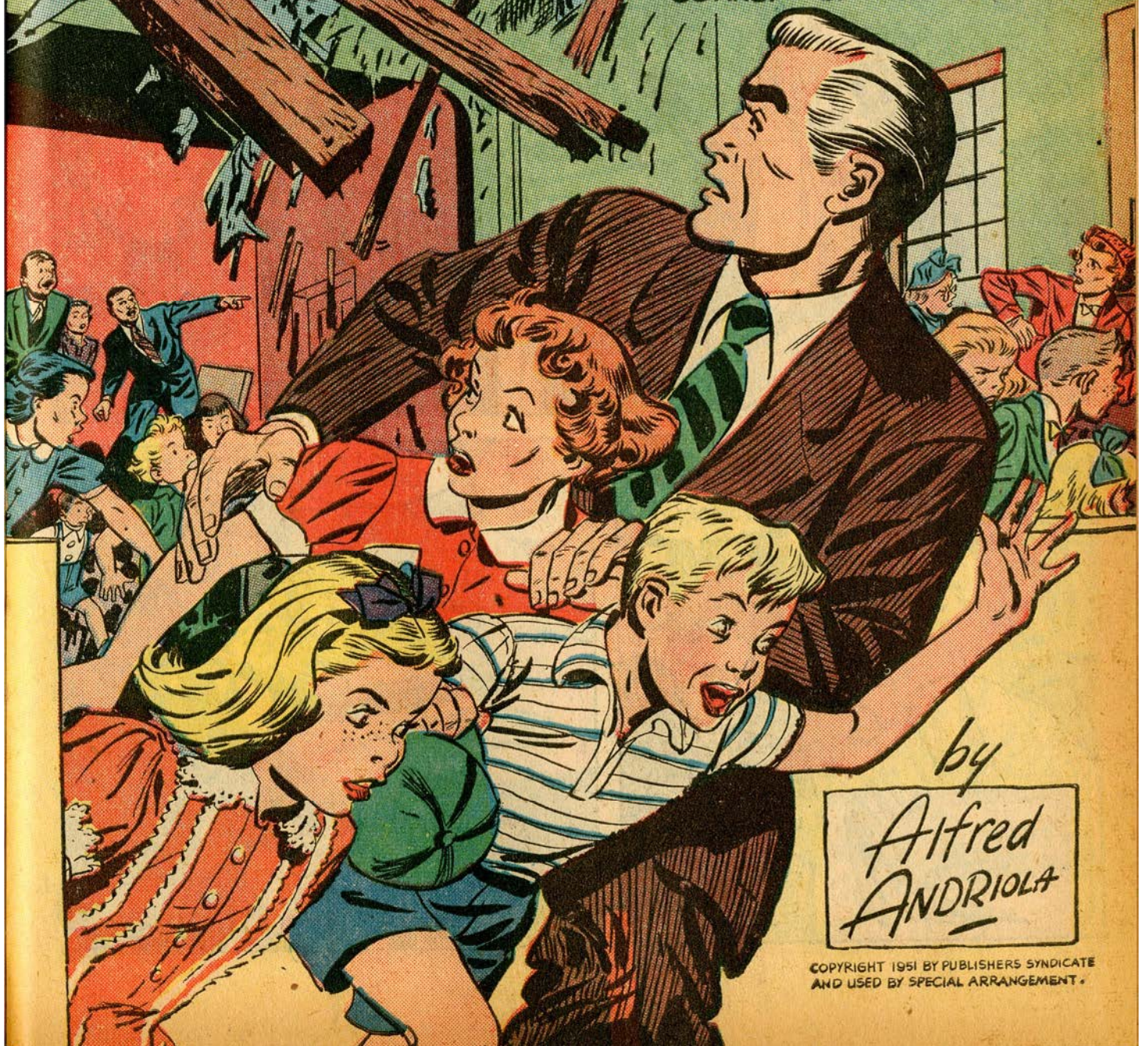


KERRY DRAKE

IN THE CASE OF THE

SLEEPING CITY

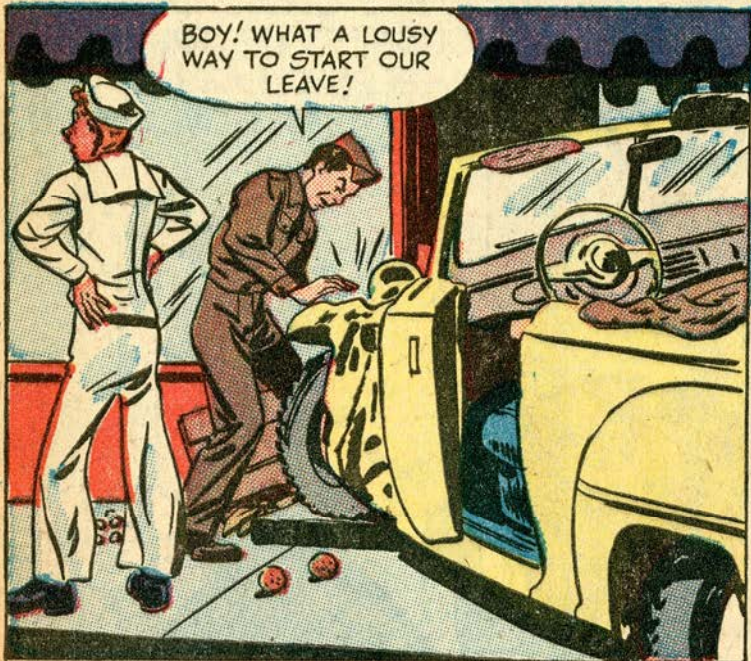
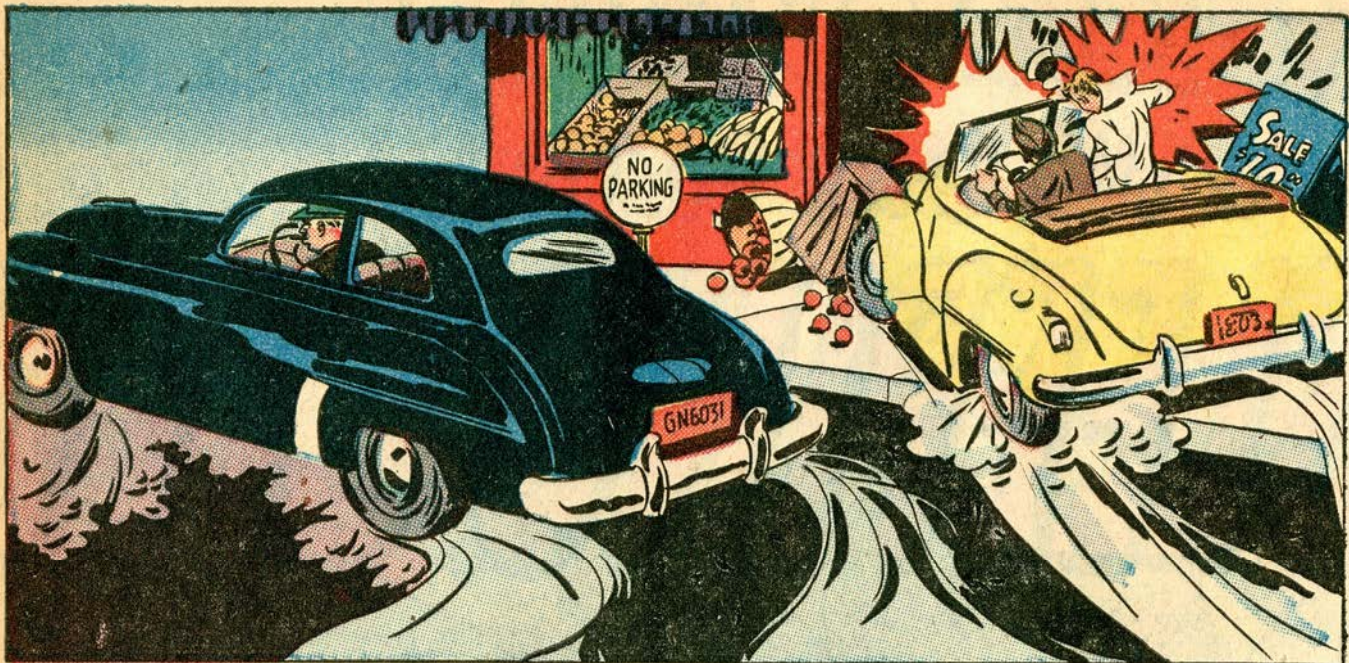
KERRY DRAKE AWAKENS THE SLEEPING CITY TO THE VICIOUSNESS OF JOHNNY DICE AND HELPS CLEAN OUT THE CORRUPT CITY GOVERNMENT!

