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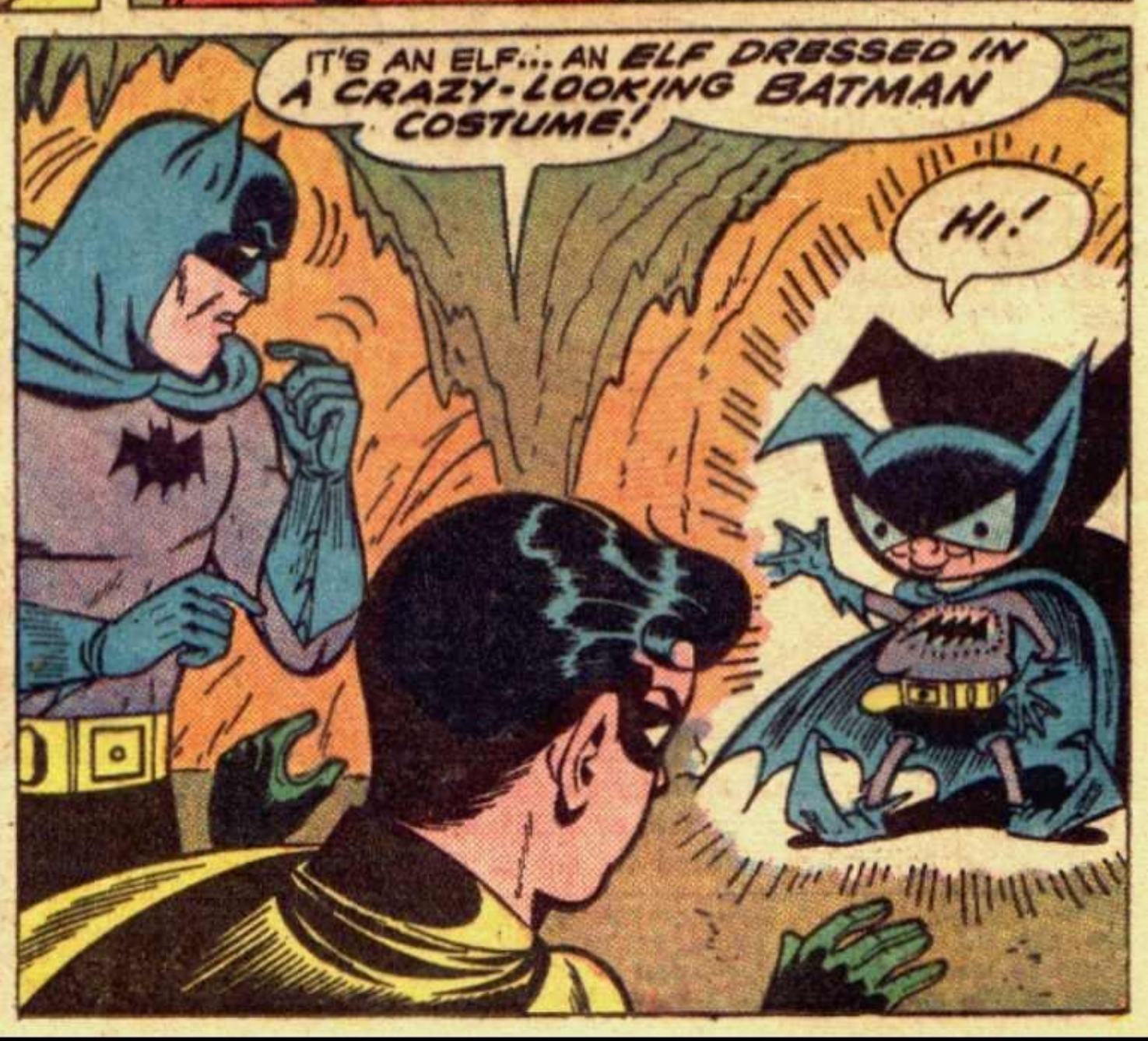

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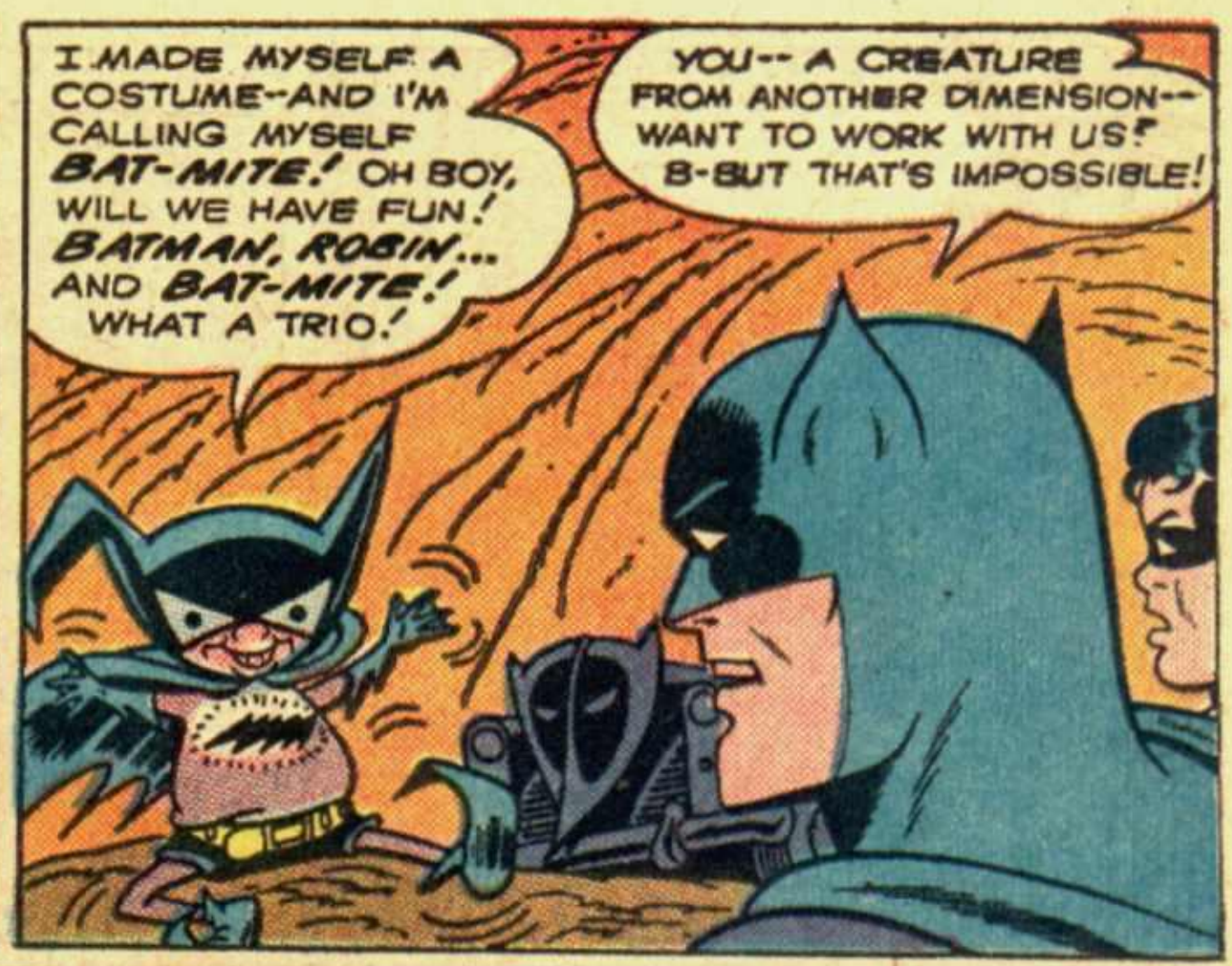
I'M NOT AN ELF! I COME FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION, WHERE ALL MEN ARE MY SIZE! BATMAN, I'VE OBSERVED AND ADMIRED YOUR EXPLOITS FOR YEARS -- SO I DECIDED TO HELP YOU FIGHT CRIME WITH MY UNEARTHLY POWERS! WON'T THAT BE FUN?

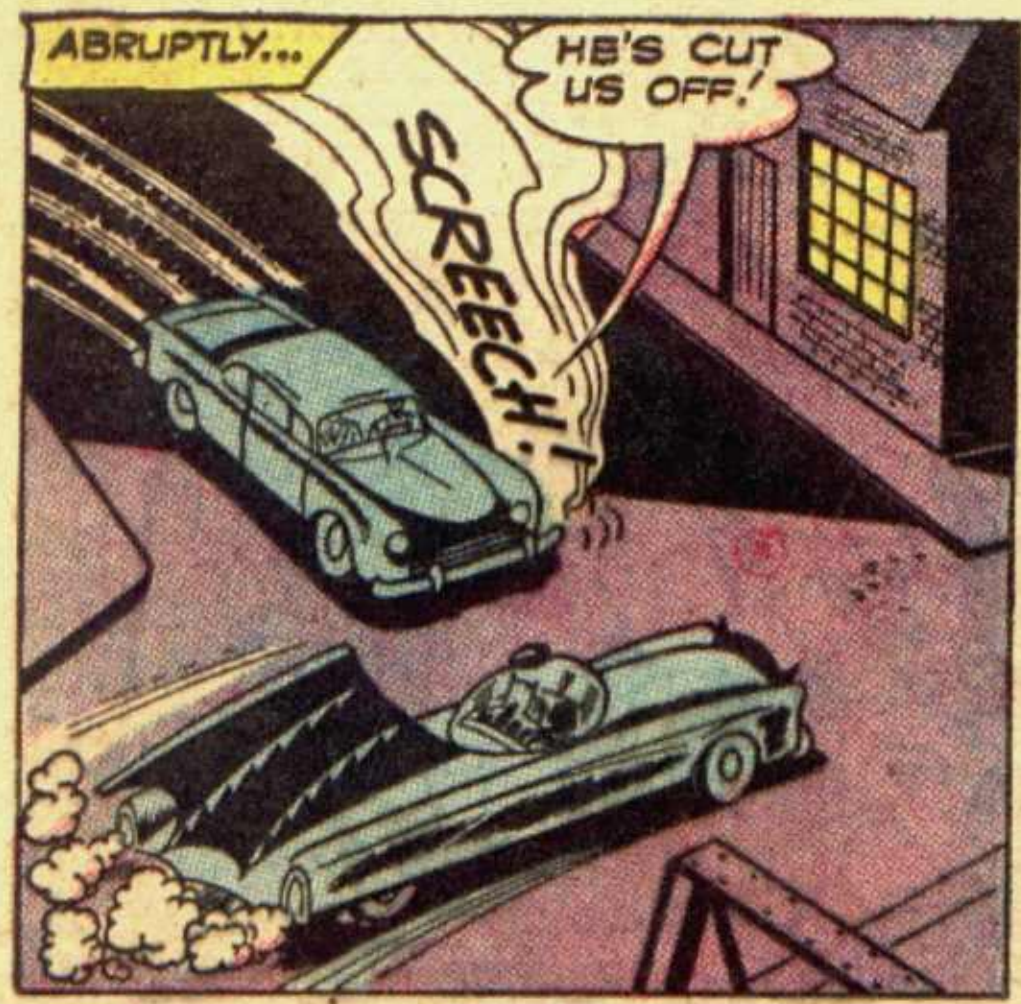

I MADE MYSELF A COSTUME--AND I'M CALLING MYSELF BAT-MITE! OH BOY, WILL WE HAVE FUN! BATMAN, ROBIN... AND BAT-MITE! WHAT A TRIO!
YOU-- A CREATURE FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION-- WANT TO WORK WITH US? B-BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

WE'D HAVE A HARD TIME EXPLAINING YOUR PRESENCE TO PEOPLE... YOU'D ONLY BE IN THE WAY! BESIDES, IT TAKES A LOT OF TRAINING TO BECOME A CRIME-FIGHTER!
OH, THIS IS VERY DISAPPOINTING! IN THAT CASE, I'D BETTER LEAVE...

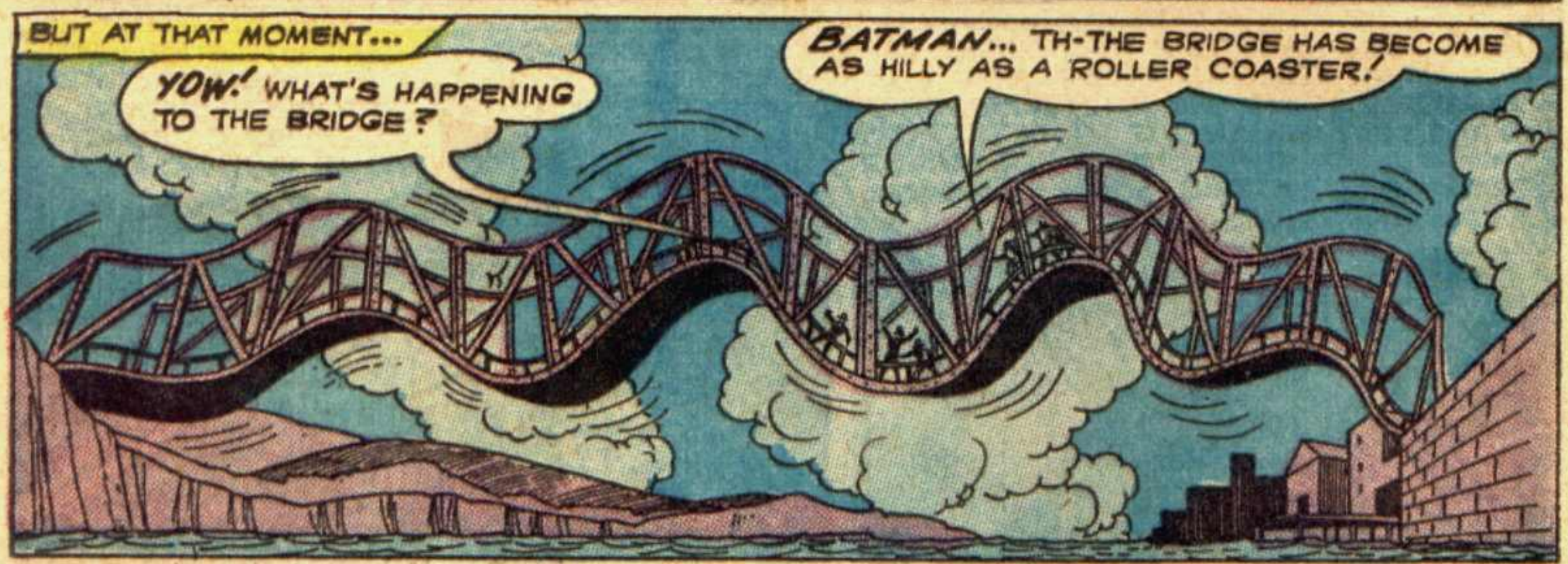
HE'S DISAPPEARED-- GONE BACK TO HIS OWN DIMENSION!
CUTE LITTLE FELLOW... I HATED TO HURT HIS FEELINGS -- BUT WE CERTAINLY COULDN'T HAVE HIM AROUND!
POP!

LITTLE DO BATMAN AND ROBIN REALIZE, AS THEY TAKE OFF IN THE BATMOBILE, THAT AN INVISIBLE FIGURE RIDES ALONG WITH THEM!
HA, HA! THEY DON'T GET RID OF ME THAT EASILY!

SHORTLY, AT THE WATERFRONT...
LOOK! TIPPER NEELY AND HIS GANG--RUNNING TO A GETAWAY CAR!
WE'VE BEEN AFTER THEM FOR MONTHS! GET SET FOR SOME ACTION, ROBIN!
IT'S BATMAN!


ABRUPTLY...
HE'S CUT US OFF!
SCREECH!

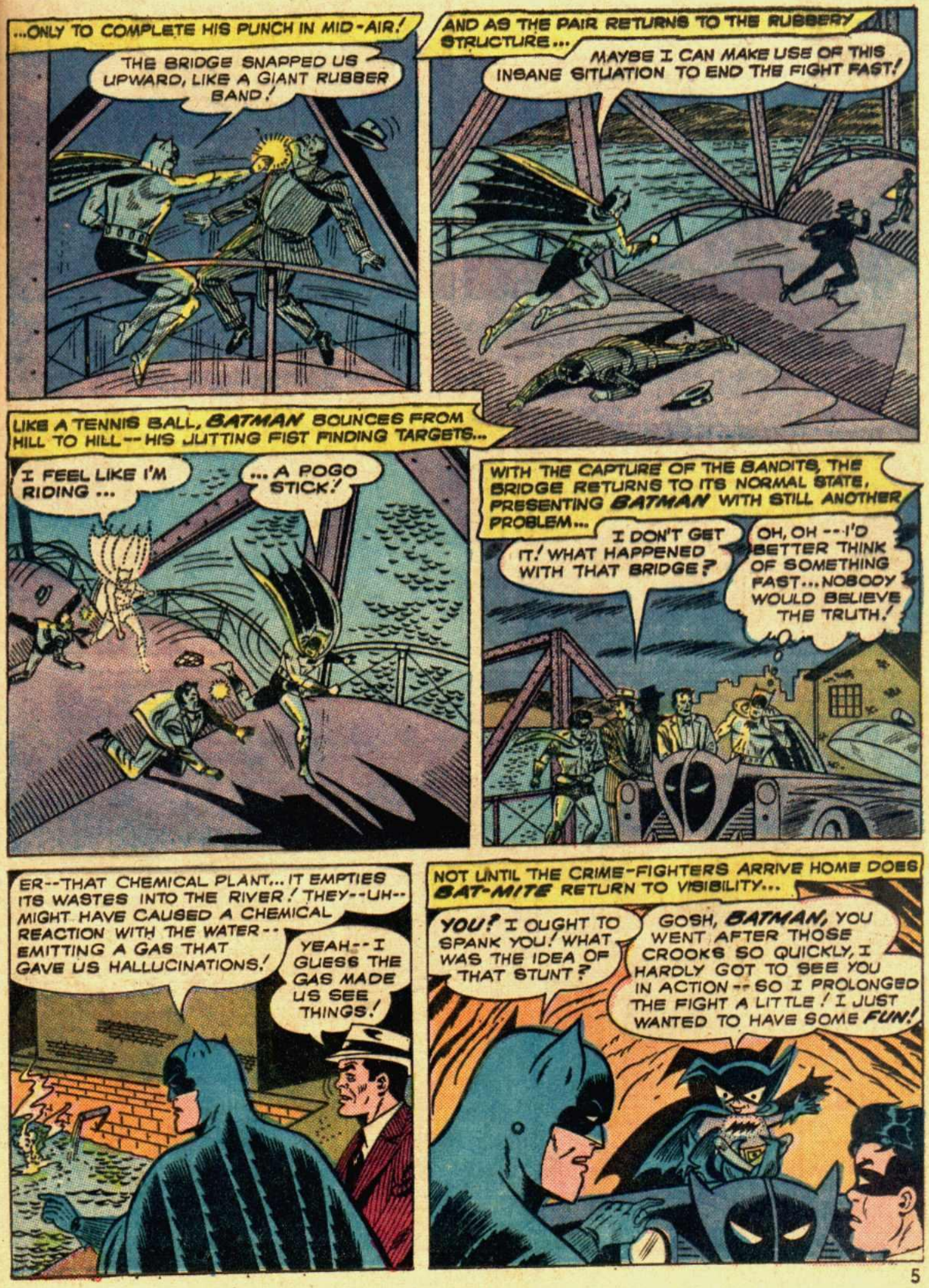
AND AS THE CRIMINALS ATTEMPT A GETAWAY ON FOOT...
THEY'RE CLOSING IN FAST! IT'S NO USE... WE'RE FINISHED!


BUT AT THAT MOMENT...
YOW! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE BRIDGE?
BATMAN... TH-THE BRIDGE HAS BECOME AS HILLY AS A ROLLER COASTER!

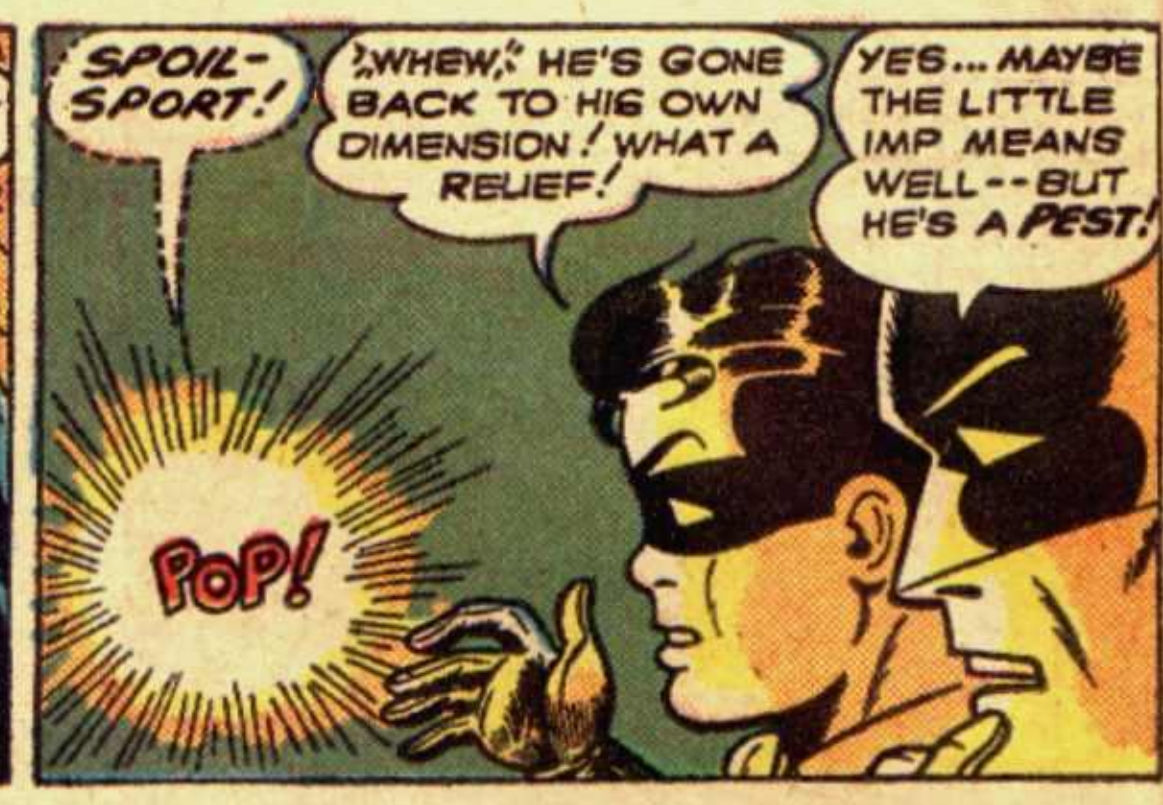
TO THE QUICK-THINKING BATMAN, THERE IS ONLY ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER...
BAT-MITE! REMEMBER HE SAID HE HAS STRANGE POWERS? HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS! BUT-- BUT WHY?

DOWN THE STEEP DIP SLIDE THE CRIME-FIGHTERS, FULL FORCE INTO THE BEWILDERED THUGS...
OOF!
UGH!

MEASURING THE GANG CHIEF FOR A BLOW, BATMAN SWINGS...

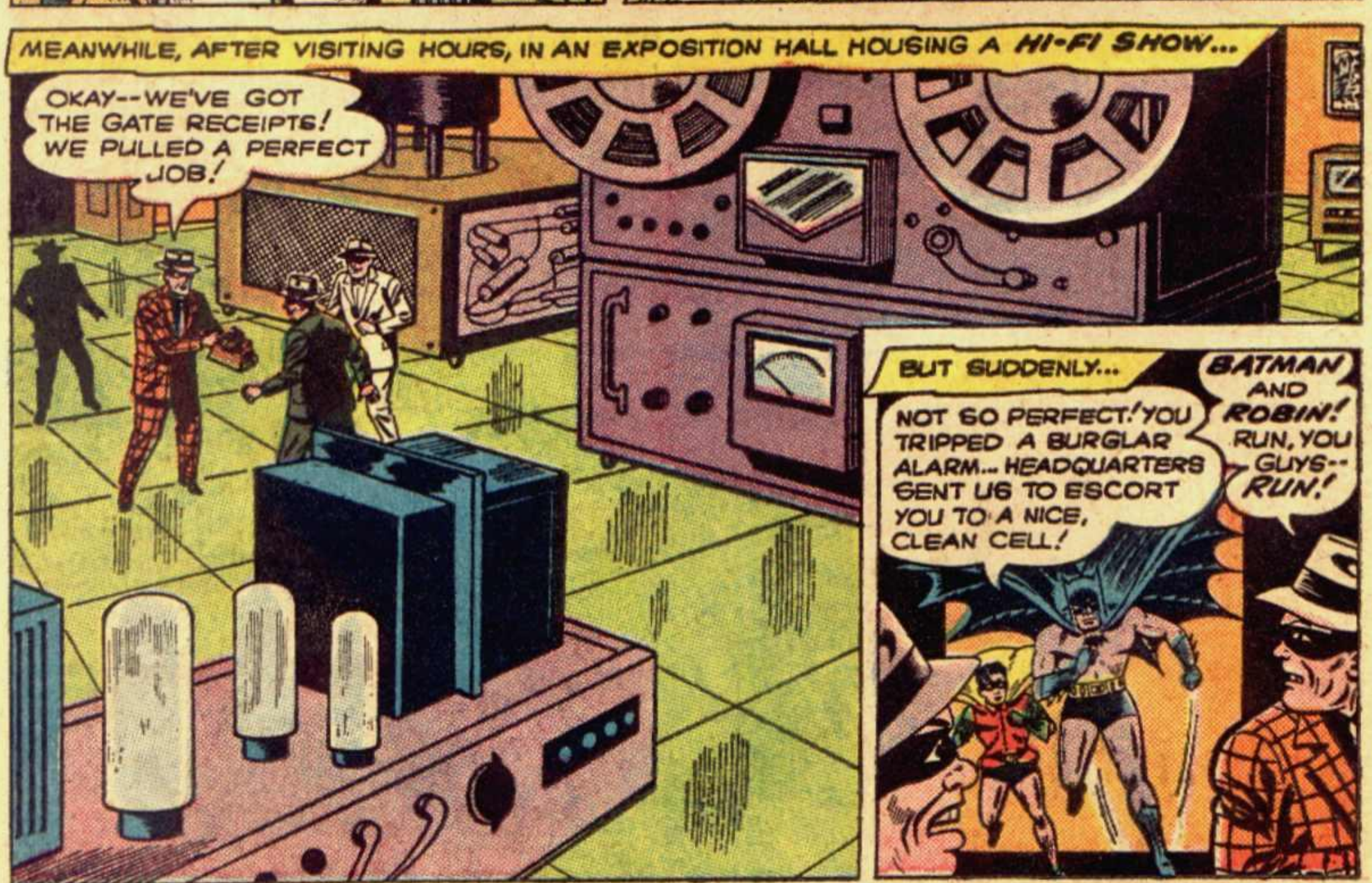

...ONLY TO COMPLETE HIS PUNCH IN MID-AIR!
THE BRIDGE SNAPPED US UPWARD, LIKE A GIANT RUBBER BAND!
AND AS THE PAIR RETURNS TO THE RUBBERY STRUCTURE...
MAYBE I CAN MAKE USE OF THIS INSANE SITUATION TO END THE FIGHT FAST!
LIKE A TENNIS BALL, BATMAN BOUNCES FROM HILL TO HILL--HIS JUTTING FIST FINDING TARGETS...
I FEEL LIKE I'M RIDING ...
... A POGO STICK!
WITH THE CAPTURE OF THE BANDITS, THE BRIDGE RETURNS TO ITS NORMAL STATE, PRESENTING BATMAN WITH STILL ANOTHER PROBLEM...
I DON'T GET IT! WHAT HAPPENED WITH THAT BRIDGE?
OH, OH --I'D BETTER THINK OF SOMETHING FAST...NOBODY WOULD BELIEVE THE TRUTH!
ER--THAT CHEMICAL PLANT... IT EMPTIES ITS WASTES INTO THE RIVER! THEY--UH--MIGHT HAVE CAUSED A CHEMICAL REACTION WITH THE WATER--EMITTING A GAS THAT GAVE US HALLUCINATIONS!
YEAH--I GUESS THE GAS MADE US SEE THINGS!
NOT UNTIL THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ARRIVE HOME DOES BAT-MITE RETURN TO VISIBILITY...
YOU? I OUGHT TO SPANK YOU! WHAT WAS THE IDEA OF THAT STUNT?
GOSH, BATMAN, YOU WENT AFTER THOSE CROOKS SO QUICKLY, I HARDLY GOT TO SEE YOU IN ACTION--SO I PROLONGED THE FIGHT A LITTLE! I JUST WANTED TO HAVE SOME FUN!

FUN, HE SAYS!
CRIME-FIGHTING ISN'T FUN... IT'S SERIOUS BUSINESS! NOW PLEASE-- GO HOME! ALL YOU'RE DOING IS MAKING PROBLEMS FOR US!

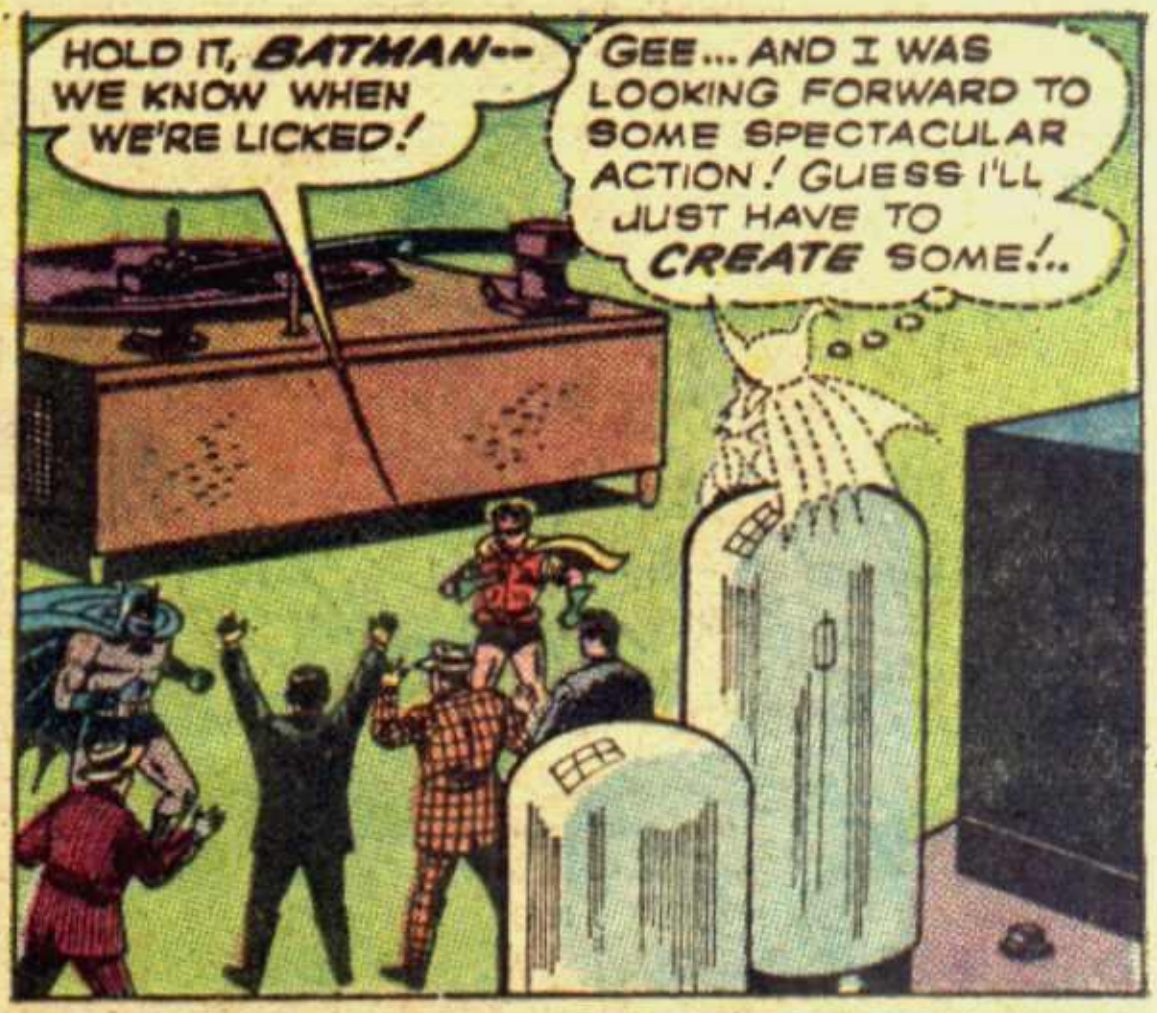

SPOIL-SPORT!
WHEW! HE'S GONE BACK TO HIS OWN DIMENSION! WHAT A RELIEF!
YES... MAYBE THE LITTLE IMP MEANS WELL--BUT HE'S A PEST!
POP!

IN THE BAT-CAVE'S TROPHY ROOM, HOWEVER, AS SOON AS BATMAN AND ROBIN DEPART...
I'LL BECOME INVISIBLE AGAIN, BEFORE THEY RETURN TOMORROW! I CAN HARDLY WAIT... BOY-OH-BOY, WILL I HAVE FUN!

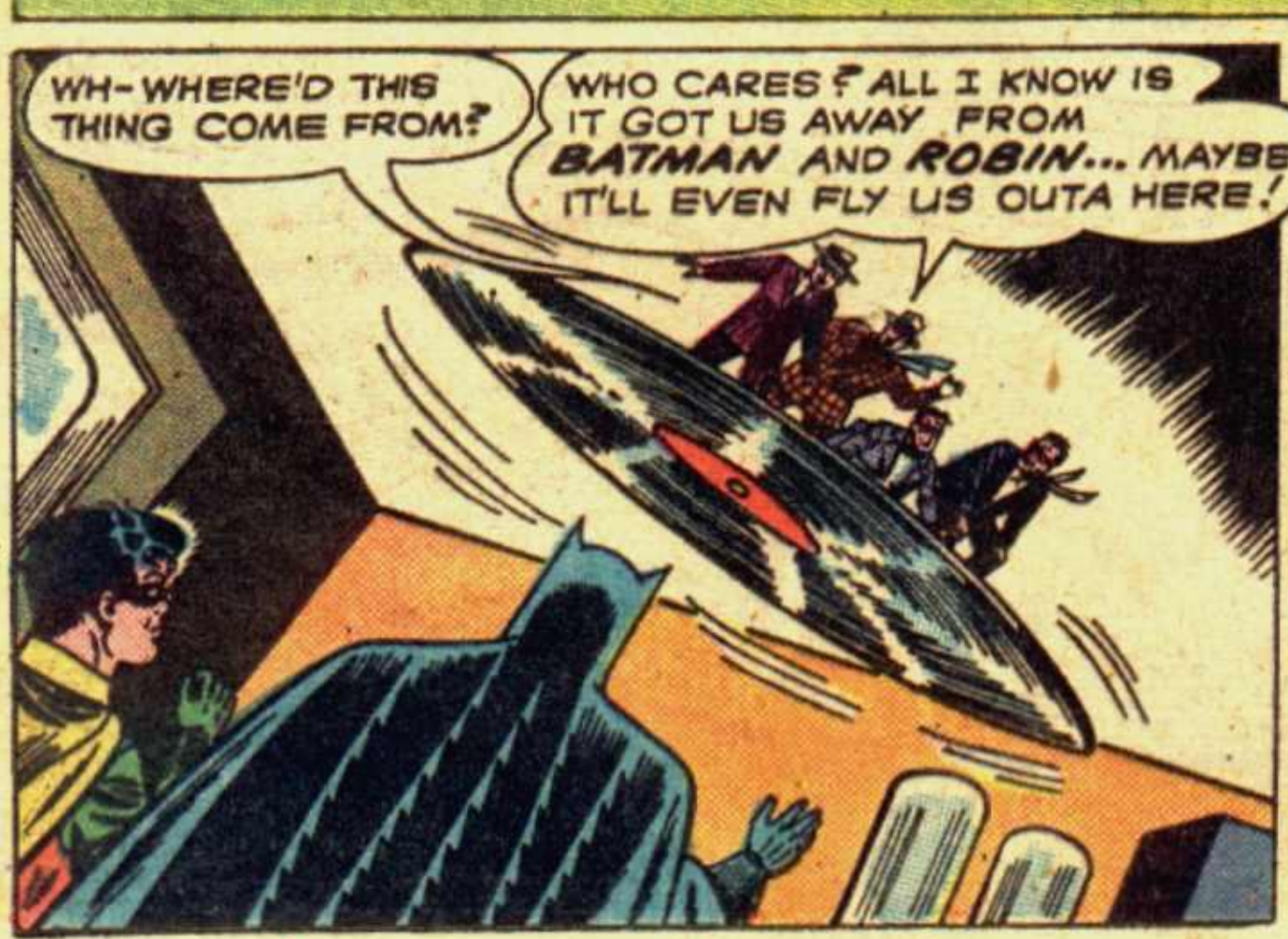
NOT TILL THE FOLLOWING EVENING DOES BAT-MITE GET HIS WISH...
LOOK... THE BAT-SIGNAL IS FLASHING ON OUR TELE-SCREEN!
POLICE HEADQUARTERS HAS A JOB FOR US! LET'S GO!
YAHOO! HERE'S WHERE THE FUN BEGINS!


MEANWHILE, AFTER VISITING HOURS, IN AN EXPOSITION HALL HOUSING A HI-FI SHOW...
OKAY--WE'VE GOT THE GATE RECEIPTS! WE PULLED A PERFECT JOB!
BUT SUDDENLY...
NOT SO PERFECT! YOU TRIPPED A BURGLAR ALARM... HEADQUARTERS SENT US TO ESCORT YOU TO A NICE, CLEAN CELL!
BATMAN AND ROBIN! RUN, YOU GUYS-- RUN!

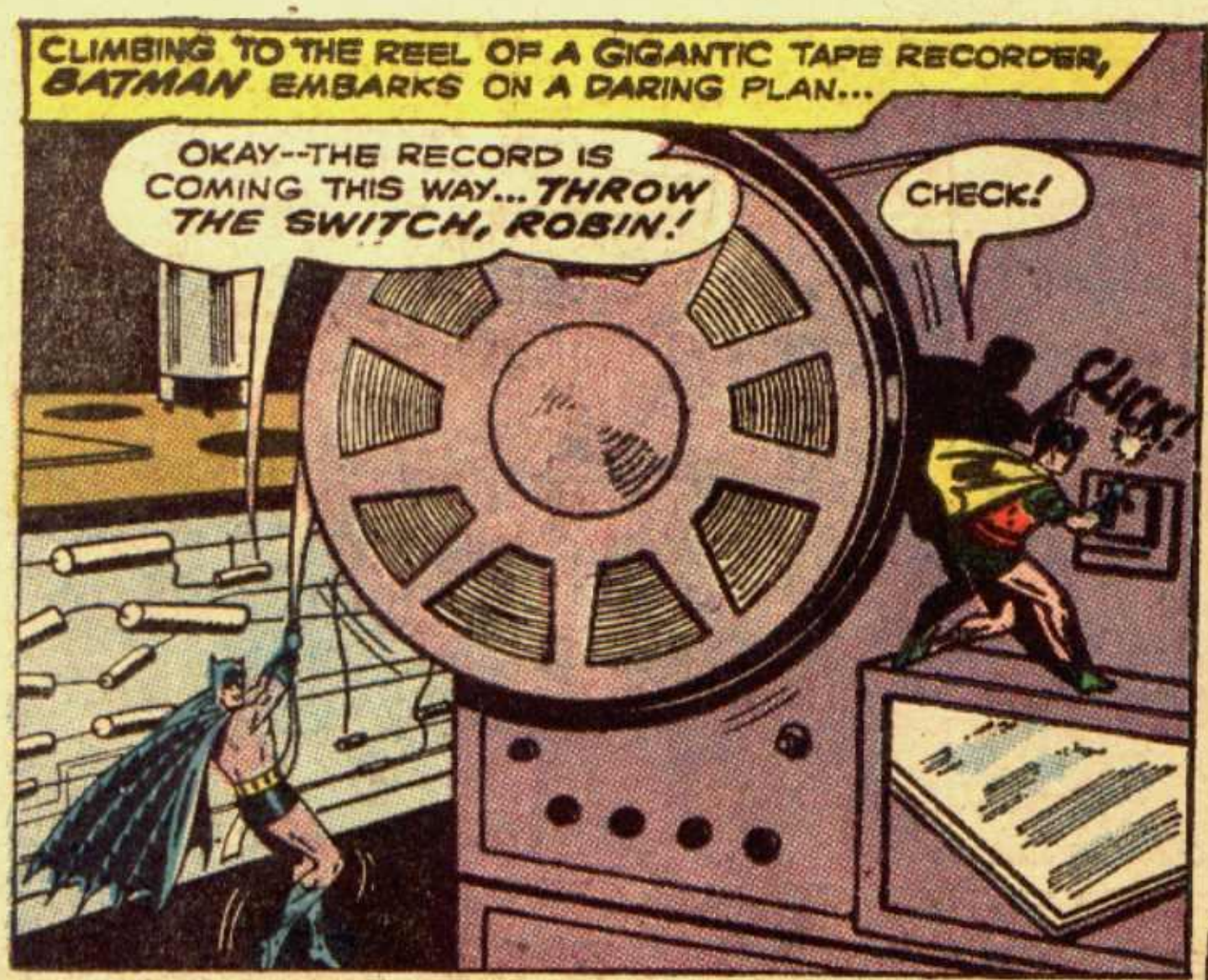
AS THE BANDITS TRY TO SCRAMBLE OVER THE GIANT MODEL OF AN AMPLIFIER...
YOU ALL RIGHT, ROBIN?
I'M FINE--BUT I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THESE FELLOWS!


HOLD IT, BATMAN--WE KNOW WHEN WE'RE LICKED!
GEE... AND I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SOME SPECTACULAR ACTION! GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO CREATE SOME!..

ABRUPTLY, A RECORD COMES FLYING OFF A COLOSSAL PHONOGRAPH MODEL, AND...
HUH--?
GREAT SCOTT!

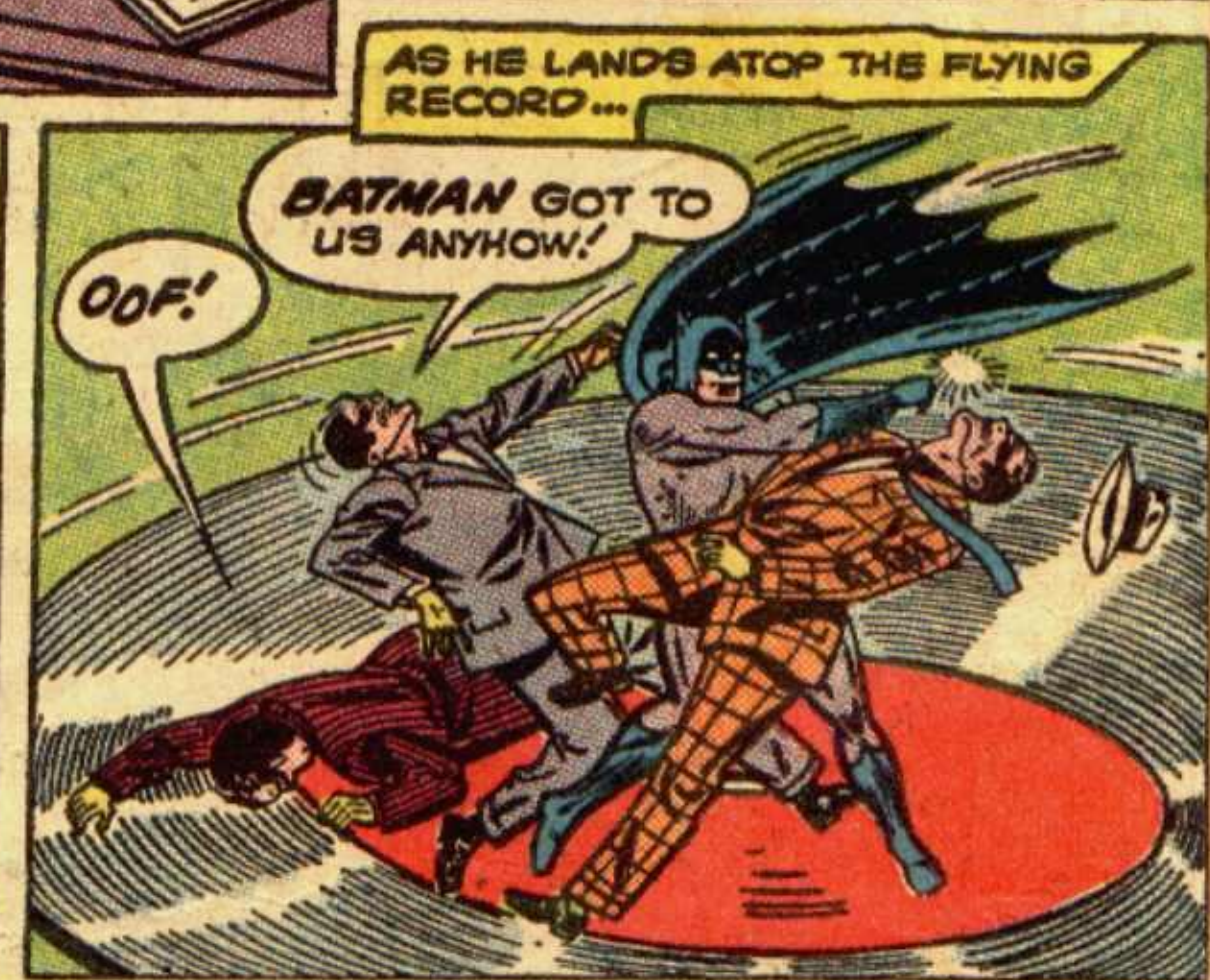

WH-WHERE'D THIS THING COME FROM?
WHO CARES? ALL I KNOW IS IT GOT US AWAY FROM BATMAN AND ROBIN... MAYBE IT'LL EVEN FLY US OUTA HERE!

IT'S BAT-MITE'S WORK AGAIN... THAT LITTLE IMP!
WE'LL WORRY ABOUT HIM LATER! RIGHT NOW, WE MUST THINK OF A WAY TO GET UP AT THOSE CROOKS!


CLIMBING TO THE REEL OF A GIGANTIC TAPE RECORDER, BATMAN EMBARKS ON A DARING PLAN...
OKAY--THE RECORD IS COMING THIS WAY... THROW THE SWITCH, ROBIN!
CHECK!
CLICK!

SOON AS I'VE GAINED ENOUGH MOMENTUM...

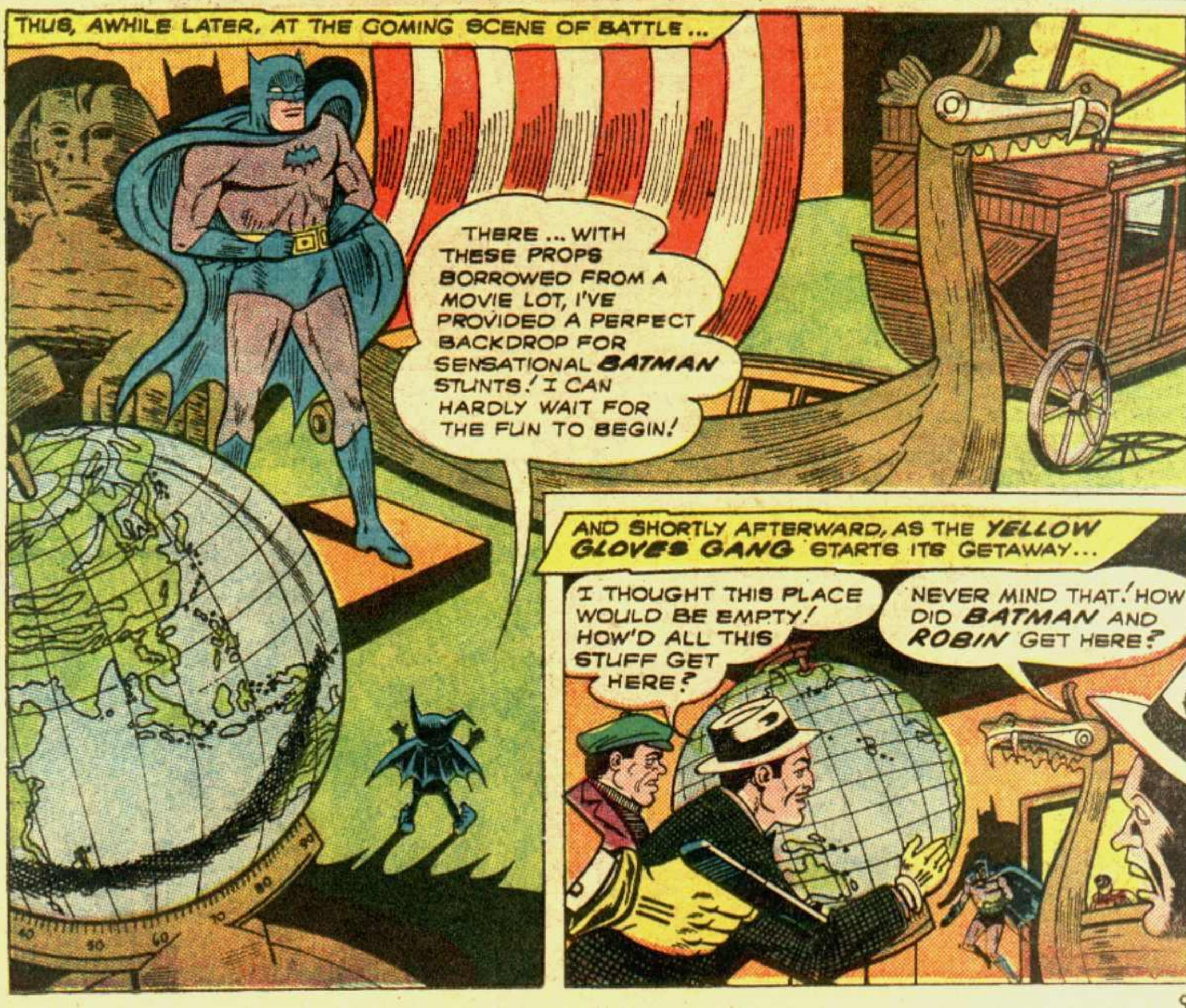
I JUST LET GO!


AS HE LANDS ATOP THE FLYING RECORD...
BATMAN GOT TO US ANYHOW!
OOF!

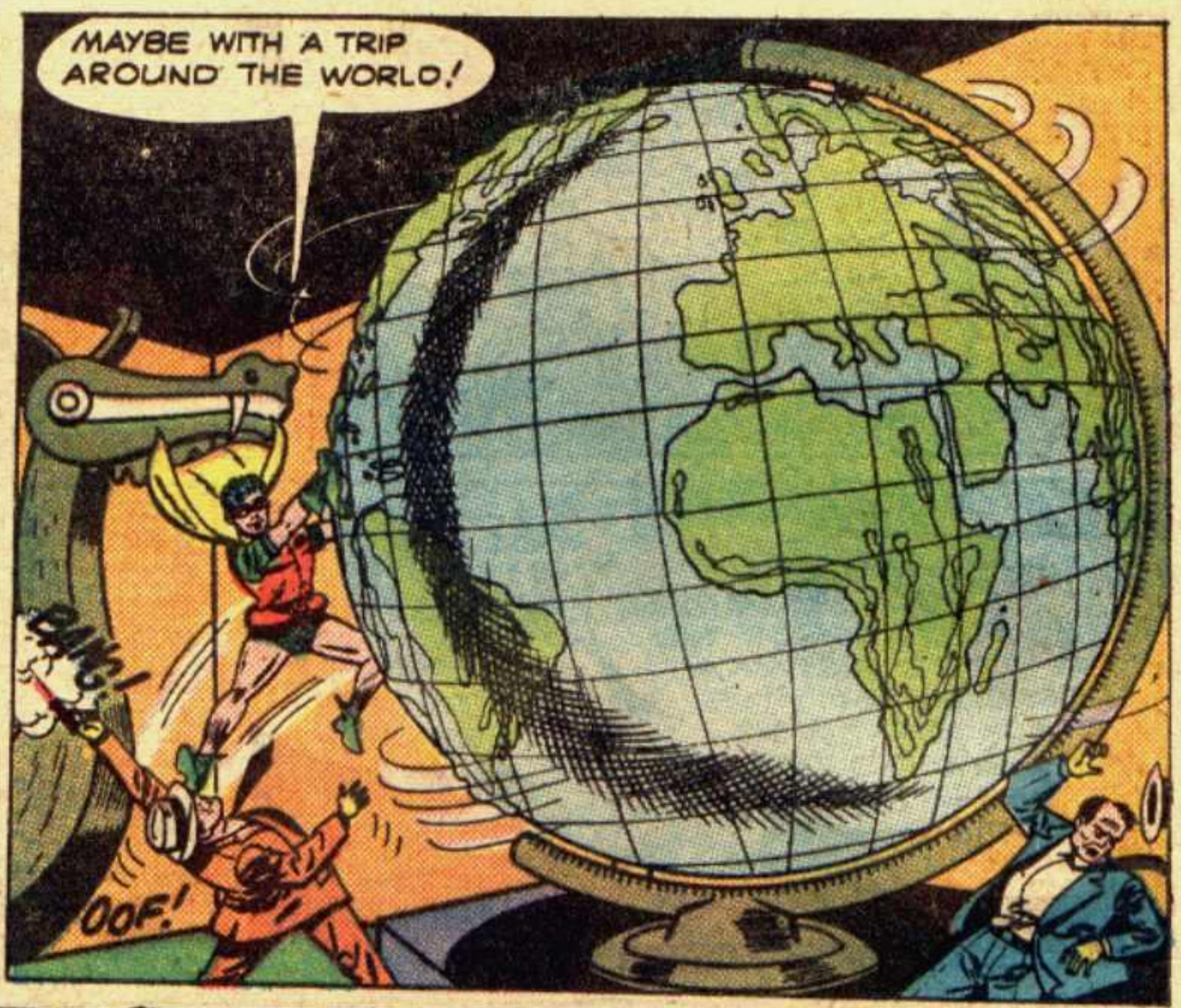
WITH THE BATTLE ENDED, THE RECORD LANDS GENTLY...
IT'S CRAZY! WHAT MADE THE RECORD FLY AROUND THAT WAY?
UH... SOMETHING MAY HAVE GONE WRONG WITH THE PHONOGRAPH'S MOTOR... CAUSING IT TO FLIP THE RECORD SO HARD, THE MOMENTUM KEPT IT FLYING!

