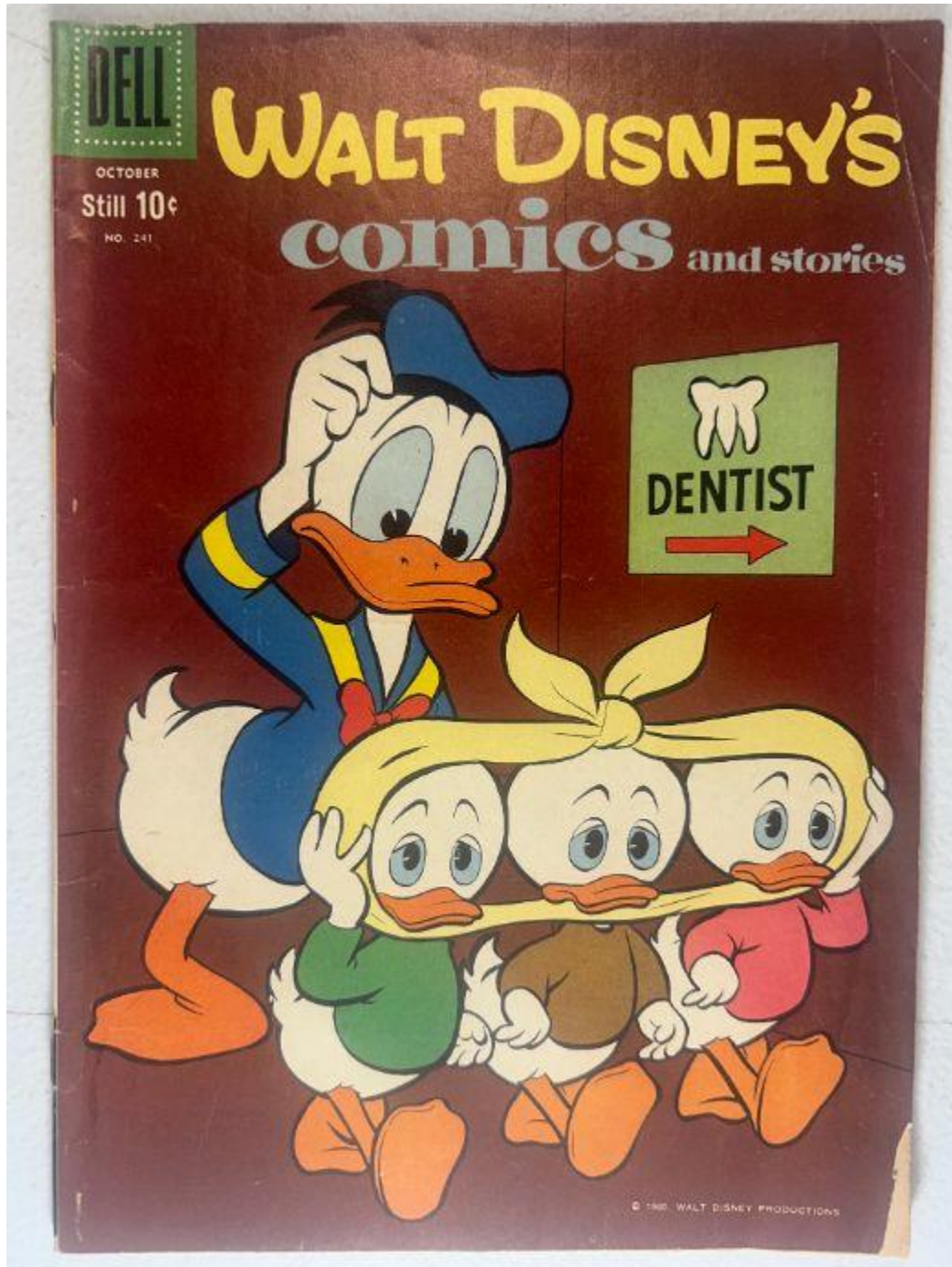


■ **Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 21 No. 1
(October 1950)**

Evaluation Date: April 4, 2026



SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS

This comic retains the front cover, back cover, centerfold, and all photographed interior pages. Overall presentation is strong, with the front cover exhibiting **high retained gloss and vivid color saturation**. Interior pages are complete and readable with consistent age-related toning. The spine remains continuous and straight.

