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**'SECRET of the
SEA BEAST!'**

GREAT SCOTT!
OUR SPEARS
JUST BOUNCED OFF
THE CREATURE--
AND IT'S COMING
STRAIGHT AT US!

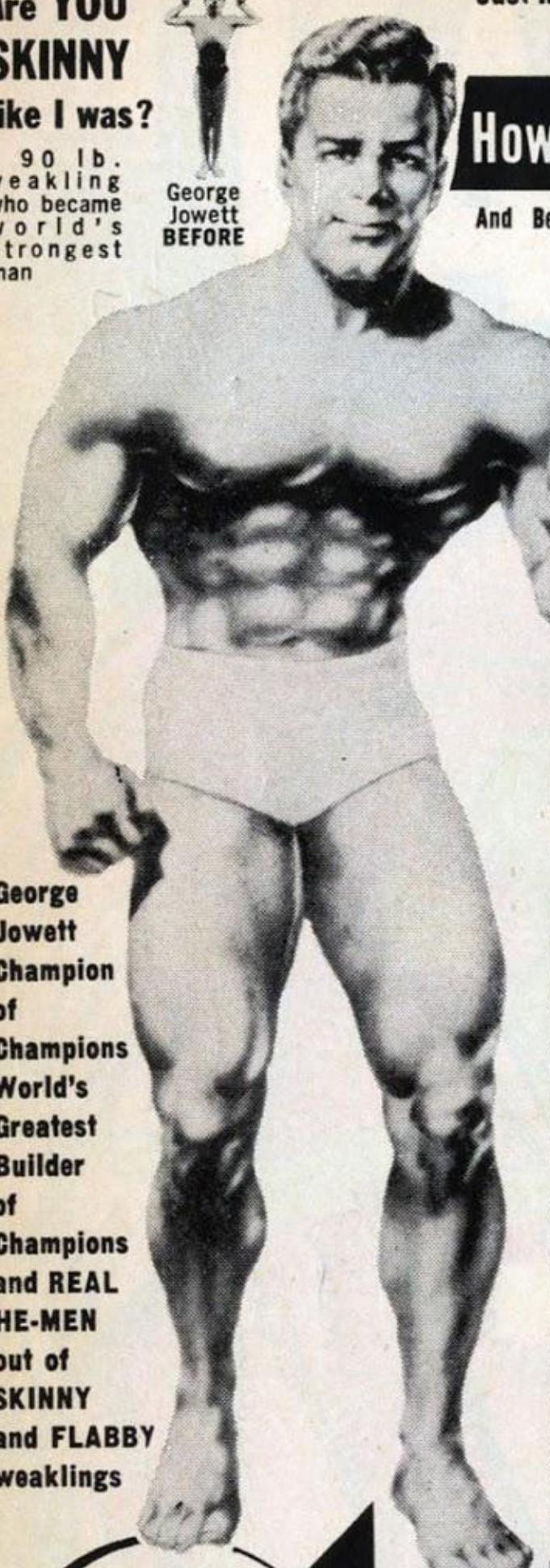


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a 90 lb. weakling who became world's strongest man



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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 WORLD CHAMPION.

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I was a 125 lb.
6 ft.
skinny weakling

This Can Be
YOU in a
Short Time!

says JOHN SILL

I added 7 inches to
MY CHEST, 3½ IN-
CHES to EACH ARM.
No, Pal! You don't
have to be a chick-
en-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!

THEY CALLED ME
"SKINNY" —
BUT NOW
THEY CALL ME
MR. MUSCLES

TONY PASCARELLA

Thanks to Jowett easy
methods I GAINED 28 LBS.
of MUSCLE - PACKED
STRENGTH ALL OVER. I won
new handsome looks—great
athletic ability. Now You
do it!

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,
JOWETT CAN DO FOR YOU
ALL HE DID FOR ME! I
gained 25 TERRIFIC LBS.
of HANDSOME POWER-
PACKED MUSCLES.



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you do
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BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN

-THE BOY WONDER-

CAN YOU IMAGINE BATMAN OBEDIING THE EVERY WISH OF ANOTHER MAN? CAN YOU IMAGINE THE CAPE-CRIME-FIGHTER TURNING AGAINST ROBIN, BECAUSE ANOTHER MAN HAS WILLED HIM TO DO SO? WHAT AN IMPOSSIBLE THOUGHT!... AND YET, THIS IS EXACTLY THE OUT-COME OF THE APPEARANCE OF...

BATMAN'S MASTER

BATMAN -- YOU WILL SEIZE ROBIN AND LEAP INTO THE VAT BELOW! YOU WILL OBEY ME -- NOW!

YES ... I -- I WILL OBEY!

NO, BATMAN -- NO!



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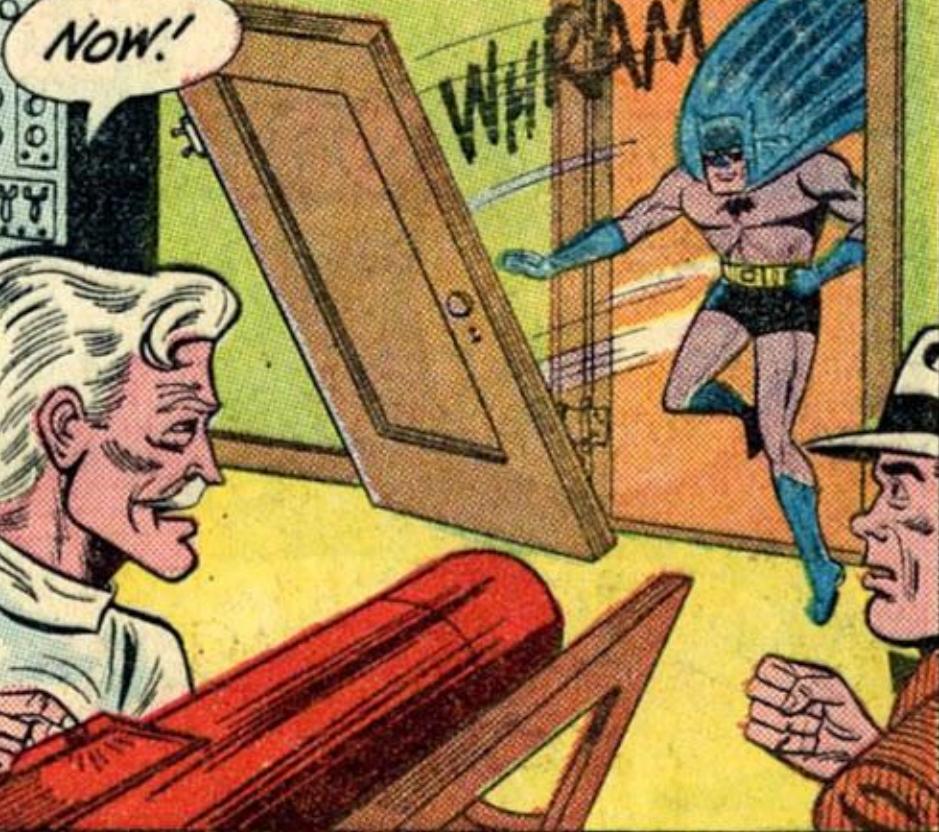
IN HIS SECRET LABORATORY, RENEGADE SCIENTIST DORIAN PERFECTS HIS LATEST INVENTION FOR CRIME, WHEN...

BOSS, BATMAN'S COMIN'! I CAN SEE HIM ON YOUR VIDEO-ALARM SCREEN!

SO, HE'S FINALLY DISCOVERED MY HIDEOUT! WELL-- HAVE NO FEAR... I'LL STOP HIM WITH MY ROCKET-RAM!



AS THE DOOR CRASHES INWARD, THE SCIENTIST PRESSES A BUTTON...



INSTANTLY, THE ROCKET-RAM HURLES FORWARD, AND...



NOW, BEFORE WE GET RID OF THE BODY, I WANT TO SATISFY MY CURIOSITY! I WANT TO REMOVE THAT COWL AND SEE BATMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY!



NEXT INSTANT, INCREDIBLY, ANOTHER BATMAN--TOGETHER WITH ROBIN--COMES CHARGING INTO THE HIDEOUT...

OUR TRICK WORKED,
ROBIN!

IT SURE DID,
BATMAN!



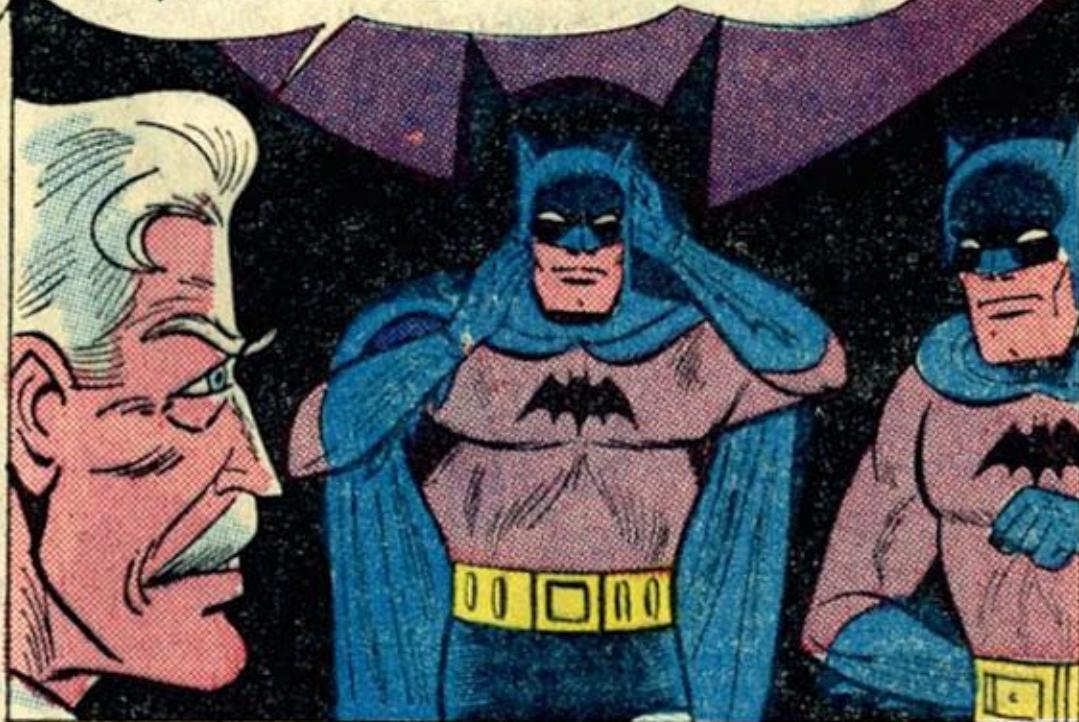
A MOMENT LATER COMES THE STARTLING ANSWER...

AS YOU CAN SEE, I SENT MY BATMAN-ROBOT IN FIRST--FIGURING YOU'D TRY TO USE YOUR ROCKET-RAM ON IT! THAT MADE IT SAFE FOR US TO CHARGE IN!



AT A COMMAND FROM BATMAN, THE AMAZING ROBOT COMES ERECT...

HMPH!... YOUR ROBOT OBEYS YOU LIKE A PUPPY DOG, BATMAN... BUT ONE DAY, YOU'LL MEET YOUR MASTER!



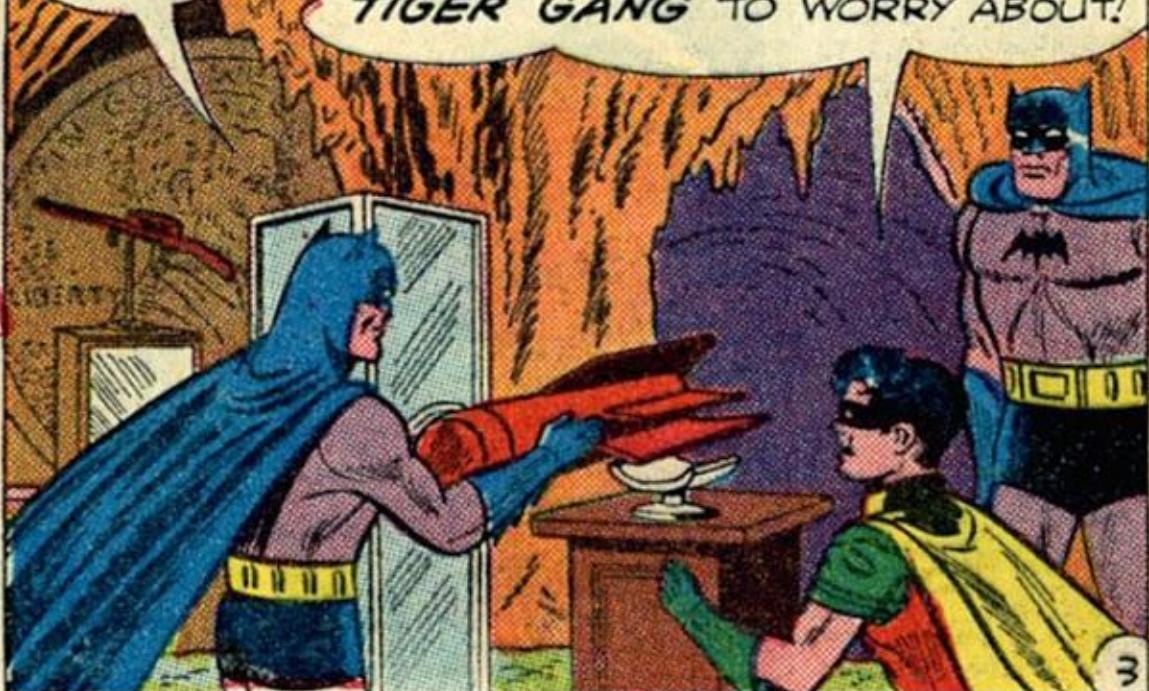
YES--ONE DAY, YOU'LL MEET A CRIMINAL WHO'S SMARTER THAN YOU--A CRIMINAL WHO WILL MAKE YOU LOOK LIKE A FOOL ROBOT! IT'LL HAPPEN--MARK MY WORDS!



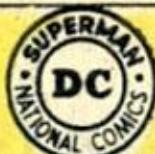
THAT NIGHT, A NEW MEMENTO OF A VICTORY OVER CRIME TAKES ITS PLACE IN THE TROPHY ROOM OF THE SECRET BAT-CAVE...

THAT'S THAT!

ONE MORE CROOK OUT OF THE WAY... NOW, WE'VE JUST GOT THE TIGER GANG TO WORRY ABOUT!



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AN UNDERWORLD TIPSTER SAID THE **TIGER GANG** MAY TRY TO GRAB THE NEW **PROJECTOR** BEING DELIVERED TO **GOTHAM PLANETARIUM**--AND HOLD IT FOR RANSOM! THAT PROJECTOR IS VALUED AT A QUARTER-MILLION DOLLARS!

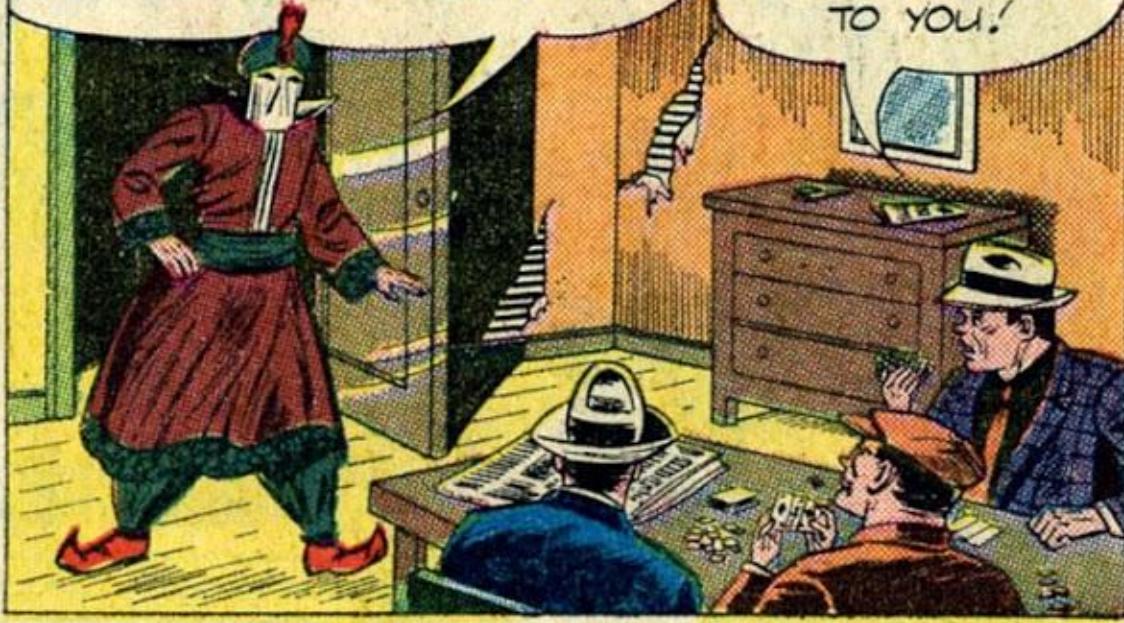
WELL, I'VE GOT A PLAN THAT MAY SURPRISE THEM!



IT IS LATER THAT NIGHT, WHEN A BIZARRE FIGURE STRIDES INTO AN UNDERWORLD HANGOUT...

I MUST SPEAK TO THE **TIGER**! I WANT TO WARN HIM THAT **BATMAN** HAS PLANNED TO TRAP HIM WHEN HE ATTEMPTS TO STEAL THE PLANETARIUM PROJECTOR!

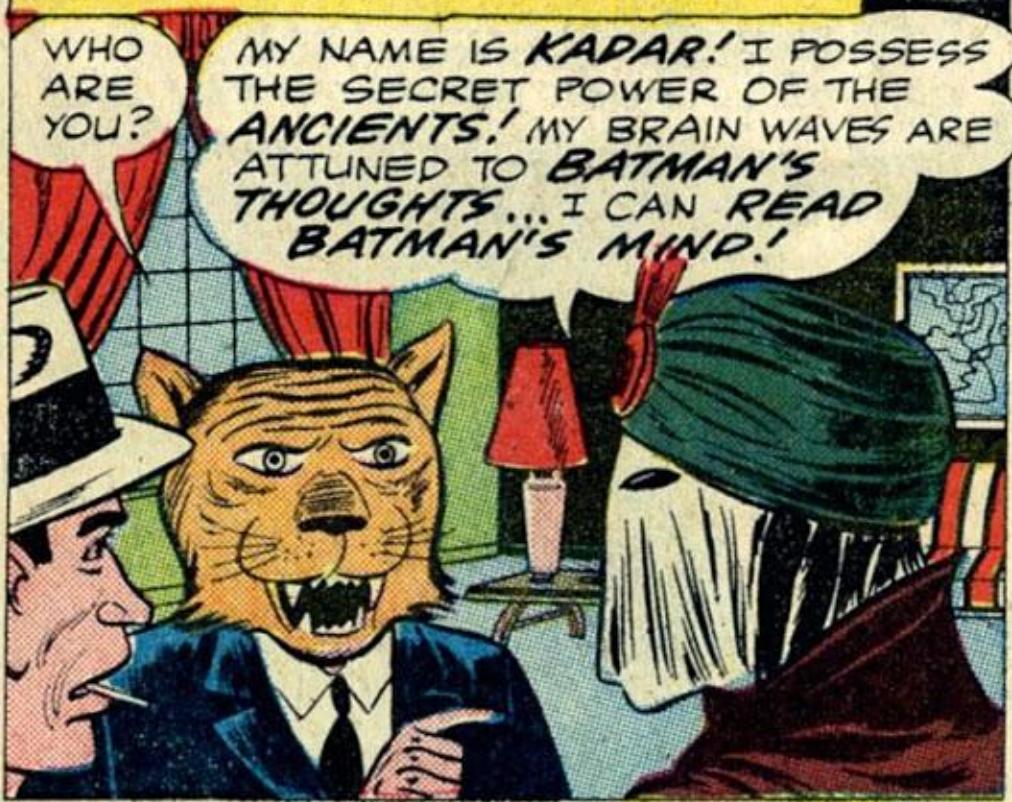
HUH? OKAY--WE'LL BLINDFOLD YOU AND TAKE YOU TO HIS HIDEOUT! THE BOSS WILL WANT TO TALK TO YOU!



SOON AFTER, THE CHIEF OF THE **TIGER GANG** FACES THE STRANGER...

WHO ARE YOU?

