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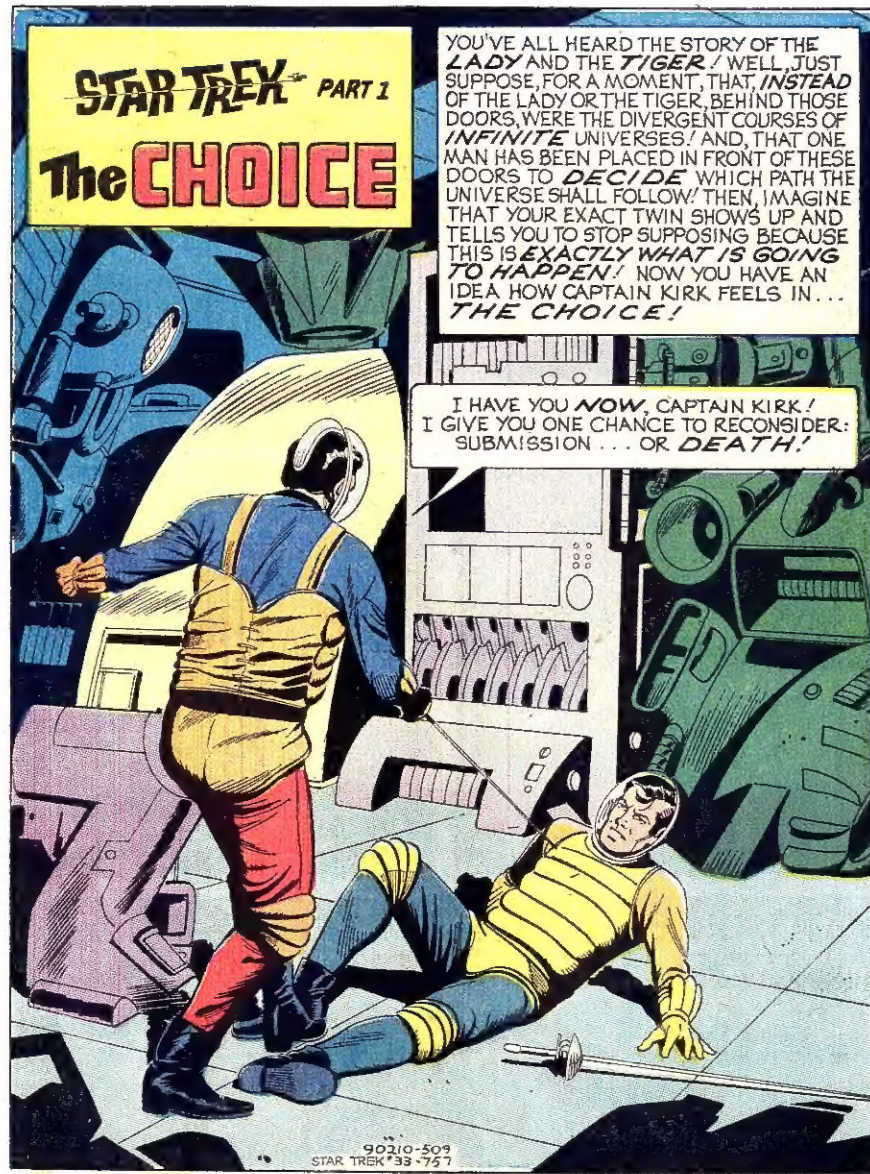
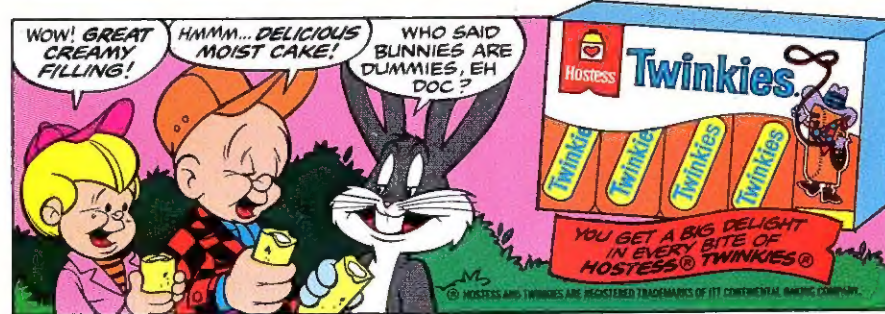
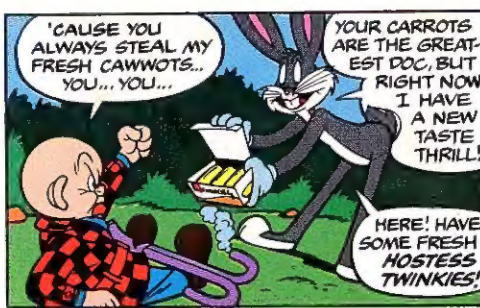
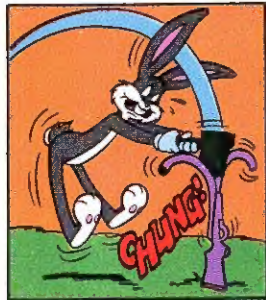
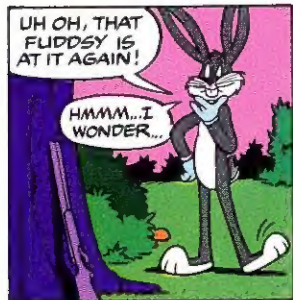
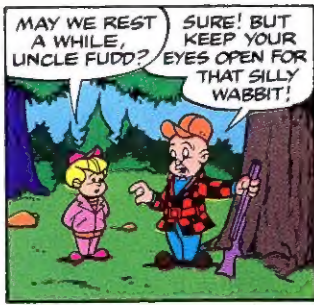
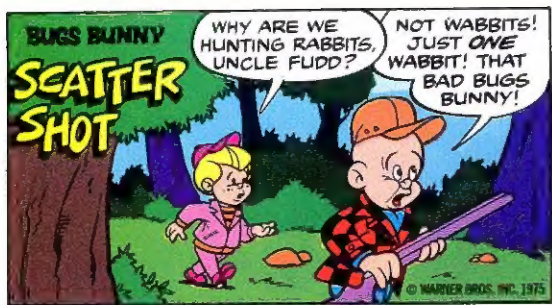
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**KIRK
vs.
KIRK!**

