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MERLIN JONES

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**THE
MISADVENTURES
OF
MERLIN
JONES**

**MERLIN'S
scientific experiments
shouldn't happen to
a chimpanzee...
but they do!**



THE MISADVENTURES OF MERLIN JONES



For lovely Jennifer, there's no one quite like wacky science student Merlin Jones.



But Jen has her problems. What will happen when Merlin electrifies his own brain?



Jen soon finds out. A cat begins to think like a lion, and dogs take to the trees.



A wayward judge finds himself involved in the bizarre case of the kidnaped chimp.



And Stanley, the chimp in question, begins to cultivate a few long-neglected talents.



Which leaves Merlin wondering what to do with one slightly-fractured football star.

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**THE MISADVENTURES OF
MERLIN JONES**

IN THE SCIENCE LABORATORY AT MIDVALE COLLEGE, MERLIN JONES IS EXPLAINING HIS NEWEST EXPERIMENT TO JENNIFER, WHEN THEY ARE INTERRUPTED...

WELL, WELL!
WHAT'S THE **BIG
BRAIN** DOING NOW?
GOING OUT FOR
FOOTBALL?

QUIET, LUNKHEAD! THESE
INSTRUMENTS ARE RECORDING
MY BRAIN WAVES! BUT **YOU**
WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND,
MISTER FOOTBALL!

AREN'T YOU
SUPPOSED TO BE
FEEDING THE
ANIMALS IN THE
LAB, NORMAN?



THEY CAN WAIT! I CAME HERE TO SEE
YOU, JEN! I'VE DECIDED TO TAKE **YOU**
TO THE LETTERMAN'S DANCE
SATURDAY NIGHT!

SORRY, NORMAN!
I HAVE A DATE WITH
MERLIN!



YOU'RE MAKING
A BAD MISTAKE,
JEN! I'M A **BIG
MAN** ON CAMPUS
NOW AND...!

YOU HEARD
WHAT JENNIFER
SAID, **BIG MAN!**
RUN ALONG AND
FEED THE
ANIMALS!



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NORMAN FINALLY DEPARTS AND...

YOU PROMISED TO DRIVE ME TO TOWN... REMEMBER?

OKAY! BUT WE'LL TAKE THE STUFF WITH US! HERE, READ THIS AND YOU'LL SEE WHY!

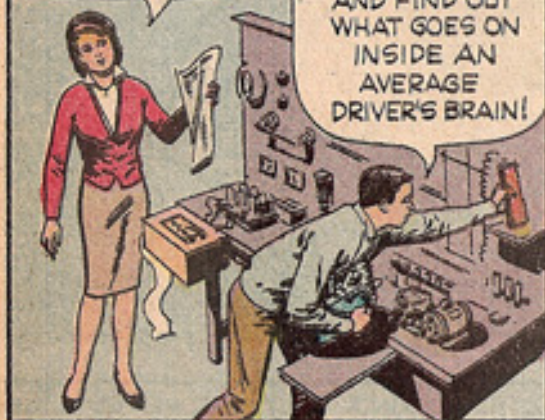


"JUDGE HOLMSBY CRACKS DOWN ON TRAFFIC VIOLATORS AND WARNS MIDVALE COLLEGE STUDENTS HE WILL METE OUT MAXIMUM PENALTIES FOR ALL VIOLATIONS!"



WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH TAKING THIS STUFF ALONG?

I'M GOING TO HOOK MYSELF IN WHILE I DRIVE... AND FIND OUT WHAT GOES ON INSIDE AN AVERAGE DRIVER'S BRAIN!



THAT'S RIDICULOUS, MERLIN!

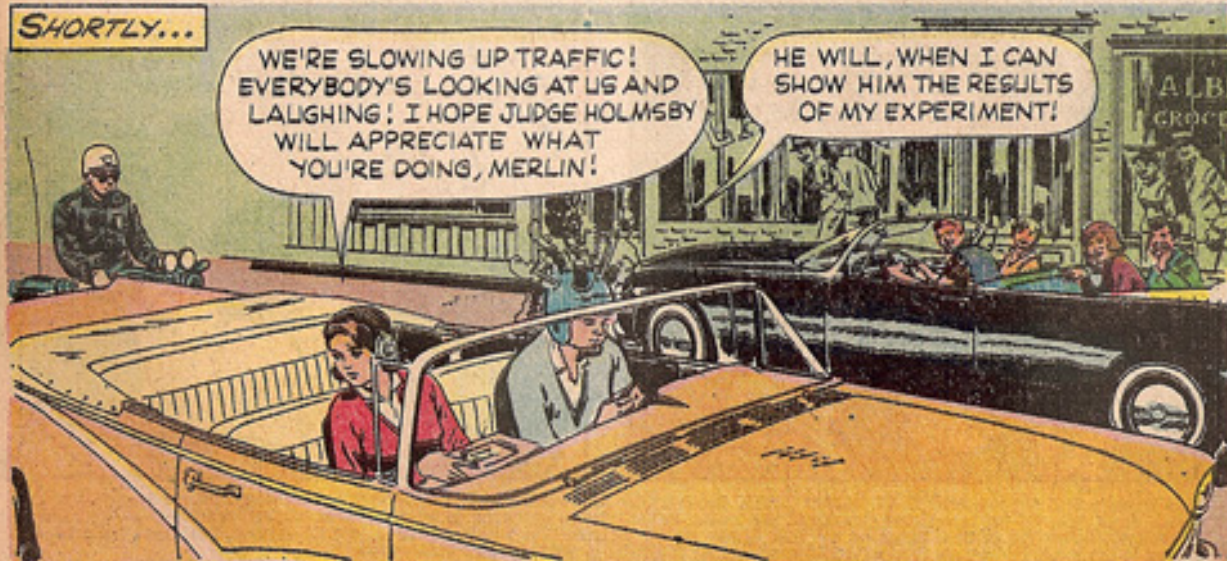
SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS OFTEN SEEM RIDICULOUS AT FIRST! BUT, I DON'T MIND LOOKING RIDICULOUS, IF I CAN FIND THE CAUSE OF TRAFFIC PROBLEMS!



SHORTLY...

WE'RE SLOWING UP TRAFFIC! EVERYBODY'S LOOKING AT US AND LAUGHING! I HOPE JUDGE HOLMSBY WILL APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'RE DOING, MERLIN!

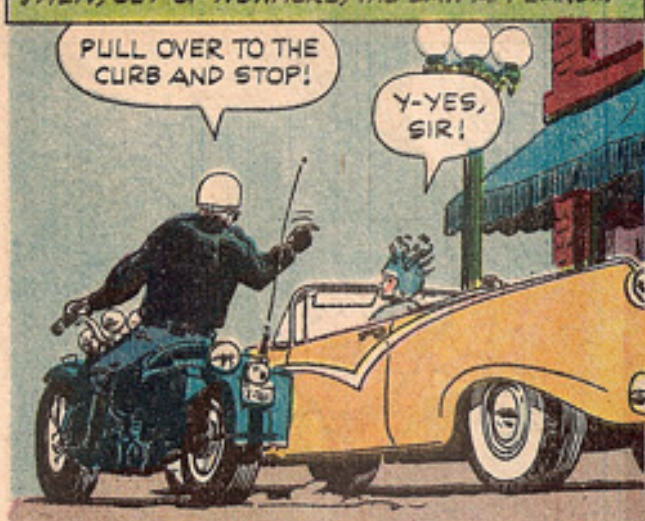
HE WILL, WHEN I CAN SHOW HIM THE RESULTS OF MY EXPERIMENT!



THEN, OUT OF NOWHERE, THE LAW APPEARS...

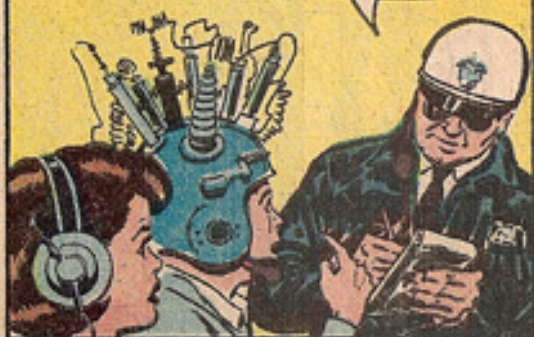
PULL OVER TO THE CURB AND STOP!

Y-YES, SIR!



BUT, OFFICER, I CAN EXPLAIN...

DO YOUR EXPLAINING TO JUDGE HOLMSBY! YOU COLLEGE KIDS HAVE TO LEARN YOU CAN'T FOOL AROUND IN TRAFFIC!



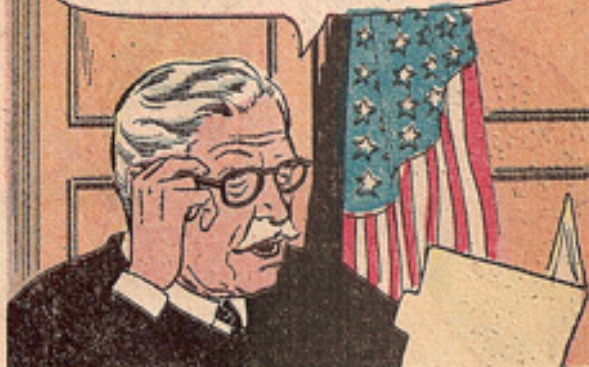
MERLIN AND JENNIFER TRY TO EXPLAIN MERLIN'S EXPERIMENT TO JUDGE HOLMSBY, BUT...