MY NAME IS **KADÁR**! I POSSESS THE SECRET POWER OF THE ANCIENTS! MY BRAIN WAVES ARE ATTUNED TO **BATMAN'S THOUGHTS**... I CAN READ **BATMAN'S MIND**!



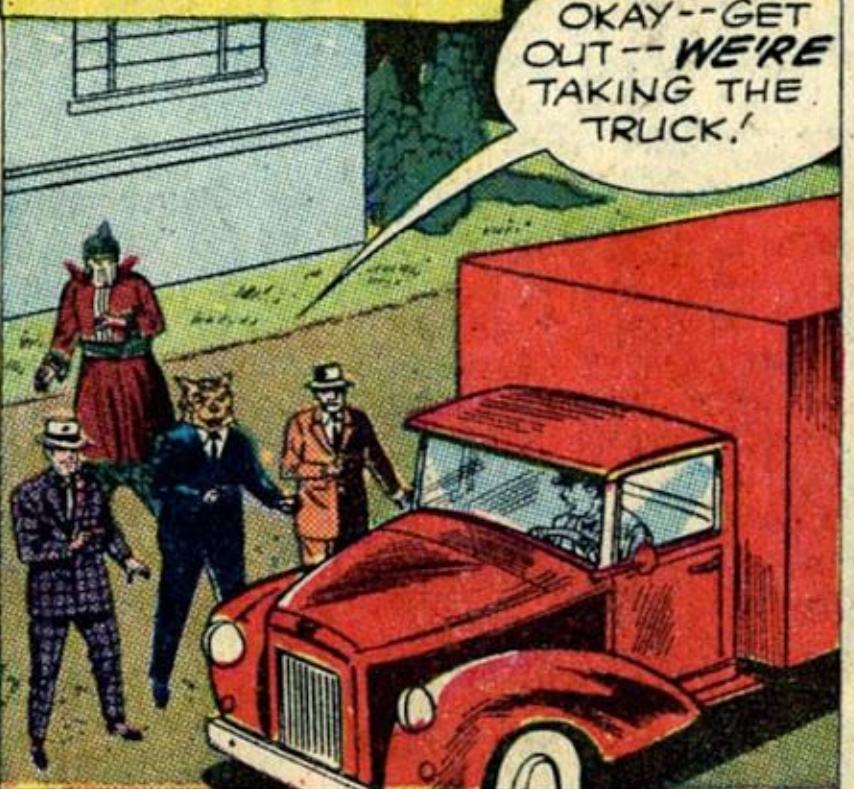
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

indeed? THEN TOMORROW NIGHT, I SHALL GO WITH YOU-- AND HELP YOU ELUDE CAPTURE BY ANTICIPATING **BATMAN'S EVERY MOVE**! AND FOR MY PRICE, I SEEK NO REWARD--EXCEPT FOR ALL THE WORLD TO KNOW THAT I AM **BATMAN'S MASTER**!



NEXT EVENING, AS A TRUCK DELIVERS THE HUGE PROJECTOR TO THE PLANETARIUM YARD...

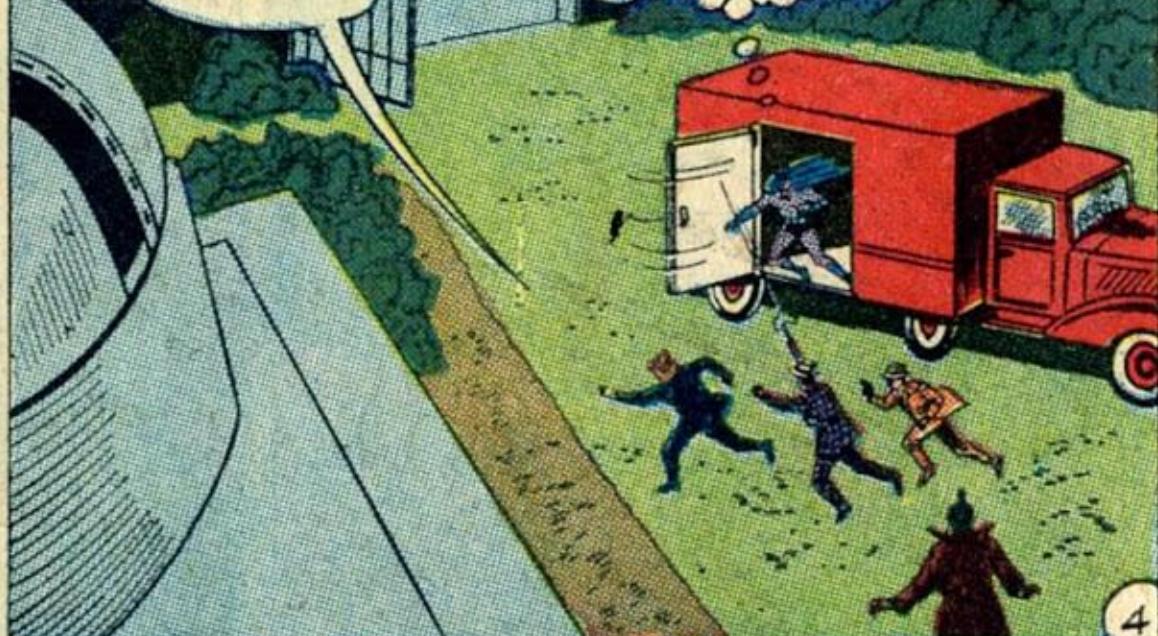
OKAY--GET OUT--WE'RE TAKING THE TRUCK!



BUT SUDDENLY...

BATMAN-- HIDING IN THE TRUCK! QUICK, MEN--TO OUR GETAWAY CAR!

THEIR CAR IS PARKED IN THE ALLEY--BUT AS I PLANNED, BY NOW **ROBIN** HAS FIXED THAT CAR SO IT WON'T START! THEY'LL BE TRAPPED!



BATMAN

ABRUPTLY...

STOP! ESCAPE
THROUGH THE
BUILDING INSTEAD!
ROBIN HAS STALLED
YOUR GETAWAY
CAR!



QUICKLY, BATMAN TAKES A SHORT-CUT THROUGH THE
PLANETARIUM'S SOLAR SYSTEM ROOM...

MUST USE THE PLAN WE WORKED OUT IN CASE THE GANG
DID CUT THROUGH HERE! THE MOMENT I PRESS THE
ALARM BUTTON ON THAT CONTROL PANEL, GUARDS WILL
CLOSE ALL EXIT DOORS!



BUT IN THAT SAME INSTANT...

NO, **BATMAN**! YOU WILL NEVER PRESS
THAT ALARM BUTTON -- FOR I SHALL
REACH THE CONTROL PANEL
BEFORE YOU!

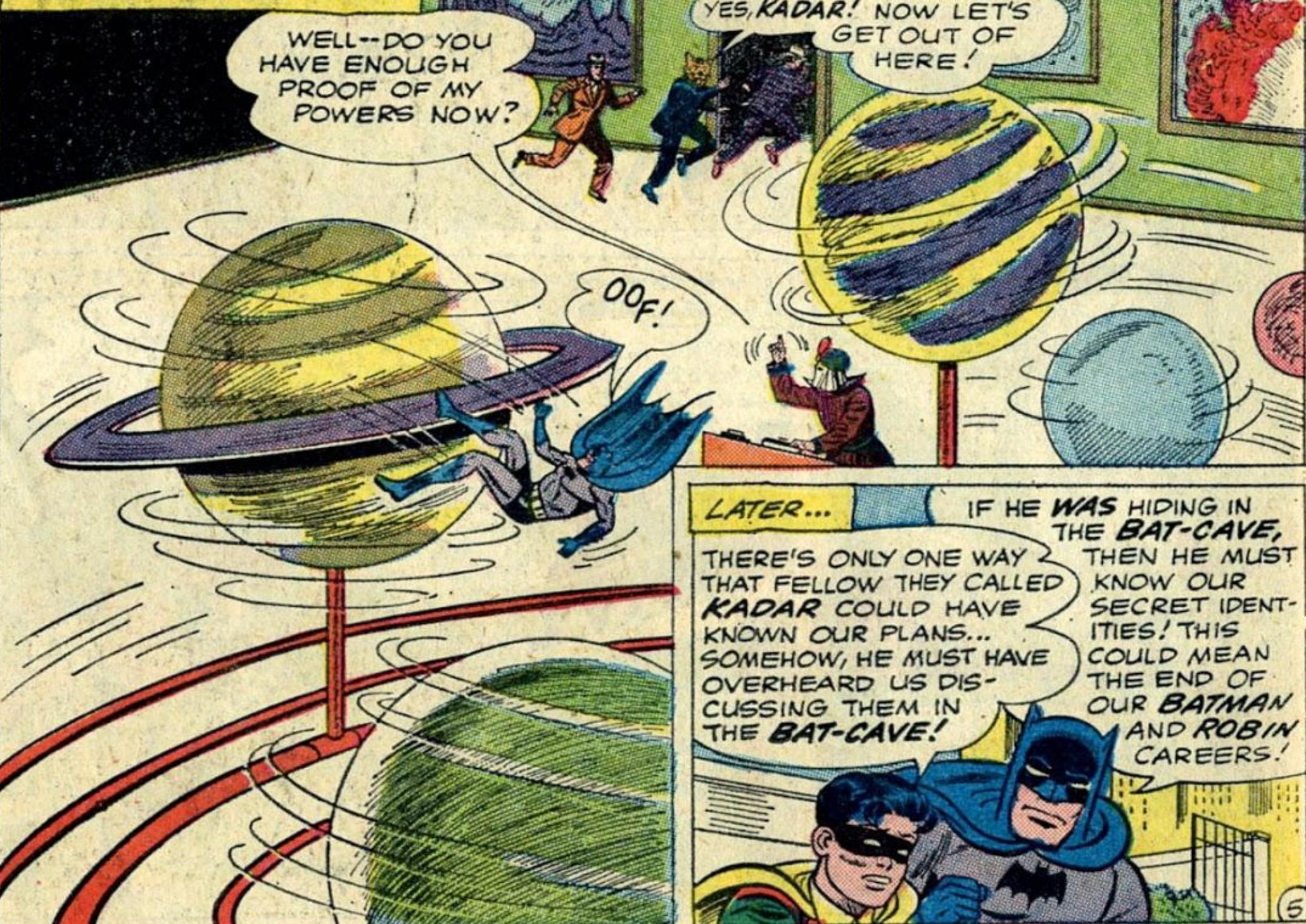
WHAT?
HOW COULD
HE HAVE
KNOWN
THAT?

GREAT SCOTT!
HE KNEW THE
EMERGENCY
PLAN, TOO!

AS KADAR PRESSES A BUTTON, THE MOCK PLANETS BEGIN TO REVOLVE ALONG
THEIR TRACKS SO THAT...

WELL--DO YOU
HAVE ENOUGH
PROOF OF MY
POWERS NOW?

YES, KADAR! NOW LET'S
GET OUT OF
HERE!



BATMAN



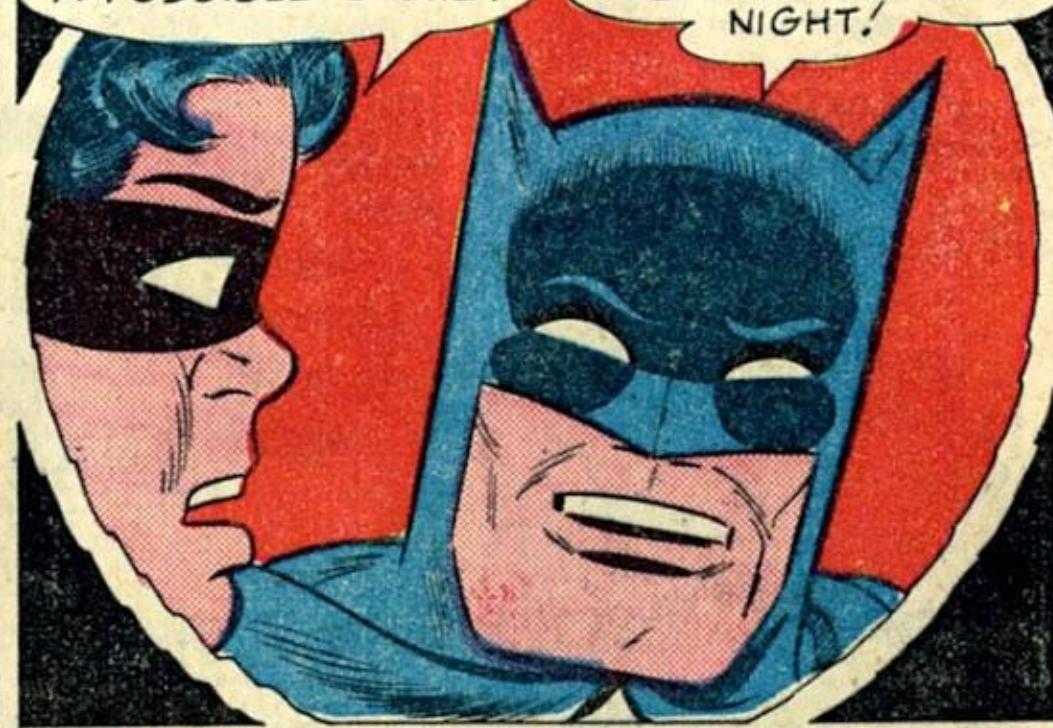
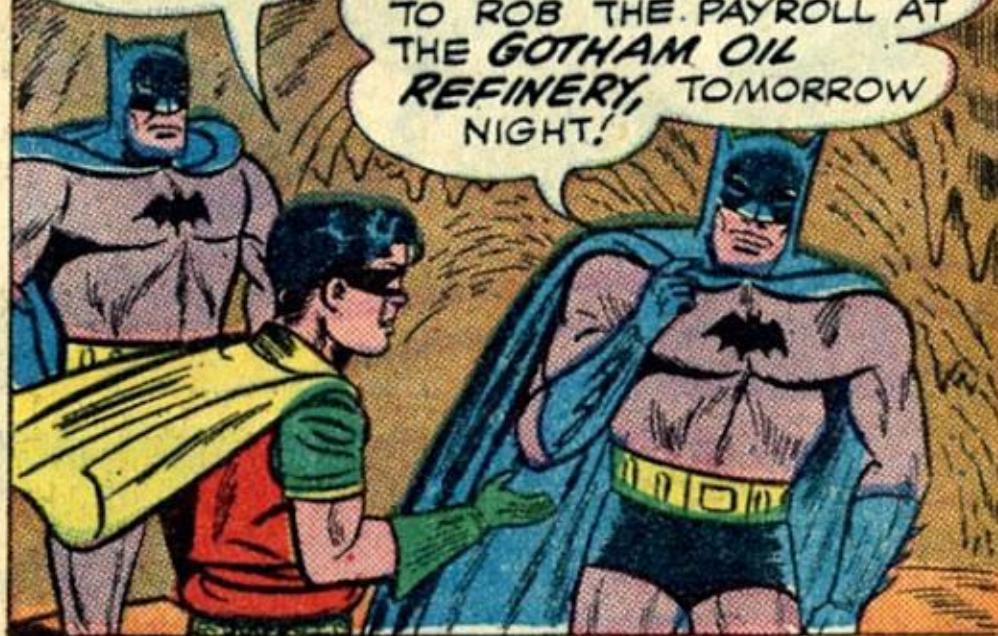
AFTERWARD, UPON RETURNING TO THE BAT-CAVE...

BATMAN--
WHAT'S THE
MATTER?

I--I DON'T KNOW! ALL
OF A SUDDEN, I GOT THE
IDEA THAT THE **TIGER
GANG** IS GOING TO TRY
TO ROB THE PAYROLL AT
THE **GOTHAM OIL
REFINERY**, TOMORROW
NIGHT!

WELL... IT ISN'T THE
FIRST HUNCH YOU'VE
EVER HAD ABOUT
A POSSIBLE CRIME!

THAT'S TRUE... JUST
TO PLAY SAFE,
WE'LL GO TO THE
REFINERY TOMORROW
NIGHT!



AND SURE ENOUGH, THE
FOLLOWING NIGHT...

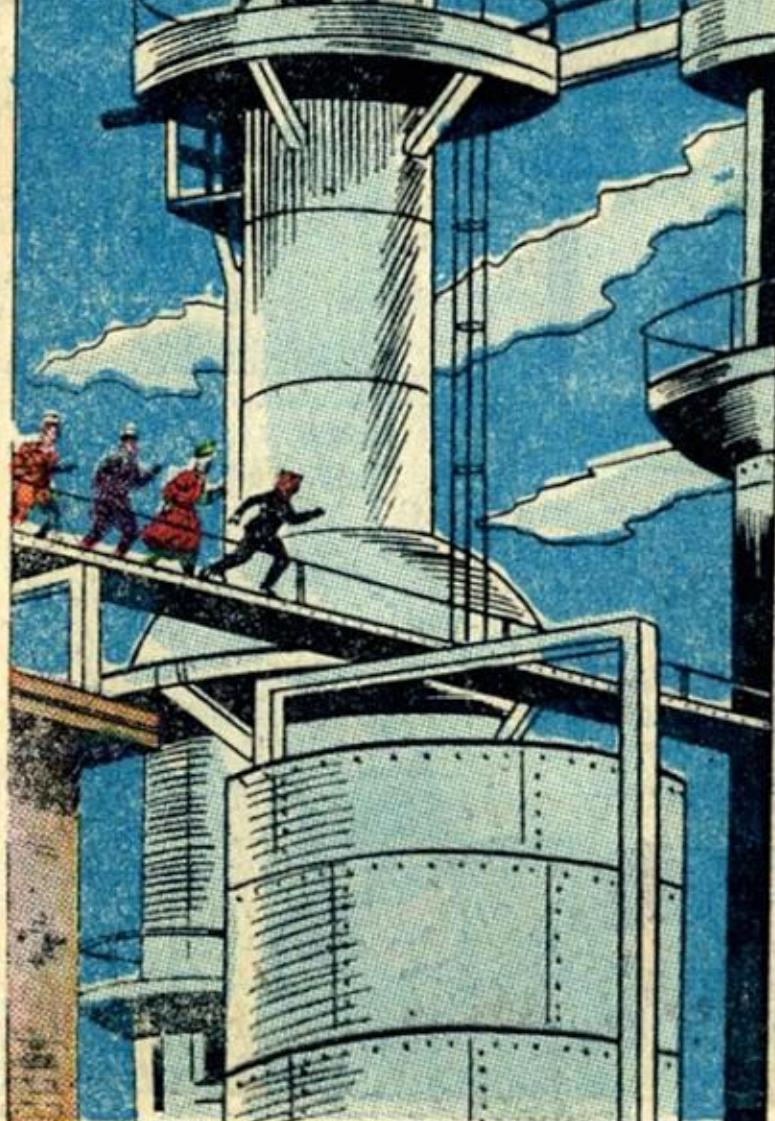
THE **TIGER
GANG** AND
KADAR!
YOUR
HUNCH
WAS
RIGHT!

THEY'RE SNEAKING
OVER THE BRIDGE
WHERE THEY CAN'T
BE SPOTTED--SO
THEY CAN MAKE
THEIR WAY DOWN
TO THE PAYROLL
OFFICE BUILDING
IN THE YARD BELOW!

INSTANTLY, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS LAUNCH A SURPRISE
ATTACK...

BATMAN
AND ROBIN!

