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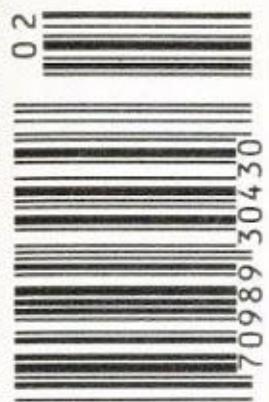
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MANTA MEN! THEIR STUN BLOWS ARE DRIVING THE SHARKS TO THE BEACHES AGAINST THEIR WILL.

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KRAAACK

MERA CALLS UPON HER OTHER DIMENSIONAL POWER TO SHAPE WATER INTO A HUGE HARD-WATER HAND.

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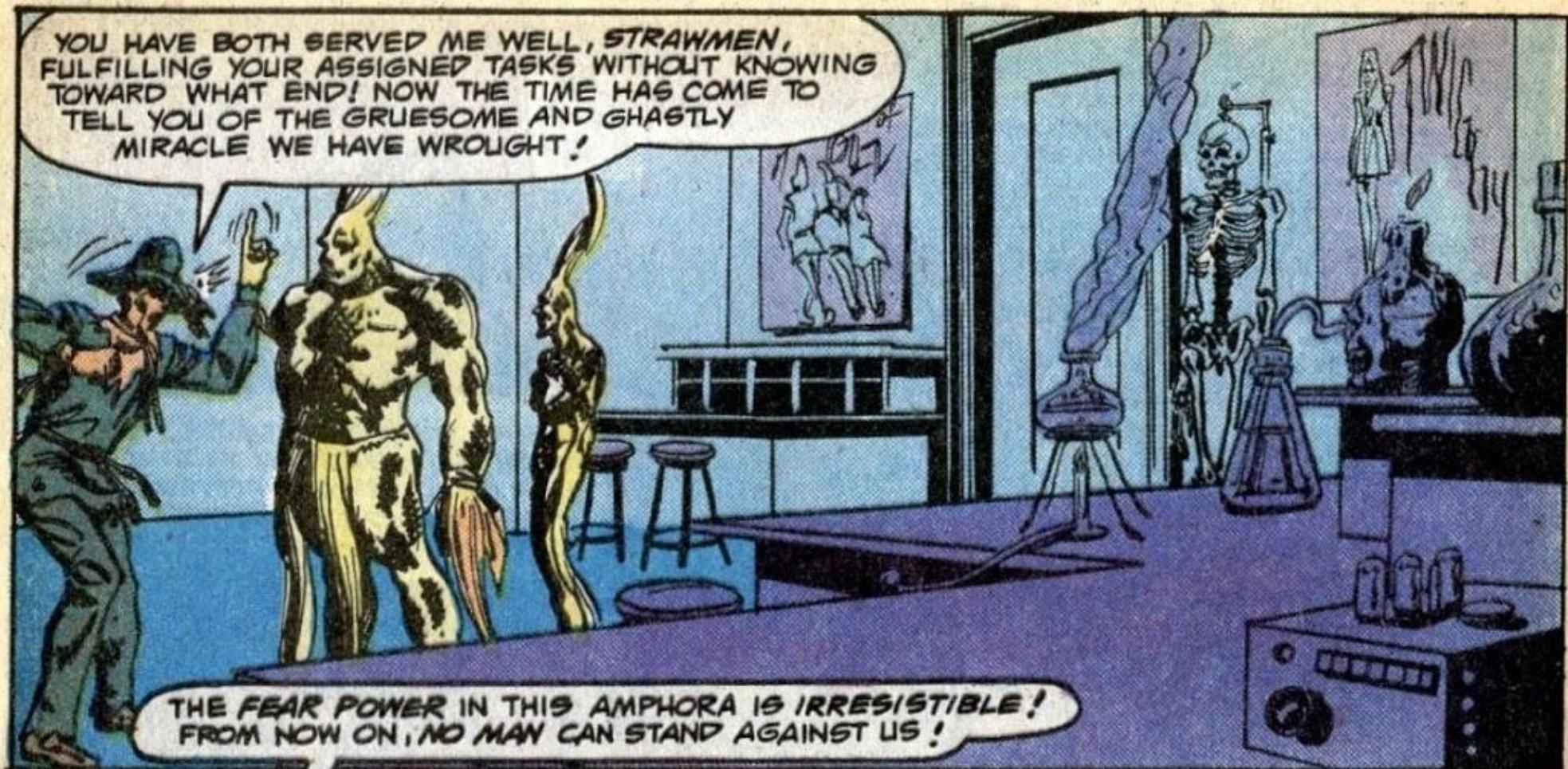
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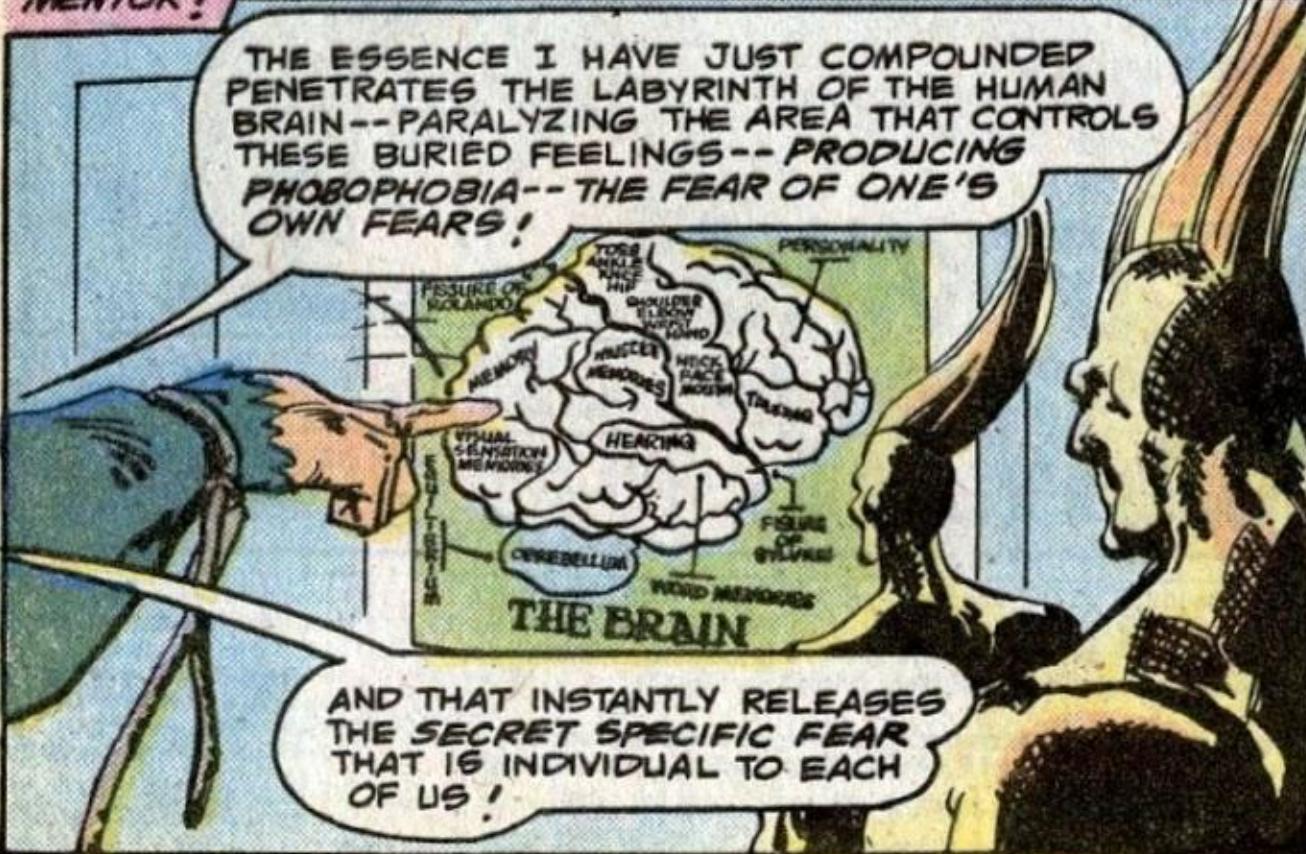
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HIS STRAWMEN HANG ON EVERY WORD, AS WHEN THEY WERE HIS STUDENTS--OTTO AND RAYMOND, ONE A DROPOUT, THE OTHER EXPELLED-- BOTH AS WICKED AND WARPED AS THEIR MENTOR!