**A duel to save
the Universe
from OBLIVION!**

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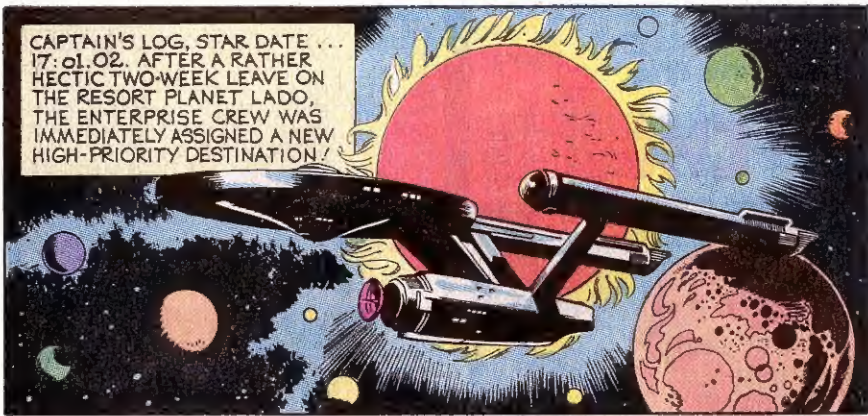


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CAPTAIN'S LOG, STAR DATE 17:01.02. AFTER A RATHER HECTIC TWO-WEEK LEAVE ON THE RESORT PLANET LADO, THE ENTERPRISE CREW WAS IMMEDIATELY ASSIGNED A NEW HIGH-PRIORITY DESTINATION!



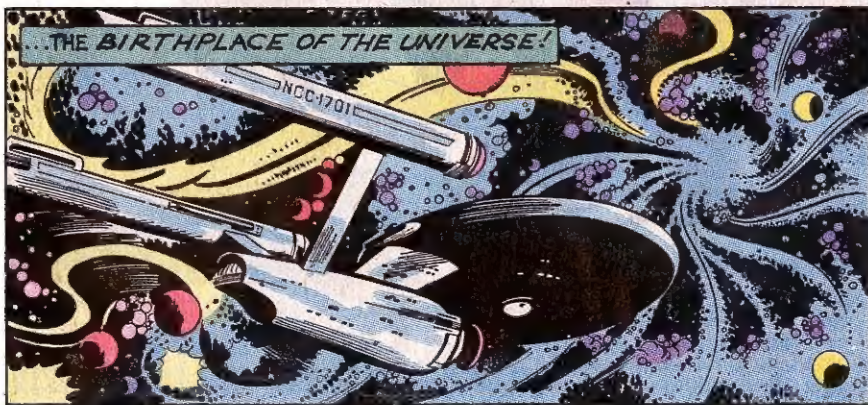
OUR ORDERS ARE TO PROCEED TO THE VAST AND LITTLE KNOWN QUADRANT MARK I, IN THE CAPACITY OF SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION!



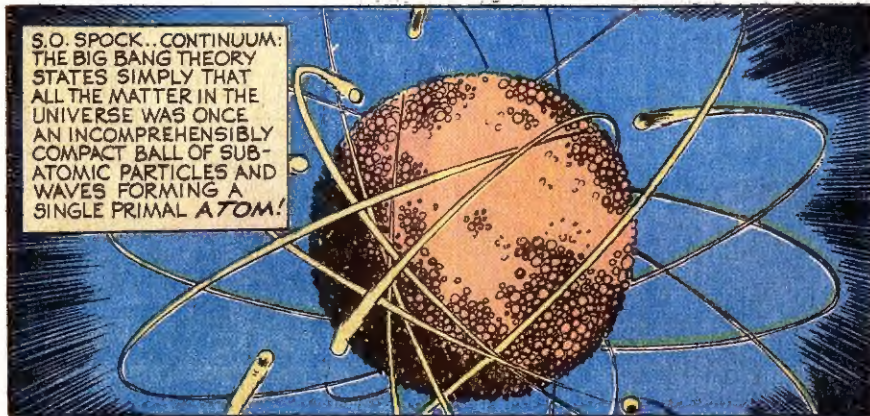
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PARA-ASTRONOMY HAVE PINPOINTED A HOTBED OF TELLTALE RADIATION THERE! SCIENTISTS NOW BELIEVE THIS AREA TO BE THE SITE OF THE **BIG BANG!** OR, IN OTHER WORDS...



...THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE UNIVERSE!



