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TO HOLD THEIR WEIGHT!
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GIANT BATMAN



BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
- THE BOY WONDER -

KILL HIM!
KILL THE
BAT-HOMBRE!

SALUDOS, AMIGOS!

WHO IS THIS **BAT-HOMBRE**,
WHO LASHES OUT WITH A
COURAGE AND A DARING
EQUALLED ONLY BY HIS
NAMESAKE, **BATMAN**?

AND WHAT ARE **BATMAN**
AND **ROBIN** DOING IN THE
LAND OF THE GAUCHO AND
THE WILDEST BANDITS IN
THE WORLD?

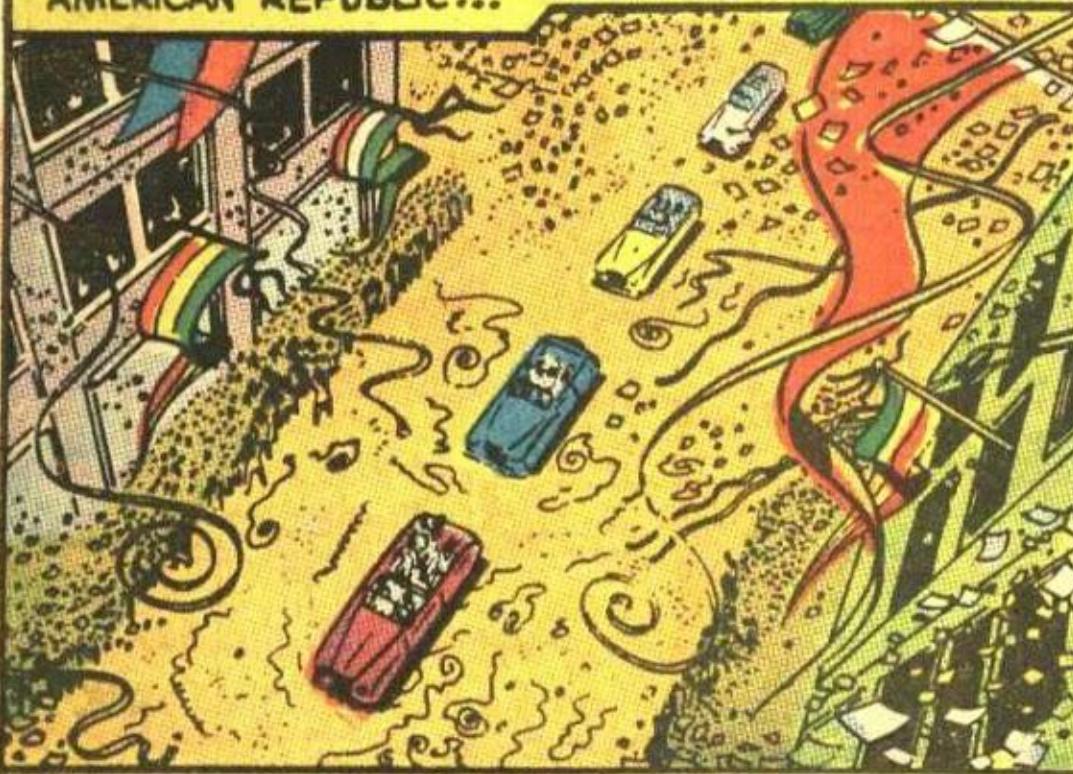
FOR HIGH ADVENTURE THEN,
COME WITH US, AMIGOS,
DOWN SOUTH AMERICAN WAY
WHERE THE NATIVES CRY...

"RIDE, BAT-HOMBRE, RIDE!"

BOB
KANE

GIANT BATMAN

HIGH FESTIVITY REIGNS, AS ALL GOTHAM CITY WELCOMES THE VISITING PRESIDENT OF MANTEGUA, TINY LATIN-AMERICAN REPUBLIC...



ALL EYES ON HIM, AGED, BELOVED PRESIDENT JOSÉ CAMARAN WARMLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE ROARS OF THE CROWD...



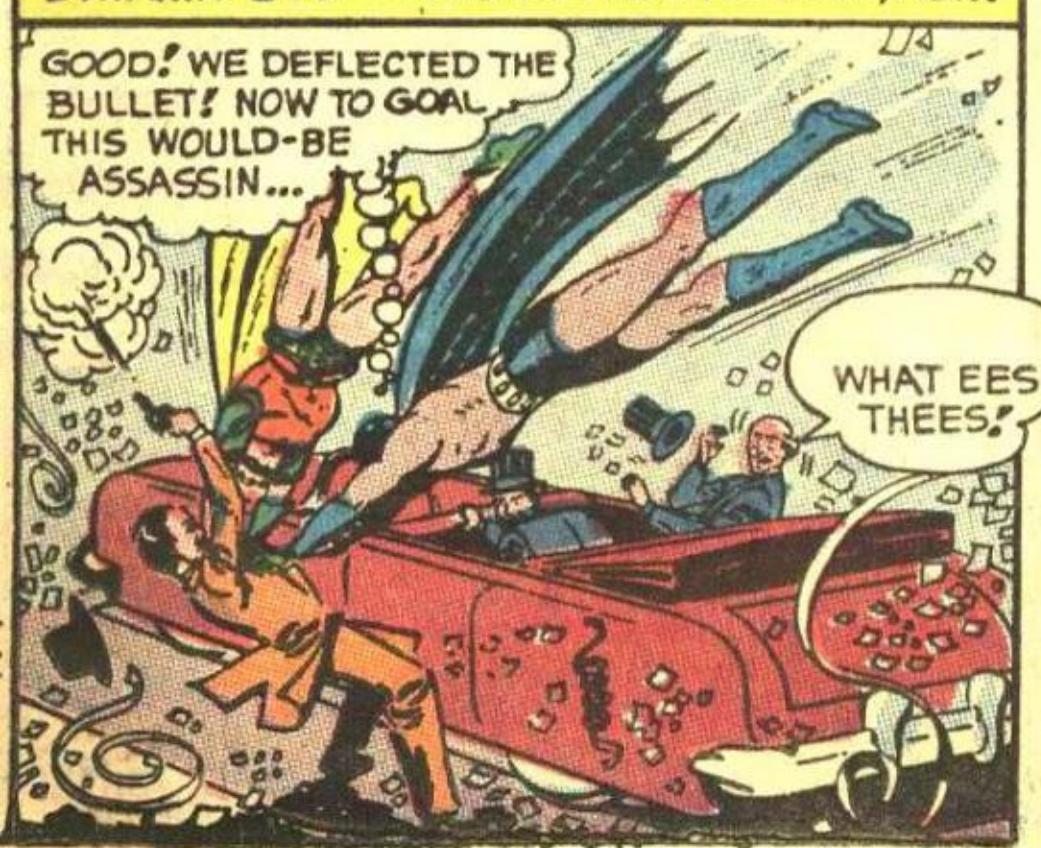
AND, AS THE PROCESSION CONTINUES, IT PASSES THE VANTAGE POINT OF GOTHAM CITY'S FAMOUS CRIME-BUSTERS, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, THE BOY WONDER.



AND, IN THE NEXT MOMENT, THE MAN **BATMAN** HAS BEEN WATCHING SUDDENLY WHIPS OUT A GUN, AS...



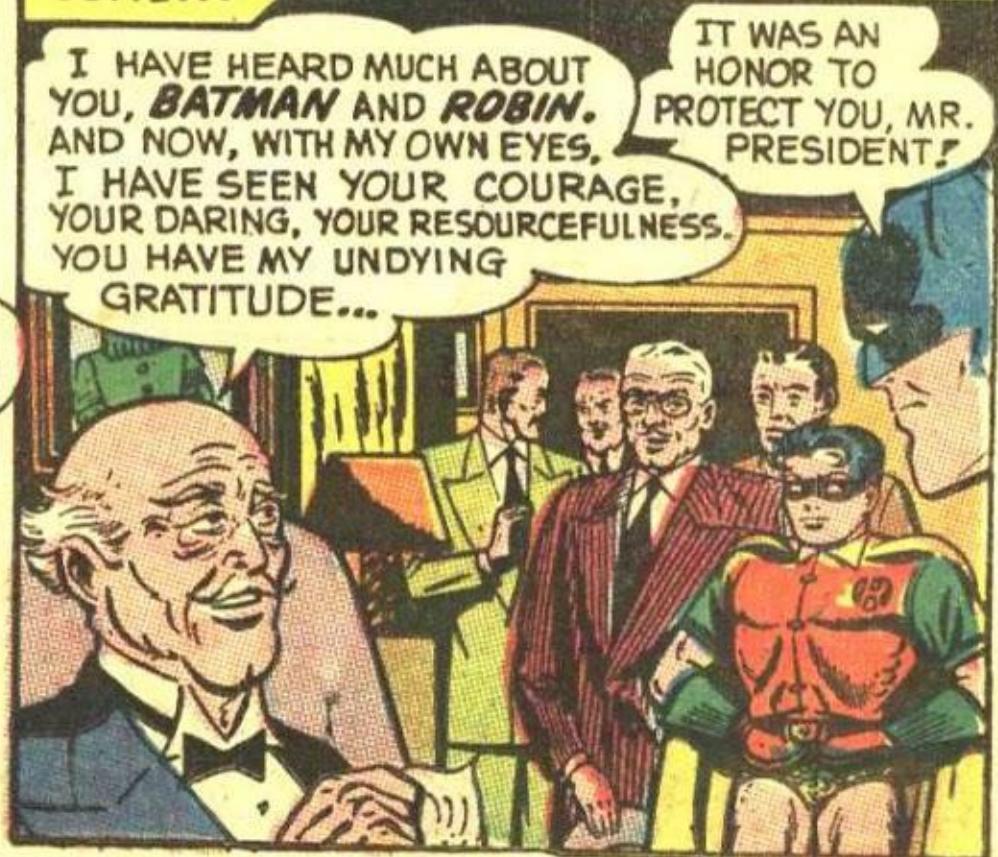
BUT, MOVING WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHT, THE **DYNAMIC DUO** DIVES ON THE ATTACKER, AS...



AND LATER, IN PRESIDENT CAMARAN'S HOTEL SUITE...

I HAVE HEARD MUCH ABOUT YOU, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**. AND NOW, WITH MY OWN EYES. I HAVE SEEN YOUR COURAGE, YOUR DARING, YOUR RESOURCEFULNESS. YOU HAVE MY UNDYING GRATITUDE...

IT WAS AN HONOR TO PROTECT YOU, MR. PRESIDENT!

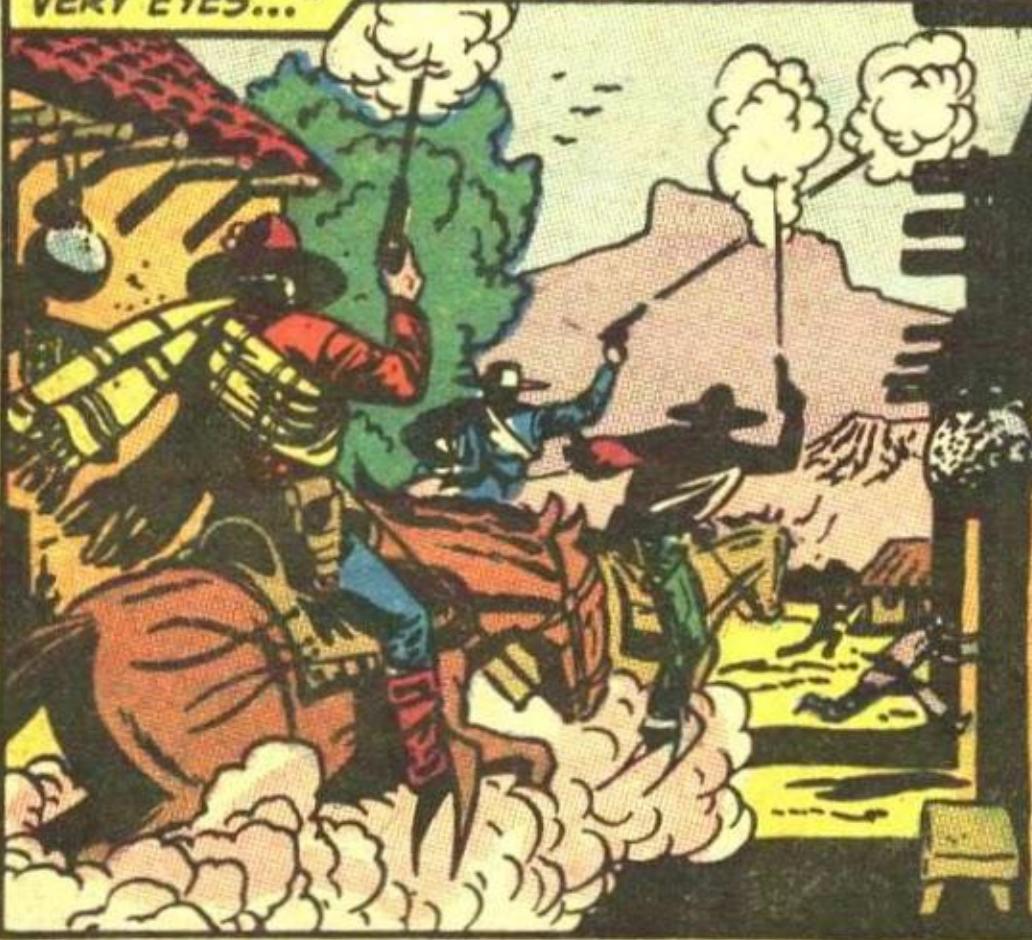


GIANT BATMAN

I AM TEMPTED TO ASK OF YOU A GREAT FAVOR, BATMAN! BUT FIRST, I WOULD TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THE COUNTRY I RULE...



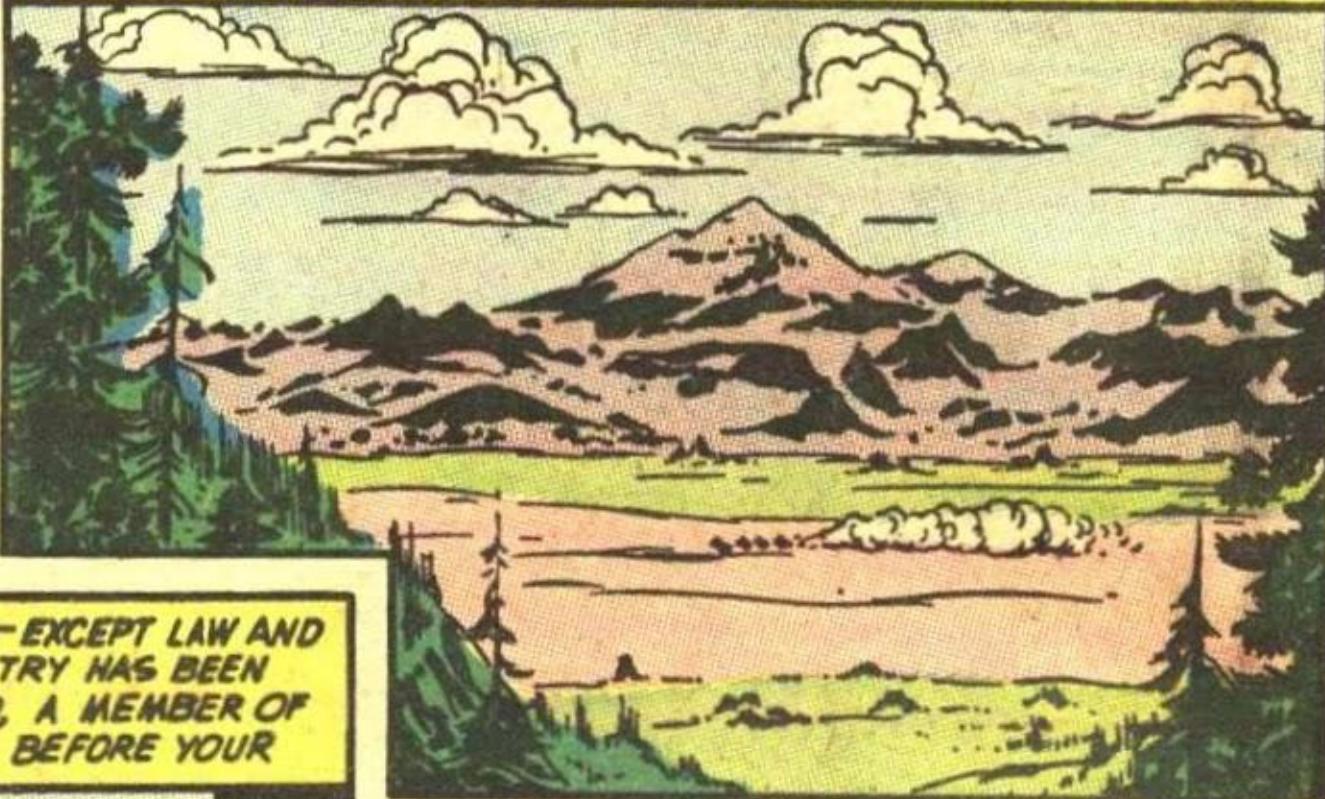
"WE LACK FOR NOTHING, BATMAN - EXCEPT LAW AND ORDER. FOR YEARS NOW, MY COUNTRY HAS BEEN TERRORIZED BY A CRIMINAL BAND, A MEMBER OF WHICH TRIED TO ASSASSINATE ME BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES..."



"EL PAPAGAYO IS A DEADLY HOMBRE, BATMAN! ONE MOMENT HE CAN BE AS FRIENDLY AS A PUPPY, AND THE NEXT MOMENT HE CAN SHOOT YOU DOWN IN COLD BLOOD!"



"IT IS A TINY COUNTRY, BATMAN - BUT A BEAUTIFUL ONE -- A LAND OF ROLLING PAMPAS AND WILD, MAJESTIC MOUNTAINS..."



"THE LEADER OF THIS BAND IS A RUTHLESS OUTLAW WHO IS KNOWN AS EL PAPAGAYO OR, "THE PARROT", BECAUSE OF THE PARROT "TOTO" THAT IS HIS MASCOT..."

HO-HO! PANCHO - YOU HAVE THE LOOT! MAGNIFICO! YOU ARE A REAL AMIGO, PANCHO - REAL AMIGO! YOU ARE LIKE BROTHER TO ME!

GRACIAS, EL PAPAGAYO, GRACIAS!

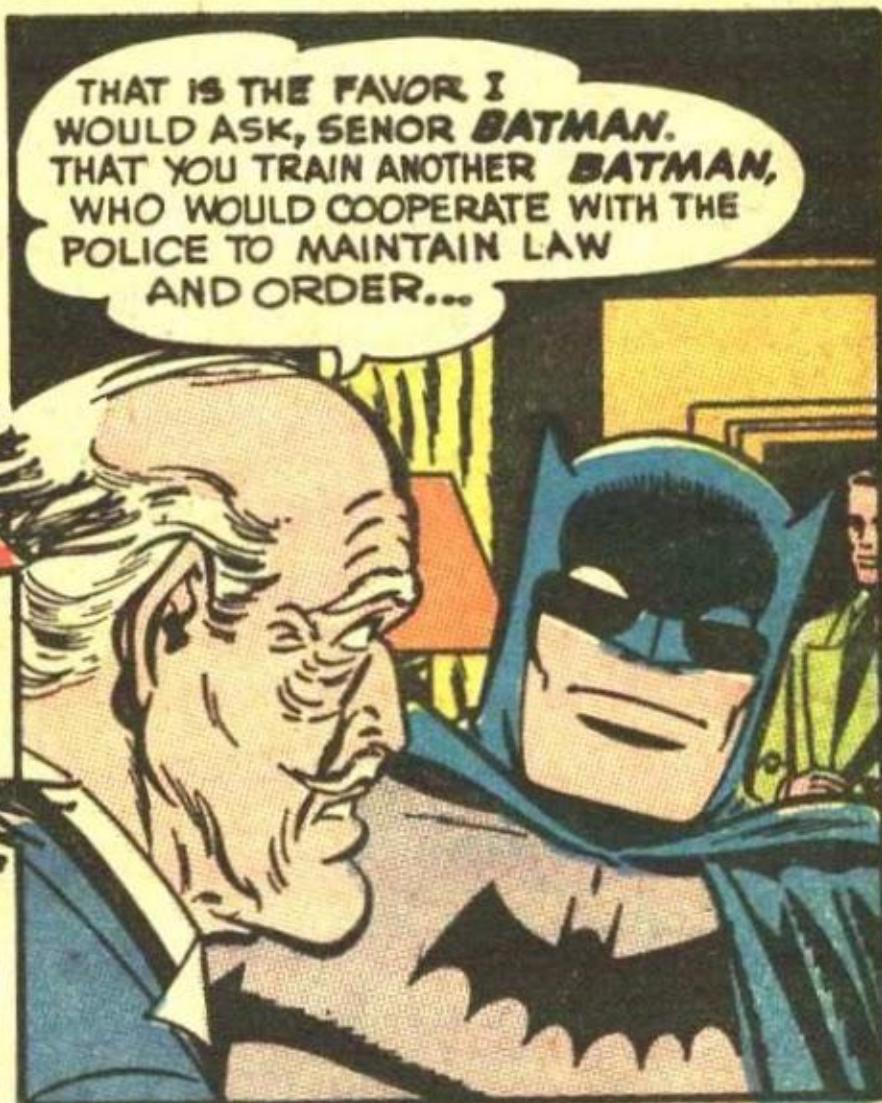


"YOU CAN IMAGINE, BATMAN, HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR MY COUNTRY TO RID ITSELF OF SUCH A VILLAIN - A MAN WHO LETS THE WHIMS OF A BIRD DECIDE THE FATE OF HIS PRISONERS..."



"SEEING YOU, BATMAN, HAS REVIVED AN OLD DREAM OF MINE—A DREAM THAT YOU WOULD COME DOWN TO MY COUNTRY AND TRAIN SOMEONE TO IMITATE YOU—
A BAT-HOMBRE, WHO WOULD RID US OF EL PAPAGAYO FOR ALL TIME..."

THAT IS THE FAVOR I WOULD ASK, SENOR BATMAN. THAT YOU TRAIN ANOTHER BATMAN, WHO WOULD COOPERATE WITH THE POLICE TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER...



I AM AN OLD MAN—I HAVE NOT MUCH LONGER TO LIVE. IN MY TIME I WOULD LIKE TO SEE EL PAPAGAYO BROUGHT TO JUSTICE AND MY COUNTRY DELIVERED FROM HIS BONDAGE...

TOUCHED BY THE OLD MAN'S PLEA, BATMAN CONFERS BRIEFLY WITH COMMISSIONER GORDON...



AND THUS IT IS THAT, TWO DAYS LATER, THE BATPLANE IS WINGING OVER THE CARIBBEAN!

THE PRESIDENT DECIDED IT WOULD BE PRETTY HARD TO FIND ANOTHER BOY LIKE YOU, ROBIN—SO WE'LL JUST CONCENTRATE ON A BATMAN!

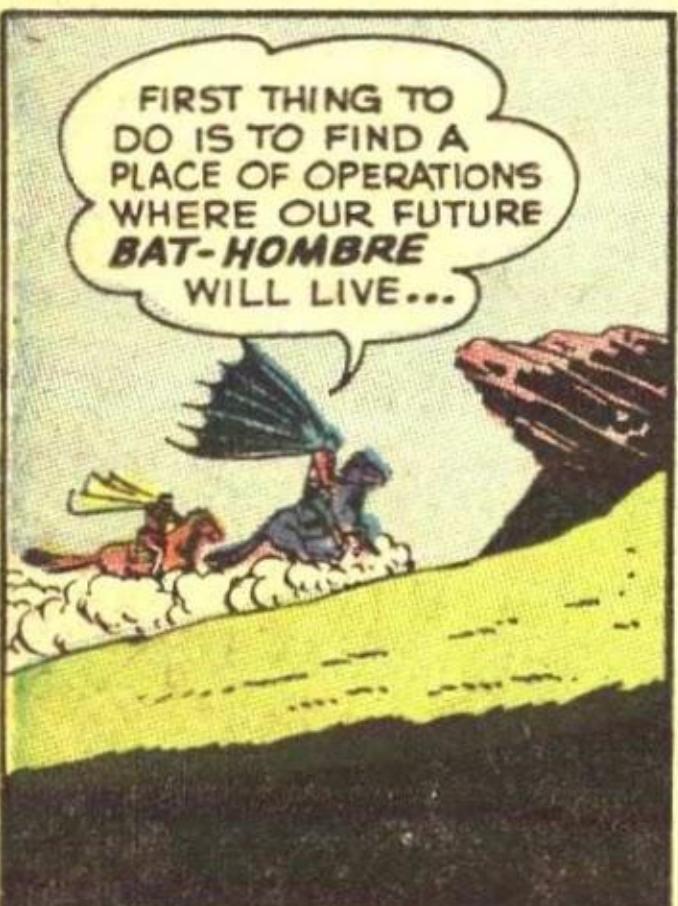
THAT'LL BE JOB ENOUGH! I UNDERSTAND HE'S GOING TO PARADE THE CREAM OF THE COUNTRY'S MANHOOD BEFORE US TO BE TESTED FOR THE JOB!



GIANT BATMAN

AND, AT THE AIRPORT IN CASANEGRO, CAPITAL CITY OF MANTEGUA...

LATER, AT THE EXECUTIVE MANSION...



FOR DAYS, BATMAN AND ROBIN SET THE STAGE FOR THE NEW BAT-HOMBRE...

NO BATMOBILES IN THIS TERRAIN, ROBIN! BUT THIS THOROUGH-BRED RACER FROM THE ARGENTINE SHOULD BE FASTER THAN ANY OTHER HORSE AROUND...

GOSH-A BAT HORSE! ISN'T THAT SUPER?

THEN, THE FIRST COMPLICATION ARISES, WHEN PRESIDENT CAMARAN THROWS OPEN HIS COLLECTION OF WEAPONS FOR THE FUTURE BAT-HOMBRE'S USE...

NO, MR. PRESIDENT- WE CAN'T ACCEPT ANY OF THESE WEAPONS. BATMAN NEVER FIRES A GUN OR USES A KNIFE!

BUT-EL PAPAGAYO AND HIS MEN ARE RUTHLESS KILLERS. HOW COULD ONE FIGHT THEM WITHOUT WEAPONS LIKE THESE?





GIANT BATMAN



WE HAVE RUTHLESS
KILLERS IN OUR
COUNTRY, TOO, MR.
PRESIDENT—AND
WE'VE MANAGED
WITH OUR OWN
WEAPONS...

YES—AND
INSTEAD OF OUR
SILKEN CORD, THE
BAT-HOMBRE WILL
USE THIS WHIP! WATCH—
I'LL DEMONSTRATE...



AND, AS THE WHIP'S END SNAKES AROUND THE
BRANCH OF A TREE...



AND AS
APPLICANT
AFTER
APPLICANT
DISPLAYS HIS
ATHLETIC
PROWESS
BEFORE THE
CRITICAL
EYES OF
BATMAN
AND
ROBIN...

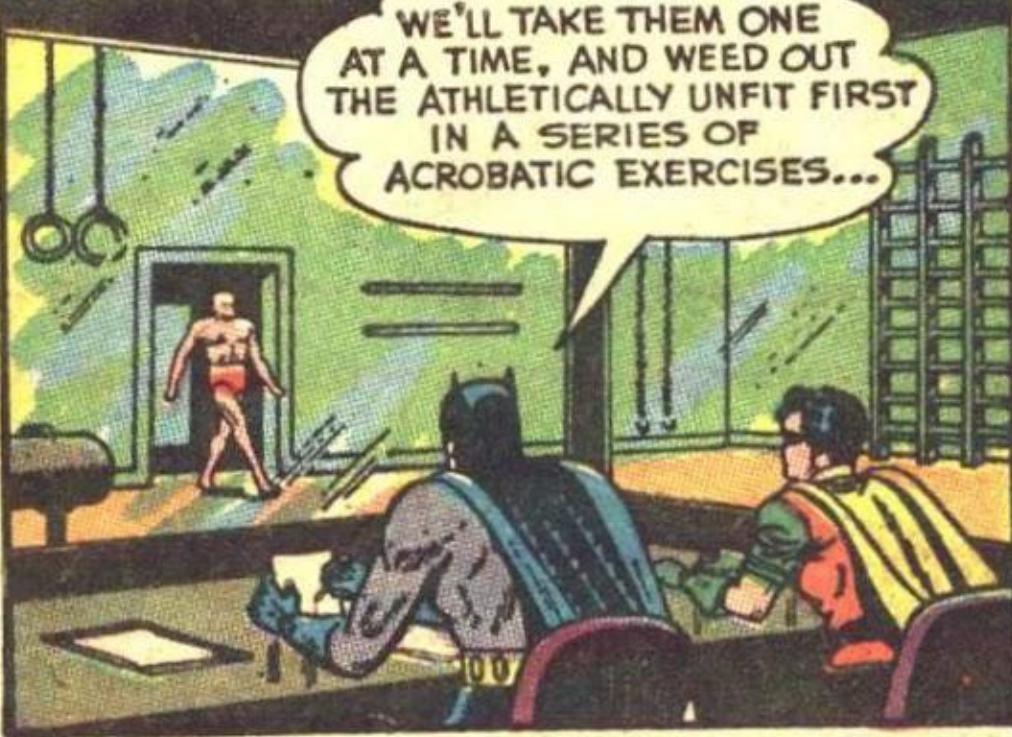
QUICKLY, THE VAUNTED **LAWMAN** LASHES THE WHIP
OUT A WINDOW...

WITH THIS WHIP,
THE **BAT-HOMBRE**
WILL BE ABLE TO SPEED
THROUGH THE ROUGHEST
TERRAIN...



LATER, HAVING SECURED ALL THE **BAT-HOMBRE'S**
EQUIPMENT, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARE READY TO
INTERVIEW APPLICANTS...

WE'LL TAKE THEM ONE
AT A TIME, AND WEED OUT
THE ATHLETICALLY UNFIT FIRST
IN A SERIES OF
ACROBATIC EXERCISES...



FOR DAYS, THE CREAM OF MANTEGA'S MANHOOD
GOES THROUGH A GRUELING EXAMINATION...

GOOD! HE
KNOCKED THE GUN
RIGHT OUT OF THE DUMMY'S
HAND! HE'S GOT EXCELLENT
CONTROL OF THAT
WHIP!



BUT, AS TIME PASSES, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARE FACED WITH WHAT SEEMS A HOPELESS TASK...

SCORES OF APPLICANTS—
AND NOT ONE GOOD ENOUGH
TO BE **BAT-HOMBRE**!
IF ONE IS AN ATHLETE, IT
TURNS OUT HE'S NO DETECTIVE;
AND IF ONE IS A DETECTIVE,
IT TURNS OUT HE'S NO
ATHLETE!

THIS WILL BREAK
PRESIDENT CAMARAN'S
HEART! THERE MUST
BE **SOMEONE**
WHO CAN QUALIFY—
COME ON, **ROBIN**,
WE'VE A FEW NAMES
LEFT...



LATER, **BATMAN** CONGRATULATES THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE,
A PLEASANT YOUNG MAN NAMED LUIS PERALDA; IN THE
GROTTO THAT IS TO BE HIS FUTURE **BATCAVE**!

NICE GOING, LUIS! NOW YOU'RE READY
FOR SPECIAL TRAINING— AND TO LEARN
THE SECRETS OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!
BE HERE EARLY TOMORROW, WHEN WE'LL
BEGIN... AND, OF COURSE, YOU MUST
PLEDGE YOURSELF TO SECRECY!

NO WORRY,
SEÑORS! I
AM AWARE OF
THE IMPORTANCE
OF MY JOB.
LUIS' LIPS ARE
SEALED!



BUT, THAT EVENING...

HELLO, PEDRO!
THIS IS LUIS!
I FOOLED THE
BATMAN!
I GOT THE
JOB!

BUENO! EL
PAPAGAYO WILL
BE IMMEDIATELY
INFORMED! HE WILL
REWARD YOU
HANDSOMELY, LUIS!

THIS IS
THE UTILITY BELT.
YOU WILL FIND IT
EXCEEDINGLY HANDY
TO PULL YOU OUT OF
SCRAPES...

HA-HA! AFTER YOU'VE
EXPLAINED IT TO ME,
BATMAN, I'LL USE IT
AGAINST **YOU**, FOR
CRIME!

