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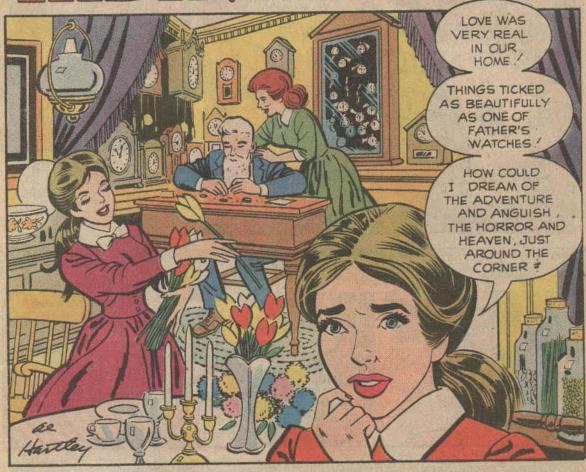
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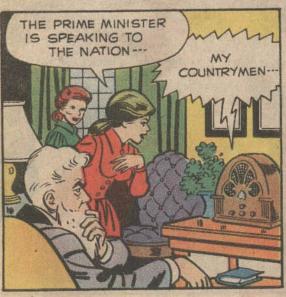
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Time

HIDING PLACE













AS FATHER READ FROM THE BIBLE, GOD SEALED THE WORDS TO MY HEART! FOR HE ALONE COULD SEE THE FUTURE!

















SOON OUR TINY HOME WAS A HUB OF UNDERGROUND ACTIVITY! WE WERE HIDING A CONSTANT STREAM OF HUNTED PEOPLE!



THE GESTAPO WAS NOW SEARCHING ALL HOMES FOR JEWS --- SO WE BUILT A SECRET ROOM !



FOOD RATIONING PRESENTED REAL







LATE
ONE
NIGHT
I
HEARD
OUR
JEWISH
FRIENDS
RUSHING
INTO THE
SECRET
ROOM!

BUT THIS TIME IT WASN'T A DRILL!





















WE WERE SEPARATED!

J. WAS ALONE IN A

FILTHY, SOUR CELL!



AND

WHAT

ABOUT

THOSE

OUTSIDE

THOSE

POOR PEOPLE

TRAPPED IN

THE SECRET

ROOM ?

COULD THIS BE PART OF THE PATTERN FIRST REYEALED IN THE GOSPELS ?



BUT WHAT KIND OF
VICTORY CAN
COME FROM A PLACE
LIKE THIS ?

WEEKS PASSED ---



A PACKAGE FROM MY SISTER NOLLIE WHO HAD ESCAPED THE RAID ON OUR HOME.



I MOISTENED THE PAPER AND GINGERLY WORKED THE STAMP



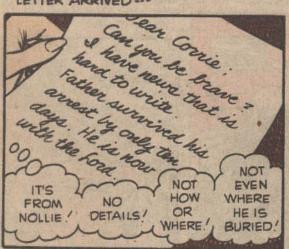








MORE WEEKS PASSED AND THEN A LETTER ARRIVED ---



FATHER
AND MAMA
ARE TOGETHER
AGAIN ,
WALKING
THOSE BRIGHT
STREETS ,

I THOUGHT OF DEAR FATHER
WHO DID THE FINEST WATCH REPAIRS
IN HOLLAND --- AND THEN FORGOT TO
SEND THE BILL!







SHE SAT AT HER CHAIR BY THE WINDOW AND LOVED US!



SHE LOVED THE PEOPLE SHE SAW IN THE STREET---AND BEYOND.



HER LOVE TOOK IN THE CITY OF HAARLEM, THE LAND OF HOLLAND, THE WORLD.



AND SO I LEARNED THAT LOVE IS LARGER THAN THE WALLS THAT SHUT IT IN!



AND THEN REALITY REPLACED
MEMORIES.' I FOLLOWED A GUARD
THROUGH A LABYRINTH OF
CORRIDORS ---



AFTER THREE MONTHS IN PRISON .



