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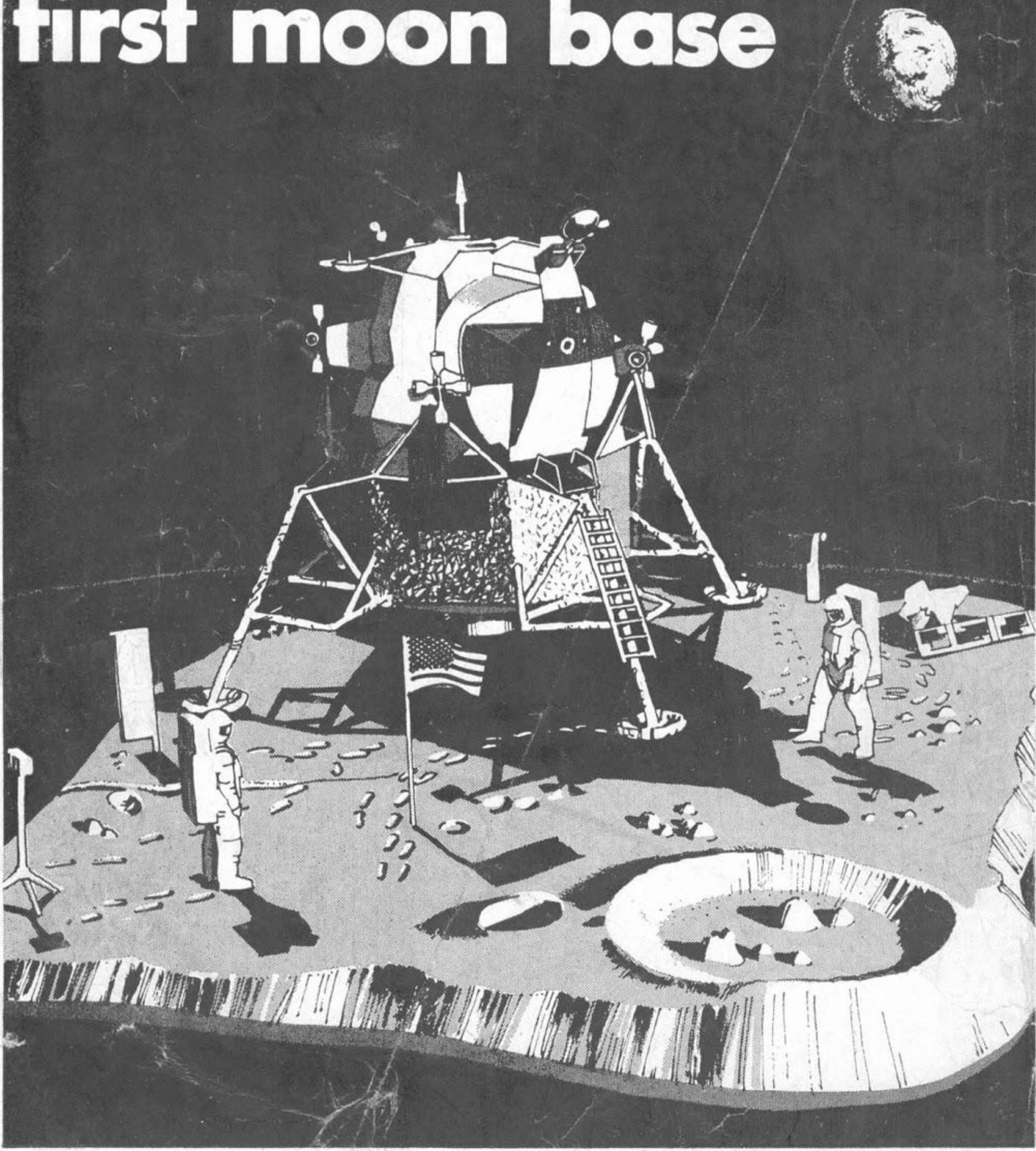
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# BATMAN

With  
**ROBIN**  
THE BOY WONDER

FAMED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ARE THE SLEUTHS OF SCOTLAND YARD, HEADQUARTERS OF THE LONDON POLICE! THE JUSTLY CELEBRATED LAW MEN WAGE WAR AGAINST CRIME WITHOUT THE USE OF FIREARMS... AND THE PENALTIES OF THE LAW ARE SEVERE UPON GUN-WIELDING CRIMINALS! BUT A NOTORIOUS AMERICAN GANG CHIEF LEADS GUN-HAPPY CRIMINAL COHORTS IN TERROR RAIDS AGAINST UNARMED LONDON BOBBIES! AND BATMAN AND ROBIN, FIGHTING FOES OF FELONS, RISK THEIR LIVES TO HELP DEFEND THE...

**"CITY WITHOUT GUNS!"**

BOB KANE

See Authentic  
Prison Ship  
of 1808  
Admission Two Shilling

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## GIANT BATMAN

ONE DAY, IN GOTHAM HARBOR, A POWERFUL SPEEDBOAT RACES SWIFTLY TOWARD THE OPEN SEA...

NOTIFY THE COAST GUARD! FRANK LUMARDI'S ESCAPING!

HE WON'T GET FAR! HE'S ALL THROUGH AS A GANG BOSS IN THIS COUNTRY! WHEN HE TRIES TO GET BACK, HE'S BOUND TO GET PICKED UP!



BUT FRANK LUMARDI HAS NO INTENTION OF RETURNING...

THAT'S THE CARGO SHIP... WAITING OUTSIDE THE TWELVE-MILE LIMIT! IT'S GOODBYE TO THE U.S.A. FOR ME! NOTHING BUT STIR WAITING IF I GO BACK THERE!



A MONTH AFTER GANG CHIEFTAIN FRANK LUMARDI GOES INTO EXILE, BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, ARRIVE IN ENGLAND ON A HOLIDAY...

I'M GOING TO ENJOY PLAYING TOURIST FOR AWHILE!

I'VE ARRANGED TO MIX BUSINESS AND PLEASURE, DICK! I'VE GOT A LETTER OF INTRODUCTION FROM COMMISSIONER GORDON TO INSPECTOR DEGTERS... OF SCOTLAND YARD! WHILE WE'RE IN LONDON, I'D LIKE TO STUDY THEIR CRIME-FIGHTING METHODS!



SOON, IN INSPECTOR DEGTERS' HEADQUARTERS...

IS IT TRUE, INSPECTOR, THAT THE LONDON POLICE NEVER CARRY GUNS? THAT'S AN UNUSUAL METHOD OF FIGHTING CRIME!

WELL, SHERLOCK HOLMES DIDN'T NEED A GUN TO SOLVE HIS FAMOUS CASES! NEITHER DID MANY OF THE OTHER GREAT CRIME-FIGHTERS WHOSE PICTURES ADORN THIS GALLERY...



BATMAN'S AND ROBIN'S PICTURE BELONGS IN THIS FRAME! IT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN RIPPED OUT BY SOMEONE IN A FIT OF ANGER!

THAT'S A SUBJECT WE DON'T DISCUSS, MR. WAYNE!

THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE TOO PAINFUL TO ALL OF US HERE AT SCOTLAND YARD!

BATMAN & ROBIN

I CAN ONLY TELL YOU THIS! BATMAN'S AND ROBIN'S PORTRAIT HELD A PLACE OF HONOR THERE... WITH THE GREATEST SLEUTHS OF ALL TIME! BUT IT'S NOT LIKELY THAT THEIR PORTRAIT WILL HANG THERE AGAIN!

MOMENTS LATER...

THIS IS THE RECEIVING STATION, WHERE ALARMS FROM ALL OVER LONDON ARE PINPOINTED AND... UH-OH! THERE'S AN ALARM FROM LEICESTER SQUARE! YOU MUST EXCUSE ME!

OF COURSE, INSPECTOR DEGTERS!





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IN A DESERTED ROOM, BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON SWIFTLY CHANGE INTO THE FIGHTING TOGS OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, THE BOY WONDER...

INSPECTOR DEGGERS IS HURRYING TO ANSWER THAT CALL! SHALL WE JOIN HIM?

I'D LIKE TO WATCH THE LONDON POLICE IN ACTION! I WANT TO SEE HOW THEY STOP CRIMES WITHOUT GUNS!

AND SOON, WHEN INSPECTOR DEGGERS ARRIVES AT LEICESTER SQUARE...



THE MANTLED CRIME-BUSTERS ALSO SWING INTO ACTION...

STEALING A BRIEFCASE SOUNDS LIKE PETTY LARCENY, **BATMAN**!

INSPECTOR DEGGERS DOESN'T SEEM TO THINK SO! COME ON! MAYBE WE CAN HELP ROUND UP THE CROOKS FOR HIM!

FURTHER ON, HEROIC LONDON BOBBIES CLOSE IN ON THE SURROUNDED CROOKS...



ABRUPTLY, TWO HUMAN BOMBSHELLS BURST IN THE MIDST OF THE OUTLAWS...

FRANK LUMARDI! YOU LEFT THE UNITED STATES BY REQUEST SOME TIME AGO! SO THIS IS WHERE YOU'RE OPERATING NOW!

**BATMAN  
AND  
ROBIN!**

I NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE **YOU** IN LONDON! BUT I'LL ARRANGE FOR YOU TO **DIE** HERE!

YOU'RE TRIGGER-HAPPY, LUMARDI!





# GIANT BATMAN



SUDDENLY...

HELP!

THAT BUS -- RUNNING WILD! ONE OF LUMARDI'S STRAY BULLETS MUST HAVE HIT THE DRIVER!



IT'S HEADING THIS WAY! ONLY ONE CHANCE TO STOP IT BEFORE IT CRASHES INTO A BUILDING! IF I OPEN THIS MANHOLE...



BATMAN'S DARING GAMBLE PAYS OFF...

IT WORKED! THE FRONT WHEEL SANK INTO THE MANHOLE OPENING -- AND BROUGHT THE BUS TO A SUDDEN STOP! THE PASSENGERS GOT A BAD JARRING -- BUT AT LEAST THEY'RE SAFE! IF THE BUS HADN'T STOPPED, I'D HAVE BEEN CRUSHED, TOO!



AS ROBIN WATCHES BATMAN'S DARING MANEUVER, A TREACHEROUS FOE STRIKES...

WONDERFUL!  
BATMAN  
SAVED ALL  
THOSE  
PEOPLE  
IN... UHHH!

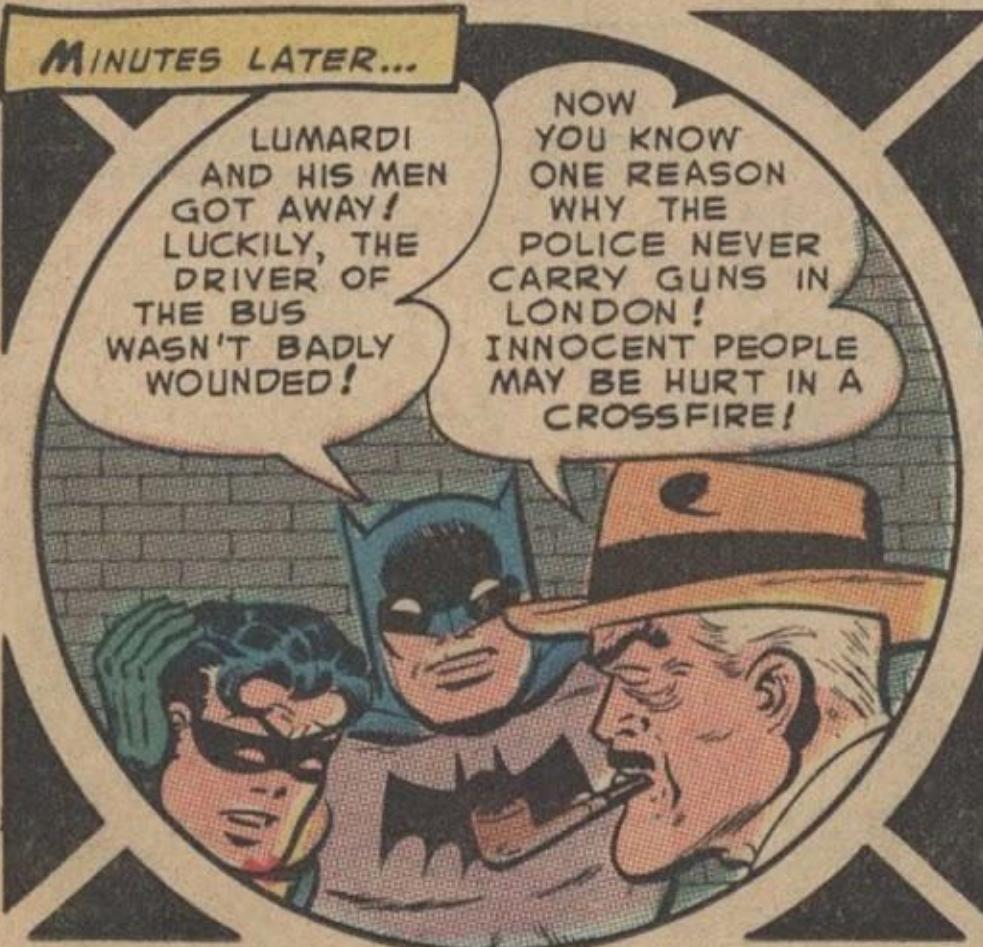
THIS GUN  
WORKS AT  
BOTH ENDS,  
KID! NOW THAT  
WE'RE RID OF  
BATMAN AND  
ROBIN, WE  
CAN SHOOT OUR  
WAY OUT OF HERE!



MINUTES LATER...

LUMARDI  
AND HIS MEN  
GOT AWAY!  
LUCKILY, THE  
DRIVER OF  
THE BUS  
WASN'T BADLY  
WOUNDED!

NOW  
YOU KNOW  
ONE REASON  
WHY THE  
POLICE NEVER  
CARRY GUNS IN  
LONDON!  
INNOCENT PEOPLE  
MAY BE HURT IN A  
CROSSFIRE!



I DIDN'T KNOW  
YOU WERE IN  
LONDON, BATMAN!  
I WAS JUST DISCUSS-  
ING YOU A SHORT  
WHILE AGO...  
WITH A COUPLE  
OF VISITING  
AMERICANS!  
WE WERE  
TALKING ABOUT  
A CERTAIN  
PORTRAIT  
OF YOURS!

I'D STILL LIKE  
TO KNOW WHY  
OUR PORTRAIT  
WAS TORN  
OUT OF ITS  
FRAME! BUT  
THERE ARE MORE  
SERIOUS MATTERS  
TO DISCUSS  
JUST NOW!

DID THOSE CROOKS  
GET AWAY WITH  
ANYTHING  
VALUABLE,  
INSPECTOR?



## GIANT BATMAN

THE GUN-WIELDING BLACKGUARDS MADE OFF WITH 8,000 POUNDS... NEARLY \$20,000 IN AMERICAN MONEY! THEY ROBBED A CLERK FROM THE BANK OF ENGLAND... IN HIS ROOM AT LEICESTER SQUARE!

HUH? WHAT WAS A CLERK DOING IN A ROOM WITH THAT MUCH MONEY? IT'S SATURDAY -- AND THE BANK IS CLOSED!

IT'S AN OLD CUSTOM, **BATMAN!** DATES BACK TO WATERLOO! THE **LONDON TIMES** WANTED TO SEND A REPORTER TO COVER THE BATTLE! BUT THE BATTLE OCCURRED ON A SUNDAY, AND THE EDITOR COULDN'T RAISE MONEY FOR PASSAGE... AND EVER SINCE, THE BANK HAS KEPT A CLERK AVAILABLE IN A ROOM IN LEICESTER SQUARE WITH ENOUGH CASH ON HAND IF EMERGENCIES HAPPEN OVER A WEEKEND!

HMM! FRANK LUMARDI MUST BE MAKING A STUDY OF ENGLISH CUSTOMS -- OR HE'D NEVER HAVE KNOWN THAT! WE SHOULD BE MAKING OUR OWN STUDY OF LUMARDI'S CRIME HABITS, SO WE COULD FIGURE OUT WHAT **HE'S** LIKELY TO DO NEXT!

BUT WITHOUT OUR FILES IN THE **BATCAVE**, WE'RE HELPLESS!

**BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**... IN THE FLESH! 'PON MY SOUL! I MUST HAVE THEIR AUTOGRAPH!

SOON...

MY NAME IS CHESTER GLEEK! I HAVE THE HONOR OF BEING YOUR FOREMOST ENGLISH ADMIRER! I'VE MODELED MY OWN CRIME-FIGHTING METHODS AFTER YOURS!

WELL... UH... I WISH YOU LUCK, MR. GLEEK!

YOU SHAN'T RUN AWAY, **BATMAN!** I WANT YOU TO SEE MY LABORATORY -- FULLY EQUIPPED TO WAGE RELENTLESS WAR AGAINST CRIMINALS! COME ALONG!

BUT I... ER... OH, ALL RIGHT!

A FANTASTIC SURPRISE AWAITS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** IN THE BASEMENT OF CHESTER GLEEK'S HOME...

HUH! IT'S JUST LIKE THE **BATCAVE**!

LOOK HERE, **BATMAN!** HE'S EVEN GOT A COMPLETE FILE OF CRIMINALS -- JUST LIKE WE HAVE AT HOME!

# GIANT BATMAN



I'VE COMPILED THAT LIST FOR YEARS! NATURALLY, I WANT TO KNOW ALL ABOUT CRIMINALS IN CASE I SHOULD EVER CROSS TRAILS WITH THEM MYSELF!

HERE'S A CARD ON FRANK LUMARDI! IT HAS SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT HIM, **BATMAN!** LUMARDI IS AN ARDENT HORSEMAN... AND HE LOVES TO BE SEEN IN THE COMPANY OF SOCIETY FOLK!



AND CHESTER GLEEK OPENS THE GARAGE DOOR TO REVEAL...

THE **BATMOBILE!** BUT HOW...?

RATHER A SUCCESSFUL IMITATION, DON'T YOU THINK? I WANT YOU TO USE IT WHILE YOU'RE IN LONDON!



EVEN AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** NEAR ROTTEN ROW, THIS SCENE IS TAKING PLACE THERE...

HORSEBACK RIDIN' AIN'T EXACTLY IN OUR LINE, LUMARDI!

QUIET, CHUMP! I THINK BETTER IN THE PROPER SURROUNDINGS! I'VE WORKED OUT OUR NEXT CRIME PLAN ALREADY!



THAT MIGHT ADD UP TO AN INTERESTING CONCLUSION, **ROBIN!** ROTTEN ROW, IN HYDE PARK, IS THE PLACE IN LONDON WHERE SOCIETY FOLK RIDE THEIR HORSES!



THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I WANT TO SHOW YOU... IN MY GARAGE!

LATER, AS AN IMITATION **BATMOBILE** ROARS THROUGH THE QUIET STREETS OF OLD LONDON...

MY WORD!

GRACIOUS!

EGAD!

NICE OF CHESTER GLEEK TO LET US USE HIS MODEL OF THE **BATMOBILE!**

DOESN'T HAVE THE POWER OF THE REAL **BATMOBILE, ROBIN!** BUT IT MAY PROVE USEFUL!



EVEN AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** NEAR ROTTEN ROW, THIS SCENE IS TAKING PLACE THERE...

AND THEN...

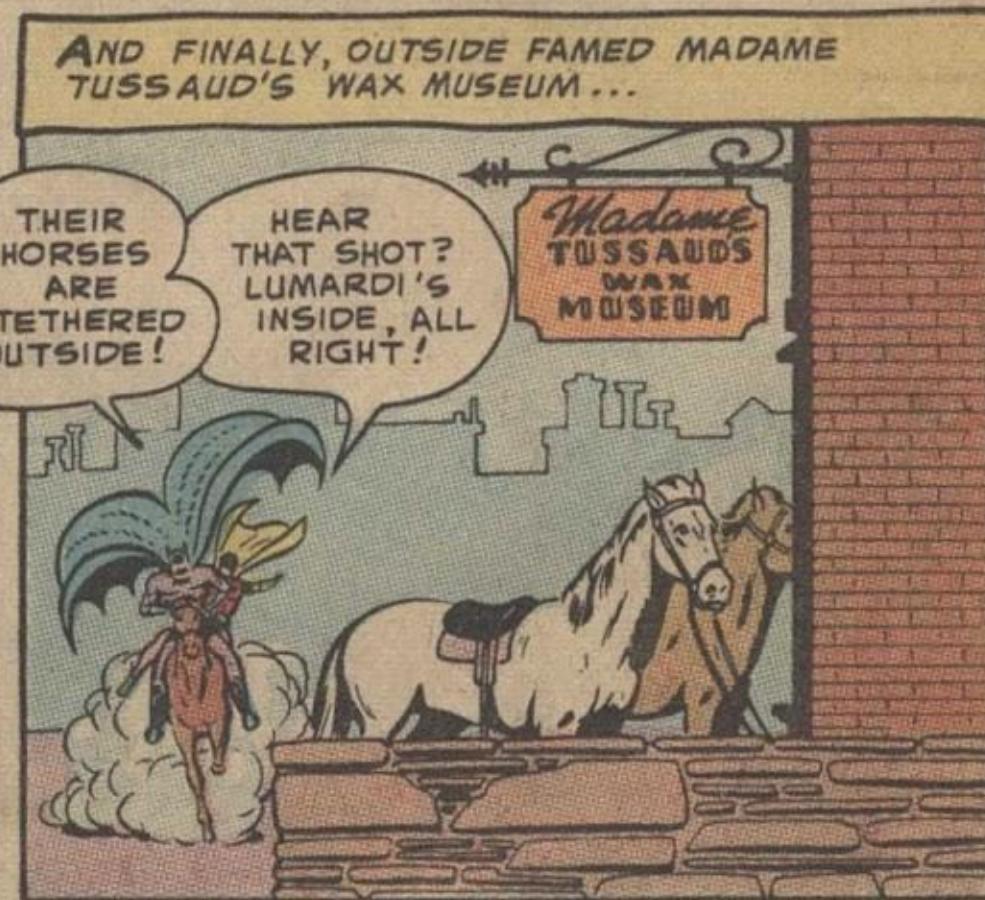
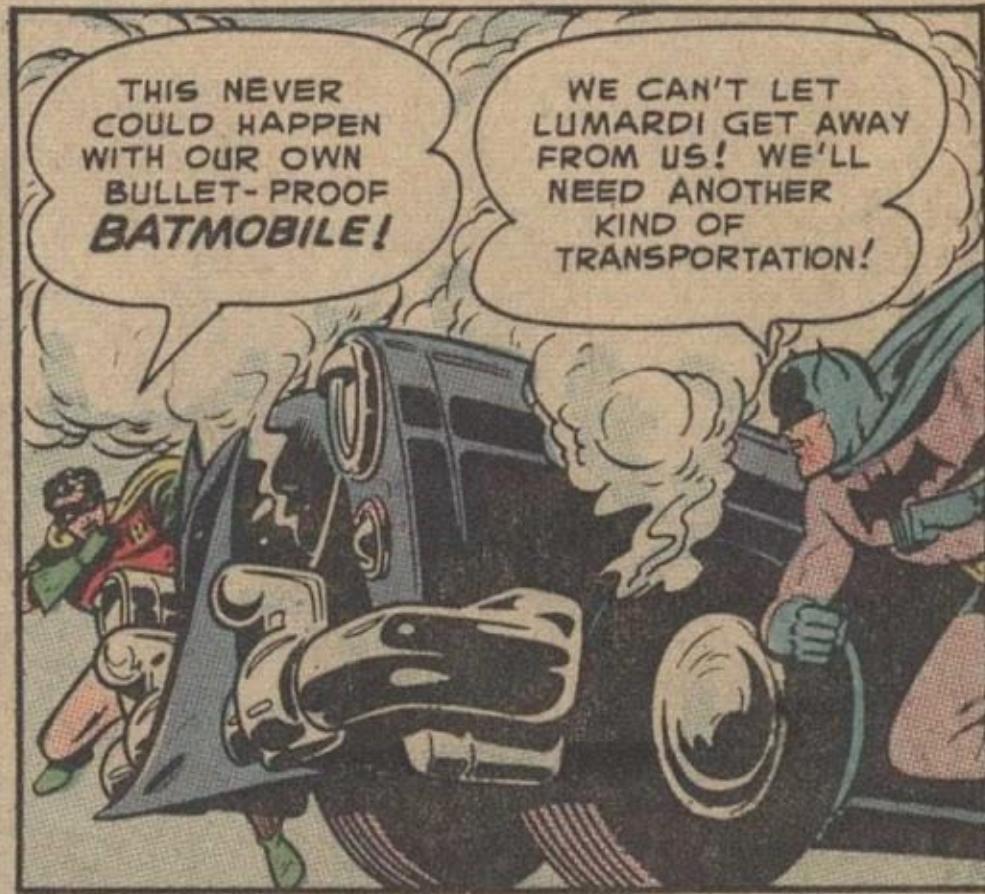
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**BATMOBILE!**

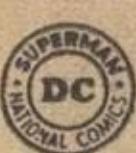
**BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** HAVE SEEN US! FOLLOW ME! WE'LL ESCAPE... AND PULL OFF THE JOB I PLANNED!



