

# DETAILED OBSERVATIONS

Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 18 No. 9 (June 1958)

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# Summary of Observations

This comic retains the front cover, back cover, inside front cover, interior pages, centerfold, and both original staples. Overall presentation is visually strong, with **bold, well-saturated cover color, clean interior pages**, and a **straight, well-aligned spine**.

Condition issues are concentrated in three primary areas:

1. **Writing visible on the front cover**,
2. **Heavy rust and corrosion affecting both staples**, with visible rust migration into adjacent paper, and
3. **Localized lower-edge paper waviness and deformation across multiple consecutive pages**.

Interior pages are clean and readable, with good print clarity. A brittleness test indicates retained paper flexibility. However, examination of page edges shows **multi-page edge deformation**, likely resulting from moisture exposure or prolonged environmental humidity affecting several pages simultaneously.

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## Front Cover — Observations

**Photo Condition & Quality:** (IMG\_2133)

### **Observations:**

The front cover displays **strong, deep green coloration** with good saturation and intact linework. The illustration of Donald Duck rowing with his nephews remains sharp, and the central artwork is visually appealing.

In the **upper left area near the masthead, hand-applied writing** is visible. The writing is dark, unprinted, and clearly distinct from the original artwork. It appears fully legible and not erased or reduced.

Surface wear is otherwise mild. Light abrasion and handling marks are visible near edges. The bottom edge shows faint discoloration relative to the center field but no large paper loss.

Corners show rounding consistent with handling. No major creases break the primary artwork.

### **Overall Impression:**

The front cover remains visually strong, but **writing on the cover is a significant condition note** with permanent visual impact.

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## Back Cover — Observations

**Photo Condition & Quality:** (IMG\_2134)

**Observations:**

The back cover remains intact and clean, displaying a bright **Schwinn bicycle advertisement** with strong yellow coloration and sharp printed text.

Light edge wear is present along the bottom and open edges. Corners are mildly rounded. No writing, stamps, or tears are visible.

**Overall Impression:**

Back cover presents cleanly with typical handling wear only.

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## Inside Front Cover — Observations

**Photo Condition & Quality:** (IMG\_2135)

**Observations:**

The inside front cover exhibits uniform cream-to-tan toning consistent with age. No writing, stains, or foreign marks are present. The hinge area is intact, showing only mild stress from normal opening.

**Overall Impression:**

Inside front cover is clean and structurally sound.

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## Interior Pages — Observations

**Photo Condition & Quality:** (IMG\_2136, IMG\_2137, IMG\_2138, IMG\_2139)

**Observations:**

Interior pages are **clean and vividly printed**, with sharp black linework and intact halftone patterns. Color saturation remains strong throughout panels.

However, examination of the **lower page edges across multiple consecutive pages** reveals **uniform waviness and slight edge deformation**, extending across the same region of several

pages. This pattern is consistent from one page to the next and indicates **multi-page edge distortion rather than isolated handling bends**.

No page shows full-thickness tears, missing pieces, writing, or staining within artwork areas. Page margins remain intact.

**Overall Impression:**

Interior pages are visually strong, but **multi-page lower-edge deformation is clearly present**.

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## Centerfold — Observations

**Photo Condition & Quality:** (IMG\_2140)

**Observations:**

The centerfold remains attached at both staples. Fold line compression is visible. Dark discoloration is present at the staple holes, consistent with rust migration.

No centerfold detachment or pull-through is visible.

**Overall Impression:**

Centerfold remains attached but is affected by staple corrosion.

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## Spine — Observations

**Photo Condition & Quality:** (IMG\_2141)

**Observations:**

The spine is straight and well aligned, with no major exterior splitting. Spine color remains continuous along most of the fold. Darkening is visible at staple locations due to corrosion bleeding outward.

**Overall Impression:**

Spine structure remains strong despite internal corrosion at staples.

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## Upper Staple — Observations

**Photo Condition & Quality:** (IMG\_2848)

**Observations:**

The upper staple shows **advanced rust and corrosion**, with dark brown oxidation covering nearly the entire exposed surface. Rust migration is clearly visible, staining surrounding paper and weakening fibers at the penetration point.

**Overall Impression:**

Upper staple is present but **severely corroded with paper impact**.

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## Lower Staple — Observations

**Photo Condition & Quality:** (IMG\_2849)

**Observations:**

The lower staple shows corrosion equal in severity to the upper staple. Surrounding paper exhibits dark staining and localized fiber disturbance. No complete pull-through is visible, but paper integrity is compromised.

**Overall Impression:**

Lower staple area demonstrates **advanced rust with adjacent paper damage**.

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## Brittleness Test — Observations

**Photo Condition & Quality:** (IMG\_2142)

**Observations:**

The tested page corner flexes without cracking, flaking, or fiber fracture. The page bends smoothly and partially rebounds toward flat when released.