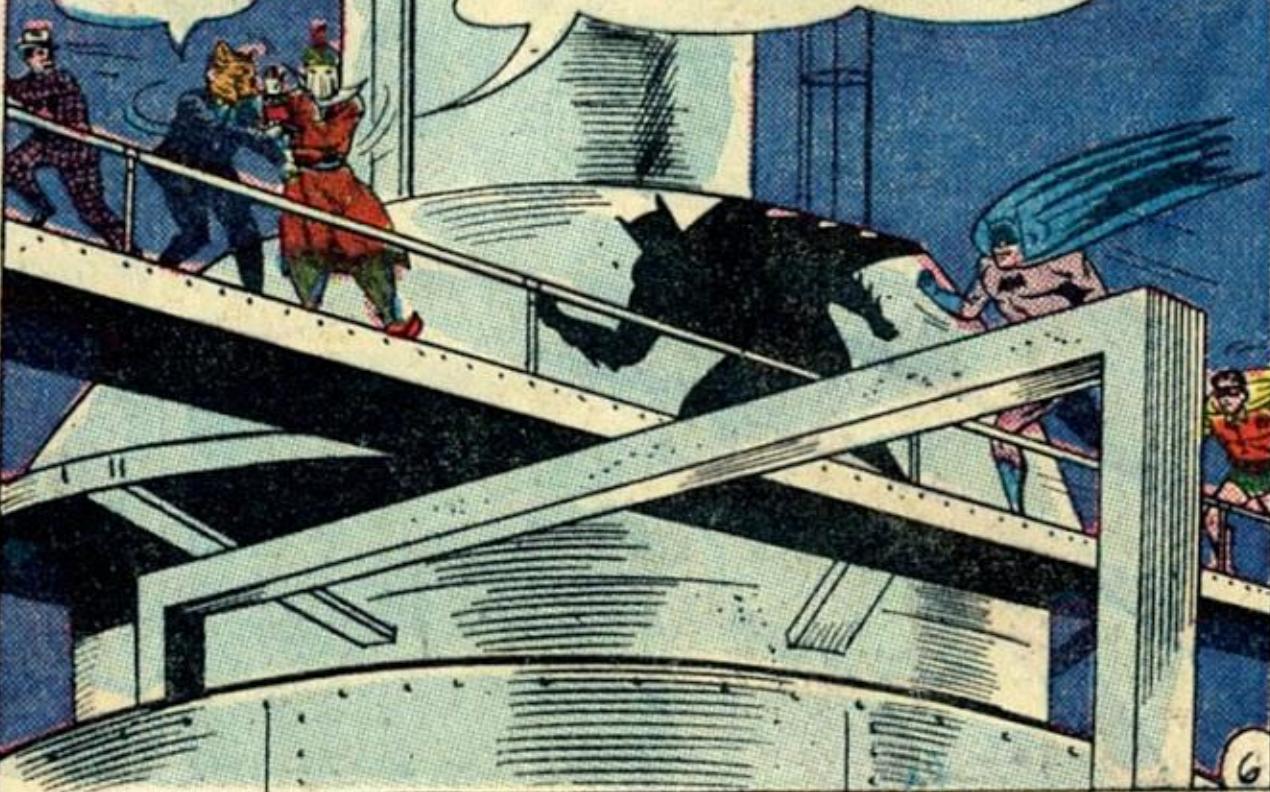
NEVER MIND THE HIRELINGS, ROBIN...
IT'S THE **TIGER** AND **KADAR**
WE WANT!



AMID THE REFINERY TOWERS BEGINS A DESPERATE
CHASE...

THEY'RE EASY
TARGETS OUT
HERE IN THE
OPEN!

NO! DON'T SHOOT! MY GROWING
POWER WILL STOP BATMAN
WITHOUT BLOODSHED! NOW, NOT
ONLY CAN I READ HIS MIND--I
CAN ALSO CONTROL IT!





BATMAN



ADVANCING ACROSS THE WOODEN RAMP, KADAR CONCENTRATES ...

BATMAN-- I COMMAND YOU TO STOP! I COMMAND YOU TO SEIZE ROBIN AND LEAP INTO THE VAT BELOW!

I--I CAN'T SEEM TO FIGHT HIS WILL...

CREAK

CREAK

AS IF IN A DAZE, BATMAN OBEYS KADAR'S COMMAND...

NO, BATMAN...
NO-OOO-ooo!

BELLOW, THE OIL BREAKS THE FALL OF THE PLUNGING DUO...

TOO BAD THAT VAT WASN'T EMPTY! THEY WEREN'T EVEN HURT!

WHO CARES? I'VE SUCCEEDED IN MY PLAN-- TO RUIN BATMAN'S REPUTATION!

LATER...

GOSH, BATMAN-- IT SEEMS THAT KADAR ACTUALLY IS YOUR MASTER! HE REALLY MADE YOU OBEY HIM!



THAT SAME NIGHT, AFTER KADAR MAKES HIS WAY TO THE TIGER'S SECRET LAIR ...

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN!

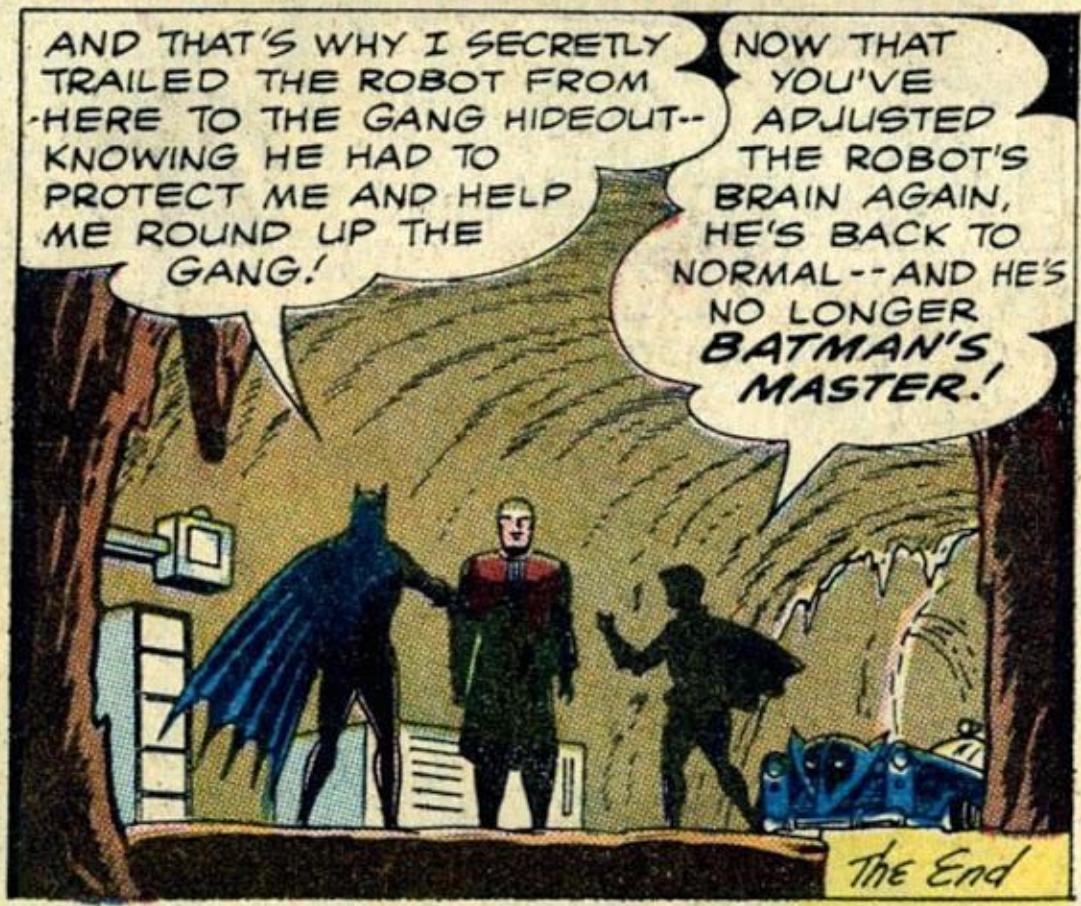
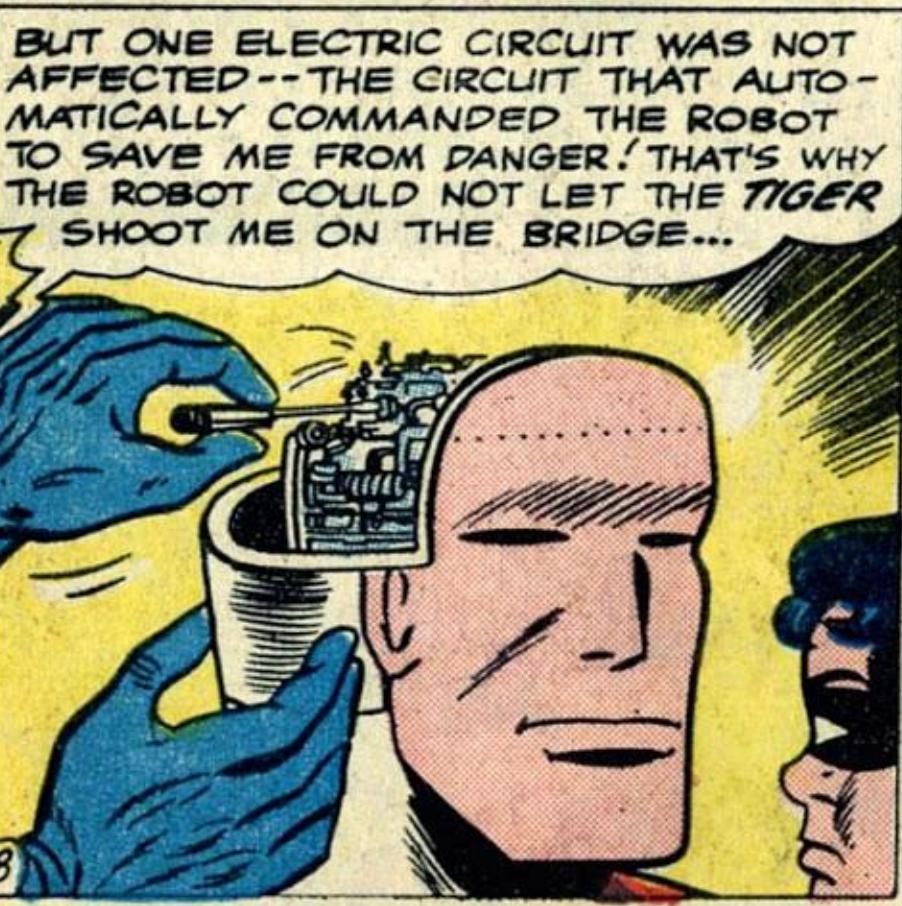
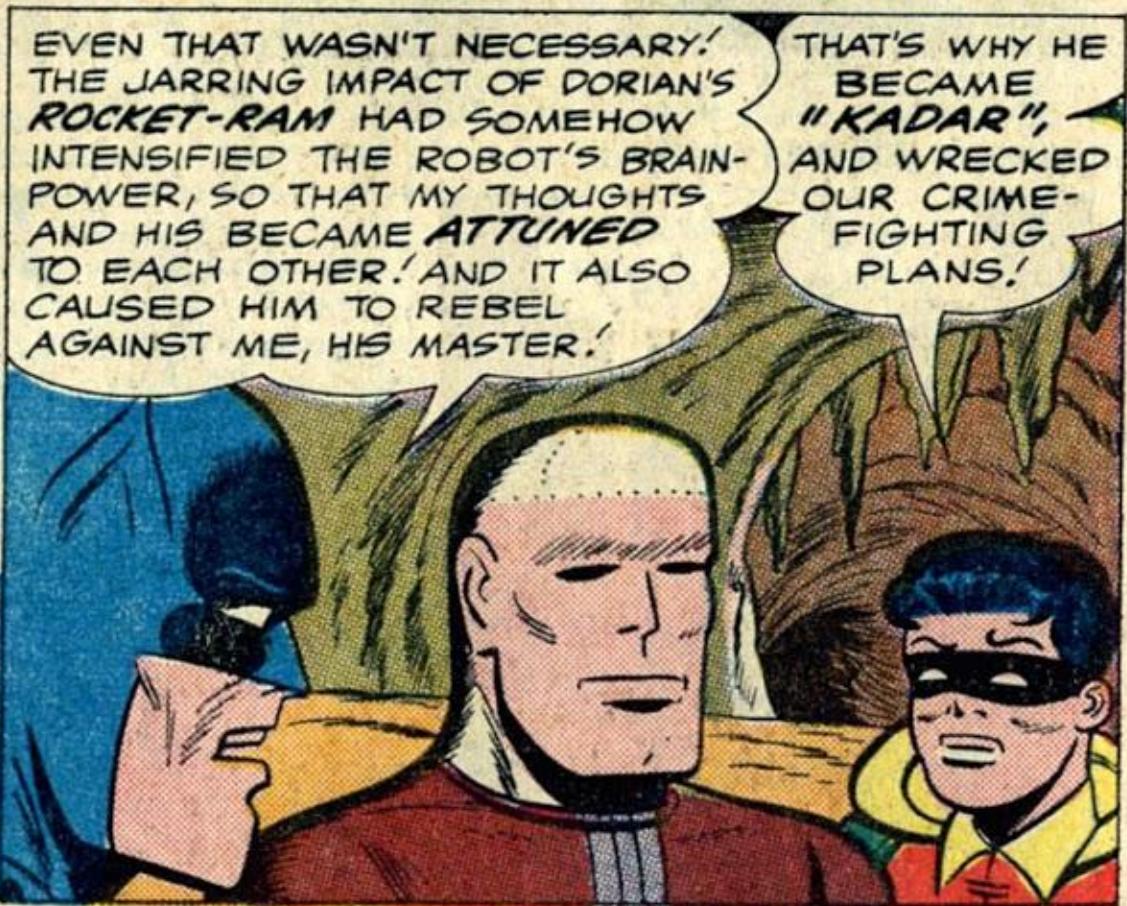
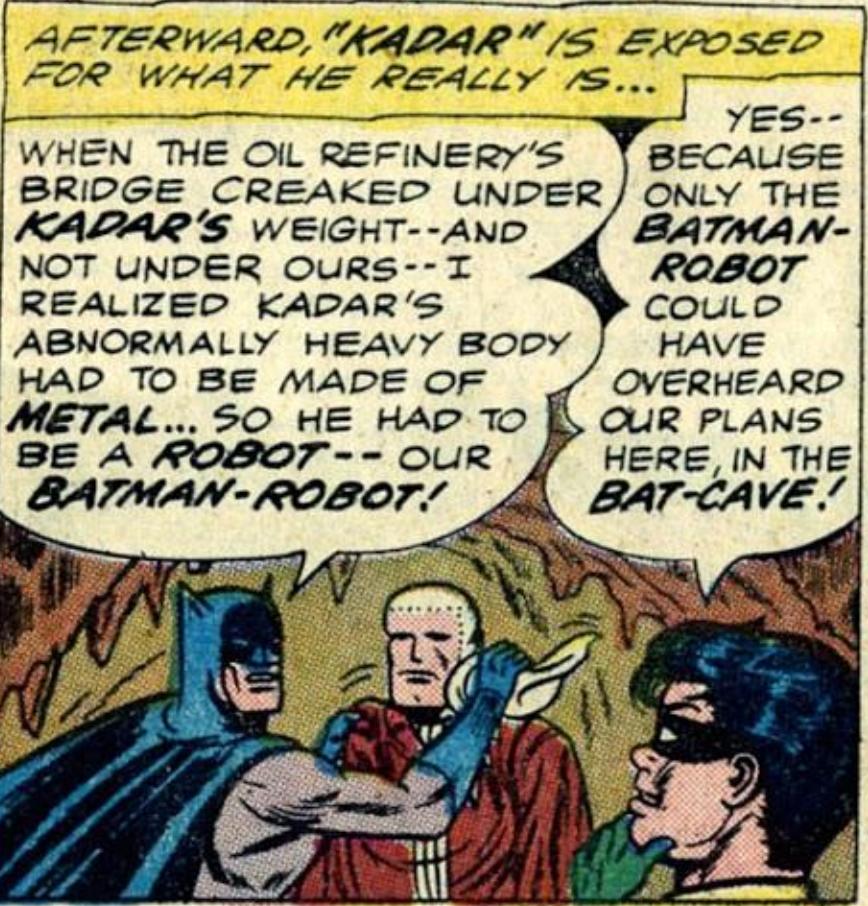
YES, KADAR... WE COULD HAVE GRABBED YOU BEFORE, BUT WE LET YOU GO-- SO YOU COULD LEAD US RIGHT TO YOUR FRIENDS!

NOW THAT I KNOW THE TIGER GANG'S HIDEOUT, THEY DARE NOT LET ME LIVE! YOU MUST SAVE MY LIFE BY FIGHTING THEM!

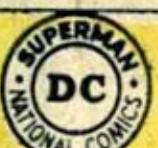
YES-- I MUST LET NO HARM COME TO YOU!

WHAT???





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Rip Hunter... TIME MASTER

NOW IN A MAGAZINE
OF HIS OWN!

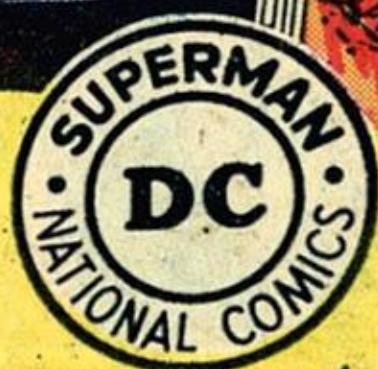
IN EVERY ISSUE YOU
WILL TRAVEL ALONG
WITH RIP AND HIS
COMPANIONS IN THE
AMAZING SPHERE
THAT SMASHES THE
TIME BARRIER--AND
HURTLES THEM INTO
EXCITING UNKNOWN
EVENTS OF
YESTERYEAR!



FOLLOW THEM NOW
IN THIS 3-PART ACTION-
PACKED NOVEL AS THEY
BATTLE FANTASTIC MENACES
OF THE PAST TO SOLVE THE RIDDLE OF...

**"The 1,000 YEAR-OLD
CURSE!"**

ON SALE
EVERWHERE JAN. 19th



Don't Sell NATURE Short!

JIM ASKED ME TO HELP HIM AT THE MAYOR'S MEETING WEDNESDAY. THE STATE WANTS TO MAKE THAT MARSHY AREA AT FOUR CORNERS INTO A WILDLIFE REFUGE, BUT JIM WANTS TO FILL IT IN FOR A SHOPPING CENTER!

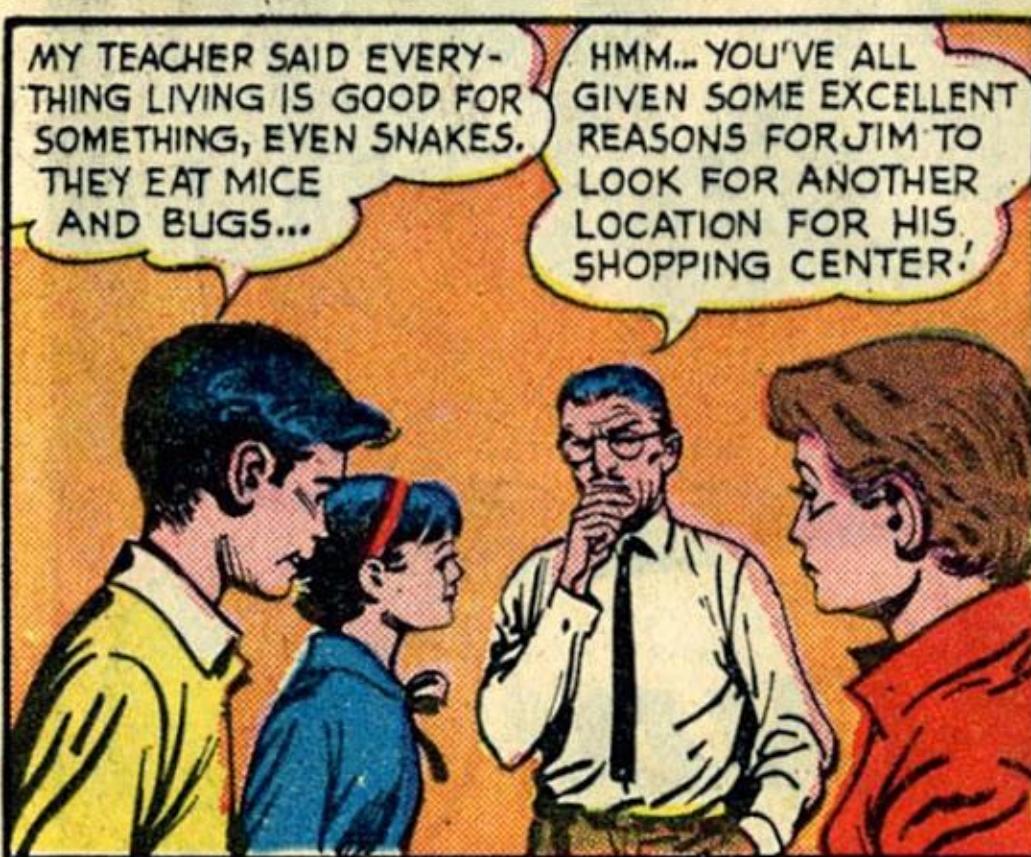
OH, NO--
YOU
CAN'T.

"THAT'S WHERE BILL AND I CATCH OUR FISH AND TURTLES... AND WHERE OLD TIM TRAPS MUSKRATS..."



MY TEACHER SAID EVERYTHING LIVING IS GOOD FOR SOMETHING, EVEN SNAKES. THEY EAT MICE AND BUGS...

HMM... YOU'VE ALL GIVEN SOME EXCELLENT REASONS FOR JIM TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER LOCATION FOR HIS SHOPPING CENTER!



