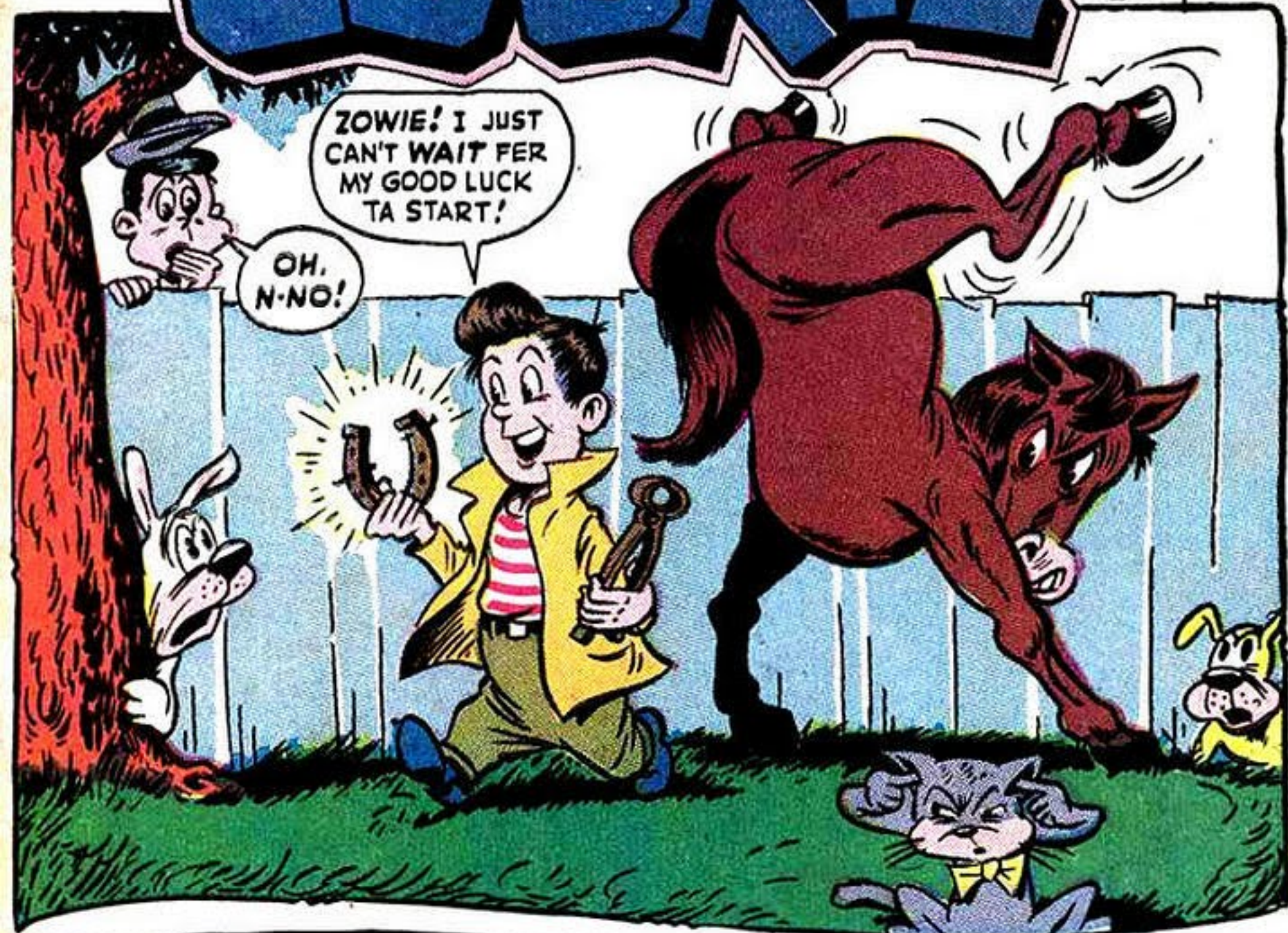


COOKIE

Langdon.



ZOWIE! I JUST CAN'T WAIT FER MY GOOD LUCK TA START!

OH, N-NO!

I HEAR COOKIE LOST HIS TICKET TONIGHT --AN' HIS OL' MAN WON'T ADVANCE ANY MORE DOUGH!

AN' ZOOT LIKES THAT--DON'TCHA, HEEL?

WHY NOT? IT MEANS THAT FER ONCE I'LL HAVE ANGELPUSS ALL TA MYSELF--WITHOUT THAT ICKEY AROUND!

WHY DON'TCHA TRY GETTIN' A JOB FER THE AFTER-NOON, COOKIE? THAT WAY YA'D HAVE THE MONEY FER ANOTHER TICKET!

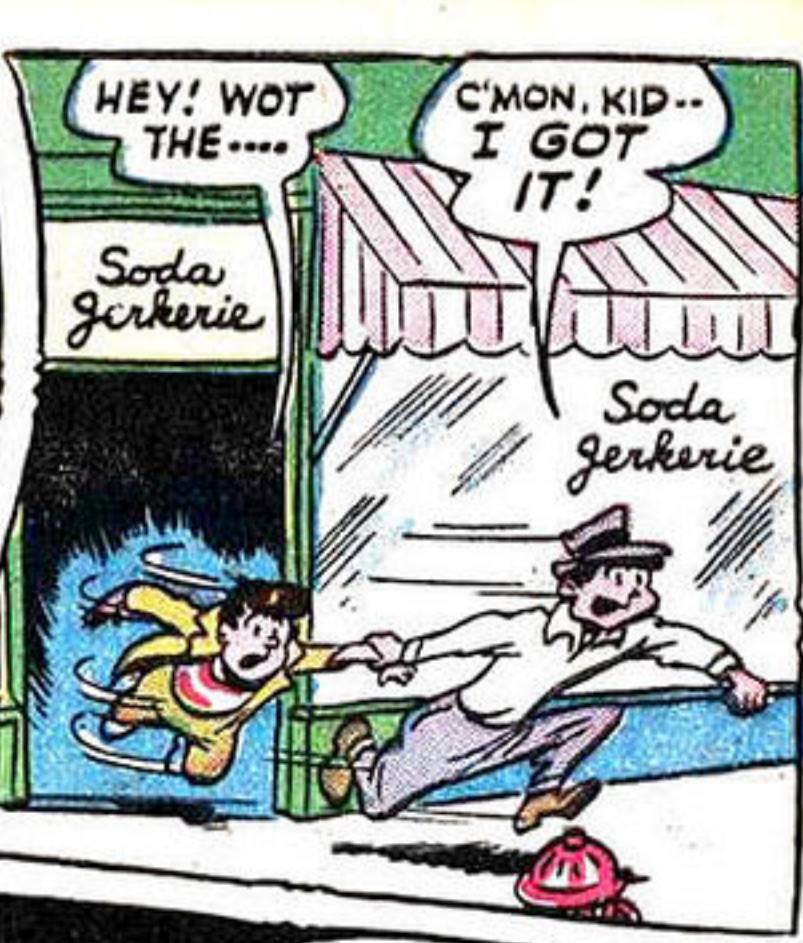
AW, JITTERBUCK, I TRIED THAT-- BUT THEY ALL TELL ME I GOTTA JOIN A UNION OR SUMP'N! IT'S NO USE--THAT DANCE IS JUST OUT!





STOO BAD YER NOT A GIRL, COOKIE! I HAPPEN TA KNOW MRS. DINKLEBOTTOM'S LOOKIN' FER SOME DAME TA MIND HER BRAT THIS AFTERNOON!

IDEA



HEY! WOT THE....

C'MON, KID.. I GOT IT!

