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Sister Mary Nerinckx and the BLESSED SACRAMENT


THE GREAT LOUISVILLE FLOOD, JANUARY 1937...
THE WATER HAD BEEN RISING FOR DAYS AND NOW
MOST OF THE CITY WAS BEING EVACUATED... NINE
SISTERS OF LORETTO AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS WERE
STRANDED IN THE CONVENT OF THEIR LOUISVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL.



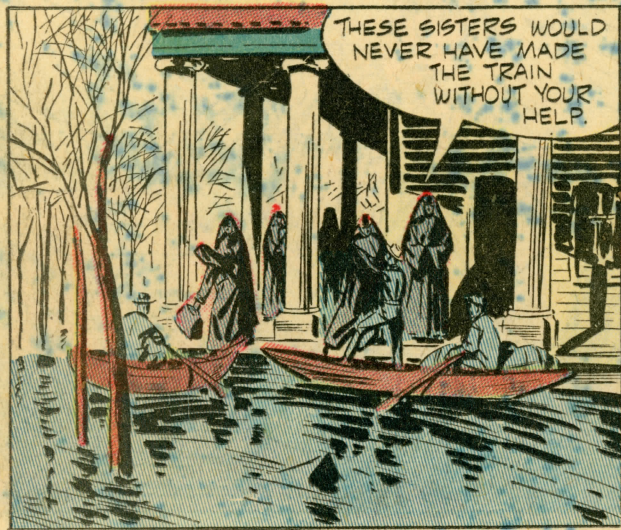
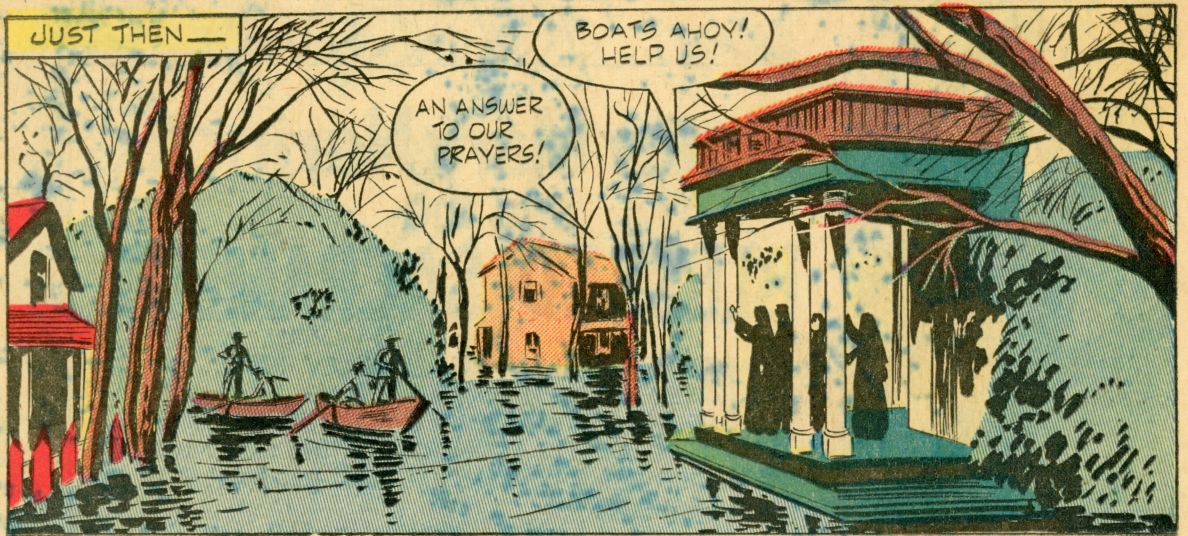
MOTHER OLIVETTE, THIS
IS SISTER NERINCKX IN
LOUISVILLE. WHAT ARE
YOUR PLANS FOR US?



TRY TO SEND
FIVE OF THE
SISTERS HERE
ON TOMORROW
MORNING'S TRAIN.



I DON'T KNOW
HOW I CAN GET
YOU TO THE
TRAIN. YOU
CAN'T WALK
AND I HAVEN'T
SEEN ANY
BOATS.



