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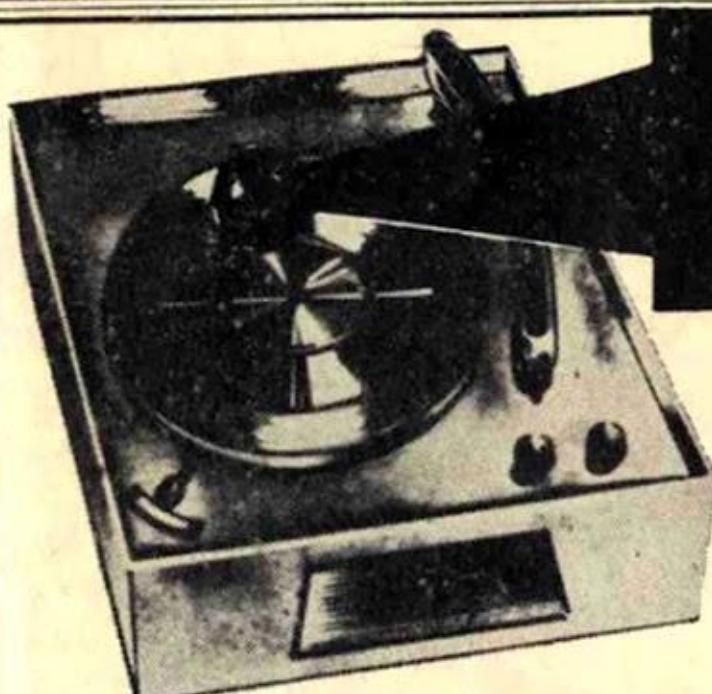
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SUMMONED TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS, ONE DAY, BATMAN AND ROBIN MEET THE PRESIDENT OF GLOBAL-TV...

YOU'VE HEARD OF CHETLEY AND BRADLEY--THE PRODUCERS OF DOCUMENTARY SPECIALS FOR OUR TV NETWORK! RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE ON A BIG STORY--SO BIG THEY'RE KEEPING IT A SECRET--EVEN FROM ME...



EXACTLY! BUT CHETLEY AND BRADLEY ARE PROUD MEN--THEY'D RESENT HAVING YOU, OR ANYBODY, AROUND AS THEIR BODYGUARD!

THEN I'LL DO IT IN A WAY THEY WON'T SUSPECT! I'LL ASSUME ANOTHER IDENTITY!



WELL, BRAD--I GUESS WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO THE BOSS FOR GIVING US SUCH A FINE ASSISTANT!

YEAH, CHET-- I'M ALL CHOKED UP WITH EMOTION!



BUT THEIR INVESTIGATIONS HAVE PUT THEM IN DANGER--THEIR LIVES HAVE BEEN THREATENED...

SO YOU WANT ME TO STICK CLOSE TO THEM--KEEP THEM FROM GETTING HURT!



THE NEXT DAY, THE DISGUISED BATMAN IS INTRODUCED TO THE FAMED TV REPORTERS...

THIS IS TREVOR CORNELIUS, MY NEPHEW FROM ENGLAND! HE WANTS TO BECOME A TV NEWS-CAST PRODUCER! YOU'RE TO TAKE HIM ON AS AN ASSISTANT, SO HE CAN LEARN THE ROPES!

BY JOVE! IT WILL BE MOST EXCITING WORKING ALONG WITH YOU CHAPS!



JUST GOT HOT NEWS! THE GOTHAM COAL COMPANY IS ON FIRE!

LET'S GET GOING, BRAD! WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET SOME MORE FOOTAGE FOR OUR FUTURE DOCUMENTARY ON FIRE FIGHTING!



BATMAN

SHORTLY...

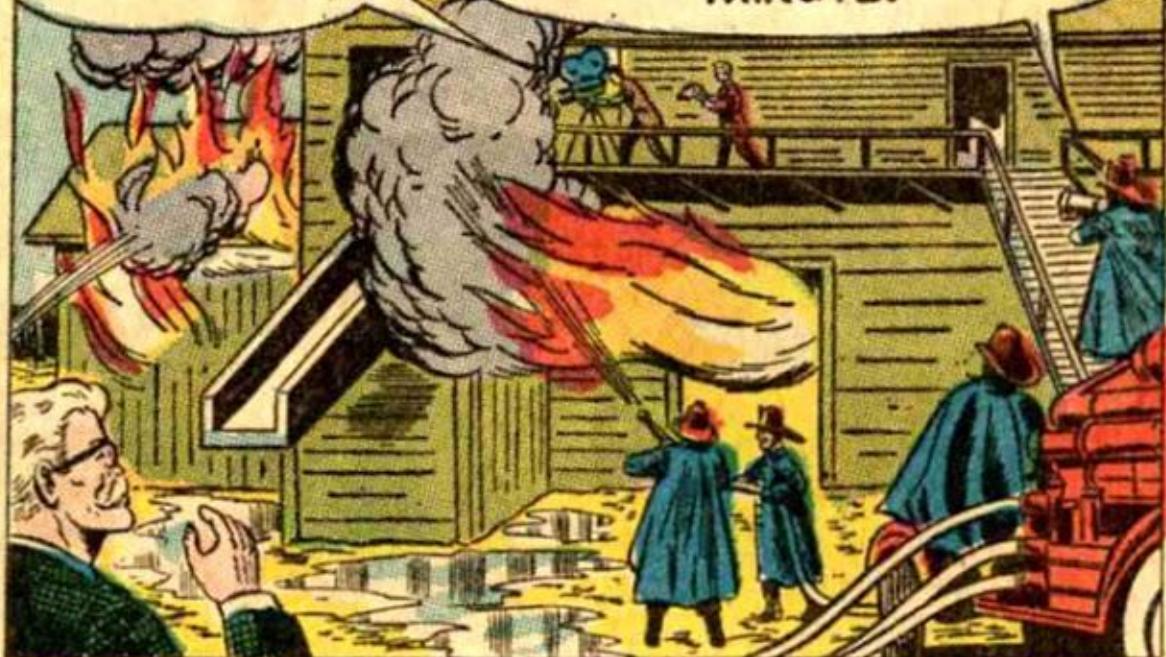
YOU SHOULD FEEL HONORED! **CORNY**, FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE OUR OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT CARRIER!

JOLLY DECENT OF YOU! BUT, REALLY-- I DO WISH YOU'D CALL ME BY MY FULL NAME!

LATER, HEEDLESS OF DANGER, THE TV REPORTERS BRAVE THE WATERFRONT BLAZE WITH THEIR CAMERAS...

BRAD, GET A SHOT OF THE OTHER SIDE!

HEY, YOU GUYS-- THAT CAT-WALK'S ON FIRE! IT'S GOING TO COLLAPSE ANY MINUTE!



BUT THE TV TEAM IGNORE THE IMPENDING PERIL UNTIL THE VERY LAST MOMENT...

TOO BAD WE COULDN'T STAY UP THERE A LITTLE LONGER!

CHET AND BRAD RISK THEIR LIVES TO DO THEIR DOCUMENTARIES--BUT TO THEM IT'S JUST PART OF A DAY'S WORK!



LATER, AT THE TV STUDIO, AS BRAD EMERGES FROM A PHONE BOOTH...

JUST CONTACTED OUR FRIEND! I GOT THE INFORMATION WE WERE WAITING FOR!

UH-OH! SOMETHING'S UP! SOMETHING ABOUT THEIR SECRET PROJECT, I'LL WAGER!



CORNY--UH--I LEFT MY GADGET BAG IN THE OFFICE! WOULD YOU MIND GETTING IT FOR ME?

THIS IS JUST A STALL TO GET ME OUT OF THE WAY SO THEY CAN SLIP OFF SOMEWHERE!

SHORTLY, THE DISGUISED BATMAN GETS INTO A CAR HE'D ALREADY PARKED NEARBY, AND CONTACTS ROBIN BY BELT-RADIO...

BATMAN CALLING ROBIN! PROCEED AS PLANNED! AM TRAILING THEIR CAR NOW!

OKAY! WILL FOLLOW YOU IN BATPLANE! GOOD LUCK!



FROM A DISTANCE, **BATMAN** TRAILS CHET AND BRAD TO A MOUNTAIN AREA MANY MILES FROM GOTHAM CITY...



UPON DARTING INTO THE CAVERN...

THIS IS IT... THE STONE DOOR OUR FRIEND TOLD ME ABOUT ON THE PHONE!

IN A FEW MINUTES, WE'LL BE LOOKING AT THE BIGGEST STORY OF OUR CAREERS!



SILENTLY, THE DISGUISED CRIME FIGHTER FOLLOWS THE REPORTERS THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR--AND LOOKS UPON AN ASTONISHING SCENE!

A MILITARY BASE, HIDDEN IN A VALLEY AWAY FROM THE USUAL AIR ROUTES! BUT THAT FLAG--THE SOLDIERS' UNIFORMS--THEY'RE OF NO COUNTRY THAT I'VE EVER SEEN BEFORE!



UNAWARE OF HIS APPROACH, THE HIDDEN TV REPORTERS ARE BUSY FILMING THE SOLDIERS AS THEY TEST STRANGE WEAPONS...

THIS IS SENSATIONAL STUFF! LOOK AT THOSE RIFLES! THEY SHOOT LIGHTNING BOLTS INSTEAD OF BULLETS!



CORNY! YOU FOOL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I HAD A DEUCE OF A TIME TRYING TO CATCH UP TO YOU! YOU FORGOT THE GADGET BAG! I SAY, WHAT IS THIS PLACE?





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NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, YOU MIGHT AS WELL KNOW! IT'S A SECRET TRAINING CENTER FOR THE UNDERWORLD ARMY OF A WOULD-BE DICTATOR WHO INTENDS TO TAKE OVER THE UNITED STATES!

WE GOT A TIP ABOUT THIS SETUP FROM AN EX-CON WE ONCE HELPED OUT OF TROUBLE!

THE LEADER TRAINS HIS RECRUITS HERE, THEN SHIPS THEM TO SECRET BASES ELSEWHERE. WHEN HE'S READY, HE'S GOING TO LAUNCH A MASS ATTACK!

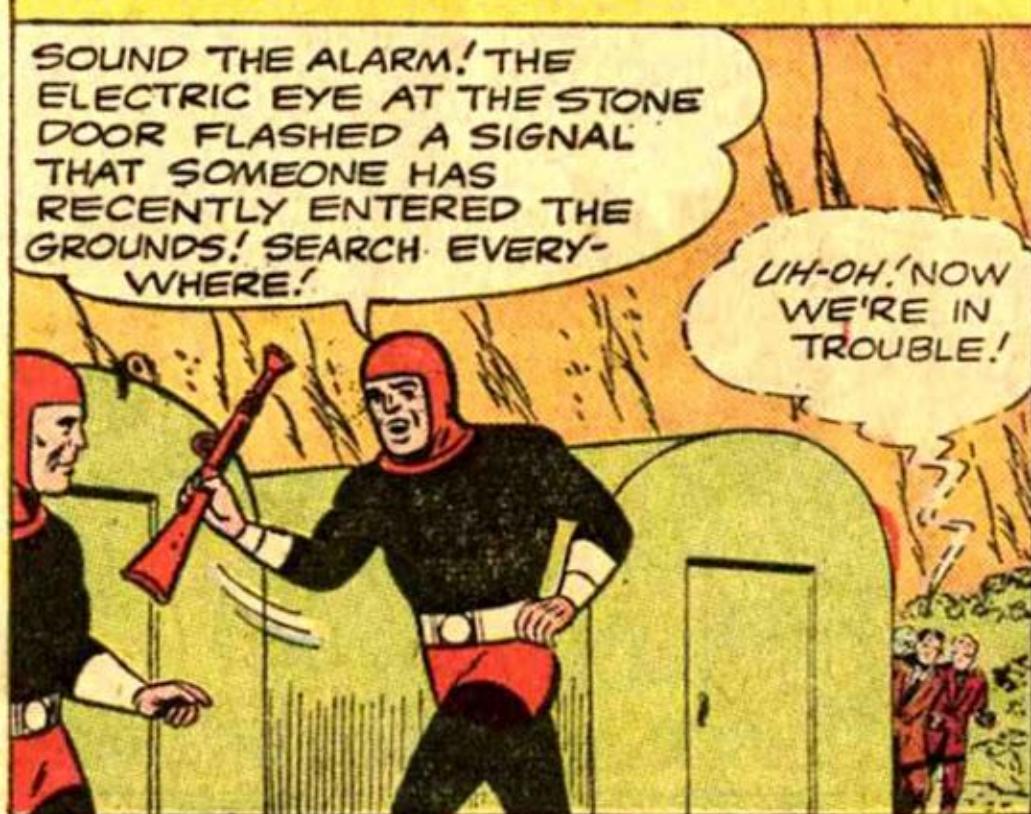
WE'RE GETTING PICTORIAL PROOF OF THIS PLACE -- THEN WE'LL NOTIFY THE AUTHORITIES AND HAVE THIS SECRET ARMY STOPPED BEFORE IT GETS ANY BIGGER!



SUDDENLY THE THREE ARE AWARE THAT THE ENTIRE CAMP IS ALERTED...

SOUND THE ALARM! THE ELECTRIC EYE AT THE STONE DOOR FLASHED A SIGNAL THAT SOMEONE HAS RECENTLY ENTERED THE GROUNDS! SEARCH EVERYWHERE!

UH-OH! NOW WE'RE IN TROUBLE!



ONE OF US WILL HAVE TO BAIT THE SEARCHERS AWAY--SO THE OTHER TWO CAN SNEAK OUT OF HERE WITH THE PROOF! I'M ELECTING MYSELF TO DO IT!

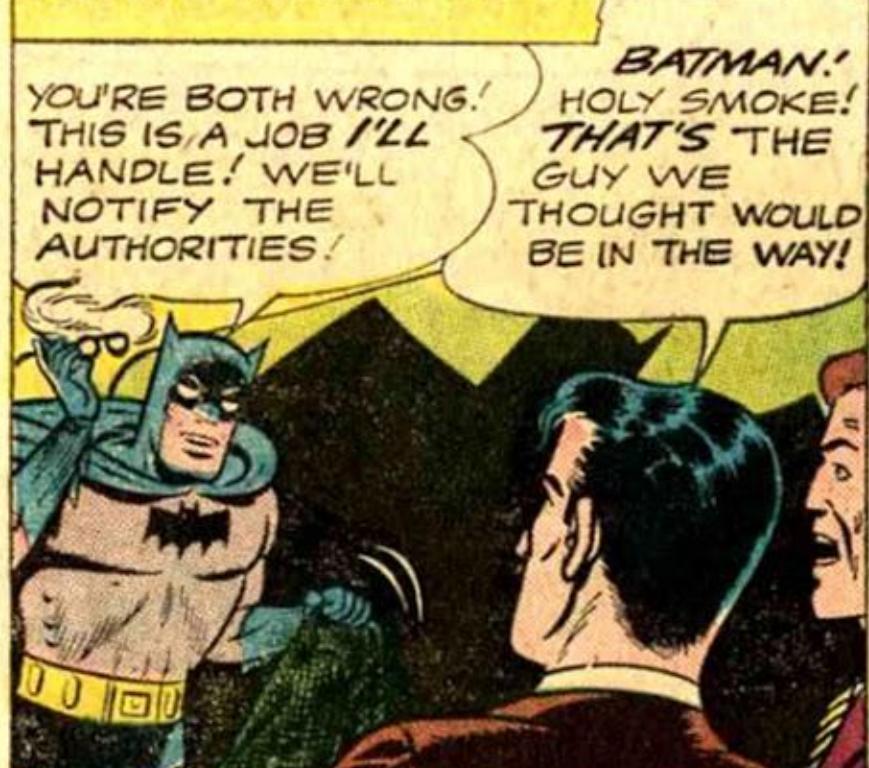
NO, YOU WON'T! I'LL DO IT!



ABRUPTLY, "CORNELIUS" WHIPS OFF HIS DISGUISE AND OUTER GARB TO REVEAL HIMSELF AS...

YOU'RE BOTH WRONG! THIS IS A JOB I'LL HANDLE! WE'LL NOTIFY THE AUTHORITIES!

BATMAN! HOLY SMOKE! THAT'S THE GUY WE THOUGHT WOULD BE IN THE WAY!



AFTER EXPLAINING EVERYTHING, BATMAN THEN TRIES TO ALERT ROBIN BY BELT-RADIO, BUT...

WHAT'S WRONG? CAN'T YOU GET THROUGH TO HIM?

NO! THIS BASE'S RADIO MONITOR HAS PICKED UP MY SIGNAL AND IS JAMMING MY RADIO'S FREQUENCY! THAT MEANS THEIR SIGNAL-LOCATOR WILL BRING THE SEARCHERS HERE--UNLESS I DO SOMETHING FAST!



AND BATMAN DOES IT! QUICKLY, DARTING OFF TO ANOTHER SPOT, HE DELIBERATELY ATTEMPTS TO CALL ROBIN AGAIN...

THEIR SIGNAL-LOCATOR IS BRINGING THE SOLDIERS HERE NOW-- AWAY FROM BRAD AND CHET!



DODGING ABOUT LIKE A FOX, BATMAN MANAGES TO KEEP THE SOLDIERS CONFUSED, UNTIL...

OH-OH! THEY'VE GOT ME TRAPPED!

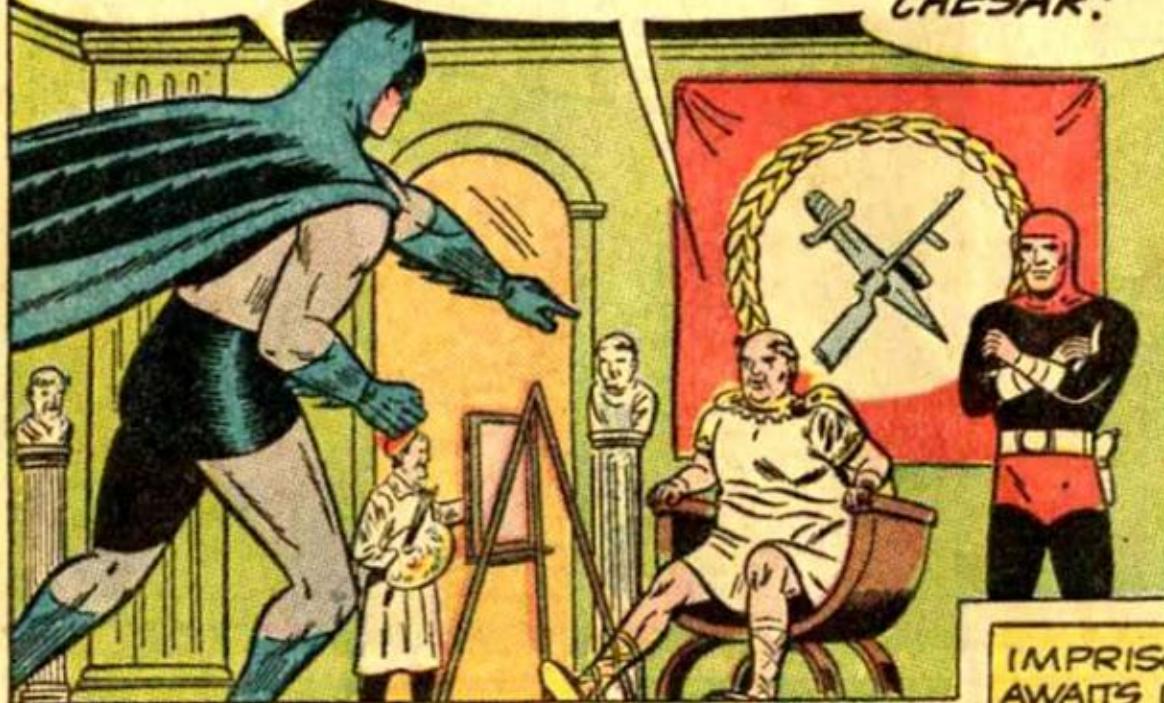
ALL RIGHT! REMOVE HIS UTILITY-BELT AND TAKE HIM TO THE LEADER!



SHORTLY, BATMAN FINDS HIMSELF FACING THE WOULD-BE FUTURE DICTATOR OF AMERICA...

SO YOU'RE THE BIG SHOT! WHO ARE YOU?

