

RACE AGAINST HUNGER

THE GLORY OF ANCIENT GREECE SPURRED STYLIANOS KYRIAKIDES IN HIS RACE TO HELP HIS STARVING HOMELAND.



AS KYRIAKIDES WAS COLLECTING ELECTRIC LIGHT BILLS IN HIS NATIVE ATHENS ONE DAY EARLY IN 1946...



WHERE'S THE FIRE?

NO FIRE. I'M TRAINING FOR THE BOSTON MARATHON IN THE UNITED STATES.



ALL I COULD GET IS POTATOES AGAIN FOR DINNER.

WE'RE LUCKY TO GET THAT - WITH SO MANY GREEKS STARVING. I ONLY HOPE I'LL BE STRONG ENOUGH TO RACE.

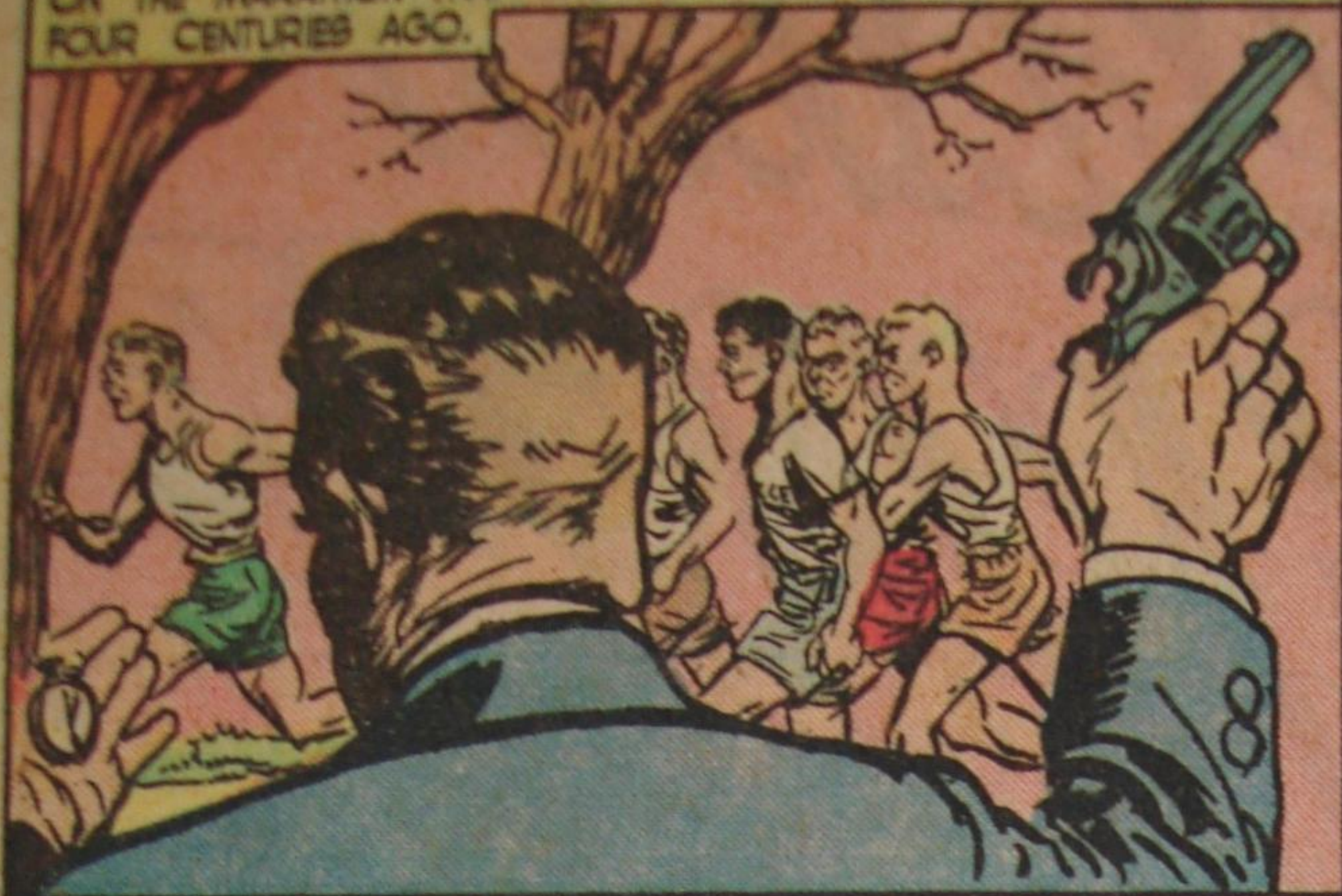
IN THE SPRING, HE SAILED TO AMERICA. ON APRIL 19, HE JOINED 101 OTHER RUNNERS ON A COUNTRY LANE NEAR BOSTON.



THERE'S THE GREEK CHAMPION.

HE'S TOO THIN TO HOLD OUT. KELLEY WILL WIN JUST LIKE LAST YEAR.

