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**"BATMAN-  
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# BUZZY

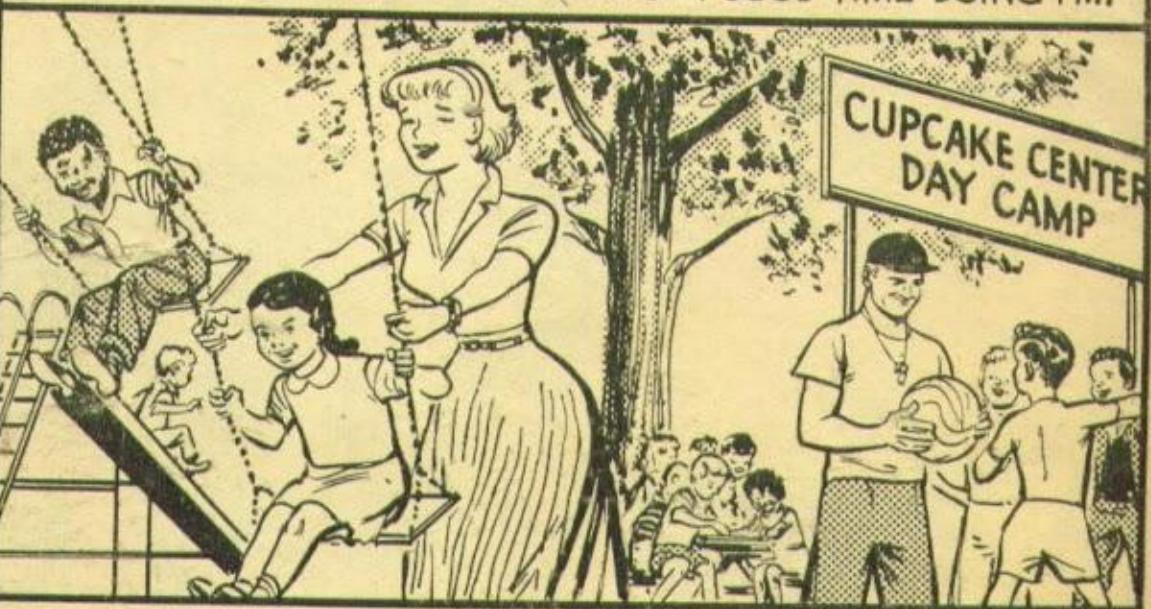
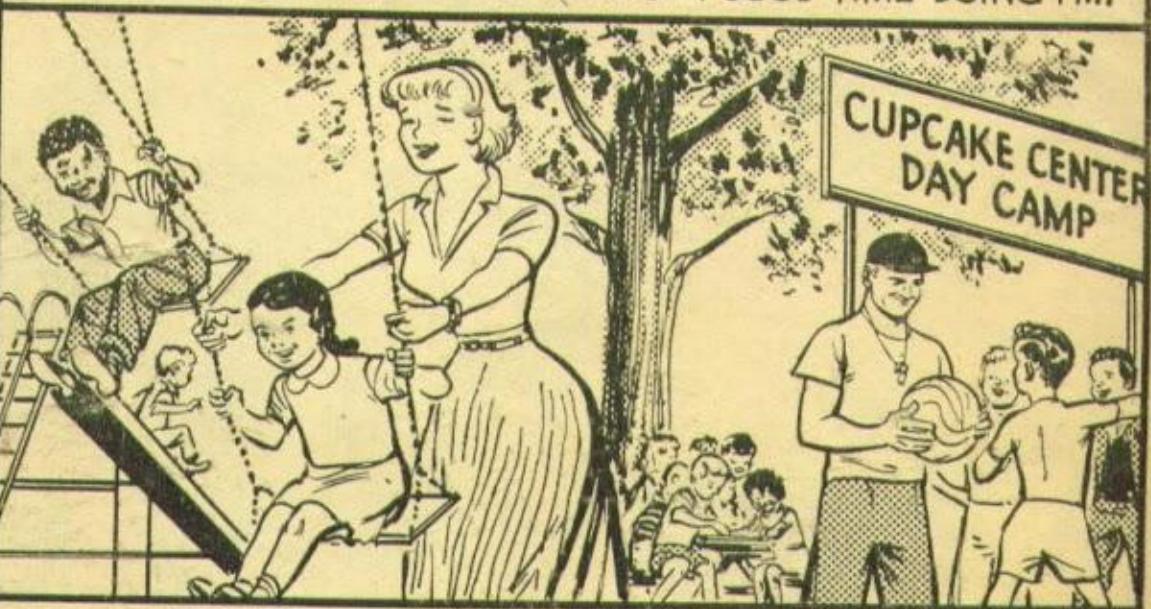
says:

## "WORK CAN BE FUN!"

I HEAR BUZZY AND SUSIE ARE DOING SOME PART-TIME WORK THESE DAYS-- AND FOR NOTHING, TOO, THE SAPS!

BUT THEY'RE SURE HAVING FUN... I WENT OVER TO SEE THEM THE OTHER DAY...

"FIRST THING I SAW WAS SUSIE PLAYING WITH THE LITTLE KIDS AT THE SWINGS... AND HAVING A GOOD TIME DOING IT..."



"THEN I WATCHED BUZZY TEACHING KIDS TO SWIM. WHILE I WAS THERE, ONE LITTLE KID SWAM HIS FIRST FEW STROKES ALONE. BOY, WAS BUZZY PROUD!"

"AFTER A WHILE, SUSIE STARTED HER CLASS IN TENNIS. SHE SAYS MOST OF THE KIDS THAT COME TO THE DAY CAMP LOVE TO LEARN NEW SPORTS AND GAMES."



"LATER ON, A CLUB OF BOYS GOT TOGETHER FOR A MEETING. BUZZY'S THEIR 'ADVISER'. YOU COULD SEE THEY FELT HE WAS ALMOST LIKE A BIG BROTHER."

BUT WHAT'S IN IT FOR THEM? THEY WORK FOR NOTHING!

I SEE WHAT'S IN IT FOR THEM. THEY HAVE A SWELL TIME AND LEARN THINGS THAT MIGHT COME IN HANDY LATER WHEN THEY START LOOKING FOR JOBS. I THINK I'LL LOOK FOR SOME VOLUNTEER WORK MYSELF!



NO FOOLING, IT'S FUN TO SPEND PART OF YOUR TIME IN SUMMER DOING VOLUNTEER WORK, UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION. YOU GIVE A LOT AND GET A LOT, WHETHER IT'S IN A DAY CAMP, OR IN A HOSPITAL, OR THE DOZENS OF OTHER PLACES IN YOUR HOME-TOWN THAT NEED VOLUNTEERS.



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# BATMAN

With  
**ROBIN**  
THE BOY WONDER

**R**IIGHT NEXT TO GOTHAM CITY LIES A WORLD THAT IS AS ALIEN AND PERILOUS AS A FAR-OFF PLANET! IT'S THE WORLD UNDER THE SEA, HAUNTED BY WEIRD AND MENACING CREATURES, A WORLD MOST HUMANS NEVER SEE! BUT WHEN A STRANGE FATE DOOMS BATMAN AND ROBIN TO EXILE IN THAT SUB-MARINE WORLD, IT'S NOT THE DANGERS OF THE DEEP, BUT CRIMINALS ON DRY LAND WHO THREATEN TO DOOM...

## "The **VOYAGE of the FIRST BATMARINE!**"

CRIME  
IS RUNNING  
WILD UP THERE--  
YET IF WE  
COME OUT OF  
THE WATER,  
WE'LL DIE!



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# BATMAN



ON GOTHAM CITY RIVER, AN OVER-LOADED BARGE CARRYING HIGH EXPLOSIVES, THREATENS A FREAK DISASTER...



AND WHEN PERIL LOOMS, A FAMOUS SYMBOL SWEEPS THE SKY TO SUMMON BATMAN AND ROBIN -- SECRETLY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...



BUT IT IS A GREATER EMERGENCY WHICH HAS SUMMONED THE CAPE MAN-HUNTERS TO COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...



SOON, ON A BARGE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RIVER...



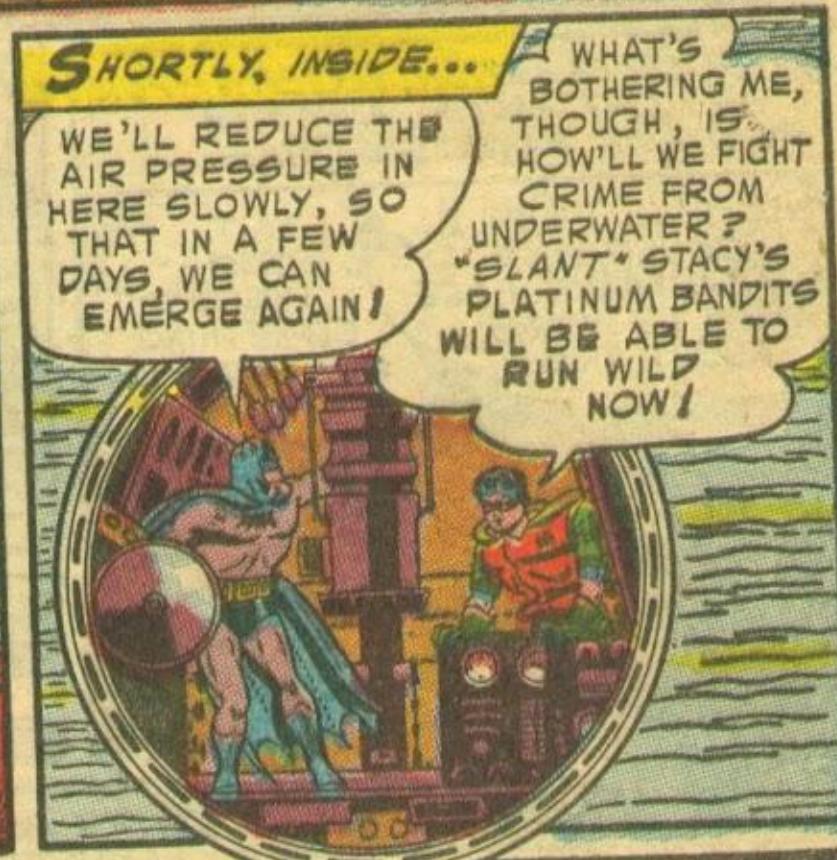
FOR NEARLY AN HOUR, BATMAN AND ROBIN LABOR AWAY FAR BENEATH THE SURFACE...



THE "BENDS"--TERRIBLE PHYSICAL COLLAPSE THAT STRIKES DIVERS WHO RISE TO THE SURFACE TOO RAPIDLY! DOES THIS DOOM THE DYNAMIC DUO?



# BATMAN





## BATMAN ANNUAL



MEANWHILE, UNAWARE OF A FATEFUL DANGER, BATMAN HAS GONE INTO UNDERWATER ACTION...

WE FIGURED STACY'S MOB WOULD TRY FOR THE ART JEWELRY COMPANY'S PLATINUM SHIPMENT WHEN IT ARRIVED... AND IT'S DUE TONIGHT! WE'RE GOING TO BE THERE! A LITTLE TOO PORT, ROBIN!

AYE-AYE, SIR!



AND AS THE GRIM UNDERSEA CRAFT MOVES INTO A PLACE THAT ONLY A POCKET SUB COULD ENTER...

THIS BIG DRAIN-TUNNEL CONNECTS WITH THE PARK LAKE, TO KEEP IT FROM OVERFLOWING!

BUT WE DON'T DARE COME OUT OF THE BATMARINE WHEN WE GET THERE, BATMAN-- SO WHAT GOOD IS THIS?



A GOOD QUESTION, ROBIN--FOR AS NIGHT FALLS, AND THE PLATINUM BANDITS STRIKE...

HA, HA... I WISH I COULD SEE BATMAN'S FACE WHEN HE HEARS ABOUT THIS!

WAIT, BOSS-- THERE'S SOMETHING OUT THERE IN THE LAKE!



BUT BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE RESOURCES THAT STACY HASN'T THOUGHT OF...

TORPEDO TUBE LOADED, SKIPPER-- WITH THAT SALVAGE NET FROM THE LOCKER, AS YOU ORDERED!

WE'RE ON TARGET-- STAND BY TO FIRE!

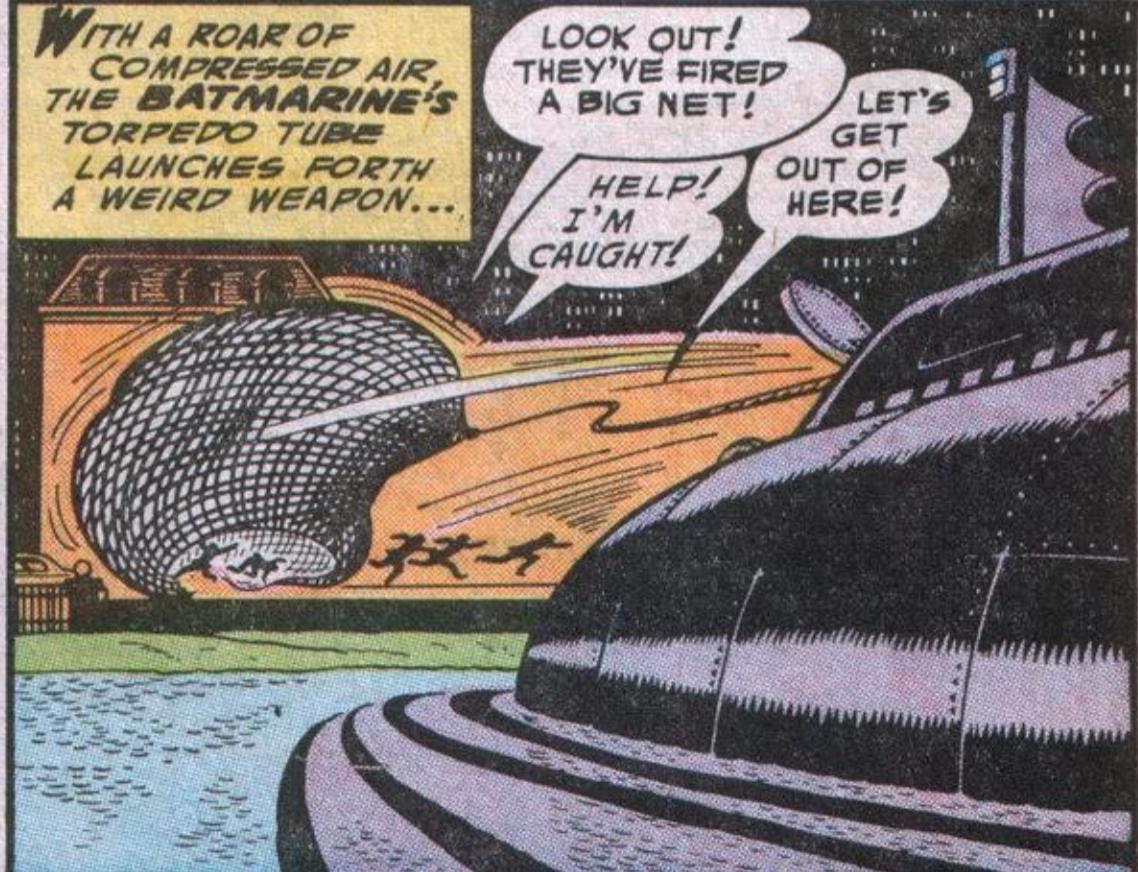


WITH A ROAR OF COMPRESSED AIR, THE BATMARINE'S TORPEDO TUBE LAUNCHES FORTH A WEIRD WEAPON...

LOOK OUT! THEY'VE FIRED A BIG NET!

HELP! I'M CAUGHT!

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!





# BATMAN ANNUAL



AFTERWARDS, ON ANOTHER STREET...

