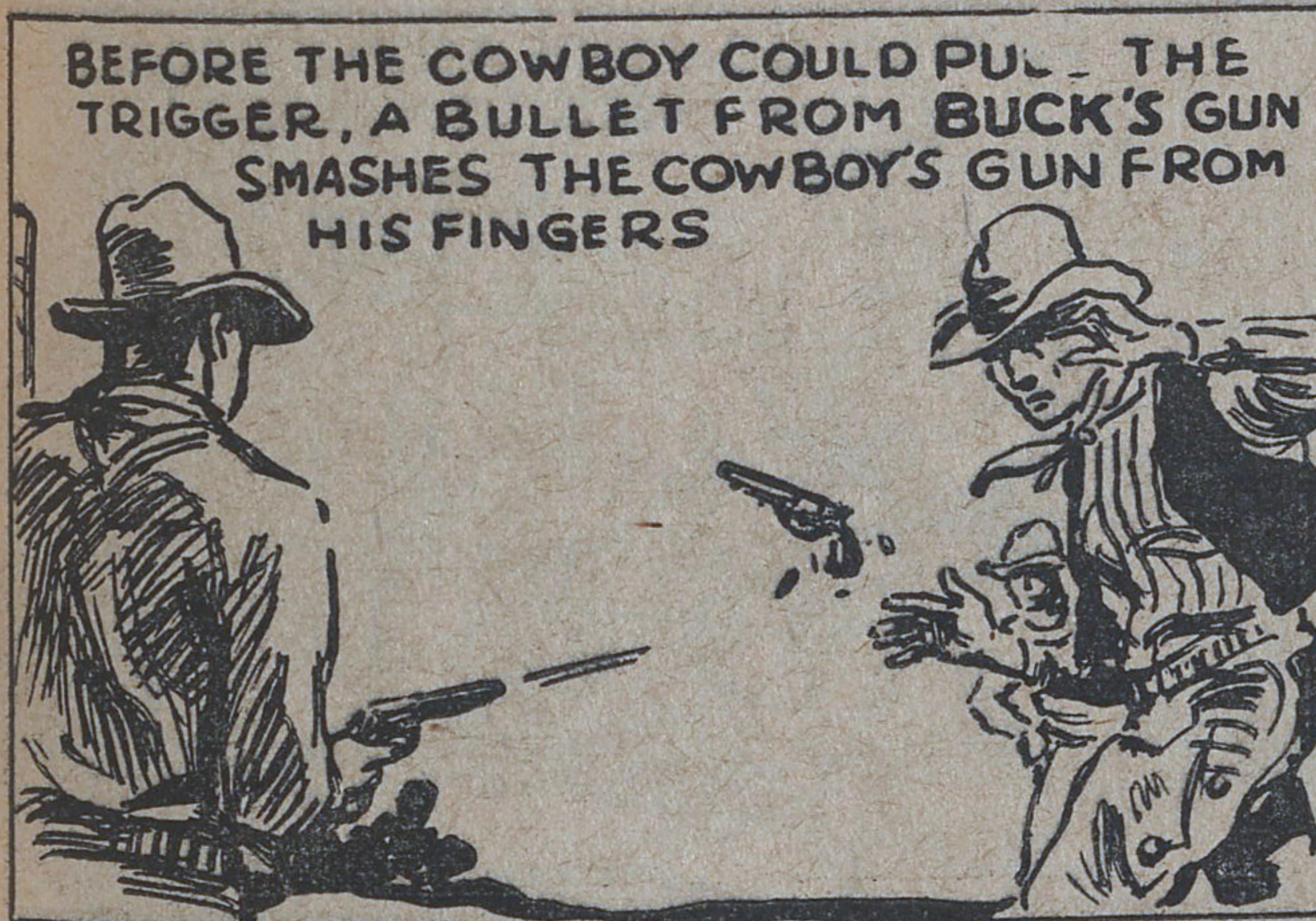
I DON'T LIKE
YOR FACE,
HOMBRE!



GOFER YOR
IRON - YA
COYOTE!



BEFORE THE COWBOY COULD PUL - THE
TRIGGER, A BULLET FROM BUCK'S GUN
SMASHES THE COWBOY'S GUN FROM
HIS FINGERS



NOW, IF ANY
OF YOU OTHER
GENTS

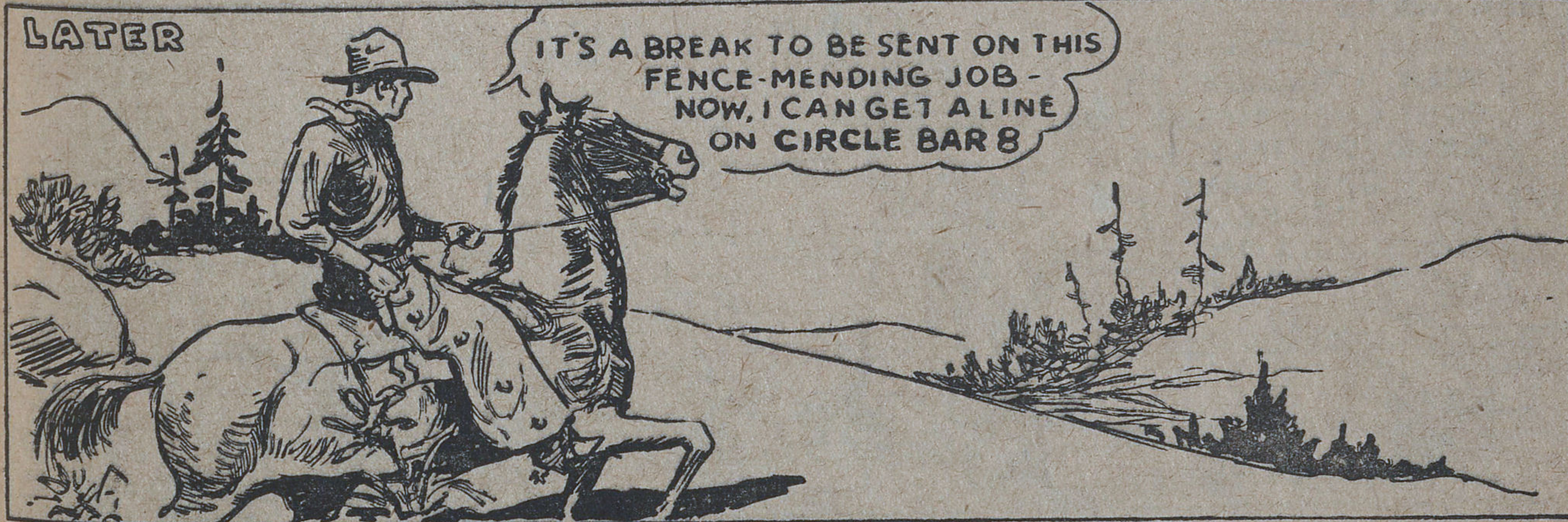
I AINT TAKIN' UP
RAWHIDE'S FIGHT!

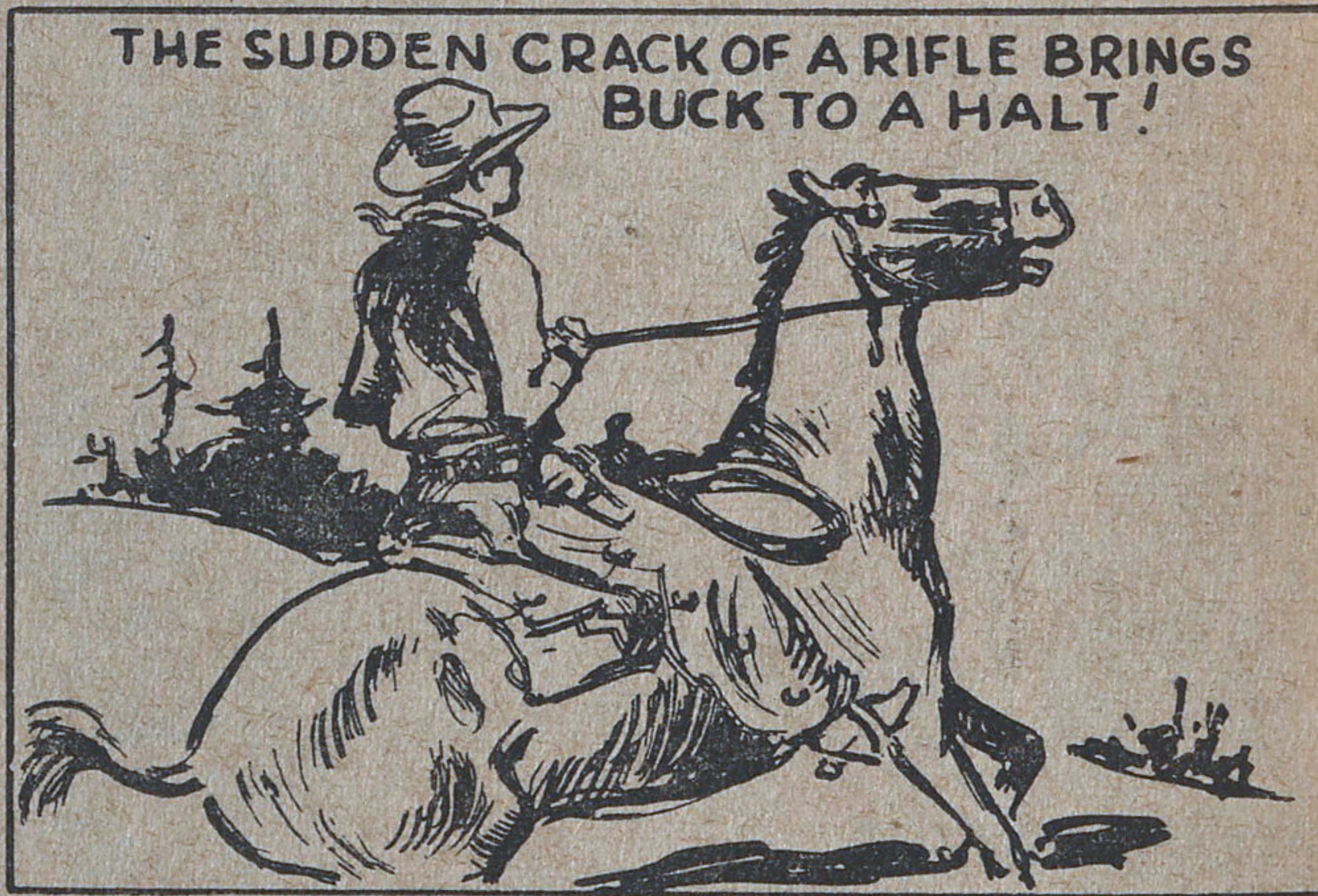
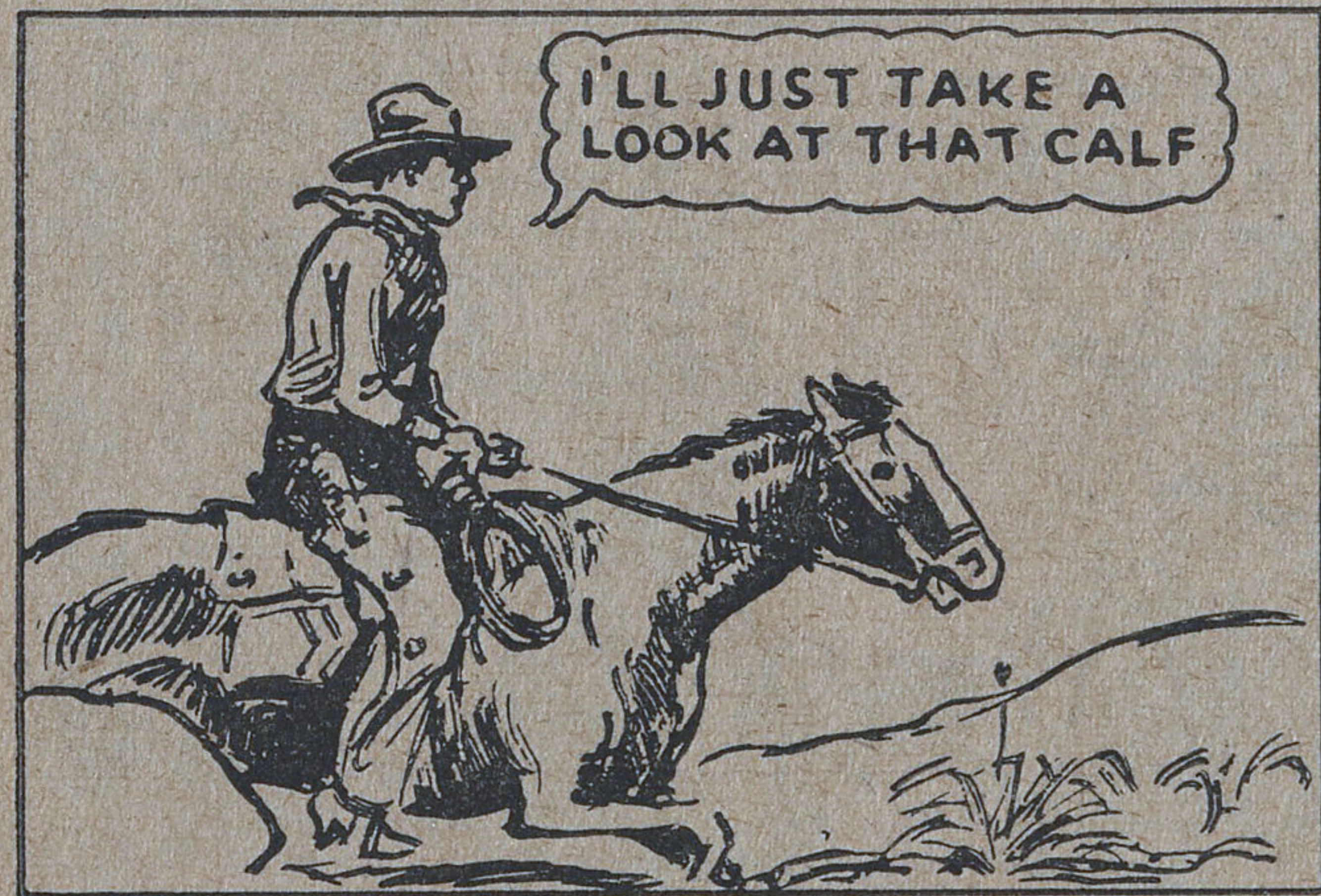
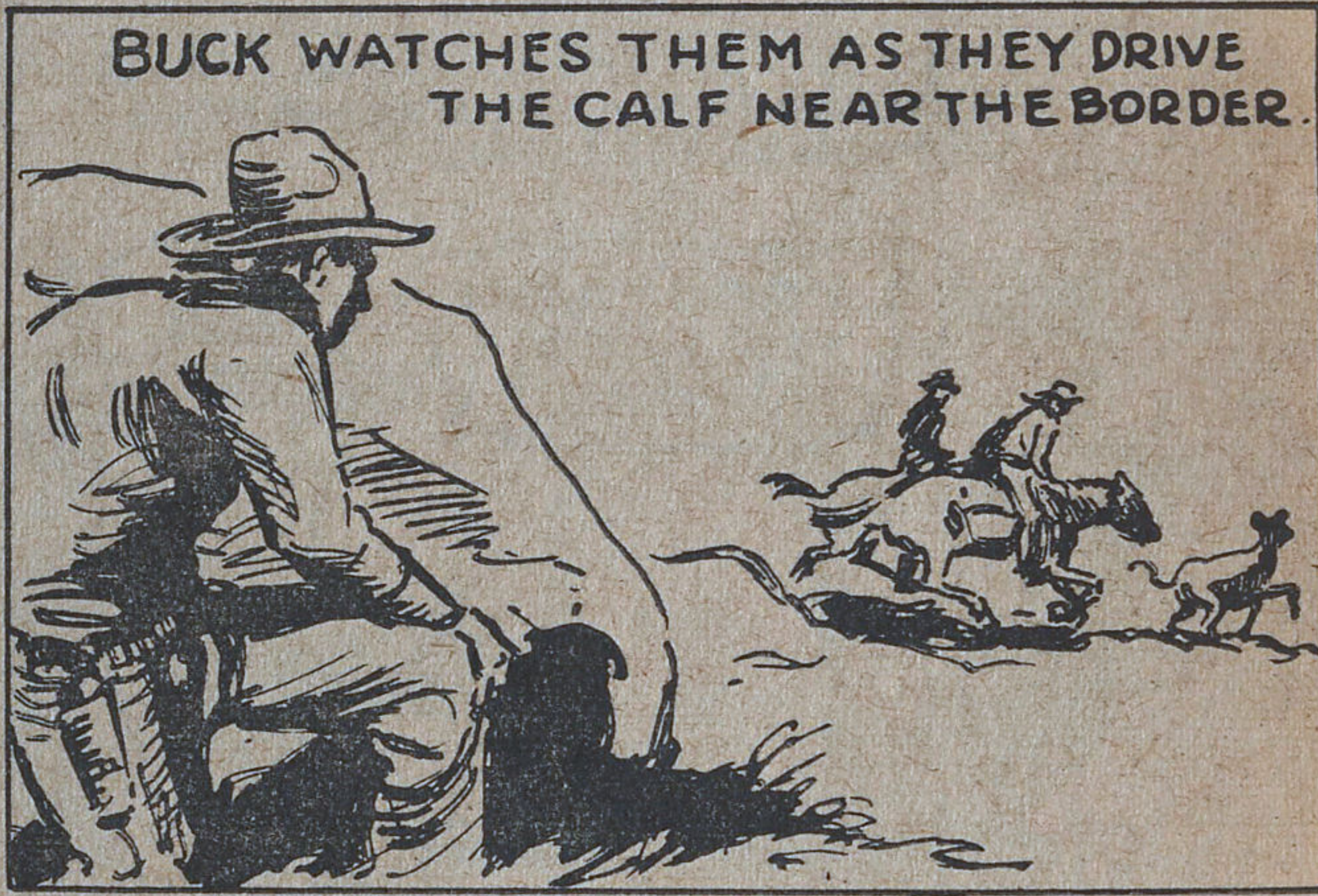
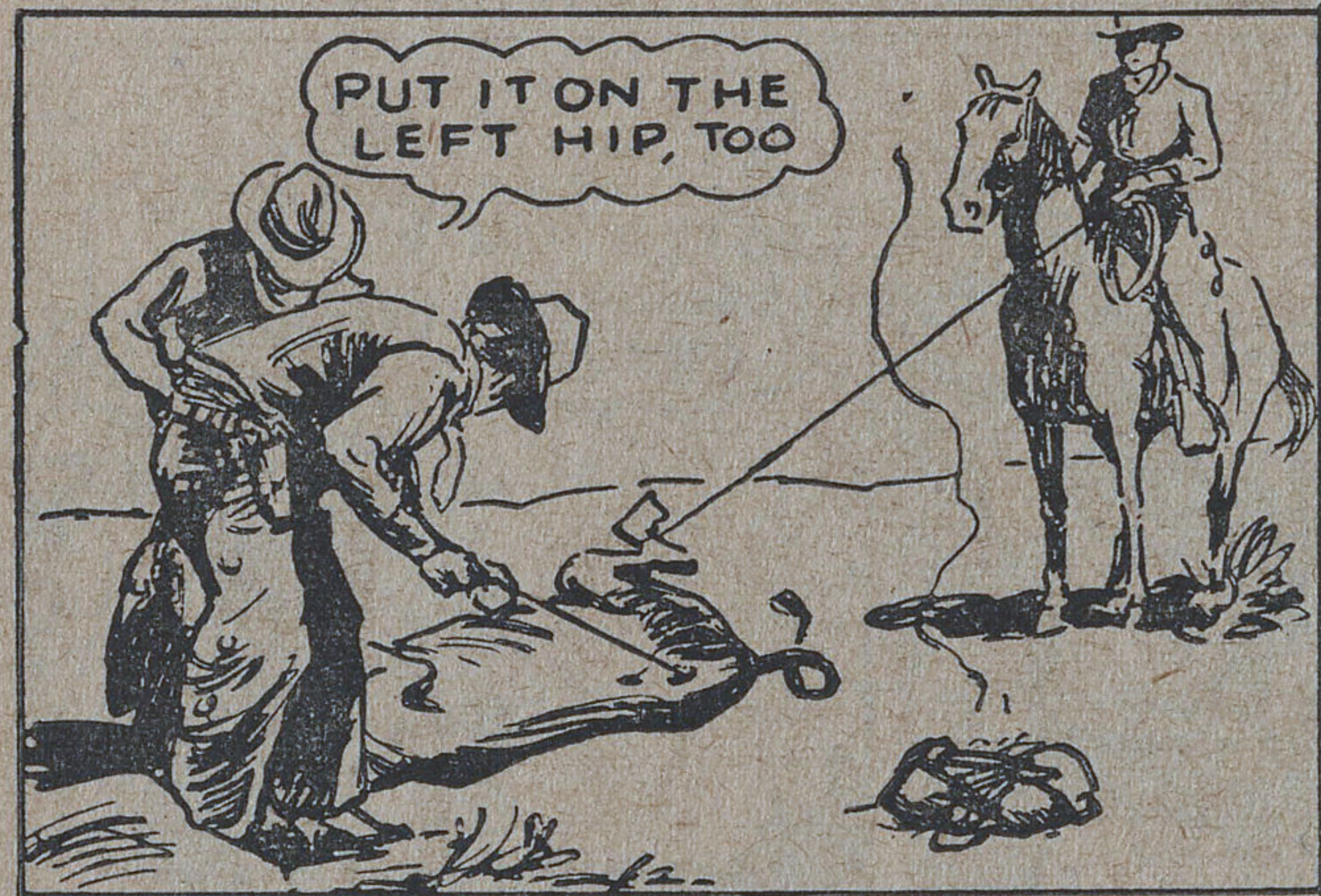
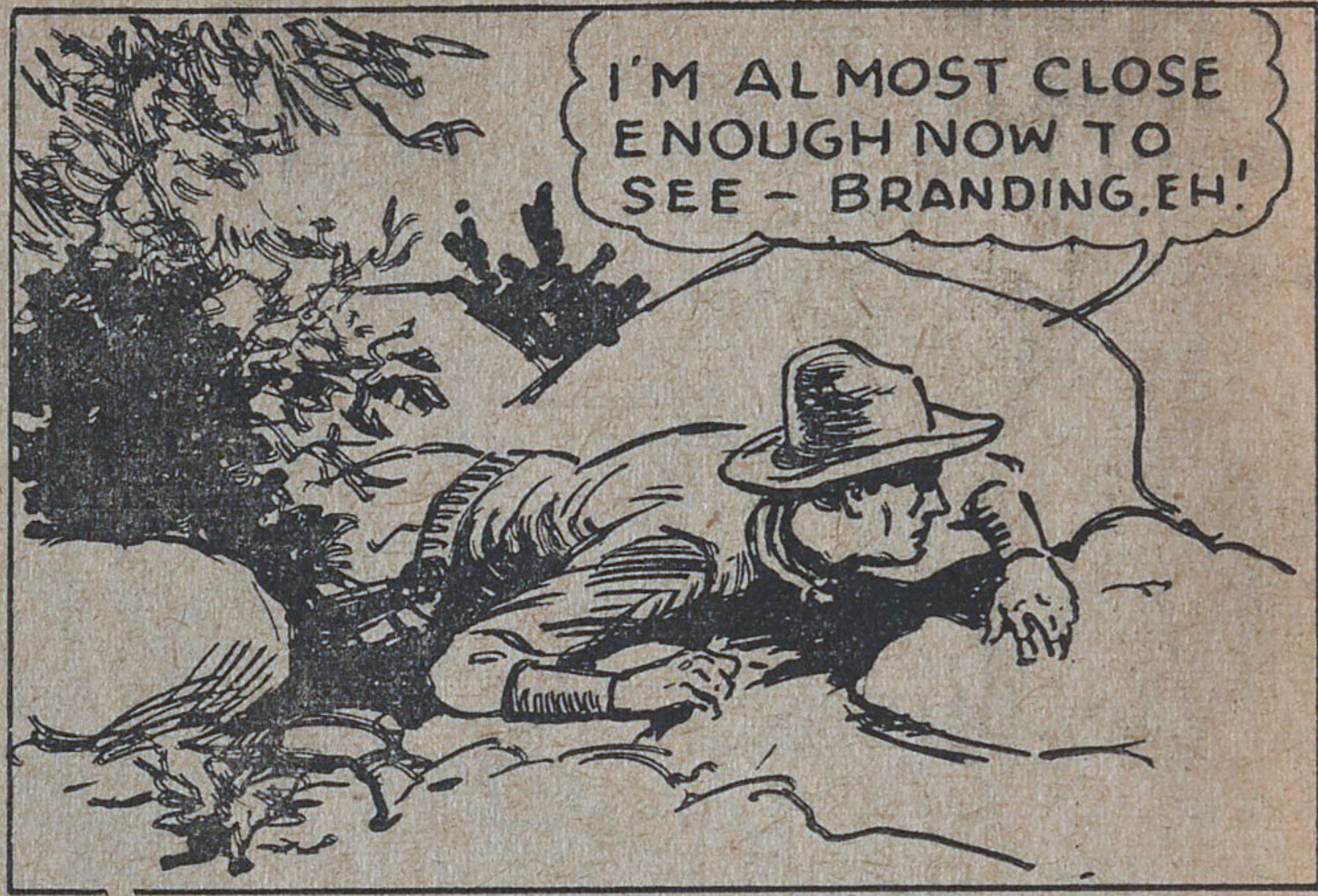
ME, NEITHER

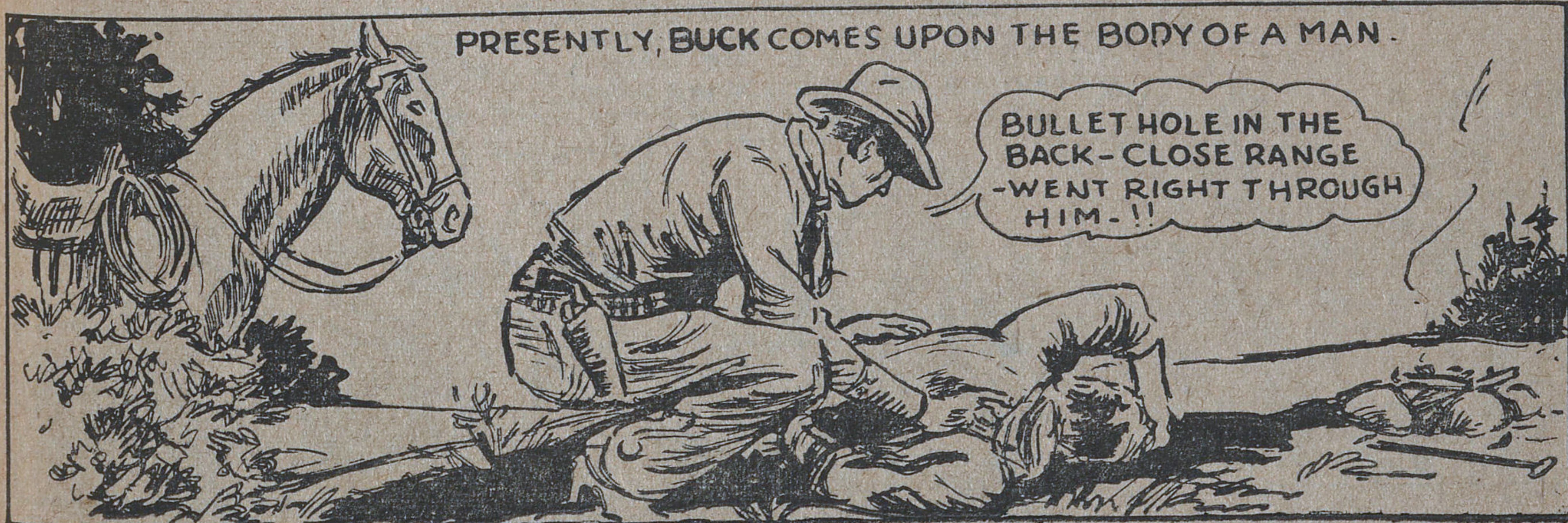
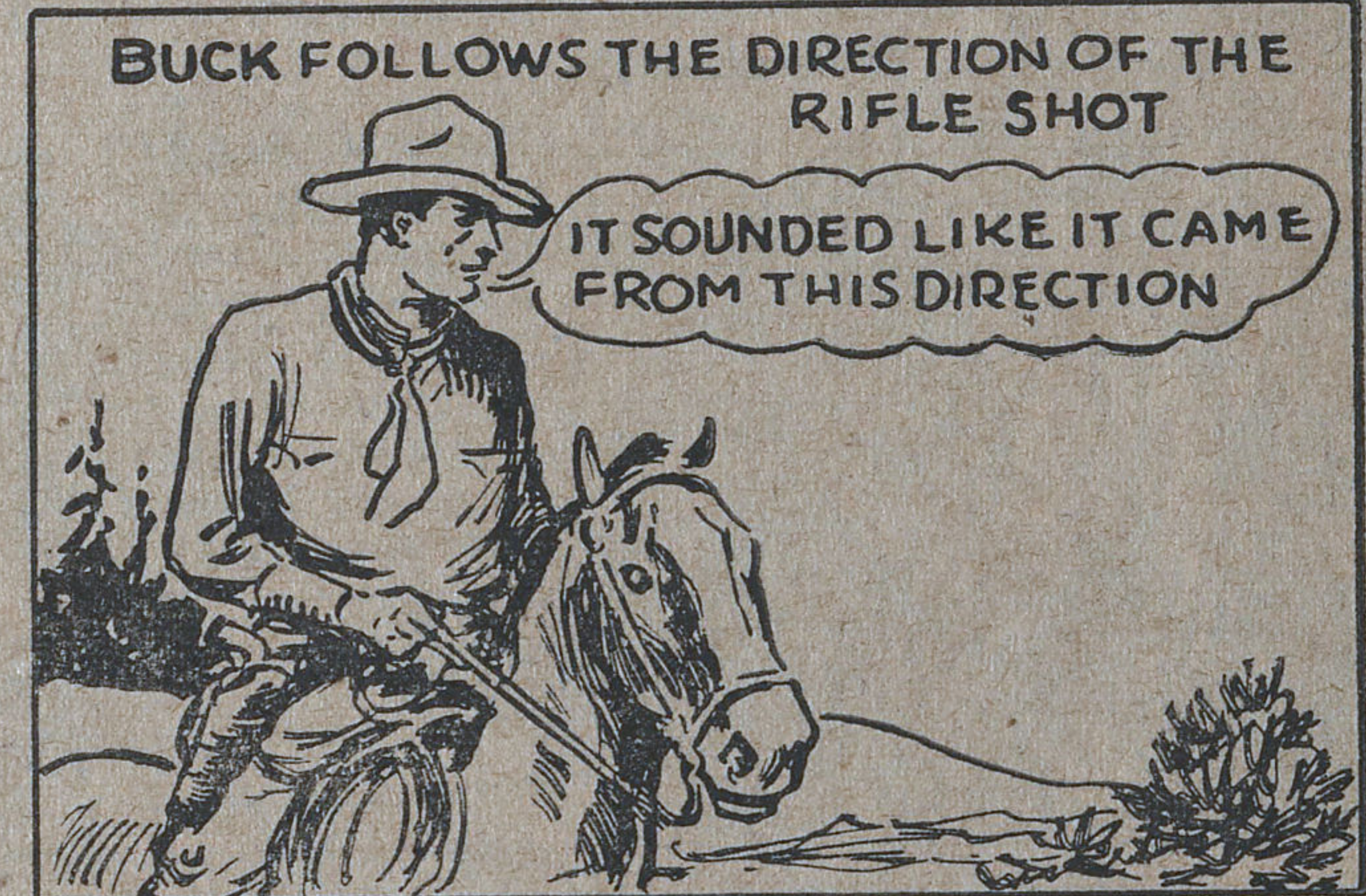
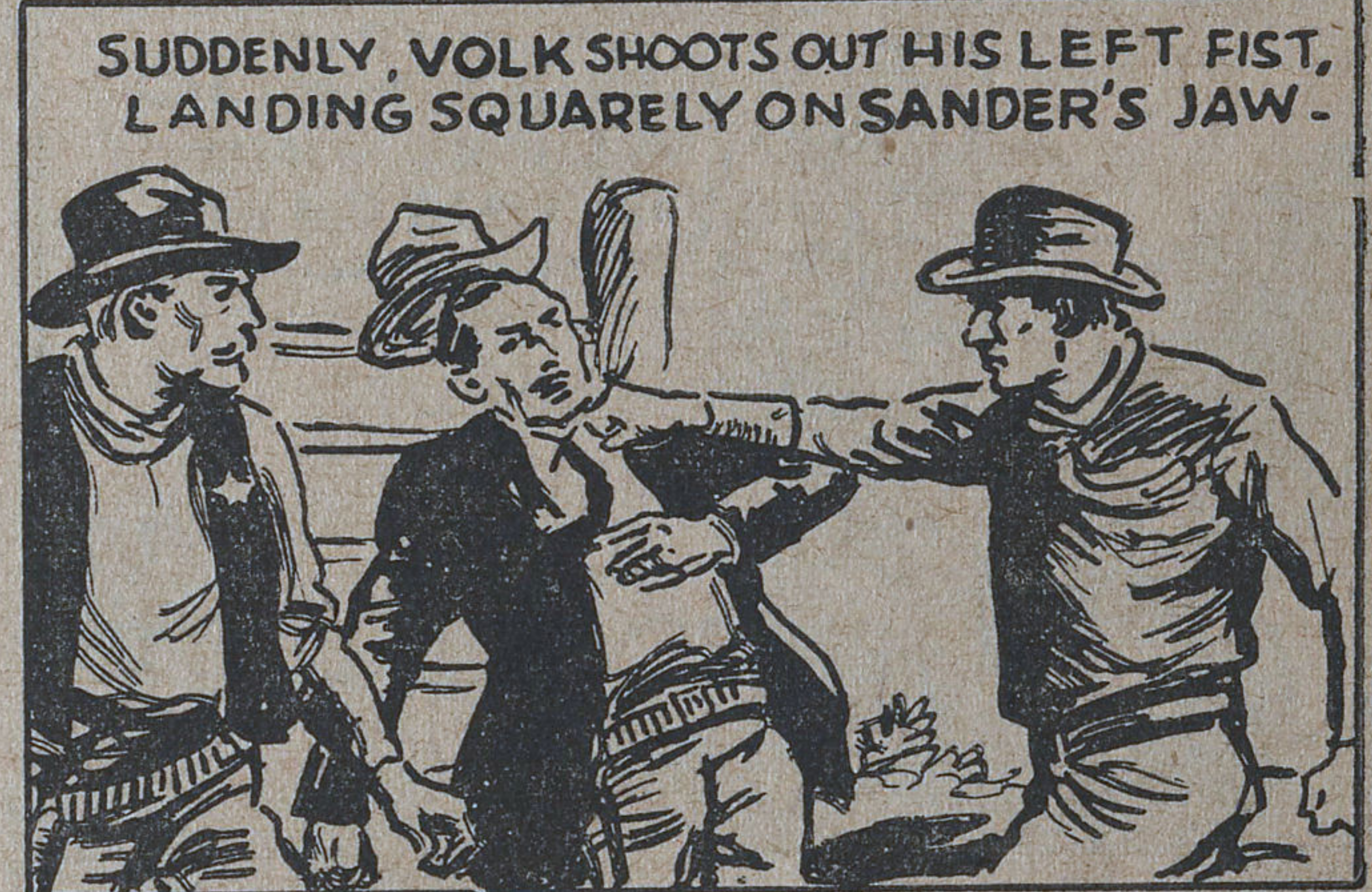