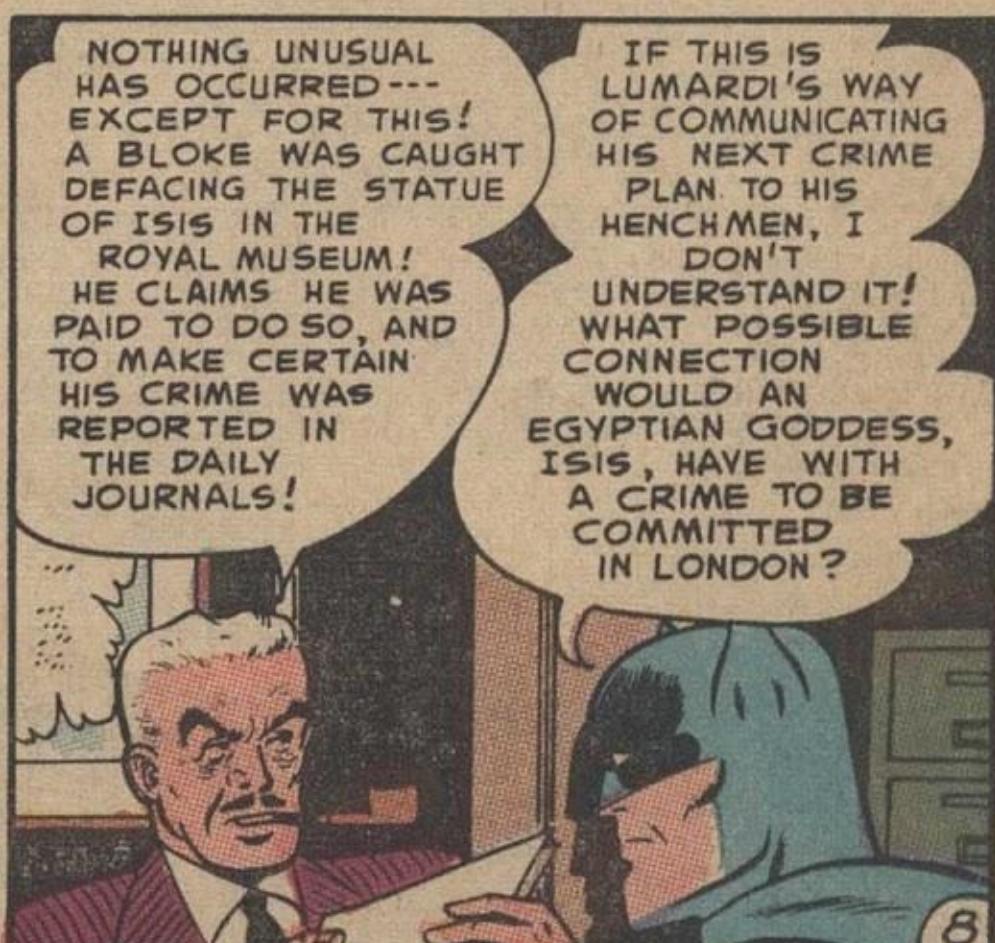
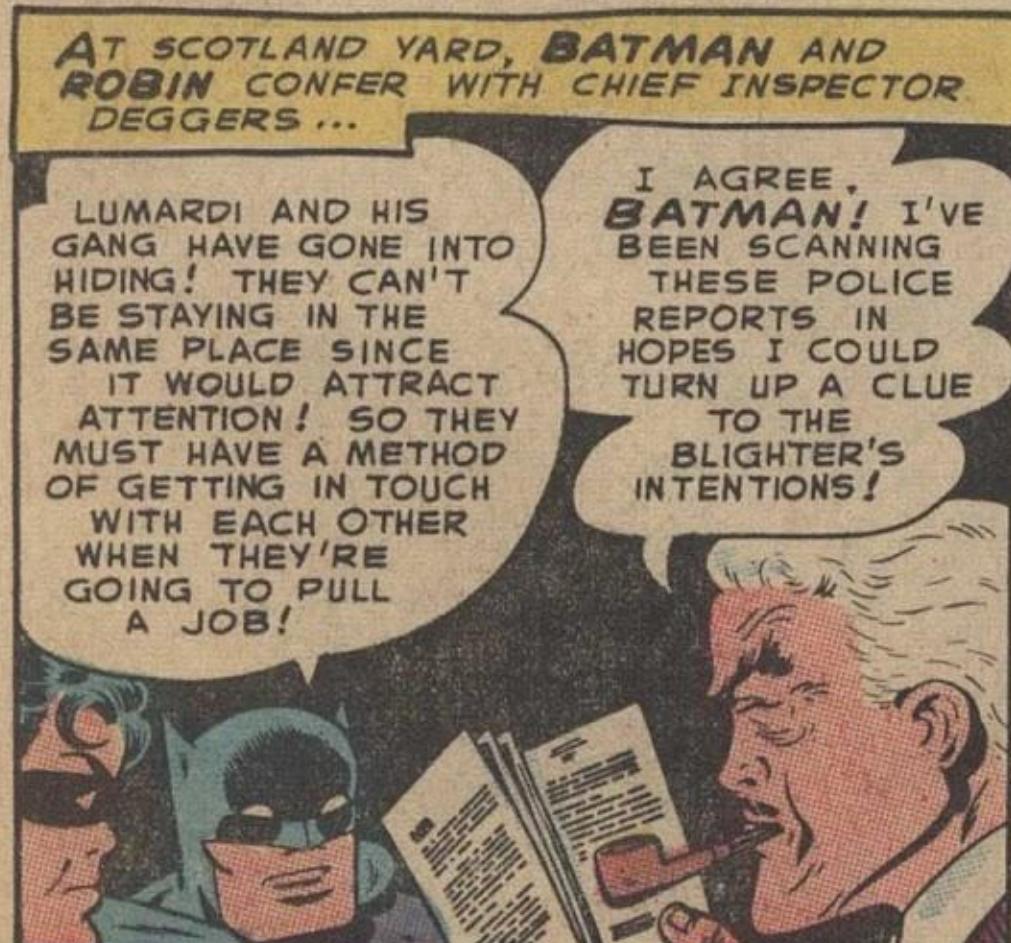
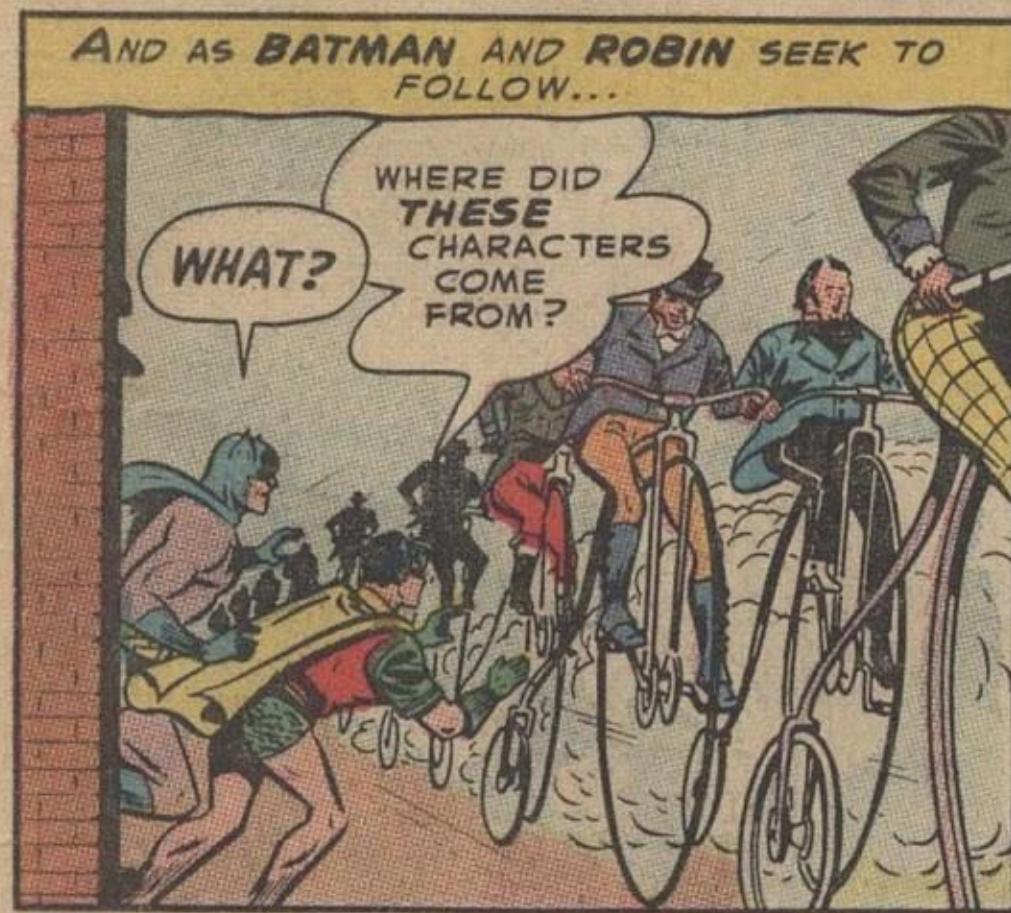
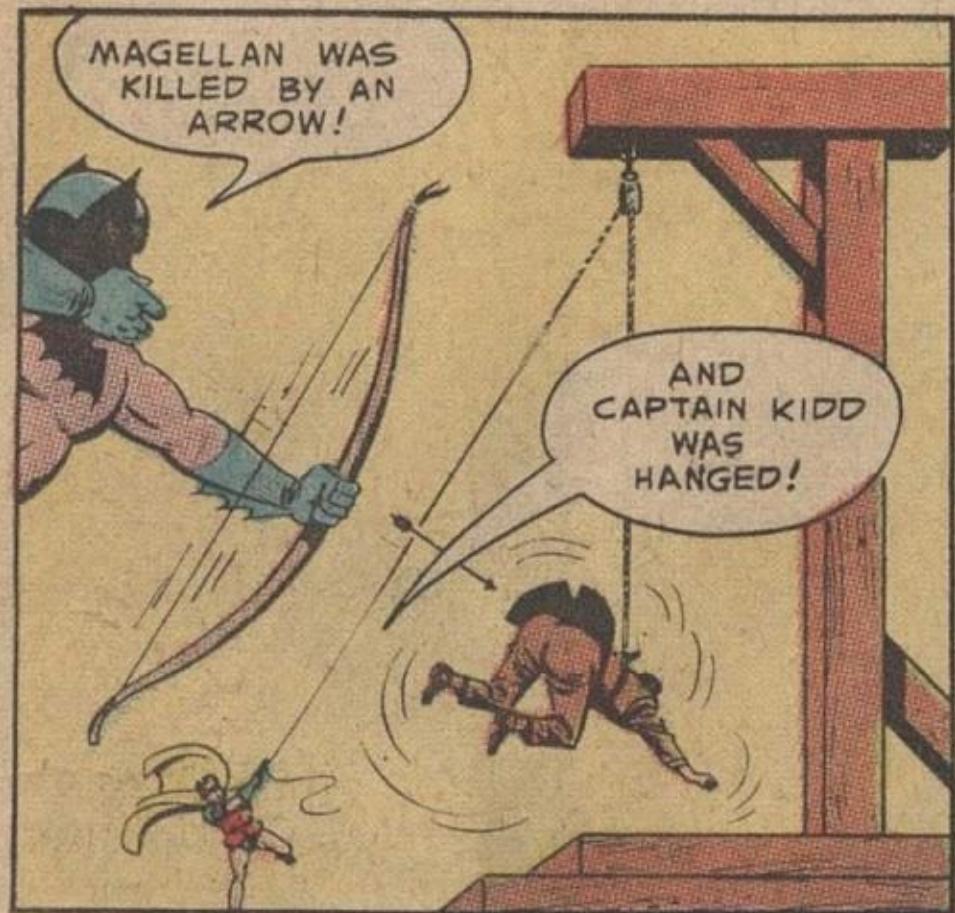


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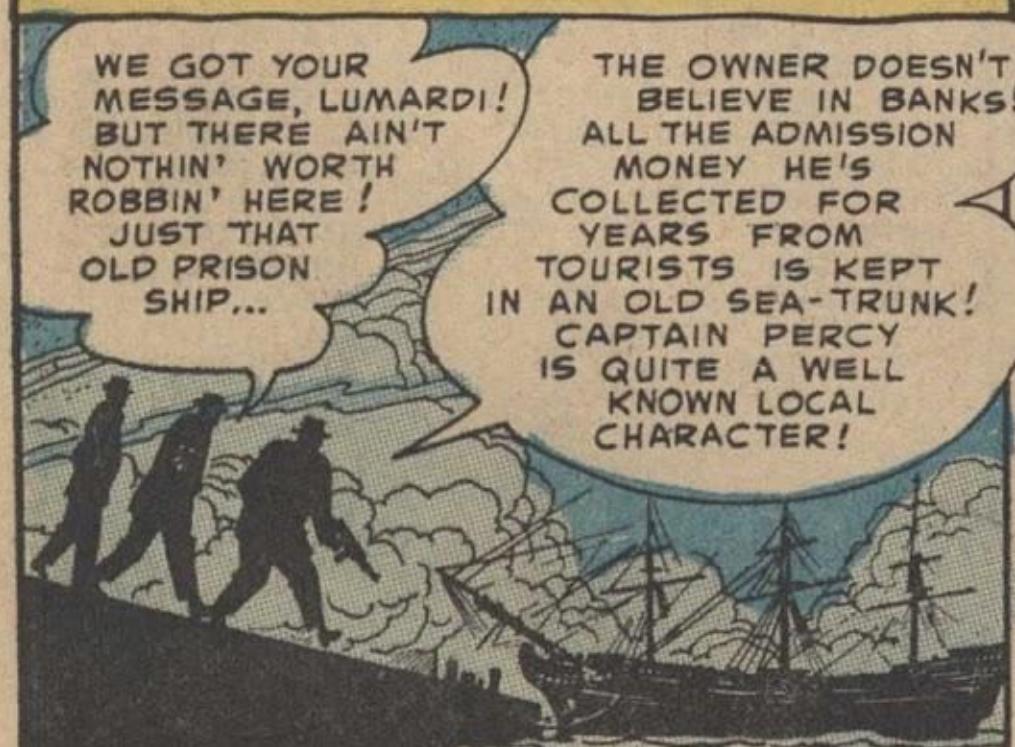
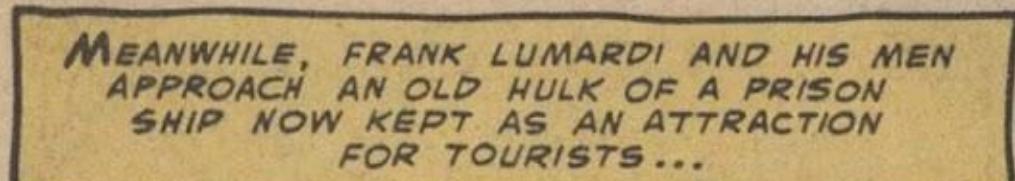
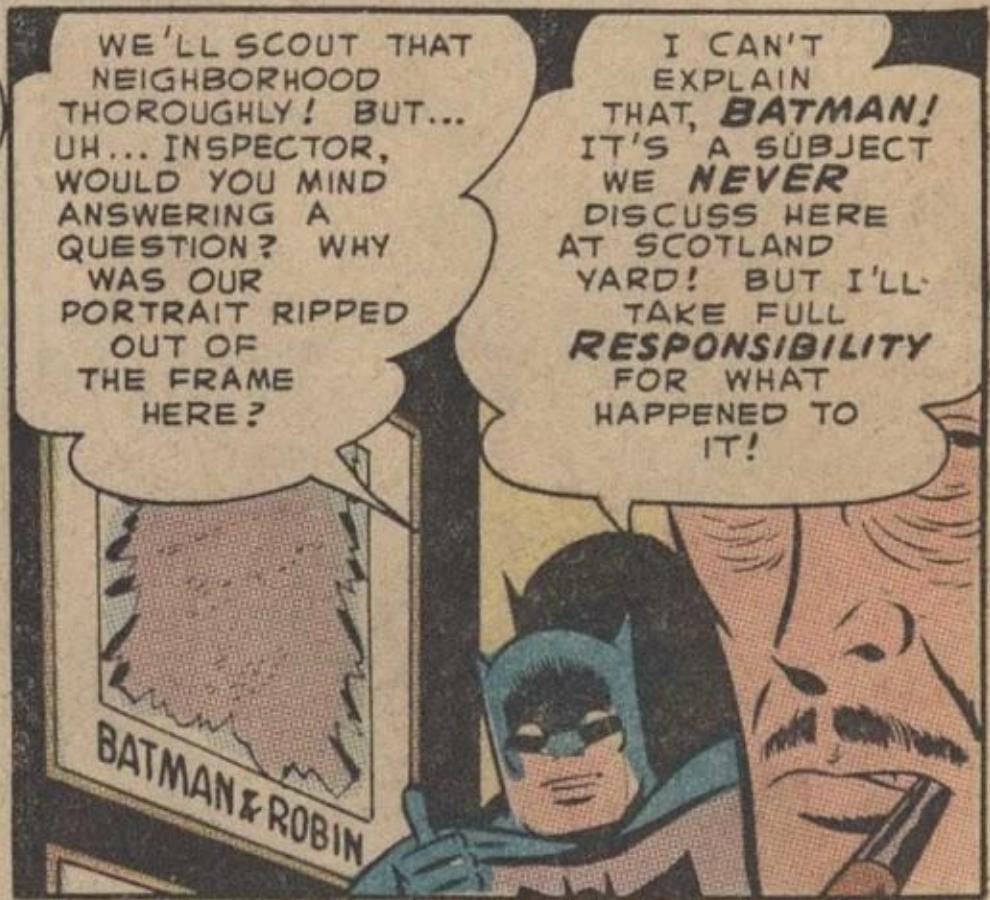




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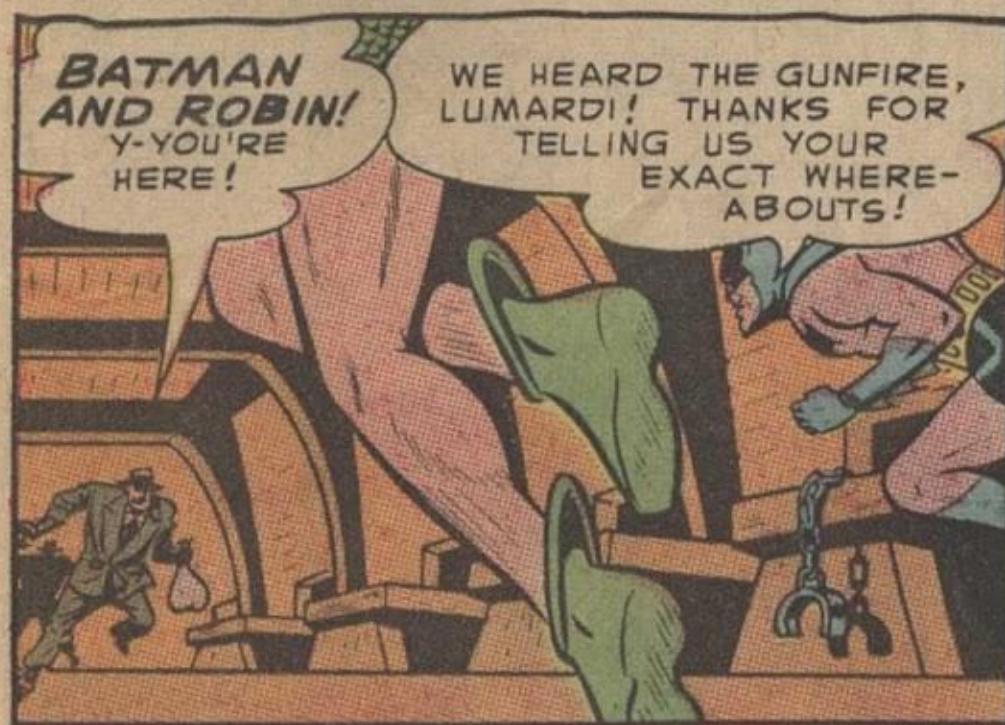




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LEAVING THE OLD CAPTAIN BOUND AND GAGGED, THE CROOKS FLEE THROUGH A ROOM WHERE PRISONERS WERE ONCE MANACLED TO THEIR OARS!



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ONTO THE CAMPUS OF OXFORD FLEES THE PANICKY GANG CHIEFTAIN!

OKAY, BATMAN!  
YOU ASKED FOR IT!  
BLAST IT! MY TOMMY GUN JAMMED!

I'LL ADD THAT REMARK TO FAMOUS LAST WORDS OF CRIMINALS I HAVE KNOWN!



UP INTO THE TOWER WHERE THE BOOMING GREAT BELL RINGS ITS SONOROUS SUMMONS TO OXFORD STUDENTS...

END OF THE TRAIL, LUMARDI!

DON'T COUNT YOUR GONGS UNTIL THEY'VE RUNG, BATMAN!

AS BATMAN RACES FORWARD, A TUG ON THE ROPE SENDS THE MASSIVE BELL SWINGING TO MEET HIM!



BUT AS FRANK LUMARDI FLEES FROM THE BELL TOWER...

OH, NO! I---I THOUGHT THEY DIDN'T ALLOW GUNS IN LONDON! D-DON'T SHOOT! I SURRENDER!

READY... AIM...



AND WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN ARRIVE...

WE'RE THE OXONIAN RIFLE SQUAD--- AND WE WERE HOLDING PRACTICE DRILL ON THE CAMPUS! WE DIDN'T MEAN TO FRIGHTEN HIM!

FRANK LUMARDI USED GUNS TO START A REIGN OF TERROR IN LONDON! IT'S ONLY FITTING THAT GUNS SHOULD HAVE BEEN HIS UNDOING!

LATER, WITH FRANK LUMARDI AND HIS HENCHMEN SAFE IN THE HANDS OF THE LAW...

YOU'VE BEEN OF INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO US HERE AT SCOTLAND YARD! MAY I SAY THAT YOU'VE BOTH LIVED UP TO YOUR SPLENDID REPUTATION!

ER... IF OUR REPUTATION HERE IS SO GOOD, WHY IS IT THAT YOU ORDERED OUR PORTRAIT TAKEN DOWN? WE'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT OFFENDED YOU, INSPECTOR?

BUT YOU HAVEN'T OFFENDED ME AT ALL, BATMAN! I NEVER TOOK DOWN YOUR PORTRAIT! IT MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED FROM ITS PLACE OF HONOR A SHORT TIME AFTER IT WAS DONATED TO US BY A CERTAIN CHESTER GLEEK!

B-BUT WHY WERE YOU UNWILLING TO DISCUSS THE REASON BEFORE?

PROFESSIONAL PRIDE, BATMAN! THE DISAPPEARANCE OF YOUR PORTRAIT IS THE ONLY MYSTERY SCOTLAND YARD NEVER HAS BEEN ABLE TO SOLVE! NATURALLY, I DON'T LIKE TO TALK ABOUT OUR FAILURES --- ALTHOUGH I ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM!

SAY, CHESTER GLEEK GAVE YOU THAT PORTRAIT! AND I SAW A PORTRAIT OF US ON THE WALL IN HIS IMITATION BATCAVE! LET'S GO TO SEE HIM RIGHT AWAY!

AND IN CHESTER GLEEK'S HOME THE MYSTERY IS FINALLY EXPLAINED...

I ORIGINALLY DONATED THIS PORTRAIT TO SCOTLAND YARD ON THE PROMISE THAT IT WOULD OCCUPY A SPECIAL PLACE OF HONOR! THEN I DISCOVERED TO MY DISMAY THAT YOU WERE HANGING IT ALONGSIDE SUCH INFERIOR SLEUTHS AS SHERLOCK HOLMES! SO I RETURNED ONE DAY, TOOK BACK THE PORTRAIT, AND HUNG IT HERE!

UH... CHESTER GLEEK IS A VERY GREAT ADMIRER OF OURS, INSPECTOR!

CAN'T SAY I BLAME HIM, BATMAN! YOU'VE HELPED TO CLEAR UP SCOTLAND YARD'S ONLY UNSOLVED MYSTERY! WE CAN ARRANGE FOR ANOTHER PORTRAIT OF BOTH OF YOU TO HANG IN OUR GALLERY OF HONOR!

I'LL BE GLAD TO DONATE IT--- PROVIDED YOU'LL PUT IT IN A PLACE WHERE IT BELONGS! AFTER ALL, THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANYONE THE EQUAL OF.. BATMAN AND ROBIN!

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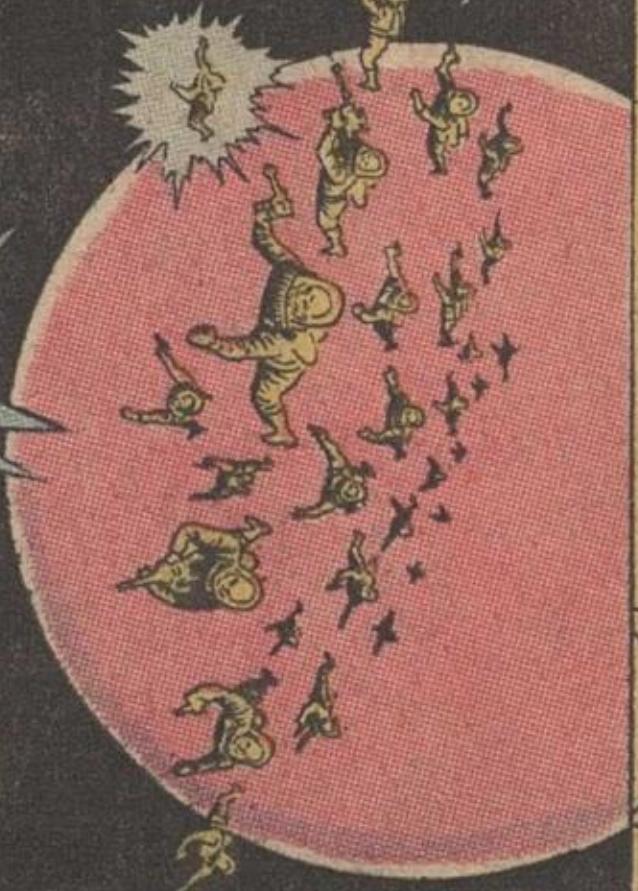
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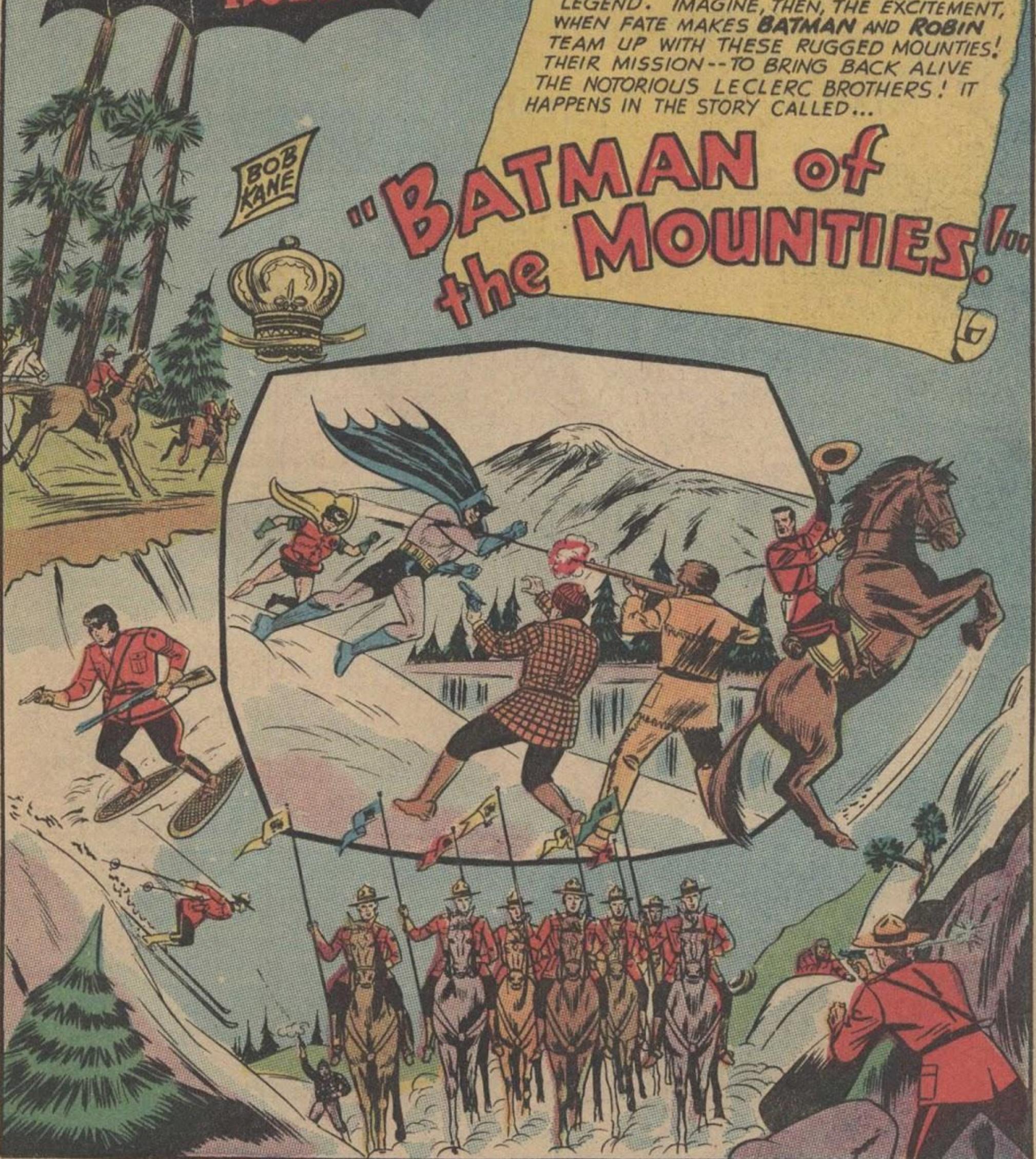


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# BATMAN AND ROBIN

PERHAPS NO GROUP OF LAWMEN IN ALL THE WORLD HAS HAD AS COLORFUL AND EXCITING A HISTORY AS THE **ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE!** THESE ARE THE TROOPERS WHO "ALWAYS GET THEIR MAN"--WHO PATROL THE BLEAK AND FROZEN NORTH WITH A GRIMNESS OF PURPOSE THAT HAS BECOME A LEGEND. IMAGINE, THEN, THE EXCITEMENT, WHEN FATE MAKES **BATMAN AND ROBIN** TEAM UP WITH THESE RUGGED MOUNTIES! THEIR MISSION--TO BRING BACK ALIVE THE NOTORIOUS LECLERC BROTHERS! IT HAPPENS IN THE STORY CALLED...

## "BATMAN of the MOUNTIES!"





THEN, AS THE TWO DARING CRIME-FIGHTERS DESCEND A SECRET STAIRCASE TO THE FAMED **BAT-CAVE**...

MIGHT AS WELL TAKE OUR WHITE **SNOW UNIFORMS**— NEVER CAN TELL WHEN WE MAY NEED THEM!

BOY! I SURE THINK IT'S SWELL OF COMMISSIONER GORDON TO ARRANGE ALL THIS, IN THE SPIRIT OF CANADIAN-AMERICAN LAW-ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION!





# GIANT BATMAN



SOON AFTER...

JASON, YOU'RE THE LOGICAL MAN TO BRING IN THE LECLERC BROTHERS! YOU KNOW THEM WELL! TAKE WHATEVER MEN YOU NEED-- AND GOOD LUCK!

IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU, SIR--I WON'T NEED ANY HELP! I'VE A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH THE LECLERC BROTHERS--AND I'LL SETTLE IT ALONE!

AND NEXT MORNING, EVEN AS BATMAN AND ROBIN MAKE READY TO BEGIN THEIR DEMONSTRATION...

THEN, AS THE DEMONSTRATION BEGINS--TO THE DELIGHT OF THE ASSEMBLED TROOPERS!

WOW!  
LOOK AT THEM  
HANDLE THAT  
*SILKEN CORD!*

A BRAVE  
MAN, ROBIN!  
TYPICAL OF THE STUFF  
THESE MOUNTIES ARE  
MADE OF! NO WONDER  
THEY ALWAYS GET  
THEIR MAN!

SO LONG,  
JASON! GOOD  
LUCK!

GO  
GET 'EM,  
BOB!

TERRIFIC!  
THE WAY THE  
BATPLANE BECAME  
A HELICOPTER  
AND THE WAY  
BATMAN  
DIVED FOR  
THAT LADDER!

NO WONDER  
THE CROOKS  
IN GOTHAM  
CITY HAVE  
SUCH A HARD  
TIME! WOW!

5) LOOK! ROBIN'S  
EXPLODED A GAS  
PELLET FROM HIS  
UTILITY BELT!

THOROUGHLY  
THRILLED BY  
THE LAWMEN,  
THE CANADIAN  
MOUNTIES  
GIVE THEM A  
ROUSING,  
OVATION.  
AND A FEW  
DAYS LATER...

GOODBYE,  
BATMAN!  
IT'S BEEN A  
PLEASURE  
HAVING YOU  
HERE!

YOU CAN BE SURE THE  
FEELING IS MUTUAL, SIR.  
ROBIN AND I LOOK  
FORWARD TO THE DAY  
WE CAN COME BACK!

AND BATMAN'S  
USED THE BAT-  
ARANG TO DISLODGE  
THOSE HORSESHOES!  
THAT'S FAST THINK-  
ING! I NEVER EVEN  
NOTICED THOSE  
HORSESHOES  
UP THERE!

# GIANT BATMAN



AN IRONIC WISH, FOR, SCARCELY FORTY MINUTES LATER, AS THE **BATPLANE** STREAKS HOMeward...

