

DAVID WILKERSON'S

SPIRE
CHRISTIAN
COMICS

the CROSS and the Switchblade

I COULD
KILL YOU,
PREACH!

YES,
YOU COULD,
NICKY!

YOU COULD
CUT ME UP IN
A THOUSAND
PIECES!

AND EVERY
PIECE WILL
SAY I LOVE
YOU!



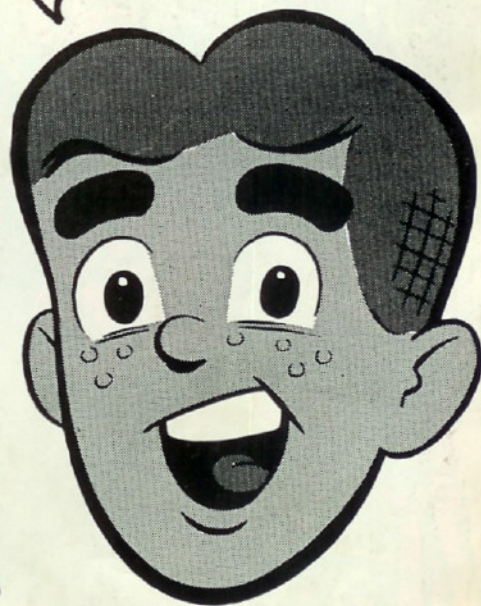
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IT STARTED YESTERDAY!

IT CONTINUES TODAY!

the Cross and the Switchblade

by Hartley



THIS CRIME TURNS MY STOMACH!

AND YET---

I'VE GOT TO GO TO NEW YORK AND HELP THOSE BOYS!

THEY DON'T DESERVE HELP, DAVID!

YOU CAN'T GO!

YOUR BABY IS DUE!

YOU'D BETTER WATCH YOURSELF, DAVID!

THOSE PUNKS DON'T BELONG TO THE 4-H CLUB!

IF THE LORD IS REALLY LEADING YOU IN THIS, YOU SHOULD GO, DARLING!

YOU'LL NEED MONEY FOR THE TRIP, PASTOR!

THE CONGREGATION HAS TAKEN A COLLECTION!



THIS IS A DIFFERENT WORLD!

NO WONDER THOSE BOYS ENDED IN JAIL!

I'VE GOT TO REACH THEM!



UH, MY NAME IS DAVID WILKERSON--- I'M A PASTOR FROM A SMALL CHURCH IN PENNSYLVANIA!

SO WHAT DO YOU WANT?

A MEDAL?

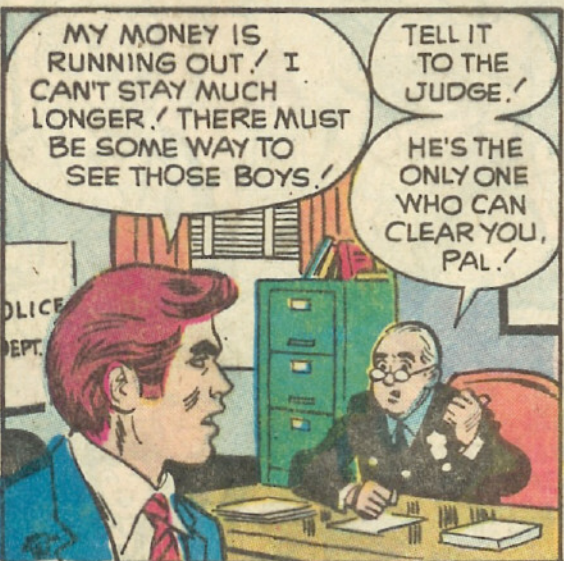
DISTRICT ATTORNEY



I'D LIKE TO TALK WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE DRAGON GANG!

NO WAY, BUSTER!

PROSECUTOR



MY MONEY IS RUNNING OUT! I CAN'T STAY MUCH LONGER! THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO SEE THOSE BOYS!

TELL IT TO THE JUDGE!