MY REAL NAME DOES NOT MATTER! IT IS ENOUGH FOR YOU TO KNOW THAT I CALL MYSELF AFTER THE GREAT ROMAN LEADER: I AM CAESAR!



YOU'RE MAD! HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY HOPE TO FIGHT THE ENTIRE U.S. MILITARY?

I HAVE SECRET WEAPONS -- WEAPONS DEVISED BY RENEGADE SCIENTISTS NOW WORKING FOR ME! WHEN I GO ON THE MARCH, THE ENTIRE UNDERWORLD WILL JOIN ME! LIKE CAESAR, I SHALL CONQUER!



IMPRISONED IN A GUARDHOUSE, BATMAN AWAITS DOOM, WHEN...

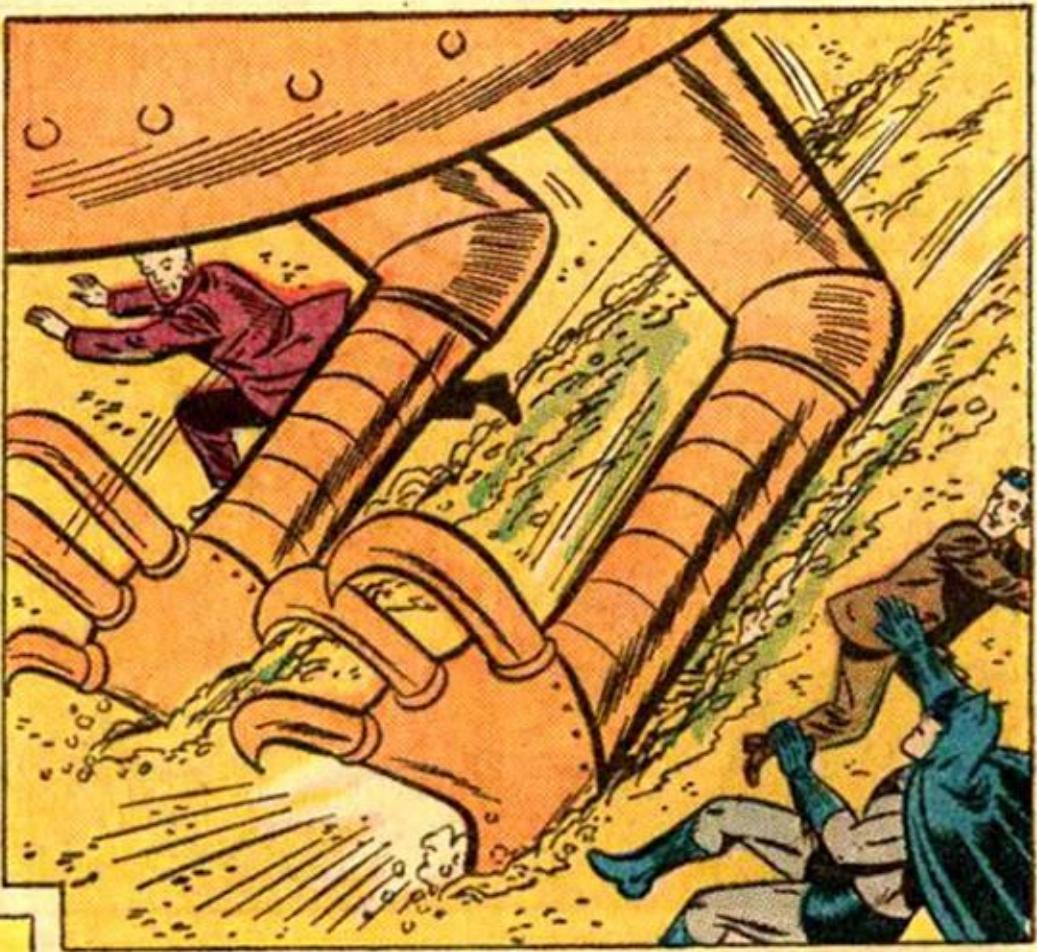
CHEP, BRAD! I THOUGHT YOU'D GOT AWAY!

SORRY, "CORNY"--WE JUST COULDN'T RUN OUT ON A FELLOW TV REPORTER!



BUT RELEASING BATMAN--THE TRIO FACES A NEW AND TERRIBLE DANGER...

WE'VE BEEN SPOTTED--
LOOK WHAT'S COMING AT US! A HUGE
"BIRD" OF METAL!
ONE OF CAESAR'S
SECRET WEAPONS!



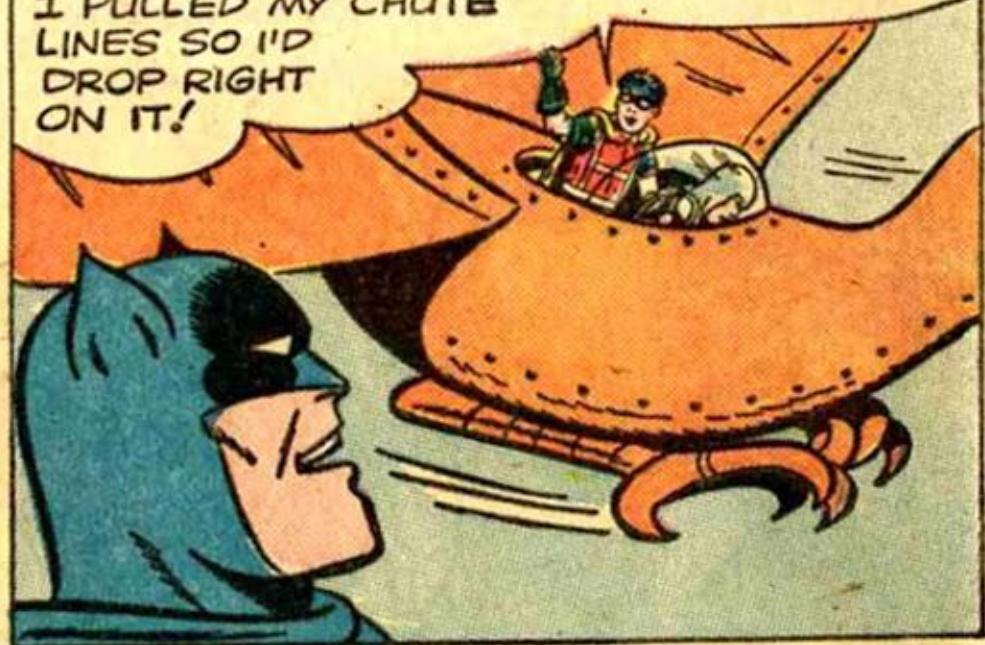
THEN, AS THE COLOSSAL "BIRD" AGAIN DIVES FOR ITS VICTIMS...

ROBIN!

RELAX! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS CHARACTER!



I WAS CIRCLING AROUND, WHEN I SPOTTED THIS VALLEY! I SET THE BATPLANE'S STABILIZERS--AND PARACHUTED DOWN! WHEN I SAW THIS "BIRD" COMING AT YOU, I PULLED MY CHUTE LINES SO I'D DROP RIGHT ON IT!



HOLY SMOKE! THE REST OF THE SOLDIERS... COMING BEHIND ANOTHER OF CAESAR'S WEAPONS!

YOU FOOLS! YOU CANNOT ESCAPE THE CRUSHER!





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INSTANTLY, ROBIN PILOTS THE GREAT METAL BIRD AT THE CRUSHER...

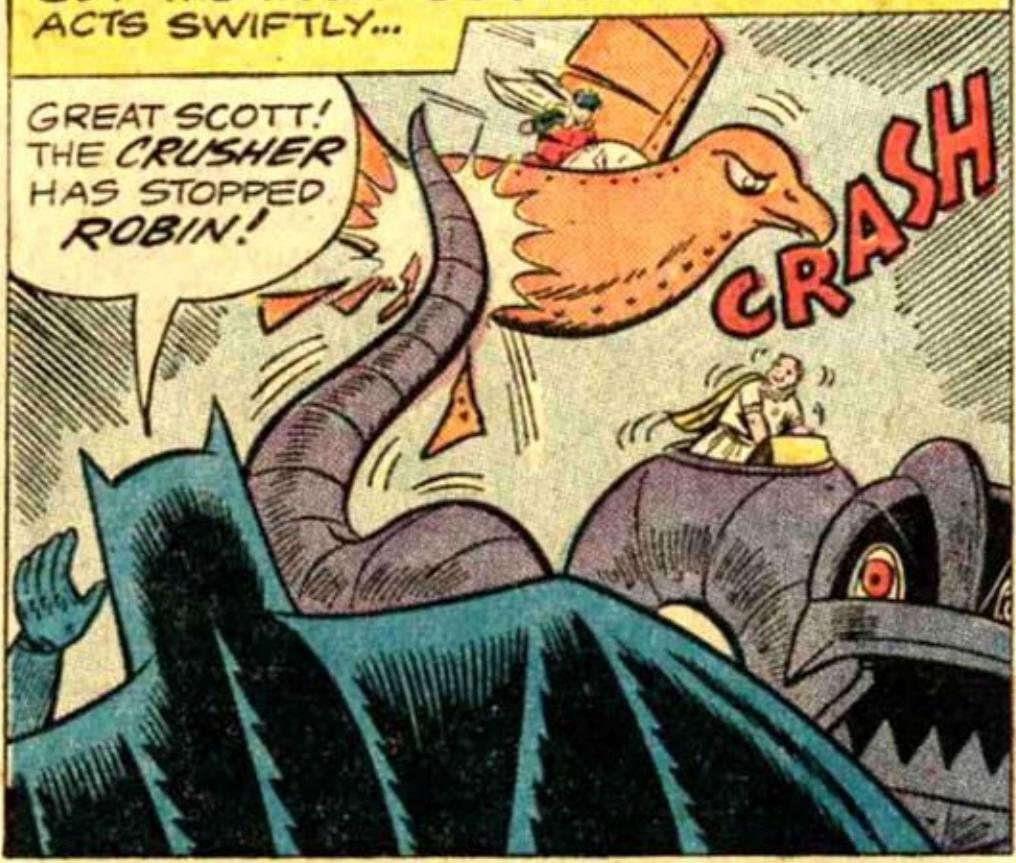
I'LL PLUCK THE PROTECTIVE DOME AWAY-- SO I CAN GRAB CAESAR!



BUT THE WOULD-BE CAESAR OF AMERICA ACTS SWIFTLY...

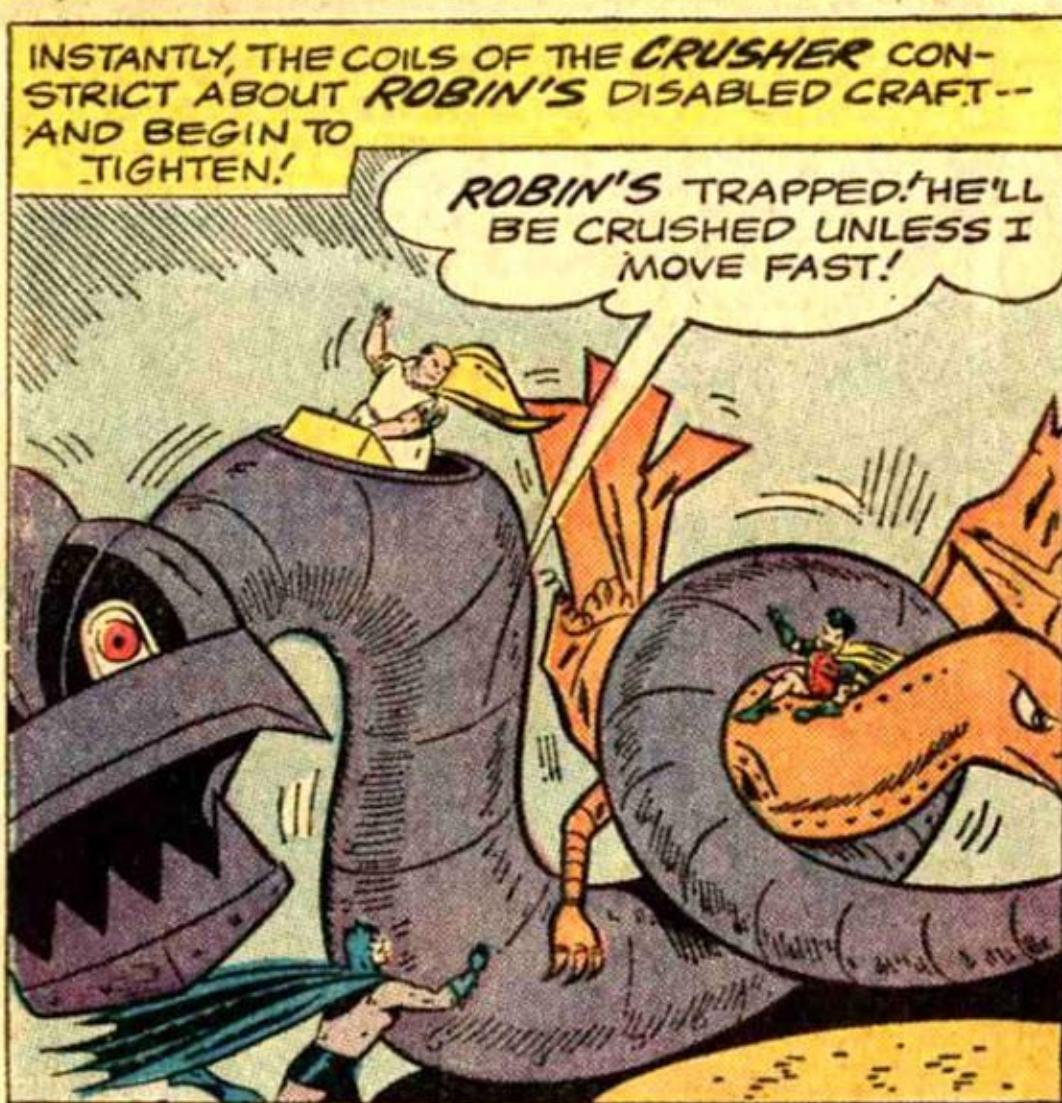
GREAT SCOTT! THE CRUSHER HAS STOPPED ROBIN!

CRASH



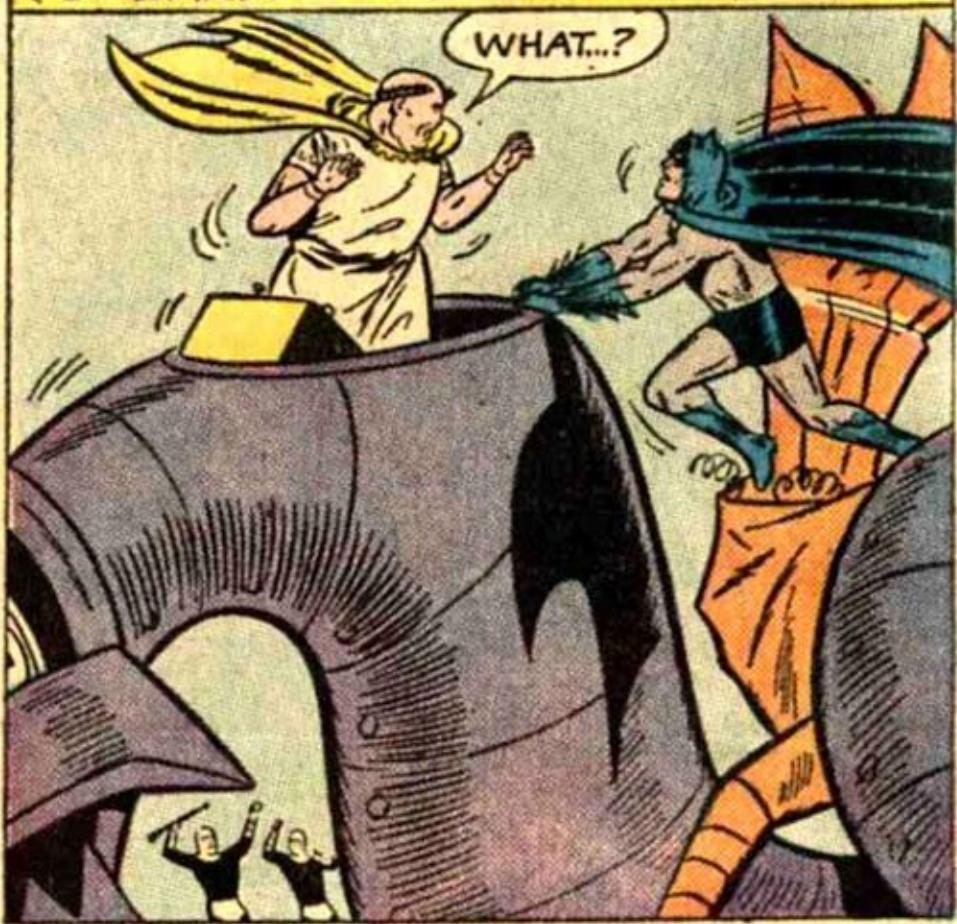
INSTANTLY, THE COILS OF THE CRUSHER CONSTRICT ABOUT ROBIN'S DISABLED CRAFT-- AND BEGIN TO TIGHTEN!

ROBIN'S TRAPPED! HE'LL BE CRUSHED UNLESS I MOVE FAST!



BEFORE THE ASTONISHED CAESAR CAN ACT, BATMAN CLAMBERS UP THE GROUNDED "BIRD"--AND THEN HURLES FORWARD!

WHAT...?



BATMAN'S KNOCKED CAESAR RIGHT OUT OF THE CRUSHER!

WOW! WAIT'LL THE TV AUDIENCE SEE THIS FOOTAGE!



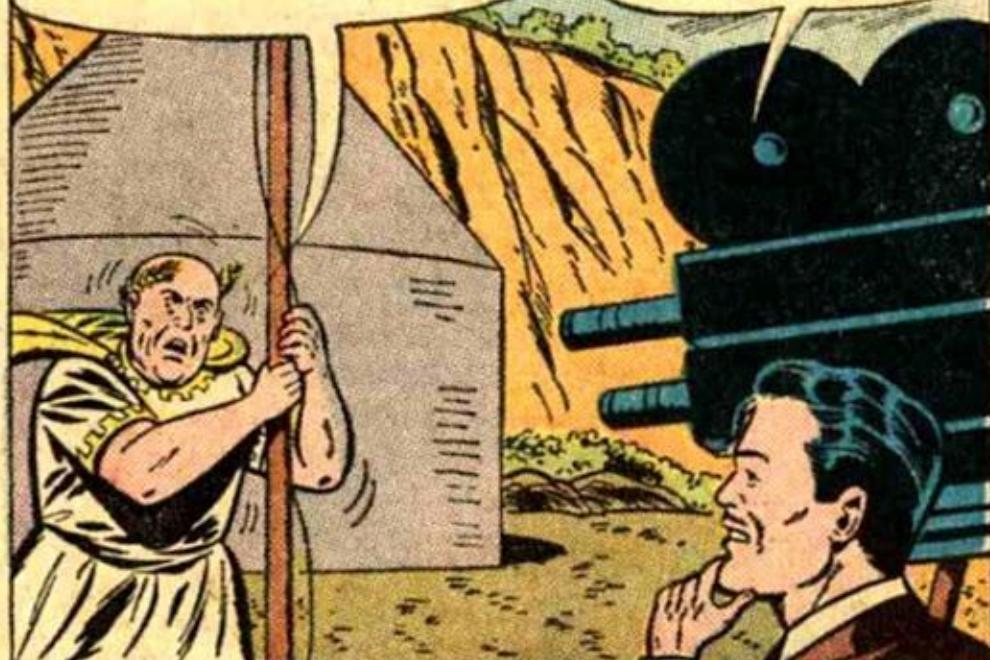
TAKING OVER THE CONTROLS, BATMAN PERFORMS A SURPRISE MANEUVER!

MEN! LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS! YOUR LEADER IS FINISHED!

HE'S GOT US SURROUNDED BY THE CRUSHER! WE BETTER DO AS HE SAYS!

WHERE ARE MY ROMAN LEGIONS? CAESAR MUST CROSS THE RUBICON! THE PEOPLE OF ROME WAIT TO HAIL CAESAR AS THEIR EMPEROR!

HOLY SMOKE! THE SHOCK OF DEFEAT HAS BEEN TOO MUCH FOR HIS MIND!