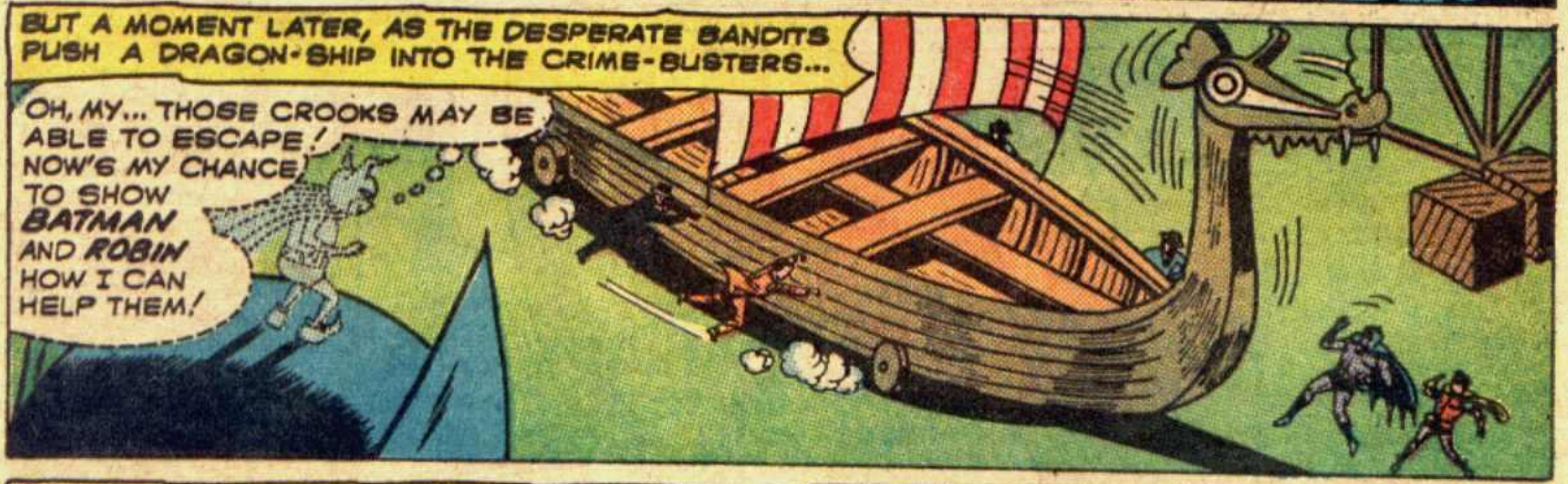
LATER, UPON RETURNING TO THE BAT-CAVE...
LISTEN, YOU LITTLE SCAMP, YOU'VE GOT TO CUT OUT ALL THIS MISCHIEF! YOU HEAR ME?... CUT IT OUT OR I WILL SPANK YOU!
AW, GEE, BATMAN-- WHERE'S YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR?
FURTHERMORE, I... HMPH-- THERE HE GOES AGAIN!
LET'S HOPE HE STAYS AWAY FOR GOOD! I'M GETTING A LITTLE TIRED OF HIS IDEA OF "FUN"!
POP!

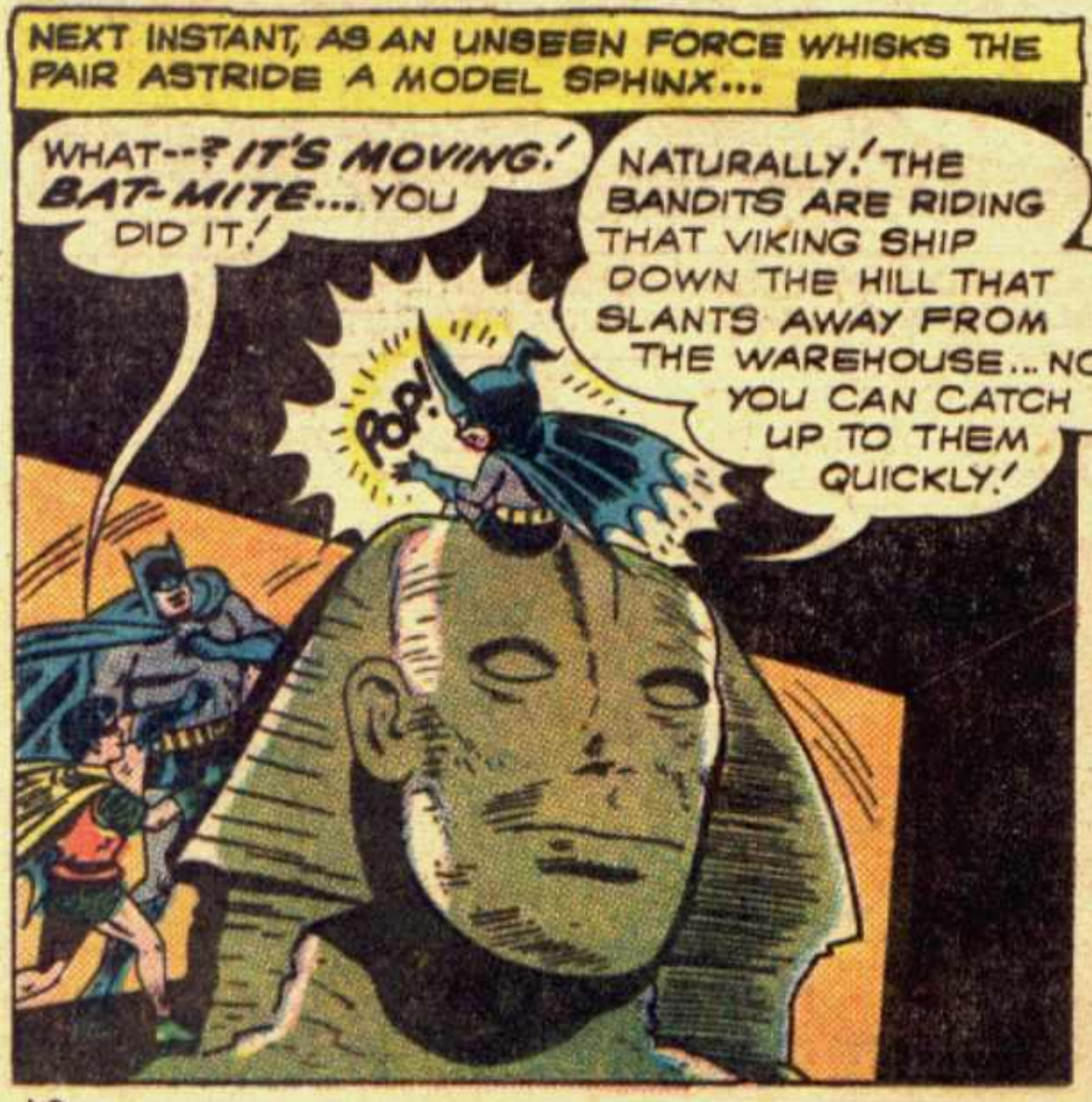
NEXT EVENING...
ROBIN, I JUST GOT A TIP THAT THE YELLOW GLOVES GANG PLANS TO ROB THE SAFE OF THE GOTHAM AUTO COMPANY! I'VE ALREADY WARNED THE MANAGER... HE'S REPLACED THE CASH IN THERE WITH FAKE MONEY!
I SEE... MEANWHILE, WE'LL WAIT THERE IN HIDING TILL AFTER THEY STRIKE -- SO THAT OUR PRESENCE WON'T SCARE THEM OFF!
EXACTLY... AND SINCE THIS EMPTY WAREHOUSE, NEXT DOOR, IS THE SHORTEST ESCAPE ROUTE, THAT'S WHERE WE'LL WAIT FOR FOR THEM!
AN EMPTY WAREHOUSE? NO OBJECTS FOR SPECTACULAR ACTION? I'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT!

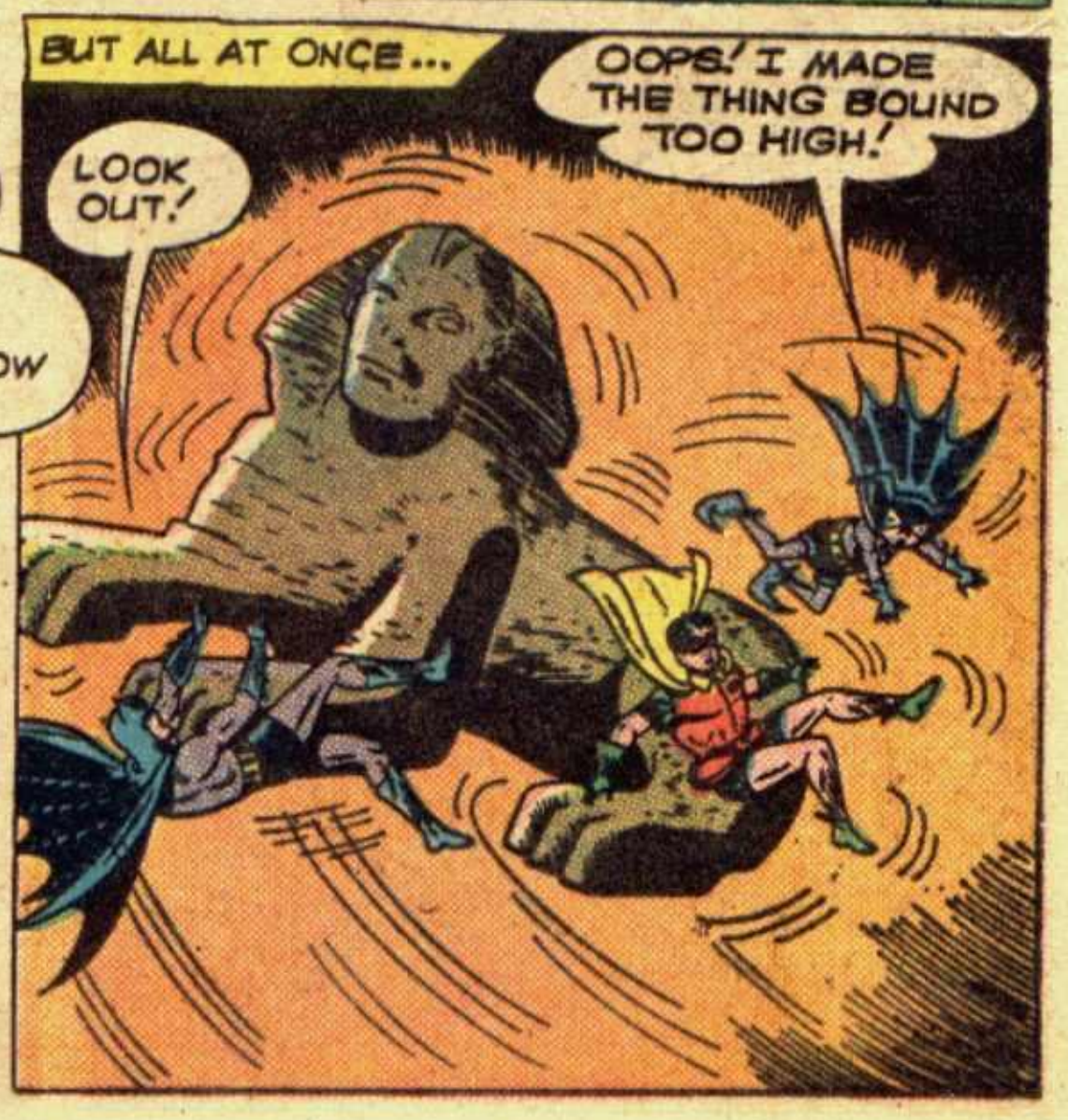

THUS, AWHILE LATER, AT THE COMING SCENE OF BATTLE...
THERE... WITH THESE PROPS BORROWED FROM A MOVIE LOT, I'VE PROVIDED A PERFECT BACKDROP FOR SENSATIONAL BATMAN STUNTS! I CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR THE FUN TO BEGIN!
AND SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AS THE YELLOW GLOVES GANG STARTS ITS GETAWAY...
I THOUGHT THIS PLACE WOULD BE EMPTY! HOW'D ALL THIS STUFF GET HERE?
NEVER MIND THAT! HOW DID BATMAN AND ROBIN GET HERE?

DEFTLY, THE DYNAMIC DUO SWINGS INTO ACTION...
YOU FOOLS! STOP HIM!
YEAH?... HOW?


MAYBE WITH A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD!
OOF!

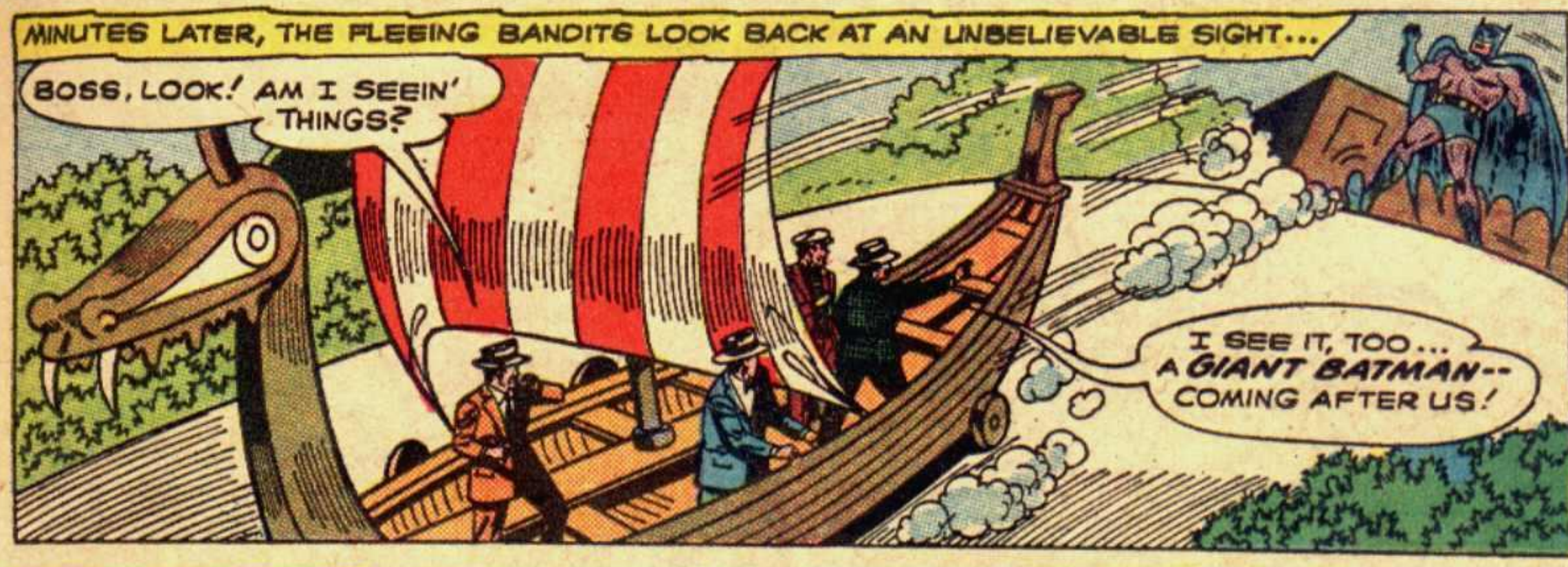

BUT A MOMENT LATER, AS THE DESPERATE BANDITS PUSH A DRAGON-SHIP INTO THE CRIME-BUSTERS...
OH, MY... THOSE CROOKS MAY BE ABLE TO ESCAPE! NOW'S MY CHANCE TO SHOW BATMAN AND ROBIN HOW I CAN HELP THEM!

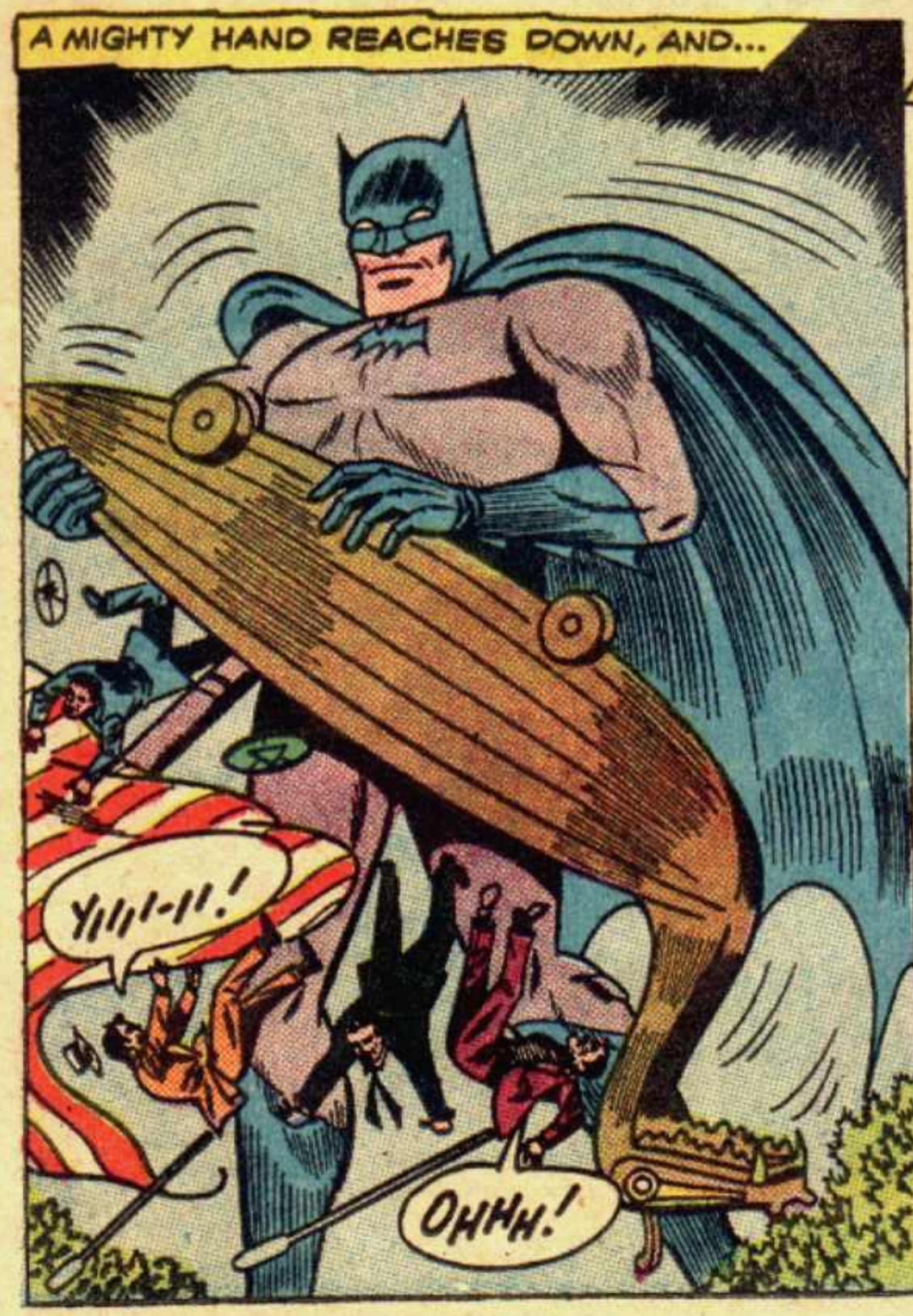

NEXT INSTANT, AS AN UNSEEN FORCE WHISKS THE PAIR ASTRIDE A MODEL SPHINX...
WHAT--? IT'S MOVING! BAT-MITE... YOU DID IT!
NATURALLY! THE BANDITS ARE RIDING THAT VIKING SHIP DOWN THE HILL THAT SLANTS AWAY FROM THE WAREHOUSE... NOW YOU CAN CATCH UP TO THEM QUICKLY!
POP!

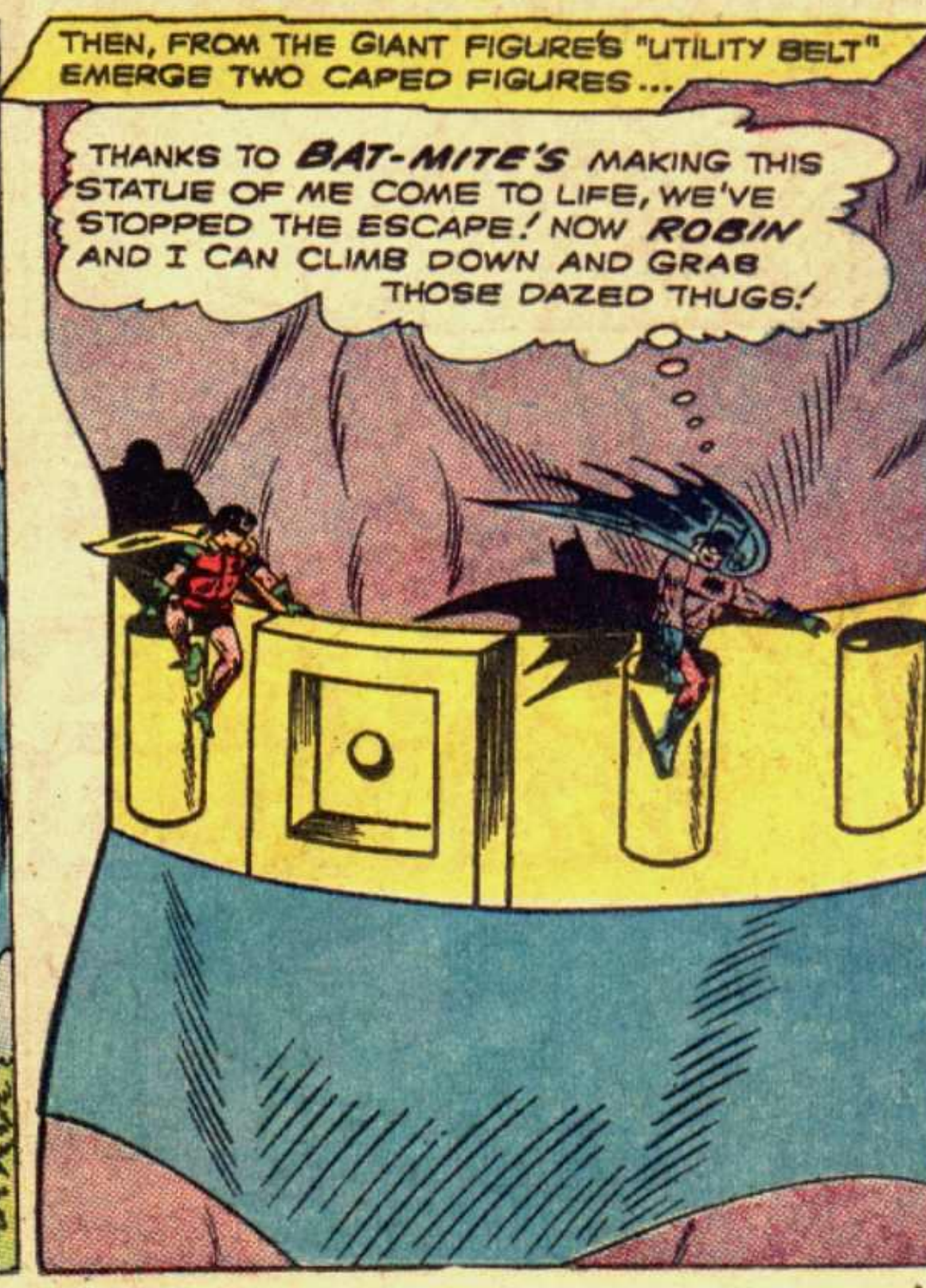

BUT ALL AT ONCE...
LOOK OUT!
OOPS! I MADE THE THING BOUND TOO HIGH!

GUESS I--UH-- OVERDID MY POWERS A BIT! JUST A LITTLE MISTAKE...
YOU'RE THE LITTLE MISTAKE! YOU RIGGED UP THIS ACTION SET SO YOU'D HAVE SOME FUN-- AND NOW YOUR FUN HAS ALLOWED THOSE BANDITS TO ESCAPE!

BUT MAYBE IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO CATCH THEM YET--IF YOU USE YOUR POWERS EXACTLY AS I TELL YOU! UNDERSTAND?
Y-YESSIR!


MINUTES LATER, THE FLEEING BANDITS LOOK BACK AT AN UNBELIEVABLE SIGHT...
BOSS, LOOK! AM I SEEIN' THINGS?
I SEE IT, TOO... A GIANT BATMAN-- COMING AFTER US!


A MIGHTY HAND REACHES DOWN, AND...
YIIII-II!
OHHH!


THEN, FROM THE GIANT FIGURE'S "UTILITY BELT" EMERGE TWO CAPED FIGURES...
THANKS TO BAT-MITE'S MAKING THIS STATUE OF ME COME TO LIFE, WE'VE STOPPED THE ESCAPE! NOW ROBIN AND I CAN CLIMB DOWN AND GRAB THOSE DAZED THUGS!

WHEN THE CAPTURED THIEVES COME TO...

IF THIS IS THE REAL BATMAN, WHO IS THE BIG GUY?

AW! IT MUST BE A ROBOT! WHAT ELSE COULD IT BE?

A ROBOT, EH? THAT'S AS GOOD AN EXPLANATION AS ANY?

LATER, BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE...

EVER SINCE YOU ARRIVED, YOU'VE CAUSED US NOTHING BUT TROUBLE! NOW YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN -- SO PLEASE LEAVE US ALONE AND GO BACK TO YOUR OWN DIMENSION!

ALL RIGHT, BATMAN -- I GUESS IT'S TIME I WENT HOME!

GOOD-BYE -- FOR NOW!

"FOR NOW?" YOU MEAN YOU'LL BE BACK? OH, NO!

DON'T COME BACK -- PLEASE! WE'RE MOVING -- GOING TO CHINA -- MARS...

GOLLY, BATMAN -- DO YOU REALIZE WHAT IT'LL MEAN IF THAT LITTLE GREMLIN EVER COMES BACK?

YES, ROBIN... TROUBLE SIGH... MORE TROUBLE -- AND "FUN"!

POP!

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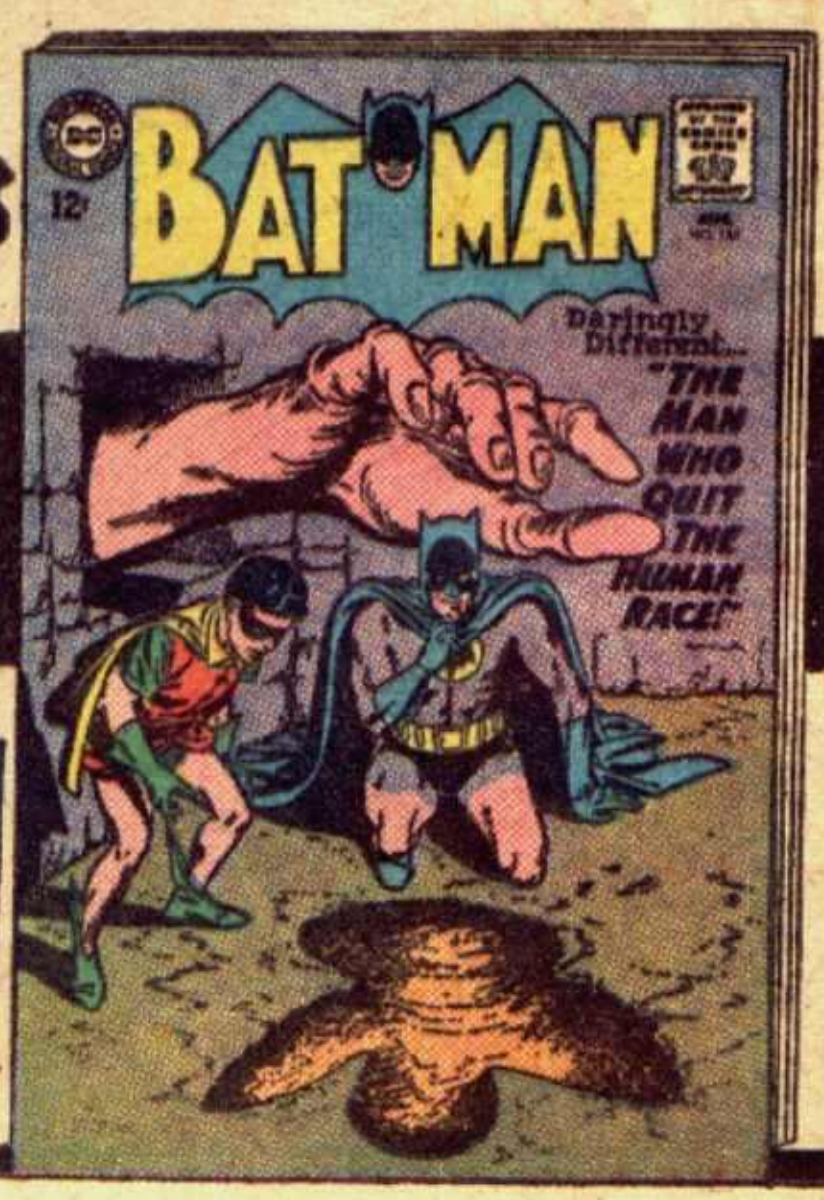

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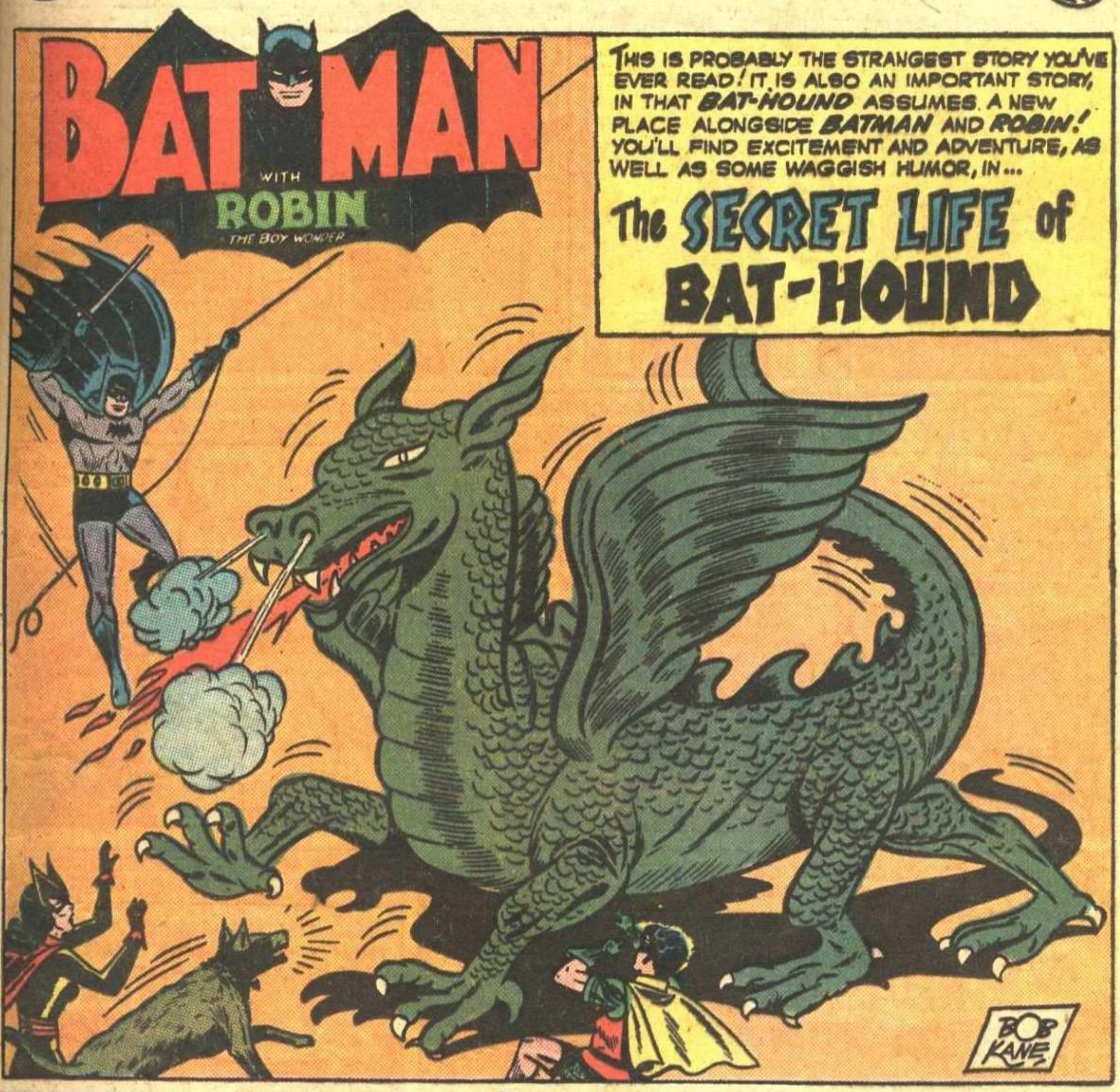

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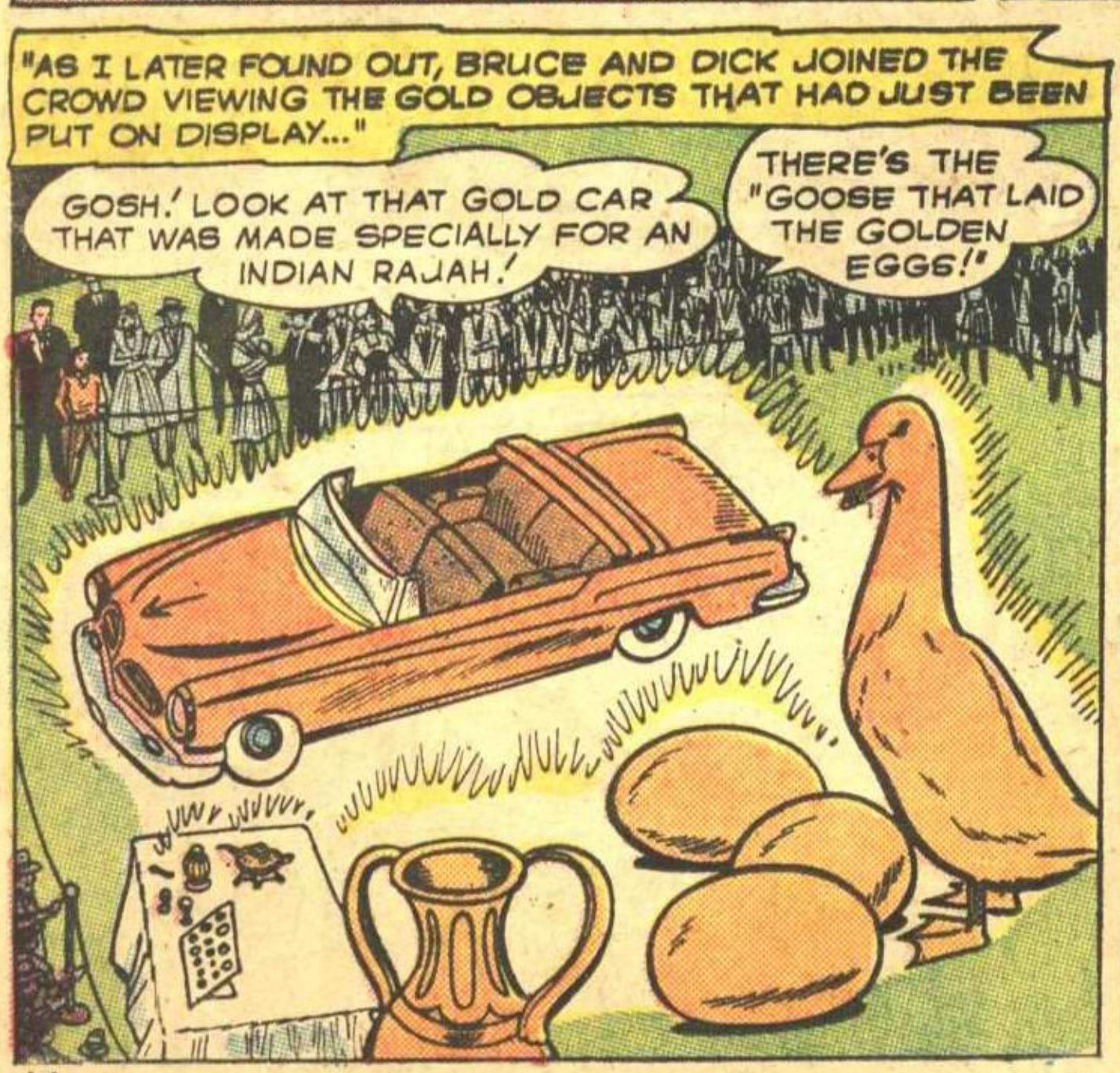
"SO THAT'S HOW I JOINED THE WAYNE HOUSEHOLD, ALONG WITH BRUCE, DICK GRAYSON, AND THEIR TRUSTED BUTLER, ALFRED!"
DINNER IS SERVED MAWSTER ACE!
WOW! THIS IS WHAT I CALL LIVING!
WELL, DICK--NOW WE CAN PERFECT THOSE PLANS I'VE HAD IN MIND FOR ACE!

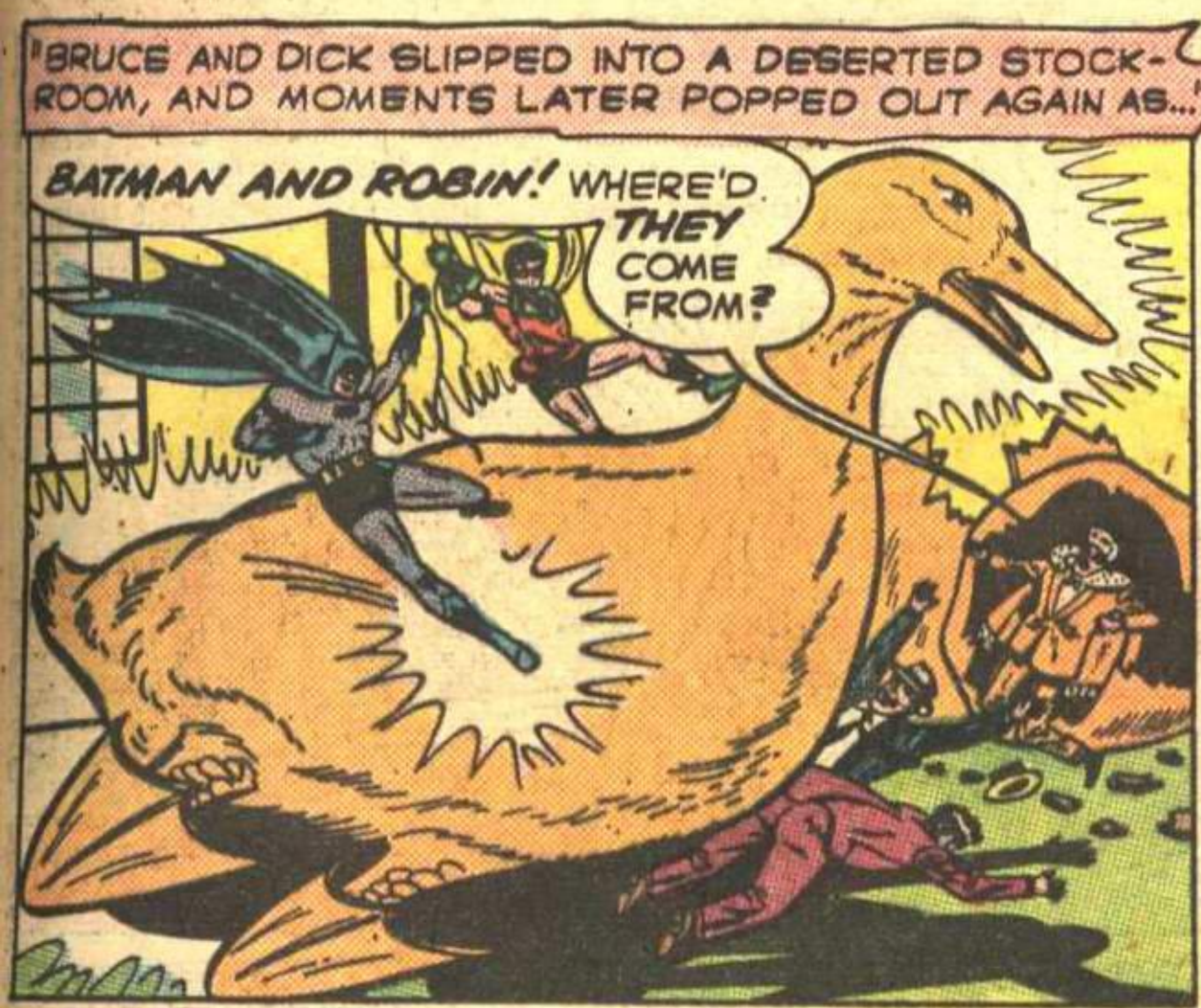
"WE ALL WENT BEHIND THE OLD GRANDFATHER CLOCK THAT WAS THE SECRET ENTRANCE TO THE BAT-CAVE BELOW..."
LET'S GO, ACE--WE'VE GOT SOME SURPRISES IN STORE FOR YOU!
GEE, I'M SO EXCITED, I CAN HARDLY CHEW THIS BONE! I WONDER WHAT THE SURPRISES ARE?

"I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT THEM--LATER! ANYWAY, THEY BEGAN TO DISCUSS A CRIMINAL THEY WERE AFTER..."
TO CELEBRATE ITS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY, STACEY'S DEPARTMENT STORE WILL EXHIBIT MANY GOLD OBJECTS! KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, DICK?
SURE! MR. MIDAS--WHO SPECIALIZES IN GOLD ROBBERIES--IS BOUND TO STRIKE THERE! WE CAN MINGLE WITH THE CROWD AND BE READY FOR HIM!

"THAT WAS A CASE I WANTED TO BE IN ON! I JUMPED UP AND BARKED EXCITEDLY AT BRUCE..."
SORRY, ACE--YOU CAN'T COME WITH US ON EVERY CASE! BESIDES, DOGS AREN'T ALLOWED IN DEPARTMENT STORES!
SHUCKS! WE DOGS LIVE A DOG'S LIFE--SOMETIMES!

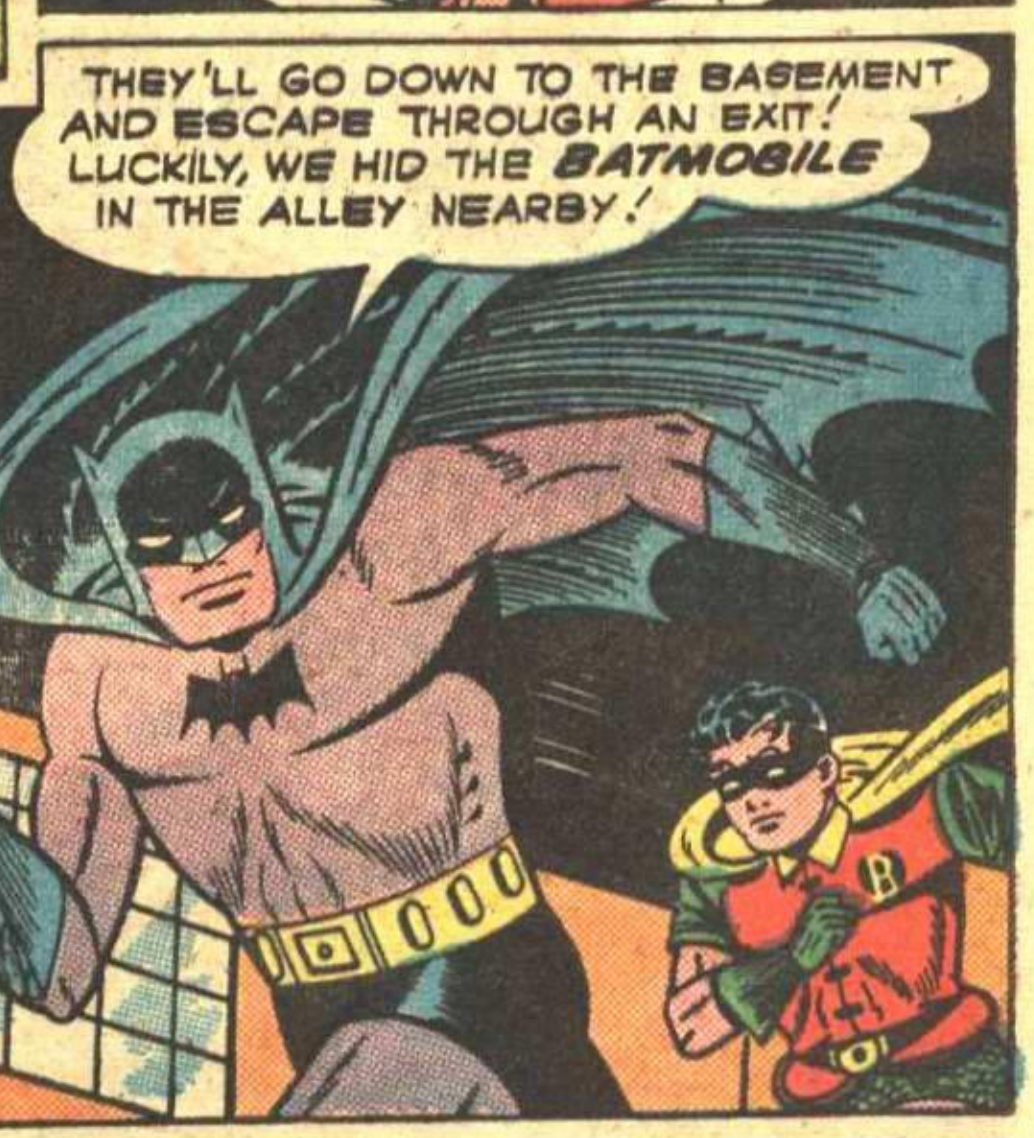

"AS I LATER FOUND OUT, BRUCE AND DICK JOINED THE CROWD VIEWING THE GOLD OBJECTS THAT HAD JUST BEEN PUT ON DISPLAY..."
GOSH! LOOK AT THAT GOLD CAR THAT WAS MADE SPECIALLY FOR AN INDIAN RAJAH!
THERE'S THE "GOOSE THAT LAID THE GOLDEN EGGS!"

"ALL OF A SUDDEN, THOSE EGGS HATCHED SOME TOUGH YEGGS!"
DICK--IT'S THE MIDAS MOB! THEY'LL BE ABLE TO GRAB UP THAT SOLID GOLD PLATEWARE AND JEWELRY BEFORE THE SPECTATORS REALIZE THEY'RE NOT PART OF THE SHOW!


"BRUCE AND DICK SLIPPED INTO A DESERTED STOCK-ROOM, AND MOMENTS LATER POPPED OUT AGAIN AS..."
BATMAN AND ROBIN! WHERE'D THEY COME FROM?

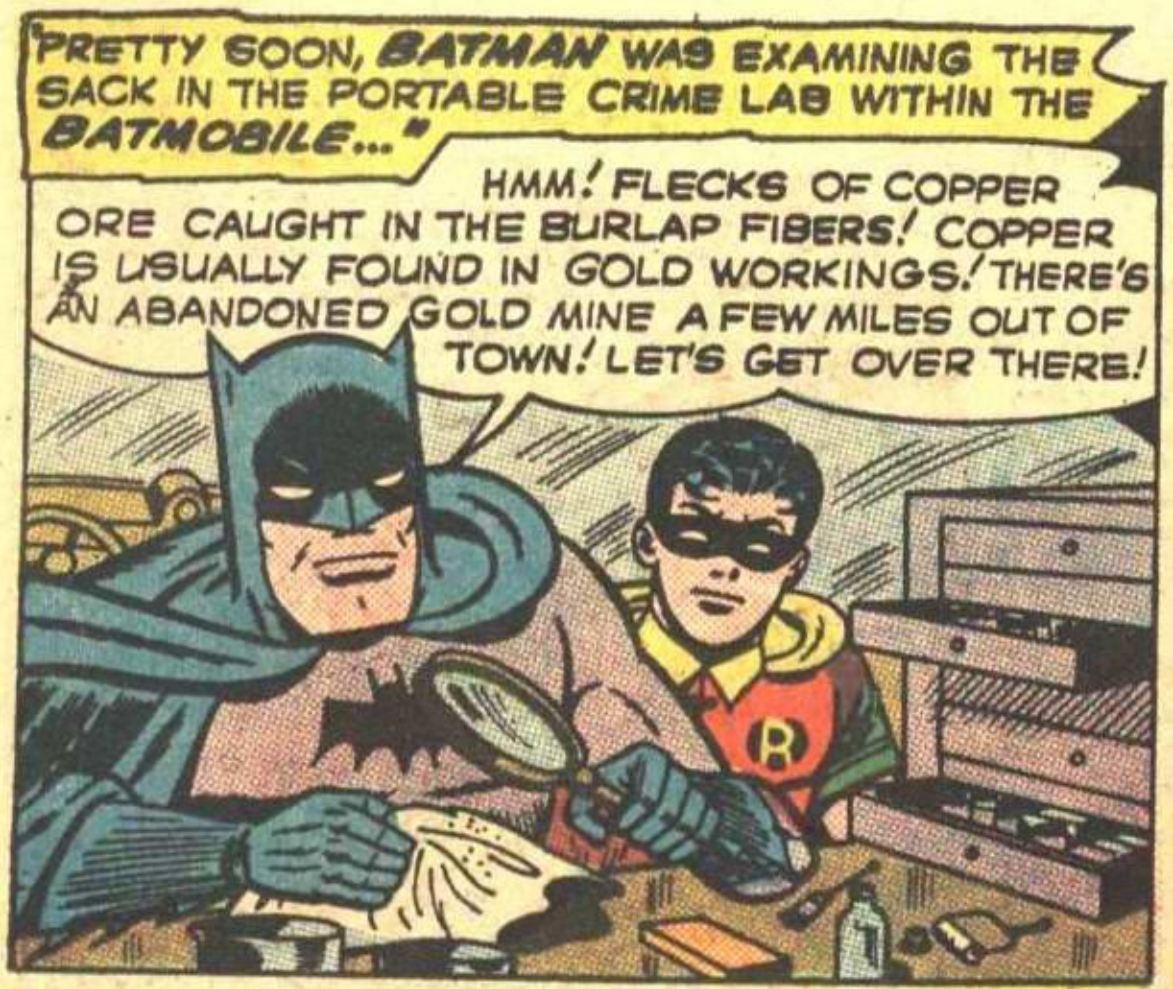
I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT NOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

"SUDDENLY, ON SIGNAL, THE THUGS JUMPED INTO THE GOLD CAR AND WENT SPEEDING THROUGH THE SCATTERING CROWD..."
WHEN WE ENTER THAT SERVICE ELEVATOR, I'LL CLOSE THE DOORS SO BATMAN AND ROBIN CAN'T FOLLOW!


THEY'LL GO DOWN TO THE BASEMENT AND ESCAPE THROUGH AN EXIT! LUCKILY, WE HID THE BATMOBILE IN THE ALLEY NEARBY!

"AS THE BATMOBILE GAVE CHASE..."
FREE GOLD COINS! COME AND GET 'EM!

"SUDDENLY, THE STREET WAS JAMMED WITH PEOPLE SCRAMBLING FOR THE FAKE 'GOLD' COINS!"
MIDAS' TRICK BLOCKED US OFF!
WE CAN'T CHASE HIM NOW! ROBIN, HOP OUT AND GET THAT EMPTY "GOLD" SACK MIDAS THREW AWAY!


"PRETTY SOON, BATMAN WAS EXAMINING THE SACK IN THE PORTABLE CRIME LAB WITHIN THE BATMOBILE..."
HMM! FLECKS OF COPPER ORE CAUGHT IN THE BURLAP FIBERS! COPPER IS USUALLY FOUND IN GOLD WORKINGS! THERE'S AN ABANDONED GOLD MINE A FEW MILES OUT OF TOWN! LET'S GET OVER THERE!

