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LOVE

I'M YOURS... I
BELONG TO
THE SNAKE...



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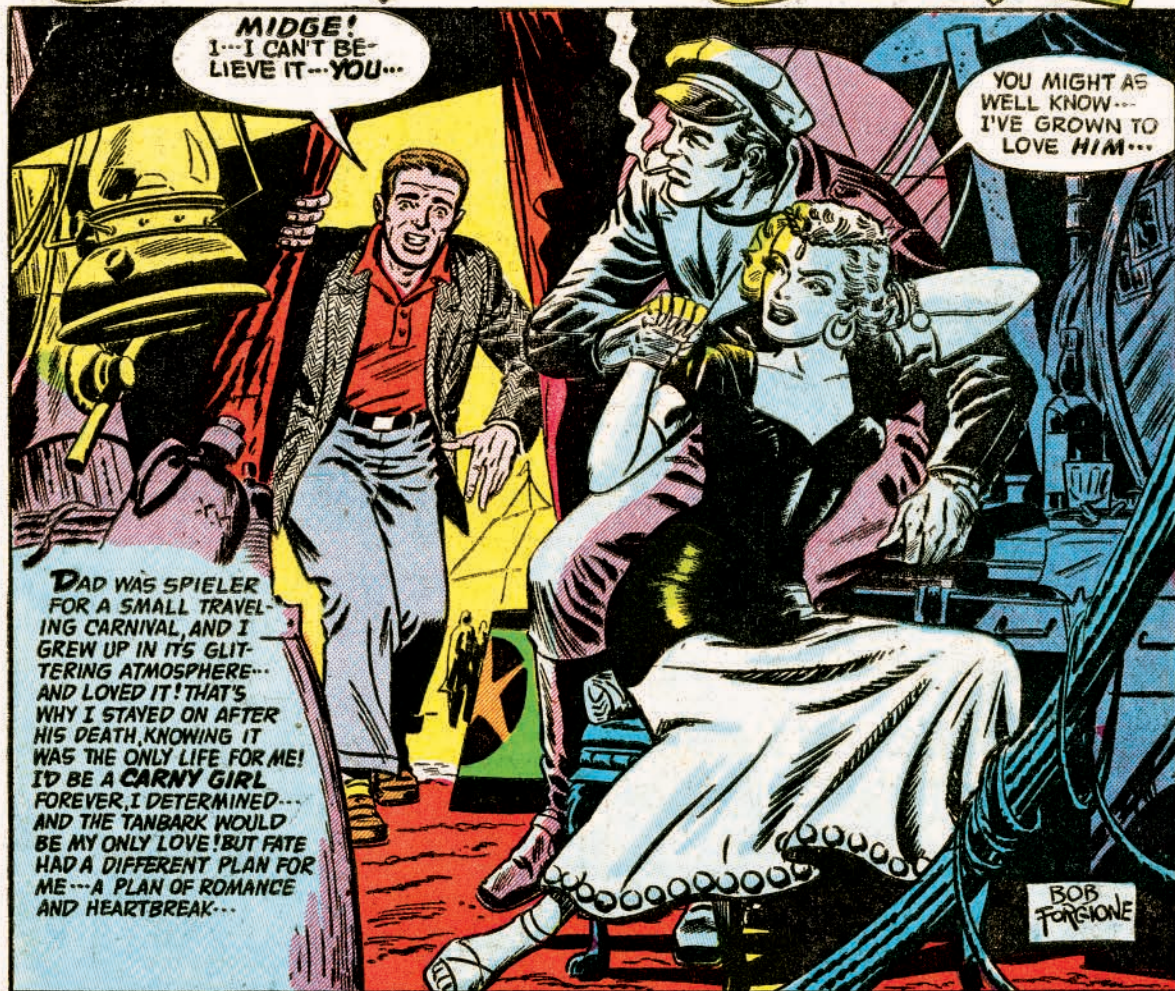
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CARNY GIRL



EVEN AS A LITTLE GIRL, I SAW THE ENVY OF THE OTHER CHILDREN, AND KNEW I WAS THE LUCKIEST KID IN THE WORLD! AND I CAME TO LOVE THE CARNY EVEN MORE AS I GREW OLDER...

