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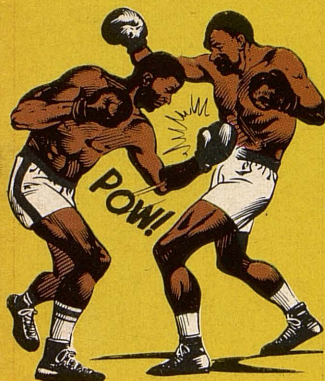
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MIGHTY MAN

THE HUMAN LAW ENFORCING DYNAMO

PLUS—
THESE
TWO GREAT
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THE WAY UP...

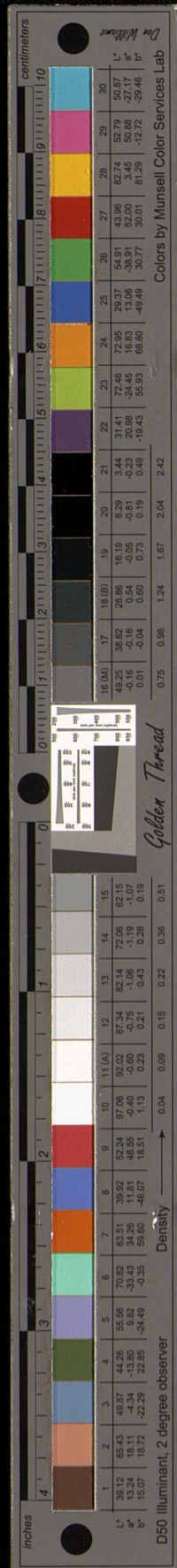


THEMBA
HLABISA

and



A TALE FROM
AFRICAN
FOLKLORE



NOW SHOWING

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THE ORPHAN

A powerful story of a small boy who puts up a tremendous struggle against the odds of life. He wins through to become top surgeon.

Even this has it's problem

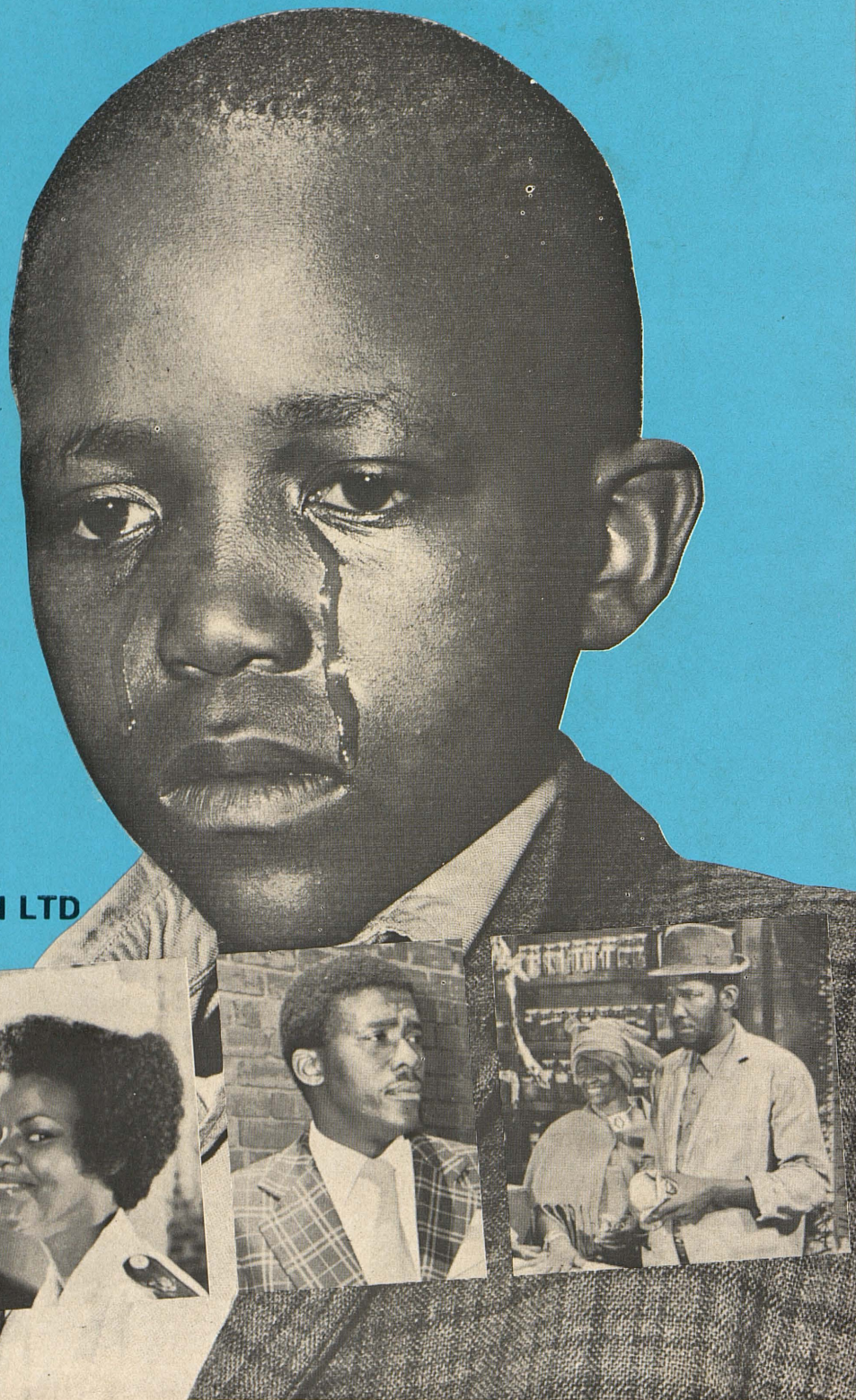
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HERE... OUR VERY OWN--

MIGHTY MAN

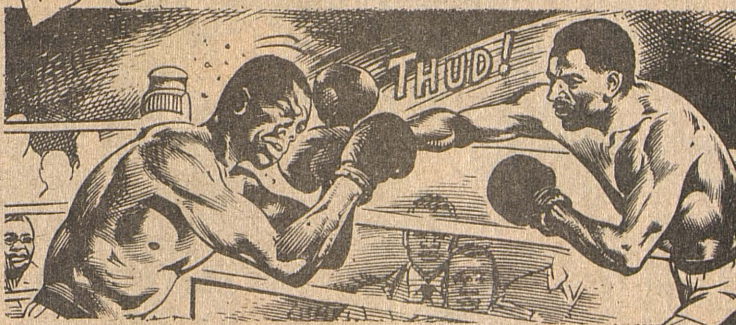
AND HE'S GOING TO BE
INVOLVED IN THE MOST
THRILLING, ACTION-PACKED
STORIES YOU'VE EVER
READ, FOLKS...!

ESPECIALLY IN *THIS*
ISSUE WHEN HE DOES
BATTLE WITH "**WILD
DOG**" WILLIE AND HIS
FOUL HENCHMEN!



AND

...THERE'S MORE!



READ ABOUT **THEMA HLABISA--**
THE FIGHTER WHO HITS FAST AND HARD!

THEN

...AN ADDED TREAT...



AN ENTERTAINING ANIMAL FOLK TALE!

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HIS TRUE IDENTITY CAREFULLY CONCEALED
BEHIND A MASK AND COSTUME,
DANNY NDHLOMO IS...

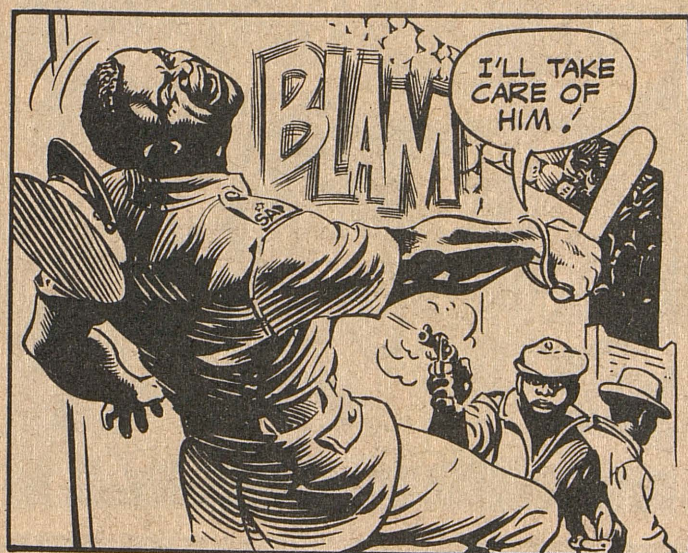
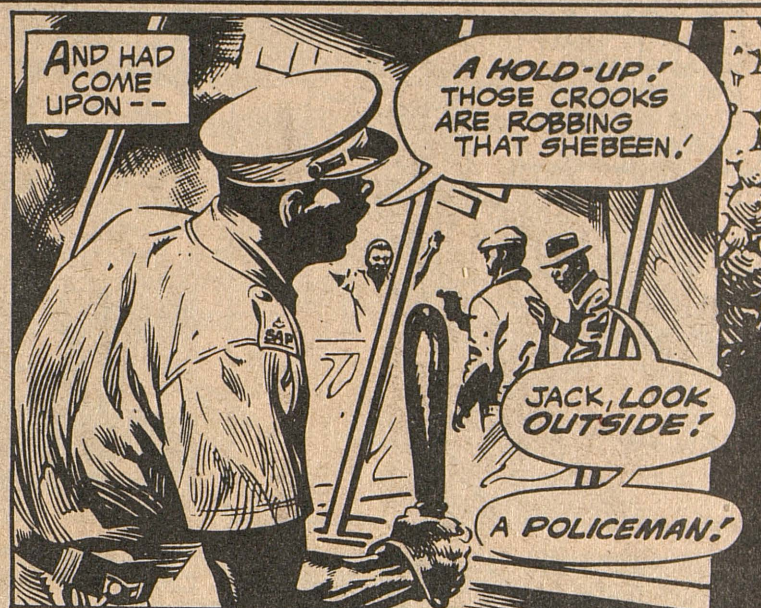
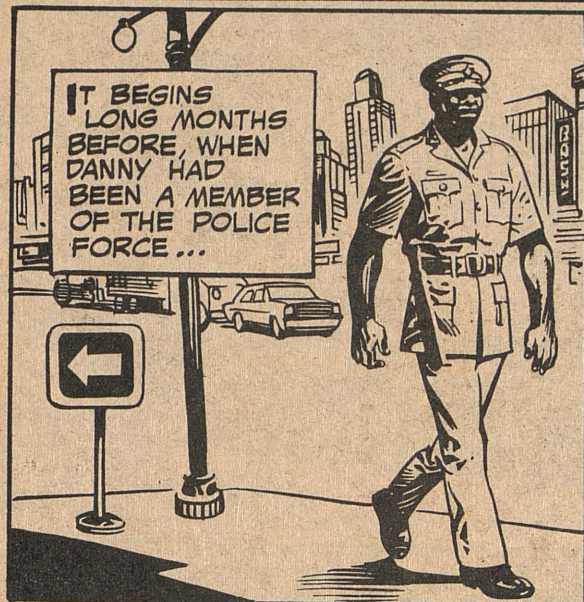
MIGHTY M'AN

A MAN OF
FURY
AND
THUNDER!
A FLAWLESS
FORCE OF
INDESTRUCTIBLE
ENERGY!

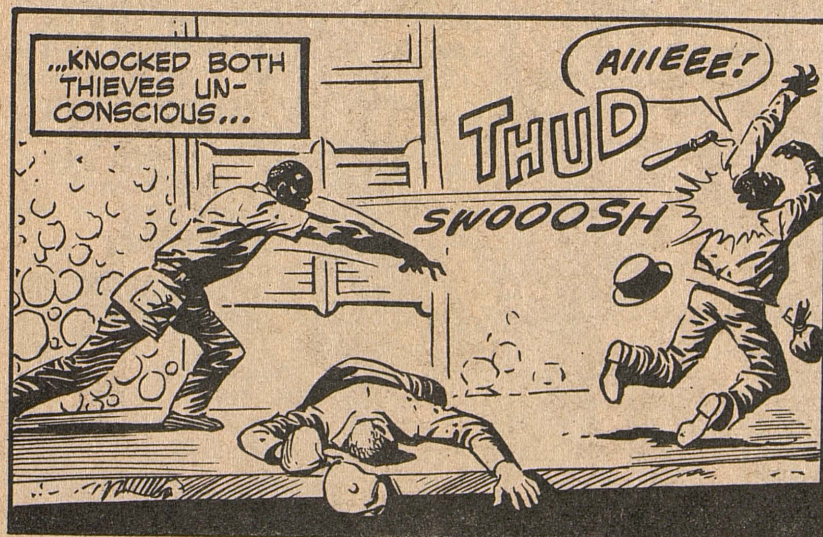
A MAN WHO IS PROUD OF HIS PEOPLE
AND THEIR GLORIOUS HERITAGE...
A MAN AWARE OF THE STRENGTH, THE
NOBLE CHARACTER, THE HONESTY
AND GENEROUSITY OF THOSE BLACKS
WHO WALKED THE SURFACE OF AFRICA
BEFORE HIM.

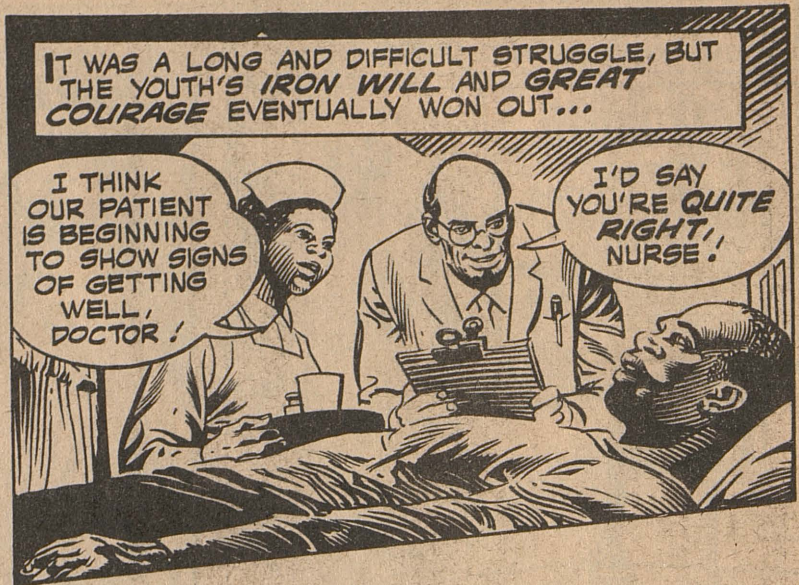
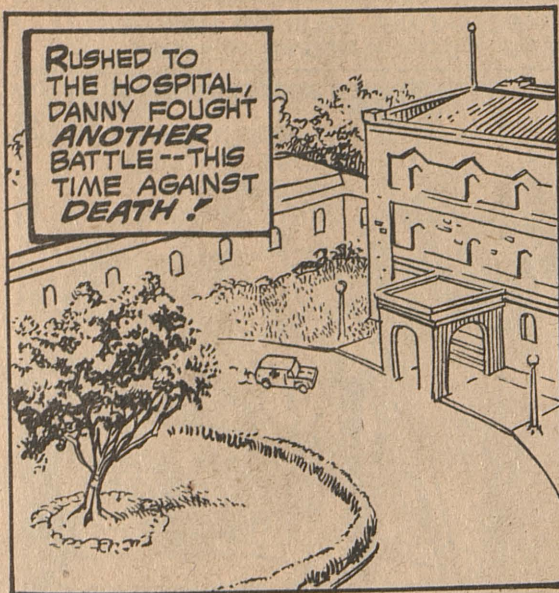
MIGHTY MAN, USING HIS
AWESOME POWERS AND LIGHTNING-
LIKE SPEED AGAINST THE CRIMINAL
SNAKES AND VERMIN WHO HAVE
FORGOTTEN THE GREAT LEGACY
OF THEIR FOREFATHERS!