**BATMAN** BROKE UP THAT JOB--BUT HE WON'T BREAK UP ANY MORE! WE'RE GOING TO GET HIM AND HIS **BATMARINE** NOW!

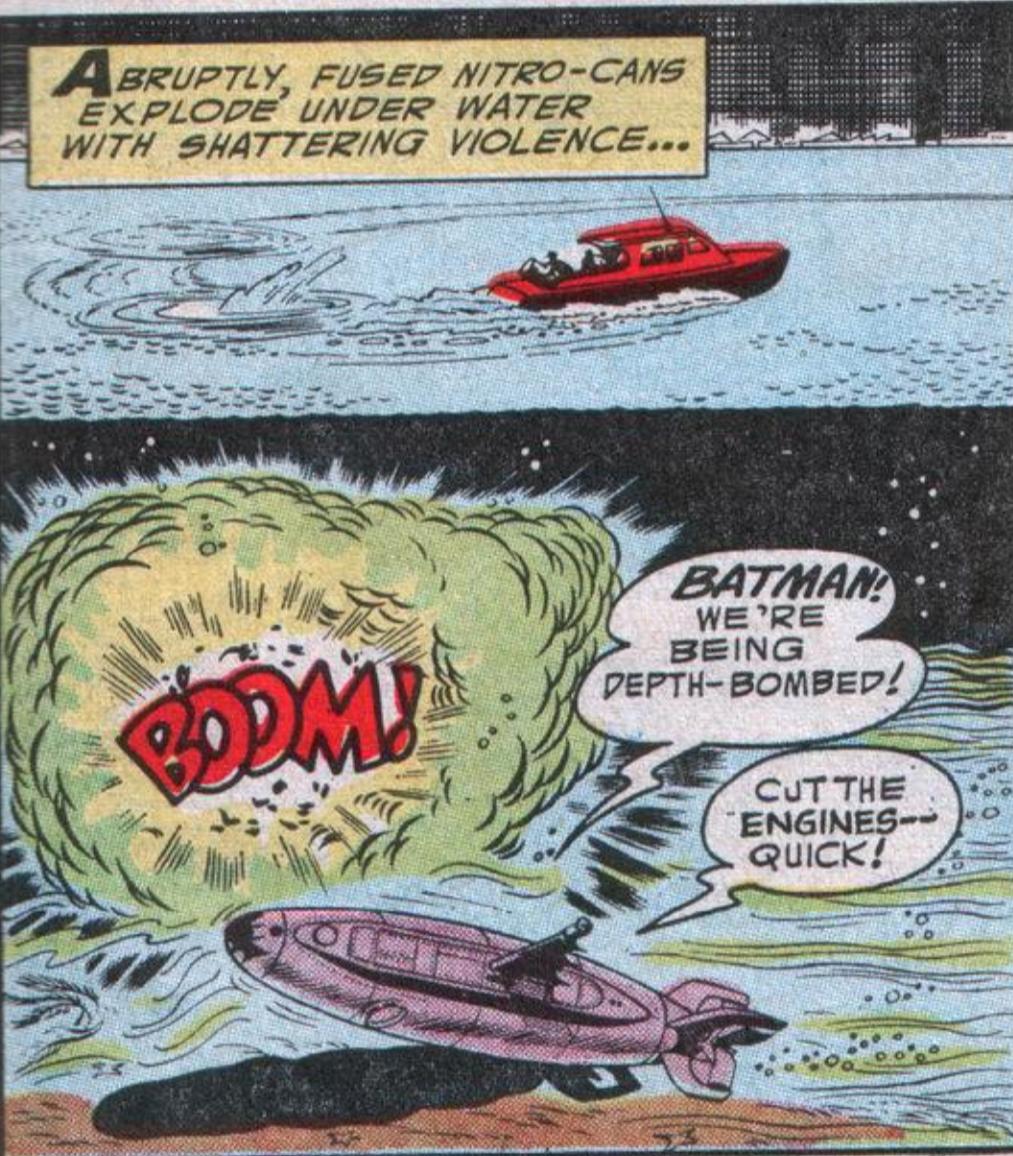
IF YOU SUCCEED, GOOD! BUT IF YOU DON'T, MY **BIG** PLAN CAN'T FAIL AGAINST **BATMAN**!

AND SOON, HOODLUMS WITH STOLEN EQUIPMENT RE-ENACT A WAR-TIME SCENE...

I CAN HEAR HIS **BATMARINE** NOW... DROP THE NITRO!

HA, HA--THE VERY NITRO THAT GOT **BATMAN** INTO THIS FIX WILL BLOW HIM OUT OF THE WATER! DEPTH-BOMBS AWAY!

ABRUPTLY, FUSED NITRO-CANS EXPLODE UNDER WATER WITH SHATTERING VIOLENCE...



BATMAN!  
WE'RE BEING DEPTH-BOMBED!

CUT THE ENGINES--QUICK!



BUT THERE'S NO WATER NEAR THE MUSEUM--EXCEPT WHAT'S IN THE TANKS OF ITS AQUARIUM EXHIBITS!

AS BRUCE WAYNE, I'M A TRUSTEE OF THAT MUSEUM--AND I REMEMBER SOMETHING ABOUT IT THAT MAY HELP! BUT FIRST, I WANT TO MAKE SOME PREPARATIONS!

TENSE MOMENTS PASS--TILL FINALLY, THE ROCKING EXPLOSIONS CEASE...

THEY'VE DRIVEN US OUT TO SEA! AND WE FIGURED THEY'D TRY FOR THE NEW PLATINUM APPARATUS. THE **NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM** IS EXHIBITING TOMORROW!

WE'VE GOT TO COVER THAT EXHIBITION, IN CASE THEY DO STRIKE HERE!





# BATMAN



**PRESENTLY...**

WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE CONSTRUCTING?... LOOKS LIKE A VERY HEAVY-DUTY PRESSURE SUIT! BUT WITH THE GADGETS YOU'RE PUTTING INSIDE IT, YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY WEAR IT!

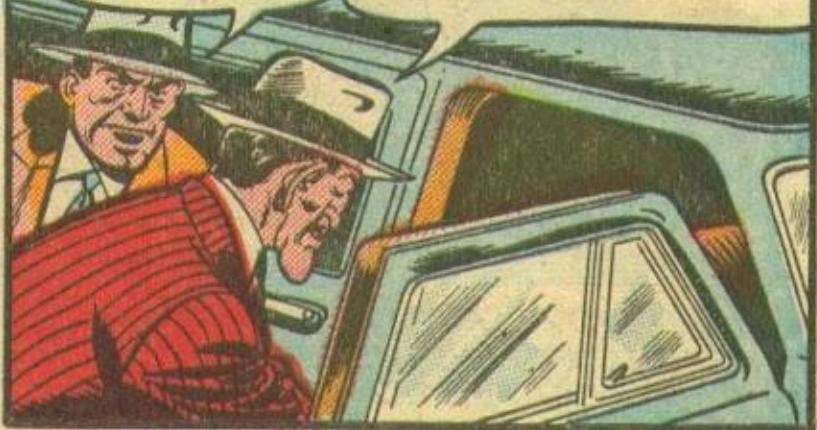
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER! RIGHT NOW, WE'D BETTER PUT ON OUR DIVING SUITS AND START FOR THE MUSEUM!



**IN THE MEANTIME...**

I'M NOT SURE WE DESTROYED THE **BATMARINE** WITH OUR DEPTH-BOMBS-- BUT ANYWAY, HE'S GOT NO WAY TO REACH THE MUSEUM!

DON'T WORRY... WHAT I HAVE IN MIND WILL RID US OF **BATMAN** FOREVER, IF HE KEEPS INTERFERING!



**CAN THE DYNAMIC DUO REACH THE MUSEUM WITHOUT COMING OUT OF WATER? **BATMAN** HAS A WAY...**

THE MUSEUM PUMPS IN SEA WATER FOR ITS AQUARIUM TANKS THROUGH THIS BIG INTAKE-PIPE! THAT'S HOW WE'LL GET IN, TOO!



**AND IN THE DARK PIPE, TWO STRANGE SHAPES SWIM FORWARD WITH THE RACING CURRENT...**

CAN YOU HEAR ME, **ROBIN**? WE MUST SWIM UP INTO THE BRANCH INTAKE-PIPE, OR WE'LL BE SUCKED ON INTO THE PUMPS!

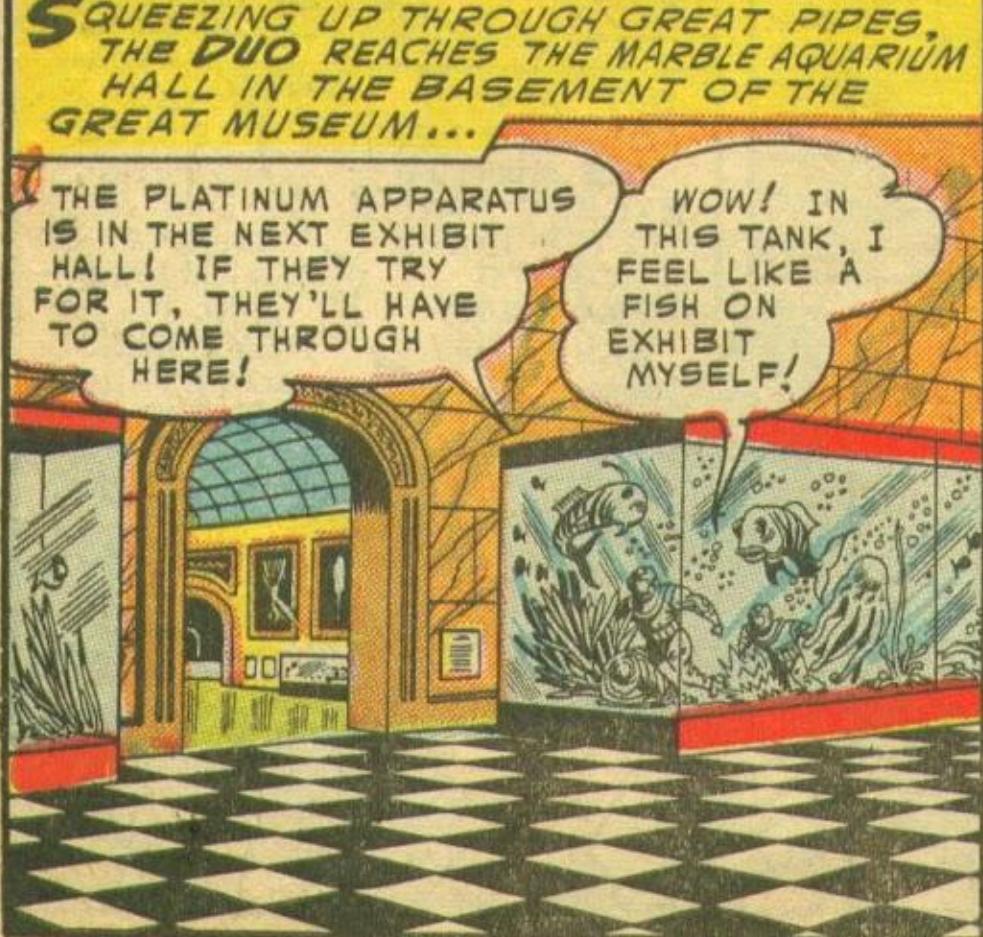
YES, I HEAR YOU FINE ON OUR BELT-RADIO! I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU!



**SQUEEZING UP THROUGH GREAT PIPES, THE DUO REACHES THE MARBLE AQUARIUM HALL IN THE BASEMENT OF THE GREAT MUSEUM...**

THE PLATINUM APPARATUS IS IN THE NEXT EXHIBIT HALL! IF THEY TRY FOR IT, THEY'LL HAVE TO COME THROUGH HERE!

WOW! IN THIS TANK, I FEEL LIKE A FISH ON EXHIBIT MYSELF!



BRRR... AN OCTOPUS IS A FINE ROOMMATE! GET AWAY FROM ME!

DON'T FRIGHTEN IT, **ROBIN**! YOU KNOW HOW EVEN A SMALL OCTOPUS DEFENDS ITSELF! AND... Crouch down... SOMEONE'S COMING!



## BATMAN

WHILE AT THE OTHER END OF THE LONG HALL...

I THOUGHT I SAW SOMEONE IN THAT BIG TANK OVER THERE!

YOU'RE NERVOUS ABOUT WATER NOW... BUT WE'LL LOOK OVER THE TANKS ANYHOW, TO MAKE SURE BATMAN ISN'T HERE!



KNOWING THAT DISCOVERY IS IMMINENT, BATMAN ACTS SWIFTLY...

AN OCTOPUS, WHEN ATTACKED, CLOUDS THE WATER BY EMITTING INK-- AND WE NEED COVER RIGHT NOW! THIS WILL ONLY SCARE HIM!



THUS, BY THE TIME THE CROOKS REACH THE TANK...

THAT'S ALL YOU SAW-- AN OCTOPUS! AND IT'S MORE SCARED THAN YOU ARE, THE WAY IT COVERED UP! COME ON-- LET'S GET THAT PLATINUM!



GOT TO ACT FAST, ROBIN, AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY... I'M GOING BACK TO OPEN THE MAIN VALVES WIDE!



AND MINUTES LATER, FURTIVE CRIMESTERS GET A STARTLING SURPRISE...

HEY! THE TANKS ARE OVERFLOWING! THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG HERE!

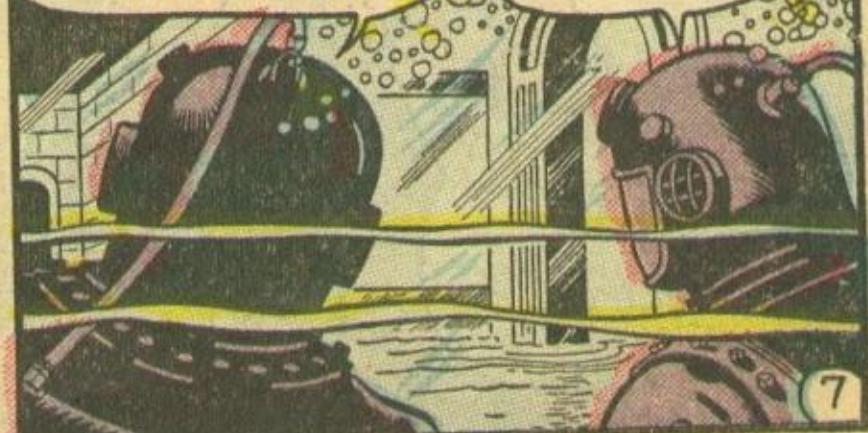
IT'S BATMAN. SOMEWHERE! HE'S FLOODING THE HALL SO HE CAN GET AT US! WE GOTTA SKIP OUT OF HERE, FAST!



AS THE ALARMED CROOKS FLEE, BATMAN CLOSES THE GIANT VALVES!

THE WATER WILL DRAIN AWAY WITHOUT HARMING THE MARBLE HALL! BUT WE DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO GRAB THEM!

WELL-- AT LEAST WE BROKE UP THEIR PLANS... AND I'LL BET THEY'RE RAGING!





# BATMAN



IT'S FURIOUS MOBSTERS INDEED WHO LATER CONFRONT THEIR LEADER.

YOU AND YOUR SCHEMES! EVEN WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO COME OUT OF WATER, BATMAN'S TOO MUCH FOR YOU!

YOU THINK SO? I TOLD YOU I HAD A WAY TO GET BATMAN IF HE PERSISTED... NOW LISTEN TO IT!

AND WHEN AN EVIL PLAN HAS BEEN UNFOLDED, TEMPERS CHANGE...

WHAT AN IDEA! IT'LL FIX BATMAN FOR SURE! YEAH-- IF HE INTERFERES WITH US THIS TIME, NOTHING CAN SAVE HIM FROM DEATH!

WHAT IS STACY'S SINISTER SCHEME? IT STARTS ON THE POST OFFICE ROOF, WHERE A MAIL-HELICOPTER PILOT PREPARES TO TAKE OFF...

INSTEAD OF MAIL, YOU'RE DELIVERING US-- TO THE ROOF OF THE GOTHAM SKYSCRAPER! AND WHEN WE'RE THROUGH THERE, YOU'LL TAKE US AWAY AGAIN!

AND WHEN THEY REACH THEIR DESTINATION...

I'LL KEEP HIM COVERED HERE!

IT'LL TAKE US TIME TO BLAST OPEN THE PLATINUM CORPORATION'S BIG SAFE -- SO FIRST WE'LL MAKE SURE THE POLICE CAN'T INTERFERE!

A LITTLE LATER, INSIDE...

THERE! WITH THE ELEVATOR-CABLES SLASHED, AND A SECTION OF THE STAIR CUT OUT, NO ONE CAN GET UP AT US -- EXCEPT MAYBE THE BATMAN!

