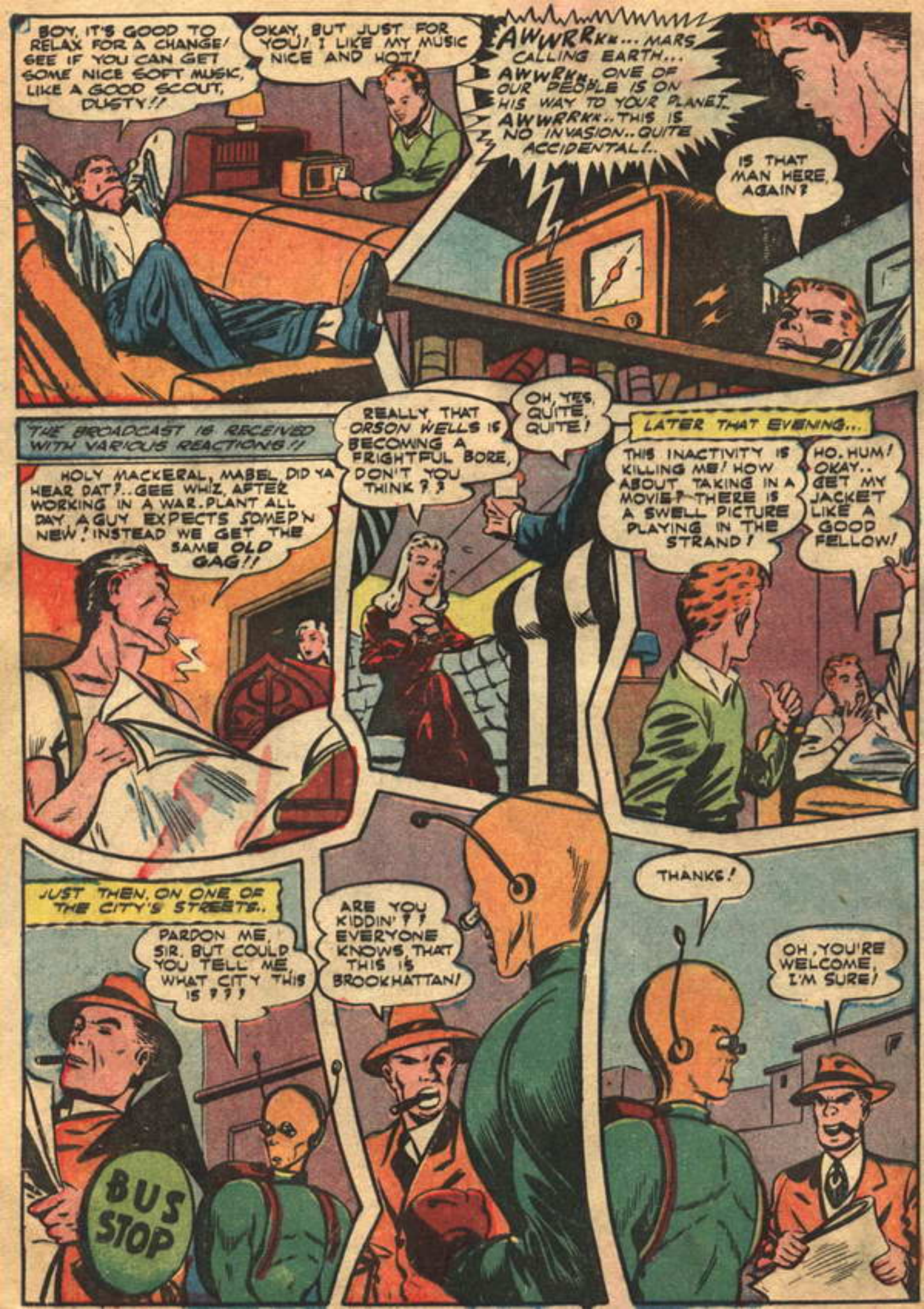
THE ORIGINAL
SHIELD
AND
DUSTY
the BOY DETECTIVE
Introducing
MONSTRO
THE MONSTER FROM MARS
THE SHIELD TUNED ON HIS RADIO AND WENT SLAM-BANG INTO HIS CRAZIEST ADVENTURE! WE THINK ALL OF YOU WILL LIKE IT! WE KNOW ALL OF YOU WILL BE SHOCKED! SO STEP RIGHT UP AND MEET MONSTRO THE MONSTER FROM MARS!
JAY NOVICK