Soda Jerkerie

Soda Jerkerie



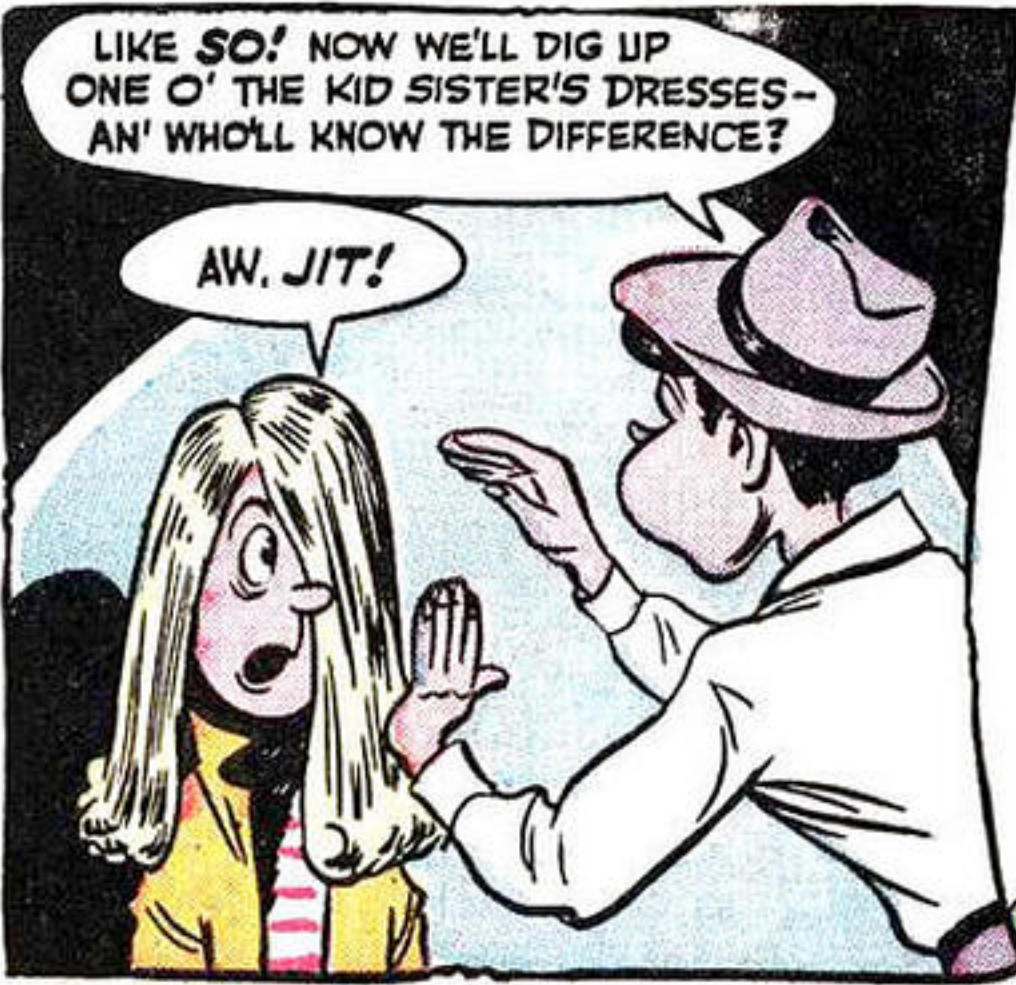
YEAH — BUT I DON'T GET IT! WOT'S BEIN' UP IN YER ATTIC GOTTA DO WITH ME GOIN' TA THE DANCE TONIGHT?

YA REMEMBER THAT MASQUERADE LAST YEAR WHEN MOM WENT AS VERONICA LAKE?



YEAH, BUT---

NO "BUTS" ABOUT IT, COOKIE! YER ABOUT TA BE ONE O' THE TOWN'S BEST "WOIKING GOILS" FER THE AFTERNOON! GET IT?



LIKE SO! NOW WE'LL DIG UP ONE O' THE KID SISTER'S DRESSES— AN' WHOLL KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

AW, JIT!



IT SURE MAKES MY POOR HEART BLEED TA HEAR THAT COOKIE CAN'T COME TA THE DANCE TONIGHT! YESSIR, IT SURE DOES! HAW-HAW-HAW! BOY, AM I A RAT!



GA!
BABY
WANNA
RIDE
FAST!

PIPE DOWN,
KID! I'M
TIRED!

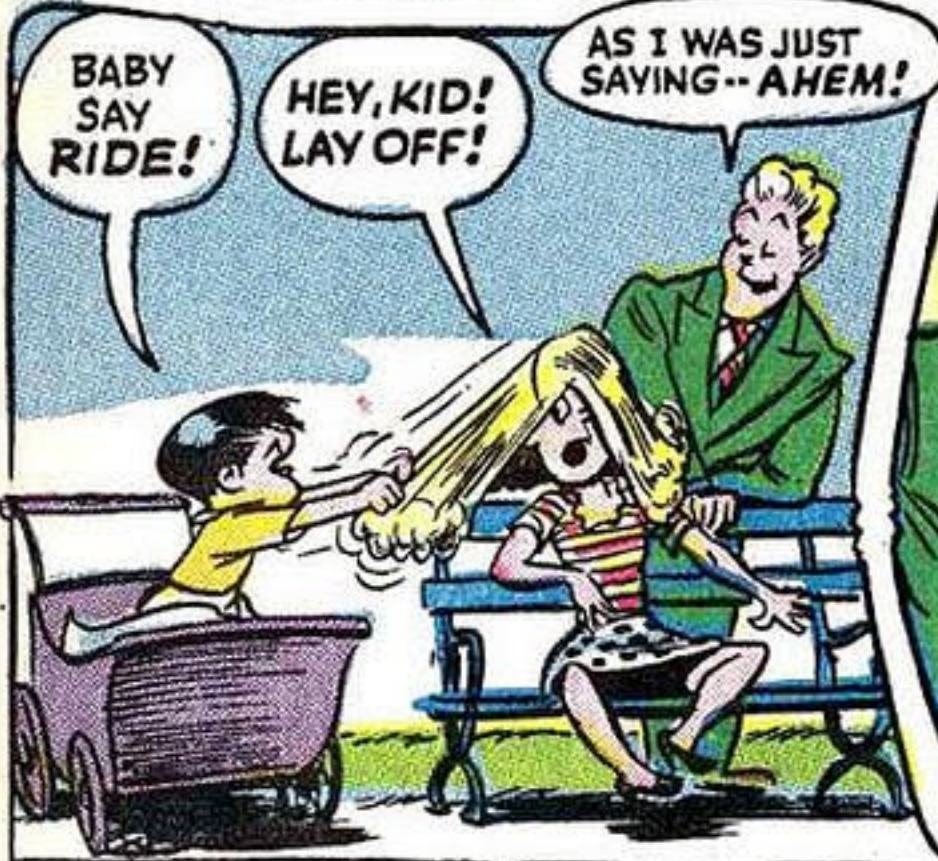
HM-MMM!
SOMETHING
NEW!

OH-OH..
ZOOT!

NOT EXACTLY UP TO MY STANDARD,
BUT THEN ONE CAN'T BE TOO SELFISH
WITH HIS CHARMS!



A-HEM!



BABY
SAY
RIDE!

HEY, KID!
LAY OFF!

AS I WAS JUST
SAYING-- AHEM!



C-COOKIE! A-HA! SO
THAT'S IT! THAT'S HOW
YOU'RE GETTIN' THE MONEY
FER THE DANCE!

SO WOT!
LISTEN, INFANT,
GIMME BACK
MY HAIR
OR I'LL---



POLICE! COPPERS! A
FEMALE IMPERSONATOR!

HALP!



HEH-HEH! I'LL EXPOSE YA--
AN' FIX IT SO'S YA'LL HAFTA
LEAVE TOWN! ...

POLICE!

GR-RRR!
-MY
PAL!

BABY
SAY
FASTER!



OH, THAT'S TOO BAD, MRS. DINKLEBOTTOM! MOTHER WAS SURE YOU'D BE ABLE TO COME TO HER BRIDGE PARTY TONIGHT!

I'M SORRY, ANGELPUSS, BUT I CAN'T POSSIBLY LEAVE THE BABY ALONE!



