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# LIL ABNER

**JOINS  
THE  
NAVY!**





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Here is a little book that will delight thousands of LI'L ABNER fans. The predicaments confronting a certain acquaintance of LI'L ABNER, who joins the Navy, are in the highest traditions of Dogpatch humor.

Al Capp is at his inventive best in the story, and highly entertaining. But accompanying the light treatment is a serious message from Mr. Capp, which the Navy feels is vitally important to every American.

It will be most important, perhaps, to the young man or woman now seeking a rewarding career.

This book may turn out to be a useful, if not precise, guide to one such career. The experiences of LI'L ABNER's friend in the Navy may not be typical, but they do reflect the great spirit of comradeship and adventure that have always made Navy careers interesting to young men.

And it is equally true that if LI'L ABNER should eventually decide to forsake the hills of Dogpatch, he would find an unparalleled opportunity to lead a life of security as a trained technician in the service of his country, in the United States Navy.

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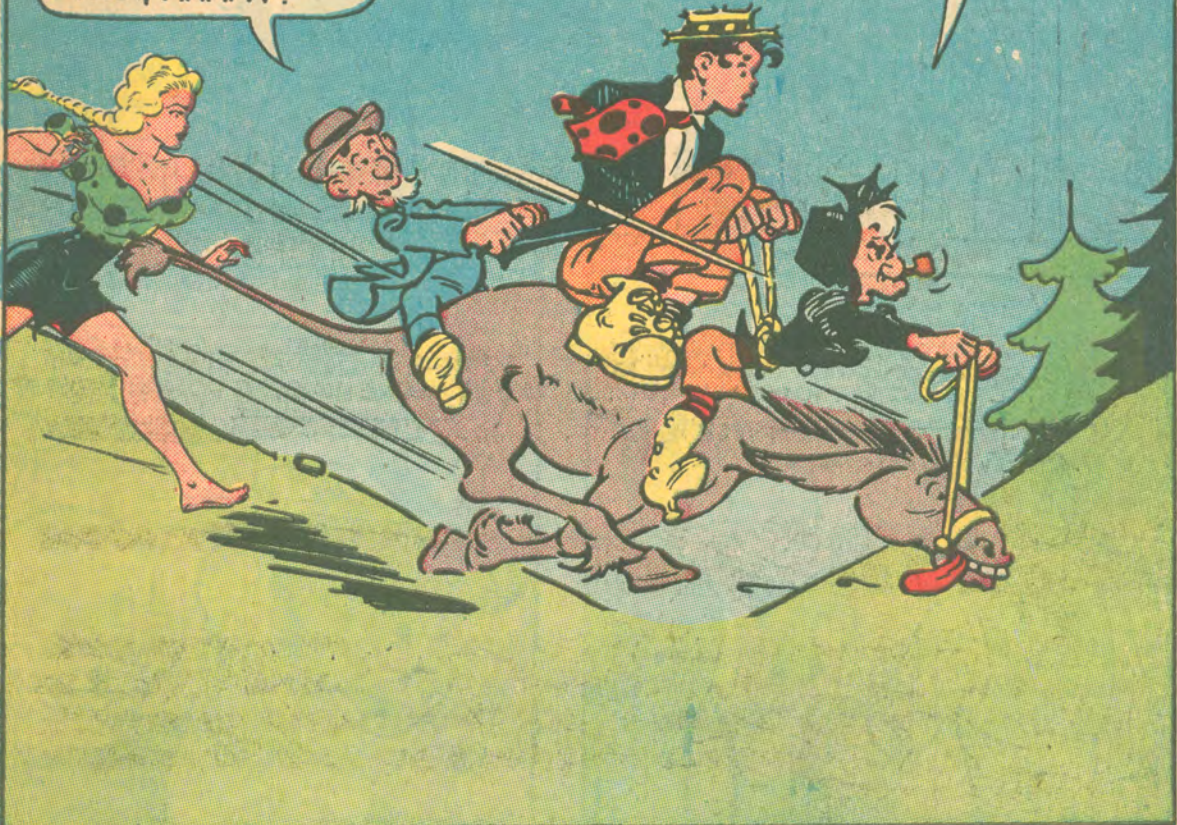
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## JOINS THE NAVY!

WE'RE GOIN' T' PAY A SOSHUL CALL ON THET VARMINT, AL CAPP! NAMELY T' FIND OUT WHY HE'S ACKIN' SO PEEKOOLYAR!

WHAR WE GOIN' SO FAST, MAMMY?



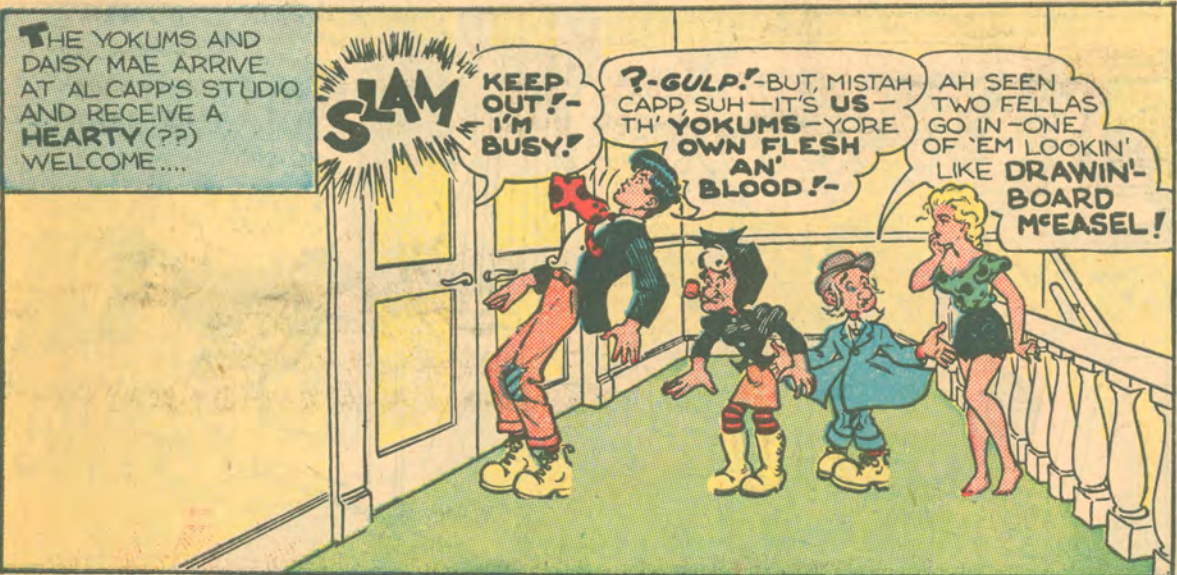
THE YOKUMS AND DAISY MAE ARRIVE AT AL CAPP'S STUDIO AND RECEIVE A HEARTY (??) WELCOME....

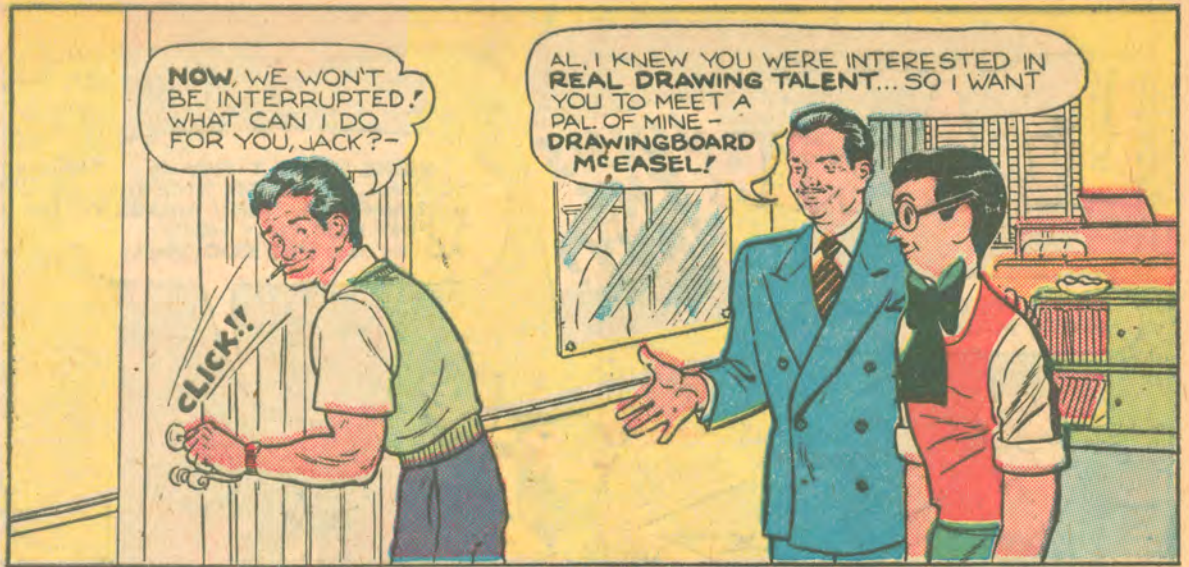
**SLAM**

KEEP OUT!- I'M BUSY!

?-GULP!-BUT, MISTAH CAPP, SUH -IT'S US - TH' YOKUMS -YORE OWN FLESH AN' BLOOD!-

AH SEEN TWO FELLAS GO IN -ONE OF 'EM LOOKIN' LIKE DRAWIN'-BOARD M'EASEL!





HE'S NOT MUCH TO LOOK AT, AL, BUT HE WANTS TO BE AN ARTIST IN THE WORST WAY... AND I FIGURE WORKING FOR YOU IS THE **WORST** WAY TO BE AN ARTIST...

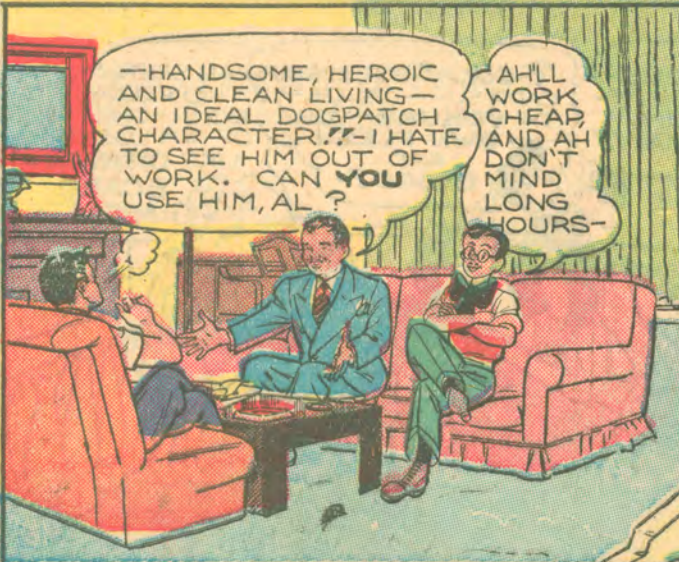


HE'S (CHOKE) GONNA CORNSIDER HIRIN' M'EASEL T'DRAW (GULP) US, PAPPY!!  
M'EASEL (SHUDDER) CAIN'T EVEN DRAW FLEES, LET ALONE HANSOME HOOMIN' BEIN'S LIKE US!!



—HANDSOME, HEROIC AND CLEAN LIVING— AN IDEAL DOGPATCH CHARACTER!!— I HATE TO SEE HIM OUT OF WORK. CAN YOU USE HIM, AL ?

AHLL WORK CHEAP, AND AH DON'T MIND LONG HOURS—

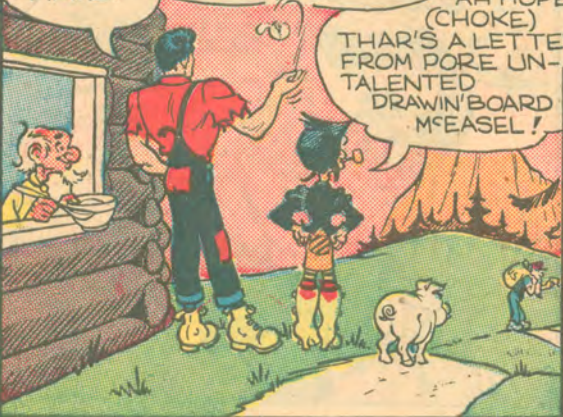




**MONTHS HAVE PASSED...**

HYAR COME YOUNG EDDIE M'SKONK, MAKIN' HIS WEEKLY DELIVERY O' TH' DAILY MAIL.