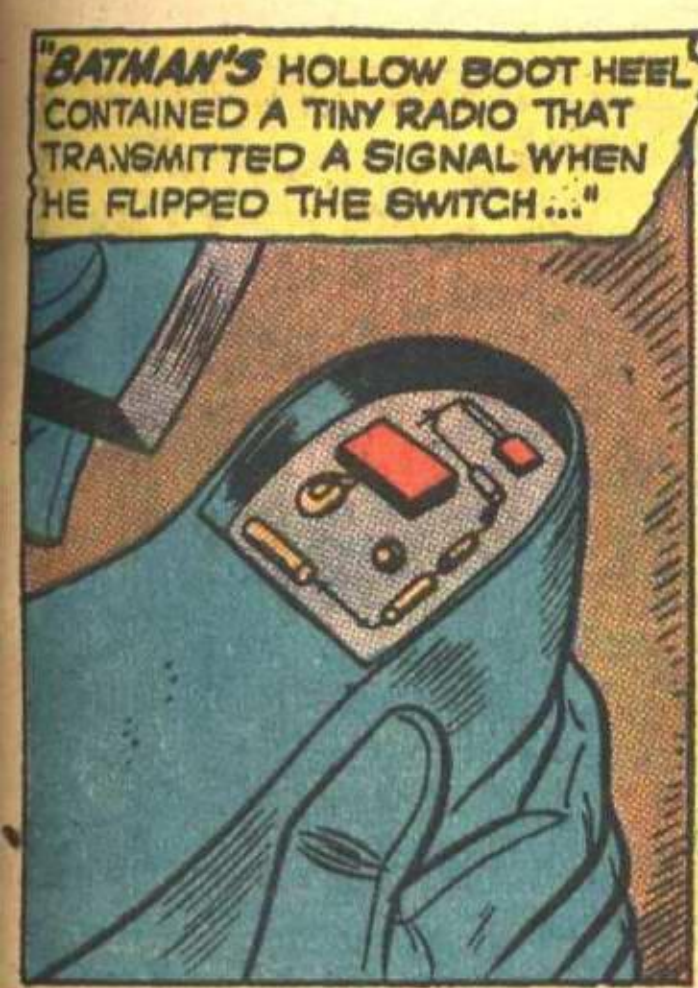
"AFTER PARKING THE BATMOBILE NEAR THE ENTRANCE..."
A GOLD MINE -- A FITTING HIDEOUT FOR THE MIDAS MOB!
BOSS--LOOK! THEY'RE AFTER US AGAIN!

SUDDENLY...
GREAT SCOTT! A SAVAGE GOLDEN EAGLE -- TRAINED BY MIDAS TO ATTACK STRANGERS! ROBIN -- WATCH OUT FOR ITS TALONS!

"BY THE TIME MY MASTERS HAD ELUDED THE EAGLE, THE MIDAS MOB HAD FLED INTO THE MINE..."
I PREPARED FOR THIS EMERGENCY, BATMAN! YOU'LL NEVER CAPTURE US HERE -- OR AFTER WE PULL THE JASON JOB!
GREAT SCOTT! HE'S PRESSING DOWN THE DYNAMITE PLUNGER!

BOOM
CRASH

WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO DIG THROUGH ALL THIS RUBBLE! WE'RE F-FINISHED!
WE'VE STILL GOT ONE HOPE! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN HOW WE PLANNED TO USE BAT-HOUND?

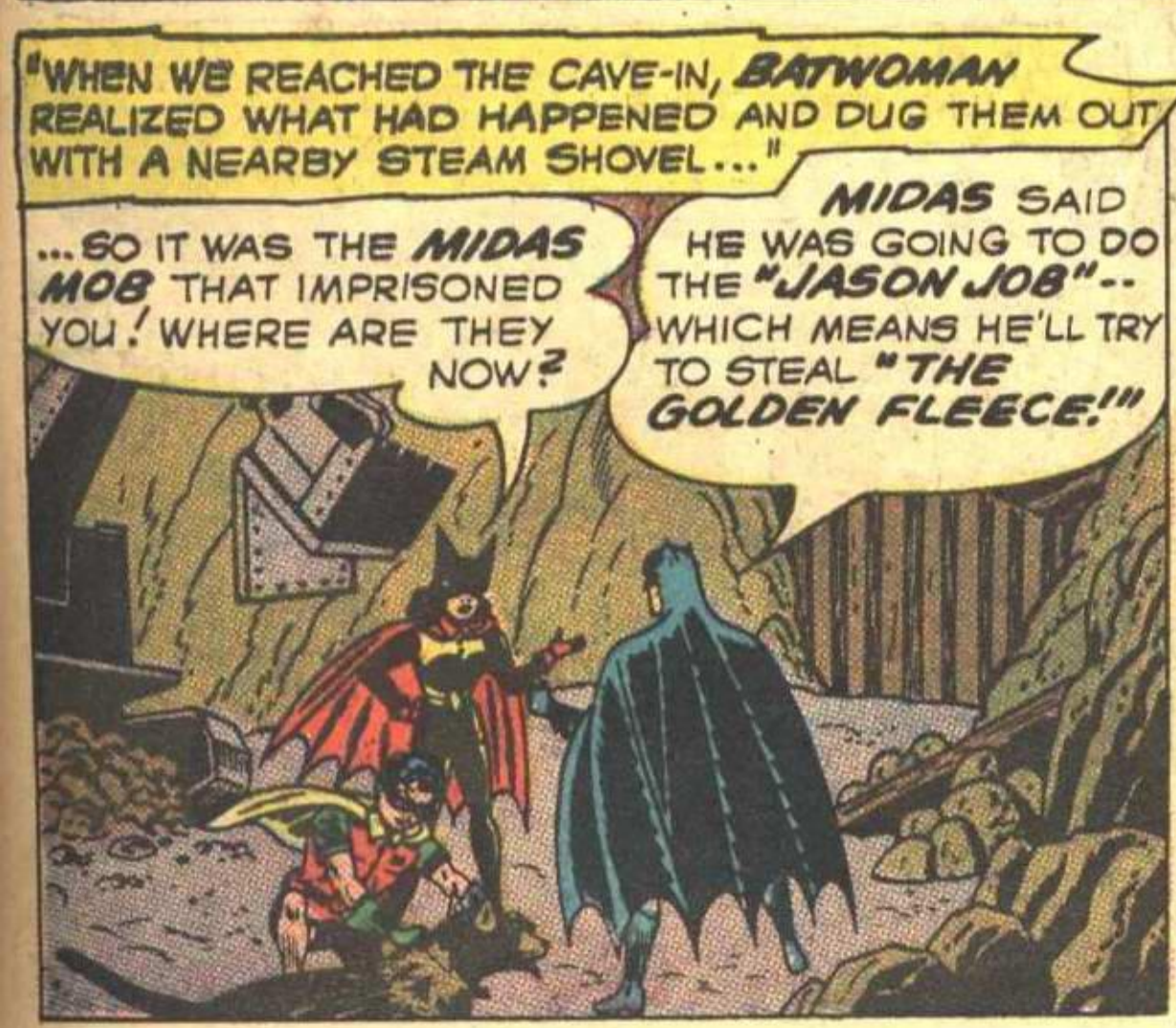

"BATMAN'S HOLLOW BOOT HEEL CONTAINED A TINY RADIO THAT TRANSMITTED A SIGNAL WHEN HE FLIPPED THE SWITCH..."

"THE SIGNAL REACHED A TINY RECEIVER CONCEALED INSIDE MY COLLAR--AND IT COULD ONLY BE HEARD BY ME BECAUSE IT WAS ABOVE THE RANGE OF THE HUMAN EAR!"
BATMAN--HE'S IN TROUBLE AND NEEDS ME!
BEEP!
BEEP!

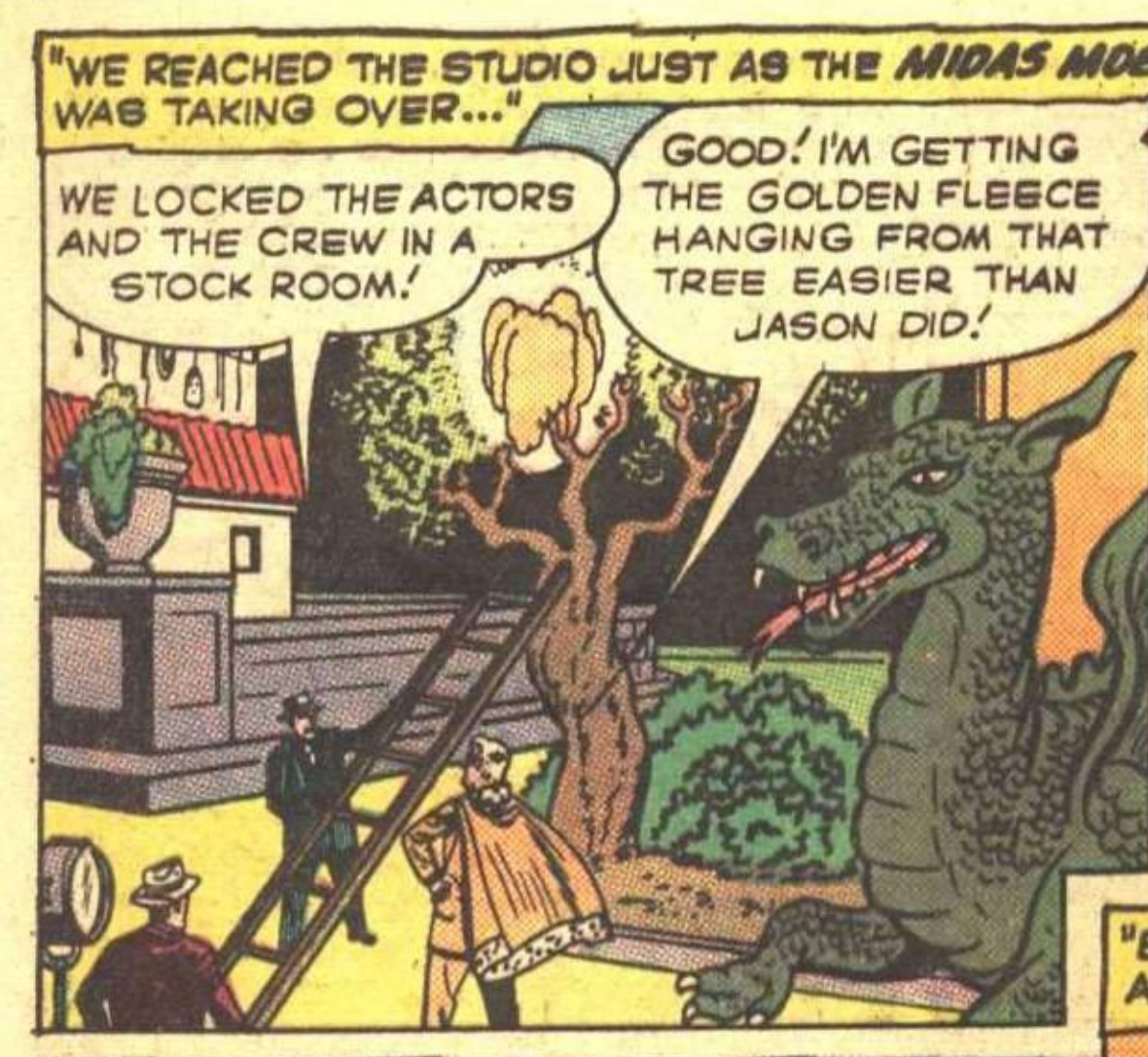
"I BOLTED DOWN TO THE BAT-CAVE--AND SLIPPED INTO MY MASK, HELD BY A GADGET BATMAN HAD DEVISED..."
I SHOULD GET SOMEONE TO GO WITH ME! ALFRED?--NO, THIS IS HIS NIGHT OUT! WHO CAN I GET? I KNOW...

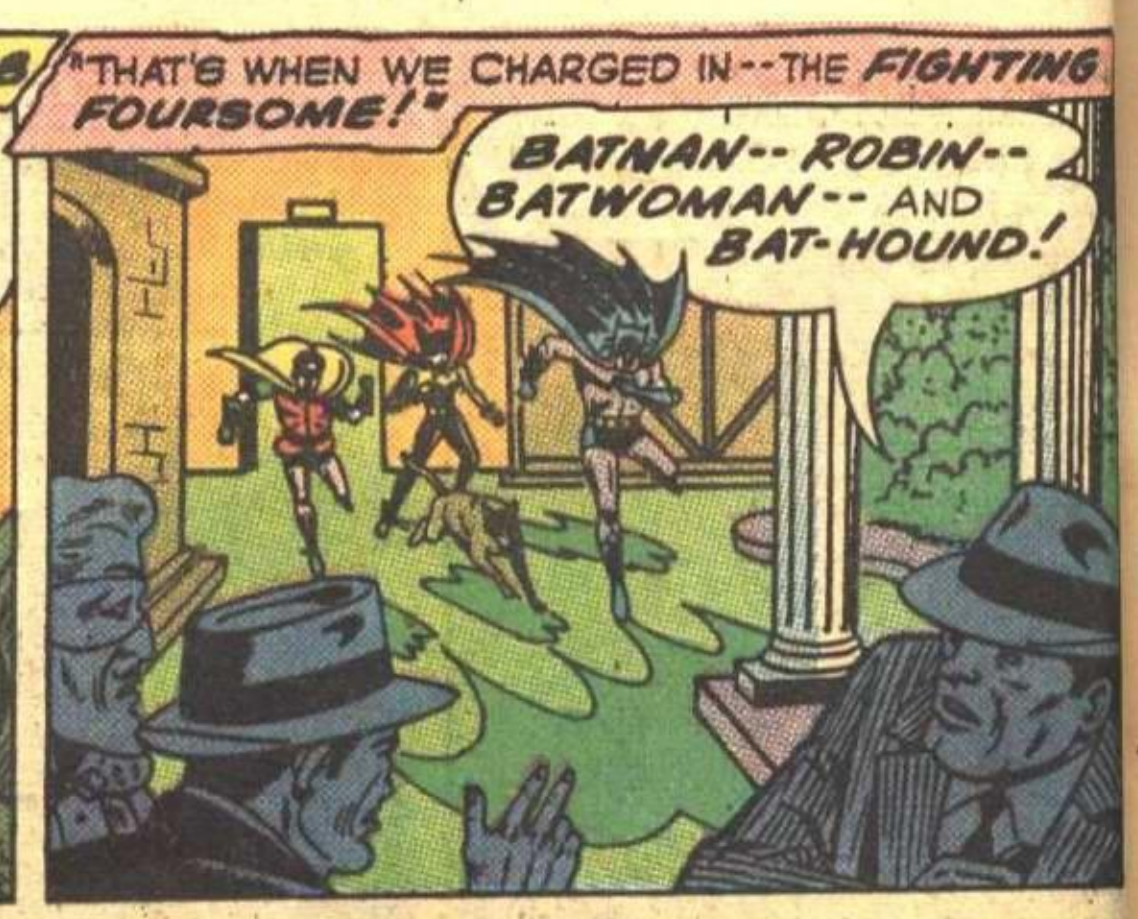
"I STREAKED TO THE HOUSE OF BATMAN'S FRIEND, KATHY KANE"...
BAT-HOUND!
GOOD THING I KNOW SHE'S BATWOMAN! I HOPE SHE REALIZES ALL MY BARKING MEANS I WANT HER TO FOLLOW ME!
ARRF! ARRRF!

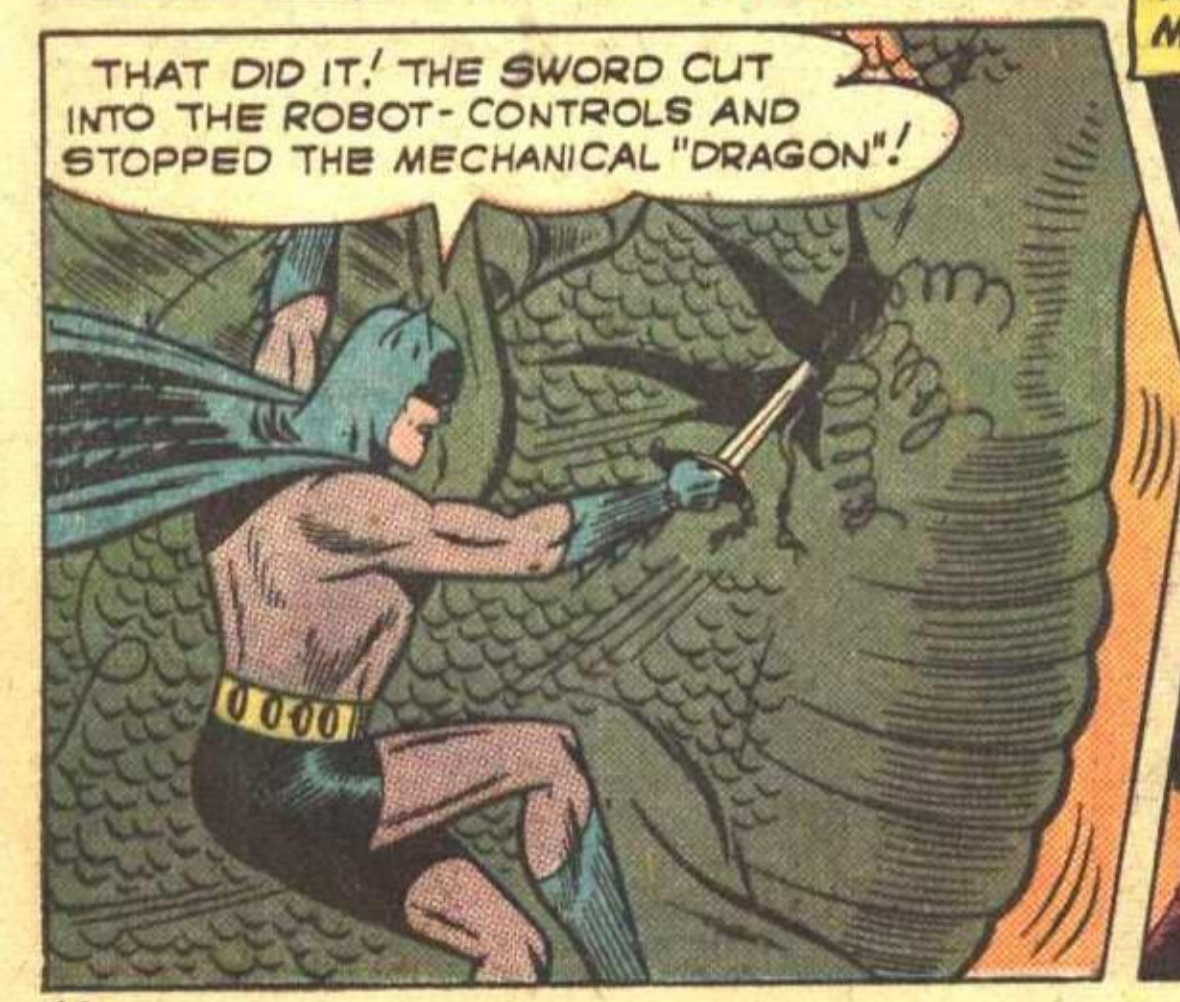
"AFTER A SWIFT CHANGE TO HER COSTUME, SHE ACCOMPANIED ME ON THE TRAIL OF THE RADIO-BEAMED SIGNAL..."
THE SIGNAL'S STRONGER NOW! I'M GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!
BEEP! BEEP!

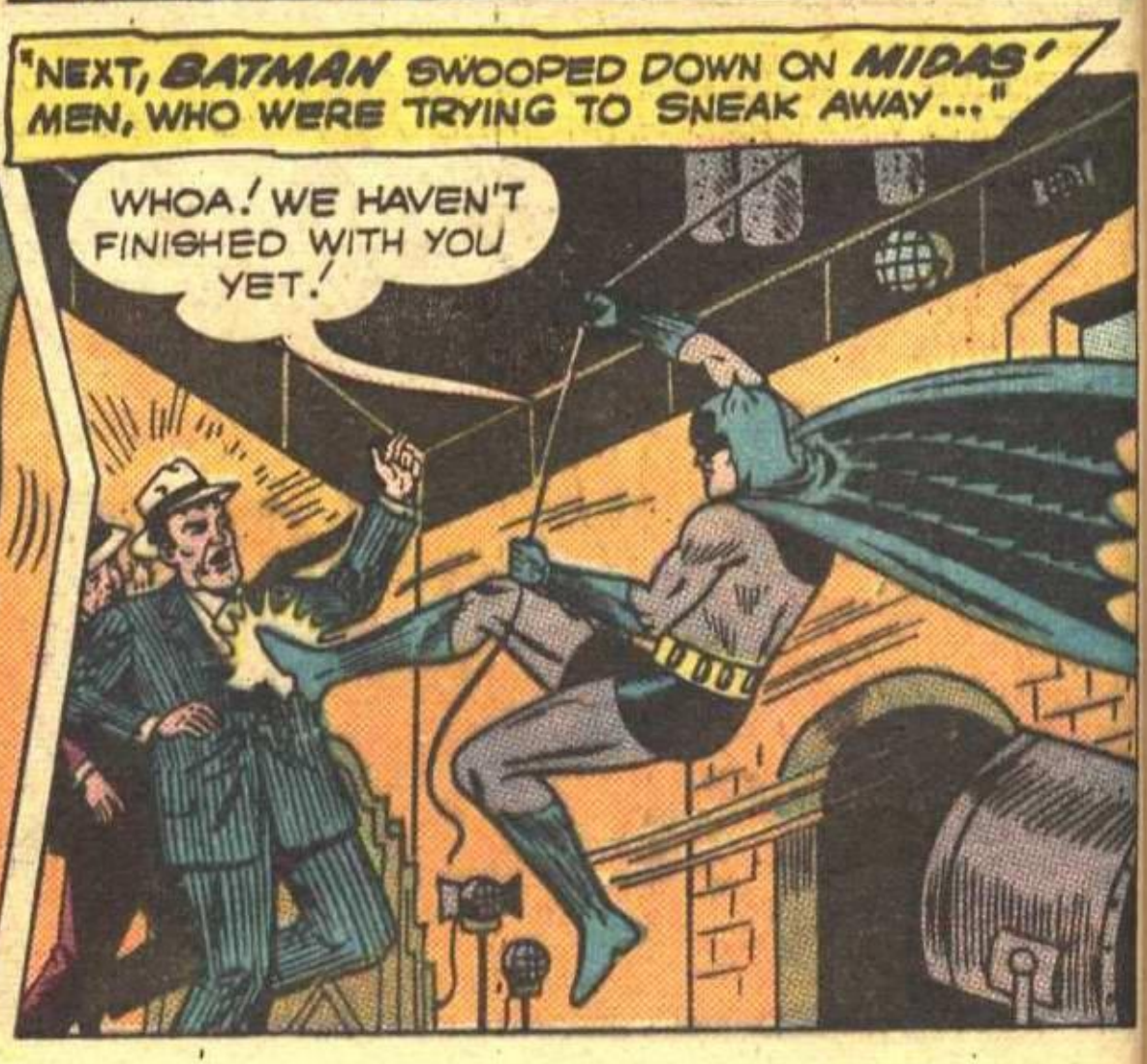

"WHEN WE REACHED THE CAVE-IN, BATWOMAN REALIZED WHAT HAD HAPPENED AND DUG THEM OUT WITH A NEARBY STEAM SHOVEL..."
...SO IT WAS THE MIDAS MOB THAT IMPRISONED YOU! WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
MIDAS SAID HE WAS GOING TO DO THE "JASON JOB"--WHICH MEANS HE'LL TRY TO STEAL "THE GOLDEN FLEECE!"

BUT THAT'S ONLY A GREEK LEGEND--JASON HAD TO RECOVER A GOLDEN RAM'S FLEECE, WHICH WAS GUARDED BY A DRAGON!
A MOVIE IS BEING MADE OF IT--AND, AS A PUBLICITY STUNT, A FLEECE MADE OF PURE GOLD IS BEING USED!









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"THEN BATWOMAN AND ROBIN TOOK OVER..."
YOU WANTED TO TAKE A POWDER--SO HOW ABOUT SOME POWDER FROM MY COMPACT?
ATCHOO!
THAT'S IT--LOOK RIGHT INTO THE CAMERA!

"WITH EVERYONE BUSY, MIDAS SLIPPED AWAY, AND I LIT AFTER HIM--BUT TOO LATE!"
GOTHAM STUDIOS

"THAT CROOK COULDN'T OUTSMART US, SO I LEGGED IT TO THE TOP OF A HILL..."
THAT ROAD CURVES TO THE RIGHT! IF I TAKE A SHORT-CUT, I COULD CATCH UP TO HIM!

"I WAS GOING FINE, UNTIL I HIT A SMALL RAVINE..."
HOW CAN I GET ACROSS? HMM! THAT TALL TREE--IT'S DEAD--AND ROTTING NEAR THE BASE!

"I BACKED AWAY--TOOK A RUNNING JUMP AT THE TREE--AND ITS ROTTED BASE CRACKED UNDER THE IMPACT OF MY WEIGHT!"
IT WORKED!
CRACK

I'LL BET I'M THE FIRST DOG THAT EVER MADE A BRIDGE!

"IT WASN'T LONG AFTER THAT I CAUGHT UP WITH *MIDAS*, TRYING TO FLY OFF IN HIS OWN PLANE AT A PRIVATE AIRPORT..."

ARF! ARF! ARF!

"I KEPT *MIDAS* AT BAY UNTIL THE *BATMOBILE* CAME SPEEDING UP..."

ATTABOY, *BATMAN!* GIVE HIM THE OL' ONE-TWO!

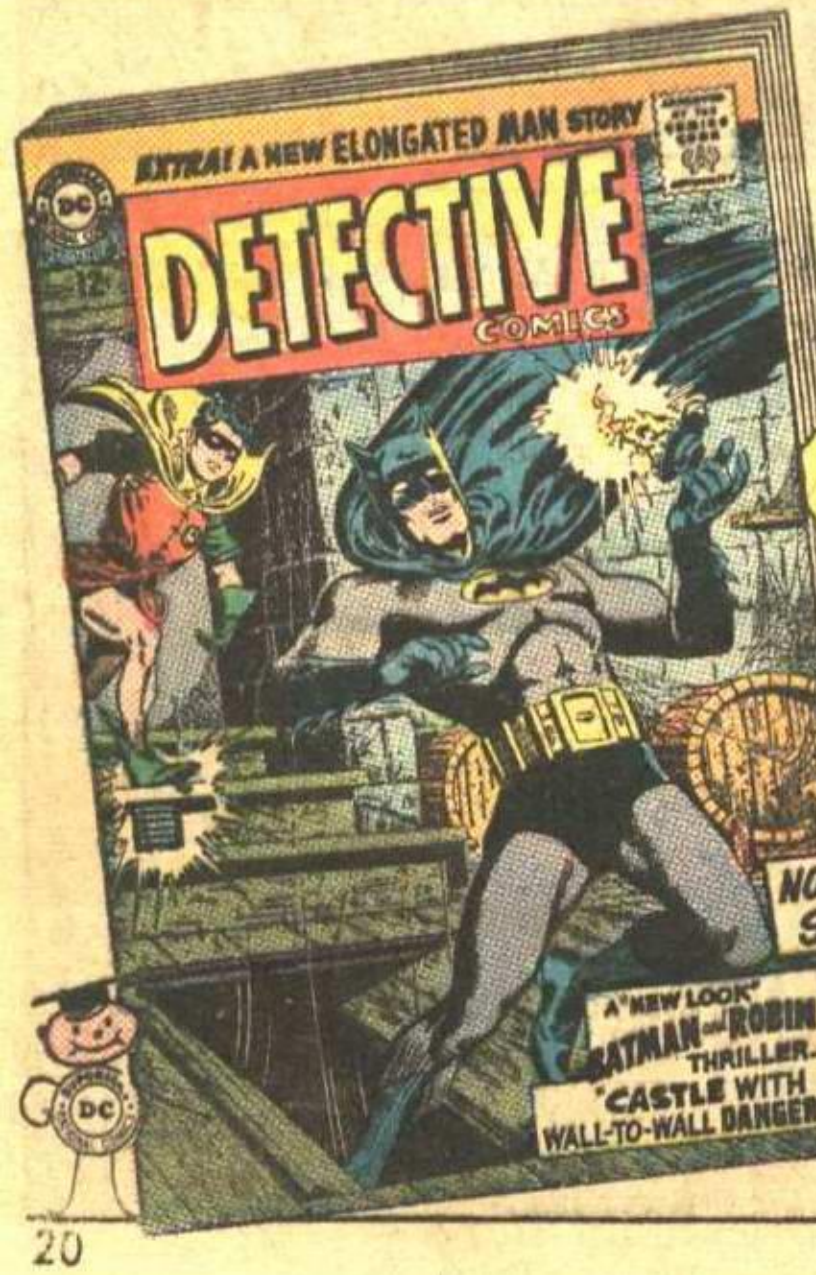
"WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER, WHAT A FUSS THEY MADE OVER ME!"

BAT-HOUND! YOU'RE WONDERFUL!

GOSH! I ONLY DID WHAT ANY RED-BLOODED AMERICAN DOG WOULD DO!

WELL, THAT'S THE STORY! EXCEPT THAT I HEARD *MIDAS* HAS HAYFEVER -- AND THERE'S A LOT OF *GOLDENROD* NEAR HIS PRISON! THAT'S A PRETTY SHAGGY JOKE -- BUT WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM A DOG?

THE END



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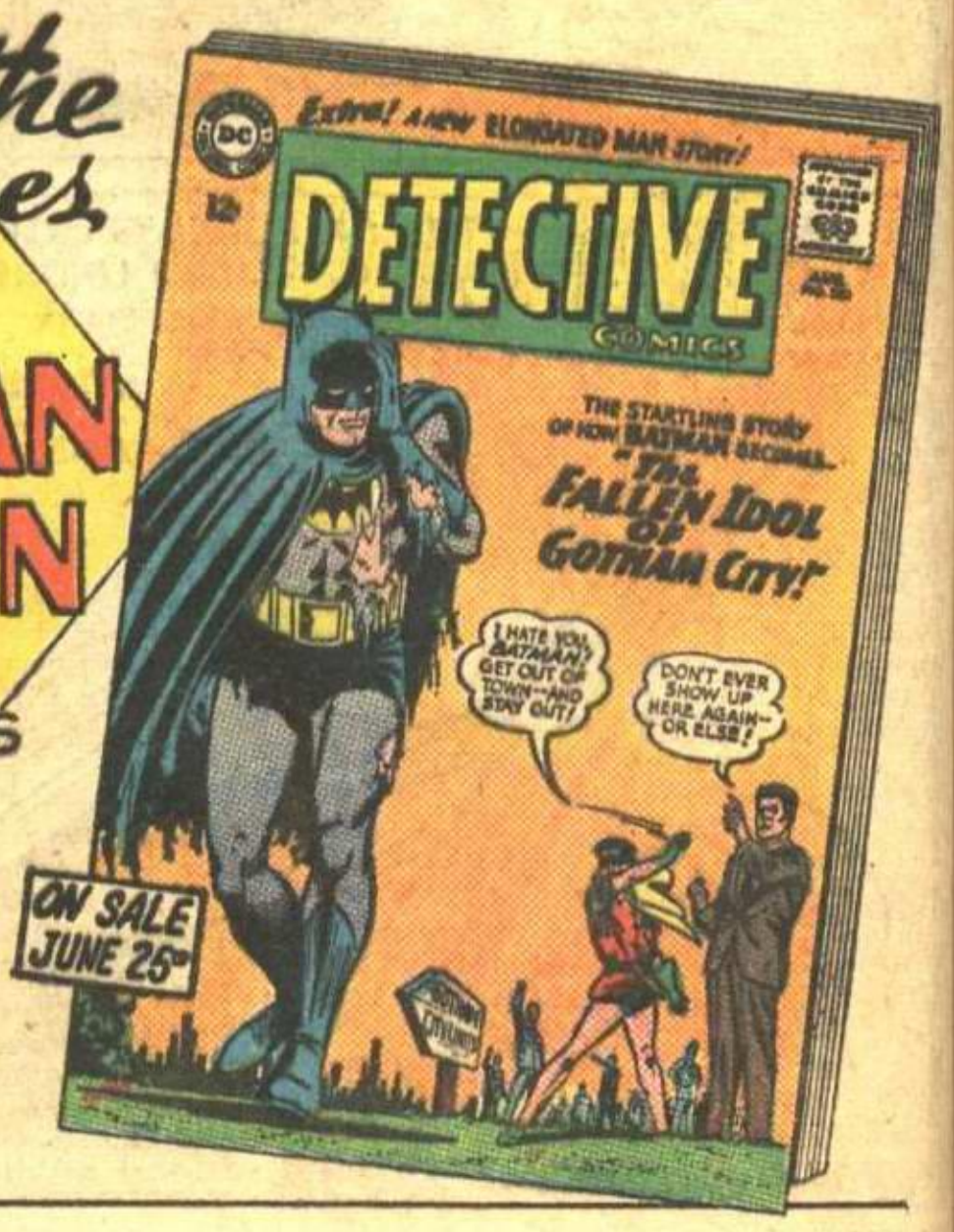
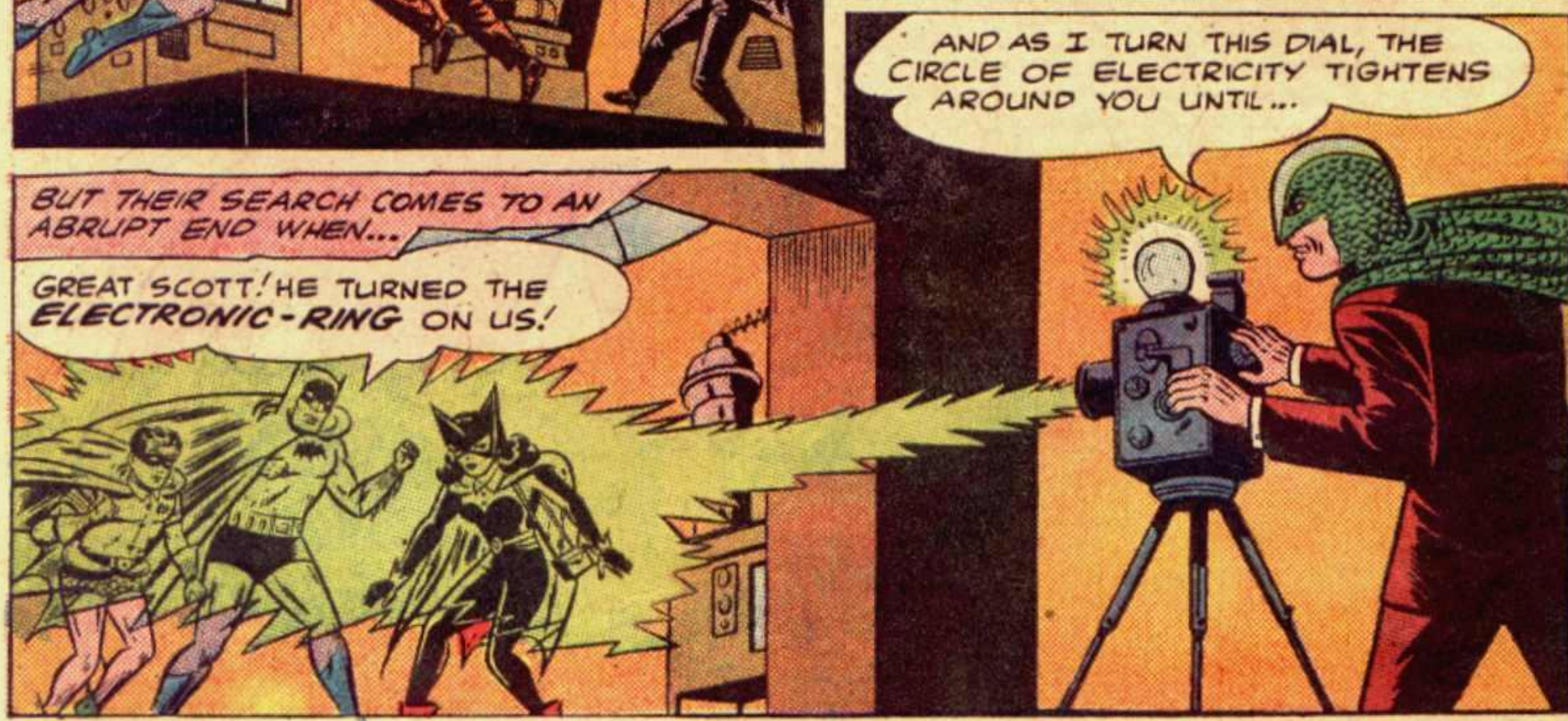
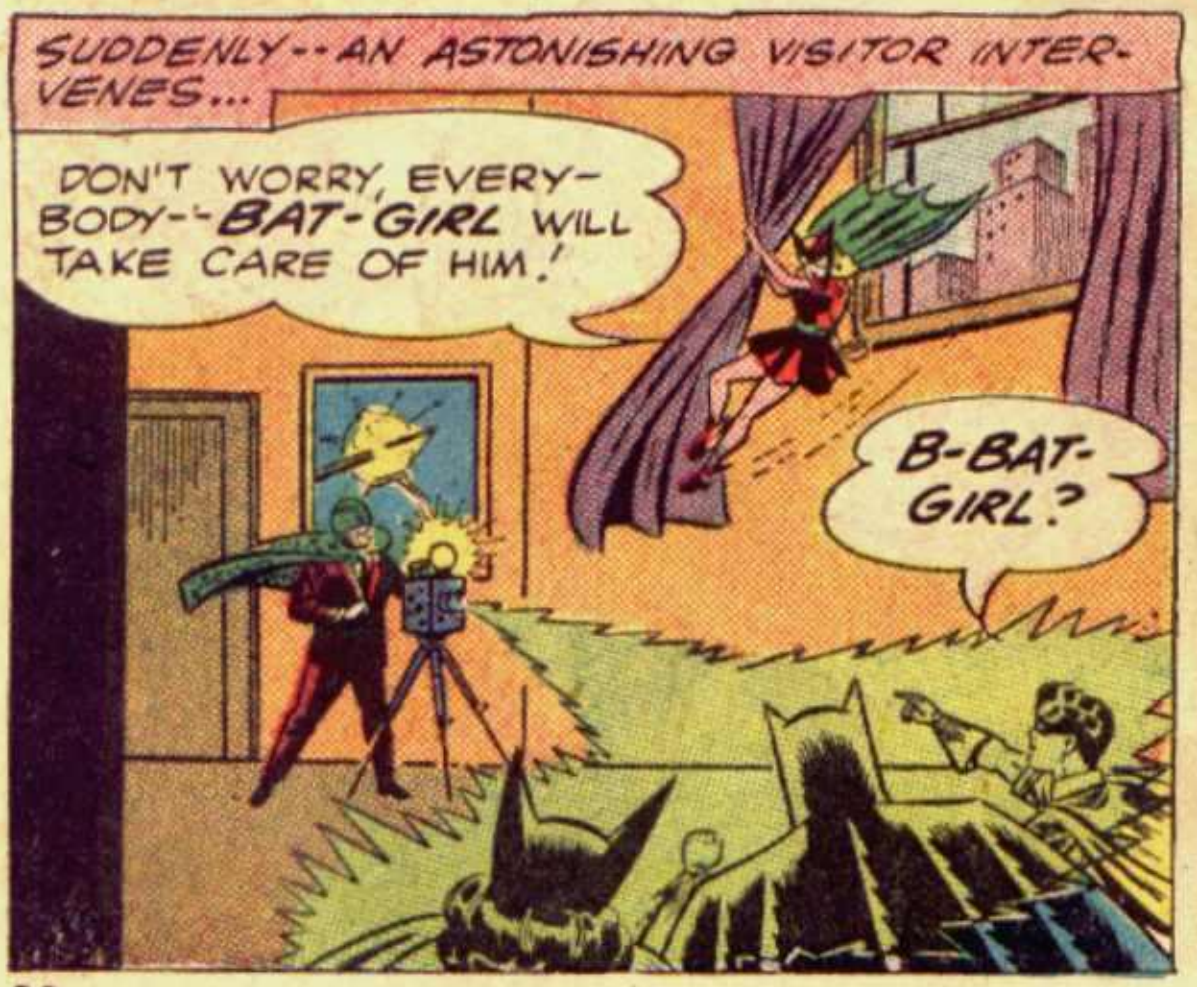


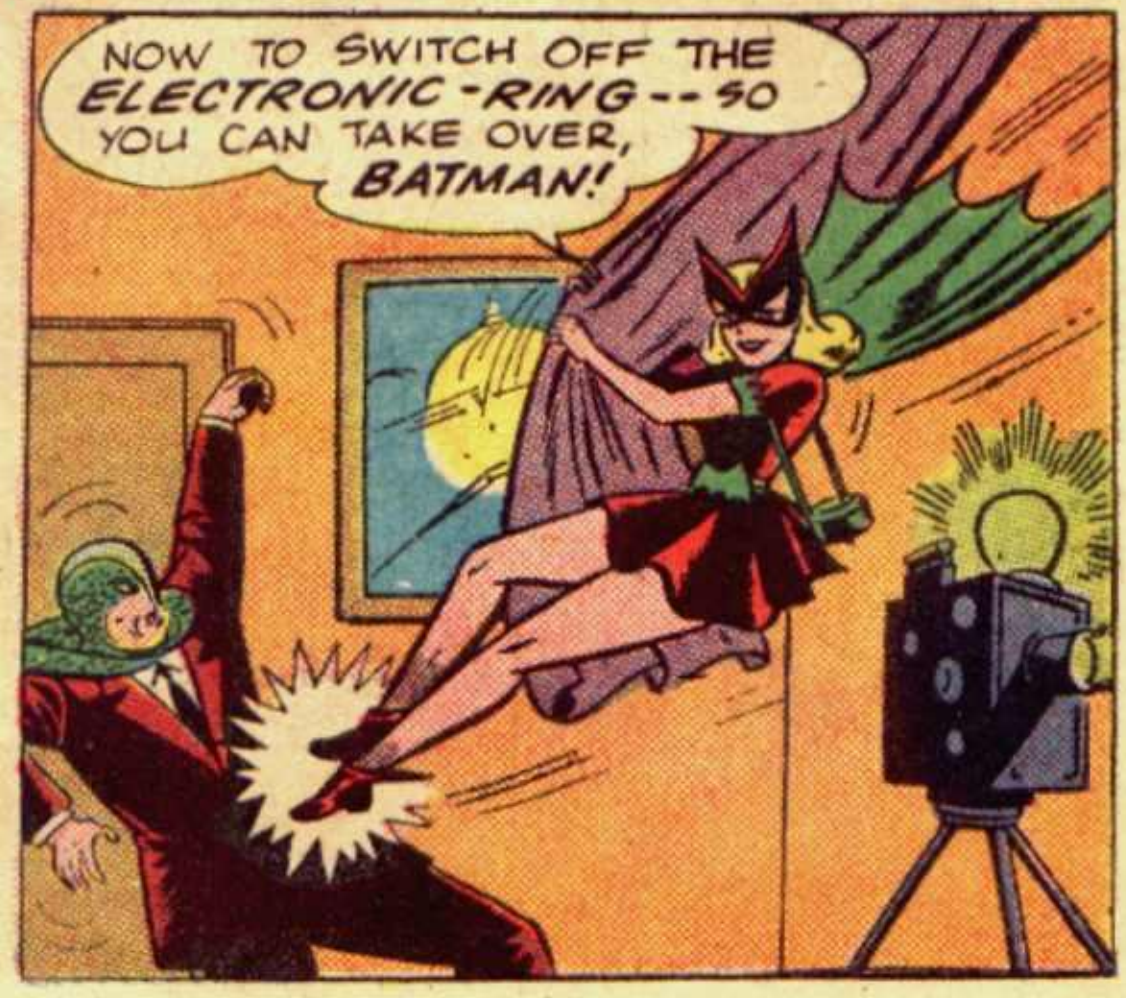
CRIMINALS, BEWARE! A NEW CRIME-FIGHTER IS COMING YOUR WAY! YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD TROUBLE BATTLING BATMAN AND ROBIN-- YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD TO BE WARY OF BATWOMAN-- BUT WAIT TILL YOU COME UP AGAINST A PRETTY TEEN-AGER! YOU'D BETTER SCRAM -- TAKE IT ON THE LAM-- BECAUSE HERE SHE COMES...
BATMAN WITH ROBIN
- THE BOY WONDER -
BAT-GIRL!
THAT SELF-INFLATING BALLOON SHOULD THROW THEM OFF-GUARD SO I CAN LASSO THEM WITH MY BAT-ROPE!
IT--IT'S BAT-GIRL!
BOB KANE

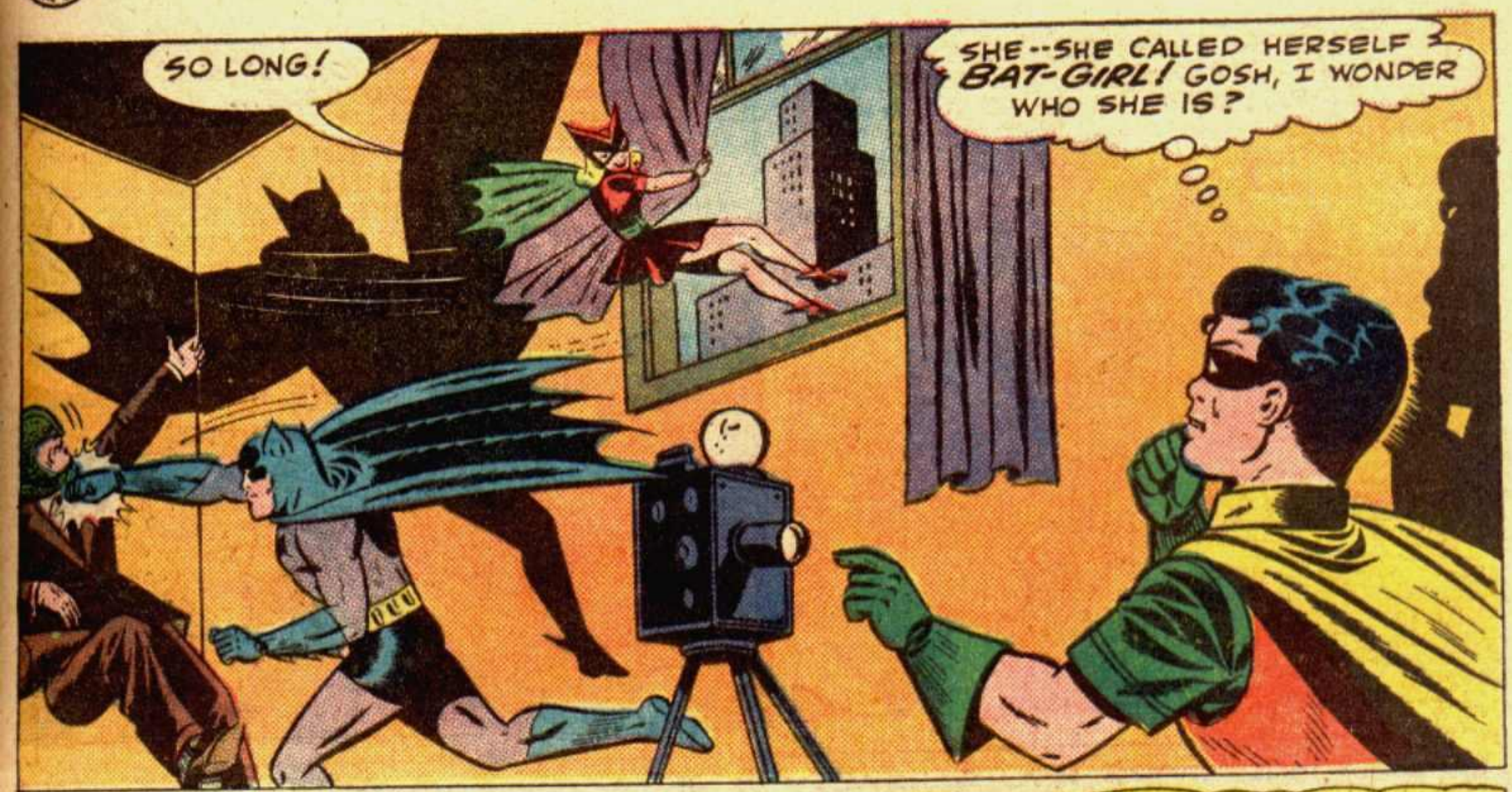
AT AN EXHIBIT OF NEW SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, BATMAN AND ROBIN LASH OUT AT TWO OF CRIMEDOM'S NEWEST THREAT -- THE COBRA GANG...
TWO DOWN -- TWO MORE TO GO!

...WHILE ANOTHER IS FELLED BY THEIR ALLY -- BATWOMAN!
THERE'S STILL ANOTHER ONE LOOSE AROUND HERE, BATMAN! WE'D BETTER FIND HIM!

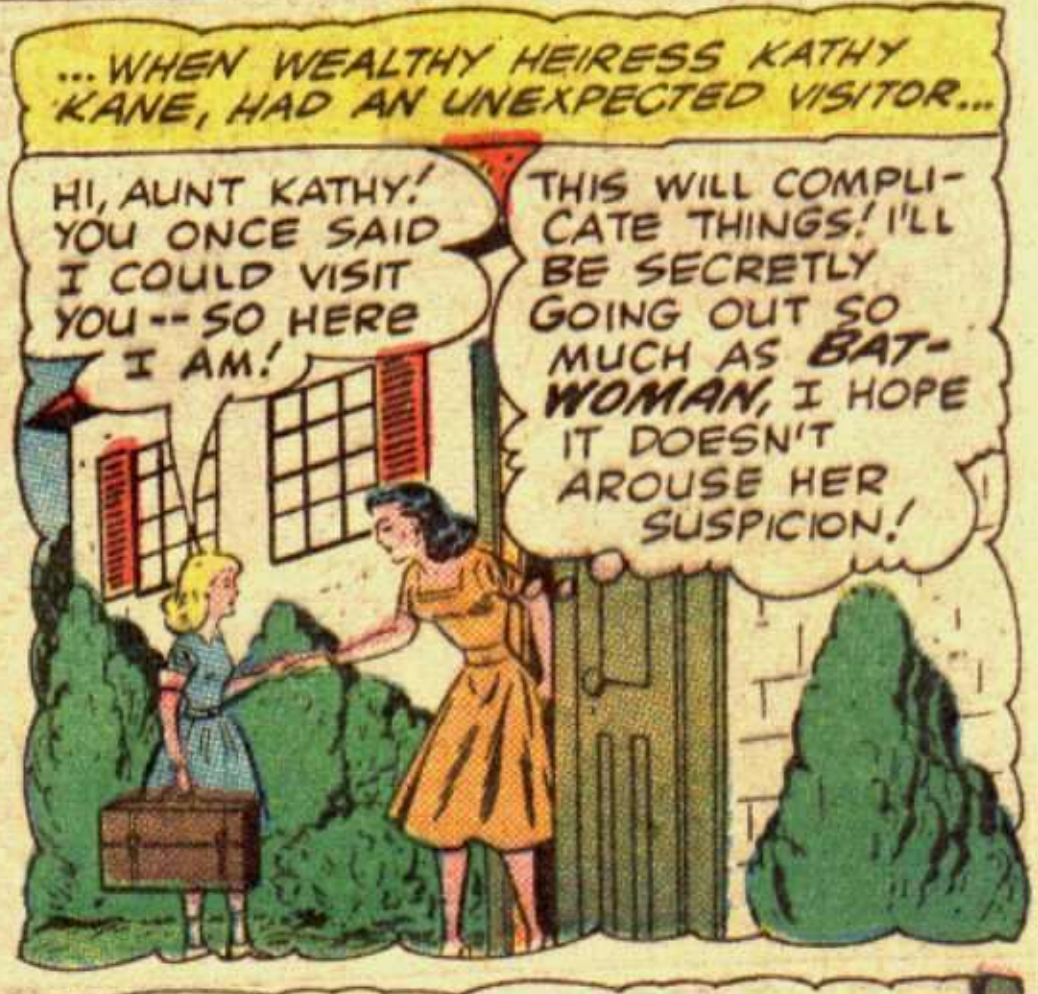

AND AS I TURN THIS DIAL, THE CIRCLE OF ELECTRICITY TIGHTENS AROUND YOU UNTIL...
BUT THEIR SEARCH COMES TO AN ABRUPT END WHEN...
GREAT SCOTT! HE TURNED THE ELECTRONIC-RING ON US!

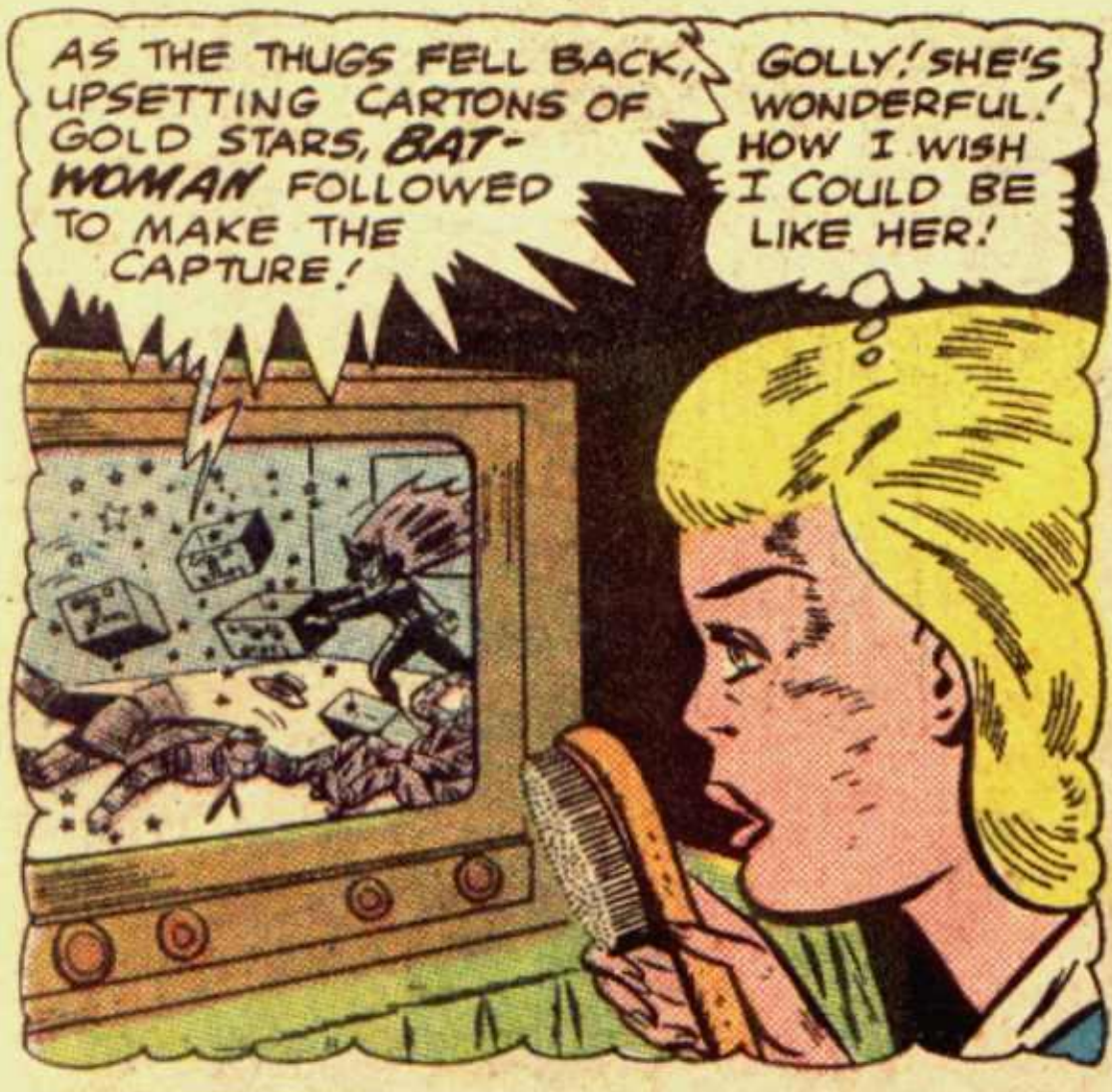

SUDDENLY -- AN ASTONISHING VISITOR INTERVENES...
DON'T WORRY, EVERYBODY -- BAT-GIRL WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM!
B-BAT-GIRL?