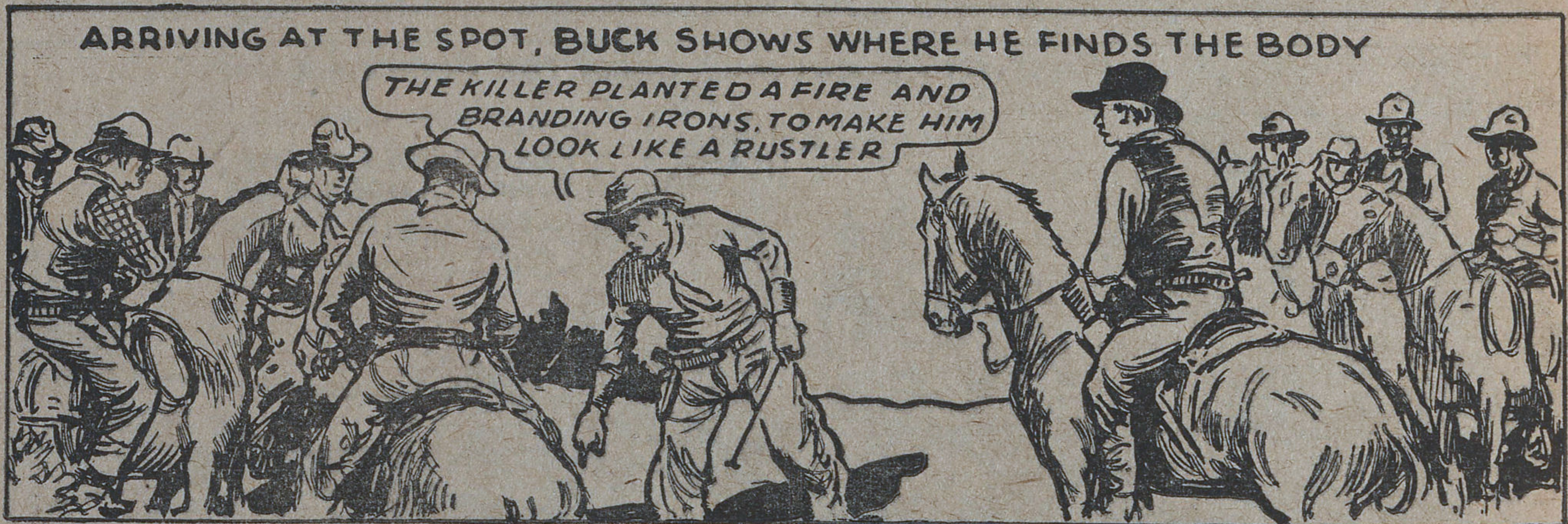
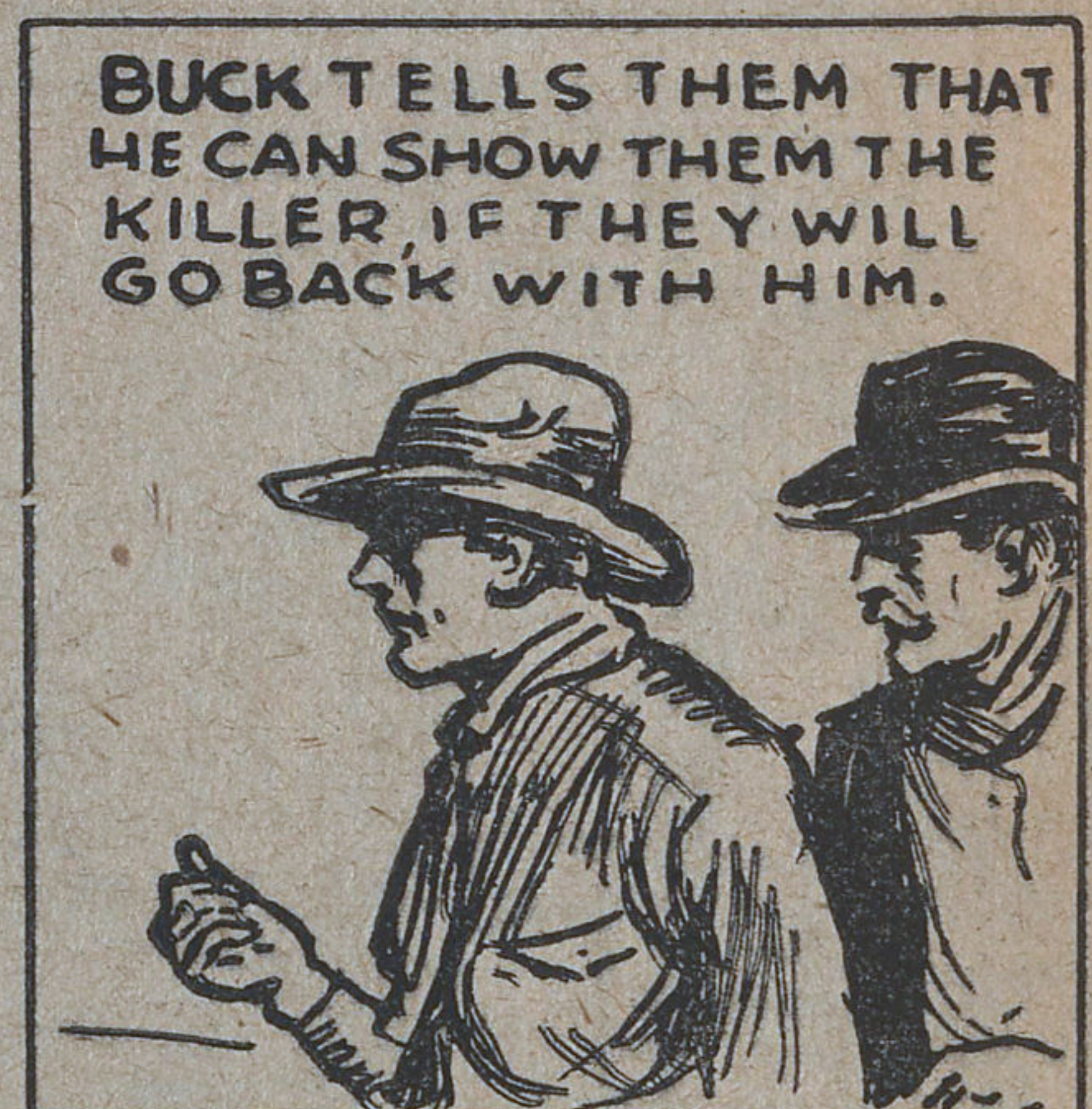
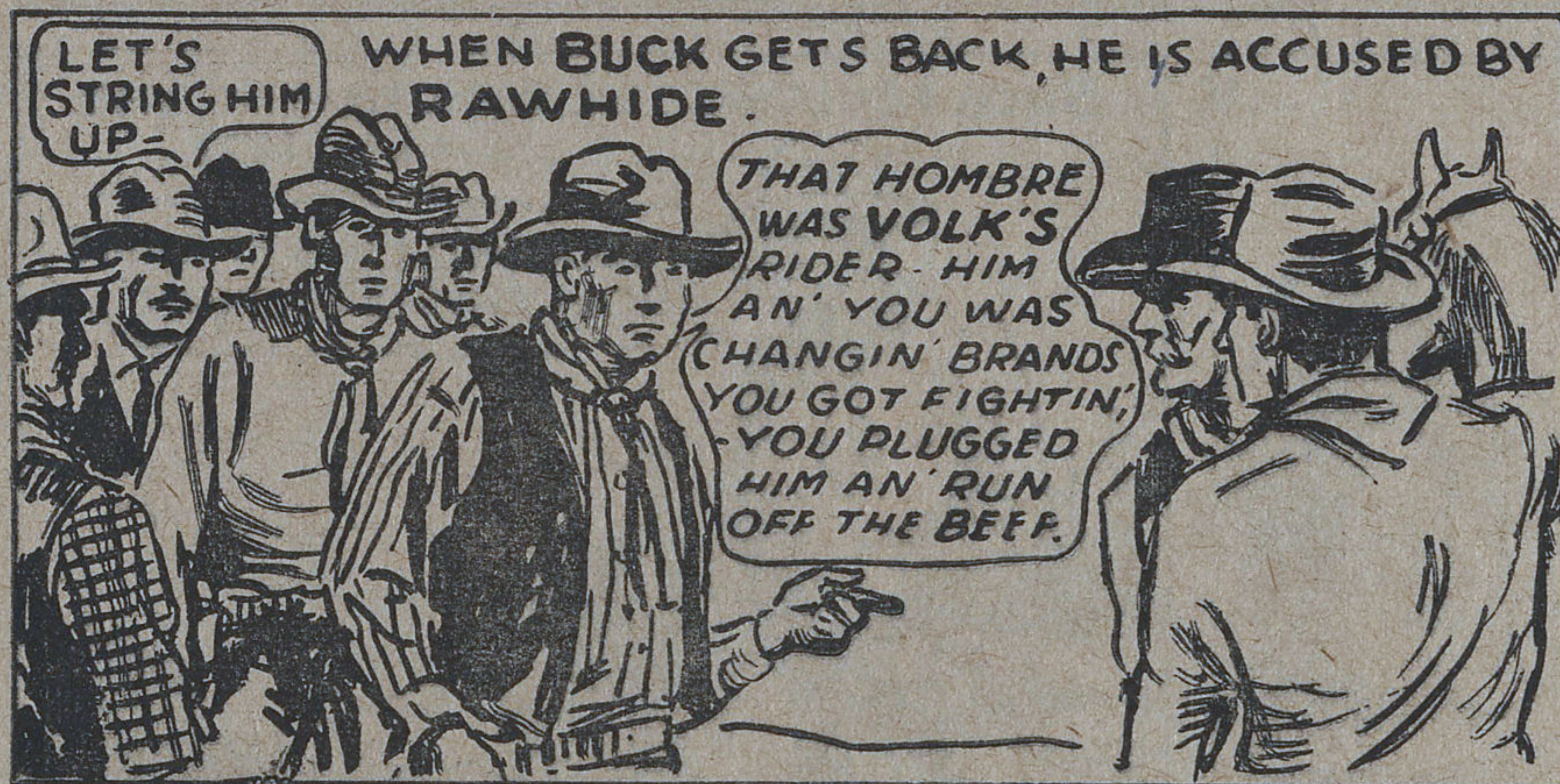
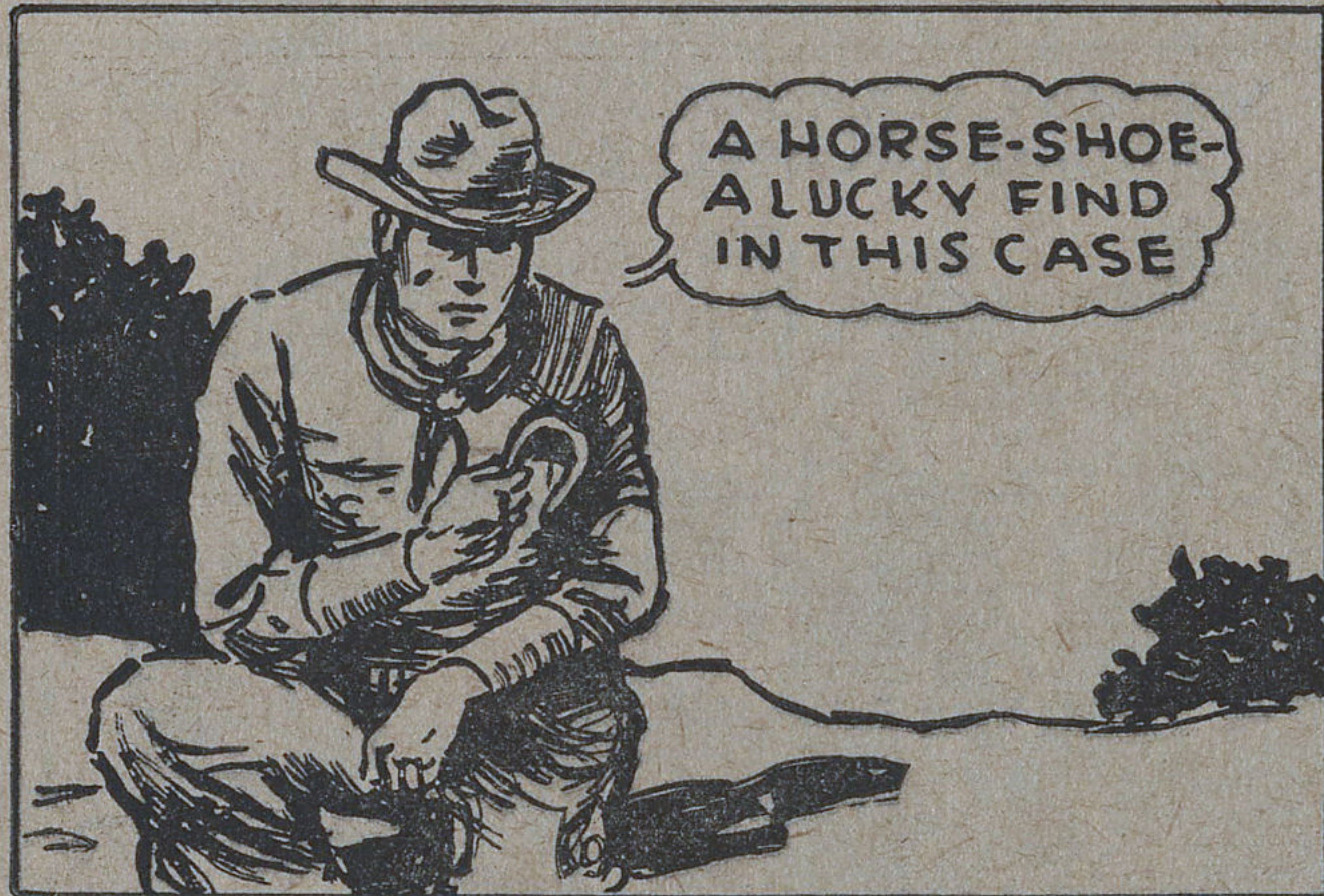
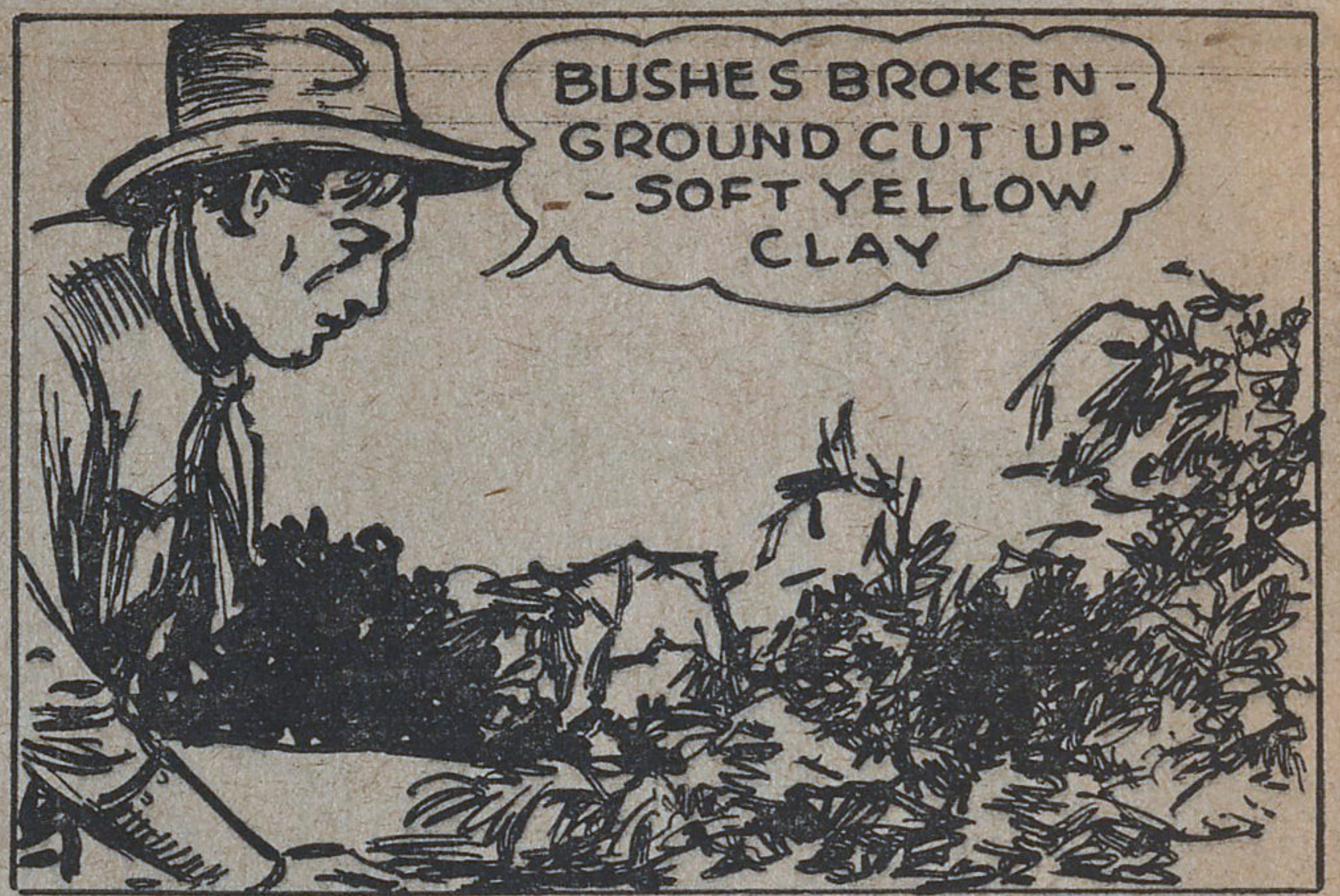
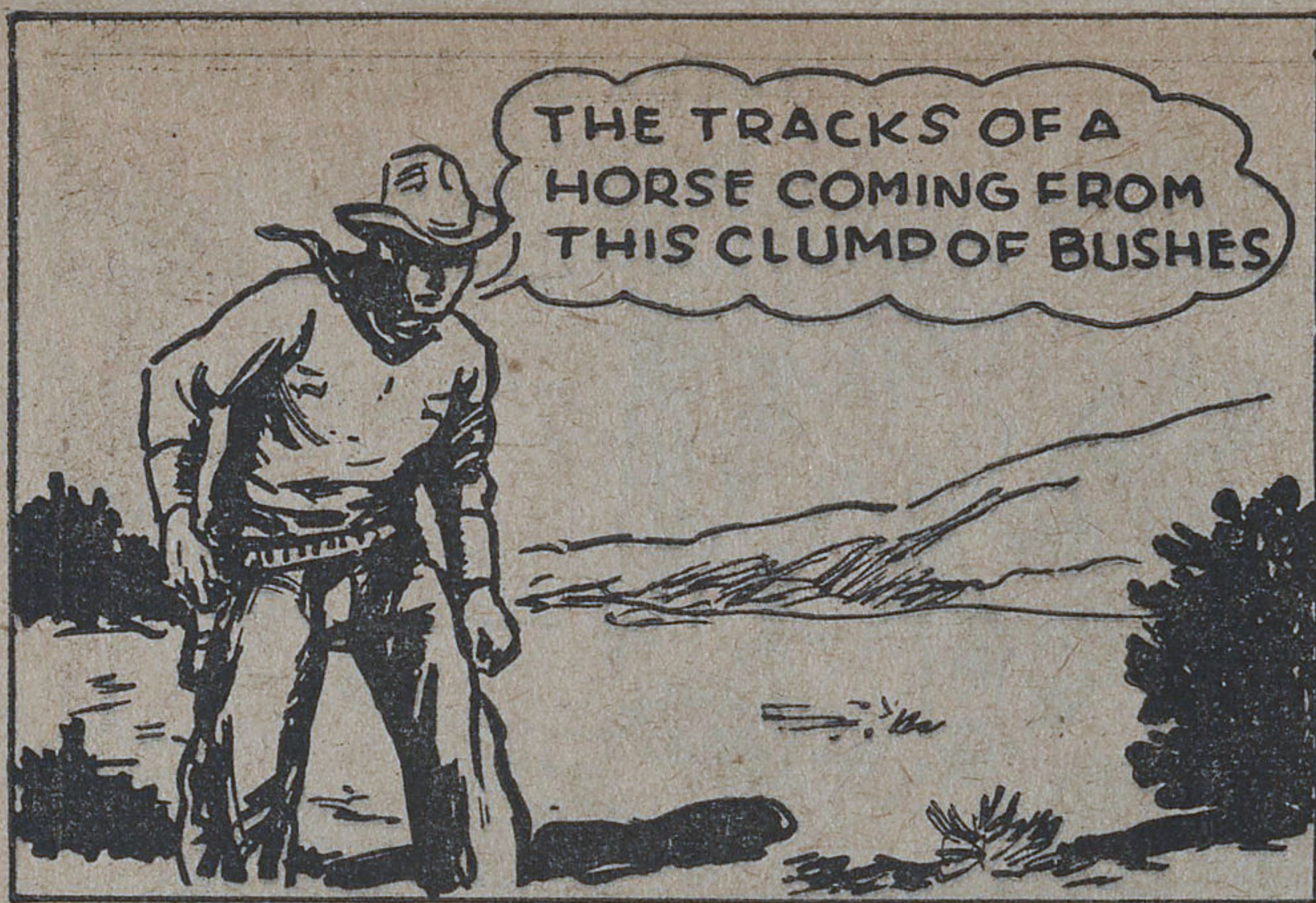
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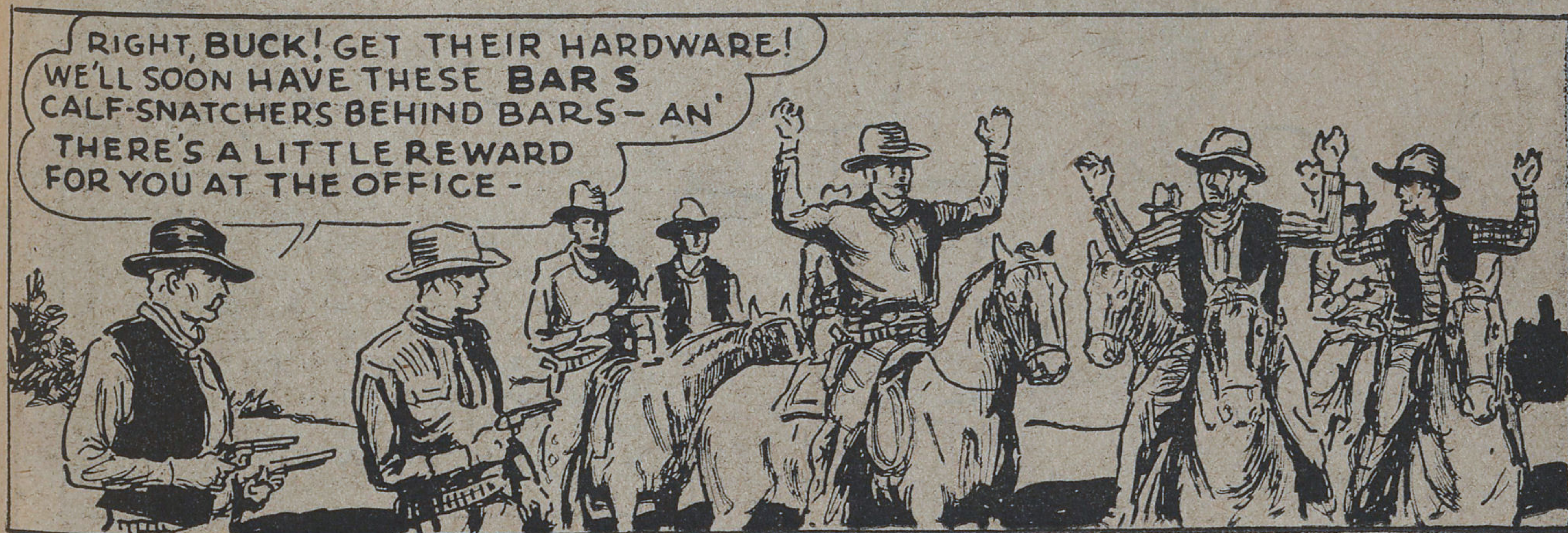
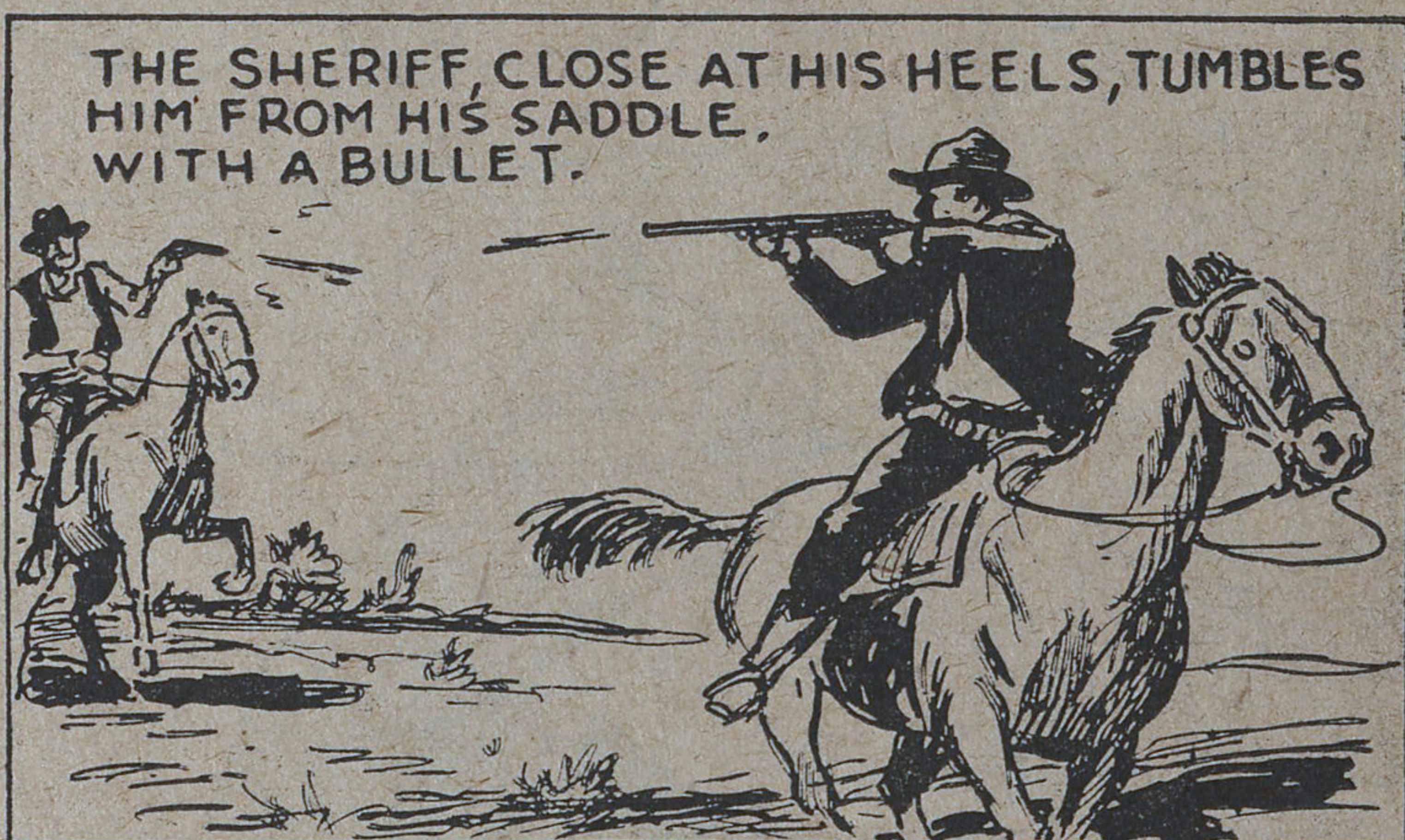
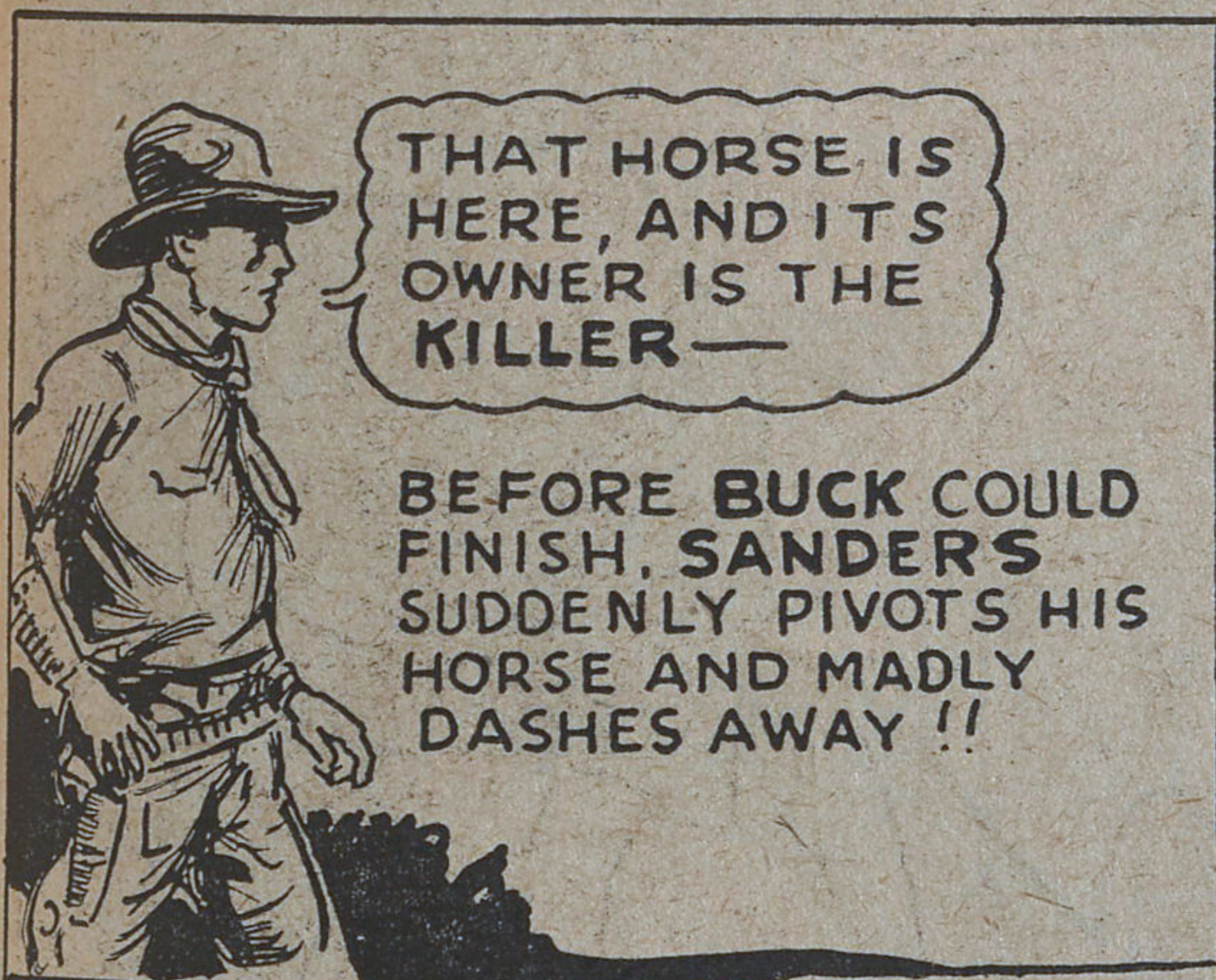
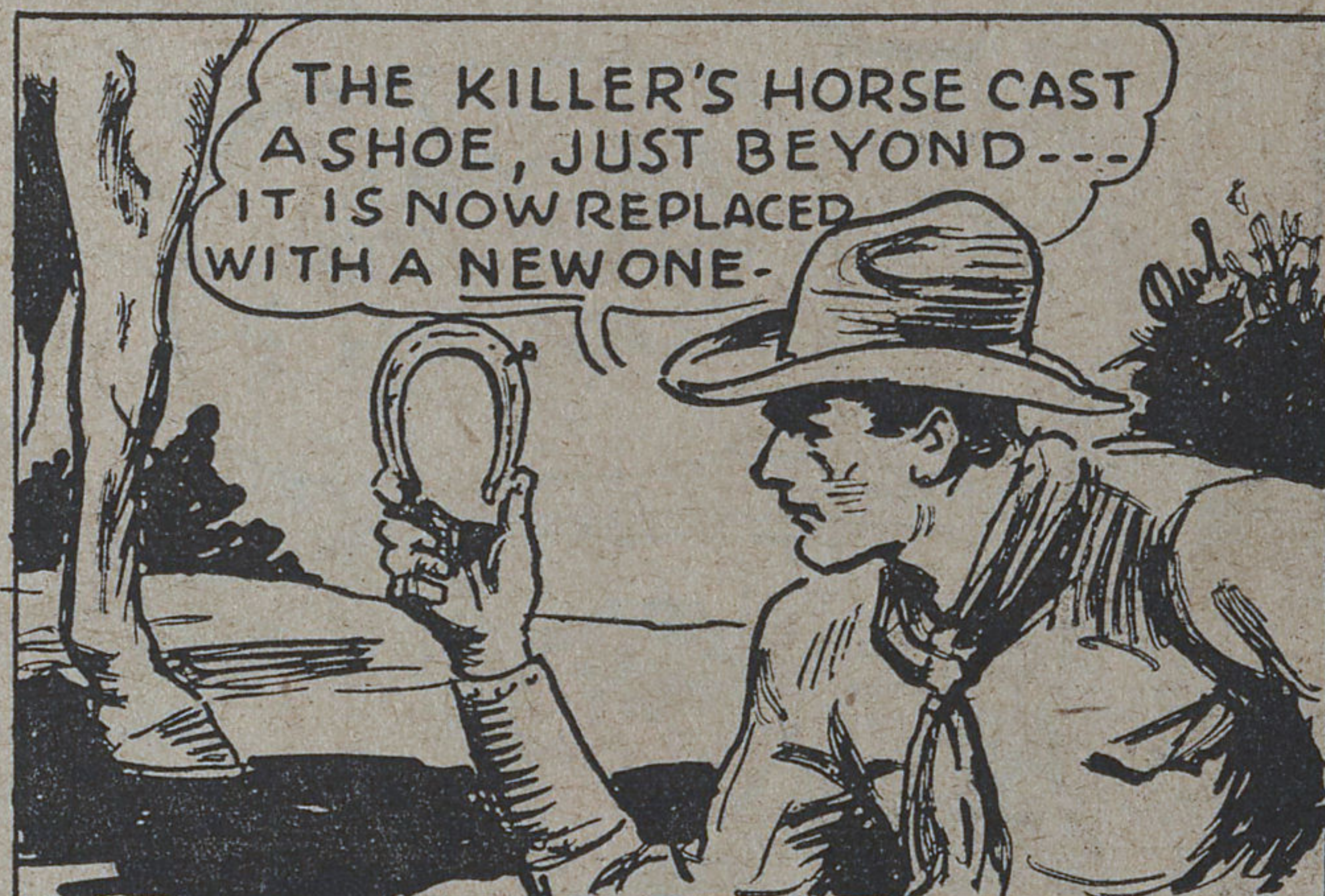
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FENCE-MENDING JOB -
NOW, I CAN GET A LINE
ON CIRCLE BAR 8