YOUR INTEREST IN SCIENCE IS COMMENDABLE, YOUNG MAN! BUT YOU MUST CONDUCT YOUR EXPERIMENTS IN A LABORATORY, NOT WHILE YOU'RE DRIVING A CAR!



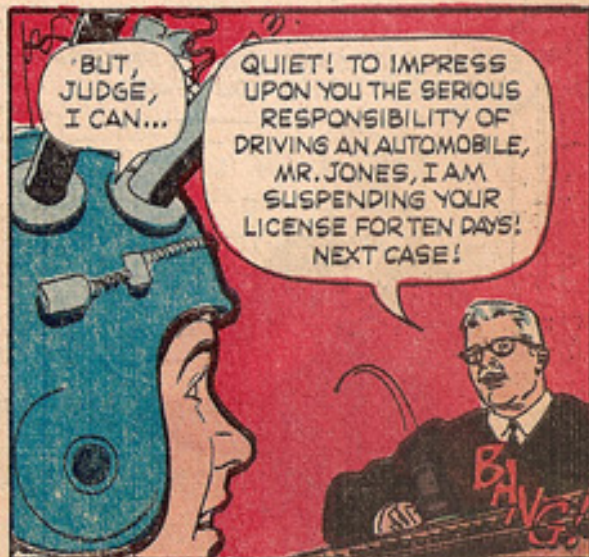
BUT IT'S NECESSARY TO RECORD MY BRAIN WAVES *WHILE* I'M DRIVING, SIR!

YOUR RECORD SHOWS TWO PREVIOUS ARRESTS FOR CREATING TRAFFIC HAZARDS, YOUNG MAN... ONCE WITH A NEW TYPE OF SIREN, AND ONCE WITH GREEN EXHAUST FUMES!



BUT, JUDGE, I CAN...

QUIET! TO IMPRESS UPON YOU THE SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY OF DRIVING AN AUTOMOBILE, MR. JONES, I AM SUSPENDING YOUR LICENSE FOR TEN DAYS! NEXT CASE!



THAT NIGHT, MERLIN IS WORKING ALONE
IN THE SCIENCE LABORATORY, WHEN
A PROFESSOR ARRIVES...

I CAME BACK FOR MY
BRIEF CASE, MERLIN!
HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

IT WAS
OVER...

AS MERLIN TURNS, HIS HELMET TOUCHES
AN EXTENDING WIRE...

TURN
THE
SWITCH
OFF!

I CAN'T
MOVE! YOU
DO IT!

ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT, MERLIN?

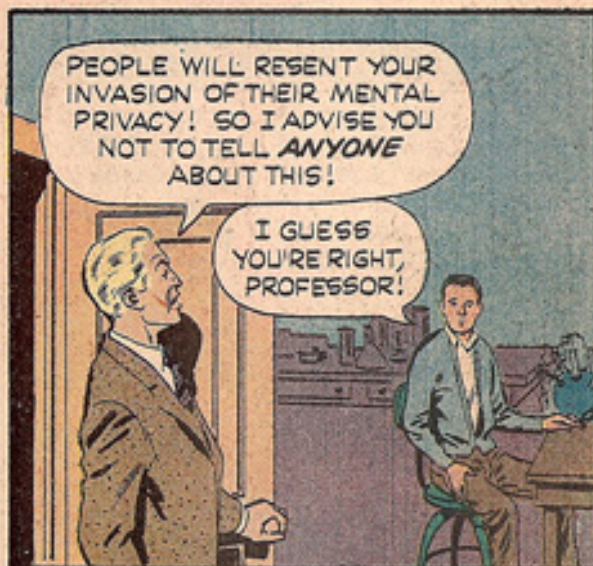
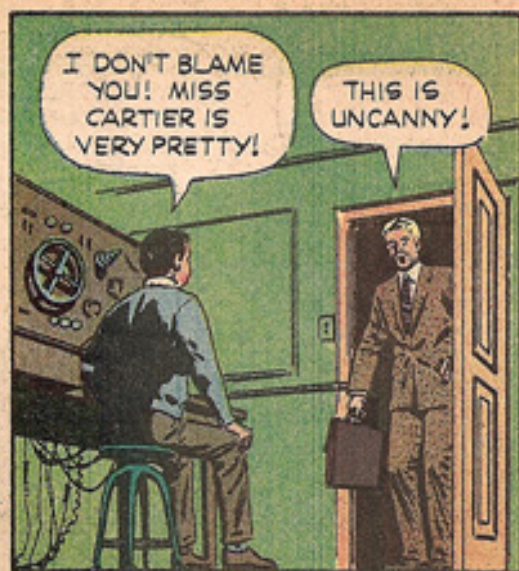
I-I
THINK
SO!

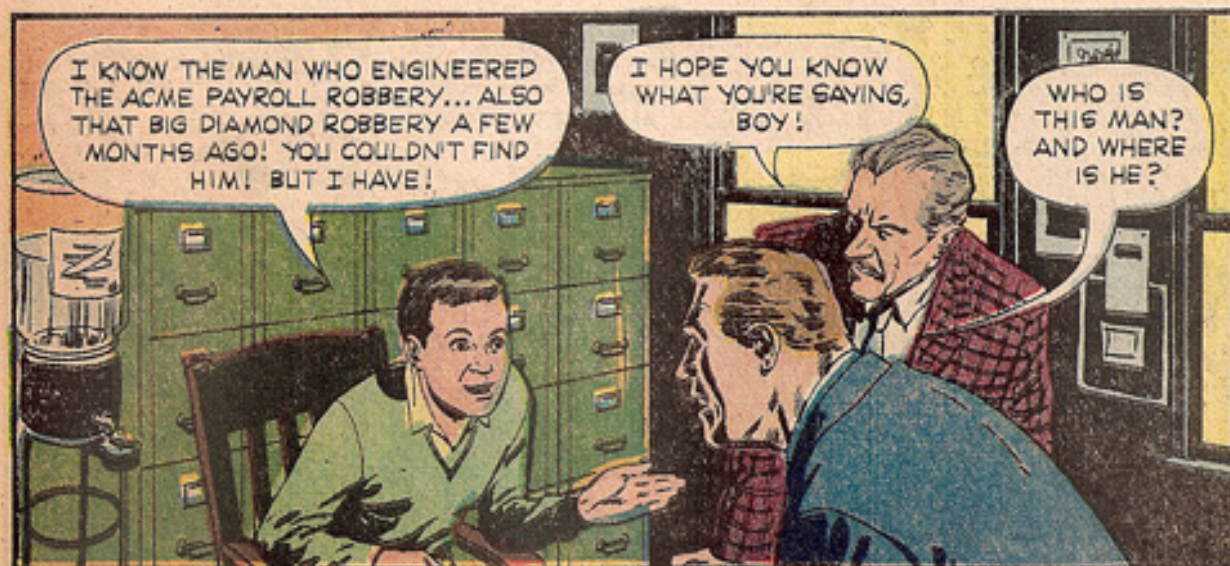
I'VE HAD SOME
STRANGE STUDENTS
IN MY TIME, BUT THIS
KID BEATS THEM
ALL!

I'M NOT
STRANGE,
PROFESSOR!
I'M JUST
CURIOUS!

BUT I DIDN'T SAY THAT... I THOUGHT IT!
SO HOW COULD YOU HEAR ME?

I DON'T KNOW! BUT I DID IT! MAYBE
THAT SHOCK CHARGED MY BRAIN SO IT
RECEIVES THE ELECTRICAL ENERGY
GIVEN OFF BY YOUR THOUGHTS!
I WONDER...!

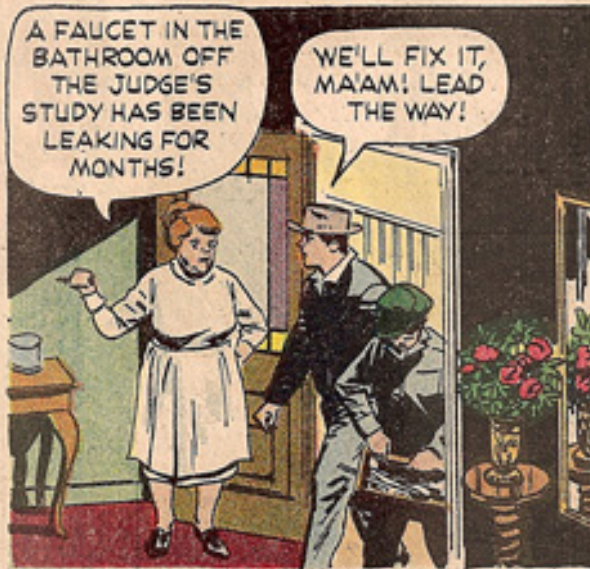
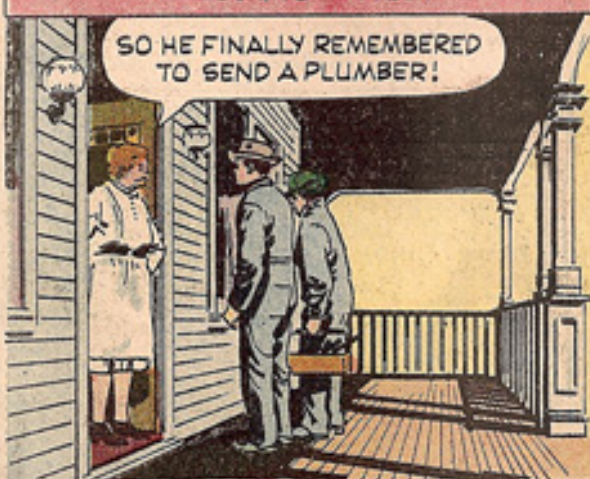








A SHORT TIME LATER, MRS. GOSSETT, THE JUDGE'S HOUSEKEEPER, GREET'S TWO ODD-LOOKING PLUMBERS...



