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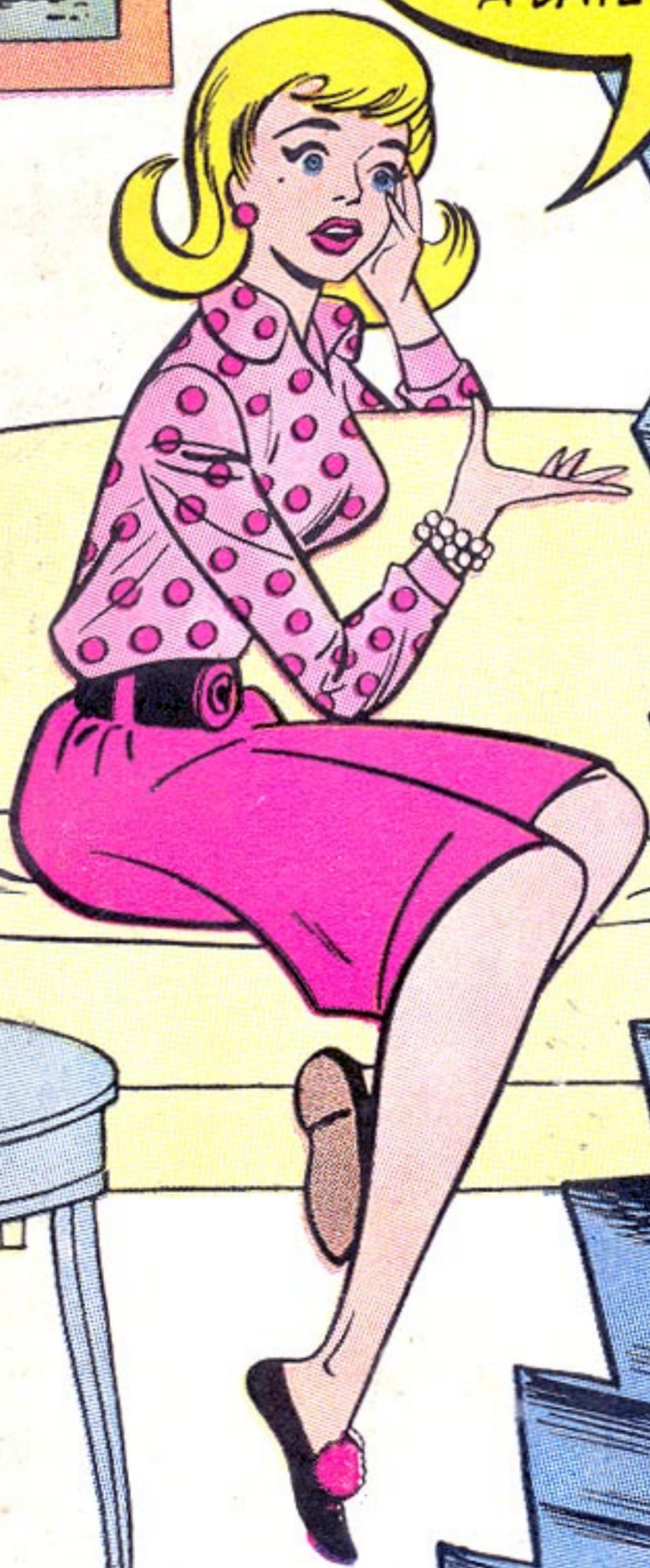
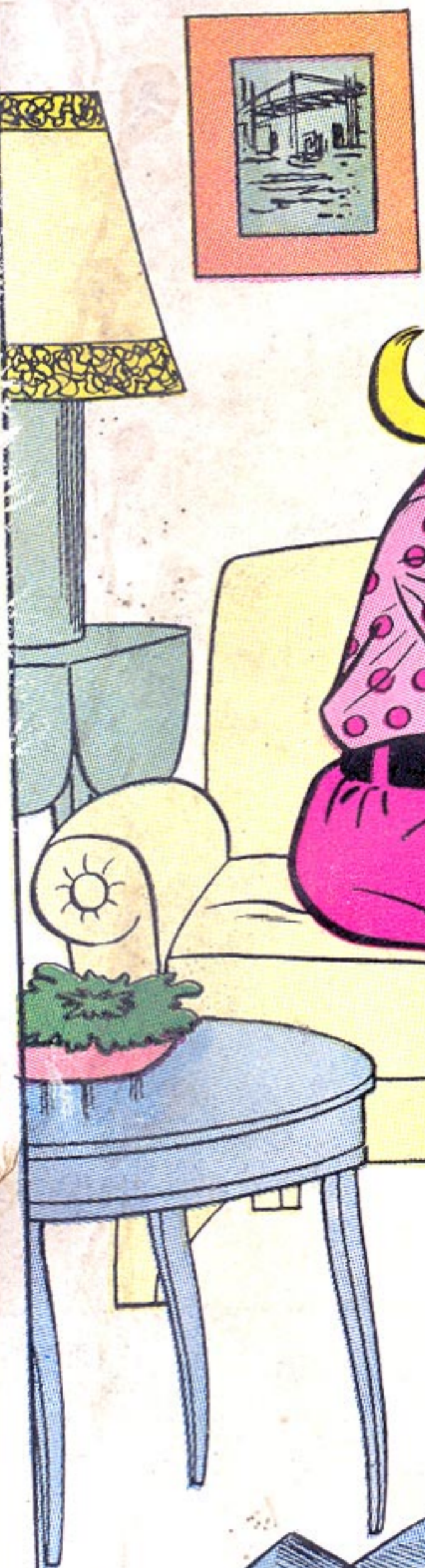
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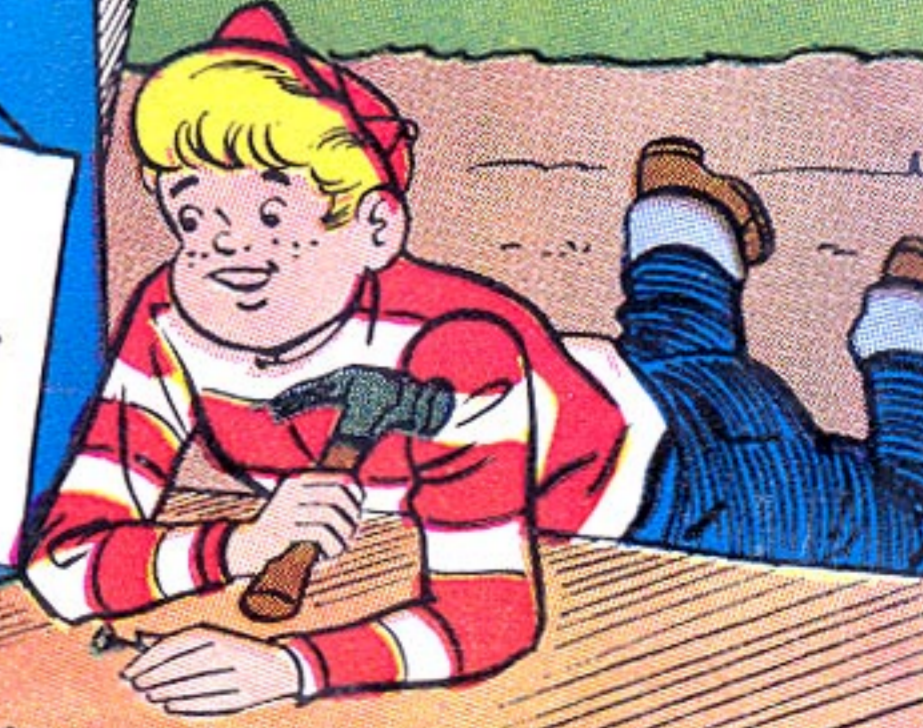
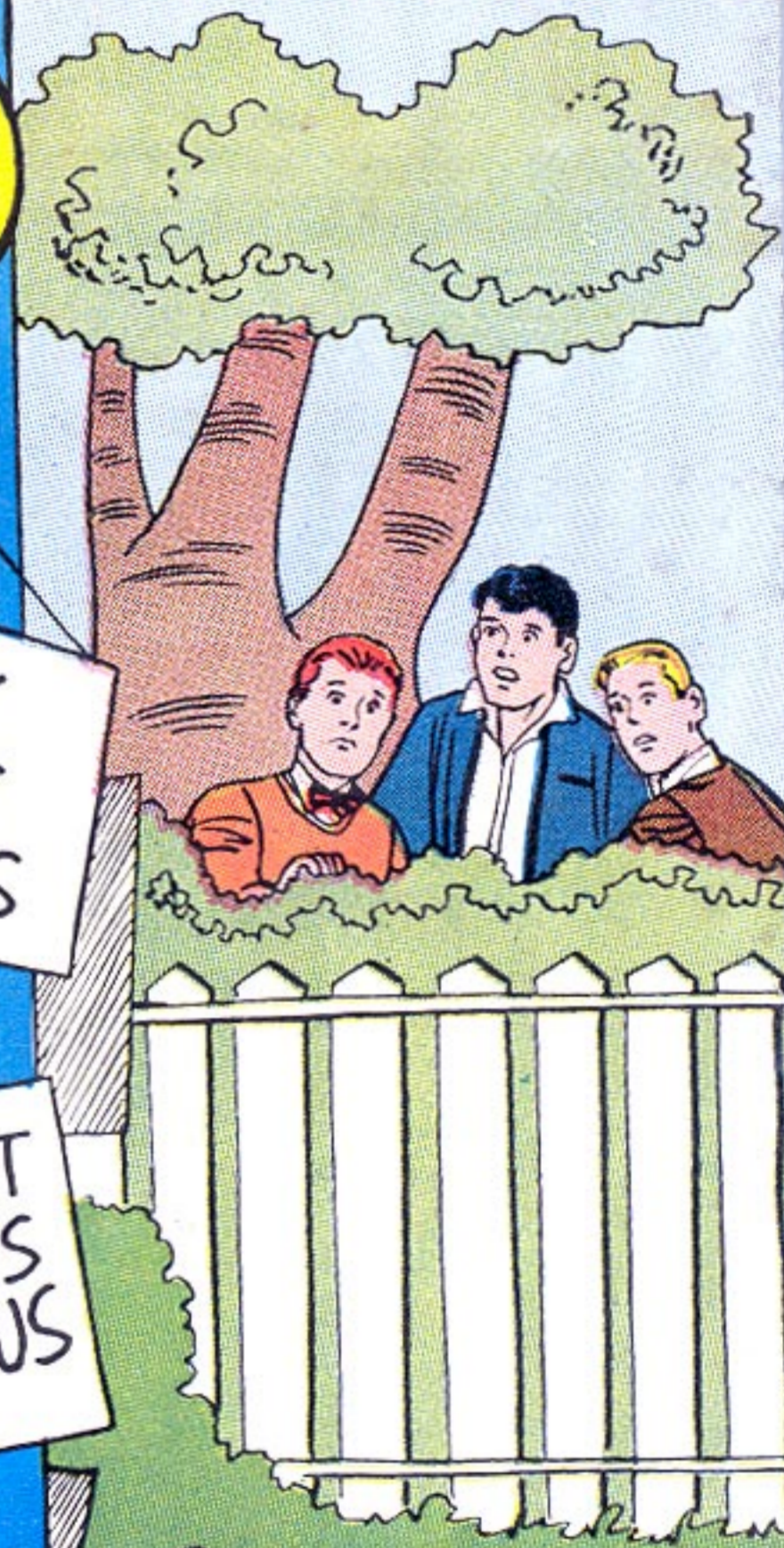
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! I'M THE PRETTIEST, MOST INTELLIGENT, AND MOST POPULAR GIRL IN TOWN, AND **NOBODY'S** COME IN TO ASK ME FOR A DATE **ALL DAY!**



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CANDY HAS CHICKEN POX



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CANDY

CANDY, YOU SHOULD REALLY TEACH THAT PIG BETTER MANNERS!