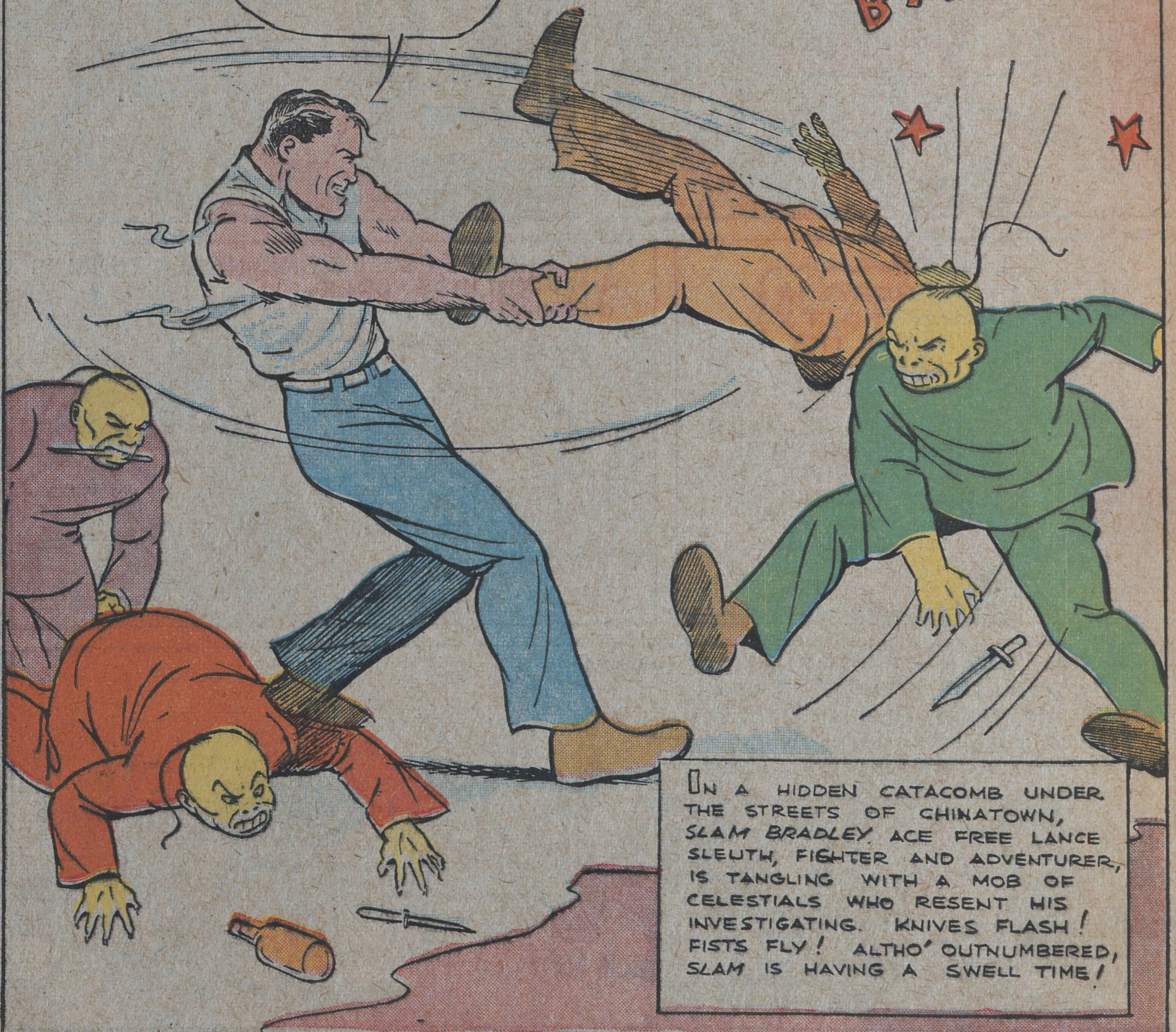


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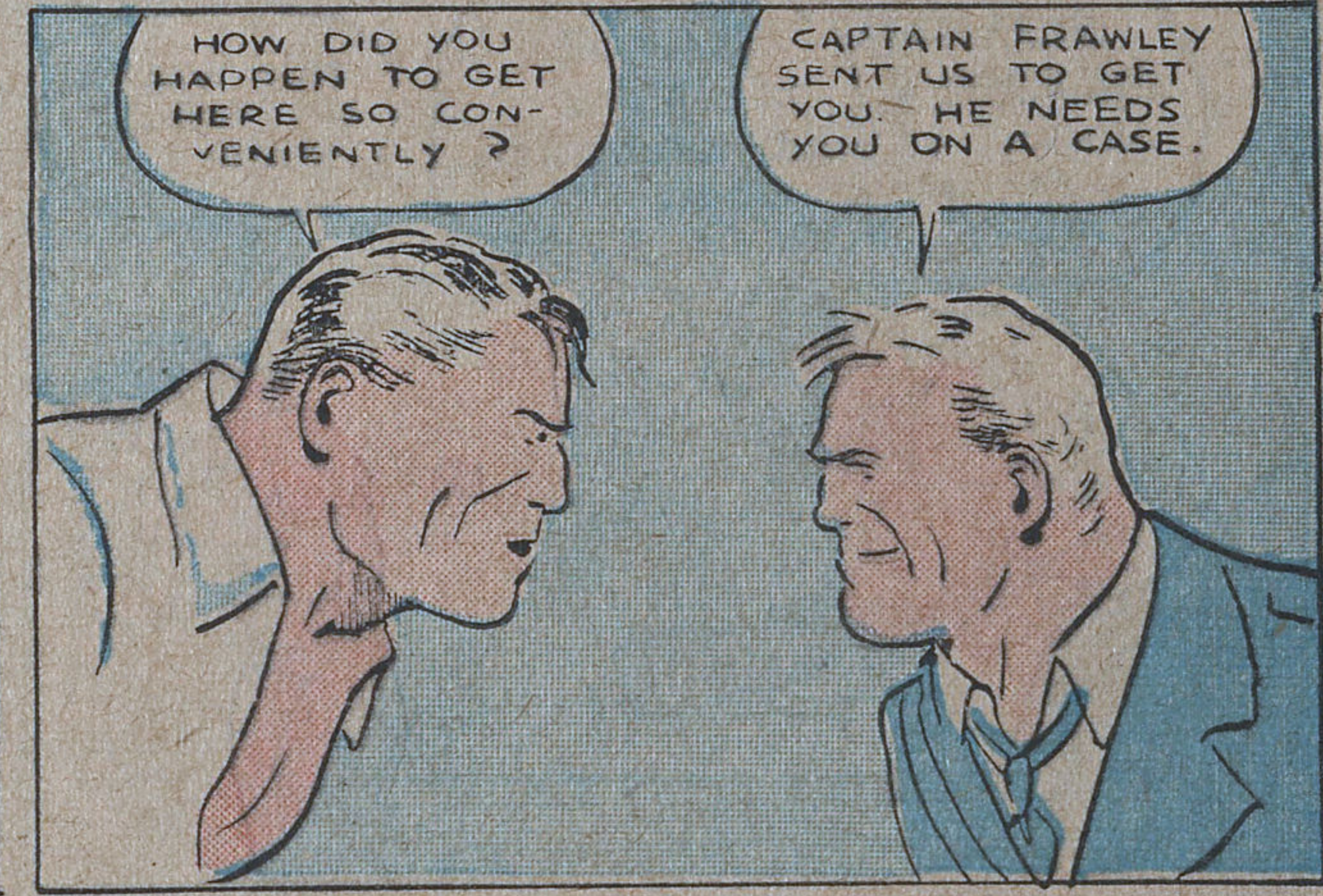
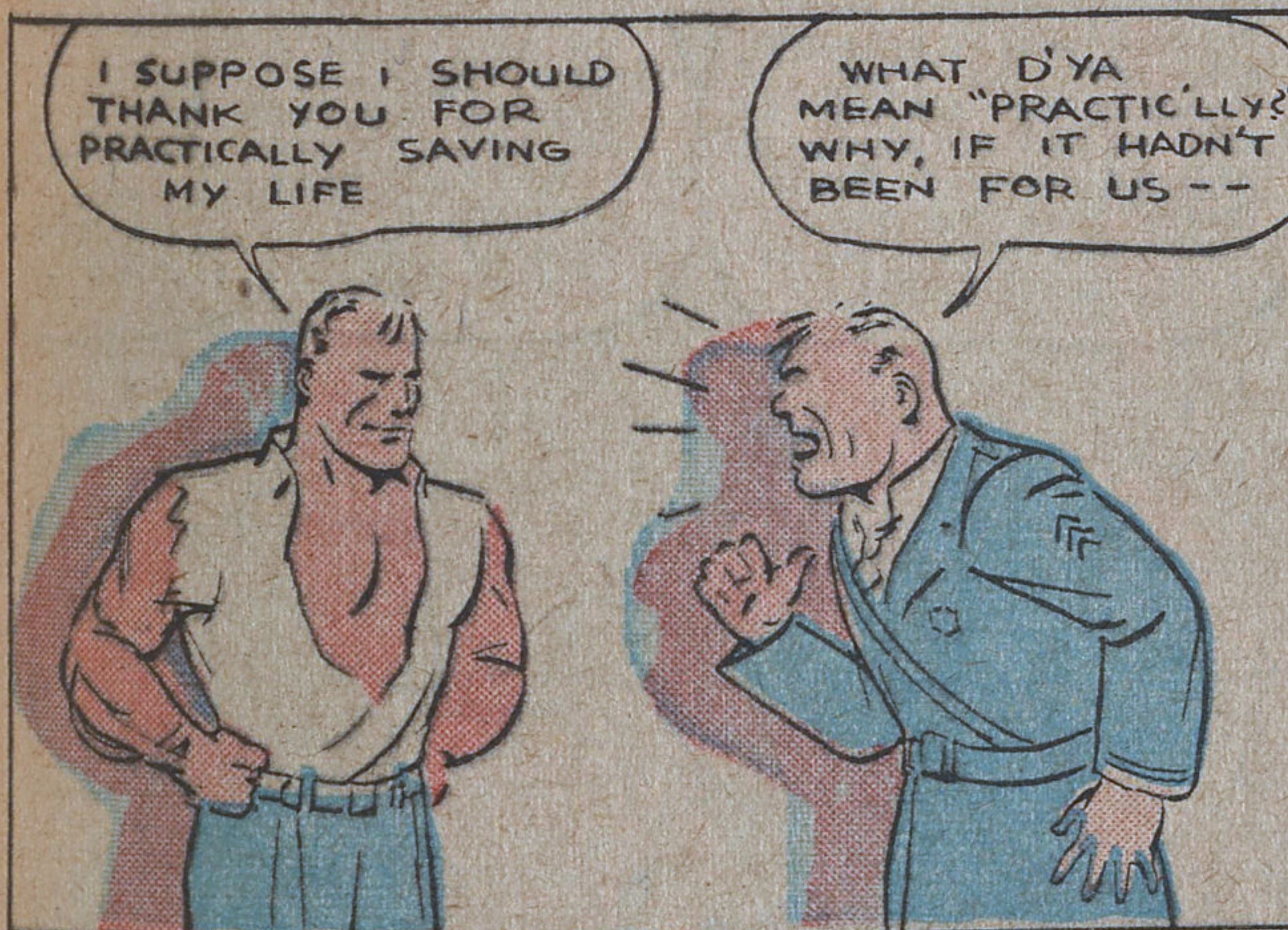
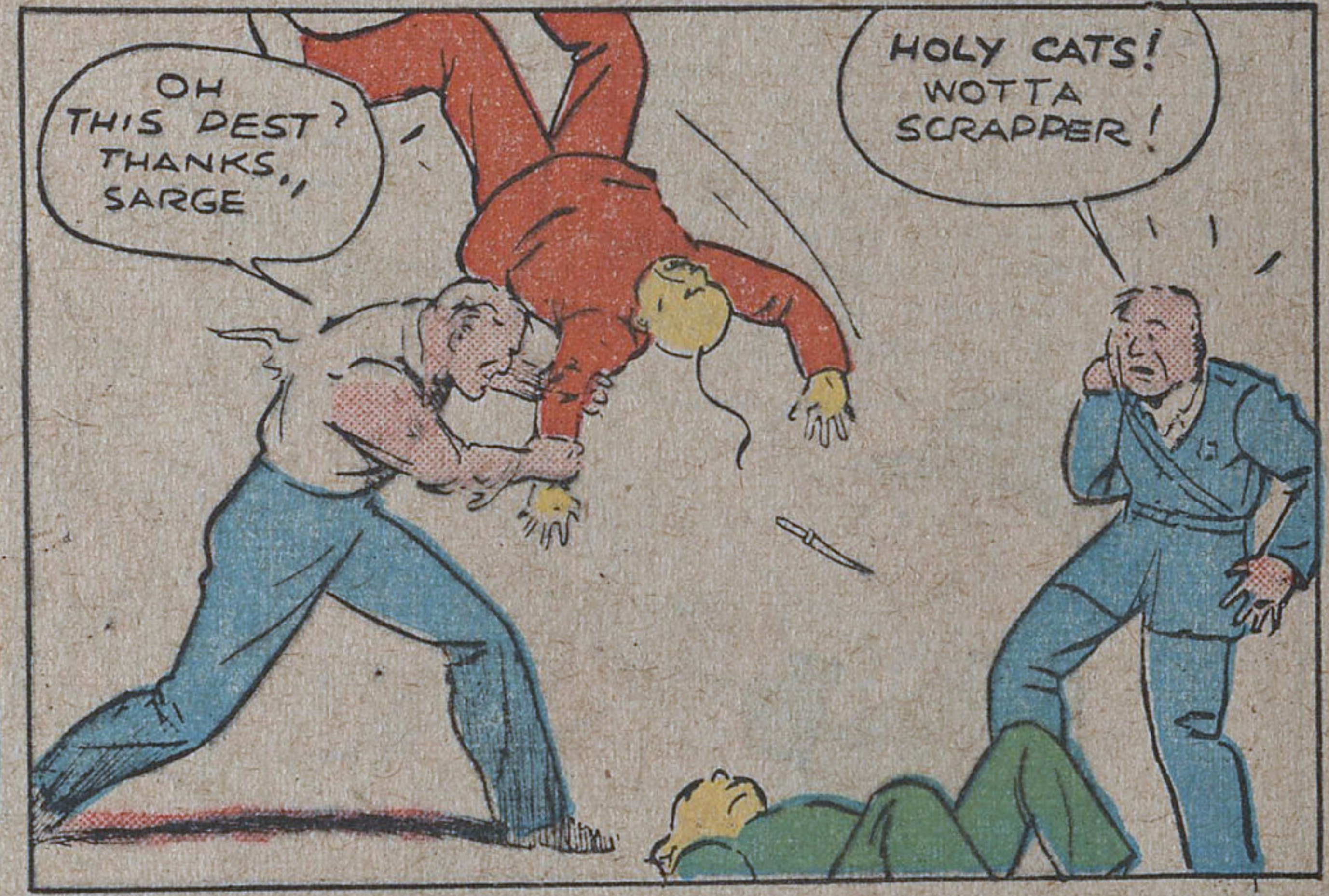
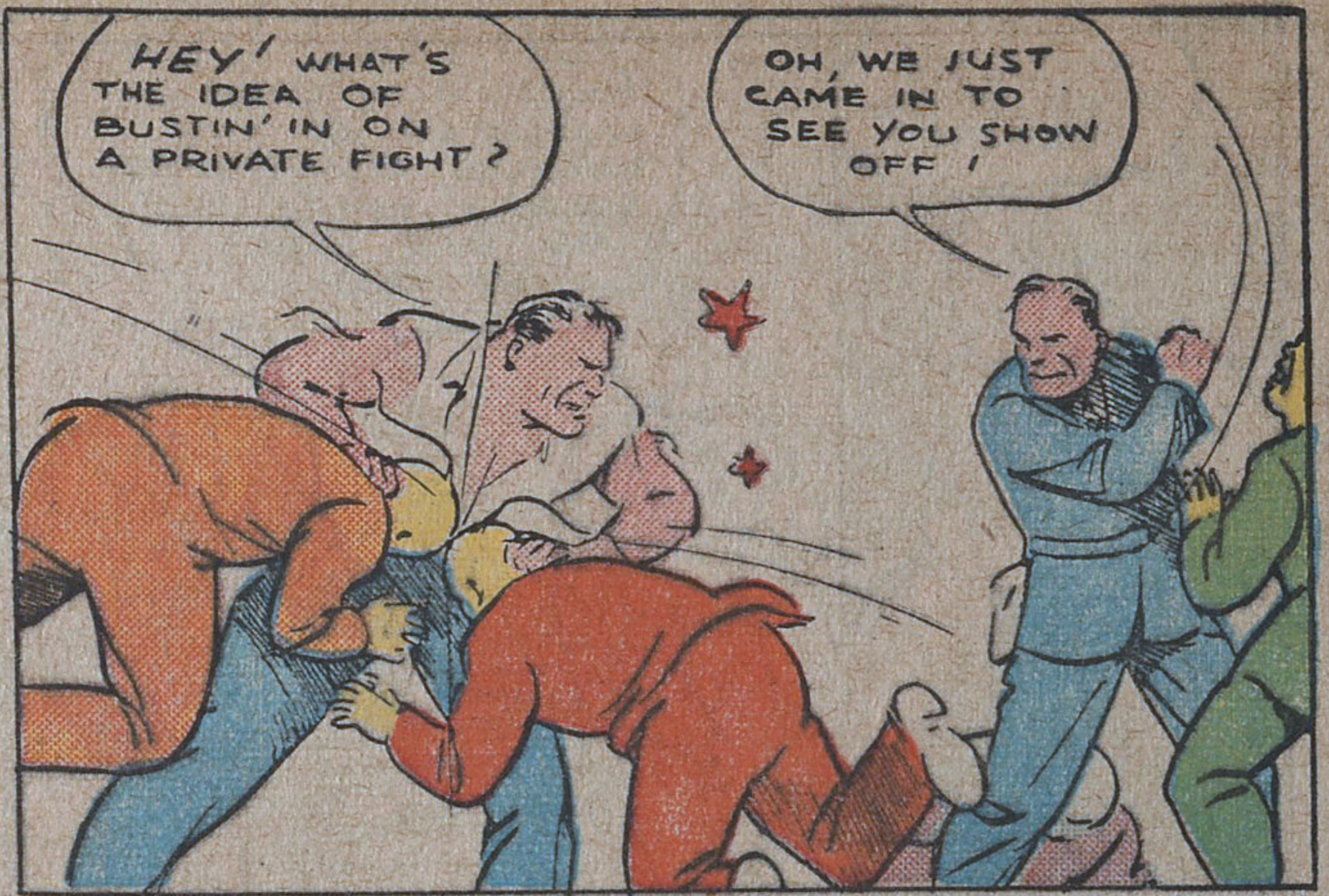
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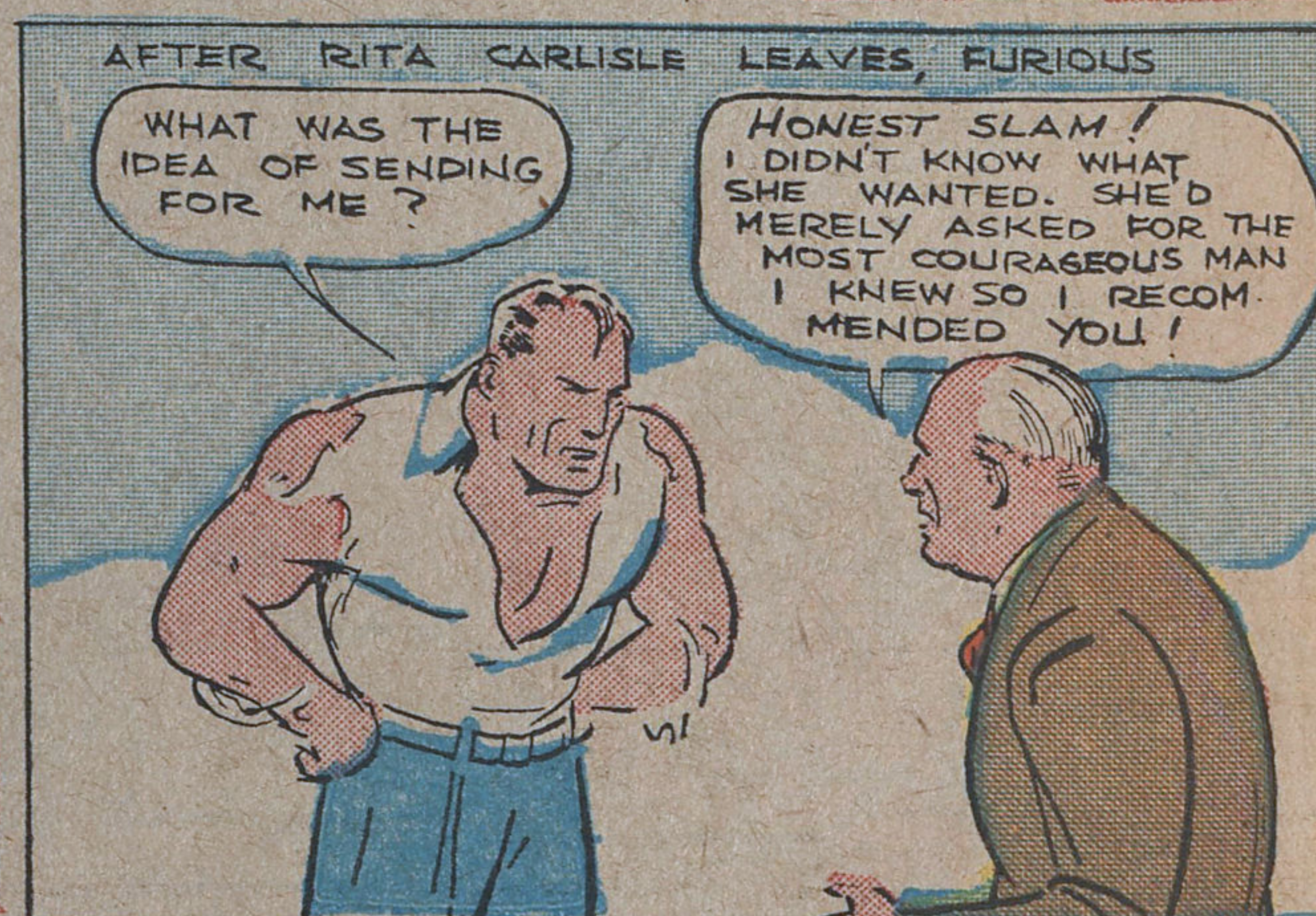
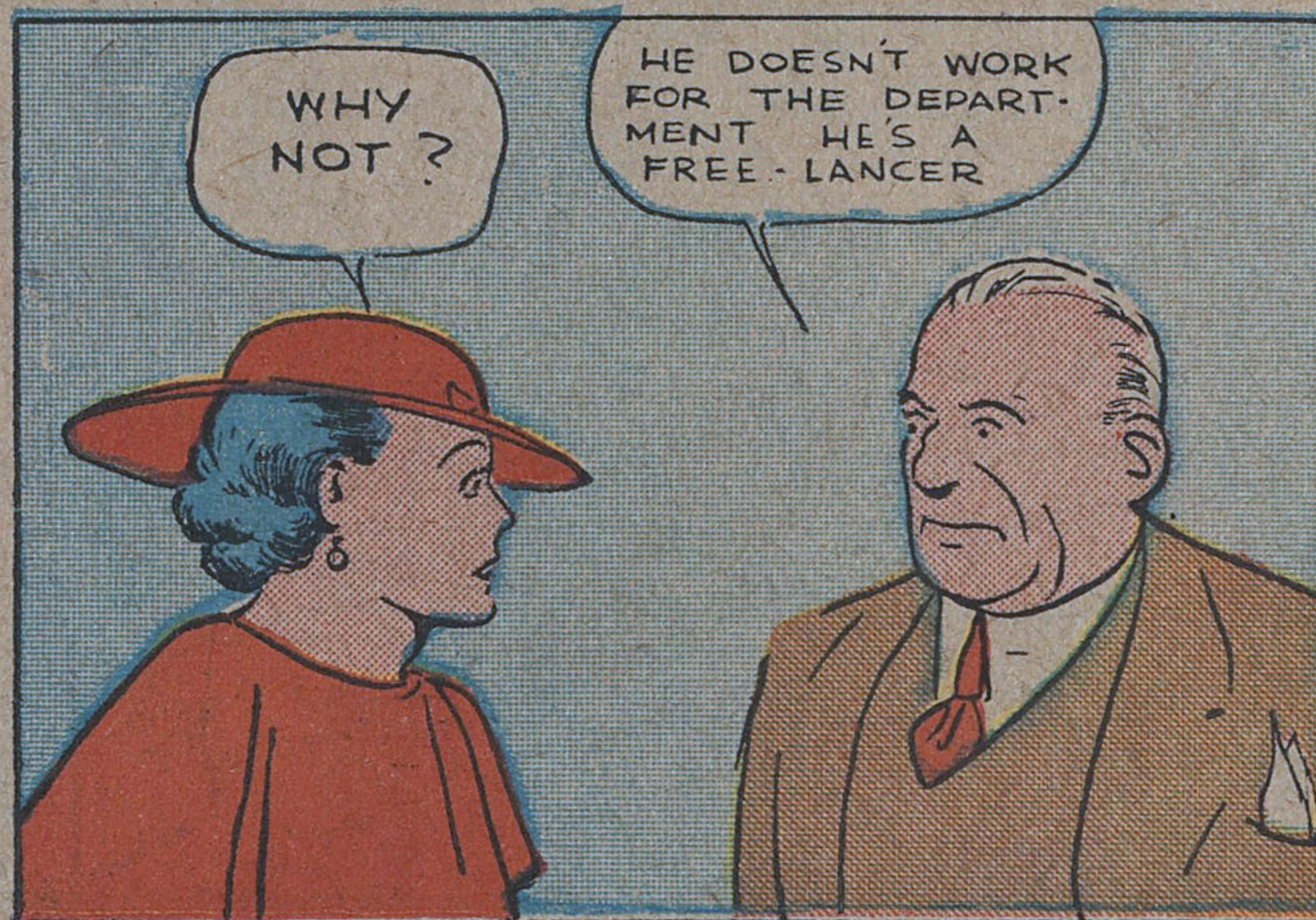
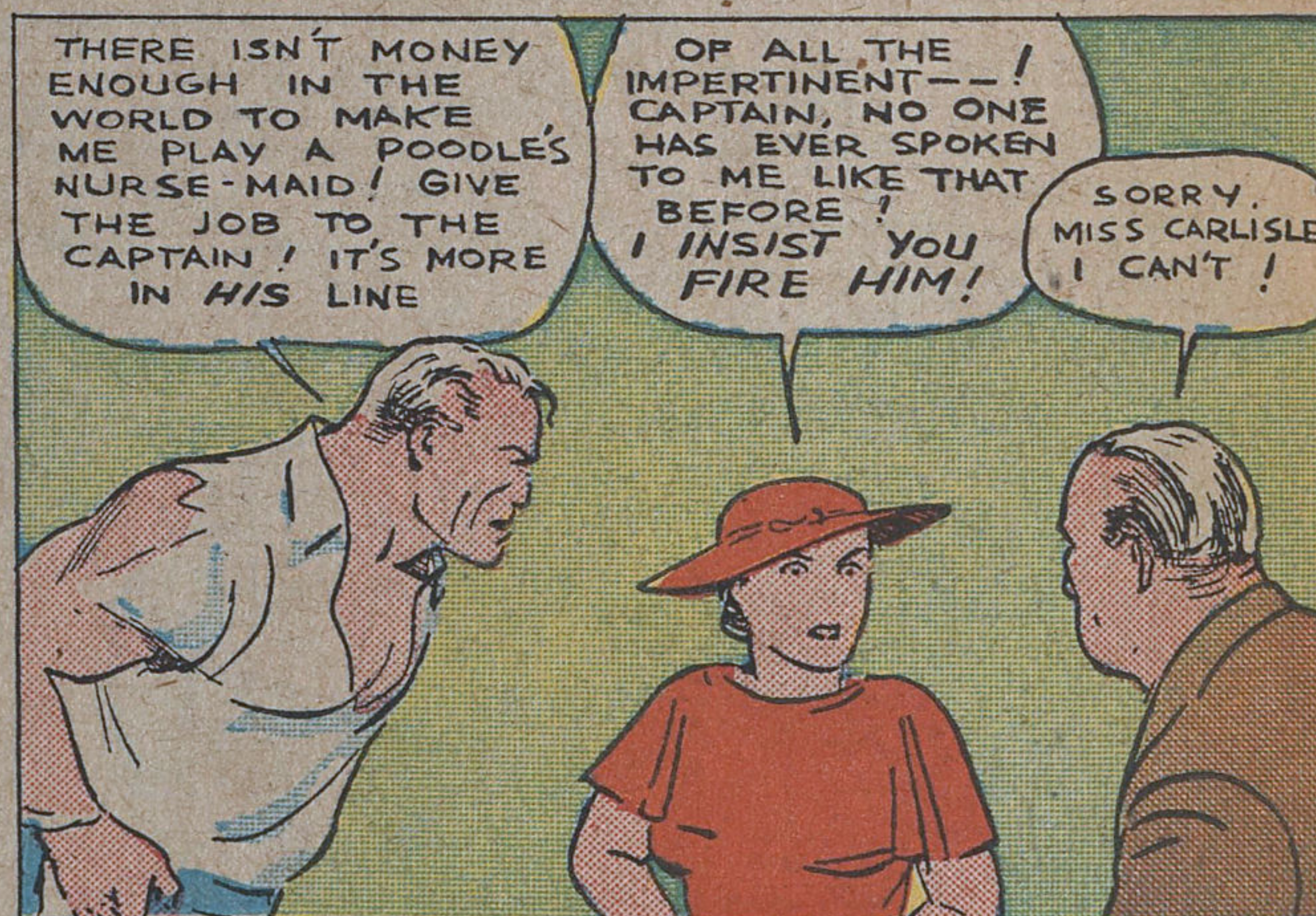
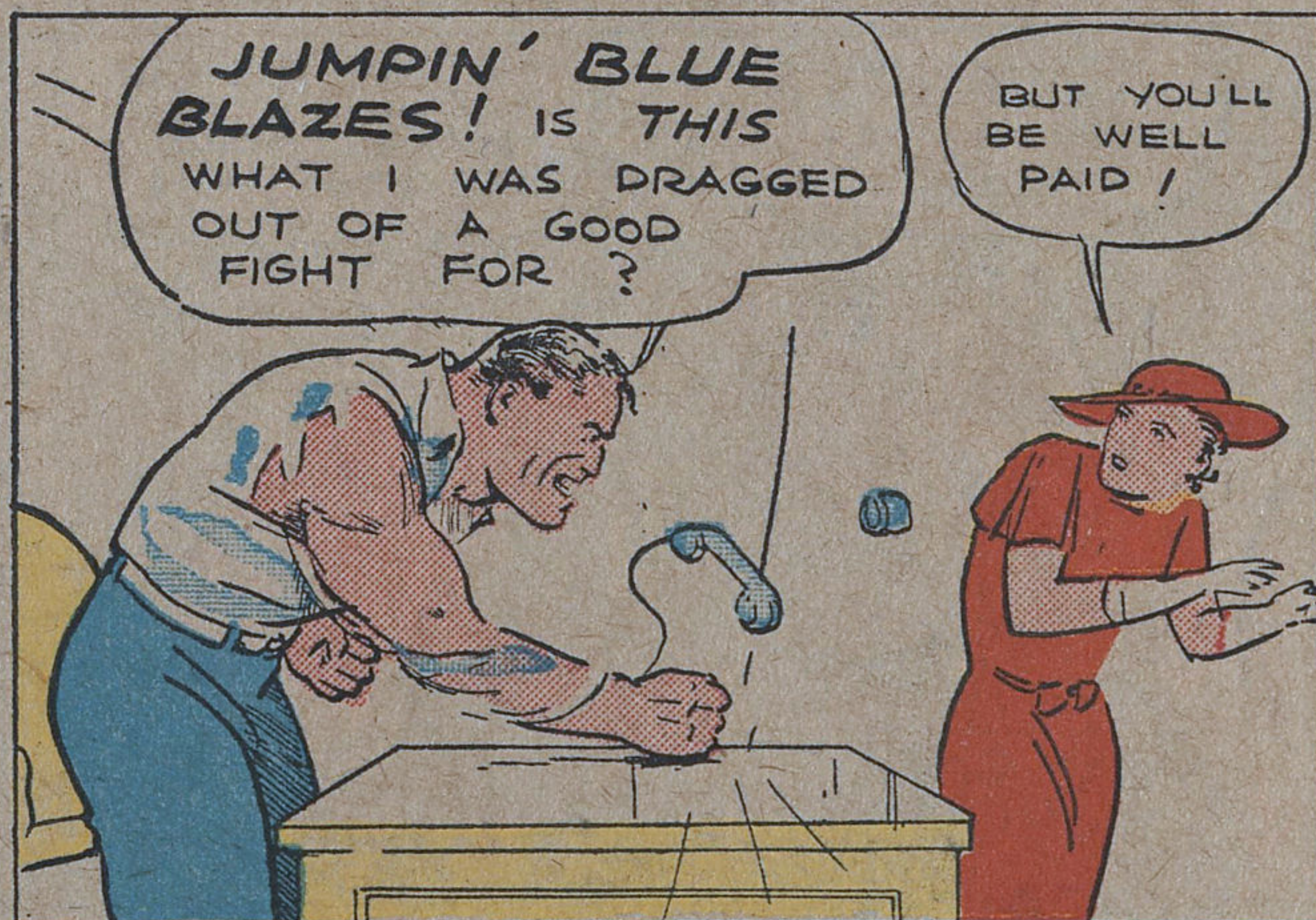
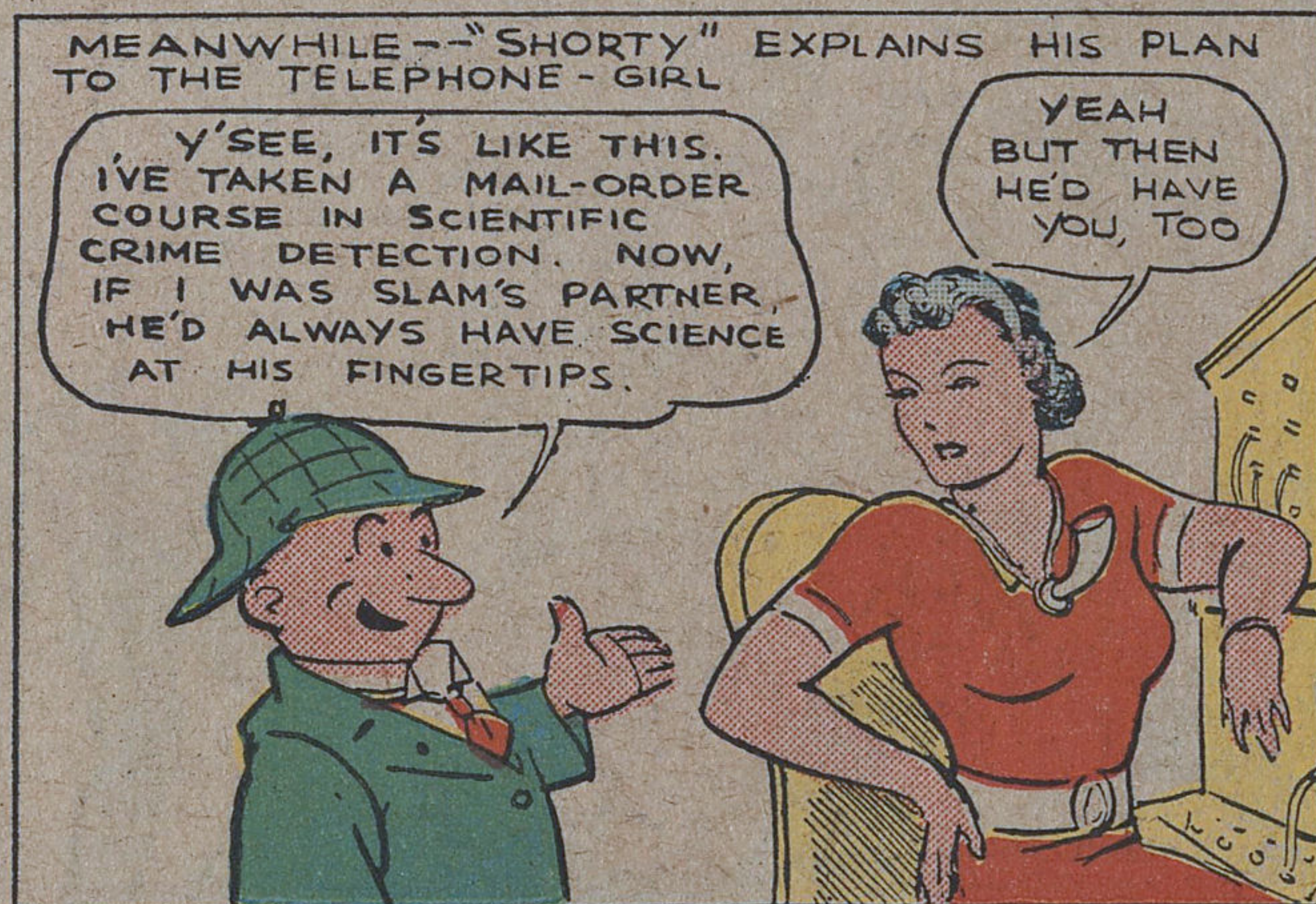
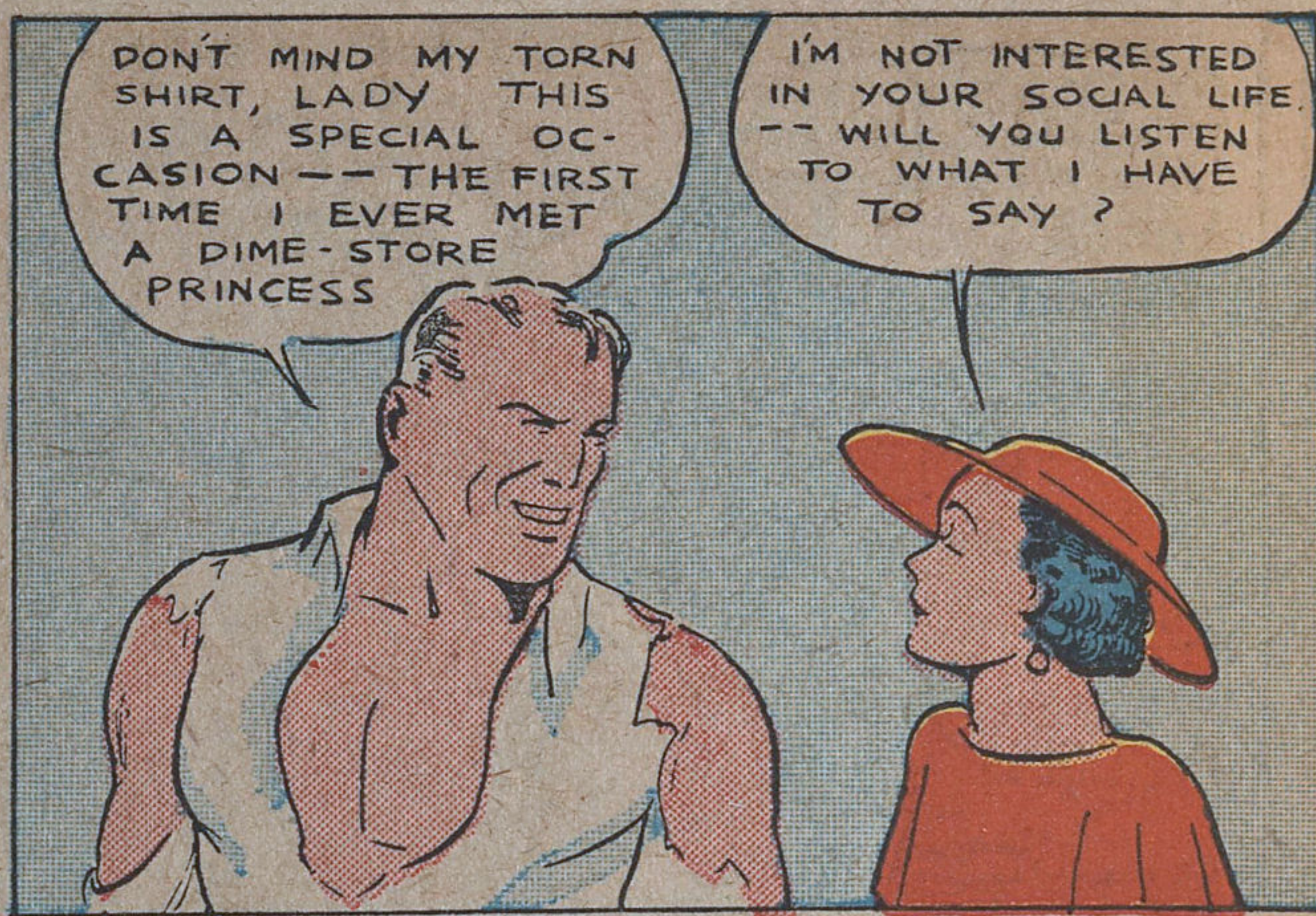
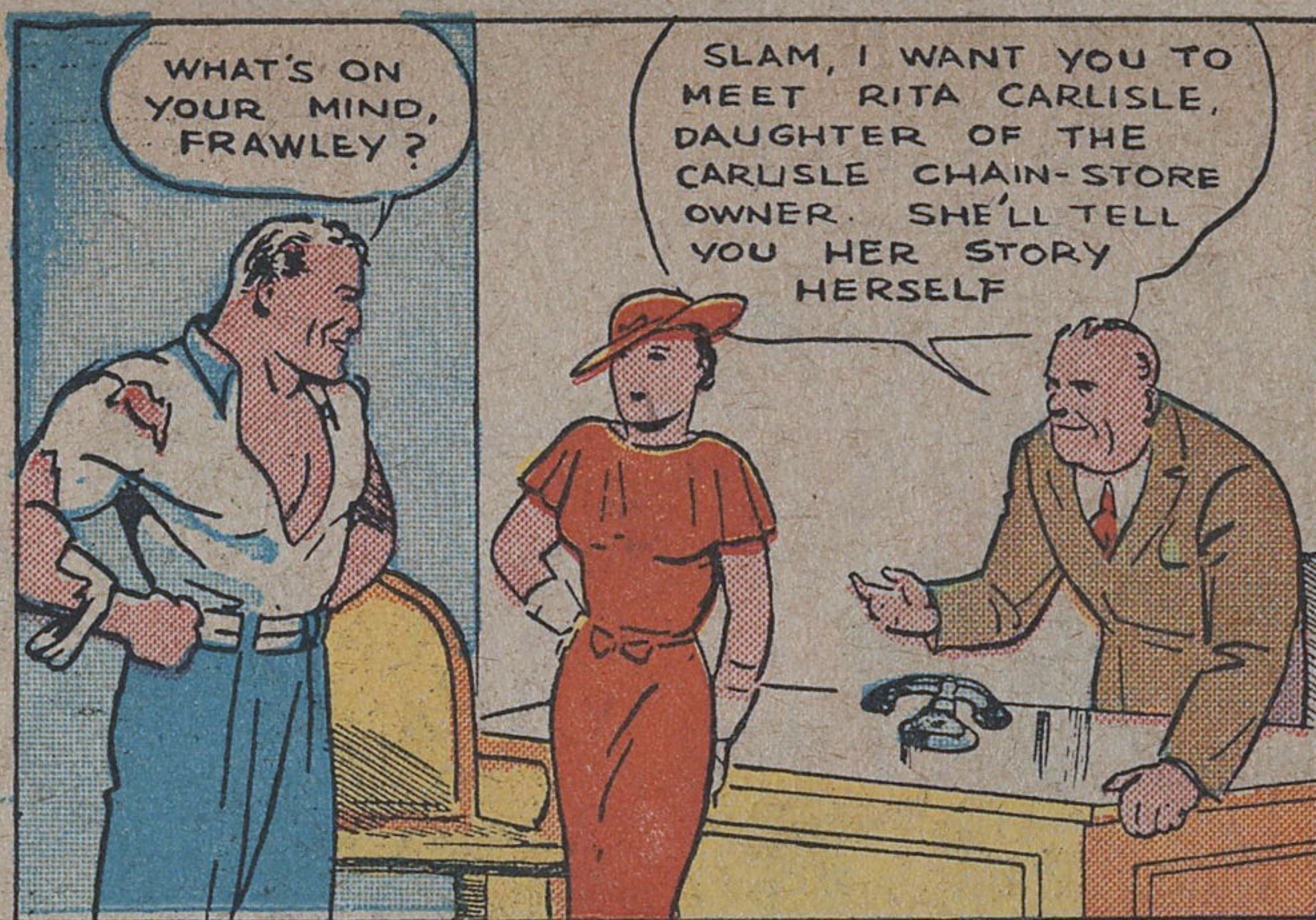