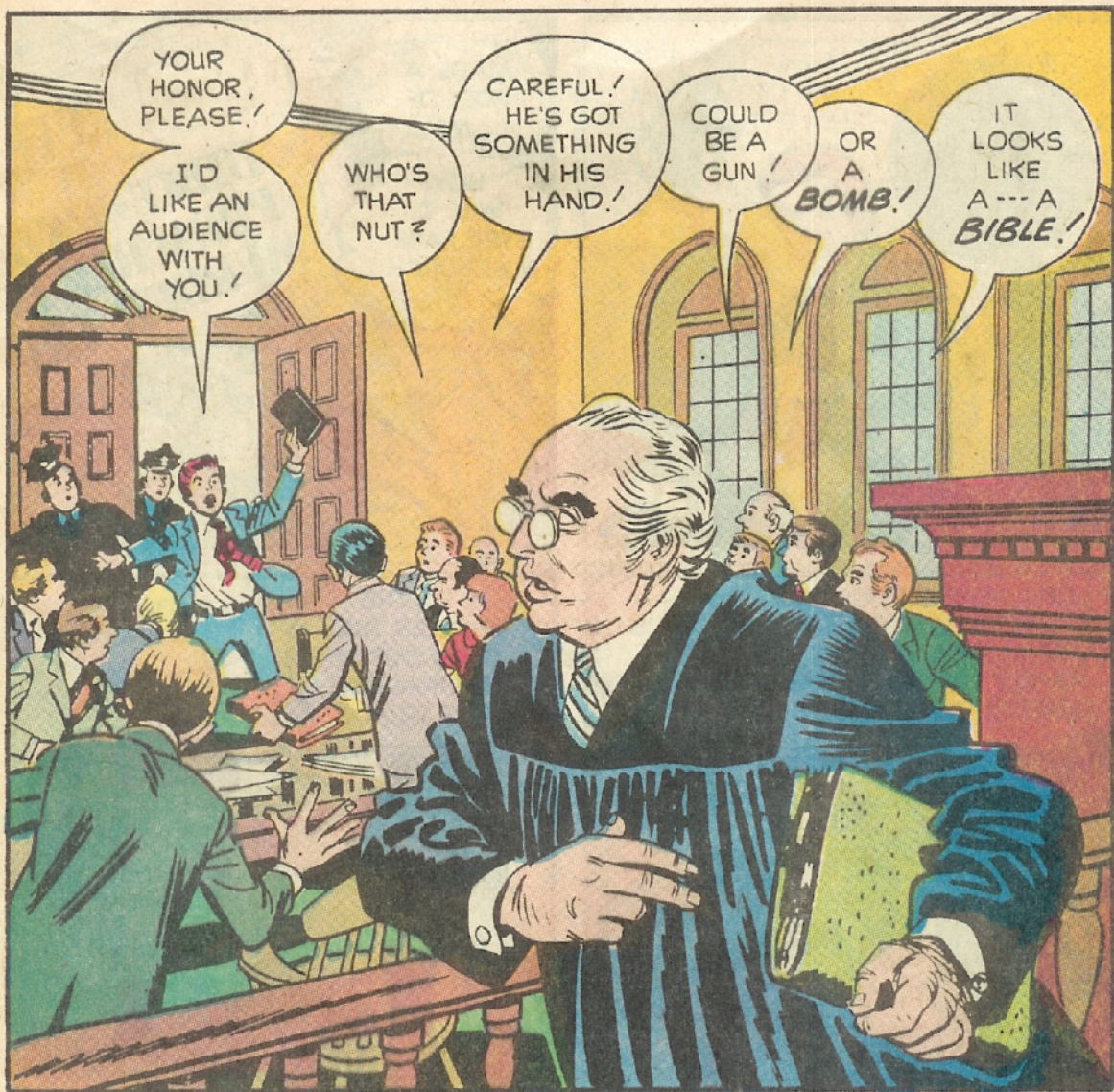
HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CLEAR YOU, PAL!

POLICE DEPT.



YEAH, THIS IS THE DRAGON GANG TRIAL! BUT THE JUDGE JUST CALLED FOR ADJOURNMENT!

OH, NO! I'VE GOT TO SEE HIM!



YOUR HONOR, PLEASE!

I'D LIKE AN AUDIENCE WITH YOU!

WHO'S THAT NUT?

CAREFUL! HE'S GOT SOMETHING IN HIS HAND!

COULD BE A GUN!

OR A BOMB!

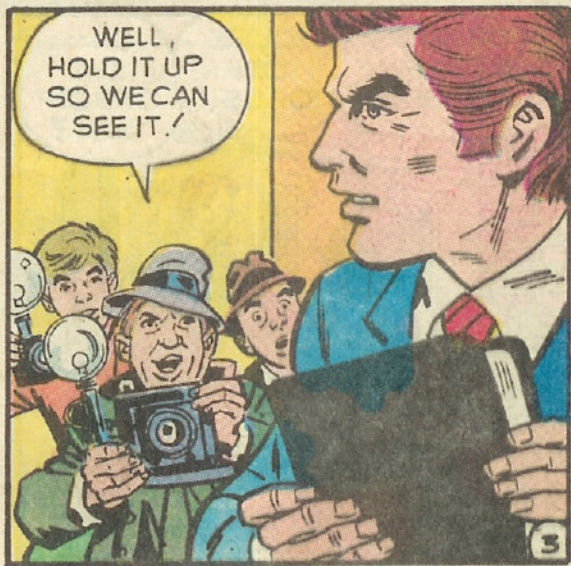
IT LOOKS LIKE A--- A BIBLE!