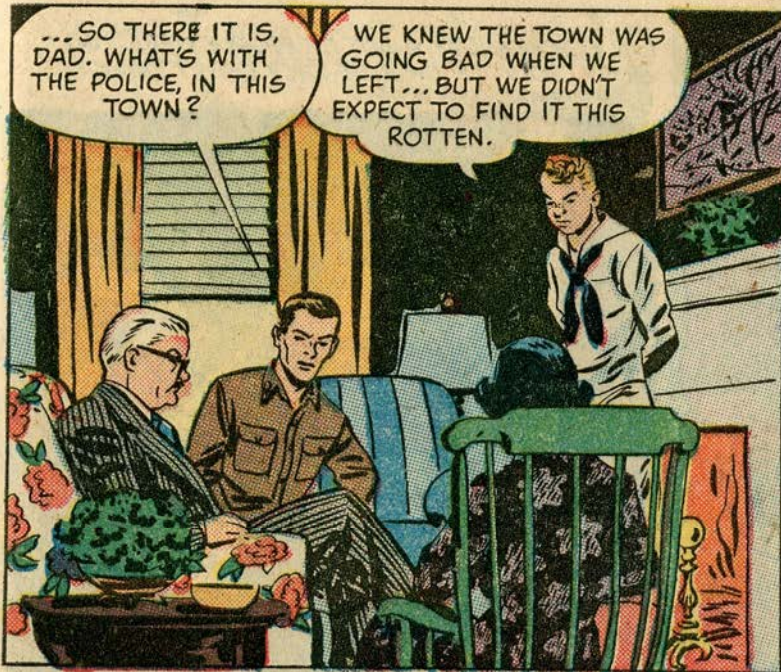


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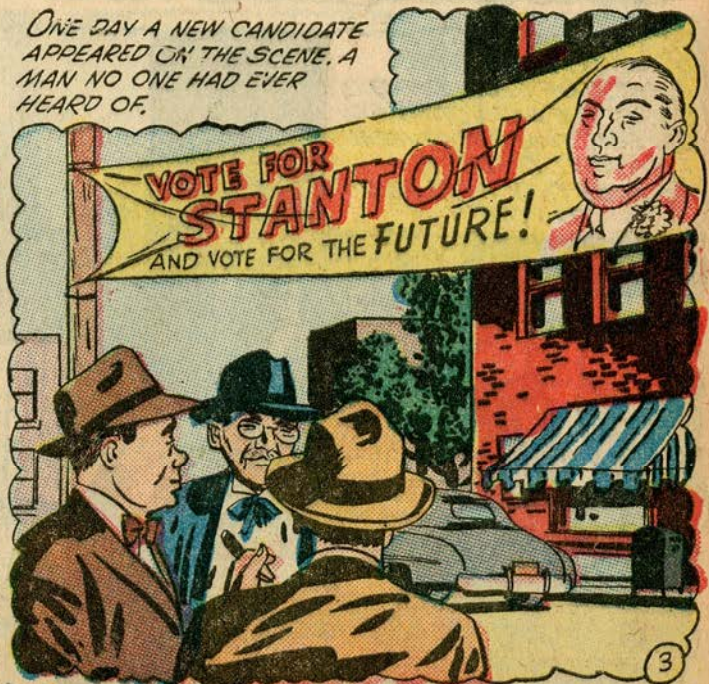
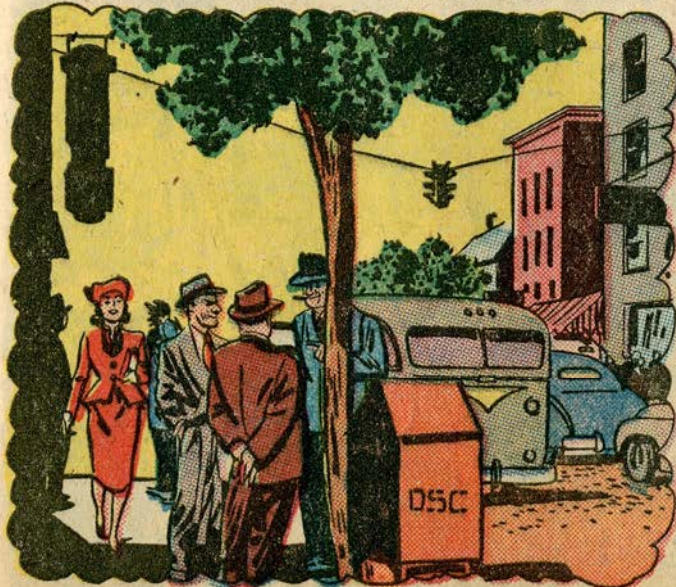
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GUESS IT'S THE SAME IN MANY TOWNS. THINGS WERE COASTING ALONG PRETTY WELL, SO PEOPLE DIDN'T PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO THE ELECTIONS...

ONE DAY A NEW CANDIDATE APPEARED ON THE SCENE. A MAN NO ONE HAD EVER HEARD OF.





AND WHEN THE ELECTIONS WERE OVER...

WELL, YOU'RE IN, "MR." MAYOR-- BUT YOU BETTER KEEP PLAYING BALL--- OR ELSE!

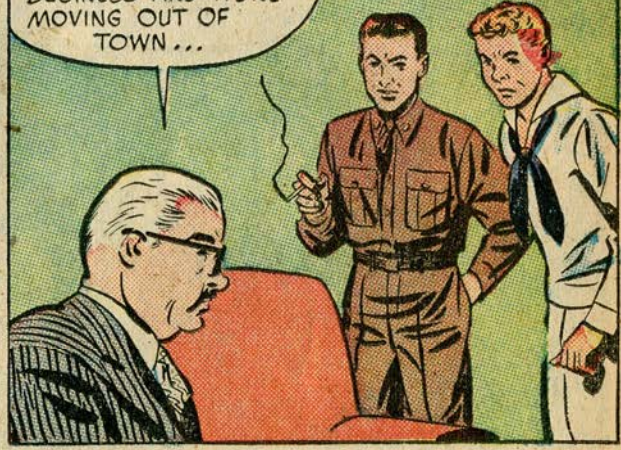
OH, YES. DON'T WORRY, ANYTHING YOU SAY, MR. DICE.



...AND SO THAT WAS THE BEGINNING... AND NOW JOHNNY DICE AND HIS MOB HAVE GOTTEN CONTROL OF ALMOST EVERYTHING--- THAT'S WHY I'M SELLING THE BUSINESS AND WE'RE MOVING OUT OF TOWN...

WHAT---

DAD!



YOU CAN'T LEAVE, DAD. THIS THING SHOULD BE FOUGHT!

WHAT ABOUT YOUR CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS AND YOUR PARTNER-- LES TAYLOR?

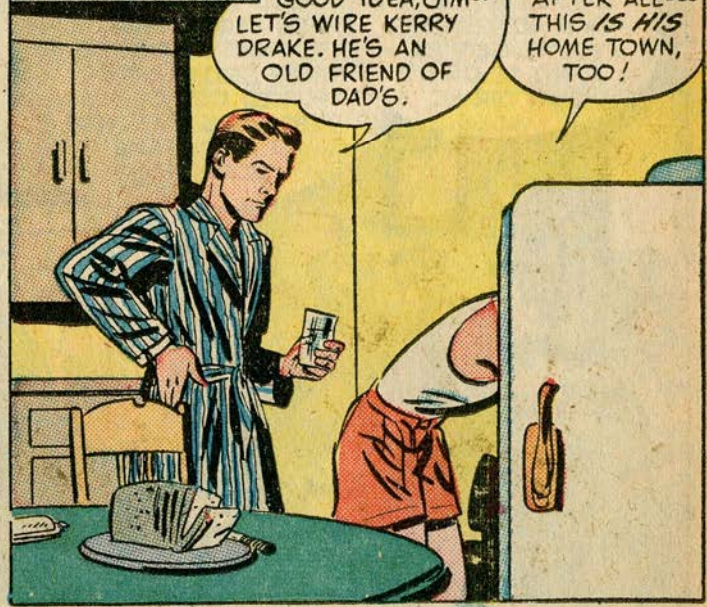
LES AND I HAVE ALREADY SPLIT UP. NO BOYS-- I'M A LITTLE TOO OLD TO START BEING A CRUSADER!



LATER THAT NIGHT.

YEAH, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, JIM-- LET'S WIRE KERRY DRAKE. HE'S AN OLD FRIEND OF DAD'S.

YEAH. AND AFTER ALL--- THIS IS HIS HOME TOWN, TOO!



SANDY, I'VE GOT TO GET OUT TO NORVILLE RIGHT AWAY. WANT TO COME ALONG?

LOVE TO, KERRY. FOR YEARS I'VE BEEN WANTING TO SEE WHERE YOU WERE BORN.



IT'S NOT GOOD, SANDY, TO LEARN THAT THE NICE, CLEAN, HAPPY PLACE YOU GREW UP IN --- HAS BEEN CORRUPTED BY A LOT OF ROTTEN GANGSTERS---





HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO STAY, MR. DRAKE?