Condition issues are limited and localized. The front cover shows **paper loss at the bottom front corner**, visible as a small detached area exposing underlying paper layers. Both staples are present and embedded; one staple shows **pronounced rust and surrounding paper discoloration**, while the other appears cleaner with only light oxidation. Interior pages show uniform toning without isolated staining, and there is no evidence of brittleness from the flex test.

As the **first issue of Volume 21**, this issue marks the opening of a new publishing year for *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories* and is commonly noted by collectors as a volume anchor point.

FRONT COVER — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

Image is sharp and evenly lit, showing the full cover with edges, corners, and spine visible. Resolution is sufficient to assess gloss, color, and edge integrity.

Observations:

- The cover depicts **Donald Duck** standing behind his nephews **Huey, Dewey, and Louie**, with a dentist sign in the background.
- Strong, even color saturation across the red background and character artwork.
- Surface gloss is clearly visible across most of the cover field.
- At the **bottom-right front corner**, there is **paper loss**, forming an irregular missing area measuring approximately **6–10 mm** along the edge and **4–6 mm** inward.
- Edges adjacent to the loss show light fraying.
- Along the spine edge, very fine stress marks are visible, without splitting.
- Corners otherwise show only light rounding.

Overall Impression:

The front cover is **visually striking and glossy**, with **localized corner paper loss** as the primary defect.

BACK COVER — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

Image is clear and evenly lit, fully framed with edges and corners visible.

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Observations:

- Back cover advertisement remains clear and legible.
- Uniform tan toning consistent with age is present across the surface.
- No localized stains, tide lines, or moisture marks observed.
- Paper surface appears flat with no pronounced waviness.
- Light edge wear along the bottom and spine edges, approximately **4–8 mm intermittently**.
- No writing observed.

Overall Impression:

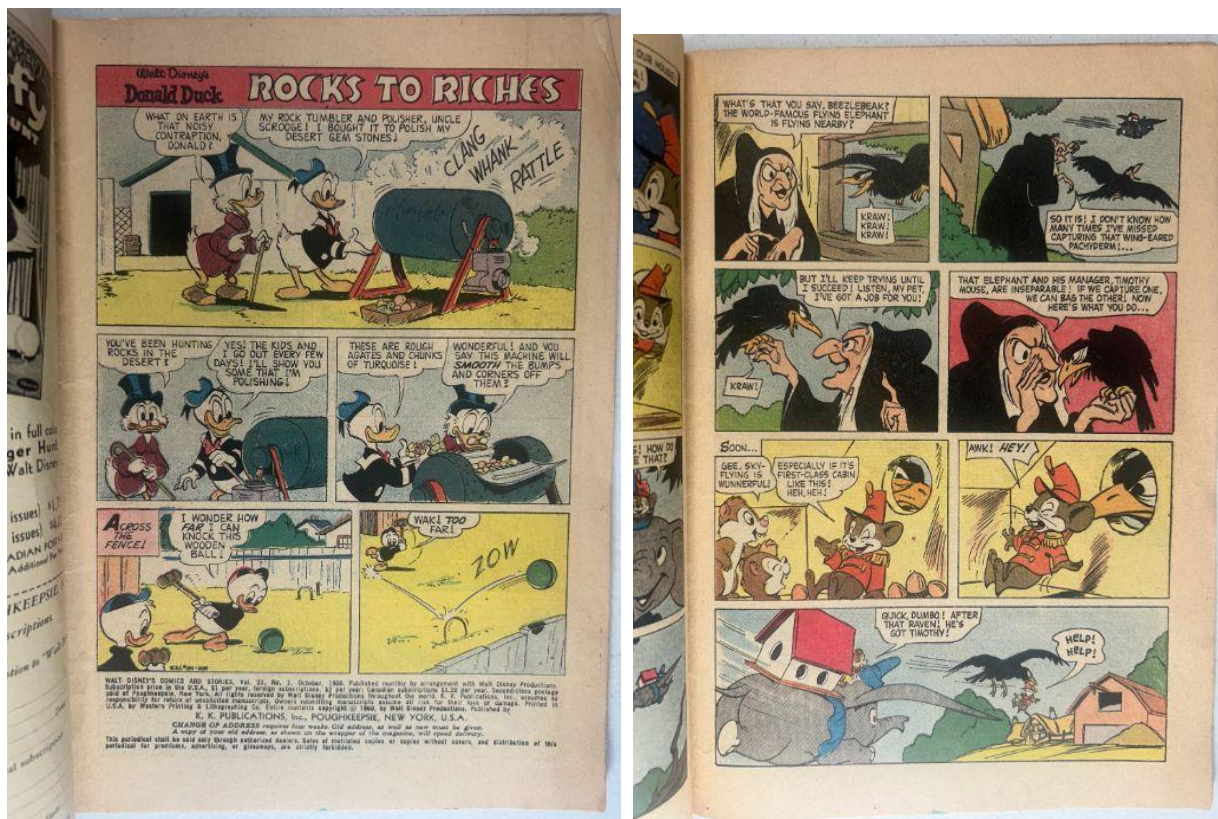
Back cover remains intact with **light handling wear and normal age toning**.