SO? WHERE'S YOUR ENTHUSIASM? YOU'RE NOT OVERWHELMED?

OH, YES, PROFESSOR! BUT, WELL ... YOU'VE TAUGHT US TO USE THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD... AND WE'VE HAD NO TEST CASE...

QUITE CORRECT! WHO WILL VOLUNTEER TO SAMPLE THE EFFECTS OF THE ELIXIR?

NOT ME!

ME NEITHER!

YOU ASKED, OTTO -- SO YOU SHALL SERVE AS THE GUINEA PIG!

REMOVE YOUR NOSE-FILTER!

NO!
NOT
HIM!

I'D HAVE GUESSED PYROPHOBIA (1) -- OR ALGOPHOBIA (2) -- OR PATHOPHOBIA (3) --

-- BUT OTTO'S HIT THE TRULY TERRIBLE JACKPOT --

THE BATMAN -- EVERYWHERE!

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(2) FEAR OF PAIN.
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LIKE A HELLISH
KALEIDOSCOPE,
THE SCENE
CHANGES--BUT
NOT THE HORROR!

ACROSS THIS MOUNTAIN...
I'LL ESCAPE... SOMEHOW!

THE BATMAN!?

GOT TO GET
AWAY FROM
HIM!

Suddenly--

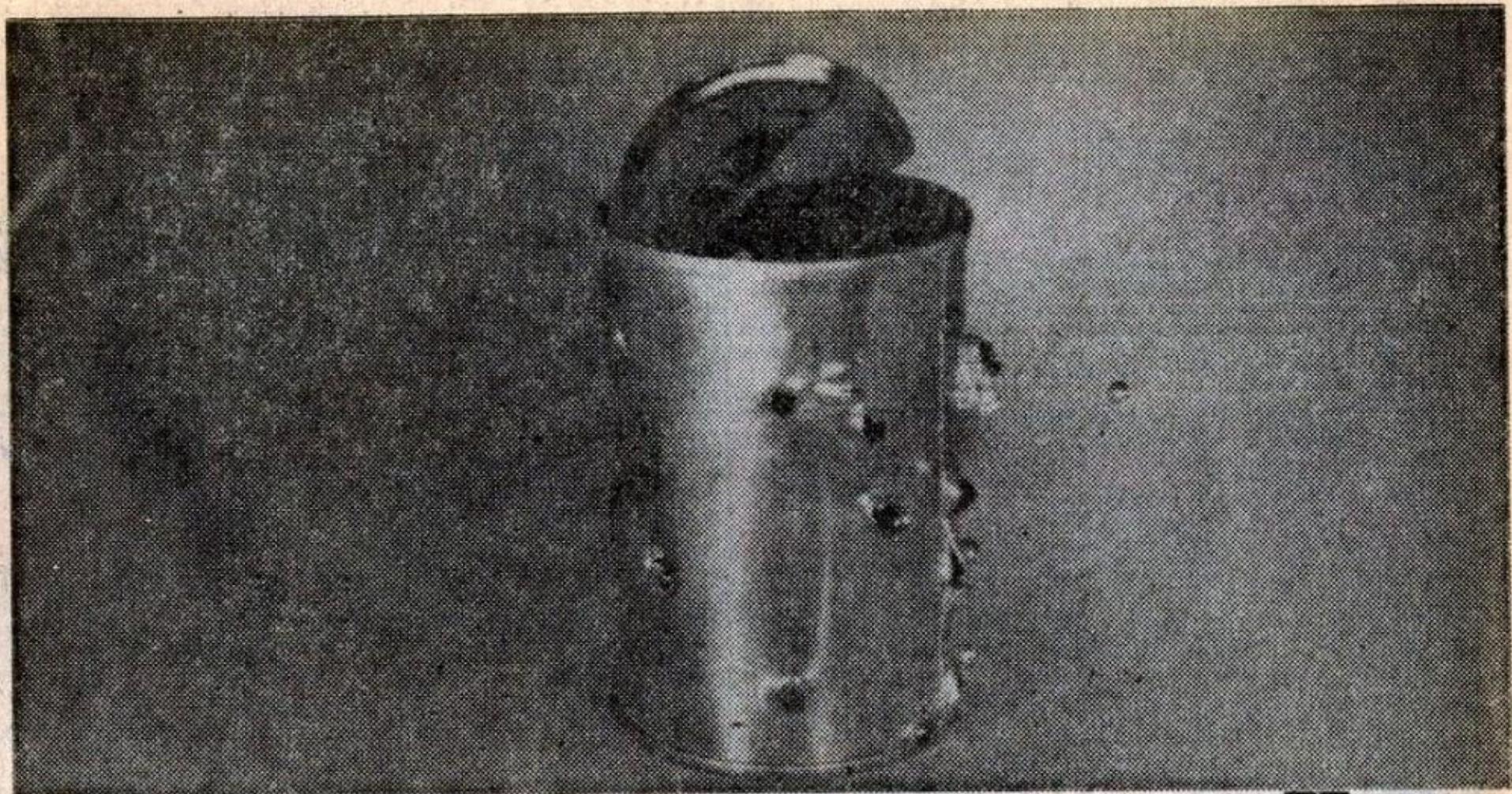
I'M FALLING--

TO
MY
DEATH!
EEEEEHHHH

SCARCELY TWENTY SECONDS HAVE ELAPSED! -- AN ETERNITY!

WHEW!
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THAT'S
OVER!