THIS IS *MIGHTY MAN'S* STORY... IT IS A STRANGE, FASCINATING TALE OF HOW A YOUNG MAN NAMED DANNY NDHLOMO CAME TO POSSESS SUCH MASSIVE POWERS...

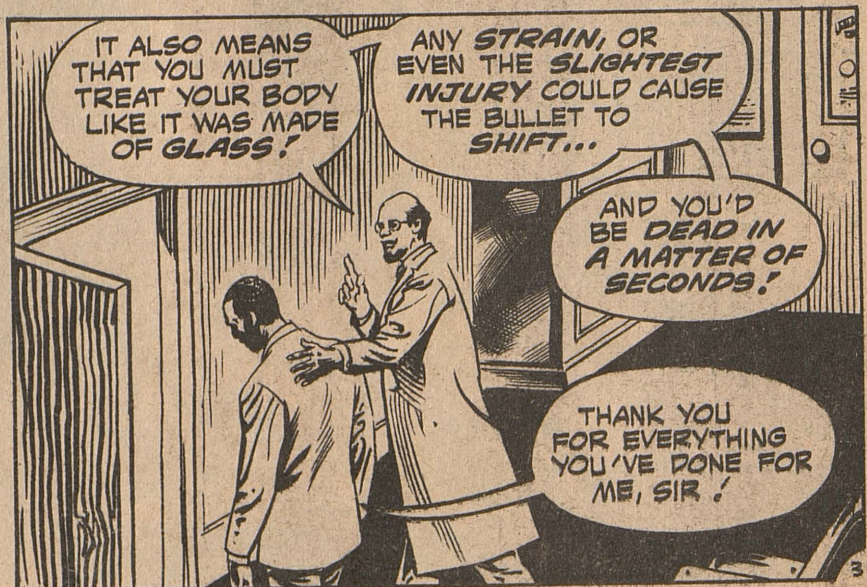
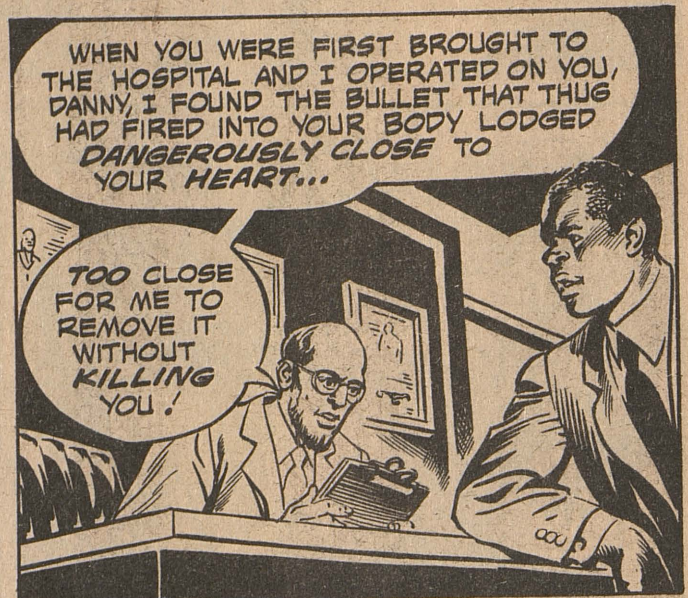


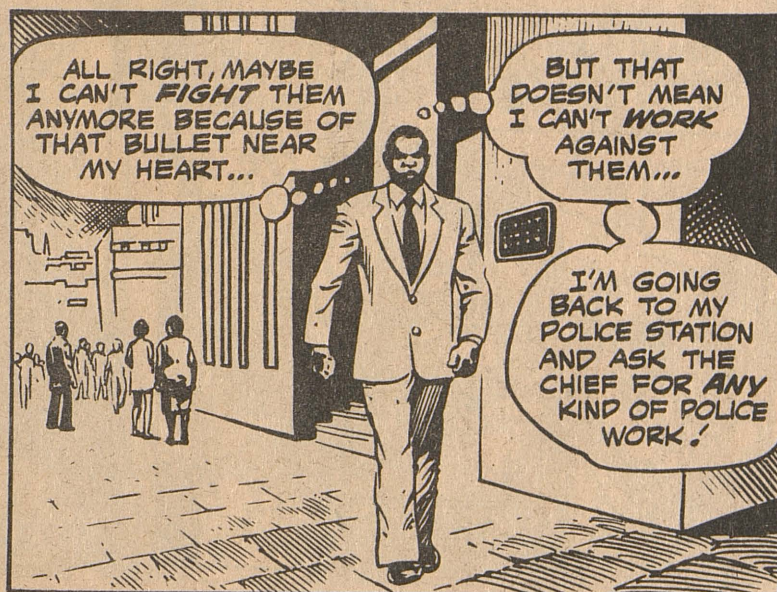
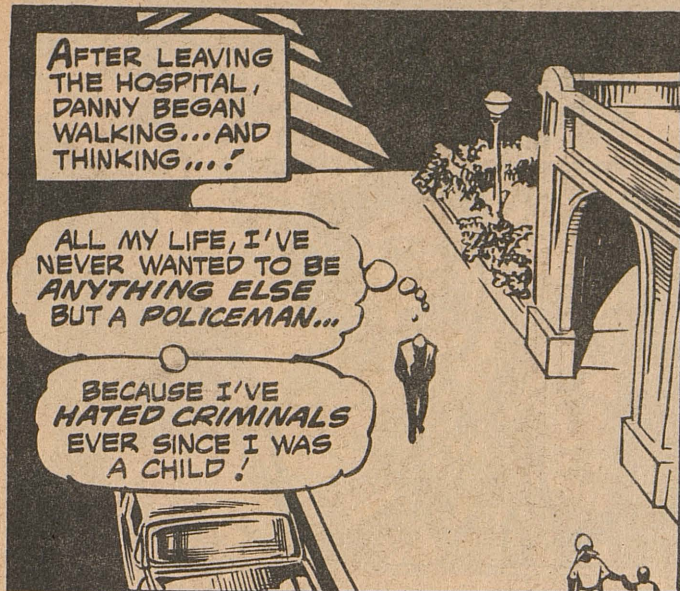
DESPITE THE CRIMINAL'S BULLET THAT HAD LODGED ITSELF IN DANNY'S CHEST, HE LUNGED FORWARD AND...





DANNY CONTINUED TO IMPROVE, AND AFTER A FEW SHORT WEEKS, HE WAS BACK ON HIS FEET AND READY TO BE DISCHARGED! BUT THAT'S WHEN HE RECEIVED THE **BAD** NEWS...





THOUGH DANNY DIDN'T LIKE THE IDEA OF A FEMALE BEING HIS BOSS, HE SOON LEARNED THAT DONNA HAD AN INTELLIGENT MIND... AND A VERY PRETTY FACE!

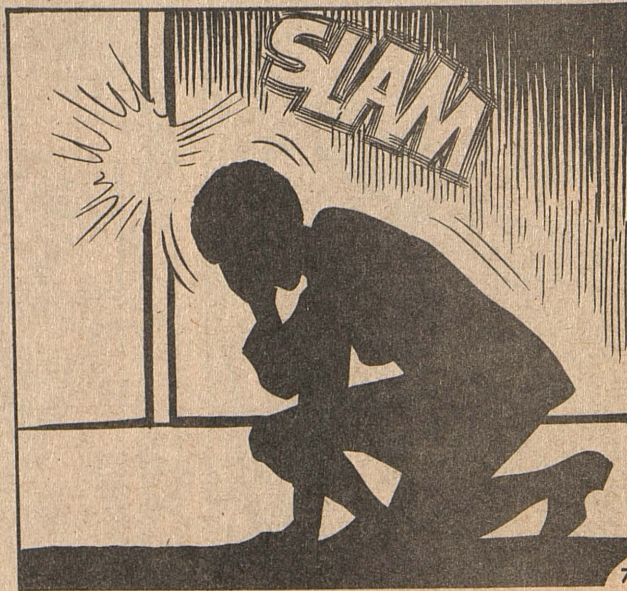
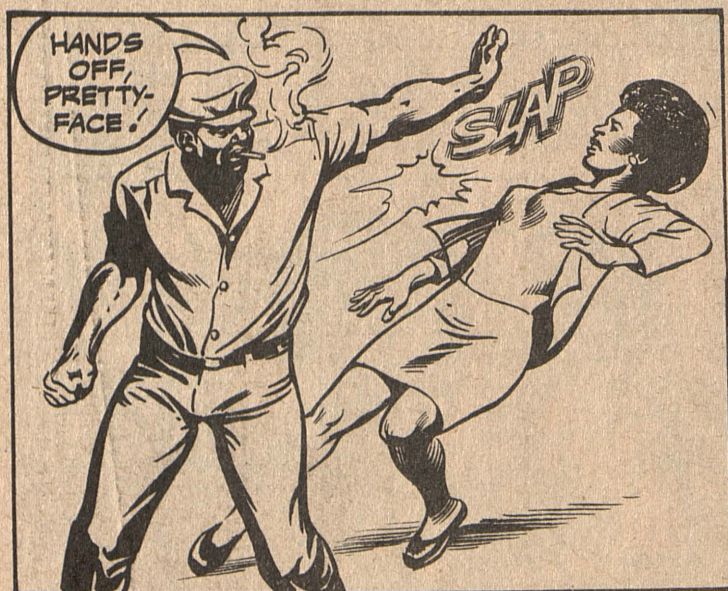
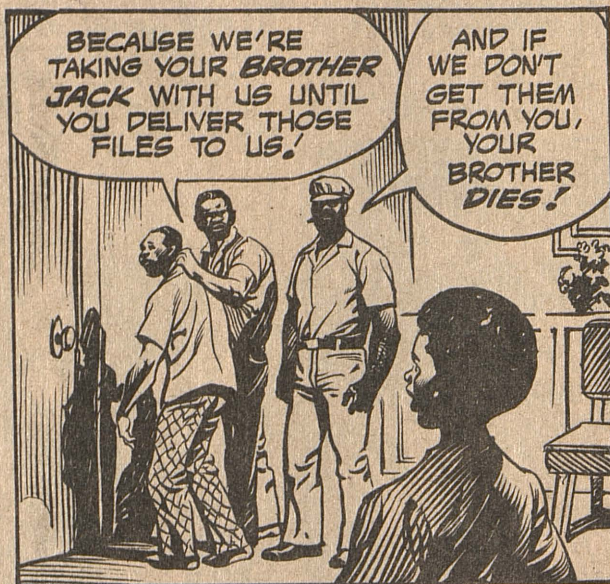
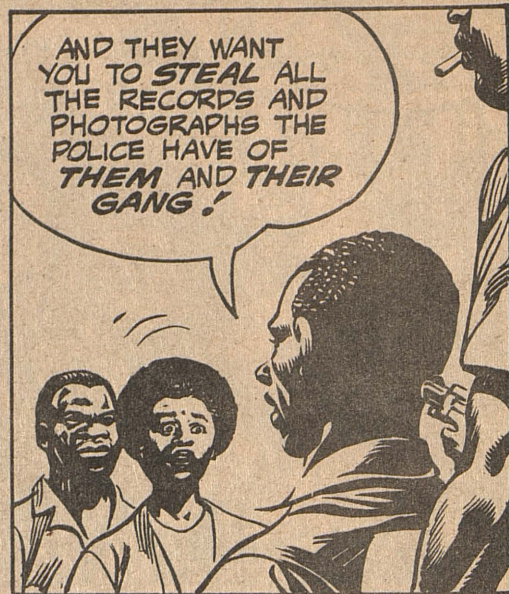




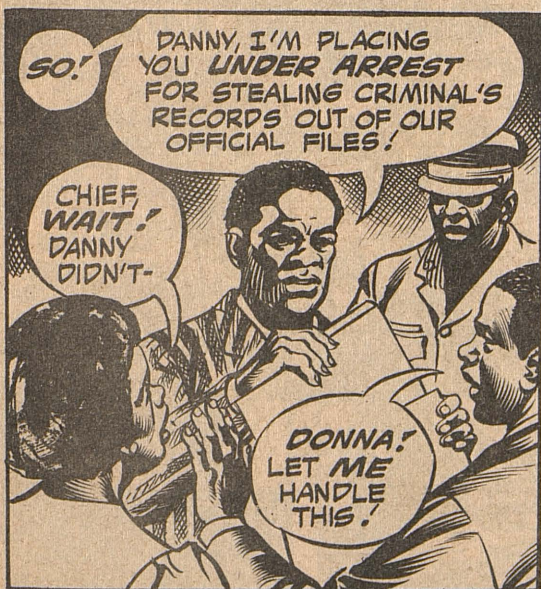
AND SO IT IS THAT WHILE DANNY HAS TO SPEND HIS ENTIRE EVENING PICKING UP PAPERS AND PUTTING THEM BACK IN THEIR PROPER ORDER, DONNA AND ESAU SPEND THEIR NIGHT ENJOYING THEMSELVES AT THE CINEMA ...

