

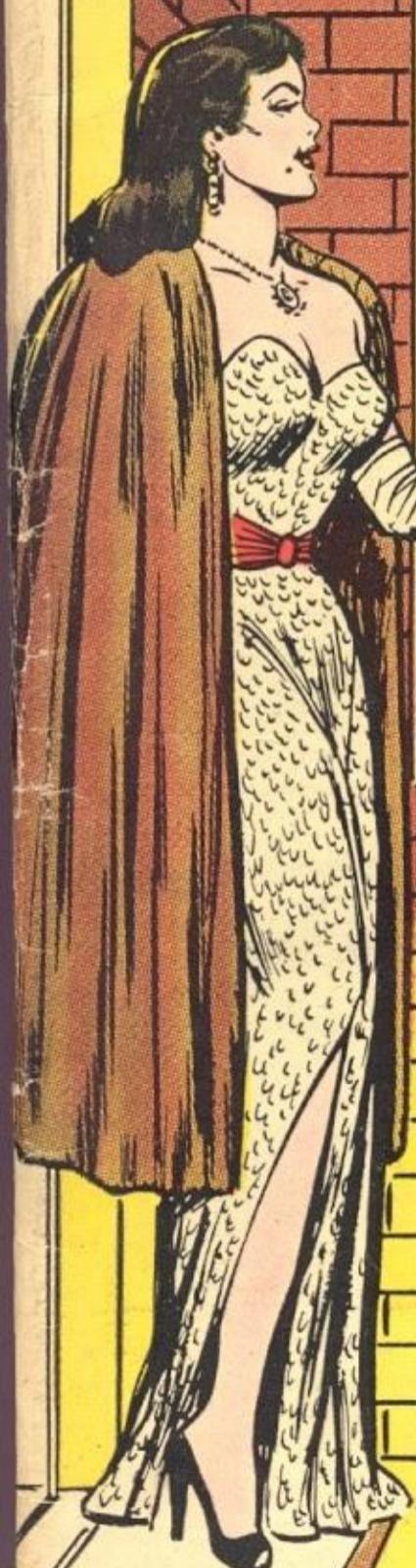
# BATMAN

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FALLS  
*in*  
LOVE!"

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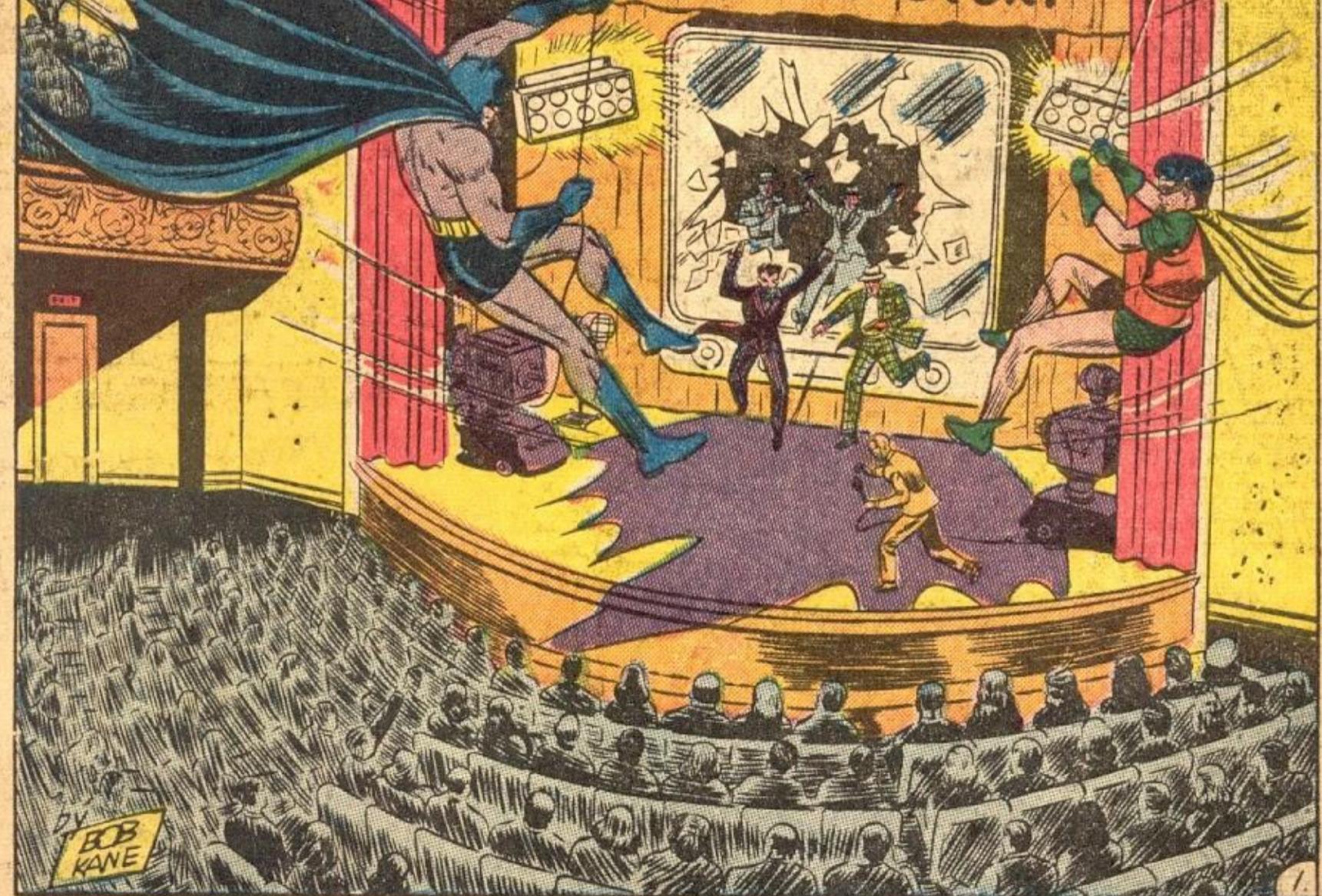
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WHILE SUPPLY LASTS

# BATMAN AND ROBIN

WHAT WOULD BATMAN CONSIDER TO BE HIS GREATEST MOMENT-- HIS MOST MEMORABLE ADVENTURE? WHICH OF HIS MANY AND BIZARRE CASES STANDS FORTH AS THE MOST UNFORGETTABLE? NOT EASY QUESTIONS TO ANSWER-- AND EVEN ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, CANNOT GUESS WHAT NEXT WILL BE BROUGHT FORTH BY THE POPULAR TV PROGRAM, "YOUR LIFE STORY", WHEN TELEVISION CAMERAS REVEAL...

## BATMAN'S GREATEST THRILLS!

STATION GCTV  
PRESENTS  
YOUR LIFE STORY



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## BATMAN

HIGH ABOVE GOTHAM CITY,  
A FAMILIAR SYMBOL  
ILLUMINATES THE NIGHT  
SKY...

LOOK!  
THE BAT-SIGNAL!



A CALL FOR  
BATMAN  
AND ROBIN!

WHILE IN THE MANSION OF WEALTHY  
BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD,  
DICK GRAYSON...

POLICE HEAD-  
QUARTERS  
SIGNALING  
US, BRUCE!

CHECK! GUESS  
WE WON'T HAVE TIME  
FOR DESSERT, ALFRED!

OH, DEAR... WHY  
MUST THEY ALWAYS  
SEND FOR YOU AT  
MEALTIME?

MINUTES LATER, AFTER A RACE  
THROUGH THE STREETS IN THEIR  
FAMED BATMOBILE...

THE POLICE RADIO SAID WE'D FIND  
OUR CROOKS HERE, IN THE  
GOTHAM CITY OPERA  
HOUSE!

OVER A VAST, DARKENED STAGE SWING  
THE CAPE CRIME-FIGHTERS, WHILE  
RUNNING FIGURES OPEN FIRE...

THERE  
THEY GO!

BAT

BAT

SUDDENLY, THOUSANDS OF LIGHTS GO ON, AND...

WHAT--? A  
PACKED  
HOUSE!

HEY, WHAT  
IS THIS?

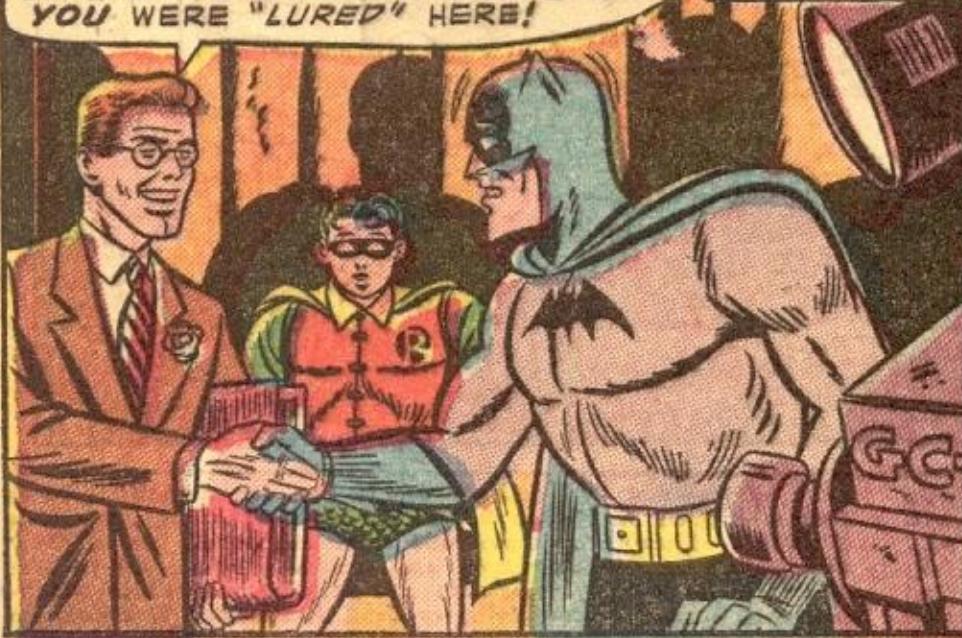
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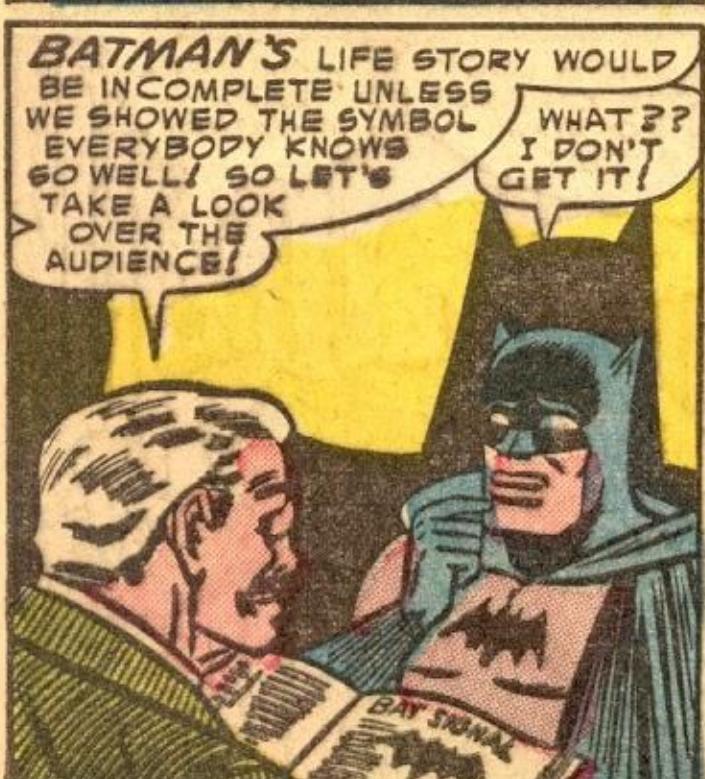
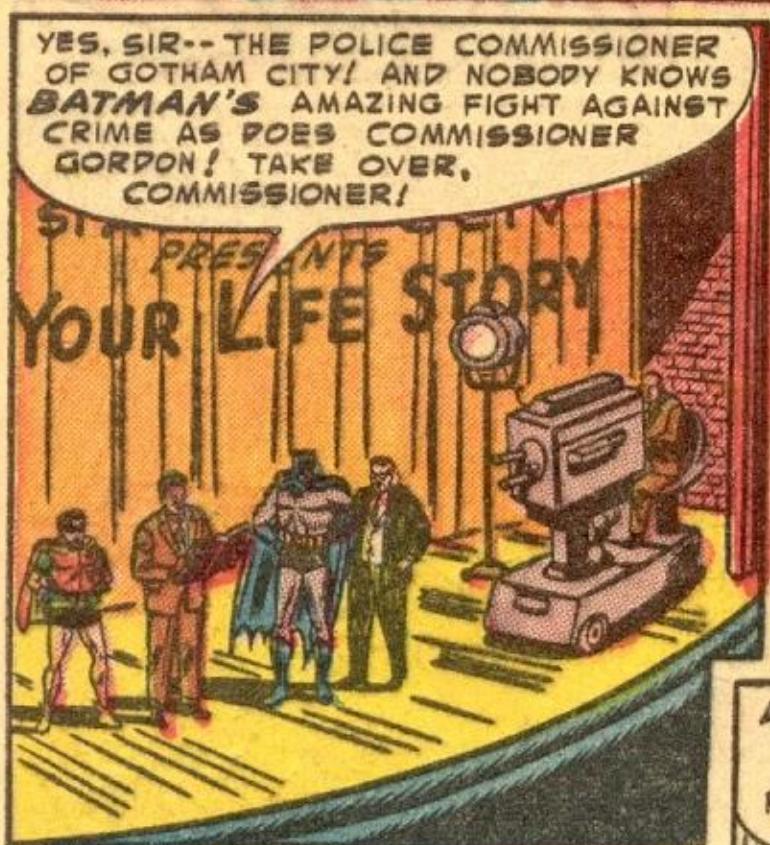
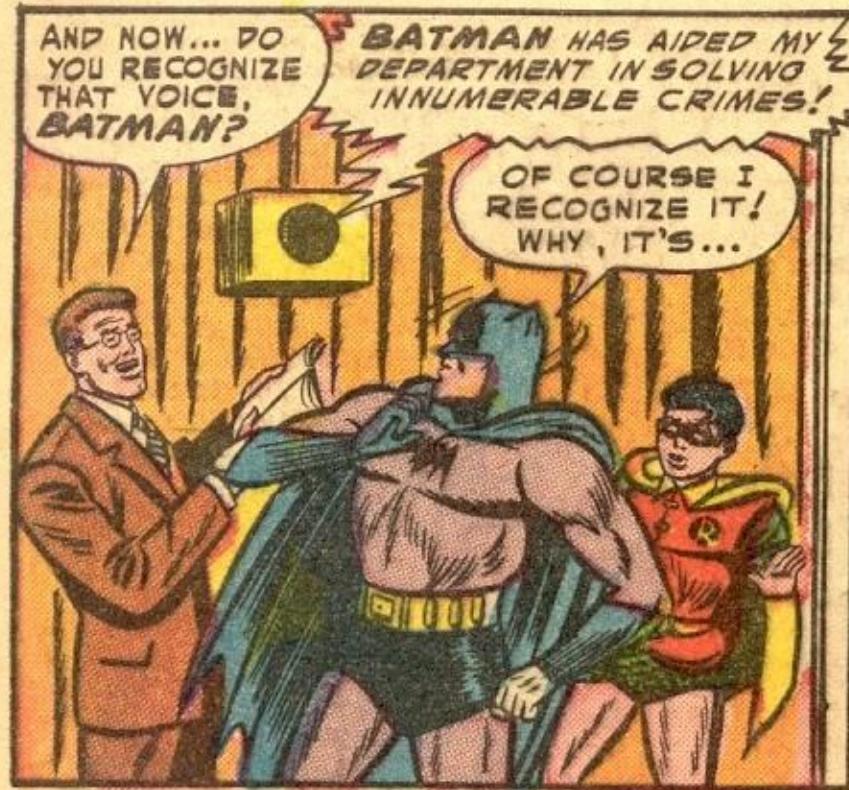
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YOUR LIFE STORY

I'M JOE HARDY, BATMAN--MASTER  
OF CEREMONIES! EVERY TIME WE DO  
SOMEBODY'S LIFE, WE KEEP IT A  
SECRET FROM HIM UNTIL HE APPEARS  
BEFORE THE CAMERAS! THAT'S WHY  
YOU WERE "LURED" HERE!

THE "CROOKS" FIRED  
BLANKS, OF COURSE--  
AND THE ENTIRE ACTION  
WAS PICKED UP BY  
OUR CAMERAS! YOU  
SEE, THIS WEEK  
WE DO YOUR  
LIFE STORY,  
BATMAN!

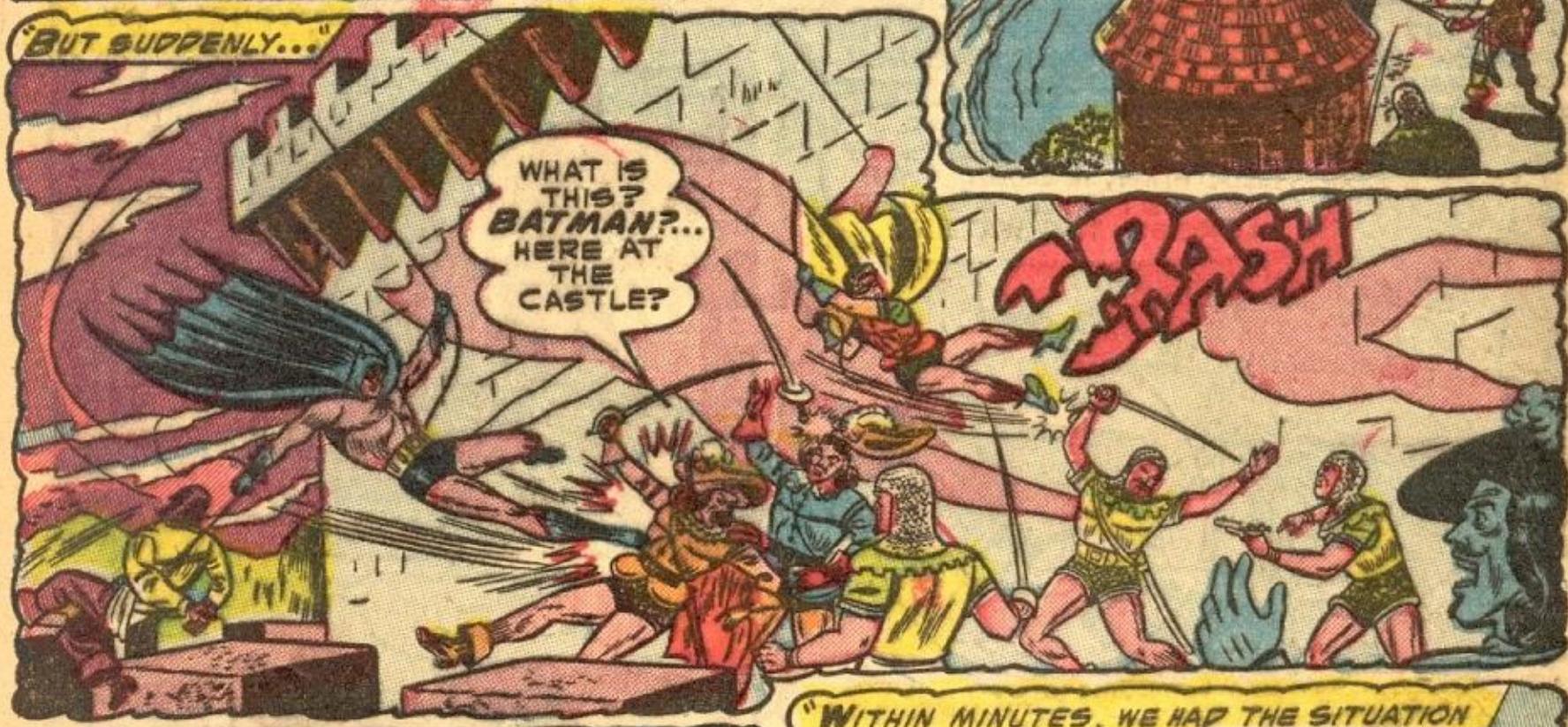
I'VE GOT TO PLAY  
ALONG LIKE IT'S A  
SURPRISE! ACTUALLY,  
I KNEW ABOUT THIS  
WHEN THEY PHONED  
BRUCE WAYNE TO  
APPEAR ON THE SHOW.  
LATER!