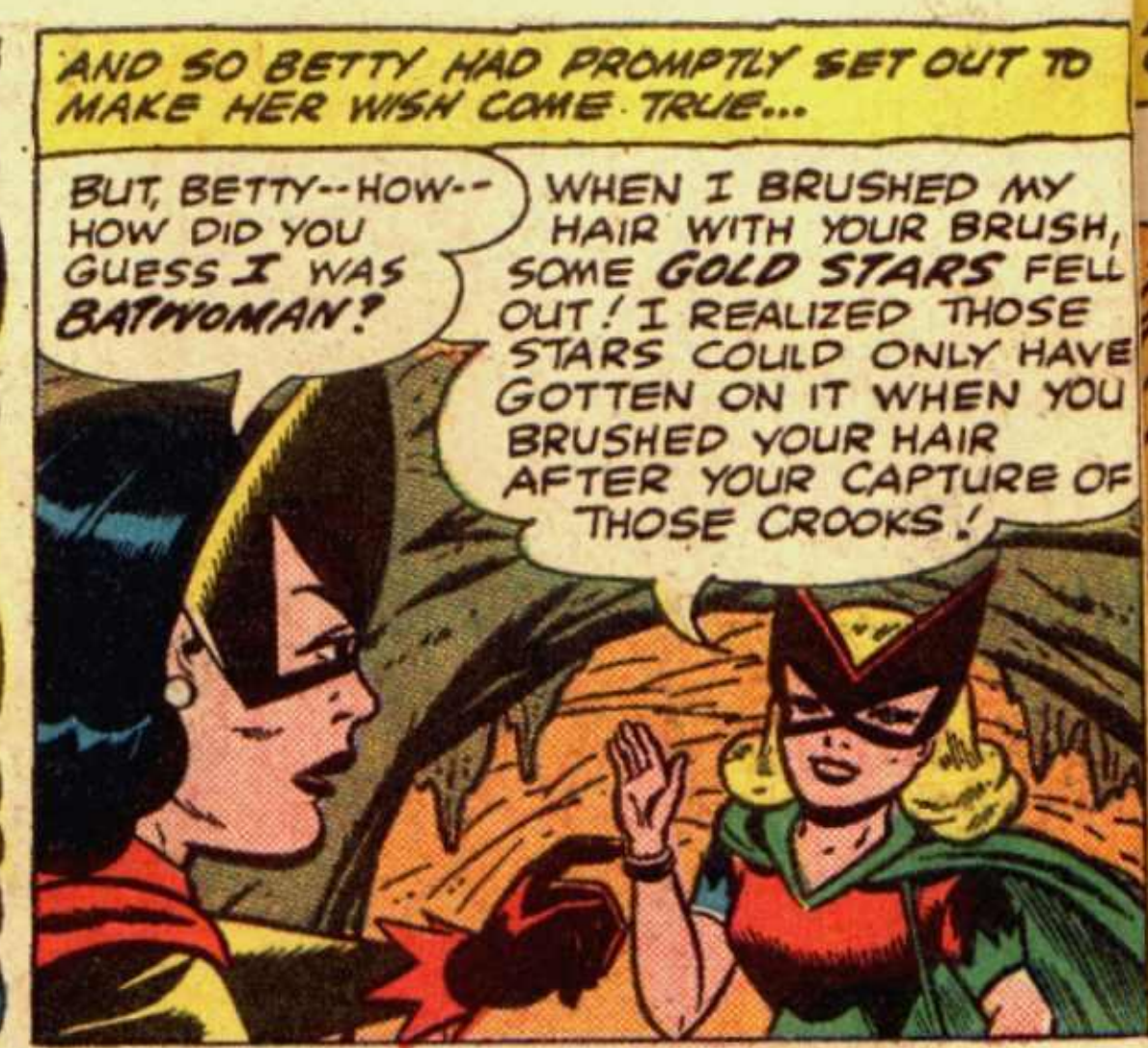

NOW TO SWITCH OFF THE ELECTRONIC-RING -- SO YOU CAN TAKE OVER, BATMAN!



WHO IS THIS AMAZING TEEN-AGER? HOW AND WHY DID SHE ASSUME THIS DISGUISE? FOR THE ANSWERS, WE MUST GLANCE BACK TO SOME DAYS BEFORE...

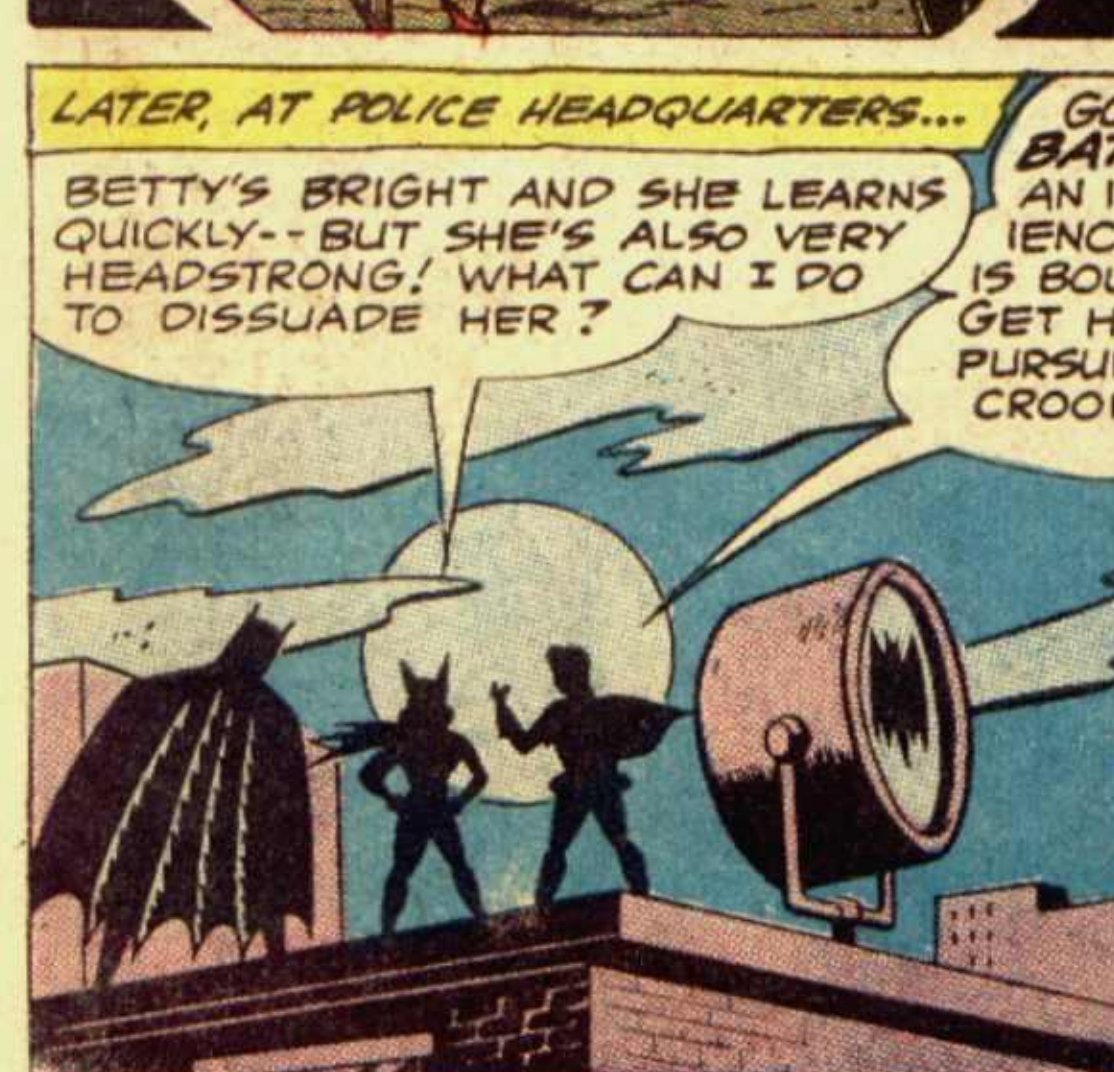



AS THE THUGS FELL BACK, UPSETTING CARTONS OF GOLD STARS, BAT-WOMAN FOLLOWED TO MAKE THE CAPTURE!
GOLLY! SHE'S WONDERFUL! HOW I WISH I COULD BE LIKE HER!


AND SO BETTY HAD PROMPTLY SET OUT TO MAKE HER WISH COME TRUE...
BUT, BETTY--HOW--HOW DID YOU GUESS I WAS BATWOMAN?
WHEN I BRUSHED MY HAIR WITH YOUR BRUSH, SOME GOLD STARS FELL OUT! I REALIZED THOSE STARS COULD ONLY HAVE GOTTEN ON IT WHEN YOU BRUSHED YOUR HAIR AFTER YOUR CAPTURE OF THOSE CROOKS!

SO I SECRETLY MADE MYSELF A COSTUME--AND TONIGHT I TRAILED YOU!
YOU WERE VERY CLEVER, BETTY--BUT YOU MUST NEVER BE BAT-GIRL AGAIN!

IF YOU CAN BE BATWOMAN, I CAN CERTAINLY BE BAT-GIRL! MAYBE WE CAN BE A TEAM--LIKE BATMAN AND ROBIN!
SHE HAS NO IDEA HOW DANGEROUS FIGHTING IS! I'D BETTER GET BATMAN'S ADVICE ON HOW TO COPE WITH BETTY!


LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
BETTY'S BRIGHT AND SHE LEARNS QUICKLY--BUT SHE'S ALSO VERY HEADSTRONG! WHAT CAN I DO TO DISSUADE HER?
GOSH, BATMAN--AN INEXPERIENCED GIRL IS BOUND TO GET HURT PURSUING CROOKS--

THAT'S IT! SUPPOSE, BATWOMAN, YOU PRETEND YOU'LL ALLOW HER TO BE BAT-GIRL--BUT ONLY AFTER A LOT OF TRAINING...
FINE! I'LL STALL HER BY KEEPING HER IN TRAINING UNTIL IT'S TIME FOR HER TO RETURN HOME!

AND SO, THE RIGID TRAINING PROGRAM GETS UNDER WAY...

YOU'RE A NATURAL ATHLETE, BETTY-- BUT THIS WILL TEACH YOU TO BE SURE-FOOTED AT ALL TIMES!

DAY AFTER DAY, BATWOMAN ADDS TO THE GIRL'S ASSIGNMENTS TO OCCUPY ALMOST EVERY MOMENT OF HER TIME...

GOSH, AUNT KATHY, WHEN AM I GOING OUT WITH YOU ON A CASE?

ER... WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED TRAINING! Y-YOU'RE NOT READY YET!

AFTER BATWOMAN LEAVES...

"NOT READY YET"--HMPH! I'VE GOT A FEELING SHE'S DELIBERATELY STALLING ME!

THIS SHOE WAS TAKEN FROM ONE OF THE COBRA GANG ARRESTED BY THE POLICE! WHEN IT FELL TO THE FLOOR, SOME PARTICLES, STUCK INSIDE, BECAME LOOSE! I'D BETTER DO A CHEMICAL ANALYSIS ON THEM RIGHT AWAY...

SOON AFTER...

CELLULOSE ACETATE! I READ ABOUT IT IN SCHOOL! THAT'S USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF GUNPOWDER, RAYON, AND OTHER PRODUCTS!

I'LL BET THEIR HIDEOUT IS A PLACE THAT ONCE USED CELLULOSE! SO AUNT KATHY THINKS I'M "NOT READY YET"-- HUH? I'LL SHOW HER! BAT-GIRL WILL SEARCH EVERYWHERE UNTIL SHE LOCATES THE COBRA GANG'S HIDEOUT!

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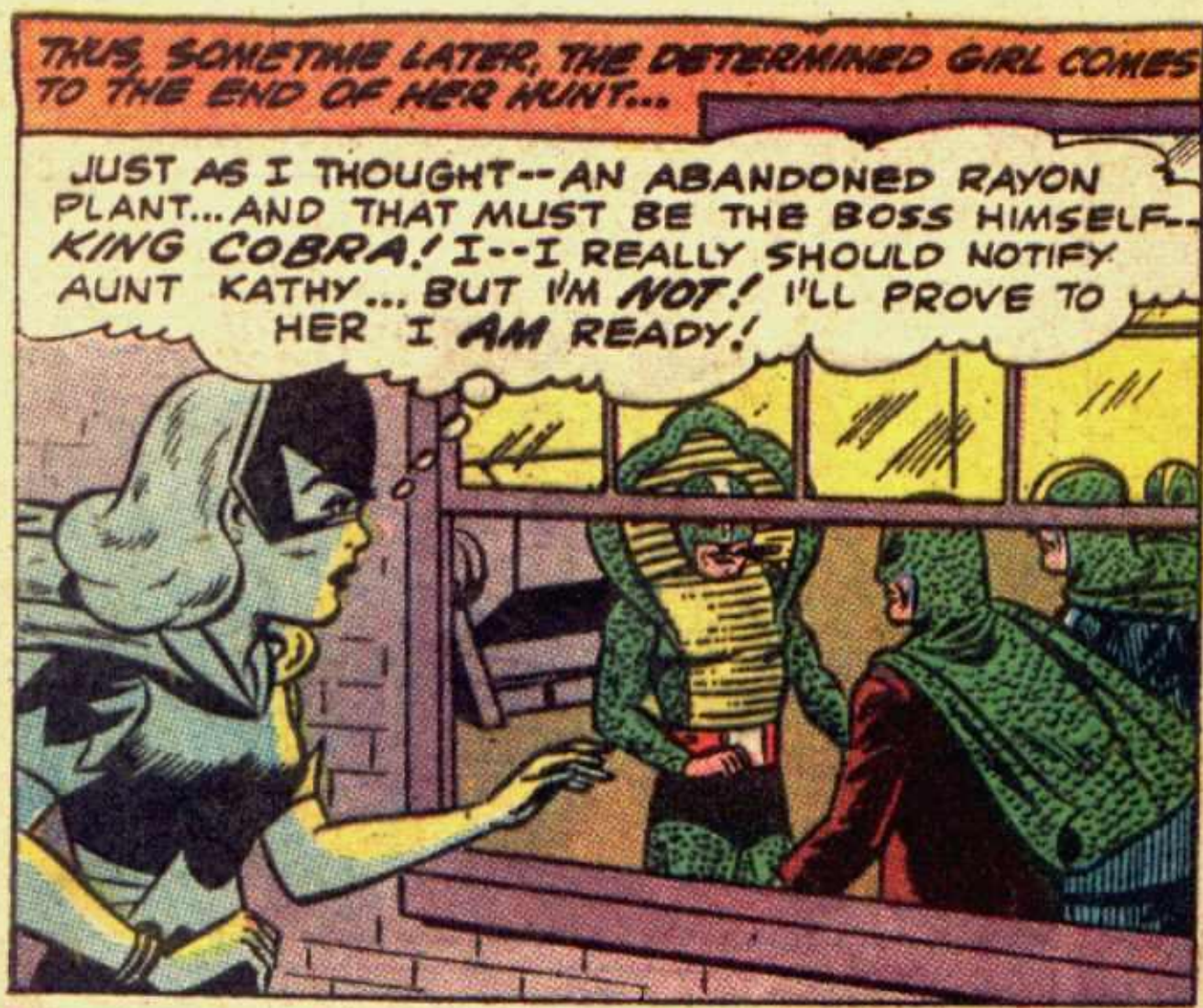
THUS, SOMETIME LATER, THE DETERMINED GIRL COMES TO THE END OF HER HUNT...
JUST AS I THOUGHT--AN ABANDONED RAYON PLANT...AND THAT MUST BE THE BOSS HIMSELF--KING COBRA! I--I REALLY SHOULD NOTIFY AUNT KATHY... BUT I'M NOT! I'LL PROVE TO HER I AM READY!

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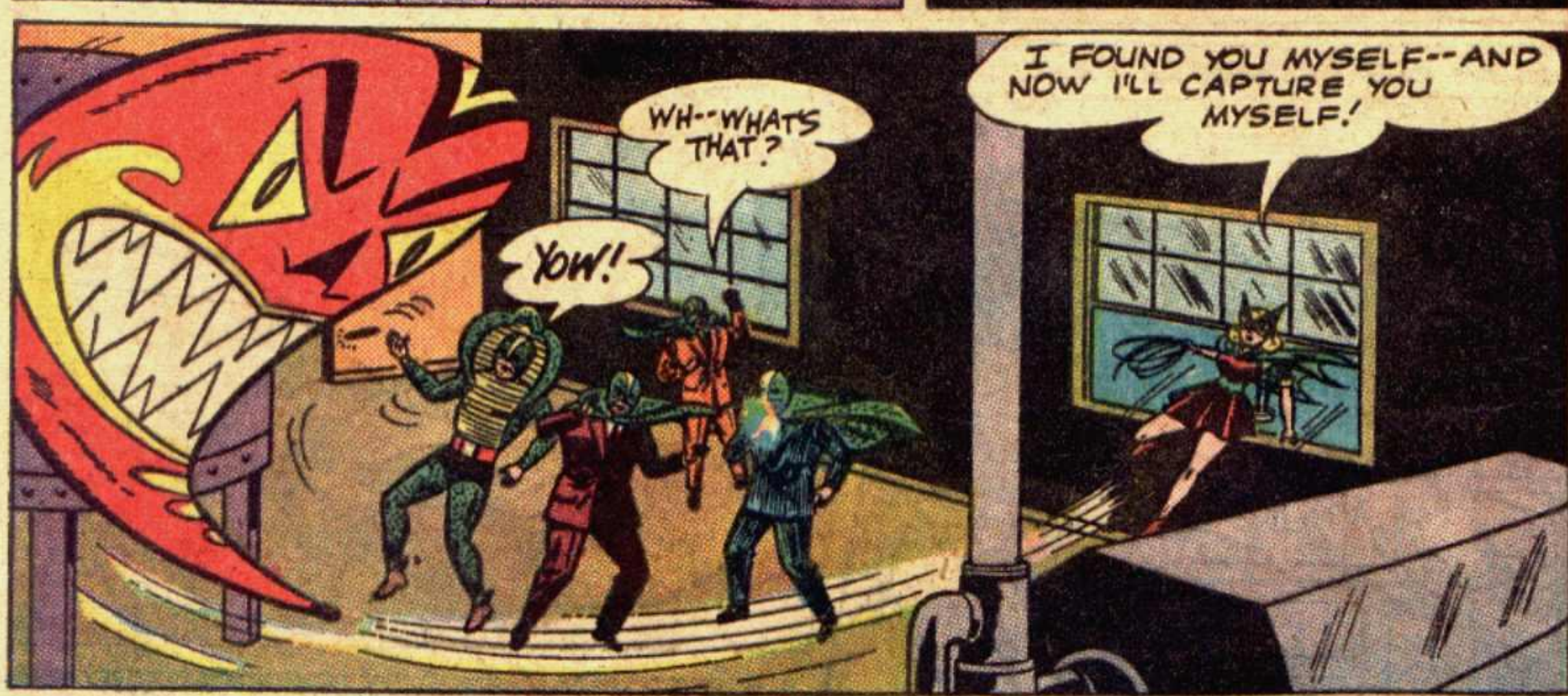
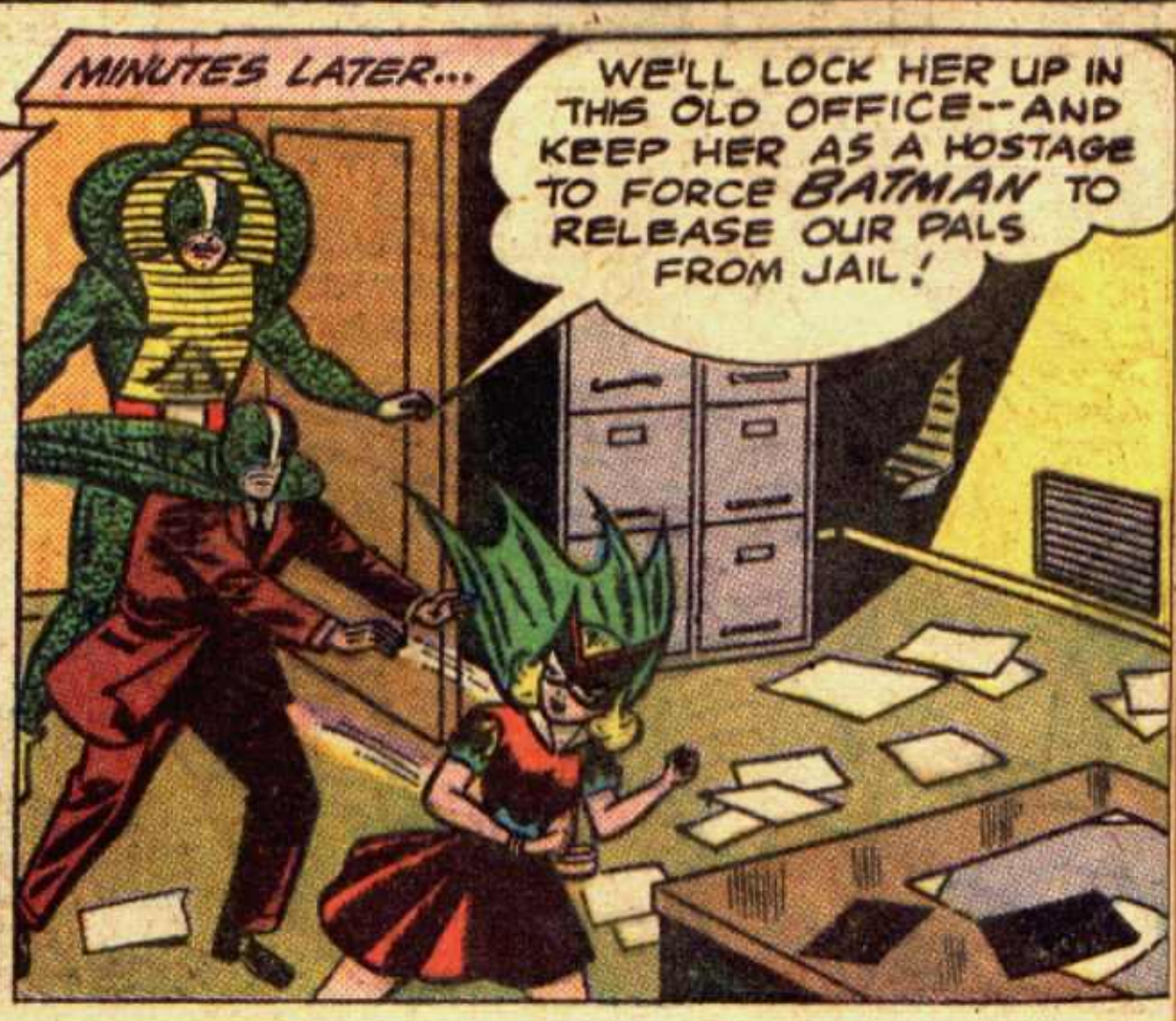

WH--WHAT'S THAT?
YOW!
I FOUND YOU MYSELF--AND NOW I'LL CAPTURE YOU MYSELF!

BUT, AS THE SURPRISED GANG BOSS' LIGHTED CIGAR FLIES FROM HIS HAND, IT TOUCHES THE BALLOON AND...
WHAT...?
IT EXPLODED IN HER FACE! QUICK--GRAB HER! IT'S THAT KID--BAT-GIRL--WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR BOYS GETTING CAUGHT THE OTHER DAY!


MINUTES LATER...
WE'LL LOCK HER UP IN THIS OLD OFFICE--AND KEEP HER AS A HOSTAGE TO FORCE BATMAN TO RELEASE OUR PALS FROM JAIL!

ALONE NOW, BAT-GIRL REALIZES THE DAMAGE HER OVER-CONFIDENCE HAS CAUSED...

OH, WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN! THOSE CROOKS BATMAN, ROBIN AND BATWOMAN CAUGHT, WILL BE FREED -- AND ALL BECAUSE OF ME! IF I COULD ONLY MAKE UP FOR MY MISTAKE...

HMM! THESE SHEETS OF THIN CARBON PAPER -- AND THAT VENTILATOR! I'VE GOT AN IDEA! IF I CUT THE CARBON PAPER INTO BAT-LIKE SHAPES --!

SOON AFTER, AN UPDRAFT WAFTS THE CUTOUTS TO THE ROOF'S EXHAUST VENT...

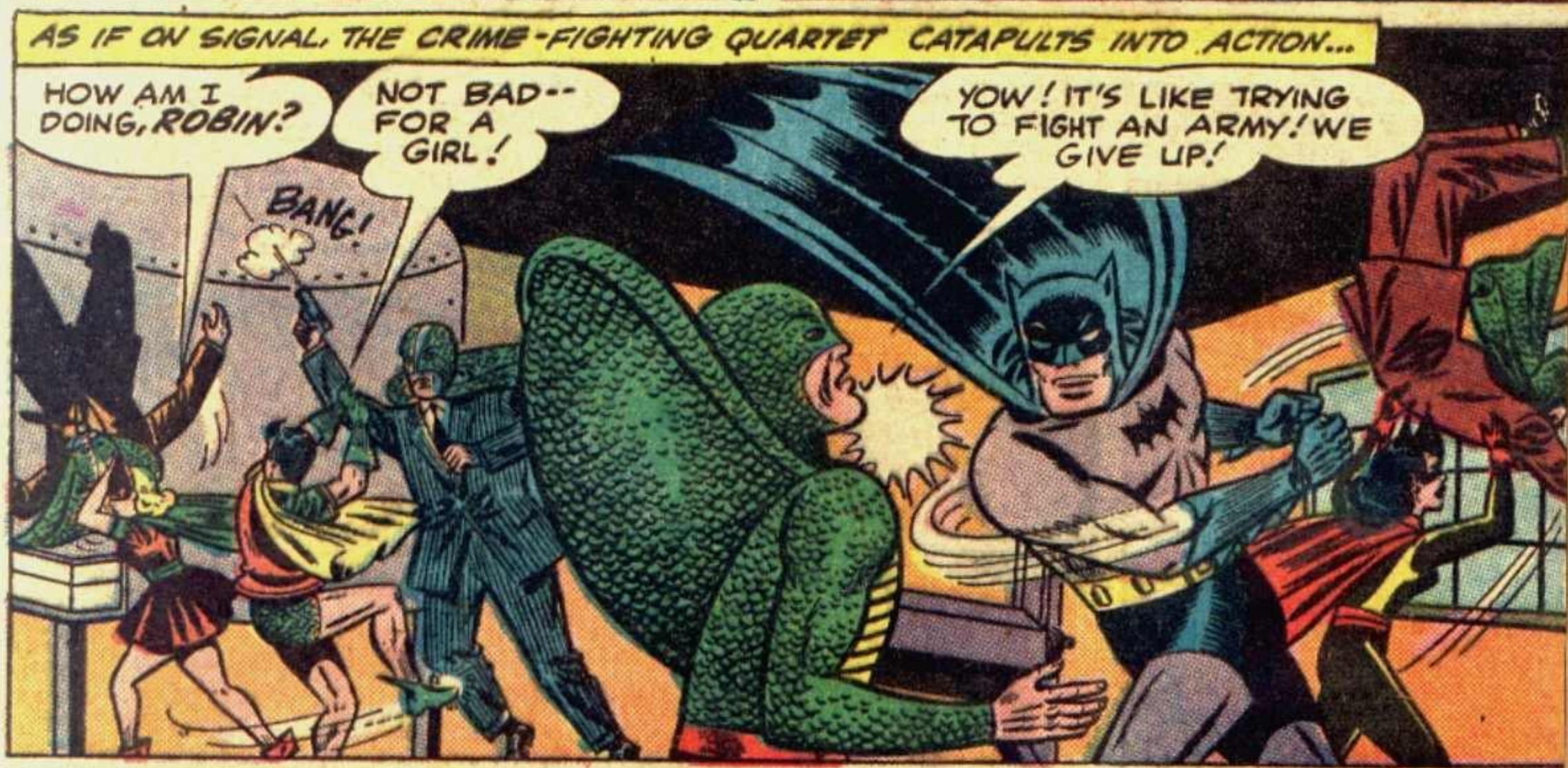
PAPER "BATS"! IT'S SOME KIND OF BAT-SIGNAL! I'D BETTER CALL THE POLICE ABOUT THIS!

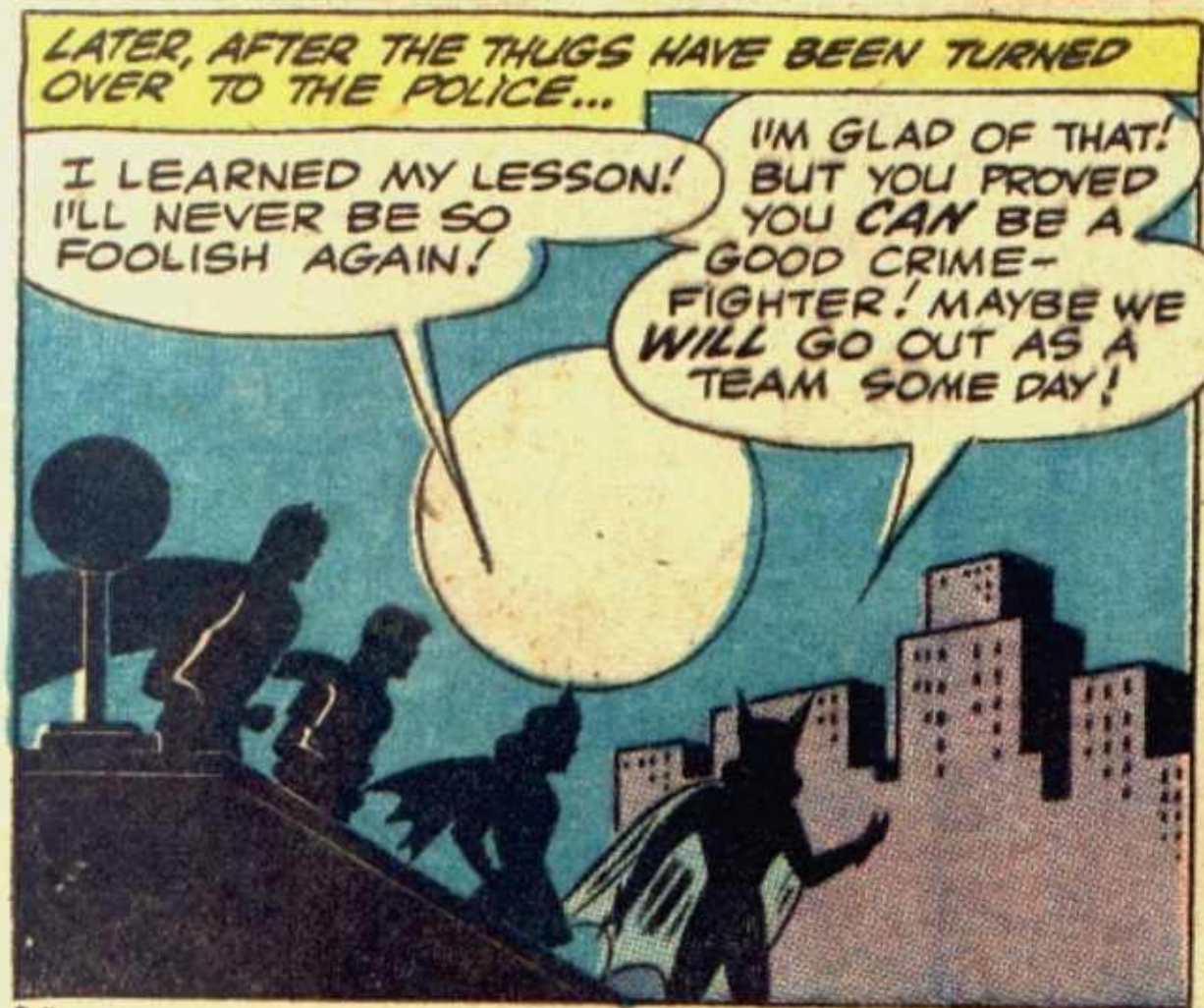
SOMETIME LATER...

HUH? THEY FOUND US, TOO!

ULP! WE'RE FINISHED!

NOT YET! I'VE STILL GOT AN ACE! HOLD THEM OFF!





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WITH
ROBIN
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MOST FAMOUS OF ALL PARTNERS ARE BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE DYNAMIC DUO WHOSE FLASHING SKILLS MAKE THEM THE WORLD'S GREATEST LAWMEN! BUT NOW, IN ONE OF THEIR MOST PERILOUS STRUGGLES AGAINST LAWBREAKERS, THERE'S A STARTLING CHANGE IN THIS GREAT TEAM! UNEXPECTEDLY, THEY TAKE ON A THIRD PARTNER, AND WITH THEIR MYSTERIOUS NEW COMRADE THEY PLUNGE INTO ACTION AS--
THE DYNAMIC TRIO
BOB KANE
LOOK OUT! IT'S BATMAN AND ROBIN AND THEIR NEW PARTNER-- MYSTERYMAN!

ONE DAY, AT A DISTANT FOREIGN PORT...
LOOK--THAT'S A CROOK WANTED BY AMERICAN POLICE!
HE MUST HAVE JUST SLIPPED OFF THIS SHIP FROM GOTHAM CITY--AFTER HIM!
AND SOON, IN THE OFFICE OF POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON OF GOTHAM CITY...
AS MAYOR OF GOTHAM CITY, I DEMAND ACTION, GORDON! WANTED FUGITIVES FROM THE LAW ARE BEING SMUGGLED OUT OF OUR CITY SOMEHOW--NOW?
WE'RE WORKING HARD ON THE CASE, YOUR HONOR!
WE HOPE TO CRACK THE METHODS OF THESE CROOK-SMUGGLERS, VERY SOON!
THIS THING MUST BE STOPPED NOW! I WANT YOU TO GIVE THIS CASE TO BATMAN AND ROBIN!
MINUTES LATER, SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD DICK GRAYSON SPOT AN EERIE SYMBOL IN THE SKY!
BUT YOUR TEA, SIR!
LATER, ALFRED-- THAT'S THE BAT-SIGNAL, AND IT MEANS BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE BEING SUMMONED!
AND IN THE SECRET BAT-CAVE UNDER THE WAYNE MANSION, A LIGHTNING TRANSFORMATION...
WONDER WHAT'S UP THIS TIME?
THE COMMISSIONER WILL SOON TELL US THAT!
VICKI VALE, GIRL NEWS-PHOTOGRAPHER FOR VIEW MAGAZINE, HAS ALSO SEEN THE SIGNAL IN THE SKY!
THAT SIGNAL MEANS ACTION FOR BATMAN, AND THAT'S NEWS!
BUT THIS TIME, VICKI GETS NEWS THAT STAGGERS HER!
YES, COMMISSIONER GORDON GAVE US A JOB TO DO-- BUT A JOB SO TOUGH THAT WE'LL NEED HELP ON IT!
BATMAN'S RIGHT-- WE CAN'T CRACK THIS CASE BY OURSELVES!
BATMAN AND ROBIN, GREATEST OF LAWMEN, NEEDING HELP? IT SEEMS INCREDIBLE...

...ESPECIALLY TO THEIR GREATEST ADMIRER!

BATMAN, YOU'RE JOKING! YOU TWO ARE TOPS AS LAWMEN-- WHO COULD HELP YOU?

YOU'RE WRONG, VICKI--THERE'S SOMEONE WHO TOPS US, AND WE'RE GOING TO ASK HIS ASSISTANCE!

LATER, IN THE OFFICE OF VIEW MAGAZINE, A PUZZLED VICKI WONDERS!

BUT WHO'S A BETTER LAWMAN THAN BATMAN AND ROBIN?

NOBODY COULD BE! THERE'S A STORY IN THIS--I'M GOING TO KEEP MY EYES OPEN AND FIND OUT WHAT BATMAN MEANT!

EDITOR

THAT NIGHT, VICKI'S VIGILANCE IS REWARDED!

THERE GOES THE BATMOBILE, TOWARD THE DOCKS! I'LL FOLLOW BATMAN---

DRUGS

BUT AT THE DOCKS, THE BRASH GIRL PHOTOGRAPHER GETS A SURPRISE!

A SHIP SAILS TONIGHT FOR THE COUNTRY WHERE THOSE OTHER ESCAPED CROOKS WERE SPOTTED-- WE'LL CHECK IT FROM BOW TO STERN!

RIGHT!

WHY--THERE'S SOMEONE WITH BATMAN AND ROBIN--

BATMAN-- WHO'S THAT?

I TOLD YOU WE'D NEED TOP-NOTCH HELP! THIS IS MYSTERYMAN, AND THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YOU ABOUT HIM!

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COME ON, BATMAN, WE MUST HURRY!

I'M COMING! VICKI, YOU STAY BACK HERE OUT OF DANGER!

THIS MYSTERYMAN-- LEADING BATMAN AND ROBIN! WHO CAN HE BE?

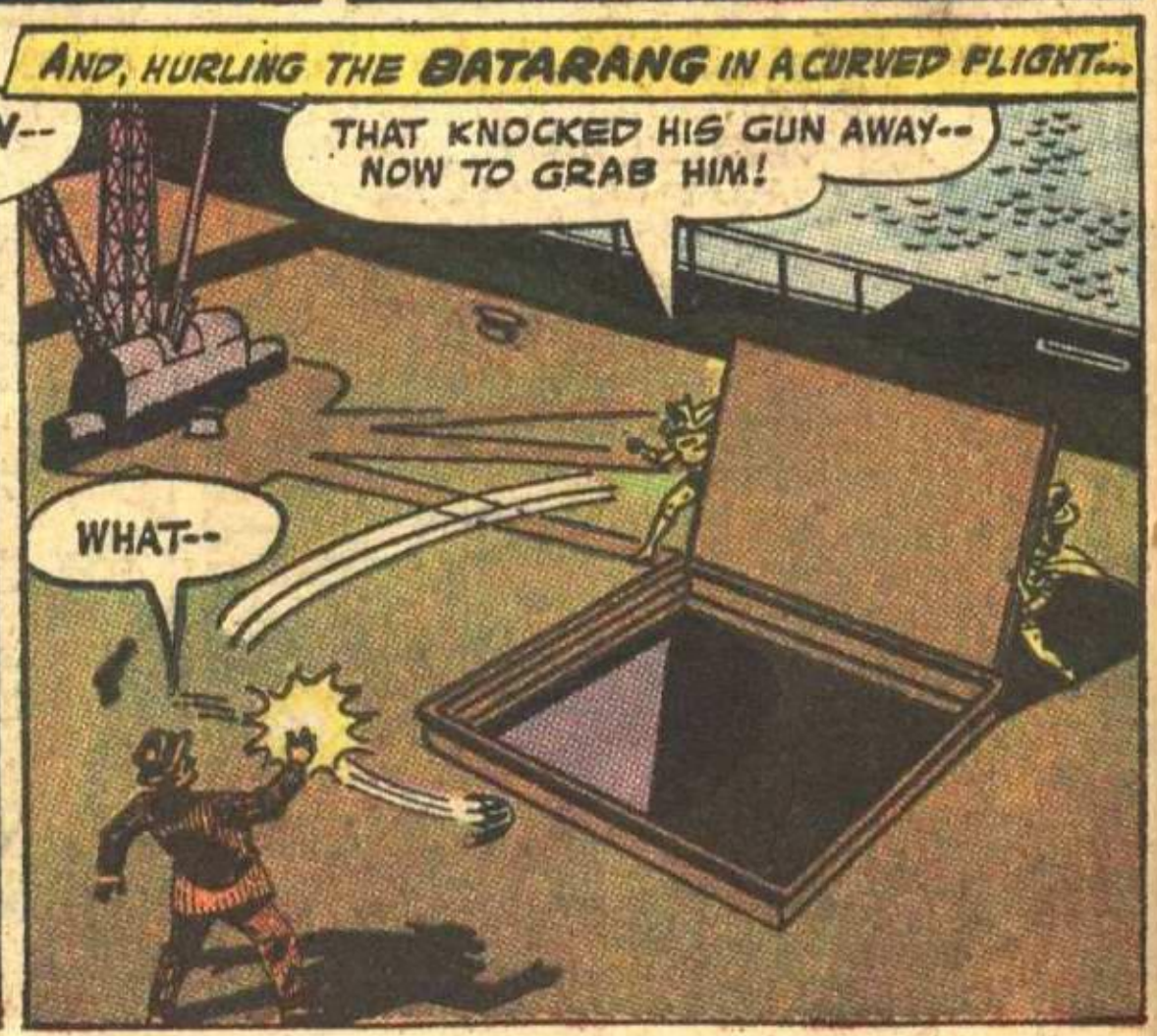
SOON, AFTER A THOROUGH SEARCH BY THE DYNAMIC TRIO...
WE'VE SEARCHED THE SHIP AND CHECKED ALL CARGO AND THERE ARE NO WANTED CROOKS BEING SMUGGLED OUT!
HMM... THERE'S SOMETHING ODD ABOUT THAT BIG DIESEL ENGINE THEY'RE LOADING--

NOTICE THE SMALL HOLES IN THE DIESEL'S SIDE-- THEY'RE IN THE WRONG PLACE TO BE LUBRICATION HOLES!
YOU'RE RIGHT! PUT THAT DIESEL DOWN ON DECK AND WE'LL EXAMINE IT!

LOOK, THIS FLYWHEEL TURNS EASILY BY HAND--WHICH MEANS THE DIESEL IS A FAKE!
LOOK OUT-- I HEARD SOMETHING--

AS A FUGITIVE FROM THE LAW, HIS HIDING-PLACE DISCOVERED, SUDDENLY BURSTS FORTH...
YOU FOUND ME BUT YOU'RE NOT TAKING ME!
WE WERE RIGHT-- THE DIESEL IS A FAKE TO HIDE A STOWAWAY CROOK-- THE HOLES IN IT WERE FOR BREATHING AIR!
GET BACK, MYSTERY-MAN!

BUT THE NEW PARTNER OF THE DUO ACTS SWIFTLY!
THIS HATCH-COVER COMES IN HANDY!
FAST THINKING, MYSTERYMAN-- I'LL GET THAT GUN OFF HIM!
BANG BANG


AND, HURLING THE BATARANG IN A CURVED FLIGHT...
THAT KNOCKED HIS GUN AWAY-- NOW TO GRAB HIM!
WHAT--

I CAN SWIM ASHORE AND HIDE!

THE CRANE, BATMAN! WE CAN PICK HIM UP FAST THAT WAY!

AND WITH MYSTERYMAN OPERATING THE CARGO-CRANE...

MORE TO THE RIGHT, MYSTERYMAN!

GOT YOU, BATMAN!

MOMENTS LATER...

YOU'RE WANTED BY THE POLICE OF SEVERAL STATES! WHO BROUGHT YOU TO GOTHAM CITY AND SMUGGLED YOU ONTO THE SHIP?

I'M NOT TELLING!

AND SOON, AFTER POLICE HAVE TAKEN OVER THE CAPTURED OUTLAW...

IT'S OBVIOUS WANTED MEN WERE SMUGGLED OUT INSIDE BIG FAKE MACHINES, IN WHICH WERE HIDDEN SUPPLIES OF FOOD AND WATER! BUT WHO'S DOING IT?

OUR EXAMINATION OF THAT FAKE DIESEL MAY PROVIDE A LEAD-- OH, OH, HERE COMES THAT GIRL PHOTOGRAPHER AGAIN!

I WANT A GOOD PICTURE OF YOU, MYSTERYMAN-- YOU HELPED BATMAN QUITE A BIT, THERE!

YOU MEAN, WE HELPED MYSTERYMAN! ER--SORRY, VICKI--WE HAVE TO HURRY TO THE BAT-CAVE AND LOOK UP SOMETHING!

WHOEVER THIS MYSTERYMAN IS, BATMAN MUST TRUST HIM, TO TAKE HIM TO THE BAT-CAVE! UNLESS-- I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

PRESENTLY, IN THE OFFICE OF THE EDITOR OF VIEW...
YES, ALL GOTHAM CITY WILL BE INTERESTED IN BATMAN'S MYSTERIOUS NEW PARTNER! WE'LL MAKE IT A BIG STORY!
I THINK I KNOW WHO MYSTERYMAN IS! BATMAN WOULD NEVER TRUST A LIVING SOUL WITH THE SECRET OF HIS BAT-CAVE--
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--SO MYSTERYMAN ISN'T A REAL PERSON AT ALL, BUT A ROBOT BATMAN IS USING FOR SOME REASON! I'M GOING TO PROVE THAT!
IT SOUNDS PLAUSIBLE, VICKI! IF YOU COULD GET PROOF, IT'D MAKE A BIG SCOOP FOR US ONCE THIS CASE IS OVER!

ALSO PUZZLED BY THE NEW MYSTERYMAN IS BRUCE WAYNE'S LOYAL BUTLER, ALFRED...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE MAWSTER ASKED ME NOT TO COME DOWN TO THE BAT-CAVE WHILE MYSTERYMAN IS THERE-- BUT WHO IS THIS STRANGE CHAP, THAT HE'D BRING HIM HERE?

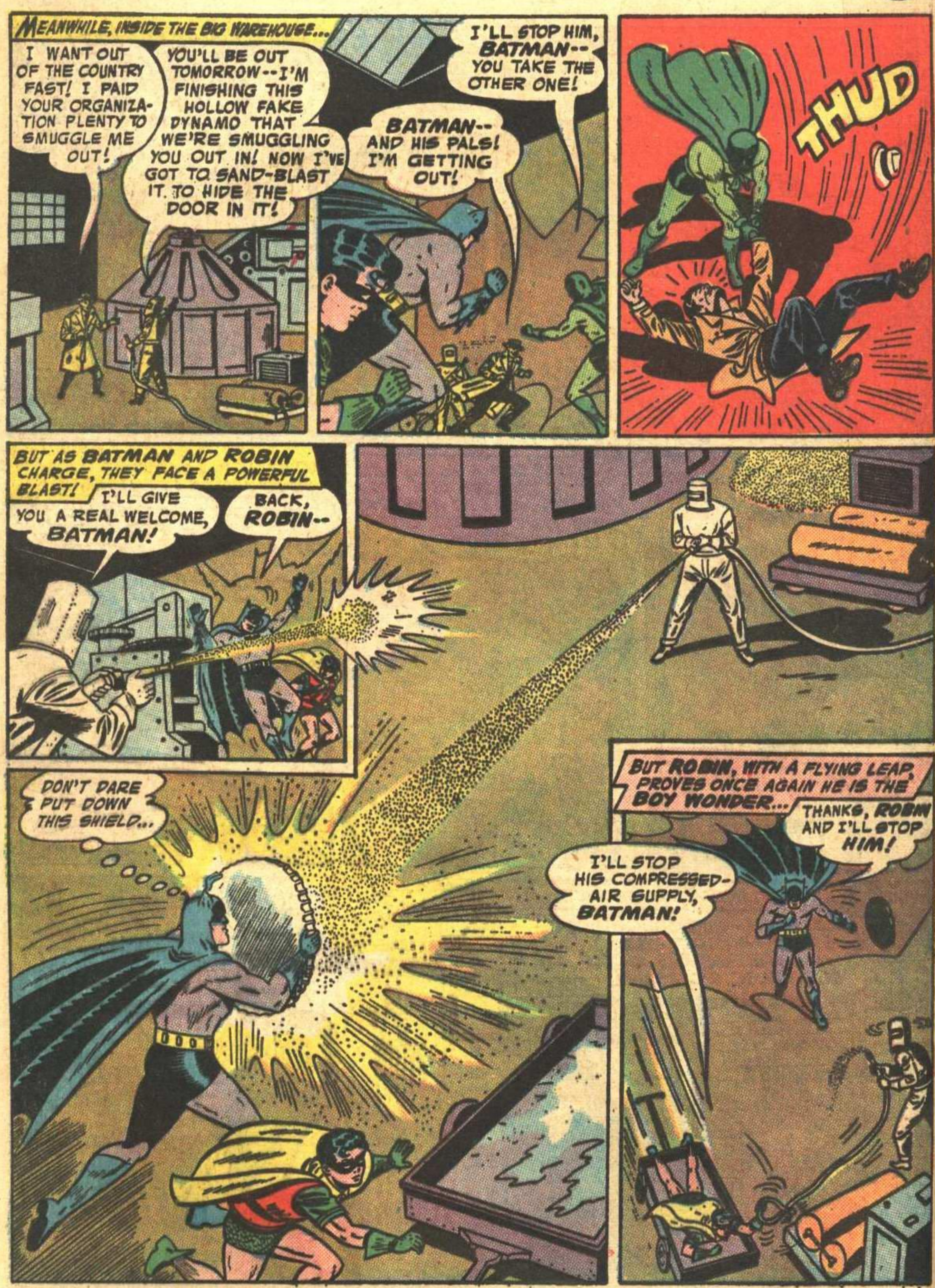
IN THE BAT-CAVE, THE NEW DYNAMIC TRIO CONFERS TENSELY!
THIS SMUGGLING OF WANTED CROOKS IS A BIG OPERATION-- WHOEVER'S RUNNING IT MUST CHARGE EACH MAN PLENTY OF MONEY TO GET HIM OUT OF THE COUNTRY!
AND IT WOULD TAKE AN ELABORATE MACHINE-SHOP TO MAKE THOSE FAKE BIG MACHINES THEY SMUGGLE MEN OUT IN!

SUCH A SECRET MACHINE-SHOP WOULD USE LOTS OF ELECTRIC POWER-- THAT SHOULD BE A LEAD TO ITS LOCATION!
THEN WE'LL CHECK THE GOTHAM POWER COMPANY FOR BIG USERS OF POWER, TO GET A LIST OF SUSPECTS.

SOON, AFTER A CHECK WITH THE POWER-COMPANY...
THIS SUSPECT WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT TOO, JUST A CERAMIC ENTHUSIAST WHO USES LOTS OF CURRENT FOR HIS ELECTRIC BAKING-KILNS!
WE'LL CHECK ALL THE OTHERS ON THE LIST!
MEANWHILE, THE NEW DYNAMIC DUO HAVE CREATED A SENSATIONAL MYSTERY!
BATMAN, ROBIN AND MYSTERYMAN! WHO CAN THEIR NEW PARTNER BE?
I'M THE ONLY PERSON WHO SUSPECTS IT'S A ROBOT-- AND I'LL PROVE THAT WHEN THEY COME DOWN TO THE BATMOBILE!

AND, A MOMENT LATER...
HOW ABOUT ANOTHER PICTURE, MYSTERY-MAN--OOPS! SORRY! I STUMBLED!
WE'VE NO TIME TO POSE NOW!
WHY, THAT WAS A HUMAN ARM INSIDE THAT COSTUME, NOT A STEEL ARM! SO MYSTERY-MAN ISN'T A ROBOT, AFTER ALL! BUT WHO--
THEN, AS THE DETERMINED GIRL PHOTOGRAPHER FOLLOWS...
I'LL KEEP AFTER THEM, NO MATTER HOW SUPER-FAST THEY TRAVEL--BUT WAIT A MINUTE! I'VE GOT IT! THAT'S WHO MYSTERYMAN MUST BE-- BATMAN'S GOOD FRIEND, SUPERMAN!

SOON, IN A SILENT WAREHOUSE DISTRICT...
ANOTHER OF OUR CHECK-LIST OF SUSPECTS--AND THERE'S NO REASON WHY A WAREHOUSE SHOULD USE SO MUCH ELECTRIC POWER!
WE'LL HAVE A LOOK IN THERE!


MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE BIG WAREHOUSE...
I WANT OUT OF THE COUNTRY FAST! I PAID YOUR ORGANIZATION PLENTY TO SMUGGLE ME OUT!
YOU'LL BE OUT TOMORROW--I'M FINISHING THIS HOLLOW FAKE DYNAMO THAT WE'RE SMUGGLING YOU OUT IN! NOW I'VE GOT TO SAND-BLAST IT TO HIDE THE DOOR IN IT!
I'LL STOP HIM, BATMAN-- YOU TAKE THE OTHER ONE!
BATMAN-- AND HIS PALS! I'M GETTING OUT!
THUD
BUT AS BATMAN AND ROBIN CHARGE, THEY FACE A POWERFUL BLAST!
I'LL GIVE YOU A REAL WELCOME, BATMAN!
BACK, ROBIN--
DON'T DARE PUT DOWN THIS SHIELD...
BUT ROBIN, WITH A FLYING LEAP, PROVES ONCE AGAIN HE IS THE BOY WONDER...
THANKS, ROBIN AND I'LL STOP HIM!
I'LL STOP HIS COMPRESSED-AIR SUPPLY, BATMAN!