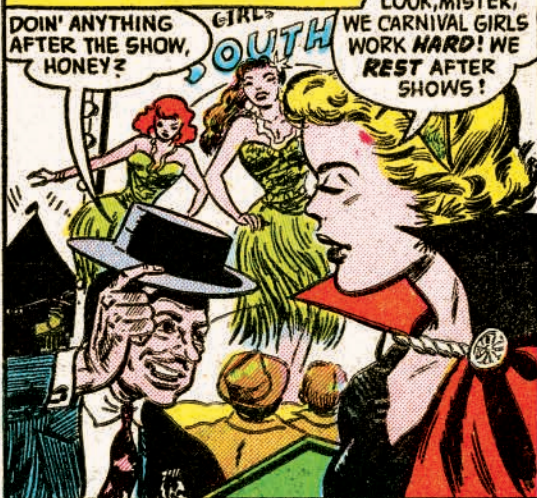


AT FIRST, THE MEN FRIGHTENED ME, BUT I SOON LEARNED HOW TO HANDLE THEM!

DOIN' ANYTHING AFTER THE SHOW, HONEY?

GIRLS' YOUTH

LOOK, MISTER, WE CARNIVAL GIRLS WORK HARD! WE REST AFTER SHOWS!



NO, MEN WERE NO TROUBLE... NOT EVEN IGOR, THE STRONG MAN! IT WAS ALL IN HOW YOU TURNED THEM DOWN...

ELLO, BABEE! YOU LIKE IGOR?

NO! I CAN'T STAND GUYS IN ANIMAL SUITS AND PHONEY ACCENTS!



OKAY... OKAY! HEY, HOW DOES A GUY GET TO DATE A GAL AS PRETTY AS YOU?

OH, ACT YOUR AGE, IGOR! GET DRESSED... AND MAYBE I'LL LET YOU BUY ME A STEAK!



MEN WERE FUN AS LONG AS YOU KEPT THEM IN THEIR PLACE... AT ARM'S LENGTH! I LEARNED EARLY THAT EVERY GUY HAD A LINE, BUT THERE WAS NO HARM IN THEM IF YOU LAUGHED THEM OUT OF IT!



AND THEN... FATE! IT WAS EARLY ONE SPRING WHEN WE SET UP OUTSIDE A SMALL COLLEGE TOWN... AND I FIRST SAW PETE TERRY!



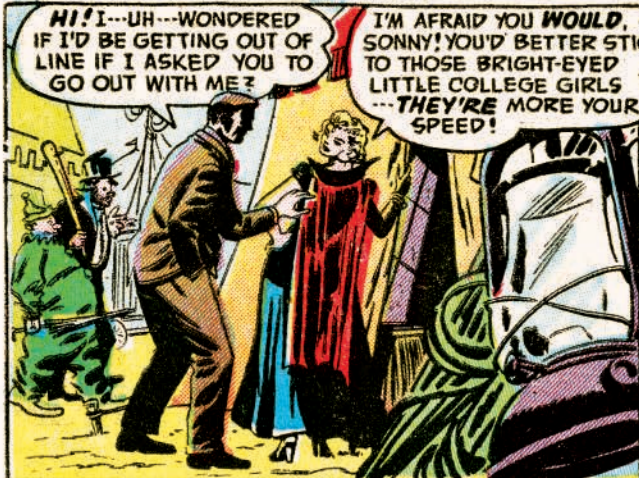
I KNEW HE'D BE HANGING AROUND LATER, AND HE WAS! I'D SEEN HIS TYPE BEFORE! DRAWN BY THE CARNIVAL GLITTER, AND CONVINCED SHOWGIRLS MUST BE EAGER FOR HIS TYPE OF COMPANY... BUT I PUT HIM IN HIS PLACE FAST!