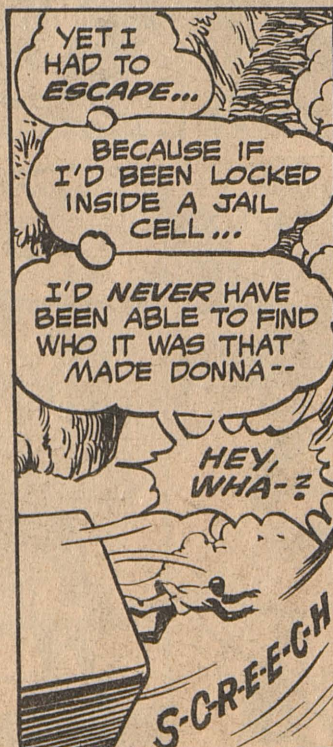
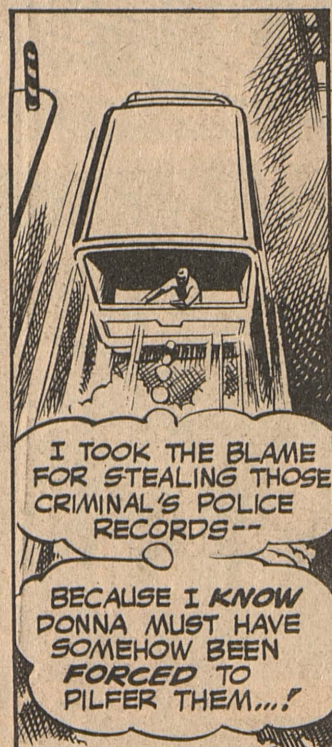
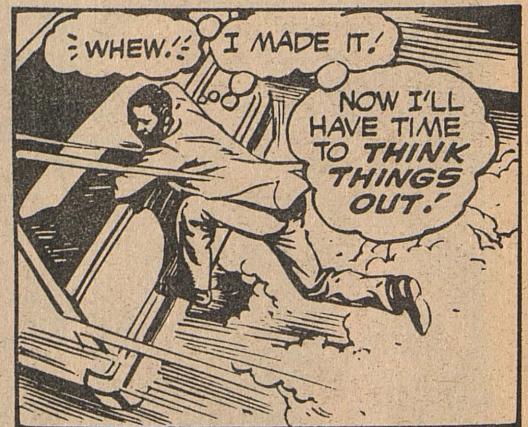
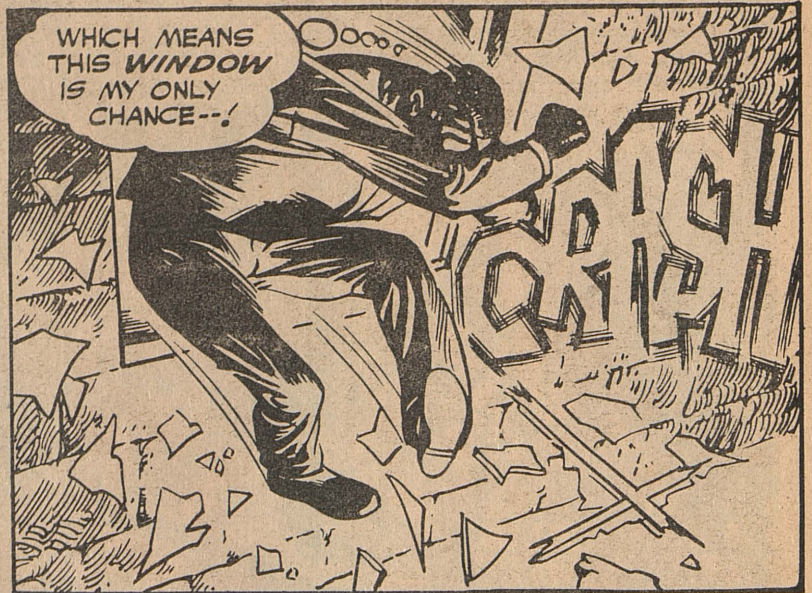
AND LATER, AFTER BEING ESCORTED HOME BY HER DATE, DONNA BIDS ESAU GOOD-NIGHT AND ENTERS THE APARTMENT SHE SHARES WITH HER BROTHER JACK...





THE NEXT DAY, DANNY NOTICES THAT SOMETHING IS TROUBLING DONNA... THEN, AT THE END OF THEIR WORK DAY...





BUT AS DANNY MOVES THROUGH THE HEAVY UNDERBRUSH, A SUDDEN, AGONISING PAIN STABS AT HIS CHEST...



I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT... T-THE... BULLET... INSIDE... MY B-BODY...

ALL THAT... RUNNING I DID... MUST HAVE CAUSED IT TO... SHIFT...



WHEW!! PAIN LETTING UP A LITTLE...

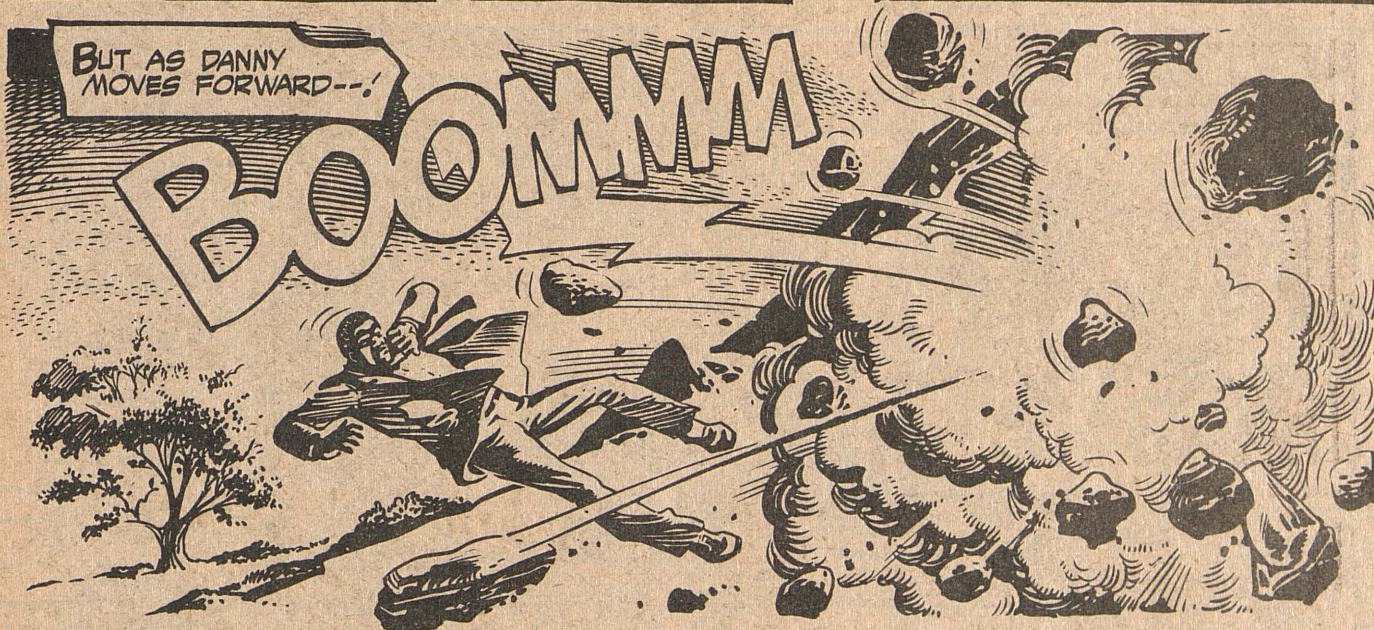
BUT NOW IT'S STARTING TO RAIN AND THUNDER!

MAYBE I CAN FIND SOME SHELTER UNDER THOSE ROCKS OVER THERE...



BUT AS DANNY MOVES FORWARD--!

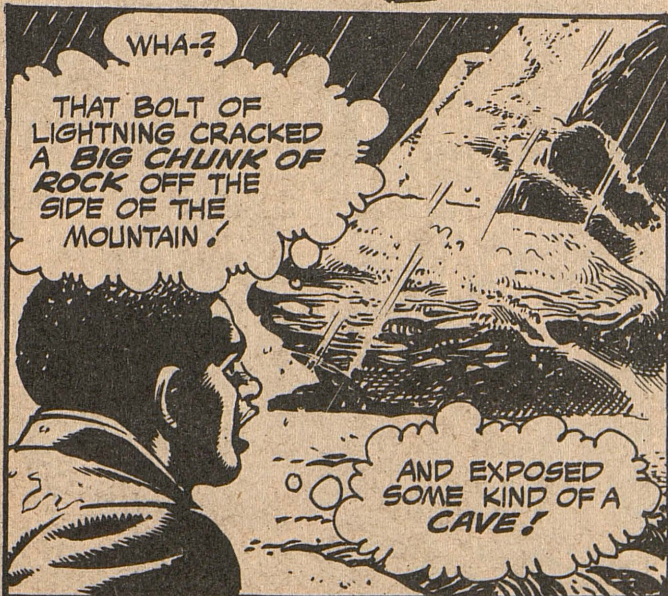
BOOMMM



WHA-?

THAT BOLT OF LIGHTNING CRACKED A BIG CHUNK OF ROCK OFF THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN!

AND EXPOSED SOME KIND OF A CAVE!



A CAVE THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SEALED FOR CENTURIES!

ANYWAY, I'M GOING INSIDE WHERE IT'S DRY!





REALLY DARK
IN HERE...CAN
HARDLY SEE
A...UH-OH...

PAIN'S
COMING
BACK!



AAHHH...

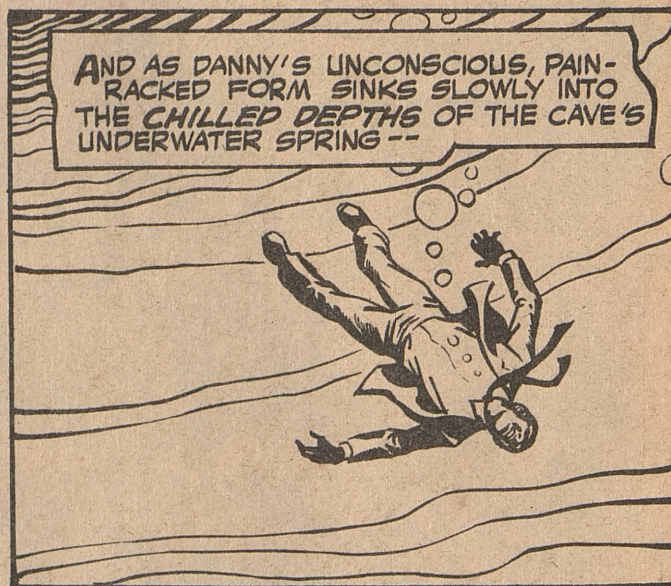
T- THIS
TIME...IT'S...
REAL...
BAD...



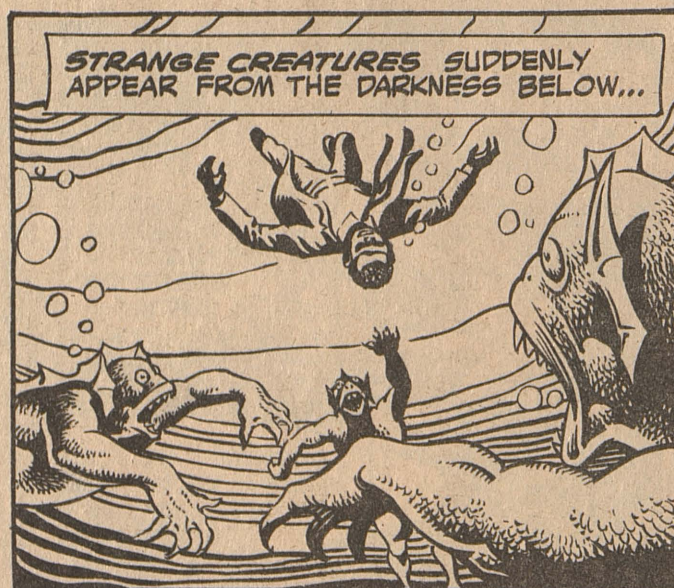
UNNNH...



SPLASH



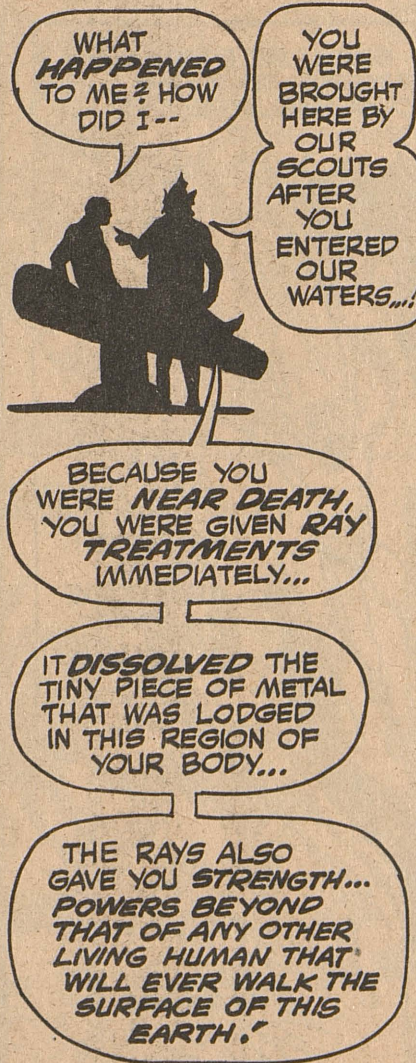
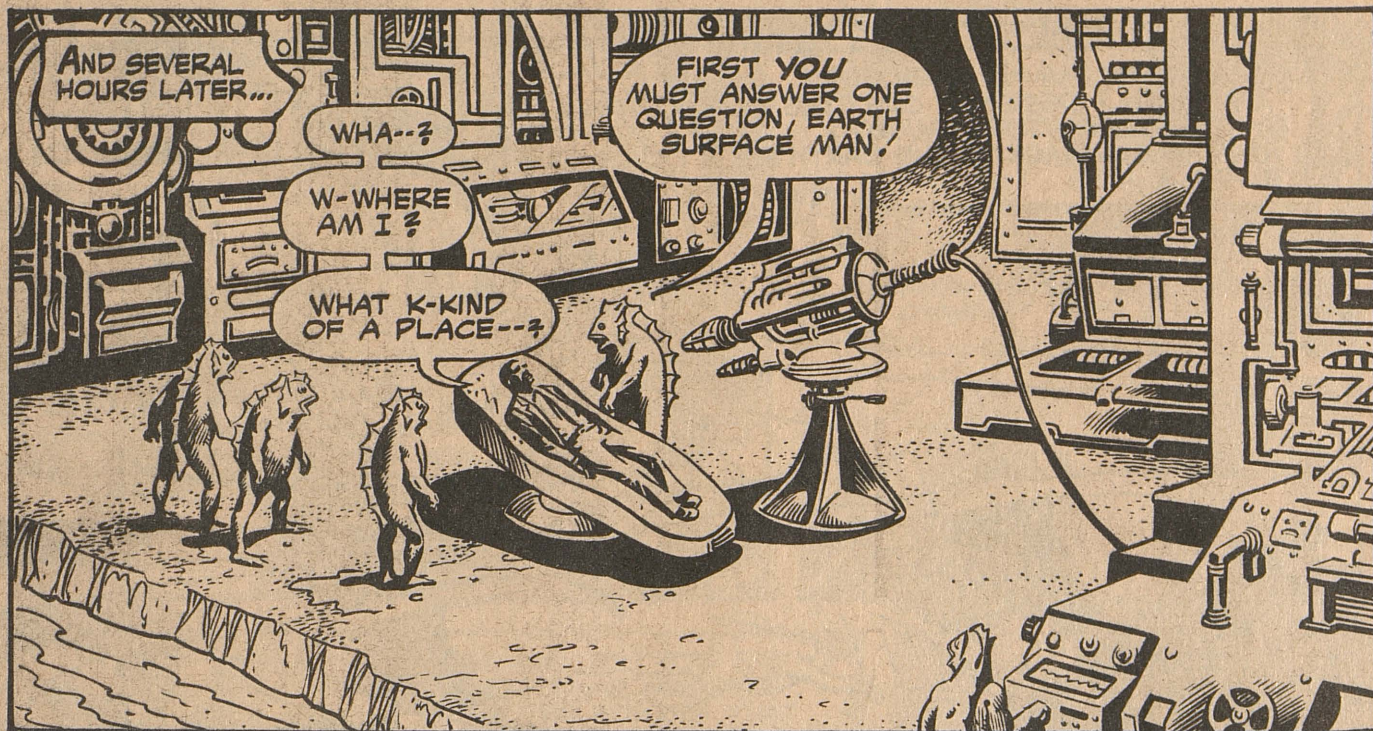
AND AS DANNY'S UNCONSCIOUS, PAIN-
RACKED FORM SINKS SLOWLY INTO
THE CHILLED DEPTHS OF THE CAVE'S
UNDERWATER SPRING --