## BATMAN





AND NOW FOR ANOTHER OF YOUR MEMORABLE CASES, BATMAN! LISTEN...

I WANT MY DOLLY! I REMEMBER! THE CASE OF THE STOLEN DOLL! AND YOU'RE LITTLE JANIE -- A BIG GIRL NOW!

WAIT! SURE--NOW YES--JANIE IS TWO YEARS OLDER NOW! SHE LIVES WITH HER FAMILY ON THE WEST COAST--BUT THEY CAME HERE TONIGHT ESPECIALLY TO RECALL A CASE THAT STARTED SIMPLY WITH A STOLEN DOLL!



"JANIE HAD RECEIVED THIS DOLL AS A BRAND-NEW GIFT ONE DAY--BUT SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AS SHE PLAYED ALONE IN HER ROOM..."

"AND THAT INCIDENT LAUNCHED YOU INTO ONE OF YOUR MOST BIZARRE CASES, BATMAN--THE CASE OF THE STOLEN DOLL!"

WE'LL HAVE TO SWING RIGHT INTO THE TEETH OF THEIR FIRE, ROBIN! WE CAN'T LET THEM ESCAPE ACROSS THE WATER!

HI, LITTLE GIRL... WE'RE PLAYING COPS AND ROBBERS! WE'RE GONNA BE THE ROBBERS! YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY--YOU'LL GET THE DOLL BACK!

NO! DON'T TAKE MY DOLLY!



THERE IT IS... THE STOLEN DOLL!



"UPON RECOVERING THE DOLL, YOU X-RAYED IT AND VERIFIED WHAT YOU'D SUSPECTED ALL ALONG..."

WE COULDN'T JUST **BREAK** THE DOLL, BECAUSE WE'D ALSO BREAK A LITTLE GIRL'S HEART! BUT THE X-RAY REVEALS WHAT'S INSIDE IT!

WE'LL HAVE TO PERFORM A TRICKY "OPERATION"!

THE RAMESIS PEARLS-- WORTH HALF A MILLION DOLLARS!

"YES, THERE WAS SOMETHING HIDDEN WITHIN THE DOLL-- AND YOU DID 'OPERATE'...!" WE WERE RIGHT! THE CROOKS HAD THEM HIDDEN IN THE DOLL, AND WHEN WE WENT AFTER THEM, THEY PUT THE DOLL WITH OTHERS IN THE DEPARTMENT STORE! THEN THE GIRL'S FATHER BOUGHT IT FOR HER!

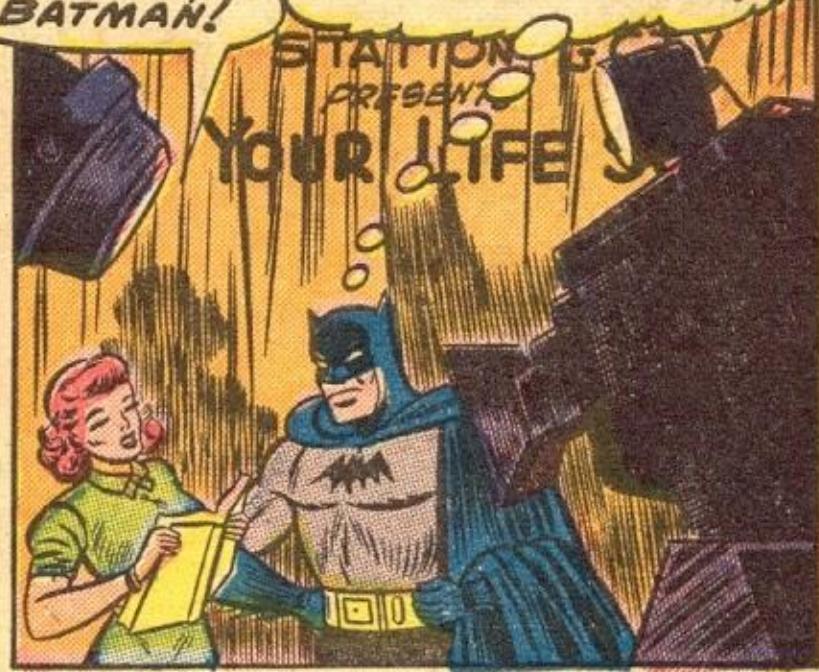


YES-- WE RETURNED THE DOLL TO JANIE IN PERFECT SHAPE! IT'S THE SAME DOLL SHE HOLDS TONIGHT!

A MEMORABLE SOUVENIR, BATMAN-- A DOLL THAT WAS THE OBJECT OF A HALF-MILLION-DOLLAR HUNT! BUT NOW...

...GUESS WHO ELSE IS WAITING BEHIND THAT CURTAIN, BATMAN!

OH, OH... MAYBE IT'S BRUCE WAYNE'S TURN TO APPEAR! I AM IN A SPOT NOW!

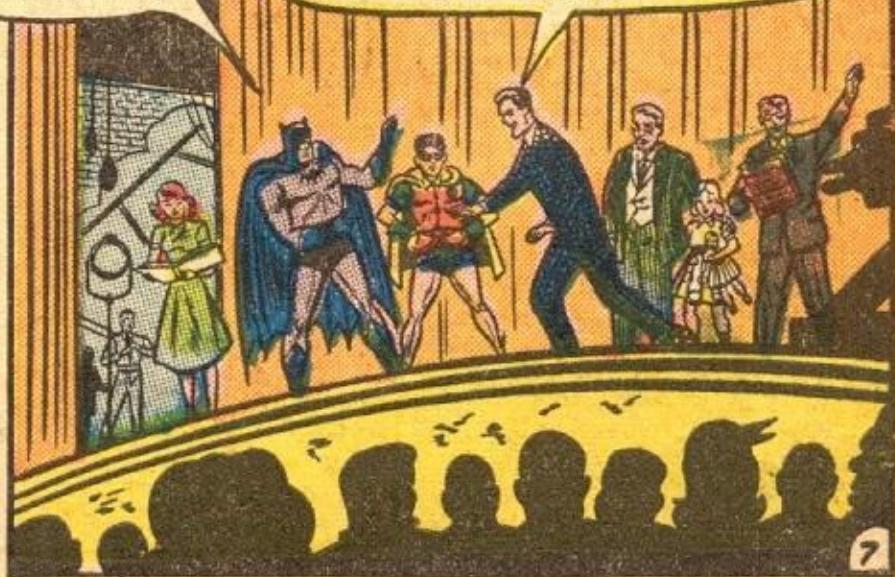


BATMAN SAVED MY LIFE!

WHAT--? NO! IT CAN'T BE!

JOHNNY TAYLOR! BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN AUSTRALIA OPERATING A RANCH!

I WAS, BATMAN-- BUT WHEN THEY TOLD ME ABOUT THE SHOW TONIGHT, I DROPPED EVERYTHING AND FLEW RIGHT IN! NOTHING COULD'VE HELD ME BACK!



YES, JOHNNY IS THE ONLY PERSON WHOM YOU MIGHT CALL "PART BATMAN." IN FACT, HE'S OFTEN REFERRED TO AS JOHNNY "BATMAN" TAYLOR! YOU SEE, NOT ALL OF BATMAN'S CASES INVOLVED CRIME...

"SOME OF THEM INVOLVED THE SAVING OF LIVES--LIKE THIS PARTICULAR ONE, WHICH OCCURRED ABOUT A YEAR AGO..."

DO YOU THINK WE CAN LAND ON THE SHIP IN THIS STORM, BATMAN?

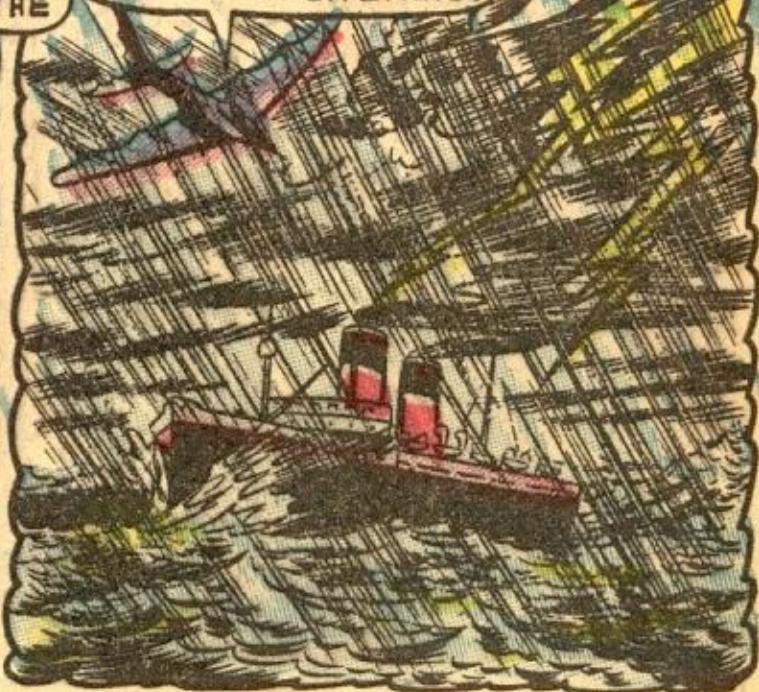
I'M AFRAID WE'VE GOT TO DO IT THE HARD WAY!

THERE'S THE SHIP NOW! A MAN IS DYING DOWN THERE, ROBIN... HIS ONLY HOPE IS THE BLOOD PLASMA WE'RE DELIVERING!

AND EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!



"WHILE ROBIN TOOK THE CONTROLS, YOU DESCENDED BY MEANS OF A ROPE LADDER, BATMAN--A PERILOUS TASK OUT THERE IN THE DRIVING STORM--AND SUDDENLY, YOU WERE SLAMMED AGAINST THE BULK-HEAD..."



THE PLASMA!

CRASH!

"YES, THE ERRAND OF MERCY SEEMED ALL IN VAIN--AND A MAN NAMED JOHNNY TAYLOR SEEMED DOOMED..."

WHAT?? THE PLASMA WAS DESTROYED? THEN... ALL IS LOST!

NO...YOU CAN USE MY BLOOD, DOCTOR! HURRY--MAKE THE TESTS AND LET'S GET ON WITH IT!

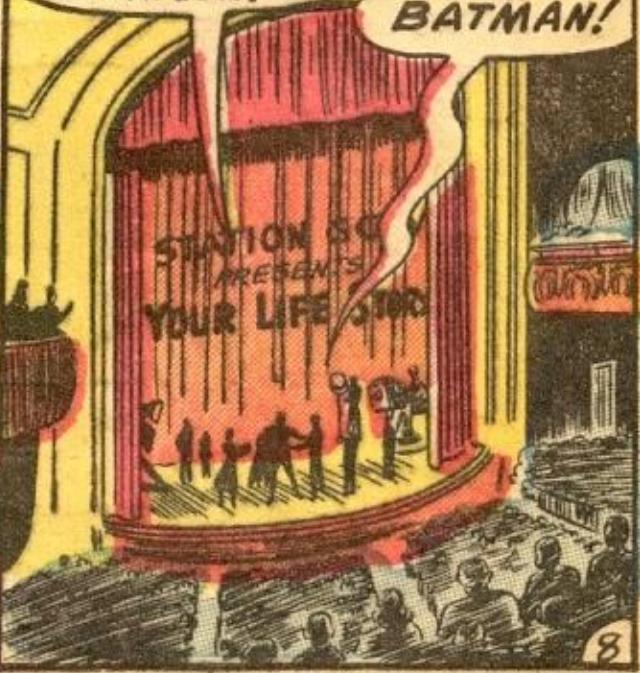
"AND SO, THAT NIGHT, WHILE A SHIP ROCKED VIOLENTLY ON A WRATHFUL SEA, BATMAN SNATCHED A VICTIM-TO-BE FROM THE VERY JAWS OF DEATH!"

ALL RIGHT...IT'S OVER! THE PATIENT WILL LIVE!

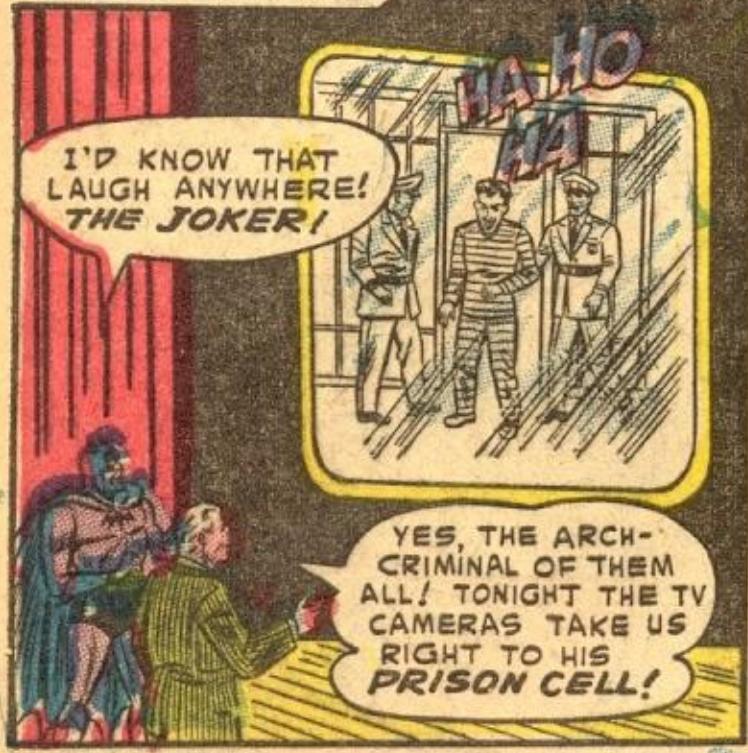


AND THAT PATIENT, OF COURSE, WAS JOHNNY "BATMAN" TAYLOR!

ALIVE AND KICKING--THANKS TO BATMAN!



SUDDENLY, ALL ATTENTION TURNS TO A BIG TV SCREEN...



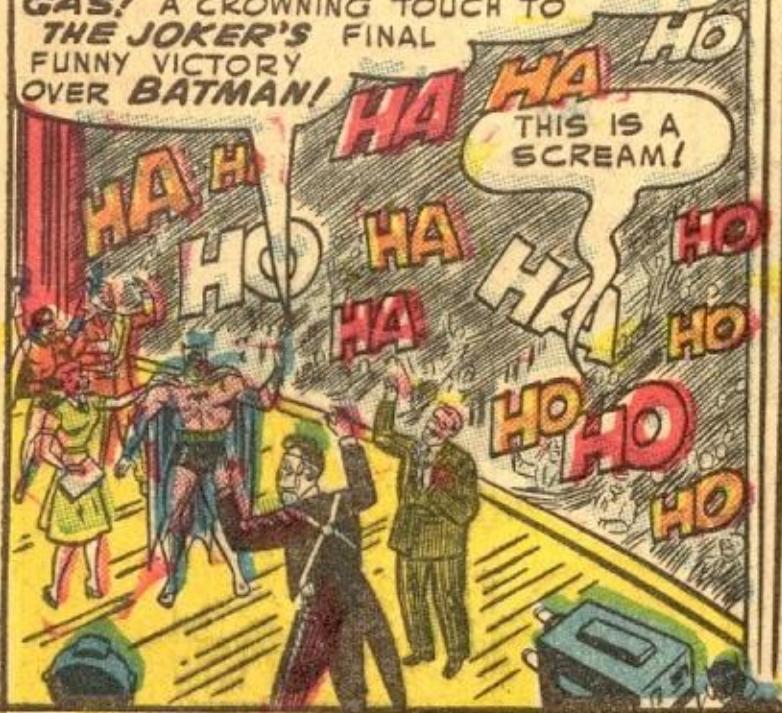
BUT IT'S REAL-LIFE FIGURES THAT CRASH THROUGH THE SCREEN AN INSTANT LATER...

HA, HA... THE MAN IN MY CELL WAS A CON, MADE UP TO LOOK LIKE ME WHILE I EFFECTED ONE OF MY INGENIOUS ESCAPES! I JUST THIS MOMENT MADE MY WAY INTO THE SCREEN--TO SUPPLY THE LAST LAUGH TO BATMAN'S LIFE STORY! HA, HA, HA!

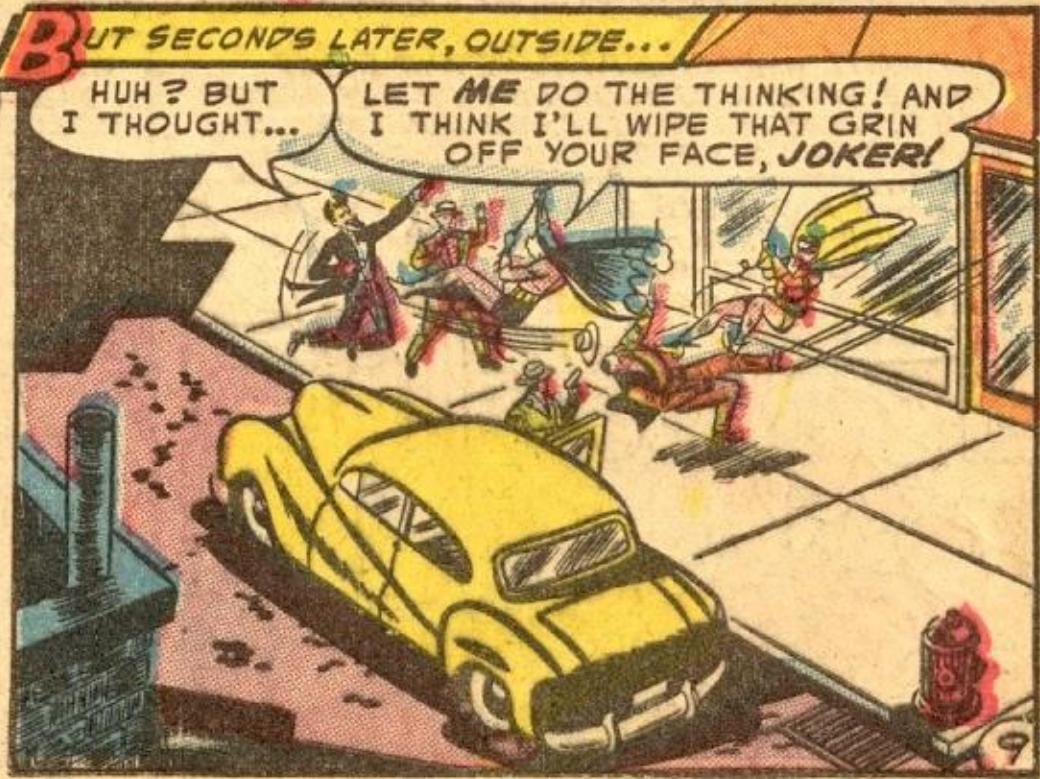
THE JOKER!  
HERE -- IN PERSON!