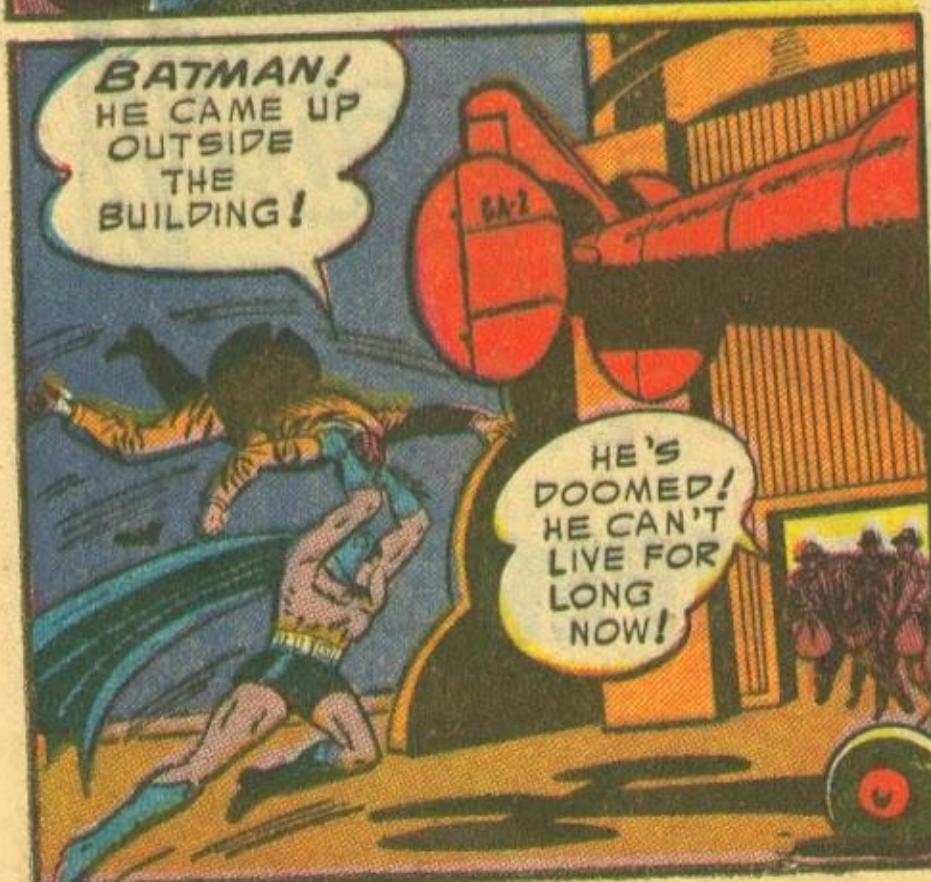
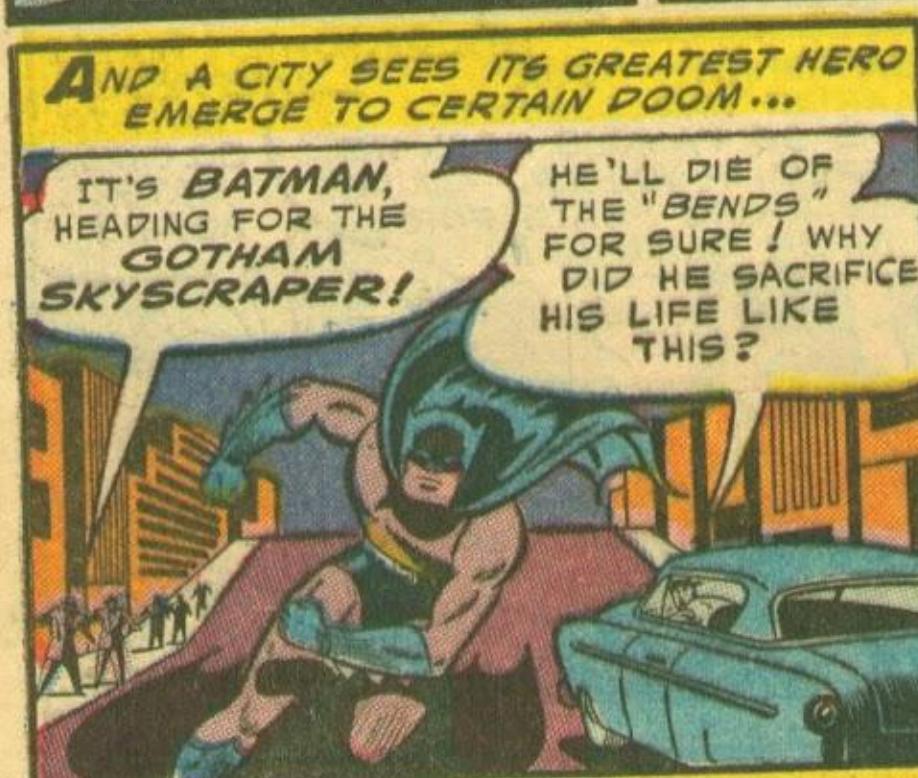
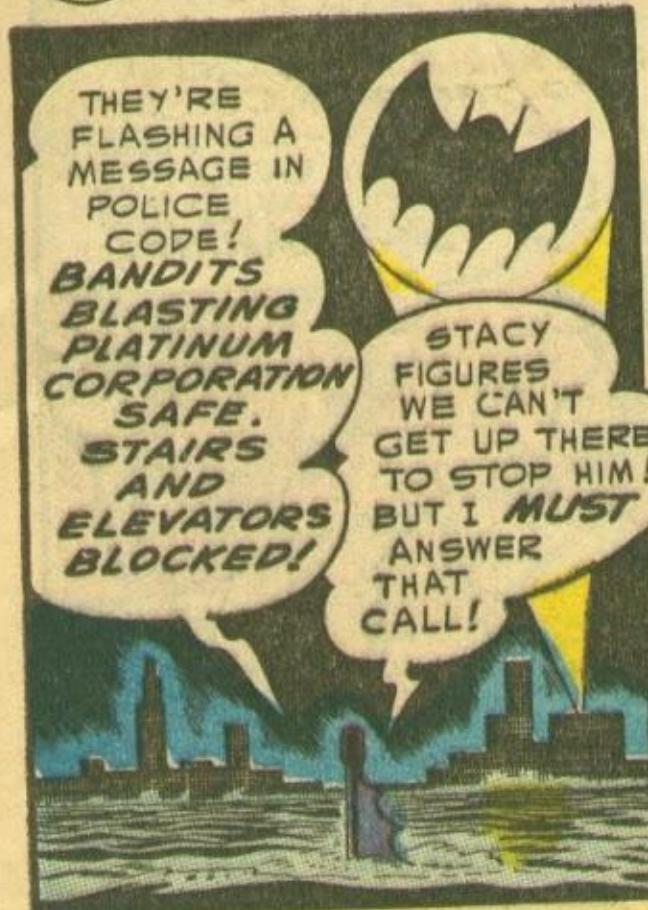
AND IF HE LEAVES THE WATER TO COME UP HERE, HE'LL DIE OF THE "BENDS".

AND IRONICALLY, TO THE BATMARINE COMES THE FIRST ALARM...

NO, ROBIN, THIS ISN'T A PRESSURE-SUIT! IT'S SOMETHING I'VE BUILT IN CASE WE NEED IT! THE WAY IT WORKS IS...

WAIT, BATMAN! THROUGH THE PERISCOPE, I CAN SEE THE BAT-SIGNAL!

# BATMAN





## BATMAN



**A**ND JUST AS THE POLICE ARRIVE...

HE'S COLLAPSED... THE END OF **BATMAN!** IT'S ALMOST WORTH GOING TO PRISON FOR THAT!

QUICK-- WE'LL TRY TO REVIVE HIM... BUT I'M AFRAID HE'S DONE FOR!

I'LL OPEN HIS COLLAR, AND... WAIT A MINUTE! THIS ISN'T **BATMAN** AT ALL! IT'S A RADIO-CONTROLLED METAL **ROBOT!**

**BATMAN** TRICKED ME! HE PUT HIS OWN COSTUME ON THIS ROBOT-- AND DIRECTED IT BY RADIO WITHOUT LEAVING THE **BATMARINE!**

**W**HILE INSIDE THE AMAZING SUB...

YES, I WAS SURE STACY WOULD TRY A PLATINUM RAID WHERE THERE WAS NO WATER -- SO I USED THE SUB'S EQUIPMENT AND MY SPARE COSTUME TO BUILD THAT RADIO-CONTROLLED ROBOT FOR JUST SUCH AN EMERGENCY!

I NEARLY HAD HEART-FAILURE UNTIL I REALIZED WHAT YOU MEANT TO DO!

OH, **BATMAN**-- YOUR SUBMARINE WAR AGAINST CRIME IS SO FAMOUS NOW, WE WONDERED IF YOU TWO WOULD DO SOME DIVING FEATS FOR OUR WATER CARNIVAL?

OH, NO-- NOT THAT! I NEVER WANT TO GO UNDER WATER AGAIN!

THE END.

# SUPERMAN ON TELEVISION!

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# SUPER-TV

SEE YOUR NEWSPAPER FOR TIME AND CHANNEL!

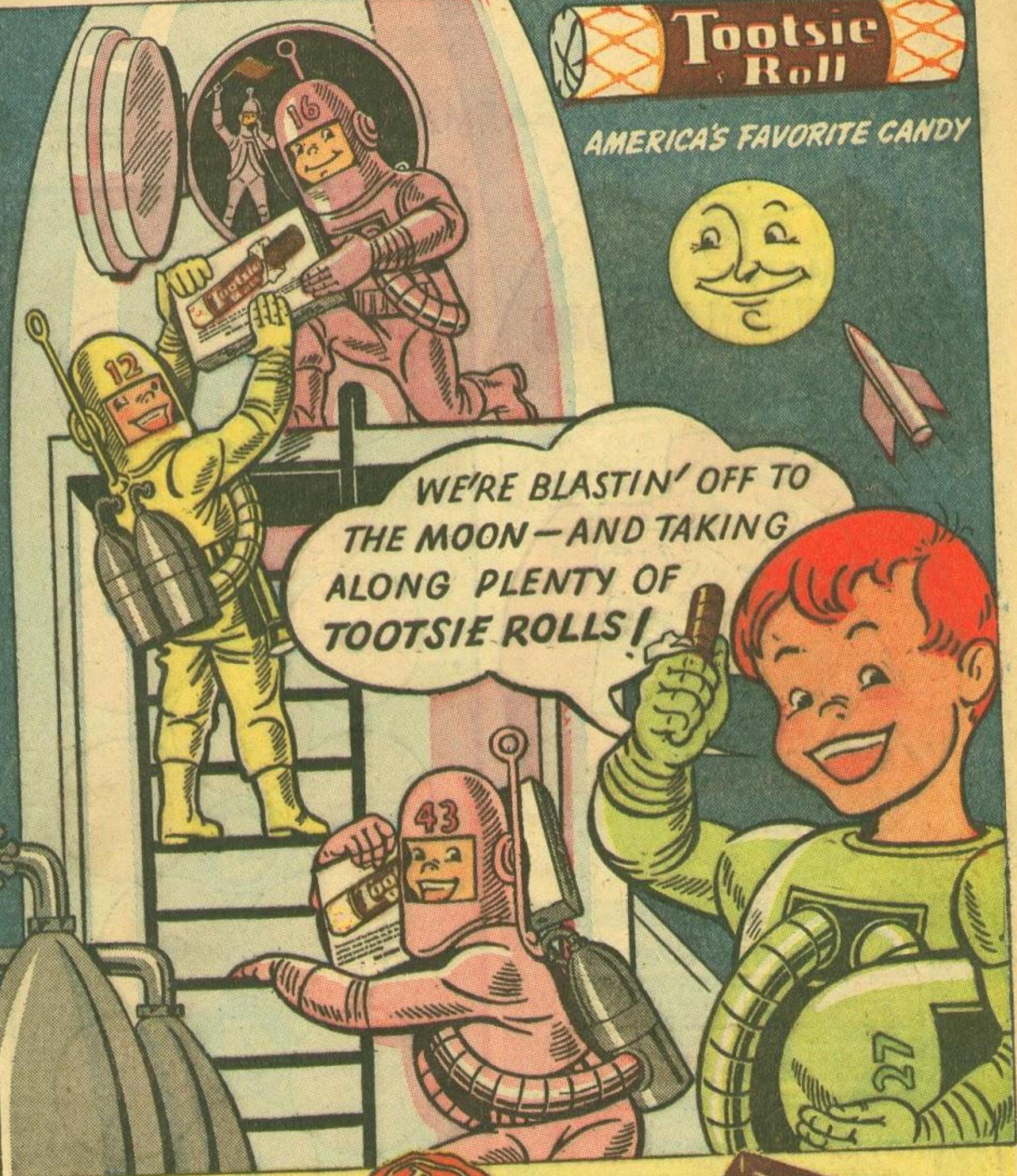
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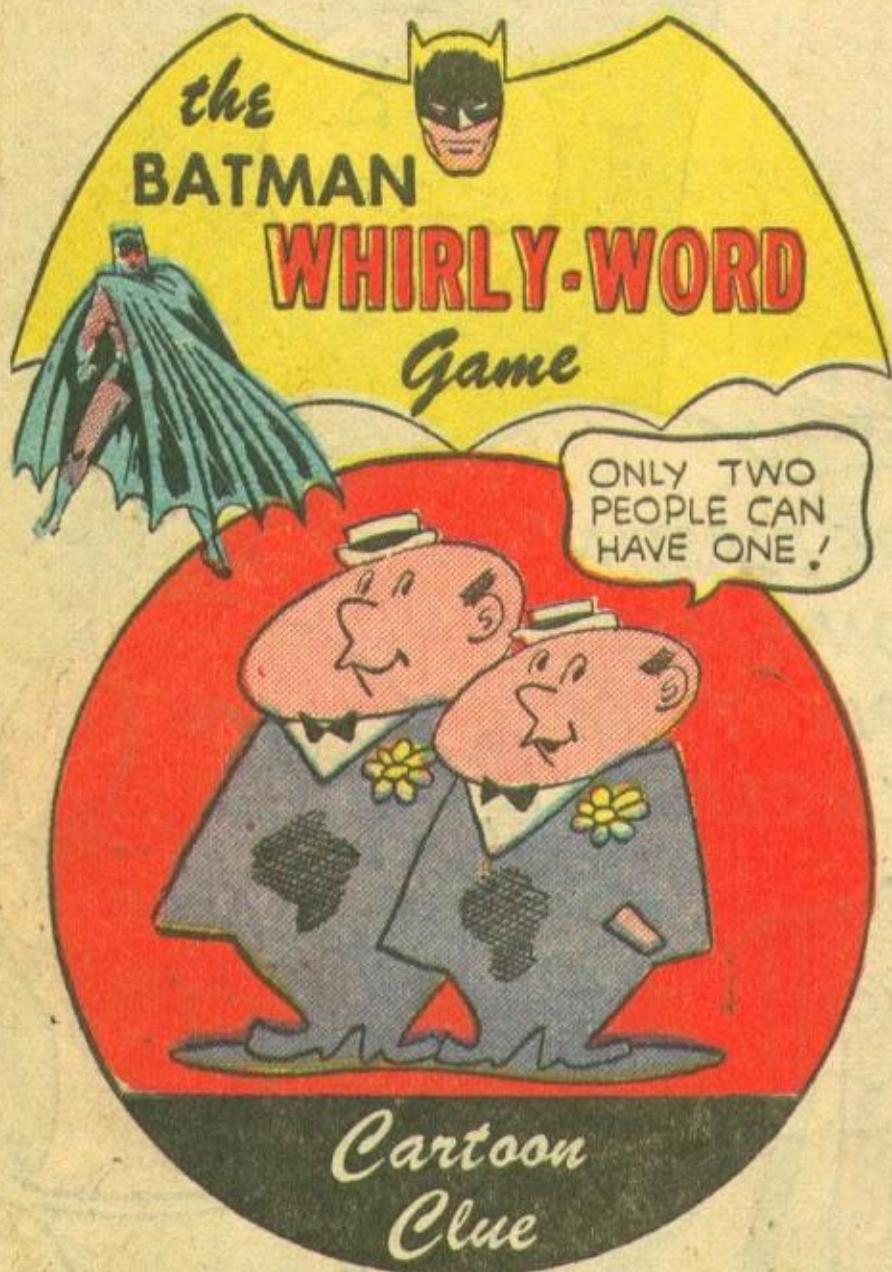
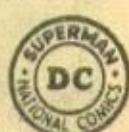
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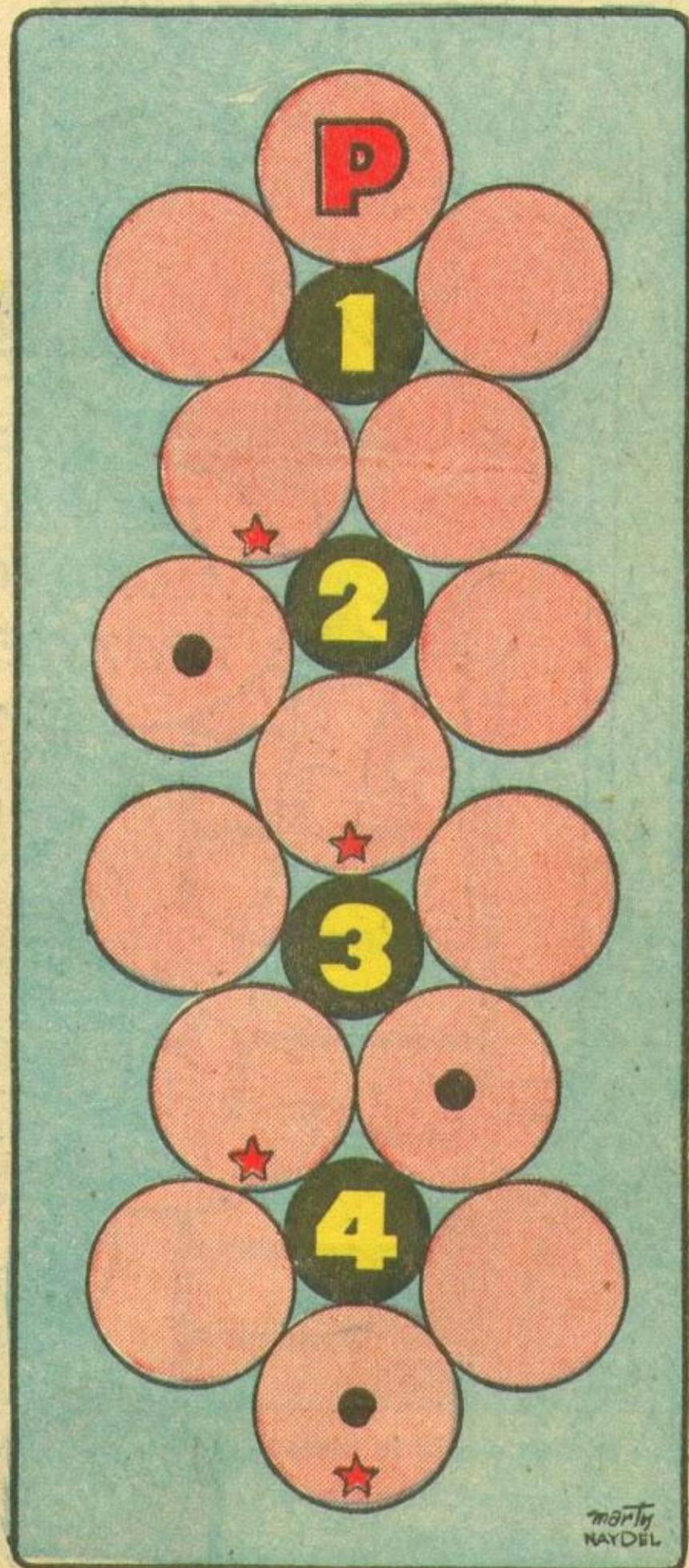
## BATMAN