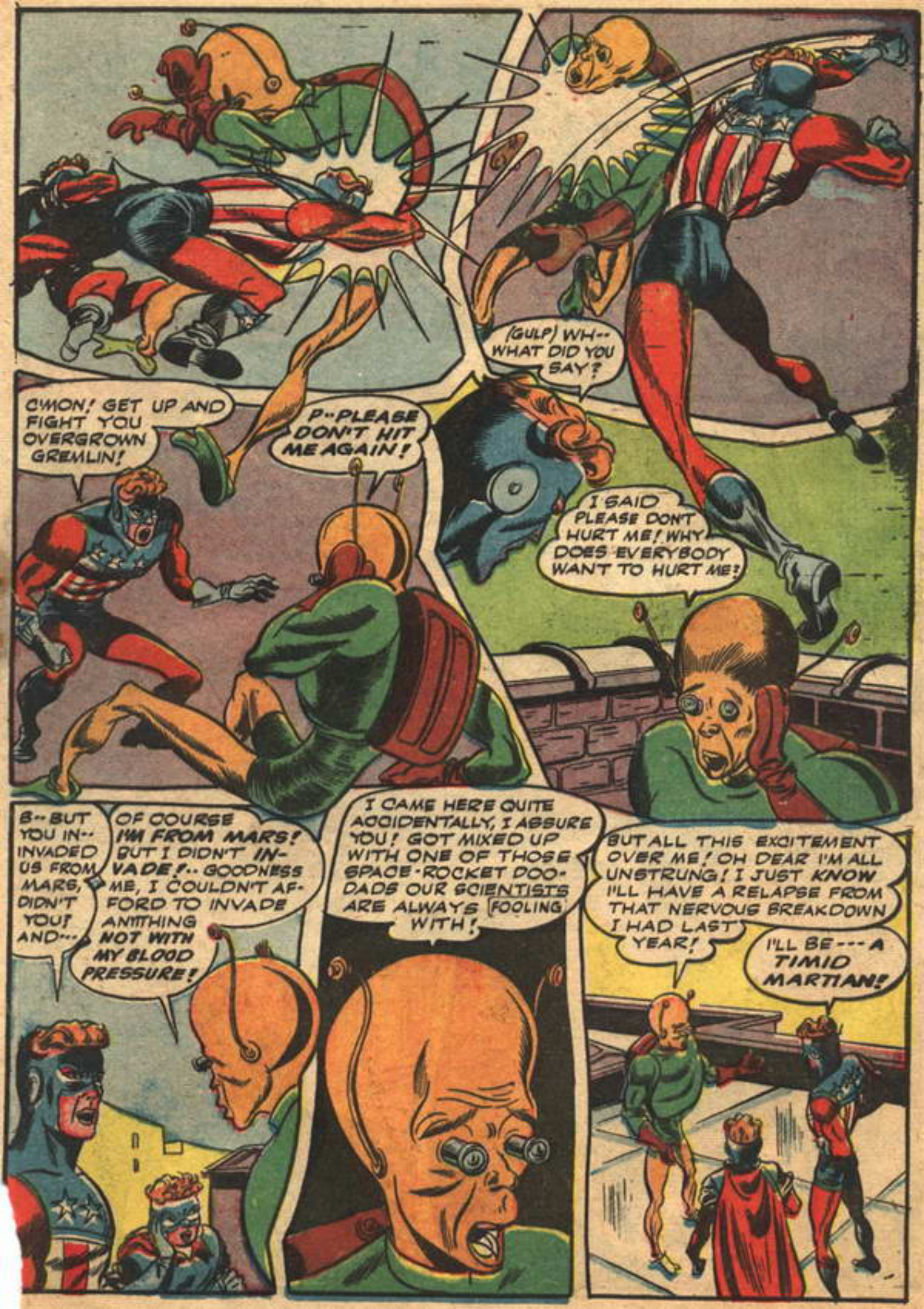

BOY, IT'S GOOD TO RELAX FOR A CHANGE! GEE IF YOU CAN GET SOME NICE SOFT MUSIC, LIKE A GOOD SCOUT, DUSTY!!
OKAY, BUT JUST FOR YOU! I LIKE MY MUSIC NICE AND HOT!
AWWRRKK... MARS CALLING EARTH... AWWRKK... ONE OF OUR PEOPLE IS ON HIS WAY TO YOUR PLANET.. AWWRRKK.. THIS IS NO INVASION.. QUITE ACCIDENTAL!..
IS THAT MAN HERE, AGAIN?
THE BROADCAST IS RECEIVED WITH VARIOUS REACTIONS!!
HOLY MACKERAL, MABEL DID YA HEAR DAT?.. GEE WHIZ, AFTER WORKING IN A WAR PLANT ALL DAY A GUY EXPECTS SOMEP'N NEW! INSTEAD WE GET THE SAME OLD GAG!!
REALLY, THAT ORSON WELLS IS BECOMING A FRIGHTFUL BORE, DON'T YOU THINK??
OH, YES, QUITE, QUITE!
LATER THAT EVENING...
THIS INACTIVITY IS KILLING ME! HOW ABOUT TAKING IN A MOVIE? THERE IS A SWELL PICTURE PLAYING IN THE STRAND!
HO. HUM! OKAY.. GET MY JACKET LIKE A GOOD FELLOW!
JUST THEN, ON ONE OF THE CITY'S STREETS..
PARDON ME, SIR. BUT COULD YOU TELL ME, WHAT CITY THIS IS???
ARE YOU KIDDIN'?? EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THIS IS BROOKHATTAN!
BUS STOP
THANKS!
OH, YOU'RE WELCOME, I'M SURE!

HEH, HEH! BOY, WHAT A JERK.
CURTIS IN
BUS TOP
HOLY CROCKEYE! WHAT WAS THAT?
I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON!!
I'M OFF THE STUFF FOR LIFE!
AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS..
GO BACK TO SLEEP, LADY, IT'S ONLY A DREAM! SURE WE LISTEN TO THE RADIO TOO.. YOU SAY YOU ACTUALLY SAW HIM! OKAY, OKAY, DON'T GET EXCITED! WE'LL SEND SOMEONE OVER!
YOU TWO BOYS GO DOWN TO VINE AND MAIN STS., AND LOOK INTO THIS, OTHERWISE THAT LADY MAY CAUSE TROUBLE! IF YOU FIND HIM, BRING HIM BACK FOR A GAME OF PINOCHLE!
OKAY, SARGE!
BUT AS THE PATROLMEN ARRIVE AT THEIR DESTINATION..
SAINTS BE PRAISED!

FLAHRETY- PHONE FOR THE RIOT SQUAD--- I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON IT! MAY HEAVEN HAVE MERCY ON ME SOUL!
