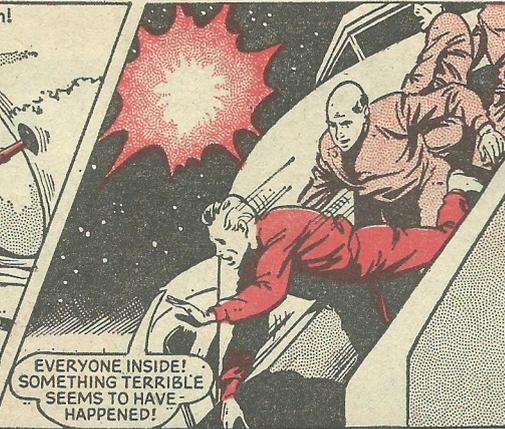
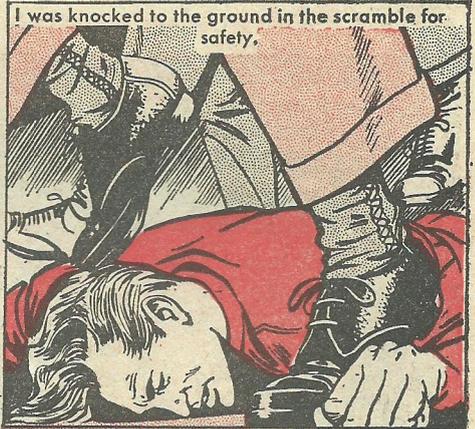


Force 21's equipment was rocked and shaken!



EVERYONE INSIDE!  
SOMETHING TERRIBLE  
SEEMS TO HAVE  
HAPPENED!



I was knocked to the ground in the scramble for safety.



IT'S THE CRIMSON COMET!  
IT'S FILLING THE WHOLE  
SKY.



IT'S PASSING! IT LOOKS SO  
NEAR. YET IT MUST BE  
SEVERAL HUNDRED  
THOUSAND MILES AWAY!



I hammered at the door to the  
control-room.  
OPEN UP! IT'S  
ME—JACKSON!



JACKSON! WHERE WERE YOU?  
WE THOUGHT YOU WERE INSIDE  
THE BUILDING!

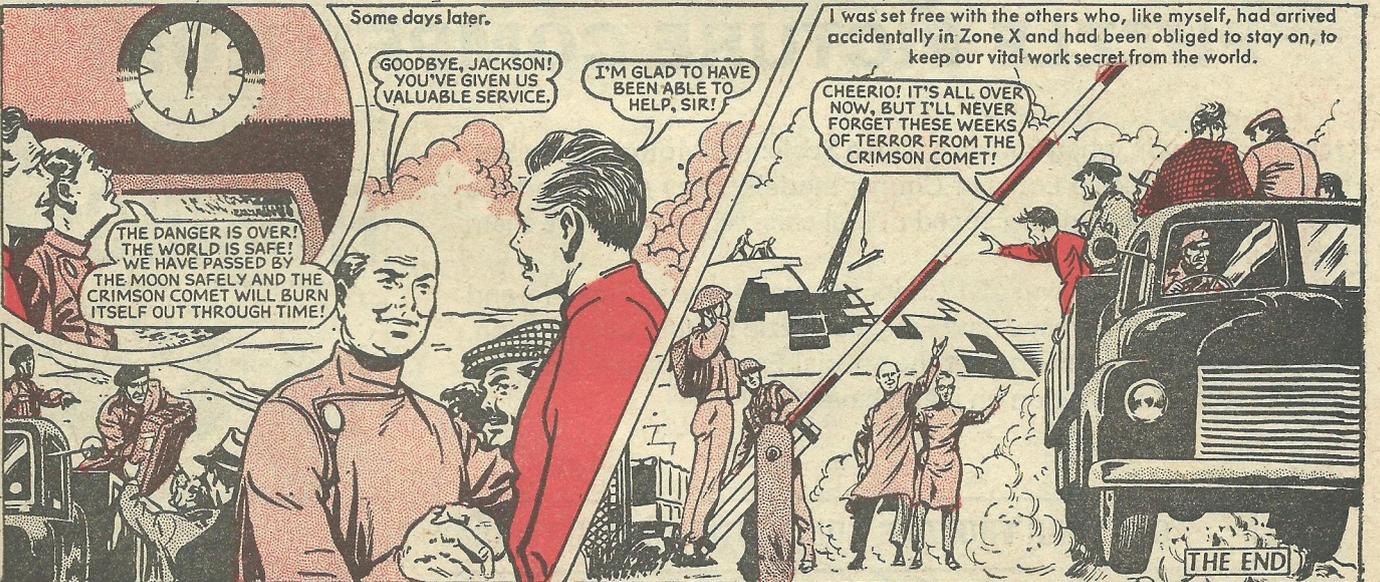
I SAW THE CRIMSON  
COMET PASSING THROUGH  
SPACE! WE'RE SAVED!



YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT THERE'S  
STILL A DANGER OF US  
COLLIDING WITH THE MOON!



WE'RE KEEPING A CLOSE  
CHECK ON WHAT IS GOING  
ON IN SPACE ON THIS  
VIEWER! WE'LL KNOW  
OUR FATE AT ONE  
MINUTE PAST TWELVE.



Some days later.

GOODBYE, JACKSON!  
YOU'VE GIVEN US  
VALUABLE SERVICE.

I'M GLAD TO HAVE  
BEEN ABLE TO  
HELP, SIR!

CHEERIO! IT'S ALL OVER  
NOW, BUT I'LL NEVER  
FORGET THESE WEEKS  
OF TERROR FROM THE  
CRIMSON COMET!

THE DANGER IS OVER!  
THE WORLD IS SAFE!  
WE HAVE PASSED BY  
THE MOON SAFELY AND THE  
CRIMSON COMET WILL BURN  
ITSELF OUT THROUGH TIME!

I was set free with the others who, like myself, had arrived  
accidentally in Zone X and had been obliged to stay on, to  
keep our vital work secret from the world.

THE END