AH HOPE (CHOKE) THAR'S A LETTER FROM PORE UN-TALENTED DRAWIN'BOARD M'FEASEL!

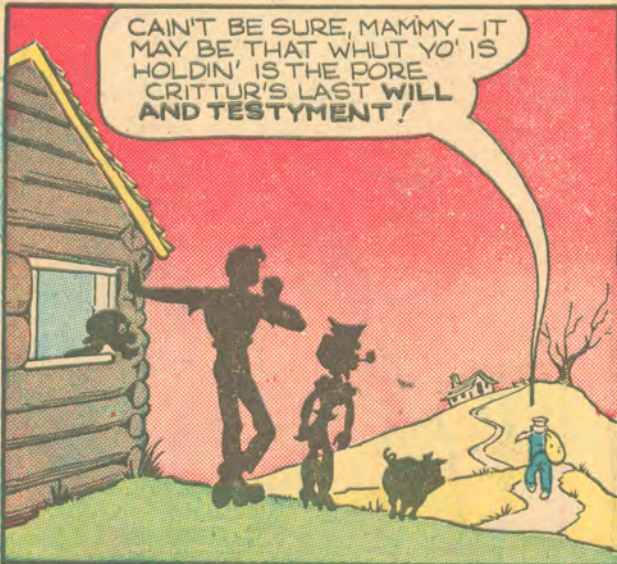


IT IS FUM DRAWIN'-BOARD!

THEN.....H-H-HE DIDN'T CORMIT SOO-Y-CIDE LIKE HE THREATENED HE WAS GOIN' T' DO!



CAIN'T BE SURE, MAMMY - IT MAY BE THAT WHUT YO' IS HOLDIN' IS THE PORE CRITTUR'S LAST WILL AND TESTYMENT!



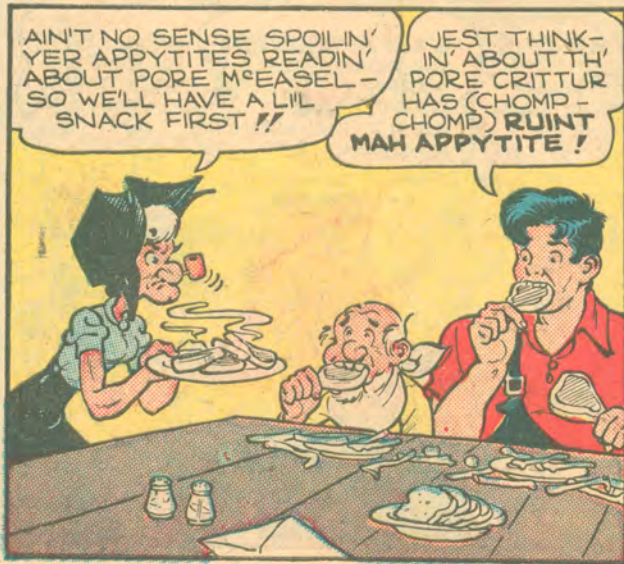
(GULP) IF IT IS HIS (CHOKE) LAST WILL AN' TESTYMENT, THEN WE IS NO BETTER THAN (SOB) MURDERERS!

NO (CHOKE) BETTER, SON!



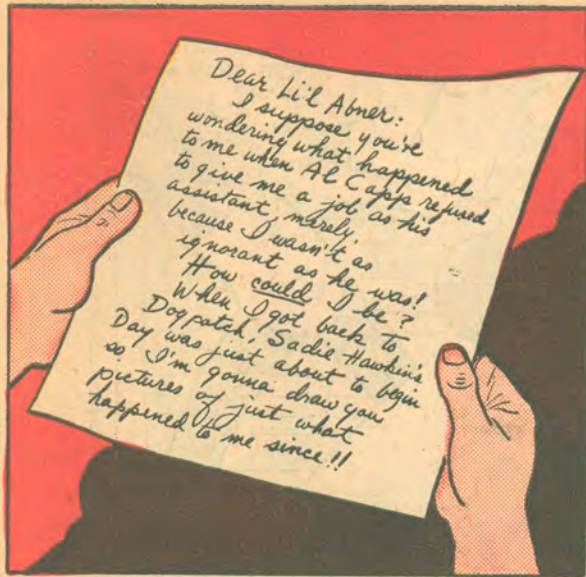
AIN'T NO SENSE SPOILIN' YER APPYTITES READIN' ABOUT PORE M'FEASEL - SO WE'LL HAVE A LIL SNACK FIRST !!

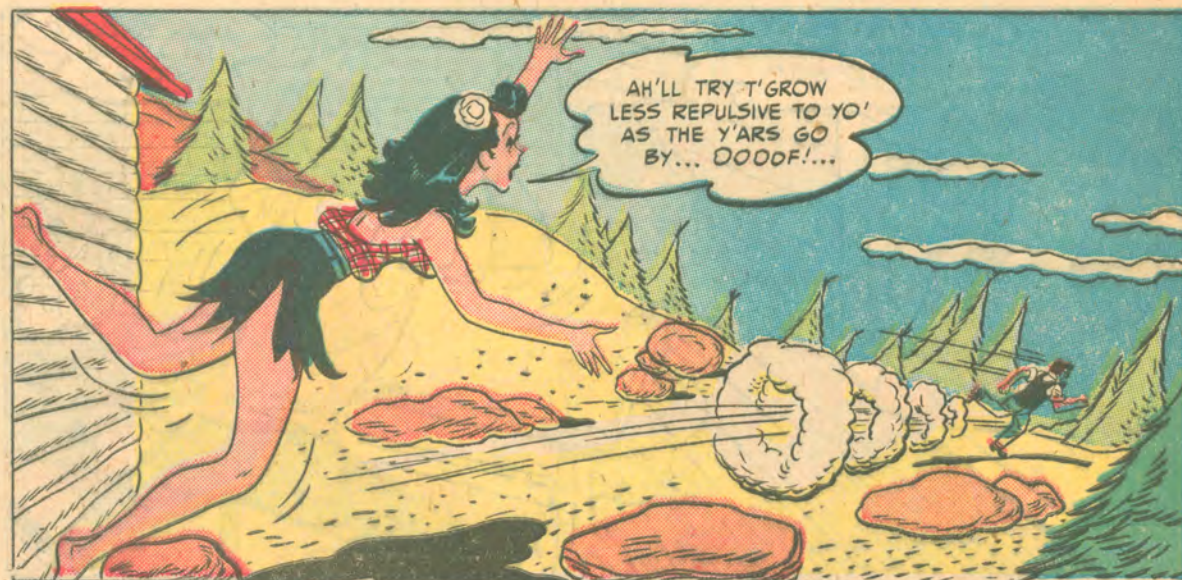
JEST THINK-IN' ABOUT TH' PORE CRITTUR HAS (CHOMP - CHOMP) RUINT MAH APPYTITE !



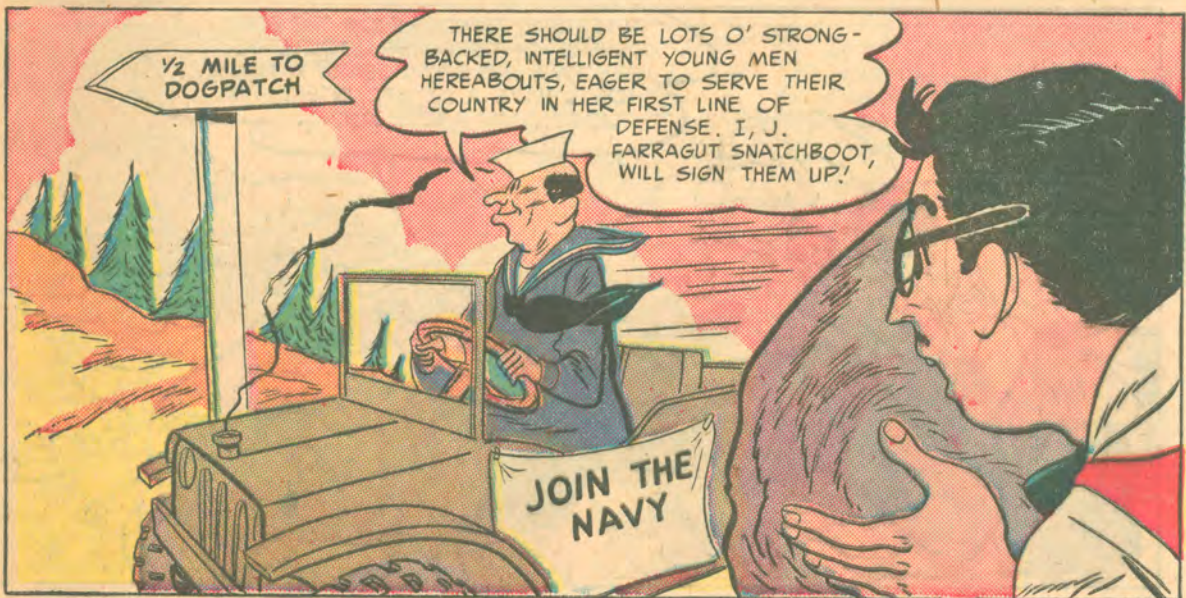
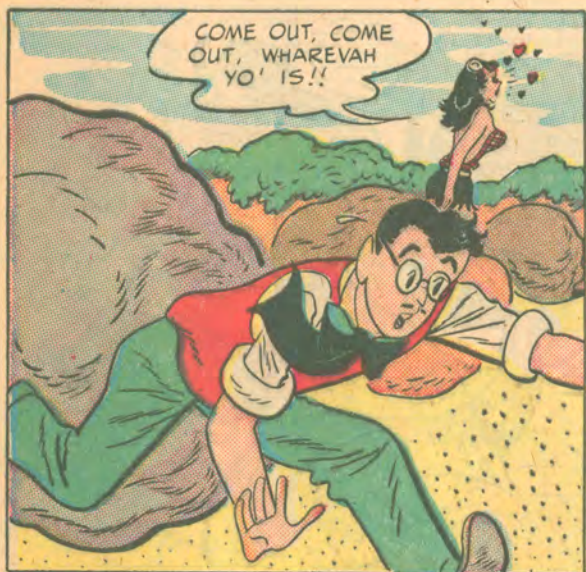
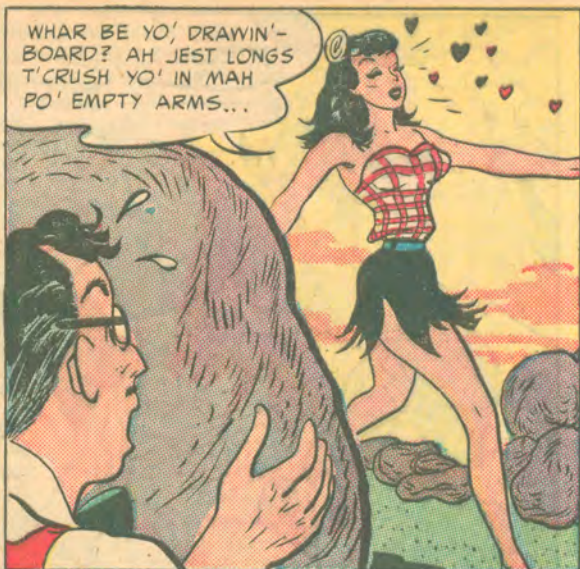
IT'S FUM PORE DRAWIN'BOARD, AN' IT'S CHOCK FULL O' DRAWIN'S, TOO !!