S.O. SPOCK... CONTINUUM: THE BIG BANG THEORY STATES SIMPLY THAT ALL THE MATTER IN THE UNIVERSE WAS ONCE AN INCOMPREHENSIBLY COMPACT BALL OF SUB-ATOMIC PARTICLES AND WAVES FORMING A SINGLE PRIMAL **ATOM!**



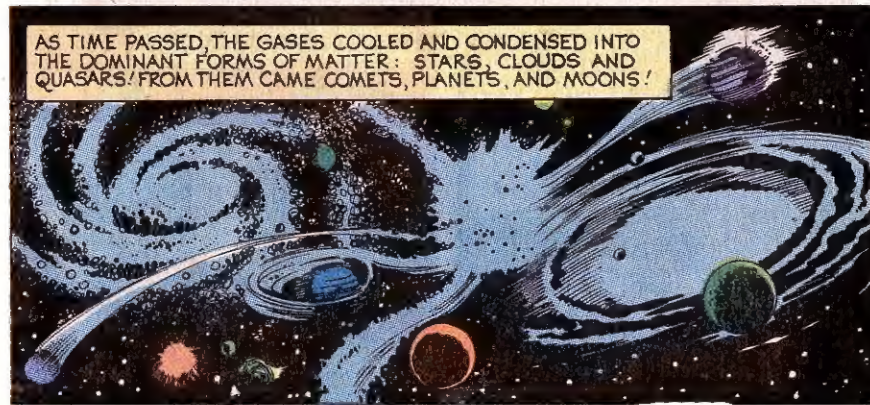
THEN, AT SOME INSTANT, FOR SOME REASON, THE **ATOM EXPLODED!**



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THEN, THE PROCESS WILL REVERSE ITSELF! THE UNIVERSE WILL ONCE AGAIN SHRINK TO THE ORIGINAL ATOM, AND EVENTUALLY EXPLODE AGAIN!



THANK YOU, MR. SPOCK! A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON OUR OBJECTIVE! AS YOU KNOW, OUR MISSION IS TO GET AS NEAR AS POSSIBLE TO THE ORIGIN OF THE BLAST AND OBSERVE ANY UNUSUAL PHENOMENA!