HE SEEMED LIKE A KINDLY GERMAN HOUSEHOLDER ENTERTAINING A GUEST ---





WE KNOW YOUR
HOME WAS HEADQUARTERS FOR THE
UNDERGROUND.

HE QUESTIONED ME FOR OVER AN HOUR ---



FINALLY, HE TRIED A DIFFERENT APPROACH ---





I PLUNGED INTO AN EAGER ACCOUNT OF MY MINISTRY TO THE FEEBLE-MINDED!









AND YET, THE NEXT MORNING ---

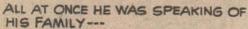






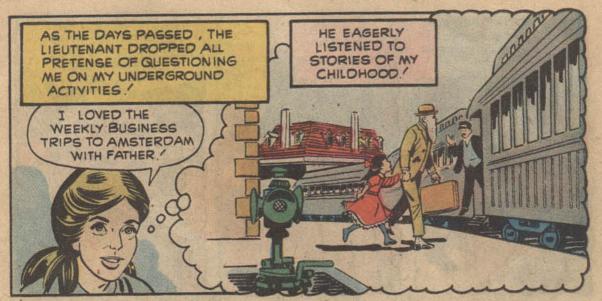












FATHER WAS ALWAYS EAGER TO DISCUSS THE SCRIPTURES ON HIS VISITS TO WHOLESALERS ---



HOW I ENJOYED LISTENING TO THESE MEN OF FAITH, COMPARING, STUDYING, AND REVELLING IN EACH OTHER'S COMPANY!







FATHER DIDN'T ANSWER ME ! INSTEAD HE PUT HIS TRAVELLING CASE IN FRONT OF ME !























NO ONE DARED TO SPEAK , BUT WE SILENTLY MOUTHED A WORD THAT SENT OUR HOPES SOARING ."







AS THE LOADED TRAIN CLACKED THROUGH THE DARK NIGHT TOWARDS THE UNKNOWN, IT SEEMED THAT I COULD BEAR WHATEVER WAS TO COME WITH BETSIE BESIDE ME!



WE JERKED TO A STOP IN THE MIDDLE OF A WOODS, AND THEN ANOTHER LONG MARCH ---









OUR BARRACKS WAS NEXT TO THE PUNISHMENT AREA! WE COULD HEAR THE SOUNDS OF HELL ITSELF!





CORRIE, IF THEY WE MUST FIND TO HATE TO LOVE! WAY!

OUR BIBLE BECAME THE CENTER OF AN EVER - WIDENING CIRCLE OF HELP AND HOPE .' IT DESCRIBED THE WAY THINGS WERE - OF HELL AND HEAVEN - OF HOW MEN ACT --- AND HOW GOD ACTS .'

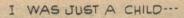


WE READ HOW SOLDIERS ARRESTED JESUS AND FLOGGED HIM AND LAUGHED AT HIM --- NOW SUCH HAPPENINGS HAD FACES AND VOICES!































WORSE THAN THE CRUSH OF BODIES AND THE FILTH WAS A SINGLE OBSESSION ---



80 WOMEN WERE PACKED INTO CARS BUILT FOR 30 .'



TWICE WHEN THE TRAIN STOPPED A PAIL OF WATER WAS PASSED IN---



WE WERE LOCKED IN THE CARS FOR FOUR DAYS! TRAVELLING FURTHER AND FURTHER INTO THE LAND OF OUR FEARS— GERMANY!



BUT WE HAD BECOME ANIMALS ---





ONLY A HANDFUL OF SOLDIERS WERE NEEDED TO GUARD A THOUSAND WOMEN - WE COULD SCARCELY WALK, LET ALONE RESIST!

