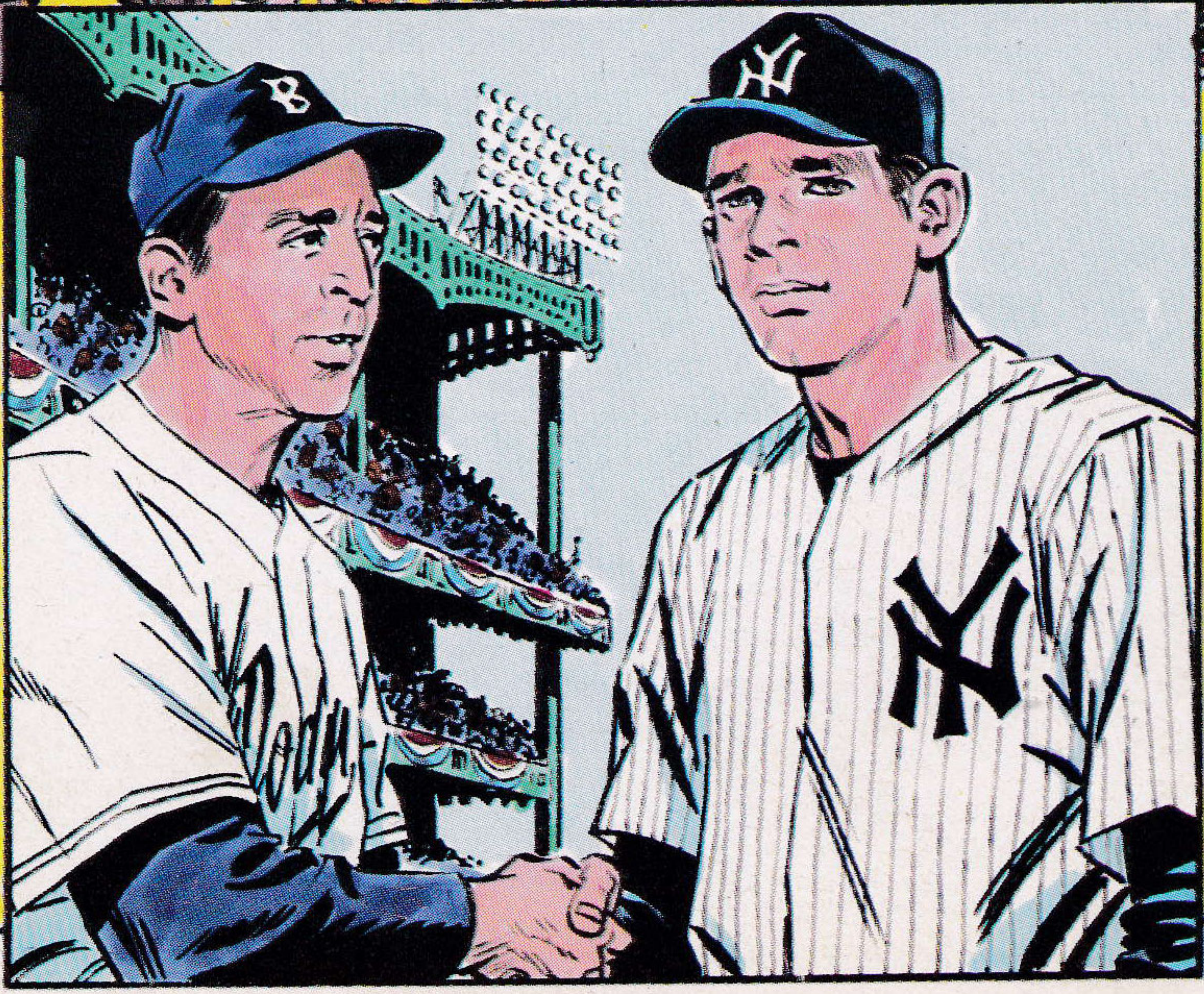


THE GREATEST GAME EVER PITCHED



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ON OCTOBER 8, 1956, 64,519 FANS WERE JAMMING HISTORIC YANKEE STADIUM FOR THE FIFTH GAME OF THE WORLD SERIES. THE YANKEES AND ARCH-RIVAL BROOKLYN DODGERS WERE TIED WITH TWO VICTORIES EACH.



AS THE DODGERS FOUGHT TO DEFEND THEIR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, ALL EYES WOULD BE ON THEIR PITCHER, SAL "THE BARBER" MAGLIE, AND HIS MOUND OPPONENT, BIG DON LARSEN, AN 11-5 HURLER FOR THE YANKS IN THE REGULAR SEASON.

MAGLIE HAD PITCHED A NO-HITTER ONLY TWO WEEKS EARLIER! NO-HITTERS ARE RARE, AND **NONE** HAD EVER BEEN PITCHED IN A **WORLD SERIES GAME!**

3 YANKEE PITCHERS HAD COME CLOSE! HERB PENNOCK IN THE '27 SERIES AND MONTE PEARSON IN THE '39 SERIES **BOTH** HURLED 7 1/3 HITLESS INNINGS.



...AND, IN 1947 FLOYD "BILL" BEVENS CAME WITHIN **ONE OUT** OF A NO-HITTER, ONLY TO LOSE THE ENTIRE GAME ON A PINCH-HIT DOUBLE BY BROOKLYN'S COOKIE LAVAGETTO!

PERFECT GAMES WERE BASEBALL'S RAREST FEAT. RETIRING ALL 27 BATTERS WITH NO WALKS OR ERRORS HAD BEEN DONE ONLY **SIX TIMES** SINCE 1876-- COVERING SOME 80,000 GAMES! AND NOT **ONE** HAD BEEN PITCHED IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES SINCE CHARLIE ROBERTSON OF THE WHITE SOX DID IT BACK IN **1922!**

EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT DON LARSEN'S ODD NO-WINDUP DELIVERY, ADOPTED A FEW GAMES AGO!



UMPIRE BABE PINELLI IS WORKING HIS LAST GAME BEHIND THE PLATE BEFORE HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-TWO SEASONS!



