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PETER PORKCHOPS says: "DON'T BE AFRAID TO SPEAK UP!"

THERE IT IS--OUR SNOW FORT ALL MELTED WITH THAT SALT YOU THREW ON IT! START BUILDING, WOLFIE--THIS IS ONE PRANK YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY WITH!

BUT--BUT I DIDN'T DO IT, I TELL YOU!

YAH, YAH, YOU DIDN'T DO IT! THAT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS SAY AND THEN WE FIND YOU DID!

GOSH! WOLFIE **IS** INNOCENT! I SAW WHO REALLY MELTED THE FORT--BUT THE FELLOWS MIGHT BE MAD AT ME IF I STUCK UP FOR WOLFIE!



WAIT A SECOND, FELLOWS--MAYBE WOLFIE **DIDN'T** DO IT! WE HAVEN'T ANY REAL PROOF!

THAT'S A FINE ONE, PETER PORKCHOPS--**YOU** DEFENDING WOLFIE! AFTER ALL HE'S DONE TO US, IT WOULD SERVE HIM RIGHT EVEN IF HE DIDN'T DO IT!

I STILL DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT...

GOLLY! IF PETER HAS THE NERVE TO BUTT IN WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING THE TRUTH--I OUGHTTA SPEAK UP, EVEN THOUGH I'M SORTA AFRAID OF GETTING IN BAD WITH THE FELLOWS!

I--I GOTTA TELL YOU SOMETHING--I--I SAW THE SNOW TRUCK PASSING HERE LAST NIGHT AND WHILE THEY WERE SCATTERING SALT AROUND, SOME OF IT ACCIDENTALLY LANDED ON OUR FORT...

AW, WHY DID YOU HAVE TO SPOIL THINGS--NOW WE CAN'T GET EVEN WITH WOLFIE!

IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO GET THE TRUTH--AND MERVIN MOUSE HAD THE COURAGE TO SPEAK UP, EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW HE WAS GOING TO BE UNPOPULAR!

YEAH...I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, PETER... WELL, COME ON, LET'S GET THAT FORT BUILT!

LOOK! WE EVEN HAVE WOLFIE **HELPING** US NOW! THAT'S A REAL TWIST FOR YOU!



BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

AS FAMOUS AS BATMAN AND ROBIN THEMSELVES ARE THE DARK-WINGED BAT-PLANE AND THE MIGHTY BATMOBILE, IN WHICH THE DYNAMIC DETECTIVE DUO STRIKES AT CRIME FROM THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND! BUT A FATEFUL CHAIN OF EVENTS CONVERTS THE BAT-PLANE INTO A MONSTER THAT HELPS CRIME--AND THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS FACE A TERRIBLE MENACE IN THEIR OWN CREATION OF...

"**The LIVING BAT-PLANE!**"

LOOK! THE BAT-PLANE!
NOBODY'S IN IT, BUT IT'S TRYING TO KILL BATMAN AND ROBIN!



BUT WAIT... NEITHER BATMAN NOR ROBIN IS DRIVING THE POWERFUL MACHINES--NOR ANY OTHER HUMAN BEING!

OUT OF THE SECRET BAT-CAVE INTO THE NIGHT SPEED THE BAT-PLANE AND BATMOBILE, ON AN UNPRECEDENTED MISSION...

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

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BATMAN

THIS ANSWER LIES IN THE BAT-CAVE WHERE THE TWO CRIME-CRUSHERS EAGERLY WATCH THROUGH TELEVISION "EYES," AS THEY OPERATE COMPLEX CONTROLS...

THE RADIO REMOTE-CONTROL IN THE BATMOBILE, WORKS PERFECTLY-- AND THROUGH ITS TELEVISION HEAD-LIGHT CAMERAS, I CAN GUIDE IT EASILY!

THE BAT-PLANE'S CONTROL WORKS 100 PERCENT, TOO! WE'LL BRING THEM BACK NOW!

OBEIDIENTLY, THE DISTANT MACHINES TURN BACK TOWARD THEIR HIDDEN HANGAR...

WE CAN REPORT TOMORROW TO DR. WINTERS THAT WE TESTED HIS REMOTE-CONTROL UNITS AND THAT THEY'RE SUCCESSFUL!

I CAN SEE WHY HE WANTED US TO TEST THEM SECRETLY! IN THE WRONG HANDS, HIS INVENTION COULD BE DANGEROUS!



IRONIC WORDS, ROBIN-- FOR AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN THE LABORATORY OF DR. PHILIP WINTERS...

WHO-- WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

THE NAME IS "SLANT" STAFFORD, WINTERS! THAT ASSISTANT YOU FIRED TOLD US ALL ABOUT YOUR INVENTION-- AND WE'RE TAKING IT OVER! GRAB HIM, BOYS!

SOON, IN THEIR HIDEOUT, CRIMINALS TAKE OVER A MASTER INVENTION...

THIS IS THE BIGGER RADIO-CONTROL SWITCHBOARD HIS ASSISTANT TOLD US ABOUT... IT'S MUCH MORE POWERFUL THAN THE SMALL, MOBILE ONE HE LENT BATMAN! I'LL TURN THIS ONE ON!



NEXT MOMENT...

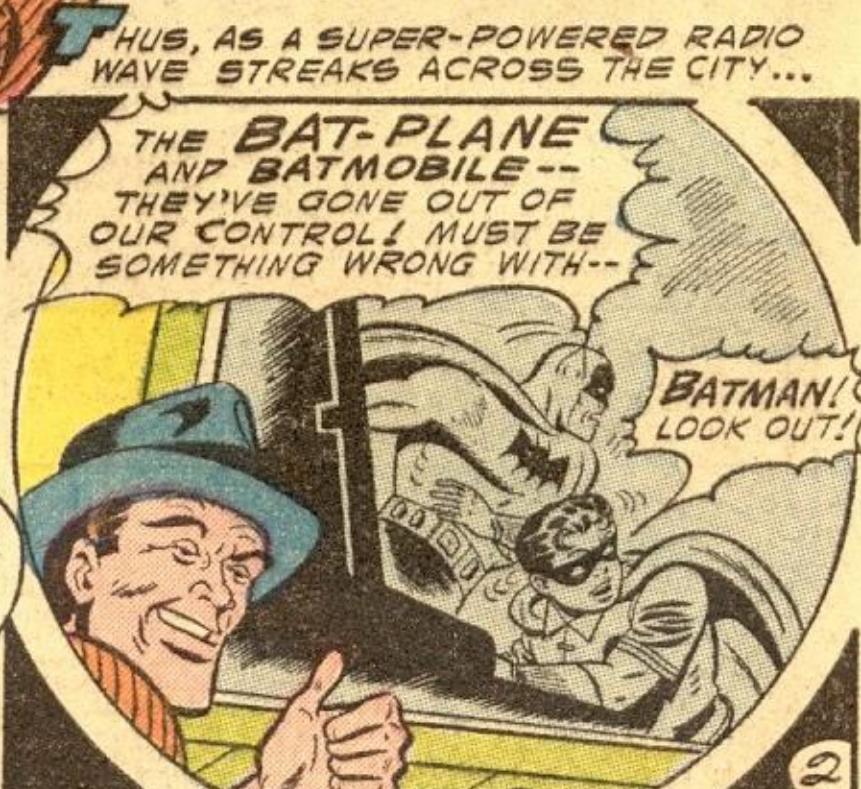
LOOK! BATMAN AND ROBIN INSIDE THE BAT-CAVE! THIS MEANS THEY'RE TESTING THE CONTROL ON THE BAT-PLANE AND BATMOBILE!

BUT OUR MORE POWERFUL MACHINE CAN TAKE CONTROL AWAY FROM THEM! -- AND NOW'S OUR CHANCE!

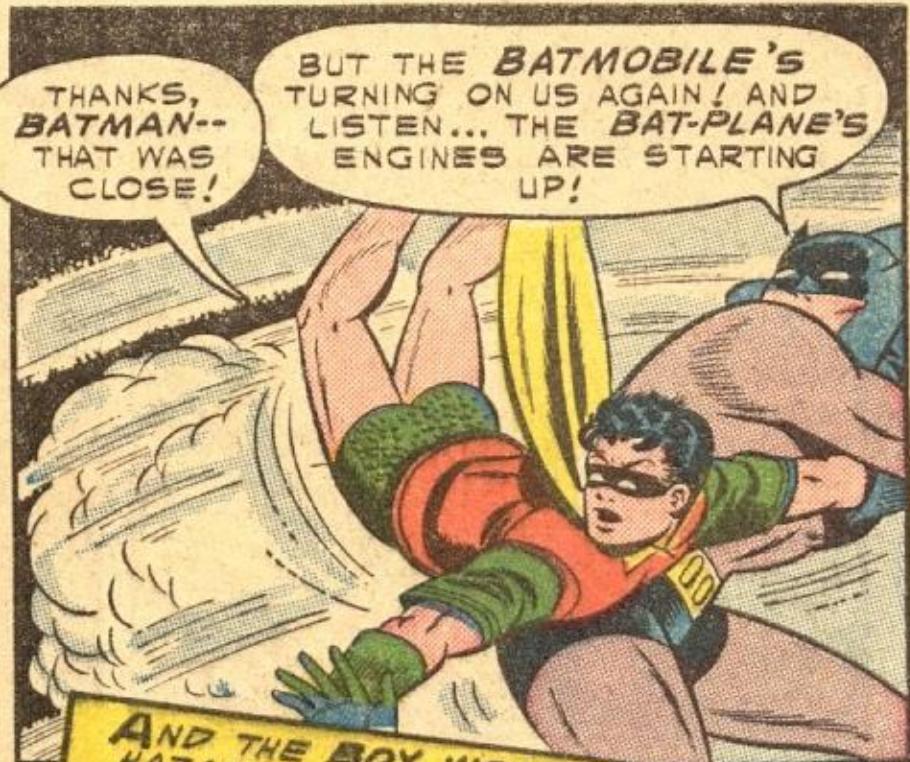
THUS, AS A SUPER-POWERED RADIO WAVE STREAKS ACROSS THE CITY...

THE BAT-PLANE AND BATMOBILE-- THEY'VE GONE OUT OF OUR CONTROL! MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH--

BATMAN! LOOK OUT!!



BATMAN



OUT INTO THE NIGHT, SOARS THE BAT-PLANE, BLINDED BY BATMAN'S STRATAGEM...

THEY CUT OUR CONTROL OF THE BATMOBILE, BUT WE'VE STILL GOT THE BAT-PLANE! BUT ITS "EYES" ARE BLINDED SO WE CAN'T SEE THROUGH THEM!



AND WHEN IT LANDS NEAR "SLANT" STAFFORD'S HIDEOUT, CROOKS POSSESS ONE OF THE GREATEST CRIME-WEAPONS IN HISTORY!

THE BAT-PLANE... OURS TO USE FOR ANY PURPOSE! WITH IT, WE'LL HIT GOTHAM CITY IN A WAY IT'LL NEVER FORGET!

FIRST, WE'LL ALTER ITS CONTROL-WAVE SETTING SO NOBODY BUT US CAN CONTROL IT!

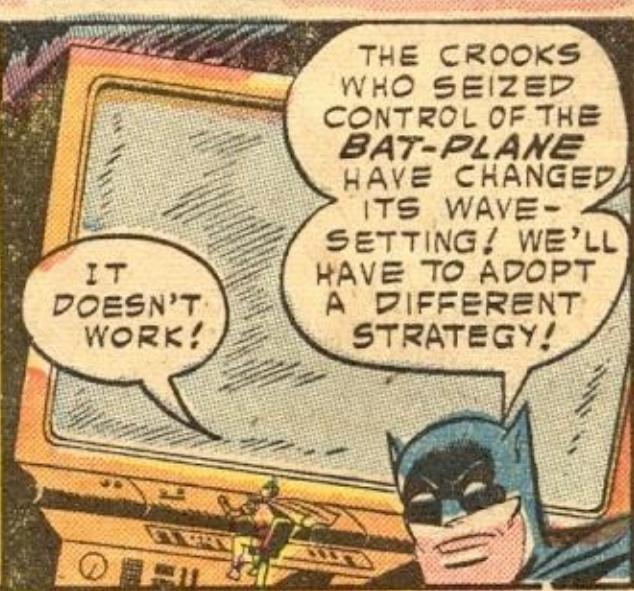


OMINOUS, ALONE, UNMANNED... THE BAT-PLANE SCREAMS THROUGH A STORM THAT WASHES ITS LENS "EYES" CLEAN...



THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT, MEANWHILE, BATMAN AND ROBIN LABOR DESPERATELY TO BUILD A SUPER-POWERED MECHANISM THAT WILL REGAIN THE BAT-PLANE, ONLY TO FIND...

THE CROOKS WHO SEIZED CONTROL OF THE BAT-PLANE HAVE CHANGED ITS WAVE-SETTING! WE'LL HAVE TO ADOPT A DIFFERENT STRATEGY!



SO THE BATMOBILE, WITH ITS REMOTE-CONTROL UNIT REMOVED, BEARS THE TWO SWIFTLY TOWARD THEIR STRANGEST STRUGGLE...

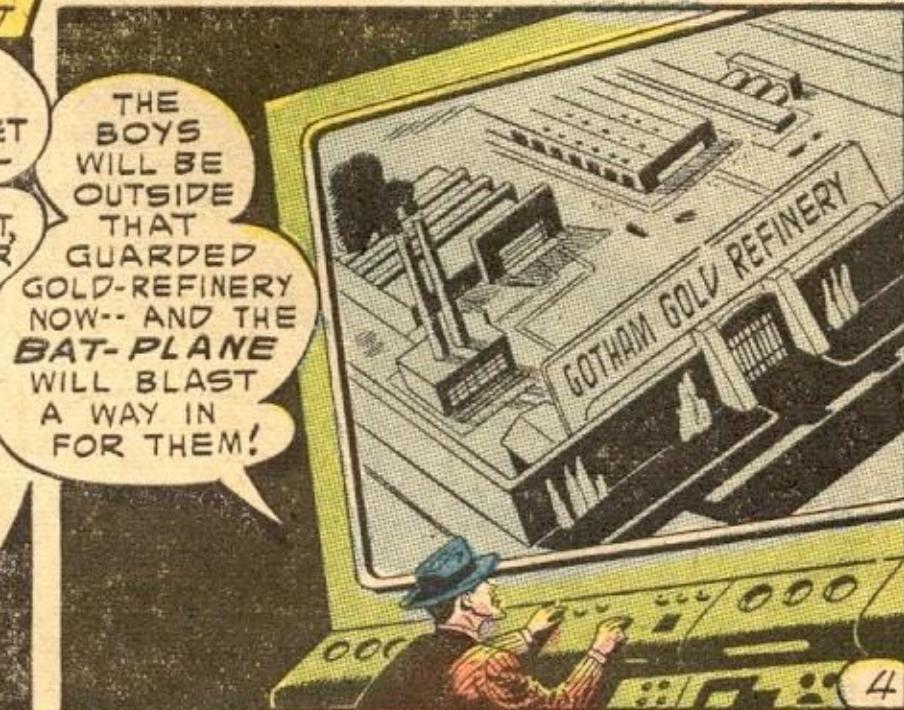
THE BAT-PLANE IN CROOKED HANDS... THEY'LL USE IT AS A GUIDED MISSILE OF CRIME!

AND REMEMBER WHAT'S IN THE PLANE'S SECRET FLOOR-COMPARTMENT! IF THE CROOKS FIND THAT, THEY'LL USE US FOR CRIME, TOO!



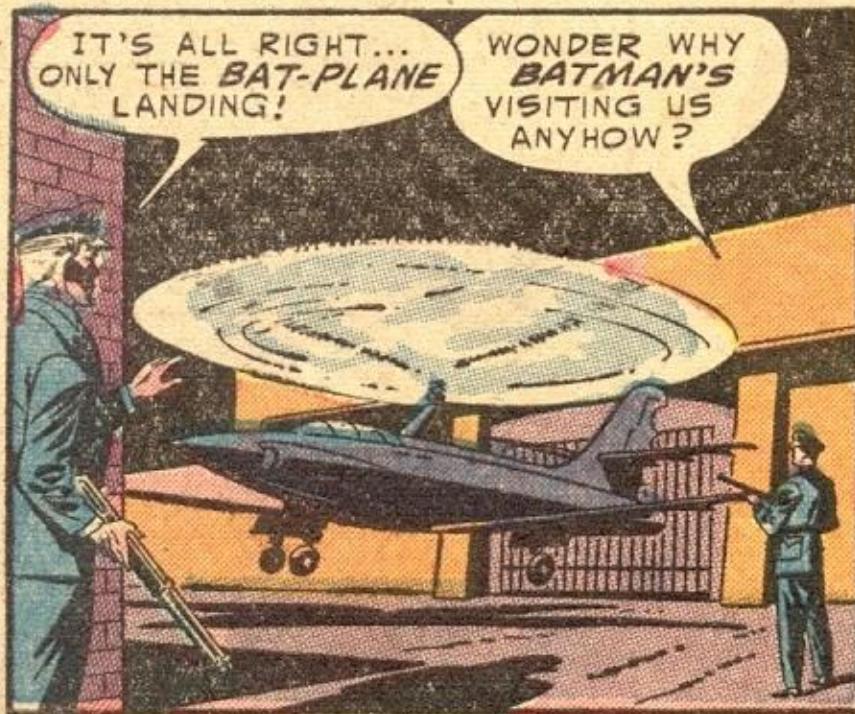
WHAT SECRET OF THE BAT-PLANE, THAT ONLY THE DUO KNOWS, COULD DO THAT?

IN THE MEANTIME, THE BAT-PLANE HAS BEGINNED ITS FIRST CRIME JOURNEY...



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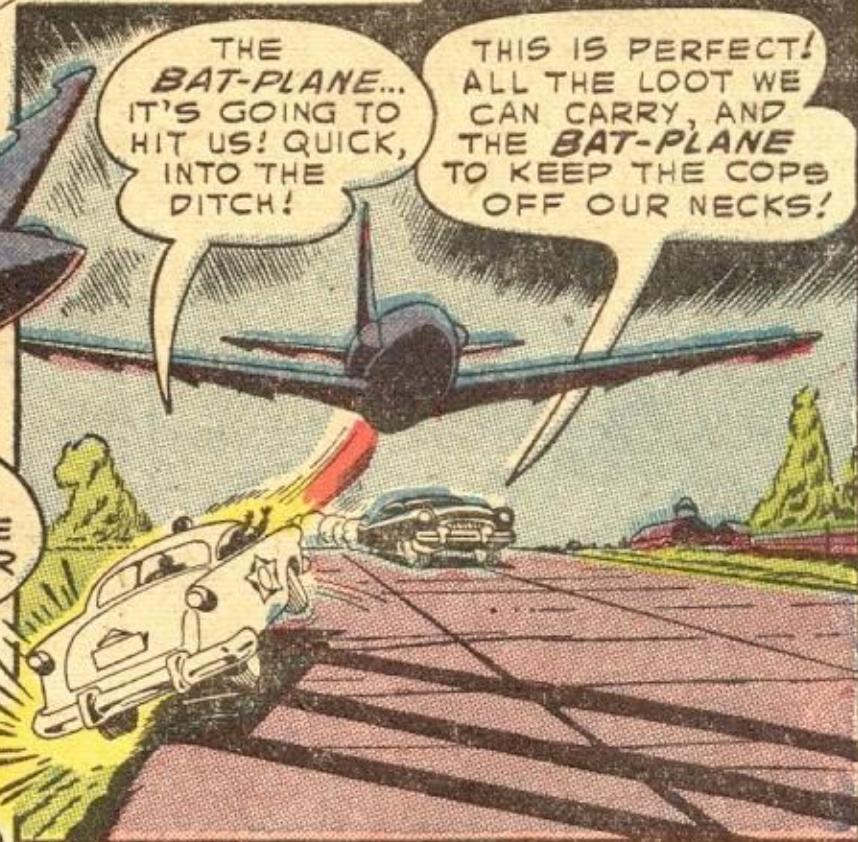
AND AS THE SLEEK VEHICLE ALIGHTS...



AND A MOMENT LATER...



SOON AFTERWARD, AS THE CROOKS SPEED AWAY, GUARDED BY AN UNCANNY ACCOMPLICE...



WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN HEAR THE NEWS, A FATEFUL COUNCIL CONVENES IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...





BATMAN

AND SO BEGINS THE MOST MASSIVE AIR DRAGNET OF ALL TIMES, AS HUNDREDS OF POLICE PLANES TAKE TO THE SKY...

THE TRICK IS TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THEY'LL STRIKE NEXT WITH THE BAT-PLANE!

THEY CAN ONLY USE IT ON OPEN-AIR LOCATIONS! WHAT PLACE IN THE OPEN AIR WOULD HAVE A BIG AMOUNT OF CASH ON HAND TODAY?

WHY, THE GOTHAM BASEBALL STADIUM, OF COURSE! THE ALL-STAR GAME IS ON

TODAY, AND THE BOX-OFFICE WILL BE LOADED!

EXACTLY...

SO WE'RE GOING TO BE HIGH OVER THE STADIUM! WE CAN STAY IN THE CLOUDS UNSEEN!

SOME TIME LATER, AT GOTHAM STADIUM...

WHAT A GAME!

YES--BUT LOOK UP THERE! IT'S THE BAT-PLANE GONE BERSERK!

IT'S GOING TO CRASH INTO US!
RUN! RUN!

YEAH--AND WHILE EVERYBODY RUNS AWAY, WE RUN IN AND GRAB THE GATE RECEIPTS! WHAT A SOFT RACKET!

BUT IN THAT VERY SAME INSTANT, FROM A POLICE PLANE HIGH ABOVE...

MADE IT!

IF WE MISSED, THE CHUTES WOULD HAVE SAVED US!

CUT AWAY YOUR CHUTE QUICK NOW, OR THEY'LL DRAG US OFF THE PLANE!

THAT DOES IT... BUT WE'LL HAVE TO GET IN AND WORK FAST! THEY'LL KNOW BY THE TV "EYES" THAT WE'RE ON THE BAT-PLANE!

BATMAN

I CAN'T GET THE COWLING OPEN... ITS LOCK IS REMOTE-CONTROLLED, TOO!

AND THEY'VE UNFOLDED THE HELICOPTER-BLADES AND STARTED THEM UP, TO SWEEP US OFF!

QUICK-- PASS THE END OF MY ROPE AROUND THE PROPELLER AXLE! I'VE TIED THE OTHER END TO THE COWLING!

WHAT NOW? IF WE STRAIGHTEN UP, THE BLADES WILL SLICE US-- AND WE CAN'T GET INTO THE CABIN!

NEXT MOMENT...

IT WORKED! THE ROPE WOUND TIGHT ON THE AXLE AND PULLED THE COWLING OPEN!

OKAY-- INTO THE CABIN! BUT DON'T RAISE YOUR HEAD AN INCH, OR IT'S SURE DEATH!

SECONDS LATER, INSIDE...

THEY'RE LOOPING THE BAT-PLANE TO THROW US OUT BEFORE WE CAN CUT OFF THE CONTROLS!

GET TO THE SECRET COMPARTMENT FIRST! WHAT'S IN IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE CONTROLS!

BUT, ABRUPTLY, BEFORE THE HORRIFIED EYES OF THOUSANDS BELOW...

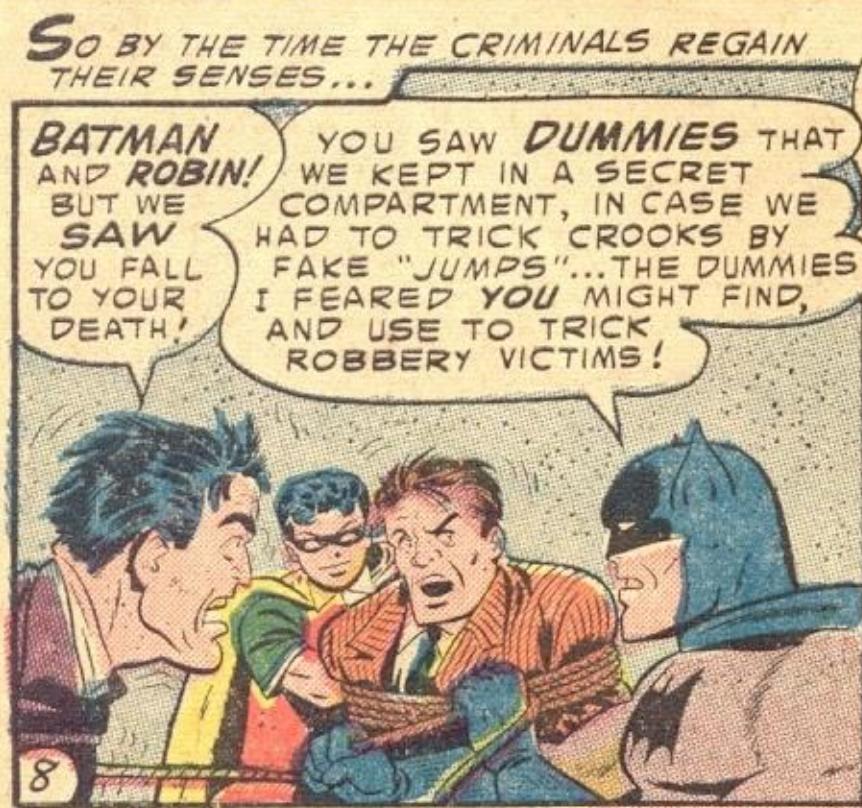
LOOK! THE PLANE THREW THEM OUT-- AND THEY HAVE NO PARACHUTES NOW!