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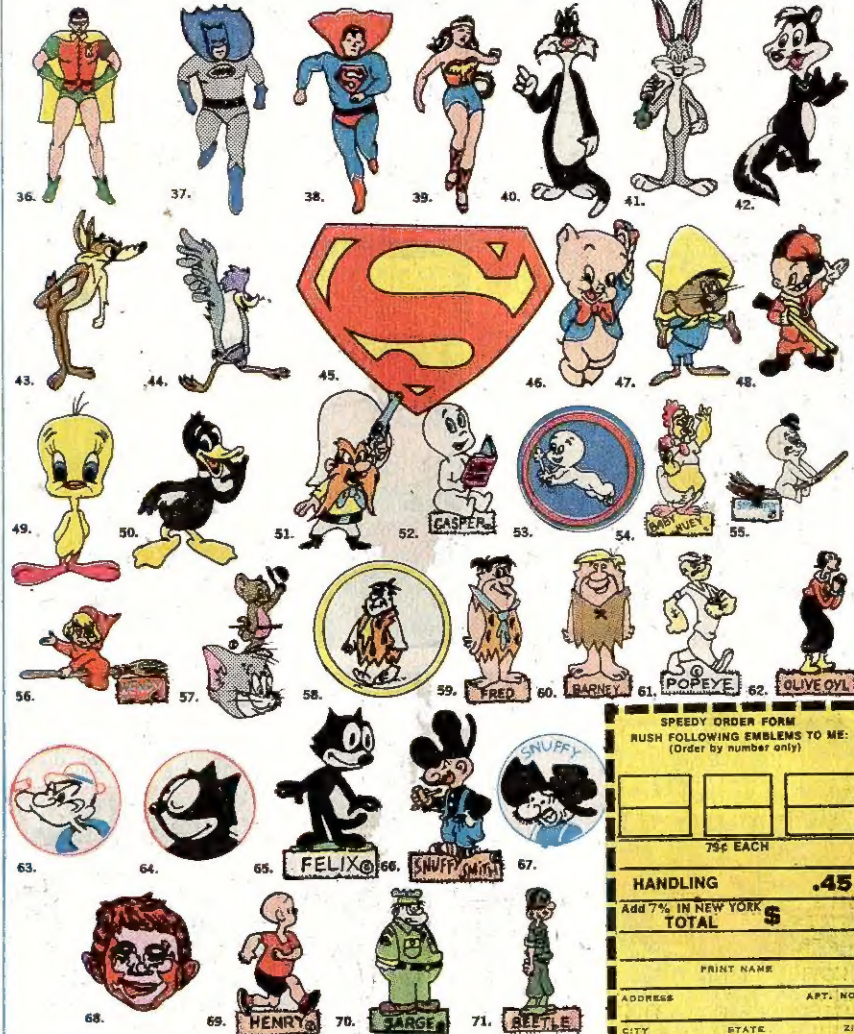
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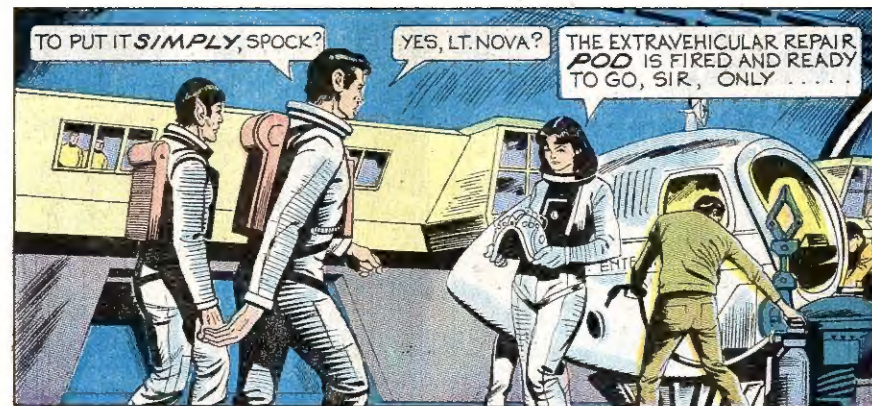
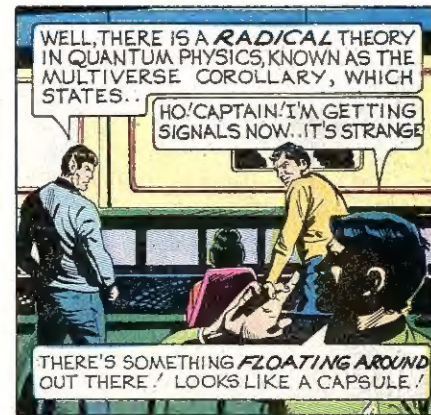
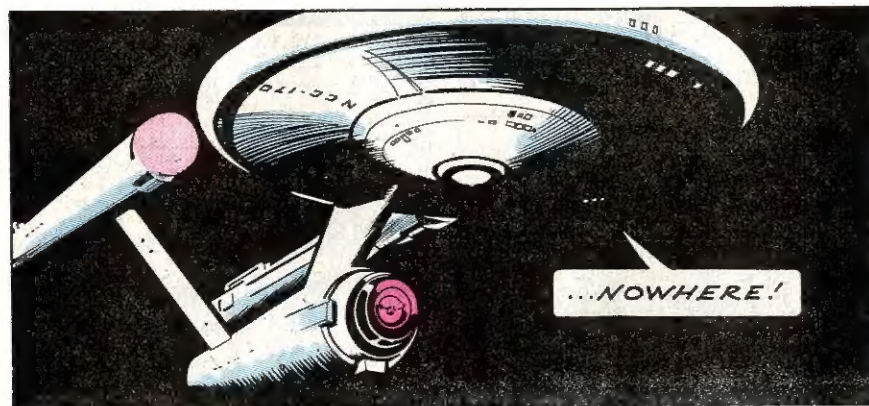
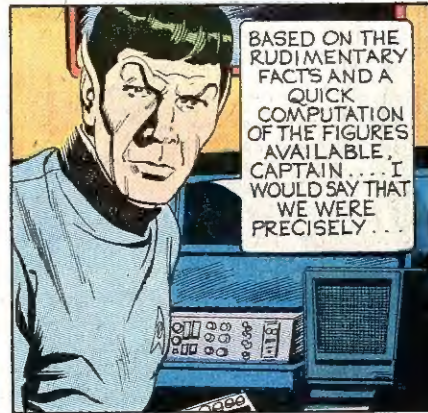
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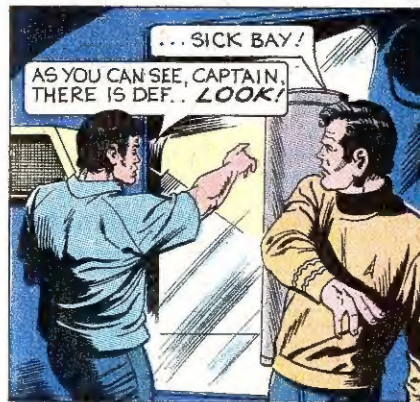
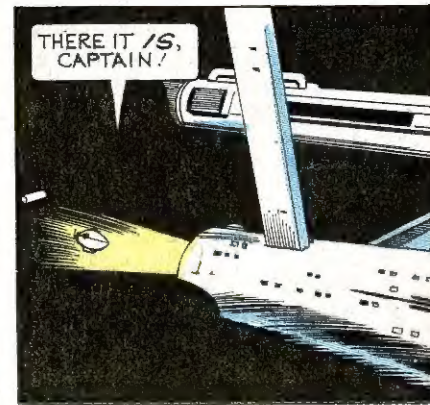
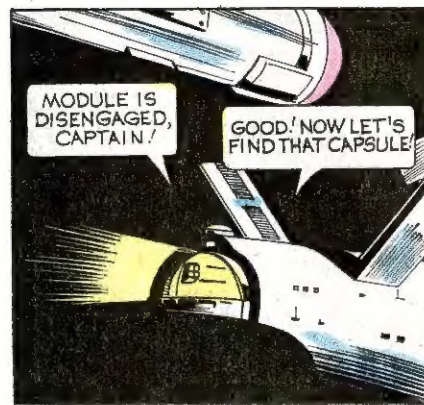
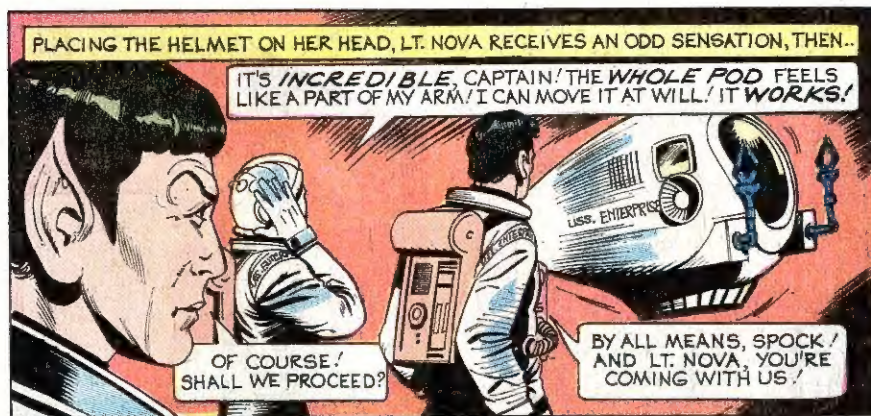
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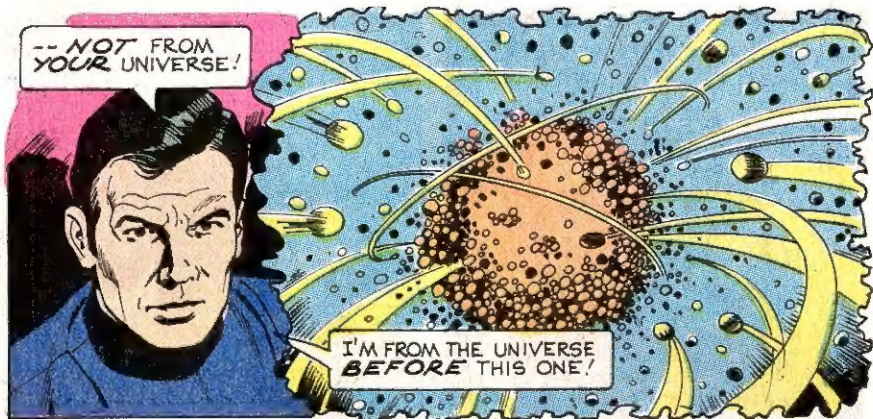
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-- NOT FROM YOUR UNIVERSE!