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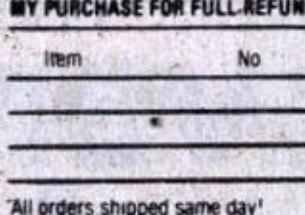
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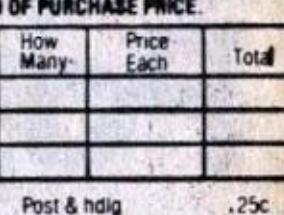


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TWO STRAWS -- BENT TO
FORM MY INITIALS!
WHERE'D
THEY COME FROM?

MR. SKIBO PICKS UP ONE OF THE STRAWS--AND
THE INSTANT HE TOUCHES IT--

IT CAUGHT
FIRE..BY ITSELF!
GIVING OFF DENSE
SMOKE... FUMES...

I CAN'T SEE!
CAN'T MOVE!

MY GOD! I'M LOCKED IN
A COFFIN!

NO--NO--IT'S
A MISTAKE!

I'M ALIVE! CAN'T
ANYONE HEAR ME?

YOU'RE BURYING
ME ALIVE!



TWO DAYS LATER... 10 A.M.... AT THE GOTHAM CITY NATIONAL BANK... WHERE THE STARTLING, WILDLY IMPLAUSIBLE NEWS HAS SUMMONED SEVERAL OF THE BANK'S DIRECTORS--

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--AMONG THEM, TYCOON BRUCE WAYNE-- ALIAS THE BATMAN (OR IS IT VICE VERSA?) -- WHICH GIVES HIM DOUBLE THE REASON TO BE THERE...

A HALF-MILLION... ALL NEGOTIABLE... RETURNED WITHOUT A WORD!

--AND WITHOUT A CLUE! THE ONLY PRINTS WE PICKED UP ARE FROM THE PEOPLE HERE WHO HANDLED THEM. SO THAT'S IT... NOTHING MORE WE CAN DO.

WE'VE GOT THE BONDS BACK, THAT'S WHAT COUNTS!

SEE YOU SOON, WAYNE!

FASCINATING! I'VE NEVER YET HEARD OF A CROOK WHO GAVE BACK ANYTHING... EXCEPT AS PART OF A CON -- AN INVESTMENT-- AND THIS IS QUITE AN INVESTMENT!

I WAS TOO BUSY LAST FALL TO TAKE THIS CASE ON WHEN IT FIRST POPPED... AND WENT INTO THE BOOKS AS AN UNSOLVED CRIME.

THE NOON EDITIONS WILL ALL CARRY THIS STORY... SO, FIRST I'LL CALL COMMISSIONER GORDON AND ARRANGE TO THROW A CLINKER INTO THE WORKS -- TIMED TO HIT THE EVENING PAPERS -- THEN LOOK UP SCHEMER LEO!

BUT NOW-- WITH THIS BIZARRE STUNT-- THEY'VE GIVEN ME A SECOND CRACK AT THEM --

--AND THAT'S ONCE TOO OFTEN!

IS ANYTHING WRONG, MR. WAYNE?

WRONG, MR. BALDWIN?

WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE WRONG ON A GLORIOUS MORNING WHEN YOU GET BACK A STOLEN HALF-MILLION DOLLARS?

NIGHTFALL...A ROOFTOP JUST OFF TIMES SQUARE...

LEO'S HOME, ALL RIGHT--BUT HE'S GOT HIMSELF SOME UNEXPECTED... AND VERY UGLY... VISITORS!

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ROOFTOP...

YOU FIND
OUT WHAT
I WANTED?

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GLOVE WHO DIDN'T BLOW WITH NO
RUMBUM SHONIKER! HE DUG A
SHIFTER WHO DUMPED THE PAPER
TO AN ACE MARKET FOR STIFFS!

THE CAT YOU WANT IS
BASMAN JACK SKIBO!

LIE LOW TILL
TOMORROW, THEN
SAY YOUR LAWYER
SPRING YOU!

THAT'LL KEEP YOUR
GUNSEL PALS FROM
SUSPECTING ANYTHING
BETWEEN US!

*TRANSLATION = THE CRIMINAL THIEF WAS SMART
ENOUGH TO AVOID AN ORDINARY FENCE! HE USED
A SPECIAL AGENT WHO SOLD THE BONDS TO A
TOP DEALER IN STOLEN SECURITIES!

AH, I SEE GORDON
CAME THROUGH FOR
ME!

THAT SHOULD STIR
THINGS UP A LITTLE--

--WHATEVER'S
GOING ON!

AND STIR THINGS UP
IT DOES-- VIOLENTLY

COUNTERFEIT! HOW COULD IT
BE? I WAS TESTING SKIBO TO
SEE WHETHER HE'D CARRY OUT
EXTREME ORDERS -- OVER A
PERIOD OF TIME!