THE HOUSEKEEPER SHOWS THEM THE WAY AND THEN DEPARTS...



AN HOUR LATER, THE LEAK FIXED, MERLIN HELPS IN THE SEARCH...



THEY'RE CRIME STORIES, BY LEX FORTIS!
LOOK AT THE TITLES! **THE PAYROLL
ROBBERY! THE BANK SWINDLE!
THE FORGERY!**

SO WHAT? THE JUDGE LIKES
MYSTERY NOVELS! I DO, TOO!



YOU READ THEM FOR ENTERTAINMENT,
BUT THE JUDGE *GETS* IDEAS FOR HIS
CRIMES FROM THEM! FROM NOW ON,
I'LL SHADOW HIM AND LISTEN TO
ALL HIS THOUGHTS!



NEXT
DAY...

I **MUST** FIND A WAY TO HIDE
THOSE DIAMONDS! PERHAPS I
CAN USE GLORIA MUNDI
FOR THIS!

NOW,
JENNIFER
CAN HELP!



THE JUDGE HAS AN
ACCOMPLICE...GLORIA
MUNDI! SEE IF YOU
CAN FIND HER
ADDRESS IN THE
TELEPHONE
DIRECTORY!

I'LL
DO MY
BEST!



JENNIFER HURRIES AWAY, AND MERLIN
RETURNS TO JUDGE HOLMSBY...

DO YOU CARE FOR
DESSERT, SIR? WE
HAVE HOMEMADE
PEACH PIE TODAY!

THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
HOMEMADE PEACH PIE
MEANS THE COOK HAS
PEACH PITS!

BRING ME A
PLATE OF
PEACH PITS,
YOUNG MAN!



THE PUZZLED MERLIN BRINGS THE PEACH PITS TO THE JUDGE...



IT'S PERFECT! I'LL PUT A DIAMOND IN EACH PIT, AND BURY THEM UNDER A ROSEBUSH! I'LL DO IT THIS AFTERNOON!

ONCE AGAIN, MERLIN HURRIES TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS...



I *KNOW* JUDGE HOLMSBY'S GUILTY, CAPTAIN! I CAN PROVE TO YOU THAT I'M ABLE TO HEAR PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS!

THIS BOY HAS LOST HIS MARBLES!



I HAVE *NOT* LOST MY MARBLES, CAPTAIN! I'M TELLING THE TRUTH! PLEASE LISTEN TO ME!

FINALLY, THE AMAZED OFFICERS LISTEN TO MERLIN'S STORY...



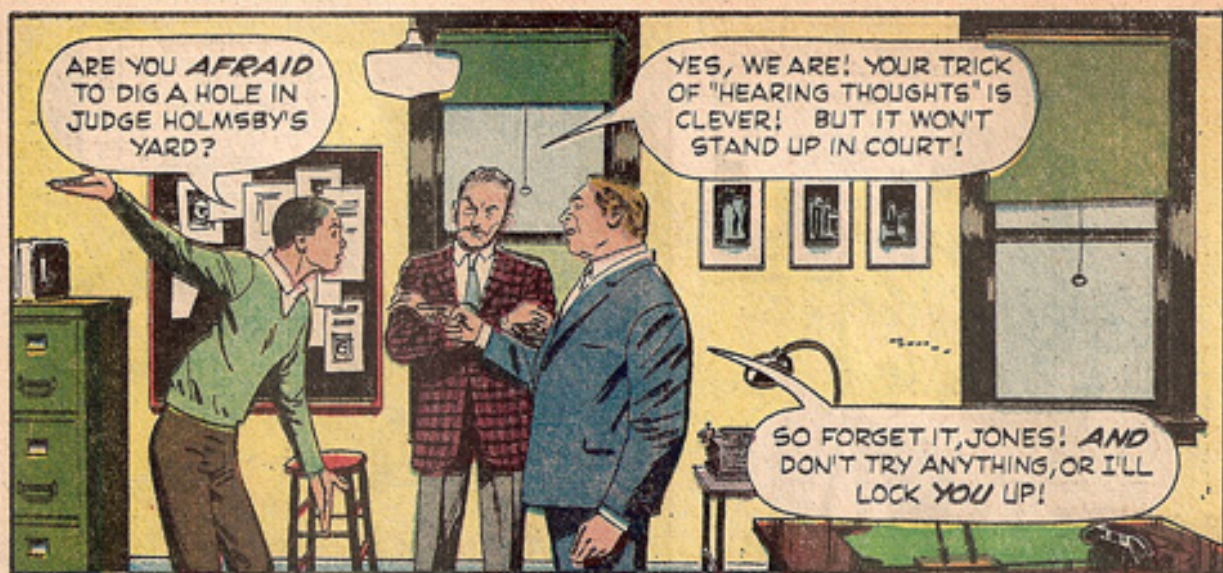
... AND THE JUDGE IS HIDING THE DIAMONDS UNDER A ROSEBUSH IN HIS YARD! WE CAN DIG THEM UP AND *PROVE* HE'S GUILTY!

THE JUDGE HAS HUNDREDS OF ROSE-BUSHES!



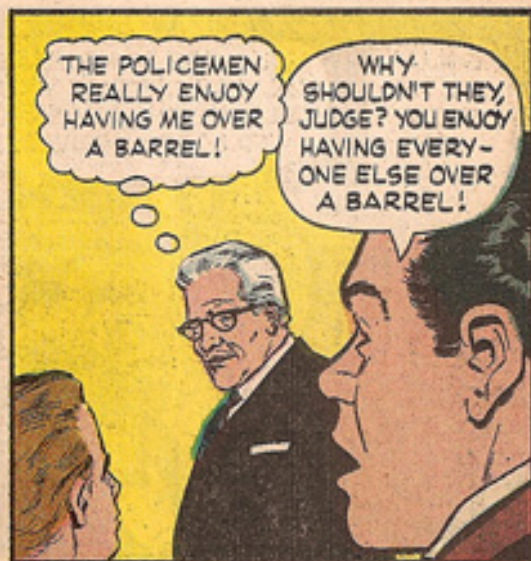
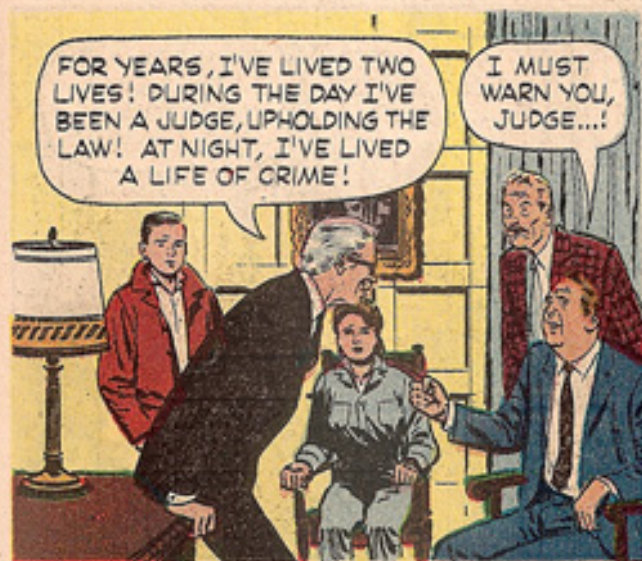
WE'LL DIG TILL WE FIND THE RIGHT ONE!