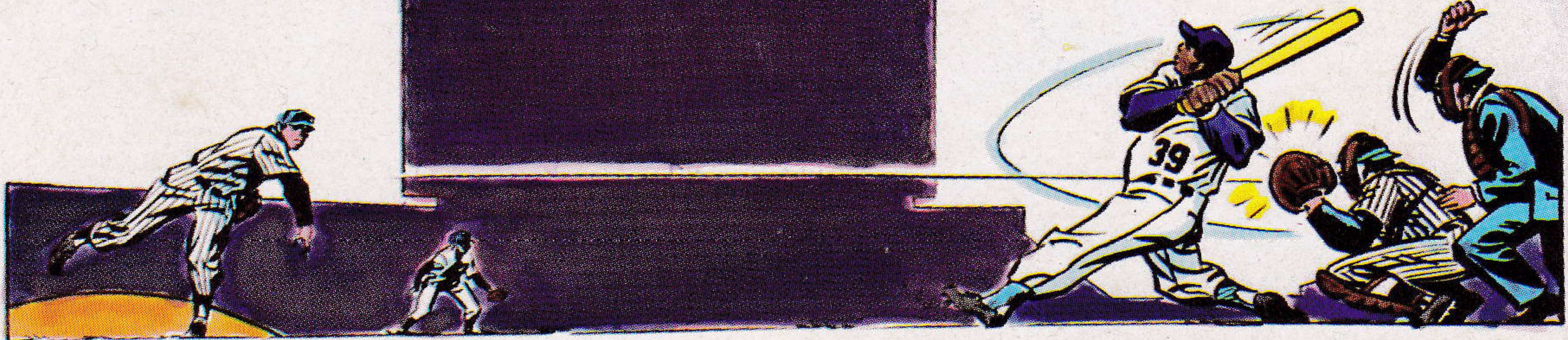
LARSEN OPENS THE GAME BY STRIKING OUT JUNIOR GILLIAM!



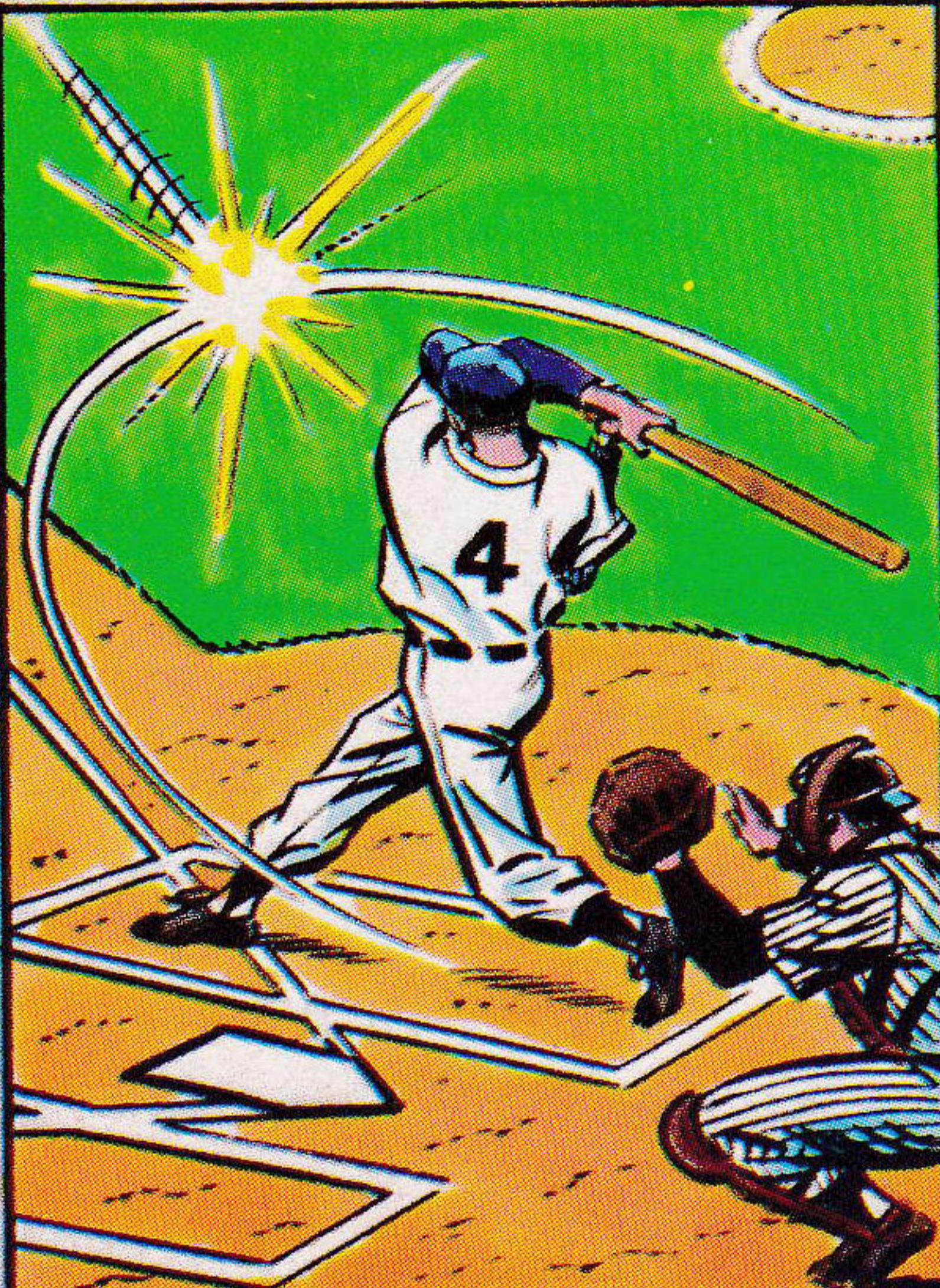
IN THE SECOND, THE DANGEROUS JACKIE ROBINSON LINES A SHOT OFF ANDY CAREY'S GLOVE AT THIRD-- BUT GIL MCDUGALD RETRIEVES IT AND GETS JACKIE BY A STEP!