MY PLAN WAS FOOLPROOF! I ORDER SOMEONE
TO RETURN THE LOOT TO ITS OWNER AT A SPECIFIED
TIME -- AND WHEN HE GOES THERE, I INTERCEPT
HIM AND TAKE IT AWAY!

GOTHAM POST
RETURNED BANK BONDS
COUNTERFEIT!
INVESTIGATOR JACK SKIBO

BUT EVEN IF THE EFFECTS
OF THIS ESSENCE WORE
OFF -- AND HE ACTUALLY
DARED TRY TO TRICK ME --
WHY DO THAT?

THAT MAKES IT ABSOLUTELY
SAFE FOR US -- AND NO RECOURSE
TO THE POLICE FOR HIM!

SOMETHING WENT WRONG ON THAT TEST RUN--
AND SKIBO IS GOING TO TELL US WHAT!

HE'LL BE AFRAID
NOT TO, EH,
SCARECROW?

AND--FORTY MINUTES LATER--THE ANSWER IS--
SKIBO, I WARNED YOU! YOU ;GASP!: I SWEAR,
KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT!

SCARECROW--
THOSE STORIES
ABOUT
COUNTERFEITS
AREN'T TRUE!

THE BONDS I RETURNED WERE GENUINE--
THE GENUINE ARTICLE!

