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WAS IT SOME EVIL BURIED DEEP INSIDE MY SOUL THAT MADE ME A PLAYTHING FOR EVERY GUY I MET?

YOU SAY YOU LOVE ME... WHY CAN'T WE GO STEADY?

OH, RICHIE! I *DO* LOVE YOU... BUT HOW CAN I TELL YOU I'M NOT THE *KIND OF GIRL* YOU THINK I AM?



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♥ I COULDN'T TRUST MYSELF!

 ♥ Johnny was gone—taking my love...
READ YESTERDAY'S ROMANCE!

 ♥ What perfume should you use?
"BEAUTY ON A BUDGET"

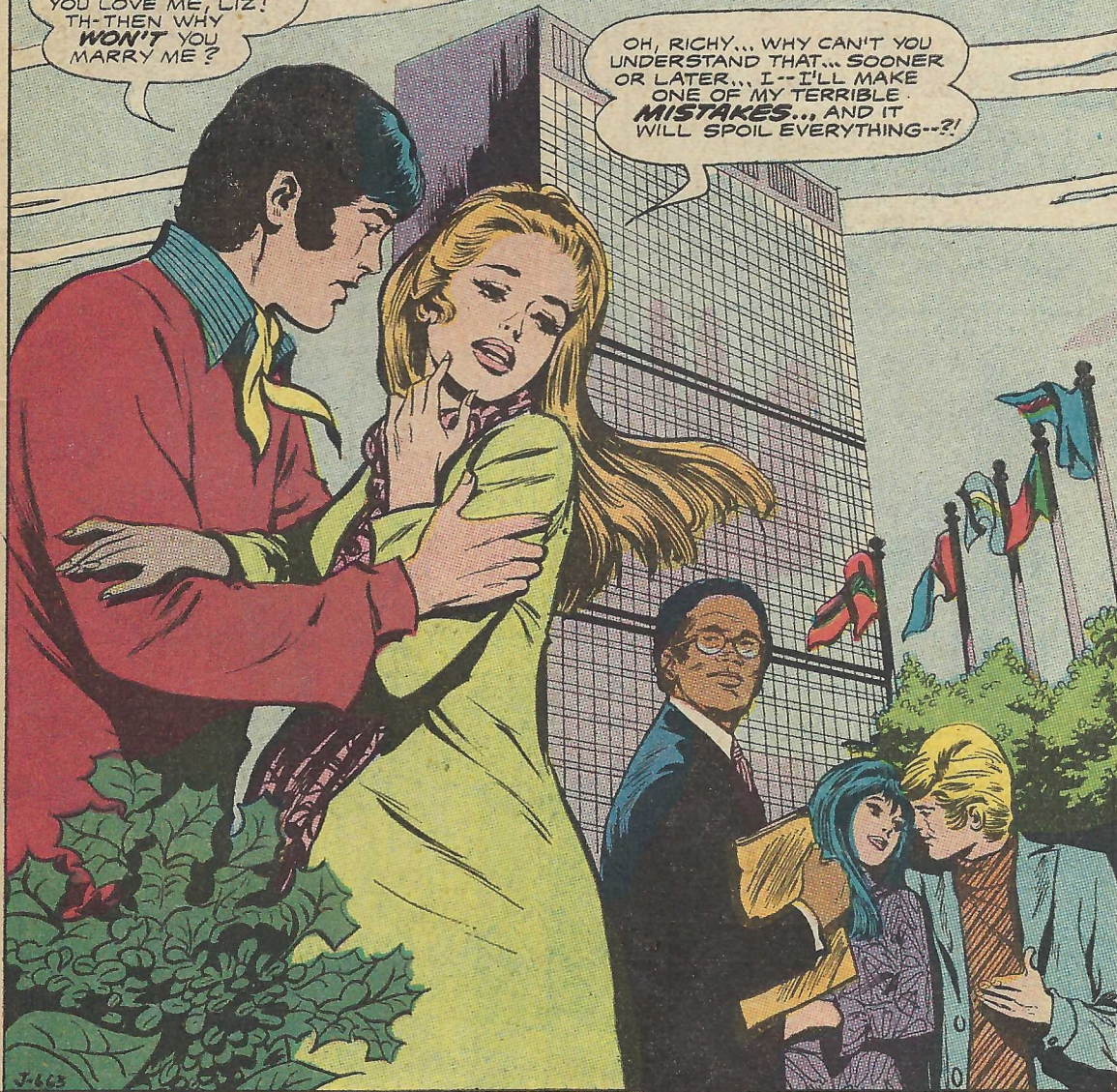
PLUS MANY OTHER STORIES

WAS IT SOME EVIL BURIED DEEP INSIDE MY SOUL THAT KEPT ME FROM BEING FAITHFUL TO ONE MAN?... IT WAS AN AGONIZING QUESTION I HAD TO FIND THE ANSWER TO... BECAUSE HOW COULD I EVER HOPE TO MAKE A MAN TRUST ME, WHEN...

"I couldn't TRUST MYSELF!"

B-BUT YOU ADMIT YOU LOVE ME, LIZ! TH-THEN WHY WON'T YOU MARRY ME?