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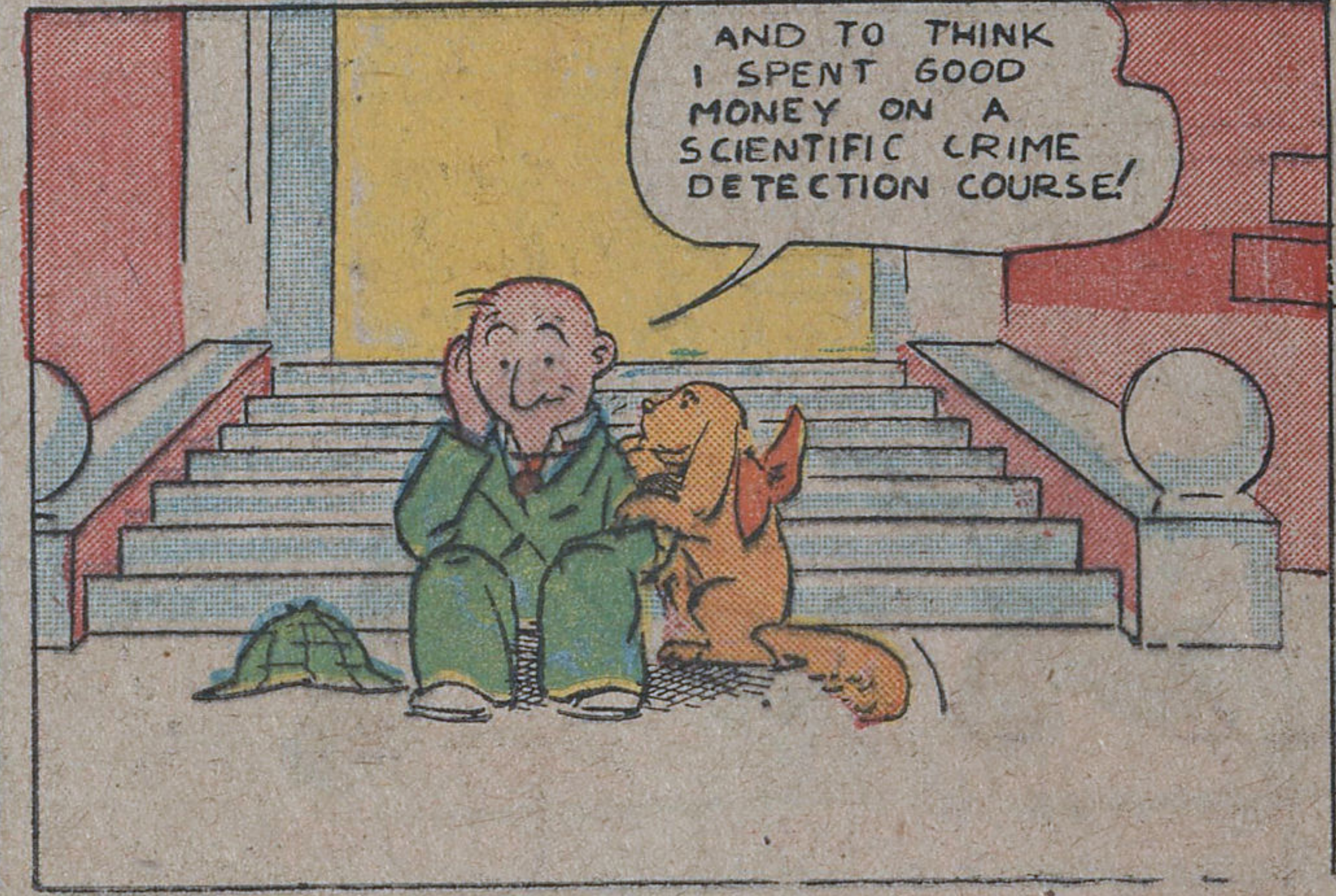
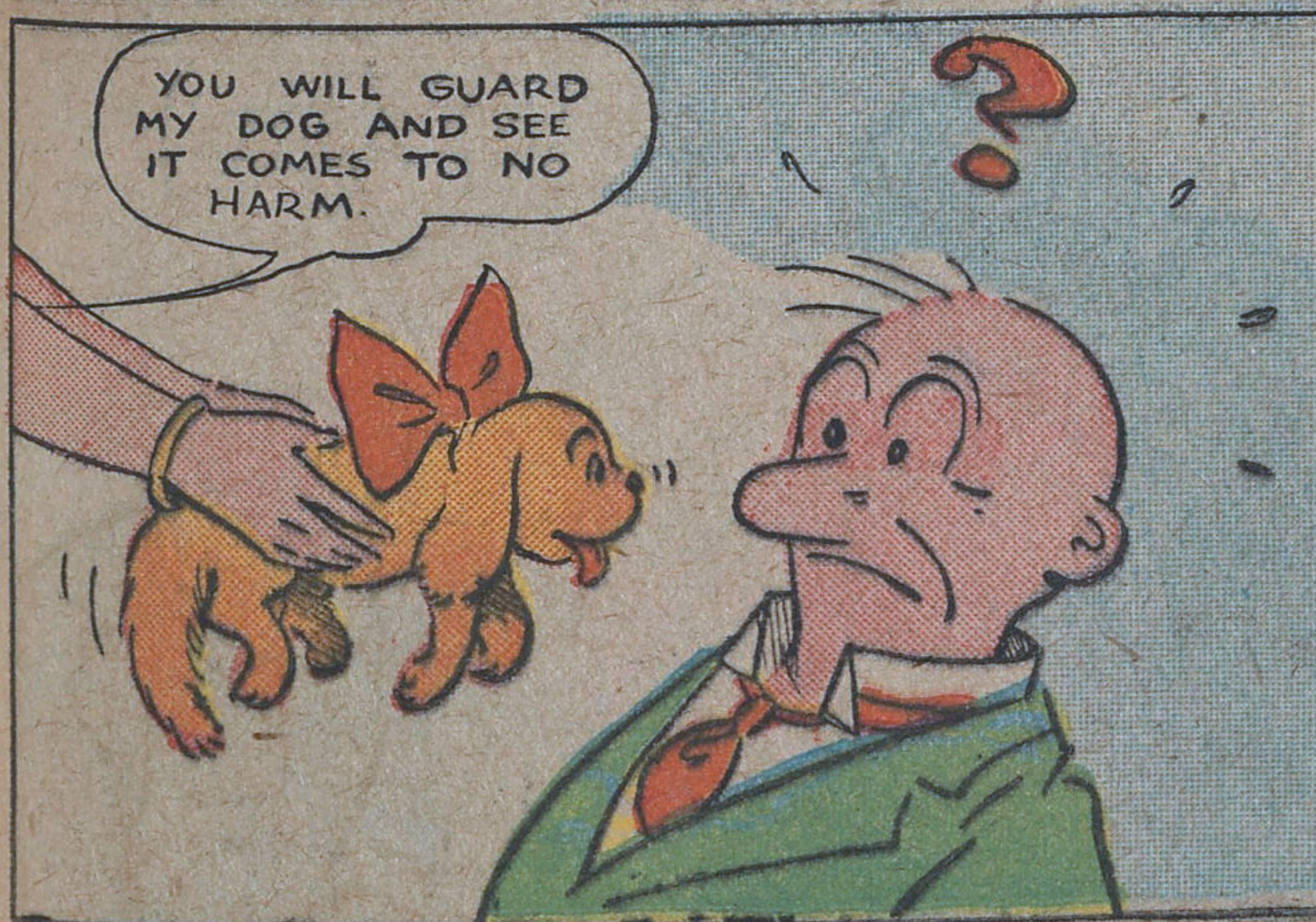
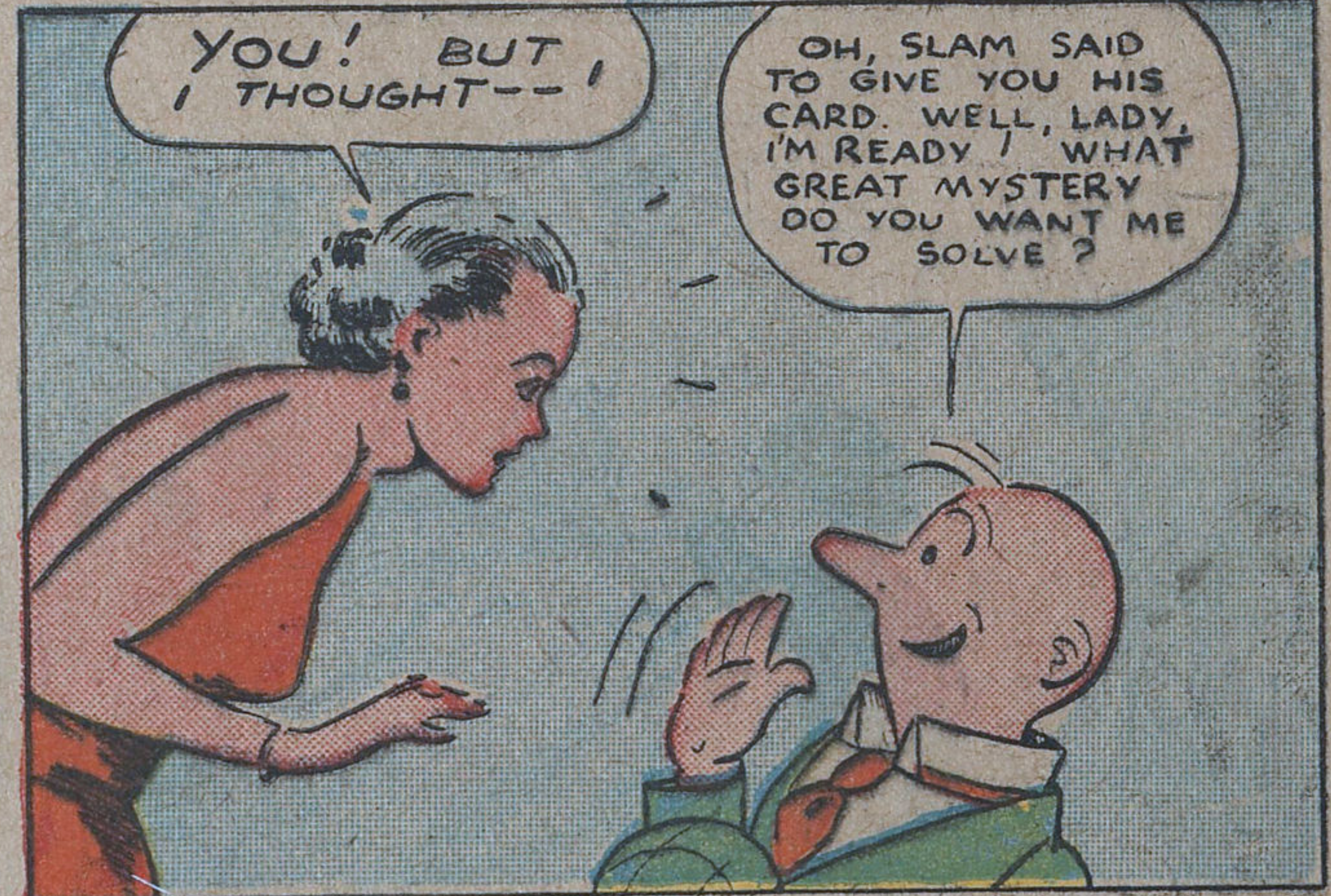
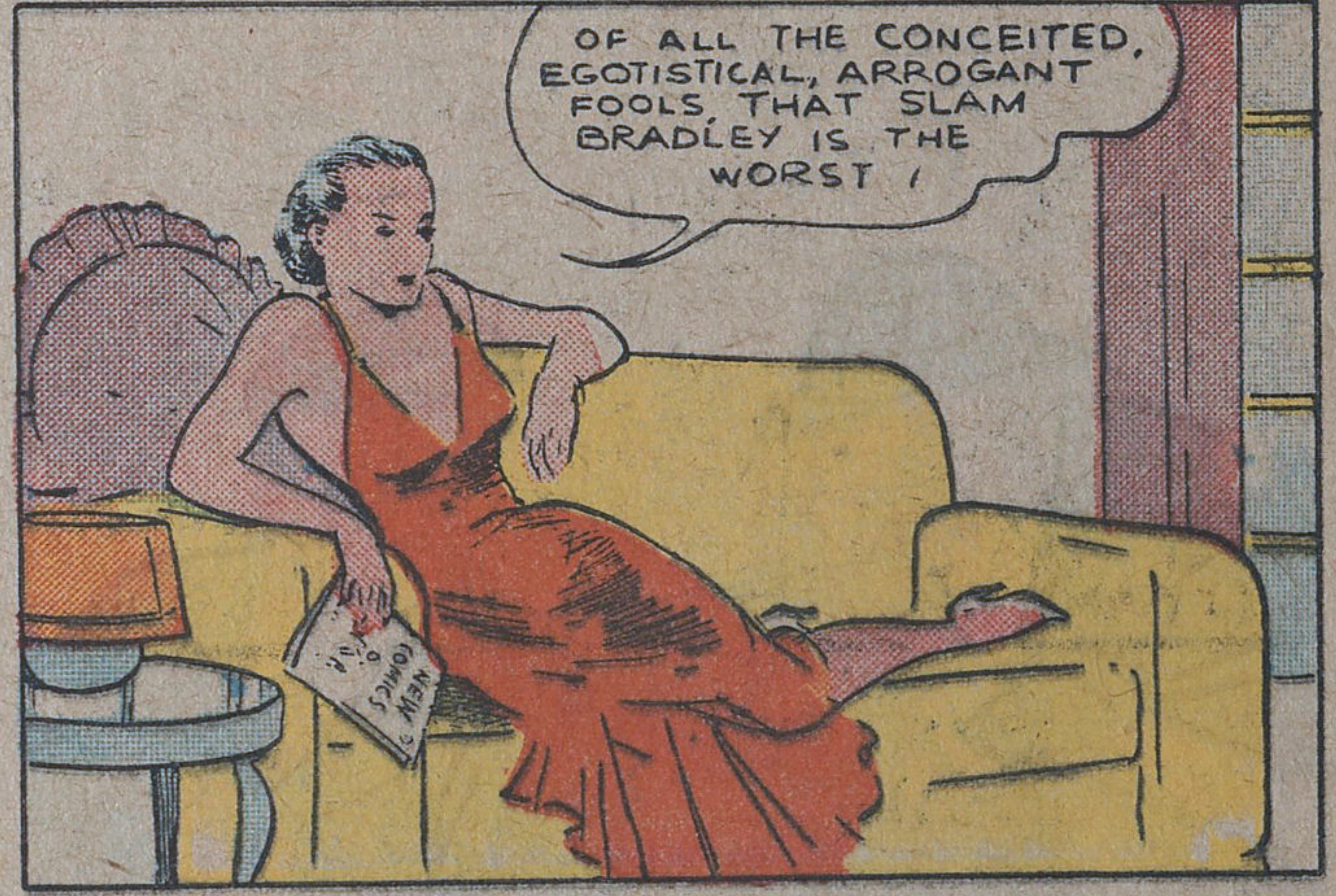
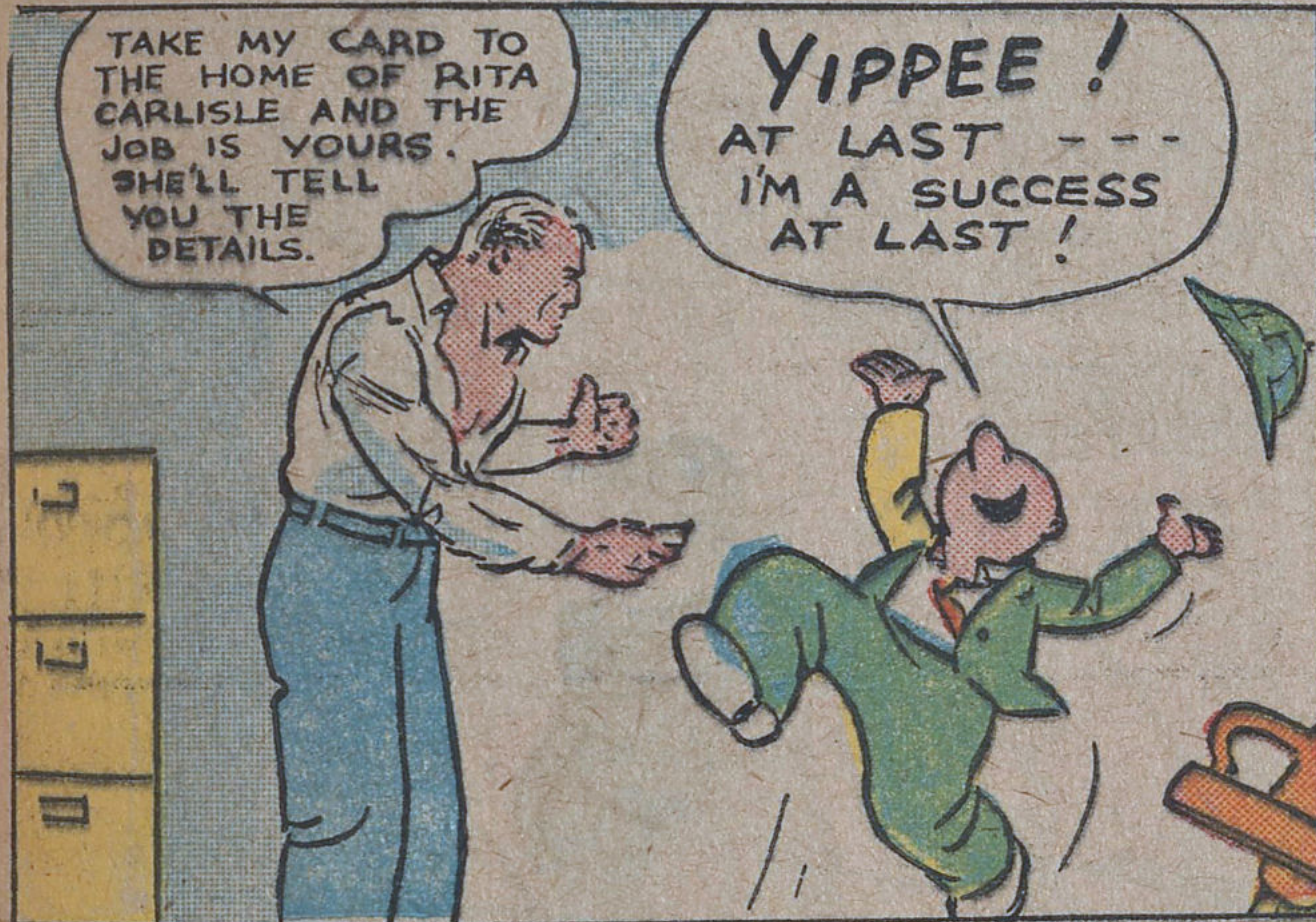
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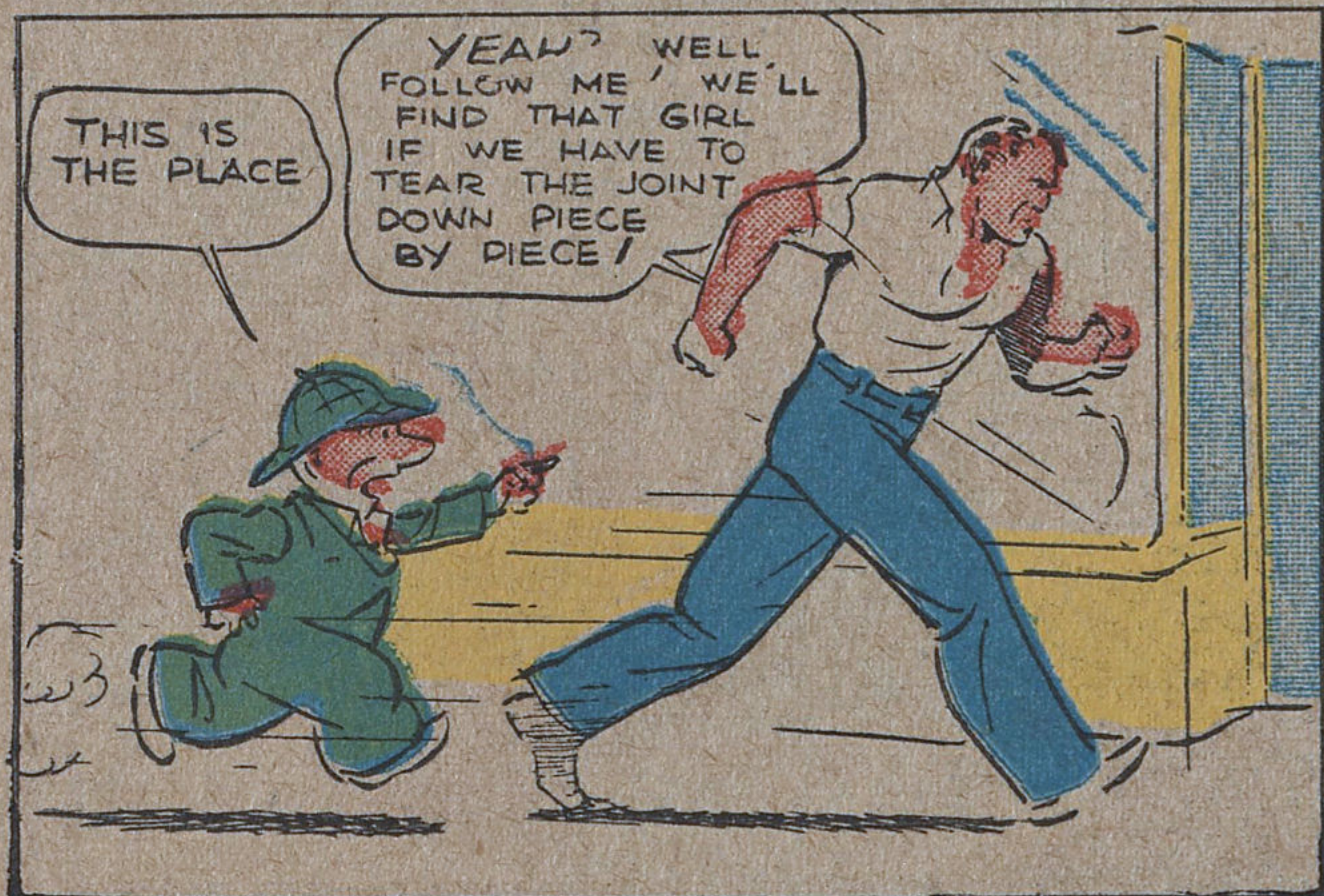
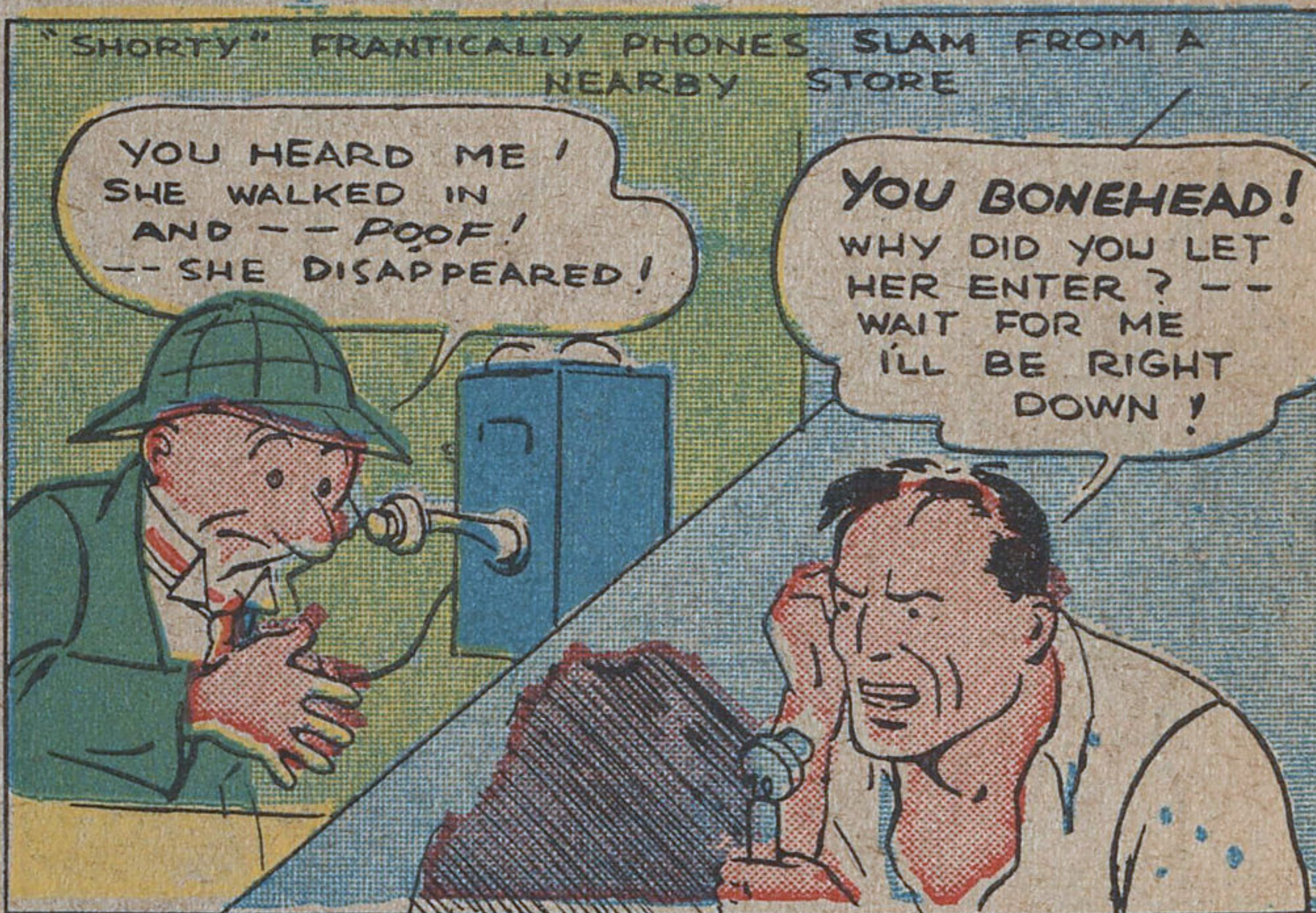
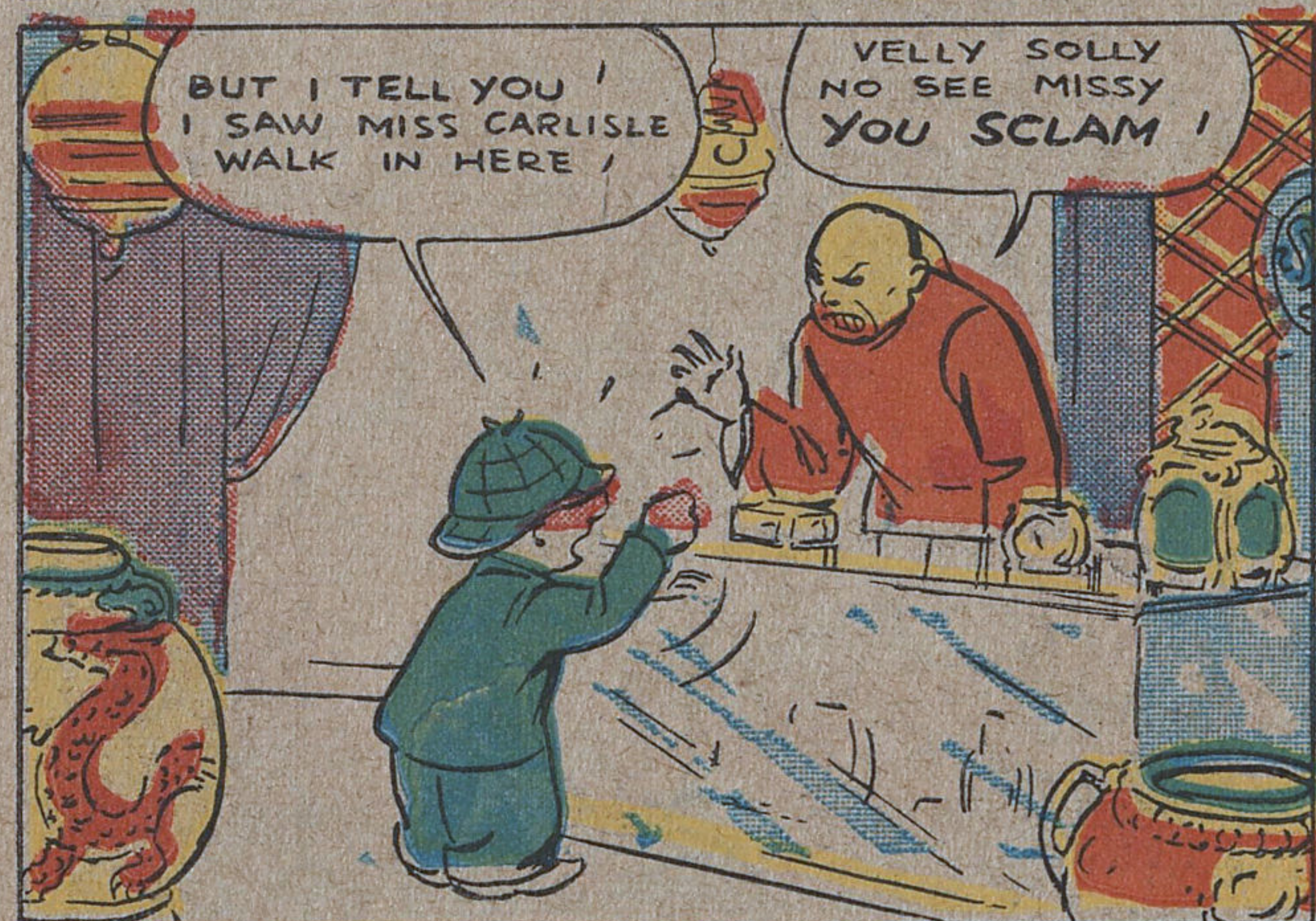
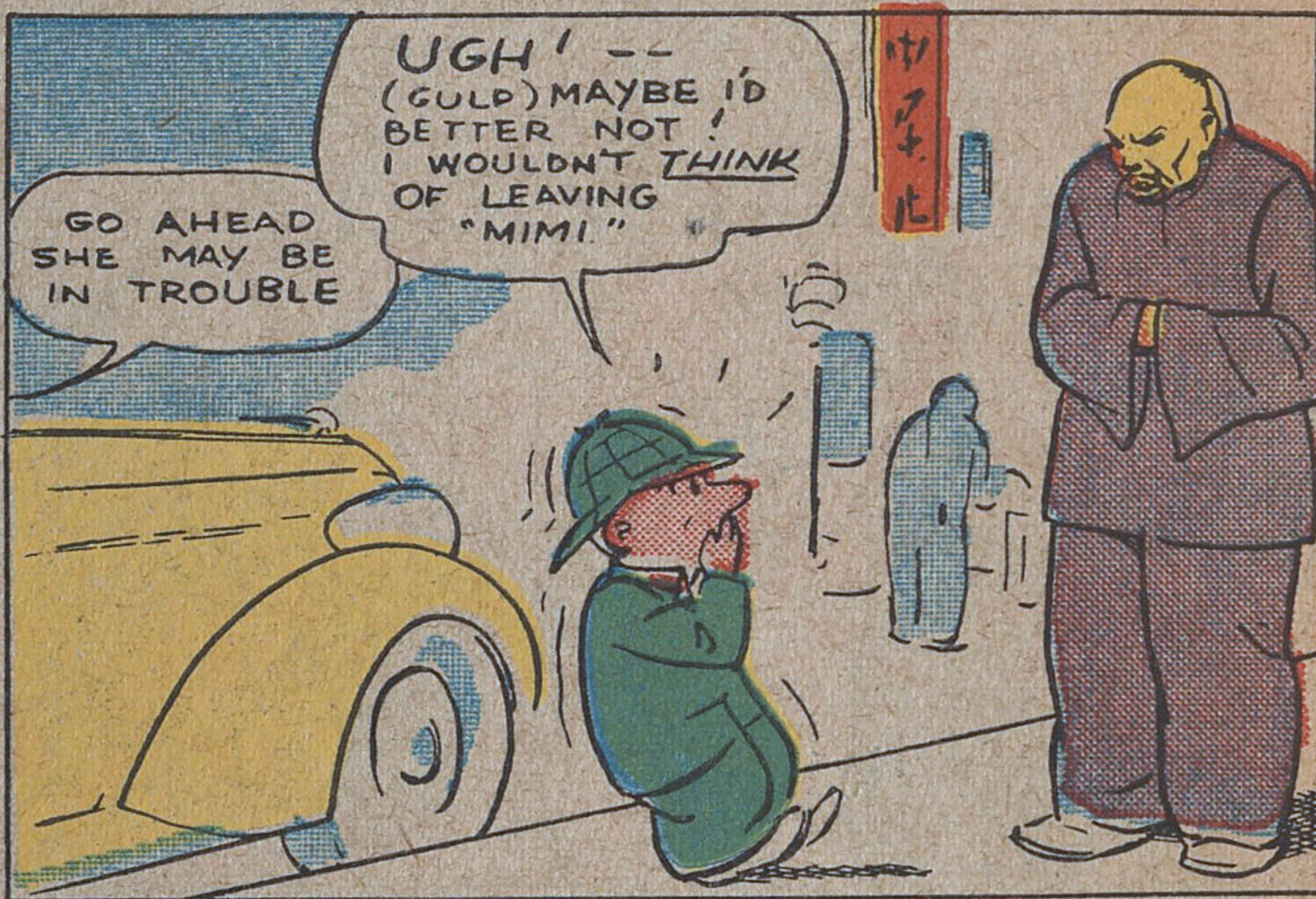
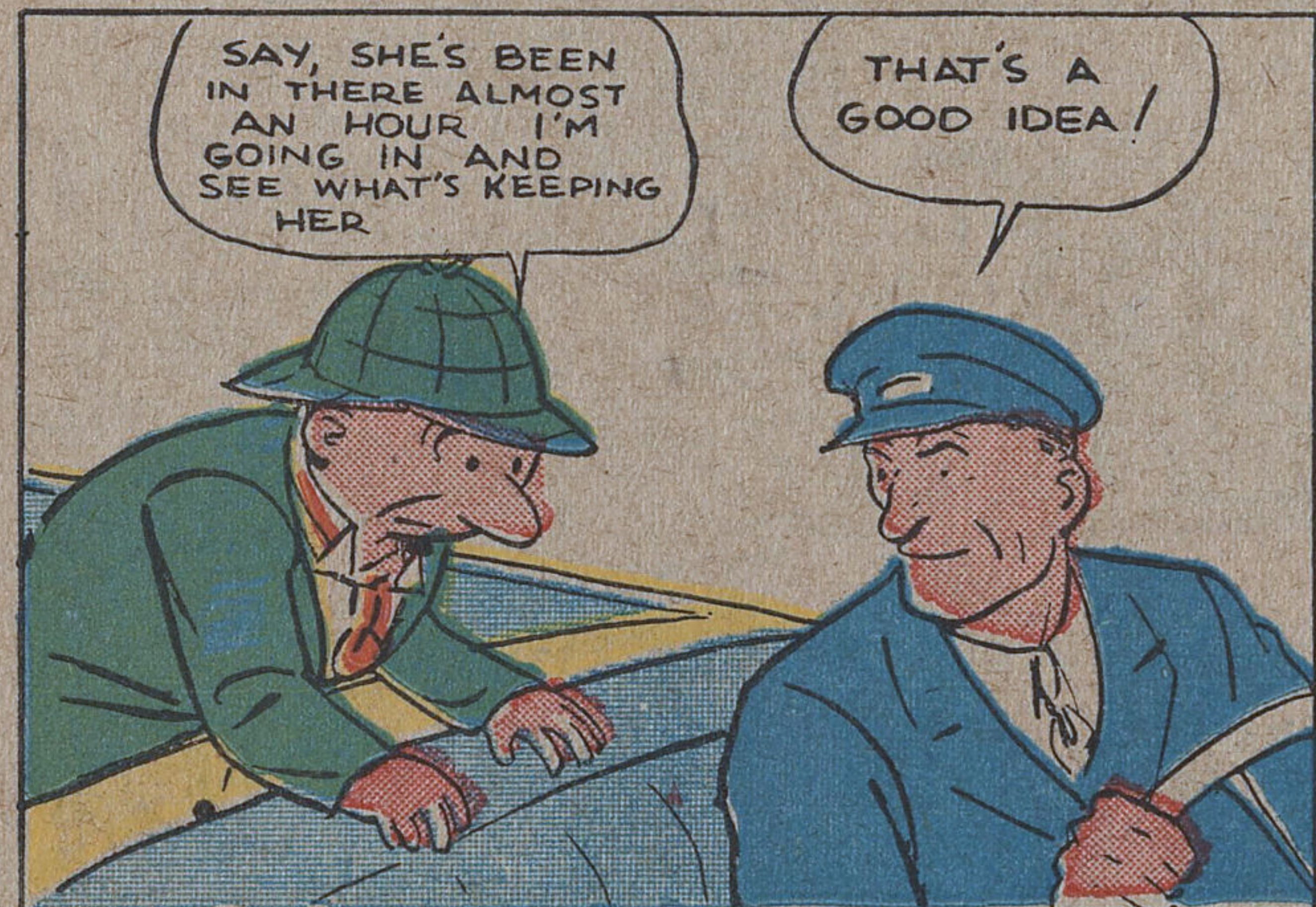
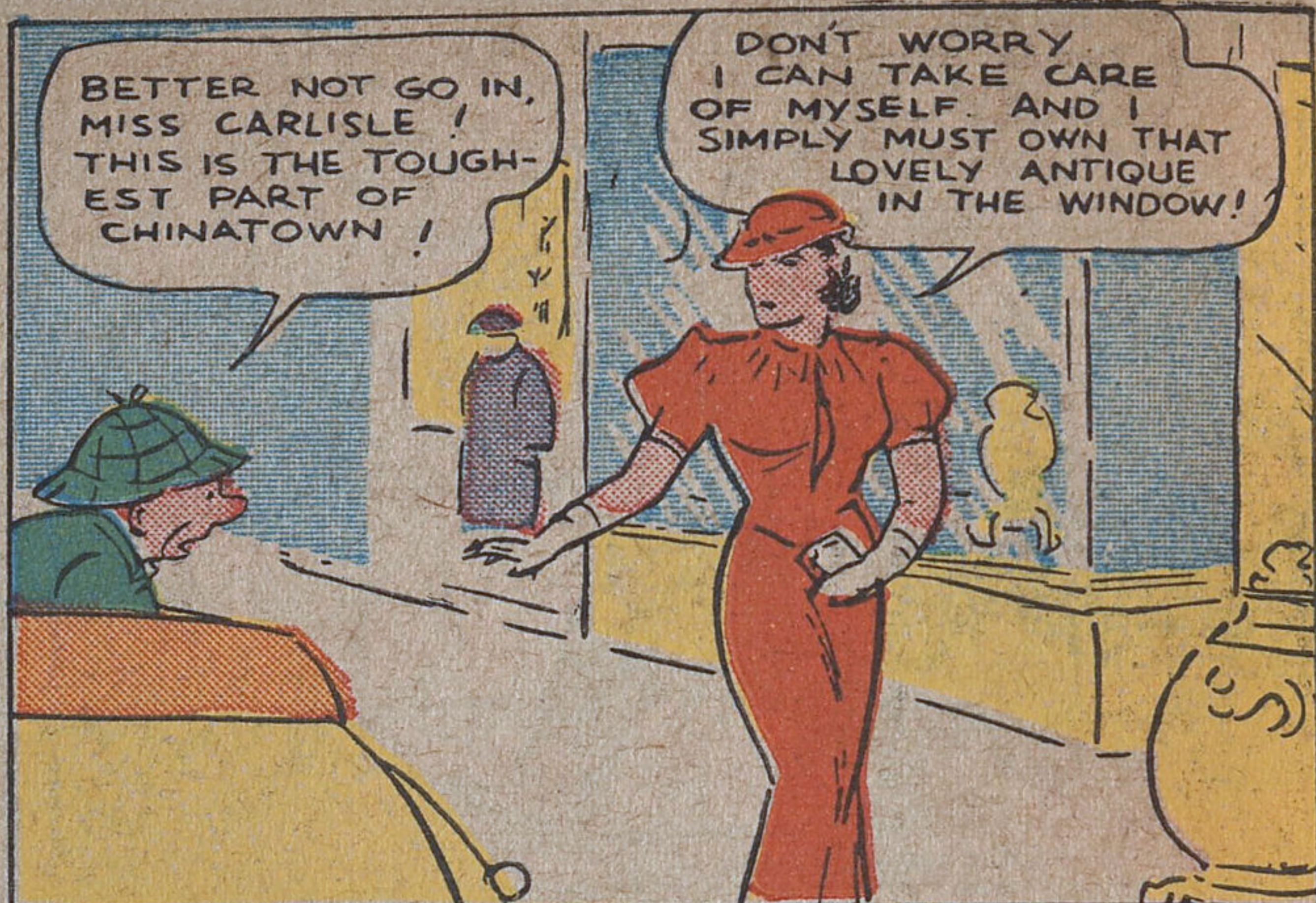
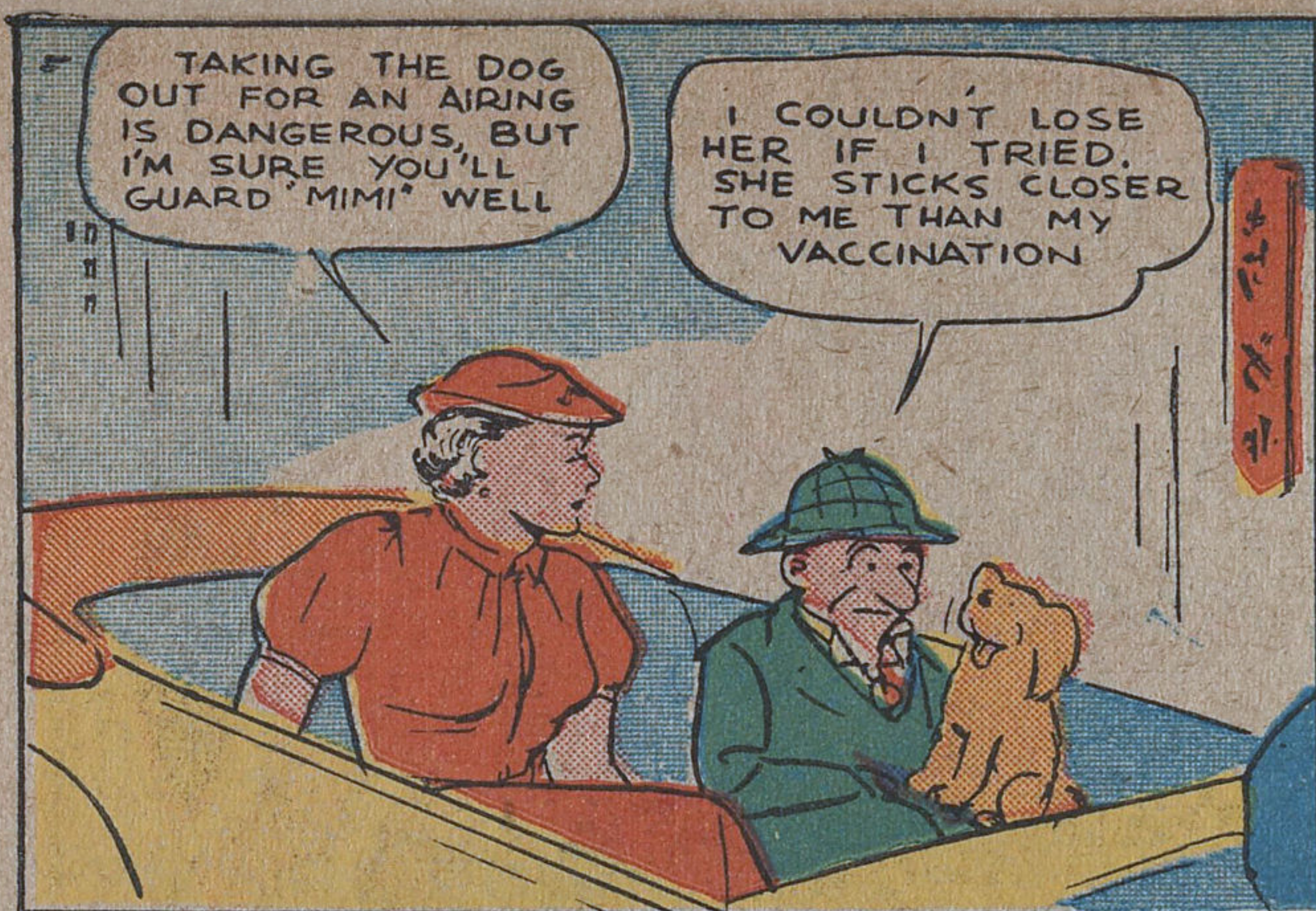