HEY, REV'RN---

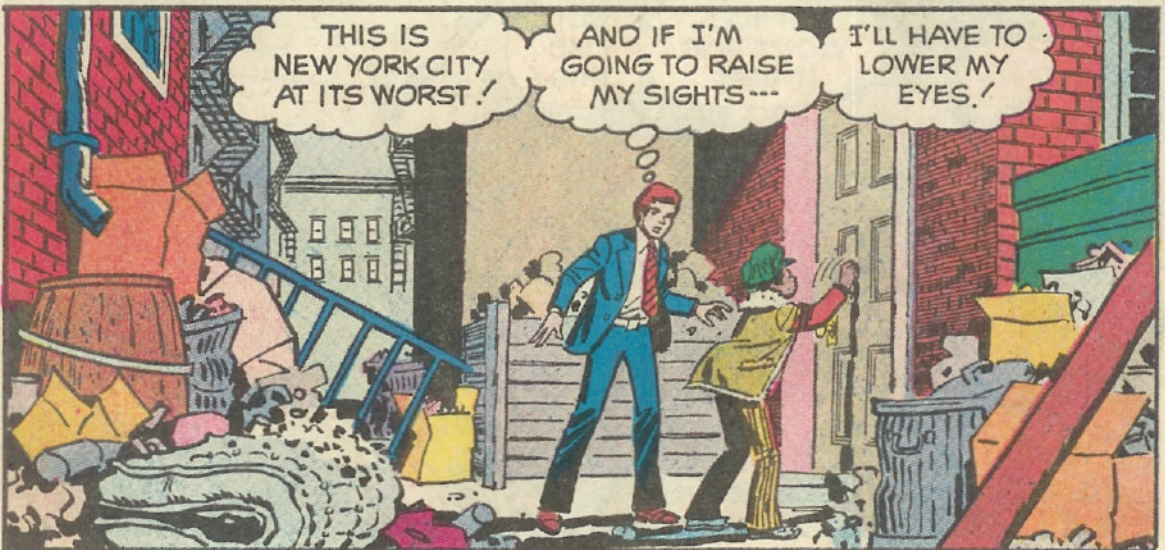
YOU ASHAMED OF THAT BOOK?

OF COURSE NOT!



WELL, HOLD IT UP SO WE CAN SEE IT!







I---

I CAME TO TELL YOU---

GOD LOVES YOU!



AND HE KNOWS WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR WITH YOUR DRUGS AND DRINKING AND SEX---

AND HE WANTS YOU TO HAVE WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!



BUT YOU WON'T FIND IT HERE!

NOT LIKE THIS!



I'M A MAINLINER, PREACHER!

THERE'S NO HOPE FOR ME!

NOT EVEN FROM GOD!



WHO ARE YOU WILLING TO BELIEVE, MARIA---

MAN OR GOD?

WHA-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



MEDICAL EXPERTS SAY IT'S REALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO CURE A HEROIN ADDICT---

GOD SAYS **NOTHING** IS IMPOSSIBLE TO HIM!



IT'S LONESOMENESS THAT CAUSES THIS, DAVIE!

LONESOMENESS 2

IN A CITY OF EIGHT MILLION 2



YEAH! EIGHT MILLION PEOPLE ALL GOING THEIR OWN WAY!

WE'RE GROWING UP IN A VACUUM!

NO LOVE, NO DIRECTION, NO CARE!

WE'RE SCARED! AND THIS IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN FILL OUR LIVES!



GOD HAS A MUCH BETTER WAY!

HE WOULDN'T TOUCH US WITH A TEN-FOOT POLE!



YOU'VE NEVER GIVEN HIM A CHANCE!

KEEP IT UP, PREACH!

YOU'RE COMING THROUGH!





NICKY CRUZ HAS KNIFED SIXTEEN PEOPLE!

ONE MORE WOULD MEAN NOTHING TO HIM!

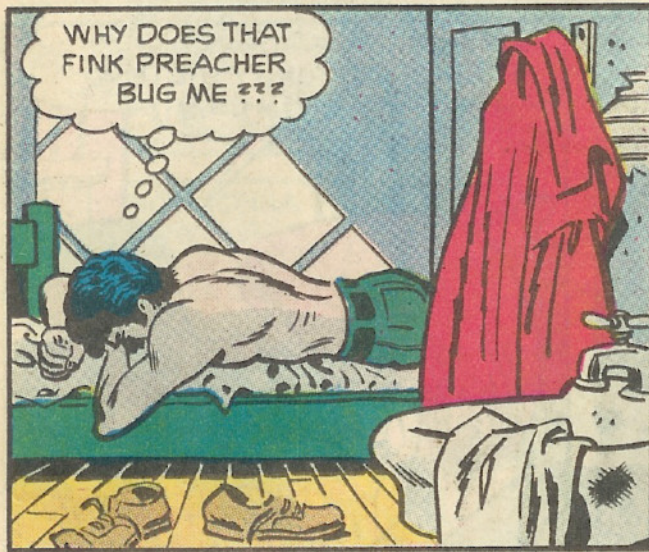
GOD'S LOVE CAN CHANGE HIM!