OH, RICHY... WHY CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT... SOONER OR LATER... I--I'LL MAKE ONE OF MY TERRIBLE MISTAKES... AND IT WILL SPOIL EVERYTHING--?!

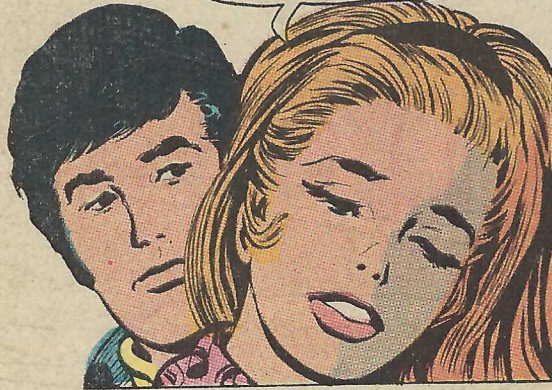


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YES... FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I WAS DEEPLY, MADLY, COMPLETELY, IN LOVE... AND YET... AND YET...

SO... SO... GO ON, RICHY... GET OUT OF MY LIFE... FOR YOUR OWN GOOD... SO THAT I WON'T HURT YOU, TOO!



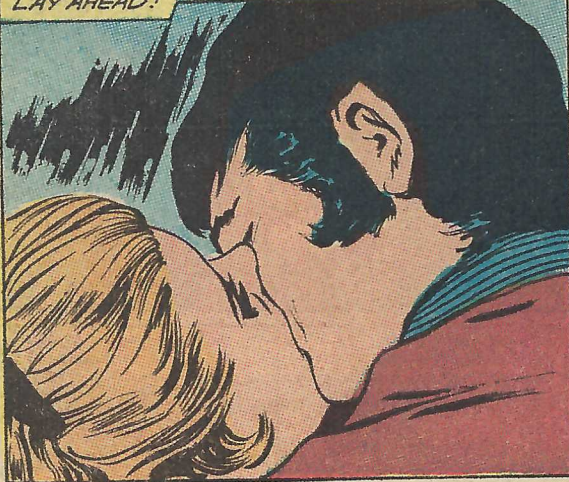
I LOOKED LONG AND LONGINGLY AT THE DEAR, TROUBLED FACE THAT HAD BECOME SO PRECIOUS TO ME... THEN...

OKAY, RICHY... I--I'LL TELL YOU... EVERYTHING... THE WHOLE AWFUL, SORDID STORY... BUT... BUT FIRST...

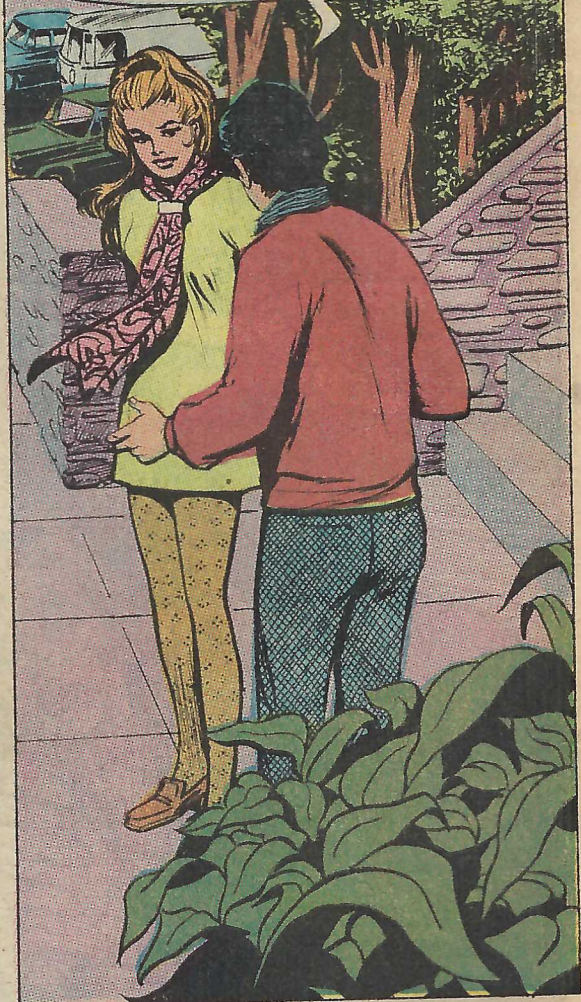
...KISS ME, DARLING... FOR THE LAST TIME...



HOW I NEEDED RICHY'S ARMS ABOUT ME... HIS LIPS ON MINE... TO GIVE ME THE STRENGTH I NEEDED FOR THE ORDEAL THAT LAY AHEAD!