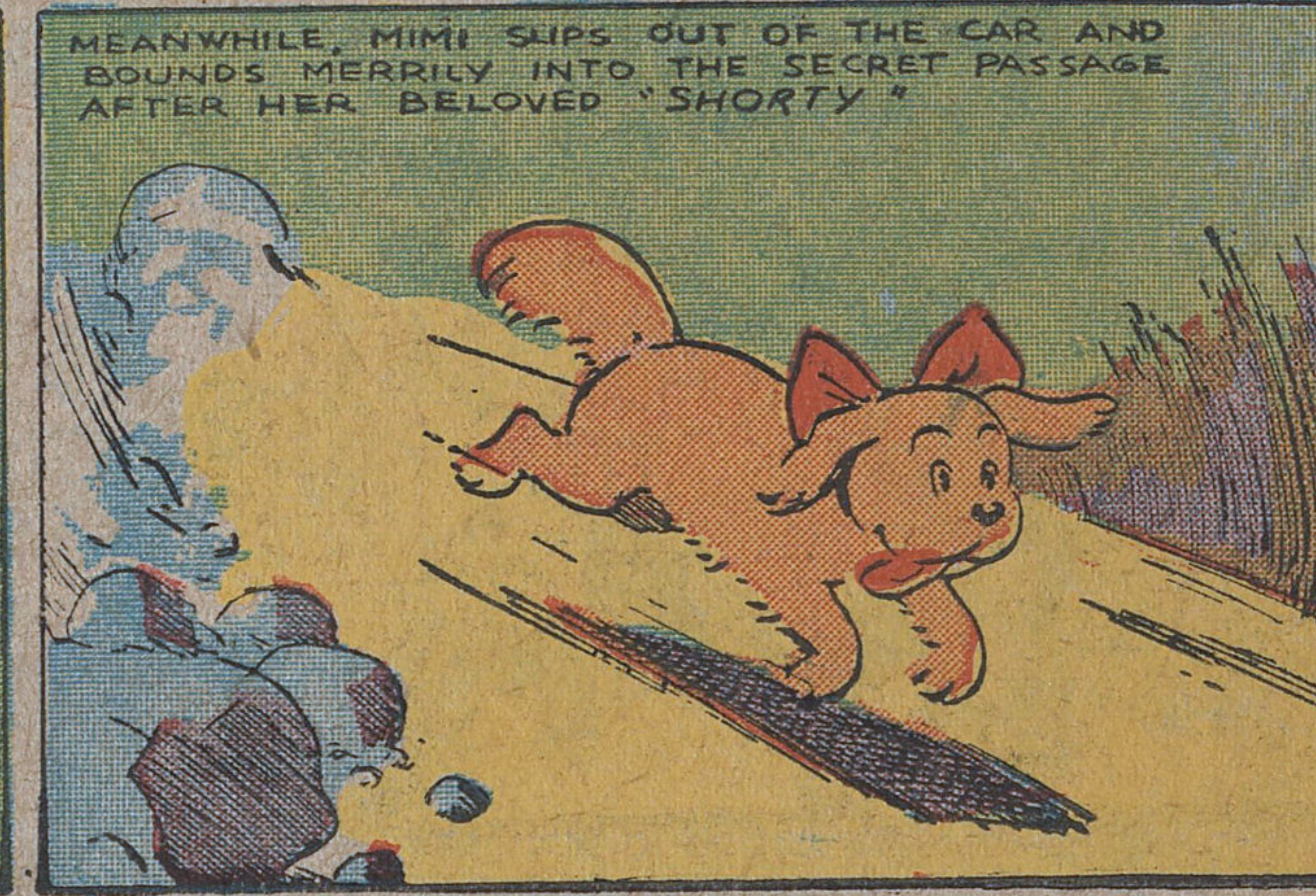
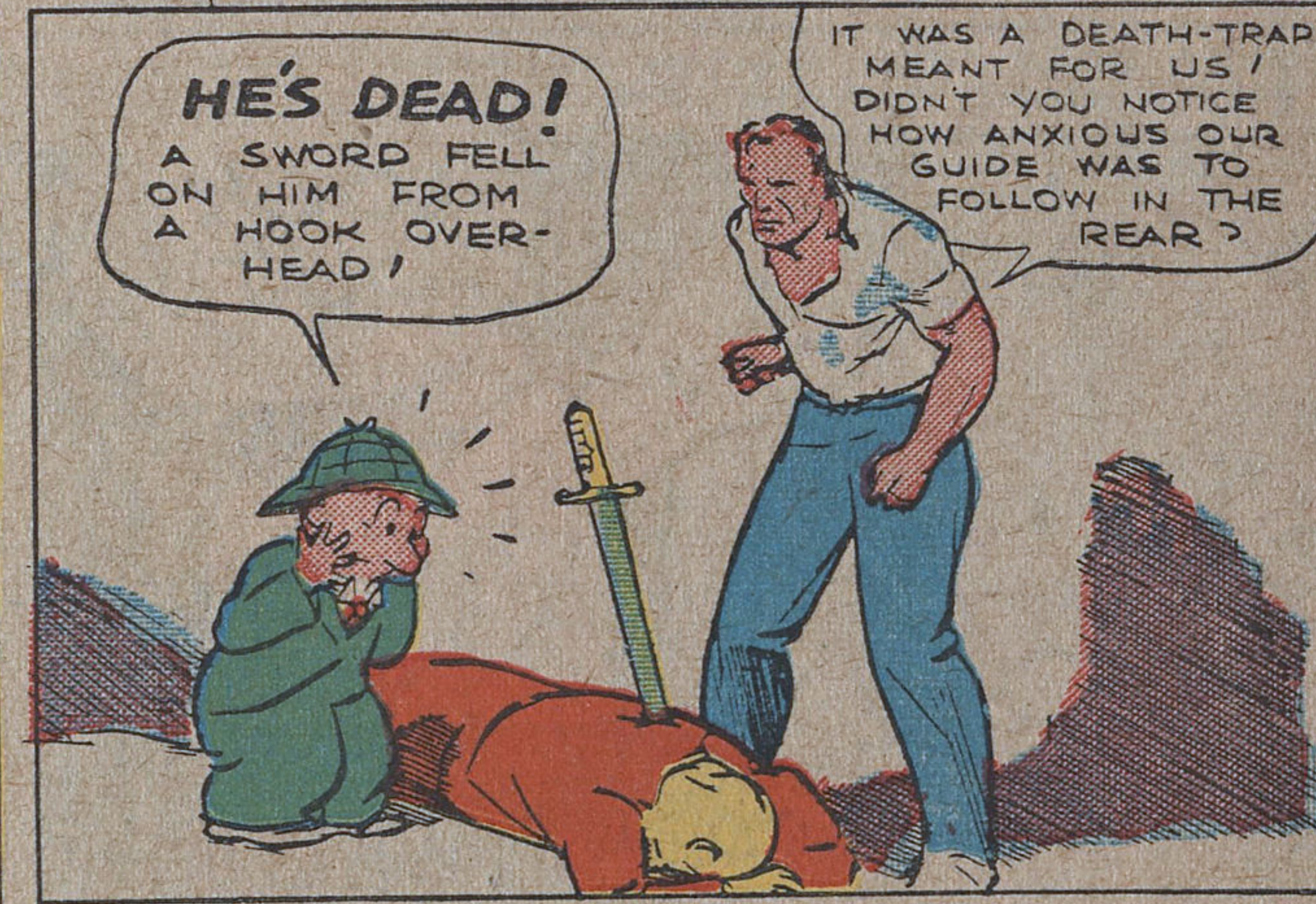
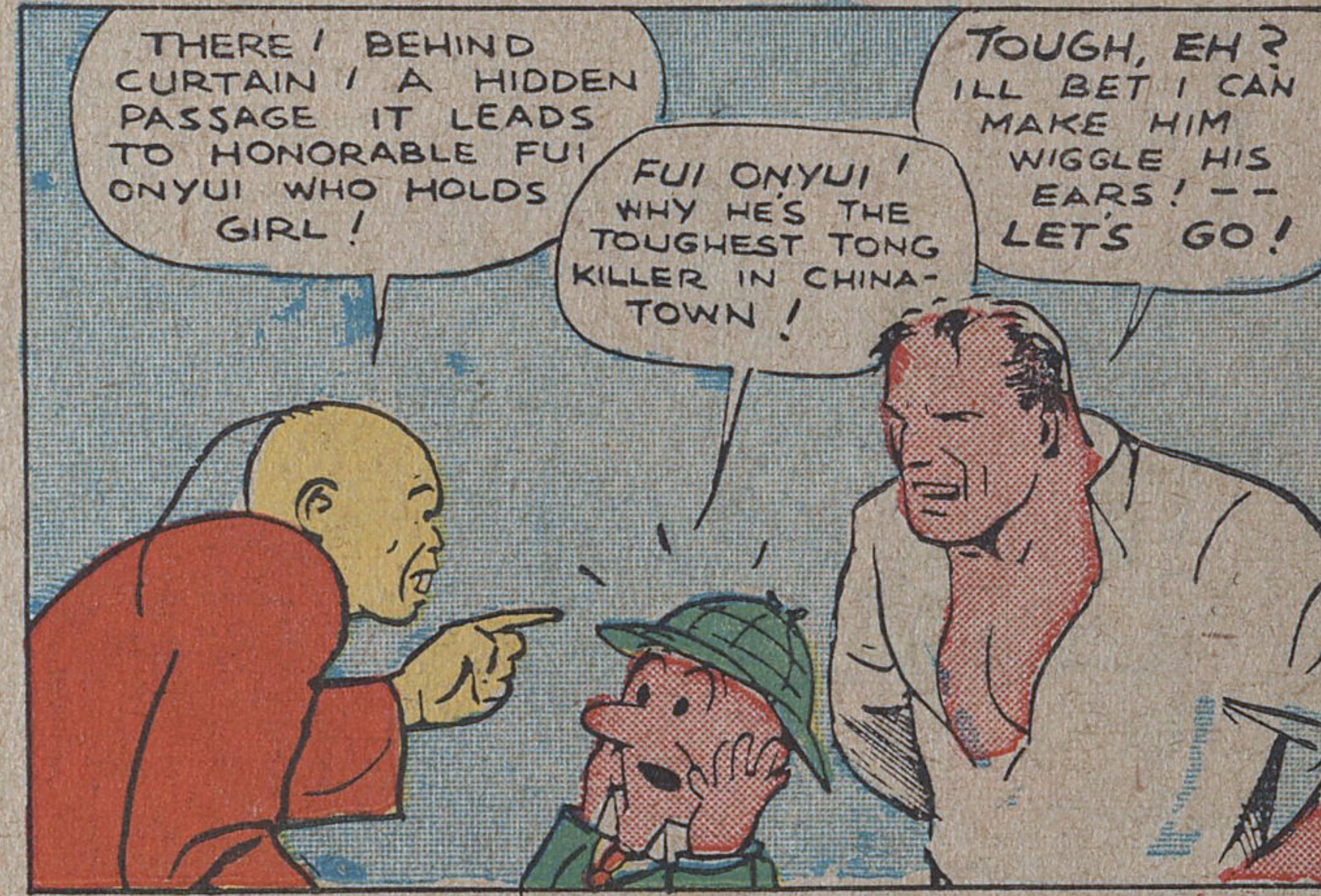
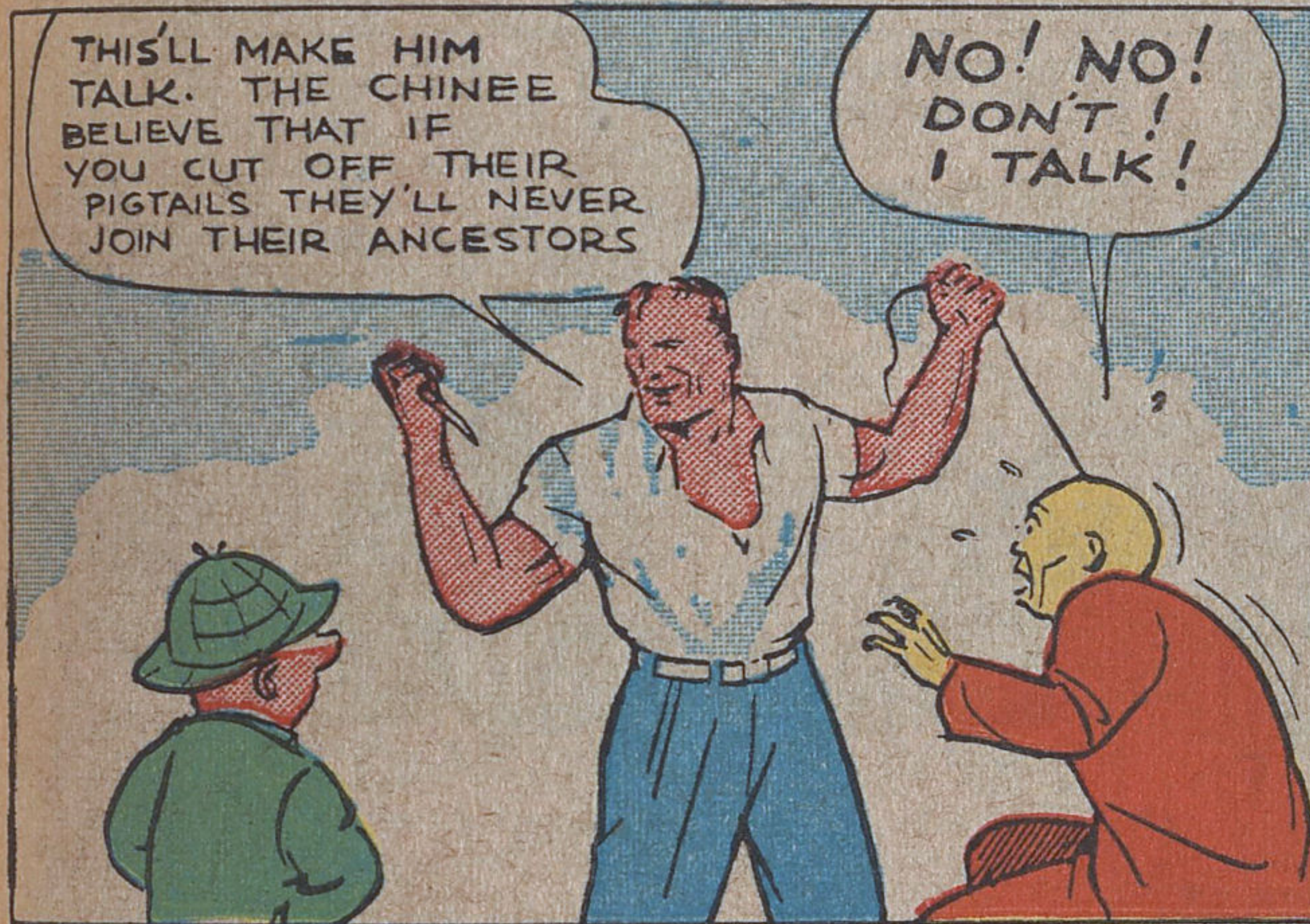
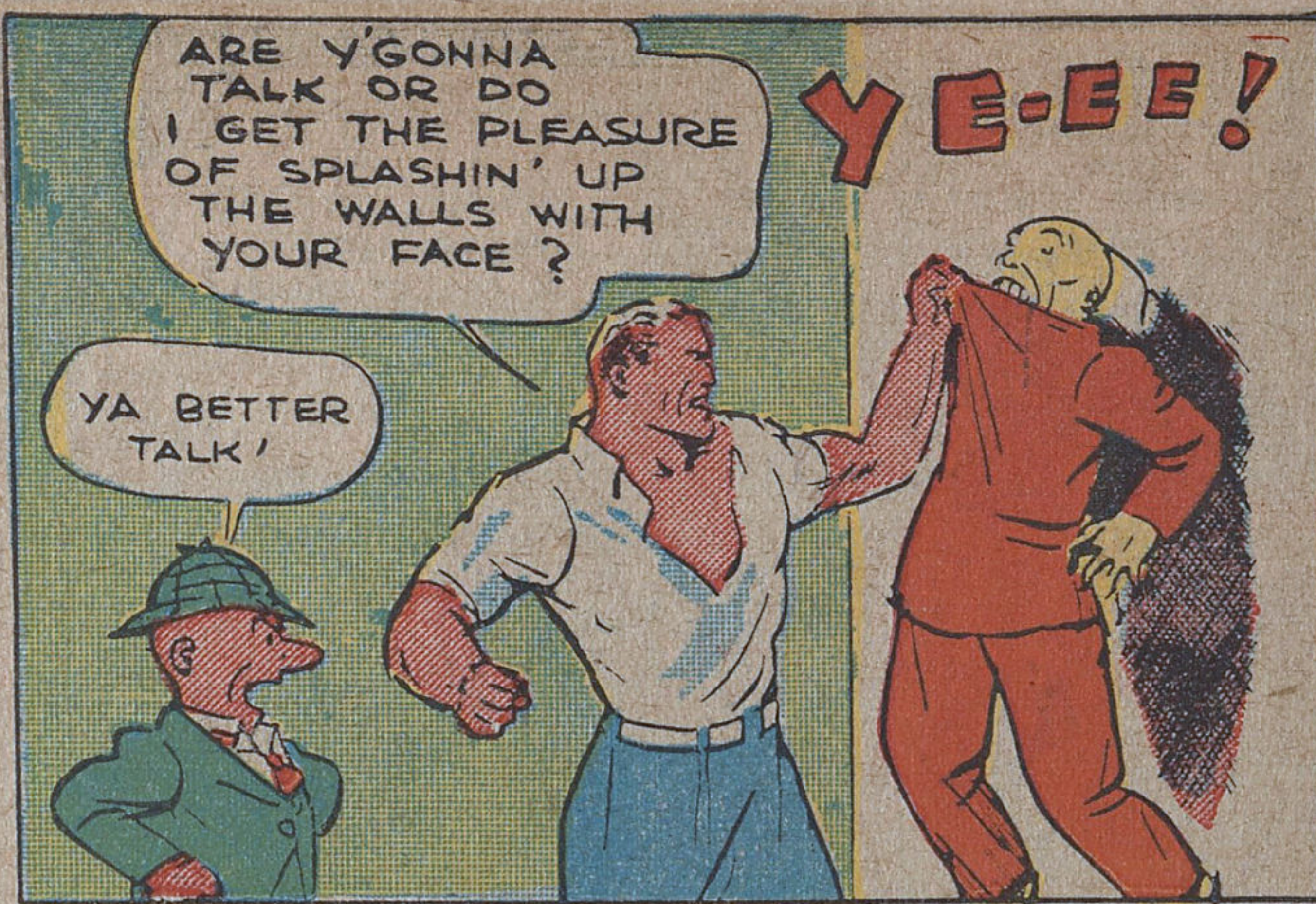
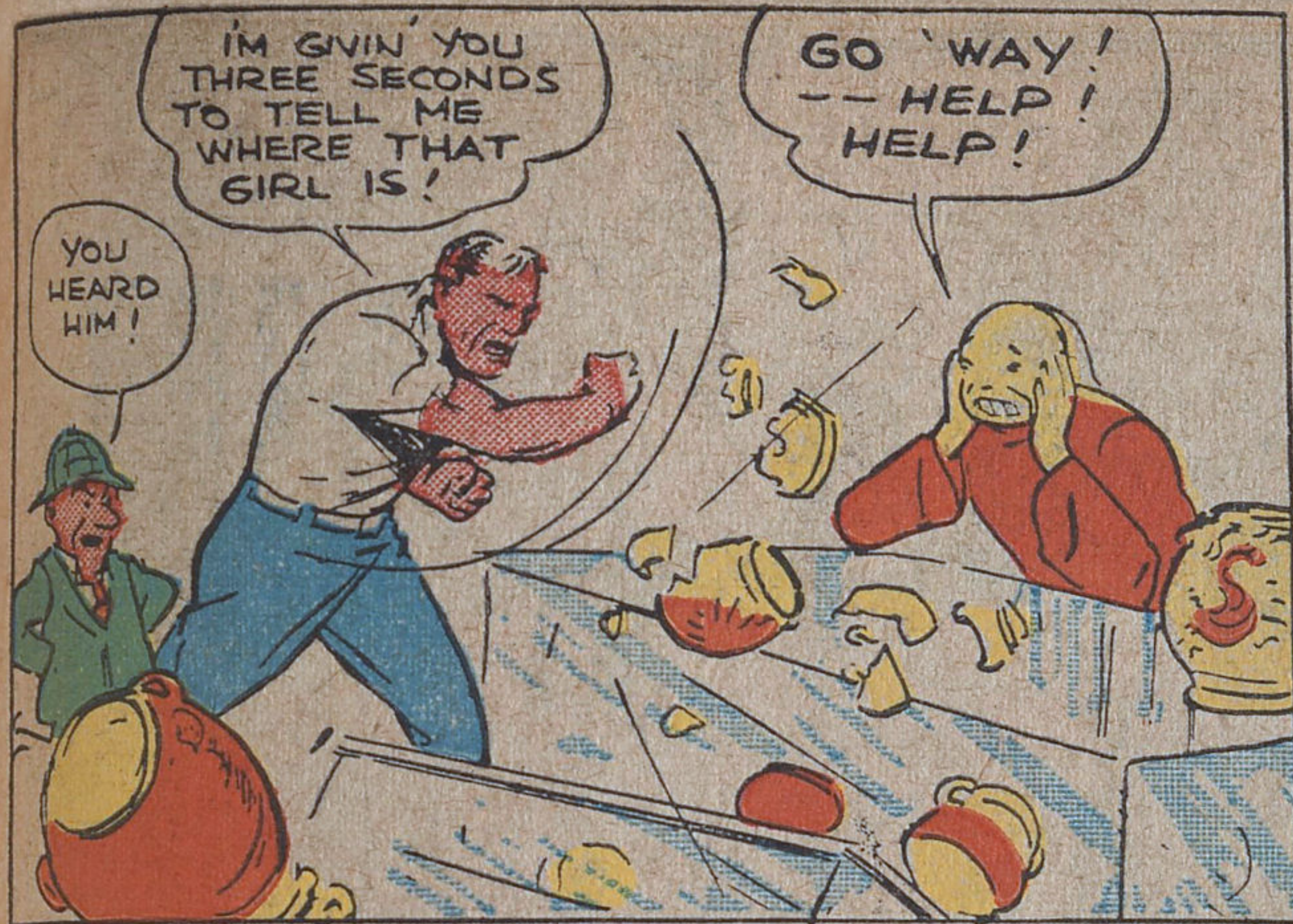
IN A HIDDEN CATACOMB UNDER THE STREETS OF CHINATOWN, SLAM BRADLEY, ACE FREE LANCE SLEUTH, FIGHTER AND ADVENTURER, IS TANGLING WITH A MOB OF CELESTIALS WHO RESENT HIS INVESTIGATING. KNIVES FLASH! FISTS FLY! ALTHO' OUTNUMBERED, SLAM IS HAVING A SWELL TIME!