I'M FROM THE UNIVERSE BEFORE THIS ONE!



THE WAY THEY EXPLAINED IT TO ME WAS: THE UNIVERSE JUST DOESN'T EXPLODE AND COLLAPSE *ONCE!* IT KEEPS DOING IT *OVER AND OVER, AGAIN!*

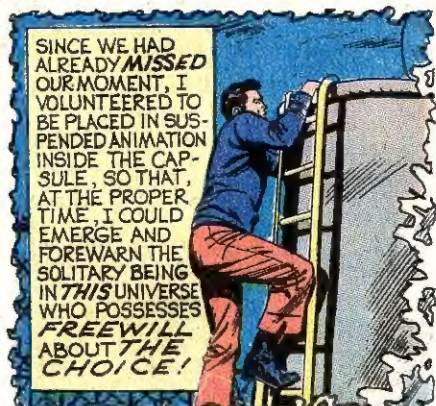


AND EVERY TIME IT *DOES*, THINGS HAPPEN *EXACTLY THE SAME* EACH TIME. NOBODY HAS ANY CHOICE IN THE MATTER!



AT LEAST THAT WAS THE *THEORY* UNTIL SOMEONE CAME UP WITH THE FIGURES PROVING THERE IS A *SINGLE INSTANT OF VARIATION* IN EACH *UNIVERSE*. WE CALL THIS...

...THE *FREE WILL THEOREM!*



SINCE WE HAD ALREADY *MISSED* OUR MOMENT, I VOLUNTEERED TO BE PLACED IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION INSIDE THE CAPSULE, SO THAT, AT THE PROPER TIME, I COULD EMERGE AND FOREWARN THE SOLITARY BEING IN *THIS UNIVERSE* WHO POSSESSES *FREEWILL* ABOUT THE *CHOICE!*



NOW YOU, MY DUPLICATE, HAVE FOUND ME AS CALCULATED, THE PROPER TIME IS NEAR. ALL I NEED DO IS TAKE THIS SHIP AND --

WHAT!?! WHY SHOULD I HAND OVER MY SHIP?



BECAUSE, CAPTAIN, I HAVE TO ENTER YOUR UNIVERSE AND WE *BOTH* CAN'T EXIST THERE WITHOUT DESTROYING IT! YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY BEHIND!

WHAT IF I DON'T?



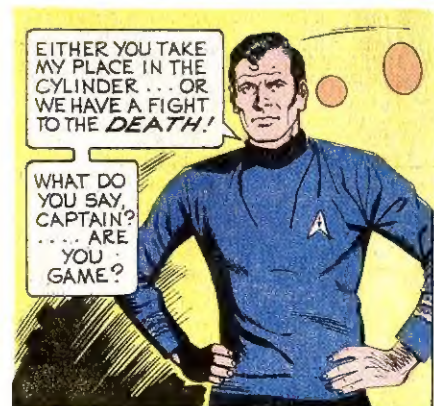
THEN THE BEING WITH *FREE WILL* WON'T MAKE USE OF THE *CHOICE* AND THE UNIVERSE IS DOOMED TO REPEAT ITSELF, INTO *ETERNITY!*

NO! I DON'T BUY IT!



I REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE NOT *MASTERS* OF OUR OWN *FATES!*

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, CAPTAIN! IT WAS HARD FOR ME TO SWALLOW, TOO! THEREFORE I'LL GIVE YOU A CHOICE!!



