

THIS IS IT! YES, INDEED, GENTLE READER, SCIENCE FICTION HAS FINALLY COME INTO ITS OWN! YOU HAVE READ STORIES ABOUT ADVENTURES IN SPACE! SPACE IS SWEEPING THE COUNTRY! AND NOW WILD COMICS GUARANTEES THAT THIS STORY WILL GIVE YOU MORE SPACE PER PAGE THAN ANY COMIC BOOK ON THE MARKET! NO OTHER COMIC BOOK CAN MAKE THAT STATEMENT! (NO OTHER COMIC WOULD WANNA!)

MENACE FROM MARS

by *HomePost*
WILD'S SPECIAL
SPACE EXPERT.

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HOW'S THIS FOR SPACE? WE ASK YOU, HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SUCH PURTY SPACE? THIS IS AN AUTHENTIC AND UNRETOUCHED PICTURE OF OUTER SPACE DRAWN BY ONE OF OUR STAR CARTOONISTS... (STAR CARTOONIST-- OUTER SPACE-- GET IT?) YOU THINK IT'S EASY TO GET AUTHENTIC PICTURES OF SPACE LIKE THE ONE ABOVE? WELL, IT AIN'T! THE STORY YOU ARE ABOUT TO READ WILL REVEAL THE STRANGE FACTS BEHIND ONE OF THE PLANETS IN SPACE -- MARS....

SCENE: THE OFFICE OF GRABS ASTRO, SCIENCE FICTION EDITOR OF WILD!

HOW LONG YOU BEEN DRAWING FOR US, MARVIN?



A HUNDERT YEARS, SIR! WHY, SIR? IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG, SIR?



IS THERE EDDYTHIG WRAWG HE ASKS!

OF COURSE SOMETHING'S WRONG, YOU IDIOT! LOOK AT THIS DRAWING OF A GIRL FROM THE PLANET MARS! DO YOU CALL THIS REALISTIC? THE READERS WON'T BELIEVE IT! I WANT YOU TO GET AUTHENTIC PICTURES OF A GIRL FROM OUTER SPACE, YA HEAR ME?



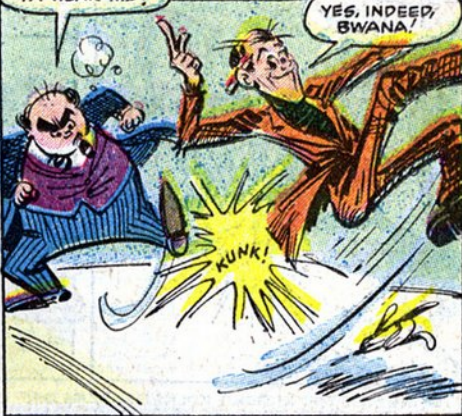
BUT LISSEN, SIR-- HOW'M I GONNA GET PICTURES OF GIRLS FROM OUTER SPACE? MY MOTHER ONLY ALLOWS ME TO GO OUT WITH GIRLS FROM BROOKLYN! ANSWER ME THAT, SIR?

I LIKE YOU, MARVIN! YOU'RE A KLEAN-KUT-KID... AND THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION! YOU MIGHT TRY GETTING SOME REFERENCE AT THE PUBLIC LI-BERRY! DO LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE DOES, SWIPE DRAWINGS FROM OTHER ARTISTS...



I DON'T CARE HOW YOU GET THOSE PICTURES, BOY! GO TO OUTER SPACE IF YOU HAVE TO... BUT GET THOSE PICTURES! YA HEAR ME?

YES, INDEED, BWANA!



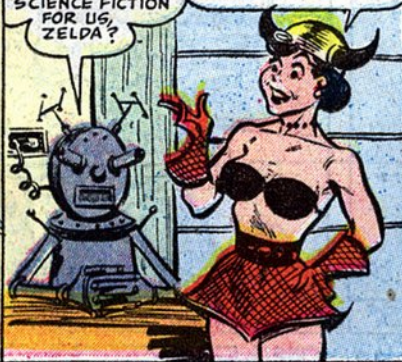
MEAN- WHILE...

SCENE: THE OFFICE OF NIVRAM GLOOTZ, EDITOR OF PAZZO MAGAZINE, BEST SELLING SPACE COMIC ON MARS...