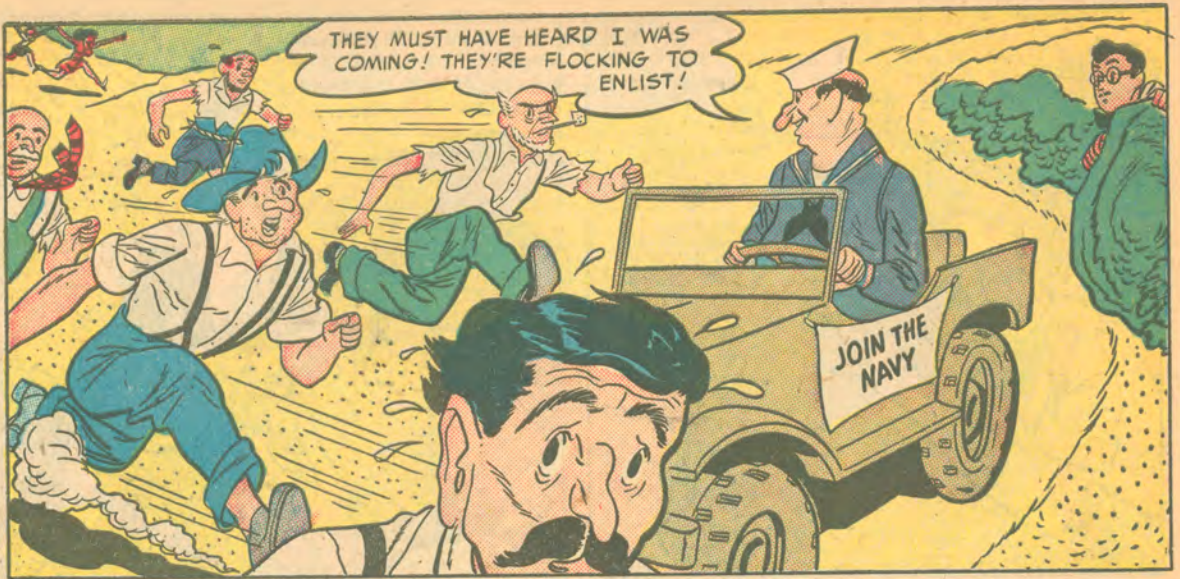




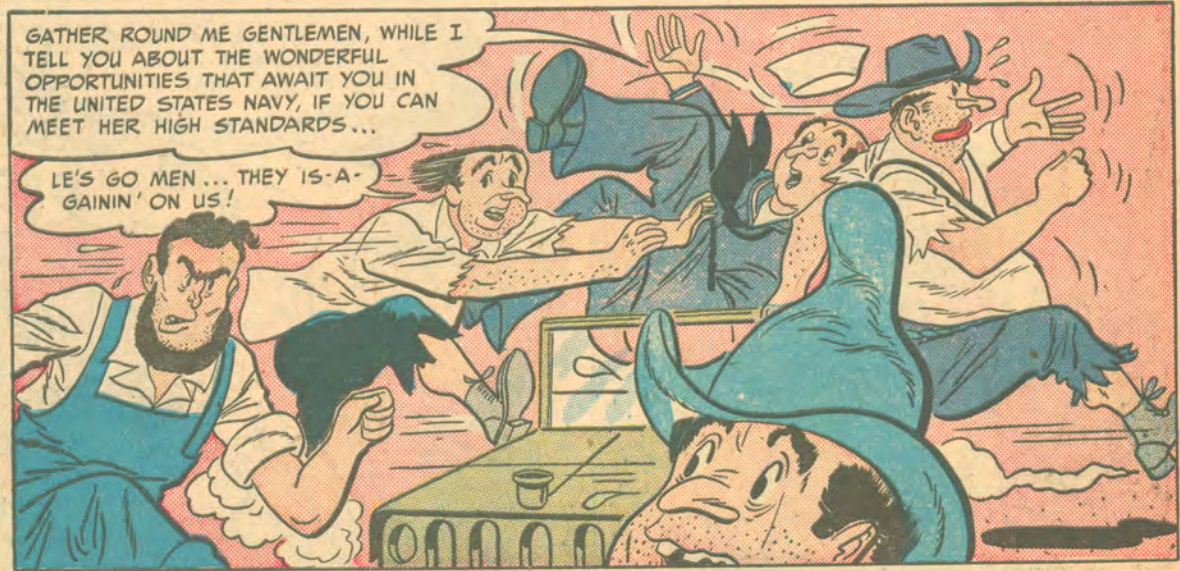








THEY MUST HAVE HEARD I WAS COMING! THEY'RE FLOCKING TO ENLIST!



GATHER ROUND ME GENTLEMEN, WHILE I TELL YOU ABOUT THE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES THAT AWAIT YOU IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, IF YOU CAN MEET HER HIGH STANDARDS...

LET'S GO MEN... THEY IS-A-GAININ' ON US!



ADVENTURE BECKONS FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE... YOU'LL BE WELL PAID WHILE YOU LEARN A TRADE... YOU'LL HAVE A SECURE, INTERESTIN' JOB... AND ABOVE ALL...



ABOVE ALL YOU'LL BE PROUD TO SERVE IN THE FINEST NAVY AFLOAT... ALWAYS READY... A WARNING TO ANY AGGRESSOR NATION TO KEEP THE PEACE...

AH'VE EXCAPED NEEDLENOSE NELL FO' SIXTY YEARS... OH (SOB!) AH'M SLOWIN' DOWN! SHE'LL KETCH ME (GROAN) THIS TIME FO' SHORE...



THAR THEY GOES!!

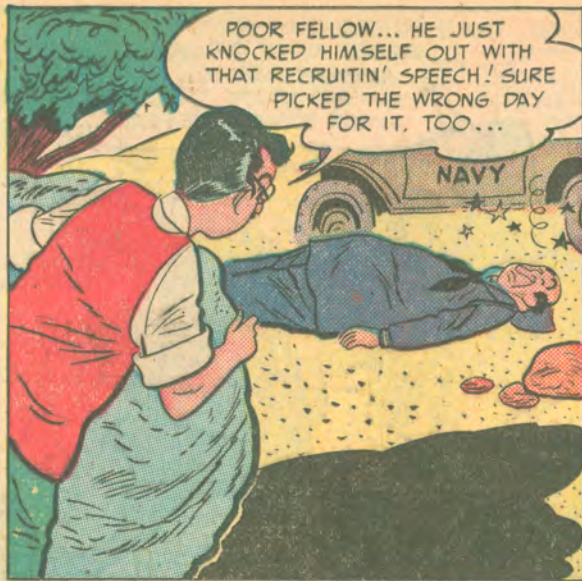
WHILE THE UNITED STATES NAVY IS STRONG (GASP!) NO NATION WILL DARE ATTACK US! (GULP!)...



JOIN THE (GASP!) NAVY... JOHN PAUL JONES ... BULL (GULP!) HALSEY...



ANCHORS AWEIGH... (GASP, GASP!)... DON'T GIVE UP THE (GAAAAASP!).. SHIP...



POOR FELLOW... HE JUST KNOCKED HIMSELF OUT WITH THAT RECRUITIN' SPEECH! SURE PICKED THE WRONG DAY FOR IT, TOO...



WITH ALL THE MEN FLEEIN' THE (UGH!) HORRIBLE FATE O' MATRIMONY, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE STOPPED T'LISTEN IF HE WAS RECRUITIN' ADMIRALS!



ADVENTURE (WHISPER) BECKONS FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE...



JOIN THE... HEY, WHAT HAPPENED!?? YOU JUST TUCKERED YOURSELF CLEAN OUT WITH SPEECH-MAKIN', MISTER!



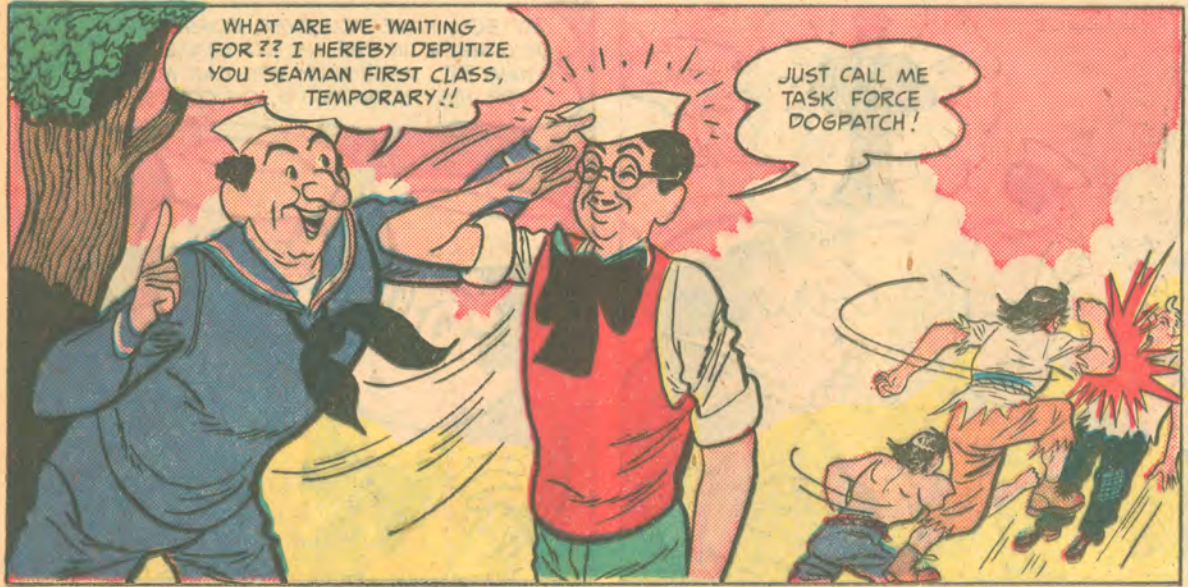
AND ON SADIE HAWKINS DAY, TOO. YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE!

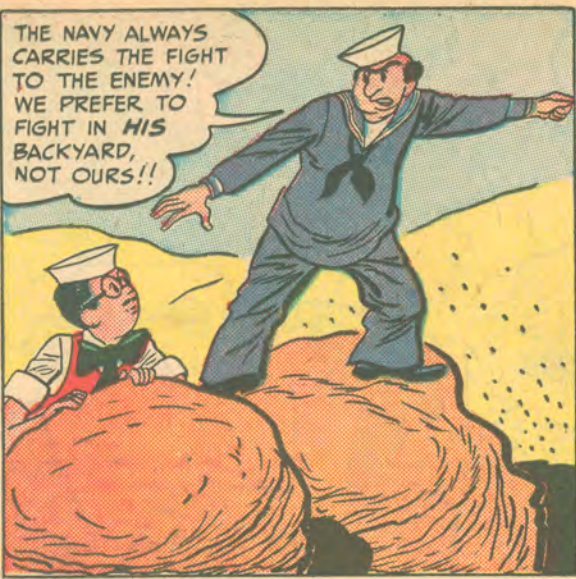
ODOH! (SOB!) NOT AGAIN! THAT ALWAYS HAPPENS WHEN I START TALKIN' ABOUT THE NAVY. I (GROAN!) HAVEN'T SIGNED UP A RECRUIT SINCE DECEMBER 7, 1941!



THE BOYS AT THE PENTAGON SAID THIS WAS MY (SIGH!) LAST CHANCE!

HALP!





THE NAVY ALWAYS CARRIES THE FIGHT TO THE ENEMY! WE PREFER TO FIGHT IN HIS BACKYARD, NOT OURS!!



LAY INTO 'EM, SON! REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR!

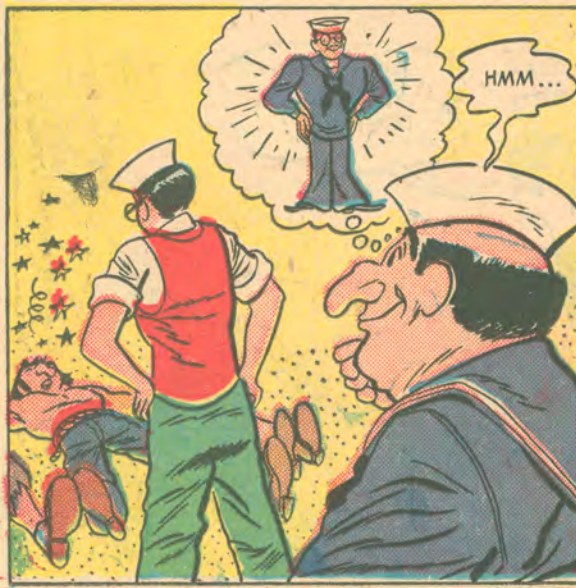
NEVER KNEW A GAL BY THAT NAME, SUH...



KNEW A GAL HAIR-DRESSER NAME O' PEARL BARBER ONCE, THOUGH!