YES, AUNT MATILDA! WE'RE THINKING OF SENDING IT TO FINISHING SCHOOL!



WHAT'S UP, MOM? WHY ARE YOU HIDING MY JIVE PLATTERS?

AUNT MATILDA IS ARRIVING FOR A SURPRISE VISIT TONIGHT AND SHE MUSTN'T SEE THEM!



AUNT MATILDA?

SHE'S YOUR FATHER'S WEALTHY SISTER FROM BOSTON! SHE HAS VERY DEFINITE IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO BRING UP YOUNG LADIES, AND JIVE IS POSITIVELY NOT PART OF THE PLAN!



CANDY

JEEPERS, SHE SOUNDS LIKE AN AWFUL CREEP!

CANDACE!
GO RIGHT UPSTAIRS AND TAKE OFF YOUR BOBBYSOX, AND PLEASE TRY TO WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE WHEN AUNT MATILDA ARRIVES!

THAT NIGHT...

BAH! IMAGINE HAVING TO PUT ON A TIE TO GREET MY OWN SISTER!

I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO A PARTY INSTEAD OF JUST EATING SUPPER!

SHE'S HERE!

MY DEAH AGNES! HOW AH YOU? AND THIS IS CANDACE... HEH! GOOD WHAT A SWEET YOUNG LADY! TIMOTHY, STRAIGHTEN YOUR TIE!

ULP! HEH-HEH! GOOD TO SEE YOU, MATILDA!

OW, ONE OF THE ORIGINAL BAKED BEANS!

AT DINNER...

CANDACE, MY DEAH, DO YOU HAVE ANY CULTURAL INTERESTS, SUCH AS MUSIC? A YOUNG LADY SHOULD ALWAYS BE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING HER FINER INSTINCTS!

OH, YES, AUNT MATILDA! I HAVE THE BEST COLLECTION OF JIVE PLATTERS, AND THE GANG IS ALWAYS DROPPING IN TO CUT A RUG, WHICH IS ANOTHER HOBBY OF MINE!

OH, DEAR!

OH, DEAR!

OH, DEAR!

TIMOTHY, YOUR DAUGHTER IS BEING BROUGHT UP SHAMEFULLY! WHAT A DISGRACEFUL OH!

HI, YOU LOVELY PEOPLE! AND HOW'S MY DREAM-QUEEN... ULP!

AUNT MATILDA, THIS IS MY BOY FRIEND, TED!

H-HI!

HUMPH!

CANDY

HAVE TO GO NOW, MOM! SEE YOU LATER, FOLKS!

HEH-HEH! YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE THEM, MATILDA! THIS YOUNGER GENERATION IS SO IMPETUOUS!

THAT CHILD IS NOT BEING RAISED PROPERLY! YOU MUST SEND HER TO FINISHING SCHOOL AT ONCE OR SHE WILL NEVER BE A LADY, AND I CAN'T LEAVE MY MONEY TO A TOMBOY! I CAN SEE I ARRIVED JUST IN TIME!

I-IF YOU SAY SO, MATILDA! MAYBE CANDY COULD USE SOME CULTURE!

NOW SEE HERE, MATILDA! THIS IS MY HOME AND I SAY CANDY DOES NOT NEED TO BE SENT AWAY! SHE'S ENOUGH OF A LADY NOW!

TWO HOURS LATER...

AND FURTHERMORE, TIM, I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD...

AND WHAT'S ALL RIGHT, MORE, THERE'S ALL ALSO... RIGHT! SHE'LL GO, BUT I HATE TO THINK OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN SHE GETS THERE!

NEXT AFTERNOON AT THE SWEET SHOPPE...

I WONDERED WHY IT WAS SO PEACEFUL AROUND HERE THESE DAYS! CORNELIA HASN'T BEEN IN FOR A WHILE!

YEAH, THERE'S ONE CHICK WHO COULD CURDLE A DOUBLE-RICH MALTED BY JUST SMILING! WONDER WHERE CANDY IS? I HOPE THAT AUNT OF HERS DIDN'T EAT HER FOR BREAKFAST!

AH, THERE COMES THE LIGHT OF MY LIFE! WHY THE SOUR FACE, GORGEOUS?

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME SHOULDN'T EVEN HAPPEN TO CORNELIA!

I'M BEING SHIPPED OFF TO MISS MURGATROYD'S SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES AND I LEAVE TONIGHT SO I WON'T BE TOO LATE FOR THE NEW TERM! WHY, I-IT'S WORSE THAN SIBERIA!

OH, NO! THE LIGHT OF MY LIFE HAS JUST BLOWN A FUSE!

CANDY

NEXT EVENING, AT THE ENTRANCE TO MISS MURGATROYD'S SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES...

SO THIS IS THE CULTURE FACTORY! GOLLY, THE INMATES SURE LOOK LIKE DRIPS! WONDER IF I'LL HAVE TO WEAR GREEPY CLOTHES LIKE THAT!

HERE WE ARE, MISS!

YOU MUST BE CANDACE O'CONNOR, MATILDA O'CONNOR'S NIECE! WELCOME TO MISS MURGATROYD'S! I'M MISS TWIDDLE, YOUR ADVISER! COME, I'LL SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOM!

HELLO, MISS TWIDDLE!

WONDER WHAT I'LL GET FOR A ROOMMATE?



I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU... YOUR ROOMMATE IS ALSO FROM HARTWICK! ISN'T THAT COZY?
FROM HARTWICK? I WONDER WHO...

CANDY!
CORNELIA! OH, NO!

I'LL LEAVE YOU NOW! I'M SO GLAD YOU KNOW EACH OTHER! IT WILL MAKE THINGS MUCH GOZIER!
I'D RATHER ROOM WITH A BARRACUDA IN TEN FEET OF WATER! HOW ARE YOU, CORNELIA DEAR?

WELL, CANDY, YOU'RE THE LAST PERSON I EXPECTED TO SEE HERE, BUT I GUESS WE MIGHT AS WELL MAKE THE BEST OF IT!
THE BEST FOR ME, THAT IS!
THAT'S PEACHY WITH ME, CORNELIA! WHAT IS THIS SIGN ABOUT?

GIRL WITH BEST MANNERS WILL WIN A MYSTERY PRIZE AT SCHOOL DANCE!
RULES

NOTHING YOU'D BE INTERESTED IN! UGH! IT'S A CONTEST TO FIND THE BEST-MANNERED GAL IN THE SCHOOL! OOF! I'M SURE TO WIN IT, EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T STAND THIS PLACE! GROAN! NO MEN!
OH, REALLY?
HMMM, I'D BETTER BRUSH UP ON MY EMILY POST! THEN WE'LL SEE WHO WINS THAT CONTEST!





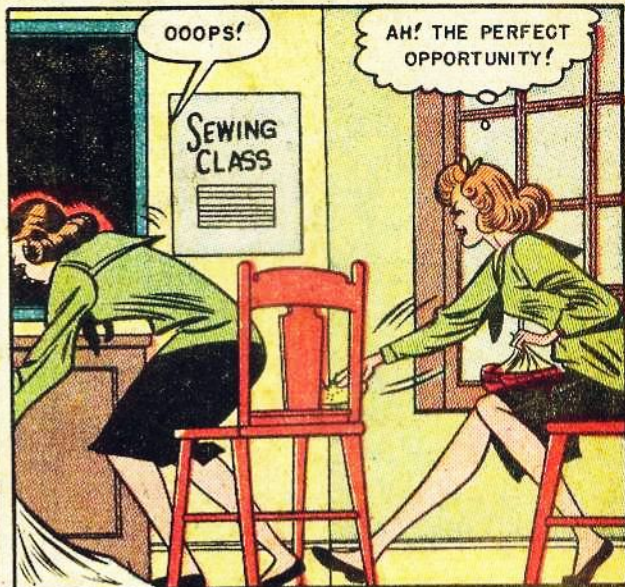
NEXT MORNING...

OUR FIRST CLASS IS SEWING AND IT'S AN AWFUL BORE! BUT WE HAVE TO SIT QUIETLY OR GET BLACK MARKS FOR BAD MANNERS!

SOUNDS AWFUL! ALMOST AS BAD AS THESE SACKS WE'RE WEARING!

AND YOUR'S WILL BE BLACKER THAN ANYONE'S, IF I HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT!

Don't forget the **BIG CONTEST** WITH THE **SURPRISE PRIZE!**



OOOPS!

AH! THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY!

SEWING CLASS



YEEOW!

I KNEW SHE'D SING A DIFFERENT TUNE TODAY! HA-HA!



... AND FURTHERMORE, MISS O'CONNOR, LADIES DON'T HOWL LIKE THAT!

I WONDER HOW LADIES DO HOWL? WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON CORNELIA..

YES, MA'AM!



AT THE END OF A GRUELING DAY...

JEEPERS! SUCH SUBJECTS... SEWING, DANCING, SPEECH, COOKING? AND NOT EVEN A SODA SHOP TO DROWN MY SORROWS! I HAVE TO DRINK TEA WITH THE WHOLE FRESHMAN CLASS!



OH, HERE YOU ARE, CANDACE! HERE'S YOUR TEA, AND HELP YOURSELF TO SOME CAKES AT THAT TABLE!

OH-- ER-- THANKS!

WONDER WHY CORNELIA IS LOOKING SO SMUG?

CORNELIA IS LOOKING SO SMUG?



HERE, CANDY, LET ME PUT SOME CAKES ON YOUR 'PLATE!'