EITHER YOU TAKE MY PLACE IN THE CYLINDER... OR WE HAVE A FIGHT TO THE *DEATH!*

WHAT DO YOU SAY, CAPTAIN? ... ARE YOU *GAME?*



I'M *GAME!*

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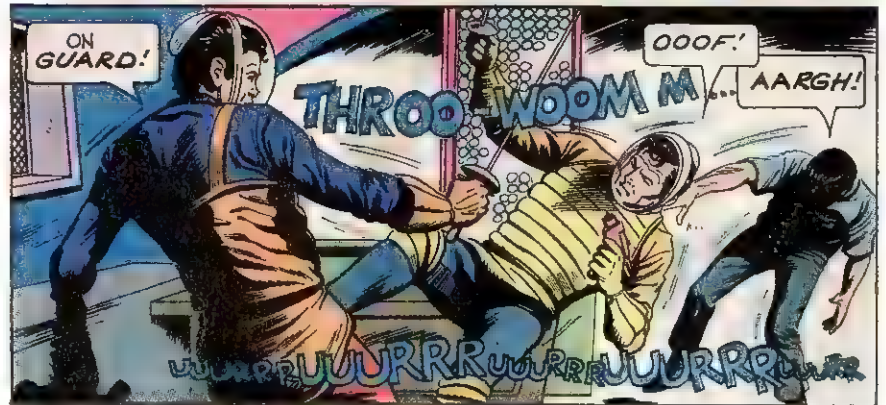
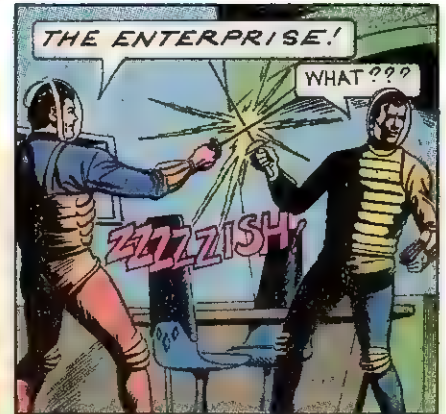
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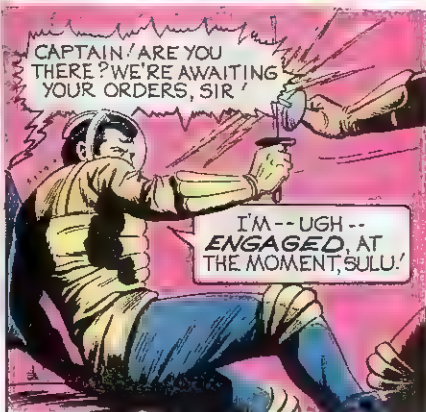
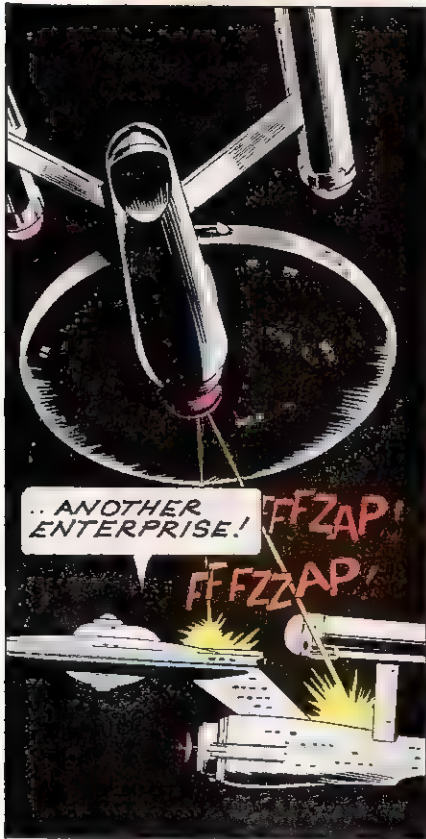
The CHOICE

CAPTAIN'S LOG: STAR DATE: 17.0 2.?? TRAPPED IN A TIMELESS, PLACELESS VOID, INSIDE THE ONE PIECE OF MATTER THAT EXISTS FROM UNIVERSE TO UNIVERSE, I HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED BY MY OWN DOUBLE! HE CLAIMS TO COME FROM THE PREVIOUS UNIVERSE, COME HERE TO WARN THE ONE BEING, SOMEWHERE IN THE COSMOS, WHOSE LIFE IS NOT PREDESTINED, TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE! WHO THAT BEING IS, WHERE HE IS, AND WHAT IS THE RIGHT CHOICE, ALL REMAIN A MYSTERY! BUT ALL THAT MATTERS NOW IS THE UNIVERSE ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR BOTH OF US! ONE HAS TO BE LEFT BEHIND IF ANY ARE TO SURVIVE!

IT IS AGREED, THEN WE DUEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERATION'S CODE OF HONOR, CAPTAIN!