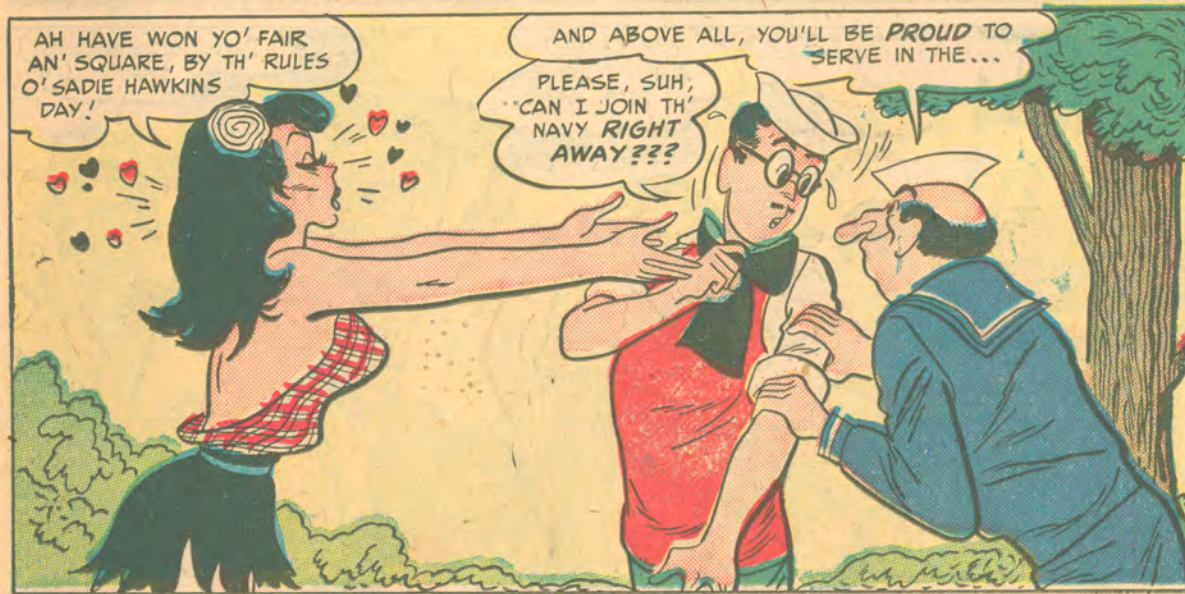
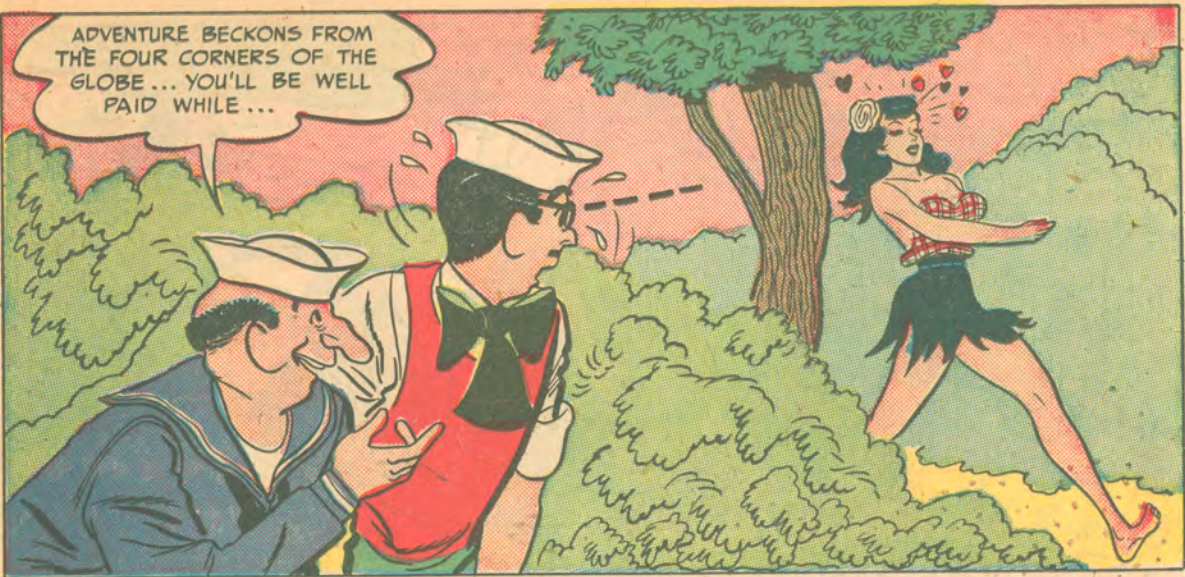
TASK FORCE DOGPATCH, YOUR MISSION IS COMPLETED!!

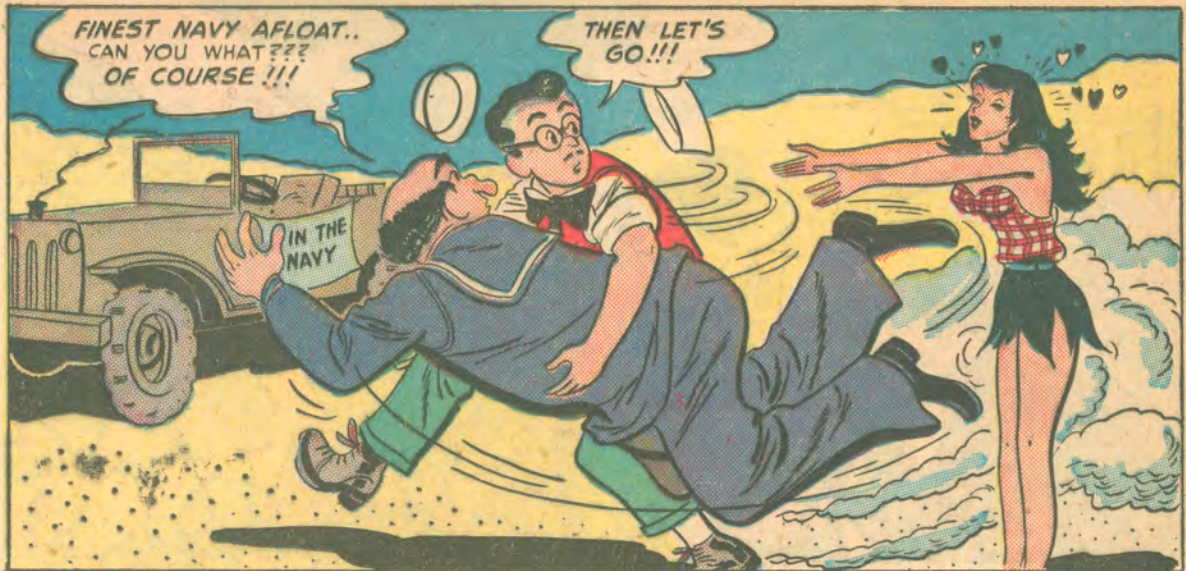


HMM...



MY BOY, HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED A CAREER IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY??.. ASSUMING YOU CAN MEET HER HIGH STANDARDS, OF COURSE ...





FINEST NAVY AFLOAT..  
CAN YOU WHAT???

THEN LET'S  
GO!!!

IN THE  
NAVY



AH MISSED HIM!  
(SOB) AH WERE ALMOS'  
MRS. DRAWIN'BOARD  
MCEASEL!!



ANCHORS AWEIGH...ETC...

AH'LL HAVE T'JOIN  
TH' WAVES BEFO'  
NEXT SADIE  
HAWKINS DAY!!



OW!(SOB!) MUST BE  
A TORPEDO BASHED  
MAH JAW!...

HMM, NOW'S OUR  
CHANCE!

TH' YEWNITED  
STATES NAVY  
SHORE PACKS A  
WALLOP (GROAN!)





YOU FINE, UPSTANDIN' YOUNG MEN WOULD LIKE TO GET EVEN WITH THE U.S. NAVY, WOULDN'T YOU?

WE SHORE WOULD, MISTUH!!



WELL, I CAN HELP YOU. I'M SVENGARLIC, FROM LOWER SLOBBOVIA, AND THIS IS MY ASSISTANT, MATTY HARRY.



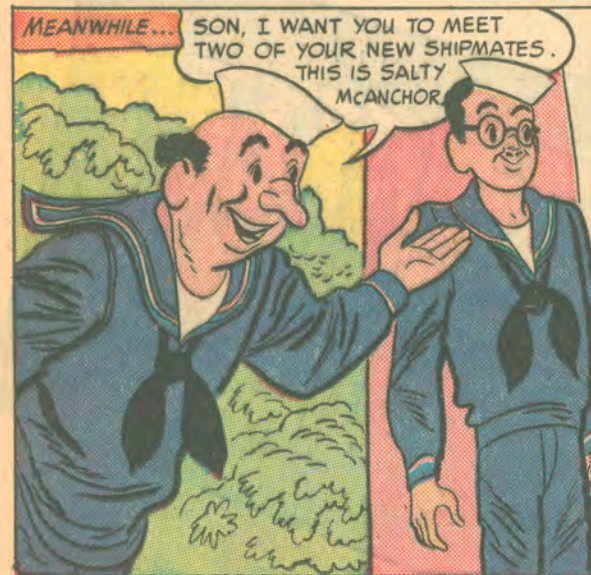
YO'SHORE (SNIFF, SNIFF) LIVES UP T'YO' NAME, MR. GARLIC...

WE'S ALL SCREWBALLS, SO NATCHERLY WE'LL DO ANYTHIN' YO' SAYS, MA'M!



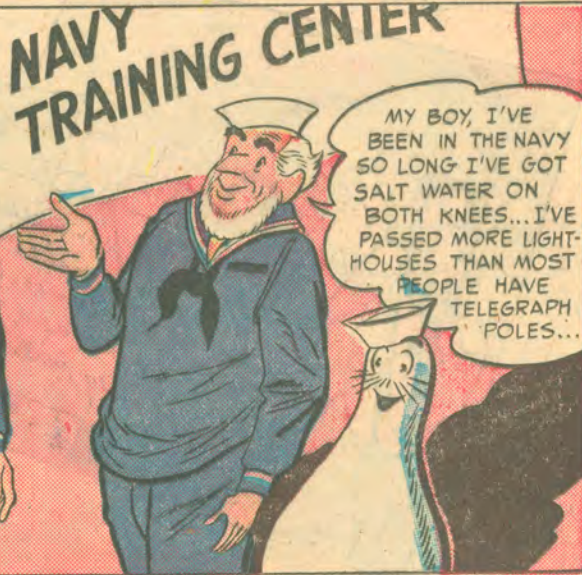
WHUT DOES WE DO FUST T'GET EVEN WIF TH' YEWNITED STATES NAVY?

FIRST WE HAVE TO HATCH A PLOT... NOW LISTEN CAREFULLY...



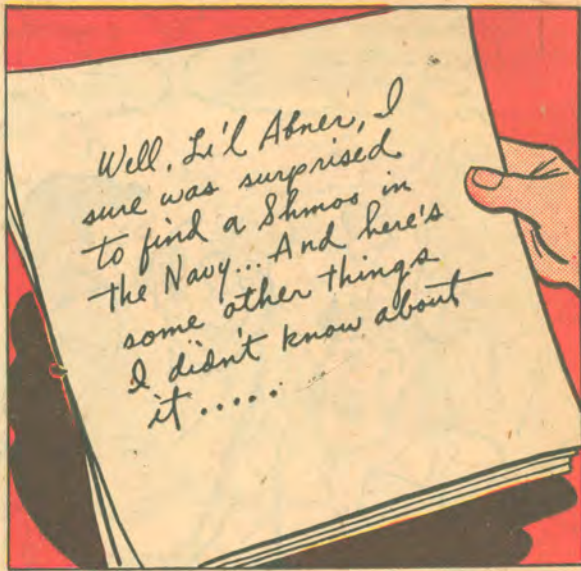
MEANWHILE...

SON, I WANT YOU TO MEET TWO OF YOUR NEW SHIPMATES. THIS IS SALTY MCANCHOR.



NAVY TRAINING CENTER

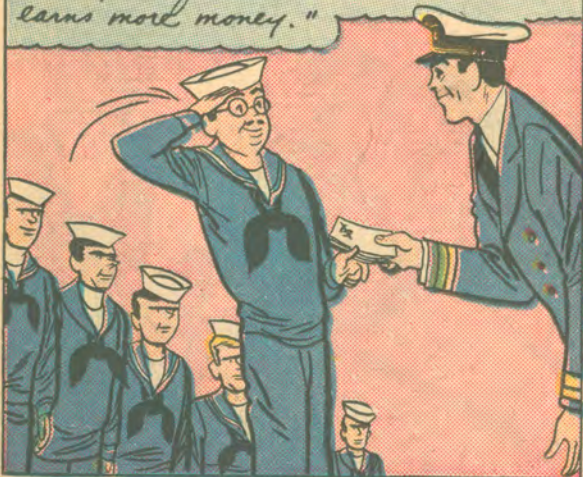
MY BOY, I'VE BEEN IN THE NAVY SO LONG I'VE GOT SALT WATER ON BOTH KNEES... I'VE PASSED MORE LIGHT-HOUSES THAN MOST PEOPLE HAVE TELEGRAPH POLES...



