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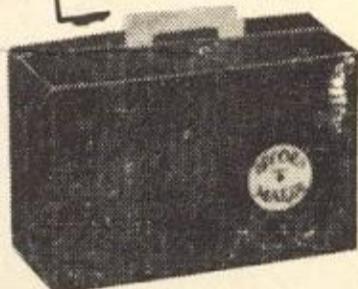
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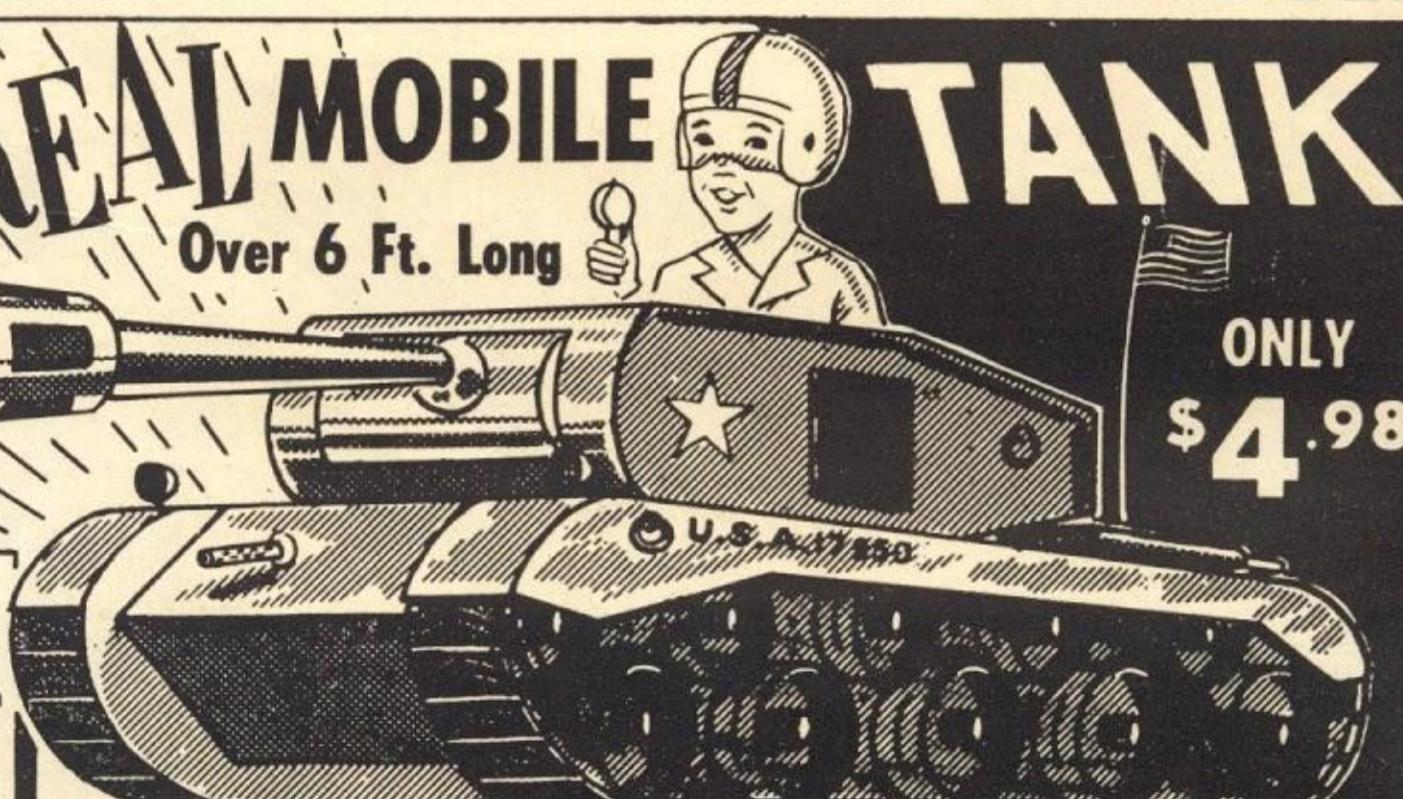
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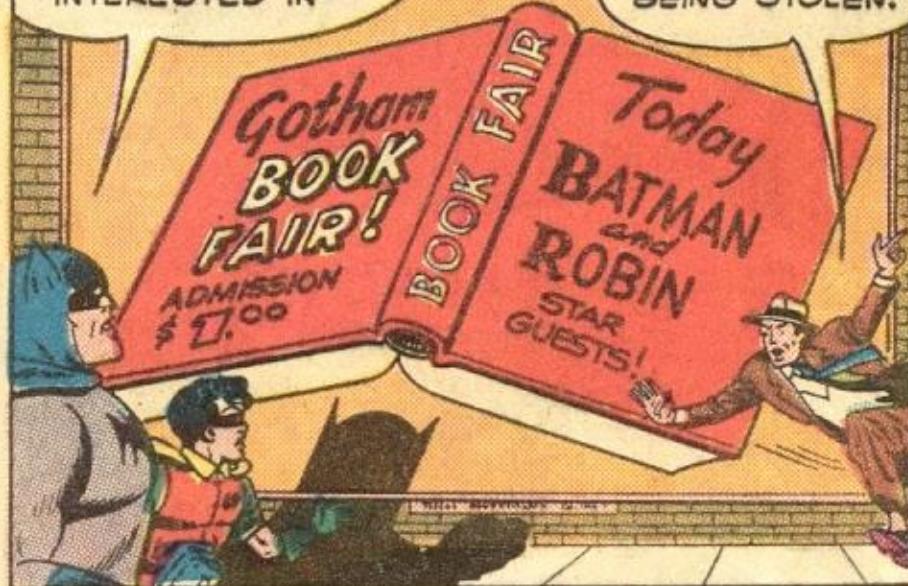
ONE DAY, IN GOTHAM CITY...

THIS BOOK FAIR IS A WONDERFUL IDEA! I'M GLAD WE CAN HELP GET YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN--

BATMAN...
ROBIN...
FOLLOW ME!
THE PROCEEDS
OF THE FAIR ARE
BEING STOLEN!

THE JOKER IS LOOSE AGAIN--
IN THERE!

OUR OLD ENEMY!
LET'S GET HIM,
ROBIN!



NO SOONER DO THE TWO LEAP INTO THE ARMORED TRUCK, THAN...

YES, INDEED! THE JOKER IS LOOSE--
BUT THEY AREN'T, THANKS TO THIS RENTED
ARMORED TRUCK AND PHONY COSTUMES!
NOW, WITH BATMAN AND ROBIN OUT OF
THE WAY, WE REALLY CAN ROB THE FAIR!
LET'S GO--!

MOMENTS
LATER, A
STRANGE,
COSTUMED
FIGURE
APPEARS...



WITH AMAZING STRENGTH, THE MASKED NEWCOMER WRENCHES OPEN THE DOORS, AND...

GREAT SCOTT!
YOU SNAPPED
THAT THICK
STEEL WITH
YOUR BARE
HANDS! WHO
ARE YOU?

RIP! I MUST CONCEAL THE SECRET OF MY REAL IDENTITY, GENTLEMEN, BUT YOU MAY ADDRESS ME AS THE EAGLE!

WITH MY UNUSUAL POWERS, WE CAN BATTLE AGAINST CRIME SIDE BY SIDE, AND--WAIT! THOSE CRIES! BATMAN, ROBIN AND THE EAGLE ARE NEEDED!

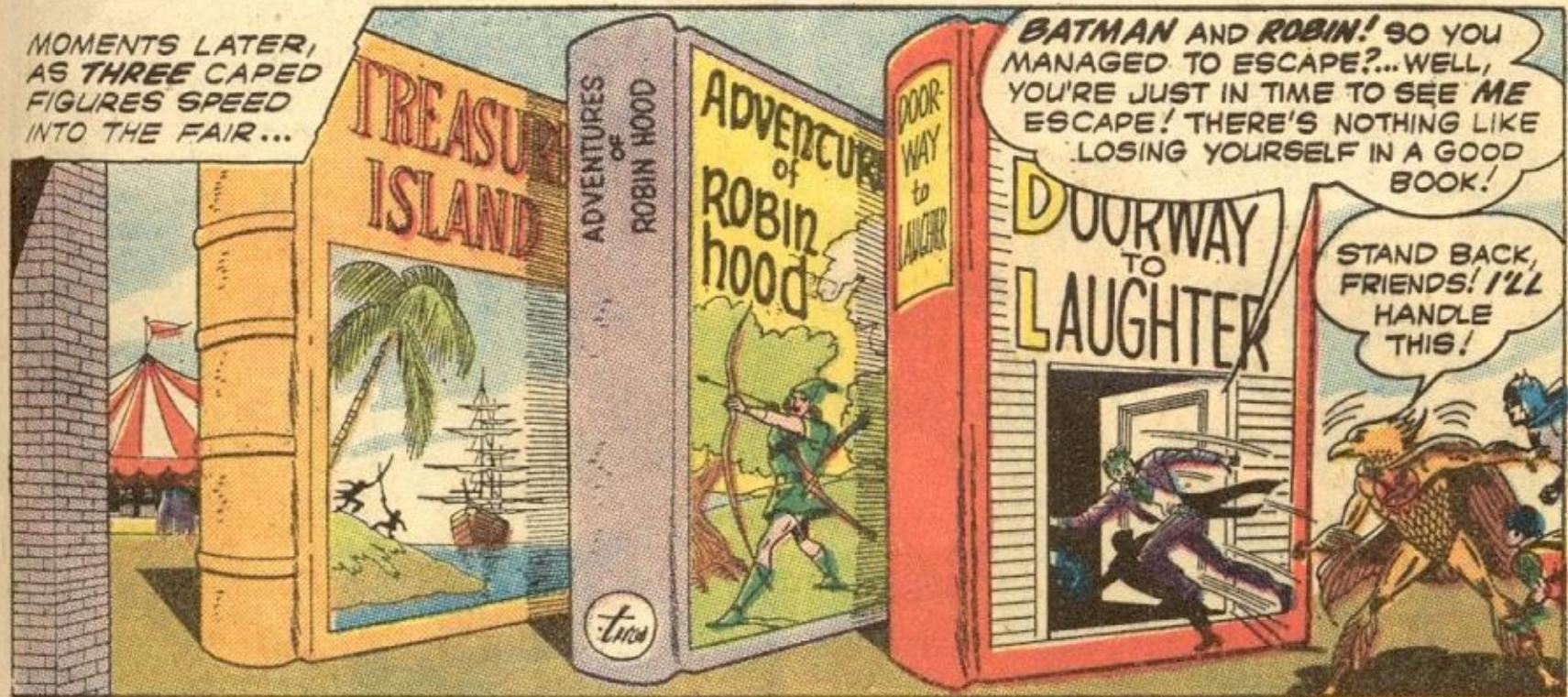




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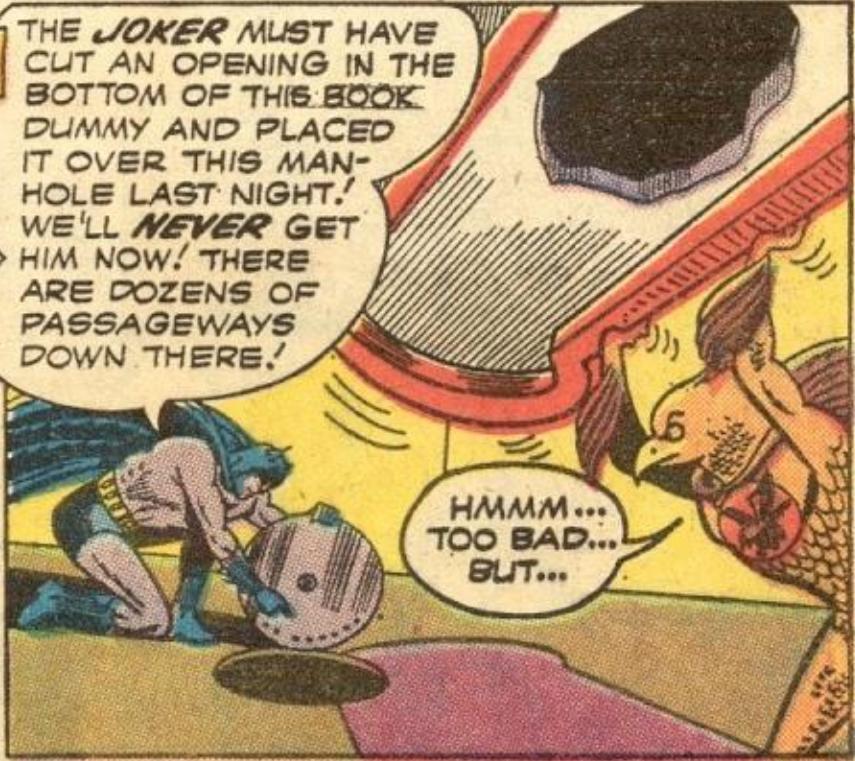
MOMENTS LATER,
AS THREE CAPED
FIGURES SPEED
INTO THE FAIR...



WITH ONE ASTOUNDING LEAP, THE EAGLE REACHES THE GIANT VOLUME, AND...