WAIT TILL CANDY TASTES THIS CAKE OF SOAP!

WHY, THANKS, CORNELIA! BETTER BE CAREFUL, YOUR MANNERS ARE SHOWING!



THIS IS AWFUL! IF I CAN JUST KEEP ONE HAND ON THIS CUP, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE A BITE OUT OF THAT WHITE CAKE!

I'LL JUST SIT HERE AND WATCH THE FUN!



URGH!!!

WATCH OUT, YOU DRIP!



YOU'RE THE ONE WHO IS LOOKING DRIPPY, DRIZZLE-PUSS! IT WAS YOU WHO PUT THAT SOAP ON MY PLATE!

WHAT IF IT WAS? YOU DON'T HAVE TO BATHE ME IN TEA, EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE SO CLUMSY!

GIRLS. GIRLS!



YOU ARE BOTH CONFINED TO YOUR ROOM FOR THE REST OF THE DAY! AND YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EQUAL NUMBER OF BLACK MARKS!

WELL, THAT MESSES UP CANDY'S CHANCES FOR THE CONTEST. FOR A WHILE, ANYWAY! BUT IT ALSO STOPS ME! I'M SURE TO THINK OF SOMETHING BEFORE THE DANCE, THOUGH!



CORNELIA WE MIGHT JUST AS WELL BE FRIENDS IF WE HAVE TO SHARE THE ROOM! WHAT DO YOU SAY?

OKAY! FROM NOW ON WE CALL A TRUCE!

SO I CAN MAKE PLANS!



A FEW WEEKS LATER

GEE, IT'S ONE WEEK TO THE DANCE! I'D BETTER WRITE TO TED AND INVITE HIM! CORNELIA HAS BEEN SO GOOD THAT I'M BEGINNING TO GET SUSPICIOUS!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, CANDY?



JUST WRITING TO MY DATE FOR THE DANCE! BETTER INVITE SOMEONE SOON, CORNELIA! TIME'S GETTING SHORT, AND IF YOU'RE NOT AT THE DANCE, YOU'LL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR THE CONTEST!

I'M NOT WORRIED, CANDY DEAR! IF THAT LETTER WAS TO TED, YOU'VE JUST INVITED MY DATE FOR ME!

CANDY

WHAT'S WRONG, CORNELIA? MAD BECAUSE CANDY HAS MORE POINTS THAN YOU TOWARD WINNING THE CONTEST?

JUST WAIT AND SEE WHETHER CANDY WINS! I HAVE TO WIN THAT CONTEST SO MY MOTHER WILL SEE THAT I HAVE GOOD ENOUGH MANNERS AND THEN I WON'T HAVE TO STAY AT THIS MAN-LESS SCHOOL ANY-MORE! IT'S SO BORING!

THE DAY OF THE DANCE ARRIVES...

HI, TED! AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!

GREETINGS, ANGEL-CAKE! WHAT'S NEW AND EXCITING?

MOM! POP! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE COMING TOO!

MY BABY! THE DEAN SENT US A LETTER INVITING US TO THE DANCE! IT SEEMS YOU'RE GETTING AN AWARD OF SOME KIND! WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!

GEE, I WONDER... DO I HAVE ENOUGH POINTS FOR THE PRIZE?

TEDDY BOY, AREN'T YOU EVEN GLAD TO SEE LITTLE ME?

SURE, CORNELIA! LIKE A HOLE IN MY HEAD!

LATER, IN CANDY'S ROOM...

GOSH, CORNELIA, ISN'T THIS A DREAMY DRESS THAT MOM BROUGHT ME? I'M SURE GLAD I WROTE AND ASKED FOR A NEW ONE! I'D BETTER HANG IT UP SO IT'LL LOOK NICE TONIGHT!

YES, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!

BUT I HAVE A FEW IDEAS OF MY OWN! IF CANDY'S NOT AT THE DANCE, SHE CAN'T WIN THE PRIZE, AND MAYBE I'LL HAVE A CHANCE... AND AN ESCORT!

I'M GOING TO TAKE A SHOWER, CORNELIA! WATCH OUT FOR MY DRESS!

BOY, WILL I!

AND NOW TO GET RID OF DEAR CANDY'S FINERY! SHE'LL HAVE TO GO TO THE DANCE IN A TOWEL BECAUSE ALL HER OTHER PARTY DRESSES ARE AT THE CLEANERS!

TED, HERE COMES YOUR NEW DATE FOR TONIGHT!

CANDY

A SHORT TIME LATER...

GLEEPS! MY DRESS!
IT'S GONE...AND SO
IS CORNELIA!

HEAVENS, CANDY! AREN'T YOU
READY YET? CORNELIA JUST
LEFT FOR THE
DANCE WITH
TED, AND YOUR
FOLKS ARE
WAITING FOR
YOU DOWN-
STAIRS!

TED LEFT WITH
CORNELIA?
THAT'S THE
LAST STRAW!
I CAN'T FIND MY
DRESS ANYWHERE!
OH, WHAT CAN I DO?

I'VE GOT TO GET THERE...LUCY!
I'VE GOT IT! YOU'RE A SEWING
MAJOR AND THOSE DRAPES WOULD
MAKE A DREAMY DRESS! WILL YOU
HELP ME?

SURE, CANDY! WHEN
WE GET THROUGH,
YOU'LL HAVE THE
SHARPEST DRESS
AT THE DANCE!

LUCY, IT'S FABULOUS, BUT HURRY!
THEY'LL BE ANNOUNCING THE
CONTEST WINNER
ANY MINUTE!

BETTER NOT
MOVE AROUND
TOO MUCH, OLD
GAL! YOU MAY HAVE A DRAPE
SHAPE, BUT IT'S HELD TOGETHER
COMPLETELY BY PINS!

AT LAST! BUT CANDY, WHY
AREN'T YOU WEARING THE
DRESS I BROUGHT YOU?

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN
NOW! WE HAVE TO
GET TO THE DANCE,
PRONTO!

SECONDS LATER...

WILL MISS CANDY
O'CONNOR PLEASE
STEP UP ON THE
STAGE?

≡PUFF≡PUFF≡
COMING!

... AND THE FINAL RULE
IS THAT THE WINNER
CANNOT HAVE DAMAGED
HER ROOM IN ANY WAY!

BUT CANDY, CORNELIA TOLD
ME YOU WANTED ME TO TAKE
HER AND THAT YOU'D COME
LATER!

SHE DID, EH...
ULP!

CANDY

THE YOUNG LADY WITH THE BEST MANNERS HAS BEEN JUDGED TO BE MISS CANDACE O'CONNOR, NIECE OF OUR ILLUSTRIOUS ALUMNUS, MATILDA O'CONNOR! THE RUNNER UP IS MISS CORNELIA CLYDE!

HAET!
STOP! WAIT
A MINUTE!

THE DRAPES ARE MISSING FROM CANDY'S ROOM! IF IT'S HER FAULT, SHE'S DIS...
EEK! SHE'S WEARING THEM!

OH, DEAR, I DIDN'T KNOW! YES, I MADE THEM INTO THIS DRESS WHEN I COULDN'T FIND MINE! I--I GUESS THAT MEANS CORNELIA WINS THE PRIZE, DOESN'T IT? I--I'M SORRY, AUNT MATILDA!



SORRY? WHY, ANY NIECE OF MINE WHO IS SMART ENOUGH TO DO WHAT YOU DID, DESERVES TO INHERIT MY MONEY!

THAT'S MY DAUGHTER!

WELL, I GUESS YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS SCHOOL, HAVEN'T YOU, CANDY? WANT TO COME BACK TO HARTWICK?

BOY, I SURE DO!

HOORAY FOR MR. O'CONNOR!



BUT, JUDGE, AREN'T YOU FORGETTING SOMETHING? LIKE MY PRIZE, FOR INSTANCE?

EH? OH, YES! DEAR ME, HOW FORGETFUL! LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, SINCE CANDACE HAS BEEN DISQUALIFIED, CORNELIA GETS THE PRIZE...

... A YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP TO OUR OWN MISS MURGATROYD'S SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES!

OH, NO!

HA--HA! TED, IT LOOKS LIKE THIS FINISHING SCHOOL HAS REALLY FINISHED CORNELIA!

?





GOSH, CANDY!
THAT DUMMY REMINDS
ME OF CORNELIA!

WHAT DUMMY
WOULDN'T?

CANDY



HI, CANDY! YOUR
DEVOTED SERVANT
AWAITS TO HELP OUT
THE POOR WORKING
GIRL!

HELLO, TED! IT'S SWEET OF
YOU TO DRIVE ME TO MY JOB.
EVERY DAY!



IT MAY BE SWEET OF ME,
SUGAR...BUT THIS JOB OF
YOURS IS CUTTING INTO
MY DATE TIME AND MY
DISPOSITION IS SOURING!

I DON'T KNOW WHY
CANDY IS WORKING, BUT
AS LONG AS SHE KEEPS
HER JOB, I CAN KEEP
WORKING ON TED TO TAKE
ME TO SATURDAY NIGHT'S
FORMAL!

CANDY



I WON'T BE WORKING MUCH LONGER, TED! I'M QUITTING AT THE END OF THIS WEEK!

SIGH-GIRL, THAT'S THE SWEETEST MUSIC THESE LITTLE EARS HAVE HEARD IN MANY A DAY!



JUST WATCH ME STEP IN AND CHANGE THAT TUNE HE'S HEARING!



OH, TED! I ENJOYED THAT LOVELY HOUR WE SPENT TOGETHER AT THE SODA SHOPPE YESTERDAY! TOO BAD YOU WEREN'T THERE, CANDY...DARLING!

IF YOU WERE THERE, DRIZZLE-PUSS, I'M GLAD I WASN'T!

ER...



YOU'RE ESPECIALLY WITTY TODAY, CANDY! BUT PLEASE DON'T DELAY TED TOO LONG --- 'CAUSE I'LL BE WAITING FOR HIM IN OUR FAVORITE BOOTH AT THE SODA SHOPPE!

ER...



I WAS HAVING A SODA AND SHE CAME OVER AND SHE SAT NEXT TO ME! THAT'S ALL THERE WAS TO IT!

I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAY THAT MY JOB CUTS INTO YOUR DATE TIME --- WITH OTHER GIRLS!



I'M GLAD YOU CAME ALONG, TRISH! I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING I WAS GOING TO SHOW MR. DAWSON! BUT HE'S TOO BUSY WITH DARLING CORNELIA!

OH--OH! I'VE A FEELING THAT CORNELIA HAS BEEN BUSY WITH HER HONEYED WORDS!