GAS HAS BEEN PUMPED INTO THE AIR VENTS OF THE BUILDING--LAUGHING GAS! A CROWNING TOUCH TO THE JOKER'S FINAL FUNNY VICTORY OVER BATMAN!



AND VIEWERS THROUGHOUT GOTHAM CITY STARE IN HORROR AT THE JOKER'S LATEST GRIM PRANK...



## BATMAN

**ROBIN** AND I USED A MIXTURE OF CHARCOAL AND POWDER FROM OUR **UTILITY BELTS** TO IMPROVISE GAS MASKS! I AGREE WITH YOU, **JOKER**-- THIS IS A CROWNING TOUCH TO TONIGHT'S STORY... YOUR CAPTURE!



AND WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE...

YOU CAN TAKE OVER NOW, BOYS! WE'LL TURN OFF THAT GAS AND REVIVE EVERYBODY INSIDE!

HMM... NOTHING SEEMS FUNNY NOW, EH, JOKER?

BAH!



LATER, WHEN ORDER RETURNS TO THE OPERA HOUSE...

A STORY ON **BATMAN'S** LIFE WOULD HARDLY BE COMPLETE WITHOUT INTRODUCING ON-STAGE THE MAN BEHIND THIS VOICE!

MANY TIMES IN MY LIFE, PEOPLE HAVE SAID I WAS BATMAN!



HELLO, BATMAN

I GUESS THIS SHOULD DISPEL THOSE THEORIES AGAIN, MR. WAYNE!



AND THAT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ENDS TONIGHT'S SHOWING OF "YOUR LIFE STORY", IN WHICH WE FEATURED THE LIFE OF **BATMAN**... WITH SOME EXTRA EXCITEMENT, I MUST SAY! GOOD NIGHT!



**B**UT WAIT! WHAT OF **BATMAN** AND BRUCE WAYNE APPEARING TOGETHER ON THE SAME STAGE? FOR THE ANSWER, WE MUST RETURN, SOME TIME LATER, TO THE WAYNE MANSION, WHERE...

AND HERE'S THE PART THEY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT! THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHO WAS BEHIND **BATMAN'S** MASK IN THE FINAL MOMENTS!

I'LL SAY THEY DIDN'T

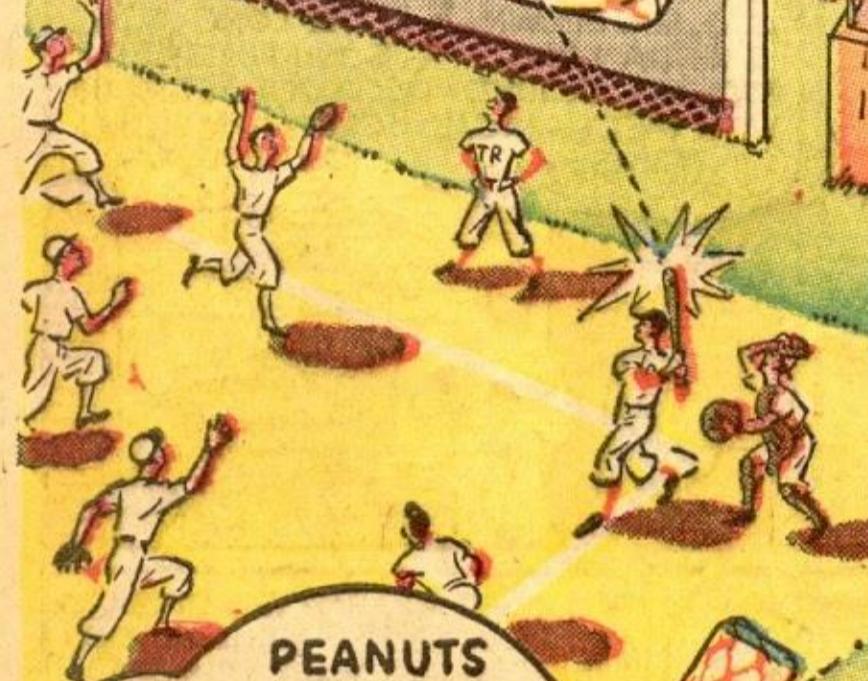
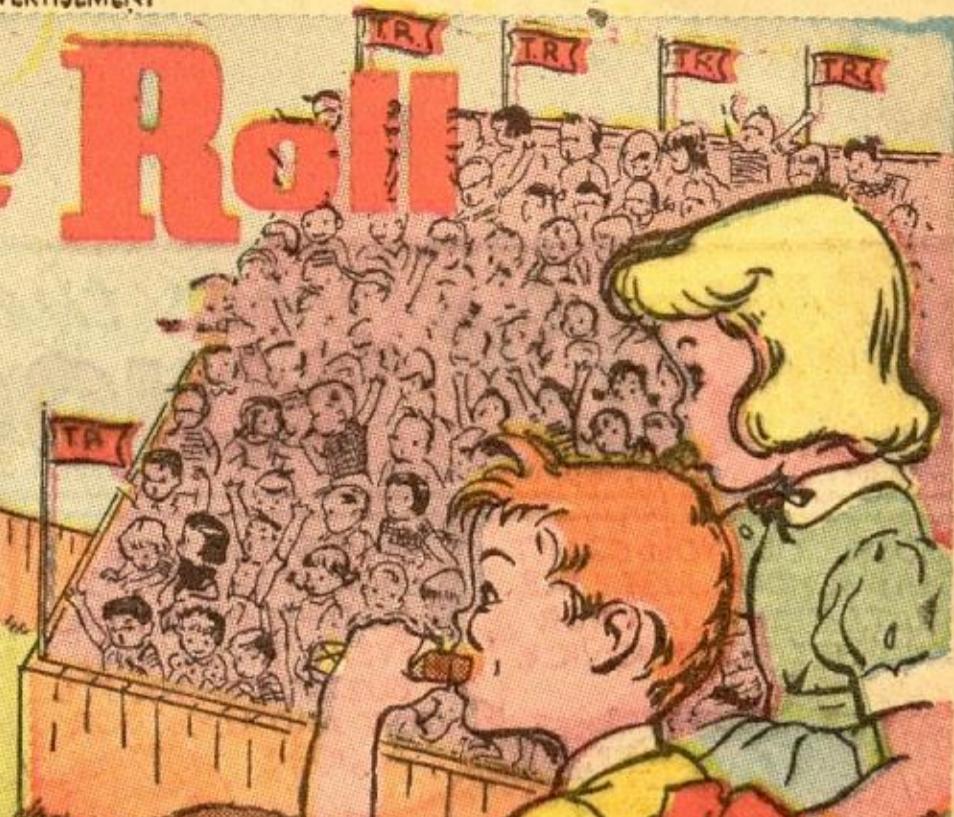


WHILE EVERYONE IN THE THEATER WAS UNDER INFLUENCE OF THE GAS, I HAD ALFRED, THE ONLY PERSON WHO KNOWS OUR REAL IDENTITIES, TAKE THE ROLE OF **BATMAN** WHILE I BECAME **BRUCE**!

WE WERE GOING TO HAVE ALFRED DRESS UP LIKE BRUCE-- BUT THIS WAS EVEN BETTER! IN ALL, IT IS A NIGHT TO BE LONG REMEMBERED!



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# BUZZY has the answer to "SCHOOL BLUES!"

GOSH, JOE, YOU CAN'T QUIT SCHOOL JUST LIKE THAT! THINK IT OVER AND GET SOME ADVICE!

WHAT'S THE USE? LOOK AT THIS REPORT CARD--IT GETS WORSE EVERY TIME! NO, BUZZY, I THINK I'LL QUIT AND LOOK FOR A JOB!

JUST THOUGHT I'D SEE ABOUT CHANCES FOR A JOB, MR. BROWN. I KINDA LIKE FOOLING AROUND WITH MECHANICAL THINGS.

WE COULD TAKE YOU ON, JOE, BUT FRANKLY YOU'D GET FURTHER IN THE LONG RUN IF YOU FINISHED SCHOOL FIRST. EDUCATION PAYS OFF, YOU KNOW!

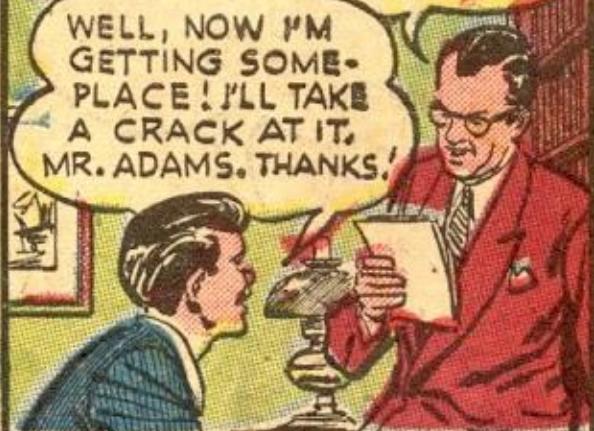


I STILL DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF STAYING AT SCHOOL. I'M NOT GETTING ANYTHING OUT OF IT!

I SEE HOW YOU FEEL, SON, BUT WE'D BE PRETTY DISAPPOINTED IF YOU QUIT SCHOOL NOW. ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TO GET INTERESTED IN YOUR STUDIES?

I HAVE AN IDEA. WHY NOT TALK IT OVER WITH MR. ADAMS, YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR? MAYBE HE CAN SUGGEST SOMETHING.

I'M GLAD YOU HAD THE SENSE TO COME IN TO SEE ME, JOE. I'VE REARRANGED YOUR SCHEDULE, AND IT INCLUDES A NEW COURSE THAT'S RIGHT UP YOUR ALLEY.



HIYA, JOE. GOOD TO SEE YOU'RE STILL AROUND.

AUTO MECHANICS

WHY SHOULDN'T I BE? THAT NEW COURSE I'M TAKING IS A HONEY. AND I'M DOING BETTER IN MY OTHER SUBJECTS, TOO. BOY, AM I GLAD I DIDN'T QUIT WHEN I GOT IN THAT SLUMP!

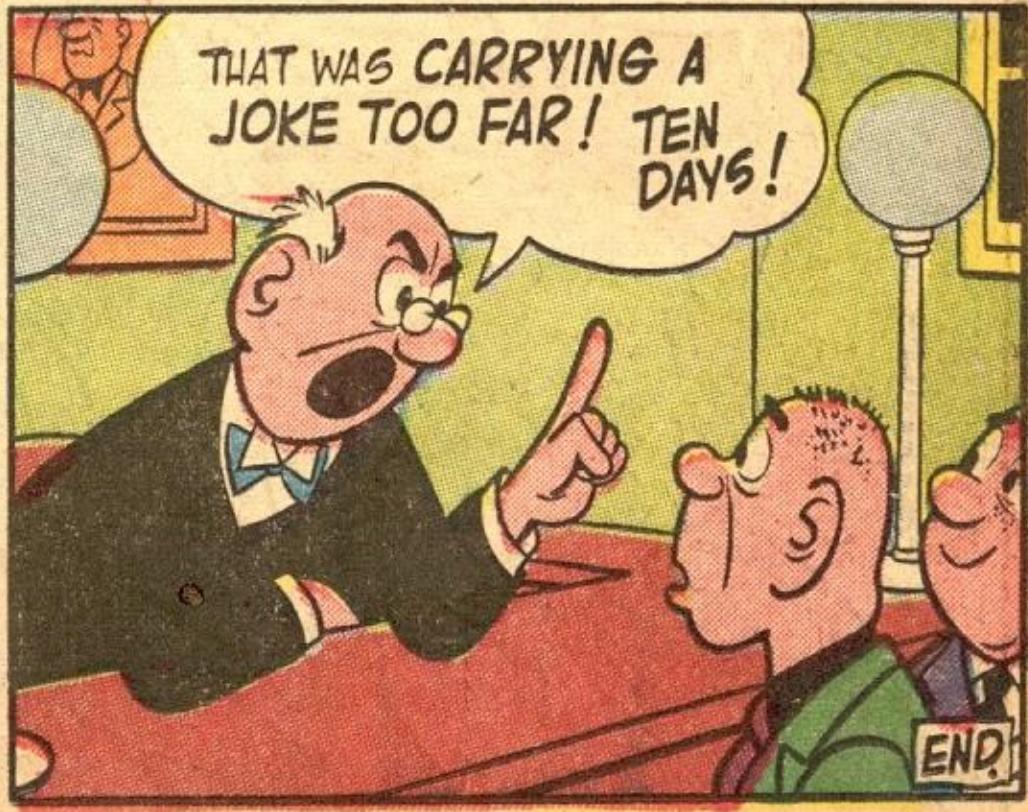
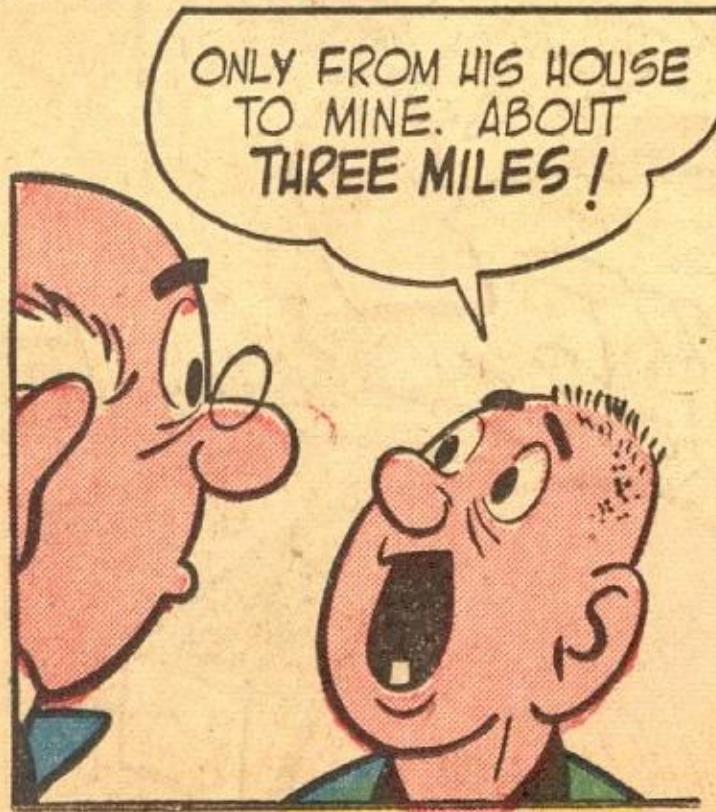
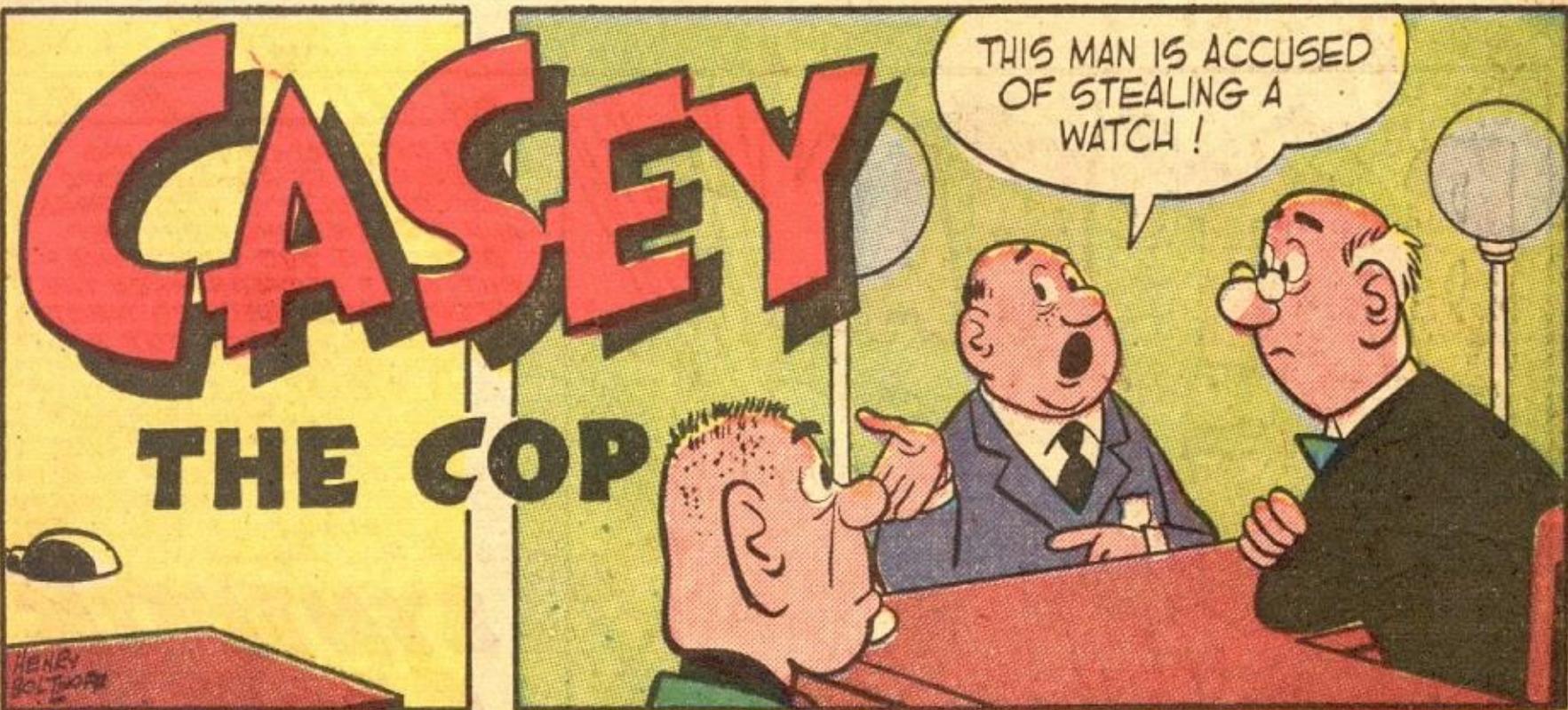


JOE SETTLED AN IMPORTANT DECISION THE WISE WAY. WHEN IT COMES TO SOMETHING THAT WILL INFLUENCE YOUR WHOLE LIFE, DON'T LET DISCOURAGEMENT SETTLE IT FOR YOU. YOUR FUTURE DESERVES REAL THOUGHT--AND THE BEST ADVICE YOU CAN GET!





# BATMAN



# BAT-MAN AND ROBIN

**N**O ORDINARY CRIMINAL HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO COPE SUCCESSFULLY WITH BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE GREATEST DETECTIVE DUO OF ALL TIME! BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS MEET A CRIMINAL WHO IS NOT AN ORDINARY HUMAN, BUT AN ARTIFICIAL MAN, WITH SUPER-HUMAN POWERS? FOR THE DRAMATIC ANSWER, READ THE WEIRD AND THRILLING AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF THE STRANGEST MAN IN THE WORLD, KNOWN AS...

