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NEGRO HEROES

TRUE STORIES TOLD IN FULL COLOR

**WIZARD
OF
SCIENCE**



**A MIGHTY MAN
WAS HE**



**NORTH TO
THE POLE**

Calling All Young Americans!

Crowd around, you kids! Let me tell you—this magazine is a knock-out!

It's full of honest-to-goodness true stories of Negro Americans who are real Champs. Fighters! Folks who climbed into the ring punching, kayoed everything that tried to stop them, and stood up winners for the referee's count.

You start right off reading about George Washington Carver, scientist. There are stories of Mary McLeod Bethune, a great lady with a great life; Paul Robeson, athlete, actor and singer; Matt Henson, who helped explore the North Pole; Charles French, who swam through shark-filled waters towing a raft of his wounded comrades; and Charles David and Charles Thomas, young war heroes.

Boy, do they land some punches! It's all there in pictures, round by round, and those men and women won them all. This magazine calls them "Negro Heroes." I call them "Champs." They fought exciting bouts with poverty, prejudice, lack of opportunity, fascism, and then some—and buckled them all under with some hammering lefts and rights.

Reading about them in this book is a real thrill for me! Only thing is, these are just a few, a little handful, of the hundreds of stories of true heroes that could be told. I'd like to read a lot more.

I'll tell you what I did. After I got through reading this magazine, I sat down and wrote a letter to the National Urban League. I told them that these were great stories, about great people, but I wanted to read some more. I told them that boys and girls all over America would like to go to the newsstands every month and buy "Negro Heroes" and read more stories like these about real men and women. I asked them if they would please have their artists and writers get to work and put out some more.

You kids do the same thing! Get your friends to write, too. Get into a huddle, all of you, and put your heads together and make a list of other Negro heroes whose stories you would like to see in this magazine. If enough of you write, there will be other issues. Address your letters, like I did, to:

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Tell him like I told you: that this magazine is a knock-out! So long and good reading to you kids!

Yours,

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BORN OF NEGRO SLAVE PARENTS, GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER BECAME ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS SCIENTISTS. HIS SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS WITH PLANTS FREED THE SOUTH FROM ITS DEPENDENCE UPON A SINGLE CROP - COTTON - AND ESTABLISHED A \$200,000,000-A-YEAR INDUSTRY!

IN 1864, IN THE HUMBLE MISSOURI HOME OF MOSES CARVER, WHITE SETTLER...

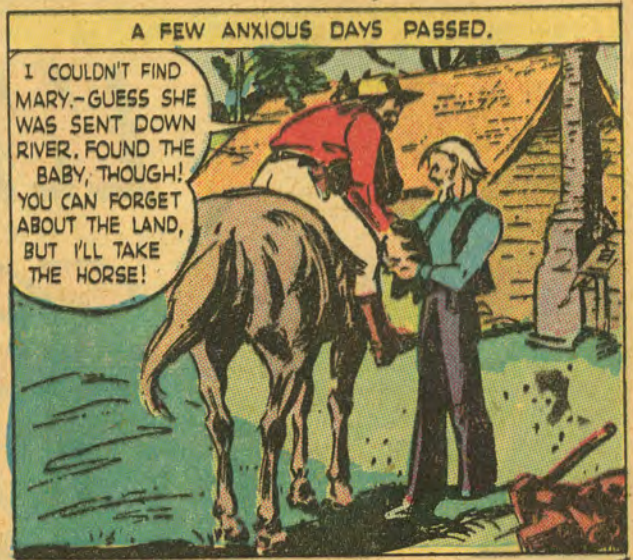
RUN, MARY! RAIDERS ARE COMING TO KIDNAP YOU! I'VE HIDDEN YOUR BOY, JAMES!

BUT MY BABY - LITTLE GEORGE!



THE WARNING CAME TOO LATE! CARVER'S NEGRO SLAVE, MARY, WAS SEIZED!





AND SO IT WAS THAT GEORGE WAS BROUGHT UP BY THE CARVERS, WHO SPARED THE FRAIL BOY ALL HEAVY WORK.



THE NEIGHBORS CALLED THE LITTLE CARVER BOY "THE PLANT DOCTOR".



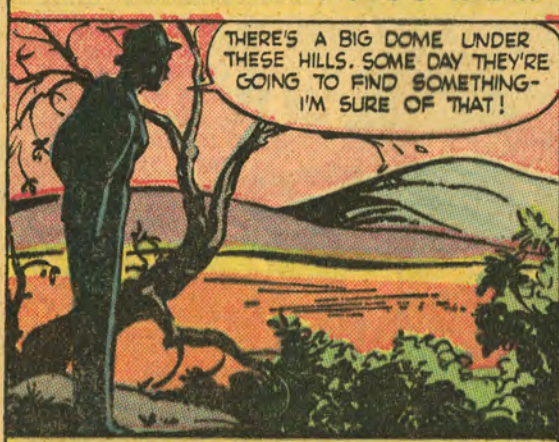
AT TEN, GEORGE SET OUT ON HIS OWN, HIKING EIGHT MILES TO THE NEAREST TOWN.



FINE BOY, THAT GEORGE CARVER. UP WITH THE ROOSTER EVERY MORNING DELIVERING SHIRTS! IRONS ALL NIGHT IN THAT LITTLE STORE OF HIS, TOO--ALL SO'S HE CAN GO TO SCHOOL.



1886- THEN TWENTY-TWO, CARVER TRIED PIONEERING ON THE WESTERN PLAINS OF KANSAS.



AND FIFTY YEARS LATER, THE BEELER OIL POOL WAS FOUND IN THAT SPOT!

AFTER TEN YEARS OF HARDSHIP AND ADVENTURE, GEORGE HAD SAVED ENOUGH MONEY TO ENTER SIMPSON COLLEGE AT INDIANOLA, IOWA, IN SEPTEMBER, 1890.

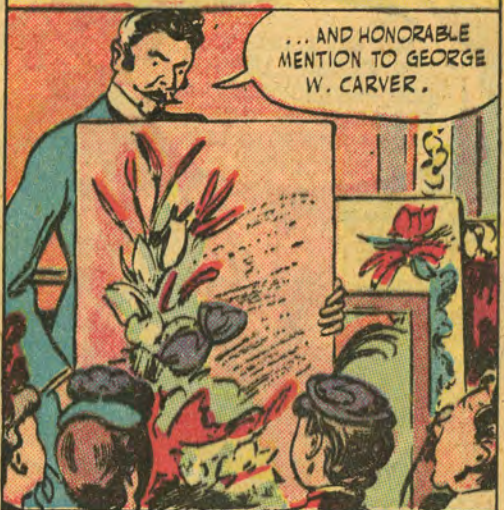


AND SO IN 1891, AT IOWA STATE COLLEGE...



CARVER SCRUBBED AND HOUSE-CLEANED HIS WAY THROUGH THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, BUT HE FOUND TIME FOR PAINTING, FRIENDS, AND STUDIES!

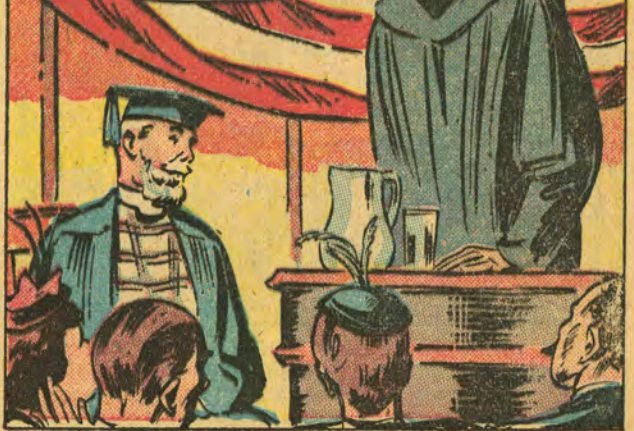
AT THE CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR IN 1893...



SON OF A PROFESSOR AT COLLEGE WAS U.S. VICE-PRESIDENT, HENRY WALLACE, FORMER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, THEN A SIX-YEAR-OLD BOY.



...AND WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT GEORGE CARVER, GRADUATING TODAY, WILL BE ON THE FACULTY HERE AS ASSISTANT BOTANIST!



TWO YEARS LATER...
 THE COLLEGE IS OFFERING YOU A PERMANENT PLACE ON THE FACULTY.

I'M DEEPLY GRATEFUL, PROFESSOR, BUT BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HAS INVITED ME TO TEACH AT TUSKEGEE.

CAN'T SAY I LIKE YOUR IDEA, YOUNG FELLER. FOLKS BEEN FARMING LIKE THIS FOR YEARS IN THESE PARTS! HERE'S YOUR SCHOOL!

OCTOBER, 1896, FOUND CARVER IN ALABAMA, BOUND FOR TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, FIRST NEGRO VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

YEP! THAT'S ANOTHER DESERTED FARM! LAND'S ALL WORN OUT!

THAT COMES FROM GROWING ONLY COTTON. COTTON ROBS THE EARTH OF MINERALS AND NEVER REPLACES WHAT IT ROBS! NOW IF WE CAN TEACH FOLKS TO PLANT DIFFERENT CROPS EACH YEAR...

CARVER'S FIRST JOB AS HEAD OF THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT WAS TO TEACH BETTER FARMING METHODS. ONE MORNING...

MR. CARVER! COME QUICK! A LOT OF COWS DIED IN THE PASTURE!

GET ME SOME SPRING WATER FOR TESTING - HURRY!

