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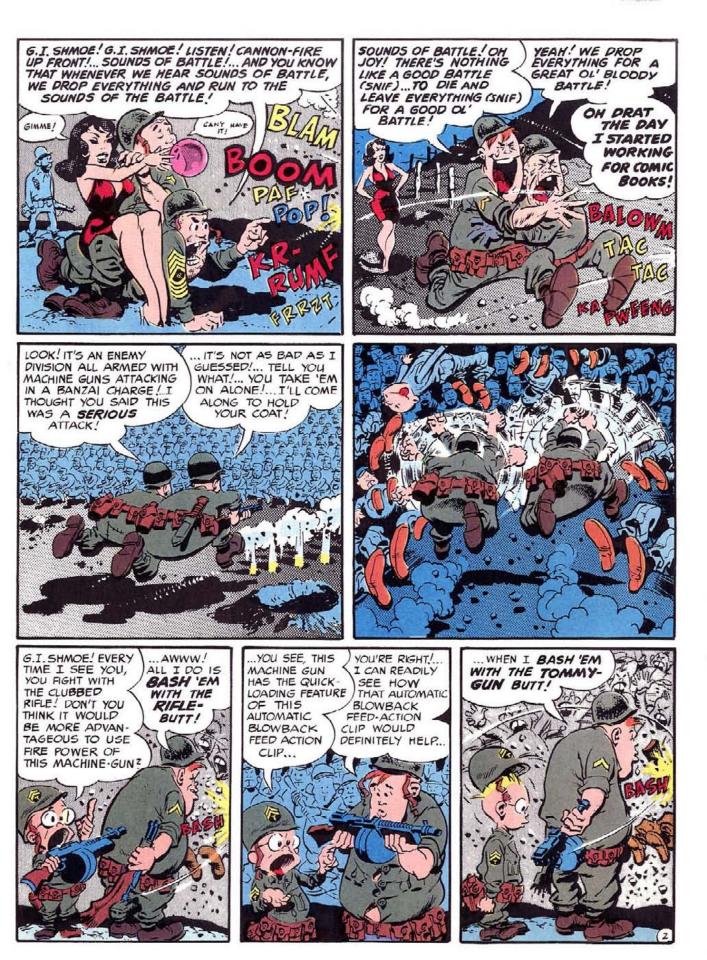
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