## The SYNTHETIC CRIME-KING!

IT'S THAT SYNTHETIC SUPER-CROOK, USING THE BIG SOLAR MIRROR FOR CRIME! NO ONE ELSE COULD LIFT IT!

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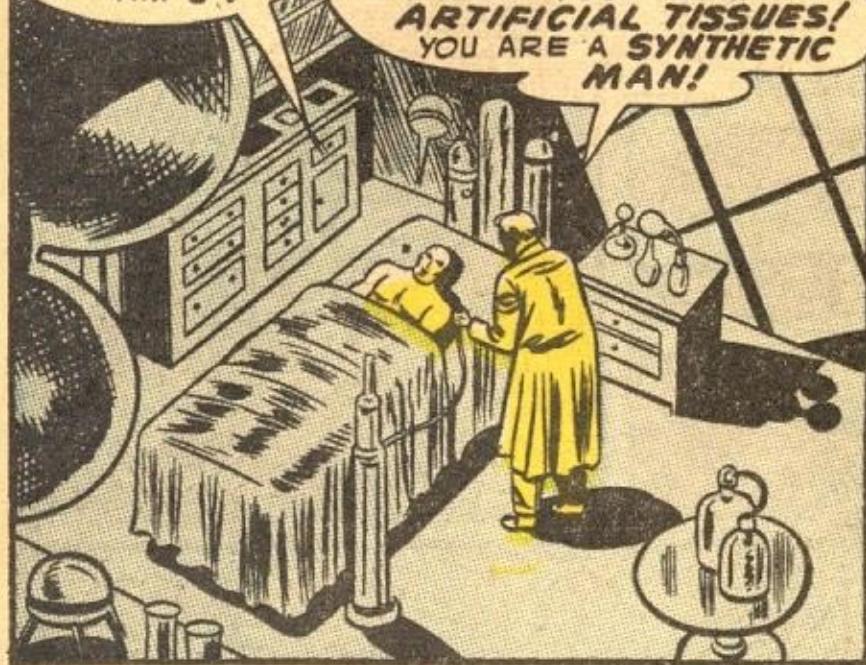
# BATMAN



"THIS IS MY STORY--AND I BEGIN IT WITH THE FIRST THING I CAN REMEMBER...A FACE LOOKING DOWN AT ME!"

WHO--WHO ARE YOU? AND WHO AM I?

VILMER--AND BY MY MASTERY OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE, I'VE CREATED YOU FROM ARTIFICIAL TISSUES! YOU ARE A SYNTHETIC MAN!



"SO THAT THE FIRST THING I LEARNED WAS THE TERRIBLE TRUTH ABOUT MYSELF..."

YOUR LIFE HAS JUST BEGUN IN THAT MOLD! YOU ARE A NEW KIND OF MAN, SO I SHALL CALL YOU ADAM--ADAM NEWMAN! YOU ARE STRONGER AND FASTER THAN ANY ORDINARY HUMAN!



"I SOON LEARNED THAT PROFESSOR VILMER HAD NOT CREATED ME AS A MERE SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT, BUT FOR MOTIVES OF HIS OWN..."

YOU MUST DRINK THIS CHEMICAL ELIXIR EACH DAY, OR YOUR SYNTHETIC LIFE WILL FADE OUT! I ALONE KNOW HOW TO MAKE THE ELIXIR, SO YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON OBEDIENCE TO MY ORDERS!

I'LL--I'LL DO WHAT YOU SAY!



I WANT THAT SHIPMENT OF SUPER-VALUABLE IRIDIUM ARRIVING AT GOTHAM UNIVERSITY TODAY--AND I'VE TOLD YOU HOW TO GET IT!

I'LL GET IT FOR YOU!



"SO I WENT FORTH TO COMMIT CRIME, NOT KNOWING IT WAS CRIME! FOR I KNEW ONLY WHAT VILMER HAD TOLD ME!"

"CAN YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WAS LIKE FOR ME, A FULL-GROWN MAN, TO SEE THE WORLD FOR THE FIRST TIME?"

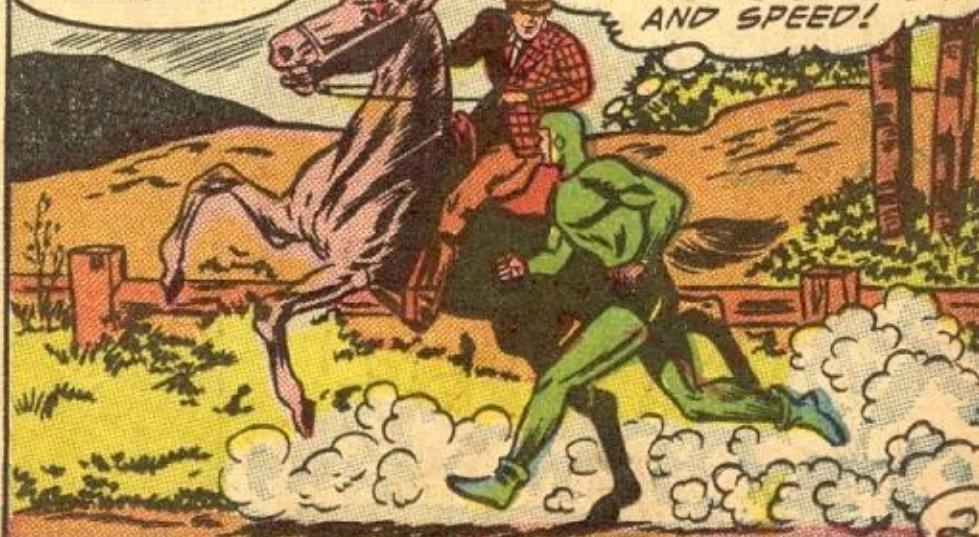
THAT MUST BE A TREE--BUT WHAT THAT ANIMAL IS, I DON'T KNOW! EVERYTHING IS SO STRANGE!



"AND OTHER PEOPLE--HUMAN PEOPLE--SEEMED AS STRANGE TO ME AS I SEEMED TO THEM..."

THAT FELLOW--WHY, HE RUNS FASTER THAN MY HORSE!

HOW SLOW AND WEAK ORDINARY HUMANS SEEM! THEY DON'T HAVE MY SYNTHETIC STRENGTH AND SPEED!





# BATMAN



"THE VALUABLE IRIDIUM THE PROFESSOR HAD SENT ME FOR, WAS IN A CERTAIN TRAIN EN ROUTE TO GOTHAM CITY..."

I CAN RUN AS FAST AS THE TRAIN WHEN IT SLOWS DOWN A BIT FOR THIS CURVE! ACCORDING TO MY INSTRUCTIONS, THE SHIPMENT IS INSIDE THIS EXPRESS CAR!

"WITH MY MORE-THAN-HUMAN STRENGTH, I BURST OPEN THE EXPRESS-CAR DOOR!"



"I DID NOT KNOW THAT BATMAN AND ROBIN, RETURNING TO THE CITY IN THEIR BAT-PLANE, HAD SPOTTED ME! IN FACT, I HAD NEVER EVEN HEARD OF THEM!"

BATMAN! THAT FELLOW BELOW IS BREAKING INTO THE LIMITED'S EXPRESS-CAR!

TAKE THE CONTROLS AND ZOOM DOWN LOW OVER THAT TRAIN, ROBIN!



"JUST THEN, TO MY UTTER ASTONISHMENT..."

WHAT IN THE WORLD...? A CROOK WHO CAN PICK UP THAT SAFE MUST BE INCREDIBLY STRONG!

CROOK? WHAT IS A CROOK? I AM ADAM NEWMAN, THE SYNTHETIC MAN! WHO ARE YOU?

I'M BATMAN, AND YOU'RE GOING WITH ME--TO JAIL!

NO... I MUST OBEY MY ORDERS!



"I REGRETTED WHAT I HAD TO DO, BECAUSE I HAD NOTHING AGAINST BATMAN..."

HIS FACE... THERE'S A MYSTERY ABOUT THIS SYNTHETIC MAN-- OOF!



"AT THE TIME, I DID NOT KNOW HOW MY FEATS OF STRENGTH AND SPEED HAD STARTLED THE TWO GREAT DETECTIVES..."

HE SAID HE WAS A SYNTHETIC MAN? HE MUST BE... NO HUMAN COULD DO SUCH THINGS!

WHEN WE FIND OUT WHAT THAT SAFE CONTAINED, MAYBE WE'LL HAVE A LEAD!



"THE SYNTHETIC ELIXIR SOON RESTORED MY STRENGTH-- BUT THE MAN WHO MADE ME HAD FURTHER PLANS FOR ME..."

BUT WHAT DO YOU WANT OF ME NOW?

I'M GOING TO TAKE FURTHER REVENGE ON GOTHAM UNIVERSITY-- BY USING ITS EXPERIMENTAL SOLAR-HEAT PLANT TO LOOT A NEARBY BANK!



"BY THE TIME BATMAN COULD EXTRICATE HIMSELF, I HAD JUMPED FROM THE CAR AND WAS SPEEDING AWAY..."

HE NOT ONLY CARRIES THAT SAFE BUT RUNS FASTER THAN ANY ORDINARY HUMAN! ROBIN CAN PICK ME UP-- BUT OUR MAN WILL ESCAPE IN THE WOODS!



"MEANWHILE, BY THE TIME I REACHED PROFESSOR VILMER'S ISOLATED HOME..."

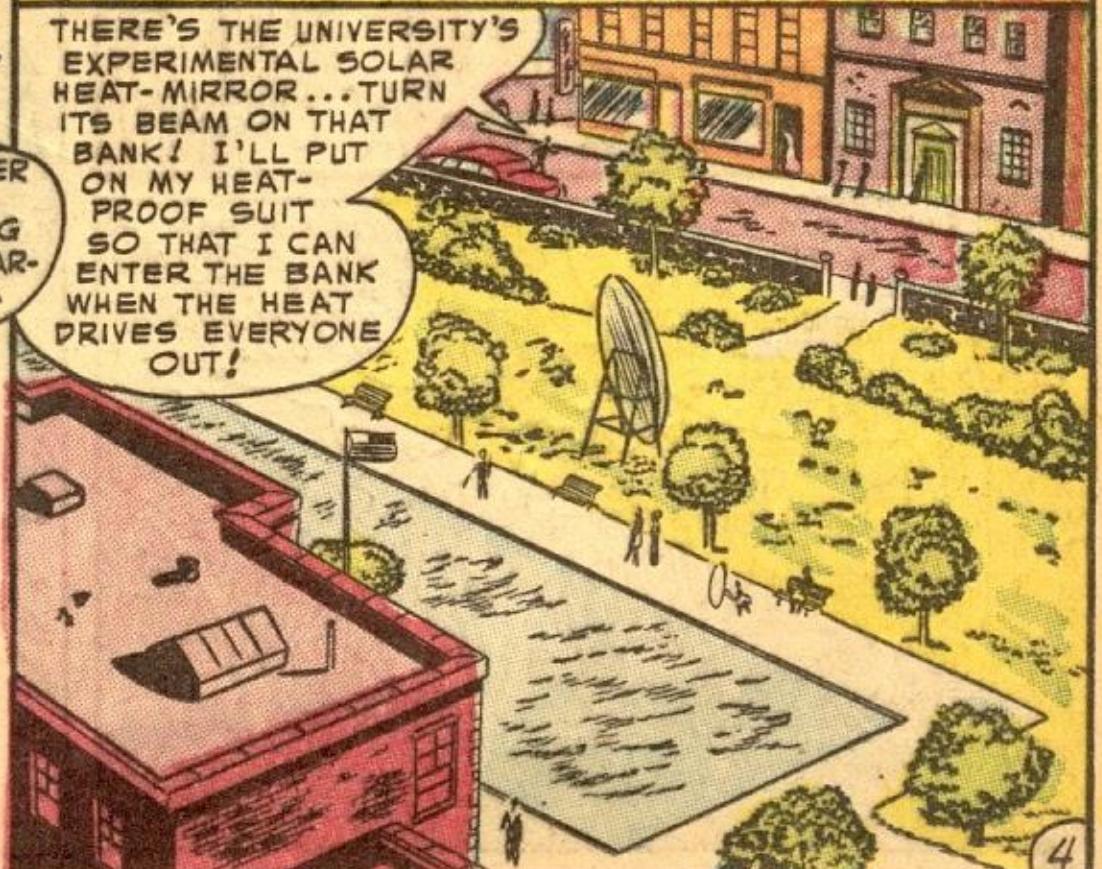
MY STRENGTH IS FADING -- I DON'T KNOW WHY...

THIS CHEMICAL ELIXIR WILL BRING IT BACK-- AS LONG AS YOU OBEY ME!



"I WENT WITH MY 'CREATOR', AND OBEYED HIS ORDERS AGAIN."

THERE'S THE UNIVERSITY'S EXPERIMENTAL SOLAR HEAT-MIRROR... TURN ITS BEAM ON THAT BANK! I'LL PUT ON MY HEAT-PROOF SUIT SO THAT I CAN ENTER THE BANK WHEN THE HEAT DRIVES EVERYONE OUT!



"AS I STARTED TOWARD THE BIG MIRROR, I DIDN'T DREAM THAT BATMAN AND ROBIN WERE IN AN OFFICE CLOSE BY, CHECKING ON MY LAST CRIME..."

BUT WHO WOULD KNOW OF THAT IRIDIUM SHIPMENT?

ONLY OUR SCIENTIFIC FACULTY! YOU CAN QUESTION THEM ALL--EXCEPT PROFESSOR VILMER, WHOM WE DISCHARGED SOME WEEKS AGO!

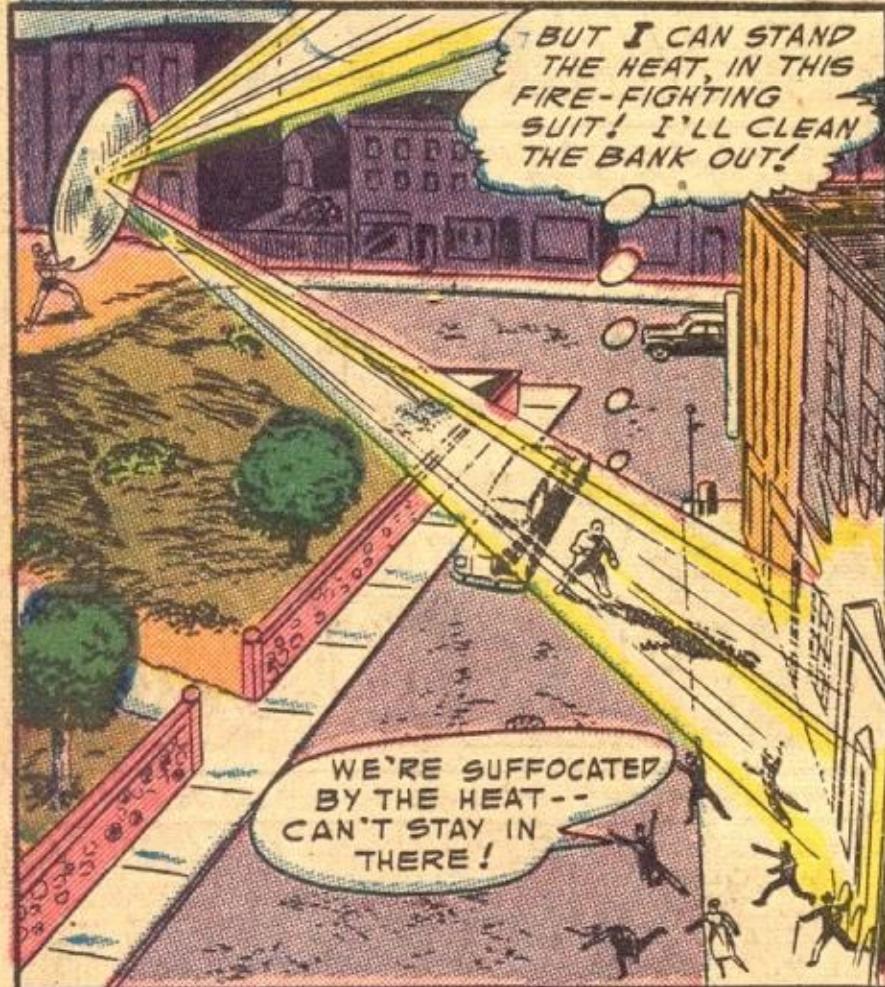
VILMER? WHAT WAS HIS FIELD OF WORK, AND WHY WAS HE DISCHARGED?

HE WAS A BIOLOGIST, BUT HIS EXPERIMENTS WITH FORBIDDEN DRUGS MADE US DISCHARGE HIM AND... GREAT SCOTT! LOOK OUT THERE! IT'S INCREDIBLE!



"WHAT THEY SAW WAS ME, ADAM NEWMAN, USING MY MIGHTY SYNTHETIC STRENGTH!"

BUT I CAN STAND THE HEAT, IN THIS FIRE-FIGHTING SUIT! I'LL CLEAN THE BANK OUT!



"SECONDS LATER, I FOUND MYSELF PITTED ONCE MORE AGAINST THE ENEMY I COULD NOT HATE...BATMAN!"

CAN WE JUMP HIM? NO--THAT GREAT MIRROR WOULD CRASH DOWN ON ALL OF US! I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA!



THIS LAWN HAS A POWERFUL SPRINKLER SYSTEM! THE TERRIFICALLY HOT BEAM FROM THE SUN-MIRROR OUGHT TO PRODUCE CLOUDS OF STEAM... AND IT DID!

EH? THOSE STEAM CLOUDS ARE BLOTTING OUT THE SUN! I'D BETTER PUT THE MIRROR DOWN AND GO!



"BUT I PUT THE GREAT MIRROR DOWN TOO HASTILY--AND AS I STARTED AWAY, IT ROLLED THUNDEROUSLY AFTER ME!"

QUICK, ROBIN! UNLESS WE KNOCK THE MIRROR OVER AND STOP IT, HE'LL BE CRUSHED TO DEATH!





"ALL THE WAY HOME, I KEPT THINKING HOW BATMAN SAVED ME-- BUT VILMER WAS FURIOUS..."

BATMAN MUST BE STOPPED BEFORE I CAN MAKE PROFITABLE USE OF YOU! I THINK I CAN GET HIM FOR GOOD-- AND MAKE A FORTUNE OUT OF IT, TOO!

"SOON, EVIL-LOOKING MEN CAME TO THE LABORATORY AND MY MASTER MADE THEM A TERRIBLE PROPOSITION..."

"YOU ALL WANT TO GET RID OF BATMAN, AND ONLY MY SYNTHETIC MAN CAN DO IT FOR YOU! BUT IT'LL COST YOU \$100,000!"

"IT'S WORTH IT! WE'LL PAY YOU, VILMER, IF YOUR SYNTHETIC STOOGE BRINGS BATMAN TO US, DEAD OR ALIVE!"

"AFTERWARDS, WHEN THE GANGSTERS DEPARTED..."

"BUT BATMAN HAS NEVER HURT ME! I DON'T WANT TO HARM HIM!"

"YOU'LL OBEY MY ORDERS, OR I'LL WITHHOLD THE ELIXIR, AND YOU'LL DIE!"