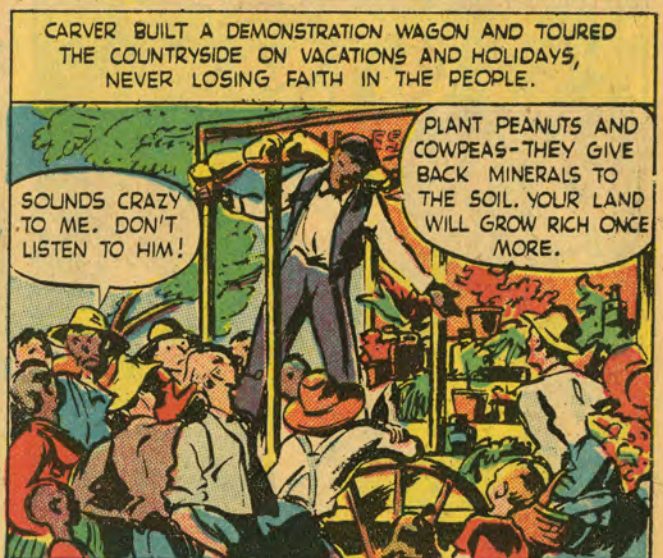
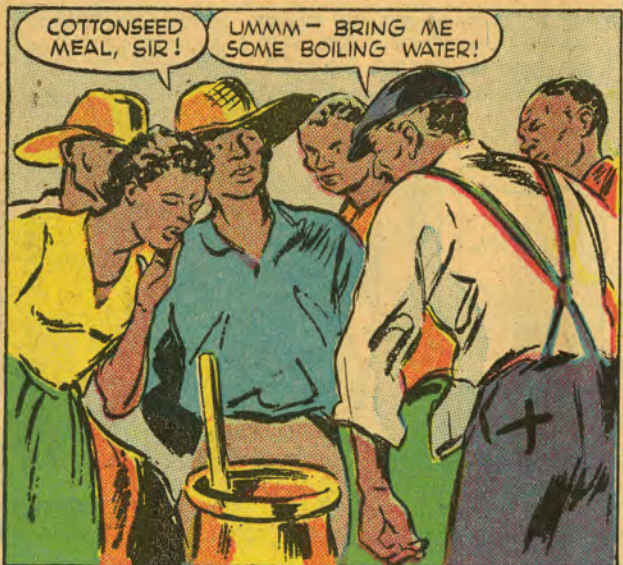
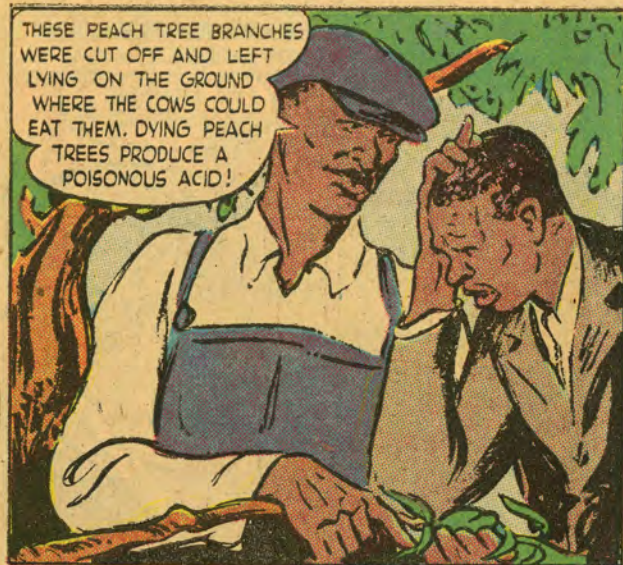
JUST AS I THOUGHT - TYPHOID!

CARVER WIRED THE SURGEON GENERAL IN WASHINGTON TO SEND A PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERT IMMEDIATELY. THIS HIS QUICK ACTION PREVENTED A SERIOUS EPIDEMIC.

SHORTLY AFTER...

THIS IS WHERE MORE COWS DIED, MR. CARVER! MUST BE MORE OF THAT TYPHOID FLYING AROUND!

NONSENSE! HERE'S YOUR ANSWER!



IF HE SAW SOMETHING WRONG IN HIS TRAVELS...

DON'T BURN WEEDS AND DRIED STALKS.—YOU'RE BURNING MONEY, MAN! TURN THEM UNDER FOR FERTILIZER!



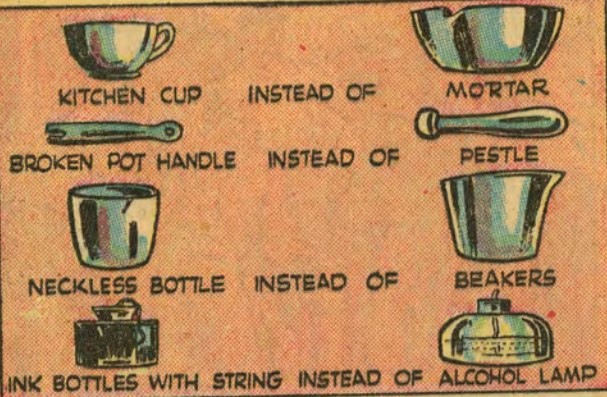
CARVER'S REPUTATION AS A SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE RAPIDLY GREW, BUT HE WAS NOT SATISFIED.

I KNOW YOU NEED A LABORATORY, FOR RESEARCH HERE AT TUSKEGEE, MR. CARVER, BUT WE DON'T HAVE FUNDS!

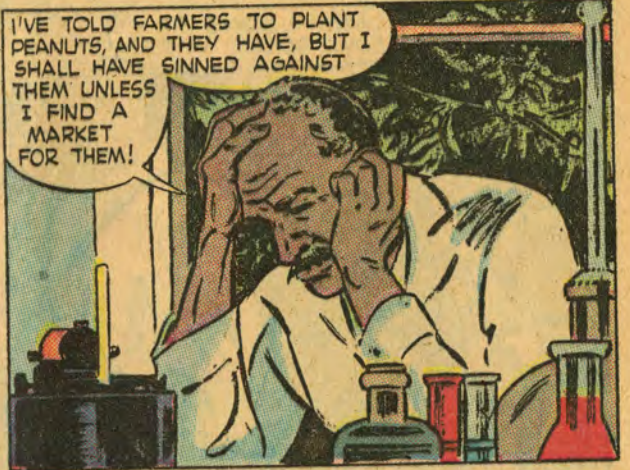
I'LL MANAGE, MR. WASHINGTON!



AND HE DID! WITH THESE OBJECTS WAS BEGUN A LABORATORY THAT WAS TO BECOME WORLD FAMOUS.



I'VE TOLD FARMERS TO PLANT PEANUTS, AND THEY HAVE, BUT I SHALL HAVE SINNED AGAINST THEM UNLESS I FIND A MARKET FOR THEM!



ONE DAY...

PEANUT MILK! I KNEW IF I BROKE DOWN THE OIL PARTICLES, I'D GET IT AT LAST!



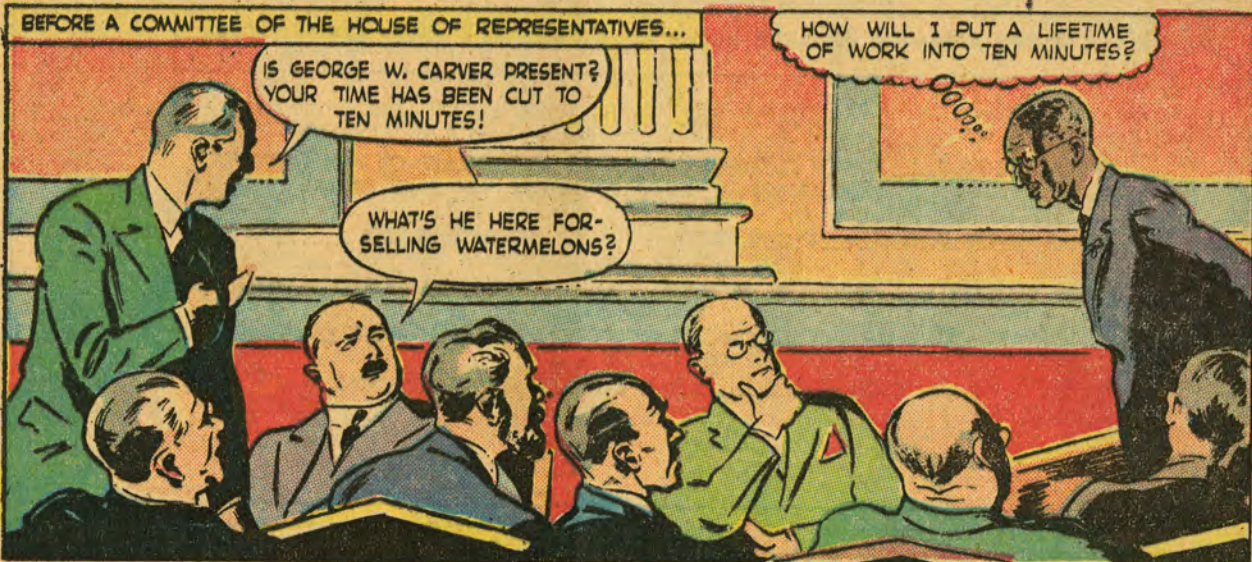
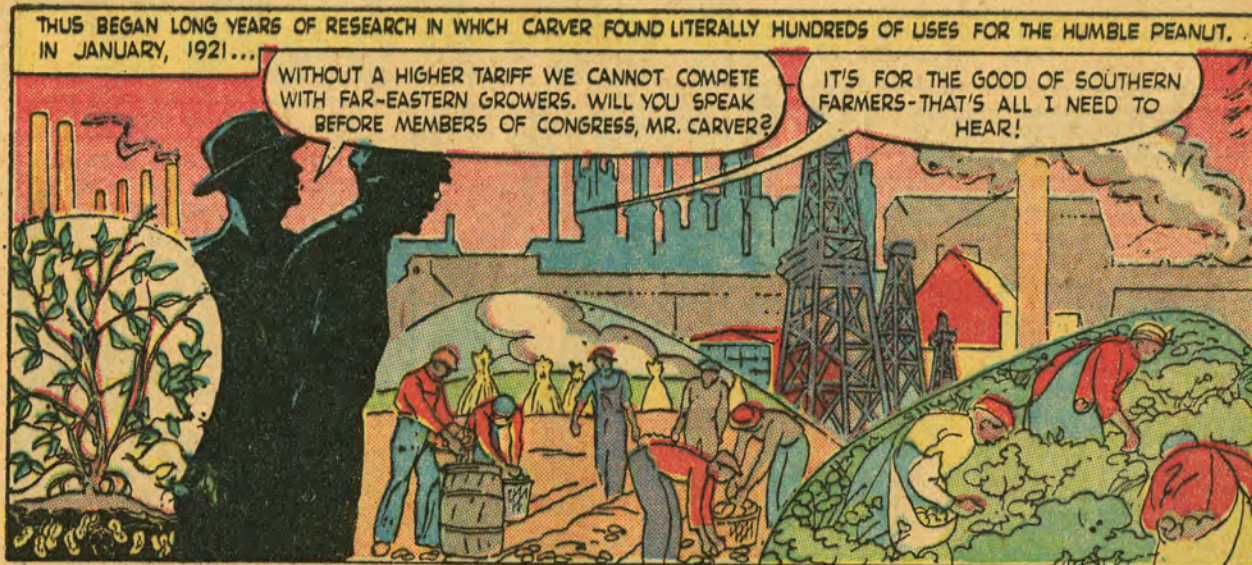
SOON AFTER, IN THE BELGIAN CONGO, WHERE COWS CANNOT LIVE BECAUSE OF LEOPARDS AND FLIES...

THE MOTHER JUST DIED!

WE WOULD HAVE HAD TO BURY THE CHILD, TOO, IF IT WEREN'T FOR THAT MAN CARVER'S DISCOVERY OF PEANUT MILK!



SOON PEANUT OILS, BUTTER, AND MILK WERE BEING USED ALL OVER THE WORLD.



MEANWHILE FAME HAD COME TO THE MODEST TEACHER, NOW DR. CARVER, WHO INSISTED UPON STILL DRAWING ONLY THE SALARY AT WHICH HE HAD BEEN FIRST HIRED AT TUSKEGEE.

AT THE CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, LABORATORY OF THOMAS EDISON...



IN NEW YORK, 1939...