TRISH, THIS LITTLE SECRET IS THE REASON I'VE BEEN WORKING AT THE HARTWICK CHINA SHOP! PLEASE DON'T LET ME DETAIN YOU, MR DAWSON!

TOO BAD, TED, LOOKS LIKE THIS ISN'T YOUR DAY!

CANDY



HOW DOES A MAN GO ABOUT PLEASING A WOMAN?



I'VE GOT A HUNCH TED IS RIPE FOR PLUCKING... BUT I'D BETTER FOLLOW CANDY AND TRISH! THEY SEEM TO BE WALKING WITH A PURPOSE!



HERE'S MY SECRET, TRISH! AS SOON AS I GET MY NEXT PAYCHECK I'LL HAVE ENOUGH TO BUY THE WHOLE OUTFIT!



OH!! IT'S LUSH! BUT WHY THE SECRECY?



BECAUSE IF CORNELIA EVER KNEW I HAD MY HEART SET ON THIS OUTFIT, SHE'D GO ALL OUT TO BEAT ME TO IT...

YOU'RE SO VERY RIGHT... FOR A CHANGE, CANDY!



DEAR CORNELIA! YOU CAN CERTAINLY POP UP AT THE WRONG TIME... EVERY TIME!

SHE POPPED UP AT THE RIGHT TIME THIS TIME... EVEN IF SHE DOES BEAT ME TO THE GOWN!



HOW COME?

BECAUSE HER BEING HERE PROVES SHE HAS NO DATE WITH TED AT THE SODA SHOPPE... BLESS HER SCHEMING LITTLE SOUL!

HUH?



LATER...

THERE'S TED! HERE'S WHERE I REALLY FIX THINGS UP!

CANDY



THANKS TO YOU, CANDY ISN'T TALKING TO ME! SHE THINKS I'VE BEEN DATING YOU!

I DIDN'T MEAN TO CAUSE TROUBLE, TED! IN FACT, I'D LIKE TO EXPLAIN TO CANDY RIGHT AWAY THAT SHE'S ABSOLUTELY MISTAKEN!



LET'S HOP IN MY CAR AND SHOOT RIGHT OVER TO THE HARTWICK CHINA SHOP!

OH, MY! MEN ARE SO DELIGHTFULLY INFANTILE! THEY'RE READY TO BELIEVE ANYTHING THEY WANT TO BELIEVE!



HERE WE ARE! WE'LL GO RIGHT IN AND EVERYTHING WILL BE HUNKY-DORY AGAIN!

IT CERTAINLY WILL... BUT NOT BETWEEN YOU AND CANDY, I HOPE!



I'D BETTER GO IN ALONE, TED! MR. HARKINS, THE OWNER, MIGHT BE ANGRY IF CANDY HAS TOO MANY VISITORS!

MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT! AND I WOULDN'T WANT TO GET CANDY IN A JAM!



OH, CANDY! TED INSISTED WE RIDE DOWN HERE TO PROVE TO YOU THAT WE DID HAVE A DATE!



I HAVE NO INTEREST IN MR. DAWSON... OR IN YOU!



BUT I'M INTERESTED IN YOUR WORK, CANDY, AND I HOPE THIS WILL KEEP YOU WORKING INDEFINITELY!

OOps!



WHAT WONDERFUL MUSIC YOU MAKE!

CRASH



EEK! MY BEST CHINA? WHAT HAPPENED?

YOUR HELP IS SO UNUTTERABLY CLUMSY, MR. HARKINS!



YOU'LL WORK THIS OFF IF IT TAKES FIVE YEARS, MISS O'CONNOR! AND YOU'LL WORK OVERTIME EVERY NIGHT... INCLUDING SATURDAYS!

HUH?



THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO HEAR! NOW THAT CANDY IS WORKING INDEFINITELY WITHOUT PAY, I CAN CONCENTRATE ON THE GOWN AND TED!



MEANWHILE...

I'D BETTER MAKE SURE CORNELIA ISN'T UP TO ANY OF HER TRICKS!



THOUGHT I'D LOOK IN ON CANDY! MR. HARKINS WOULDN'T MIND MY TAKING A MINUTE OF HER TIME!

MR. HARKINS' GOT A LONG TERM LEASE ON CANDY'S MIND, TED! BUT SEE FOR YOURSELF!



EVERYTHING SHIP-SHAPE NOW THAT CORNELIA AND I PAID YOU A VISIT, CANDY?

EVERYTHING IS JUST DANDY! NOW I CAN'T EVEN GO TO THE DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT! AND I'LL THANK YOU TO LEAVE... FOR GOOD... MR. DAWSON!



WHAT GIVES WITH CANDY? SHE ALMOST BIT MY HEAD OFF!

CANDY IS UPSET! BUT YOU CAN'T BLAME THE GIRL, TED! SHE TRIPPED OVER HER OWN FEET AND NOW SHE HAS TO PAY FOR THE DAMAGE SHE CAUSED... POOR CHILD!

CANDY

THE NEXT MORNING—

HI, CANDY, TRISH!

HELLO, TED!

IT SOUNDS LIKE SOME-ONE I *USED* TO KNOW, TRISH!

DON'T BE ANGRY ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO GO TO THE DANCE, CANDY! THERE WILL BE OTHER DANCES WE CAN GO TO!

WILL YOU INFORM MR. DAWSON, TRISH, THAT ANY DANCES WE ATTEND, WE SHALL NOT ATTEND TOGETHER!

THAT AFTERNOON—

HI, TED! WHY SO GLUM? CANDY NOT TALKING TO YOU?

YOU SEEM TO BE PSYCHIC! MAYBE YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT THE REASON IS!

CERTAINLY, I CAN! IT'S BECAUSE SHE TAKES YOU FOR GRANTED!

MEANING WHAT?

MEANING THAT IF YOU SHOWED CANDY THAT OTHER GIRLS FIND YOU ATTRACTIVE... SHE WOULD MEND HER WAYS AND BE MORE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR FEELINGS!

ER... WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

TO THE SODA SHOPPE! AS FOR CANDY, SHE CAN'T GO TO THE DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT, SO SHE EXPECTS YOU TO SIT AT HOME AND TWIDDLE YOUR THUMBS!

WELL, ER... I DID HAVE A DATE WITH HER! AND I HAVEN'T ASKED ANY-ONE ELSE!

YOU HAVEN'T ASKED ME! AND I'D BE DELIGHTED TO GO... JUST TO PLEASE YOU! YOU CAN PICK ME UP AT EIGHT!

ER... BUT...

CANDY



YOU'RE NOT BAKING OUT... AFTER PRACTICALLY ASKING ME, AND AFTER I'VE BEEN SO HELPFUL!

ER... NO! OH, WELL! CANDY HAS TO WORK ANYHOW!



AND YOU'LL BE PROUD OF ME AT THE DANCE! LAST NIGHT I MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO BUY THE MOST ADORABLE EVENING GOWN WITH A LOVELY BLACK WRAP!



BEFORE GOING TO THE DANCE, WE MUST DROP IN ON CANDY! I PROMISED TO SHOW HER MY NEW OUTFIT!

NIX! I DON'T WANT MY HEAD CHOPPED OFF... UNTIL AFTER THE DANCE!



A LITTLE VISIT WILL MERELY IMPRESS UPON HER THE NEED TO SIT UP AND TAKE MORE NOTICE OF YOU!

I GOT A HUNCH YOU'RE CARRYING THIS TOO FAR!



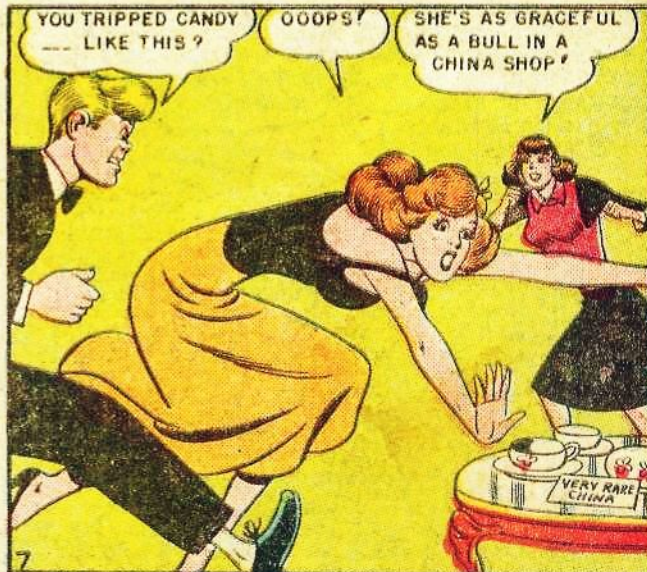
HELLO, CANDY, DARLING! WE STOPPED BY TO SHOW YOU MY NEW GOWN! ISN'T IT CHARMING?

NOT ON YOU, IT ISN'T! I NEVER DREAMED TED WOULD TEAM UP WITH CORNELIA AGAINST ME!



ENJOY YOURSELF, CORNELIA, BUT I'M NOT FORGETTING THAT YOU TRIPPED ME AND MADE ME FALL AGAINST THE CHINA DISPLAY!

HUH?



YOU TRIPPED CANDY --- LIKE THIS?

OOOPS!

SHE'S AS GRACEFUL AS A BULL IN A CHINA SHOP!

VERY RARE CHINA

CANDY



I'VE HEARD THIS SOUND BEFORE, BUT NOW IT'S MUSIC TO MY EARS!

**CRASH!
RIP!**



GOOD GRIEF! WHAT'S HAPPENED NOW?



HERE'S ONE TIME THE CUSTOMER WAS NOT RIGHT, MR. HARKINS! THIS CHARMING CHILD WAS DANCING AROUND AND FELL INTO THE DISPLAY!

AND SHE'LL PAY FOR EVERY PIECE...OR WORK IT OFF!



OH, MY! AND DADDY SAID NO MORE ADVANCES ON MY ALLOWANCE! I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE!



I'LL WORK IT OFF STARTING NEXT WEEK, MR. HARKINS! I'LL...HUH?

YOU'LL WORK IT OFF STARTING TONIGHT, YOUNG LADY! BECAUSE STARTING TONIGHT, I'LL NEED A NEW SALESGIRL!



YOU'RE FIRED, MISS O'CONNOR! YOU'RE BAD LUCK FOR ME! IF YOU PROMISE NOT TO ENTER THIS SHOP AGAIN, I'LL FORGET THE BILL YOU OWE ME!

KITTEN, IT LOOKS LIKE HIS BAD LUCK IS OUR GOOD LUCK!



LATER-- SEEING THAT IT WAS YOUR FANCY FOOT-WORK THAT MADE ALL THIS POSSIBLE, TED, I'M WILLING TO FORGIVE AND FORGET!