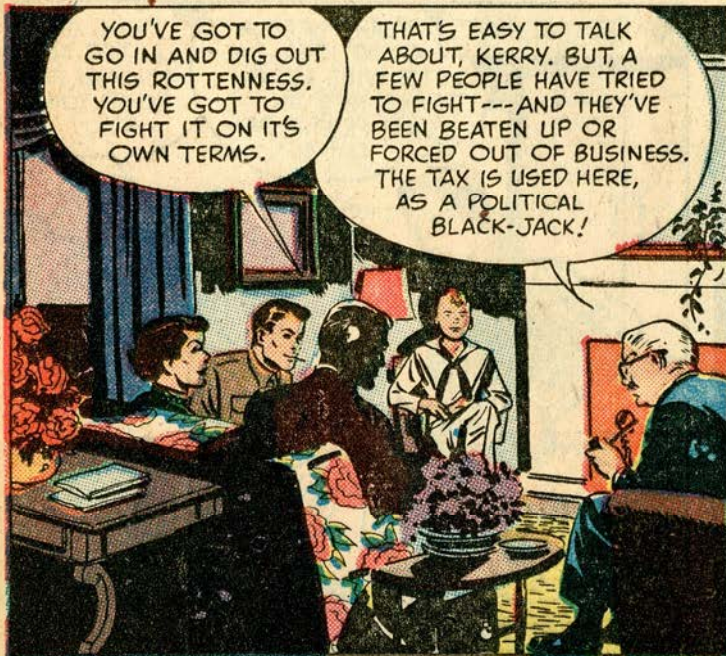
WELL... THAT DEPENDS!



THAT NIGHT AT DICK GRAHAM'S HOUSE.

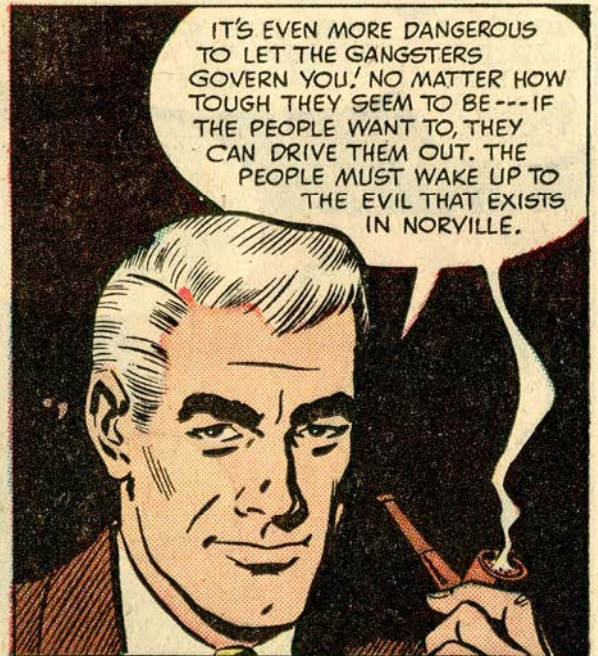
IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU, KERRY... BUT I THINK THE BOYS WERE A LITTLE IMPULSIVE! THERE'S NOTHING ANY ONE CAN DO ABOUT IT!...

NO, DICK. THIS IS SOMETHING YOU CAN'T BE INDIFFERENT ABOUT. IT WAS INDIFFERENCE... LACK OF INTEREST IN THE WAY THE GOVERNMENT IS RUN... THAT MADE NORVILLE CORRUPT...



YOU'VE GOT TO GO IN AND DIG OUT THIS ROTTENNESS. YOU'VE GOT TO FIGHT IT ON ITS OWN TERMS.

THAT'S EASY TO TALK ABOUT, KERRY. BUT, A FEW PEOPLE HAVE TRIED TO FIGHT---AND THEY'VE BEEN BEATEN UP OR FORCED OUT OF BUSINESS. THE TAX IS USED HERE, AS A POLITICAL BLACK-JACK!



IT'S EVEN MORE DANGEROUS TO LET THE GANGSTERS GOVERN YOU! NO MATTER HOW TOUGH THEY SEEM TO BE---IF THE PEOPLE WANT TO, THEY CAN DRIVE THEM OUT. THE PEOPLE MUST WAKE UP TO THE EVIL THAT EXISTS IN NORVILLE.

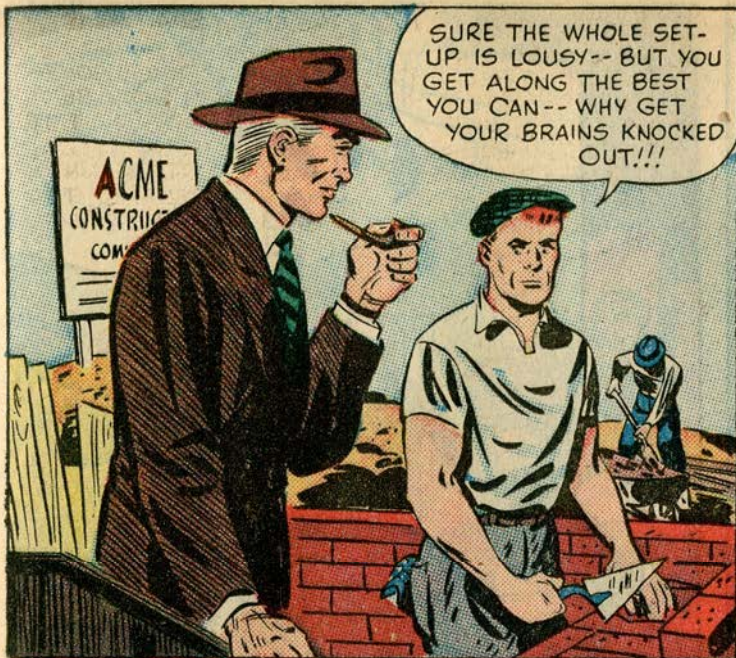


SURE... I KNOW WHAT GOES ON IN THE CITY GOVERNMENT--- BUT I'M NOT STICKING MY NECK OUT!

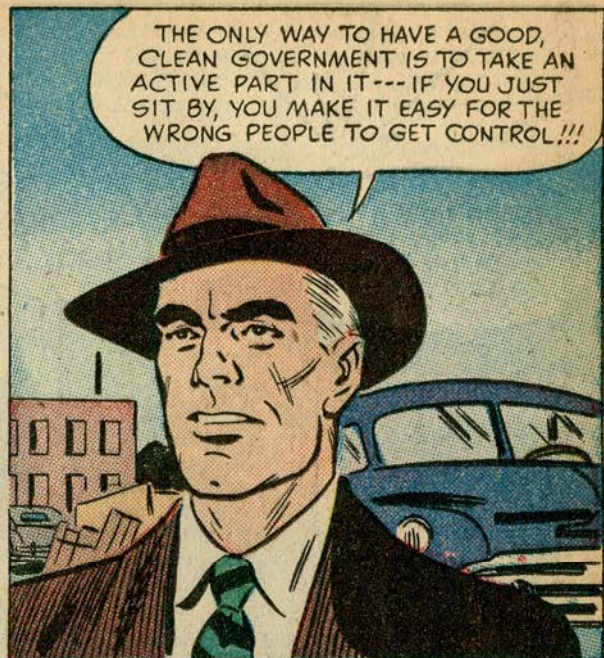


... BUT THE PEOPLE OF THIS TOWN HAVE GOT TO WAKE UP, MR. MILLER.

WHY SHOULD I WAKE THEM UP? WHY GET RID OF THE GAMBLING JOINTS AROUND TOWN? PEOPLE WANT TO DRINK -- PEOPLE WANT TO GAMBLE. IT WILL ALWAYS EXIST. WHY SHOULD I FIGHT IT AND BE TAXED OUT OF BUSINESS?



SURE THE WHOLE SET-UP IS LOUSY-- BUT YOU GET ALONG THE BEST YOU CAN-- WHY GET YOUR BRAINS KNOCKED OUT!!!



THE ONLY WAY TO HAVE A GOOD, CLEAN GOVERNMENT IS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN IT--- IF YOU JUST SIT BY, YOU MAKE IT EASY FOR THE WRONG PEOPLE TO GET CONTROL!!!