MAIN ST
WHEEEEE
WE GOT 'IM SURROUNDED! CAREFUL NOW, HE MAY BE A KILLER!
CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH THAT CREATURE! I'M GONNA GIVE 'IM A COUPLA BURSTS -- HERE GOES!

HE'S GETTIN' AWAY! LET HIM HAVE IT!
GLORY BE!....THE BULLETS ARE BOUNCIN' OFF HIS BODY LIKE HE WAS MADE OF METAL!
AT THAT MOMENT, JOE AND DUSTY COMING FROM THE MOVIES SEE--
WHAT'S ALL THE SHOOTING ABOUT, OFFICER?
LOOK UP ON THE ROOF AN' SEE FOR YER-SELF, HIGGINS!
IT'S A MARTIAN INVASION - THAT'S WHAT! AN' THAT GOON'S THE VAN-GUARD!
JUMPING JEHOSEPHAT!
SECONDS LATER IN AN UNSEEN ALLEY--
THE SHIELD'S GOING AFTER THAT THING!
NOT WITH-OUT ME, YOU AREN'T!
DUSTY, THIS MAY MEAN SURE DEATH! THERE'S NO TELL-ING HOW POWER-FUL THAT CREATURE IS!
I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES ALONG WITH YOU, SHIELD!

HE'S SOMEWHERE ON THIS ROOF! YOU TAKE ONE END, AND I'LL TAKE THE OTHER --- AND FOR THE LOVE OF HEAVEN - DON'T TRY TO HANDLE HIM ALONE!
OH, OH --- THE SHIELD SAID TO YELL IF I SPOTTED HIM ---
SHIELD! RIGHT OVER HERE! I GOT HIM!
WHA....
I'M COMING DUSTY! JEHOSEPAT! DUSTY'S OUT COLD!
AND THAT MONSTER IS GOING TO TOSS HIM TO CERTAIN DEATH!
SHIELD! HELP!


(GULP) WH-- WHAT DID YOU SAY?
C'MON! GET UP AND FIGHT YOU OVERGROWN GREMLIN!
P--PLEASE DON'T HIT ME AGAIN!
I SAID PLEASE DON'T HURT ME! WHY DOES EVERYBODY WANT TO HURT ME?
B--BUT YOU IN-- INVADED US FROM MARS, DIDN'T YOU? AND---
OF COURSE I'M FROM MARS! BUT I DIDN'T IN-VADE!.. GOODNESS ME, I COULDN'T AF-FORD TO INVADE ANYTHING NOT WITH MY BLOOD PRESSURE!
I CAME HERE QUITE ACCIDENTALLY, I ASSURE YOU! GOT MIXED UP WITH ONE OF THOSE SPACE-ROCKET DOO-DADS OUR SCIENTISTS ARE ALWAYS FOOLING WITH!
BUT ALL THIS EXCITEMENT OVER ME! OH DEAR I'M ALL UNSTRUNG! I JUST KNOW I'LL HAVE A RELAPSE FROM THAT NERVOUS BREAKDOWN I HAD LAST YEAR!
I'LL BE --- A TIMID MARTIAN!