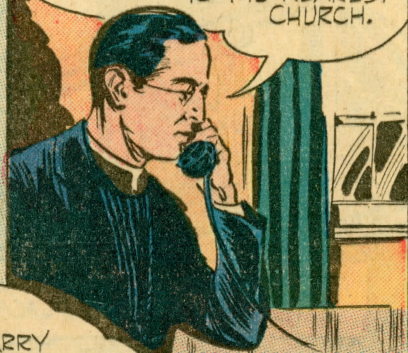
— AND IF THE WATER COMES ANY HIGHER, THE BLESSED SACRAMENT MAY BE WASHED AWAY.



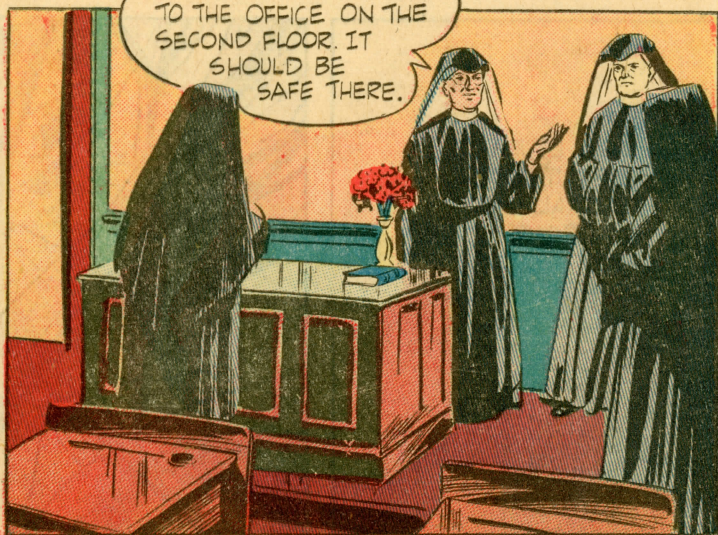
I WILL SEND HELP AS SOON AS I CAN. BUT IN THE MEANTIME —



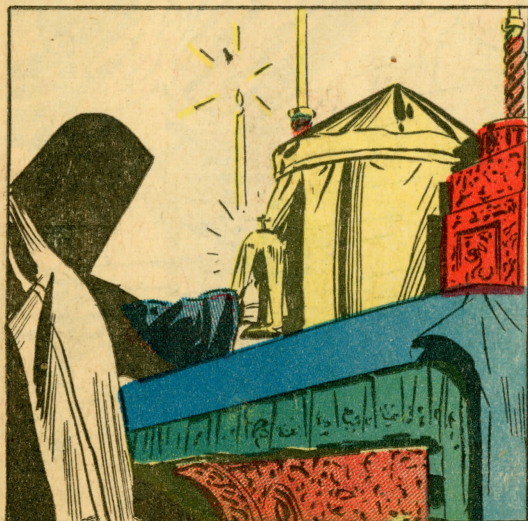
— I AUTHORIZE YOU TO MOVE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TO THE SECOND FLOOR. IF YOU HAVE TO LEAVE THE CONVENT, CARRY IT TO THE NEAREST CHURCH.

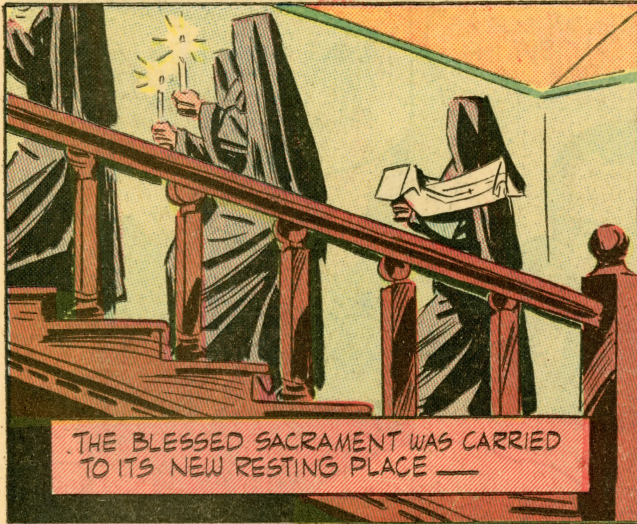


WE WILL CARRY THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TO THE OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR. IT SHOULD BE SAFE THERE.

