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WITH
ROBIN

- THE BOY WONDER -

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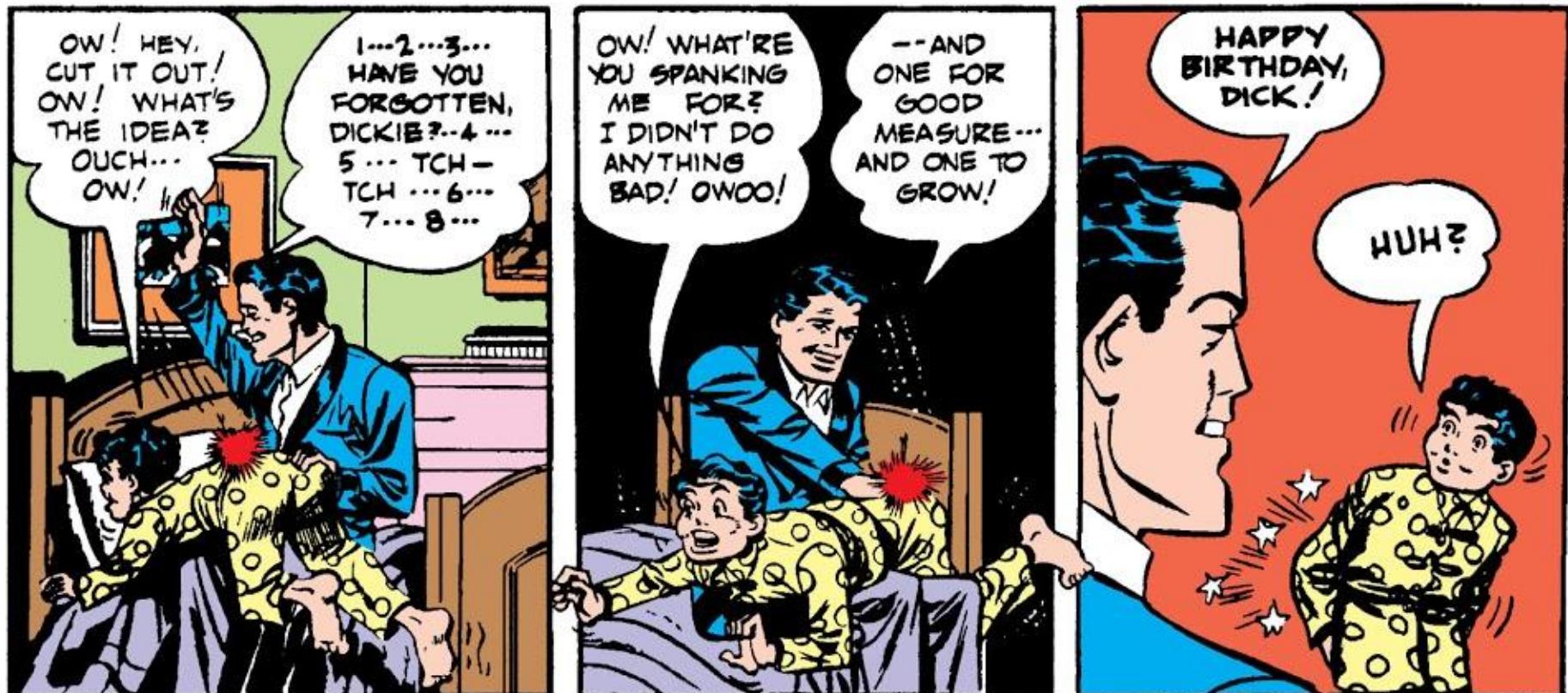
UNCOUNTED MILLIONS OF
YEARS AGO, THE GREAT
DINOSAURS ROAMED THE EARTH,
MASTERS OF THE WORLD! SO
THE BOOKS SAY---BUT FATE CASTS
UP BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY
WONDER ON A LONELY DOT OF
OCEAN-LAPPED LAND WHERE MAN
MUST BATTLE BARE-HANDED THESE
FEARSOME GIANTS OF THE
FABLED PAST! FOR HERE IS AN
OASIS OF ETERNITY WHICH TIME
SEEMINGLY HAS MIRACULOUSLY LEFT
UNTOUCHED...

NOW COME WITH US ON A
WHIRLWIND FANTASY!...BRAVE THE
UNKNOWN PERILS OF MONSTER-HAUNTED
JUNGLES...ON--
"THE ISLE THAT TIME FORGOT!"

ACROSS THE CALM FACE OF
A SLEEPING, UNSUSPECTING
LAD FALLS THE DARK SHADOW
OF A GROPING HAND!



STEELY
FINGERS
CLAMP
TIGHT
ON THE
BOY. A
STRONG
HAND
RISBS--
FALLS--
SLAPS
SHARPLY
AGAINST
YIELDING
FLESH--



THAT NIGHT---THE SMALL PLANE LIFTS ITS WINGS, EAGER AS A SMALL BIRD FOR ITS FIRST FLIGHT--



...FOR COLORFUL GARB HAS TRANSFORMED THEM INTO THAT CRIME-BUSTING TEAM--BATMAN AND ROBIN!

HOW DOES SHE HANDLE, ROBIN? (KID ISN'T EVEN LISTENING!)

BOYOBODY!
MY OWN
BATPLANE!
GOLLY!

AND AT ITS CONTROLS ARE NOT JUST PLAIN BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON--

IN THE NEXT HOUR, ROBIN SUBJECTS THE PLANE TO A GRUELING TEST: POWER DIVES, TURNS, SPINS---



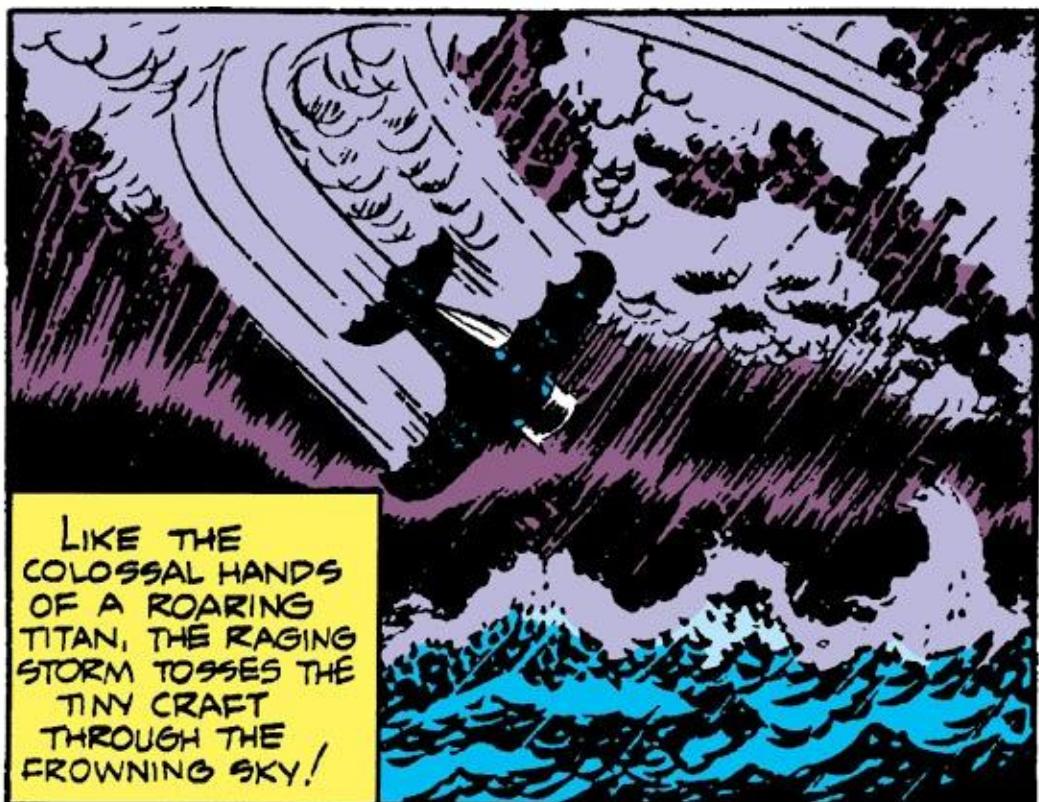
AND THEN---WITHOUT WARNING---

HUH? IT'S SHAKING LIKE A LEAF IN A WIND!

WIND IS RIGHT! AND WHAT A WIND! A HURRICANE HAS JUST BROKEN LOOSE--AND WE'RE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF IT!



LIKE THE COLOSSAL HANDS OF A ROARING TITAN, THE RAGING STORM TOSSES THE TINY CRAFT THROUGH THE FROWNING SKY!



ALL NIGHT THEY BRAVE THE INVISIBLE TERROR OF THE BUFFETING WIND!



AND AT LAST THE SCARLET SUNRISE COMES--BREAKING THE STORM!

ROBIN, THIS PLANE CAN TAKE IT! NOT MANY COULD HAVE SURVIV-- HEY! AN ISLAND!

UNINHABITED, I'LL BET!



BATMAN,
PINCH
ME! I--
I THINK
I SEE A
DINOSAUR--
A DINOSAUR!

DON'T GET
GAY! YOU
KNOW AS WELL
AS I DO
DINOSAURS
LIVED
MILLIONS
YEARS AGO!
GIVE ME
THOSE GLASSES!



AS THE BATMAN'S EYES SWEEP THE ISLAND, HE SEES...



I DIDN'T SEE ANY DINOSAUR, BUT I CERTAINLY SAW SOME PEOPLE IN TROUBLE! LOOKS LIKE WE'VE FOUND OURSELVES A CASE!

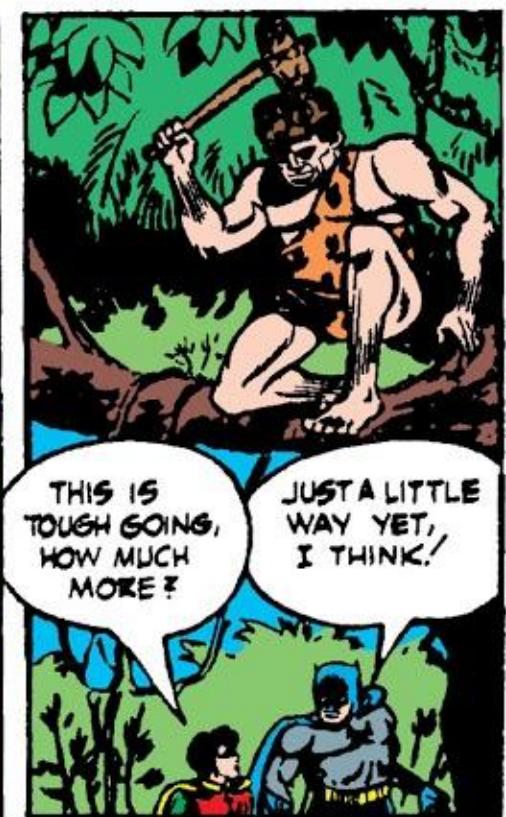
CIRCLING THE STRANGE ISLAND WITH MOTOR SILENCED, THE PLANE SWOOPS TOWARD A CLEAR FIELD OUT OF SIGHT OF THE MYSTERIOUS FIGURES ON THE BEACH!

I'M TELLING YOU I SAW A DINOSAUR! ...OOPS!

A DINOSAUR IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY! SEE WHAT YOU GET FOR TELLING LIES!

BUT AS THEY PICK THEIR WAY THROUGH THE DARK FOLIAGE, HIDDEN MEN SURVEY THEIR PROGRESS.

I THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED THAT PLANE! BATMAN AND ROBIN, EH? HMM! I HAVE AN IDEA THAT THIS TIME THEIR CURIOSITY WILL GIVE THEM MORE THAN THEY BARGAINED FOR! HMM!



THIS IS TOUGH GOING, HOW MUCH MORE?

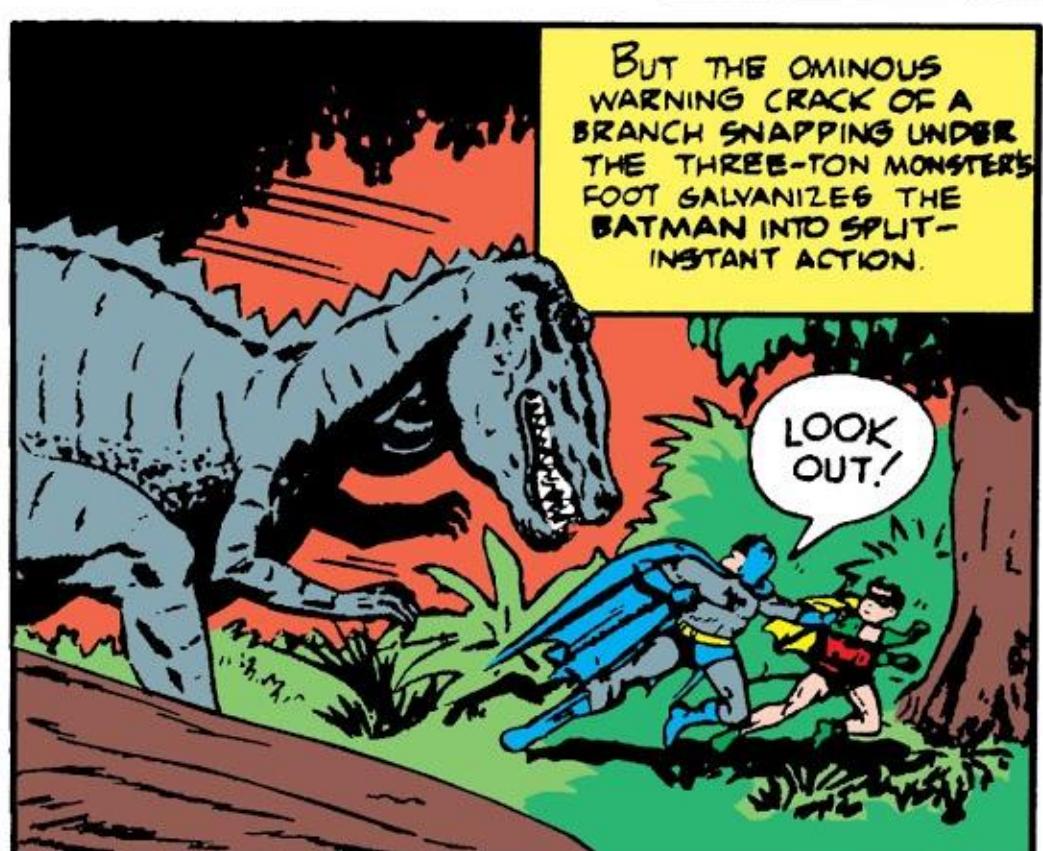
JUST A LITTLE WAY YET, I THINK!

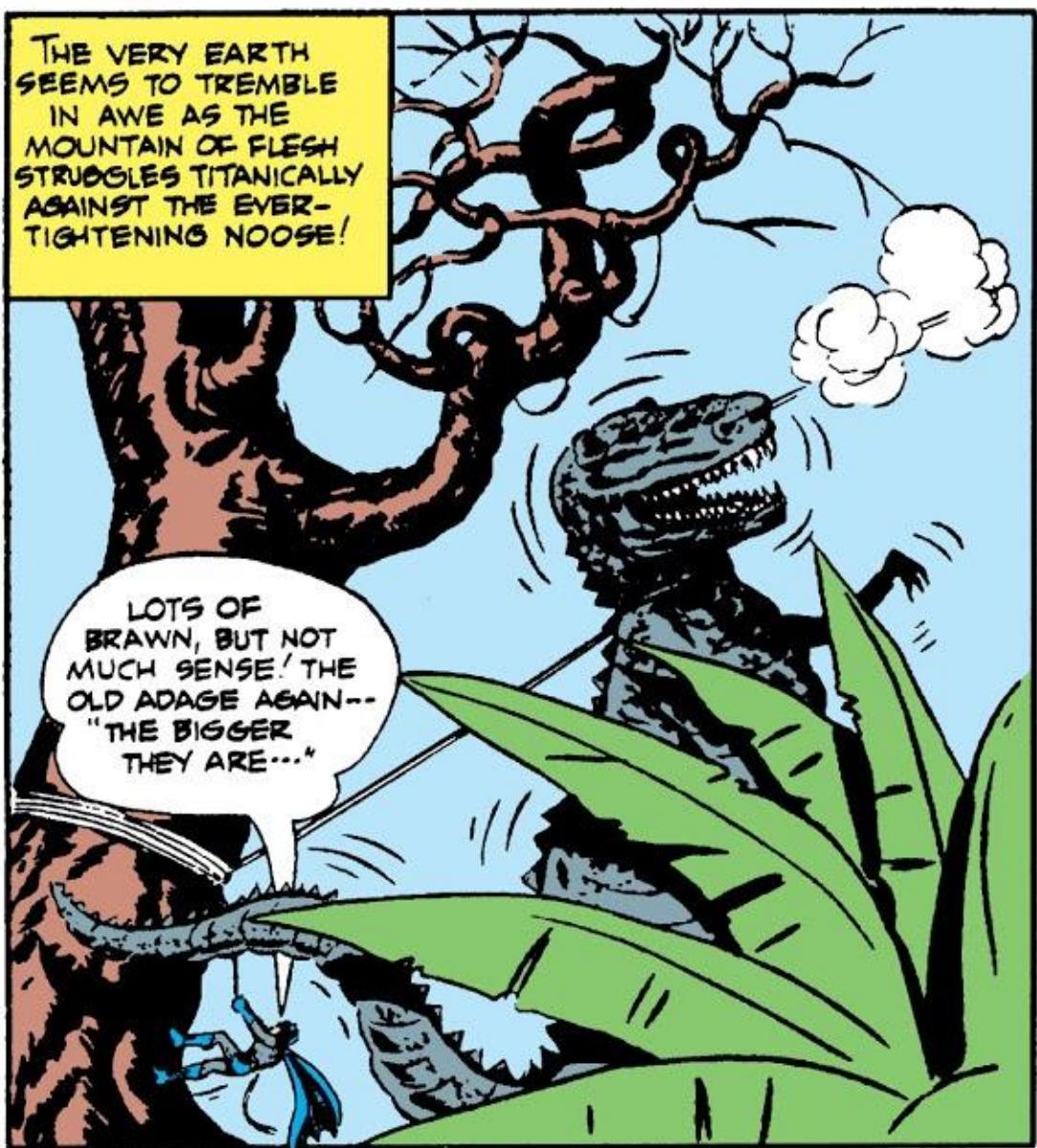
THAT DINOSAUR WAS RE... UH!