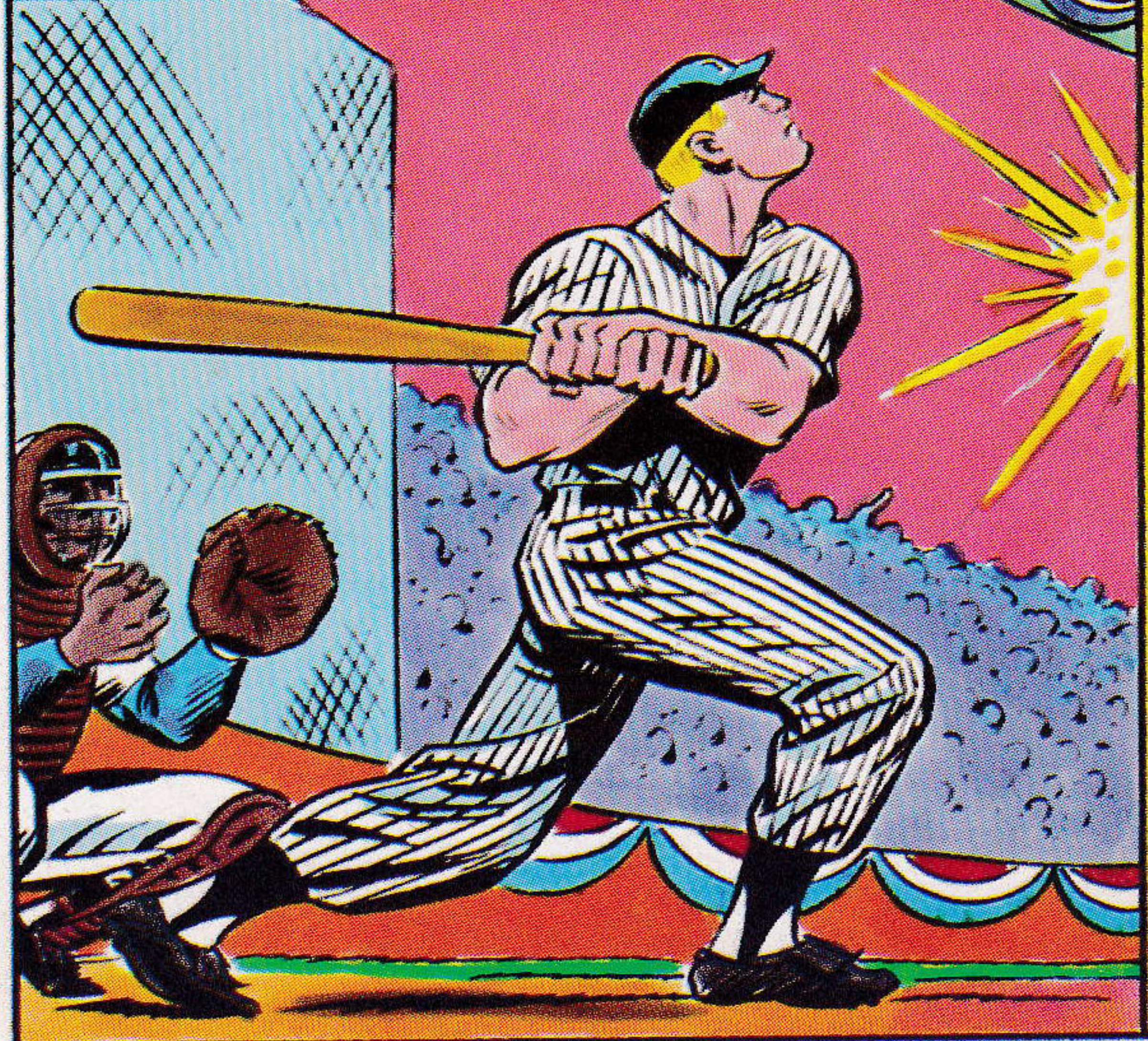
THE THIRD INNING SEES ROY CAMPANELLA BECOME LARSEN'S FOURTH STRIKEOUT VICTIM...



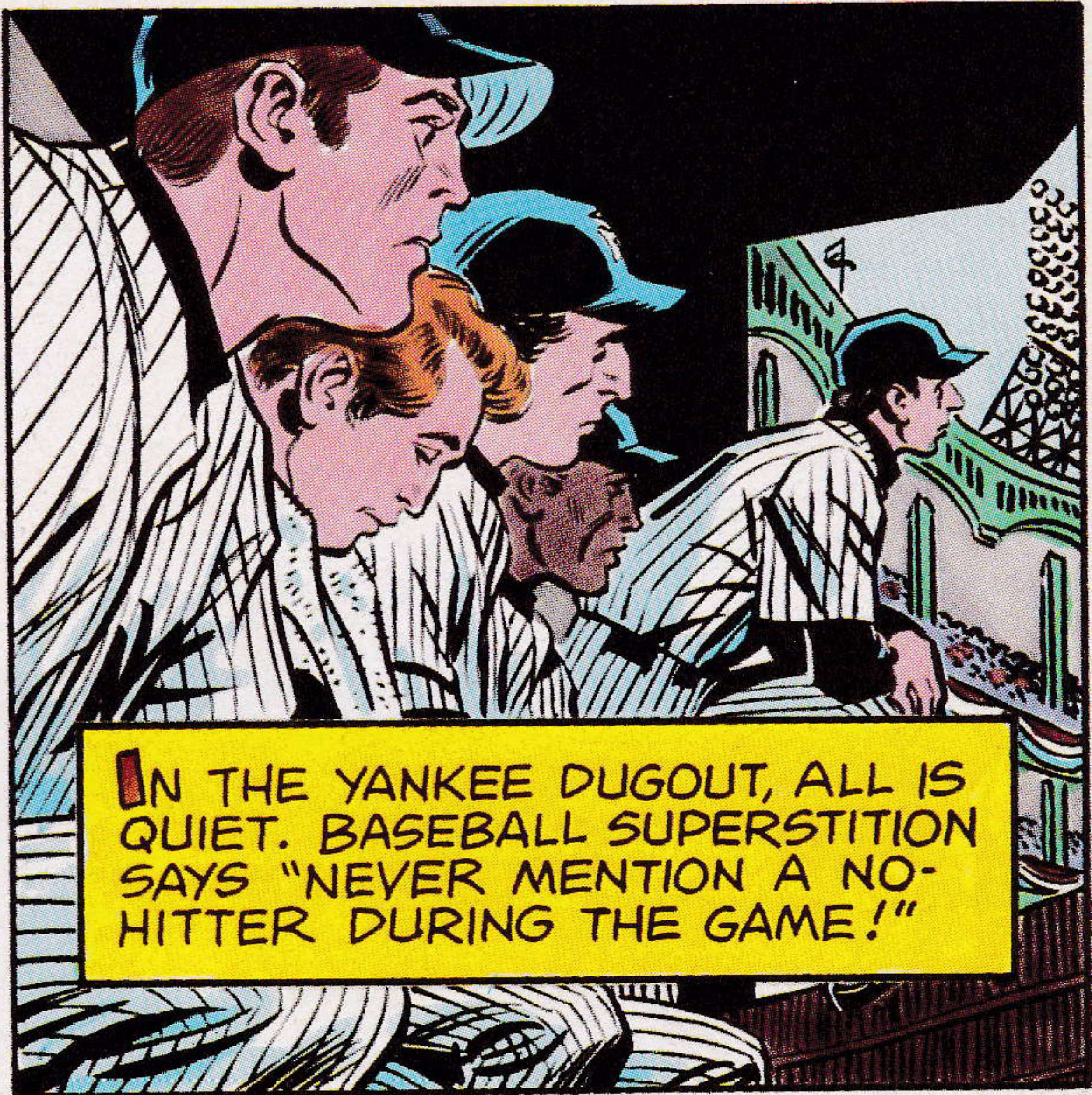
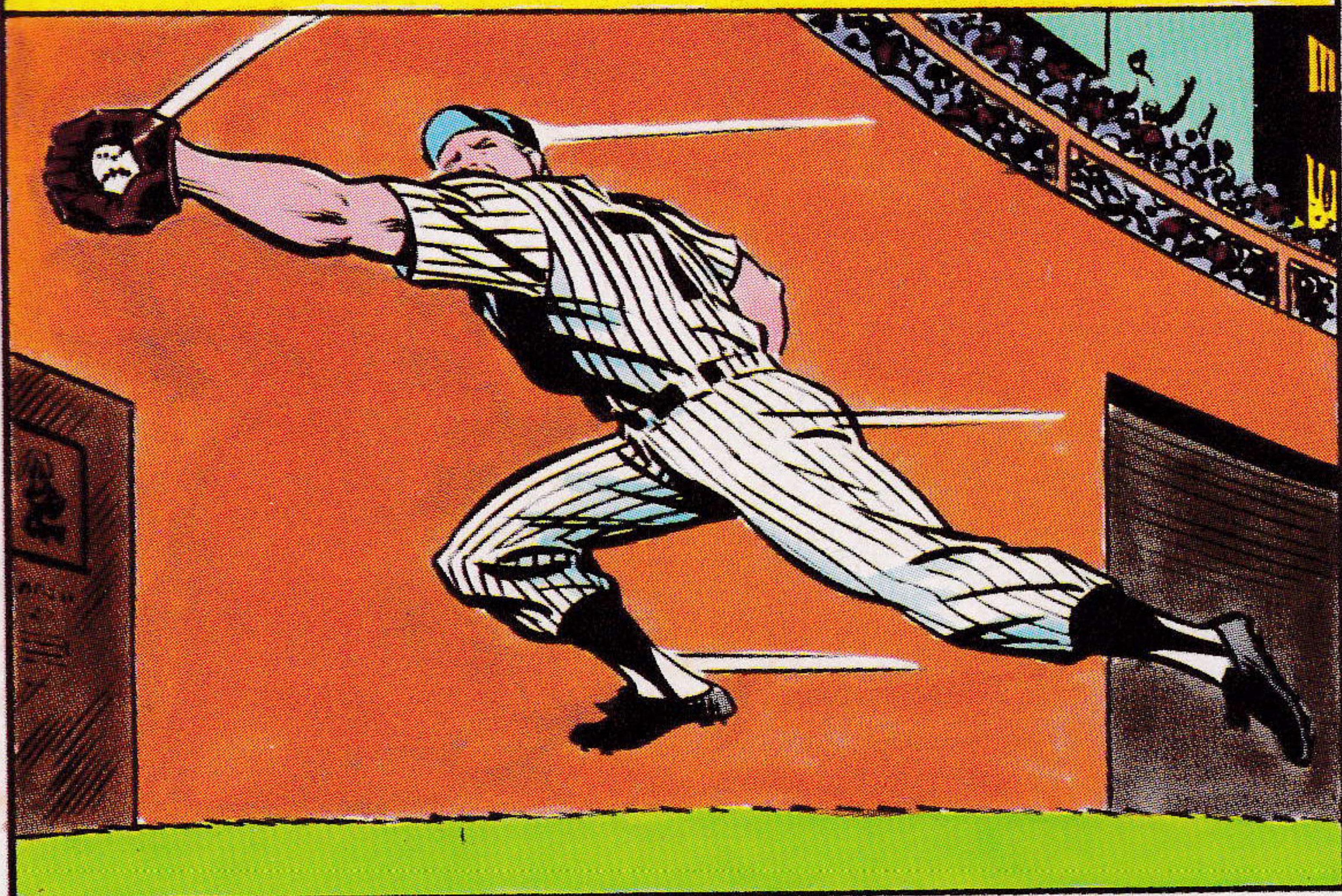
TOP OF THE FOURTH AND DUKE SNIDER BRINGS THE CROWD ALIVE WITH A "FOUL" HOMER, BUT LARSEN FANS HIM FOR FOUR PERFECT INNINGS!