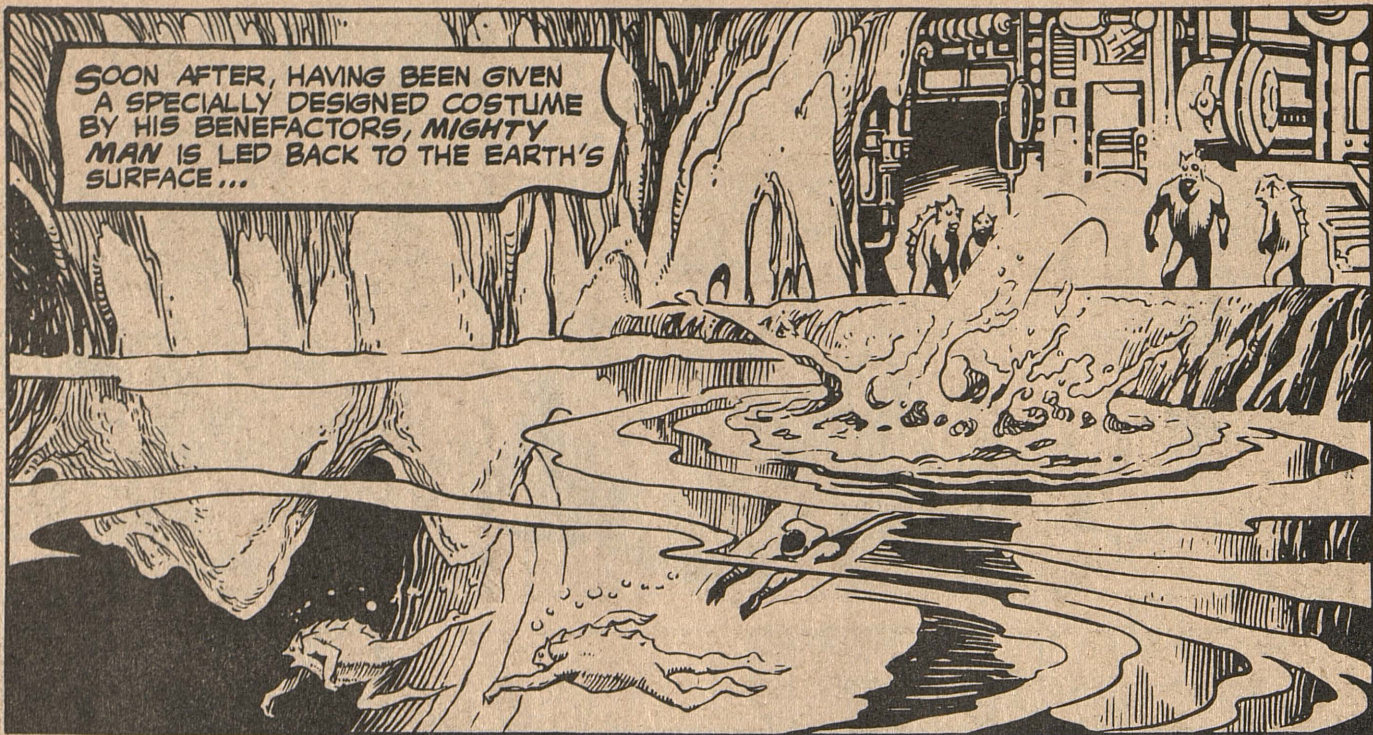
STRANGE CREATURES SUDDENLY
APPEAR FROM THE DARKNESS BELOW...



AND SEIZE
THE HUMAN
WHO HAS
INVADED THEIR
BIZARRE
DOMAIN!



SOON AFTER, HAVING BEEN GIVEN A SPECIALLY DESIGNED COSTUME BY HIS BENEFACTORS, MIGHTY MAN IS LED BACK TO THE EARTH'S SURFACE...



THEN, AFTER BIDDING HIS SUBTERRANEAN FRIENDS A FOND FAREWELL, HE ASSISTS THEM IN RESEALING THE ENTRANCE TO THEIR SECRET DOMAIN.



I SHALL BE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL TO THOSE HONOURABLE PEOPLE!



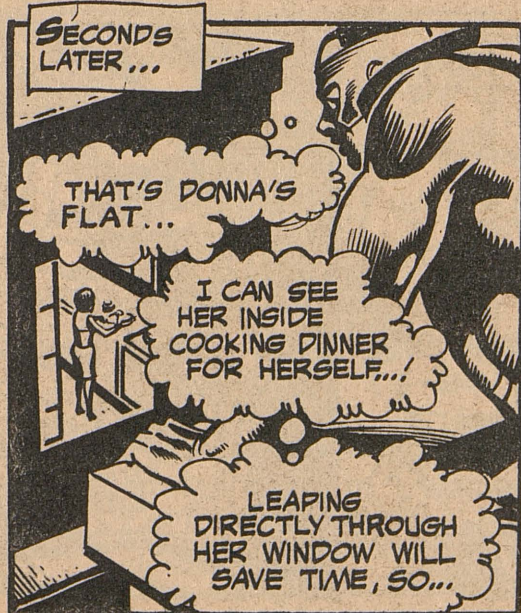
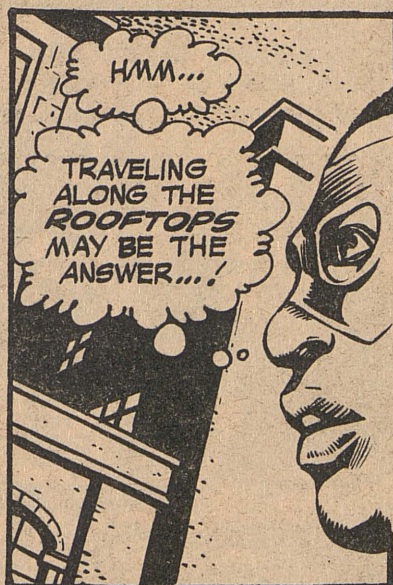
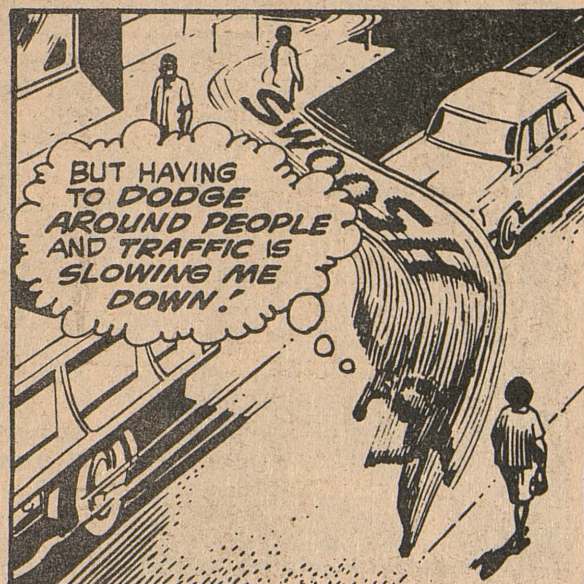
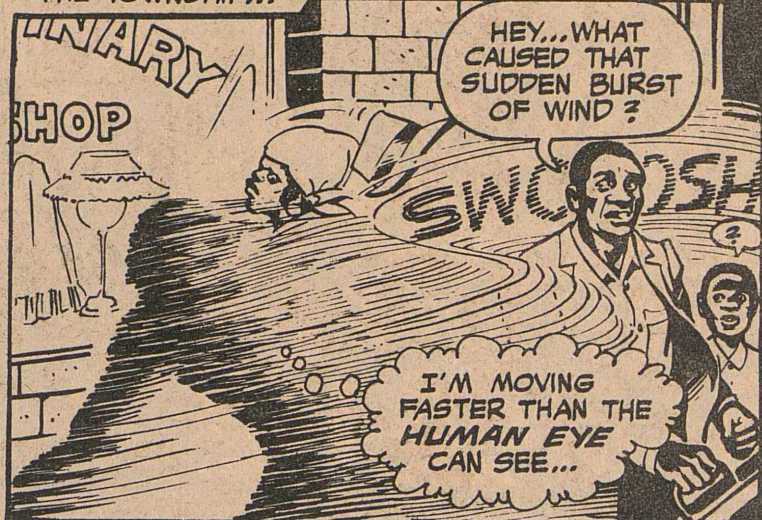
AND FROM THIS DAY ON, I SHALL SPEND MY LIFE USING THE POWERS THEY HAVE GIVEN ME IN ASSISTING ALL MAN-KIND... AND IN FIGHTING THE FORCES OF EVIL!

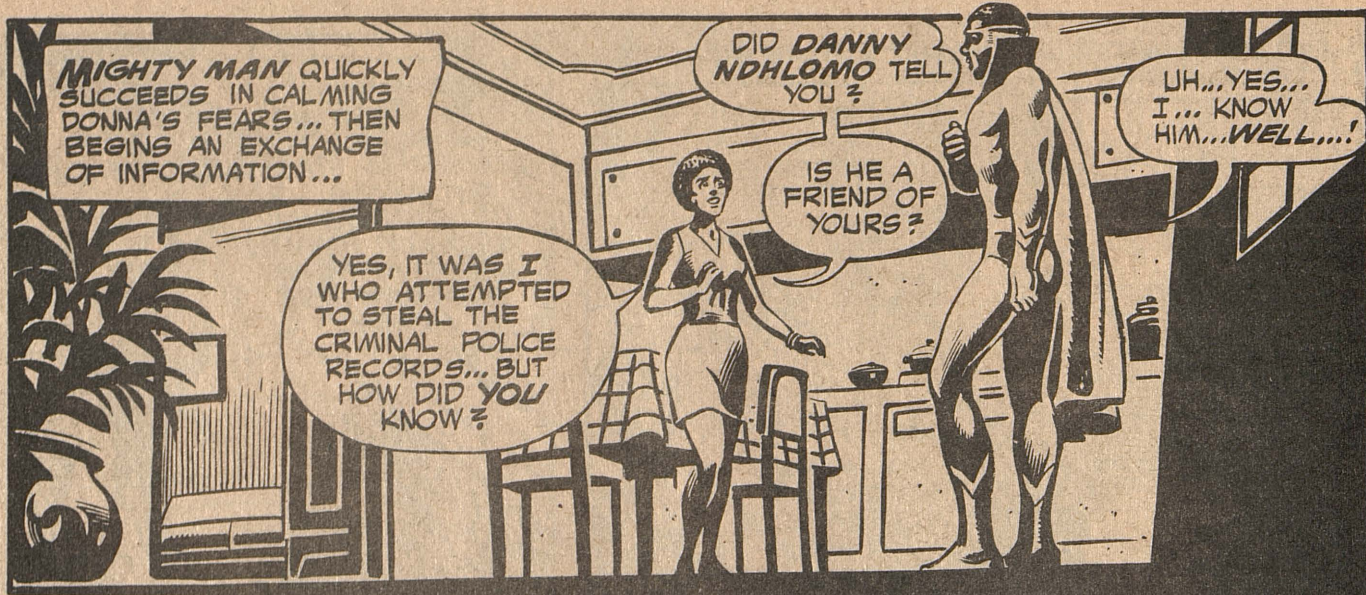
MY FIRST TASK WILL BE TO RETURN TO THE TOWNSHIP AND HELP SOMEONE I KNOW TO BE IN TROUBLE...



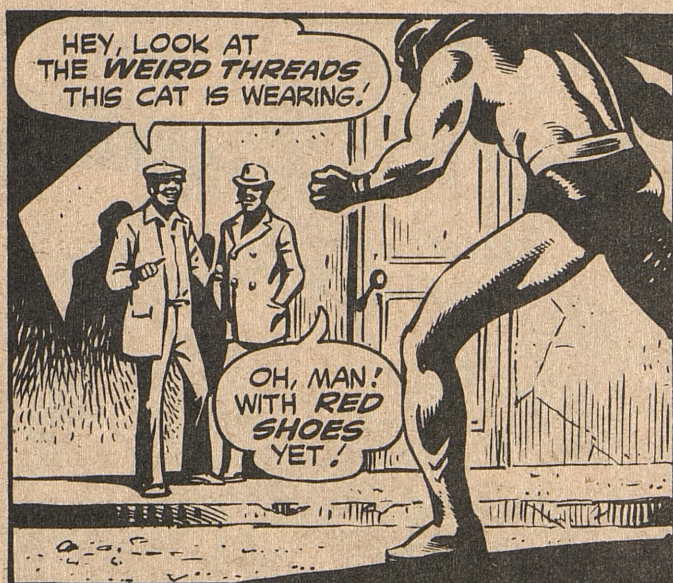
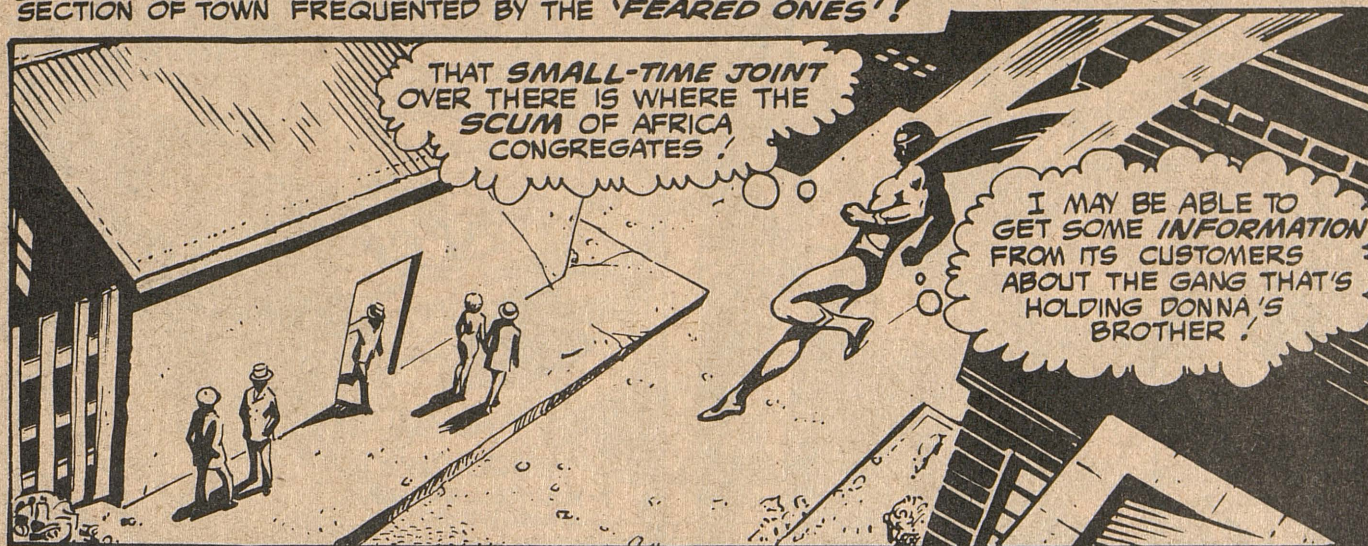
DONNA BUTHELEZI!