AND AS THE BATMAN'S FLYING FISTS REACH HIS OPPONENT...
I'M NOT TELLING YOU ANYTHING!
BATMAN, LOOK WHAT I FOUND IN HIS POCKETS!
EAR-PLUGS TO DEADEN SOUND-- SUCH AS ARE OFTEN USED BY PASSENGERS IN SMALL AIRPLANES!
THEN THIS SMUGGLING RING BROUGHT HIM TO GOTHAM CITY BY PLANE! HMM... WE'LL TURN THE OTHER THUG OVER TO THE POLICE, AND TAKE THIS ONE OUT TO THE MAIN AIRPORT--
VICKI! HOW DID YOU GET HERE SO FAST?
WHEN I SAW THE BATMOBILE PARKED OUTSIDE, I JUST CAME IN-- AND IN TIME FOR A GOOD PICTURE!
AND ALSO IN TIME TO PROVE THAT MYSTERYMAN IS SUPERMAN!
AND AS VICKI PASSES MYSTERYMAN...
WHAT IN THE WORLD KIND OF A JOKE IS THAT, VICKI?
I'M SORRY-- IT WAS JUST A SORT OF TEST!
MYSTERYMAN CAN'T BE SUPERMAN-- THE PIN WOULD HAVE BENT IF HE WERE! BUT WHO IS HE?
AFTER THE WANTED OUTLAW HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO POLICE...
NO MORE FOLLOWING, VICKI! IT COULD BE DANGEROUS FOR YOU!
I DON'T NEED TO TRAIL THEM, FOR I OVERHEARD WHERE THEY'RE GOING--OUT TO MAIN AIRPORT!
BUT AS THE BATMOBILE REACHES THE GREAT AIRPORT, SUDDENLY...
LOOK OUT, MYSTERYMAN! THE BATMOBILE HAS POWERFUL BRAKES!
IT SHOOK MY HOLD ON THAT CROOK LOOSE-- HE'S GETTING AWAY!
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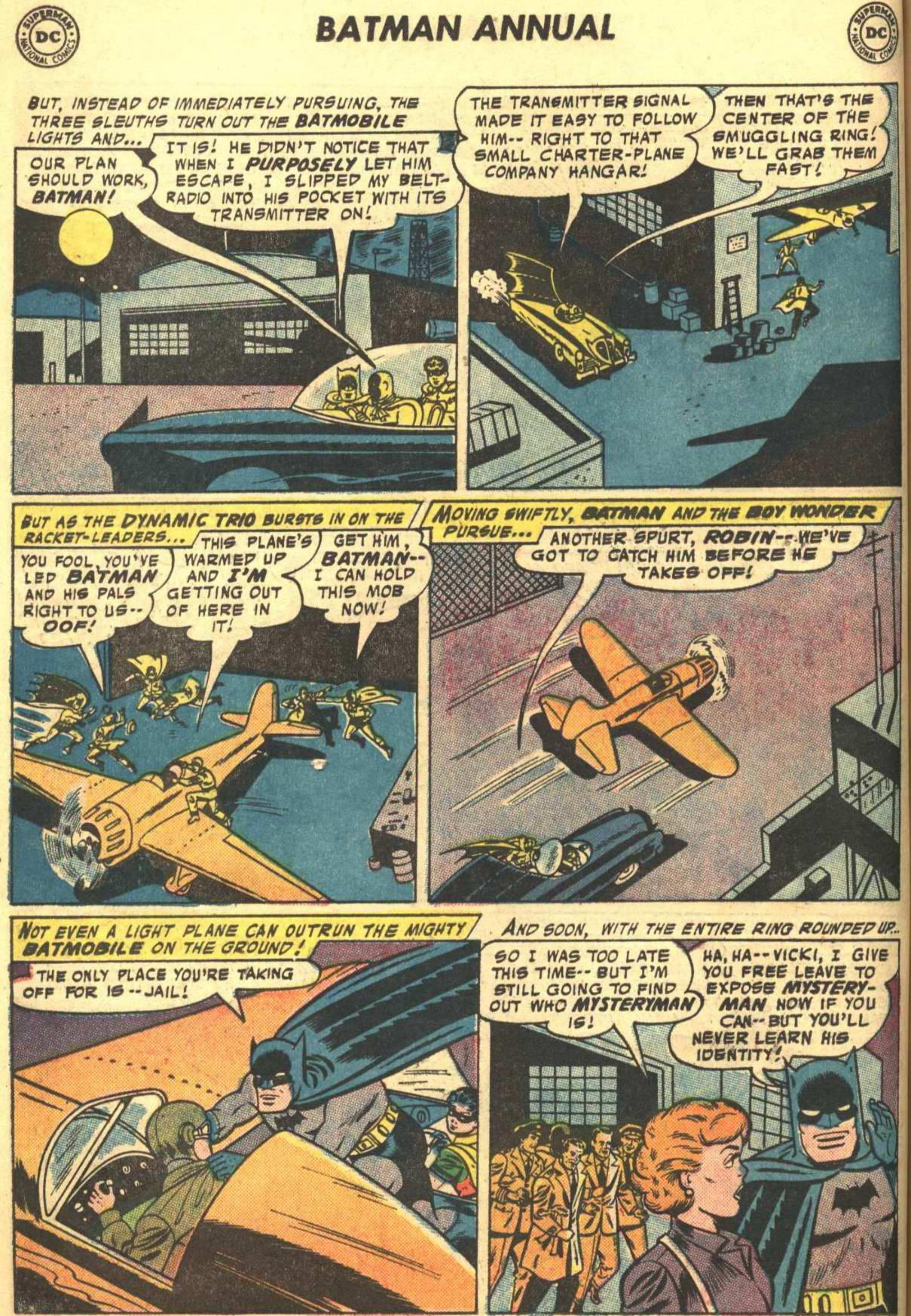
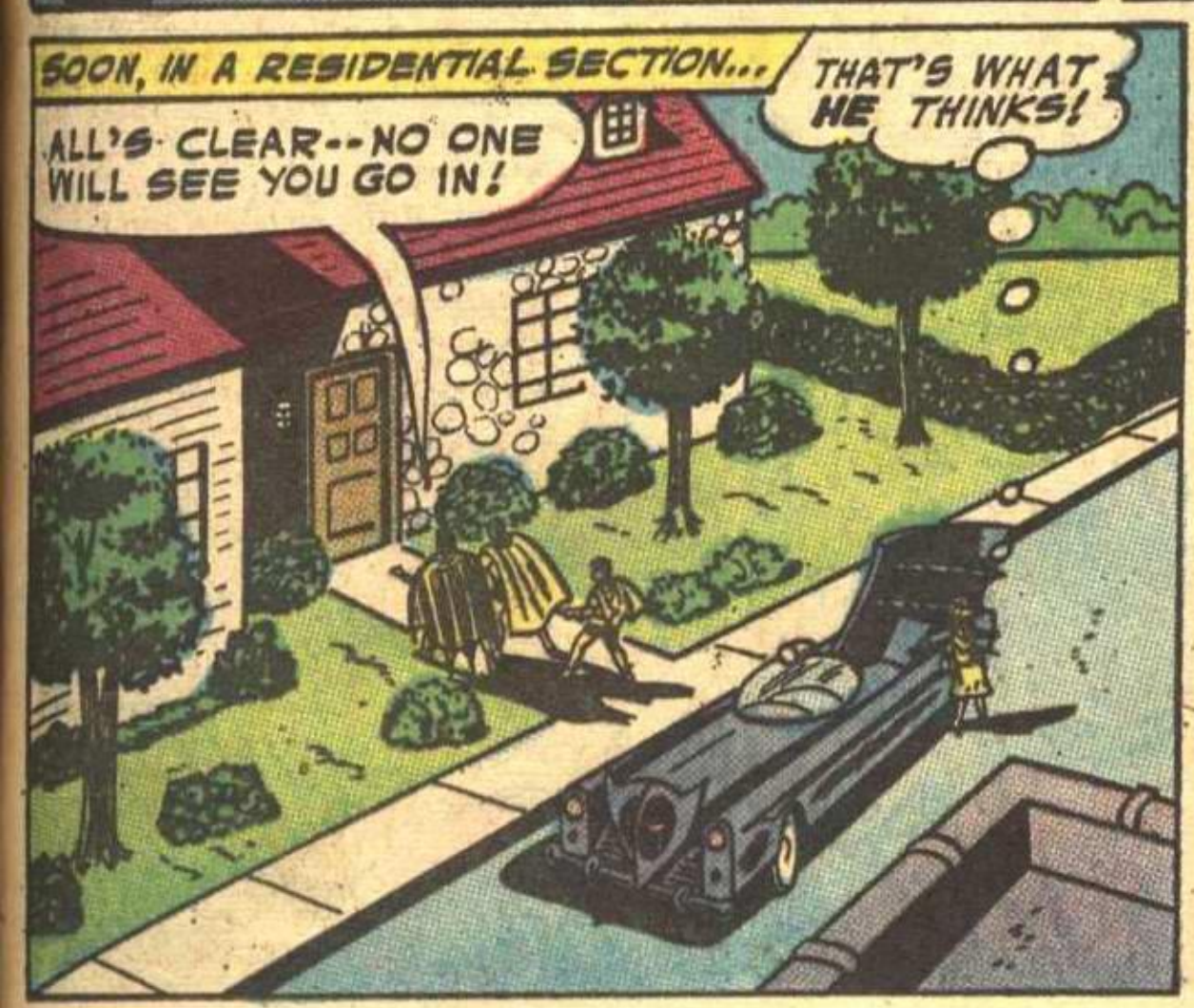

BUT, INSTEAD OF IMMEDIATELY PURSUING, THE THREE SLEUTHS TURN OUT THE BATMOBILE LIGHTS AND...
OUR PLAN SHOULD WORK, BATMAN!
IT IS! HE DIDN'T NOTICE THAT WHEN I PURPOSELY LET HIM ESCAPE, I SLIPPED MY BELT-RADIO INTO HIS POCKET WITH ITS TRANSMITTER ON!
THE TRANSMITTER SIGNAL MADE IT EASY TO FOLLOW HIM-- RIGHT TO THAT SMALL CHARTER-PLANE COMPANY HANGAR!
THEN THAT'S THE CENTER OF THE SMUGGLING RING! WE'LL GRAB THEM FAST!
BUT AS THE DYNAMIC TRIO BURSTS IN ON THE RACKET-LEADERS...
YOU FOOL, YOU'VE LED BATMAN AND HIS PALS RIGHT TO US-- OOF!
THIS PLANE'S WARMED UP AND I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE IN IT!
GET HIM, BATMAN-- I CAN HOLD THIS MOB NOW!
MOVING SWIFTLY, BATMAN AND THE BOY WONDER PURSUE...
ANOTHER SPURT, ROBIN-- WE'VE GOT TO CATCH HIM BEFORE HE TAKES OFF!
NOT EVEN A LIGHT PLANE CAN OUTRUN THE MIGHTY BATMOBILE ON THE GROUND!
THE ONLY PLACE YOU'RE TAKING OFF FOR IS -- JAIL!
AND SOON, WITH THE ENTIRE RING ROUNDED UP...
SO I WAS TOO LATE THIS TIME-- BUT I'M STILL GOING TO FIND OUT WHO MYSTERYMAN IS!
HA, HA-- VICKI, I GIVE YOU FREE LEAVE TO EXPOSE MYSTERY-MAN NOW IF YOU CAN-- BUT YOU'LL NEVER LEARN HIS IDENTITY!

BATMAN DOESN'T THINK I CAN FIND OUT WHO MYSTERYMAN IS, BUT I'LL SHOW HIM--I--OH, OH! THE BATMOBILE DECK IS OPEN A LITTLE--UNLOCKED--

MOMENTS AFTERWARD...
NOW THAT THE CASE IS WRAPPED UP, MYSTERYMAN WE'LL TAKE YOU HOME!
IT'S BEEN EXCITING, BATMAN--LIKE OLD TIMES!

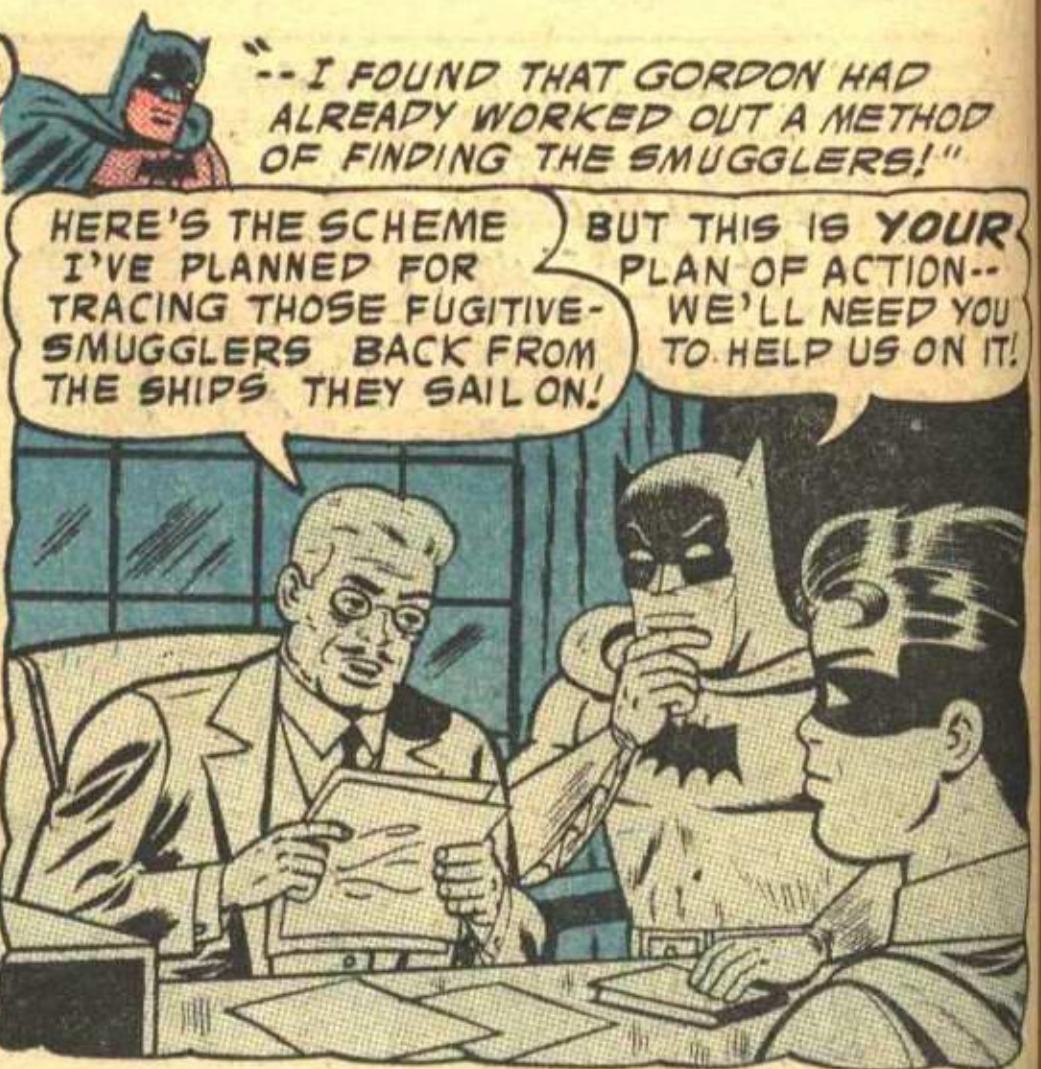

SOON, IN A RESIDENTIAL SECTION...
ALL'S CLEAR--NO ONE WILL SEE YOU GO IN!
THAT'S WHAT HE THINKS!

AND NOW WE CAN GET SOME SLEEP, ROBIN!
I KNOW THAT HOUSE--AND WHO LIVES IN IT! SO THAT'S WHO MYSTERYMAN IS!

NEXT DAY, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, A GRATEFUL MAYOR FACES COMMISSIONER GORDON AND BATMAN AND ROBIN...
YOU DID SPLENDID WORK--ROUNDING UP THAT RING WHEN OUR DEPARTMENT COULDN'T! GIVE OUR THANKS TO MYSTERYMAN, WHOEVER HE MAY BE!
I CAN TELL YOU WHO MYSTERYMAN IS!

SINCE BATMAN TAUNTED ME THAT I WAS FREE TO EXPOSE MYSTERYMAN IF I COULD, I WILL! MYSTERYMAN WAS COMMISSIONER GORDON!
BUT--BUT NO ONE WAS EVER SUPPOSED TO FIND THAT OUT!

YOU, GORDON? BUT WHY?
I CAN EXPLAIN THAT, YOUR HONOR! WHEN YOU ORDERED THE COMMISSIONER TO TURN THAT SMUGGLING CASE OVER TO ME--


"--I FOUND THAT GORDON HAD ALREADY WORKED OUT A METHOD OF FINDING THE SMUGGLERS!"
HERE'S THE SCHEME I'VE PLANNED FOR TRACING THOSE FUGITIVE-SMUGGLERS BACK FROM THE SHIPS THEY SAIL ON!
BUT THIS IS YOUR PLAN OF ACTION-- WE'LL NEED YOU TO HELP US ON IT!

"BUT THE COMMISSIONER, WITH HIS STRONG SENSE OF DUTY, REFUSED--"
NO, THE MAYOR OFFICIALLY ORDERED ME TO TURN THE CASE OVER TO YOU -- I CAN'T APPEAR PERSONALLY IN IT NOW WITHOUT SEEMING TO DISREGARD ORDERS!
YOU COULD HELP US WITHOUT APPEARING IN IT, BY WEARING A COSTUME AND MASK AS WE DO!

SO THE COMMISSIONER WORE THIS COSTUME--WEARING CONTACT-LENS GLASSES INSTEAD OF REGULAR ONES, UNDER HIS MASK! OF COURSE WE BLINDFOLDED HIM WHEN GOING TO AND FROM OUR BAT-CAVE!
AND IT WAS HIS PLAN THAT CAUGHT THE SMUGGLER-RING!

I'M SORRY-- I DIDN'T MEAN TO DISREGARD YOUR ORDERS, BUT--
I'M THE ONE TO APOLOGIZE, FOR MY IMPATIENCE, GORDON! EVEN THOUGH YOU HAD TO WORK SECRETLY, YOU DID A SPLENDID JOB!

LATER, OUTSIDE...
BATMAN, YOU WANTED ME TO EXPOSE MYSTERYMAN, DIDN'T YOU? THAT'S WHY YOU LEFT THE BATMOBILE DECK OPEN FOR ME TO HIDE IN?
YES, VICKI--YOU SEE, I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT GORDON'S REPUTATION BY SUCCEEDING WHERE HE'D SEEMINGLY FAILED! BUT I'D PROMISED HIM I WOULDN'T EXPOSE HIM, SO I LET YOU DO IT!

YOU DELIBERATELY TRICKED ME-- BUT YOU'RE A DARLING, BATMAN!
AND, I THOUGHT SHE'D BE FURIOUS!
THE END

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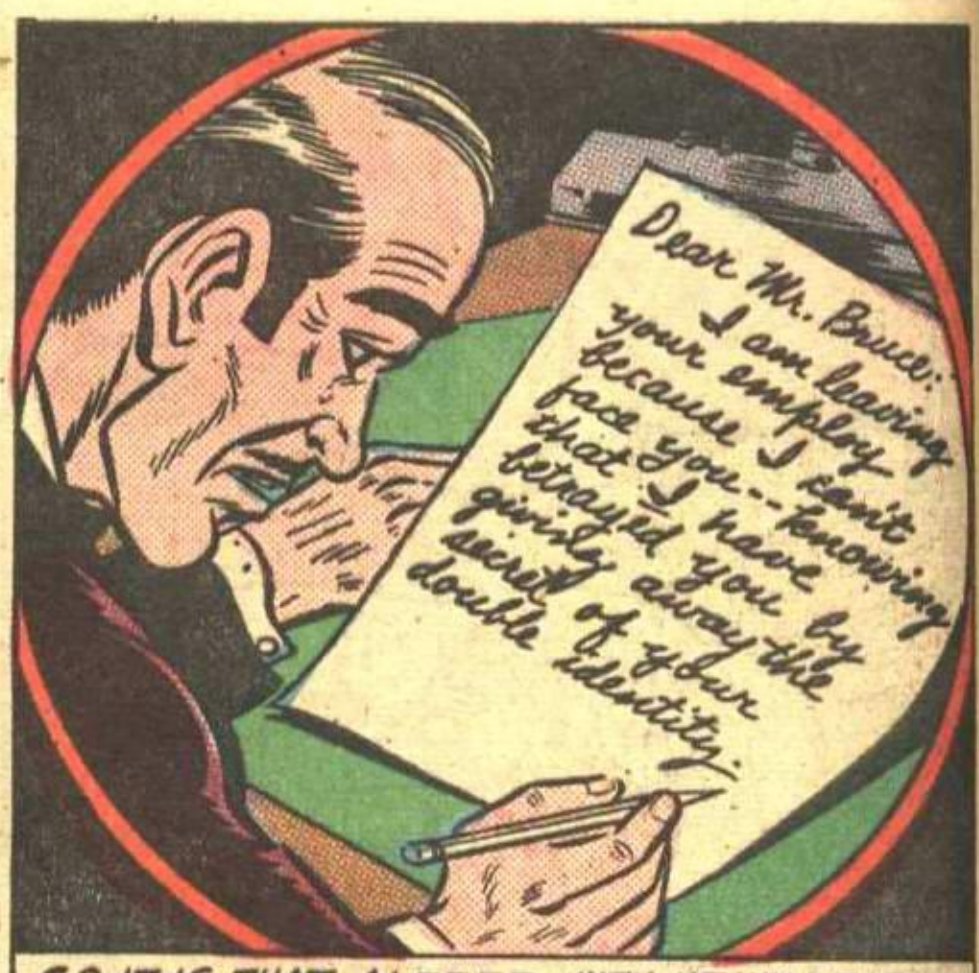
THUS, SADLY, THE ONLY MAN WHO KNOWS BATMAN'S IDENTITY, BRUCE WAYNE'S FAITHFUL BUTLER, ALFRED, PREPARES TO END HIS LONG AND LOYAL SERVICE!

I COULDN'T TELL THEM I WAS QUITTING, OR MR. BRUCE WOULD HAVE TRIED TO ARGUE ME OUT OF IT-- BUT AT LEAST I CAN LEAVE THEM A LETTER OF EXPLANATION!



SO IT IS THAT ALFRED, WITH HEAVY HEART, BEGINS A FATEFUL CONFESSION!

"MY TERRIBLE MISTAKE BEGAN YEARS AGO, ON THE VERY DAY WHEN I FIRST APPLIED FOR A POSITION AS YOUR BUTLER!"

HERE ARE MY REFERENCES, MR. WAYNE. YOU SEE, MY FATHER IN LONDON WAS A GENTLEMAN'S GENTLEMAN, AND HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM!

SOUNDS AS IF YOU HAVE PERFECT EXPERIENCE, ALFRED. NOW, SUPPOSE WE TRY EACH OTHER OUT A FEW DAYS FIRST, TO MAKE SURE WE'LL BE SATISFIED WITH EACH OTHER?

"SO I BEGAN BUTTLING FOR YOU, NOT DREAMING THAT YOU WERE THOSE FAMOUS CHAPS, BATMAN AND ROBIN! THEN, AS I WAS LEAVING A NEIGHBORHOOD APOTHECARY SHOP..."

MY NAME IS NOYES--I TRIED TO GET THAT JOB AS MR. WAYNE'S BUTLER, BUT I GUESS HE WANTED A REAL ENGLISH BUTLER! CONGRATULATIONS!

THANK YOU, MY GOOD MAN!

"SOON, I REALIZED MY NEW ACQUAINTANCE WAS TRYING TO PUMP INFORMATION FROM ME!"

--AND DOES MR. WAYNE GO OUT OFTEN ON UNEXPLAINED TRIPS? DOES HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, EVER GO WITH HIM?

I NEVER DISCUSS MY EMPLOYER'S AFFAIRS WITH ANYONE!

"AND THEN THIS SUSPICIOUS CHAP TRIED TO BRIBE ME!"

I'VE GOT REASONS TO WANT TO KNOW ALL ABOUT WAYNE-- I'LL GIVE YOU ONE GRAND IN CASH FOR THE INFO!

WHY, YOU SCOUNDREL-- IF I SEE YOU ABOUT HERE AGAIN, I'LL CALL THE POLICE!

"I THOUGHT NOTHING MORE OF IT UNTIL ONE NIGHT, MONTHS LATER, I GOT THE SHOCK OF MY LIFE!"

ALFRED!

WHY--WHAT--SOMEONE CALLING MY NAME! AND THE MASTER AND HIS WARD ARE OUT-- IT--IT--MUST BE A GHOST--

"THE SOUND SEEMED TO COME FROM THE BIG GRANDFATHER CLOCK! SUMMONING MY COURAGE..."
ALFRED, COME DOWN, QUICK!
AN ENTRANCE BEHIND THIS BIG CLOCK--AND A SECRET STAIR LEADING DOWNWARD! BUT WHO--?
QUICKLY, ALFRED--I NEED YOUR HELP! BATMAN--BRUCE--HAS BEEN HURT!
YOU AND THE MASTER--YOU'RE BATMAN AND ROBIN! BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM UP TO HIS BED!
"PRESENTLY..."
WE TACKLED SOME WATERFRONT THIEVES AND ONE OF THEM CLUBBED BATMAN! HE PASSED OUT WHEN WE GOT HOME!
I TOLD ROBIN TO CALL YOU FOR HELP, ALFRED! I KNOW YOU CAN BE TRUSTED!
"AND NEXT DAY..."
YES, ALFRED, THIS IS OUR BAT-CAVE--YOU'RE THE ONLY OTHER PERSON IN THE ENTIRE WORLD WHO KNOWS ITS LOCATION AND OUR IDENTITY!
MR. BRUCE, YOU CAN RELY ON ME--TO BE BATMAN'S BUTLER IS AN HONOR!
"LATER, WHEN YOU SHOWED ME THE WONDERS OF THE BAT-CAVE, I SUDDENLY REMEMBERED SOMETHING..."
ONE OF YOUR DUTIES WILL BE TO CARE FOR OUR BATMAN AND ROBIN COSTUMES!
OH, DEAR, I JUST REMEMBERED--I'M AFRAID SOMEBODY SUSPECTS YOU! A MAN NAMED NOYES WHO TRIED TO QUESTION ME--
--AND HE EVEN TRIED TO BRIBE ME TO TELL HIM ALL ABOUT YOU, MR. BRUCE--ER--BATMAN!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, ALFRED--SINCE YOU TOLD HIM NOTHING, THERE'S NO DANGER! WE'RE GOING TO ROUND UP THOSE CROOKS WHO SLUGGED ME LAST NIGHT!

"BUT AS YOU AND ROBIN SPED AWAY, I WAS STILL WORRIED!"

DID I UNWITTINGLY SAY SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HAVE PUT THAT CHAP NOYES ON THE TRACK? I DON'T THINK SO -- BUT I DIDN'T KNOW THEN THAT THE MASTER IS BATMAN, AND I'M NOT SURE!

"I TRIED TO PUT IT OUT OF MY MIND, AS I BEGAN MY DUTIES AS BUTLER TO BATMAN!"

THESE TROPHIES ARE WONDERFUL -- BUT DEUCED DUSTY! BATMAN CERTAINLY NEEDS A GOOD BUTLER!

"BUT I STILL WORRIED! THEN CAME MY FIRST BIG EMERGENCY, ON THE NIGHT YOU ANSWERED THAT POWER-PLANT CALL..."

YES, ONE OF OUR TRUCKS HIT AND DAMAGED THE BIG TRANSFORMER -- THE DRIVER'S STUNNED BUT YOU CAN'T GET HIM OUT WITH THE VOLTAGE RUNNING WILD!

ROBIN AND I PUT ON OUR INSULATED COSTUMES WHEN WE HEARD OF THIS -- WE'LL TRY!

"I LISTENED TENSELY TO THE RADIO BULLETINS DESCRIBING YOUR STRATEGY..."

CAREFUL, ROBIN -- DON'T LET HIM TOUCH ANY METAL! ONCE WE WRAP HIM IN THIS INSULATING BLANKET, WE CAN CARRY HIM OUT!

"AND THEN, JUST AS THE RADIO REPORTED YOUR SUCCESSFUL RESCUE, THE DOORBELL RANG, AND IT WAS SOME OF YOUR SOCIETY FRIENDS..."

I'M SORRY, BUT MR. WAYNE AND HIS WARD ARE OUT!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, WE'LL WAIT FOR HIM!

YOU SEE, IT'S BRUCE'S BIRTHDAY AND WE'RE GOING TO WAIT AND GIVE HIM A SURPRISE PARTY WHEN HE COMES!

IT'LL BE A RUINOUS SURPRISE, FOR THE MASTER WILL CHANGE IN THE BAT-CAVE AND COME UP BEHIND THE CLOCK -- AND THEY'LL SEE HIM! THEY'LL SURELY SUSPECT HIM THEN!

"THE MINUTES TICKED BY AND I FACED MY FIRST BIG CRISIS! I HAD TO THINK OF SOMETHING, SO..."

BEG PARDON, SIR, BUT IT WOULD BE RAWTHER A BETTER SURPRISE IF YOU WAITED IN THE DARK AND SUDDENLY TURNED THE LIGHTS ON WHEN MR. WAYNE ARRIVES!

A SWELL IDEA-- CUT OFF THE LIGHTS!

"I DID SO, AND NONE TOO SOON! FOR A MOMENT LATER IN THE DARKNESS..."

HMM, NO LIGHTS ON, DICK! I WONDER--?

HAVE TO CLOSE THAT SECRET CLOCK-DOOR FAST NOW!

"I DID IT, JUST BEFORE THE LIGHTS FLASHED ON..."

SURPRISE!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BRUCE! WE'VE BEEN WAITING BUT DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE BACK TILL WE HEARD YOU SPEAK!

"AND LATER, WHEN THE GUESTS HAD GONE..."

QUICK THINKING, ALFRED! YOU SAVED OUR SECRET!

I ONLY HOPE I DIDN'T GIVE AWAY A LEAD TO THE SECRET TO THAT MAN NOYES--I'LL NEVER REST EASY UNTIL I KNOW--

"PROUD TO BE AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE BATMAN TEAM, I ALWAYS WANTED TO HELP YOU. WHEN YOU WERE HUNTING THOSE RIVER-PIRATES, I FOUND A WAY!"

THOSE ARE FINE NEW COSTUMES YOU'VE SEWED ON THE DUMMY FITTING-FORMS OF US YOU MADE-- BUT WE'VE GOT TO GO NOW!

WAIT! THESE ARE COSTUMES I WANT YOU TO WEAR TONIGHT! I GOT THE IDEA FROM YOUR INSULATED COSTUMES!

"AND WHEN YOU'D PUT THEM ON OVER YOUR REGULAR COSTUMES, I DEMONSTRATED THEM!"

THEY'RE LIFE-SAVER INFLATABLE COSTUMES-- IF YOU FALL IN THE RIVER, JUST TOUCH THE VALVE, AND COMPRESSED GAS INSTANTLY INFLATES THEM!

ER--THEY'RE VERY INGENIOUS, ALFRED! IT'S GOOD OF YOU TO HELP US!

"NOT UNTIL LATER DID I LEARN THAT YOU WERE SKEPTICAL OF MY NEW INVENTION..."

I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT ALFRED'S FEELINGS -- BUT HIS INFLATABLE COSTUMES ARE SO CLUMSY, WE COULD NEVER MOVE FAST IF WE WERE WEARING THEM!

WE WON'T TELL HIM THAT WE NEVER USED THEM!

"BUT WHEN YOU CLOSED IN ON THE RIVER-PIRATES' HIDEOUT..."

LOOK OUT -- IT'S **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN!** GET INSIDE AND WE'LL BE READY FOR THEM!

WAIT, **ROBIN!** IF WE GO AFTER THEM, WE'D BE WALKING RIGHT INTO AN AMBUSH!

"THE RASCALS WERE WATCHING INDEED..."

HA, HA -- **BATMAN** AND THE BRAT TRIED TO SWIM AND TAKE US BY SURPRISE, BUT THE RIVER'S CURRENT CAUGHT THEM!

THEY'LL BE SWEPT RIGHT OUT TO SEA!

"BUT MY INVENTION HAD HELPED YOU AFTER ALL!"

NO, WE'RE RIGHT HERE -- TO SWEEP **YOU** TO JAIL!

AND WHAT YOU SAW WERE OUR "LIFE-SAVER COSTUMES" WE INFLATED AND SET AFLOAT TO DIVERT YOUR ATTENTION!

"YES, EVEN THOUGH I'M GUILTY OF WRECKING YOUR CAREER, I DID TRY TO HELP YOU! LIKE THE TIME, A FEW MONTHS LATER..."

I TRUST YOUR ACROBATIC STUNTS FOR THE CHARITY CIRCUS WILL BE OUTSTANDING, SIR!

I'LL BET VICKI VALE WILL BE THERE -- THAT OVER-CURIOUS PHOTOGRAPHER STILL IS CONVINCED THAT **BATMAN** IS BRUCE WAYNE!

"BUT SOON AFTER YOU AND **ROBIN** LEFT..."

WHY, MISS VALE -- I'M SORRY, BUT MR. WAYNE IS AT THE CHARITY CIRCUS!

HMM, I'LL BET HE IS -- IN A COSTUME! I'LL SETTLE THIS BY SEEING IF HE AND **BATMAN** ARE **BOTH** THERE!

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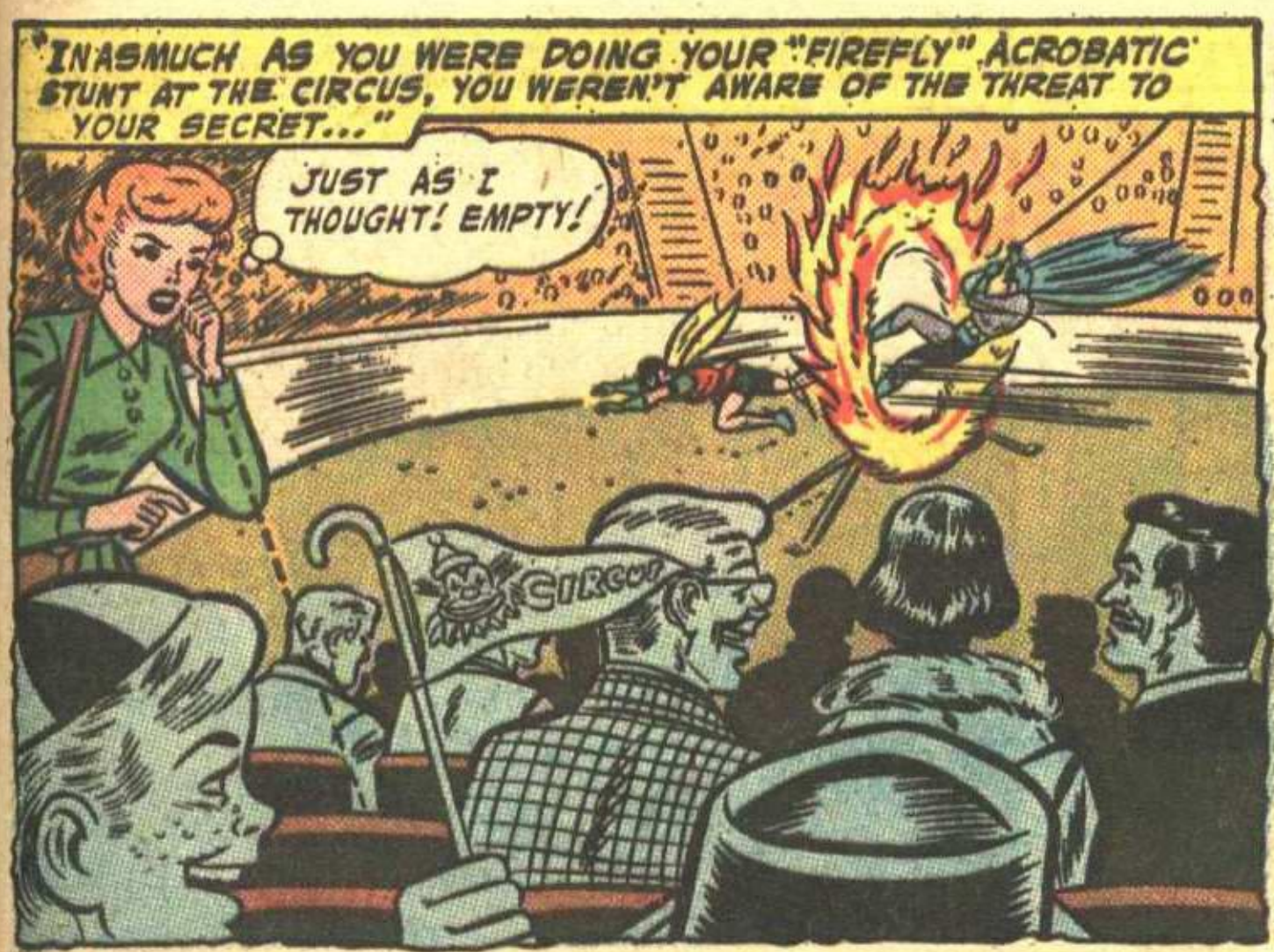
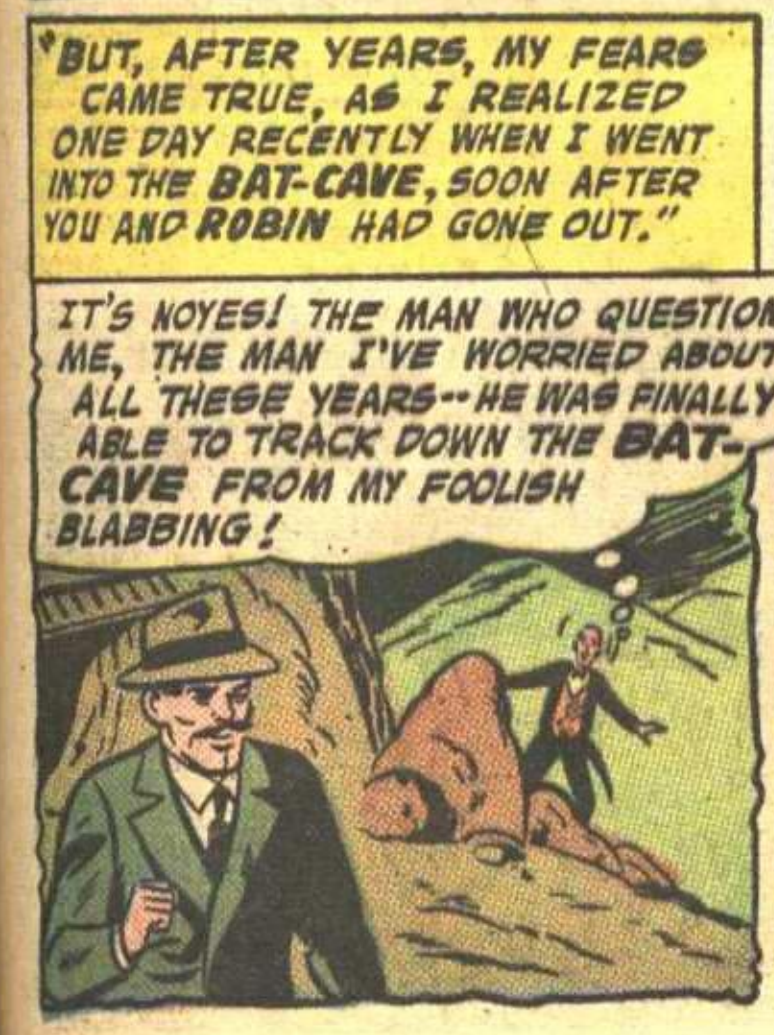

"INASMUCH AS YOU WERE DOING YOUR "FIREFLY" ACROBATIC STUNT AT THE CIRCUS, YOU WEREN'T AWARE OF THE THREAT TO YOUR SECRET..."
JUST AS I THOUGHT! EMPTY!
CIRCUS

"BUT SOON..."
MY INVESTIGATIONS REVEAL THAT BRUCE WAYNE BOUGHT A TICKET TO THE CIRCUS--BUT WASN'T IN HIS SEAT! HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THAT, BATMAN?
WHY--ER--BRUCE MUST HAVE BEEN HERE--MAYBE YOU MISSED HIM--

"AND THEN I APPEARED, WITH..."
MATTER OF FACT, THERE GOES BRUCE NOW--HIS BUTLER'S DRIVING HIM HOME!
WHY, IT IS! AND I THOUGHT-- OH, I'VE BEEN SILLY--

"LATER, WHEN YOU GOT HOME, I EXPLAINED HOW I HAD SAVED YOUR SECRET..."
YES, SIR, I TOOK THE CLOTHES DUMMY OF YOU THAT I USE FOR FITTING YOUR BATMAN COSTUMES, AND DROVE AROUND TILL MISS VALE SAW IT!
ALFRED, HOW DID ROBIN AND I EVER GET ALONG BEFORE WE HAD YOU FOR A BUTLER?


"BUT, AFTER YEARS, MY FEARS CAME TRUE, AS I REALIZED ONE DAY RECENTLY WHEN I WENT INTO THE BAT-CAVE, SOON AFTER YOU AND ROBIN HAD GONE OUT."
IT'S NOYES! THE MAN WHO QUESTIONED ME, THE MAN I'VE WORRIED ABOUT ALL THESE YEARS--HE WAS FINALLY ABLE TO TRACK DOWN THE BAT-CAVE FROM MY FOOLISH BLABBING!

"THE TERRIBLE REALIZATION CAME TO ME!"
IT'S MY FAULT THAT NOYES FINALLY FOUND WHO BATMAN IS! I'VE LET BATMAN DOWN--I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE HIM--
"AND THAT'S WHY I NOW WRITE THIS GOODBYE, BATMAN AND ROBIN!"

BUT AS ALFRED FINISHES HIS FARE-WELL LETTER...
HMM... IF NOYES COMES BACK TO THE BAT-CAVE TONIGHT, MAYBE THERE'S A CHANCE I CAN TRICK HIM SOME-HOW AND SAVE BATMAN'S SECRET!

HURRYING DOWN TO THE BAT-CAVE, ALFRED PLANS A DESPERATE STRATEGY...
IF I COULD JUST CONVINCE THAT SPY THAT I AM BATMAN, IT WOULD TURN SUSPICION AWAY FROM THE MASTER! THEN I COULD LEAVE AND HIDE!

UNMINDFUL OF THE POSSIBLE DANGER TO HIMSELF, ALFRED WAITS UNTIL...
NOYES! THEN YOU'VE FINALLY FOUND ME OUT-- YOU'VE LEARNED THAT I, BRUCE WAYNE'S BUTLER, AM REALLY BATMAN!

AND EVEN MY MASTER HIMSELF, MR. WAYNE, NEVER DREAMED ALL THESE YEARS THAT I'M BATMAN AND HAVE MY BAT-CAVE UNDER HIS MANSION! NOW THE WHOLE WORLD WILL KNOW MY IDENTITY!
LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING--

PRESENTLY, AS "NOYES" SWIFTLY REMOVES THE DISGUISE FROM HIS FACE...
WHY--MR. BRUCE-- YOU ARE THAT CHAP, NOYES! BUT HOW--? WHY--?
ALFRED, WHEN I FIRST HIRED YOU AS BUTLER, I WANTED TO TEST YOUR LOYALTY-- I DISGUISED MYSELF AS "NOYES" AND TRIED TO BRIBE YOU! THUS I WAS CONVINCED WE COULD TRUST YOU!

BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT, LATER, WHEN YOU DECIDED TO HIRE ME?
BECAUSE YOU PROVED SO LOYAL AND DEPENDABLE A FRIEND, I WAS ASHAMED TO LET YOU KNOW I'D DOUBTED YOU AND TESTED YOU AT FIRST! I DIDN'T MEAN FOR YOU EVER TO KNOW!

RECENTLY, IN OUR SEARCH FOR THAT CRIMINAL, DAN MARLY, I WANTED TO USE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT DISGUISE, SO I WORE THAT OLD "NOYES" DISGUISE! YOU HAPPENED TO SEE ME SLIP OUT OF THE BAT-CAVE IN IT!
AND TONIGHT, USING THAT "NOYES" DISGUISE, WE TRAPPED MARLY!

LATER...
THANK GOODNESS I WON'T HAVE TO PLAY BATMAN AND CAN BE JUST A BUTLER AGAIN!
NOT JUST A BUTLER, ALFRED--TO US, YOU'RE THE GREATEST GENTLEMAN'S GENTLEMAN IN THE WORLD!
THE END

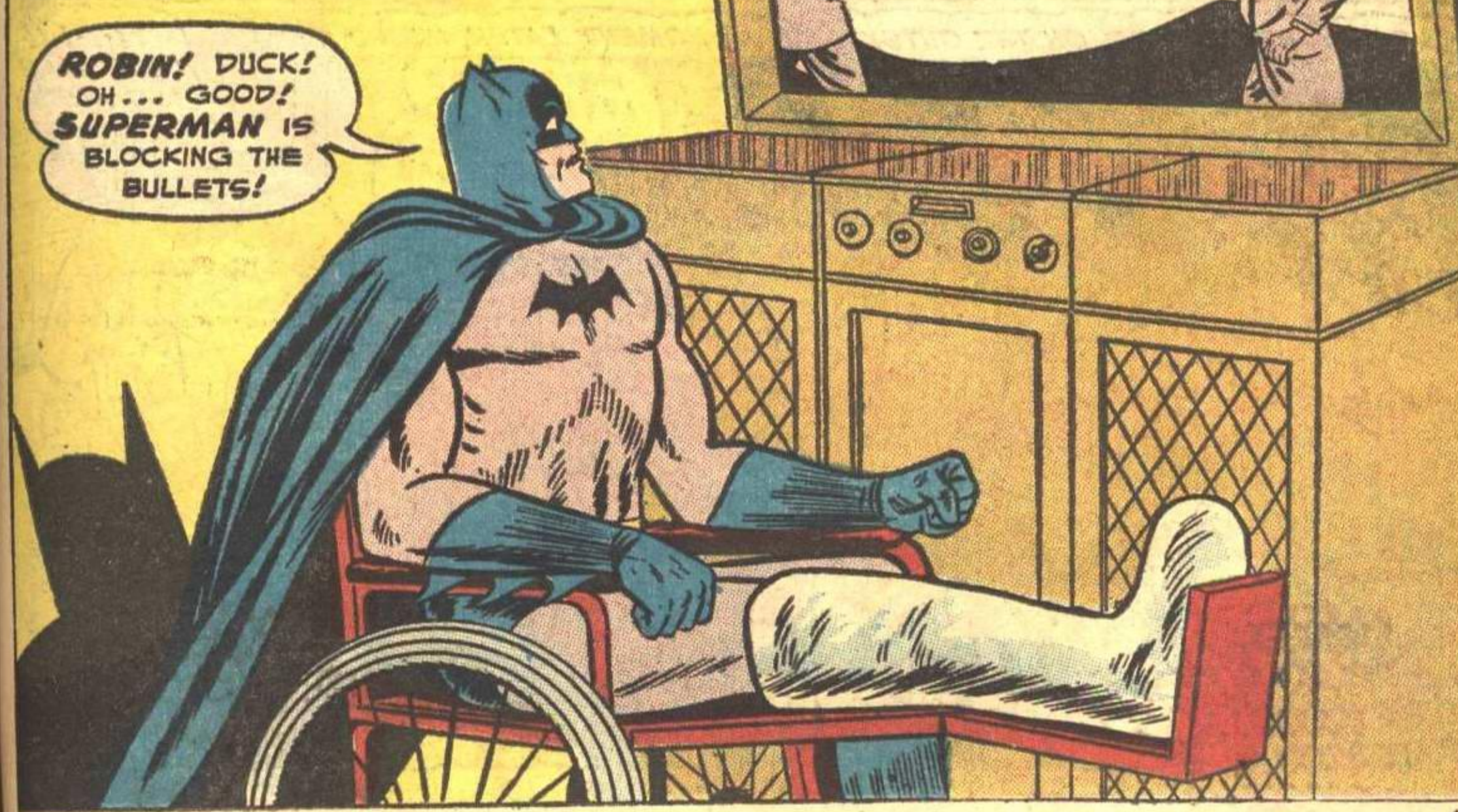
YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN and BATMAN AND ROBIN

IN ONE ADVENTURE Together!

BATMAN AND ROBIN ... TWO NAMES THAT ARE ALWAYS PAIRED! THE WORLD KNOWS THEM AS THE GREATEST CRIME-BUSTING TEAM OF ALL TIME! BATMAN AND ROBIN -- THE DYNAMIC DUO! BUT SUDDENLY, AND INCREDIBLY, THE PARTNERSHIP IS SEVERED -- AND ALL GOTHAM CITY LOOKS WITH AWE AT THE EXPLOITS OF A NEW CRIME-SMASHING COMBINATION -- THE AMAZING TEAM OF...

SUPERMAN ~~BATMAN~~ AND ROBIN!



ONE NIGHT, AS A FAMILIAR BUT AWESOME SKY SYMBOL FLASHES OVER GOTHAM CITY...

LOOK! THE BAT-SIGNAL!

YEAH-- THERE IT GOES AGAIN! HEADQUARTERS IS CALLING BATMAN AND ROBIN!

AS USUAL, POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON AWAITS THE ARRIVAL OF TWO FAMED CRIME-FIGHTERS...

HELLO, COMMISSIONER. WHAT'S UP?

AN ARMORED CAR VANISHED ON HIGHWAY NINE! YOU AND BATMAN BETTER GET RIGHT ON IT, ROBIN!

BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT, ALIGHTING BESIDE THE BOY WONDER...

SUPERMAN! I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

I'M AFRAID BATMAN WON'T BE AROUND FOR AWHILE! FROM NOW ON, ROBIN WILL BE WORKING WITH ME!

WHAT'S THIS? HAS THE FAMED FIGHTING TEAM OF BATMAN AND ROBIN BROKEN UP? OR HAS BATMAN PERHAPS DECIDED TO RETIRE? FOR THE STARTLING ANSWER, WE MUST GO BACK 24 HOURS--

--TO THE MANSION OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

LOOK... THE BAT-SIGNAL, BRUCE! THE PURPLE MASK MOB MUST BE OPERATING AGAIN!

HURRY... INTO YOUR ROBIN COSTUME, DICK!

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM CITY...

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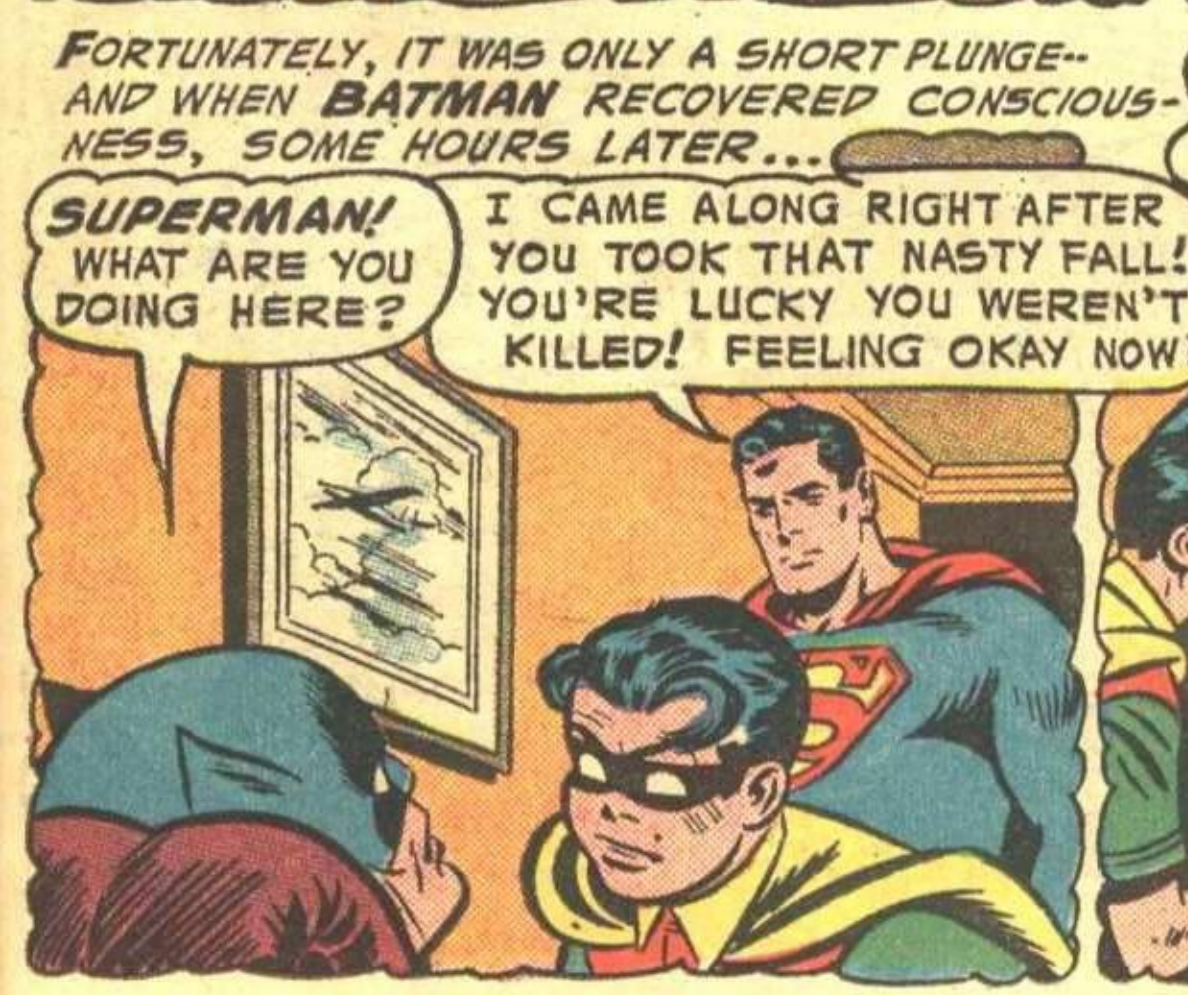
ACCORDING TO COMMISSIONER GORDON, A PASSERBY SPOTTED SOME MEN CLIMBING THIS FIRE ESCAPE...