YOU'LL NEVER SEE THAT KIND OF A MIRACLE!

MAN SAYS, "SEEING IS BELIEVING"--

GOD SAYS "BELIEVING IS SEEING"!



WHY DOES THAT FINK PREACHER BUG ME ???



ALL THAT TALK ABOUT LOVE!

WHO NEEDS IT ?

I'VE GOT WALL-TO-WALL GIRLS ANYTIME I WANT!



SO WHY CAN'T I SLEEP ?

WHY ???

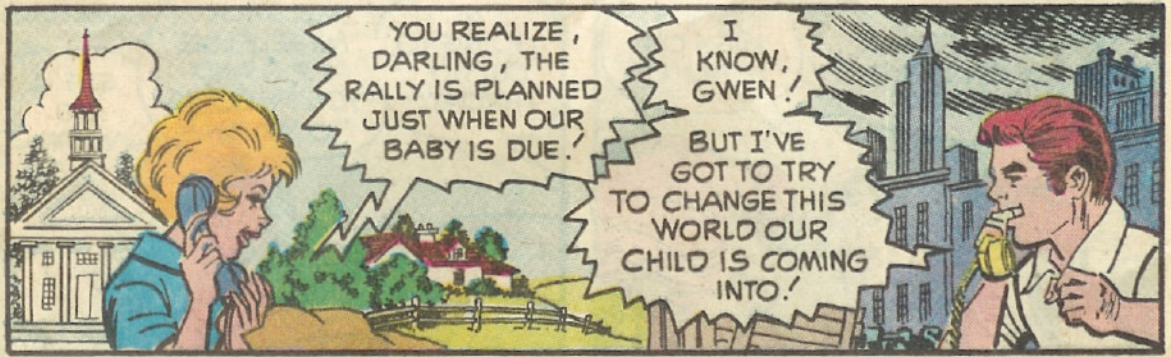
WHY ???



THAT'S GOSPEL MUSIC!

IT'S COMING FROM THIS CHURCH!





YOU REALIZE, DARLING, THE RALLY IS PLANNED JUST WHEN OUR BABY IS DUE.

I KNOW, GWEN!
BUT I'VE GOT TO TRY TO CHANGE THIS WORLD OUR CHILD IS COMING INTO!



WE'VE HIRED BUSES TO BRING GANGS FROM ALL OVER THE CITY!

BUT WILL THEY COME?



I'M NOT GONNA LEAVE MY TURF AND BE JUMPED BY ANOTHER GANG!

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BUG ME!

I DON'T NEED WHAT YOU'RE SELLING!

THAT'S ONLY FOR WEAKLINGS!

IF THE BOYS WANT LOVE, THEY CAN COME TO ME!



IT'S GOING TO TAKE A MIRACLE, DAVID!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'LL PRAY FOR!



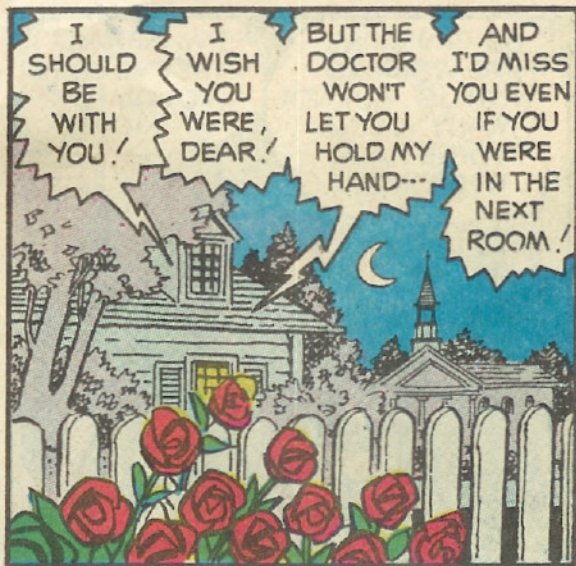
MARIA!





GWEN DARLING! HOW ARE YOU?

I'M FINE DAVID! THE DOCTOR SAYS THE BABY COULD COME ANYTIME NOW!



I SHOULD BE WITH YOU!

I WISH YOU WERE, DEAR!

BUT THE DOCTOR WON'T LET YOU HOLD MY HAND---

AND I'D MISS YOU EVEN IF YOU WERE IN THE NEXT ROOM!