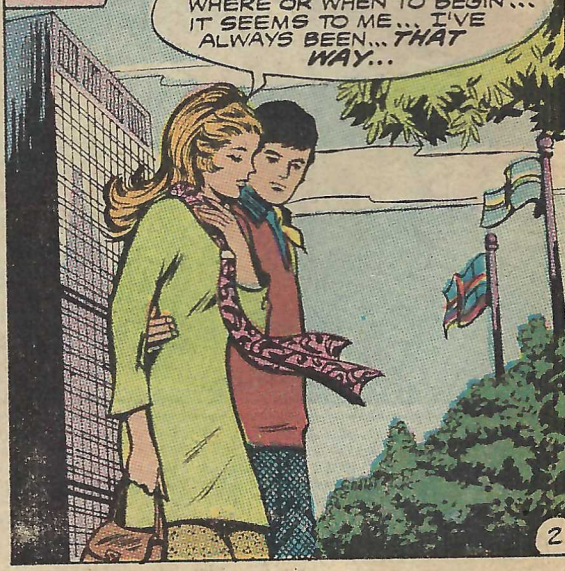


LIZ... LIZ... I'M NOT LETTING YOU WALK RIGHT OUT OF MY LIFE... I LOVE YOU TOO MUCH! YOU... YOU'VE JUST GOT TO TELL ME WHAT HORRIBLE SECRETS YOU'VE BEEN HIDING FROM ME!



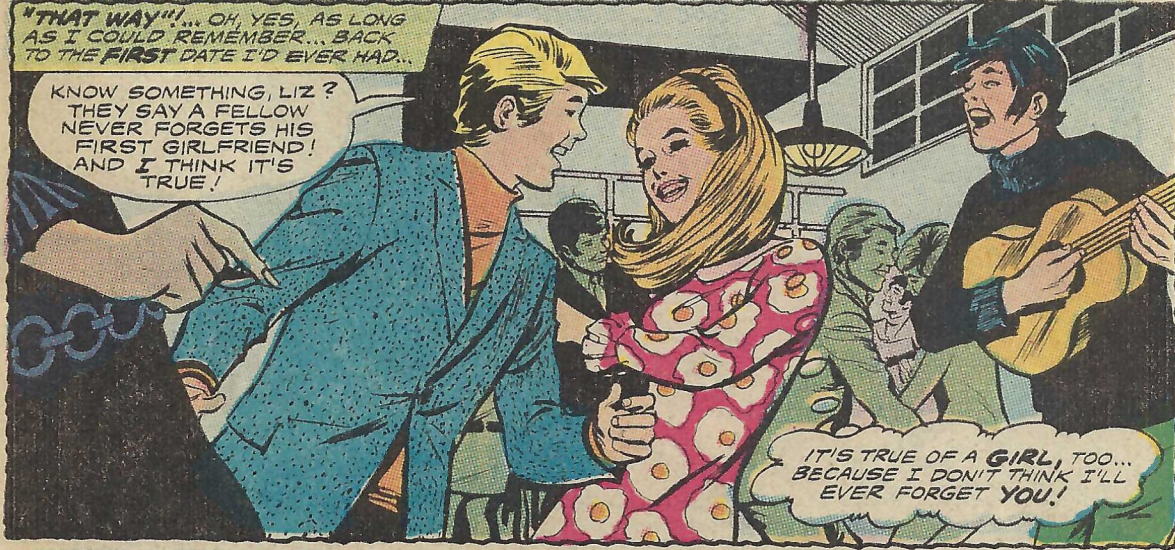
THEN...

RICKY... I--I HARDLY KNOW WHERE OR WHEN TO BEGIN... IT SEEMS TO ME... I'VE ALWAYS BEEN... THAT WAY...



"THAT WAY"!!! OH, YES, AS LONG AS I COULD REMEMBER... BACK TO THE FIRST DATE I'D EVER HAD...

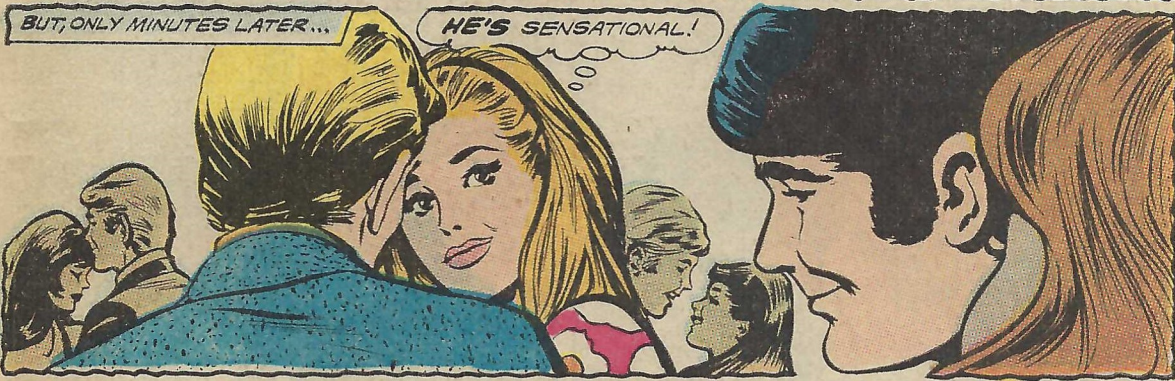
KNOW SOMETHING, LIZ? THEY SAY A FELLOW NEVER FORGETS HIS FIRST GIRLFRIEND! AND I THINK IT'S TRUE!



IT'S TRUE OF A GIRL, TOO... BECAUSE I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER FORGET YOU!

BUT, ONLY MINUTES LATER...