I GUESS I WAS PRETTY MUCH A WISE GUY... BUT GEE... I DID WANT TO GET TO TALK TO YOU...

I... OKAY! GIVE ME FIVE MINUTES TO GET DRESSED!

HI! I... UH... WONDERED IF I'D BE GETTING OUT OF LINE IF I ASKED YOU TO GO OUT WITH ME?

I'M AFRAID YOU WOULD, SONNY! YOU'D BETTER STICK TO THOSE BRIGHT-EYED LITTLE COLLEGE GIRLS... THEY'RE MORE YOUR SPEED!



I WASN'T UNDER THE ILLUSION THAT HE WAS ANY DIFFERENT, BUT HE DID SEEM NICE! AND I DIDN'T GET TO GO OUT WITH COLLEGE BOYS EVERY DAY!

...AND THOSE YEARS IN THE ARMY CONVINCED ME THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO GET A GOOD EDUCATION, SO I CAME BACK TO SCHOOL!

I GUESS IT'S OKAY FOR **SOME** PEOPLE! HEY, IT'S GETTING LATE... I'VE GOT TO GET BACK!

FUNNY, WHAT A SWELL TIME I'D HAD WITH HIM! MAYBE THAT'S WHY I CONSENTED TO ANOTHER DATE... A COLLEGE DANCE...

I FEEL KINDA OUT OF PLACE, BUT I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT ME!

OUT OF PLACE? YOU MAKE THE OTHER GIRLS LOOK SICK, MIDGE! YOU'RE THE PRETTIEST GIRL HERE!

NO MATTER HOW NICE IT SOUNDED, IT WAS STILL FLATTERY! JUST ANOTHER LINE, I FIGURED, WHEN HE SUGGESTED A BREATH OF FRESH AIR...

EASY, PAL... YOU'RE GETTING OFFSIDE! LET'S GO BACK TO THE DANCE, HUH?

I MEANT WHAT I SAID, MIDGE... YOU'RE THE PRETTIEST GIRL I'VE EVER KNOWN!

HE DIDN'T GET SORE LIKE MOST GUYS... HE LOOKED SORT OF HURT, AND IT MADE ME FEEL CHEAP AND ASHAMED...

I'M SORRY, MIDGE! I DIDN'T THINK... FORGET IT! LET'S GO!