BABIES HAVE BEEN BORN BEFORE WITHOUT THEIR FATHER'S ASSISTANCE!

YOU DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO---

AND GOD BE WITH YOU, DAVID!



I WONDER IF I'LL HAVE NEW BIRTHS TO REPORT TO GWEN!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



JESUS SPOKE OF EVERYONE'S NEED FOR A NEW BIRTH---A NEW BEGINNING!

THAT SOUNDS GREAT! BUT LIFE ISN'T LIKE THAT!

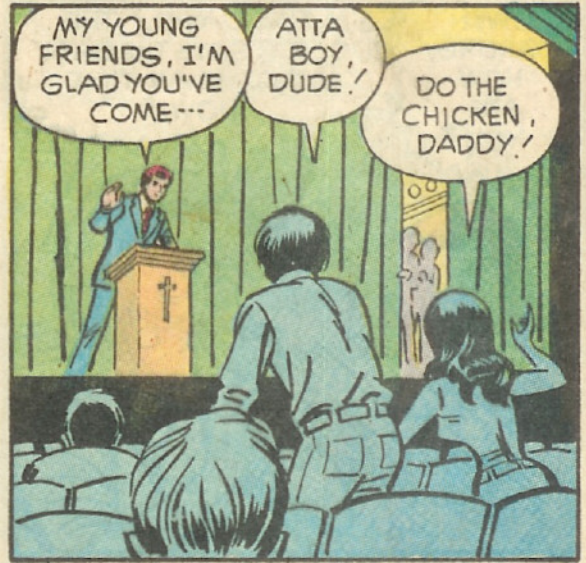
LIFE IN CHRIST IS EXACTLY LIKE THAT, MARIA!



COME TO THE RALLY, MARIA!

YOU'LL HEAR HOW CHRIST CAN TAKE AWAY ALL THE OLD THINGS AND MAKE EVERYTHING NEW!

MAYBE---









ARE YOU AFRAID, NICKY?

AFRAID MAYBE YOUR WORLD CAN'T STAND UP AGAINST MINE?



WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU WITH US, NICKY!



WAIT, NICKY!

BEFORE WE EAT, WE'LL THANK THE LORD!



LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS GOOD FOOD AND FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SHARING IT WITH NICKY ---



---AND WE KNOW WE DON'T LIVE BY BREAD ALONE---

SO WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU PROVIDE FOR US--- IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN!



WILL YOU COME TO THE RALLY WITH US TONIGHT, NICKY?

THAT'S NOT MY BAG!



BUT MAYBE I'LL COME---

JUST FOR THE LAUGHS!



ONLY A HANDFUL AGAIN, TONIGHT, REVEREND!

GOD LOVES EACH ONE OF THEM AS THOUGH THEY WERE THE ONLY ONE ALIVE!



DAVID JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET THROUGH TO THEM!

TELL US HOW TO MILK A COW, FARM BOY!

HO HO WHEEEEE!

HAA HAA



HOW ABOUT SOME MUSIC?

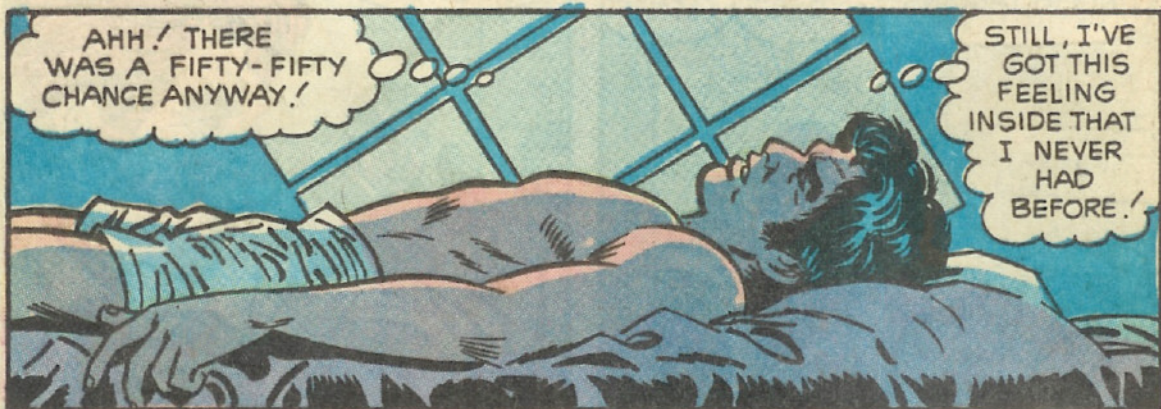
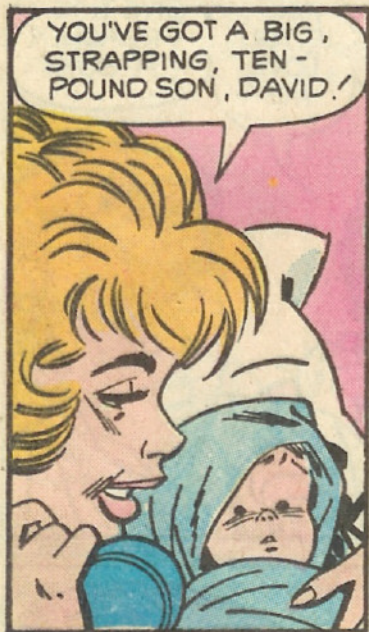
Ho!
Ho!
HAHA!