**Scrambled Words**

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| WORD 1.<br>ROPEW | WORD 2.<br>LEJWE |
| WORD 3.<br>LUBID | WORD 4.<br>BTDOU |

**Final Goal**



**Directions :**

FIRST UNSCRAMBLE THE 4 SETS OF SCRABLED LETTERS, MAKING A **FIVE-LETTER WORD** OF EACH SCRAMBLE. THEN PRINT EACH WORD, A LETTER IN EACH CIRCLE AROUND EACH OF THE 4 NUMBERS, **CLOCKWISE** ..... THE **INITIAL LETTER FOR WORD NUMBER ONE STARTS YOU OFF**. THE **3 DOTS** INDICATE WHERE THE OTHER THREE WORDS BEGIN. THIS COMPLETED, YOUR **FINAL GOAL** (USING THE FOUR LETTERS YOU HAVE PRINTED ON THE **4 STARRED CIRCLES**) IS TO SPELL THE FOUR-LETTER WORD SUGGESTED BY THE CARTOON CLUE! CAN YOU DO IT?

**The ANSWER**

[ ] DULE [ ] GOGEBI  
TINISI

4-DOUBLT

1-POWER 2-JEWEL 3-BUILD



# BATMAN



THE GAME'S NEARLY OVER, JOKER!

MY TEAM IS  
STILL AT BAT--  
-BATMAN---  
AND I'VE A HUNCH  
WE'RE ABOUT  
TO SCORE!

HA-HA!

HA-HA-HA

# BATMAN AND ROBIN

FLASH! THE JOKER, MAD MANAGER OF MENACE, HAS JUST TRADED TWO OF HIS BEST TORPEDOES FOR A SAFE-CRACKER AND A CON-MAN! SOUNDS ALMOST LIKE A BASEBALL COMMUNIQUE, DOESN'T IT? WELL, THERE'S A REASON! FOR THE JOKER IS APPLYING THE STRATEGY OF AMERICA'S FAVORITE GAME TO THE PLUNDERWORLD-- AND THAT MEANS UNUSUAL DANGER FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN AS THEY FIGHT TO CHOKE OFF THE CRIMINAL RALLY THAT CAN SPELL VICTORY FOR...

**The JOKER'S WINNING TEAM!**

ONE  
MAN  
OUT!

BY  
BOB  
KANE



# BATMAN



ON A BRIGHT, SUNNY AFTERNOON, A LARGE CROWD GATHERS TO WATCH THE GOTHAM CITY GRAYS IN ACTION! AND THERE'S ONE BAILEFULLY FAMILIAR FACE AMONG THE BLEACHERITES...

BASES FULL-- AND TWO AWAY IN THE NINTH! BUT SLUGGER DANIELS IS AT BAT!

C'MON,  
SLUGGER!



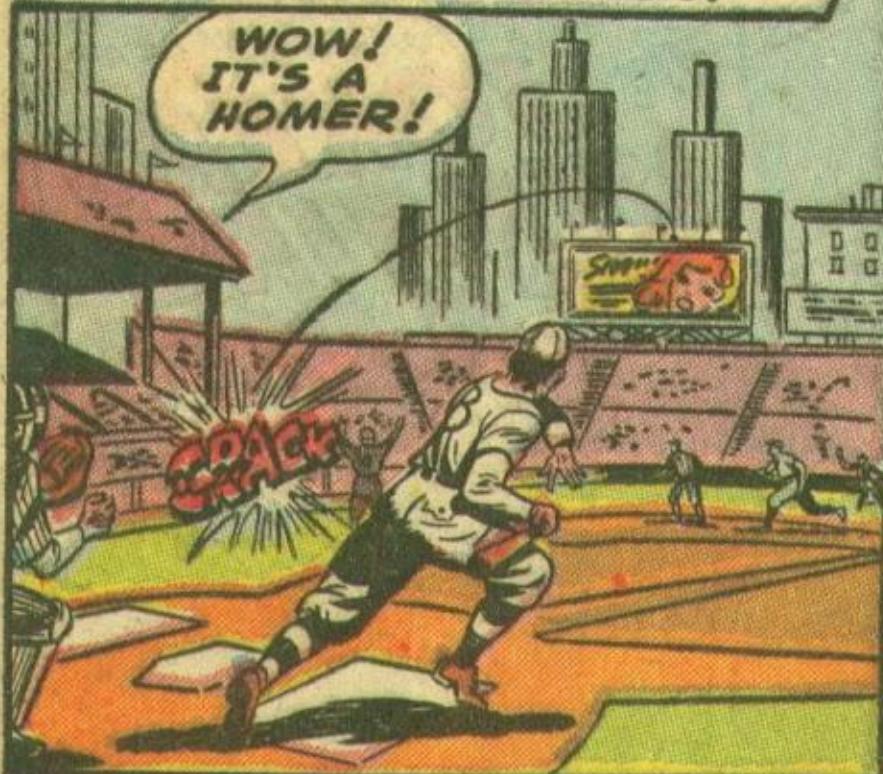
IS IT POSSIBLE? YES, THIS IS NONE OTHER THAN BATMAN'S ARCH ENEMY-- THE JOKER!

BAH! HOW CAN PEOPLE WASTE THEIR TIME IN SUCH CHILDISH PURSUITS? BUT I'VE GOTTEN GOOD IDEAS BEFORE FROM WATCHING COMMON FOLK AT THEIR AMUSEMENTS!



THE COUNT GOES TO THREE AND TWO-- AND THEN SLUGGER DANIELS CONNECTS!

WOW!  
IT'S A  
HOMER!



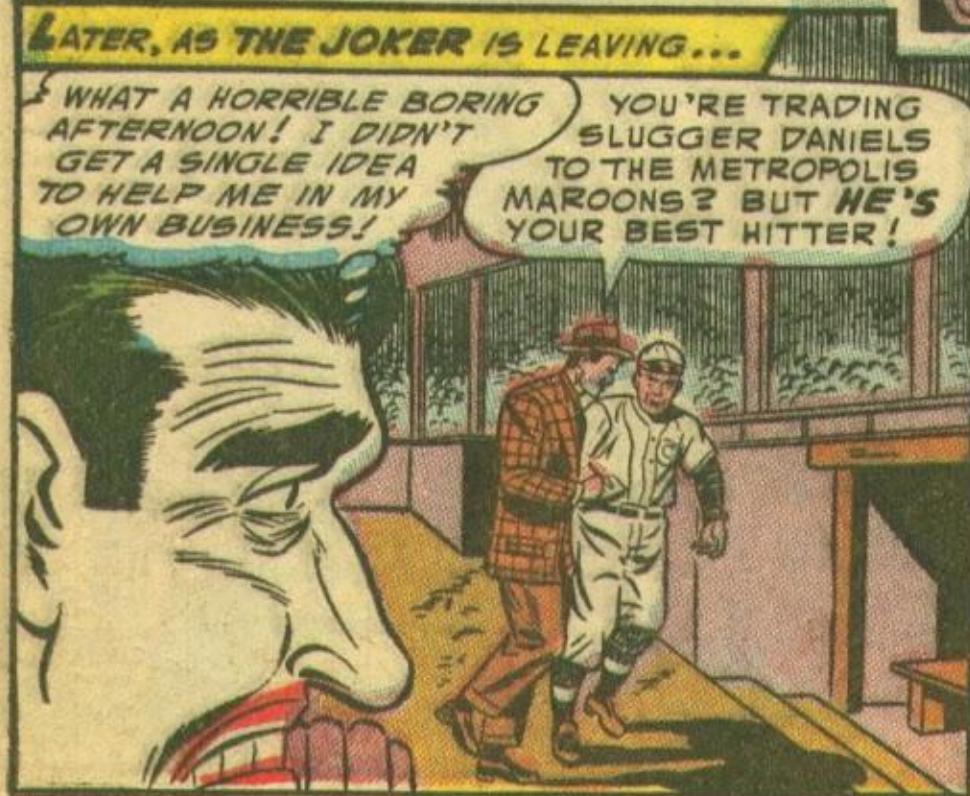
THIS BALL WOULD HAVE HIT ME, IF I HADN'T CAUGHT IT! THE LUCKY STIFF! IMAGINE CATCHING A HOME RUN BALL BY SLUGGER DANIELS!



LATER, AS THE JOKER IS LEAVING...

WHAT A HORRIBLE BORING AFTERNOON! I DIDN'T GET A SINGLE IDEA TO HELP ME IN MY OWN BUSINESS!

YOU'RE TRADING SLUGGER DANIELS TO THE METROPOLIS MAROONS? BUT HE'S YOUR BEST HITTER!



I HATE TO TRADE THE SLUGGER! BUT I DON'T NEED A POWER HITTER AS MUCH AS I NEED A FAST, SHIFTY INFILDER AND A COUPLE OF GOOD PITCHERS!

HMM... VERY INTERESTING.



# BATMAN

THIS AFTERNOON MAY NOT HAVE BEEN WASTED! EVEN A GENIUS LIKE MYSELF CAN LEARN SOMETHING FROM THE STRATEGY OF BASEBALL MANAGERS! I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE WRONG KIND OF A TEAM--UNTIL NOW!

LATER, AT A HASTILY CALLED MEETING OF THE JOKER'S GANG...

AND SO, LEFTY AND SOCKS, I'VE DECIDED TO TRADE YOU TO THE SOUTH SIDE MOB! I'M GETTING THE KIND OF MAN I NEED IN RETURN!

BUT, BOSS, WE ALWAYS DID OUR BEST FOR YA!

REMEMBER HOW I KNOCKED OVER DAT BREWERY FOR YA?

AND HOW I HEISTED DEM DIAMONDS RIGHT OUTA DA JEWELRY STORE WINDOW?

I'VE NO FURTHER NEED OF YOUR TALENTS. NOW! GO!

THEY WERE GOOD -- IN THEIR WAY! BUT THE MAN I'M GETTING IN RETURN IS **PERFECT** FOR THE JOB I HAVE IN MIND! HE'LL BE HERE SHORTLY!

GOSH, JOKER, THIS SOUNDS LIKE A REALLY BIG CAPER!

AND AS THE JOKER'S CRIME SCHEME NEARS COMPLETION, THIS SCENE TAKES PLACE IN THE HOME OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

TIME FOR OUR NIGHTLY PATROL OF THE CITY, EH, DICK?

YES, BRUCE! THINGS HAVE BEEN QUIET LATELY! I'VE A FEELING SOMETHING IS DUE TO HAPPEN!

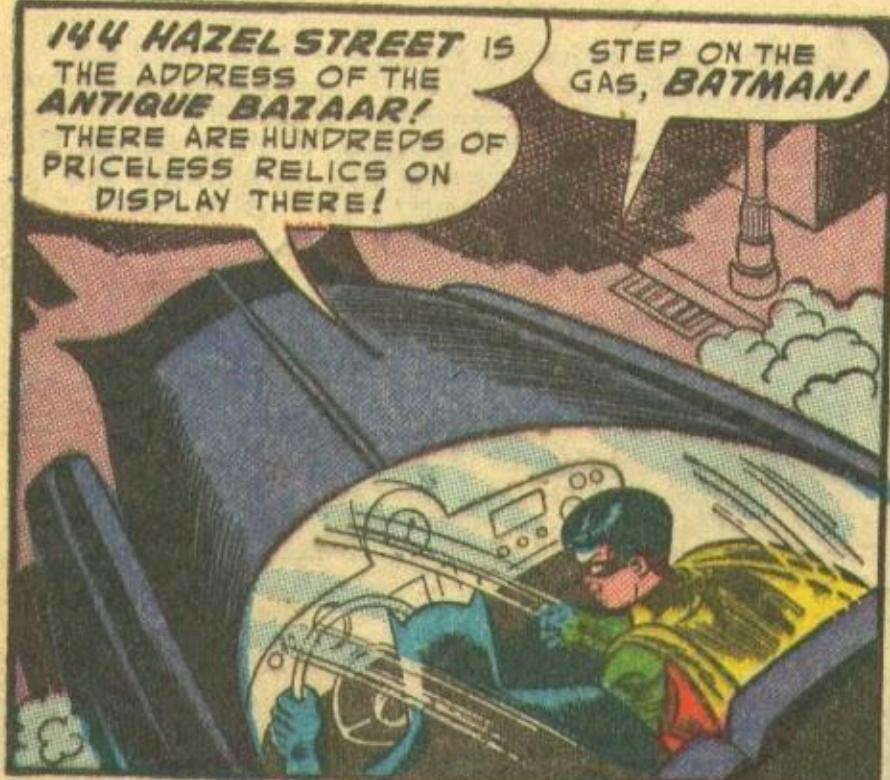
A FEW MINUTES LATER, A BLACK SHADOW SPEEDS AWAY FROM A CONCEALED GARAGE AND ONCE AGAIN, THE FAMED BATMOBILE IS ON THE PROWL...