AND, THE NEXT MORNING, THE TRAITOROUS
LUIS BEGINS HIS SECRET TRAINING AS
BAT-HOMBRE UNDER THE UNSUSPECTING
EYES OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!



THIS IS YOUR
BELT-RADIO.
I USE IT TO
COMMUNICATE
WITH **ROBIN**-
YOU WILL USE
IT TO
COMMUNICATE
WITH THE
POLICE...

YOU
MEAN EL
PAPAGAYO,
YOU
FOOL?
HA-HA?

THEN, THAT NIGHT, **BATMAN**
HASTENS TO PRESIDENT CAMARAN,
TO BRING HIM THE ENCOURAGING
NEWS ABOUT **BAT-HOMBRE**...

AHHH, SEÑOR **BATMAN**- THAT
IS GOOD! YOU KNOW, I WAS
BEGINNING TO LOSE FAITH-I
WAS BECOMING ASHAMED OF
MY PEOPLE BECAUSE NO
MAN COULD MEET YOUR
QUALIFICATIONS...

BUT NOW IT IS
DIFFERENT- NOW
AN OLD MAN CAN
DIE IN PEACE,
KNOWING HE HAS
PUT HIS COUNTRY
ON THE RIGHT
ROAD...

YES, MR.
PRESIDENT-
IN A FEW
DAYS YOUR
OWN **BAT-**
HOMBRE
WILL BE HOT
ON THE TRAIL
OF EL PAPAGAYO!

BUT AT THAT
VERY MOMENT,
IN THE HIDDEN
OUTLAW CAMP,
BAT-HOMBRE
HAS FOUND EL
PAPAGAYO,
UNDER
CIRCUMSTANCES
OF WHICH
BATMAN
IS
COMPLETELY
UNAWARE!

HO-HO! YOU HAVE DONE WELL, AMIGO!
BY TOMORROW, YOU WILL HAVE LEARNED
ALL OF **BATMAN'S** SECRETS-AND THEN
WE WILL HAVE SOME
FUN, EH, TOTO?
HO-HO!

SI-SI! MUCHO
FUN! SI-SI!
MUCHO FUN!

AND, AS THE CELEBRATION GROWS WILDER...

CARAMBA! THE
BIRD'S CLAWS HAVE
TORN MY
UNIFORM!

HO-HO! LOOK-
EVEN TOTO IS
HAVING A GOOD
TIME!

GOOD WORK,
BAT-HOMBRE!
GOOD WORK,
BAT-HOMBRE!

BUT WHAT WILL I TELL
BATMAN AND ROBIN?
THEY WILL SURELY
NOTICE...

BAH-IT IS NOTHING!
A BIRD'S CLAWS—THAT
IS ALL! TELL THEM
YOU WERE ATTACKED
BY A NIGHT HAWK...

AND, THE NEXT DAY...

...IT WAS SOMETHING, I TELL
YOU! THIS UGLY HAWK
SWOOPED OUT OF THE NIGHT
AND TRIED TO MAKE OFF
WITH ME! BUT I KILLED
IT QUICKLY...

HMMMM—HE'S
DELIBERATELY
LYING!
THIS IS
SERIOUS!

AND SOON AFTER, WHEN **BATMAN** IS ABLE TO
PULL **ROBIN** ASIDE...

(WHISPER!) HE'S LYING,
ROBIN! THOSE MARKS
WERE NOT MADE BY A
HAWK—BUT BY A
PARROT! AND THAT
COULD VERY WELL
MEAN...

...EL PAPAGAYO!
HE COULD BE PART
OF HIS GANG! BUT
HOW CAN YOU BE
SURE IT WAS A
PARROT?

:WHISPER; ONE OF THE DEFINITE
CHARACTERISTICS OF A PARROT
IS THE **REVERSED FOURTH**
DIGIT OF THE FOOT! LOOK AT
THOSE CLAW MARKS!

CONVINCED THAT SOME SORT OF TREACHERY
IS AFOOT, **BATMAN** TRIES A SURPRISE ATTACK,
AND...

THOSE CLAW MARKS
ON YOUR SHOULDER
WERE MADE BY A
PARROT, LUIS!
WE KNOW
WHERE YOU'VE
BEEN!

YOUR BLUFF
WORKED, **BATMAN!**
HIS GUILT IS
NOW EVIDENT!

BUT YOU
COULDN'T!
I COVERED
MY TRAIL—
I (GASP)

TRAPPED, THE FALSE **BAT-HOMBRE** QUICKLY
REGAINS HIS WITS, AS...

ALL RIGHT—YOU'RE ON
TO ME! BUT YOU DARE
NOT EXPOSE ME! IF
CAMARAN WERE TO
LEARN OF THIS, IT
WOULD BREAK HIS
HEART!

HE'S RIGHT, **ROBIN!**
I'VE TOLD CAMARAN
THAT A **BAT-HOMBRE**
WOULD RIDE AGAINST
CRIME TOMORROW—
THIS NEWS WOULD STAGGER
THE OLD MAN!

GIANT BATMAN



LET'S FACE IT, **BATMAN!** LUIS WAS THE CLOSEST REPLACEMENT TO A **BATMAN** WE COULD FIND - AND NOW HE'S OUT! THERE JUST ISN'T **ANOTHER BATMAN ANYWHERE!**

BUT WE CAN'T LET CAMARAN DISCOVER THAT! WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!



HIS BRILLIANT MIND RACING, **BATMAN** SUDDENLY MAKES HIS DECISION!

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY, **ROBIN!** WE'LL KEEP LUIS ON ICE, WHERE HE CAN'T REACH CAMARAN - **AND I'LL TAKE OVER AS BAT-HOMBRE!**



LOOK WHAT I FOUND IN HIS POCKET! A MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF EL PAPAGAYO'S CAMP!

EXCELLENT! NOW TO TAKE THIS IMPOSTOR TO COLONEL MORENOS, A POLICE OFFICIAL CAMARAN TOLD US WE CAN TRUST!



AND LATER, IN COLONEL MORENOS' OFFICE...

NO NEED TO WORRY, **BATMAN!** I WILL PUT HIM IN SOLITARY - HE WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO NO ONE!

GOOD! NOW - **ROBIN** WILL LEAVE YOU A COPY OF THE MAP! AS SOON AS YOU CAN, ROUND UP A FORCE TO MEET US AT EL PAPAGAYO'S HIDEOUT.



AND, STILL LATER, **BATMAN** PAYS THE PRESIDENT A SURPRISE VISIT...

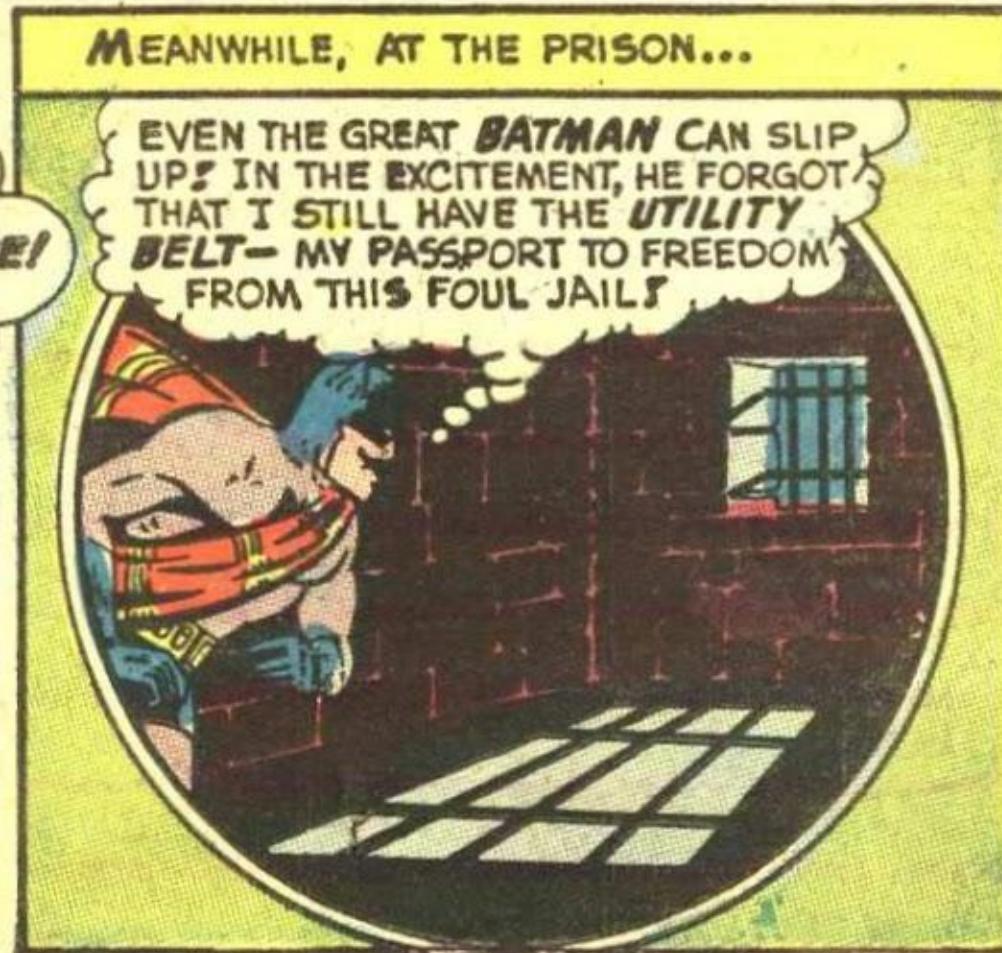
BEFORE I LEAVE TO CAPTURE EL PAPAGAYO, I THOUGHT I'D PAY MY RESPECTS, MR. PRESIDENT!

AT LAST - OUR COUNTRY HAS ITS OWN **BAT-HOMBRE!** GODSPEED! GODSPEED!



MEANWHILE, AT THE PRISON...

EVEN THE GREAT **BATMAN** CAN SLIP UP! IN THE EXCITEMENT, HE FORGOT THAT I STILL HAVE THE **UTILITY BELT** - MY PASSPORT TO FREEDOM FROM THIS FOUL JAIL!



GIANT BATMAN



NICE OF
BATMAN TO
HAVE SHOWN ME HOW
TO CREATE AN EXPLOSION!
NOW TO HALT HIM
BEFORE HE REACHES
EL PAPAGAYO!

MEANWHILE, AN AWESOME SPECTACLE LOOMS
UP ON THE ROLLING PAMPAS — THE **BAT-HORSE**,
THUNDERING INTO ACTION!

HOLD ON, **ROBIN**!
THIS **BAT-HORSE** IS
A FOUR-FOOTED
TORNADO!

AND, IN THE JAGGED MOUNTAINS NEAR EL PAPAGAYO'S
CAMP...

THE CAMP'S
DEAD AHEAD! GO
DOWN THIS SIDE,
ROBIN — AND LOOK
FOR A TRAIL. I'LL TRY
THIS OTHER SIDE
AND MEET YOU
HERE IN FIVE
MINUTES...

FRANTICALLY, **ROBIN**
CLINGS TO HIS LEDGE
AS THE BATTLE
REACHES ITS VIOLENT
CONCLUSION ...

REACHING THE FOOT OF THE
CLIFF, **ROBIN**'S FOOT TANGLES
IN A VINE. AND, AS HE
STRUGGLES TO FREE HIMSELF
SUDDENLY...

A WILD, SWAYING BATTLE
SKIRTS THE EDGE OF THE
CLIFF! THEN, AS **ROBIN**
BREAKS FREE, AND RUSHES
TO HELP **BATMAN**...

HA-HA-BATMAN!
THE TABLES ARE
TURNED! NOW
I WILL
KILL
YOU!

IT'S LUIS!
HE'S
ESCAPED!

SOMEONE'S
FALLING!
IS IT
BATMAN?

BATMAN!
BATMAN!
IS THAT YOU?

ONCE AGAIN, DEATHLY SILENCE GRIPS THE AIR. THEN, AS **ROBIN** BRACES...

HE'S COMING! WHOEVER IT IS— HE'S COMING!



THEN SUDDENLY, THE FREEZING SUSPENSE IS SHATTERED AS...

WELL, **ROBIN**—WHAT ARE **YOU** DOING? WAITING FOR A STREET-CAR?

OH, **BATMAN**—IT'S **YOU**! PHEW— WAS I WORRIED!



THEN, WITHOUT WARNING, A SWARM OF BANDITS LEAPS OUT TO SURPRISE AND CAPTURE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

THROW THEM UNDER GUARD UNTIL EL PAPAGAYO RETURNS.

EL PAPAGAYO'S MEN! THE NOISE OF THE FIGHT MUST HAVE BROUGHT THEM!



LATER, IN THE TENT WHERE THEY ARE HELD PRISONER...

A FINE MESS WE'VE MADE OF THINGS!

WAIT! THESE BERRIES— AND THIS CURARE BARK GIVE ME AN IDEA!

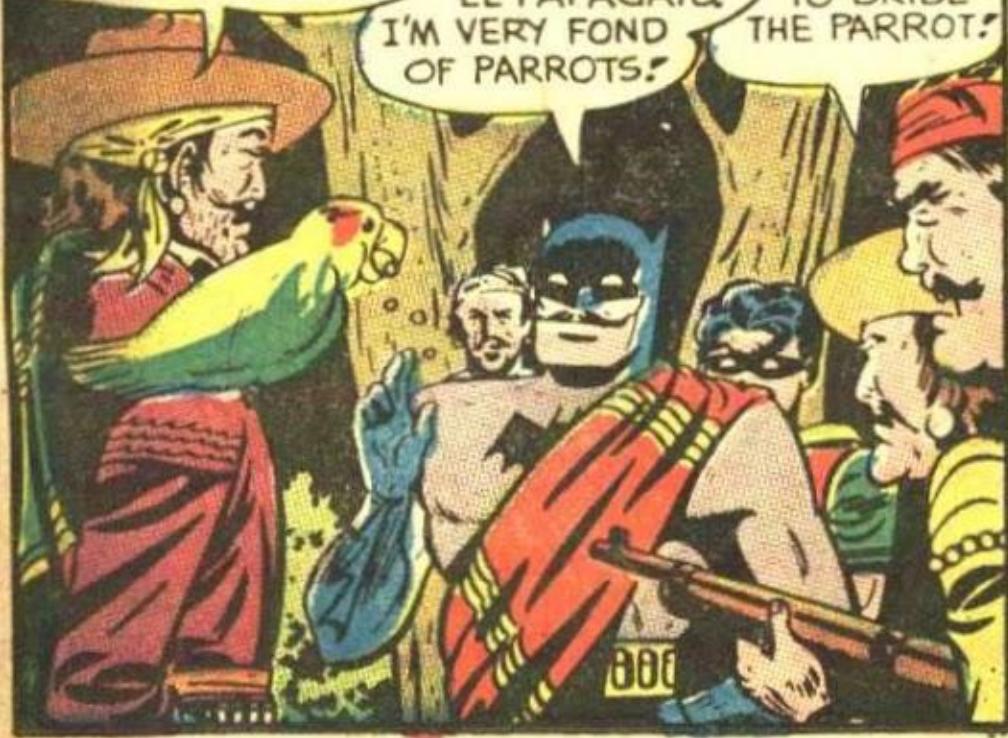


AND, PRESENTLY, WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO IS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BANDIT CHIEFTAIN...

HAH! THIS FOREIGNER, **BATMAN**, WOULD MEDdle IN MY AFFAIRS! HERE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

JUST FEEDING YOUR PARROT SOME BERRIES, EL PAPAGAYO! I'M VERY FOND OF PARROTS!

THE NERVE OF HIM! TRYING TO BRIBE THE PARROT!



THEN, EL PAPAGAYO ASKS TOTO TO PASS SENTENCE UPON **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

KILL THEM! GIVE THEM WHIPS—MAKE THEM BEAT THEMSELVES TO DEATH WITH THE WHIPS!

TERRIFICO, TOTO, TERRIFICO! YOU HAVE GREAT IMAGINATION! QUICKLY, CARLOS—BRING WHIPS!



GIANT BATMAN



MOMENTS LATER...

GO ON!
START
WHIPPING
EACH OTHER?

WHISPER!
READY, ROBIN!
FOLLOW MY
LEAD!

SUDDENLY, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** LASH OUT WITH
THEIR WHIPS - BUT IN A MANNER TO SURPRISE
COMPLETELY EL PAPAGAYO AND HIS MEN!

QUICKLY,
ROBIN - UP
INTO THE
TREE!

CARAMBA!
SEIZE
THEM!

OKAY, LOUIE -
DROP THE
GUN!

THEN, COILING THEIR WHIPS AROUND THE BRANCHES OF ANOTHER
TREE, THE AMAZING LAWMEN LITERALLY BOWL THEIR OPPONENTS
OVER, AS...

NICE TO HAVE BUMPED
INTO YOU AGAIN,
EL PAPAGAYO!

LOOK!
COLONEL
MORENOS
AND A
POSSE!

THE COMPLETELY-DISORGANIZED BANDITS ARE NO MATCH
FOR MORENOS AND HIS MEN, AND IN A FEW MOMENTS
ALL ARE CAPTURED!

JUST BEFORE WE LEFT CASANEIRO,
WE HEARD THAT PRESIDENT CAMARAN
HAD DIED - BUT WITH A SMILE ON
HIS LIPS... THANKS TO YOU,
BATMAN AND **ROBIN**...

HIS DEATH
WAS INEVITABLE,
I SUPPOSE.
ROBIN AND I
CAN TAKE SOLACE
IN THE FACT THAT
HE DIED A HAPPY
MAN...

AND NEXT DAY, WINGING HOMeward IN THE
BATPLANE...

THAT WAS A NEAT
TRICK, **BATMAN** -
FEEDING THE PARROT
THOSE CURARE-DOSED
BERRIES AND THEN
IMITATING ITS VOICE TO
GET US THOSE WHIPS?
BUT WHAT ABOUT
CURARE - ISN'T IT A
DEADLY POISON?

IT IS - EXCEPT WHEN
USED IN CAREFUL,
MINUTE DOSES. THEN
IT HAS A PARALYTIC
EFFECT, AND IN THIS
CASE PARALYZED THE
BIRD'S VOCAL
CHORDS!

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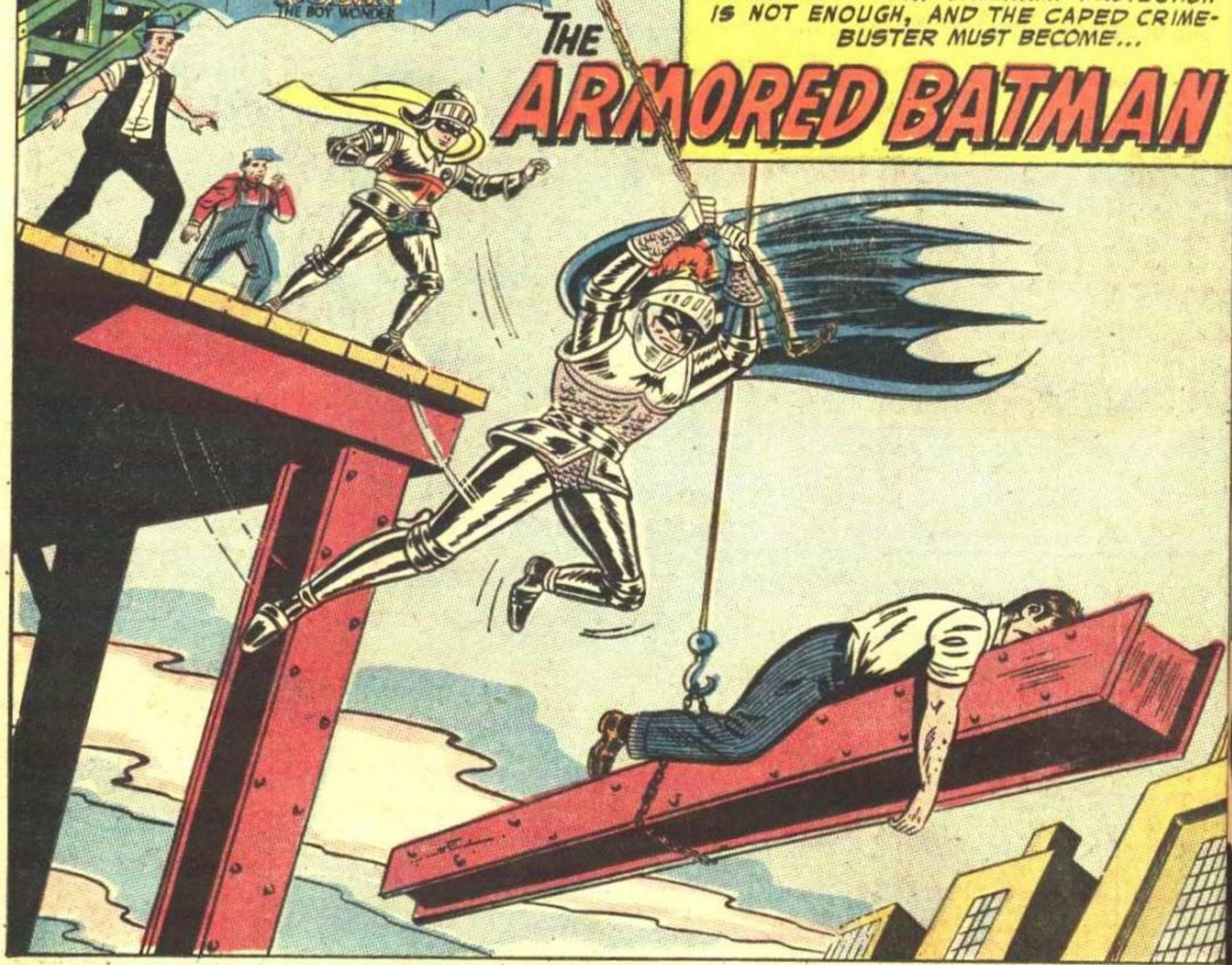


BAT MAN

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THE ARMORED BATMAN

DANGER IS NOTHING NEW TO BATMAN AND ROBIN, WHO'VE WARDED OFF ALL THREATS WITH THEIR QUICK THINKING, THEIR RESOURCEFULNESS AND THEIR SUPERB ACROBATIC SKILLS! BUT NOW, THEY FACE A MYSTERIOUS MENACE SO FORMIDABLE THAT ORDINARY PROTECTION IS NOT ENOUGH, AND THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTER MUST BECOME...



IN THE GOTHAM CITY HALL OF FAME, NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER VICKI VALE IMPATIENTLY AWAITS THE ARRIVAL OF THE GUEST OF HONOR...

BATMAN SHOULD BE HERE SOON FOR THE DEDICATION OF HIS BUST! HE SURELY DESERVES IT, FOR ALL HE'S DONE!

WHEN BATMAN COMES, MISS VALE, GIVE HIM A MESSAGE FROM ME!

TELL HIM BLAIR GRAEME IS AFTER HIM NOW! HE KNOWS HE CAN'T ESCAPE ME!

WHY-- WHO IS THAT MAN? STOP HIM!



GIANT BATMAN

BUT BEFORE THEY CAN REACH THE THREATENING VISITOR...

HE GOT AWAY! BUT WHO WAS HE? WHAT DID HE MEAN BY THAT THREAT?

AW, HE'S PROBABLY JUST A CRANK! BATMAN'S BEEN THREATENED SO MANY TIMES BY CROOKS THAT HE'LL JUST LAUGH AT THIS!

BUT, WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN ARRIVE, MINUTES LATER...

...AND THIS CHARACTER SAID, "TELL HIM BLAIR GRAEME IS AFTER HIM NOW," AND--

BLAIR GRAEME! ROBIN, DO YOU HEAR THAT? WE MUST GET OUT OF HERE!

BUT, BATMAN-- THE DEDICATION OF YOUR STATUS--

IT'LL HAVE TO WAIT! ROBIN AND I FACE A TERRIBLE DANGER... WE MUST MAKE PREPARATIONS!



WHWEE! THAT BLAIR GRAEME MUST BE QUITE A MENACE, TO GIVE BATMAN SUCH A SCARE!

BATMAN SCARED? THAT'S RIDICULOUS!

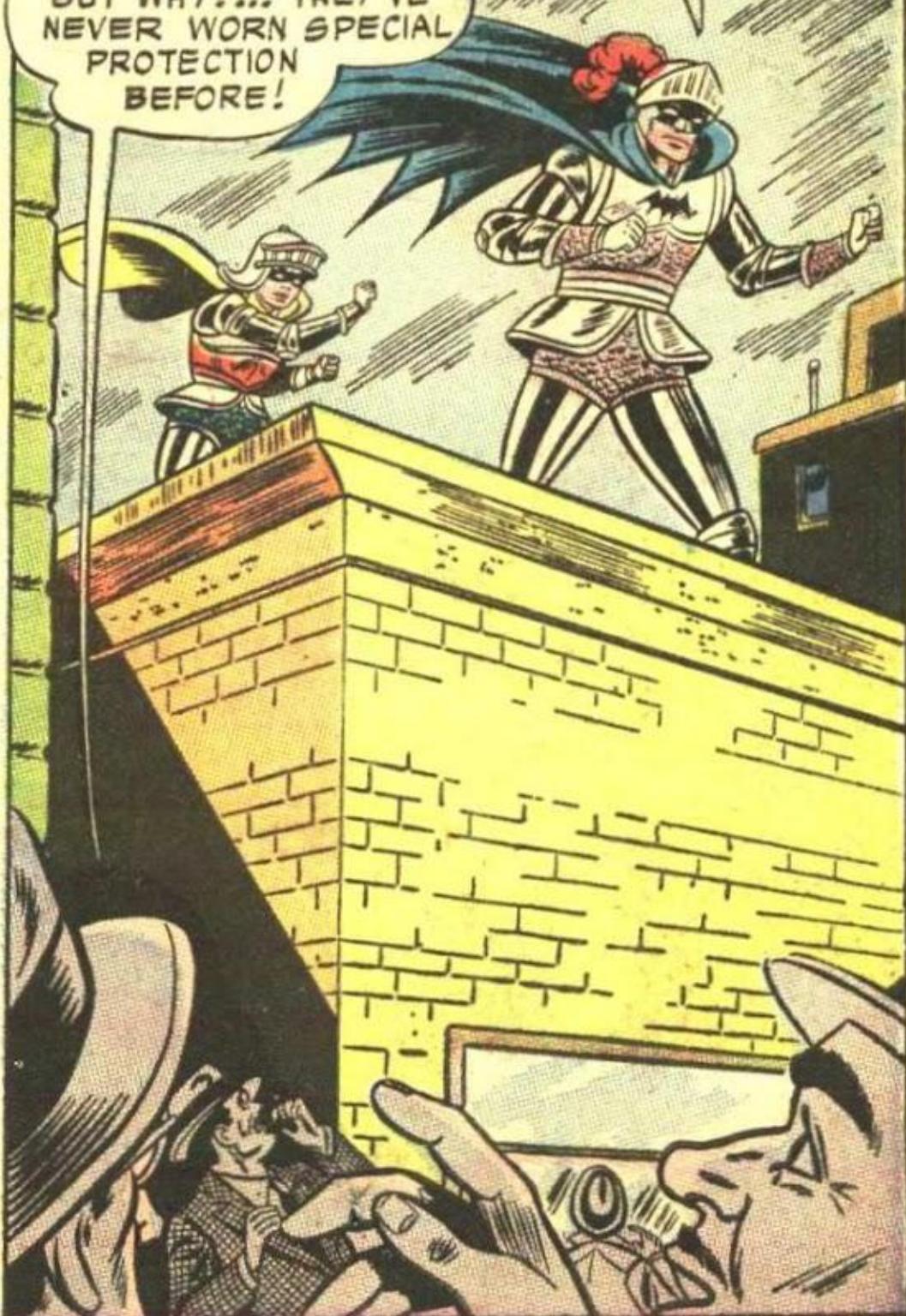
YET, WHY DID THE THREAT AFFECT HIM SO?



SOON, GOTHAM CITY WITNESSES A STARTLING NEW SIGHT...

LOOK! BATMAN AND ROBIN, WEARING STEEL ARMOR! BUT WHY?... THEY'VE NEVER WORN SPECIAL PROTECTION BEFORE!

COME ON, ROBIN-- WE'VE GOT TO KEEP SEARCHING!



WHY INDEED? AND WHAT STRANGE PREPARATIONS DO BATMAN AND ROBIN MAKE, SOME TIME LATER, IN THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE?...

THEY'RE READY, ROBIN-- AND THAT MEANS WE'RE READY, TO START OUR SEARCH!

I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D USE THINGS LIKE THIS-- BUT, WITH THE DANGER FACING US, WE HAVE TO!



GIANT BATMAN

NOT THE LEAST PUZZLED BY THIS SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS VICKI VALE...

BATMAN, WHO IS BLAIR GRAEME? IT'S HIS THREAT THAT MADE YOU WEAR ARMOR, ISN'T IT?

ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT WE NEED THIS ARMOR TO PROTECT OUR LIVES, VICKI! WE HAVE A DANGEROUS STRUGGLE AHEAD OF US!

WHOEVER THIS GRAEME IS, HE MUST BE CONNECTED WITH ONE OF BATMAN'S PAST CASES! I'M GOING TO CHECK BACK ON BATMAN'S RECENT ACTIVITIES... MAYBE I CAN SOLVE THE MYSTERY THAT WAY!



BUT AFTER AN INVESTIGATION THAT ENDS AT THE GOTHAM SCIENTIFIC FOUNDATION...

YES, WE CALLED BATMAN RECENTLY, BECAUSE OF AN ATTEMPT TO ROB THE FOUNDATION! BUT I NEVER HEARD OF ANYONE NAMED BLAIR GRAEME!

NOBODY HAS... YET, THE MAN MUST BE TERRIBLY DANGEROUS TO MAKE BATMAN AND ROBIN TAKE SUCH PRECAUTIONS!

MEANWHILE, AS THE DUO CONTINUES A GRIM HUNT...

SO FAR, WE HAVEN'T FOUND A SINGLE CLUE TO-- WAIT! THAT RADIO FLASH...

...AND THE STUNNED WORKMAN ON THE NEW BARTON BUILDING IS IN DANGER OF FALLING TO HIS DEATH!

OH, OH... WE'D BETTER GET RIGHT OVER THERE, BATMAN!



HIGH ON A HALF-FINISHED NEW SKYSCRAPER, MINUTES LATER...

SMITH WAS ON THAT GIRDER WHEN THE CRANE ACCIDENTALLY SWUNG IT AGAINST THE WALL! NOW, WE'RE AFRAID TO MOVE THE CRANE, BECAUSE WE MIGHT THROW HIM OFF!