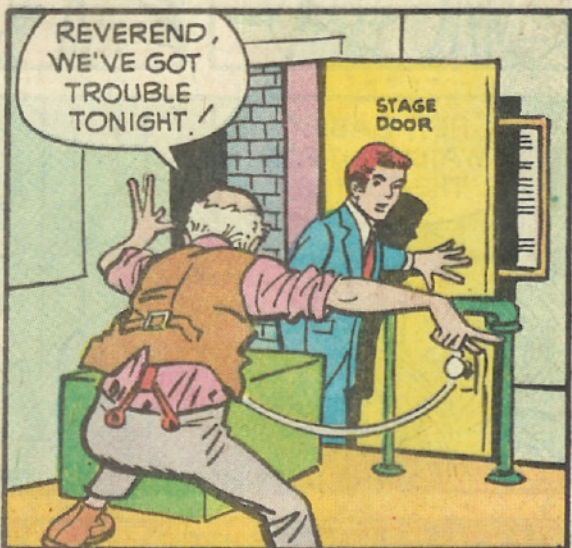
C'MON DOWN AND DANCE WITH ME, PREACHER!













BUT THEY'RE THE WORST GANG IN THE CITY!

THEY'LL TEAR THE PLACE APART!



I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS!

THERE ARE RIVAL GANGS OUT THERE!

WE COULD HAVE A FULL-SCALE RUMBLE ON OUR HANDS!



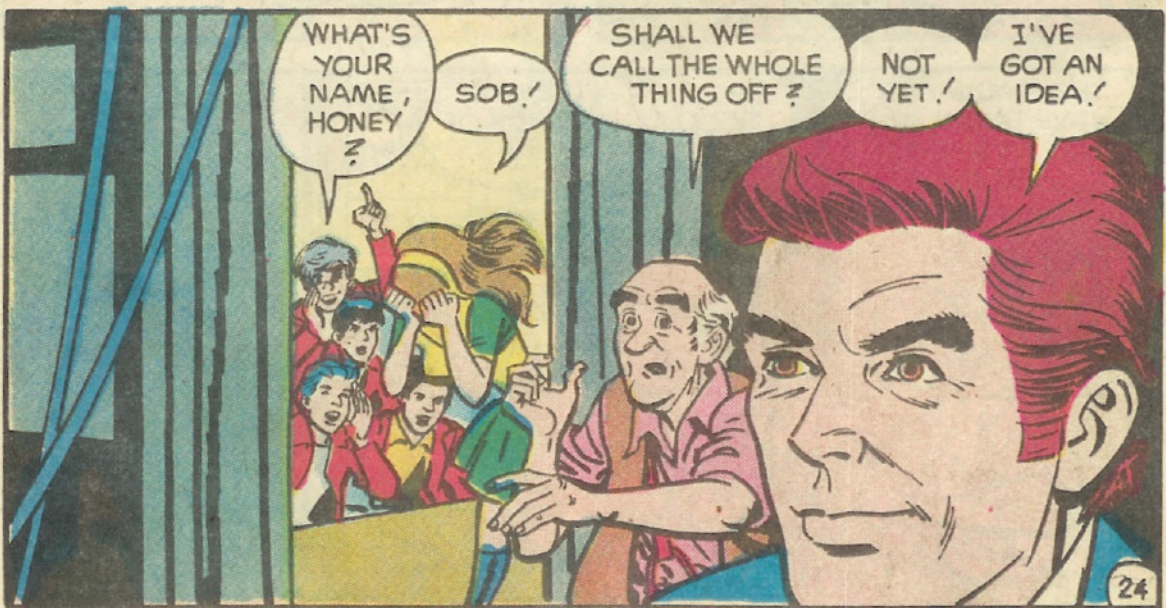
WE OUGHT TO CALL FOR MORE POLICE!

WAIT! PERHAPS MARY CAN QUIET THEM WITH A SONG!



HEY, BABE! WATCH OUT FOR THE CURVES!

YOU GOT TIME AFTER THE SHOW FOR A POOR OLD SINNER?



WHAT'S YOUR NAME, HONEY?