"THUS, AS NIGHT FELL, I WENT WITH VILMER TO DOWNTOWN GOTHAM CITY, ON A GRIM ERRAND..."

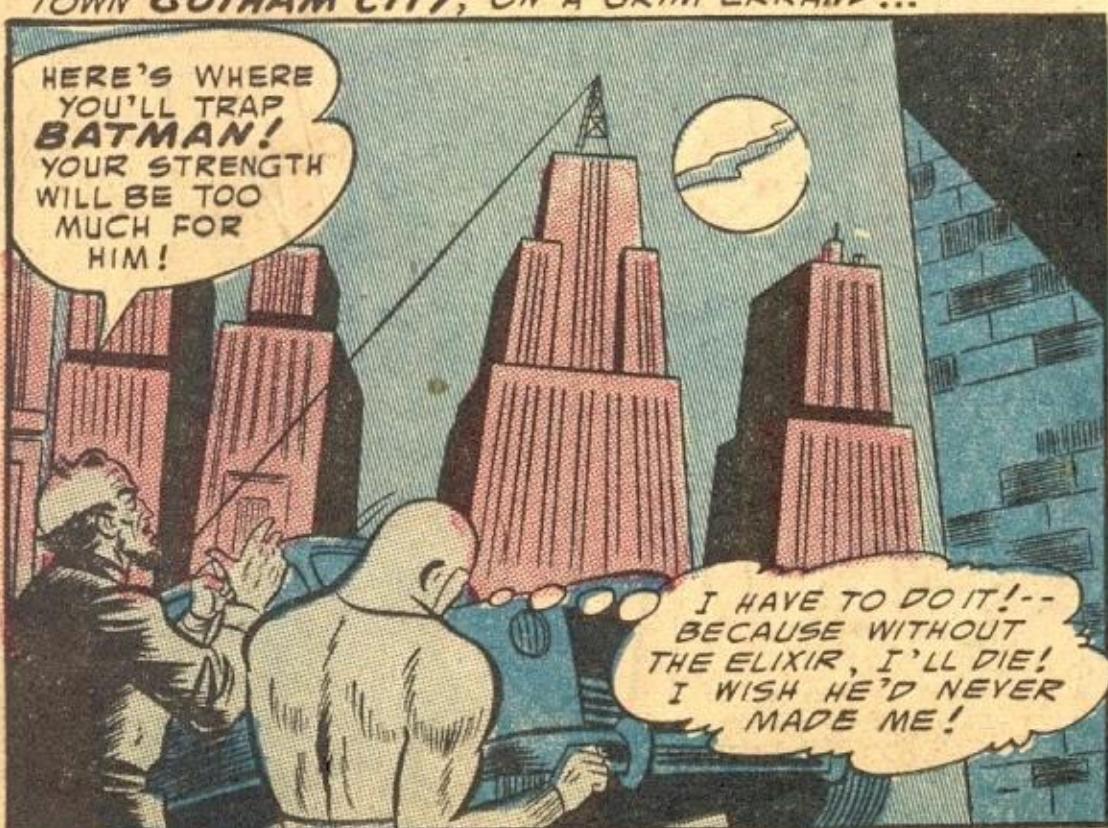
HERE'S WHERE YOU'LL TRAP BATMAN! YOUR STRENGTH WILL BE TOO MUCH FOR HIM!

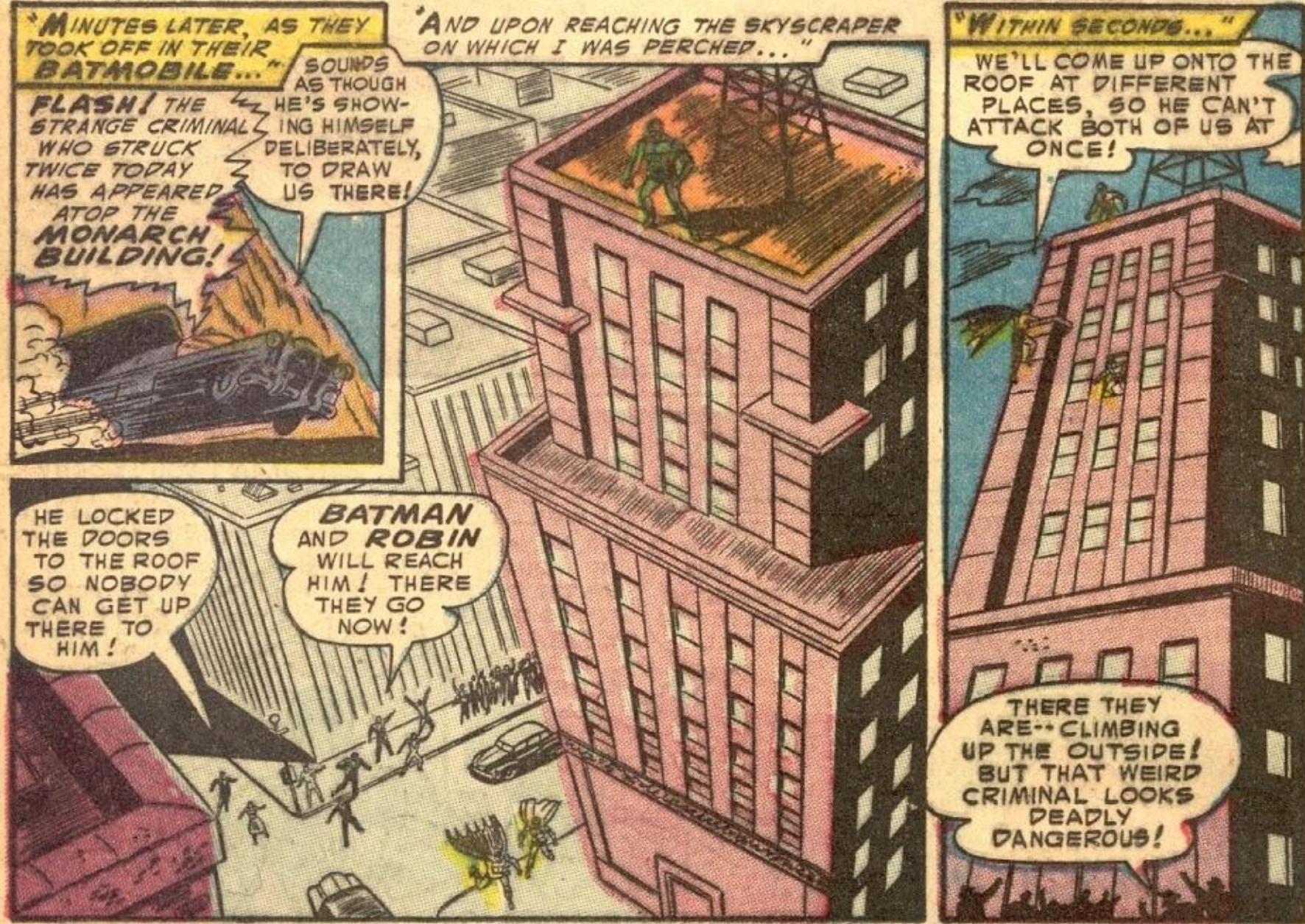
I HAVE TO DO IT!-- BECAUSE WITHOUT THE ELIXIR, I'LL DIE! I WISH HE'D NEVER MADE ME!

"AND AWHILE LATER, IN THE SECRET BAT-CAVE..."

"ACCORDING TO THIS BIOLOGICAL DATA, MY SUSPICION ABOUT THE SYNTHETIC MAN IS CORRECT, AND..."

HOLD IT... THE BAT-ALARM! POLICE HEADQUARTERS WANTS US!







# BATMAN



"THEN, FOR MANY MINUTES, THE CROWDS BELOW COULD NOT SEE US-- BUT FINALLY, THEY GLIMPSED A GRIM SIGHT..."



--BUT THEY DID NOT KNOW WHAT HAD HAPPENED UP THERE WHEN THEY COULD NOT SEE! I HAD BEEN FORCED TO A TERRIBLE DECISION..."

NO, I CAN'T DO IT! I CAN'T HARM OTHER PEOPLE TO SAVE MYSELF! I MIGHT AS WELL THROW MYSELF OFF AND END MY WRETCHED SYNTHETIC LIFE NOW!



"BATMAN STRUGGLED WITH ME TO PREVENT ME FROM CARRYING OUT MY DESPERATE RESOLVE..."

LET ME GO! I MAY AS WELL END IT ALL! VILMER IS WAITING DOWN IN THAT ALLEY-- AND WHEN I TELL HIM I WOULDN'T OBEY, HE'LL LET ME DIE SLOWLY!

YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN...



"MY STRENGTH WAS FADING FAST AS I STRUGGLED! I KNEW THAT, WITHOUT THE ELIXIR, I WOULD SOON BE DEAD ANYWAY..."

EVERYTHING GOING DARK... THE END OF MY SHORT, SYNTHETIC LIFE!

ROBIN! COME HERE-- QUICKLY!



"UNCONSCIOUS, I DID NOT KNOW WHAT BATMAN'S NEXT MOVE WAS..."

HE'S ONLY UNCONSCIOUS! I'M GOING TO TAKE HIS PLACE -- SO I CAN CAPTURE VILMER AND THE MEN WHO PAID HIM TO GET ME!

LOOK, BATMAN... YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT ADAM! THIS CLUE PROVES IT!



## BATMAN

"USING HIS MARVELOUS SKILL FOR DISGUISE, AND THE MAKEUP KIT FROM HIS UTILITY BELT, BATMAN MADE HIS FACE A REPLICA OF MINE..."

NOW WE'LL PUT MY COSTUME ON ADAM, AND I'LL WEAR HIS! WHEN I GET TO VILMER, YOU FOLLOW US IN THE BATMOBILE!"



"SO THAT IT WAS BATMAN CARRYING ME UNCONSCIOUS, WHO REALLY MADE THAT DARING GETAWAY..."

GREAT WORK, ADAM! I'LL GIVE YOU MORE ELIXIR AS SOON AS WE GET BACK TO THE LABORATORY!

HURRY! I...ER... FEEL FAINT-- WEAK!



"AND BACK IN THE HIDEOUT..."

YOUR SYNTHETIC STOOGE IS GREAT STUFF, VILMER! HERE'S THE 100 GRAND FOR BATMAN!

AND NOW AT LAST WE CAN UNMASK HIM, BEFORE WE KILL HIM!



OFFERING \$100,000 FOR BATMAN, AND NOTHING FOR ME! I'M INSULTED!

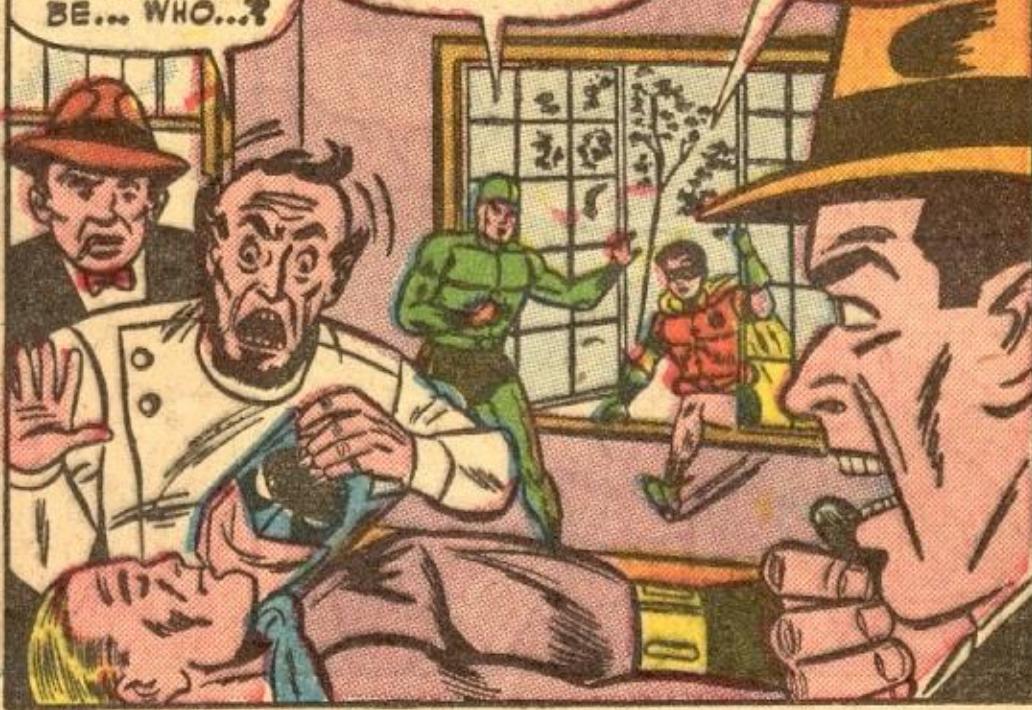
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, VILMER!



BUT-- BUT IT'S ADAM! HOW CAN IT BE... WHO...?

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR BATMAN, THAT'S ME!

AND MAYBE YOU WANT ROBIN TOO!



I KNEW NOTHING UNTIL BATMAN, WITH RESTORATIVES, BROUGHT ME BACK TO MY SENSES! HE HAD RE-EXCHANGED COSTUMES WITH ME BY THEN..."

IT'S ME, ADAM--BATMAN! YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO OBEY VILMER AGAINST YOUR WILL AGAIN! YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE COMMITTING CRIMES-- BUT HE DID, AND HE'LL GO TO PRISON FOR THAT!

BUT WITHOUT HIS ELIXIR, MY SYNTHETIC LIFE WILL END!





# BATMAN

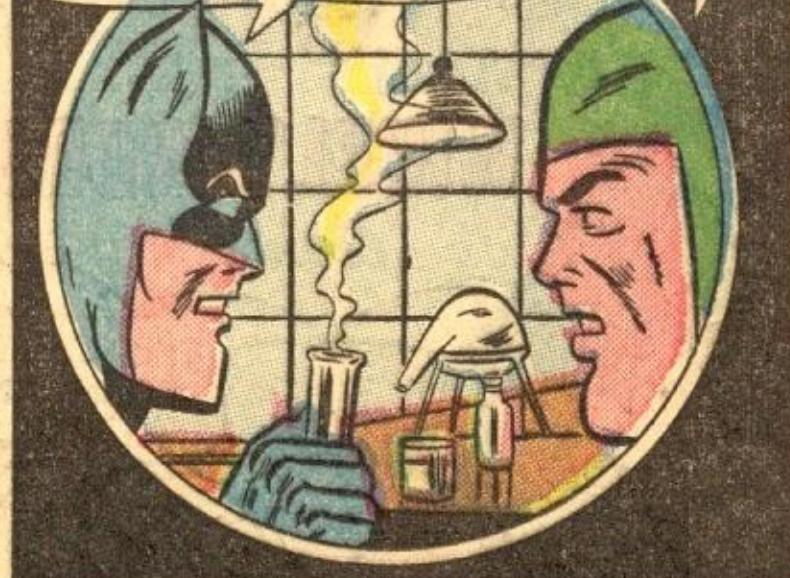


YOU'RE NOT A SYNTHETIC MAN AT ALL... YOU'RE A **HUMAN!** VILMER TOOK YOUR MEMORY AWAY, WITH A DRUG THAT CAUSES AMNESIA, SO YOU'D REMEMBER NOTHING! THEN HE **PRETENDED** HE'D MADE YOU SYNTHETICALLY!

YOU MEAN, SO HE COULD MAKE ME COMMIT CRIMES? BUT HIS ELIXIR DID MAKE ME STRONGER THAN NORMAL!

THIS "ELIXIR" IS ONLY ANOTHER SPECIAL DRUG-- ONE THAT TEMPORARILY INCREASES THE BODY'S STRENGTH! I THOUGHT SO, WHEN I FOUND OUT YOU WERE AN ORDINARY HUMAN!

BUT HOW COULD YOU KNOW THAT FROM JUST SEEING ME?



THAT OLD HEALED SCAR ON YOUR FACE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ON A NEWBORN SYNTHETIC MAN! AND WHEN WE NOTICED A VACCINATION MARK ON YOUR ARM, THAT PROVED IT!

WE'LL SOON GET VILMER TO CONFESS YOUR REAL IDENTITY, ADAM!

LATER, IT WAS THE THRILL OF A LIFETIME WHEN I LEARNED MY REAL NAME AND IDENTITY...



YES, YOU'RE JOHNNY MARDEN, STAR ATHLETE FROM A DISTANT CITY! VILMER PICKED YOU AS

HIS "SYNTHETIC MAN" BECAUSE OF YOUR ATHLETIC POWERS!

BUT YOU CAN FORGET ALL ABOUT "ADAM NEWMAN" NOW!

"ADAM"... I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT!



THE END



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## ADVENTURES OF THE DUBLE BUBBLE KIDS



# QUICK QUIZ

WHY WAS IT CONSIDERED UNLUCKY TO BREAK A MIRROR?



BECAUSE THE REFLECTION WAS BELIEVED TO BE PART OF THE SOUL AND TO BREAK THE OBJECT ON WHICH IT WAS REFLECTED WAS TO HARM THE SOUL ITSELF!

HOW MUCH WATER DO THE GREAT OCEAN BASINS OF OUR PLANET HOLD?



APPROXIMATELY 300 MILLION CUBIC MILES OF SALT WATER, OF WHICH 80,000 CUBIC MILES ARE SUCKED UP EACH YEAR BY EVAPORATION!

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE PHRASE "FITS TO A 'T'"?