HAIL, MIGHTY CAESAR!
HAIL... UHHHH!

LIKE THE OTHER POWER-MAD CAESAR, HE CAUSED HIS OWN DOWNFALL!
NOTHING TO DO NOW, BUT CALL THE AUTHORITIES AND HAVE THEM TAKE OVER!



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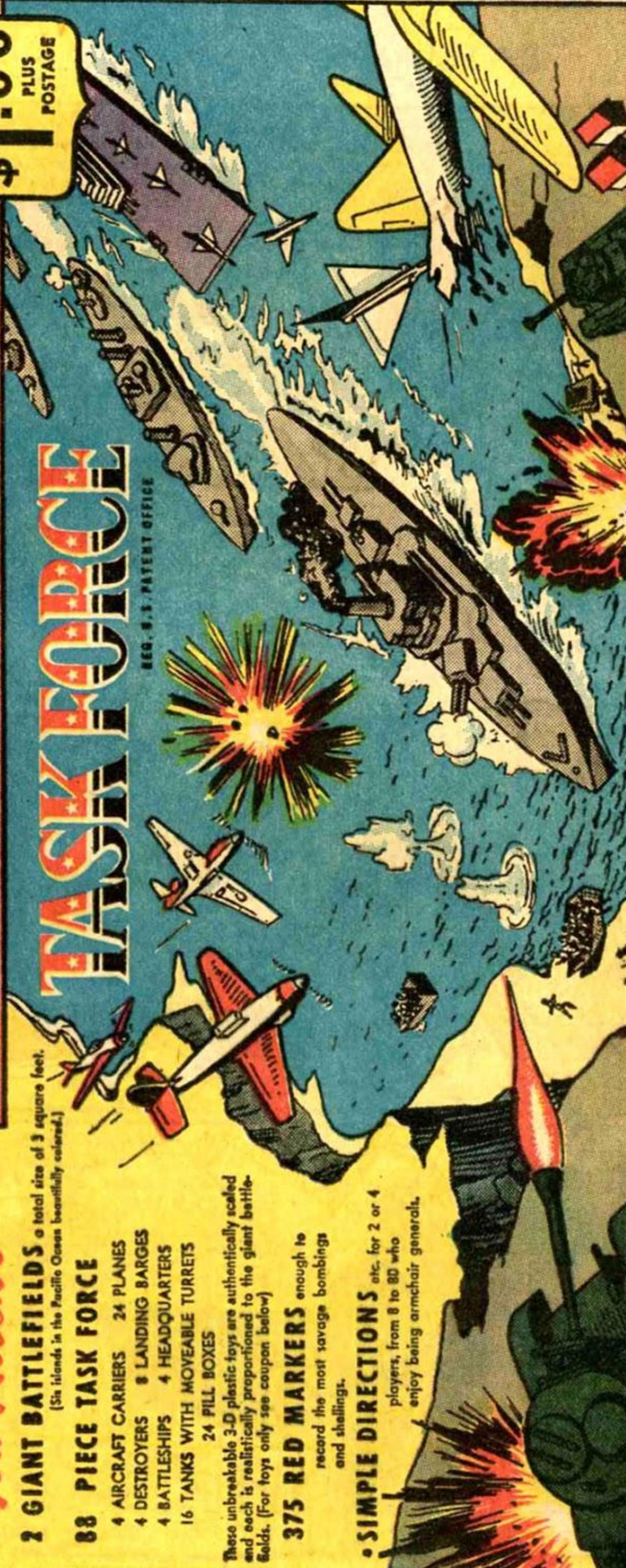
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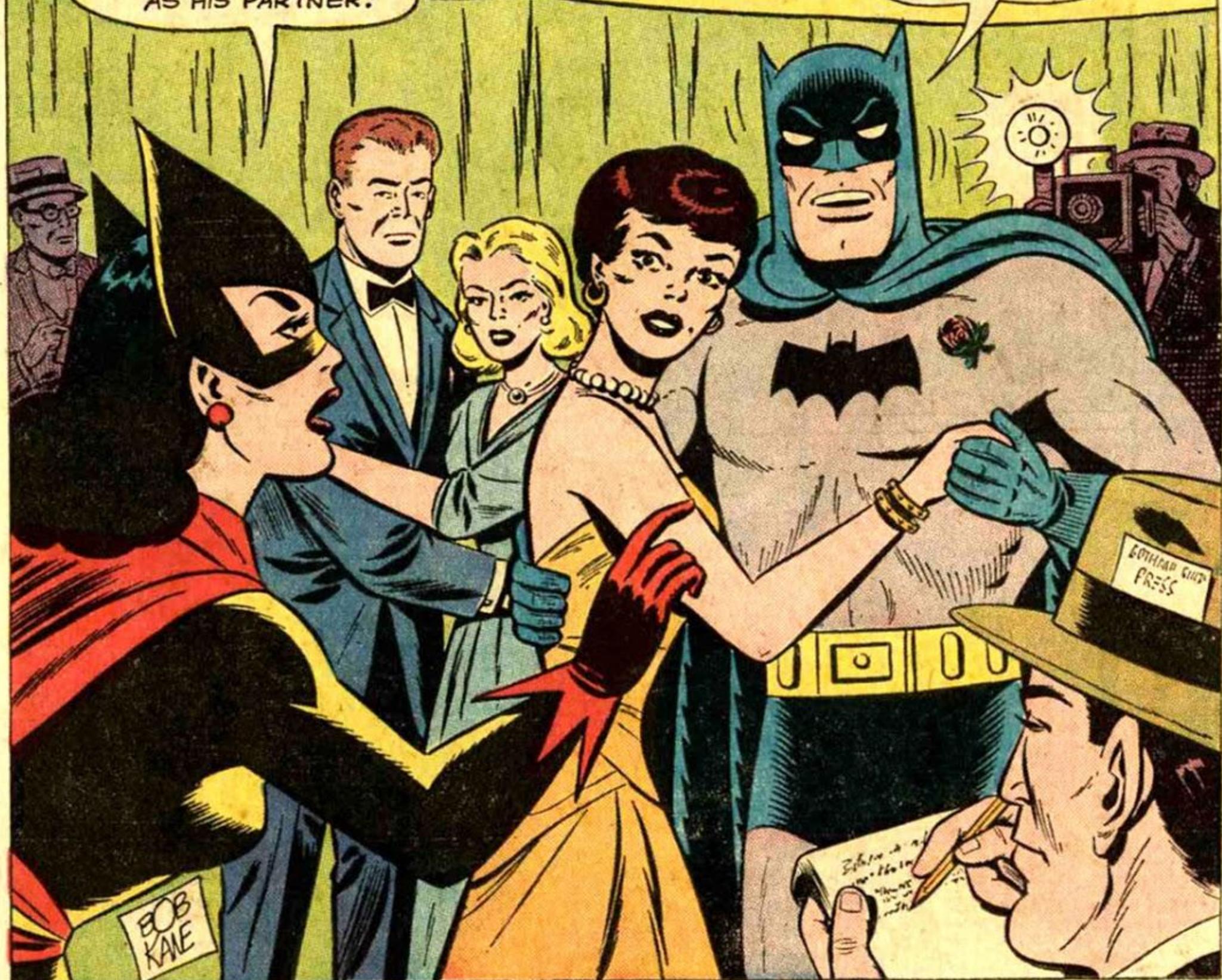
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IS THIS POSSIBLE? CAN BATMAN, ACE CRIME-FIGHTER, HAVE CHANGED SO MUCH THAT HE DOESN'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO HIS YOUNG PAL, ROBIN OR HIS OWN CAREER? FOR THE INCREDIBLE ANSWER, READ THE SUSPENSE-PACKED YARN OF...

the GIRL who **STOLE** **BATMAN'S** **HEART**

STOP MAKING A FOOL OF YOURSELF, BATMAN! WHILE YOU SPEND YOUR TIME LIKE THIS, ROBIN IS RISKING HIS LIFE FIGHTING CRIME WITH YOUR BATMAN ROBOT AS HIS PARTNER!

YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS, BATWOMAN! I LOVE ELISE--AND I'M GOING TO LIVE MY LIFE MY OWN WAY!



BATMAN

TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THIS WEIRD, CARVED HEAD! IT PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ONE OF THE MOST UNUSUAL BATMAN TALES YOU HAVE EVER READ!



WE PICK UP THE TANGLED THREAD OF THIS BIZARRE NARRATIVE IN A MUCH FREQUENTED CRIMINAL HAUNT, WHERE...

BEHOLD, GENTLEMEN, THE MEANS WHEREBY I AM GOING TO RENDER BATMAN COMPLETELY USELESS IN HIS WAR AGAINST CRIME! WITHIN THIS FLAGON, A GENUINE SORCERER'S SPELL I FOUND IN A SECRET CAVERN!

YEAH, SURE! THAT'S JUST WHAT WE NEED AGAINST BATMAN -- FAIRY TALES!



NEXT DAY, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN PILOT THE BATMOBILE DOWN CITY STREETS...

BATMAN AND ROBIN! I WONDER IF THEY'RE HAVING ANY MORE LUCK ON THE CONKLIN CASE THAN WE ARE! IMAGINE THREE GUYS CRACKIN' AN ARMORED CAR AND GETTING AWAY WITH \$2,000,000 IN CASH AND GEMS!



WHAT HURTS IS THAT WE GOT THE LEADER, ACE LAGG, IN JAIL -- BUT WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHO HIS ACCOMPLICES WERE OR WHERE THE LOOT IS!

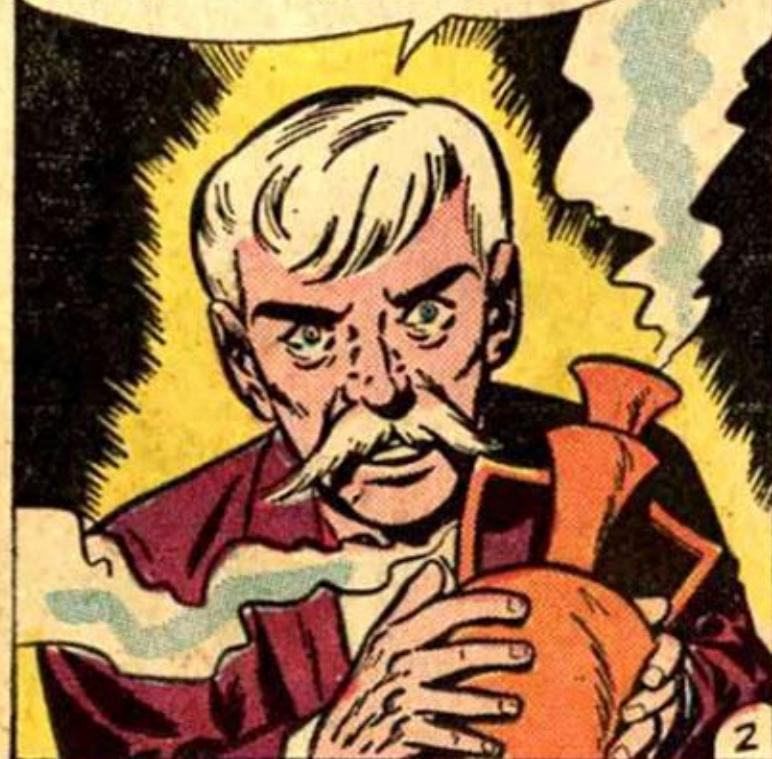
THE SLEEK VEHICLE DRAWS TO A HALT, AND AS THE TWO MASKED FIGURES EMERGE...

THESE ANCIENT FUMES, OH BREATHE IN DEEP! AND SOON YOUR HEART THIS SPELL WILL KEEP!

HUH?

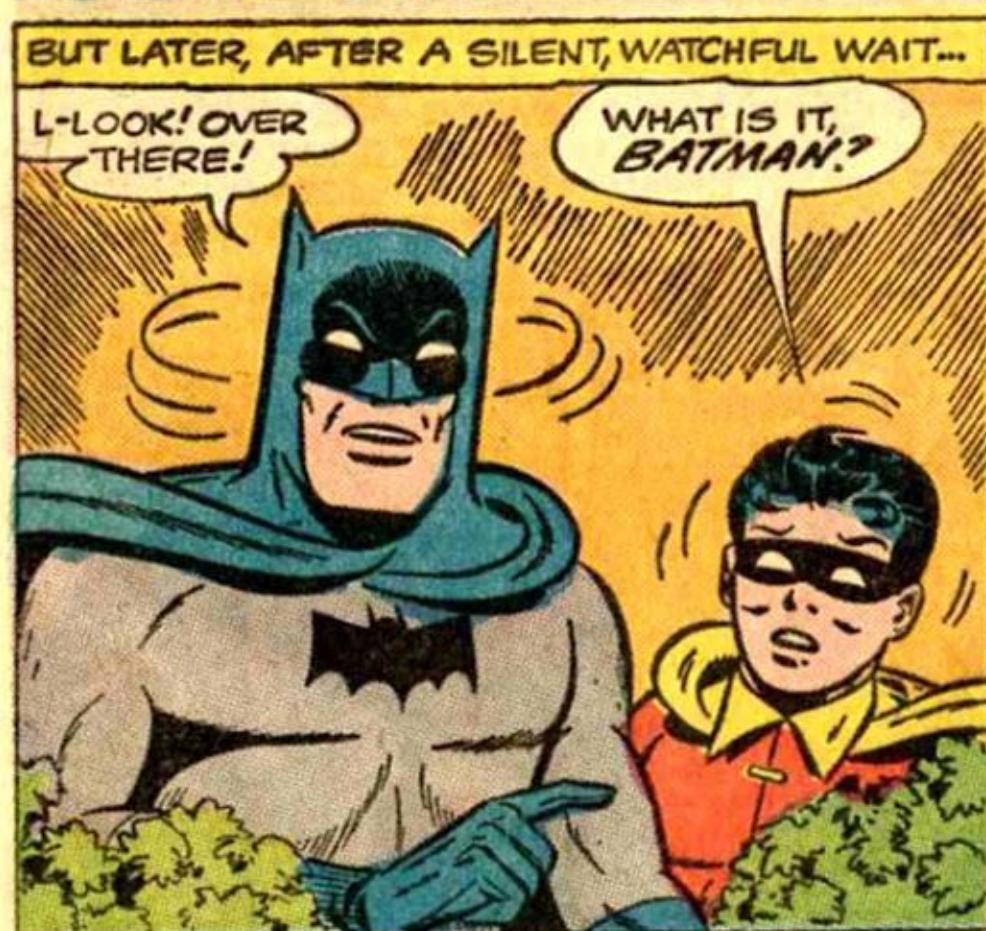


WHEN THE SPELL STARTS TO WORK, BATMAN, YOU WILL FALL IN LOVE WITH THE FIRST WOMAN YOU SEE, AND BE AN UTTER, FOOLISH SLAVE TO THAT LOVE!



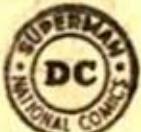


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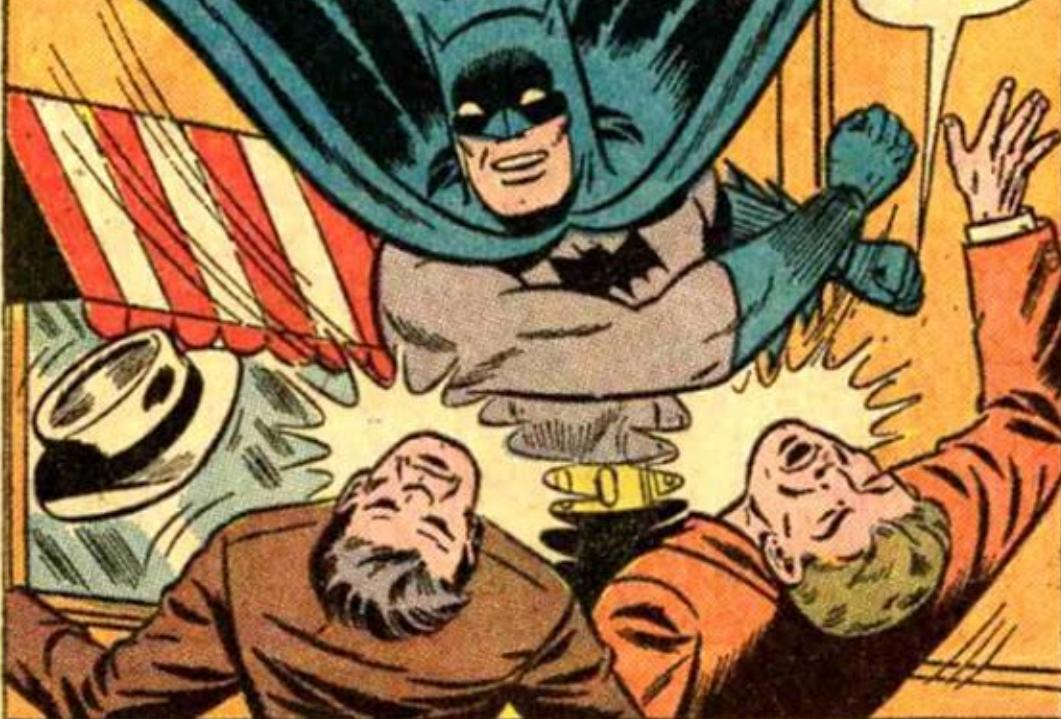
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SECONDS LATER, BATMAN WADES INTO THE FRAY, AND...

AAAHH! THOSE LONG, SWEEPING LASHES! THOSE DIMPLES!

HUH?



IN MOMENTS THE CONTEST IS OVER! THEN...

ROBIN, THIS IS ELISE!... SHE HAS CONSENTED TO HAVE DINNER WITH ME, SO LET'S GET BACK TO THE BAT-CAVE! I WANT TO CHANGE MY COSTUME AND FRESHEN UP!

B-BUT WE'RE GOING TO TRACK DOWN SOME LEADS ON THE CONKLIN CASE...



MINUTES AFTERWARD, AS BAFFLED POLICE EXPLAIN TO REPORTERS...

LIKE I SAID, THIS GUY WAVED THE SMOKE UNDER BATMAN'S NOSE, AND...

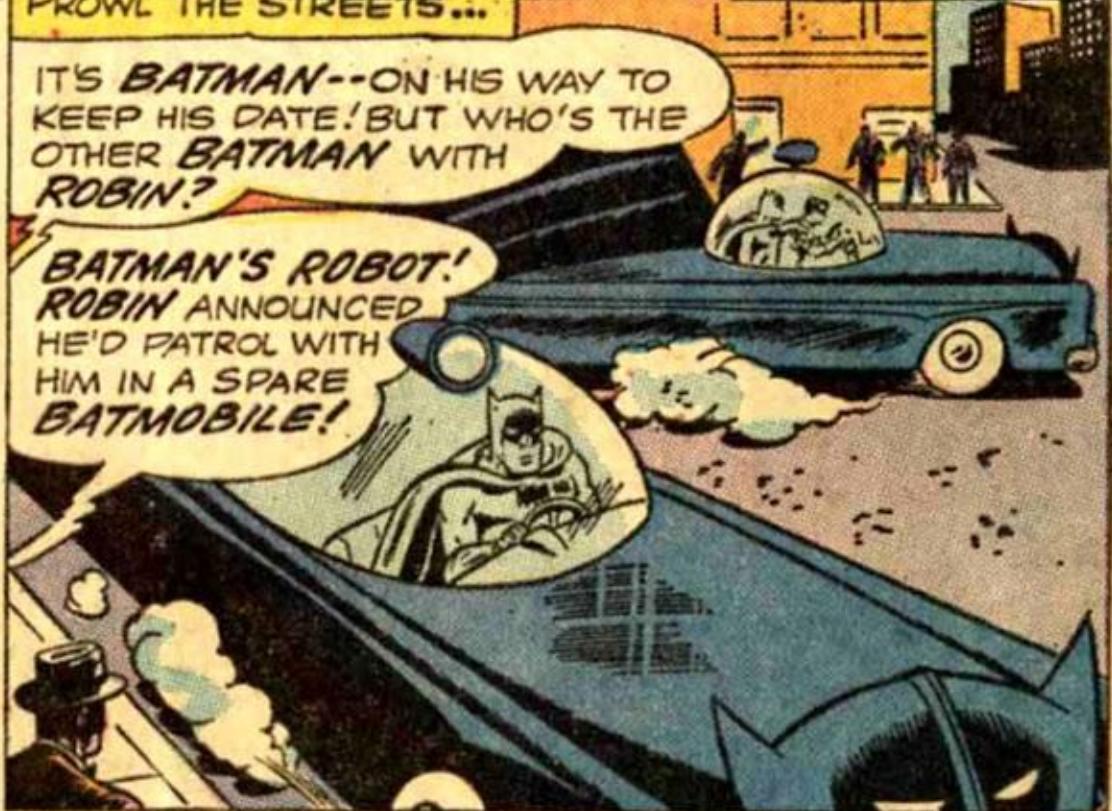
YOU MEAN BATMAN REALLY IS UNDER A LOVE SPELL! WOW! IF THIS IS TRUE, IT'S THE BIGGEST STORY OF THE YEAR!