"After boot training, a man can start learning any of the dozens of different, interesting trades... If he went to school for this, it would cost him plenty, but..."



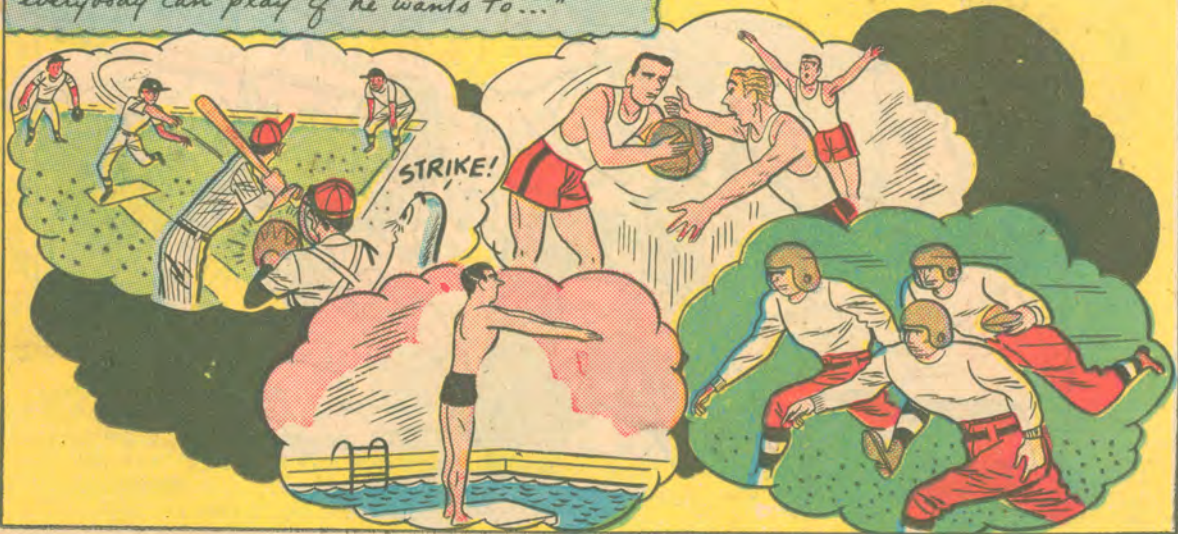
"But in the Navy they teach him and pay him a good salary besides! The more he learns, the quicker he advances and earns more money."



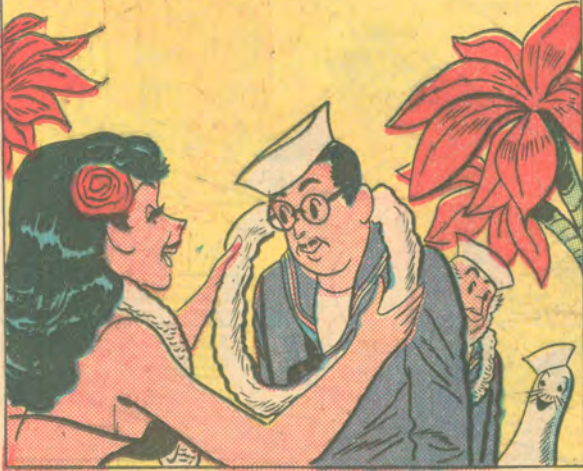
"Of course I don't pay any attention to 'em, but you should see how the girls go for a man in a Navy uniform! Salty claims he not only has a gal in every port, he has one on every dockenport..."



"There's time out for sports of every kind, and everybody can play if he wants to..."



"Our first cruise was to Hawaii. Boy, the scenery there is beautiful!"



When we got back...



WELL, SON, WHERE YOU GOIN' TO SPEND YOUR LEAVE?  
I'M TAKING OUR MASCOT BACK TO DOGPATCH TO SEE LI'L ABNER!

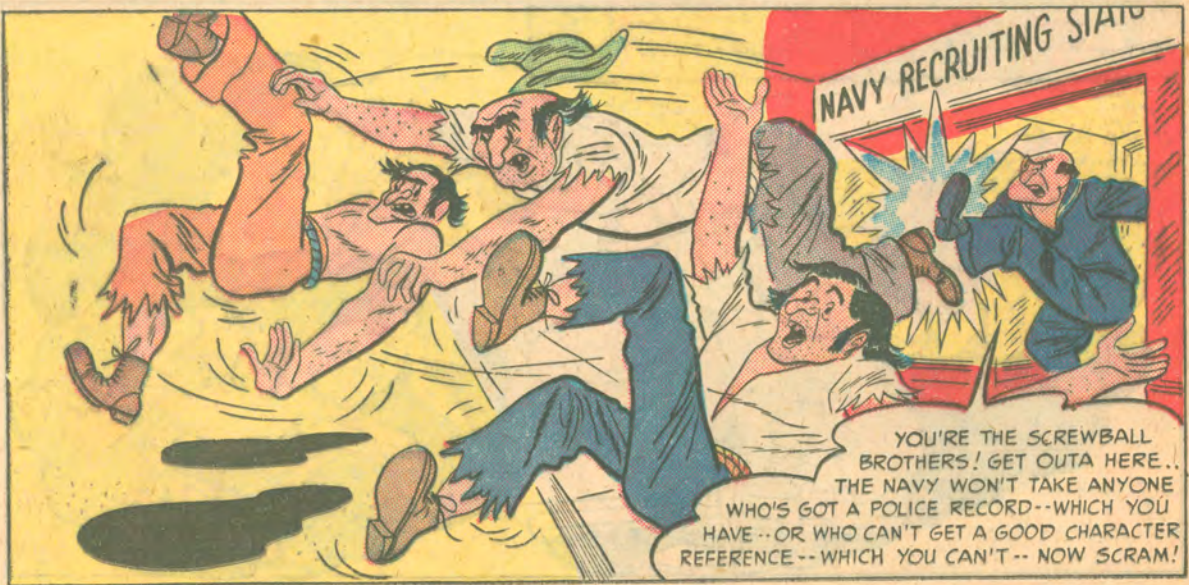


NOW YOU GO ON OVER THERE AND SIGN UP. THEN YOU CAN GET EVEN WITH THE NAVY BY BORING FROM WITHIN, SEE?

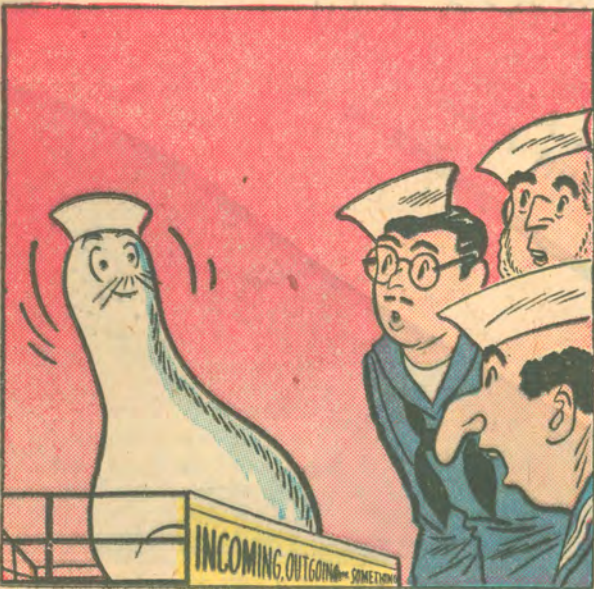
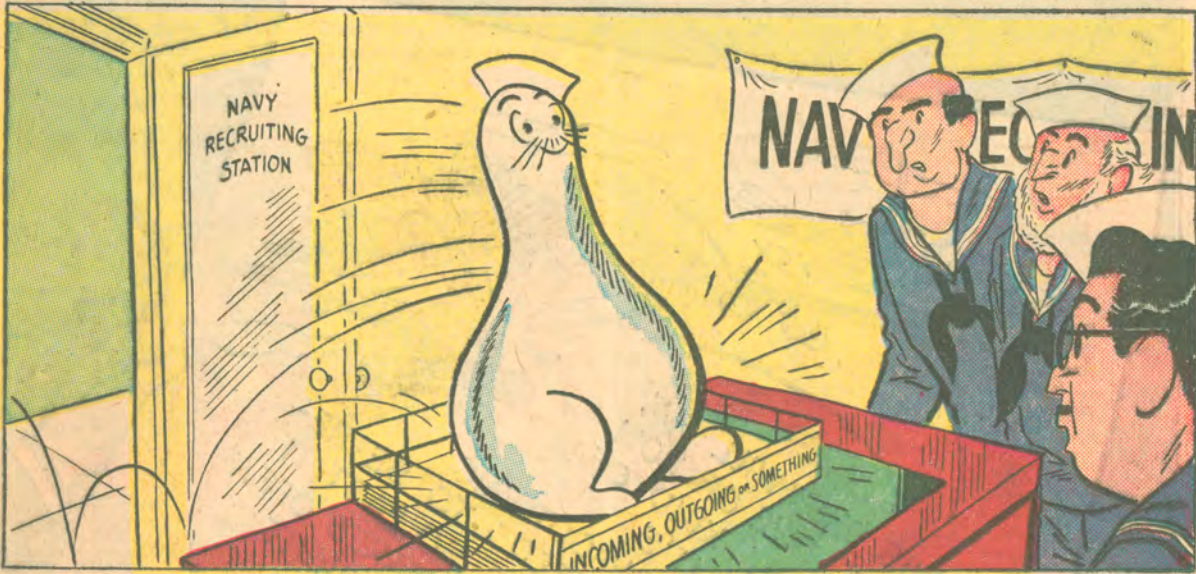