MICKEY MANTLE GETS THE GAME'S FIRST HIT IN THE YANKEE'S FOURTH-- A HOME RUN JUST INSIDE THE RIGHT FIELD FOUL POLE. IT'S 1-0 YANKEES!



IT'S MANTLE AGAIN IN THE FIFTH--THIS TIME WITH A BRILLIANT RUNNING CATCH OF A DRIVE OFF THE BAT OF GIL HODGES. THE NO-HITTER IS STILL ALIVE!



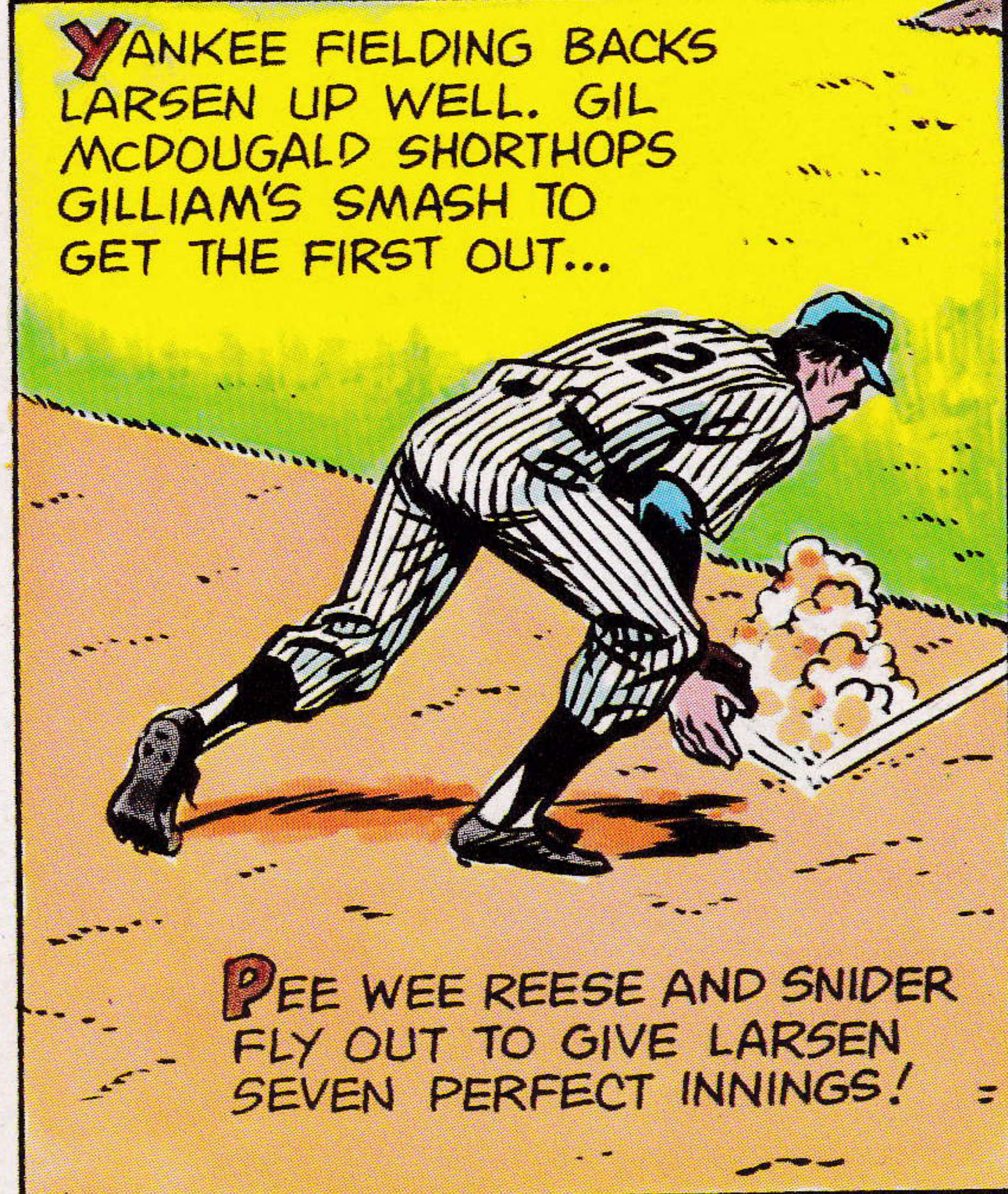
IN THE YANKEE DUGOUT, ALL IS QUIET. BASEBALL SUPERSTITION SAYS "NEVER MENTION A NO-HITTER DURING THE GAME!"