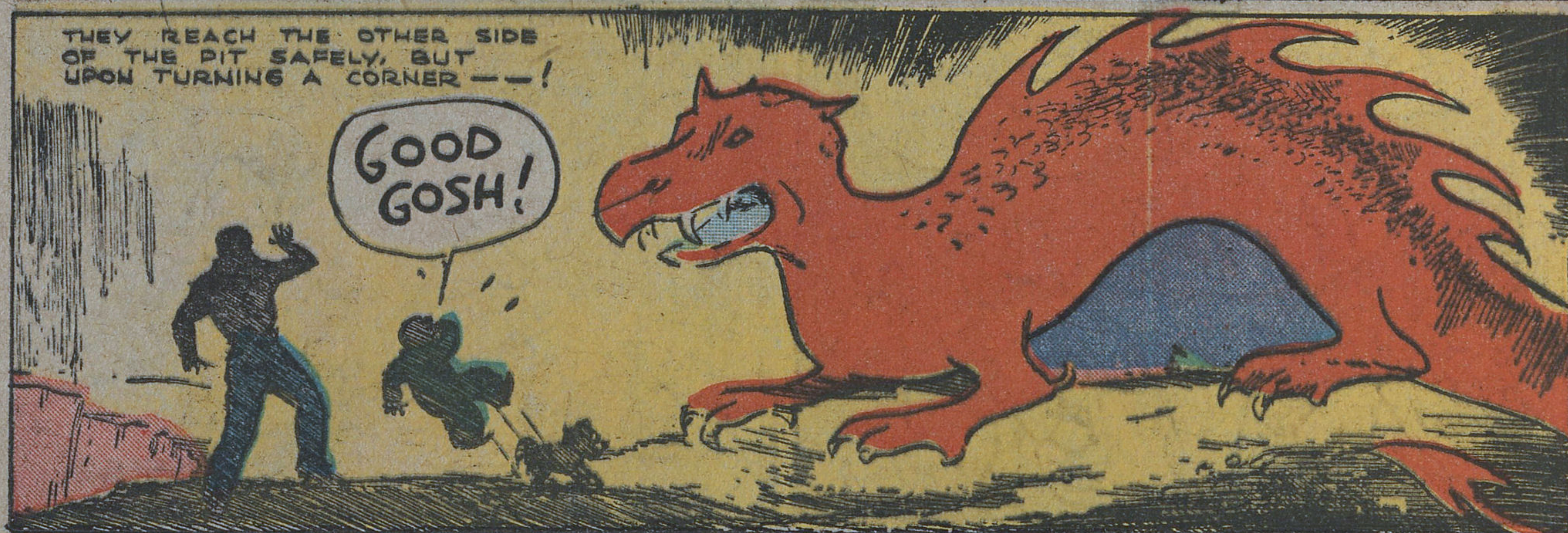
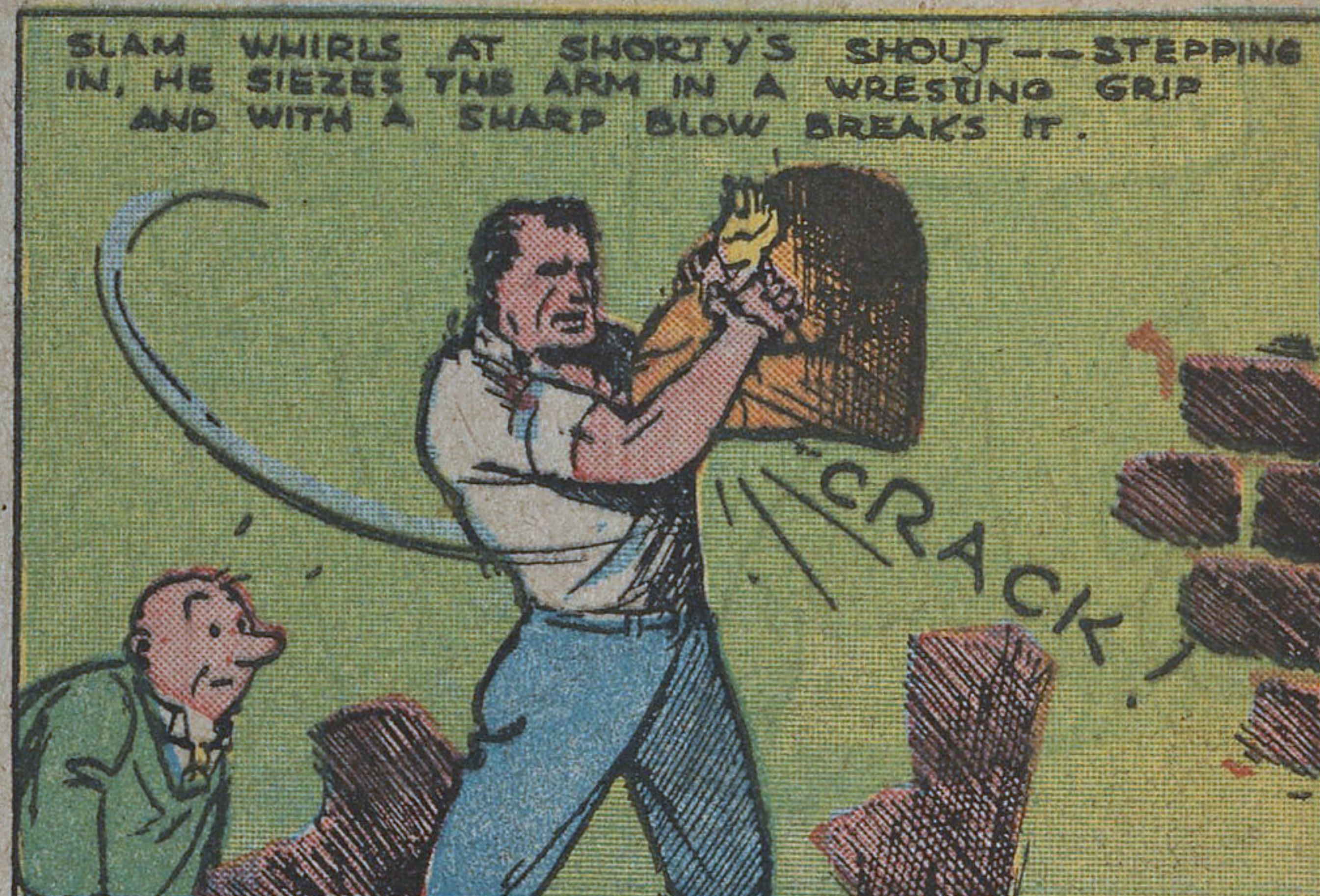
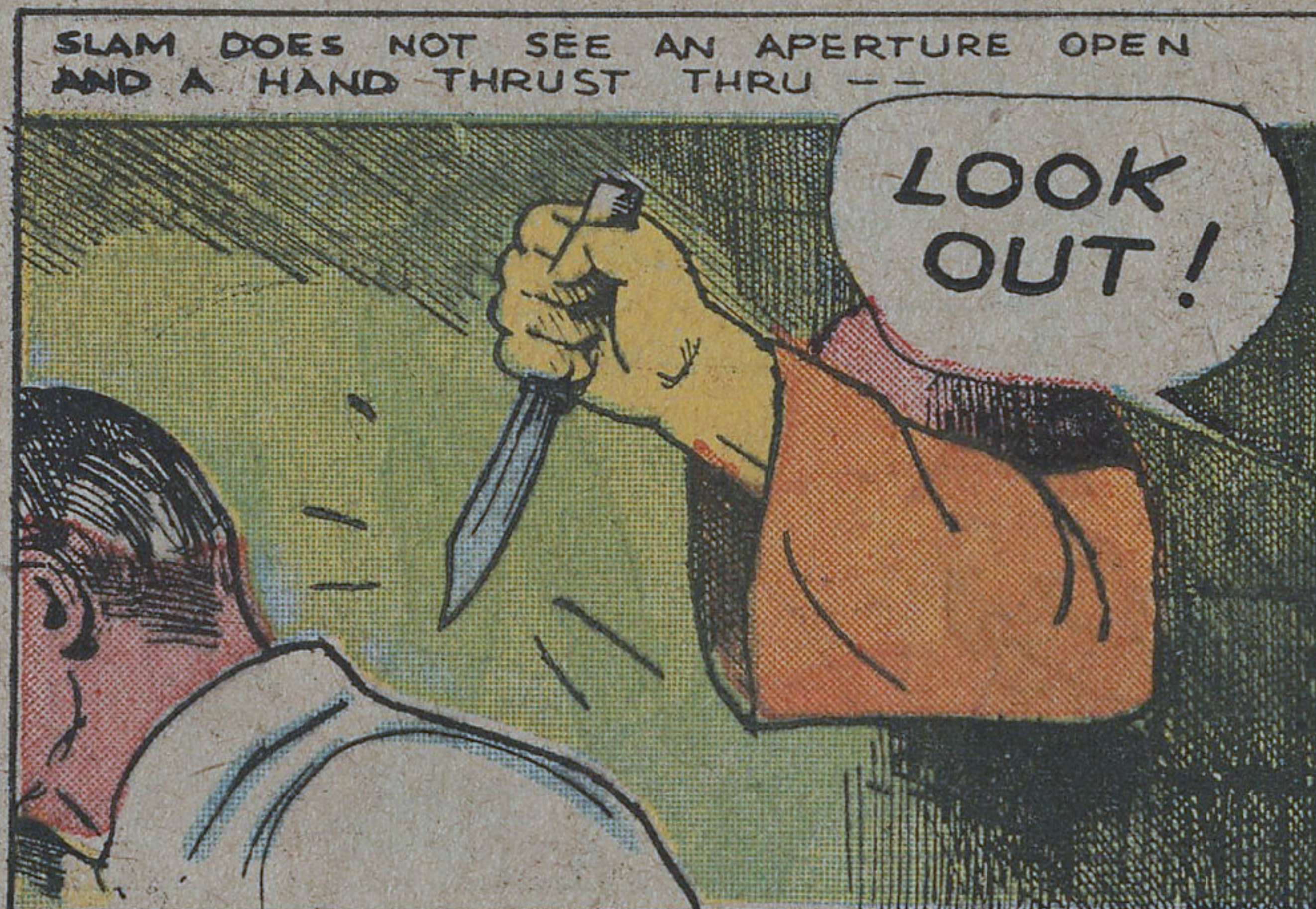
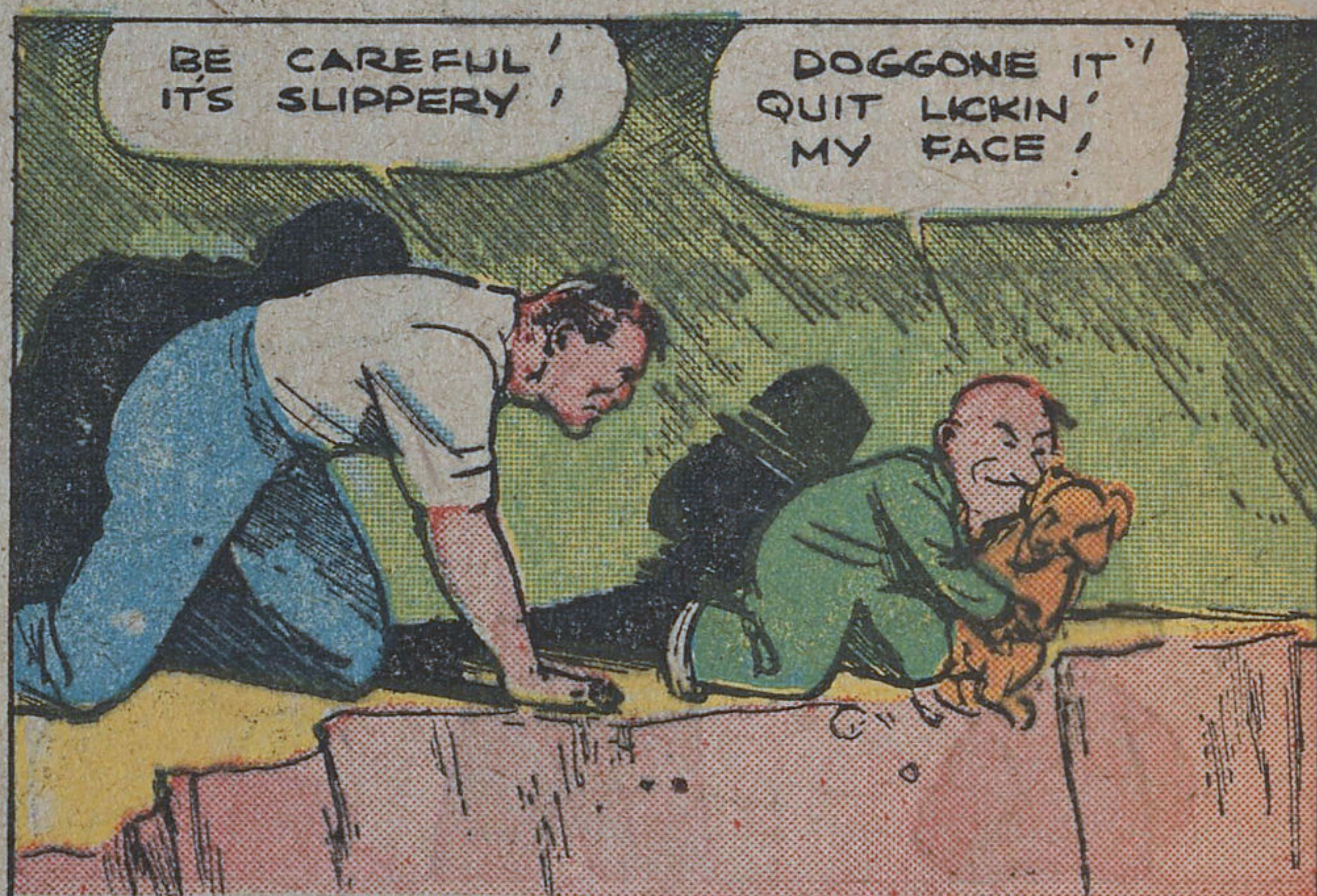
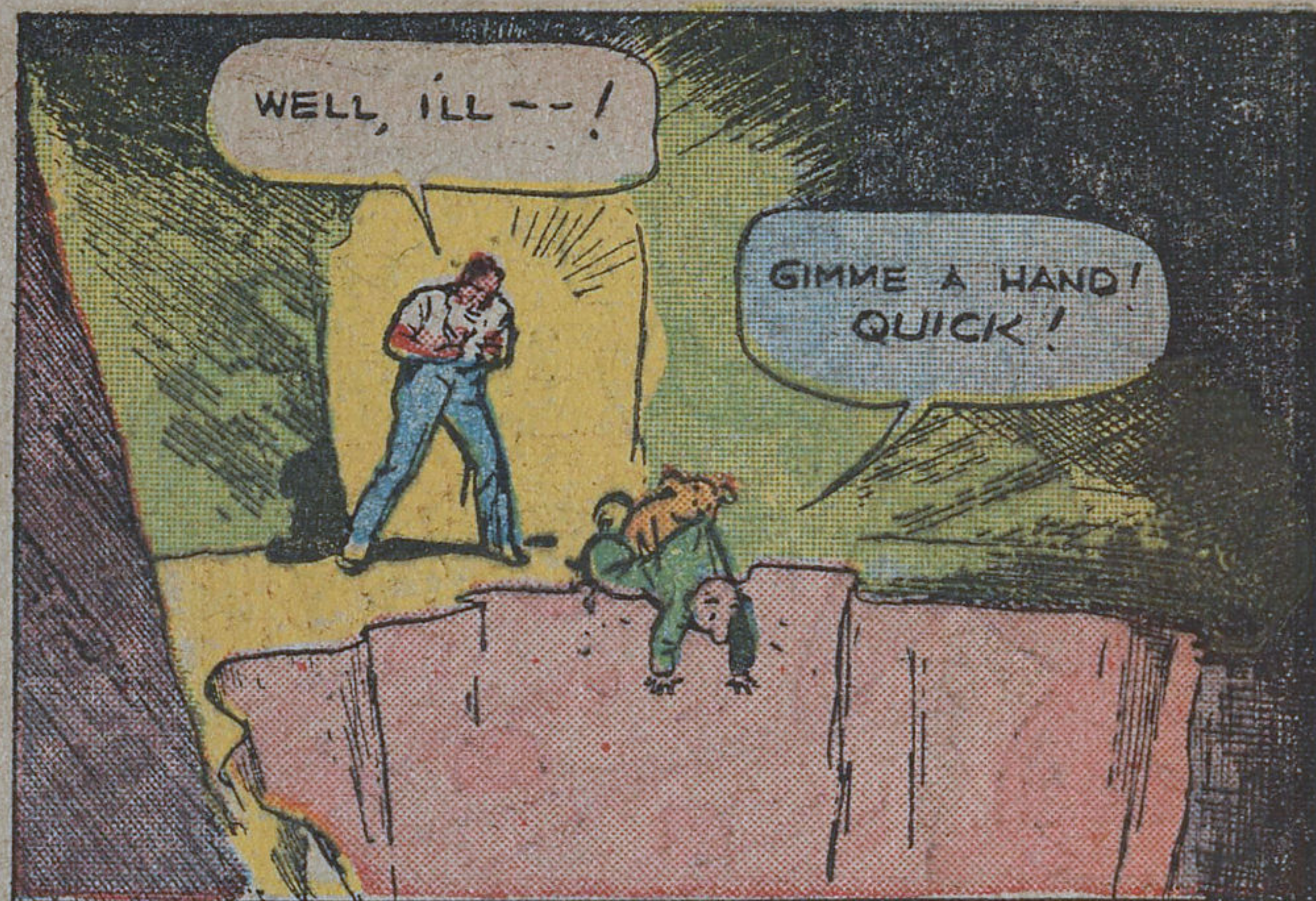
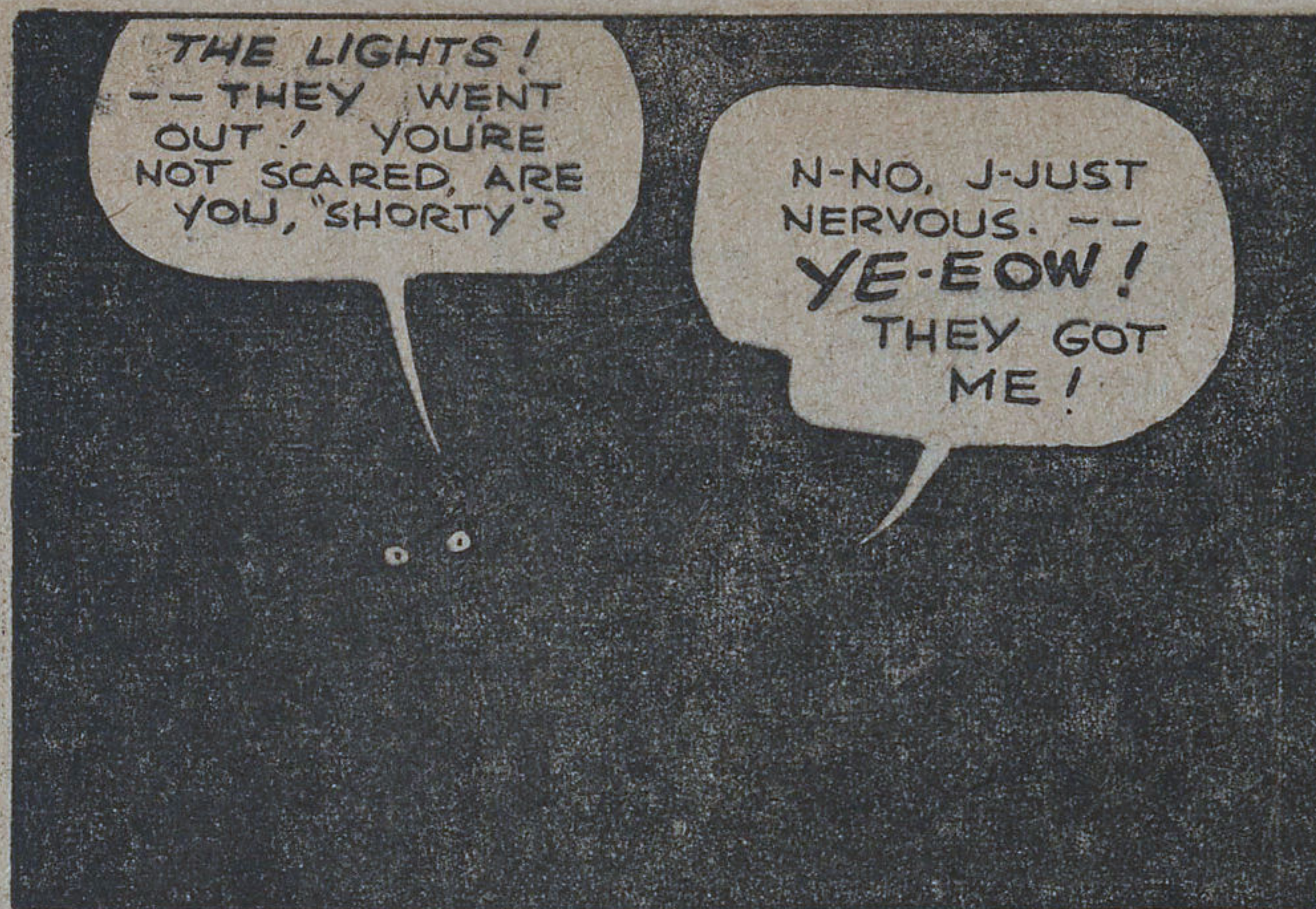


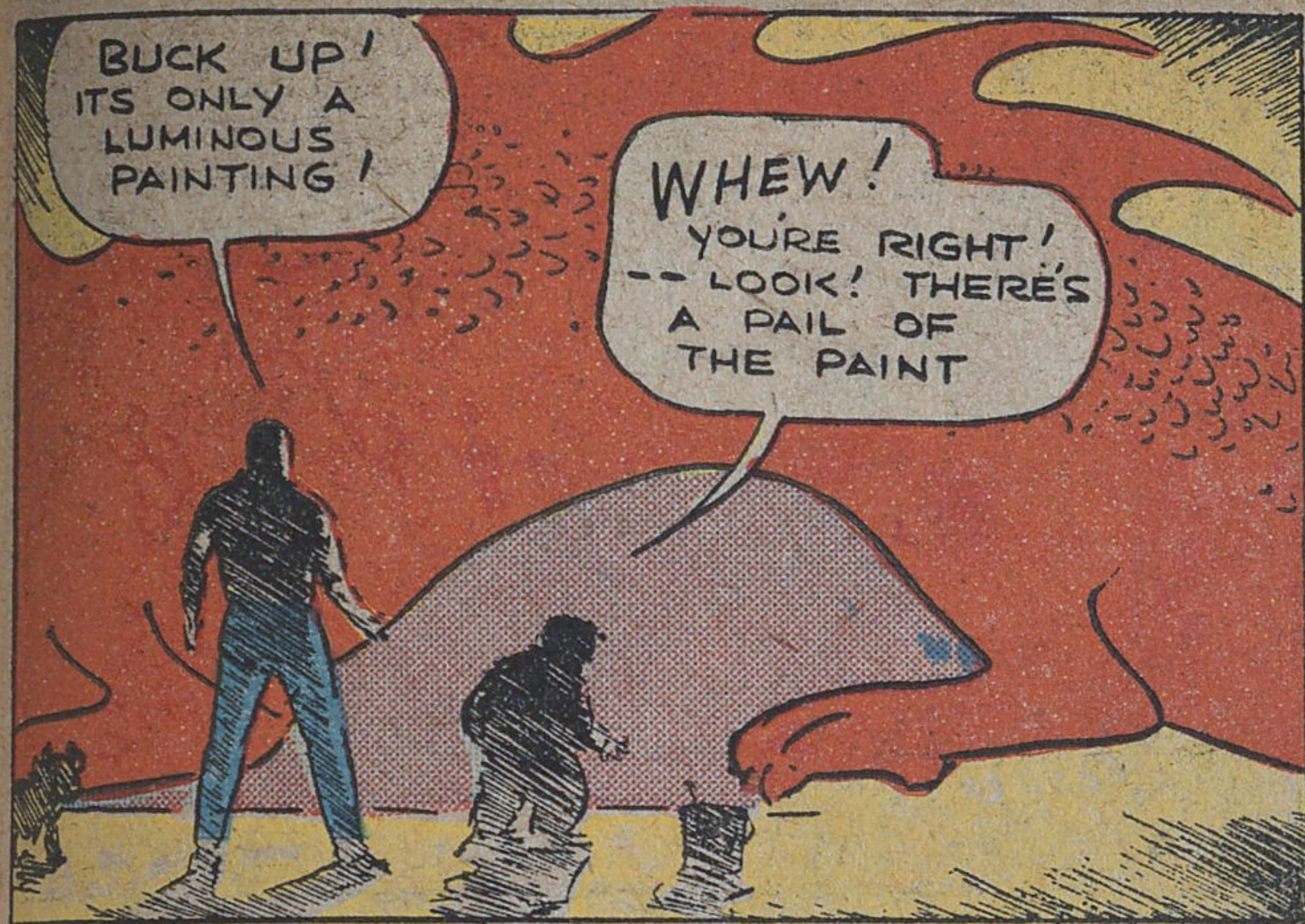






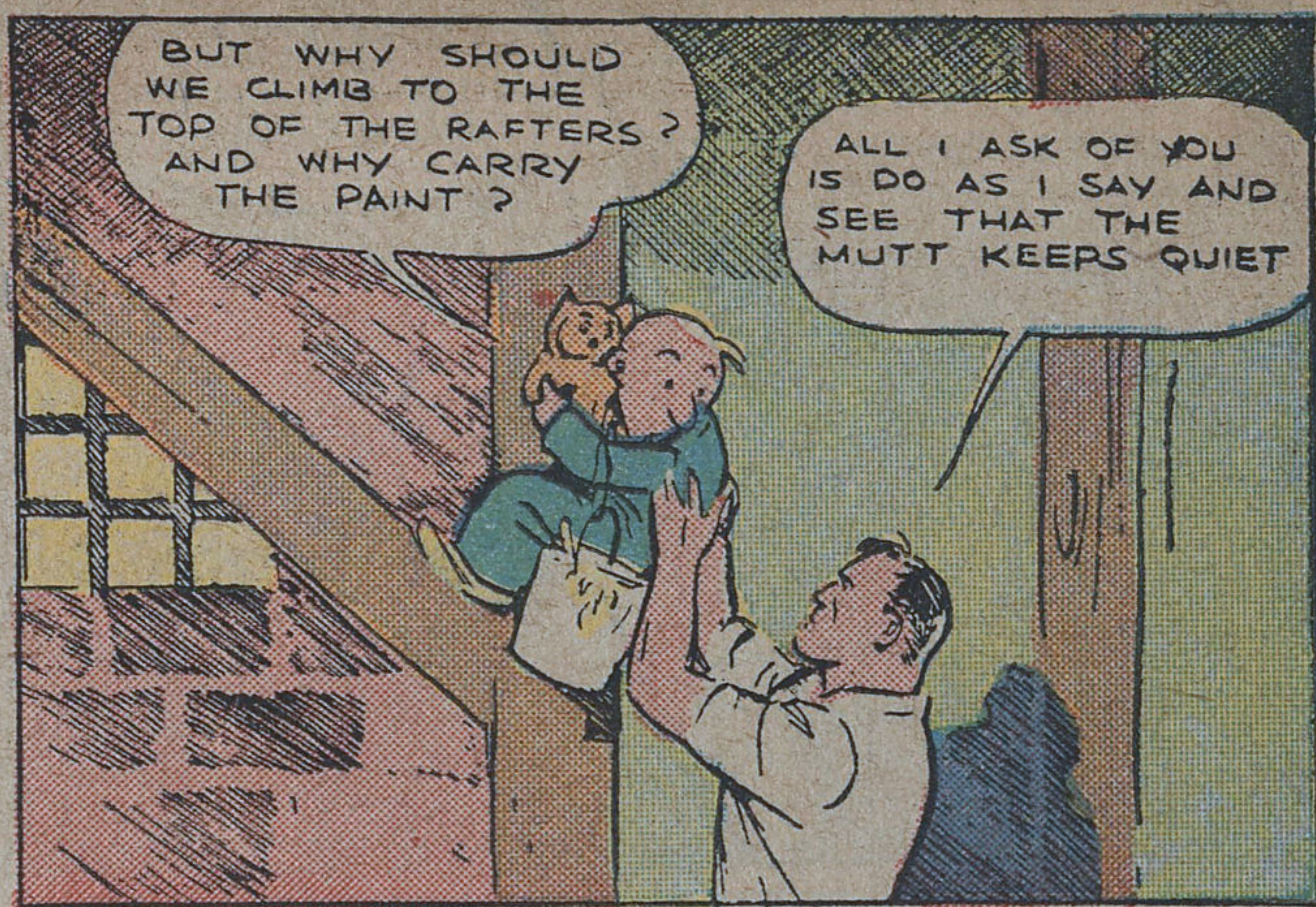






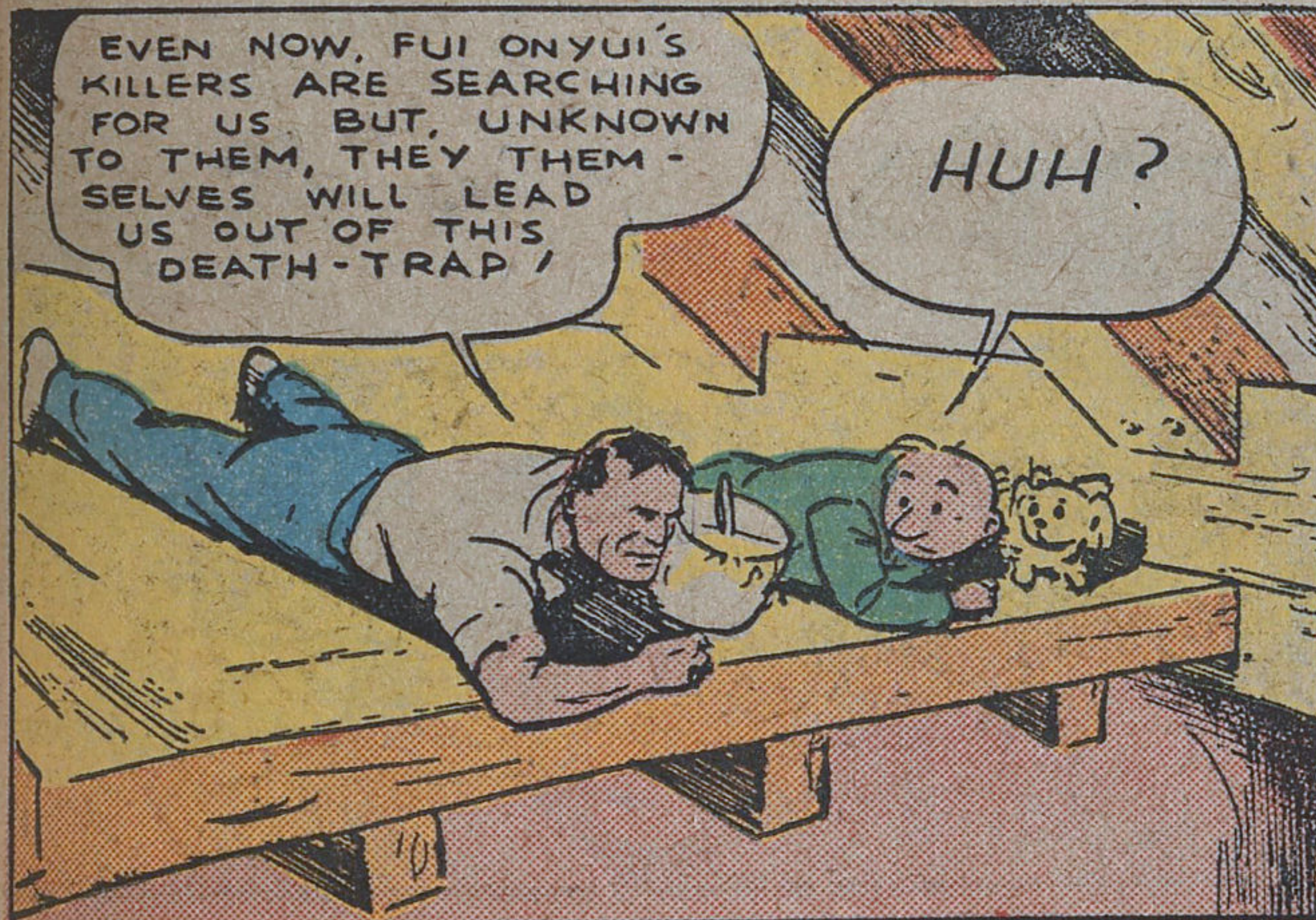
BUCK UP!
IT'S ONLY A
LUMINOUS
PAINTING!

WHEW!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
-- LOOK! THERE'S
A PAIL OF
THE PAINT



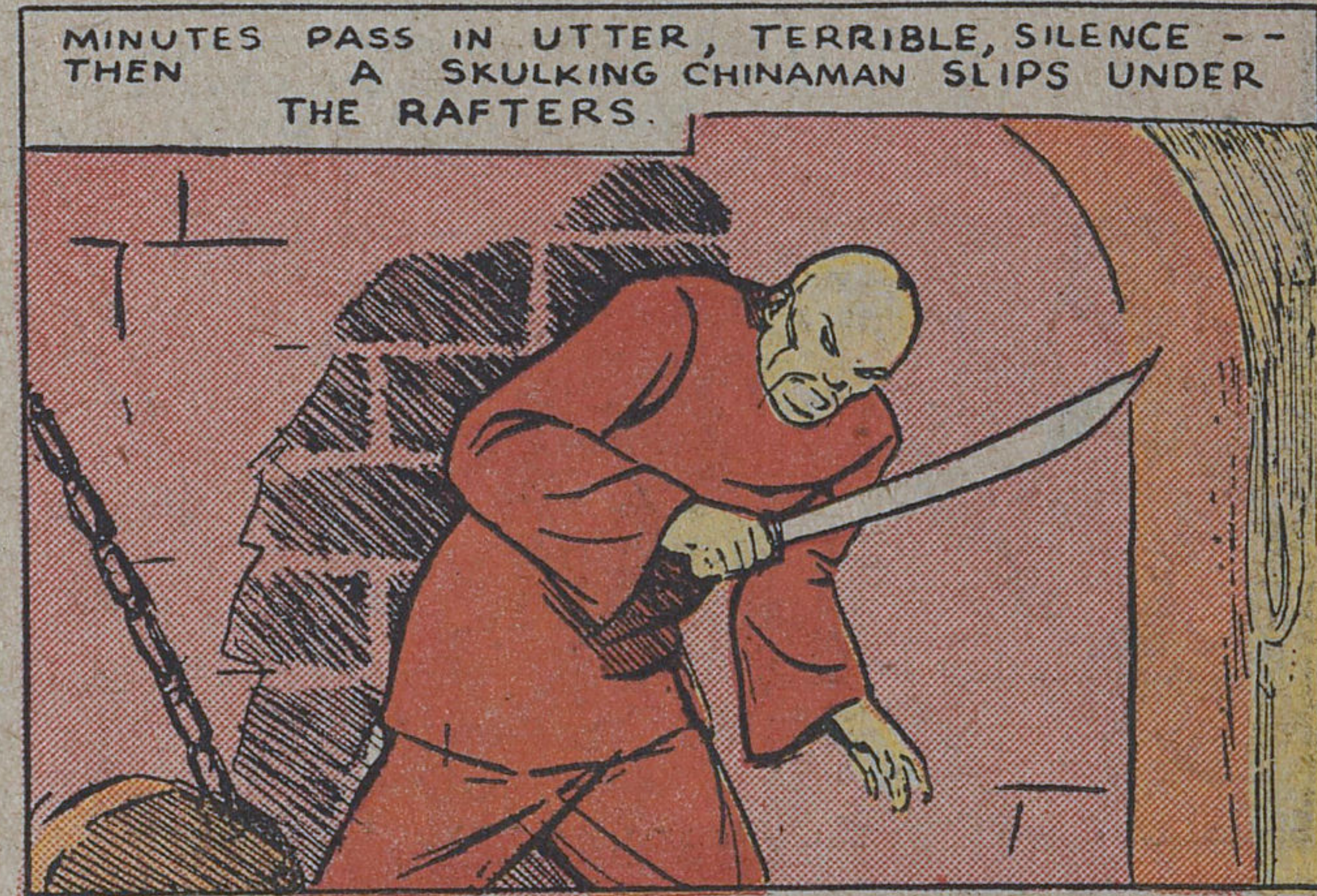
BUT WHY SHOULD
WE CLIMB TO THE
TOP OF THE RAFTERS?
AND WHY CARRY
THE PAINT?

ALL I ASK OF YOU
IS DO AS I SAY AND
SEE THAT THE
MUTT KEEPS QUIET

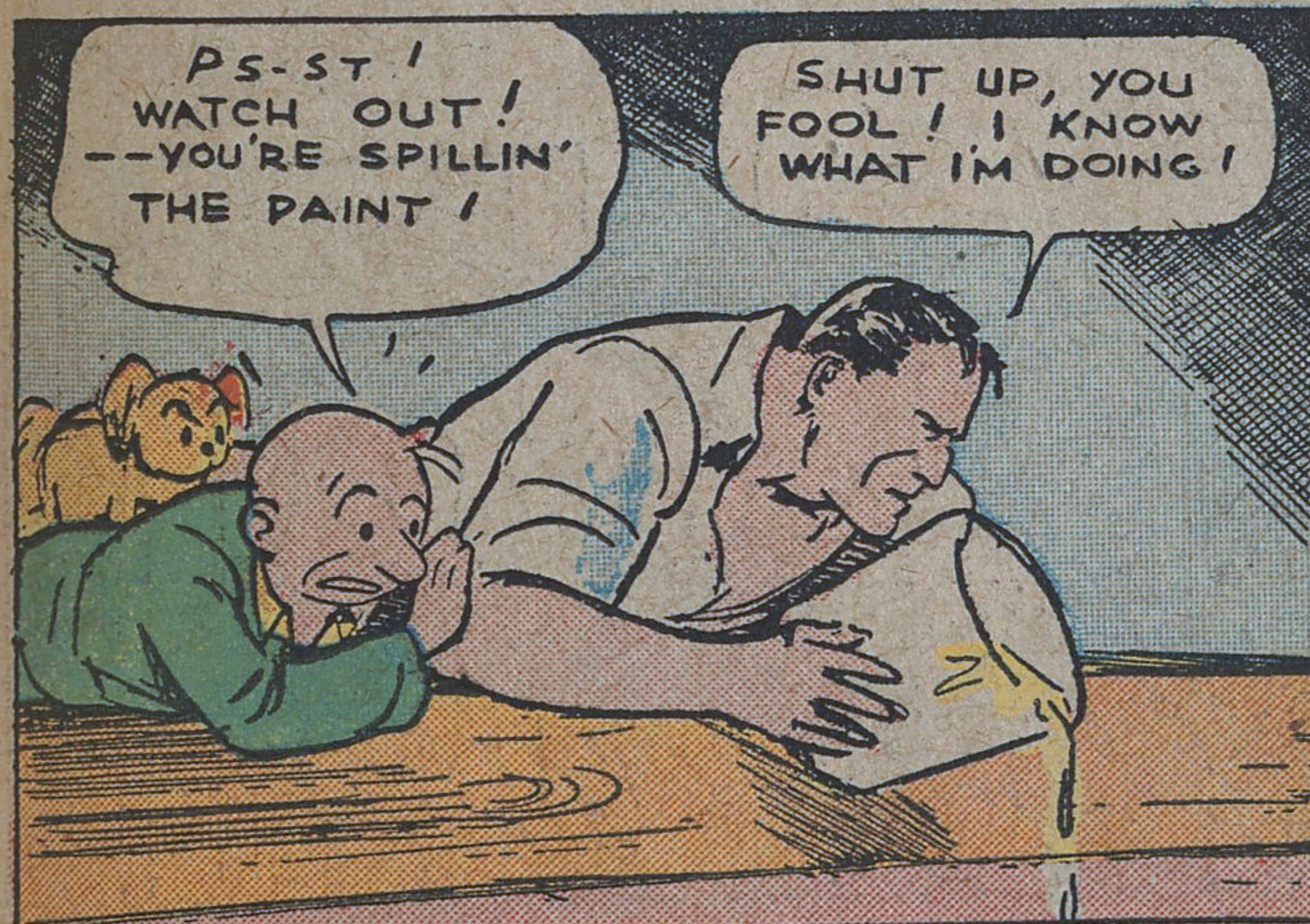


EVEN NOW, FUI ONYUI'S
KILLERS ARE SEARCHING
FOR US. BUT, UNKNOWN
TO THEM, THEY THEM-
SELVES WILL LEAD
US OUT OF THIS
DEATH-TRAP!

HUH?

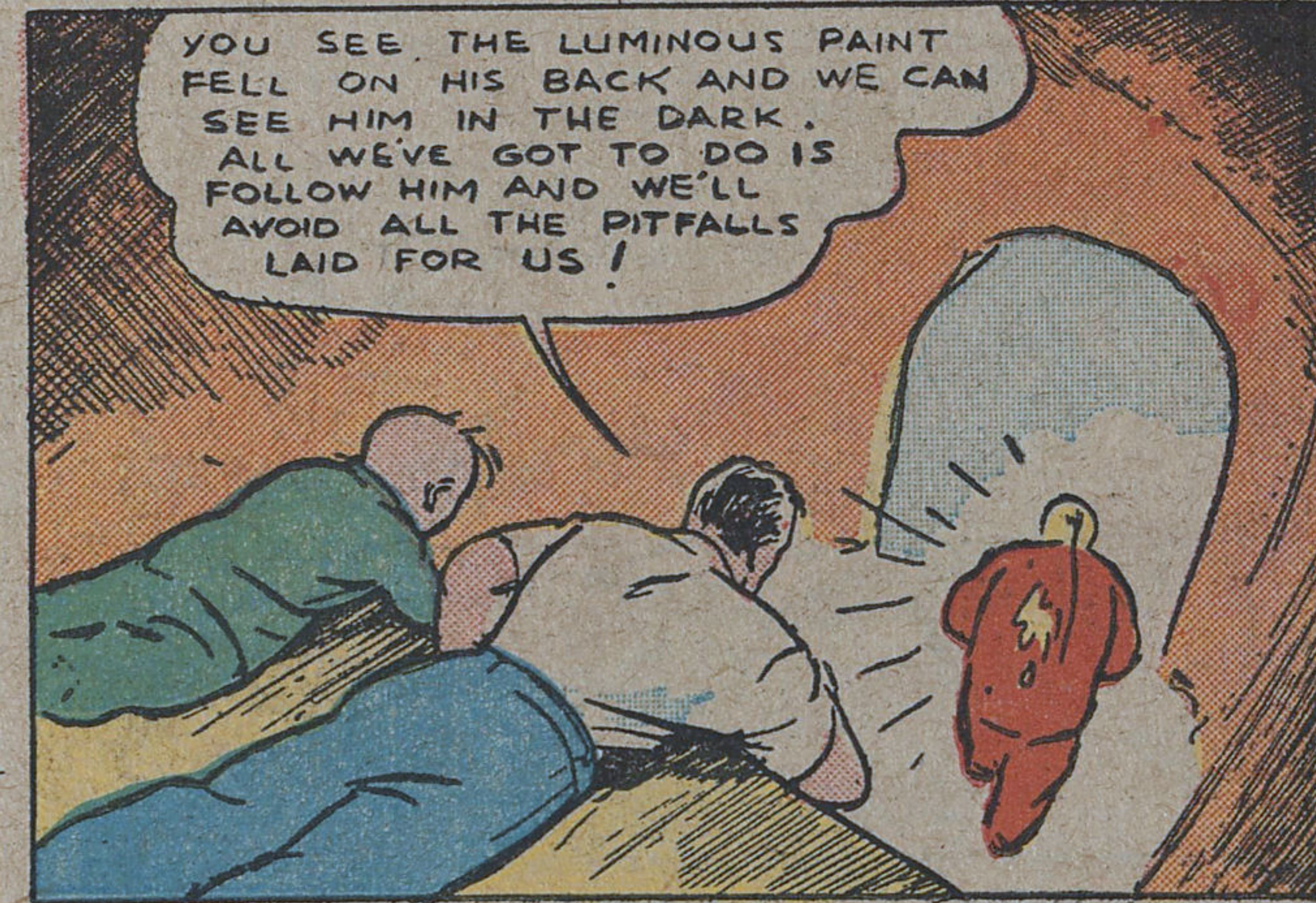


MINUTES PASS IN UTTER, TERRIBLE, SILENCE --
THEN
A SKULKING CHINAMAN SLIPS UNDER
THE RAFTERS.



PS-ST!
WATCH OUT!
-- YOU'RE SPILLIN'
THE PAINT!

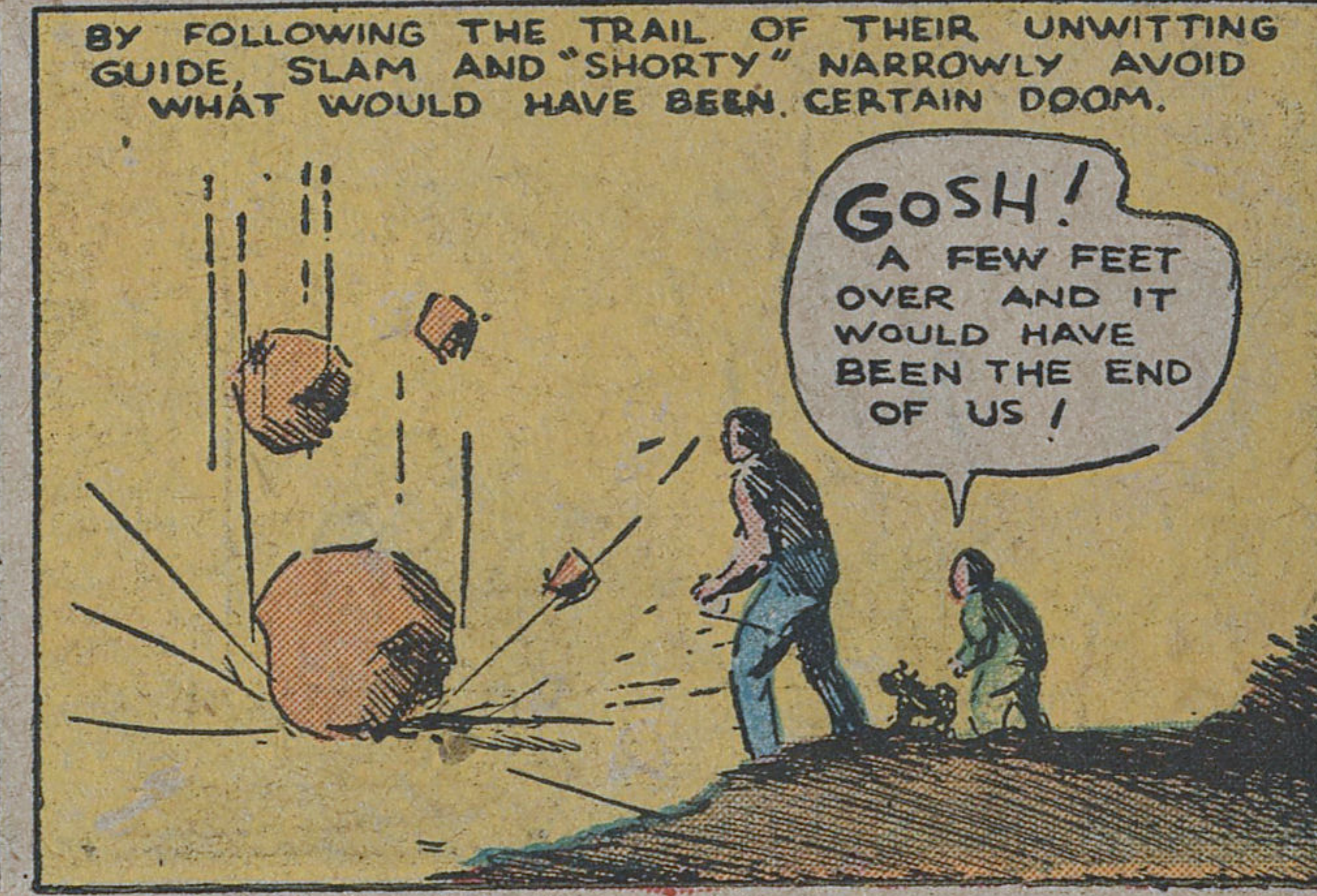
SHUT UP, YOU
FOOL! I KNOW
WHAT I'M DOING!