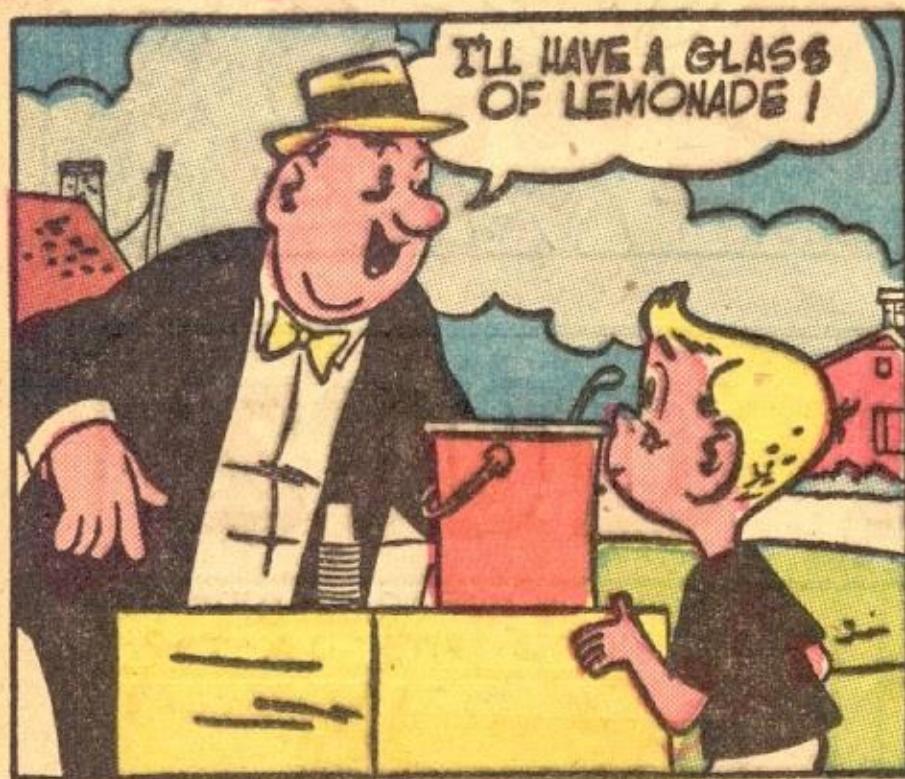
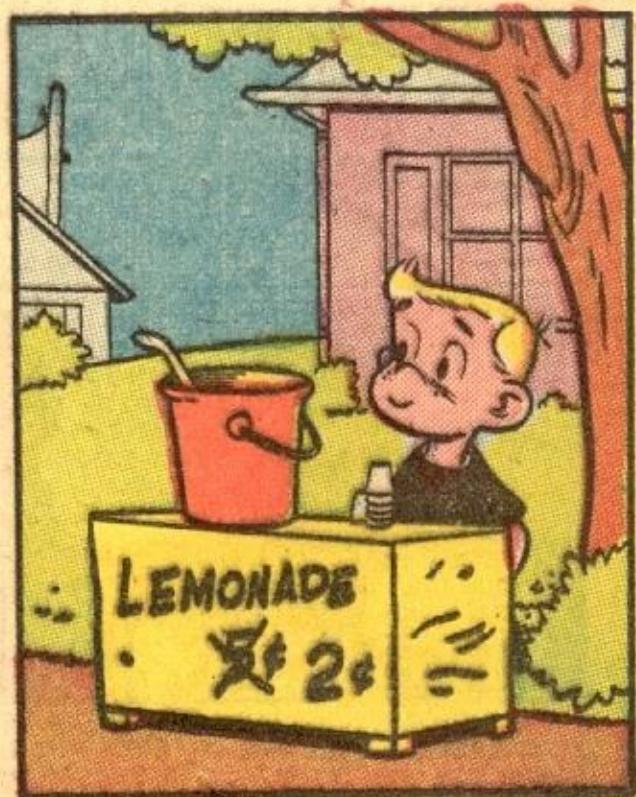


THIS TERM... MEANING SOMETHING THAT FITS EXACTLY DERIVES FROM THE TEE-SQUARE.... A "T"-LIKE INSTRUMENT USED BY DRAFTSMEN FOR OBTAINING ACCURATE MEASUREMENTS!

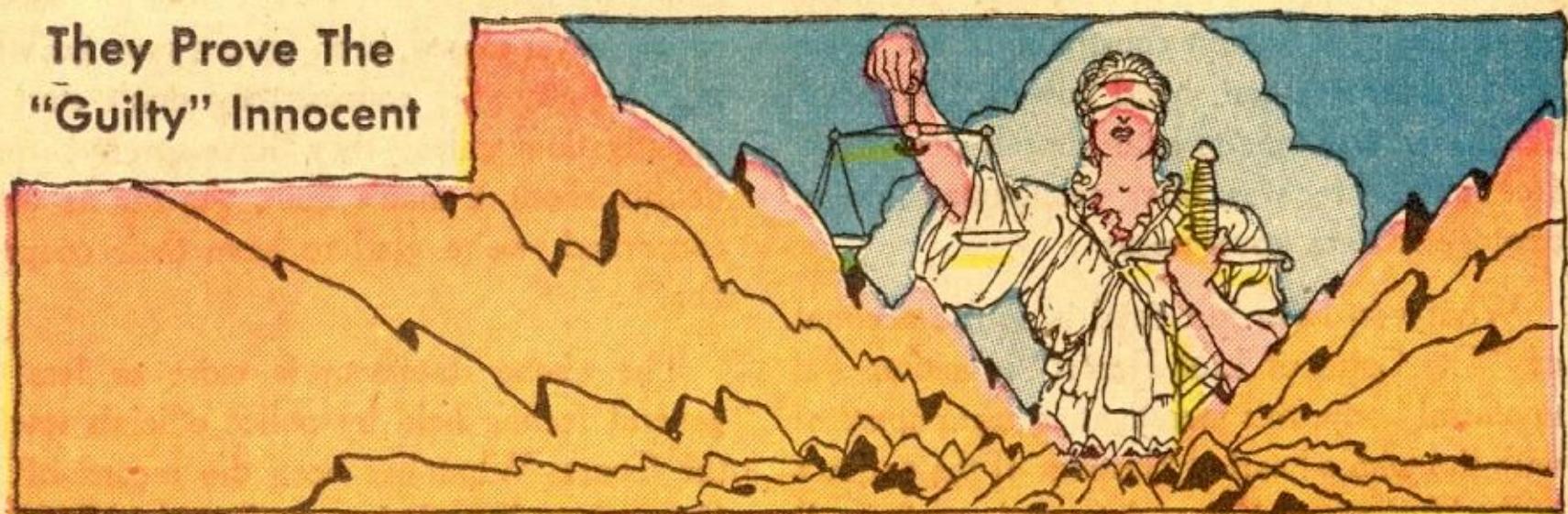
WHAT BIRD HAS THE WIDEST WINGSPREAD OF ALL BIRDS?



THE WANDERING ALBATROSS, THOUGH WEIGHING ONLY ABOUT 16 POUNDS POSSESSES A WINGSPREAD EXCEEDING 14 FEET!



## They Prove The "Guilty" Innocent



### This Is the Court of Last Resort, Which Gets Full Cooperation from the Police

WELL over a quarter of a century ago, a man was coming out of a Detroit bank when a black sedan pulled up to the curb, and bullets from a hidden sub-machine gun riddled his body. In the next instant, four occupants leaped from the sedan and began dragging the victim into the car.

At this point, three residents of nearby houses rushed toward the scene of the crime. Meanwhile, the killers changed their minds, and dumped the body into an alley while one of them held off the residents with a gun. Finally, the killers piled into their sedan, and disappeared.

Police immediately set up a dragnet. The victim was known to be a gambler, so suspects were drawn from the known gamblers in town.

Among them was a man named Vance Hardy, a drifter from Missouri. Of all the gamblers questioned, Hardy was the only one who was unable to establish an alibi for himself.

To make matters worse for the drifter, a witness came forward to testify that Hardy resembled one of the killers in the bank alley. Hardy was brought to trial, found guilty, and given a life sentence.

In prison, Hardy continued to protest his innocence. Then, about 25 years after his sen-

tence, the prison physician became impressed by Hardy's story, picked up a phone in the warden's office and called Dr. LeMoyne Snyder, a leading expert on the medical aspects of crime.

Dr. Snyder packed a bag and left at once for the automobile manufacturing center. There, he questioned Hardy carefully and, satisfied that there were some grounds for doubt regarding the prisoner's guilt, he wired for help.

In a matter of days, a full investigating team moved into Detroit. Hardy was given a five-hour lie-detector test, which indicated that he was innocent. Now the investigating team went into high gear.

One of their number found a witness who had deliberately kept evidence from the police.

"Why didn't you offer your evidence to the police?" he was asked.

The witness mumbled in answer that he had been afraid of the gang responsible for the killing. His evidence: that Vance Hardy was not one of the killers. Yes, he was positive!

Another member of the investigating team tracked down the eye-witness who had put the finger on Hardy during the trial. Under questioning, he broke down. His statement: "For the past five years, I've been sure that Hardy was not one of those four murderers!"

The investigating team gathered its evidence together, and placed its full findings before the magistrate of a Detroit courtroom. Once again Vance Hardy stood, head bowed, before the bench, but this time to hear himself declared a free man. He was later reimbursed by an apologetic state government.

What you have just read is a true account of "The Court of Last Resort" in action. An unofficial body, this investigating team operates with the whole-hearted blessings of the nation's police forces, and goes into action after all legal appeals have failed.

The Court of Last Resort is composed of men nationally prominent in the field of crime: Erle Stanley Gardner, the country's best-selling crime writer; Raymond Schindler, world-famous detective; Alex Gregory, lie-detector expert; Henry Steeger, noted publisher; Tom Smith, a former prison warden; Bob Rhay, a field investigator; and Dr. Snyder, who figured so brilliantly in the Vance Hardy case.

Do the police resent the interference of the Court? Not at all! As one official put it:

"We welcome the investigation of the Court. After all, if, through circumstantial evidence or other means, a man has been wrongly found guilty, we want to know about it, too! Sometimes, a man, for some reason best known to psychiatrists, confesses guilt to a crime he never committed.

"We police have one duty: to arrest that man. Later, the man is tried by a jury of his peers. They decide on the basis of the evidence, and they listen to the man accuse himself. What can they do? They find him guilty, and we throw him in jail.

"At this stage of the case, we must bow out of the case. New cases come up every day. We can't keep on reviewing cases that are officially closed, can we?

"But, suppose that man was lying, perhaps to protect someone else? That's where this Court of Last Resort comes in. For them, a case is never closed, even after a man has been found guilty. Of course, they don't start an investigation unless they have pretty strong doubts about a man's guilt. As far as we're concerned, we're glad to have their cooperation."

The above statement is more or less the general feeling held by police officials toward the Court. What has been the record of the Court since it went into business in 1948?

Thousands of cases have been referred to it for aid. Of these, about 1,000 cases have been considered and rejected. The Court has investigated and proved the innocence of 12 men adjudged guilty by juries. At present, more than 500 others are being processed.

Not only are police forces aiding the Court in every possible way, but other law and legal agencies are joining the ranks of Court enthusiasts. Not long ago, almost a dozen former FBI men volunteered their services free, and the American Bar Association has already set up a special committee to work with the Court.

The Court doesn't stop operating for a condemned man it has proven innocent. Knowing that the stigma of prison may make it difficult for the freed man to find a job and win back the respect of his former friends, the Court continues to work in behalf of its "clients."

Vance Hardy, for instance, was given a job in a hospital as a result of Dr. Snyder's efforts. Raymond Schindler, out of his own pocket, supported the family of a convict imprisoned for a murder the Court was convinced he hadn't committed. Following the release of this man, he was given a job as cowhand on Erle Stanley Gardner's ranch.

It is little wonder that the Court of Last Resort has won the admiration and support of the public.

"But, suppose that man was lying, perhaps

—Jack E. Miller

# BATMAN AND ROBIN

EVER FIGURE OUT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF BATMAN EVER FELL IN LOVE? OF COURSE, UP UNTIL NOW, IT NEVER HAPPENED--AND VICKI VALE, GAL PHOTOGRAPHER AND BATMAN'S MOST ARDENT ADMIRER, WAS READY TO BET IT NEVER WOULD. BUT VICKI DIDN'T COUNT ON THE GORGEOUS MAGDA--INTERNATIONAL BEAUTY WHO SUDDENLY DROPS INTO BATMAN'S LIFE AND STARTS THE WHOLE TOWN BUZZING! HERE'S THE BIG SURPRISE STORY OF THE YEAR, WHEN...

## "BATMAN FALLS IN LOVE!"

BATMAN! WILL YOU STOP MOONING OVER THAT MAGDA! THERE'S A CRIME WAVE ON!

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# BATMAN



ONE MORNING IN THE OFFICE OF "VUE", THE FAMED PICTURE MAGAZINE...

WHO GETS ALL THE LUSH ASSIGNMENTS AROUND HERE? WHY--VICKI VALE HERSELF! IMAGINE... A PICTURE INTERVIEW WITH MAGDA LUVESCU!

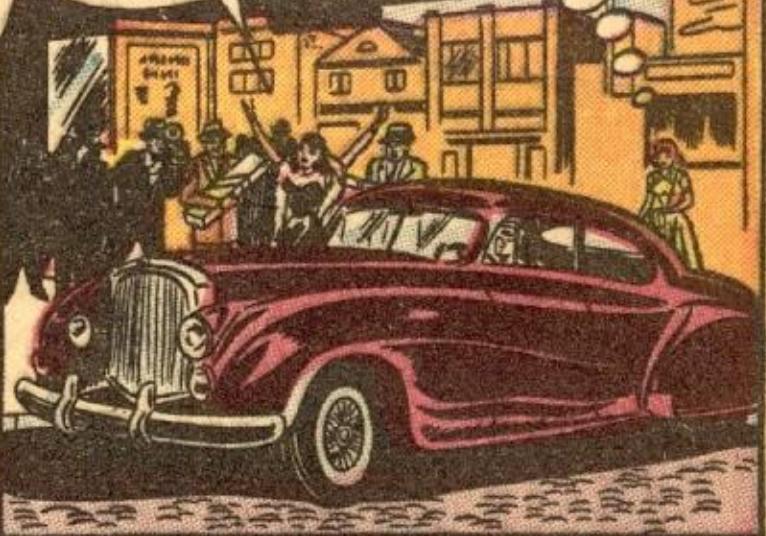
MAGDA--THE INTERNATIONAL BEAUTY! SHE'S BECOME AN INSTITUTION! BOY--COULD I GO FOR HER!

MEN! YOU'RE ALL THE SAME! THROWING YOURSELVES AT THE FEET OF THAT--THAT MUSH-MOUTH! YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED!

CAN'T HELP IT, VICKI... THAT GIRL'S GOT IT! SHE COULD HAVE HER PICK OF ANY MAN IN THE 'ORLD!

LATER, AT THE GOTHAM CITY COLISEUM... AH--IT IS GOOD TO BE BACK IN AMERICA! YOU ALL ARE SO NICE TO ME HERE!

HMPH... ALWAYS TURNING ON THE CHARM! WHAT'S SO IRRESISTIBLE ABOUT HER, ANYWAY?



JUST THEN...

BATMAN! DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE SUCCUMBED TO MAGDA'S FATAL CHARM, TOO!

NO, VICKI! ROBIN AND I ARE HERE TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY NEW GADGETS WE CAN USE!



SIGH! I KNOW WHY I'M SO IN LOVE WITH HIM! HE'S THE ONE MAN MAGDA WILL NEVER GET HER HOOKS INTO. THAT'S FOR SURE! GOLLY--IF I COULD ONLY MAKE HIM GO FOR ME!



AND INSIDE THE EXHIBIT, AS VICKI BEGINS HER INTERVIEW...

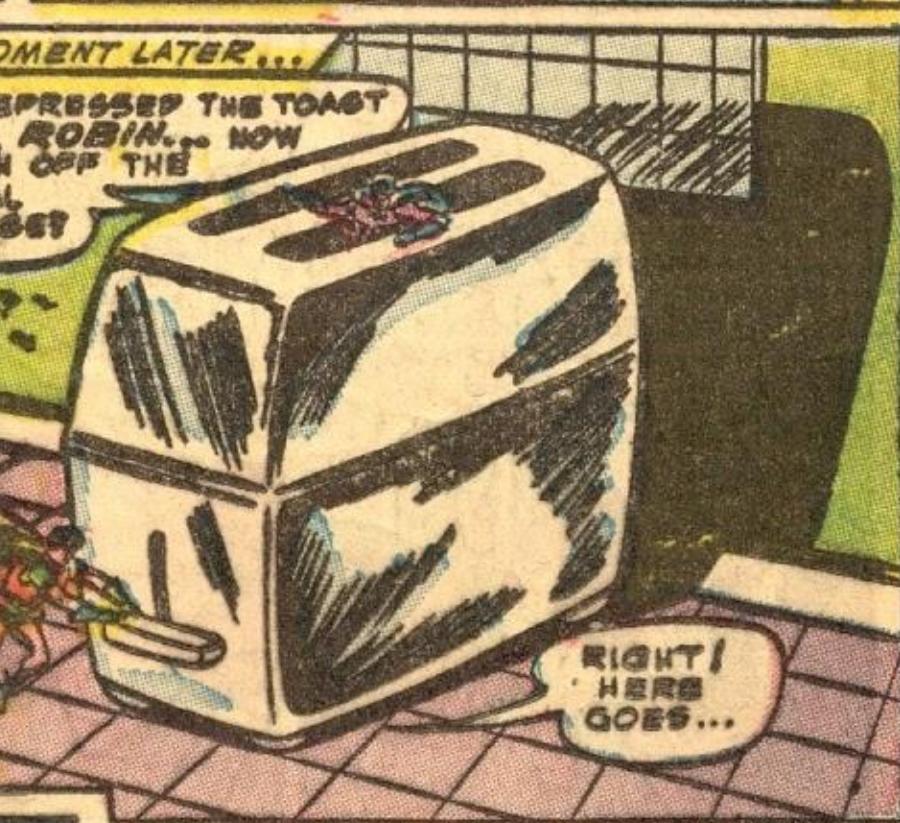
AND IS IT TRUE THAT A FAMOUS POLITICAL PRISONER RECENTLY ESCAPED DEVIL'S ISLAND TO RETURN TO YOU?

AH, YES.. POOR JACQUES! HE WAS SO JEALOUS! BUT I'M AFRAID HE DIED IN THE JUNGLE... HE NEVER SHOWED UP!





# BATMAN'





# BATMAN

LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

HE WAS AFTER MAGDA, ALL RIGHT-- SPILLED EVERYTHING! SEEKS HE WAS PART OF A SMUGGLING RING THAT TRIED TO ENLIST MAGDA! SHE TIPPED THE PARIS POLICE -- AND THE FRENCH GANG WAS NABBED!

NOW THE GOTHAM CITY BOYS WANT REVENGE! TROUBLE IS, THERE ARE FOUR OF THEM STILL AT LARGE!



AFTERWARD, IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...

OH--UH-- BATMAN! COME IN-- UH-- COME IN! YOU KNOW MISS LUVESCU, OF COURSE! TERRIBLE BUSINESS... I JUST HAD A FULL REPORT! WE'VE GOT TO ACT!



WE KNOW WE CAN EXPECT FURTHER ATTEMPTS ON MAGDA'S--UH-- MISS LUVESCU'S LIFE! SHE DEMANDS -- AND SHE DESERVES-- THE UTMOST IN POLICE PROTECTION!

AND I WILL SETTLE FOR NO ONE BUT THE BEST BATMAN! THAT'S WHY I ASKED MY FRIEND THE COMMISSIONER TO ASSIGN

YOU AS MY BODYGUARD!

THUS, AWHILE LATER, OUTSIDE THE HEADQUARTERS PRESS ROOM...

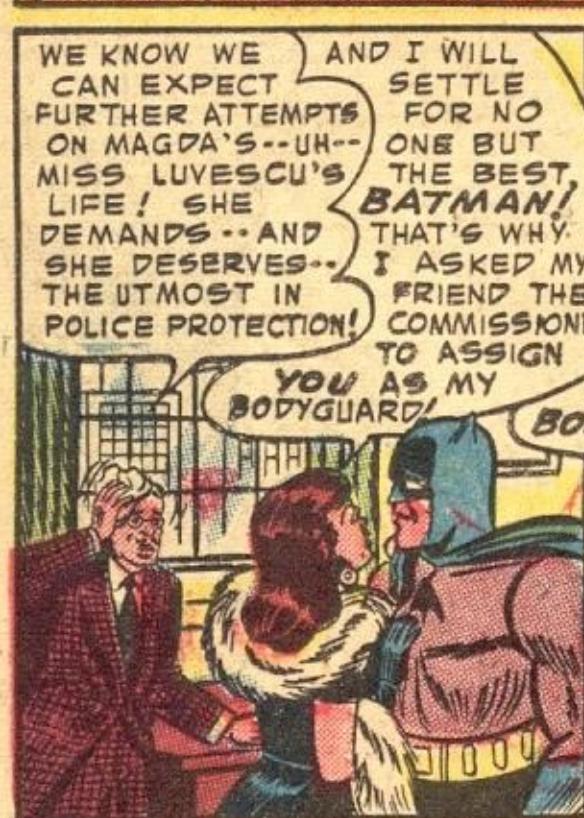
IS IT TRUE WHAT THOSE SMART-ALEC REPORTERS IN THERE ARE SPREADING--

THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE MAGDA'S PERSONAL BODYGUARD?