POLICE CARS! ATTENTION! PROCEED AT ONCE TO 144 HAZEL STREET...

YOUR HUNCH WAS RIGHT, ROBIN! THERE'S GOING TO BE ACTION-- TONIGHT!



# BATMAN





# BATMAN



ROCKET TUBES -- ATTACHED  
BEHIND THE TRUCK! LOOK  
AT IT GO!

**WE'LL NEVER  
CATCH UP NOW!**

HOW DID YOU  
LIKE THAT GET-  
AWAY, JOKER?

U  
GET-  
TER?  
HA-HA-HA! YOU  
DESERVE YOUR  
REPUTATION  
AS A GETAWAY  
ARTIST! THOSE  
ROCKET ATTACHMENTS  
WERE A STROKE OF  
GENIUS!

THANKS,  
BOSS!

I GUESS THAT  
LITTLE GIMMICK  
EARNS HIM A   
REGULAR JOB  
ON OUR TEAM.  
EH, JOKER?

ON THE CONTRARY!  
I HAVE NO  
FURTHER NEED  
FOR HIM! SO  
I'M TRADING  
YOU-- AND  
**LANTERN JAW**  
HERE -- FOR TWO  
OTHER CRIMINALS!

**AND AFTER THE "TRADE" HAS TAKEN PLACE...**

AH -- PERCIVAL DENHAM...  
PRECISELY THE MAN  
I NEED FOR MY NEXT  
EPIC OF CRIME!

THE JOKER MUST'VE  
BLOWN HIS TOP THIS  
TIME! WHAT GOOD  
CAN A LITTLE PUNK  
LIKE THAT DO  
FOR US?

**WHILE DOWN IN THE CRIME CLOWN'S CELLAR...**

"WE'VE GOT THE JOKER WON'T LET US  
SEE THE NEW GUY WE GOT  
ALONG WITH PERCIVAL DENHAM!  
HE KEEPS HIM LOCKED UP IN  
SOLITARY-- AND WE EVEN GOTTA  
FEED HIM THROUGH THIS DOOR!"

HA-HA... WITH THE  
FELLOW I'VE GOT  
IN THAT ROOM, I  
DON'T HAVE ANY-  
THING TO FEAR  
FROM-- **BATMAN**  
AND **ROBIN!**

A LITTLE LATER...

WELL--WE'RE  
READY FOR OUR  
NEW CRIME COUP,  
PERCIVAL, EMPLOYING  
YOUR SPECIAL  
TALENTS!

FINE, JOKER! I'LL  
NEED SEVERAL CANS  
OF BLACK DYE,  
TWO EX-CIRCUS  
ACROBATS NAMED  
TUMBLE AND  
FUMBLE, AND A  
DOZEN ARMY  
PARACHUTES!

AND NEXT EVENING, PERCIVAL DENHAM'S PLAN UNFOLDS  
AS A GIANT PLANE UNLOADS THE JOKER'S HENCH-  
MEN ABOVE A CLOSELY GUARDED ISLAND...

THAT'S THE MILLIONAIRE'S MANSION  
BELOW! OUR AERIAL ATTACK WILL  
TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE!

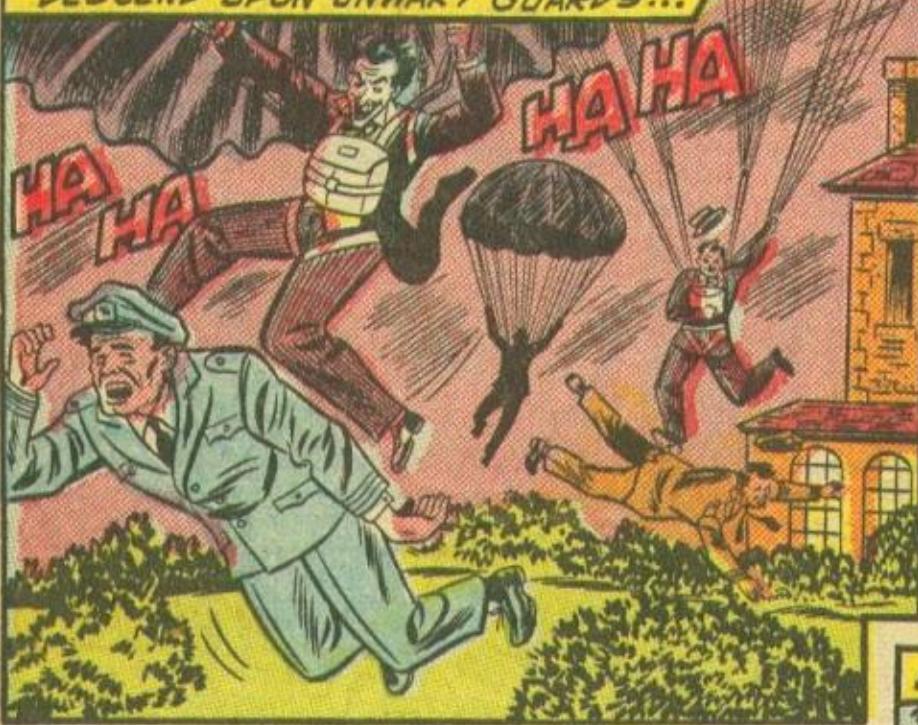
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# BATMAN



DYED BLACK, THE PARACHUTES FORM AN INVISIBLE BACKDROP AGAINST THE NIGHT SKY AS THE CRIMINALS DESCEND UPON UNWARY GUARDS...



AND AFTER CUTTING ALL PHONE CABLES AND BURGLAR ALARMS...

YOUR ISLAND FORTRESS HAS FALLEN! ITS TREASURES ARE MINE-- BY RIGHT OF CONQUEST! HA-HA-HA!

YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, JOKER! I MANAGED TO SEND OUT AN ALARM! HELP IS ALREADY ON THE WAY!



SURE ENOUGH, AS THE GANG RETREATS FROM THE PILLAGED ISLAND...

THIS IS WHERE WE PICKED UP THE ALARM, BATMAN! IT'S THE JOKER!



WE'LL LAND AND CUT HIM OFF BEFORE HE REACHES HIS PLANE!



MOMENTS LATER... BATMAN AND ROBIN!

WE'VE BEEN SURPRISED... BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER!



PERCIVAL BARKS A COMMAND, AND...

HA-HA! I TRADED TWO OF MY BEST GORILLAS FOR THOSE ACROBATS!

TUMBLE AND FUMBLE HAVE NEVER FAILED ME! IN MILITARY STRATEGY, IT'S ALWAYS AN ADVANTAGE TO HAVE ONE SURPRISE WEAPON!



AND ANOTHER FAMILIAR MILITARY STRATEGEM COVERS THE JOKER'S ESCAPE...

LAY DOWN A COVERING FIRE! KEEP BATMAN AND ROBIN PINNED DOWN!

HA, HA! FAREWELL, BATMAN! SEE YOU OVER A HOT ASHCAN SOMETIME!



RAT-TAT-TAT-

RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-

## BATMAN

WITHIN SECONDS...

THEY GOT AWAY,  
**BATMAN!** DID  
YOU RECOGNIZE  
THAT LITTLE  
FELLOW WHO  
WAS WITH  
THE **JOKER?**

YES...  
PERCIVAL  
DENHAM--  
THE CROOK  
WHO USES  
**MILITARY  
STRATEGY**  
TO COMMIT  
CRIMES!

THE **JOKER**  
IS SURE  
RECRUITING  
SOME STRANGE  
NEW MEMBERS  
FOR HIS GANG!

THERE'S  
ALWAYS SOME  
KIND OF  
PATTERN  
BEHIND HIS  
CRIMES! I  
WONDER WHAT

HE MEANT BY THAT  
PARTING WISECRACK  
OF HIS... THE ONE  
ABOUT A **HOT ASH-  
CAN?** GUESS WE'LL  
FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH!

AND TWO NIGHTS LATER, AS A  
FAMILIAR SYMBOL LIGHTS UP THE  
GOTHAM CITY SKY...

LOOK! THE  
**BAT-SIGNAL!**

COMMISSIONER  
GORDON IS CALLING  
**BATMAN AND  
ROBIN!**

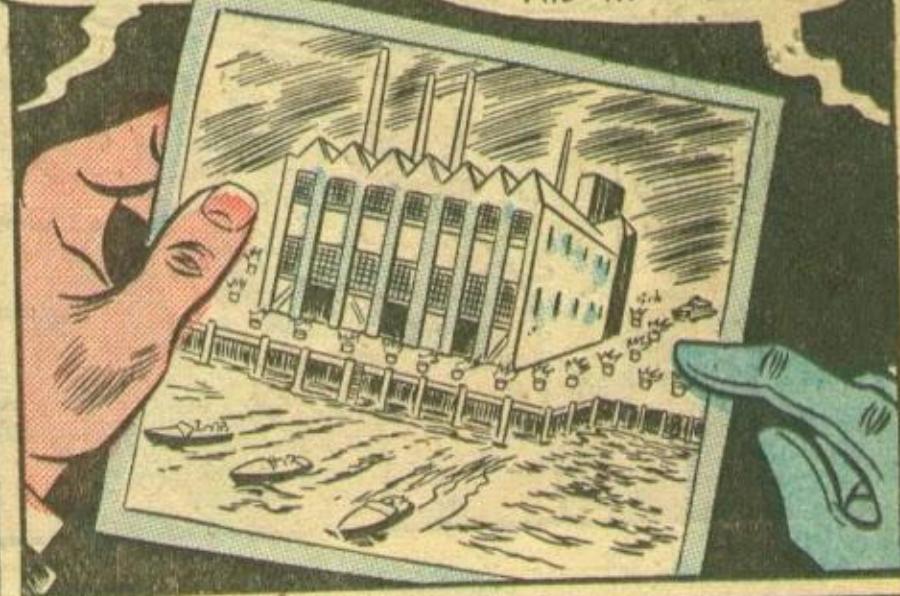


SHORTLY, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

YOU SENT  
FOR US,  
COMMISSIONER?  
THE **JOKER** STRUCK AGAIN--  
STEALING A FORTUNE IN SILK  
FROM A DOWNTOWN WARE-  
HOUSE!

INCENDIARY CARTRIDGES  
WERE SET OFF IN A RING  
OF ASHCANS, KEEPING  
POLICE AT BAY, WHILE THE  
**JOKER** AND HIS MEN  
ESCAPED IN SPEEDBOATS  
WITH THE LOOT!

SO THAT'S WHAT HE  
MEANT BY "HOT ASH-  
CANS"! ALMOST  
SOUNDS LIKE A  
JOB BY **ARSON**  
AL-- THE CROOK  
WHO USES FIRE AS AN  
AID IN CRIME!



ARSON AL **WAS** RECOGNIZED  
AS A MEMBER OF THE **JOKER'S**  
GANG! BUT EVEN MORE  
PUZZLING IS THIS:  
PERCIVAL DENHAM  
WAS ARRESTED TODAY,  
WHILE TRYING TO ROB A  
BANK WITH THE  
**WEST SIDE MOB!**

HMM...  
PERCIVAL  
DENHAM NO  
LONGER WITH  
THE **JOKER**--  
AND ARSON AL  
TAKING HIS  
PLACE!

LATER, AT THE **BAT-CAVE**...

THE **JOKER**'S GOT A TEAM OF  
CRIME SPECIALISTS-- AND HE  
TRADES THEM WHENEVER THE  
JOB REQUIRES A DIFFERENT  
SORT OF CRIMINAL TALENT!

GOSH! A WINNING  
TEAM--OF CRIME--  
WITH THE **JOKER**  
AS MANAGER AND  
MASTERMIND! HOW  
CAN WE STOP HIM?





# BATMAN



THERE'S AN OLD SAYING,  
**ROBIN**... WHEN YOU  
CAN'T LICK A TEAM,  
**JOIN IT!** THINK I'LL  
PASS AS **BOOM-BOOM**  
**HARRY**, THE ENGLISH  
DYNAMITER CROOK?

IF I DIDN'T KNOW  
WHO YOU WERE,  
**BATMAN**, YOU  
COULD EVEN FOOL  
ME!

**T**HE FOLLOWING EVENING, IN A NOTORIOUS UNDER-WORLD HANGOUT...

SAY, AREN'T YOU THE ENGLISH  
CROOK--THE GUY THEY CALL  
**BOOM-BOOM HARRY**?  
WHAT ARE YA DOIN' IN  
THIS COUNTRY?

AHH--NO GANG  
WANTED TO WORK  
WITH ME ANYMORE!  
THEY SAID I WAS GETTIN'  
TOO OLD! BUT IT AIN'T  
TRUE, SEE? I'M AS GOOD  
AS I EVER WAS!



OF COURSE, I CAN'T HANDLE SOME JOBS LIKE  
I USED TO... BUT I COULD STILL BE PLENTY  
USEFUL--IN THE RIGHT KIND OF A SPOT!

HMM... THOSE TWO CHARACTERS  
HAVE TAKEN AN UNUSUAL INTEREST  
IN MY STORY!



LATER, AS THE DISGUISED BATMAN LEAVES,  
TWO FIGURES STEP OUT OF THE SHADOWS...

WHAT IS  
THIS--A  
HEIST?

WE'RE DOIN' YOU A FAVOR,  
**BOOM-BOOM!** WE'RE TAKIN'  
YOU WITH US--TO SEE THE  
BOSS!



PRESENTLY, AT THE JOKER'S HEAD-QUARTERS...

I CAN USE YOU,  
**BOOM-BOOM!**  
AFTER ALL... HA-HA...  
THERE MAY COME  
A TIME WHEN I'LL  
NEED SOMEBODY  
TO BLOW MY BRIDGES  
BEHIND ME! HA-HA-  
HA-HA!

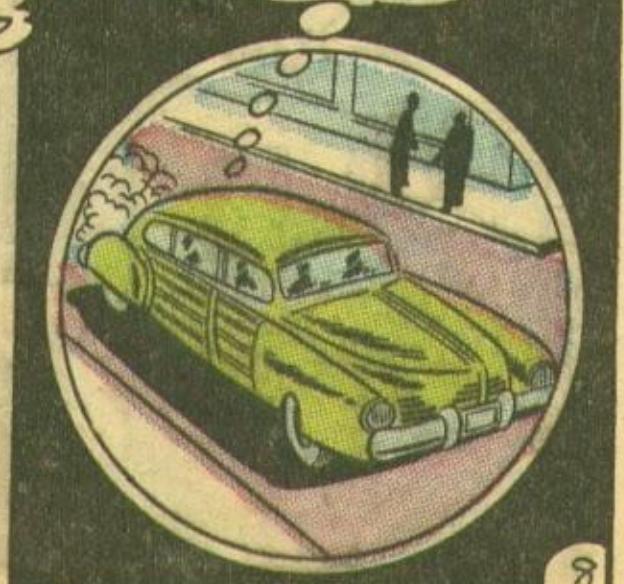
THE JOKER ISN'T  
MAKING SENSE...  
OR IS HE? HE  
COULD BE  
TIPPING OFF  
HIS NEXT CRIME  
SCHEME!

WHAT, INDEED, IS THE  
CRIME CLOWN PLANNING?  
ONCE ALONE, HE REPAIRS  
TO THE CELLAR, WHERE...

FOR MY NEXT MASTER  
CRIME, I'LL NEED THE  
TEAM MEMBER I'VE BEEN  
KEEPING IN RESERVE! HA-  
HA-HA... IF **BATMAN** AND  
**ROBIN** MEET HIM,  
THEY'RE DUE FOR  
A REAL SURPRISE!

LATER, AS THE WHOLE GANG  
TAKES OFF IN A STATION  
WAGON...

I HAVEN'T HAD A  
SINGLE MOMENT ALONE TO  
CONTACT **ROBIN**! HOW CAN  
I LET HIM KNOW WHAT'S  
HAPPENING?





# BATMAN



ONLY ONE CHANCE... I'LL OPEN THE SWITCH ON MY BELT RADIO, AND LET HIM OVERHEAR WHAT I FIND OUT!