THAT SECRET IN THE BAT-PLANE... WHATEVER IT WAS, BATMAN RISKED EVERYTHING TO RECOVER IT-- AND HE LOST!

NO-- NO!
I CAN'T LOOK!

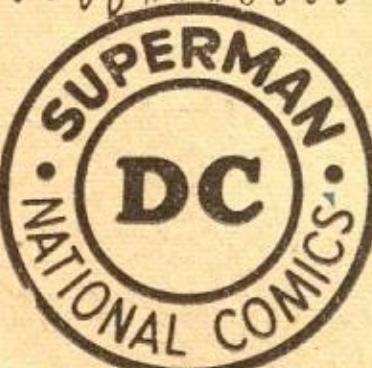
IS IT POSSIBLE? IS THIS THE END OF THE GREATEST CRIME-FIGHTERS THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN?

BATMAN



To the Boys and Girls
of America

THIS FAMOUS
SYMBOL
IS YOUR



GUARANTEE

OF THE **BEST** IN COMICS READING

For Example



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The illustration features the title "the BATMAN WHIRLY-WORD Game" in a stylized font. Batman is shown flying in the upper left, and a cartoon character is at a desk in the center. A circular frame contains the text "THIS IS ROUND WHEN IT'S FULL!" and "Cartoon Clue".

Scrambled Words

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WORD 3.

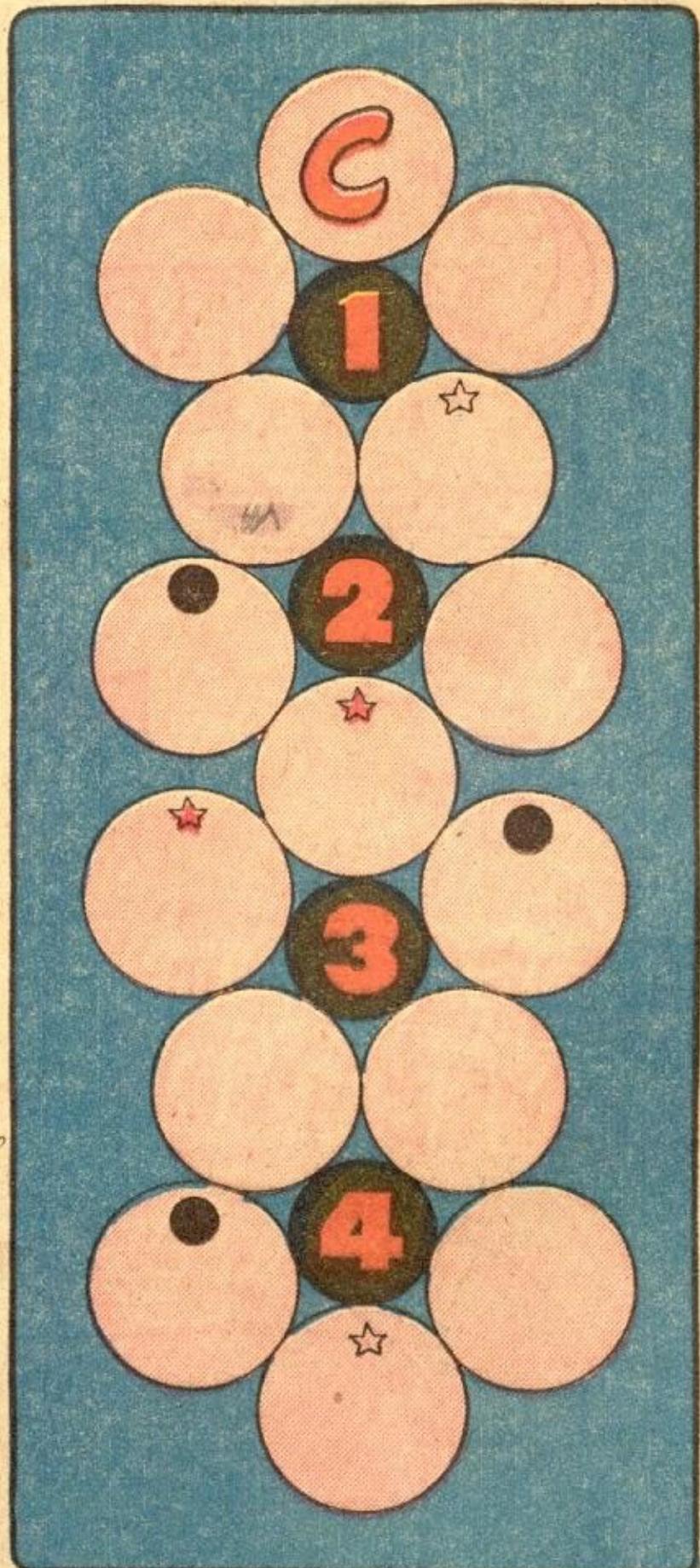
WORD 2.

WORD 4.
TIME

Final Goal

Directions:

FIRST UNSCRAMBLE THE 4 SETS OF SCRABLED LETTERS, MAKING A FIVE-LETTER WORD OF EACH SCRAMBLE. THEN PRINT EACH WORD, A LETTER IN EACH CIRCLE AROUND EACH OF THE 4 NUMBERS, CLOCKWISE THE INITIAL LETTER FOR WORD NUMBER ONE STARTS YOU OFF. THE 3 DOTS INDICATE WHERE THE OTHER THREE WORDS BEGIN. THIS COMPLETED, YOUR FINAL GOAL (USING THE FOUR LETTERS YOU HAVE PRINTED ON THE 4 STARRED CIRCLES) IS TO SPELL THE FOUR-LETTER WORD SUGGESTED BY THE CARTOON CLUE! CAN YOU DO IT?



The **ANSWER**

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ONE DAY AS BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, STROLL ABOUT GOTHAM CITY, AN UNUSUAL SIGN STARTLES THEM...

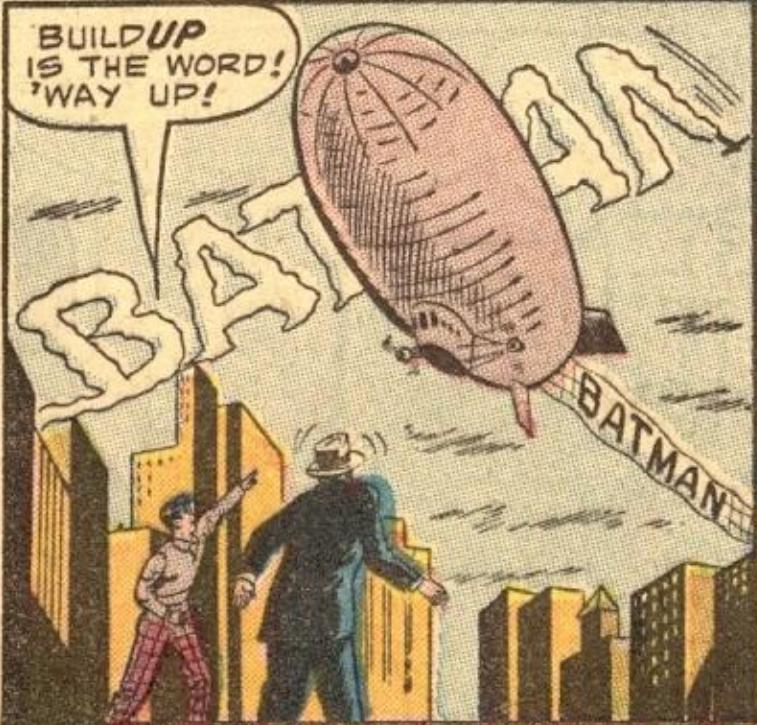
BRUCE, DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS BILLBOARD?

NO! IT'S NEWS TO ME! HMM... QUITE A BUILDUP FOR US, EH?

IS A CRIMINAL THREATENING YOU?
CALL GOTHAM CITY'S PROTECTOR

BATMAN

BUILD UP IS THE WORD!
'WAY UP!

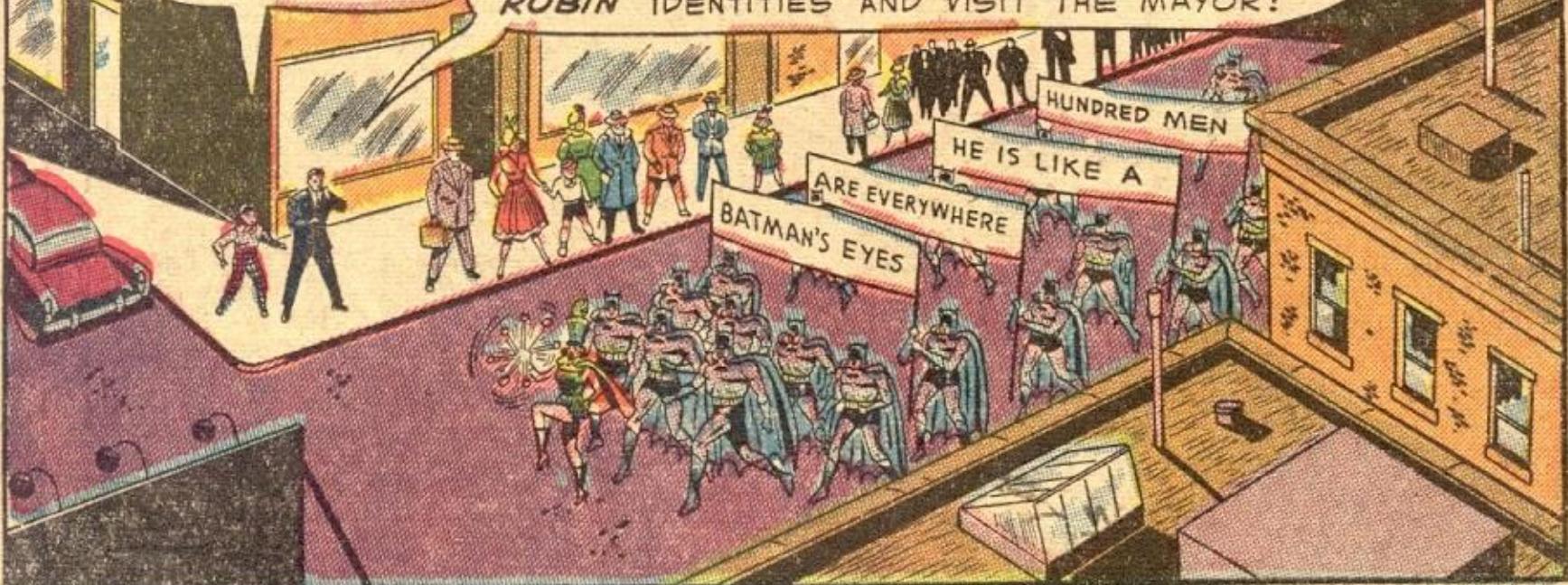


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BUT A GREATER SURPRISE BEWILDERS THE PAIR WHEN, TURNING A CORNER...

WOW! A PARADE OF "BATMEN"!

DICK, WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT! LET'S SWITCH TO OUR BATMAN AND ROBIN IDENTITIES AND VISIT THE MAYOR!



PRESENTLY, AT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE...

AH, I WAS EXPECTING YOU! HOW DO YOU LIKE THE CAMPAIGN SO FAR? GREAT, EH? MEET MIKE WHALEN. IT'S ALL HIS DOING!