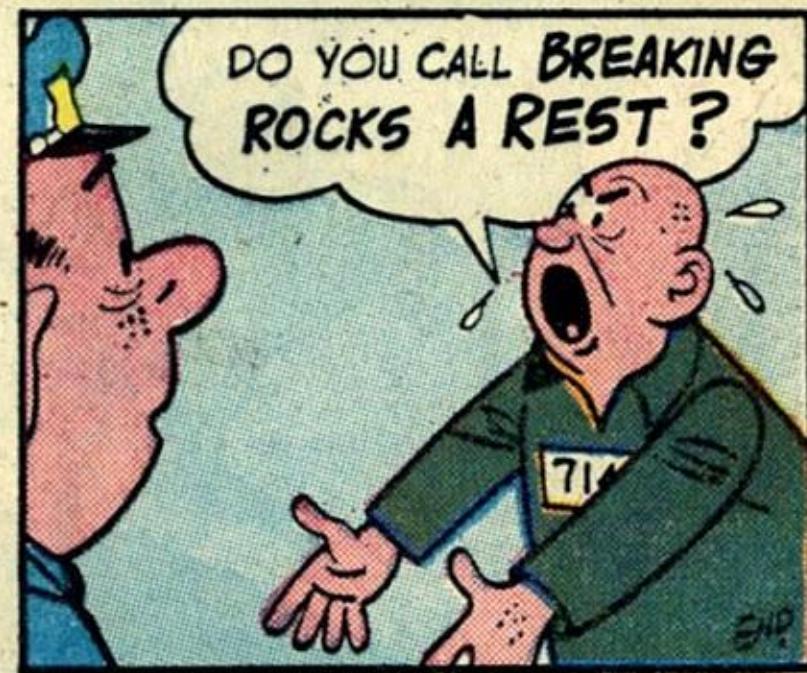
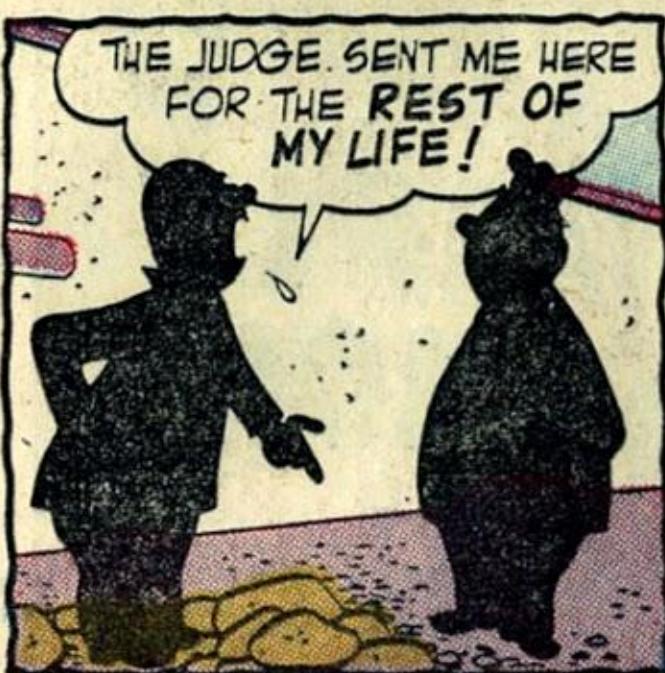
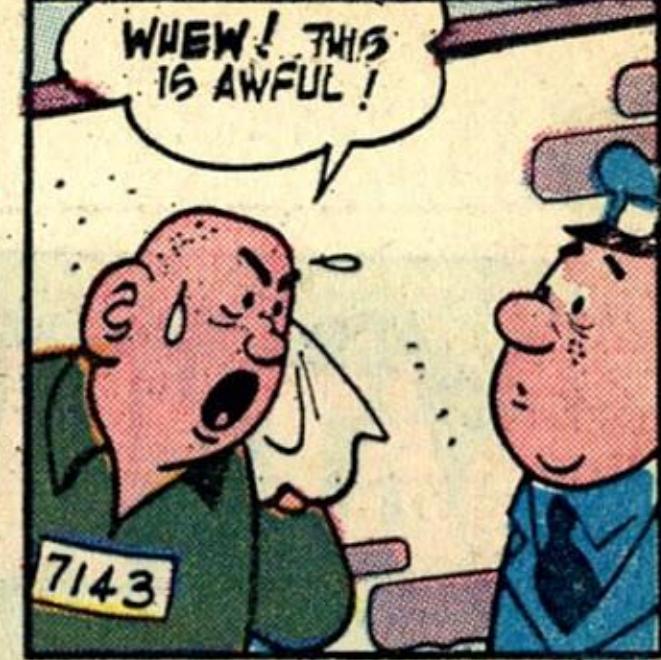
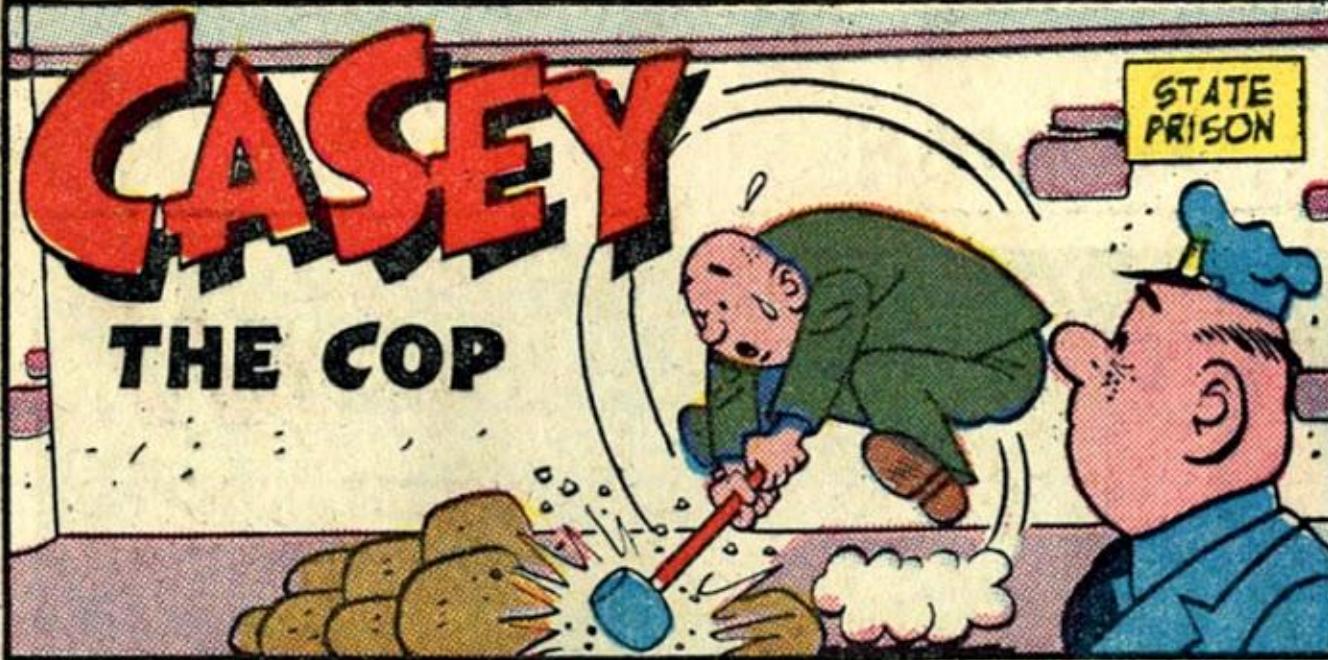
AND SO, ON WEDNESDAY...

...WE CAN'T BUY THE GOOD THAT NATURE GIVES US. WE MUST PRESERVE IT. AND SO, GENTLEMEN, I VOTE FOR THE STATE'S PLAN TO MAKE THE MARSH A WILDLIFE REFUGE!



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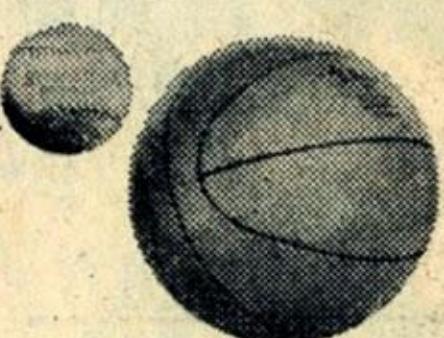
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BATMAN



BAT-MAN AND ROBIN

REMEMBER THE RHYMES ABOUT SIMPLE SIMON, WHICH SHOWED POOR SIMON TO BE SO SIMPLE, HE ALWAYS DID THINGS WRONG? NOW--A NOT-SO-SIMPLE SIMON USES THOSE RIDICULOUS RHYMES FOR CRIMES... UNTIL BATMAN AND ROBIN COME TO GRIPS WITH THIS TRICKY HICK AND PUT A STOP TO...

the SIMPLE CRIMES OF SIMPLE SIMON

GREAT SCOTT!
BATMAN AND SIMPLE SIMON ARE FIGHTING ON THE WHALE SIMPLE SIMON FISHED OUT OF A PAIL!

BOB KANE

AMONG THE VISITORS AT A COUNTRY FAIR ARE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

BRUCE, LOOK AT THAT CHARACTER! WHAT A GETUP!

MAYBE HE'S ONE OF THE ENTERTAINERS HERE!

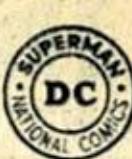
HULLO, MISTER! SIMON'S MY NAME-- BUT MY FRIENDS CALL ME SIMPLE SIMON ON ACCOUNT OF I'M SO STUPID! ;HAWK, I WANT TO BUY YOUR WARES-- ALL OF 'EM!

ALL MY PIES??!





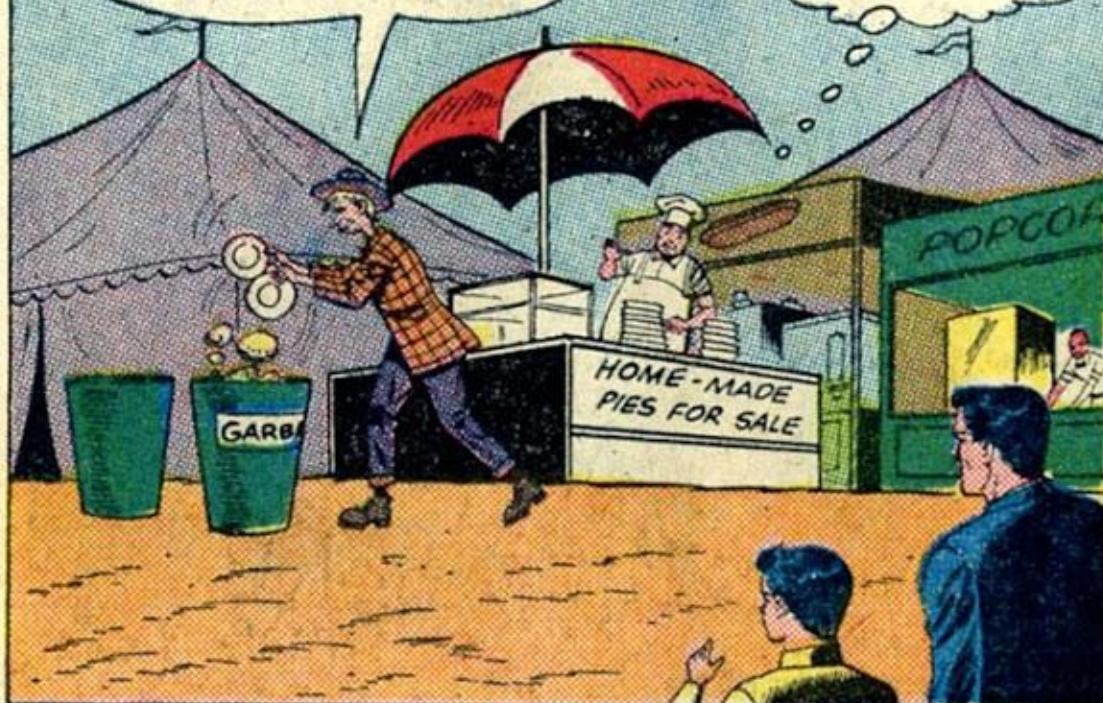
BATMAN



BUT, AFTER BUYING THE PIES, SIMPLE SIMON DOES SOMETHING SEEMINGLY FOOLISH...

SHUCKS, I DON'T REALLY WANT THEM PIES -- I JUST WANTED THE SHINY TINS!

HUH? THIS GUY'S A LOONEY!



REMEMBER THE OLD CHILDREN'S RHYME ABOUT "SIMPLE SIMON"? IT TELLS HOW SIMPLE SIMON MET A PIEMAN AT A FAIR AND WANTED TO BUY THE PIEMAN'S WARES....!

GOSH! THAT'S JUST WHAT HAPPENED HERE! AW, BUT IT'S PROBABLY JUST A COINCIDENCE! ONE THING'S CERTAIN -- THIS FELLOW IS AS DENSE AS THE ONE IN THE POEM!



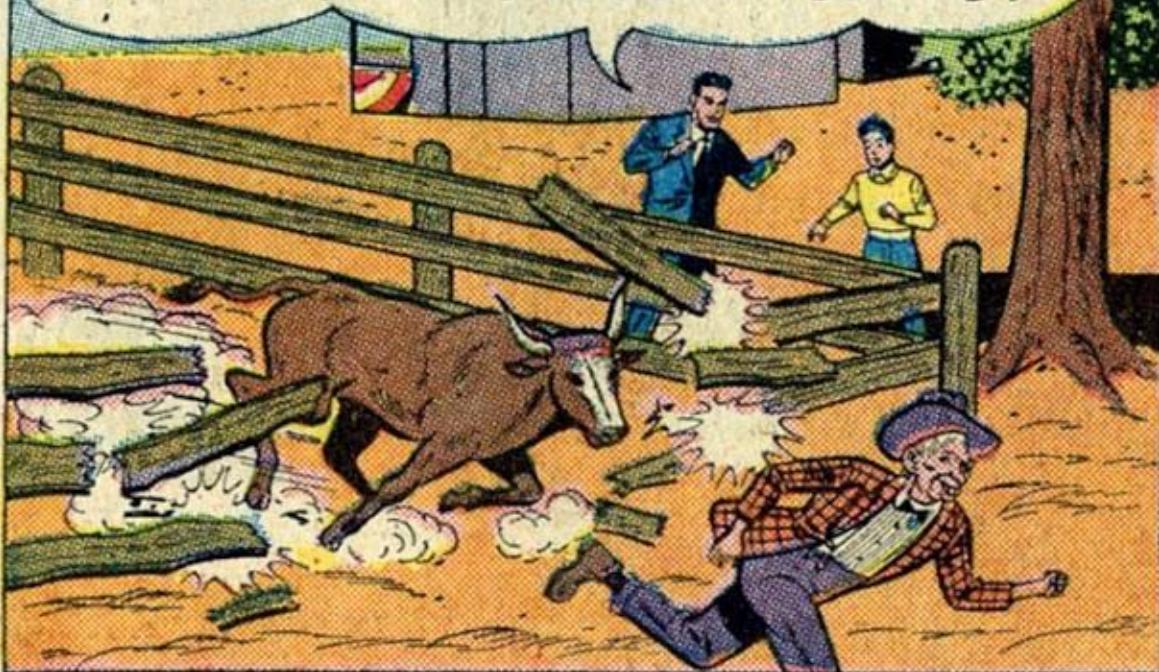
BUT THEN, SIMPLE SIMON STOPS BEFORE A PRIZE BULL ON EXHIBIT AND...

EVERYBODY THINKS I'M STUPID! BUT I'LL SHOW 'EM, YESSIREE!



ANGERED, THE BULL CHARGES AT HIS TORMENTOR...

GREAT SCOTT! SOME PEOPLE ARE SURE TO BE HURT UNLESS HE'S STOPPED! QUICK, DICK -- LET'S SLIP INTO AN EMPTY TENT AND SWITCH TO OUR ACTION OUTFITS!



MOMENTS LATER, THEY EMERGE AS THE FAMED BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER...

I'LL TRY TO STEER HIM AWAY FROM THE CROWD! YOU GO AFTER SIMPLE SIMON!



LITELY, THE CAPE CRIME-FIGHTER MOUNTS THE PLUNGING BEAST AND GRASPS HIS HORNS...

GET ALONG, LITTLE DOGGIE, GET ALONG--!



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THEN, HAVING MANEUVERED THE BULL TO SAFETY...

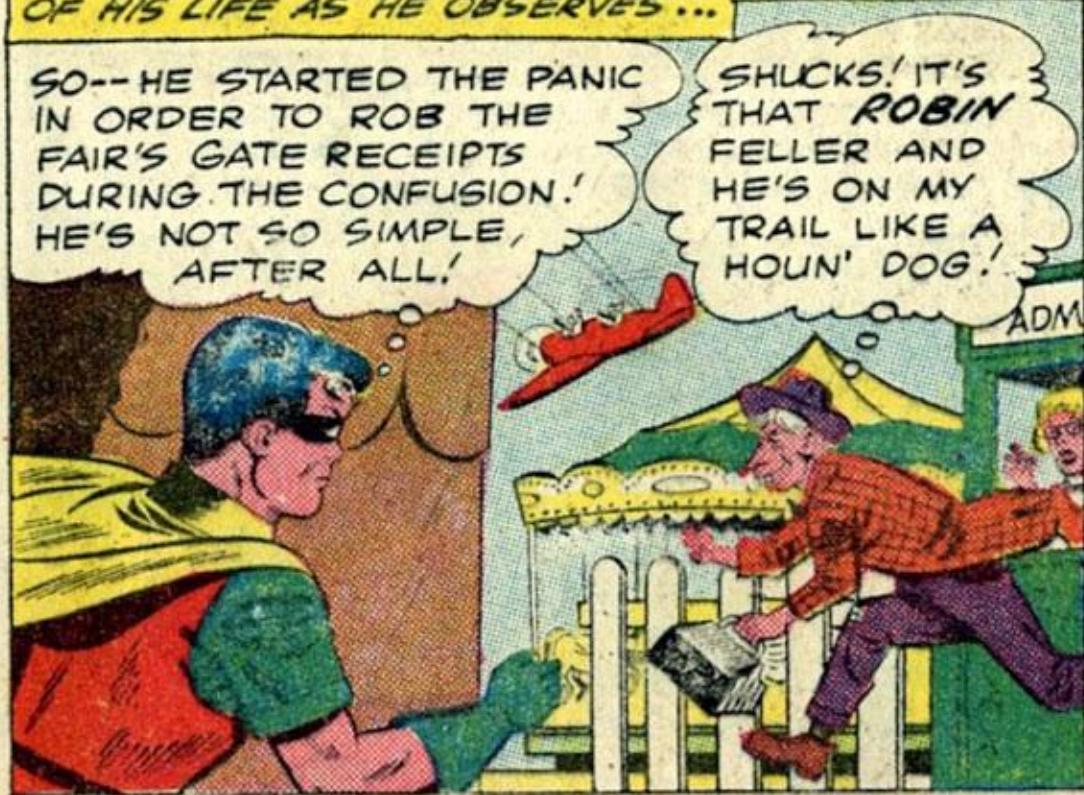
NOW TO TIE HIS LEGS WITH MY BAT-ROPE! WONDER HOW ROBIN IS MAKING OUT?



ROBIN, AT THAT MOMENT, IS GETTING THE SURPRISE OF HIS LIFE AS HE OBSERVES ...

SO--HE STARTED THE PANIC IN ORDER TO ROB THE FAIR'S GATE RECEIPTS DURING THE CONFUSION! HE'S NOT SO SIMPLE, AFTER ALL!