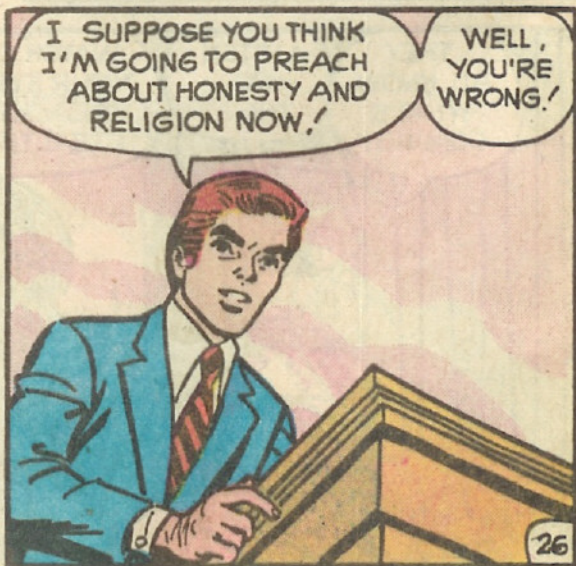
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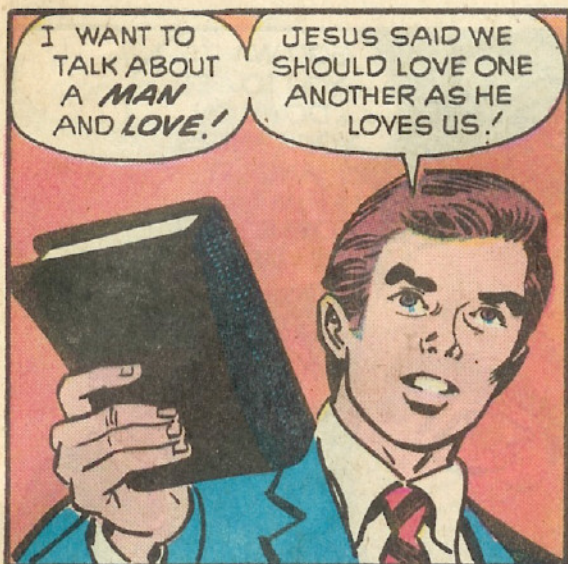
SHALL WE CALL THE WHOLE THING OFF?

NOT YET!

I'VE GOT AN IDEA!









AND LOVE ISN'T WHAT YOU *FEEL*...

IT'S WHAT YOU *DO!*

GOD WANTS YOU TO GET DOWN ON YOUR KNEES AND LET HIM TAKE OVER YOUR LIFE!

HE'S GOT A PERFECT PLAN FOR YOU!

DO YOU DARE TO BELIEVE THAT?

ARE YOU WILLING TO ADMIT THAT THERE'S GOT TO BE MORE TO LIFE THAN THE GRUBBY PART YOU'VE SEEN SO FAR?



I'M ASKING YOU TO STEP FORWARD IN FAITH!

WE'LL PRAY TOGETHER AND ASK GOD FOR A BRAND NEW START!

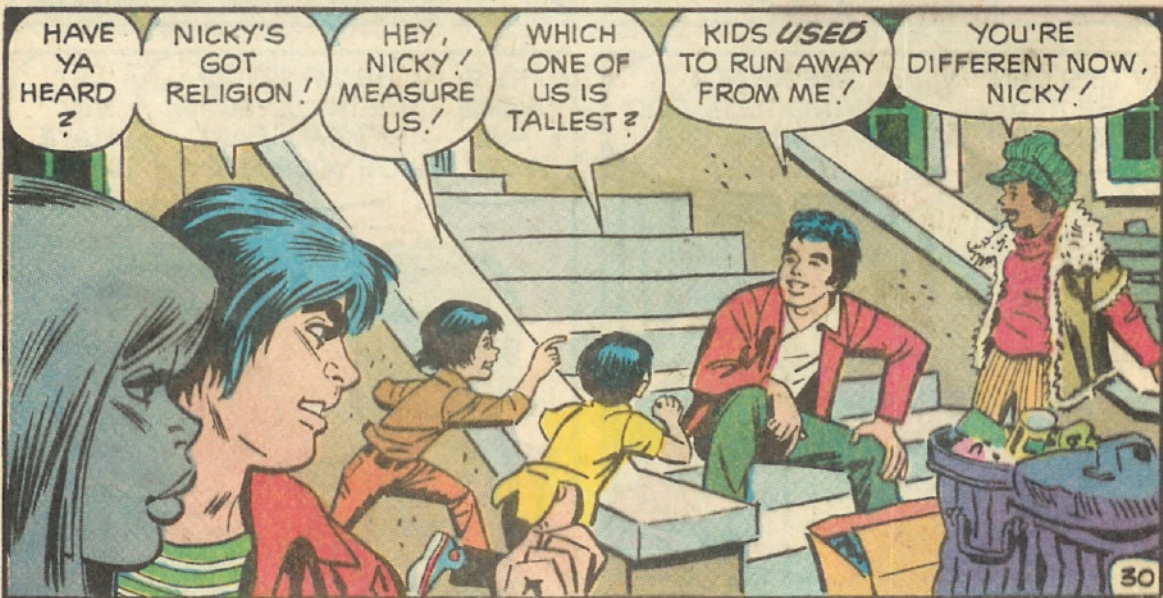


OKAY, GUYS!

