

"DON'T WORRY OR FRET, FAINT-HEARTED, THE CHANCES HAVE JUST BEGUN, FOR THE BEST JOBS HAVEN'T BEEN STARTED, THE BEST WORK HASN'T BEEN DONE."
-BERTON BRADLEY.



YOU KNEW ALL TH' TIME ALL ABOUT WHO REALLY DID THAT JOB AND WHO FRAMED SAM FOR IT?

SURE--TOUGH TONY TONGENO'S GANG--AND THAT ASSISTANT D.A., EDDIE EHAT-- BUT WHAT COULD ANYBODY LIKE ME DO?



OPEN MY MOUTH AND I GET SHOT-- PERIOD! SO HOW WOULD THAT HELP SAM-- OR ME?



YEAH! IF THAT ASSISTANT D.A. IS IN WITH TH' MOB-- HOW ABOUT HIS BOSS?

K. KARL KRAMS! SMART APPLE! CAREFUL--IF EDDIE EHAT SLIPS, HE FIRES HIM--



TCH! TCH! THEN EDDIE WOULD BE A BAD BOY, BUT K. KARL WOULD NOT BE TO BLAME-- HE WANTS TO BE GOVERNOR--



THAT'S ALL GREAT-- POLITICS! BUT ISN'T THERE ANYBODY HONEST THAT COULD HELP NOW?

TH' CHIEF OF POLICE IS HONEST-- THE COPS ARE GOOD BOYS-- BUT WHAT CAN THEY DO?



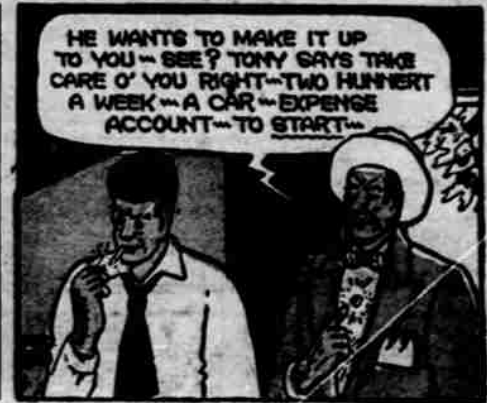
POOR SAM-- HE JUST CAN'T GET A JOB FROM ANYBODY-- 'CAUSE HE WAS IN PRISON--

MAYBE HE CAN-- I HEAR THINGS--



LOOK, BUTTONS-- YOU MEAN TO SAY TOUGH TONY TONGENO SAID TO GIVE ME A JOB? WHY?

LIKE I TOLD YOU, SAM-- TONY'S SORRY WE HAD TO FRAME YOU--



HE WANTS TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU-- SEE? TONY SAYS TAKE CARE O' YOU RIGHT-- TWO HUNDERT A WEEK-- A CAR-- EXPENSE ACCOUNT-- TO START--



DONING WHAT, BUTTONS?

DONIN' WHAT YOU'RE TOLD-- COLLECTIN' FOR TH' SYNDICATE-- THIS AN' THAT-- NO ROUGH STUFF--

9-6-53



THANKS FOR THE OFFER-- YOU TELL TONY TONGENO THE ANSWER IS NO!

O.K., SAMMY! I THINK YOU'RE MAKIN' A BIG MISTAKE--



BUT IT'S YOUR FUNERAL!

MAYBE-- BUT I WOULDN'T COUNT ON IT, BUTTONS!



WHAT? AL GOT FIRED AGAIN?

9-6-53



AH, YIS-- GIVEN TIMES IN GIVEN MONTHS-- HE LASTED ONLY TWO WEEKS THIS TIME--

BUT WHY DOES HE ALWAYS GET FIRED?



OH GUESS IT'S BECAUSE TH' MINUTE HE GETS A JOB HE STOPS LOOKIN' FOR WORK!