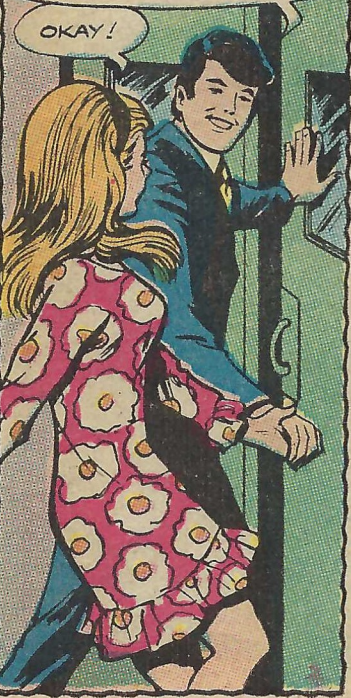
HE'S SENSATIONAL!



AND, NOT LONG AFTER...

COME ON, BABY... LET'S DITCH THIS SCENE, BEFORE OUR DATES CATCH ON!

OKAY!



BUT THAT NIGHT OF WILD EXCITEMENT TURNED TO REGRETS NEXT DAY, WHEN...

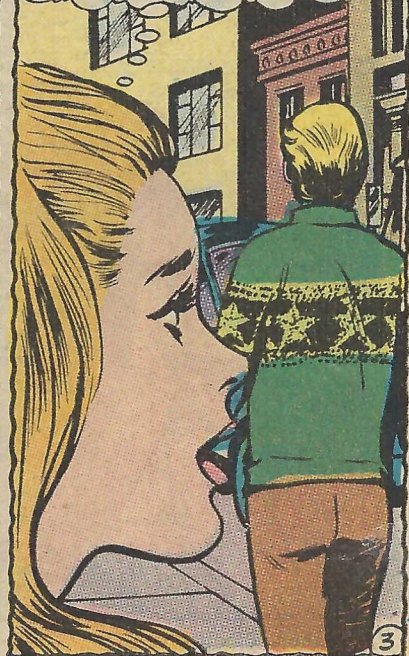
Y-YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TREATED ME LIKE THAT, LIZ... IF--IF YOU DIDN'T LIKE ME OR WANT TO GO OUT WITH ME, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO...

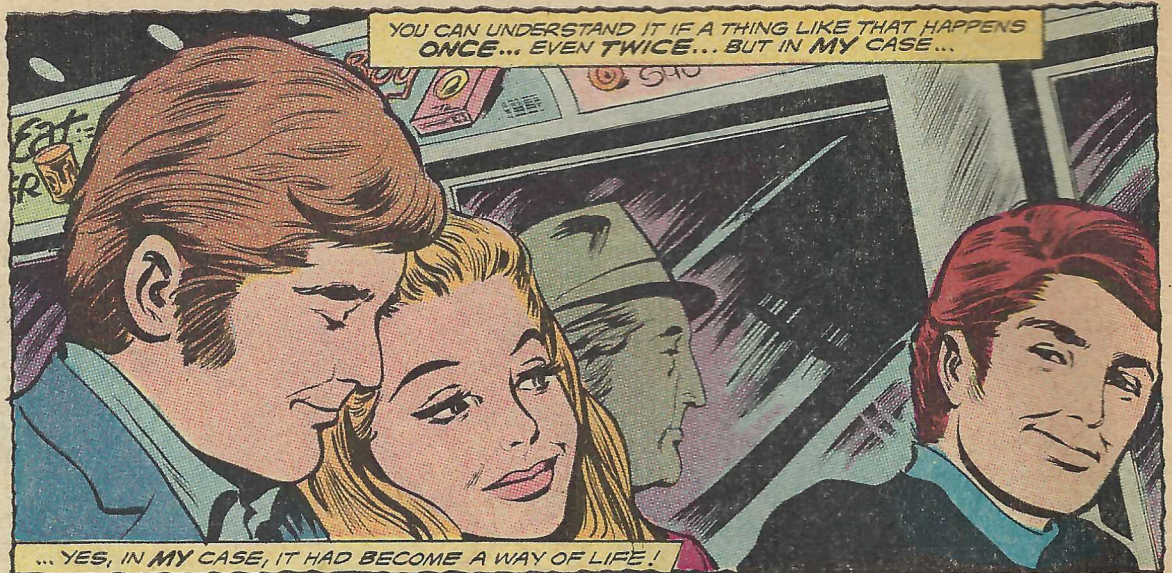
I'M SORRY...



I WATCHED TOMMY AS HE TURNED HIS DEEPLY HURT FACE FROM ME, AND...

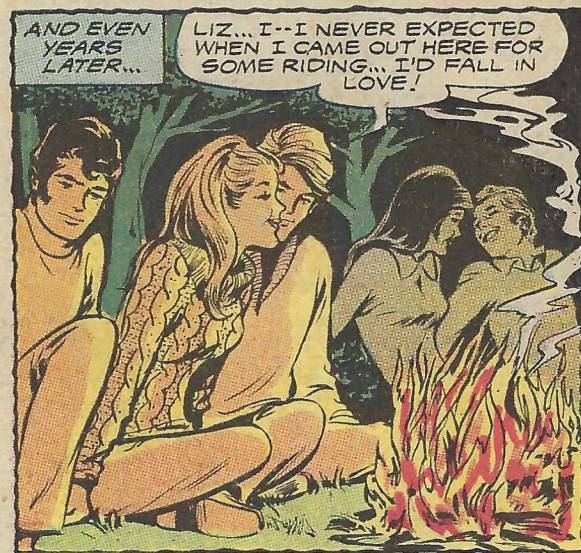
I-I DID LIKE YOU, UNTIL... UNTIL I SAW SOMEONE ELSE I LIKED BETTER...