SIGH-GIRL, MY FANCY FOOT-WORK HASN'T BEGUN... JUST WAIT TILL WE GET TO THE DANCE!



JITTERS, HOW DO YOU LIKE THE DATE I GOT YOU FOR THE JUMP-FEST?

FINE, BUGS, OLD BOY! ONLY TROUBLE IS ---SHE CAN'T DANCE!



WANNA COME WITH ME TO THE SODA SHOP? I'VE GOTTA GLIM THE GALS TO SEE WHICH I'LL GIVE THE BENEFIT OF A DATE WITH ME TO THE HOP!

DON'T STRAIN YOUR BRAIN, BIG SHOT! ALL THE BABES ARE BOOKED!



BOOKED? HOW DO YOU KNOW?

I PHONED THE FIELD AND FINALLY LATCHED ON TO THE LAST ONE WHO WAS ON THE LOOSE!



GEE, THIS IS AWFUL! ME, THE JIVIN'EST JOE IN TOWN AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DANCE, WITHOUT A JILL FOR THE FORMAL SHINDIG!

GOSH, JITTERS, WHAT'LL YOU DO?

CANDY



I CAN'T GO STAG... MY REPUTATION'S AT STAKE! I GOTTA THINK! YOU THINK TOO!

THAT'S ASKING A LOT BUT I'LL TRY!



I'VE GOT AN IDEA! MY MOTHER HAS A FRIEND WHO JUST MOVED NEAR HERE TO LUCASVILLE, AND SHE HAS A DAUGHTER AND...

BUGS, THAT'S USING THE OLD BEAN! IS THE GIRL PRETTY?



I NEVER SAW HER BUT WE HAVE A PHOTOGRAPH! MOM'S BEEN WANTING ME TO ASK HER OVER!

LET'S SEE THE PICTURE!



WOW! SOME CLASS! SHE'S A BEAUT! GOOD DANCER?

MUST BE! I HEARD MY MOTHER SAY SHE WON SOME KIND OF A DANCING CONTEST!



BUGS, YOU'VE PULLED ME OUT OF A JAM! BUT HOW CAN I GET DATED UP WITH THIS DELECTABLE DISH?

WE COULD CALL LONG DISTANCE. EXCEPT I'D HAVE TO WAIT FOR MY PARENTS' PERMISSION!



WHY WAIT? WE CAN GO TO THE SODA SHOP AND USE THE PAY BOOTH! I HAVE THE CHANGE!

WHY NOT? THEN YOU'LL KNOW HOW YOU STAND!



I'LL BET CINDY LU WILL ACCEPT! AND MOM'LL BE GLAD TO HAVE HER STAY AT OUR HOUSE!

CINDY LU! WHEN I TAKE HER TO THE SHUFFLE, ALL THE LOCAL LOVELIES WILL TURN GREEN WITH JEALOUSY!

CANDY



YOU CAN, CINDY LU? YOU CAN COME TO OUR HOUSE AND HAVE A DATE WITH MY FRIEND JITTERS? OKAY, WE'LL MEET THE BUS!

OH, BOY!



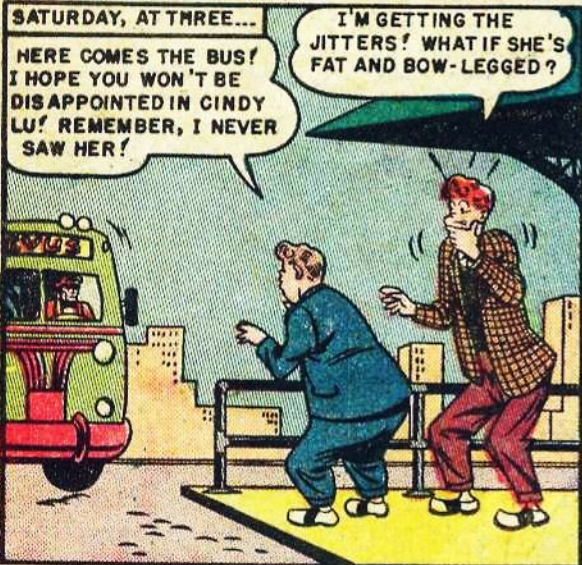
IT'S ALL SET! SHE'LL BE ON THE BUS, SATURDAY AT THREE!

SWELL! AND FOR FIXING IT UP, I'LL BUY YOU A SODA... AND SHOW CINDY LU'S PICTURE TO THE GANG!



NO LOCAL TALENT! SHE'S A GLAMOUR GIRL AND ALSO A DANCE CONTEST WINNER! YOU'LL SEE HER AT THE HOP!

AFTER THIS BUILD-UP, SHE'D BETTER BE GOOD, JITTERS, OR YOUR NAME'S MUD WITH US GALS!



SATURDAY, AT THREE...

HERE COMES THE BUS! I HOPE YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED IN CINDY LU! REMEMBER, I NEVER SAW HER!

I'M GETTING THE JITTERS! WHAT IF SHE'S FAT AND BOW-LEGGED?



AH'M CINDY LU! YO'ALL MUST BE BUGS!

YEAH! ER... AND THIS IS MY FRIEND, JITTERS!

HI!

==GULP==
YEO W



IT SURE WAS NICE OF YOU TO COME, CINDY LU!

IT WAS JUST DAHLIN' OF YOU BOTH TO ASK ME! AH JUST MOVED UP HEAH FROM KENTUCKY AND AH'VE BEEN FRIGHTFULLY LONELY!



YOU WON'T BE LONESOME AFTER TONIGHT! YOU'LL MEET A LOT OF GOOD JILLS AND JOES AT THE SHINDIG!

SHINDIG? YO'ALL MEAN WE'RE GOIN' TO A REAL OLE HOE-DOWN? HOW NICE!

CANDY

DOWN IN THE HILL COUNTRY, WHERE AH COME FROM, WE HAD A HOEDOWN EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT! AH WON THE DANCIN' CONTEST!

YOU MEAN A... A SQUARE DANCE CONTEST? **≡GULP≡**

≡GULP≡

AH THOUGHT WE- ALL MIGHT BE GOIN' TO A HOE- NAIL HOP TONIGHT, SO AH DRESSED FOR IT, AS YOU CAN SEE!

CINDY LU? I'M GLAD YOU COULD COME, DEAR! LET ME TAKE YOUR BAG AND SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOM!

DID YOU HEAR? SHE THINKS SHE'S GOING TO A SQUARE DANCE! THAT MUST BE HER BEST DRESS SHE HAS ON... AND OURS IS A JIVE SESSION AND FORMAL!

GEE!

I GOT YOU INTO THIS! AND... AND YOU BRAGGED TO THE GANG!

DON'T APOLOGIZE! CINDY LU'S A NICE GIRL AND I LIKE HER! I'M CHAIRMAN OF THE DANCE COMMITTEE AND I HAVE AN IDEA!

THAT NIGHT...

JITTERS, WHAT GIVES? IS THIS THE GLAMOUR GIRL?

LOOK AT RUBE AND HIS COUNTRY COUSIN! HA, HA, HA, HA!

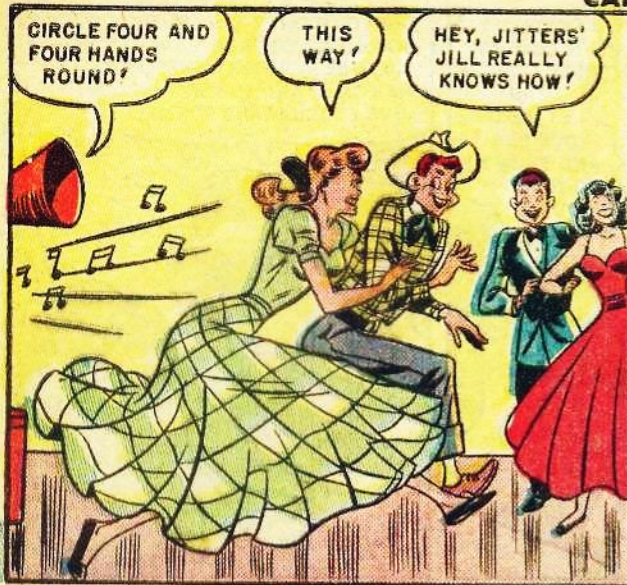
KIDS, JITTERBUGGING IS FOR SQUARES! SHARP CHARACTERS TODAY ARE GOING IN FOR SQUARE DANCING! LET'S GET HEP AND HAVE A HOEDOWN!

HE'S RIGHT!

CHECK ROOM

DO "TURKEY IN THE STRAW" LIKE WE TALKED ABOUT THIS AFTERNOON!

SURE! WE'RE ALL SET AND I'LL DO THE CALLING!



CIRCLE FOUR AND FOUR HANDS ROUND!

THIS WAY!

HEY, JITTERS' JILL REALLY KNOWS HOW!



MEET YOUR HONEY AND GIVE HER A SWING...

JITTERS, AH WANT TO TALK TO YOU!



... PROMENADE AROUND THE RING!

NOBODY ELSE IS DRESSED LIKE US! WHY DIDN'T YO'ALL TELL ME THIS WAS A FORMAL DANCE?



WELL, I ... I ...

AH KNOW! BUT WE DO MORE THAN SQUARE DANCE IN THE HILLS! CAN YO' ALL TAKE ME TO BUGS' HOUSE IN A HURRY?



YO'ALL SAID IT WAS A SHINDIG AN' AH THOUGHT YO MEANT A HOEDOWN! GO HOME AND DRESS FOR THE DANCE! AH CAN JITTERBUG, TOO!

YOU CAN? GOSH, WHAT A GAL!



A LITTLE LATER... LOOK AT JITTERS AND HIS GIRL! I'M JEALOUS!

ME, TOO! SHE'S A SLICK CHICK!

I'M FLABBERGASTED!