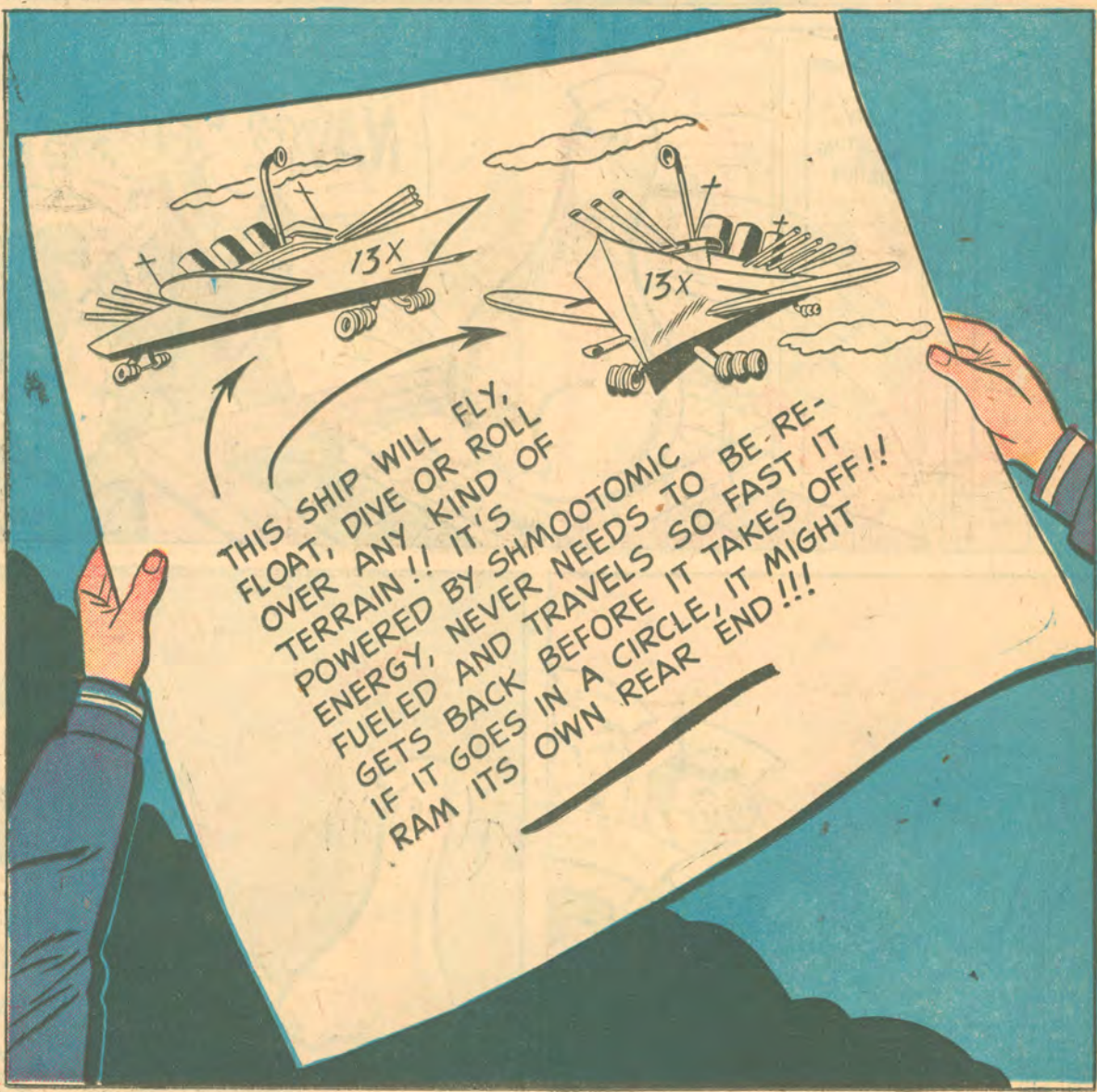
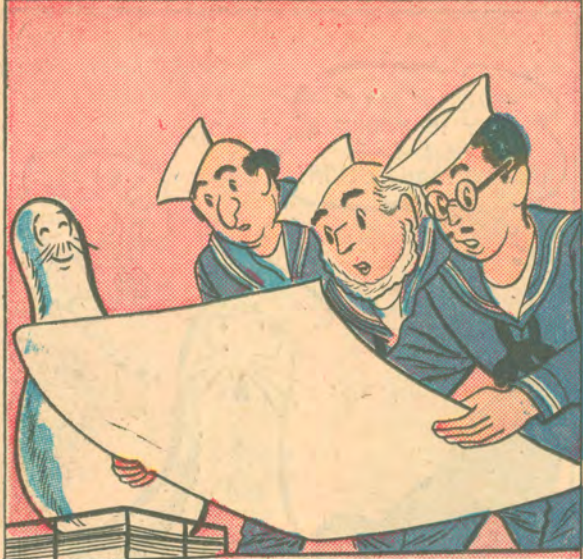
US-THREE CLEAN CUT YOUNG AMERICANS WANTS T'JOIN UP WIF TH' NAVY!  
SAY, I'VE SEEN YOU THREE BUMS BEFORE...

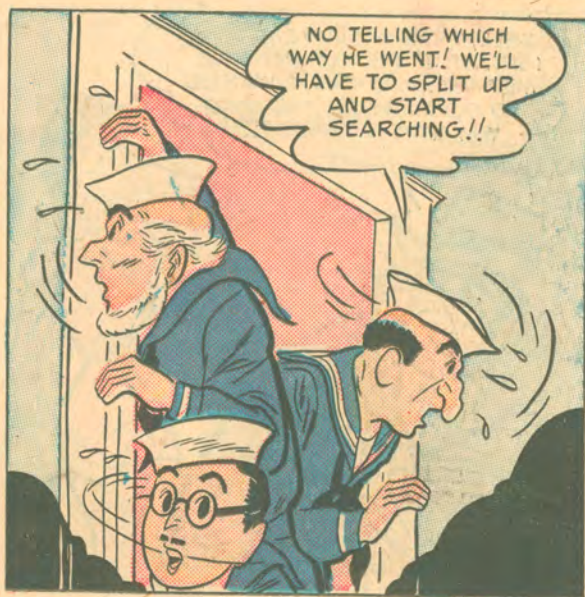
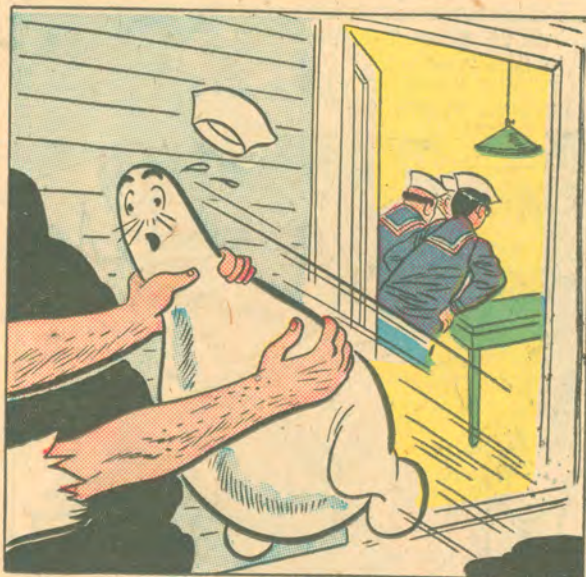
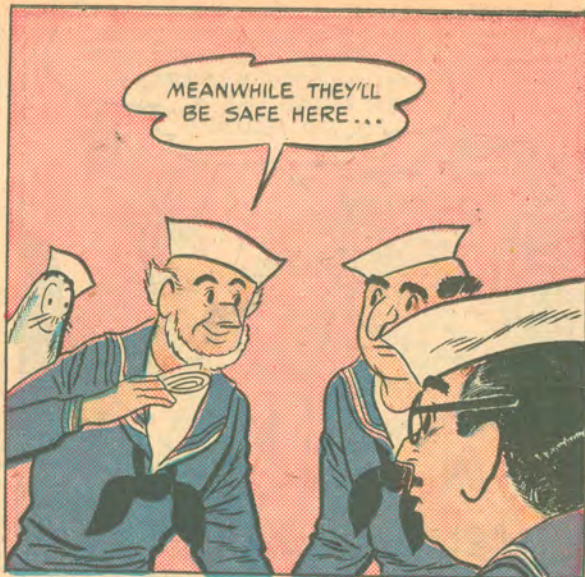
JOIN THE NAVY

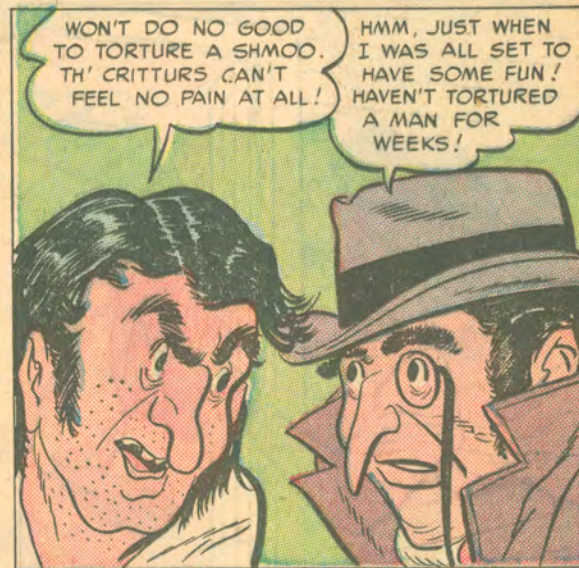
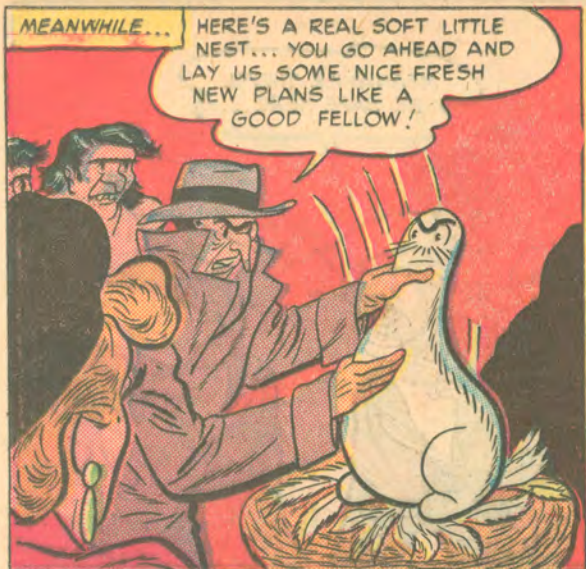


YOU'RE THE SCREWBALL BROTHERS! GET OUTA HERE.. THE NAVY WON'T TAKE ANYONE WHO'S GOT A POLICE RECORD--WHICH YOU HAVE--OR WHO CAN'T GET A GOOD CHARACTER REFERENCE--WHICH YOU CAN'T-- NOW SCRAM!

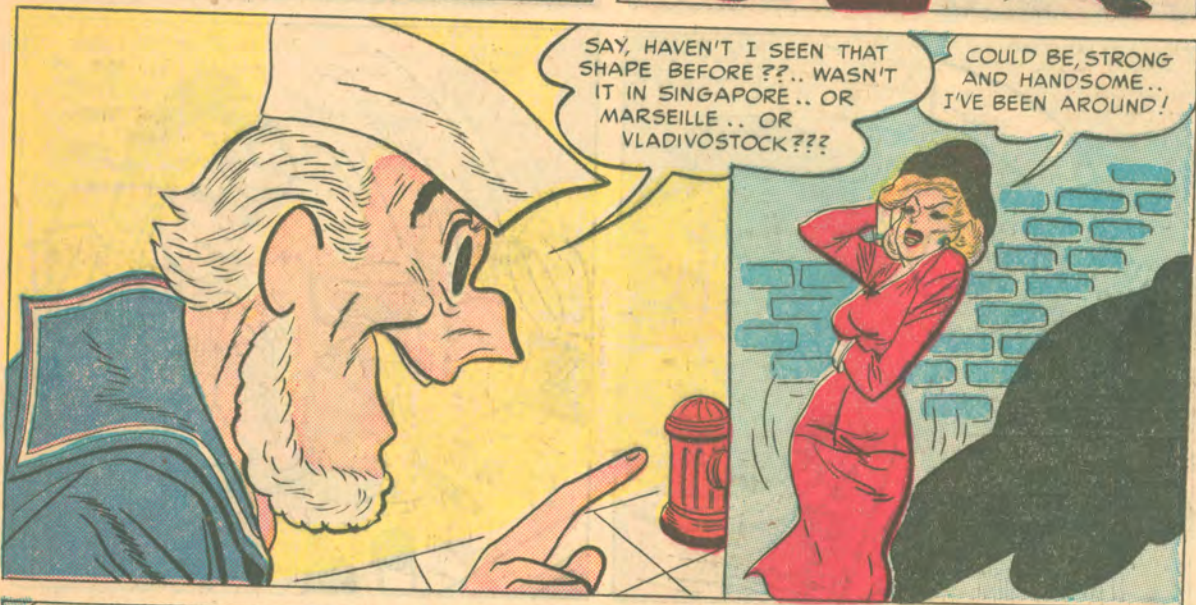
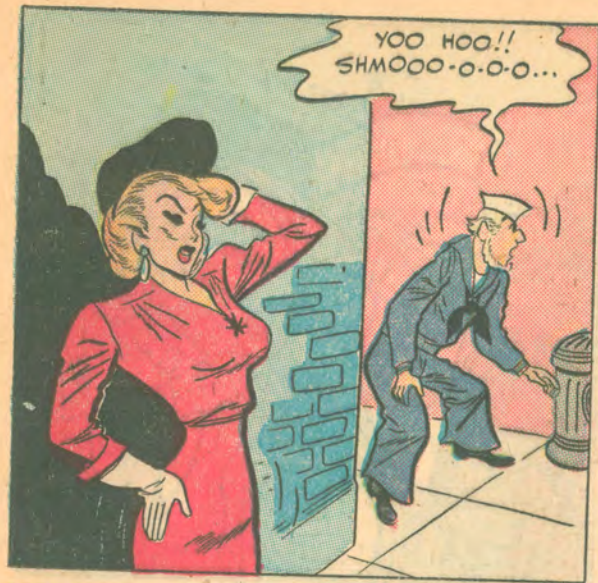


