

CERTAIN DEATH STARED HER IN THE FACE... AND THEN, FROM OUTER SPACE, SHE WAS OFFERED A REPRIEVE! SHE LAUGHED AS SHE LEFT EARTH, LITTLE KNOWING SHE WAS MAKING A...

DEAL TO DIE

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU BOTHER TO WEAR MAKE-UP, MY DEAR! YOU'RE SO UGLY THAT NOTHING HELPS!

PLEASE, HAROLD, PLEASE... STOP NAGGING ME!



I HATED HIM! FOR FIVE YEARS I HAD LISTENED TO HIS SNEERING INSULTS...

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW LUCKY YOU ARE, BERNICE! NOT MANY MEN WOULD MARRY ANYONE AS UNATTRACTIVE AS YOU, EVEN WITH ALL YOUR MONEY!

I KNOW YOU MARRIED MY BANK ACCOUNT, NOT ME, HAROLD! YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP REMINDING ME!

FINALLY I COULD BEAR IT NO LONGER...

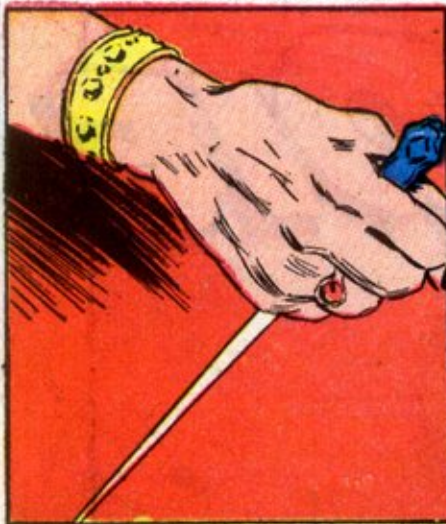
IT'S A PITY ALL THAT MONEY SHOULD BELONG TO SUCH A HOMELY FEMALE!

I'VE GOT TO MAKE HIM STOP! I CAN'T STAND LISTENING TO HIM ANOTHER MINUTE!



THEN I SAW IT ON THE DESK...AND I KNEW WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO!

I MUST HAVE GONE CRAZY FOR THAT ONE MINUTE ...



NOW IF A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN HAD THAT... EAGHHHHH!

SHUT UP, HAROLD! SHUT UP! SHUT UP!



THE BUTLER HEARD HAROLD'S SCREAM AND SUMMONED THE POLICE! MY TRIAL WAS BRIEF...

THE DAYS PASSED QUICKLY, UNTIL ONLY A FEW HOURS STOOD BETWEEN ME AND THE DEATH CHAIR!

YOU, BERNICE LONGTON, HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER! I SENTENCE YOU TO DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!



I... I (SOB) DONT WANT TO DIE! IT WAS ALL A MISTAKE! I (SOB) WANT TO LIVE!



SUDDENLY...

CAN YOU HEAR ME? CAN YOU HEAR ME?



W-WHAT? I... I MUST BE LOSING MY MIND! I... IT CAN'T BE!



THEN YOU DO HEAR ME, GOOD! I AM ZORO, OF MARS! I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FORCE MY BRAIN WAVE INTO THE EARS OF AN EARTHLING!... AND NOW I HAVE SUCCEEDED!

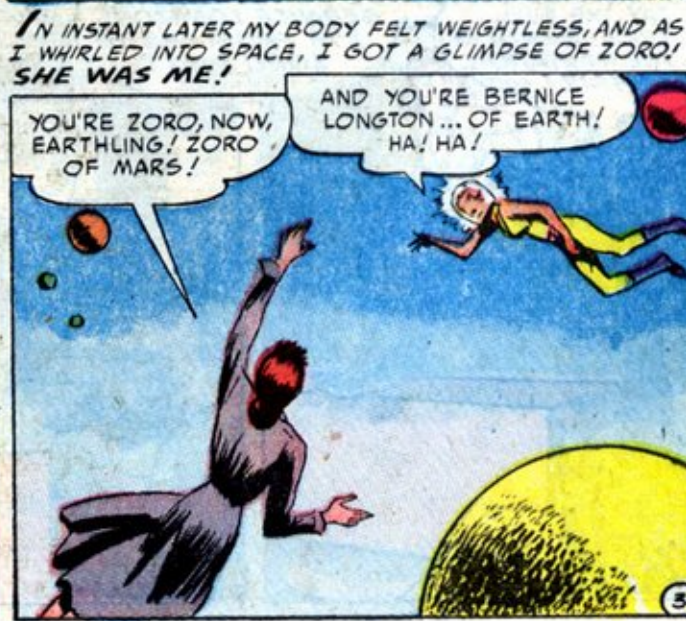
W-WHAT DO YOU WANT?