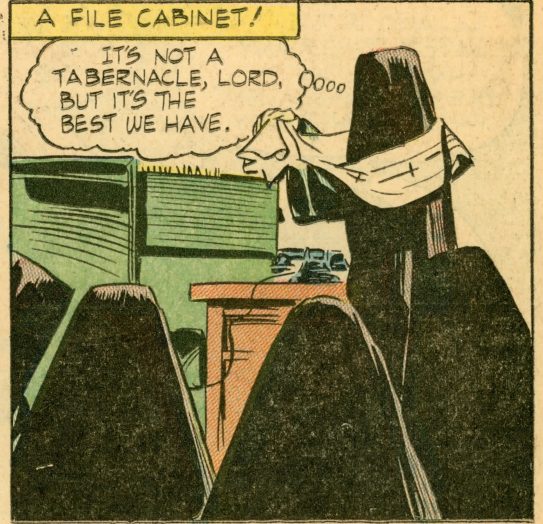


THAT NIGHT THE SKIES CLEARED, BUT THE WATER ROSE STILL HIGHER. TELEPHONE SERVICE STOPPED ALTOGETHER AND EVEN THE CONVENT RADIO WENT DEAD. THE SISTERS WERE COMPLETELY CUT OFF. NEXT DAY —





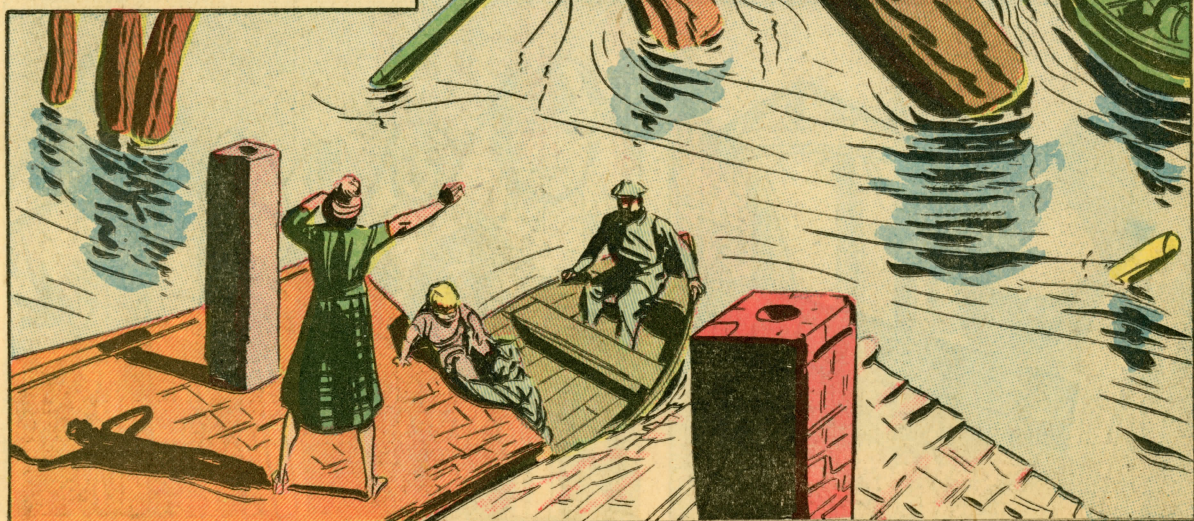
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WAS CARRIED TO ITS NEW RESTING PLACE —