SAY! HOW DO YOU KNOW OUR LANGUAGE, ANYWAY?
WHY, THAT'S QUITE SIMPLE! I'M READING YOUR MIND! WE MARTIANS CAN DO A GOOD DEAL MORE THAN THAT! WE ALSO HAVE X-RAY VISION!
SAVINGS BANK
FOR INSTANCE, I CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH THAT WALL! AT THIS MOMENT THERE ARE SOME OF YOUR FELLOW MEN WEARING MASKS OVER THEIR FACES IN THAT BUILDING!
MASKS OVER THEIR FACES! YOU KEEP AN EYE ON--ON--
MONSTRO IS MY NAME! I'M PLEASED TO MEET YOU, I'M SURE!
I'M GOING OVER AND INVESTIGATE!
CUT OFF MY HAIR AND CALL ME BALDY! MONSTRO WAS RIGHT--! ROBBERS!
CRASH
(GULP) THE SHIELD!

SPLAT
WHAM
NOW I'LL JUST PUT YOU LADS IN COLD STORAGE FOR A WHILE--WHERE THE MOTHS WON'T GET AT YOU!
HELLO, POLICE! I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF BOYS AT THE FEDERAL BANK WHO CAME TO MAKE A WITHDRAWAL AFTER THE BANK HAD CLOSED!
WELL, DUSTY, MONSTRO KNEW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT!
YOU MEAN HE ACTUALLY SAW CROOKS THROUGH THE BRICK WALL!
WHY, OF COURSE I DID! AND NOW GOOD BY E, GENTLEMEN!
JUST A MINUTE MONSTRO! YOU'RE NOT LEAVING US, YET!
WE CAN'T LET YOU GO PROMENADING AROUND THE STREETS! YOU'D CAUSE RIOTS! YOU'RE COMING DOWN TO THE POLICE STATION WITH US!
PLEASE DON'T TAKE ME TO THOSE HORRID PEOPLE! THEY FRIGHTEN ME! WHY THEY'RE EVEN LIABLE TO SHOOT AT ME AGAIN!

HERE YOU ARE CAPTAIN! WE BROUGHT YOU THE MARTIAN! HE'S YOUR HEAD-ACHE, NOW!
YOU MEAN THAT GUY! HE DON'T LOOK LIKE A MARTIAN TO ME!
WE JUST DISGUISED HIM TO AVOID TROUBLE! I'LL JUST TAKE OFF THIS COAT AND--
PRESTO-MONSTRO, THE MAGICIAN!
ARE YOU GUYS TRYIN TO BE FUNNY? WHAT MARTIAN?
HOLY CROCK-EYE! HOW DID YOU GET INTO THOSE CLOTHES? I HAD THE MARTIAN IN THERE! HE COULDN'T HAVE GIVEN US THE SLIP!
LOOK, SHIELD, AREN'T WE HAVING ENOUGH TROUBLE TRYIN' TO TRACK DOWN THAT MARTIAN WITHOUT YOU PLAYIN' PRACTICAL JOKES!
BUT-- BUT--
I CAN'T FIGURE IT! I HAD MY EYE ON HIM ALL THE WAY!
IT'S OUTTA THIS WORLD, THAT'S WHAT!
POLICE STATION
ER-- PARDON ME, SHIELD--
UNION
HERE I AM!
GO WHAT! GO AWAY, WILL YOU?