YOU CAN UNDERSTAND IT IF A THING LIKE THAT HAPPENS ONCE... EVEN TWICE... BUT IN MY CASE...

... YES, IN MY CASE, IT HAD BECOME A WAY OF LIFE!



AND EVEN YEARS LATER...

LIZ... I--I NEVER EXPECTED WHEN I CAME OUT HERE FOR SOME RIDING... I'D FALL IN LOVE!



I FELT HIS FINGERS ON MINE... AND...

OH BILL... I MUST LIKE YOU A LOT TOO... BECAUSE I HAVEN'T LOOKED AT ANOTHER FELLOW SINCE I GOT HERE!



BUT, NEXT INSTANT...

IT-- IT ISN'T BILL'S HAND... BUT... BUT...



AND BEFORE THAT NIGHT WAS OVER...

I FLIPPED FOR YOU THE MOMENT I SAW YOU, BABY!

I--I SHOULDN'T BE DOING THIS... BUT... BUT I CAN'T HELP MYSELF!

AND THAT'S HOW IT WENT... ALL THROUGH THE YEARS...

H-HE'S FABULOUS... HE MAKES MY BOY-FRIEND LOOK LIKE A REAL NOTHING!

THANKS TO YOU, I'LL PROBABLY NEVER BE ABLE TO TRUST ANOTHER CHICK, AS LONG AS I LIVE!

I-I COULDN'T HELP IT, JIM... I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT YOU... I--I JUST STOPPED LOVING YOU WHEN I MET SOMEONE ELSE!

Y-YOU'LL SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE LIKE THIS... FLITTING FROM ONE GUY TO THE NEXT... BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY YOU ARE--NO GOOD!

N-NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND, RICHY? I'M THAT WAY... NO MATTER HOW MUCH I TRY TO FIGHT IT... AND... ONE OF THESE DAYS, I MIGHT DO IT TO YOU, TOO... AND I DON'T WANT TO!

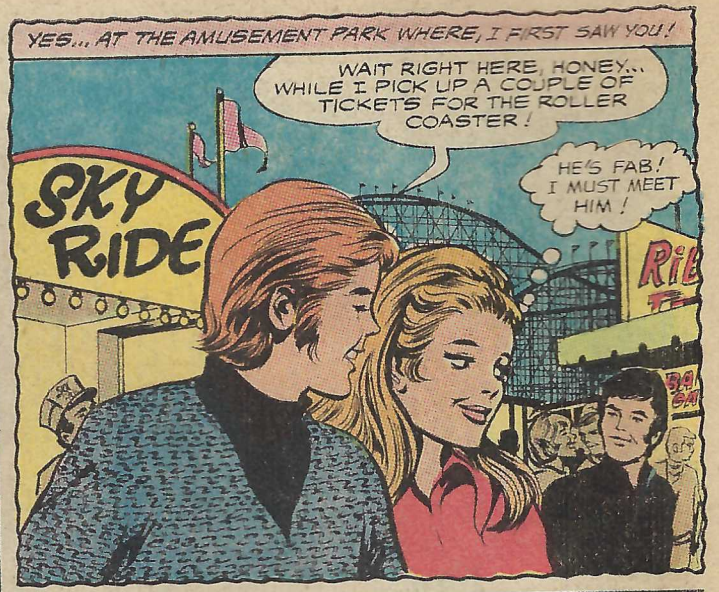
B-BUT ALL THOSE STORIES YOU TOLD ME, LIZ... THEY ALL HAPPENED A LONG TIME AGO!

OH, REALLY? THEN LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, DARLING...



RICHY... DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST DAY WE MET?

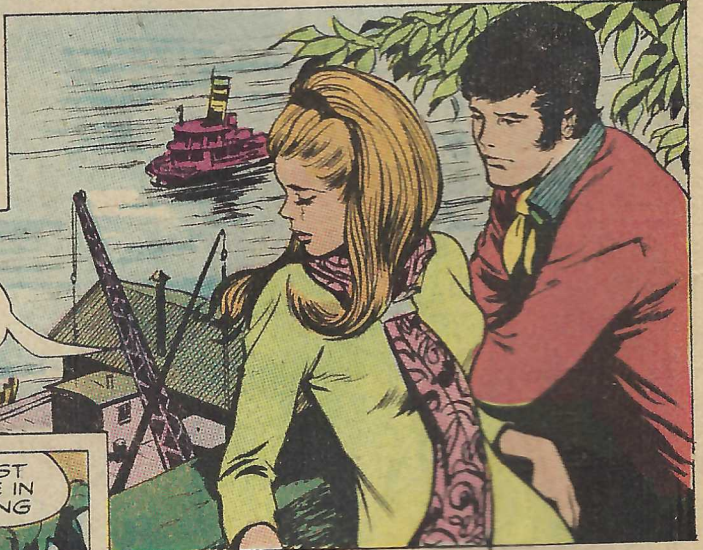
I SURE DO! I'LL NEVER FORGET IT-- IT WAS AT THAT AMUSEMENT PARK!