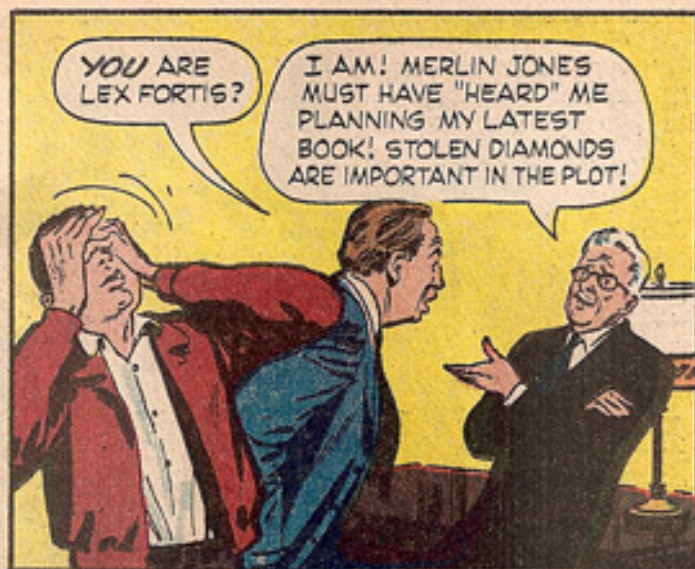
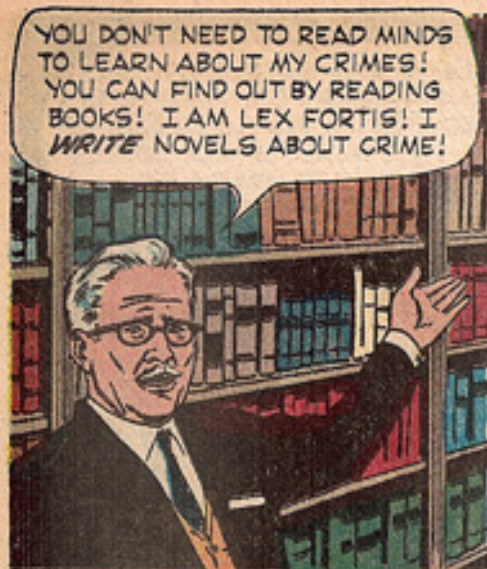
WE CAN'T DIG UP HIS YARD WITHOUT A WARRANT! AND THE JUDGE IS THE ONE WHO WILL HAVE TO SIGN THE WARRANT!



AFTER THE JUDGE DEPARTS...







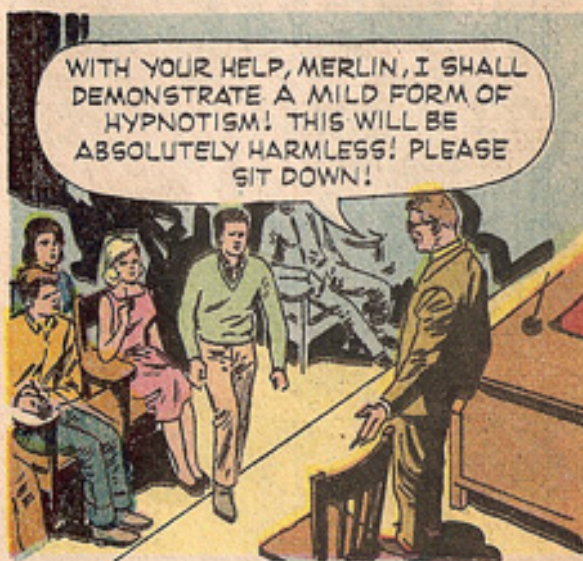
A FEW DAYS LATER, MERLIN REGAINS HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE...



JENNIFER THINKS, MERLIN LISTENS, AND THEN KISSES HER...

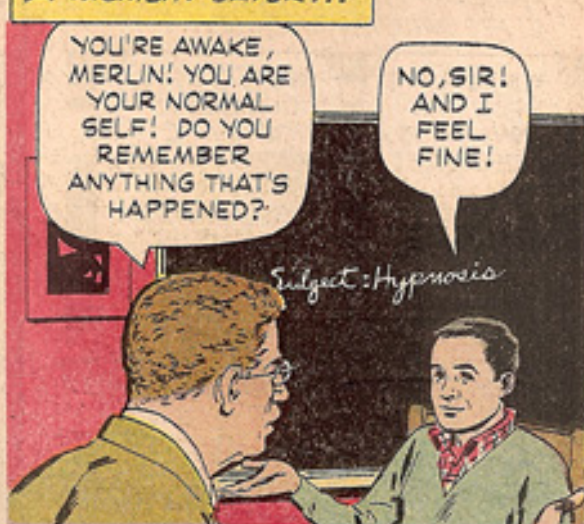


THEY HURRY INTO THE LECTURE HALL AND FIND SEATS...





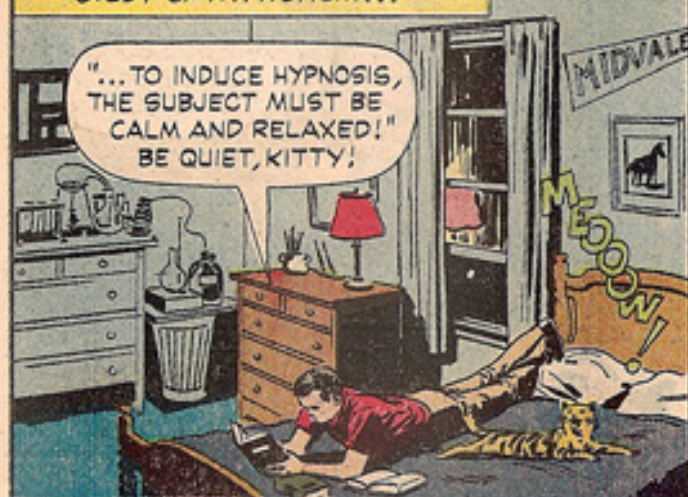
A MOMENT LATER...



AFTER THE LECTURE...



THAT NIGHT, MERLIN BEGINS HIS STUDY OF HYPNOTISM...



MERLIN LETS THE CAT OUT, AND CONTINUES HIS STUDY...



THE SOUNDS OF BATTLE SEND MERLIN RACING OUTSIDE...



COME DOWN! HE'S GONE! DON'T BE SUCH A SCAREDY-CAT! WHY DON'T YOU STAND UP TO THAT DOG JUST ONCE? SAY! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA...



KITTY, YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE MY FIRST EXPERIMENT IN HELPFUL HYPNOSIS! YOU'RE RELAXED AND SLEEPY! YOUR EYES ARE CLOSING...YOU'RE GOING INTO A TRANCE...





A LITTLE LATER...

HERE'S A BANANA, STANLEY!
I KNOW NORMAN TREATS YOU
LIKE A PRISONER! BUT YOU'RE
NOT A PRISONER! YOU
HAVE RIGHTS!

YOU...HERE AGAIN! I'VE
TOLD YOU A DOZEN TIMES
NOT TO FEED THAT
MONKEY BANANAS!

STANLEY IS **NOT**
A MONKEY! HE'S
A CHIMPANZEE,
AND HE LOVES
BANANAS!

I DON'T CARE
IF HE'S KING
KONG! I DON'T
WANT YOU TO
FEED HIM AND
SPOIL HIM!

I WON'T WARN
YOU AGAIN,
JONES! NEXT TIME
I'LL HAVE YOU
BARRED FROM
THE LAB...!

THE BANANA PEEL LANDS IN THE
RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT MOMENT,
AND...

OH!!!

ARE YOU
HURT,
NORMAN?

NO! THAT MONKEY
CAN'T HURT **ME!** BUT
THAT'S WHY I DON'T
WANT HIM TO EAT
BANANAS!



AS MERLIN AND NORMAN GRAPPLE FOR THE YARDSTICK, STANLEY JOINS THE STRUGGLE...



NORMAN STAGGERS BACKWARD AGAINST THE WALL...



GO BACK IN YOUR CAGE, STANLEY! NORMAN'S GOING TO BE PLENTY SORE AT US!

UM-MMM...



STANLEY DARTS INTO HIS CAGE, AS JENNIFER AND A PROFESSOR RUSH INTO THE LAB...

WHAT HAPPENED TO NORMAN?

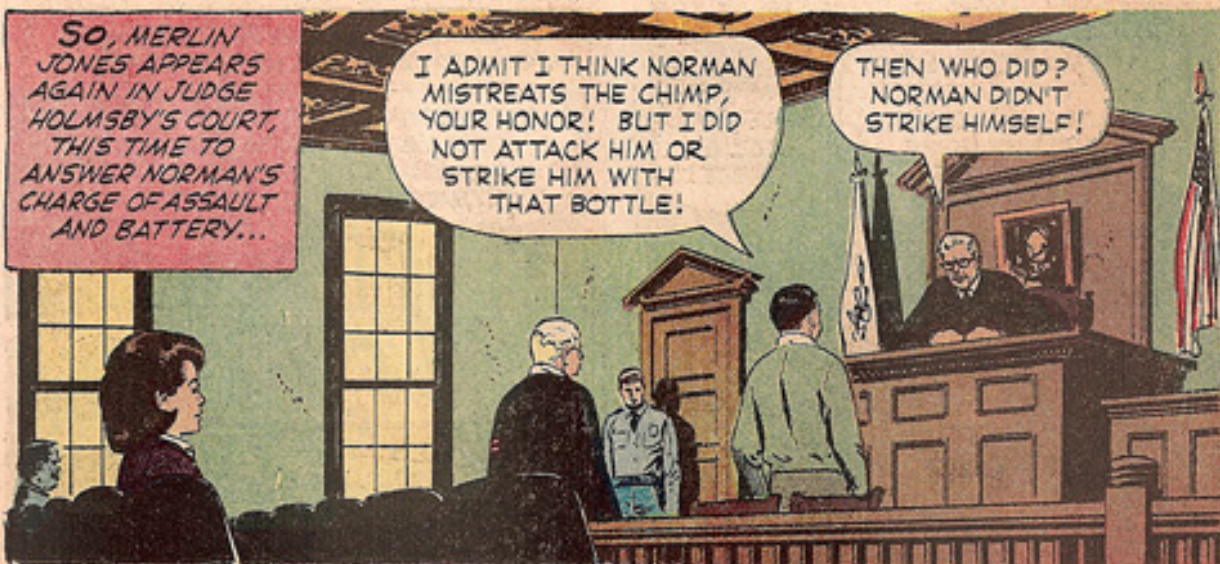
OH, MERLIN... WHY DID YOU DO IT?