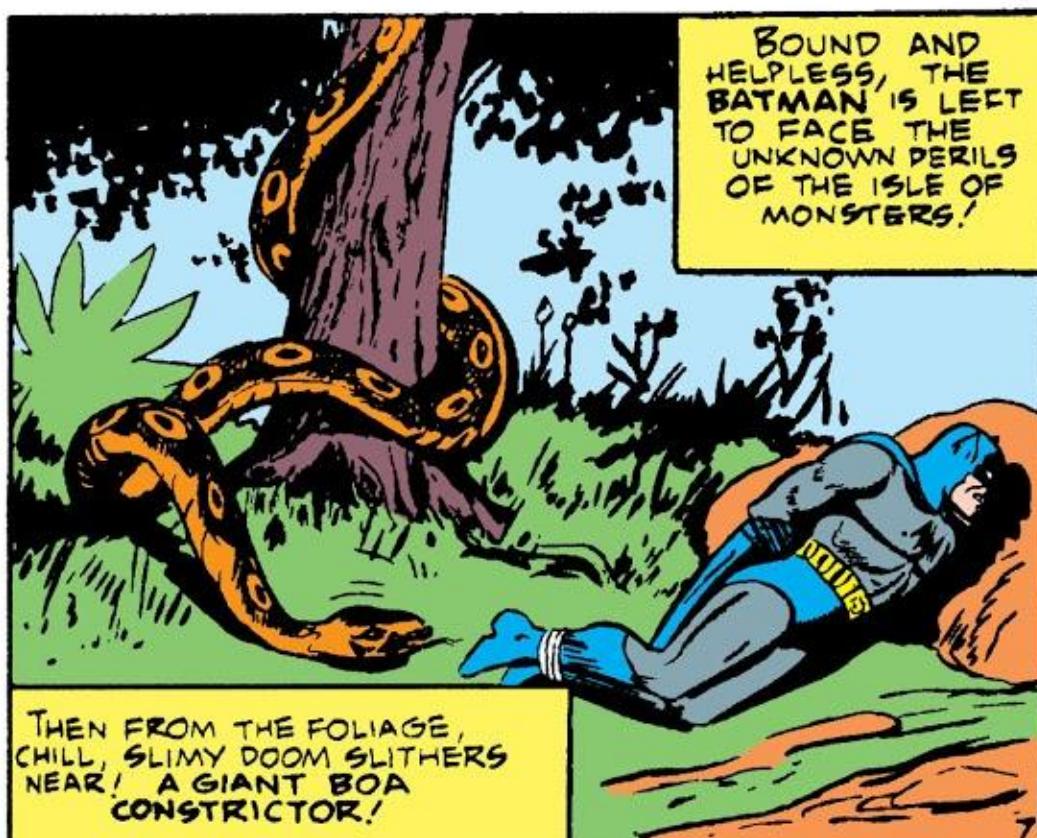
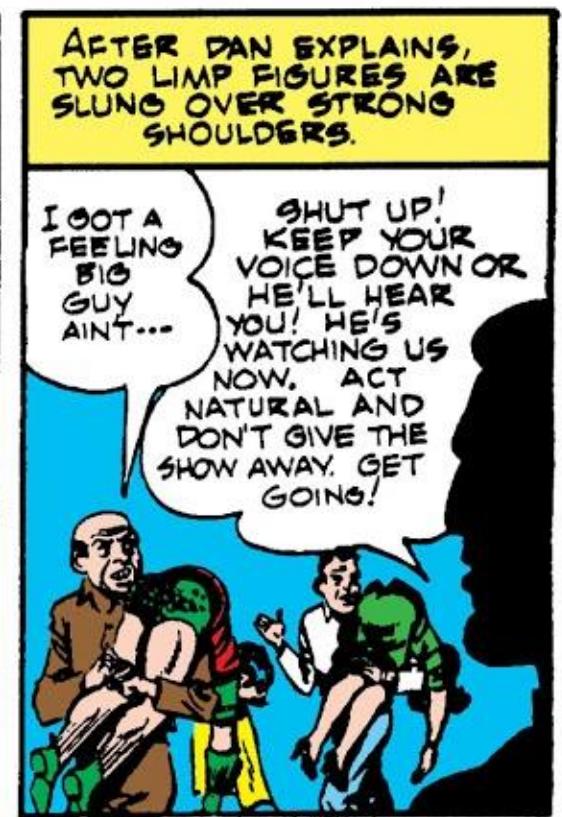
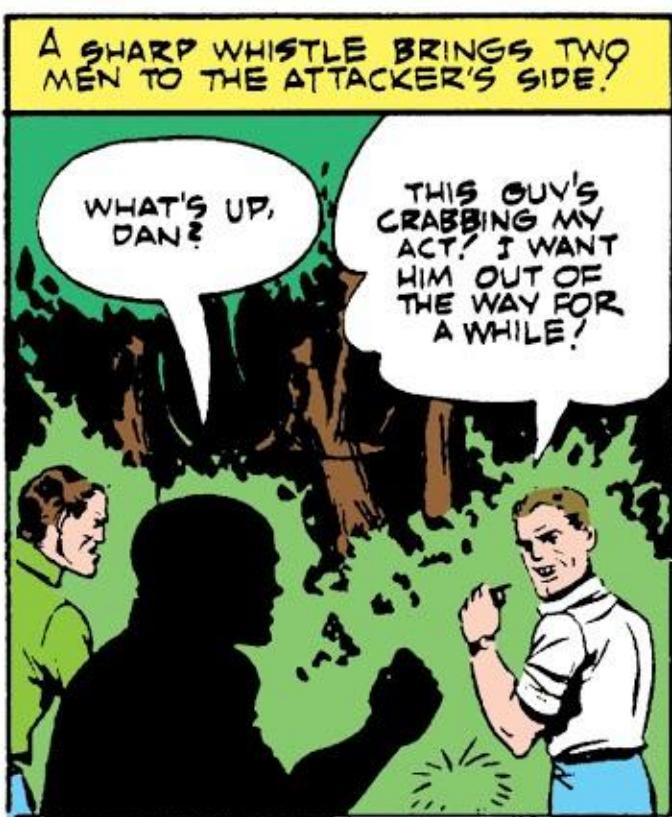
MANY, MANY MINUTES LATER, BATMAN AND ROBIN SHAKE THE FOG FROM THEIR ACHING HEADS --- AND SEE ---

DON'T TRY TO TELL ME YOU WERE SHIPWRECKED HERE! BAH! YOU ALL WANT TO KILL ME --- TAKE MY ISLAND AWAY FROM ME! YOU WANT MY GLORY, BUT YOU WON'T HAVE IT!

I --- PROFESSOR MOLOFF --- I DISCOVERED IT! WHEN I HAVE FINISHED MY BOOK, I SHALL RETURN TO CIVILIZATION FOR FAME AND RICHES. I SHALL HAVE MADE THE SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY OF ALL TIME! I WILL BE ACCLAIMED!







LOOP AFTER LOOP OF MUSCLED COILS SQUEEZE THE BATMAN IN DEATH'S COLD CLASP! RIBS CREAK UNDER THE TERRIBLE PRESSURE.

(UGH) ...WONDER HOW ROBIN'S MAKING OUT? ... (UGH) ...WHAT A WAY TO DIE! ... I'D LIKE TO SEE THE EXPRESSION ON THE JOKER'S FACE WHEN HE READS MY OBITUARY... (UGH)



JUST WHEN DARKNESS CLOSES IN --- JUST WHEN THE BATMAN'S HEART THREATENS TO BURST... A RIFLE SHOT CRASHES THE SILENCE!



THE BATMAN CUTS HIS BONDS ON A SHARP ROCK ...

HEY! COME OUT! I WANT TO THANK YOU! ... HOW? THAT'S ODD! NO ANSWER! ??

A FOOTPRINT! SOMEBODY WAS HERE ---SAVED MY LIFE --- AND DISAPPEARED! I DON'T GET IT!??

WRETCHING IN DEATH, THE BOA CONstrictor SLIDES FROM THE PAIN-RACKED BODY IT HAD SOUGHT TO CLAIM A VICTIM!



CERTAINLY MOLOFF OR THAT OTHER FELLOW WOULDN'T RESCUE ME! SOMEBODY IS PLAYING MY GUARDIAN ANGEL --- BUT WHO? THIS, MR. BATMAN, IS A WEE BIT MYSTERIOUS!



MEANWHILE, BEFORE A GREAT CAGE OF WITHES BUILT AGAINST THE MOUTH OF A VAST CAVERN IN THE GLOOMY ISLAND DEPTHS ---

THIS THING CAN HOLD ANIMALS, SO IT OUGHTTA HOLD THIS KID!

DAN ---HE MIGHT BE TORN TO PIECES! DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE CARRYING THIS A BIT, TOO FAR!

DON'T BE SILLY, DOLORES. THIS IS ALL PART OF THE GAME! DO YOU REALLY THINK I'M A MURDERER?



YOU--- YOU'RE SURE HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT?

OF COURSE! HONEY, DO YOU REALIZE THIS ISLAND MEANS A FORTUNE FOR US! BURIED TREASURE --- THAT'S WHAT YOU COULD CALL IT---YES, BURIED TREASURE --- NOW---





LIKE A BLOODHOUND ON THE SCENT, THE BATMAN FOLLOWS THE BLIND TRAIL OF THE URGING VOICE EMANATING FROM HIS WIRELESS.



LURCHING THROUGH BRAMBLE, STUMBLING OVER SNAGGING BRUSH AND ROOTS, SICK WITH APPREHENSION, THE BATMAN FOLLOWS THE INVISIBLE RADIO BEAM!



MAN AND BEAST FALL HEAVILY. STEELY LEGS LOCK ABOUT THE WRITHING TIGER.



STRONG HANDS CLAMP AROUND POINTED TUSKS AND ---



DOWN FLASHES THE TUSK ----
BITING DEEP INTO THE TIGER'S
HEART!

AT LEAST, THIS
CERTAINLY MAKES A
FIRST-CLASS
DAGGER!

I KNEW
YOU'D
TAKE HIM!

...AND THEY
KEPT
TALKING
ABOUT THIS
"BIG GUY"
AS IF THEY
WERE
AFRAID OF
HIM!

DINOSAURS--A PHONEY
SABER-TOOCHED TIGER...
A CRAZY PROFESSOR
WITH AN ARMY OF CAVE-
MEN...A PRETTY GIRL--
A FELLOW WHO SLUGS
US FOR SAVING HIS LIFE...
AND THIS "BIG GUY" WHO
SAVED MY LIFE! IT'S A
PUZZLE --- THE STRANGEST
PUZZLE I'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED!

THE DUO ESCAPES
FROM THE
MAKESHIFT
CAGE...

AND NOTICE --- THESE
FERNS AND TREES ARE
CERTAINLY NOT OF THE
MESOZOIC PERIOD OF
THE DINOSAUR!
HMM!

C'MON,
WHY DON'T
WE FIND
THE KEY TO
THIS RIDDLE
RIGHT NOW?
I -- SAY...
I HEAR
VOICES!

FROM THE BROW OF A CLIFF, THE DYNAMIC
DUO SEES A CURIOUS SCENE BELOW.

THE BATMAN WILL
NEVER FIND YOU HERE!
THIS TIME I HAVE YOU!
HA! HA!

SO HE THINKS!
ROBIN, YOU
SLIP AROUND
AND TACKLE
THEM FROM THE
FLANK!

THE INGENIOUS CRIME-FIGHTER WHIPS DOWNWARD
IN SPECTACULAR AERIAL ASSAULT.

THE BATMAN ...
SENSATIONAL AS
USUAL! I'VE GOT
TO KILL HIM...NOW!

MEANWHILE, ROBIN, UPON
CIRCLING THE GROUP, MAKES A
STARTLING DISCOVERY!

A
MACHINE
GUN!

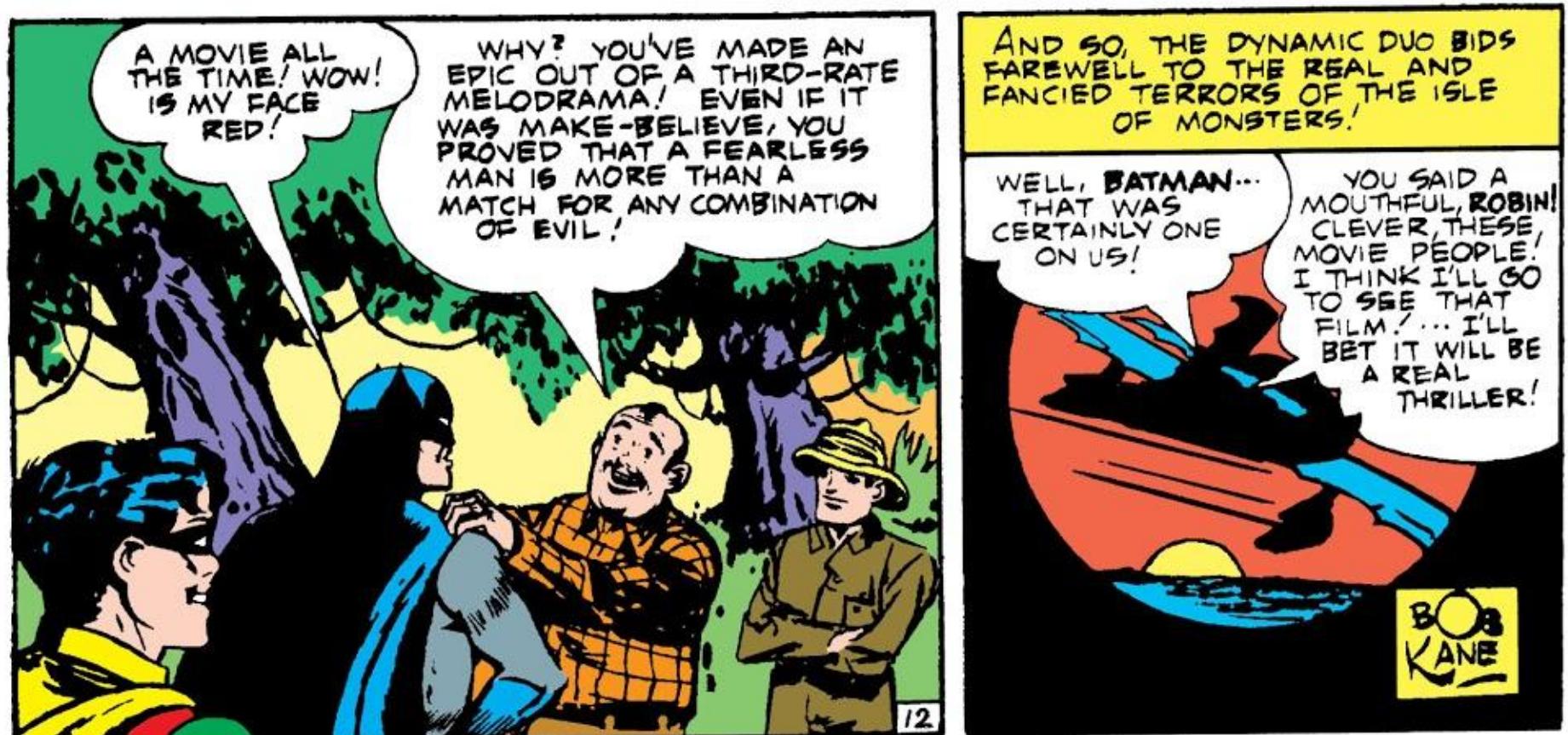
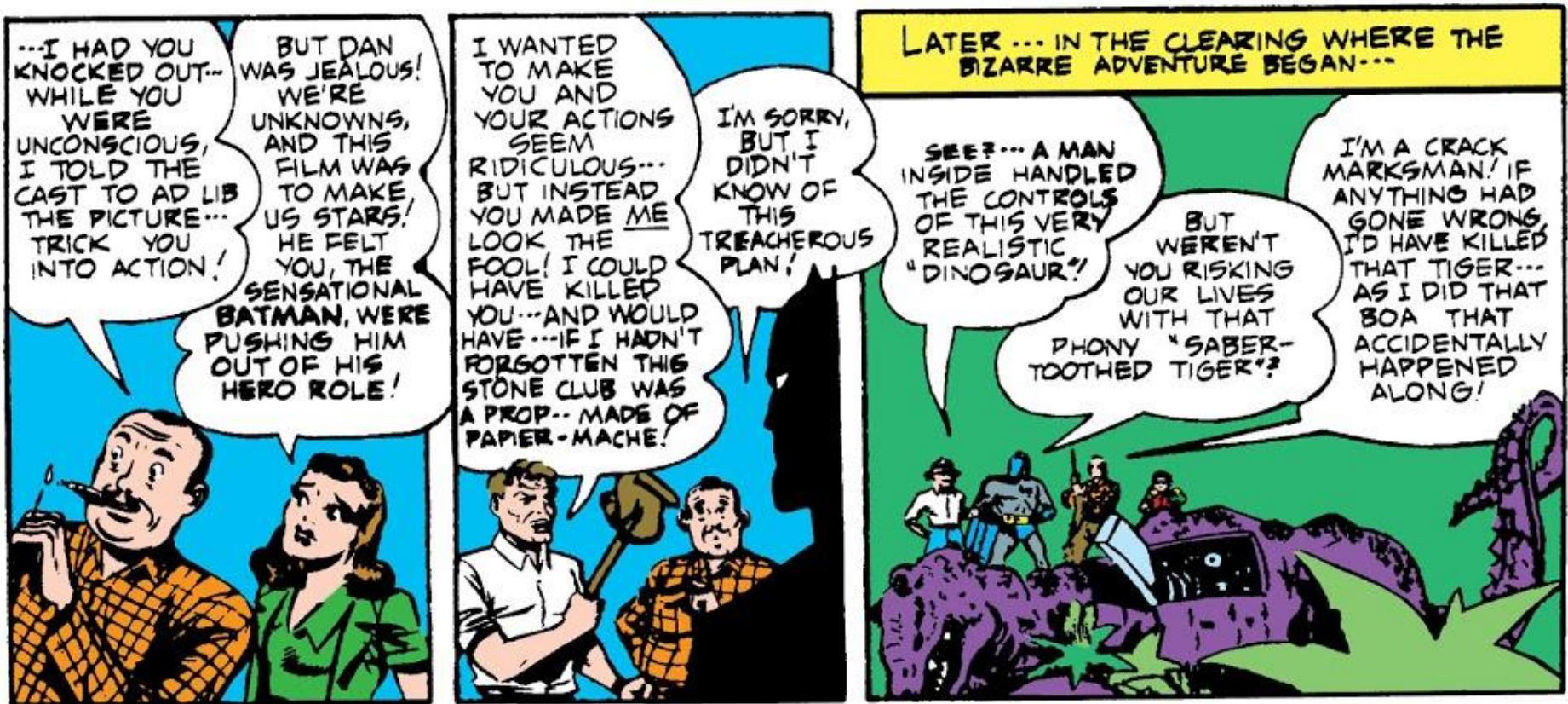
BE SURE
YOU SHOOT
THE BATMAN!

DON'T
WORRY,
BIG GUY--
I NEVER
MISS!

YOU'RE NOT GOING
TO KILL THE
BATMAN THIS DAY--
OR ANY OTHER DAY!

I'LL WRECK THIS
THING BEFORE
YOU HURT
SOMEBODY...HUUH?
A MOVIE CAMERA
WITH A
TELESCOPIC
LENS!

YOU CRAZY
KID! YOU'RE
RUINING
ONE OF
THE
GREATEST
PICTURES
EVER
FILMED!



BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
The BOY WONDER

POST
NO
BILLS

LITTLE TOMMY DIDN'T LIKE TO GO TO SCHOOL. HE PLAYED HOOKY. HE DIDN'T STUDY. HE GOT BAD REPORT CARDS. TOMMY WAS A BA-AD BOY! SO, WHEN REPORT CARD DAY CAME, TOMMY TOOK IT ON THE LAM. HE BEAT IT TO THE BIG TOWN --- AND RAN UP TO HIS NECKTIE!

BUT WHEN TOMMY TOOK THE HIGH ROAD, HE MET THOSE ROVING CRIME-BUSTERS, BATMAN AND ROBIN, WHO SOON SHOWED HIM THE ERROR OF HIS WAYS... IN THIS STORY OF... "REPORT CARD BLUES!"

THE DAY STARTS OFF BADLY FOR LITTLE TOMMY TRENT...

BZZZ --- AW RIGHT... BZZZ --- I'M GETTING UP... BZZZ ---

TOM-MY-Y-Y!
YOU'RE LATE!
TIME TO GET
UP TO GO
TO SCHOOL!



YES, THE DAY STARTS OFF VERY BADLY INDEED.

AND BE SURE YOU GO STRAIGHT TO SCHOOL --- AND NOT PLAY HOOKY AS YOU DID YESTERDAY. YOUR FATHER WILL SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT THAT, TONIGHT!

GOLLY! HOW DID MOM FIND OUT ABOUT THAT?

AS A MATTER OF FACT, TOMMY'S DAY CONTINUES IN TERRIBLE FASHION!

PUPILS, TOMORROW YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR REPORT CARDS!

REPORT CARDS! O-O-O-H! I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD!

HIS FATHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT DOESN'T HELP MATTERS!

TOMMY, I'VE DECIDED NOT TO THRASH YOU IF YOU BRING HOME A BAD REPORT CARD AGAIN! INSTEAD, I WILL FORBID YOU TO PLAY AFTER SCHOOL!

GEE!

LATER--- IN HIS ROOM, TOMMY PONDERS OVER A BIG PROBLEM.

GEE WHIZ! I JUST KNOW I'M SONNA GET A BAD REPORT CARD, AND POP SAYS I WON'T BE ABLE TO PLAY WITH THE FELLAS AFTER SCHOOL IF I DO!

I WON'T BE ABLE TO PLAY FOOTBALL, OR HAVE ANY FUN ANYMORE! HUH! I'LL SHOW 'EM! THEY'LL BE SORRY! I'LL RUN AWAY, THAT'S WHAT!