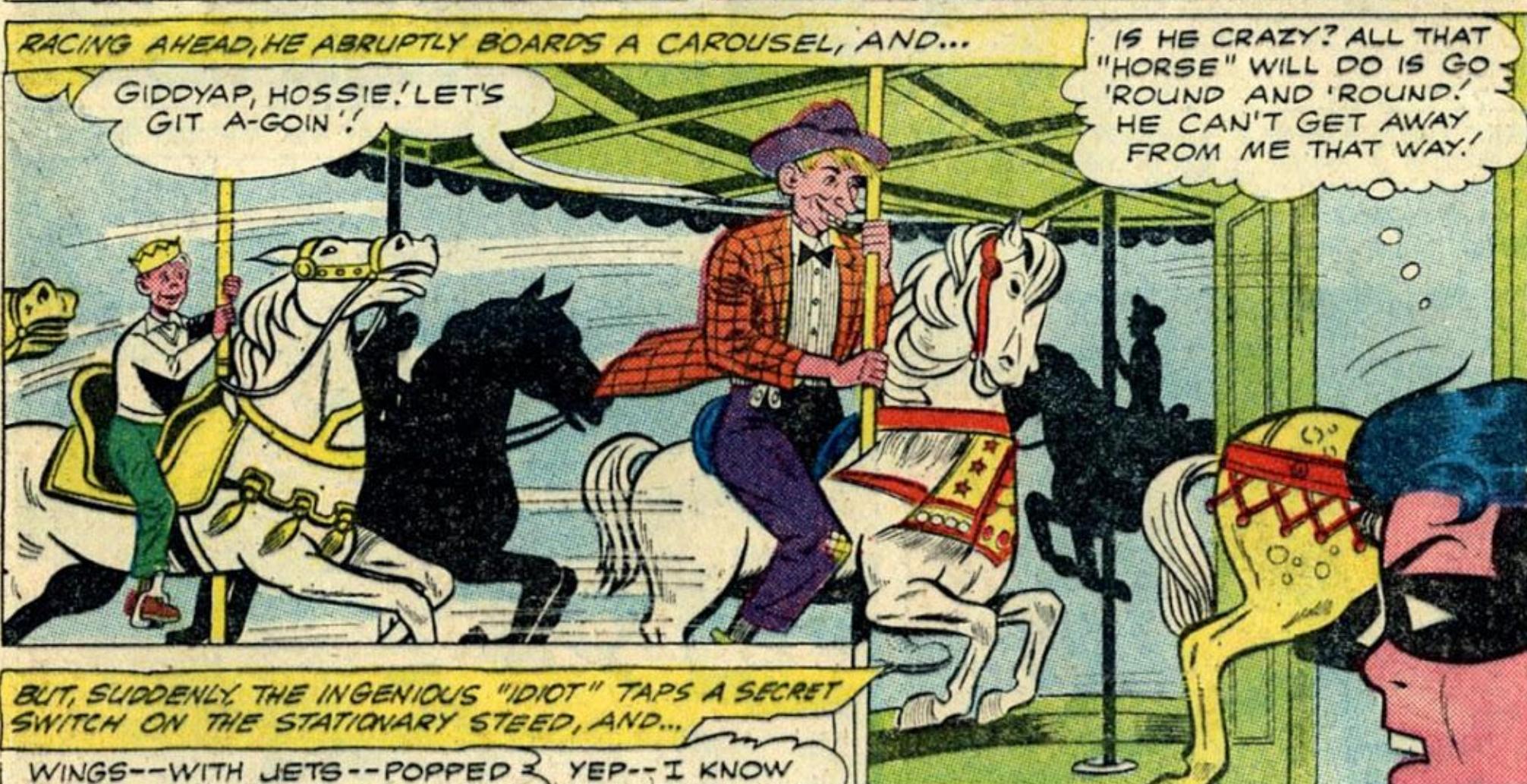
SHUCKS! IT'S THAT ROBIN FELLER AND HE'S ON MY TRAIL LIKE A HOUN' DOG!



RACING AHEAD, HE ABRUPTLY BOARDS A CAROUSEL, AND...

GIDDYAP, HOSSIE! LET'S GIT A-GOIN'!

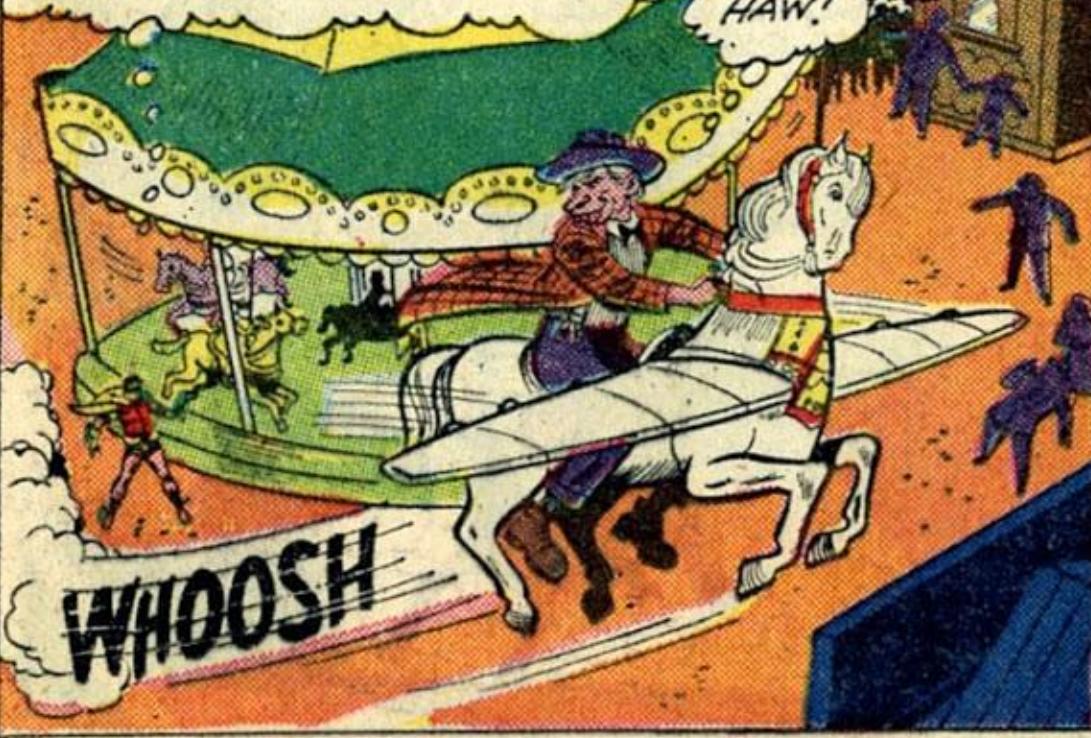
IS HE CRAZY? ALL THAT "HORSE" WILL DO IS GO 'ROUND AND 'ROUND! HE CAN'T GET AWAY FROM ME THAT WAY!



BUT, SUDDENLY THE INGENIOUS "IDIOT" TAPS A SECRET SWITCH ON THE STATIONARY STEED, AND...

WINGS--WITH JETS--POPPED OUT! HE MUST'VE ARRANGED THAT LAST NIGHT BEFORE THE FAIR OPENED, TO GET AWAY IN AN EMERGENCY!

YEP--I KNOW HOW TO TINKER WITH THEM SCIENCE GADGETS! HAW!



LATER, WHEN ROBIN REJOINS BATMAN...

WE'VE GOT A CUNNING CROOK ON OUR HANDS-- ONE WHO IMPROVISES ON THE FAMILIAR RHYMES OF "SIMPLE SIMON"!

ONLY UNLIKE "SIMPLE SIMON," HE PULLS A SMART CRIME! WELL-- WE'LL OUTSMART HIM NEXT TIME!



THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE BAT-MOBILE ROARS DOWN GOTHAM CITY STREETS...

THE WOMAN WHO PHONED HEADQUARTERS SAID THERE WAS A SILLY-LOOKING MAN ON PIER 16 WITH A FISHING POLE IN A PAIL!

IT'S LIKE THE OLD RHYME THAT TELLS HOW "SIMPLE SIMON" WENT A-FISHING FOR A WHALE IN A PAIL OF WATER!

MEANWHILE, AT THE DOCK...

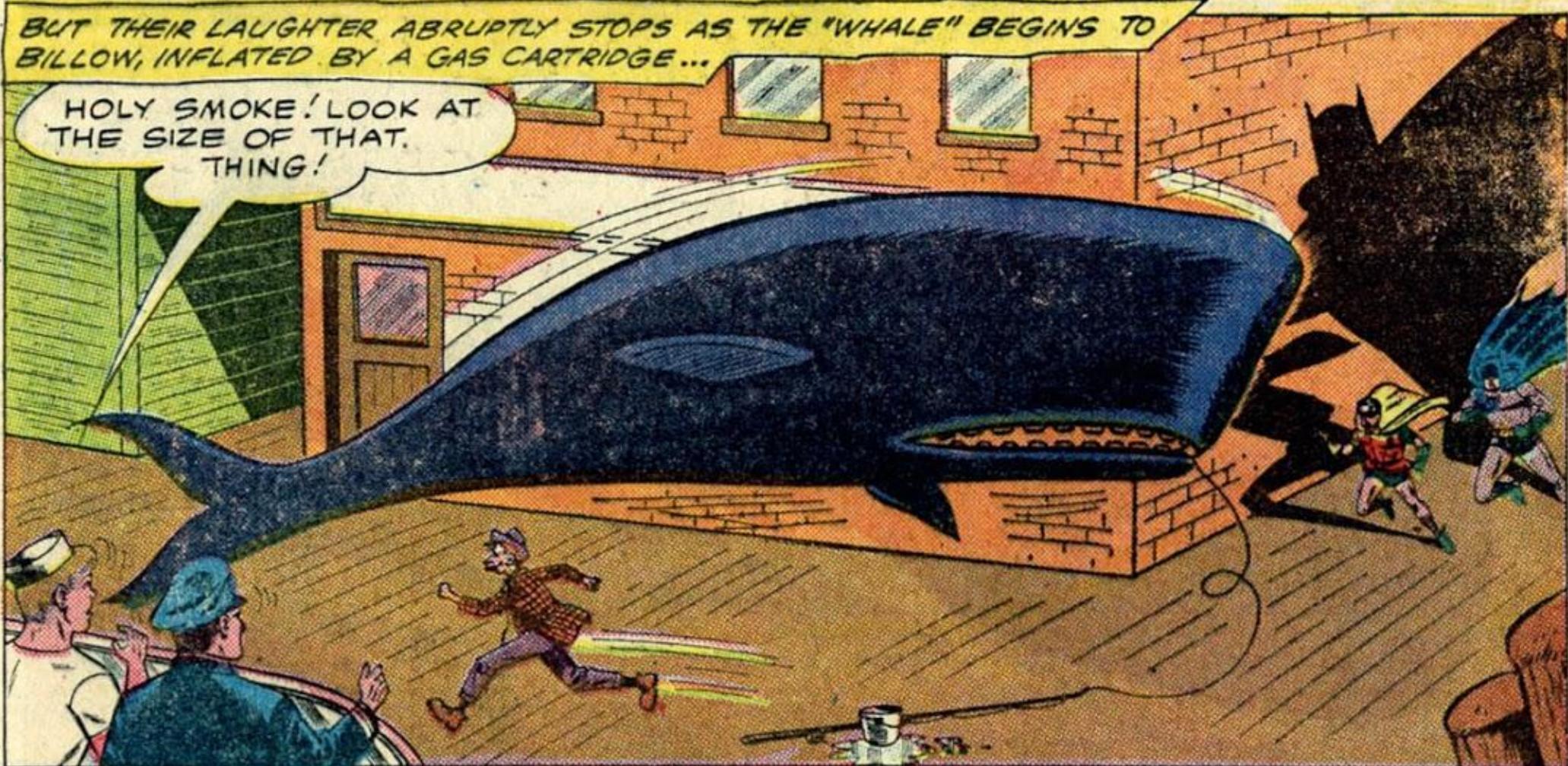
LOOK AT 'IM! HE "CALIGHT" A LITTLE RUBBER WHALE!

;HA, HA!, THAT GUY'S A RIOT!



BUT THEIR LAUGHTER ABRUPTLY STOPS AS THE "WHALE" BEGINS TO BILLOW, INFLATED BY A GAS CARTRIDGE...

HOLY SMOKE! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT THING!



THEN, WITH A THUNDEROUS CRACK, THE INFLATED BALLOON BURSTS...

UHHH! IT WAS FILLED WITH KNOCKOUT GAS!

YEP! BUT IT DON'T AFFECT ME NONE -- 'CAUSE I'M WEARIN' NOSE FILTERS! ;HAW! NOW I'LL GET ME THE TREASURE MAP STASHED IN THE OWNER'S CABIN!

BOOM

AS SIMPLE SIMON EMERGES...

ULP!
BATMAN
AND
ROBIN!

WHEN THE SEAMEN KEELLED OVER, WE KNEW IT WAS FROM GAS -- SO WE HELD OUR BREATHS UNTIL IT DISSIPATED! WE WERE ONLY DAZED BY THE BLAST, NOT KNOCKED OUT!



THIS WILL HELP YOU GO BACK INSIDE AND RETURN THAT!



BUT AS SIMPLE SIMON STAGGERS BACK, HE RELEASES ANOTHER MINIATURE, WHICH SWELLS WITHIN SECONDS...

IT--IT'S PUSHED US OFF THE YACHT!

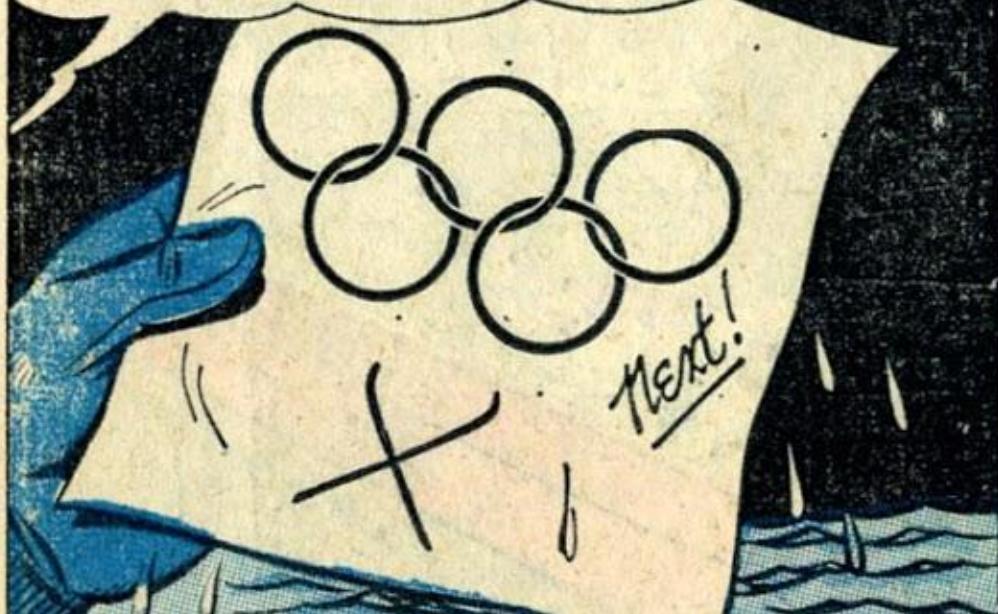


THIS ONE IS FILLED WITH LIGHTER-THAN-AIR GAS! SO LONG, FELLERS--HAVE A GOOD SWIM! ;HAW!

THAT SLIP OF PAPER...WHICH DROPPED OUT OF HIS POCKET...MUST RETRIEVE IT...



HMM! SIMPLE SIMON MUST HAVE BEEN DOODLING! "NEXT" OBVIOUSLY REFERS TO HIS NEXT ROBBERY! BUT HOW DOES THIS DOODLE APPLY TO IT?



IT IS NOT UNTIL NEXT MORNING IN THE BAT-CAVE THAT BATMAN FINALLY DECODES THE CLUE...

OF COURSE! THE "X" MEANS CROSSED SKIS! FIVE JOINED CIRCLES IS THE OLYMPIC GAMES EMBLEM! SIMPLE SIMON'S NEXT JOB IS A WINTER RESORT WHERE TRYOUTS FOR THE WINTER GAMES ONCE WERE HELD!

RIGHT...AND IT'S NOT TOO FAR FROM HERE!



LATER, ATOP A MOUNTAIN OVERLOOKING THE RESORT...

IN THAT HOTEL IS \$10,000 IN PRIZE MONEY-- TO BE GIVEN TO WINNERS OF THE FESTIVAL HERE! WE'RE GOIN' TO STEAL THAT MONEY-- BY USING THIS SNOWBALL!

HUH? I DON'T GET YOU, BOSS!

AS THE SNOWBALL JUGGERNAUTS DOWN THE SLOPE, IT GROWS--AND GROWS--AND GROWS!

IT'S GOING TO SMASH INTO THE HOTEL!

YOW!

RUN!
RUN!

THEY CAN'T SEE US COMIN' DOWN BEHIND THE SNOWBALL ON THIS BOBSLED!

CRASH

BEFORE THE BEWILDERED ONLOOKERS CAN RECOVER FROM SHOCK AND SURPRISE, THE ROBBERY HAS BEEN COMPLETED...

GOT THE MONEY! JUST LIKE THE RHYME SAYS, "SIMPLE SIMON MADE A GREAT SNOWBALL, AND BROUGHT IT IN TO ROAST..." MY SNOWBALL "BURNED" EVERYBODY UP! HAW!

ABRUPTLY, TWO CAPED AVENGERS SWOOP DOWN...

IT TOOK US A LITTLE TIME TO FIGURE OUT THE CLUE YOU DROPPED--BUT HERE WE ARE!

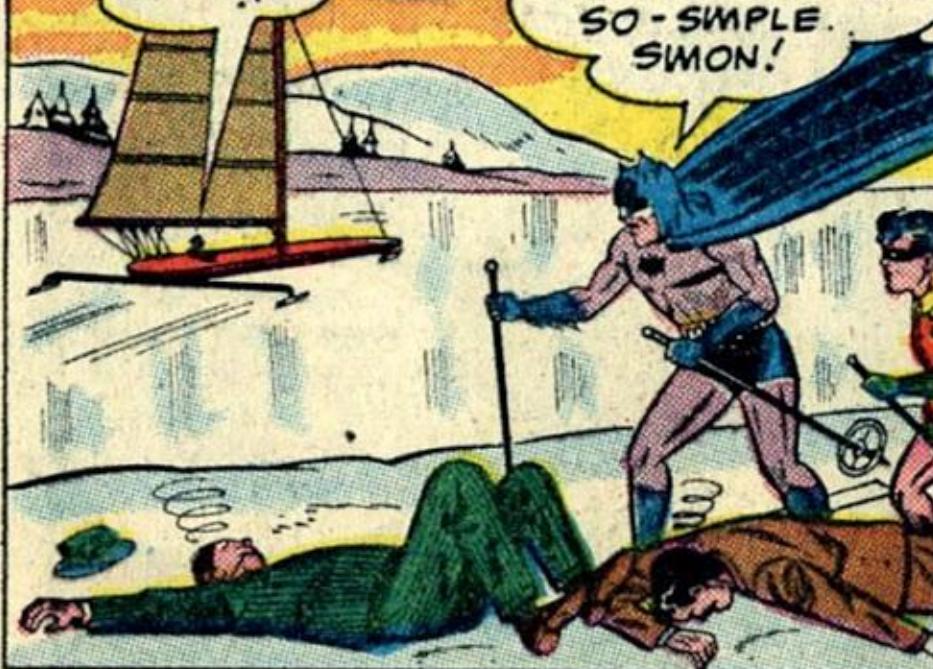
BATMAN AND ROBIN! THEM FELLERS IS ALLUS SPOILIN' THINGS FOR ME! NOW I'LL HAVE TO GIT AWAY ALONE!



HOPPING ABOARD A NEARBY ICE-BOAT,
SIMPLE SIMON STREAKS AWAY...

NOW TO SLIDE ON THE
ICE -- JUST LIKE THE
RHYME SAYS! ;HAW,
HAW!

THESE TWO WILL
STAY ON ICE FOR
AWHILE! LET'S GO
AFTER THAT NOT-
SO-SIMPLE.
SIMON!



HE'S TURNING -- HEADING
FOR SHORE ... WHERE
HE PROBABLY PARKED
A GETAWAY CAR!

HMM... EVEN BY
CUTTING DIAGONALLY
ACROSS THE ICE, WE
CAN'T INTERCEPT
HIM IN TIME--BUT
I'VE GOT AN IDEA!



THE CRIME-FIGHTERS RACE SHOREWARD AT
AN ANGLE, UNTIL SUDDENLY...

OKAY, ROBIN, I THINK I'LL GO
FISHING NOW! I'LL JUST
OPEN A HOLE IN THE
ICE RIGHT HERE!

FISHING--
NOW? WHAT
KIND OF A
SILLY IDEA
IS THAT?