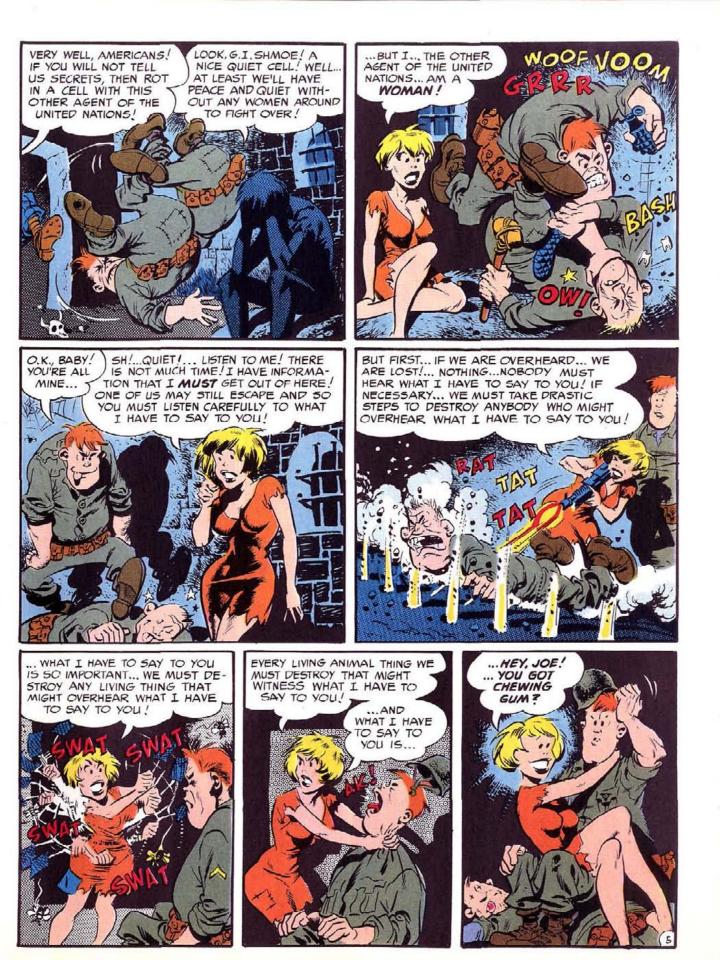
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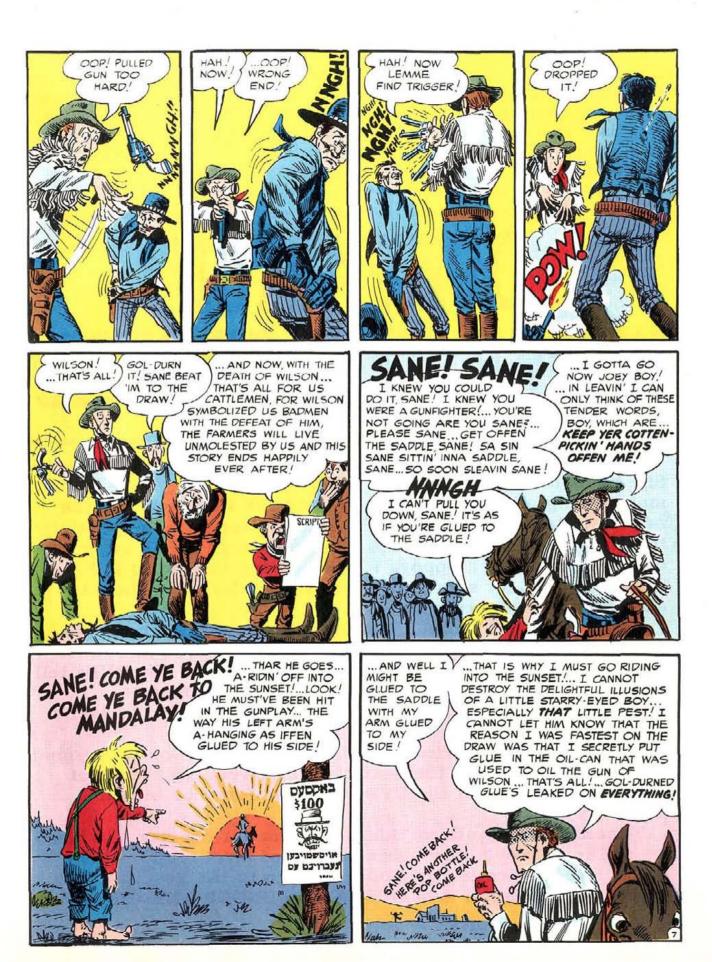