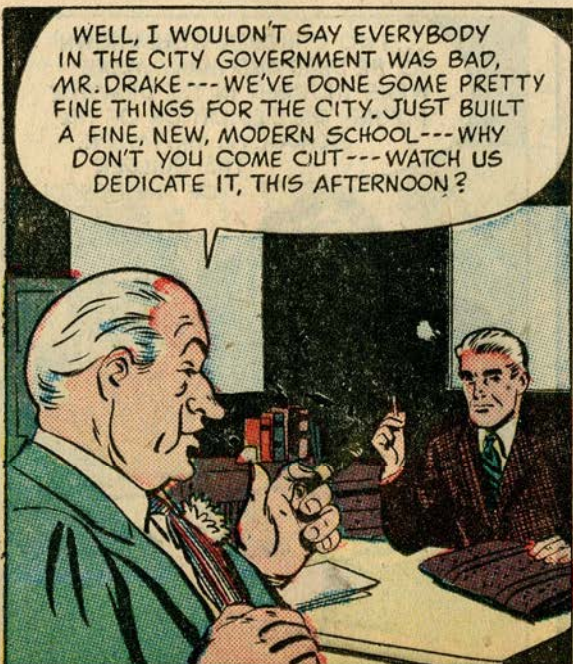
LISTEN, DRAKE... I'M NOT THE ONLY GUY THAT'S PAYIN' OFF---

EVERYBODY SAYS THE "OTHER" PERSON'S RESPONSIBLE. BUT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR-- YOU'RE THE OTHER GUY!!!

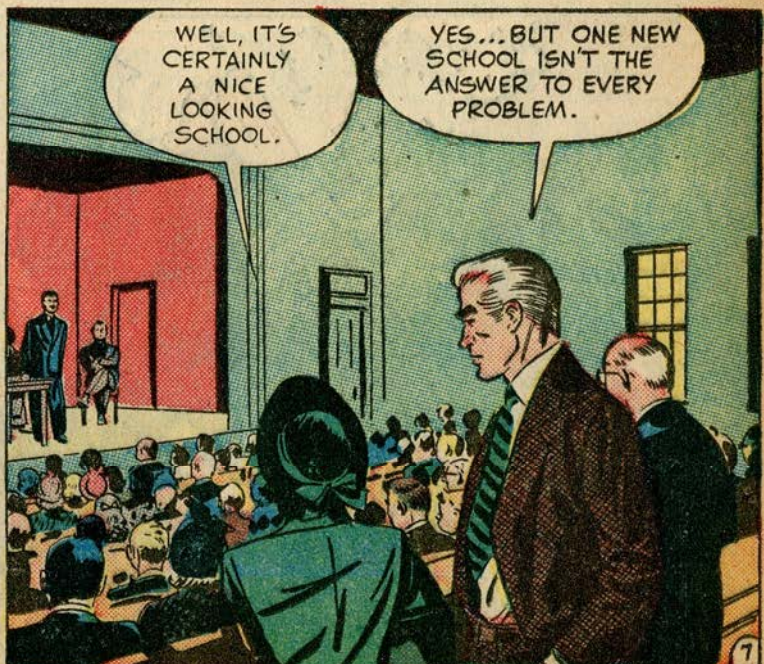


GUESS IT'S NO USE, MR. DRAKE. NOBODY SEEMS TO CARE.

WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE UP. NOT YET. NOT WITHOUT A LITTLE FIGHT OF MY OWN!!!

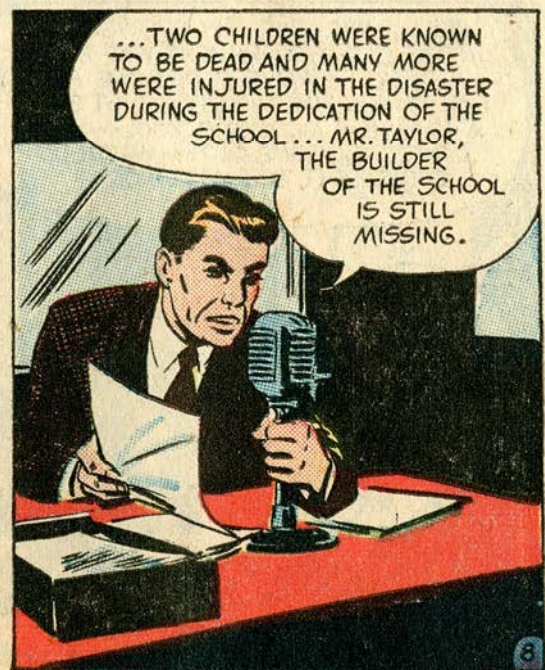
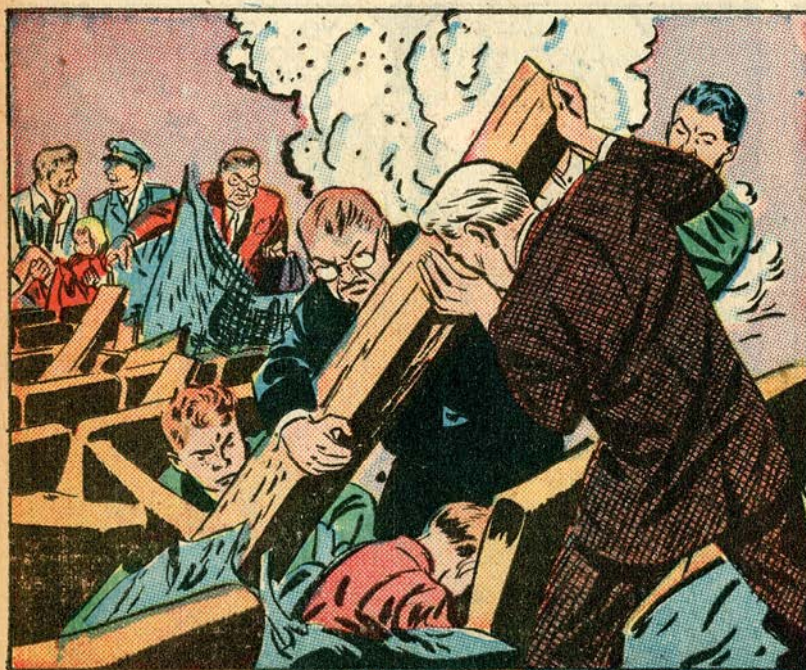
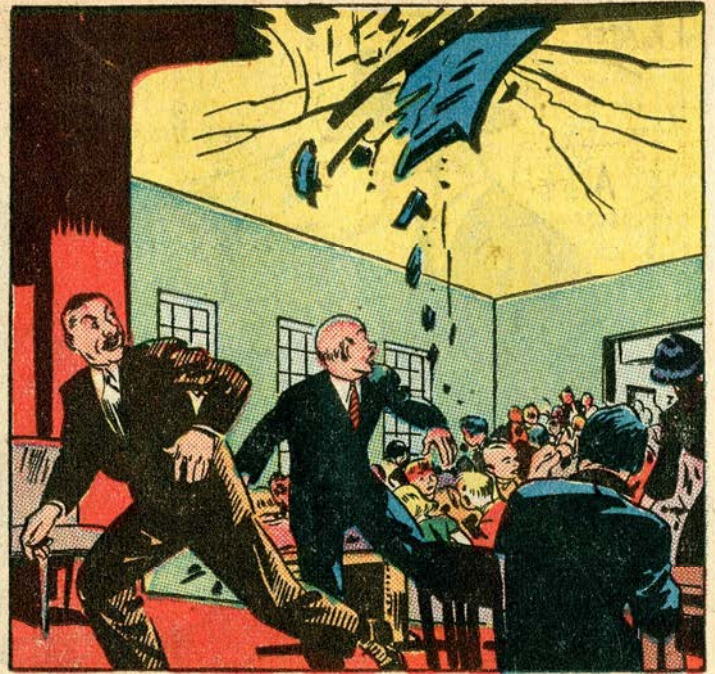


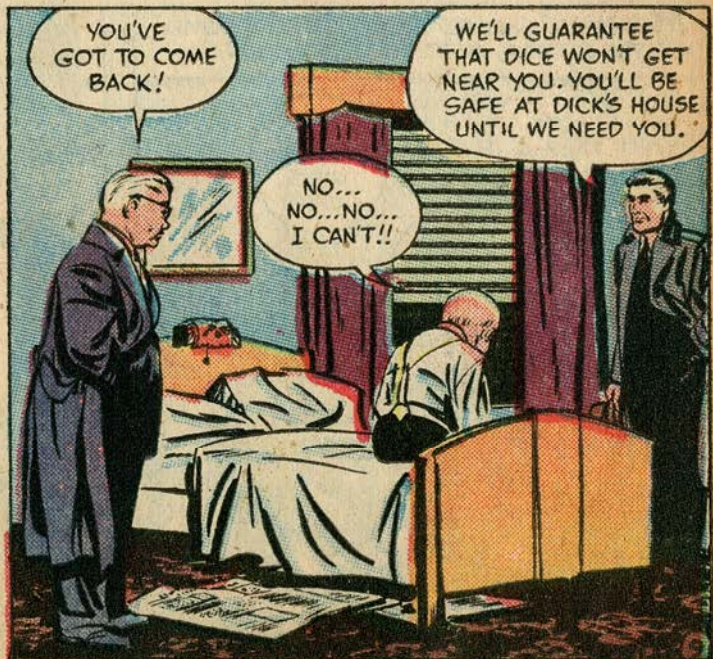
WELL, I WOULDN'T SAY EVERYBODY IN THE CITY GOVERNMENT WAS BAD, MR. DRAKE--- WE'VE DONE SOME PRETTY FINE THINGS FOR THE CITY. JUST BUILT A FINE, NEW, MODERN SCHOOL--- WHY DON'T YOU COME OUT--- WATCH US DEDICATE IT, THIS AFTERNOON?