A MOMENT LATER, INSIDE...

SOME OF THE PURPLE MASK MOB!

AND THEY'RE AFTER THE PLATINUM THIS RESEARCH LAB USES IN ITS EXPERIMENTS!

YI-I-I-I! BATMAN AND ROBIN!



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I'M AFRAID YOU'RE GOING TO BE OUT OF ACTION FOR A WHILE!

BUT I CAN'T-- NOT NOW... NOT WHILE THE *PURPLE MASK MOB* IS TERRORIZING GOTHAM CITY! AND *ROBIN* CAN'T HANDLE THEM ALONE!

HE WON'T BE ALONE! I'LL BE WITH HIM--AS YOUR STAND-IN!

BUT WHAT OF YOUR OTHER IDENTITY? AS CLARK KENT, REPORTER FOR THE *DAILY PLANET*, YOU WORK IN METROPOLIS... A DIFFERENT CITY!

LUCKILY, CLARK KENT'S BEEN ASSIGNED TO GOTHAM CITY--TO COVER THE *PURPLE MASK MOB* OPERATIONS! I'LL BE WORKING AT THE *GOTHAM GAZETTE*, PART OF THE NEWSPAPER CHAIN THAT OWNS THE *DAILY PLANET!*

MATTER OF FACT, I'LL GET DICK GRAYSON A JOB AS COPY BOY ON THE PAPER, SO WE'LL BE NEAR EACH OTHER IN CASE SOME BIG CRIME POPS!

FROM "*BOY WONDER*" TO COPY BOY! SOUNDS SWELL!

MEANWHILE, YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY UNDERCOVER, *BATMAN!* IF IT'S KNOWN THAT BOTH YOU AND BRUCE WAYNE HAVE BROKEN LEGS, PEOPLE MIGHT CONNECT THE CO-INCIDENCE!

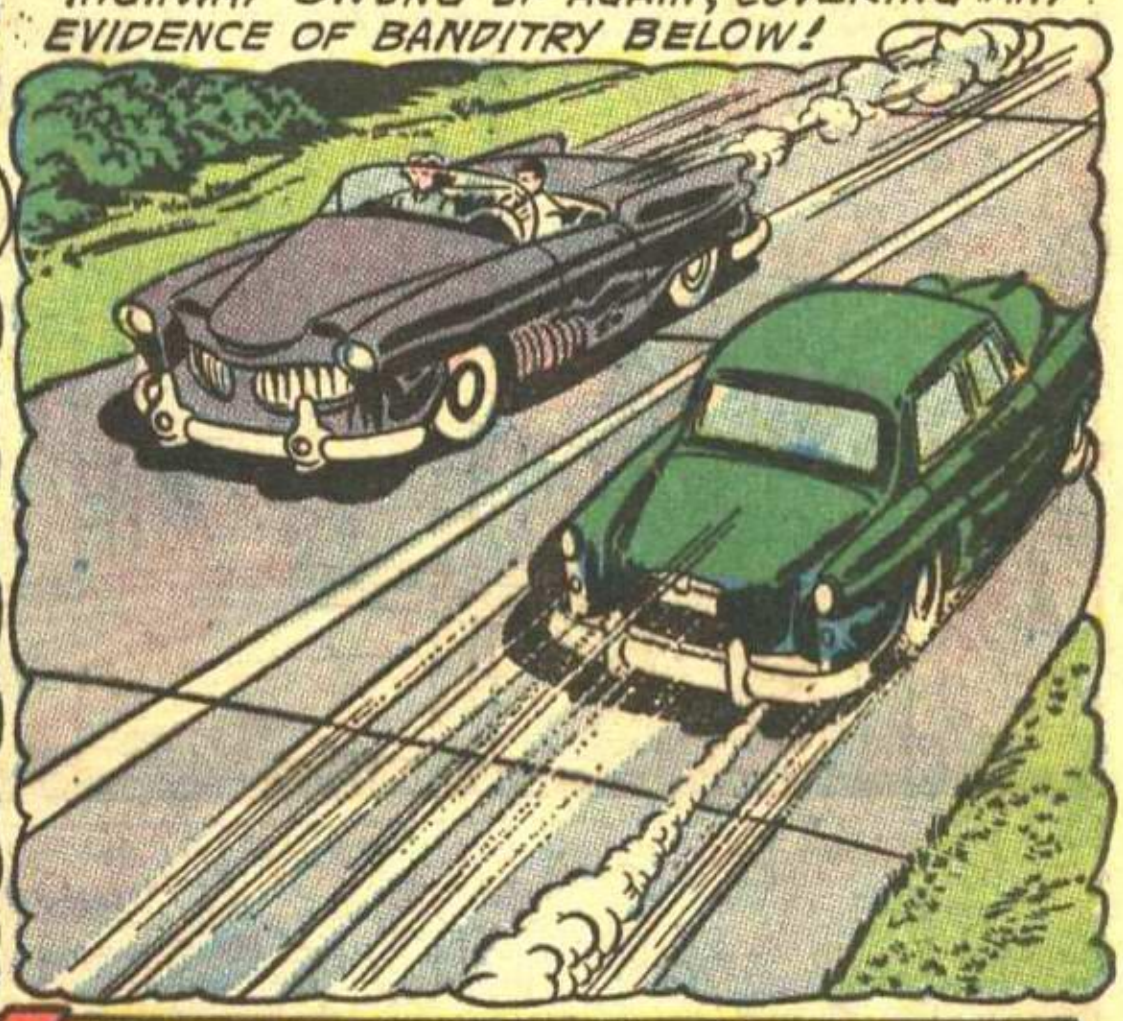
YES, IT COULD EXPOSE MY SECRET IDENTITY--SO I'LL HAVE DICK TELL EVERYONE THAT BRUCE HAS GONE AWAY... ON A VACATION!

AND THE FOLLOWING EVENING, AS AN ARMORED TRUCK ROLLED ALONG A LONELY HIGHWAY...

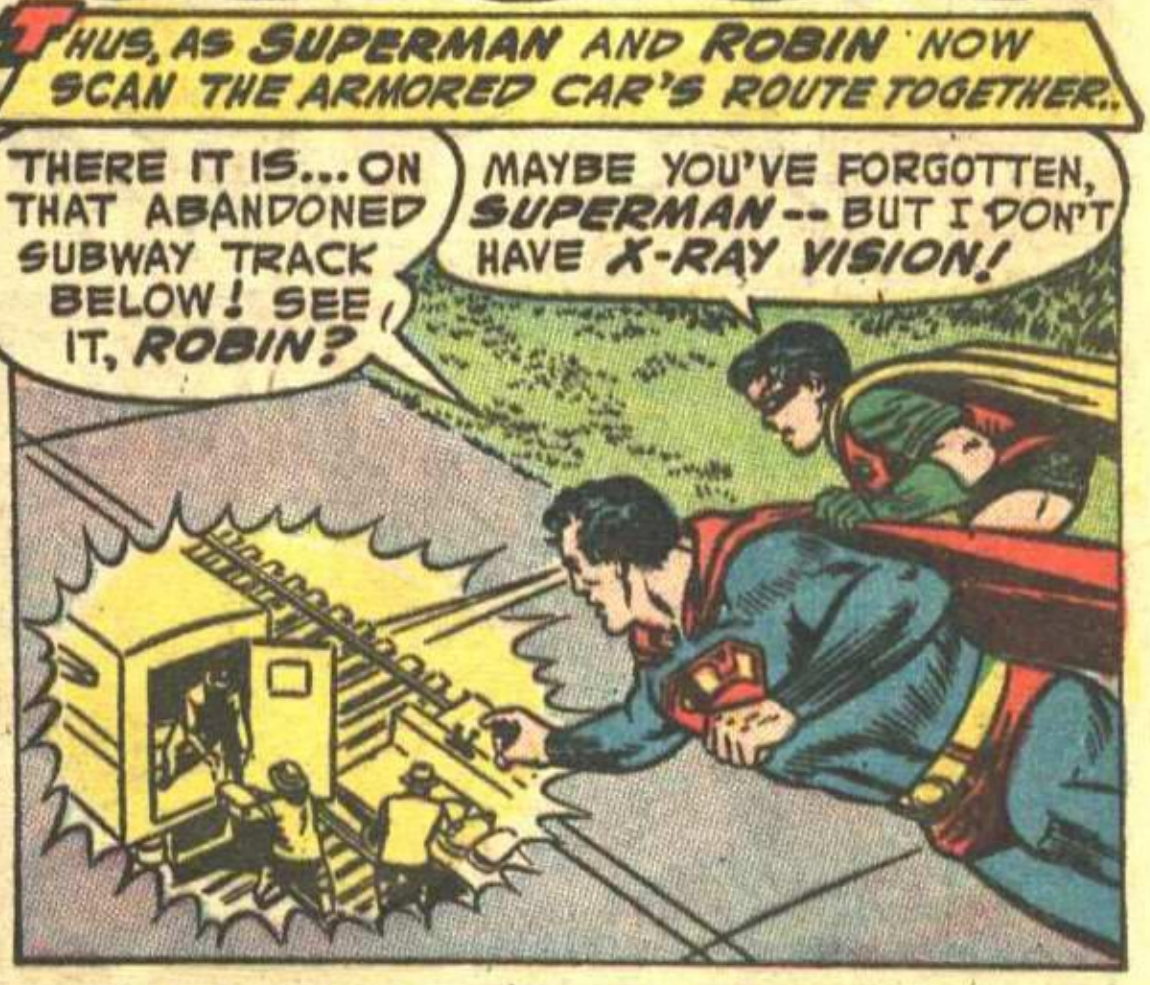
HEY! WHAT'S HAPPENING?

THE ROAD'S CAVED IN! WE'RE FALLING!

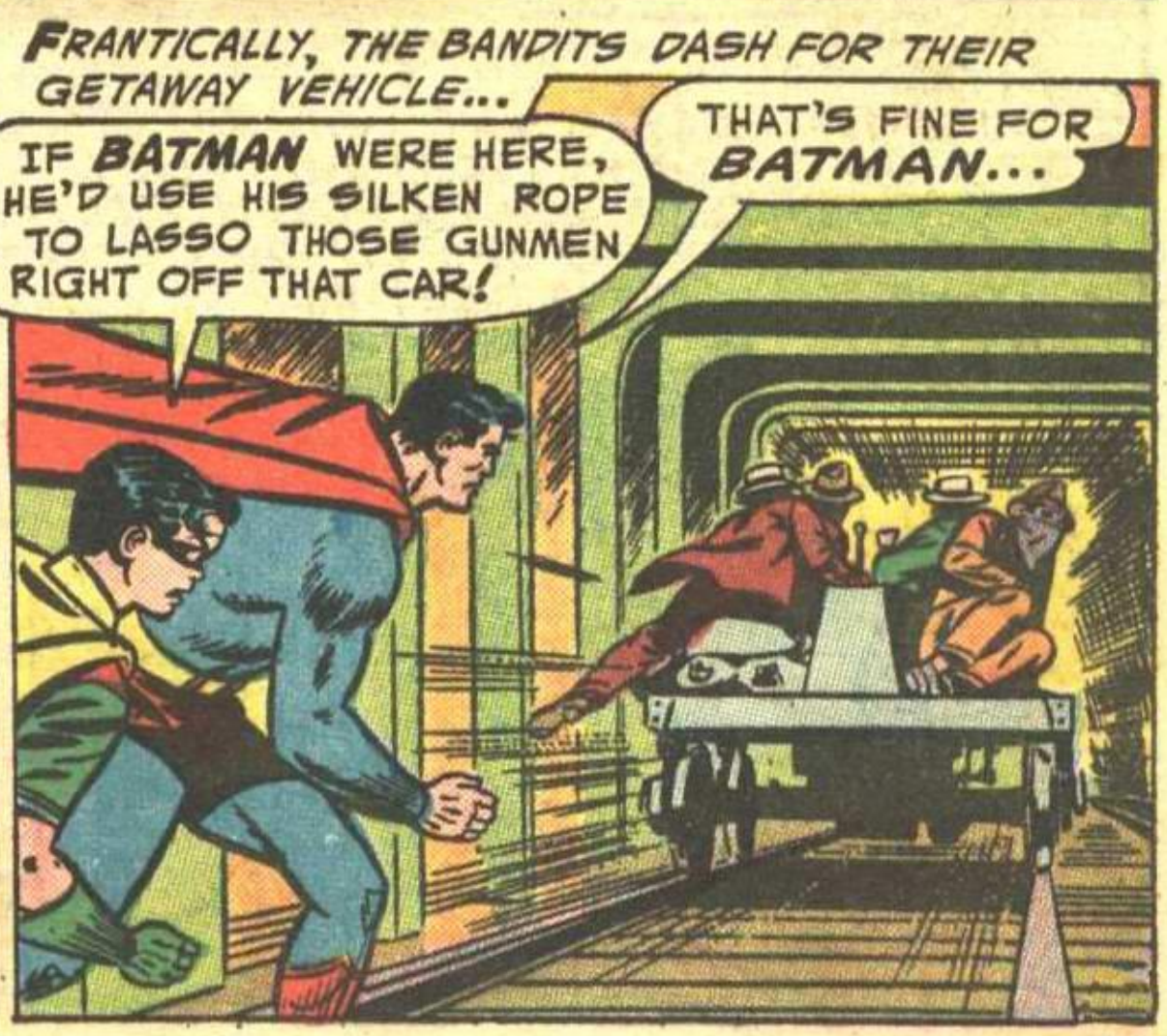
BUT THIS WAS FAR FROM A SIMPLE "CAVE-IN"...
HA, HA... THE BOSS SURE PLANNED THINGS! THE TRUCK'S DROPPIN' RIGHT INTO OUR LAPS!
YEAH! IT TOOK A-LOT OF TROUBLE TO FIX THE HIGHWAY RIGHT ABOVE THIS ABANDONED SUBWAY-- BUT IT WAS WORTH IT!


NEXT MOMENT, THE HINGED SECTION OF HIGHWAY SWUNG UP AGAIN, COVERING ANY EVIDENCE OF BANDITRY BELOW!

AND AS THE CALL TO ACTION CAME FROM COMMISSIONER GORDON...
THERE HE GOES... FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE WE'VE BEEN A TEAM, ROBIN IS ANSWERING THE BAT-SIGNAL WITH ANOTHER CRIME-FIGHTER!


THUS, AS SUPERMAN AND ROBIN NOW SCAN THE ARMORED CAR'S ROUTE TOGETHER..
THERE IT IS... ON THAT ABANDONED SUBWAY TRACK BELOW! SEE IT, ROBIN?
MAYBE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN, SUPERMAN -- BUT I DON'T HAVE X-RAY VISION!

WELL-WELL! LOOK WHAT'S WRIGGLING BELOW?
:ULP: SUPERMAN? WHAT'S HE DOIN' HERE IN GOTHAM CITY?


FRANTICALLY, THE BANDITS DASH FOR THEIR GETAWAY VEHICLE...
IF BATMAN WERE HERE, HE'D USE HIS SILKEN ROPE TO LASSO THOSE GUNMEN RIGHT OFF THAT CAR!
THAT'S FINE FOR BATMAN...

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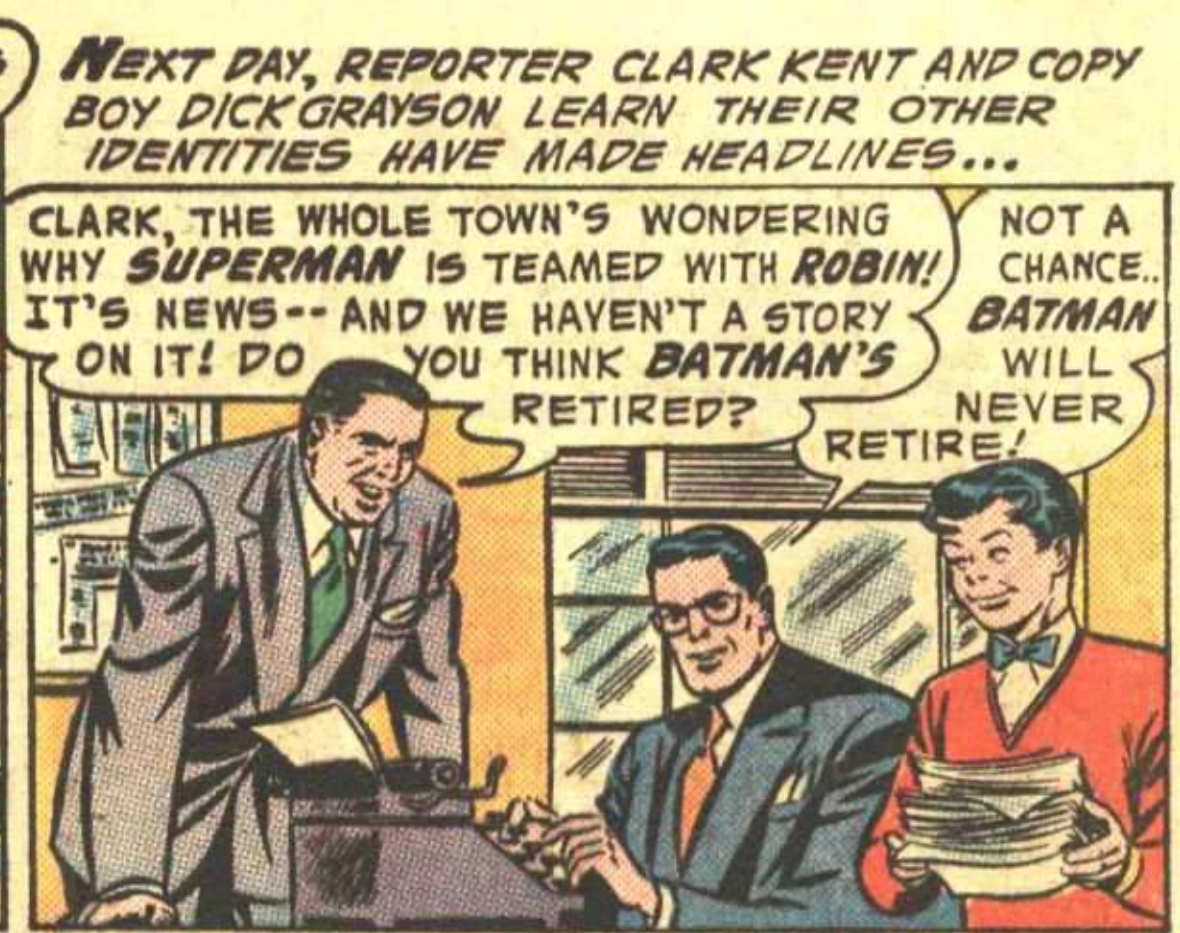
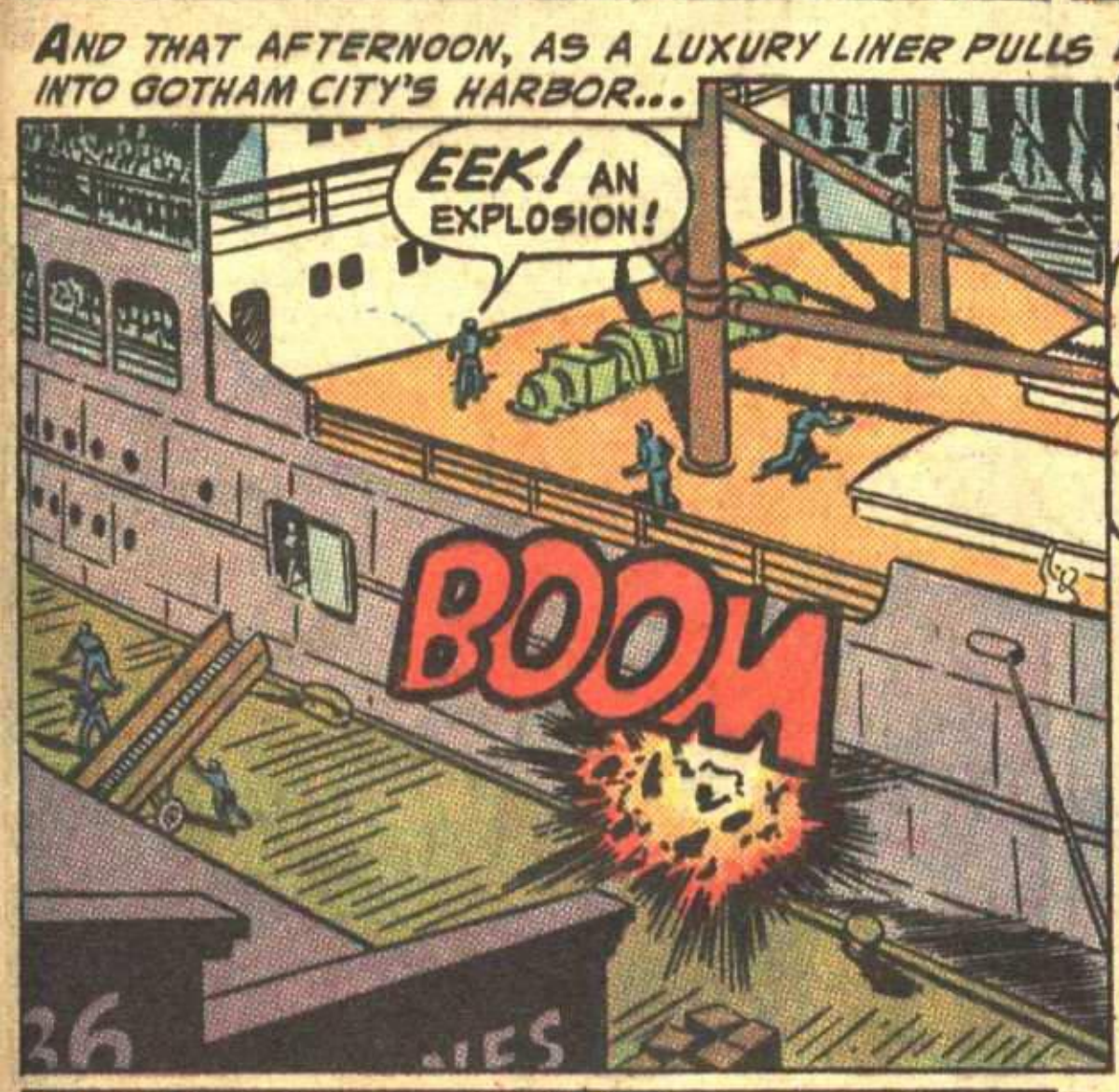
NOW THIS STAND COULD HOLD A SMALL TROPHY... LIKE A WRIST-WATCH! THAT'S IT... THE NEXT TIME YOU CAPTURE A PURPLE MASK BANDIT, BRING HIS WRIST-WATCH AS A TROPHY! REMEMBER!
UH...OKAY... IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, BATMAN!
WHAT--?

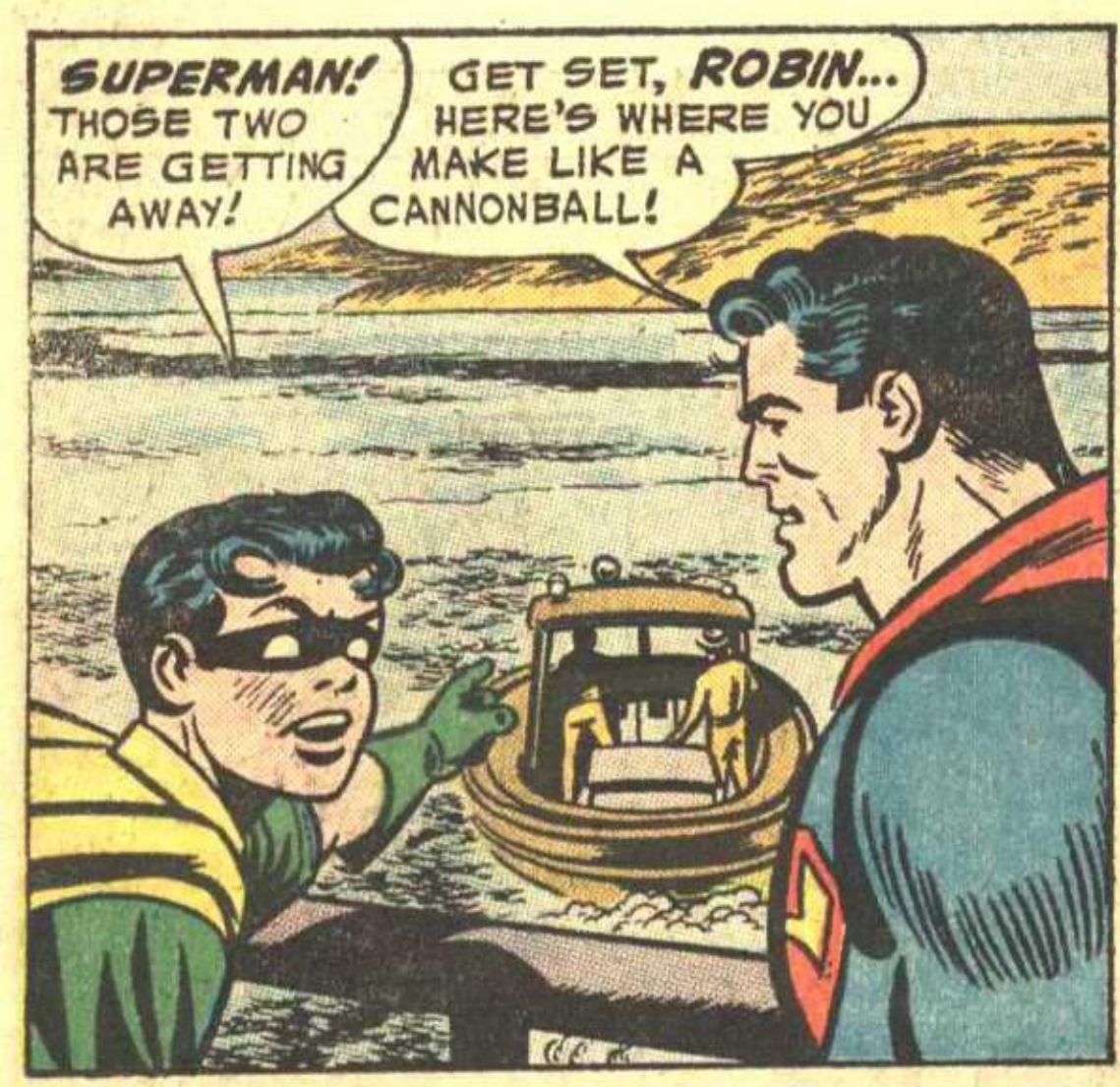

NEXT DAY, REPORTER CLARK KENT AND COPY BOY DICK GRAYSON LEARN THEIR OTHER IDENTITIES HAVE MADE HEADLINES...
CLARK, THE WHOLE TOWN'S WONDERING WHY SUPERMAN IS TEAMED WITH ROBIN! IT'S NEWS-- AND WE HAVEN'T A STORY ON IT! DO YOU THINK BATMAN'S RETIRED?
NOT A CHANCE.. BATMAN WILL NEVER RETIRE!


AND THAT AFTERNOON, AS A LUXURY LINER PULLS INTO GOTHAM CITY'S HARBOR...
EEK! AN EXPLOSION!
BOOM

THEN, DURING THE CONFUSION THAT FOLLOWS...
THAT EXPLOSIVE WE PLANTED ON THE DOCK WENT OFF AS SOON AS THE LINER NUDGED IT! A NEAT DIVERSION TRICK! NOW LET'S WORK--FAST!

BUT AT THAT MOMENT...
IF YOU EXPECT TO ROB THE SHIP'S PURSER, FORGET IT!
YOU SHOULD'VE REALIZED... MY SUPER-HEARING CAN PICK UP EXPLOSIONS ANYWHERE IN THE CITY!

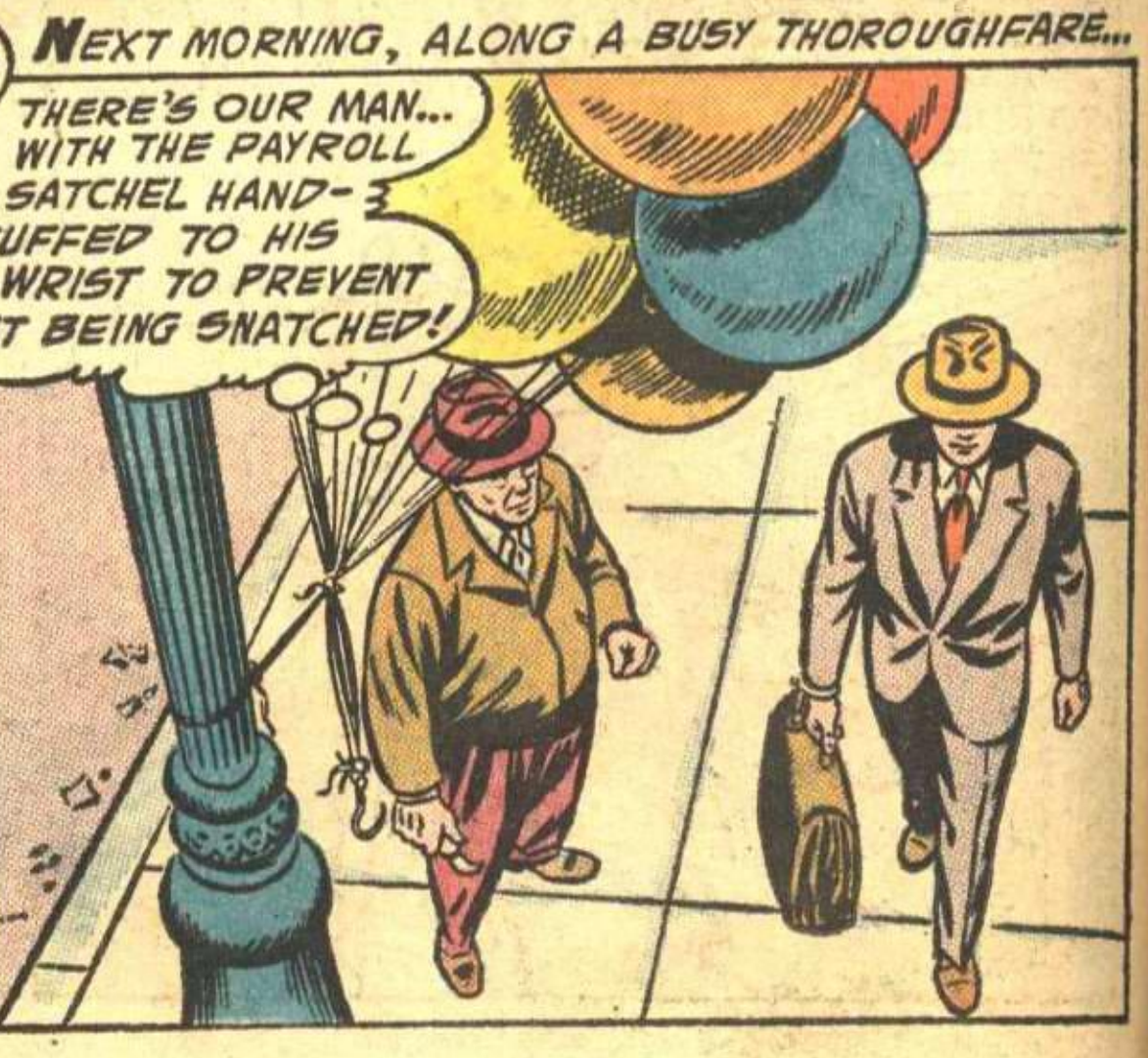
AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, A PASSING TV CAMERA TRUCK IS NEARBY TO RECORD THE SPECTACULAR FRACAS...
KNOCK OFF ROBIN! THAT'LL SLOW UP SUPERMAN!
ROBIN! DUCK! OH...GOOD! SUPERMAN BLOCKED THE BULLETS WITH HIS OWN BODY!



WITHIN MINUTES, AS THE BATTLE REACHES ITS INEVITABLE CONCLUSION...

LATER...

NEXT MORNING, ALONG A BUSY THOROUGHFARE...



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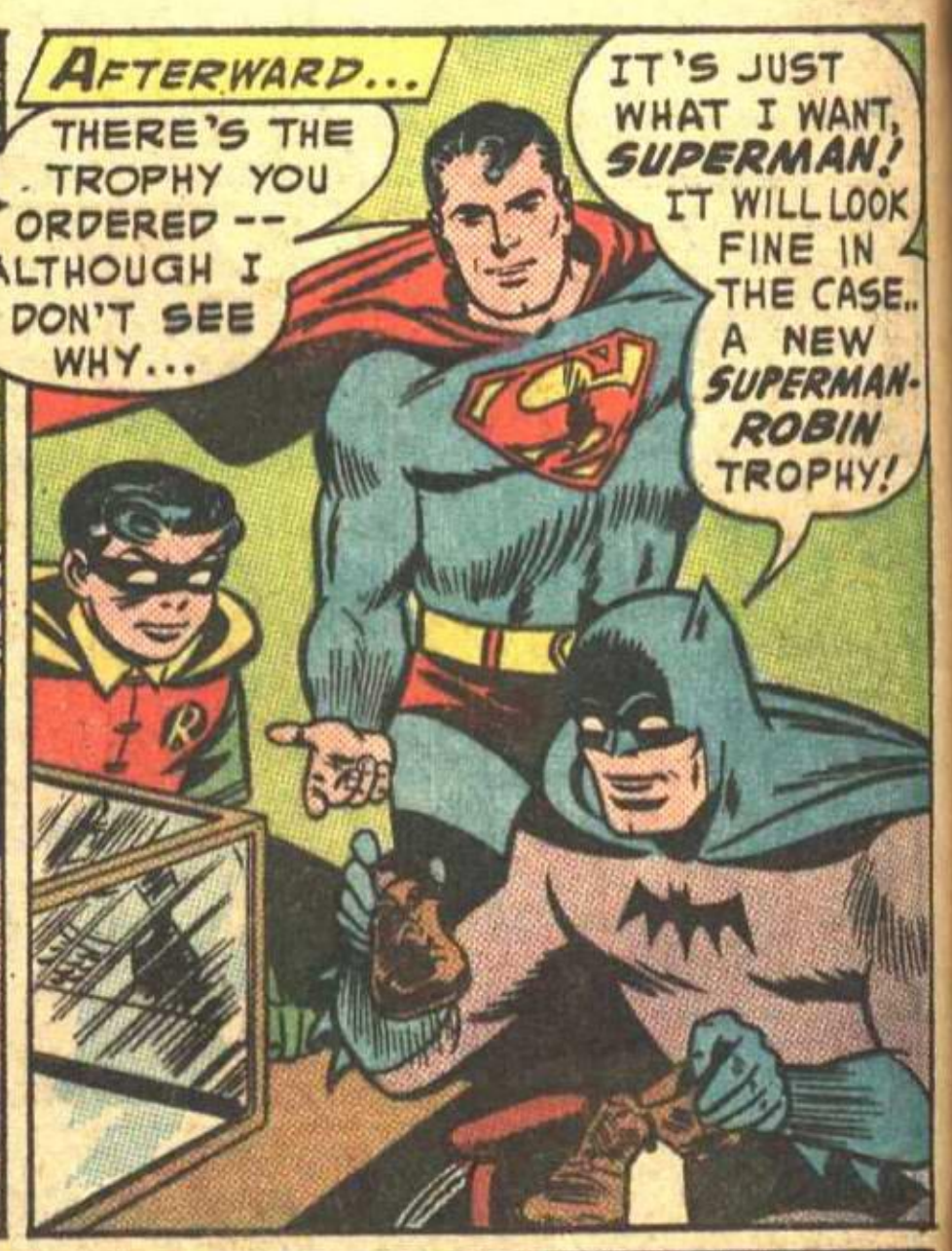
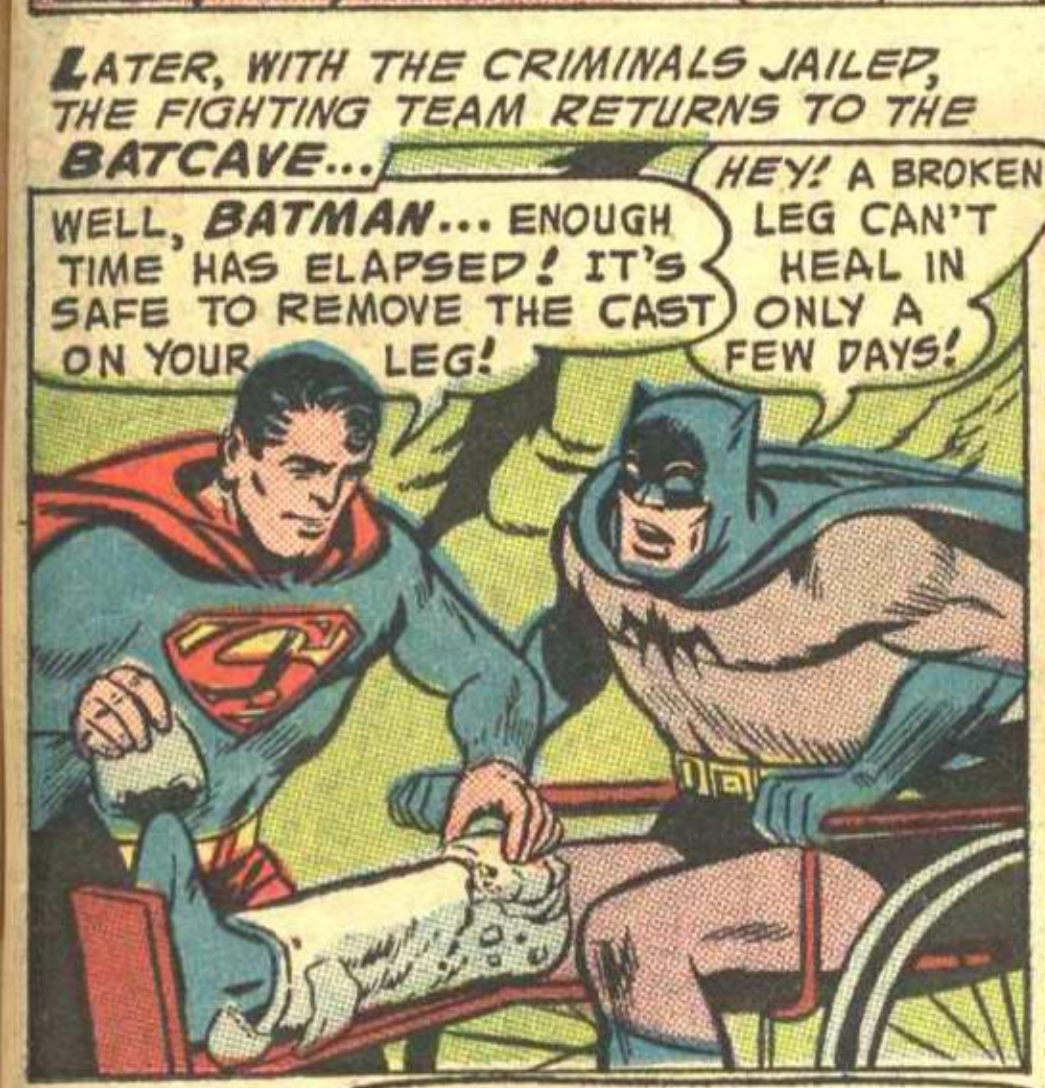
AND AFTER LANDING THE BLIMP...
GOLLY! BATMAN WANTS A TROPHY -AND SUPERMAN CERTAINLY DELIVERS! HE KNOCKED THAT CROOK RIGHT OUT OF HIS SHOES!

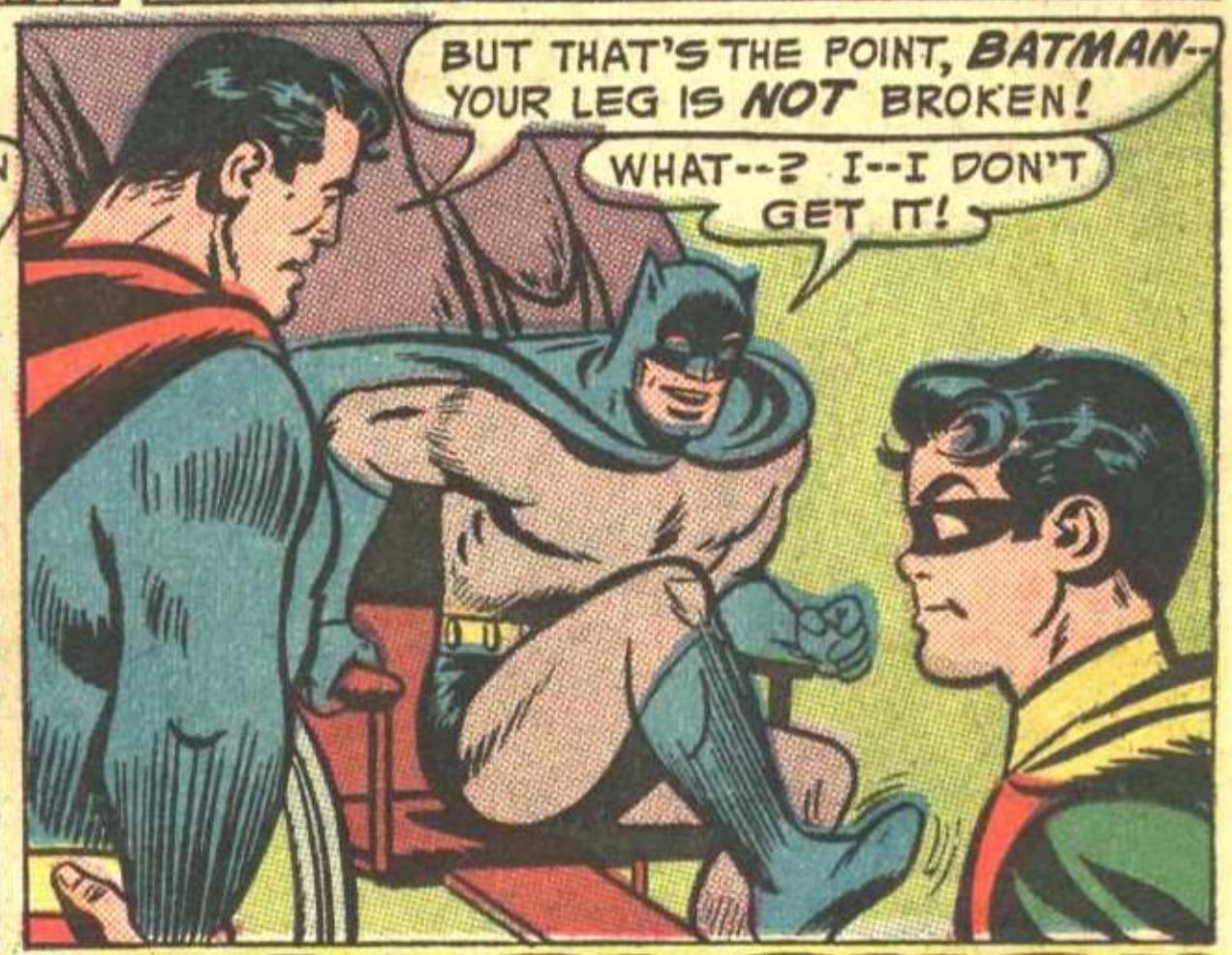

AFTERWARD...
THERE'S THE TROPHY YOU ORDERED -- ALTHOUGH I DON'T SEE WHY...
IT'S JUST WHAT I WANT, SUPERMAN! IT WILL LOOK FINE IN THE CASE.. A NEW SUPERMAN-ROBIN TROPHY!

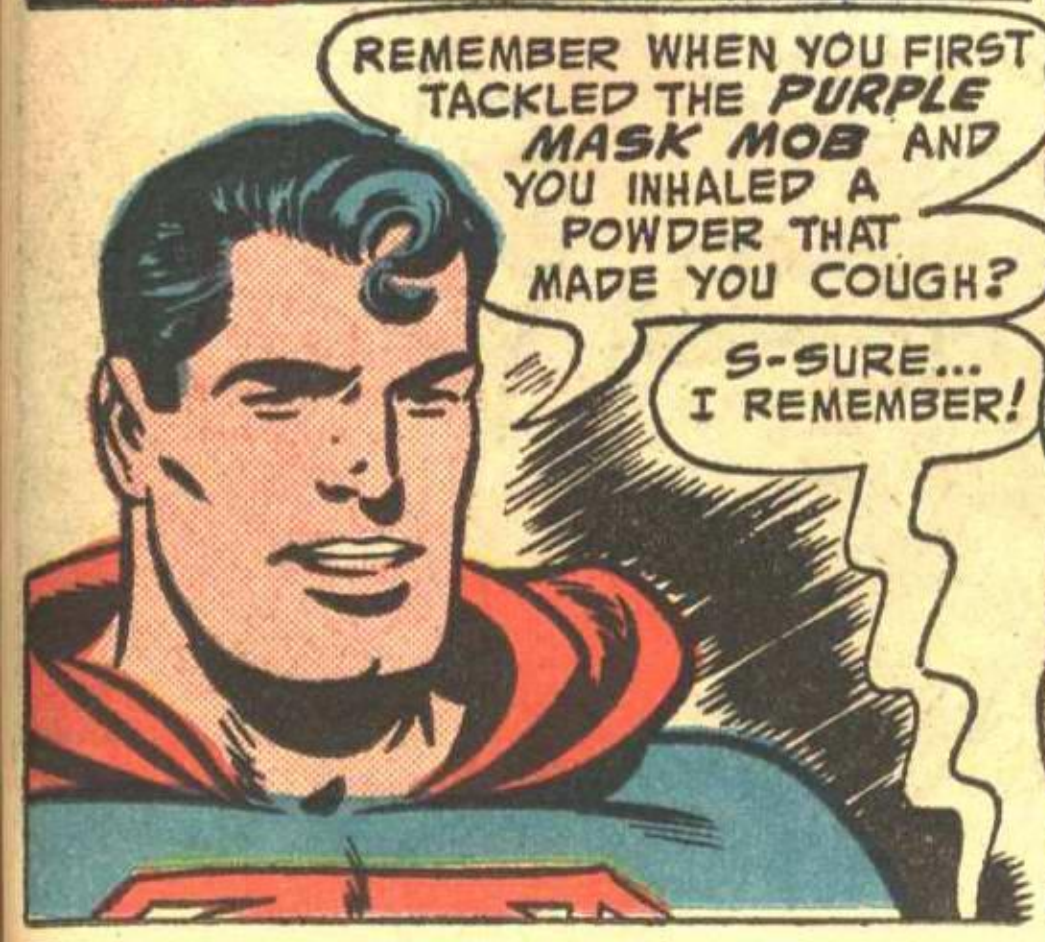
THAT FOLLOWING NIGHT, AFTER A CEASELESS PATROL OF THE CITY, ROBIN AND SUPERMAN RETURN, VERY MUCH DISSATISFIED...
IF ONLY WE KNEW WHERE THE REST OF THE PURPLE MASK MOB WAS HIDING, WE COULD WRAP UP THAT BUNCH AT ONCE!
IF WE ONLY HAD SOME CLUE--SOME LEAD...
IS THAT ALL THAT'S BOTHERING YOU? THE GANG IS USING A DOG KENNEL FOR A HIDEOUT... AND IT'S LOCATED ON THE SOUTH BANK OF PINE HILL!
HUH?
THE DUST IN THAT WRIST-WATCH SHOWED MINUTE TRACES OF VARIOUS KINDS OF DOG HAIRS -- AND THE SHOE HAD TRACES OF RED CLAY AND PINE NEEDLES... ALL OF WHICH ADDS UP TO THAT ONE PLACE!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU WANTED THOSE "TROPHIES," TO ANALYZE THE DUST FOR A CLUE!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, ROBIN? HE SOLVES OUR CASE FOR US... AT HOME, IN A WHEEL CHAIR!

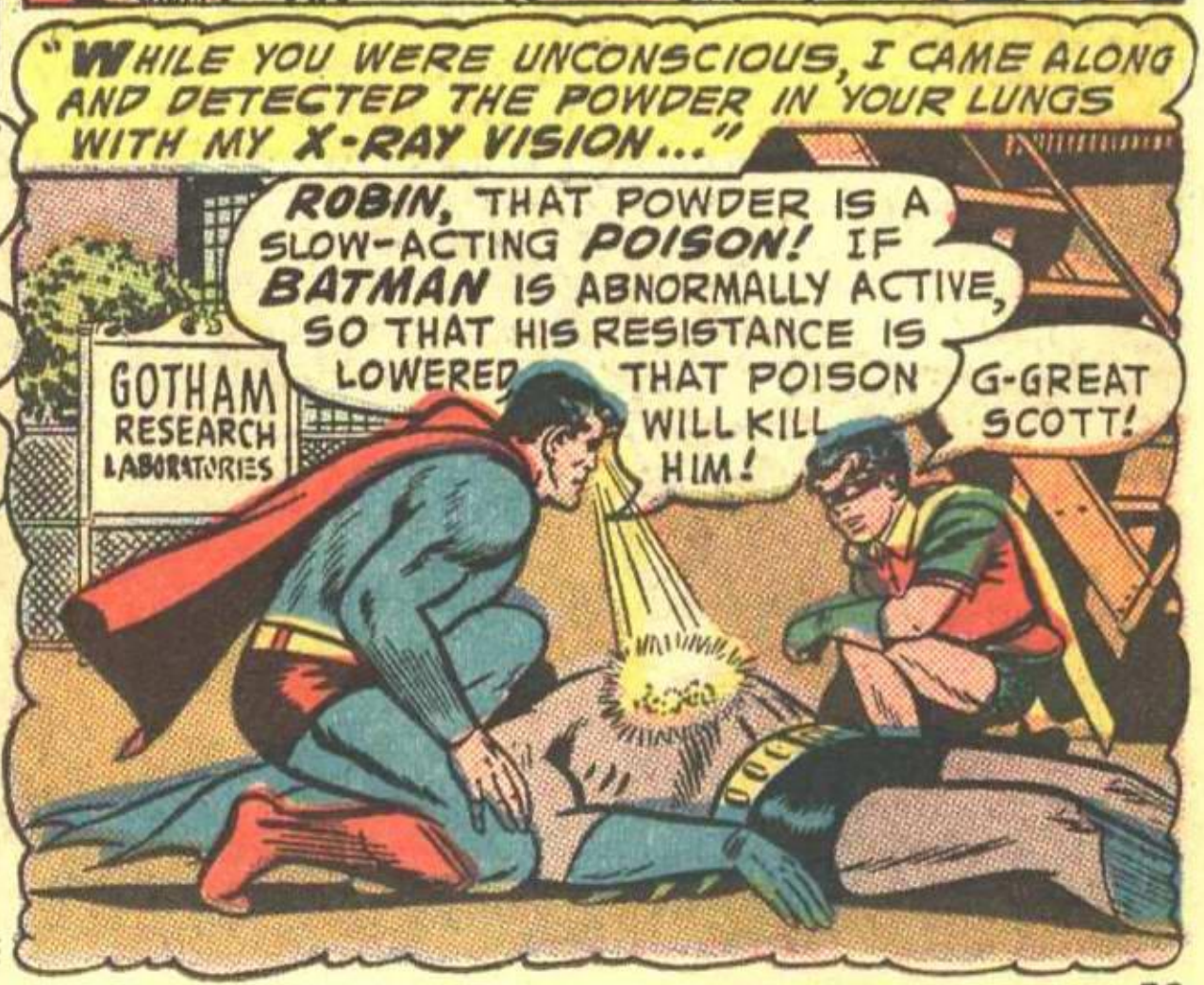
AND SURE ENOUGH, THE SMASHING END SOON COMES TO THE HIDEOUT ON PINE HILL...
SUPERMAN AND ROBIN!
THE PURPLE MASK MOB, I PRESUME?

SULP! HOW'D YOU EVER FIND US?
I WAS TOLD-- BY A SUPER-DETECTIVE!


LATER, WITH THE CRIMINALS JAILED, THE FIGHTING TEAM RETURNS TO THE BATCAVE...
WELL, BATMAN... ENOUGH TIME HAS ELAPSED! IT'S SAFE TO REMOVE THE CAST ON YOUR LEG!
HEY! A BROKEN LEG CAN'T HEAL IN ONLY A FEW DAYS!


BUT THAT'S THE POINT, BATMAN-- YOUR LEG IS NOT BROKEN!
WHAT--? I--I DON'T GET IT!


REMEMBER WHEN YOU FIRST TACKLED THE PURPLE MASK MOB AND YOU INHALED A POWDER THAT MADE YOU COUGH?
S-SURE... I REMEMBER!