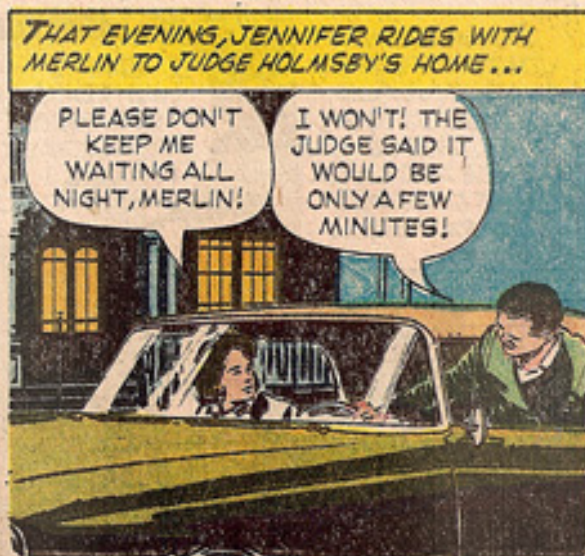
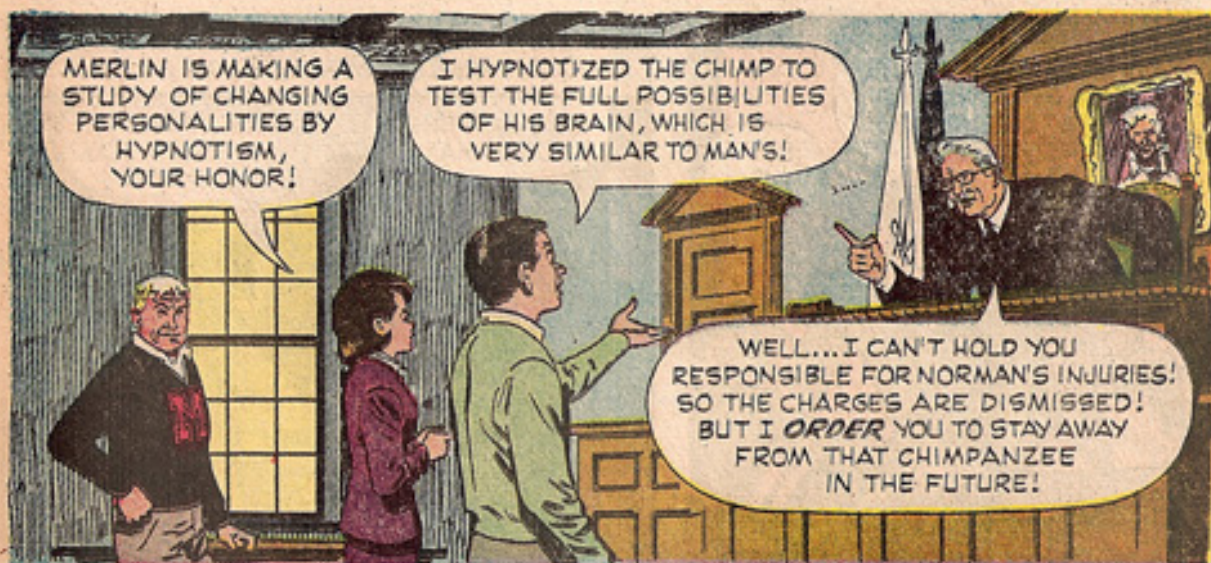
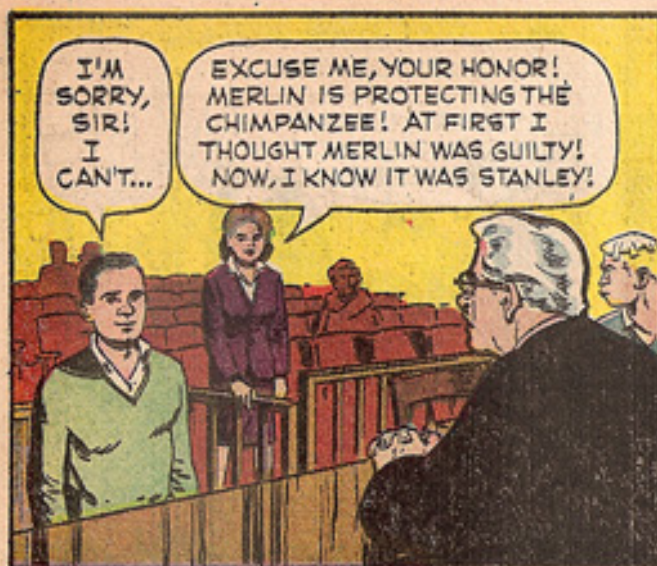


SO, MERLIN JONES APPEARS AGAIN IN JUDGE HOLMSBY'S COURT, THIS TIME TO ANSWER NORMAN'S CHARGE OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY...

I ADMIT I THINK NORMAN MISTREATS THE CHIMP, YOUR HONOR! BUT I DID NOT ATTACK HIM OR STRIKE HIM WITH THAT BOTTLE!

THEN WHO DID? NORMAN DIDN'T STRIKE HIMSELF!





THE JUDGE CORDIALLY WELCOMES MERLIN AND TAKES HIM INTO HIS STUDY...



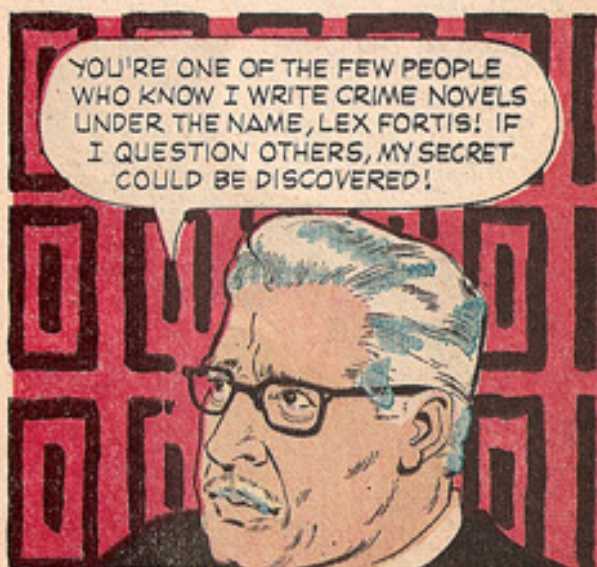
I AM INTERESTED IN YOUR EXPERIMENTS IN HYPNOSIS! YOU'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL WITH A CAT AND A CHIMPANZEE! MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME!

HYPNOTIZING A HUMAN BEING IS A BIG RESPONSIBILITY, SIR! I'M NOT READY FOR IT!



ALL I WANT IS INFORMATION ABOUT HYPNOTIC TECHNIQUES! I PLAN TO USE THEM IN MY NEW BOOK!

I'LL TELL YOU ALL I KNOW! BUT THE PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSORS COULD HELP YOU MORE!



YOU'RE ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE WHO KNOW I WRITE CRIME NOVELS UNDER THE NAME, LEX FORTIS! IF I QUESTION OTHERS, MY SECRET COULD BE DISCOVERED!



I UNDERSTAND, YOUR HONOR! I'LL HELP ALL I CAN!

GOOD! MY STORY IS ABOUT A HIGHLY-RESPECTED CITIZEN WHO COMMITS CRIMES WHILE HE IS HYPNOTIZED! LATER, HE HAS NO MEMORY OF HIS CRIMES!



HE EVEN JOINS IN THE SEARCH FOR THE CRIMINAL!

IT WON'T WORK, JUDGE! MOST AUTHORITIES AGREE THAT AN HONEST MAN CAN'T BE HYPNOTIZED INTO DOING ANYTHING THAT VIOLATES HIS MORAL CODE!



**MERLIN TELLS JENNIFER ABOUT THE EXPERIMENT,
AND THEY WAIT TO SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN . . .**

I BELIEVE THE THEORY THAT AN
HONEST MAN WON'T COMMIT A
CRIME UNDER HYPNOSIS...SO I'M
SURE NOTHING WILL HAPPEN!
IT'S EXACTLY NINE NOW!

AND THERE'S THE
JUDGE! LOOK!



HE'S HEADING TOWARD
THE CAMPUS! HE *IS*
GOING TO STEAL THE
CHIMP! SO THE
THEORY'S WRONG,
OR....!