WELL, IT'S CERTAINLY A NICE LOOKING SCHOOL.

YES... BUT ONE NEW SCHOOL ISN'T THE ANSWER TO EVERY PROBLEM.

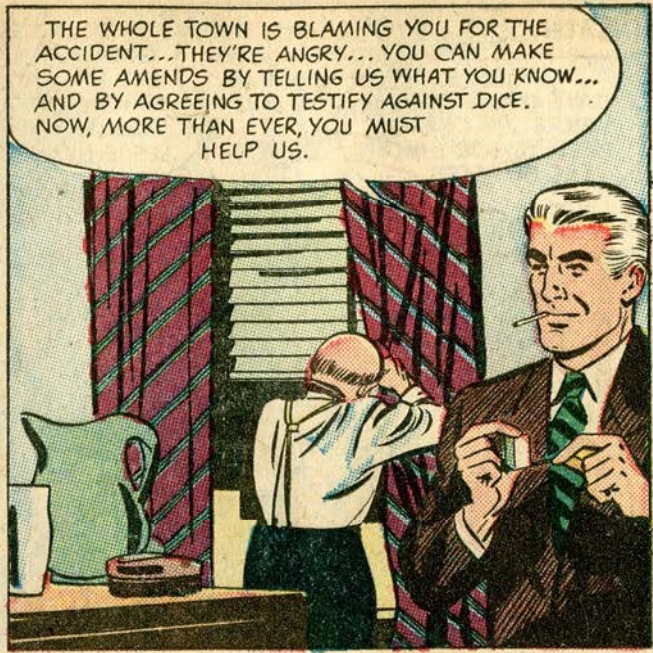




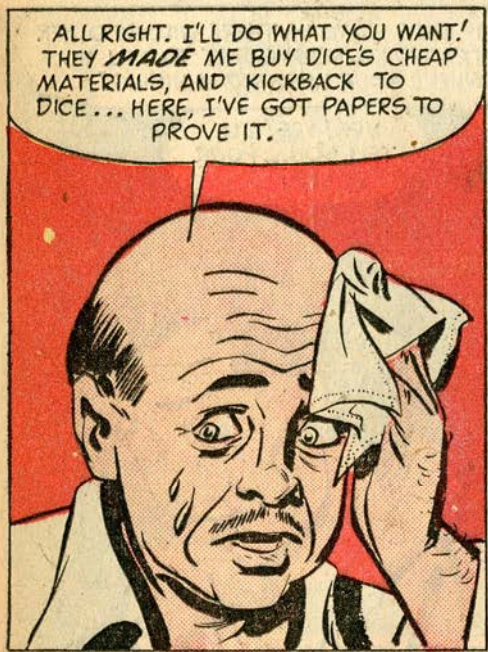


YOU'VE GOT TO TELL US ABOUT IT. WE NEED THE INFORMATION TO CONVICT DICE. YOU DON'T WANT THIS TO HAPPEN AGAIN DO YOU?

NO... IT WAS AWEFUL... BUT... I'M AFRAID. DICE THINKS I'M OUT OF THE STATE... HE'LL KILL ME... AND MY FAMILY, HE SAID.



THE WHOLE TOWN IS BLAMING YOU FOR THE ACCIDENT... THEY'RE ANGRY... YOU CAN MAKE SOME AMENDS BY TELLING US WHAT YOU KNOW... AND BY AGREEING TO TESTIFY AGAINST DICE. NOW, MORE THAN EVER, YOU MUST HELP US.



ALL RIGHT. I'LL DO WHAT YOU WANT! THEY MADE ME BUY DICE'S CHEAP MATERIALS, AND KICKBACK TO DICE... HERE, I'VE GOT PAPERS TO PROVE IT.



DON'T WORRY! TAYLOR'S WAY OUT OF THE STATE BY NOW... SO, THE SAPS ARE SORE... BUT NOTHIN'LL HAPPEN... THEY'LL FORGET! WE'LL SIT TIGHT AND WAIT. WE'RE NOT THROUGH WITH THIS TOWN YET! LET 'EM YELL AWHILE!!

MEANWHILE, SHOCKED BY THE TRAGEDY, SOME OF THE CITIZENS MEET TO TAKE ACTION.



RUN 'EM OUT!

LET'S TAKE A VOTE!

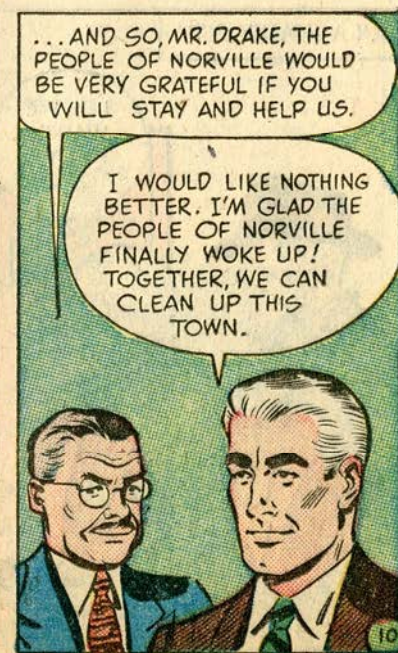
MY LITTLE GIRL'S DEAD!

MY SON'S IN THE HOSPITAL!

ORDER! ORDER! ORDER!

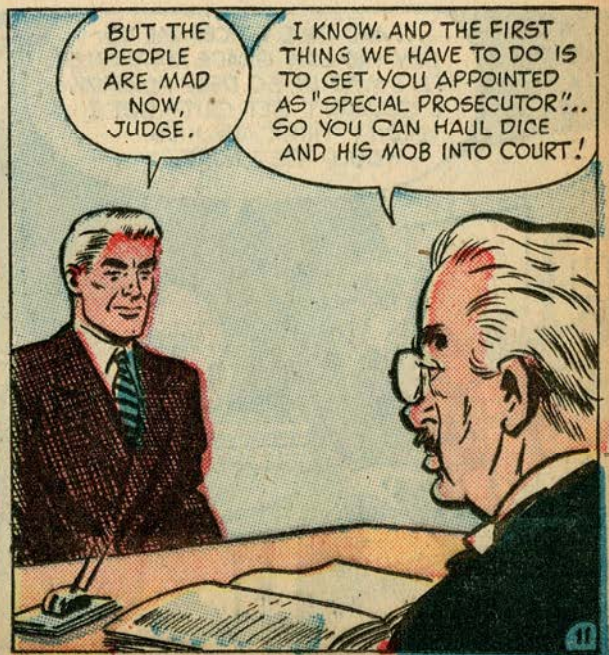
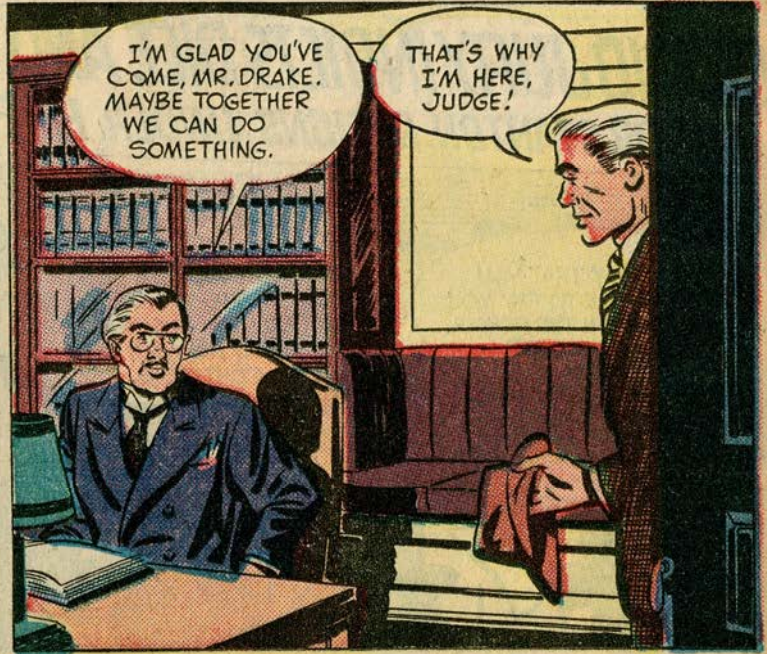