SOME TIME LATER, A SMALL FIGURE LOOKS LONGLINGLY AT HIS MOTHER AND FATHER ----

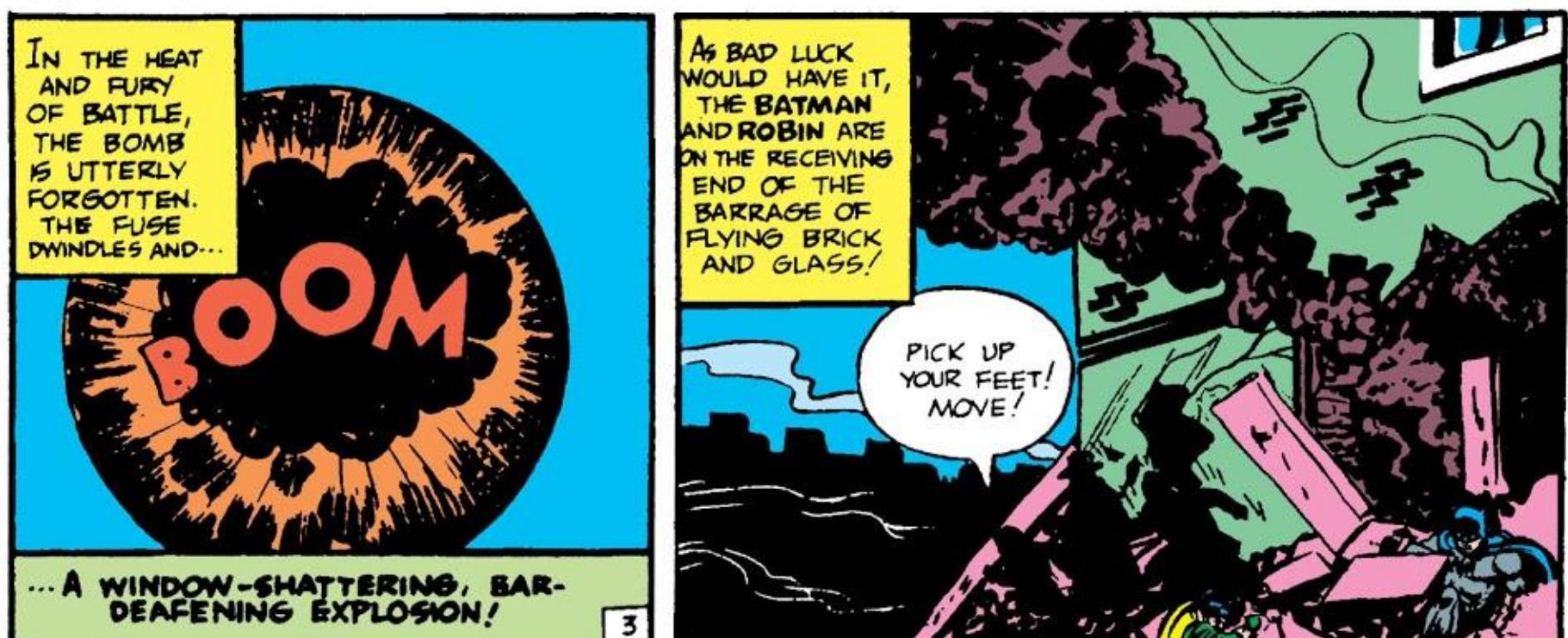
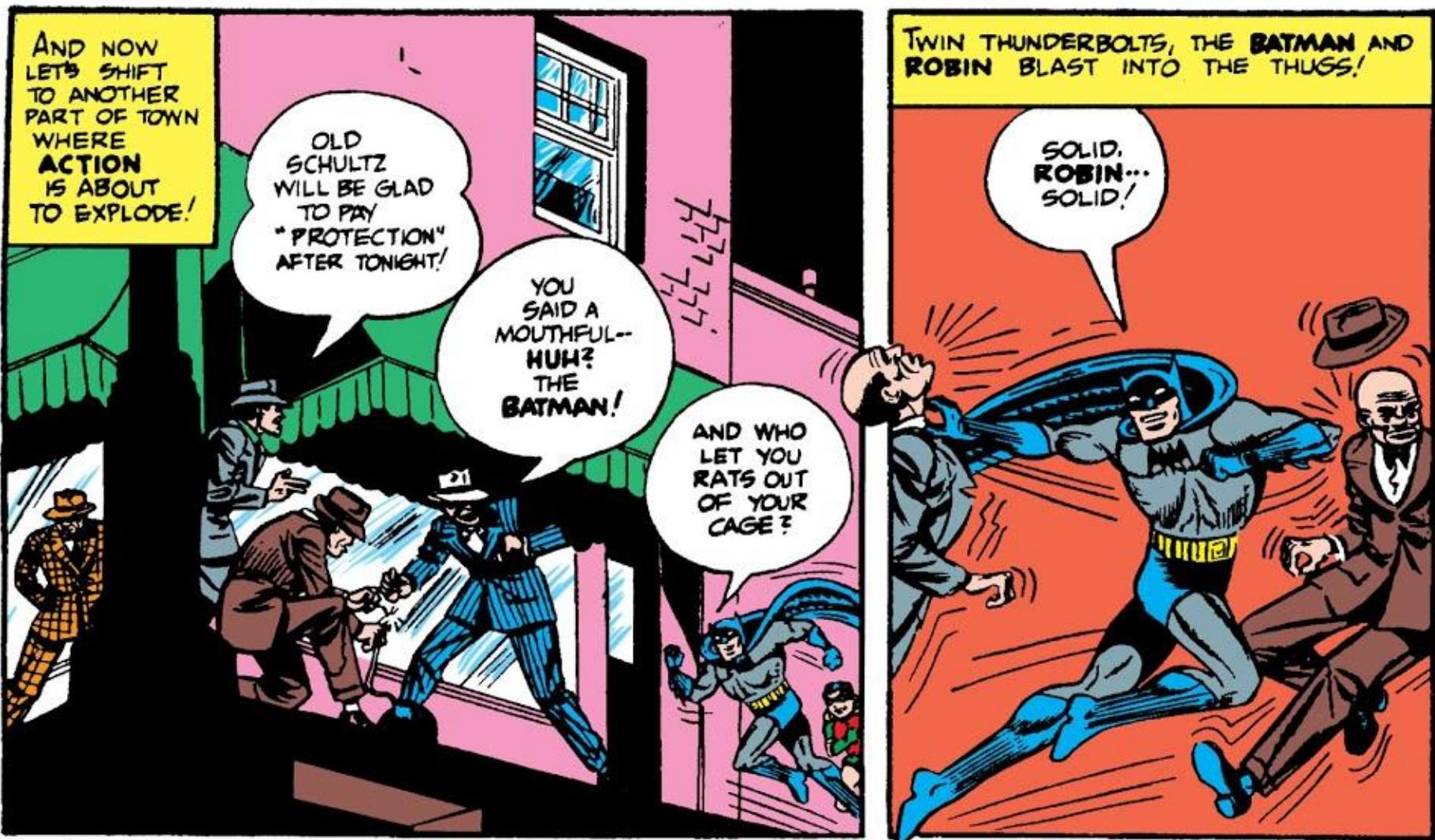
WITH WINTER COMING ON, TOMMY WILL NEED THIS HEAVY SWEATER!

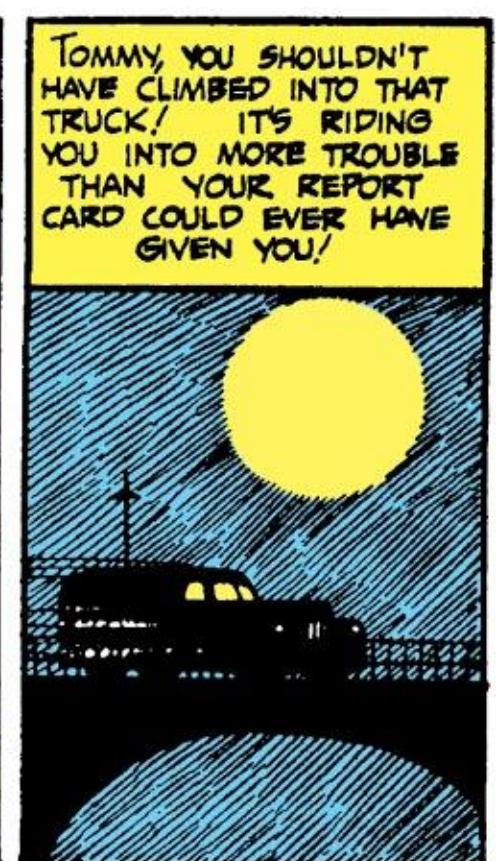
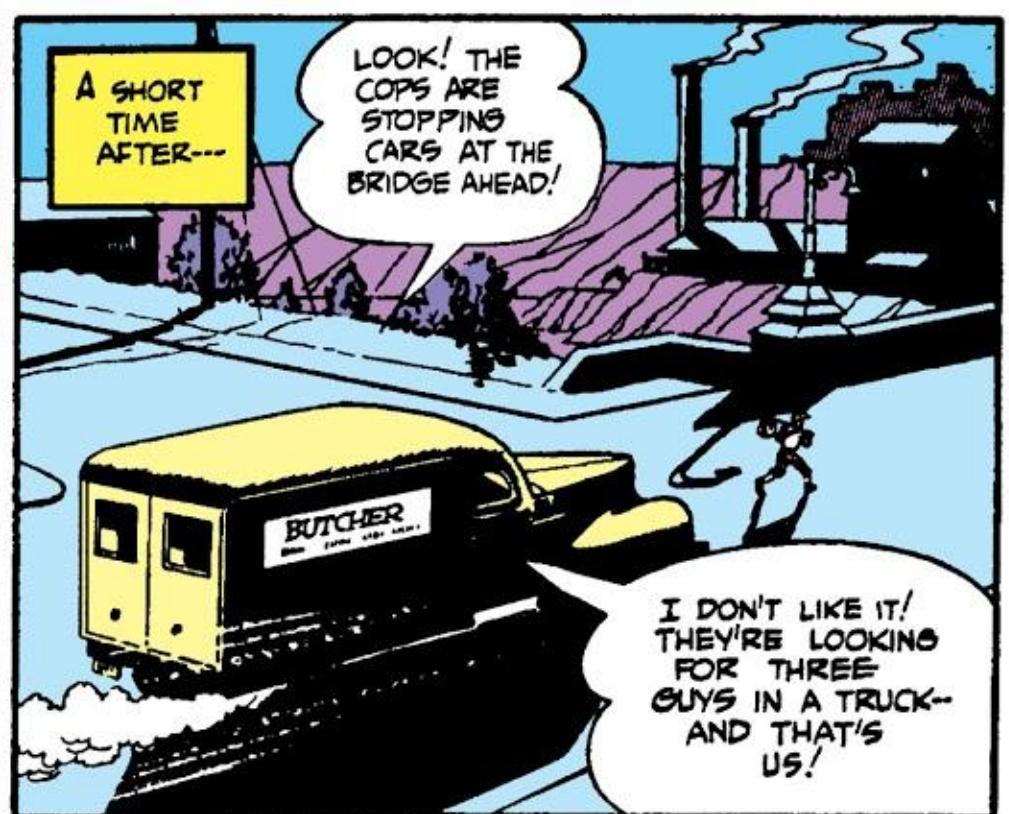
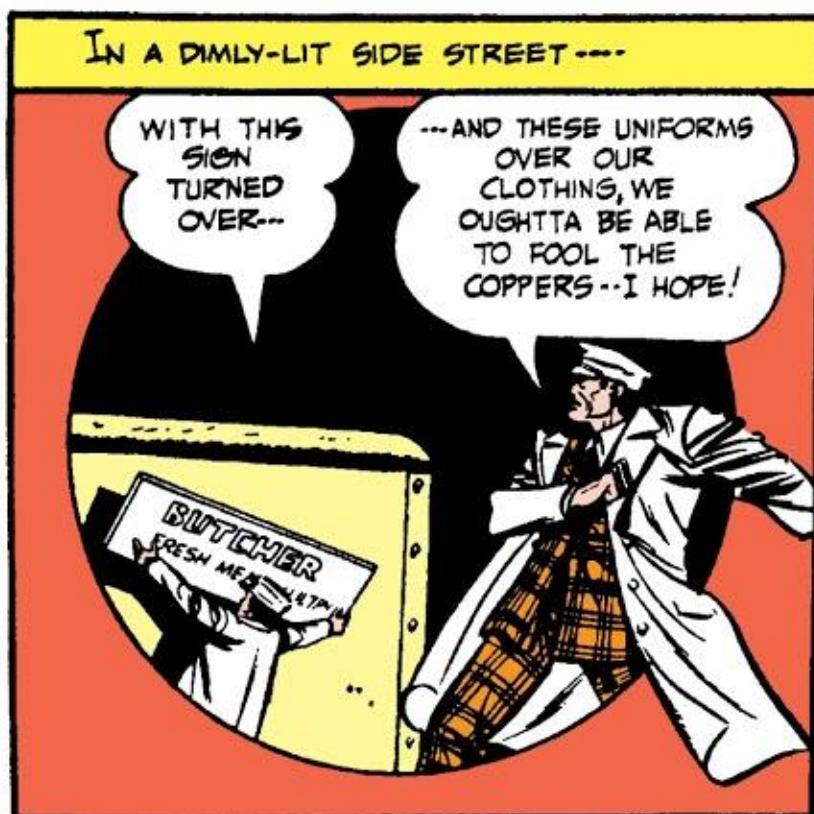
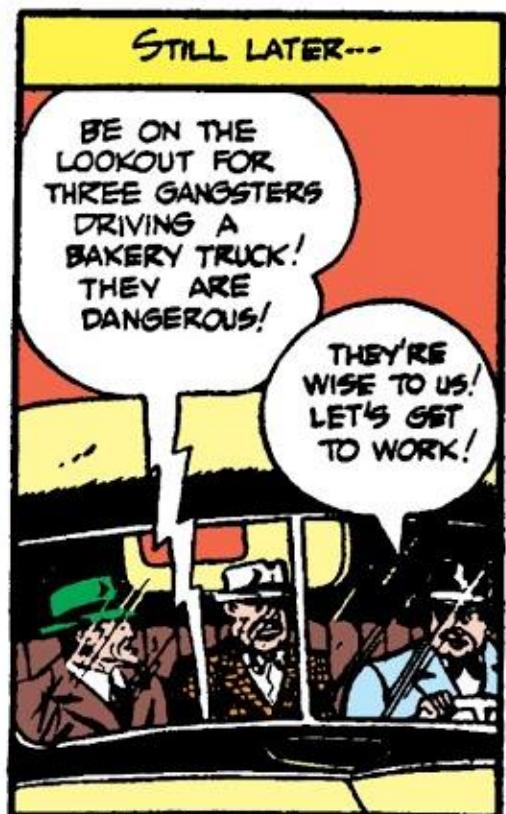
GEE! MAYBE I --- NO! I SAID I'M SONNA RUN AWAY, AND I'M (SNIFF) SONNA DO IT, TOO, (SNIFF, SNIFF.)

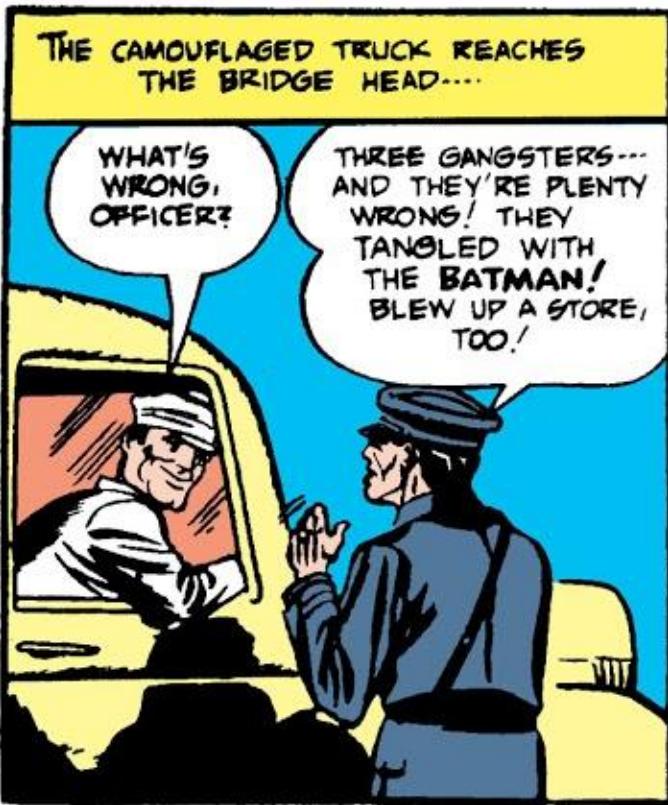
HIS HEART THUMPING LOUDLY, TOMMY STEPS OUT INTO NIGHT-- BLACK, OMINOUS ---AND TERRIFYING---

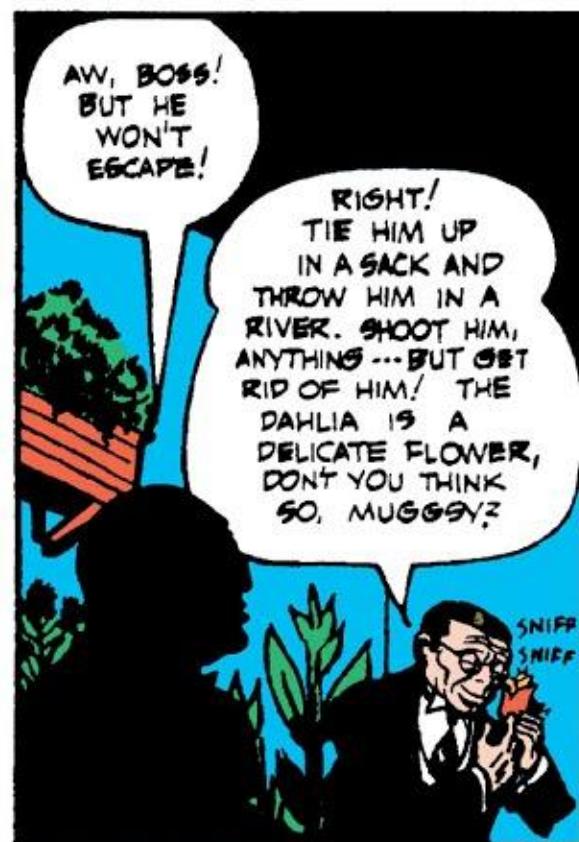
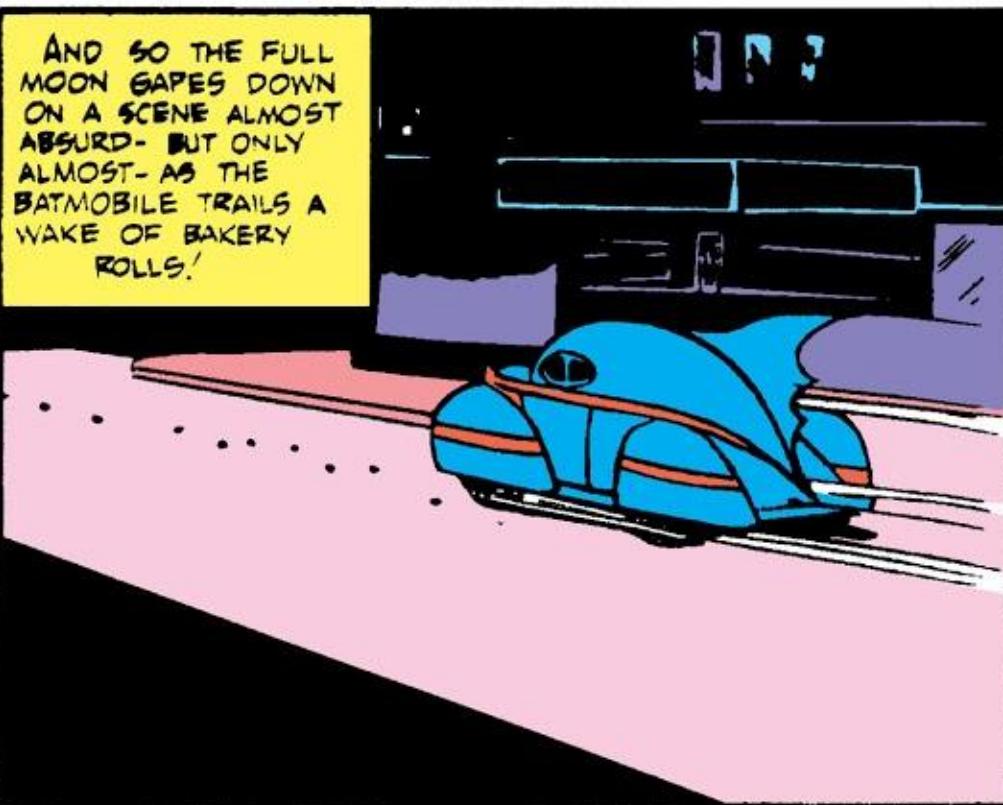
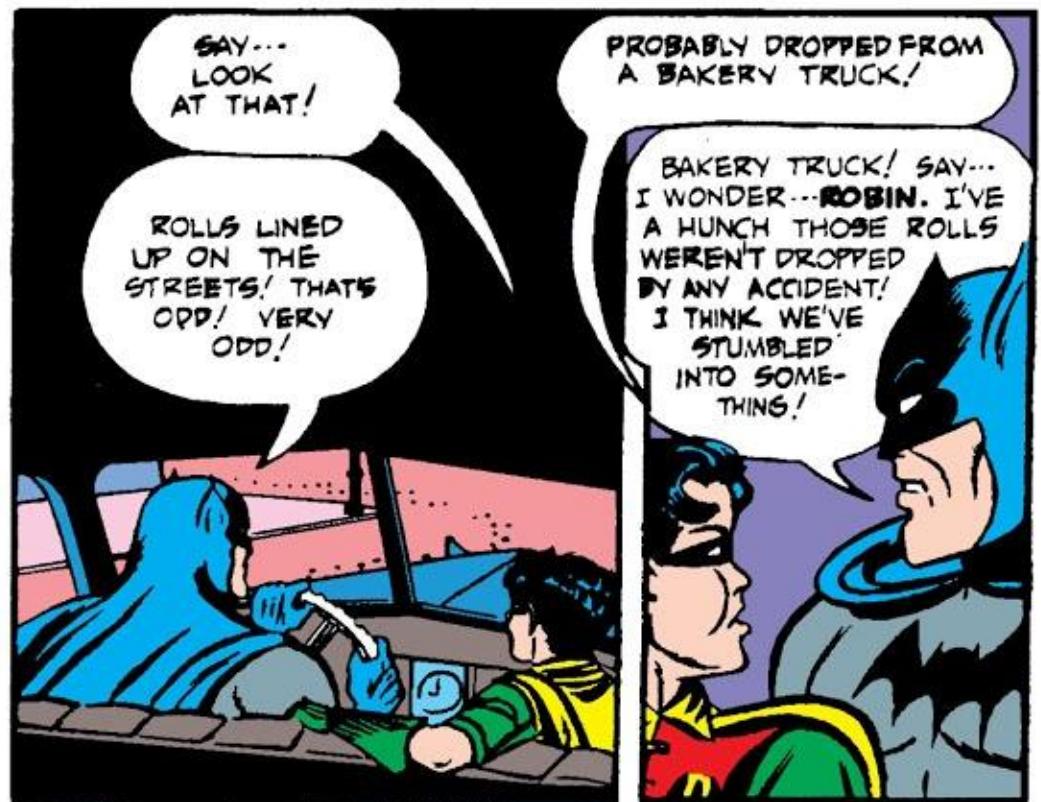
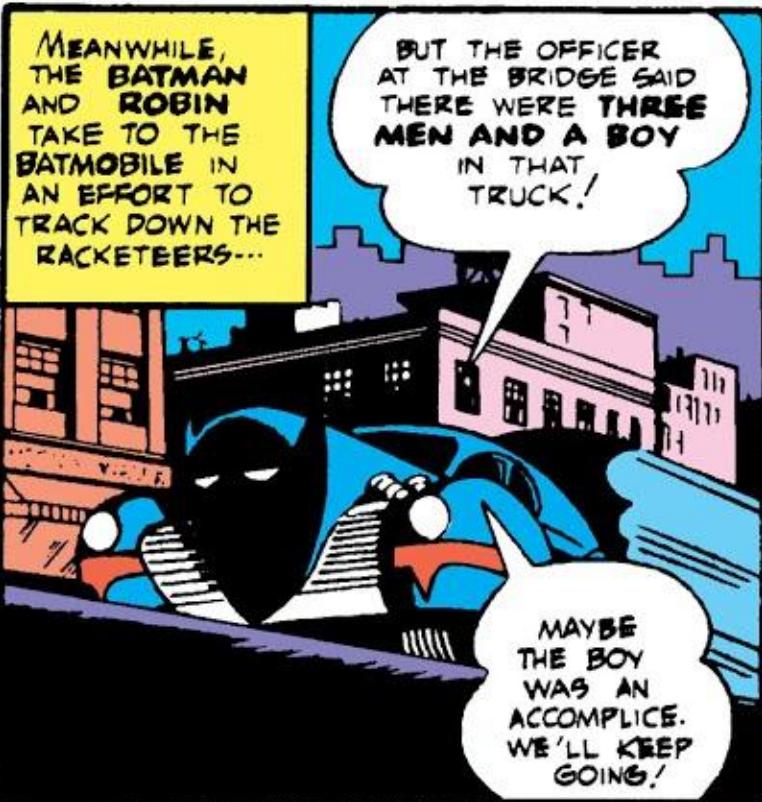
FULL OF MISGIVINGS, BUT MANFULLY DETERMINED, TOMMY SETS FEET ON THE ROAD TO ADVENTURE..