WAHLEN, THE BIG PUBLICITY AGENT? SO YOU'RE THE MAN BEHIND THESE STUNTS. BUT WHY?

IT'S SIMPLE! SOME CIVIC-MINDED CITIZENS HAVE DONATED MONEY TO MAKE BATMAN MORE FEARFUL TO GANGLAND! THEY'RE HOPING THIS CAMPAIGN WILL SCARE CRIMINALS OUT OF OUR CITY!

I SEE! HOW DID YOU GET THE MONEY? WHO GAVE IT TO YOU?

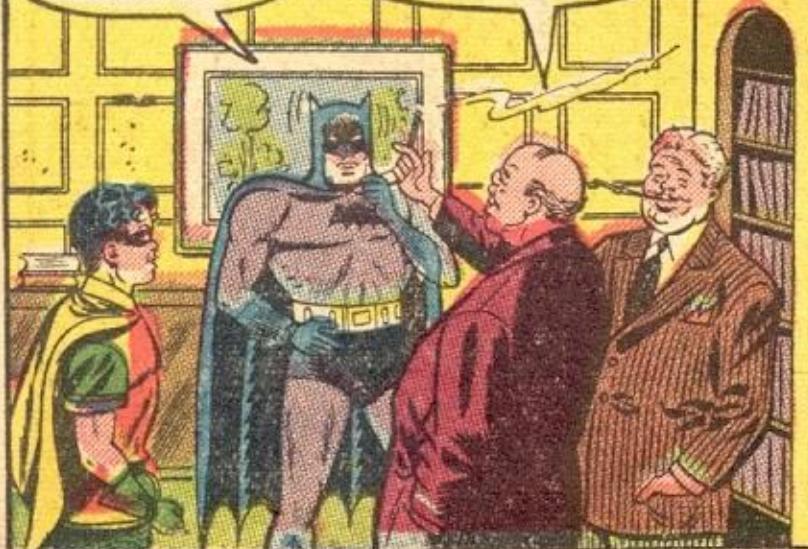
BY MAIL! THE DONORS PREFER TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS! THEY ARE AFRAID OF GANGLAND REVENGE!



MR. MAYOR, I DON'T WANT ALL THIS SENSATIONAL PUBLICITY...

YOU CAN'T REFUSE! IT'S YOUR CIVIC DUTY! THIS STRATEGY WILL SCARE EVERY CROOK OUT OF TOWN!

YES-SIREE, BATMAN! YOUR NAME'S GOING TO BE A HOUSEHOLD WORD! THERE'LL BE SO MUCH TALK ABOUT YOU, THAT THE ROADS WILL BE CLOGGED WITH CROOKS QUITTING OUR CITY!



BATMAN

THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN HITS FULL STRIDE NEXT DAY, WITH A PARADE OF FLOATS PORTRAYING BATMAN'S PAST VICTORIES OVER NOTORIOUS CRIMINALS...



BUT NEARBY, THE REAL BATMAN AND ROBIN, EVER ON THE PROWL, SIGHT A REAL-LIFE CRIME...



THEN, THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENS! OVERHEAD, A "BATMAN" BALLOON SUDDENLY COLLAPSES...



AND, IRONICALLY, THE "BATMAN" BALLOON TRAPS THE REAL BATMAN WITHIN ITS FOLDS AND SHROUD LINES...



"BLOCKS AWAY"? NO, INDEED--FOR THE CUNNING BANDITS ARE CLOSE BY...PERFECTLY CAMOUFLAGED, YET IN PLAIN SIGHT!



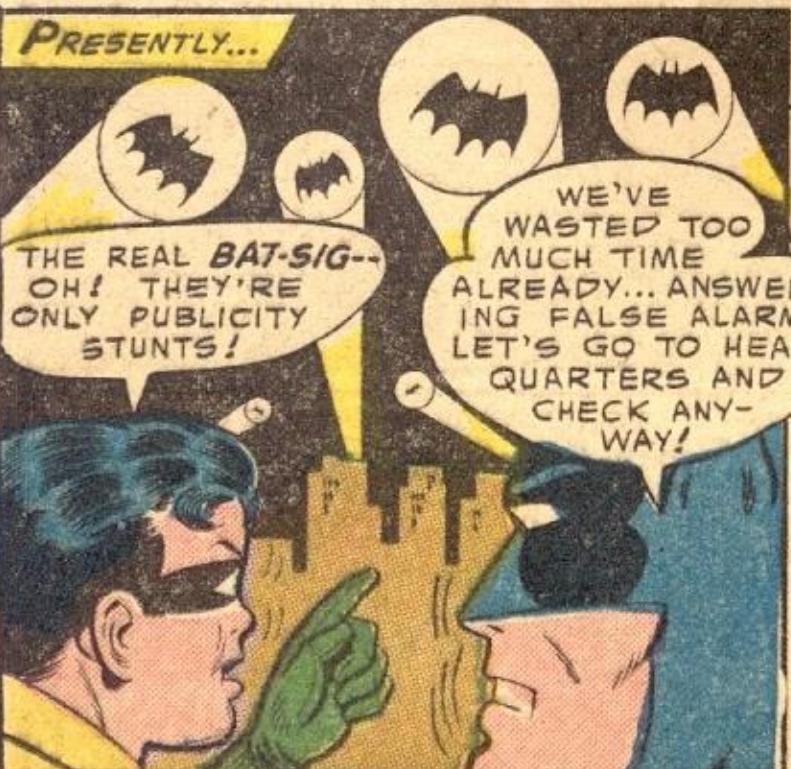
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NEXT NIGHT, AS THE DYNAMIC DUO PATROLS THE CITY...

SOMEONE IN THAT HOUSE NEEDS US IN A HURRY!

BATMAN!
IT'S A BAT-SIGNAL!

LATER, AFTER GOOD-NATUREDLY HELPING THE YOUNGSTER FINISH HIS HOMEWORK, BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE SOON DRIVEN FRANTIC BY MANY MORE "BAT-SIGNALS"...



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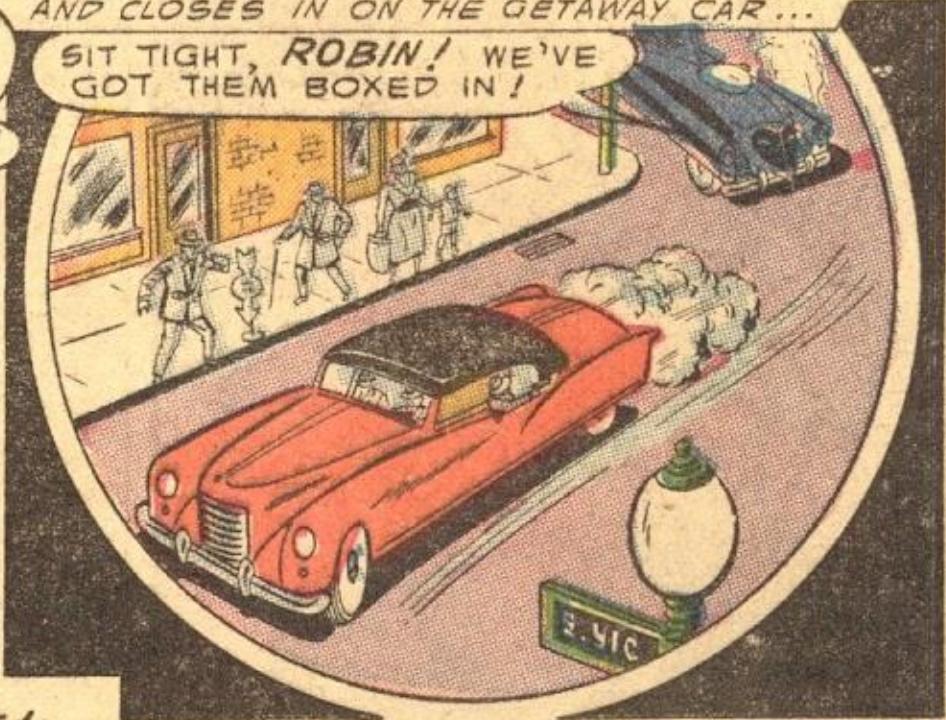
SOON, IN ORDER TO PATROL THE CITY SPEEDIER, THE SUPER-CHARGED BATMOBILE IS USED...

CALLING ALL CARS! ARMED BANDITS ATTEMPTING ESCAPE IN RED VEHICLE... BELIEVED HEADING FOR HIGHWAY AT TURNPIKE...

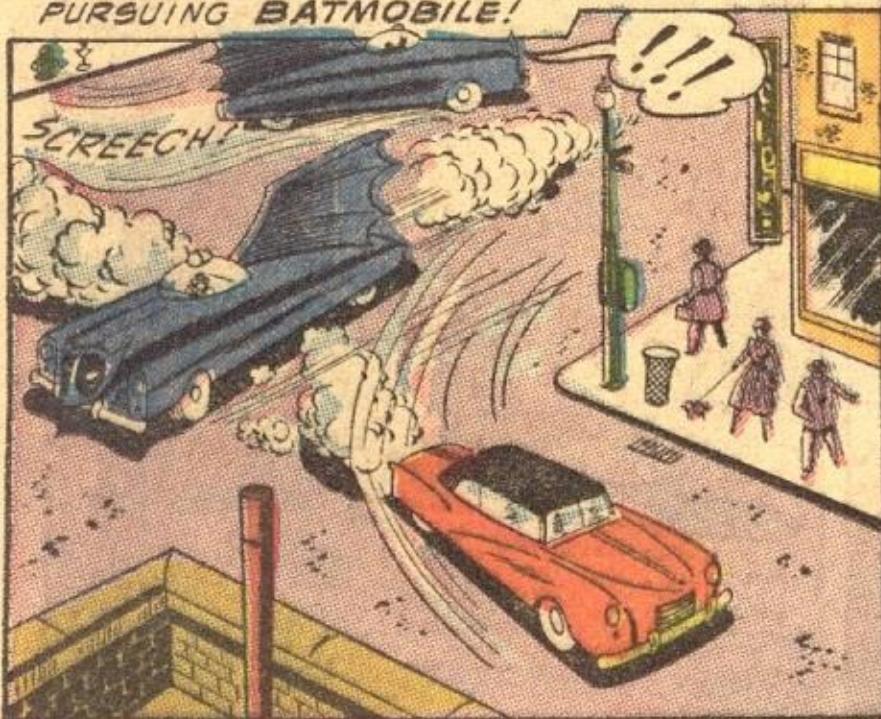
LET'S ROLL! WE'LL PROBABLY PICK UP THEIR TRAIL AT MASON STREET!

SOON AFTER, UNDER BATMAN'S EXPERT GUIDANCE, THE BATMOBILE TEARS FORWARD AND CLOSES IN ON THE GETAWAY CAR...

SIT TIGHT, ROBIN! WE'VE GOT THEM BOXED IN!



SUDDENLY--AN AMAZING THING HAPPENS! ANOTHER BATMOBILE BLOCKS OFF THE PURSUING BATMOBILE!



GEE... I'M SORRY... I DIDN'T MEAN TO BLOCK YOU OFF LIKE THAT! BUT I WAS DELIVERING THIS MODEL OF THE "BATMOBILE" TO THE WINNER...

"MODEL... BATMOBILE"... WINNER? WHAT WINNER?



THE WINNER OF THE BIG, BIG BATMAN SLOGAN CONTEST! THE BEST SLOGAN WAS... "BATMAN-- THE TOPS IN COPS!"