THE JOKER MUST HAVE CUT AN OPENING IN THE BOTTOM OF THIS BOOK DUMMY AND PLACED IT OVER THIS MAN-HOLE LAST NIGHT! WE'LL NEVER GET HIM NOW! THERE ARE DOZENS OF PASSAGEWAYS DOWN THERE!



...HE WON'T OUTWIT BATMAN, ROBIN AND THE EAGLE! WE'LL CATCH HIM YET! FAREWELL, TILL OUR NEXT MEETING!

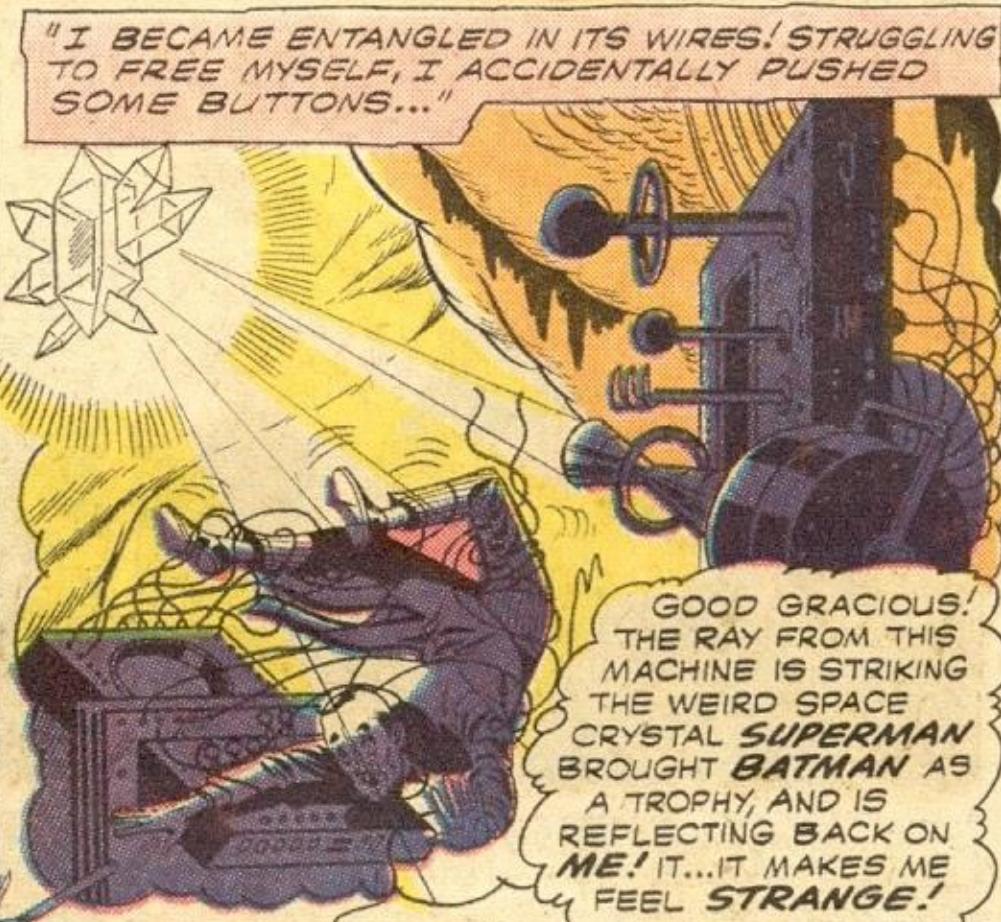
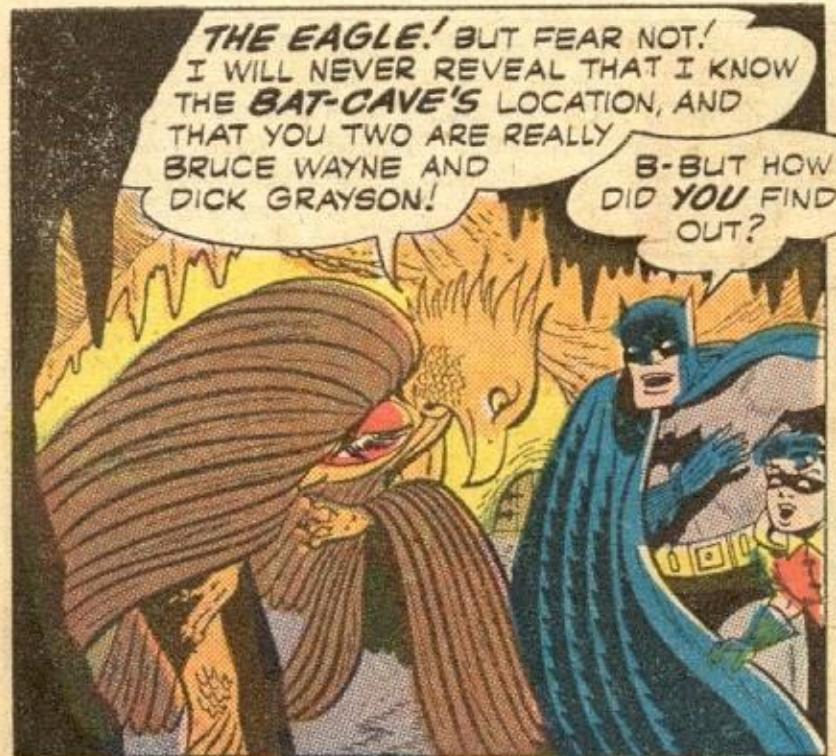


LATER, WHEN THEY RETURN TO THE BAT-CAVE...





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SO, NEXT MORNING, THREE COSTUMED FIGURES CRUISE GOTHAM CITY IN THE BATMOBILE...

WHAT'S OUR DESTINATION, BATMAN?

THE GOTHAM CITY GLOBE IS AWARDING \$100,000 IN A PUBLIC CEREMONY TO THE MAN WHO SOLVED ITS NATION-WIDE CRYPTOGRAM PUZZLE-- JUST THE KIND OF PRIZE TO TEMPT THE JOKER!

SOON, OUTSIDE THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE...

MR. SEDGEWICK IS THE ONLY ONE OF THE MANY THOUSANDS OF CONTESTANTS WHO SOLVED OUR PUZZLE, SO...

NO SIGN OF THE JOKER AND HIS MEN HERE!

DE DI G SCAGE ELDZS EM
BZMO ELA TAGIMZ HMC
IAAPL CZD ELM JAGIMZ
HMZ AZTAP

BUT BATMAN HAS HARDLY UTTERED THE WORDS THAN...

QUITE A CLEVER DISGUISE, EH? IT TOOK TIME PREPARING IT LAST NIGHT, BUT IT WAS WORTH IT! I'LL TAKE THAT PRIZE MONEY!

THE EAGLE WILL SNATCH THE JOKER! ONE MIGHTY LEAP, AND...

FOR A NET PROFIT, BUY GOVERNMENT BONDS

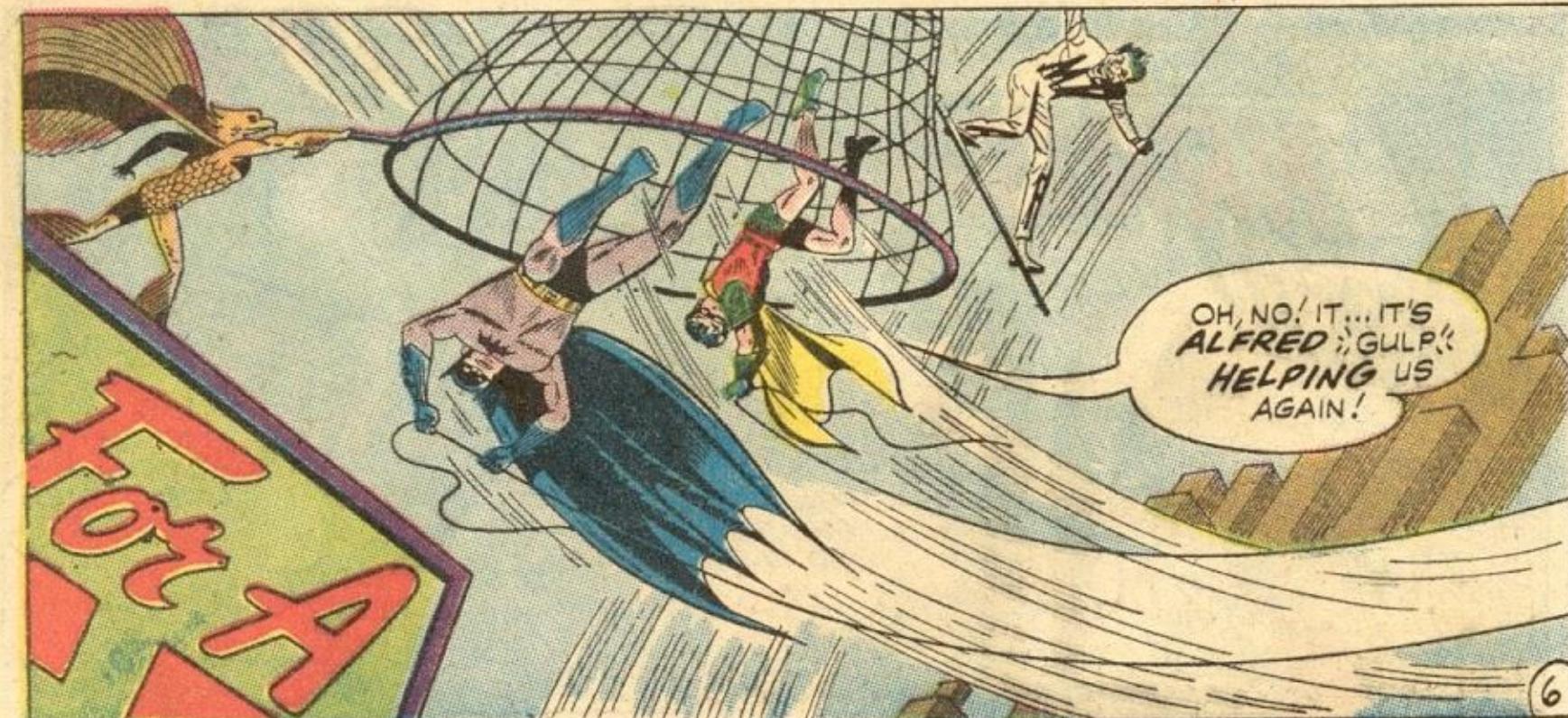
AS ALFRED, ALIAS THE EAGLE, CATAPOULTS FORWARD...

KRASSH!
WHOOSH!

I MISCALCULATED... JUMPED TOO HIGH AND FAR!

I WAS AFRAID OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS! LET'S GO, ROBIN! WE'LL GET THE JOKER!

A G SCAGE ELDZS EM
BZMO ELA TAGIMZ HMC
IAAPL CZD ELM JAGIMZ
HMZ AZTAP





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I GUESS I MADE A ...ER ...
SLIGHT MISCALCULATION ...
BUT NOTHING WILL STOP
THE EAGLE NEXT TIME!



NEXT DAY, STILL UNDAUNTED, **THE EAGLE**
RIDES AGAIN WITH THE DYNAMIC DUO AS
THEY RESPOND TO AN URGENT SUMMONS
FROM THE **BAT-SIGNAL**...

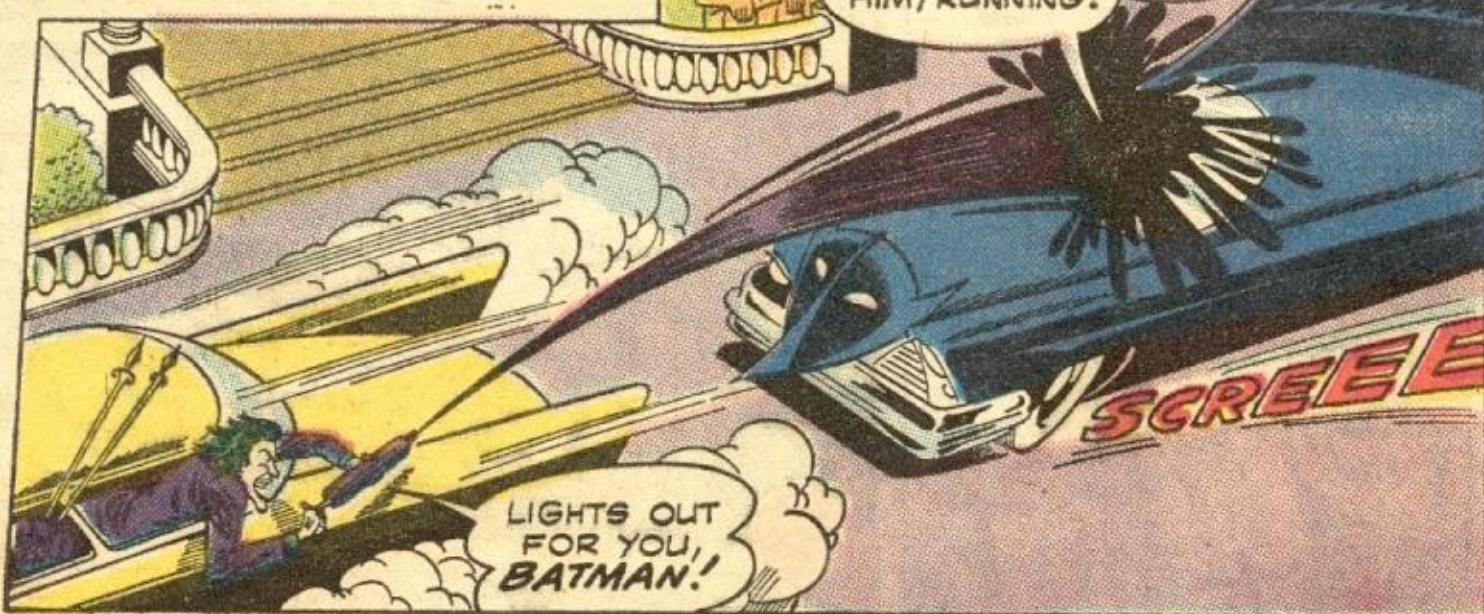
THE **JOKER** STRUCK
AGAIN--THIS TIME AT
THE MUSEUM OF
EGYPTOLOGY!