LITTLE TOMMY TRENT, YOU'LL REMEMBER THIS NIGHT ALL YOUR LIFE!











HELPLESS NOW, THE BATMAN AND ROBIN SURRENDER --- AND MINUTES LATER ---

GOSH, MR. BATMAN. I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO GET CAPTURED ON ACCOUNT OF ME!

FORGET IT, SON, BUT WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME HOW YOU GOT MIXED UP IN ALL THIS?

THE BATMAN LISTENS TO A BOY'S TALE OF WOE.

...AND I'LL NEVER RUN AWAY AGAIN! 'COURSE I'M NOT SCARED NOW, 'CAUSE YOU'LL GET US OUT OF THIS. WON'T YOU, MR. BATMAN?

OF COURSE, SON ... (THIS KID CERTAINLY BELIEVES IN ME. CAN'T LET HIM KNOW WE'RE IN A SPOT! MUST DO SOMETHING.)

MEANWHILE MILO HAS CALLED TOGETHER HIS PACK OF JACKALS...

WHAT'S THE IDEA O' CALLIN' US IN, BOSS?

YOU KNOW THIS IS THE FIRST OF THE MONTH --- WE SETTLE ACCOUNTS WITH THOSE WHO REFUSE TO ACCEPT OUR--"PROTECTION!"

SURE-- THIS IS PAYOFF NIGHT!

RIGHT! BUT THE POLICE ARE ON THE PROWL FOR US! SO WE MUST WORK FASTER. SPLIT INTO THREE GROUPS AND TAKE THREE CARS TO THESE ADDRESSES!

THE BATMAN AND ROBIN ... THEY GET THE WORKS LATER, EH?

YES! THE BOY COMES WITH ME TO SERVE AS A SHIELD IN CASE THE POLICE SHOULD DECIDE TO FIRE THEIR GUNS!

AFTER THE TRIO OF "TORPEDO" CARS ROAR AWAY...

RELAX, CHUM... YOU'RE NOT GOIN' ANYWHERE 'CEPT MAYBE IN THE RIVER. HAW!

THAT INNOCENT BOY...HE'S LIABLE TO BE HURT BY GUNFIRE...

GOT TO DO SOMETHING ...BUT WHAT?

THEN A WILD PLAN --- THE BRAIN-CHILD OF DESPERATION ITSELF!... IS PUT INTO ACTION---

I HOPE THIS APE IS AS DUMB AS HE LOOKS...
ROBIN, I HEARD A NOISE AT THE DOOR!

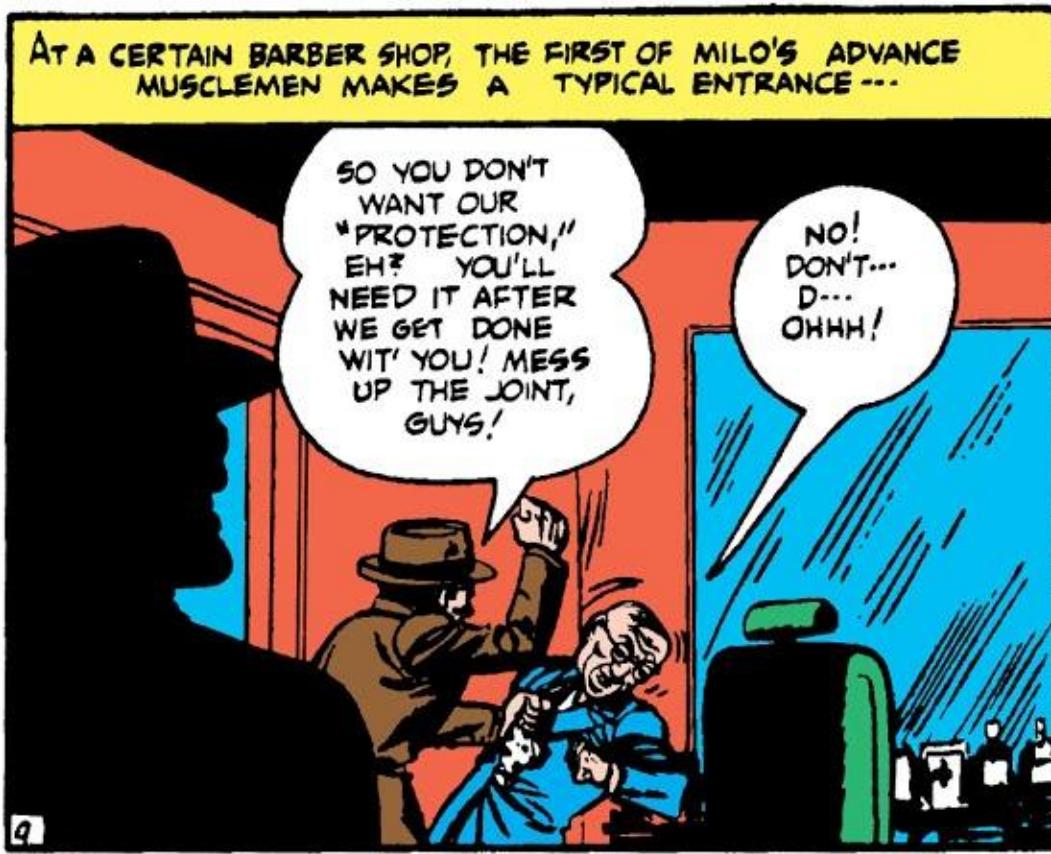
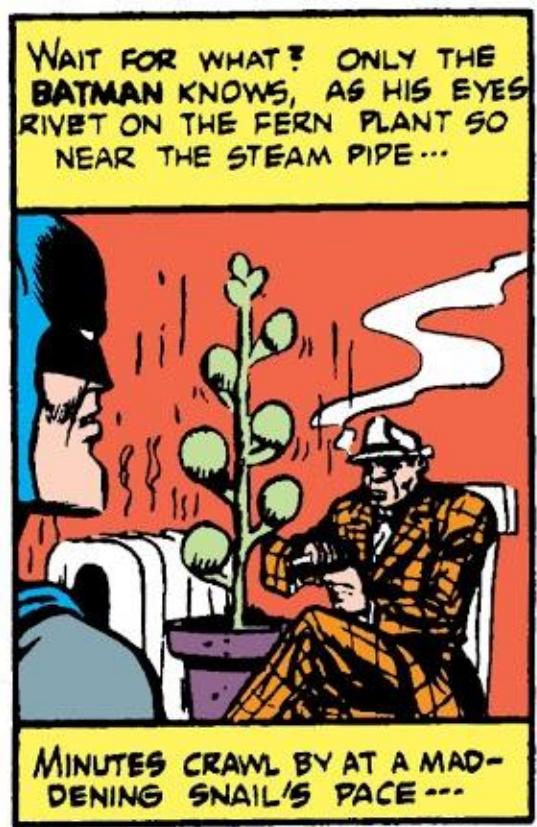
COPPERS? I BETTER SEE...

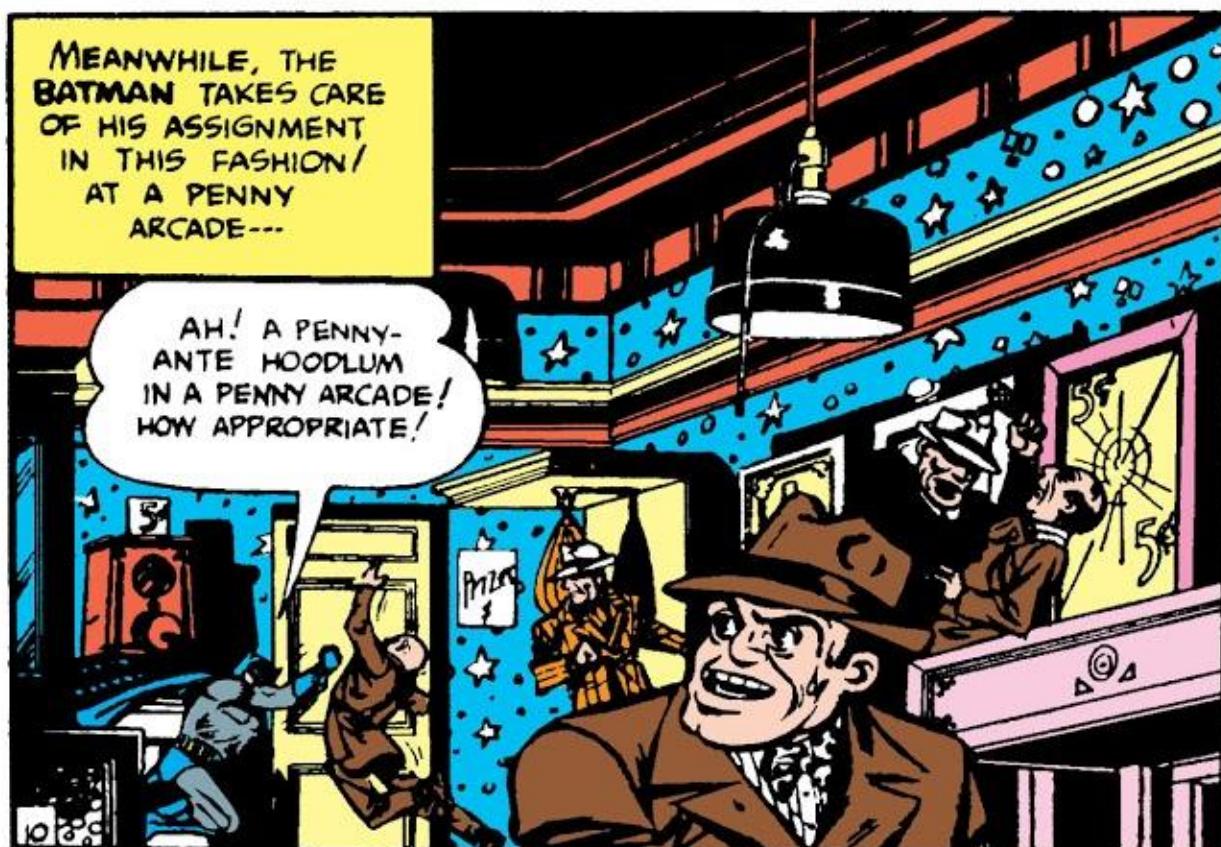
BATMAN'S UP TO SOMETHING-BETTER PLAY ALONG!

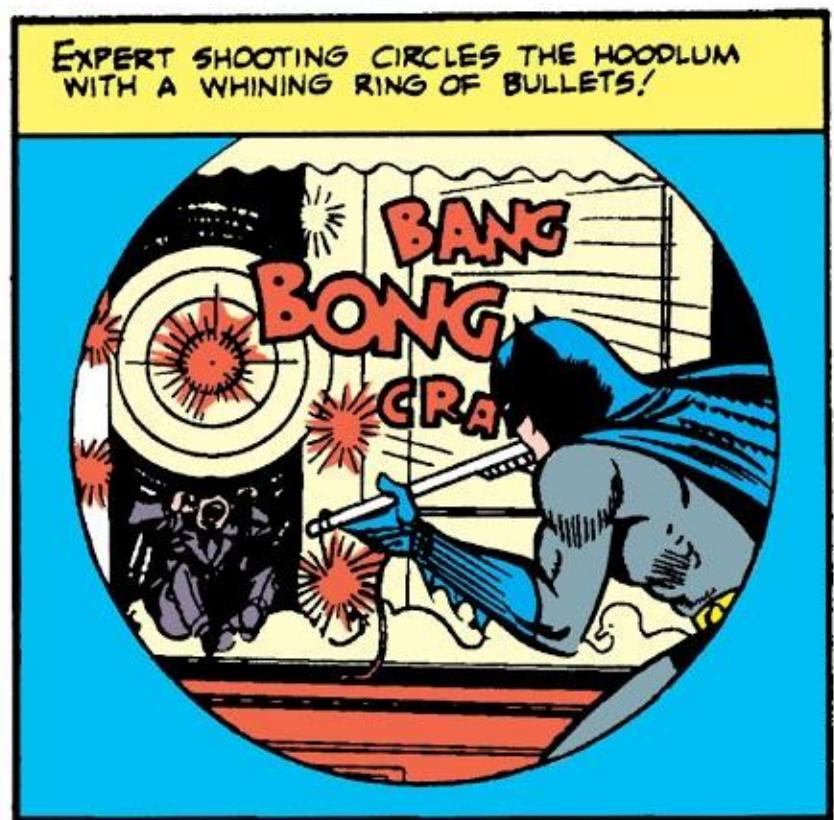
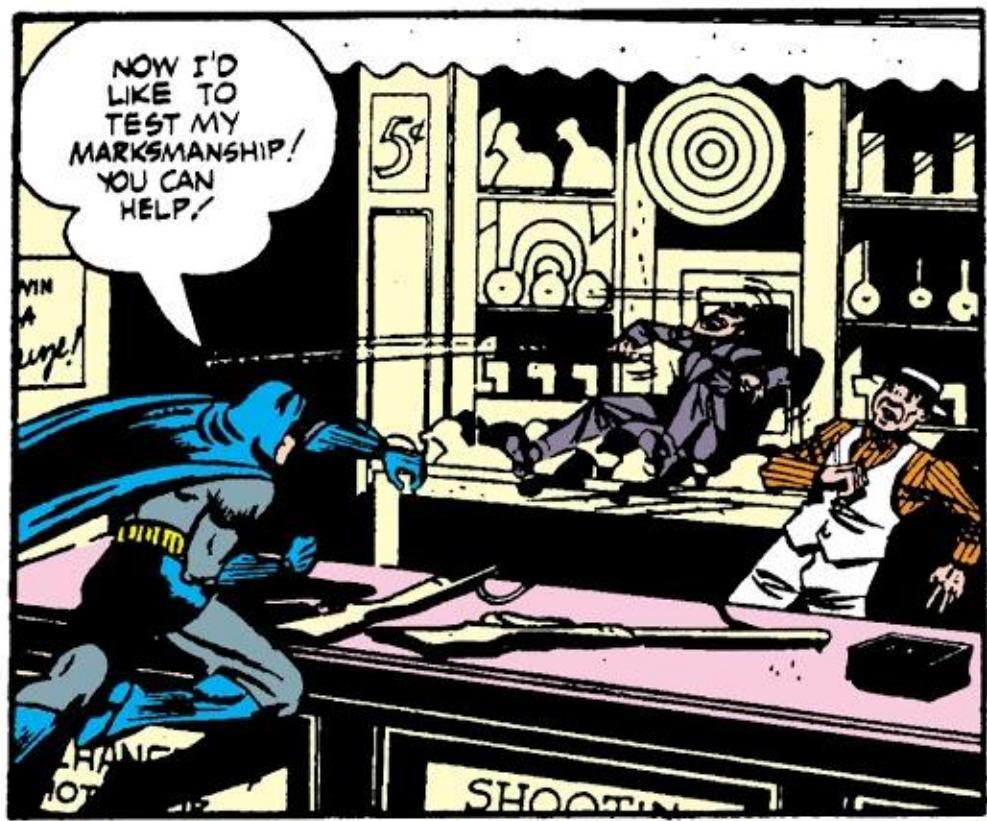
I'LL BET IT'S THE POLICE!

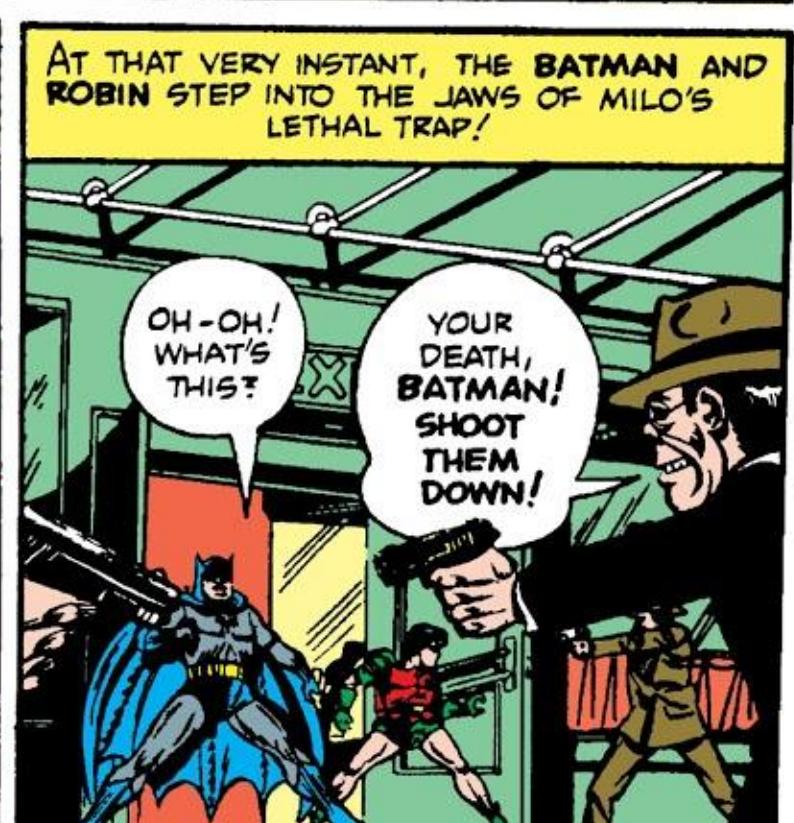
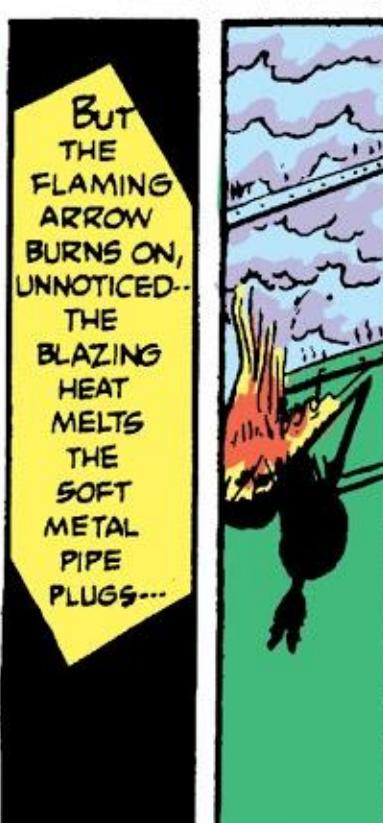
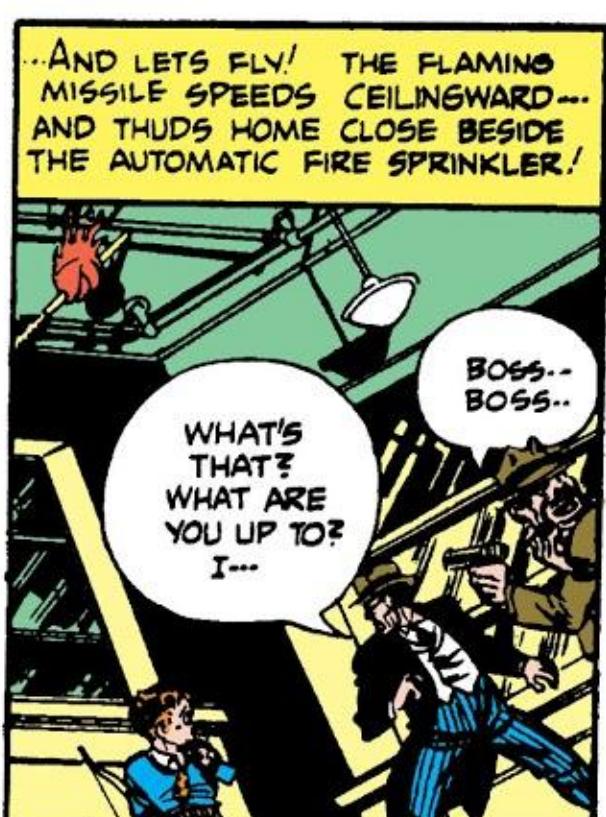
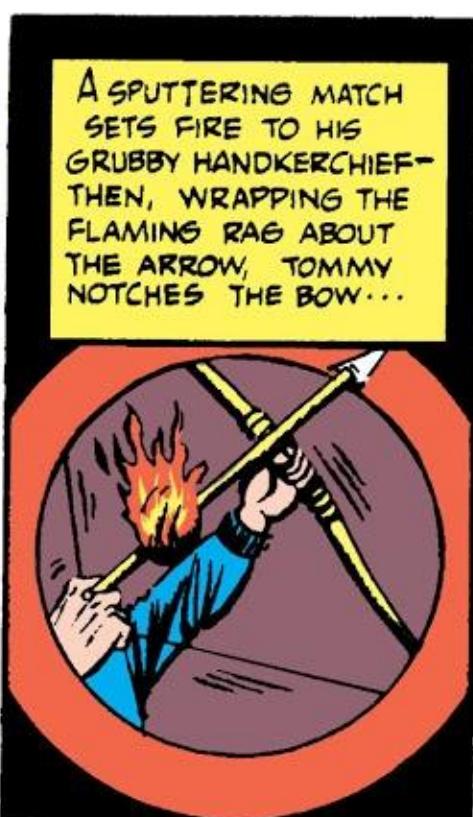
THE INSTANT THE THUG LEAVES TO INVESTIGATE, THE BATMAN PUSHES A FERN FORWARD...