YES... AT THE AMUSEMENT PARK WHERE, I FIRST SAW YOU!

WAIT RIGHT HERE, HONEY... WHILE I PICK UP A COUPLE OF TICKETS FOR THE ROLLER COASTER!

HE'S FAB! I MUST MEET HIM!



A LONG TIME AGO, HUH?! THINK OF IT, RICHY... I EVEN HAD TO THROW SOME GUY OVER WHEN YOU CAME ALONG! AND--AND ONE OF THESE DAYS, I'LL THROW YOU OVER WHEN ANOTHER FACE COMES ALONG!

NOW YOU LISTEN TO ME, LIZ... YOU JUST STOP WORRYING ABOUT HURTING ME IN THE FUTURE... AND START WORRYING ABOUT HURTING ME NOW!

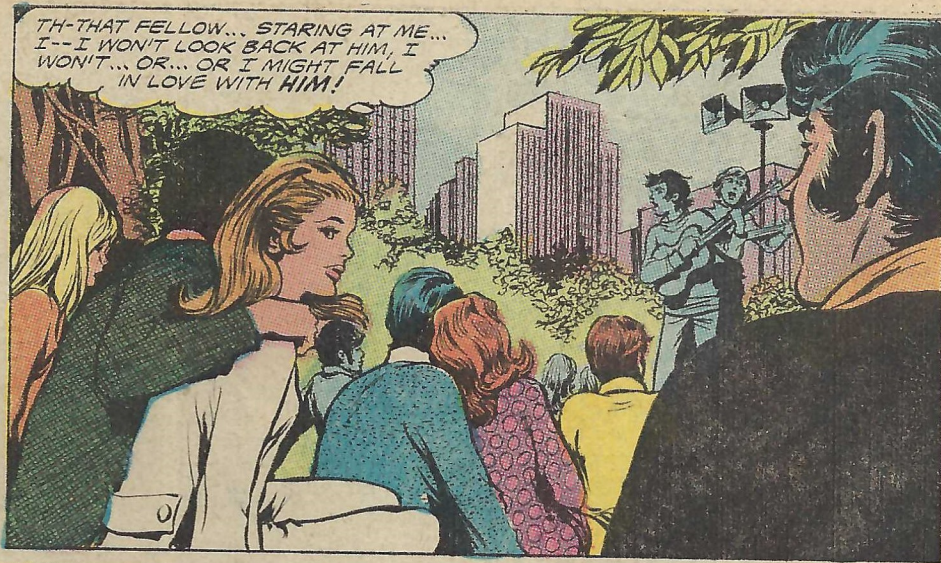


I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES, HONEY... BUT DON'T LEAVE ME NOW!



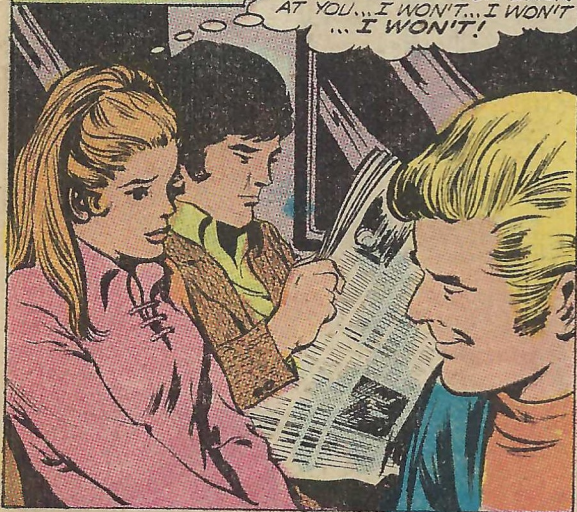
OH, RICHY, RICHY... I'M PRAYING FOR A MIRACLE... THAT... THAT WILL KEEP ME LOVING YOU... AND ONLY YOU... FOREVER AND EVER AND EVER!

AND TO RICHY'S GREAT JOY, THINGS SEEMED TO BE WORKING OUT PERFECTLY FOR US... BUT IF RICHY COULD ONLY KNOW HOW I SUFFERED...



YES... EVERYWHERE I WENT...

S-STOP STARING AT ME... I WON'T LOOK BACK AT YOU... I WON'T... I WON'T... I WON'T!



POOR, DEAR RICHY... HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS GOING ON INSIDE ME...

THERE... YOU SEE, HONEY? YOU NEVER, NEVER EVEN GLANCE AT ANY OTHER GUYS ANYMORE!

OH, RICHY-- IF YOU ONLY KNEW!



YES... IF HE ONLY KNEW MY SILENT PRAYERS...

PLEASE, PLEASE... DON'T EVER LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN! KEEP ME IN LOVE WITH RICHY!



BUT, A WEEK LATER, FATE PLAYED ONE OF THOSE CRUEL TRICKS ON ME...

OOPS! SORRY!

I'M NOT SORRY! IN FACT... YOU'RE THE PRETTIEST THING I'VE EVER RUN INTO!