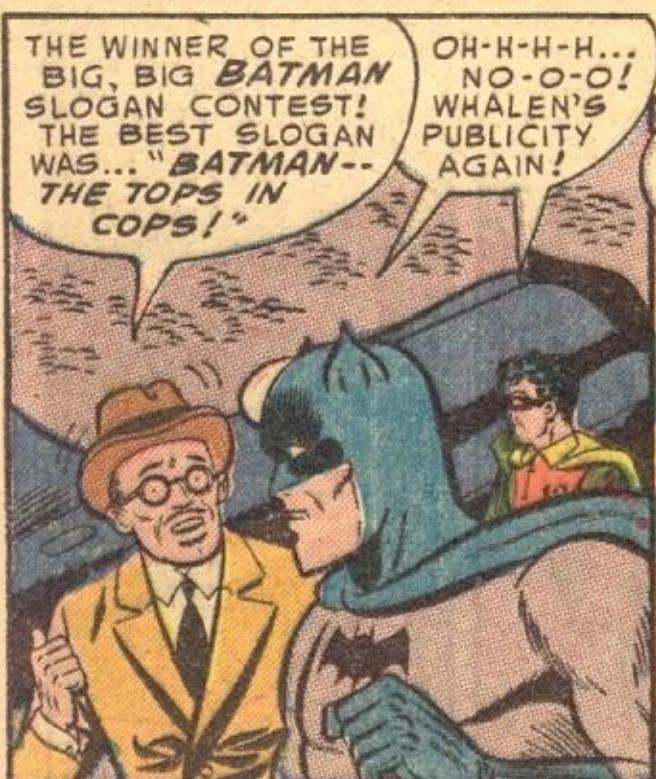
OH-H-H-H... NO-O-O! WHALEN'S PUBLICITY AGAIN!

THAT DOES IT! THE PUBLICITY SEEMS TO BE GETTING IN OUR WAY EVERYWHERE ON LAND! MAYBE WE CAN STAY OUT OF ITS REACH IN THE BATPLANE!

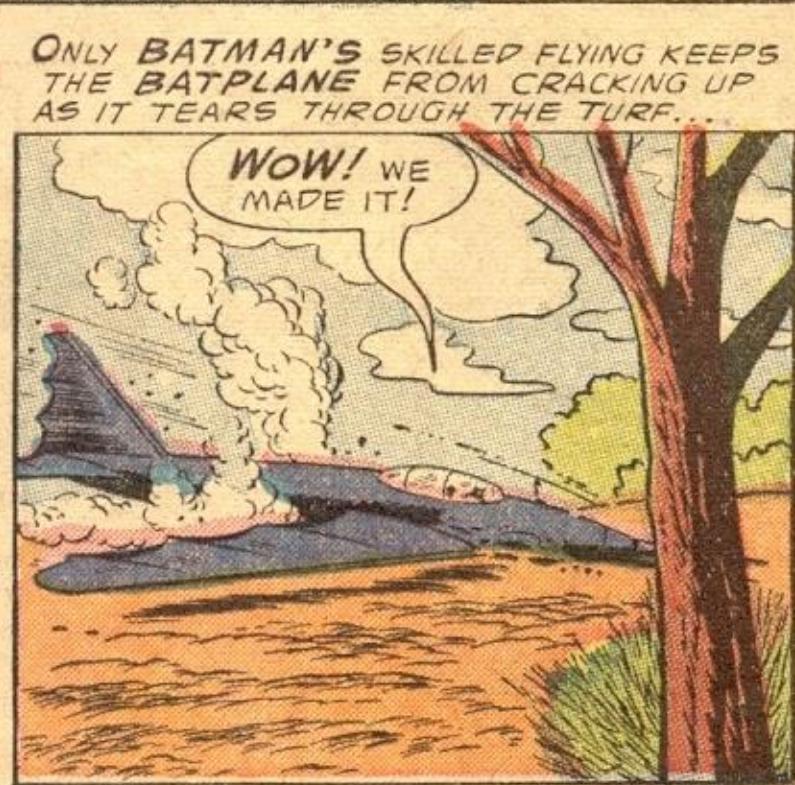
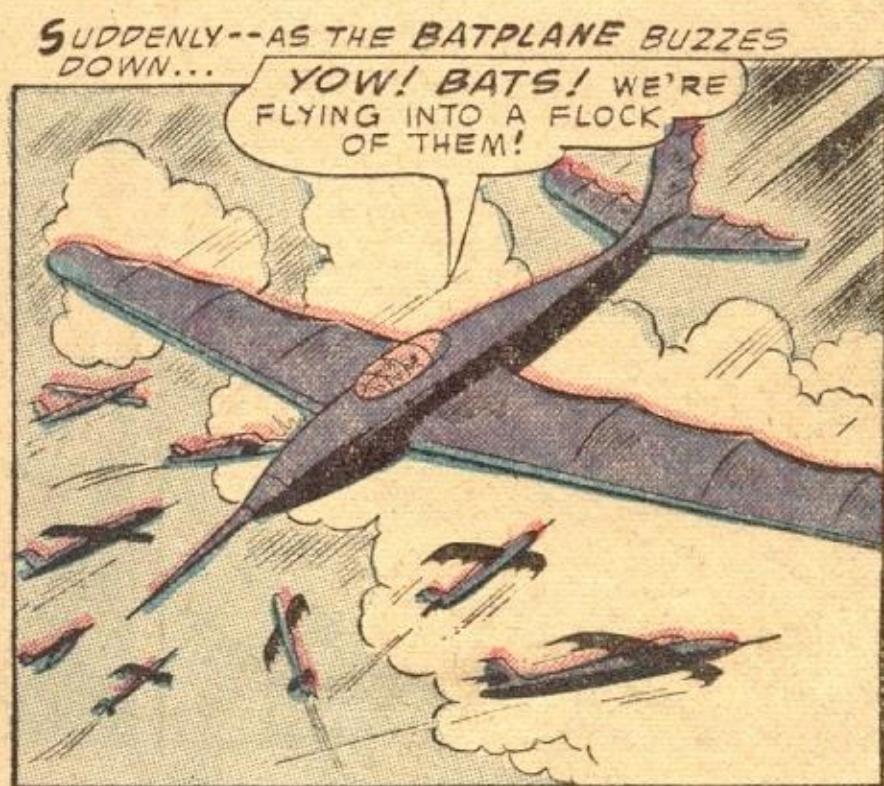
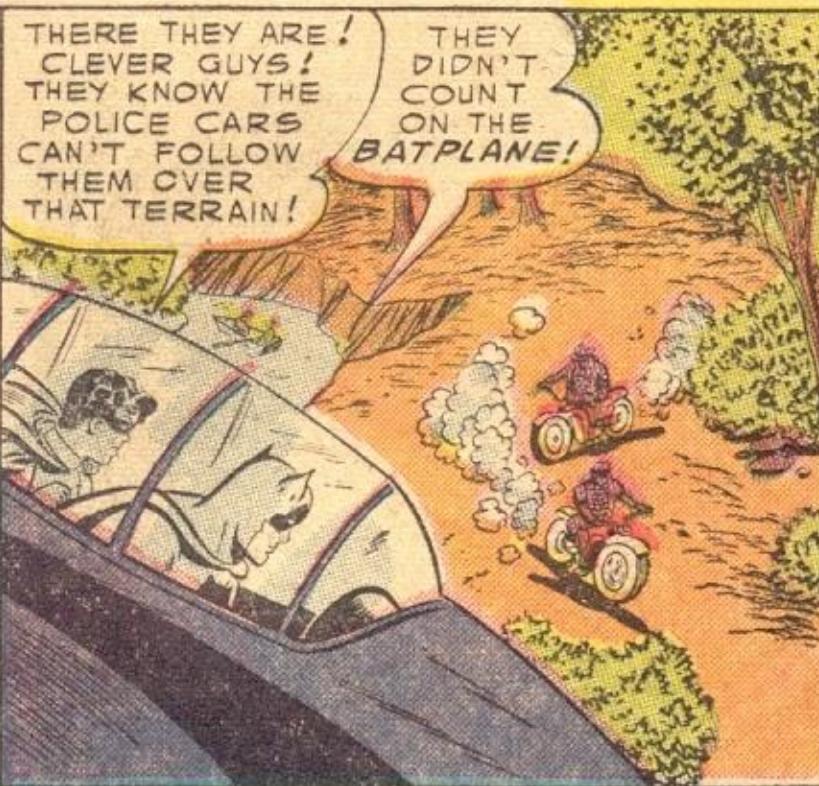
NEXT DAY, AS THE BATPLANE SOARS OVER GOTHAM CITY...

CALLING BATPLANE! BANK & BANDITS ESCAPING ON MOTORCYCLES--ELUDING PURSUIT IN PARK GROUNDS...

HERE WE GO AGAIN!



BATMAN



BATMAN

NEXT DAY, THE PEPPERY PUBLICITY AGENT, MIKE WHALEN, ARRANGES FOR BATMAN TO BE GUEST ON A TELEVISION INTERVIEW PROGRAM...

BATMAN, RUMOR! NO... I DON'T! HAS IT THAT THIS NEW WAVE OF BANDITRY IS THE WORK OF SOME NEW NAPOLEON OF CRIME! DO YOU BELIEVE THAT?

BESIDES, A REAL NAPOLEON OF CRIME WOULD HAVE HAD THE COURAGE TO DECLARE HIS WAR ON ME IN PERSON!

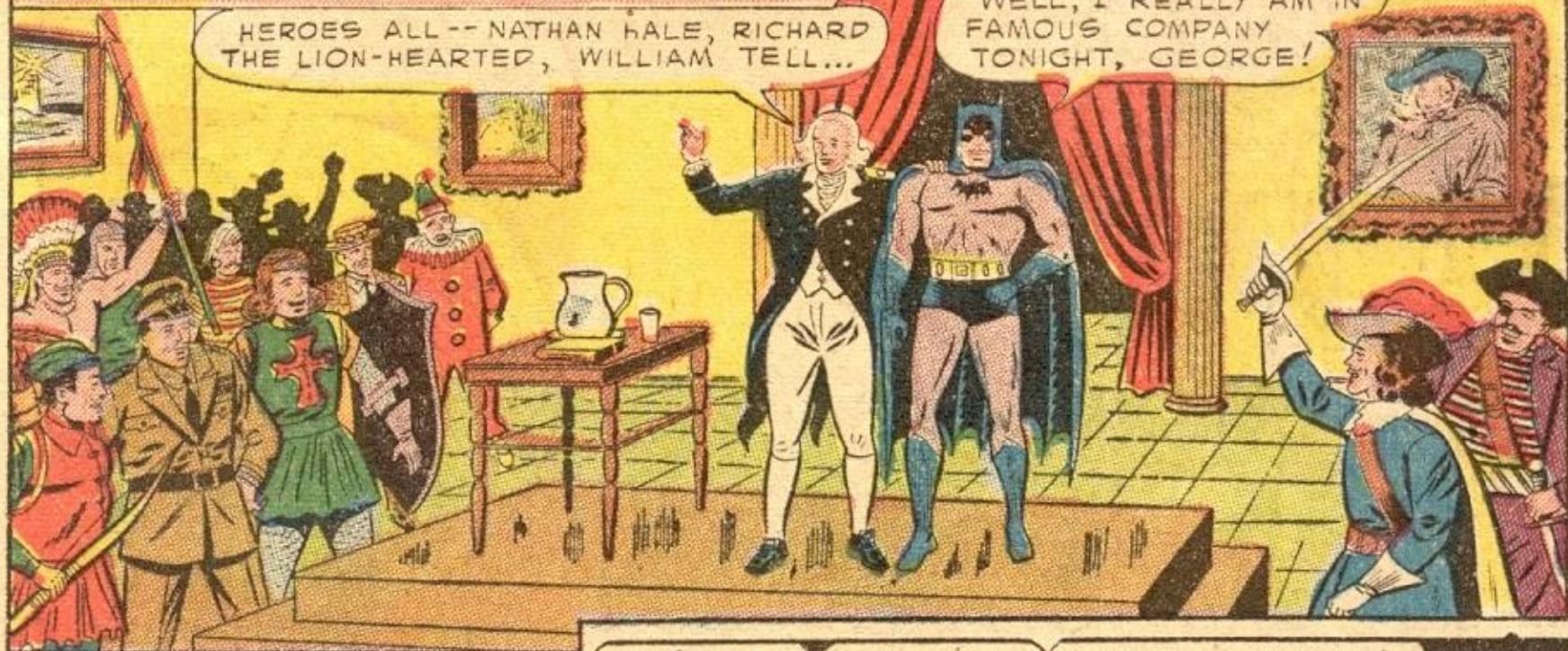
SOON AFTER, BATMAN'S PUBLIC STATEMENT IS THE TALK OF THE TOWN...

I GUESS BATMAN FEELS A NAPOLEON OF CRIME WOULD'VE COME OUT BY NOW AND SHOWN HE'S BOSS OF THE CITY'S GANGS!

THAT IS, UNLESS THIS CRIME NAPOLEON IS SCARED!



THAT NIGHT, BATMAN BECOMES AN HONORED GUEST FOR INDUCTION INTO THE ANNUAL COSTUME BALL OF THE "HEROES CLUB"...