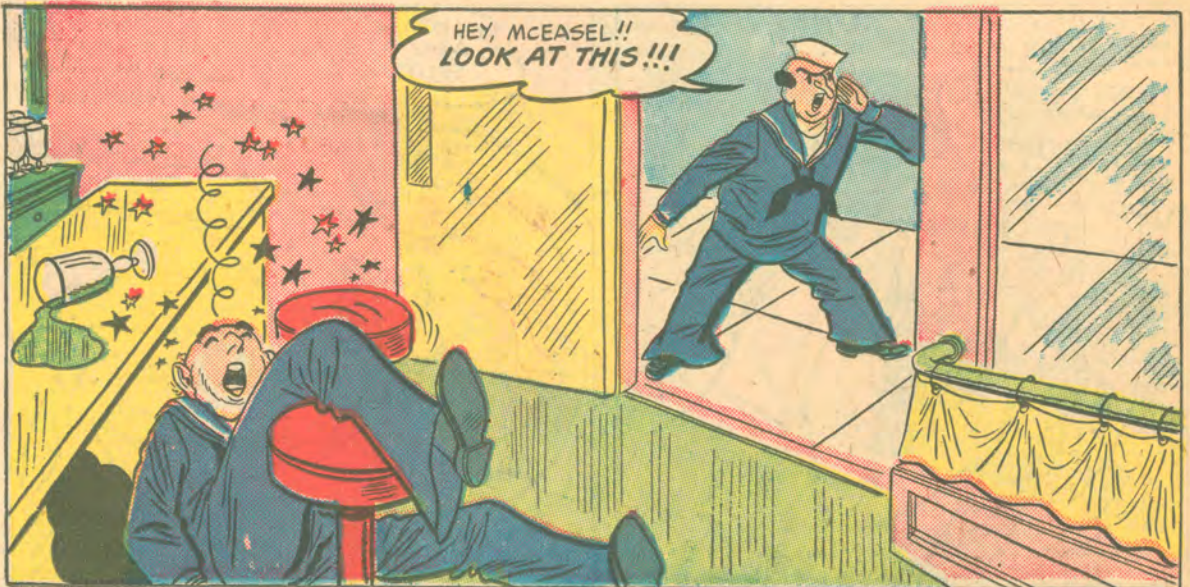














SAAAY...  
HOW'S ABOUT  
A LITTLE KISS...



HEY!! WHAT'S  
GOING ON?? THE  
PLANS... THEY'RE  
GONE!!!



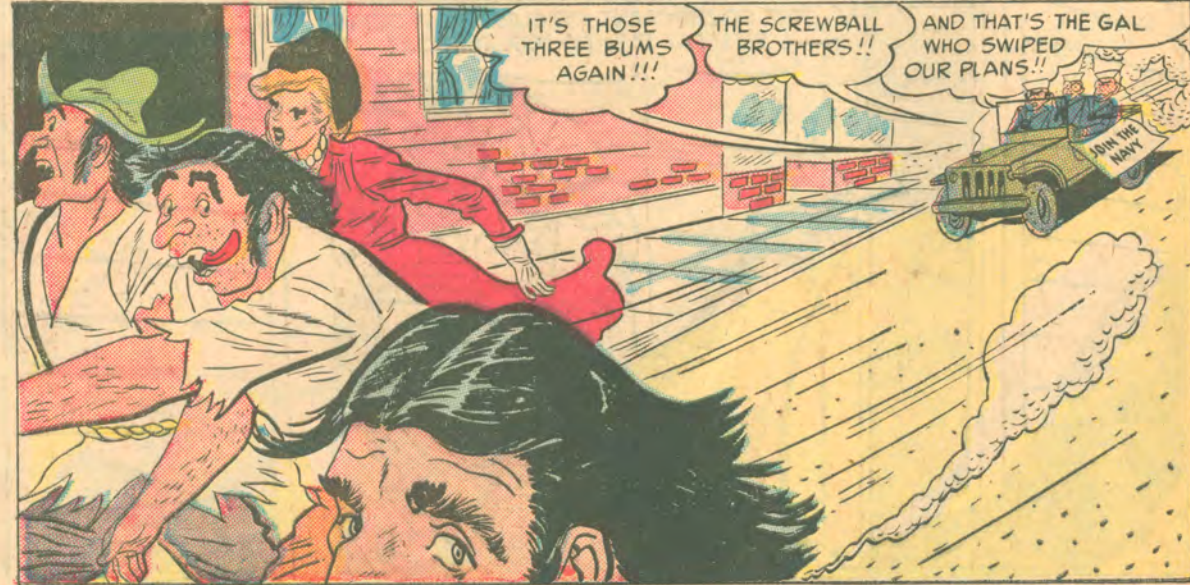
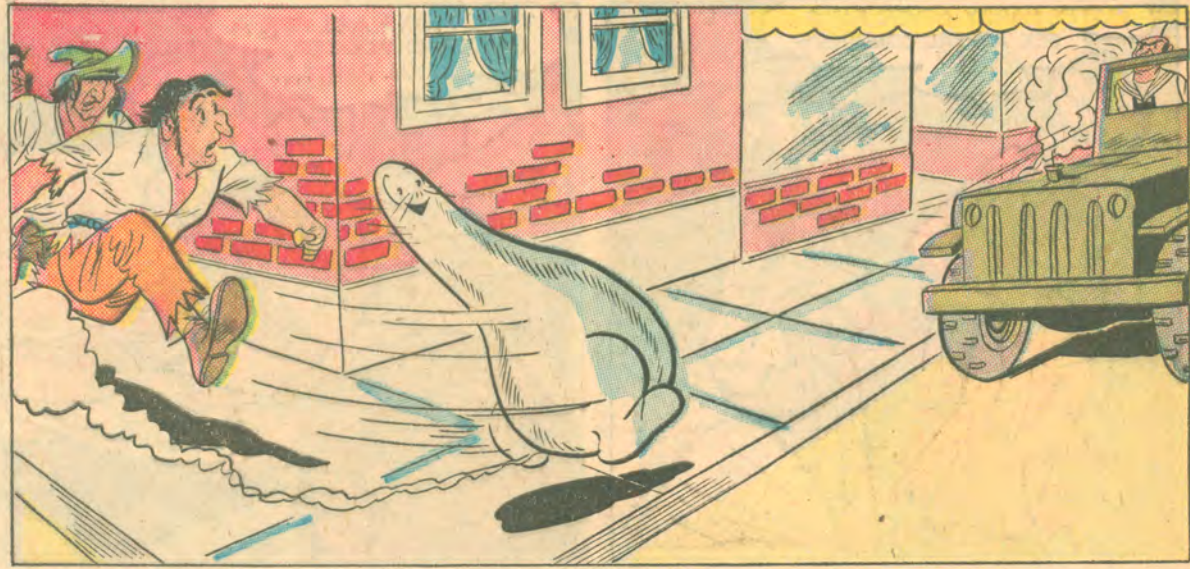
MATTY HARRY NEVER FAILS..  
SEX APPEAL CONQUERS  
ALL!



THESE PLANS ARE FOR A  
BATTLE SHMOOZER  
ALL RIGHT...



THE GOVERNMENT OF CLAUSTROPHOBIA  
WILL PAY PLENTY FOR THESE!!!





TAKE CARE O' THESE THREE, MEN, I'VE GOT SOME BUSINESS OF MY OWN...

SEEMS LIKE WE'VE DONE THIS ONCE BEFORE, EH MCEASEL??

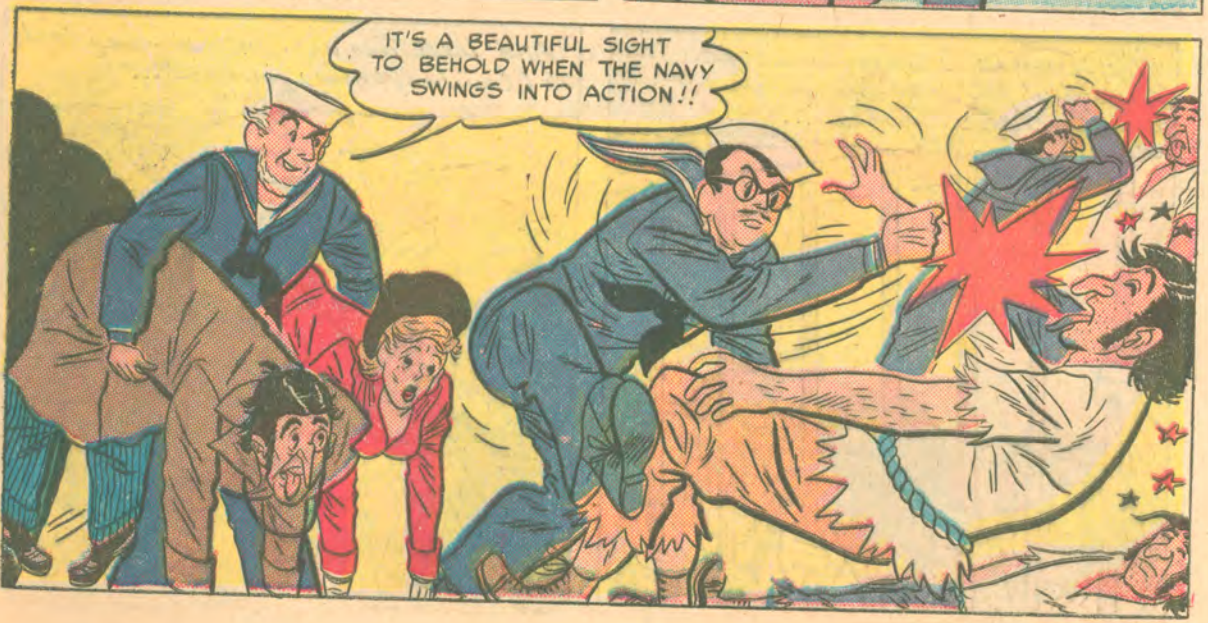
RIGHT!..AND IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE!



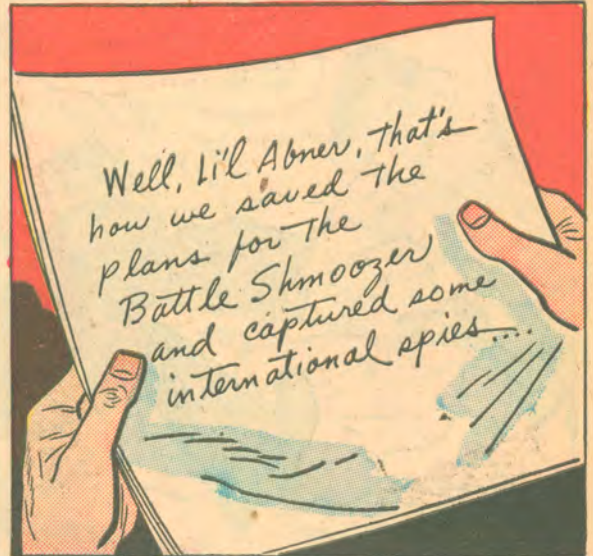
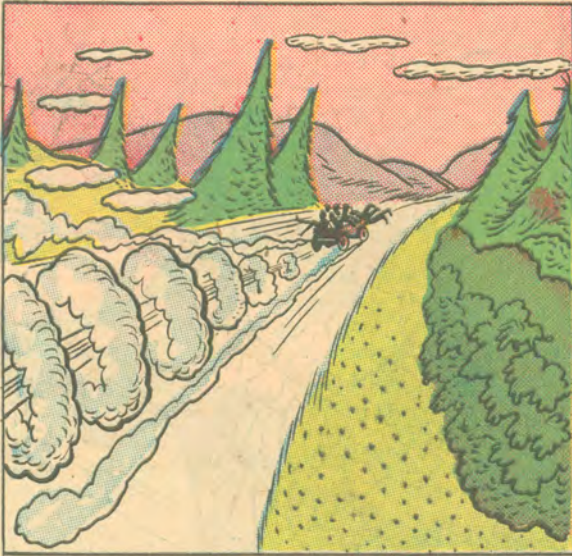
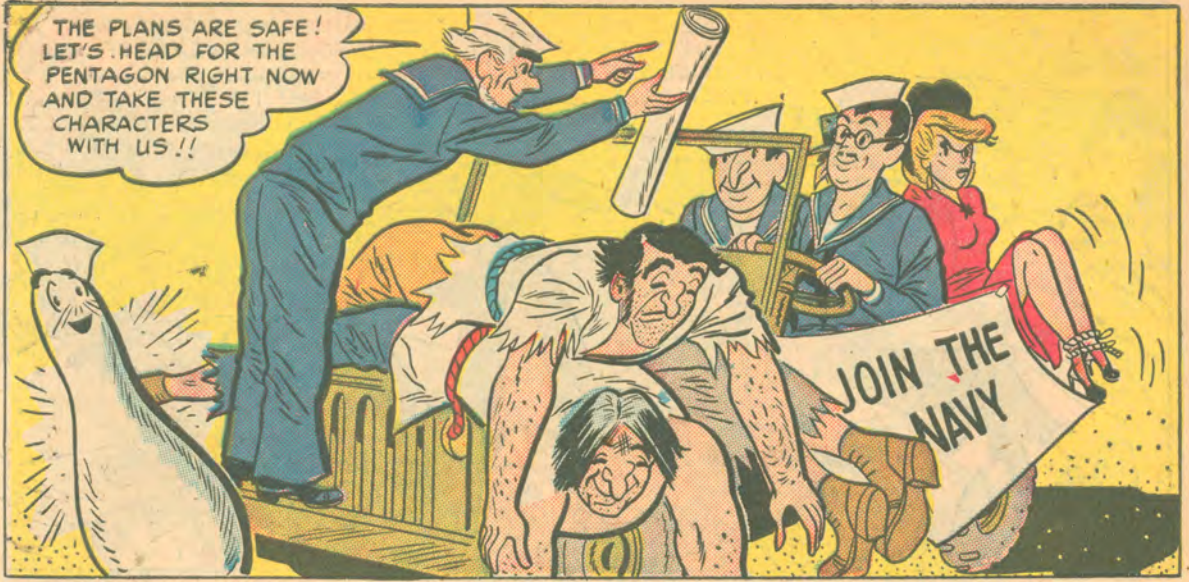
COME ON, SISTER...WE'VE GOT A DOUBLE-RICH CHOCOLATE MALTED TO FINISH!!