**BATMAN--LOOK!**  
THE BODY OF A MAN--DOWN IN THAT CLEARING!

WE'D BETTER TAKE A LOOK! GET READY TO BREAK OUT THE AUXILIARY HELICOPTER ASSEMBLY!

MINUTES LATER...

WHY--IT'S TROOPER BOB JASON--AND HE'S BADLY WOUNDED!

LECLERC'S... AMBUSH! TOOK MY HORSE... LEFT ME TO DIE... GOTTA GET THEM!

**ROBIN!** FIRST AID ISN'T ENOUGH. THIS MAN NEEDS AN IMMEDIATE TRANSFUSION! WE'VE GOT TO RUSH HIM BACK TO THE POST.

NO--NO! TOOK ME DAYS TO FIND LECLERC'S--THEIR TRAIL STILL FRESH--MUST FOLLOW! IF YOU DROP TRAIL NOW, MAY NEVER FIND AGAIN! THEY... MUSTN'T ESCAPE!

**BATMAN**--YOU'RE A GOOD COP--MAKE YOU DEPUTY MOUNTIE--I HAVE AUTHORITY! LET **ROBIN** FLY PLANE--YOU FOLLOW LECLERC'S! HERE--MY INSIGNIA--MAKE IT OFFICIAL!

IT MAKES SENSE, **ROBIN**! YOU FLY HIM BACK, THEN CONTACT ME VIA OUR BELT-RADOS! I'LL GIVE YOU MY LOCATION THEN, AND YOU CAN JOIN ME!

AND A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

BUT **BATMAN**--YOU **MUST** TAKE MY GUN! LECLERC'S COLD KILLERS--GIVE YOU NO CHANCE!

I NEVER USE A GUN, BOB! AND DON'T WORRY--WE MOUNTIES **ALWAYS GET OUR MAN!**

OKAY, **ROBIN**--TAKE HER UP!

AND SO IT IS THAT **BATMAN**, A THOUSAND MILES FROM HOME, TAKES ON ONE OF HIS TOUGHEST ASSIGNMENTS--IN THE BEST TRADITIONS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE.

THE TRAIL LEADS ACROSS THIS FROZEN LAKE! I'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST TO CLOSE THE GAP! HMM! I'M GETTING AN IDEA!

# GIANT BATMAN



A MOMENT LATER, QUICKLY LASHING SOME LOGS TOGETHER WITH HIS SILKEN CORD...

WITH A BRISK WIND, AND MY CAPE ACTING AS A SAIL--THIS MAKES A PRETTY FAIR ICE-BOAT! AND IT SURE BEATS WALKING!

SOON AFTER...

HMM!  
PINE NEEDLES, FRESHLY RIPPED OFF THIS BRANCH--THE SAP IS STILL GUMMY! THEY'VE COME THIS WAY, ALL RIGHT.

MEANWHILE, BACK AT MOUNTIE HEADQUARTERS...

YOUR PROMPT ACTION SAVED JASON'S LIFE! BUT I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF YOU AND **BATMAN** FIGHTING THE DANGEROUS LECLERC'S WITHOUT WEAPONS! IT'S OUR JOB! I'LL SEND SOME MEN WITH YOU!

SIR! A  
RADIO MESSAGE!  
FLOOD DISASTER AT ST. LAURIE! THE WHOLE TOWN IS IMPERILED!

HELPLESS TO DO OTHERWISE, THE COMMANDANT ACCEPTS **ROBIN'S** SUGGESTION. AND THEN, AS WORD OF THIS FILTERS BACK TO THE STOCKADE...

THIS IS TERRIBLE! WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO BE RESCUED! THEY WANT ME TO SEND EVERY AVAILABLE MAN! I'M CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO FIRES!

NO, SIR! SEND ALL YOUR MEN TO ST. LAURIE! **BATMAN** AND I CAN HANDLE THE LECLERC'S.



HAW! LOOK WHO'S GONNA  
BRING BACK THE LECLERC BOYS! WHY, YOU PUNK KID--  
THEY'LL EAT YOU UP ALIVE! HAW!

IMAGINE ANYONE GOIN' AFTER THE LECLERC'S WITHOUT GUNS! I ONLY WISH I COULD BE THERE WHEN **BATMAN** GETS IT IN THE NECK.

SO LONG, CHUMP! I JUST THOUGHT YOU OUGHTTA KNOW THAT REMY LECLERC IS THE GREATEST KNIFE-THROWER IN ALL CANADA! HAW!

AND HIS KID BROTHER, PIERRE, CAN SHOOT THE WHISKERS OFF A WOLF AT 200 YARDS! BETTER DRAW UP YOUR WILL NOW, KID! HAW!



## GIANT BATMAN

EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, IN THE MAKESHIFT CAMP OF THE LECLERC BROTHERS ABOVE THE MOUNTAIN SNOW-LINE ...

NO, YOU FOOL! THAT IS THE MAN CALLED **BATMAN**! SOMEHOW HE IS ON OUR TRAIL! BUT NO FEAR! HE CARRIES NO WEAPONS! OUR GUNS WILL RIP HIM TO RIBBONS!

REMY!  
LOOK! IS THAT A GIANT BAT?

BUT THEN, WHEN THE DESPERADOS HAVE CLAMBERED UP THE HILL, AFTER PUMPING BULLET AFTER BULLET INTO THE **BATMAN** FIGURE...

DRAT! WE HAVE BEEN TRICKED! IT IS ONLY A TREE!

HE PLAYS GAMES WITH US! BAH! I WILL TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN KILLING THIS PIG!

NOW THAT I'VE FOUND THEM, I'VE GOT TO PLAY CAT-AND-MOUSE UNTIL **ROBIN** ARRIVES AND WE CAN FIND SOME WAY TO CLOSE IN! HE SHOULD BE HERE SOON!

OH-OH! THERE GOES THE RADIO AGAIN!

**ROBIN** TO **BATMAN**:  
**BATPLANE** CONKED OUT. FASTEST WAY TO YOU NOW IS BY WAY OF SILVER RIVER! HAVE NO BOAT. WILL CATCH RIDE ON LOG! OVER!

BUT ALL AT ONCE...

WORSE LUCK! THE SQUAWKING OF THE RADIO SCARED THOSE BIRDS--AND NOW THEY'VE GIVEN AWAY MY POSITION! I'VE GOT TO MOVE OUT OF HERE -- AND FAST! BUT HOW?

SUDDENLY, AN IDEA COMES TO THE RESOURCEFUL LAWMAN...

NICE HEAVY BIRCH BARK! SHOULD BE JUST WHAT THE OCCASION NEEDS!

BANG!  
BANG!

AND A FEW MINUTES LATER...

THE BARK MAKES EXCELLENT SKIS--WITH STRING FROM MY UTILITY BELT AS BINDINGS! I DON'T THINK THEIR BULLETS WILL FIND ME NOW--PARTICULARLY WITH MY SNOW-UNIFORM AS CAMOUFLAGE!

WHERE DID HE GET SKIS!? AND HOW CAN I SHOOT HIM WHEN I CAN BARELY SEE HIM!?

## GIANT BATMAN

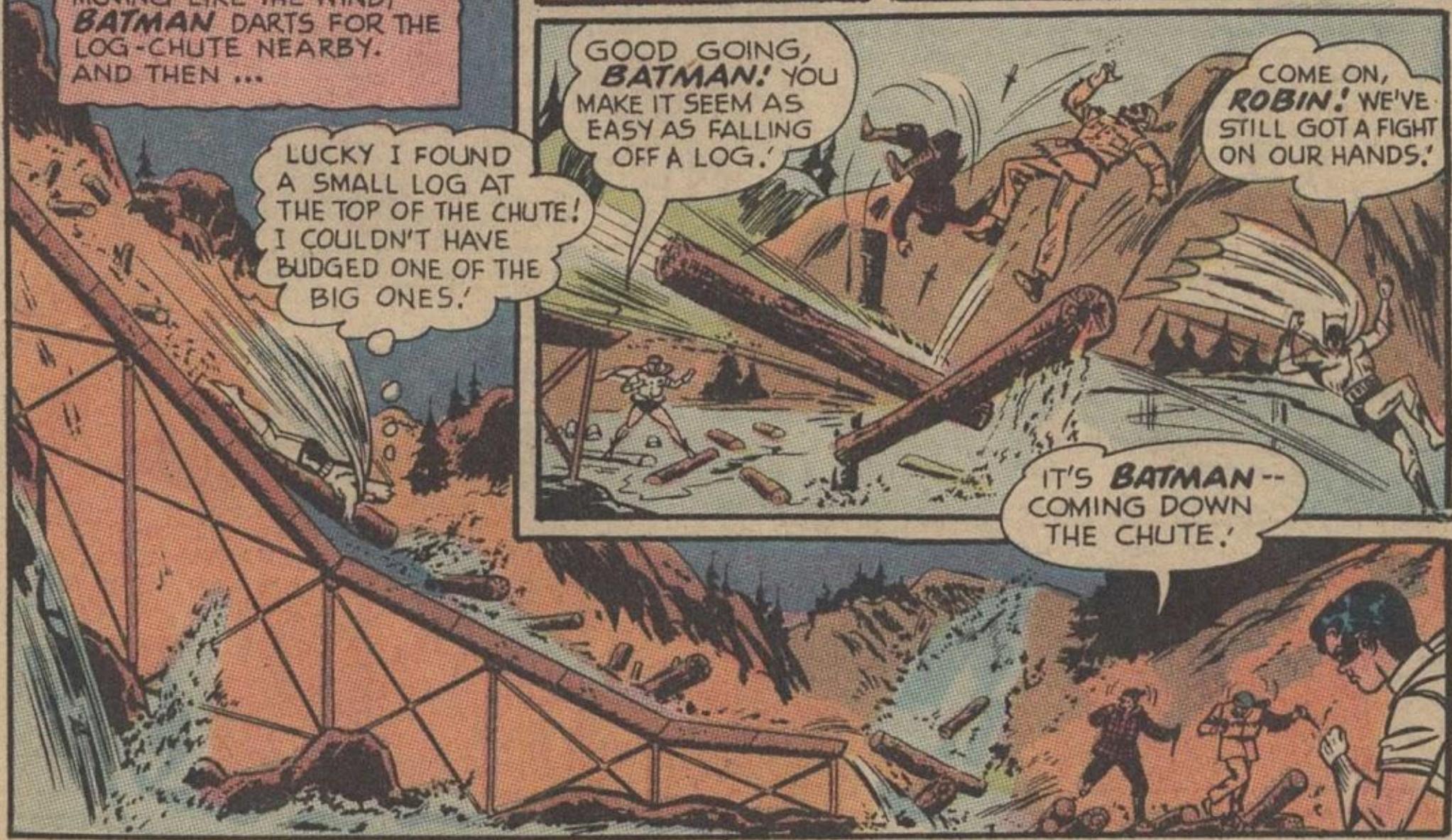
LATER, AS **BATMAN** HEADS FOR SILVER RIVER AND HIS RENDEZVOUS WITH **ROBIN**...



MEANWHILE **ROBIN'S** ATTEMPT TO ELUDE THE LECLERC BROTHERS PROVES FUTILE... EVEN THROUGH HIS SWITCH TO HIS SNOW UNIFORM AS CAMOUFLAGE!



MOVING LIKE THE WIND, **BATMAN** DARTS FOR THE LOG-CHUTE NEARBY. AND THEN ...



THEN, AS THE **DYNAMIC DUO** ENGAGES IN ONE OF THE WEIRDEST FIGHTS EVER...

JUST AS I THOUGHT! TAKE AWAY THEIR GUNS AND KNIVES AND THEY'RE JUST A COUPLE OF ORDINARY HOODLUMS!

THIS ONE IS FOR A MOUNTIE NAMED JASON--REMEMBER?!



ENOUGH, **BATMAN**--DON'T DUCK ME AGAIN! WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH--WE SURRENDER. MY ARM--I THINK IT IS BROKEN--WE SURRENDER!

OKAY, **ROBIN**--LET'S GET THESE SAD-LOOKING CUT-THROATS ASHORE, AND FIGURE OUR NEXT MOVE...



# GIANT BATMAN



LATER...

I'D LOVE TO  
LEAVE THEM HERE--  
THE WAY THEY LEFT JASON--  
BUT I SUPPOSE IT'S OUR DUTY  
TO GET THEM BACK, EVEN  
THOUGH IT'S GOING TO BE  
A ROUGH TREK...

YES. THE EMERGENCY RATIONS IN OUR  
UTILITY BELTS SHOULD CARRY US TO  
WHERE YOU CRASH-LANDED THE **BAT-**  
**PLANE**. THERE ARE PLENTY OF PRO-  
VISIONS ABOARD--AND IT SHOULDN'T  
TAKE US TOO LONG TO REPAIR  
THE PLANE...

A MOMENT LATER, BEFORE THE AMAZED EYES OF THE  
LECLERC BROTHERS...

YOU SAID SNOWSHOES--AND  
SNOWSHOES WE SHALL HAVE!  
OUR SILKEN CORDS MAKE  
EXCELLENT WEBBING--  
AND THERE ARE PLENTY  
OF SAPLINGS TO  
PROVIDE US WITH  
FRAMES!

AMAZING! THIS I  
HAVE NEVER SEEN  
BEFORE!

AND SO BEGINS THE ARDUOUS TRIP BACK--AT  
ONCE COMPLICATED BY A SUDDEN, DRIVING  
BLIZZARD!

WE WILL ALL  
DIE! ONE CANNOT MARCH  
THROUGH ALL THIS SNOW!  
IF WE ONLY HAD SNOW-  
SHOES!

SNOWSHOES!  
HMM! THERE  
MUST BE A  
WAY...

ALL DAY THE LITTLE BAND STRUGGLES THROUGH  
THE FOREST. AND AS DUSK APPROACHES...

HMM. THE REMAINS OF A STONE  
CABIN, AND STRANGELY ENOUGH, ITS  
WINDOWS ARE STILL INTACT. NOT MUCH  
OF A SHELTER, BUT IT'S THE BEST WE  
HAVE! WE'LL CAMP HERE  
TONIGHT!

OWWWWW  
A WOLF-  
PACK! LISTEN TO  
THEM HOWL! SO  
MANY--AND SO  
HUNGRY!

LATER...

WE'RE IN  
TROUBLE,  
**BATMAN**! WE'LL NEED  
A BIG FIRE TO KEEP THOSE  
WOLVES AWAY--AND IN THIS  
BLIZZARD, FIREWOOD JUST  
CAN'T BE FOUND!

WAIT, ROBIN!  
MAYBE WE CAN  
FOOL THOSE WOLVES!  
I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

OWWWWW

QUICKLY, **BATMAN** REMOVES THE WINDOWS FROM  
THE STONE WALL! AND THEN...

THESE WINDOW PANES WILL  
REFLECT THE FLAMES--MAKING  
IT APPEAR AS THOUGH WE  
HAD THREE FIRES! THAT  
SHOULD HOLD THOSE  
WOLVES!

IT HAS--THEY'VE  
RETREATED ALREADY!  
VERY NEAT!

# GIANT BATMAN



NEXT DAY THE WEARY TRAVELERS PUSH ON AGAIN--AND THEN, IN THE LATE AFTERNOON...

AHHH! IF EVER THERE WAS A WELCOME SIGHT, THIS IS IT!

NICE NAVIGATING, ROBIN! YOUR COMPASS BEARINGS WERE PERFECT--LED US RIGHT TO THE SPOT. NOW--LET'S SEE HOW FAST WE CAN FIX THAT PLANE!

AND AN HOUR LATER...

THAT DOES IT, BATMAN! SHE'S READY TO FLY NOW!

BATMAN! COME QUICK! MY BROTHER HAS THE HEART ATTACK!

IN ONE BLINDING MOMENT OF TREACHERY, THE LAWMEN ARE SMASHED ON THE HEAD, AND THE TABLES ARE TURNED!

NEVER MIND HUNTING FOR THE KEY TO THESE HANDCUFFS! THEY MAY HAVE A SECRET HIDING PLACE! I'LL SMASH THE CUFFS WITH THIS ROCK!

BIEN! AND THEN, BROTHER, I TRUST YOU WILL GIVE ME THE HONOR OF KILLING THESE TWO PIGS MYSELF!

IN A MOMENT, BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE AT THE STRICKEN CRIMINAL'S SIDE--ONLY TO FIND THEY'VE WALKED INTO A TRAP!

FOOLS! MY HAND WAS NEVER INJURED! IT IS AN OLD LECLERC TRICK! WE JUST WAITED FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT!

BATMAN! HE'S STIRRED ASHES INTO MY EYES! CAN'T SEE!

QUICKLY! LET'S GET 'EM!

SECONDS LATER... NO--WE DO NOT KILL THEM--THEY

ARE MORE VALUABLE ALIVE! WE HOLD THEM AS HOSTAGES--WE CONTACT COMMANDER DOUGLAS--MAKE HIM FREE EVERY PRISONER IN STOCKADE! WITH THESE MEN, WE RULE ALL CANADA! THEN WE KILL BATMAN!

BUT THIS BATMAN--NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN HIS FACE! I--PIERRE LECLERC--WILL BE THE FIRST TO DO SO! I WILL PULL OFF HIS MASK!

NO! IF BATMAN'S IDENTITY IS KNOWN, HE CAN NO LONGER BE BATMAN! IF HE IS NO LONGER BATMAN, HE IS NOT IMPORTANT HOSTAGE! NO! THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF TIME LATER TO REMOVE THE MASK!

ALL RIGHT! BUT I WILL TAKE AWAY THESE UTILITY BELTS, SO THAT WE HAVE NO TRICKS! THEN TONIGHT, WE HAVE GOOD SLEEP, EH? AND TOMORROW WE MAKE THE BIG ONE FLY US BACK, OR ELSE WE KILL THE LITTLE ONE, EH? AHH--THIS IS MORE LIKE IT!

BUT THAT NIGHT, WHEN THE WEARY BROTHERS HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP, CONTENT THAT THEIR PRISONERS CANNOT ESCAPE...

**ROBIN**--I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING! THE COLLAR INSIGNIA THAT BOB JASON GAVE ME! IT'S UNDER MY UNIFORM--REACH IN AND SEE IF YOU CAN GET IT!

YES! I FEEL IT! I'LL HAVE IT OUT IN A MOMENT. BUT--WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THAT?

IN A MOMENT, **ROBIN** HAS HANDED **BAT-MAN** THE INSIGNIA! IN THE NEXT MOMENT, **BATMAN** REACHES BEHIND HIM UNTIL HE FINDS A ROCK! AND THEN...

THIS INSIGNIA IS FAIRLY THIN! BY RUBBING IT AGAINST THIS ROCK, I CAN HONE IT DOWN TO KNIFE-EDGE!-THEN I CAN CUT MY WAY OUT OF THESE ROPES--AND FREE YOU, TOO!



AFTER LONG MINUTES OF SCRAPING METAL AGAINST ROCK, **BATMAN** IS TRIUMPHANT. THE KNIFE-EDGE SLICES THROUGH THE BONDS--AND MOMENTS AFTER...

SACRE BLEU! WHAT HAS HAPPENED?!

WE'VE GOT A FEW TRICKS, TOO, MY FRIEND! AND JUST ONE TOO MANY FOR YOU!



AND NEXT DAY, WHEN THE **BATPLANE** ALIGHTS AT MOUNTIE HEADQUARTERS...

**BATMAN**, WE JUST RETURNED OURSELVES--I WAS READYING A SQUAD TO GO FIND YOU! BUT I SEE YOU DON'T NEED IT! YOU'RE A TRUE MOUNTIE! YOU BROUGHT BACK YOUR MAN! HOW ABOUT STAYING ON WITH US PERMANENTLY?

NO, THANK YOU, SIR! I WANT TO GO SEE TROOPER JASON--TELL HIM THE WONDERFUL NEWS--AND THEN **ROBIN** AND I ARE HEADED BACK TO THE COMPARATIVE PEACE AND QUIET OF GOTHAM CITY'S UNDERWORLD.



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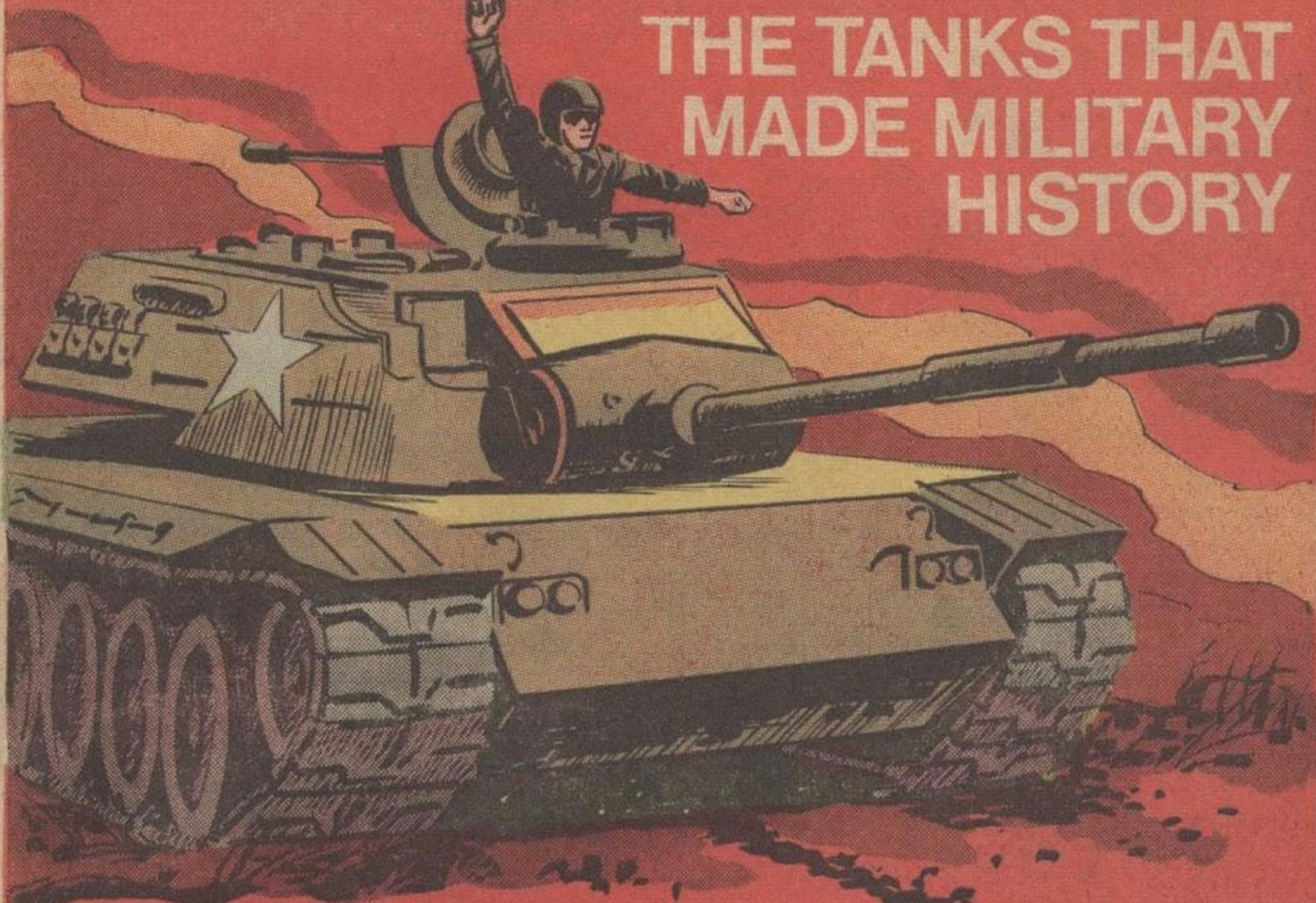
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MONEY...



...AND  
BETTER.

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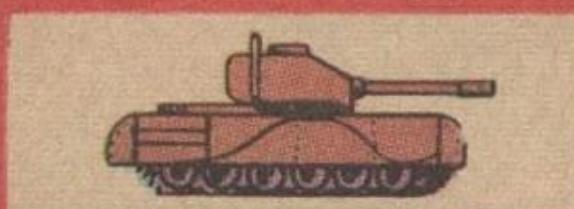


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# GIANT BATMAN

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Dear Editor:

Let me start from the top for my description of your latest GIANT BATMAN. The cover, done by Murphy Anderson (I caught his barely legible signature in the rocks), was good. You ought to make him a regular Batman artist. The insides were good, too. An excellent choice of stories, Mr. Bridwell. But next time give us only four or five long stories instead of six short ones. All in all, this was a good issue. My congratulations.

—Keith Griffin, Mobile, Ala.

(How does this issue strike you, Keith? Only five longer stories! As for Murphy, he's working on a Jimmie Olsen tale which will co-star Robin. Looks mighty good!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In "The Hand from Nowhere," on page 8, a person is coming out of the thumb of the giant hand. Yet, if you will look on page 1 of that story, you can see that the thumb is too small to hold anyone, while on page 6, it is big enough for two people. What caused this sudden growth?

—Waldemar Golebiewski, Ozone Park, N.Y.  
(Obviously, THUMB-body goofed!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I sort of semi-consider myself to be somewhat of an expert on Batman. I have followed the adventures of this intriguing comic-book crusader faithfully—nay, ardently—for the past four years, and have made countless attempts to dig into his 30-year past for more knowledge. His artists, his writers, his legend, his supporting characters, his arch-enemies... I know them all. Unfortunately, the very early issues are priced staggeringly high, and, without the means of shelling out a couple of hundred bucks for one old comic, I am in the dark as to Batman's beginning years of crime-fighting. Therefore, what I relish most in your twice-annual BATMAN GIANTS are the very old stories of the early '40's. The reprint of Batman's debut story in DETECTIVE #387 was tremendous, as was Alfred's origin in GIANT #213. Nearly as interesting are the new artists' renderings of old stories, as with Gil Kane in GIANT #208. Please try to feature the really ancient stories—whether in original or new art—as often as possible. What really devastated me in #218 was your piquant comment that originally, "the Dynamic Duo occasionally acted in a way contrary to their code." My morbid curiosity is, I admit, devouring me. What did Batman and Robin ever do that would be contrary to their code? I read the Joker story from BATMAN #1, which was reprinted in Feiffer's *The Great Comic Book Heroes*, and nothing was said or done by either of our Gotham Gallants that would suggest the slightest deviation from a strict set of morals or ethics.

—Steve Beery, Alma, Mich.

(Okay, here are the facts—in the beginning, Batman carried a gun! And sometimes he and Robin actually killed! For this reason, the Masked Manhunter was himself hunted by the police for taking the law into his own hands. Wiser editorial heads prevailed, however, and the Caped Crime-fighters adopted an anti-

gun, anti-killing code—and began to work with the police instead of dodging them.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I liked The Strangest Cases from Batman's Crime-File. But the Batmobile didn't look right. There were two kinds in that issue. One looked like an old hard-top, and the other had a siren or light on a glass bubble-top. If you watch the TV show, you know how it really looks.

—Keith Waits, Louisville, Ky.

(You mean how one of the past Batmobiles looked. Since he started using a "powerful roadster" that was unmarked in the early tales, Batman has often changed his vehicle to keep up with the times. And his latest runabout, which you'll see him using now in BATMAN and DETECTIVE, is different from any of the others.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In "The Man Who Couldn't Be Tried Twice," Batman said "Minus Q" referred to the one place where every letter in the alphabet is used except Q, the telephone dial. I don't know about Gotham City's phones, but mine is also missing the letter Z. So I think Batman should do a little more calling on other phones than the Hot-Line. He may learn something.

—Anthony Bonavolente, Melrose Park, Ill.

(We'll try to do alphabetter in the future.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In "The Man Who Couldn't Be Tried Twice," you have a paraffin cast of Lee's gun hand. But if he had his palm down, this is a cast of his left hand. And later, you show him shooting with his right hand! How do you explain this?

—Dave Rands, Pompano Beach, Fla.

(We can't. But then, we don't really have to. Most of the old Batman stories we reprint were written and drawn many years before we came to work at DC. So, though we try to fix errors when we can, we still have the consolation of knowing it was somebody else who made these particular goofs in the first place.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

The Sunday Newspaper Syndicated Story in GIANT BATMAN #218 was the highlight of the entire issue. Do you plan to reprint any more in the near future? I enjoy all your BATMAN reprints. Some I read when they first came out, years ago, and I could kick myself in the rear for not keeping them. Of course, that was before I became a comic collector.

—Wes Smith, Paw Paw, Mich.

(We have another Syndicated Story in this issue—but we made it easier to read by reserving two pages for each Sunday strip. We'll reprint more if we can dig 'em up—but the supply is nearly exhausted, I'm afraid.—Ed.)

Remember, the address for all comments and suggestions in GIANT BATMAIL, National Periodical Publications, 909 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.