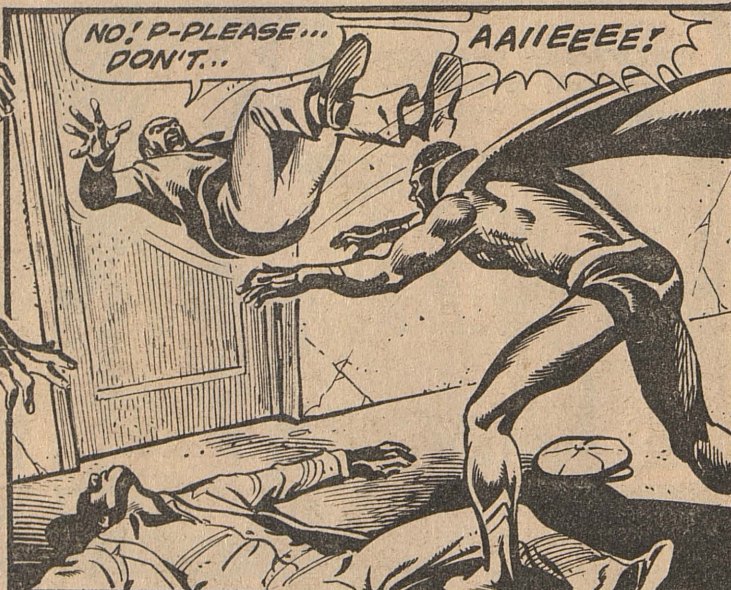
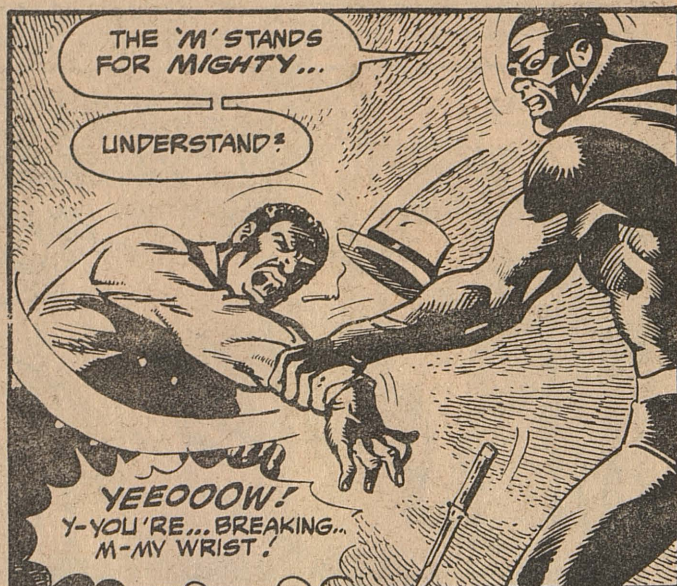
AND SOON AFTER, AS MIGHTY MAN REACHES THE TOWNSHIP...

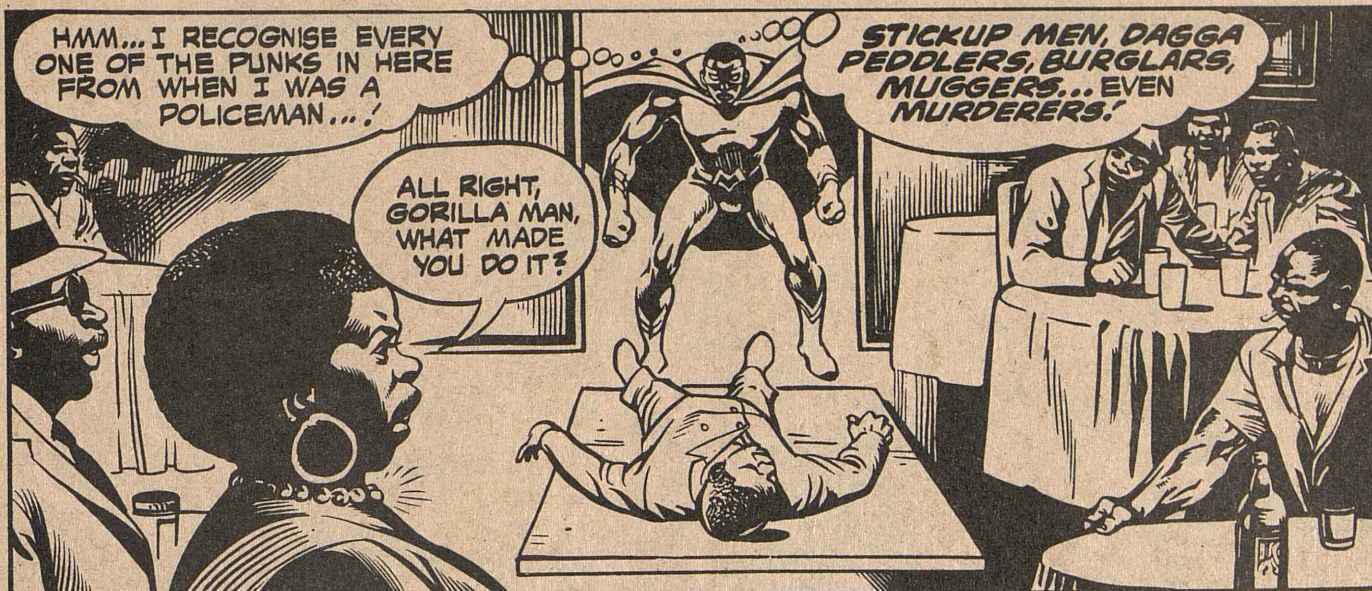




SOME TIME LATER, THE SWIFT MOVING **MIGHTY MAN** ARRIVES AT HIS DESTINATION -- A SECTION OF TOWN FREQUENTED BY THE '**FEARED ONES**'!







HMM... I RECOGNISE EVERY ONE OF THE PUNKS IN HERE FROM WHEN I WAS A POLICEMAN...!

STICKUP MEN, DAGGA PEDDLERS, BURGLARS, MUGGERS... EVEN MURDERERS!

ALL RIGHT, GORILLA MAN, WHAT MADE YOU DO IT?



WITH ALL THE OTHER SHEBEENS AROUND HERE...

MAYBE I WANTED TO LET SOME FRESH AIR IN HERE, QUEENIE...

WHY'D YOU HAVE TO THROW THIS UGLY AGAINST MY DOOR?

WANT ME TO BUST UP THIS SMART-TALKING FANCY PANTS, QUEENIE?

TO KILL THE FOUL STENCH THAT'S GIVEN OFF BY YOUR SCUM PATRONS!



YOU'RE MY BOUNCER, AREN'T YOU?

RIGHT!

THEN START BOUNCING!



HUH? CRUSHER MISSED WITH THAT PUNCH!

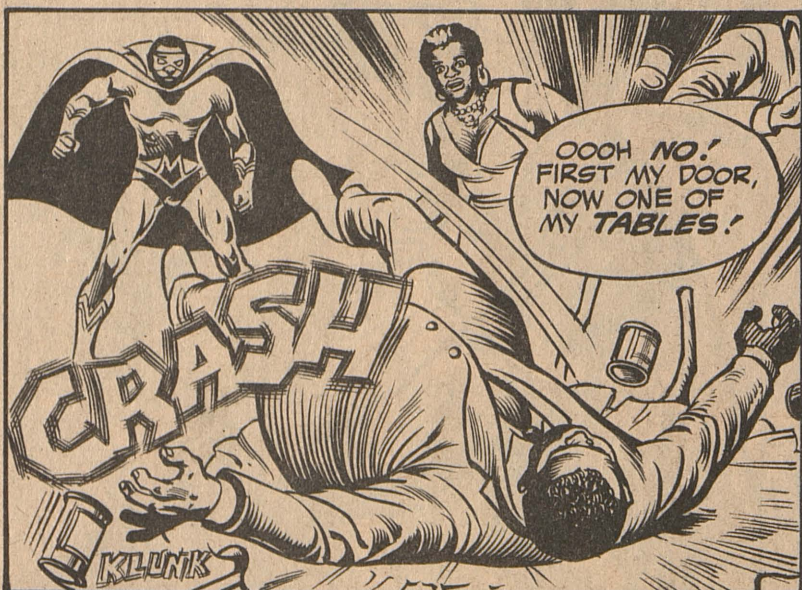
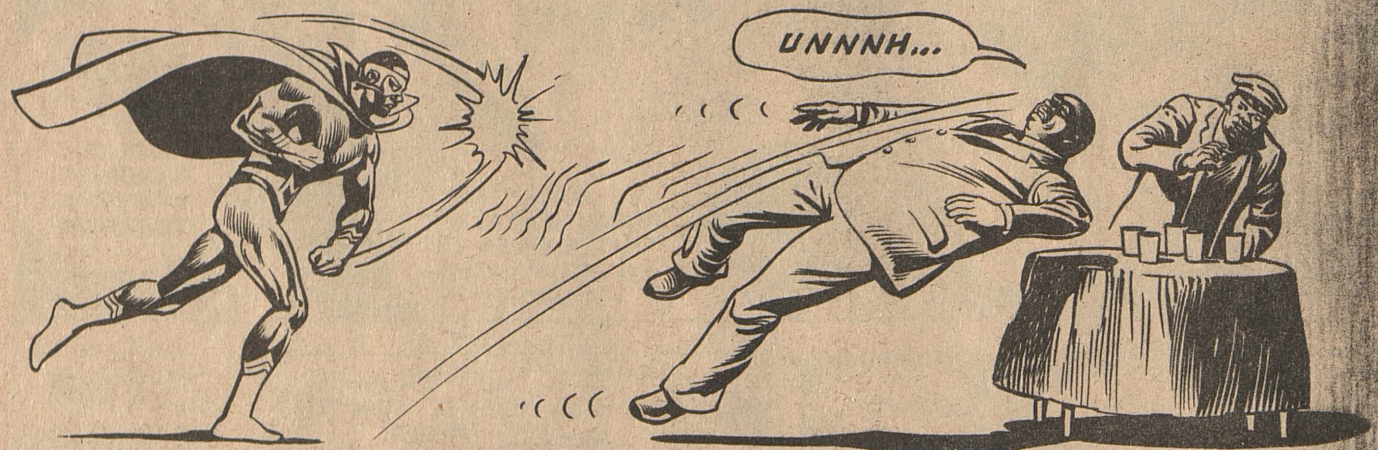
THE MASKED GUY MOVED FASTER THAN LIGHTNING!



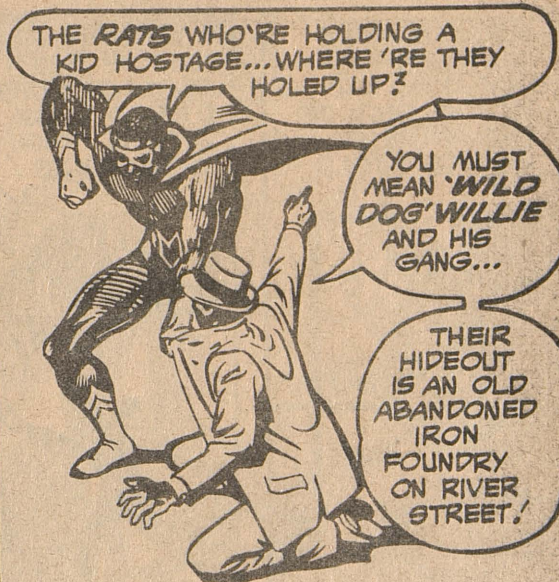
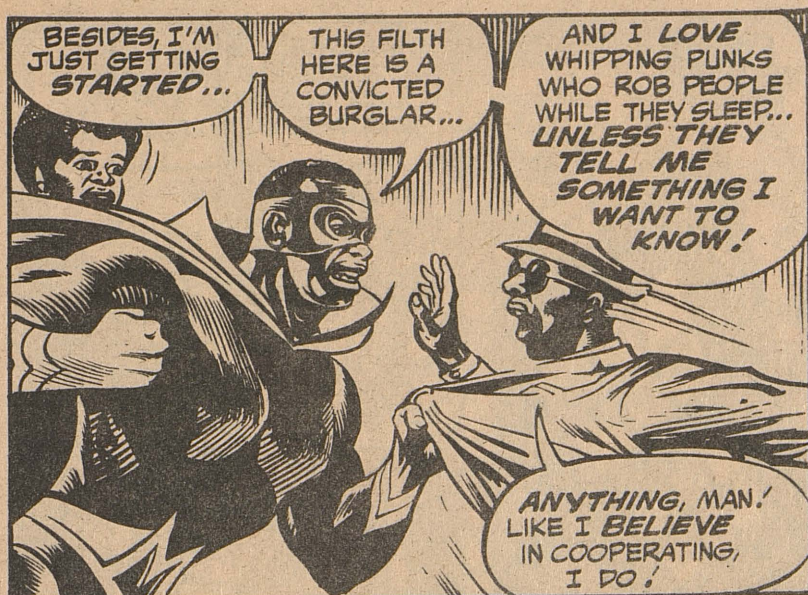
YOU KNOW SOMETHING...