AND NOW, AS IS OUR CUSTOM, "MOLLY PITCHER" WILL PLACE THE CROWN OF GLORY ON OUR HONORED GUEST-- THE BRAVEST OF MEN HERE!

BATMAN, WITH THIS CROWN I DUB YOU KING OF--

HOLD IT! IF ANYBODY GETS THAT CROWN, IT'S ME-- FOR DARING TO SHOW MYSELF! YEAH, BATMAN.. ME-- THE NAPOLEON OF CRIME!

OKAY, "NAPOLEON"-- TIME YOU HAD YOUR "WATERLOO"!





BATMAN

AS IF ON SIGNAL, THE "HEROES" OF HISTORY ATTACK THE VILLAINS OF TODAY!

NO APPLE FOR MY ARROW TO SPLIT--
BUT YOUR GUN ISN'T AN EASY TARGET EITHER!

RICHARD THE LION-HEARTED MAKING YOU FLAT-HEADED!

WASHINGTON CROSSED THE DELAWARE--
BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO THROW A RIGHT-CROSS!

TAKE A NAP, NAPPY!



LATER...

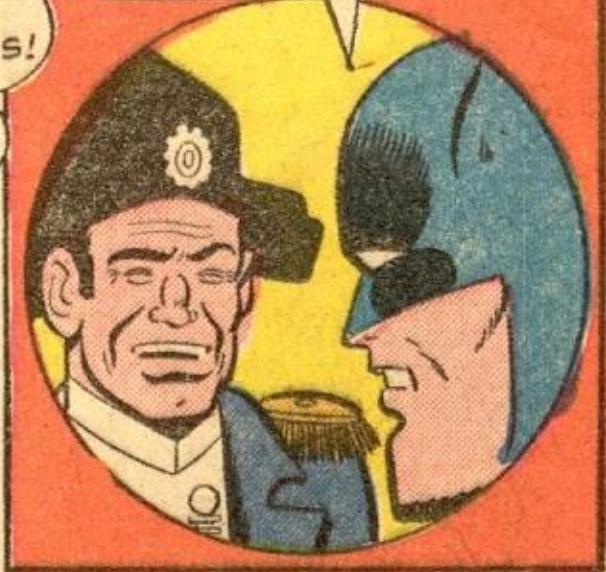
WELL, LOOK WHO WAS HIDING UNDER THAT FACE MASK!
BLINKY GROSSET, IN PERSON!

THE HEAD MAN! YOUR TRICK WORKED, BATMAN!

TRICK?

I HAD A HUNCH SOME GANGSTER WAS THE "ANONYMOUS DONOR" WHO FINANCED THE BATMAN PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN SO HE COULD USE IT TO PULL CRIMES! HE KNEW THAT THE VARIOUS STUNTS WOULD INTERFERE WITH BATMAN'S NORMAL OPERATIONS!

YOU PLANTED ONE OF YOUR MEN IN WHALEN'S ADVERTISING OFFICE, TO GIVE YOU ADVANCE PUBLICITY INFORMATION THAT YOU'D USE FOR GETAWAYS!



SO WHALEN AND I ARRANGED THINGS TO SMOKE YOU OUT! WE PLANNED ALL THIS... USING PUBLICITY TO TRICK YOU INTO REVEALING YOURSELF!

YOU... YOU... !!



AFTERWARD...

WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE TEARING, WHALEN?

PUBLICITY RELEASES! YOU DON'T NEED ME! EVERYTIME YOU DO SOMETHING, IT BECOMES PAGE ONE NEWS! WANT TO KNOW WHO YOUR BEST PUBLICITY AGENT IS? IT'S YOU, BATMAN--NOBODY BUT YOU!



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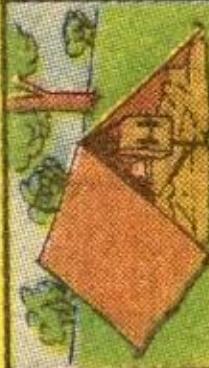


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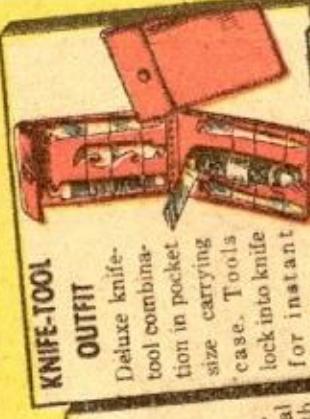


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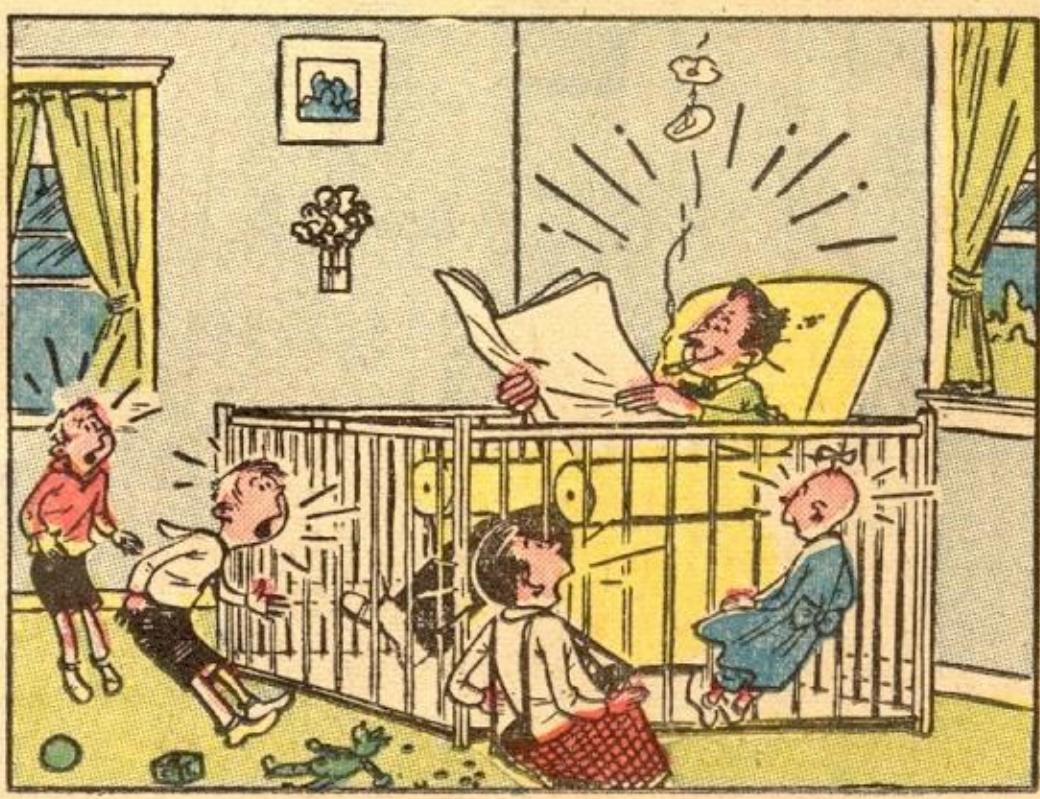
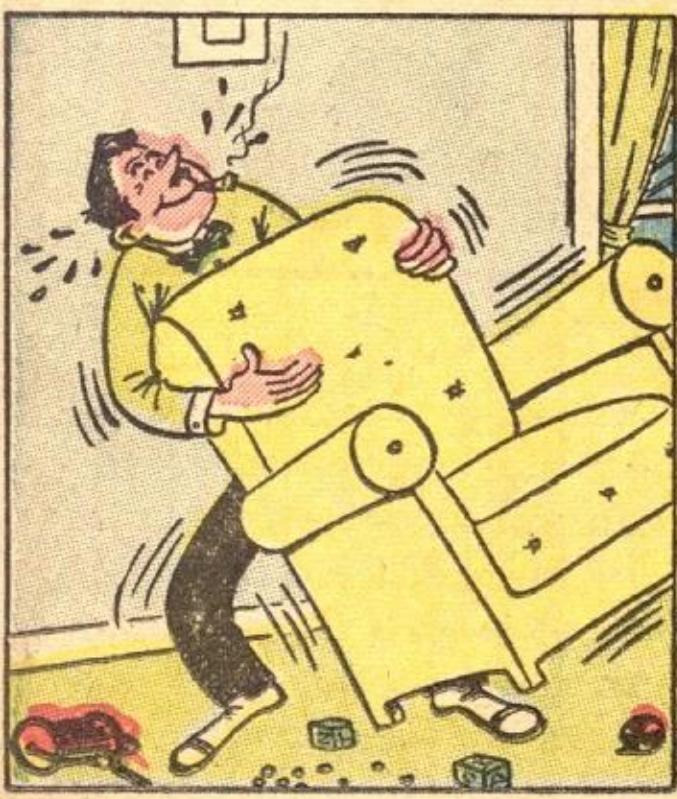
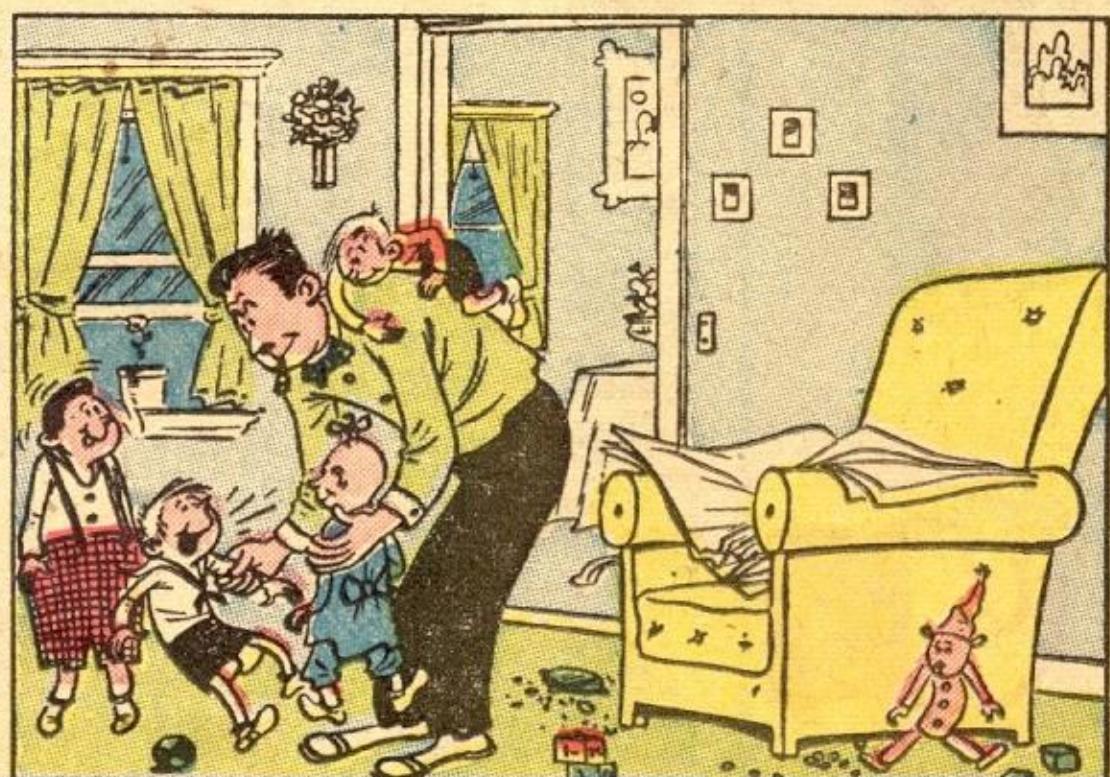
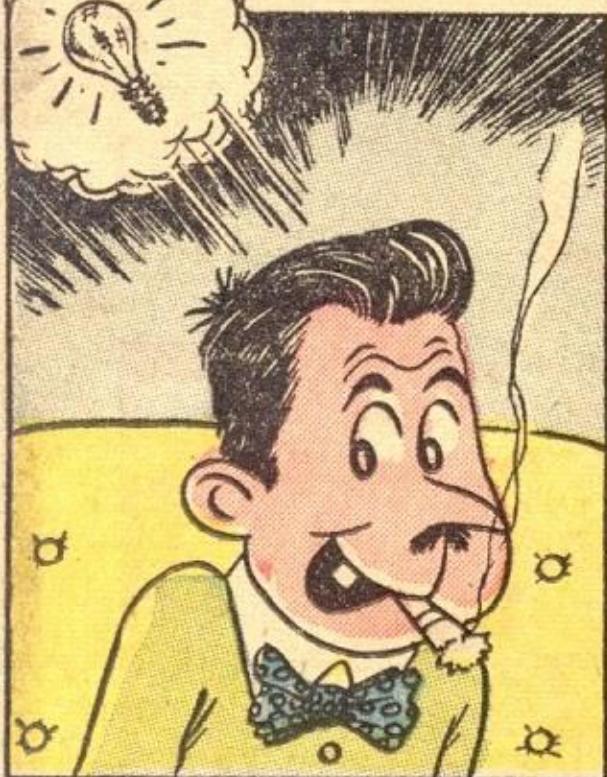
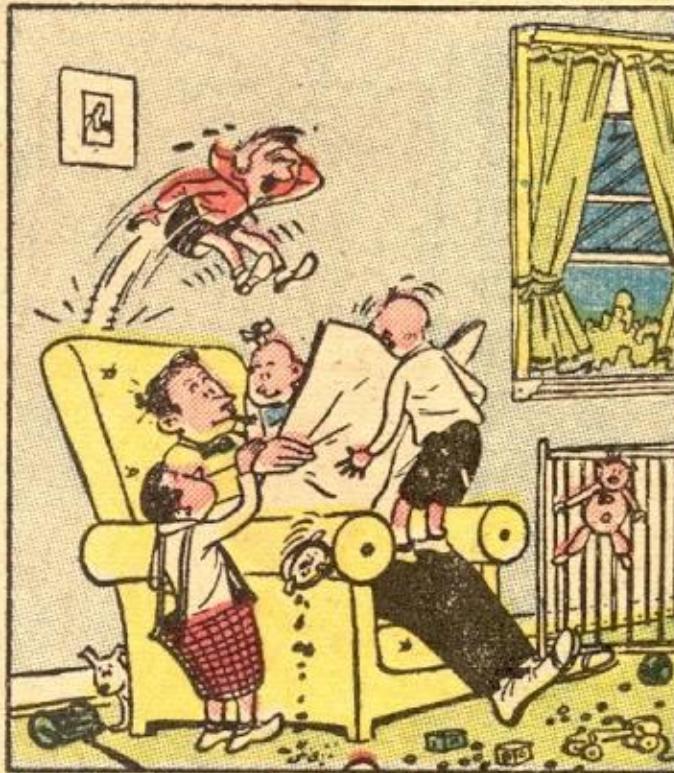
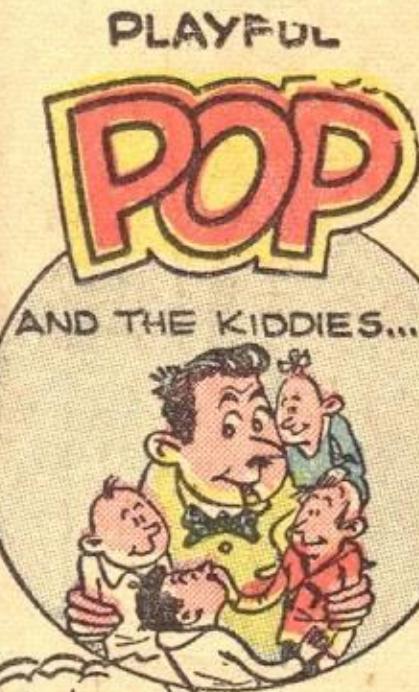
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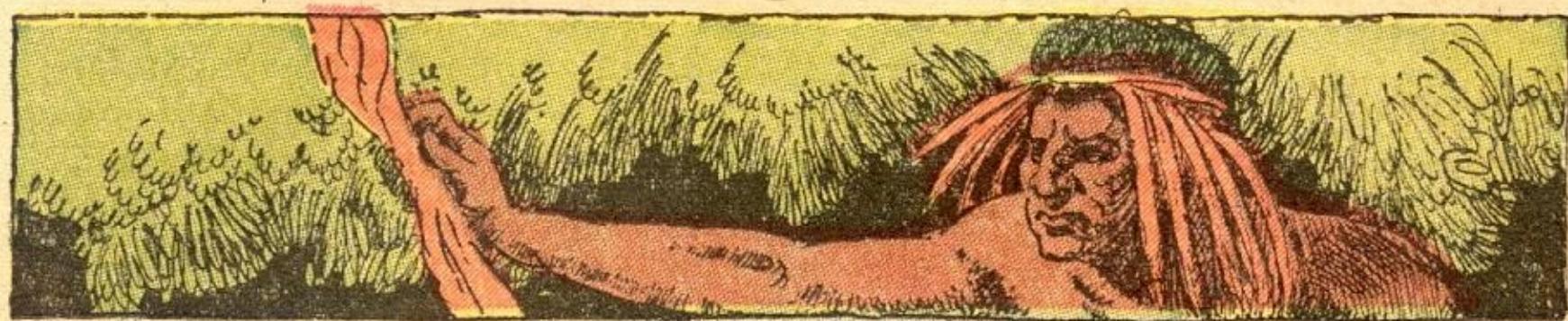
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BATMAN