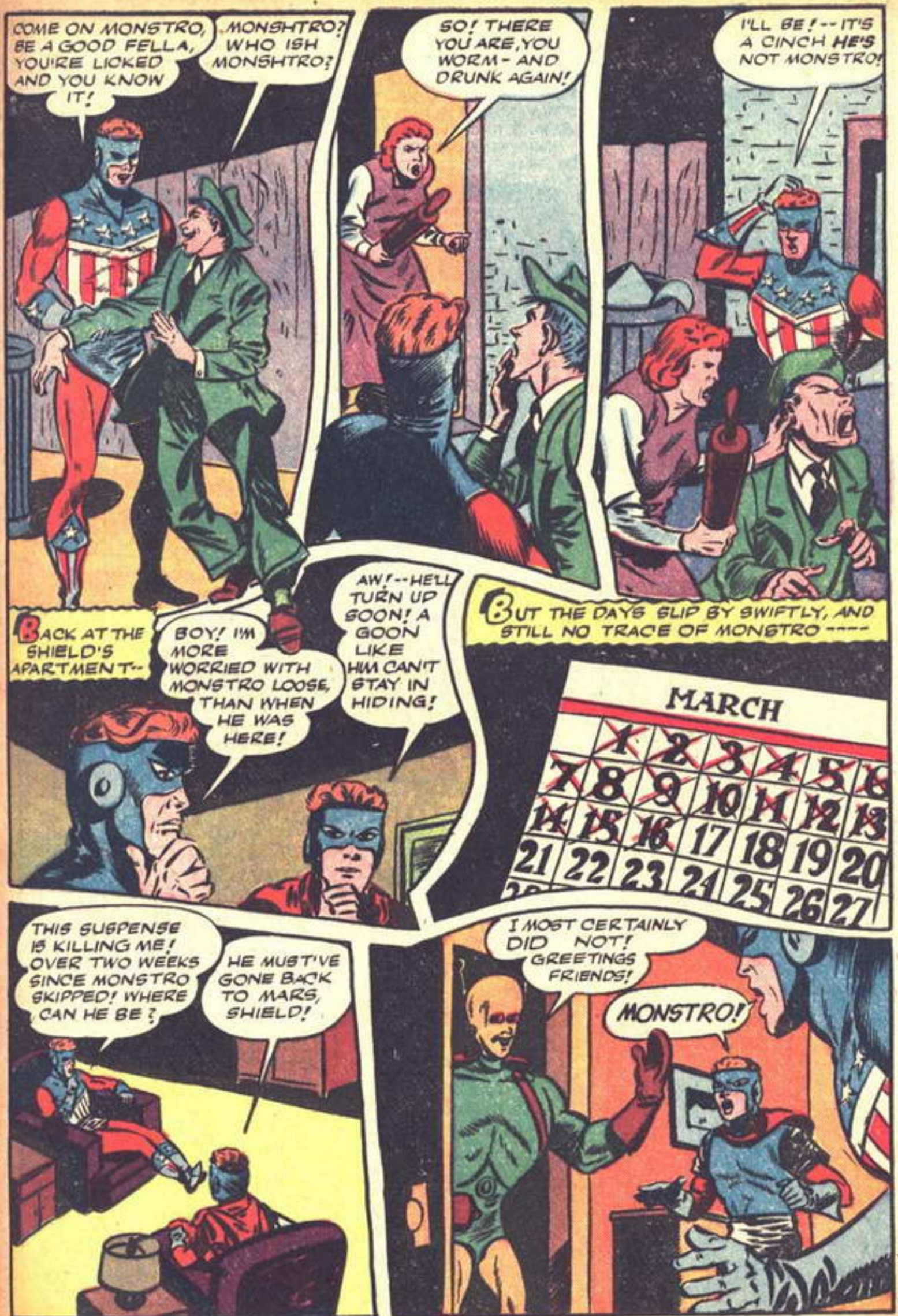
WAIT A MINUTE! JUST HOW DID YOU HAPPEN TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE MARTIAN, ANYWAY?
WHY I'M MONSTRO! OH, I FORGOT-- MY DISGUISE! WAIT A MINUTE! I'LL SHOW YOU!
SEE! I CAN CHANGE MYSELF INTO ANY FORM I WANT! I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T LIKE THE POLICE!
HOLY JOE! CHANGE RIGHT BACK AGAIN, WILL YOU! BEFORE SOMEBODY SPOTS YOU!
LATER IN THE SHIELD'S APARTMENT..
HMMM--
HEH, HEH!
HMMM--
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT BOYS! I CAN READ YOUR MINDS! YOU'RE WONDERING HOW YOU CAN SEND ME BACK TO MARS! BUT I'M NOT GOING BACK! I NEVER HAD SO MUCH FUN IN ALL MY LIFE! I LIKE IT HERE! SO I'M STICKING AROUND!
TALK ABOUT EMBARRASING SITUATIONS! WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A GUY LIKE MONSTRO! HAVING HIM AROUND IS LIKE TAKING A BATH IN THE STREET! BUT THAT'S THE SHIELD'S AND DUSTY'S WORRY-- AND THEY'VE GOT PLENTY TO WORRY ABOUT! YOU'LL SEE WHAT I MEAN IN AUGUST PEP! BE SEEING YOU!