# "The MARDI GRAS MYSTERY"

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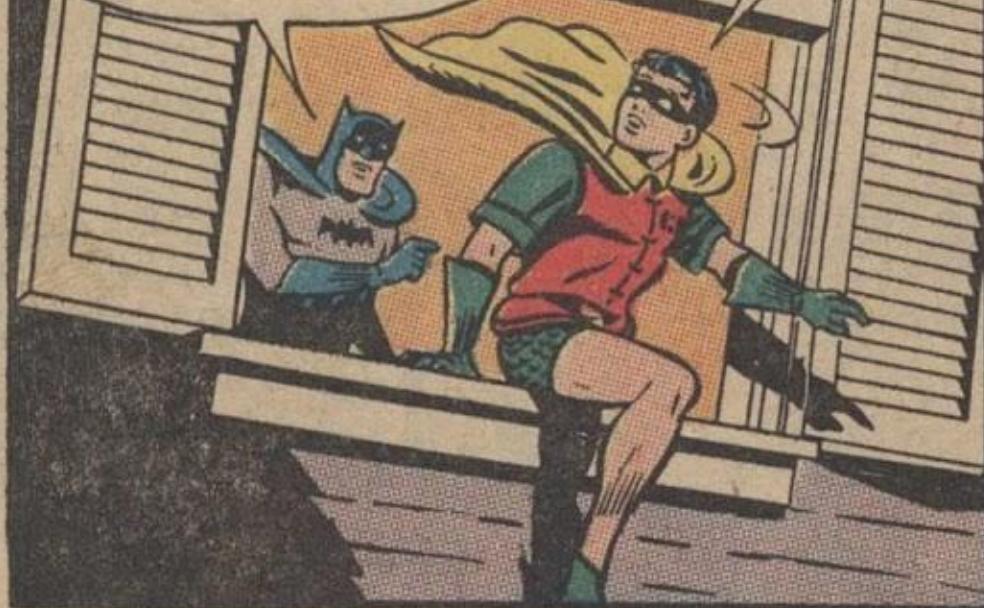
ONCE DRESSED, ROBIN INSTINCTIVELY STARTS POKING ONE LEG OVER THE WINDOW SILL ....

WHOA, YOUNGSTER ! WE DON'T HAVE TO SNEAK OUT IN OUR SUITS THIS TIME ... REMEMBER ?

HUH ? OH, YES ... JUST FORCE OF HABIT !

WE MIGHT JUST AS WELL HAVE GONE OUT THROUGH THE WINDOW ! THIS PLACE IS AS DESERTED AS A GAS STATION !

GUESS EVEN THE HELP IS AT THE MARDI GRAS ! HALF THE POPULATION MUST BE THERE !



BATMAN AND ROBIN SOON WEDGE THEMSELVES IN THE PUSHING MOB OF MASKED REVELERS AT THE COLORFUL, HISTORIC MARDI GRAS !

I NEVER SAW SO MANY DIFFERENT COSTUMES IN, ALL MY LIFE !

SORT OF LIKE BEING LOST IN A HOLLYWOOD WARDROBE DEPARTMENT, ISN'T IT ?



MR. WAYNE ... TAKE THIS AND GUARD IT WITH YOUR LIFE ! ... THEY'RE FOLLOWIN' ME ... I'LL MEET YOU LATER ...



HEY, LE-BETTE, DERE'S DE SKOIT ! NOW WE GOT 'ER !

NON, MONK ! LET HER GO ! WEETH MY OWN EYES I'VE SEE HER SLEEP ENVELOPE TO ZAT ONE DRESSED AS ZE BATMAN !

HE AIN'T DE REAL BATMAN - SO WHAT'RE WE WAITIN' FER ? IT'LL BE A DEAD CINCH TO PUSH 'IM OVER AN' GRAB IT !



# BAT-MAN

AND ROBIN

BOB KANE

GUESTS OF A MR. BAGLEY WHO PROVIDED THEM WITH BATMAN AND ROBIN COSTUMES FOR THE MARDI GRAS FESTIVAL, BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON ARE FURTIVELY HANDED AN ENVELOPE BY ANOTHER HOUSE GUEST, ANN LACEY—BUT HER ACTION HAS NOT BEEN UNNOTICED...

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LEBETTE, YOU WERE RIGHT! THAT LACEY DAME DID SLIP IT TO THAT GUY IN THE BATMAN COSTUME!

LEBETTE EES ALWAYS RIGHT! SEE, KLINK, EVEN NOW HE EXAMINES EET! QUEECK, WE MUS'T TAKE EET AWAY FROM HEEM!



OKAY, BUD, HAND OVER THAT ENVELOPE... AND DON'T GO IMAGININ' YOU'RE THE REAL BATMAN AND START GETTIN' IDEAS... SEEZ?

OH...  
I SEE  
VERY WELL...

...BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A TOUGH JOB WITH TWO BLACK EYES!



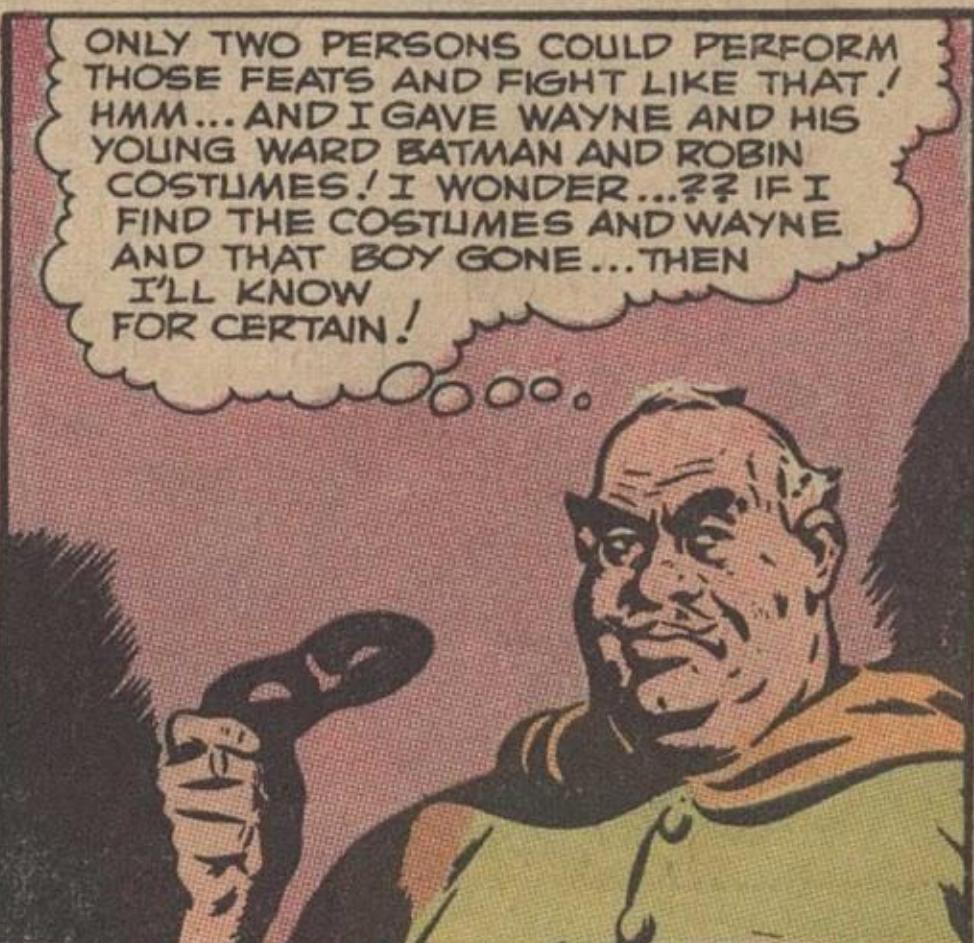
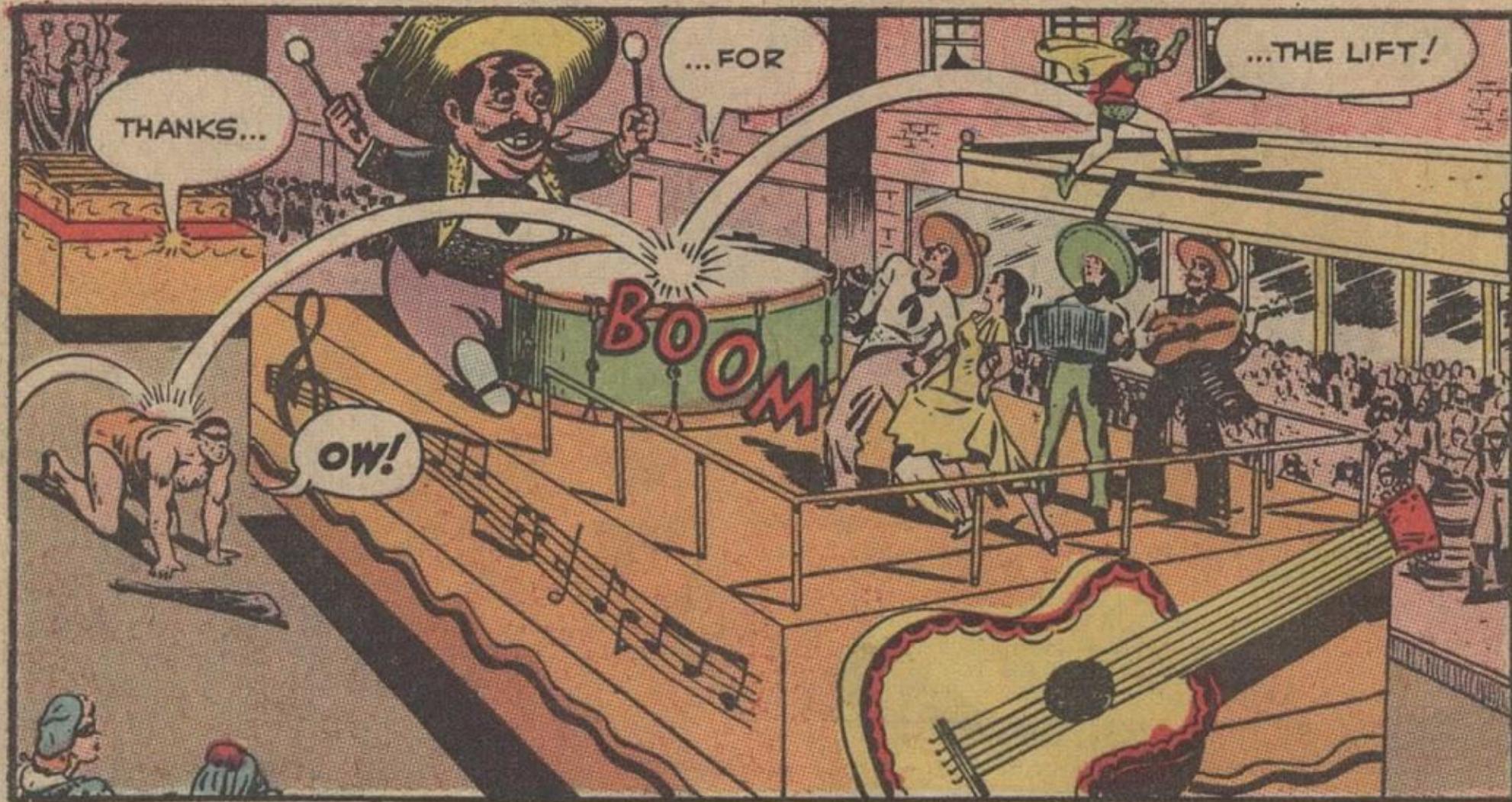
ROBIN! CATCH... GET GOING!

THERE MAY BE MORE OF THIS MOB AROUND—CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH THIS ENVELOPE!



OOO OF!





# BATMAN AND ROBIN

THE WAY THOSE TWO HOPPED AROUND... AND COULD SOCK! IF YA ASK ME, THAT WAS THE REAL BATMAN AND ROBIN!

EXACTLY WHAT I WAS THINKING! AND I GAVE BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON BATMAN AND ROBIN MARDI GRAS COSTUMES! I MUST GET HOME AND CHECK UP ON THEM!

by BOB KANE

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VISITING THE MARDI GRAS... BATMAN AND ROBIN FORESTALL AN ATTEMPT BY THREE THUGS TO TAKE THE ENVELOPE SLIPPED TO THEM BY THEIR HOST'S HOUSE GUEST, ANN LACEY. LATER, THE THUGS REPORT TO THEIR SECRET BOSS - THE HOST, MR. BAGLEY...

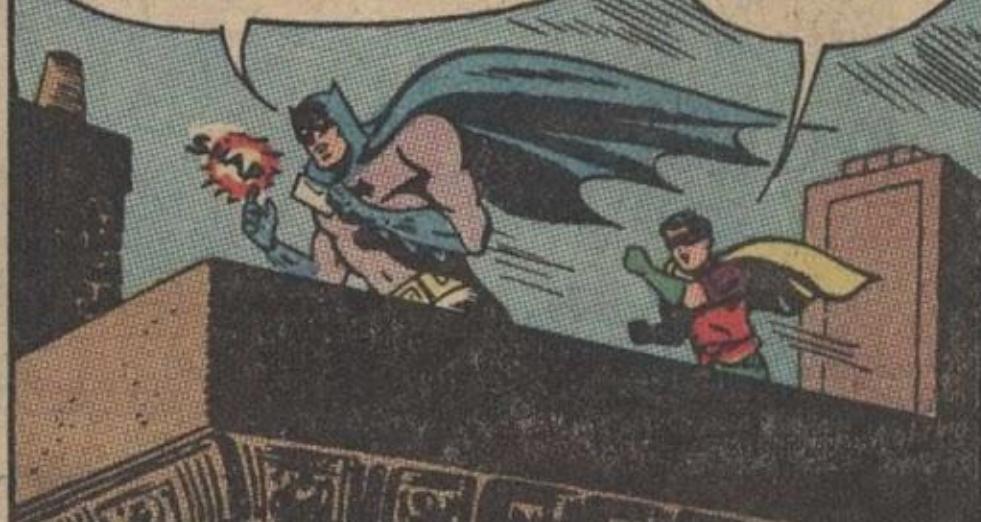
MEANWHILE...

WE GAVE THEM THE SLIP, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE EVER RUN AWAY FROM CROOKS!

THIS ENVELOPE SEEMS IMPORTANT, AND I WASN'T GOING TO TAKE ANY CHANCES ON LOSING IT! THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD MORE OF THEIR MOB AMONG THE MARDI GRAS CROWD!

SAY, I JUST REMEMBERED! WHEN THAT LACEY GIRL HANDED ME THE ENVELOPE, SHE CALLED ME MR. WAYNE. SHE THOUGHT WE WERE WEARING THE COSTUMES BAGLEY GAVE US. BUT IF SHE SAW US GO INTO OUR ACT...

...SHE'LL SUSPECT WE'RE THE REAL BATMAN AND ROBIN!



EXACTLY! AND SO WILL OUR HOST! WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK PRONTO AND GET AN ALIBI SET UP!

A SHORT WHILE LATER...

WAYNE... WHY, I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION YOU HAD GONE TO THE MARDI GRAS!

NO... DICK HAD A SLIGHT FEVER, SO WE DECIDED TO STAY IN! DID WE MISS ANYTHING?



NO-O!  
NOTHING  
MUCH!

HM-M! COSTUMES STILL  
NEATLY PRESSED!  
OBVIOUSLY NOT WORN!  
THEN WAYNE AND THAT  
BOY ARE NOT BATMAN  
AND ROBIN!

OH...  
HELLO, MR.  
BAGLEY!  
DID  
YOU HAVE  
A NICE  
TIME AT  
THE MARDI  
GRAS?

YES, I  
FOUND  
IT MOST  
STIMULATING!  
HA! HA!  
...SHE WAS LISTEN-  
ING. I'LL WAGER  
IT ABOUT FLOORED  
HER WHEN SHE  
LEARNED WAYNE  
WASN'T AT THE  
MARDI GRAS!

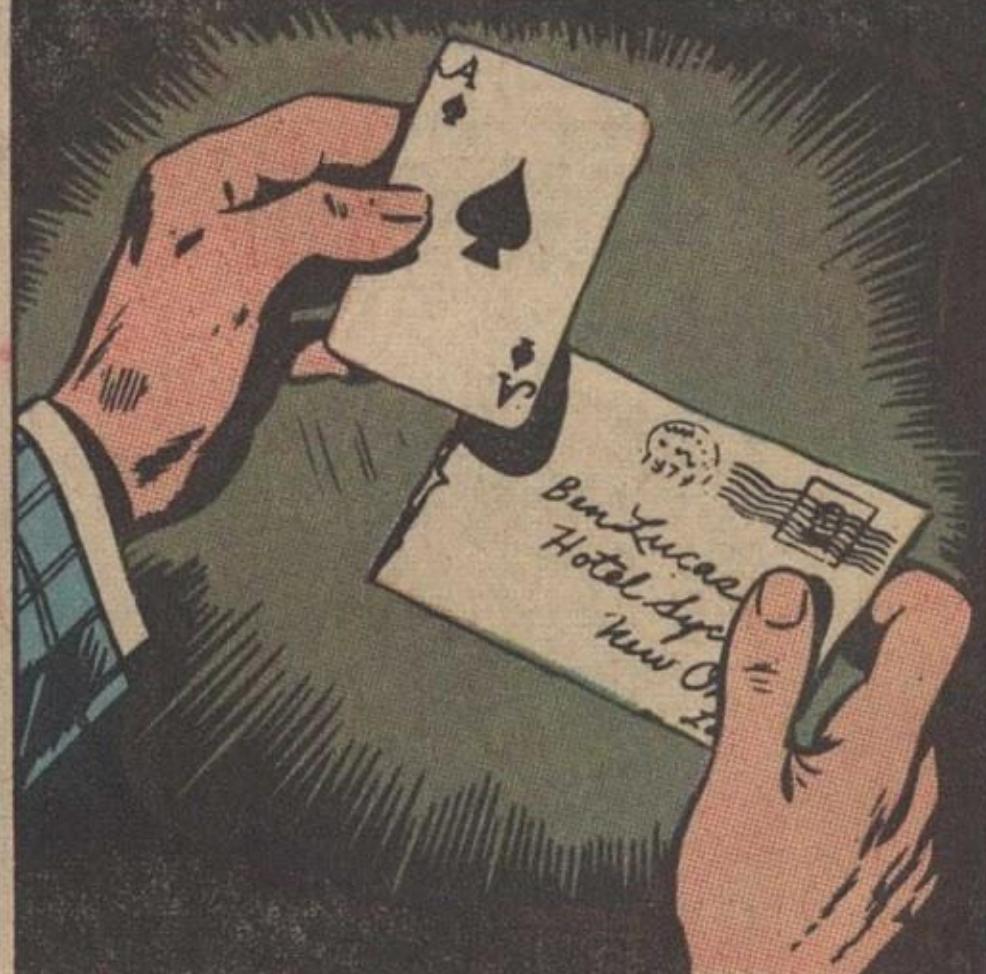
WAYNE ISN'T THE BATMAN! AND  
I THOUGHT... OH, DEAR, THE REAL  
BATMAN HAS THE ENVELOPE,  
AND HE WON'T KNOW WHERE TO  
FIND ME AND I DON'T KNOW  
WHERE TO FIND HIM!

WHEW!  
THAT WAS  
A CLOSE  
SHAVE!

WE CAN'T RETURN  
THIS ENVELOPE TO  
MISS LACEY WITH-  
OUT REVEALING  
OUR IDENTITIES.  
SO WE'LL JUST  
TAKE A LOOK-SEE  
OURSELVES!

ANOTHER  
ENVELOPE  
INSIDE OF  
IT! AND IT  
LOOKS  
ANCIENT!

IT IS! THE POSTMARK  
DATE READS, APRIL  
21, 1879! MAILED TO  
"BEN LUCAS, HOTEL  
SYCAMORE". NOW  
WHAT'S INSIDE  
THIS ONE!



# BATMAN AND ROBIN

by BOB KANE

UNABLE IMMEDIATELY, WITHOUT REVEALING THEIR IDENTITIES, TO RETURN THE ENVELOPE FURTIVELY HANDED THEM AT THE MARDI GRAS BY ANN LACEY—BATMAN AND ROBIN OPEN THE MYSTERIOUS PACKET TO FIND ...

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AN ACE OF SPADES!  
IS THAT WHAT ALL  
THE FUSS  
WAS  
ABOUT?

AN ACE OF SPADES  
SOMETIMES SIGNIFIES  
DEATH! DID SOMEONE  
SEND IT TO MISS  
LACEY TO WARN  
HER SHE'D BE  
MURDERED?

IT'S A PUZZLE,  
BUT AT LEAST WE  
HOLD THE ACE IN  
THIS GAME! WE  
DAREN'T CONTACT  
MISS LACEY, BUT  
IF SHE SEES US  
AT THE MARDI  
GRAS, SHE CAN,  
CONTACT US!

YES... THAT LACEY GIRL WILL  
TRY TO CONTACT BATMAN  
SOME WAY OR OTHER, AND  
HE'S GOT THAT ENVELOPE...  
SO DON'T LET HER  
OUT OF YOUR  
SIGHT!

DON'T  
WORRY.  
LEBETTE  
NEVAIRE  
FAILS!

HOW COULD  
THEY? THE CARD  
WAS IN THIS OLD  
INNER ENVELOPE  
ADDRESSED TO  
"BEN LUCAS...  
HOTEL Sycamore..."  
LOOK AT THE  
POSTMARK—  
1879!

I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO  
FIND THE REAL BATMAN, BUT  
IF HE'S AT THE MARDI  
GRAS TONIGHT, I MAY  
BE ABLE TO  
HAVE HIM /  
FIND ME!

MADEMOISELLE  
SAY SHE MUST  
HAVE ZE OUT-  
STANDING  
COSTUME AT ZE  
MARDI GRAS—  
SO—I GIVE IT  
TO HER! HA!  
MADAME JOSSETTE  
UNDERSTANDS.  
YOU WISH TO  
CATCH THE EYE  
OF A MAN,  
OUI?

...YES...  
A VERY  
SPECIAL  
MAN!

THAT NIGHT, AS THE JUDGES REVIEW THE CONTESTANTS FOR THE HONOR OF BEING QUEEN OF THE MARDI GRAS . . .

LOOK AT THAT GIRL OVER THERE!

EXQUISITE... AND WEARING A UNIQUE COSTUME! GENTLEMEN, WE CAN MAKE UP OUR MINDS, FAST!

ON THE EDGE OF THE THRONG, TWO NEW ARRIVALS PAUSE . . .

WELL, HERE WE ARE AGAIN! NOW IT'S UP TO ANN LACEY TO SPOT US!

SAY, DOESN'T THAT GIRL ON THE FLOAT LOOK FAMILIAR?



# BATMAN

AND  
ROBIN

by BOB KANE

ELECTED QUEEN OF THE MARDI GRAS, ANN LACEY, THE GIRL WHO HAS SLIPPED BATMAN A MYSTERIOUS ENVELOPE, IS ABLE TO DISCUSS WITH BATMAN, CHOSEN KING, THE CONTENTS OF THE ENVELOPE—AN ACE OF SPADES!

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THAT ACE OF SPADES IS THE KEY TO BURIED TREASURE RIGHT IN THIS VICINITY!

NOW YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PULL THAT OLD ONE ABOUT JEAN LAFITTE'S PIRATE TREASURE! THAT'S ALMOST AS ANCIENT AS THE ONE ABOUT CAPTAIN KIDD!



"THAT NIGHT, AS BLACKJACK STEPPED OFF THE BOAT, THE GAMBLERS AMBUSHED HIM! WITH TREMBLING FINGERS THEY OPENED THE CARPET BAG TO FIND IT WAS—"



POLICE CAUGHT THE MURDERERS AND HANGED THEM, BUT THE MYSTERY REMAINED! SOMEHOW, SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS HAD DISAPPEARED!



I FOUND IT AT THE Sycamore Hotel, which I inherited, in a pile with other envelopes marked "Uncalled for" ... When I accepted Mr. Bagley's invitation, I brought it with me ... Then those thugs came after me and I slipped it to you!



I NOTICED THIS CARD SEEMED ABNORMALLY THICK! THE WAY I SEE IT, BLACKJACK SUSPECTED THE MEN WOULD TRY TO ROB HIM, SO HE CACHED THE MONEY... AND MAILED THIS CARD TO HIMSELF AT THE SYCAMORE HOTEL WHERE HE INTENDED TO STOP!



JUST AS I THOUGHT! TWO CARDS PASTED TOGETHER... THE SECOND ONE SHOWING A HAND-SKETCHED MAP OF THE BOAT AND THE EXACT SPOT WHERE BLACK-JACK HID THE SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS!

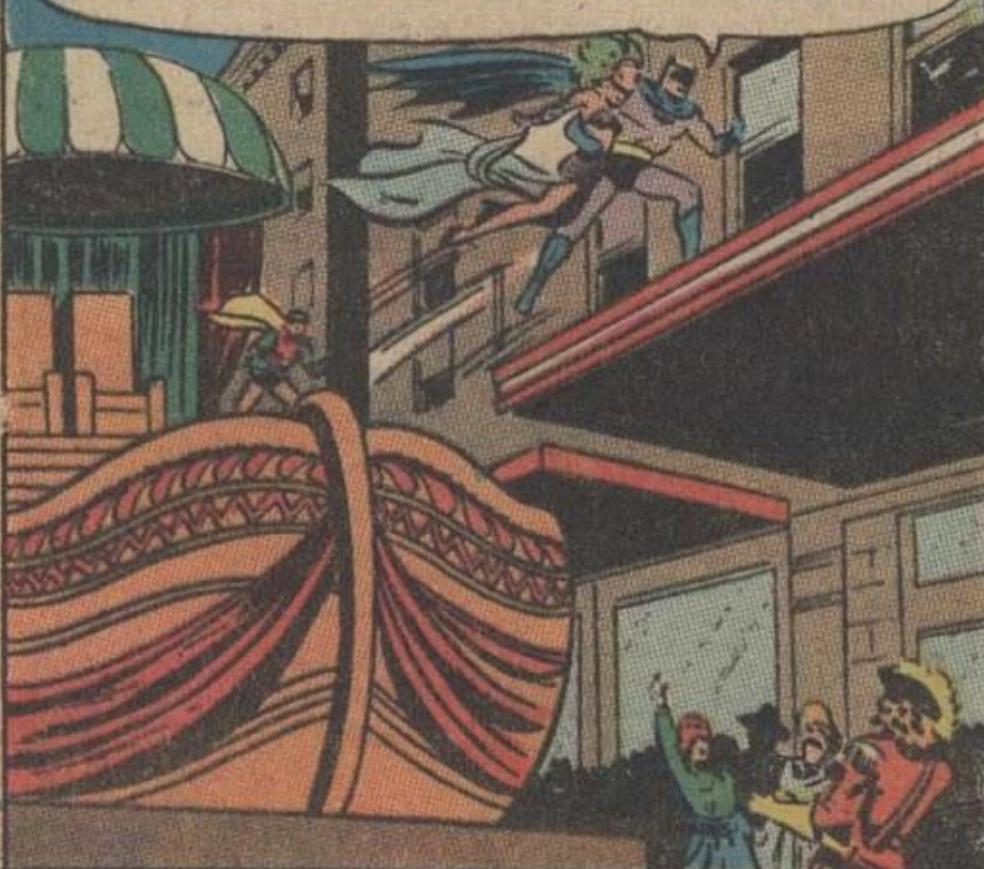


MISS LACEY, IS THE "BETTY LOU" STILL IN SERVICE?

GOODNESS, NO! IT'S BEEN DESERTED FOR YEARS! WHY, I BELIEVE IT'S LYING IN A SWAMP DOWN THE RIVER ONLY A FEW MILES FROM HERE!



WELL, THEN... WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?



THEY'VE TALKED A LONG TIME, AND HE SHOWED HER THE CARD, AND NOW THEY'RE IN A HURRY TO GO SOMEWHERE ... AND I'LL WAGER THAT SOMEWHERE IS THE TREASURE SPOT!



# BATMAN AND ROBIN

BATMAN LEFT WITH THE LACEY GIRL... AND VERY MUCH IN A HURRY! THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!

AH! ZEN YOU THEENK THEY GO TO FIN' THE GAMBLING MONEY HIDDEN BY BLACKJACK LUCAS! NOW WE FOLLOW!

DOWN SOUTH FOR THE MARDI GRAS, BATMAN AND ROBIN BECOME INVOLVED IN A HUNT FOR AN OLD MISSISSIPPI GAMBLER'S HIDDEN Winnings. AS THEY LEAVE FOR THE CACHE, THEY ARE OBSERVED...

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SOME TIME LATER, BATMAN, ROBIN AND ANN LACEY ARE ROCKETING UP THE MISSISSIPPI IN AN OLD SPEEDBOAT...

WHAT DID YOU SAY? THIS OLD TUB MAKES SO MUCH NOISE I CAN HARDLY HEAR YOU!

I SAID—TURN FOR THAT INLET AHEAD! IT LEADS RIGHT INTO THE BAYOU WHERE THE "BETTY LOU" WAS ABANDONED!

BANG! POP!

CHUG! BANG!

THERE IT IS!



CONSULTING THE MAP DRAWN BY BLACKJACK ON THE PLAYING CARD, IN 1879, BATMAN LOCATES THE LONG-SOUGHT MONEY CACHE!

IF THIS MAP IS RIGHT, SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS SHOULD BE IN YOUR HANDS IN A FEW MOMENTS!



CORRECTION, BATMAN... YOU MEAN MY HANDS!

MISTER BAGLEY! THOSE THUGS!... THEN YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEHIND ALL THIS!

TOO BAD YOUR BOAT MADE SO MUCH NOISE YOU DEED NOT HEAR US FOLLOW IN OUR OWN BOAT!





# BATMAN AND ROBIN

ROBIN, LISTEN...  
IF YOU CAN... BZZ..  
..BZZ... THEN... BZZ..  
BZZ... GOT IT?

UH-HUH...

HEY! WHAT'RE  
YOU TWO LUGS  
WHISPERIN'  
ABOUT? THINK  
YOU'RE GONNA  
PULL A FAST  
ONE ON ME?  
I'LL FIX  
YOU!

