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BATMAN

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ALL BRAND NEW
ADVENTURES
OF THE BATMAN
AND ROBIN,
THE BOY WONDER!

BATMAN

WITH
Robin
- THE BOY WONDER -

THE JOKER - GRIM JESTER.
ARCH-CRIMINAL, MASTERFIEND...
AN EMBER OF LIFE GLOWS
WITHIN THAT GHASTLY SHELL OF
HUMAN CLAY... AND THE ICY
CLAWS OF FEAR AND
APPREHENSION CLUTCH TIGHTER
ABOUT THE HEARTS OF THE
DENIZENS OF THE WORLD!!
ONLY THREE DARE TO PLAY
THE GAME OF CARDS WITH
THIS MAD, EVIL GENIUS -
THE FEARLESS BATMAN,
THE HEROIC ROBIN, AND
THE BEAUTIFUL, LITHE,
MYSTERIOUS CAT-WOMAN...
TO THE WINNER BELONG
THE PHARAOH'S GEMS.... THE
LOSER -- GETS DEATH??

by
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CHAFING FROM INACTION,
THE **BATMAN** AND HIS
PROTEGE, DICK GRAYSON,
KNOWN AS **ROBIN**, SETTLE
DOWN TO A GAME OF CHESS.

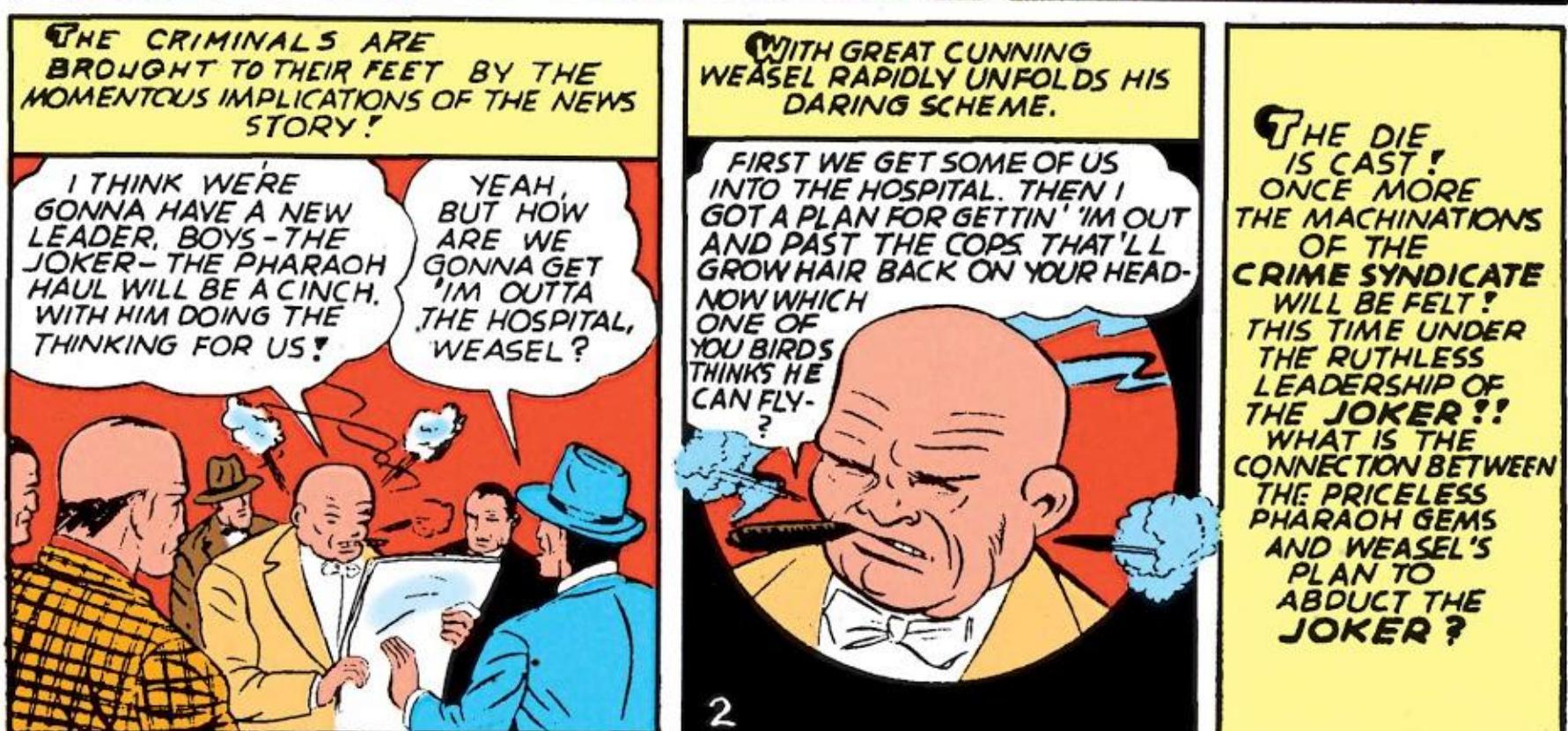
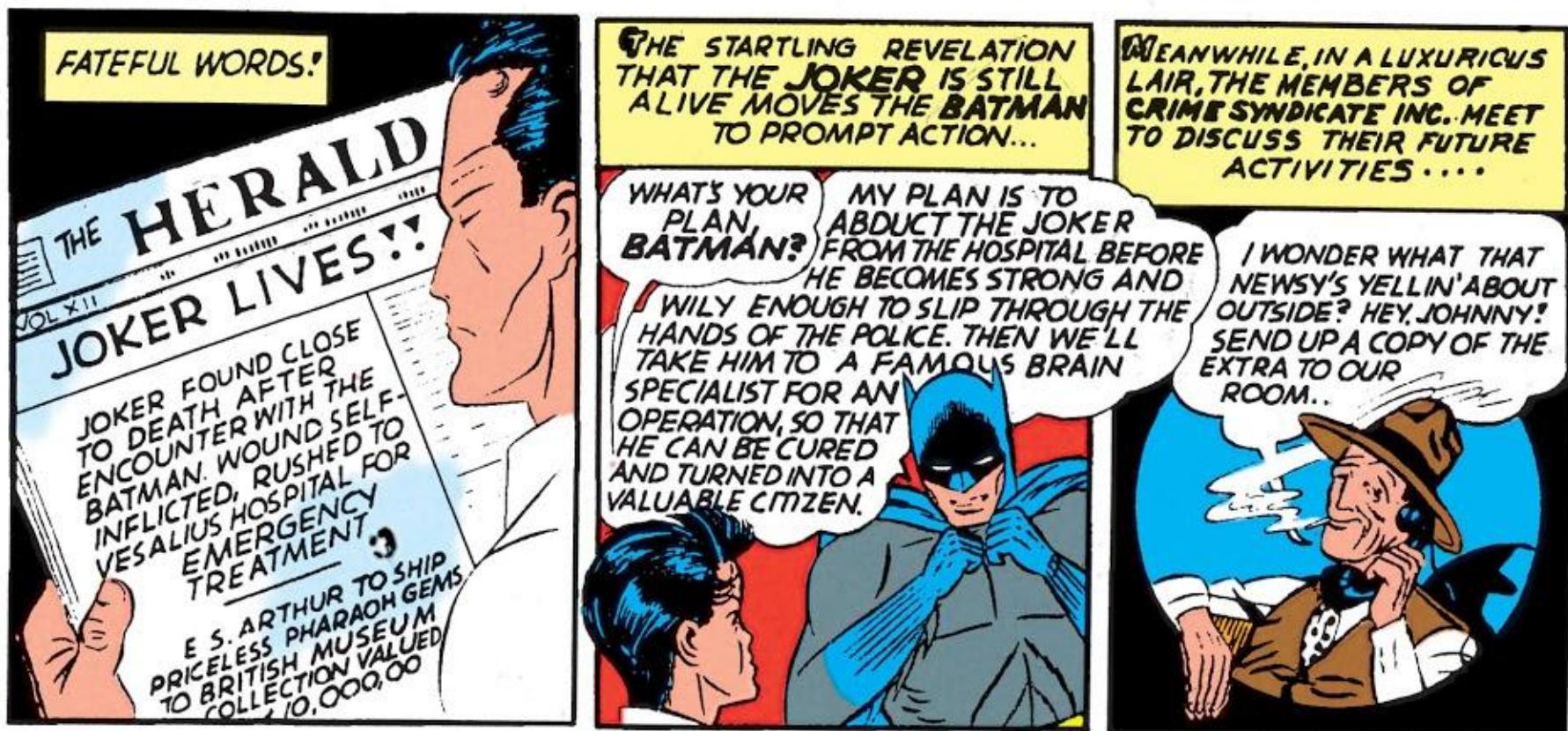
THERE, DICK!
I GUESS THAT
CHECKMATES
YOU!

OKAY, I GUESS
YOU WIN
GEE, BRUCE,
IT'S TOO
QUIET AROUND
HERE. I WISH
SOMETHING
WOULD
HAPPEN.

LITTLE DO BRUCE
AND DICK REALIZE THAT
THEY WILL SOON BE
PLAYING AT A LIVING
GAME OF CHESS, WITH
HUMAN LIVES THE PAWNS.

WUXTRY! WUXTRY!
JOKER STILL ALIVE!
READ ALL ABOUT IT!
WUXTRY!



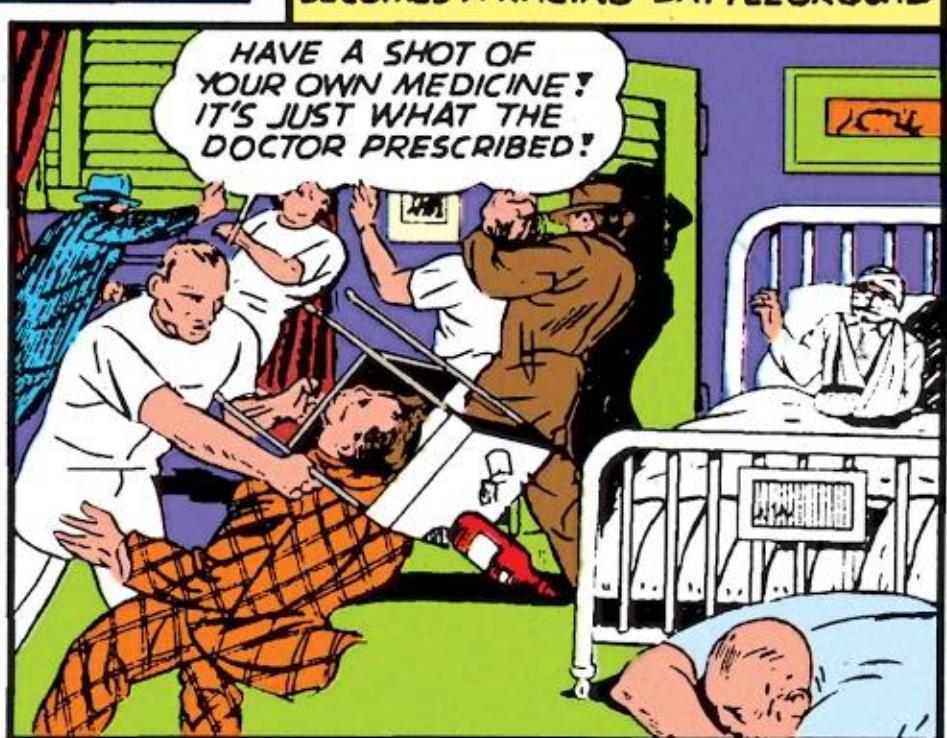




ONCE INSIDE THE HOSPITAL,
SHIELDED BY THE FOUR WALLS
FROM THE VIGILANT EYES OF
THE POLICE, CRIME SYNDICATE INC.
SETS ITS MACHINERY INTO SWIFT
ACTION.

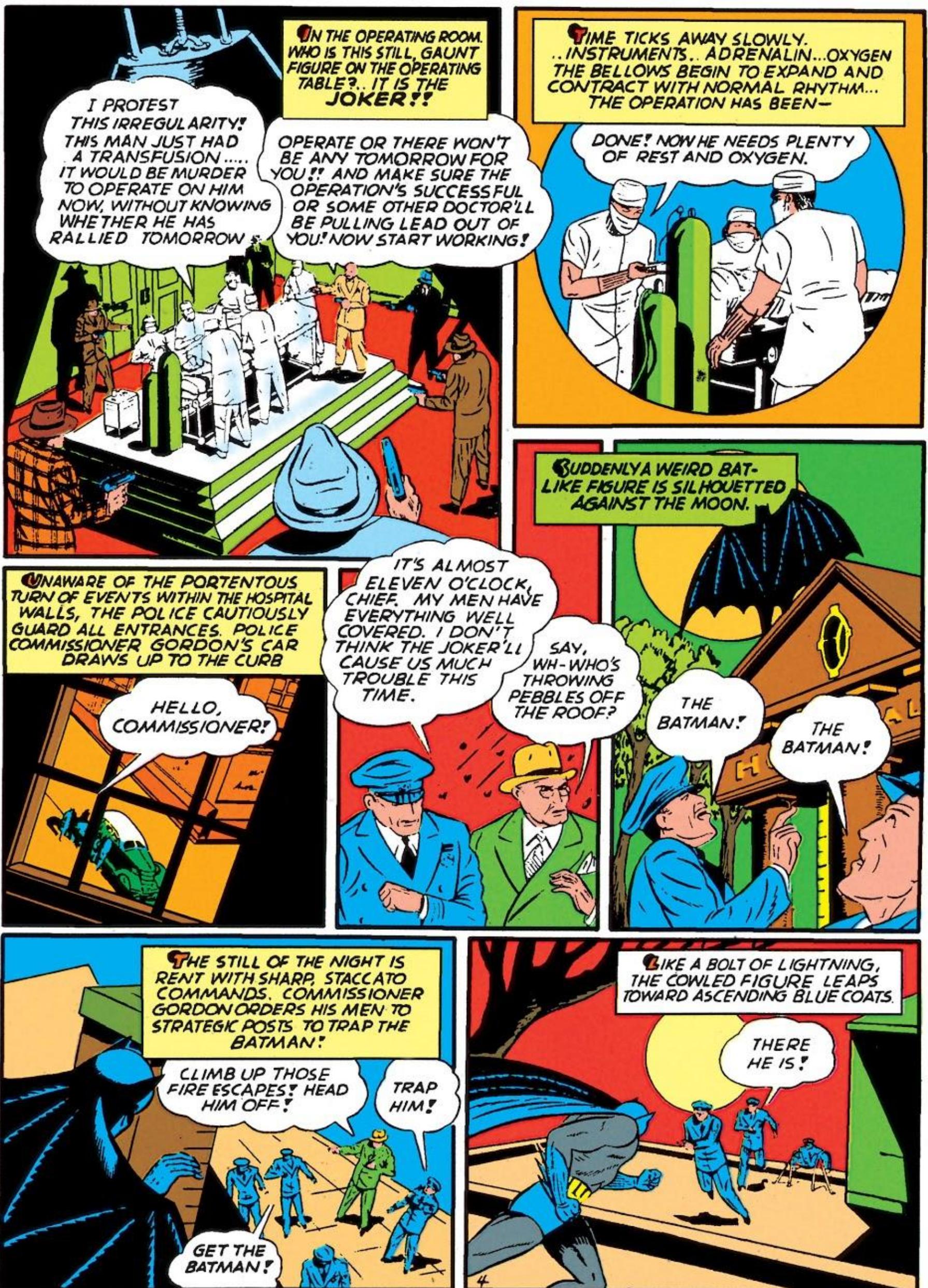


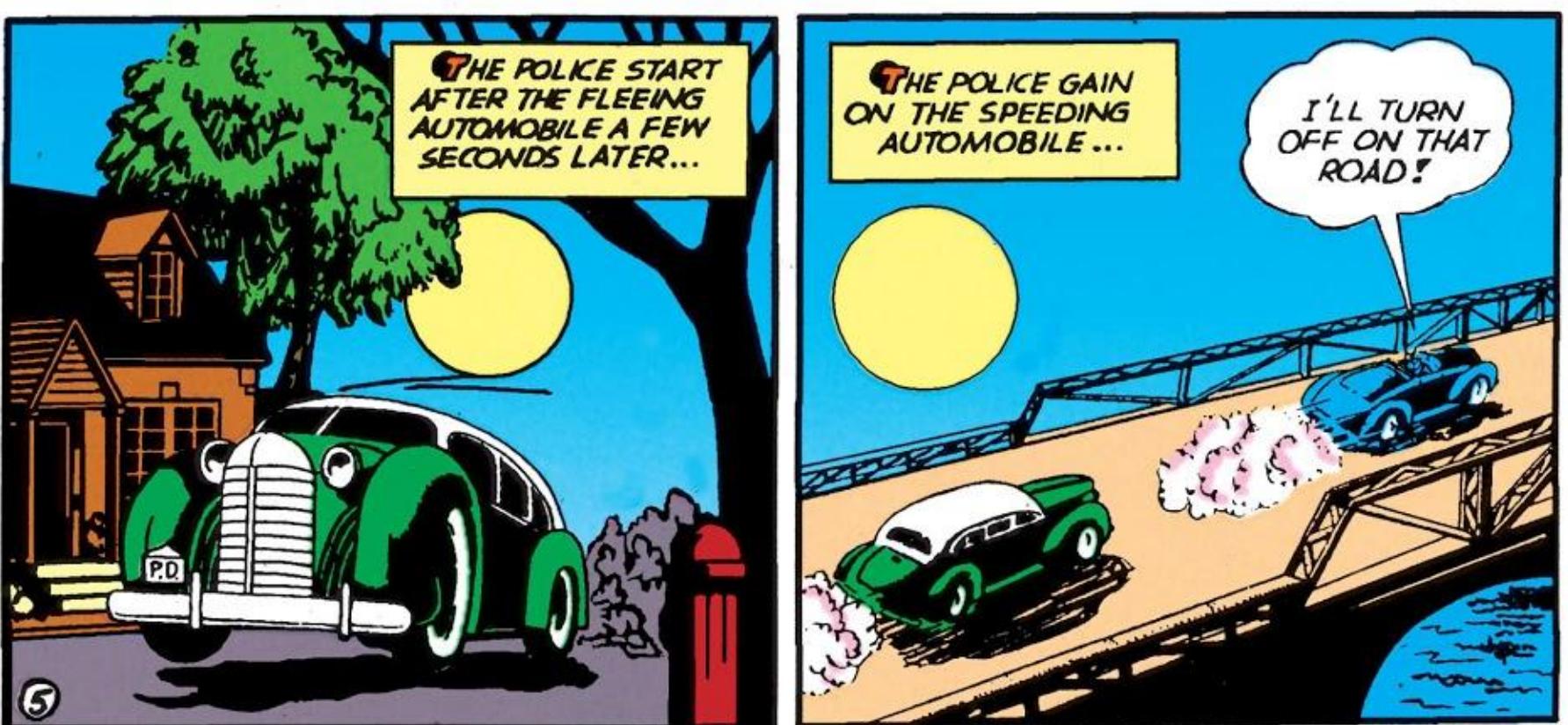
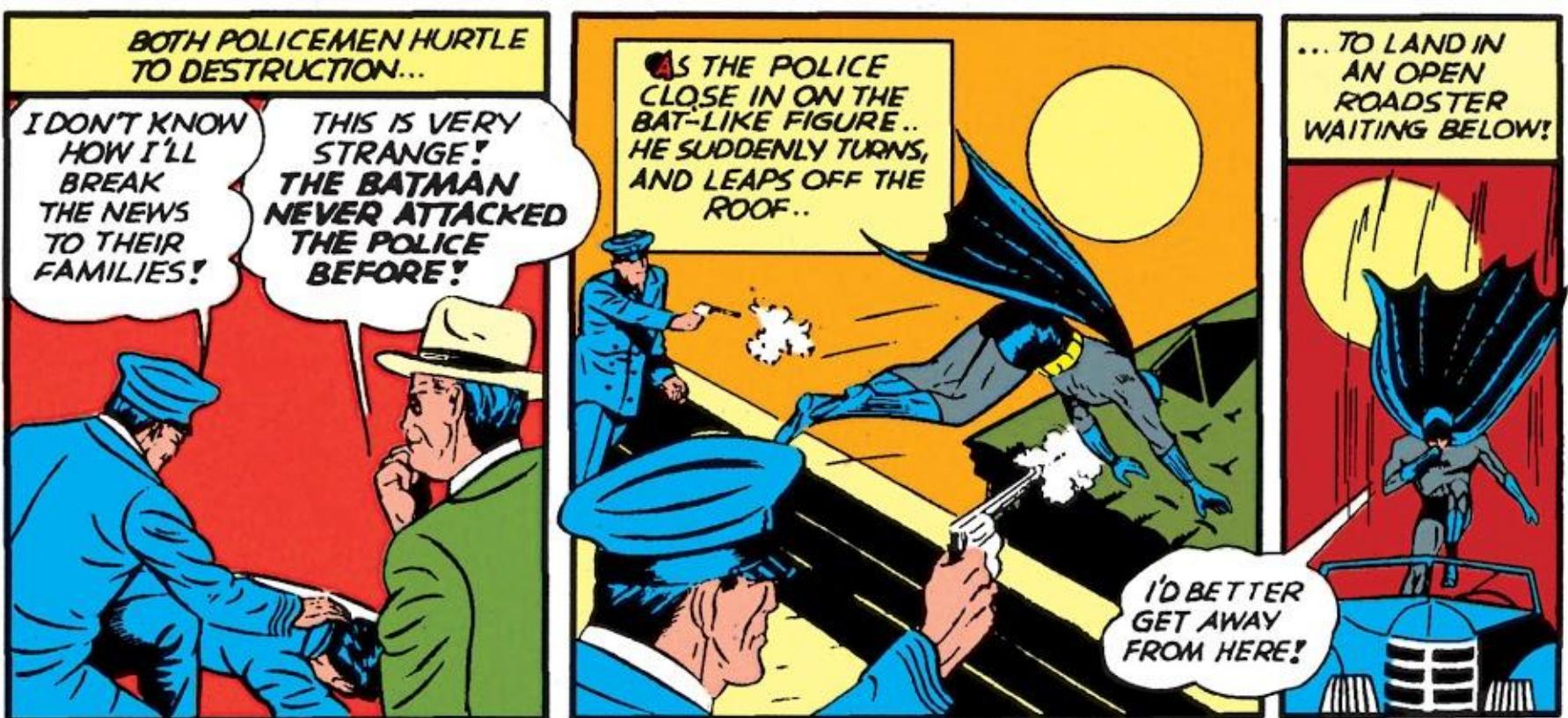
THE QUIET HOSPITAL WARD
BECOMES A RAGING BATTLEGROUND