LATE THAT AFTERNOON, AS A DOZEN REPORTERS PROWL THE STREETS...

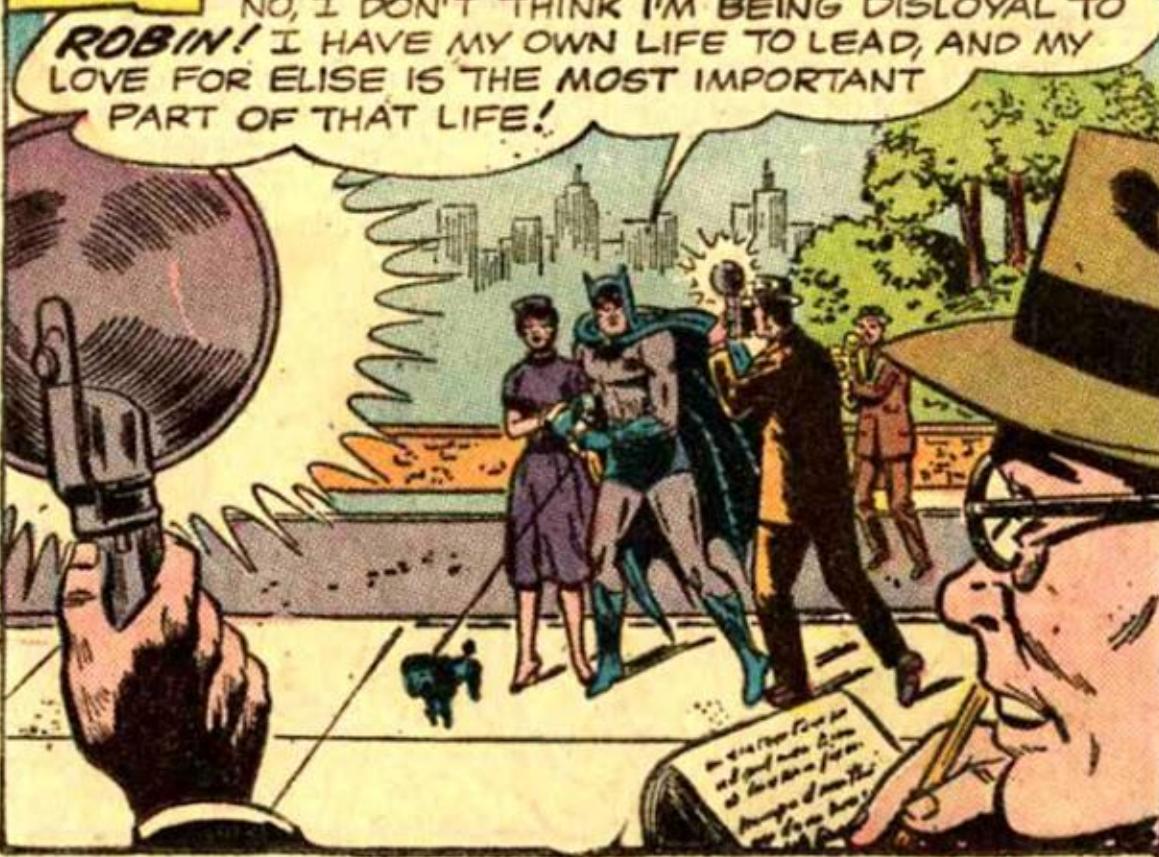
IT'S BATMAN--ON HIS WAY TO KEEP HIS DATE! BUT WHO'S THE OTHER BATMAN WITH ROBIN?

BATMAN'S ROBOT! ROBIN ANNOUNCED HE'D PATROL WITH HIM IN A SPARE BATMOBILE!



A DOZEN CAMERAS FOCUS ON BATMAN'S EVERY MOVE...

NO, I DON'T THINK I'M BEING DISLOYAL TO ROBIN! I HAVE MY OWN LIFE TO LEAD, AND MY LOVE FOR ELISE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THAT LIFE!



AND AS THE NEWS SPREADS LIKE WILDFIRE...

HMM...IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT KATHY FAMOUS MANHUNTER KANE, ALIAS BATWOMAN, FIGHTING WHILE HE DANCES AT THE TOLEDO WITH HIS BELOVED!





BATMAN



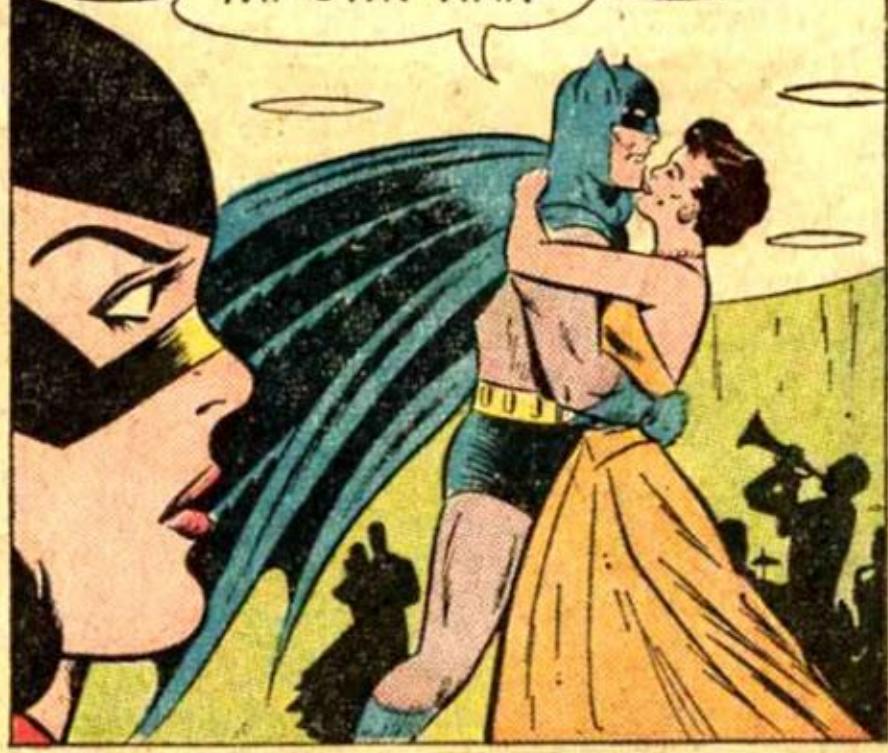
SHORTLY...

BATMAN! STOP MAKING A FOOL OF YOURSELF! YOU'RE RUINING YOUR CAREER. YOU MUST SEE A DOCTOR TO GET RID OF THIS DREADFUL SPELL!

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS,
BAT-WOMAN!

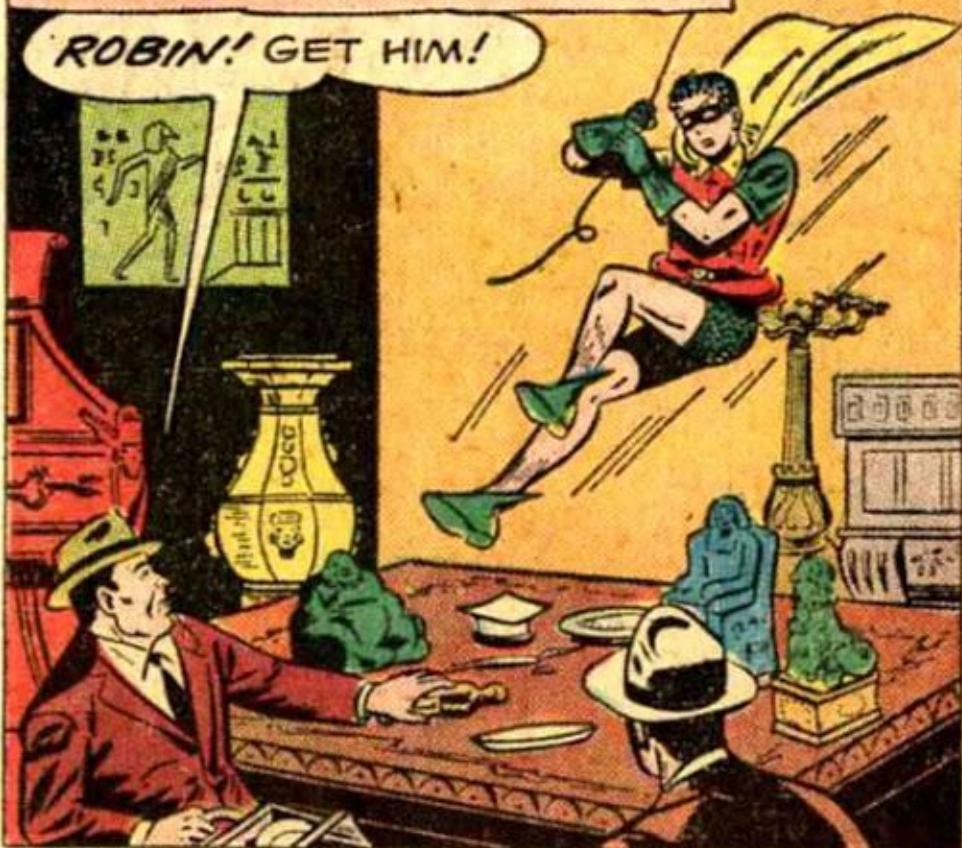


YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS! I LOVE ELISE, AND I'M GOING TO LIVE MY LIFE MY OWN WAY!



MEANWHILE, IN THE PRIMITIVE MUSEUM WHERE ROBIN, PATROLLING CITY STREETS, HAS OBSERVED A SUSPICIOUS NOISE...

ROBIN! GET HIM!



BUT, THE NEXT INSTANT...



NEXT MORNING, A MILLION EYES SCAN THE GOTHAM GAZETTE'S HEADLINES...

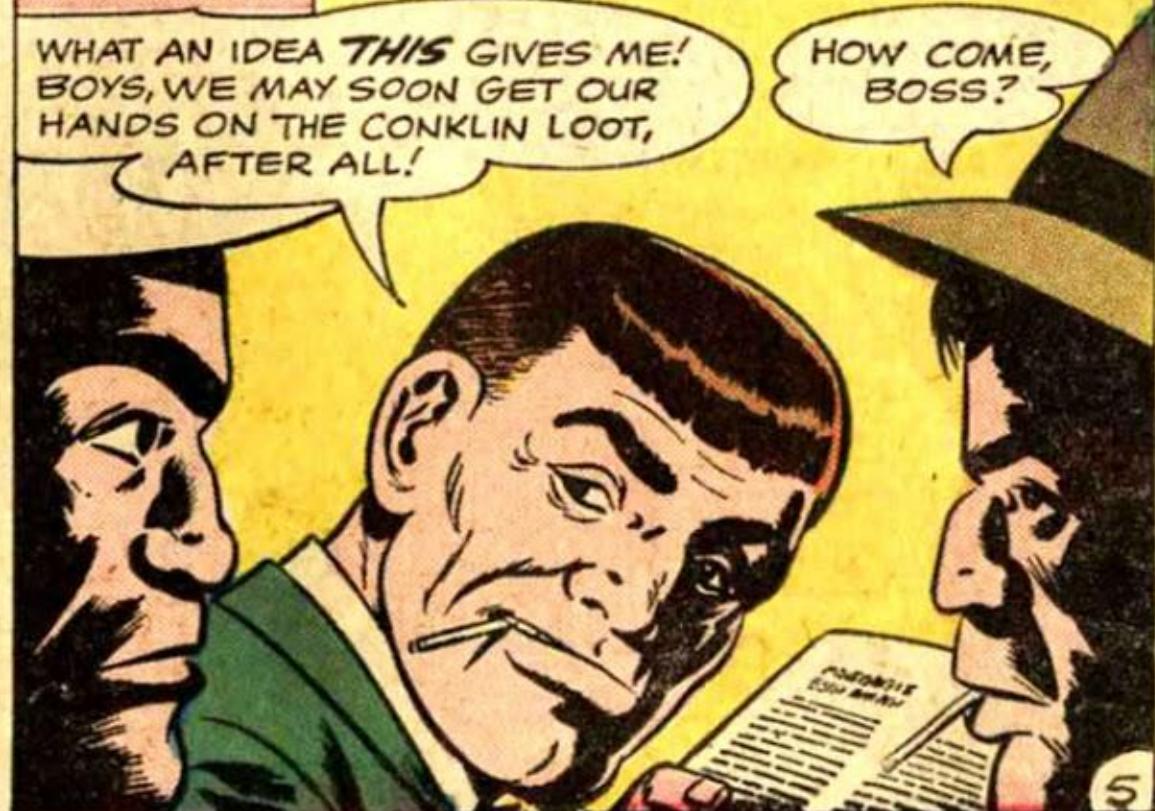
"I OWE MY LIFE TO BATMAN'S ROBOT," SAYS ROBIN

GOTHAM GAZETTE
"I COULD DANCE LIKE THIS FOREVER"

...INCLUDING ONE READER, IN PARTICULAR, GANGSTER JACK PINE...

WHAT AN IDEA THIS GIVES ME! BOYS, WE MAY SOON GET OUR HANDS ON THE CONKLIN LOOT, AFTER ALL!

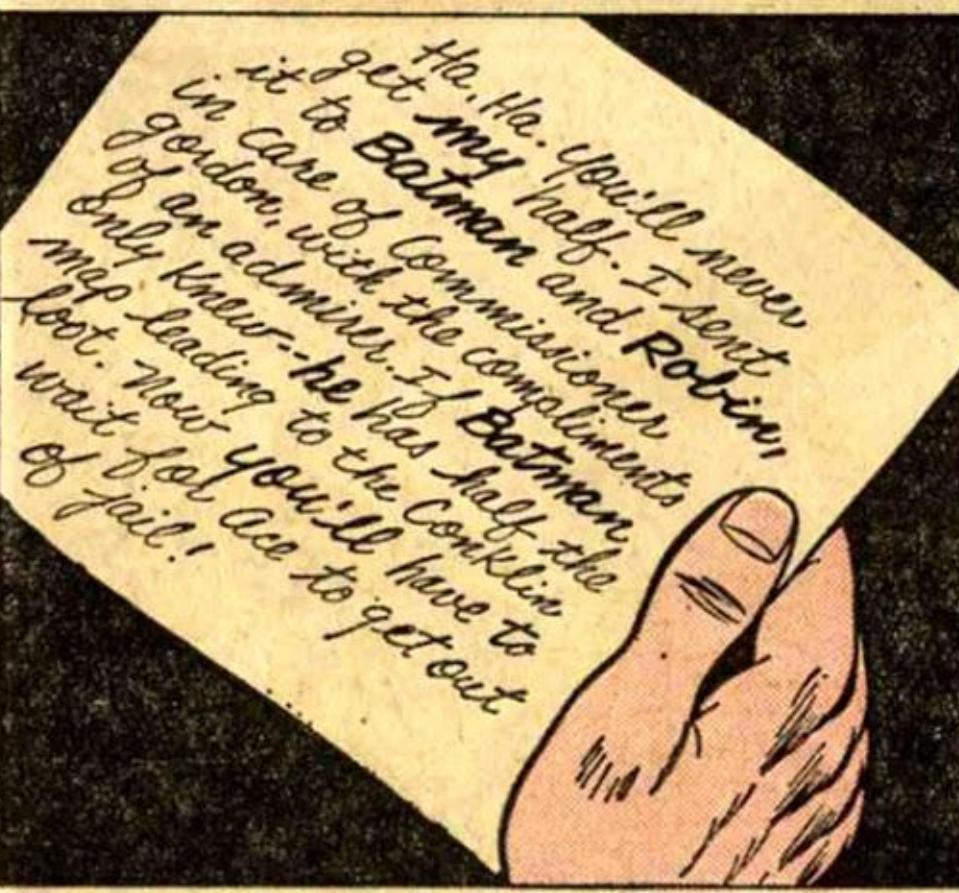
HOW COME, BOSS?



WELL, YOU KNOW ACE LAGG HID THE BOOTY AFTER KING WILTON AND I HELPED HIM PULL THAT JOB! BEFORE HE WENT TO JAIL, HE GOT TWO OF THOSE WEIRD CARVED HEADS FROM KING'S CURIO SHOP AND MARKED THE HIDING PLACE ON THE TWO SETS OF EARRINGS...

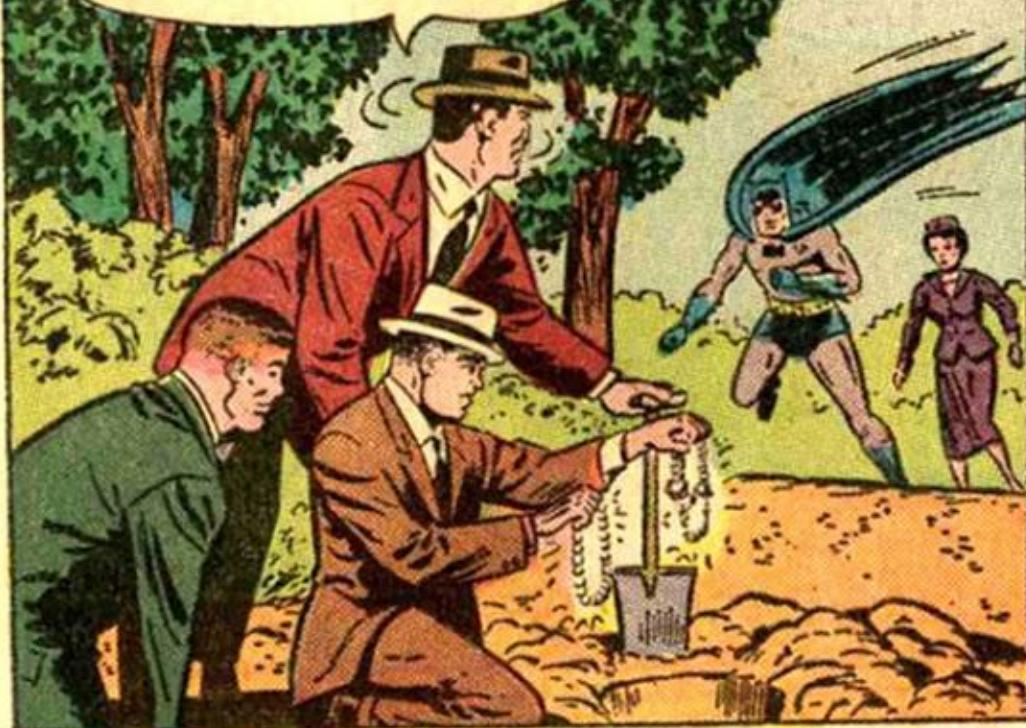


I GOT ONE HEAD WITH MY HALF OF THE "MAP" ON THOSE EARRINGS! ACE'S BUDDY, KING, WHO HATES ME, GOT THE OTHER... LAST WEEK, BEFORE KING DIED, HE SENT ME THIS NOTE...



LATER, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM CITY...

BOSS--IT'S **BATMAN** AND THE GIRL!
THEY FOLLOWED US! W-WE'VE BEEN
DOUBLE-CROSSED!