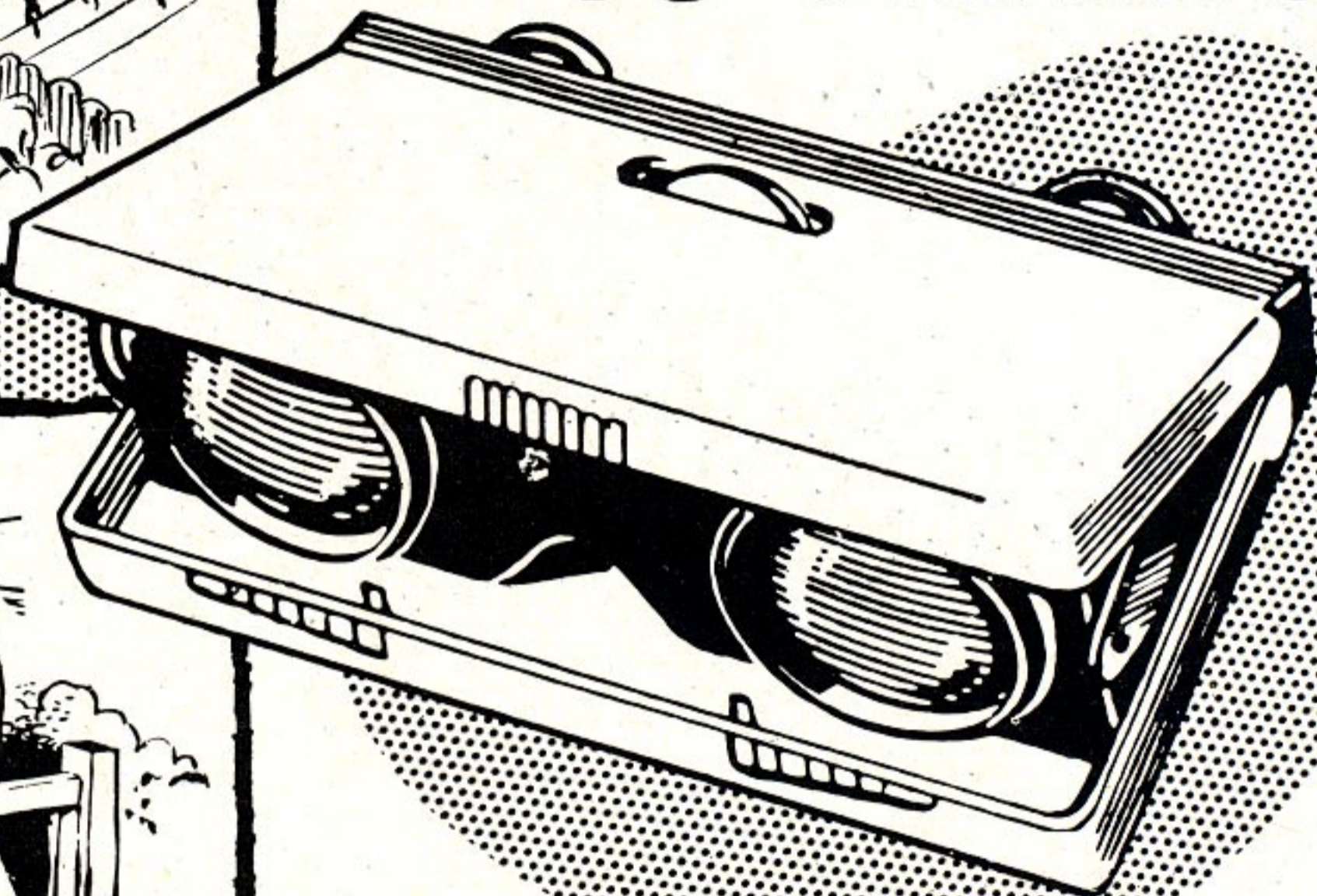
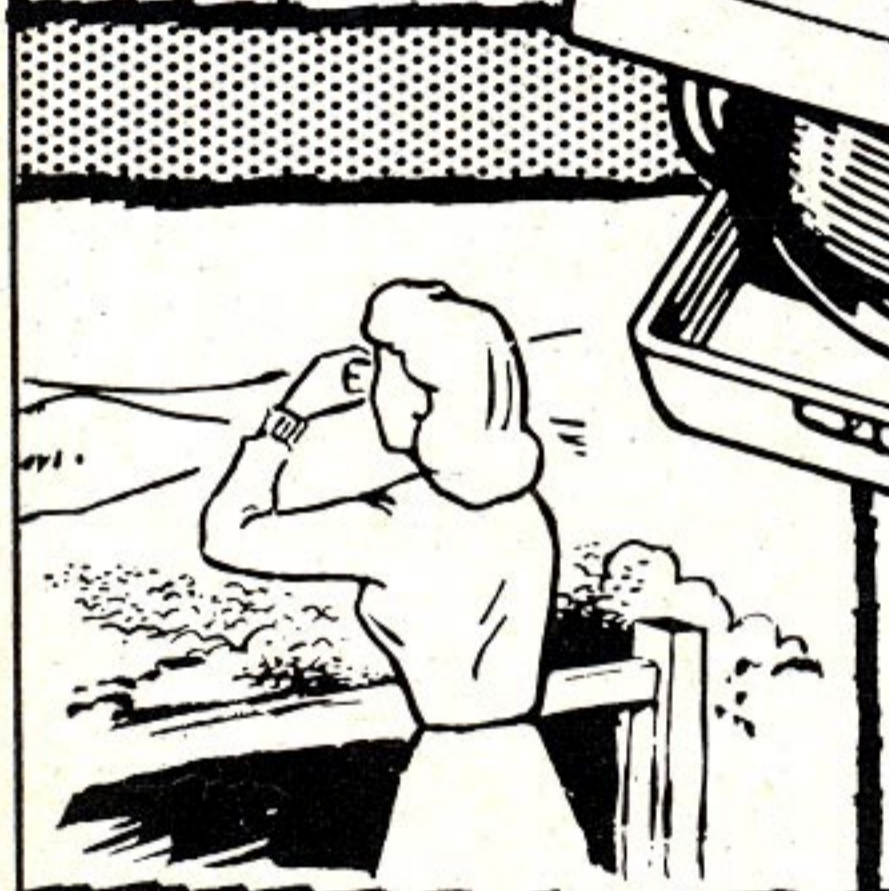
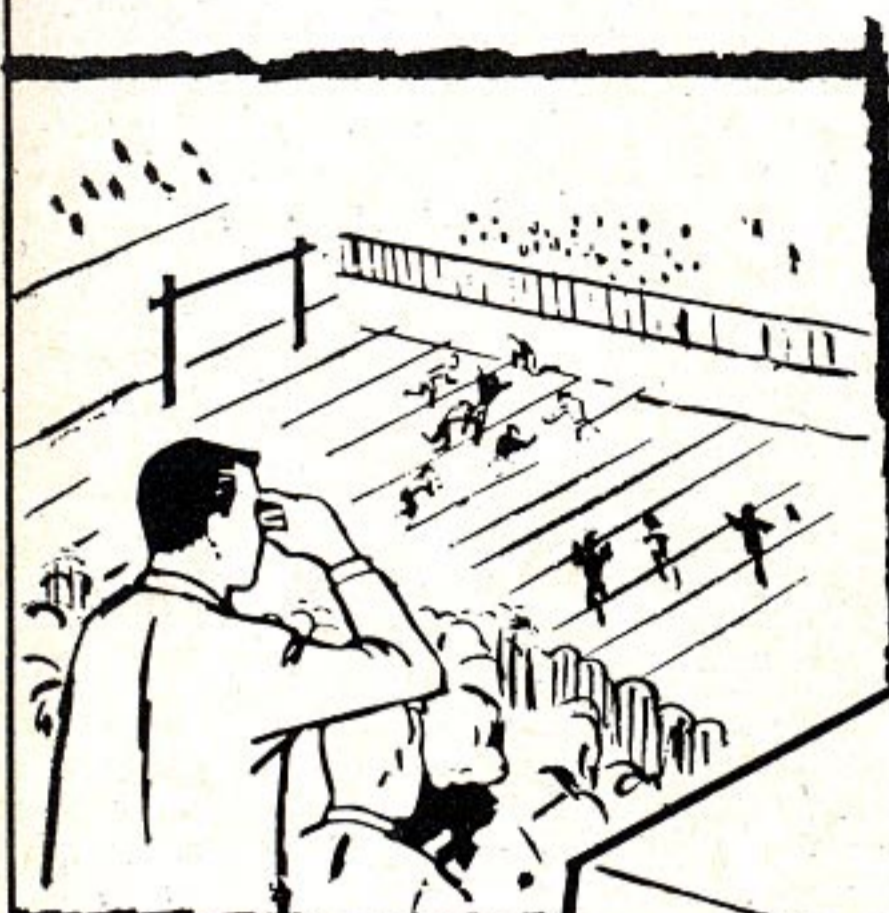
HONEY, AH THINK YOU'RE THE NICEST BOY AH EVER KNEW! AH'M THE LUCKIEST PERSON IN THE WORLD!

THAT'S WHAT SHE THINKS! KNOWING WHAT I DO, THE LUCKY ONE IS JITTERS!

HEH, HEH!

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GEE, I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE EATEN ALL THAT LETTUCE!

Candy



HI, KIDS! GUESS WHAT? I'VE FINALLY SAVED ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY THAT DREAMY DRESS IN THE SWANK SHOP'S WINDOW! WANT TO COME ALONG?

GEE, CANDY, THAT DRESS IS A PEACH! I'D LOVE TO COME!



I'LL MEET YOU AT THE SWANK SHOP AS SOON AS I FINISH READING ABOUT HOW LEANOR LARUE, THE MOVIE STAR, GOT THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FIGURE IN AMERICA!
 ≡ SIGH ≡

CANDY

AT THE SWANK SHOP...

PUFF-PUFF! JEEPERS, THIS IS TIGHT!

MAYBE YOU NEED A LARGER SIZE, CANDY! YOU MIGHT'VE GROWN!

DRESSES SIZE 10-16

BUT TRISH, I'VE...

LISTEN, GALS! THIS IS THE MOST SCRUMPTIOUS BOOK! I'M GOING TO GO ON THE DIET LEANOR LARUE ADVISES AND IN TWO WEEKS I'LL HAVE A FIGURE JUST LIKE HERS!

DID YOU SAY DIET? BOY, THAT'S JUST WHAT I NEED! MOVE OVER, TINA, YOU'VE GOT COMPANY! I'LL WAIT TILL I LOOK LIKE HER TOO, AND THEN BUY A DRESS!

MAYBE I SHOULD GO ON THAT DIET TOO! I'M ONE POUND OVER-WEIGHT NOW!

THE BOOK SAYS WE CAN'T EAT ANY BREAD, CAKE, CANDY, POTATOES, OR ICE CREAM IN ANY FORM!

HI, DREAM QUEENS! I'M JUST ACHING FOR SOME GLAMOROUS COMPANY OVER A SODA AT THE SWEET SHOPPE! WHAT SAY, CANDY?



SORRY, TED! BUT WE HAVE CEASED TO DRINK SUCH JUVENILE CONCOCTIONS! WE'RE ON A DIET!

WE'RE ALL GOING TO HAVE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FIGURES IN AMERICA IN TWO WEEKS!

WE CAN'T EVEN SET FOOT INSIDE THE SWEET SHOPPE! THE BOOK SAYS IN ORDER TO HAVE WILL POWER, WE MUST AVOID ALL TEMPTATION!