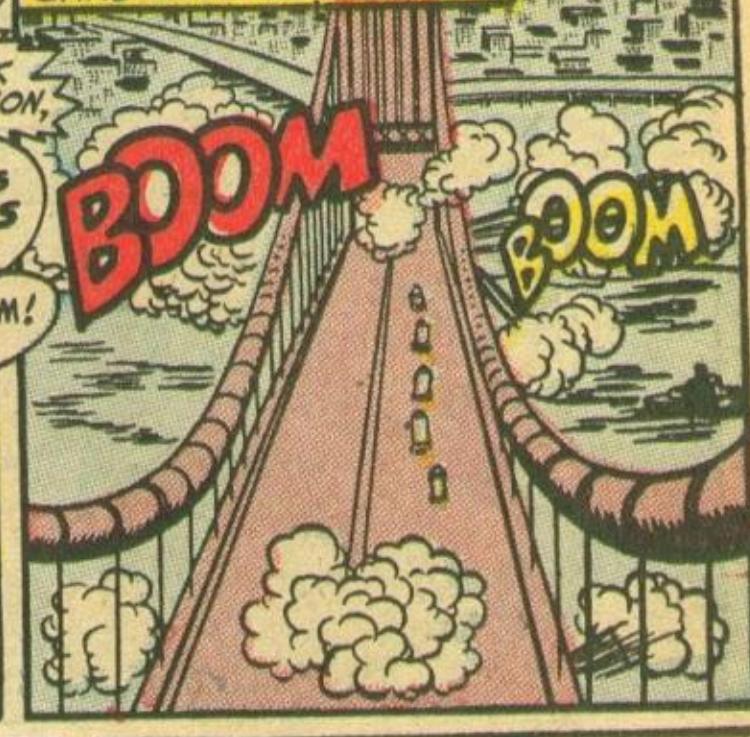
SAY, JOKER-- WHAT IS THIS CAPER ALL ABOUT? THERE'S A FLEET OF ARMORED CARS DELIVERING GOLD BULLION FOR EXPORT! THEY'LL BE CROSSING MADISON BRIDGE IN A LITTLE WHILE!

AND AT THIS VERY MOMENT, IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

...WE'LL GET THERE FIRST-- AND YOU'LL SET DYNAMITE CHARGES TO PARTLY WRECK THE BRIDGE! IN THE CONFUSION, WE'LL SEIZE THE ARMORED CARS AND ESCAPE!

SO THAT'S THE JOKER'S SCHEME!  
SEND OUT A GENERAL ALARM!  
HURRY!

BUT THE GANG ARRIVES BEFORE THE POLICE-- AND AS THE FLEET OF ARMORED CARS STARTS ACROSS...



BOOM-BOOM SET OFF THE DYNAMITE CHARGES! NOW GRAB THOSE ARMORED CARS AND... WHA--?

HEY, JOKER!  
THE BRIDGE ISN'T EVEN DAMAGED!

WE'VE BEEN DOUBLE-CROSSED! IF I GET MY HANDS ON THAT BOOM-BOOM HARRY...

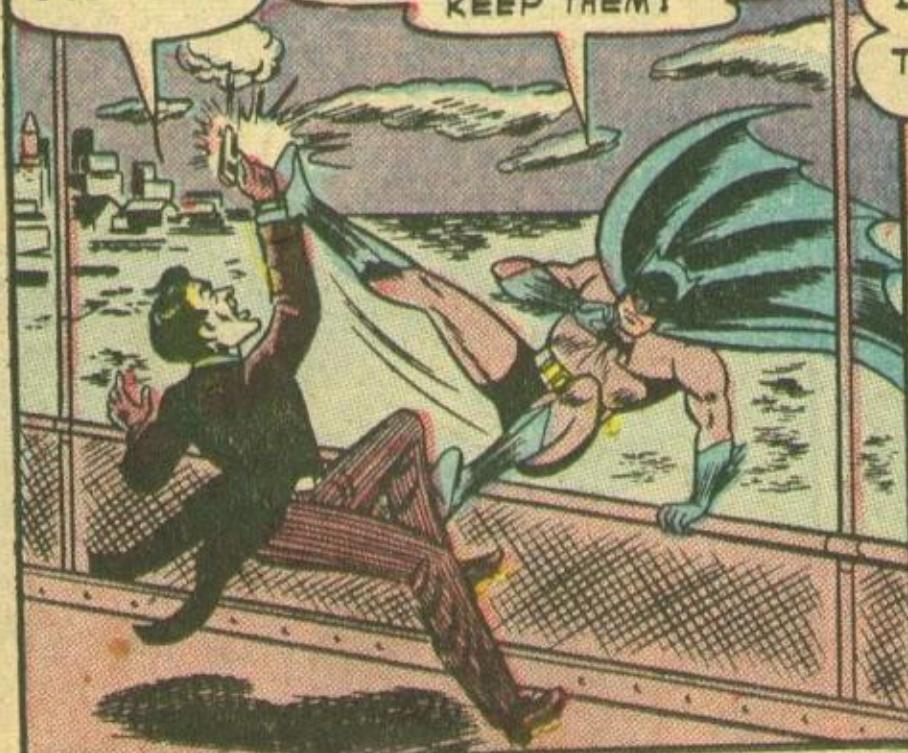
SOMEONE PAGING ME?



BATMAN!  
I'LL... I'LL...

DON'T MAKE RASH THREATS,  
JOKER, WHEN YOU CAN'T  
KEEP THEM!

YOU FORGET THAT DYNAMITE EXERTS ITS EXPLOSIVE FORCE DOWNWARD!  
I MERELY IGNITED THE FUSES-- AND DROPPED THEM TOWARD THE WATER!  
THEY WENT OFF BELOW THE BRIDGE!





# BATMAN



THUS, WHEN ROBIN AND THE POLICE ARRIVE...

WE ROUNDED UP ALL THE CROOKS-- AND I SEE YOU'VE GOT THE JOKER!

NOT QUITE, ROBIN! LOOK... HE'S WEARING A MASK-- AND A GREEN WIG!



HE WAS KEPT IN RESERVE-- A MAN WHO COULD EASILY BE MADE UP TO RESEMBLE THE JOKER! IN BASEBALL TALK, THIS FELLOW BELONGS ON THE JOKER'S TEAM-- AS A PINCH-HITTER!



THEN THE JOKER HAD THE LAST LAUGH! HE'S BEATEN US!

NO... THE JOKER IS NEARBY-- EITHER TO WATCH HIS CRIME COUP SUCCEED, OR TO WATCH OUR EMBARRASSMENT WHEN WE CAPTURE THE WRONG JOKER! IN FACT, THERE HE IS NOW!



SWIFTLY UNCOILING THE BAT-ROPE FROM HIS UTILITY BELT, BATMAN SECURES IT TO A BRIDGE GIRDER AND DROPS PERILOUSLY OUT INTO SPACE...

SORRY, JOKER, BUT YOUR CONTROL'S TERRIBLE!



...AND YOU'RE GETTING KNOCKED RIGHT OUT OF THE PITCHER'S BOX!

AND SO, A SHORT WHILE LATER...

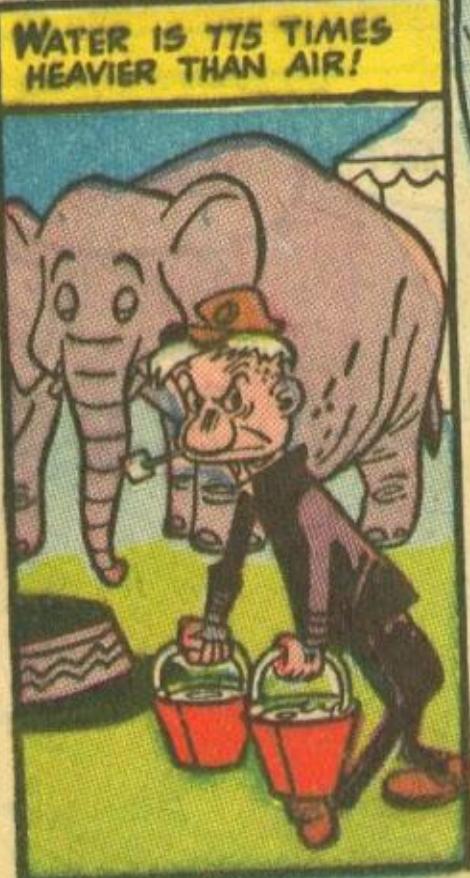
THE JOKER FINALLY HAD TO PLAY A WORLD SERIES-- AGAINST THE FORCES OF LAW AND ORDER! AND THAT'S ONE CONTEST CROOKS NEVER WIN!

BAH! TAKE ME TO JAIL! I HATE LISTENING TO LECTURES!



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## ADVENTURES OF THE DUBLE BUBBLE KIDS



WATER IS 775 TIMES HEAVIER THAN AIR!

A MAN WALKING INTO A SLANTING RAIN GETS LESS WET THAN A MAN WALKING AWAY FROM IT BECAUSE HE LEANS FORWARD INTO IT AND SO PRESENTS LESS BODY SURFACE TO BE HIT BY THE RAINDROPS!

MORE THAN HALF OF EVERY DOLLAR SPENT ON FOOD IS ACTUALLY SPENT ON WATER, SINCE MANY FOODS CONTAIN AS MUCH AS 95 PERCENT WATER!



EXTENSIVE SURVEYS HAVE PROVED THAT THE AVERAGE TUB BATH TAKES TWICE AS MUCH WATER AS THE AVERAGE SHOWER BATH!

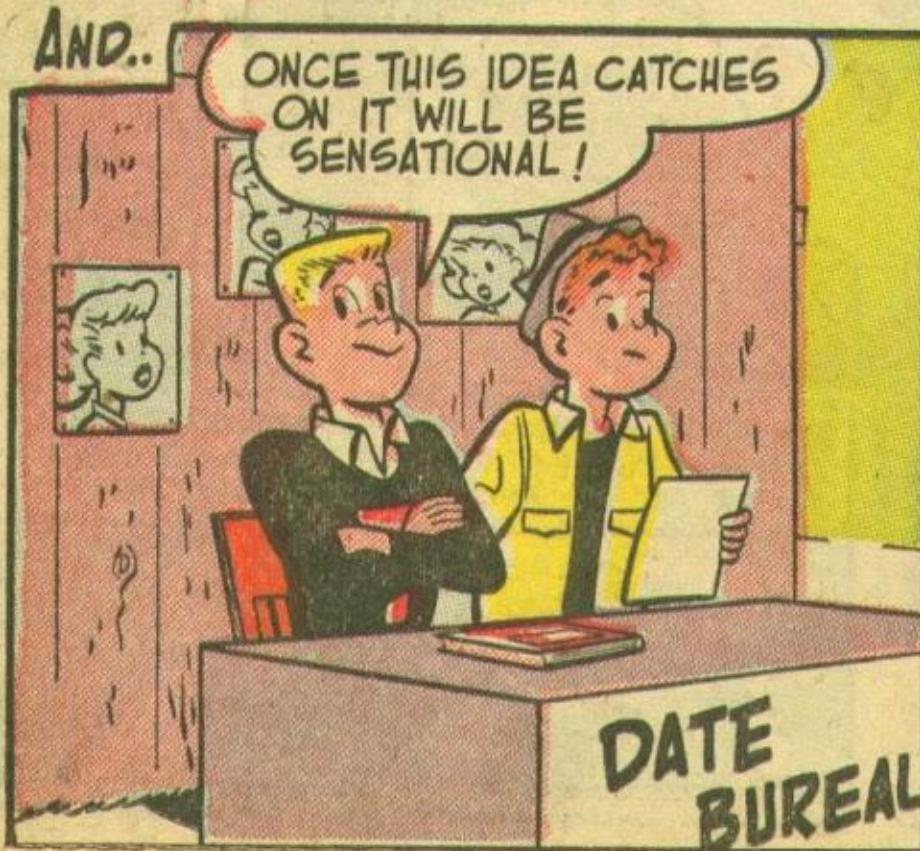


A BLOCK OF VERY DENSE FOG, 50 FEET BY 25 FEET BY 10 FEET, WILL CONTAIN ABOUT ONE GLASSFUL OF WATER OR APPROXIMATELY 420 BILLION DROPLETS!





## BATMAN





## BATMAN



BATMAN



# CASEY OFFICER

## THE COP

OH,  
OFFICER!



# HOTEL COP



**Soft-Spoken and Well-Dressed, the Newly-Named "Security Officer" Keeps a Vigilant Watch Without Making His Existence Known**

NOT long ago, a man named Joseph Trask, approaching the door of his room in a plush New York City hotel, in the early hours, heard his phone ringing. He hastily fitted his key into the door, and hastened to pick up the phone. But, by this time, the ringing had stopped, and the operator informed him that his caller had rung off.

Trask dismissed the incident from his mind, and began to undress. But, moments later, he was startled to see the door open, and a man enter. Strangely enough, the man seemed just as surprised to see Trask.

"Who are you? And what are you doing in my room?" demanded Trask.

The stranger quickly recovered his composure. Smiling, he explained:

"I'm from the Security Office of the hotel, sir. One of the guests on this floor complained of smelling smoke, and I'm checking the rooms for a possible fire! Everything seems to be all right in here."

But Trask, a wealthy oil man on a New York vacation, still resented the invasion of his privacy, and grumbled, "That's all very well, but the least you could've done was to knock on the door. I would've let you in."

The Security Office man moved toward the door.

"We didn't think you were in. You see, we called your room first, and got no answer."

That explained the phone ringing just as Trask entered earlier, and the oil man was now satisfied.

But, as the Security Officer started to leave, another man, neatly dressed, and soft-spoken, loomed on the threshold. The newcomer placed a large, strong hand on the shoulder of the Security Officer, and said:

"Okay, mister, the game's up! Come along!"

At this point, Trask, his patience at an end, exploded:

"What in blazes is going on around here, anyway? What did I move into, a convention hall?"

The newcomer ignored Trask for a brief moment, while he snapped a pair of bracelets on the humbled "Security Officer's" wrist, then turned to the guest.

"My name is John Hadley, security officer. This man is a crook, or what we call in the trade, a *Comeback Man*."

Trask spluttered. "I don't understand."

The Security Officer continued. "He occupied this room for a day about a week before you arrived. He checked out, con-

veniently forgetting to return his key. Then, he kept close tabs, by hanging around the desk downstairs in the lobby, as to who engaged this room.

"He may have actually seen you sign the register. He checked your identity, discovered you were an oil man in New York on vacation. He might have figured that you would probably be carrying a large amount of cash on you."

"I certainly have—about \$10,000!" interjected the oil man.

"Exactly," replied the detective, evenly. "Finally, to make sure that you were out, he called your room. When he received no answer, he came up here, and opened the door with the key he had previously 'forgotten' to return."

The oil man whistled. "Pretty cool stunt," he said. "And he's a pretty quick thinker, too," he added, "thinking up that yarn he gave me about being a security officer checking on smoke."

The detective was unimpressed, however. "The stunt isn't as cool, as you call it, as you think. As a matter of fact, it's one of the oldest dodges in the trade. As for his yarn about being a security officer when he's surprised, it's also been done a million times."

But Trask had one more question for the hotel detective. "Before you go, I wonder if you'd mind telling me—how'd you get wise to him? After all, there are thousands of guests in this hotel. How'd you know he was a crook when he took the elevator up to my floor?"

The legitimate Security Officer smiled. "Easy. In fact, I'd say it was *automatic*. You see, we keep a look-out for guests who have walked off with their keys. Although most of the time, it happens accidentally and innocently, just the same we take no chances."

"But what's more important, the phone operator notifies the Security Office every time a phone rings in a room, and isn't answered."

Trask uttered an appreciative laugh, and turned to the glum culprit.

"You didn't have a chance!" he exclaimed.

The above incident, which really happened, illustrates the new type of detective that has appeared on the scene in hotel lobbies and corridors during the past decade. Gone are the days of the cigar-smoking, derby-wearing house detective, who was wont to prop one elbow on the registration desk and leer accusingly at every person checking in.

The present-day Security Officer, as the hotel detective is now known, is typically a well-dressed, soft-spoken man, who might be mistaken for the hotel manager, or the occupant of one of the better rooms in the hotel.

What's more, he is usually an excellent detective. Thinking back, you may not recall even having seen the house detective last time you stayed at a hotel. But you can be sure that *he saw you!* And you can also be sure that you were given a careful scrutiny.

Every article of clothing you wore was given a once-over, as well as the bag you placed at your side on the carpet. Even the tone and timbre of your voice went into the rapid-fire estimate the detective made of your intentions as a prospective hotel guest.

