

During the first few years of their existence, the spicy pulps often printed two versions of the same issue. These can be differentiated as a "starred" edition, which featured a star on the top of the cover, and an "unstarred" edition, which obviously did not. The two editions are usually essentially identical, except that the starred version has been censored slightly--where the interior art of an unstarred issue might feature nipples in the interior art, the same art in the starred version will not. Occasionally, the cover art for the two versions is different, and stories may be in a different order, making it more than a little confusing for collectors. The starred edition was the version provided to postal authorities and, presumably, sold in the more conservative jurisdictions.