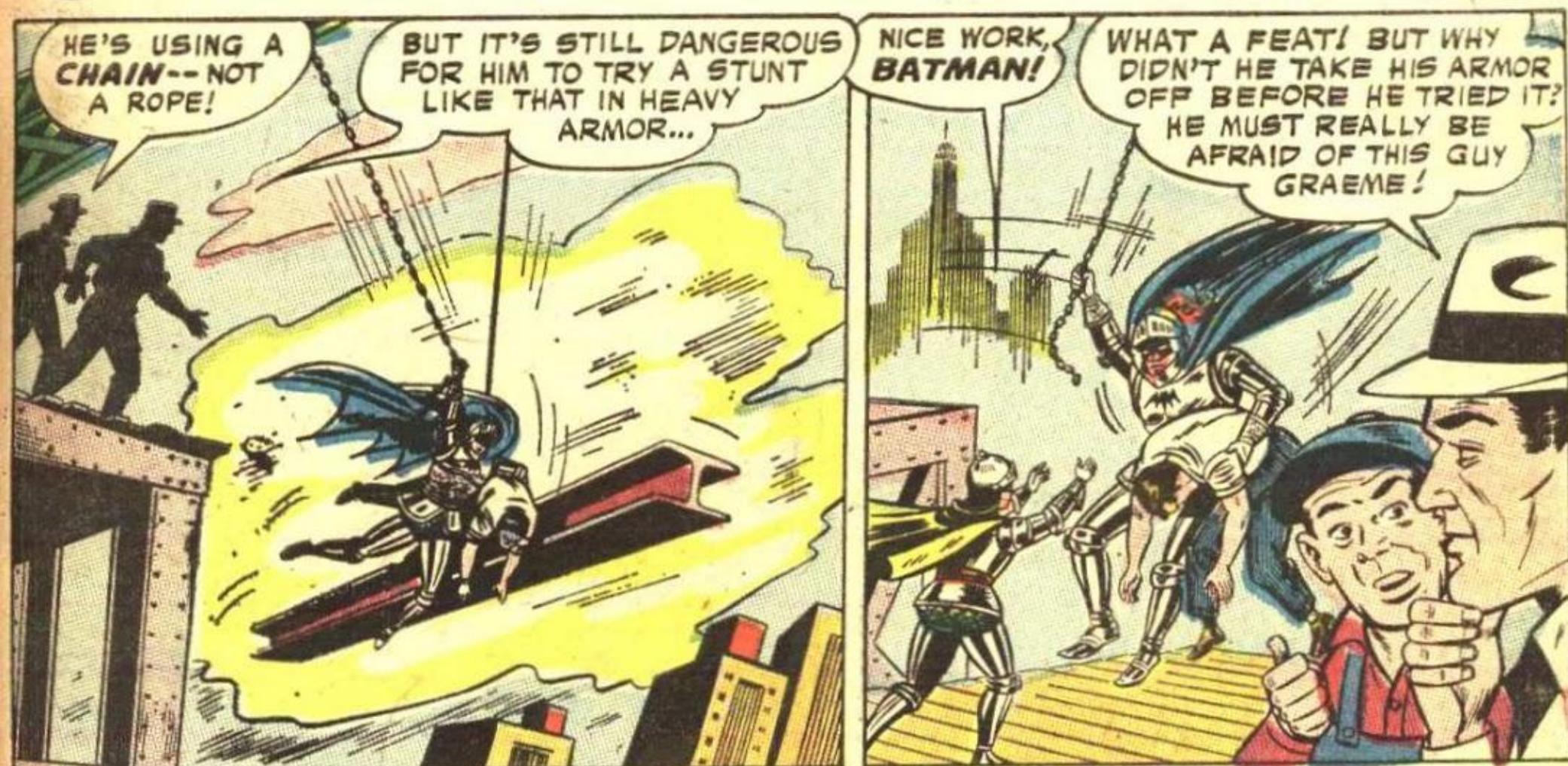
WE'LL TRY TO TAKE HIM OFF! I'LL SWING OUT TO HIM, ROBIN-- YOU BE READY TO CATCH US...

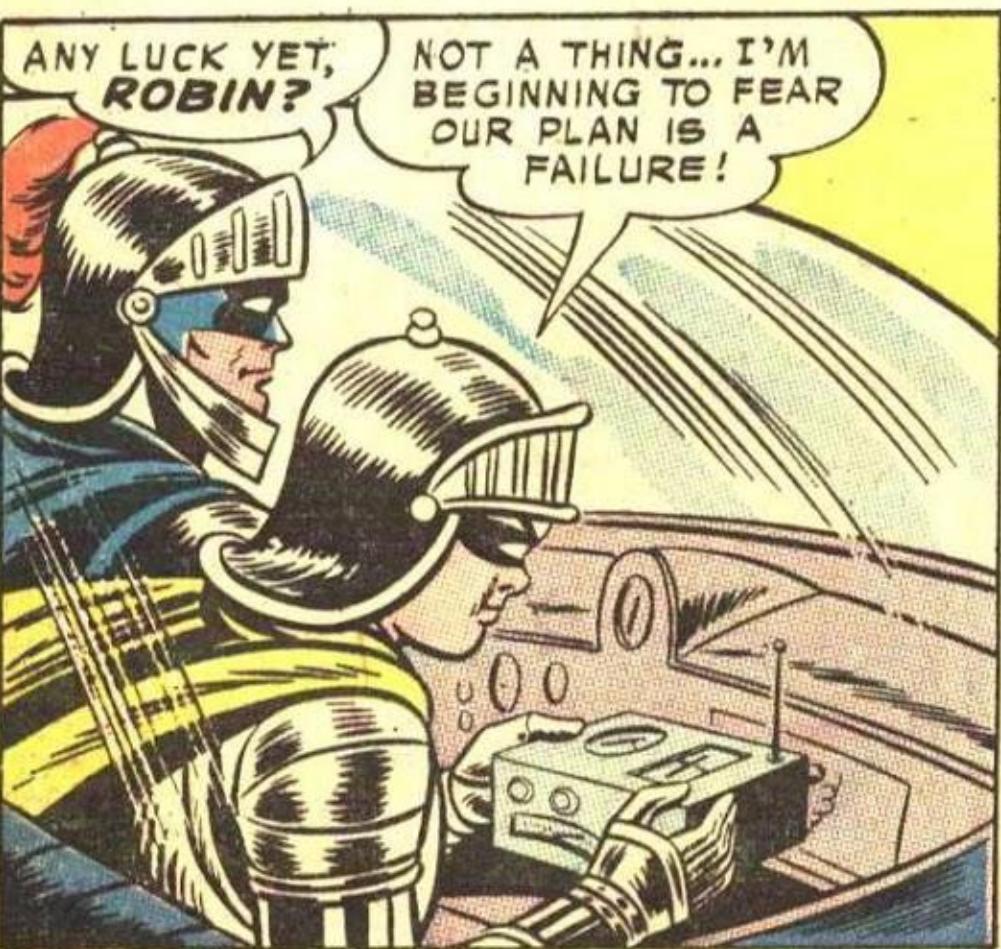
TENSE THRONGS BELOW GASP FEARFULLY...



BATMAN'S SWINGING TO GRAB THE WORKMAN OUT OF DANGER!

BUT NO ROPE CAN HOLD THE WEIGHT OF HIS ARMOR!





ABANDONING THEIR OWN TENSE SEARCH, THE ARMORED
LAWMEN RACE TO THE BIG ZOO...

MARROW'S IN HERE SOMEWHERE,
BUT YOU'D BETTER STAY BACK,
BATMAN... YOUR ARMOR MAY
HAMPER YOU!

WE'LL
TRY, ANY-
HOW...

SOON...

THERE HE
IS, ROBIN!

I'M IN A TIGHT
SPOT--BUT MAYBE
THESE LIONS CAN CLEAR
A WAY FOR ME!



AS THE DESPERATE THUG RELEASES FANGED FURY...

THAT DOES IT... I'LL
GET DOWN BEHIND THE
CAGE, AND ESCAPE!

YOU GO AFTER MARROW,
ROBIN-- I'LL TAKE
CARE OF THESE
BEASTS!

THEIR CLAWS CAN'T HURT ME--
BUT I MUST GET THEM BACK
IN THE CAGE FAST!



THIS SHOULD DO IT! NOW TO DRIVE THE OTHER ONE IN, TOO!



BUT ROBIN, MEANWHILE, HAS FOUND HIS STEEL COSTUME A DISTINCT HANDICAP...

I CAN'T PUFF-PUFF WITH ALL THIS METALWARE ON ME! ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO...



FROM HIS UTILITY BELT, THE BOY WONDER EXTRACTS A BAT-BOLO, AND...



GOT HIM!

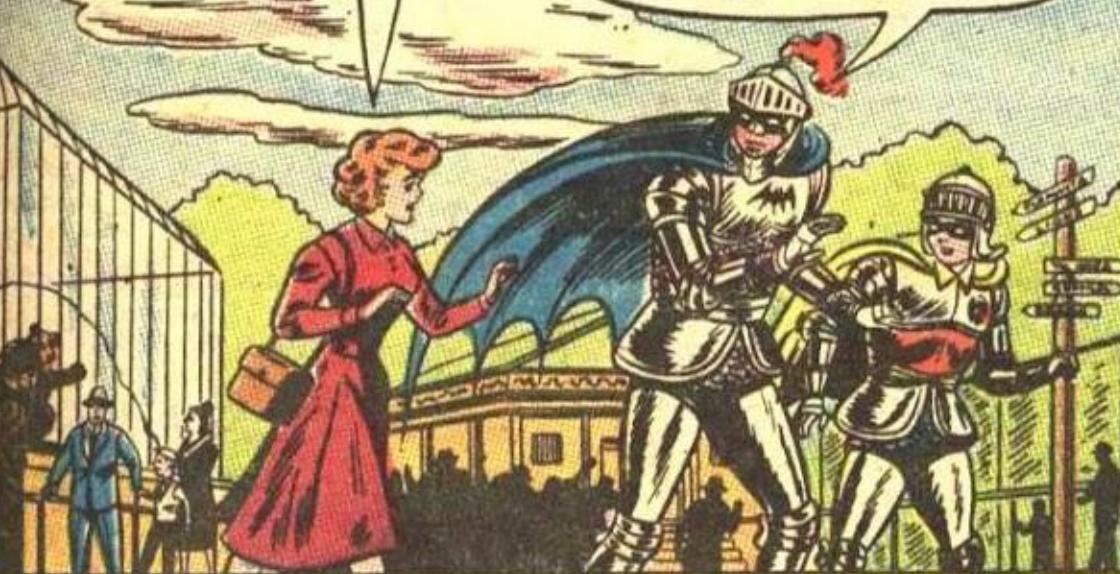
AS POLICE TAKE THE FUGITIVE AWAY, VICKI VALE ARRIVES WITH UPSETTING NEWS...

BATMAN, I'VE JUST GOTTEN ANOTHER CLUE TO BLAIR GRAEME, AND--

VICKI, I DON'T WANT YOU MEDDLING IN THIS! YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE OF FINDING GRAEME... YOU'RE ONLY ASKING FOR TROUBLE!

HMPH! YOU'VE NEVER BELIEVED I COULD DO ANY SLEUTHING! WELL, THIS TIME I'LL SHOW YOU YOU'RE WRONG!

SHE WON'T LISTEN TO ME, ROBIN... WE'D BETTER GET BACK TO OUR OWN SEARCH!



AND AS THE STRANGE SEARCH BY INSTRUMENT CONTINUES...

WE'VE QUARTERED THE WHOLE CITY, AND THE GEIGER COUNTER SHOWS NOTHING! THEY MUST BE USING LEAD SHIELDING TO HIDE THE LOOT!

OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO FIND OUT WHO RECENTLY BOUGHT A LARGE QUANTITY OF SHEET LEAD!

THEN

THAT'S A LIST OF PLACES WHERE WE DELIVERED SHEET LEAD! IT'S SO HEAVY, WE HAD TO USE SPECIAL TRUCKS!

HMM... THEY'RE ALL WELL-KNOWN FIRMS, EXCEPT THIS DELIVERY TO A WATERFRONT WAREHOUSE! I THINK WE'LL CHECK IT-- FROM THE RIVER SIDE, TO AVOID BEING SEEN!



BUT, AWHILE LATER, AS THE PAIR APPROACHES THE WAREHOUSE... HERE COME BATMAN AND ROBIN-- THEY'VE TRACED US! HOW CAN WE STOP THEM IN THAT ARMOR?

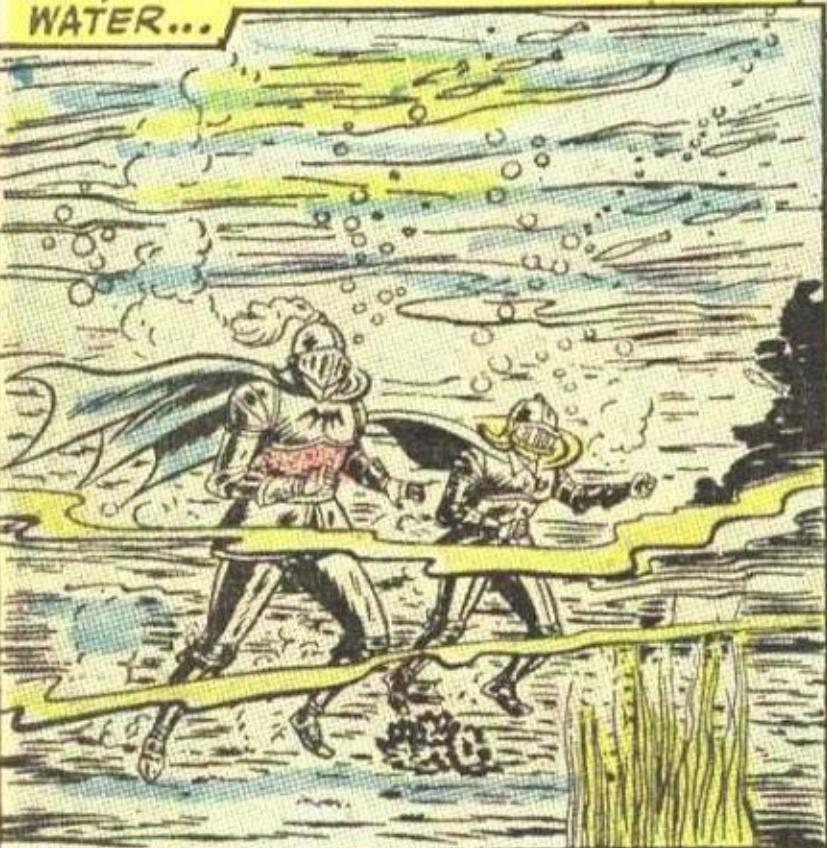
BY SINKING THEIR BOAT! THEY'LL GO DOWN LIKE STONES!

AS A BURST OF FIRE RIPS INTO THE SPEEDBOAT'S HULL...

HA, HA... THAT HEAVY STEEL CARRIES THEM RIGHT TO THE BOTTOM!



BUT, UNSEEN BY CROOKS, UNDER WATER...



AND FROM THE RIVER RISES RETRIBUTION IN STEEL!

THEY MUST HAVE HAD SOME WAY OF MAKING THEIR ARMOR WATER-TIGHT AND GETTING AIR TO BREATHE! THEY JUST WALKED ASHORE!

WELL, THERE'S ONE THING THAT ARMOR WON'T PROTECT THEM FROM! GET INTO YOUR PROTECTIVE SUITS, QUICK...



AS THE THIEVES DON STRANGE GARB...

GOOD THING WE KEPT THESE RADIATION-PROOF SUITS THAT WE GRABBED, WHEN WE STOLE THE RADIOACTIVE ATOMIC FUEL FROM THE FOUNDATION!

YEAH-- METAL ARMOR CAN'T STOP THE RADIATION FROM THIS STUFF! THEY WON'T DARE COME CLOSE TO US!

MOMENTS LATER...

SO THAT'S THE ATOMIC FUEL YOU STOLE FROM THE FOUNDATION!

YEAH... BUT YOU CAN'T COME NEAR IT, BATMAN, WITHOUT A RADIATION-PROOF SUIT! WE'RE HOLDING THIS STUFF TILL THE FOUNDATION PAYS OUR PRICE TO GET IT BACK!



GIANT BATMAN

BUT WE **ARE** WEARING RADIATION-PROOF SUITS, UNDER OUR ARMOR--WHICH ALSO DOUBLED AS DIVING-SUITS, UNDER WATER!

HUH? THAT STEEL ARMOR WAS A TRICK! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

WITH THAT STEEL ARMOR OFF, I FEEL LIGHT AS A FEATHER!

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO MOVE FAST AGAIN--LIKE THIS!



DON'T LEAVE WHEN THE PARTY'S JUST WARMING UP!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM... YOU CLOSE UP THAT LEAD SAFE, ROBIN, SO THE POLICE CAN COME IN HERE WITHOUT RISK!

AND WITH THE POLICE COME COMMISSIONER GORDON AND-- VICKI VALE...

WE KEPT THEIR CRIME FROM THE PUBLIC, FOR FEAR THERE'D BE PANIC OVER THE DANGEROUS RADIOACTIVE FUEL BEING LOOSE IN THE CITY!

AND WE WORE RADIATION-PROOF SUITS UNDER OUR STEEL ARMOR, TO PROTECT US WHEN WE FOUND IT!



BY THE WAY, YOU SAID YOU HAD A LEAD TO BLAIR GRAEME, VICKI! DID YOU FIND HIM?

YES, I HAVE, BATMAN! BLAIR GRAEME WAS YOU, IN DISGUISE-- WASN'T HE?

YES... WE HAD TO HIDE THE RADIATION-SUITS WE WORE! SO WE DONNED STEEL ARMOR... AND, TO EXPLAIN THE ARMOR, I DISGUISED MYSELF AND MADE THOSE THREATS!

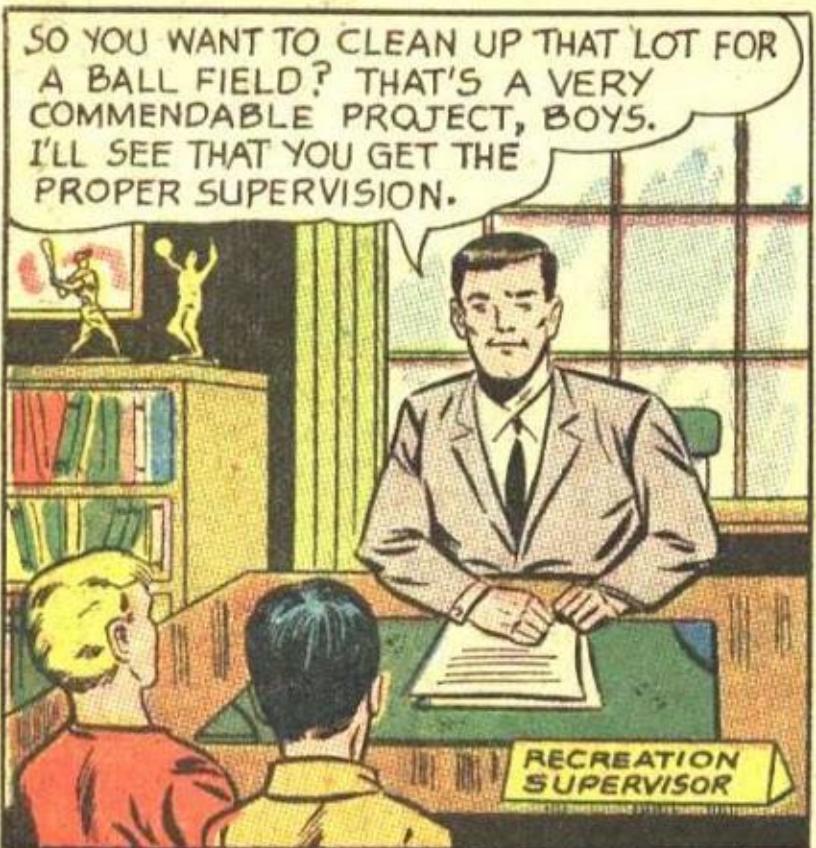
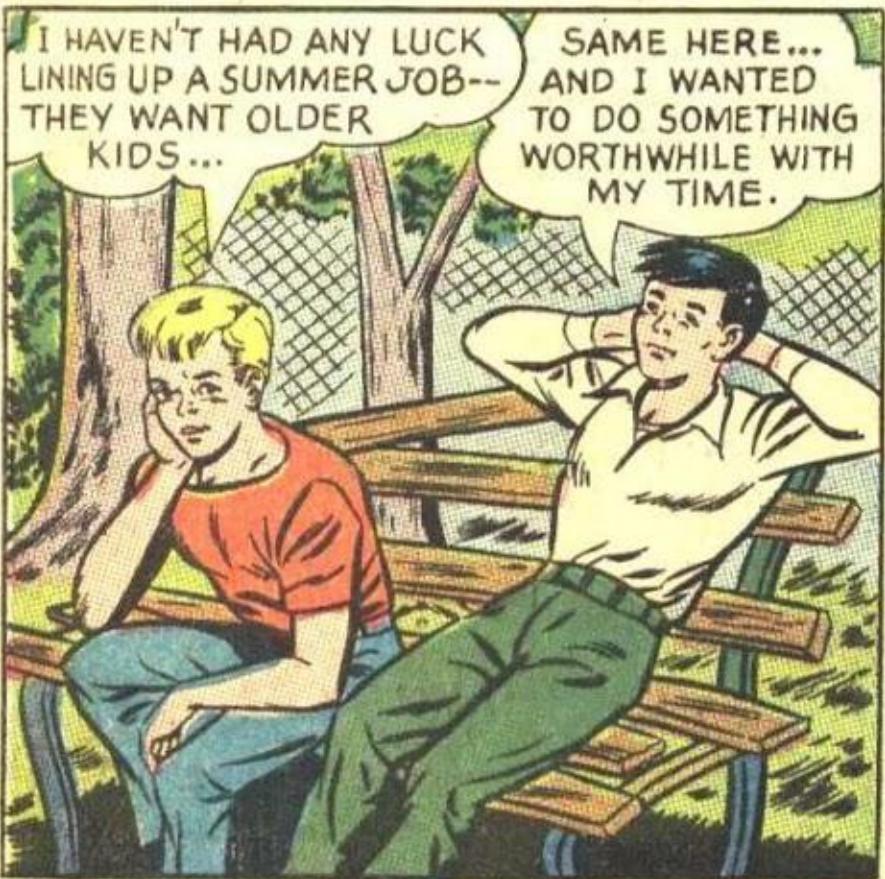
I KNOW YOU TOO WELL, BATMAN! IF YOU WERE REALLY MENACED BY A DANGER, YOU'D KEEP AWAY FROM OTHER PEOPLE SO THEY WOULDN'T GET HURT, TOO! WHEN I SAW CROWDS AROUND YOU, I KNEW THERE WAS NO REAL DANGER!

VICKI, I'LL NEVER LAUGH AT YOUR DETECTIVE ABILITY AGAIN!



THE END

MAKE YOUR SUMMER COUNT!

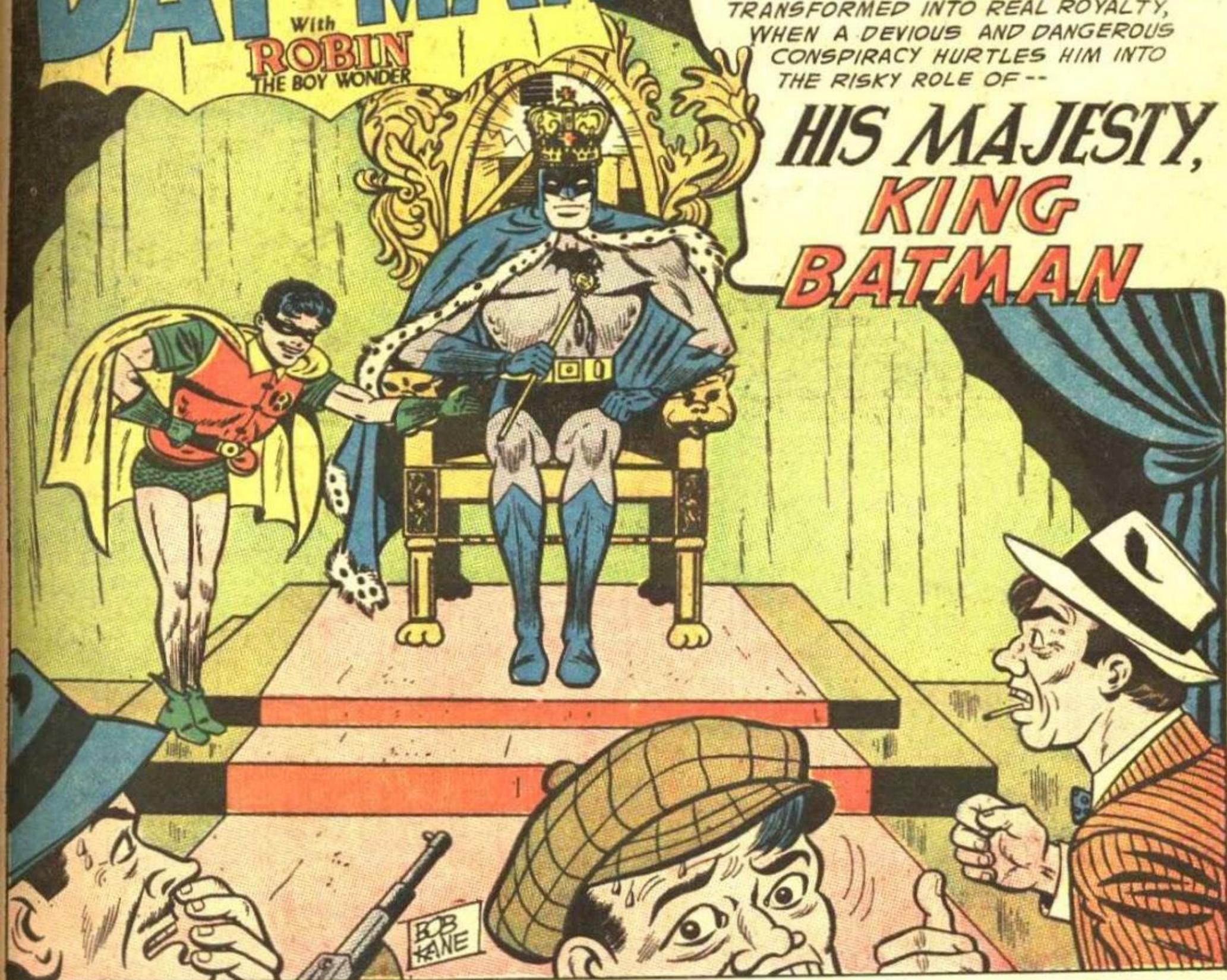


BAT-MAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

WHO HASN'T DAY-DREAMED, AT SOME TIME OR ANOTHER, OF BEING A **KING**? TO MOST OF US IT'S JUST A WISH, BUT TO ONE MAN IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED, AND THAT MAN WAS **BATMAN**! YES, THE KING OF LAWMEN IS SUDDENLY TRANSFORMED INTO REAL ROYALTY, WHEN A DEVIOUS AND DANGEROUS CONSPIRACY HURTS HIM INTO THE RISKY ROLE OF--

HIS MAJESTY, **KING BATMAN**



WHEN GOTHAM CITY PREPARES A BIG WELCOME FOR A FAMOUS VISITOR, ITS TWO TOP LAWMEN ARE ALWAYS ON THE JOB...

THERE'S THE LINER WITH THE KING ON IT, **ROBIN**! THE COMMISSIONER WANTS US TO COVER THE RECEPTION-PARADE, TOO, FOR SAFETY!

THE **BATMOBILE**'S PARKED ON THE PIER--WE CAN SWITCH TO IT FOR THE PARADE, **BATMAN**!

JUST THEN...

LOOK... SOME ENTERPRISING NEWSREEL CAMERAMEN ARE GOING TO BOARD THE LINER BEFORE IT EVEN DOCKS, AND GET FIRST PICTURES OF THE KING!

I WONDER...? THEY'RE TAKING PICTURES INTO THE SUN, WHICH NO EXPERIENCED CAMERA-MAN WOULD DO! WE'D BETTER GO DOWN THERE AND CHECK!



GIANT BATMAN

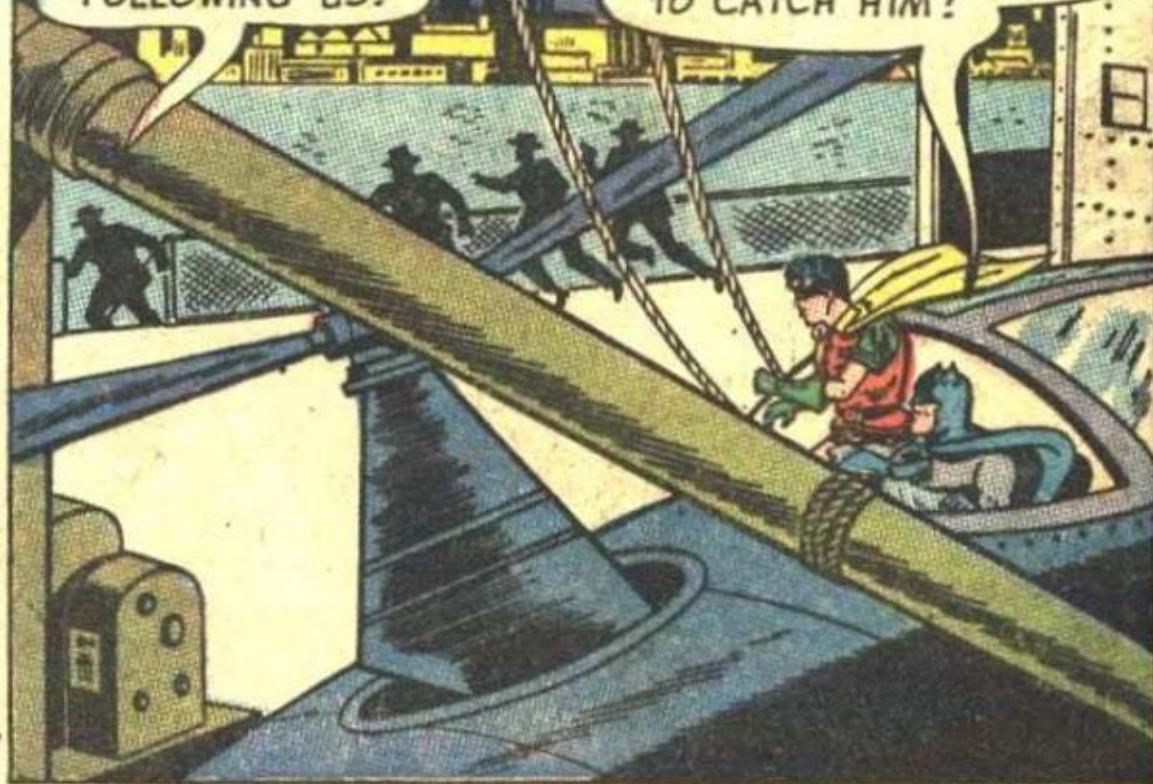
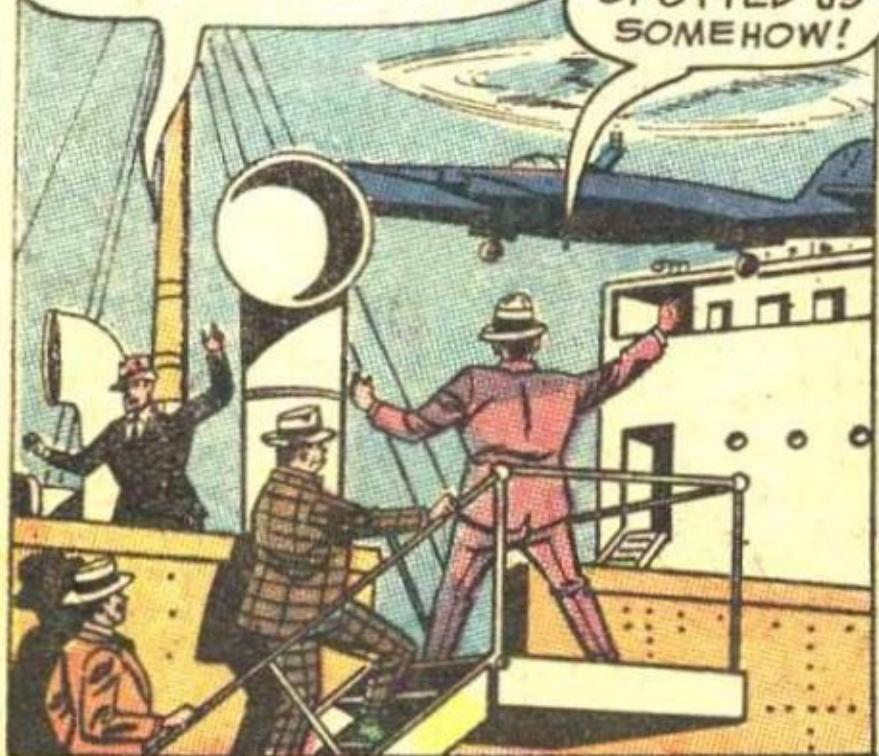
AND AS THE **BAT-PLANE** LANDS ON ITS AUXILIARY HELICOPTERS...

COME ON-- KING ERIC'S CABIN IS THIS WAY!

NO, WAIT--
BATMAN
SPOTTED US
SOMEHOW!

THEN, WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE AND TRY AGAIN LATER! THAT CARGO-CRANE WILL KEEP THE **BAT-PLANE** FROM FOLLOWING US!

THAT'S MAYNE MALAN, A WANTED THIEF! BUT BY THE TIME WE GET THIS CRANE OFF THE **BAT-PLANE**, IT'LL BE TOO LATE TO CATCH HIM!