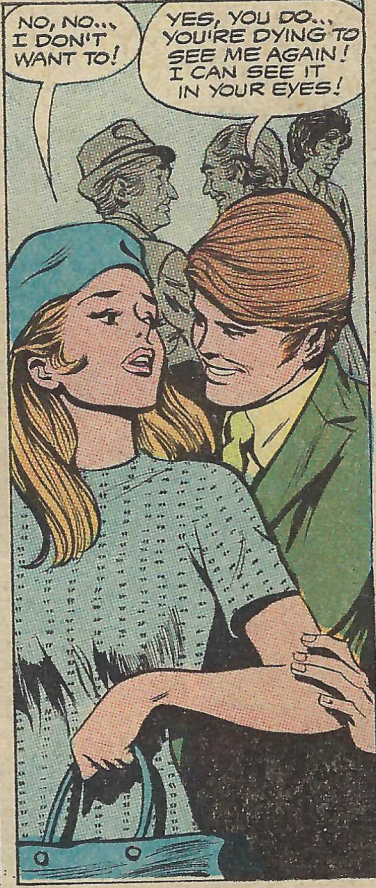




OH, HOW I STRUGGLED!

PLEASE... I MUST GO...

AW, WAIT... IT WON'T KILL YOU... HAVING DINNER WITH ME! WHO KNOWS... WE MIGHT EVEN FALL IN LOVE!



NO, NO... I DON'T WANT TO!

YES, YOU DO... YOU'RE DYING TO SEE ME AGAIN! I CAN SEE IT IN YOUR EYES!

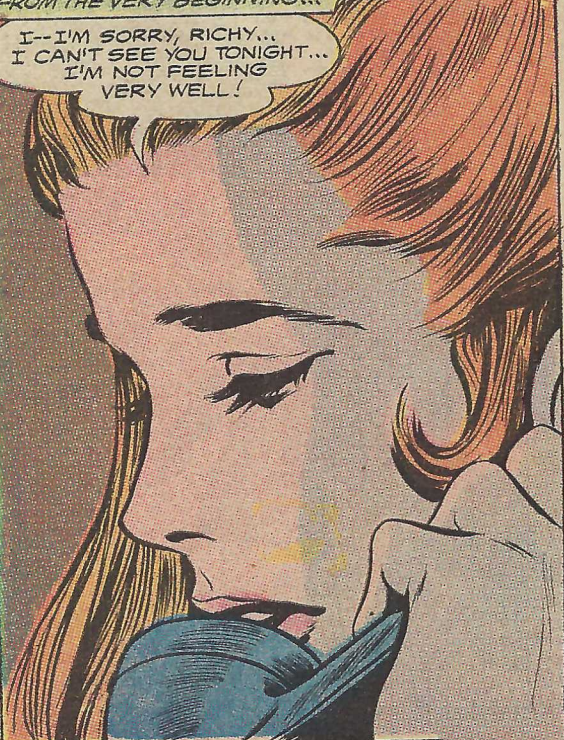


YES... HE SAW IT... HE RECOGNIZED IT... EVEN BEFORE I DID, AND...

OKAY...

SO... THERE I WAS... GOING THROUGH THE WHOLE HORRIBLE, FAMILIAR ROUTINE... ALL OVER AGAIN... FROM THE VERY BEGINNING...

I--I'M SORRY, RICHY... I CAN'T SEE YOU TONIGHT... I'M NOT FEELING VERY WELL!



AND, IN A WAY... THAT WAS NO LIE!

I WAS LOST, LOST, LOST... LOST IN THE LURE OF A NEW FACE... A NEW EXCITEMENT... EVEN THE OLD WORDS, BUT SPOKEN BY A NEW VOICE.



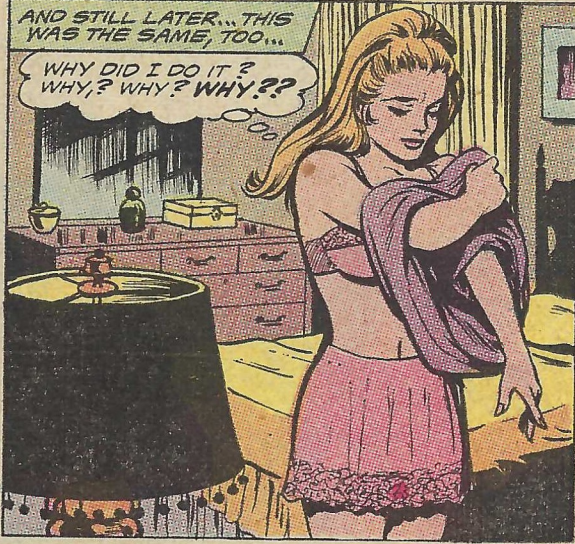
YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL BABY... BEAUTIFUL...

AND LATER... THE OLD KISS... FROM NEW LIPS...



AND STILL LATER... THIS WAS THE SAME, TOO...