DOWN SOUTH FOR THE MARDI GRAS, BATMAN AND ROBIN HELP ANN LACEY FIND AN OLD MISSISSIPPI GAMBLER'S HIDDEN Winnings, ALSO SOUGHT BY A MR. BAGLEY WHO CAPTURES THEM AND PREPARES THEM FOR DEATH BY GASOLINE FLAMES....

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UGH!  
OH, NO—WE'LL  
FIX YOU!

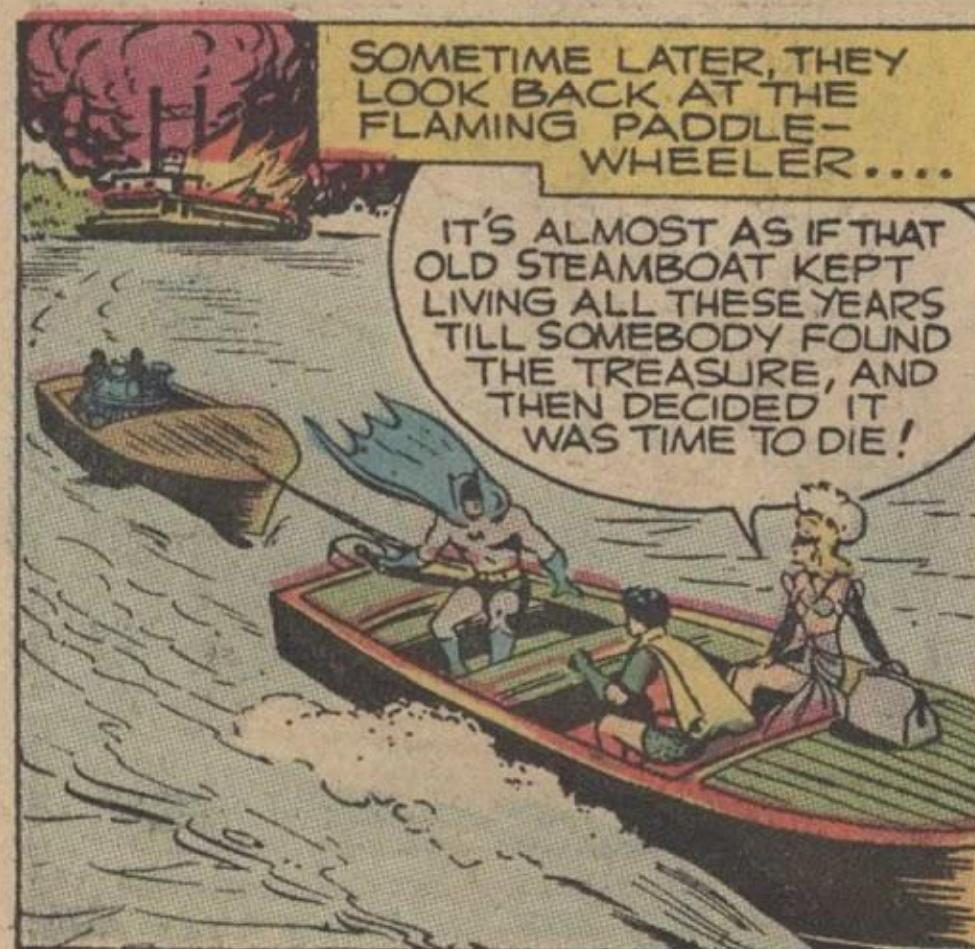
IF YOU  
EVER WANT  
TO BREATHE  
AGAIN,  
YOU'LL CUT  
ROBIN'S  
ROPES—  
FAST!

AH! THINK OF IT... A  
FORTUNE LYING IN THIS OLD  
HULK ALL THESE YEARS...  
UNTIL NOW!

KLINK! WE  
HAVE FOUND  
ZE MONEE!  
COME OUT  
NOW!

DON'T BE  
IMPATIENT!  
HE'S COMING  
— RIGHT AT  
YOU!

YI-II-II!  
OOF!



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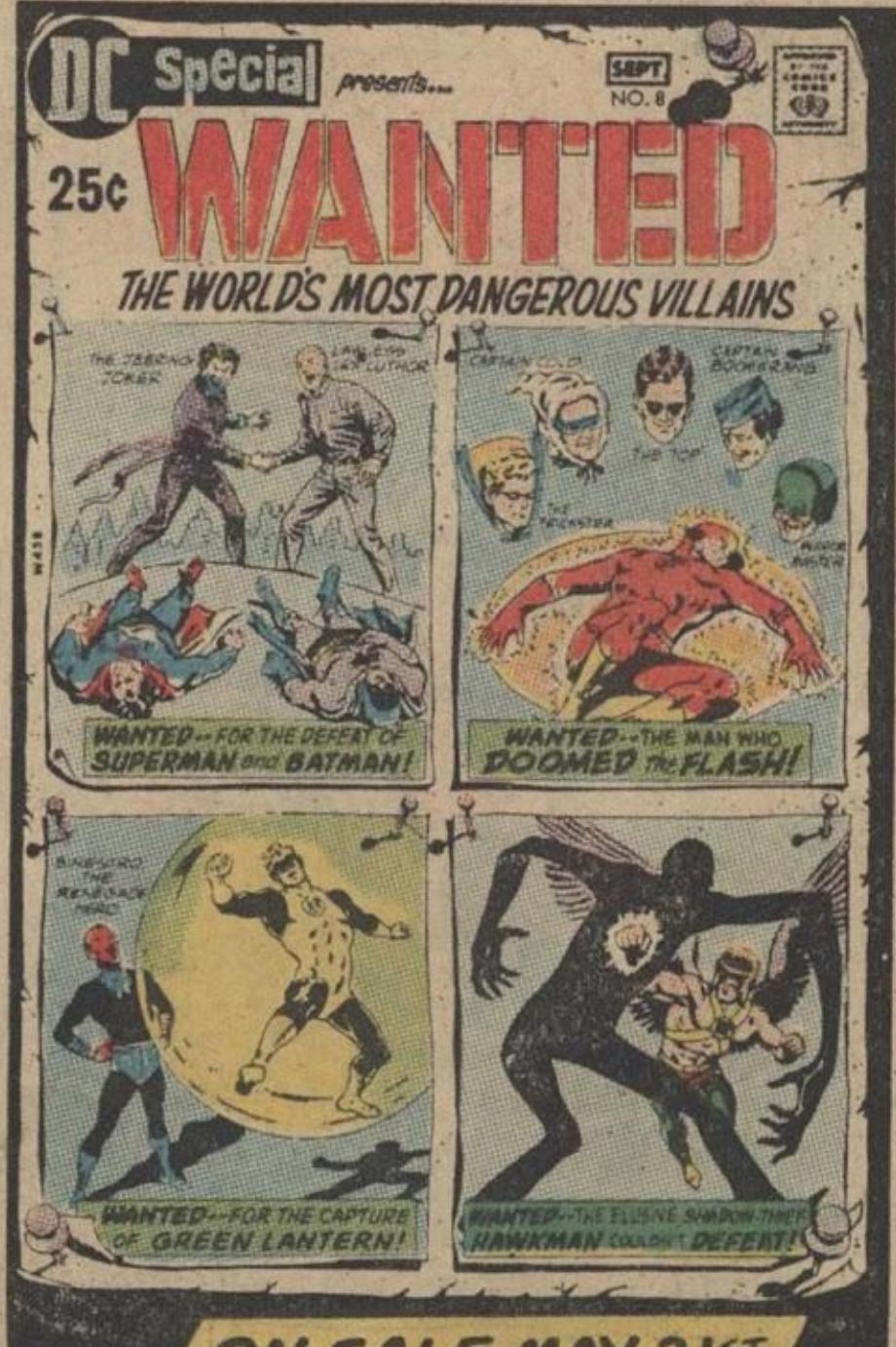
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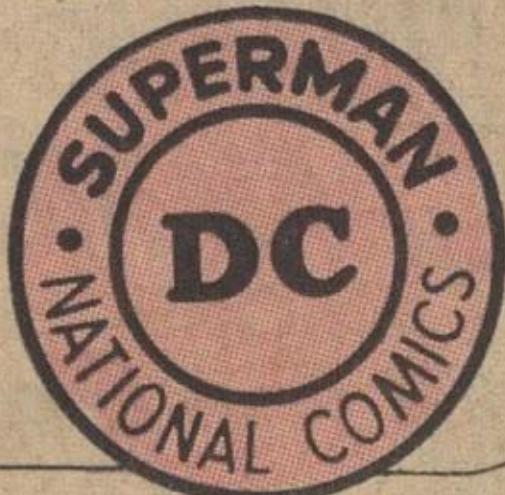
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# BATMAN

With  
**ROBIN**  
THE BOY WONDER

LET BATMAN  
AND ROBIN  
PLANT THE FLAG  
ON THE PEAK!  
I'LL MAKE  
SURE THEY  
NEVER  
RETURN!



THERE WAS A CYLINDER OF MICROFILM WORTH MORE THAN MILLIONS TO THE UNDERWORLD... BUT IT WAS LOST--ATOP THE MOST DANGEROUS PEAK IN THE WORLD! SO BATMAN AND ROBIN MUST NOW JOIN AN EXPEDITION TO ASCEND THE UNCLIMBABLE MOUNT K-4! BUT THERE ARE COUNTLESS DANGERS ON THIS TRAIL ABOVE THE CLOUDS, AND THE FAMED CRIME-FIGHTERS NEED ALL THEIR SKILL AND WITS TO SURVIVE THE...

## JOURNEY TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD!

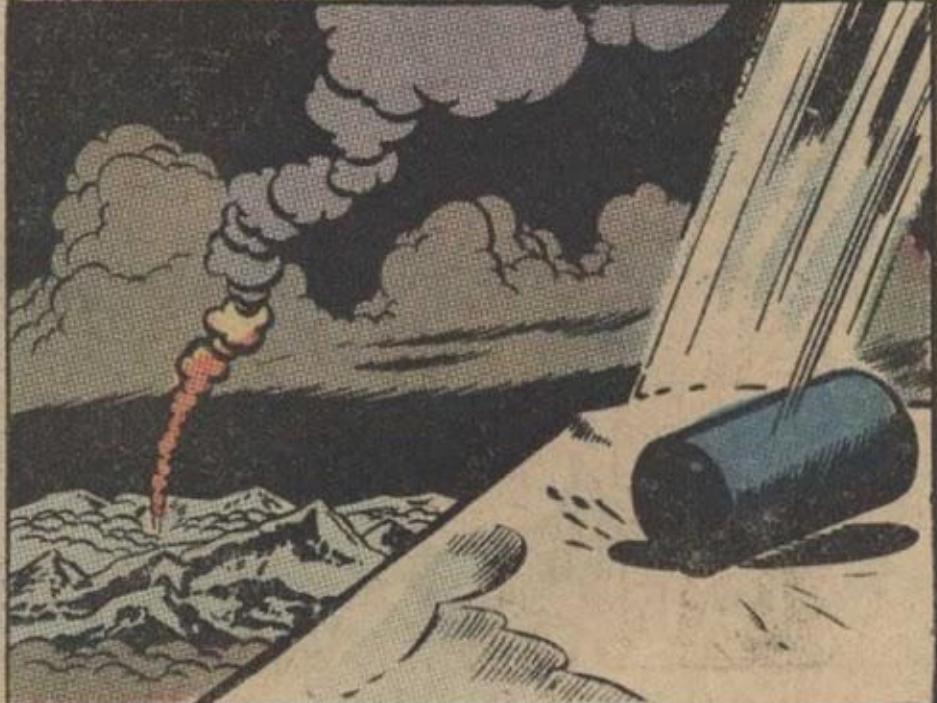
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BOB  
KANE

ONE MORNING, HIGH OVER THE HIMALAYAS, AS A SOLITARY PLANE WINGS ITS WAY PAST A MIGHTY STRATOSPHERIC BARRIER OF ROCK KNOWN AS MOUNT K-4...

THE MOTOR'S ON FIRE! WE'RE GONNA CRASH! GET RID OF THAT CYLINDER! WHATEVER HAPPENS, IT MUSTN'T BE FOUND IF THIS PLANE CRASHES!

A TINY BLACK CYLINDER HURLES OUT OF THE DYING PLANE AND LANDS ON THE HARD-PACKED FROZEN SNOW ATOP K-4! SECONDS LATER, THERE IS A BURST OF FLAME AGAINST A MOUNTAINSIDE...





# GIANT BATMAN



SHORTLY AFTERWARD, TWO WORLD-FAMED CRIME-FIGHTERS ARE SUMMONED TO THE F. B. I. OFFICES IN WASHINGTON...

BATMAN AND ROBIN, A PLANE RECENTLY LEFT HONG KONG CARRYING A MICROFILM WITH THE NAMES OF SOME SUPER-CRIMINALS WHO ARE FORMING AN INTERNATIONAL CRIME CARTEL!

WE'VE JUST LEARNED THAT THE PLANE CRASHED IN THE HIMALAYAS! OUR AGENTS REACHED THE WRECKAGE, BUT THEY COULD FIND NO TRACE OF THE MICROFILM! WE'VE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE UNDERWORLD IS SEARCHING FOR IT, TOO-- BUT THEY HAVEN'T FOUND IT EITHER!



WE'RE SURE THAT THE CYLINDER WAS JETTISONED SHORTLY BEFORE THE CRASH! THAT WOULD PLACE ITS PROBABLE WHEREABOUTS HERE-- ON THE TOP OF MOUNT K-4!

THE WORLD'S MOST UNCLIMBABLE PEAK! THE PLACE WHERE THE MYSTERY SNOW CREATURE OF LEGEND IS SUPPOSED TO LIVE!

AS IT HAPPENS, THERE'S AN EXPEDITION SETTING OUT TO TRY TO CONQUER K-4! WE'D LIKE YOU TO JOIN IT, BATMAN, AND FIND

IT'LL BE SOMETHING LIKE LOOKING FOR A NEEDLE... ON THE BIGGEST HAYSTACK IN THE WORLD... BUT WE'LL DO OUR BEST, SIR!

SOON, IN THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITIES OF BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

NOBODY'S EVER SUCCEEDED IN REACHING THE PEAK OF K-4, DICK! A LOT OF MEN HAVE DIED TRYING TO DO IT!

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE TWO CRACKERJACK AMERICAN MOUNTAINEERS, BRUCE MARTIN AND DICK GREEN, EH? I HOPE WE CAN LIVE UP TO OUR...UH... REPUTATIONS!



A FEW DAYS LATER, HALF A WORLD AWAY...

MY NAME IS HANS VERGLAS... I WILL LEAD THE EXPEDITION UP K-4! I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET THE OTHERS WHO ARE GOING ALONG WITH US!



SIDNEY SMYTHE IS ENGLAND'S RENOWNED CLIMBER!

PAUL FRECHET-- THE BEST MOUNTAINEER IN FRANCE!

RAMON NOSOTRO OF BRAZIL-- WHO HAS CONQUERED THE HIGHEST PEAKS OF HIS NATIVE SOUTH AMERICA!

## GIANT BATMAN

THAT EVENING, IN THE ROOM OF ONE OF THE EXPEDITION MEMBERS...

WE WILL CONQUER K-4 BECAUSE WE MUST! BUT ONLY I SHALL LIVE TO REACH THE SUMMIT! NO WITNESSES CAN RETURN TO TELL WHAT LIES ON THE PEAK OF K-4!

BEFORE DAWN, THE EXPEDITION SETS OUT! HIGHER AND HIGHER THEY CLIMB... UNTIL AS THEY MOUNT A COULOIRE\*...

HANS VERGLAS TOOK A CHANCE COMING THIS WAY! CLIMBING A GULLY LIKE THIS IS RISKY... IT'S WHERE MOST ROCK FALLS TAKE PLACE, DICK!

GOLLY, BRUCE-- ONE'S STARTING ALREADY!

\* COULOIRE: A STEEP GULLY ON A MOUNTAIN.

A SWIFT RATTLING SOUND DEEPENS, INCREASES... AND A BOMBARDMENT OF STONES BEATS DOWN ON BRUCE AND DICK...

QUICK! HOLD ON WITH ONE HAND, DICK--AND TAKE OFF YOUR KNAKSACK!

USING THEIR KNAKSACKS AS SHIELDS, THEY BARELY SURVIVE THE DAZING BARRAGE OF ROCK...



ACROSS THE BERGSCHRUND\*, THE TINY PARTY OF INTREPID CLIMBERS MAKES ITS WAY...



LATER, AS THEY MOUNT A DIFFICULT WALL OF ICE...



# GIANT BATMAN



DAWN-- AND AS THE EXPEDITION MAKES  
READY TO RESUME ITS CLIMB...



SOON AFTER...

THESE SNOWMEN  
REPLICAS OF OUR-  
SELVES WILL FOOL  
ANYBODY WHO LOOKS  
BACK TO SEE IF  
WE'RE STILL  
AROUND!

MEANWHILE,  
IT'LL GIVE US  
A CHANCE TO  
INVESTIGATE  
THE MURDER  
OF SYDNEY  
SMYTHE!

AND AFTER A TORTUROUS DESCENT...



SWIFTLY, THEY DART FOR SHELTER BE-  
NEATH A ROCK OVERHANG...



NO USE,  
THOUGH...  
THE ROPE  
WON'T  
REACH IT!

IT  
JUST  
MISSSED!

THE CAPE CRIME-  
BUSTER'S INGENUITY  
COMES QUICKLY INTO  
PLAY, AS HE PIECES  
OUT THE ROPE WITH  
HIS BELT BUCKLE AND  
A COIL OF WIRE FROM  
HIS BELT-RADIO KIT...



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

THE  
ROPE  
IS JUST  
LONG  
ENOUGH  
NOW! UP  
WE GO!

-WHWEE!  
NOT MUCH  
TIME TO  
SPARE!  
THAT  
MARKSMAN  
JUST GOT  
A BEAD  
ON OUR  
HIDING  
PLACE!

PING

## GIANT BATMAN

**F**INALLY, AS THEY GAIN A VANTAGE OF SAFETY...

THE KILLER VANISHED... NO CHANCE OF FINDING HIM AGAIN ON THIS MOUNTAIN!

WE MAY AS WELL REJOIN THE OTHERS. GOSH-- NOW WE KNOW FOR SURE THAT ONE OF THEM IS A MURDERER!

**L**ATER, AS NIGHT FALLS...

ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE EXPEDITION ARE PRESENT! WHICH ONE SNEAKED AWAY TO MAKE THAT ATTACK ON US?

I NOTICED SOMETHING THAT WILL INTEREST BATMAN!



**A**ND AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY...

I CHECKED EVERYBODY'S EQUIPMENT, BRUCE, AND RAMON NOSOTRO HAS LOST HIS ICE AXE!

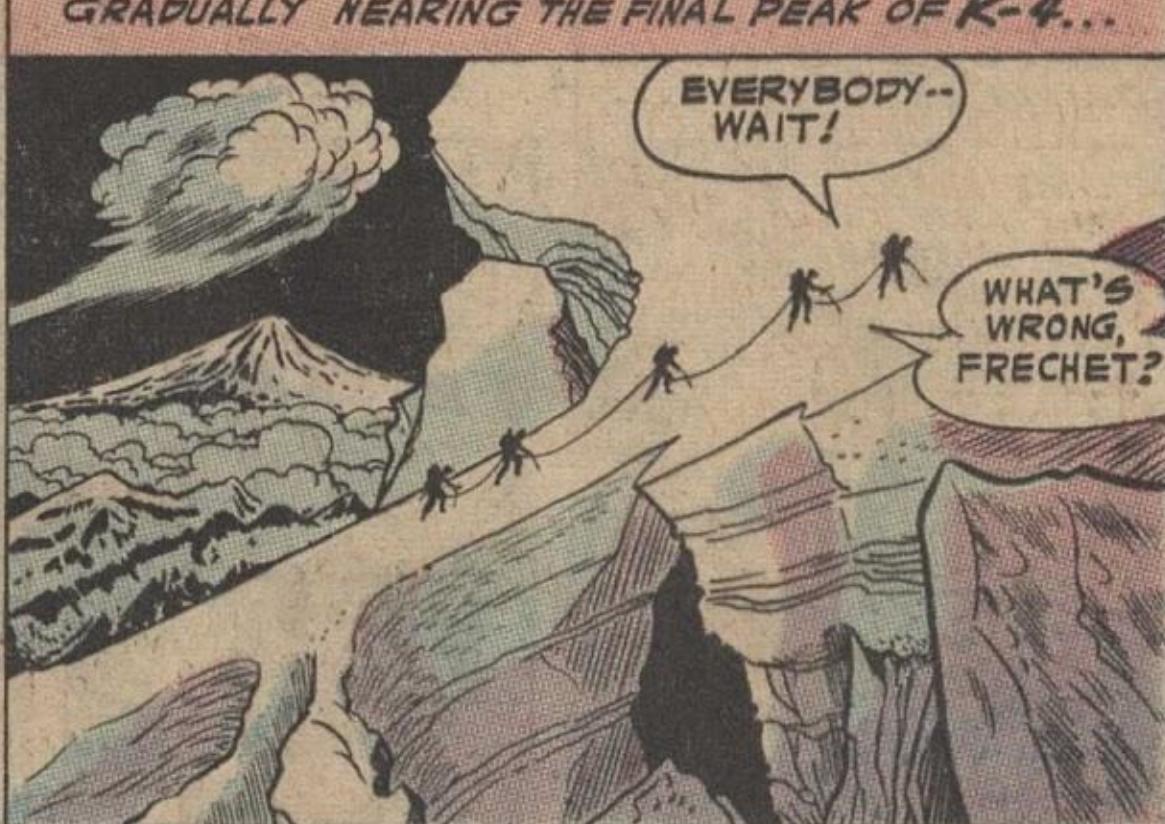
HMM... IT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED WHEN HE CUT THE ROPE THAT SENT SYDNEY SMYTHE PLUNGING TO HIS DEATH! WE'LL HAVE TO KEEP A CAREFUL WATCH ON HIM!



**T**HE THIRD DAY'S CLIMB FINDS THE MOUNTAINEERS GRADUALLY NEARING THE FINAL PEAK OF K-4...

EVERYBODY-- WAIT!

WHAT'S WRONG, FRECHET?



LOOK... THOSE QUEER TRACKS IN ZE SNOW! THEY ARE ZE FOOTPRINTS OF ZE MYSTERY SNOW CREATURE!

FANTASTIC! I DON'T BELIEVE IT, FRECHET!



**B**UT AFTER A SHORT DISCUSSION...

WE ARE GOING TO FOLLOW ZE TRACKS! TO SOLVE ZE MYSTERY OF ZE MYSTERY SNOW CREATURE IS TOO GOOD A CHANCE FOR US TO MISS!

WE'LL PUSH ON... WE WANT TO MAKE THE SUMMIT! TODAY!



**A**S SOON AS THE OTHERS DEPART, BRUCE AND DICK CHANGE INTO THEIR SPECIALLY HEAT-INSULATED COSTUMES.

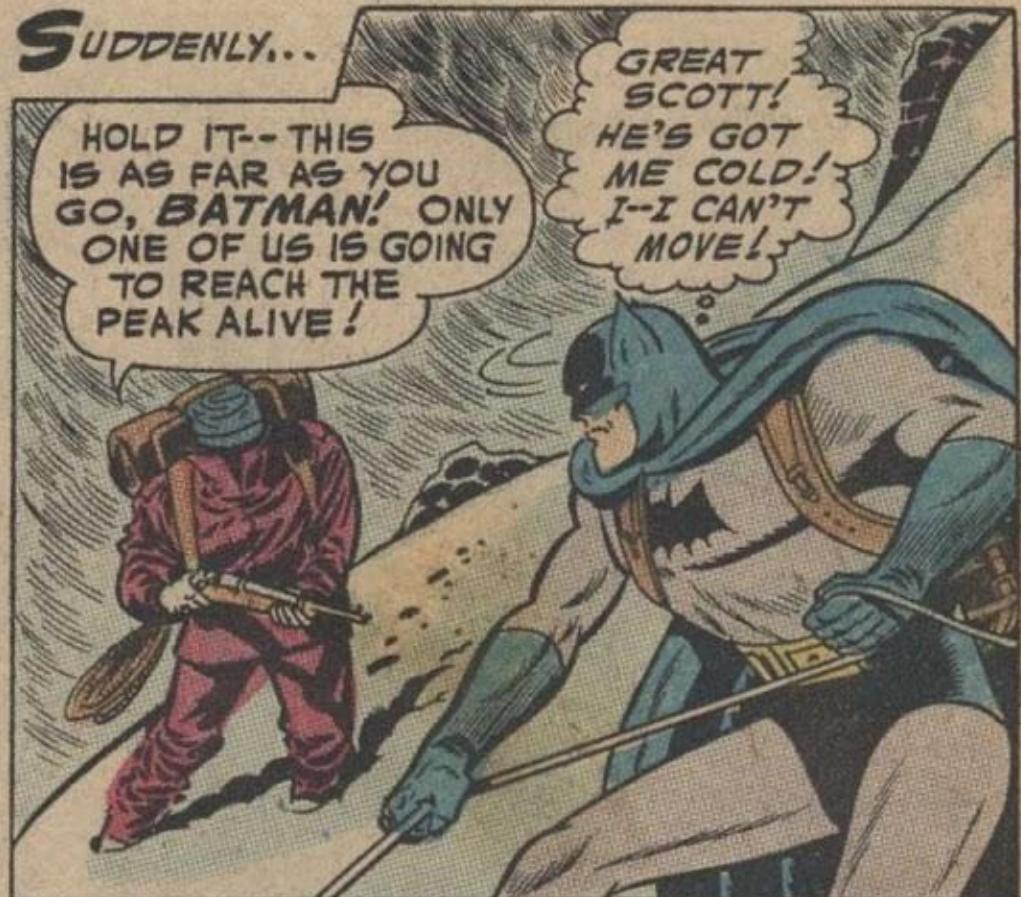
DO YOU THINK THE "CREATURE'S" TRACKS WERE PLANTED TO LURE THE OTHERS AWAY FROM TRYING TO MAKE THE PEAK OF K-4?

IT'S POSSIBLE, ROBIN! FRECHET SEEMED AWFULLY ANXIOUS TO FOLLOW THE TRAIL! BUT IF IT'S A TRICK, HE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE THE OTHERS EVENTUALLY-- AND HEAD FOR THE SUMMIT ALONE!





# GIANT BATMAN



ROBIN SHOUTS AS  
LOUD AS HE CAN  
INTO THE SENSITIVE  
MICROPHONE...



## GIANT BATMAN

BUT UPON RETURNING TO THE LEDGE WHERE THE MYSTERIOUS KILLER APPEARED...

HE MUST BE HEADING FOR THE SUMMIT! WE'VE GOT TO BEAT HIM THERE!

HE'S GONE!

RISKING DEATH TIME AFTER TIME, THE INTREPID CRIME-FIGHTERS SURGE UPWARD TOWARD DIZZYING HEIGHTS NEVER REACHED BEFORE BY MORTAL MAN!

MOUNTAINEERS CALL THIS CLIMBING "COURT ECHELLE"! WHEN THERE'S NO OTHER HANDHOLD, THEY SIMPLY CLIMB UP OVER EACH OTHER'S BODIES!

AT 27,000 FEET, THEY DON SMALL PORTABLE OXYGEN MASKS, ENABLING THEM TO BREATHE IN THE RAREFIED ATMOSPHERE, THEN RESUME THEIR CLIMB--TILL FINALLY...

THE SUMMIT! WE'LL BE THE FIRST TO PLANT THE FLAG!

HARD FOUGHT MINUTES LATER...

W-WE'D BETTER START DOWN... I--I'M GETTING DIZZY! OXYGEN'S STARTING--TO GIVE--OUT...

THE CYLINDER... I FOUND IT!

ABRUPTLY, A BARKED COMMAND...

I'LL TAKE THAT CYLINDER! THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, BATMAN! YOU WERE LUCKY-- BUT NOW YOUR LUCK HAS RUN OUT!

IT DOES APPEAR THAT WAY!

UNSEEN, BATMAN'S DEFT FINGERS SLIP A SHAVING MIRROR OUT OF HIS MOUNTAINEER'S KNAPSACK, AND...

APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEIVING! FOR INSTANCE, LIGHT RAYS REFLECTED FROM SNOW APPEAR TWICE AS DAZZLING IN A MIRROR!

I--I CAN'T SEE!

HIGH ON A LONELY PEAK, TWO MEN STRUGGLE GRIMLY FOR POSSESSION OF A PRICELESS CYLINDER! AND WHEN A MASK SLIPS...



**A** SNAKE-LIKE COIL OF ROPE WHIZZES OUT TO CATCH BATMAN...



**N**EXT DAY, WHEN THE EXPEDITION RETURNS TO GROUND LEVEL, A STUNNING SURPRISE AWAITS THEM...

GENTLEMEN, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET THE REAL SYDNEY SMYTHE! HE SHOWED UP TWO DAYS AFTER YOU LEFT HERE!

A FRIGHTFUL MIXUP, WHAT? ON THE WAY TO MEET YOU CHAPS, I WAS ATTACKED, AND MY IDENTIFICATION PAPERS WERE STOLEN! I ARRIVED TOO LATE TO JOIN YOU!

**G**ASPING FOR BREATH IN THE THIN AIR, THE FIGHTERS ROLL OVER AND OVER UNTIL...



LATER, WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN SWITCH COSTUMES AND REJOIN THE OTHERS...