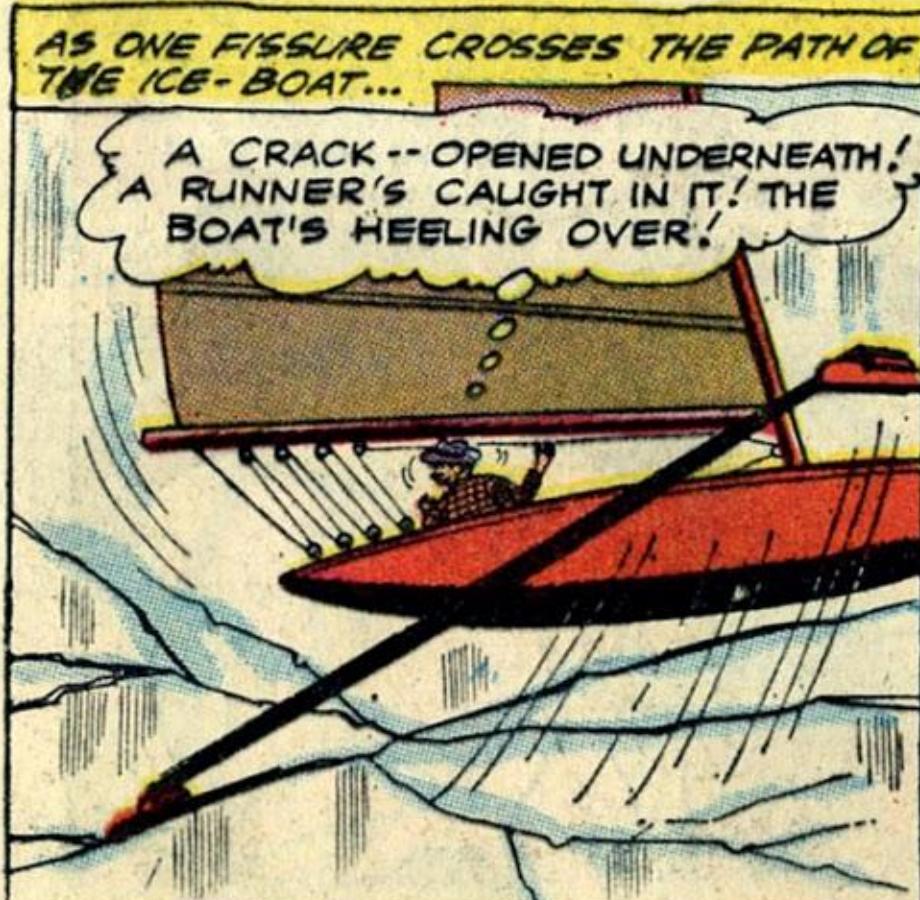


AS THE POLE POINT RAMS INTO THE ICE,
FISSURES OPEN AND RADIATE...



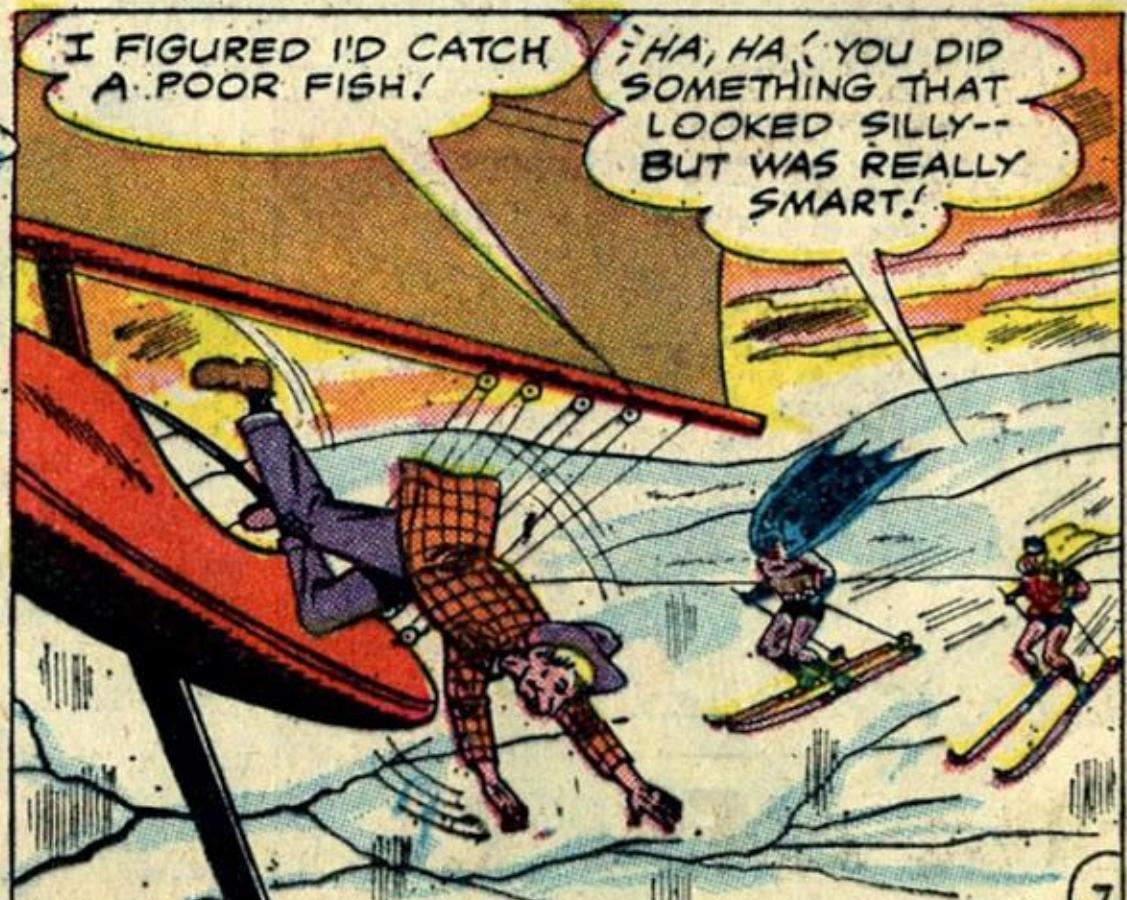
AS ONE FISSURE CROSSES THE PATH OF
THE ICE-BOAT...

A CRACK -- OPENED UNDERNEATH!
A RUNNER'S CAUGHT IN IT! THE
BOAT'S HEELING OVER!



I FIGURED I'D CATCH
A POOR FISH!

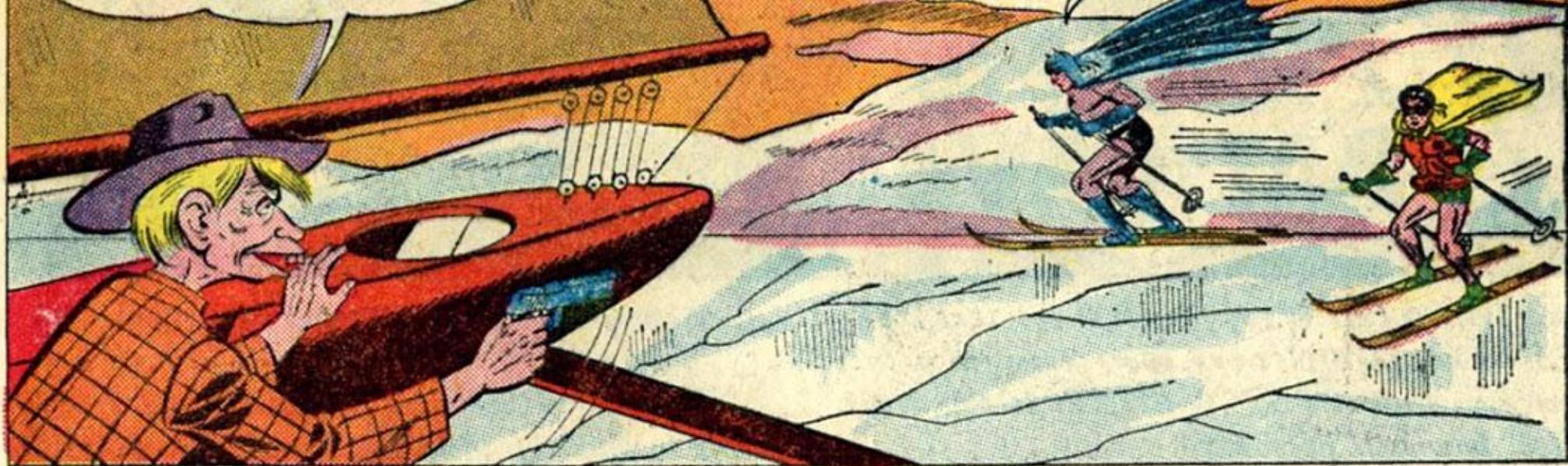
;HA, HA! YOU DID
SOMETHING THAT
LOOKED SILLY--
BUT WAS REALLY
SMART!



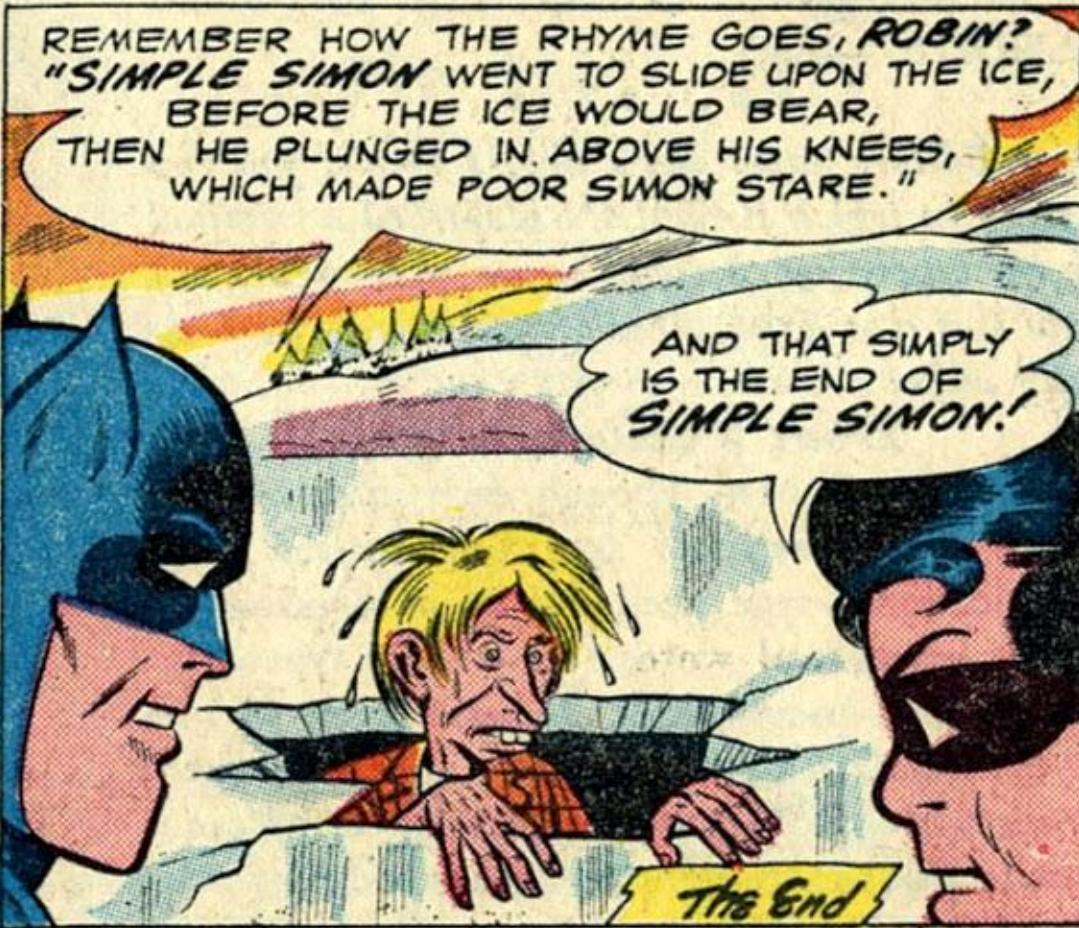
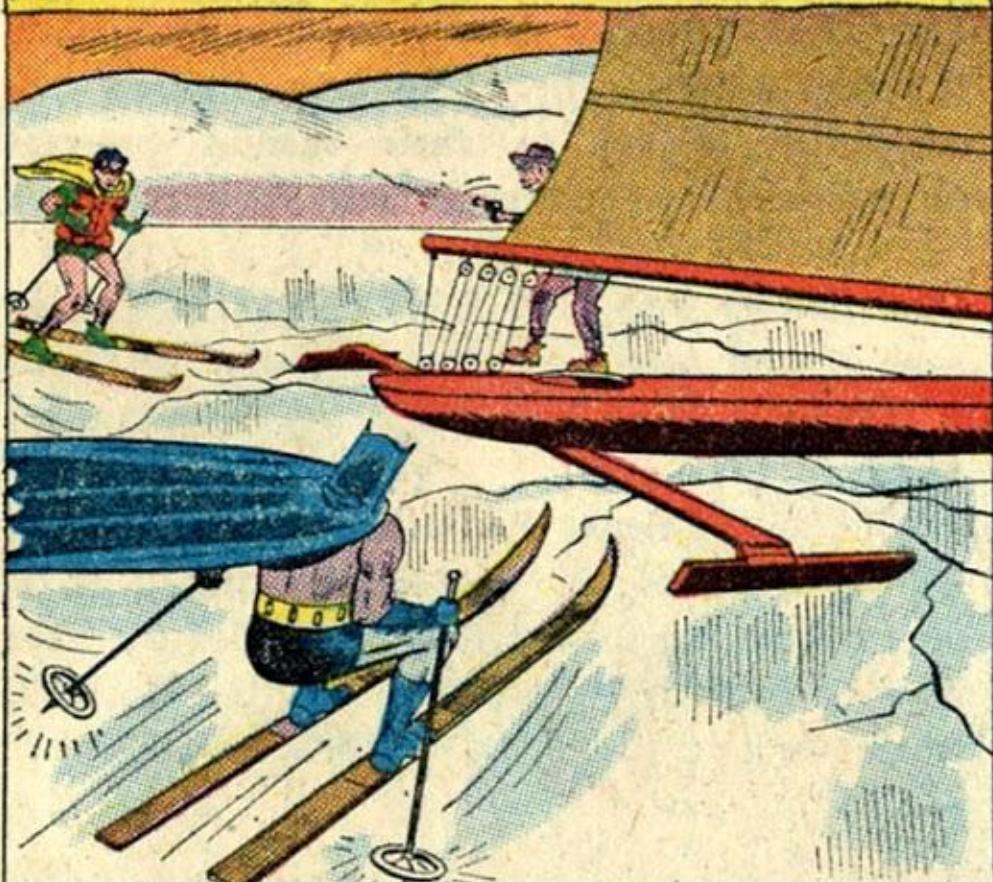
AS THE SKI-BORNE BATTLES FLASH FORWARD...

BATMAN--STOP!--OR
I'LL SHOOT ROBIN!

WHAT? ALL RIGHT, SIMON--
YOU WIN! I'LL CHANGE
MY COURSE!



SWERVING, BATMAN SUDDENLY PLANTS HIS POLES INTO THE ICE AND PROPELS HIMSELF AT THE BOAT'S SAIL...



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Letters to the BAT-CAVE

Dear Editor: One of my friends claims that BAT-MAN and ROBIN carry spare emergency costumes in their UTILITY BELTS. Is this true? If so, how is it possible?

Sanford Oakley, Charleston, S. C. (BATMAN and ROBIN do carry spare costumes in their UTILITY BELTS. These costumes are made of a unique plastic, pliable enough to fold to the size of a postage stamp. In the event their regular costumes are damaged, they can quickly switch to these plastic substitutes.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I know that BAT-MITE is strictly a fun-loving mischief-maker, who really admires BATMAN. I also know that his pranks sometimes get out of hand. What's the biggest headache he ever caused BATMAN and ROBIN?

Lisa Walters, New Britain, Conn. (It's hard to say which was BAT-MITE'S greatest mischief, but in the MARCH issue of DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 289, you'll see the caped crimefighters' patience taxed to the bursting point, when that mischievous little imp uses his fantastic powers to help "THE BAT-MITE BANDITS."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Some years ago, I recall, you ran a story in which BATMAN identified a criminal by his typewriter. I could never quite figure out how this was done. Aren't many typewriters exactly alike?

Robert Weinstock, Bergenfield, N. J. (Not quite, Robert. Though each manufacturer builds his typewriters according to the same specifications—type sizes and styles, spacing between letters and words, etc.—every typewriter has its own peculiarities. A loose screw in one of the keys can cause a letter to appear crooked. Weak springs can cause certain letters or numbers to print more lightly than others. As a matter of fact, the minutest difference in any of the moving parts shows up, to the expert eye, in the actual typing. By subjecting two typewritten pages to microscopic examination, then comparing the results, BATMAN was able to tell that

they both came from the same typewriter.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: How were BATMAN and ROBIN able to build up their vast knowledge of science, languages and all the other subjects that make them such skilled detectives?

Ray Bodkin, Sandusky, Ohio (In addition to their daily physical and acrobatic training sessions, the caped crime-fighters are constantly adding to their mental prowess through reading and regular study sessions.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Since BATMAN and ROBIN make such a great team, is there any chance of BAT-WOMAN getting herself a young female side-kick?

Marian Philbrick, Las Vegas, Nev. (A great suggestion, seconded by thousands of our readers. Keep your eyes peeled for the next issue of BATMAN COMICS, APRIL, No. 139, where we'll be "INTRODUCING BAT-GIRL!" —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: You once had a story in which ROBIN looked at the tips of a suspect's fingers, observed that they were very rough and irritated, and concluded that this man was a safecracker. How could he make such a quick deduction?

Sean O'Reilly, Galveston, Tex. (In order to open a combination safe, the safecracker must feel the impulses of the tumblers beneath the dial as he turns it. Thus, he must keep his fingers highly sensitive, by scraping them with sandpaper.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: BATMAN, ROBIN and SUPER-MAN have met creatures from other worlds, other dimensions, and from the hidden depths of our own world. Have they ever faced one whose origin they just couldn't figure out?

Lefty Bullett, Aberdeen, Md. (In the MARCH issue of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, No. 116, the trio battles just such a menace in "THE CREATURE FROM BEYOND."—Ed.)

Who is HAWKMAN --

THE WINGED CREATURE THAT SOARS HIGH OVER EARTH -- HIS KEEN EYES ALERT--HIS MIGHTY BODY TENSED TO DO BATTLE WITH THE FORCES OF EVIL ?

Why does HAWKMAN

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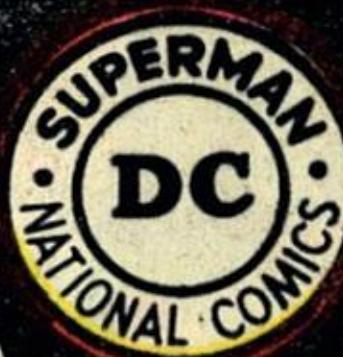
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?
FISHING - HERE?

