

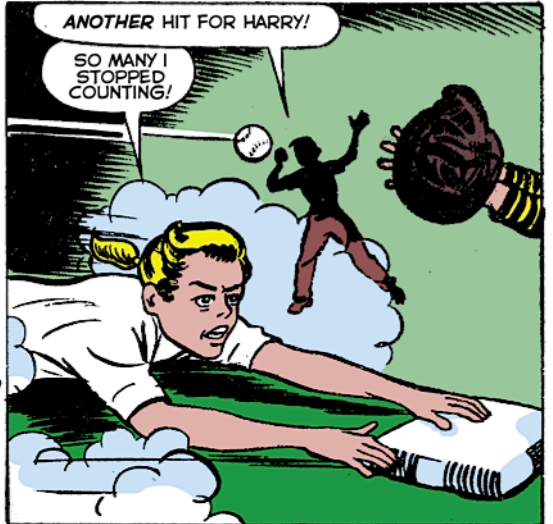
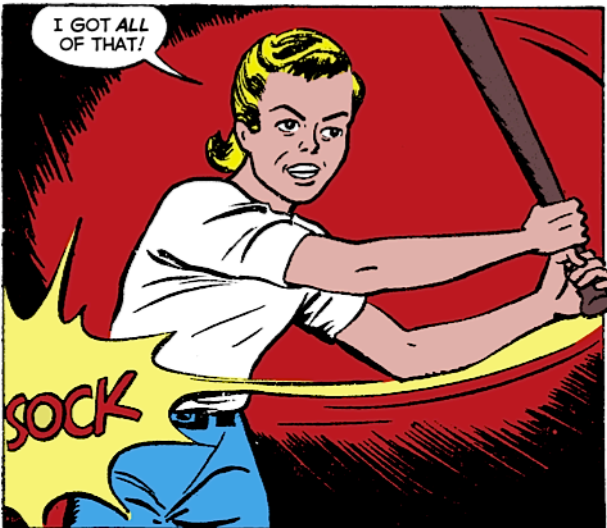
"HOW I BECAME MR. POPULAR"

BY JOE SIX-PACK

I WAS JUST LIKE ANY OTHER KIDS MY AGE. I HUNG OUT WITH THE GUYS FROM SCHOOL AND AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD ... PLAYED A LOT OF BALL ... YOU KNOW, JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER RED-BLOODED TEENAGER!



OKAY, SO I WAS A BIT SMALL FOR A GUY ... BUT I MADE SURE NO ONE COULD MAKE FUN OF ME FOR IT! ... NO ONE COULD GET HARRY THOMPSONS OUT! ... I WAS THE BEST BALL PLAYER IN TOWN, AND EVERYONE KNEW IT! ... PUT A BAT IN MY HANDS AND I MADE IT A HOWITZER!



SURE, I KNEW I WAS SMALL ENOUGH THAT I MIGHT NEVER MAKE IT TO THE BIG LEAGUES, BUT THAT DIDN'T MEAN I COULDN'T TRY! ... WHAT THEY CAN'T MEASURE IS HEART! ... AND MY HEART WAS THE HEART OF A WINNER! .. I WOULD MAKE THE BIG LEAGUES SOME DAY!

IT DIDN'T MATTER WHAT THE SPORT WAS, I WAS GOING TO WIN AT ALL COSTS! ... THAT WAS JUST THE WAY I PLAYED ... NO PRISONERS!

PLAYIN' FER KEEPSIES?

YEAH!



HEY!! YOU KNOCKED MY ARM AND MADE ME MISS!

DID NOT!
YOU MISSED
FAIR AND
SQUARE!



I DIDN'T TAKE KINDLY TO CHEATERS! ... I GAVE THEM EVERYTHING THEY DESERVED!

YEH, YOU TELL 'EM HARRY!

WHACK!

DECK HIM
HARRY!
DECK 'EM!



THEN AT HOME...

OH, HAROLD!