DON'T SAY THAT, SWEET STUFF! THINK OF HOW YOU'LL UNDERMINE MY MORALE!

THAT NIGHT AT THE O'CONNOR DINNER TABLE...

BUT CANDY, YOU JUST CAN'T LIVE ON A DIET OF LETTUCE LEAVES AND GRAPEFRUIT SLICES!

LEANOR LARUE DID!

BAH! RABBIT FOOD! THIS YOUNGER GENERATION!

CANDY

AFTER DINNER...

RING!
RING!



GOSH, I DON'T FEEL TOO SHARP! WONDER WHAT TRISH AND TINA ARE DOING? MAYBE IF I TALK TO THEM, I'LL FEEL BETTER!

WE JUST CAME OVER TO SEE HOW YOU FELT AFTER YOUR FIRST DIET MEAL! WE FEEL FINE, DON'T WE, TINA?

!GULP!
Y-YEAH, JUST PEACHY!

WHY, I'M SURE I HAVEN'T NOTICED THE DIFFERENCE! MUCH!



LOOK, THERE ARE OUR STARVING SWEET-HEARTS! SURE WE CAN'T TEMPT YOU WITH A BIG, JUICY SUPER BANANA SPLIT WITH WHIPPED CREAM AND PECANS ON TOP?

HUMPH! LET'S GO FOR A WALK, GANG! SOMEPLACE QUIET!

!GROAN!



GEE, TED, DON'T YOU EVEN WANT A DOUBLE THICK MALTED?

HONEST, HERBIE, I JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE EATING A THING! IT'S NOT THE SAME WITHOUT CANDY AND THE OTHER GALS AROUND!

YEAH!



I CAN SEE WHERE THIS DIET THING IS GONNA MESS UP MY JOB!

WAIT, FELLAS! I'VE GOT A WOW OF AN IDEA! THEY MAY BE DREAM QUEENS BUT THEY'RE ONLY HUMAN! IF WE CAN GET THEM OFF THE DIET ONCE, THE REST WILL BE EASY! NOW LISTEN...



A FEW MINUTES LATER AT CANDY'S HOUSE...

...AND THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY, TED! THE THREE OF THEM WON'T EAT ANYTHING BUT LETTUCE AND GRAPEFRUIT FOR TWO WEEKS! I'M AFRAID CANDY WILL STARVE!

HAVE NO FEAR, MRS. O'CONNOR! I'M HERE TO PUT A RED HERRING ACROSS THEIR DIET TRAIL! FIRST, I'D BETTER SEE IF CANDY'S COMING...



I'LL... OOPS!

WATCH OUT... OHHH!

UGH!

CANDY

NOW SEE WHAT YOU'VE DONE, TED DAWSON! IF YOU'VE BROKEN ANY OF THEM, I'LL NEVER SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN!

GOSH, SUGARPLUM, I'M SORRY! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU WERE GETTING A NEW CROP OF HOT PLATTERS? I'M RIGHT IN THE MOOD FOR A JAM SESSION!

WELL, IT WAS A JAM ANYWAY!

THOSE ARE EXERCISING RECORDS, MR. DAWSON! THESE DAYS OUR ENERGY IS USED TO REDUCE, NOT TO DANCE!

TED, WOULD YOU BE AN ANGEL AND CHANGE THE OOF RECORDS FOR US?

SURE, SUGAR, ANYTHING TO PLEASE! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THEIR FACES!

ONE HOUR AND TWENTY RECORDS LATER...

GOSH, OOF! THIS IS HARD WORK! UGH! BUT IT'S WORTH IT IF WE GET FIGURES LIKE OH! LEANOR LARUE!

WHEW!

PUFF-PUFF! YOU BET!

UP... DOWN... UP... DOWN... ONE... TWO... THREE...

RING-6-6

HAVE YOU GOT 'EM? SUPER! C'MON IN!

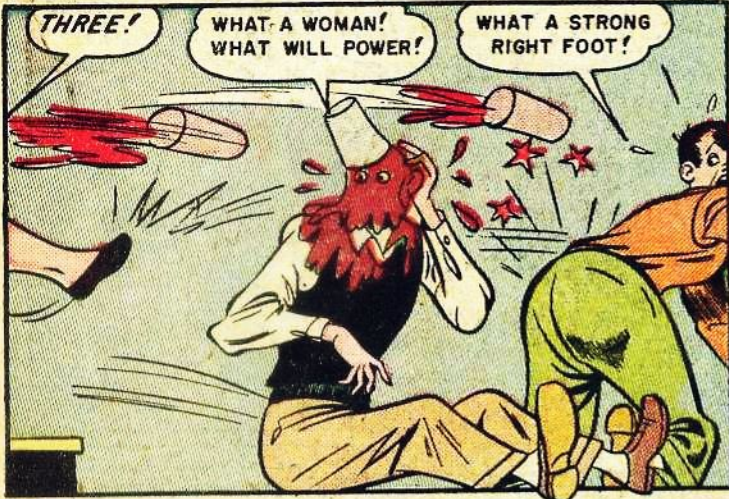
I HOPE WE LIVE THROUGH THIS!

Y'KNOW, HERBIE, ABOUT THIS DIET THING! CAN'T SLURP! SEE IT MYSELF! EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY! GLUG! THAT'S MY MOTTO!

GLUG! SLURP! YEAH, TED, ME! GLUG! TOO!

READY, GALS... IN TIME TO THE RECORD NOW! ONE... TWO...

N-NOW, CANDY! CONTROL YOURSELF! REMEMBER, Y-YOU'RE WEAK FROM LACK OF FOOD!



THREE!

WHAT-A WOMAN!
WHAT WILL POWER!

WHAT A STRONG
RIGHT FOOT!



OF ALL THE NERVE!
WELL, I GUESS THEY
KNOW WE MEAN
BUSINESS NOW,
HUH, KIDS?

≡SIGH≡ YES, I GUESS
SO! GEE, I FEEL
LIKE I'M READY TO
FLOAT AWAY! CANDY, CAN
WE CALL YOU SOMETHING
ELSE? I GET HUNGRY
EVERY TIME I SAY
YOUR
NAME!



A FEW DAYS LATER!

OW, YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO
DANCE ON THE
FLOOR, NOT
MY FEET!

WELL, WHO'S LEADING...
YOU OR ME, DRIZZLEPUSS?
AW, IT'S NO FUN DANCING
WITH YOU ANYWAY! WE'VE
GOT TO THINK OF A
WAY TO GET OUR
CHICKS BACK!



ZOWIE! HEY, FELLAS, LISTEN TO THIS!
LEANOR LARUE, THE MOVIE STAR WHO WROTE
THAT DIET BOOK, IS IN TOWN! SHE'S THE
ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP US! I'M GOING
TO FIND OUT IF SHE'LL TALK THE GALS
OUT OF THAT SILLY DIET!



WHEN TED ARRIVES AT LEANOR LARUE'S
LAVISH HOTEL SUITE!

MR. TED
DAWSON,
MISS LARUE!

COME IN, COME
IN, YOU DARLING BOY!
YOU'RE JUST WHAT I'VE
BEEN WAITING FOR!

≡GULP≡



YOU'RE A TEEN AGER, AREN'T
YOU? OF COURSE YOU ARE! I
DON'T KNOW WHY YOU CAME,
BUT IF YOU'LL HELP ME
OUT OF MY PREDICAMENT,
I'LL GRANT ANY FAVOR!

ER...
GEE,
MISS
LARUE!

I'LL HELP IF I
CAN BUT...



THEN IT'S SETTLED! I'M IN
HARTWICK TO DO RESEARCH
ON THE DAILY LIFE OF THE
AVERAGE TEEN AGER FOR MY
NEW PICTURE! NOW YOU
MUST TAKE ME TO YOUR
HANGOUT! I'LL BE
WITH YOU AS SOON
AS I CHANGE INTO
MY BOBBYSOX!

UH...
OKAY...
BUT,
GOSH!



AT THE "HANGOUT"---
HEAVENS, THIS DOESN'T LOOK AT ALL LIVELY! WHERE ARE ALL THE GIRLS? WHY ISN'T EVERYONE DANCING AND DRINKING COKES?

THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU! THE GALS WON'T COME NEAR THIS PLACE AND ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR DIET BOOK!



MY WHAT?

EVER SINCE THEY READ IT, THEY'VE BEEN ON A DIET AND NOW THEY'RE TOO WEAK TO DANCE OR ANYTHING!

GOSH, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!



I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT BUT IF I'M TO OBSERVE AN AVERAGE TEEN AGE HANGOUT, SOMETHING WILL HAVE TO BE DONE ABOUT THE SITUATION! NOW GATHER ROUND AND HERE'S ... BZZ ...

IT'S A PLEASURE!



MEANWHILE, AT CANDY'S HOUSE ---

"... AND IF YOU FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE RULES, YOU'LL WAKE UP ONE MORNING SLIM AS A SYLPH... SIGH DOESN'T THAT SOUND WONDERFUL, CANDY?"

IT BETTER HAPPEN PRETTY SOON OR I'LL BE GROWING LONG, WHITE RABBIT EARS! OH, FOR A THICK, JUICY STEAK! WE'D BETTER START LOOKING LIKE LEANOR LARUE SOON OR... OH, THERE'S THE PHONE!

RING RING



CANDY O'CONNOR? THIS IS AN ANONYMOUS FRIEND! I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW THAT YOUR BOY FRIEND TED IS AT THE SWEET SHOPPE WITH A GORGEOUS BLONDE! BETTER HURRY OVER THERE NOW! GOOD BYE!

HELLO? WHO IS THIS? WAIT... OH, DEAR!



I'M GOING TO THE SWEET SHOPPE, TEMPTATION OR NOT! TED'S OVER THERE BEING LURED BY A BLONDE AND I DON'T THINK HE CAN RESIST TEMPTATION, EITHER!



A BLONDE? COME ON, TINA! WE'D BETTER SEE ABOUT FRANKIE AND HERBIE TOO!

I'M... PUFF... COMING!



NOW FIRST YOU... OH-OH!

SO, TED DAWSON! THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS THE MINUTE I TURN MY BACK!



B-BUT CANDY! I'M ONLY TRYING...

I CAN SEE VERY WELL WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND IF...

GASP! CANDY, THAT'S LEANOR LARUE! IN PERSON!



SURE IT IS! I'M HELPING HER DO RESEARCH ON TEEN AGE BEHAVIOR FOR HER NEW PICTURE!

THAT'S RIGHT! AND I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU GIRLS BECAUSE YOU CAN HELP TOO!

SIGH!