CHILDREN RETURNED MY STARES
WITH WIDE-EYED INTEREST---BUT
THE ADULTS ALL TURNED THEIR HEADS
AS WE STRUGGLED BY---







WE WERE ASSIGNED OUR BARRACKS AND ---

























AND SO WE GAVE THANKS FOR FLEAS! BUT THIS TIME I WAS SURE BETSIE WAS WRONG! BUT BETSIE WAS RIGHT! BECAUSE OF THE FLEAS, THE GUARDS AVOIDED OUR BARRACKS!



IT'S ALWAYS
BEEN TRUE,
CORRIE,
CORRIE,
CORRIE,
CLEAR,

THE LORD LIFTED ME OUT OF THE MISERY AND CRUELTY OF RAVENSBRUCK!

I FELL ASLEEP TO A HIGHER ORDER OF THINGS!





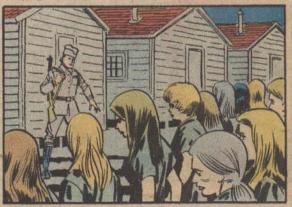
4:30 THE NEXT MORNING !



IF WE HAPPENED TO BE STANDING IN A PUDDLE, WE WERE NOT ALLOWED TO MOVE OUT OF IT!



WE WERE KEPT STANDING FOR HOURS TO TIRE US, TO BREAK OUR SPIRITS AND TO WEAKEN OUR MORALE!



WHIPS AND GUN BUTTS REMINDED US TO OBEY ALL RULES ---



BUT THERE WAS A GREATER TYRANNY ...



AND THIS WAS THE GREAT PLOY OF SATAN IN THAT KINGDOM OF HIS — TO DISPLAY SUCH BLATANT EVIL THAT WE COULD ALMOST BELIEVE THAT OUR OWN SECRET SINS REALLY DIDN'T MATTER!



IT WAS EASY IN THIS CAMP TO BE SELFISH AND TO LACK LOVE !



BUT IN THE MIDDLE OF ALL THIS, GOD'S SPIRIT WAS TAKING HOLD OF CROWDED LIVES!



LIFE AT RAVENSBRUCK TOOK PLACE ON TWO SEPARATE LEVELS.' THE EXTERNAL LIFE GREW MORE HORRIBLE EACH DAY---



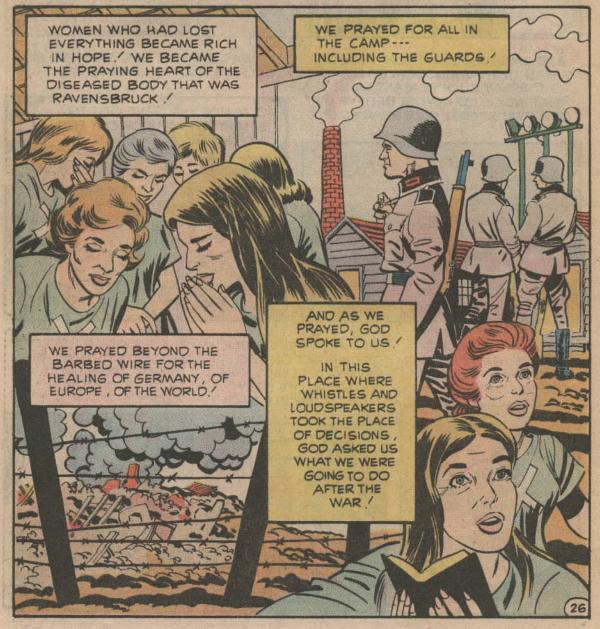
BUT THE OTHER, THE LIFE WE LIVED WITH GOD, GREW BETTER, TRUTH UPON TRUTH, GLORY UPON GLORY!



WHERE THERE HAD BEEN JEALOUSLY,
IMPATIENCE AND ANGER, THERE WAS NOW
UNDERSTANDING, TOLERANCE AND LOVE ---

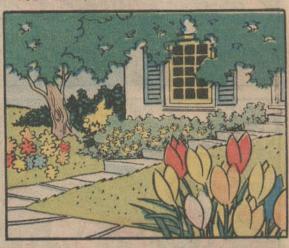
WE SAT BY DEATHBEDS THAT BECAME DOORWAYS TO HEAVEN!