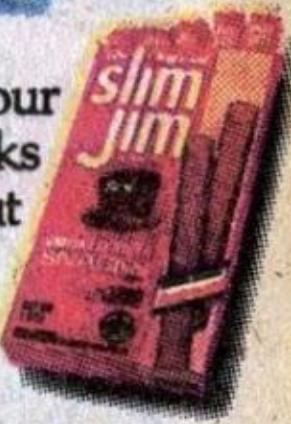


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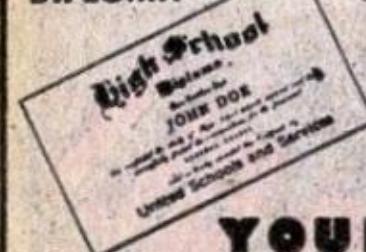
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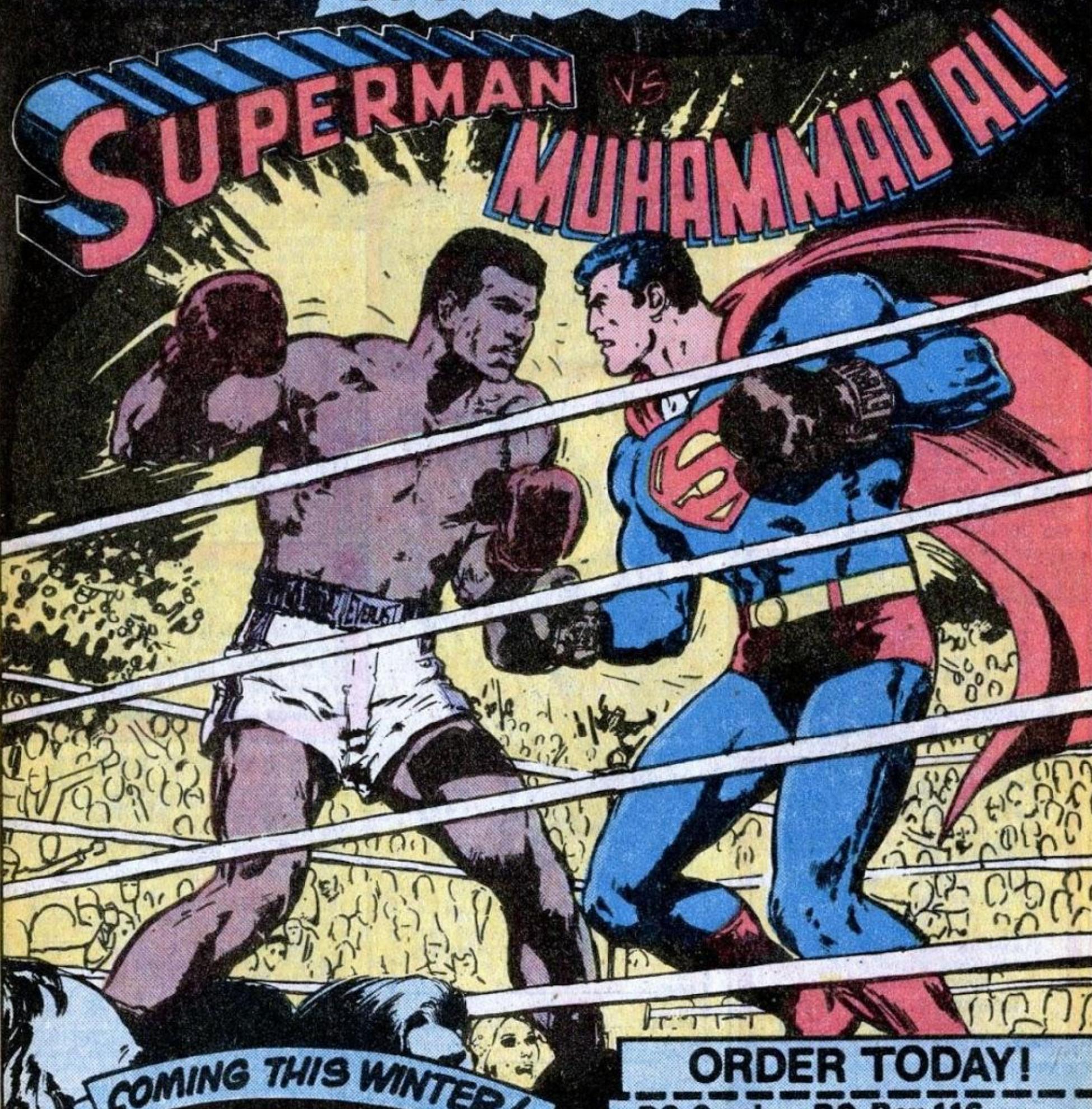