AND AS HIGH-POWERED THIEVES MAKE A FAST ESCAPE...

I'M KING ERIC OF NORANIA, AND THESE ARE CHANCELLOR ZARITS AND COUNT VIRAS! I CERTAINLY ENJOYED SEEING THE FAMOUS **BATMAN** IN ACTION!

THAT ATTEMPT WAS AIMED AT YOU, YOUR MAJESTY! YOU'RE NOT SAFE!

I'LL YOUCH. FOR HIS MAJESTY'S SAFETY-- IF I CAN SEE HIM ALONE!

SHORTLY, IN THE KING'S CABIN... SO THAT'S WHAT THOSE CROOKS WERE AFTER... THE CROWN JEWELS OF NORANIA! IT WAS RISKY TO BRING THEM!

PERHAPS... BUT I MUST WEAR THEM WHEN I MAKE AN IMPORTANT OFFICIAL SPEECH HERE! YOU SEE, I'VE COME TO TRY AND GET A LOAN THAT MY COUNTRY BADLY NEEDS!



MALAN IS A RUTHLESS CROOK, AND I'M AFRAID YOU'RE IN GRAVE DANGER, YOUR MAJESTY! THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO CHANGE PLACES WITH ME, UNTIL THIS PUBLIC RECEPTION IS OVER!

YOU MEAN, YOU'LL IMPERSONATE ME, AND I'LL BECOME **BATMAN**? THAT WOULD BE A THRILL!

THUS, AS THE LINER NEARS THE DOCKS, THE MAKE-UP SKILL OF **BATMAN** TRANSFORMS HIM INTO A DOUBLE OF KING ERIC...

I HOPE YOU'LL PARDON THE SCREEN... I CAN'T LET EVEN YOU SEE MY REAL FACE UNTIL IT'S DISGUISED!

I UNDERSTAND! IT WILL BE A GREAT ADVENTURE FOR ME, BEING THE **BATMAN** OF WHOM I'VE READ SO MUCH!



GIANT BATMAN

AND PRESENTLY, GOTHAM CITY GIVES A TRADITIONAL TICKER-TAPE RECEPTION TO A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR...

TO DRIVE THE **BATMOBILE** AND WEAR THIS COSTUME... I'D NEVER HAD A THRILL LIKE THIS!

THE WORST DANGER WILL BE PAST WHEN THIS PUBLIC RECEPTION IS OVER AND WE CAN RE-EXCHANGE IDENTITIES!

BUT LATER, IN THE GOTHAM CITY MANSION LOANED TO KING ERIC, **BATMAN** FINDS IT'S EASIER TO START PLAYING KING THAN TO STOP...

NO, I WANT TO KEEP ON BEING **BATMAN**-- ER-- I MEAN, I WANT YOU TO PLAY MY PART TILL THOSE CROOKS ARE CAUGHT AND ALL DANGER IS OVER!

PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT, **ROBIN** WILL LOOK AFTER YOU, AND YOU TWO CAN STAY NEARBY, PRETENDING TO GUARD ME!



BATMAN HAS FACED REPORTERS BEFORE--BUT NOT AS ROYALTY...

MAY WE HAVE A PICTURE OF YOU IN YOUR CROWN, KING ERIC?

HIS MAJESTY WEARS THE CROWN ONLY ON STATE OCCASIONS! HE'LL WEAR IT TOMORROW, WHEN HE MAKES A SPEECH TO YOUR COUNTRY FROM **TELEVISION CITY**, AND NOT UNTIL THEN!

HMM... THAT SPEECH IS NEWS TO ME-- AND IT COULD MEAN TROUBLE!

BUT A BIGGER SURPRISE AWAITS **BATMAN** WHEN HE REPAIRS TO HIS PRIVATE BEDROOM...

WHY, THE JEWELS IN THIS CROWN AND SCEPTER ARE FAKE! IT CAN'T BE JUST A SAFETY PRECAUTION, OR THEY'D HAVE TOLD ME ABOUT IT! LOOKS LIKE THE JEWELS HAVE ALREADY BEEN STOLEN-- BUT BY WHOM?



SKILLFUL QUESTIONING OF TWO TRUSTED OFFICIALS ONLY DEEPENS THE MYSTERY...

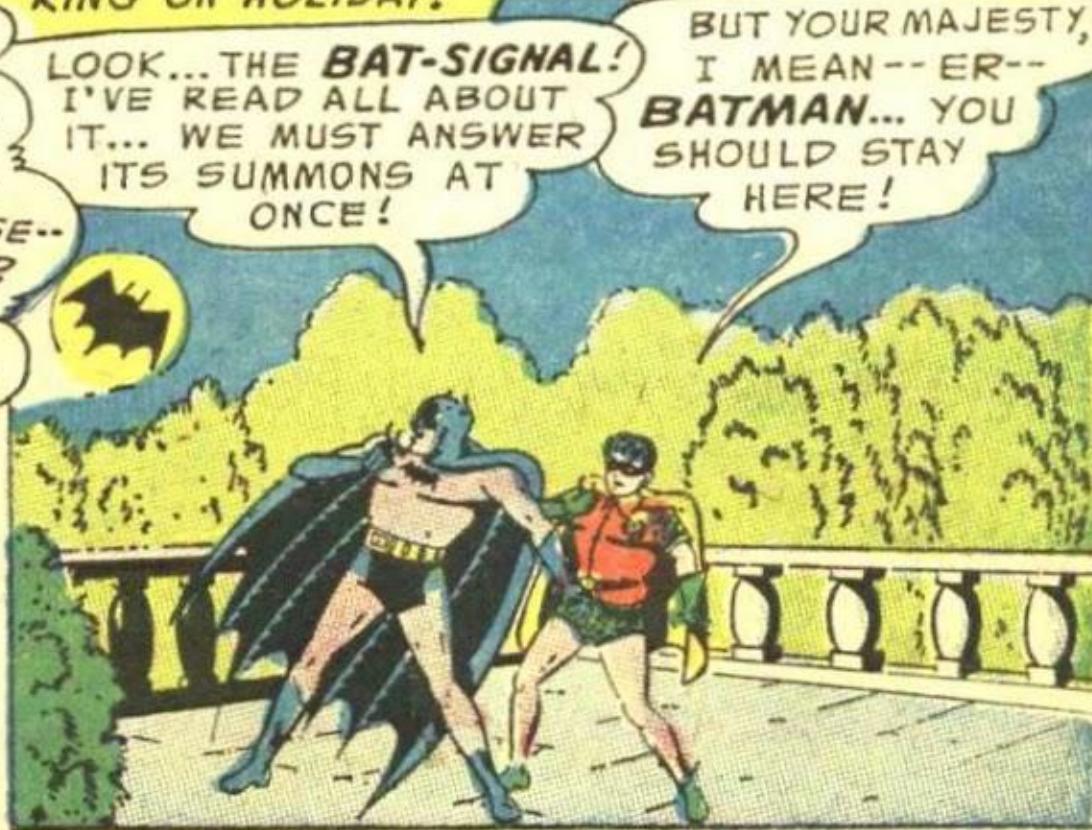
BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO INSPECT THE CROWN JEWELS AGAIN--THEY WERE INSPECTED BEFORE WE SAILED! AND ONLY WE THREE HAVE HAD ACCESS TO THEM!

OH--OF COURSE! IF THAT'S TRUE, THE FAKE GEMS WERE SUBSTITUTED DURING THE VOYAGE-- BUT BY WHICH MAN? I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT! WONDER WHERE **ROBIN** IS?

TO HIS DISMAY, **ROBIN** IS BURDENED WITH A KING ON HOLIDAY!

LOOK... THE **BAT-SIGNAL**! I'VE READ ALL ABOUT IT... WE MUST ANSWER ITS SUMMONS AT ONCE!

BUT YOUR MAJESTY, I MEAN-- ER-- **BATMAN**... YOU SHOULD STAY HERE!



GIANT BATMAN

NONSENSE! AFTER DULL ROYAL ROUTINE ALL THESE YEARS, I'M NOT PASSING UP THIS CHANCE FOR ADVENTURE!

OH, OH... BATMAN ISN'T GOING TO LIKE THIS-- BUT I'LL LOOK AFTER KING ERIC!

AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, COMMISSIONER GORDON MEETS A STRANGELY CHANGED BATMAN...

WHAT IS IT, COMMISSIONER? YOU HAVE OUR PERMISSION TO SPEAK!

YOUR PERMISSION? WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, BATMAN?

BATMAN'S JUST-- ER-- KIDDING, COMMISSIONER!



HMPH-- THIS IS NO KIDDING MATTER! A PATROL CAR REPORTED GLIMPSED MAYNE MALAN, THE THIEF WHO TRIED TO ROB THE LINER TODAY, NEAR SUMMER STREET AND 80th AVENUE!

THEN WE'LL GET AFTER HIM FAST! COME ON, ROBIN

MINUTES LATER...

PLEASE TAKE IT EASY, YOUR MAJESTY!

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DRIVE A HIGH-POWERED CAR, BUT MY GUARDS WOULDN'T LET ME RISK IT! BUT THIS IS MY NIGHT OUT-- SO HANG ON!



SOON... YOU SAY THIS IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE THE THIEVES WERE SEEN, ROBIN--? BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF THEM HERE NOW!

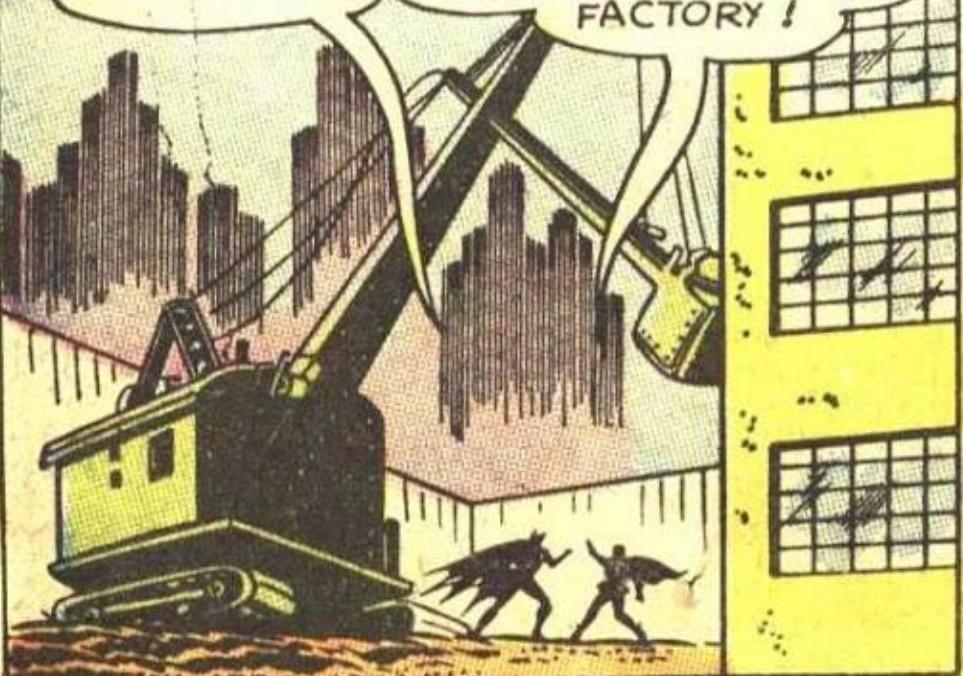
WAIT-- THAT BIG EXCAVATING SHOVEL HAS BEEN MOVED FROM THE BUILDING-SITE NEAR-BY! THEY COULD'VE USED IT TO CLIMB INTO THE HELICOPTER FACTORY!

HIS MAJESTY "BATMAN" IS ONLY TOO EAGER TO INVESTIGATE...

NOT SO LOUD, KING!

YOU WERE RIGHT, ROBIN-- THERE THEY ARE, TRYING TO STEAL A HELICOPTER! STOP, THIEVES-- IN THE KING'S NAME!

OH, GOLLY, NOW HE'S DONE IT! GOT TO GET HIM OUT OF HERE...



GIANT BATMAN

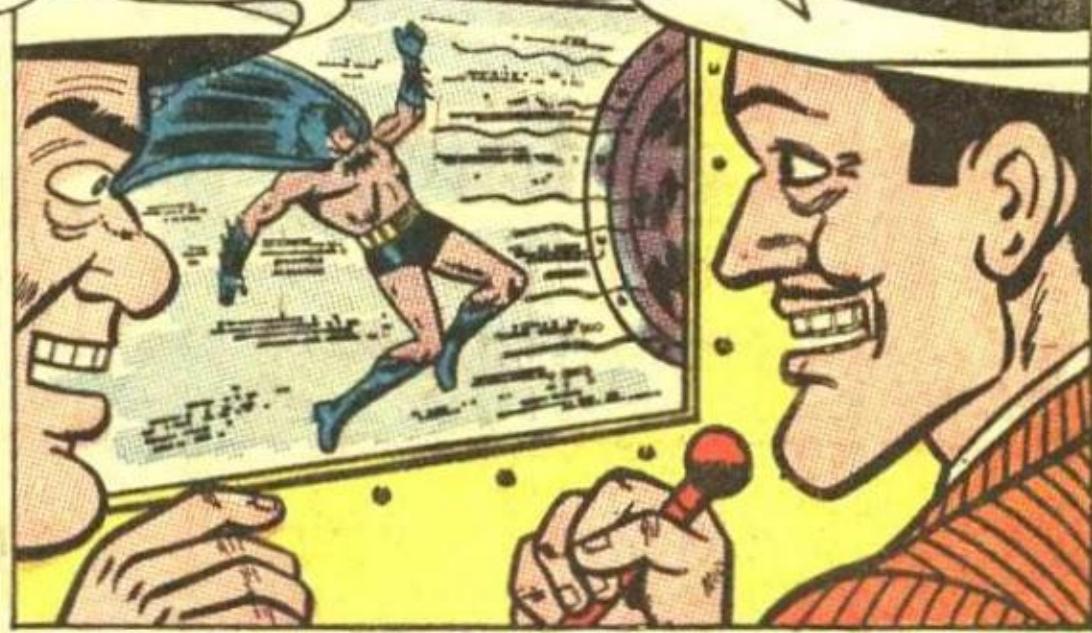
BUT KINGS ARE USED TO **GIVING ORDERS**,
NOT **TAKING THEM**...

HA, WE FRIGHTENED
THEM! COME, **ROBIN**--
WE CAN TRAP THEM
IN THIS BUILDING!

HE'S THE ONE THAT WAS SMART WORK,
THAT'LL GET TRAPPED--BUT
HE WON'T LISTEN TO ME! HMM--THOSE
SKYLIGHT HATCHES ON THE ROOF...

AS THE CROOKS ENTER THE BUILDING...

NEVER MIND HIM--
DECOYING HIM INTO THE BIG WIND TUNNEL!
WE GOT **BATMAN**!
I'LL JUST TURN THE AIR-BLAST ON FULL
AND...



WAIT... NO TIME FOR THAT-- HERE COMES **ROBIN**! AND THAT HELICOPTER IS MORE IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW THAN **BATMAN**! COME ON...

CAN'T FOLLOW THEM... MUST GET THE KING OUT OF THAT WIND-TUNNEL AT ONCE!

SO BY THE TIME ROBIN CAN RESUME THE CHASE...

THEY'VE ESCAPED--BUT PERHAPS WE CAN KEEP THAT HELICOPTER IN SIGHT FROM THE BATMOBILE...

NOT A CHANCE! WHAT WE'VE GOT TO DO NOW IS FIGURE OUT WHY THEY STOLE IT... AND YOU HAVE TO GET BACK AND RE-EXCHANGE IDENTITIES WITH BATMAN, SO YOU CAN MAKE YOUR TV SPEECH!



OH, NO-- I'M HAVING MUCH TOO GOOD A TIME! I'M A POOR SPEAKER ANYWAY-- **BATMAN** CAN MAKE A BETTER SPEECH THAN I, IF HE HAS TO!

WHWEE! THIS EXPERIENCE HASN'T TAUGHT THE KING ANYTHING! WELL, **BATMAN** WON'T NEED ME ANYHOW, SINCE **TELEVISION CITY** WILL BE RINGED WITH GUARDS FOR THE ROYAL ADDRESS, AND NO CROOKS CAN GET IN THERE...



GIANT BATMAN

MEANWHILE, WHERE A WORRIED **BATMAN** HAS BEEN SPENDING A SLEEPLESS NIGHT...

THE CHANCELLOR COULD HAVE SUBSTITUTED THOSE FAKE JEWELS AND TAKEN THE REAL ONES--AND OF COURSE, MALAN AND HIS THIEVES WOULDN'T KNOW THAT...

IT'S TIME TO LEAVE FOR **TELEVISION CITY**, YOUR MAJESTY!

BUT I CAN'T MAKE THAT SPEECH! I--UH-- MEAN, IT WOULD BE TOO DANGEROUS, TO WEAR THE CROWN JEWELS IN PUBLIC!

THE POLICE WILL GUARD EVERY GATE INTO **TELEVISION CITY**, AND WE'LL HAVE A POLICE ESCORT! **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARE DOUBTLESS KEEPING SHARP WATCH, TOO!



COULDN'T WE POST-PONNE THE SPEECH?

IMPOSSIBLE! YOUR MAJESTY KNOWS THAT THE LOAN TO NORANIA, WHICH OUR COUNTRY NEEDS SO BADLY, MAY DEPEND ON YOUR SPEECH TODAY!

BATMAN AND **ROBIN** SEEM TO HAVE FAILED US-- BUT YOU CAN SEE HOW WELL EACH ENTRANCE IS GUARDED!

WHY DID **ROBIN** LET KING ERIC RUN OFF AND LEAVE ME IN A SPOT LIKE THIS?



PRESENTLY, AS THE SHAKY "KING" BEGINS AN IMPORTANT SPEECH...

IT'S UP TO ME, SO I'VE GOT TO DO THE BEST I CAN FOR NORANIA!

PEOPLE OF AMERICA, MY LITTLE COUNTRY SENDS ITS GREETINGS TO YOUR GREAT ONE!



AT THIS VERY MOMENT, CLOSE BY...

AT LAST--
BATMAN
AND
ROBIN!

BUT, **ROBIN**, THE CRIMINALS WE'RE TRAILING COULDN'T HAVE ENTERED HERE!

I'M NOT SO SURE--WE'LL SOON SEE...



GIANT BATMAN

MINUTES LATER, IN TELEVISION CITY'S GREAT PROPERTY WAREHOUSE...

WHY ARE YOU COMING TO THIS PLACE? FAKE AIRPLANES OF ALL KINDS ARE KEPT HERE! THE CROOKS COULD HAVE BROUGHT THAT STOLEN 'COPTER IN AT NIGHT AND--AND... LOOK!

I WAS RIGHT--SEE?

IT'S TIME, BOSS--THE KING'S SPEAKING NOW! IT'LL BE A CINCH, WITH THE GUARDS ALL **OUTSIDE**! WE'LL GRAB THE JEWELS AND GET AWAY FAST IN THE 'COPTER!



HOLD IT... THERE'S **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**! WE'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF THEM FIRST!

OR PERHAPS WE'LL TAKE CARE OF **YOU** FIRST...

MY ANCESTORS USED SWORDS LIKE THIS TO ROUT RASCALS... I CAN, TOO!

NO--DON'T!

I CAN'T STOP HIM--

GOT TO STOP **THEM** INSTEAD! MAYBE WITH THAT PHONY ROCKET-SHIP...



THAT PROP ROCKET HAS COME TO THE RESCUE IN A LOT OF TV THRILLERS... I HOPE IT DOESN'T FAIL ME!

AND JUST AS **BATMAN** FINISHES "KING ERIC'S" ADDRESS...

...SO AMERICA AND NORANIA, WE HOPE, WILL ALWAYS BE FRIENDS!

A GREAT SPEECH, YOUR MAJESTY! THE BEST YOU EVER MADE!

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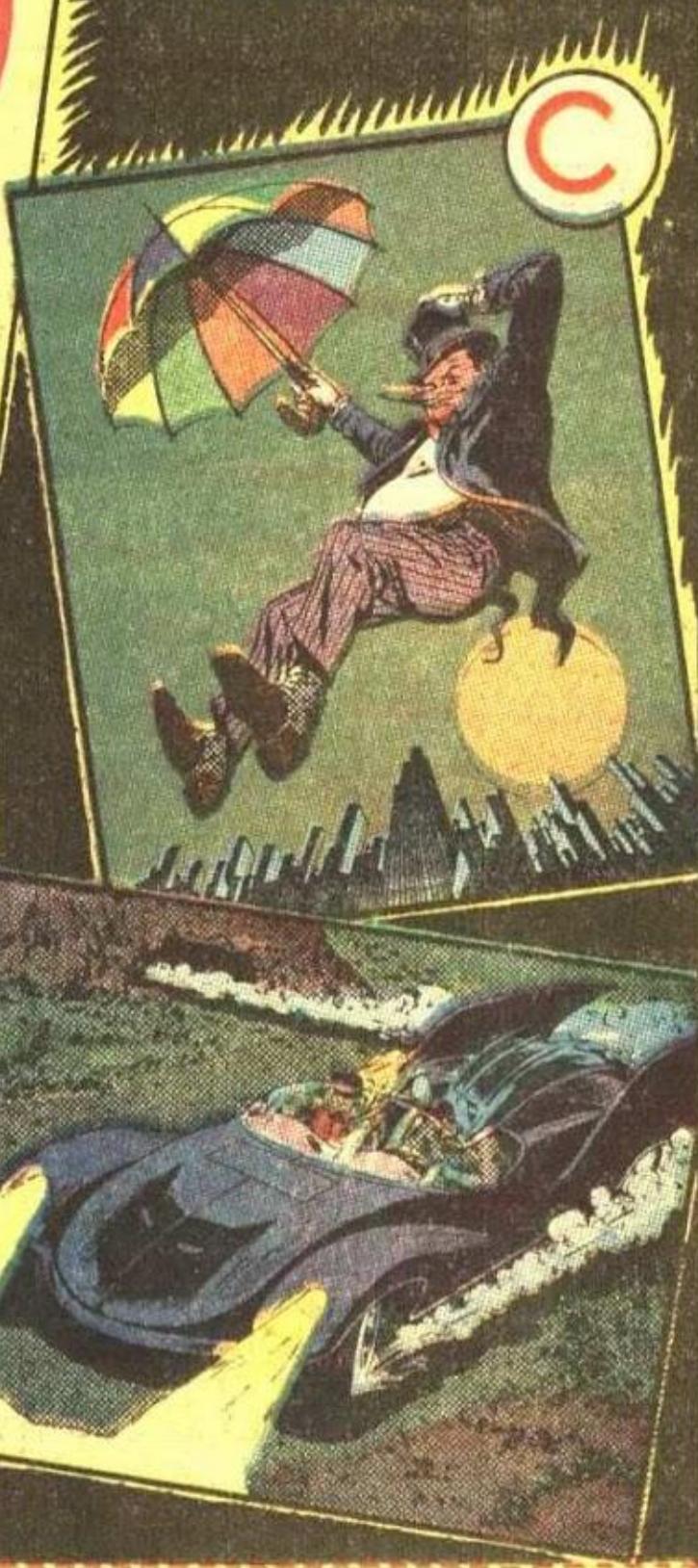
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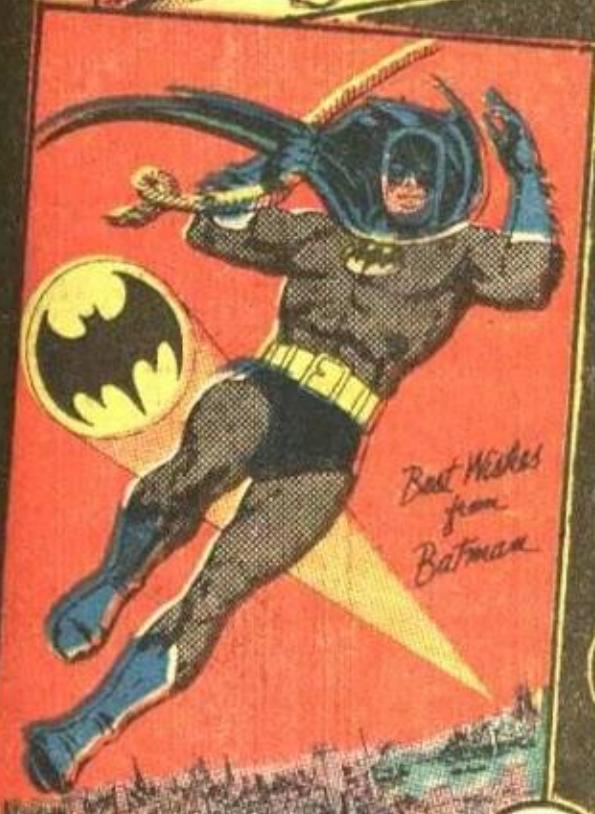
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HIM? NEIL GAGE... HANDYMAN ON CHARLEY BRUFF'S RANCH! BRUFF'S A BIG MAN... SAY, FORGET THE LOCAL GOSSIP! CONCENTRATE ON THAT WATER HOSE!

By BOB KANE
WHILE BATMAN AND ROBIN ASSIST FOREST RANGERS IN FIGHTING A SUDDEN BLAZE, BATMAN SIGHTS A MAN STARING AT THE LEAPING FLAMES WITH A STRANGE INTENSITY...

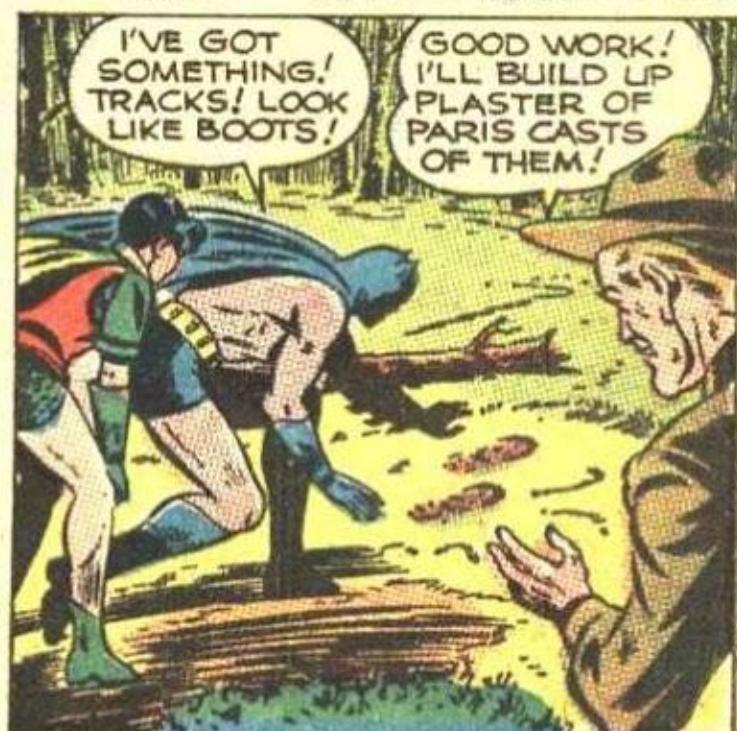
A FEW HOURS LATER... THE FIRE HAS BEEN BEATEN BY THE STRATEGY OF THE FOREST SERVICE...

OH, BROTHER, I'M A WEARY MAN! WHAT NOW, OSBORNE?

GOT TO BACK-TRACK TO THE FIRE SPOT AND FIND SOME CLUE AS TO HOW THE BLAZE STARTED!

CLUE? CAN YOU FIND CLUES IN THE ASHES WHERE THE FIRE PASSED OVER?

AND HOW! CIGARETTE STUBS, CANDLE TALLOW, TRIFLING LITTLE THINGS... BUT PLENTY BIG ENOUGH FOR US! COME ALONG AND SEE!



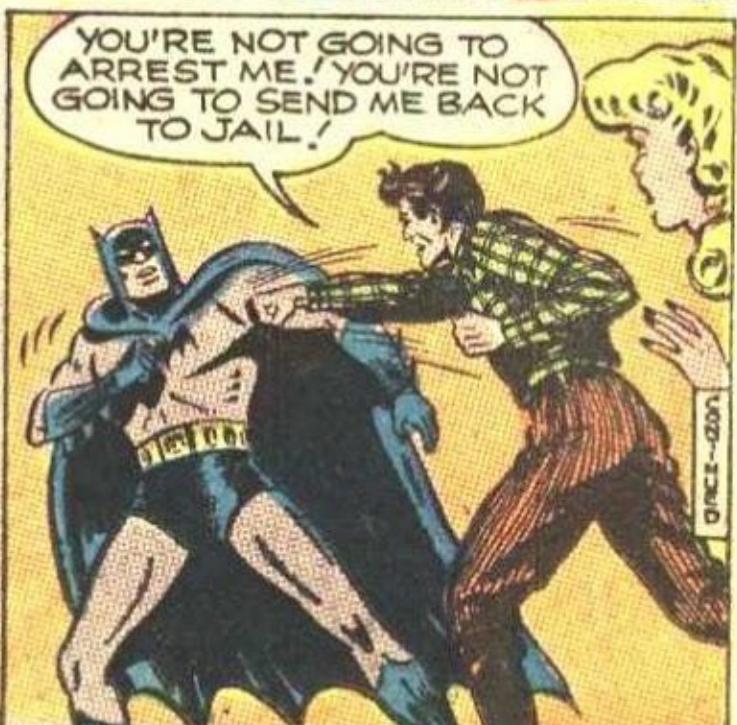
NOTICE THOSE PUNCTURES? I'D SAY THEY WERE FROM HOBNAIls!

HOBNAIls HAVE AN IDENTIFYING PATTERN, ALMOST LIKE FINGER-PRINTS! IF WE CAN MATCH THOSE MARKINGS WE'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO NAB OUR FIREBUG!



NEIL, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE GONE! YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS! DID ANYONE SEE YOU?

EVERYBODY WAS TOO BUSY! MARY, YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THAT FIRE! ALL THOSE BIG TREES... BURNING... DYING...



BATMAN AND ROBIN

BY BOB KANE

CONFRONTED BY BATMAN, ROBIN AND THE DISTRICT RANGER, NEIL GAGE, A RANCH HAND, SUSPECTED OF STARTING A FOREST FIRE, LAUNCHES A SURPRISE ATTACK...

DON'T BE A FOOL, GAGE, YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE TILL YOU ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS!

HE'LL STAY!



BAT-MAN AND ROBIN

WHILE BATMAN WONDERS WHY CHARLEY BRUFF, A RANCHER, SHOULD HIRE GAGE, A PAROLED PYROMANIAC SUSPECTED OF INCENDIARY WORK, GAGE ELUDES ARREST... HIS ESCAPE APPARENTLY EFFECTED BY MARY BRUFF, THE RANCHER'S NIECE...

NIGHTFALL AT FOREST SERVICE HEADQUARTERS... EVERYONE IS TENSE... WAITING... WAITING...



A FOREST SERVICE PLANE TRANSPORTS "SMOKE JUMPERS" TO THE "HOT SPOTS"...



CAMPAINING AGAINST THE FLAMES WITH MILITARY TACTICS, OSBORNE SETS UP FIELD HEADQUARTERS, DIRECTING THE GATHERING TOWNSPEOPLE...

