

■ Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 6 No. 11 (August 1946)

Summary of Observations

This issue of *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 6 No. 11* is **structurally compromised but complete**, with both covers present and all interior pages accounted for. The most significant condition issues center on **severe spine deterioration**, including extensive paper loss and tearing at the staple locations, which has led to **partial separation of the front cover from the interior block**. Damage patterns indicate progressive tear-out and edge erosion rather than repair or reinforcement; **no tape or adhesive material is observed anywhere on the spine or covers**.

Correlation of the **spine, upper staple, lower staple, and centerfold photos together** shows that **both original staples remain present**, though they are difficult to see in the spine profile due to heavy paper loss and layering. The centerfold inspection confirms staple presence and attachment. The interior pages show advanced oxidation, corner creasing, and handling wear typical of mid-1940s newsprint, but **no full-thickness interior tears are clearly visible in the photographed pages**. Brittleness testing indicates stiffness consistent with age, but the paper has **not yet reached active brittleness**.

This particular issue is of **elevated interest** due to its *Three Caballeros* cover imagery, featuring Donald Duck alongside José Carioca and Panchito Pistoles, which connects directly to Disney's popular wartime and post-war South American films and has historically increased collector demand relative to standard issues from the same period.

Front Cover — Observations (IMG_1423)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Clear, high-resolution image showing the entire front cover, edges, corners, and spine edge. Damage to the spine and lower edge is clearly visible.

Scene & Composition

Prominent *Walt Disney's Three Caballeros* cover featuring Donald Duck riding on a stylized blanket with José Carioca and Panchito Pistoles above a globe. Masthead reads *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories*. Issue text indicates **Vol. 6 No. 11 – 10¢**.

WALT DISNEY'S Three Caballeros

10¢

FULL COLOR COMIC

No. 11

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Findings

- **Significant paper loss and tearing along the spine edge**, with original spine stock missing in multiple segments.
- **Front cover shows partial separation from the interior block at the spine**, visible as a lifting gap between cover and interior pages in profile view.
- **Edge chipping and tearing along the bottom edge**, most pronounced near the spine corner.
- **Corner rounding and softening** on all corners, heaviest at the lower corners.
- **Surface abrasion and rub wear** across the blue background, with lighter scuffed patches.

Color & Printing Quality

Colors remain strong but muted by oxidation; linework remains crisp and legible.

Paper & Structural Notes

Advanced oxidation visible along edges. Structural attachment of the front cover is weakened due to spine loss.

Overall Impression

Front cover is present and visually strong but **structurally weakened**, with evident separation developing at the spine.

Scene & Composition

Subscription advertisement featuring Mickey Mouse and globe imagery promoting Walt Disney's Comics and Stories with multi-year subscription options.

Findings

- **Surface dirt and discoloration** across the page.
- **Creasing through the central area**, lighter than on many wartime issues.
- **Bottom-edge wear and thinning.**
- **Corner rounding**, especially at the lower corners.

Color & Printing Quality

Colors readable; background muted by age toning.

Paper Condition

Uniform tan oxidation; no moisture staining observed.

Overall Impression

Back cover remains intact with moderate handling wear.

Interior Pages — Observations (IMG_1425–IMG_1428)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Interior pages photographed clearly with visible margins and gutters.

Page Color

Tan to medium brown.



Findings

- **No clearly visible full-thickness interior tears** in the photographed pages.
- **Margin foxing and edge darkening** throughout.
- **Corner creasing**, primarily lower corners.
- Minor edge nicks from handling.

Color & Printing Quality

Colors softened by age; halftones and linework remain crisp.

Structural Notes

Pages remain attached and aligned at the staple fold.

Overall Impression

Interior pages show **advanced age wear but no major tearing** in the sampled images.

Centerfold — Observations (IMG_1430)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Clear two-page image showing gutter, fold, and staple alignment.



Findings

- **Both staples are visible at the centerfold**, confirming original two-staple construction.
- Paper around the fold shows **darkening and stress**, but **no full-thickness centerfold tear** is visible.
- Centerfold remains attached at both staple points.

Overall Impression

Centerfold is intact, with staple attachment confirmed despite surrounding paper fatigue.

Spine — Observations (IMG_1431)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Side-profile image clearly showing extensive spine damage.



Findings

- **Severe paper loss and layered delamination along the spine**, especially near staple zones.
- **Exposed inner wraps** visible where spine paper is missing.
- **No tape or adhesive material present.**
- Forward spine roll evident.

Overall Impression

Spine integrity is significantly compromised due to tear-out and erosion.

Upper Staple — Observations (IMG_1432)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Macro image showing the upper staple area within the fold.



Findings

- **Upper staple present**, though partially obscured by torn paper layers.
- Surrounding paper shows thinning and tearing from stress.

Overall Impression

Upper staple remains engaged but stressed.

Lower Staple — Observations (IMG_1433)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Clear close-range image of the lower staple and fold.



Findings

- **Lower staple present.**
- Surrounding paper shows wear but no tear-out.

Overall Impression

Lower staple remains intact and functional.

Brittleness Test — Observations (IMG_1435)

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Photo Condition & Quality

Clear macro image showing page-corner flex.



Findings

Paper flexes stiffly without cracking or flaking.

Overall Impression

Paper shows advanced aging but has **not reached full brittleness**.