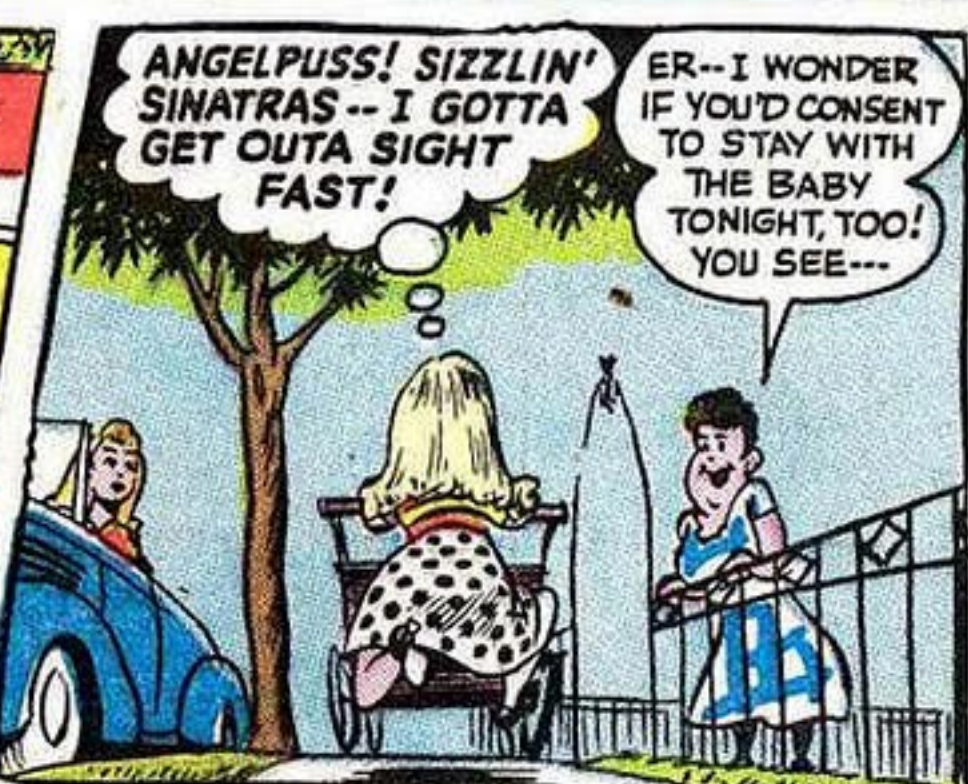
I UNDERSTAND! IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE DANCE TONIGHT, I'D VOLUNTEER TO WATCH HIM MYSELF, BUT---

I WOULDN'T THINK OF IT! I DO HAVE A GIRL FOR THIS AFTERNOON, AND I'M WONDERING IF -- OH, BUT SHE'S NO DOUBT GOING TO THE DANCE TOO!



WHY, HERE SHE COMES NOW!

ASK HER AND SEE!



ANGELPUSS! SIZZLIN' SINATRAS -- I GOTTA GET OUTA SIGHT FAST!

ER-- I WONDER IF YOU'D CONSENT TO STAY WITH THE BABY TONIGHT, TOO! YOU SEE---



HEY, YOU!

ULP! RIGHT NOW IT'S ANYTHING YOU SAY, MRS. DINKLEBOTTOM! JUST LET ME IN THE HOUSE QUICK!

FINE! THEN I'LL TELL MOTHER TO EXPECT YOU, MRS. D!



ZOOT! AND JUST WHY ARE YOU CHASING THAT SWEET LITTLE GIRL, YOU-- YOU WOLF!

BUT I'M TELLIN' YA SHE'S NOT A SWEET LITTLE GIRL! SHE'S A -- SHE'S A --- ANGELPUSS! YOU?

-- AND SHE'S OFFERED TO TAKE CARE OF THE BABY TONIGHT, TOO!

THEN HE-- I MEAN, SHE-- WON'T BE AT THE DANCE! WELL, NOW-- THAT'S ALL RIGHT! YESSIR, THAT'S ALL RIGHT!

That evening---

NIGHTY-NIGHT, MUMSY'S LI'L LOLLIPOP! UMS'LL FINISH UMS' BOTTLE WHILE THIS PITTY LI'L GIRL SINGS UMS A LULLABY! THEN NIGHTY-NIGHT!

YEAH-- ONE SQUAWK AN' PITTY LI'L GIRL WILL BREAK UMS' NECK! I'M TRAPPED... I GOTTA THINK....

MUMSY'S LI'L LOLLIPOP SAY SING! MAKE LIKE BING!

AW, HIT THE SACK, WILLYA, BEFORE I---

FRESH DAME!

BONG!

EVEN BETTER! NOW BABY HEAR BIRDIES SING!

CHEEP!
CHEEP!
CHEEP!
CHEEP!

OH, YEAH? SEZ YOU! HOW COME YER SO SURE COOKIE WON'T BE AT THE DANCE?

BECAUSE I HAPPEN TA KNOW HE'S DOIN' OVERTIME ON THAT JOB HE FOUND TODAY, THAT'S HOW!

HÖLY JIVE!
I GOT COOKIE
INTA THIS -- AN'
HE'LL **MURDER**
ME IF HE DON'T
GET TA THAT
DANCE
TONIGHT!

WELL, CHARACTER, WODDEYA
SAY? IS THERE ANYTHIN'
YA WANT BEFORE I GO
OFF DUTY -- LIKE MAYBE
A LITTLE CYANIDE OR
ARSENIC?

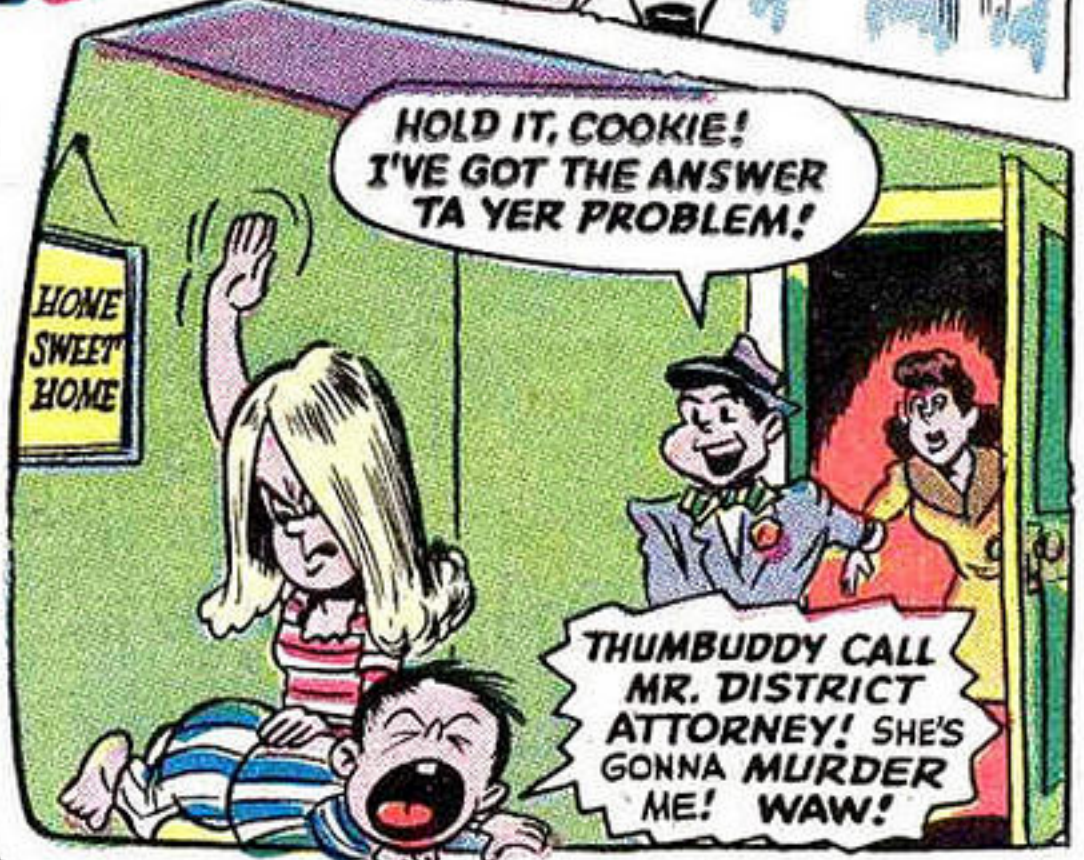
OFF DUTY? HEY,
LOOK -- HOW'S FER DOIN'
ME A FAVOR AN' HELPIN'
COOKIE OUT? HE'S IN
AN **AWFUL JAM**,
AN' ---

OKAY -- OKAY!
I GOT A BIG
HEART -- BUT AN
EMPTY PURSE!
HOW MUCH?



C'MON, VIOLET --
AN' YA KIN
NAME YER
OWN PRICE!

WOTEVER IT
IS, I'M CHARGIN'
TIME AN' A
HALF!



HOLD IT, COOKIE!
I'VE GOT THE ANSWER
TA YER PROBLEM!