“WHEW! WHAT
WILL WE **GROAN**
DO ABOUT HIM?

WHAT? CAN'T SEE THROUGH
THE WINDSHIELD...WE
CAN NEVER OVERTAKE
HIM, RUNNING!

BUT AS
THEY RACE
UP TO THE
MUSEUM
IN TIME TO
SEE THE
JOKER
DEPART
WITH
VALUABLE
RELICS
STOLEN
FROM AN
OUTDOOR
EXHIBIT...



SECONDS LATER...

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO
DO WITH THAT BRONZE
STATUE OF
ANUBIS?



THROUGH THE AIR HURTELS
THE WEIRD FIGURE UNTIL...

YOU'LL
SOON
SEE...
AN
AMAZING
EXAMPLE
OF SUPER-
STRENGTH
COUPLED
WITH
SUPER-
INGENUITY!

THE TUNNEL'S
BLOCKED! WE'LL
HAVE TO MAKE
OUR GETAWAY
ON FOOT!



AS THE **JOKER** AND HIS
MEN SCRAMBLE OUT OF
THEIR CAR, THE **EAGLE**
LEAPS, SOARS...

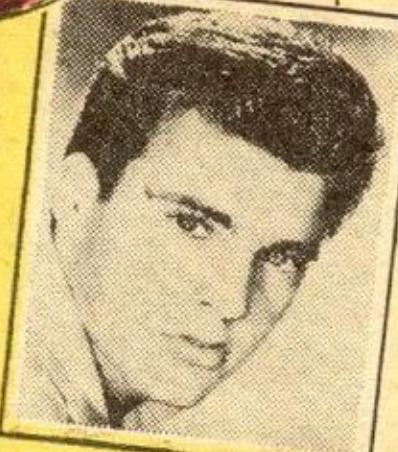




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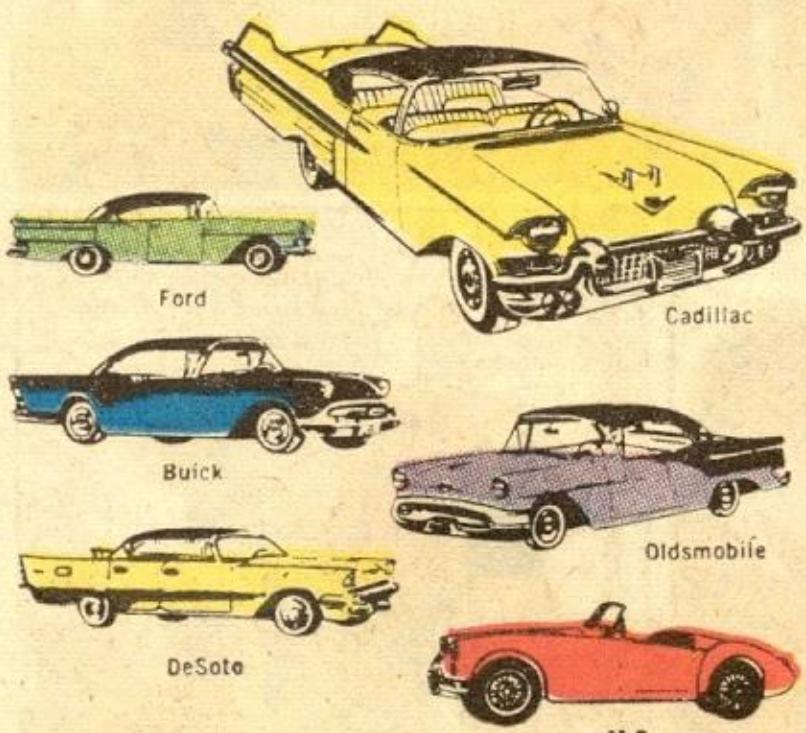
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It's FUN to LEARN!

THIS'LL MAKE A SWELL BALL FIELD FOR US IF WE CAN CLEAR AWAY ALL THESE ROCKS 'N EVERYTHING!

UGH! CAN'T EVEN MOVE THIS LOG!

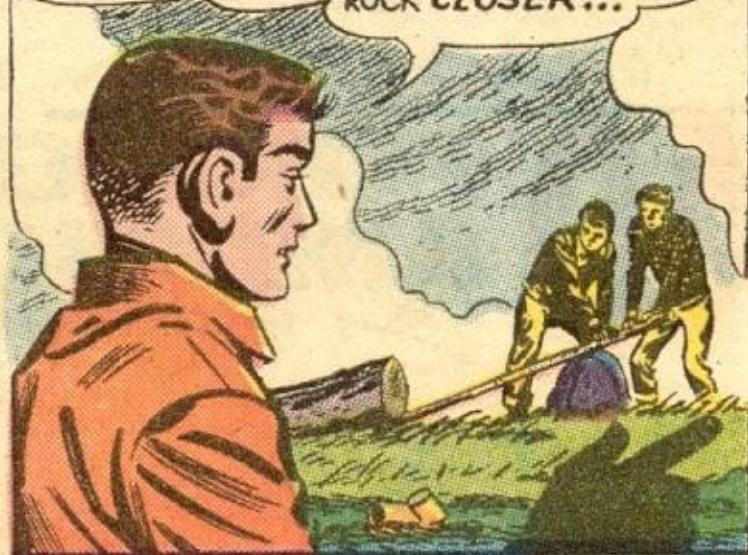
WAIT A SECOND, STEVE -- I'VE GOT AN IDEA.



THIS SHOULD WORK-- I'VE SEEN PICTURES OF HOW YOU DO IT...

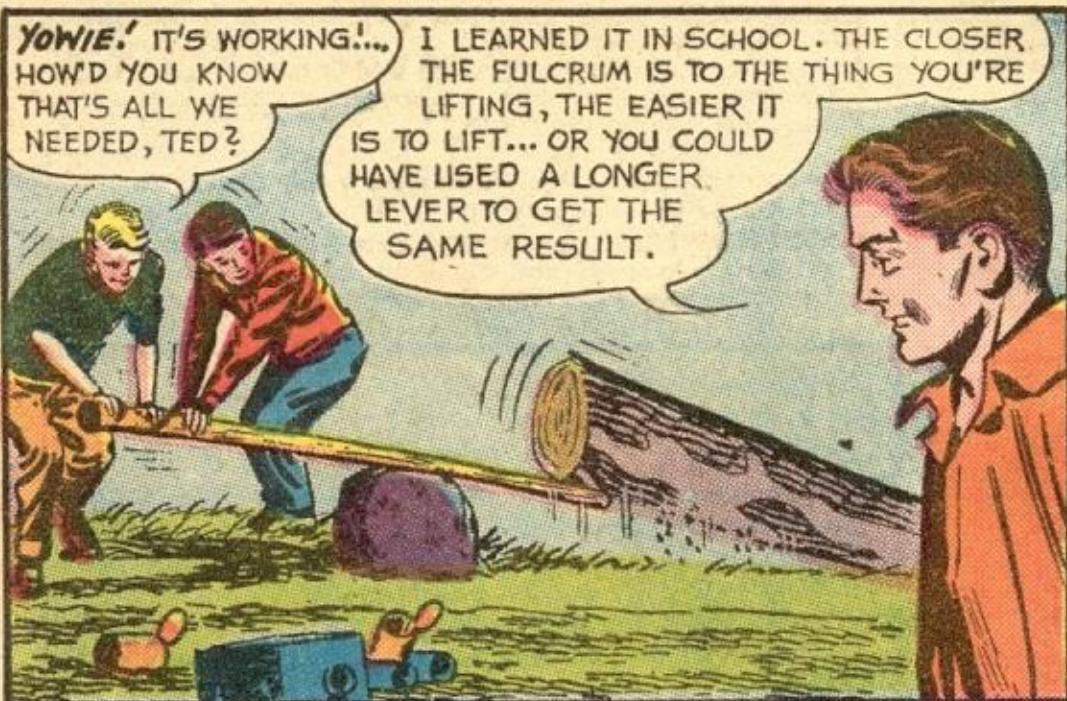
BUT IT'S ONLY MOVING A LITTLE... MAYBE WE NEED SOME MORE FELLERS TO HELP!

NOT NECESSARILY, BILLY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT IDEA USING THAT STICK AS A **LEVER** AND THE ROCK AS A **FULCRUM**. BUT TRY MOVING THE ROCK CLOSER...



YOWIE! IT'S WORKING... HOW'D YOU KNOW THAT'S ALL WE NEEDED, TED?

I LEARNED IT IN SCHOOL. THE CLOSER THE FULCRUM IS TO THE THING YOU'RE LIFTING, THE EASIER IT IS TO LIFT... OR YOU COULD HAVE USED A LONGER LEVER TO GET THE SAME RESULT.

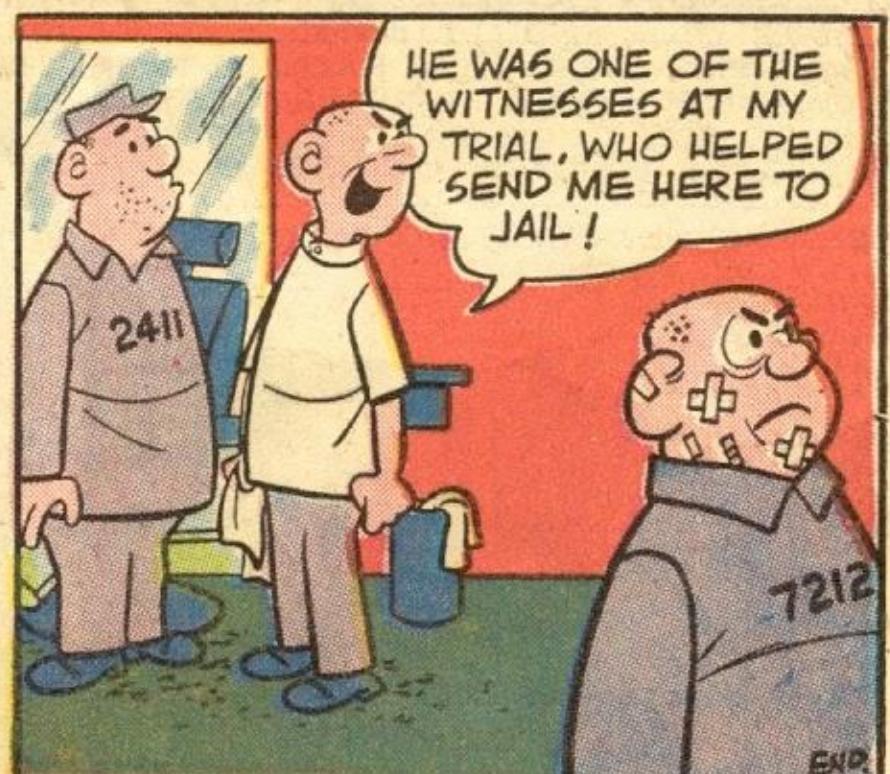
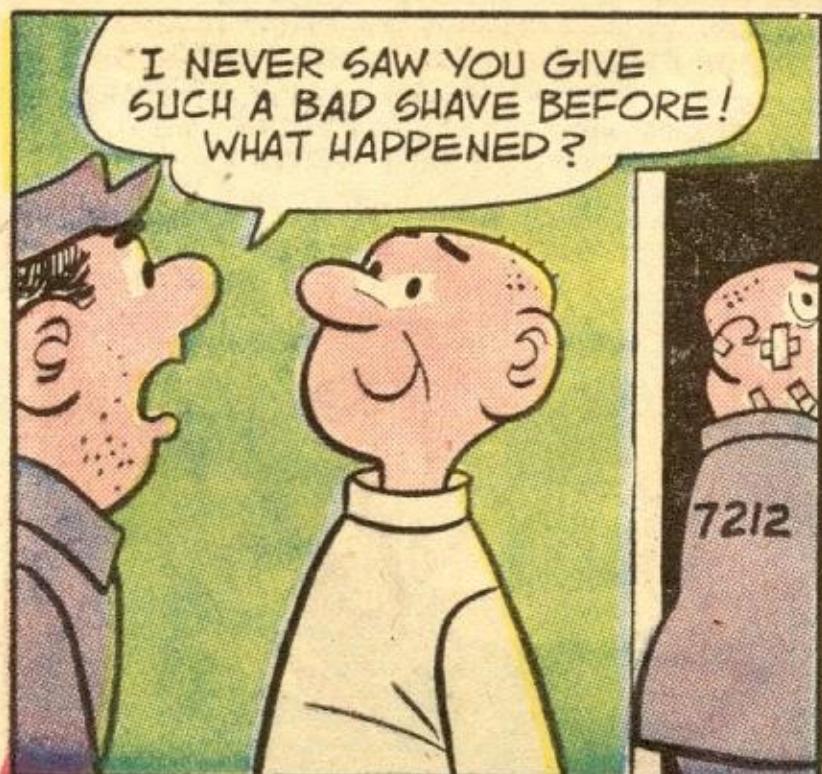


GOSH, THAT'S FUN! IT WON'T BE LONG, I GUESS, BEFORE WE'LL BE LEARNING THINGS LIKE THAT IN SCHOOL, EH, STEVE?