WATCH. I'LL SHOW
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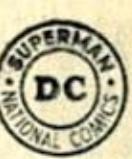
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With
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THE BOY WONDER

IT SHOULD HAVE DIED THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO... YET IT STILL LIVED -- A MONSTER OF THE SEA THAT MENACED THE MODERN WORLD! ONLY TWO MIGHTY FIGHTERS WERE ABLE TO COMBAT THE OCEAN COLOSSUS! ONLY BATMAN AND ROBIN WERE FINALLY ABLE TO PENETRATE...

the SECRET OF THE **SEA BEAST**

BOB
KANE

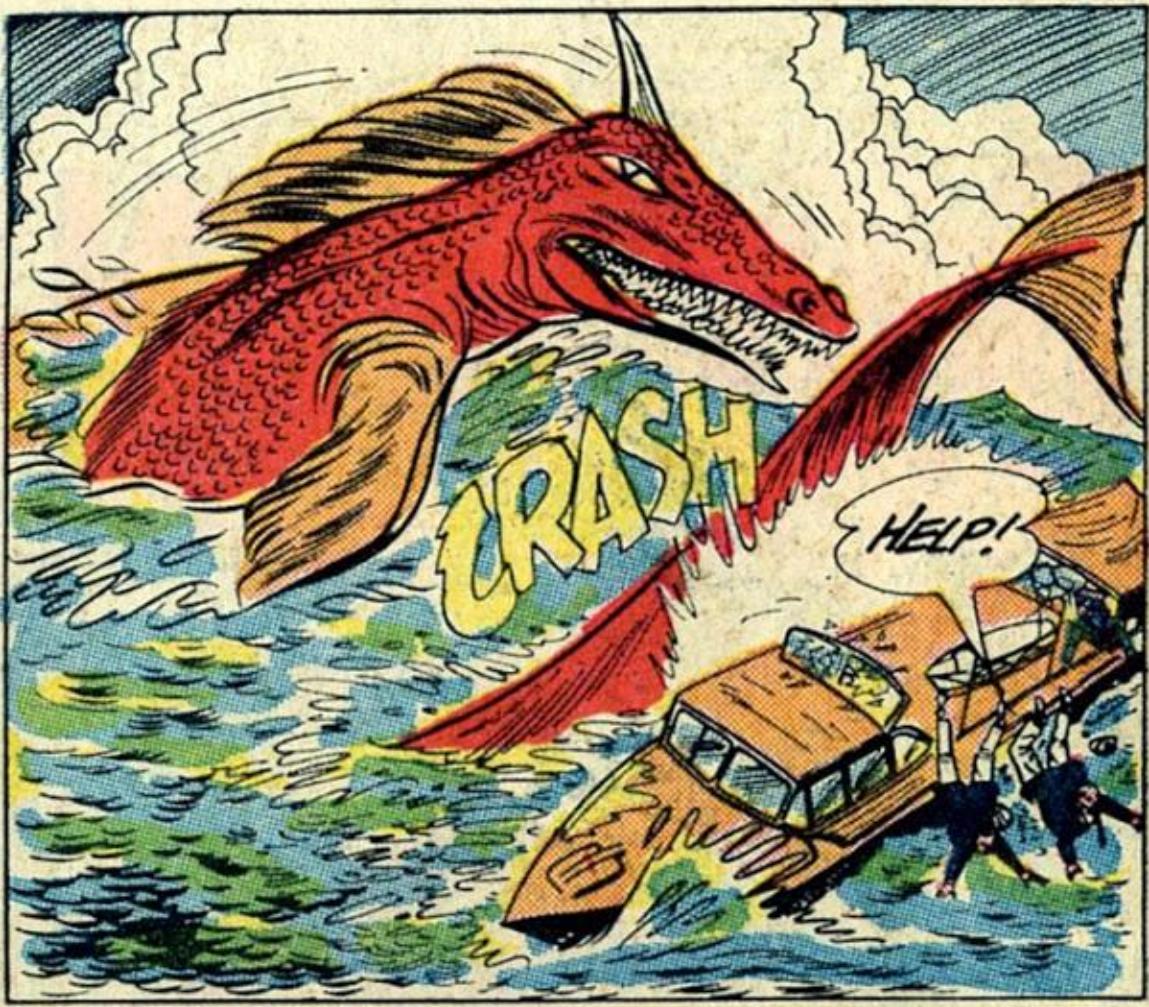
THE SEA BEAST'S TAIL HAS CHURNED THE WATER AND FLUNG ROBIN INTO THAT SEAWEED! HE'S HELPLESS!



AS STOCKBROKER HAL TORSON'S YACHT RIDES OUT OF GOTHAM BAY, ONE MORNING...

MR. TORSON--LOOK! D-DO YOU SEE IT, TOO?

GREAT SCOTT! IT'S SOME KIND OF SEA BEAST!



LATER, AS SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, READ OF THE BEAST'S ATTACK...

"LIFEBOAT'S WERE LOWERED FROM THE CRIPPLED CRAFT, AND ALL PASSENGERS EXCEPT TORSON WERE RESCUED. TORSON WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN!"

GOSH, BRUCE--IF THAT SEA MONSTER IS AROUND GOTHAM BAY, MAYBE THE COAST GUARD CAN USE OUR HELP!



HASTENING TO THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE, THEY DON THE FAMED CRIME-FIGHTING GARB OF... BATMAN AND ROBIN...

WE'LL TAKE ALONG OUR SKIN-DIVING OUTFITS! WE MAY NEED THEM IF WE SPOT THE SEA BEAST!



AND JUST AS THE BAT-PLANE JOINS THE GREAT SEARCH FOR THE SEA BEAST...

CALLING BATMAN AND ROBIN! SEA BEAST REPORTED ATTACKING THE LAUNCH OF LESTER GUINN NEAR LIGHTHOUSE POINT!

LESTER GUINN? THE FAMOUS LAWYER?



UPON REACHING THE SCENE...

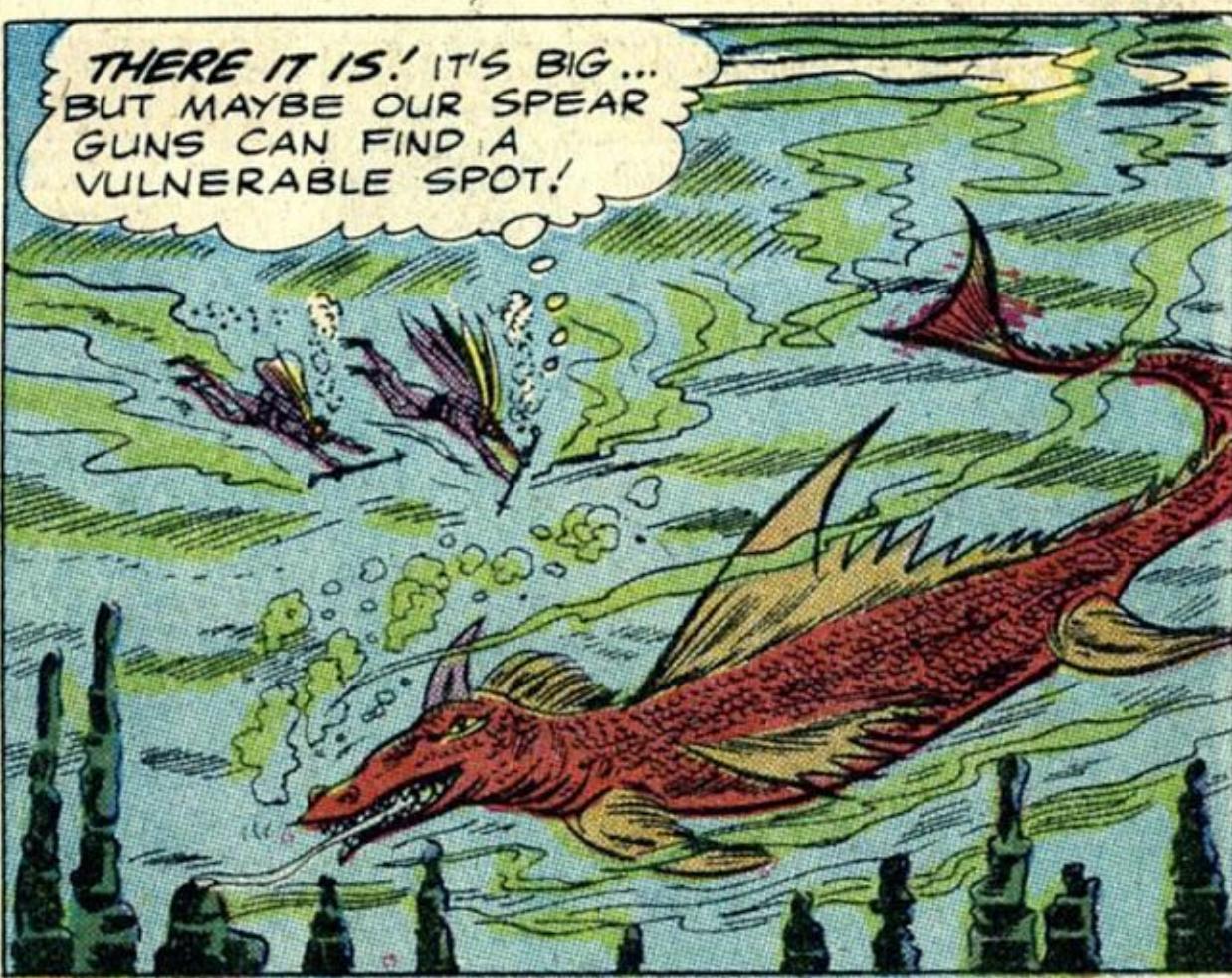
YOU'RE TOO LATE! THE SEA BEAST SMASHED GUINN'S LAUNCH! WE MANAGED TO SAVE EVERY PASSENGER EXCEPT GUINN!



SWIFTLY, THE MASKED MANHUNTERS DON THEIR SKIN-DIVING OUTFITS, TO HUNT A CREATURE OF THE DEEP!

THE SEA BEAST SOUNDS DANGEROUS! I HOPE WE CAN STOP IT BEFORE IT CAUSES ANY MORE DESTRUCTION!

THERE IT IS! IT'S BIG... BUT MAYBE OUR SPEAR GUNS CAN FIND A VULNERABLE SPOT!



SILENTLY, BATMAN AND ROBIN CLOSE IN ON THEIR QUARRY, AND...

NOW!

HISSSS

HISSSS

GREAT SCOTT!
ITS HIDE IS TOUGHER
THAN AN ELEPHANT'S!
THE SPEARS JUST
BOUNCED OFF!

IT'S SEEN US!



ABRUPTLY, THE BEAST'S GREAT TAIL LASHES OUT...

WHW! THAT THING HAS THE FORCE OF A BLOCK-BUSTER!



INDEED AS THE CHURNING WATERS SEIZE ROBIN IN AN UNDERTOW...

ROBIN -- TANGLED IN THE SEAWEED! I'LL HAVE TO CUT HIM LOOSE...



SWIFT, SURE STROKES OF BATMAN'S KNIFE SAVE THE BOY WONDER'S LIFE...

NO CHANCE TO TACKLE THE SEA BEAST NOW! BESIDES, IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN SPEAR GUNS TO STOP THAT MONSTER!



LATER, AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BATMAN DRAWS A SKETCH OF THE MONSTER...

HMM... THIS CREATURE IS A COMBINATION ICHTHYOSAUR AND MESOSAUR -- A MONSTROUS FISH-LIZARD!

SOMEHOW, IT WAS PRESERVED -- POSSIBLY IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION SINCE PREHISTORIC TIMES! AN UNDERWATER ERUPTION MUST'VE AWAKENED IT!



AFTERWARD, IN THE OFFICE OF POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON ...

YOU TWO CAN FORGET ABOUT THE SEA BEAST... THAT'S THE COAST GUARD'S JOB NOW! I WANT YOU TO FIND CHIPS HASSEL... THE POLICE CAR BRINGING HIM IN WAS AMBUSHED BY HIS OLD GANG -- AND HASSEL ESCAPED!

WE'LL GET RIGHT ON IT, COMMISSIONER!



SHORTLY, ON THE HIGHWAY WHERE THE POLICE CAR WAS ATTACKED...

THAT'S THE GUN DROPPED BY ONE OF THE GANG!

HMM -- THAT RED SMUDGE ON THE BARREL... IT'S ROUGE!

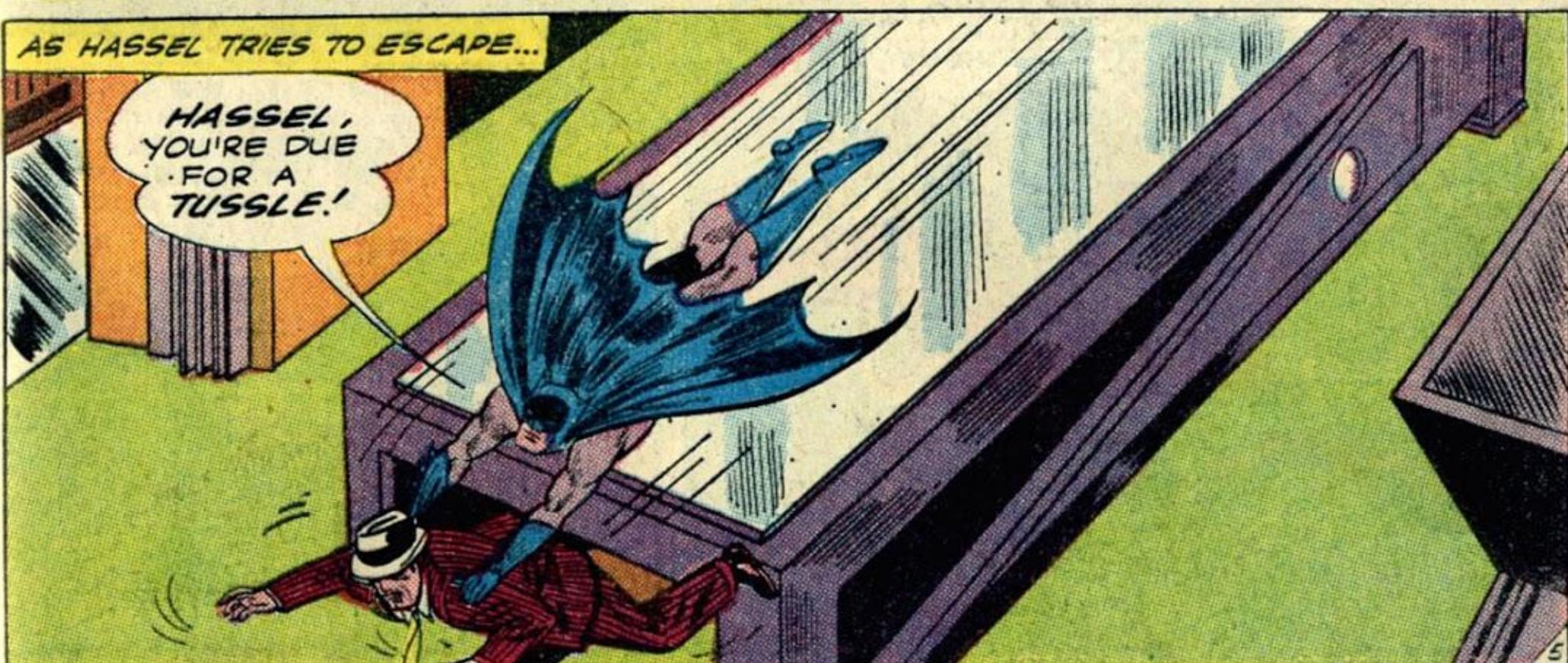
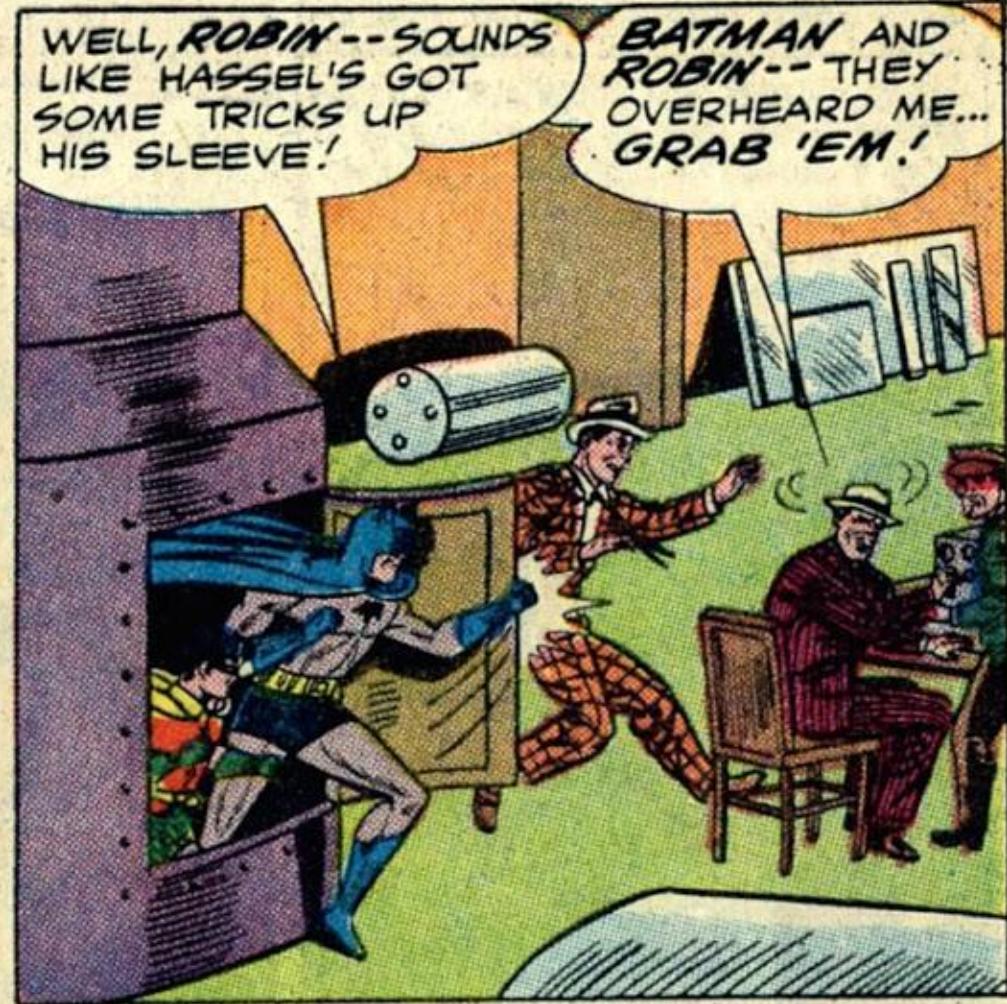


A SHORT WHILE LATER...

ROUGE IS USED TO POLISH GLASS... IS THAT WHY YOU FIGURED THIS ABANDONED GLASS WORKS MAY BE THE GANG'S HIDEOUT?

YES... AND THEY WON'T EXPECT ANYONE COMING DOWN THROUGH THIS OLD STACK!







BATMAN



AND WITH THE GANG IN TOW...

WE'LL HAVE TO SNEAK THESE BOYS INTO PRISON, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW HASSEL HAS BEEN CAPTURED... NOT UNTIL I CHECK A SUSPICION OF MINE!



LATER, BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE...

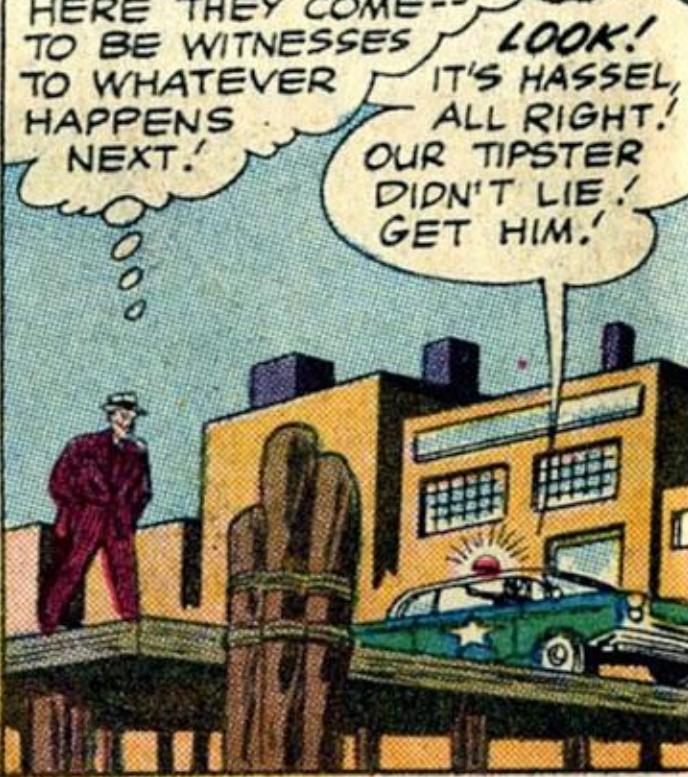
WELL, ROBIN... DOES MY DISGUISE PASS INSPECTION?

IT'S PERFECT! NO ONE WOULD EVER GUESS YOU'RE NOT REALLY HASSEL!



AT EXACTLY FOUR O'CLOCK, THE DISGUISED BATMAN APPEARS ON PIER 14...