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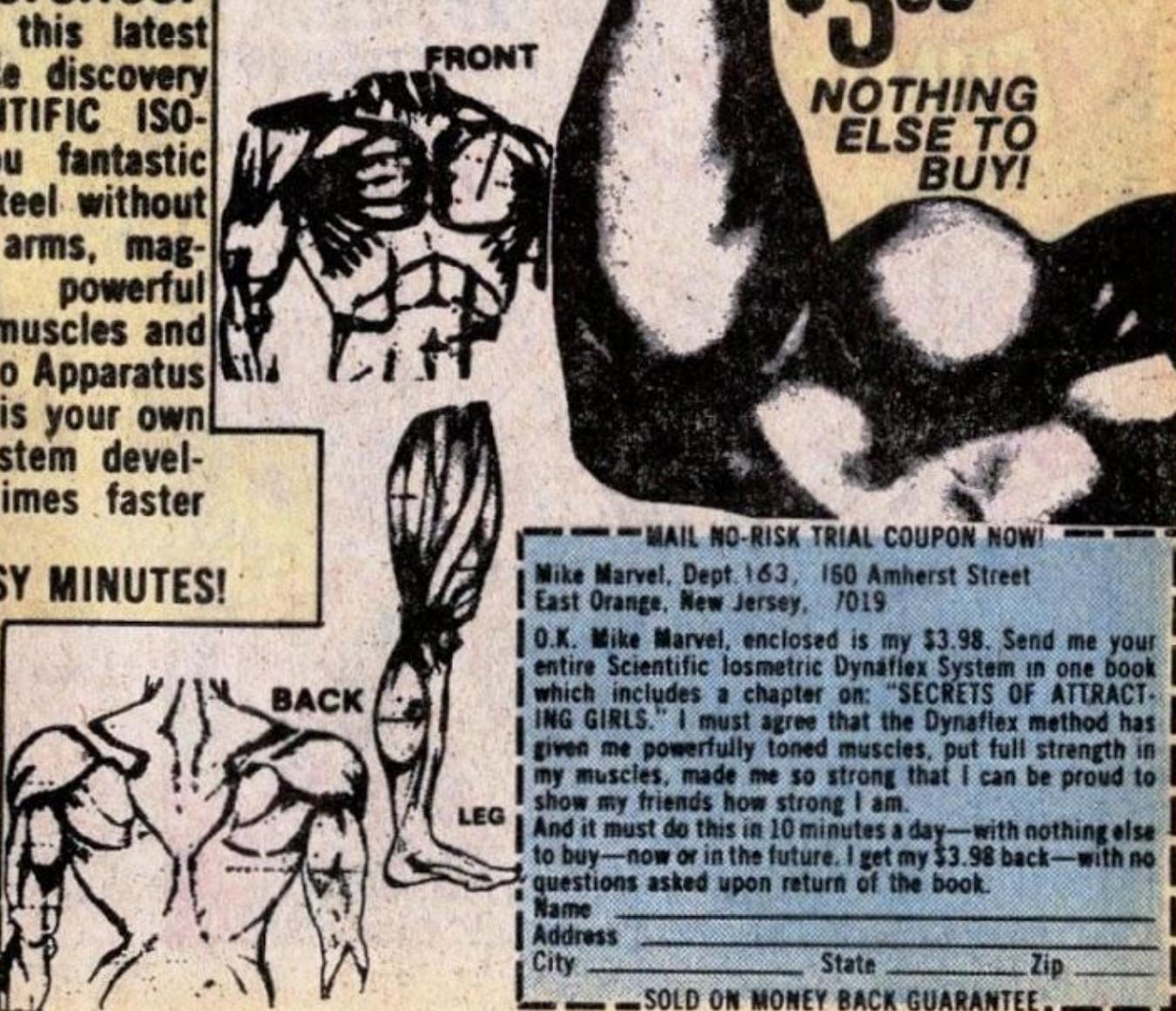
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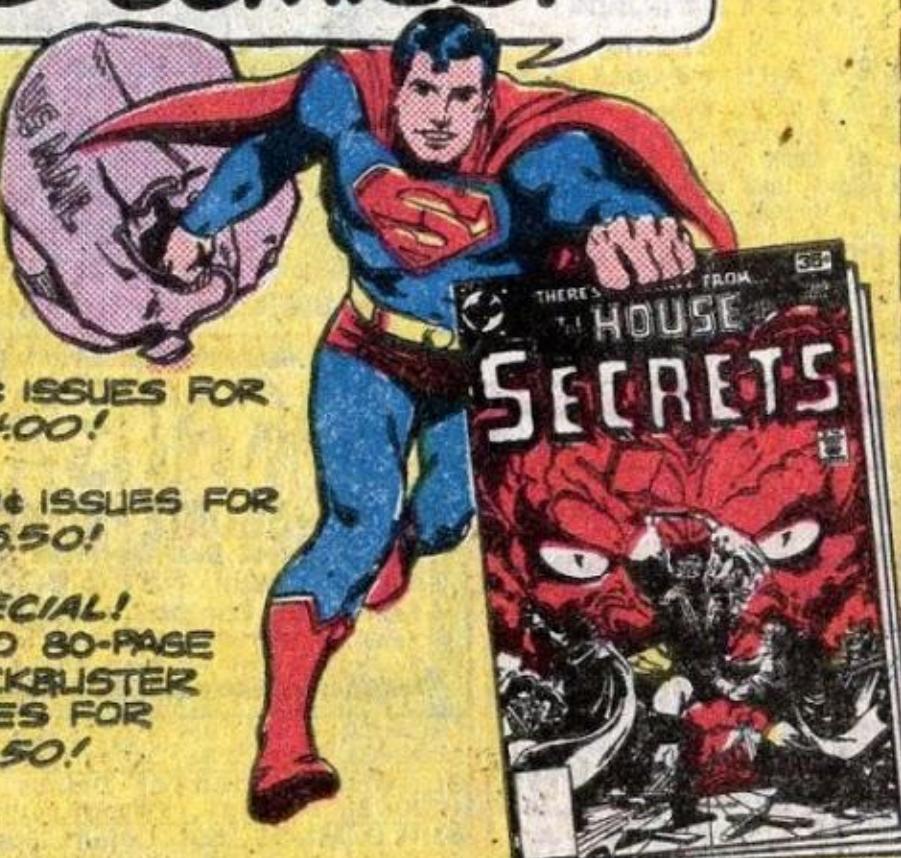
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Dear Gothamites:

Now wait a minute! Before I let myself enjoy **BATMAN #292** too much, there are some things we're going to have to get settled. Just why do all these villains think **The Batman** is dead? Apparently, the body was never found, and the time and place of his alleged demise are wholly uncertain, so what do they have to go on? Does the general public think he's dead too? Do even **Robin**, **Alfred**, **Commissioner Gordon** and the **JLA** think **Batman's** deceased? If so, how are they reacting to the news?

Furthermore, to what extent, if any, are we to take the villains' testimony as true? Is it all true except for the endings in which **Batman** dies? **Two-Face** indicates that much of the **Riddler's** story did in fact take place. But are we meant to think that the **Riddler** actually shot **Batman** and that he survived? If it did happen, how could **Batman** have lived through it? If not, why would the **Riddler** tell such an unbelievable lie? (If it turns out that the **Batman** who got shot was actually **Superman** in disguise, I will demand my money back!)

BATMAN #292 ("The Testimony of The Riddler") certainly poses questions, but it more than fulfills the promise shown by the **Catwoman** chapter of this four-parter. We start off with a very fine cover which immediately establishes the grim mood of this tale of **Batman's** journey towards "death". **Riddler's** characterization is done perfectly, combining gleeful prankishness and boastfulness with a new, brutal ferocity that manifests itself in his exploding mirror-riddle, his killing a man simply to provide a clue, and his savage "murder" of **Batman**. The story moves quickly, somehow compressing two issues' worth of events into one without seeming rushed, and every new plot development holds the reader fascinated. The riddles are for once appropriately complex and truly baffling. **Batman's** sudden appearance at the quarry admirably captures his nearly supernatural aura of invincibility. **Two-Face's** exposure of the truth is again brilliantly done, providing a dramatic finale to the mag.