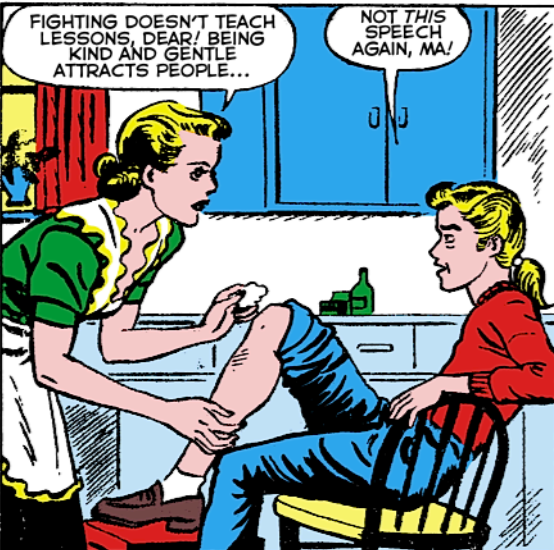
AW MA! I WAS JUST TEACHING THAT JOHNNY ROGAN A THING OR TWO!

HAVE YOU BEEN FIGHTING?
YOU'LL NEVER MAKE FRIENDS
IF YOU KEEP BEATING PEOPLE
UP!



FIGHTING DOESN'T TEACH LESSONS, DEAR! BEING KIND AND GENTLE ATTRACTS PEOPLE...

NOT THIS SPEECH AGAIN, MA!



AND YOU KNOW THE GIRLS LOVE A TOUGH GUY LIKE ME!

STOP HOGGIN' THE DAMES, HARRY!

YOU'RE GONNA PAY FOR THAT!

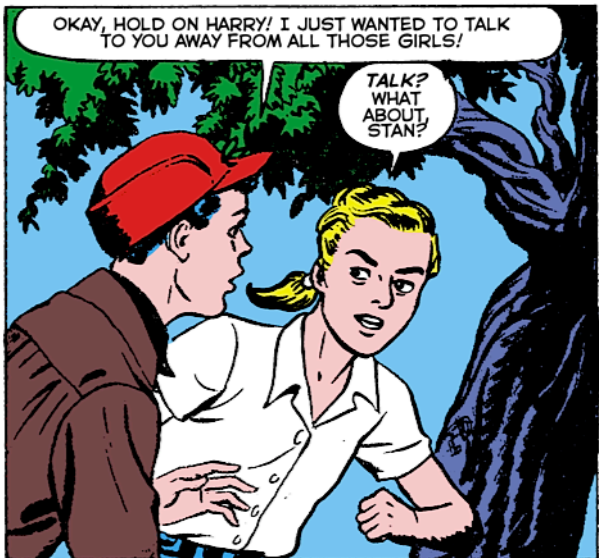




HE'S SUCH A BAD BOY!

IT'S A SHAME HE'S ALWAYS FIGHTING!

HE'LL NEVER BE A GOOD HUSBAND!



OKAY, HOLD ON HARRY! I JUST WANTED TO TALK TO YOU AWAY FROM ALL THOSE GIRLS!

TALK? WHAT ABOUT STAN?



DOES SANDRA JONES EVER... TALK ABOUT ME?

TALK ABOUT YOU?



YOU KNOW, MAYBE SHE LIKES ME? COULD YOU ASK?

ARE YOU SCARED OF SOME STUPID GIRL?



AND THEN EVERY DAY AFTER THAT...

DID YOU ASK?

YER PATHETIC, STAN. I DIDN'T EVEN SEE HER TODAY.



A CALL FOR YOU? YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS!

VERY FUNNY, SIS! I GOT LOTS OF FRIENDS! THAT WAS STAN... UH, MY BEST FRIEND!



NO MATTER. SOON, ALL YOUR "FRIENDS" WILL BE GETTING DATES AND YOU'LL BE ALL ALONE! THEN YOU'LL SEE!