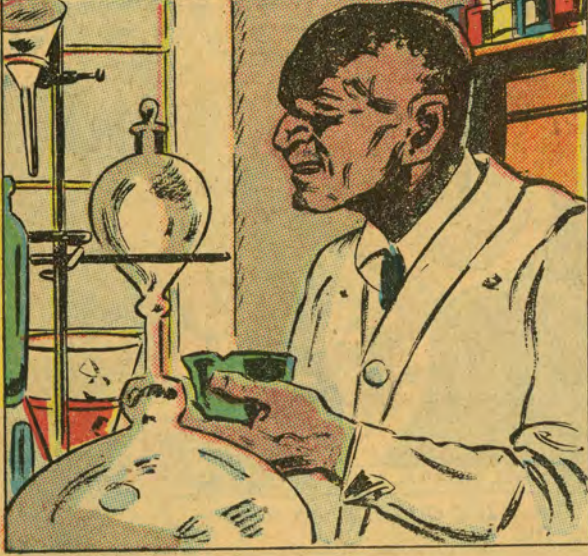
AND GHANDI IN INDIA...



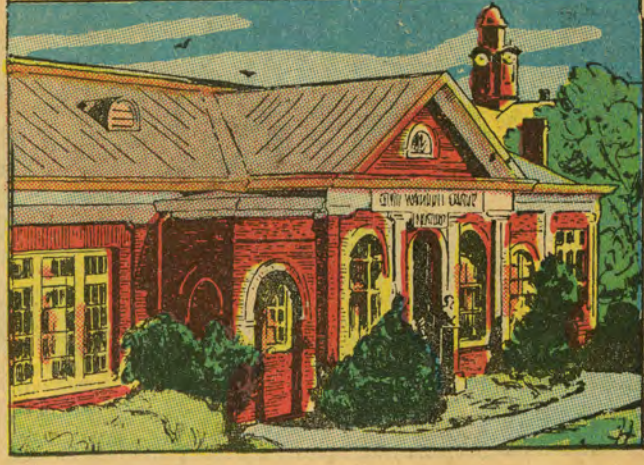
CARVER'S RESEARCH PRODUCTS WOULD FILL A CATALOGUE. THESE ARE BUT A FEW.

- FROM PEANUT..... MOCK OYSTERS, WOOD DYES AND STAINS, OIL, MILK, COFFEE, WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE, CHEESE, INK, FACE CREAM, LINIMENT
- FROM SWEET POTATO..... FLOUR, ROPE
- FROM SAWDUST..... SYNTHETIC MARBLE
- FROM CLAYS OF THE SOUTH..... POTTERY AND WALLPAPER DYES
- FROM CORN STALK..... WALL BOARDS FOR INSULATION
- FROM WISTARIA..... PAPER
- FROM CATTAILS..... TABLE MATS

1942 FOUND CARVER, IN HIS 79TH YEAR, LABORING ON AMERICA'S HOMEFRONT IN WARTIME FOOD RESEARCH.



ON JANUARY 5, 1943, STILL WORKING, GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER DIED. SO PASSED A NOBLE AMERICAN, ONE WHO HAD BUILT A BRIDGE OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE, ONE WHO HAD TOILED A LIFETIME IN THE SERVICE OF HIS FELLOW MEN. THIS MUSEUM AT TUSKEGEE IS A MONUMENT TO HIS WORK.



VICTORY AT CLIMBACH

A HAIL OF GERMAN BULLETS ON A FIRE-SWEPT HILLTOP COULDN'T STOP LT. CHARLES THOMAS AND THE MEN OF THE 614TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION.



IN DECEMBER, 1944, THE AMERICAN PUSH THROUGH ALSACE WAS HALTED OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE OF CLIMBACH.



WE'VE GOT TO TAKE THAT TOWN! IT'S FULL OF GERMAN SUPPLY TRUCKS.

THOMAS TOOK THE LEAD.



UP THAT HILL, MEN!

BUT AS THEY REACHED THE TOP...



I'LL COVER YOU. GET BACK OFF THE ROAD!



THE MEN RAN FOR SHELTER IN A NEARBY THICKET. LT. THOMAS, ALTHOUGH WOUNDED, HELD OFF THE GERMANS UNTIL...

WE'RE ALL HERE. COME ON, LIEUTENANT!



AS THOMAS FINALLY RAN FOR COVER...

HE'S HIT AGAIN.-THIS TIME BADLY!



LET US TAKE YOU TO THE REAR.

NOT UNTIL THE GERMANS ARE BLASTED OUT! GET THOSE TANK DESTROYERS INTO POSITION AND USE EVERY GUN WE'VE GOT.



THOMAS STAYED ON TO ENCOURAGE AND DIRECT HIS MEN UNTIL THE CAPTURE OF STRATEGIC CLIMBACH WAS ASSURED.

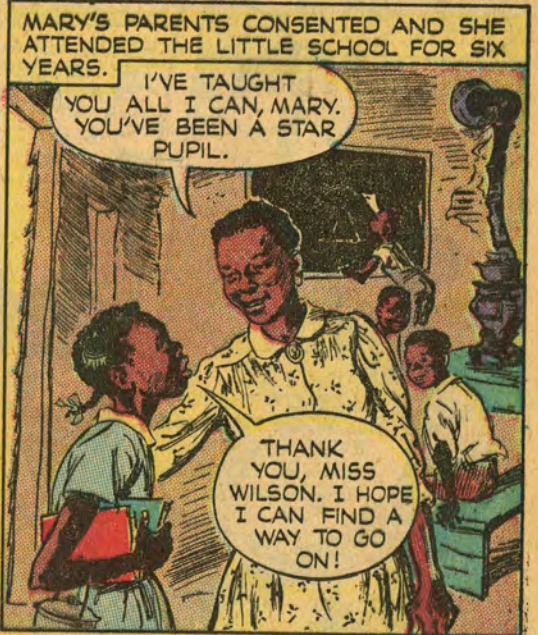
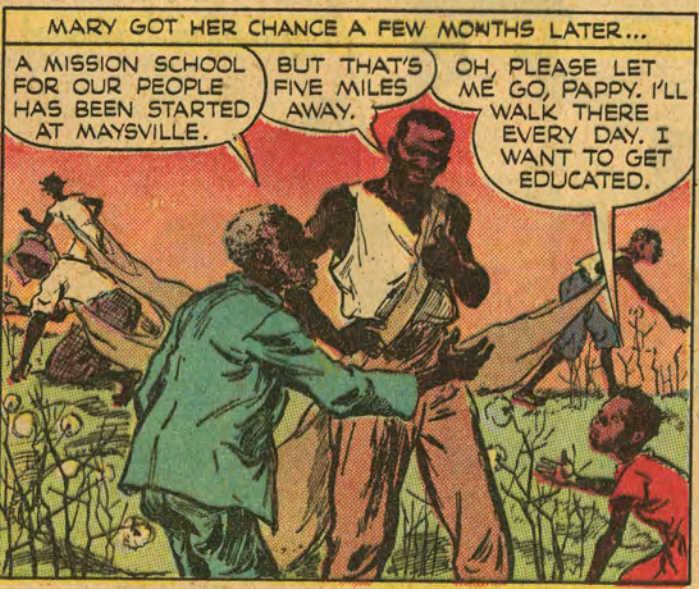
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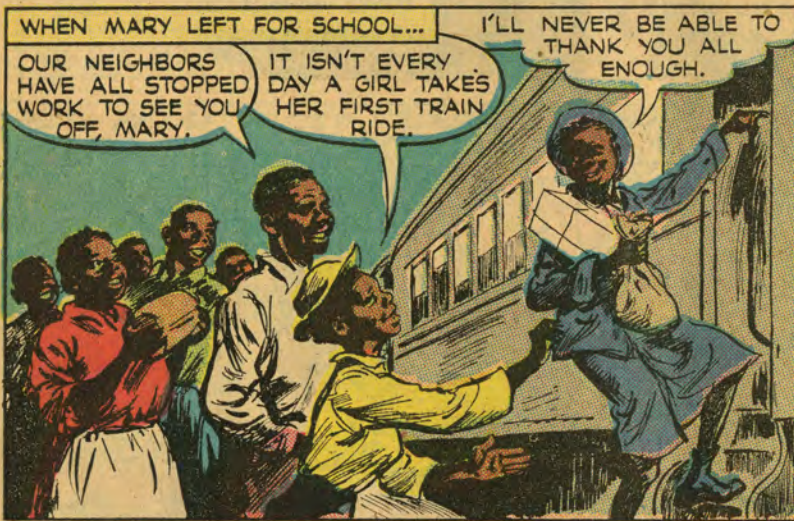
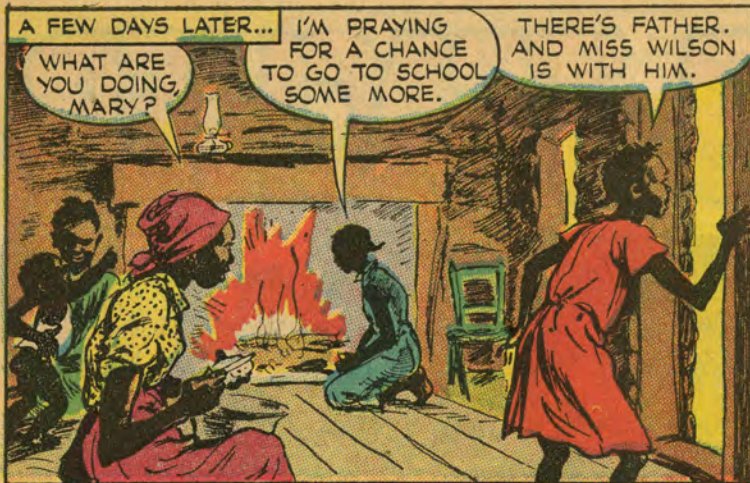
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE A HERO, CAPTAIN?