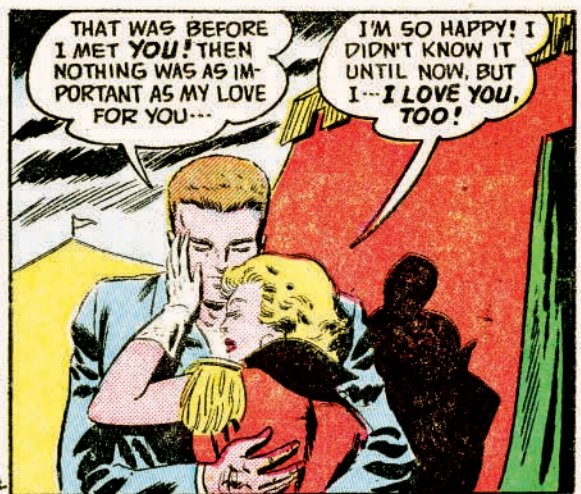
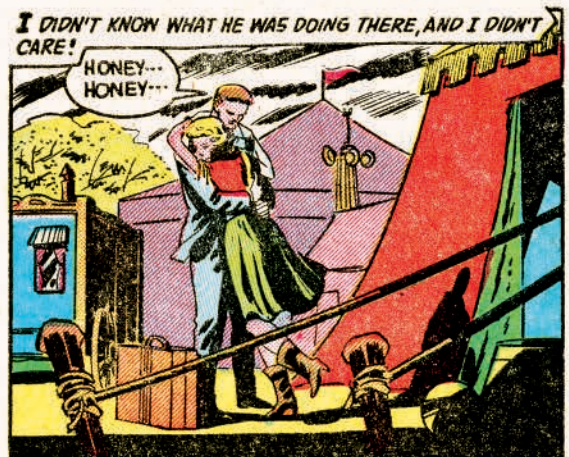
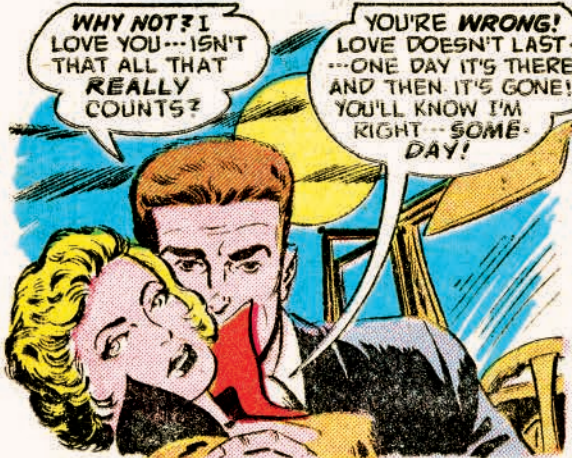
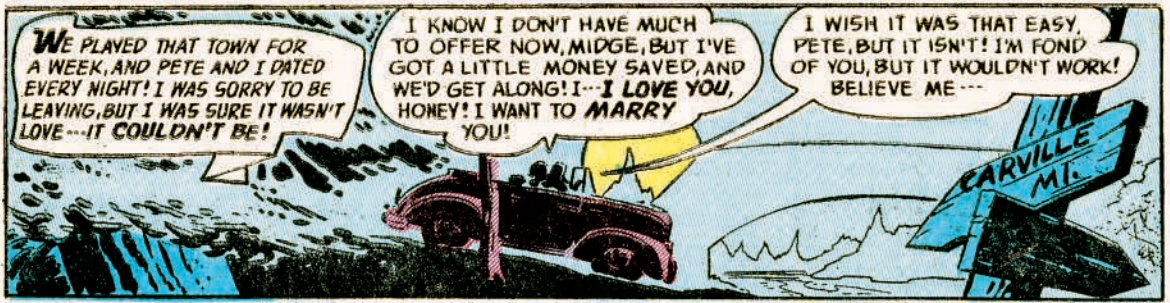
I... DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT YOU...

BACK AT THE CARNIVAL GROUNDS...

IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL NIGHT, MIDGE... YOU'LL NEVER KNOW HOW WONDERFUL!

FUNNY THING, BUT... I FEEL THE SAME WAY! YOU CAN... KISS ME IF YOU WANT, PETE!

I'D NEVER KNOWN THAT A KISS COULD BE... MAGIC! THERE WAS SOMETHING FINE, SOMETHING... WELL, DECENT ABOUT HIM... AND THE FEELING THAT HE CARED...



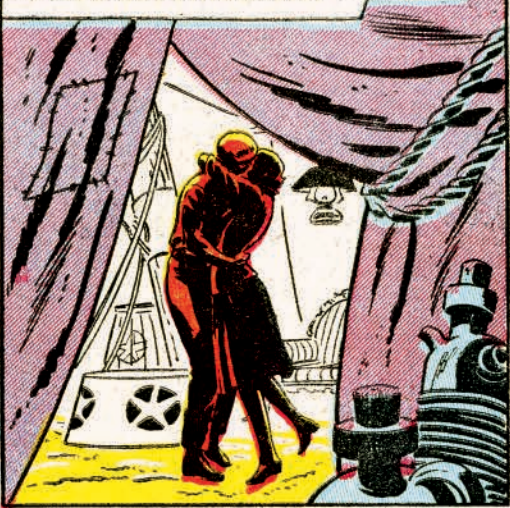
SO PETE CAME TO WORK WITH THE CARNIVAL---SELLING TICKETS, DRAWING POSTERS AND BACKDROPS---EVEN WORKING ON A MAGIC ACT!