GOSH, WE'D BE HONORED TO HELP YOU, MISS LARUE, BECAUSE YOUR BOOK HAS HELPED US SO! DO YOU REALLY THINK WE'LL LOOK LIKE YOU IN TWO WEEKS?

BEG PARDON?



HOW CAN YOU HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY TO DANCE WHEN ALL YOU EAT IS GRAPE-FRUIT SLICES AND LETTUCE LEAVES, MISS LARUE? I'VE TRIED AND JUST CAN'T!

HEAVENS, I EAT CONSTANTLY! IN FACT, I JUST FINISHED THOSE SODAS!



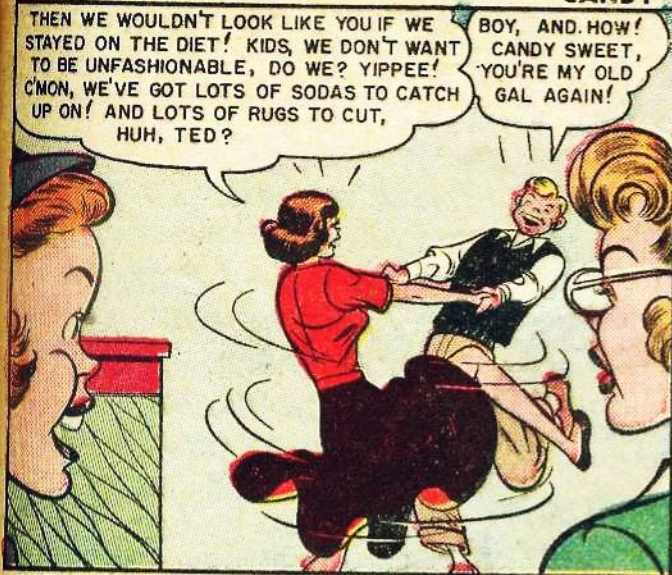
BUT YOUR BOOK... YOUR DIET... THE EXERCISES! DON'T YOU DO ANY OF THEM?

THIS BOOK? DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE READING THIS? HA-- HA-- HA!



I DIDN'T WRITE IT! MY MOTHER DID... WAY BACK IN THE 1920'S WHEN SHE WAS A REIGNING BEAUTY! THAT DIET IS OLD STUFF! WHY, ANYONE WHO FOLLOWED IT NOW WOULD BE MUCH TOO THIN TO BE FASHIONABLE!

CANDY



THEN WE WOULDN'T LOOK LIKE YOU IF WE STAYED ON THE DIET! KIDS, WE DON'T WANT TO BE UNFASHIONABLE, DO WE? YIPPEE! C'MON, WE'VE GOT LOTS OF SODAS TO CATCH UP ON! AND LOTS OF RUGS TO CUT, HUH, TED?

BOY, AND HOW! CANDY SWEET, YOU'RE MY OLD GAL AGAIN!



GOLLY, I'M GLAD THAT'S OVER! IF I CAN'T LOOK LIKE HER, I'D RATHER JUST LOOK LIKE MYSELF! HERBIE, WHIP ME UP A DOUBLE DIP SUNDAE WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS! BETTER MAKE IT TWO!

SURE THING, TINA!



THIS IS MORE LIKE IT! DRINK UP, KIDS! IT'S ALL MY TREAT!



TWO HOURS AND COUNTLESS SODAS LATER...

WELL, GANG, I HAVE TO BE GOING! I LEAVE FOR HOLLYWOOD FIRST THING IN THE MORNING TO START WORK ON MY PICTURE! THANKS FOR EVERYTHING...YOU'LL BE HEARING FROM ME!

'BYE, MISS LARUE! THANK YOU FOR THE SODAS...AND THE DIET TOO! TEE-HEE!



SOME DAYS LATER...

TED, LOOK! A TELEGRAM FROM LEANOR LARUE! THEY'RE PREVIEWING HER PICTURE HERE BECAUSE SHE SAYS HARTWICK HAS A TYPICAL TEEN AGE POPULATION!

GOSH, LET'S SEE!



IT SAYS THAT SHE WANTS YOU AND TED TO BE HER GUESTS BECAUSE YOU INSPIRED HER! HOW FABULOUS!

GLEEPES! WHAT'LL I WEAR? I'LL REALLY HAVE TO GET A NEW DRESS NOW! ANYONE WANT TO HELP ME PICK IT OUT?



OW! I HOPE THIS DOESN'T START IT ALL OVER AGAIN!

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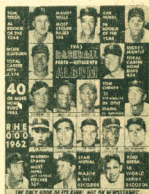


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MY SECRET NEW DYNAFLEX METHOD

CAN BUILD YOU A MAGNIFICENT NEW HE-MAN-MUSCLED BODY IN JUST TEN MINUTES A DAY—with absolutely NO weights—NO bar-bells—NO EXERCISE AT ALL!



Yes! If the girls LAUGH at you now when you take off your shirt—they'll be breaking down the doors to get dates with you—once they've seen the rugged DYNAFLEX BODY I can give you! I'll build you a tough brutal massive body—shoulders clad with solid inches of he-man BRAWN. I'll give you bulging biceps, trip-hammer fists, power-packed legs, and a chest that will have you popping the buttons off your shirt with pride! (—says MIKE MARVEL,

"Builder of Champion Bodies")

In my classes this same course of instruction would cost \$110.00.

ARE YOU ASHAMED OF YOUR BODY NOW?

Pal—do YOURSELF a favor! Take a good long look in a mirror. Do you see a puny, starved body—scrawny arms—bony shoulders—a flabby stomach and skinny legs? Do girls laugh and fellows grin when you take off your shirt?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT—I can add solid pounds of rippling, steely he-man MEAT to your build. I can take those skeleton arms and PACK EVERY INCH with explosive virile MAN-MUSCLE. I can take that caved-in chest and build on six rugged inches of strong sleek MAN-SIZED BRAWN. I can clothe your skinny frame with GIANT RIBBLING DYNAFLEX MUSCLES that will have the girls gasping with awe and admiration! And with NO tiring exercise, NO high-priced bar-bells or gym equipment!

Or is your problem a body sagging with soft rolls of unhealthy, unhandsome FAT? Puny muscles—sagging stomach—bloated face—arms heavy with layers of BLUBBER? Are you ASHAMED to go to the beach and let them see your "FAT-MAN PHYSIQUE"?

If so, wake up fella! THIS IS IT! I will peel off that fat and give you a lean virile DYNAFLEX BODY, armored with a sheath of hard tough handsome muscle. I can build you into a healthy, streamlined HERCULES—bursting with dynamic manly strength. I'll give you a taut rock-hard midsection—legs muscled like coiled steel springs. I can pack solid DYNAMITE into your flaps and give you a rugged handsome build brim-full of the magnetic SUPER-BODY SEX-APPEAL girls are hungry for. And with NO starvation diets—NO fatiguing calisthenics—NO expensive health-foods!

HOW DYNAFLEX BUILDS BEAUTIFUL BODIES

DYNAFLEX is the modern miracle of body-building. It takes no tiresome exercises, "crash" diets, protein foods, and no weights or bar-bells. DYNAFLEX is the amazing discovery of a West German Doctor

whose research into the Science of Strength found a thrilling new way to build GIANT BRAWNY MUSCLES in ten minutes a day. With DYNAFLEX you "flex" each muscle once—in a certain way—that is more effective than if you exercised that muscle 20, 30, even 100 times the old-fashioned way. With DYNAFLEX you get bigger results in ten minutes than after hours of grunting and groaning, hefting heavy weights. DYNAFLEX coaxes each muscle in your body to bring out its round, steely fullness and satiny symmetry. DYNAFLEX packs that muscle with glowing vibrant new strength and energy—FAST. In ten minutes a day I can cover your bony frame with healthy rippling muscle—give you a deep, powerful chest—solid shoulders and iron wrists—tough, slim midsection—and trim, steel-spring legs—simply thru "DYNAFLEXING" each muscle once a day! There's nothing wrong with the bar-bell and weight-lifting method . . . but why bother? Why waste time and money, why sweat and strain your way to a streamlined symmetrical SAMSON-STRONG BODY—when you can do it better—bigger—faster—easier with the DYNAFLEX SECRET?

STRONG-MAN SEX-APPEAL ATTRACTS GIRLS

Be honest. Down deep you KNOW you envy the boy with the virile, magnificent build. Every man and boy secretly desires a broad brawny back, a solid man-muscled chest, handsome he-man shoulders, arms rippling with tough, steely sinews, a narrow waist, slim hips and springs, power-packed legs. Girls go for a fellow with TWO-FISTED BIG MUSCLE SEX-APPEAL . . . and they only laugh at skinny guys or "fatso's". Let me give you a glowing new body, brimming over with energy and irresistible inches of solid muscle on your chest—he-man appeal. I can build three inches of beef and brawn on your shoulders. I will mold you a handsome super-body of terrific strength, give you a crushing grip, legs crammed with steel springs. A lean taut rock-solid punch-proof midsection. Pack your body with energy and thrilling stamina that will have girls falling at your feet.

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GIVE ME TEN MINUTES A DAY —THAT'S ALL!

After DYNAFLEX, you'll be able to roll up your sleeves and take off your shirt and, for the first time in your life, you'll be PROUD of your manly build. Yes, pal, say goodbye to your weak, flabby frame—get ready for adventure and romance with a solid physique that glows and vibrates with virile he-man appeal. You'll be really proud to have people see your MAGNIFICENT HE-MAN-MUSCLES at the beach or gym. And, when the fellows stare with envy and jealousy—when the girls crowd around to squeeze your iron biceps or touch your bulging brawny chest—when they ask in amazement HOW you did it—tell them about the Magic Secret of DYNAFLEX!

Your Pal,
MIKE MARVEL

"Builder of Champion Bodies"

Mike Marvel

ARE YOU WEAK, ALWAYS TIRED, LACK PEP?

Whether you're thin and scrawny, or sagging with unsightly fat—my secret DYNAFLEX method will cram pep, vigor and red-blooded vitality into your puny, exhausted body. Once DYNAFLEX makes you a two-fisted dynamo of manly beauty, rippling with power, glowing with magnetic sex-appeal—you'll be bursting with get-up-and-go. Man, you'll be really ALIVE—tingling with zest and rip-roaring energy—for the first time in years!

PROOF!

"I tried two other systems, before my buddy told me about DYNAFLEX. It really works—and how! I've put two inches of solid muscle on my biceps, three inches on my chest. It's like magic!"

L. C., New York City

"I never thought you could build terrific muscles without exercises or weights. Started DYNAFLEX two weeks ago, and am building a great physique."

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"DYNAFLEX is the best yet. Only three weeks, and I have more dates than I can handle! I am telling all my pals about DYNAFLEX."

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