THEN LISTEN, YOU HANDSOME HEEB...

IF YOU EVER BREAK DOWN AND START THINKING ABOUT ROMANCE-- IT'D BETTER BE WITH ME, AND NOT MAGDA! OR SO HELP ME!

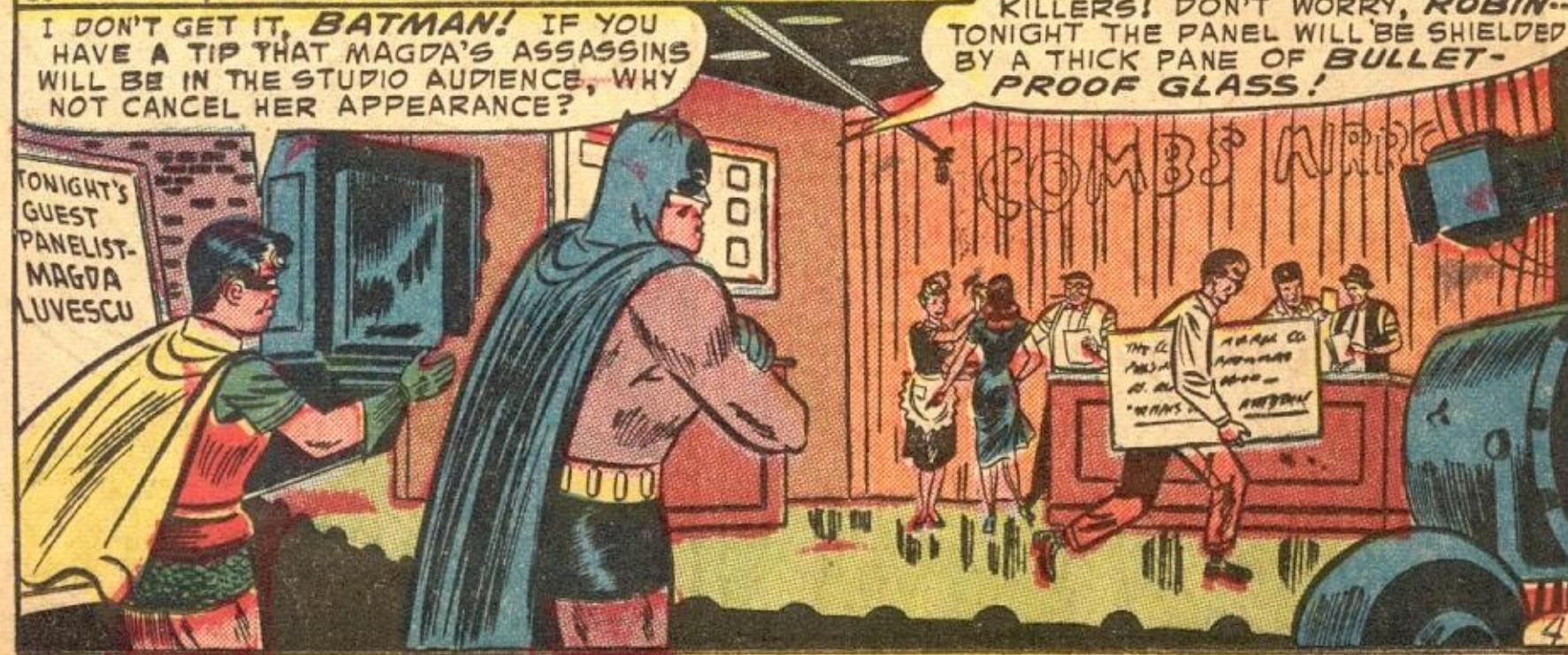
EASY, VICKI! THIS IS STRICTLY A BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT! YOU'LL SEE..



NEXT DAY, BACKSTAGE AT TELEVISION STUDIO WGTV...

I DON'T GET IT, BATMAN! IF YOU HAVE A TIP THAT MAGDA'S ASSASSINS WILL BE IN THE STUDIO AUDIENCE, WHY NOT CANCEL HER APPEARANCE?

BECAUSE I WANT TO NAB THOSE KILLERS! DON'T WORRY, ROBIN-- TONIGHT THE PANEL WILL BE SHIELDED BY A THICK PANE OF BULLET-PROOF GLASS!



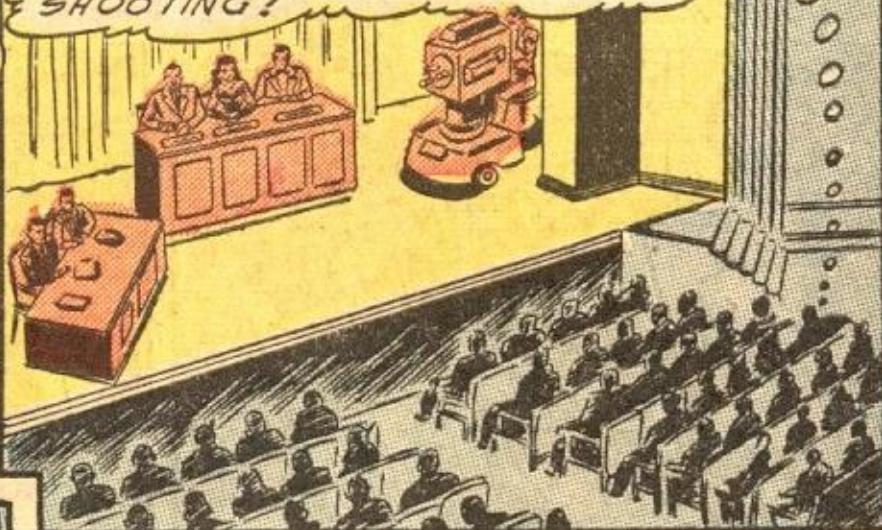
BUT MOMENTS BEFORE THE SHOW GOES ON...

**BATMAN!** THAT BULLET-PROOF GLASS IS TOO HEAVY FOR ITS FRAME! WE CAN'T GET IT TO STAND UP! YOU WANT TO DRAW MAGDA FROM THE SHOW?

NO--NO... I'LL JUST THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE! MEANWHILE **ROBIN**--GET DOWN INTO THE AUDIENCE! KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR ANY SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS!

AND AS THE PROGRAM BEGINS...

THE PANEL'S COMPLETELY UNPROTECTED! I'VE NEVER KNOWN **BATMAN** TO EXPOSE SO MANY PEOPLE TO DANGER BEFORE! I'VE GOT TO FIND THOSE KILLERS BEFORE THEY START SHOOTING!



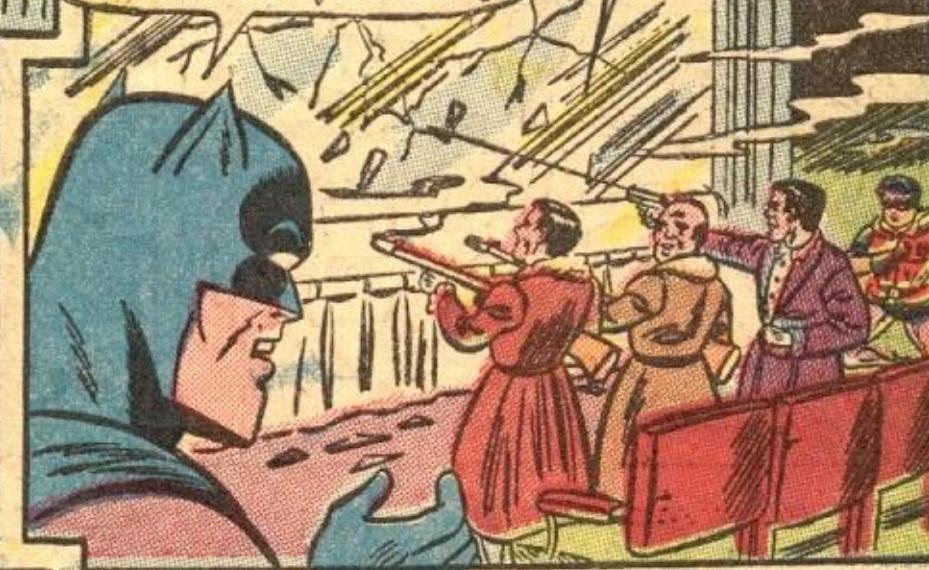
SUDDENLY...

DEATH TO MAGDA LUVESCU! HA-HAS!

TOO LATE! BY THE TIME WE GRAB THEM, THEY'LL HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THEIR GORY MISSION!

BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT...

WE'VE BEEN TRICKED! WE WERE SHOOTING AT A MIRROR, WHICH REFLECTED THE IMAGES OF THE PANELISTS, WHO WERE OFF-STAGE!



AND AFTER A SHORT TUSSLE...

YOU HAVE JUST SEEN HISTORY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN--**BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, IN REAL-LIFE ACTION! AND NOW THAT THE SHOOTING'S OVER, HERE ARE OUR PANELISTS IN THE FLESH TO RESUME THE SHOW!

HOORAY!

BUT THE BIG ATTRACTION IS YET TO COME, BACKSTAGE, AFTER THE SHOW...

DARLING **BATMAN**--YOU'VE SAVED MY LIFE! I MUST KISS YOU! MMMMM!

WOW! THAT GAL REALLY MEANS IT! HOLD THAT POSE, FOLKS--WE'LL WANT ALL THE SHOTS OF THIS WE CAN TAKE!



NEXT MORNING, AS VICKI VALE GULPS DOWN HER BREAKFAST...

THE SHE-WOLF! LOOK AT HER, CRAWLING ALL OVER BATMAN! WELL--AT LEAST IT'S OVER! HER LIFE IS NO LONGER IN DANGER! BATMAN DOESN'T HAVE TO HANG AROUND HER ANY MORE!

MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN REVERT TO THEIR EVERYDAY ROLES AS MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

BOY--WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY! HOW ABOUT SOME HORSEBACK RIDING, BRUCE?

ER--BETTER GO YOURSELF, DICK... I HAVE--ER--A DATE AS BATMAN, WITH--ER-- MAGDA!



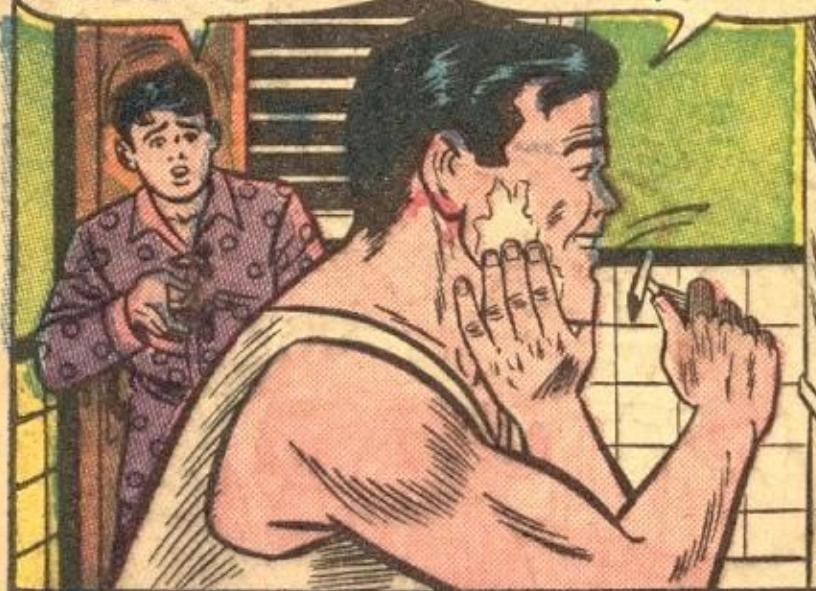
MAGDA??? BUT I THOUGHT WE'D FINISHED WITH HER! COMMISSIONER GORDON RELIEVED YOU OF YOUR BODYGUARD ASSIGNMENT!

I KNOW... BUT THERE'S NO REASON WHY-- ER-- MAGDA AND I CAN'T BE FRIENDS, IS THERE?

AND DOWN IN THE BAT-CAVE...

SO LONG, DICK... OF COURSE-- IF ANYTHING COMES UP, I'LL ANSWER THE BAT-SIGNAL! BUSINESS BEFORE PLEASURE, YOU KNOW!

I'D NEVER BELIEVE IT IF I HADN'T SEEN IT! BATMAN--ACTING LIKE A SOPHOMORE IN LOVE!

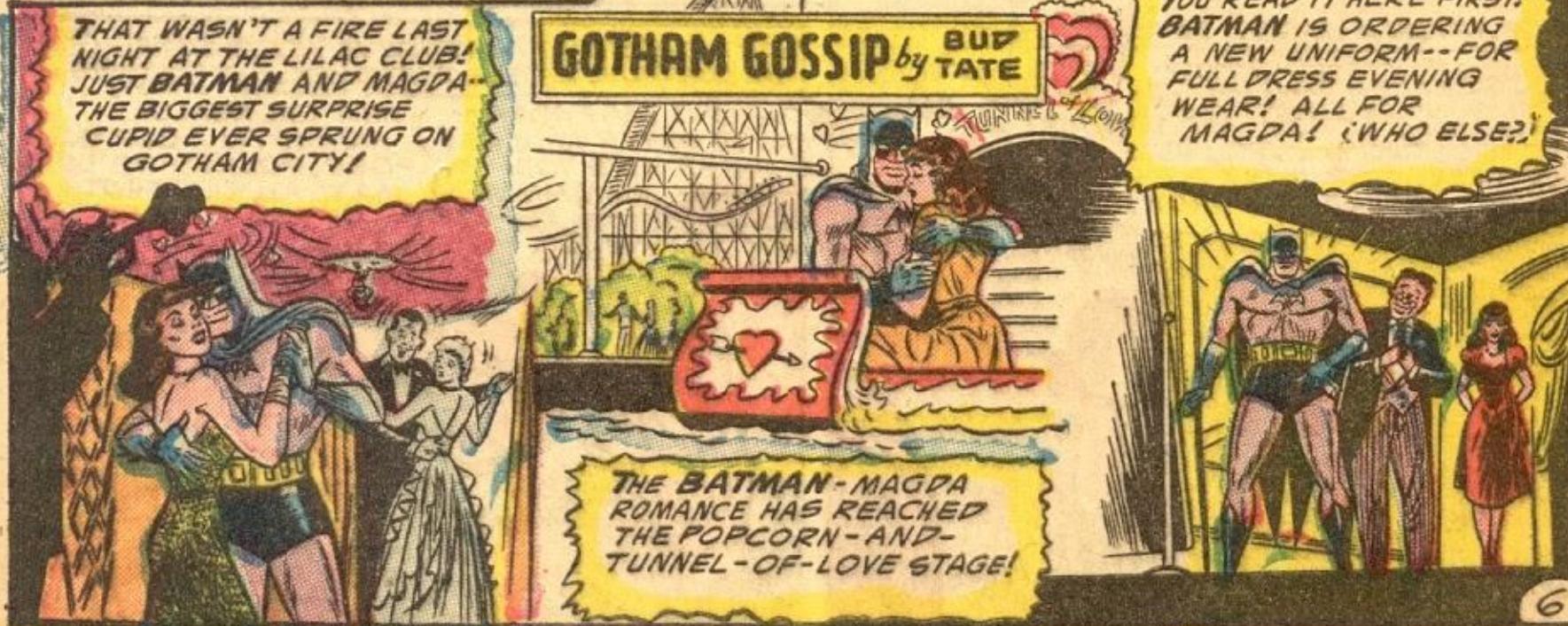


IF YOU THINK THAT'S BAD, DICK, WHAT ABOUT THESE OTHER STARTLING OCCURRENCES IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW?...

THAT WASN'T A FIRE LAST NIGHT AT THE LILAC CLUB! JUST BATMAN AND MAGDA-- THE BIGGEST SURPRISE CUPID EVER SPRUNG ON GOTHAM CITY!

GOTHAM GOSSIP by BUD TATE

YOU READ IT HERE FIRST! BATMAN IS ORDERING A NEW UNIFORM--FOR FULL DRESS EVENING WEAR! ALL FOR MAGDA! (WHO ELSE?)



THE BATMAN-MAGDA ROMANCE HAS REACHED THE POPCORN-AND-TUNNEL-OF-LOVE STAGE!



# BATMAN



YES, THERE SEEKS NO HALT TO THIS SUDDEN ROMANCE...

BOY -- THE **BATMOBILE!** THAT'S ONE CAR I NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE HERE!

WELL, YOU CAN EXPECT ANYTHING FROM NOW ON, PAL! **BATMAN** HAS FALLEN-- HOOK, LINE AND SINKER!



FINALLY, COMES THE BIGGEST SURPRISE OF ALL...

YOU'RE CHANGING THE NAME OF THE **BAT-PLANE** TO **MAGDA!**

DON'T RUSH ME, BOYS-- **BATMAN**-- DON'T RUSH ME!

HEY, ARE YOU ELOPING TONIGHT?



MEANWHILE, **BATMAN'S** ROMANCE HAS HAD AN' ERUPTIVE EFFECT ON CERTAIN OF THE CITIZENRY...

MR. MAYOR-- SPEAKING FOR THE **CITIZENS' LEAGUE** I DEMAND THAT **BATMAN** BE DROPPED FROM HIS PRESENT JOB! HE CAN NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED AN EFFECTIVE FORCE AGAINST CRIME!



BUT IN THE GOTHAM CITY UNDERWORLD, THE REACTION IS MUCH MORE PUZZLING...

ALL RIGHT-- PASS THE WORD AROUND! BIG CHARLEY VANCE SAYS TO **LAY OFF BATMAN!** EVERYBODY KEEP HIS NOSE CLEAN... NO CRIME FOR THE TIME BEING!

ARE YOU CRAZY, BOSS? THIS IS THE TIME TO MOVE IN-- WHEN **BATMAN'S** ALL TANGLED UP WITH THAT DAME!



LOOK, STUPID!... WE LAY OFF, SEE? WE DON'T INTERRUPT **BATMAN!** WE LET THIS ROMANCE BLOSSOM! ONCE THIS DAME HOOKS **BATMAN** WITH A **WEDDING RING**, WE'RE IN! SHE'LL TAKE HIM RIGHT OUT OF CIRCULATION!



BUT THE ROMANCE'S MOST DEVASTATING EFFECT CENTERS ON A BEWILDERED YOUNG BOY AND A HEARTBROKEN GIRL...

IT JUST-- IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE!

BUT IT IS, VICKI! **BATMAN** HARDLY HAS ANY TIME FOR ME ANYMORE! I NEVER THOUGHT ANYONE COULD COME BETWEEN US... I SEE NOW THAT I WAS DEAD WRONG!



## BATMAN

THAT EVENING, AS VICKI RETURNS TO HER OFFICE...

I CAN FORGIVE BATMAN FOR WHAT HE'S DONE TO ME-- I HAD NO CLAIM ON HIM! BUT I CAN NEVER FORGIVE WHAT HE'S DONE TO THAT POOR KID!

HEY-- DIDJA HEAR THE RADIO? MAGDA CALLED OFF THAT BIG PARTY AT HER APARTMENT TONIGHT! SICK OF CROWDS... WANTS TO SPEND A COZY EVENING ALONE WITH BATMAN!