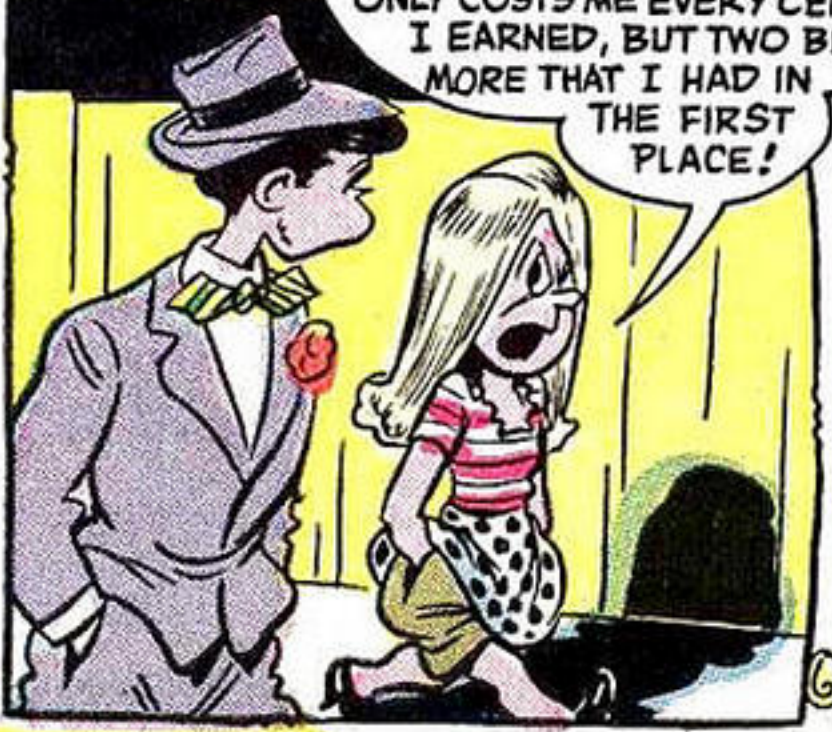
THUMBUDDY CALL
MR. DISTRICT
ATTORNEY! SHE'S
GONNA **MURDER**
ME! **WAW!**

WELL, I FIXED
IT SO'S YA COULD
GET TA THE
DANCE! WHY
THE LONG
FACE?

YEAH, CHUMP -- YA
SURE FIXED IT!
THE REASON I TOOK
THAT JOB WUZ TA EARN
ENOUGH DOUGH TA BUY A
TICKET! AN' YOU COME UP
WITH A SOLUTION THAT NOT
ONLY COSTS ME EVERY CENT
I EARNED, BUT TWO BITS
MORE THAT I HAD IN
THE FIRST PLACE!

HEY -- WAIT A MINUTE!
LOOK! MY TICKET READS
**"LADIES WITH ESCORTS,
FREE!"**

**SO
WOT?**



SO YA KEEP THAT OUTFIT ON-- SO YA GO AS MY GIRL-- SO ONCE WE'RE INSIDE THE JOINT, YA RETURN TA MAN'S ESTATE!

HMMMMM...
COULD BE!

TOWN HALL DANCE TONIGHT



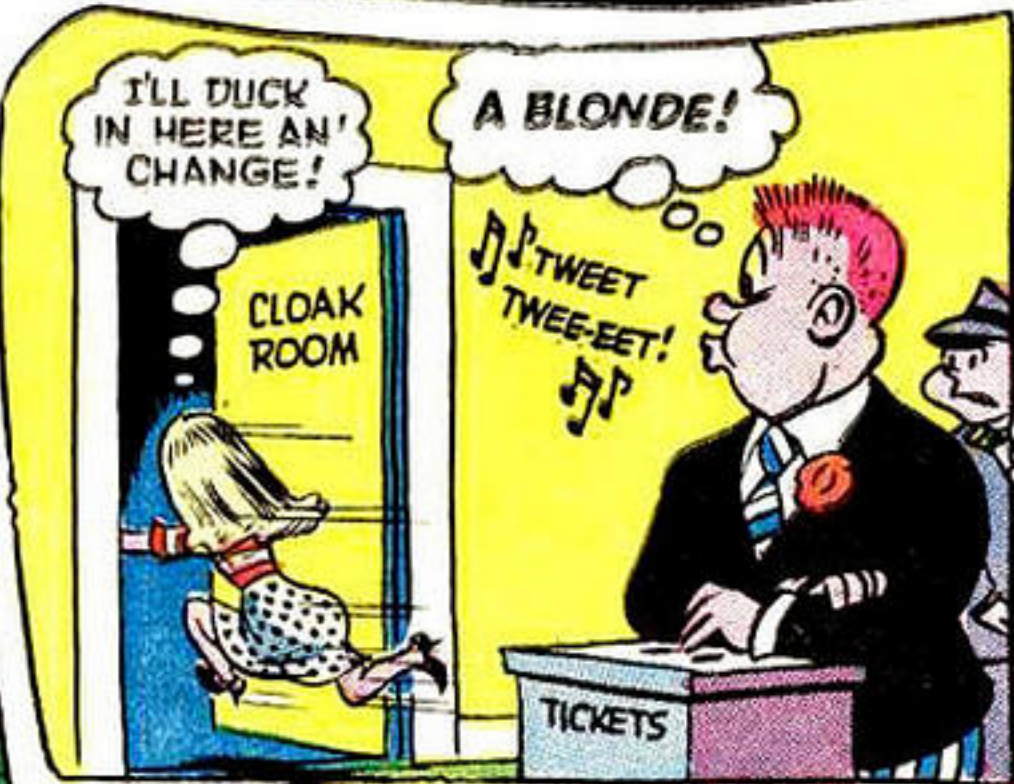
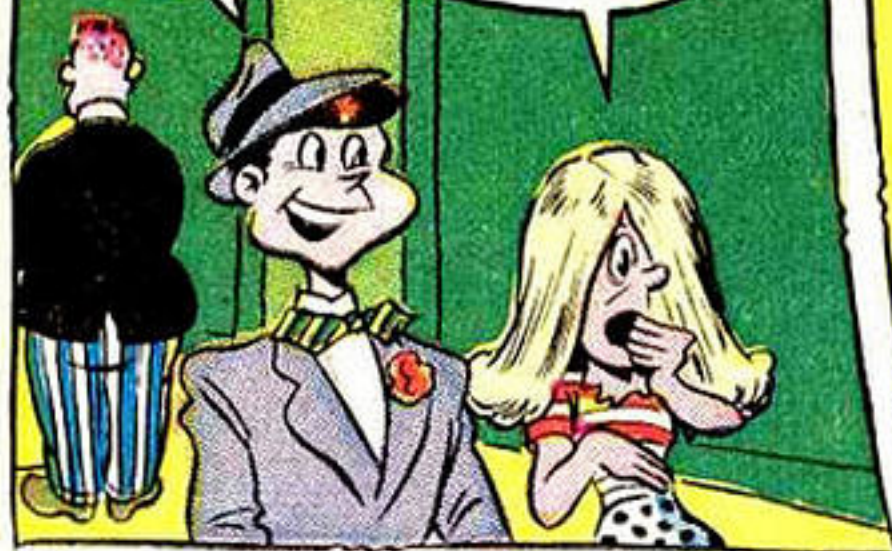
WELL--
WE'RE IN!
A CINCH,
EH?

YIPE! THERE'S
ANGELPUSS-- AN'
Z-ZOOT! IF HE SPOTS
ME IN THIS RIG, I'M
RUINED!

I'LL DUCK
IN HERE AN'
CHANGE!

A BLONDE!

TWEET
TWE-EET!



YA GOTTA
TICKET,
PUNK?