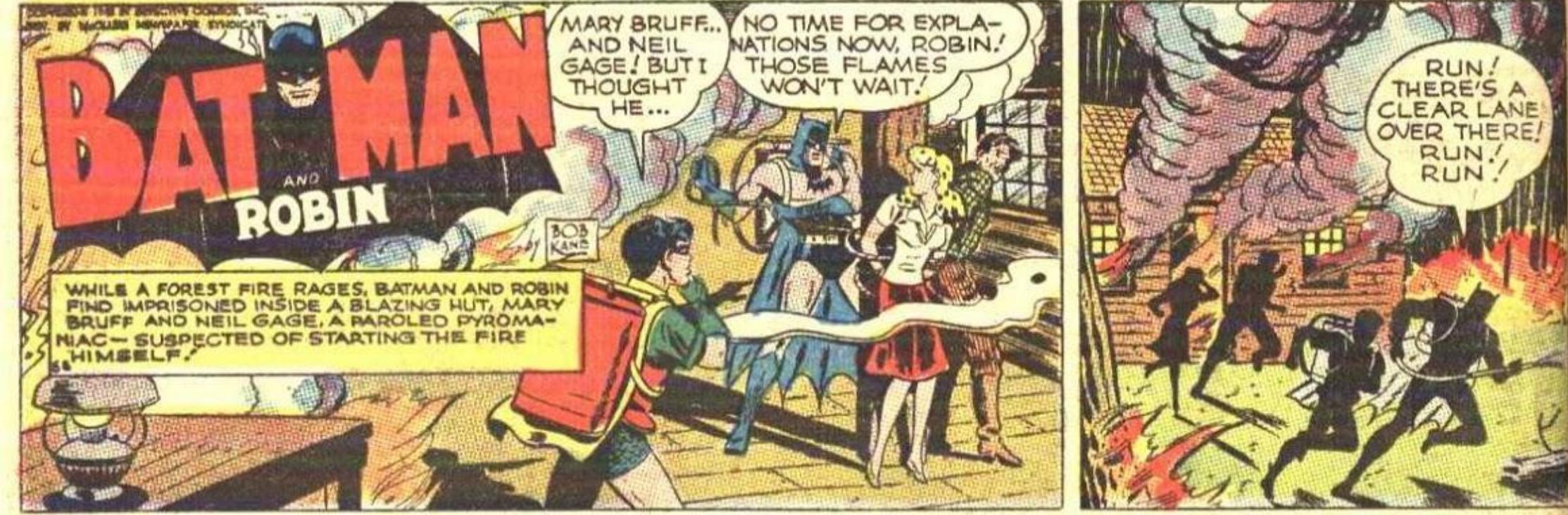


BATMAN AND ROBIN TOO, PITCH IN, WHEN...

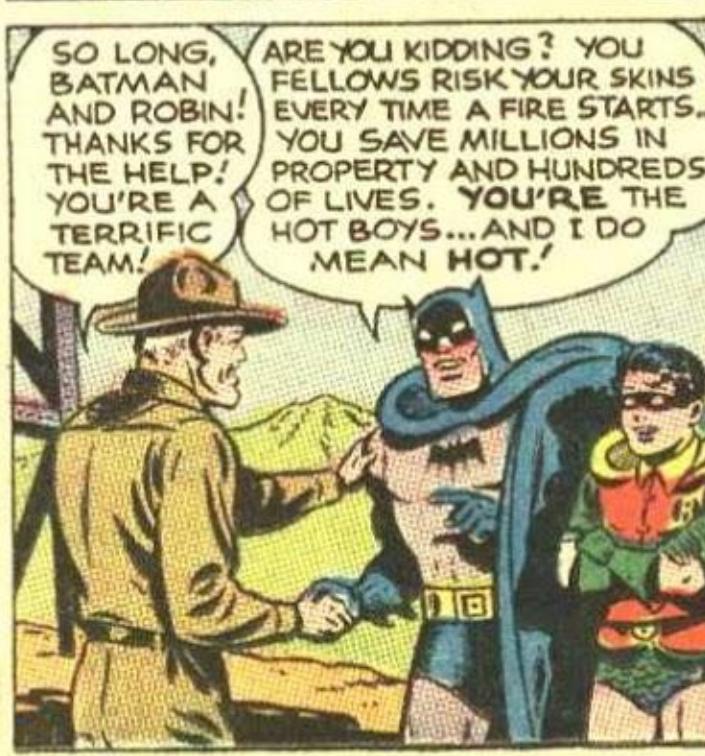
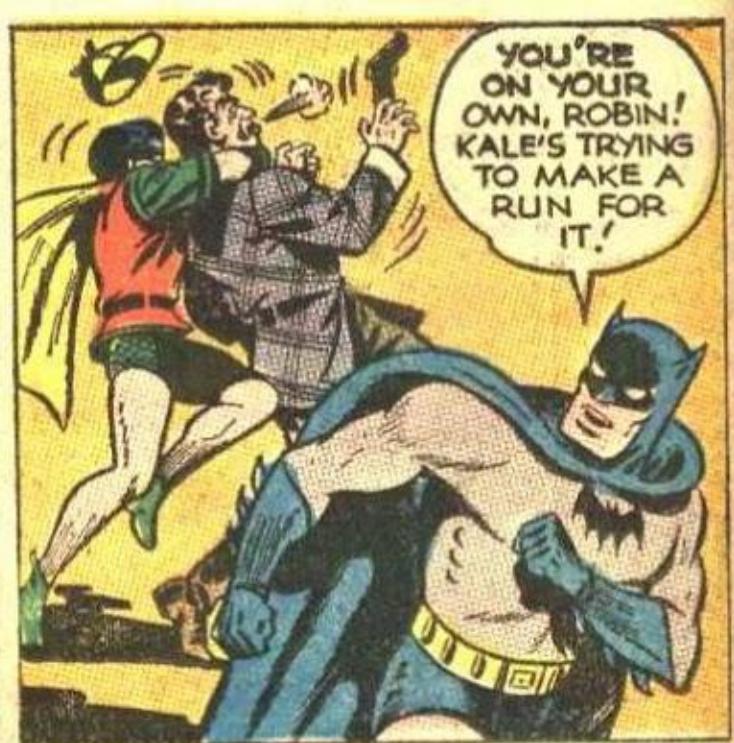
I HEARD A YELL! LISTEN! THERE IT IS AGAIN! IT'S COMING FROM THAT HUNTING LODGE! SOMEONE'S TRAPPED IN THERE!

HELP! HELP!





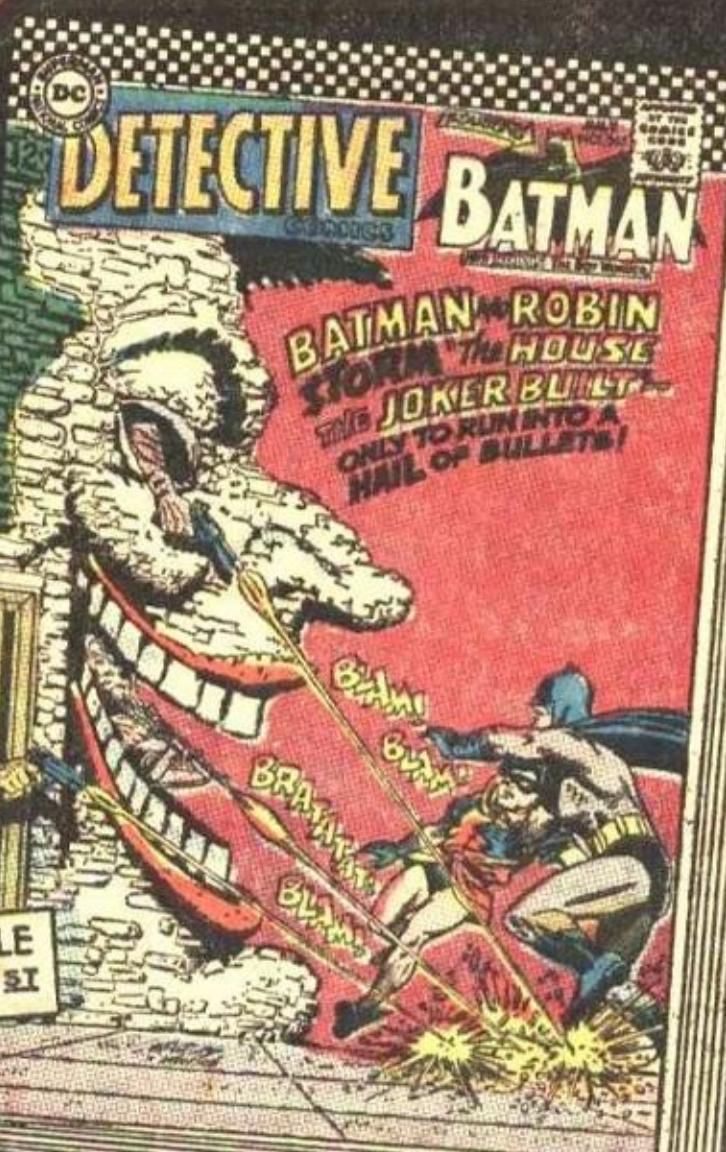




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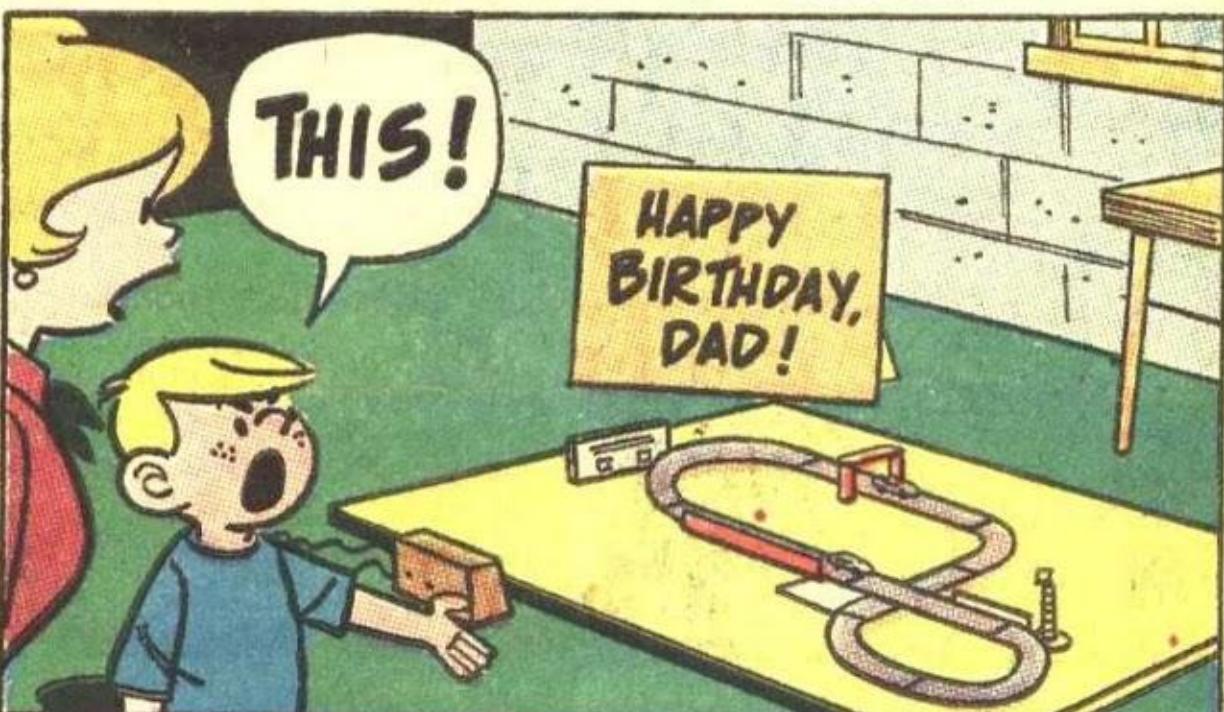
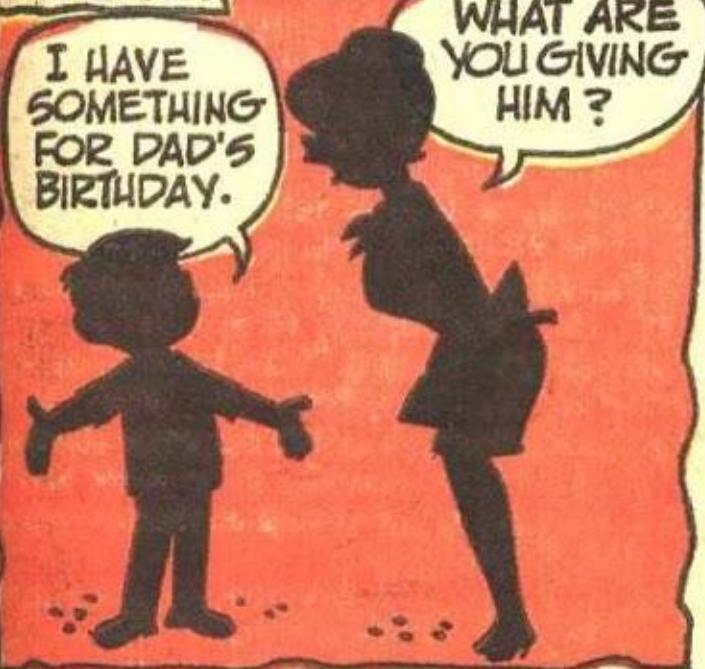


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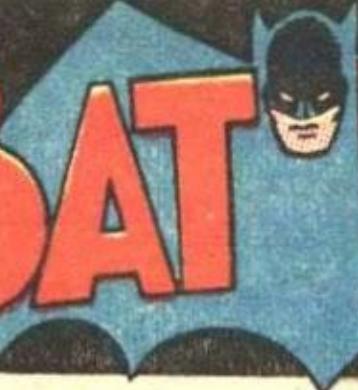
I NEVER GET A CHANCE TO
PLAY WITH MY **AURORA**
MODEL MOTORING SET.
MY DAD AND HIS
FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS
USING IT!

BILLY, TOMORROW IS
DADDY'S BIRTHDAY.
DON'T FORGET
TO BUY HIM
A PRESENT.

NEXT DAY...



GIANT BAT-MAN



Dear Editor:

I have written to express my appreciation of Giant Batman No. 30. To me, it is a collection of the very best of Batman and really lives up to its theme. It is stories such as these that has enabled Batman and Robin to live on through the years. Many comic book heroes have come and gone, but Batman and Robin have endured the tests of time and fulfilled the desires of readers in a changing world.

This brings back to memory the first time I became a comic book fan. It was shortly before the war and comics were then in what is now called the golden age of comics. I had my own favorites as a kid; unfortunately, Batman was not among them. But I liked him, as I did all the heroes of the DC National Comics group. The end of the war put an end to my comics reading—and I was not to touch them again until recently, when I started going to the magazine stands for them.

I have found out that most of my pre-war favorites have changed, some are no longer around. Others are involved in bizarre, fantastic adventures which I do not go for. Batman, however, has appealed to me. His stories are human, natural, capable of happening. The plots are well laid out. They are not just a case of hero going after villain. There is human interest in them, as in Sam Strong singing ballads of Batman and unknowingly spoiling his plans, Charles Barden building an amusement park and not seeing the results of his efforts, Vicki Vale noticing the unusual behavior of the "other" Batman and the difference in height with the real Batman. As a result of my new interest in Batman, I have decided to go on buying Batman comics.

—Lauro J. Jocson, Quezon City, Philippines

Dear Editor:

Your Giant Batman No. 187 (G 30) was just terrific. "The Batman of Tomorrow" was super-great. It was very clever of Batman to call the Batman of the future to impersonate him. And "Batman's First Case" was just fantastic.

—Mark Davis, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Dear Editor:

I've just finished reading Giant Batman No. 187. It was fabulous, the best comic I ever read. Every story was just terrific. "Peril at Playland Isle" had me guessing all the way, as did the syndicated story of the Joker, which was great. The best story in the comic, however, also the best story I have ever read, was the "Ballad of Batman." It was a change of pace from the regular "hot pursuit of crooks" type. The really heart-warming ballad and the way the story ended helped its rating. Keep up the fabulous work.

—Lynnsey Guenero, Redondo Beach, Calif.

Dear Editor:

I have always read Batman, and (G 30) is one of the best. But you made an error. In "The Batman of Tomorrow," on Page 62, you have Brane Taylor say-

ing he is from the year 3054. Which is it, 3054 or 3055? I liked "Batman's First Case" best, but they were all very good.

—Nelson Conner, Denver, Colo.

(Look at the story again. The reference on Page 62 was a flashback. It was 3054 when Batman of the future came to Batman of 1954—a year earlier than the case that Batman was working on at the moment. Hence, on Page 63, it's Batman of 1955 calling Batman of 3055. That's when the story first appeared, by the way.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In Giant Batman No. 185, in the first story, "Batman, Jr." on Page 3, panel 4, you show Batman in the Batmobile without the new look on his outfit, and throughout the story and all the stories in that issue. What happened to his "new look"?

—Karen Ireland, Rochester, N.Y.

(The stories we've been using in the Giant Batman issues have the "old look"—the way Batman was originally portrayed without the yellow circle. That accounts also for other differences readers have noticed, like the Batmobile, etc.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Congrats on your special Giant Batman starring Robin, the Boy Wonder. I thought the best story was "Robin Dies at Dawn," the booklength novel, and the second best was "The Boy Wonder Confesses." My hat's off to you, and let's see more of these good stories.

—Scott Colman, Cedarhurst, N.Y.

Dear Editor:

I just read the Giant Batman 185. It was neat! "Robin Dies at Dawn" was one of the best stories ever! The way you put Batman on an alien planet was out of this world! Secondly, "Robin Falls in Love" was very nicely put together. "Batman, Jr." and "Robin's New Boss" were okay. The rest of the stories were good, but not as good as the other ones.

—Mary Beth Ries, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Editor:

As I am writing from England, this letter may arrive a little late, but I felt I must compliment you on your latest Giant achievement, "The Best of Batman." "Batman's First Case" was terrific. I knew the Caped Crusader's parents were killed, but I didn't know how. Secondly, "The Phantom Eye of Gotham City" was, in my view, one of the best Batman mystery stories you have ever published. It enthralled me from start to finish. Then came "The Last Days of Batman." For action and suspense, this story has rarely been equalled. Although the remaining stories did not reach these high standards, they were very good. All in all, this 80 page Giant certainly contained "The Best of Batman."

—Philip Waywell, Lancashire, England

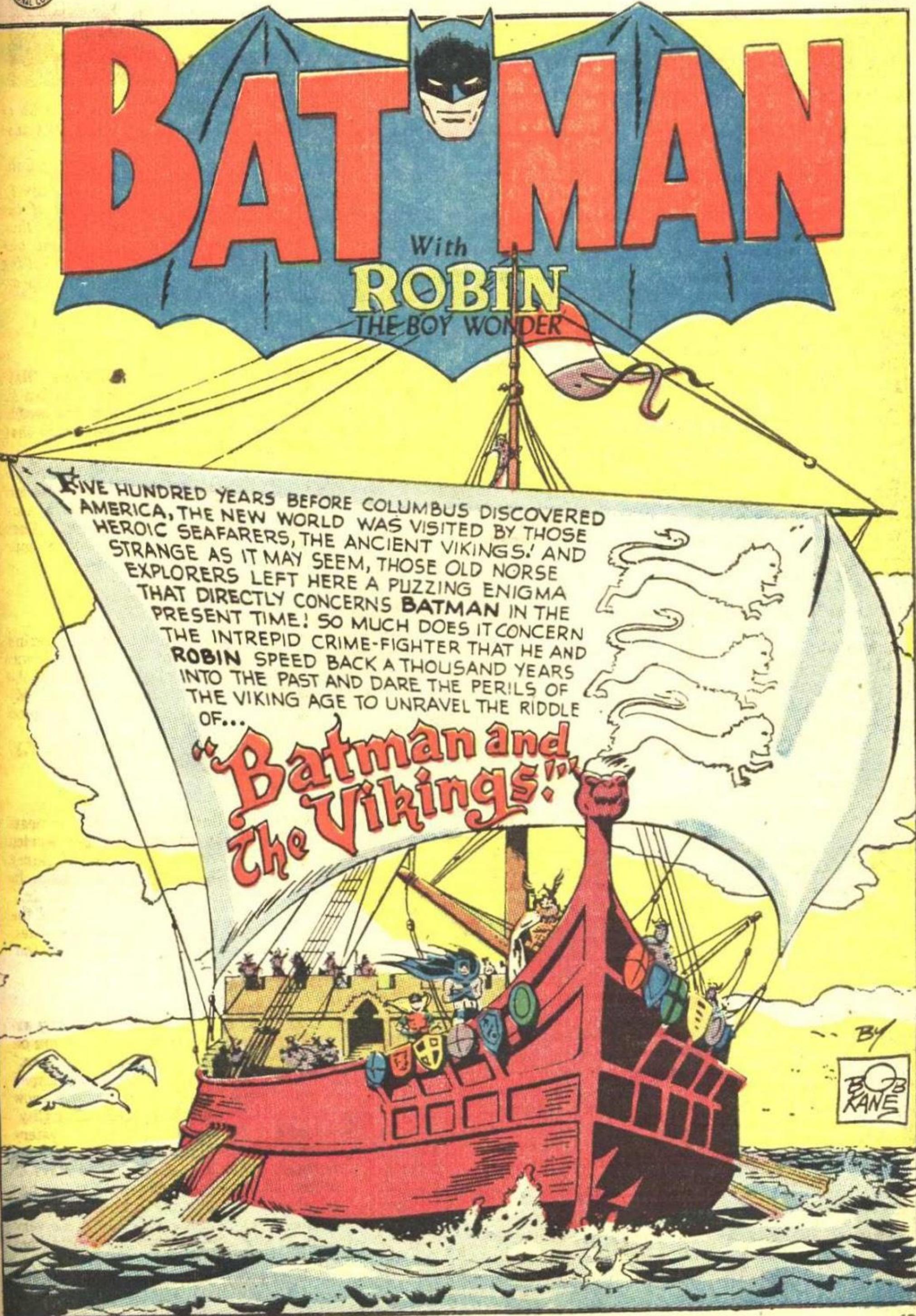
BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

FIVE HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE COLUMBUS DISCOVERED AMERICA, THE NEW WORLD WAS VISITED BY THOSE HEROIC SEAFARERS, THE ANCIENT VIKINGS! AND STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM, THOSE OLD NORSE EXPLORERS LEFT HERE A PUZZLING ENIGMA THAT DIRECTLY CONCERNs BATMAN IN THE PRESENT TIME! SO MUCH DOES IT CONCERN THE INTREPID CRIME-FIGHTER THAT HE AND ROBIN SPEED BACK A THOUSAND YEARS INTO THE PAST AND DARE THE PERILS OF THE VIKING AGE TO UNRAVEL THE RIDDLE OF...

"Batman and The Vikings!"

BY
BOB KANE



GIANT BATMAN



ON A LONELY STRETCH OF COAST, HISTORIANS MAKE AN EXCITING FIND!

THESE ARE RELICS OF THE OLD NORSE VIKINGS, WHO CAME TO AMERICA LONG BEFORE COLUMBUS!

LOOK AT THAT CARVED ROCK! WHAT A WONDERFUL EXHIBIT IT WILL MAKE FOR THE MUSEUM!

SO, PRESENTLY, AT GOTHAM CITY MUSEUM, CROWDS VIEW THE RELICS OF A THOUSAND YEARS AGO!

WHAT'S THAT QUEER WRITING UNDERNEATH?

OLD NORSE RUNE-WRITING! THERE'S AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION ON A CARD UNDERNEATH IT!

AMONG THE SPECTATORS, BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, GET THE SURPRISE OF THEIR LIVES!

BRUCE, LOOK! THAT VIKING WARRIOR IN THE CARVING—HE'S YOU!

YES, DICK, I SEE! BUT I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE MY OWN EYES! AN EXACT DOUBLE OF ME WHO LIVED A THOUSAND YEARS AGO!

PART OF THE ROCK AND WRITING IS SPLIT AWAY AND LOST. THE TRANSLATION OF WHAT'S LEFT IS, "THIS IS THE DISGRACED COWARD WHO—"

"THIS IS THE DISGRACED COWARD WHO..."

GOSH, BRUCE—IT WAS CARVED TO PERPETUATE THE SHAME OF SOME VIKING—

SAY, LOOK! THIS GUY HERE IS A DEAD-RINGER FOR THAT OLD VIKING COWARD IN THE CARVING!

DISGRACED COWARD...

SOON, WORD OF THE UNCANNY RESEMBLANCE SPREADS...

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

BRUCE WAYNE!

VIKING COWARD—

COWARD—

AT HOME, THE WHISPERS STILL ECHO IN BRUCE WAYNE'S EARS...

SNAP OUT OF IT BRUCE. AFTER ALL, IT WASN'T YOU—IT WAS ONLY SOMEONE WHO LOOKED LIKE YOU!

I KNOW, DICK—BUT I FEEL AWFUL ABOUT IT JUST THE SAME! ANOTHER ME DISGRACED FOR ALL TIME!

BUT NO ONE JUST LIKE YOU COULD BE A COWARD, BRUCE! THIS DOUBLE OF YOURS IN THE PAST MUST HAVE BEEN MIS-JUDGED!

YOU'VE GIVEN ME AN IDEA, DICK! I'M GOING TO FIND OUT! I'LL GET PROFESSOR NICHOLS TO SEND ME BACK INTO THE PAST AGAIN!

AND ONCE MORE, THE UNIQUE SCIENTIFIC METHOD OF PROF. NICHOLS HURLS TWO INTREPID ADVENTURERS BACK INTO THE PAST!

... A THOUSAND YEARS—THE NORWAY OF THE OLD VIKINGS—

A SENSATION OF FALLING THROUGH DARKNESS, A SHOCK, A BLINDING LIGHT...

THEN...

NORWAY OF THE VIKINGS, IN THE YEAR 990!

FIRST—to find out who in this time looks exactly like me!

WARRIOR, TELL ME—DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO LOOKS LIKE ME?

HO! SO YOU'VE DARED COME BACK TO NORWAY, YOU CRAVEN!

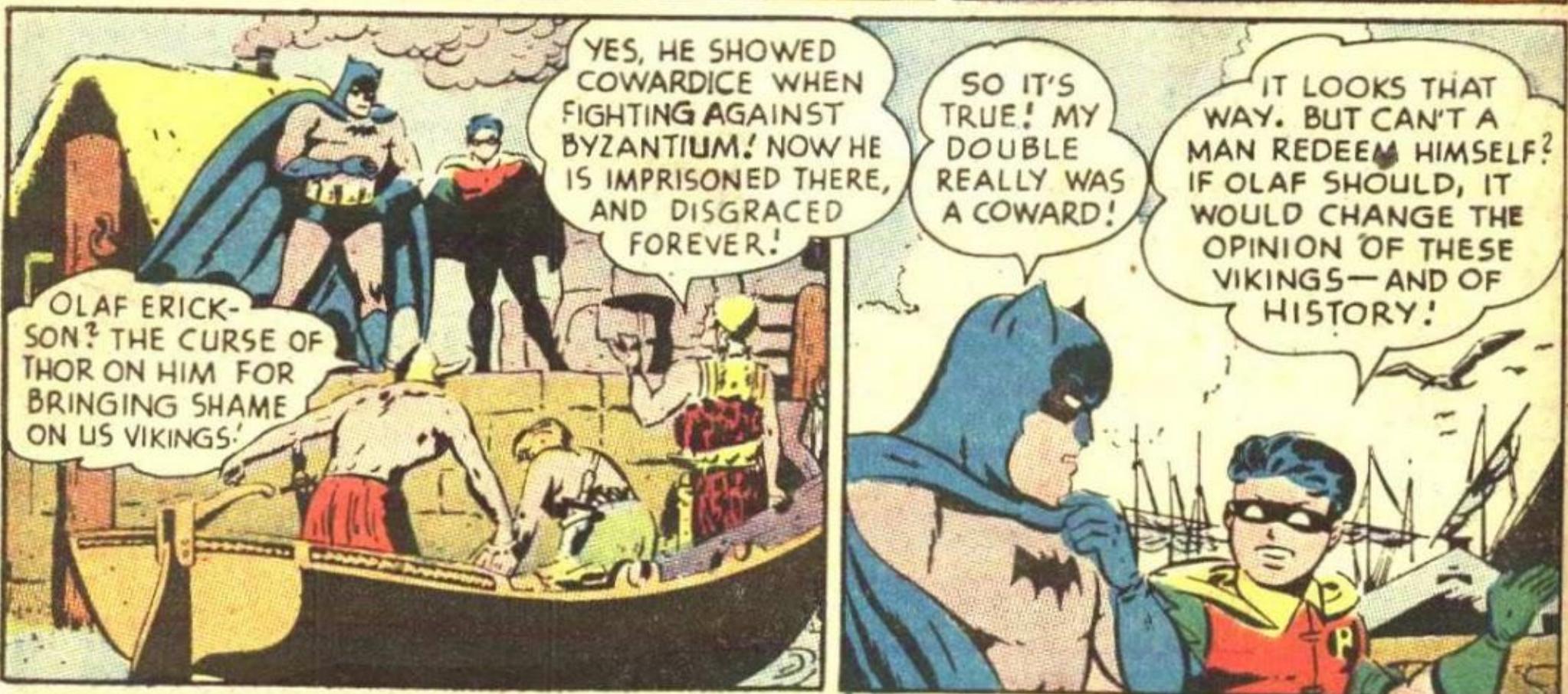
WAIT, I'M NOT THE MAN YOU THINK I AM—

ARE YOU LIAR AS WELL AS COWARD, OLAF ERICKSON?





GIANT BATMAN



GIANT BATMAN

LATER, THE VIKING
GALLEY RECON-
NOITERS THE GREAT
HOSTILE CITY OF
BYZANTIUM!

THAT'S THE
CITADEL WHERE
VIKING PRISONERS
ARE HELD! I WISH WE
COULD LIBERATE
THEM—BUT THERE'S
NO WAY!

PERHAPS
THERE IS! ROBIN
AND I WILL SWIM
ASHORE WHEN
IT'S DARK!

WHEN NIGHT FALLS...

BUT MY SIZE
CAN TAKE ME THROUGH
THE WALL—UP THIS
STORM-DRAIN THAT
EMPTIES FROM
INSIDE!

NOT EVEN
OUR ACROBATIC
SKILL CAN TAKE US
UP THIS SHEER
WALL!

I STILL DON'T
LIKE TO LET YOU
GO IN THERE
ALONE!

YOU'RE TOO
BIG TO GET THROUGH!
JUST WAIT HERE FOR
MY SIGNAL!

THE BOY WONDER BEGINS AN ODYSSEY
THROUGH THE AWESOME DARKNESS OF THE
GREAT DRAINS!

I HOPE THIS
ISN'T A BLIND
ALLEY!

THIS LEADS INTO
THE CITADEL IF MY
SENSE OF DIRECTION
IS RIGHT!

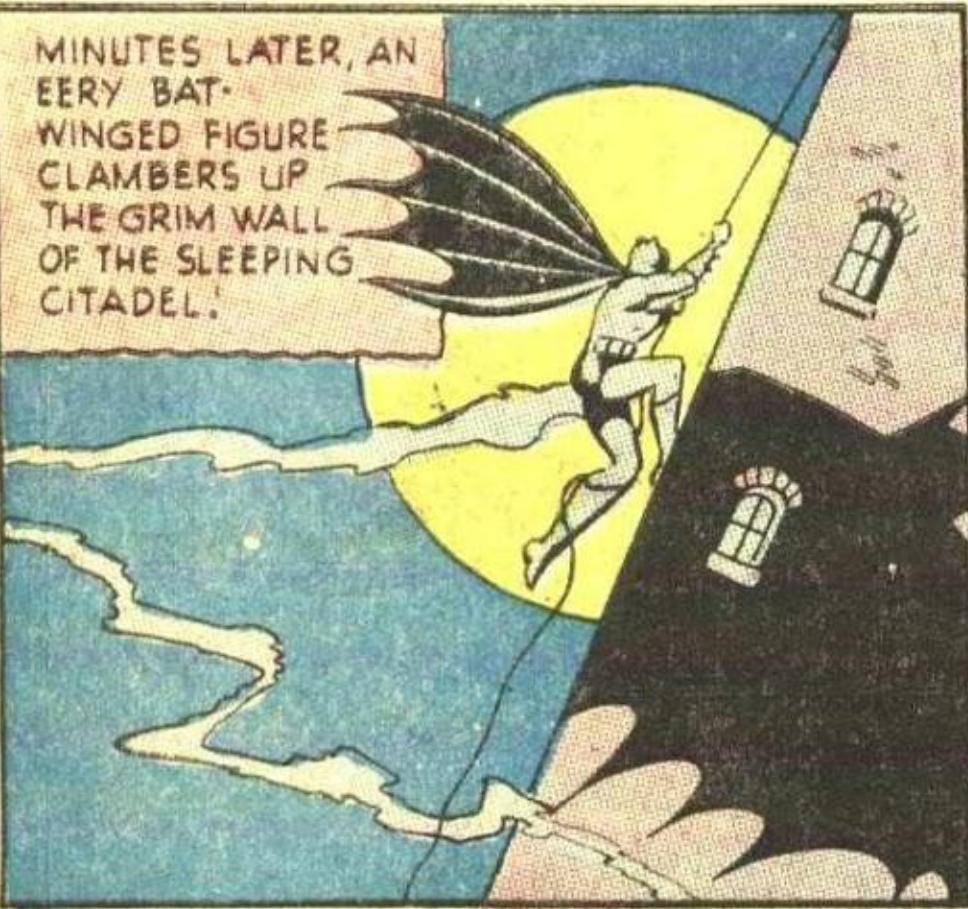
SOON...
LUCKY THEIR GUARDS
ARE ALL ON WATCH OUTSIDE
THE CITADEL. NOW TO TIE
OUR SILKEN ROPES
TOGETHER AND
DROP A LINE TO
BATMAN!