AND SO WE PLANTED THE FLAG ATOP K-4'S SUMMIT!

FRANKLY, I'M SORRY WE DIDN'T GO ALONG WITH YOU! OUR HUNT FOR THE MYSTERY SNOW CREATURE WAS A FAILURE! THE TRACKS PETERED OUT ON ROCKY GROUND!

WHEN BRUCE AND DICK ARE ALONE...

THAT FAKE SYDNEY SMYTHE MUST HAVE BEEN A CRIMINAL HIRED BY THE UNDERWORLD! HE STOLE ANOTHER MAN'S IDENTITY TO JOIN THE EXPEDITION--AND THEN ARRANGED TO BE "KILLED" SO HE COULD OPERATE ALONE TO FIND THE CYLINDER!

HE MUST HAVE TIMED HIS FALL TO LAND IN A DEEP SNOW BANK WHERE HE WOULDN'T BE HURT! IT WAS A DARING SCHEME, DICK, AND IT NEARLY WORKED!

NATURALLY, WE SUSPECTED EVERYONE EXCEPT HIM! BUT THERE'S ONE MYSTERY WE STILL HAVEN'T SOLVED... DID HE REALLY PLANT THE TRACKS OF THE "SNOW CREATURE"? HMM... THOSE TRACKS MIGHT HAVE BEEN REAL, AT THAT!

PERHAPS SOMEDAY WE'LL GO BACK UP K-4, TO FIND OUT!



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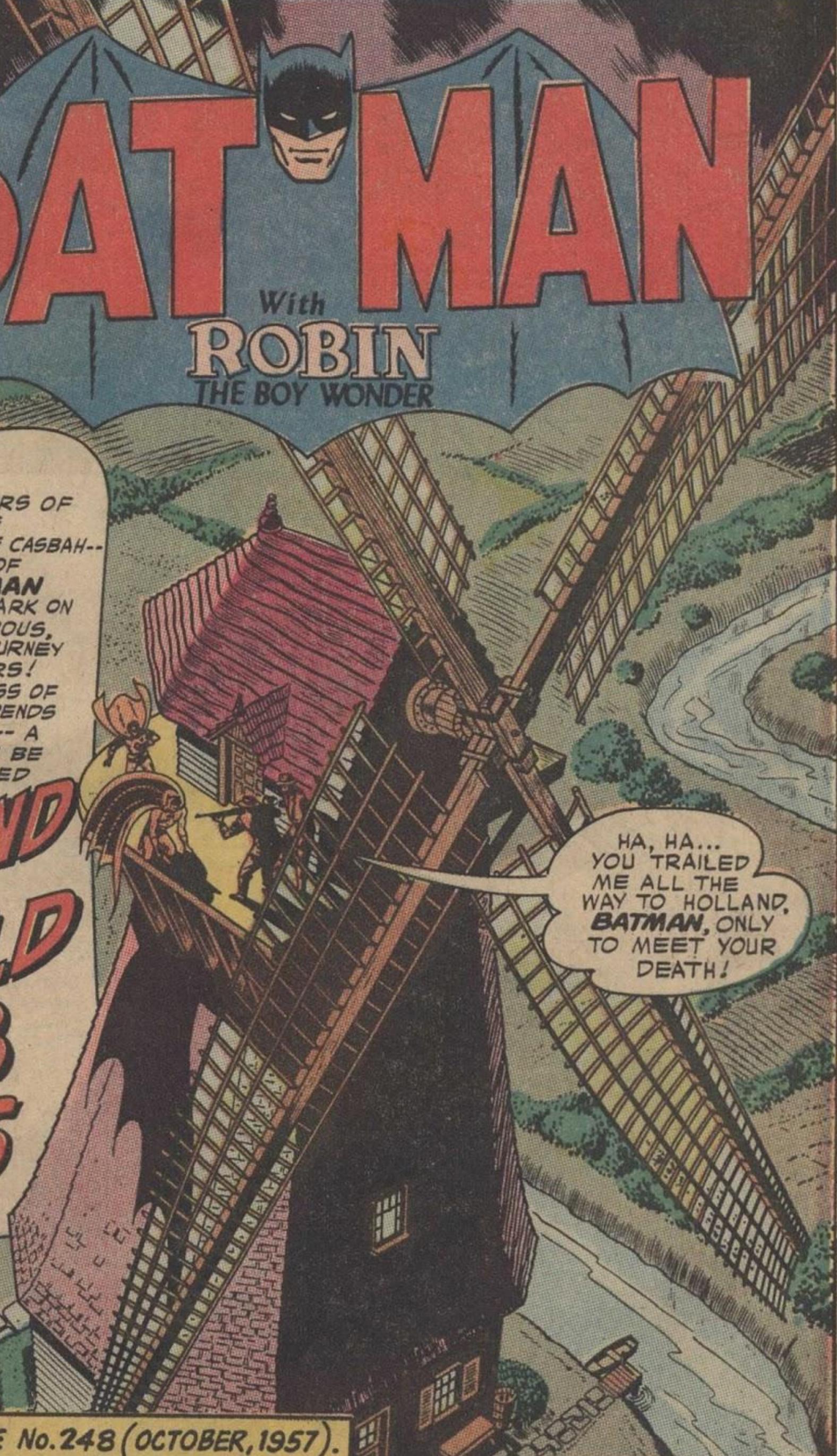


# BATMAN

With  
**ROBIN**  
THE BOY WONDER

**F**ROM THE SEWERS OF PARIS--FROM THE LABYRINTH OF THE CASBAH--TO THE BULLRING OF MEXICO--**BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** EMBARK ON THE MOST DANGEROUS, MOST URGENT JOURNEY OF THEIR CAREERS! FOR, ON THE SUCCESS OF THEIR MISSION DEPENDS THE LIFE OF A MAN--A LIFE THAT CAN ONLY BE SAVED IF THE CAPE DETECTIVES CAN RACE...

**AROUND  
THE  
WORLD  
IN 8  
DAYS**



HA, HA...  
YOU TRAILLED  
ME ALL THE  
WAY TO HOLLAND.  
**BATMAN**, ONLY  
TO MEET YOUR  
DEATH!

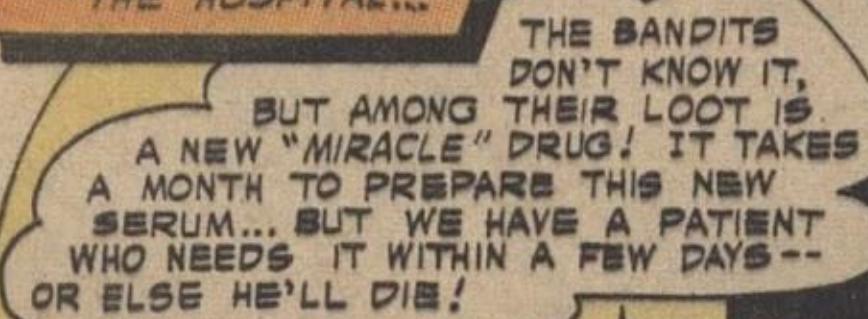
ONE NIGHT, AT GOTHAM HOSPITAL, AS THREE BANDITS, DISGUISED AS SURGEONS, MAKE THEIR GETAWAY...



SHORTLY, IN THE MANSION OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...



SOON AFTER AT THE HOSPITAL...



SPURRED BY THE URGENCY, THE CRIME-BUSTERS SEARCH THE SUPPLY ROOM FOR A POSSIBLE CLUE...



WITHIN AN HOUR, AT THE GANG'S SHODDY HIDEOUT...



LIKE A PAIR OF FIGHTING MACHINES, THE MASKED LAW MEN SWIFTLY SUBDUED THEIR FOE...



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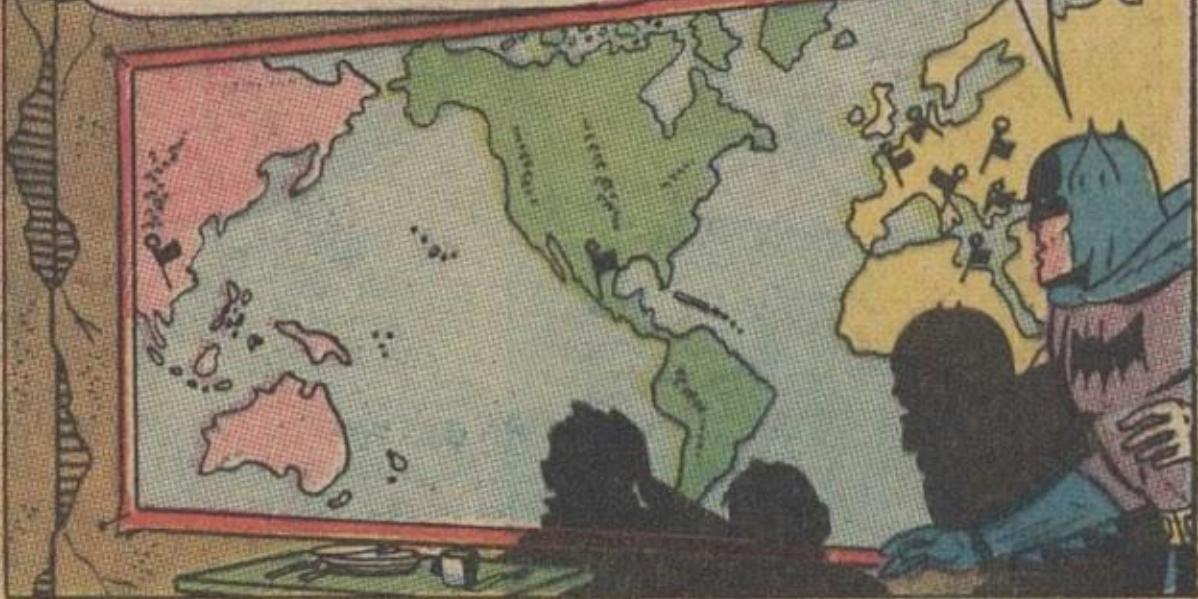
NOW... WHERE'S YOUR LOOT FROM THE HOSPITAL?

TALK!

IT--IT'S GONE! ... SPLIT UP AND SENT TO "FENCES" ALL OVER THE WORLD! THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YOU... HONEST, BATMAN!

IT IS THEN THAT BATMAN NOTICES A MAP OF THE WORLD...

SO THAT'S IT... A WORLD-WIDE SYNDICATE, WITH INTERNATIONAL "FENCES" WHO HOLD THE LOOT TILL IT COOLS OFF, THEN SELL IT! THESE PIN-MARKERS MUST INDICATE WHERE THEIR AGENTS ARE LOCATED!



LATER, AFTER DELIVERING THE THREE CROOKS TO JAIL...

WHAT IF WE ADVERTISE IN THE FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS, EXPLAINING WHY THAT SERUM MUST BE RETURNED?

NO--IF WE DID THAT, THE SYNDICATE MIGHT TRY TO COVER ITS TRACKS BY DESTROYING THE SERUM! SO FAR, THE "FENCE" TO WHOM THE SERUM HAS BEEN SENT DOESN'T REALIZE WHAT HE HAS...

... AND SO FAR, NONE OF THE "FENCES" KNOWS WE'VE CRACKED THE GANG HERE IN THE UNITED STATES! THAT'S OUR ONE BREAK! HOW MANY DAYS CAN YOUR PATIENT LIVE WITH- OUT THE SERUM?

JUST EIGHT DAYS!

THEN, ROBIN AND I WILL HAVE TO RACE FROM ONE FENCE TO ANOTHER-- UNTIL WE FIND THE ONE WHO HAS THE SERUM!

AND WE HAVE TO DO IT IN JUST EIGHT DAYS... EIGHT DAYS IN WHICH TO TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD!



IN A MATTER OF MINUTES, THUNDERING JET ENGINES SIGNAL THE START OF THE FAMED BAT-PLANE, ON THE FIRST LEG OF ITS URGENT JOURNEY...



... AND WITH IT RIDE THE HOPES OF A MAN LYING IN GOTHAM HOSPITAL!

DOCTOR, WHAT IF BATMAN DOESN'T FIND THE SERUM IN TIME?

HE WILL... HE MUST!





# GIANT BATMAN



SOME HOURS LATER...

HERE'S THE FIRST PLACE INDICATED BY A PIN ON THAT MAP... THIS LITTLE FARMING TOWN IN HOLLAND!



AS FOR THE CODE ON THIS ATTACHED STUB... **PURPLE GOAT** COULD BE THE NAME OF A RESTAURANT OR INN!

AND AN X COULD MARK IT AS THE "FENCE'S" HIDEOUT! WE'D BETTER START SEARCHING THIS LOCALE!

As NIGHT FALLS, HOWEVER...

NO "PURPLE GOAT" RESTAURANT OR INN OR ANY OTHER PLACE MARKED BY "X"-- FORMED BY THE BLADES OF A WINDMILL! I WONDER...?



AFTER QUESTIONING SOME LOCAL RESIDENTS...

THERE IT IS--THE **PURPLE GOAT**! IT WAS EASY TO FIND, ONCE WE LEARNED THAT HOLLANDERS GIVE NAMES TO THEIR WINDMILLS!

AND A WINDMILL MAKES A PERFECT HIDEOUT!

BUT JUST THEN, AS A LOOKOUT STROLLS OUT TO THE BALCONY...

OH, OH... WE'VE BEEN SPOTTED! BUT WE CAN'T TURN BACK NOW... WE'VE GOT TO FIND THAT SERUM!

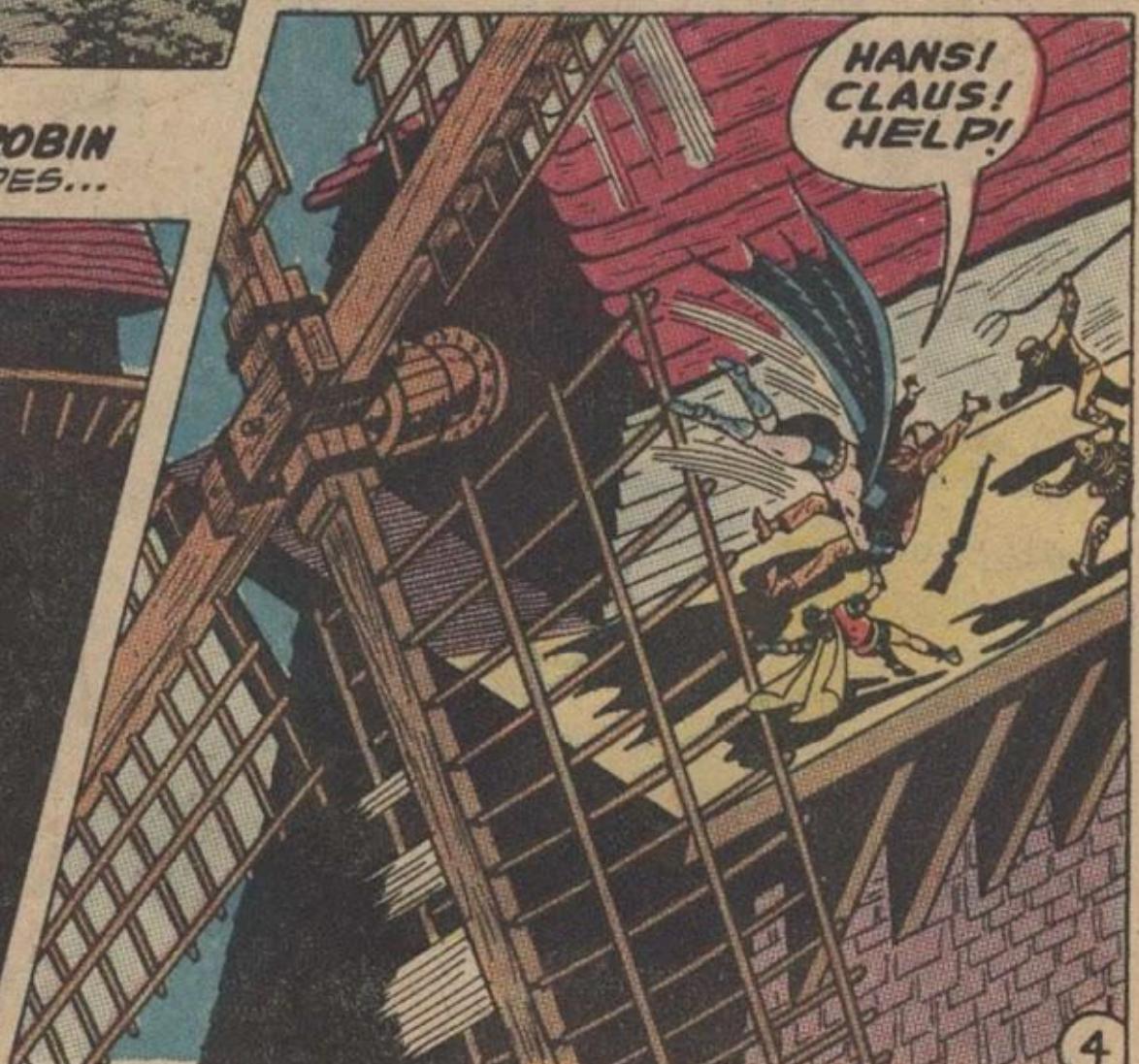
**POW!**

WITH A DEFT LEAP, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** GRAB AT THE CHURNING WINDMILL BLADES...

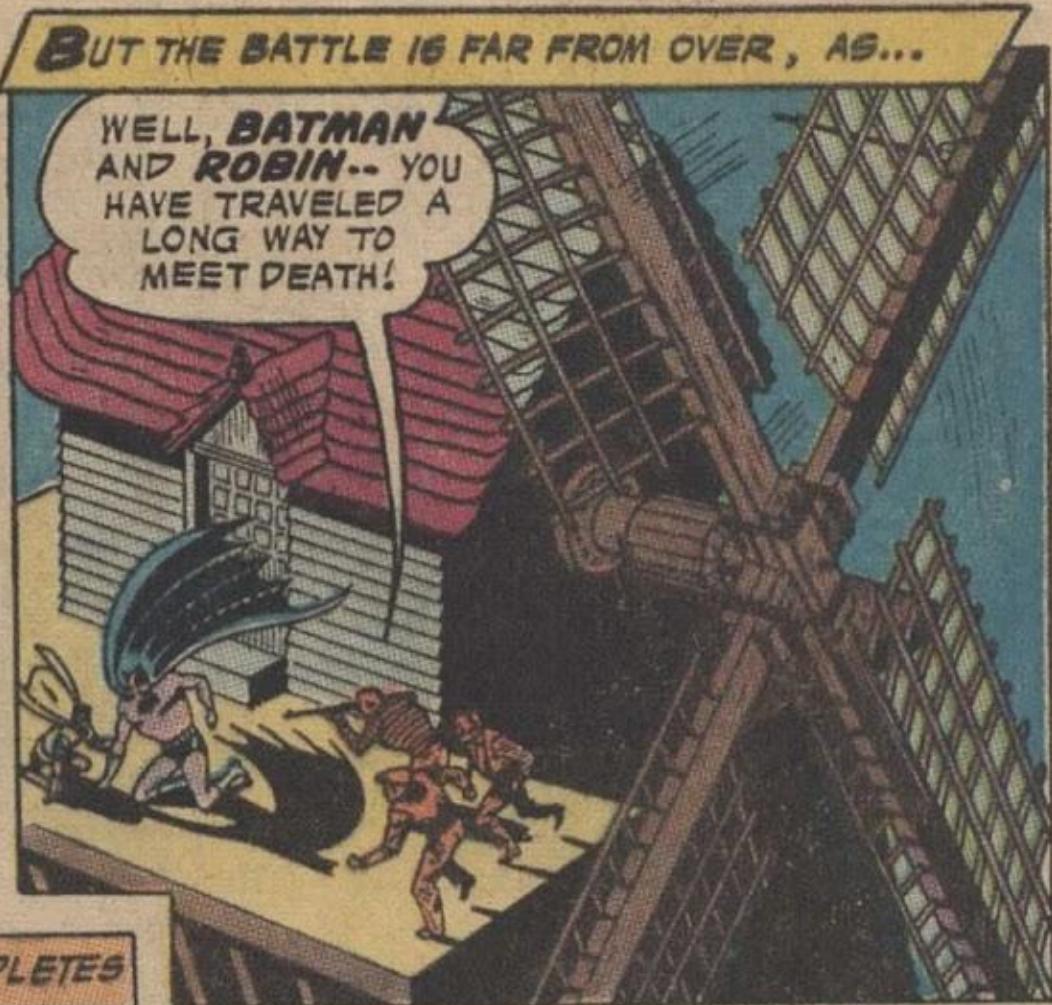
WHAT...?

SURPRISE IS THE BEST ATTACK!

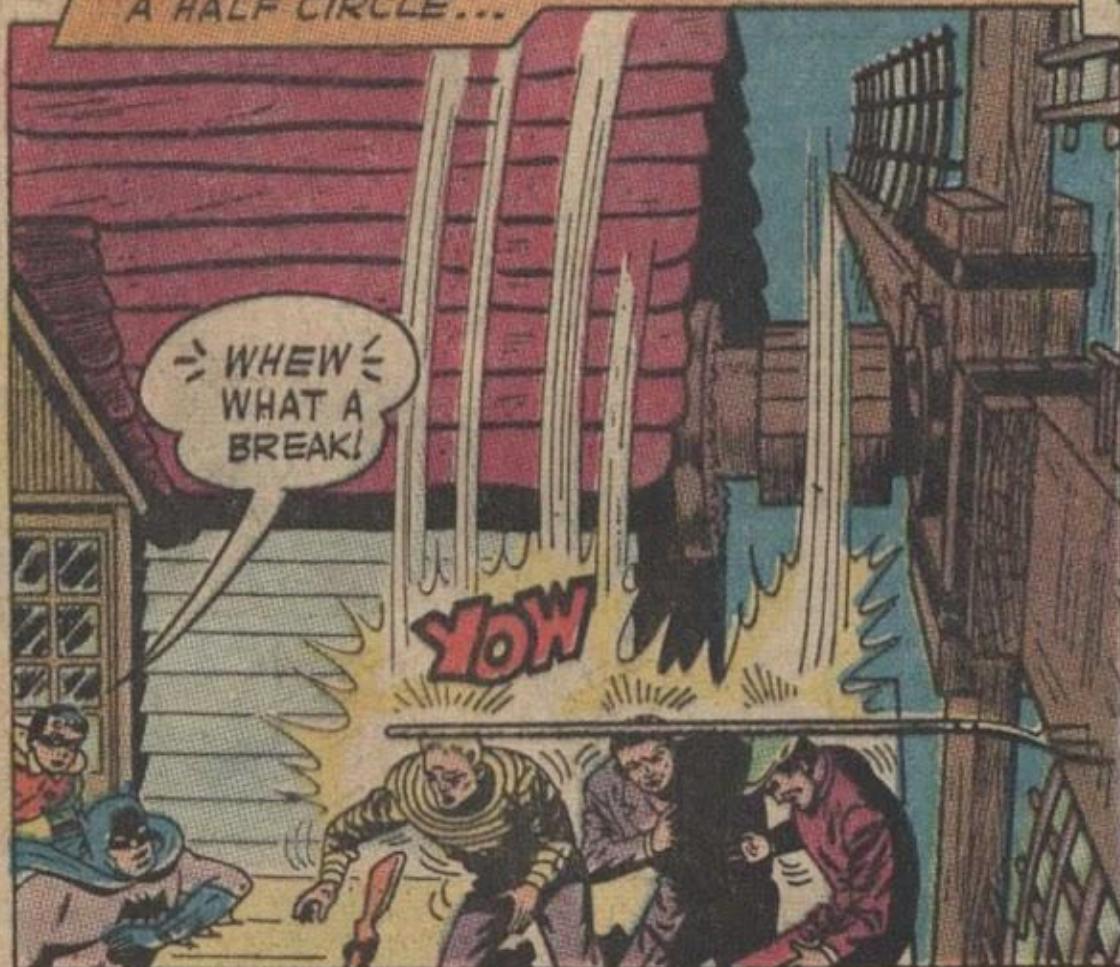
HANS! CLAUS! HELP!



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S UDDENLY, AS THE WINDMILL BLADE COMPLETES A HALF-CIRCLE...



AND SO THE BAT-PLANE JETS OFF TO ITS NEXT DESTINATION-- WHILE IN A HOSPITAL, A MAN DRAWS ONE DAY CLOSER TO DEATH!.

AFTER BINDING THEIR PRISONERS, BATMAN AND ROBIN HASTILY EXAMINE THEIR LOOT...

HERE'S PART OF THE PLATINUM THE GANG STOLE-- BUT NO SERUM!

THEN WE'LL JUST HAVE TO GO ON TO VENICE, AND HOPE IT'S THERE!

THE FOLLOWING MORNING, IN THE ITALIAN CITY OF VENICE, THE CRIME-BUSTERS TRY TO MAKE SENSE OF THEIR ONE CLUE...



# GIANT BATMAN



SHORTLY, AS THEY APPROACH ONE OF VENICE'S FAMOUS CANALS...

LOOK, BATMAN!  
THOSE MOORING  
POSTS HAVE  
DIFFERENT  
COLORED  
STRIPES ON  
THEM!

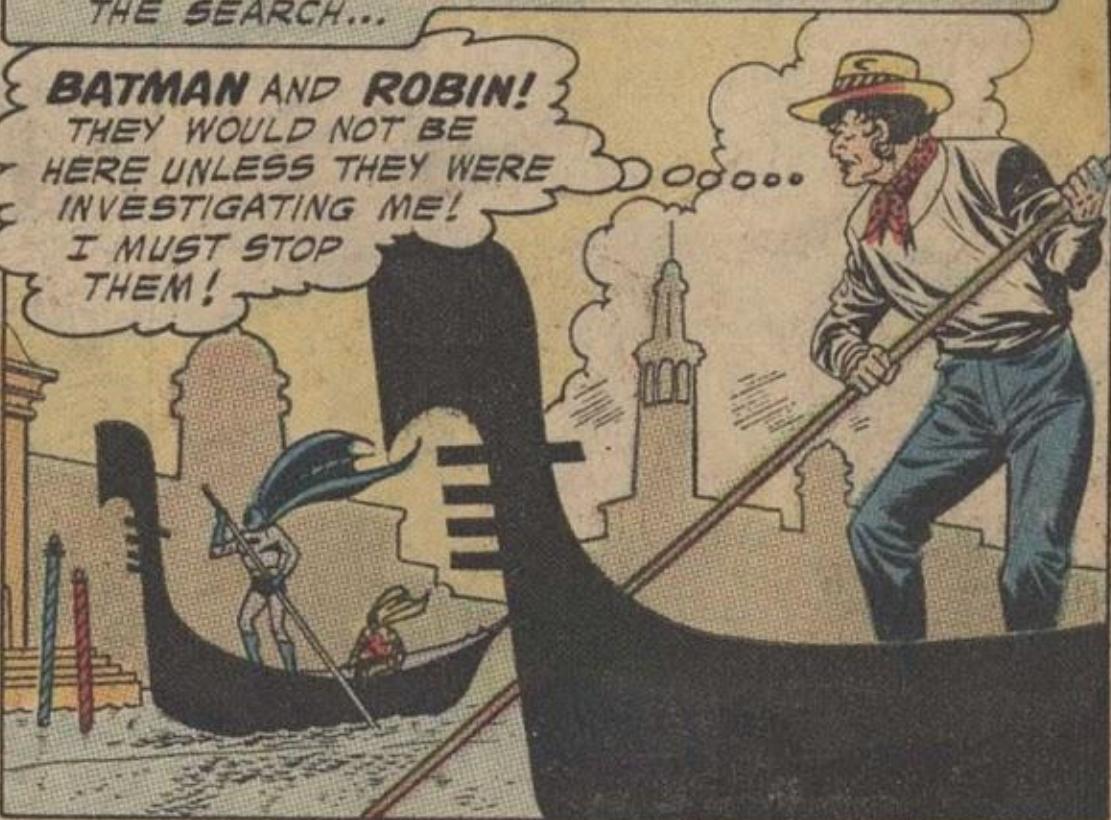
YOU'VE HIT IT, ROBIN!  
NOW, ALL WE HAVE  
TO DO IS FIND THE  
POST THAT MATCHES  
THE CLUE!



BUT, AS THEY HIRE A GONDOLA, AND BEGIN THE SEARCH...

BATMAN AND ROBIN!