YOU SEE, THE LUMINOUS PAINT
FELL ON HIS BACK AND WE CAN
SEE HIM IN THE DARK.
ALL WE'VE GOT TO DO IS
FOLLOW HIM AND WE'LL
AVOID ALL THE PITFALLS
LAID FOR US!

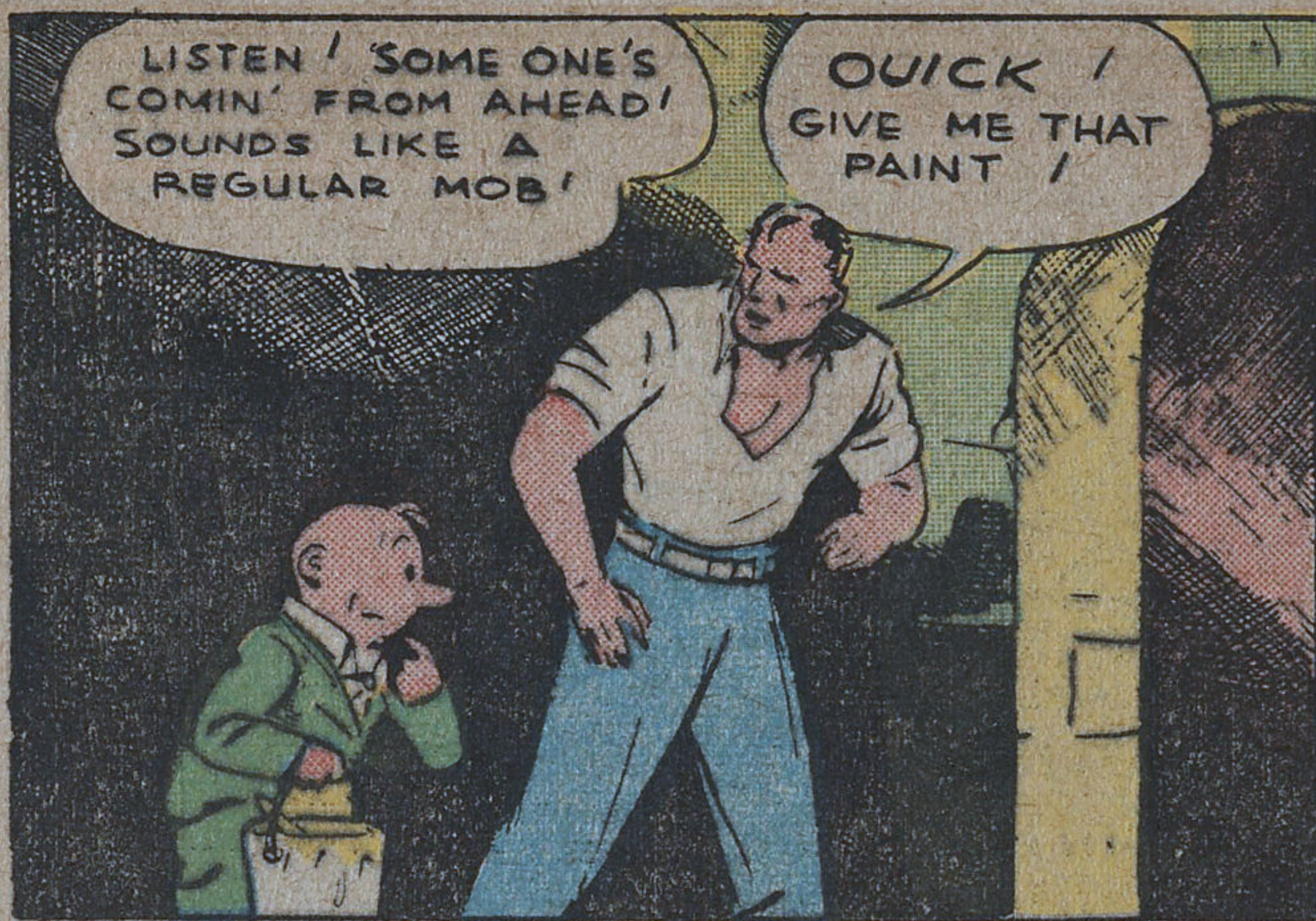


THAT'S RICH!
THE DUMB CLUCK
WANTS TO KILL US
BUT IS LEADING
US TO SAFETY!



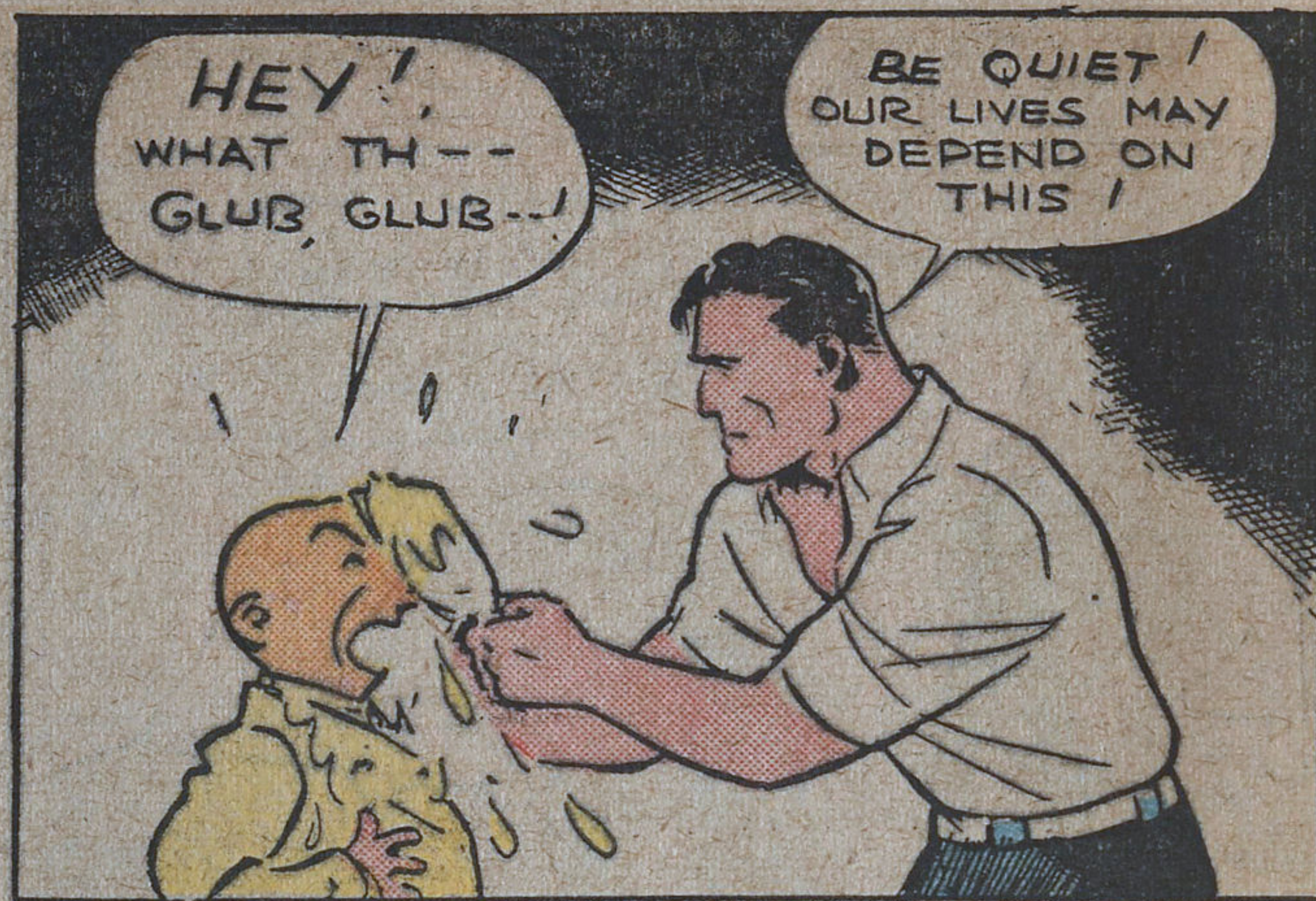
BY FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF THEIR UNWITTING
GUIDE, SLAM AND "SHORTY" NARROWLY AVOID
WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN CERTAIN DOOM.

GOSH!
A FEW FEET
OVER AND IT
WOULD HAVE
BEEN THE END
OF US!



LISTEN! SOME ONE'S COMIN' FROM AHEAD! SOUNDS LIKE A REGULAR MOB!

QUICK! GIVE ME THAT PAINT!



HEY! WHAT TH-- GLUB, GLUB--!

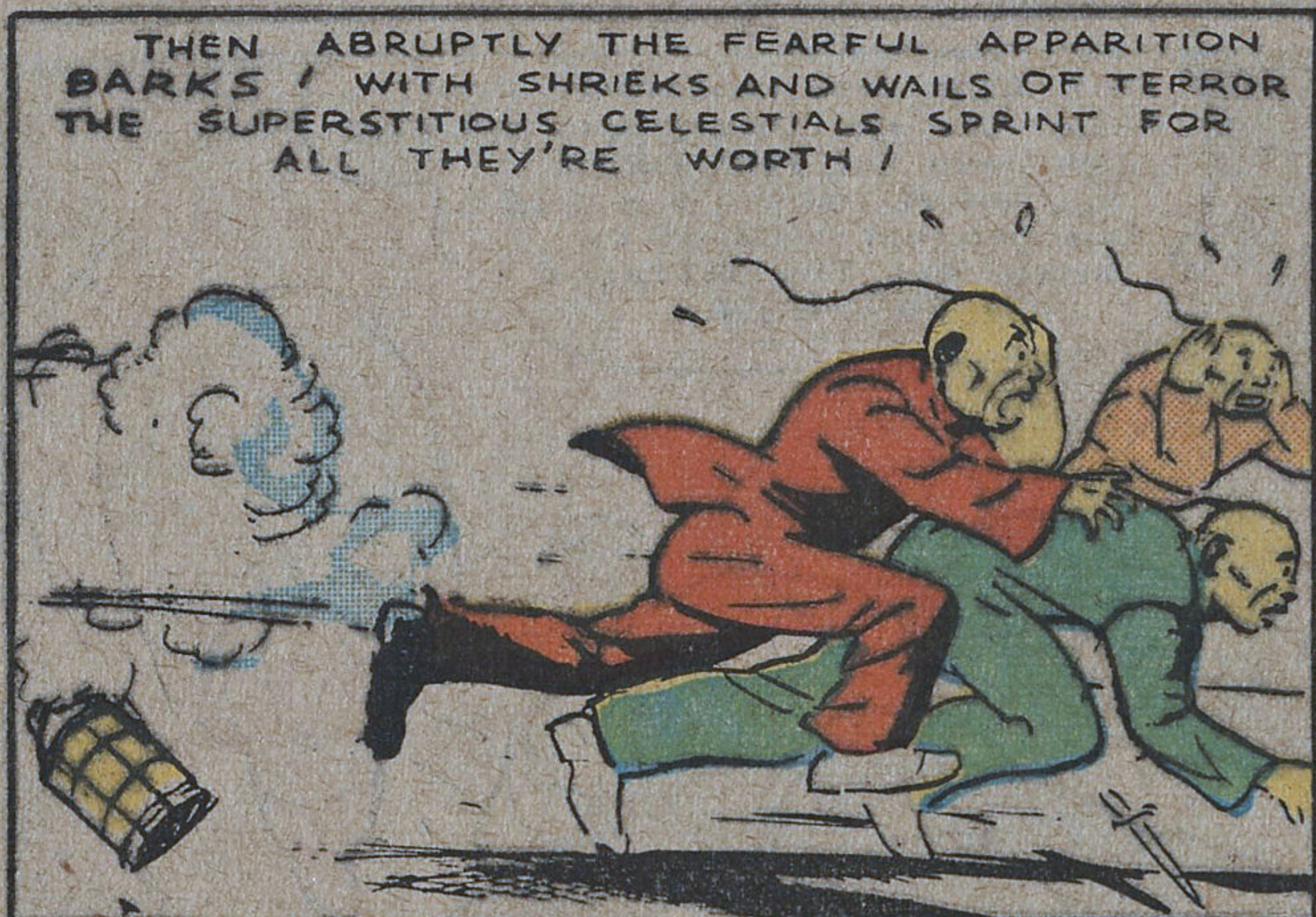
BE QUIET! OUR LIVES MAY DEPEND ON THIS!



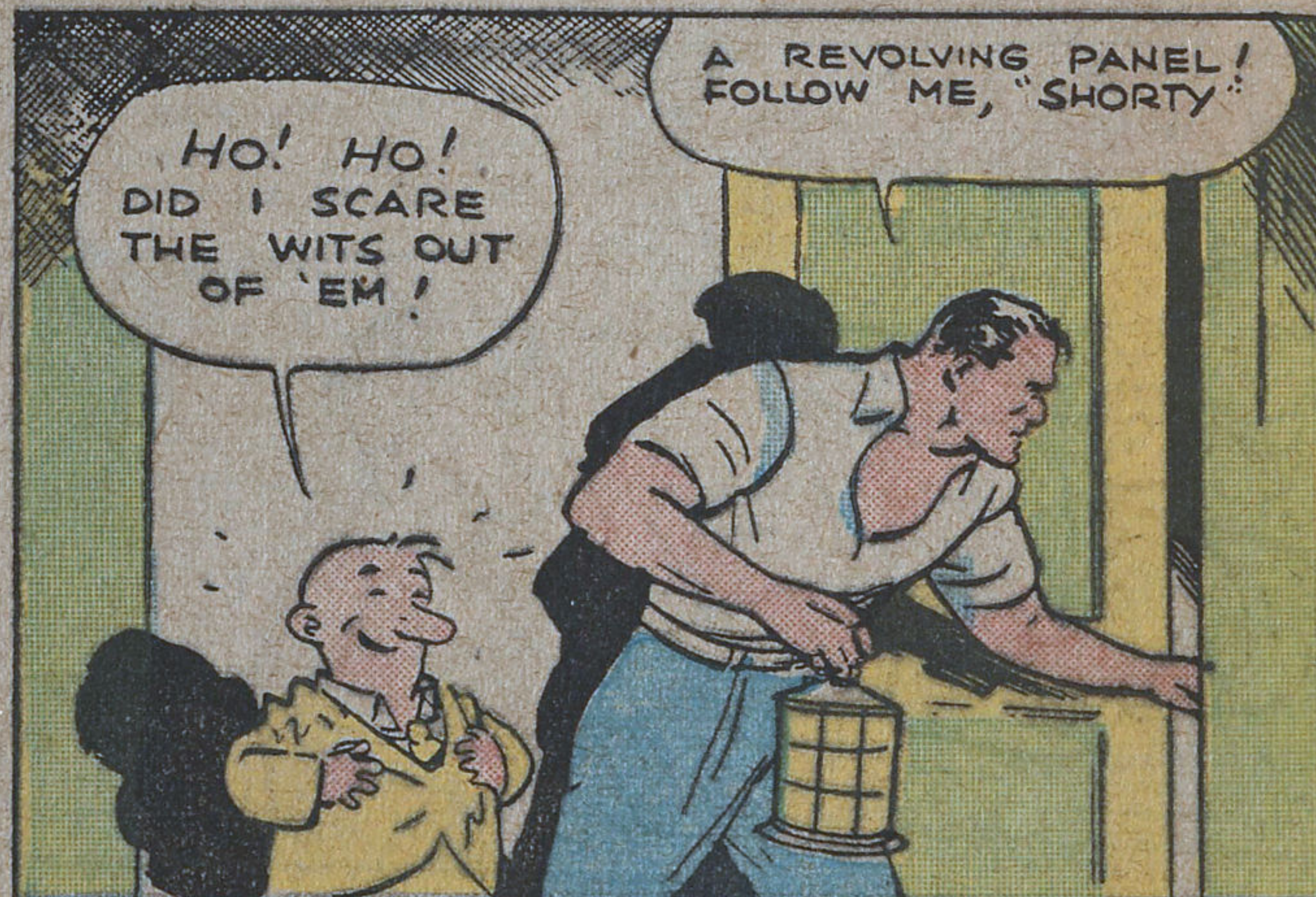
REMEMBER THE MASTER'S ORDERS! SHOW NO MERCY TO THE FOREIGN DEVILS-- CUT THEM DOWN ON SIGHT!



THE QUESTING HATCHET-MEN SUDDENLY COME FACE-TO-FACE WITH A TERRIFYING, GHASTLY VISION FOR A MOMENT THEY STAND STUNNED--

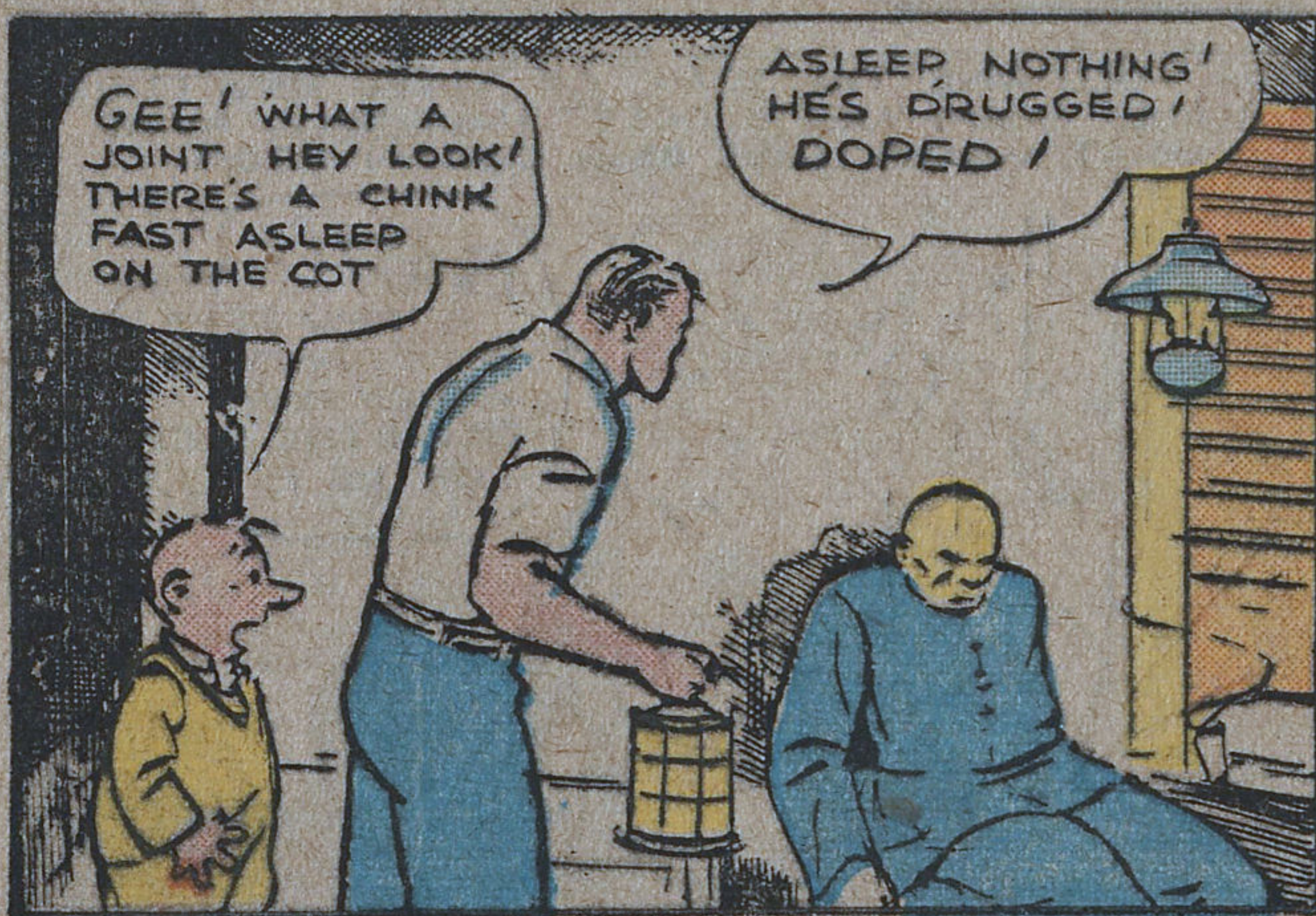


THEN ABRUPTLY THE FEARFUL APPARITION BARKS! WITH SHRIEKS AND WAILS OF TERROR THE SUPERSTITIOUS CELESTIALS SPRINT FOR ALL THEY'RE WORTH!



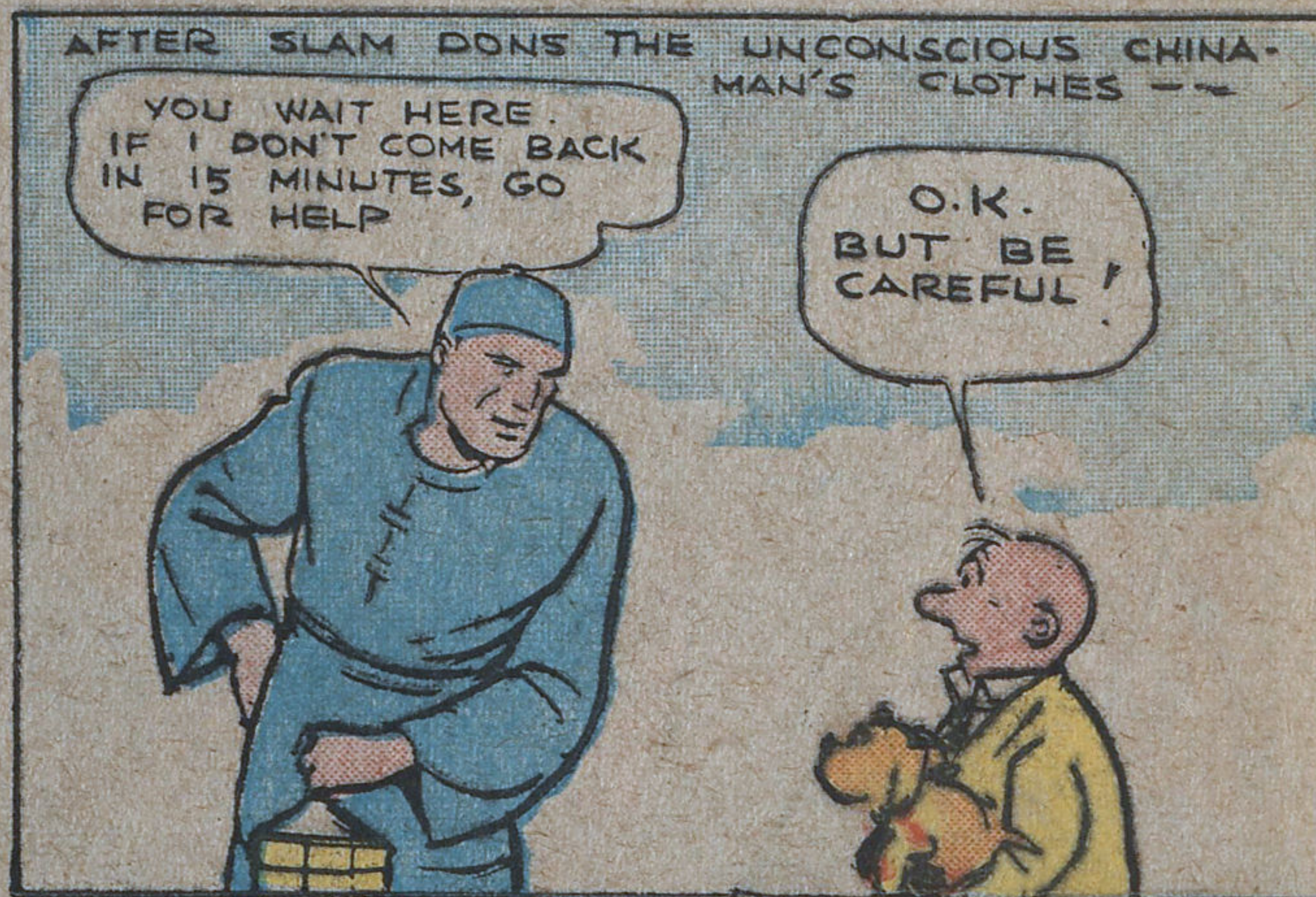
HO! HO! DID I SCARE THE WITS OUT OF 'EM!

A REVOLVING PANEL! FOLLOW ME, "SHORTY!"



GEE! WHAT A JOINT! HEY LOOK! THERE'S A CHINK FAST ASLEEP ON THE COT

ASLEEP NOTHING! HE'S DRUGGED! DOPED!



AFTER SLAM DONS THE UNCONSCIOUS CHINA-MAN'S CLOTHES--

YOU WAIT HERE. IF I DON'T COME BACK IN 15 MINUTES, GO FOR HELP

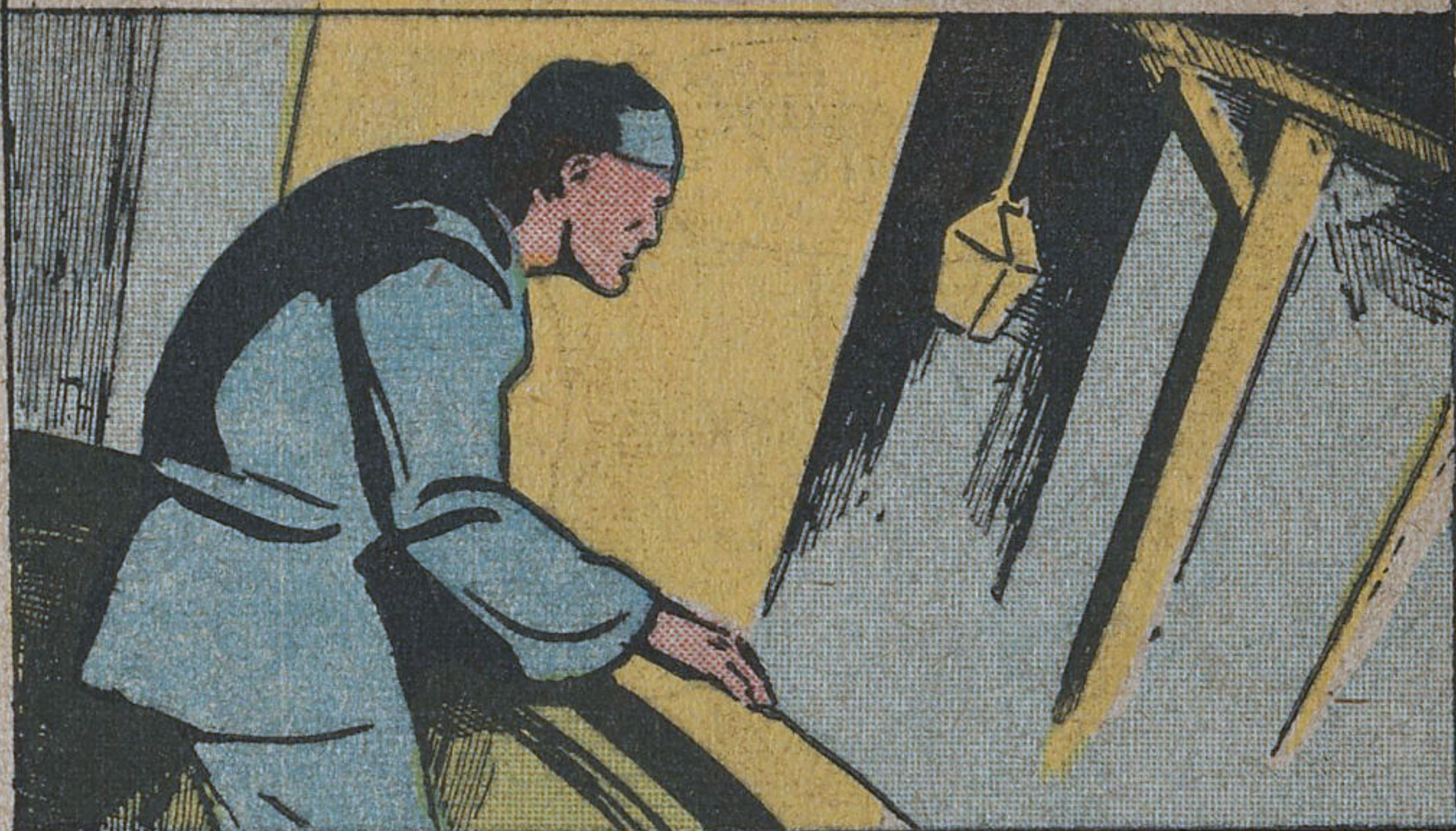
O.K. BUT BE CAREFUL!

A FEW MOMENTS AFTER SLAM STEALS FROM THE ROOM

LOOK, MIMI,
A DOOR! --
LET'S SEE WHAT'S
BEHIND IT!



MEANWHILE -- LOOKING DOWN FROM ATOP A HIGH BANNISTER SLAM FINDS HE HAS COME TO THE END OF HIS SEARCH



WHAT
SLAM
SAW
!

MAY I REMIND YOU THAT
I, FUJ ONYU, AM NOT TO
BE TRIFLED WITH? IF YOU
DO AS I DIRECT YOU
WILL SAVE YOURSELF
UNBEARABLE WOE



WILL YOU SIGN
THIS PAPER OR
MUST I PERMIT
MY TORTURERS
TO PURSUE THEIR
PROFESSION?

I'LL SIGN
NOTHING!

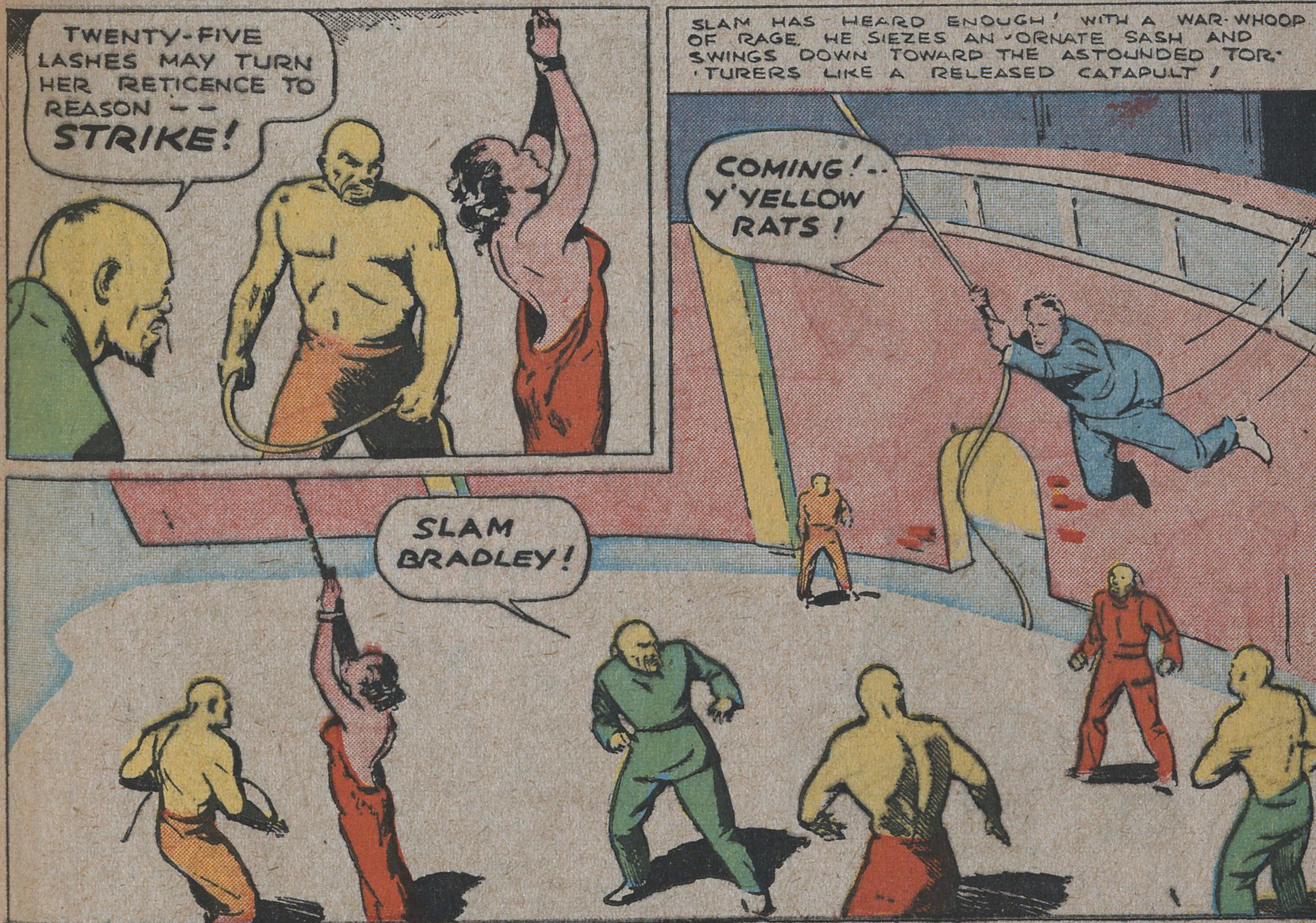


TWENTY-FIVE
LASHES MAY TURN
HER RETICENCE TO
REASON --
STRIKE!