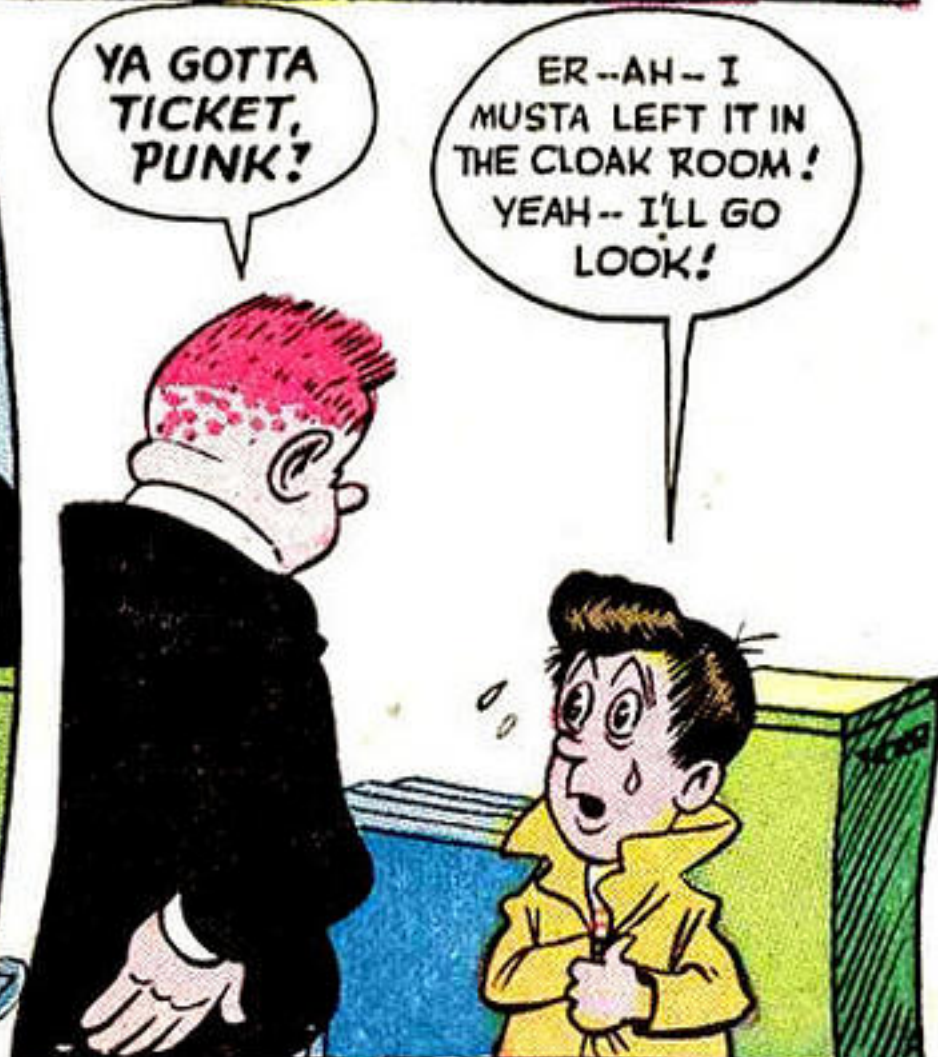
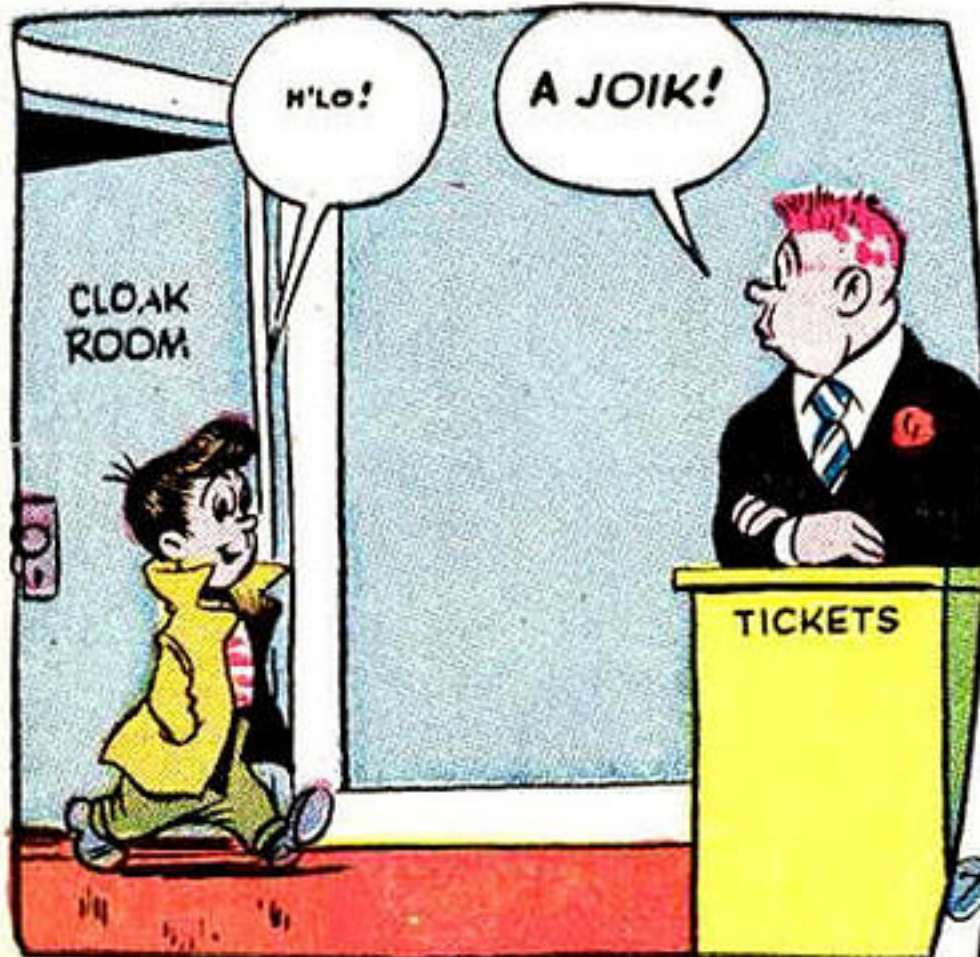
ER--AH-- I
MUSTA LEFT IT IN
THE CLOAK ROOM!
YEAH-- I'LL GO
LOOK!

H'LO!

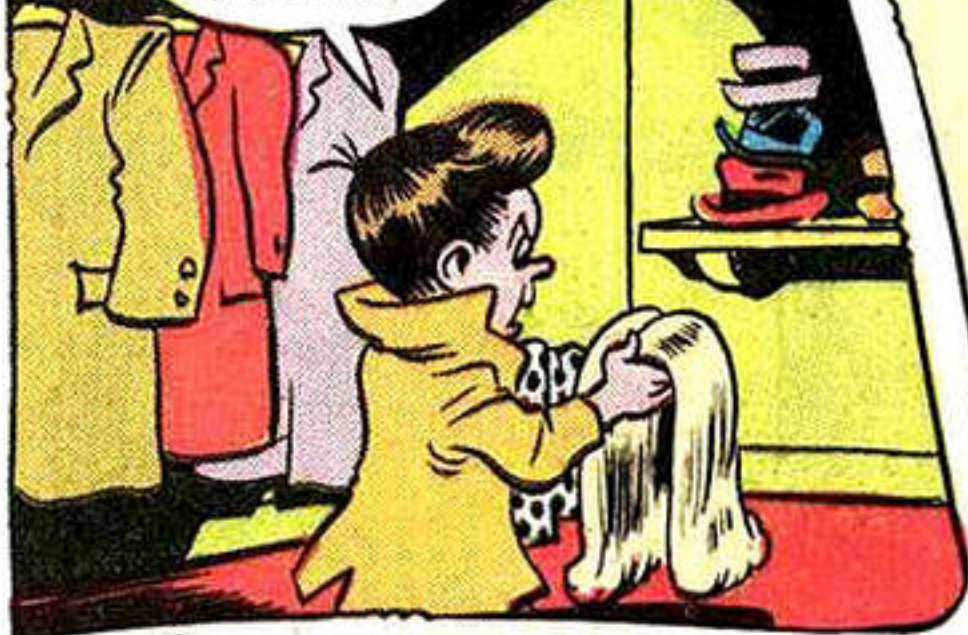
A JOIK!

CLOAK
ROOM

TICKETS

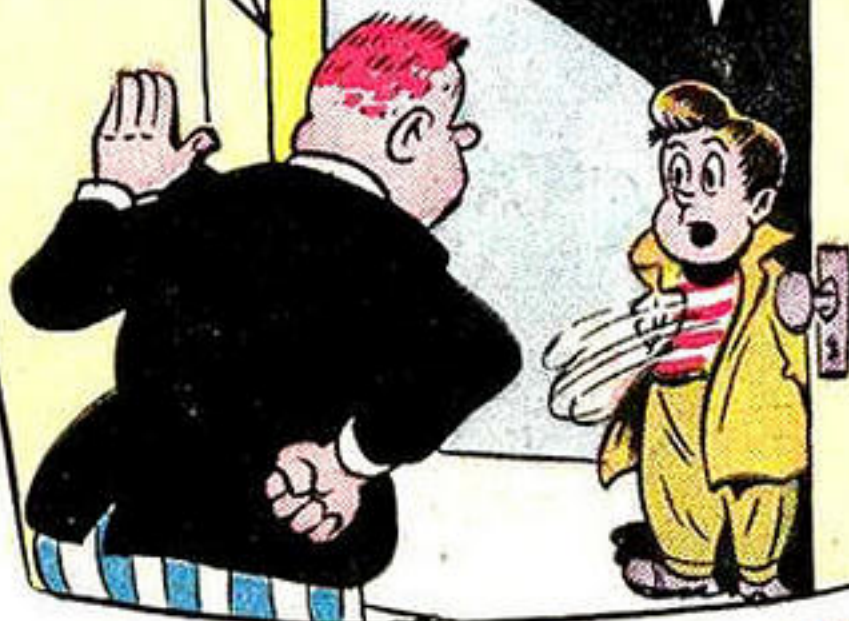


DURN! I'LL JUST HAFTA
GET BACK INTO THIS DISGUISE
AN' CHANGE SOMEPLACE ELSE!
THAT BIG MOOSE WOULD
HAFTA GET IN
MY HAIR!