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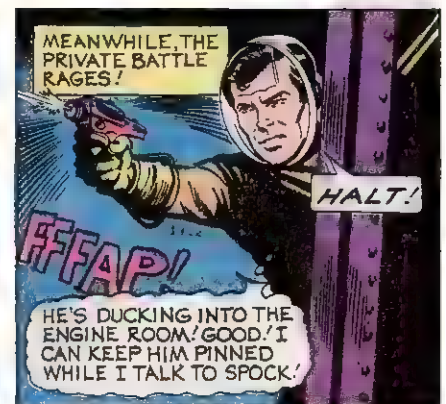
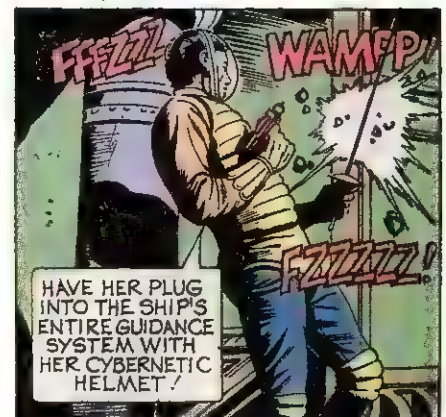
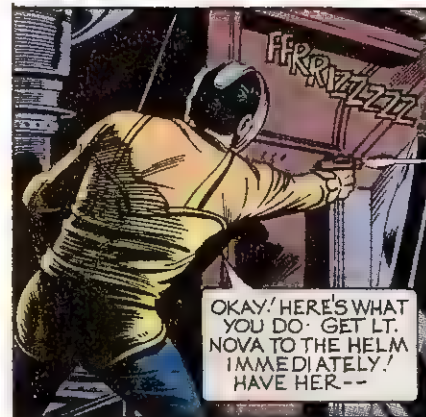
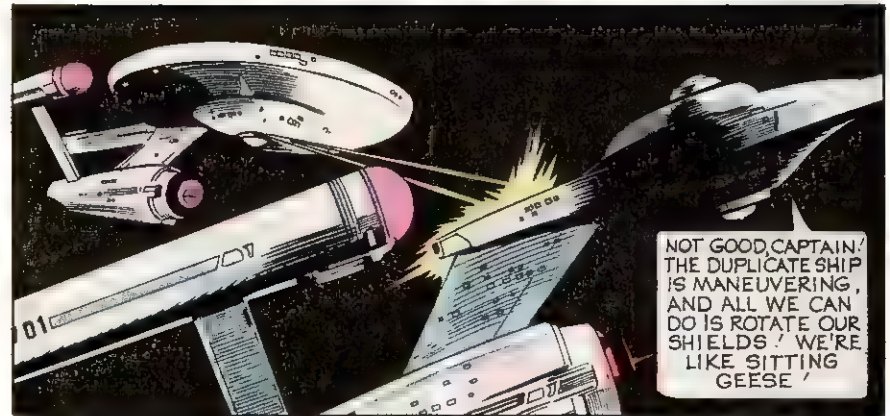
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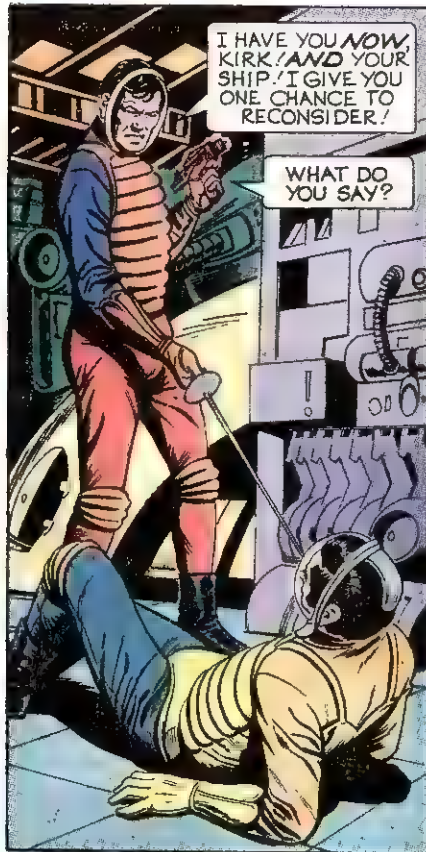
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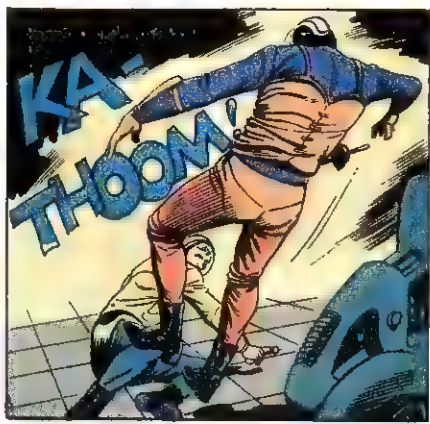
I HAVE YOU NOW, KIRK! AND YOUR SHIP! I GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE TO RECONSIDER!

WHAT DO YOU SAY?



BUT THE REPLY IS SWIFT!

SPOCK! DROP ALL SHIELDS!



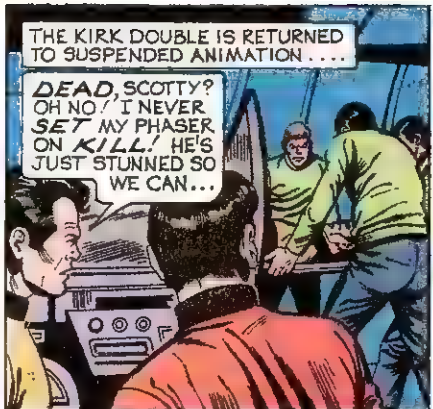
RESUME SHIELDING, SPOCK!

GO ON, KILL ME! KILL ME! GET IT OVER WITH!



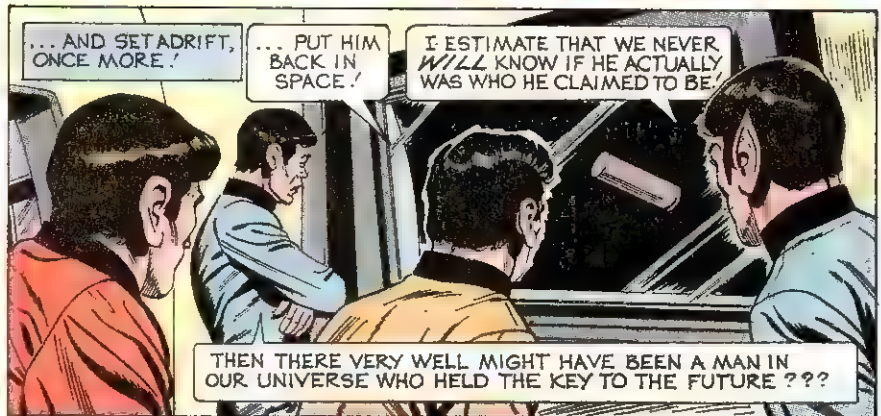
CAPTAIN! THE DUPLICATE ENTERPRISE HAS JUST DISAPPEARED! VANISHED!

THAT'S OKAY IT'S ALL OVER NOW!
IS HE ?



THE KIRK DOUBLE IS RETURNED TO SUSPENDED ANIMATION . . .

DEAD, SCOTTY? OH NO! I NEVER SET MY PHASER ON KILL! HE'S JUST STUNNED SO WE CAN...



... AND SET ADrift, ONCE MORE!

... PUT HIM BACK IN SPACE!