COZY EVENING, EH? A TETE-A-TETE! THIS IS IT! FIVE GETS YOU EIGHT BATMAN POPS THE QUESTION TONIGHT!

OH, YEAH? NOT IF I CAN KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO THAT LUNKHEAD BATMAN, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!



POOR VICKI... IF ONLY SHE KNEW THE REAL REASON FOR BATMAN'S PRIVATE MEETING WITH MAGDA!

BATMAN, IT WORKED! IT'S JACQUES--JACQUES TERLAY! HE'S HERE IN GOTHAM CITY!

GOOD! TELL HIM TO STOP BOthering YOU! TELL HIM YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH ME-- THAT I'M HERE WITH YOU! TELL HIM YOU NEVER WANT TO SEE HIM AGAIN! GET HIM GOOD AND MAD!

AND SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...

WHERE IS HE? I KEEL HIM! I KEEL ANY MAN WHO TRIES TO STEAL MY MAGDA!...

I THOUGHT YOU'D TRY THE FIRE ESCAPE! YOU'VE BEEN USING BACK ALLEYS EVER SINCE YOU STOLE THAT INTERNATIONAL GOLD BULLION WHICH WAS NEVER RECOVERED. MAYBE DEVIL'S ISLAND COULDN'T HOLD YOU--BUT WE WILL!



YES, MY FRIEND, WE HAD AN IDEA YOU WEREN'T DEAD! THIS ROMANCE WAS JUST A COOKED-UP AFFAIR TO BRING YOU OUT OF HIDING!

I'M SORRY, JACQUES, BUT THREE NATIONS OF THE WORLD WANT YOU BADLY! YOU ARE AN IMPORTANT PRISONER... IT WAS MY DUTY TO HELP BATMAN!

BUT AT THAT MOMENT, AN UNWELCOME INTRUSION... I SAID I WAS GOING TO KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO YOUR HEAD-- AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M DOING!

YOU FOOL! NOW SEE WHAT YOU'VE DONE! ALORS! THIS IS MY CHANCE!



DON'T MOVE! YOU THREE ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW I'M IN GOTHAM CITY! WHEN I'VE KILLED YOU, NO ONE WILL KNOW! BATMAN, TIE THE WOMEN UP--THEN I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU!



MUSIC? OF COURSE! TO MAKE THE GAS MORE SOOTHING... HA-HA! GOOD-BYE, MAGPA... THIS IS WHAT YOU GET FOR TURNING ON ME!



DEFT FINGERS FINALLY REACH THE CAMERA, UNSCREW THE LENS, AND...

THEN, WITH ONE OF THE JAGGED EDGES...

GAS GETTING STRONGER! HAVE TO HURRY... SAW THROUGH MY BONDS!

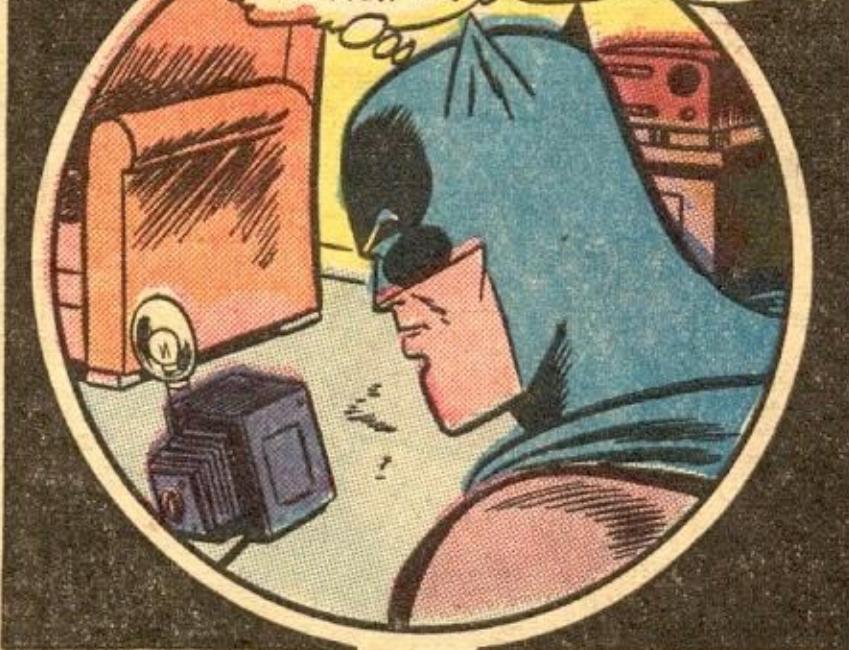


SOON AFTER...

AFTER I'VE MADE AN IMPORTANT PHONE CALL FROM THE NEXT ROOM, I'LL SHUT THE WINDOWS AND TURN ON THE KITCHEN GAS! HA-HA... BULLETS CAN BE TRACED-- BUT NOT GAS! HAVE YOU ANY LAST REQUESTS, BATMAN-- BEFORE YOU DIE?



LATER... HE'S GONE-- AND I CAN SMELL THE GAS! VICKI'S CAMERA IS MY ONLY CHANCE-- IF I CAN JUST REACH IT!



ABRUPTLY, THE ROPES SNAP-- AND WITHIN MINUTES, BATMAN HAS THE OTHERS FREEED...

HURRY... WE NEED FRESH AIR! NO TIME TO WASTE... HAVE TO STOP JACQUES AT FARRADAY AIRPORT!



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AND WHEN THE THREE FINALLY RECOVER OUTSIDE...

WE'LL HANDLE THINGS HERE, BATMAN-- BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW JACQUES IS GOING TO FARRADAY AIRPORT?

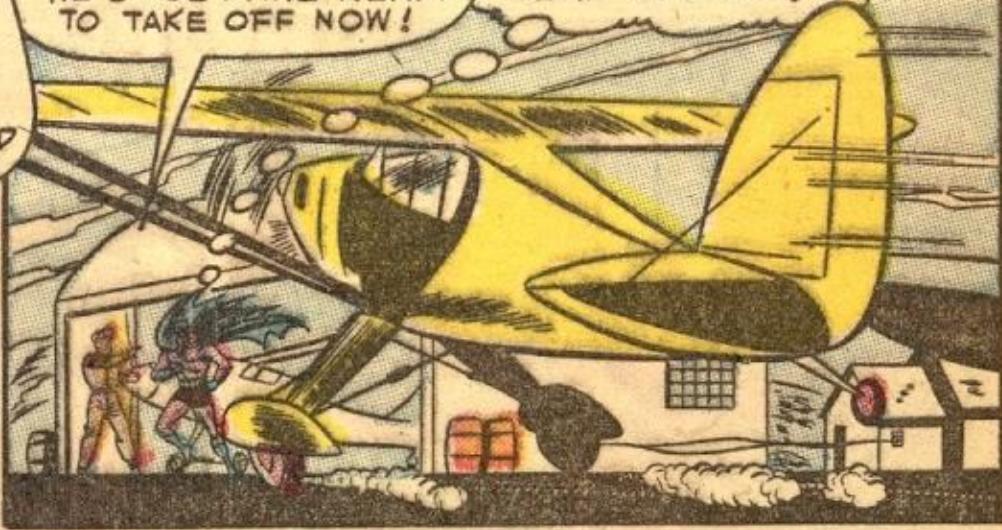
THAT PHONE CALL HE MADE FROM ANOTHER ROOM... THAT'S WHY I HAD HIM TURN ON THE RADIO! OFTEN, PHONE DIAL IMPULSES CLICK ON A RADIO AS STATIC! HIS DID! BY COUNTING THE IMPULSES, I RECOGNIZED HIS NUMBER AS THAT OF THE AIRPORT!



SURE ENOUGH, WHEN BATMAN REACHES THE AIRPORT.

THAT MAN YOU DESCRIBE HAS HIS OWN PLANE HERE, BATMAN! HE'S GETTING READY TO TAKE OFF NOW!

HE'S SPOTTED ME! HE'S TAXIING OUT TO THE RUNWAY! I'VE GOT TO HEAD HIM OFF!



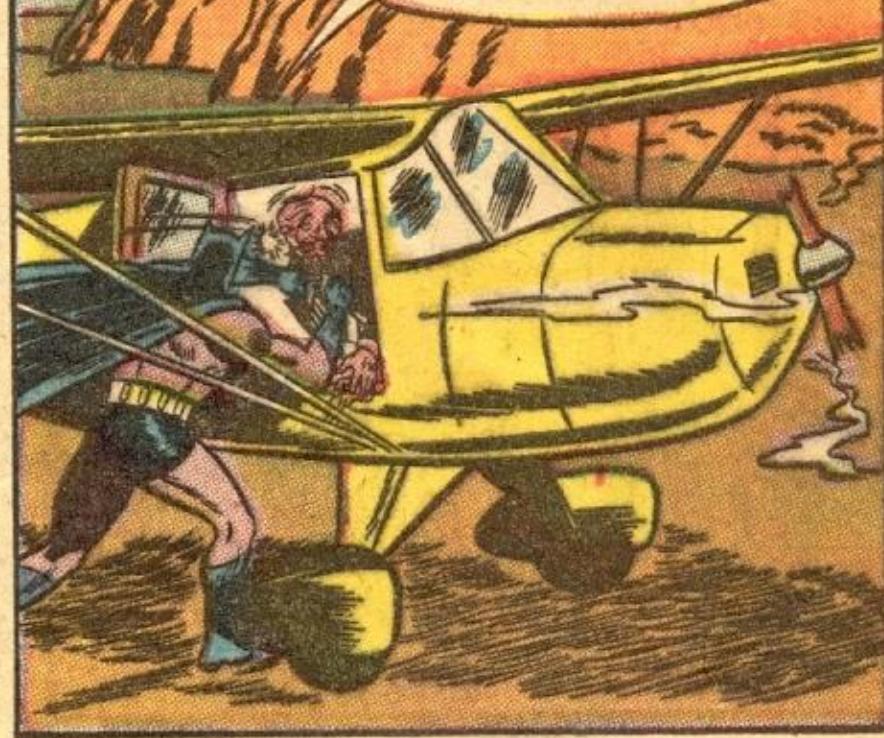
FROM HIS UTILITY BELT, THE LAWMAN WHIPS OUT ONE OF HIS FAMED WEAPONS, AND...

GOOD OLD BATARANG! IT SMASHED HIS PROP TO PIECES! NOW TO DRAG HIM OUT OF THERE!



NEXT MOMENT...

WE MEET AGAIN, MONSIEUR! ONLY THIS TIME THERE'LL BE NO SILLY GIRL TO MIX THINGS UP!



PRESENTLY, WHEN ROBIN JOINS BATMAN AT THE AIRPORT...

SO YOUR ROMANCE WAS STRICTLY A COOKED-UP AFFAIR! BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU AT LEAST LET ME IN ON IT?

THAT ROMANCE HAD TO LOOK REAL FROM EVERY ANGLE! I FIGURED IF YOU BELIEVED IT, YOU'D CONVINCE A LOT OF OTHERS! IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO LURE JACQUES OUT OF HIDING!



AND NEXT DAY, AS VICKI VALE CAUSES A MILD HUBBUB IN DOWNTOWN GOTHAM CITY...

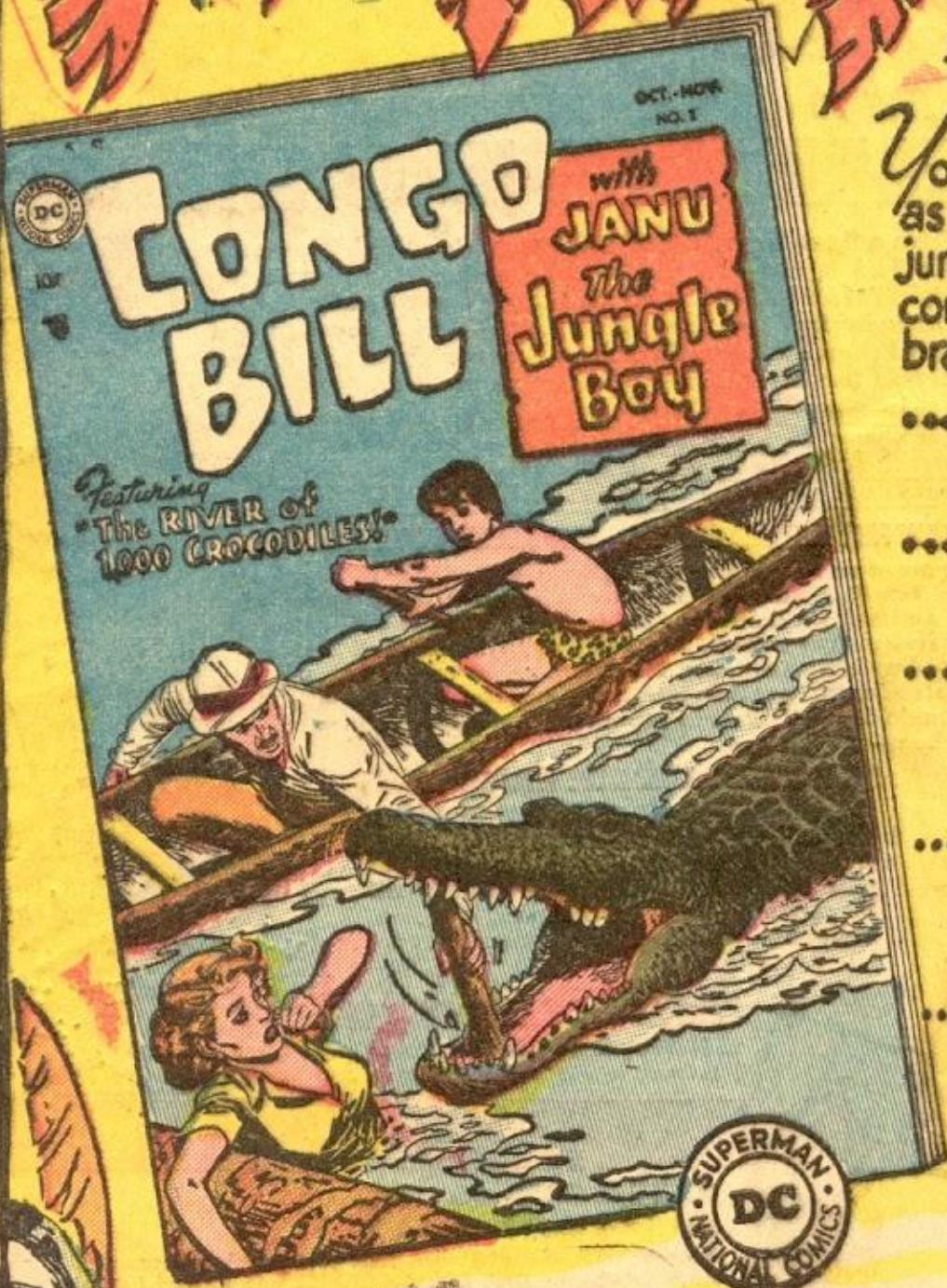
THAT VICKI'S SOME GIRL! IF ANYBODY ASKS HER ABOUT THAT SIGN, SHE TELLS THEM THE WHOLE STORY OF HOW SHE ALMOST RUINED YOU BY NOT TRUSTING YOU!

YES -- BUT SHE ALSO TELLS THEM SHE WON'T STOP TRYING TILL SHE'S MRS. BATMAN! SO WATCH OUT, BATMAN... ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR!



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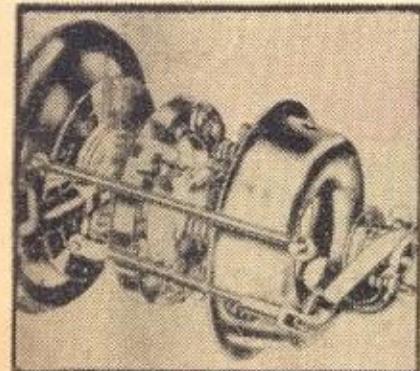
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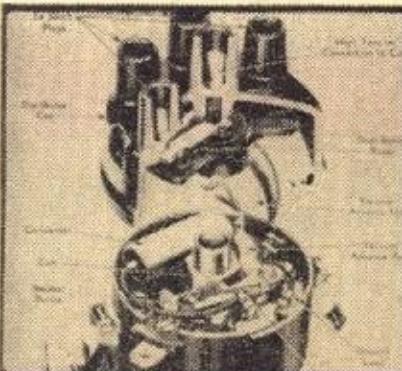
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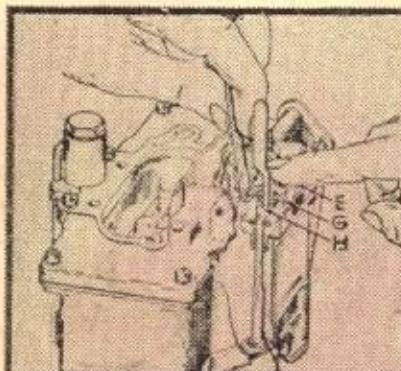
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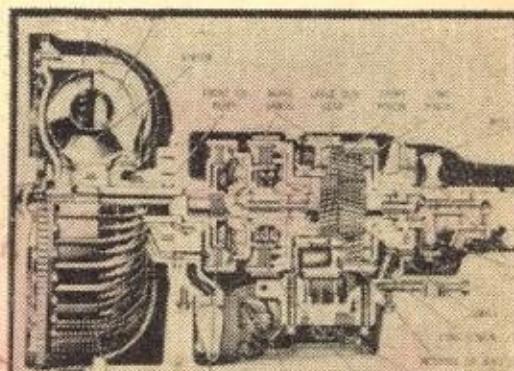
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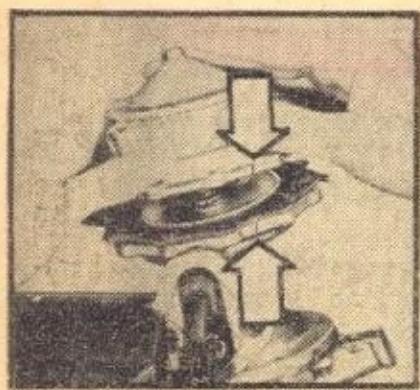


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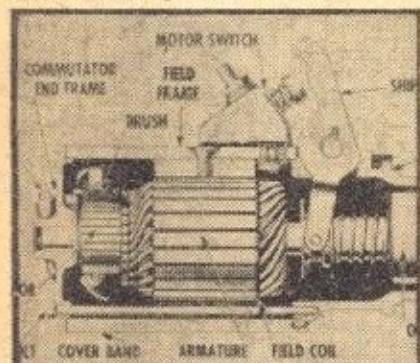


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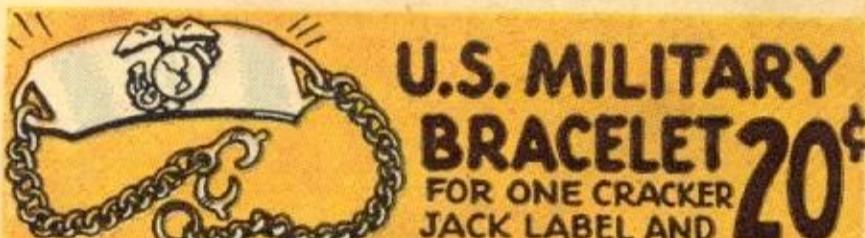
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