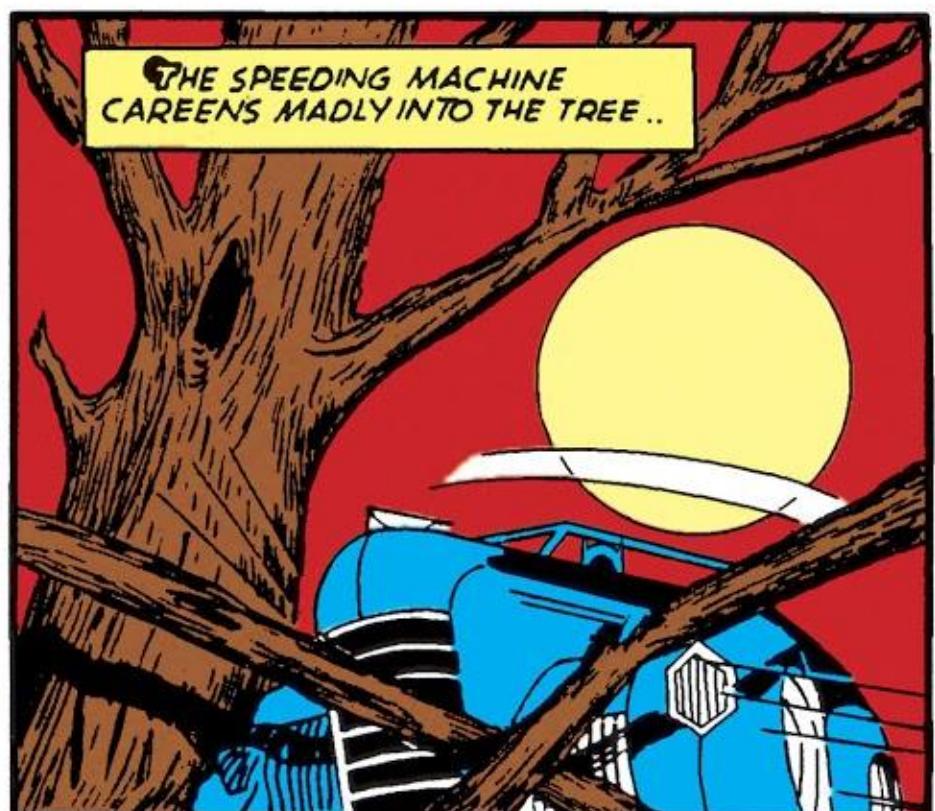


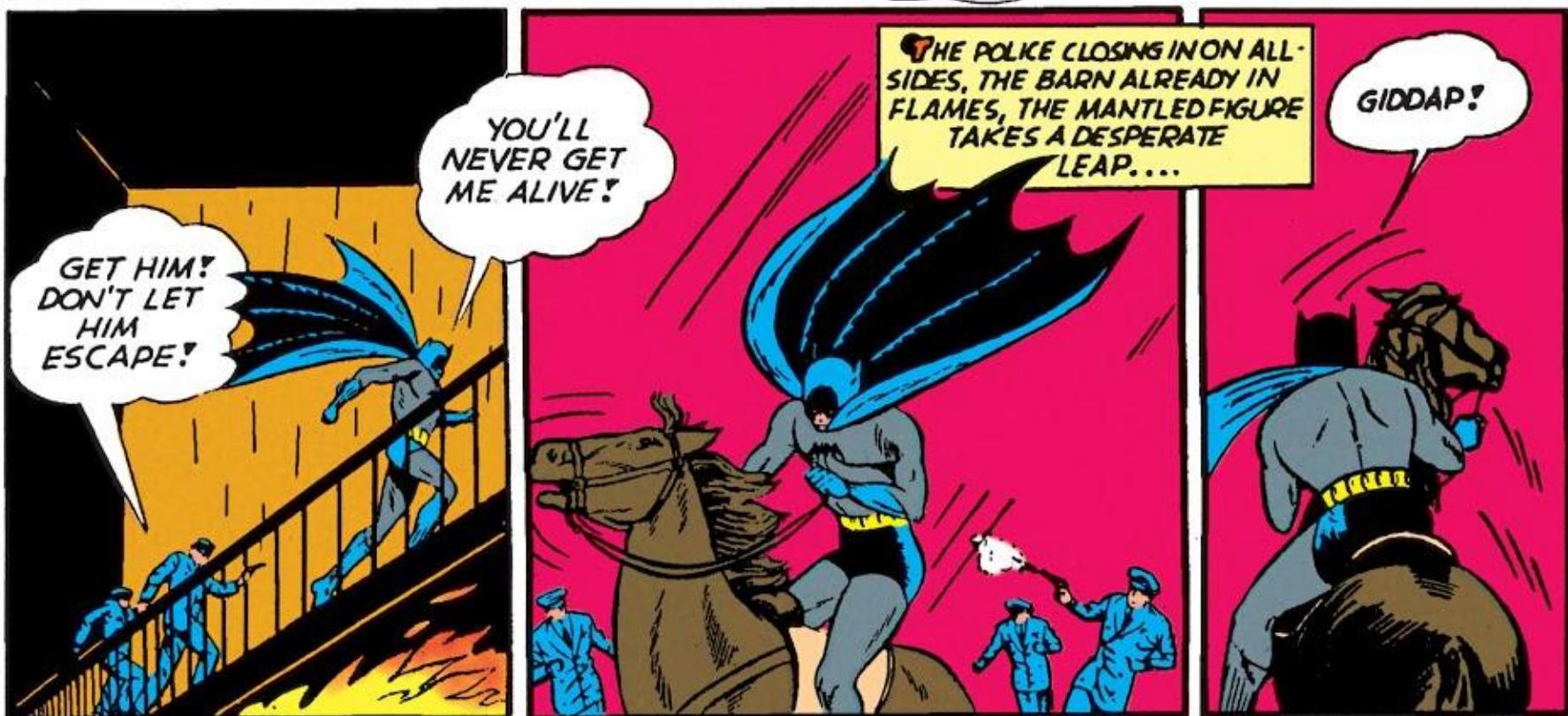
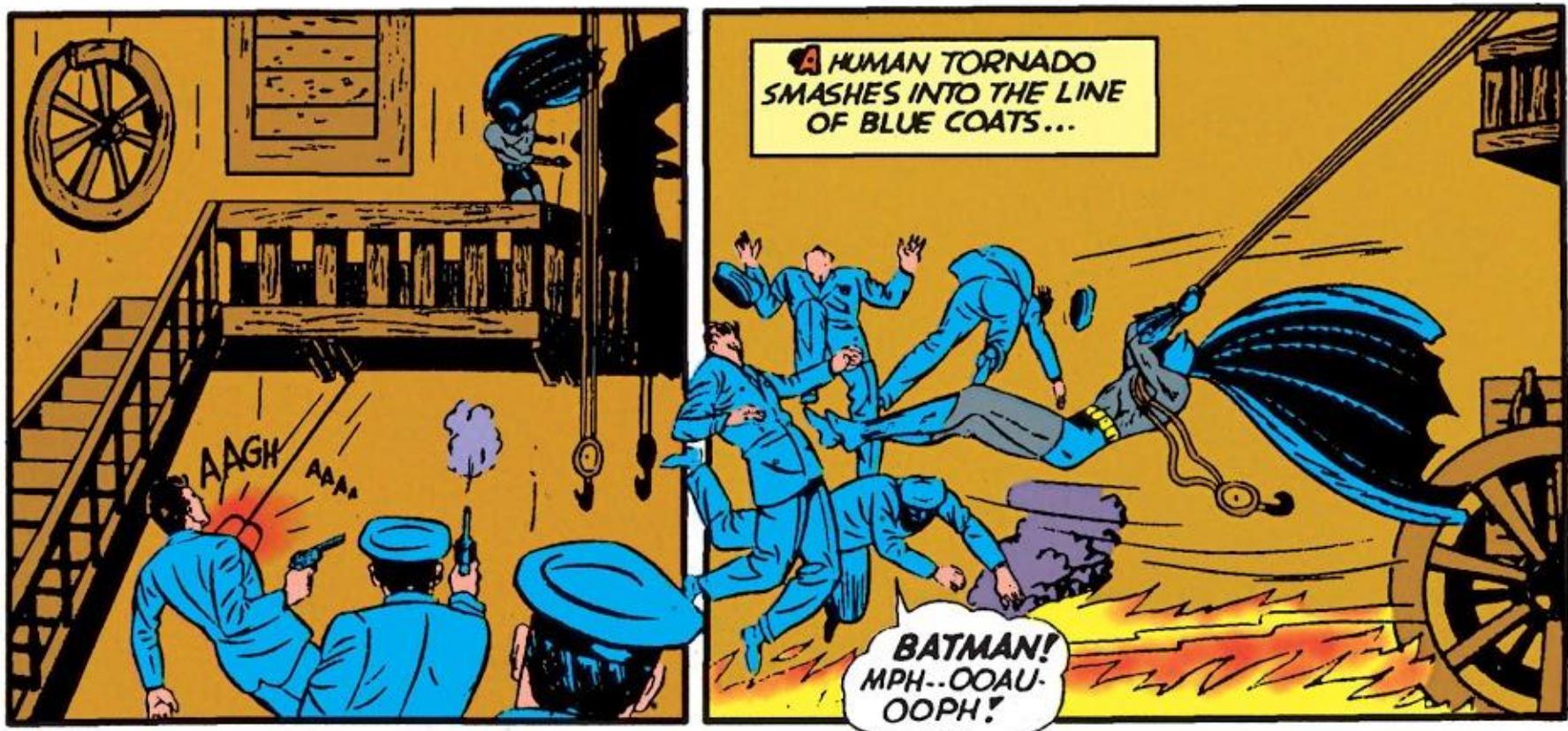
GOOD WORK, BOYS! MUGFACE
ALREADY ROUNDED UP THE HEAD
SURGEON AND THE ATTENDANTS...
YOU MEN THAT HAVE YOUR ORDERS
TO GUARD THE WARD KNOW
WHAT TO DO. ALL THE
REST FOLLOW ME TO
THE OPERATING ROOM!

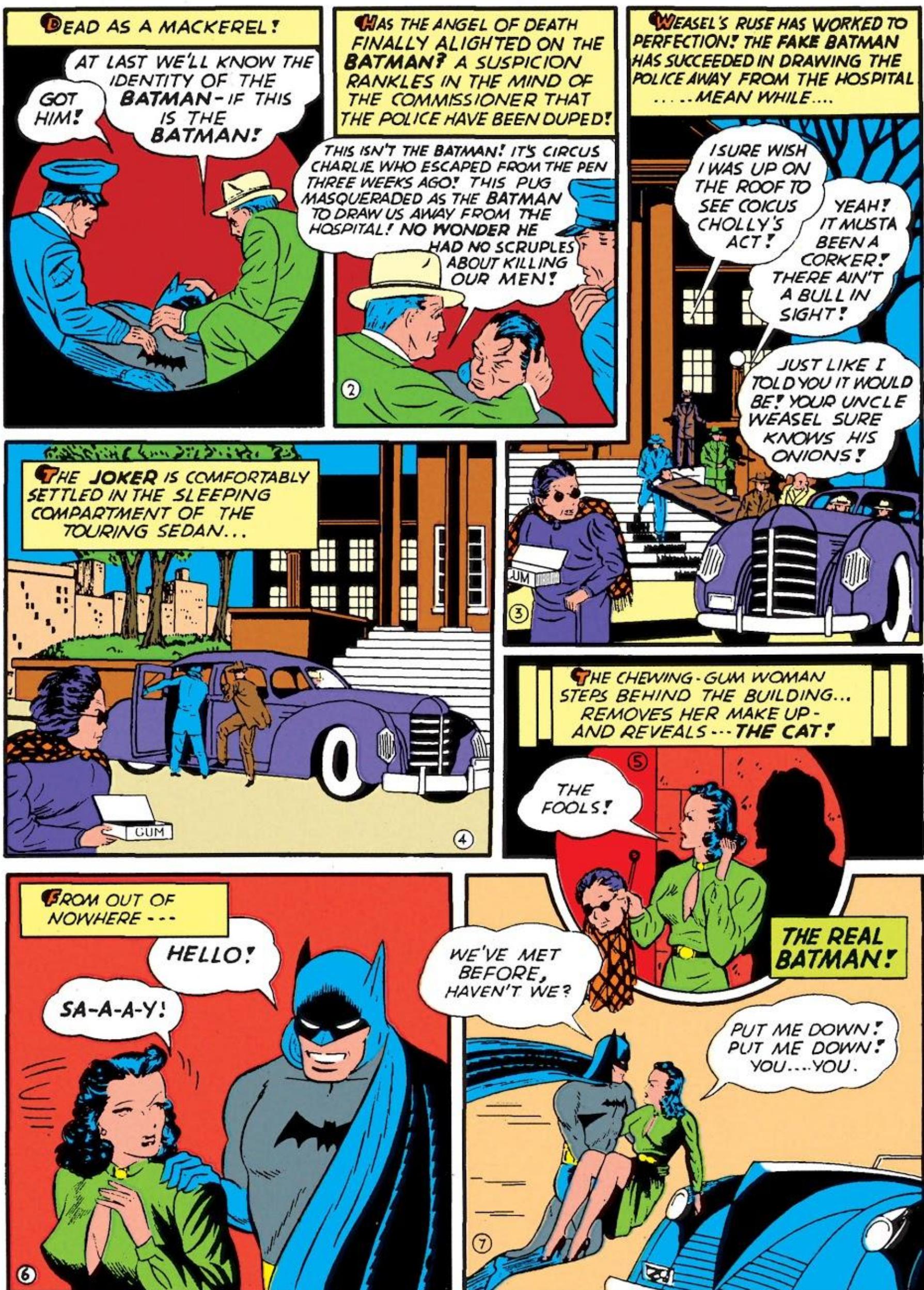


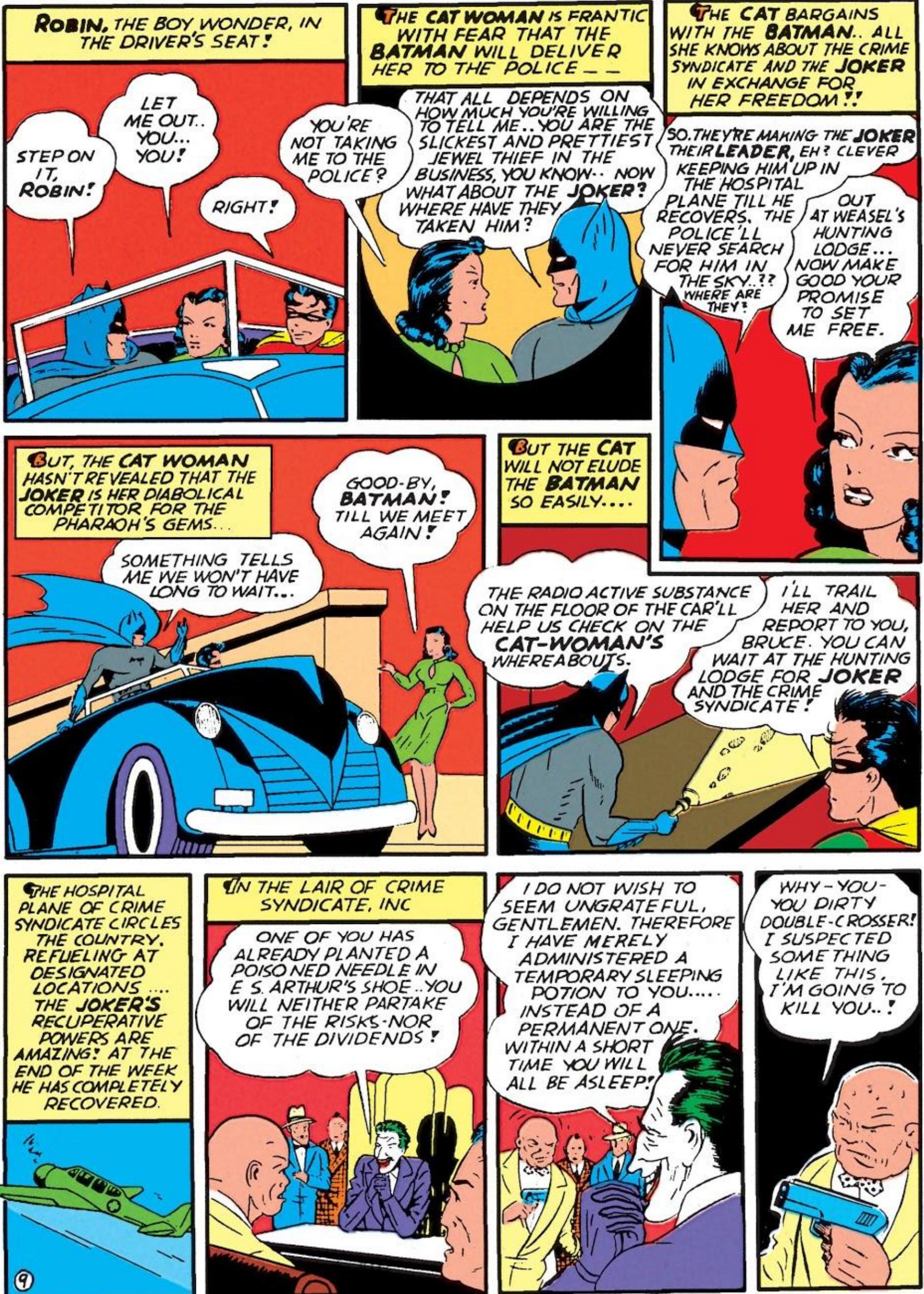


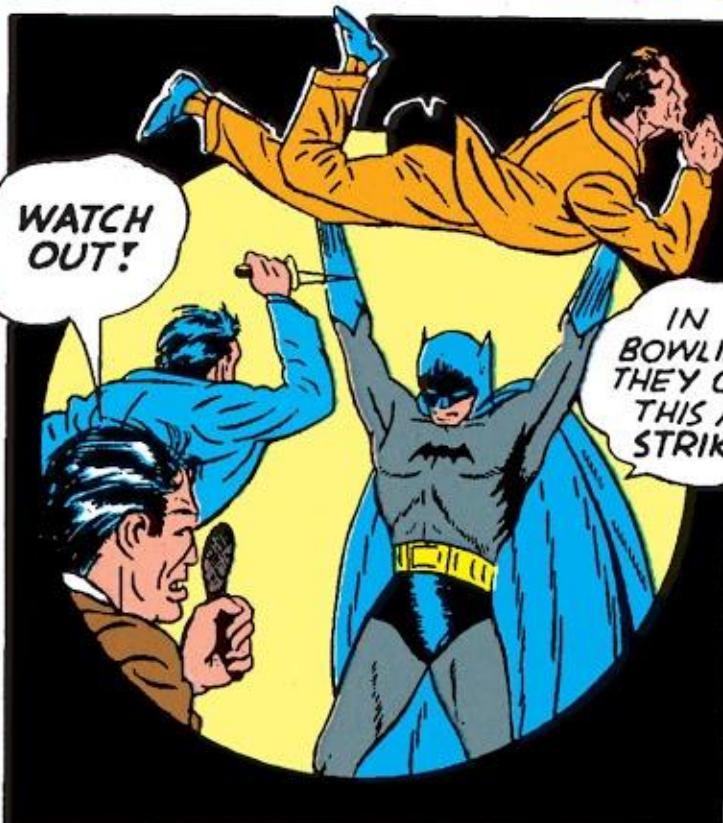
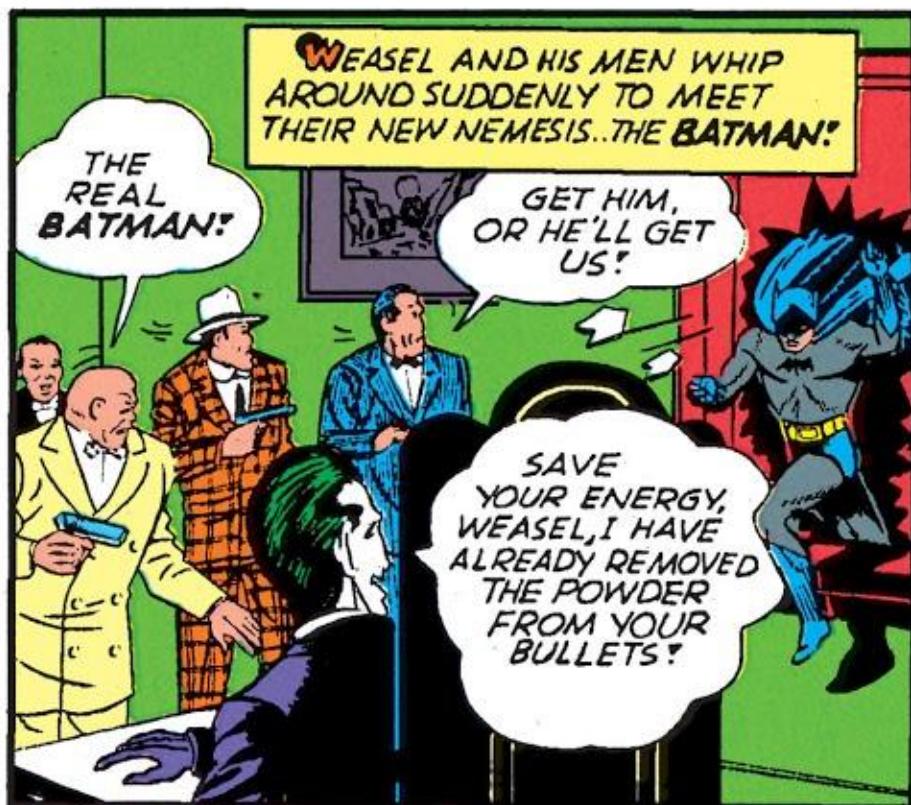


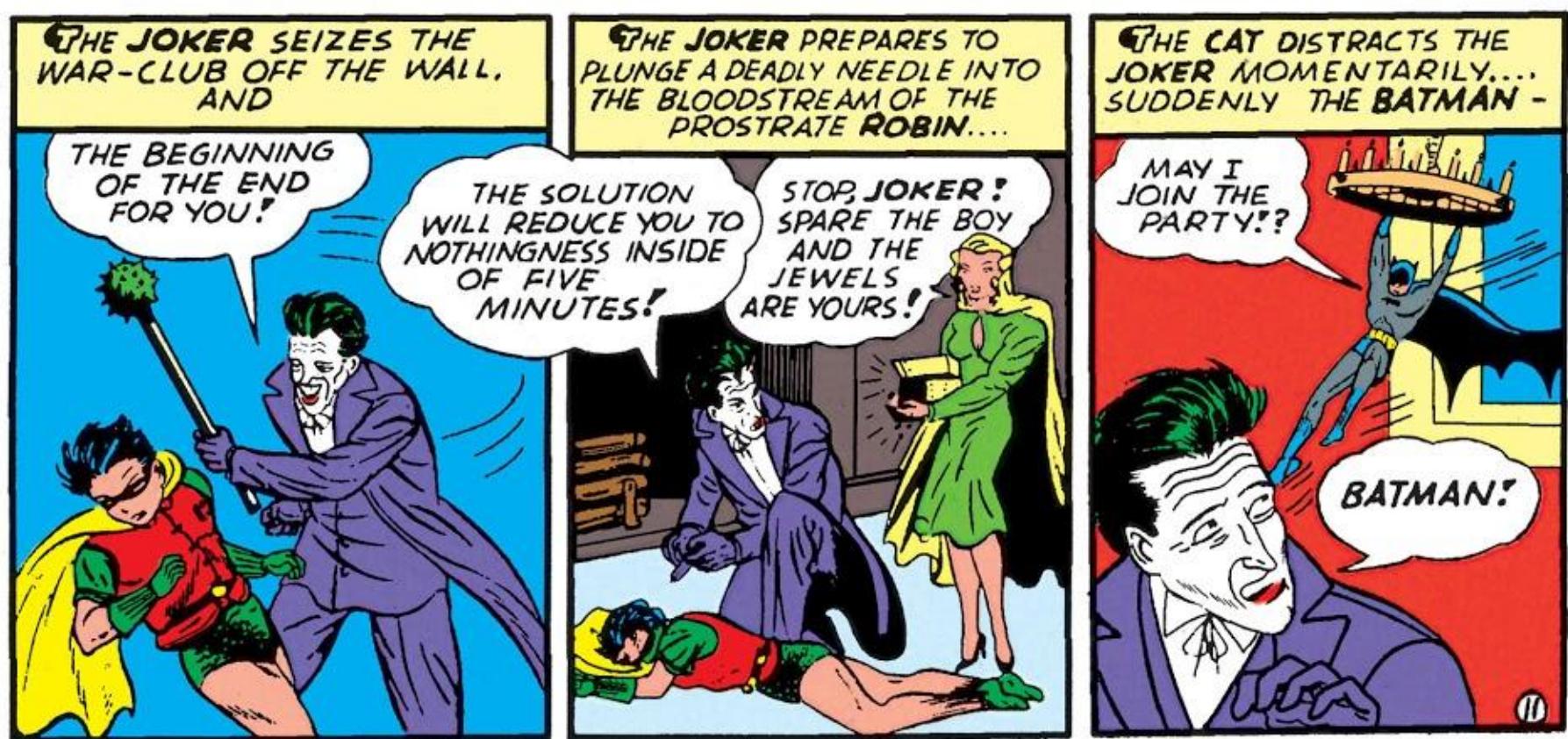


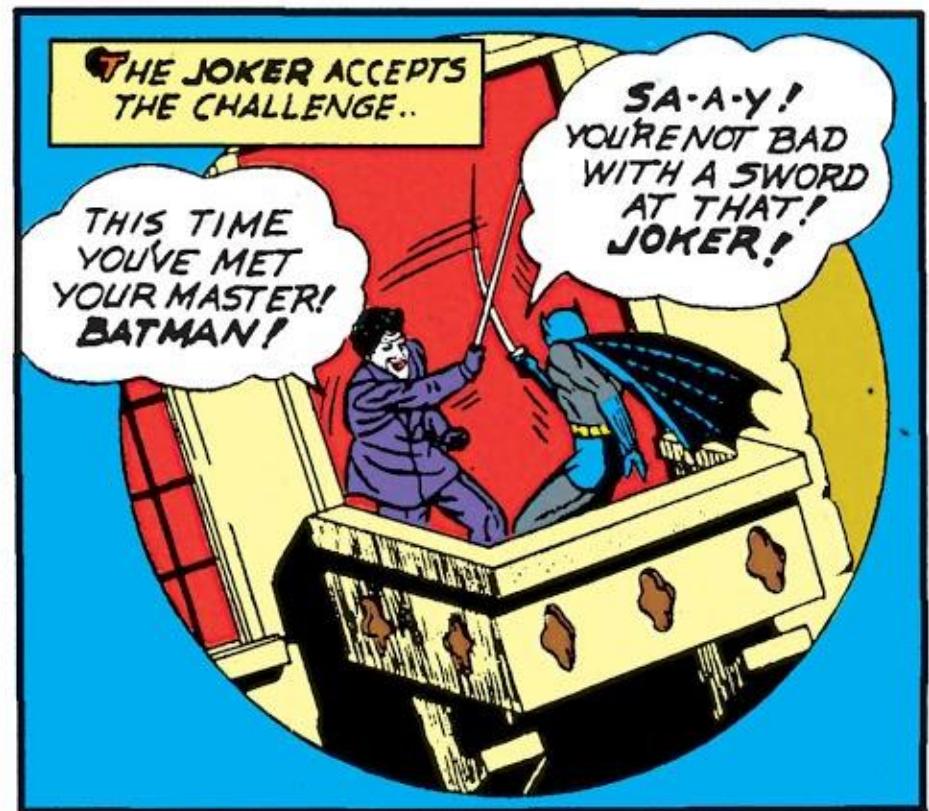


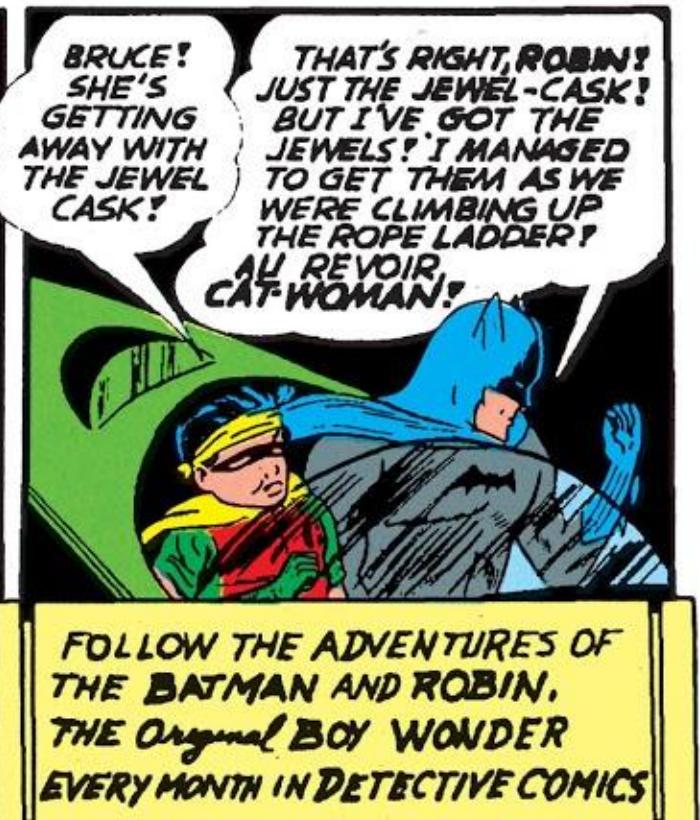
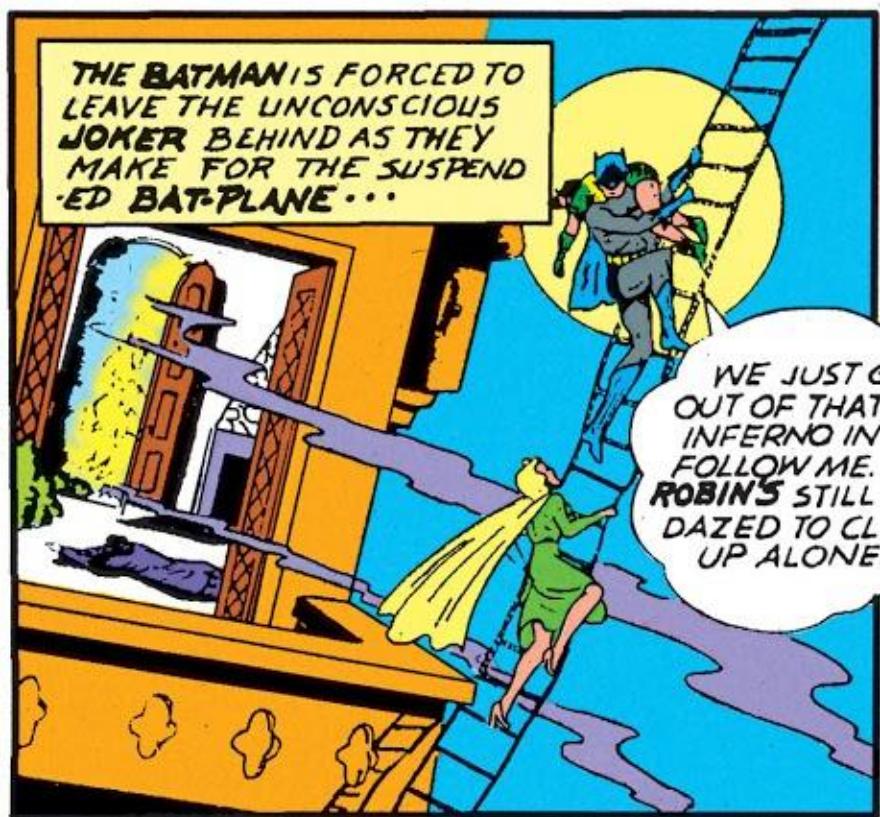