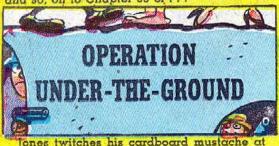






CLOAK AND DAGGER DEPT .: And now, chapter THIRTY-FIVE in the fantastic adventures of SECRET UNDER-MANHOLE-COVER AGENT FIVE FINGERS IONES!

As you remember Jones he was scrounging around the Gremlin disguised as a spyor was he spying around the Gremlin disauised as a scrounge? Any how when we last left Jones, he was being approached by Floppova Movova, luscious blond spy queen of the secret police. At this point Jones left, and so, on to Chapter 35 of ...



Floppova Movova. She hauls him into a bar and orders some vodka. Then he makes a big mistake. He tries to outdrink Floppova and the next minute what does he do? . . . You guessed it! . . . Floppova! Instantly, a BVD whizzes into view and drags Jones away for drunken drinking. Floppova follows, trying in vain to tell the BVD's in short . . . (or shorts. however you prefer) that she was about to prove Jones a spy.

Jones is carted through the Gremlin gates into the office of . . . Lavrenti Buried, Chief of Police. Buried wears red flannel underwear to denote his high rank in the BVD's. The BVD's tell Buried about Jone's Floppova and Floppova's Jones!

"Take him to the torture chamber.", says Buried!" I haven't heard a human scream for a whole minute now."...

... Well, now! Will Buried and his BVD's subject Jones to some horrible torture? Will the next chapter reveal the escape of Jones from Buried of the BVDs? Or will Jones be Buried IN his BVDs'

Tune in next month at this same time for chapter 4, when we will introduce a new character called Mr. Ground who backs into an electric fan and has to go to the hospital. Yes-tune in to Chapter 4 of OPERATION UNDER GROUND.

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### MAD MUMBLINGS

#### Dear Editors.

I am shocked at the suggestion of some of your other readers that you put out a monthly Mad. Pleasel Pity my poor bank account.—Clare Gottfried—Long Island, New York

Heh, heh, heh! No mercy for your money-belts from us! With this issue, Mad goes monthly --ed.

. . I have enjoyed many of your E.C. mags, but then along came Mad and wrecked my whole opinion of your company. I think all Mad comics should be burned and the ashes dropped into the ocean. It is a very silly, no-count book, but don't be injured too much because of my opinion. You see I work for your competitors.— Disgustingly yours—L.S./M.F.T.

... I don't understand why some people don't like Mad. I work at night and when I get home I want to read something restful to settle my nerves. Reading Mad is just like talking to my next door neighbors.— Hettie Chesney—Grave 3, Plot 35, Old Franklinton Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio—P.S. I would like to contact good, red-blooded American boys. Any living in the vicinity should drop down some evening. (Those with O type, RH negative are especially welcome.)

#### Meine lieben Herren

In eurem letzem magazine sie haben shvienhunt falsch geschrieben. Es ist nicht shvienhunt sondern schweinehund. Ich hoffe ihr schreibt es nicht mehr falsch in der Zukunft.-Manfred Waechter-Woodside, Long Island

I am 10 years old, a Junior at MIT, and deem Mad to be the most gliesmuuk, the most raveningly lz-chaa, sroummp publication ever produced on Terra. I am an alert, amiable, personable, likeable, tidy, neat, orderly, courteous, clean-living, 100% green-blooded Venusian kid, and all I got to say is: Your old lady sucks chickenguts!-Melvin Talipida-Woolworth, Tenn.

... Please tell me what in the world "Furshlugginer" means. — Larry E. Lengle E.M.F.N. — c/o F.P.O., New York, New York

#### It means the same as Potrzebie.-ed.

GRIPE DEPARTMENT: I've got glubbins of the glibbins. I'm a casket case. I'm living in a Mad world! Wottamigoingtodo? Up until yesterday, I was a sweet, ipnocent, woolly lamb. I nibbled my own little patch of greens. I ventured not, I wanted not. But it all changed. Some character came into my Inner Sanctum and thrust an (ugh!) Comic Book on my heretofore unblemished desk. (For the record: I don't read 'em!) I glared, I sneered, I was aloof. Then I made my first mistake: I picked it up. It was Mad! My second mistake followed my first: I read it. My third mistake followed the first two (and this one cost me money): I subscribed. Not only am I leaving myself open to MADness. but I'm wanting a shoulder patch for my strapless office suits. I'm a FAN-ADDICT!-Gwynne DeCoverly-Chicago, Illinois

... Finally your completely untalented and unoriginal rivals have come out with imitations of Mad. One of the largest comic houses came out with two Mad imitations, both monthly, with soven inside pages of paid ads to your one, although the mags have the same amount of pages. Another company came out with an equally sad imitation, in 3-D yet, at two-bits a throw. These are probably just the beginning of a long line of imitations yet to come. There oughta be a law! -Ed Spiegel-Troy, New York