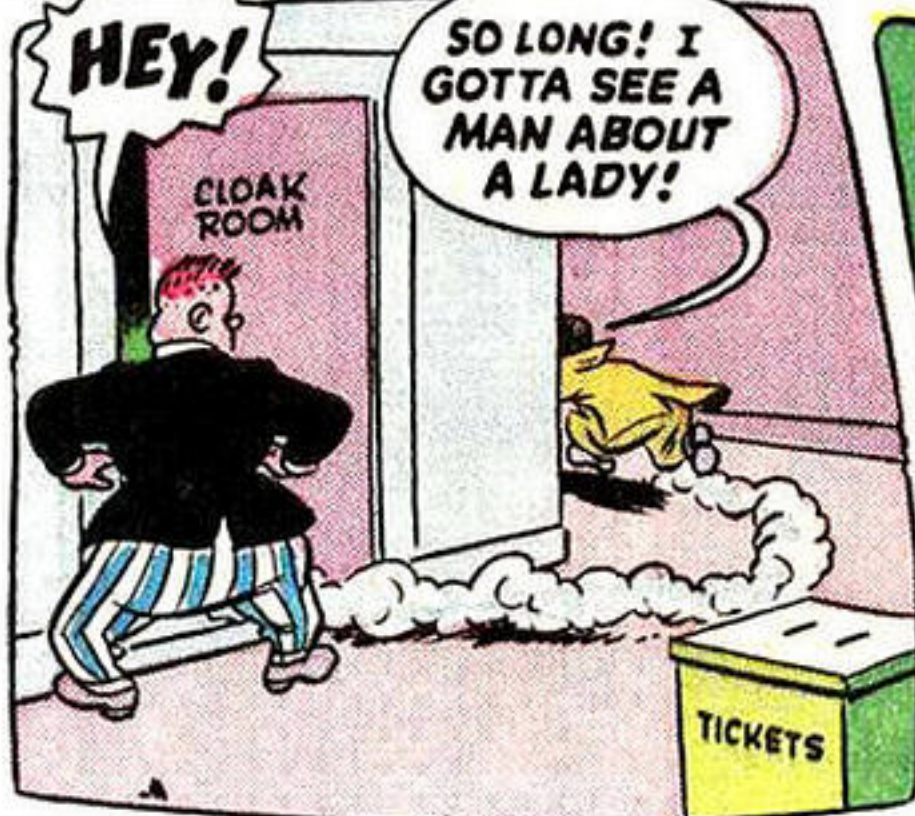
QUIT BEATIN' YER CHOPPERS
AN' PRODUCE DAT TICKET -- OR
I'LL MAKE LIKE A HAND-
GRENADE WIT'CHA! RIGHT
OUT IN DA STREET,
SEE?

WELL--ER--
YA SEE, I..
--ER--
EXCUSE
M-ME!

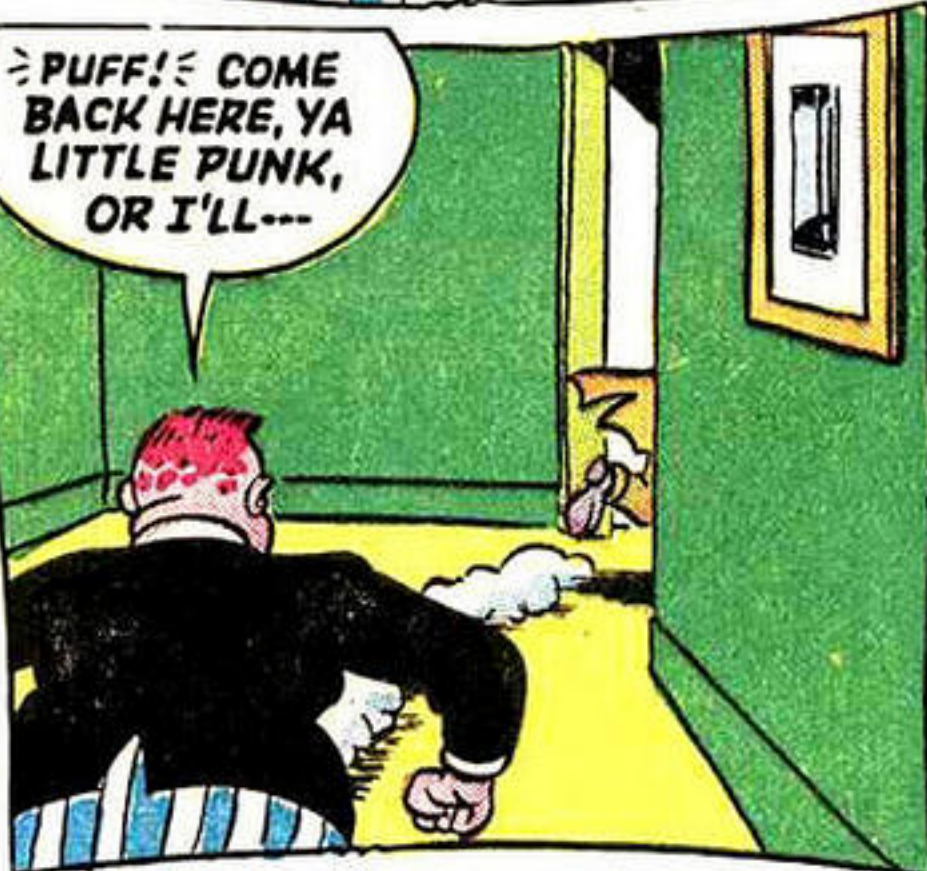


HEY!

SO LONG! I
GOTTA SEE A
MAN ABOUT
A LADY!



PUFF! COME
BACK HERE, YA
LITTLE PUNK,
OR I'LL---

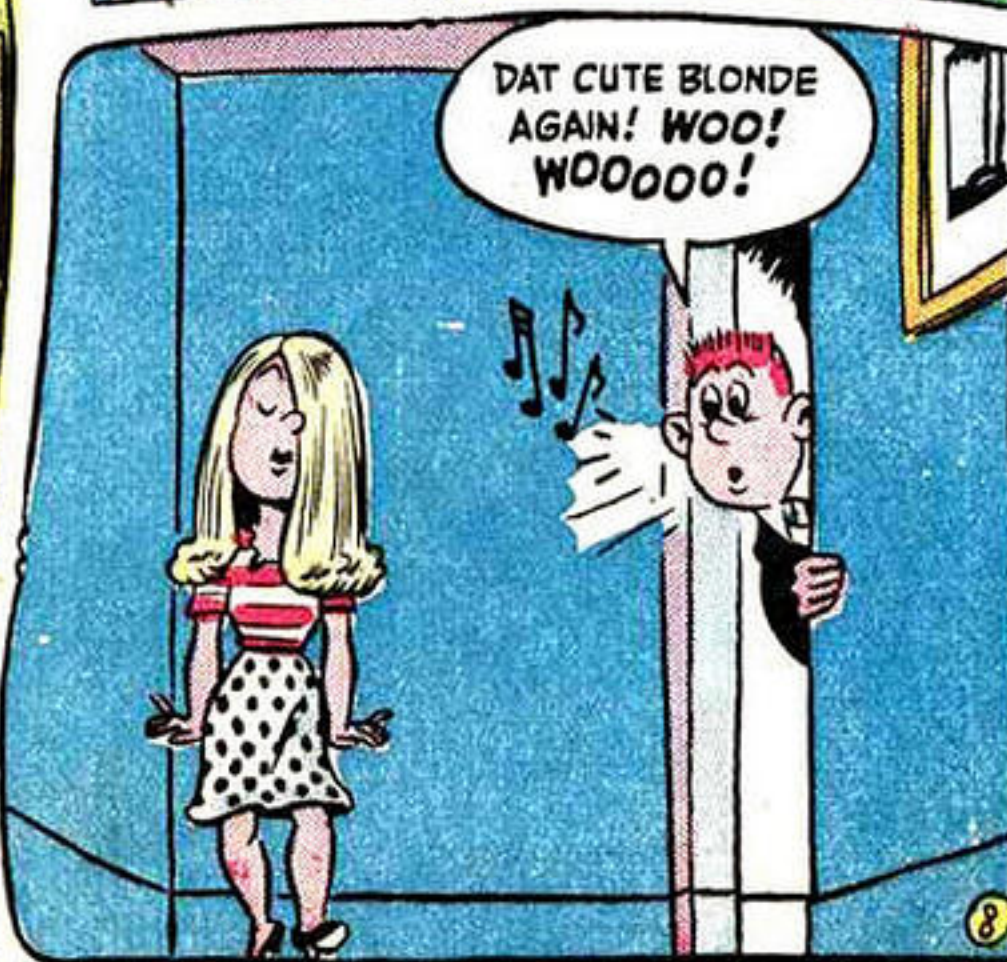


HUH?