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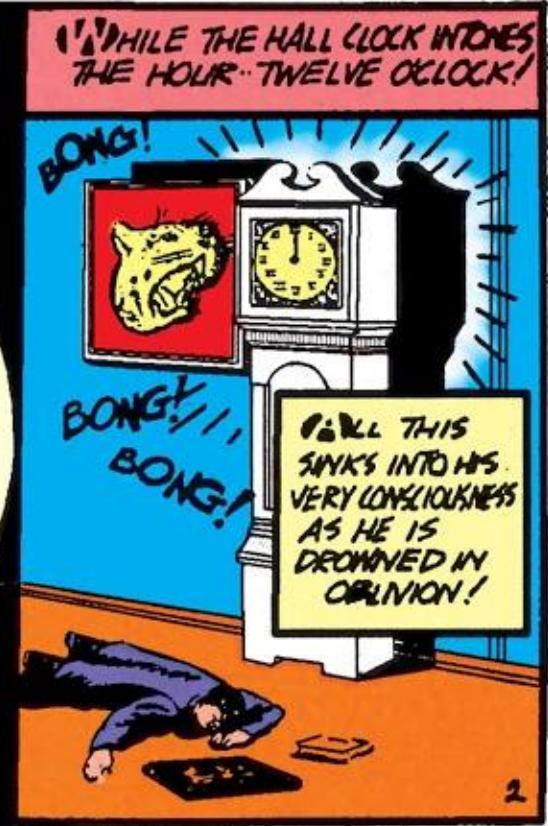
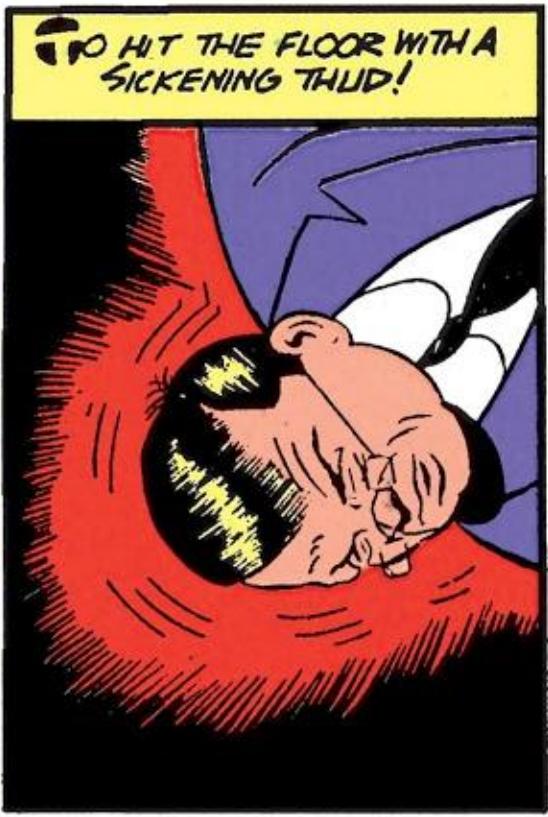
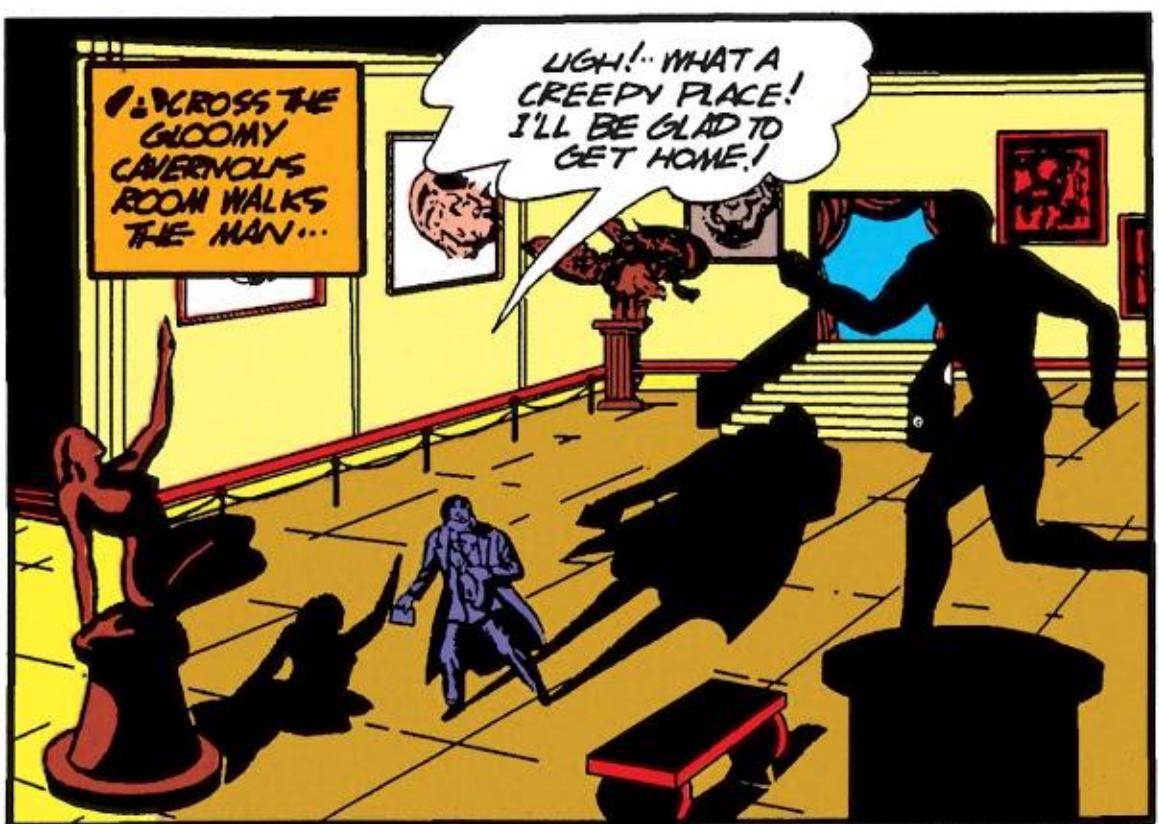
WITH
Robin

- THE BOY WONDER -

By BO KANE

bold in his operations, gigantic
in his scale of crime, a new master
of evil rises to pluck the fruits of
crime, only to discover too late that
amid his harvest, the ink-hued garb
of the BATMAN and that of ROBIN,
THE BOY WONDER, crop up to destroy him!





1: HOURS LATER, LAMB RISES UNSTEADILY, SHAKILY ...

WHY... WHAT HAPPENED?
OH, NOW I REMEMBER... I
TRIPPED... FELL DOWN THE
STAIRS! I SEEM TO BE
ALL RIGHT! NOTHING SERIOUS!

2: BUT LITTLE DOES TIMID ADAM LAMB REALIZE HOW SERIOUS IS HIS PLIGHT... HOW HIS VERY BEING HAS ALTERED AS A RESULT OF THAT FALL!

3: NEXT NIGHT ADAM LAMB ONCE MORE LEAVES FOR HOME!



...GLASSES ARE JERKED OFF. A STRANGE WILD LIGHT FLAMES IN HIS EYES!

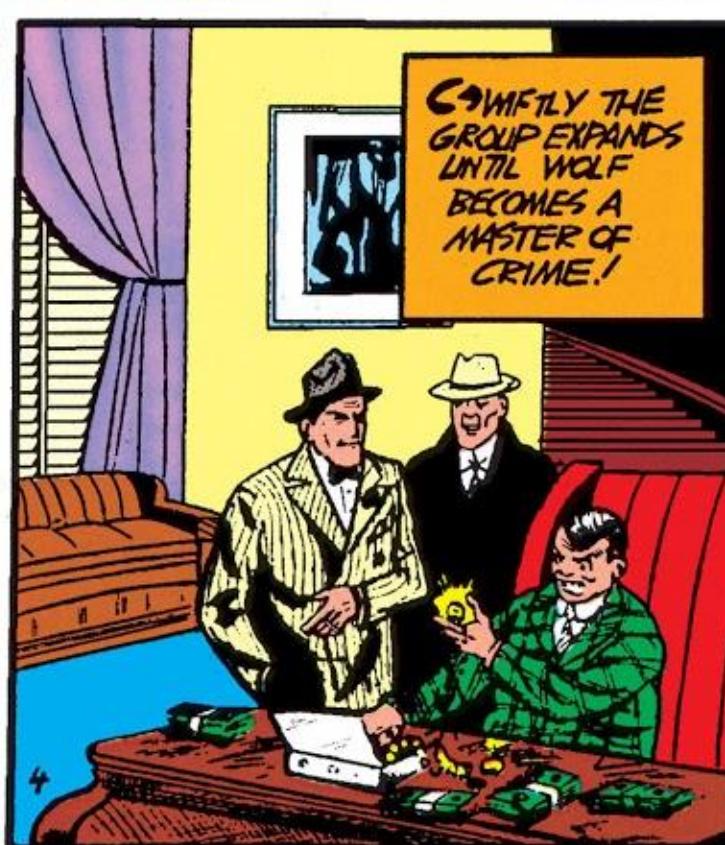
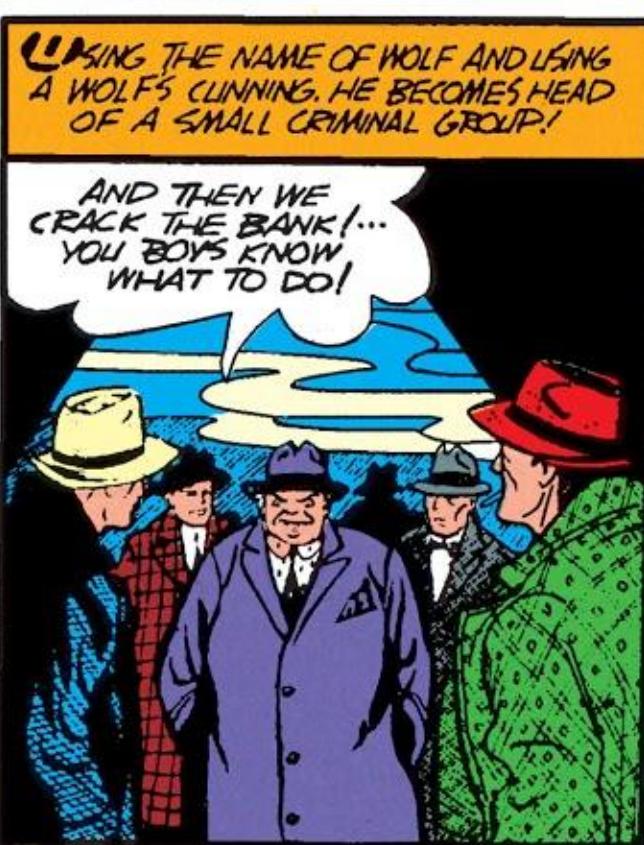
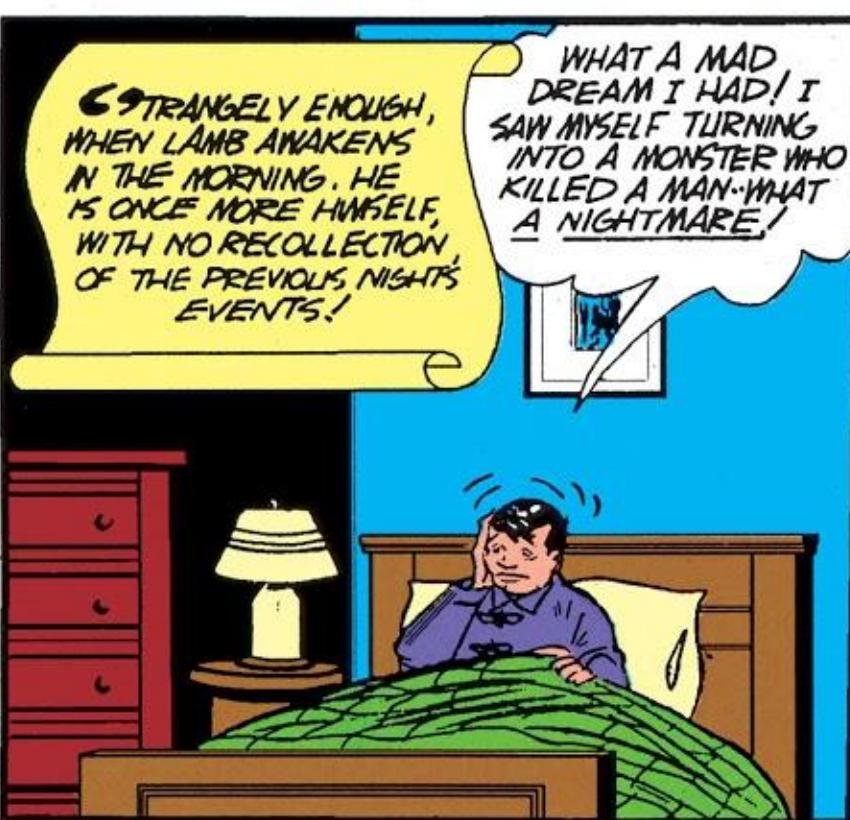


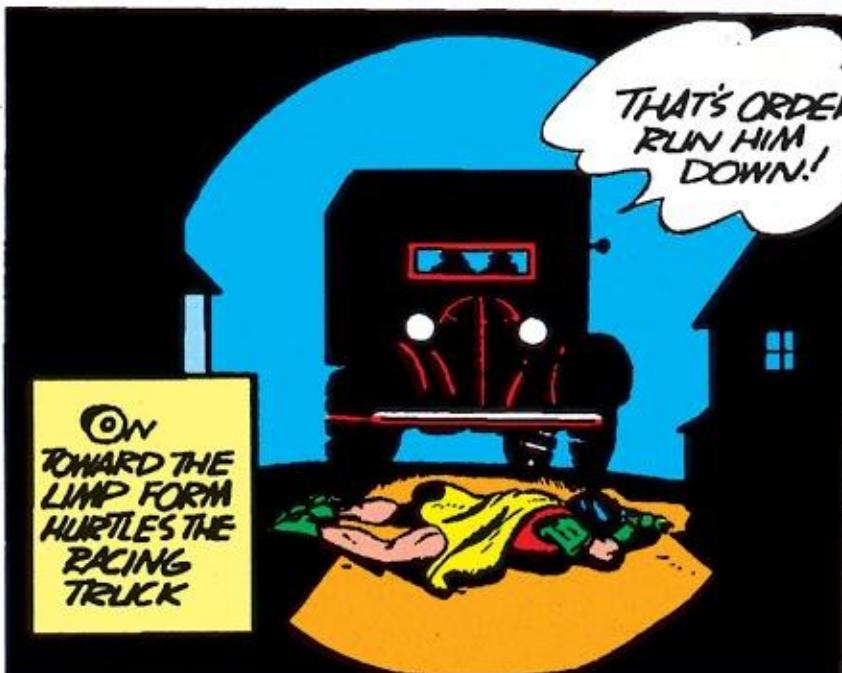
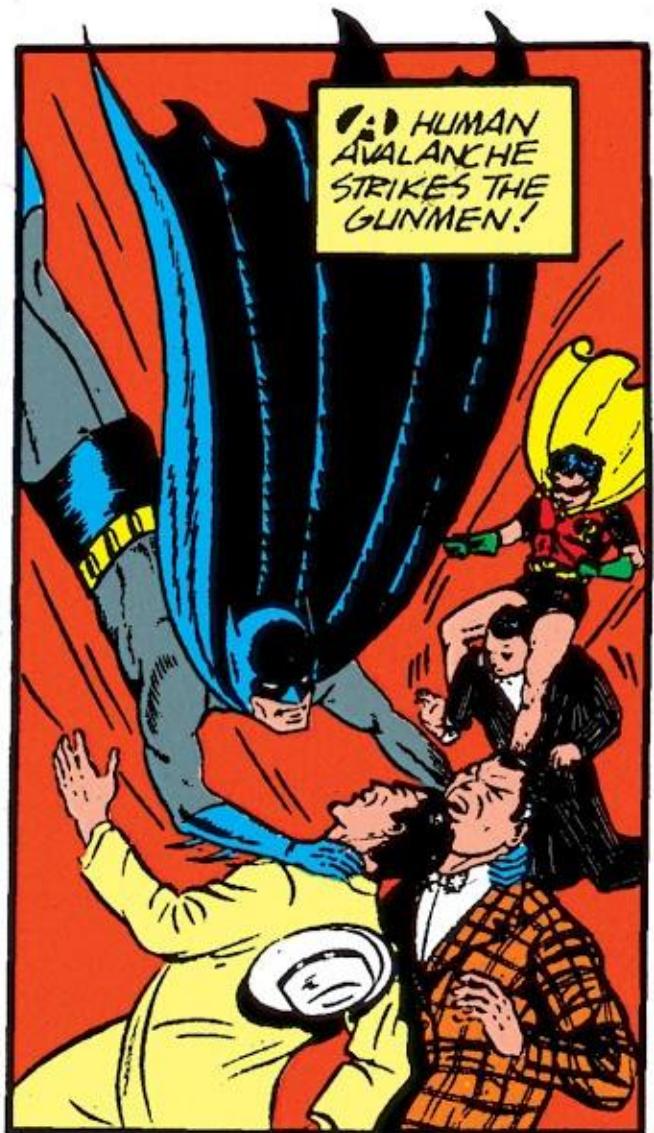
4: HIS FORM STRAIGHTENS, BECOMES LIKE THAT OF A WILD CAGED AND RESTLESS ANIMAL!

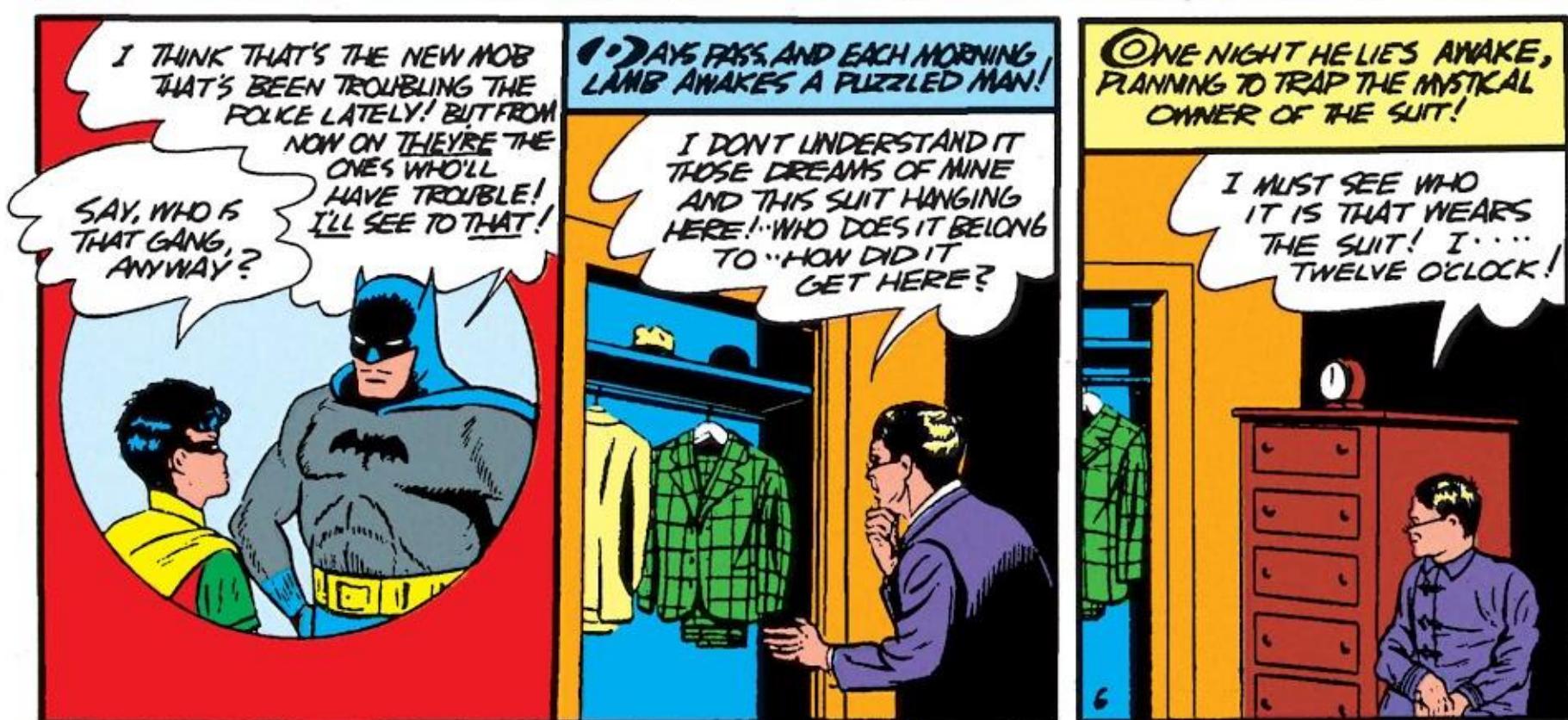
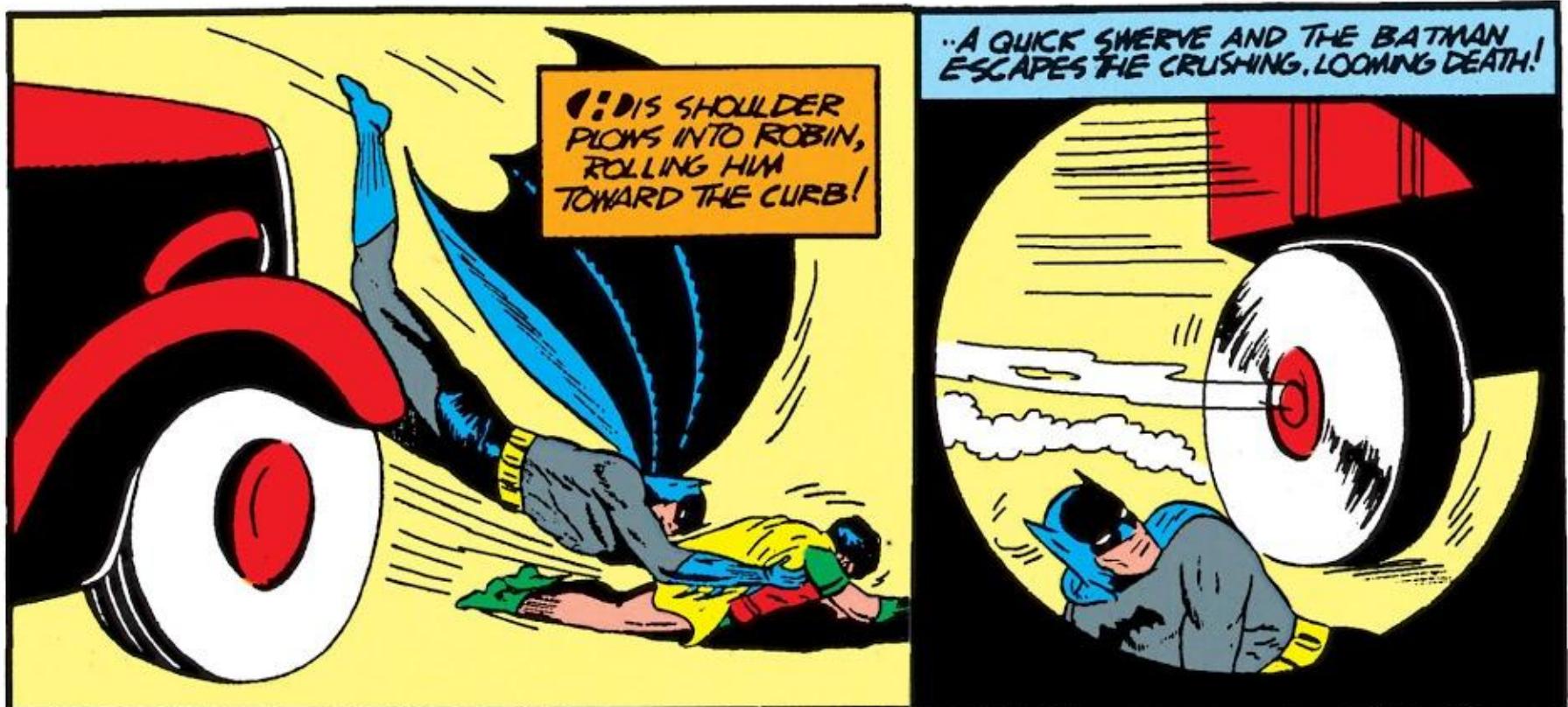


LAMB HAS BECOME A WOLF... A BEAST... A SNARLING, CUNNING BEAST!