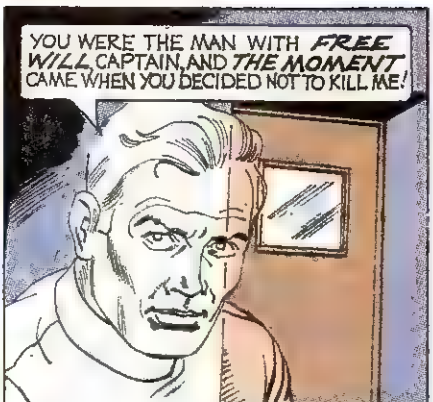
I ESTIMATE THAT WE NEVER WILL KNOW IF HE ACTUALLY WAS WHO HE CLAIMED TO BE.

THEN THERE VERY WELL MIGHT HAVE BEEN A MAN IN OUR UNIVERSE WHO HELD THE KEY TO THE FUTURE ???

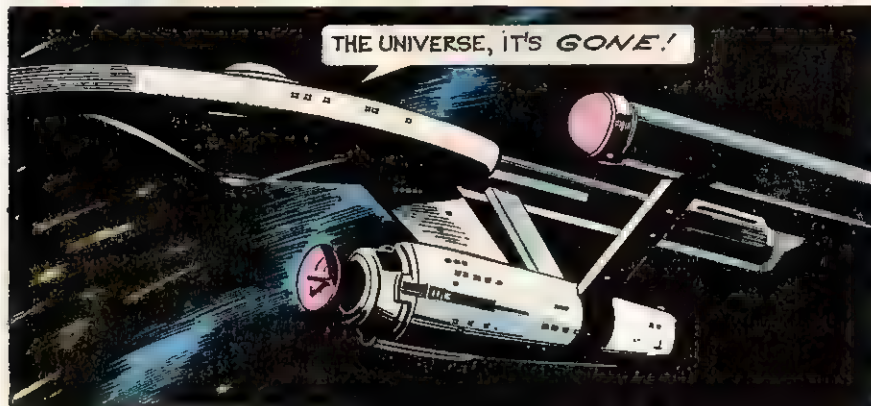
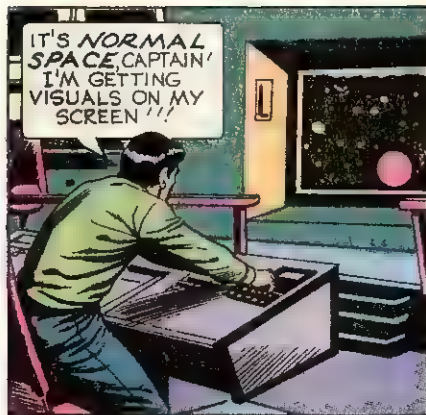


YES, AND THAT MAN WAS CAPTAIN KIRK!

WHA-? HOW??



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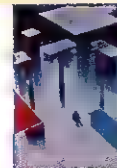
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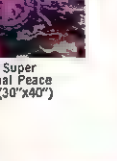
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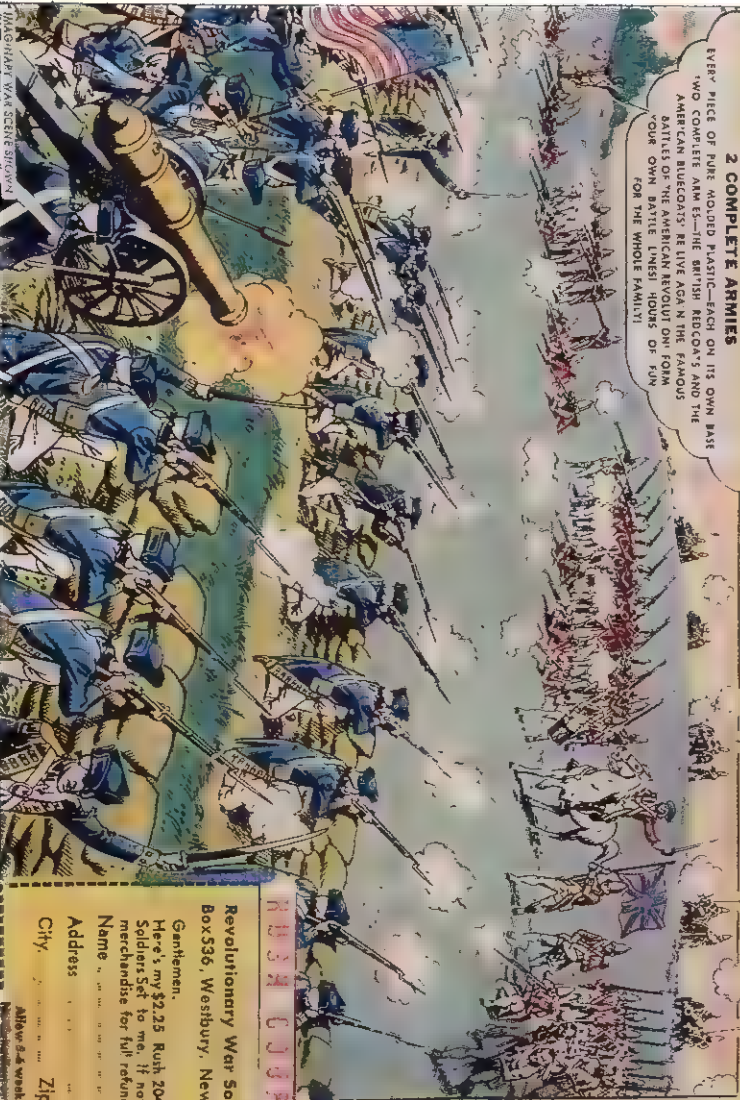


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