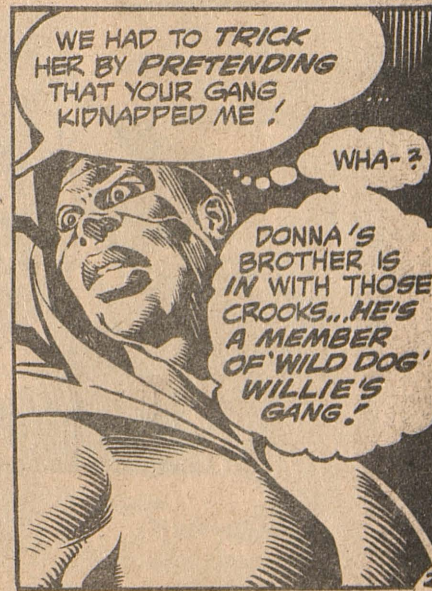
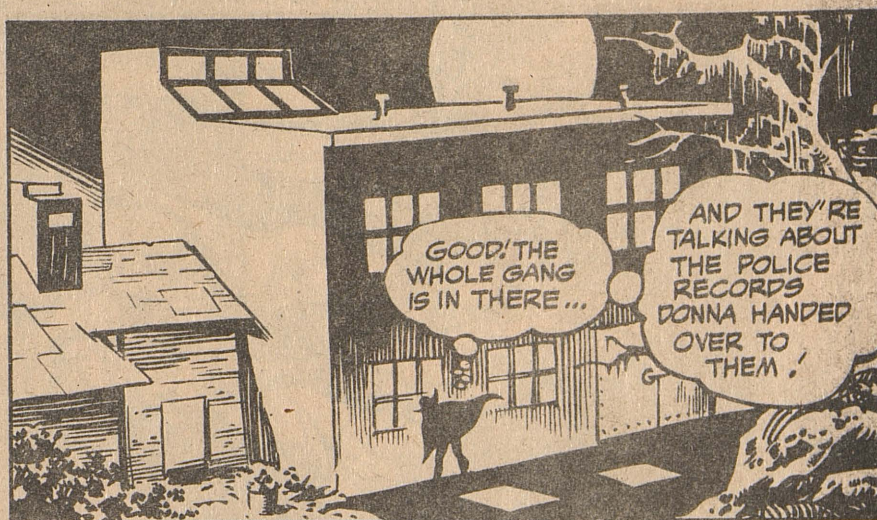
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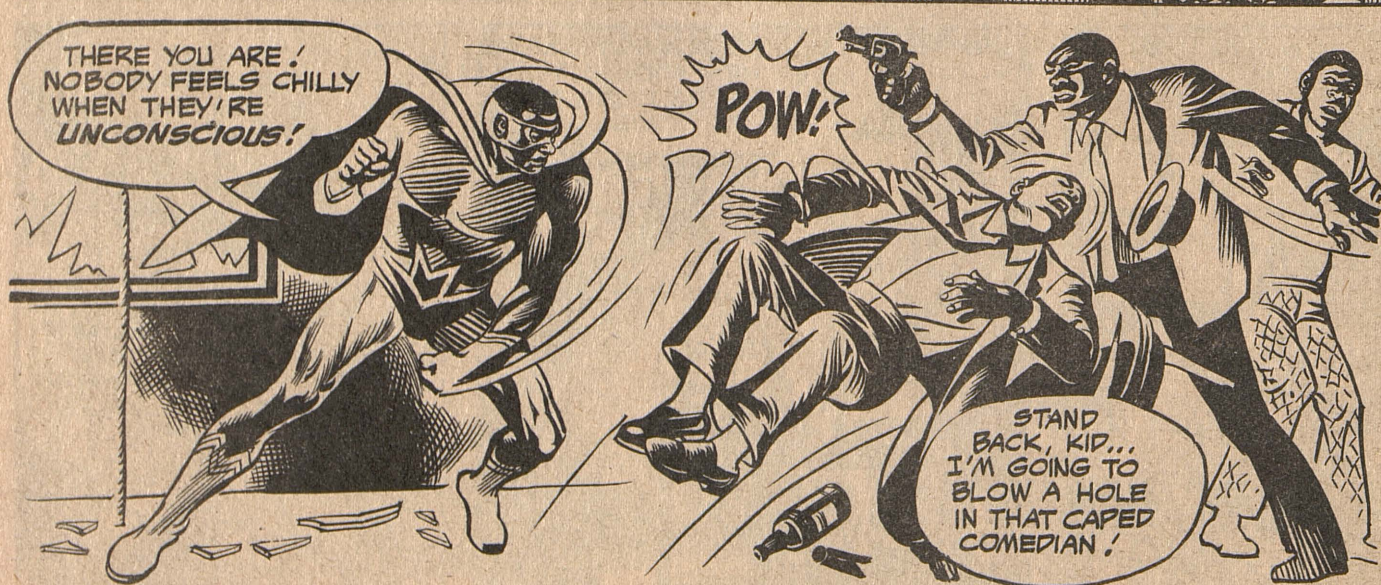
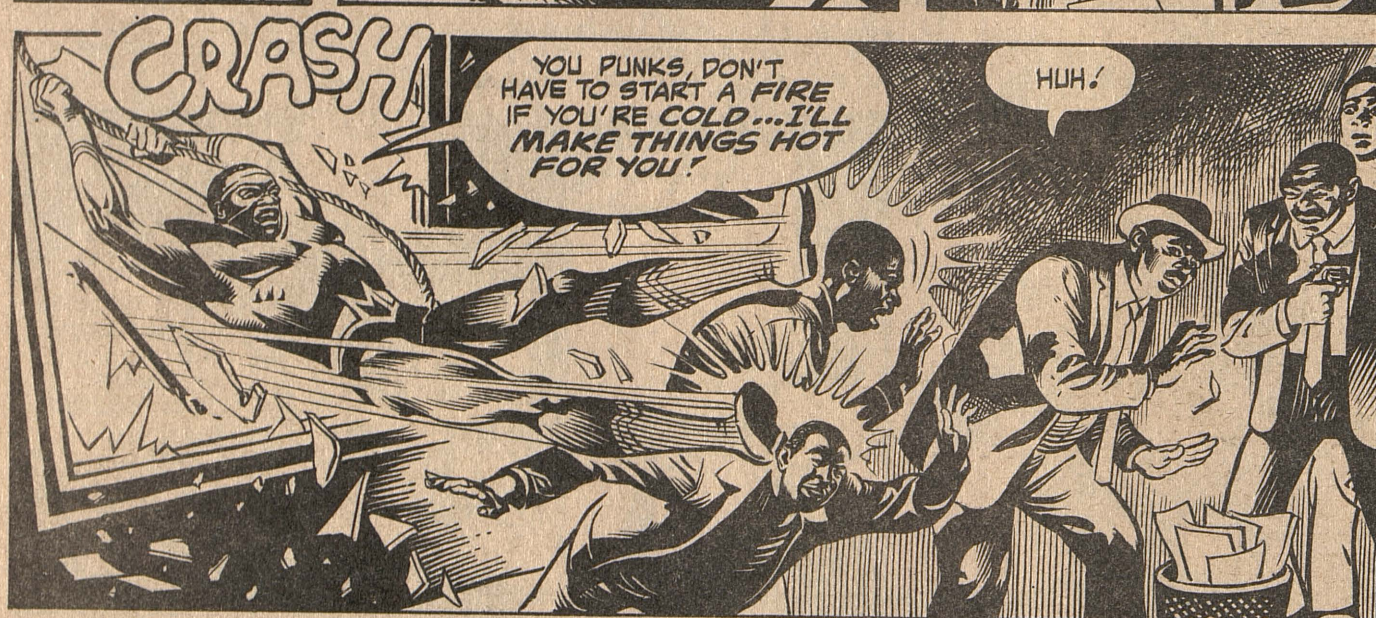
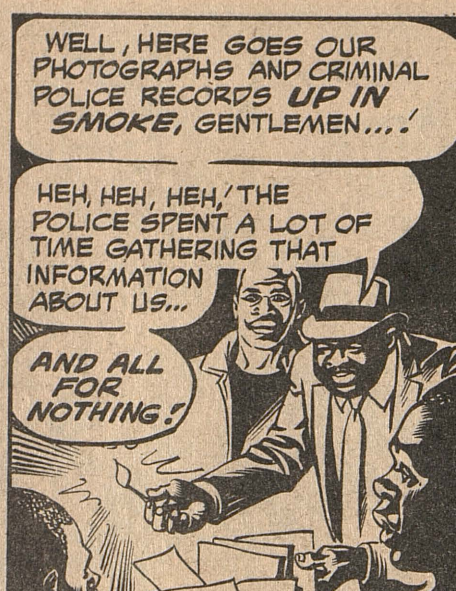
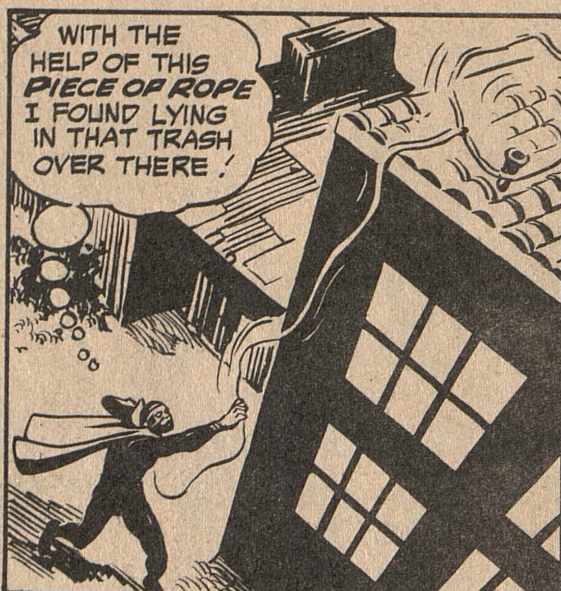


TAKE IT OUT OF THE PROFITS YOU MAKE FROM THE STOLEN ITEMS YOU BUY FROM YOUR THIEVING CUSTOMERS QUEENIE!



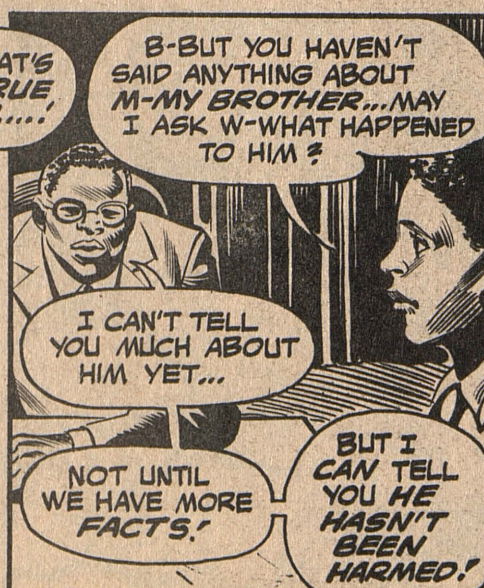
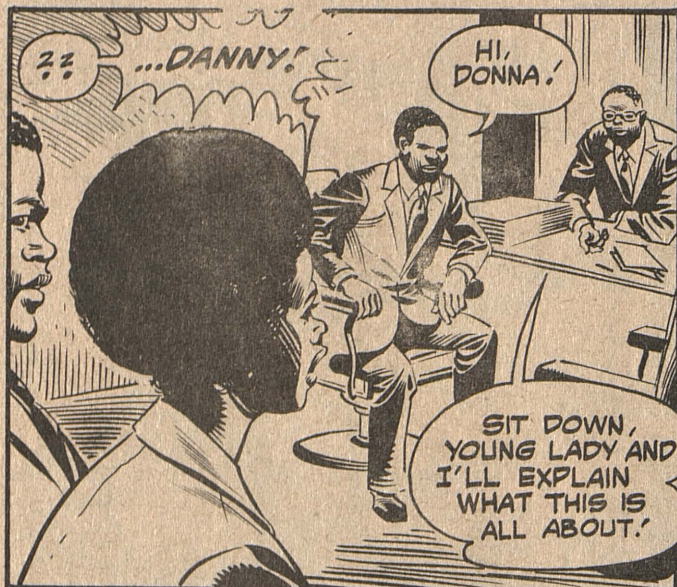
ONCE AGAIN, THE AGILE CRIMEFIGHTER'S FORM STREAKS OVER ROOFTOPS--THEN DESCENDS TO THE GROUND AS HE REACHES 'WILD DOG' WILLIE'S HIDEOUT...







AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AS DONNA BUTHELEZI REPORTS FOR WORK IN THE POLICE STATION'S RECORDS ROOM...





DONNA FINISHES HER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, THEN HANGS UP... BUT SHE REFUSES TO TELL DANNY WHO THE CALLER WAS OR WHAT WAS SAID!



AND AT THE END OF THEIR WORK DAY, DONNA BIDS DANNY GOOD-NIGHT AND HURRIES HOME.



THEN, IN HER FLAT--

THIS IS ALL THE CASH I HAVE...!



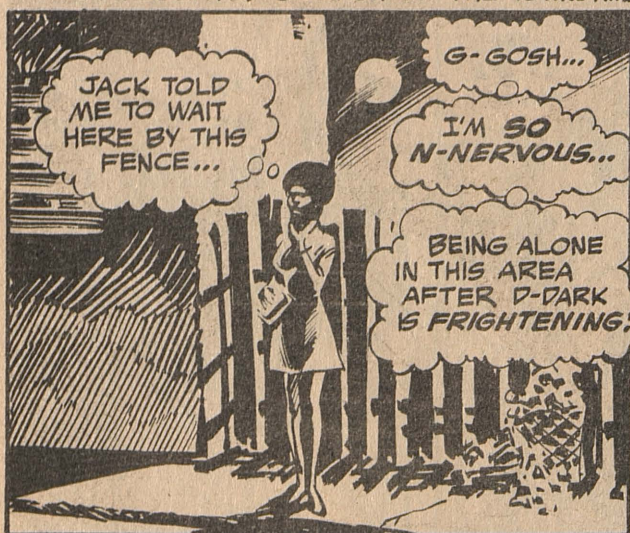
IT'S MONEY I'VE BEEN SAVING FOR OVER TWO YEARS... FOR USE IN AN EMERGENCY!



WHEN MY BROTHER JACK TELEPHONED ME AT WORK TODAY, HE SAID ONE OF THE KIDNAPPERS WAS STILL HOLDING HIM PRISONER!

AND HE SAID THE THUG WANTED MONEY TO RELEASE HIM!

LATER, AFTER WALKING A LONG DISTANCE TO A DESERTED SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP...



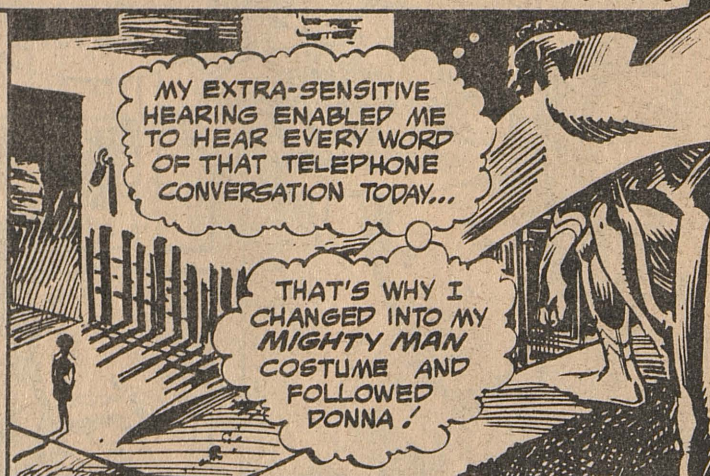
JACK TOLD ME TO WAIT HERE BY THIS FENCE...

G-GOSH...

I'M SO N-NERVOUS...

BEING ALONE IN THIS AREA AFTER D-DARK IS FRIGHTENING!

BUT THOUGH SHE DOESN'T KNOW IT, DONNA IS **NOT** ALONE... SHE IS BEING WATCHED BY A PAIR OF EYES THAT BELONG TO THE MOST POWERFUL HUMAN ON EARTH--**MIGHTY MAN!**



MY EXTRA-SENSITIVE HEARING ENABLED ME TO HEAR EVERY WORD OF THAT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TODAY...

THAT'S WHY I CHANGED INTO MY **MIGHTY MAN** COSTUME AND FOLLOWED DONNA!



TIME PASSES AGONISINGLY SLOW FOR BOTH DONNA AND HER HIDDEN PROTECTOR... THEN--

THERE SHE IS, KID!

