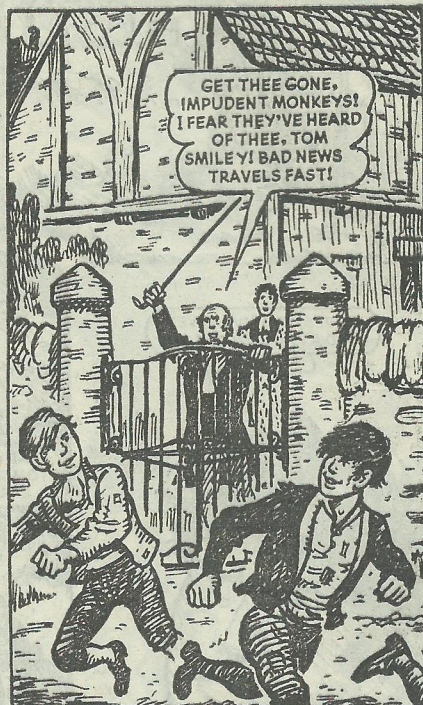


The knives are out as Tom Smiley fights a deadly duel with Dancing Jack!

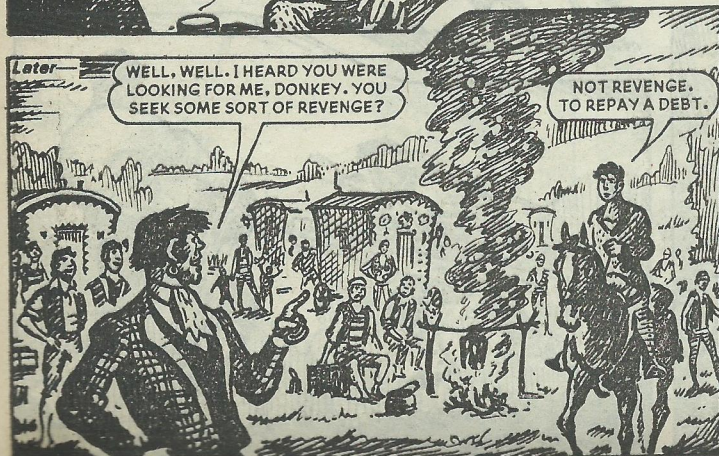
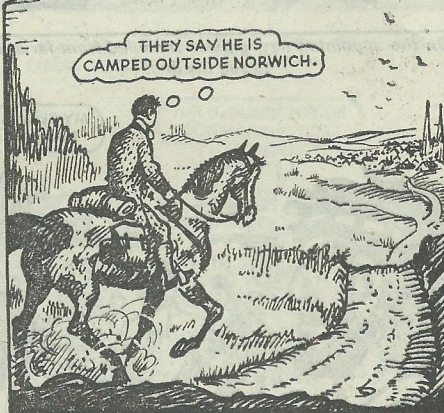
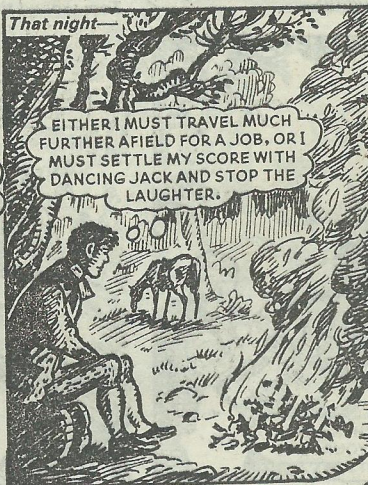
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The MARK OF ZAPHROM

In the early 19th century it was discovered that Tom Smiley was the son of a gipsy called Bucko and not the old schoolmaster's son. He was forced to leave his teaching post at Hyckam St Mary and joined the Bucko tribe and because he bore the Mark of Zaphrom—the sign of a gipsy leader—it was hoped that he would lead the Buckos from obscurity. But he brought only humiliation when a gipsy called Dancing Jack made a fool of him. Tom was asked to leave the tribe, and now he sought another teaching post—



He decided on the latter course. Next day—



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