RIGHT NEXT TO THE STEAM AND THE CHAIR --- THIS HAD BETTER WORK OR ELSE!









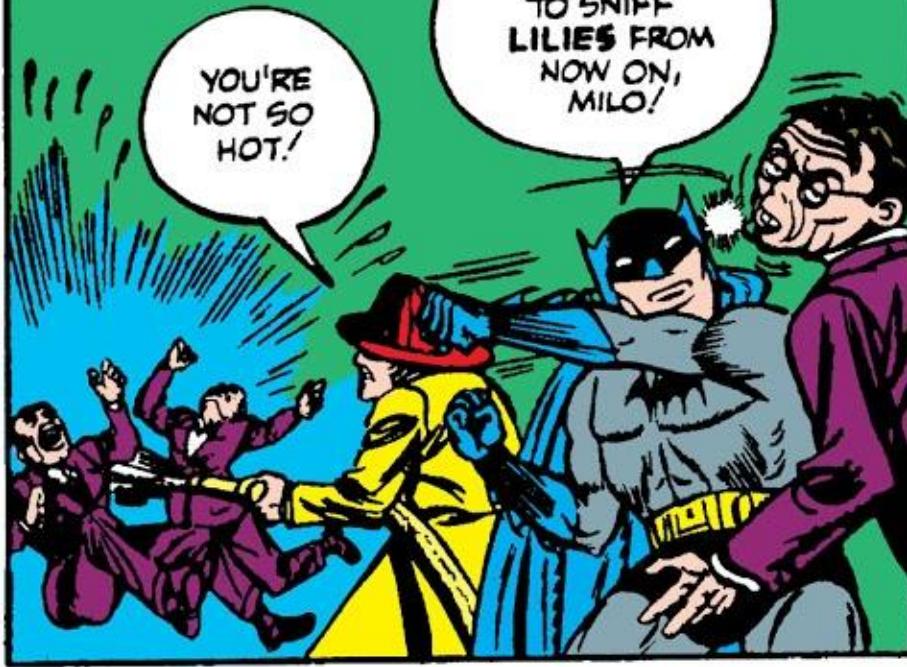
REINFORCEMENTS SUDDENLY APPEAR! A FIRE BRIGADE CHARGES IN AND QUICKLY TAKES STOCK OF THE SITUATION!

NO FIRE HERE! LOOK! BATMAN AND ROBIN FIGHTING TOUGHS! LET'S MAKE IT HOT FOR THE BUMS!



MILO AND HIS MOB ARE PUT OUT---BUT GOOD!

YOU'RE GOING TO SNIFF LILIES FROM NOW ON, MILO!



SOME TIME AFTER... THREE FIGURES WALK DOWN A WINDING ROAD...

HOW DID YOU KNOW HEAT SETS OFF CEILING FIRE SPRINKLERS AND SENDS AN ALARM TO THE FIREHOUSE?

MY TEACHER TAUGHT ME THAT IN MY CIVICS CLASS DURING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK!

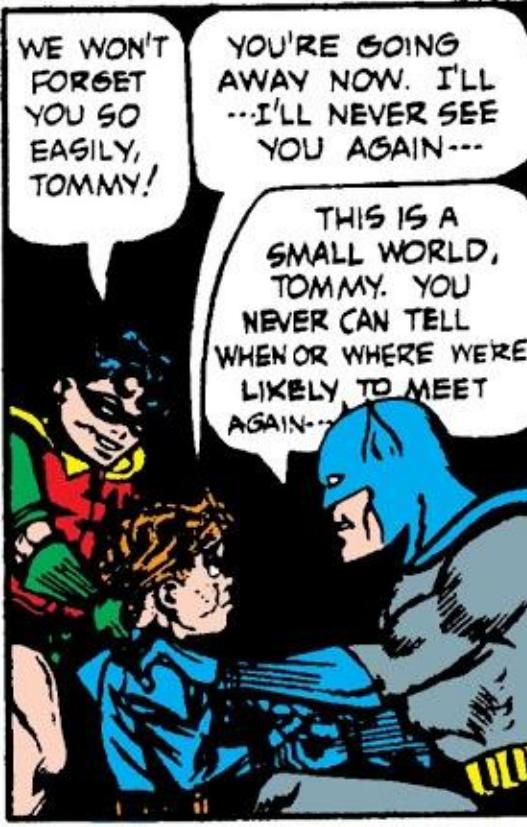
THAT'S MY HOUSE! GOLLY, I'M AFRAID OF SCHOOL AGAIN. I ALWAYS GET BAD REPORT CARDS!

ANY BOY WHO CAN THINK AS CLEARLY IN TIGHT SPOTS AS YOU DO SHOULD BE GOOD IN SCHOOL!

WE WON'T FORGET YOU SO EASILY, TOMMY!

YOU'RE GOING AWAY NOW. I'LL... I'LL NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN...

THIS IS A SMALL WORLD, TOMMY. YOU NEVER CAN TELL WHEN OR WHERE WE'RE LIKELY TO MEET AGAIN...



AND SO, JUST AS PALE DAWN CREEPS OVER THE HORIZON-- A VERY EXCITEMENT-WEARY LITTLE BOY SNEAKS NOISELESSLY HOME---



AND NOT SO LONG AFTER...

MOTHER--MOTHER...

MOTHER--MOTHER-- IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

WHY, TOMMY-- ANYONE WOULD THINK YOU HAD BEEN AWAY FROM ME A LONG TIME INSTEAD OF BEING IN BED AND SLEEPING ALL NIGHT--



TOMMY MAKES A NEW VOW...

AND I'M GOING TO STUDY HARD FROM NOW ON--- NO MORE HOOKY FOR ME!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO CHANGE YOU LIKE THIS---BUT WHATEVER IT WAS, I'M GLAD IT HAPPENED-- VERY GLAD!

BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN

- THE BOY WONDER -

Once again Batman, dark warrior of the night, and his young daredevil aide, Robin the Boy Wonder, cross the path of an old enemy... the beautiful Queen of Crime known throughout the underworld as ---THE CAT-WOMAN... A STRANGE FIGURE indeed... with woman's body and cat's head is THE CAT-WOMAN - CLEVER MISTRESS OF MENACE!

Once again the female Spitfire bares her claws and wages her nine lives in a mighty duel with the dynamic duo as the master swordsmen of justice strive to vanquish "THE PRINCESS OF PLUNDER!"

BOB KANE



IT IS A CALM, PEACEFUL EVENING AND BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON FIND THEMSELVES BORED BY INACTIVITY...

DICK, I THINK THE COSTUMES OF BATMAN AND ROBIN NEED AN AIRING,
DON'T YOU?

SUITS ME! FOR A WHILE I WAS AFRAID YOU'D ATTEND MARGUERITE TONE'S PARTY TONIGHT INSTEAD!



AT THE PALatial HOME OF SOCIETY'S POPULAR PARTY HOSTESS, BEAUTIFUL MARGUERITE TONE ENTERTAINS GOTHAM CITY'S ELITE ---

I WONDER WHAT MARGUERITE IS PLANNING FOR TONIGHT?

SHE THINKS OF THE MOST FASCINATING GAMES, DOESN'T SHE?

ATTENTION, EVERYBODY. I HAVE A REAL SURPRISE FOR YOU. TONIGHT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A SCAVENGER HUNT!

OH, HOW THRILLING! WE'RE TO GO OUT LOOKING FOR QUEER ITEMS!

ON THE BACK OF THESE EMBLEMS ARE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS! YOU ARE EACH TO BRING BACK AS MANY ARTICLES AS ARE CALLED FOR! THE ONE WHO RETURNS WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER BY MIDNIGHT WINS THE GRAND PRIZE! NOW, IF YOU'LL STEP UP..

MARGUERITE TONE'S
SCAVENGER HUNT.

THERE, THAT'S THE LAST ONE!

OH, LOOK--- ONE OF THE THINGS I HAVE TO GET IS AN OSTRICH FEATHER! WHERE WILL I GET THAT?

I HAVE TO COLLECT AN EAGLE'S EGG --- AN OVER-RIPE TOMATO--- HOW JOLLY!

AS THE GUESTS DEPART, THE LOVELY HOSTESS GLIDES UPSTAIRS --- TO PLAN A MORE SINISTER GAME ---

THAT "SCAVENGER HUNT" IDEA WORKED LIKE A CHARM! NOW FOR MY MASK AND "WORK CLOTHES!"

AND MOMENTS LATER --- MOVING WITH CURIOUS CAT-LIKE GRACE, THE MASKED GIRL STEPS INTO THE NEXT ROOM ---

GOOD EVENING, BOYS!

HERE SHE IS--- THE CAT WOMAN!

YEAH, NOW WE GO TO TOWN AGAIN!

YOU'RE ALL GOING ON A SCAVENGER HUNT, TOO! HERE ARE SOME EMBLEMS WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACKS. NOW, LISTEN CAREFULLY---

LATER, AFTER THE CRIMINALS LEAVE, THE BOLD CRIME QUEEN MUSES STRANGELY ---

I WONDER... I WONDER IF THIS TIME I'M NOT FLIRTING ONCE TOO OFTEN WITH DANGER AND DEATH?

FOR MARGUERITE TONE, THE TOAST OF HIGH SOCIETY, IS NONE OTHER THAN THAT CLEVER QUEEN OF CRIME --- THE CAT WOMAN!

STILL LATER, IN THE HEART OF GOTHAM CITY.

CAN I SEE MR. VANDERWELL? I HAVE TO GET HIS AUTOGRAPH FOR MARGUERITE TONE'S SCAVENGER HUNT PARTY, SEE?

OH, MISS TONE? COME RIGHT IN! I'LL CALL THE MASTER!

IT WORKED! NOW TO GET THAT FANCY DOODAD THE CAT-WOMAN WANTS ME TO SWIPE! THERE IT IS!

SWIFTLY, THE HENCHMAN POCKETS THE PRICELESS, JEWELLED HEIRLOOM OF THE VANDERWELL FAMILY ---

AH! YOU WISH MY AUTOGRAPH? IT WILL BE A PLEASURE TO OBLIGE ONE OF MISS TONE'S GUESTS!

THANKS! THE PLEASURE IS ALL MINE!

BACKSTAGE, IN THE DRESSING ROOM OF A DOWNTOWN THEATRE...

BOY, THOSE JEWELS MUST BE WORTH A FORTUNE! WHAT A HAUL!

A THIEF! I'LL CALL THE POLICE!

NOW WAIT A MINUTE, LADY! I'M NOT A THIEF! I'M FROM MARGUERITE TONE'S SCAVENGER HUNT! I'M ONLY LOOKING FOR A FAMOUS ACTRESS'S EYEBROW PENCIL! SEE... IT SAYS SO DOWN HERE ON THIS LIST!

OH, THAT'S DIFFERENT! OF COURSE YOU CAN HAVE THE PENCIL-- AND GIVE MY REGARDS TO MARGUERITE!

ONCE OUTSIDE...

LEAVE IT TO THE CAT-WOMAN!

IF WE GET CAUGHT, WE DON'T GET NABBED! WE GOT ALIBIS! HA! HA! THAT'S RICH!

THROUGHOUT THE CITY, THE CRIME QUEEN'S MINIONS SNATCH THEIR LOOT UNDER QUISSE OF SOCIETY'S "SCAVENGER HUNT."

I'M SUPPOSED TO BRING BACK A LADY'S BEDROOM SLIPPER! I LIKE THIS BETTER---HA! HA!

ONLY WAY I COULD GET INTO THAT RITZY GAMBLING JOINT--WITH MY SCAVENGER HUNT BADGE! INSTEAD OF THE POKER CHIP I CAME FOR, I SWIPE ALL THE DOUGH!

IN A MIDTOWN AREA, TWO LITHE, MANTLED FIGURES FLIT THRU THE NIGHT --- BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER!

LOOK, ROBIN, THOSE TWO MEN ARE BURGLARS!

GOSH, IT'S ABOUT TIME ACTION POPPED! I WAS BEGINNING TO THINK CRIME HAD TAKEN ANOTHER HOLIDAY!

THE TWIN GUARDIANS OF THE SLEEPING TOWN LEAP INTO DYNAMIC ACTION!

LET'S GO, ROBIN! WE'VE A JOB TO DO!

YIPPEE!

BOY, THAT CAT-WOMAN IS SURE A SMART DAME. WHAT A SCHEME! HO! HO!

YEAH! HA! HA! NOW LET'S FIND THAT SAFE!

THE BATMAN! WHA...?

PARDON ME FOR NOT RINGING!

THIS'LL FIX YA!

TSK---TSK!
YOU CAN'T PITCH ON
MY BASEBALL TEAM---

A FURIOUS
PILE-DRIVING
LUNGE ...

BUT YOU CAN BE
DUMMY FOR
FOOTBALL
PRACTICE!

KEEP
YOUR CHIN
UP - OL'MAN!

ROBIN IS GREETED BY A PAIR OF FEET --- BOTTOMS UP!

BUT WITH AN AGILE TWIST, THE BOY WONDER SPINS INTO AN ACROBATIC SOMERSAULT AND...

SO SORRY! BUT EVERYTHING THAT GOES UP --- MUST COME DOWN!

WHOOPS!
'PON MY
SOLE!

UCH!

THIS IS THE ROCKPOINT RESIDENCE! TWO MEN CLAIM TO BE LOOKING FOR A FRENCH POODLE AS PART OF YOUR SCAVENGER HUNT! IS THAT TRUE?

WE AINT DONE NOTHING! WE'RE FROM MARGUERITE TONE'S SCAVENGER HUNT!

YEH-- WE'RE LOOKING FOR MRS. ROCKPOINT'S FRENCH POODLE!

SEE--? MARGUERITE TONE'S SCAVENGER HUNT? WE'LL SOON FIND OUT!

THAT'S A GAS!

WHY, YES! OH, I HOPE NOTHING'S WRONG. IT'S ALL IN FUN, YOU KNOW.

THAT VOICE! I COULD NEVER FORGET IT! IT WAS --- THE CAT-WOMAN!

ALL RIGHT, YOU TWO CAN BEAT IT. YOUR STORY IS TRUE!

I TOLD YOU SO!

CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT?

LATER, IN THE BATMOBILE, SPEEDING HOME...

A CLEVER SCHEME! THAT MARGUERITE TONE IS THE CAT-WOMAN, ROBIN. OUR OLD ENEMY IS ON THE PROWL AGAIN!

HMM! THAT MEANS WE HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE!

MEANWHILE, THE TWO HENCHMEN RACE BACK TO THEIR WOMAN LEADER!

THE BATMAN CAUGHT US!

THE BATMAN! WELL, I KNEW I'D CROSS HIS PATH AGAIN SOONER OR LATER --- AND YOU KNOW --- I'M RATHER LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER DUEL OF WITS WITH HIM!

A FEW DAYS LATER, IN
BRUCE WAYNE'S MORNING MAIL...

WELL, WELL! MARGUERITE
TONE IS GIVING ANOTHER PARTY
TOMORROW NIGHT! "COME
DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE
CHARACTER!"

SHE MUST
HAVE SOMETHING
UP HER SLEEVE.
ARE YOU GOING,
BRUCE?

YES...AND
AS MY
FAVORITE
CHARACTER!
GUESS WHO!

THE NEXT NIGHT---

YOU STAY HERE
WITH THE BATMOBILE
WHILE I SEE WHAT'S
UP! PERHAPS THIS
TIME WE CAN CATCH
THE CAT-WOMAN RED-
HANDED!

AW,
I MISS
ALL THE
FUN!

FAVORITE CHARACTERS...
GEORGE WASHINGTON,
SCARLETT O'HARA, ABE
LINCOLN, NAPOLEON,
CHARLIE CHAPLIN AND
THERE'S THE
CAT-WOMAN! SHE'S HAD
THE NERVE TO COME
DRESSED AS
HERSELF!

BOLDLY, THE BATMAN
ENTERS, MINGLES WITH
THE COSTUME-CLAD
GUESTS!

LOOK...
ANOTHER
BATMAN!
MY FAVORITE
CHARACTER!

ANOTHER
BATMAN! WHAT
DOES SHE
MEAN?

THE CRIME-FIGHTER'S SEARCHING EYES SOON DISCOVER
THE ANSWER --- SEVERAL BATMEN MEET HIS ASTOUNDED
GAZE...FAT ONES, TALL ONES, SHORT ONES!

SUDDENLY, THE TALL "BATMAN"
WHISPERS GRUFFLY TO THE NEW ARRIVAL -

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU
GOT HERE, DUKE! C'MON,
WE'VE GOT TO JOIN
THE CAT-WOMAN! SHE'S
GOING UPSTAIRS WITH
THE OTHERS.

SO I WAS
RIGHT! MY
OLD ENEMY
IS BEHIND
THIS!

HOLY COW! THESE
GUESTS HAVE ALL
COME HERE DRESSED
UP AS ME! AND
THEY THINK I'M A
FAKE, TOO!

SAY, YOU
FORGOT TO
BRING ROBIN
THE BOY
WONDER!

HIYA,
BATMAN!

OKAY!
LEAD
ON!



UPSTAIRS, IN THE CAT-WOMAN'S SITTING ROOM, FOUR FIGURES ROBED IN THE BATMAN'S DARK DENIM DISCUSS -CRIME!

LISTEN, MEN! DISGUISED AS THE BATMAN, YOU CAN GAIN ENTRY ANYWHERE! SAY YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A CRIMINAL. THEN ROB THE PLACE. IF YOU'RE NABBED, TELL 'EM YOU'RE FROM MARGUERITE TONE'S "FAVORITE CHARACTER PARTY" AND IT'S ALL A PUBLICITY STUNT!

WONDER WHAT THE CAT-WOMAN WOULD THINK IF SHE KNEW I WAS THE REAL MC COY?

HA!
IS THAT
A JOKE
ON THE REAL
BATMAN!

ABRUPTLY, THE DOOR BURSTS OPEN AND ...

I'M LATE --- I HAD A FLAT TIRE AND WAS DELAYED!

SOMETHING'S WRONG! THERE ARE ONLY SUPPOSED TO BE FOUR OF YOU HERE! ONE OF YOU IS AN IMPOSTOR --- TAKE OFF YOUR MASKS!

THE BATMAN IS TRAPPED --- BUT UNDISMAYED!