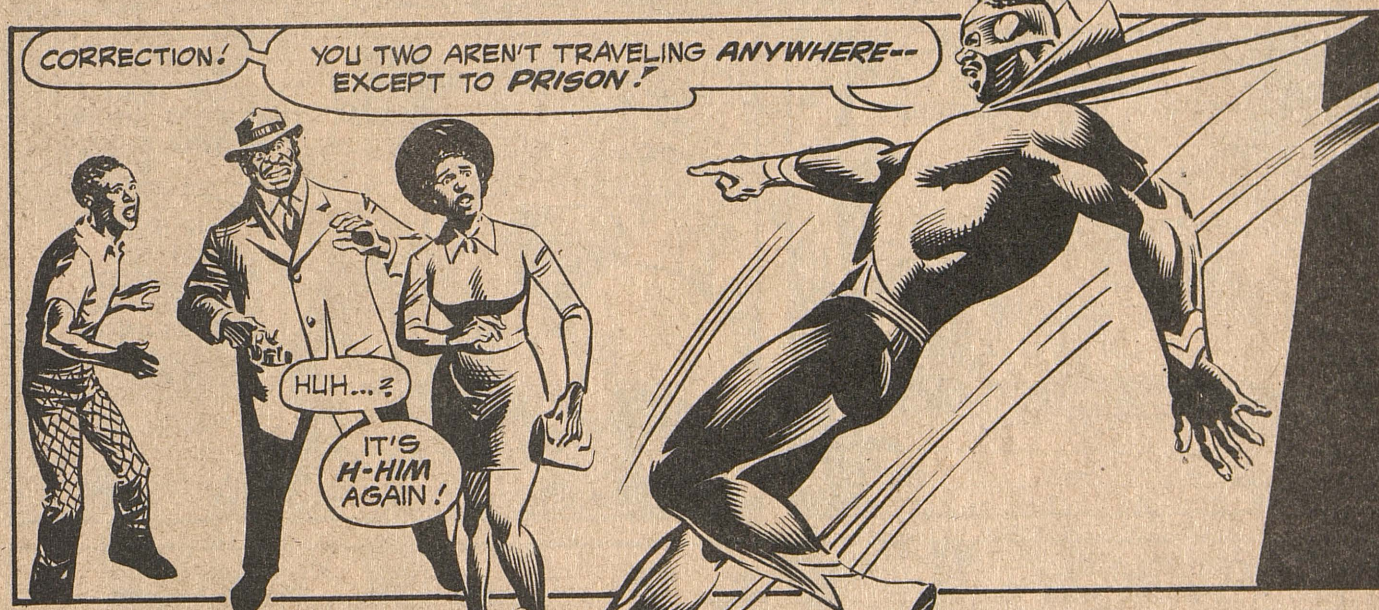
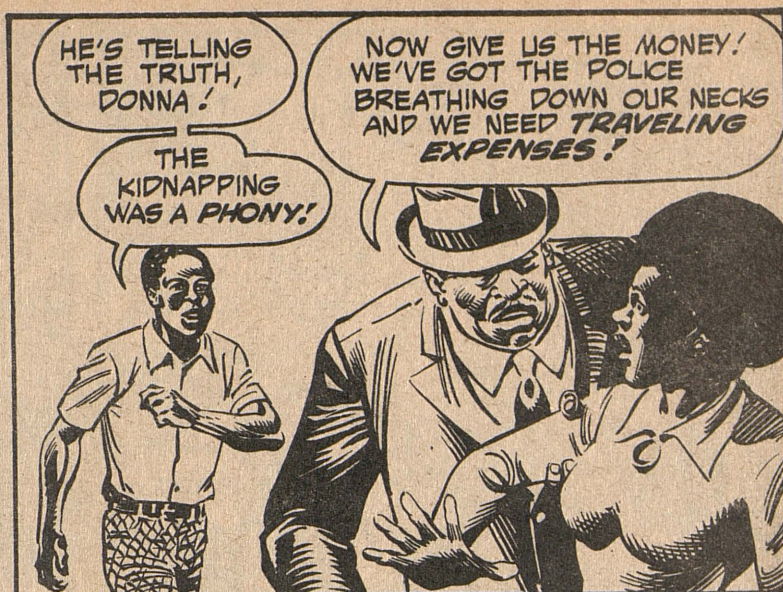
THERE'S YOUR SISTER!

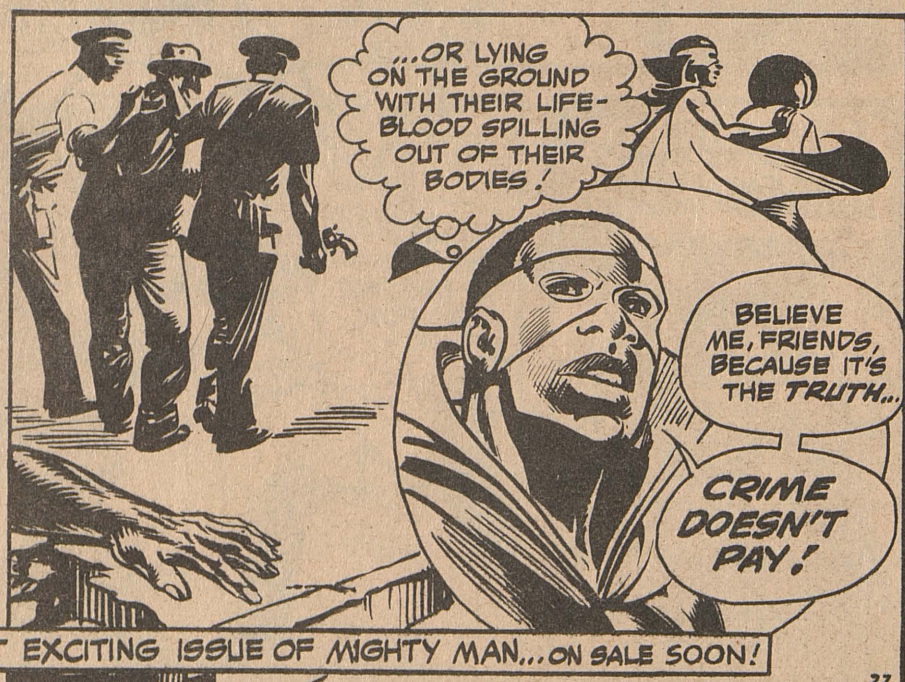


OKAY, GIRLIE... HAND OVER THE MONEY!

NO!

I WANT MY BROTHER RELEASED BEFORE I GIVE YOU ANYTHING!

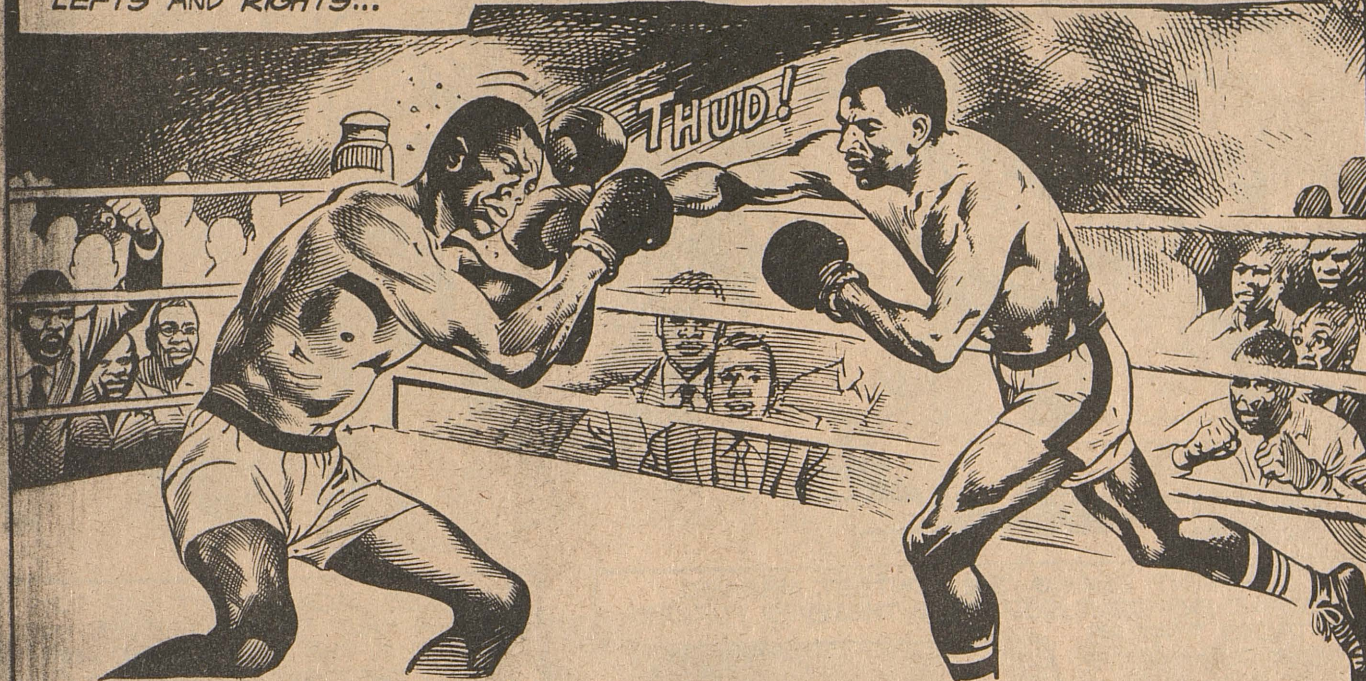




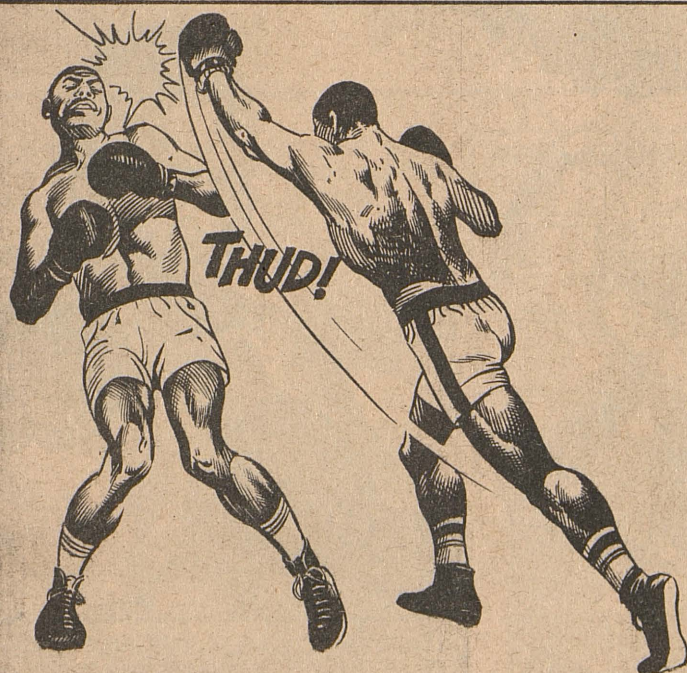
THEMBA HLABISA

A LIGHTWEIGHT WITH DEVASTATING PUNCHING POWER

THUD! THUD! THUD! THOSE WERE THE SOUNDS OF LEATHER SMASHING AGAINST FLESH AND BONE AS THEMBA HLABISA LAID DOWN A RELENTLESS BARRAGE OF LEFTS AND RIGHTS...



ON THIS NIGHT IT WAS PETROS "KILLER" MBELE WHO WAS THEMBA'S UNLUCKY OPPONENT...



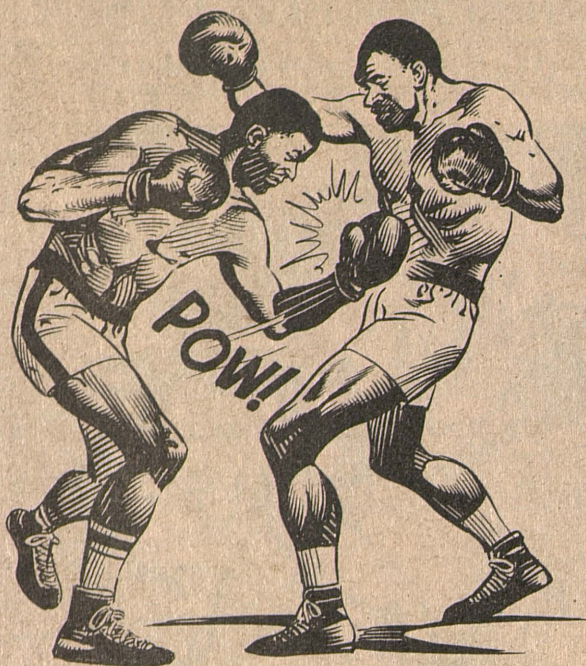
UNLUCKY BECAUSE HE HAD STEPPED INSIDE THE PRIZE RING WITH A YOUNG TIGER WHO ATTACKS WITH THE SAME FEROCITY AS THAT SAVAGE BEAST!

SO VICIOUS WAS HLABISA'S ASSAULT, MBELE REQUIRED MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIGHT WAS STOPPED IN THE SIXTH ROUND.

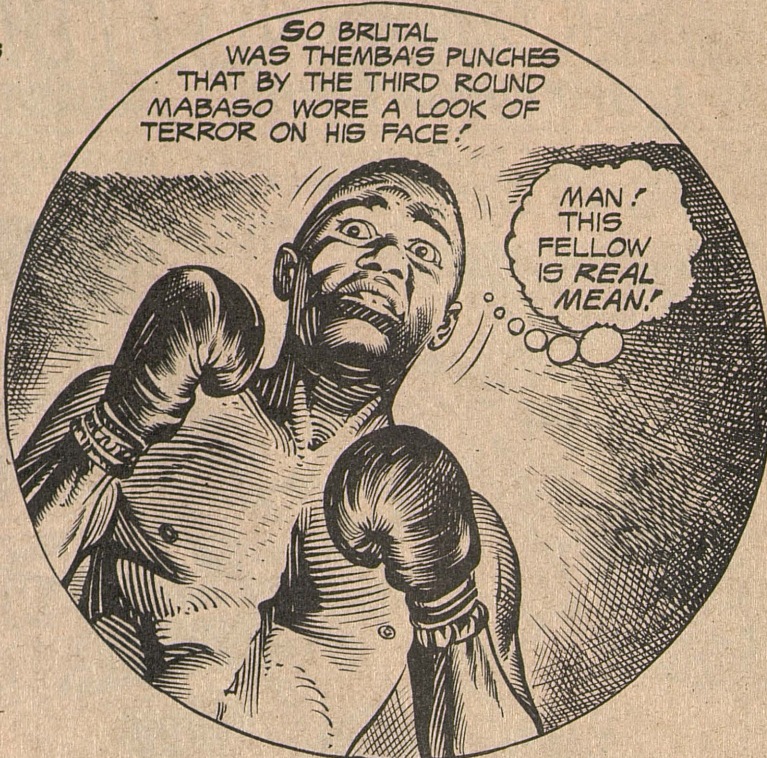


ANOTHER OF THEMBA'S VICTORIES WAS OVER ROCKY MABASO IN A BATTLE FOR THE NATAL JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

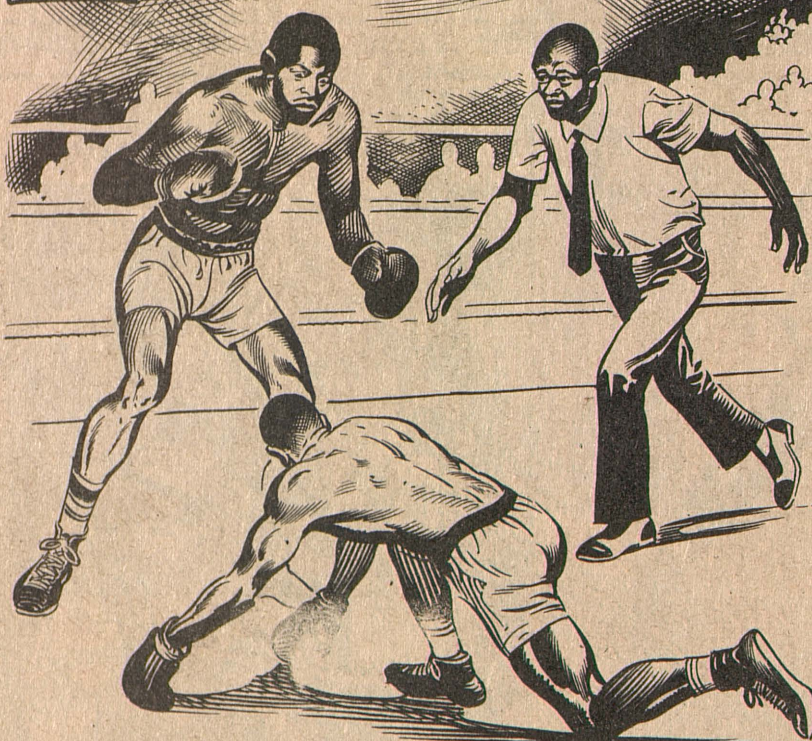
MABASO WAS AGGRESSIVE FROM THE OPENING BELL, BUT HE SOON WILTED, UNDER HLABISA'S PUNISHING HOOKS TO THE BODY.



