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Rudy Makes A Thrilling Arrest

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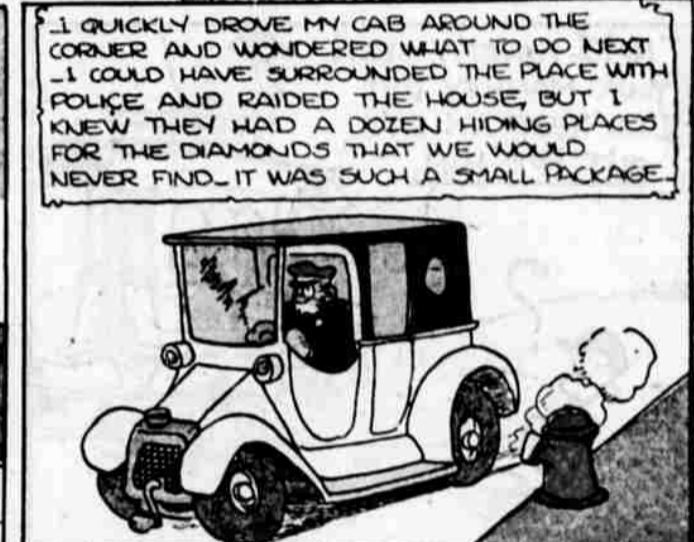


DADDY, TELL ME THE REST OF THE STORY ABOUT THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS

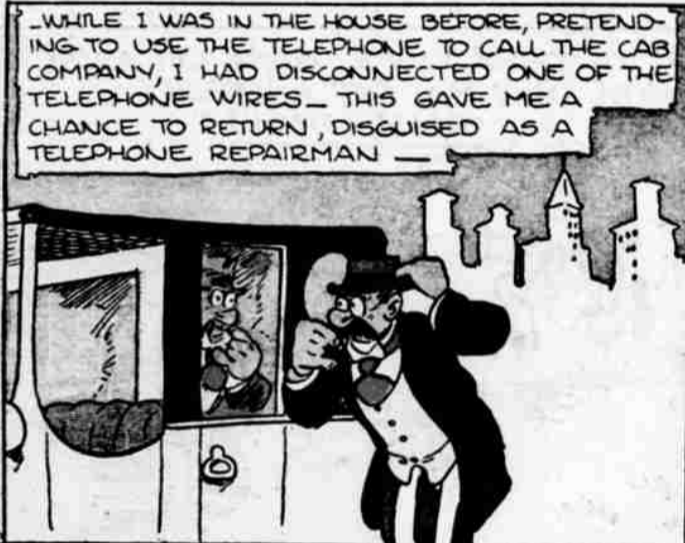
WHERE WAS I? OH YES, I WAS STILL DISGUISED AS A CAB DRIVER WHEN A MAN CAME TO THE HOUSE, WHO WAS EVIDENTLY THE CONFEDERATE WHO HAD THE DIAMONDS - I RECOGNIZED HIM IMMEDIATELY AS HAVING BEEN ON THE BOAT WITH US.



- I CRAWLED UNDER THE PORCH AND LISTENED, AND SHORTLY THE DOOR WAS OPENED AND I COULD MAKE OUT FROM SNATCHES OF THEIR CONVERSATION THAT THEY WERE ANXIOUS TO KNOW IF HE HAD THE DIAMONDS -



I QUICKLY DROVE MY CAB AROUND THE CORNER AND WONDERED WHAT TO DO NEXT - I COULD HAVE SURROUNDED THE PLACE WITH POLICE AND RAIDED THE HOUSE, BUT I KNEW THEY HAD A DOZEN HIDING PLACES FOR THE DIAMONDS THAT WE WOULD NEVER FIND - IT WAS SUCH A SMALL PACKAGE.



...WHILE I WAS IN THE HOUSE BEFORE, PRETENDING TO USE THE TELEPHONE TO CALL THE CAB COMPANY, I HAD DISCONNECTED ONE OF THE TELEPHONE WIRES - THIS GAVE ME A CHANCE TO RETURN, DISGUISED AS A TELEPHONE REPAIRMAN -



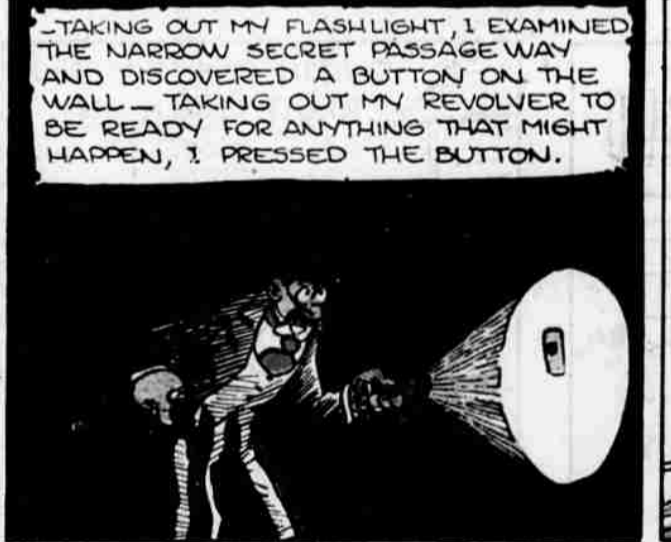
- I WAS READILY ADMITTED, MY DISGUISE BEING PERFECT, FOR THEY ALREADY HAD DISCOVERED THE PHONE WAS NOT WORKING AND THEY BELIEVED THE TELEPHONE COMPANY HAD SENT ME -



AFTER EXAMINING THE PHONE BOX, I TOLD THEM THAT THERE MUST BE TROUBLE IN THE WIRING SOMEPLACE AND I WOULD HAVE TO TRACE IT OUT - THIS GAVE ME A CHANCE TO EXAMINE THE HOUSE THOROUGHLY -



...WHILE PRETENDING TO TRACE THE WIRE ALONG THE BASEBOARD I TOUCHED SOMETHING THAT OPENED A PANEL IN THE WALL - I SLIPPED INTO IT TO EXAMINE AND FIND OUT WHERE IT LED -



...TAKING OUT MY FLASHLIGHT, I EXAMINED THE NARROW SECRET PASSAGE WAY AND DISCOVERED A BUTTON ON THE WALL - TAKING OUT MY REVOLVER TO BE READY FOR ANYTHING THAT MIGHT HAPPEN, I PRESSED THE BUTTON.



...AND LO AND BEHOLD, THERE SAT MY TWO SMUGGLERS ASSORTING THE MOST BEAUTIFUL DIAMONDS I EVER SAW -



- I TOOK THEM SO UNAWARES THAT THEY MADE NO RESISTANCE WHATEVER, AND SINGLE-HANDED I HANDCUFFED THEM - THEN I TOOK OFF MY DISGUISE AND YOU CAN BET THEY WERE SURPRISED WHEN THEY FOUND OUT WHO I WAS -



...HOLDING THEM OFF AT THE POINT OF MY PISTOL, I GATHERED UP THE DIAMONDS - PUT THEM IN MY POCKET AND INSTRUCTED THEM TO CALL FOR THE BUTLER AS THOUGH THEY WANTED HIS SERVICES



AND DID THE BUTLER COME? - AND DID YOU CAPTURE HIM TOO?

I'LL SAY HE CAME IN, BUT I'LL HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THAT SOME OTHER TIME.

To Be Continued

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