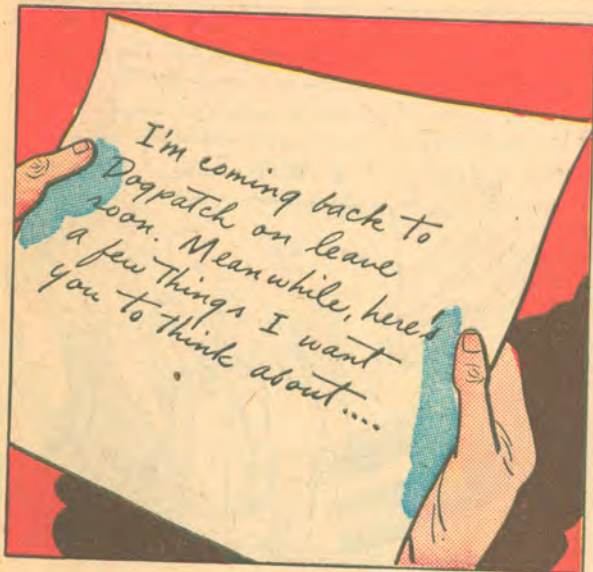
YOU MIGHT AS WELL COME ALONG TOO, MISTER!!



IT'S A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT TO BEHOLD WHEN THE NAVY SWINGS INTO ACTION!!

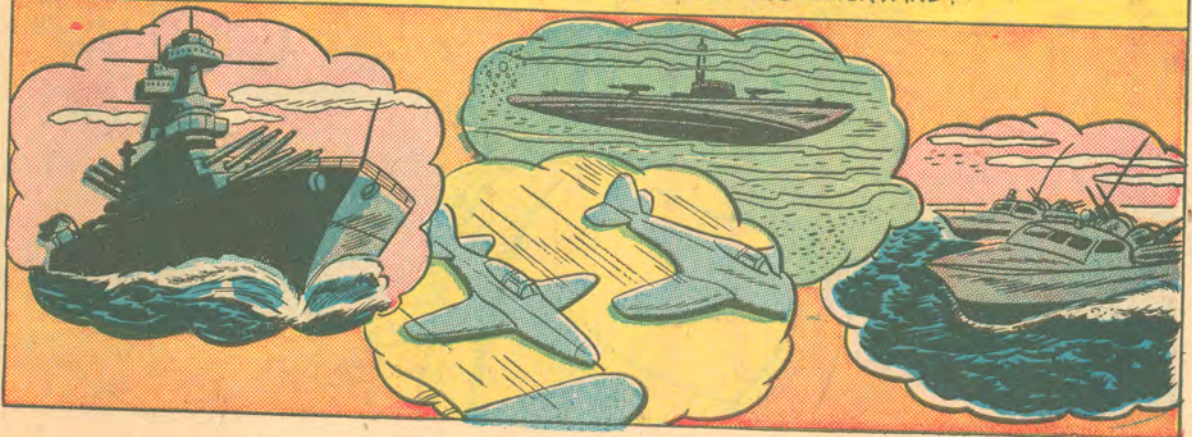


"At the Pentagon, they pinned medals on all of us and told us we were a credit to the United States Navy..."



**ALWAYS READY,**

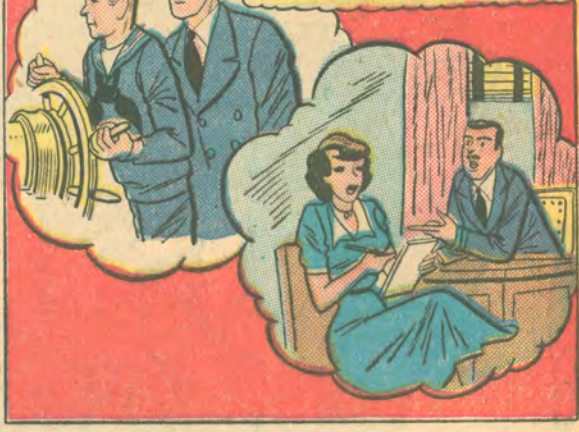
THE NAVY IS OUR BEST INSURANCE TO DISCOURAGE ANY COUNTRY FROM PICKING A FIGHT WITH US... AND IF WAR DOES COME, A STRONG NAVY KEEPS DESTRUCTION FROM OUR SHORES BY CARRYING THE BATTLE TO THE ENEMY IN HIS BACKYARD!



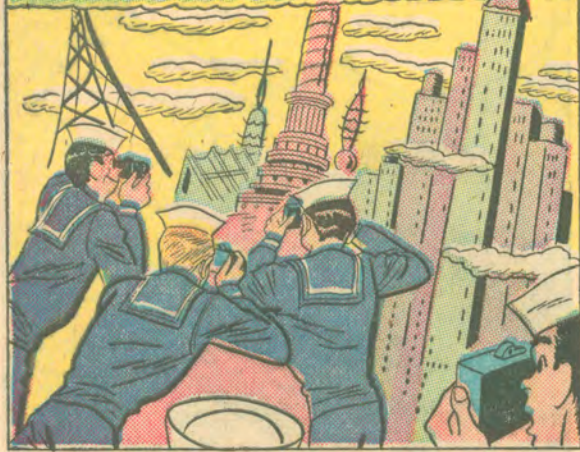
"To every young man who can meet her high standards, the U. S. Navy offers an honorable and richly rewarding career..."



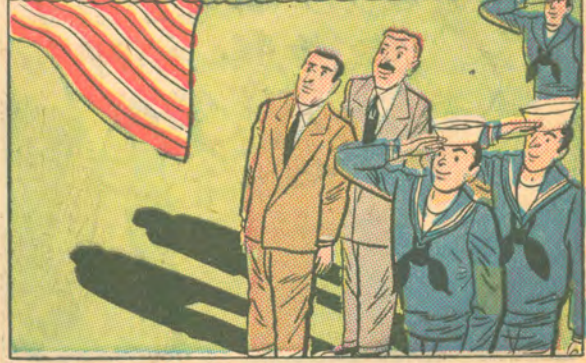
"Starting at the very bottom, a man with ambition can rise through the ranks, straight to the top. The Navy is no closed corporation!"



"It's still true, too, that you can 'join the Navy and see the world.' And there are lot of interesting places to see..."



"Finally, when his time comes to retire after serving his country well, the Navy man receives retirement pay for the rest of his life. And he's a skilled and useful citizen who can usually step into a good job if he desires..."





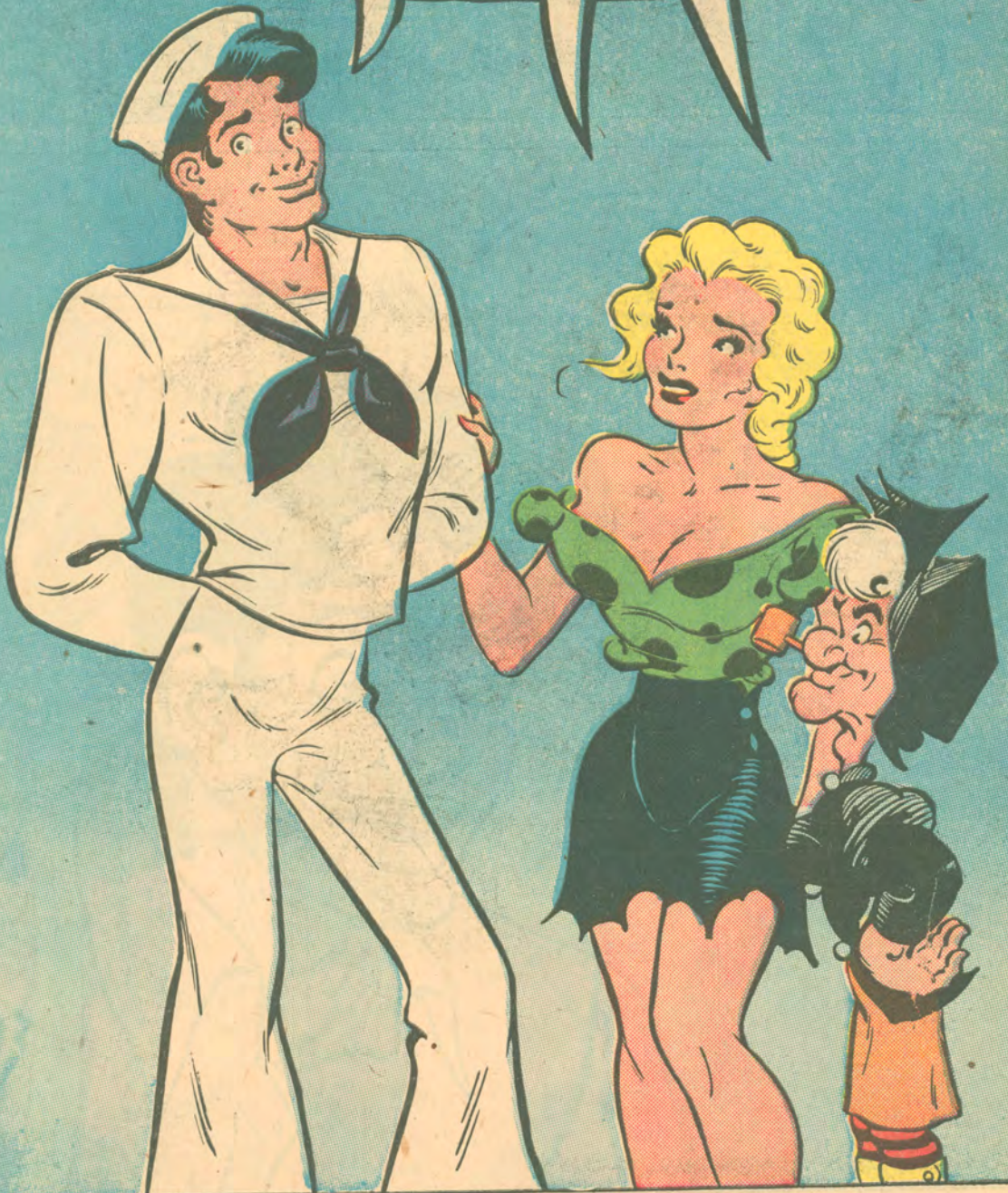


WELL, LI'L ABNER, WHAT DO YOU SAY???

WHAT DO I SAY??  
I'M JOININ' UP WIF  
TH' U.S. NAVY **RIGHT**  
**NOW!!!** HOW  
'BOUT YOU  
ALL??



**JOIN THE  
UNITED STATES  
NAVY!**





AH'M IN <sup>15</sup>  
TH' NAVY  
NOW!!