I'LL KEEP MINE ON, IF YOU DON'T MIND! MY FACE IS MY FORTUNE!

AFTER HIM! HE'S THE REAL BATMAN!

BUT LIKE A STEEL SPRING SUDDENLY RELEASED, THE CRIME-FIGHTER UNCOILS INTO ACTION!

SO YOU WANT TO BE A BATMAN? I'LL SHOW YOU HOW!

THEY'RE ALL MIXED UP BY THE COSTUMES! HERE I AM, MUGOS!

SUDDENLY, SWIFT AS A STRIKING PUMA, THE CRIME QUEEN'S SLIM HANDS STREAK OUT...

BUT BATMAN HAS SPIED CAT-WOMAN'S REFLECTION IN THE MIRROR --- AND MOVES WITH THE BLURRING SPEED OF LIGHT---

I'LL GET YOU MYSELF!

IS THAT NICE?
TAKE A LITTLE NAP---YOU'RE ALL EXCITED!

ABRUPTLY --- A CONCERTED RUSH BY THE FALSE BATMEN BEARS THE VALIANT BATTLER TOWARDS AN OPEN WINDOW!

GET UP AND FIGHT - YOU'RE FOUR TO ONE AGAINST HIM!

THIS'LL FINISH YOU, BATMAN!

COME ON, YOU PHONIES! WE'RE JUST STARTING!



THIS IS TOO EASY! STAND UP AND FIGHT!

SUDDENLY, A MINIATURE WHIRLWIND SWEEPS IN FROM THE OPEN WINDOW --- IT IS ROBIN THE BOY WONDER!

RIDE 'EM, COWBOY! I WAS GETTING BORED OUTSIDE!

HI-PAL!



AS THOUGH ANIMATED BY ONE GEAR, THE DYNAMIC DUO SHIFTS INTO HIGH!

THE TIGRESS QUEEN QUICKLY REGAINS HER POISE!

MOMENTS LATER, AFTER TWO CAPE FIGURES MERGE INTO THE INKY NIGHT...



A WEEK PASSES, AND BRUCE WAYNE WAITS IMPATIENTLY FOR THE CAT-WOMAN'S NEXT MOVE...

THAT WOMAN IS TOO QUIET! IT'S LIKE THE LULL BEFORE THE STORM!

MAYBE SHE GOT FRIGHTENED AND DECIDED TO END HER CRIME CAREER!

BUT, AT THAT MOMENT, THE CUNNING ADVENTURESS IS PLOTTING HER GREATEST COUP!

NOW, MARGUERITE, YOU MUST TELL US WHERE YOU HIRE YOUR SERVANTS! THEY'RE PERFECTLY BROOMEDED!

CERTAINLY!

LATER, AT THE ACE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE... IN THE BACK ROOM.

HURRY UP AND FINISH THOSE LESSONS. YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW HOW TO ACT AS SERVANTS. WE'VE ALREADY GOTTEN ORDERS!

DINNER IS SOIVED-- I MEAN SERVED!

I BEG YOUR PAWDON, MRS. FITSBUILT. THE MARSTER IS NOT HEAH! HA! HA! I'M LOINING!



PRESENTLY --- UNSUSPECTING SOCIETY OPENS ITS HOMES TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CAT-WOMAN'S GANG!

MY NEW BUTLER... ISN'T HE MARVELOUS? MARGUERITE TONE RECOMMENDED HIM!

HE'S A BIT ECCENTRIC, BUT MARGUERITE TONE CAN'T BE WRONG! HE'S SO DIFFERENT FROM OTHER SERVANTS, IT'S A RELIEF!

AND, DURING A FESTIVE DINNER AT THE RESIDENCE OF ONE OF HIS FRIENDS, BRUCE WAYNE IS STARTLED TO SEE

SILKY DAVIS! WHAT'S THAT CROOK DOING HERE AS A BUTLER?



POLITELY EXCUSING HIMSELF, BRUCE SURREPTITIOUSLY TRAILS THE BUTLER DOWNSTAIRS TO THE SERVANTS' QUARTERS...

OKAY, SILKY. WE'VE CLEANED EVERYTHING OUT OF THIS JOINT! THE CAT SAYS ALL THE PLACES ARE GONNA BE ROBBED TONIGHT!

I THOUGHT SO -- THE CAT-WOMAN AGAIN? SHE MUST HAVE PLANTED CROOKS IN ALL THE WEALTHY HOMES.

IN A FEW MINUTES, FOLLOW ME UPSTAIRS! YOU CAN ROB THOSE RICH MUGGS AT THE DINNER TABLE AND THEN JOIN THE CAT-WOMAN! AND DON'T FORGET TO FRISK THAT PLAYBOY, BRUCE WAYNE. HE MUST BE CARRYING A BIG ROLL!



BUT AS SILKY DAVIS ENTERS THE CORRIDOR, AN IRON FIST CRASHES INTO HIS JAW!

NO TIME FOR CEREMONIES!



IN AN ADJOINING ROOM, AN AMAZING TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE AS BRUCE BECOMES --THE BUTLER!

FIRST, I'LL HAVE TO EXPLAIN MR. BRUCE WAYNE'S ABSENCE! GOOD THING I ALWAYS CARRY THIS MAKE-UP KIT WITH ME!



UPSTAIRS

I BEG YOUR PARDON, MADAM--MR. WAYNE HAD TO LEAVE SUDDENLY! HE OFFERS HIS HUMBLEST APOLOGIES!

OH, THAT'S JUST LIKE BRUCE! HE'S PROBABLY BORED AS USUAL! DEAR ME, THAT BOY IS SO FLIGHTY.



PAUSING ONLY A BRIEF MOMENT TO SUMMON ROBIN, BRUCE RACES TO THE SERVANTS' QUARTERS AGAIN!

SH-H! I'VE GOT A BETTER PLAN! COME THIS WAY!

OKAY, SILKY! YOU KNOW THIS JOINT BETTER!



THE DISGUISED BRUCE WAYNE LEADS THE TRUSTING THIEVES TO A BASEMENT GAME ROOM.

HEY, SILKY--WHAT'RE WE DOING DOWN HERE?

YOU'LL FIND OUT!



SUDDENLY, DARKNESS DESCENDS BUT...THE CLICK OF A SWITCH BRINGS THE UNDERWORLD'S DREADED FOE INTO SIGHT - BATMAN!

IT WASN'T SILKY! THAT'S THE BATMAN!

HE TRAPPED US--LET'S GET OUT!



YOU WANT TO PLAY GAMES, DON'T YOU? HERE'S A WHOLE ROOMFUL OF THEM! ONLY THEY'RE NOT CROOKED!

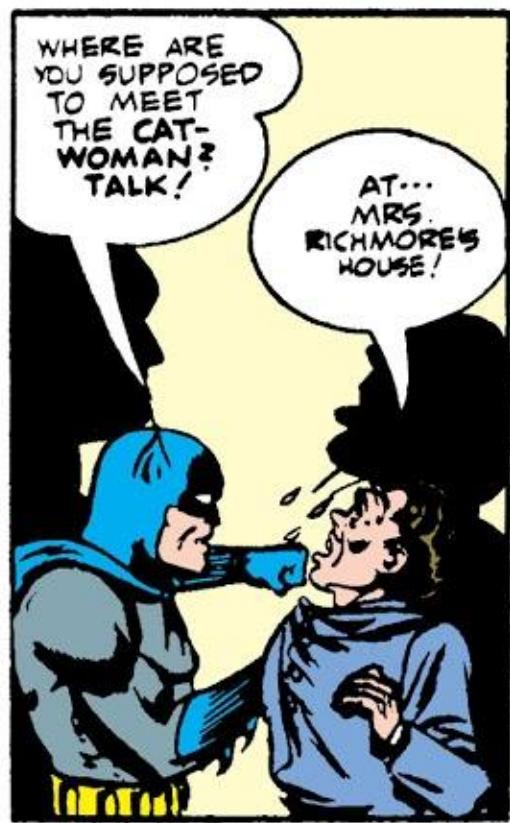
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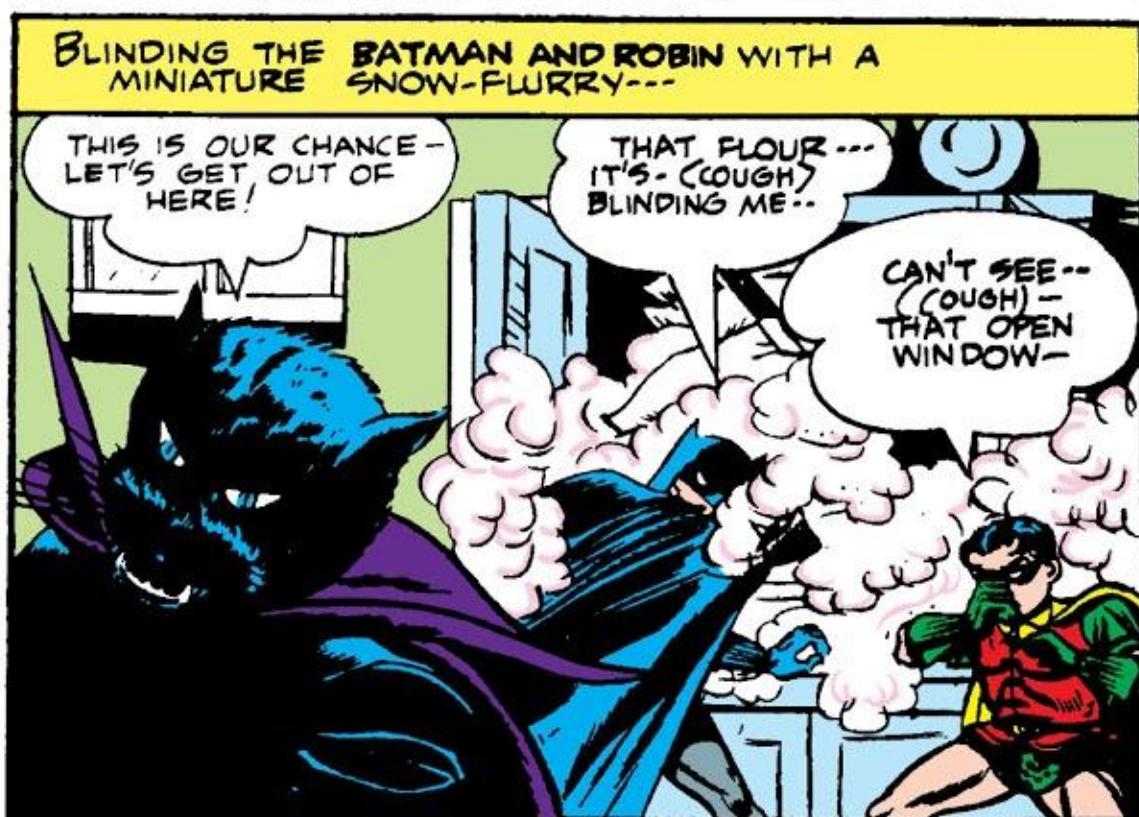
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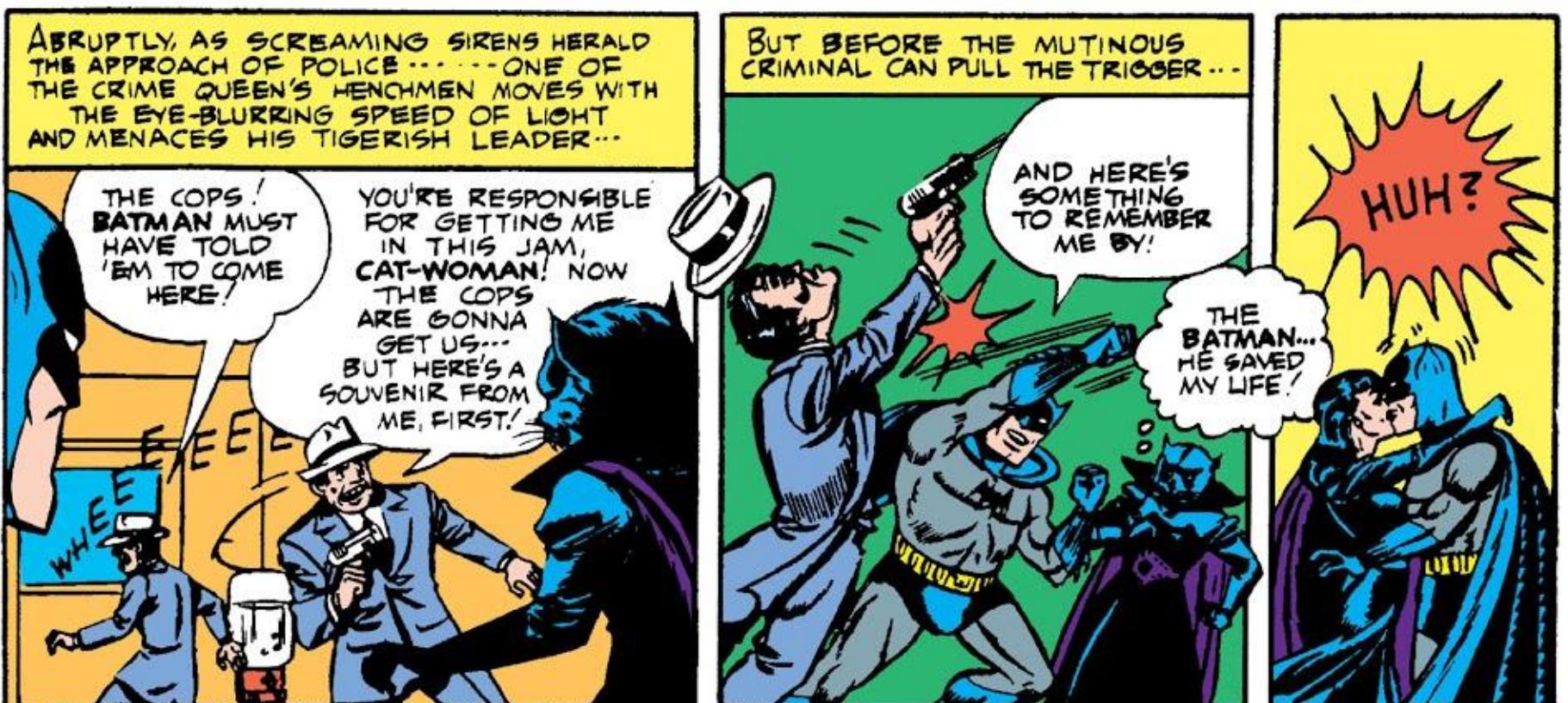


HOW ABOUT SOME BASKETBALL?









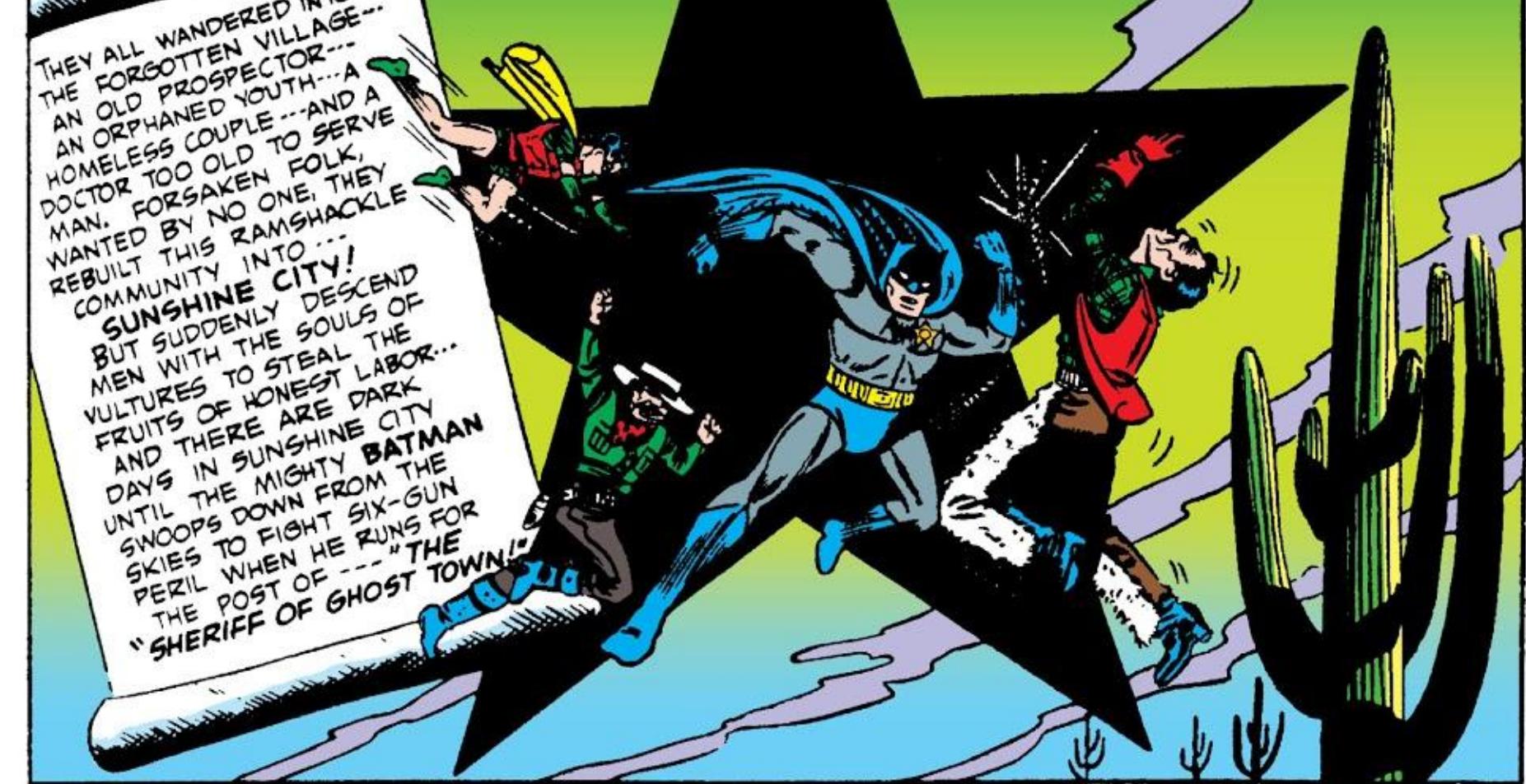
BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN

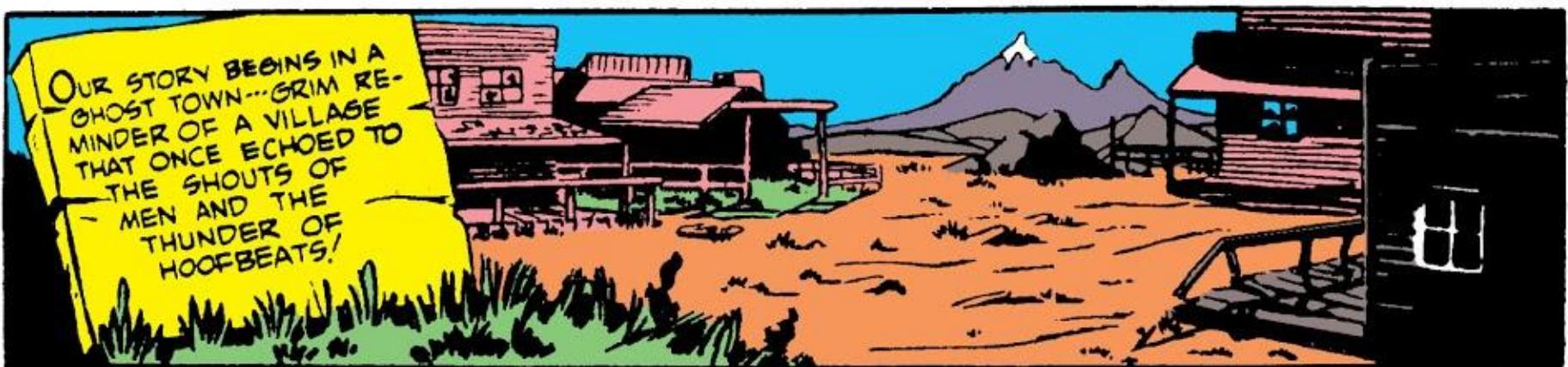
- THE BOY WONDER -

THEY ALL WANDERED INTO
THE FORGOTTEN VILLAGE--
AN OLD PROSPECTOR--
AN ORPHANED YOUTH--A
HOMELESS COUPLE--AND A
DOCTOR TOO OLD TO SERVE
MAN. FORSAKEN FOLK,
WANTED BY NO ONE, THEY
REBUILT THIS RAMSHACKLE
COMMUNITY INTO--
SUNSHINE CITY!
BUT SUDDENLY DESCEND
VULTURES TO STEAL THE
FRUITS OF HONEST LABOR--
AND THERE ARE DARK
DAYS IN SUNSHINE CITY
UNTIL THE MIGHTY BATMAN
SWOOPS DOWN FROM THE
SKIES TO FIGHT SIX-GUN
PERIL WHEN HE RUNS FOR
THE POST OF -- "THE
"SHERIFF OF GHOST TOWN!"