ABRUPTLY, HIS FEATURES CHANGE.
LAMB HAS ONLY WAITED FOR HIS OTHER
SELF.. WOLF THE CRIME MASTER!



NEXT DAY CHANCE TAKES BRUCE
WAYNE TO VISIT CRAIG'S MUSEUM



BELIEVE IT OR NOT,
LAMB HAS READ THAT
BOOK OVER AND OVER
AGAIN! 'CRIME-MASTER,
IT'S CALLED!



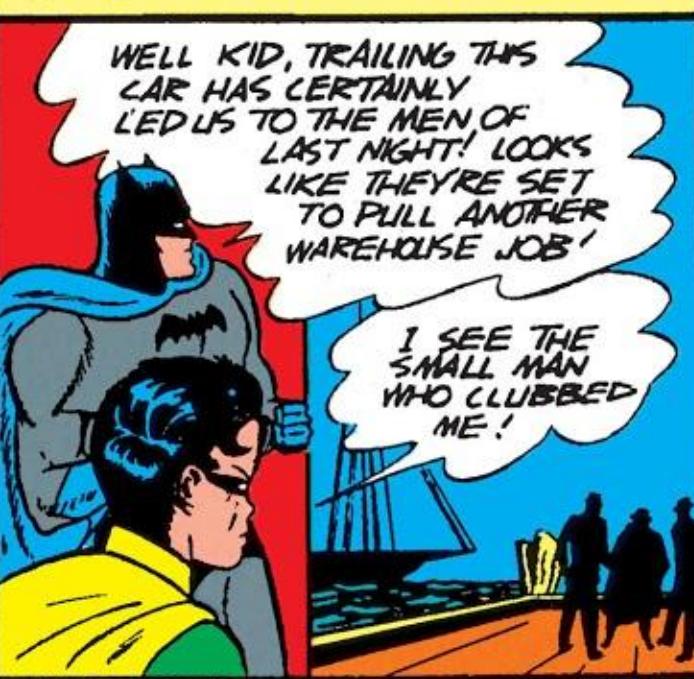
ON HIS WAY HOME BRUCE
SUDENLY HALTS STOCK-STILL



QUEER DENT AND EVERYTHING!
WELL IT LOOKS AS IF BATMAN
AND ROBIN ARE GOING TO DO
A LITTLE TRAILING TONIGHT!



NIGHTFALL ON THE WATERFRONT
TWO FIGURES SLINK THROUGH THE
SHADOWS BATMAN AND THE WONDERBOY



THEY'LL KILL HIM!
WE'VE GOT TO
SAVE HIM! LET'S
GO, ROBIN!



CROSS THE VAST
PIER LAUNCH THE
TWO FIGURES WITH
HURRICANE SPEED!





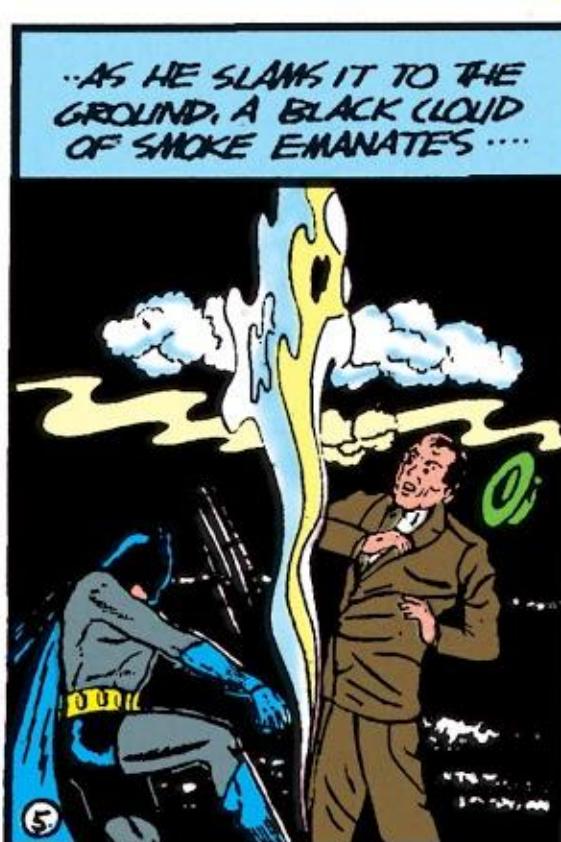
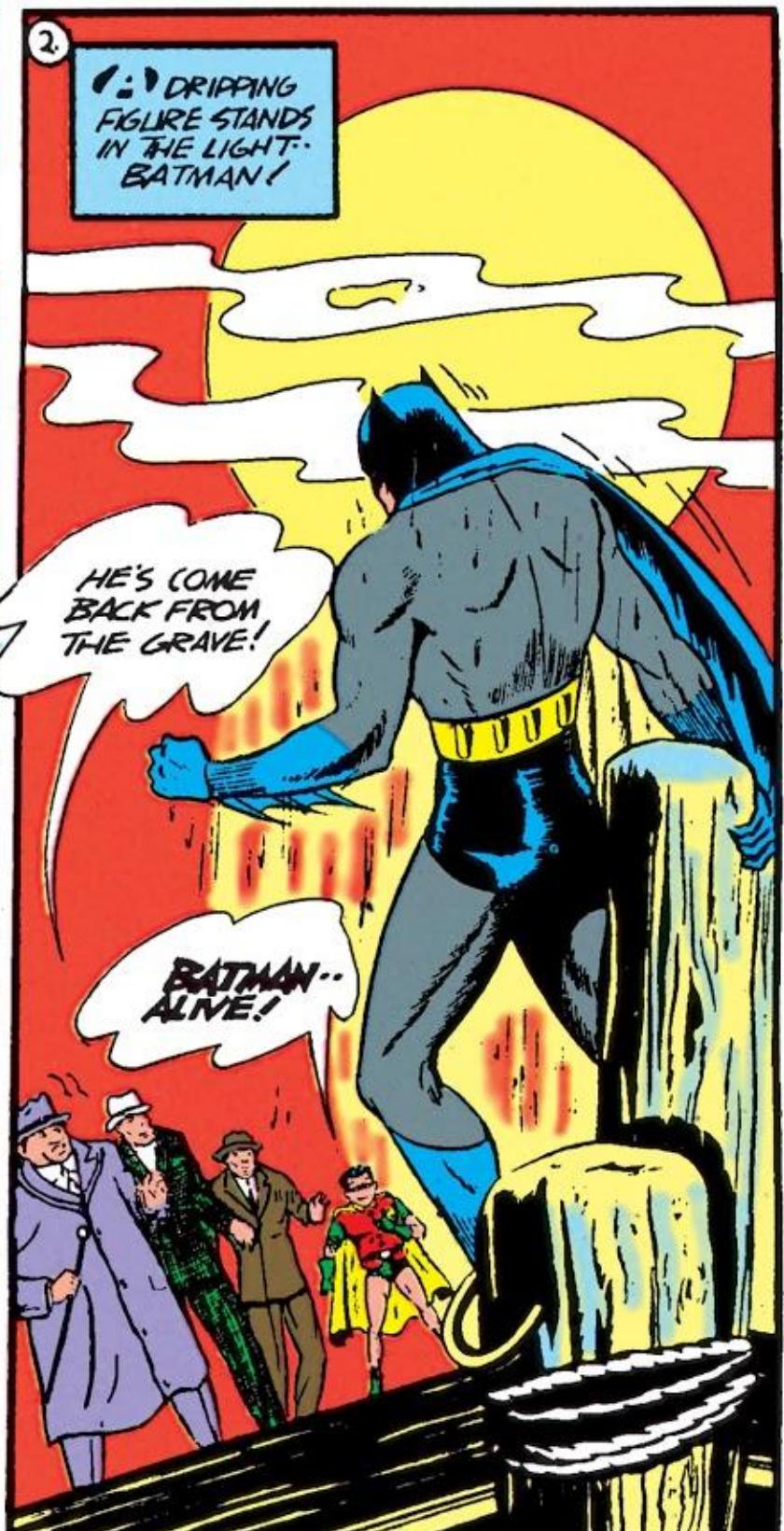
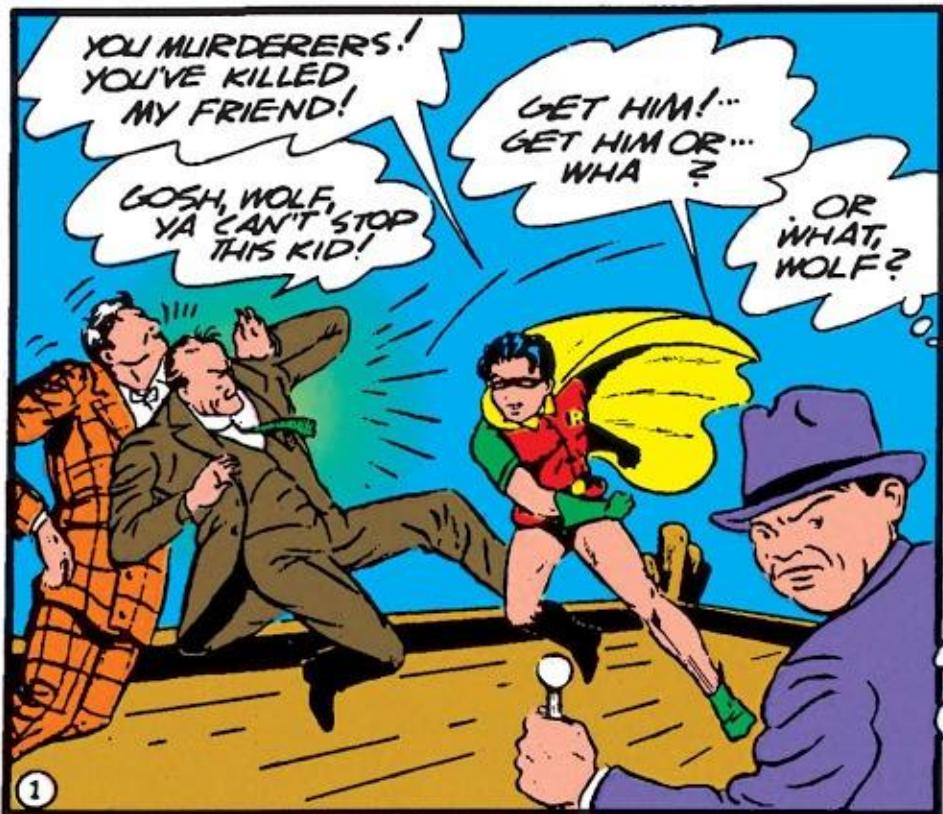
BULLET MISSES THE STEEL VEST AND BORES INTO HIS UNPROTECTED SHOULDER!

FOR A MOMENT HE TEETERS ON THE EDGE OF THE PIER!

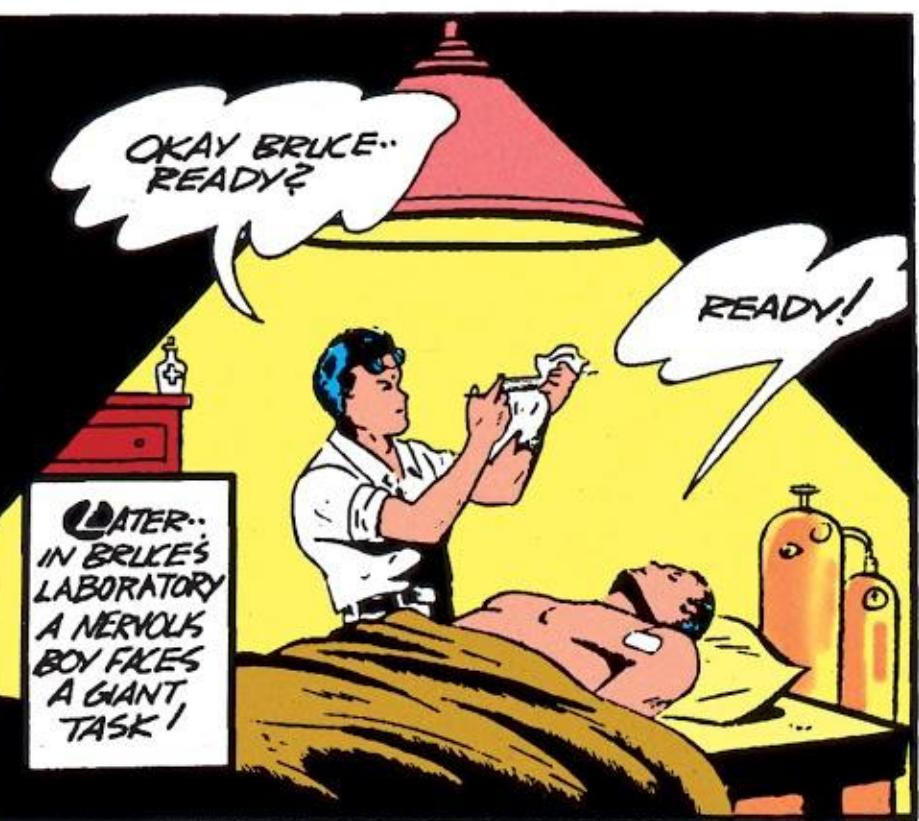
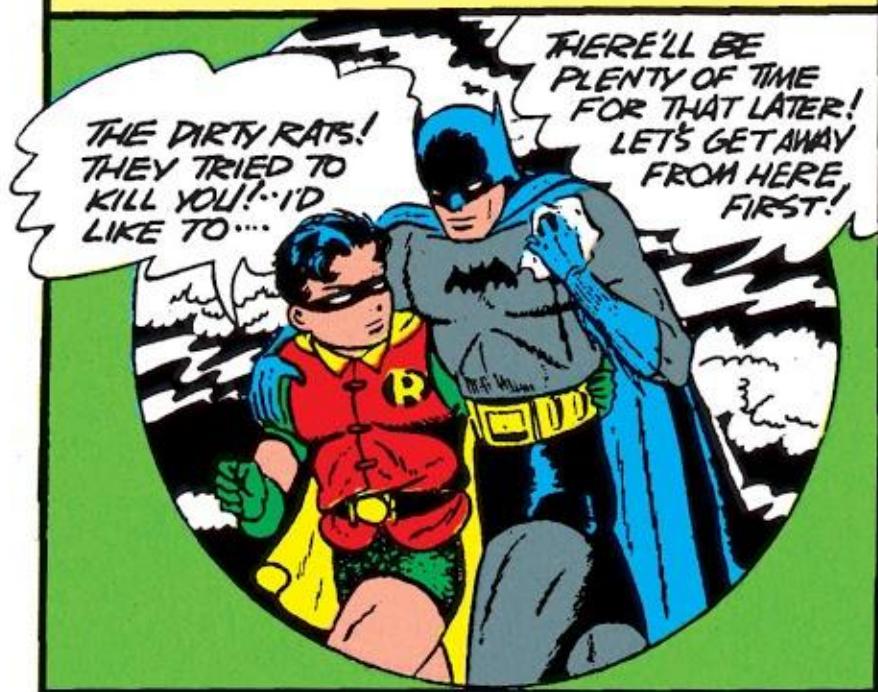


AN AGONIZING SHRIEK IS TORN FROM ROBIN'S LIPS AS HE SEES HIM FALLING!





BY AIDING THE WEAKENED BATMAN, ROBIN HELPS TO EFFECT THEIR ESCAPE!



BREATHING A SILENT PRAYER, DICK BEGINS TO PROBE FOR THE BULLET LODGED IN BRUCE'S SHOULDER!



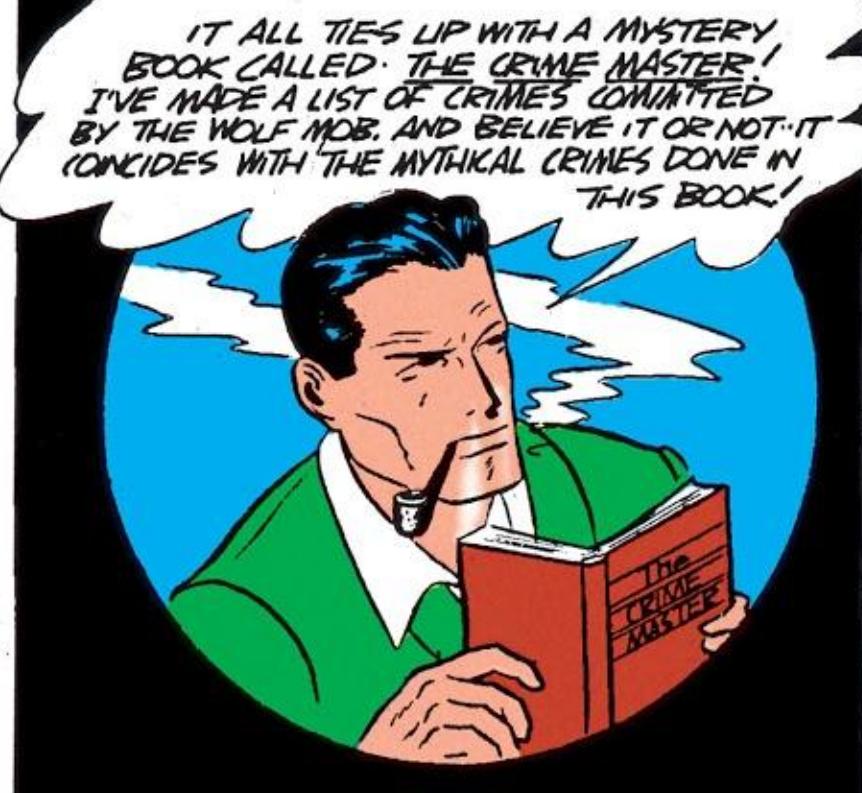
AT LAST, AFTER WHAT SEEMS AN AGONIZING STRETCH OF TIME...



LATE THE NEXT NIGHT DICK WALKS INTO THE LIBRARY TO SEE BRUCE UP, READING...



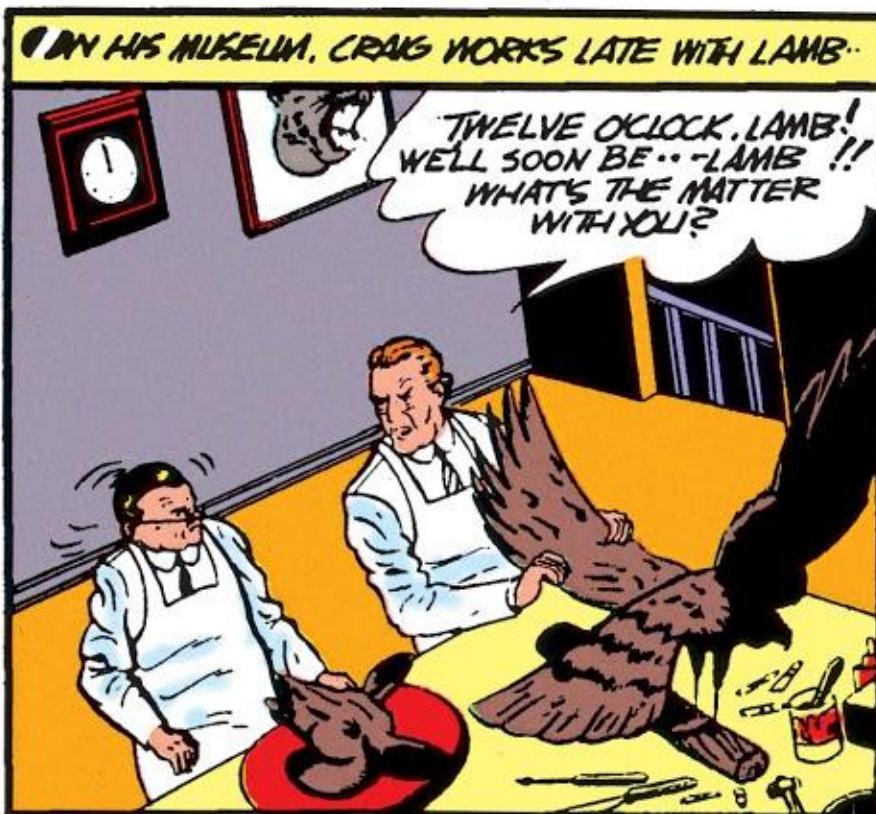
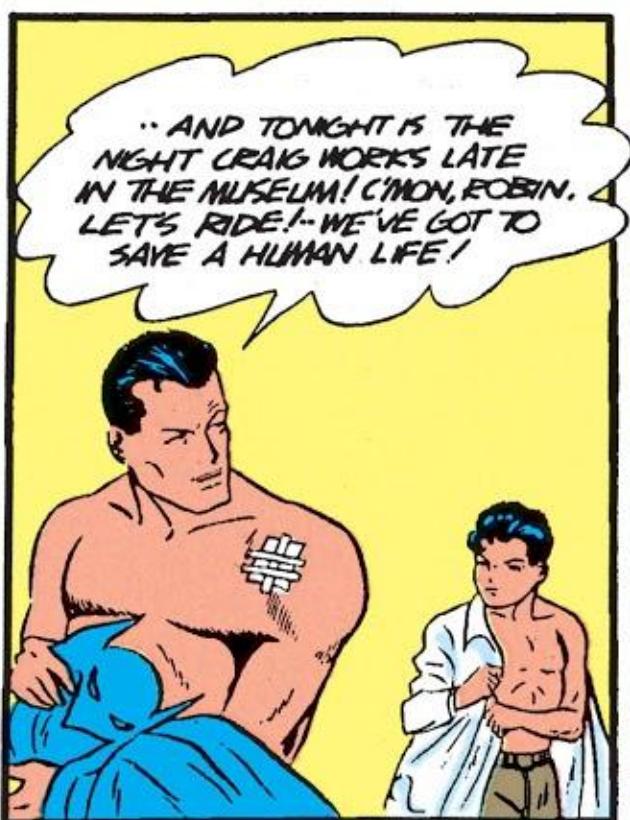
IT ALL TIES UP WITH A MYSTERY BOOK CALLED THE CRIME MASTER! I'VE MADE A LIST OF CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE WOLF MOB, AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT COINCIDES WITH THE MYTHICAL CRIMES DONE IN THIS BOOK!