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MINUTES LATER, AN EVERY BAT-WINGED FIGURE CLAMBERS UP THE GRIM WALL OF THE SLEEPING CITADEL!



YOU SLIDE DOWN AND HAVE THE VIKING GALLEY COME CLOSE INSHORE! I'LL FIND THE GAOLER AND TRICK HIM INTO TAKING ME TO OLAF'S CELL!

ROGER!

ON THE ROOF OF THE CITADEL, BATMAN IS SPEAKING TENSELY TO ROBIN.

LEFT ALONE, BATMAN DOES SOMETHING THAT HE HAS ALMOST NEVER DONE!

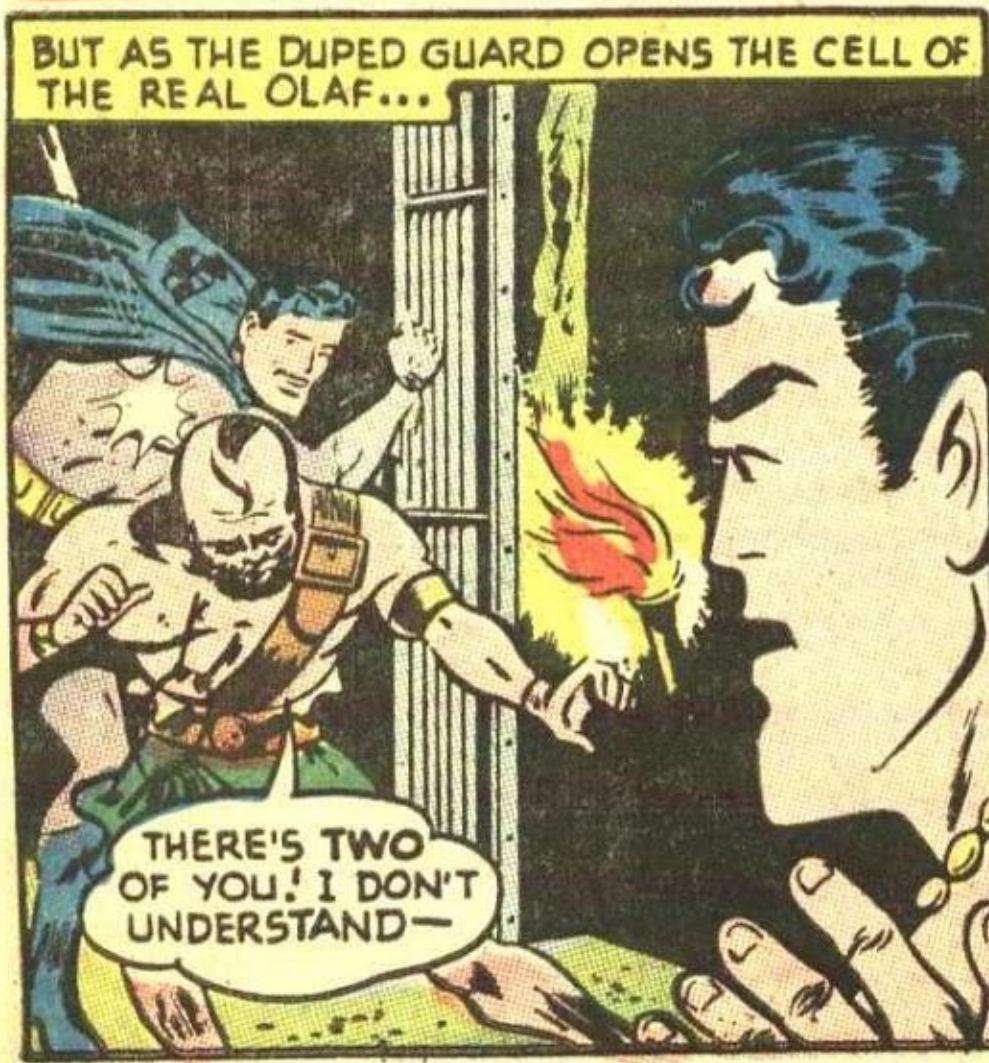


AND A SURPRISED GAOLER MAKES A NATURAL MISTAKE!

OLAF ERICKSON, TRYING TO ESCAPE! BACK TO YOUR CELL OR I'LL CUT YOU DOWN!

GOOD! JUST AS I PLANNED IT!

BUT AS THE DUPED GUARD OPENS THE CELL OF THE REAL OLAF...



I THOUGHT I COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS SURPRISE TO LOCK HIM IN!

BY THOR, YOU ARE ME! YOU LOOK JUST LIKE ME! WHO ARE YOU?





GIANT BATMAN



I'M SOMEONE WHO CAME A LONG WAY TO HELP YOU ESCAPE!

I DON'T WANT TO ESCAPE! I CAN'T RETURN TO NORWAY—I SHAMED MY NAME FOREVER BY COWARDICE!

I HAD HOPED TO LEAD AN EXPEDITION TO VINLAND, TO FIND MY LOST COUSIN—BUT NO VIKING WOULD EVER FOLLOW OLAF THE COWARD NOW!

LISTEN, I'VE A PLAN TO CHANGE THEIR OPINION OF YOU SO THEY WILL FOLLOW YOU!

LATER, AS ROBIN ANXIOUSLY WAITS WITH THE VIKING GALLEY, BATMAN AND OLAF CLIMB ABOARD...

I WAS THE ONLY VIKING PRISONER IN THERE! YOU CAN CAST OFF AT ONCE, CAPTAIN!

OLAF ERICKSON, THE COWARD! I OUGHT TO DRIVE YOU BACK THERE INSTEAD OF RESCUING YOU!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH BATMAN? HE LOOKS AFRAID!

BYZANTINE GALLEYS ARE COMING! WE'LL BE DISCOVERED IF WE STAY HERE LONGER!

THEN WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE, THOUGH I HATE TO RESCUE THAT CRAVEN!

AND BATMAN LOOKED EVEN MORE SCARED THAT WE'D BE SEEN BY THOSE OTHER SHIPS! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT.

WE SLIPPED AWAY WITHOUT THEIR SEEING US! HO FOR THE OPEN SEA AND HOME!

LATER, AS THE GALLEY APPROACHES NORWAY AGAIN...

THAT OLAF ERICKSON WILL GET A COLD RECEPTION WHEN WE GET HOME!

BATMAN IS STILL TIMID—WON'T EVEN SPEAK TO ME! MAYBE HE'S BROODED TOO MUCH OVER THE COWARDICE OF HIS DOUBLE!

UPON LANDING...

OLAF ERICKSON THE COWARD! WHY HAVE YOU DARED COME HOME?

LET OLAF ENDURE THE THREE ORDEALS, IF HE DARES! IT IS HIS RIGHT!

WE'LL MAKE THE ORDEALS ESPECIALLY HARD FOR THIS COWARD!

BATMAN EVEN SEEMS AFRAID OF THIS CROWD!

SOON, THE FIRST ORDEAL OF ANCIENT VIKING CUSTOM—THE IDROTTIR, OR WRESTLING!

WHAT STRANGE HOLD IS THE COWARD OLAF USING ON OUR CHAMPION SWAIN?

WHY—THAT'S A FLYING MARE OLAF'S USING! NOBODY IN THIS AGE KNOWS THAT HOLD!

OLAF WINS—AND PASSES THE FIRST ORDEAL OF COURAGE!

NOW I GET IT! SO THAT'S WHY BATMAN'S BEEN SO TIMID AND STRANGE!

SEIZING A MOMENT BETWEEN CONTESTS...

YOU'RE NOT OLAF—YOU'RE BATMAN, AREN'T YOU?

YES, I CHANGED CLOTHES WITH OLAF—TO PASS THE ORDEALS FOR HIM AND GIVE HIM HIS CHANCE TO REDEEM HIMSELF! I HAD NO CHANCE TO TELL YOU!

THE SECOND ORDEAL—THE SKIN-PULLING, DANGEROUS TUG-OF-WAR CONTEST OF THE VIKINGS!

ONE OF THEM WILL PULL THE OTHER THROUGH THE FIRE! BATMAN WILL NEVER PULL ANYONE THROUGH A FIRE! BUT IF HE DOESN'T, HE'LL BE PULLED IN HIMSELF!

BUT THE PSEUDO-OLAF USES MODERN JU-JITSU SCIENCE TO VANQUISH HIS ANTAGONIST WITHOUT HARMING HIM!



SKOAL TO OLAF THE BRAVE! WE WILL FOLLOW!



GIANT BATMAN



BUT LATER, AFTER BATMAN AND OLAF HAVE SECRETLY RE-EXCHANGED IDENTITIES...

THIS IS YOUR GREAT CHANCE, OLAF! YOU CAN REDEEM YOUR NAME FOREVER IF YOU BRAVELY LEAD THIS EXPEDITION TO VINLAND!

I'LL DO MY BEST. YET I STILL DOUBT MY COURAGE— YOU PASSED THOSE ORDEALS, NOT I!

WE GOT HERE FIVE HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE COLUMBUS!

DAYS LATER, OLAF'S EXPEDITION REACHES VINLAND, THE LAND NOW CALLED AMERICA!

THAT'S MY COUSIN'S FORT! HE AND HIS FRIENDS ARE STILL ALIVE!

BUT AS THEY REACH THE FORT—

THE OLD VIKING NAME FOR THE INDIANS! QUICK, INSIDE AND CLOSE THE GATE!

THE SKRELLINGS!

THERE ARE HUNDREDS TRYING TO BREAK IN! BUT WITH THE BRAVE OLAF TO LEAD US, WE CAN'T BE CONQUERED!

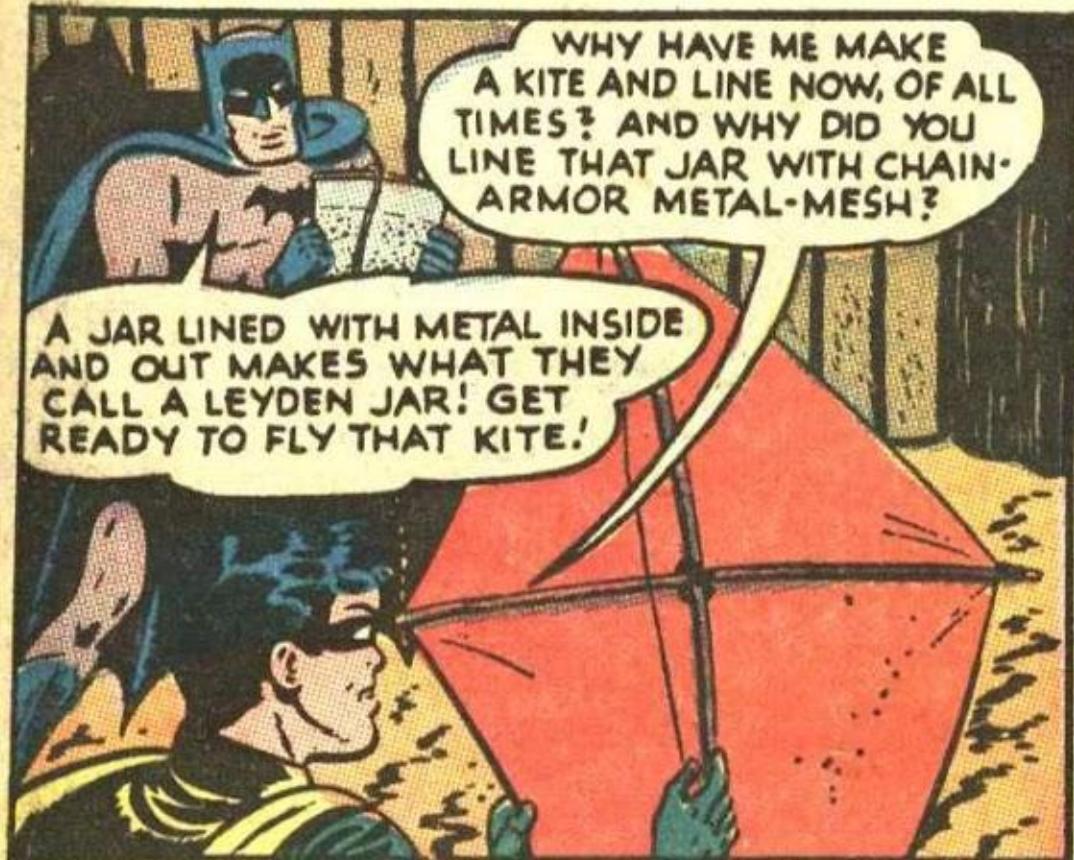
OLAF, IT TOOK THE GREATEST KIND OF COURAGE TO CONFESS THAT! YOU CANNOT BE A COWARD!

AND IN THEIR FAITH, A MAN AT LAST FINDS HIMSELF.

IF YOU BELIEVE IN ME, WE CAN'T BE CONQUERED! WE'LL HOLD THAT GATE AGAINST THEM SOMEHOW!

A STORM IS COMING UP! ROBIN, YOU COME WITH ME—I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

I CAN'T LIE TO YOU! I'M NOT BRAVE! IT WAS BATMAN HERE WHO PASSED THE ORDEALS FOR ME!



MOMENTS LATER, THE LAST HASTY PREPARATIONS.





GIANT BATMAN



PRESENTING the MAN of the HOUR— **CLARK KENT!**

I'LL BE WITH YOU AS CLARK IN A MOMENT... BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT SUPERMAN?

NO...WE WANT YOU... CLARK KENT!

DID YOU OR DID YOU NOT ACT AS THE HEROIC "FIREMAN OF STEEL"?

WELL, YES!

ISN'T IT TRUE THAT YOU ONCE HAD A SHOWDOWN WITH GANG LEADER AL CAPONE?

ER... IT IS!

AREN'T YOU THE STAR OF "CAVEMAN CLARK KENT," "THE TRUTH MIRROR," "CLARK KENT'S NEW PARENTS," AND OTHER SUPER-STORIES?

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CLARK KENT,
FIREMAN of STEEL!

WHEN THERE WAS NO CLARK KENT!

DAILY PLANET
CLARK KENT
KILLED IN BLAST!
FRIEND OF SUPERMAN DIES



CLARK KENT MEETS AL CAPONE!



THE ROBOT CLARK KENT

OF COURSE...

RIGHT!
AND IT'S
ON SALE APR. 11TH!



BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN

- THE BOY WONDER -

JOE KANE

CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN **BRUCE WAYNE** IS NAMED
MAYOR OF GOTHAM CITY!? WELL, ONE SHREWD CRIMINAL COULD--
A CRIMINAL WITH AN OUTLANDISHLY CLEVER PLAN TO GET RID OF
BATMAN AND **ROBIN** ONCE AND FOR ALL! HERE'S THE STORY--
HOT FROM CITY HALL! AND--IF YOU LIKE ADVENTURE--EXCITE-
MENT--SUSPENSE--YOU'LL VOTE FOR...

"MAYOR BRUCE WAYNE!"

WHAT'S THE MATTER,
BRUCE? YOU LOOK AS
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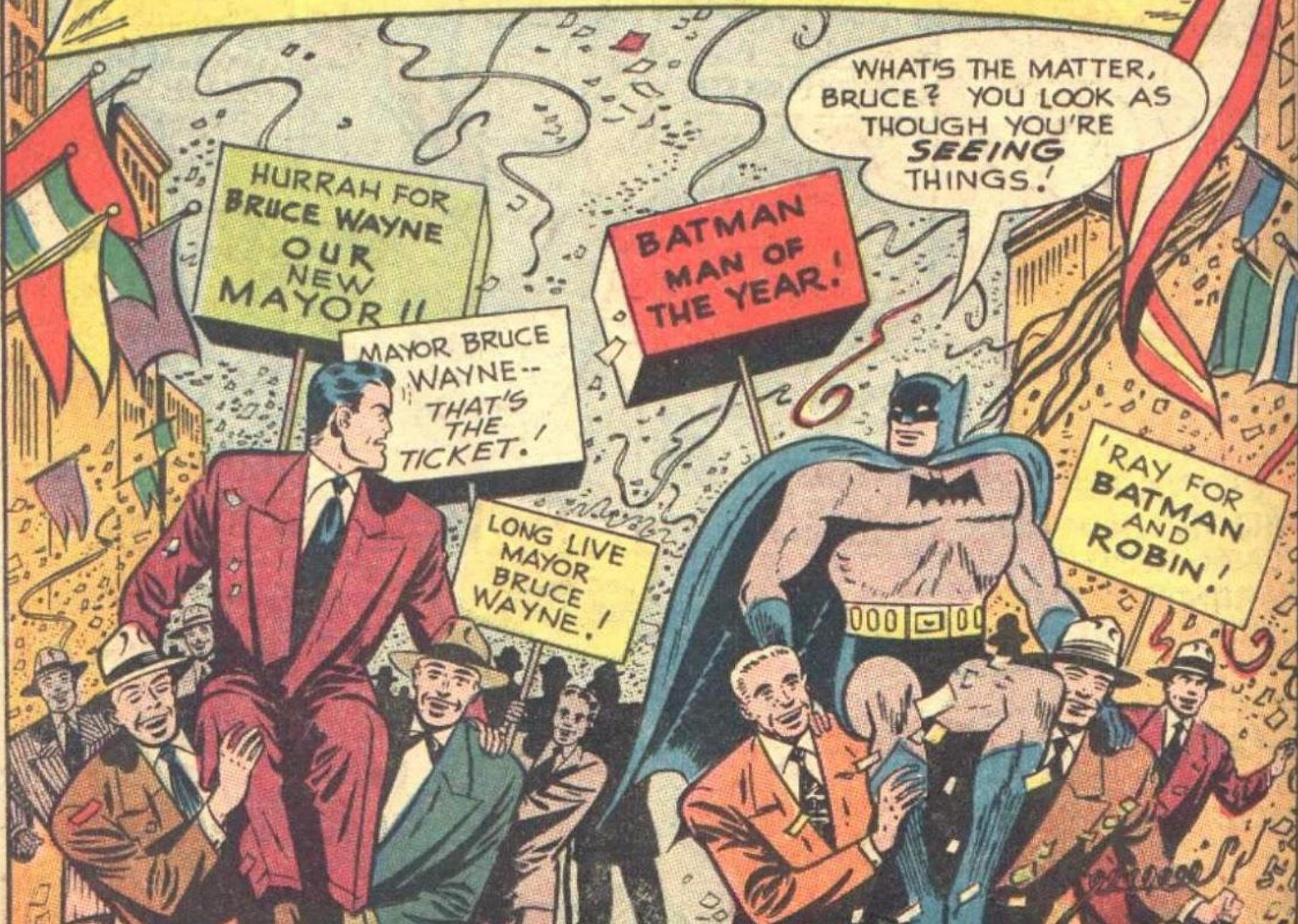
HURRAH FOR
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OUR
NEW
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MAYOR BRUCE
WAYNE--
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THE
TICKET!

LONG LIVE
MAYOR
BRUCE
WAYNE!

BATMAN
MAN OF
THE YEAR!

'RAY FOR
BATMAN
AND
ROBIN!



LATE ONE NIGHT, IN A DESERTED
GOTHAM CITY GARAGE ...

(WHISPER) CAREFUL --
HE MUSTN'T
HEAR US!

(WHISPER) DON'T
WORRY -- HE'S TOO
BUSY FIXIN' THAT
BATMOBILE
OF HIS!

ALL AT ONCE ...

HA-HA-- **BATMAN!**
GOT YA COLD!'
HOOKS, RIP THAT
MASK OFF HIS
FACE.'

IT'LL
BE A
PLEASURE!



A CROOK'S DEFT FINGERS DART FOR
THE **BATMAN** MASK! IN A MOMENT, IT
IS PULLED AWAY! BUT WHAT IS THIS??

HA-HA! SOME
GAG--UH, DEUCE?
HOOKS THOUGHT OF
IT-- HE'S A CARD,
THAT HOOKS!

WILL YOU TWO STOP
WITH YOUR PRACTICAL
JOKES? THIS IS
**SERIOUS
BUSINESS!** C'MON--
I'M READY NOW TO
DIVULGE THE
**WHOLE
PLAN
IN
DETAIL!**

LATER, IN THE HIDEOUT OF THE SLICK
CONFIDENCE MAN, DEUCE CHALMERS...

EVERYBODY'S GOT
A HOBBY. MY HOBBY,
FOR THE PAST YEAR,
HAS BEEN THE
SOLUTION OF **BATMAN'S**
IDENTITY. I FIGURED
THAT WOULD BE
WORTH A MILLION
DOLLARS!

YEAH, DEUCE--
AND YOU SURE
WORKED AT IT.
WITH ALL YOUR
FIGGERIN'--
DO YOU THINK
YOU KNOW WHO
BATMAN
REALLY IS?



I THINK SO-- TROUBLE
IS, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE
TO PROVE IT. BUT NOW
MY CHANCE IS COMING--
AND IF I'M RIGHT, IT'LL
BE WORTH MORE THAN
A MILLION DOLLARS--
IT'LL BE WORTH
6 MILLION!!

SIX
MILLION--
WOW!

YES-- **6 MILLION!** ALL
MINE --WITH **BATMAN** GONE
FOREVER!! THAT IS-- IF I'M
RIGHT-- **IF BATMAN** IS
REALLY **BRUCE WAYNE!!**



BUT WHY YOU BEEN WEARING THIS **BATMAN** OUTFIT, AND PRACTICING LIKE YOU WAS **BATMAN**? DO YOU FIGGER TO TAKE OVER ??

THAT'S ONLY PART OF THE PLAN, GATES! WAIT TILL YOU HEAR THE REST! LISTEN...



IN THE **BAT CAVE**, BRUCE WATCHES AS DICK DONS HIS **ROBIN** COSTUME...

BUT THE ONLY THING IS-- I'LL BE INCOMMUNICADO! WHILE THOSE TESTS ARE BEING RUN OFF, YOU WON'T KNOW WHERE I AM-- WON'T BE ABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME IF ANYTHING HAPPENS!

DON'T LET THAT WORRY YOU, FELLA! I'LL TAKE CARE OF MYSELF WHILE YOU'RE GONE.



SUDDENLY, THE EERIE **BAT-SIGNAL** STREAKS THROUGH THE SKY. A MOMENT LATER, BRUCE WAYNE HAS TRANSFERRED HIMSELF INTO **BATMAN**!

COMMISSIONER GORDON'S CALLING. GOSH--THAT REMINDS ME! I HOPE THERE'RE NOT TOO MANY CALLS FOR **BATMAN** DURING THE WEEK I'M PLAYING **MAYOR**!



NEXT DAY, IN THE HOME OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE, THE WELL-KNOWN MILLIONAIRE SAYS GOOD-BYE TO HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

GOSH, BRUCE--IT'S TIME FOR ME TO CHANGE INTO MY **ROBIN** COSTUME AND GET READY TO LEAVE! I CERTAINLY HATE TO LEAVE YOU LIKE THIS!

NONSENSE, DICK. YOU'VE BEEN AFFORDED A RARE HONOR BY THE ARMY IN BEING SELECTED TO GUARD THE NEW ATOMIC EXPERIMENTS SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC...

AND, AFTER **ROBIN** HAS LEFT...

GOTHAM GAZETTE

"**BRUCE WAYNE TO BE MAYOR FOR A WEEK!**"

IN KEEPING WITH GOTHAM CITY TRADITION, WHEN MAYOR BRADLEY STOKES VACATIONED TWO WEEKS HENCE, HIS SEAT IN CITY HALL WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY ONE OF OUR MORE PROMINENT CITIZENS. THIS YEAR, THE HONOR FALLS TO BRUCE WAYNE, WHOSE NAME WAS DRAWN FROM SEVERAL HUNDRED PLACED IN RAFFLE. LAST YEAR, YOU WILL RECALL, BANKER THOMAS MAYS WAS OUR "MAYOR FOR A WEEK".

LUCKY KID! OFF TO THE PACIFIC ON A GREAT ADVENTURE WHILE I STAY HOME AND PLAY POLITICIAN, OF ALL THINGS!

BUT AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, **BATMAN'S** WORST FEARS ARE REALIZED.

GOOD NEWS, **BATMAN**! THE FAMOUS "BIG SIX CLUB" HAS NAMED YOU "MAN OF THE YEAR!" THEY'RE COMING IN PERSON TO FETE YOU! I KNOW BRUCE WAYNE'LL BE TICKLED. HE'LL BE IN ON THE CEREMONIES AS **MAYOR**!

BRUCE WAYNE'LL BE MORE THAN TICKLED-- HE'LL BE TORTURED! GOLLY--WHAT A FIX!

TWO WEEKS LATER, AS BRUCE ARRIVES IN CITY HALL TO TAKE OVER HIS TEMPORARY DUTIES AS MAYOR ...

I'M FIELDING, SIR--
MAYOR STOKES'
SECRETARY. I'LL
BE ON HAND TO
HELP YOU WITH
ANYTHING YOU
NEED!

THANK YOU,
FIELDING!
SO THIS IS
MY NEW
OFFICE--
NOT BAD!

AHHH, YOU'RE A
LUCKY MAN, MR. WAYNE.
HOW I'VE LONGED TO SIT
IN THAT CHAIR MYSELF.
THINK OF IT-- TO BE
MAYOR OF GOTHAM
CITY! IT'S AN HONOR--
IF EVEN FOR ONLY
A WEEK!

WHO
KNOWS--
MAYBE
YOU WILL
BE SOME
DAY,
FIELDING.
IT'S POSSIBLE!



OH, NO--NOT ME!
I'M TOO WEAK -
TOO EASILY
SWAYED BY
OTHERS. I
HAVE NO MIND
OF MY OWN--
I GUESS I'LL
JUST ALWAYS
BE A
SECRETARY...

WELL--
THERE'S
NOTHING
WRONG WITH
THAT-- IT'S
A DECENT,
HONORABLE
PROFESSION.

THAT EVENING, AT 10 O'CLOCK, BRUCE'S OFFICIAL DUTIES BEGIN-- A NIGHT DEDICATION OF A NEW STATUE. BUT SUDDENLY...

JUST AS I FEARED-- THE
BAT-SIGNAL! I CAN'T
VERY WELL STOP IN THE
MIDDLE OF MY SPEECH.
A MILLION PEOPLE ARE
WATCHING ME
ON TELEVISION!



AND AT CITY HALL, AT THE CONCLUSION
OF BRUCE'S SPEECH...

NO CHANCE
TO DUCK UNTIL
NOW! I'LL HAVE
TO THINK UP
SOME EXCUSE
TO GIVE
GORDON...

A FINE SPEECH,
SIR! AND HAVE
YOU SEEN THIS
EXTRA, JUST OFF
THE PRESS? YOUR
LAW-ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS ARE ON
THE BALL!

WHAT'S THIS?!!
BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
IT JUST CAN'T
BE!!

EXTRA! *Gotham News*
BATMAN NABS JEWEL THIEF!!

AT 10 O'CLOCK THIS EVENING,
WHILE MOST GOTHAM CITIZENS
WERE LISTENING TO THE FIRST
ADDRESS OF TEMPORARY MAYOR
BRUCE WAYNE, A THIEF ATTEMPTED
TO ROB THE CUTLER JEWELRY
COMPANY'S DOWNTOWN SHOP.
QUICK ACTION ON THE PART OF
BATMAN RESULTED IN THE
LOOTING.



THEN, NEXT DAY, AS MAYOR BRUCE WAYNE OFFICIALLY OPENS THE NEW MUNICIPAL ART MUSEUM...

HOLD IT, MR. MAYOR! JUST ONE MORE, PLEASE!

AGAIN! JUST WHEN I'M IN THE CENTER OF ATTRACTION, THE **BAT-SIGNAL** FLASHES ON! I CAN'T LEAVE HERE NOW!



MEANWHILE, AT DEUCE CHALMERS' HIDEOUT...

I'VE PROVED IT! BRUCE WAYNE IS BATMAN! WHY DIDN'T THE REAL BATMAN ANSWER THE BAT-SIGNAL? BECAUSE HE WAS TOO BUSY IN HIS ROLE AS MAYOR!

IT WAS SMART OF YOU TO HAVE THOSE PHONEY CRIMES STAGED AT THE EXACT MOMENT THE MAYOR WOULD BE BUSY! BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR BOYS? YOU HADDA PUT 'EM IN JAIL!



MY TIP WAS RIGHT! I KNEW IN ADVANCE BATMAN WAS TO BE HONORED BY THE "BIG SIX". AND THAT'S HOW THIS WHOLE SCHEME WAS BORN. BECAUSE I WANT TO DEAL WITH THOSE SIX MILLIONAIRES!



AND WHEN BRUCE RETURNS TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE...

WELL, BRUCE-- THE POLICE ARE ACTING HANDSOMELY DURING YOUR TENURE OF OFFICE! BATMAN JUST NABBED ANOTHER BURGLAR..

GOOD WORK, COMMISSIONER!

WHAT CAN ALL THIS MEAN? WHO'S PLAYING BATMAN-- AND WHY??



DON'T WORRY-- I'LL GET 'EM OUT OF JAIL JUST AS EASY AS I GOT 'EM IN. MEANWHILE, WE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO THINK OF. LOOK AT THIS NEWSPAPER.

Gotham Gazette

BIG SIX CLUB ARRIVES IN GOTHAM CITY! TO FETE BATMAN IN GALA CEREMONIES.

THE FABULOUS "BIG SIX" CLUB, COMPRISED OF THE SIX WEALTHIEST AND MOST INFLUENTIAL MEN IN AMERICA, ARRIVES TOMORROW TO PAY HONOR TO BATMAN. ON A SPECIAL TRAIN TEEMING WITH BODYGUARDS AND SECRET SERVICE AGENTS, THE SIX GIANTS OF INDUSTRY WERE BUSY DRAWING UP PLANS....

WE'VE TIME ENOUGH TO REVEAL BATMAN'S IDENTITY! FIRST, I MUST CONTINUE TO PLAY MY ROLE-- HAVE MY FUN-- AND MAKE SIX MILLION DOLLARS!



THAT EVENING, AS BRUCE ACCEPTS A DINNER INVITATION FROM COMMISSIONER GORDON...

AHHH--OUR MAYOR! BRUCE--YOU KNOW **BATMAN**, OF COURSE. I HAD INVITED HIM TO DINNER EARLIER TODAY!

HELLO, BRUCE! HOW'VE YOU BEEN?

THE INFERNAL CRUST OF THIS IMPOSTOR! I MUST BE CAREFUL!

LATER...

YOU KNOW SOMETHING? IF ONLY THE PEOPLE COULD SEE US NOW, IT WOULD PUT TO AN END THE OFTEN-QUOTED THEORY THAT **BRUCE WAYNE** AND **BATMAN** ARE ONE PERSON!

WILL HE BE SURPRISED.

WHAT A SITUATION!



AND, AFTER DINNER...

HOW WAYNE MUST BE SQUIRMING! I CAN'T RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO RUB IT IN! NOW FOR SOME FUN!



IF YOU'VE NOTHING BETTER PLANNED, HOW'D YOU LIKE TO VISIT THE **BAT-CAVE**? I'VE GOT SOME INTERESTING NEW GADGETS...

A CAPITAL IDEA! BRUCE, YOU'RE IN FOR A TREAT!