LA-DA-
DE-DA!...



DAT CUTE BLONDE
AGAIN! WOO!
WOOOOO!



DAT GUY AN' HIS TICKET
KIN WAIT! RIGHT
NOW IT'S ---

HEY, BABE!
COME TA
PAPA!

YOUSE IS A
SLICK LI'L CHICK!
I COULD GO FER
YOUSE--DAT I
COULD!

TEE-HEE!
FLATTERER!

YESSIR-- WE'RE A
GROOVEY COUPLE!
C'MON, DOLLFACE--
LET'S CUT A RUG,
EH?

HEY, WAIT!
I CAN'T GO
IN THERE
LIKE THIS!

YA MEAN YA
WANNA PUT ON
A LITTLE LIPSTICK
ER SUMP'N?

WELL--
ER---

IT'S-AH--
NOT
EXACTLY
THAT,
PAL!

AN'
WHO ARE
YOU?

WELL--ER-- YA SEE-- I'M
AN OLD FRIEND O' HIS-- I MEAN,
HER FAMILY--AN' I KNOW SHE
DON'T FEEL LIKE DANCIN' TONIGHT
ON ACCOUNT O' HE -- I MEAN,
SHE -- IS VERY UNHAPPY!

UNHAPPY?
TCH, TCH! WOT'S
UP? HER OL'
MAN IN DE
JUG OR
SUMP'N?

WELL--ER-- NOT EXACTLY
THAT! SHE FEELS BAD
BECAUSE--BECAUSE
HER LITTLE BROTHER
ISN'T HERE! YEH,
YEH-- THAT'S IT! HIS
CLOTHES AN' TICKET WERE
STOLEN -- BY A GUY
WHO'S HERE RIGHT
NOW!

WOT? SHOW ME DA SNAKE! WHY, I'LL---

THERE HE IS-- DANCIN' WITH THAT CUTEY ANGELPUSS!



B-BUT JIT! THAT'S ZOOT YA POINTED TO!

SH-HHH!

DIS'LL GIMME A CHANCE TA BE A HERO WIT' DAT CUTE LI'L BABE!

HEY, YOU!



DON'T WATCH-- IT'S TOO GRUESOME! NOW YOU JUST DO WOT I SAY, AN' ANGELPUSS'LL BE YOURS FOR THE REST O' THE NIGHT!

GOLLY, WITH THEM PROSPECTS I'D DO ANYTHING! SHOOT!



YOU WOIM IN DA GRASS! PICK ON LITTLE KIDS, WILLYA? GIMME DEM DUDS!

EEEK!



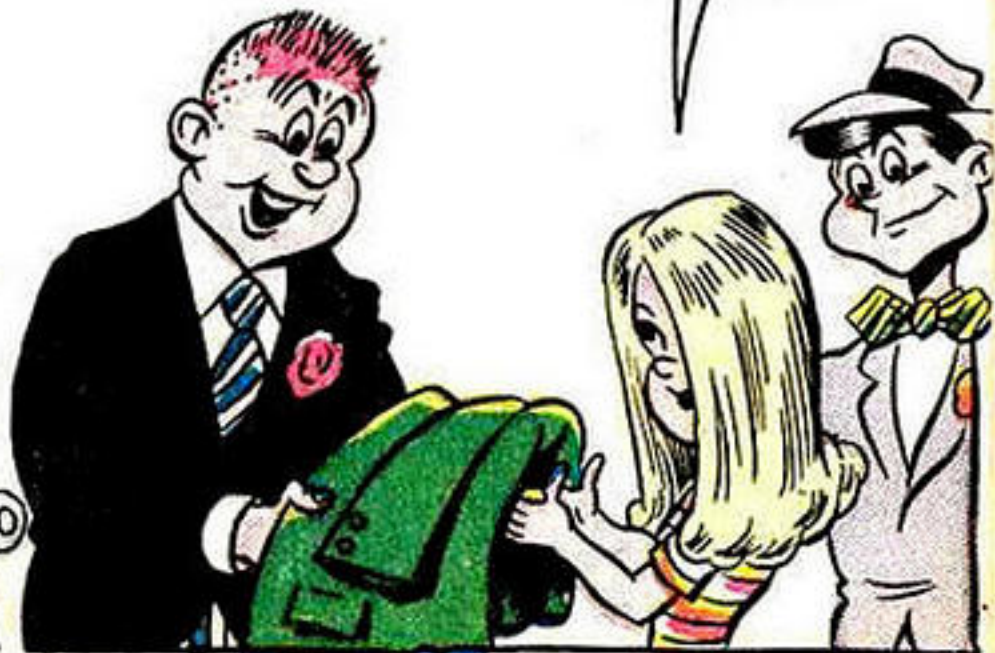
OH, THIS IS TERRIBLE-- AWFUL! AM I EMBARRASSED!

HO-HO-HO!
HA-HA!



DERE YA ARE, BABE-- YER BRUDDER'S CLOTHES! WIT' ME COMPLIMENTS!

OH, SIR, HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU! I'LL TAKE THEM TO LITTLE KALTENBORN RIGHT NOW!



Outside...

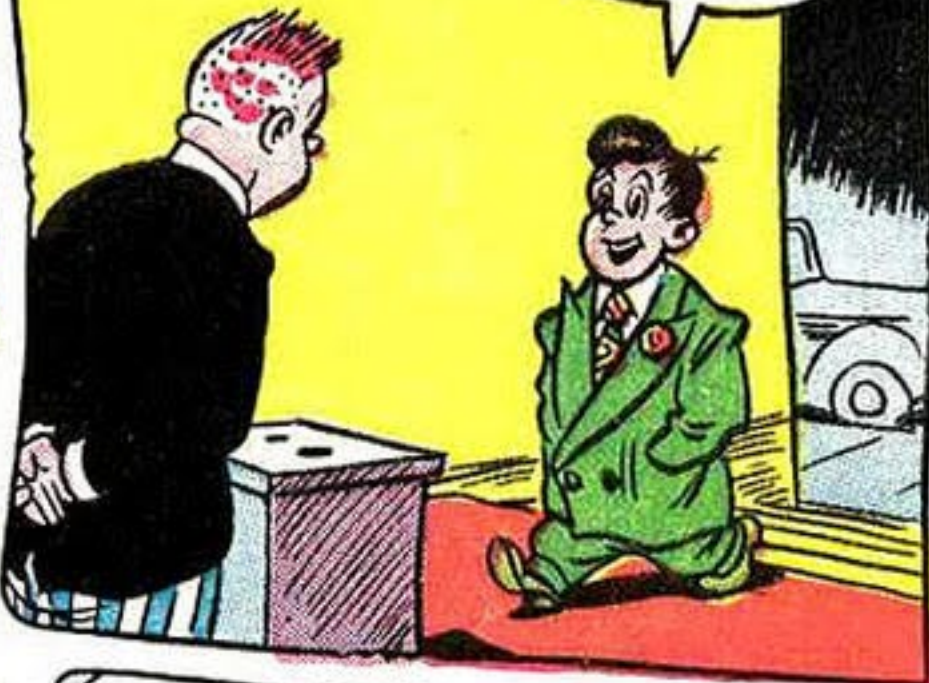
WELL--THAT'S THAT!
AND NOW TA GO BACK
INSIDE -- AN' THEN --
ANGELPUSS!
AH-HHHH!