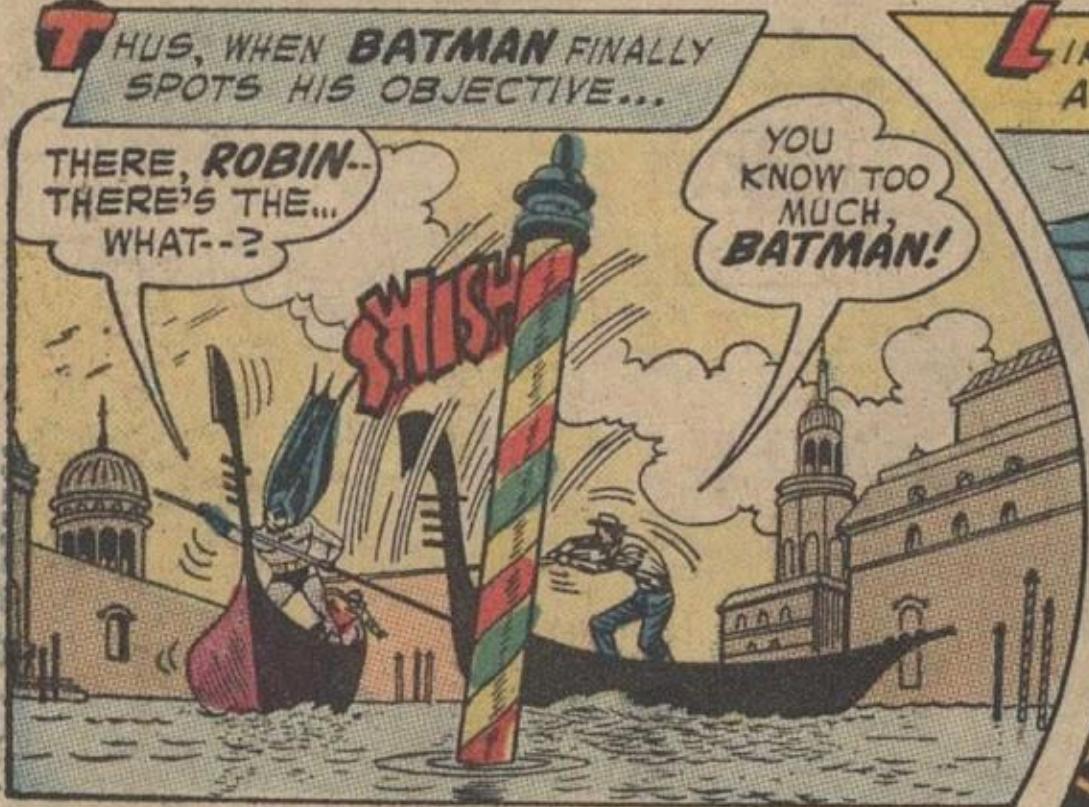
THEY WOULD NOT BE HERE UNLESS THEY WERE INVESTIGATING ME!  
I MUST STOP THEM!



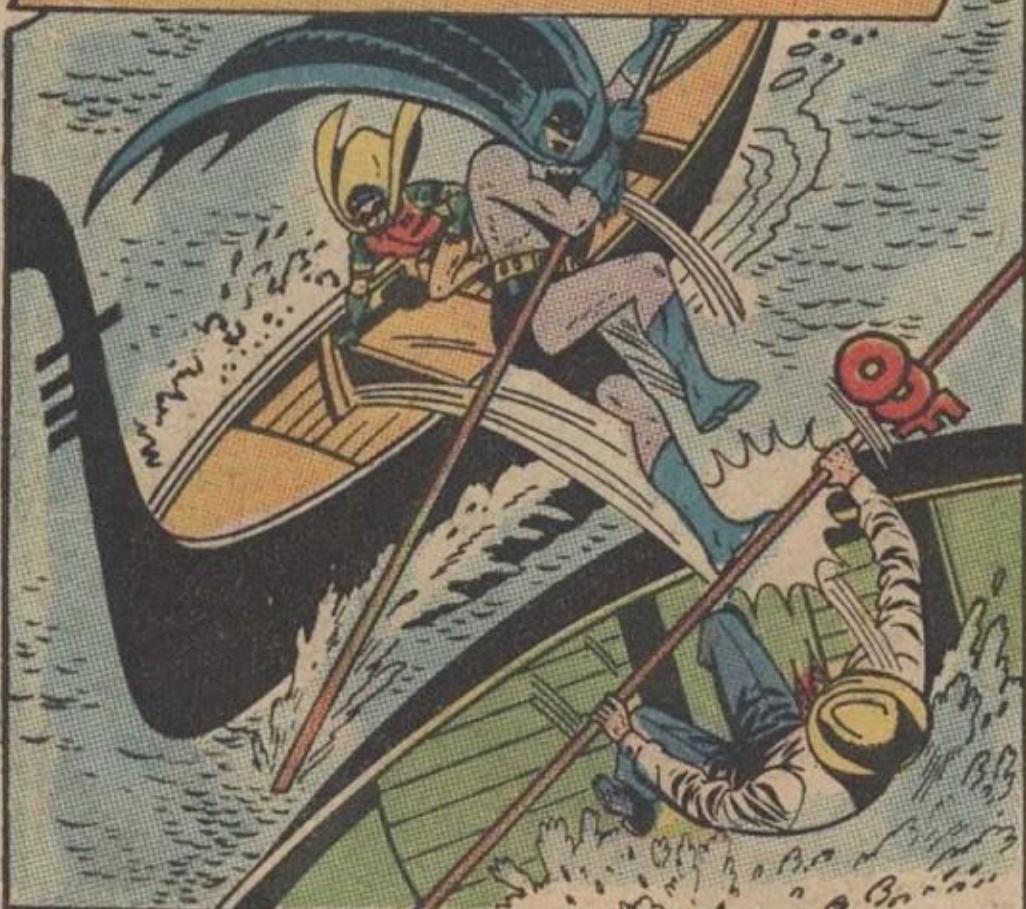
THUS, WHEN BATMAN FINALLY SPOTS HIS OBJECTIVE...

THERE, ROBIN--  
THERE'S THE...  
WHAT--?

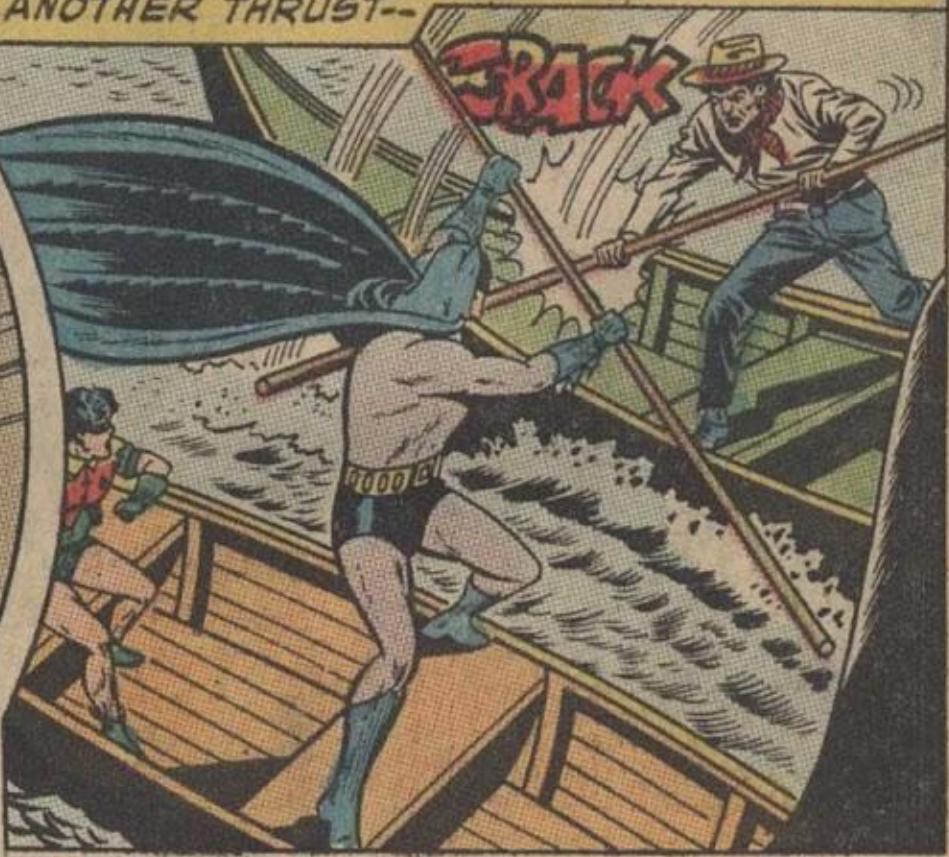
YOU KNOW TOO MUCH, BATMAN!



--AND THEN, RAMMING HIS OAR-POLE INTO THE SHALLOW CANAL WATER...



LIKE A KNIGHT OF OLD, BATMAN PARRIES ANOTHER THRUST--



AFTER TAKING THE GONDOLIER PRISONER, A CAREFUL SEARCH OF THE MOORING POST REVEALS...

THE LOOT WAS HIDDEN IN A WATERPROOF SACK TIED TO THE POST!

SURE... HE USED HIS GONDOLA AS A FLOATING "STORE" TO SELL STOLEN GOODS TO PASSENGERS!



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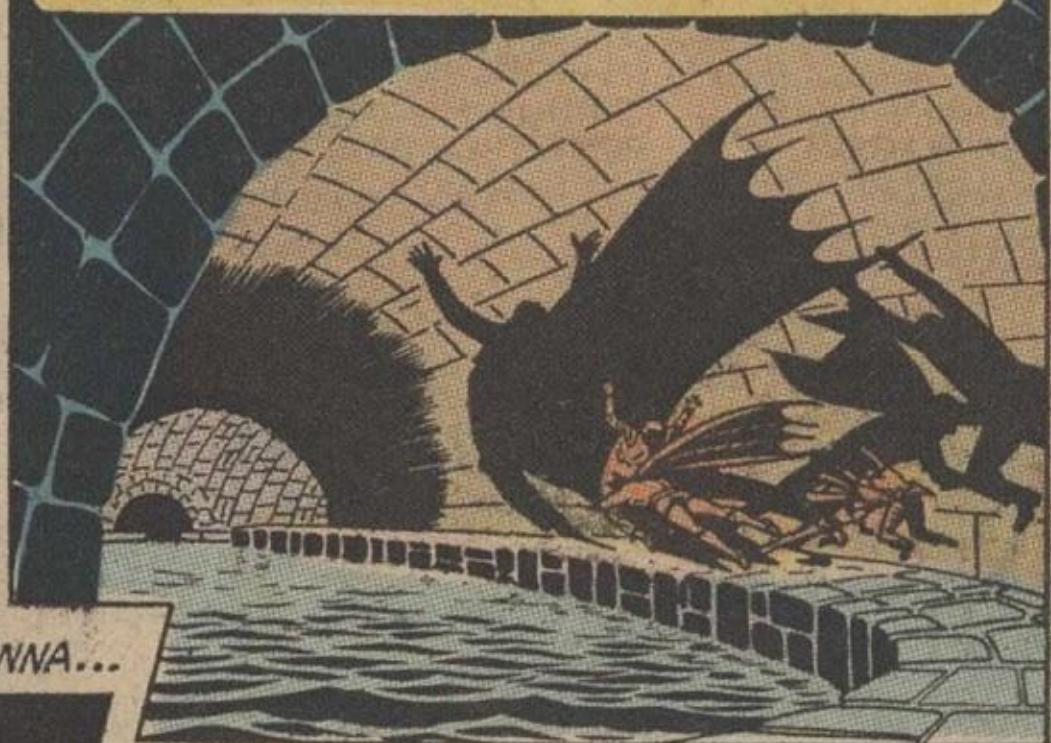
BUT ONCE AGAIN, AS THEY SEEK OUT THE VITAL SERUM...

IT'S NOT HERE, EITHER!

THEN, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO GO ON, UNTIL WE FIND THE SERUM--AND HOPE WE WON'T BE TOO LATE!



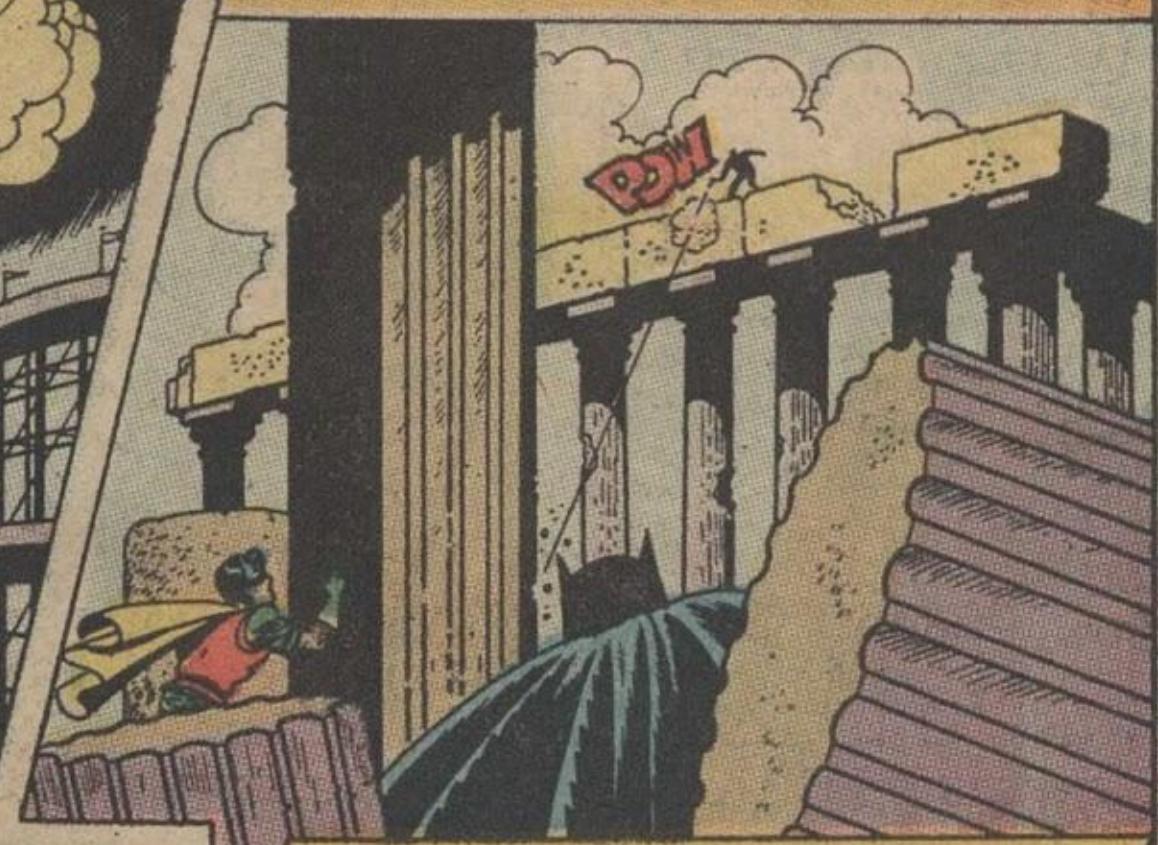
SO, WITH A HUMAN LIFE HANGING IN THE BALANCE, THE SEARCH CONTINUES-- FROM THE WINDING SEWERS OF PARIS...



...AND THE SPRAWLING PLAYLAND OF VIENNA...



...TO THE RUINS OF CLASSIC GREECE...



...AND THE TWISTING STREETS OF ALGIERS!



BUT, AT THE END OF THE SIXTH DAY...

ONLY TWO DAYS LEFT--TWO SHORT DAYS-- AND WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THE SERUM!

DON'T GIVE UP HOPE YET,  
**BATMAN**-- WE STILL HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE!



# GIANT BATMAN



MEANWHILE, WHERE THE STRICKEN MAN LIES, HELPLESSLY WAITING...

PULSE BEAT IS VERY SLOW... HE'S WEAKENING RAPIDLY!

WHAT'S KEEPING BATMAN AND ROBIN? WHY HAVEN'T THEY RETURNED YET?



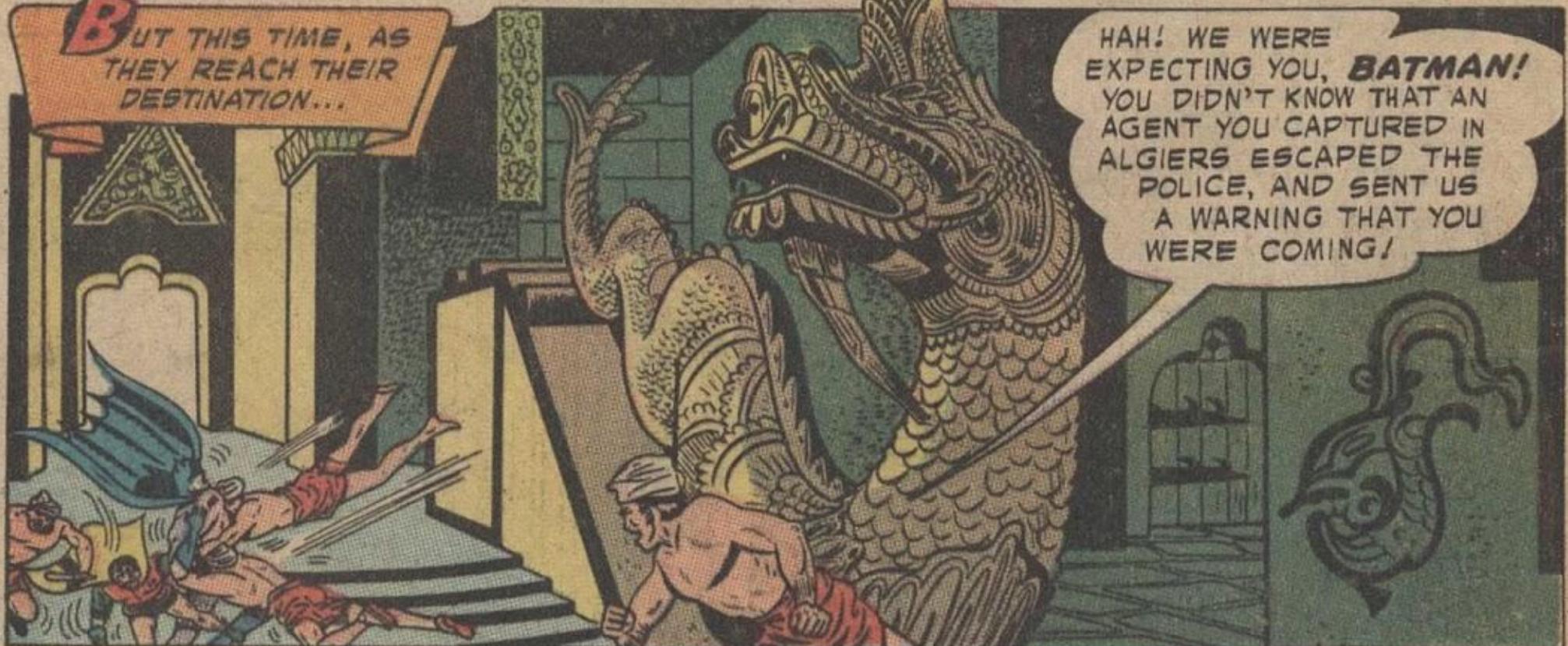
THE ANSWER RESTS IN EXOTIC SIAM, SITE OF THE SEVENTH CLUE...



RICE PADDY FIELDS ARE LAID OUT IN SQUARES, AND THE "S" REFERS TO A SNAKE-DRAGON! WE'VE GOT TO LOOK FOR A SNAKE-DRAGON TEMPLE BEHIND A RICE PADDY FIELD!



BUT THIS TIME, AS THEY REACH THEIR DESTINATION...



LATER, IMPRISONED SOMEWHERE IN A TEMPLE ROOM, BATMAN WASTES NO TIME IN PLANNING AN ESCAPE...



...AND  
BRING IT UP HIGH ENOUGH...



## GIANT BATMAN

**S**OON...

WHAT ARE WE DOING OUT HERE? WHY DON'T WE GO BACK INSIDE AND SEARCH FOR THE LOOT?

BECAUSE IT WOULD TAKE TOO MUCH TIME... THAT TEMPLE COULD HAVE 100 SECRET HIDING PLACES! HELP ME GATHER SOME BAMBOO STALKS... HURRY!

**M**OMENTS LATER, INSIDE...

**CRACK!** **POP!** **CRACK!**

GUNSHOTS OUT THERE! THE POLICE!

I'LL TAKE THE LOOT... THEN WE MUST RUN IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, SO THAT THE POLICE DO NOT KNOW WHO TO FOLLOW!

**A**S THREE OF THE THUGS EMERGE...

GOOD THING YOU KNEW THAT BURNING RIPE BAMBOO EXPLODES AND CRACKS JUST LIKE PISTOL SHOTS!

HERE THEY COME-- BUT NONE OF THEM IS CARRYING ANY LOOT!



**D**ESCENDING, BATMAN AND ROBIN CIRCLE THE TEMPLE, UNTIL...

THAT'S OUR MAN! HE MUST HAVE SNEAKED OUT THE BACK...

HIM? BUT THAT'S ONLY A RICE WORKER CARRYING HIS MARKET BASKETS!

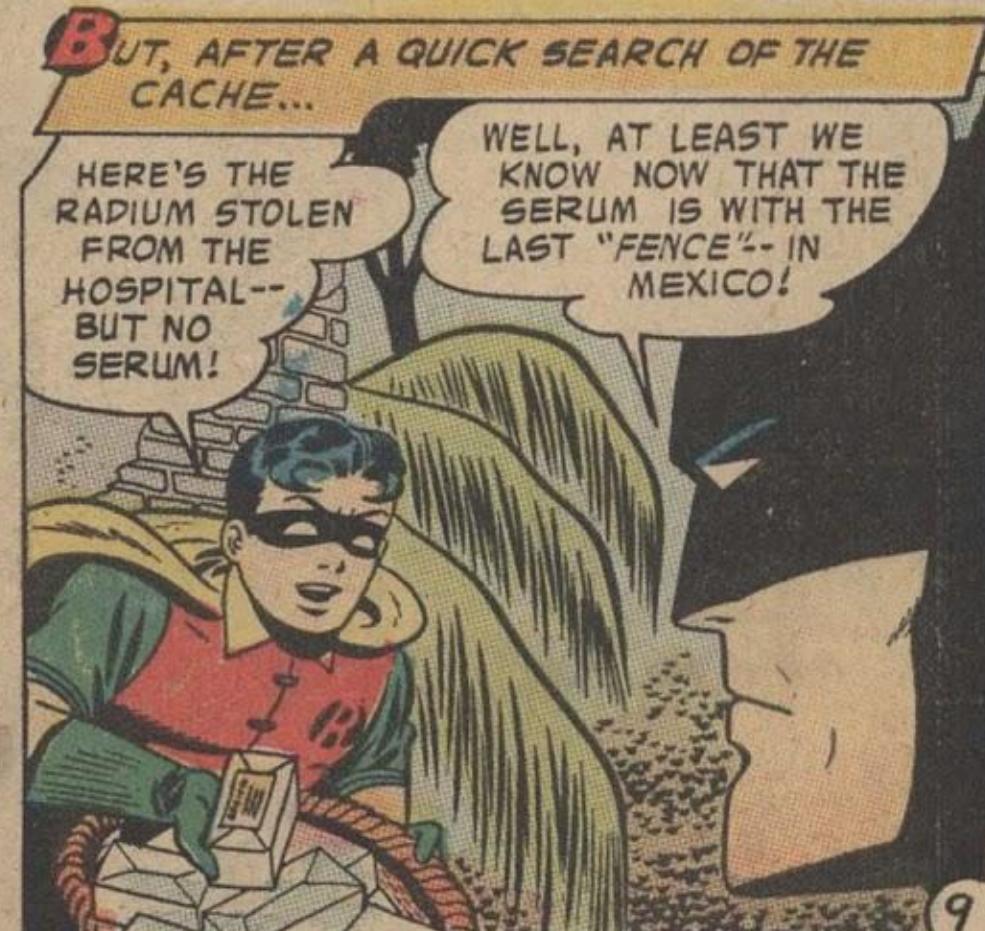


IN SIAM, ONLY THE **WOMEN** CARRY MARKET BASKETS! HE WAS SNEAKING THE LOOT AWAY INSIDE THOSE BASKETS!

**B**UT, AFTER A QUICK SEARCH OF THE CACHE...

HERE'S THE RADIAN STOLEN FROM THE HOSPITAL-- BUT NO SERUM!

WELL, AT LEAST WE KNOW NOW THAT THE SERUM IS WITH THE LAST "FENCE"-- IN MEXICO!



## GIANT BATMAN

AS THE BAT-PLANE ROCKETS ONWARD--IN GOTHAM HOSPITAL, DOCTORS TENACIOUSLY TRY TO KEEP A SPARK OF LIFE ALIVE...

HE'S IN A COMA--SINKING FAST! IF BATMAN DOESN'T GET HERE SOON--THE SERUM WON'T DO ANY GOOD!



ARRIVING IN MEXICO, BATMAN EXAMINES THE CODE SYMBOL THAT IS THE LINK TO THE PRECIOUS SERUM...



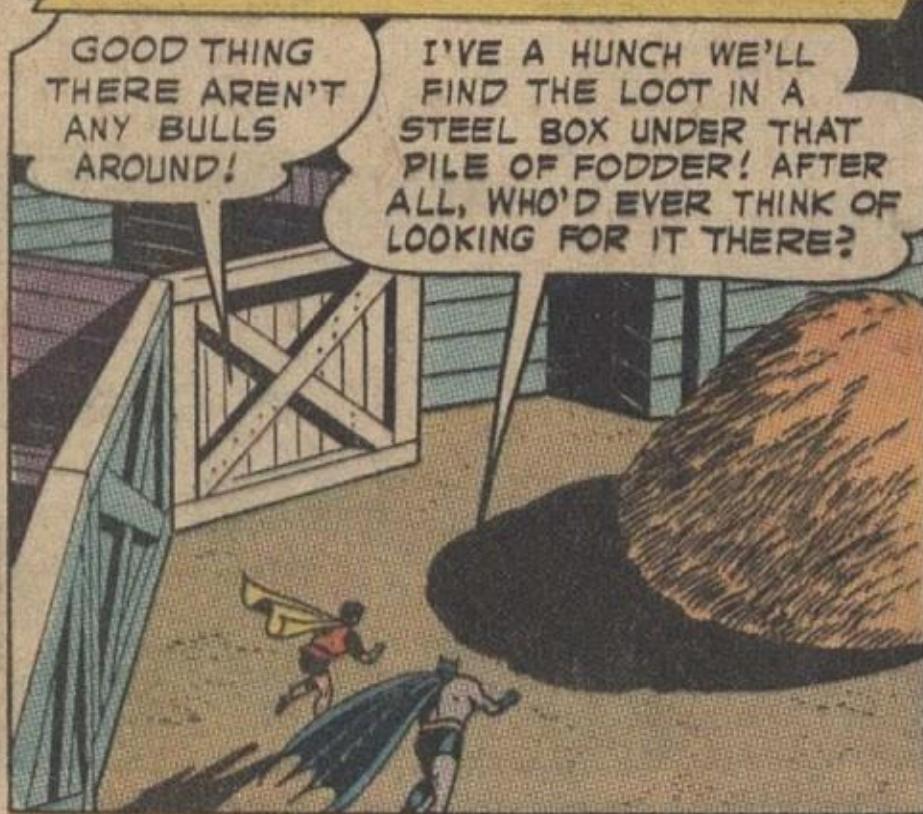
NO... BULLS ARE FREIGHTED IN FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE TO THE STADIUM! IT WOULD BE A PERFECT WAY OF SMUGGLING LOOT FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER--SO LET'S SEARCH THE BULL STALLS!



PRESENTLY, IN THE MAIN BULL STALL...

GOOD THING THERE AREN'T ANY BULLS AROUND!

I'VE A HUNCH WE'LL FIND THE LOOT IN A STEEL BOX UNDER THAT PILE OF FODDER! AFTER ALL, WHO'D EVER THINK OF LOOKING FOR IT THERE?



BUT THEY DO NOT SEE A FURTIVE HAND LIFT THE DOOR OF AN ADJOINING STALL, UNTIL...

ROBIN!  
LOOK OUT!



DAZED BY HIS SLAM AGAINST THE WALL, THE BOY WONDER SLUMPS DOWN, UNAWARE OF THE FOUR-FOOTED FURY CHARGING TOWARD HIM...

GOT TO LURE THAT BULL AWAY FROM ROBIN...



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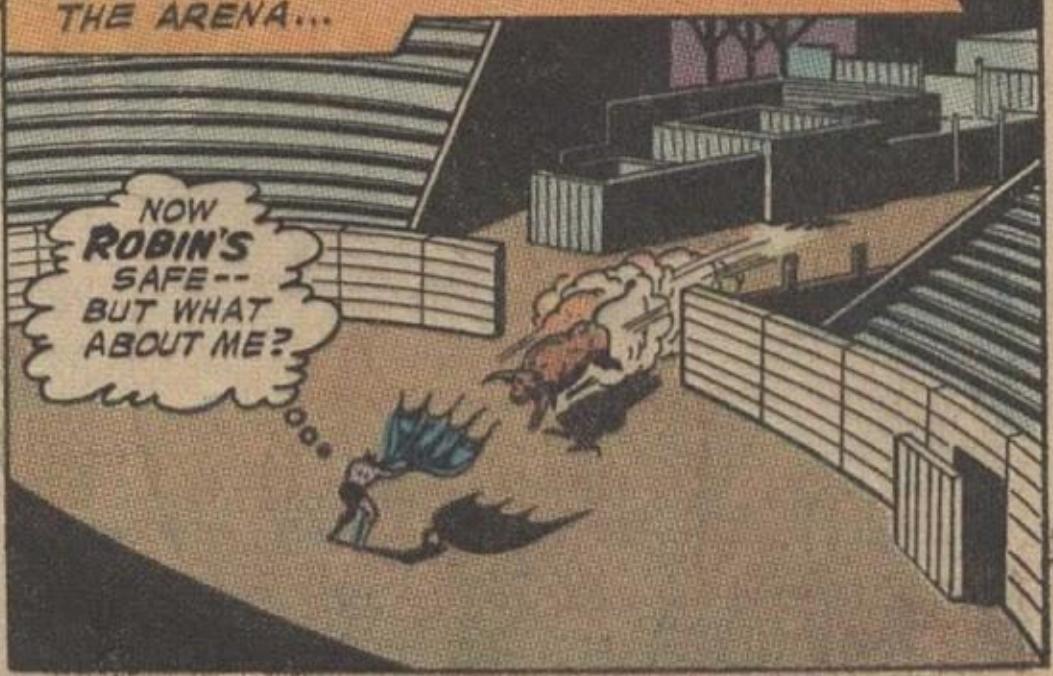
DISTRACTED BY THE WAVING CAPE,  
THE ANIMAL STOPS SHORT...