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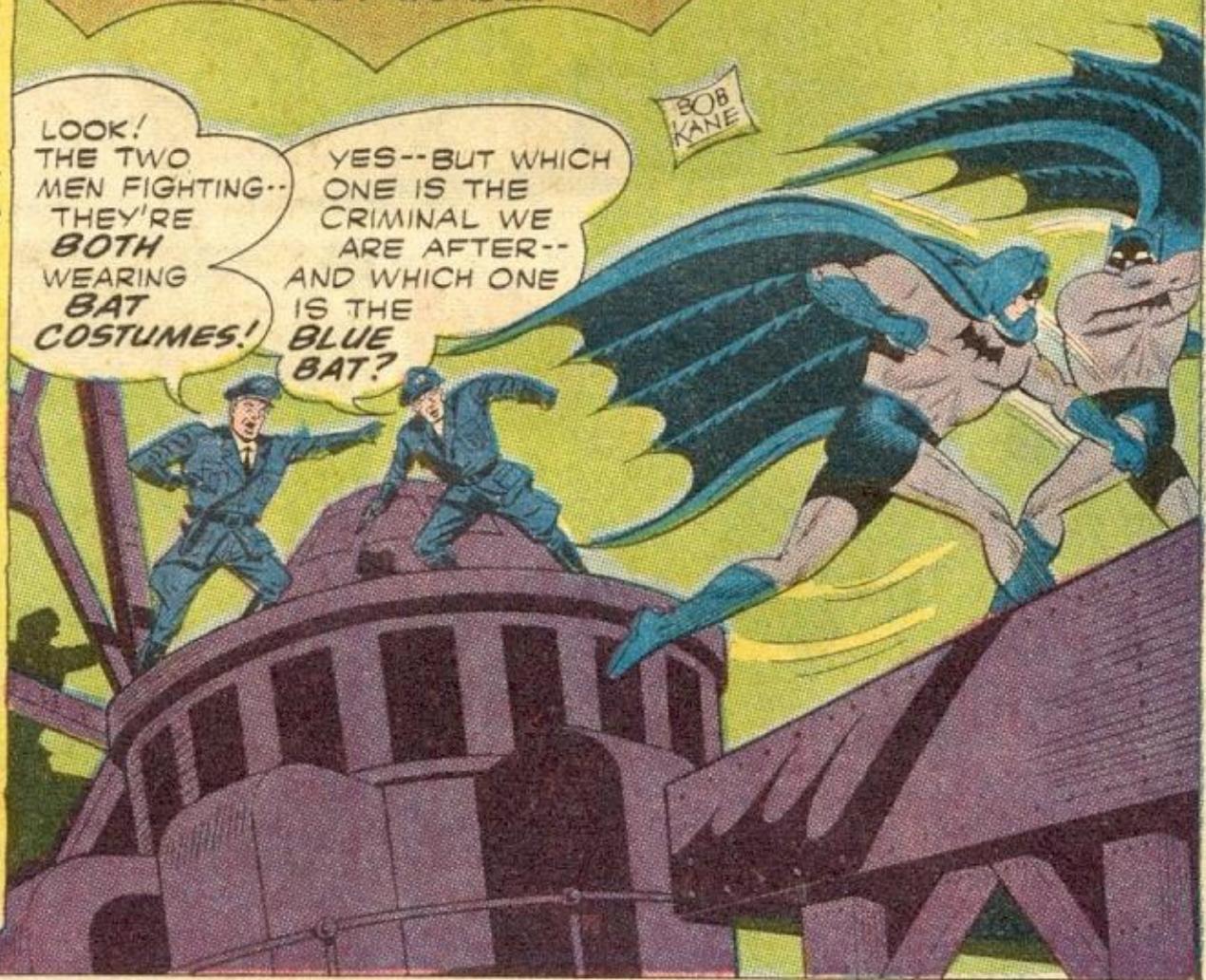


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THE BOY WONDER

IT'S COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT BRUCE WAYNE VOWED TO FIGHT CRIME BECAUSE HIS PARENTS WERE KILLED BY A CRIMINAL WHEN HE WAS YOUNG! BUT WHAT IF THAT HAD NEVER HAPPENED? WHAT THEN? WOULD BRUCE HAVE BECOME A BATMAN ANYWAY? NOW YOU'LL FIND OUT WHEN YOU READ THE STRANGE STORY OF...

THE **SECOND** LIFE OF BATMAN



ONE NIGHT, IN THE MANSION OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON-- WHO ARE SECRETLY BATMAN AND ROBIN...

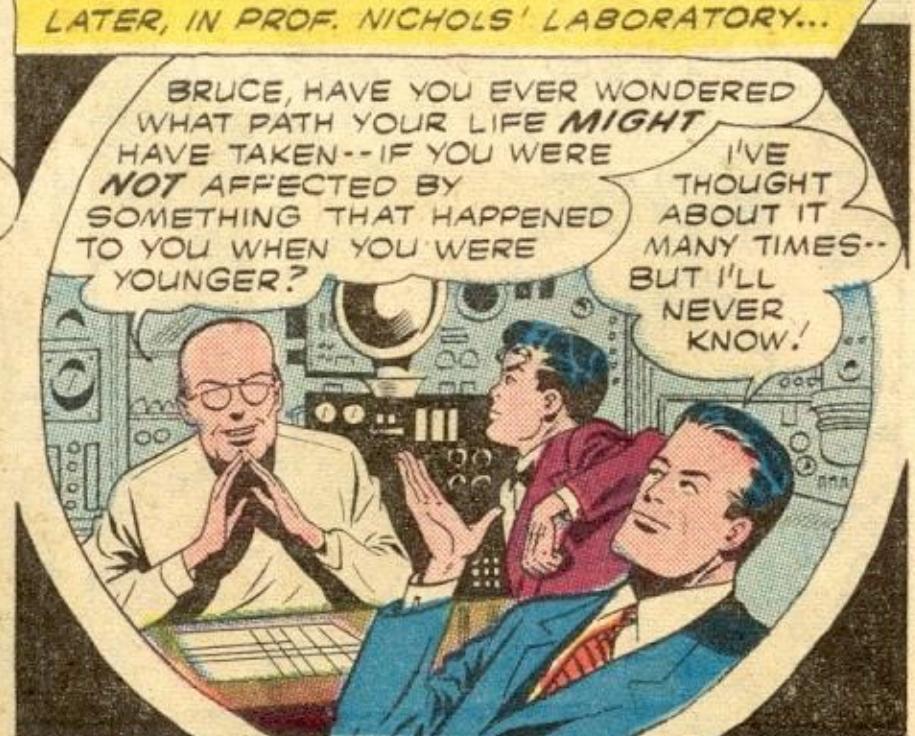
BRUCE, I WONDER WHY YOUR OLD FRIEND PROF. NICHOLS WANTS US TO VISIT HIM TONIGHT?

HE PROBABLY HAS A NEW INVENTION TO SHOW US! I WONDER WHAT IT WILL BE THIS TIME?

LATER, IN PROF. NICHOLS' LABORATORY...

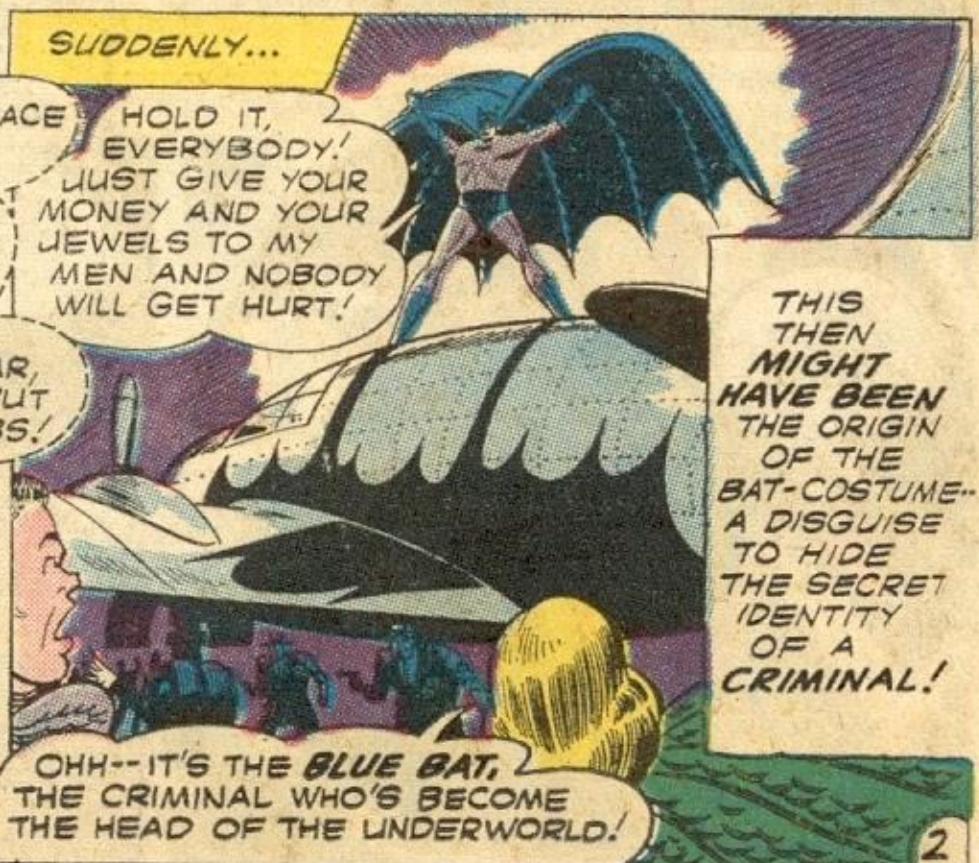
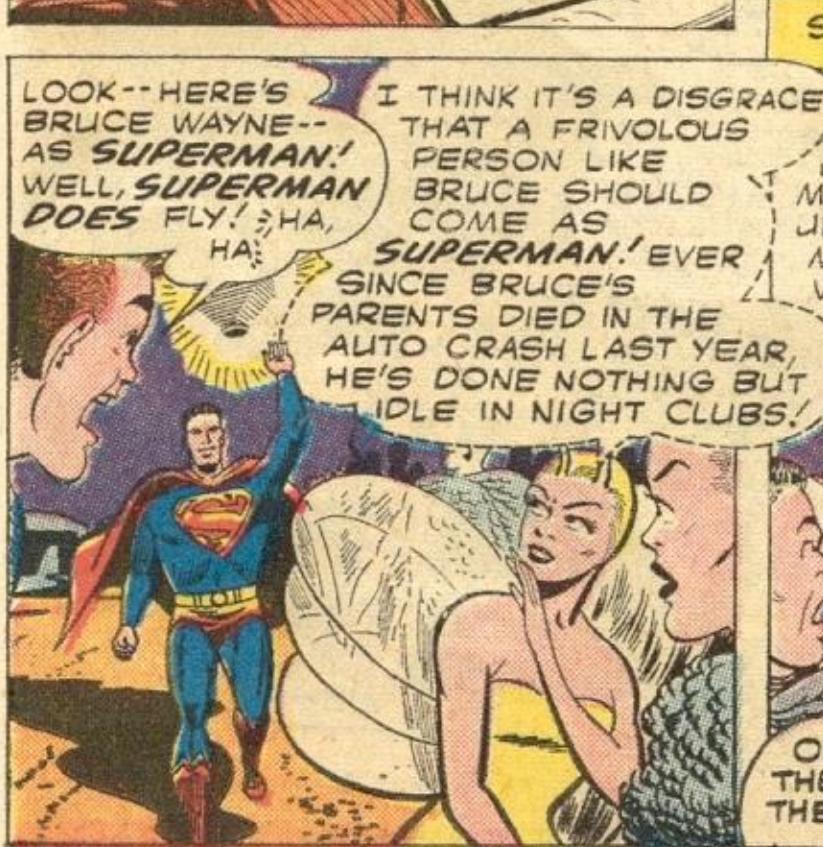
BRUCE, HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT PATH YOUR LIFE MIGHT HAVE TAKEN-- IF YOU WERE NOT AFFECTIONATE BY SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED TO YOU WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER?

I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT MANY TIMES-- BUT I'LL NEVER KNOW!





ABRUPTLY, THE PAST LOOMS BEFORE BRUCE--THE PAST THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN...



ABRUPTLY, A HERCULEAN FIGURE FLASHES DOWN...

GOOD THING I HAPPENED TO -
BE OVER- HEAD AND SAW WHAT WAS HAPPENING!

THE REAL SUPERMAN!