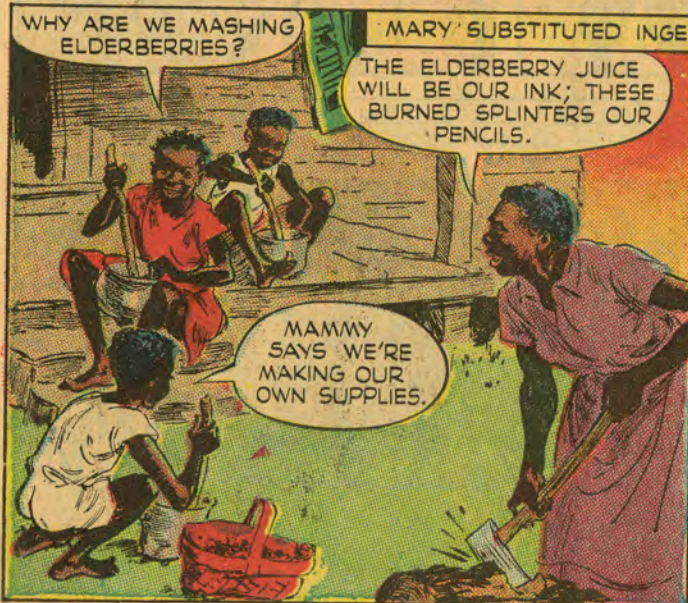
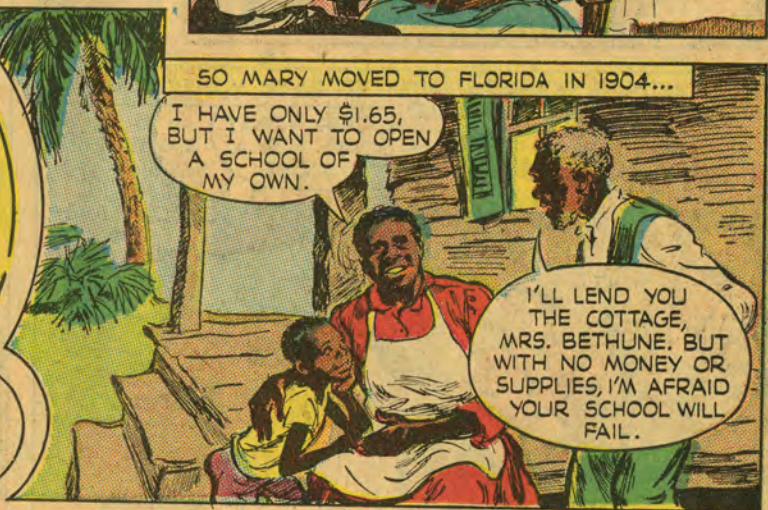
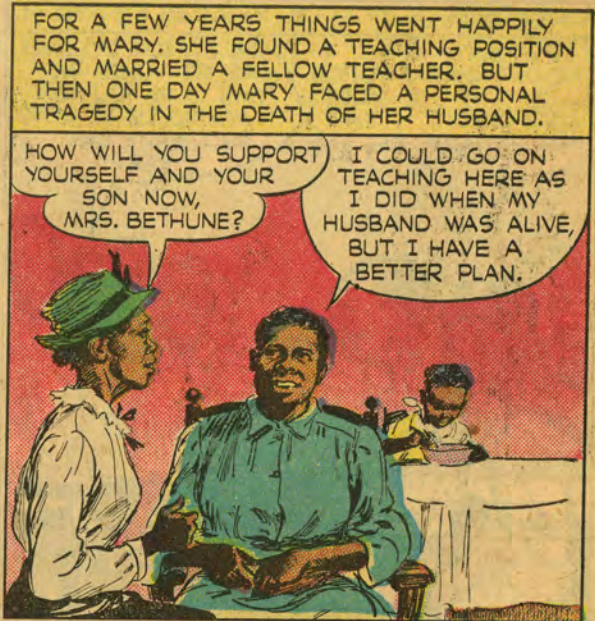


FOR HIS HEROISM, CAPTAIN CHARLES THOMAS RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - THE FIRST LIVING NEGRO TO BE THUS HONORED IN WORLD WAR II.

BELOVED TEACHER





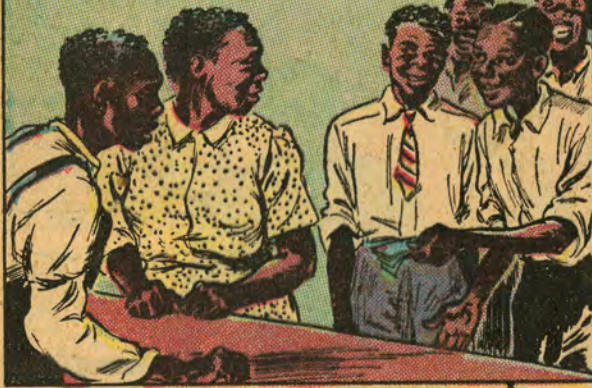


WHERE ORIGINALITY FAILED, MIRACLES STEPPED IN.

I'M SORRY, I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANY MORE CREDIT, MRS. BETHUNE.

BUT MY PUPILS MUST EAT!

HERE'S FOUR DOLLARS, MRS. BETHUNE. WE OWE IT TO YOU FOR TEACHING US TO READ AND WRITE LAST YEAR.



YOUR PUPILS SING BEAUTIFULLY.

YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED WONDERS WITH VERY LITTLE, MRS. BETHUNE.



I COULD DO MORE IF I HAD A LARGER BUILDING.

AND FINALLY SHE HAD ENOUGH TO MAKE A DOWN-PAYMENT ON SOME "LAND"!

SO YOU BOUGHT THIS CITY DUMP, MRS. BETHUNE, AND NOW YOU'RE TURNING IT INTO A SCHOOL.



YES. TOURISTS AND BUSINESS MEN HAVE PROMISED TO HELP ME.

MARY BETHUNE WORKED STEADILY TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL SHE HOPED TO BUILD.

I'LL HAVE ONE OF THOSE SWEET POTATO PIES.

YOUR MONEY IS GOING FOR A GOOD CAUSE.

MY MOTHER BAKES PIES SO SHE CAN BUILD A BIG SCHOOL SOMEDAY.



BETHUNE COLLEGE GREW THROUGH THE YEARS UNTIL, IN 1922, IT MERGED WITH COOKMAN COLLEGE, A BOYS' SCHOOL. MARY'S CHILDHOOD DREAM HAD COME TRUE.



BUT FAITH ALONE HAS GUIDED ME THROUGH THESE MANY YEARS OF HARDSHIP, SO THE FIRST BUILDING AT BETHUNE COLLEGE WILL BE CALLED 'FAITH HALL.'





MARY HAD WON THE RIGHT TO SPEAK FOR ALL HER PEOPLE.

THE AMERICAN NEGRO WANTS WHAT EVERY OTHER AMERICAN WANTS— RESPECT AND JUSTICE— A SQUARE DEAL.



AND THEN ONE DAY... A TELEGRAM CAME FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, MRS. BETHUNE. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WANTS TO SEE YOU.

THIS IS AN HONOR. I NEVER EXPECTED. I MUST LEAVE AT ONCE.



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DIRECTOR OF NEGRO AFFAIRS FOR THE NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION, MRS. BETHUNE?

IT WOULD BE THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY I'VE EVER HAD, MR. PRESIDENT, TO EDUCATE MY PEOPLE.



THROUGH THE YEARS MARY'S PRESTIGE GREW AS SHE BROADENED HER ACTIVITIES.

ISN'T THAT MARY BETHUNE, THE WELL-KNOWN COLORED EDUCATOR?

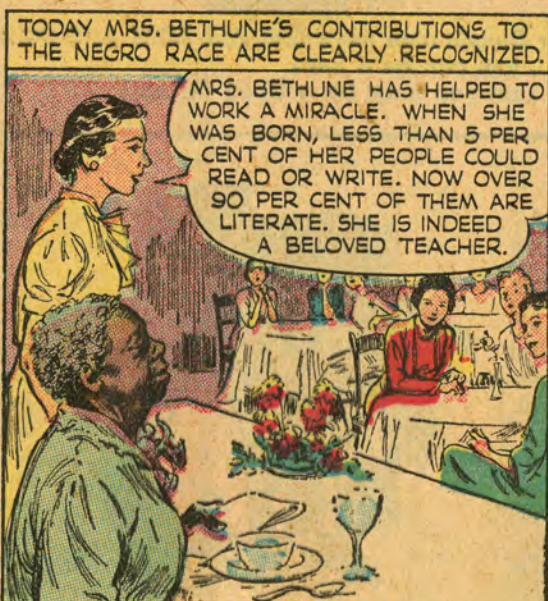
YES. SHE'S ORGANIZING A NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, I HEAR.

THEY SAY SHE'S EVEN BEEN TO THE WHITE HOUSE.



WHERE ARE YOU BOUND FOR THIS TRIP, MRS. BETHUNE?

THERE'S A CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK. I'M SCHEDULED TO SPEAK THERE.



TODAY MRS. BETHUNE'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEGRO RACE ARE CLEARLY RECOGNIZED.

MRS. BETHUNE HAS HELPED TO WORK A MIRACLE. WHEN SHE WAS BORN, LESS THAN 5 PER CENT OF HER PEOPLE COULD READ OR WRITE. NOW OVER 90 PER CENT OF THEM ARE LITERATE. SHE IS INDEED A BELOVED TEACHER.



THE ODDS AGAINST THE NEGRO ARE STILL GREAT, BUT THROUGH EDUCATION WE'RE DRAWING EVER CLOSER TO OUR GOAL OF EQUALITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

Negro Heroes' HALL of FAME

ON THESE PAGES WILL BE FOUND GLIMPSES INTO THE LIVES AND DEEDS OF NEGRO HEROES who have colored the history of America.

Men all over the world are grateful to George Washington Carver, for his many discoveries have helped them to raise better crops and live fuller lives. Born of a slave mother, Dr. Carver ranks with the greatest of America's great men.

The achievements of a man like Paul Robeson, whose voice has thrilled audiences in most of the cities of the world, or a woman like Mary McLeod Bethune, who has enabled thousands of Negro boys and girls who might never have known the joy of reading to get an education, prove that race need not be a handicap. If people put obstacles in their way, Paul Robeson and Mary McLeod Bethune worked all the harder to show such people how wrong they were.

Charles French proved also that if given the chance, he could be as daring a hero as any other man on his ship; Lieutenant Charles Thomas showed them that with half a break, he was as good an officer as any other lieutenant in the Army. There are hundreds of young men like French and Thomas who, if given half a chance, will make good.

Many people are working hard to see that Negro boys and girls in every section of the country get the opportunity they deserve. Some do it as individuals—by just being sure that they treat their Negro friends the same way they treat friends who are not Negroes.

There are others who also work with groups like the National Urban League, the widely-known organization, which creates better opportunities for Negroes. It is impossible to understand a neighbor you do not know, but through working with groups like the Urban League, people come to know each other.

The Urban League has branches in every section of the country.

Through the Urban League—
Negro boys and girls get jobs
Negro families find decent homes to live in
Negro boys and girls receive better education
Negro children secure better medical care

THE URBAN LEAGUE HELPS NEGROES TO BECOME BETTER CITIZENS
THIS MAKES AMERICA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN

REMEMBER

Our Constitution says that ALL MEN ARE EQUAL
You, too, can be a hero
But first you must be a Good Citizen!

ON THE COURTHOUSE AT AUBURN, NEW YORK, will be found a bronze tablet erected to the memory of HARRIET TUBMAN who, as a "Conductor" on the Underground Railroad, led over three hundred men and women out of slavery to freedom. Born in 1821, "General Tubman," as she was called by John Brown of Harper's Ferry fame, decided when she was a mere girl that she had a right to two things—Liberty and Death. She finally made her way to the North and Liberty. But Harriet could not



enjoy her freedom when she remembered that all the people she loved were down South in slavery. So she made nineteen trips back, and the Negroes called her Moses because when she appeared, slaves disappeared. Slave owners offered \$40,000 for her capture, without success. Later, she served as a Union nurse, spy and scout during the Civil War. Her last days were spent at Auburn, New York, where she founded a home for the poor and crippled. She died in 1913.

