

DICK TRACY

BY CHESTER GOULD

NO SOONER HAD JUNIOR, HANK STEELE AND PAT PATTON LANDED ON THE PIER IN HALIFAX AFTER THE SHIP WRECK, THAN THEY WERE APPROACHED BY A WOMAN (STOOGE VILLER'S SISTER, MAXINE) WHO SAID SHE WAS A FRIEND OF TRACY'S. AND WOULD DIRECT THEM TO A HOTEL. INSTEAD, SHE LED THEM TO AN ABANDONED WAREHOUSE WHERE THEY WERE CONFRONTED BY "STOOGE" VILLER! WHEN VILLER STATED THAT HE INTENDED TO TAKE JUNIOR AS A REVENGE MOVE AGAINST TRACY - A FIGHT ENSUED.

JUNIOR-HEY-KID-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? WHAT IN--?

"STOOGE" VILLER DID IT!
HE - HE SHOT MY FATHER... AFTER HE KNOCKED YOU OUT - FATHER ATTACKED HIM WITH HIS CANE - AND VILLER SHOT...

IS... IS HE ALIVE?

I DON'T KNOW, KID... I CAN'T TELL. WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM OUT OF HERE.

AND OUTSIDE ON THE PIER.....

BUT I TELL YOU I DIDN'T MEAN TO PLUG THE OLD MAN... I JUST WANTED TO TAKE THE KID AWAY FROM 'EM BUT THE OLD BOY PUT UP A SCRAP, AND...

NOW YOU'VE GOT US IN A SWELL MESS!

IT'S LUCKY THIS BOAT SAILS IN TWO MINUTES - AND WE HAVE TICKETS.

YEAH - LET'S MAKE IT SNAPPY!

NO! NO! THIS IS WORSE THAN STAYING ASHORE! THERE'S A RADIO ON THIS SHIP... TRACY IS BOUND TO SUSPECT WE'VE SAILED AND HE'LL WIRELESS ORDERS FOR OUR ARREST AT SEA!

BUT WE'LL BE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN! THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME TO FIGURE SOMETHING OUT!

ANYWAY - IT'S TOO LATE NOW - THERE GOES THE GANG PLANK!

NO - IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

QUICK, OFFICER! TAKE THE OLD MAN... AND KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BOY... I'VE GOT TO GET THAT BIRD THAT'S JUMPING OFF THAT SHIP!

STOP - "STOOGE" VILLER!

OW!

I GOT 'IM! GOT 'IM THE FIRST SHOT! WELL, HE DESERVED IT - AND MORE TOO! I HOPE THE FISH DON'T LEAVE A SINGLE CRUMB OF YOUR WRETCHED SOUL - "STOOGE" VILLER!

HUMPH! THAT FAKE YELL AND TRICK DIVE... FOOLED 'IM. HE THINKS HE GOT ME! WELL... I'LL JUST LAY LOW HERE TILL IT'S SAFE TO COME OUT - THEN I'LL SCRAM UP WHERE IT'S DRY!

MEANWHILE, DICK TRACY, HAVING RECEIVED NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF THE SINKING OF THE SHIP THAT JUNIOR, HANK STEELE AND PAT PATTON WERE ON - BUT UNAWARE OF THIS TRAGEDY TO JUNIOR'S FATHER - SPEEDS TOWARD HALIFAX...

WHY DID I EVER LET THE KID OUT OF MY SIGHT! I'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN! I'LL KEEP HIM AND HIS FATHER WITH ME FROM NOW ON. THEY CAN LIVE WITH ME. I WON'T LET 'EM GO BACK WEST.

HAROLD TEEN

MA! JEAN SAMUELS SAYS I KIN TAKE HER TO TH' SHOW - COSH - SHE'S KEEN - KIN I GO - HUH - MA?

GOOD LANDS - A GIRL? I SUPPOSE SO!

I'D LIKE MORE THAN 50 CENTS - GEE! IT'D BE SWELL IF I COULD FLASH A ROLL LIKE A FIVE DOLLAR BILL - I'LL BRING TH' CHANGE - MA - SURE I WILL -

I BELIEVE I'LL TRUST YOU - IT WILL BE GOOD TRAINING!

I'D LIKE A PACKAGE OF BATH SALTS WHAT SMELL REAL GOOD -!

CERTAINLY SON!

SIS - JEAN'S GOIN' TO A SHOW WITH ME - JS'DOSE Y'KIN GET HAROLD TO HAUL US DOWN!?

WHAT - A GIRL - I SUPPOSE I CAN -

BATHROOM.

AROMA DE LILACS!

PHEW! WHAT'S THAT?

LEMUEL - YOU MUST BE CHARITABLE - IT'S YOUR SON - AND HE'S PREPARING FOR HIS FIRST DATE!

OH! TUFFY! HOW GORGEOUS YOU SMELL - MUST BE BREATH OF ROSES BATH SALTS!

AT'S WHAT TH' GELS LIKE, AN' IT - DIDJA GET HAROLD TO FURNISH HIS TAX FOR MY DATE?

YES! HE'LL BE AFTER YOU PROMPTLY AT 7:30!

HOT ZIGGETY! JEAN IS GONNA BE SPRISD!

WELL! MY LITTLE MAN - I'M SURE JEAN WILL BE PROUD OF YOU!

YOU SAID IT - MOMS!

NOW DON'T TOOT TH' HORN WHEN Y'GET TO JEAN'S - I'LL CALL FOR HER IN PERSON!

OKAY - BOSS!

I'M SORRY - YOUNG MAN - BUT I COULDN'T PERMIT JEAN TO GO OUT TONIGHT!

WHERE TO - BOSS?

HOME - DOGGONIT! JES GOES T SHOW HOW MUCH YOL KIN DEPEND ON THESE WIMMIN' -

SQUAD CAR