HANK BAUER'S SINGLE SCORES ANDY CAREY IN THE SIXTH TO MAKE IT 2-0 YANKS!

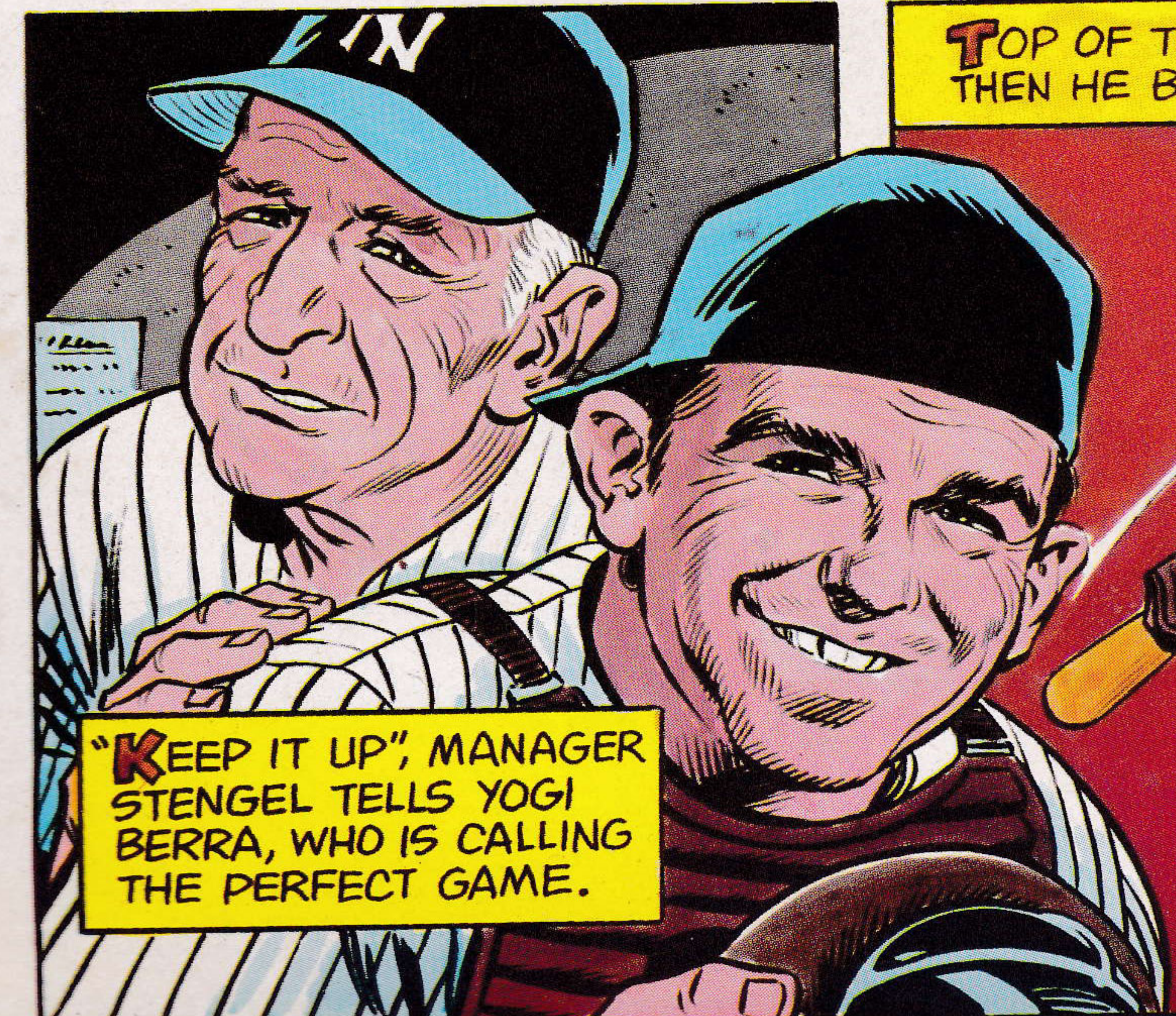


THERE ARE ONLY NINE OUTS TO GO, AND THE FANS ARE BUZZING ON EVERY PITCH.



YANKEE FIELDING BACKS LARSEN UP WELL. GIL MCDUGALD SHORTHOPS GILLIAM'S SMASH TO GET THE FIRST OUT...

PEE WEE REESE AND SNIDER FLY OUT TO GIVE LARSEN SEVEN PERFECT INNINGS!