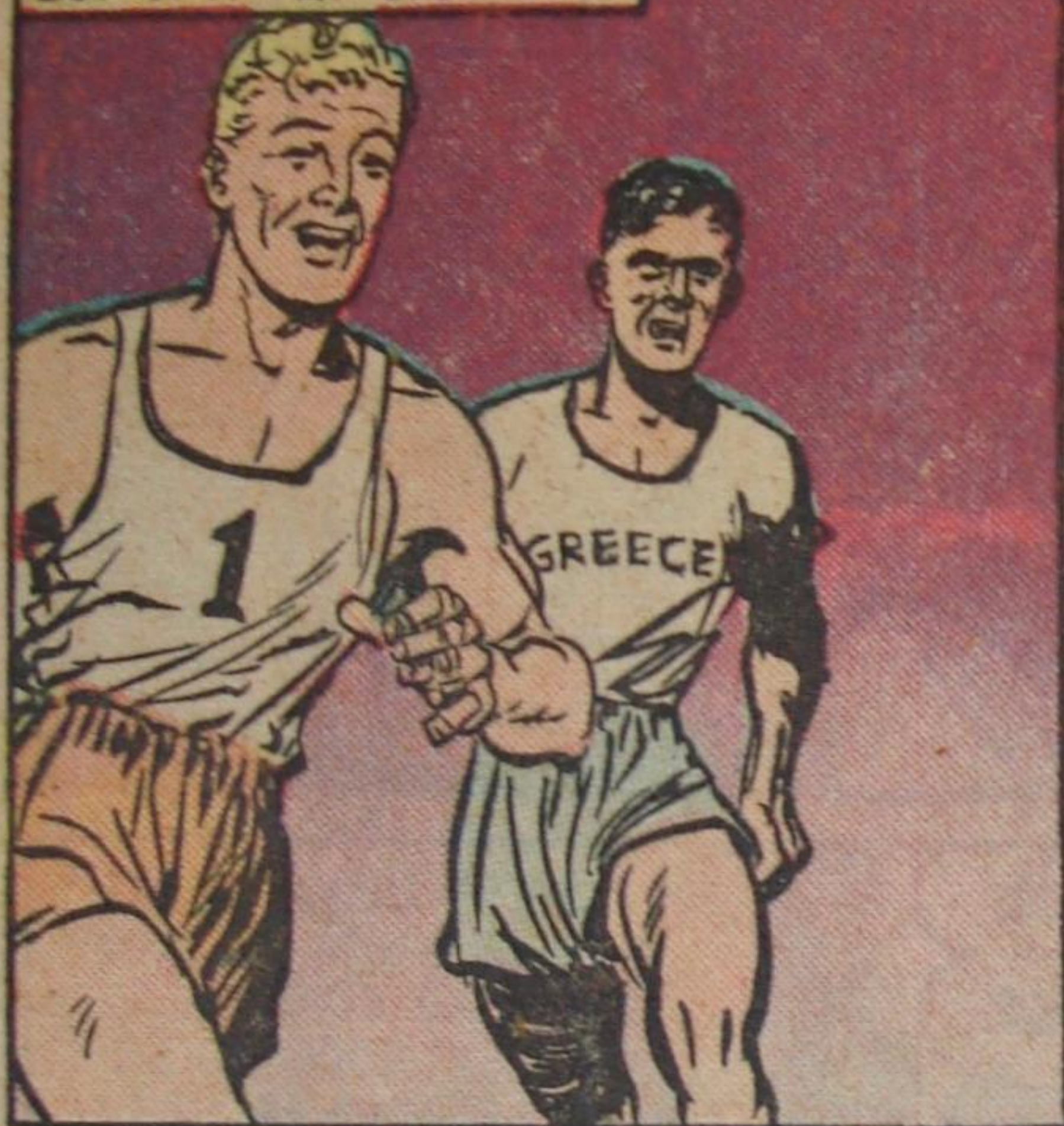
THE RUNNERS BEGAN THE GRUELING LONG-DISTANCE RACE BASED ON THE MARATHON THAT WAS FIRST RUN NEAR ATHENS TWENTY-FOUR CENTURIES AGO.



TO EVERYONE'S AMAZEMENT, KYRIAKIDES LED THE FIELD WITH KELLEY FOR THE FIRST TWENTY-FIVE MILES. AS THEY NEARED BACK BAY, BOSTON, ON THE LAST MILE...



BUT IN A FEW SECONDS...



AGAIN KYRIAKIDES FORGED AHEAD. AGAIN KELLEY OVERTOOK HIM. THEN A THIRD TIME...



THE GREEK WON!

TWO HOURS, TWENTY-NINE MINUTES, TWENTY-SEVEN SECONDS!



YOU'RE A GREAT RUNNER, FRIEND.

I HAD TO WIN FOR GREECE, MR. KELLEY.



THE VICTORIOUS KYRIAKIDES RETURNED TO GREECE, AND HIS FEAT STIMULATED GREATER AMERICAN AID TO HIS WAR-STRICKEN COUNTRY.