THERE'S
STILL A
CHANCE
HIS BASIC
HONESTY
WILL
STOP HIM!
LET'S
FOLLOW
HIM!



**THEY TRAIL THE JUDGE TO
THE SCIENCE BUILDING...**

HE WENT INSIDE!
HIS BASIC HONESTY
BETTER HURRY, IF
IT INTENDS TO
STOP HIM!

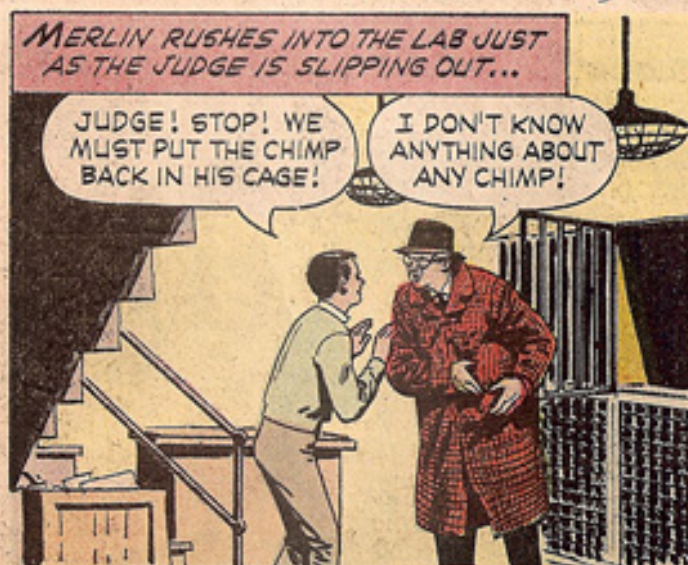
WAIT HERE!
I'M GOING IN!



**MERLIN RUSHES INTO THE LAB JUST
AS THE JUDGE IS SLIPPING OUT...**

JUDGE! STOP! WE
MUST PUT THE CHIMP
BACK IN HIS CAGE!

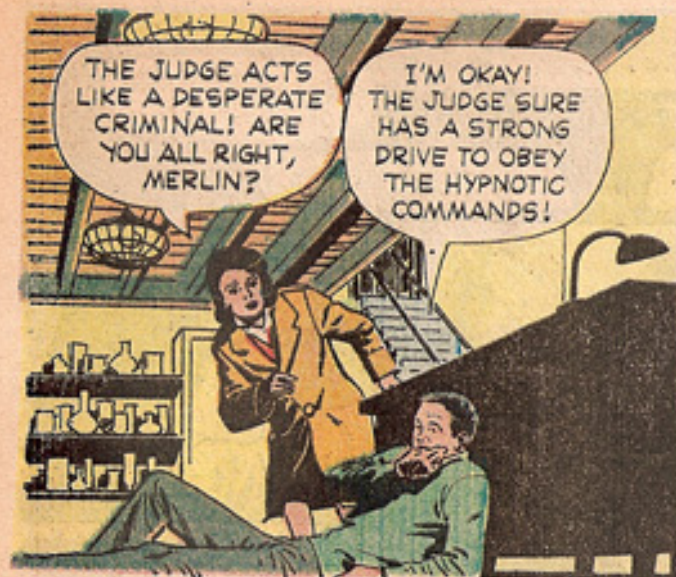
I DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING ABOUT
ANY CHIMP!



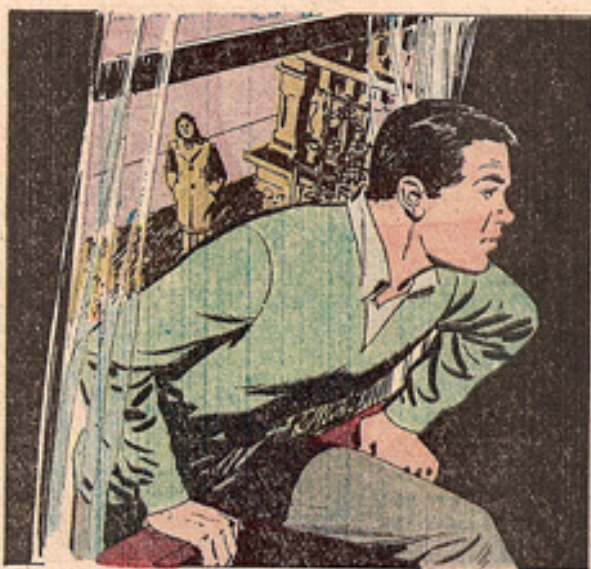
GET OUT OF
MY WAY, BOY!!

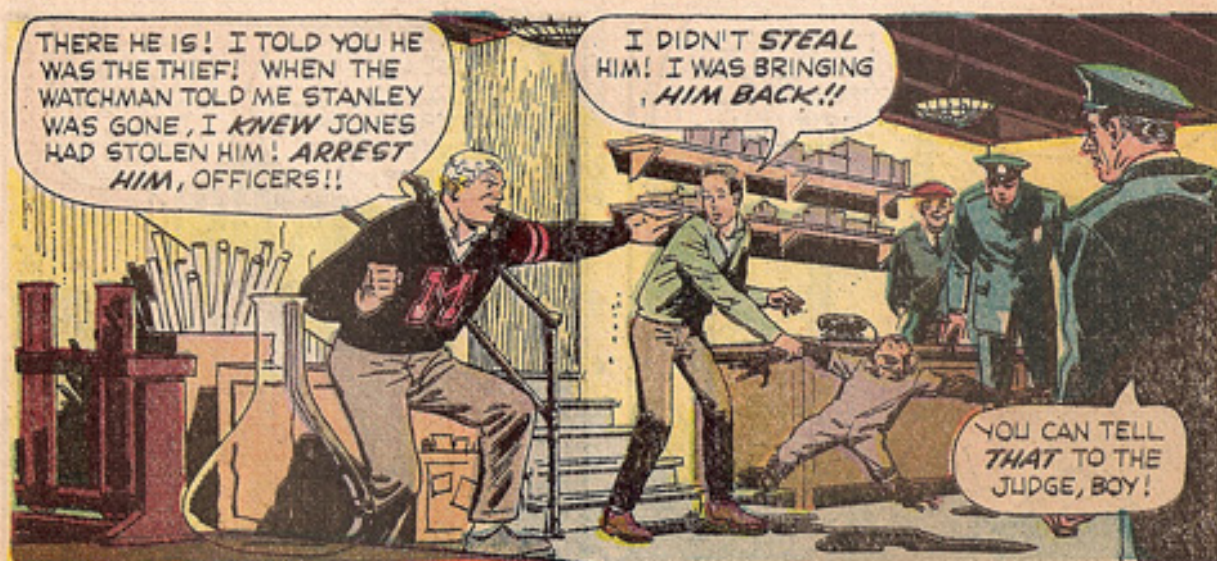
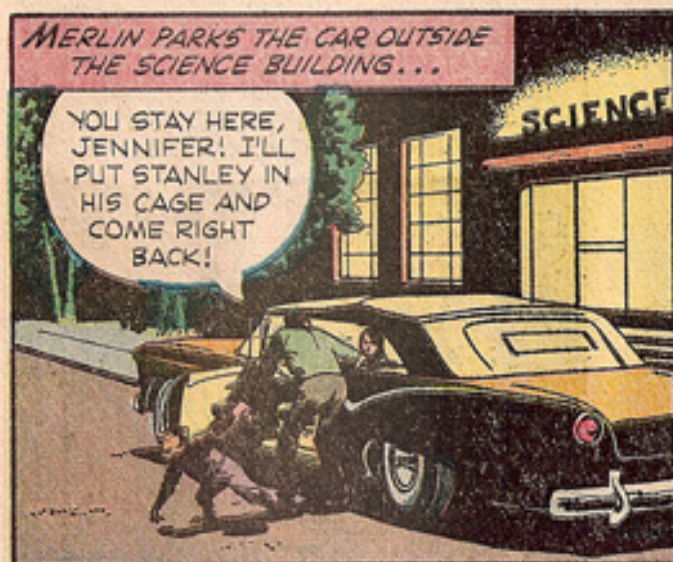
OHhhh!
MERLIN!