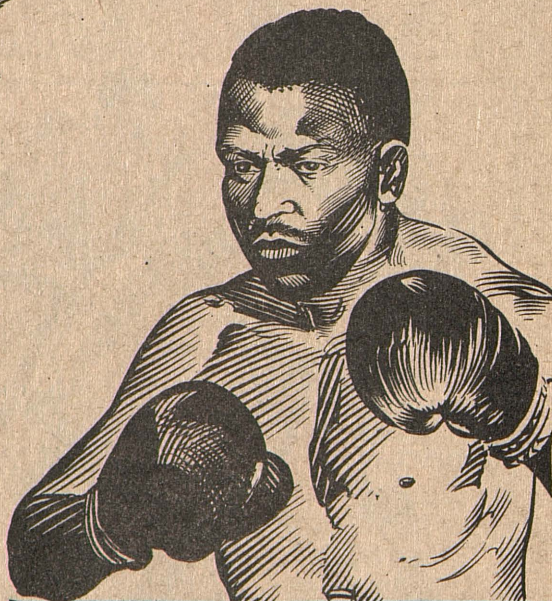
SO BRUTAL WAS THEMBA'S PUNCHES THAT BY THE THIRD ROUND MABASO WORE A LOOK OF TERROR ON HIS FACE!



AT ONE POINT DURING THE CONTEST, MABASO BECAME SO CONFUSED FROM THEMBA'S FURIOUS ATTACKS THAT HE WENT DOWN WITHOUT BEING HIT!



REFEREE JACK BRYANT HAD TO CALL A HALT TO THE UNEVEN BATTLE IN THE FIFTH ROUND AND AWARD THE FIGHT TO THEMBA!



UNQUESTIONABLY, THEMBA HLABISA IS ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST YOUNG PROSPECTS IN BLACK BOXING TODAY--AND WHEN HE GAINS MORE EXPERIENCE... LOOK OUT, WORLD!

WHY THE TORTOISE'S SHELL HAS SO MANY CRACKS



MR. TORTOISE WHO WAS MARRIED TO MRS. TORTOISE, HAD A FRIEND WHO WAS A VULTURE. THOUGH THE VULTURE OFTEN VISITED, MR. TORTOISE WAS UNABLE TO RETURN THE VISIT BECAUSE HE HAD NO WINGS.



THIS UPSET MR. TORTOISE, SO ONE DAY HE SAID TO HIS WIFE--

WIFE, WE ARE BECOMING *DESPICABLE* IN MR. VULTURE'S EYES!

HOW *DESPICABLE*?

DESPICABLE, BECAUSE IT IS *DESPICABLE* FOR ME NOT TO VISIT MR. VULTURE! HE IS ALWAYS COMING HERE AND I HAVE NEVER YET BEEN TO HIS HOUSE ...AND HE IS MY FRIEND!

VERY WELL, THEN, SPROUT SOME WINGS AND FLY AND VISIT YOUR FRIEND MR. VULTURE!

NO, I WON'T SPROUT WINGS BECAUSE I WAS NOT BORN THAT WAY!

YET I SHALL FIND A WAY TO VISIT MY FRIEND!

MR. TORTOISE THEN WENT OFF BY HIMSELF SO HE COULD THINK WITHOUT BEING DISTURBED. AFTER BEING AWAY MANY HOURS, HE RETURNED AND TOLD HIS WIFE...

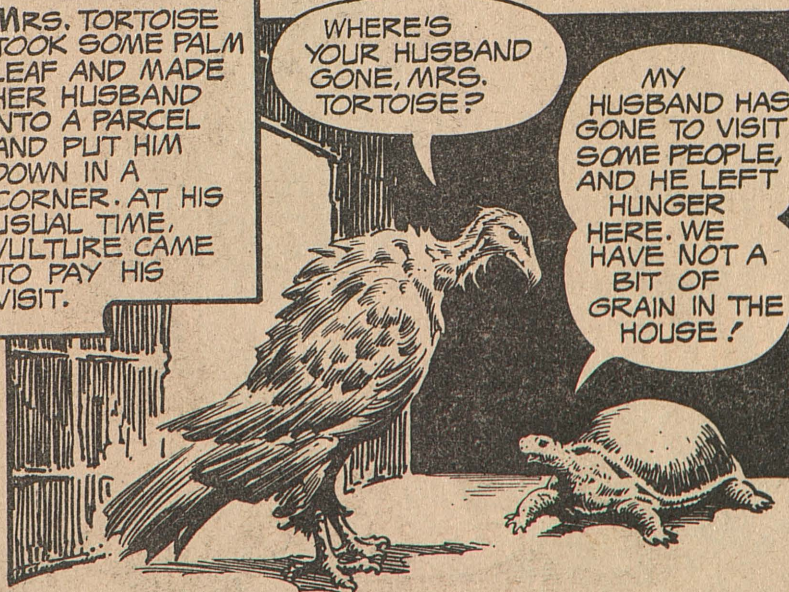
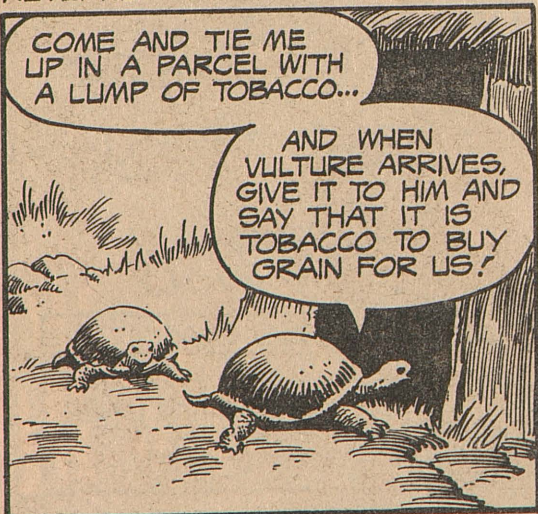
COME AND TIE ME UP IN A PARCEL WITH A LUMP OF TOBACCO...

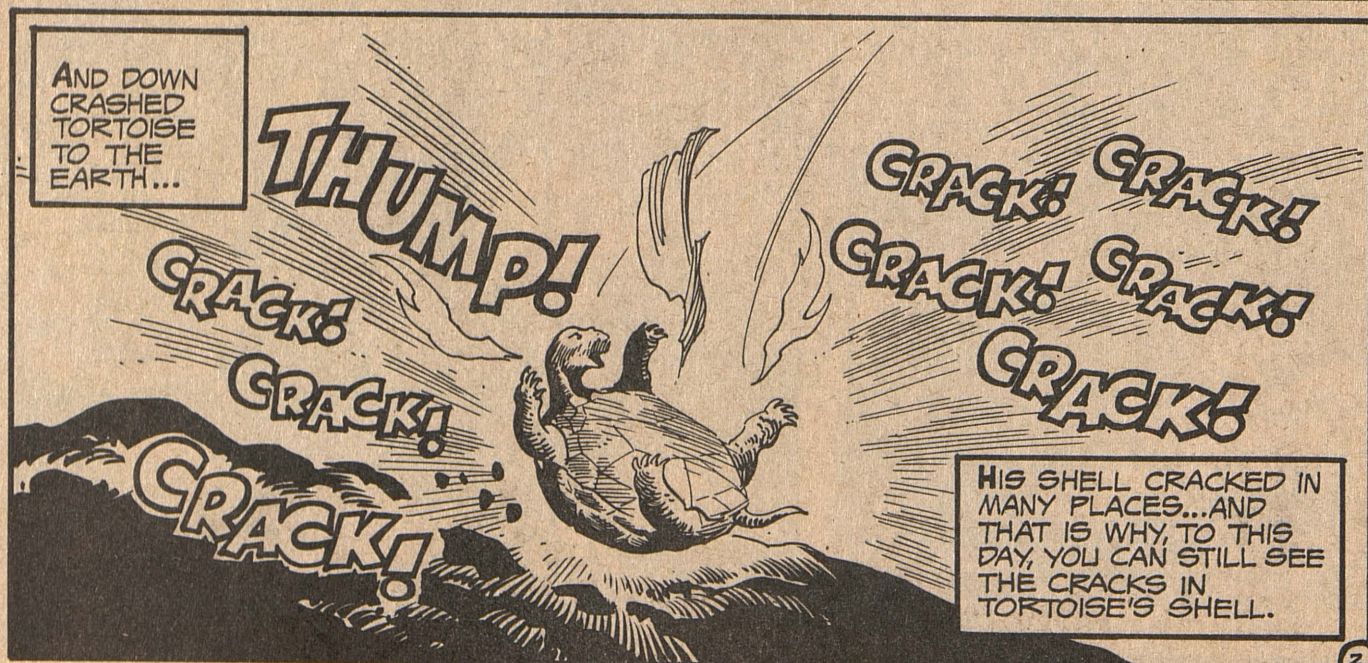
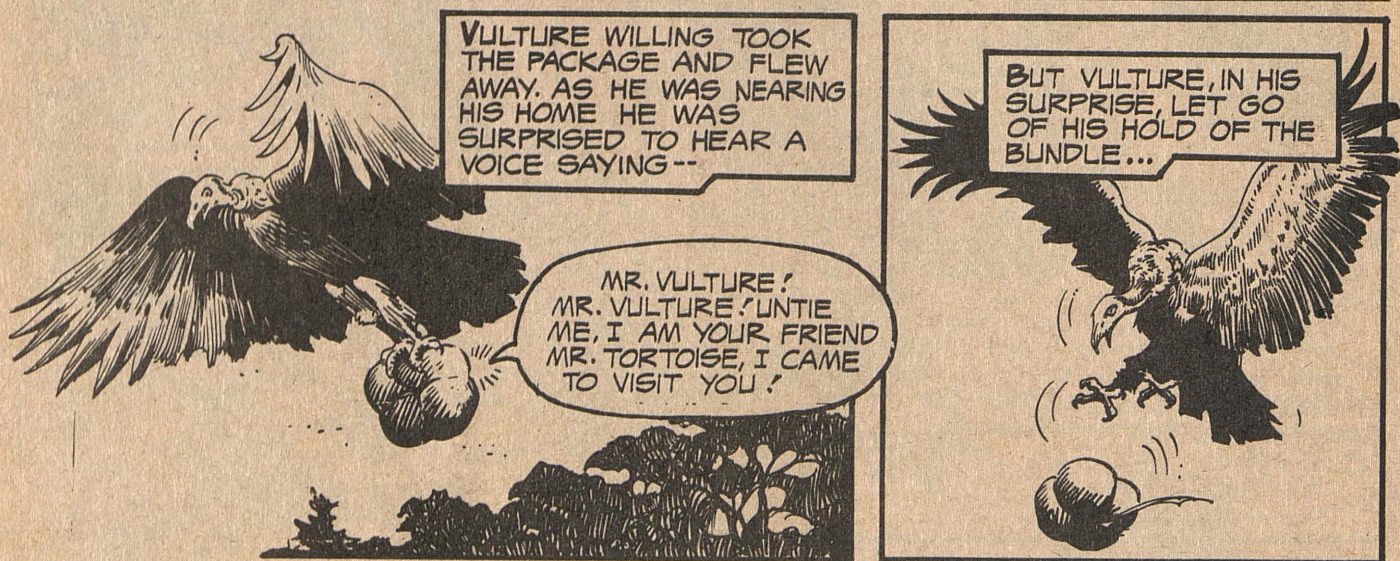
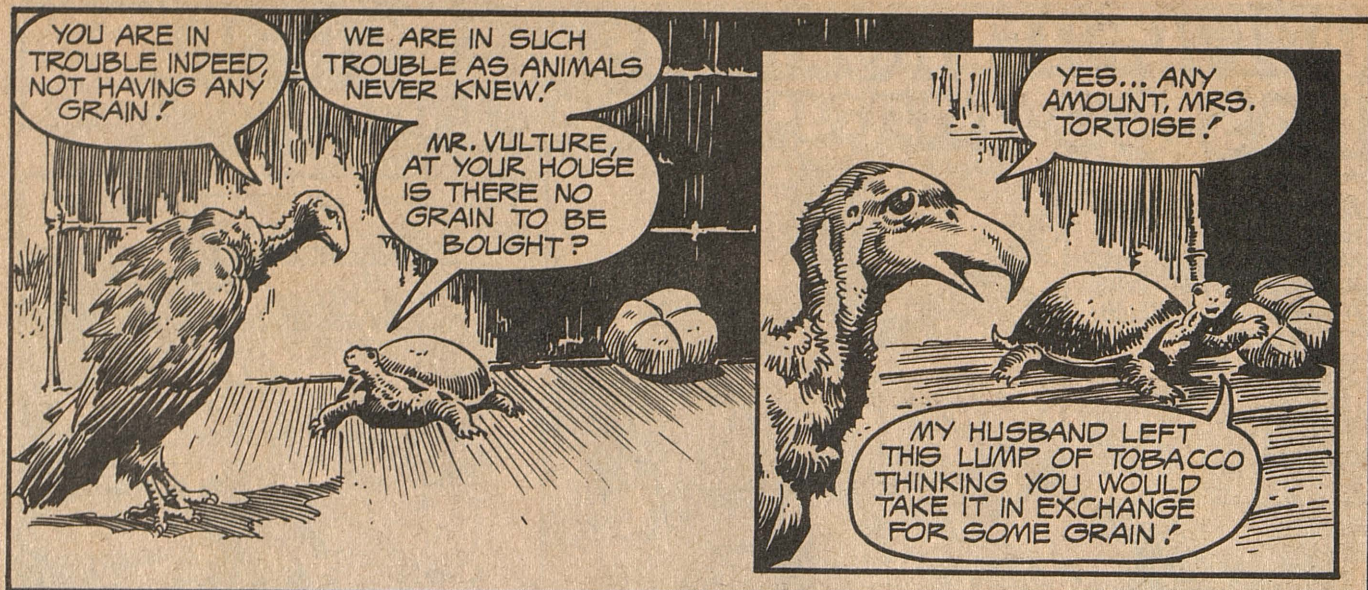
AND WHEN VULTURE ARRIVES, GIVE IT TO HIM AND SAY THAT IT IS TOBACCO TO BUY GRAIN FOR US!

MRS. TORTOISE TOOK SOME PALM LEAF AND MADE HER HUSBAND INTO A PARCEL AND PUT HIM DOWN IN A CORNER. AT HIS USUAL TIME, VULTURE CAME TO PAY HIS VISIT.

WHERE'S YOUR HUSBAND GONE, MRS. TORTOISE?

MY HUSBAND HAS GONE TO VISIT SOME PEOPLE, AND HE LEFT HUNGER HERE. WE HAVE NOT A BIT OF GRAIN IN THE HOUSE!





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AND OF ALL THOSE BRAVE YOUNG COMBATANTS WHO FOUGHT SUCH BATTLES, ONE WAS WITHOUT EQUAL...

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WAS WHAT THEY CALLED HIM.

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