**Overall Impression:**

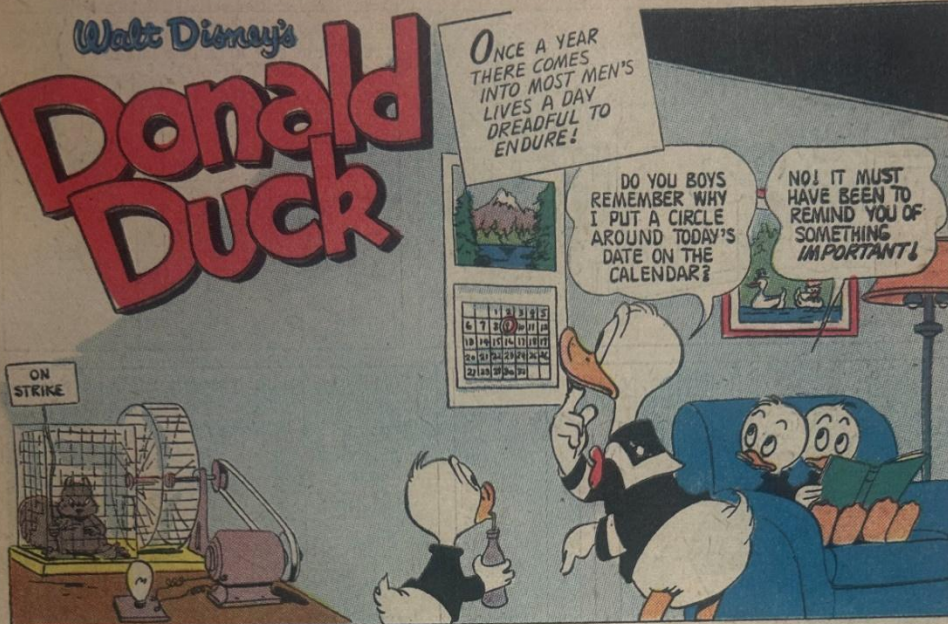
Paper retains flexibility at the tested location.

# Walt Disney's Donald Duck

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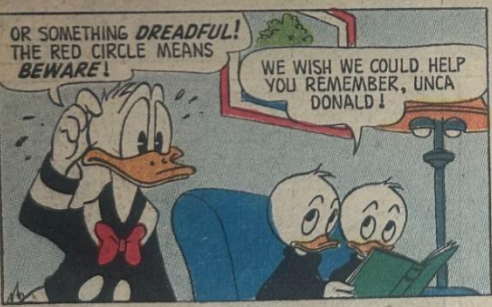
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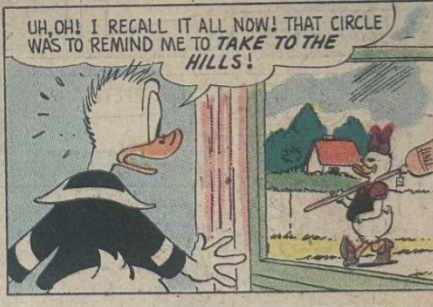


OR SOMETHING DREADFUL! THE RED CIRCLE MEANS BEWARE!

WE WISH WE COULD HELP YOU REMEMBER, UNCA DONALD!



UH, OH! I RECALL IT ALL NOW! THAT CIRCLE WAS TO REMIND ME TO TAKE TO THE HILLS!



THIS IS THE DAY DAISY ALWAYS DOES HER SPRING HOUSE CLEANING!



I DON'T WANT TO GET ROPED INTO THE JOB! YOU KIDS WILL HAVE TO HELP HER!

NO! NO! NOT US! WE HAVE FEELINGS, TOO!



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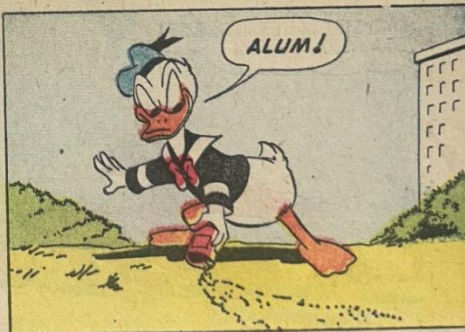
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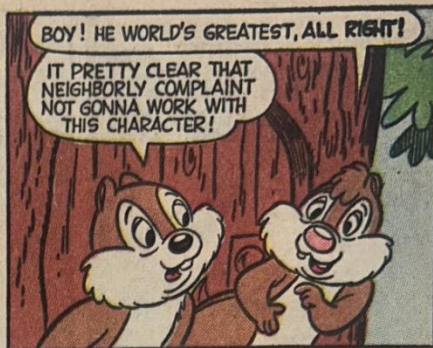
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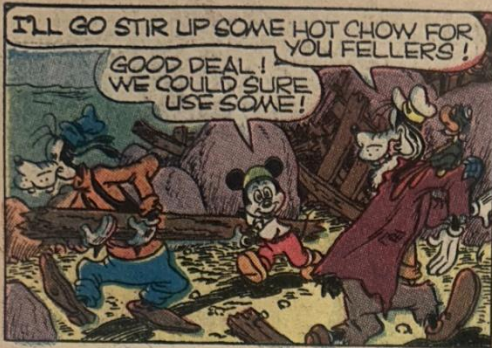
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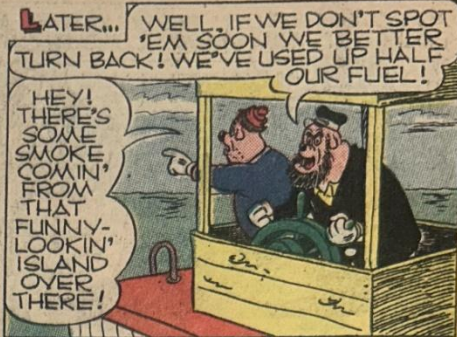