THERE IS HARDLY A TOWN OR VILLAGE IN THE UNITED STATES where boys and girls do not know about JOE LOUIS—"The Brown Bomber"—as the world's champion boxer is called. Joe has become the idol of millions, and any man, woman or child who shows signs of great strength is likely to be tagged a "Joe Louis." People who box, act or write often change their names. When Joe started fighting, his managers decided that Joe Louis sounded better for a boxer than Joseph Louis Barrow, which was the boxer's legal name. When Joe was born in 1914, the Barrow family was living on a farm down in Alabama.



But when Joe was very young his mother moved the family to Detroit. It was in that city that Joe grew up and developed an interest in the ring.

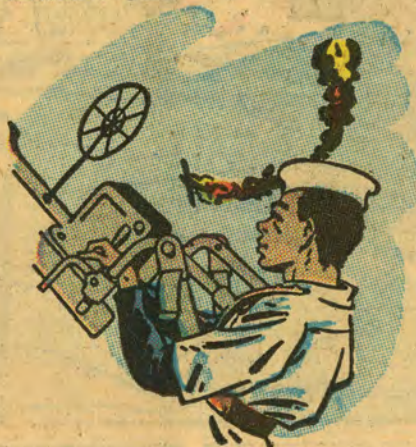
He started boxing in the Golden Gloves in 1932 and won the light-heavyweight championship. His professional career began in 1934 and winning became a habit with Joe. That is why his fans were stunned when Max Schmeling knocked him out in 1936. Joe did not forget. In 1937 he won the title from James J. Braddock and in 1938 avenged the whipping received two years earlier and knocked Schmeling out in the first round.

In all of his bouts, Joe Louis has been known to be honest and fair. His mother says that is because he was raised in a Christian home. Joe served in the Army almost four years and visited every theater of war put-

ting on exhibition bouts and cheering his buddies.

The entire proceeds of the Joe Louis-Buddy Baer bout went to Army Relief; and when the champion fought Big Abe Simon the proceeds from that fight went to Navy Relief. Fight fans insist that Joe's most memorable bout was in 1941 when he knocked Billy Conn out in the 13th round. Louis and Conn fought again in June 1946, and Louis won. Today Joe Louis is hailed as one of America's first citizens.

DORIE MILLER, MESS ATTENDANT ON THE U.S.S. ARIZONA was on the bridge of the battleship where he was stationed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. When his fatally wounded Captain fell, Miller rushed to him, aided him to safety, and then returned to the post and most efficiently manned a machine gun.



On May 27, 1942, President Roosevelt bestowed the Navy Cross on Dorie and he was advanced from Mess Attendant 3rd class to Mess Attendant 1st class.

He served on several vessels and was a messman aboard the Liscombe Bay until reported missing November 20, 1943. Dorie was born in 1919 at Waco, Texas. His Navy Cross was awarded "for action above and beyond the call of duty."

LIKE MOST FAMOUS NEGROES, MARIAN ANDERSON, oftentimes called "America's high priestess of song," is the daughter

of humble, hard-working parents. Born in 1908 in West Philadelphia, she attended Stanton Grammar School and Penn High.

While still a girl, Marian Anderson started her musical career as a choir singer, and credits her wide range to the many times when she had to pinch-hit for absent choir members—sometimes the bass, sometimes the soprano. The Philadelphia Choral Society became interested in this young Negro girl with the beautiful voice and made it possible for her to study under the best teachers.

Perhaps one of her earliest triumphs was when she sang with the Philharmonic Orchestra at New York's Lewisohn Stadium.

In 1930, she received a Rosenwald Fellowship which helped her to study in Europe. Wherever Marian Anderson gave concerts in Europe, she received



great acclaim and was asked to sing for most of the Crowned Heads. When she returned to her native land, December 30, 1935, she broke her ankle just before the boat docked. As she sang, few people knew that her foot was in a cast and the music critics were lavish in their praise. In 1939, President Roosevelt invited Marian Anderson to come to the White House and sing for the King and Queen of England. Though Marian Anderson has known much success and had many honors bestowed upon her, including the Spingarn and Bok Awards, she says that the only recipe for success is hard work.

A MIGHTY MAN WAS HE

THE ODDS FOR SURVIVAL WERE AGAINST HIM, BUT AS LONG AS THERE WAS AN OUNCE OF STRENGTH IN HIS ARMS, SEAMAN CHARLES FRENCH FOUGHT ON!



OCTOBER, 1942—OFF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, A U.S. DESTROYER, AFTER A VALIANT FIGHT, WAS WRECKED BY JAP NAVAL GUNS.

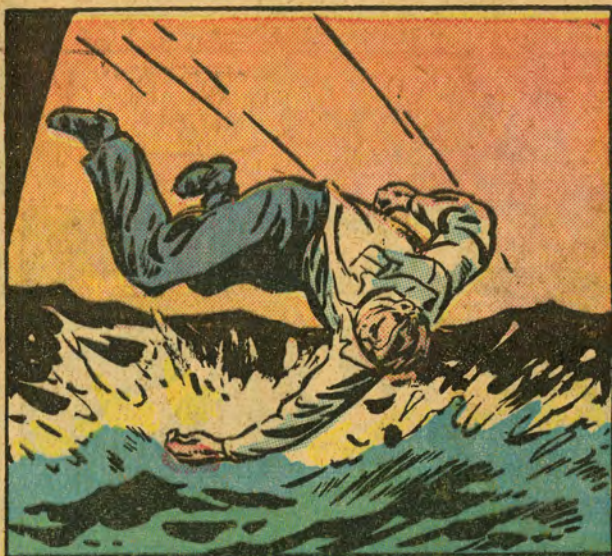
HEAVY LIST TO STARBOARD, SIR. WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS?

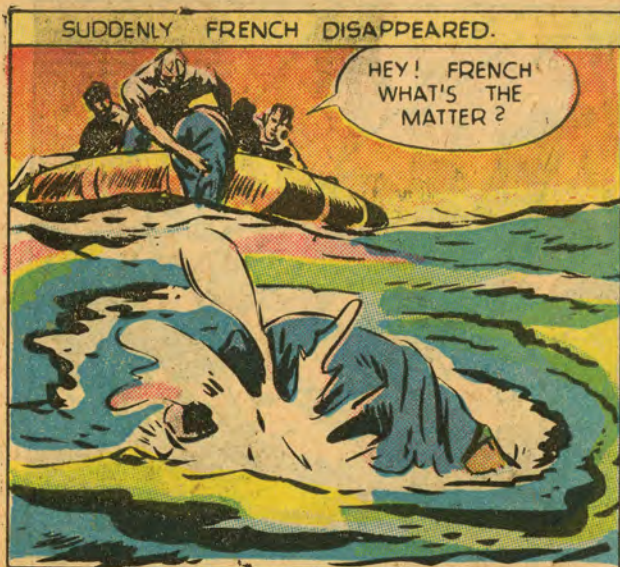
PREPARE TO ABANDON SHIP!

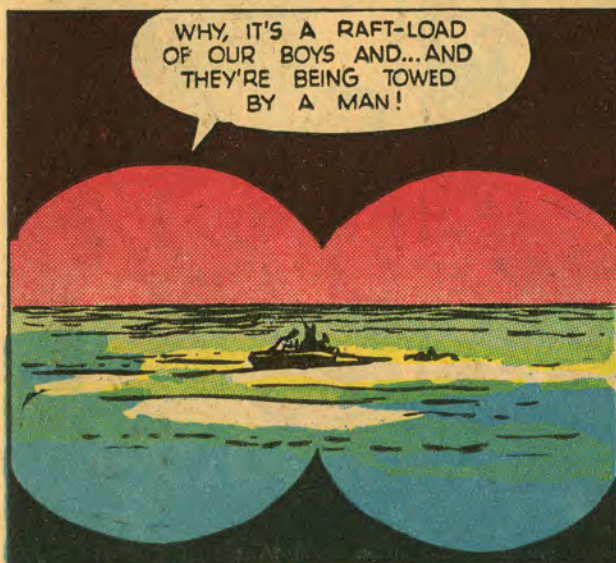
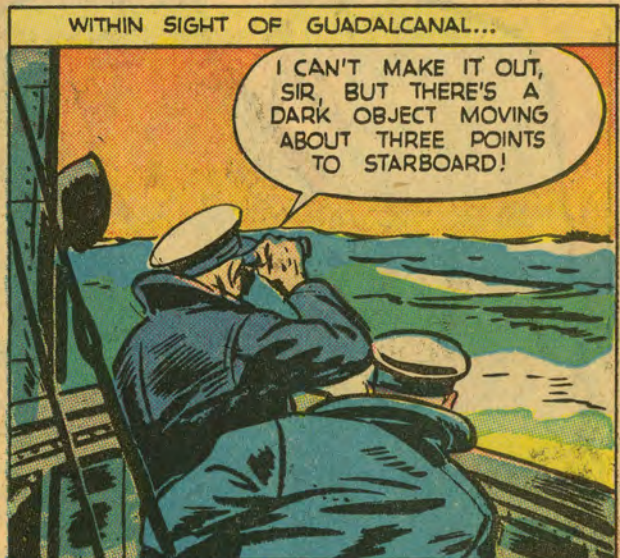


I DON'T THINK SHE CAN STAY AFLOAT VERY LONG!

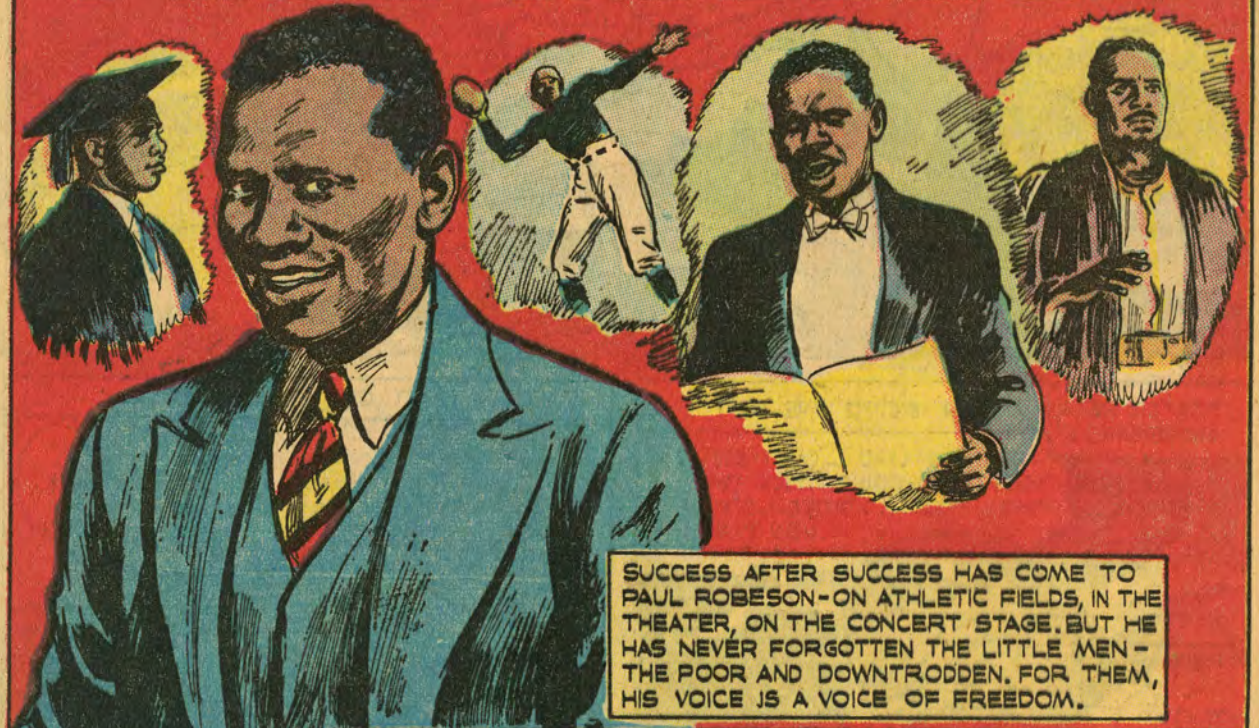








PAUL ROBESON



SUCCESS AFTER SUCCESS HAS COME TO PAUL ROBESON-ON ATHLETIC FIELDS, IN THE THEATER, ON THE CONCERT STAGE. BUT HE HAS NEVER FORGOTTEN THE LITTLE MEN - THE POOR AND DOWNTRODDEN. FOR THEM, HIS VOICE IS A VOICE OF FREEDOM.