"WHILE YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS, I CAME ALONG AND DETECTED THE POWDER IN YOUR LUNGS WITH MY X-RAY VISION..."
ROBIN, THAT POWDER IS A SLOW-ACTING POISON! IF BATMAN IS ABNORMALLY ACTIVE, SO THAT HIS RESISTANCE IS LOWERED THAT POISON WILL KILL HIM!
G-GREAT SCOTT!
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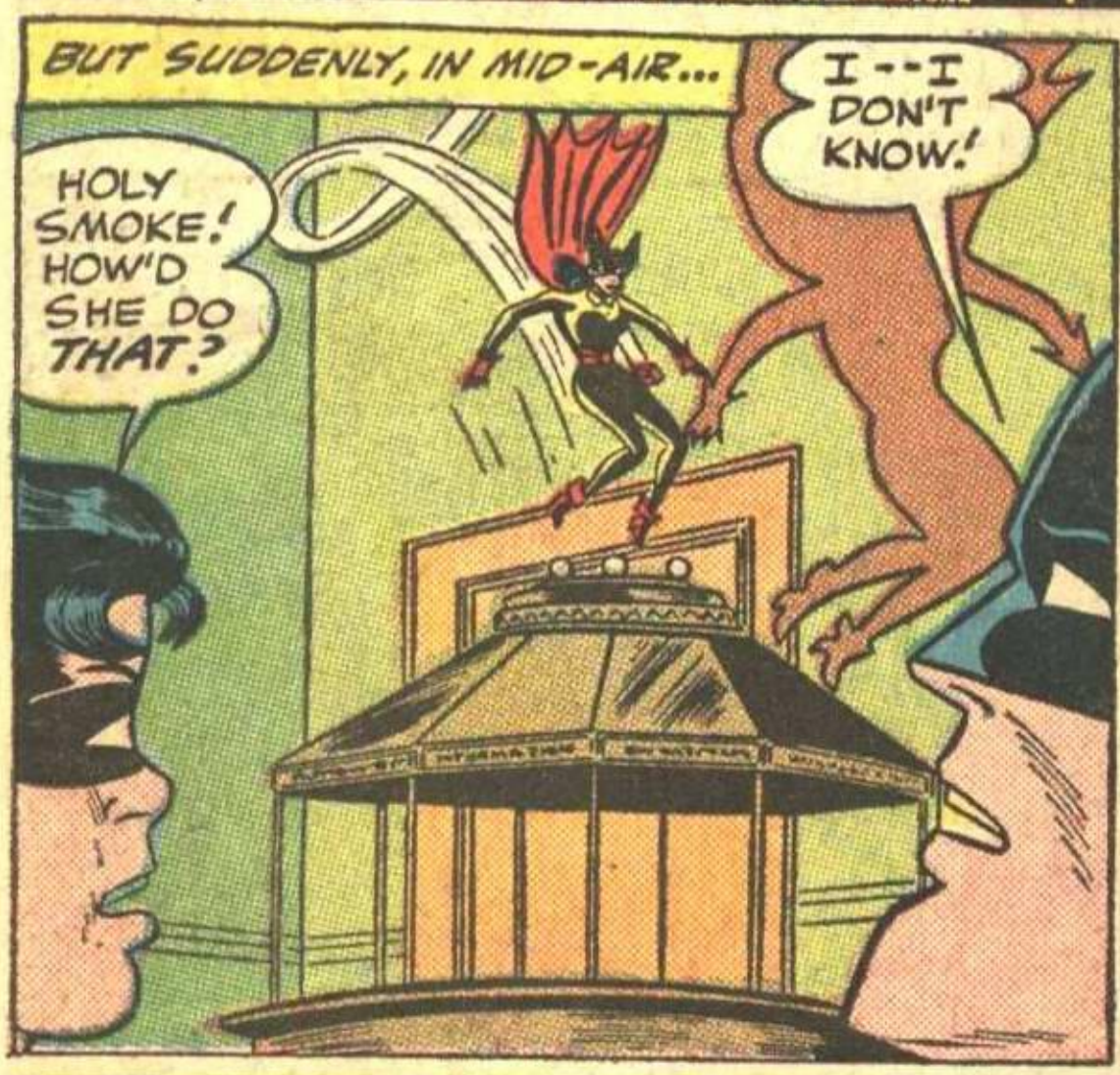
BATMAN
With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
BEWARE!... THAT MISCHIEVOUS LITTLE IMP FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION HAS RETURNED! YES, BAT-MITE IS BACK--TO MATCH BATMAN AND ROBIN WITH A NEW CRIME-FIGHTING TEAM... THE TEAM OF BAT-MITE AND BATWOMAN! AND EVEN MORE SURPRISING, THE LITTLE GREMLIN SWEARS OFF HIS USUAL PRANKS AND MISCHIEF-- UNTIL HE DECIDES TO BECOME...
BATWOMAN'S PUBLICITY AGENT
BOB KANE
BATWOMAN CAPTURED THOSE ESCAPED CONVICTS WITH BAT-MITE'S HELP! THEY MAKE A GREAT TEAM!
POLICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
BAT-MITE CERTAINLY SEEMS TO HAVE REFORMED! HE'S NO LONGER OUT TO HAVE "FUN" BY MAKING MISCHIEF!

IN GOTHAM RAILROAD TERMINAL, BATMAN AND ROBIN ARRIVE TO SEE...
BATWOMAN!... BEING PUSHED OFF THE BALCONY BY THOSE CROOKS SHE WAS AFTER!
GREAT SCOTT! WE'LL NEVER GET OVER IN TIME TO BREAK HER FALL!
TRACK 5

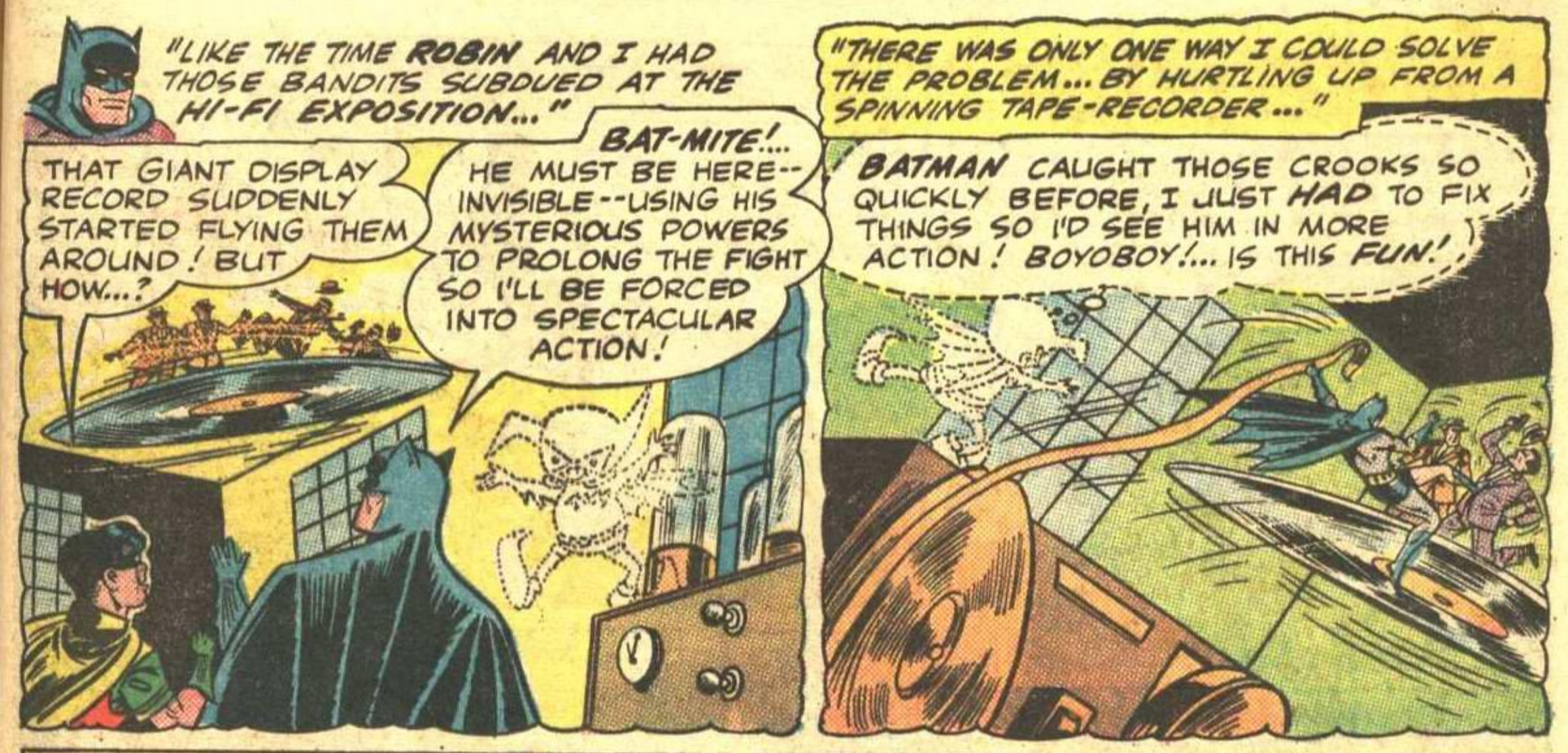

BUT SUDDENLY, IN MID-AIR...
HOLY SMOKE! HOW'D SHE DO THAT?
I--I DON'T KNOW!

BOUNCING OFF THE INFORMATION BOOTH, BATWOMAN SLAMS BACK HER ATTACKERS!
WOW! THIS IS THE GREATEST SINGLE-HANDED CAPTURE OF ALL TIME!
OOF!

LATER, WHEN THE BANDITS ARE HANDED OVER TO THE POLICE...
THAT WAS SOME STUNT, BATWOMAN... HOW'D YOU EVER DO IT?
I--I DON'T KNOW... IT WAS ALMOST AS IF SOME INVISIBLE FORCE WERE GUIDING ME!
EXACTLY... I WAS THAT INVISIBLE FORCE!

POP
BAT-MITE!
AT YOUR SERVICE!
HUH?... A REAL, LIVE ELF!

SIR, I'M NO ELF! I'M FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION, WHERE ALL MEN ARE MY SIZE! BECAUSE BATMAN IS MY IDEAL, I APPEAR OCCASIONALLY TO HELP HIM, ROBIN AND BATWOMAN FIGHT CRIME! IT'S ALWAYS SUCH FUN!
"FUN," HE SAYS!

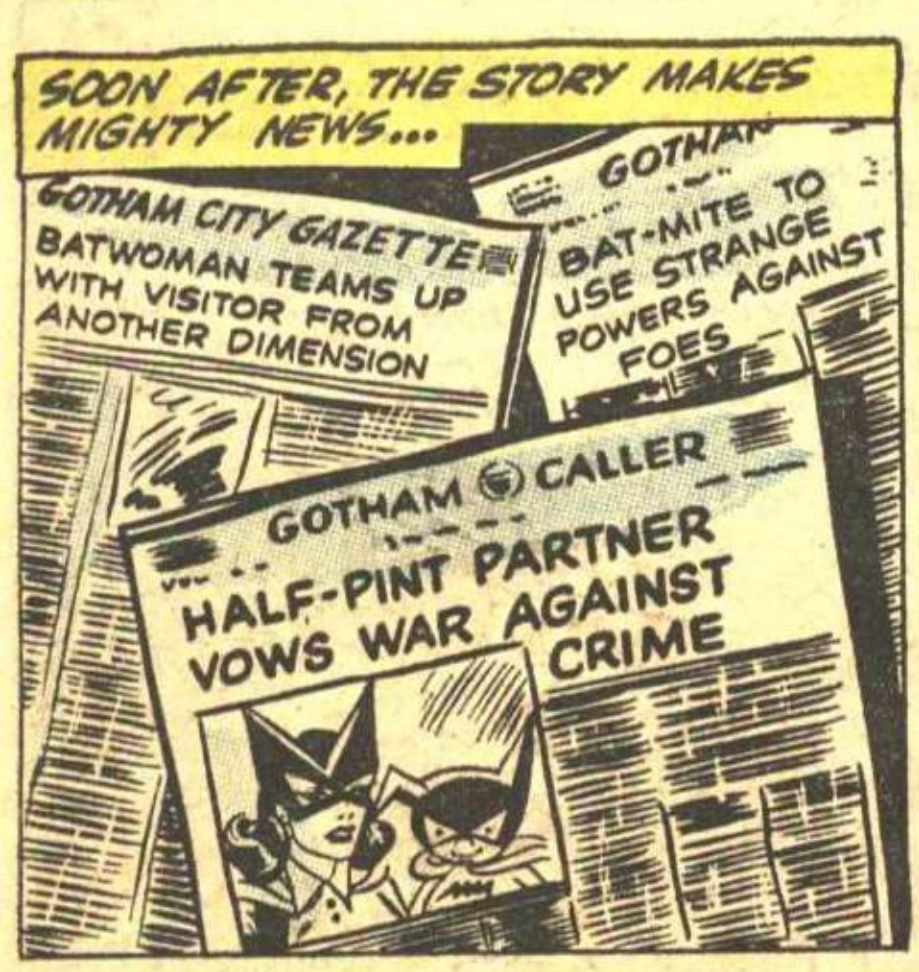

"LIKE THE TIME ROBIN AND I HAD THOSE BANDITS SUBDUED AT THE HI-FI EXPOSITION..."
THAT GIANT DISPLAY RECORD SUDDENLY STARTED FLYING THEM AROUND! BUT HOW...?
BAT-MITE!... HE MUST BE HERE--INVISIBLE--USING HIS MYSTERIOUS POWERS TO PROLONG THE FIGHT SO I'LL BE FORCED INTO SPECTACULAR ACTION!
"THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY I COULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM... BY HURTLING UP FROM A SPINNING TAPE-RECORDER..."
BATMAN CAUGHT THOSE CROOKS SO QUICKLY BEFORE, I JUST HAD TO FIX THINGS SO I'D SEE HIM IN MORE ACTION! BOYOBOY!... IS THIS FUN!

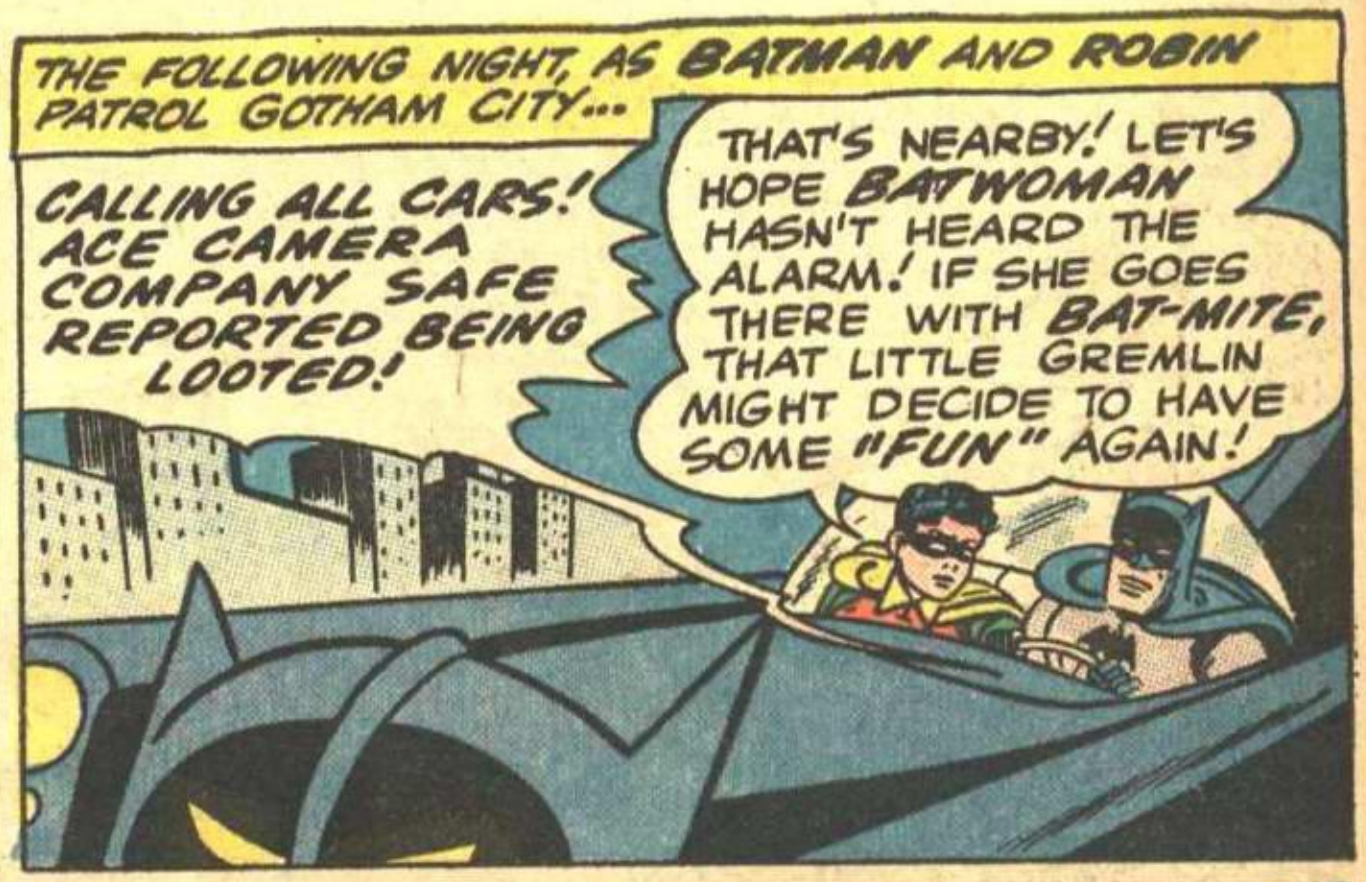
BECAUSE NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE IN AN INVISIBLE LITTLE MAN FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION, I MADE UP EXCUSES TO COVER HIS CRAZY STUNTS... BUT NOW THAT HE'S REVEALED HIMSELF, I WON'T HAVE TO ANY LONGER!
WELL--I SUPPOSE YOU'RE ALL WONDERING WHAT MY FUTURE PLANS ARE...

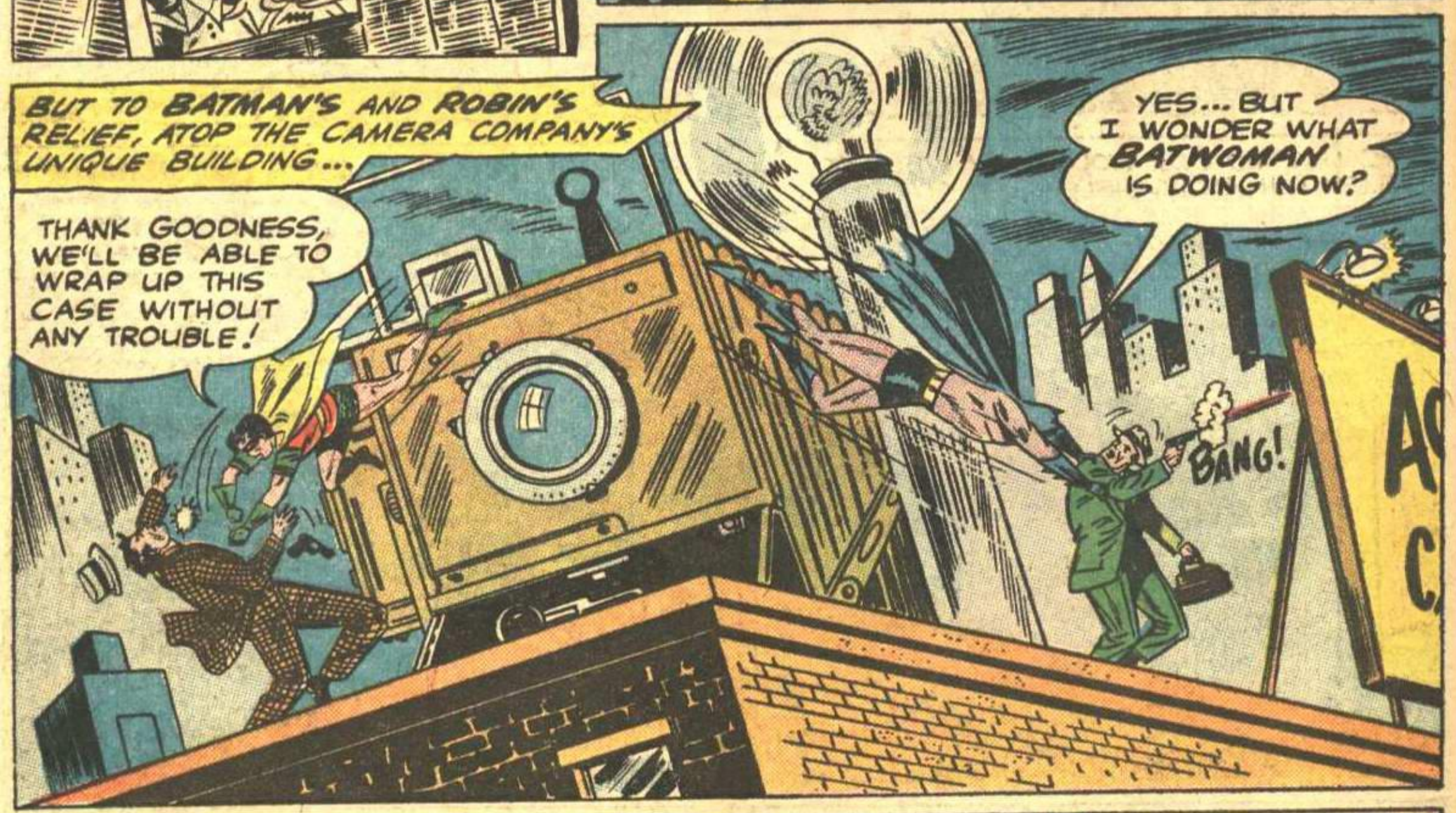
SINCE BATMAN HAS ROBIN TO HELP HIM FIGHT CRIME--I'VE DECIDED IT'S TIME BATWOMAN HAD AN ASSISTANT, TOO--SO I'M GOING TO BECOME BATWOMAN'S NEW PARTNER!
W-WHAT?
BATWOMAN AND BAT-MITE... A NEW TEAM! WOW!... WHAT A STORY!
TRACK 7

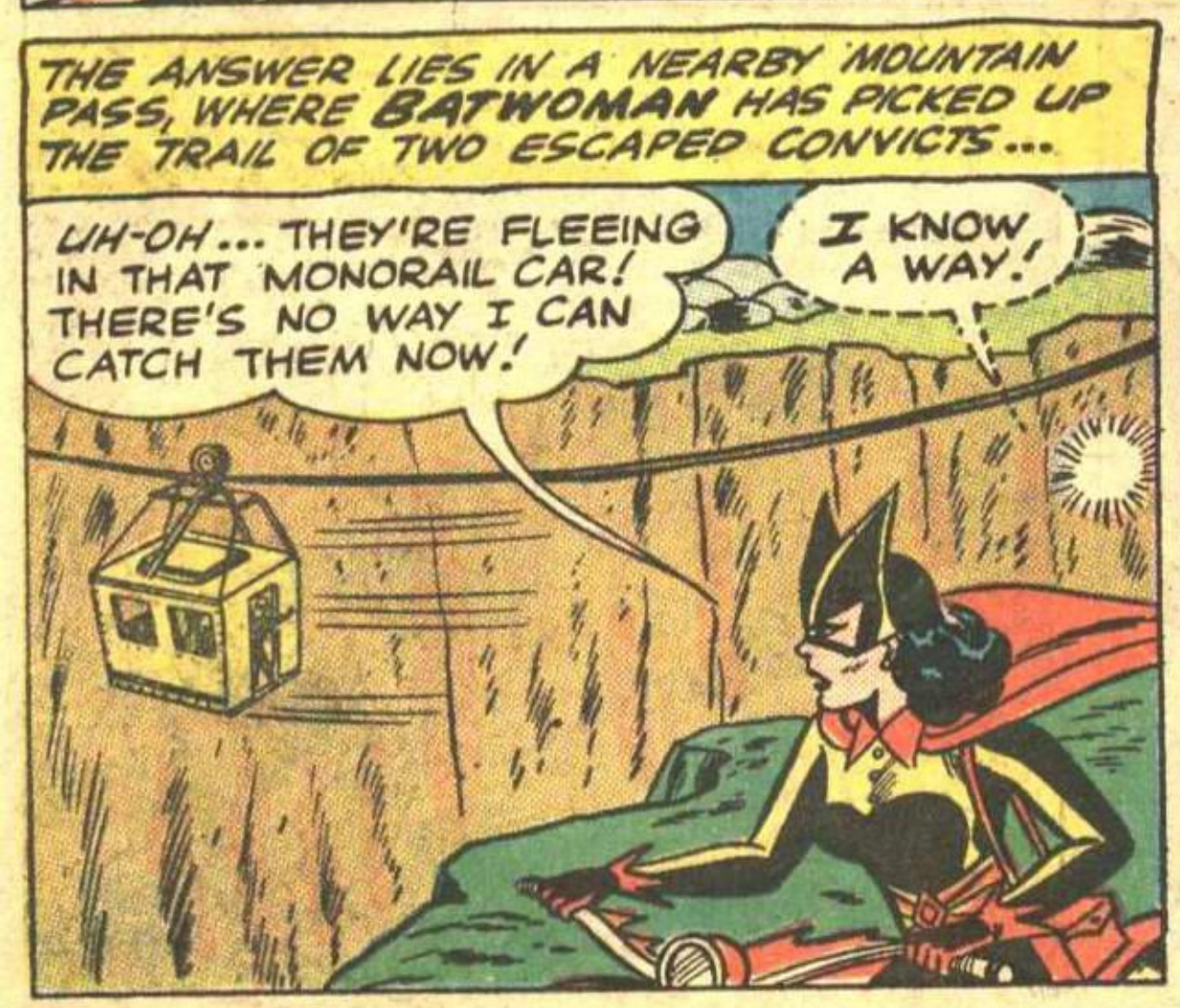
NOW LOOK HERE!... I DON'T WANT YOUR HELP! YOU'LL ONLY WANT TO HAVE "FUN" AGAIN, AND MAKE TROUBLE FOR ME!
NO-NO... HONEST--I'LL BEHAVE MYSELF, BATWOMAN! PLEASE?

WELL ... ALL RIGHT... BUT THE MINUTE YOU START ACTING UP--OUT YOU GO!
BATWOMAN--YOU'LL BE SORRY!


SOON AFTER, THE STORY MAKES MIGHTY NEWS...
GOTHAM CITY GAZETTE
BATWOMAN TEAMS UP WITH VISITOR FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION
GOTHAM
BAT-MITE TO USE STRANGE POWERS AGAINST FOES
GOTHAM CALLER
HALF-PINT PARTNER VOWS WAR AGAINST CRIME


THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN PATROL GOTHAM CITY...
CALLING ALL CARS! ACE CAMERA COMPANY SAFE REPORTED BEING LOOTED!
THAT'S NEARBY! LET'S HOPE BATWOMAN HASN'T HEARD THE ALARM! IF SHE GOES THERE WITH BAT-MITE, THAT LITTLE GREMLIN MIGHT DECIDE TO HAVE SOME "FUN" AGAIN!


BUT TO BATMAN'S AND ROBIN'S RELIEF, ATOP THE CAMERA COMPANY'S UNIQUE BUILDING...
THANK GOODNESS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO WRAP UP THIS CASE WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE!
YES... BUT I WONDER WHAT BATWOMAN IS DOING NOW?
BANG!


THE ANSWER LIES IN A NEARBY MOUNTAIN PASS, WHERE BATWOMAN HAS PICKED UP THE TRAIL OF TWO ESCAPED CONVICTS...
UH-OH... THEY'RE FLEEING IN THAT MONORAIL CAR! THERE'S NO WAY I CAN CATCH THEM NOW!
I KNOW A WAY!

BAT-MITE! YOU HERE, TOO?
NATURALLY! I'M YOUR NEW SIDEKICK, REMEMBER? LET'S GET RID OF THOSE TIRES... AND GO INTO OUR PARTNER ACT!
POP

MOMENTS LATER, THE MOTORCYCLE, ITS TIRES REMOVED, BEGINS A FANTASTIC JOURNEY...

DON'T WORRY, PARTNER-- I'LL KEEP US BALANCED!

WONDERFUL! IT'S LIKE RIDING A SINGLE RAILROAD TRACK! THOSE CONVICTS ARE AS GOOD AS CAPTURED NOW!

AND NEXT EVENING, THE NEW TEAM AGAIN PROVES ITSELF A FORMIDABLE FOE OF CRIME...

ULP! IT'S BATWOMAN-- AND THAT LITTLE GUY WE READ ABOUT!

NO DAME WITH A LITTLE RUNT IS GONNA STOP US! GET 'EM!

BUT BAT-MITE MERELY THRUSTS OUT HIS ARM-- AND HIS FIST INSTANTLY GROWS AND GROWS UNTIL...

OOF!

UHH!

HA, HA!

YOU CAN PUT THE HANDCUFFS ON THEM NOW, PARTNER!

LATER, WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN HEAR OF THIS LATEST TRIUMPH...

SO BAT-MITE IS REALLY BEHAVING HIMSELF! I GUESS WE WERE WRONG ABOUT HIM!

POLICE

I'M NOT SO SURE, ROBIN! I'VE A FEELING SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN, TO TURN THAT LITTLE PIXIE INTO A PEST AGAIN!

INDEED, AT THIS VERY MOMENT, IN BATWOMAN'S LAIR, SOMETHING FATEFUL DOES HAPPEN...

THIS IS FOR KEEPING YOUR PROMISE--AND FOR BEING SO CUTE!

ULP!

SMACK!

AND A SHORT WHILE LATER...
SH-SHE KISSED ME! OH, I'VE NEVER FELT LIKE THIS BEFORE! IT MUST BE LOVE! YES, THAT'S IT--I'M IN LOVE WITH BATWOMAN!

BUT WHAT CAN I DO TO PROVE MY LOVE? I KNOW... I'LL USE MY UNUSUAL POWERS TO MAKE HER THE MOST SENSATIONAL CRIME-FIGHTER OF ALL TIME! YES--I'M SURE BATWOMAN WOULD LIKE THAT!

JUST THEN, HE LEAPS ATOP A SPEEDING PROWL CAR...
CALLING ALL CARS! BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR GANG THAT JUST ROBBED GOTHAM BANK! BANDITS BELIEVED TO BE ON FOOT!
AH... IF I COULD TRACK THEM DOWN, I COULD TIP OFF BATWOMAN, THEN HELP HER MAKE THE CAPTURE! MEANWHILE, I'D STAY INVISIBLE SO IT WOULD SEEM SHE DID IT ALL ALONE!

SOON AFTER, IN A MUDDY, EMPTY LOT BEHIND THE BANK...
HMM... A MAN'S SHOE! SINCE THE GANG FLED THIS WAY, IT MUST HAVE GOTTEN STUCK IN THE MUD-- AND THE CROOK WHO LOST IT DIDN'T DARE STOP TO PICK IT UP!

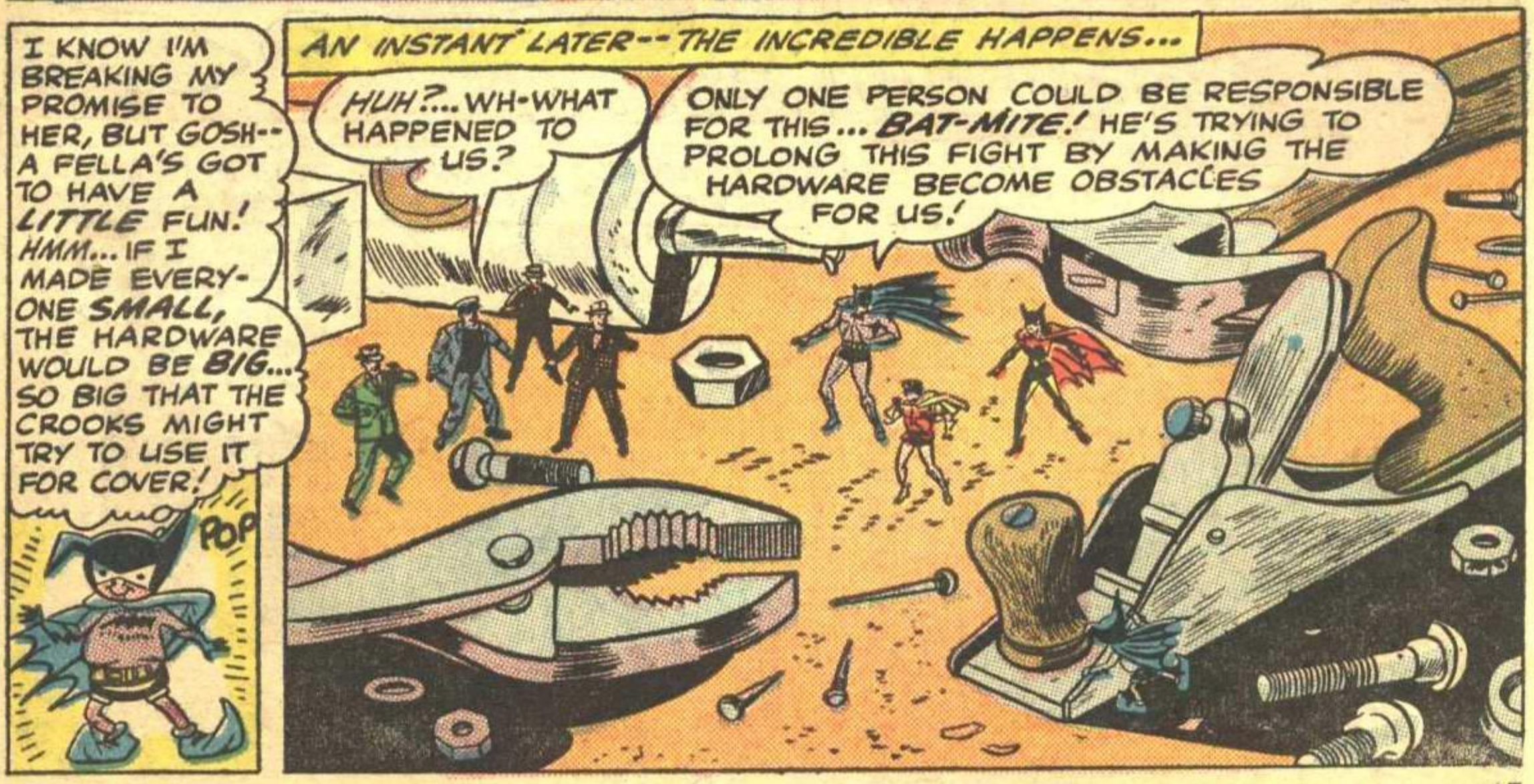
MOMENTS LATER, BAT-MITE POPS INTO THE BAT-CAVE, IN FRONT OF...
BAT-HOUND!... I NEED YOUR HELP TO BUILD UP BATWOMAN'S CAREER! I WANT YOU TO PICK UP THE SCENT OF SOME CROOKS!

SHORTLY, BACK AT THE LOT...
TALLY-HO!... WE'RE ON THE HUNT! YOICKS!
SNIFF! SNIFF!

SOON...
AHA!... TRAIL'S END! THEY OBVIOUSLY USE THAT WAREHOUSE AS A FRONT! I'LL PHONE BATWOMAN AND TELL HER TO GET HERE AT ONCE!
HARDWARE SU

BUT AFTERWARD, BATWOMAN FINDS SHE IS NOT ALONE, AS...
BATMAN AND ROBIN! YOU HERE, TOO?
WE PICKED UP A LEAD THAT BROUGHT US HERE! NOW THAT WE'RE TOGETHER -- WE MIGHT AS WELL FINISH THIS CASE TOGETHER!

THUS, IT'S A DISAPPOINTED BAT-MITE WHO WATCHES THE TRIO CRASH INTO THE HIDEOUT...
SHUCKS! WHO INVITED BATMAN AND ROBIN? NOW THE CROOKS WILL BE CAPTURED SO EASILY, THERE WON'T BE ANY CHANCE FOR SOME SPECTACULAR ACTION BY BATWOMAN -- UNLESS I DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!


I KNOW I'M BREAKING MY PROMISE TO HER, BUT GOSH-- A FELLA'S GOT TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN! HMM... IF I MADE EVERYONE SMALL, THE HARDWARE WOULD BE BIG... SO BIG THAT THE CROOKS MIGHT TRY TO USE IT FOR COVER!
POP
AN INSTANT LATER -- THE INCREDIBLE HAPPENS...
HUH?... WH-WHAT HAPPENED TO US?
ONLY ONE PERSON COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS... BAT-MITE! HE'S TRYING TO PROLONG THIS FIGHT BY MAKING THE HARDWARE BECOME OBSTACLES FOR US!

AND SO, IN SPITE OF THEMSELVES, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS MUST PROVIDE A SPECTACULAR SHOW FOR BAT-MITE!

AND TO THINK I KISSED BAT-MITE BECAUSE HE'D BEEN KEEPING HIS PROMISE!

WHAT WE OUGHT TO DO IS PROMISE HIM A SPANKING!

BOOINNNGG!

NAILS

BUT DELIRIOUS WITH JOY, LITTLE BAT-MITE CAN ONLY THINK OF THE "FUN" HE'S HAVING...

BOYOBOY!... IS THIS GREAT! YIPPEE-EEE!

AND AS HE LEAPS ABOUT JOYFULLY...

WHAT--?

UH-OH... DIDN'T NOTICE THOSE FIREPLACE BELLOWS IN MY PATH!

WHOOSH

OH, WELL-- THAT ACCIDENT MADE THINGS EVEN BETTER! THE CROOKS WILL TRY TO ESCAPE--AND BATMAN AND ROBIN WILL BE FORCED TO USE SOME SENSATIONAL STUNT TO BLOCK THEM!

QUICK--THE DOOR!

BUT SUDDENLY, A GIGANTIC FIGURE LOOMS BEFORE THE SHRUNKEN THIEVES...

YIII-III! BAT-HOUND!

SHUCKS!... AND TO THINK IT WAS I WHO BROUGHT BAT-HOUND HERE! HE'S SPOILED EVERY-THING BY BLOCKING THEM OFF!

MOUNTING THE "GIANT" DOG, BATMAN SWIFTLY TIES UP THE CASE...

ALL RIGHT, BAT-MITE, THE FUN'S OVER! YOU MIGHT AS WELL RESTORE US TO OUR NORMAL SIZE NOW!

AND AFTER THAT IS DONE...

COME HERE, LITTLE MAN-- WE WANT TO HAVE A TALK WITH YOU!

AND HOW!

ER ;GULP! I-I JUST REMEMBERED... IT--IT'S TIME I WENT HOME!

S-SO LONG!

POP!

HA, HA! I GUESS HE WAS AFRAID WE'D KEEP OUR PROMISE TO SPANK HIM!

FUNNY, THOUGH... I JUST CAN'T STAY ANGRY WITH THAT CUTE LITTLE IMP! WHEN DO YOU SUPPOSE HE'LL RETURN AGAIN?

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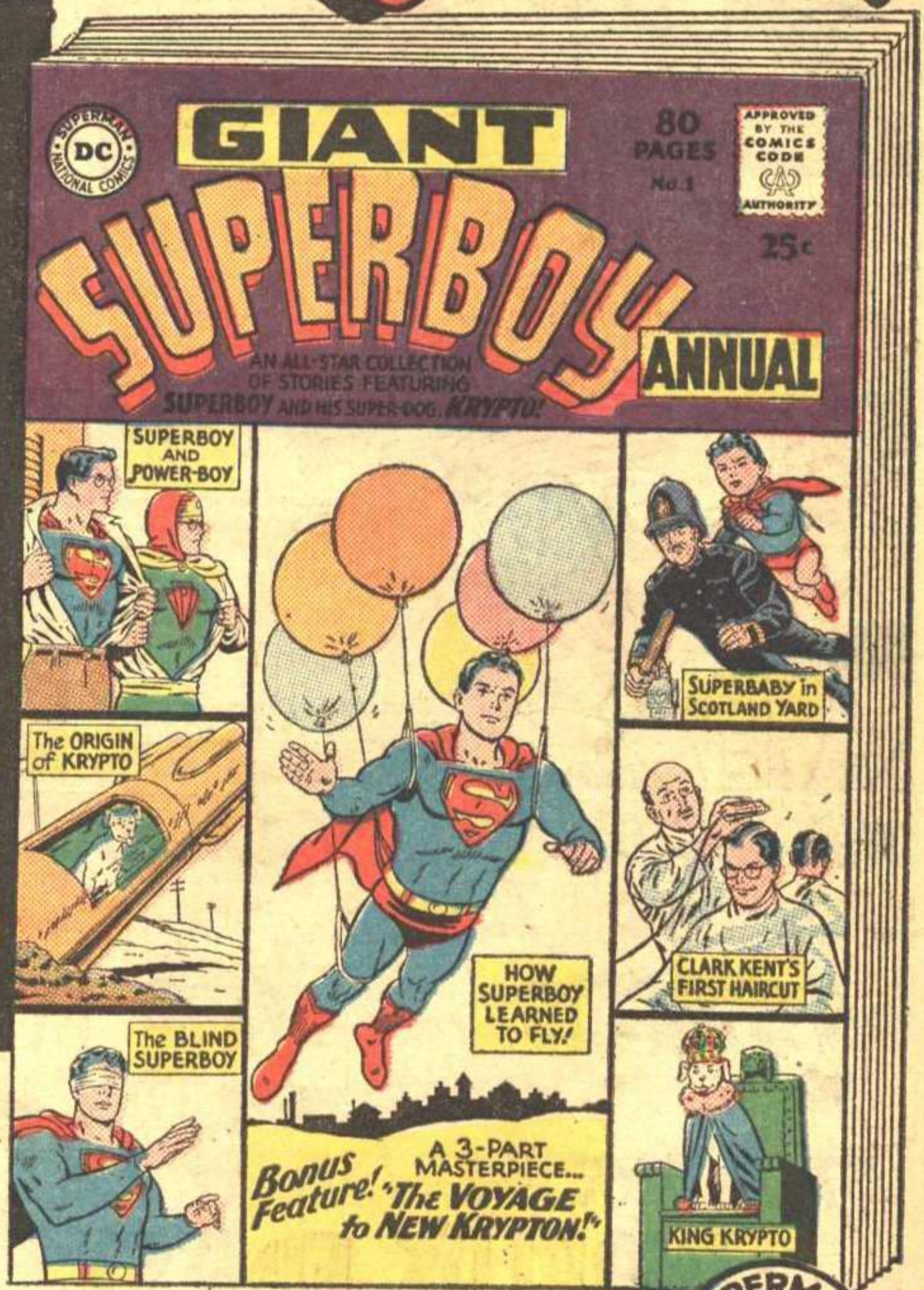

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BATMAN WITH ROBIN - THE BOY WONDER -

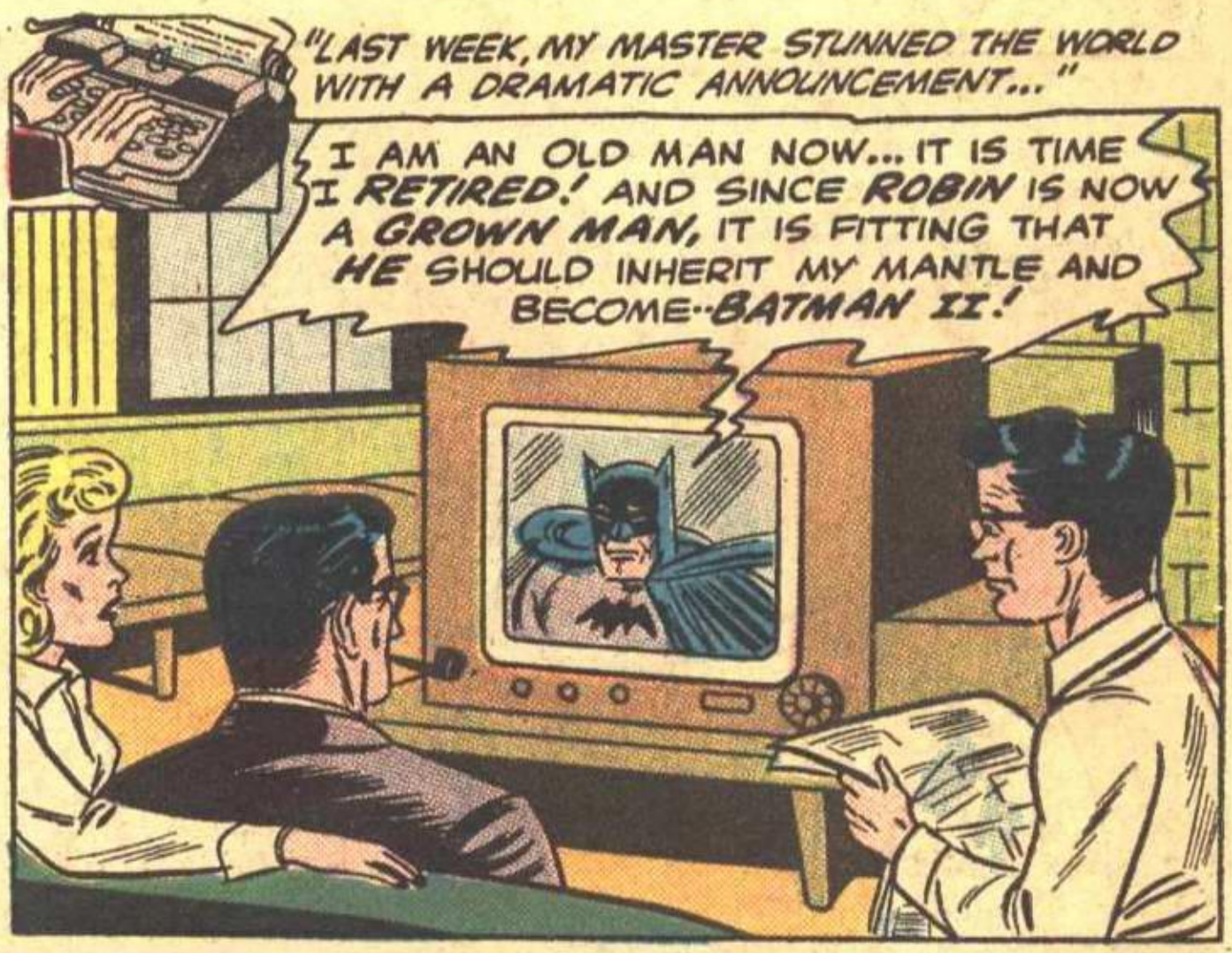
the SECOND BATMAN and ROBIN TEAM

BOB KANE

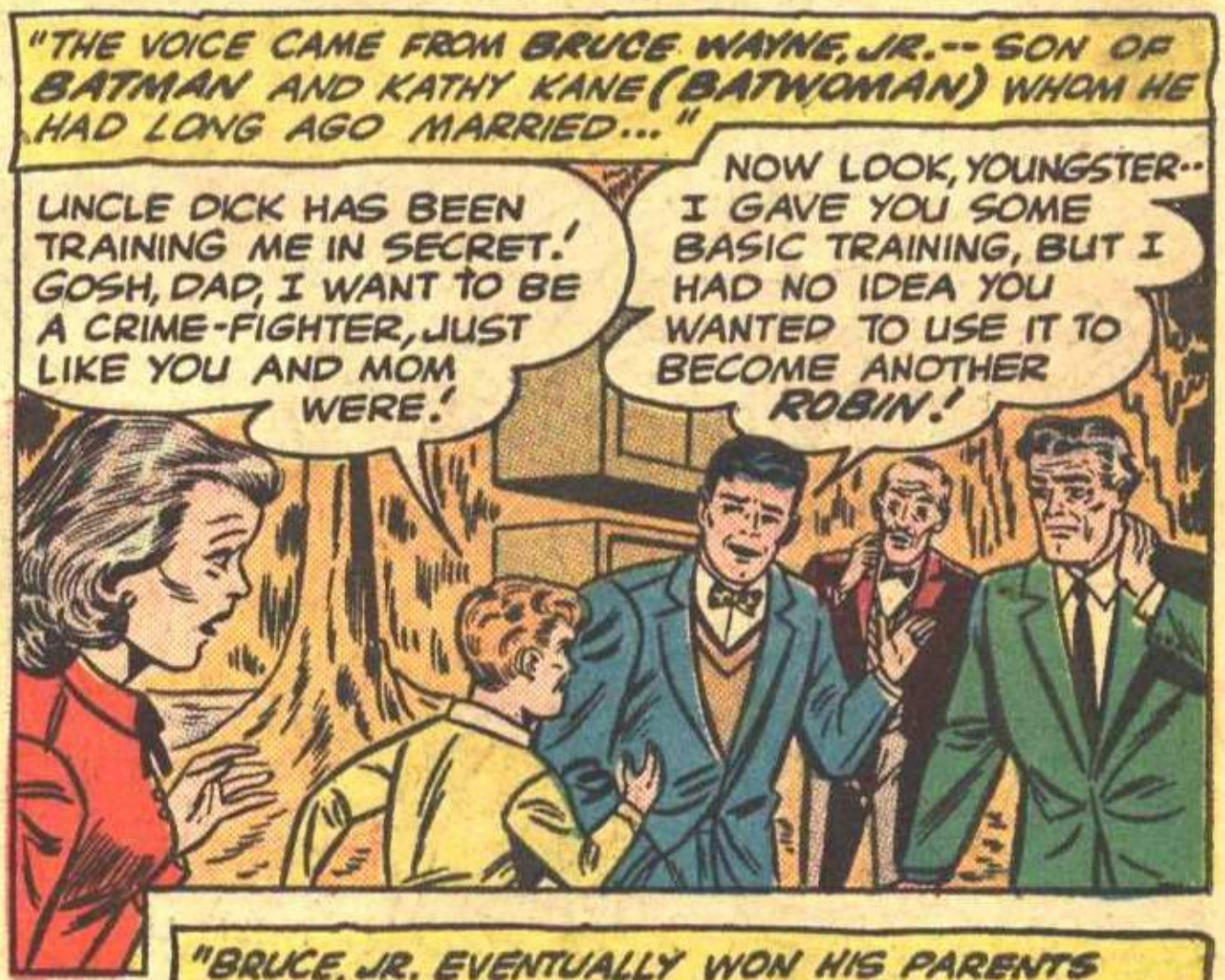
LOOK!... OUR SON IS IN DANGER!

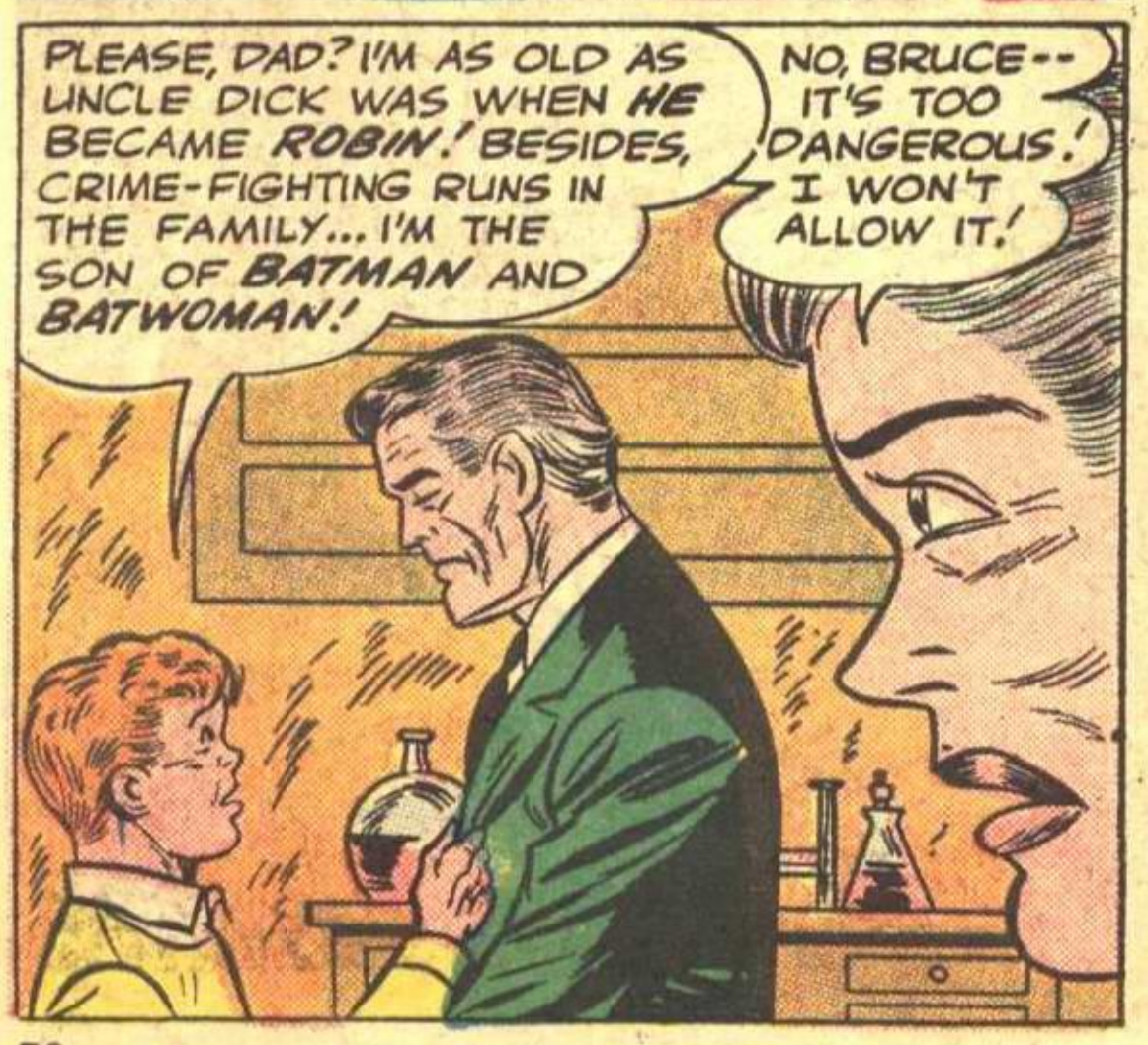
EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT NOW! HERE COME MOM AND DAD TO HELP US!