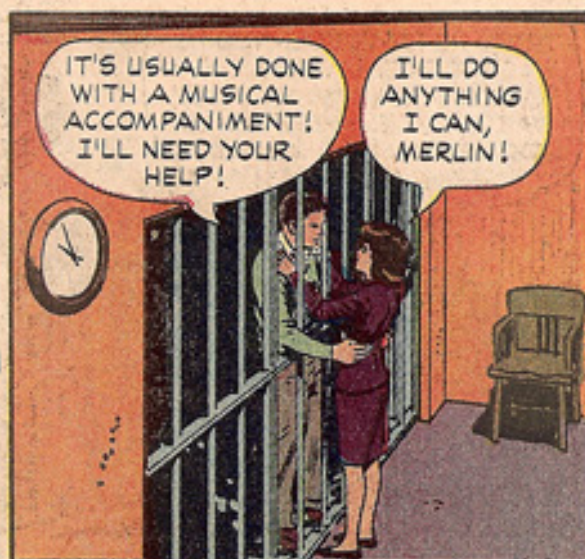




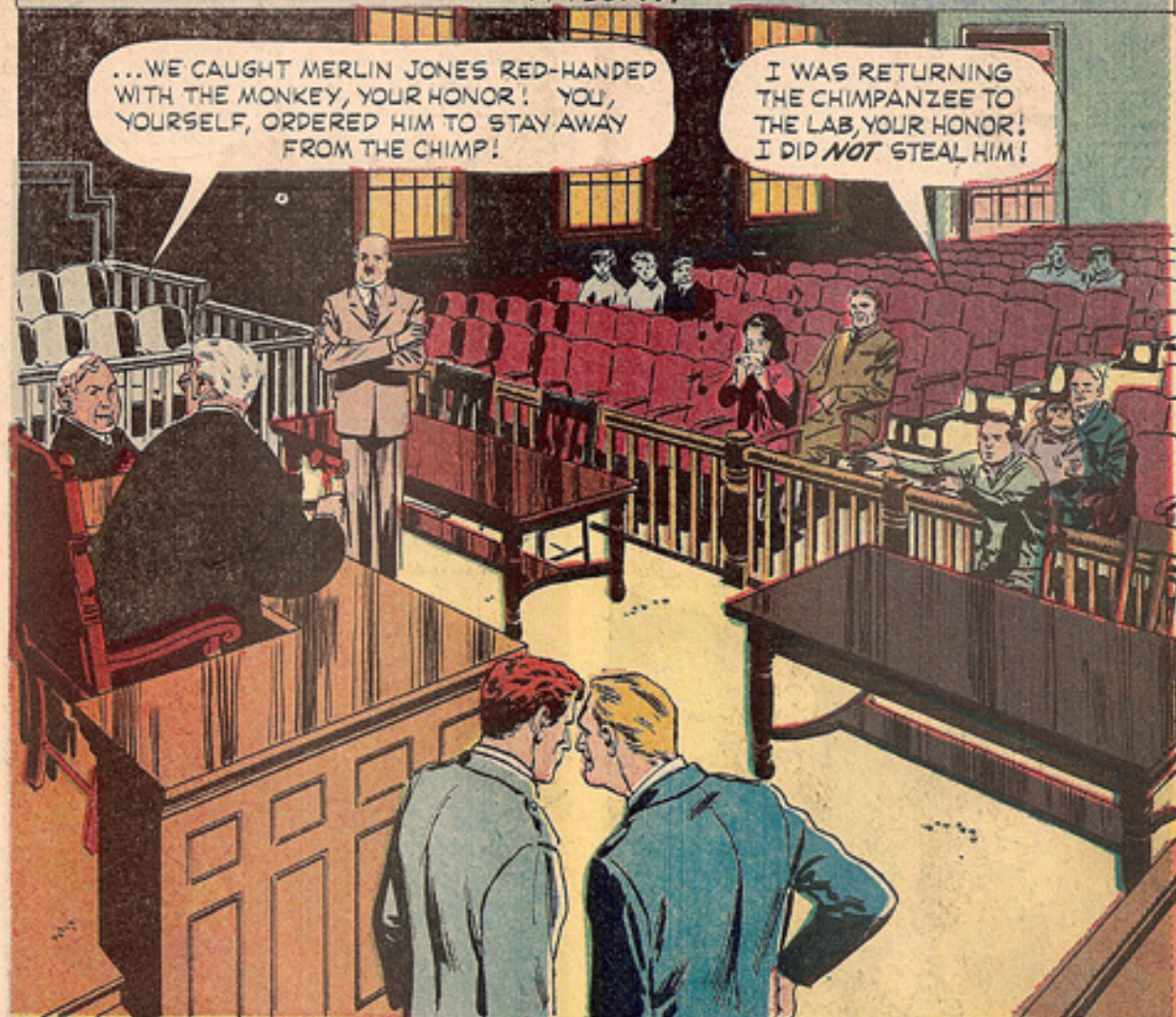
So...







LATER, IN JUDGE HOLMSBY'S COURTROOM, AS NORMAN TESTIFIES AGAINST MERLIN, MERLIN AND JENNIFER PUT THE ORIENTAL SYSTEM OF HYPNOSIS TO A TEST...



...WE CAUGHT MERLIN JONES RED-HANDED WITH THE MONKEY, YOUR HONOR! YOU, YOURSELF, ORDERED HIM TO STAY AWAY FROM THE CHIMP!

I WAS RETURNING THE CHIMPANZEE TO THE LAB, YOUR HONOR! I DID **NOT** STEAL HIM!



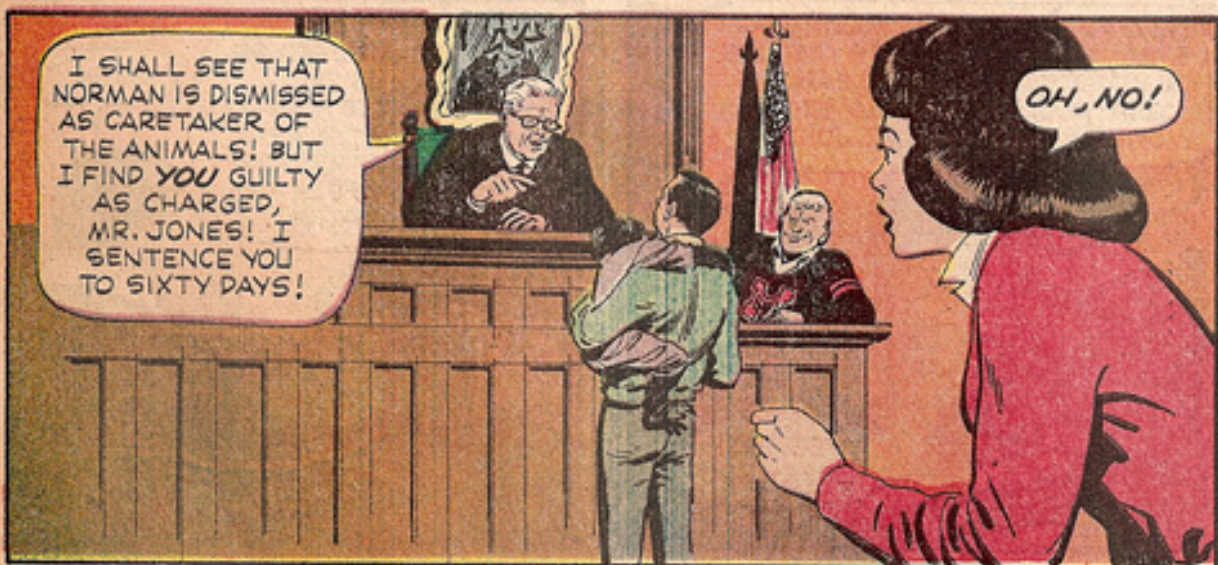
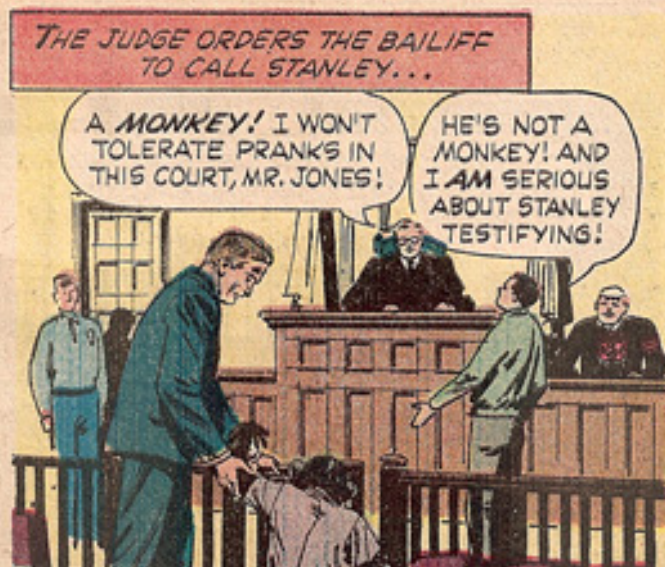
QUIET! SOMEONE IS MAKING A STRANGE NOISE! UNLESS IT STOPS IMMEDIATELY, I WILL CLEAR THE COURTROOM! AND **YOU** STOP MOVING YOUR HANDS, MR. JONES!