AS SUPERMAN SNATCHES THE GUNMEN...

GREAT SCOTT! THE BLUE BAT STARTED THE PLANE--AND SENT IT STRAIGHT AT THE CROWD!

RRR RRR

INSTANTLY, THE MAN OF STEEL STREAKS FORWARD...

GOT TO PULL IT AWAY FROM HERE BEFORE I CAN STOP THE MOTORS!

THOSE GUNMEN WILL ESCAPE WHILE SUPERMAN'S BUSY! SOMEBODY SHOULD STOP THEM!

WHY DON'T YOU, BRUCE? YOU'RE DRESSED LIKE A SUPERMAN-- WHY DON'T YOU ACT LIKE ONE?

STUNG BY THE TAUNT, BRUCE IMPETUOUSLY LEAPS INTO ACTION!

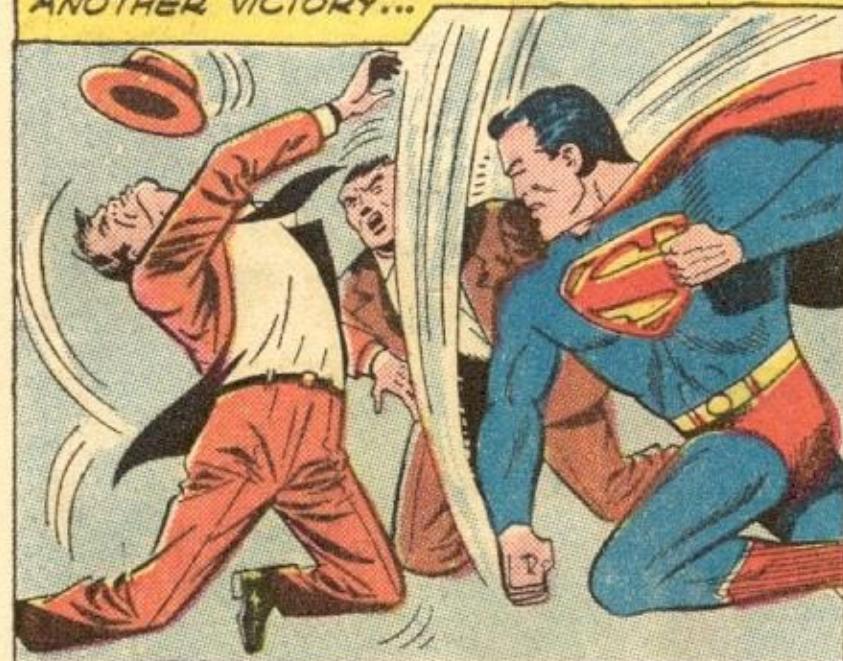
ALL RIGHT-- I WILL!

BRUCE--DON'T!
I WAS ONLY KIDDING!

WOW! LOOK AT THAT!
HE'S GOOD!

HE SHOULD BE-- HE WAS TOP ATHLETE IN COLLEGE!

FISTS THAT WON HIM THE INTERCOLLEGIATE BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP NOW BRING ANOTHER VICTORY...

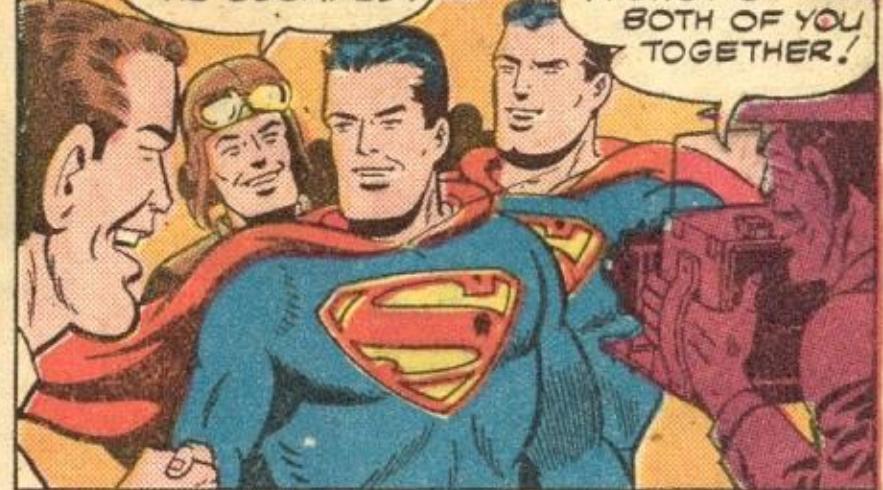


AND SHORTLY...

NICE WORK, BRUCE! TOO BAD YOU COULDN'T CAPTURE THE **BLUE BAT**, TOO -- BUT IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT HE ESCAPED!

I AGREE! YOU'RE THE BEST SUBSTITUTE **SUPERMAN** I EVER SAW!

LET ME HAVE A SHOT OF BOTH OF YOU TOGETHER!



WAIT'LL THE PUBLIC READS HOW PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE BECAME A HERO!



NEXT EVENING, AS BRUCE WAYNE REACHES HIS HOME, STILL MOVED BY AN EMOTION THAT IS STRANGE TO HIM ...

IT'S A GOOD FEELING TO KNOW I'VE DONE SOMETHING WORTH- WHILE FOR A CHANGE!



SUDDENLY...

CAUGHT OFF-GUARD BY THE UNEXPECTED BLOW, BRUCE DROPS, MOMENTARILY DAZED...

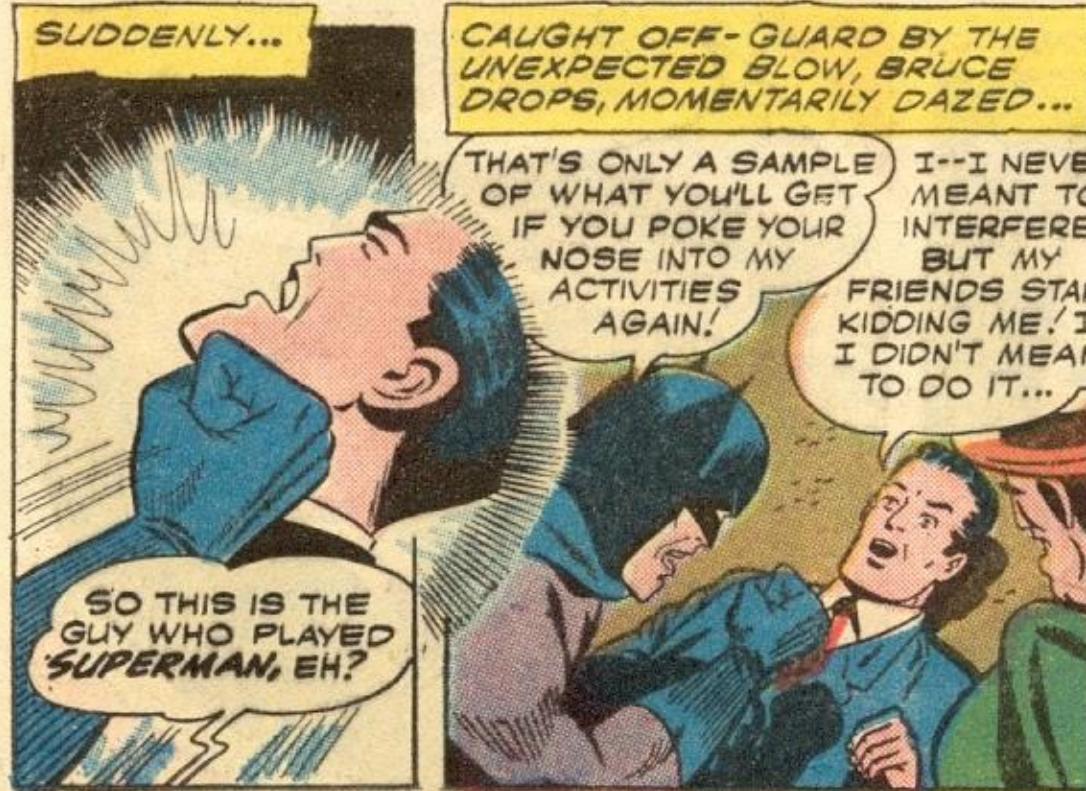
THAT'S ONLY A SAMPLE OF WHAT YOU'LL GET IF YOU POKE YOUR NOSE INTO MY ACTIVITIES AGAIN!

I--I NEVER MEANT TO INTERFERE-- BUT MY FRIENDS STARTED KIDDING ME! I-- I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT...

THIS GUY WON'T BOTHER US, BOSS!

YOU'RE RIGHT! IMAGINE ME THINKING HE WAS GOING TO BOTHER US! HA, HA!

SO THIS IS THE GUY WHO PLAYED 'SUPERMAN', EH?



AS BRUCE WATCHES THE CRIMINALS LEAVE, HE GLOWS WITH RAGE...



SUDDENLY, BRUCE REMEMBERS SOMETHING...



FEELING HIS WAR WITH THE BLUE BAT HAS NOW BECOME A PERSONAL MATTER, BRUCE RUSHES TO HIS GARAGE...



THEN, AFTER A QUICK RIDE TO ROCKY POINT, HE SPOTS AN OLD SHED...



GLANCING ABOUT FOR A CLUE, BRUCE FINDS...



HMM! I'VE AN IDEA THIS COSTUME MAY COME IN HANDY--IF I WEAR IT!





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GARBED AS THE BLUE BAT, BRUCE SPEEDS ALONG THE HIGHWAY WHEN HE SPOTS...

HIGHWAY POLICE! I THINK I'LL LET THEM SEE ME IN THIS COSTUME!



LOOK -- THE BLUE BAT! AFTER HIM!

IT WORKED! THEY'RE FOLLOWING ME AS I HOPED. NOW I'LL PUT ON SOME SPEED -- SO THEY CAN'T CATCH UP TO ME UNTIL AFTER I REACH THE BLUE BAT!



REACHING THE DAM, BRUCE RACES INTO THE GENERATOR ROOM AND SIGHTS HIS QUARRY...

THEY'RE CROSSING OVER THE GENERATORS -- SO THEY WON'T BE SEEN WHEN THEY COME DOWN ON THE OTHER SIDE TO THE PAYROLL ROOM! HMM -- I'VE AN IDEA THAT MAY JUST WORK ...



DARTING UP THE STAIRS, THE DISGUISED BRUCE SUDDENLY CONFRONTS THE ONCOMING BANDITS...

WHO'S IT, YOU TWO? THAT GUY BEHIND YOU IS PLAYING YOU FOR A CHUMP! HE'S A COP -- LEADING YOU INTO A TRAP! I'M THE REAL BLUE BAT!



HEARING APPROACHING FOOTSTEPS, BRUCE MAKES HIS MOVE!

YOU FOOLS! DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! HE'S TRYING TO TRICK YOU! I'M THE REAL BLUE BAT!

HOW CAN WE TELL? BOTH OF YOU LOOK LIKE TWINS!



THE POLICE HAVE ARRIVED! I'VE STALLED THE BLUE BAT'S MEN LONG ENOUGH!





BATMAN



SIGHTING THE POLICE, THE WILY BLUE BAT RACES PAST BRUCE...

I'LL BE CAPTURED UNLESS I CAN REACH THAT OTHER GENERATOR TO PULL MY SURPRISE!



UNNOTICED, BRUCE SLIPS OVER THE SIDE OF THE GENERATOR, AND...

THESE RUNGS ARE SPACED SO CLOSELY TOGETHER, HE CAN'T SEE ME UNDER THEM!



AS BRUCE'S KNOTTED FIST THUDS AGAINST THE BLUE BAT'S JAW...

GREAT SCOTT! THE DYNAMITE-- IT DROPPED BEFORE I COULD GRAB IT!



FROM HIS VANTAGE POINT, THE BLUE BAT REACHES INTO HIS SATCHEL AND THEN SHOUTS...

I'VE GOT DYNAMITE HERE! DROP YOUR GUNS OR I'LL TOSS IT AT A GENERATOR AND BLOW UP THIS WHOLE PLACE! YOU'VE GOT TWO MINUTES TO DECIDE!

I CAN'T LET THE BLUE BAT ESCAPE NOW--NOT AFTER ALL I WENT THROUGH TO FIND HIM!

TWO MINUTES PASS -- AND, SUDDENLY, A HAND WHIPS OVER THE BLUE BAT'S SHOULDER AND CLAMPS ON HIS WRIST!

TIME'S UP-- AND YOU'RE OUT!

WITH A DESPERATE DIVE, BRUCE MAKES A STABBING REACH FOR THE DEADLY EXPLOSIVE...

PHEW! FOR A MINUTE, I THOUGHT I'D NEVER SEE MY NEXT BIRTHDAY!





BATMAN



THEN, HIS PERSONAL FEUD FINISHED, THE DISGUISED BRUCE RACES AWAY BEFORE THE POLICE CAN QUESTION HIM...

WHOEVER THAT BAT-MAN IS, MY HAT'S OFF TO HIM!

SO'S MINE! A CRIME-FIGHTER LIKE THAT COULD BE A GREAT HELP TO THE POLICE FORCE! I HOPE WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF THAT BAT-MAN!

LATER, IN HIS HOME, BRUCE REALIZES THAT DESTINY HAS CHOSEN A CAREER FOR HIM...