ON APRIL 9, 1898, IN THE SMALL HOME OF REVEREND WILLIAM ROBESON IN PRINCETON, N.J....



YOU HAVE A STURDY, BIG BOY, REVEREND.

AS HE GREW UP, PAUL WAS INFLUENCED BY HIS FATHER'S PASSION FOR EDUCATION.



YOU'RE BLESSED WITH A FINE MIND, SON. IT'S GOT TO BE EXERCISED, JUST LIKE YOUR MUSCLES.

IN HIGH SCHOOL, PAUL WAS A POPULAR ATHLETE.



CAN YOU COME OVER TO THE HOUSE TONIGHT FOR DINNER, PAUL?

WHEN HE GRADUATED...

I'M PROUD OF YOU, PAUL. BUT I KEEP WONDERING WHY YOU HAD AN AVERAGE OF ONLY 97. ALMOST PERFECT ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH.



I'LL TRY HARDER AT COLLEGE, DAD.

AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, PAUL WON PRIZES IN ORATORY, WAS ELECTED TO PHI BETA KAPPA IN HIS JUNIOR YEAR, TO CAP AND SKULL, SENIOR HONORARY, AND WON LETTERS IN TRACK, BASKETBALL, BASEBALL AND FOOTBALL.



ROBESON'S A REAL ALL-AMERICAN!

HE WAS ALSO VALEDICTORIAN OF HIS CLASS.



HE THEN ENTERED COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL. WHILE THERE, HIS BRIDE, BRILLIANT ESLANDA GOODE, PERSUADED HIM TO TAKE PART IN AN AMATEUR PLAY. IN THE AUDIENCE WAS PLAYWRIGHT EUGENE O'NEILL.



ROBESON IS A NATURAL ACTOR. I'D LIKE TO SEE HIM IN ONE OF MY PLAYS.



THERE'S A YOUNG MAN WHO IS GOING PLACES!

IN 1923, HE ENTERED A LAW FIRM. BUT...

TO CONTINUE IN LAW MEANS FIGHTING A LOT OF RACE PREJUDICE. EVEN THE CLERKS HERE RESENT ME.

THEN EUGENE O'NEILL LURED HIM INTO HIS PLAY, "EMPEROR JONES."

HERE'S WHERE YOU WHISTLE A FEW BARS, PAUL.

I CAN'T WHISTLE. HOW ABOUT SINGING?

AFTER THE SCENE WAS OVER...

YOU HAVE A MAGNIFICENT VOICE. WHY DON'T YOU GIVE CONCERTS?

AFTER A SERIES OF SUCCESSFUL PLAYS, ROBESON GAVE HIS FIRST CONCERT. IT WAS A SUCCESS.

HE MOVES THE AUDIENCE BECAUSE HE, HIMSELF, IS MOVED BY THE STRENGTH OF THE SONGS HE SINGS.

LATER, ROBESON TOURED THE CONTINENT, BECOMING POPULAR AS AN ACTOR, A SINGER, AND A MAN.

"SING SOMETHING," PAUL.

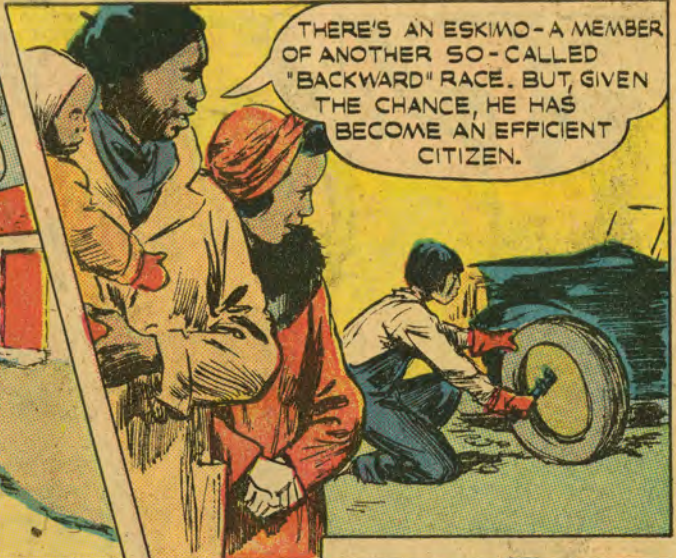
HOW ABOUT SOME BOOGEY-WOOGHEY?

HIS GIFT FOR LEARNING LANGUAGES ENABLED HIM TO MINGLE WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRIES HE VISITED.

ANOTHER AMERICAN TOUR FOLLOWED. THEN, AFTER THE ROBESON'S SON WAS BORN...

I'M GLAD WE CAME TO RUSSIA TO LIVE - FOR LITTLE PAUL'S SAKE.

YES. THERE'S NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST COLORED PEOPLE HERE.

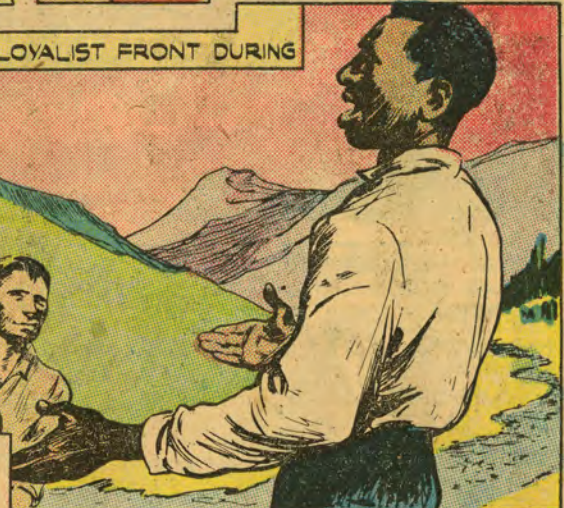


THERE'S AN ESKIMO - A MEMBER OF ANOTHER SO-CALLED "BACKWARD" RACE. BUT, GIVEN THE CHANCE, HE HAS BECOME AN EFFICIENT CITIZEN.

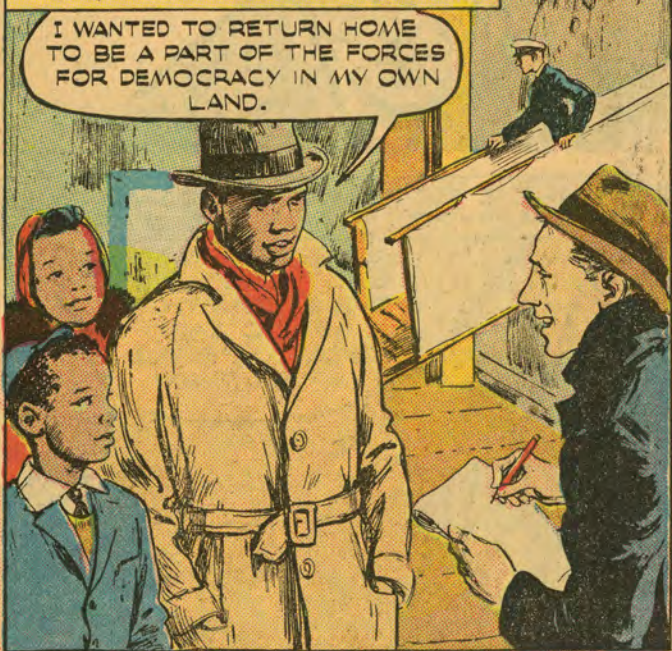
AN ARDENT LIBERAL, ROBESON VISITED THE SPANISH LOYALIST FRONT DURING THE CIVIL WAR.



JUST LISTENING TO THAT MAN SING RENEWS MY HOPE.



IN 1939, AS THE FASCIST TIDE ROSE...



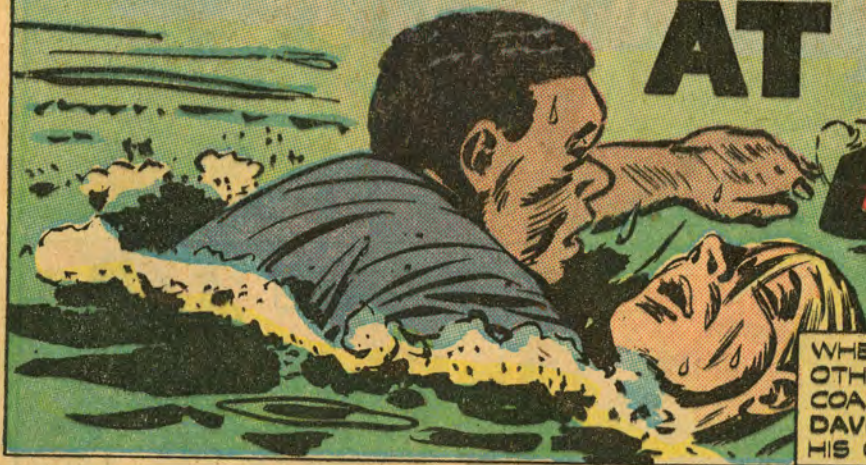
I WANTED TO RETURN HOME TO BE A PART OF THE FORCES FOR DEMOCRACY IN MY OWN LAND.



THROUGH MY SINGING AND ACTING AND SPEAKING, I WANT TO MAKE FREEDOM RING. MAYBE I CAN TOUCH PEOPLES' HEARTS WITH THE COMMON STRUGGLE OF THE COMMON MAN.

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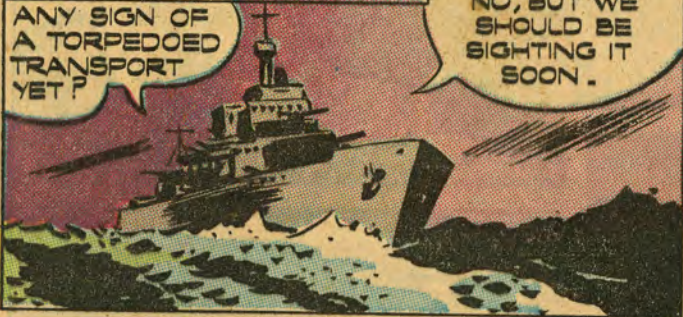
AT SEA



WHEN THE LIVES OF MANY OTHER MEN WERE AT STAKE, COAST GUARDSMAN CHARLES DAVID REFUSED TO THINK OF HIS OWN SAFETY.