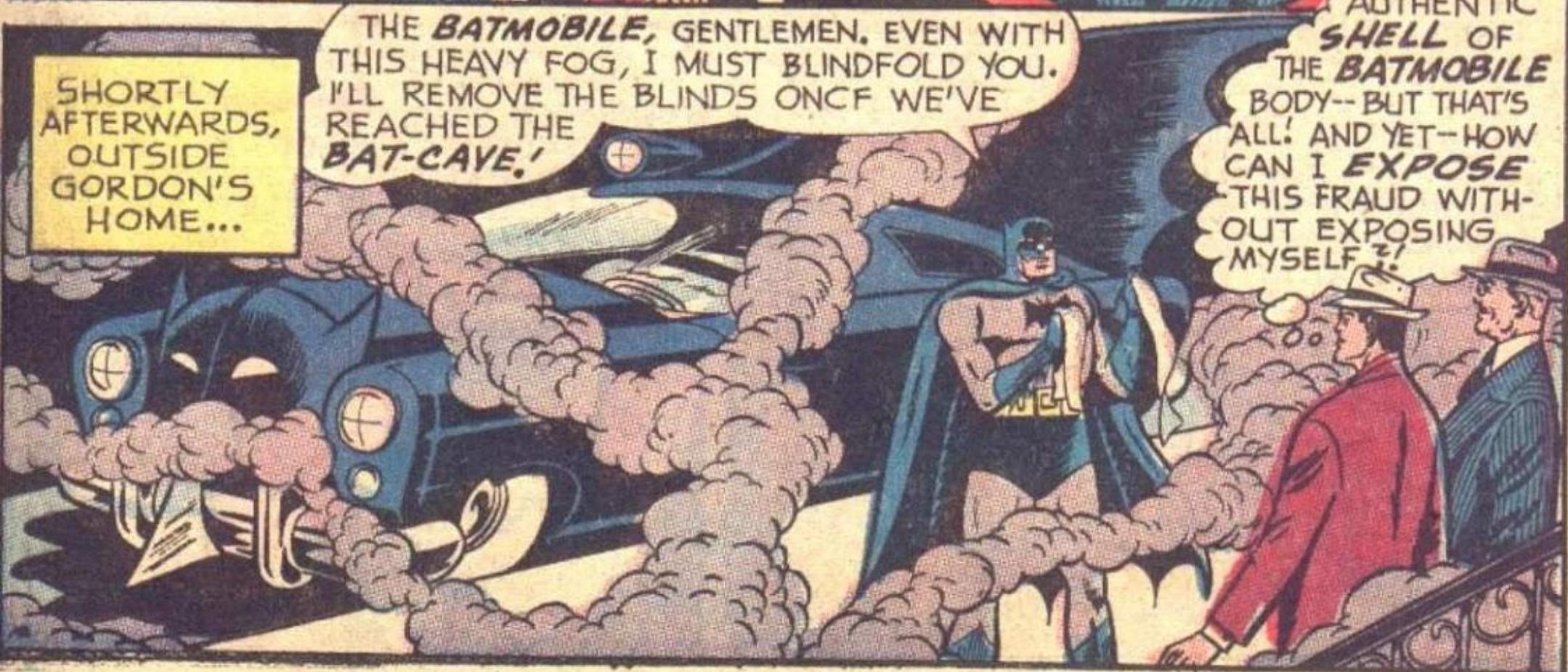
HE CAN SAY THAT AGAIN! **THE BAT-CAVE!** HOW FAR CAN HE GO??



SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, OUTSIDE GORDON'S HOME...

THE **BATMOBILE**, GENTLEMEN. EVEN WITH THIS HEAVY FOG, I MUST BLINDFOLD YOU. I'LL REMOVE THE BLINDS ONCE WE'VE REACHED THE **BAT-CAVE**!

THIS JOB'S AN AUTHENTIC SHELL OF THE **BATMOBILE** BODY--BUT THAT'S ALL! AND YET--HOW CAN I **EXPOSE** THIS FRAUD WITHOUT EXPOSING MYSELF??



NOW TO TRY
TO TRIP HIM!

AREN'T WE GOING
RATHER SLOW? I
KNOW IT'S FOGGY OUT,
BUT I WAS UNDER THE
IMPRESSION THE
BATMOBILE HAD SECRET
INSTRUMENTS TO DEAL
WITH FOG!

SO IT HAS!
(COUGH) ER--BUT
AN AUXILLIARY
GENERATOR
BROKE DOWN
EARLIER -- I
HAVEN'T HAD
TIME TO REPAIR
IT YET...

HE THOUGHT QUICKLY.
HE'S SHARP, ALL RIGHT!
HMM--WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
SOUNDS LIKE A LOW-FLYING
PLANE COMING IN FOR A
LANDING...

AND AS THE LONG DRIVE CONTINUES,
THROUGH DESOLATE COUNTRY...

BRUCE! WELL-- IF THAT ISN'T
TYPICAL! ON AN EXCITING
ADVENTURE LIKE THIS, HE'S
FALLEN *ASLEEP*!

LATER, WHEN THE DESTINATION HAS BEEN
REACHED AND THE BLINDS REMOVED...

SO THIS IS THE
FABULOUS **BAT-CAVE**!
I WOULDN'T HAVE
MISSIED IT FOR THE
WORLD!

HA-HA! WAYNE MUST
BE BURNING!
HE KNOWS DARN
WELL THIS ISN'T
THE **BAT-CAVE**--
BUT WHAT CAN
HE DO??

AND AS THE BRAZEN IMPOSTOR
EXHIBITS A CRUDE, MAKESHIFT CRIME
LABORATORY...

TRUTHFULLY, I'M A
LITTLE DISAPPOINTED,
BATMAN. SOMEHOW,
I HAD THE IMPRESSION
THAT THE **BAT-CAVE**
WAS MORE ELABORATE
IN LAYOUT...

WELL, YOU KNOW HOW
IT IS-- THE NEWS-
PAPERS GO TO
TOWN ON A THING
LIKE THIS-- THEY
IMAGINE ALL SORTS
OF THINGS. ACTUALLY,
THIS IS ALL I
NEED...

LATER...

WELL, BRUCE--
I HOPE YOU
ENJOYED YOUR
VISIT. I'LL BET
YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO SAY,
EH?

IT'S BEEN
VERY INTERESTING
...VERY INTERESTING!

THIS IS AS BAD
A FIX AS I'VE
EVER BEEN
IN!



LATE THAT EVENING, WHEN BRUCE IS WELCOMED HOME BY ALFRED, THE BUTLER...

HE'S CLEVER, ALFRED! HE'S TAKING ADVANTAGE OF MY TEMPORARY JOB AS MAYOR--EVERY MOVE IS PERFECTLY TIMED SO I CAN'T EXPOSE HIM! IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING SOON, HE'LL HAVE ME LICKED!

CAN'T I HELP OUT, SIR? I'VE DONE SO IN THE PAST WHEN YOUR SECRET WAS THREATENED--BY PLAYING THE BATMAN ROLE...

NO--HE'S TOO SMART FOR THAT. I'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE! MEANWHILE, WE MUST BE ALERT. IF HE WAS JUST AFTER MY IDENTITY, HE WOULD HAVE REVEALED EVERYTHING BY NOW! HE'S GOT SOMETHING ELSE UP HIS SLEEVE!

NEXT DAY, AS MAYOR BRUCE WAYNE WELCOMES THE "BIG SIX" CLUB AT CITY HALL...

GREETINGS, GENTLEMEN! BATMAN SHOULD BE HERE AT ANY MOMENT!

IF THE IMPOSTOR FAILS TO APPEAR, I MUST BE READY TO CREATE A DIVERSION NEEDED TO ALLOW ME TO CHANGE TO BATMAN!

BUT, MOMENTS LATER...

HMM--THE MASQUERADE CONTINUES, AS I THOUGHT IT WOULD!

SORRY TO BE LATE, GENTLEMEN--A FEW ODDS AND ENDS TO BE CLEARED UP!

AND WHEN CEREMONIES HAVE ENDED...

THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN! AND NOW I'D LIKE TO REPAY YOU--BY TAKING YOU ON A PRIVATE TOUR OF MY BAT-CAVE!

WAIT! THAT MUST BE HIS PLAN... TO GET THESE MILLIONAIRES WONDERFUL! ALONE! HOW CAN I PREVENT IT??!

I'LL BET YOUR BODYGUARDS WOULD GET A KICK OUT OF THE BAT-CAVE! YOU'LL TAKE THEM ALONG, OF COURSE!

PREPOSTEROUS! ARE YOU SUGGESTING, MR. MAYOR, THAT WE NEED PROTECTION WHEN WE'RE IN THE HANDS OF BATMAN HIMSELF? HMMPH!

IT'LL BE A PLEASURE TO BE RID OF THESE WATCHDOGS FOR A TIME!

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...

THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE'LL DO WITH THE "BIG SIX" IN HIS POWER! I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER--I'VE GOT TO MAKE MY MOVE NOW!



MEANWHILE...

THESE FOOLS -- WAIT TILL THEY LEARN THEY'VE BEEN DUPED! HOW ELSE COULD ANYONE EVER GET THEM AWAY FROM THEIR BODYGUARDS. HA-HA--THEY'RE MINE NOW-- AND I'LL HOLD THEM EACH FOR A MILLION DOLLARS!



AND, AT THE MOMENT IN CITY HALL...

FIELDING, GET ME THE COMMISSIONER OF MARINE AND AVIATION! AND THEN I WANT THE MAP SECTION OF THE CITY PLANNING OFFICE!

YES,
MR.
MAYOR!



WAIT A MINUTE! FIELDING -- OF COURSE, NO MIND OF HIS OWN, HE ONCE SAID! WELL -- WE'LL GIVE HIM A MIND!



AND AFTER BRUCE HAS COMPLETED HIS INQUIRIES, A STRANGE DRAMA UNFOLDS BEHIND THE LOCKED DOORS OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE!

JUST AS I THOUGHT--AN APT SUBJECT-- HE'S HYPNOTIZED ALREADY! NOW FOR HIS DISGUISE -- WITH HIS GLASSES OFF, THE RESEMBLANCE IS THERE! IT NEEDS ONLY A FEW TOUCHES!



SWIFTLY, BRUCE DONS HIS BATMAN COSTUME, THEN ...

LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY, FIELDING! YOU WANTED TO BE MAYOR OF GOTHAM CITY -- NOW YOU ARE! YOU ARE MAYOR BRUCE WAYNE OF GOTHAM CITY! YOU WILL DO WHAT I TELL YOU -- AND WHEN I WAKE YOU, YOU WILL REMEMBER NOTHING OF WHAT WENT ON -- YOU WILL REMEMBER NOTHING!



MEANWHILE, IN CHALMERS' MAKESHIFT
"BAT-CAVE" ...

INCREDIBLE!
INCREDIBLE!
THIS IS INDEED
A RARE
TREAT!

HERE'S SOMETHING I
THINK WILL INTEREST
YOU--STEP INSIDE IT,
GENTLEMEN--AND
I'LL SHOW YOU!

THE GRISSE
CASE CAGE
USED BY TWO-GUN
GRISSE TO HOLD
BATMAN AND ROBIN
CAPTIVE, BTW. TO OEGG.

AND WHEN THE UNSUSPECTING "BIG
SIX" CLUB HAS FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS...

BATMAN --WHAT
ARE YOU DOING ??
IS THIS SOME
SORT OF JOKE ??

YES, CHUMPS-- THE
JOKE'S ON YOU!
I'M NOT BATMAN--
I'M JUST A CLEVER
FELLOW WHO'S GOING
TO HOLD EACH OF
YOU FOR A MILLION
DOLLARS' RANSOM!

PERFECT, EH?!!
WITH ALL YOUR
BODYGUARDS AND
PROTECTION, I
FOUND A WAY OF
KIDNAPING
YOU!

DON'T LAUGH TOO
SOON, YOUNG 'MAN.'
THE **REAL BATMAN**
MUST KNOW OF
YOUR MASQUERADE!
HE'LL PUT AN END
TO YOU!

YOU'RE WRONG! I'VE PUT AN
END TO **BATMAN**! I FOUND
OUT HIS TRUE IDENTITY-- **BRUCE**
WAYNE! YES-- **MAYOR BRUCE**
WAYNE IS REALLY **BATMAN**!
HA-HA!

ALL AT ONCE...

WAS SOMEONE
PAGING THE
BOTH OF US ??

BATMAN-- AND
BRUCE WAYNE!!
IT MUST BE A
TRICK-- **IT CAN'T**
BE TRUE!
HE'S NOT
BRUCE,
WAYNE!

DON'T BE
RIDICULOUS!
ANYONE WHO
KNOWS ME WILL
RECOGNIZE THIS
SCAR! I'M BRUCE
WAYNE, ALL RIGHT.
MAYOR BRUCE
WAYNE!

OF COURSE IT'S
BRUCE. I REMEMBER
WHEN HE GOT THAT
SCAR-- AT THE
NEWVILLE
YACHT
RACES.



AND AS THE TENSION MOUNTS WITHIN
THE FALSE BAT-CAVE...

YOUR DREAM IS
OVER, CHALMERS!
WAKE UP, MAN--
YOU'RE
THROUGH!

WHAT--WHAT'S
HAPPENED...?



WHAT A FOOL I WAS--
SHOUTING "WAKE UP" LIKE
THAT! FIELDING HAS COME
OUT OF HIS TRANCE-- HE'LL
GIVE EVERYTHING AWAY IF I
DON'T MOVE FAST! AND I
MUSTN'T DO ANYTHING
SUSPICIOUS.



WITH LIGHTNING SPEED, BATMAN WHIPS
OUT A FOLDING BATARANG FROM HIS
UTILITY BELT. IN THE SAME MOTION, HE
HURLS IT AT CHALMERS!

HA-HA!
YOU
MISSSED ME,
BATMAN!

I'M NOT
TRYING TO HIT
YOU, MY
FRIEND!



ABRUPTLY, THE BATARANG SPINS
AROUND, COMES SAILING BACK
UNERRINGLY TOWARD THE STILL-
DAZED FIELDING.

LOOK-- IT
HIT BRUCE!
HE'S
KNOCKED
OUT!

NOW TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF
THE DIVERSION.



I'VE GOT TO CLEAN UP THIS FAST--
BEFORE FIELDING COMES TO!



WITH URGENCY DRIVING HIM, BATMAN
TEARS INTO HIS FOES. IN A MATTER OF
MOMENTS, THE BATTLE IS FINISHED.
BUT THEN...

ALL RIGHT-- YOU'VE
GOT ME. BUT IF YOU
AREN'T BRUCE WAYNE --
HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN
YOUR ABSENCE FROM
THE SCENE, WHILE I
WAS PLAYING BATMAN?



YOU'LL HAVE
TO ASK
ROBIN
ABOUT
THAT!

ROBIN? WHY--I
HAPPEN TO KNOW
APPROXIMATELY WHERE
ROBIN IS--MY COMPANY
IS INVOLVED IN THE ATOMIC
TESTS! THAT'S IT--OF COURSE!
BATMAN MUST HAVE BEEN
WITH **ROBIN**--AND SECURITY
PREVENTS HIM FROM
EXPLAINING!

WHY--JUST LOOK
AT **BATMAN'S** FACE.
ALL FRESHLY SUN-
BURNED. HE GOT
THAT BURN IN THE
PACIFIC--OR MY
NAME ISN'T JOE P.
ABERNATHY.

A LONG SHOT--
BUT IT WORKED.
I **KNEW**
ABERNATHY KNEW
OF **ROBIN'S** ASSIGN-
MENT--I COULD ONLY
HOPE THIS MAKE-UP
"SUNBURN" WOULD
LEAD HIM TO A
LOGICAL CONCLUSION...

MOMENTS LATER...

GUARD THE PRISONERS,
GENTLEMEN--I'LL HAVE

THE POLICE HERE SHORTLY. I'VE
GOT TO HURRY AND TAKE CARE
OF THE MAYOR!

AND JUST IN TIME.
HE'S BEGINNING TO
STIR!

SWIFTLY, **BATMAN** REMOVES
FIELDING'S DISGUISE, RESTORES
HIS OWN CLOTHING. THEN...

BATMAN!
WHY--WHAT
AM I DOING
HERE WITH
YOU?

BRUCE WAYNE
THOUGHT YOU'D
LIKE A LITTLE
RIDE.

THE HYPNOSIS
WORKED! HE DOESN'T
REMEMBER!

THAT NIGHT,
IN THE
BAT-CAVE, AS
BATMAN
EXPLAINS THE
CASE TO
ALFRED...

AND SO YOU
SEE, UNDER
THESE CONDITIONS
IT WAS EASY
FOR ME TO
DETERMINE THE
ROAD ON WHICH
CHALMERS WAS
DRIVING THE NIGHT HE
TOOK GORDON AND MYSELF
TO HIS "**BAT-CAVE**"
ON AN ABANDONED
FARM!

1. DEDUCTIONS:
VERY FOGGY NIGHT--UNUSUAL
FOR PLANES TO BE IN AIR.
2. IN HEAVY FOG, CHALMERS COULDN'T
HAVE BEEN DRIVING MORE THAN 30 MPH.
3. CHECK WITH AUTHORITIES REVEALED ONLY
ONE PLANE LANDED IN GOTHAM CITY
AT TIME I HEARD PLANE MOTOR.



AND NEXT DAY, IN CITY HALL...

BRUCE, I UNDERSTAND
YOU DID A BANG-UP
JOB WHILE I
WAS AWAY. NO,
THANKS,
MAYOR STOKES!
HOW ABOUT
STAYING ON
AN EXTRA
WEEK?

IT'S TOUGHER
THAN I THOUGHT!
BROTHER--
AND HOW!

YES--AND BY
COUNTING YOUR PULSE
YOU WERE ABLE TO
ESTABLISH HOW MANY MIN-
UTES ELAPSED BETWEEN THE
AIRFIELD AND THE HIDEOUT.
KNOWING THE CAR'S SPEED,
IT WAS SIMPLE TO ESTABLISH
THE MILEAGE BETWEEN
THE TWO POINTS!

THE END

FEEDIER THAN THE GOLD RUSH!

GUSHIER THAN STRIKING OIL!

MORE DESPERATE THAN THE HOPE DIAMOND!

IS THERE ANY OTHER WAY OF MAKING A QUICK BUCK?

YOU BET YOUR BOOTIES— MARRY IT!

THAT'S WHAT SILVER SHANNON DECIDES WHEN SHE HOOKS RICHARD RIDLEY, XIV, SON OF THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD!

DON'T MISS THE AUGUST SHOWCASE, THE MANIAKS



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GIANT BATMAN



BAT-MAN AND ROBIN

GIANT
WINGS

FLAP IN THE AIR! AN
ENORMOUS BAT SLIDES
THROUGH THE SKIES! BUT
IS IT A BAT? NO! WONDER
OF WONDERS, IT'S BATMAN--
SUDDENLY GIFTED WITH REAL
WINGS, AND EMBARKED ON THE
MOST INCREDIBLE ADVENTURE OF
HIS CAREER! IMPOSSIBLE--
UNBELIEVABLE, YOU SAY? WELL--
THIS IS THE WAY IT HAPPENED--
WHEN BATMAN DARED THE
MYSTERIES OF THE LOST
VALLEY OF THE BIRD MEN AND
BECAME--

THE

FLYING BATMAN!

LOOK! IT'S
BATMAN! HE'S
GOT REAL
WINGS! HE'S
FLYING!

GOSH!
BATMAN HAS
TURNED INTO
A BAT!

**BOB
LANE**

ONE AFTERNOON, AS YOUNG DICK GRAYSON RETURNS FROM SCHOOL, TO THE HOME OF HIS GUARDIAN, MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE...

AND HOW DID SCHOOL GO TODAY, DICK?

OKAY. BUT PRETTY QUIET. I'D MUCH RATHER WE HAD SOME ACTION AS BATMAN AND ROBIN!



MOMENTS LATER, A STARTLING TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE, AS THE TWO DESCEND A SECRET STAIRCASE AND ENTER THE FAMED BAT-CAVE AS BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER!

THE BAT-SIGNAL HASN'T FLASHED-- AND THE POLICE RADIO IS QUIET...

THAT MEANS WE'LL MAKE OUR USUAL PATROL OF THE CITY--JUST IN CASE SOME CRIME IS STIRRING...



AND, A FEW HOURS LATER...

BATMAN! THAT BIG MAN! HE WAS ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY AND WHEN HE SPOTTED US, HE STARTED TO RUN!

HE'S UP TO SOMETHING! LET'S CLOSE IN!



(COUGH!) GAS! HE'S DROPPED A BOMB, TO DIVERT US!

AN OLD DODGE! QUICKLY--GET THE NOSE FILTERS OUT OF YOUR UTILITY BELT! GAS WON'T STOP US!



AND THEN, JUST WHEN THE LAWMEN ARE ABOUT TO DIVE AT THEIR FOE, THEY RECEIVE THE SHOCK OF THEIR LIVES!

ARE WE SEEING THINGS?
ARE WE GROGGY FROM THAT GAS?

IT CAN'T BE,
BUT IT IS!
HE'S DISCARDED HIS CAPE AND HAS WINGS!
HE'S FLYING--
LIKE A BIRD!



INCREDIBLE! (OASP) HOW CAN WE EVER CATCH THIS KIND OF CRIMINAL?

IT MAY BE JUST THE REVERSE! HE MAY CATCH US! LOOK OUT, ROBIN-- HE'S GOING INTO A DIVE!

BUT THE FANTASTIC BIRD-MAN'S RUSHING DIVE IS TOO SWIFT FOR THE STUNNED LAW MEN!
BATMAN! I FELT A STING! HE'S INJECTED US WITH SOMETHING! I--I FEEL--DIZZY!

HANG ON, ROBIN! WE'VE GOT TO FIGHT BACK!

BUT EVEN THE GREAT BATMAN CANNOT SHAKE OFF THE POWERFUL DRUG COURSING THROUGH HIS VEINS. AND SOON AFTER...

THE LAW MEN SLEEP--A DEEP, LONG SLEEP--AS TIME AND SPACE RUSH BY THEM. AND WHEN THEY FINALLY AWAKEN...

BE NOT ALARMED, BATMAN. NO HARM WILL BEFALL YOU HERE!

WHERE ARE WE? WHO ARE YOU? WHAT--WHAT IS THIS?

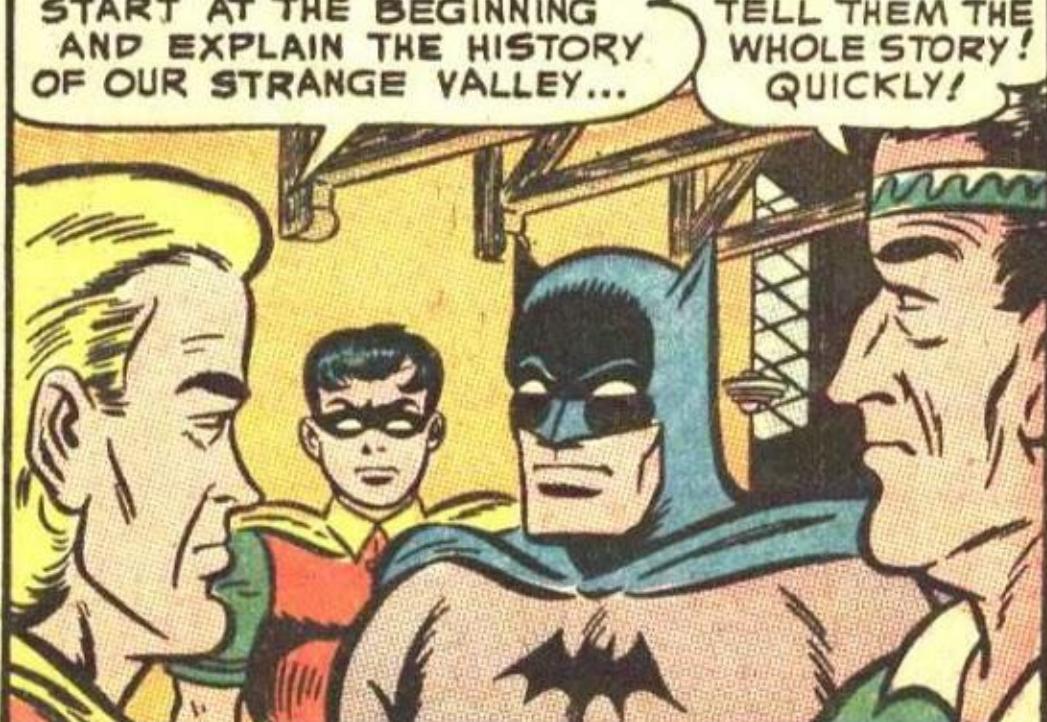
WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TELL YOU EXACTLY WHERE YOU ARE, BATMAN. SUFFICE IT TO SAY YOU ARE ON ANOTHER CONTINENT--A LONG WAY FROM HOME...

MORE PRECISELY, BATMAN, YOU ARE IN A VALLEY LOST FOR AGES FROM CIVILIZATION.

THERE IT IS--THE LOST VALLEY OF THE BIRD-MEN!

AS TO WHY YOU WERE BROUGHT HERE, PERHAPS I SHOULD START AT THE BEGINNING AND EXPLAIN THE HISTORY OF OUR STRANGE VALLEY...

YES, SANDAGO! TELL THEM THE WHOLE STORY! QUICKLY!





GIANT BATMAN



(SANDAGO'S STORY): "LONG AGO, OUR FOREFATHERS DISCOVERED THE SECRET OF GRAFTING WINGS ON MAN WHICH ENABLED HIM TO FLY LIKE A BIRD..."

YOUR OPERATIONS WERE SUCCESSFUL, DOCTOR! SEE HOW GRACEFULLY THEY FLY!

YES. BUT THE OPERATION REQUIRES VAST QUANTITIES OF **SERUM ALPHA**. WE MUST TAKE STEPS TO BUILD UP OUR SUPPLY OF THE SERUM...

"RUTHLESSLY, BARON GRAVIO SET OUT TO CORNER THE SUPPLY OF SERUM ALPHA-- AND TO CONTROL ITS MANUFACTURE. THREE GENERATIONS LATER, HIS DESCENDANTS HAD SUCCEEDED..."

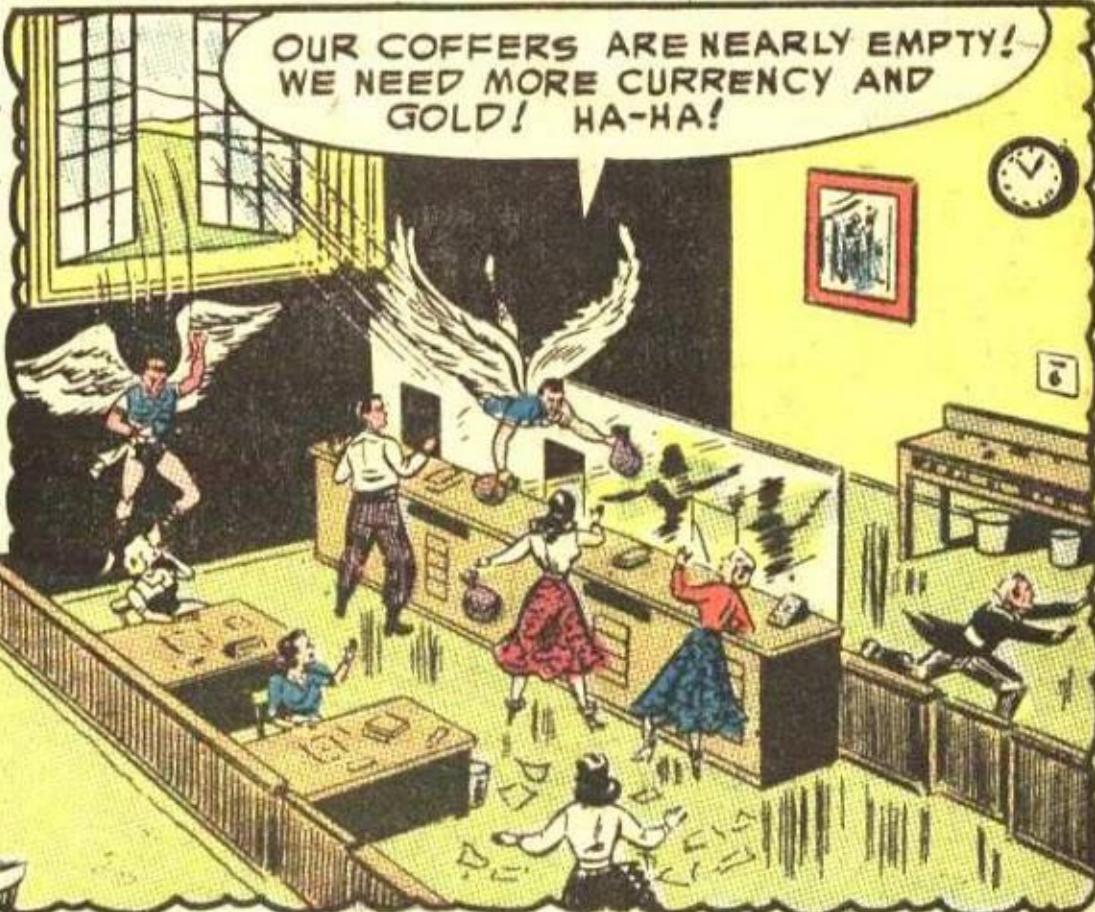
BUT MY DEAR BARON GRAVIO-- YOU MUST RELEASE THE SERUM TO OUR PEOPLE! I AM THE LAST OF THE BIRD-MEN--EXCEPT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAVIO CLAN! WE HAVE BECOME EXTINCT!

WHICH IS AS IT SHOULD BE, YOU OLD FOOL! NOW GET OUT!

"THEN BEGAN A REIGN OF TERROR UNEQUALLED IN OUR HISTORY. WE WERE POWERLESS TO COPE WITH THE SLASHING ATTACKS OF THE WINGED GRAVIOS..."

"FOR YEARS WE KNEW PEACE. ALTHOUGH LOST FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD, WE PROSPERED. AND THEN CAME BARON GRAVIO..."

NOW THEY FLY, YES. BUT ONE DAY ONLY THE GRAVIO FAMILY WILL FLY! HA-HA! AND WHEN THAT DAY COMES, MY DESCENDANTS WILL RULE THIS VALLEY!



THAT BRINGS US TO THE PRESENT, **BATMAN**. WE DESPERATELY NEED SOMEONE WHO CAN BRING THE GRAVIOS TO JUSTICE. EVEN IN THIS REMOTE PART OF THE WORLD, WE HEARD OF YOU. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE!

BUT-- WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO?

I AM A GRAVIO, **BATMAN**--THE ONE MEMBER OF THE CLAN TO DESERT IN HORROR OF THEIR CRIMINAL WAYS! I SMUGGLED OUT **SERUM ALPHA**--ENOUGH FOR ONE OPERATION! WE PROPOSE TO GIVE YOU WINGS, **BATMAN**--SO THAT YOU MAY FLY AGAINST THE GRAVIOS!

!!! !!!



SOON AFTER...

THE OPERATION, WHILE DELICATE, IS NOT SERIOUS, **BATMAN**. AND LATER, THE WINGS CAN BE REMOVED WITHOUT LEAVING A SINGLE TELL-TALE SCAR!

HMM. I CAN SEE BY YOUR GRAVE FACES THAT EVEN IF I REFUSED, YOU'D FORCE ME INTO THE OPERATION. ALL RIGHT-- LET'S GET ON WITH IT!

THAT NIGHT, BEHIND A HEAVY VEIL OF SECRECY, TWO SKILLED SURGEONS BEND TO THEIR TASK. FINALLY...

HAVE NO FEARS, SANDAGO! ALL WENT WELL. IN A FEW HOURS, THIS **BATMAN** WILL BE ABLE TO FLY LIKE A BAT!

YES! WE WERE CAREFUL TO GIVE HIM THE WINGS OF HIS NAMESAKE!



AND AS DAWN COMES UP OVER THE LOST VALLEY...



AND WHEN **BATMAN** HAS FINISHED HIS TEST-FLIGHT...

GOSH, **BATMAN**-- THAT WAS TERRIFIC! BUT IT SURE MAKES ME FEEL HELPLESS! I WISH I HAD WINGS!

NONSENSE! ON THIS ASSIGNMENT I'M GOING TO NEED CLOSE GROUND SUPPORT! NOW LISTEN -- WE HAVEN'T MUCH TIME...

LATE THAT AFTERNOON, AS **BATMAN** PATROLS THE VALLEY...