THE ORIGINAL
SHIELD AND DUSTY
the BOY DETECTIVE
in
MONSTRO'S HOLIDAY
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU HAD SOMEBODY ON YOUR HANDS WHO COULD READ YOUR MIND? COULD CHANGE HIMSELF INTO ANYTHING HE PLEASED! AND COULD SEE THROUGH A BRICK WALL! WELL, IF YOU'D KNOW WHAT TO DO, TELL THE SHIELD AND DUSTY -- BECAUSE THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED WITH THEM! THEY'RE STUCK WITH MONSTRO THE TIMID MARTIAN!
IRV NOVICK

NOW SEE HERE, MONSTRO! YOU CAN'T STAY IN OUR WORLD! YOU'VE GOT TO BACK TO MARS!
BUT I LIKE IT HERE, SHIELD!
HO-HUM-I'M TIRED! I THINK I'LL LIE DOWN FOR A WHILE AND GRAB A SNOOZE!
HMM--- THAT'S A GOOD IDEA! A VERY GOOD IDEA
YOU GOT SOMETHING UP YOUR SLEEVE, SHIELD!
ONLY THIS!--- THAT IF HE INSISTS ON STAYING HERE, I'M NOT GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIM!
WE'RE TURNING MONSTRO OVER TO THE POLICE, OR A MUSEUM OR RAFFLE HIM OFF -- ANYTHING! AS LONG AS WE GET RID OF HIM!
SUITS ME!
WE'LL JUMP HIM WHILE HE'S ASLEEP! HE'LL BE TOO SURPRISED TO GIVE US ANY TROUBLE! SHH--

HOLY COW! ONLY A CAT IN HIS BED!
BUT WE SAW MONSTRO IN BED! HOW COULD HE HAVE DISAPPEARED UNDER, OUR VERY EYES!
I BITE! YOU TELL ME!
YEH! WHAT DOPES WE ARE! THAT CAT WAS MONSTRO! DON'T YOU REMEMBER, SHIELD? MONSTRO CAN CHANGE HIMSELF INTO ANYTHING!
WHAT NOW, SHIELD?
WE'RE GONNA FIND THAT CAT! I MEAN MONSTRO! HE CAN'T HAVE GONE TOO FAR!
YOU TAKE THAT END OF THE BLOCK, I'LL TAKE THIS ONE -- SEARCH EVERY ALLY FOR BLACK CATS!
THAT LOOKS LIKE THE ONE!
GOTCHA MONSTRO!
MEEEOWWRR
PHTTT
PHTTTT

YA MIGHT AS WELL CUT OUT SQUIRMING! I'M NOT LETTING YOU GO 'TIL YOU TURN BACK TO YOUR OWN SHAPE, MONSTRO!
MEE-OW-ON
MEE-ON
ME-E-E
OW-ON
OWR--
WHAT THE SAM HILL --
MEE-ON
(GULP) SOMETHIN' TELLS ME I MADE A MISTAKE!
CONFOUND THOSE CATS -- SCAT -- SHOO --
NUTS!
NOW LET'S TAKE UP THE TRAIL OF THE SHIELD--
OH-OH! THAT LOOKS LIKE THE CAT I WANT!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT CAT! OH--I GET IT! MONSTRO CHANGED HIMSELF INTO A MAN!