The Strangest Lawmen on Earth



They Are the Australian Aborigines, Whose Sleuthing and Tracking Ability Have Brought Them World-Wide Fame

NOT long ago, a criminal eluded the clutches of the New South Wales (Australia) police, and disappeared into the wild Australian bush.

Reserves were called out and before long, dozens of policemen were fanning out over a large area, carefully searching every nook and cranny where the wanted man might be hiding.

But after six hours of ceaseless searching, the police were withdrawn. The territory was wide, almost limitless. The police could spend days and weeks hunting for one man who, because of the tangled bush, could be hiding just yards away from his nearest pursuer.

But the Australian police were not too worried. They still had a powerful trump card up their sleeves. This was the Australian aborigine.

This particular aborigine, attached to the police station, and known as a tracker, was visiting relatives when the criminal escaped. But when he returned that evening, and learned of the escape, he instantly went to work.

Australian police were long familiar

with the amazing tracking of the aborigines. Just the same, they never failed to go along and watch them at work.

The tracking routine never varied. With complete confidence in his abilities, and moving along in a steady but unhurried gait, the tracker began circling the area, moving out farther and farther with each cast.

Then, suddenly, he struck out with assurance in a straight line. What clue had he found? The watching policemen hadn't the faintest idea. For the sport of it, they searched the ground in the hope of spotting the same clue, but all they found was an unbroken line of hard ground.

The tracker, meanwhile, kept his eyes moving at all times. They shifted from the ground to the bushes, from the bushes to the low-hanging branches of a tree.

Nothing escaped his cat-like eyes on the phantom trail he pursued. He would stop suddenly, carefully examine a bruised leaf. Another time, he would stoop low and pick up a loose pebble. With amazing swiftness, he would find the little groove in the ground from

which the pebble had been kicked by the escaping man.

Was the tiny parcel of earth beneath which the pebble had lain fresh, or covered with the dust of the jungle? A dozen questions raced through his mind, and a dozen answers followed.

Then, at length, the tracker stopped dead in his tracks. His eyes roamed the area. Without hesitation, he pointed to a thick hedge. The police closed in on it.

Minutes later, they were dragging a struggling and surprised criminal into the clearing.

Who are these amazing lawmen of the Australian bush?

There are about 80,000 of them, and scientists believe that they are the descendants of the Stone Age nomads who owned the Australian continent before the white men arrived in 1788.

They are handsome people. Their skins are a light brown, and they are quite tall—only a little shorter than the Australian white men.

Originally, the aborigines were hunters and fishermen. Because of the difficult Australian earth that resisted all attempts to cultivate cereals, the aborigines were forced to hunt in order to exist. They became the best hunters in the world.

Of the 80,000 total, about 50,000 of them moved into the cities and took up the life of the white men. But the rest remained in the wilds of the northern part of the Commonwealth, continuing to live the kind of life their fore-

fathers had. It is from among these that the police find their trackers.

As a general rule, the aborigines are glad to serve the police as trackers. They do this not only because it is, for them, an easy way to make a living in a hard country, but because they are a law-abiding, gentle and kindly people. Much of the tracking they do is to locate people lost in the wild country.

In such cases, the Commonwealth police do not even bother to enter the bush. They dispatch a tracker at once.