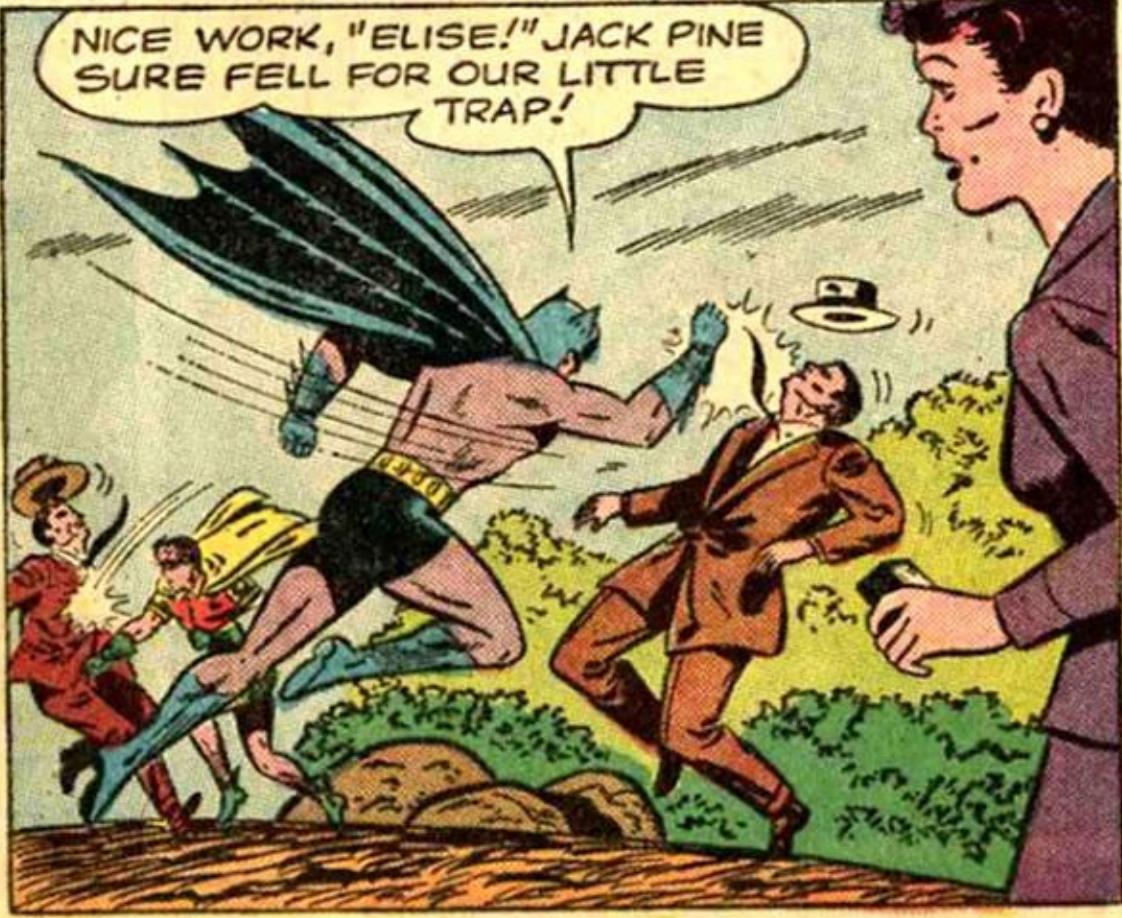


HUH? THE
BULLETS
DIDN'T
STOP HIM!

OF COURSE NOT!
BULLETS JUST BOUNCE
OFF A **ROBOT**!

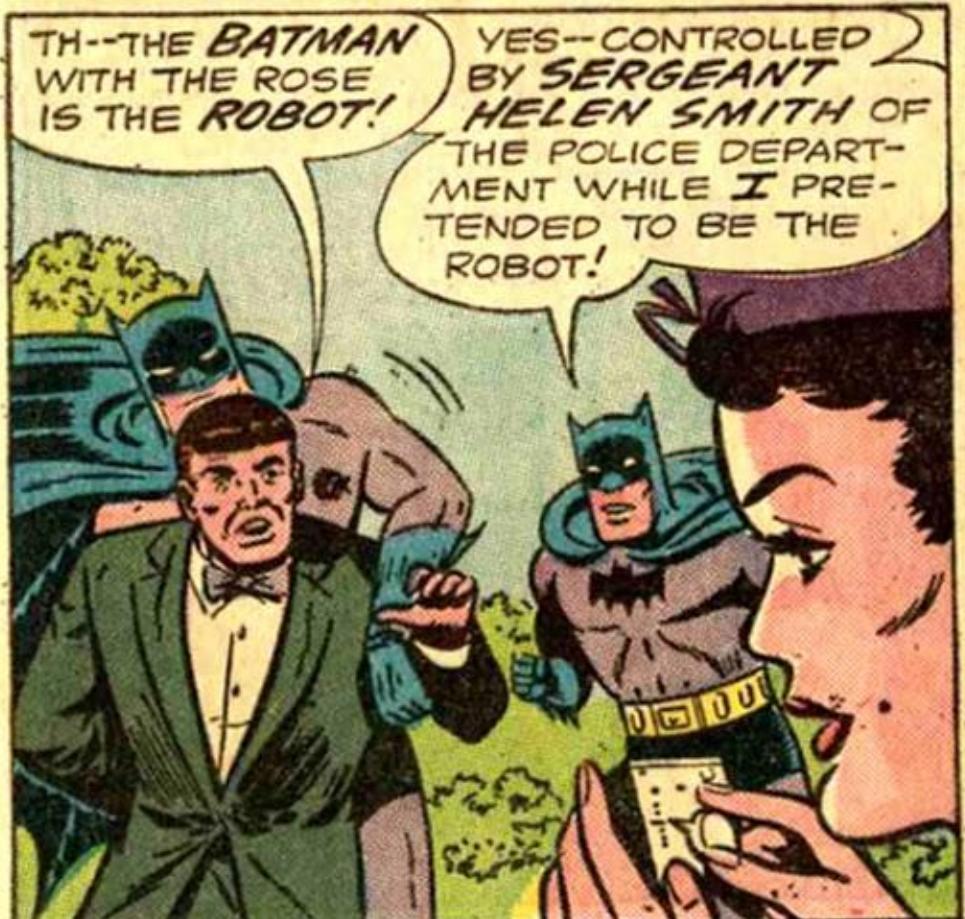


NICE WORK, "ELISE!" JACK PINE
SURE FELL FOR OUR LITTLE
TRAP!

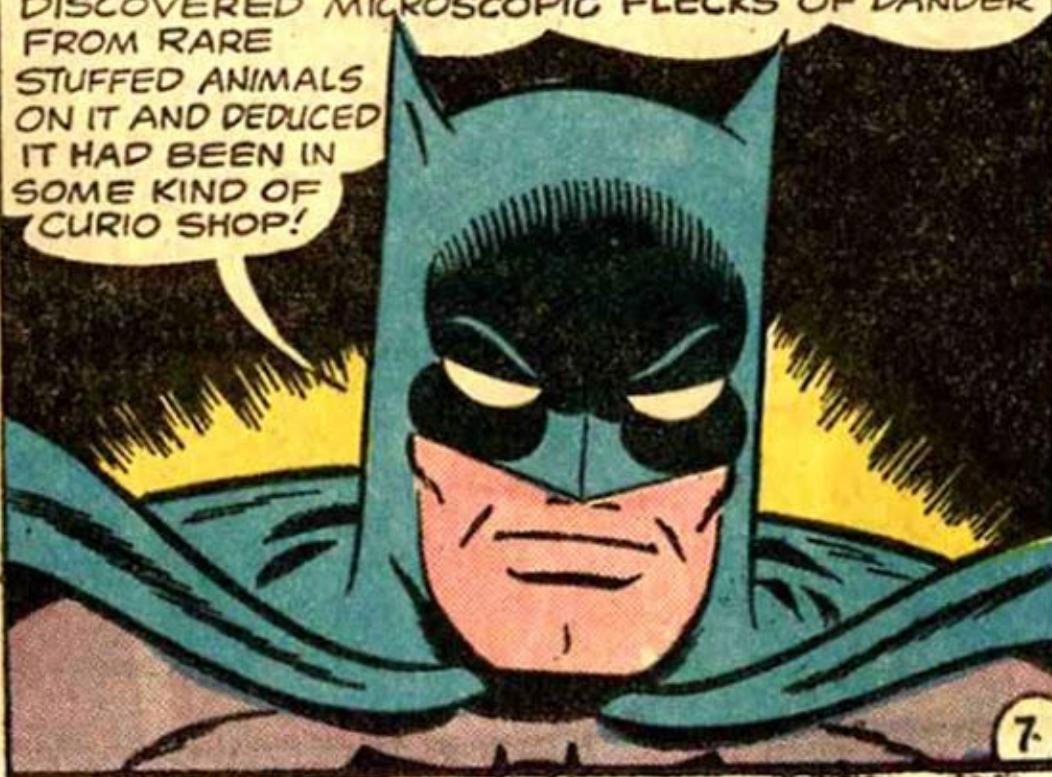


TH--THE **BATMAN**
WITH THE ROSE
IS THE **ROBOT**!

YES--CONTROLLED
BY **SERGEANT
HELEN SMITH** OF
THE POLICE DEPART-
MENT WHILE I PRE-
TENDED TO BE THE
ROBOT!

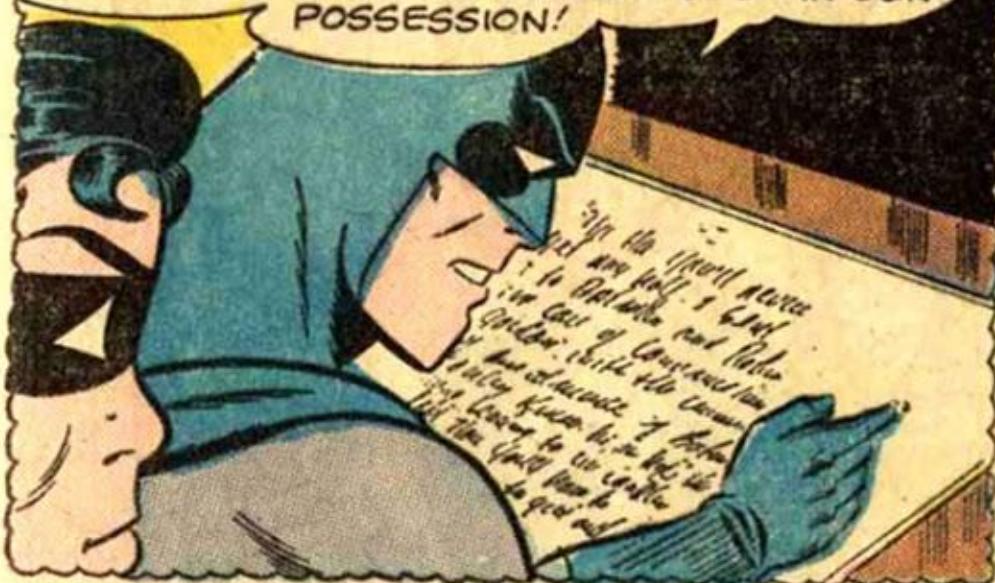


WHEN I RECEIVED THAT STRANGE HEAD, I WAS
SUSPICIOUS, AND **ROBIN** AND I EXAMINED
IT CAREFULLY IN THE **BAT-CAVE**! WE
DISCOVERED MICROSCOPIC FLECKS OF DANDER
FROM RARE
STUFFED ANIMALS
ON IT AND DEDUCED
IT HAD BEEN IN
SOME KIND OF
CURIO SHOP!



"WE STRUCK PAY DIRT AT KING WILTON'S PLACE! HE HAD DIED A FEW DAYS BEFORE, BUT WE FOUND WHERE HE HAD WRITTEN A LETTER WITH A BALL PEN..."

HE WROTE SO HARD MOST OF THE LETTER IS TRACED RIGHT ONTO THIS BLOTTER!...
ROBIN, THIS MEANS WE HAVE HALF THE MAP LEADING TO THE CONKLIN LOOT IN OUR POSSESSION!"



LATER, WHEN **BATMAN** HAS REVEALED THE STORY TO THE PRESS...

I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DIDN'T LET **ME** IN ON THE SECRET OF THE "LOVE POTION"! YOU WANTED ME TO GIVE A REALISTIC PERFORMANCE. BUT WHO WAS THE STRANGE MAN WHO CAST THE SPELL?

I'M AFRAID THAT WILL HAVE TO REMAIN OUR

LITTLE SECRET,
BATWOMAN!



SO WE THOUGHT UP THIS HOAX AS BAIT TO LURE YOU OUT INTO THE OPEN! LOVE WORKS WONDERS, DOESN'T IT?

BAH!



THAT EVENING, AT THE HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, ALFRED, THE BUTLER, SERVES DIN'NER...

ALFRED, THAT WAS QUITE A GOOD PERFORMANCE YOU GAVE AS MR. CUPID!

I'M JUST GLAD IT WASN'T **REAL**, SIR!



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A-H-H-H-H!



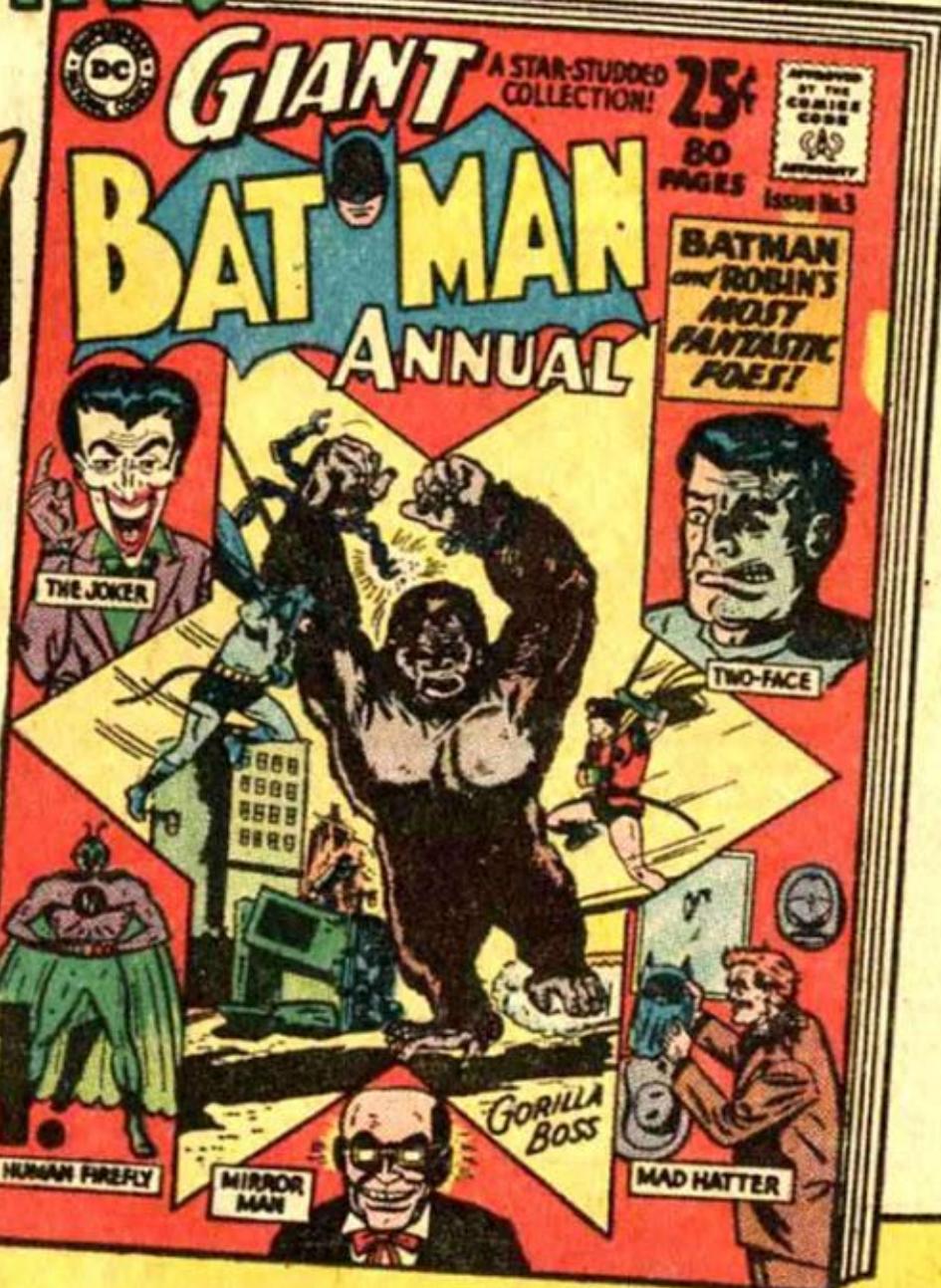
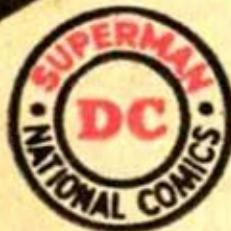
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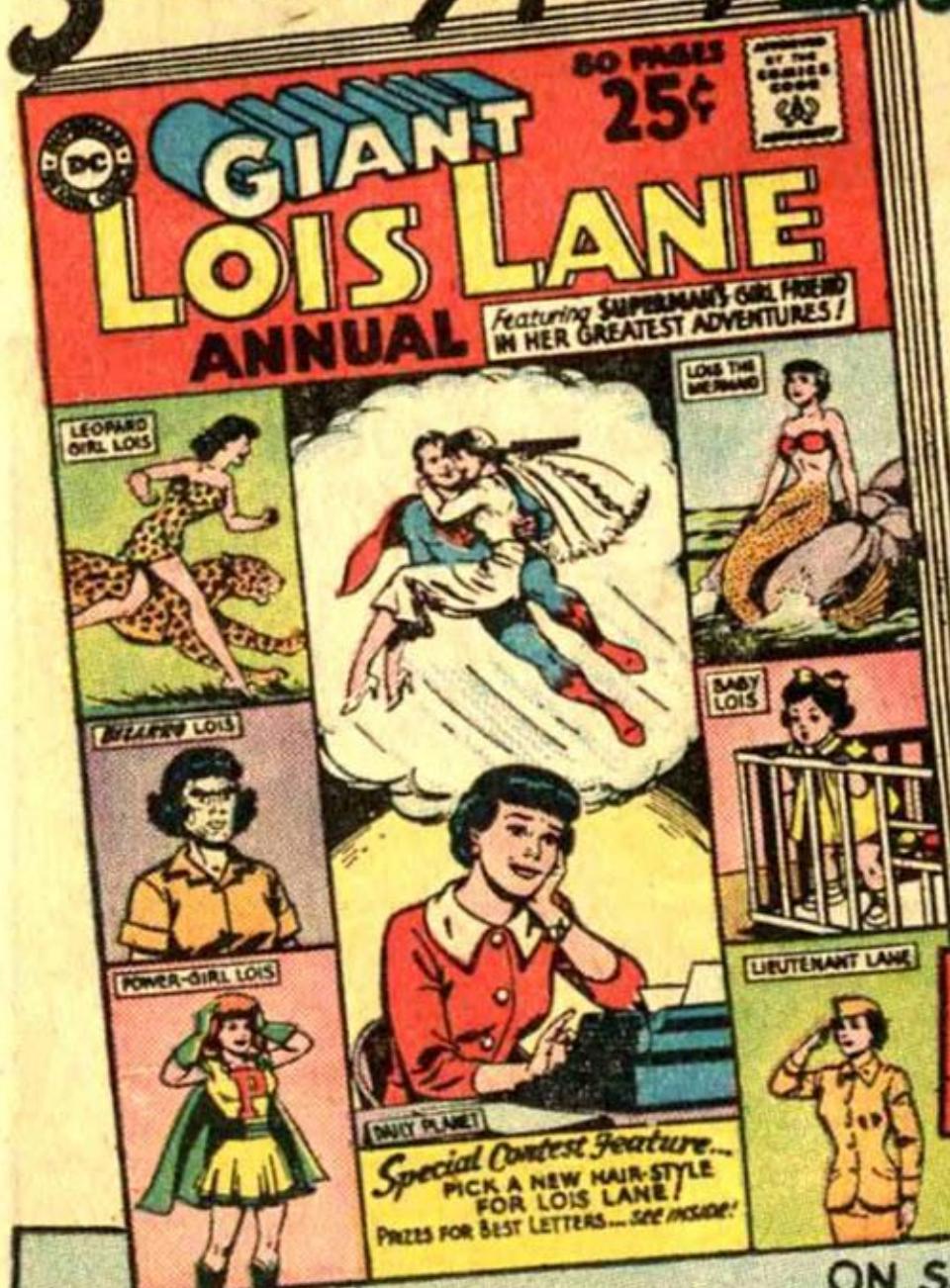
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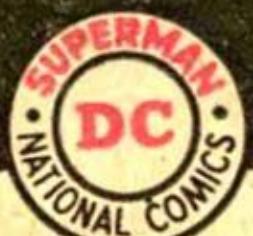
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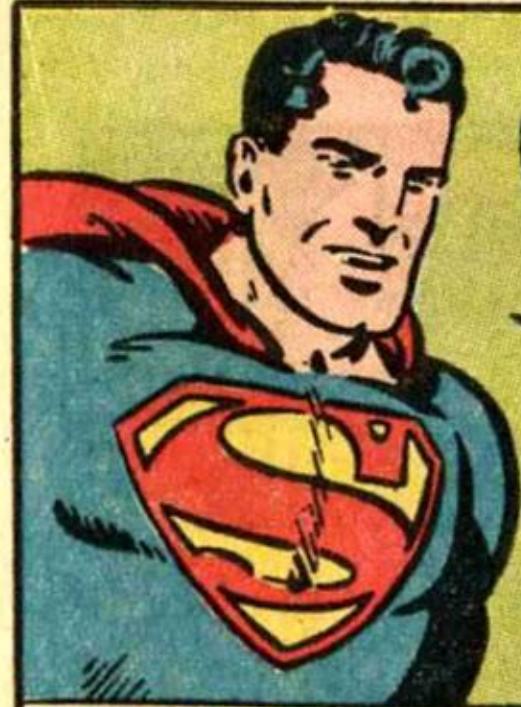