BOB
KANE



OUR STORY BEGINS IN A
GHOST TOWN--GRIM RE-
MINDER OF A VILLAGE
THAT ONCE ECHOED TO
THE SHOUTS OF
MEN AND THE
THUNDER OF
HOOFBEATS!



INTO THIS FORGOTTEN VILLAGE ONE DAY STRAY TWO DUSTY TRAVELERS...CACTUS TOM, AN OLD PROSPECTOR, AND YOUNG JOE JEFFERS, THE SON OF HIS DEAD PARTNER

CACTUS TOM,
WHY IS THIS
TOWN
DESERTED?

IT'S CITIZENS WERE
CURSED WITH GOLD
FEVER, LAD! WHEN THEY
HEARD OF RICHER STRIKES
ELSEWHERE, THEY LIT OUT
AND NEVER CAME BACK!

THERE'S STILL SOME
GOLD HEREABOUTS, SON.
WE'RE SETTLIN' DOWN
TO MAKE A STAKE TO
SEND YOU TO
SCHOOL!

IN TIME, A FAMILY DRIVEN FROM
A DUST-BOWL FARM JOINS THE PAIR...

OUT OF GAS? SORRY--
WE AIN'T GOT NONE---
BUT WHY NOT START
FARMIN' AGAIN HERE?
THERE'S PLENTY OF GOOD LAND
AND HOUSES GALORE!

BY GUM,
I BELIEVE WE
WILL! MY
NAME'S
SIMMONS---

A DOCTOR JOINS THE REBORN COMMUNITY---

I'M A DOCTOR,
LOOKING FOR A
PRACTICE -- TOO
MANY YOUNGER
DOCTORS WHERE
I COME FROM!

A DOCTOR?
GLORY BE!
SIMMONS' WIFE
IS SICK, AN'
MY RHEUMATIZ
IS SOMETHIN'
FIERCE, AN'...

IN WEEKS TO
COME, OTHER
WAYFARERS SETTLE
DOWN TO START
LIFE ANEW...

PLENTY DOING
IN THE
CARPENTRY
LINE ...AN' AM
I GLAD!
HOW'RE YOU
DOIN', BARBER?

GRATEFUL FOR THE PROSPERITY THAT HAS
REWARDED THEIR LABORS, THE EX-WANDERERS
CHRISTEN THE NAMELESS TOWN...

MOST OF US WAS OLD FOLKS,
WITH CLOUDS OVER US, TILL
WE RAN INTO CLEAR SKIES
HERE! SINCE YUH MADE ME
MAYOR, MEBBE I KIN SUGGEST
A NAME FER OUR TOWN! HOW
'BOUT SUNSHINE CITY?

SUNSHINE
CITY
IT IS!

HOORAY!

BUT EVEN AS THE
GARDEN OF EDEN
HAD ITS SERPENT...
INTO SUNSHINE
CITY ONE DAY
RIDES "FIVE ACES"
FROGEL, GAMBLER
AND CROOK,
WITH SOME CRONIES...

TAKE A LOOK,
BULLET AN'
BLACKIE! QUITE
A BUSTLIN' LITTLE
COMMUNITY
WE GOT HERE!

AND
READY FOR
US TO TAKE
OVER!

YEAH--
LET'S CALL
IN THE
REST OF
THE BOYS,
AN'...

VIOLENCE FLARES...AND BLAZING GUNS AND FLASHING KNIVES TAKE A WANTON TOLL OF LIFE AS FROGEL'S FOLLOWERS POUR INTO TOWN!



HOPING TO PRESERVE THEIR NEW-FOUND HAPPINESS, THE FOUNDERS OF SUNSHINE CITY MEET IN THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE...

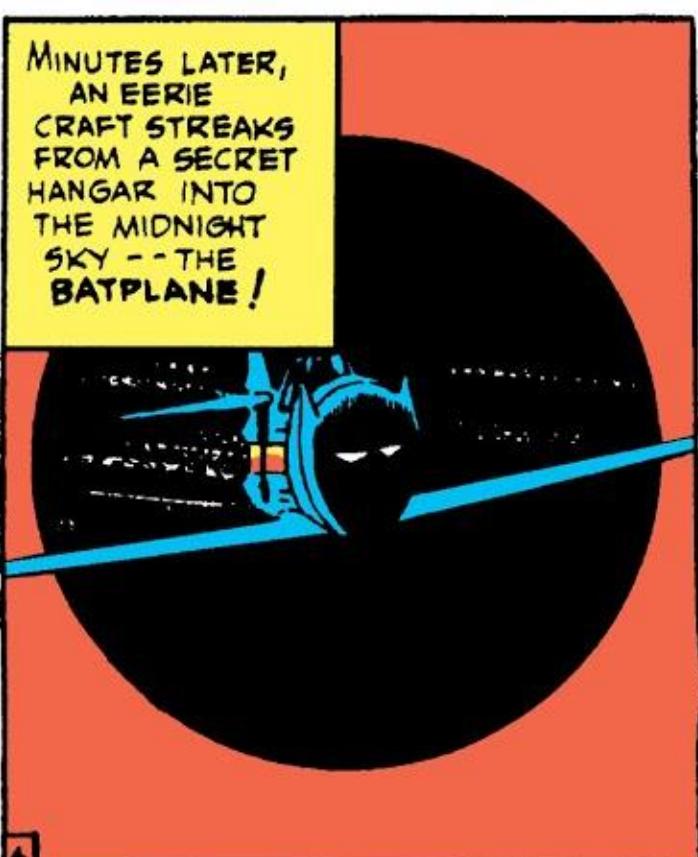
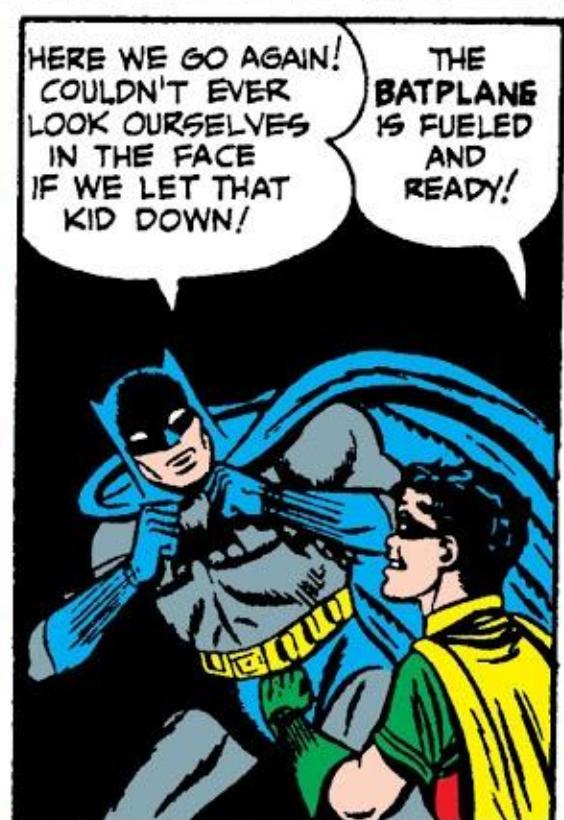
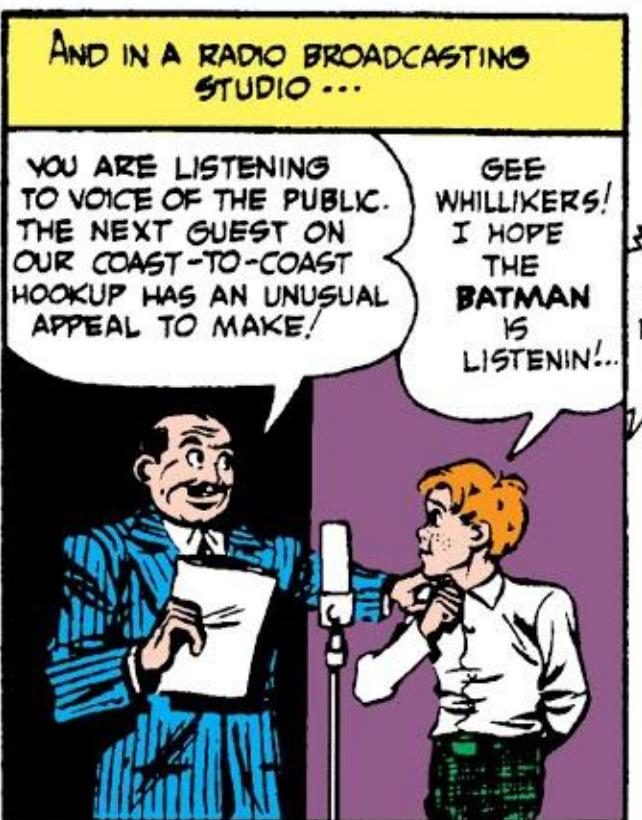
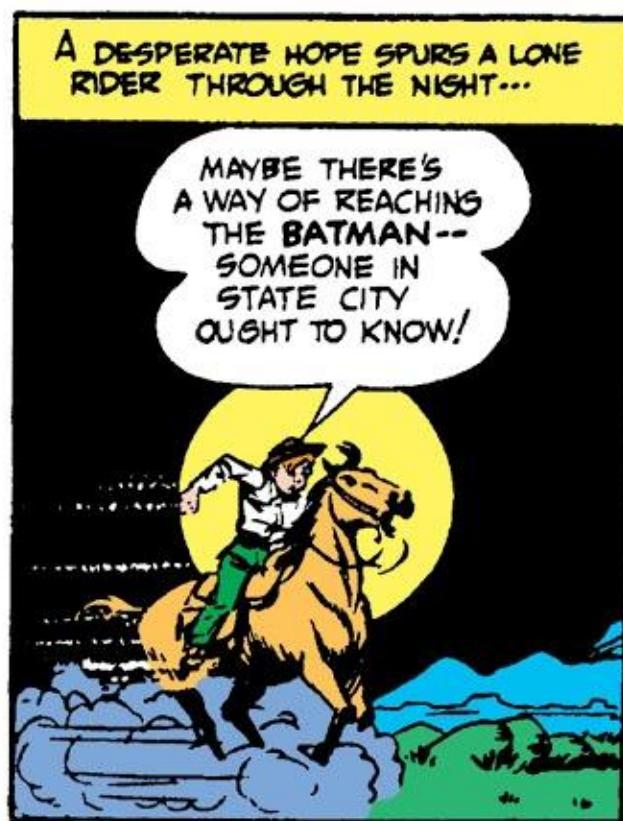


PRESENTLY----INSIDE THE SCHOOLHOUSE----



LATER, IN THE TINY SHACK CACTUS TOM SHARES WITH JOE ...





RETURNING HOME, YOUNG JOE IS UNPREPARED FOR THE SUDDEN CRACKLE OF OUTLAW SIX-SHOOTERS THAT BLAZE AT HIM FROM BEHIND...

GEE--WHILLIKERS... THEY'RE AFTER ME!

YOU WON'T MAKE US NO MORE TROUBLE, KID!

BUT AS SILENT WINGS SWOOP LOW, A VERY REAL "BOLT FROM THE BLUE" PLUMMETS INTO THE MIDST OF THE WOULD-BE KILLERS--THE BATMAN!

LET'S YOU WALK AND I RIDE!

WHA--? UGH!

I'M JUST A ROPIN' COWBOY, YIPPEE!

I'M SLIPPIN' ON!

A MID GRAY CLOUDS OF DUST, THE OUTLAWS HEAD FOR DISTANT PARTS---

BE SEEING YOU LADS LATER!

LET'S BEAT IT! THAT GUY'S THE BATMAN!

GOLLY, MR. BATMAN ... YOU SAVED MY LIFE!

THINK NOTHING OF IT, JOE --- FROM WHAT I HEAR, YOU'RE TRYING TO SAVE A TOWN!

HEART-WARMING CHEERS RING THRU THE AIR AS THE WORLD-FAMOUS DUO RIDES INTO SUNSHINE CITY!

THIS IS THE BIGGEST DAY OF MY LIFE!

HOORAY FOR THE BATMAN!

FOLKS, I NOMINATE THE BATMAN FOR SHERIFF!

AS SHERIFF, I'D HAVE THE LAW ON MY SIDE...

THANKS, CACTUS TOM!

THE BATMAN FOR SHERIFF!

BUT UNFRIENDLY EYES WATCH THE GALA SCENE FROM THE BALCONY OF FROGEL'S LADY LUCK SALOON...

WILD EXCITEMENT MARKS THE ONE-DAY ELECTION CAMPAIGN---A FROLICsome RALLY SUCH AS NO GHOST TOWN HAS EVER SEEN!

SO THAT'S THE HIGH AND MIGHTY BATMAN! WE'LL SHOW HIM HE DON'T COUNT FER MUCH IN THESE PARTS, EH, BOYS?

LEAVE IT TO US, BOSS! WE'LL RUN YOU FER SHERIFF AN' BEAT HIM TO A FRAZZLE!

THEY GOT PLENTY VOTES TO ELECT HIM!

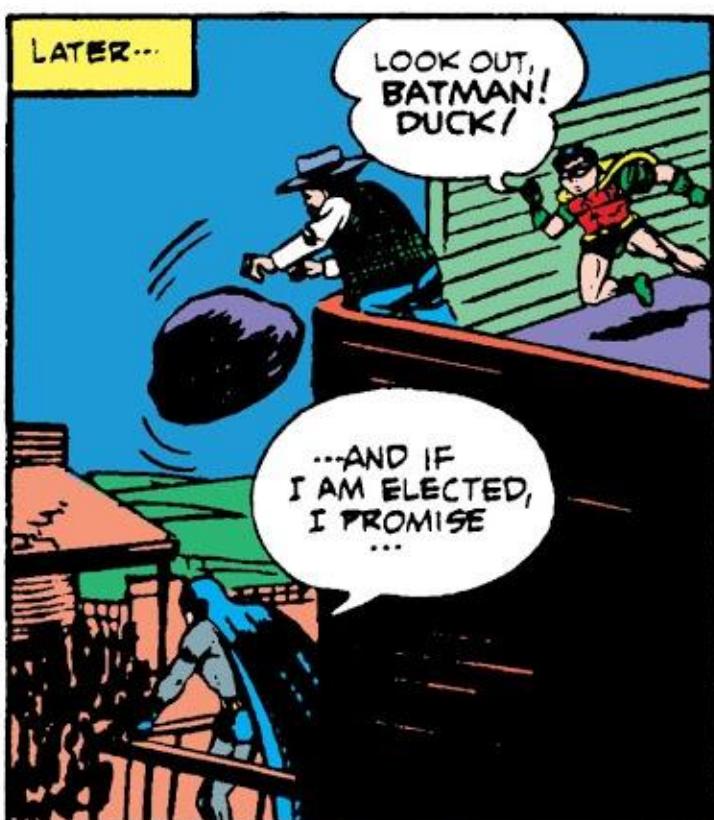
DON'T WORRY! WE'LL FIX HIM---LISTEN!



LATER...

LOOK OUT, BATMAN! DUCK!

...AND IF I AM ELECTED, I PROMISE ...



HERE'S A VOTE FOR YOU, FROGEL!

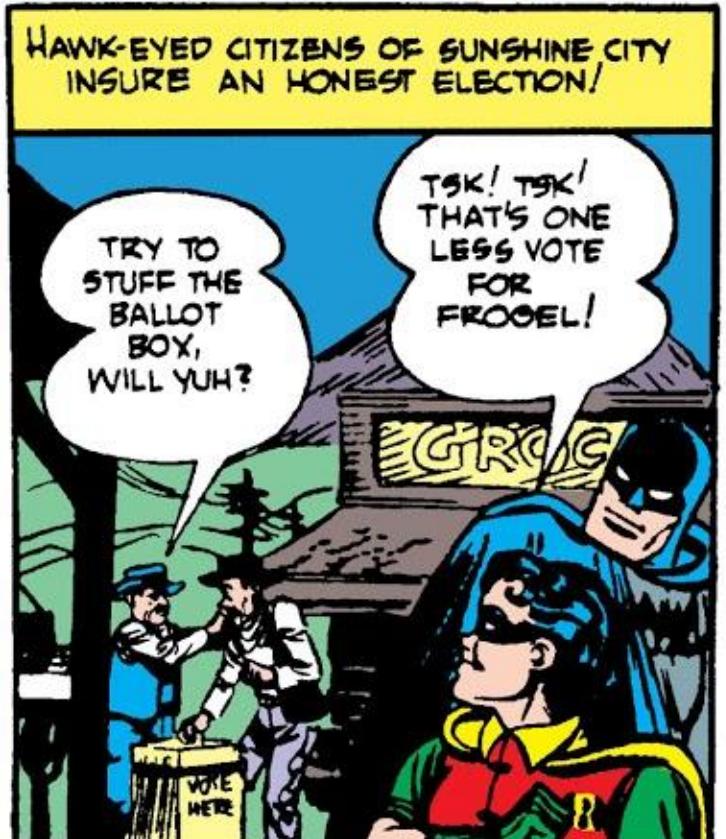
THAT GUY AIN'T HUMAN!

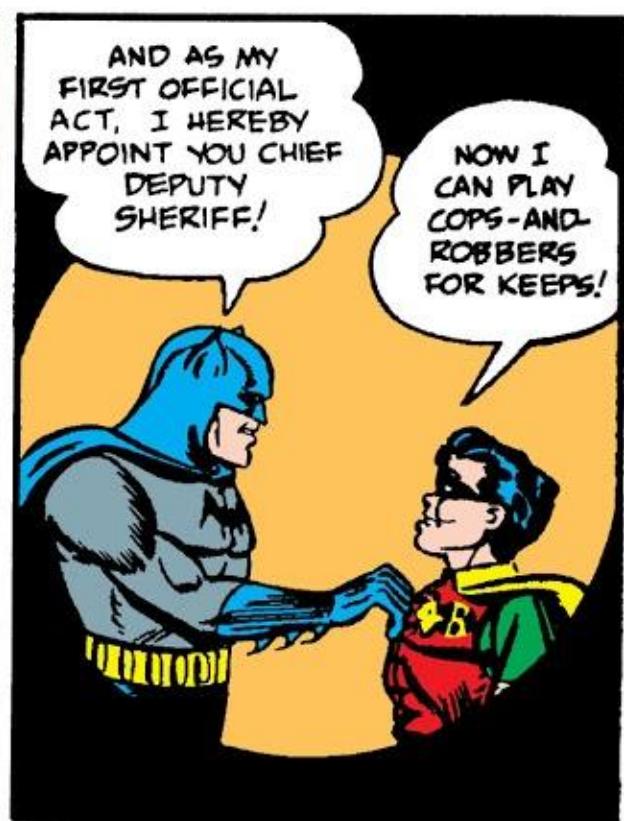


HAWK-EYED CITIZENS OF SUNSHINE CITY INSURE AN HONEST ELECTION!

TRY TO STUFF THE BALLOT BOX, WILL YUH?

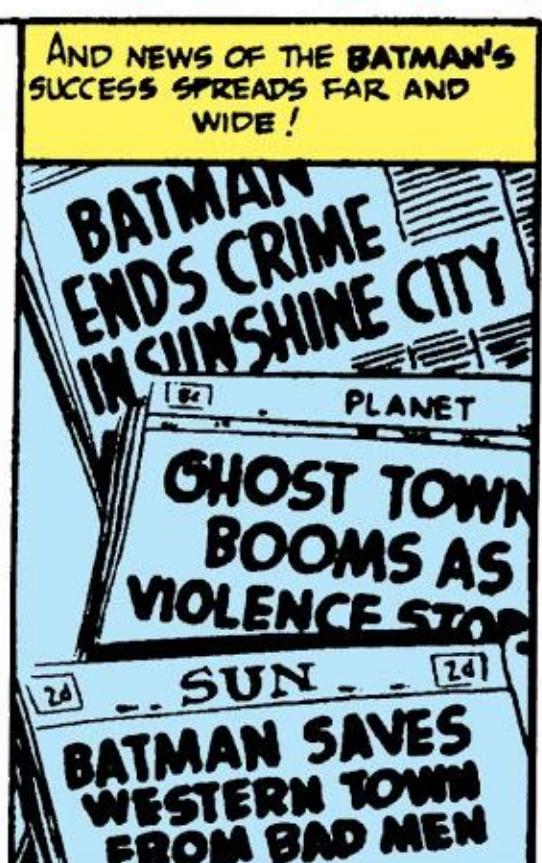
TSK! TSK! THAT'S ONE LESS VOTE FOR FROGEL!





THUS BEGINS A NEW ERA OF PEACE FOR SUNSHINE CITY --

AN ERA IN WHICH OLD-TIMERS RECALL FAMOUS PEACE-MAKERS OF BYGONE DAYS --



FINALLY...

FELLER CITIZENS, OUR NEIGHBORIN' TOWN HAS AGREED T' LEND US MONEY FER STREETS AN' REAL ELECTRIC LIGHTS. NOW WE'LL GIT T'BE A REAL CITY. THANKS TO OUR NEW SHERIFF!

YIPPEE!
PROSPERITY
IS ON THE
WAY!

THE TOWN BUZZES WITH PLANS OF A GRAND CELEBRATION...

CACTUS TOM IS A-GOIN' TO BRING THE MONEY FROM GILA GULCH IN A STAGECOACH!