HOW LONG YOU BEEN DRAWING SCIENCE FICTION FOR US, ZELDA?

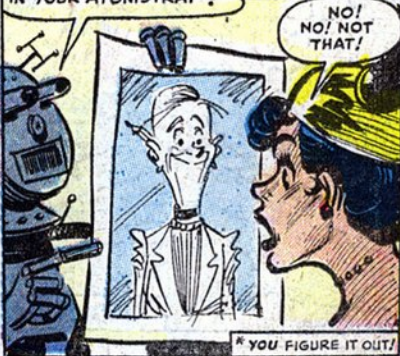
13 EONS, SIR! WHY, SIR? ANYTHING WRONG?

OUT IN OUTER SPACE...



YES, INDEED, THERE IS BABY DOLL! I'VE BEEN TO GETTING TELEPATHIC REITERATIONS FROM OUR READERS, AND THEY SAY YOUR DRAWINGS OF EARTH PEOPLE AIN'T FOR REAL! EITHER I GET BETTER WORK FROM YOU OR I WILL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO TURN IN YOUR ATOMSTRAT*!

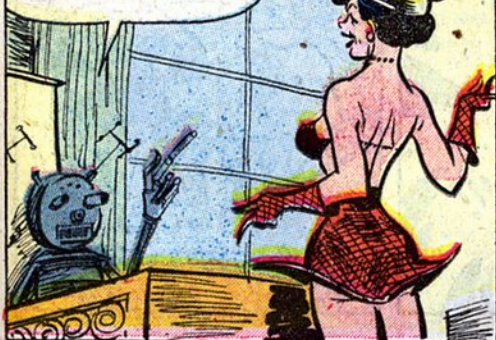
NO! NO! NOT THAT!



* YOU FIGURE IT OUT!

THEN YOU'D BETTER GET DOWN TO EARTH QUICK, DEARIE, AND FETCH ME SOME AUTHENTIC PITCHERS OF AN EARTH MAN! YOU WILL HAVE TO USE THE COMPANY'S SPACE SHIP!

YOU MEAN THE KNOCKIT ROCKET?

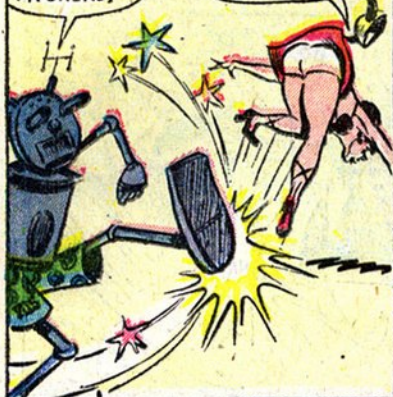


I MEAN THE **KNOCKIT ROCKET!** TAKE THESE KEYS AND PUT 'EM IN YOUR POCKET... TO START THE SHIP YOU FIRST UNLOCK IT, TURN THE SOCKET, ROLL IT, ROCK IT, SLOWLY KNOCK IT TILL THE CROCK IS ON THE STOCK OF THE, SPROCKET! THEN YOU DOCK IT! IS THAT CLEAR?

WOULD YOU MIND REPETATING THE QUESTION, SIR?



NOW GET GOING,
DEARIE, AND
BRING BACK
THOSE
PITCHERS!



YES, SIR!
I SURE GET A
KICK OUTTA
YOU, SIR!

AND SO OUR DEAR
MARTIAN YOUNG LADY
MAKES FOR THE KNOCKIT
ROCKET WHICH WILL TAKE
HER INTO OUTER SPACE
ON ONE OF THE STRANGEST
ADVENTURES EVER
UNFOLDED!

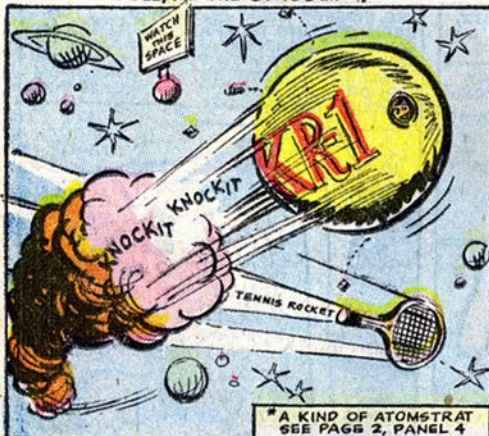


ONCE INSIDE...