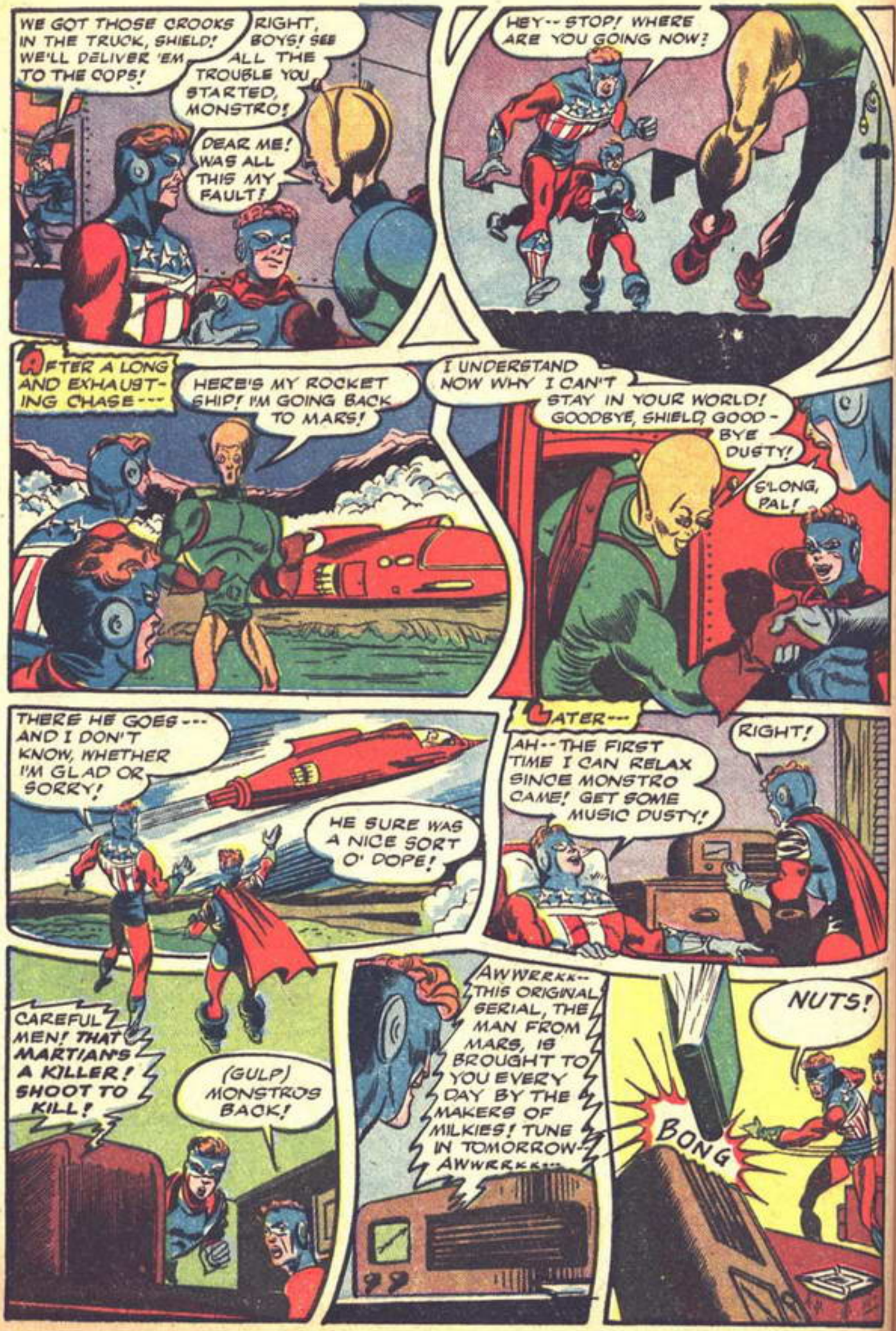

COME ON MONSTRO, BE A GOOD FELLA, YOU'RE LICKED AND YOU KNOW IT!
MONSHTRO? WHO ISH MONSHTRO?
SO! THERE YOU ARE, YOU WORM - AND DRUNK AGAIN!
I'LL BE! -- IT'S A CINCH HE'S NOT MONSTRO!
BACK AT THE SHIELD'S APARTMENT--
BOY! I'M MORE WORRIED WITH MONSTRO LOOSE, THAN WHEN HE WAS HERE!
AW! -- HE'LL TURN UP SOON! A GOON LIKE HIM CAN'T STAY IN HIDING!
BUT THE DAYS SLIP BY SWIFTLY, AND STILL NO TRACE OF MONSTRO ----
MARCH
THIS SUSPENSE IS KILLING ME! OVER TWO WEEKS SINCE MONSTRO SKIPPED! WHERE CAN HE BE?
HE MUST'VE GONE BACK TO MARS, SHIELD!
I MOST CERTAINLY DID NOT! GREETINGS FRIENDS!
MONSTRO!

HOLY PETE! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN ALL THIS TIME? WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING?
WHY, I'VE BEEN THE GUEST OF SOME VERY FINE PEOPLE!
THE DAY I LEFT YOU I WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE YOUR EARTH PEOPLE GET USED TO ME -- SO I COULD STAY HERE WITHOUT BEING SHOT AT OR FRIGHTENING THEM HALF TO DEATH!
-- SO I CHANGED BACK TO MY OWN FORM DETERMINED TO BE PLEASANT AND HELPFUL --
---MY FIRST OPPORTUNITY CAME WHEN I SAW A FELLOW LOITERING AT THE EDGE OF A CROWD! I WAS ABLE TO READ WHAT WAS GOING ON IN HIS MIND---
PARDON ME, BUT I THINK I KNOW JUST THE PERSON YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!
YOU DO!
YES!--THAT FELLOW HAS QUITE A BIT OF THAT GREEN STUFF YOU SEEM SO ANXIOUS TO GET!
BOY, O-BOY, O-BOY!
THANKS, PAL! I'LL --- YIPE! AM I SEEING THINGS!
PLEASE DON'T BE ALARMED! I MERELY WISH TO HELP YOU! DO YOU WISH ME TO GET THE GREEN STUFF FOR YOU?
HMM- NEVER MIND! I KIN GET IT MYSELF!