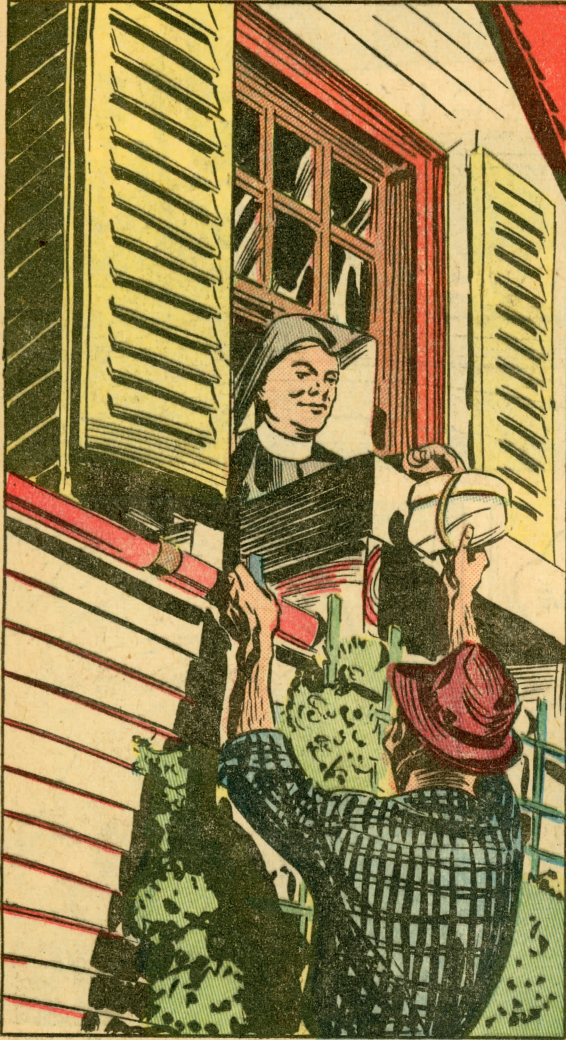
A FILE CABINET!

IT'S NOT A TABERNACLE, LORD, OOOO BUT IT'S THE BEST WE HAVE.

NOW, LOUISVILLE WAS PUT UNDER MARTIAL LAW, WITH BOATS COMING FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO HELP THE PEOPLE.

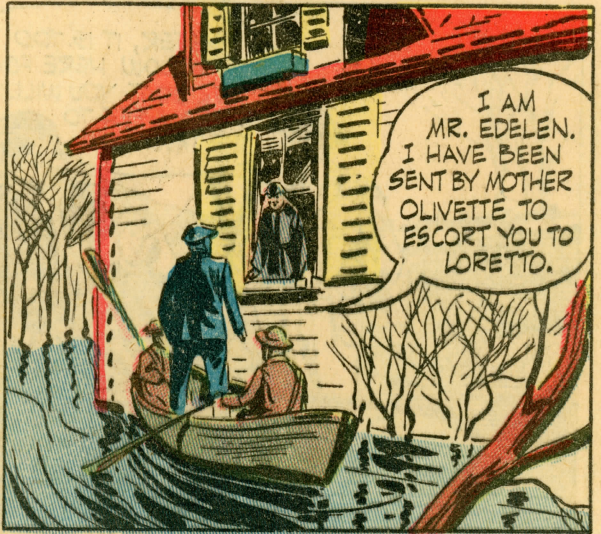


FOOD WAS BROUGHT TO THE SISTERS DAILY.



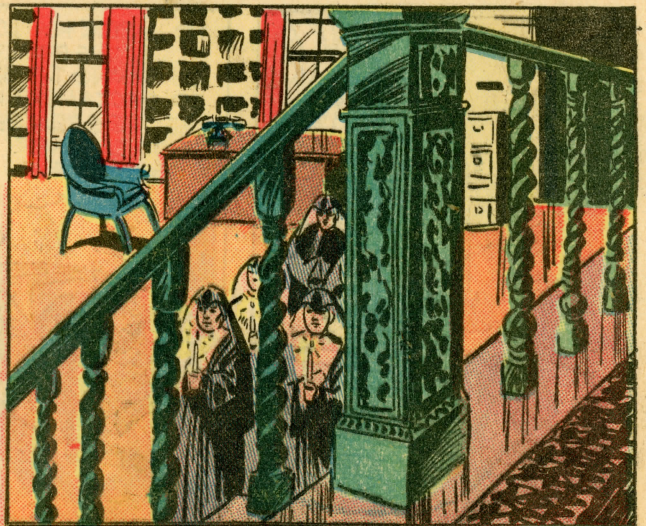
WE HAVE BEEN
HERE NINE
DAYS NOW.