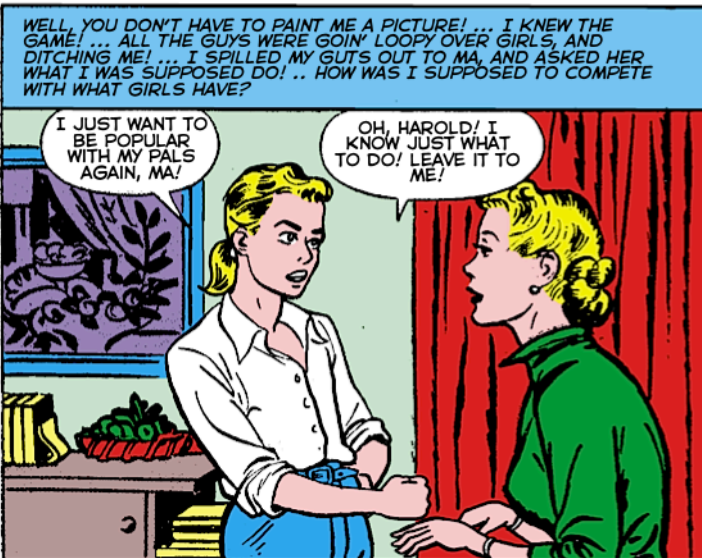
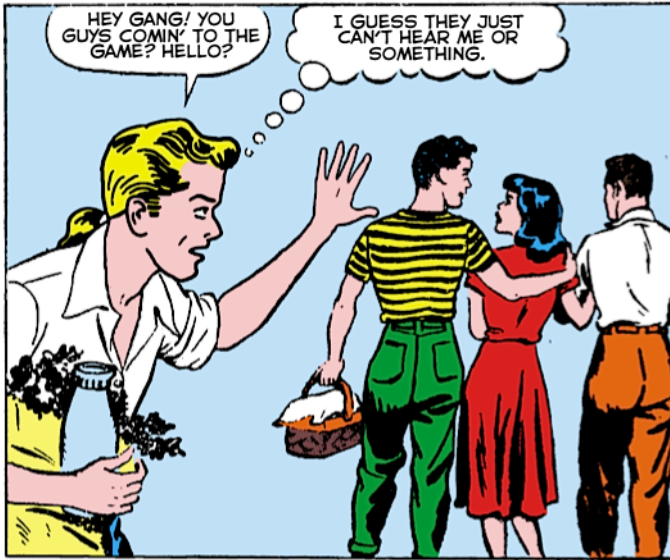
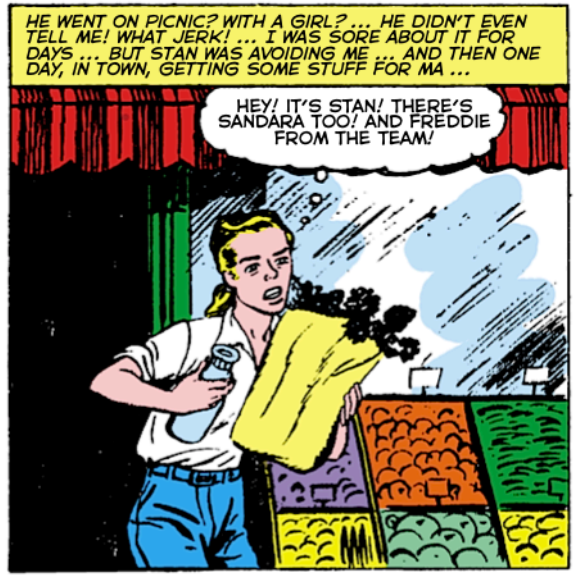
FAT CHANCE! GO SOAK YER HEAD!



WHERE DOES SHE GET OFF? I'M THE MOST POPULAR GUY IN SCHOOL! ALL THE GUYS HANG OUT WITH ME!