I'LL DEVOTE MY LIFE TO FIGHTING CRIMINALS! THIS COSTUME THAT WAS ONCE A SYMBOL OF CRIME WILL NOW BECOME A SYMBOL OF JUSTICE! AS FOR A NAME, I'LL CALL MYSELF WHAT THOSE POLICEMEN CALLED ME-- BATMAN!

THEN THE PAST THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN FADES-- AND THE BRUCE OF TODAY STARES THOUGHTFULLY INTO SPACE...

WELL--DO YOU KNOW THE TRUTH NOW? WHAT DID YOU SEE?

--I SAW THAT ALTHOUGH THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE ALTERED, DESTINY WOULD HAVE STILL CHOSEN THE SAME LIFE FOR ME!

LATER, AFTER LEAVING PROF. NICHOLS, BRUCE TELLS DICK WHAT HE SAW...

GOLLY-- SO EVEN IF YOUR PARENTS WEREN'T KILLED BY A CRIMINAL, YOU'D HAVE BECOME A CRIME-FIGHTER, ANYWAY!

YES, DICK--THAT'S THE WAY IT WOULD BE! THERE'D ALWAYS BE A BATMAN!

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THE END

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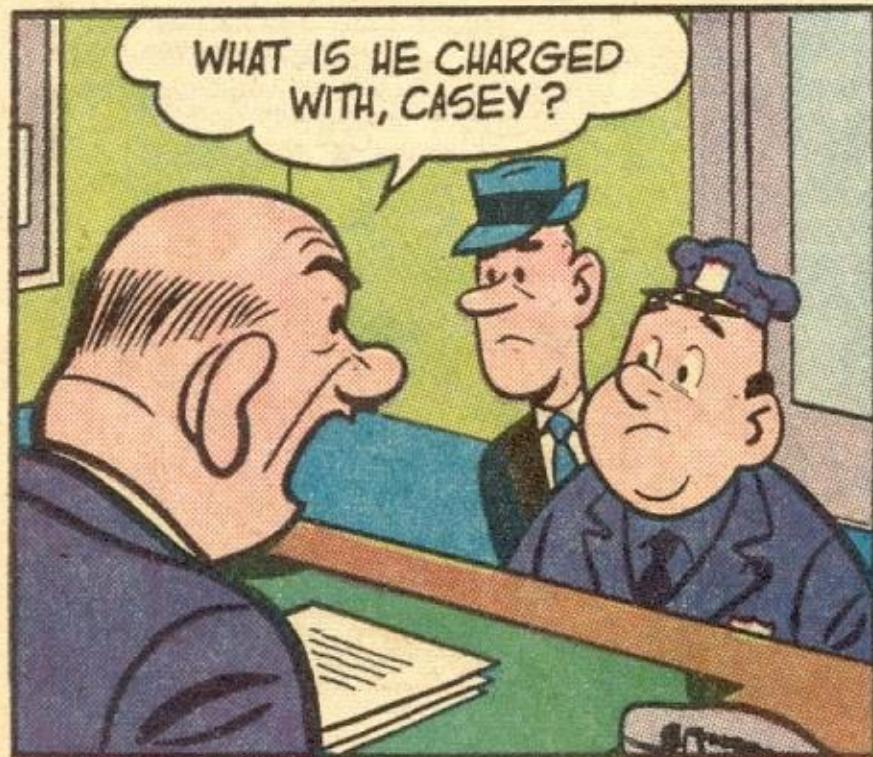
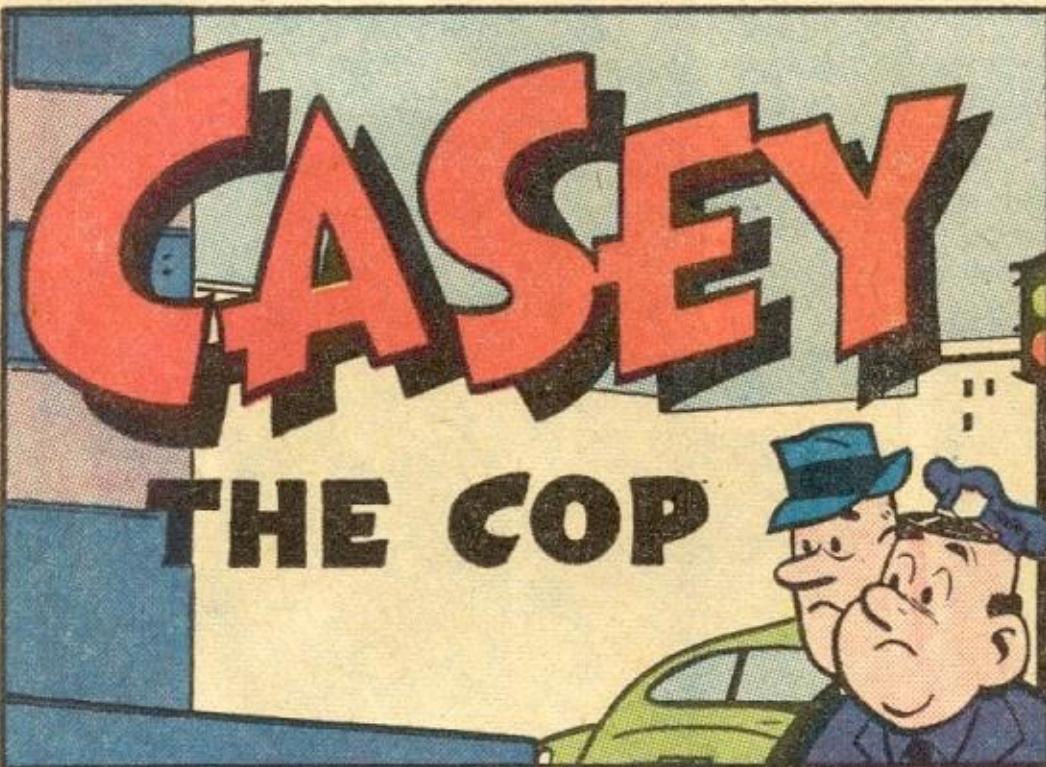


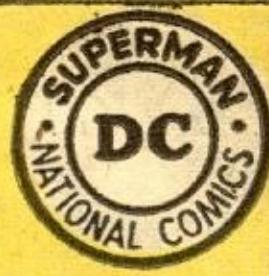
BEAMING HIS MIGHTY POWER RING AT A MYSTERY MISSILE OVER COAST CITY!

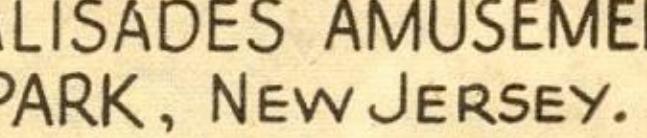
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Letters to the BAT-CAVE



Dear Editor:

Could you give me a description of the BAT-CAVE? Also, I was wondering if anyone, besides BATMAN and ROBIN, and SUPERMAN know the BAT-CAVE'S location?

Seymour Simms, Gary, Ind.

(The BAT-CAVE houses the BATMOBILE and the BAT-PLANE. In addition, it is where BATMAN and ROBIN have their workshop, their crime detection laboratory, and their Hall of Trophies, where they keep mementos of past cases. Only Alfred, Bruce Wayne's trusted butler, knows how to get in and out of the BAT-CAVE. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I got a great kick out of "THE CREATURE FROM PLANET X", which appeared in the August issue of DETECTIVE COMICS. Are you planning any more stories in which BATMAN and ROBIN have to fight an alien being?

Kenny Dunn, Newark, N.J.

(You'll be seeing just such a story in the October issue of DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 272, where BATMAN and ROBIN are faced with "THE MENACE OF THE CRYSTAL CREATURE". —Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

How come BATMAN and ROBIN take orders from Commissioner Gordon? Being such great crime-fighters, wouldn't they be better off strictly on their own?

Art Winkler, Richmond, Va.

(BATMAN and ROBIN don't actually "take orders" from the Police Commissioner. As deputy officers, however, they do not believe in taking the law into their own hands. By cooperating and working hand-in-hand with the police, they are able to do a much more effective job of fighting crime and capturing gangsters. —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Doesn't ROBIN have to go to school? If not, how does he get his education?

Ellie Ganz, Springfield, Ill.

(ROBIN certainly does go to school, in his everyday identity of Dick Grayson. As a matter of fact, BATMAN wouldn't take ROBIN along with him on a case if The Boy Wonder fell behind in his studies or didn't maintain good grades. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I know that BATMAN, ROBIN and SUPERMAN are the best of friends, and always work together as a perfect team. Did they ever fight one another, or have any sort of misunderstanding?

Michael Ritter, Tacoma, Wash.

(There have been past situations in which BATMAN and SUPERMAN were forced to work at odds with each other until a particular problem was solved. Just such a problem develops in the next issue of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, November, No. 105, when BATMAN and ROBIN have to battle "THE ALIEN SUPERMAN". —Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

One of the weapons in BATMAN'S UTILITY BELT is a sleeping gas pellet that he sometimes uses against crooks. What chemicals are used in these pellets? Aren't they dangerous to use, especially when innocent bystanders are around?

Bennie Gould, Detroit, Mich.

(Practically all of BATMAN'S chemical weapons are devised by BATMAN and ROBIN themselves, in the crime laboratory of the BAT-CAVE. They consist of secret formulas known only to the caped crime-busters, and are not used until BATMAN is certain that their effects are only temporary and that they are perfectly harmless to the human body. —Ed)

BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
—THE BOY WONDER—

HE FIRST APPEARED IN A THUNDERSTORM-- AND, WHEN HE SPOKE, HIS VOICE WAS LIKE THUNDER, FOR HE PROCLAIMED HIMSELF TO BE THOR... THE THUNDER-GOD! YET, THOR EXISTED ONLY IN MYTHOLOGY-- SO WHO WAS THIS FANTASTIC FIGURE WHO STALKED THE STREETS OF GOTHAM CITY? BATMAN AND ROBIN LEARNED THE SURPRISING ANSWER WHEN THEY FINALLY SOLVED THE MYSTERY OF...

THE HAMMER OF THOR

LIGHTNING SLASHES A SULLEN NIGHT SKY AS BATMAN AND ROBIN PATROL THE STREETS OF GOTHAM CITY IN THE BATMOBILE...

QUIITE A THUNDERSTORM TONIGHT, ROBIN...

BATMAN-- OVER THERE! DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

BOOM

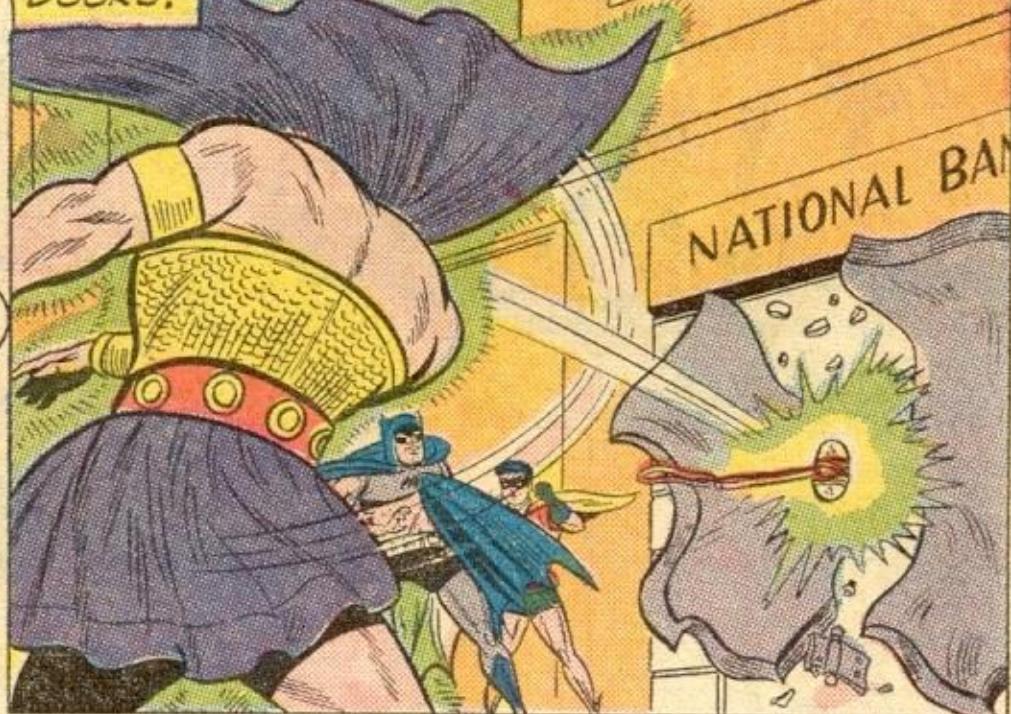


BUT AS THEY WARILY APPROACH...

STAND ASIDE, RASH MORTALS--
FOR I AM THOR--THE
THUNDER-GOD! BEWARE
MY THUNDERBOLT
HAMMER!