This scrutiny, of course, was strictly for the security of decent, respectable people. It's quite a job to police the average 2000-room hotel, especially when its police force has to operate in such a manner that the hotel guests aren't even aware of their existence.



# BATMAN



# BATMAN

IT'S A NEW ROLE INDEED FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN WHEN THEY BECOME STAND-INS FOR... BATMAN AND ROBIN! CONFUSING, YOU SAY? WELL, READ ON AND YOU'LL SEE THAT IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE, WHEN THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTER DONS THE ATTIRE OF MAN-OF-THE-BATS, GALLANT MASKED LAWMAN OF THE WEST, AND BEGINS HIS ROLE AS...

## BATMAN-INDIAN CHIEF!



by  
BOB KANE



# BATMAN



ONE NIGHT, AS THE FAMED BAT-PLANE SOARS OVER MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN, FAR FROM GOTHAM CITY...

IN ABOUT TEN HOURS, WE'LL BE BACK HOME! I CAN'T SAY I WON'T BE GLAD!

SAME HERE! THESE DISTANT MISSIONS MAKE ME HOMESICK!



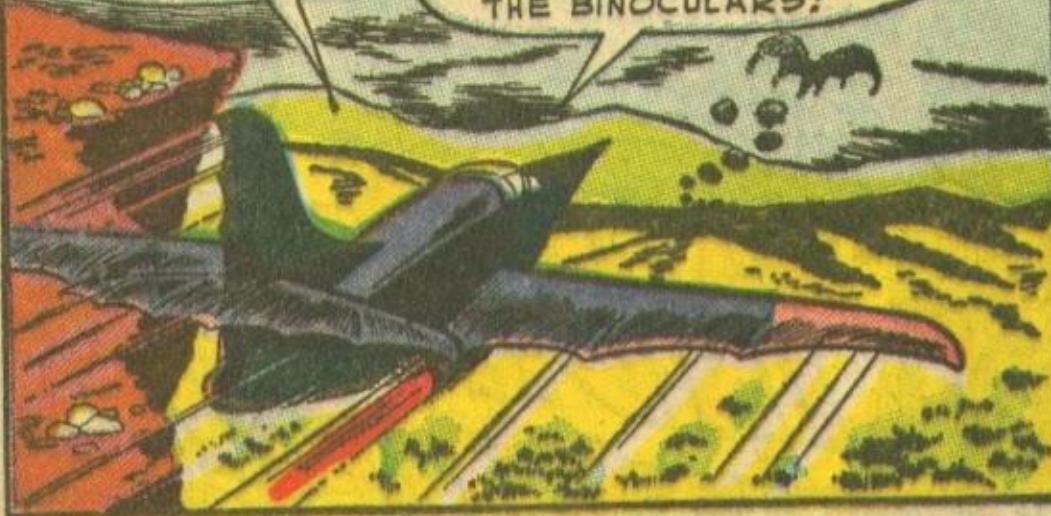
INSIDE ARE BATMAN AND ROBIN WITH THEIR MASKS FLUNG BACK, REVEALING THE FACES OF BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON...

GREAT GUNS! AM I SEEING THINGS? LOOK OVER THERE!



A BAT-SIGNAL... IN SMOKE! WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT?

WHAT ELSE CAN IT BE, EXCEPT SOMEONE SUMMONING US! BUT WHO?... AND WHY? TAKE A LOOK THROUGH THE BINOCULARS!



THIS GETS MORE INCREDIBLE BY THE MINUTE! THERE'S A BOY DOWN THERE WHO LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE ME!

STUNNED BY THESE SURPRISING EVENTS, THE CAPE CRIME-FIGHTERS HURRIEDLY LAND THE BAT-PLANE IN A SHELTERED CLEARING, AND...

A BAT-SIGNAL IN THE FORM OF SMOKE-- A BOY WHO LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE YOU, ROBIN... THIS CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION! COME ON!



AND DEEP IN THE WOODS, STILL ANOTHER SURPRISE... A CANOE BEARING A BAT-SYMBOL, AND A CAVERN NOT UNLIKE THEIR OWN BAT-CAVE!

BUT WHAT LISTEN... VOICES CAN THIS MEAN? LET'S HAVE A LOOK!





# BATMAN



A MOMENT LATER, INSIDE...

NO, FATHER! YOU CAN'T GO OUT  
NOW AS CHIEF MAN-OF-THE-BATS!  
YOUR WOUND WILL  
BETRAY YOU!

BATMAN! ROBIN!  
THE GREAT MYSTERY  
HAS SENT YOU!

WHAT?



CHIEF  
MAN-  
OF-  
THE-  
BATS?  
I DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND!

GREAT EAGLE  
IS MY REAL NAME,  
O BATMAN--AND  
THIS IS MY SON,  
LITTLE RAVEN!  
WE ARE OF THE  
SIOUX TRIBE! LONG  
HAVE WE PLAYED  
THE ROLES OF  
BATMAN AND  
ROBIN!

WHEN DRESSED AS YOU, I  
AM KNOWN AS CHIEF  
MAN-OF-THE-BATS!  
IN OUR WAR AGAINST  
CRIME, WE OPERATE  
HERE, FROM OUR OWN  
VERSION OF A  
BAT-CAVE!

AMAZING! BUT  
TELL ME-- HOW  
WERE YOU  
WOUNDED?

VILLAINOUS BLACK  
ELK AND HIS RAIDERS  
HAVE BEEN TERRORIZING  
THE COUNTRYSIDE, AND  
WE HAVE BEEN TRYING  
TO PUT AN END TO THEM!  
BUT JUST TODAY...



...BLACK ELK LED A RAID ON MY VILLAGE  
AND BEFORE I COULD SWITCH TO MAN-  
OF-THE-BATS, HIS SPEAR THRUST  
FOUND MY SHOULDER!"

LONG HAVE I THOUGHT YOU AND MAN-OF-  
THE-BATS TO BE THE SAME PERSON!  
WELL, NOW WE SHALL SEE! IF MAN-  
OF-THE-BATS APPEARS WITH A  
WOUNDED SHOULDER, I SHALL  
THEN KNOW HIS  
TRUE IDENTITY!





# BATMAN



HMM... WE'VE RUN INTO SIMILAR PROBLEMS,  
TRYING TO PROTECT OUR REAL IDENTITIES!  
BUT LITTLE RAVEN IS RIGHT... YOU  
CAN'T APPEAR AS MAN-OF-  
THE-BATS WITH THAT  
WOUNDED SHOULDER!



THEN WHAT CAN BE DONE?  
IF HE DOESN'T APPEAR,  
ALL SHALL KNOW IT IS  
BECAUSE OF THE SPEAR  
WOUND... AND ALL SHALL  
KNOW MY TRUE  
IDENTITY!

ARE YOU THINKING  
THE SAME THING  
I AM, ROBIN?

I'D  
SAY  
SO!



GREAT EAGLE,  
SUPPOSING ROBIN  
AND I PLAYED THE  
ROLES OF CHIEF  
MAN-OF-THE-  
BATS AND  
LITTLE RAVEN?

THAT WOULD INDEED  
SAVE THE SITUATION!  
HERE... WE MUST  
GET YOU INTO MY  
COSTUME -- AND  
ACQUAINT YOU WITH  
MY UTILITY BELT!



THUS, WITHIN A FEW SHORT MINUTES...

THERE! THE DISGUISE IS COMPLETE!  
NONE COULD GUESS YOU ARE NOT ME!  
BUT YOU MUST TAKE ONE  
PRECAUTION...



YOU MUST PERFORM  
ONLY IN INDIAN FASHION!  
IF NOT, PEOPLE WILL  
GUESS IMMEDIATELY  
THAT YOU ARE  
STAND-INS  
FOR US!

WELL, OUR JOB'S  
CUT OUT FOR US!  
LET'S HEAD FOR  
OUR FIRST  
ENCOUNTER WITH  
BLACK ELK'S  
RAIDERS!





# BATMAN



A BOW TWANGS, THEN ANOTHER--AND ANOTHER...



SWERVING, THE CAR SMASHES INTO THE BASE OF THE DERRICK...

THEY'LL NEVER CRACK THROUGH OUR ARMOR!  
LET 'EM HAVE IT!



BUT BEFORE THE GUARDS CAN OPEN FIRE, FLAMING SHAFTS STREAK THROUGH THE GUN SLOTS...

YOW! ARROWS SATURATED WITH KEROSENE!  
THEY'RE SETTING THE CAR ON FIRE!



RUSHING OUT FRANTICALLY, THE GUARDS ARE QUICKLY SUBDOED...

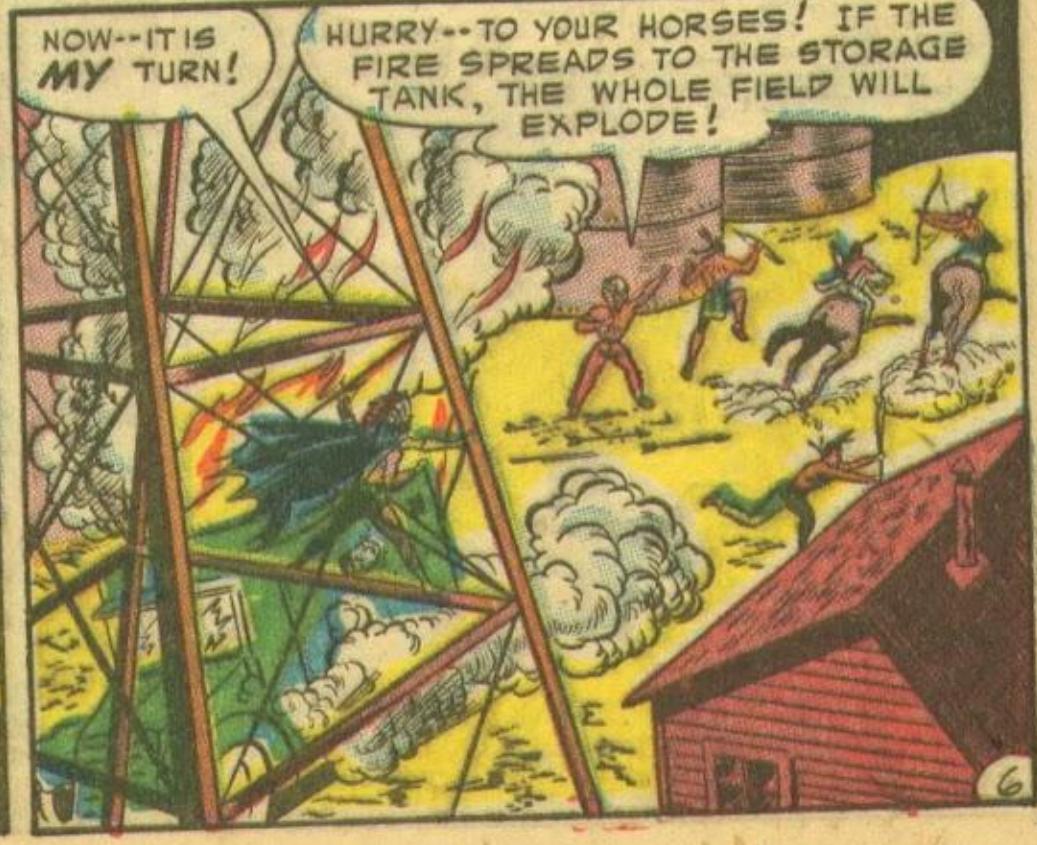
NOW--THE PAYROLL! MAKE HASTE--  
BEFORE THE FLAMES CONSUME IT!



BUT, AT THAT MOMENT, ATTRACTED BY THE BLAZE BELOW, TWO FIGURES SWING FROM ONE OF THE TOWERING DERRICKS...



# BATMAN





# BATMAN



AND AS THE RAIDERS GALLOP OFF...

THEY'RE GETTING AWAY-- BUT PUTTING THAT FIRE OUT IS MORE IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW! IF THE FLAMES EVER REACH THE STORAGE TANKS-- AS BLACK ELK SAID-- EVERYTHING WILL GO UP!

A TWO-MAN BUCKET BRIGADE OUGHT TO TURN THE TRICK!

SHORTLY...

INJUNS--YOU SAVED THE PAYROLL! THANKS!

WE HAVE OTHER WORK NOW! WE ARE GOING AFTER BLACK ELK!



LATER, AS THEY SCAN THE NEARBY TERRAIN...

COME ON... WE'LL GET THE BATPLANE AND FOLLOW THEM! NO! WE'VE GOT TO HANDLE THIS LIKE INDIANS--REMEMBER! HERE'S THEIR TRAIL-- HEADING SOUTH TOWARD THE RIVER!



AND AT THE RIVER, WHERE, AT FIRST, THE TRAIL SEEMS LOST FOREVER...

SEE BELOW, ON THE RIVER'S BOTTOM? SMALL STONES AND PEBBLES HAVE BEEN OVERTURNED! THAT PATTERN CONTINUES SOUTHWARD!

THE STONES WERE DISTURBED BY HORSES' FEET! EVEN THOUGH THE ACTUAL TRACKS ARE WASHED AWAY-- WE NOW KNOW WHICH DIRECTION BLACK ELK TOOK!

THEY'LL HAVE TO LEAVE THE RIVER SOMETIME... AND WHEN THEY DO, WE'LL BE ABLE TO PICK UP THEIR TRAIL AGAIN!



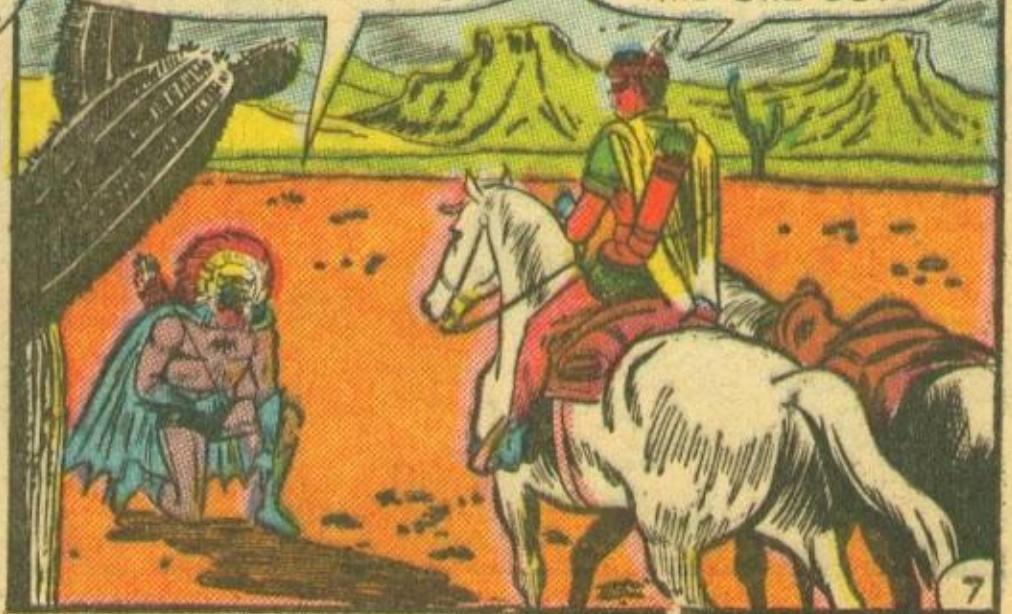
BUT SOME MILES FURTHER ON, THE TRACKS EMERGE FROM THE RIVER ONLY TO END ABRUPTLY, AT THE EDGE OF A VAST, STONY FLATNESS...

THEY HEADED ACROSS THE LAVA FLATS! HORSES DON'T LEAVE PRINTS IN HARD STONE! WE'RE BEATEN!

NO! NOT YET! AGAIN WE'VE GOT TO PLAY INDIAN! GREAT EAGLE WOULD FIND THE TRAIL... SO WILL WE!

INDIAN PONIES DON'T WEAR HORSESHOES... BUT SEE THESE SMALL SCRAPINGS OF BONY SUBSTANCE? THAT WAS LEFT BY THE FEET OF THEIR HORSES!

THEN WE CAN STILL FOLLOW THEM! GREAT EAGLE SHOULD BE PROUD OF US FOR FIGURING THIS ONE OUT!