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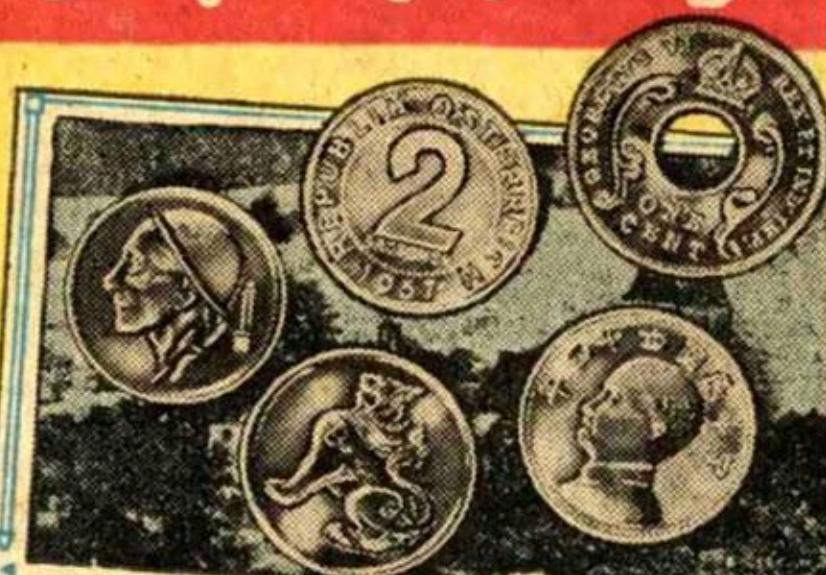
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Dear Editor: I enjoyed immensely the last issues of BATMAN, DETECTIVE and WORLD'S FINEST COMICS that I read, and I think you deserve a compliment.

"The Bronze Menace" was another fine example of the great stories you've been having in DETECTIVE COMICS. I also enjoyed the J'ONN JONNZ story. I liked all three stories in the May issue of BATMAN, especially "Batman Becomes Bat-Baby," since stories in which Batman undergoes some strange transformation always make a great hit with me. I hope you've got another one coming up soon.

One suggestion: I think your "Letters" page is very interesting and I wish you would feature the same type of thing in DETECTIVE COMICS.

Steven Goering, Moundridge, Kansas

(*Batman undergoes several surprising changes in the Sept. issue of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, No. 128, in a story called "The Power that Transformed Batman!" And in Oct. DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 308, he faces a fantastic criminal, "The Flame Master" whom he can combat only by changing and fighting fire with fire.*)

As for your suggestion about the "Letters" page, we've considered it, but for the time being, we prefer to have the Bat-Cave as the central clearing house. Comments on J'ONN JONNZ, as the letter below indicates, can still be included in this department.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I think I have located an error in the May issue of DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 303. On Page 11, of the "The Great J'onn Jonnz Hunt", J'onn says: "I lose all my powers—including my indestructability when visible." Shouldn't that be invisible?

Allen Prentice, Milwaukee, Wisc.

(*No question about it. We've had quite a few letters from our sharp-eyed readers about this, and a typographical error that the next letter points out.—Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In the May issue of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, No. 125, in an article, "Faces That Time Forgot," you said: "For one day, in January, 1948, Marshall barreled into Sutter's shack, eyes wide with shock, shouting incoherently about gold, and gesturing wildly." Shouldn't it be 1848?

Donnie Gipson, Orlando, Fla.

(*Yes, of course. The "Sutter's Gold" incident occurred over a hundred years ago.—Ed.)*

Dear Editor: Have you ever had a story when the Joker teams up with Luthor in WORLD'S FINEST?

B. Coyle, Providence, R. I.

(*We once had a Luthor-Joker story, but those two famous villains will team up again in the Nov. issue of WORLD'S FINEST.—Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In the "Condemned Batman" story, suppose friends of Bruce Wayne wanted to see him? How would Batman get out of that?

Harry Joyce, Phila., Pa.

(*Batman's pretty ingenious, and he'd have found a way. He did, for example, when he became Bat-Baby in the recent BATMAN issue. Incidentally, speaking about secret identities, there's a real surprise two-part story coming up in the Nov. issue of Batman, No. 151, in which Batman's identity is revealed to the world, and he has to find a new one!—Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I want to congratulate you on the fine job done on the story, "Prey of the Alien Hunters." I have read many comics of various kinds, but the adventure in this was terrific! I am sure fans will agree with me. I hope we can see more of the creatures from another world.

Mike Ross, Buffalo, N. Y.

(*Tastes vary with different readers, as the next letter indicates.—Ed.)*

Dear Editor: Your Batman story, "Murder in Skyland," was the greatest. Most of the time I like old-fashioned Batman adventures, but this one was great even though there was a future city in it.

Bill Wolfe, Mesa, Ariz.

(*We try to mix them up, but what's your favorite, fans?—Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I have just bought the second "GIANT BATMAN ANNUAL" and think it is very good. But the first story, "The Underseas Batman," was a little out of proportion. For one thing, it's hard to believe that he could shoot a net out of a torpedo tube, and hit a target the distance that it did. Also, the parts showing Batman and Robin swimming up a pipe, and into an aquarium, and Batman's robot climbing up the side of a building, when he could have used the elevator just as fast, were stupid.

That was the only story I didn't like. The others were excellent, but your best was "When Batman Was Robin!" It had a warm ending that some of your stories don't always have. Anyway, I hope you will continue to print the great comics that you do.

Ronald McLaughlin, Absecon, N. J.

(*You have to allow us a certain amount of fictional license in some of the incidents. We try to be as plausible as possible. You can look for a nice, warm ending, by the way, in "Alpha, the Experimental Man," in Sept. DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 307.—Ed.)*



BATMAN



BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

THE CAPE STRANGER
IS ESCAPING, O
MIGHTY ONE!

WE'LL CATCH HIM ON THE
OTHER SIDE AFTER I
BRIDGE THE GORGE
WITH THIS TREE!



FOR YEARS, BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE RELENTLESSLY PURSUED AND BROUGHT CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE! BUT NOW, IN A PLACE FAR FROM CIVILIZATION, SOMETHING HAPPENS TO SEPARATE THEM--AND BATMAN BECOMES THE HUNTED QUARRY, FORCED TO FLEE FROM A LOYAL PARTNER WHO HAS AMAZINGLY CHANGED TO A HOSTILE...

ROBIN, THE SUPER BOY WONDER



BATMAN



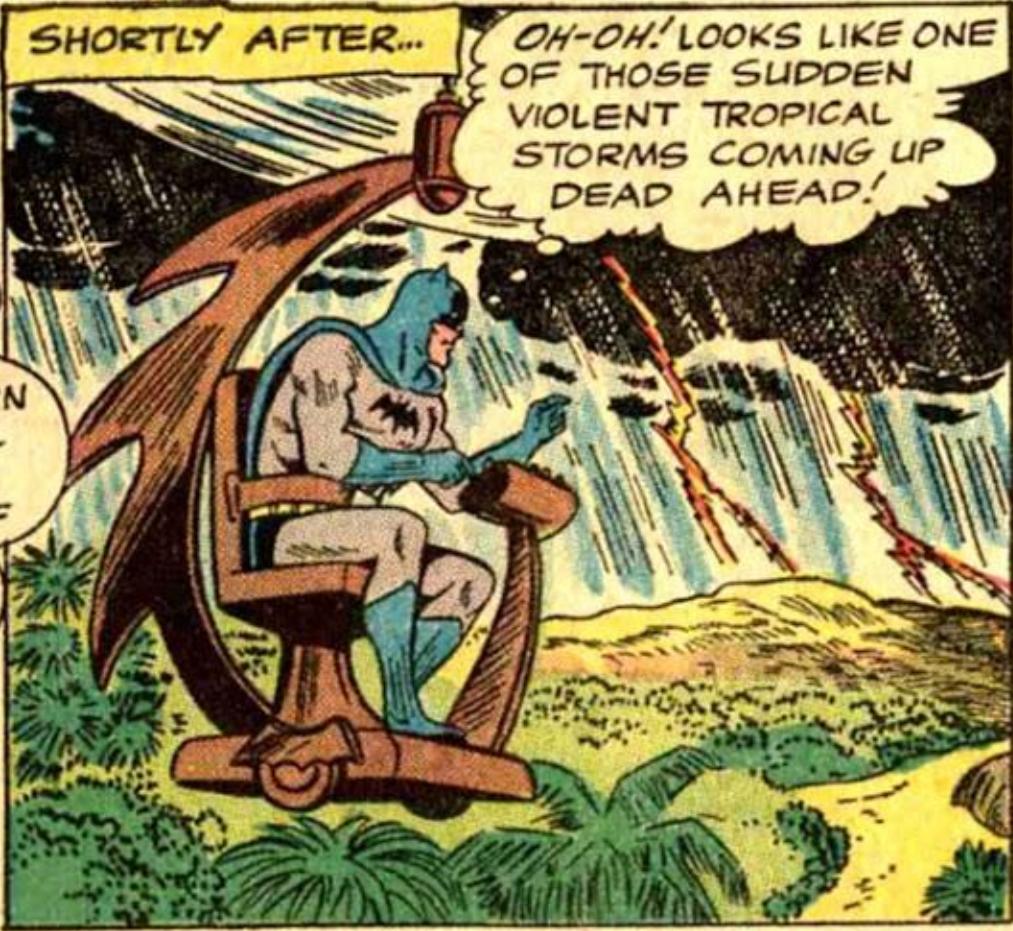
ABOVE A REMOTE REGION OF THE YUCATAN JUNGLE, THE **BAT-PLANE** DIPS FOR A LANDING ON A RUGGED PLATEAU...

WE'LL NEVER SPOT BIFF WARNER IN THIS DENSE JUNGLE FROM THE **BAT-PLANE**! OUR BEST BET IS TO USE OUR **WHIRLY-BATS** AND FLY AT TREE-TOP LEVEL!

RIGHT, ROBIN! YOU COVER THE AREA NORTH OF THIS PLATEAU! I'LL TAKE THE SOUTHERN END! THAT'LL DOUBLE OUR CHANCES OF FINDING WARNER'S TRAIL!

SHORTLY AFTER...

OH-OH! LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THOSE SUDDEN VIOLENT TROPICAL STORMS COMING UP DEAD AHEAD!



IN SECONDS, THE FULL FURY OF THE STORM HITS AND HURLS **BATMAN'S** FRAIL CRAFT INTO...

LOOKS AS IF MY WINGS ARE CLIPPED-- BUT GOOD! WONDER HOW **ROBIN** MADE OUT? HE DIDN'T SEEM TO RESPOND TO MY RADIO SIGNALS! I'LL JUST HAVE TO SCOUR THIS JUNGLE UNTIL I FIND HIM!

CRASH

LATER, AFTER HOURS OF WEARY TREKKING THROUGH THE JUNGLE...

GREAT SCOTT! **ROBIN'S** WRECKED **WHIRLY-BAT**! BUT NO SIGN OF **ROBIN**? WHERE CAN HE BE? WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM? IS HE HURT?



JUST THEN...

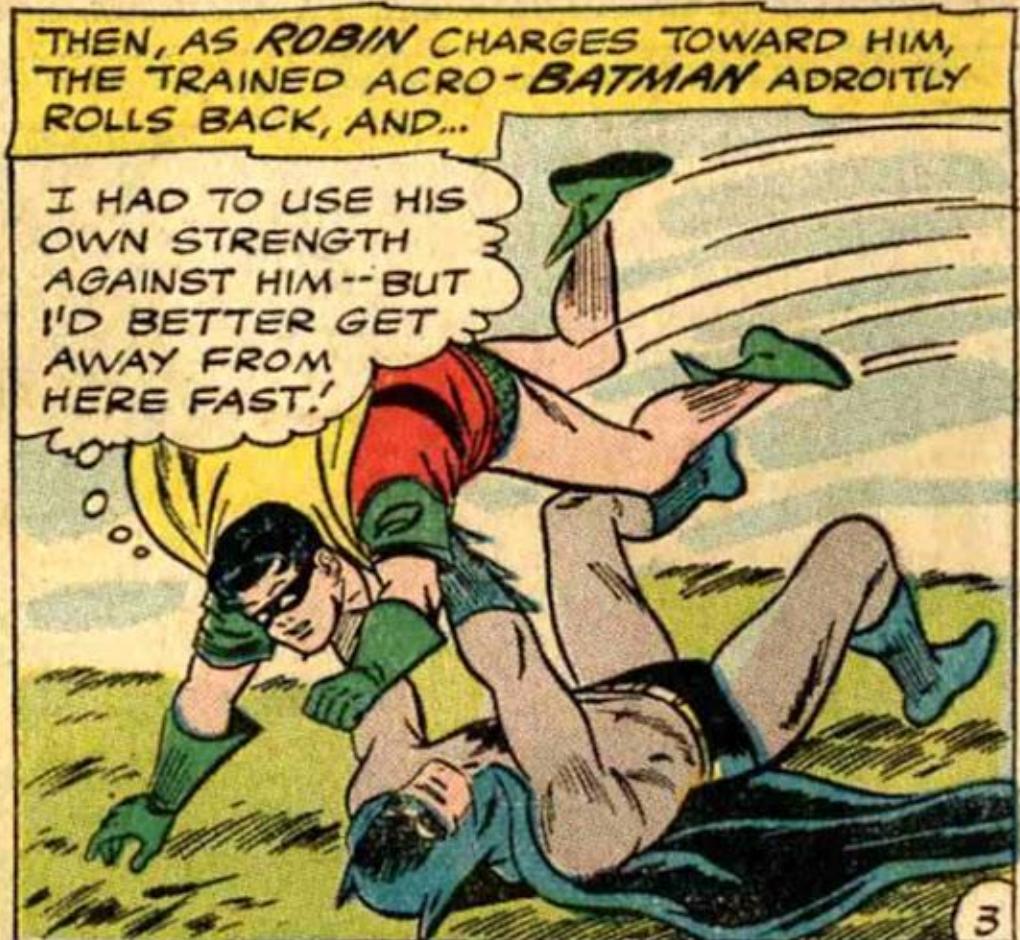
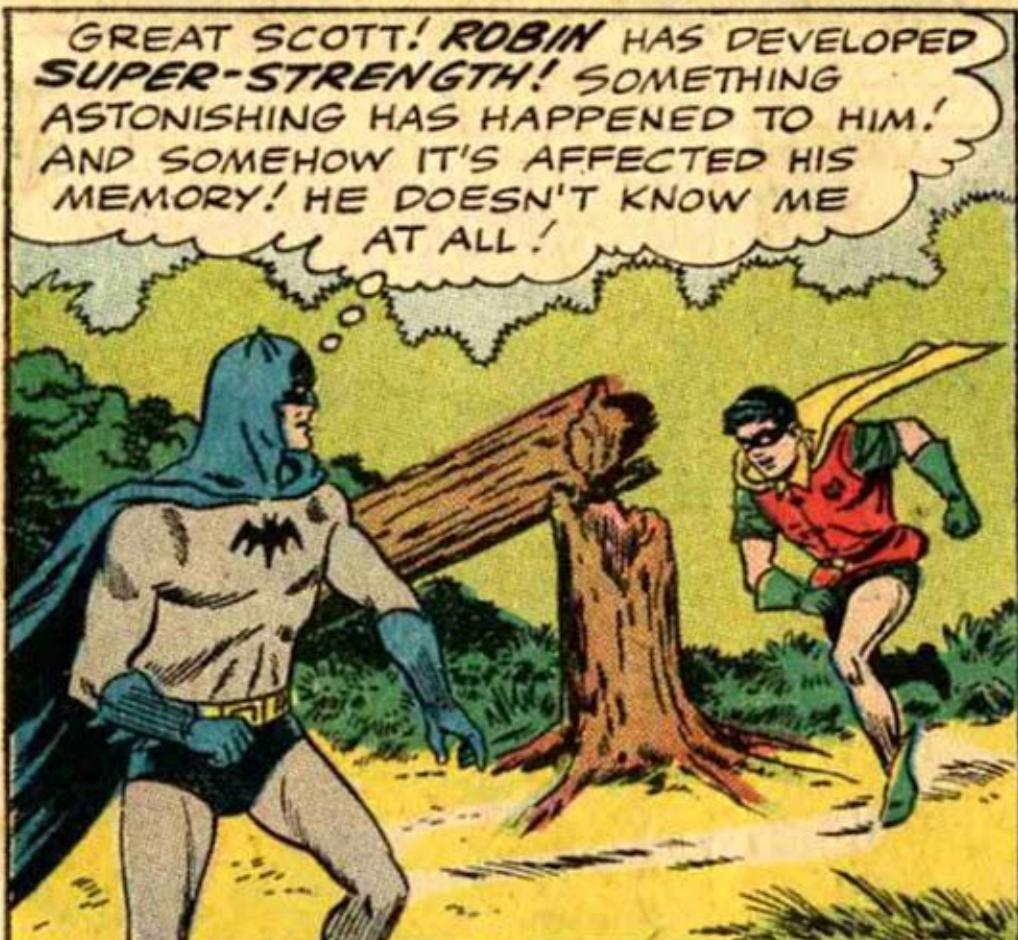
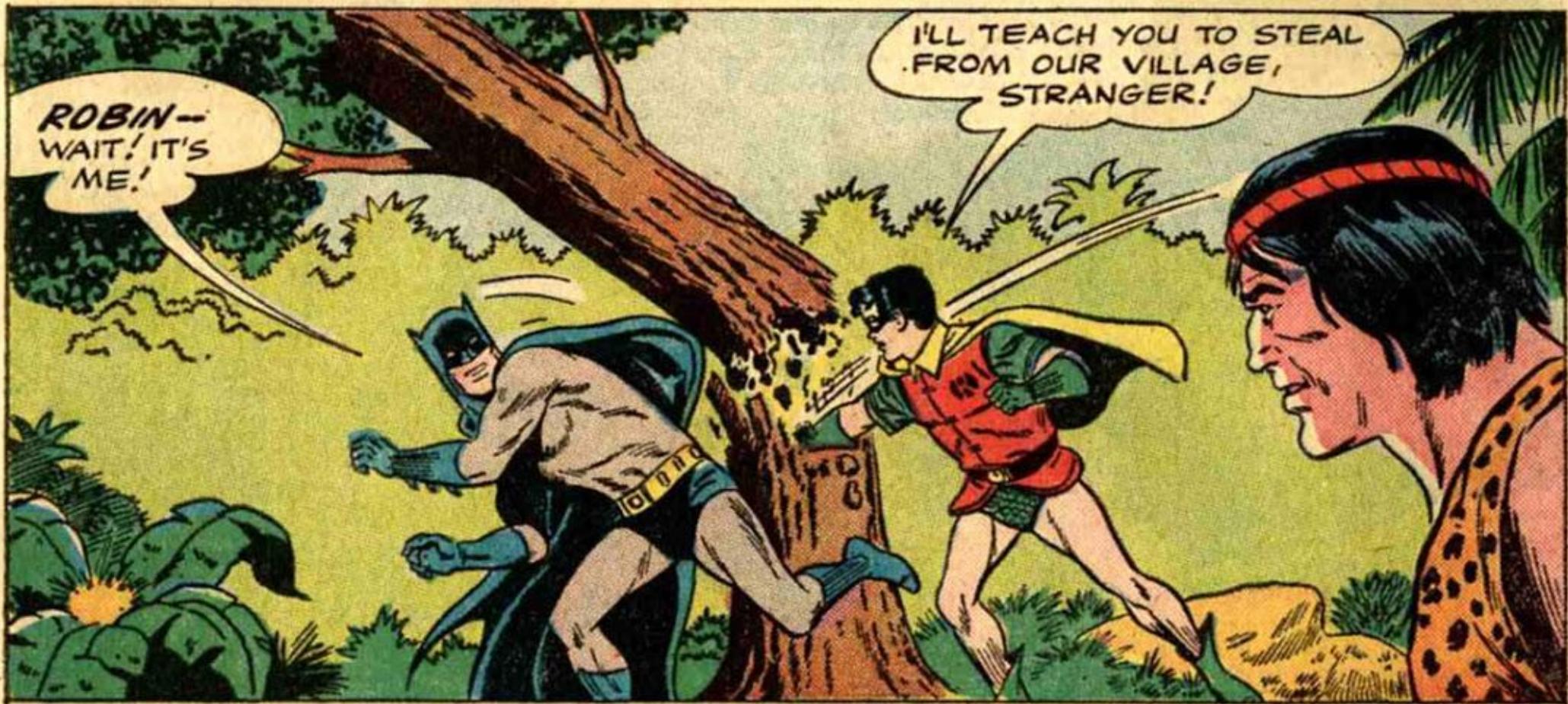
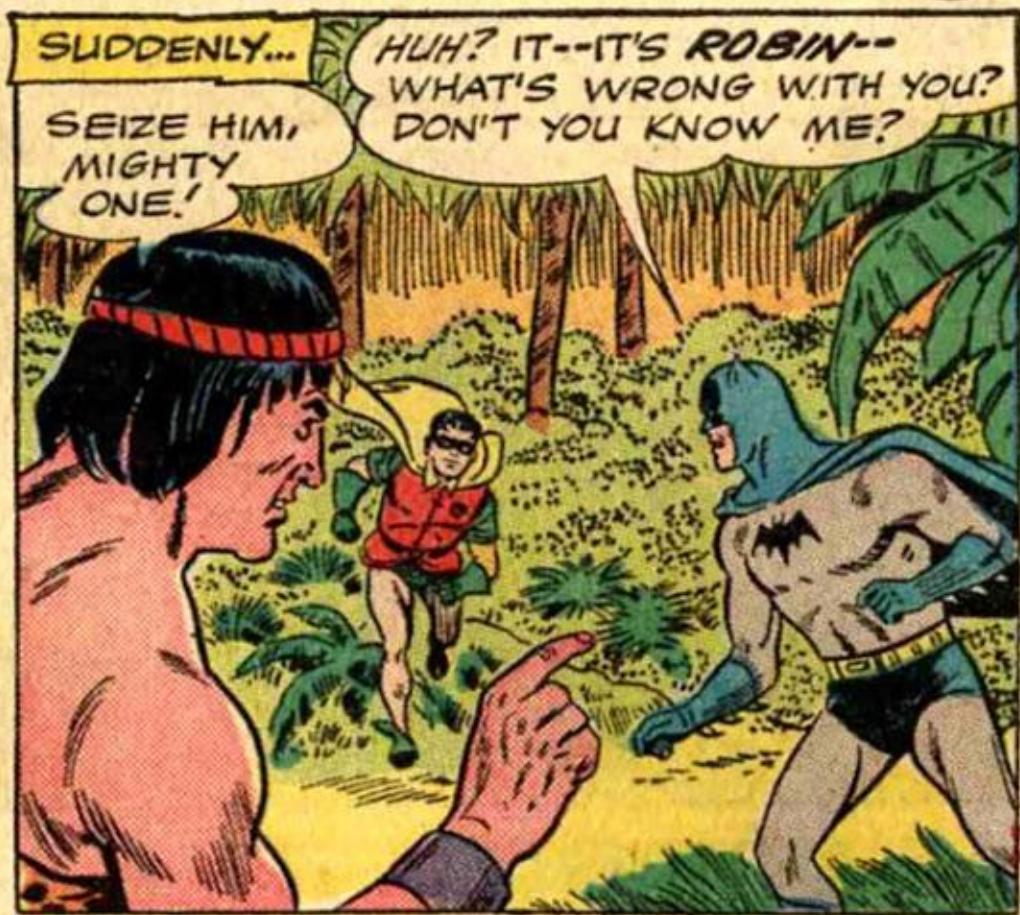
SEIZE THE STRANGER! HE IS THE ONE I SAW PILFERING THE EMERALDS FROM THE EYES OF THE SACRED STATUE!