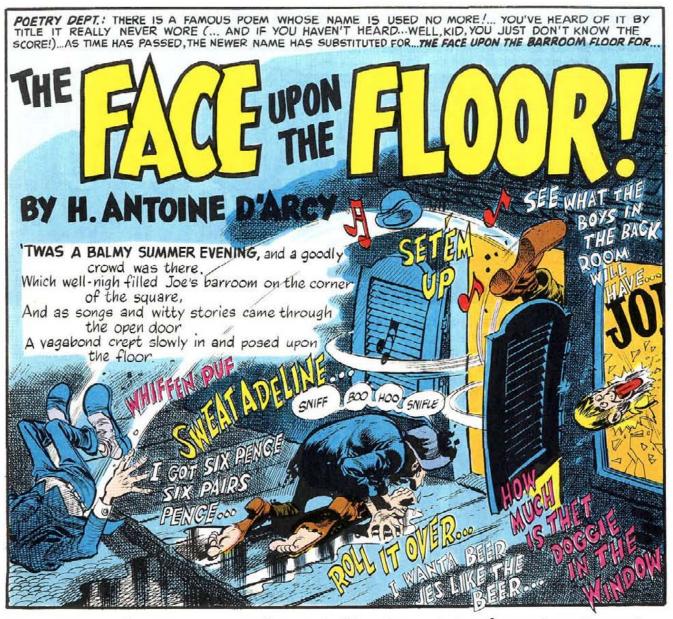
... How about a biog on your color artist?--Roger Schenkman-Santa Monica, California

Marie Severin, our colorist, is one of the unsung heroines down here at E.C., and some day we intend to devote a page to describing her efforts. Let it suffice to say here that the talented Marie has been and is responsible for all the color you see in the whole line of E.C. publications, and you'll excuse us for being slightly prejudiced, but we think that our Marie is the best comic book colorist in the U.S.A.-ed.

Before going into the commercials . . . be advised there is a two page feature about E.C. Publisher and Managing Editor Bill Gaines in the first issue of a new "vest-pocket" size magazine called TOPS, dated March, 1954... and scheduled to hit the stands around the end of January. Feature includes Bill's picture . . . and a few panel reproductions from Shock SuspenStories. (Of considerably more interest is the center spread of many, many beautiful gats!)

Second issue of PANIC is on the stands! Good try! (Sub coupon on preceding page!) Fan-Addict Club membership about ten thousand at this writing. (Details on inside front cover!) Subscription to this rag... one buck for 8 issues! Address for comments, sub orders, etc. is:

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"Where did it come from ?" someone said: "The wind has blown it in."

"What does it want?" another cried. "Some whisky, rum or gin?"



"Here, Toby, seek him, if your stomach's equal to the work— I wouldn't touch him with a fork, he's filthy as a



This badinage the poor wretch took with stoical good grace; In fact, he smiled as though he thought hed struck To be in such good company would make a deacon

the proper place. 10,



"Give me a drink-that's what I want-I'm out of funds, you know; When I had cash to treat the gang, this hand

was never slow.

"Come, boys, I know there's kindly hearts among so

proud.



"What? You laugh as though you thought this pocket never held a sou; I once was fixed as well, my boys, as anyone of

you.

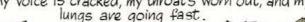


"There, thanks; that's braced me nicely; God bless you "Give you a song? No, I can't do that, my singing one and all;

Next time I pass this good saloon, I'll make another call.



days are past; My voice is cracked, my throat's worn out, and my





"Say! Give me another whisky, and I'll tell "That I was ever a decent man not one of you would think; What I'll do — I'll tell you a funny story, and a fact, I promise But I was, some four or five years back. Say, give



"Fill her up, Joe, I want to put some life into my "Five fingers – there, that's the scheme – and frame – corking whisky, too. Such little drinks, to a bum like me, are miserably = Well, here's luck, boys; and, landlord, my best



tame;







"You've treated me pretty kindly, and I'd like to tell you how I came to be the dirty sot you see before you "As I told you, once I was a man, with muscle, frame and health, And, but for a blunder, ought to have made





- "I was a painter not one that daubed on bricks "I worked hard, at my canvas and was bidding and wood
- But an artist, and, for my age, was rated pretty good
- fair to rise,

For gradually I saw the star of fame before my eyes.



added to my name.