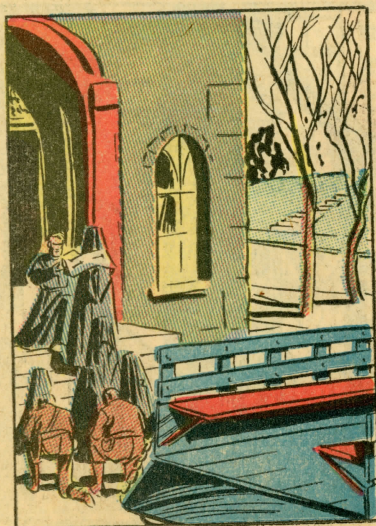
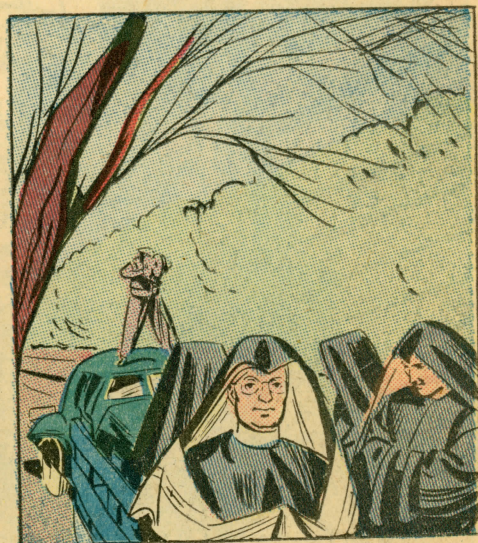
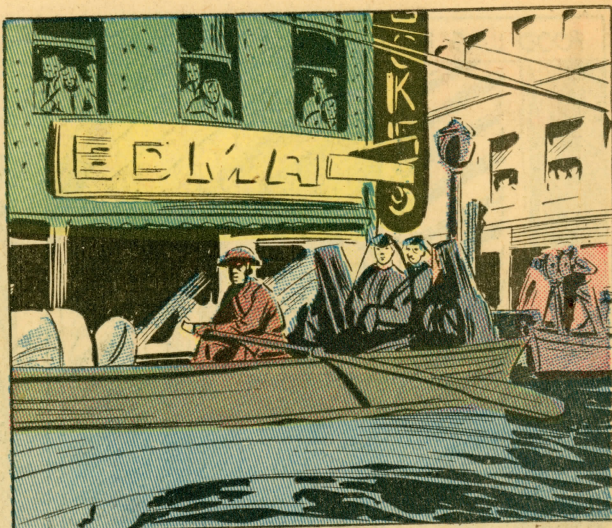
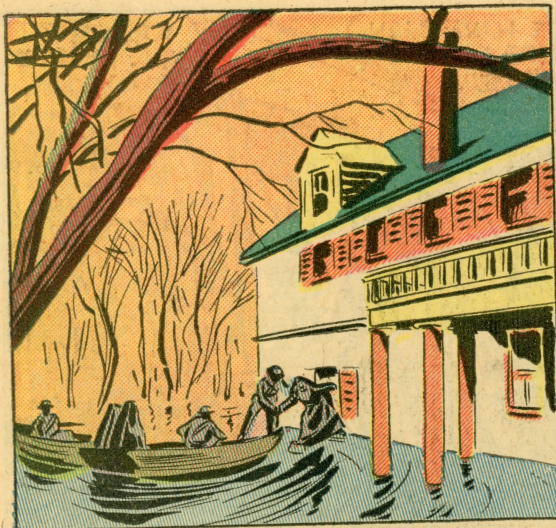
AT LEAST
THE WATER IS
GOING DOWN.



THE ARCHBISHOP SAID WE WERE
TO TAKE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
TO THE NEAREST CHURCH WHEN
WE LEFT.

IN A
BOAT?





NO MATTER HOW LONG I LIVE, THE PRIVILEGE OF SAVING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE THE GREATEST GOD CAN EVER GRANT ME.

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