PARKING
LOT
25¢ PER HOUR



HELLO THERE, M' BOY!
**YOUSE MUST BE
KALTENBORN!**

THAT'S RIGHT! I'M
COOK --- I MEAN,
KALTENBORN! SURE--
THAT CUTE DAME'S
BROTHER,
THAT'S ME!



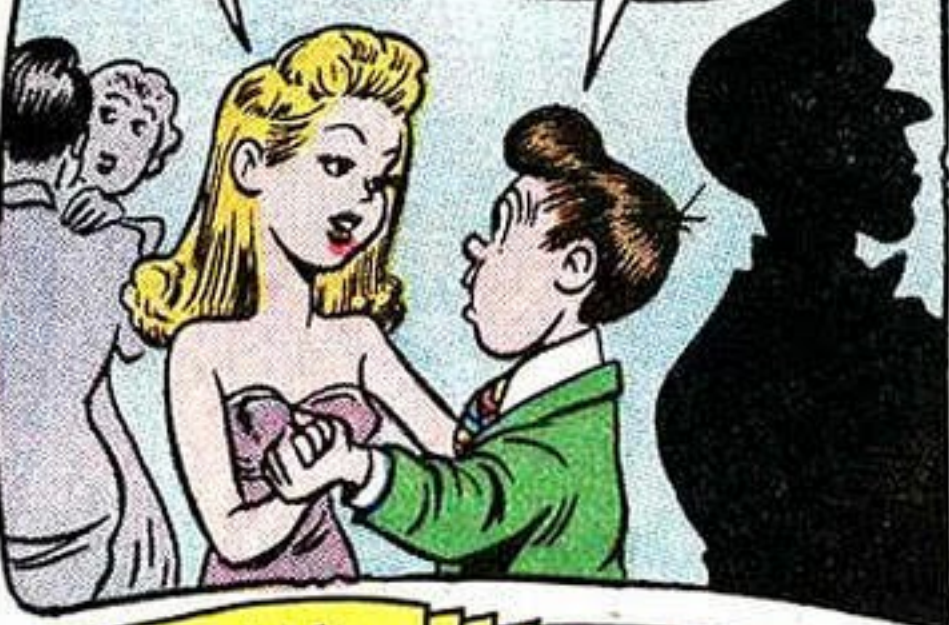
ANGELPUSS!

OH, COOKIE! I
THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER
GET HERE!



BUT A TERRIBLE
THING HAPPENED
TO ZOOT JUST
A MOMENT
AGO! HE---

OH, PLEASE, ANGEL--
THIS IS OUR NIGHT!
LET'S FORGET ZOOT
AN' EVERYBODY
ELSE, HUH?



And so---



While outside...

WOT'S THIS?
A WIG--GIRL'S
SHOES--A
DRESS--?!?!?

PARKING
LOT
25¢

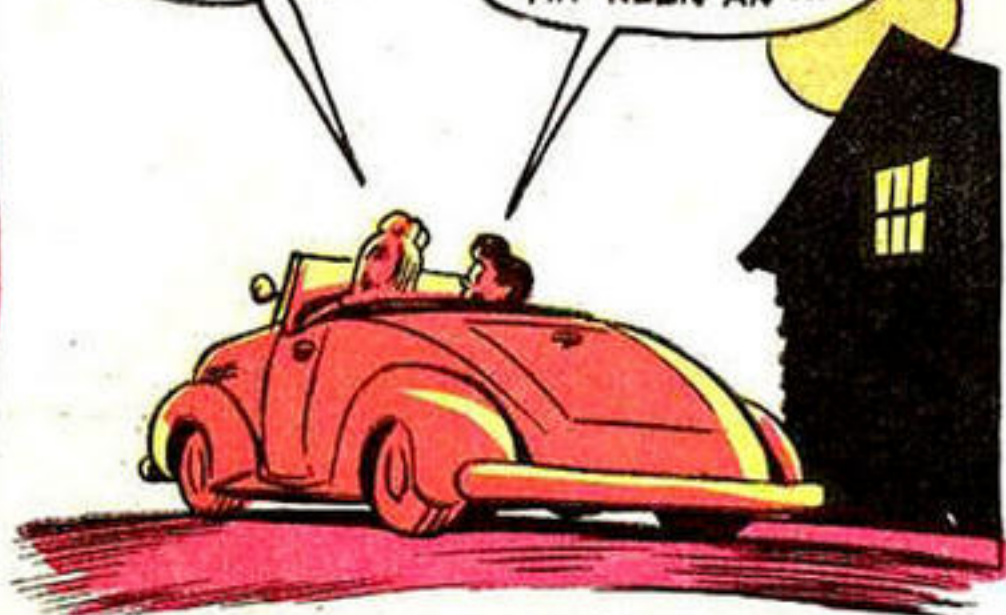


COOKIE! IT'S THE RIG HE WORE TODAY! THEN HE MUST BE HERE -- AN' IF HE IS, I'M BETTIN' HE HAD SUMP'N TA DO WITH THIS FIX I'M IN! WHY, THAT ---



WELL, HERE WE ARE AT YOUR HOUSE, COOKIE! AND IT'S BEEN SUCH A WONDERFUL NIGHT!

IT'S BEEN SOLID, ANGEL -- 'CAUSE YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL AN' LOVELY AN' PRETTY AN' KEEN AN' ---



DON'TCHA BELIEVE HIM, DEARIE! HE TELLS THAT TA ALL THE DAMES! THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD ME WHEN WE WUZ FIRST ENGAGED!

ULP!

OH, N-NO!



OUT, YOU WOLF! I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

HEH, HEH!

B-BUT ANGELPUSS, I ---



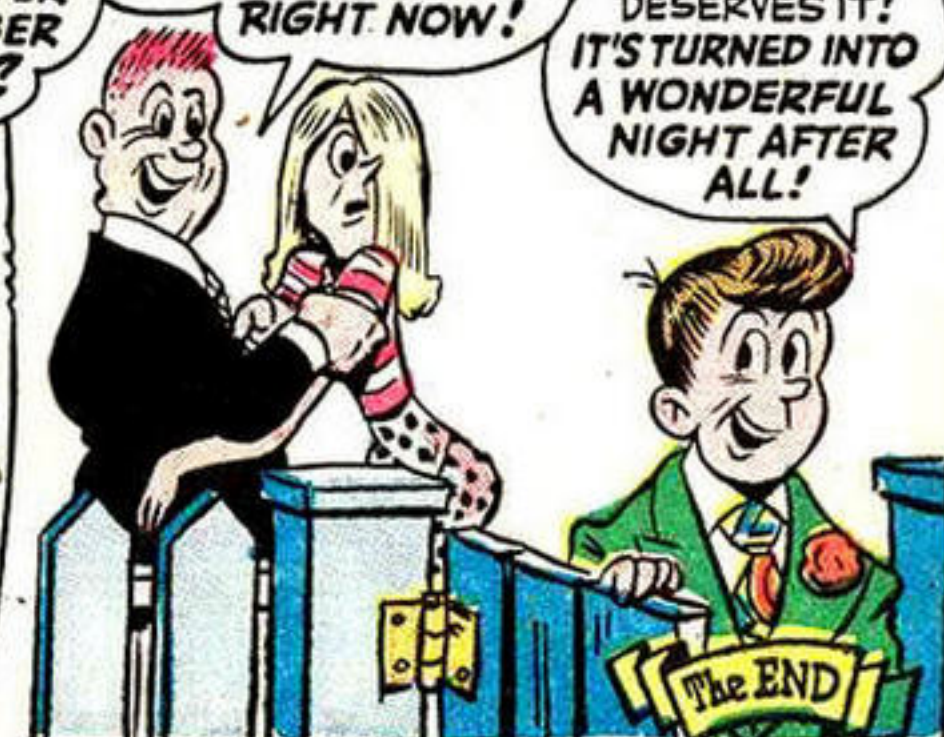
ZOOT! IT'S YOU! GRR-RRR!

IT AIN'T LANA TURNER! COME ON -- GIVE WITH THOSE CLOTHES, OR ---

HEY, BABY! I BEEN LOOKIN' ALL OVER FER YA! REMEMBER ME?

Y' KNOW, KALTENBORN, I'M SO CRAZY ABOUT DIS SISTER O' YOURS I'M GONNA HUG 'ER TA DEATH RIGHT NOW!

GO RIGHT AHEAD! YESSIR! HE -- I MEAN, SHE -- DESERVES IT! IT'S TURNED INTO A WONDERFUL NIGHT AFTER ALL!



The END