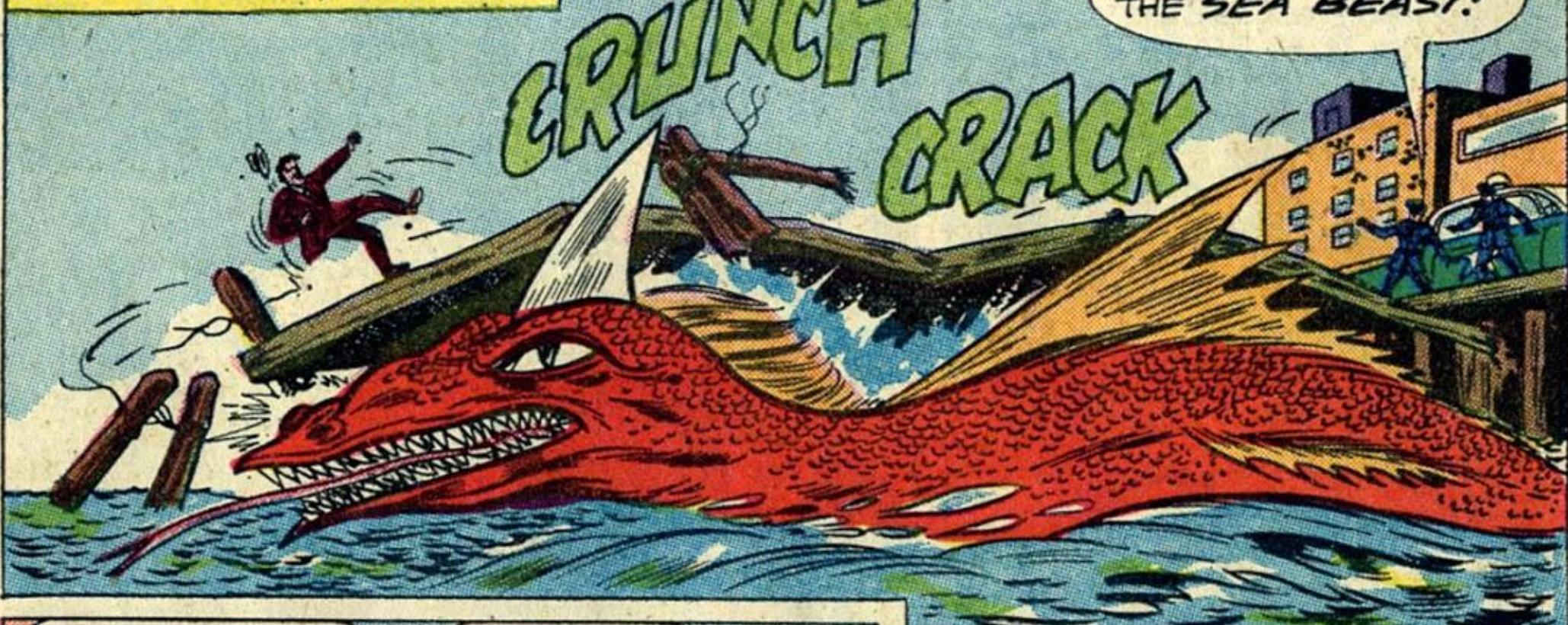
HASSEL'S STOOGE HAS INFORMED THE POLICE, AND HERE THEY COME-- TO BE WITNESSES TO WHATEVER HAPPENS NEXT!



BUT IN THAT SAME INSTANT...

CRUNCH

CRACK



HASSEL'S GOING DOWN!

HE HASN'T GOT A CHANCE!



H-HE'S GONE!

POOR GUY... WE MIGHT AS WELL WRITE HIM OFF THE BOOKS! HE'S ONE CROOK WE'LL NEVER HAVE TO LOOK FOR ANYMORE!





BATMAN



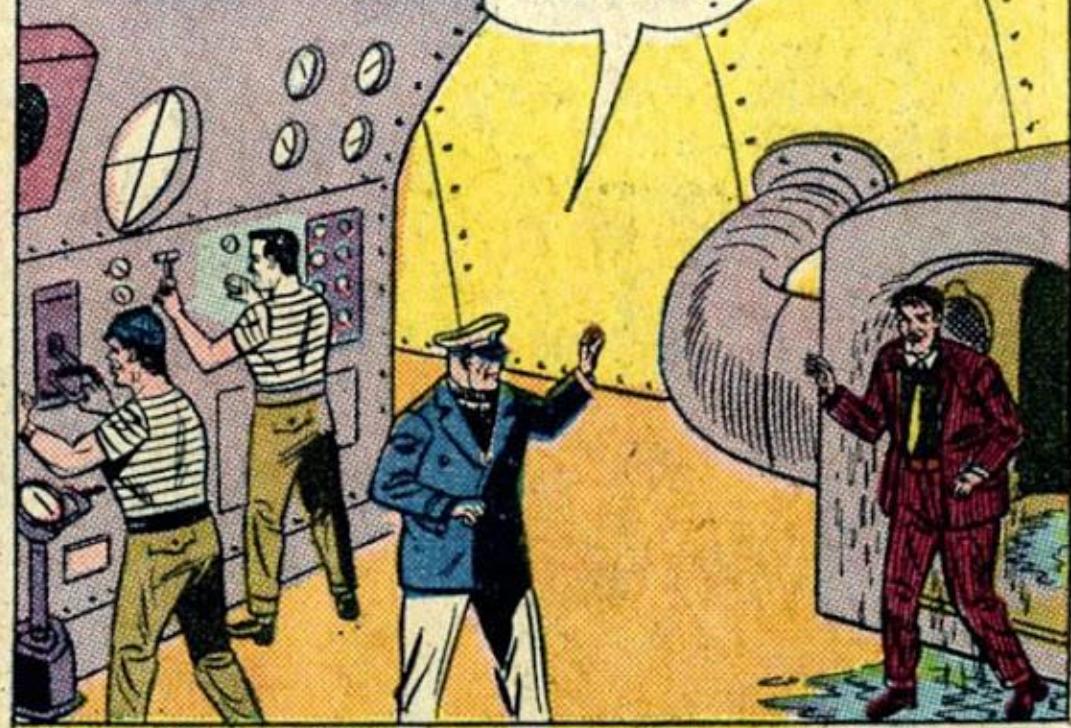
BUT AT THIS VERY MOMENT, BELOW THE SURFACE...

A HATCH -- OPENING IN THE "SEA BEAST!" I WAS RIGHT... THIS "CREATURE" IS A MAN-MADE MACHINE! I'LL DO WHAT'S EXPECTED OF THE REAL HASSEL... I'LL SWIM INTO THAT AIR LOCK!



AND AS BATMAN ENTERS THE MECHANICAL MONSTER...

WELL, HASSEL -- EVERYTHING WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN! WELCOME ABOARD!



BUT UNEXPECTEDLY...

HEY!... YOUR FACE--IT'S FALLING APART! THAT'S MAKEUP... YOU'RE NOT HASSEL!

UH-OH... EVEN MY WATERPROOF MAKEUP COULDN'T WITHSTAND THE FORCE OF THE CHURNING WATER!



ONLY ONE THING TO DO... GET BACK INTO MY COSTUME BEFORE THEY SEE MY REAL FACE!

WHAT--? HE TURNED OFF THE LIGHTS!



BY THE TIME THE LIGHTS GO ON AGAIN...

IT'S BATMAN!



BUT THE FIGHT IS SHORT-LIVED, AS...

OOF! TOO MANY OF THEM TO HANDLE!

NOW LET'S GET HIM TO OUR HIDEOUT!



LATER, THE "SEA BEAST" RISES INSIDE WHAT USED TO BE A WATERFRONT RAILROAD TERMINAL--AND THERE BATMAN MEETS...

TORSON AND GUINN--THE TWO MEN SUPPOSEDLY KILLED BY THE PHONY CREATURE! I SUSPECTED YOU'D BE ALIVE, WHEN I CHECKED YOUR FINANCIAL BACKGROUNDS!



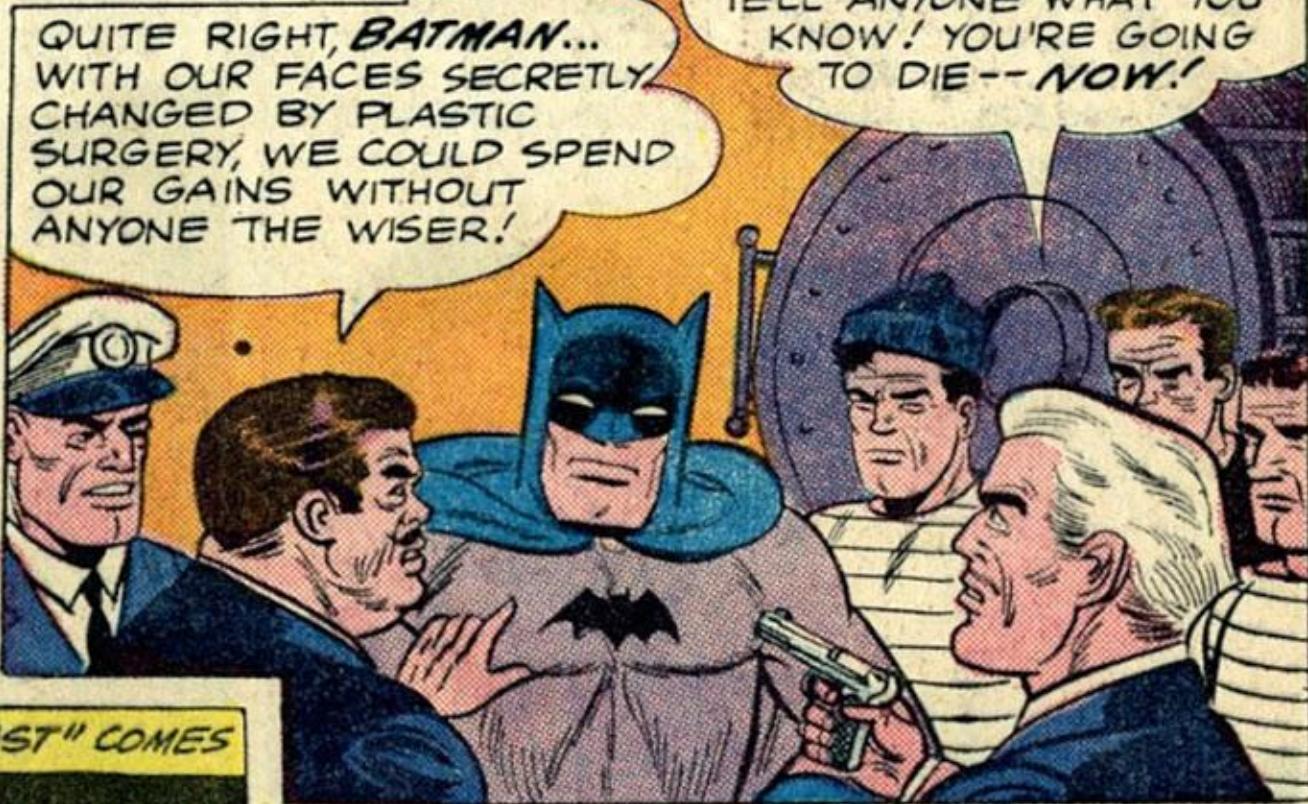
YOU, TORSON, WERE AFRAID INVESTIGATION WOULD EXPOSE YOUR STOCK SWINDLE -- AND YOU, GUINN, HAD SECRETLY STOLEN THE HUGE TRUST FUND OF ONE OF YOUR CLIENTS! LIKE HASSEL, YOU BOTH WANTED TO BE THOUGHT DEAD SO THE POLICE WOULDN'T GO LOOKING FOR YOU ...



...SO YOU CREATED THIS "SEA BEAST"--AND HAD IT "KILL" YOU IN FRONT OF WITNESSES! THAT WAY, THE POLICE WOULD NEVER SUSPECT YOUR "DEATHS" WERE FADED-- AND WOULD NEVER INVESTIGATE FURTHER!



QUITE RIGHT, BATMAN... WITH OUR FACES SECRETLY CHANGED BY PLASTIC SURGERY, WE COULD SPEND OUR GAINS WITHOUT ANYONE THE WISER!



BUT ALL AT ONCE, THE "SEA BEAST" COMES TO LIFE...



...AND OUT POPS THE ONE WHO MANIPULATED THE CONTROLS!

ROBIN!... YOU SLIPPED INTO THE "CREATURE" JUST IN TIME!

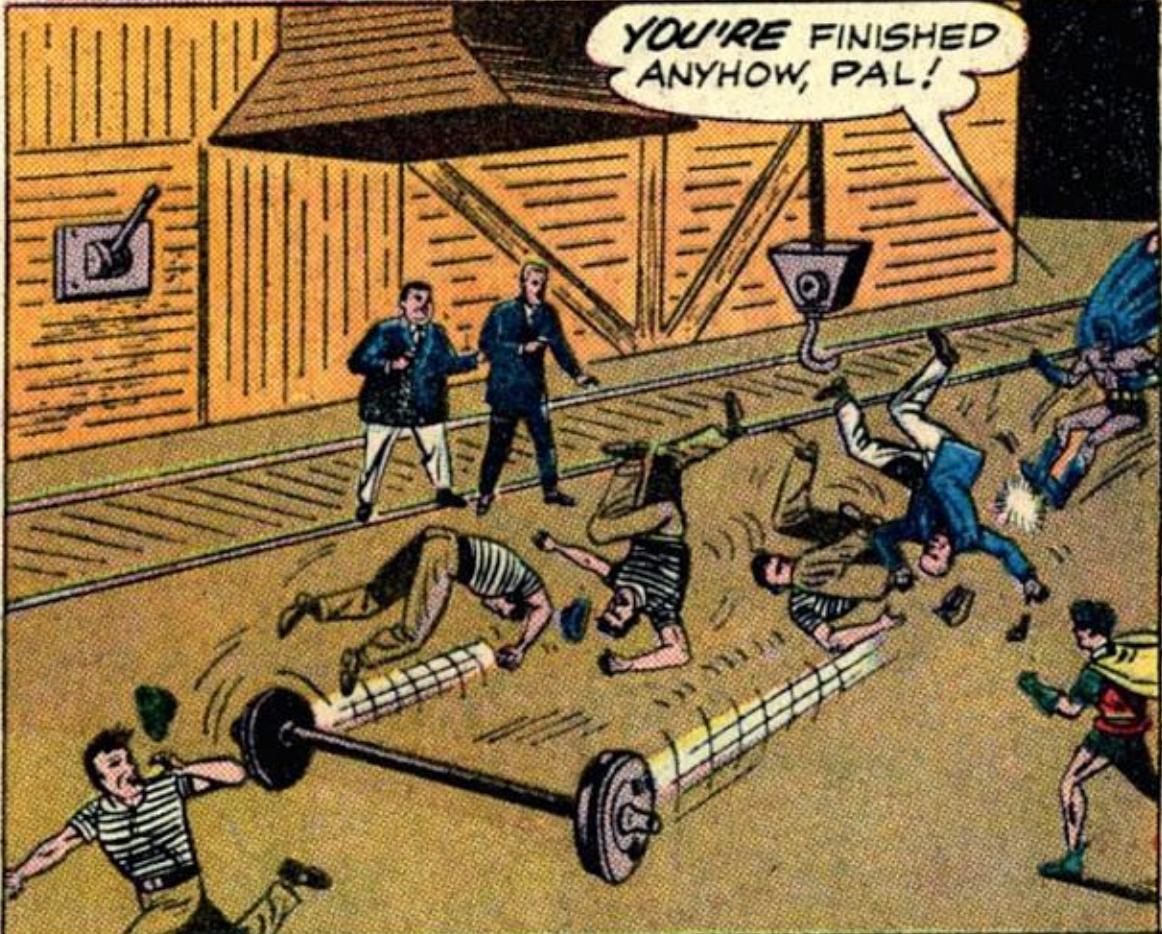
YES--OUR PLAN WORKED! THANKS TO THE SUPERSONIC SIGNAL FROM THE TINY TRANSMITTER IN YOUR UTILITY BELT, I WAS ABLE TO TRAIL YOU IN THE BAT-SUB!



SHOOT THEM! IF THEY
ESCAPE, WE'RE FINISHED!



YOU'RE FINISHED
ANYHOW, PAL!



AT THAT INSTANT, ROBIN LEAPS FOR A
DANGLING HOIST CHAIN...

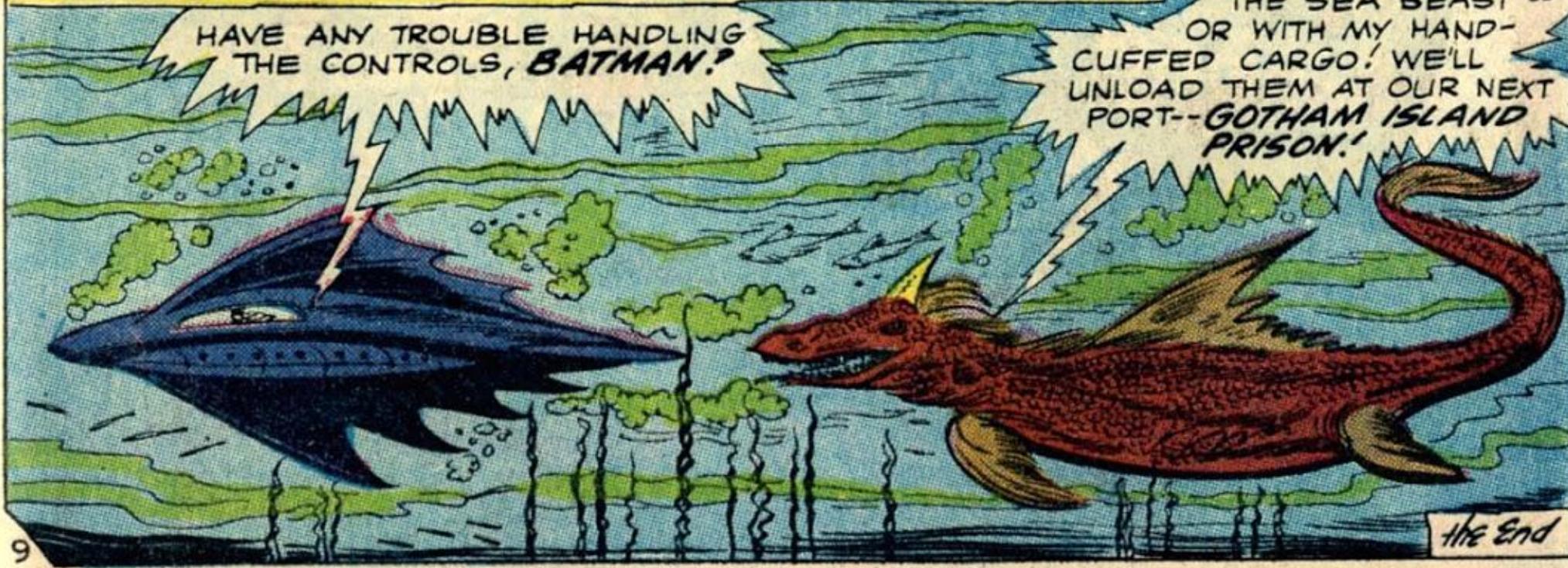


AND AS THE BOY WONDER YANKS THE LEVER
OF A COAL BUNKER...



AND SO, PRESENTLY, TWO UNIQUE CRAFT BEGIN THE VOYAGE HOME...

HAVE ANY TROUBLE HANDLING
THE CONTROLS, BATMAN?

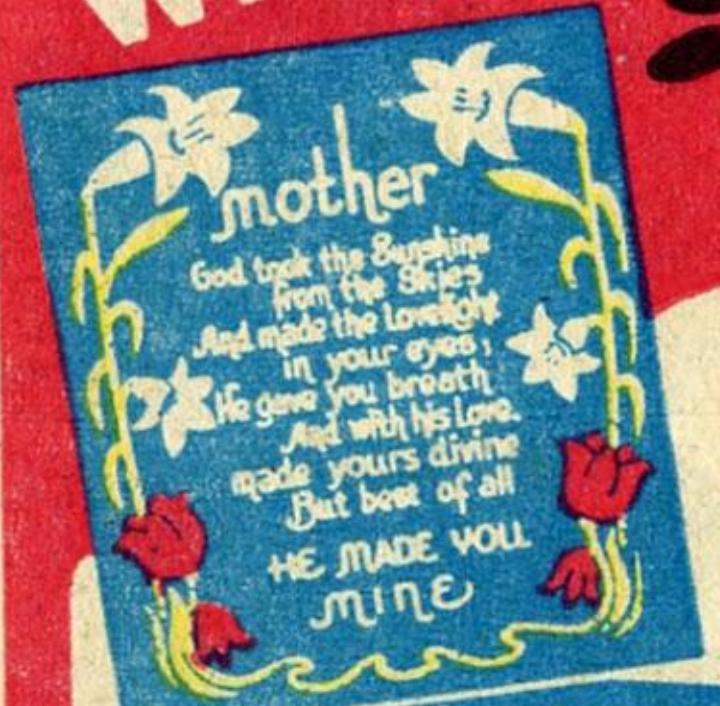


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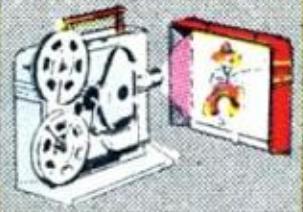
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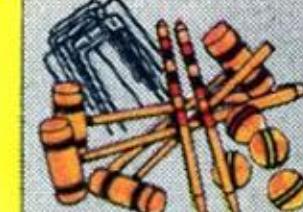
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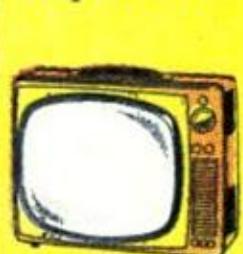
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