THE WHOLE TOWN'S GONNA DRESS UP IN OLD-TIME COSTUMES!

WHILE IN THE HEART OF THE BADLANDS, OTHERS DISCUSS THE COMING EVENT WITH DEEP INTEREST-- KNOWN OUTLAWS, WHO FLED THE CITY WHEN THE BATMAN AND ROBIN TOOK OFFICE!

IMAGINE AN OLD GALOOT LIKE CACTUS TOM DRIVIN' THOUSANDS O' DOLLARS ACROSS THE DESERT IN A STAGECOACH!

WE DON'T HAVE TO IMAGINE IT, BLACKIE-- WE'LL BE RIGHT ON HAND TO SEE IT!

AN' WITH OUR SHOOTIN' IRONS READY!

AS THE GREAT DAY DAWNS...

YOU'RE RIDING THE COACH WITH CACTUS TOM, DEPUTY! REMEMBER, THE GUN'S JUST FOR SHOW! AND THE CARTRIDGES ARE BLANKS!

JUST PART OF THE MASQUERADE, EH, BATMAN...I MEAN CHIEF!

THAT MORNING'S SUN SHINES UPON SUCH A PICTURESQUE SIGHT AS THE DESERT HAS NOT SEEN IN HALF A CENTURY....

FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS! MY BIGGEST STRIKE ---AN' ALL FER SUNSHINE CITY!

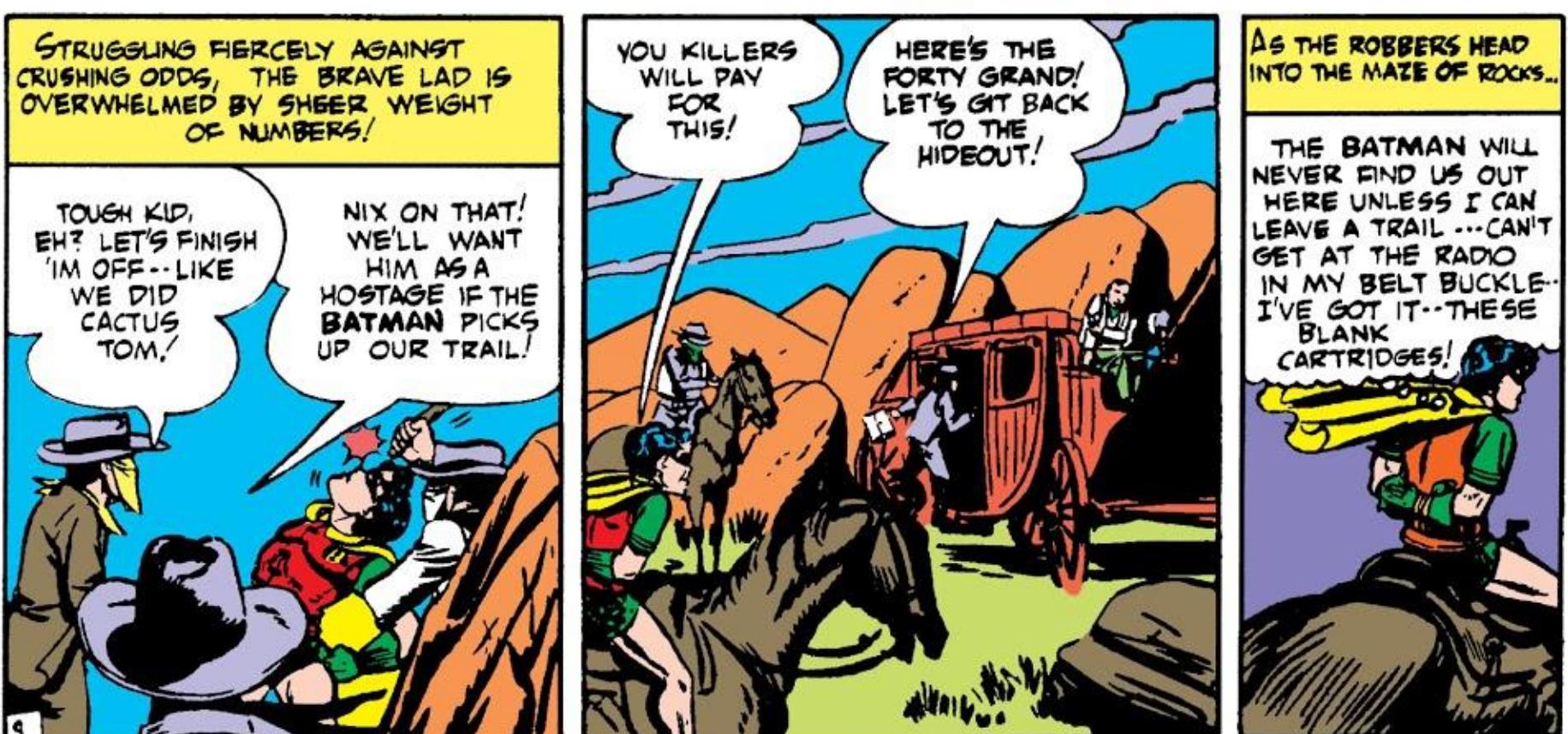
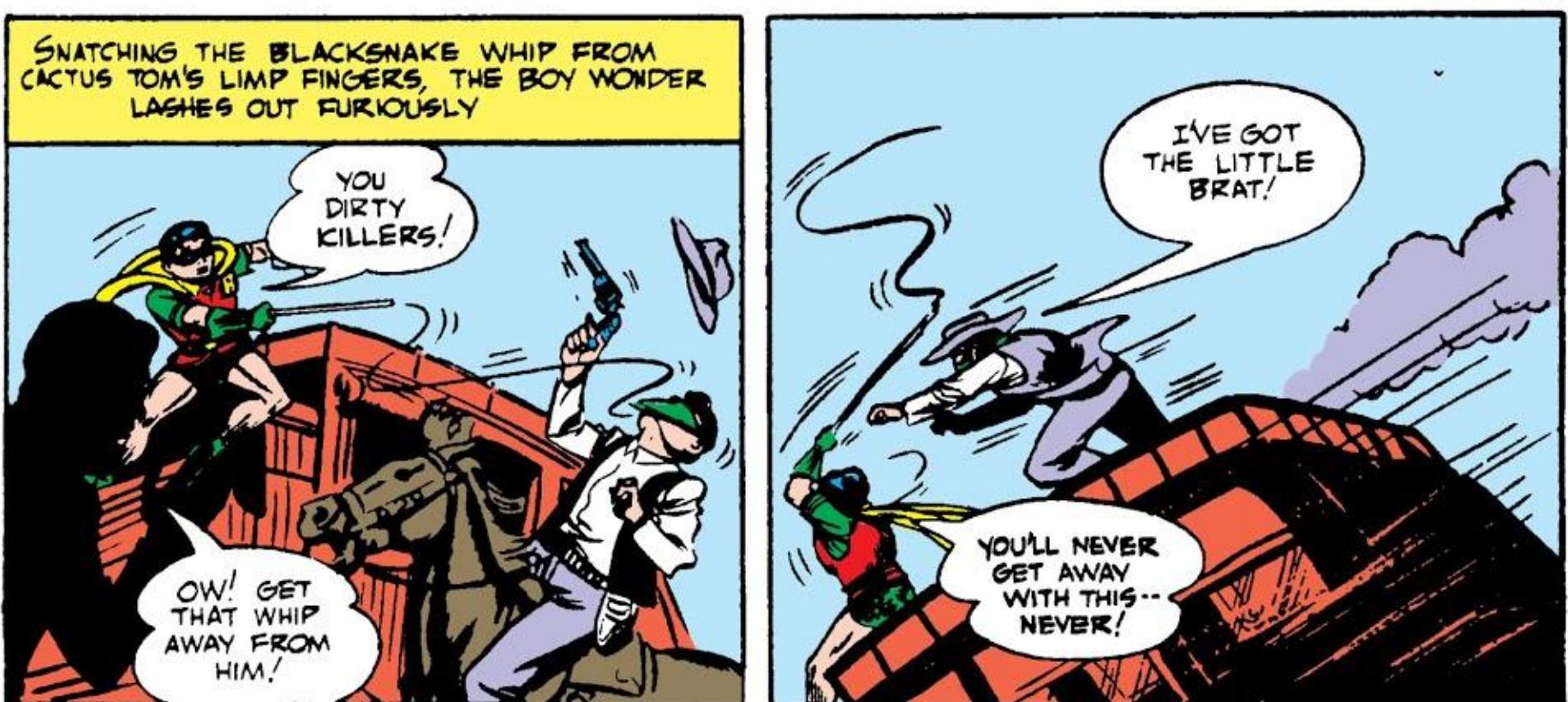
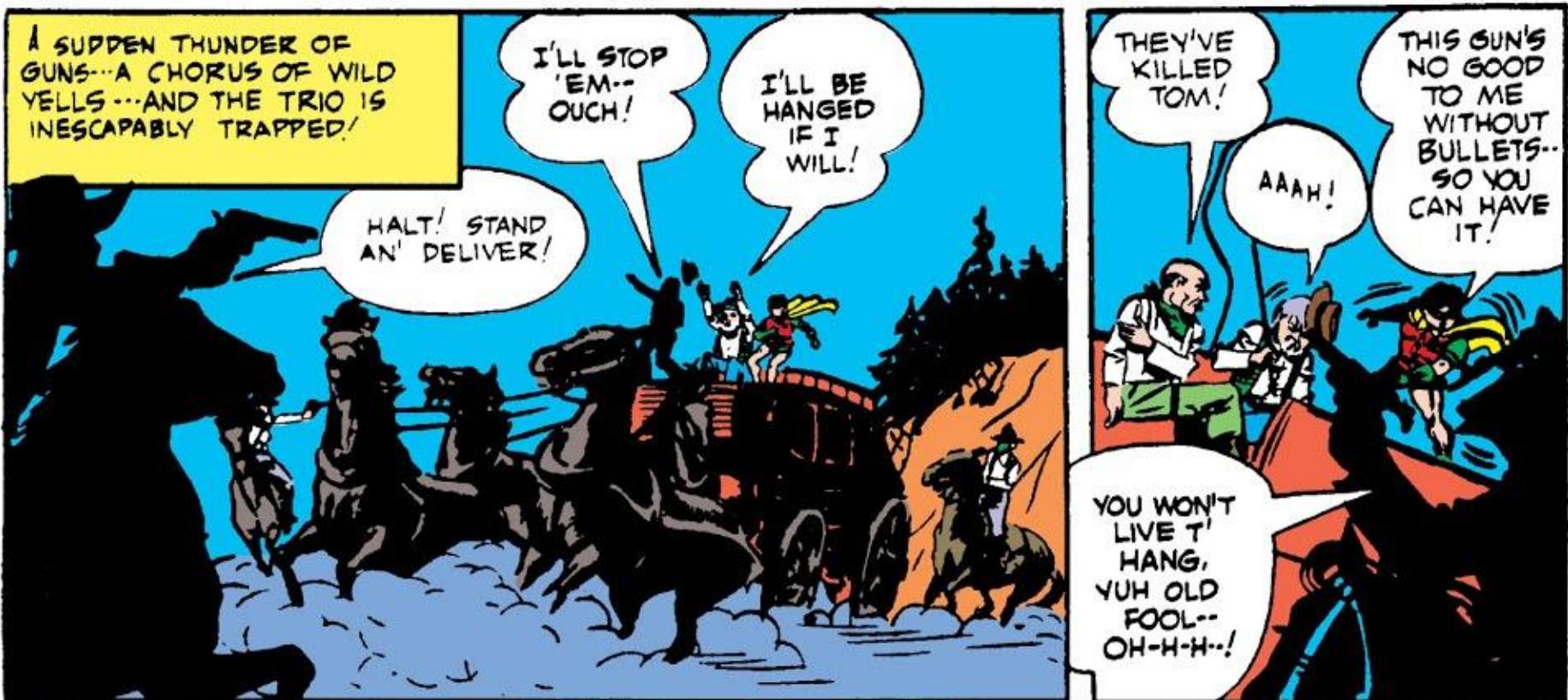
I ALWAYS WANTED TO RIDE ON ONE OF THESE!

'FORE THE BATMAN CAME, WE WOULDN'T DARE CART MONEY AROUND LIKE THIS!

IT'S SAFE ENOUGH NOW, SINCE FROSEL'S PALS LIT OUT FER OTHER PARTS!

SAFE? LET'S LOOK AHEAD-- TO WHERE THE ANCIENT COACH'S PATH TWISTS BETWEEN STEEP WALLS OF ROCK!

WE'RE REALLY HELPIN' 'EM WITH THEIR SHOW-- THIS IS LIKE THE OLD DAYS, TOO!



CAUTIOUSLY, ONE BY ONE, ROBIN WORKS THE CARTRIDGES FREE OF THE BELT LOOPS, LEAVING A SHINING TRAIL THAT PASSES UNNOTICED BY HIS CAPTORS...

WHEN WE GIT READY T'HIT THE TRAIL, KID, WE'LL STAKE YUH OUT FER THE BUZZARDS T'EAT!

MEANWHILE, BACK IN SUNSHINE CITY, THE DESCENDANTS OF GUN-FIGHTING PIONEERS HAVE DECKED THEMSELVES OUT TO RESEMBLE THEIR FAMOUS ANCESTORS...

RECKON I LOOK LIKE JEST ABOUT AS TOUGH AS MY GREAT-UNCLE, TWO-GUN" TURPIN, WHO WIPE OUT THE OWL-HOOT GANG!

YOU MEAN, ALL BUT THE ONE WHO WIPE HIM OUT!

ME, I RECKON I'D MAKE AS GOOD A PEACE OFFICER AS MY GRANDPOP, "DEAD-EYE" DANVERS!

HAIL TO CACTUS TOM THE BATMAN AND ROBIN IN SUNSHINE CITY-

A RUMBLE OF WHEELS, A DRUMMING OF HOOFs-- AND THE STAGECOACH COMES INTO VIEW, RACING AHEAD OF A CLOUD OF ALKALI DUST!

SOMETHING WRONG...ONE OF THEM'S LYING DOWN-- AND ROBIN IS MISSING!

HERE THEY COME! LET'S GIVE OLD CACTUS TOM A SIX-GUN SALUTE!

THE MERRymAKERS FALL SILENT AS THE STUNNING NEWS OF THE TRAGEDY REACHES THEM---

BANDITS! THEY KILLED TOM-- WOUNDED ME-- KIDNAPPED ROBIN AN' GOT AWAY WITH THE MONEY!

WHERE DID IT HAPPEN? WHICH WAY DID THEY GO?

SWIFTLY THEIR HOLIDAY MOOD CHANGES TO ONE OF BLACK FURY...

GET THE MURDERERS WHO KILLED OLD CACTUS TOM! WE'LL ORGANIZE A POSSE!

A POSSE IS WHAT I NEED-- BUT I CAN'T LEAD THESE OLD MEN OUT AGAINST ARMED KILLERS--

I'M GOING AFTER THEM-- ALONE! THOSE BANDITS ARE DANGEROUS! THEY'LL BE HIDDEN IN THE HILLS, WHERE THEY'LL BE HARD TO GET AT! YOU'VE ELECTED ME SHERIFF, AND IT'S MY JOB!

BUT A MIRACLE SEEMS TO HAVE TRANSFORMED THE OLD-TIMERS-- AS IF THE SPIRIT OF THEIR FIGHTING ANCESTORS HAS COME TO LIFE WITHIN THEM.

I'M A-WEARIN' 'TWO-GUN" TURPIN'S BOOTS-- AND THEY'RE A-GOIN' T'TAKE ME AFTER THEM VARMINTS, SHERIFF!

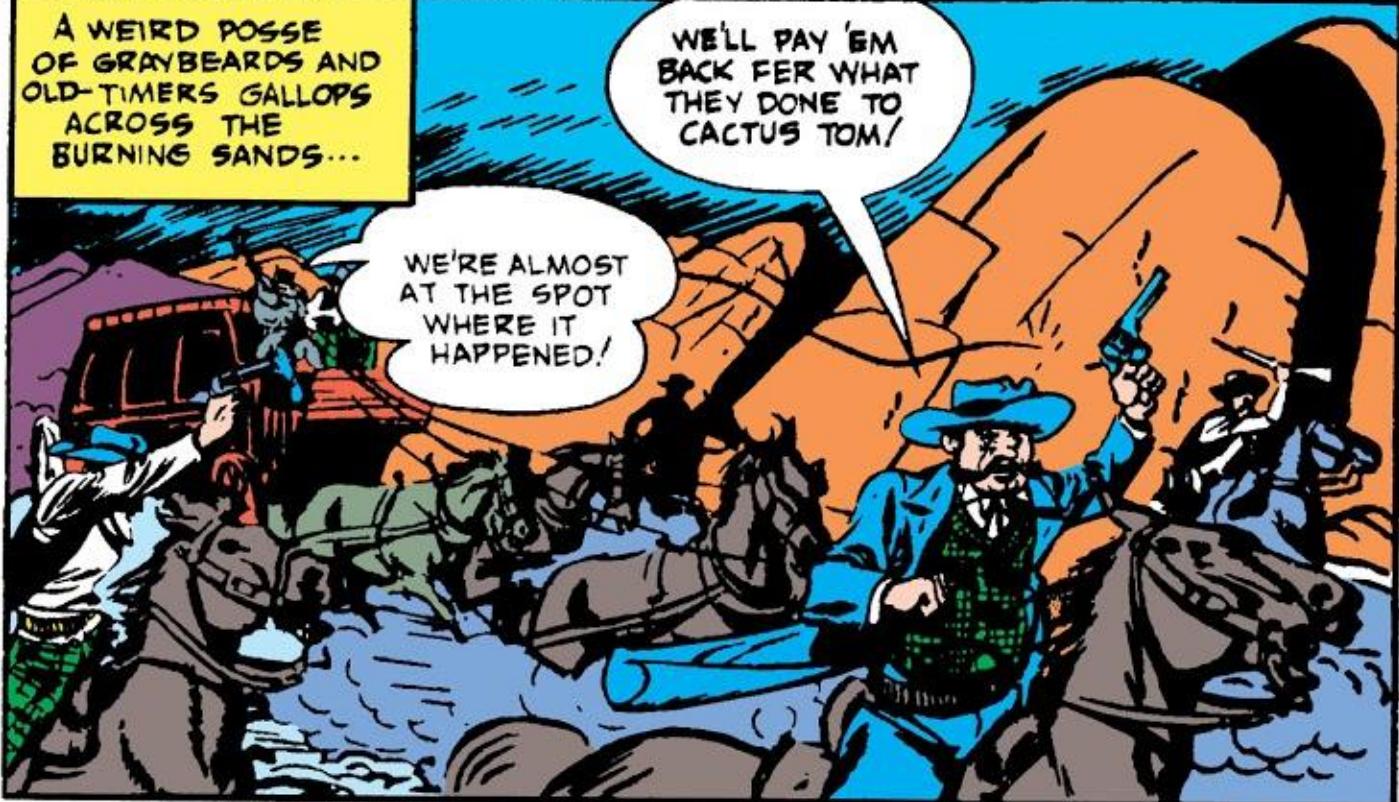
THERE'S A GOOD FIGHT LEFT IN ME, TOO! DON'T FERGIT, "DEAD-EYE" DANVERS WAS MY GRANDPOP!

MEN, I APOLOGIZE!
FOR A MINUTE I
FORGOT THAT AN
OUNCE OF FIGHTING
SPIRIT IS WORTH
A TON OF MUSCLE!
LET'S HIT THE
TRAIL!

A WEIRD POSSE
OF GRAYBEARDS AND
OLD-TIMERS GALLOPS
ACROSS THE
BURNING SANDS...

WE'LL PAY 'EM
BACK FER WHAT
THEY DONE TO
CACTUS TOM!

WE'RE ALMOST
AT THE SPOT
WHERE IT
HAPPENED!



THEIR
HOSSES DIDN'T
LEAVE NO
TRAIL ON
THESE
ROCKS...

BUT ROBIN DID!
THIS IS A
BLANK CARTRIDGE...
THE KIND HE
CARRIED. AND
THERE'S ANOTHER
FARTHER ON!

THE AGED POSSEMAN TRACE
THE BANDIT TRAIL---

AND AT THE STAGE-ROBBERS'
STRONGHOLD---

WE'D NEVER'VE
FOUND THE
WAY IF THE
YOUNGSTER
HADN'T BEEN
SMART!

QUIET,
MEN...
WE'RE
NEARING
OUR
QUARRY!

WE'RE SITTIN'
PRETTY! EVEN
IF THE BATMAN
FOUND US,
WHAT COULD
HE DO?

YUH LEETLE
LIZARD--I'LL
FIX YUH!
HE COULD
DO PLENTY!
ASK
BULLET--



THIS IS
JEST
A DOWN
PAYMENT!

YOU
WOULDN'T
DARE DO
THAT IF MY
HANDS
WEREN'T
TIED!

SUDDENLY
AN OMINOUS
SHAPE HURLES
INTO THE
BANDIT
CAMP!

THIS IS WHERE
EAST MEETS WEST
WITH A BANG!

BATMAN! HERE'S
YOUR CHANGE,
BULLET!

THE
BATMAN!