WHERE'S STAN? HE'S LATE FOR THE GAME!

THE GUYS WOULD NEVER GIVE UP SPORTS AND STUFF FOR GIRLS! BUT HER WORDS BOTHERED ME FOR WEEKS...



I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH AFTER THAT ... I FELT A SHARP PAIN AT THE BASE OF MY NECK AND I GUESS I BLACKED OUT ... MOM NEVER TOLD ME HOW IT HAPPENED...

ALL MY LIFE'S SAVINGS IF YOU'LL TURN MY BOY INTO A GIRL! \$400 DOLLARS!

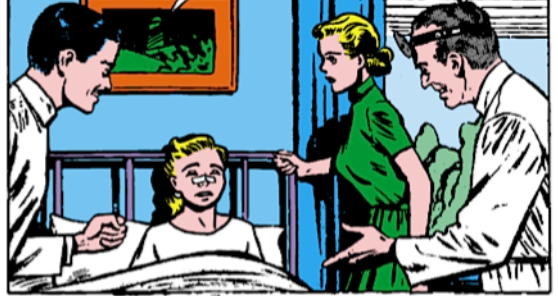
\$400!? IT'S ENTIRELY UNETHICAL AND AGAINST EVERYTHING I STAND FOR, BUT \$400 IS A FORTUNE! BRING YOUR SON IN RIGHT AWAY!



THEY TOLD ME THAT I HAD CAUGHT A RARE DISEASE, LAYING UNCONSCIOUS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR DAYS AS THEY TRIED TO SAVE MY BODY FROM BEING DAMAGED BEYOND ALL RECOGNITION!

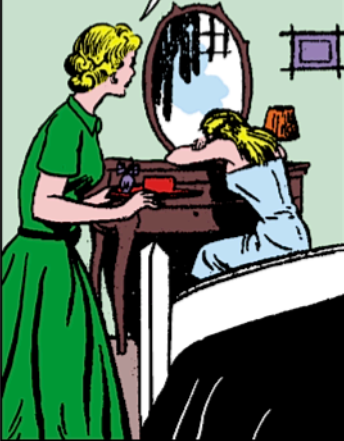
IT WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS, MADAM! YOUR BOY IS NOW AS REAL A GIRL AS MODERN MEDICINE CAN MAKE!

OH, THANK YOU!



I GUESS I OWE THE DOCTORS MY LIFE... BUT WHEN I AWOKE...

DEAR, WHAT'S WRONG? DO YOU NEED MORE PAIN KILLERS?



I'D SURVIVED THIS STRANGE DISEASE BUT IT HAD CHANGED MY BODY IN BIZARRE WAYS!

WE'LL GET THROUGH IT TOGETHER, SWEETIE, JUST DON'T GIVE UP!

BUT NOW I LOOK LIKE A GIRL, MA! I EVEN HAVE BREASTS! MY LIFE IS OVER!



HOW COULD SHE POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND?

NOW I'LL NEVER BE POPULAR! WHO WOULD WANT TO BE SEEN WITH THE FREAK WHO LOOKS LIKE A GIRL? I WISH I WAS DEAD!

DON'T BE SUCH A NEGATIVE NELLY, DEAR! NOW YOU'LL BE MORE POPULAR THAN EVER!



IF YOU SINK ALL YOUR HEART AND SOUL INTO BEING THE BEST GIRL YOU CAN BE, IT'LL BE OKAY! YOU'LL SEE!

ISN'T IT FUN TO WEAR LIPSTICK?



JUST KEEP REPEATING TO YOURSELF - I'M A GIRL AND I'M THE PRETTIEST, MOST POPULAR GIRL IN TOWN!

GO ON, TRY IT!

WE'LL GO AND GET YOUR HAIR AND NAILS DONE AT THE SALON!



I'M A GIRL AND I'M THE PRETTIEST MOST POPULAR GIRL IN TOWN! ... I'M A GIRL AND I'M THE PRETTIEST MOST POPULAR GIRL IN TOWN!