SUDDENLY IT SEEMED AS IF MY FLESH WERE BEING RIPPED FROM ME...MY MIND WHIRLED, AND I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS...

AND THEN, STANDING BEFORE ME, IN THE MIDDLE OF TWO WORLDS, WAS ZORO...



SUDDENLY THE WHIRLING STOPPED! I FOUND MYSELF ON A COT IN A STRANGE ROOM...

I DID IT! I CHEATED DEATH! I'M FREE ... AND ZORO WILL DIE IN MY PLACE! HA! HA!



AS I TOOK STOCK OF MY NEW SURROUNDINGS I NOTICED THERE WERE NO WINDOWS IN THE ROOM... AND WHEN I TRIED THE DOOR...

KNOCK!

IT'S LOCKED! LET ME OUT! LET ME OUT!



WHY DO YOU SHOUT LIKE THAT, ZORO? YOU MUST KNOW IT IS USELESS!

YES! SAVE YOUR DIGNITY! COME QUIETLY!

W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



THEY LED ME DOWN A LONG CORRIDOR AND INTO A LARGE ROOM...A ROOM WHERE AN IMMENSE COILED CHAIR STOOD!

IT IS TIME TO PAY THE PRICE FOR YOUR CRIME, ZORO!

C-CRIME? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, AND... AND W-WHAT'S THAT CHAIR?

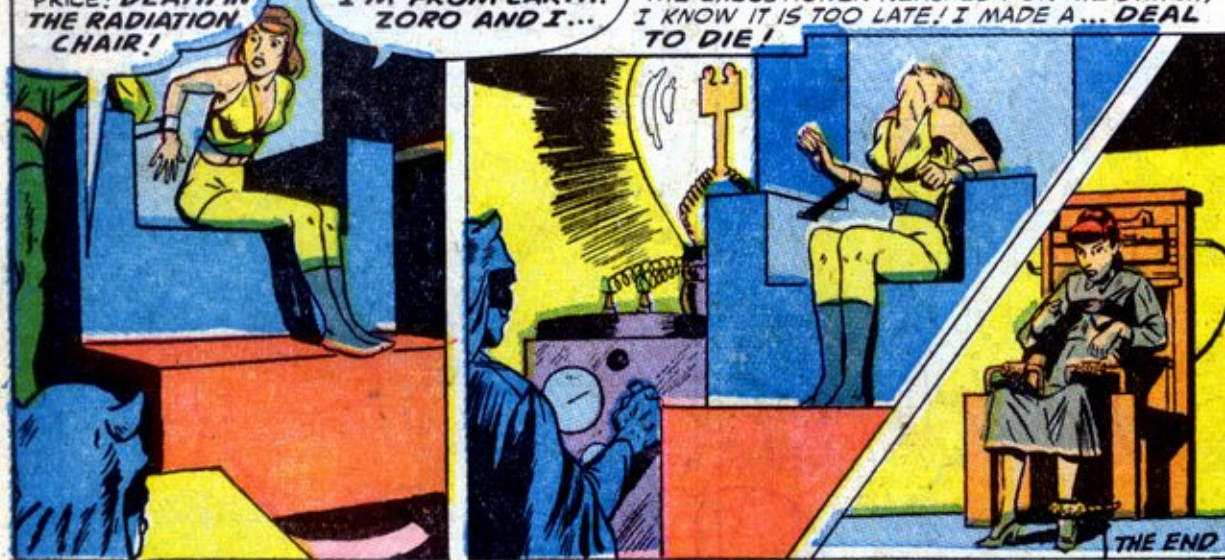
STOP PRETENDING, ZORO! YOU KNOW WHY YOU'RE HERE!



FOR KILLING YOUR HUSBAND, SPACE CAPTAIN VENTRA MARCO, YOU MUST PAY THE FULL PRICE! DEATH IN THE RADIATION CHAIR!

NO! NO! WAIT! YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE! I'M NOT ZORO! I'M BERNICE LONGTON! I'M FROM EARTH! ZORO AND I...

BUT THEY WOULDN'T LISTEN... AND NOW, AS THE EXECUTIONER REACHES FOR THE SWITCH, I KNOW IT IS TOO LATE! I MADE A... DEAL TO DIE!



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