HOW'RE YOU DOING, HOUDINI?

I HAVEN'T FOUND ANY RABBITS IN THIS THING YET! I GUESS YOU DON'T BECOME MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN OVERNIGHT!

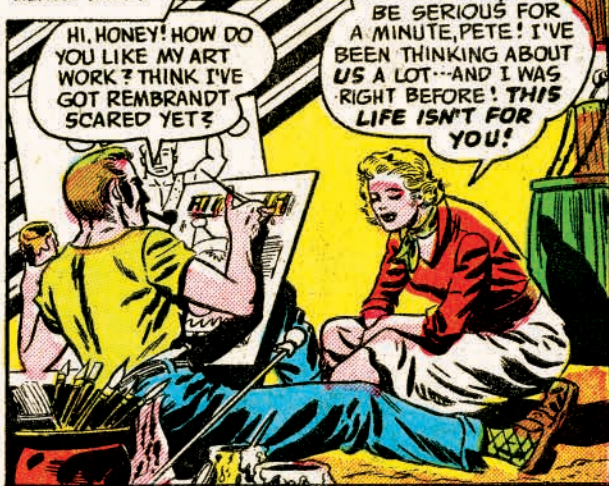
HOW I LOVED HIM---HOW I LOOKED FORWARD TO OUR LIFE AFTER WE WERE MARRIED---



ARE YOU EVER SORRY? ARE THERE ANY REGRETS?

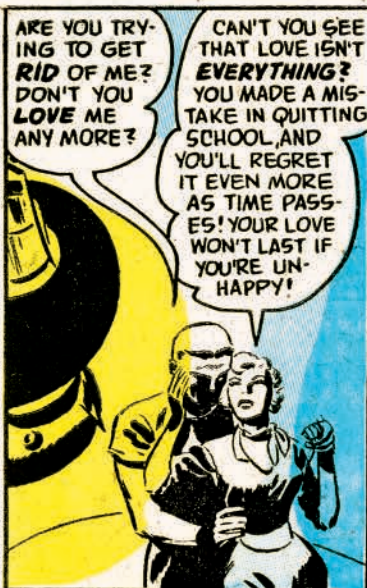
WHERE DID YOU EVER GET THAT IDEA? I'VE NEVER BEEN HAPPIER IN MY LIFE! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, HONEY!

BUT I DID WORRY---HE WASN'T FOOLING ME! SOMETIMES I SAW HIS FACE WHEN HE WAS OFF GUARD, AND HE WASN'T REALLY HAPPY---



HI, HONEY! HOW DO YOU LIKE MY ART WORK? THINK I'VE GOT REMBRANDT SCARED YET?

BE SERIOUS FOR A MINUTE, PETE! I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT US A LOT---AND I WAS RIGHT BEFORE! THIS LIFE ISN'T FOR YOU!



ARE YOU TRYING TO GET RID OF ME? DON'T YOU LOVE ME ANY MORE?

CAN'T YOU SEE THAT LOVE ISN'T EVERYTHING? YOU MADE A MISTAKE IN QUITTING SCHOOL, AND YOU'LL REGRET IT EVEN MORE AS TIME PASSES! YOUR LOVE WON'T LAST IF YOU'RE UNHAPPY!

EVEN AS HIS KISS DENIED MY WORDS, I KNEW THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING I COULD DO! HE'D NEVER GET ANYWHERE WITH A GIRL LIKE ME HOLDING HIM BACK, AND THE CARNIVAL LIFE WASN'T FOR HIM! IT WOULD BE HARD, BUT I HAD TO DO IT---



I FOUND THE ANSWER IN LUCKY KEATING, THE MOTORCYCLE DAREDEVIL WHO HAD RECENTLY JOINED THE SHOW! HE SEEMED TO LIKE ME---MAYBE HE'D HELP!