KNOCK OFF!

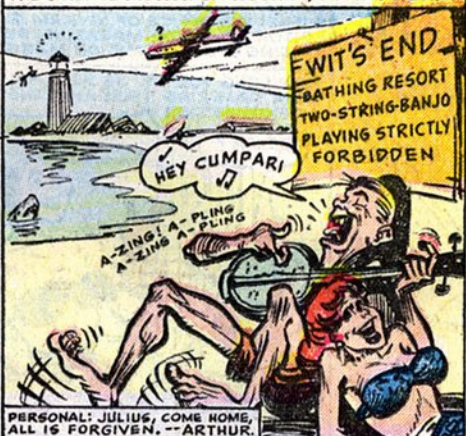


IN AN INSTANT THE KNOCKIT ROCKET KNOCKS OFF
INTO OUTER SPACE WITH ZELDA, THE MARTIAN
DOLL, AT THE GYROBLIP*!



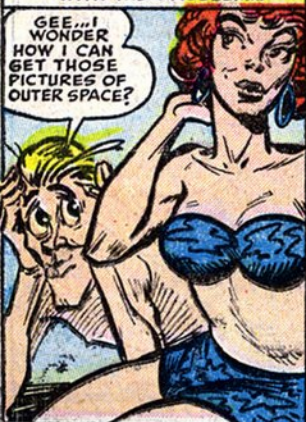
*A KIND OF ATOMSTRAT
SEE PAGE 2, PANEL 4

MEANWHILE, BACK ON EARTH, WE FIND MARVIN
THE SCIENCE FICTION CARTOONIST, AT WIT'S END...



PERSONAL: JULIUS, COME HOME,
ALL IS FORGIVEN. --ARTHUR.

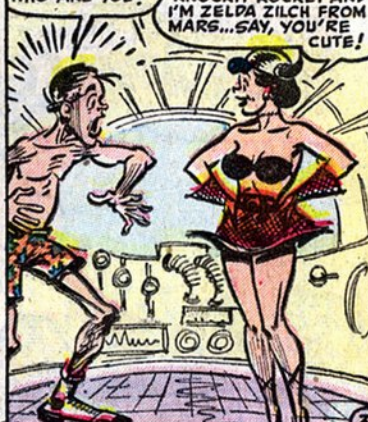
MARVIN IS STILL FACE-TO-FACE
WITH HIS PROBLEM...

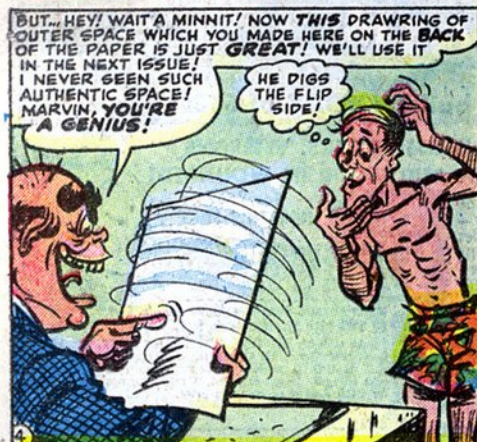


SUDDENLY... A BLINDING
FLASH...



W-WHERE AM I?
WHO ARE YOU?





WELL, NOW YOU KNOW HOW WE GOT THAT BEAUTIFUL SHOT OF OUTER SPACE ON PAGE ONE! PERHAPS YOU ARE WONDERING WHAT'EVER BECAME OF MARVIN, THE SCIENCE FICTION CARTOONIST! WELL, HE AND ZELDA OPENED A MALTED STAND OUT ON THE MILKY WAY AND THEY'RE DOING VERY WELL, THANK YOU!



BIG NEWS "STOP THE PRESSES!" THE WOLF MAN™ IS IN **CRAZY COMICS**... NOW ON SALE! IF YOU DON'T BUY IT, YOU'LL HAVETA TURN IN YOUR STRAIT JACKETS!