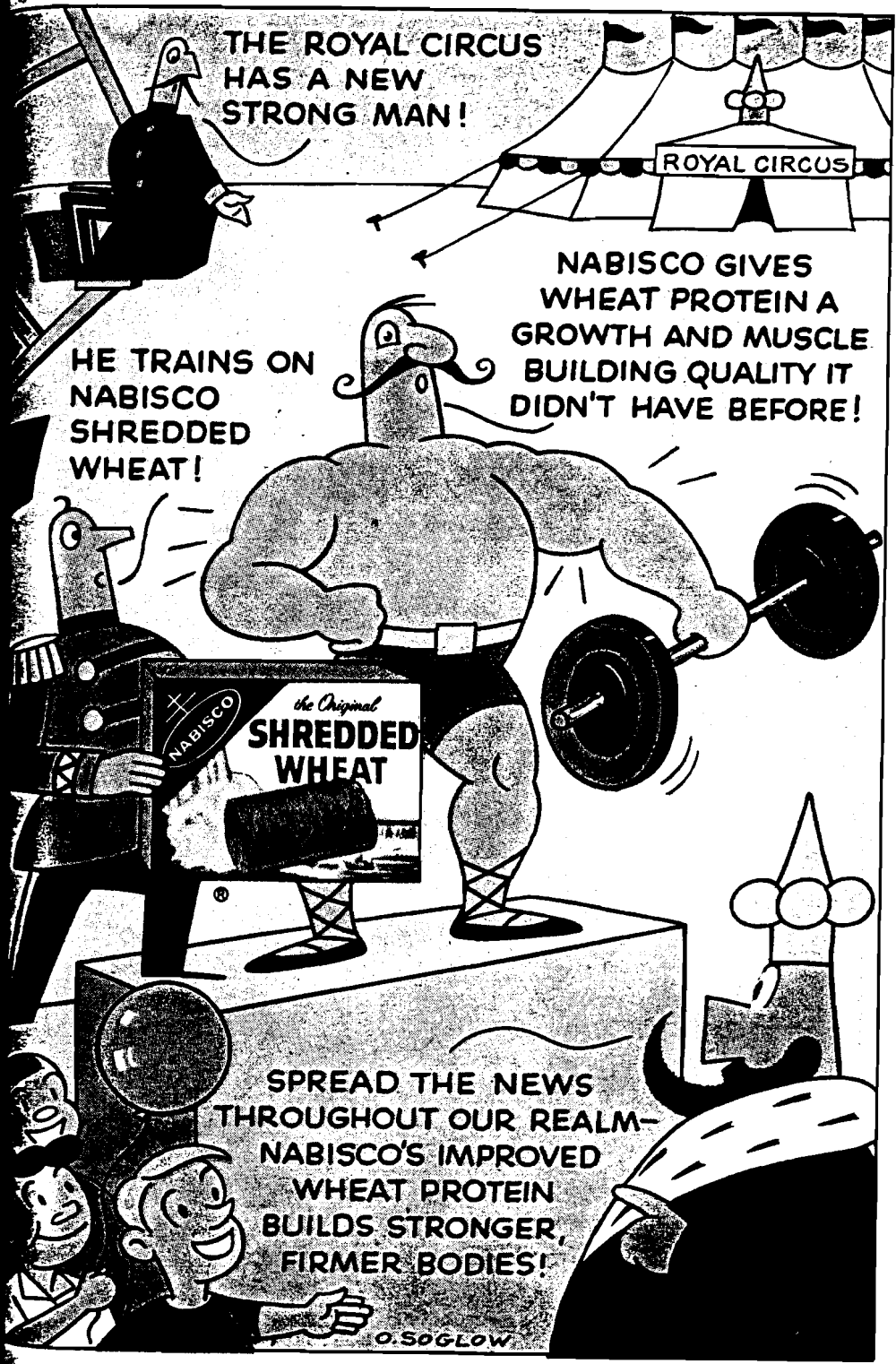


ad she sat herself down ex-
 pty in the middle of the dr-
 othing would move her. Could
 ve been that she knew I was co-
 g back that day? If so, to w-
 imal instinct can one attrib-
 ch foreknowledge?
 When I arrived she gave me
 eat welcome, but it was he-
 eaking to see her searching eve-
 here for her sisters. For days
 ized intently into the bush
 ulled for them. She followed
 nstantly, evidently feaxing that
 o, might desert her. To reass-
 er we took down the veranda ba-
 ide and let her into the house. She
 ven slept in our bed at night, and
 e were often wakened by he-
 ough tongue licking our faces.
 Once she had adjusted to being
 only child," she was as full of m-
 nief a kitten. She could use h-
 aw to caress us gently, but
 ould also deliver a playful w-
 imed smack at full speed, and
 new a little jujitsu trick wh-
 nfailingly laid us flat on our back-
 o matter how well prepared
 vere for the act, she would give
 small twist to our ankles with
 aw and down we went.
 After a rain the country was
 red with little rivulets and po-
 Elsa splashed in every one of th-
 nd, greatly invigorated, would
 eed with pouncing leaps to cov-
 with what she evidently consid-
 o be heavenly mud. This wa-
 ond a joke; we had to make
 realize she had grown too heav-
 uch lighthearted flying jumps



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