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# COMICS



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HOW WOULD YOU FIGURE IT, MR. ROPER? THE PORTER SAW YOU BENDING OVER THE SINGER'S BODY!-- SHE WAS STRANGLER WITH A SCARF BEARING YOUR INITIALS!--



AND UNDER HER BODY WE FOUND A PIPE-LIGHTER WITH YOUR INITIALS ON IT! EVEN A "ROOKIE" COULD PUT THIS CASE TOGETHER!



DO YOU RIDE DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS WITH ME, MR. ROPER?-- OR SHALL I CALL A WAGON?

CALL THE MILITIA, INSPECTOR! IT WOULDN'T BE ANY CRAZIER THAN THINKING I KILLED TORCHY BLUES!



I DON'T THINK IT'S CRAZY!-- IT FITS LIKE A-- LIKE A KEY IN A LOCK! LOOK HERE!



TORCHY HAD A RECORD AS A BLACKMAIL EXPERT! WE EVEN FOUND THIS SCRAPBOOK WITH SOME OF HER "PRESS NOTICES"!

**GIRL ACCOMPLICE CAUGHT IN EXTORTION RACKET**  
Torchy Blues, night club singer is old offender.  
Police seek girl vocalist on blackmail charge.  
Victim testifies Torch Blues wrote letters  
**TORCHY BLUES RELEASED FROM JAIL**  
Torchy Blues, night club singer, was released from jail after serving 30-day term for blackmail charge.



SHE'D BEEN SHAKING YOU DOWN!-- AND YOU DECIDED TO GIVE HER THE "BIG PAY-OFF"!



YOU'D HAVE RECOVERED YOUR SCARF AND ESCAPED TOO-- IF THE PORTER HADN'T COME TO CALL HER TO THE PHONE!

YOU'RE ONLY GUESSING THAT THE SCARF AND PIPE LIGHTER BELONG TO ME!



GUESSES MAY MISS, ROPER!-- BUT FINGERPRINTS DON'T!



SHALL WE GO?