INTERIOR PAGES — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

Images are sharp and evenly lit, showing full interior pages with margins visible.





Observations:

- Interior pages exhibit **cream to light-tan paper coloration**.
- Toning is consistent across the photographed pages with gradual darkening toward outer margins.
- Artwork remains crisp with strong color and intact panel borders.
- No interior tears or paper loss observed.
- Minor edge wear visible on some pages, without chips extending into panels.
- No interior writing observed.
- **Indicia confirmation:** *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories, Vol. 21, No. 1, October 1950.*

Overall Impression:

Interior pages are **clean, complete, and evenly toned**.

CENTERFOLD — OBSERVATIONS

Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 21 No. 1 (October 1950)

Photo Condition & Quality:

Image is in focus and evenly lit, clearly showing both pages and the central gutter.



Observations:

- Both staple positions visible.
- Surrounding paper shows light compression only.
- No tearing, separation, or paper loss observed.
- Centerfold remains fully attached.

Overall Impression:

The centerfold is **securely attached and structurally sound**.

SPINE — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

Image is sharp and well lit, showing the full spine length.

**Observations:**

- Spine remains straight and continuous.
- Minor stress marks visible, with no splitting.
- Bottom spine area aligns with front-corner paper loss.

Overall Impression:

The spine is **structurally strong with minor wear only**.

UPPER STAPLE — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

Macro image is sharp and evenly lit.



Observations:

- Metal staple present and embedded.
- **Heavy rust** visible on the staple, with darkened corrosion products.
- Surrounding paper shows brown discoloration extending approximately **3–5 mm**.

Overall Impression:

Upper staple shows **significant rust with surrounding paper discoloration**.

LOWER STAPLE — OBSERVATIONS

Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 21 No. 1 (October 1950)

Photo Condition & Quality:

Macro image is clear and properly framed.



Observations:

- Metal staple present and embedded.
- Only **light surface oxidation** visible.
- Surrounding paper remains intact with minimal discoloration.

Overall Impression:

Lower staple is **structurally sound with light oxidation only.**

BRITTLENESS TEST — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality:

Image shows a single interior page lifted above flat underlying pages.



Observations (confined to the lifted page):

- Page bends in a **smooth, shallow arc**.
- No visible fiber fracture, splitting, or flaking along the bend line.
- Paper surface remains continuous at the point of flex.

Overall Impression:

The tested page demonstrates **retained flexibility** and does **not exhibit brittle behavior**.