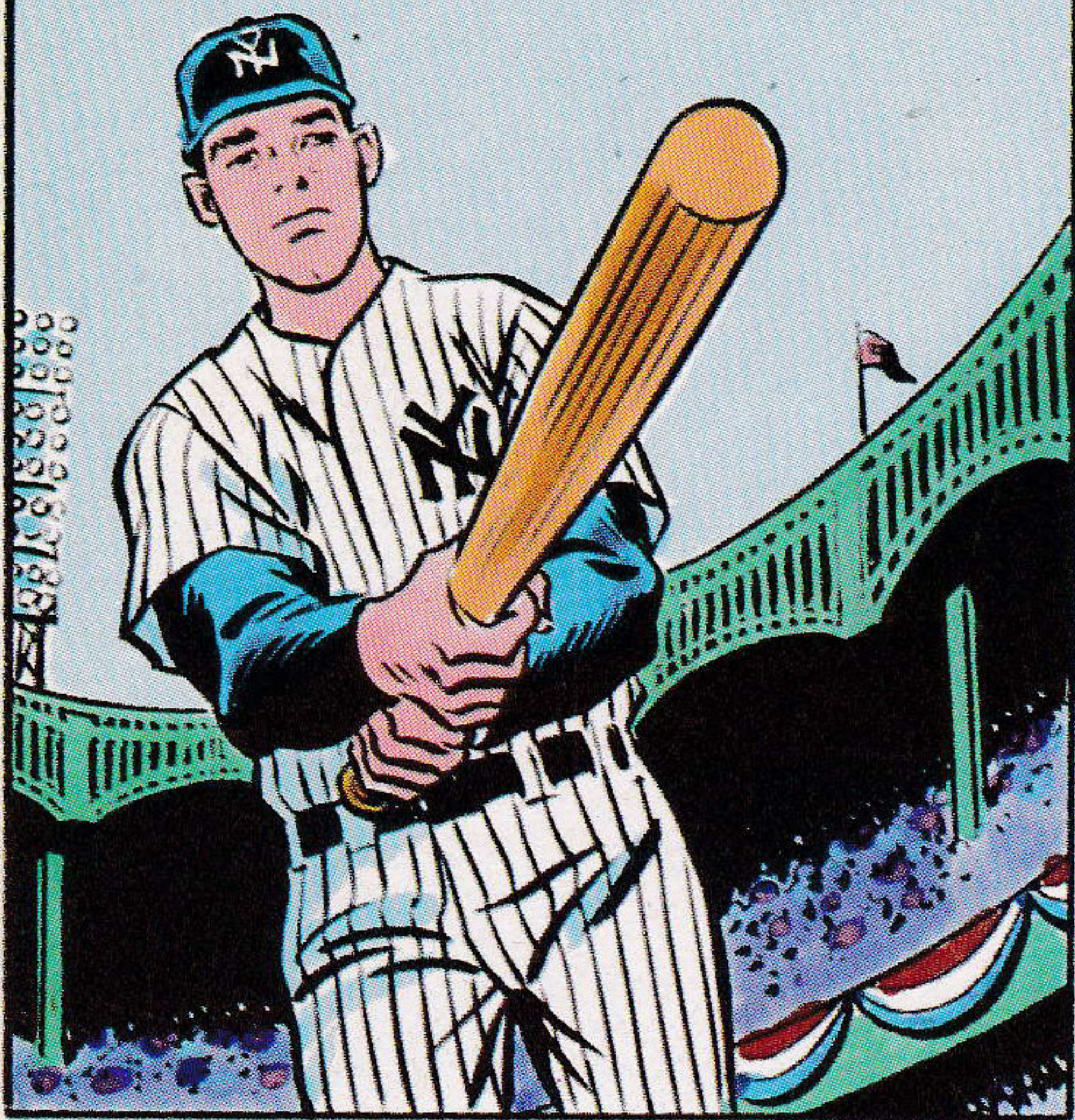
"KEEP IT UP", MANAGER STENDEL TELLS YOGI BERRA, WHO IS CALLING THE PERFECT GAME.

TOP OF THE EIGHTH: TWO QUICK STRIKES ON ROBINSON-- THEN HE BOUNCES OUT, LARSEN TO COLLINS...



CAREY JUMPS FORWARD TO HANDLE HODGES' LINER FOR THE SECOND OUT... SANDY AMOROS SKIES TO MANTLE TO MAKE IT EIGHT PERFECT INNINGS!

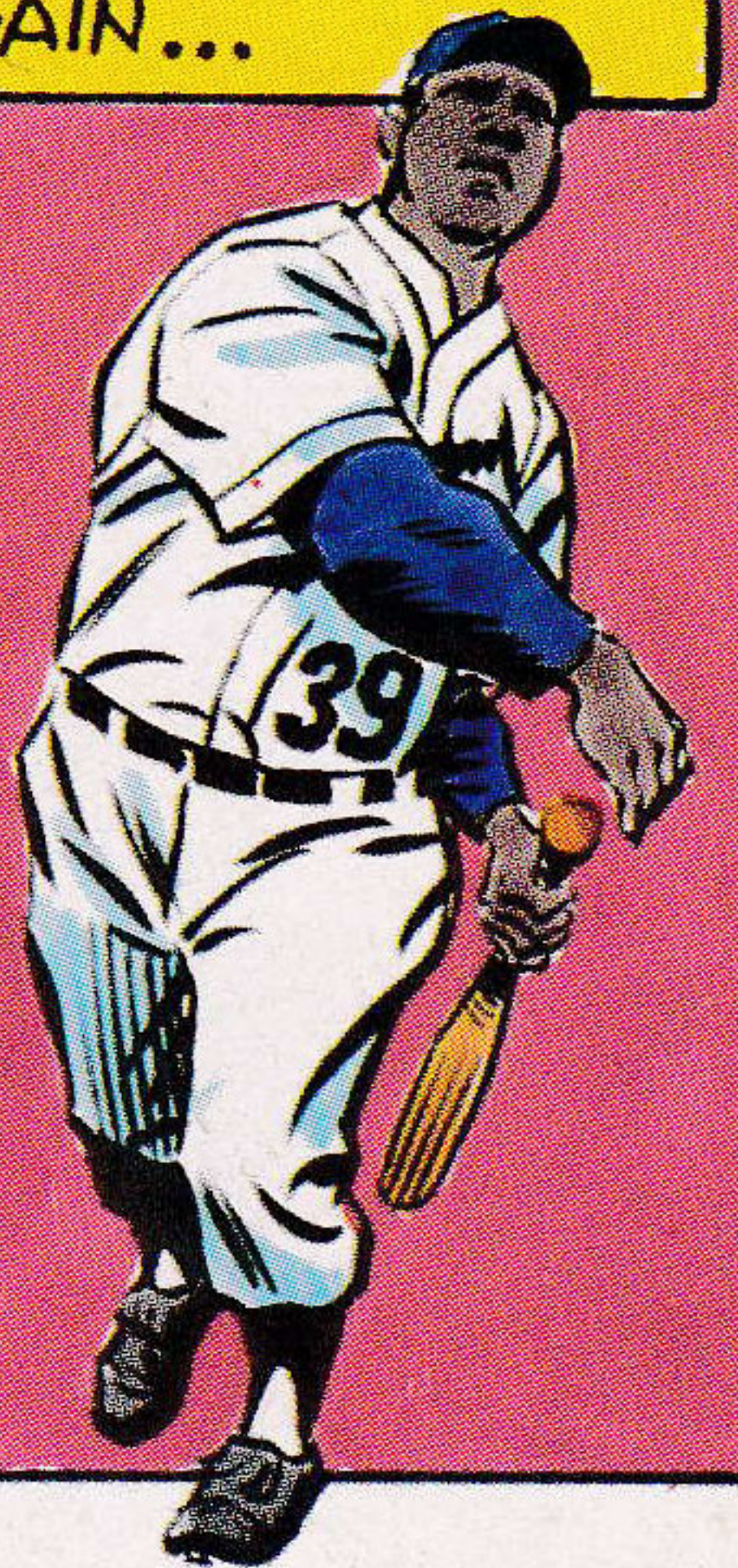
IN THE LAST OF THE EIGHTH, A DEAFENING ROAR GREETS LARSEN AS HE COMES TO BAT.