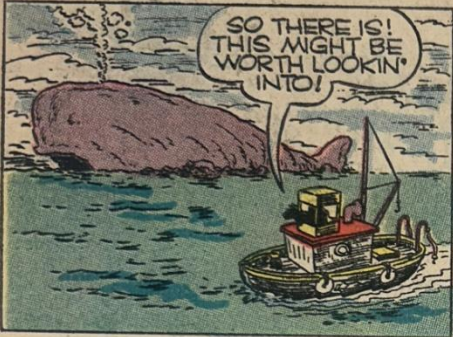
I'LL GO STIR UP SOME HOT CHOW FOR YOU FELLERS!

GOOD DEAL! WE COULD SURE USE SOME!



LATER... WELL, IF WE DON'T SPOT 'EM SOON WE BETTER TURN BACK! WE'VE USED UP HALF OUR FUEL!

HEY! THERE'S SOME SMOKE COMIN' FROM THAT FUNNY-LOOKIN' ISLAND OVER THERE!



SO THERE IS! THIS MIGHT BE WORTH LOOKIN' INTO!



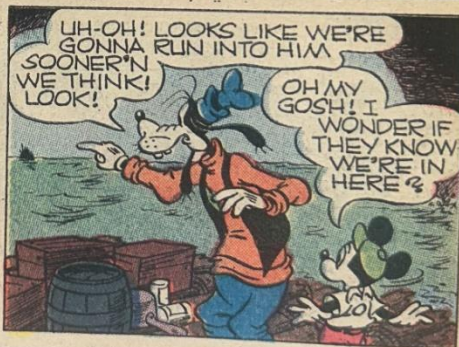
WELL, SHE'S ALL SET TO GO! NOT TOO BAD FOR A COUPLE OF AMATEUR RAFT BUILDERS, HUH?



LOOKS SEAWORTHY TO ME!

WE'D BETTER WAIT A COUPLE OF DAYS BEFORE SHOVING OFF TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T RUN INTO CAP'N SQUIDD!

AWK! STURDY L'L CRAFT!



UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GONNA RUN INTO HIM SOONER'N WE THINK! LOOK!

OH MY GOSH! I WONDER IF THEY KNOW WE'RE IN HERE?



SUFFERIN' SEA BISCUITS! THEY MUSTA SEEN TH' SMOKE FROM TH' FIRE! IT GOES UP THROUGH A CRACK CLEAR TO TH' TOP!



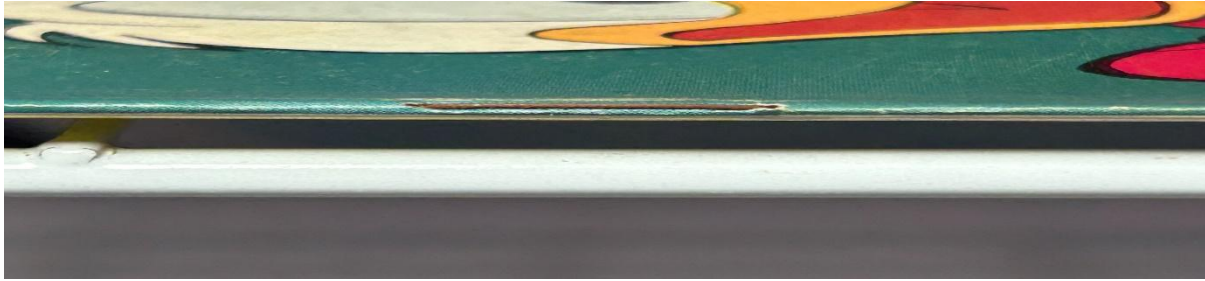
WELL, THE CAT'S OUT OF THE BAG THEN! DO YOU HAVE ANY GLINS?

NOPE! NOTHIN' BUT AN OL' HARPOON!

AWK! PIRATES TO PORT!









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