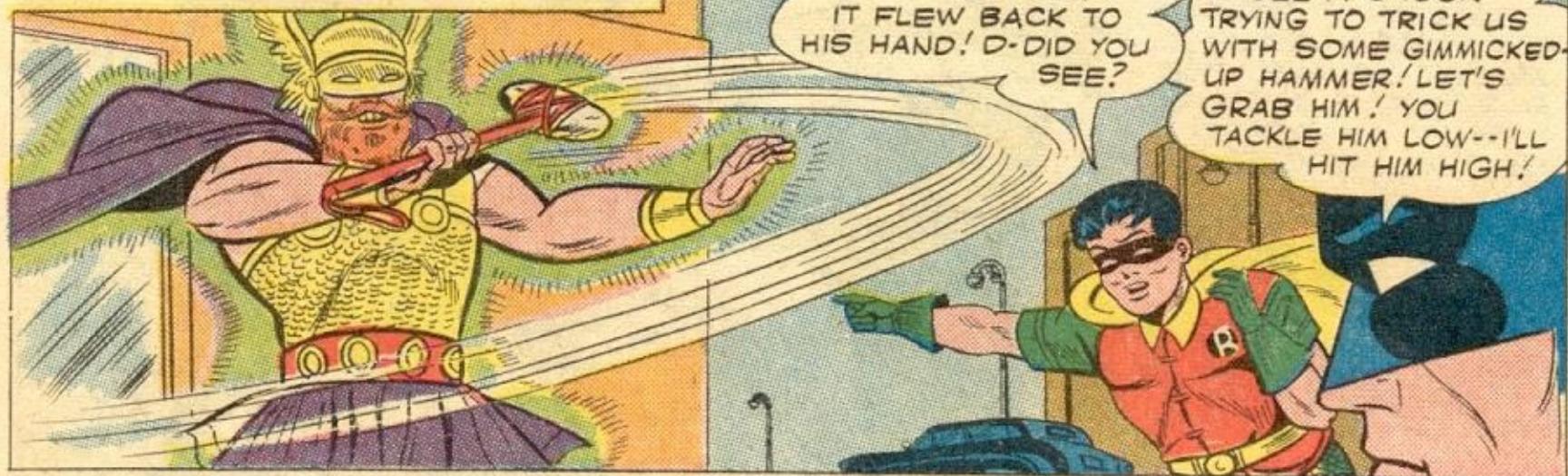
A MIGHTY ARM HURLS THE HAMMER--AND, LIKE A
THUNDERBOLT, IT BURSTS OPEN THE BANK'S STEEL
DOORS!



THEN, MAGICALLY, THE HAMMER RETURNS TO THE
GIANT'S HAND!

BATMAN--
IT FLEW BACK TO
HIS HAND! D-DID YOU
SEE?

I SEE A CROOK--
TRYING TO TRICK US
WITH SOME GIMMICKED-
UP HAMMER! LET'S
GRAB HIM! YOU
TACKLE HIM LOW--I'LL
HIT HIM HIGH!



UGH--IT'S
LIKE
SLAMMING
INTO A
STONE
WALL!

MY PUNCH--
IT DIDN'T
EVEN SHAKE
HIM!



BEFORE BATMAN CAN
DUCK, A MASSIVE PALM
SWIPES HIS CHEEK...



...WHILE THE OTHER HAND
CONTEMPTUOUSLY FLINGS
ROBIN ASIDE LIKE A RAG
DOLL!

PLINY
MORTALS!





BATMAN



MINUTES LATER, WHEN THE DAZED CRIME-FIGHTERS REGAIN THEIR FEET...



BUT AS THE BATMOBILE RACES IN PURSUIT, THE HERCULEAN FIGURE TURNS, AND...



JUST IN TIME, BATMAN SLAMS ON THE BRAKES AS THE LAMPPOST TOPPLES...



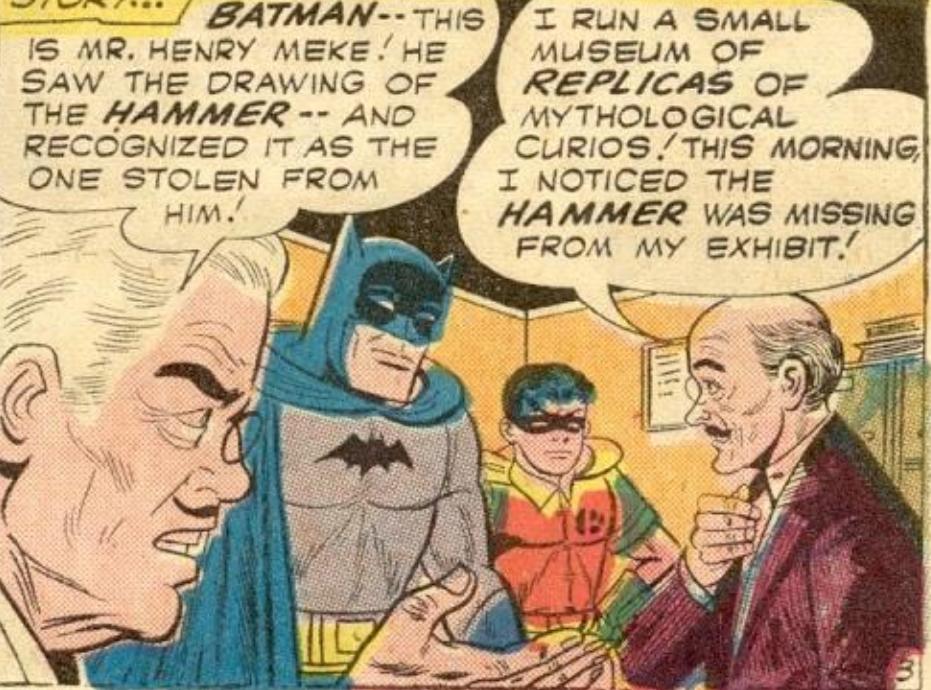
HAVING HALTED THE CRIME-FIGHTERS, THE MIGHTY FIGURE DISAPPEARS IN THE NIGHT...



NEXT MORNING, NEWSPAPERS HEADLINE THE FANTASTIC EVENT...



WHILE IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS, BATMAN AND ROBIN MEET A MAN WITH A STRANGE STORY...



LATER, IN MEKE'S UNIQUE, LITTLE MUSEUM...

FOR A SMALL ADMISSION PRICE, PEOPLE SEE WHAT IS SUPPOSEDLY ROBIN HOOD'S LONGBOW-- ALEXANDER'S SWORD THAT CUT THE GORDIAN KNOT-- MERLIN'S MAGIC HAT-- AND SO ON!



AND THIS IS WHERE THE HAMMER HUNG?

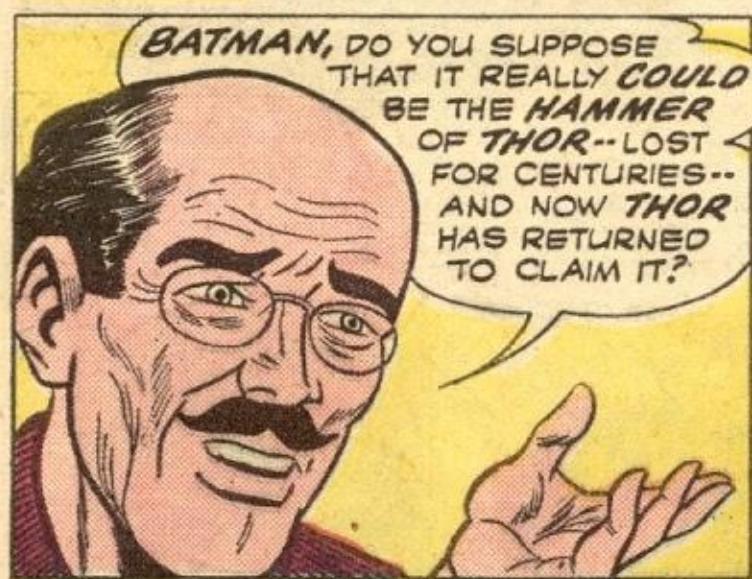
YES--IT WAS MY PRIZE EXHIBIT!

THE HAMMER OF THOR

TWO NIGHTS PASS, AS THE STRANGE MYSTERY DEEPENS, AND THE CRIME-FIGHTERS KEEP THEIR VIGIL...

NO SIGN OF THOR YET!

THE LAST TWO NIGHTS WERE CLEAR! REMEMBER--THOR WAS THE THUNDER GOD! I'VE A HUNCH HE'LL RE-APPEAR WHEN THERE'S A THUNDER-STORM--LIKE TONIGHT!



NEARBY, TWO SAFECRACKERS ARE AT WORK INSIDE A PLANT THAT MANUFACTURES ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT WHEN ABRUPTLY...



FOOLS--TO DEFY THE POWER OF THOR!



HEARING THE SHOT, BATMAN AND ROBIN SWIFTLY INVESTIGATE...

IT'S THOR AGAIN! HE MUST HAVE SURPRISED THOSE CROOKS-- KNOCKED THEM OUT-- AND NOW HE'S EMPTYING THE SAFE!

WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM, ROBIN-- OR AT LEAST TRY!



BEFORE THOR CAN ACT, BATMAN FLIPS COILS OF COPPER TUBING OVER HIM...

MAYBE THIS WILL PINION HIS ARMS LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO THINK OF A WAY OF SUBDUCING HIM!



BUT AS THOR'S POWERFUL MUSCLES SNAP THE TUBING LIKE STRAW...

ONLY ONE CHANCE NOW-- START THE OVERHEAD TROLLEY SO THAT THE MACHINE WILL SLAM INTO HIM! BECAUSE OF THOR'S TREMENDOUS STRENGTH, IT WON'T HURT HIM-- BUT IT MAY KNOCK HIM OUT!



MY THUNDERBOLT WILL DESTROY THAT WHICH THREATENS THOR!



EVEN AS THE HAMMER SMASHES THE TROLLEY, BATMAN AND ROBIN DIVE FORWARD...



THOR'S GONE! NO USE TRYING TO CHASE AFTER HIM! LET'S TURN THESE THUGS OVER TO THE POLICE!





BATMAN



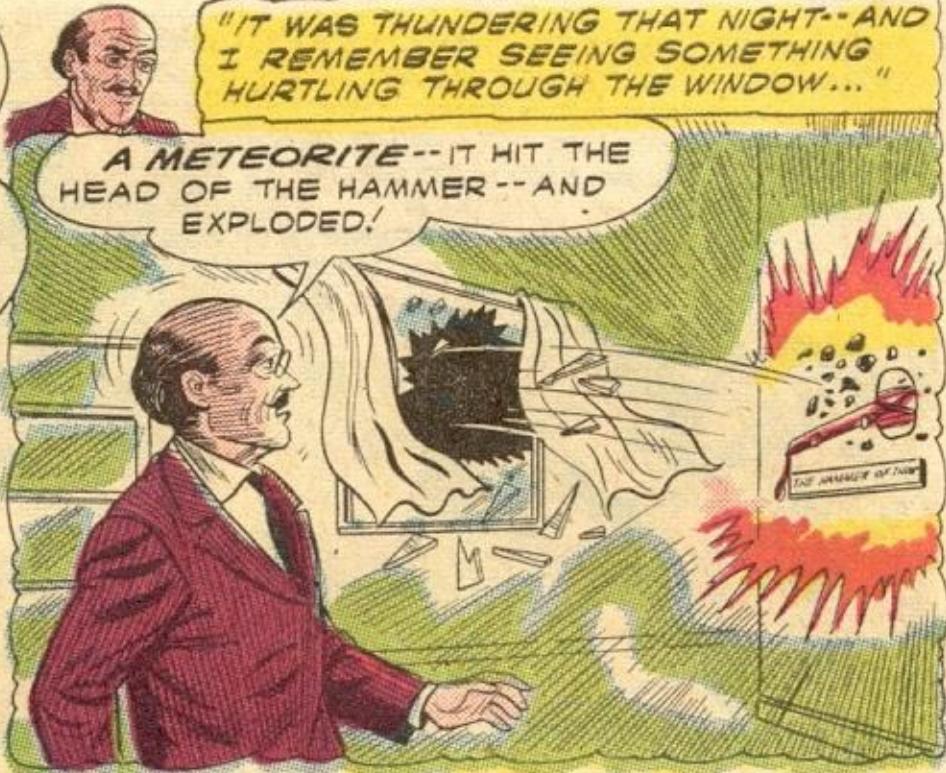
THE FOLLOWING NIGHT...

THE WEATHER MAN PREDICTS ANOTHER THUNDERSTORM TONIGHT-- AND THAT MEANS THOR AGAIN! MR. MEKE, THINK BACK WHEN YOU LAST SAW THAT HAMMER! MAYBE YOU CAN REMEMBER SOMETHING THAT MIGHT GIVE US A CLUE!

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO THINK... HMM... I DO REMEMBER SOMETHING... YES... I REMEMBER NOW...

"IT WAS THUNDERING THAT NIGHT-- AND I REMEMBER SEEING SOMETHING HURTLING THROUGH THE WINDOW..."

A METEORITE-- IT HIT THE HEAD OF THE HAMMER --AND EXPLODED!



"THEN I NOTICED SOMETHING CURIOUS-- THE HAMMER WAS GLOWING WEIRDLY..."

THAT METEORITE-- IT CAUSED THE HAMMER TO GLOW! I WONDER WHY? I MUST EXAMINE IT...

SO YOU REACHED FOR THE HAMMER, AND THEN...?