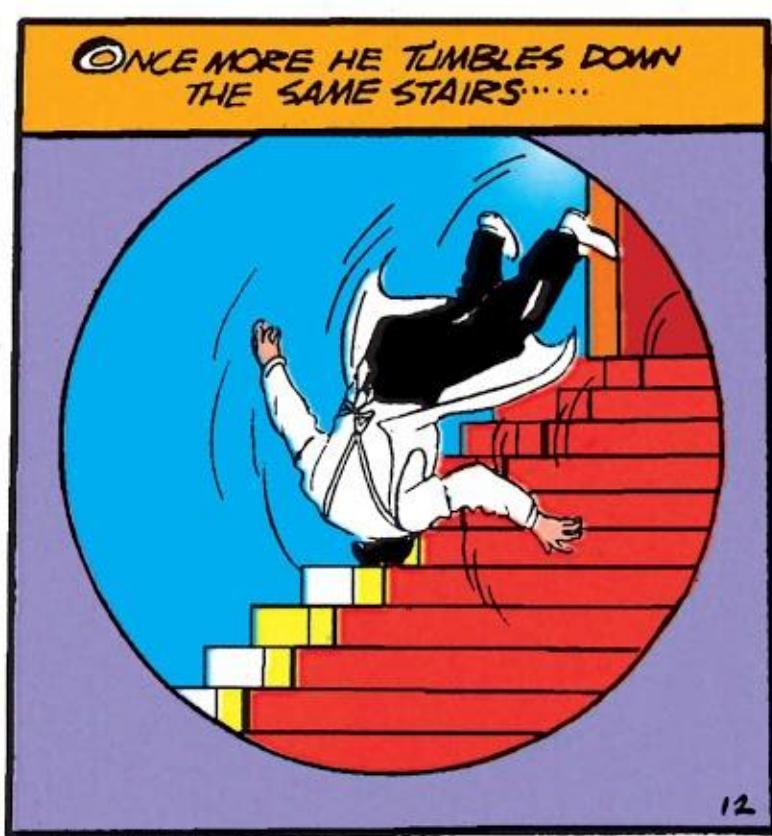
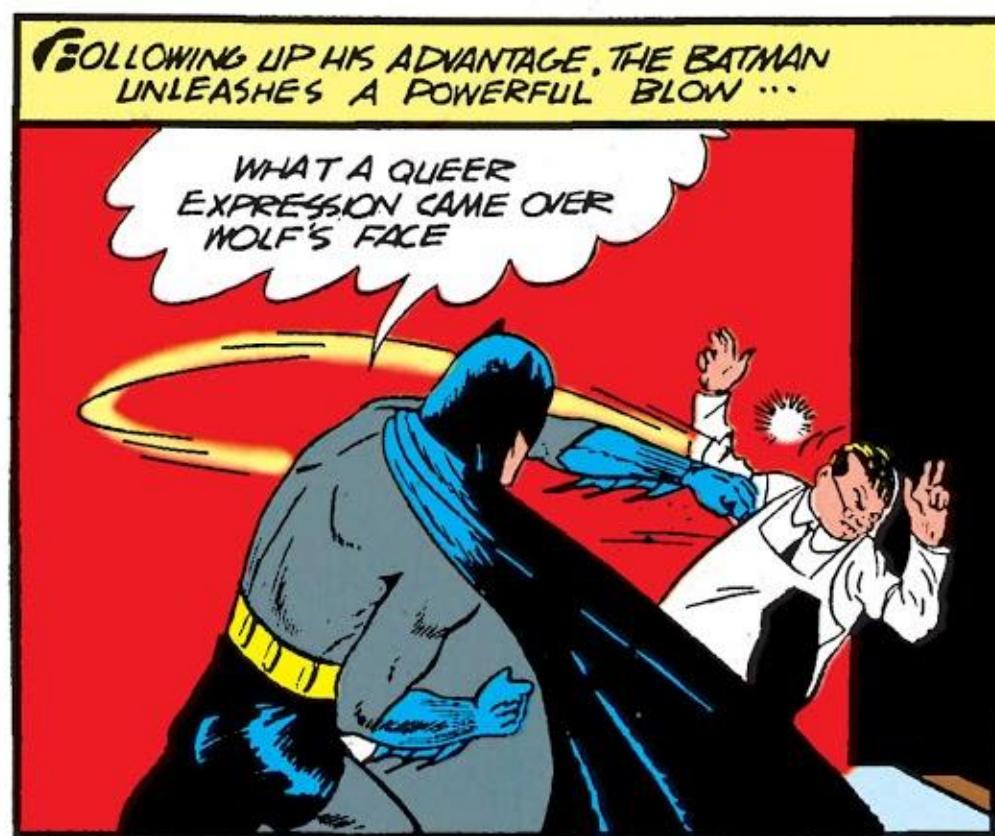
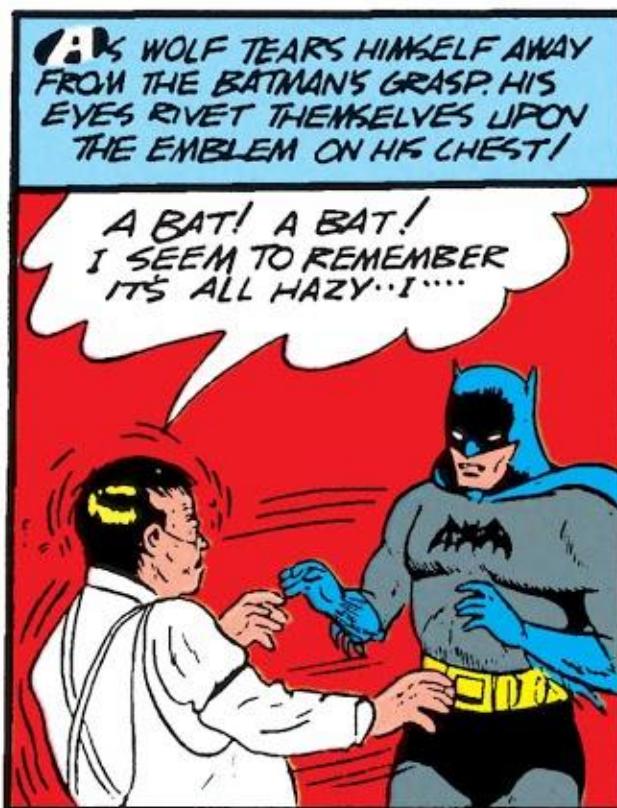


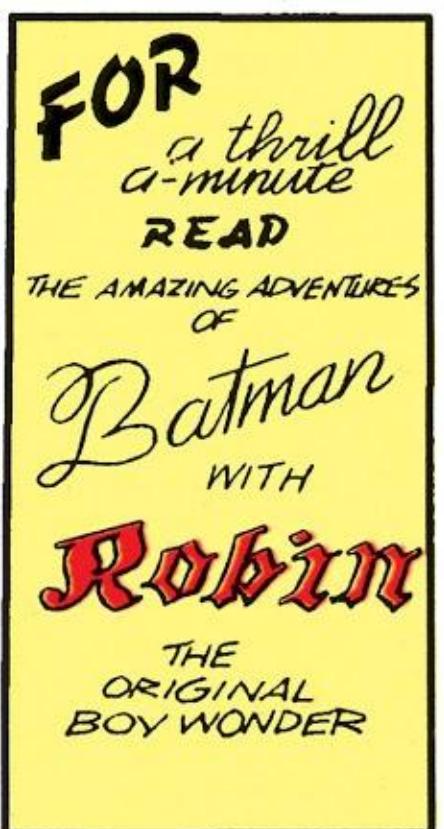
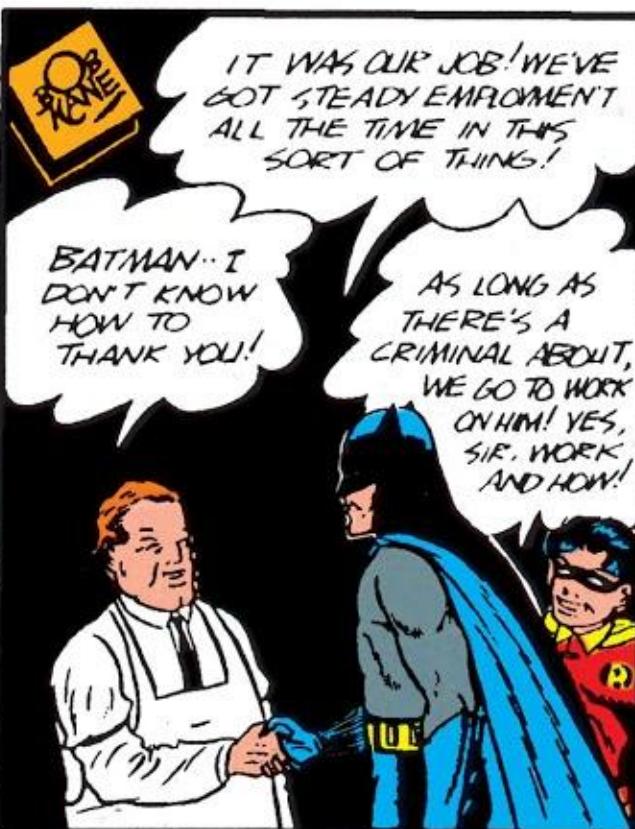
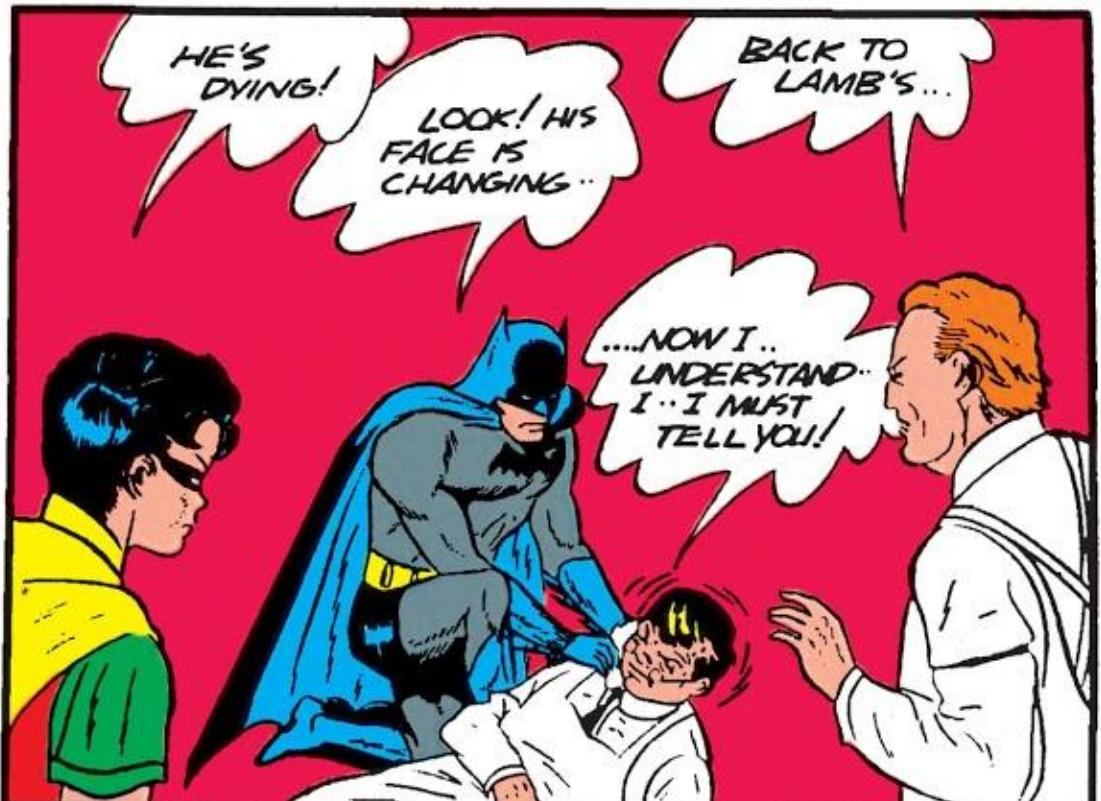
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

FOR SOME REASON, WOLF IS FOLLOWING THE EXACT PLAN OF THE BOOK! THE CRIME MASTER! IT'S CRAZY... CRAZY!









BATMAN

WITH
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WHEN A DEAD MAN'S WILL WAS READ, IT SET IN MOTION A SERIES OF CRIMES THAT WAS TO INVOLVE THE **BATMAN** AND HIS LAUGHING YOUNG AIDE **ROBIN**, THE BOY WONDER, IN ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS CASES THEY HAD EVER ENCOUNTERED. IT WAS... "THE CASE OF THE CLUBFOOT MURDERERS"

SPENDING HIS WAY HOMeward ACROSS THE LOW ROOFTOPS, THE **BATMAN** SUDDENLY SEES A MURDER COMMITTED..... WITH A CRY OF ANGER, HE LEAPS ON TO THE BACK OF THE VICTIM'S ASSAILANT.....

WOTTA QUEER FISH.. CLUBFOOT AND A STEEL CLAW FOR A HAND!

STEPPING BACK TO AVOID THE DEADLY, SLASHING CLAW, THE **BATMAN** TRIPS OVER THE MURDERED MAN'S FOOT.

UH!
MEDDLING FOOL—I'LL TEACH YOU!



AS HE STARTS TO RISE, A VIOJUS KICK RAKES THE BATMAN'S HEAD!

THIS WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU!



...THEN, WITH A QUEER THUMPING WALK, THE MURDERER MAKES HIS ESCAPE!



OH! OH! POLICE! MY HEAD! BETTER GET SOME THINGS AWAY FROM HERE! STOP THE CAR, JOE, SOMETHING'S GOING ON OVER THERE



QUICKLY THE BATMAN DASHES DOWN THE DARKENED ALLEY, EASILY CLEARS THE HIGH FENCE!



AND LEAVES THE ASTONISHED POLICEMEN BEHIND!

WHOMEVER HE WAS, HE GOT AWAY! COULDNT SEE HIM VERY WELL IN THE DARK!



HARLEY STORME IS DEAD! VENGEANCE IS MINE
-CLUBFOOT-

NEXT DAY... BRUCE WAYNE VISITS HIS OLD FRIEND, POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON, WHO DOES NOT KNOW OF HIS REAL IDENTITY...THE BATMAN!



STORME? STORME? OH YES, THAT 'CLUBFOOT MURDER CASE' BUSINESS! THINK I'LL TODDLE ALONG WITH YOU, AT THAT!

C'MON, THEN!



(2)

AT THE STORME MANSION, COMMISSIONER GORDON QUESTIONS STORME'S NIECE, PORTIA..

AND THIS MAN CALLED CLUBROOT BEGGED HATED YOUR UNCLE HARLEY STORME?

YES, HE THOUGHT UNCLE HARLEY CHEATED HIM OUT OF HIS SHARE OF A GOLD MINE THEY ONCE DISCOVERED! HE SAID HE WOULD REVENGE HIMSELF ON THE WHOLE STORME FAMILY!

I SEE THE WHOLE FAMILY IS HERE! ONLY FIVE OF YOU, AREN'T THERE?

YES, FOUR BESIDE ME.. AND THEY ALL DETEST EACH OTHER! WE'RE ONLY TOGETHER TODAY TO HEAR UNCLE'S WILL READ.

A FAMILY OF HATE.. INTERESTING!

SHORT TIME LATER, AS THE MURDERED MAN'S WILL IS READ.

HOW ABOUT POINTING OUT THESE PEOPLE TO ME! THAT'S THE FAMILY LAWYER, WARD! HE'S BEEN WITH UNCLE FOR YEARS!

"THE BALD HEADED MAN IS ABEL, AND THE OTHER IS CARL... BOTH WERE UNCLE HARLEY'S BROTHERS!"

I WONDER HOW MUCH MONEY THAT OLD FOOL HARLEY HAD SALTED AWAY? I WISH WARD WOULD GET ON WITH THAT WILL!

"THE DARK HAIRIED FELLOW IS HARLEY'S SON, ROGER... AND THE BLOND CHAP NEXT TO HIM IS MY BROTHER, TOMMY."

WONDER HOW MUCH THE OLD MAN LEFT ME? I HOPE UNCLE LEFT ME A GOOD PILE! I COULD USE IT TO PAY OFF THAT GAMBLING DEBT I OWE!

AT LAST THE END OF THE WILL IS REACHED..

"AND SO I LEAVE ALL MY EARTHLY GOODS HERE NOTED TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS!"

WHAT IS THIS, - A JOKE?

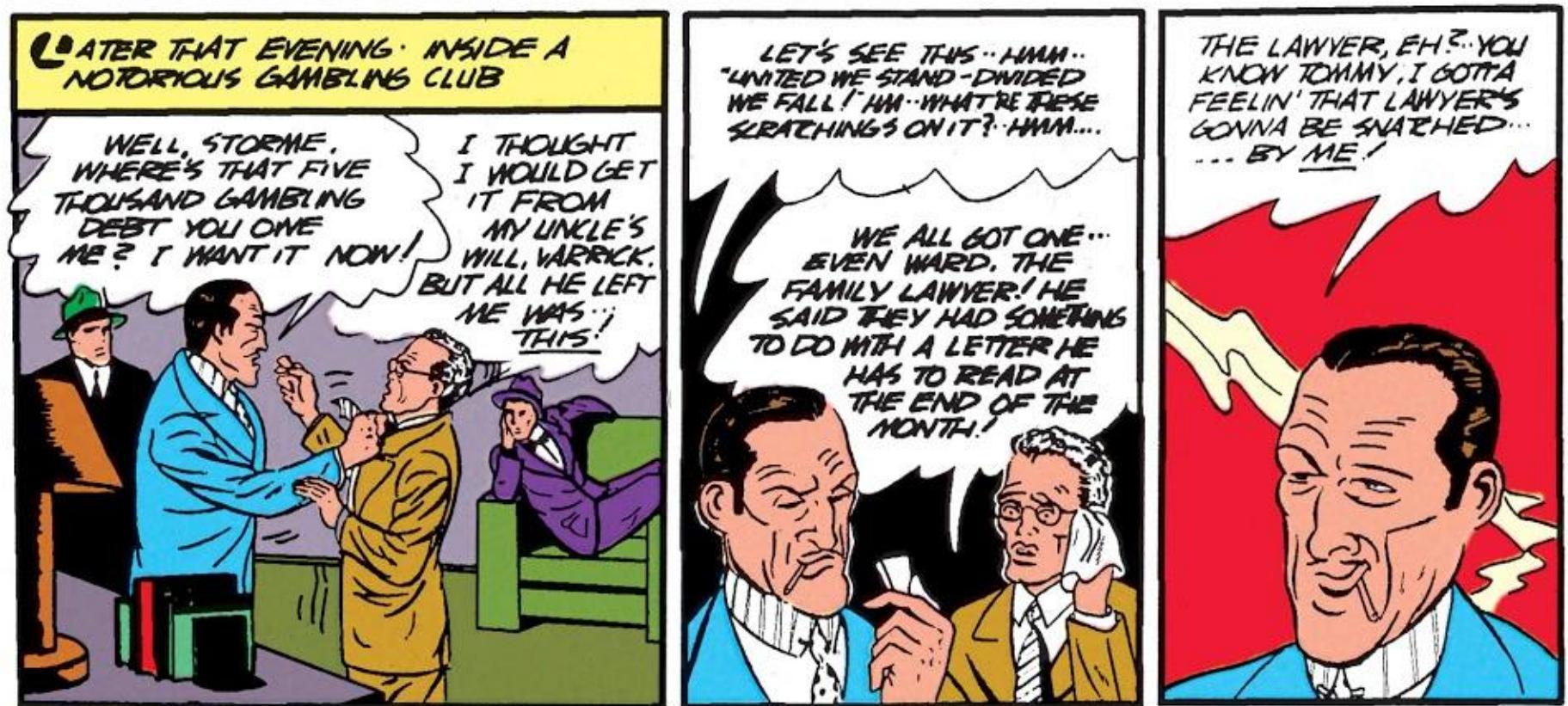
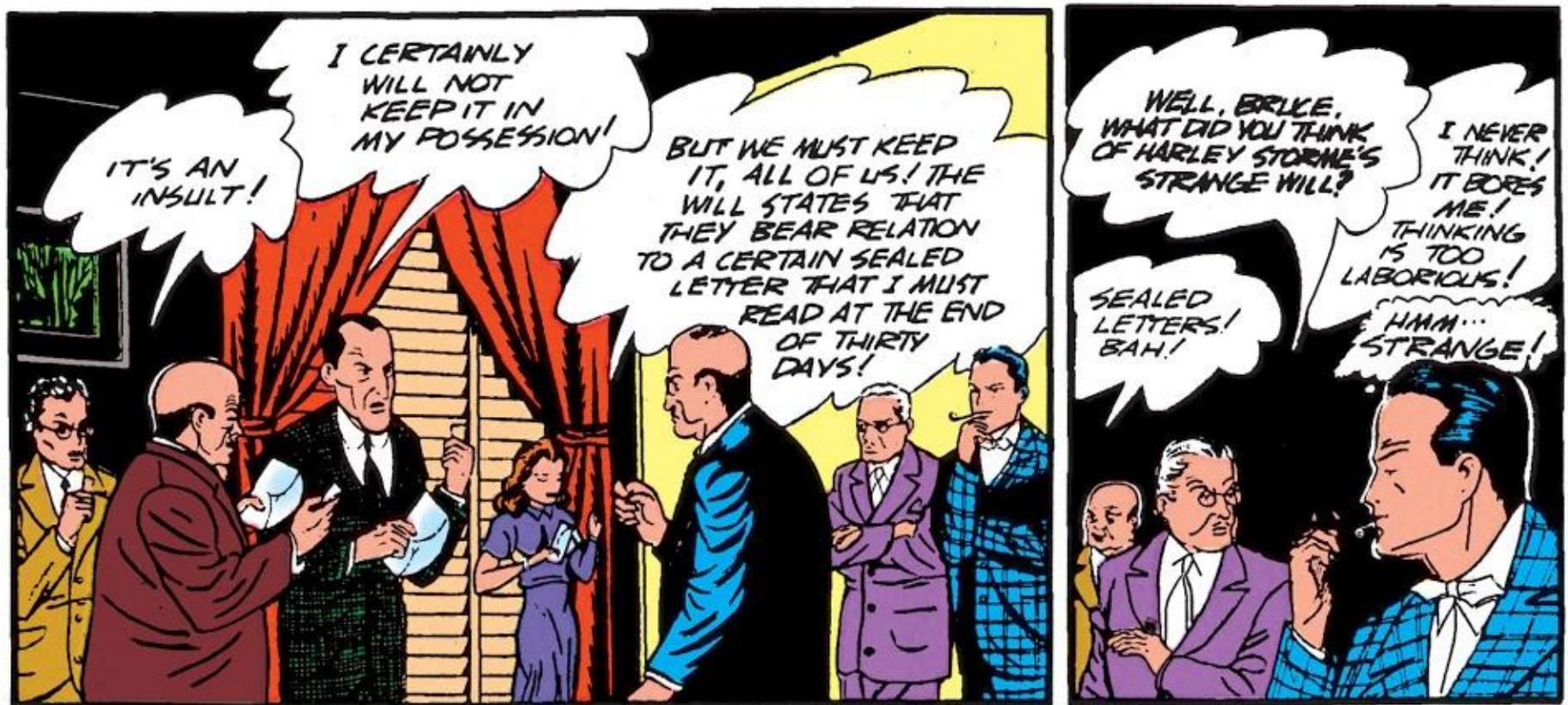
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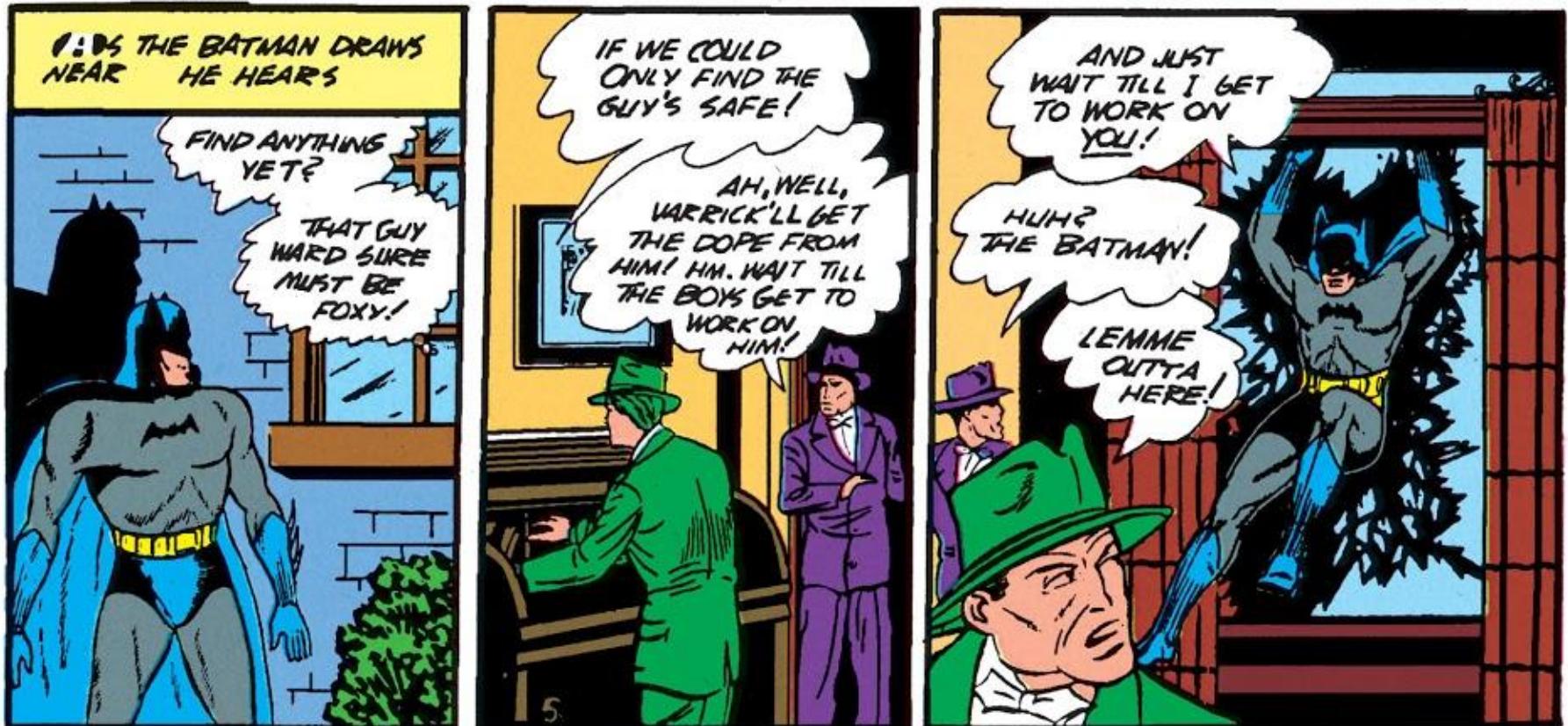
TO MY "BELOVED FAMILY AND FAMILY LAWYER. WARD, I LEAVE THE ENVELOPES IN THE BOX AND THEIR CONTENTS! PROFIT BY THEIR MESSAGE!"