THANK GOODNESS MOTHER WAS THERE FOR ME ... SHE WAS SO RIGHT! ... ALL I HAD TO DO WAS JUST CHANGE THE WAY I WAS THINKING...



YOU'RE SO MUCH MORE DOCILE AND COMPLIANT NOW, DEAR!

A GIRL'S PLACE IS IN THE KITCHEN, RIGHT MOTHER?

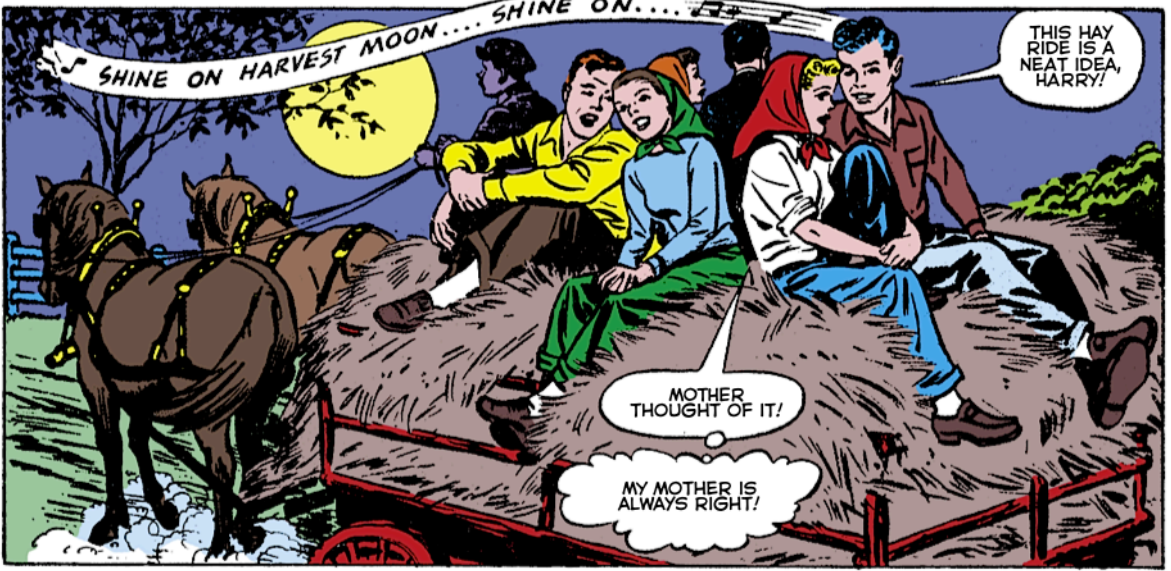
THAT'S RIGHT, HARRIET!

FINALLY, I WAS READY TO GO BACK OUT INTO THE WORLD AGAIN ... THINGS WERE SO DIFFERENT NOW!



HARRY'S A LOT MORE FUN AS A GIRL!

PEOPLE REALLY LIKE ME!



SHINE ON HARVEST MOON... SHINE ON...

THIS HAY RIDE IS A NEAT IDEA, HARRY!

MOTHER THOUGHT OF IT!

MY MOTHER IS ALWAYS RIGHT!



MORE FOOD ANYONE? I MADE IT ALL MYSELF!

I WISH I COULD COOK LIKE YOU, HARRY!

WE SHOULD ALWAYS COME TO HARRY'S FOR ALL OUR PARTIES!



AND THEN...

LET'S DANCE!

YOU AND ME? AREN'T YOU EMBARRASSED TO BE SEEN DANCING WITH ME, DAN?



I DON'T BELIEVE THAT STORY ABOUT YOU BEING A BOY!

YOU DON'T? WOW! I'M GETTING GOOD AT THIS!



YOU'RE PRETTY SMOOTH!

MOTHER HAS ME PRACTICE EVERY DAY!