IN THE FALL OF 1943, A COAST GUARD CUTTER IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC WAS RACING TO ANSWER A CALL FOR HELP.

ANY SIGN OF A TORPEDOED TRANSPORT YET?



NO, BUT WE SHOULD BE SIGHTING IT SOON.



I HOPE SO. A MAN CAN FREEZE TO DEATH IN THIS ICY WATER!



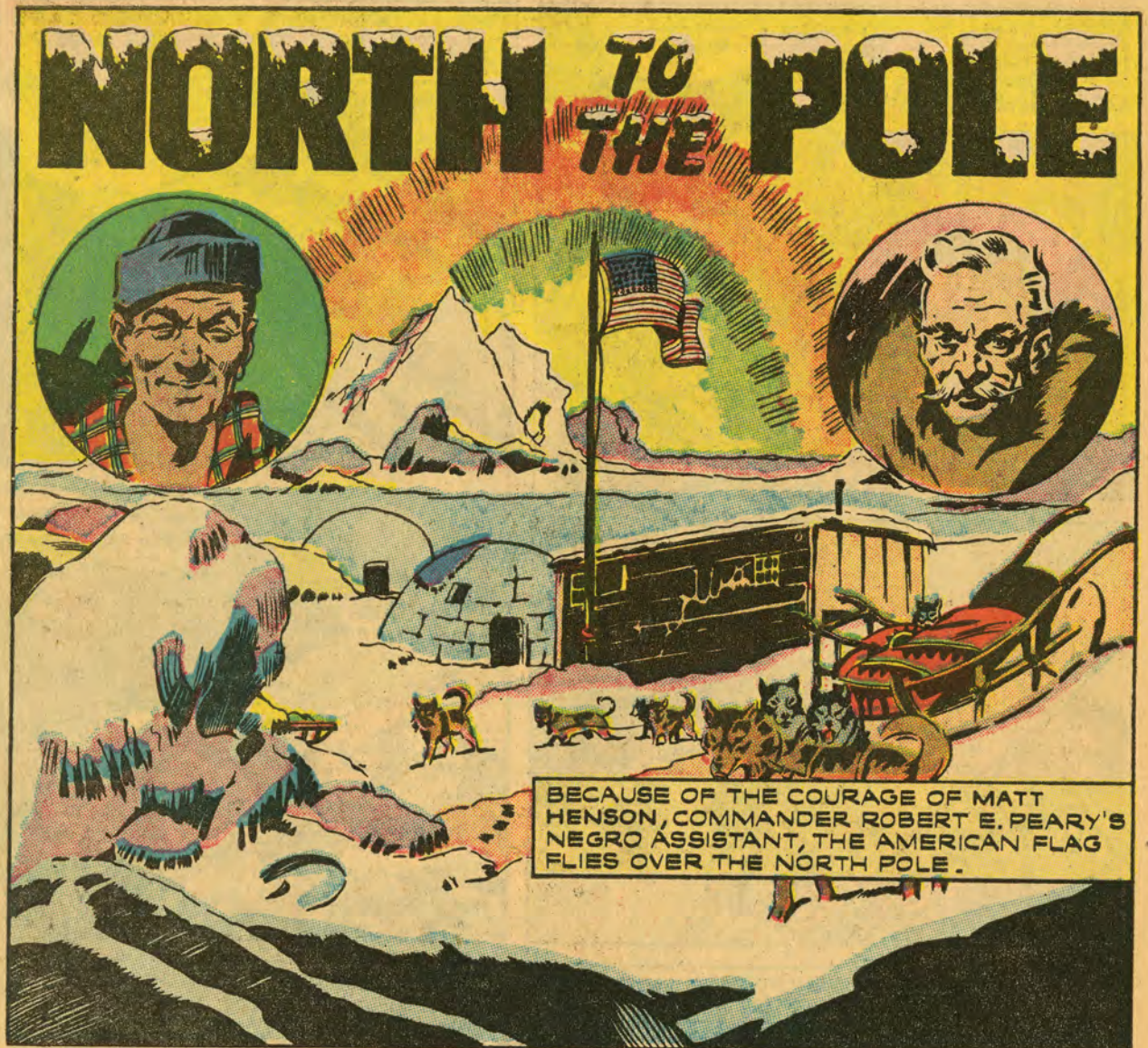
SURVIVORS SIGHTED ALL HANDS STAND BY!

THE CREW OF THE CUTTER QUICKLY BEGAN PULLING THE HALF-FROZEN MEN OUT OF THE WATER.



SOME OF THE MEN OUT THERE HAVEN'T THE STRENGTH TO GET TO THE BOAT. I'M GOING AFTER THEM.





IN 1908, PEARY WAS READY TO STRIKE OUT FOR THE NORTH POLE.

WITH MEN LIKE MATT HENSON AND CAPTAIN BARTLETT TO HELP ME, I CAN'T FAIL, MR. PRESIDENT.

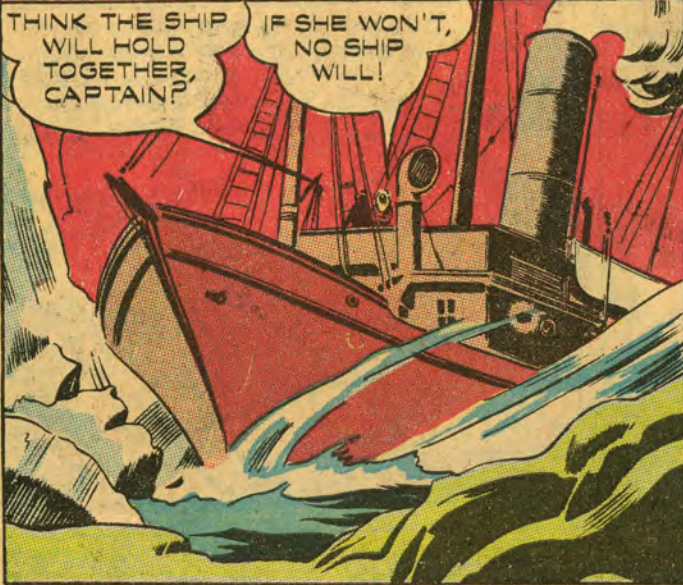


THE EXPEDITION LEFT FROM OYSTER BAY, N.Y.

IT WON'T BE ANY CINCH, COMMANDER, EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW OUR WAY ABOUT THE ARCTIC.



THEIR SHIP, THE "ROOSEVELT," PLOWED NORTHWARD THROUGH STORMS AND HEAVY ICE PACKS.



THINK THE SHIP WILL HOLD TOGETHER, CAPTAIN?

IF SHE WON'T, NO SHIP WILL!

THIS IS AS FAR AS THE SHIP CAN TAKE US. KEEP THE BOYS UNLOADING HER, CAPTAIN. MATT, MAKE FRIENDS WITH THESE ESKIMOS.



COMMANDER PEARY, HIMSELF, DESIGNED THIS SLEDGE.



ONE MAN, ONE DOG TEAM CAN'T HANDLE IT. TOO BIG!

BUT TESTS PROVED THE SLEDGES SUCCESSFUL.

AFTER HEADING NORTH FOR NEARLY TWO MONTHS, THEY REACHED CAPE SHERIDAN ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1908.

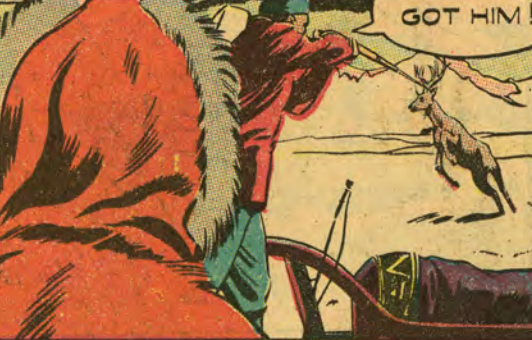


HENSON PERSUADED THE ESKIMOS TO HELP THEM.

WHEN WE FINISH THIS IGLOO, WE'LL START MAKING SLEDGES.



THE HUNT FOR FRESH FOOD STARTED AS WINTER-LONG DARKNESS SET IN.



GOT HIM!

ON MARCH 2, 1909, AS THE DARKNESS LIFTED, THE LONG TREK OVER 413 MILES OF ICE-COVERED OCEAN BEGAN.

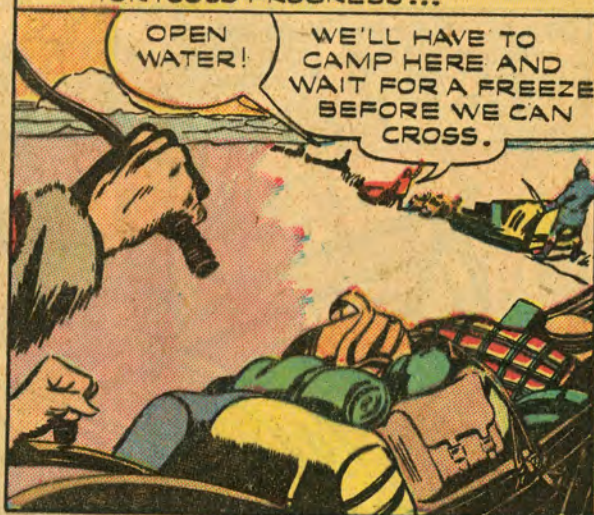
BARTLETT IS BREAKING THE TRAIL. MATT, FOLLOW ME AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE ESKIMOS.



AFTER FIFTEEN DAYS OF SLOW, TORTUOUS PROGRESS...

OPEN WATER!

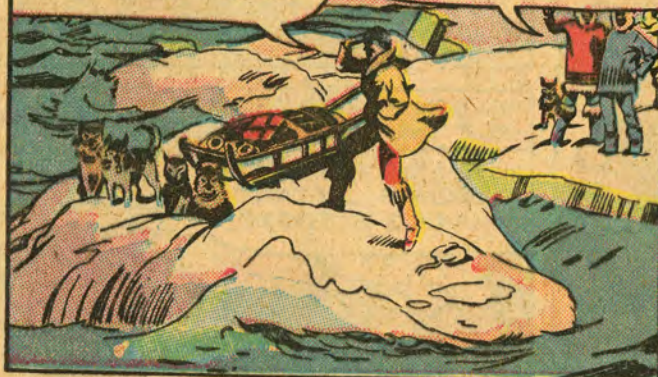
WE'LL HAVE TO CAMP HERE AND WAIT FOR A FREEZE BEFORE WE CAN CROSS.



BUT SEVERAL DAYS PASSED WITH NO SIGN OF A FREEZE. THEN HENSON TRIED A DANGEROUS STUNT.