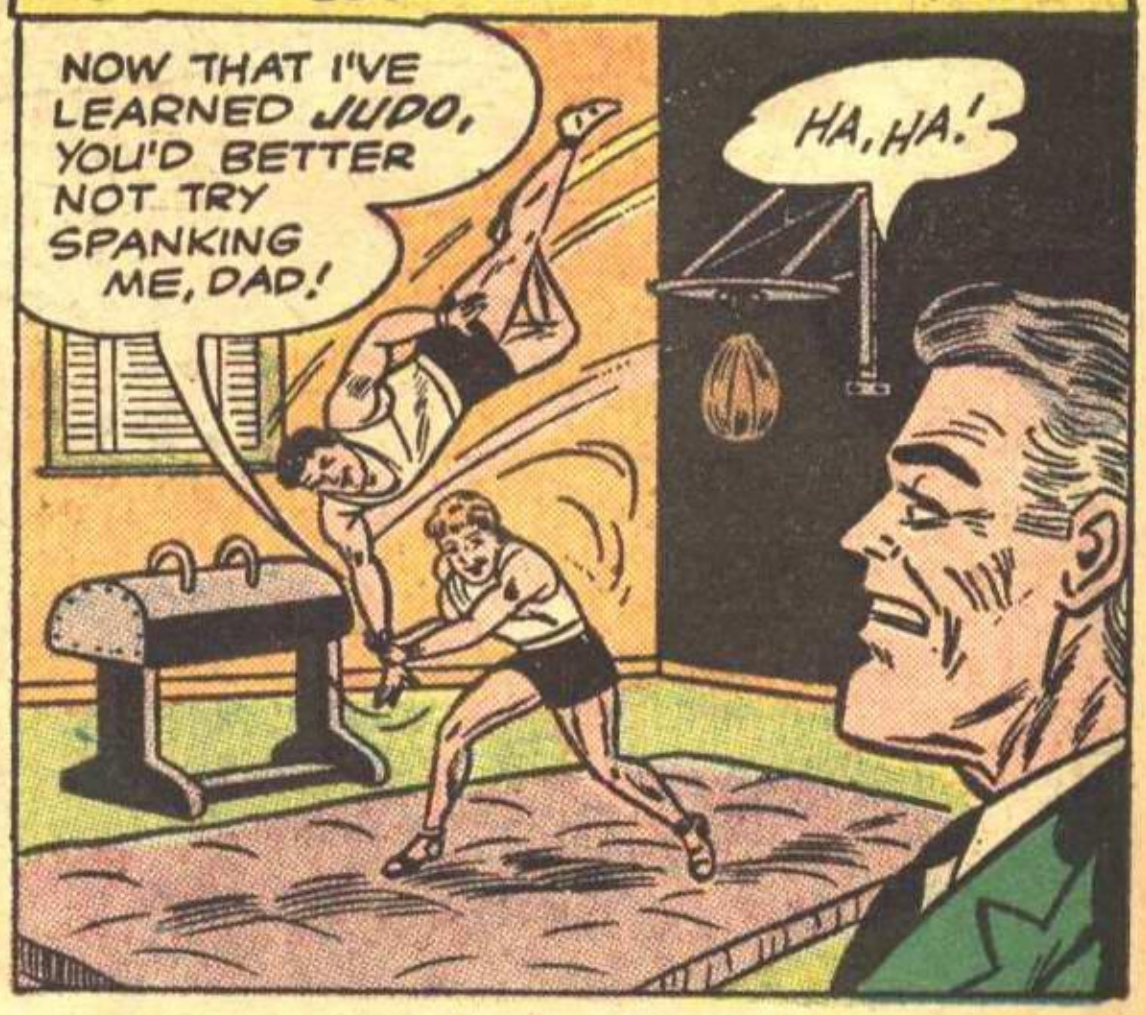
I, ALFRED, CONFIDENTIAL BUTLER TO BRUCE WAYNE, WHO IS SECRETLY BATMAN, AM RECORDING THE HISTORY FOLLOWING THE SADDEST EVENT IN MY LIFE...


"LAST WEEK, MY MASTER STUNNED THE WORLD WITH A DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT..."
I AM AN OLD MAN NOW... IT IS TIME I RETIRED! AND SINCE ROBIN IS NOW A GROWN MAN, IT IS FITTING THAT HE SHOULD INHERIT MY MANTLE AND BECOME--BATMAN II!

"LATER, IN THE SECRET BAT-CAVE BENEATH OUR HOME, I WATCHED DICK GRAYSON, AS THE MASTER HUNG UP HIS BELOVED COSTUME FOREVER..."
WELL, DICK--YOU'RE BATMAN NOW! FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL BE FIGHTING CRIME ALL ALONE... YOU WON'T HAVE A ROBIN TO HELP YOU, AS YOU HELPED ME!
SURE HE DOES!... HE'S GOT ME!


"THE VOICE CAME FROM BRUCE WAYNE, JR.--SON OF BATMAN AND KATHY KANE (BATWOMAN) WHOM HE HAD LONG AGO MARRIED..."
UNCLE DICK HAS BEEN TRAINING ME IN SECRET! GOSH, DAD, I WANT TO BE A CRIME-FIGHTER, JUST LIKE YOU AND MOM WERE!
NOW LOOK, YOUNGSTER-- I GAVE YOU SOME BASIC TRAINING, BUT I HAD NO IDEA YOU WANTED TO USE IT TO BECOME ANOTHER ROBIN!

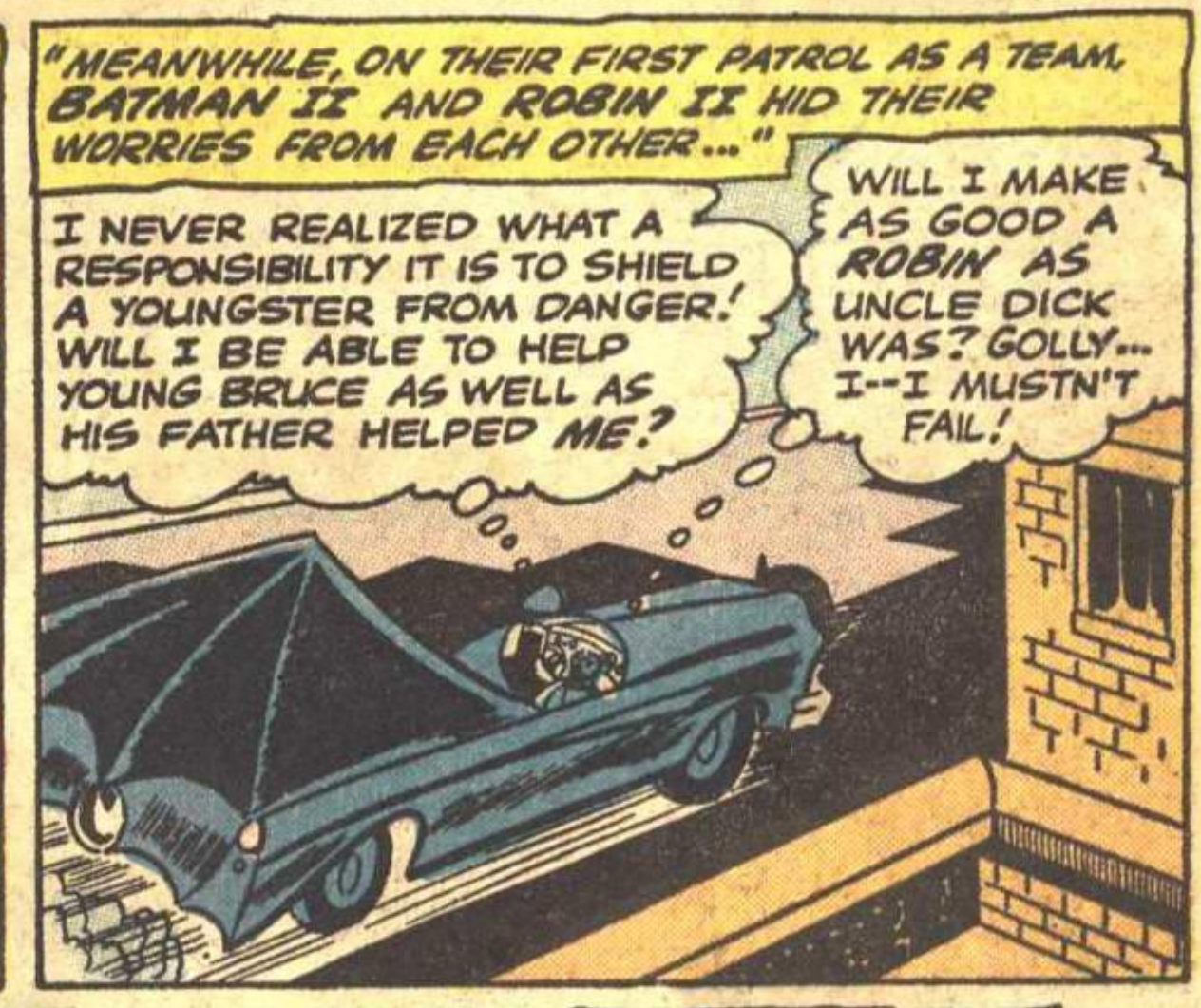

PLEASE, DAD? I'M AS OLD AS UNCLE DICK WAS WHEN HE BECAME ROBIN! BESIDES, CRIME-FIGHTING RUNS IN THE FAMILY... I'M THE SON OF BATMAN AND BATWOMAN!
NO, BRUCE-- IT'S TOO DANGEROUS! I WON'T ALLOW IT!


"BRUCE, JR. EVENTUALLY WON HIS PARENTS OVER--AND BEGAN HIS TRAINING IN EARNEST..."
NOW THAT I'VE LEARNED JUDO, YOU'D BETTER NOT TRY SPANKING ME, DAD!
HA, HA!

"HE WAS TAUGHT EVERY PHASE OF CRIMINOLOGY BY THE MASTER OF CRIME-FIGHTING..."
AS YOU CAN SEE, IODINE SPRAY WILL BRING OUT FINGERPRINTS! THAT'S IT, SON -- YOU'RE LEARNING FAST!

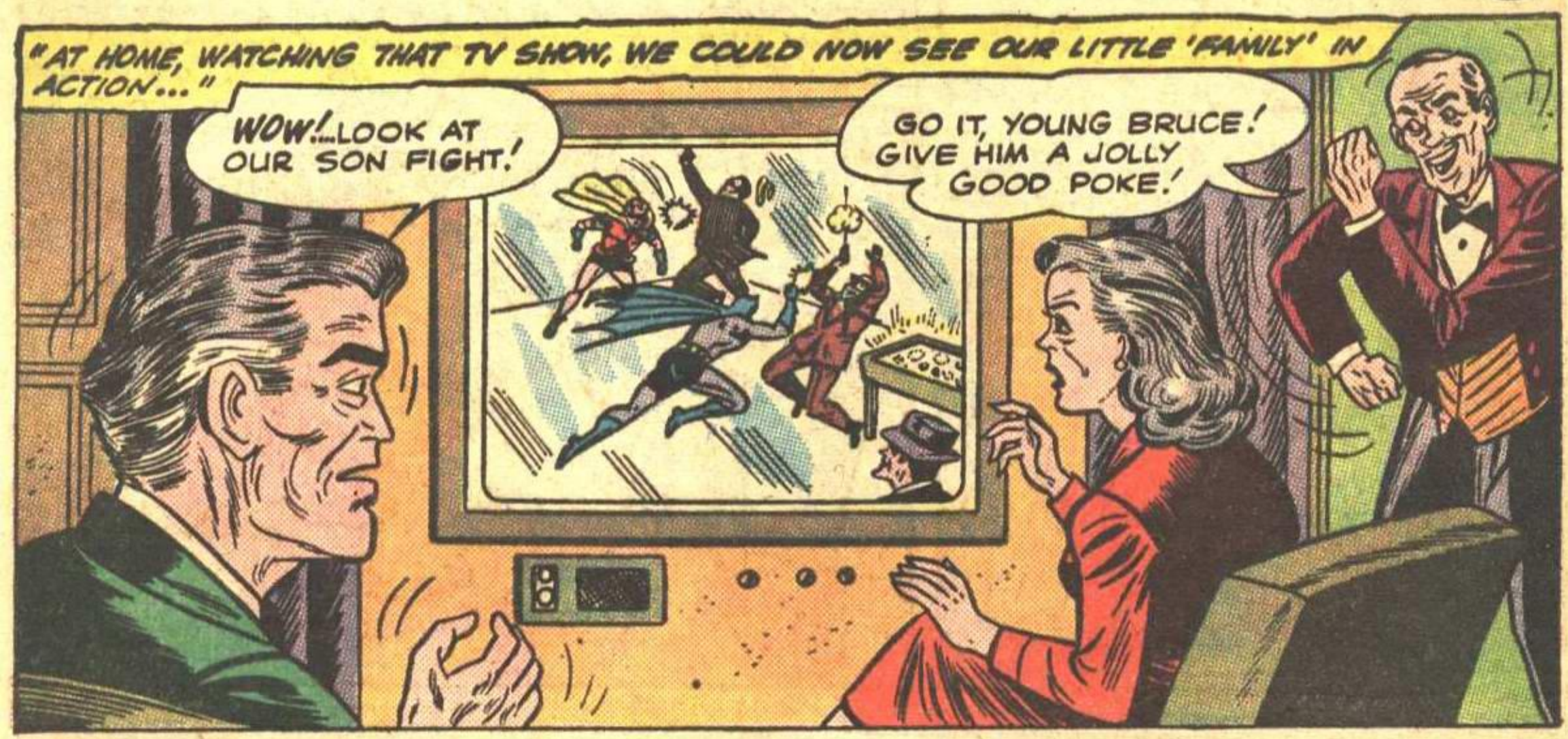
"THEN CAME THE DAY WHEN BRUCE, JR. DONNED HIS ROBIN COSTUME AND STOOD PROUDLY BEFORE HIS ANXIOUS PARENTS..."
TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM, DICK... MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T GET HURT!
DON'T WORRY, I'LL WATCH HIM LIKE A HAWK!

"AND THEN WE OLDSTERS WERE ALONE..."
:SOB: HE LOOKED SO HANDSOME IN HIS COSTUME! OUR LITTLE BOY :SOB: IS GROWING UP SO FAST!
YES, MADAME -- HE'S A FINE BOY... A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK!

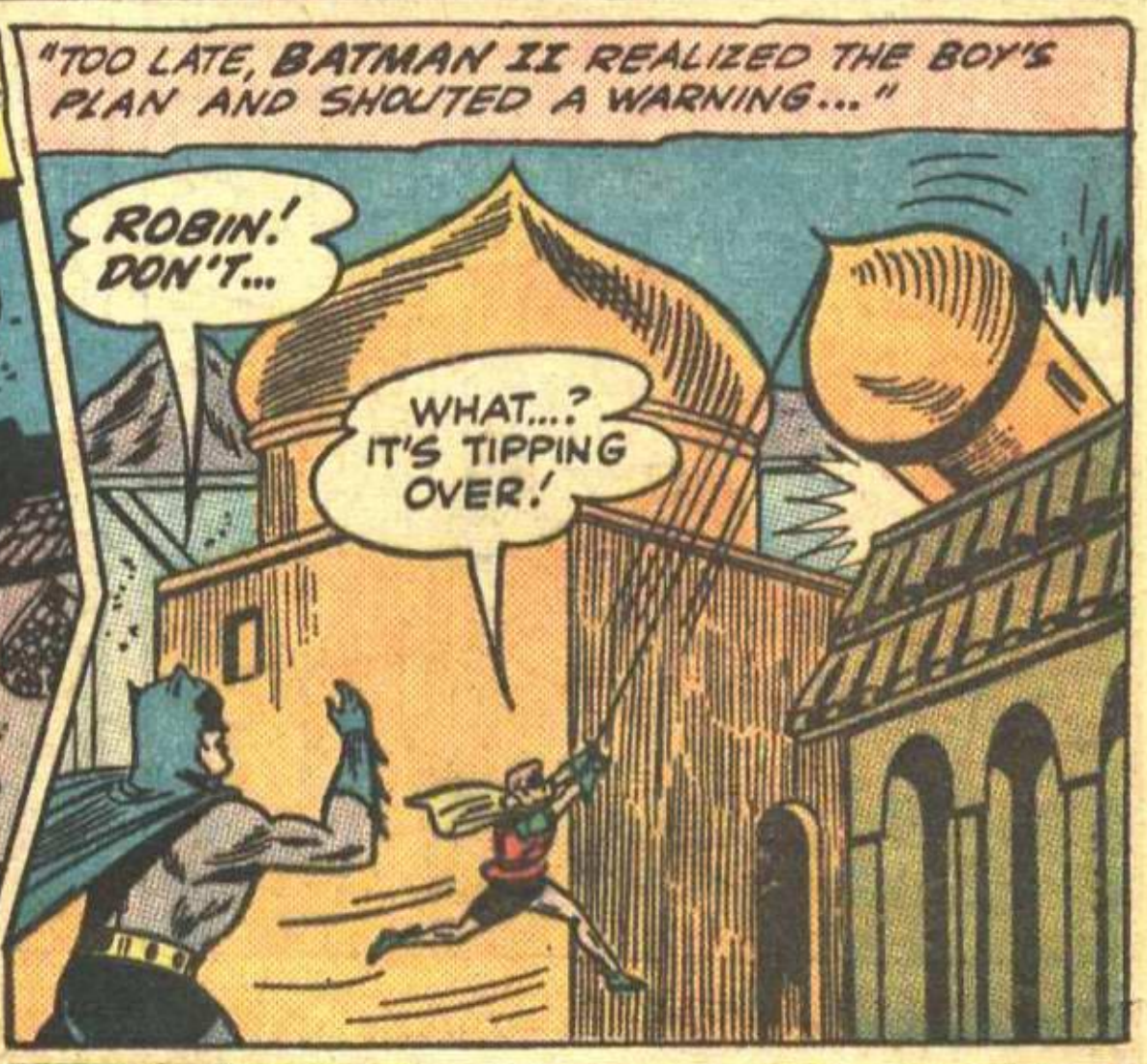

"MEANWHILE, ON THEIR FIRST PATROL AS A TEAM, BATMAN II AND ROBIN II HID THEIR WORRIES FROM EACH OTHER..."
I NEVER REALIZED WHAT A RESPONSIBILITY IT IS TO SHIELD A YOUNGSTER FROM DANGER! WILL I BE ABLE TO HELP YOUNG BRUCE AS WELL AS HIS FATHER HELPED ME?
WILL I MAKE AS GOOD A ROBIN AS UNCLE DICK WAS? GOLLY... I--I MUSTN'T FAIL!

"SUDDENLY..."
CALLING ALL CARS! MASKED BANDITS ATTEMPTING TO STEAL GEMS FROM TELEVISED AUCTION SHOW!
THE TELEVISION STUDIOS ARE ON THE NEXT STREET... HERE WE GO! EXCITED, ROBIN?
Y-YES... I S-SURE AM!

"MINUTES LATER, THE TEAM OF BATMAN II AND ROBIN II TACKLED ITS FIRST CRIME..."
HUH--? IT'S THE NEW BATMAN AND ROBIN!


"AT HOME, WATCHING THAT TV SHOW, WE COULD NOW SEE OUR LITTLE 'FAMILY' IN ACTION..."
WOW!...LOOK AT OUR SON FIGHT!
GO IT, YOUNG BRUCE! GIVE HIM A JOLLY GOOD POKE!

"TEARING THEMSELVES LOOSE, THE BANDITS FLED INTO ANOTHER STUDIO--AND THERE, IN HIS NERVOUSNESS, BRUCE, JR. MADE HIS FIRST MISTAKE..."
I'LL SWING ACROSS THIS ANCIENT BAGHDAD SET ON MY BAT-ROPE... CUT THEM OFF AT THE EXIT!


"TOO LATE, BATMAN II REALIZED THE BOY'S PLAN AND SHOUTED A WARNING..."
ROBIN! DON'T...
WHAT...? IT'S TIPPING OVER!

HAW! NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO GET AWAY CLEAN!

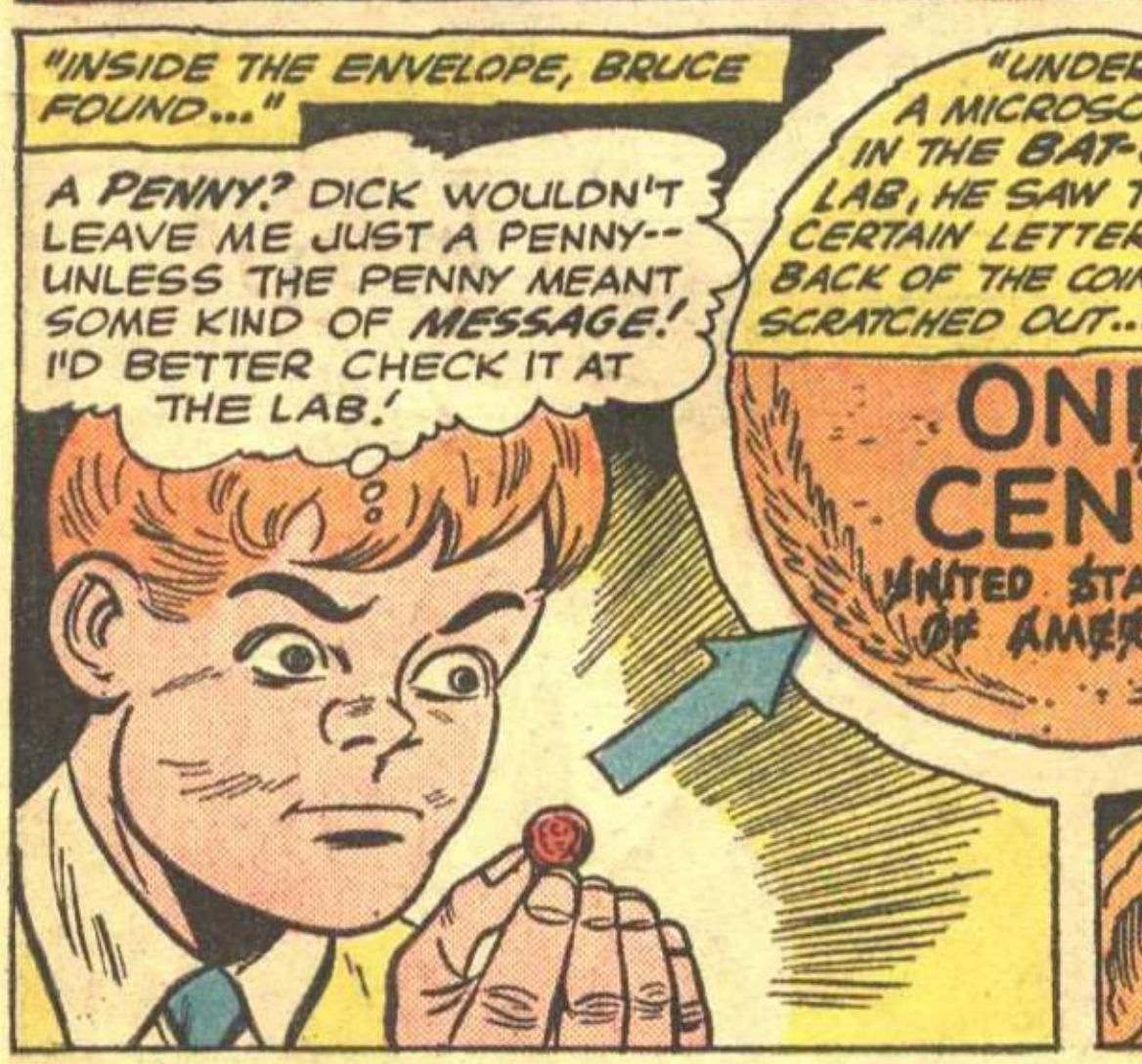
"AFTERWARD..."
I-I'M SORRY, BATMAN... I-I FORGOT THE PROP WAS MADE OF PAPIER MACHE AND COULDN'T HOLD MY WEIGHT!
WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES, ROBIN-- ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE TRYING TOO HARD! DON'T WORRY--YOU'LL MAKE AN ACE CRIME-FIGHTER YET!

"BUT EVEN AT HOME, THERE WAS NO CONSOLING YOUNG BRUCE..."
IT'S ALL MY FAULT THEY GOT AWAY... I'M A FLOP!
NOW NOW, SON, MANY IS THE TIME I WAS OVER-EAGER AS BATWOMAN, AND YOUR FATHER HAD TO HELP ME OUT!

SURE--AND I MADE PLENTY OF BONERS WHEN I WAS ROBIN... RIGHT, BRUCE?
RIGHT, DICK! DON'T WORRY, SON--WE ALL BELIEVE IN YOU...WE KNOW YOU'LL COME THROUGH!

"NEXT DAY, DICK GRAYSON, WHO HAD BECOME A ROVING NEWSPAPER REPORTER IN HIS EVERY-DAY IDENTITY, WAS ON HIS WAY TO HIS OFFICE, WHEN..."
TED TATE, THE GANGSTER! HE USED TO BE IN BABYFACE JORDAN'S MOB-- AND BABYFACE BROKE OUT OF PRISON RECENTLY! HMM... HE MAY BE TAKING THOSE GROCERIES TO BABYFACE'S HIDEOUT-- AND I HAVEN'T ANY WAY OF FOLLOWING HIM!

"IT SO HAPPENED THAT YOUNG BRUCE WAS TO MEET DICK AT HIS OFFICE FOR LUNCH--BUT ON ARRIVING..."
DICK WENT OUT SOMEWHERE... HE LEFT THIS ENVELOPE FOR YOU!


"INSIDE THE ENVELOPE, BRUCE FOUND..."
A PENNY? DICK WOULDN'T LEAVE ME JUST A PENNY-- UNLESS THE PENNY MEANT SOME KIND OF MESSAGE! I'D BETTER CHECK IT AT THE LAB!
"UNDER A MICROSCOPE IN THE BAT-CAVE LAB, HE SAW THAT CERTAIN LETTERS ON THE BACK OF THE COIN WERE SCRATCHED OUT..."
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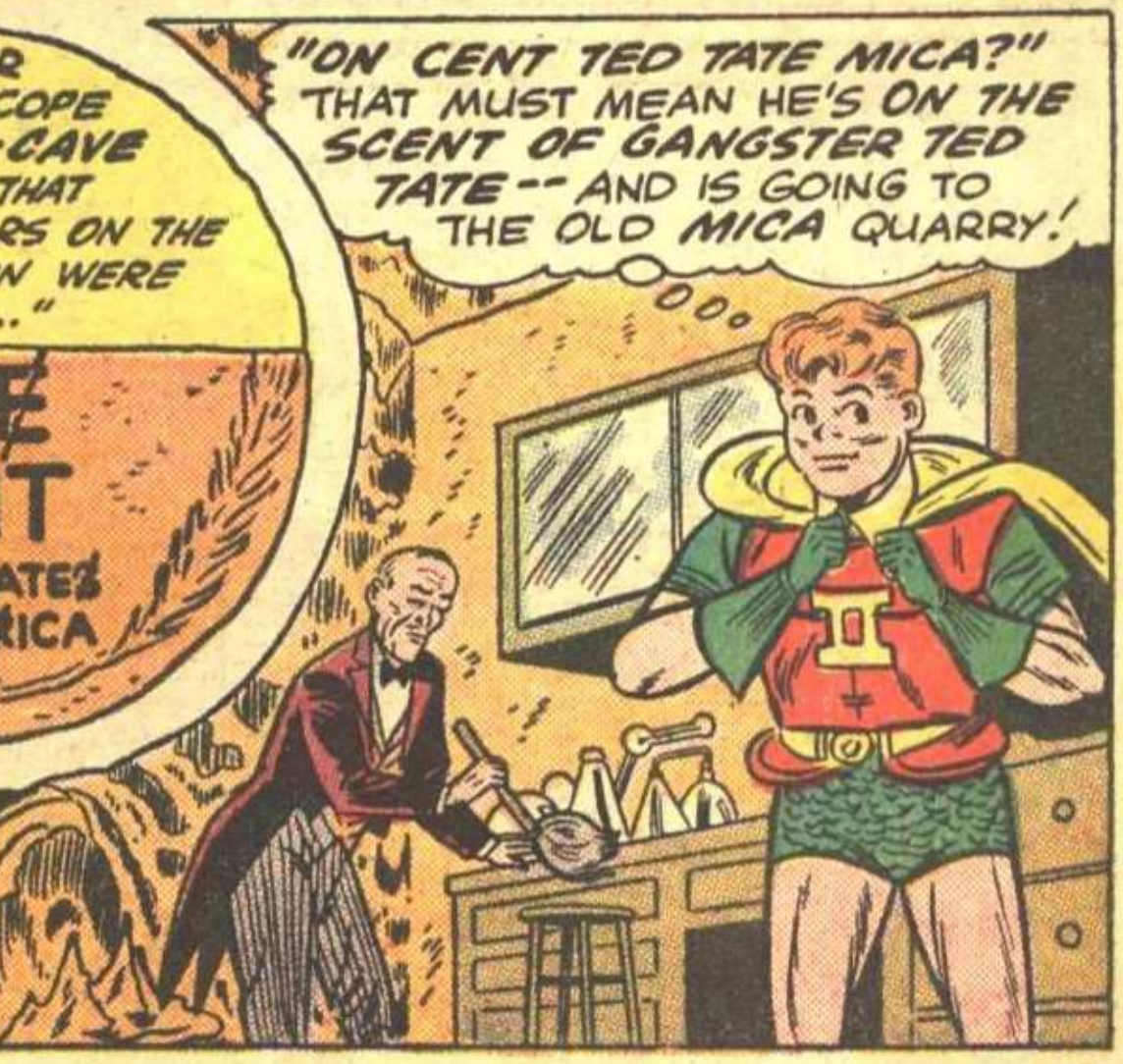

"ON CENT TED TATE MICA?" THAT MUST MEAN HE'S ON THE SCENT OF GANGSTER TED TATE-- AND IS GOING TO THE OLD MICA QUARRY!

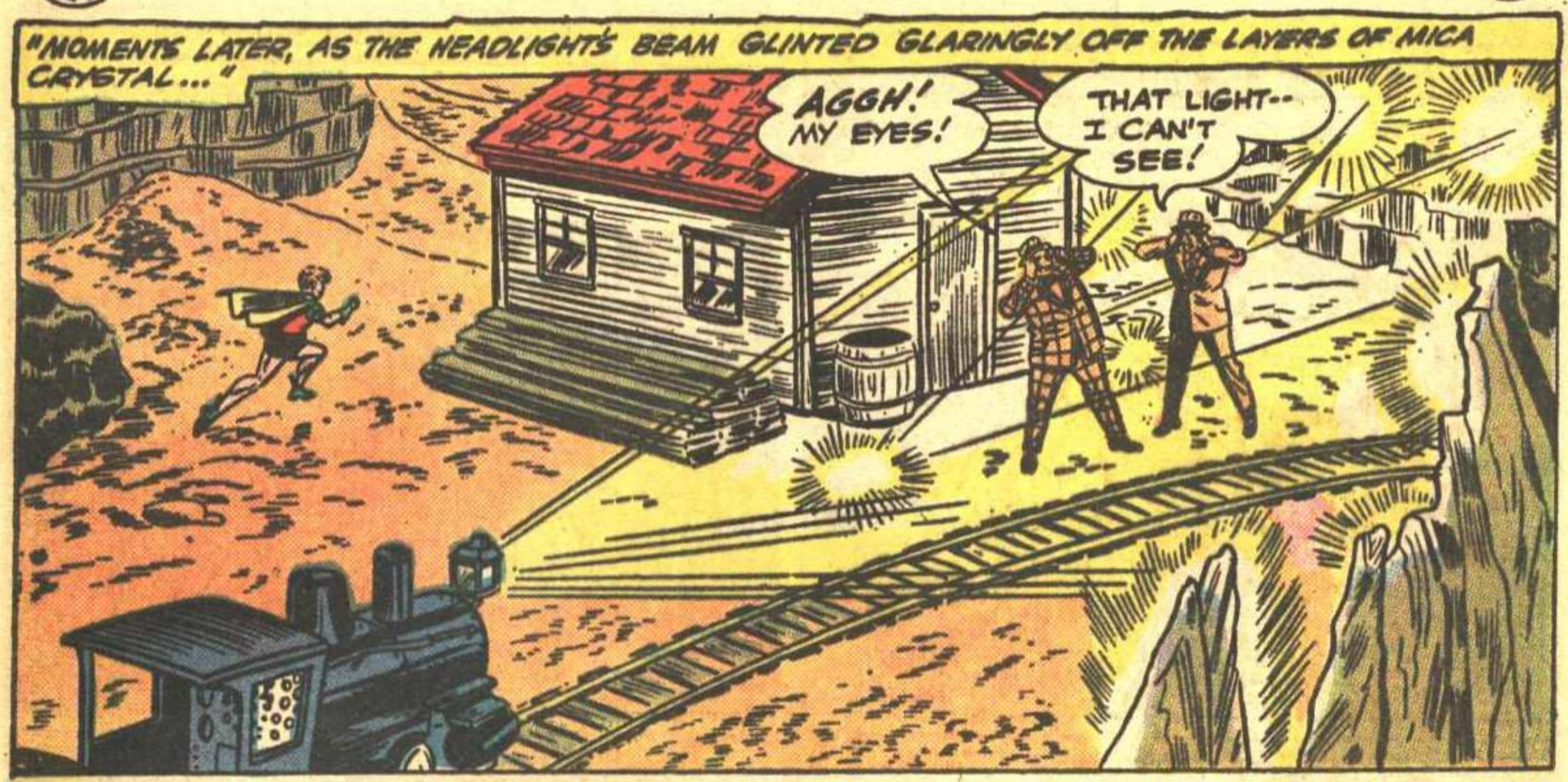
"BECAUSE YOUNG BRUCE LEFT HURRIEDLY IN HIS ROBIN COSTUME, I THOUGHT IT BEST TO NOTIFY THE MASTER..."
WHAT?... HE LEFT ALONE? I'D BETTER SEE WHAT HE WAS EXAMINING UNDER THE MICROSCOPE!

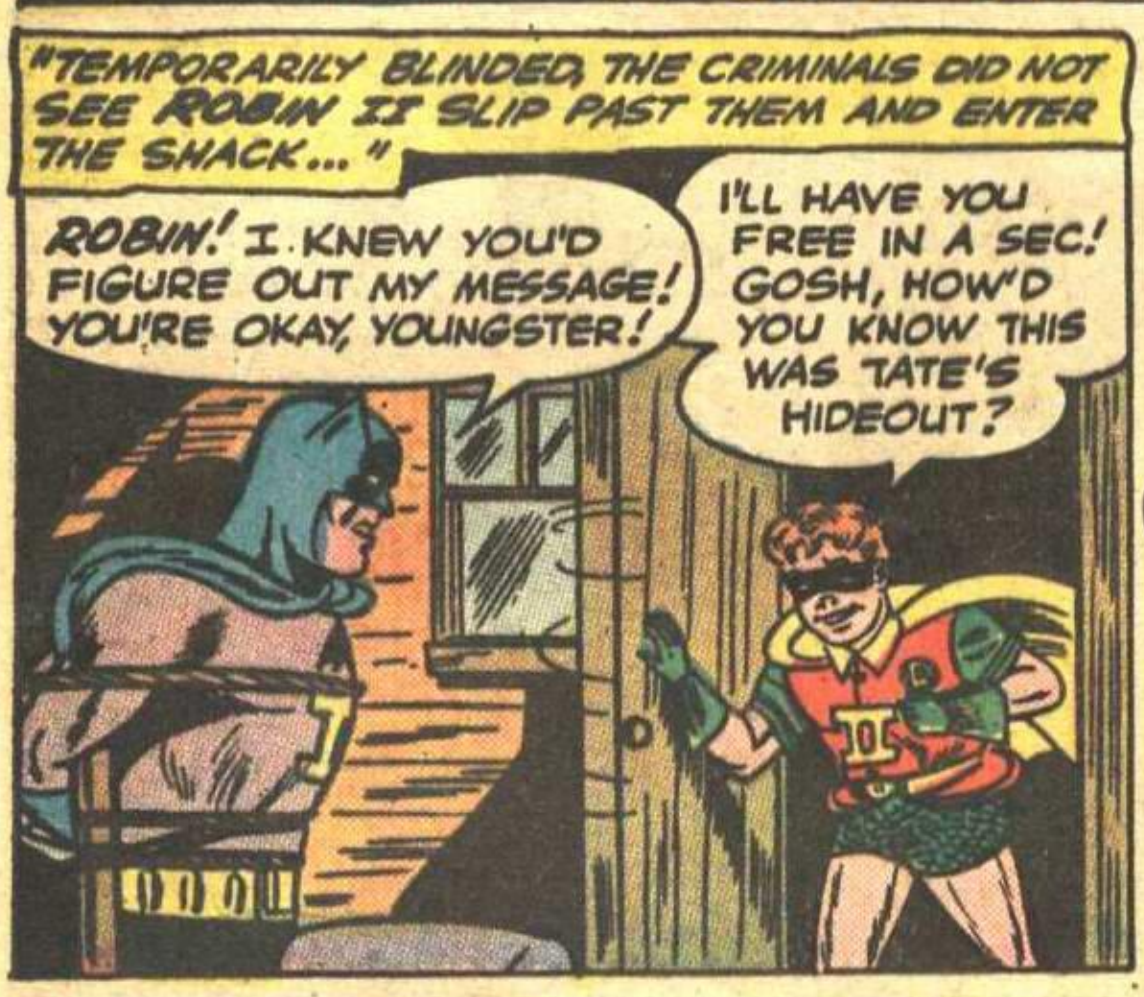
"ONE LOOK EXPLAINED EVERYTHING--AND THE MASTER CAME TO A QUICK DECISION..."
TATE COULD BE HIDING BABYFACE JORDAN! IF SO, HIS ENTIRE MOB WILL BE MEETING THERE! OUR BOY ISN'T EXPERIENCED ENOUGH TO HELP DICK HANDLE THAT GANG... IT COULD PROVE DANGEROUS... THEY'LL NEED HELP!

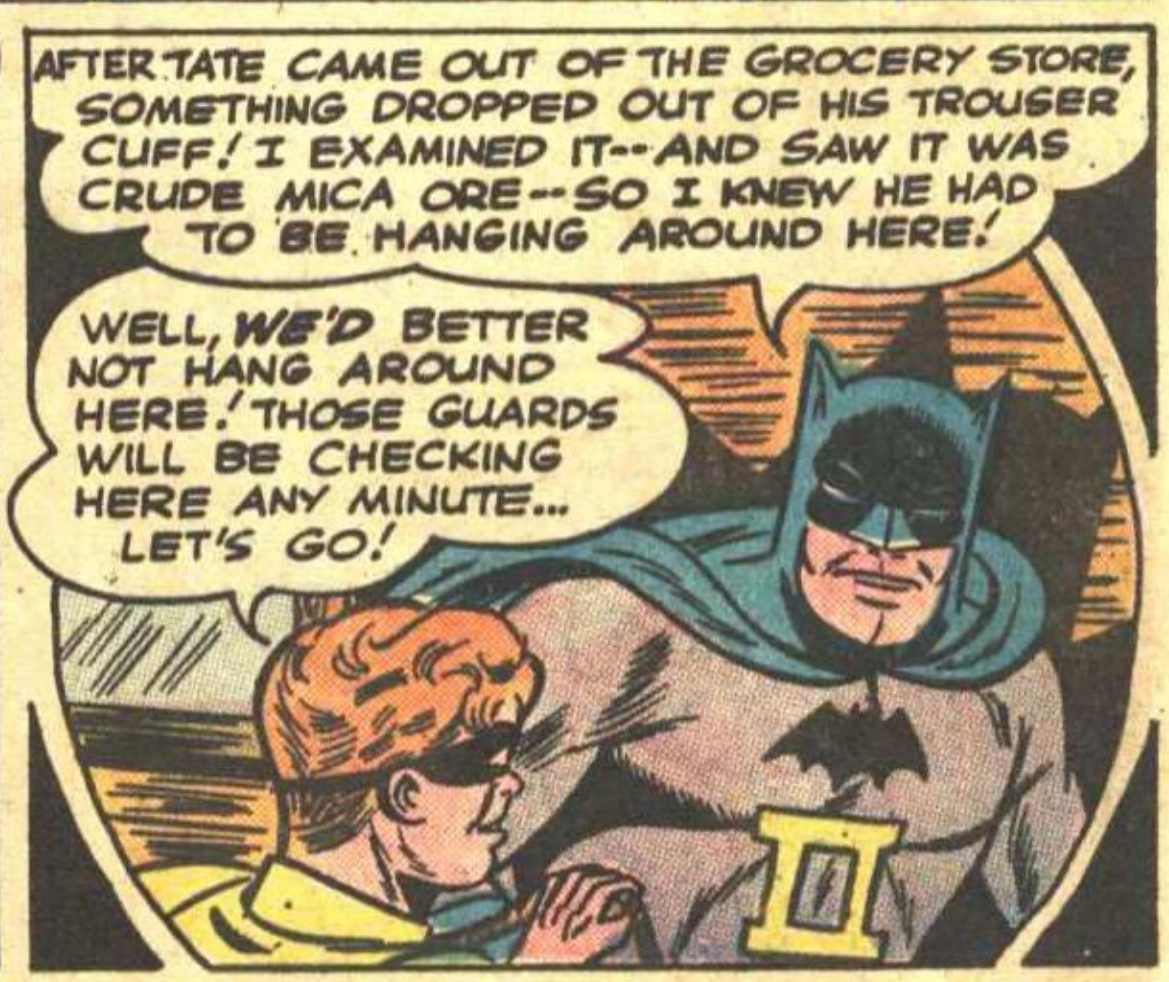
YOU'RE NOT GOING WITHOUT ME! IF BRUCE, JR. IS IN DANGER, I WANT TO HELP, TOO! AFTER ALL, HE'S MY SON, TOO!
NOW LOOK, HONEY-- YOU JUST CAN'T COME ALONG, AND THAT'S FINAL!

"NATURALLY, NO MAN EVER WINS AN ARGUMENT WITH A WOMAN--AND SO..."
NOT BAD FOR AN OLD GAL, EH? MY COSTUME STILL FITS ME--THOUGH I DID HAVE TO COVER MY GRAYING HAIR WITH A WIG!

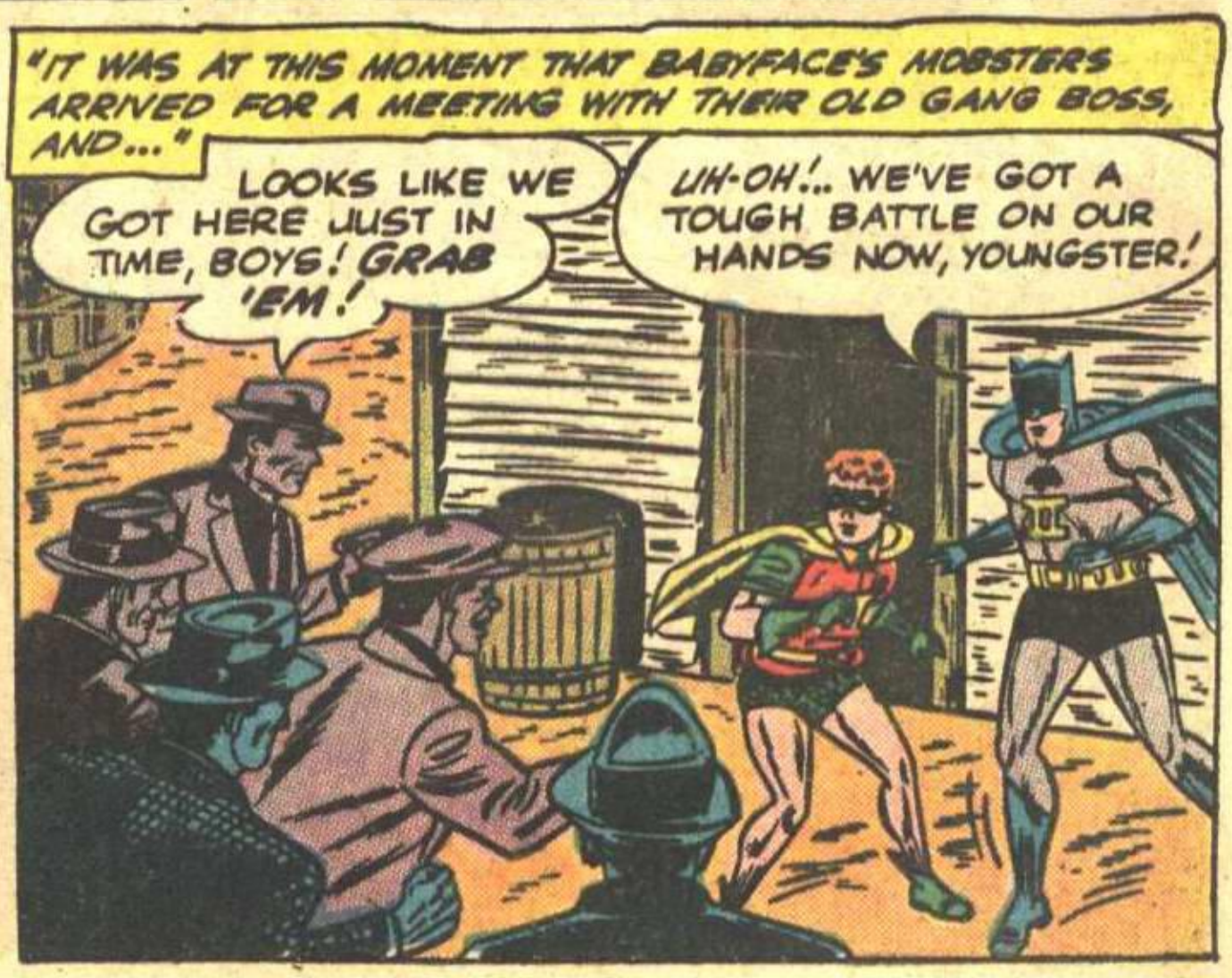
"MEANWHILE, ROBIN II HAD REACHED THE ENTRANCE TO THE OLD MICA QUARRY, AND CREPT STEALTHILY FORWARD..."
WE REALLY TOOK BATMAN II BY SURPRISE WHEN WE JUMPED HIM! WE'LL JUST KEEP HIM IN THE SHACK UNTIL BABYFACE DECIDES WHAT TO DO WITH HIM!
UNCLE DICK--CAPTURED! I'VE GOT TO FREE HIM... BUT HOW CAN I GET PAST THOSE GUARDS? HMM--IF I CAN GET INTO THE ENGINE AND PUT ON THE HEADLIGHT...


"MOMENTS LATER, AS THE HEADLIGHT'S BEAM GLINTED GLARINGLY OFF THE LAYERS OF MICA CRYSTAL..."
AGGH! MY EYES!
THAT LIGHT-- I CAN'T SEE!


"TEMPORARILY BLINDED, THE CRIMINALS DID NOT SEE ROBIN II SLIP PAST THEM AND ENTER THE SHACK..."
ROBIN! I KNEW YOU'D FIGURE OUT MY MESSAGE! YOU'RE OKAY, YOUNGSTER!
I'LL HAVE YOU FREE IN A SEC! GOSH, HOW'D YOU KNOW THIS WAS TATE'S HIDEOUT?


AFTER TATE CAME OUT OF THE GROCERY STORE, SOMETHING DROPPED OUT OF HIS TROUSER CUFF! I EXAMINED IT--AND SAW IT WAS CRUDE MICA ORE--SO I KNEW HE HAD TO BE HANGING AROUND HERE!
WELL, WE'D BETTER NOT HANG AROUND HERE! THOSE GUARDS WILL BE CHECKING HERE ANY MINUTE... LET'S GO!

HOW ABOUT A TAP ON THE PATE, TATE?
OOOH! YOU PUN ALMOST AS BADLY AS I DID WHEN I WAS ROBIN!


"IT WAS AT THIS MOMENT THAT BABYFACE'S MOBSTERS ARRIVED FOR A MEETING WITH THEIR OLD GANG BOSS, AND..."
LOOKS LIKE WE GOT HERE JUST IN TIME, BOYS! GRAB 'EM!
UH-OH!.. WE'VE GOT A TOUGH BATTLE ON OUR HANDS NOW, YOUNGSTER!

"THOUGH THEY FOUGHT VALIANTLY, THE ODDS WERE TOO MUCH FOR THEM--AND SOON..."
CHEE!... THIS KID'S A WILDCAT! HOLD HIM!
C'MON, BOYS--WE'LL TAKE THEM TO THE BOSS! HE'S IN THE BACK OF THE QUARRY!

"BUT JUST AS THEY REACHED BABYFACE..."
LOOK!... BATMAN AND BATWOMAN! QUICK--GET BEHIND HERE... WE'LL HOLD 'EM OFF!
OKAY, BABYFACE!

OH, DEAR...WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH THAT BARRAGE OF GUNFIRE!
SURE WE CAN, HONEY! COME ON--WE'RE GOING FOR A RIDE!
BANG!
BANG!
BANG!

"SECONDS LATER, AS THE TRAIN BEGAN CHUGGING DEEP INTO THE QUARRY..."
KEEP DOWN, HONEY!
GET BACK! THAT ENGINE'S COMING RIGHT AT US!
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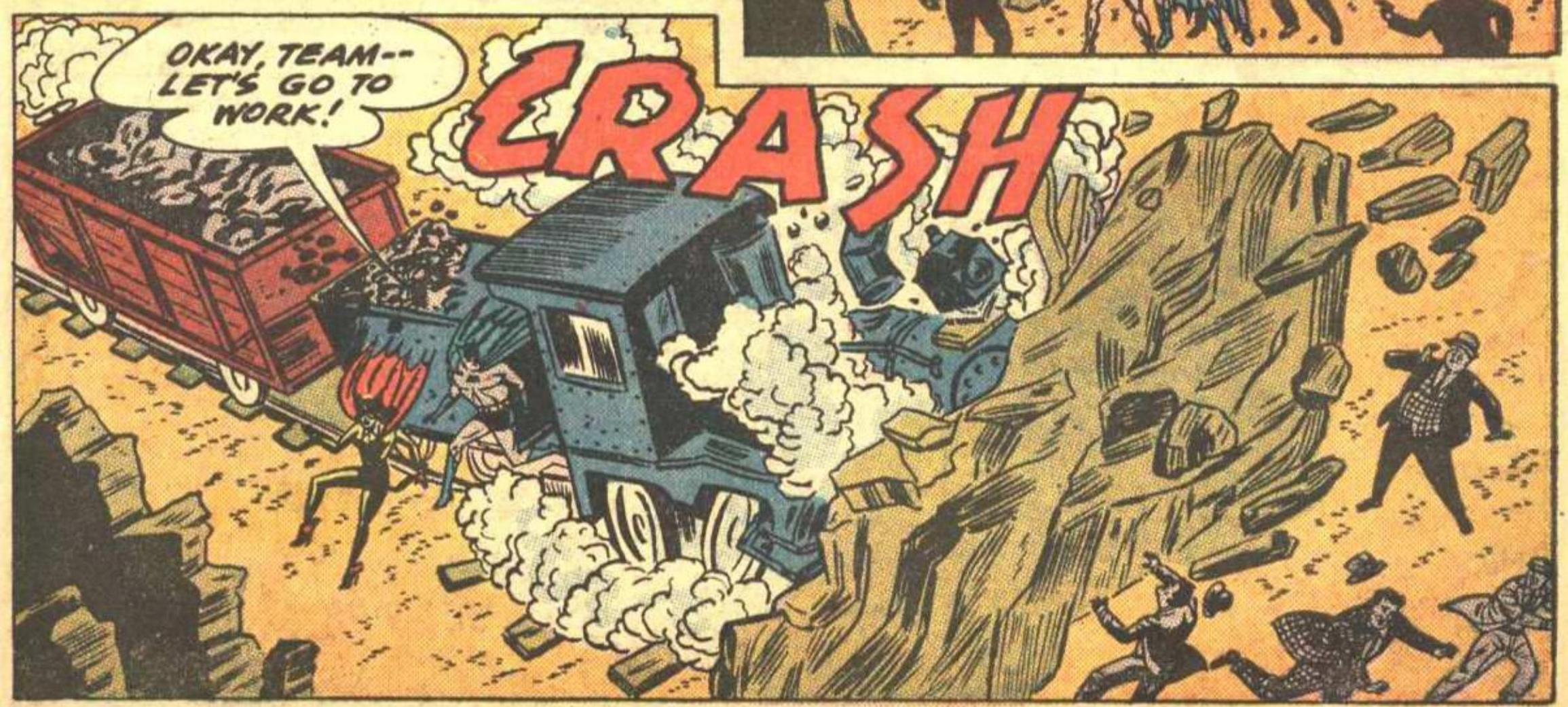
OKAY, TEAM--LET'S GO TO WORK!
CRASH

"WHAT A SPECTACLE!... THREE GENERATIONS OF CRIME-FIGHTERS, COMBINING FORCES TO COMBAT THE ENEMIES OF LAW AND ORDER!"

GOLLY--WE'RE LIKE THE THREE MUSKETEERS!

BUT WE DON'T NEED ANY SWORDS!

OUR FISTS ARE ALL WE NEED!

"LATER, WITH THE MOBSTERS IMPRISONED, THERE WAS A JOYOUS REUNION IN THE BAT-CAVE..."

YOU WERE WONDERFUL, SON... I'M PROUD OF YOU!

YES--IT LOOKS LIKE THE NEW TEAM OF BATMAN AND ROBIN IS HERE TO STAY!