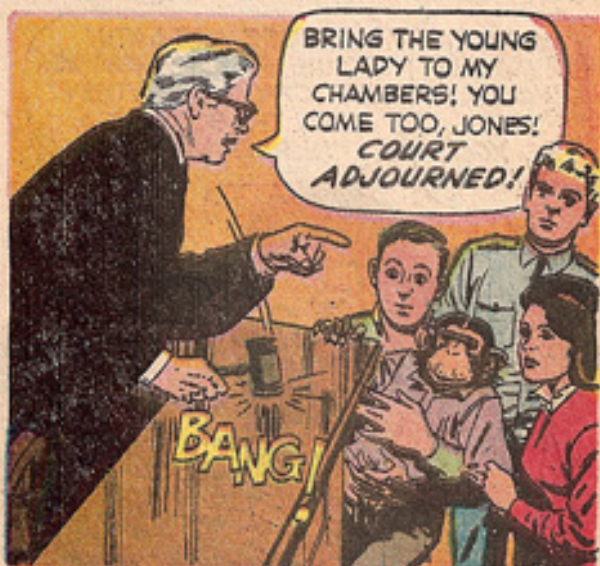
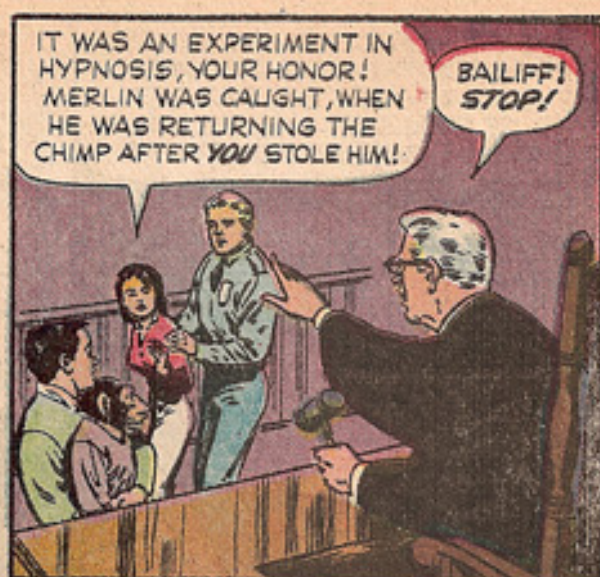
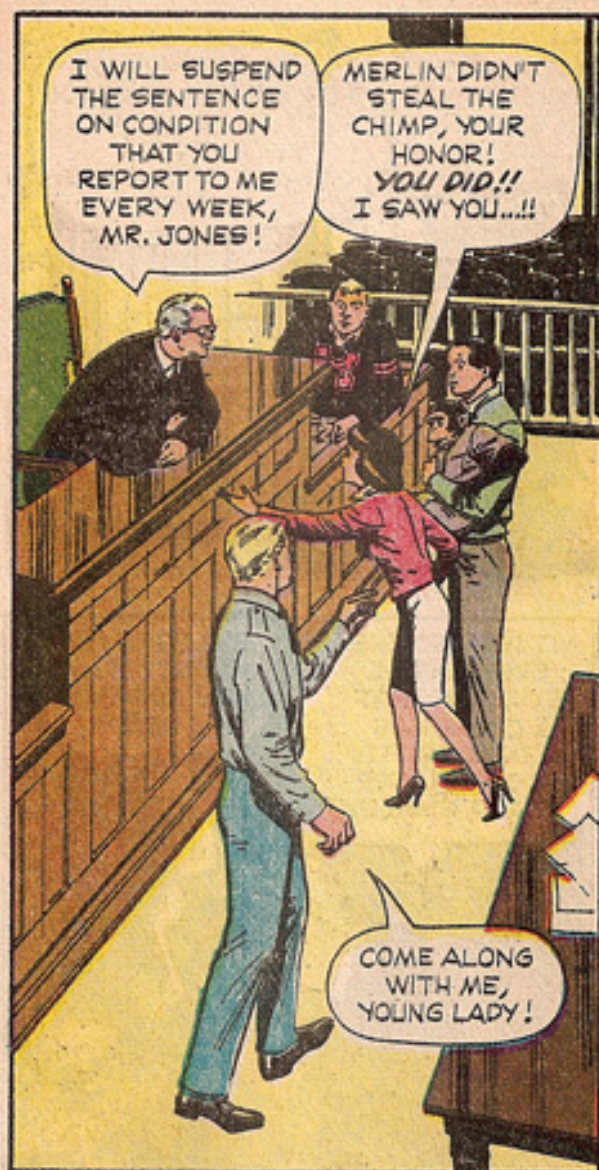
YES, SIR!
SORRY, SIR!

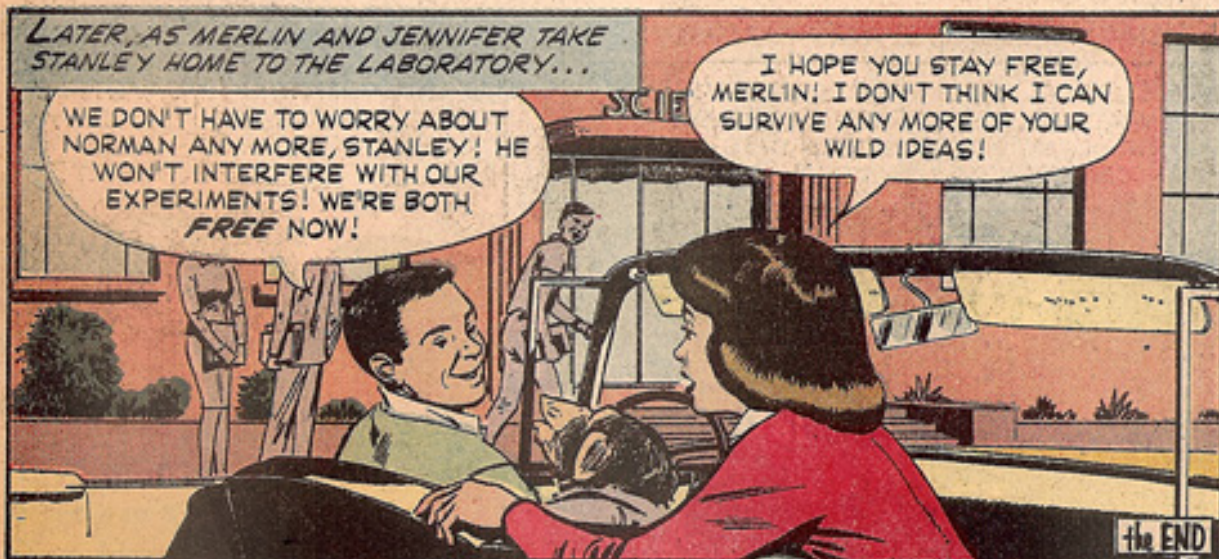
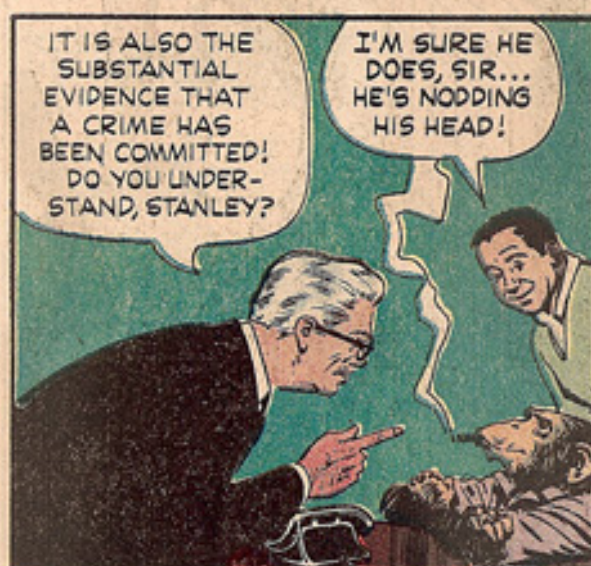
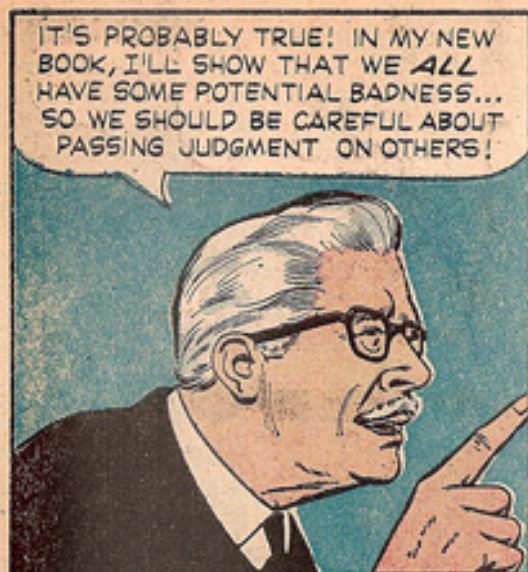


YOU ARE ACCUSED OF STEALING THE CHIMPANZEE FOR SOME EXPERIMENT, IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF MY ORDER! CAN YOU OFFER ANY EXPLANATION?

NO, SIR!









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WILD ANIMALS of NORTH AMERICA

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THE BADGER

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The Badger, found in the United States in many areas, serves a useful function in reducing the supply of the ground squirrels.



A strong animal, 30 inches long and weighing 20 lbs., the Badger knows how to swim, climb, and most important, how to burrow.



The ability to burrow provides the Badger with means for a fast escape. Also he can dig for prairie dogs and ground squirrels.



Nature has provided the Badger with a good defense. In addition to strong teeth and claws, it has an effective scent gland.



Since a Badger will fight back, some men tease it before killing it. "Badger" now has become a term for teasing anything.

THE MISADVENTURES OF MERLIN JONES PIN UP



TOMMY KIRK

ANNETTE FUNICELLO