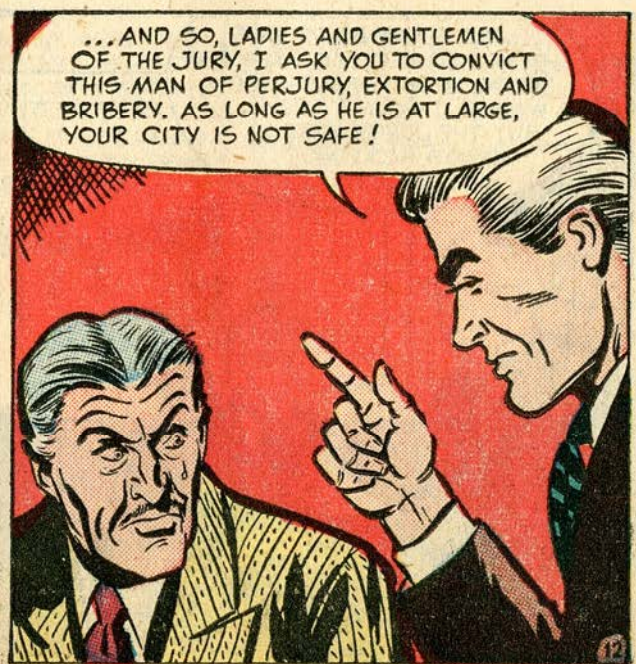
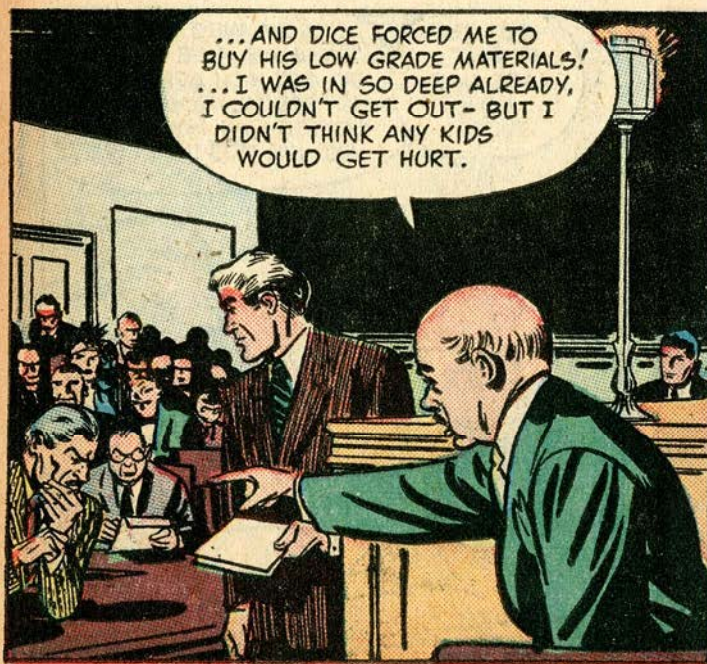
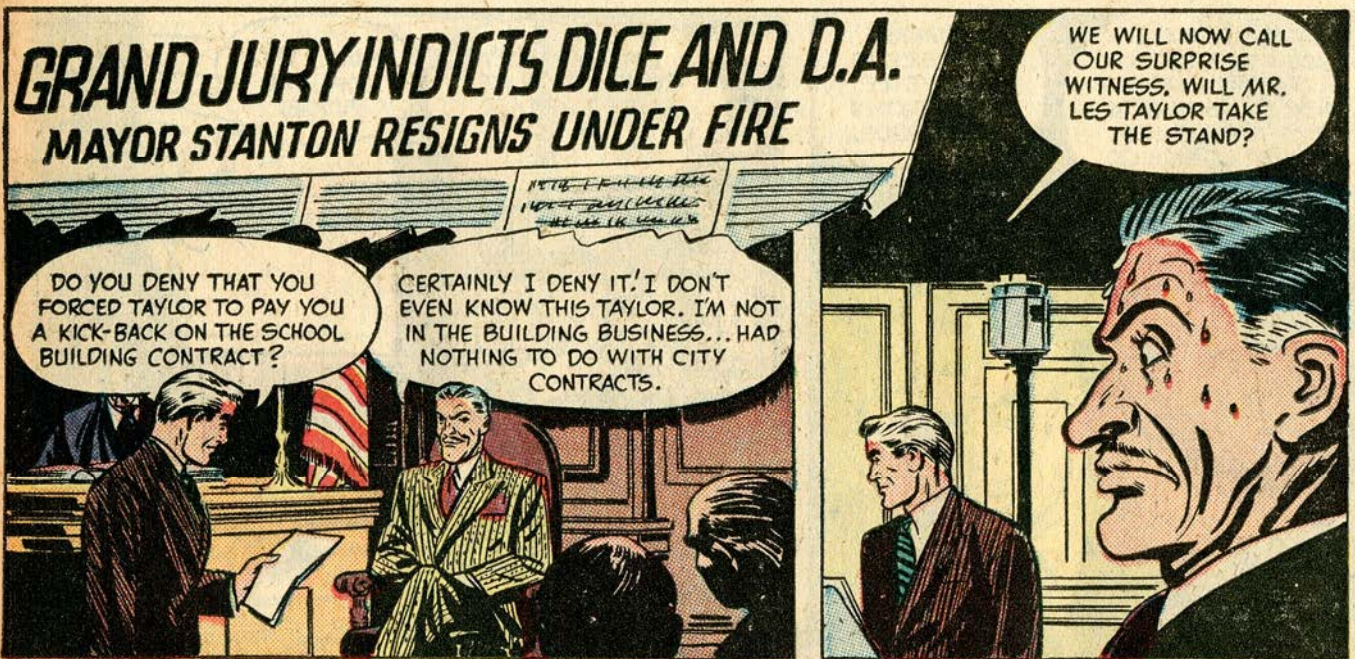
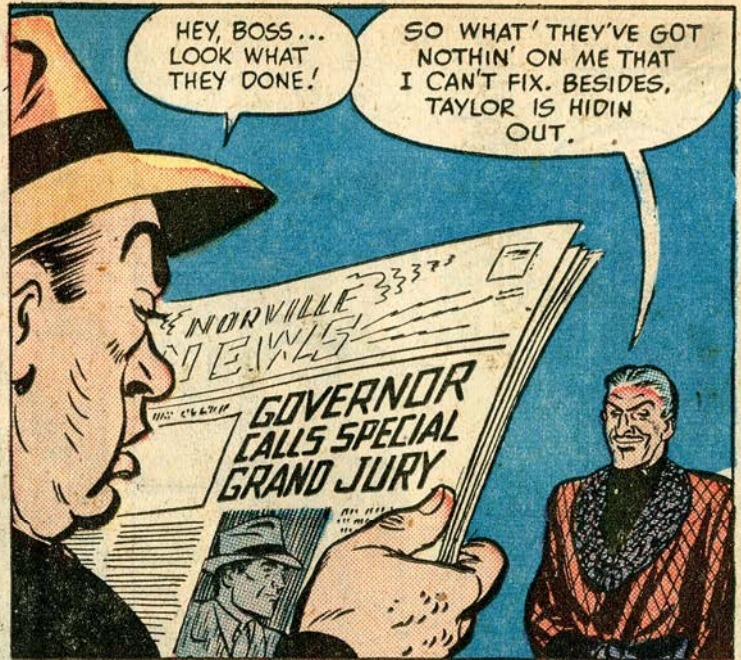
FRIENDS, WE MUST HAVE ORDER... AND WE MUST ACT CALMLY, DEMOCRATICALLY... IF WE ARE TO GET OUR CITY BACK. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL KERRY DRAKE TO THE PLATFORM.



... AND SO, MR. DRAKE, THE PEOPLE OF NORVILLE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL STAY AND HELP US.

I WOULD LIKE NOTHING BETTER. I'M GLAD THE PEOPLE OF NORVILLE FINALLY WOKE UP! TOGETHER, WE CAN CLEAN UP THIS TOWN.





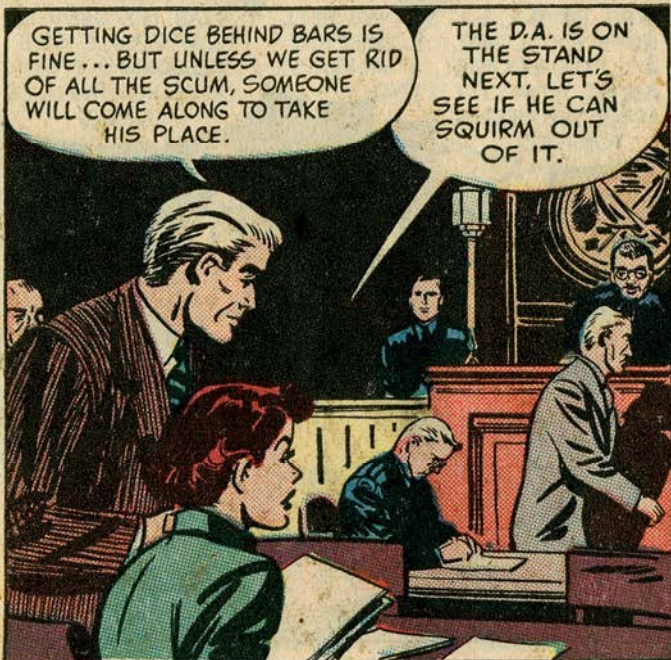


KERRY, THAT WAS WONDERFUL. HE SHOULD CERTAINLY GET A HEAVY SENTENCE FOR THIS.