IF THE WIND HOLDS, I'LL DRIFT ACROSS ON THIS ICE FLOE.

IF YOU GET THERE, BUILD A SHELTER AND START A FIRE.



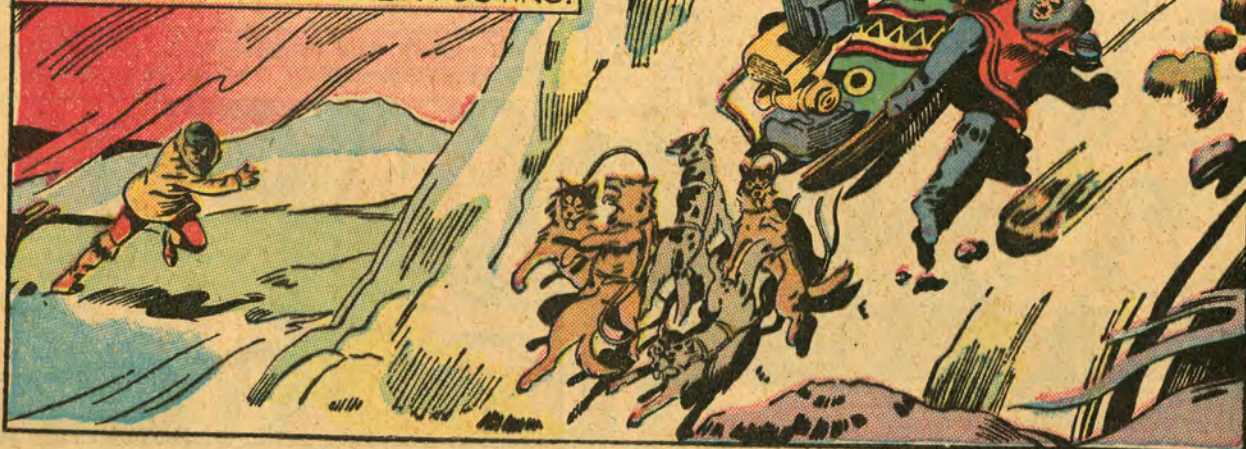
AFTER HENSON REACHED THE OTHER SIDE, THE REST OF THE PARTY FOLLOWED.

THANK GOD YOU'RE SAFE, COMMANDER! BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHER ESKIMOS?



THEY WERE AFRAID TO CROSS! I SENT THEM BACK TO THE SHIP.

THE LITTLE PROCESSION STRUGGLED NORTHWARD OVER PRESSURE RIDGES SOMETIMES SIXTY FEET HIGH. OFTEN MEN AND DOGS LOST THEIR FOOTING.



ON MARCH 20, THE EXPEDITION HALTED TO REORGANIZE.

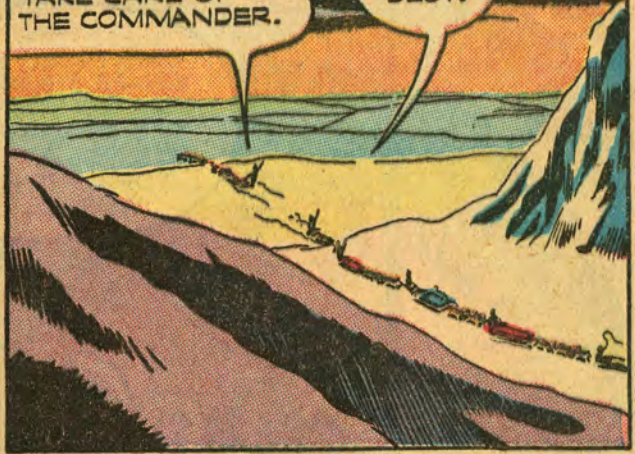
WE CAN'T CARRY ENOUGH SUPPLIES FOR ALL OF US. HENSON, BARTLETT, AND FOUR ESKIMOS WILL PUSH ON WITH ME. THE REST WILL GO BACK TO THE SHIP.



NINE DAYS LATER, CAPTAIN BARTLETT WAS SENT BACK.

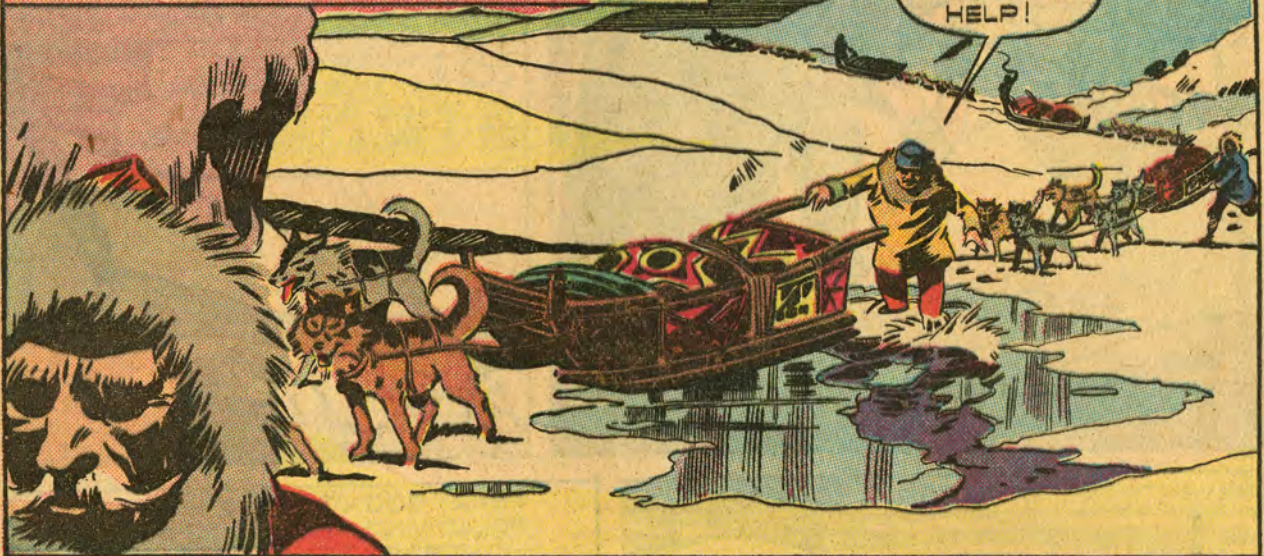
GOOD-BY, MATT, TAKE CARE OF THE COMMANDER.

I'LL DO MY BEST.



THE GROUP HASTENED NORTHWARD. ONE DAY...

I'M SLIPPING! HELP!



I PULL HIM OUT.

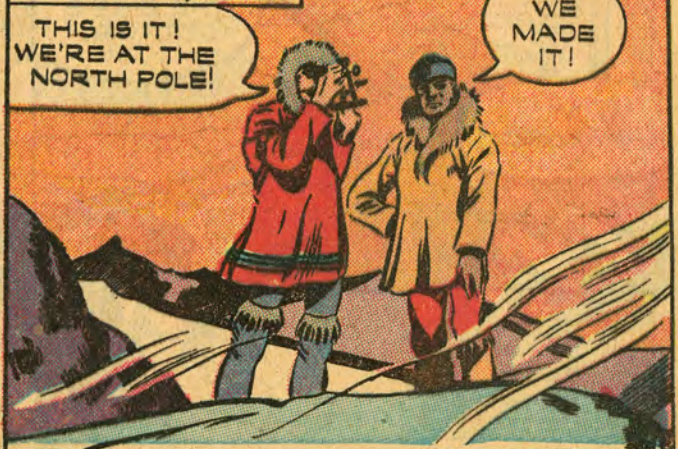


THE ICE WAS BEATEN FROM HENSON'S CLOTHING, AND THE PARTY CONTINUED ON ITS WAY.

MORE DANGERS WERE OVERCOME. FINALLY, ON APRIL 6, 1909...

THIS IS IT! WE'RE AT THE NORTH POLE!

WE MADE IT!



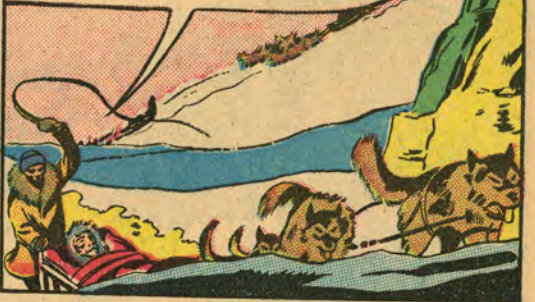


AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF TAKING OBSERVATIONS AND RECORDING DATA, EXHAUSTION OVERTOOK PEARY.

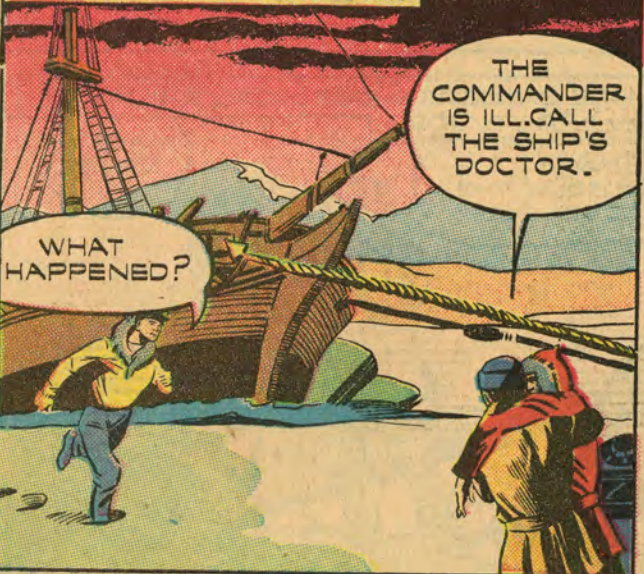


RETURNING TO THE "ROOSEVELT," PEARY'S BODY WAS DEAD WEIGHT.

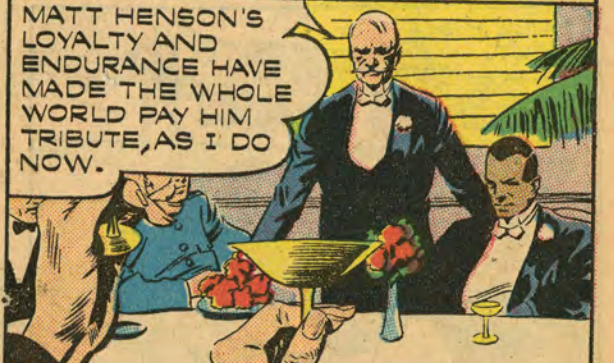
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING, COMMANDER. YOUR JOB IS DONE, AND DONE WELL. THIS IS MINE.



SEVENTEEN DAYS LATER...



PEARY SOON RECOVERED. THE FOLLOWING WINTER, AT AN HONORARY BANQUET...



BUT MATT HENSON DID NOT GAIN FAME OR FORTUNE. FOR YEARS ABLE TO FIND WORK ONLY AS A LOW-PAID GOVERNMENT CLERK, HE NOW LIVES QUIETLY IN NEW YORK CITY.

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