"I made a picture, perhaps you've seen, 'tis called "And then I met a woman — now comes the the 'Chase of Fame', It brought me fifteen hundred pounds and With eyes that petrified my brain, and sunk o into my heart. 145







"Why don't you laugh? 'Tis funny that the vagabond 'But 'twas so, and for a month or two, her you see Could ever love a woman and expect her love And when her loving lips touched mine it for me; carried me to heaven.





- "Did ever you see a woman for whom your soul you'd give
- With a form like Milo Venus, too beautiful to live;



- "I was working on a portrait, one afternoon in May,
- Of a fair-haired boy, a friend of mine, who lived across the way,



"It didn't take long to know him, and before the month had flown My friend had stolen my darling, and I was left alone;

- "With eyes that would beat the Koh-i-noor, and a wealth of chestnut hair?
- If so, 'twas she, for there never was another half so fair.



"And Madeline admired it, and much to my surprise, Said that she'd like to know the man that had such dreamy eyes.



And, ere a year of misery had passed above my head, The jewel I had treasured so had tarnished, and was dead.







- "That's why I took to drink, boys. Why, I never saw you smile, I thought you'd be amused, and laughing all
- the while.

"Say, boys, if you give me just another whisky, And I'll draw right here a picture of the face that drove me mad



- Another drink, and with the chalk in hand, the vagabond began To sketch a face that well might buy the soul of any man . .
- Then, as he placed another lock upon the Shapely head, With fearful shriek, he leaped and fell across the picture - dead.







"Why, what's the matter, friend? There's a teardrop Come, laugh like me; tis only babes and women that should cry.



"Give me that piece of chalk with which you mark the baseball score — You shall see the lovely Madeline upon the barroom floor."





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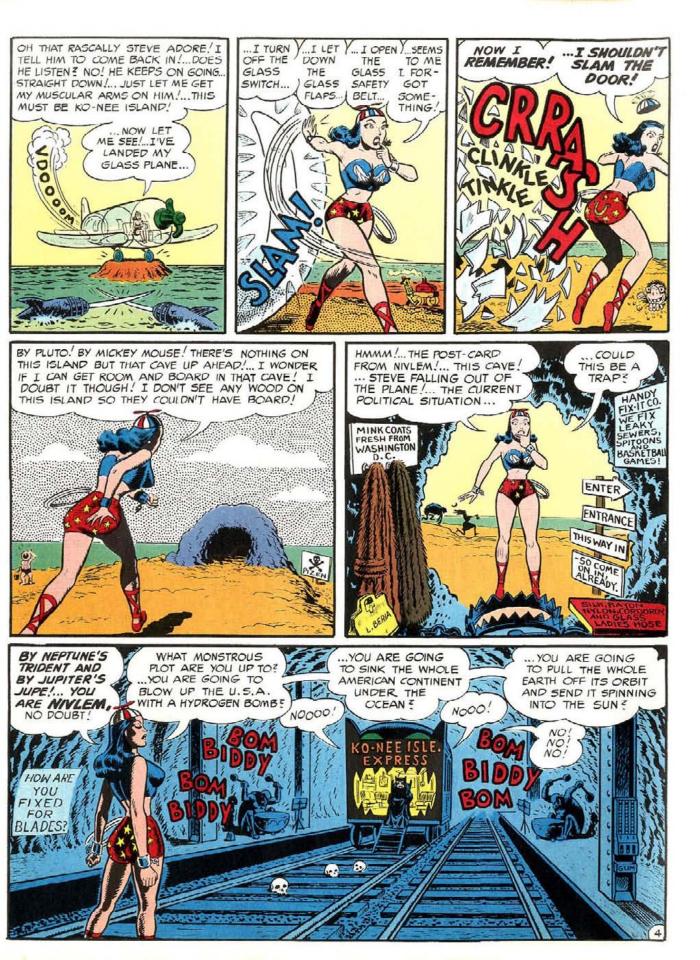




















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