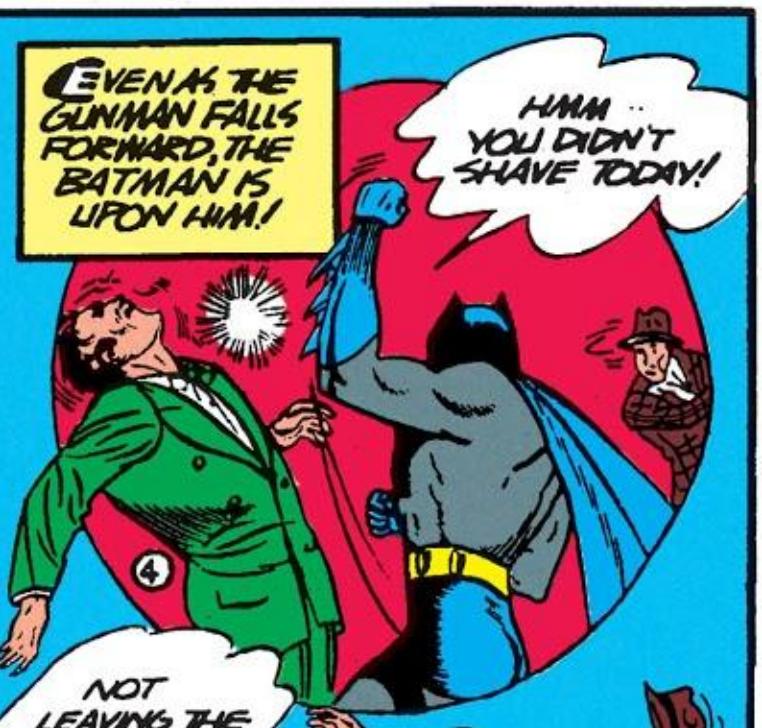
LETS HAVE THOSE ENVELOPES. WARD, THERE MUST BE MONEY IN THEM!

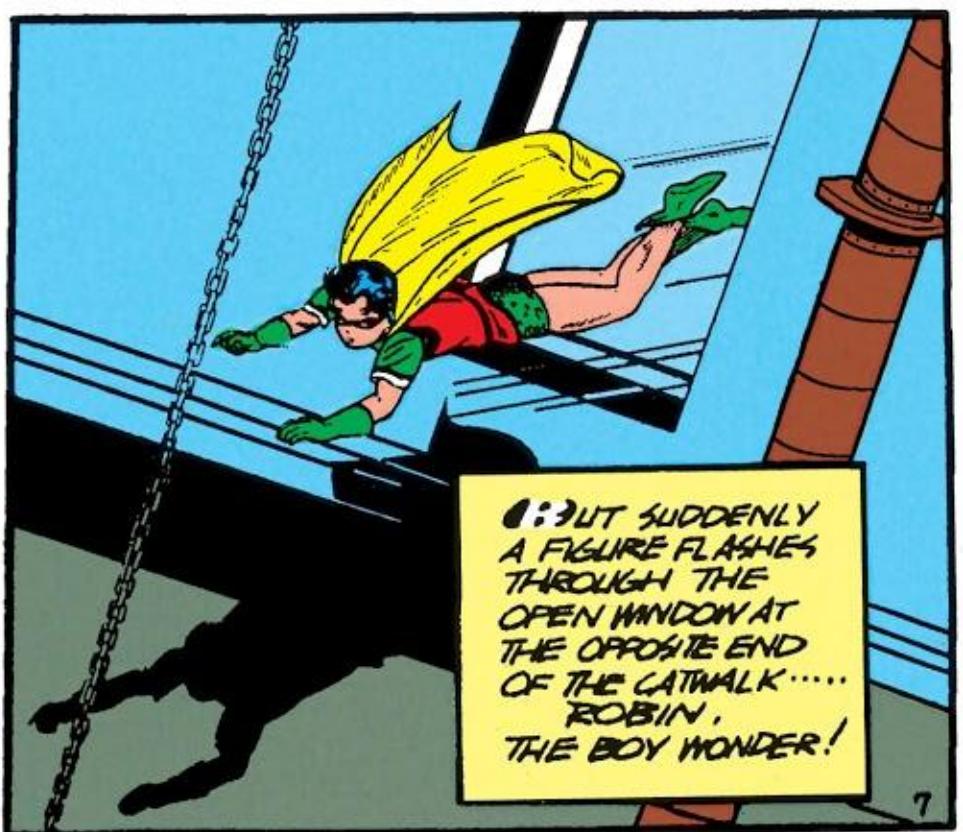
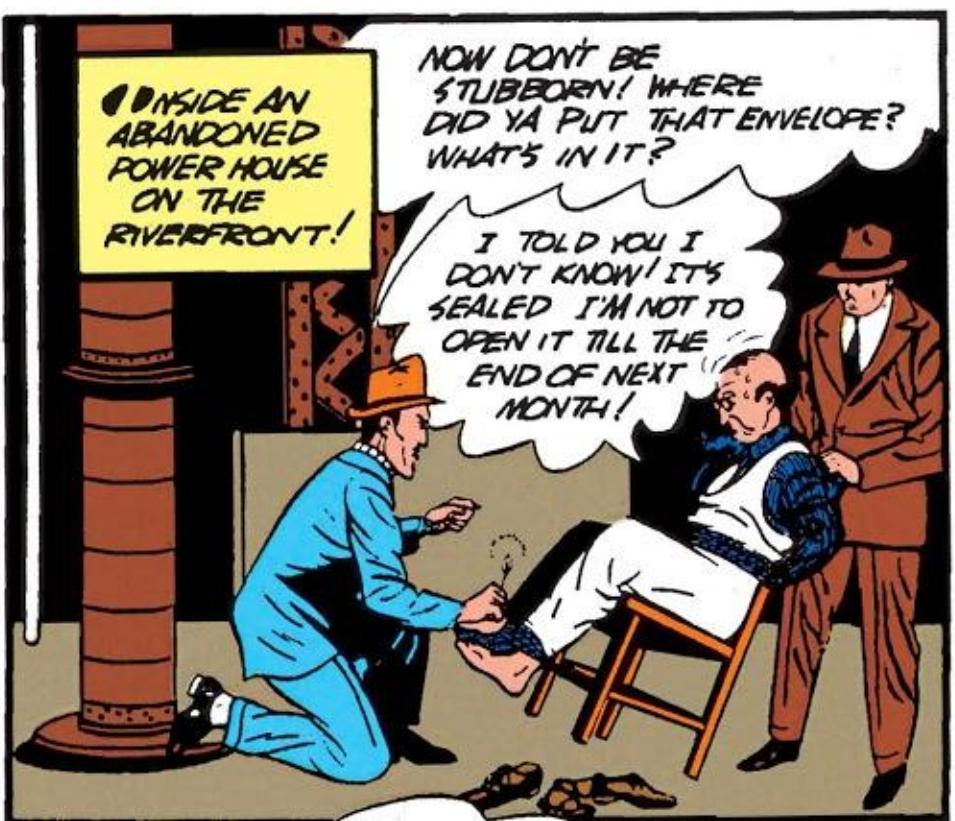
FOUND IN EACH ENVELOPE IS FOUND A PIECE OF GOLD WITH THE INSCRIPTION...

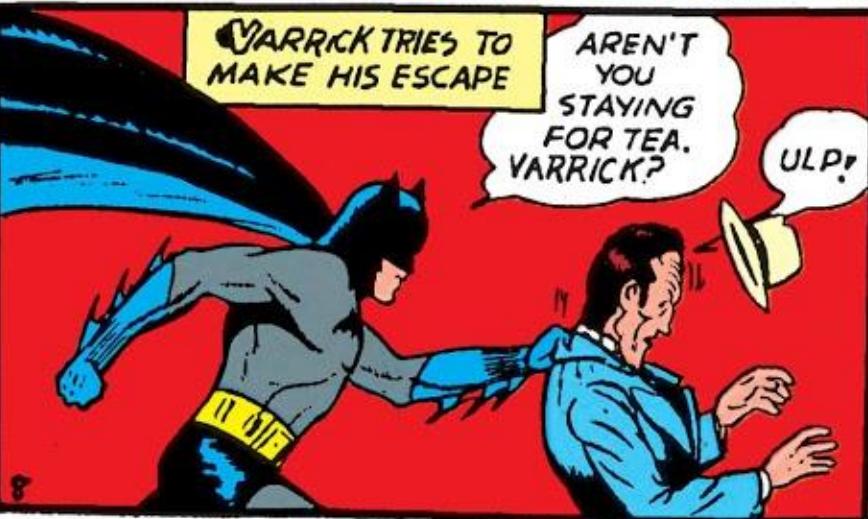
"UNITED WE STAND-DIVIDED WE FALL"











"WARD IS QUICKLY FREED... THEN QUESTIONED

VARRICK WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WAS IN THAT ENVELOPE... HE HAS SOME CRAZY IDEA THAT THE SCRATCHINGS ON THE TOKENS MEAN SOMETHING!

PERHAPS THEY DO!! YOU WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS IN THE ENVELOPE. WOULD YOU?

OF COURSE NOT! THE ENVELOPE IS SEALED! YOU DON'T THINK I'D OPEN IT, DO YOU?

SORRY, JUST MY CURIOSITY!... NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...

AT HOME, BRUCE PONDERS OVER A STRANGE PROBLEM...

VARRICK WAS SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW THERE WAS SOMETHING VALUABLE ABOUT THIS TOKEN THOUGH THE STORMES WERE TOO STUPID TO SEE IT!

THOSE FUNNY MARKINGS... AND THE MOTTO "UNITED WE STAND... DIVIDED WE FALL" HMM!

THE STORMES ARE DIVIDED... AND THEY ALL RECEIVED A TOKEN. WHAT IF THEY WERE UNITED AND THE TOKENS UNITED? THAT'S IT. OF COURSE! UNITED WE STAND!"

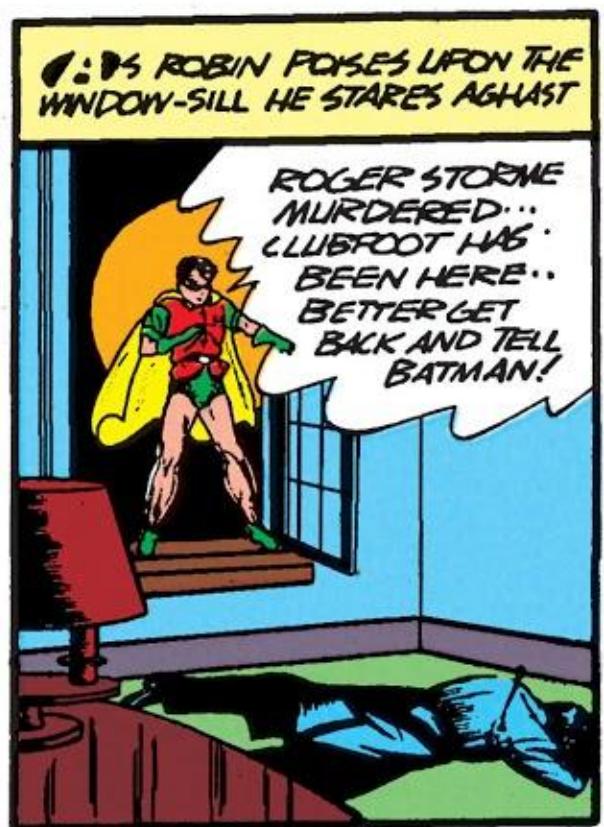
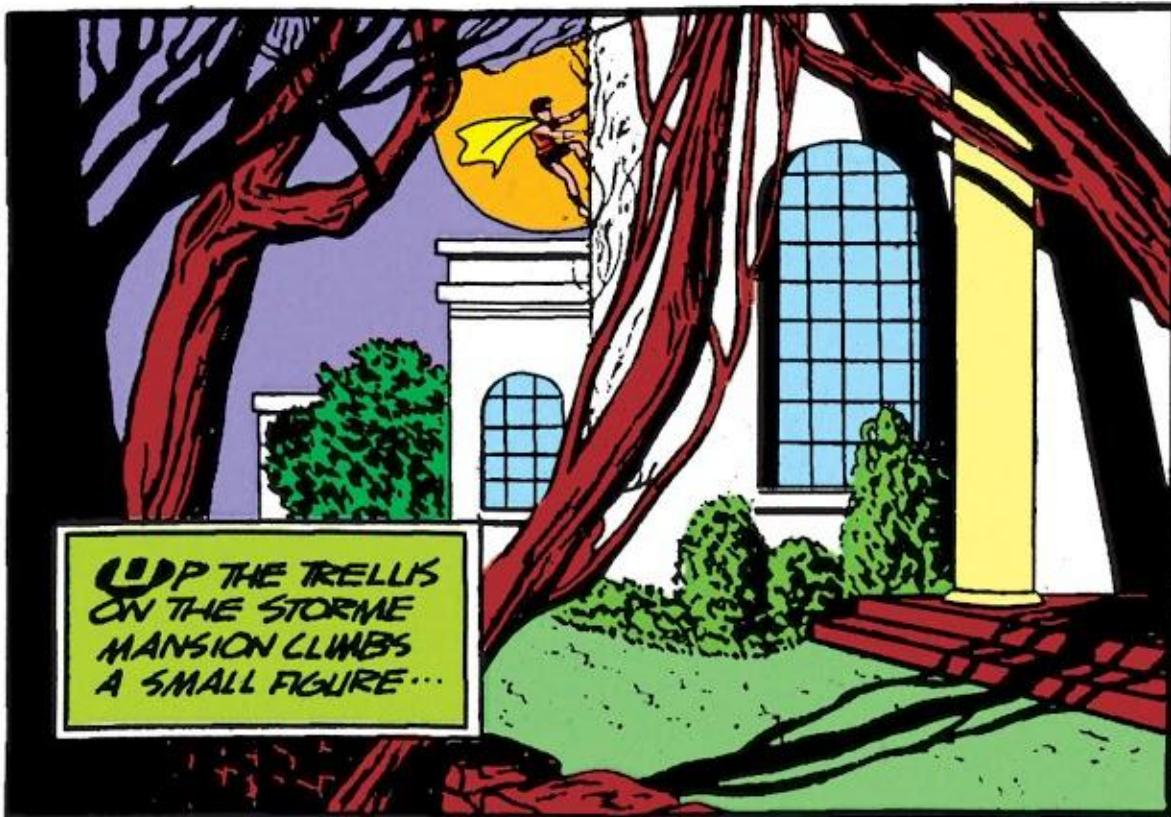
ROBIN, YOU GO OVER TO ROGER STORME'S HOUSE JUST IN CASE "CLUBROOT" SHOULD DECIDE TO GO PROWLING TONIGHT!

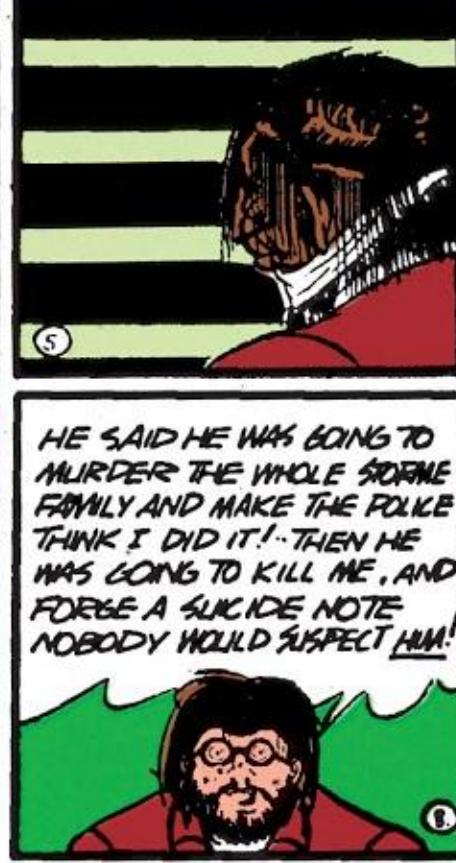
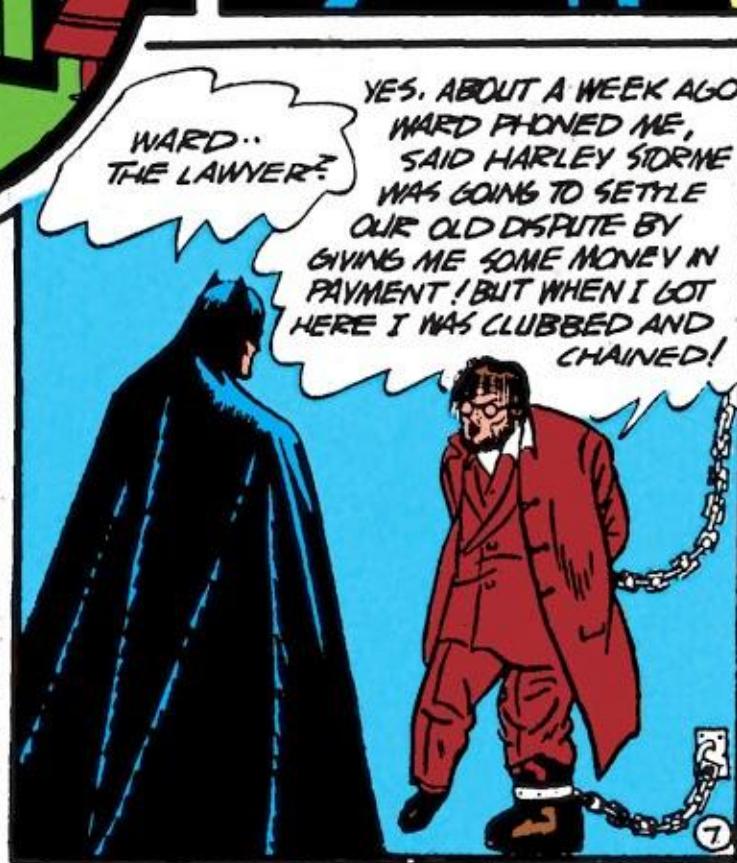
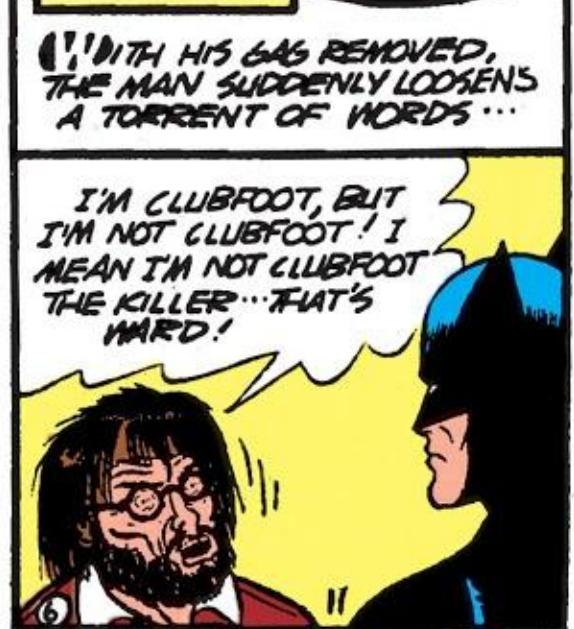
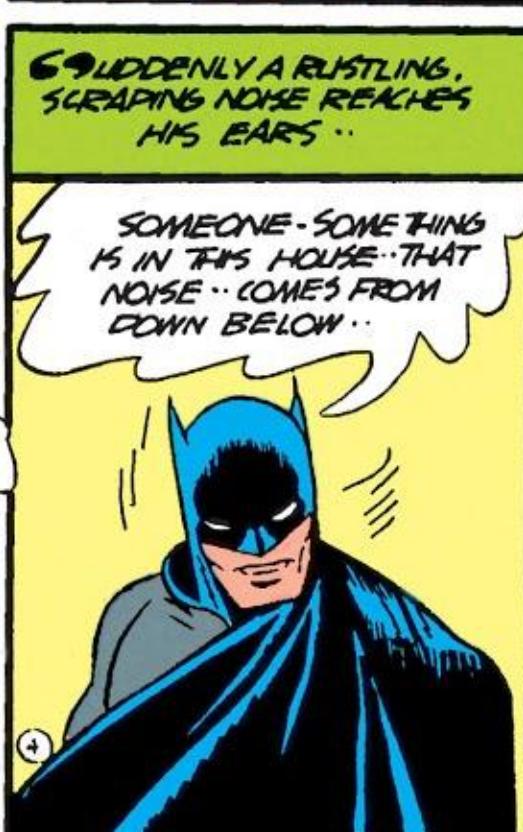
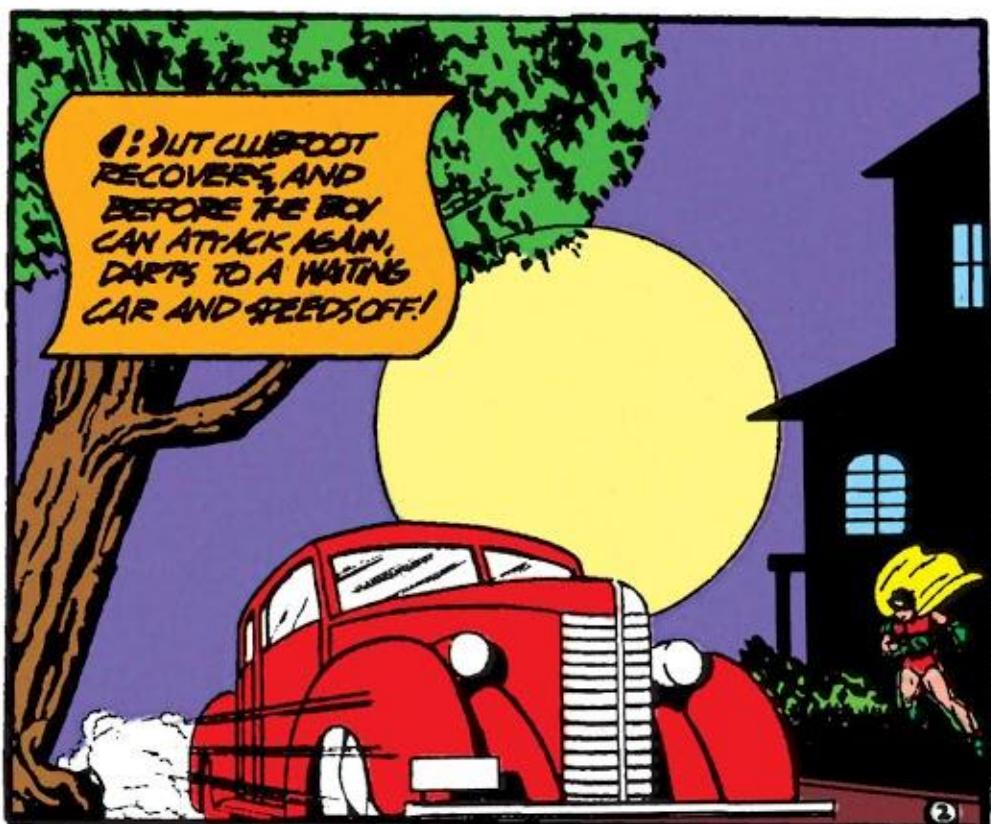
(6) YOU MEAN... IF THE TOKENS WERE PUT TOGETHER THEY MIGHT MEAN SOMETHING?