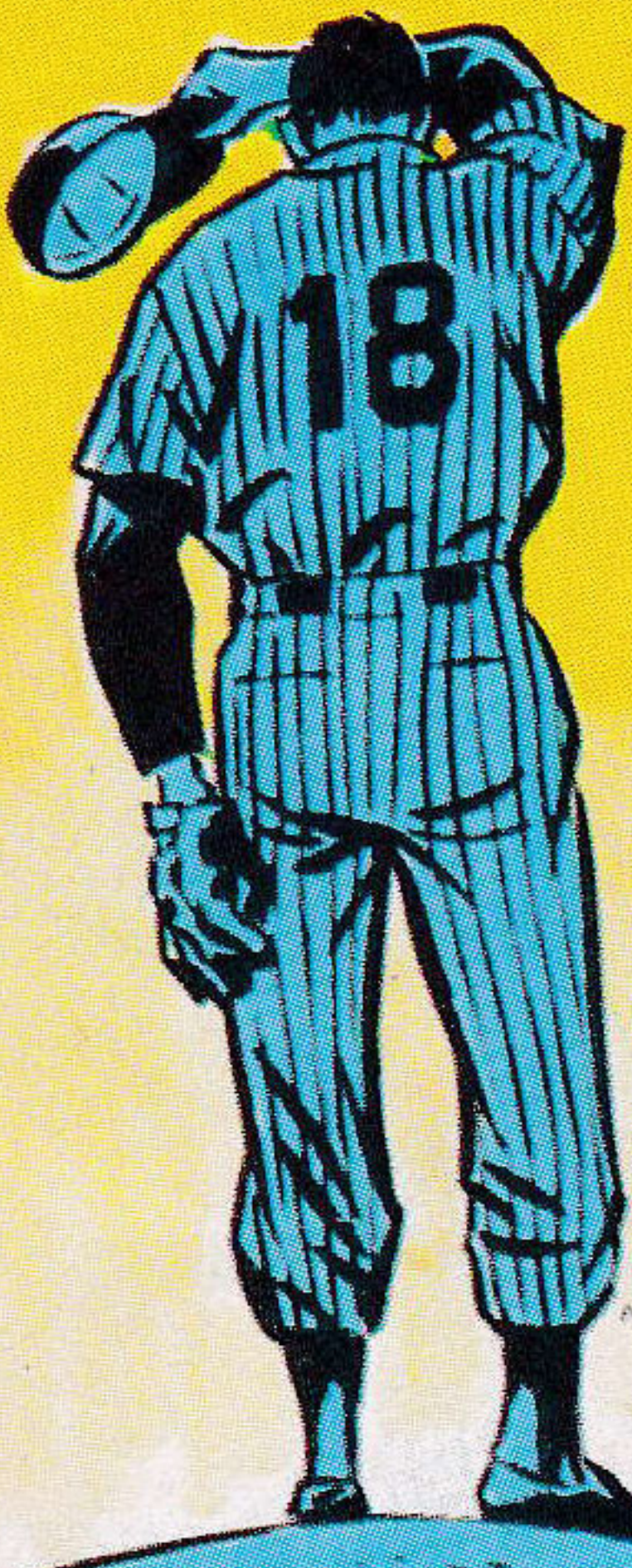
CARL FURILLO LEADS OFF THE DRAMATIC NINTH. IN THE '53 SERIES, FURILLO'S NINTH INNING HOMER TIED ANOTHER 2-0 GAME AND HE INTENDS TO GET THINGS GOING AGAIN...



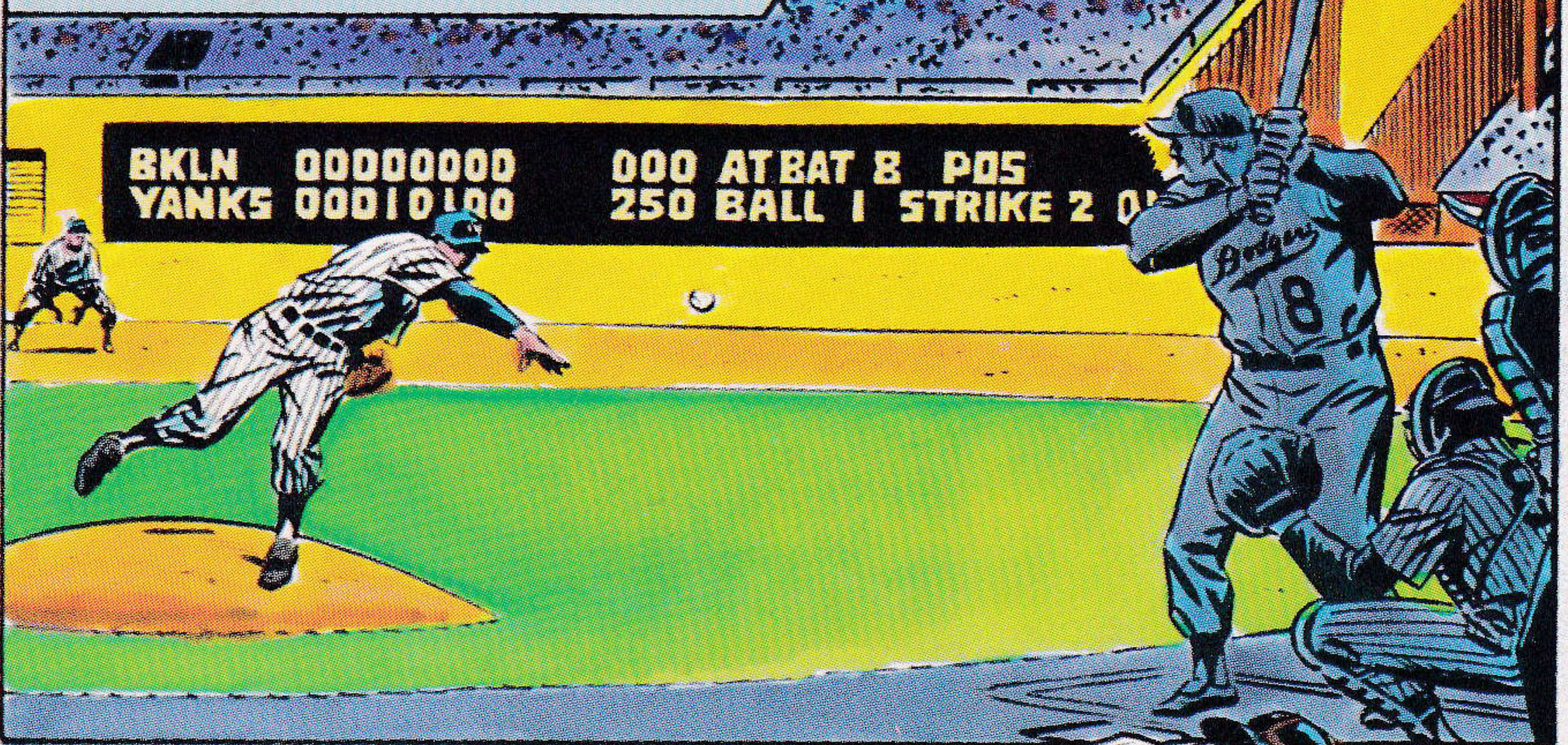
BUT FURILLO FLIES OUT TO BAUER, AND THE DANGEROUS CAMPANELLA POPS TO BILLY MARTIN AT SECOND!