YES, AND THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING. WE'VE GOT TO CONVICT THE D.A. AND A LOT OF OTHERS, BEFORE THE TOWN IS CLEAN AGAIN.

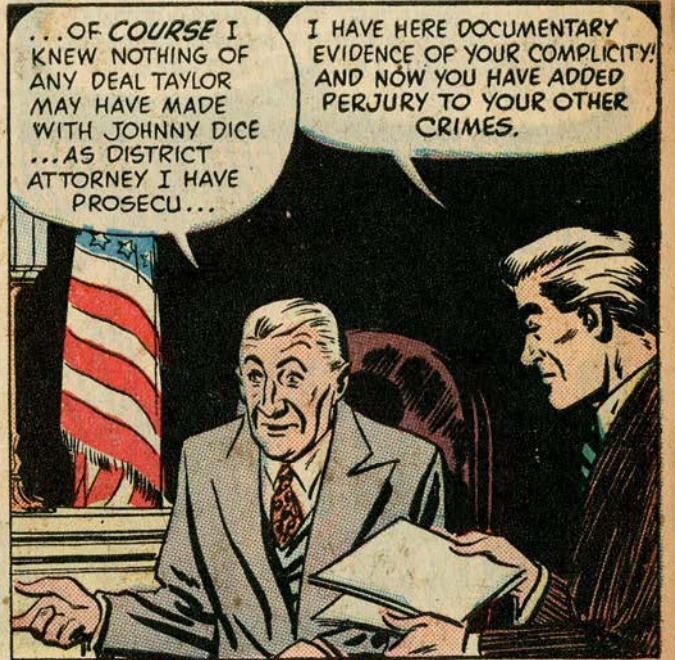


IT'S ALL A FRAME-UP. I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT. I'M A RESPECTABLE CITIZEN!



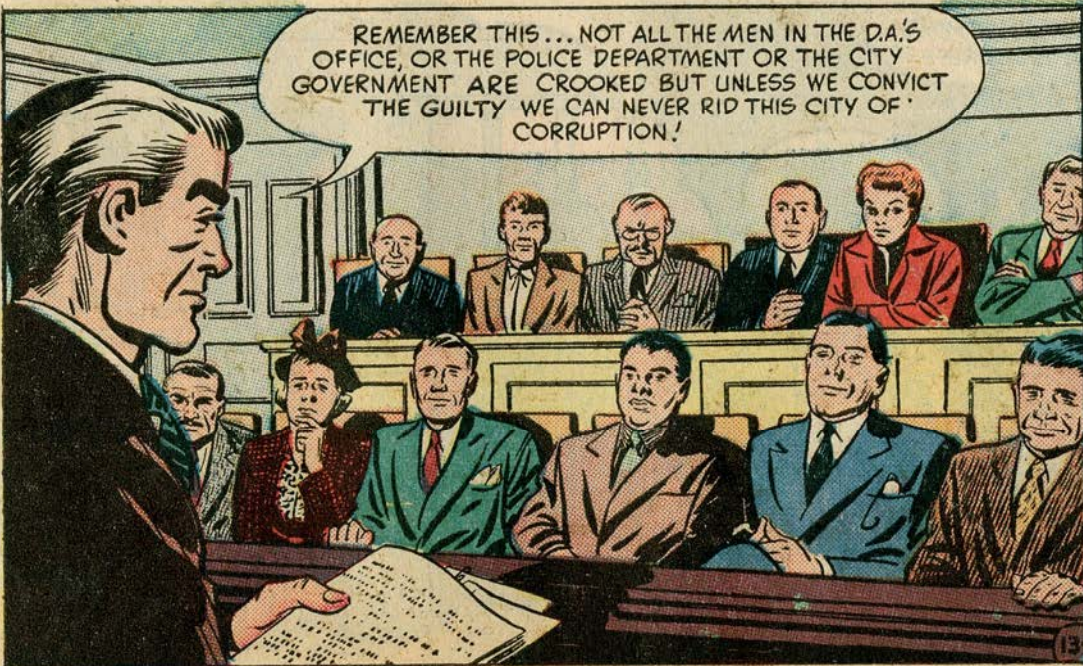
GETTING DICE BEHIND BARS IS FINE... BUT UNLESS WE GET RID OF ALL THE SCUM, SOMEONE WILL COME ALONG TO TAKE HIS PLACE.

THE D.A. IS ON THE STAND NEXT. LET'S SEE IF HE CAN SQUIRM OUT OF IT.



...OF COURSE I KNEW NOTHING OF ANY DEAL TAYLOR MAY HAVE MADE WITH JOHNNY DICE ... AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY I HAVE PROSECU...

I HAVE HERE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF YOUR COMPLICITY! AND NOW YOU HAVE ADDED PERJURY TO YOUR OTHER CRIMES.

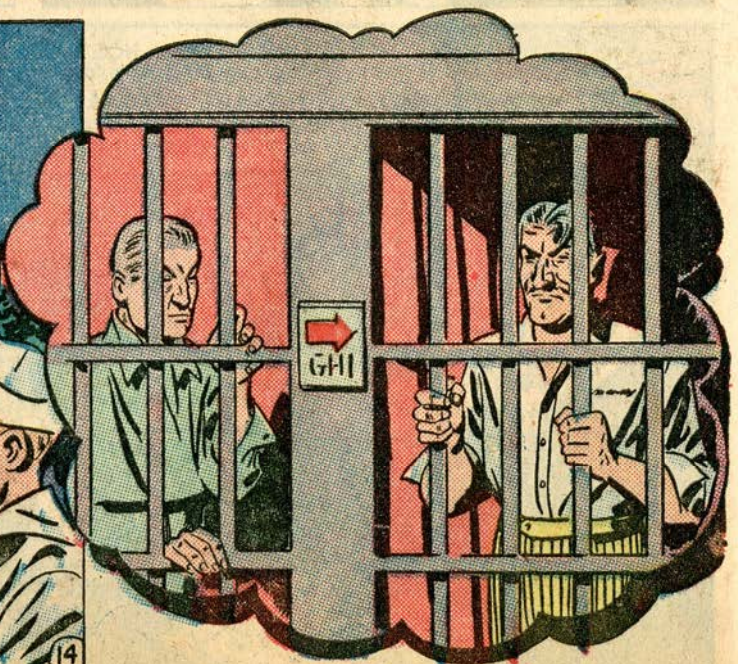
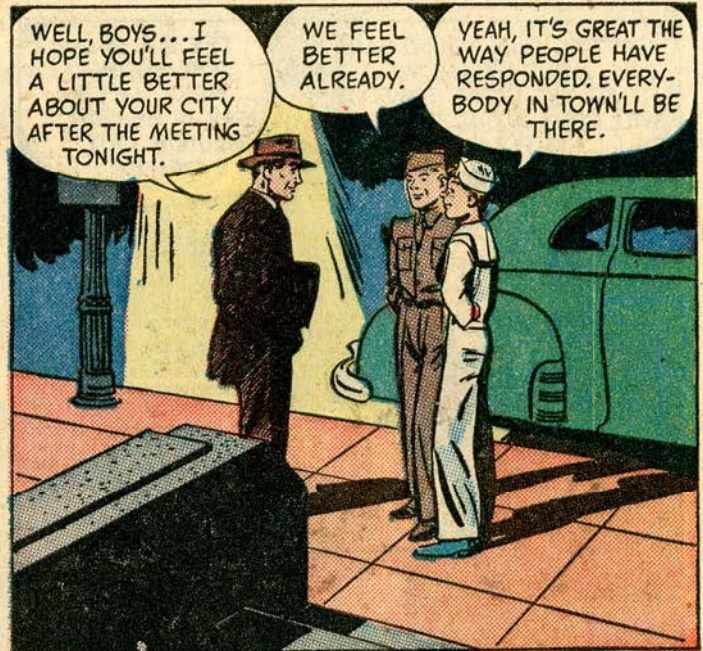


REMEMBER THIS ... NOT ALL THE MEN IN THE D.A.'S OFFICE, OR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR THE CITY GOVERNMENT ARE CROOKED BUT UNLESS WE CONVICT THE GUILTY WE CAN NEVER RID THIS CITY OF CORRUPTION!