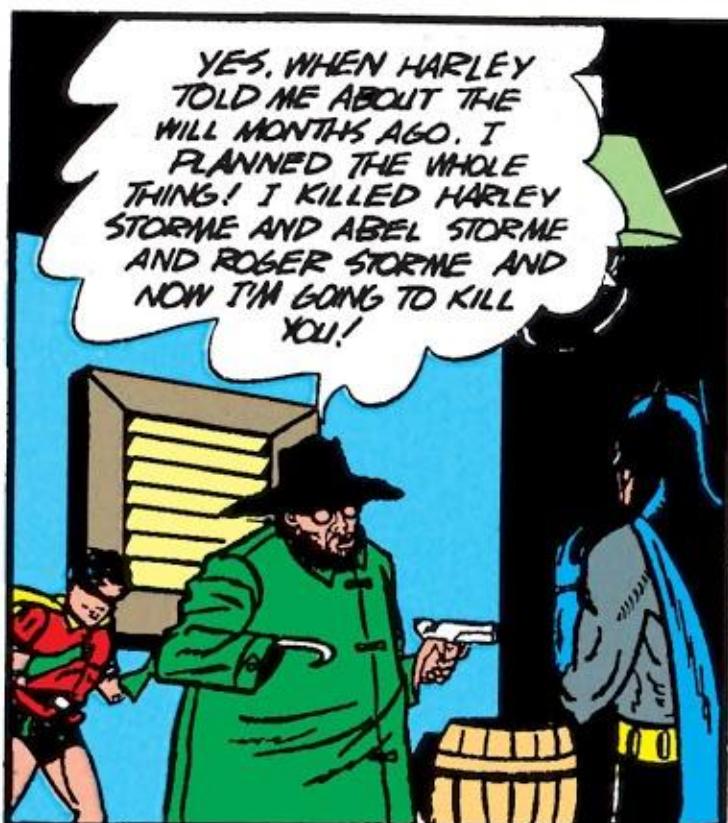
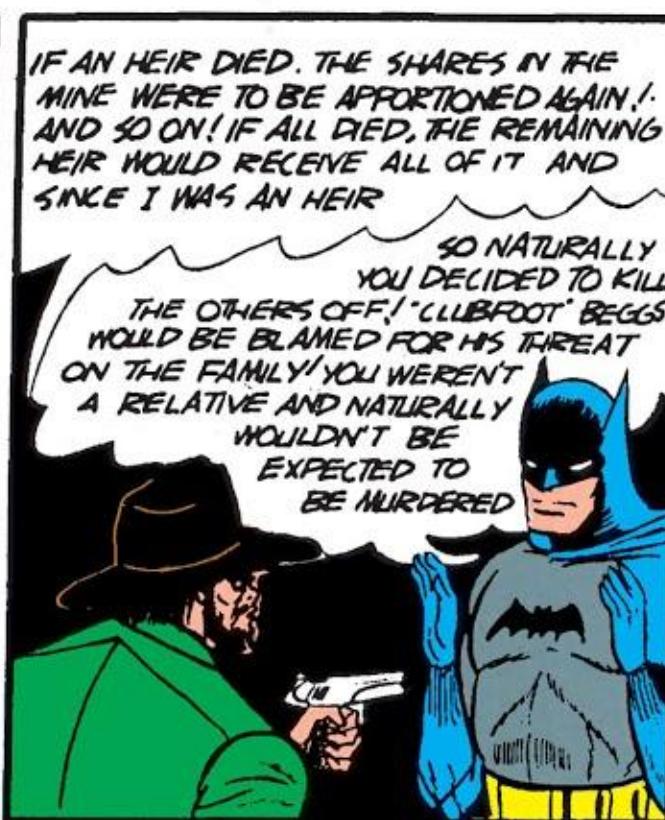
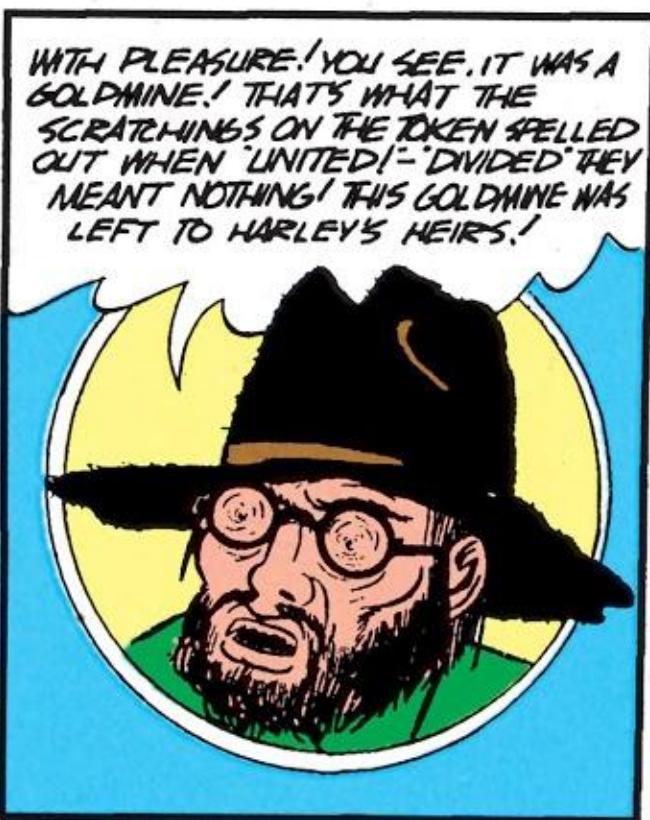
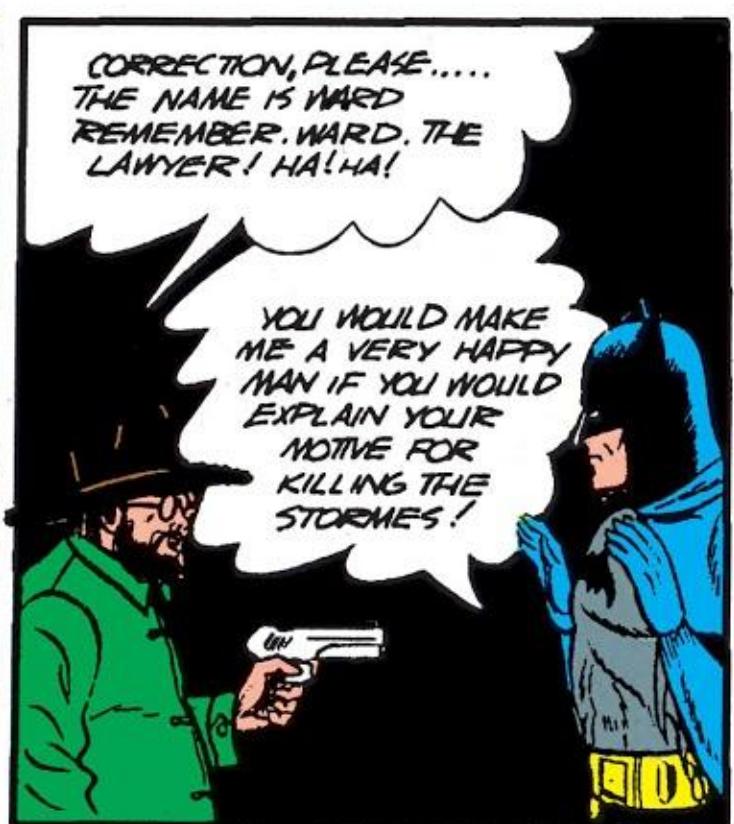
AND THAT SEALED LETTER AT WARD'S PLACE EXPLAINS IT ALL! I'VE GOT TO GET THAT LETTER TONIGHT!

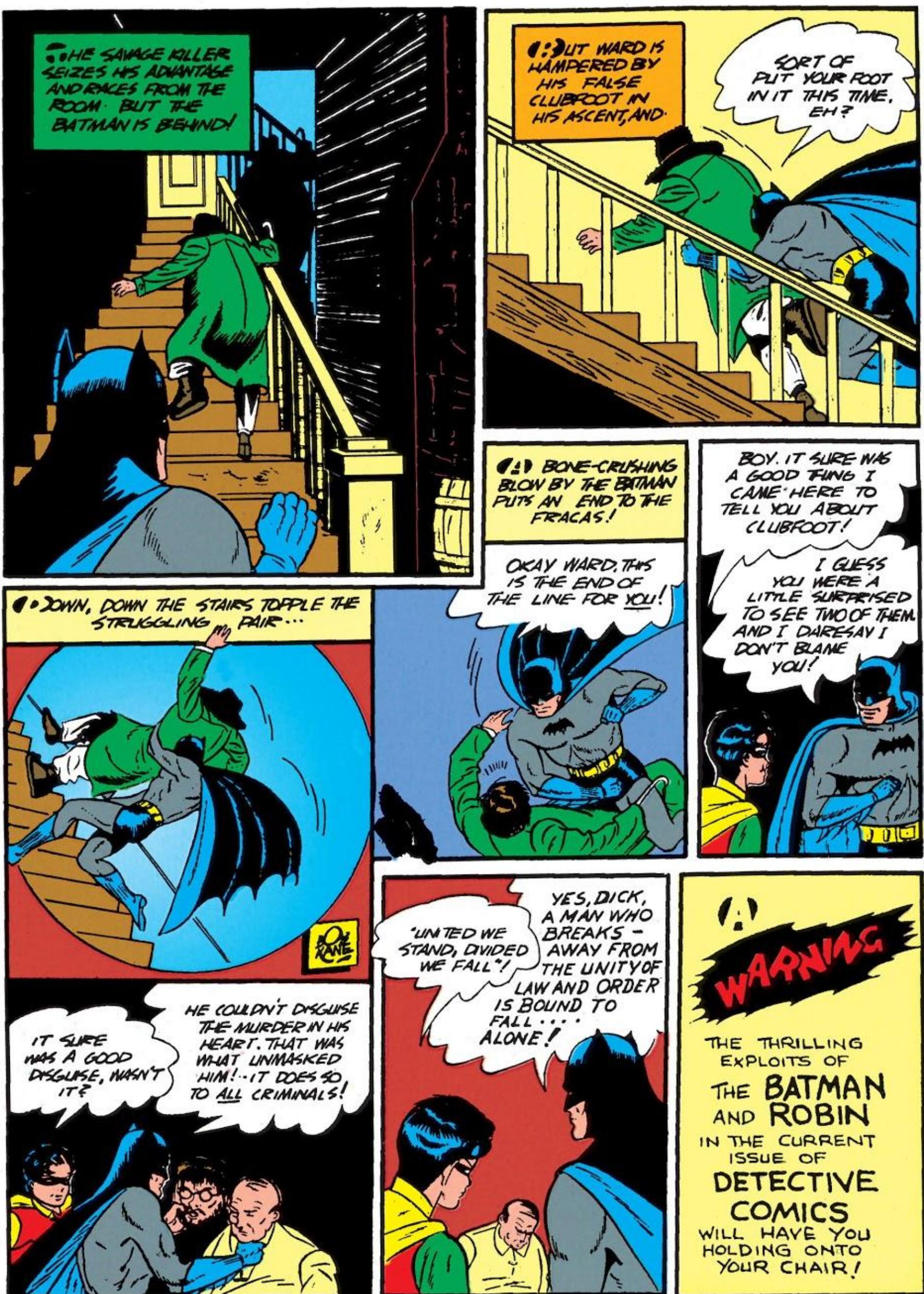
THAT NIGHT.. BATMAN.. THE BLACK KNIGHT AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER!

RIGHT!









BATMAN

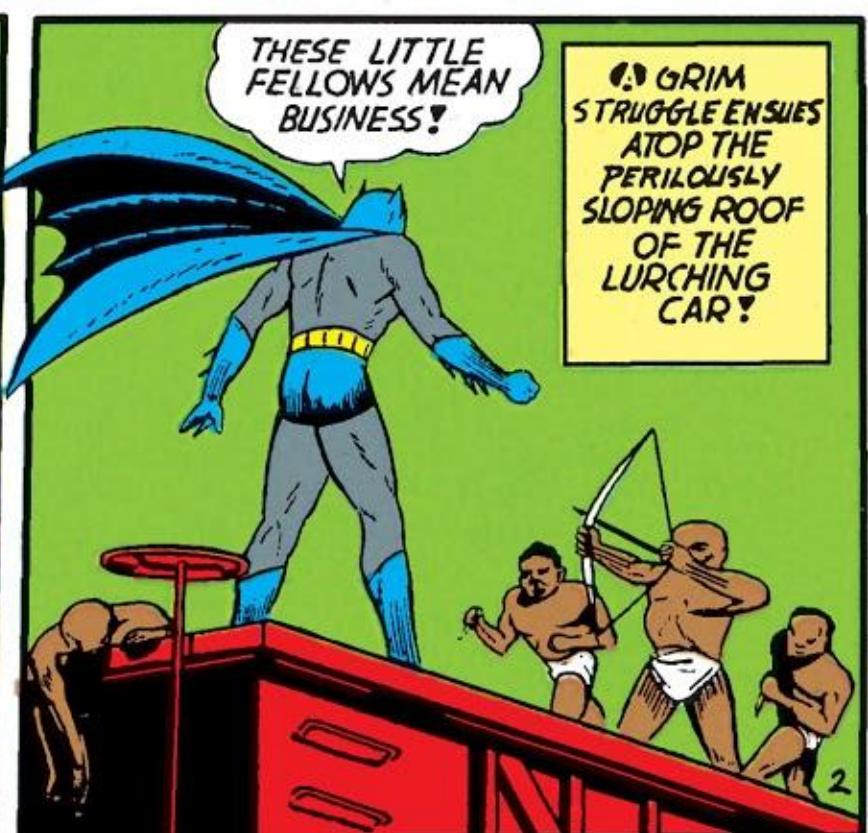
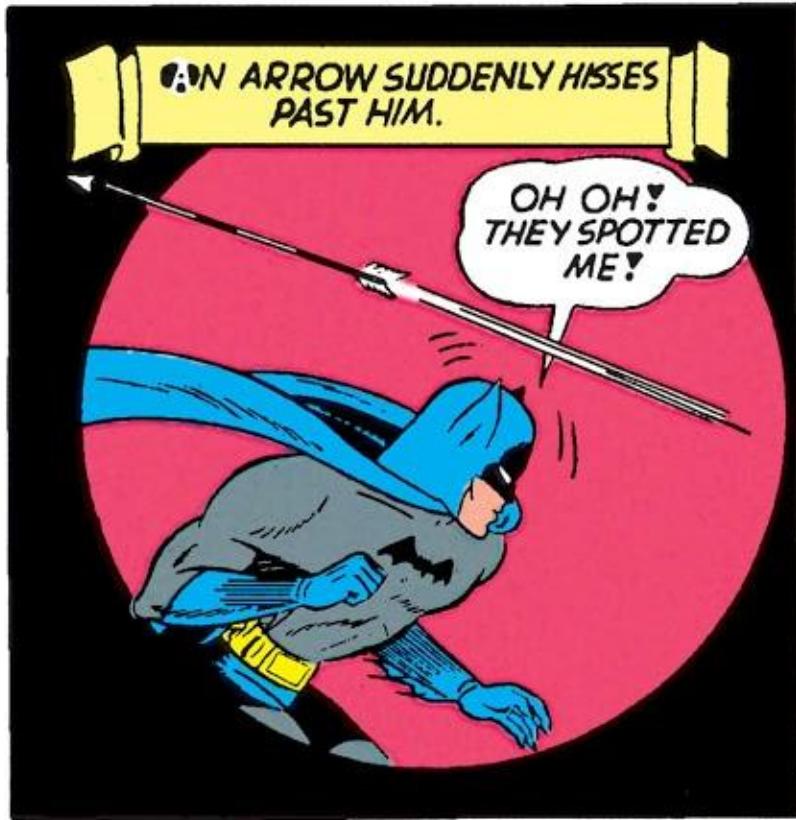
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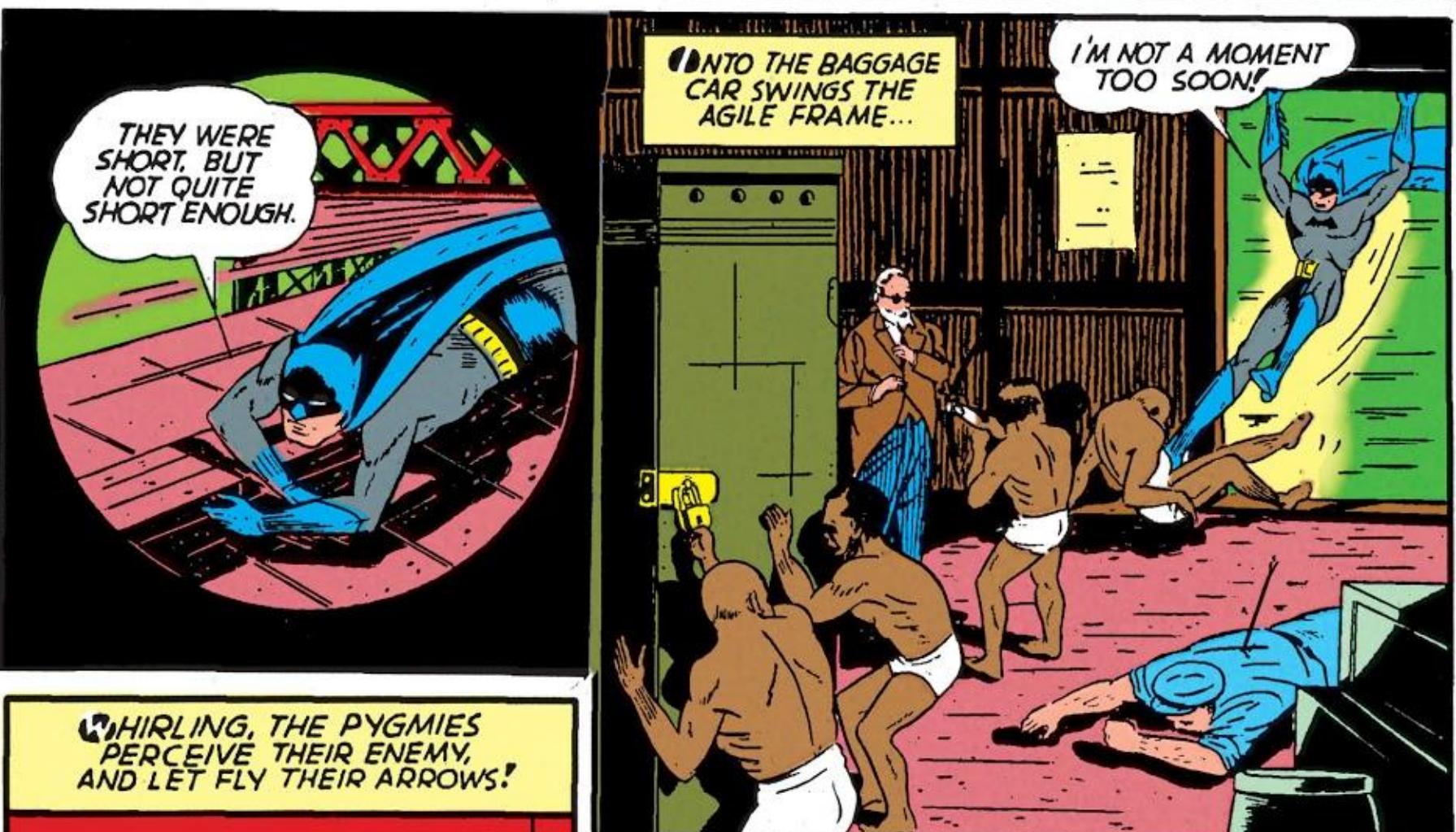
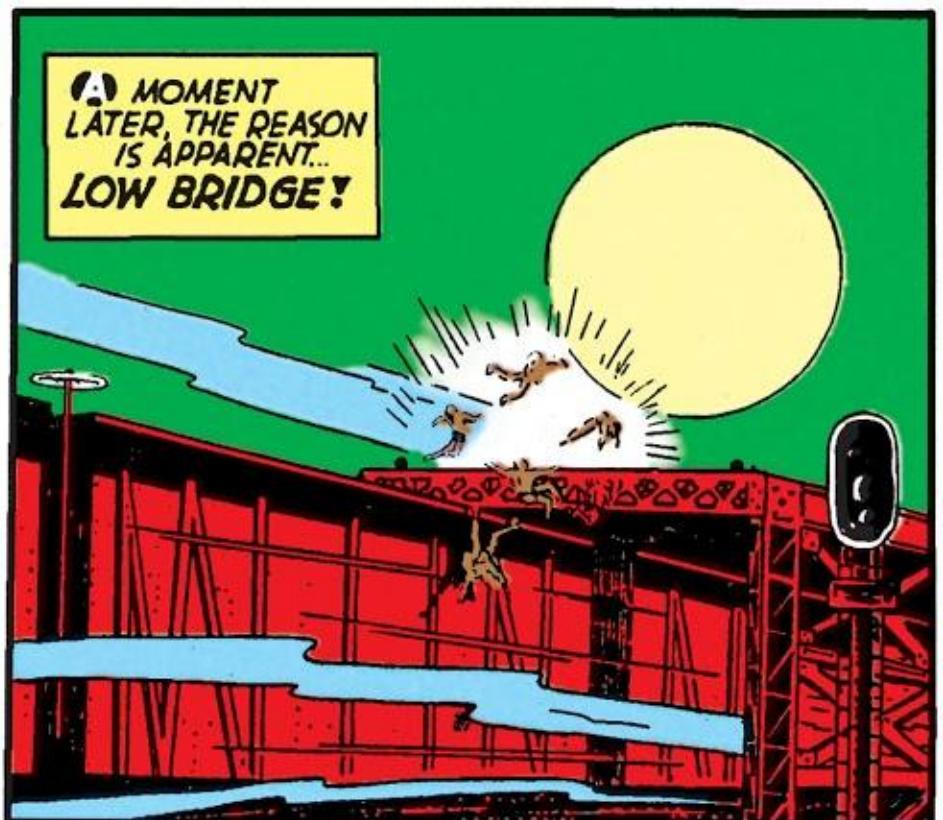
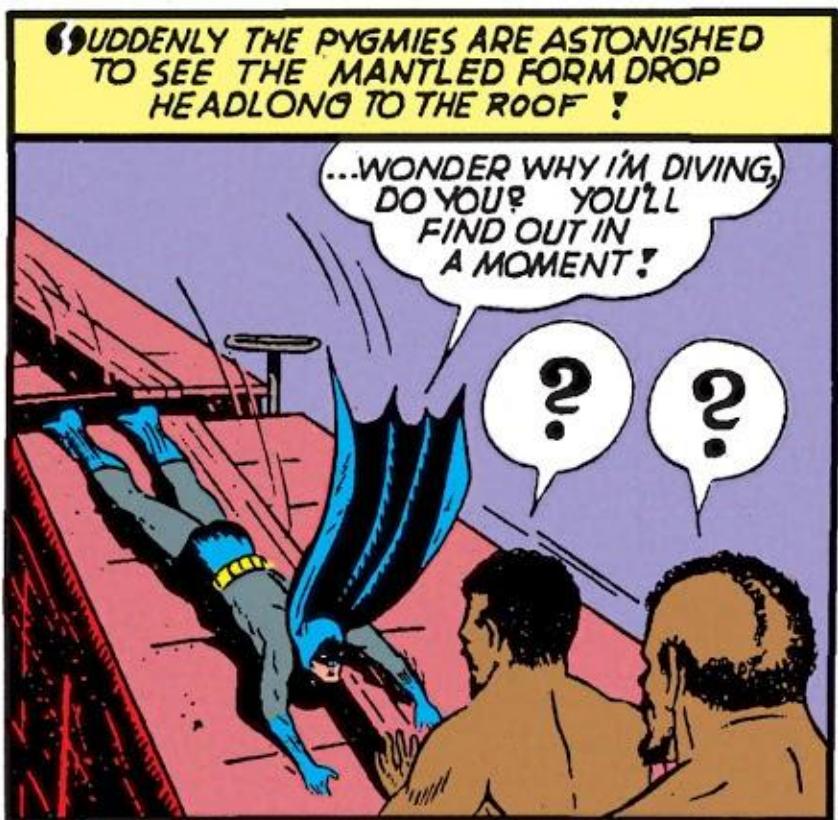
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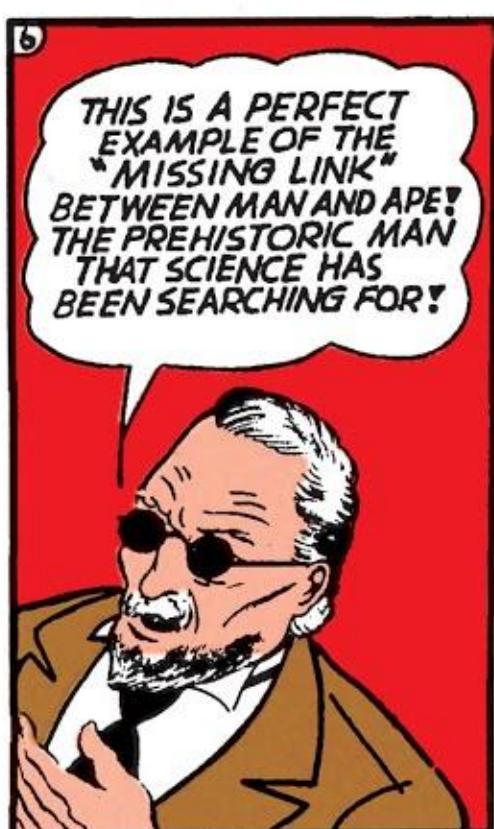
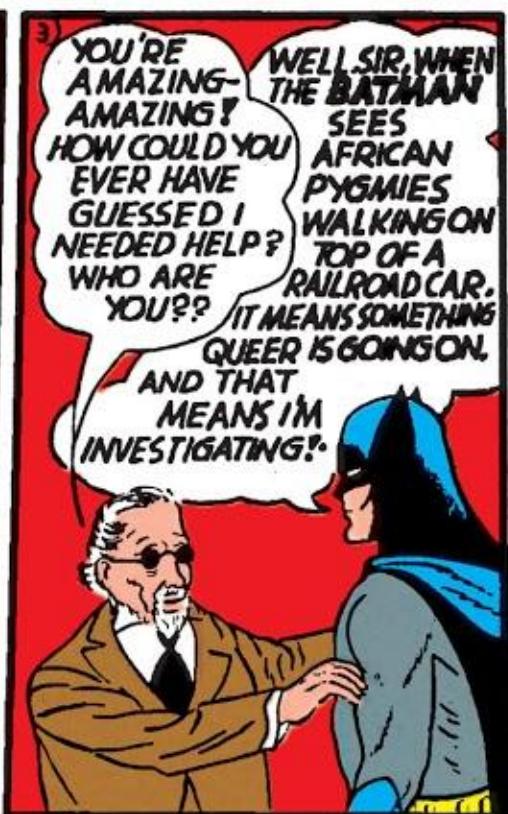
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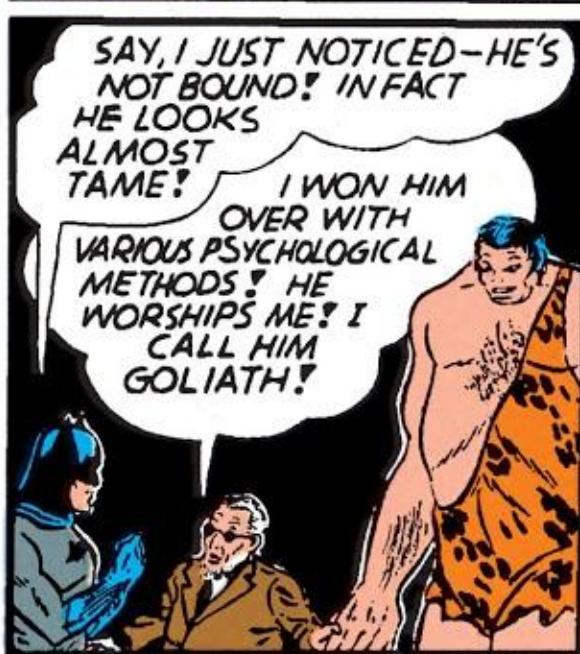
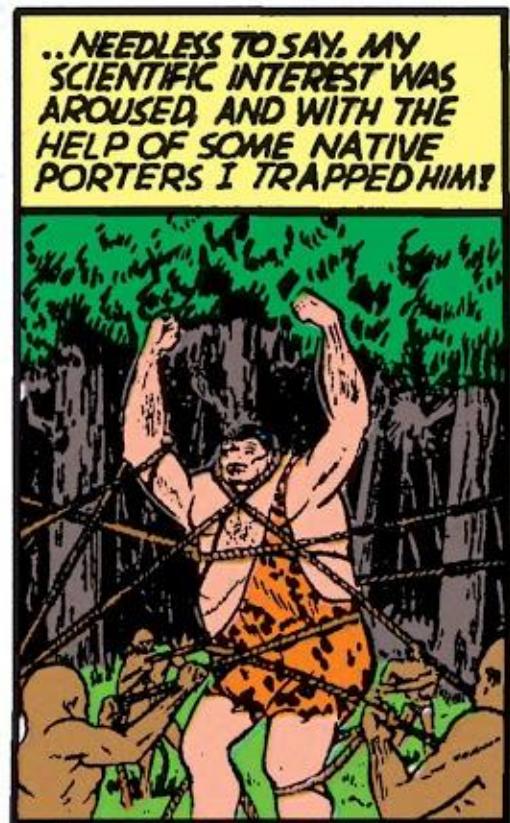
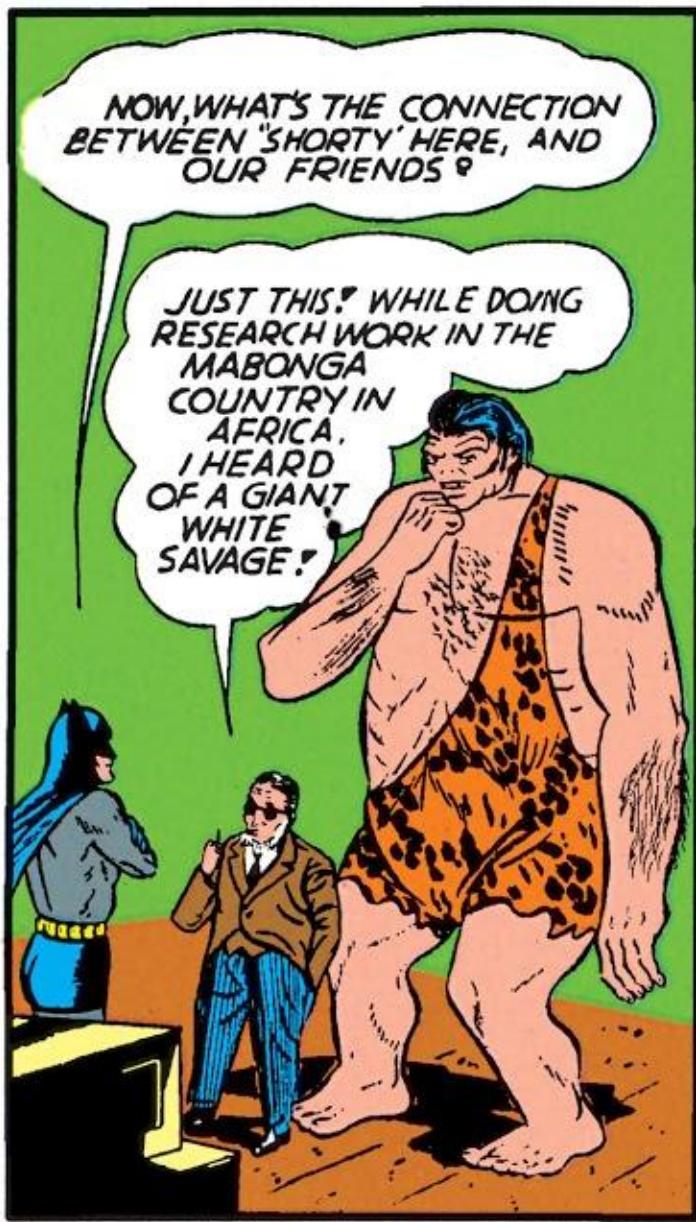
WHEN PROFESSOR DRAKE RETURNED FROM DARKEST AFRICA, HE BROUGHT WITH HIM A STRANGE, ALIEN BEING WHOSE VERY EXISTENCE WAS TO SEAL HIS DOOM, AND WAS TO SEND THE BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, DEEP INTO A LABYRINTH OF ADVENTURE AND INTRIGUE, INTO - "THE CASE OF THE MISSING LINK"