LOOK! TWO OF THE GRAVIOS! THEY'VE SPOTTED **BATMAN**-- AND THEY'RE READY TO ATTACK!



GIANT BATMAN

SAY GOOD-BYE TO THIS WORLD, INTRUDER! WE'LL SOON RID THE SKIES OF YOU!

HMM! THESE BIRDS HAVE THEIR OWN KIND OF CLAWS! TOO RISKY TO ATTEMPT A HAND-TO-HAND STRUGGLE! OTHER STRATEGY IS CALLED FOR!

AND AS THE BIZARRE BATTLES STREAK ACROSS THE SKY...

SMOKE PELLETS FROM MY UTILITY BELT WILL PROVIDE TEMPORARY COVER...

BATMAN.
TO ROBIN!
PREPARE
FOR PLAN B!

NOW, ROBIN!

RIGHT!

GOOD THING I SPOTTED THAT FISHERMEN'S NET ON RECONNAISSANCE EARLIER!

WELL, THAT'S TWO GRAVIOS WE'VE CAUGHT, ROBIN! ACCORDING TO SANDAGO, THERE WERE TEN ALL TOLD. WE'VE GOT EIGHT TO GO!

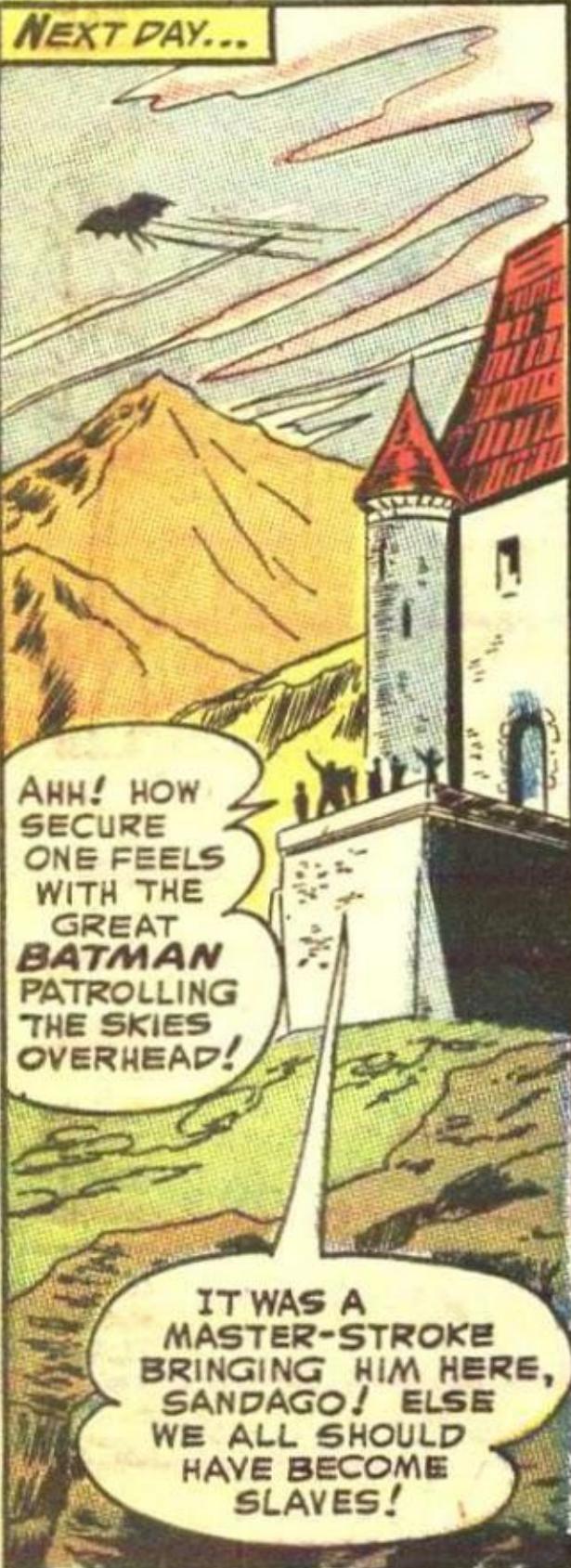
DON'T PUFF UP YOUR FEATHERS, BATMAN! RIGHT NOW MY CLAN IS RIGGING UP A HIDDEN ANTI-CRAFT GUN! YOU'LL BE BLASTED TO ETERNITY!

PERFECT TIMING! THIS BALLOON BARRAGE BATMAN RIGGED UP THIS MORNING SURE CAME IN HANDY!

LATER... THAT GUN WORRIES ME, ROBIN! WE'VE GOT TO LOCATE IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

AND HOW! YOU'D BE A SITTING DUCK UP IN THE SKY AGAINST A HIGH-POWERED GUN LIKE THAT!

NEXT DAY...



SUDDENLY...

LOOK! THOSE WHITE PUFFS OF SMOKE! THERE'S AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT CANNON TRAINED ON BATMAN!

THE SCOUNDRELS! ONLY A GRAVIO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT!



THEY'VE KILLED HIM! HE'S PLUMMETING TO EARTH!

POOR BATMAN! IT IS WE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE!



MEANWHILE, AT THE SITE OF THE HIDDEN CANNON...

EXCELLENT, RICO! YOU'VE BLANKETED HIM WITH HITS! HE'S A DEAD BAT NOW!

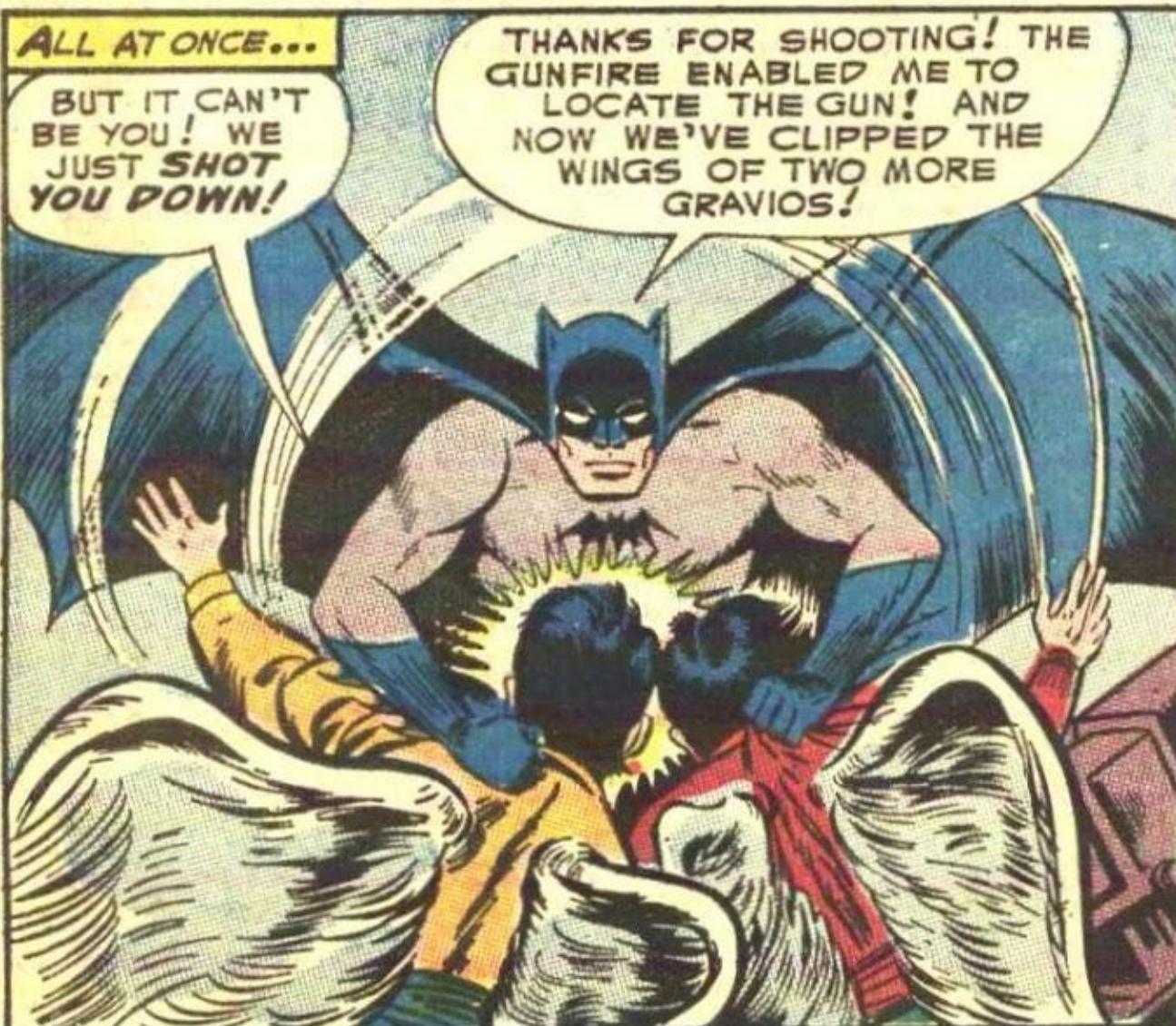
THIS SHOULD MAKE COUNT GRAVIO VERY HAPPY! AND US VERY RICH!



ALL AT ONCE...

BUT IT CAN'T BE YOU! WE JUST SHOT YOU DOWN!

THANKS FOR SHOOTING! THE GUNFIRE ENABLED ME TO LOCATE THE GUN! AND NOW WE'VE CLIPPED THE WINGS OF TWO MORE GRAVIOS!



MEANWHILE, ACROSS THE VALLEY IN A HIDDEN GLEN...

BATMAN RADIOED THAT HE SILENCED THE GUN! NOW I CAN PULL DOWN THIS KITE MADE TO LOOK LIKE BATMAN! THE RUSE WORKED!



GIANT BATMAN



THAT EVENING...

TONIGHT IS AN EVIL NIGHT,
BATMAN-- THE ANNIVERSARY
OF BARON GRAVIO'S DEATH.
TONIGHT THE CLAN WILL BE
OUT IN FORCE, RAINING
TERROR ON US ALL!

IT'S A YEARLY
RITUAL. FIRST
THEY GATHER IN
THE CASTLE FOR
A SUMPTUOUS
BANQUET-- THEN,
NEAR MIDNIGHT,
THEY STRIKE!

ROBIN, THIS IS OUR CHANCE
TO GET THEM ALL TOGETHER!
WE WON'T WAIT FOR THE
GRAVIOS -- **WE'LL**
ATTACK FIRST!

GOOD--
LET'S GET
GOING!



MINUTES LATER, AS THE SKIES ABOVE
THE LOST VALLEY PRESENT A SIGHT NEVER
SEEN BEFORE-- A FLYING **BATMAN** WITH
ROBIN AS A PASSENGER!

THERE'S THE GRAVIO
CASTLE, **ROBIN**! NOW
LET'S CAPITALIZE ON
A SURPRISE ATTACK!

LET'S HOPE
THEY'RE FULL
OF FOOD AND
WINE-- THEN
THEY'LL BE
EASY TO ROUND UP!

BUT THEN, A MISHAP! AS THE
LAWMEN ALIGHT ON THE CASTLE
ROOF, AN OVER-EAGER **ROBIN**
SLIPS WITH A CRASH, ALERTING
THE CASTLE!



AND SOON AFTER...

NOTHING LIKE A **BIRD CAGE**
TO HOLD A TAME BIRD!
HA-HA! YOU'LL KEEP IN
THERE, **BATMAN**! WE'LL
HAVE OUR SPORT IN THE
VILLAGE, AND THEN
RETURN TO TAKE
CARE OF YOU!

I'VE
TAKEN HIS
UTILITY
BELT--
AND GIVEN
HIM THE DRUG
THAT PARALYZES
THE WINGS FOR
24 HOURS!



LATER, WHEN THE GRAVIOS LEAVE...

IT'S NO USE! (GRUNT)
IT'S MUCH TOO
HEAVY -- WE'LL
NEVER LIFT
IT!

IF WE ONLY
COULD GET TO
THAT TRAP DOOR
IN THE FLOOR...





GIANT BATMAN

THEN AN IDEA COMES TO BATMAN! QUICKLY ASCENDING TO THE CAGE SWING, HE ORDERS ROBIN TO FOLLOW...

KICK OUT, ROBIN! WE MUST TRY TO SWING AS HIGH AS WE CAN GO!

I GET IT! IF WE SWING HARD ENOUGH, THE CAGE MAY ROCK OFF THE FLOOR!

WE WON'T BE ABLE TO TIP IT-- BUT EACH ROCK MOVES THE CAGE A FEW FEET!

RIGHT! AND IN THE DIRECTION OF THAT TRAP-DOOR!



SOON AFTER...

THE GRAVIOS SHOULD HAVE REALIZED WE'D GET INTO THE SWING OF THINGS SOONER OR LATER!

WE MADE IT!



INSTANTLY, THE LAW MEN ESCAPE THROUGH THE TRAP DOOR! MOMENTS LATER, ON A RAMPART OF THE CASTLE...

WE'VE RECOVERED OUR UTILITY BELTS--BUT WHAT NOW? IT'LL TAKE HOURS TO WALK TO THE VILLAGE! THEY PARALYZED YOUR WINGS--YOU CAN'T FLY!

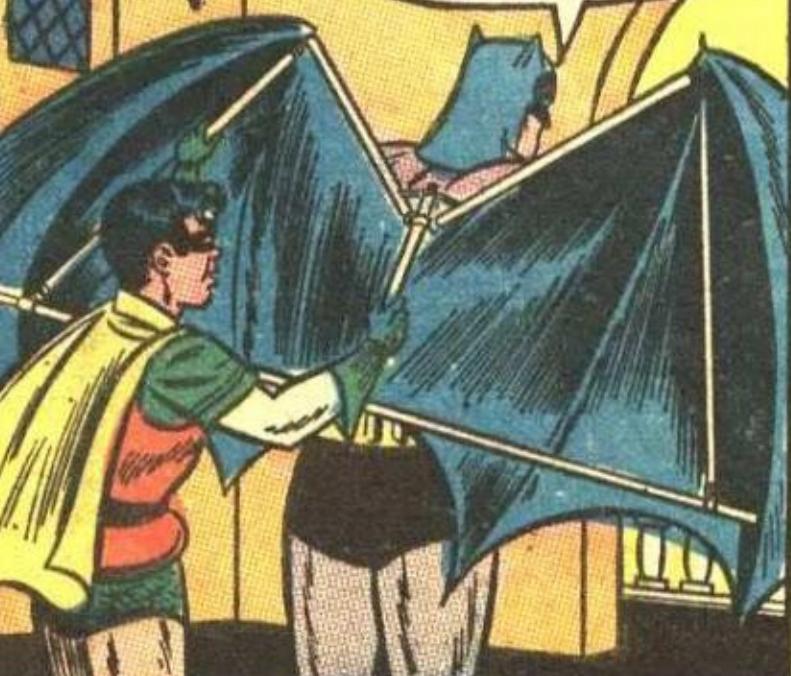
HMM--I WONDER! THERE'S A STIFF BREEZE BLOWING--AND WE'RE HIGH ENOUGH! ROBIN--WE'RE GOING TO FIX THESE LIMP WINGS!



SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...

THAT DOES IT! A RIBBED FRAME-WORK--JUST LIKE AIRPLANE WINGS! AND YOUR BELT IS BACK ON!

GOOD! NOW I'LL DO WHAT ANY TIRED BIRD DOES -- I'LL GLIDE, SEEKING OUT THE VALLEY'S THERMALS-- THE UPDRAUGHTS OF AIR!



PERCHING ON THE HIGHEST PART OF THE CASTLE, BATMAN KICKS OFF WITH LEGS OF STEEL. AND AS ROBIN WATCHES...

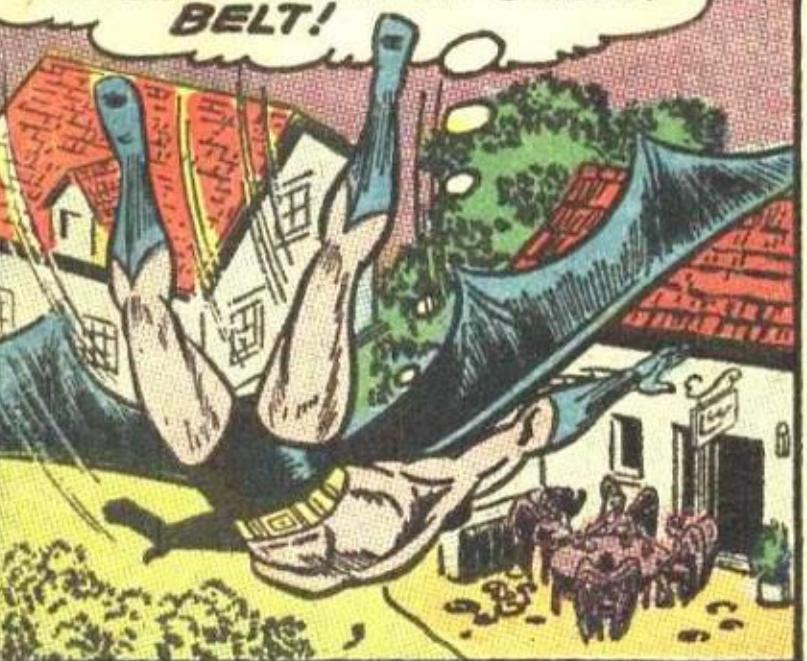
IT WORKS!
HE'S GLIDING BEAUTIFULLY!

GOOD LUCK,
BATMAN!
I'LL JOIN
YOU AS
SOON AS
POSSIBLE!



SOME MINUTES LATER...

THERE THEY ARE--ALL OF THEM--CELEBRATING IN THAT SIDEWALK CAFE! NOW TO TURN MYSELF INTO A DIVE-BOMBER--WITH GAS PELLETS FROM MY UTILITY BELT!

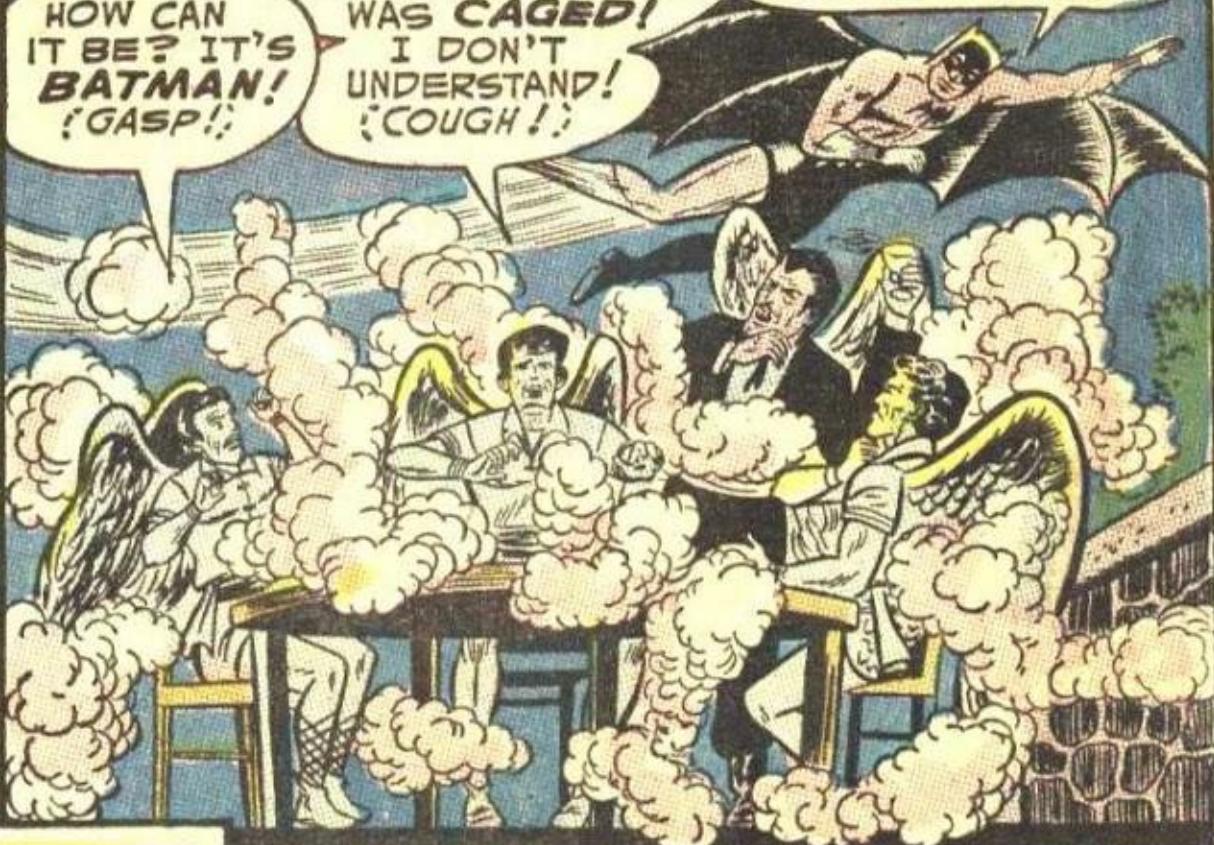


THEN...

HOW CAN IT BE? IT'S BATMAN!
'GASP!'

BUT WE DEADENED HIS WINGS-- AND HE WAS CAGED!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
'COUGH!'

LET'S JUST SAY I WAS TOO CAGEY!



STUNNED BY BATMAN'S HARMLESS BUT TEMPORARILY-PARALYZING GAS, THE GRAVIOS ARE QUICKLY ROUNDED UP! LATER...

YOU WERE SUPERB, BATMAN! YOU HAVE OUR ETERNAL THANKS! WE LIVE AGAIN AS FREE MEN!

AND NOW WE WILL FULFILL OUR AGREEMENT--TO RETURN YOU SAFELY HOME, YOUR WINGS BUT A MEMORY! COME--WE HAVE THE ANESTHESIA READY FOR BOTH OF YOU! WHEN YOU WAKE UP, THE ADVENTURE WILL BE OVER!



THE WORLD SPINS CRAZILY FOR THE DYNAMIC DUO! TIME SEEMS ENDLESS--AND AS THEY SUDDENLY DROP OUT OF A BLACK VOID...

WE'RE BACK, BATMAN--OR WERE WE EVER AWAY? THERE'S NO TRACE AT ALL OF WINGS ON YOU--NOT EVEN A THREAD MISSING FROM YOUR UNIFORM! COULD IT ALL HAVE BEEN A DREAM?

I WONDER, ROBIN-- I WONDER...?



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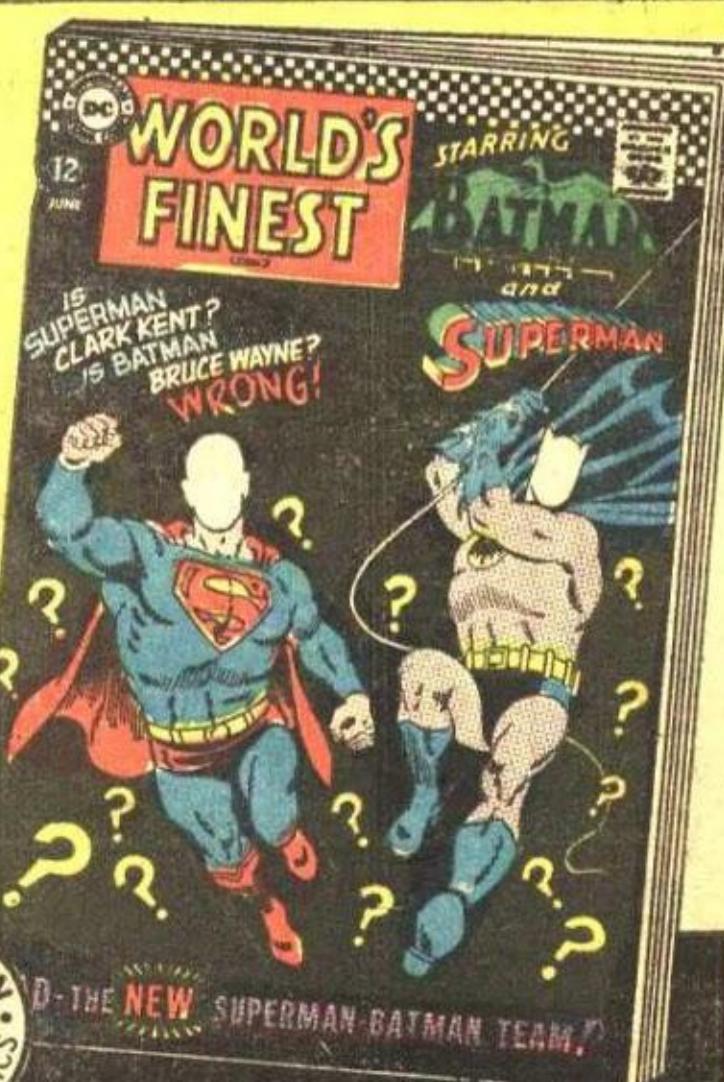
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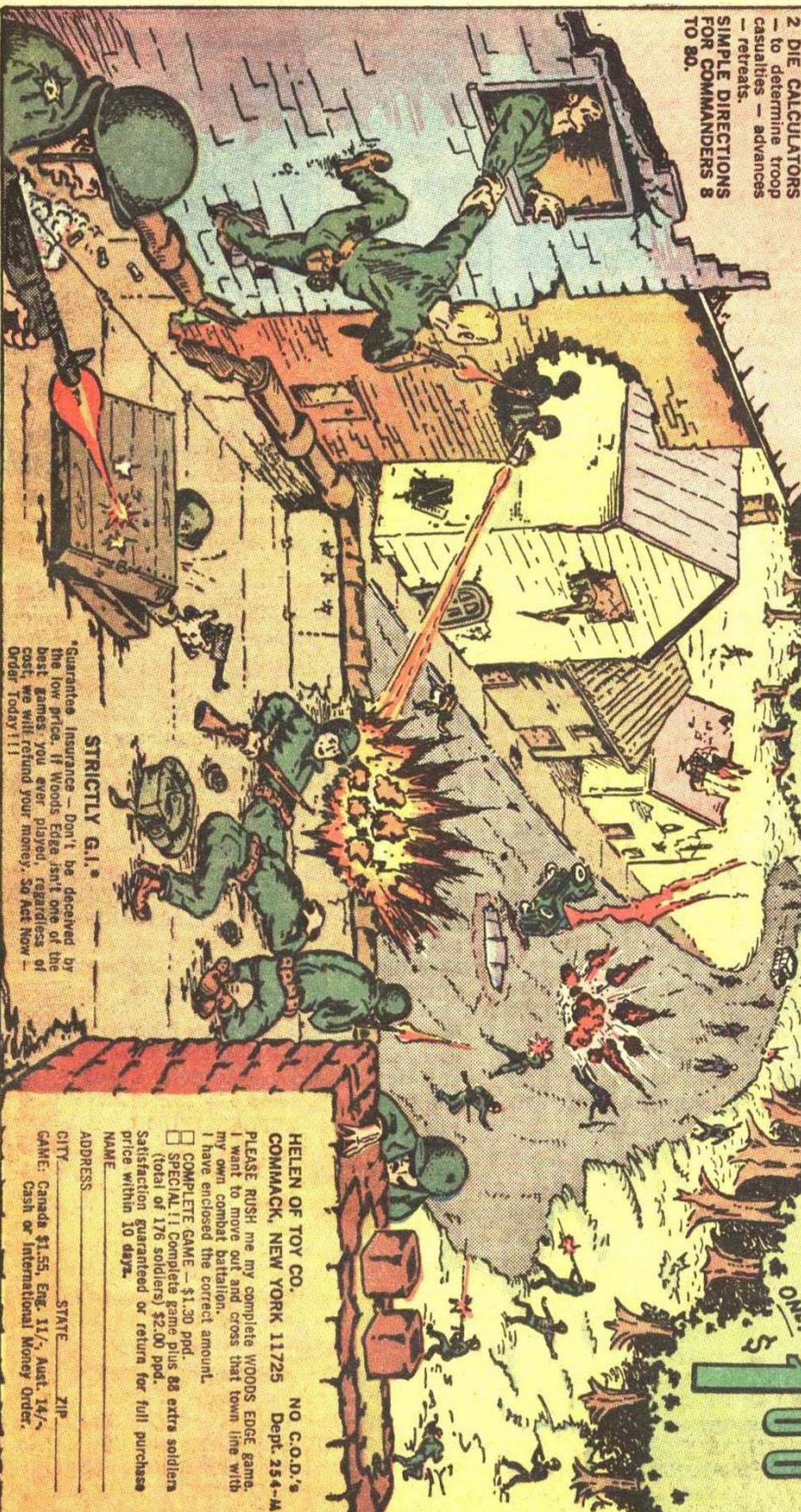
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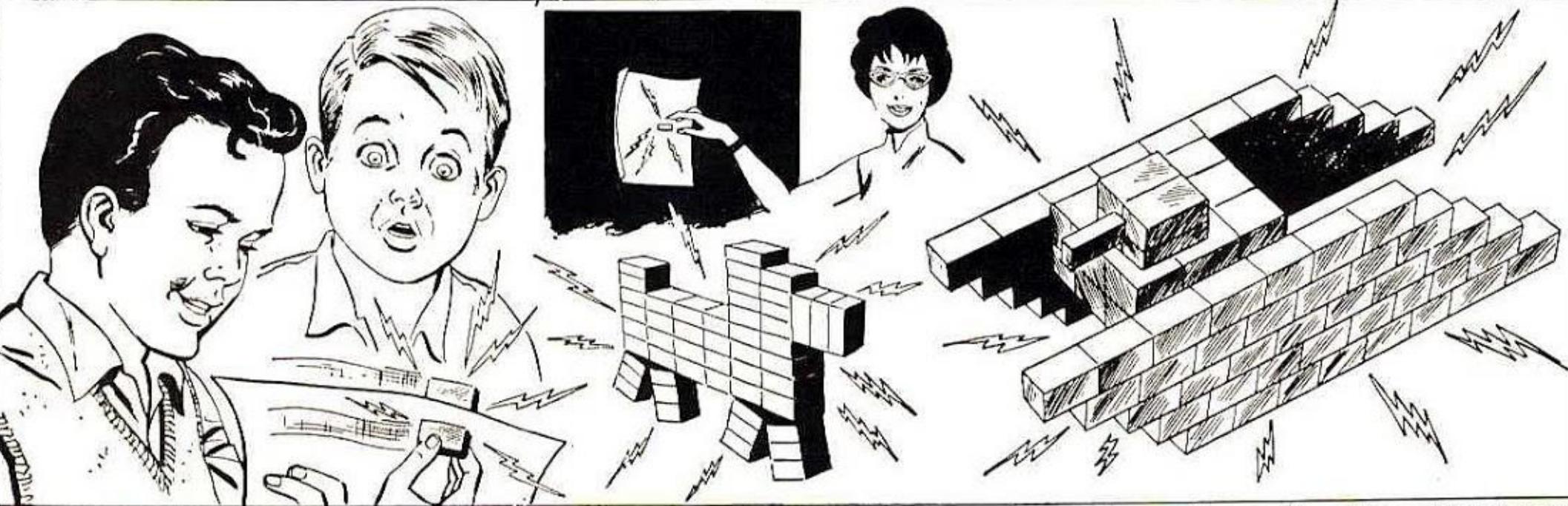
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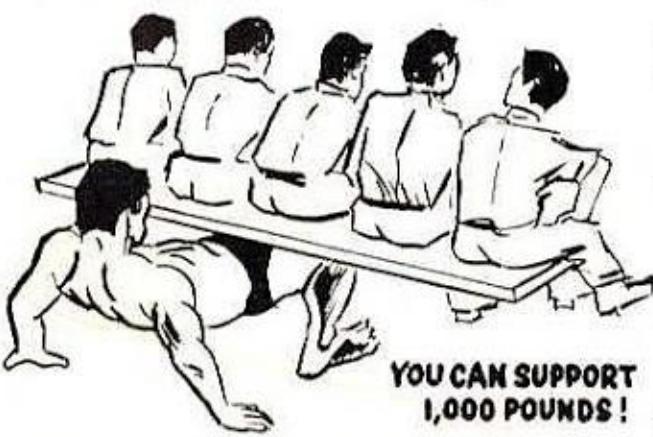
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