I'LL BE--THAT REFUGEE FROM A BORIS KARLOFF PICTURE, WAS RIGHT! WOTTA HAUL!
SO YA KIN READ MINDS AND SEE THROUGH SOLID OBJECTS, EH--HOW JA LIKE TO MEET A COUPLE O' PALS O' MINE!
I'D BE DELIGHTED!
HIYA MOKE! HIYA BOYS! I WANTCHA TO MEET A PAL O' MINE!
JEEZ! WHAT'S DAT!
GIT OUTTA DE WAY, SNITCH! I'LL BLAST 'IM!
NO MOKE, DON'T!
--AND IN OUR --ER--BIZNESS, A GUY LIKE MONSTRO COULD COME IN VERY HANDY! HUH MOKE!
HMM--YA GOT SOMETHIN' THERE SNITCH!
WE BEEN TRYIN' TO GET SOME INFOR-MATION OUTTA, OUR PAL, HERE, MONSTRO! BUT HE'S STUBBORN! COULD YOU READ HIS MIND FOR US!
WHY OF COURSE!
HE'S THINKING ABOUT A PECU-LIAR VEHICLE CALLED AN ARMED TRUCK! DON'T YOU THINK YOUR FRIEND WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE UNTIED?
NEVER MIND DAT! KEEP READIN' SEE!

GREAT JUPITER! DON'T YOU REALIZE THOSE GUYS WERE CROOKS! DID YOU GE - ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THEIR PRISONER?
WHY YES! THAT TRUCK WAS SUPPOSED TO DRIVE UP VINE STREET AT TEN P.M. ON THE 17th OF THIS MONTH!
THE 17th THAT'S TONIGHT!
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG? WHAT ARE CROOKS ANYWAY?
MEANWHILE ON VINE STREET--
YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH! C'MON!
ANY SIGN OF DAT PAY ROLL TRUCK, YET?
NAH···I TINK DAT MONSTRO GAVE US A BUM STEER!
LOOK! HERE IT COMES NOW!
SCREECH
GIVE 'EM THE BUSINESS, BOYS!

THE SHOOTING'S STARTED, DUSTY!
NOTHING LIKE JOINING THE PARTY WHEN IT'S HOT, SHIELD!
THE SHIELD'S GOT HIS BACK TURNED! NOW'S MY CHANCE TO POP HIM!
UGH!
NAUGHTY, NAUGHTY! IT'S NOT POLITE TO SHOOT PEOPLE IN THE BACK!
THAT'S THAT! SAY, WHERE'S MONSTRO, DUSTY?
YA GOT ME! HE DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT AS SOON AS THE FIGHT BEGAN!
H--HERE I AM, SHIELD! IS--IS ALL THE HORRID FIGHTING OVER! DEAR ME, I WAS NEVER SO SCARED IN ALL MY LIFE!
I'LL BE!


WE GOT THOSE CROOKS IN THE TRUCK, SHIELD! WE'LL DELIVER 'EM TO THE COPS!
RIGHT, BOYS! SEE ALL THE TROUBLE YOU STARTED, MONSTRO!
DEAR ME! WAS ALL THIS MY FAULT!
HEY -- STOP! WHERE ARE YOU GOING NOW?
AFTER A LONG AND EXHAUSTING CHASE ---
HERE'S MY ROCKET SHIP! I'M GOING BACK TO MARS!
I UNDERSTAND NOW WHY I CAN'T STAY IN YOUR WORLD! GOODBYE, SHIELD! GOOD-BYE DUSTY!
S'LONG, PAL!
THERE HE GOES --- AND I DON'T KNOW, WHETHER I'M GLAD OR SORRY!
HE SURE WAS A NICE SORT O' DOPE!
LATER ---
AH -- THE FIRST TIME I CAN RELAX SINCE MONSTRO CAME! GET SOME MUSIC DUSTY!
RIGHT!
CAREFUL MEN! THAT MARTIAN'S A KILLER! SHOOT TO KILL!
(GULP) MONSTRO'S BACK!
AWWRRKK -- THIS ORIGINAL SERIAL, THE MAN FROM MARS, IS BROUGHT TO YOU EVERY DAY BY THE MAKERS OF MILKIES! TUNE IN TOMORROW -- AWWRRKK...
NUTS!
BONG