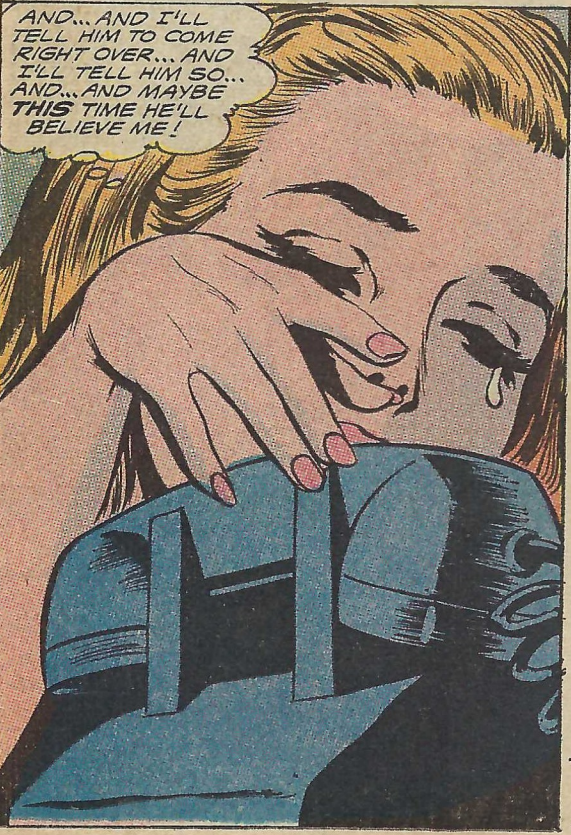
WHY DID I DO IT?
WHY? WHY? WHY??



B-BUT... RICHY CAN'T
BLAME ME! I--I WARNED
HIM IT WOULD HAPPEN...
I WARNED HIM!



AND... AND I'LL
TELL HIM TO COME
RIGHT OVER... AND
I'LL TELL HIM SO...
AND... AND MAYBE
THIS TIME HE'LL
BELIEVE ME!



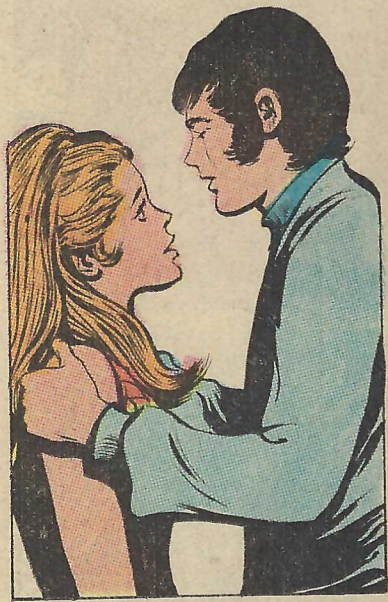
SO... LATER, ON THE ROOF...

I--I'VE PROVED IT NOW,
HAVEN'T I, RICHY? HAVEN'T
I PROVED THAT...
I'M NO GOOD?



BUT RICHY ONLY SMILED TENDERLY... AND HE TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS, AND...

LOOK, HONEY... I--I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'VE ALWAYS FALLEN FOR A NEW FACE...



... MAYBE IT WAS BECAUSE, DEEP DOWN, YOU SECRETLY FEARED THAT SOONER OR LATER THE GUY WOULD TURN YOU OFF... AND TO KEEP YOURSELF FROM GETTING HURT, YOU TURNED HIM OFF FIRST!



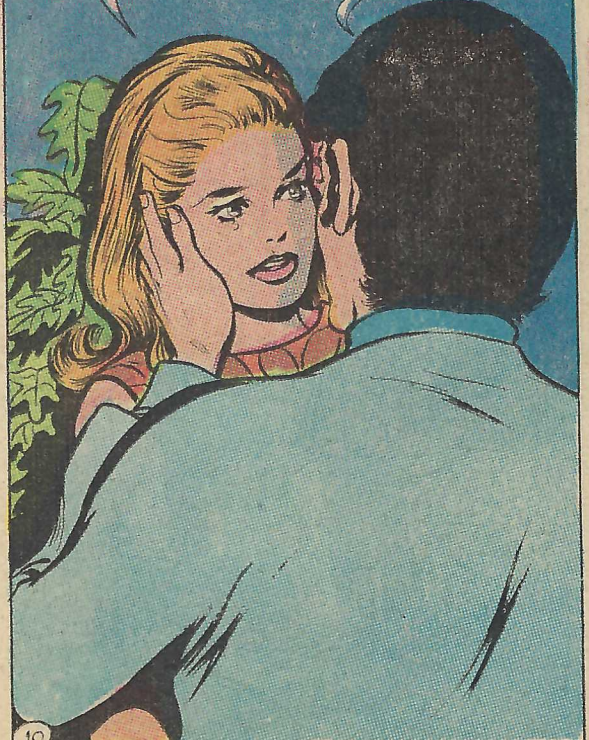
... IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER WHY YOU DID IT BEFORE... OR LAST NIGHT...

... WHAT DOES MATTER IS THAT... THIS TIME YOU CAME BACK TO YOUR GUY...



... BECAUSE... BECAUSE I LOVE YOU SO...

SURE... BECAUSE YOU LOVE ME... AND THAT'S REALLY ALL THAT MATTERS!...



YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE ME, LIZ... NEVER... BECAUSE I WON'T LET YOU GO... AND YOU MAY AS WELL KNOW IT RIGHT NOW...



AND SOMETHING DEEP INSIDE ME TOLD ME RICHY WAS RIGHT... AND THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE FINE FROM NOW ON.

The End