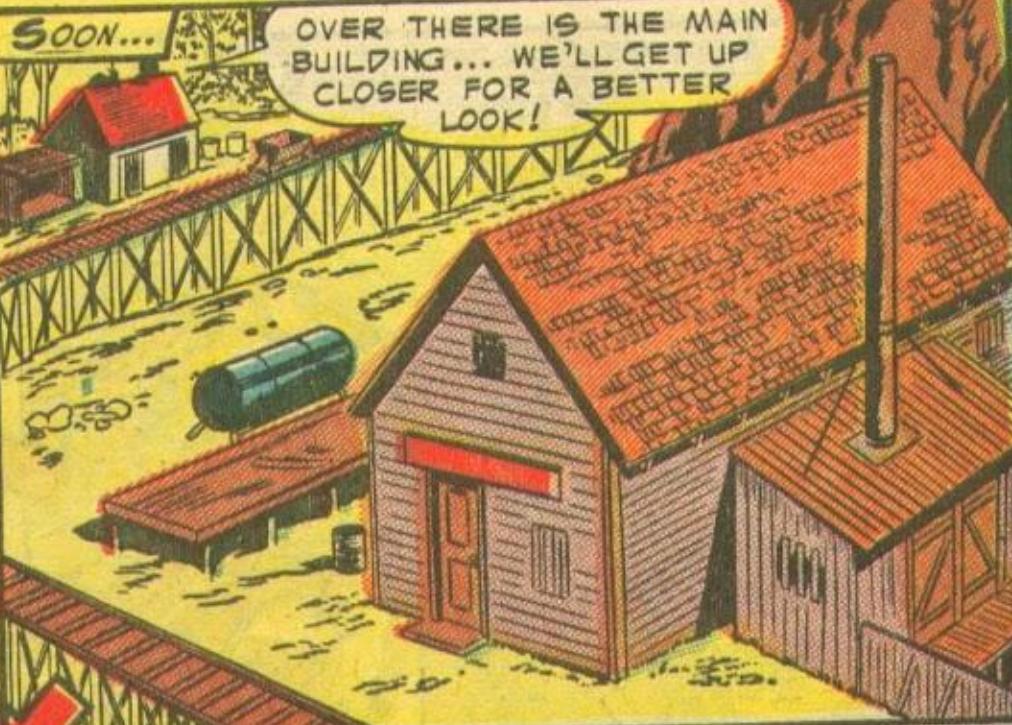




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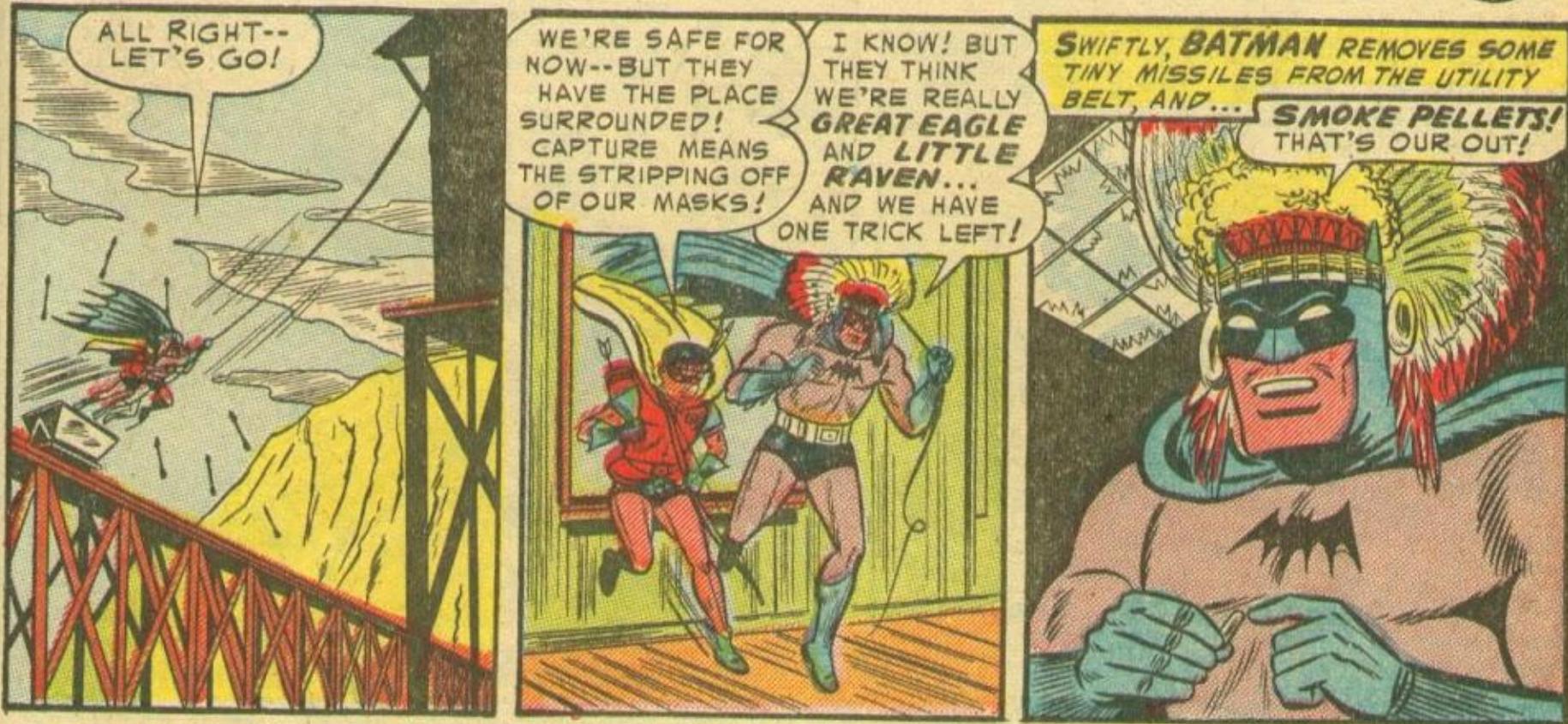


FINALLY, AS DAWN BREAKS...  
THEIR TRAIL LEADS HERE-- OF THE ROOFS  
TO AN OLD MINE! THIS, AND HAVE A  
I THINK, IS BLACK LOOK AROUND!





# BATMAN



AS THE PELLETS STRIKE THE FLOOR AND BURST, THICK CLOUDS BILLOW SKYWARD...

NOW, SOMEHOW, WE'VE GOT TO STALL THE RAIDERS! GET YOUR BOW AND ARROWS READY!



ONLY ONE ARROW LEFT! AFTER THAT, IT'S CURTAINS! WE'VE PROTECTED GREAT EAGLE'S IDENTITY--BUT NOW WE'RE IN DANGER OF REVEALING OUR OWN!

LISTEN! THEY'RE SHOUTING ABOUT SOMETHING!



LOOK, O BLACK ELK! IT IS GREAT EAGLE HIMSELF! HE AND MAN-OF-THE-BATS CANNOT POSSIBLY BE THE SAME PERSON!

THEN WHO CAN MAN-OF-THE-BATS BE?





# BATMAN

BUT BEFORE THE INDIAN OUTLAW CAN SAY MORE, A VINE ROPE SETTLES ABOUT HIM, AND LIFTS HIM FROM THE GROUND...



AND SO, PRESENTLY...  
MANY JAILS ARE ANXIOUS  
TO ACCOMODATE  
**BLACK ELK!**  
THANKS TO YOU,  
**MAN-OF-THE-BATS**,  
HE AND HIS RAIDERS  
SOON WILL BE  
BEHIND BARS!

I WONDER  
WHO YOU  
ARE,  
**MAN-OF-**  
**THE-BATS!**  
SOME DAY,  
I SHALL FIND  
OUT!

MUCH LATER, BACK AT GREAT EAGLE'S CAVE...

YOUR REAL IDENTITY  
REMAINS A SECRET...  
BUT NOW WE MUST  
LEAVE! THE BAT-  
PLANE IS NEARBY,  
AND WE HAVE MANY  
MILES TO COVER  
TONIGHT!

HAD I NOT SEEN  
YOUR SMOKE  
SIGNALS, **BLACK**  
**ELK** MAY HAVE  
LEARNED OF YOUR  
IDENTITY! BUT THAT,  
TOO, REMAINS A  
SECRET! FARE-  
WELL, **BATMAN!**

AND AS THE BAT-PLANE  
TAKES OFF FOR GOTHAM  
CITY...

WHO KNOW?...  
MAYBE ONE DAY, MY  
SON, **WE** CAN GO TO  
THE GREAT CITY AND  
DO **THEM** A FAVOR!  
WE SHALL SEE!

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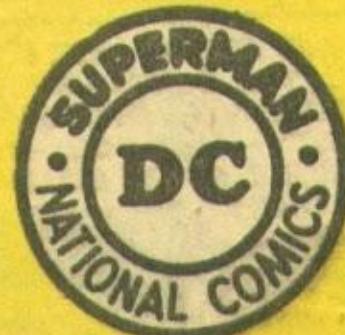
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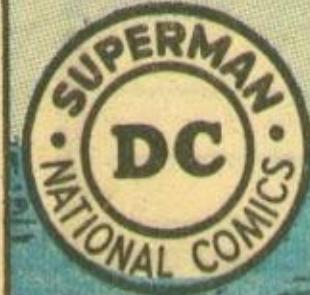
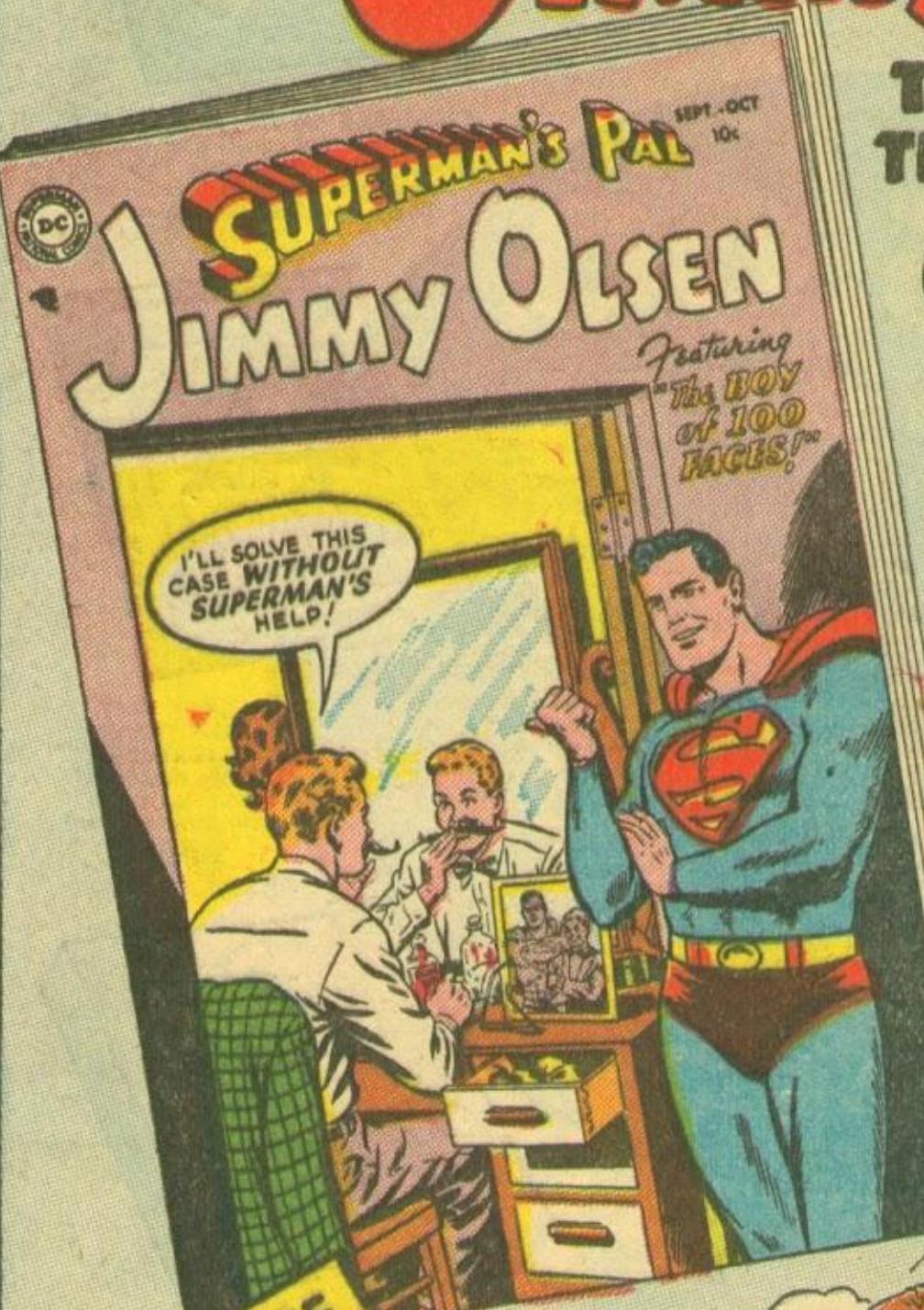
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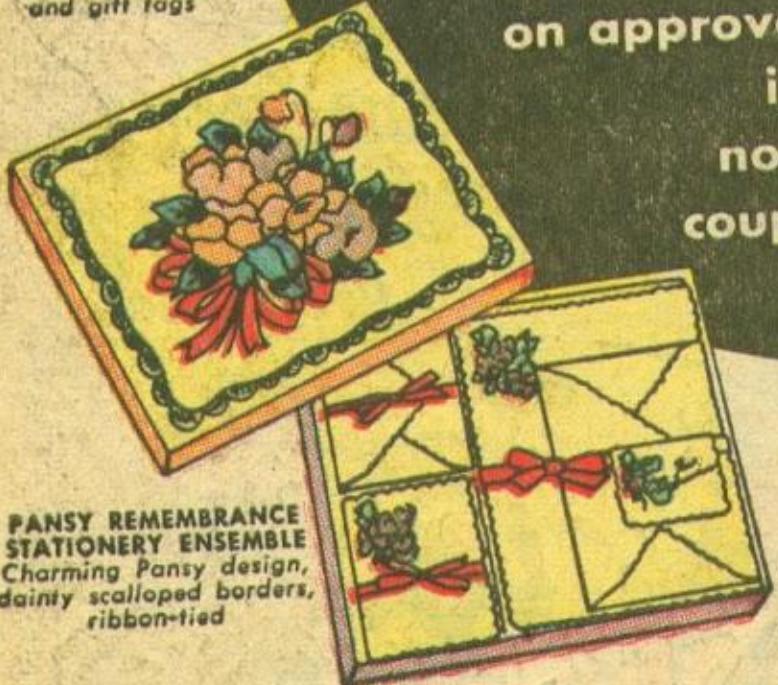
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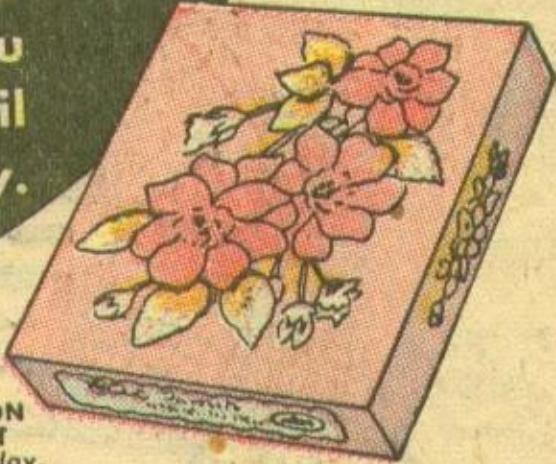
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Below is Cleveland

**BEFORE**

He Mailed Coupon

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Skeleton

He says,  
I gained  
70 lbs.  
of  
mighty  
muscle

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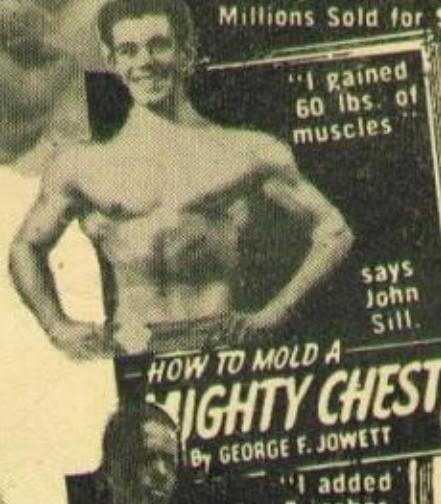


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2

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