ONE OUT TO GO FOR THE FIRST PERFECT GAME IN WORLD SERIES PLAY! CAN HE DO IT?



DALE MITCHELL, WHO USUALLY GETS A PIECE OF ANY PITCH, BATS FOR MAGLIE! A BALL...A CALLED STRIKE... A SWINGING FOUL...THEN...

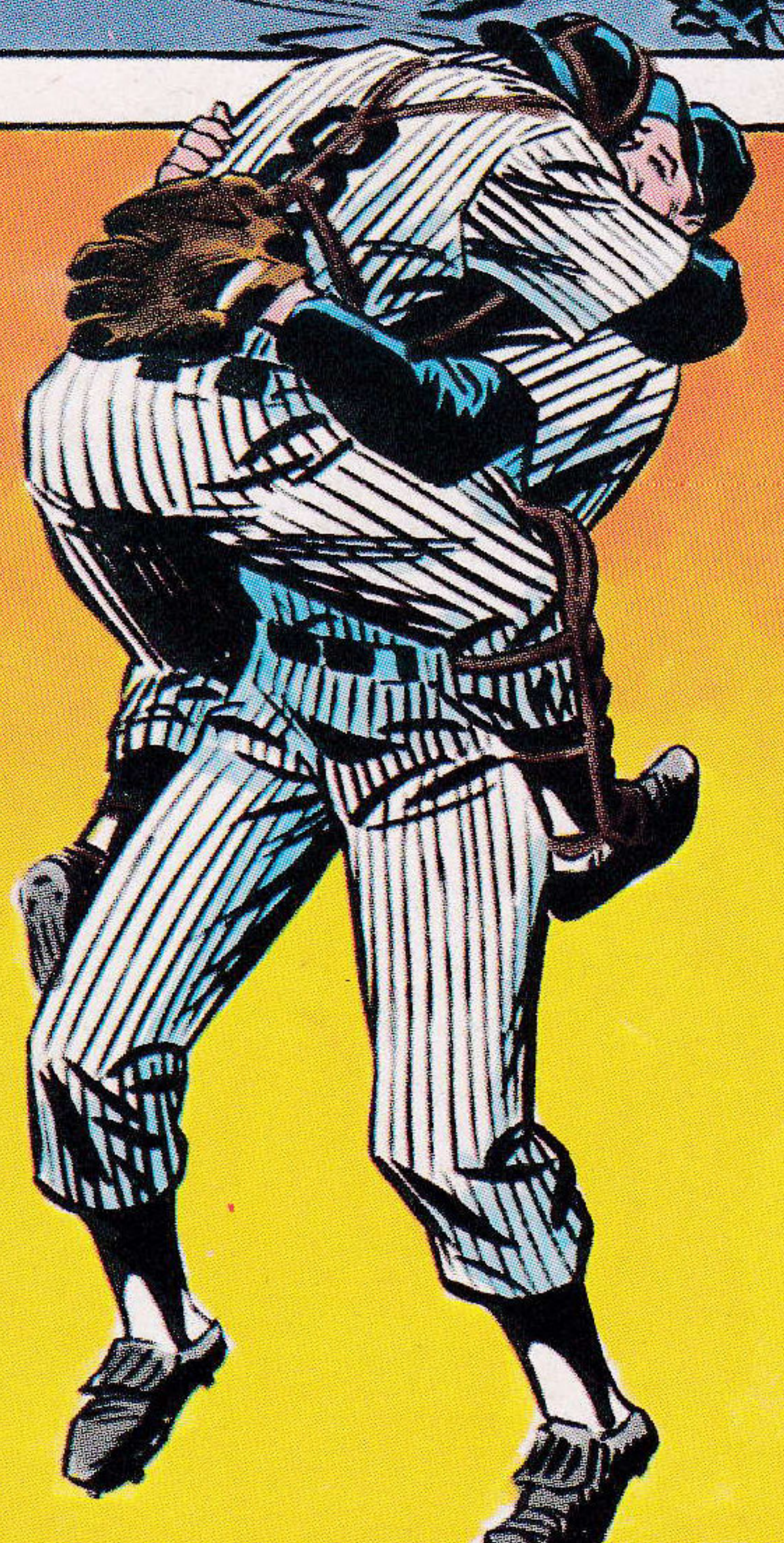


IT'S STRIKE THREE!



HE'S DONE IT! THE ONLY PERFECT GAME IN SERIES HISTORY! NO HITS, NO WALKS, NO ERRORS. 27 UP-27 DOWN!

THE YANKEES GO ON TO WIN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOUR GAMES TO THREE!



TO DATE--25 YEARS LATER--THERE HAVE BEEN OVER 37,000 MORE GAMES PLAYED IN THE MAJORS--BUT ONLY FOUR MORE PERFECT GAMES, AND ALL IN THE REGULAR SEASON! NO ONE WILL EVER BETTER DON LARSEN'S PERFORMANCE IN THE GREATEST GAME EVER PITCHED!

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