WE'LL HAVE GARDENS ALL AROUND!
IT WILL DO THEM GOOD TO CARE FOR
FLOWERS!



BUT THERE
WERE GROWING
SIGNS THAT
BETSIE'S PHYSICAL
STRENGTH COULD
NOT MATCH
HER SPIRIT.













EVEN AS HER HEALTH FAILED , BETSIE'S LOVE WAS CONSTANT ---





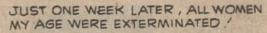


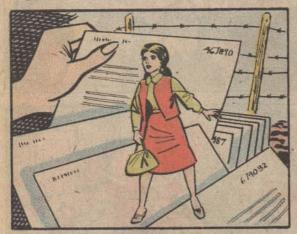






MIRACULOUSLY, I WAS RELEASED FROM THE CAMP THROUGH A CLERICAL ERROR ---



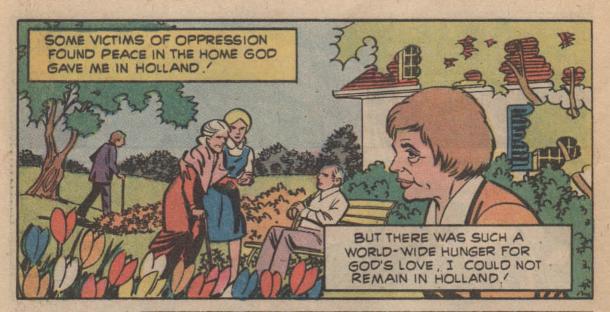






SOON THE WAR WAS OVER--

BUT VERY FEW HEARTS FOUND PEACE.



TRAVELLED
AROUND
THE GLOBE
SHARING
GOD'S
PROMISES
AND
PROVISIONS



ONE NIGHT---AFTER I SPOKE IN A CHURCH IN GERMANY---





I WHO HAD PREACHED THE NEED TO FORGIVE, KEPT MY HAND AT MY SIDE!



AND THEN I SAW MY OWN SIN! JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR THIS MAN! WAS I GOING TO ASK FOR MORE?



AS I TOOK HIS HAND, I FELT A LOVE THAT ALMOST OVER-WHELMED ME.











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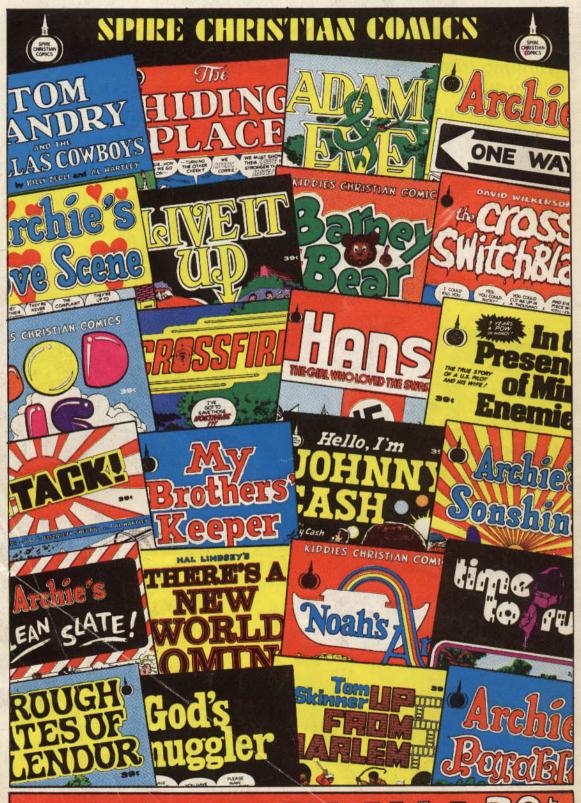
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