I'VE BEEN YOUR LEADER FOR THREE YEARS!

WHEN *I* GO, *YOU* GO!









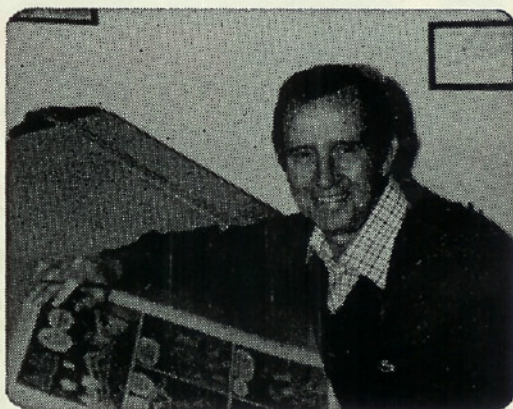


THE BEST FOR YOU!



YOU AND I SHARE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THROUGH SPIRE COMICS! WE ENJOY ALL THE THINGS THAT MAKE COMICS EXCITING --- PLUS THE EXTRAS THAT FILL THE SPIRE SERIES --- PRAYER, FAITH AND A REAL DESIRE TO SEEK GOD'S BEST FOR OUR LIVES!

WE TAKE A SLICE OF LIFE IN EACH ISSUE AND PUT IT ALONGSIDE GOD'S WORD, AND WE SEE HOW PERFECTLY THE BIBLE FITS OUR LIVES!



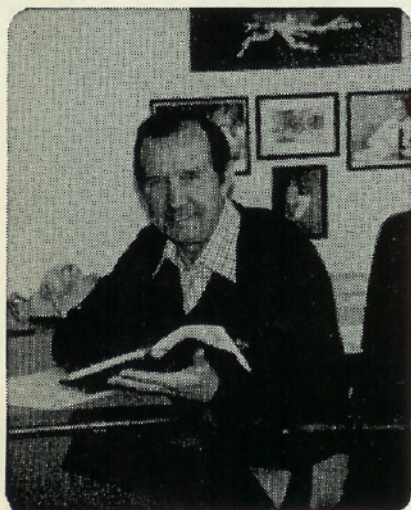
GOD LOVES YOU! HE WANTS THE BEST FOR YOU!

- GOD CREATED YOU AND GAVE YOU **FREEDOM OF CHOICE!**
- YOU'RE FREE TO ACCEPT GOD'S LOVE, OR **REJECT IT!**
- ACCEPTING GOD'S LOVE BRINGS JOY, PEACE AND ETERNAL LIFE!
- REJECTING GOD'S LOVE BRINGS TROUBLE AND CONFLICT!
- GOD KNOWS ALL ABOUT YOUR LIFE STYLE AND YOUR MISTAKES!
- GOD SENT JESUS TO FORGIVE YOU AND TAKE AWAY YOUR GUILT!
- JESUS MAKES YOU THE KIND OF PERSON GOD KNOWS YOU CAN BE!

GOD'S PROMISE :

"WHEN JESUS COMES INTO YOUR LIFE, YOU BECOME A BRAND-NEW PERSON." EVERYTHING CHANGES FOR THE BETTER! A NEW LIFE BEGINS!"

SEE 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



YOU CAN PRAY THIS PRAYER RIGHT NOW--- AND KNOW HOW MUCH GOD WANTS TO BLESS YOU!

GOD, I WANT YOUR LOVE AND FORGIVENESS! (CONFESS YOUR SINS TO GOD) PLEASE HELP ME TO LET JESUS BECOME MY LORD AND SAVIOUR! I WANT YOUR BEST FOR MY LIFE. AMEN

YOU'LL FIND IT HELPFUL TO READ THE BIBLE EVERY DAY! * WHEN YOU PRAY, GIVE GOD A CHANCE TO SPEAK TO YOU! ATTEND CHURCH AND JOIN A BIBLE-STUDY GROUP. THE MORE YOU KNOW ABOUT GOD'S PROMISES, THE MORE YOU'LL KNOW HIS BEST FOR YOUR LIFE!

Trust God and He will bless you!

Lee Huntley

* START BY READING THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



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ENJOY THEM ALL!

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