OH-OH--I'M BEING ACCUSED OF SOMETHING, AND IT DOESN'T LOOK AS IF I'M GOING TO HAVE A CHANCE TO DENY IT!





BATMAN



RACING SWIFTLY TOWARD THE GORGE, **BATMAN**, PROPELS HIMSELF ACROSS IN A MIGHTY LEAP!

THE STRANGER IS ESCAPING! STOP HIM, MIGHTY ONE!



HE WON'T GET FAR, KO-TI!



HE'S BRIDGING THE GORGE WITH THAT TREE! HAVE TO SCREEN MY ESCAPE INTO THE JUNGLE UNTIL I CAN FIGURE OUT MY NEXT MOVE!



AND AS **BATMAN** HURLS A SMOKE BOMB FROM HIS UTILITY BELT...

IT'S NO USE, MIGHTY ONE! THROUGH THIS SMOKE, WE SHALL NEVER SEE THE PLACE WHERE THE JUNGLE SWALLOWS HIM! LET US TURN BACK! WE HAVE OTHER IMPORTANT WORK TO DO!



MEANWHILE...

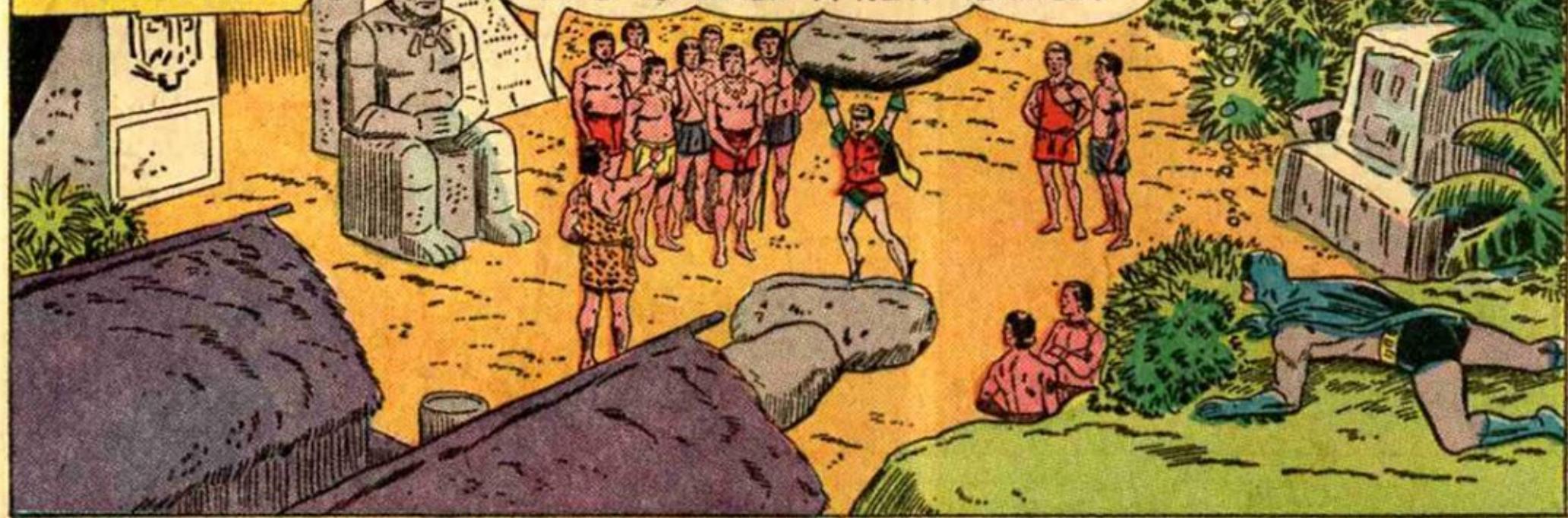
I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO **ROBIN**! BEST THING IS TO CIRCLE AROUND AND LOCATE THE MAIN INDIAN VILLAGE IN THIS AREA!



SOME TIME LATER, FROM A COMMANDING VANTAGE POINT AT THE EDGE OF AN INDIAN SETTLEMENT...

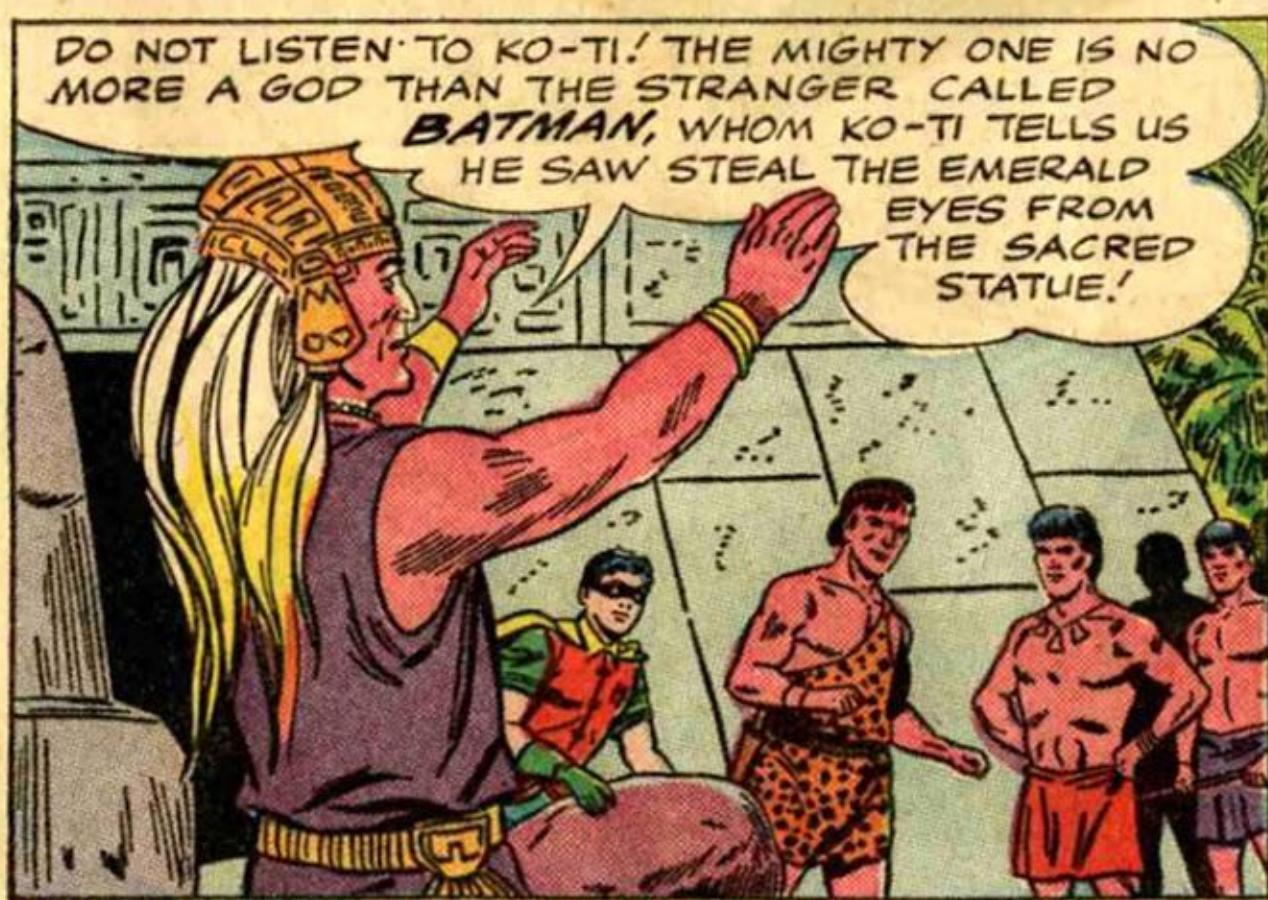
MEN OF THE VILLAGE! THE MIGHTY ONE CALLS UPON YOU TO HELP CARRY THE ROCKS HE TEARS FROM THE MOUNTAIN-SIDE TO BUILD A NEW TEMPLE!

HMM--SOMEHOW ROBIN SEEMS UNDER THE THUMB OF THAT INDIAN!



DO NOT LISTEN TO KO-TI! THE MIGHTY ONE IS NO MORE A GOD THAN THE STRANGER CALLED **BATMAN**, WHOM KO-TI TELLS US HE SAW STEAL THE EMERALD EYES FROM THE SACRED STATUE!

WERE HE A GOD, COULD HE NOT OVERCOME A THIEF? I TELL YOU, IT IS EVIL TO NEGLECT THE FIELDS! DO NOT QUARRY IN THE MOUNTAIN! WHILE OUR OLD TEMPLE STANDS, WE NEED NO NEW ONE!



BEHOLD--THE OLD TEMPLE NO LONGER STANDS! THE MIGHTY ONE HAS DESTROYED IT!

LOOK, MANY MEN DEFY THE CHIEF AND FOLLOW THE MIGHTY ONE TO THE MOUNTAIN!

FOOLS! EVEN NOW, THE CHIEF HAS A HIDDEN WARRIOR WAITING TO SLAY KO-TI AND THE MIGHTY ONE WHEN THEY RETURN TO THE MOUNTAIN.





BATMAN



IF THE MIGHTY ONE CAN BE SLAIN, ALL WILL KNOW HE IS NO GOD! AND THIS OUTSIDER FROM ANOTHER VILLAGE, KO-TI, WILL NO LONGER CHALLENGE THE CHIEF AND THE ELDERS!

OH-OH!
I MUST GET
TO ROBIN
AND WARN
HIM!

CIRLING SWIFTLY AROUND THE VILLAGE, BATMAN APPROACHES THE MOUNTAIN FROM THE OTHER SIDE JUST AS...

HERE THEY COME NOW!
AND --UH-UH! THAT INDIAN
UP THERE--HE'S GOT A
SPEAR AIMED AT ROBIN!

AS THE DEADLY SPEAR IS HURLED,
POWERFUL MUSCLES ARE GALVANIZED
INTO LIGHTNING ACTION, AND...

WATCH
OUT!