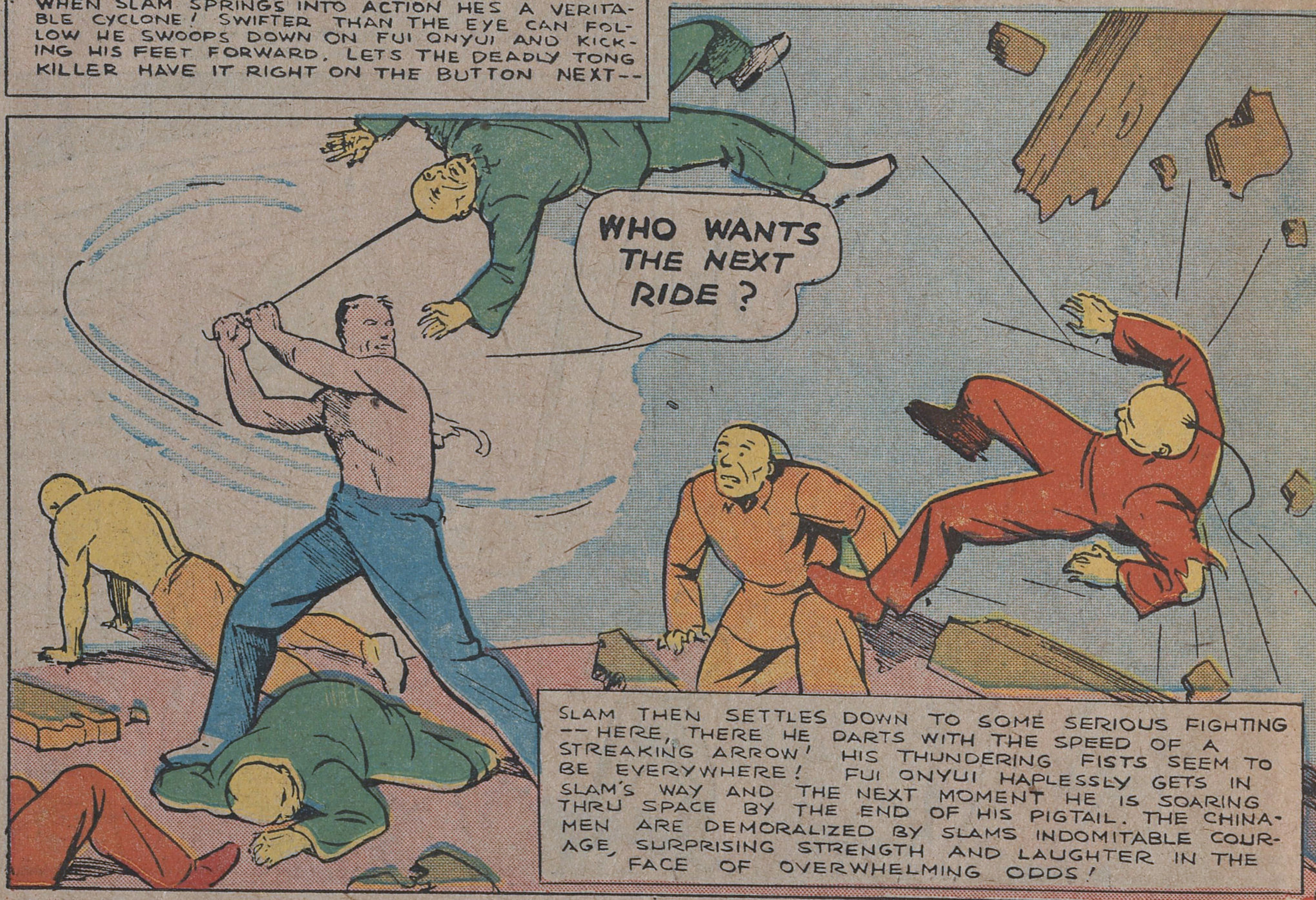
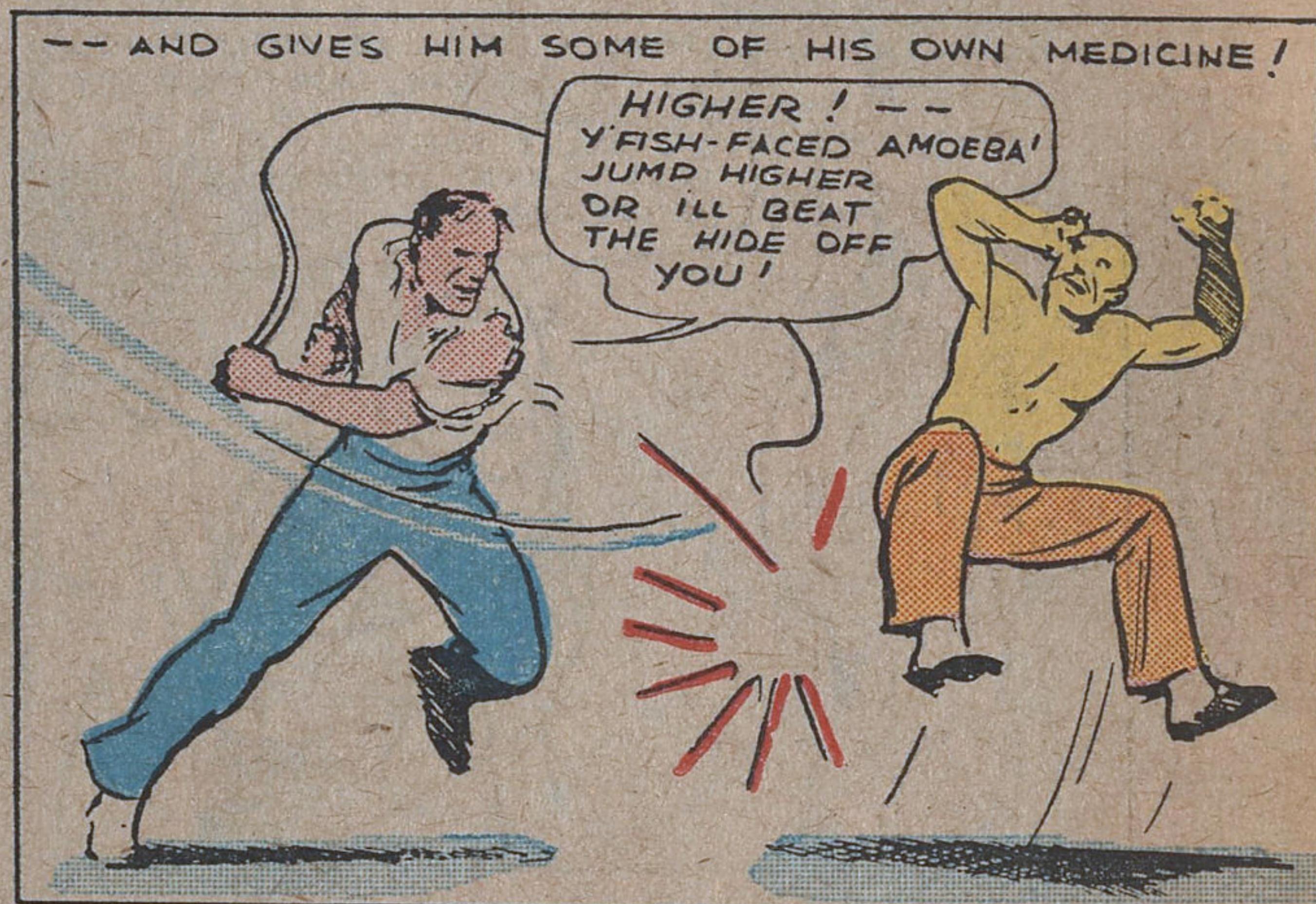
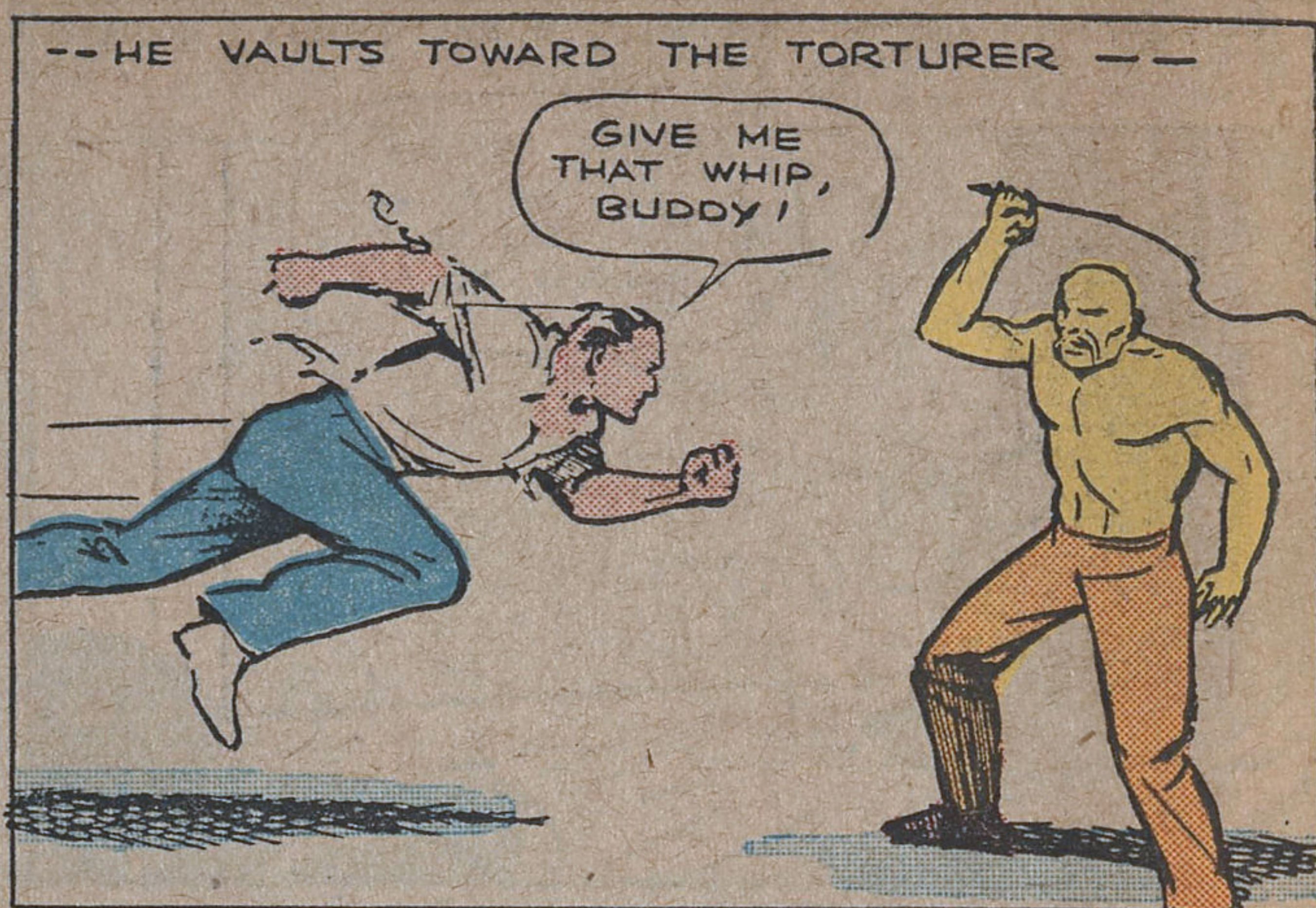


SLAM HAS HEARD ENOUGH! WITH A WAR-WHOOP
OF RAGE, HE SIEZES AN ORNATE SASH AND
SWINGS DOWN TOWARD THE ASTOUNDED TOR-
TURERS LIKE A RELEASED CATAPULT!

COMING! --
Y'YELLOW
RATS!



SLAM
BRADLEY!



CURIOSLY OPENING A CLOSET-DOOR "SHORTY" PEERS DIRECTLY INTO A TERRIFYING FACE INSTANTLY HE DIVES FOR COVER!

O.O.O.H!

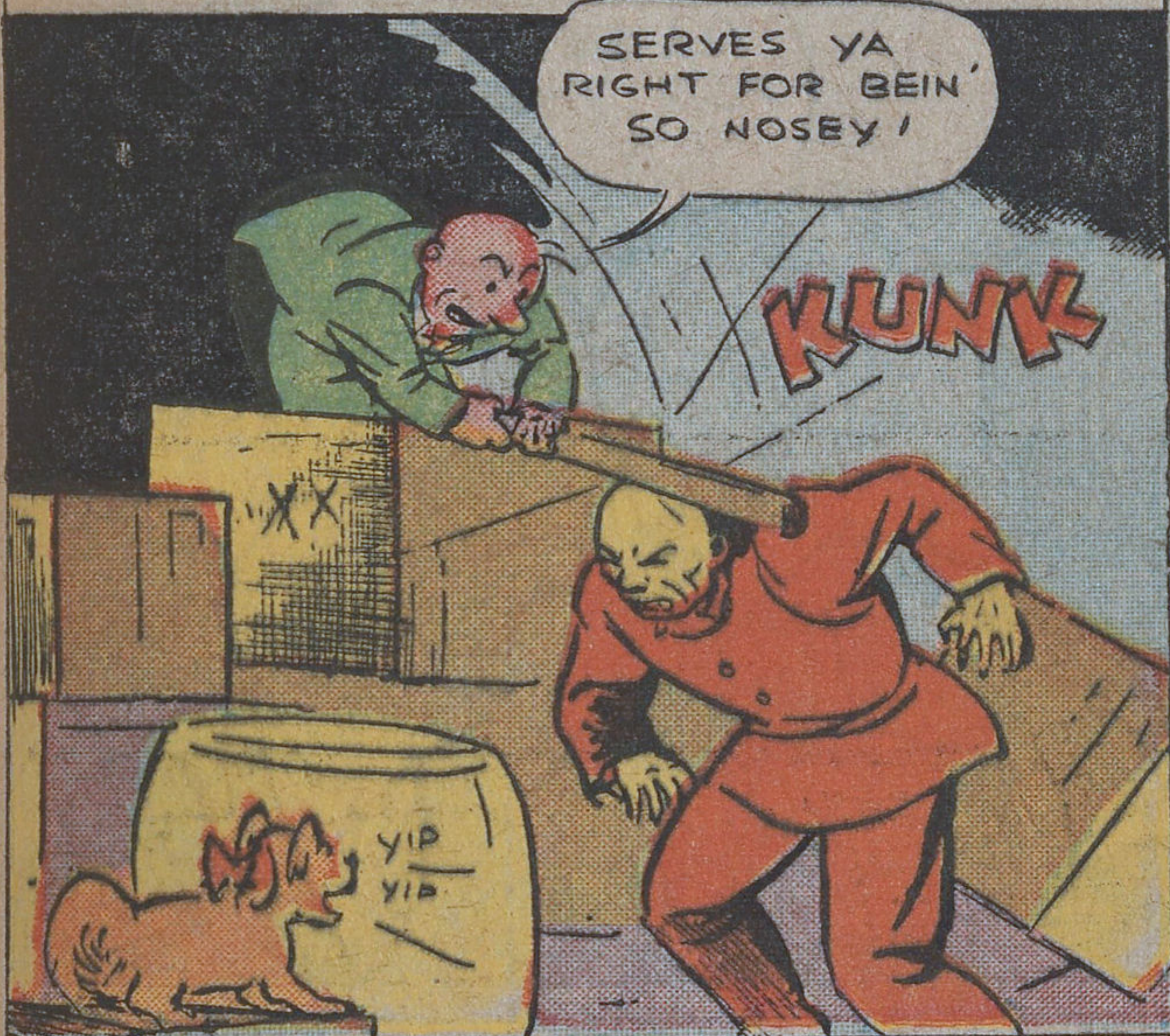


MEANWHILE

THE ALARMED SENTINEL SMILES CRAFTILY TO HIMSELF AS HE HEARS A MUFFLED BARK FROM A NEARBY BOX. BUT AS HE LIFTS HIS HATCHET --

SERVES YA RIGHT FOR BEIN' SO NOSEY!

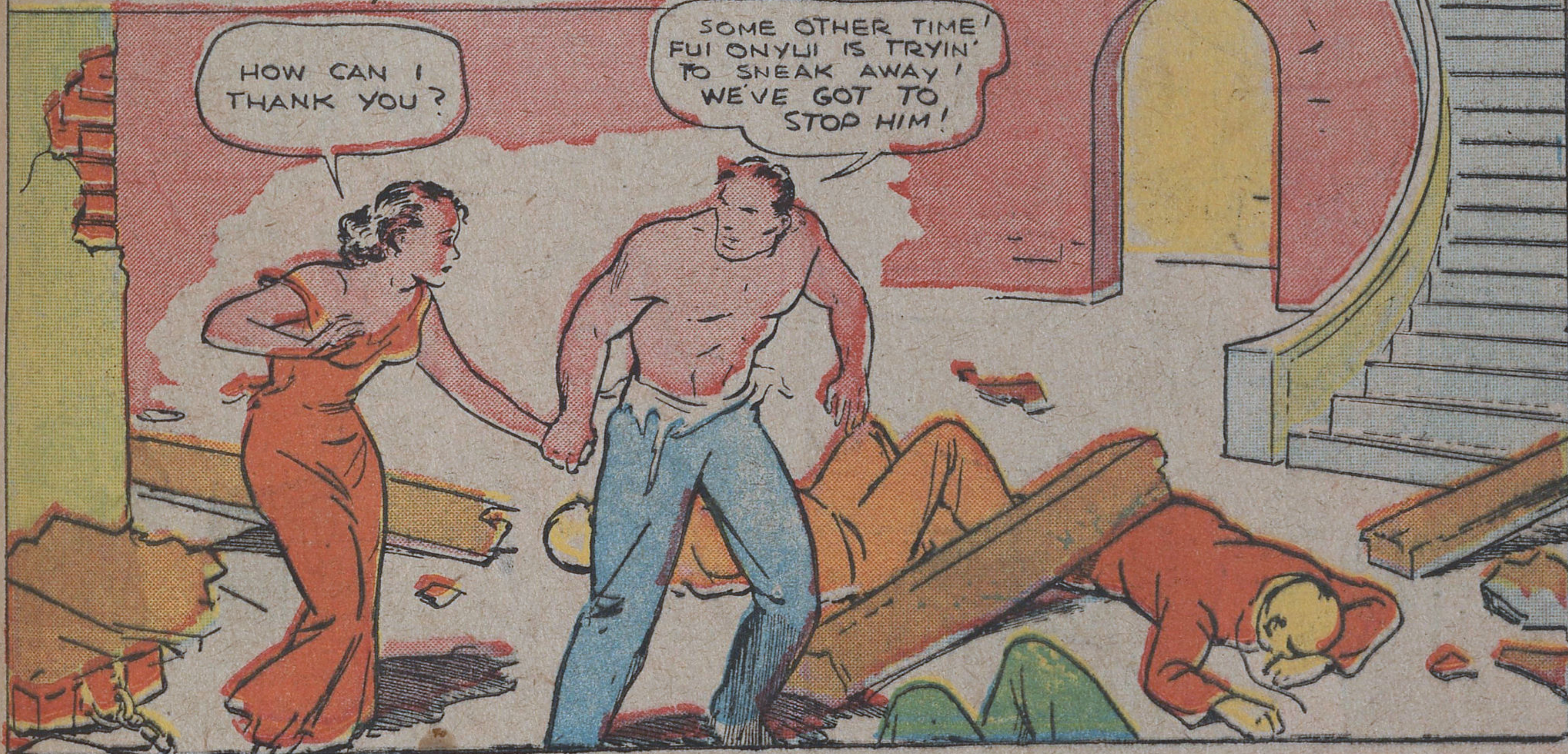
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THE CHINKS ROUTED, SLAM FREES RITA.

HOW CAN I THANK YOU?

SOME OTHER TIME! FUI ONYU IS TRYIN' TO SNEAK AWAY! WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!



WHAT A SAD I AM! THAT MUST HAVE BEEN MY OWN FACE REFLECTED IN A MIRROR -- OH-OH! SOME ONE HEARD ME AN' IS COMIN'

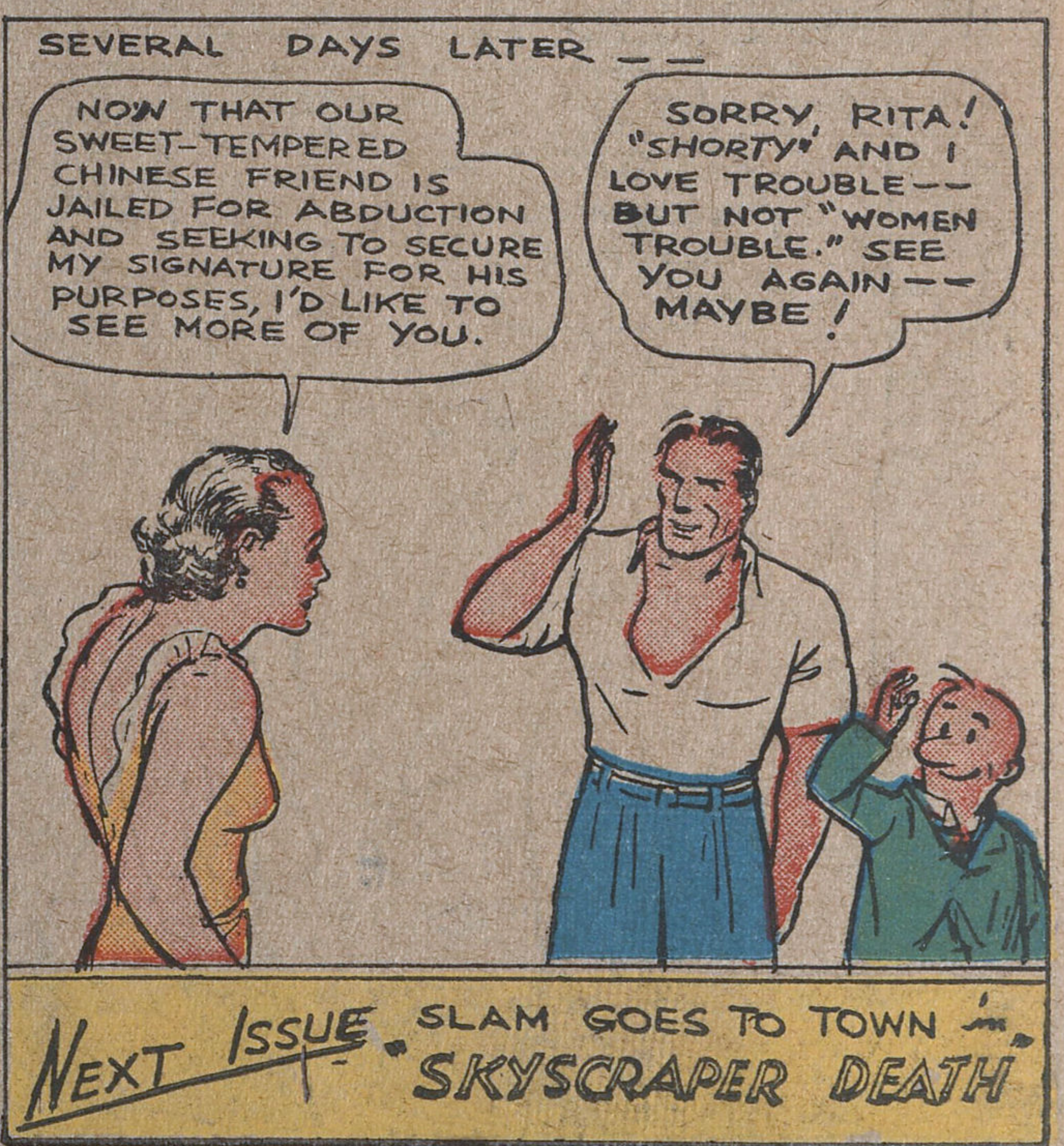
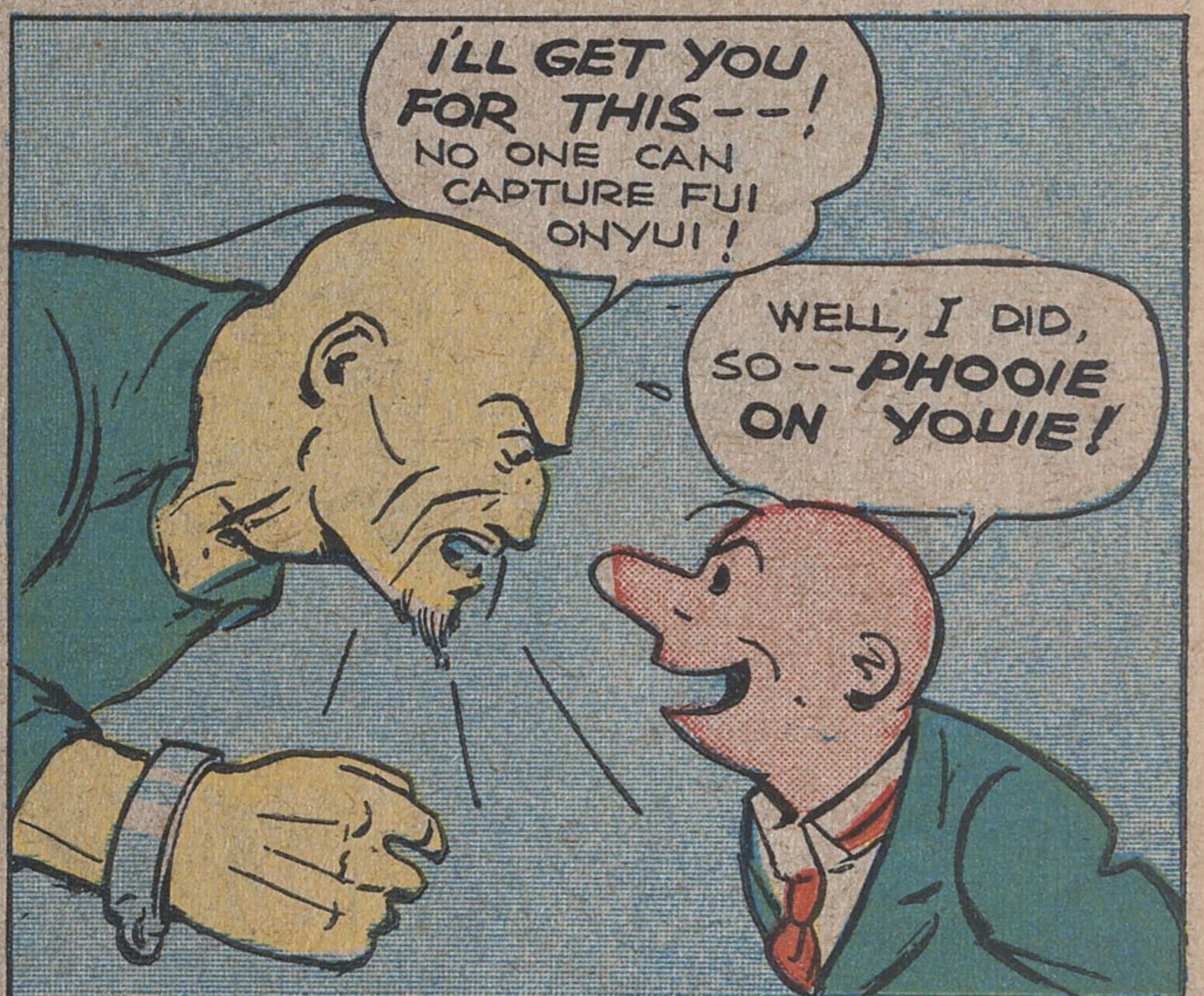
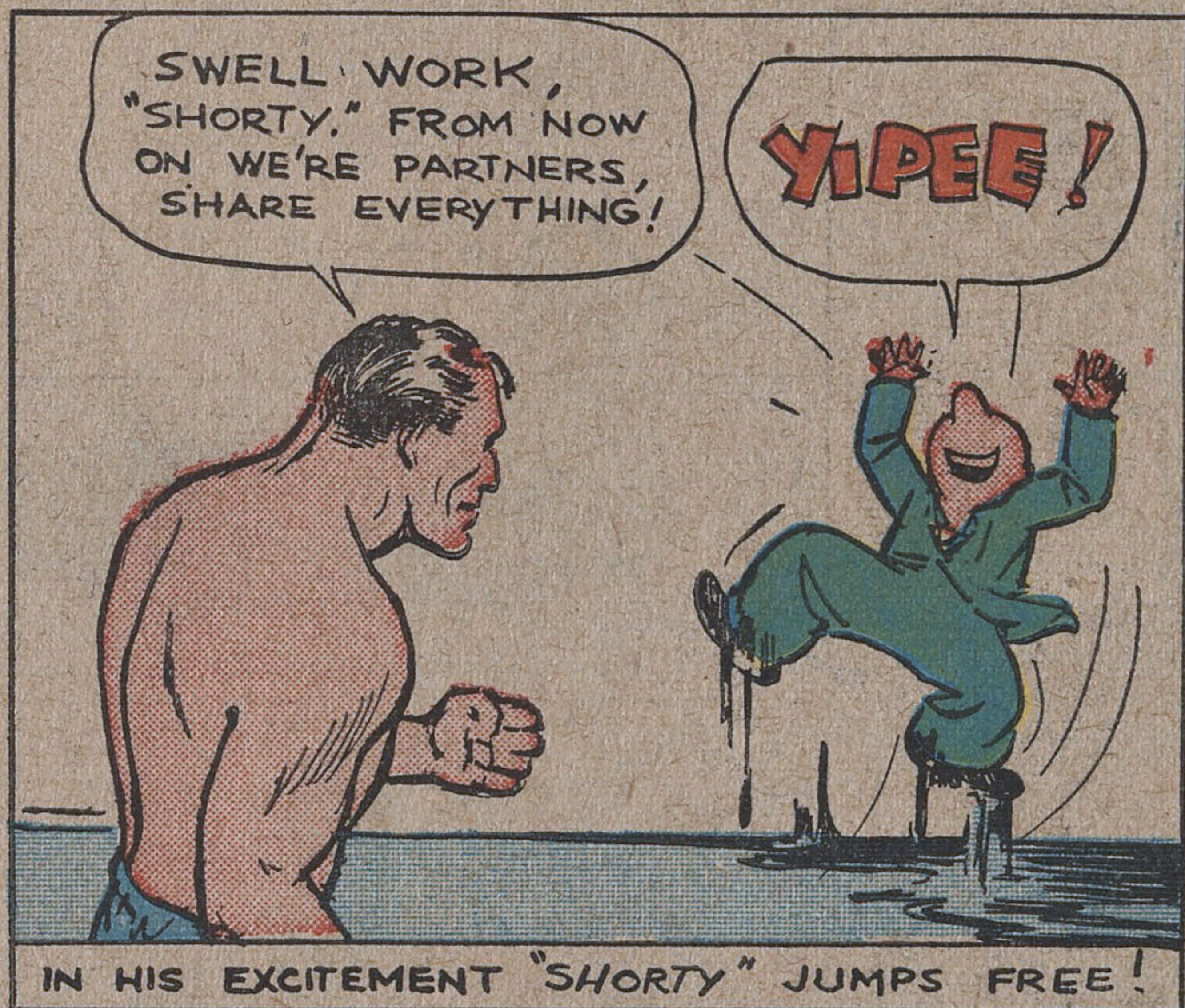
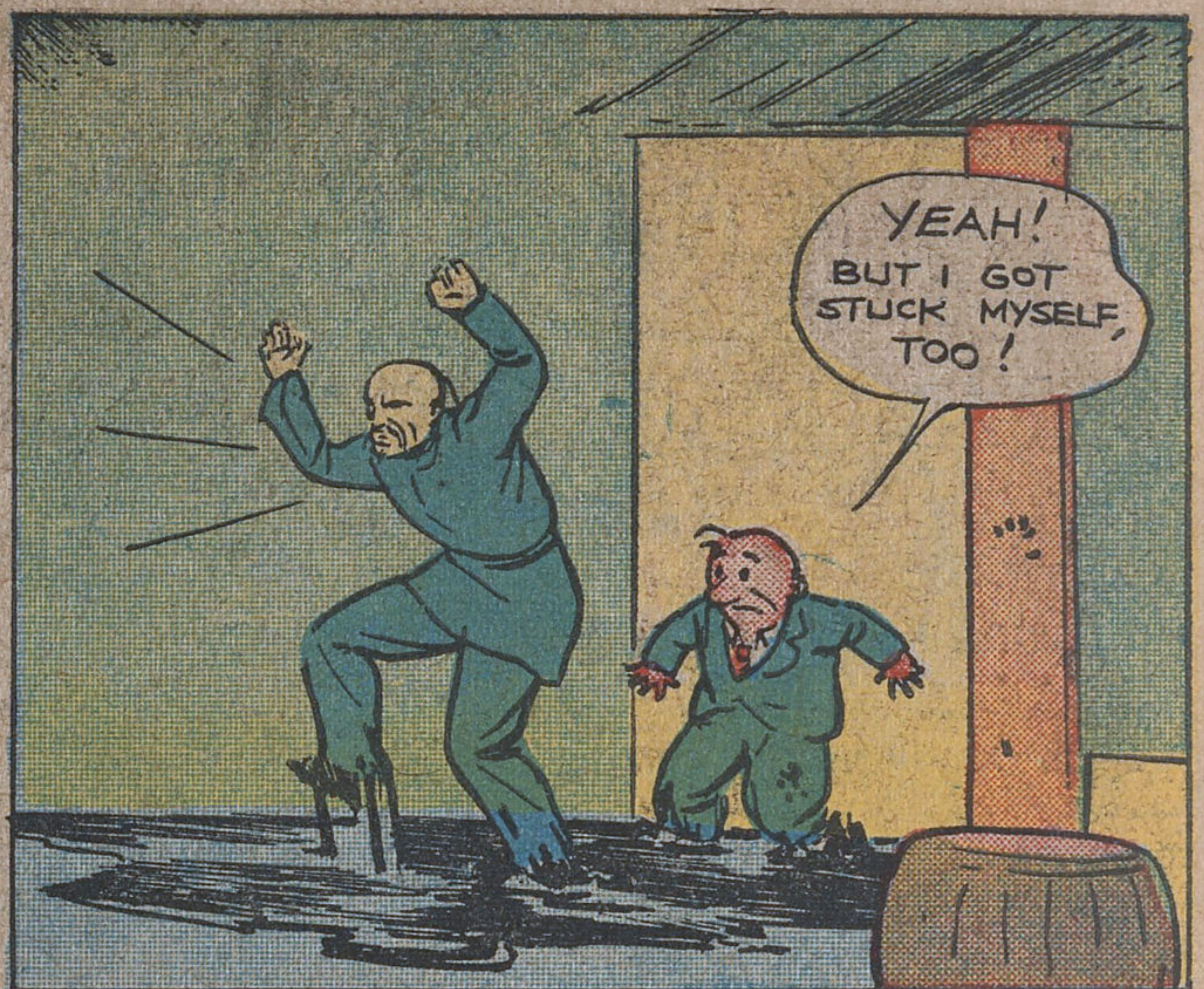
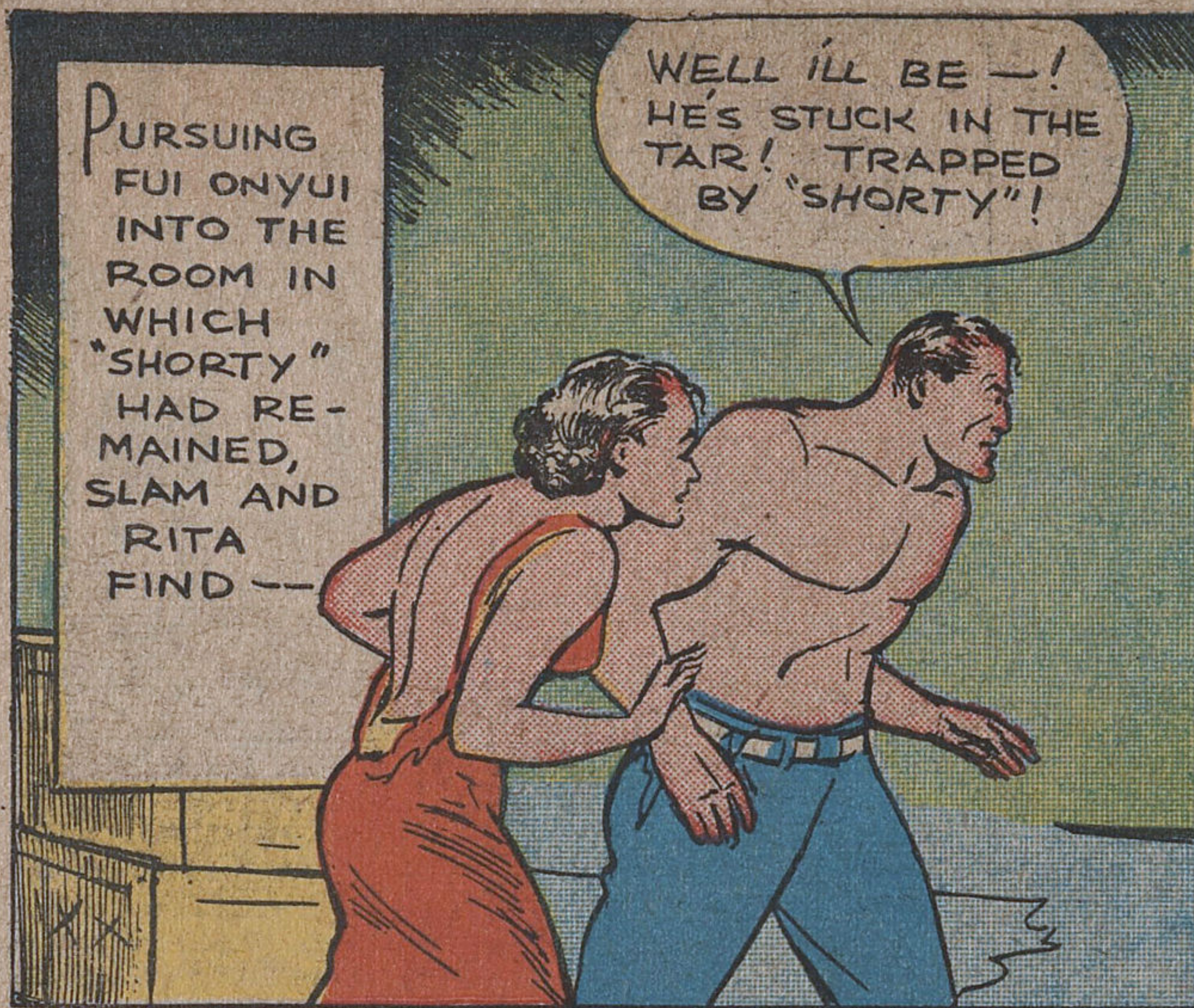


"SHORTY" HAS AN INSPIRATION HOW HE CAN DEMONSTRATE HIS SCIENTIFIC METHODS TO SLAM

HE POURS SOME TAR HE FINDS IN THE STORE-ROOM UPON A FOOTPRINT ON THE FLOOR IN AN ATTEMPT TO EMULATE THE FEATS OF G-MEN

THIS IS WHAT I CALL USIN' MY BRAINS

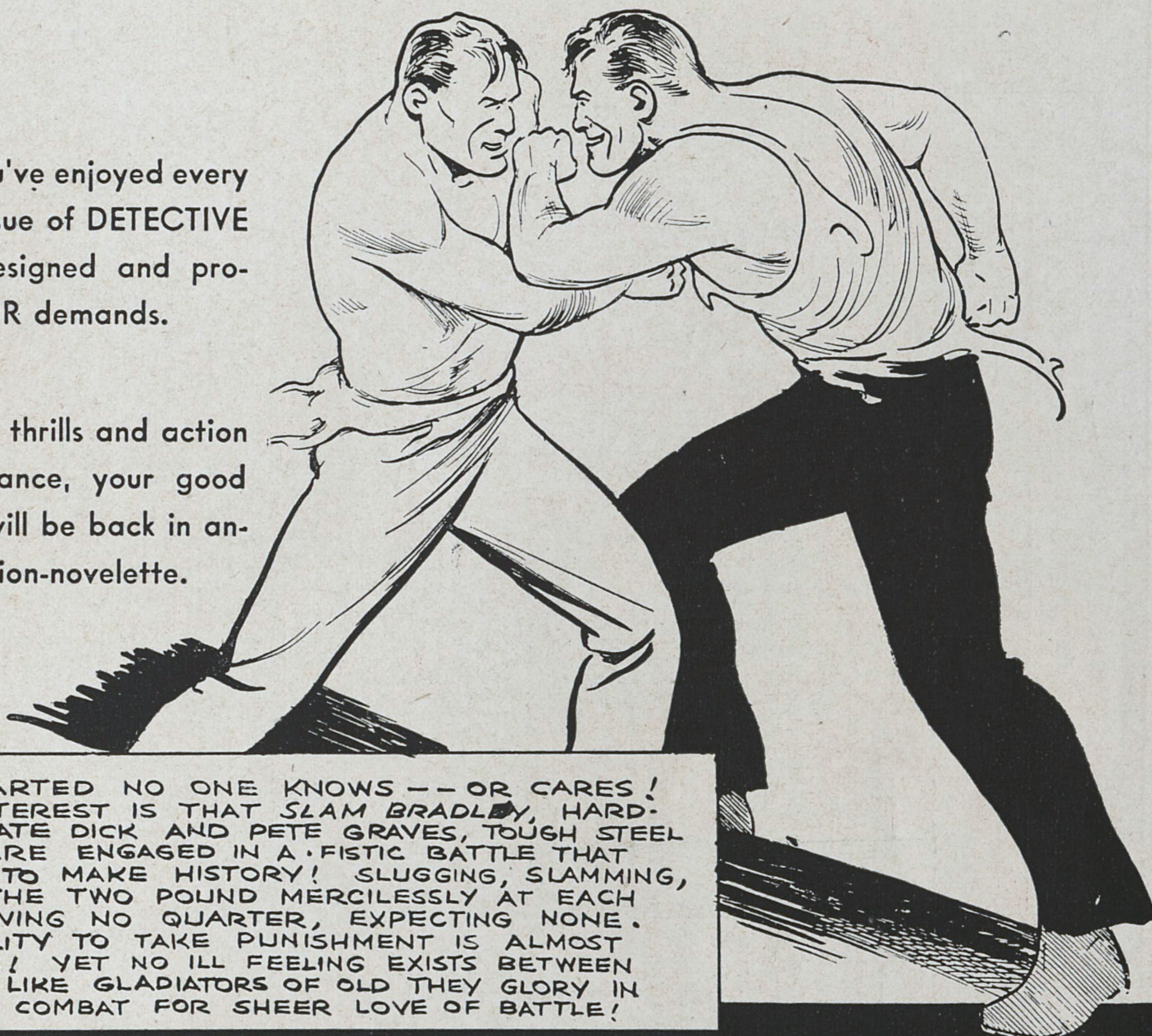




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HOW IT STARTED NO ONE KNOWS -- OR CARES! OF SOLE INTEREST IS THAT SLAM BRADLEY, HARD-BOILED PRIVATE DICK AND PETE GRAVES, TOUGH STEEL WORKER, ARE ENGAGED IN A FISTIC BATTLE THAT THREATENS TO MAKE HISTORY! SLUGGING, SLAMMING, SOCKING, THE TWO POUND MERCILESSLY AT EACH OTHER, GIVING NO QUARTER, EXPECTING NONE. THEIR ABILITY TO TAKE PUNISHMENT IS ALMOST MIRACULOUS! YET NO ILL FEELING EXISTS BETWEEN THE TWO. LIKE GLADIATORS OF OLD THEY GLORY IN THE COMBAT FOR SHEER LOVE OF BATTLE!

ASK FOR IT BY NAME!

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