A BULL ALWAYS CHARGES  
THE FLAPPING CAPE--  
RATHER THAN THE MAN!  
COME ON, BIG BOY--  
CHARGE!



AS THE ANGRY BEAST POUNDS AT HIM,  
BATMAN BACKS OUT OF THE STALL INTO  
THE ARENA...

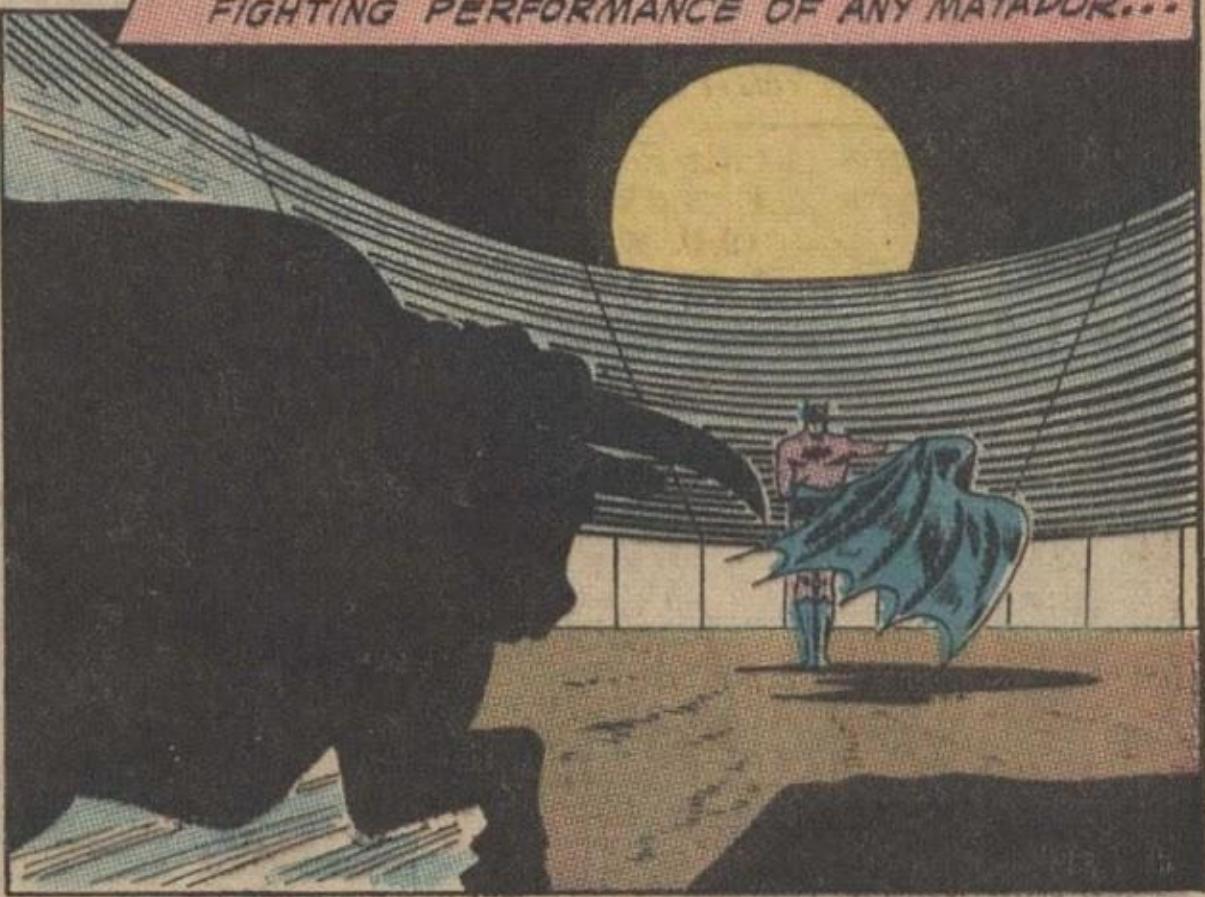
NOW  
ROBIN'S  
SAFE--  
BUT WHAT  
ABOUT ME?



**A**T THE LAST SPLIT INSTANT,  
THE MASKED LAWMAN SIDESTEPS--  
AND DEADLY HORN'S SLASH AT  
AN EMPTY CAPE!

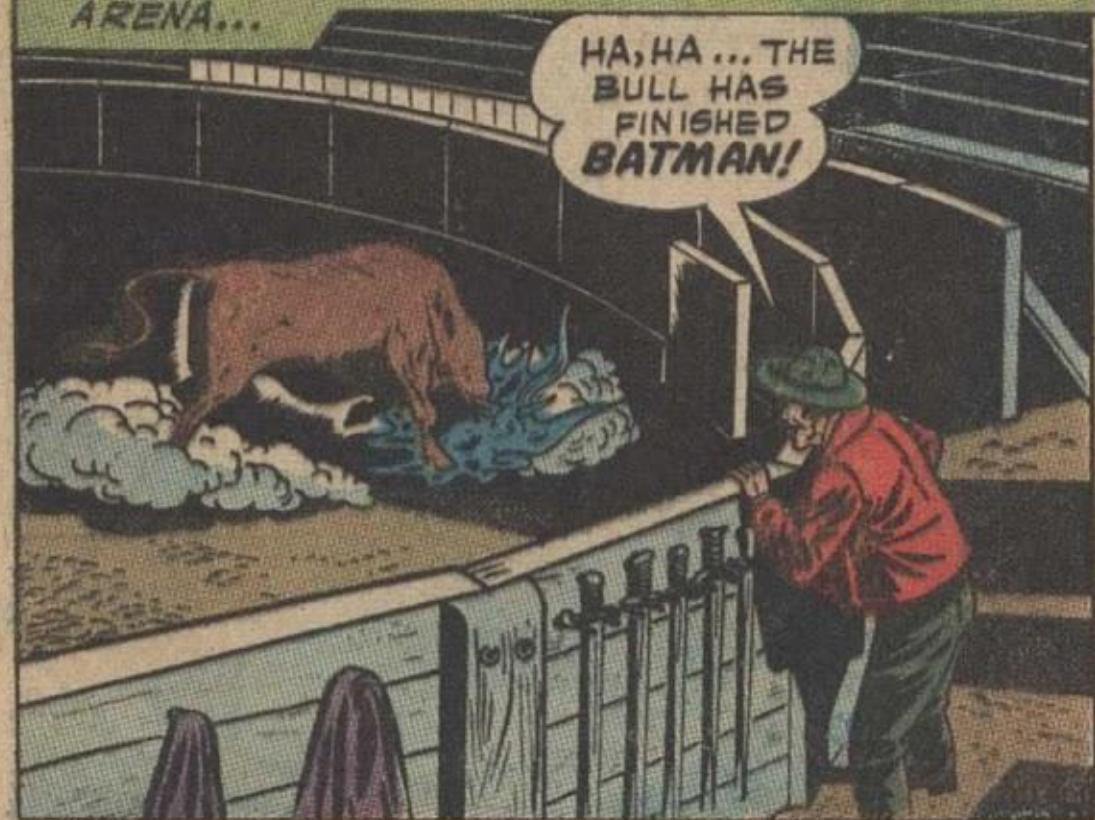


AND NOW, BEFORE THE VACANT STANDS,  
BATMAN PUTS ON THE GREATEST BULL-  
FIGHTING PERFORMANCE OF ANY MATADOR...



**A**S MINUTES PASS, A FIGURE APPEARS AT  
THE BARRICADE, TO PEER AT THE SHADOWED  
ARENA...

HA, HA... THE  
BULL HAS  
FINISHED  
BATMAN!



SORRY TO DISAPPOINT  
YOU... I ONLY LEFT  
MY CAPE FOR THE  
BULL TO PLAY  
WITH!

BATMAN!  
SO-- I MUST  
FINISH YOU  
MYSELF, WITH  
A MATADOR  
SWORD!

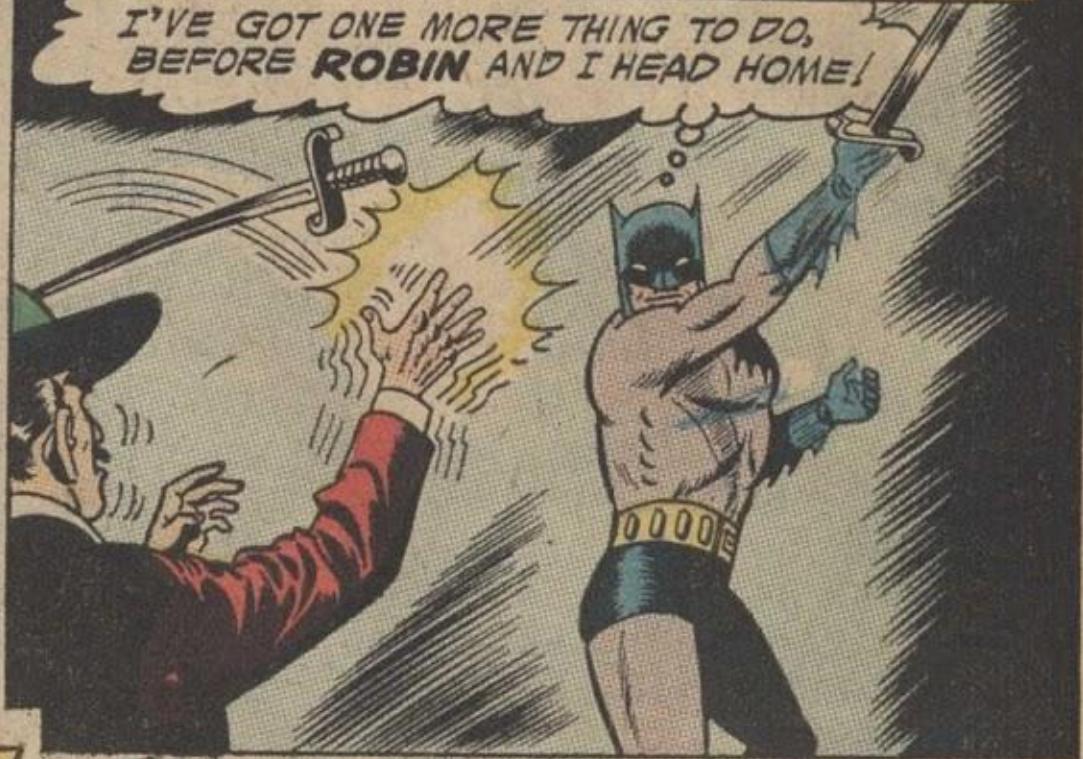


BUT JUST AS SWIFTLY, BATMAN ARMS HIMSELF AND PARRIES THE SLASHING THRUST...



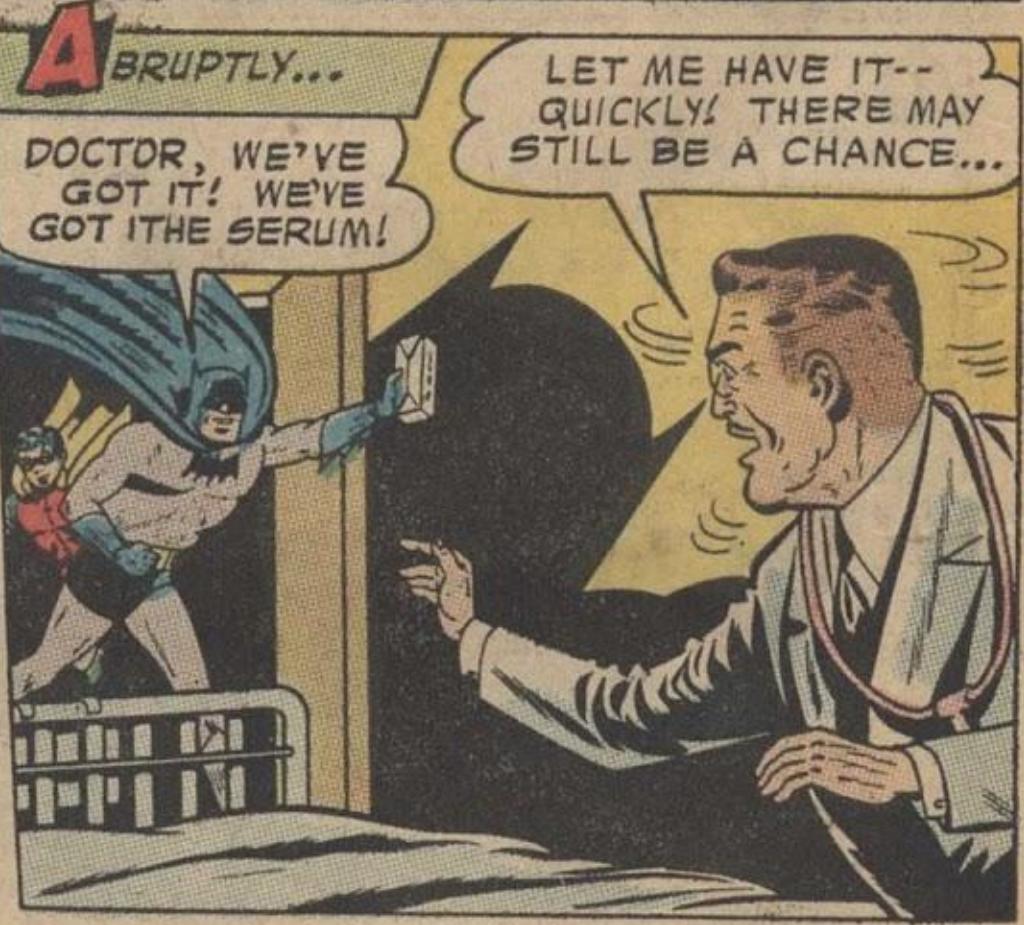
THEN, WITH A DEFT TWIST OF THE WRIST, HE SENDS THE CRIMINAL'S BLADE FLYING!

I'VE GOT ONE MORE THING TO DO, BEFORE ROBIN AND I HEAD HOME!



IN THE MEANTIME, AT THE HOSPITAL, WHERE DOCTORS HAVE JUST ABOUT GIVEN UP HOPE...

HE'S GOING FAST! EVEN IF BATMAN DOES GET HERE WITH THE SERUM NOW, WE DON'T KNOW IF IT WILL DO ANY GOOD!



LATER, AS THE DOCTOR RUSHES INTO AN ANTE-ROOM...

IT'S TAKING EFFECT!  
HE'LL LIVE! HE--

SHHH-HHH, DOCTOR!  
YOU'LL AWAKEN THEM!



LET THEM SLEEP... THEY DESERVE A REST--NOW!



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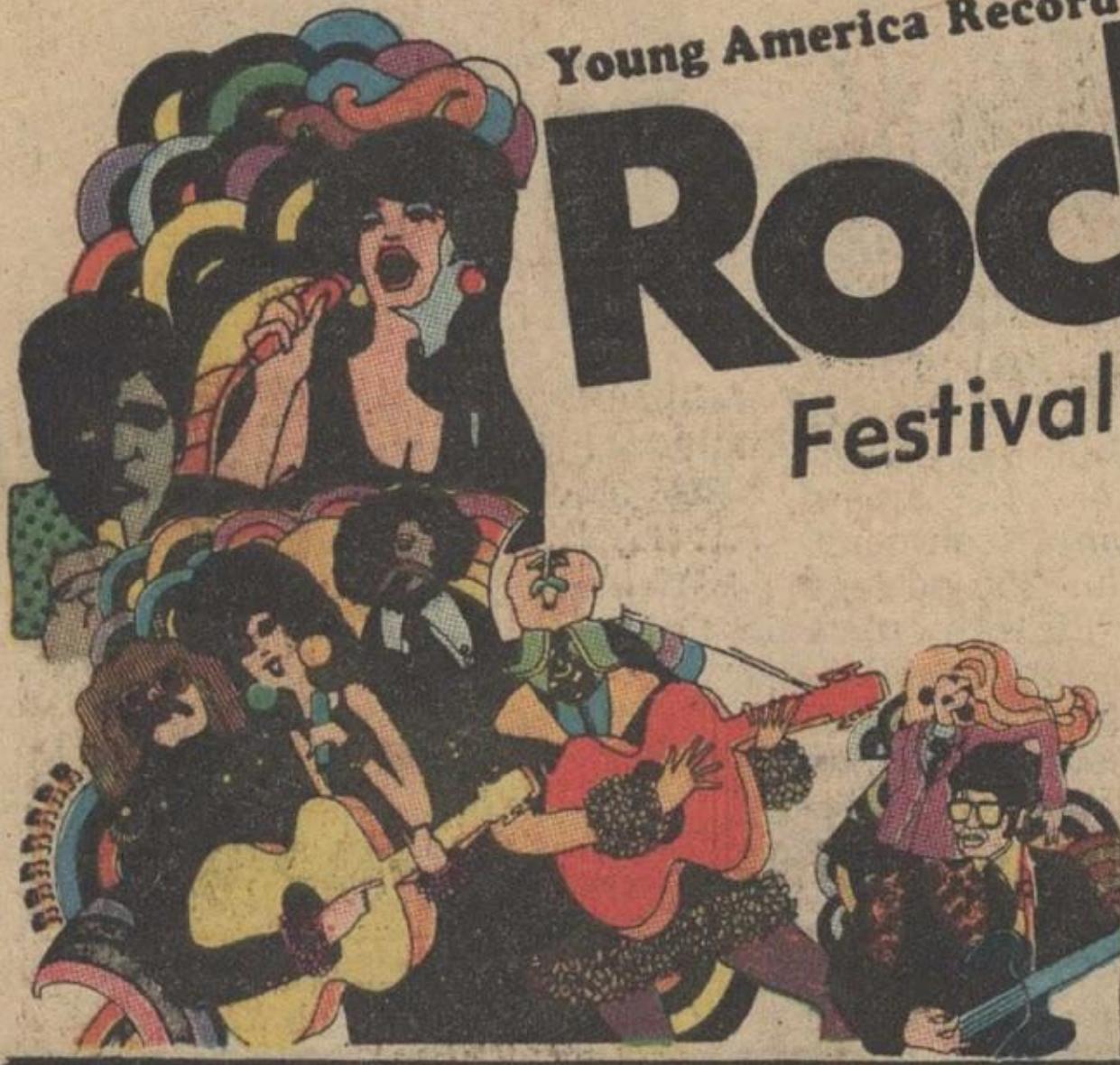
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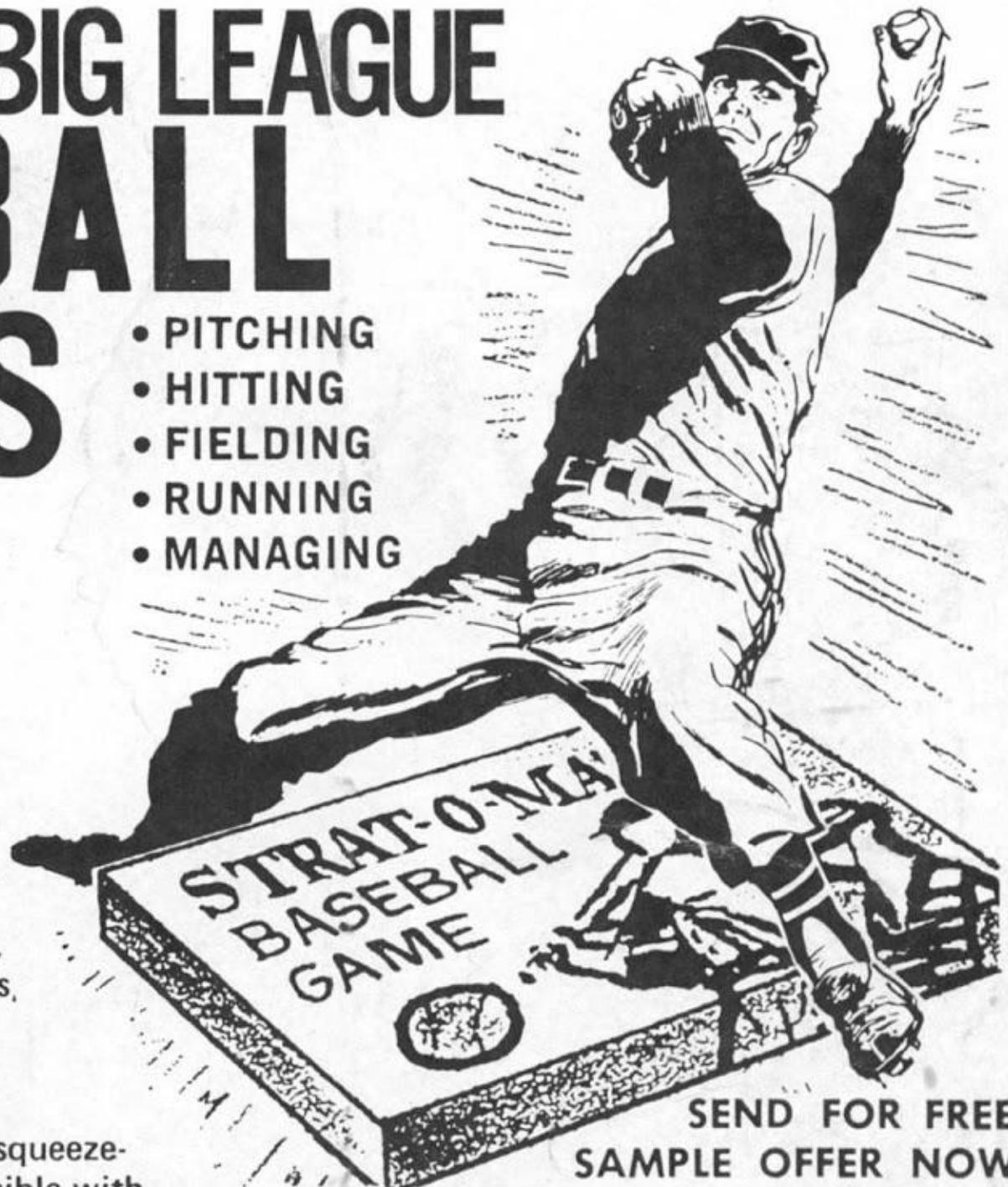
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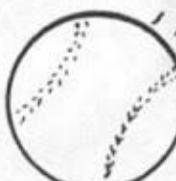
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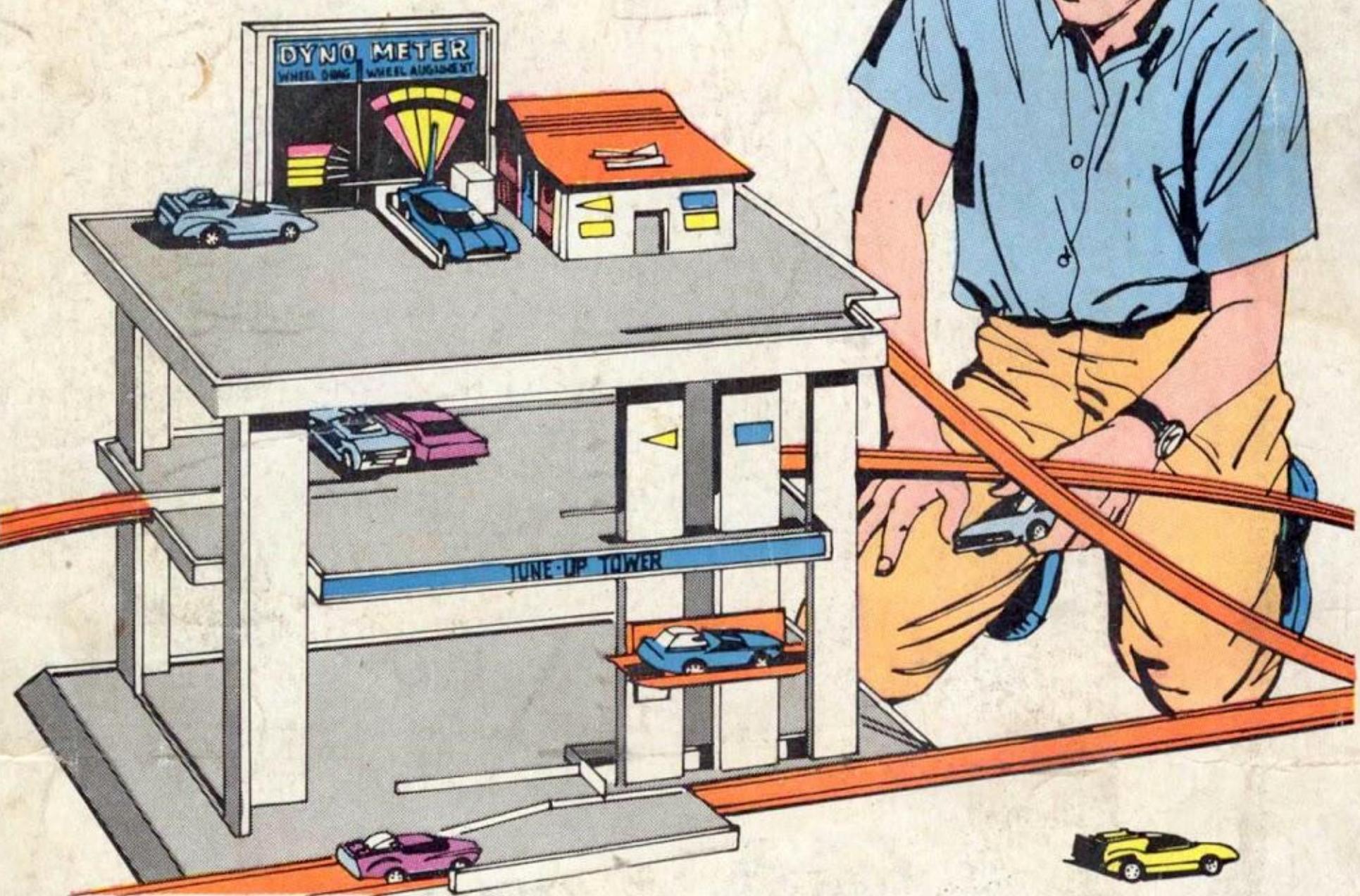
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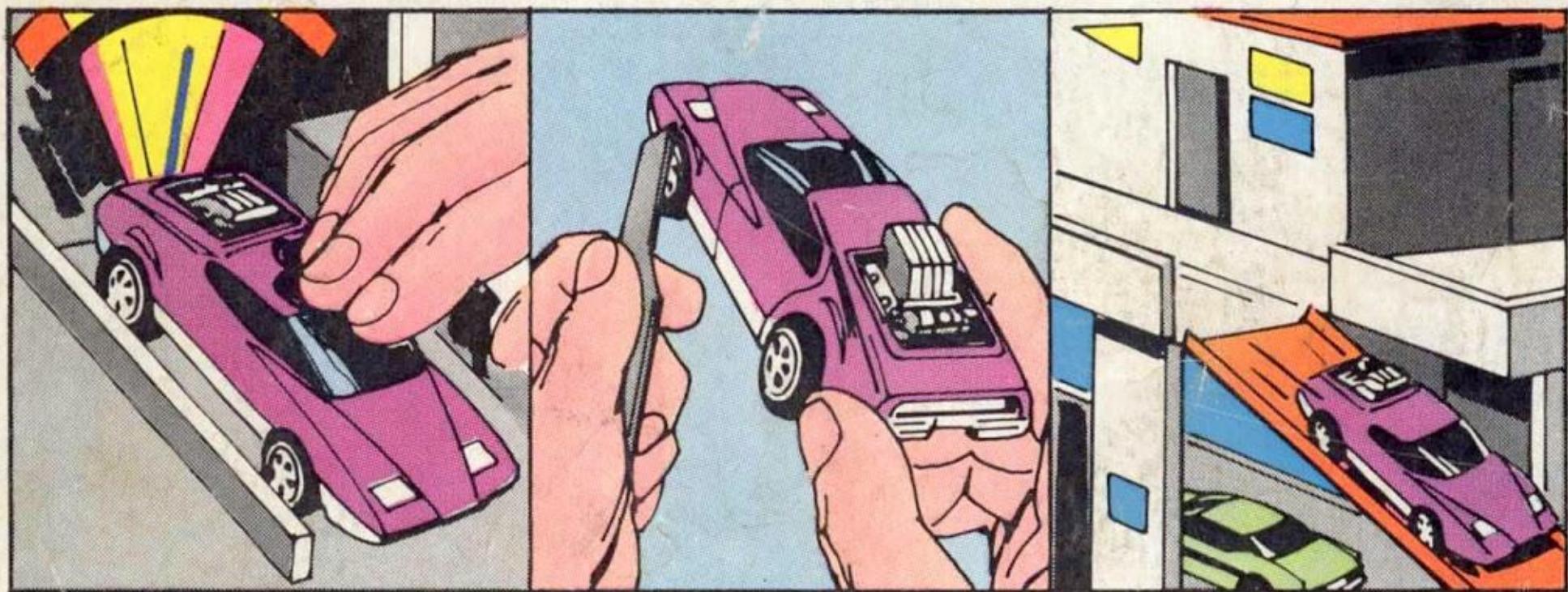
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