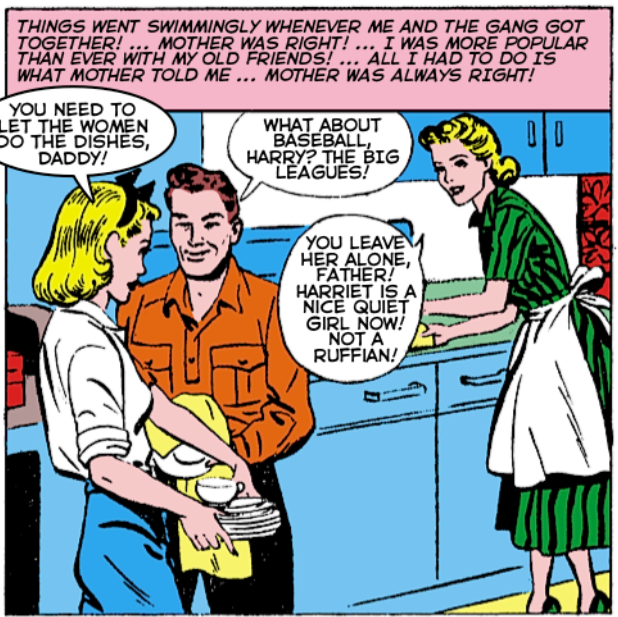
ARE YOU SURE THAT'S REALLY HARRY? THAT PERSON IS WAY TOO FEMININE TO HAVE EVER BEEN A BOY! ESPECIALLY A JERK LIKE HARRY!

...SURE IS PRETTY THOUGH!



PRETTIER THAN ME, STAN?

JUMPING CATFISH, SANDRA! YOU CAN'T BE JEALOUS OF HIM... HER... WHATEVER!



YOU NEED TO LET THE WOMEN DO THE DISHES, DADDY!

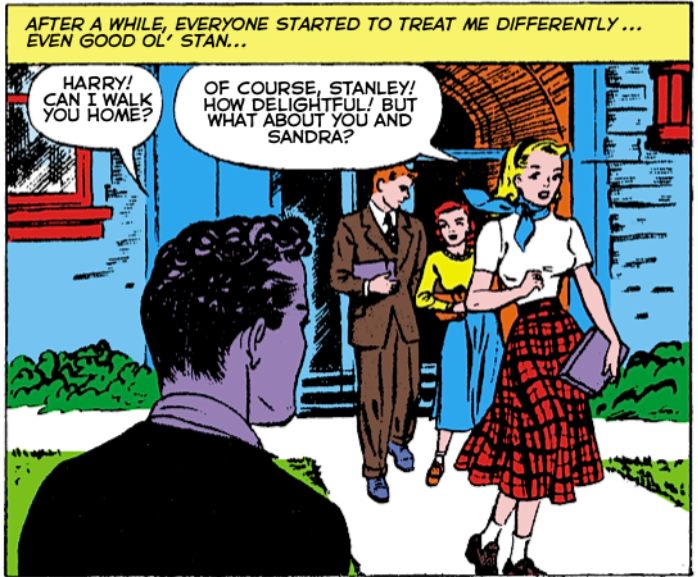
WHAT ABOUT BASEBALL, HARRY? THE BIG LEAGUES!

YOU LEAVE HER ALONE, FATHER! HARRIET IS A NICE QUIET GIRL NOW! NOT A RUFFIAN!



ALL THE POPULAR GIRLS WEAR DRESSES! I SIMPLY CAN'T BE SEEN ANYMORE IN THESE DUNGAREES!

VERY GOOD! BEING MORE GIRLISH WILL ATTRACT EVEN MORE BOYS!



AFTER A WHILE, EVERYONE STARTED TO TREAT ME DIFFERENTLY ... EVEN GOOD OL' STAN...

HARRY! CAN I WALK YOU HOME?

OF COURSE, STANLEY! HOW DELIGHTFUL! BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU AND SANDRA?