In short, I was very pleased indeed. You are producing truly great work in both **BATMAN** and **DETECTIVE** these days. Unquestionably, "The Testimony of The Riddler" was a . . . uh, dynamite story!

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(Hopefully, your questions were cleared up in **BATMAN #294**, as far as who believed **Batman** was dead. As for the **Riddler's** true-or-false story, we don't see him swearing to tell "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth" in the story, so what do you think?—BR)

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Dear Editor:

When I read the first part of the "Underworld Olympics" series some issues ago, I was very disappointed in it. Who could take such a thing seriously? But I soon realized that if you set this point aside, the stories were excellent and internally consistent which made suspension of disbelief much easier. So when I read "Where Were You on the Night Batman Was Killed?", my reaction was the same. Who could take such a thing seriously? But, remembering the previous case, I decided to wait and see if time would change my view.

Unfortunately, it didn't work out that way! In getting the stories from the villains' viewpoints, we miss all the brilliant deductions and little insights that make David V. Reed's depiction of **The Batman** so interesting. Indeed, we never learn how **The Batman** performs some of the miracles and the fact that we know the reported story is a lie destroys what little interest there is in the rest.

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(While it is virtually impossible for any reader to believe that **Batman** could really be dead, if we had told the stories from his point of view, there could be no doubt at all that he wasn't! As for the Reed **Batman** you enjoy, he's back this issue, brilliant deductions and little insights intact. Okay?—Bob Rozakis)

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Rich Morrissey, **Batmaniac supreme**, has just sent us the latest issue of **BATMANIA**, which includes the somewhat late, but nonetheless interesting, results of his **Batmania Poll** for 1975.

His readers voted "The Curious Case of Catwoman's Coincidences" (**BATMAN #266**) their favorite, with "The Daily Death of Terry Tremayne" (**BATMAN #269**) a close second.

The "Bat-Murderer" series (**DETECTIVE** #'s 444-448) was a big winner in the specials and team-ups department. "The Joker's Double Jeopardy" (**JOKER #1**) copped best **Batman** "family" honors, followed closely by "The Parking Lot Bandit" (**'TEC** #'s 450-451) and "A Gold Star For The Joker" (**JOKER #4**).

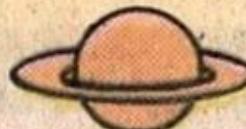
In the personal achievement departments, writer Denny O'Neil, artist Jim Aparo and Bat-editor Julius Schwartz topped the lists.

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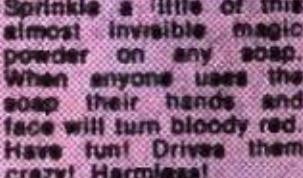
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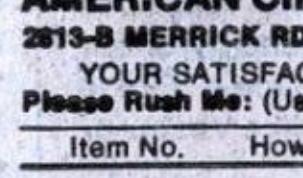
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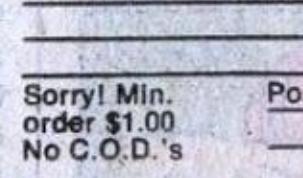
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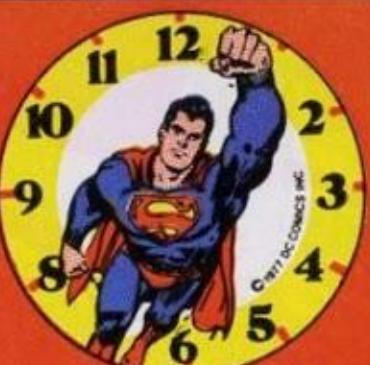
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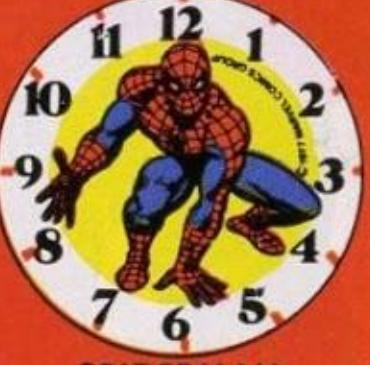
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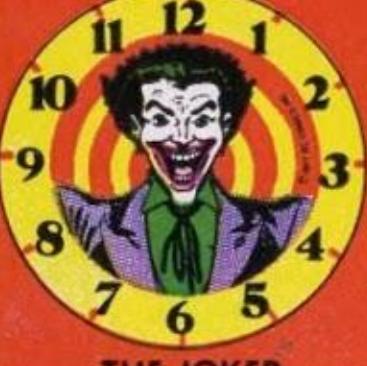
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