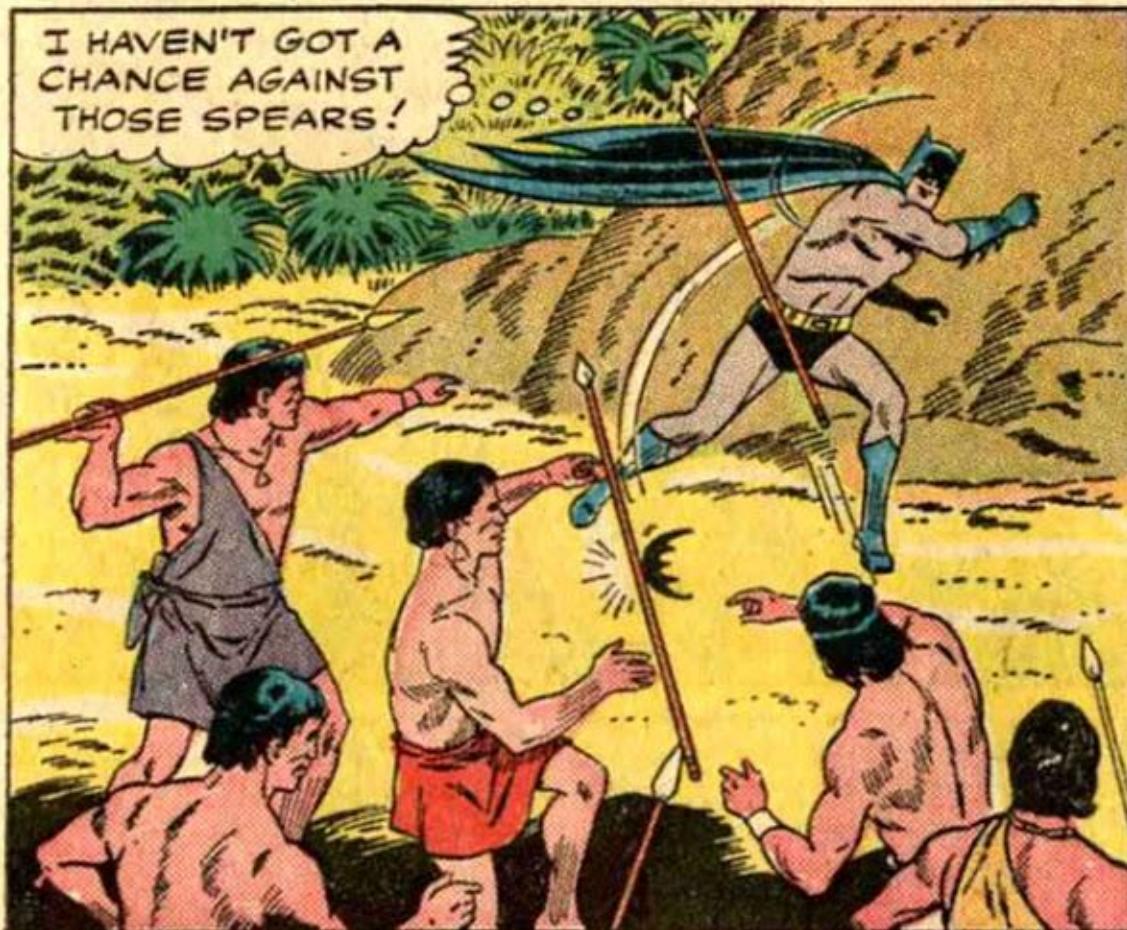
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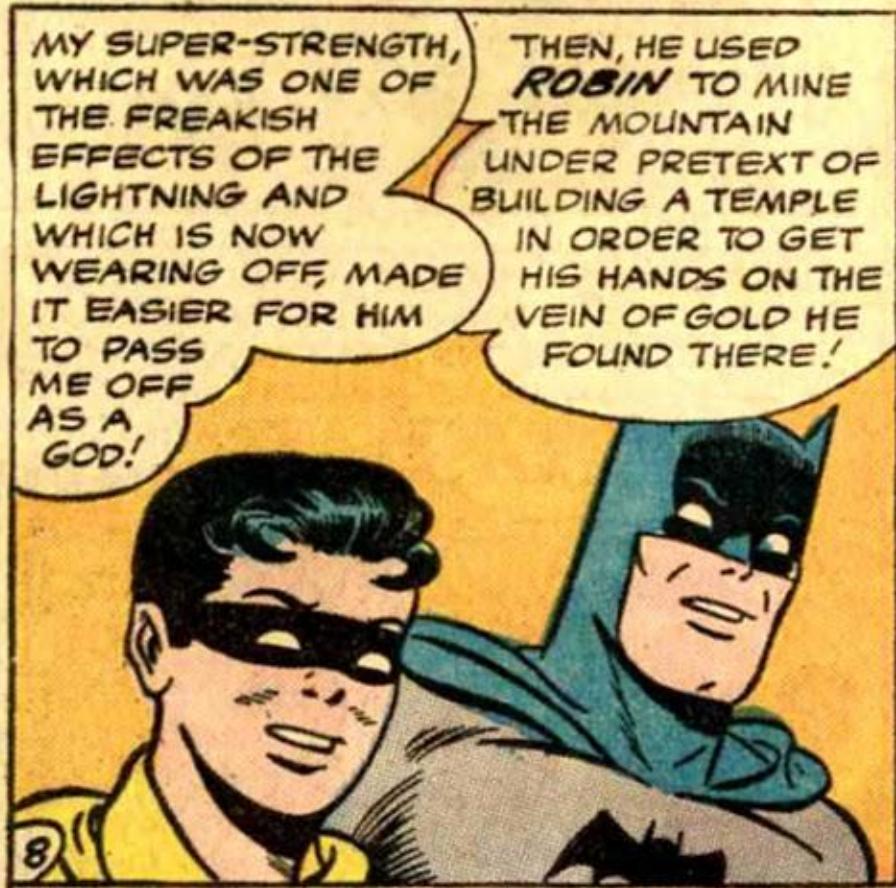
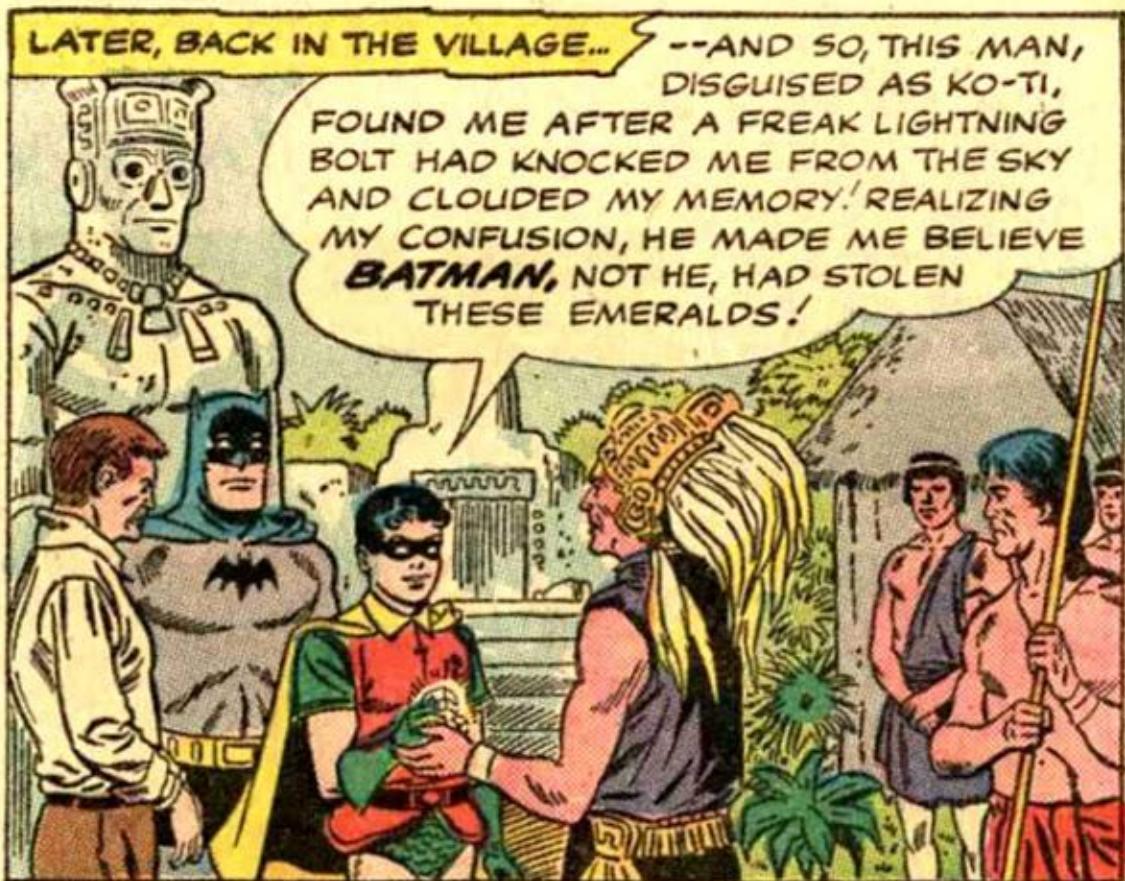
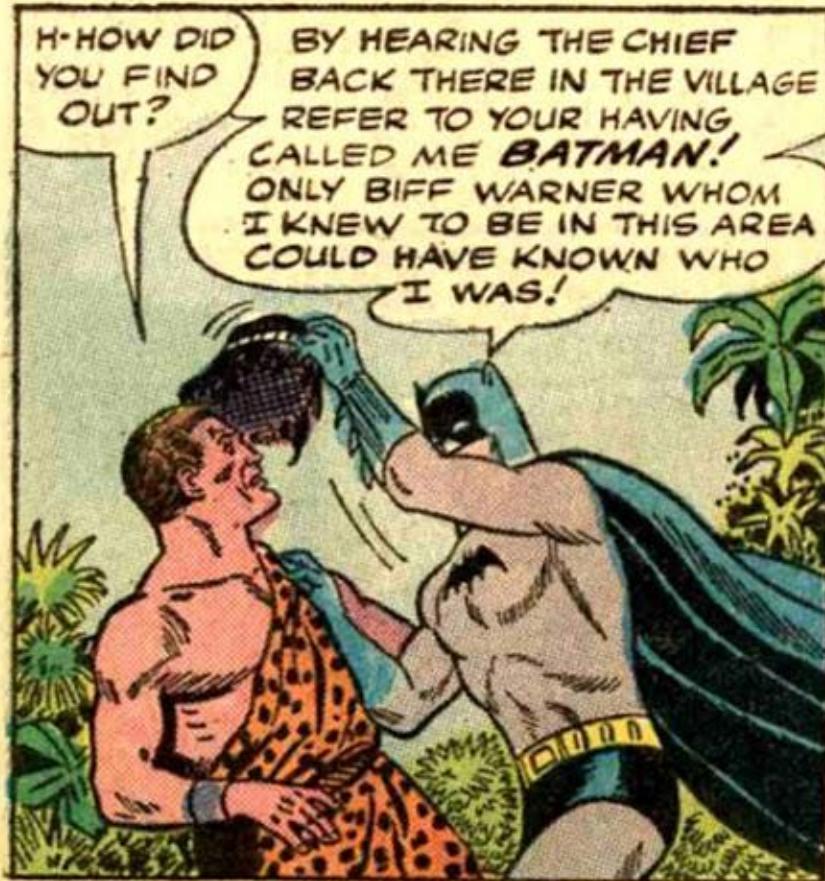
THE STRANGER AGAIN! HE HAS STRUCK DOWN
THE MIGHTY ONE FROM HIDING! QUICK--
GET HIM!

HEAVILY OUTNUMBERED, THE CAPE CRIME-
FIGHTER STRUGGLES VALIANTLY TO DEFEND
HIMSELF...



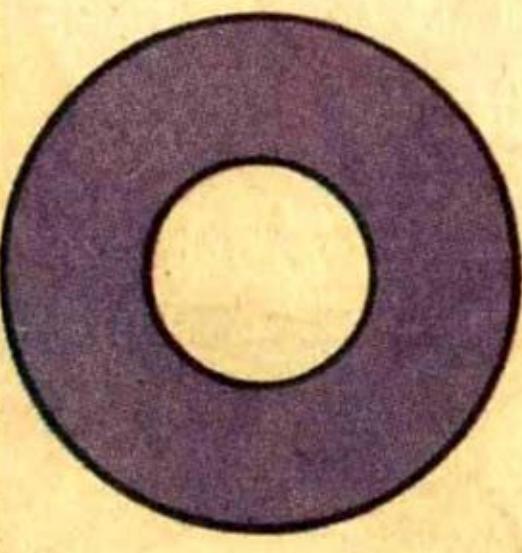
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BOYS, GIRLS, MEN, WOMEN

IF YOU KNOW JUST 20 PEOPLE...



Get These 2 Assortments ON APPROVAL

YULETIDE CHARM ASS'T. (top) is a tremendous value! 21 beautiful, sparkling cards glowing and glistening with old-fashioned Christmas cheer!

REGAL LUSTRE ASS'T. (bottom) . . . 21 magnificent cards on lustrous Kromekote paper, enriched with gold bronzing and sparkling decorations. Sells on sight!

YOU CAN MAKE AT LEAST \$50⁰⁰ -MORE LIKELY \$100⁰⁰ to \$200⁰⁰ IN YOUR SPARE TIME!

**Everyone You Know Needs Christmas Cards
and Everyone Loves Wallace Brown Cards**

Do you know 20 people? Of course you do! Add up a half-dozen relatives, perhaps 5 neighbors, the butcher, the baker, the milkman, the grocer, your dentist, several friends and other tradespeople—and you've probably got a lot more than 20. So what are you waiting for? These folks alone can bring you in at least \$50.00, probably \$100.00 to \$200.00 extra money in just a few hours spare time. And this is just a start! Almost *everyone* you know needs Christmas Cards, and when you show them the spectacular nationally famous 1962 Wallace Brown Line of Cards and Gift Items—it's love at first sight. They'll snap up 2, 3, 6 or more Christmas Card Boxes right on the spot. Keep up to 50¢ of every dollar you take in! This is the fun way of making money because it's so easy. We send you samples that do the selling for you. And, besides making money you'll save money on your own personal Christmas Cards, Gifts, Wrappings, etc. See for yourself without risking a penny. Mail coupon, you'll be glad you did!

GET FREE CATALOG, TOO! -Send Coupon Below



FREE Samples of Popular-Priced, Name-Imprinted PERSONAL CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thrill your friends and neighbors and make even MORE MONEY for yourself with exquisite, custom-designed NAME-IMPRINTED Christmas Cards at amazingly low prices. A large variety of exclusive, original designs for folks who want the finest quality in Personalized Christmas Cards at prices everybody can afford. They sell just by being shown. It's easy, too, because . . . we ship direct to your customers and we pay the postage. You have no bother, no trouble and no wasted time making deliveries. Send the coupon right away for your FREE Samples of the 4 Great New Lines of these fast-selling Personalized Christmas Cards!

ORGANIZATIONS:

Churches, clubs, veterans' auxiliaries, etc. can now add hundreds of dollars to their treasuries with these fast sellers. Give organization name on coupon for Fund-Raising Plan. Mail coupon NOW!

Be first in your neighborhood to cash in on this easy way to extra money with the 1962 Wallace Brown Line of Christmas Cards and Gift Items. Mail coupon this minute! You'll get 2 Christmas Card Assortments on approval. And FREE Samples of Name-Imprinted Personal Christmas Cards. Plus FREE full-color catalog showing lots more money-makers, including many Christmas Assortments, Everyday Greeting Card Assortments, Decorated Stationery, Gift Wrappings, Novelty Gifts, etc. Everything you need to start making money at once—and we show you how.

SEND NO MONEY

Paste Coupon on postcard
or mail in envelope

**WALLACE BROWN, INC., 11 East 26th St.
Dept. E-266 New York 10, N.Y.**

Send 2 Christmas Card Assortments on approval, plus FREE Samples of Name-Imprinted Personal Christmas Cards, FREE full-color Catalog, and details of simple money-making plan.

Name _____

Address _____

City & Zone _____ State _____

If writing for an organization, give its name _____

Wallace Brown, Inc. 11 East 26th St., Dept. E-266
New York 10, New York

SKINNY OR FAT, 15, 20, 30 OR 40 YEARS OF AGE

Just RUSH me your LAST CHANCE COUPON below with YOUR NAME and ADDRESS ON IT

and I'll show YOU absolutely FREE

How to GAIN UP TO 50 LBS. OF MIGHTY MUSCLES!

or LOSE up to 50 LBS. of UGLY, DANGEROUS FAT

And Become a REAL HE-MAN like MANY THOUSANDS of My Pupils in 10 Minutes of FUN a Day

Yes! I'll Show You By My Quick, Easy Methods How To

ADD POWERFUL NEW INCHES OF MUSCLES around YOUR ARMS, CHEST, LEGS, etc.

How to IMPROVE YOUR HE-MAN LOOKS 100%.

How to BECOME A WINNING ATHLETE IN ALL POPULAR SPORTS.

How to BEAT ANY BULLY.

How to DO FEATS of STRENGTH.

How to be a WINNER in EVERYTHING YOU TACKLE.

YES! Your Success Story Can Soon be like John Sill and thousands of my pupils. Think of it — a skinny weakling like you became a MAGNIFICENT MR. MUSCLES — won a BIG SILVER TROPHY, his name, accomplishments engraved on it and \$100. A few weeks before, everybody picked on John, too weak to fight for his rights. TODAY everybody admires John's movie star build, he-man STRENGTH, his mighty ARMS, heroic CHEST, slender WAIST, rock-like TORSO, broad manly BACK, wide military SHOULDERS, new popularity with the BOYS and GIRLS. His winning drive in ALL SPORTS, his energy at work and studies.

NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby you are, if you are in your teens, twenties or thirties, I'll show you in just 10 thrilling minutes a day in your home, you can make yourself over by the easy, quick method I turned myself from a wreck to a tower of strength and endurance.

YES! YOU'LL ADD INCH upon INCH of MIGHTY MUSCLES to YOUR ARMS, YOU'LL DEEPEN YOUR CHEST, BROADEN YOUR BACK and SHOULDERS. From HEAD to HEELS you'll gain SIZE, POWER, LIGHTNING SPEED, ENDURANCE. You'll become the SUCCESSFUL HE-MAN IN LOOKS and ACTS — a WINNER in EVERYTHING, athletics, business, studies.

DEVELOP YOUR 520 MUSCLES BY THE GREATEST METHOD!

Friend, I traveled the world, studying every secret to PERFECTLY develop your body. My "5-Way Progressive Natural Power Method"

is TESTED-PROVED by hundreds of thousands LIKE YOU! SAVE YEARS, hundreds of DOLLARS! Do as movie stars, champions — John Sill, Jim Norman, Tony Pascarella — did! Mail coupon NOW!

Pick the kind of BODY YOU WANT
Check All Your Needs —

(before it is too late)
as John Sill and the others did

Are YOU SKINNY like I was?

a sickly skeleton who developed a streamlined physique and great physical endurance.

American Body building Club president

BEN REBHURN

at 50 years of age. A brilliant UNIVERSITY EDUCATOR,

authority on creating a HEALTHY MIND in a HEALTHY BODY,

says Dr. Winfield Scott Pugh, Commander U.S. Navy Medical Corps.



WIN A BIG Silver Trophy and \$100 IN CASH

MAIL THE COUPON TO ME NOW and I'll Send You FREE these 5 AMAZING PICTURE-PACKED TEST COURSES

PLUS BOOK OF PHOTOS OF FAMOUS STRONG MEN ONCE WEAK LIKE YOU



MILLIONS were sold at \$1.00. Send for them ALL FREE. Mail Coupon BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

I GAINED
60 LBS.
OF SHAPELY
MIGHTY
MUSCLES

BEFORE

Mailing Coupon
I was a
125 lb.
6 ft.
skinny
weakling



says JOHN SILL

I added 7 inches to MY CHEST, 3½ INCHES to EACH ARM. No, Pal! You don't have to be a chicken-chested skinny weakling like I was only a few weeks ago.

AFTER
Mailing Coupon
185 lb.
HEAD-TO-
TOE HE-MAN
POPULAR
ATHLETE
You can
be, too!

This now MAGNIFICENT, MODERN HERCULES, 26 yr. old teacher, Wm. Butler,

says to YOU "No matter WHAT your age, I advise you to SEND for the ABC WONDER PICTURE COURSES at once. Under the World's greatest home training BODY BUILDER. I now have 18½" ARMS, a 52" CHEST. my STRENGTH has greatly improved. So have my sports. I have won titles like "Mr. Virginian," "Mr. State Y.M.C.A.," etc.

How would YOU like to have 18½ inch ARMS, a 52 inch CHEST like this ABC pupil NOW HAS?

I BROKE A WORLD'S STRENGTH RECORD!

JIM NORMAN became Athlete of the Year. Lifted the front End of a 2700 lb. Car. Quit being a bag-of-bones weakling like I was. In 10 minutes of fun a day, A.B.C. CAN DO FOR YOU ALL HE DID FOR ME! I gained 25 TERRIFIC LBS. of HANDSOME POWER-PACKED MUSCLES.



FREE

Sports,
Self-
defense,
Strong-man
Stunts
Courses
Apparatus.
Let me
know how
to get these
FREE!

AMERICAN BODY BUILDING CLUB, Dept. NC-29 GREAT NECK, NEW YORK

Mail me FREE all 5 WORLD FAMOUS STRENGTH TEST COURSES, including PHOTO BOOK of FAMOUS STRONG MEN, once weaklings, now famous Strong Men, and How to Become one of Them.

I enclose 10c for mailing and handling.

I am under no other obligation.

I'm checking everything I need to give me the kind of body I want.

I want to gain lbs. (fill in). Triple my strength.

I want to streamline my body, get rid of flabby fat.

I want to add inches of muscle to my ARMS CHEST

SHOULDERS POWERFUL LEGS SLIM WAIST

I want to become a winning athlete. I want new pep.

NAME..... AGE.....

DO NOT MAIL COUPON IF UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE.

ADDRESS..... ZONE..... STATE.....

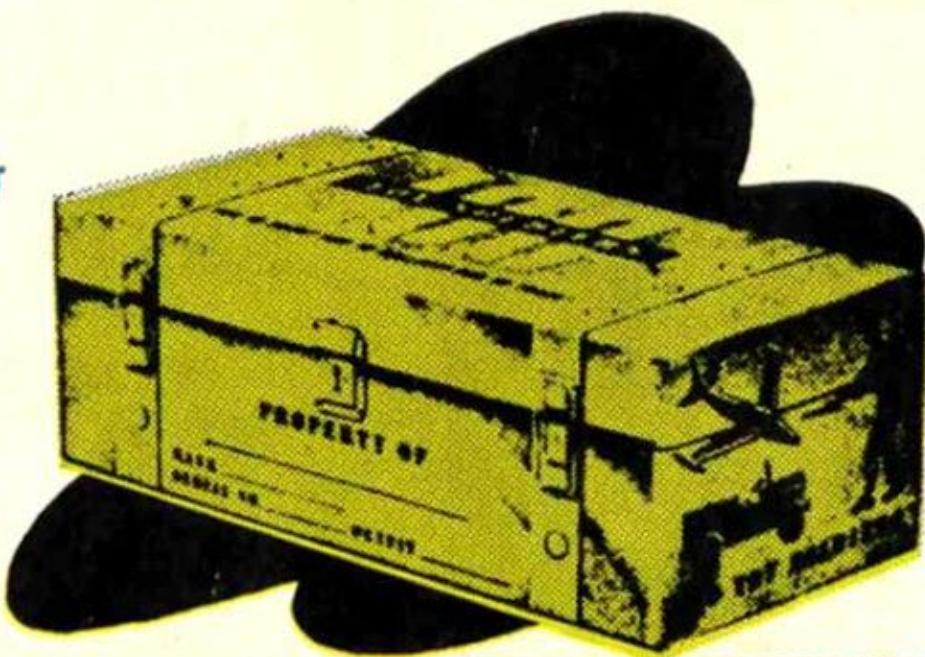
100 Toy Soldiers ~~\$1.25~~



PACKED in this FOOTLOCKER
TOY STORAGE BOX

**100 TOY SOLDIERS, MADE OF DURABLE PLASTIC,
EACH ON ITS OWN BASE, MEASURING UP TO 4½"!**

- ★ FUN TO SHOW
- ★ FUN TO TRADE
- ★ FUN TO COLLECT



EACH FOOTLOCKER CONTAINS:

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| 4 Tanks | 8 Officers |
| 4 Jeeps | 8 Waves |
| 4 Battleships | 8 Wacs |
| 4 Cruisers | 4 Bombers |
| 4 Sailors | 4 Trucks |
| 4 Riflemen | 8 Jet Planes |
| 8 Machinegunners | 8 Cannon |
| 8 Sharpshooters | 4 Bazookamen |
| 4 Infantrymen | 4 Marksmen |

100 TOY SOLDIERS, Dept. TNC7

Carle Place, L.I., N.Y.

HERE'S MY \$1.25!

NO C.O.D.'s

Rush the TOY SOLDIERS TO ME!

Name.....

Address.....

City..... State.....

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