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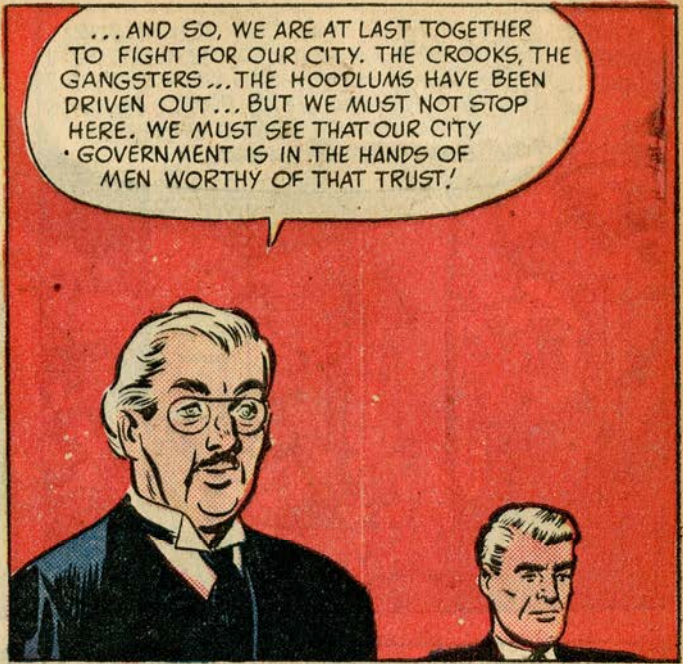
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THEY'RE TURNING PEOPLE AWAY AND IT'S NOT TIME TO START YET. WE SHOULD HAVE HELD IT IN A STADIUM.

IT'S REALLY SOMETHING TO SEE THE PEOPLE WORKED UP ABOUT CIVIC AFFAIRS.



... AND SO, WE ARE AT LAST TOGETHER TO FIGHT FOR OUR CITY. THE CROOKS, THE GANGSTERS ... THE HOODLUMS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN OUT ... BUT WE MUST NOT STOP HERE. WE MUST SEE THAT OUR CITY GOVERNMENT IS IN THE HANDS OF MEN WORTHY OF THAT TRUST!



I MAKE A MOTION WE FORM A COMMITTEE TO START RECALL PROCEEDINGS IMMEDIATELY.



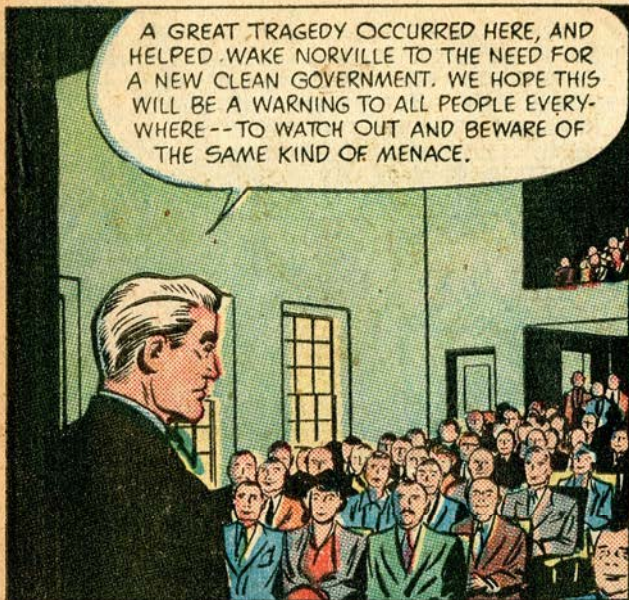
I MOVE WE APPOINT JUDGE OWEN AS CHAIRMAN OF THAT COMMITTEE!!



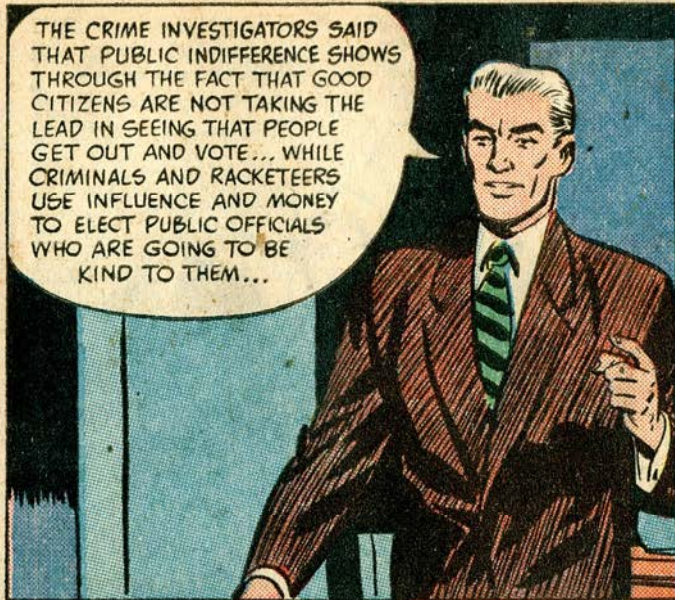
WELL, WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL, KERRY... I WISH YOU WOULD STAY TO HELP US FINISH THE JOB!



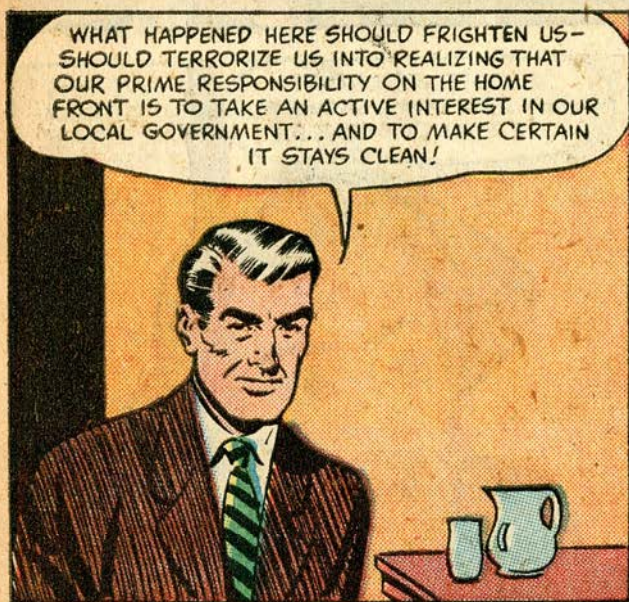
THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO STAY ANY LONGER - NORVILLE IS IN GOOD HANDS NOW - IT'S BACK IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE.



A GREAT TRAGEDY OCCURRED HERE, AND HELPED WAKE NORVILLE TO THE NEED FOR A NEW CLEAN GOVERNMENT. WE HOPE THIS WILL BE A WARNING TO ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE-- TO WATCH OUT AND BEWARE OF THE SAME KIND OF MENACE.



THE CRIME INVESTIGATORS SAID THAT PUBLIC INDIFFERENCE SHOWS THROUGH THE FACT THAT GOOD CITIZENS ARE NOT TAKING THE LEAD IN SEEING THAT PEOPLE GET OUT AND VOTE... WHILE CRIMINALS AND RACKETEERS USE INFLUENCE AND MONEY TO ELECT PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO ARE GOING TO BE KIND TO THEM...



WHAT HAPPENED HERE SHOULD FRIGHTEN US-- SHOULD TERRORIZE US INTO REALIZING THAT OUR PRIME RESPONSIBILITY ON THE HOME FRONT IS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT... AND TO MAKE CERTAIN IT STAYS CLEAN!



THANKS FOR SHOWING US THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A CLEAN GOVERNMENT RESTS WITH EACH OF US.

YEAH! I'M GONNA KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THINGS FROM NOW ON, AND WHEN MY HITCH IS UP I'LL SURE TAKE MY PART IN SEEING THAT THIS TOWN IS DECENTLY RUN.



TEAMWORK PAID OFF IN NORVILLE. WITHOUT HELP FROM THE TOWNSPEOPLE, KERRY DRAKE WOULD HAVE BEEN POWERLESS. IT TOOK THE COMBINED ACTION OF MANY PEOPLE TO CLEAN OUT THEIR CITY AND RE-ESTABLISH GOOD GOVERNMENT.

TEAMWORK PAYS OFF BIG IN THE ARMED FORCES, TOO. SERVICEMEN REALIZE THAT GROUP ACTION IS ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS! EVERY MEMBER OF THE MILITARY TEAM HAS A JOB THAT MUST BE DONE, AND DONE WELL, IF THE TEAM IS TO WIN. COMBINED TEAMWORK OF CIVILIANS AND SERVICEMEN ALIKE KEEPS OUR NATION STRONG AND FREE!