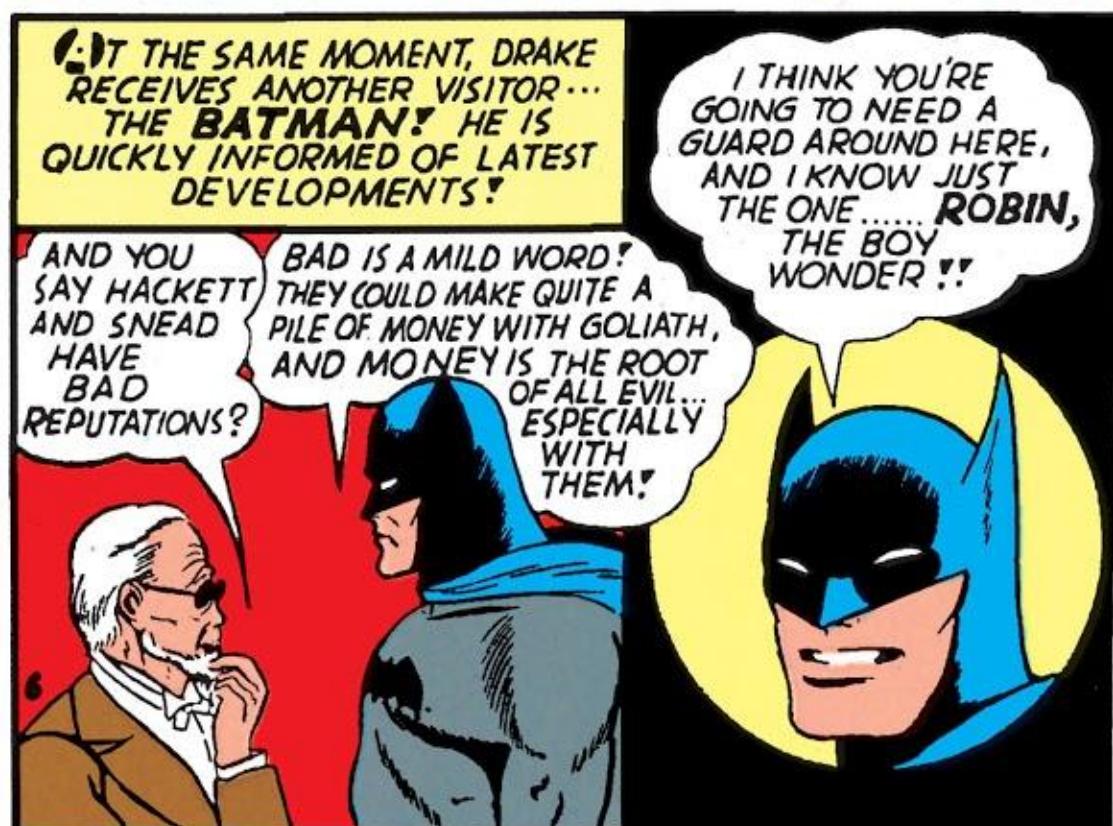
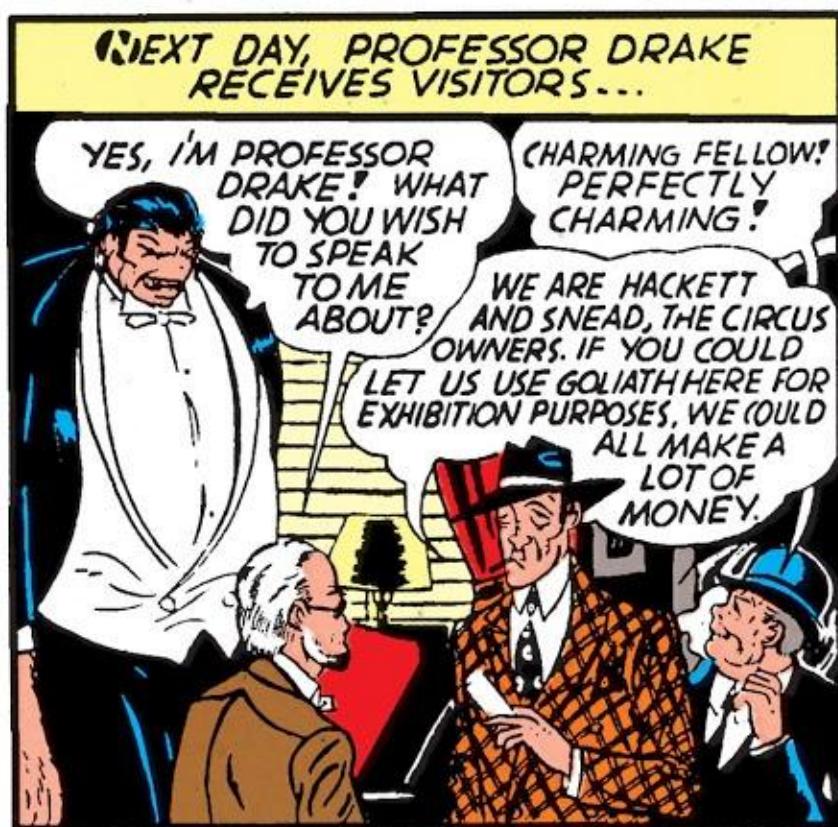
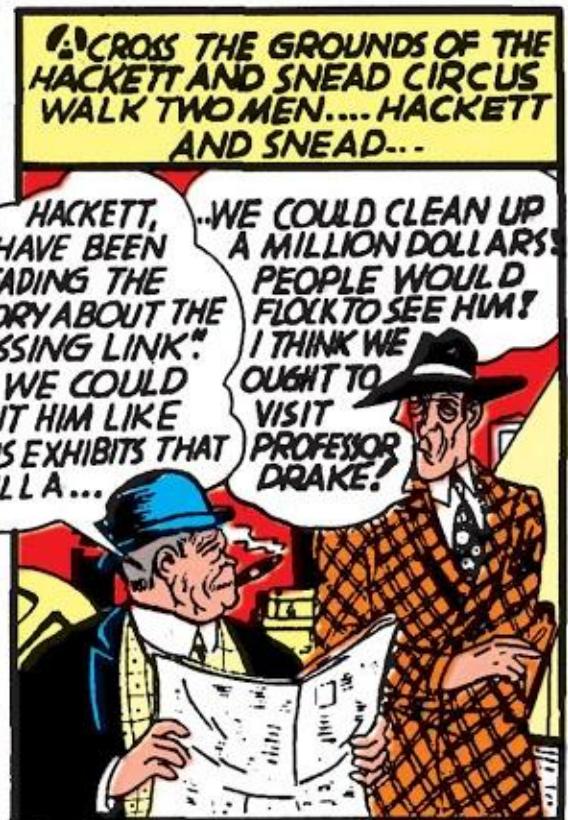
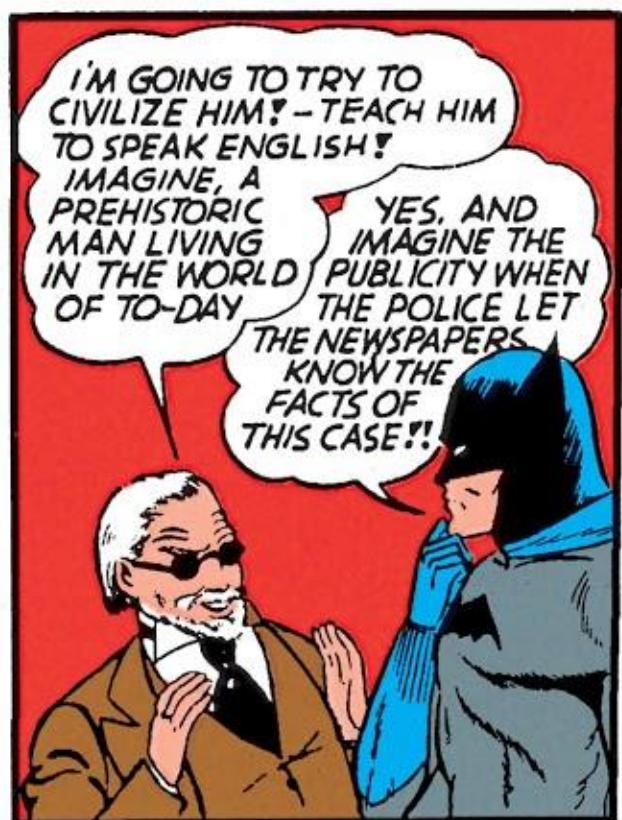










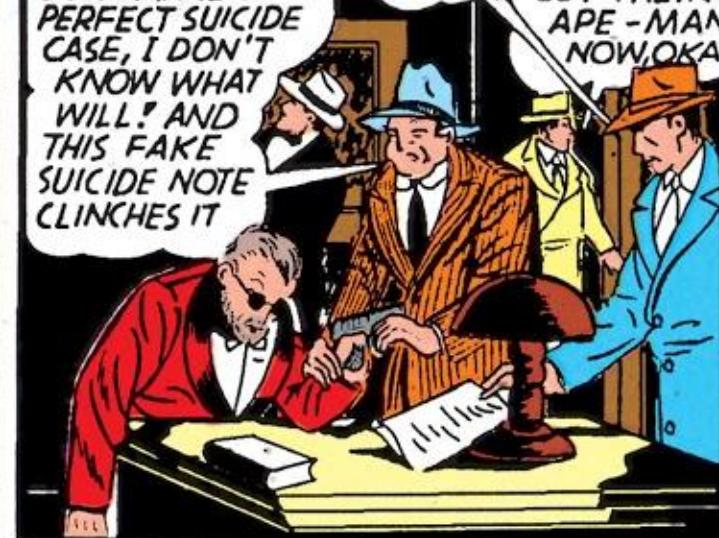


GUN SUDDENLY APPEARS NEXT TO THE HEAD OF THE UNSUSPECTING PROFESSOR, WHO HAS DOZED OFF IN HIS CHAIR....



WHERE IS A SHOT, AND THE PROFESSOR LIES LIFELESS!

WELL, IF THIS DON'T MAKE A PERFECT SUICIDE CASE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL! AND THIS FAKE SUICIDE NOTE CLINCHES IT



SURE THING, GRIMES, POWDER BURNS ON FOREHEAD, AND THE GUN IN HIS HAND....

IT'S A PERFECT SET UP!

I GUESS HACKETT AND SNEAD WILL GET THEIR APE-MAN NOW, OKAY

BUT AS THE MEN EXIT, A FIGURE STRADDLES A FENCE.... ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER IS REPORTING FOR DUTY... TOO LATE!

I HEARD A SHOT! OH-OH! MEN COMING FROM DRAKE'S HOUSE! BETTER SEE WHAT'S UP!

EVEN AS THE WONDER BOY IS SEEN, HIS PERFECT ATHLETIC BODY MAKES A LITHE SPRING.....



WHO FEET LASH OUT WITH DEADLY EFFECT!

UGH!

STRIKE ONE!



GUN IS TRAINED ON ROBIN'S BACK, WHEN.....

YOU MAY BE BIG, BUT YOU'RE NOT SO TOUGH!

I'LL GET THAT. WHA?



HAVING HEARD THE SHOT, AND FEARING FOR HIS MASTER'S SAFETY, GOLIATH CRASHES THROUGH THE SHACK

C'MON. LET'S GET OUTTAHERE!

I SECOND THE MOTION!

THE GIANT!



"...IS THE GIANT PLODS FORWARD,
HE CATCHES A GLIMPSE OF A FACE
THAT PENETRATES INTO HIS MIND.
....THAT FACE....GRIMES!"



"ONE THOUGHT REMAINS
IN THE PRIMITIVE'S MIND
AS HE TRUDGES TO THE
HOUSE...IS HIS MASTER SAFE?"

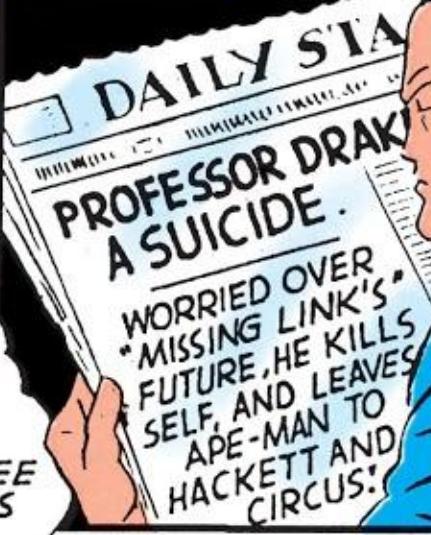


"INSTANTLY HE KNOWS THE
AWFUL TRUTH-HIS BELOVED
MASTER IS DEAD! THE SHOCK
IS TOO MUCH FOR HIS FEEBLE
MIND, AND THE APE-MAN
BECOMES HARMLESS,
A DODDERING FIGURE!"

"MEANWHILE ROBIN KNOWS HE
MUST DO ONE THING IMMEDIATELY...
...REPORT TO THE BATMAN!"



"NEXT MORNING..."



"OH, SO THAT'S IT!"

"THEY FORGED THAT SUICIDE NOTE AND KILLED HIM! I'M GOING TO TELL THE POLICE!"

"...AND TELL THEM YOU WERE THERE AS ROBIN THE BOY WONDER? ...SORRY, CAN'T BE DONE! WELL HAVE TO DO A LITTLE MORE TIME-BIDING UNTIL THE RIGHT MOMENT!"

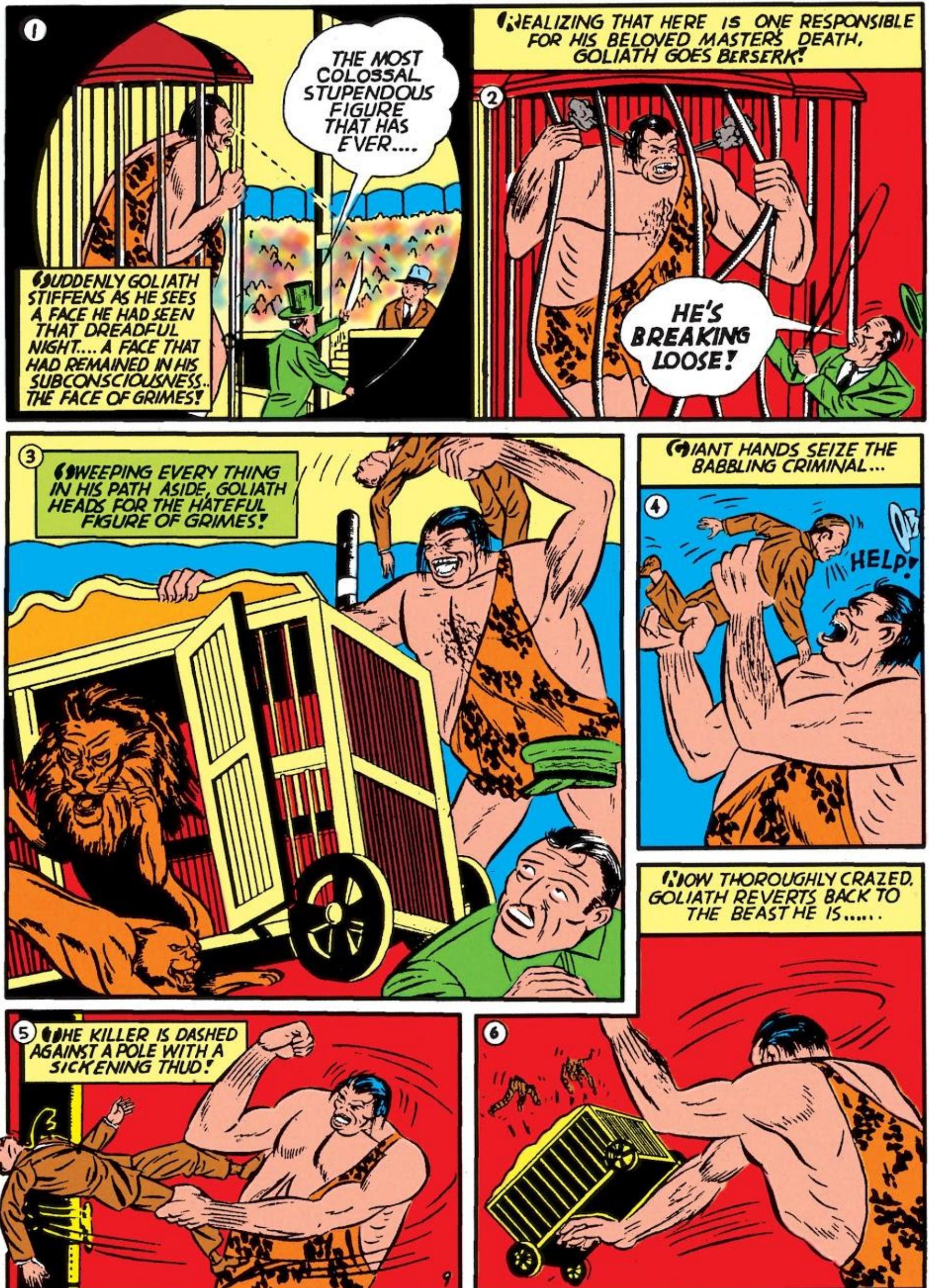
"MEANWHILE, HACKETT AND SNEAD LOSE NO TIME IN FLOODING THE COUNTRYSIDE WITH PUBLICITY!"

"IT SEEMS TO ME AS IF THIS TERRIFYING MONSTER IS ABOUT AS TERRIFYING AS A FLY! THE PUBLIC WON'T LIKE IT!"

"DON'T WORRY, ALL HE HAS TO DO IS LOOK AS FEROCIOUS AS HE DOES NOW AND THE PUBLIC WILL STILL EAT IT UP! THIS BABY IS BIG!-BIG!"



"AND HACKETT IS RIGHT, FOR AN OVERFLOWING CROWD COMES TO VIEW THE FAMED 'MISSING LINK'...
AND NOTICE HOW HE DWARFS THESE OTHER WILD BEASTS.. EVEN THE MIGHTY ELEPHANT! HE IS LARGEST SPECIES OF..."



"SUDDENLY, RACING TOWARD THE TERRIBLE SCENE --- BATMAN AND ROBIN!"

LOOK! THE LION, GOING FOR THAT MAN!

QUICK. GRAB HOLD OF ONE END OF THAT NET!

GRASPING THE ENDS OF THE NET, THE INTREPID TWO LEAP FORWARD TOWARD THE KING OF THE JUNGLE BEASTS....

HERE HE COMES!



"SNARLING CLAWING, TWISTING, THE BEAST ENMESHES ITSELF TIGHTER WITH EVERY MOVEMENT! BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE WON THE FIRST TRICK!"



"WALKING SOFTLY, PRODDING GENTLY WITH THE TRAINER'S STICK, THE BRAVE BOY CALMS THE BEWILDERED BEAST AND BRINGS HIM TO A HALT!"



"BUT ANOTHER STAMPEDING ANIMAL HAS TO BE DEALT WITH..... THE MAMMOTH ELEPHANT!.... EVEN AS HE LUMBERS TOWARD THE EXIT, A SMALL FIGURE DROPS TO HIS BACK... ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER!"

LEAPING OFF THE ELEPHANT, ROBIN UNWITTINGLY DROPS INTO THE PATH OF THE MADDENED APE-MAN, GOLIATH!



GIANT HAND REACHES OUT... AND ROBIN IS HELD BY THE COLOSSUS OF THE JUNGLE!



WITH KEEN PRESENCE OF MIND ROBIN REACHES OUT AND MANAGES TO CLOSE HIS HAND ABOUT A TRAPEZE..



WITH A SAVAGE CRY, THE ENRAGED MONSTER HURLS THE BOY FROM HIM!



I STILL DON'T BELIEVE I DID IT!



INFURIATED BECAUSE HIS VICTIM HAS ESCAPED DEATH, THE CRAZED BEAST BEGINS TO CLIMB THE GIRDER TO GET TO THE SUPPORT UPON WHICH ROBIN STANDS.