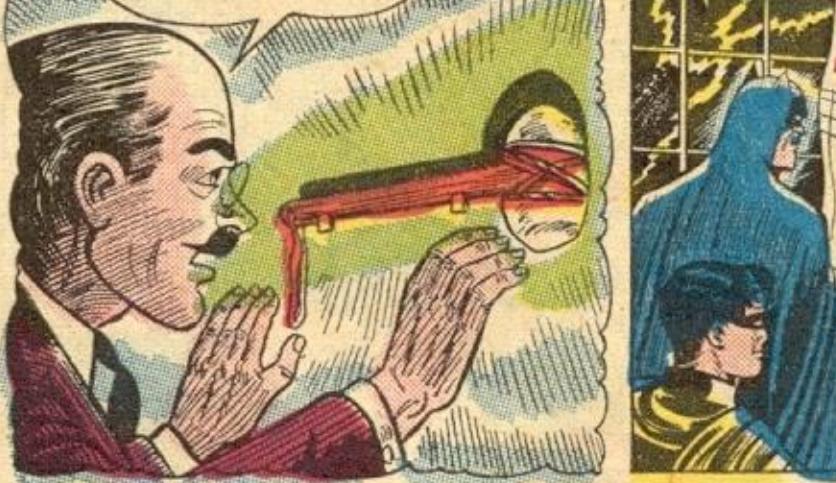
I--I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING AFTER THAT! LISTEN-- IT'S STARTING TO THUNDER! LOOK-- LIGHTNING...

MR. MEKE-- WHAT'S WRONG?
BATMAN--

WAIT,
ROBIN--

LEAVE
HIM ALONE!
LET'S WATCH
HIM! THIS
MAY BE THE
ANSWER TO
THE WHOLE
MYSTERY!

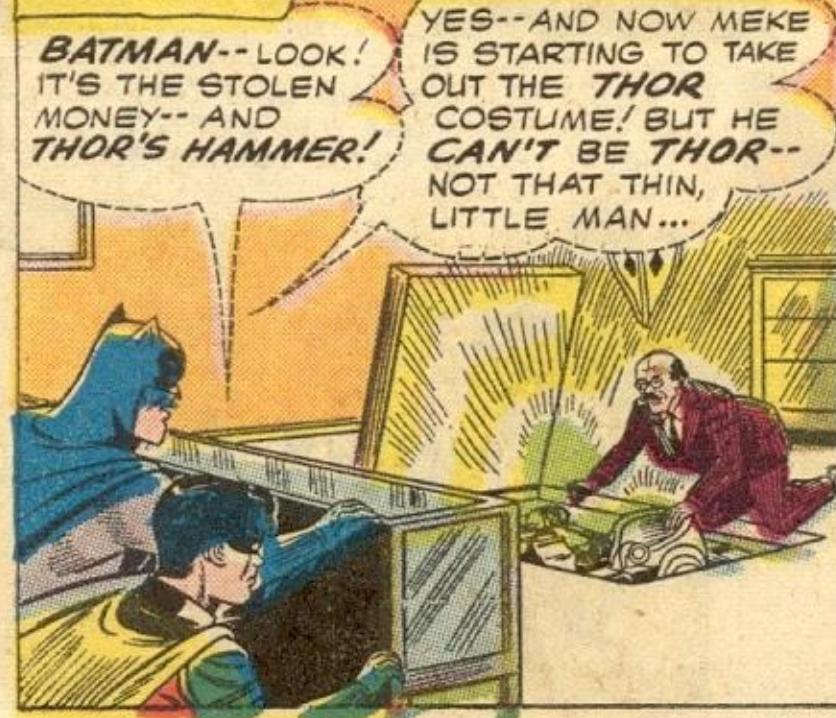
RUMBLE



AS IF IN A TRANCE, THE MAN OPENS A TRAP DOOR AND...

BATMAN-- LOOK!
IT'S THE STOLEN
MONEY-- AND
THOR'S HAMMER!

YES-- AND NOW MEKE IS STARTING TO TAKE OUT THE THOR COSTUME! BUT HE CAN'T BE THOR-- NOT THAT THIN, LITTLE MAN...



BUT, NO SOONER DOES MEKE TOUCH THE GLOWING HAMMER THAN HE UNDERGOES A FANTASTIC TRANSFORMATION!

GREAT SCOTT!
IT'S INCREDIBLE!
HE'S STARTING TO
GROW! HE'S
BECOMING
THOR!



THEN AT THE SOUND OF A LOUD CRASH OF THUNDER, THE TRANSFORMED MAN LOOKS UP...

I HEAR YOUR VOICE, O MIGHTY ODIN! I OBEY YOU! I GO NOW TO FIND MORE WEALTH WITH WHICH TO BUILD A TEMPLE TO YOUR MEMORY!

HE THINKS THAT THUNDER IS THE VOICE OF ODIN!

CKA-SH!



SUDDENLY...

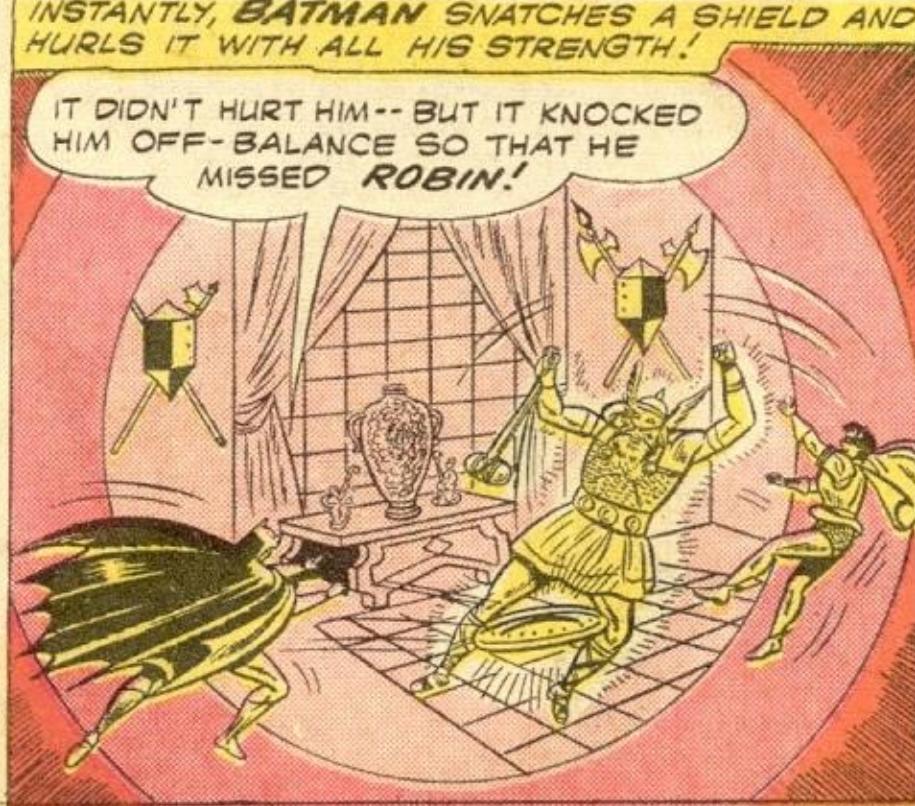
RASH MORTALS! HOW DARE YOU INTRUDE WHEN THE GODS SPEAK TOGETHER? NOW YOU SHALL FEEL THE WRATH OF THOR!

ROBIN!



INSTANTLY, BATMAN SNATCHES A SHIELD AND HURLS IT WITH ALL HIS STRENGTH!

IT DIDN'T HURT HIM--BUT IT KNOCKED HIM OFF-BALANCE SO THAT HE MISSED ROBIN!



WITH A BELLOW OF RAGE, THOR SPRINGS AT BATMAN!

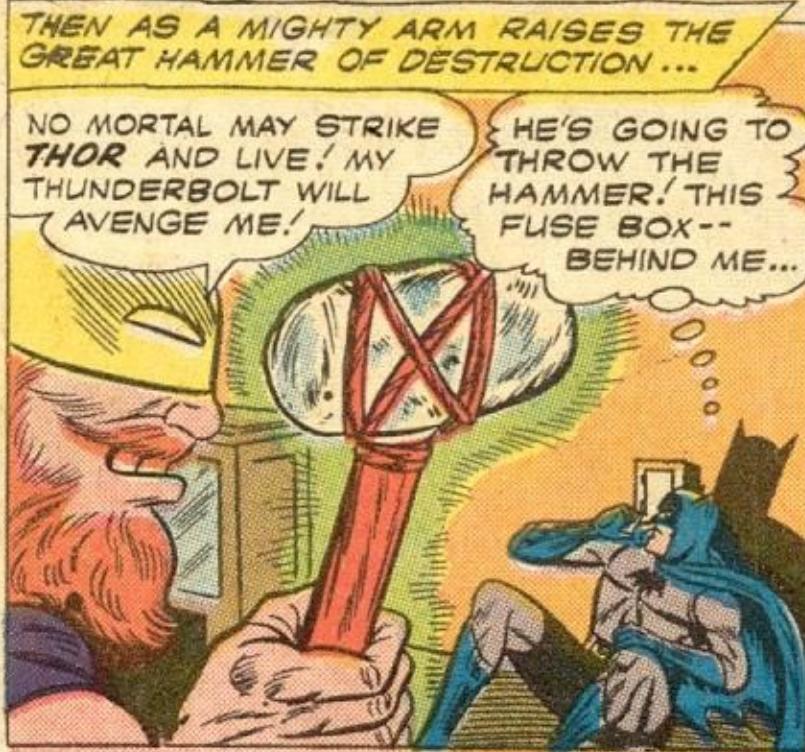
MORTAL--YOU DARED STRIKE THOR--THE THUNDER GOD!



THEN AS A MIGHTY ARM RAISES THE GREAT HAMMER OF DESTRUCTION...

NO MORTAL MAY STRIKE THOR AND LIVE! MY THUNDERBOLT WILL AVENGE ME!

HE'S GOING TO THROW THE HAMMER! THIS FUSE BOX--BEHIND ME...



AS THE HAMMER HURTLES AT HIM, BATMAN SUDDENLY DODGES IT SMASHES INTO THE FUSE BOX, THERE IS A CRACKLE OF ELECTRICITY...



THE HAMMER DROPS--ITS GLOW AND EERIE FORCE GONE FOREVER...

JUST WHAT I THOUGHT WOULD HAPPEN--THE ELECTRIC CURRENT SHORT-CIRCUITED THE MAGNETIC POWER OF THE HAMMER!

BATMAN--LOOK! MEKE IS SHRINKING BACK TO HIS NORMAL SIZE!

YES--BY HOLDING THE HAMMER, HE GOT HIS POWERS--AND NOW THAT THE HAMMER'S POWER IS GONE, HE'S BECOMING HIMSELF AGAIN!

LATER, AFTER BATMAN TELLS MEKE WHAT OCCURRED...

IN ITS LONG JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE, COSMIC FORCES GAVE THE METEORITE STRANGE POWERS THAT IT TRANSMITTED TO THE HAMMER--AND THE HAMMER TO YOU! THAT'S WHY THE HAMMER ALWAYS RETURNED ONLY TO YOU!

AND . . . BECAUSE IT BEGAN IN A THUNDER-STORM, I THOUGHT I WAS THE THUNDER-GOD!

EXACTLY! EVERY TIME IT THUNDERED, YOU THOUGHT THE THUNDER WAS SPEAKING TO YOU! AND, LIKE A MAN UNDER HYPNOSIS, YOU NEVER REMEMBERED WHAT YOU DID UNDER ITS INFLUENCE!

OH, BATMAN, HOW CAN I EVER PAY FOR THE DAMAGE I DID WITH THIS HAMMER?

THERE WAS A BIG REWARD FOR THOSE SAFE-CRACKERS YOU CAUGHT AS THOR, SO THE REWARD WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT! EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT NOW!

NEXT DAY, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN MAKE A RETURN VISIT TO THE MUSEUM...

BATMAN, ALL THE NEWSPAPER STORIES HAVE BROUGHT A CROWD TO MY MUSEUM! EVERYONE WANTS TO SEE THE HAMMER! MY LITTLE MUSEUM WILL PROSPER!

YES--THE HAMMER OF THOR STILL HAS POWER--THE POWER TO INTEREST PEOPLE--AND THAT'S THE BEST KIND OF POWER!



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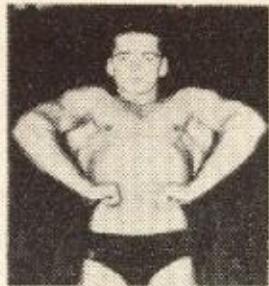
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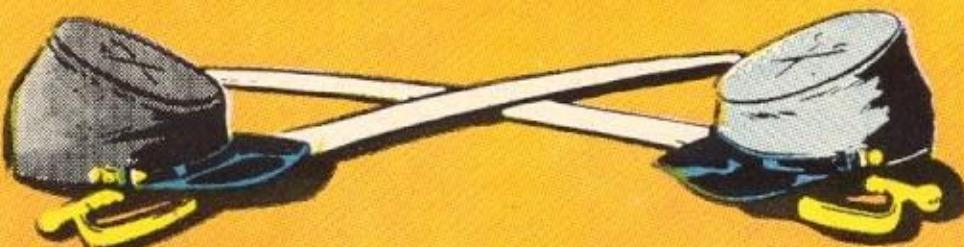
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