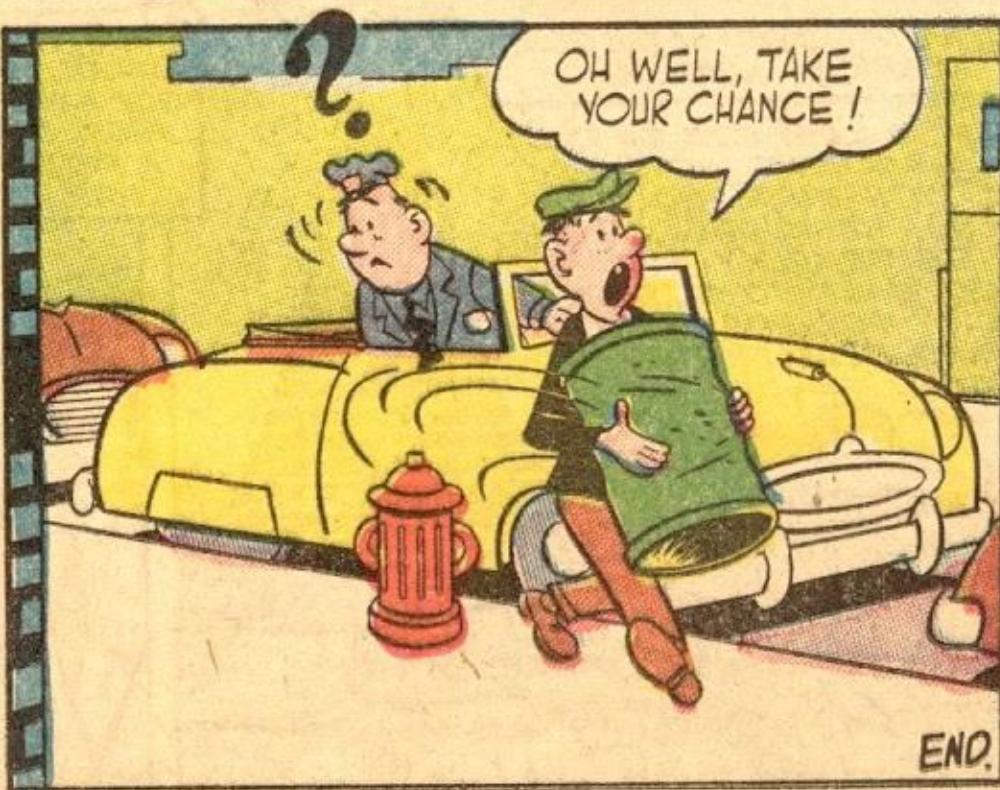
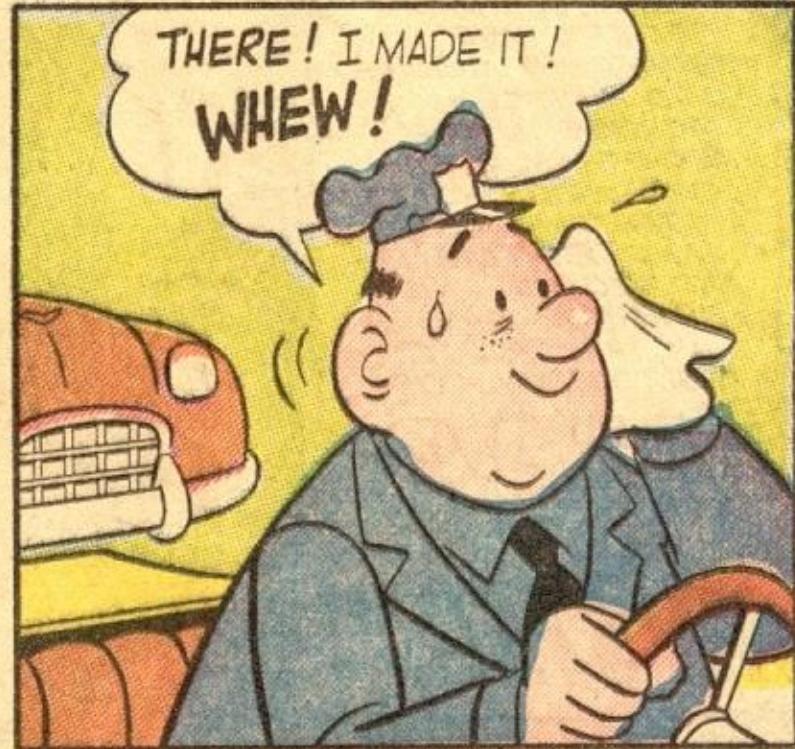
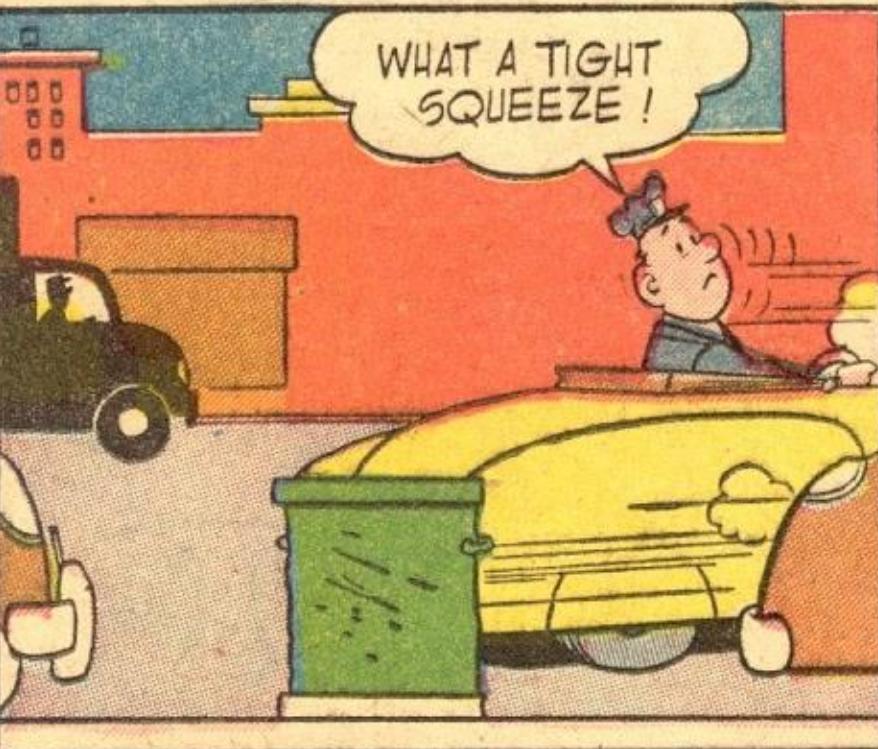
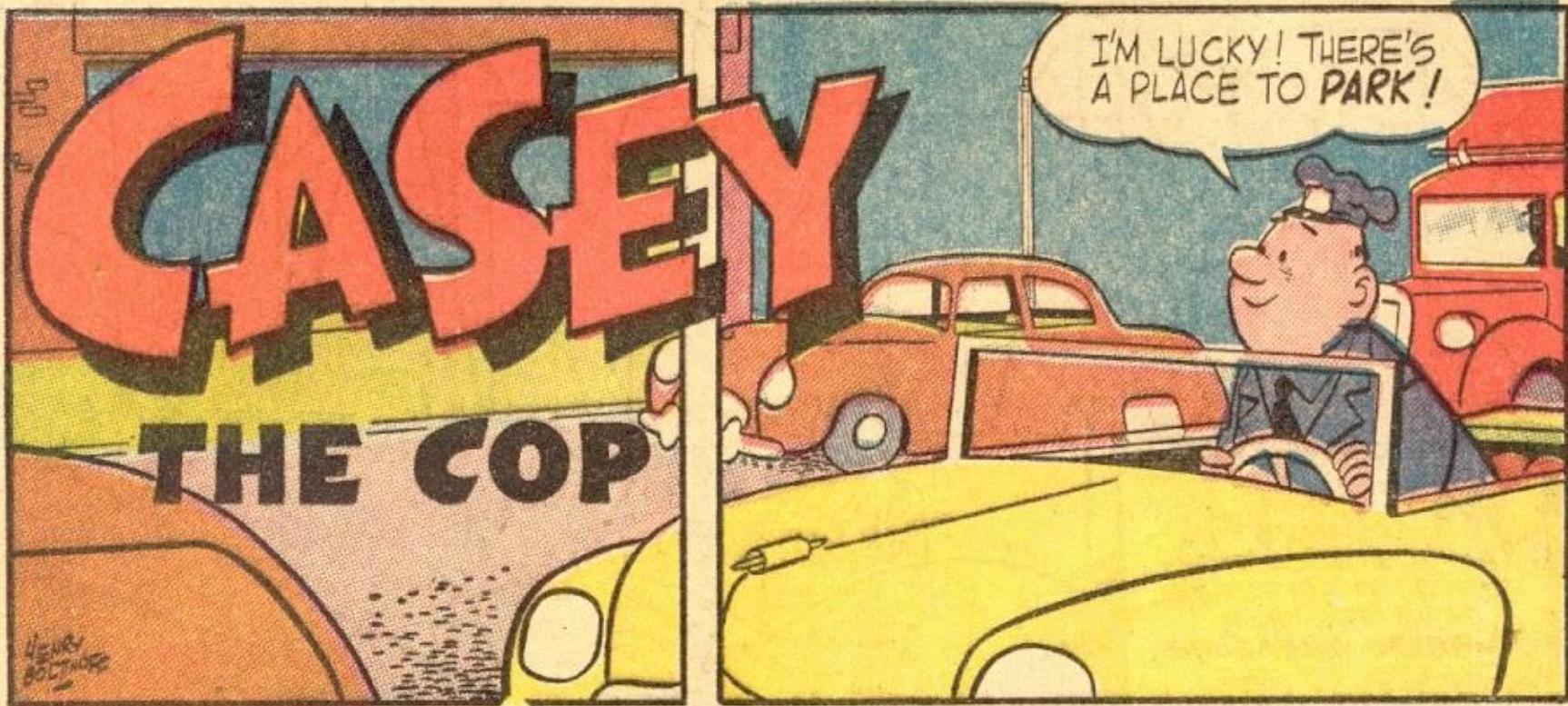
But it is for their amazing detective work that the trackers have earned their greatest fame.

An example of this occurred recently when police were accompanying a tracker in pursuit of three men. To the almost speechless amazement of the police, the tracker revealed that one of the three men was left-handed, and that one had shot a wild turkey with a rifle.

When pressed to explain, the tracker, in the best tradition of Sherlock Holmes, pointed to the ground where the man being pursued had apparently paused. The print of the man's right foot was plainly seen extended forward, ahead of his left foot. Fifty yards away, the tracker pointed to a spot where the pellets had torn the grass and scrub, and nearby, some turkey feathers.

Thus, only a left-handed man would shoot a rifle with his right foot extended, and the turkey feathers near the torn scrub revealed what it was he shot at.

As police learned later, the tracker was perfectly right.



END.

BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

MAPS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SIGN-POSTS TO ADVENTURE, FROM THE OLD PIRATE TREASURE CHARTS TO THE BIG AND MODERN MAPS THAT FLIERS USE TODAY! BUT MENACE IS WRITTEN ACROSS A MAP IN GOTHAM CITY-- ONE WHICH HOLDS A STARTLING SECRET, AND BATMAN AND ROBIN FIND DRAMATIC DANGER IN THE CRYPTIC CARTOGRAPHY OF...

The MAP OF MYSTERY!

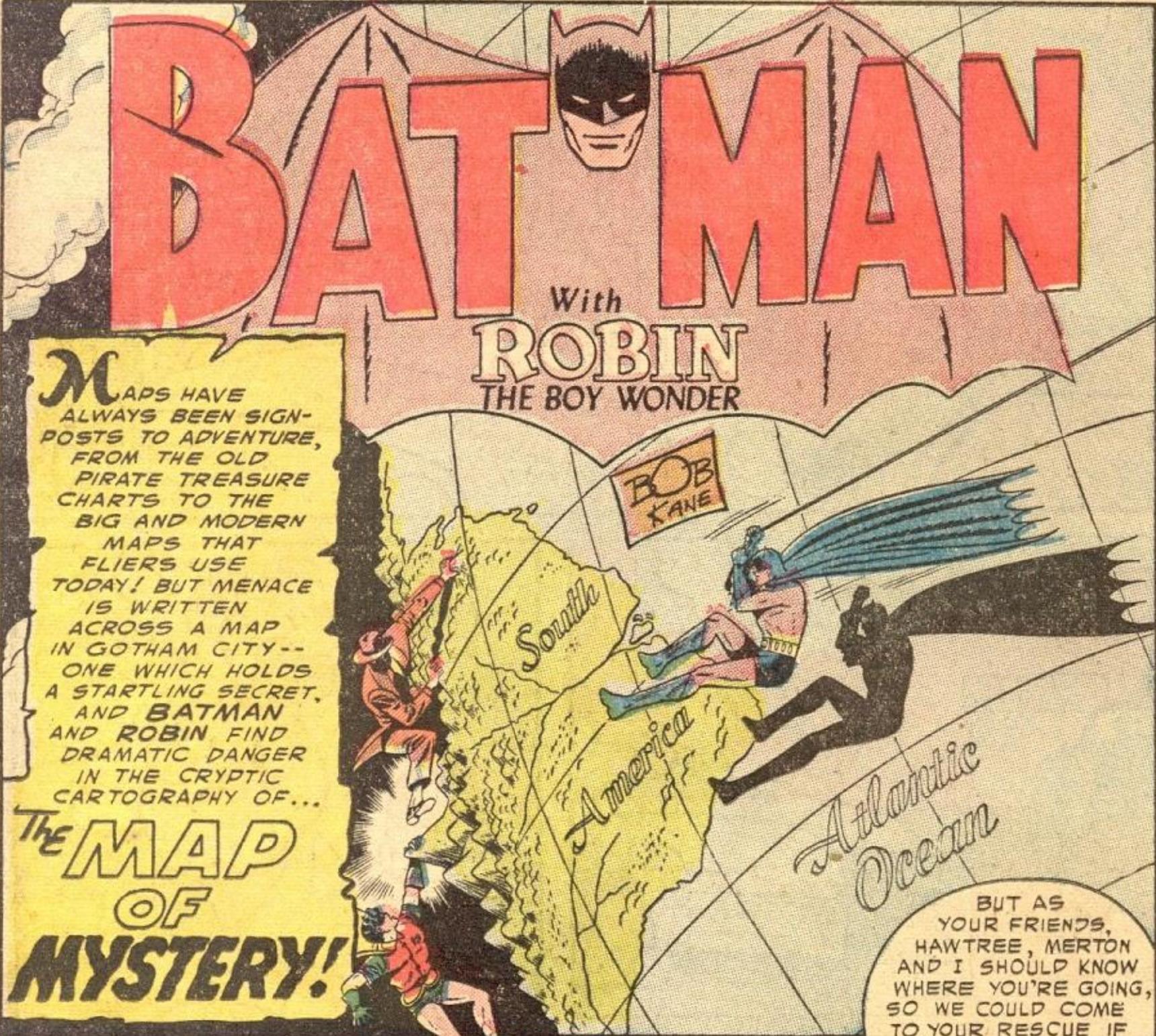
ONE DAY, DEEP IN THE SOUTH AMERICAN JUNGLES...

A LOST CITY OF THE ANCIENT INCAS-- WITH THEIR GOLD SUN-DISK STILL ON ITS TEMPLE! I'LL GO BACK TO GOTHAM CITY FOR EQUIPMENT, AND REALLY STUDY THIS!

THUS, THE FOLLOWING WEEK, AS ARCHAEOLOGIST GUY HAWTREE SETS OUT FROM GOTHAM CITY ON A FATEFUL SECOND TRIP TO HIS FIND...

BUT AS YOUR FRIENDS, HAWTREE, MERTON AND I SHOULD KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING, SO WE COULD COME TO YOUR RESCUE IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU!

NO, BLANNING-- THAT LOST CITY'S GOLD WOULD DRAW GREEDY MEN AND RUIN A GREAT SCIENTIFIC FIND! HOWEVER, I HAVE LEFT A CLUE TO ITS LOCATION, IN CASE I DON'T RETURN IN THREE MONTHS!



BATMAN

SOME DAYS LATER, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN CONDUCT AN EARLY-MORNING PATROL OF THE CITY...

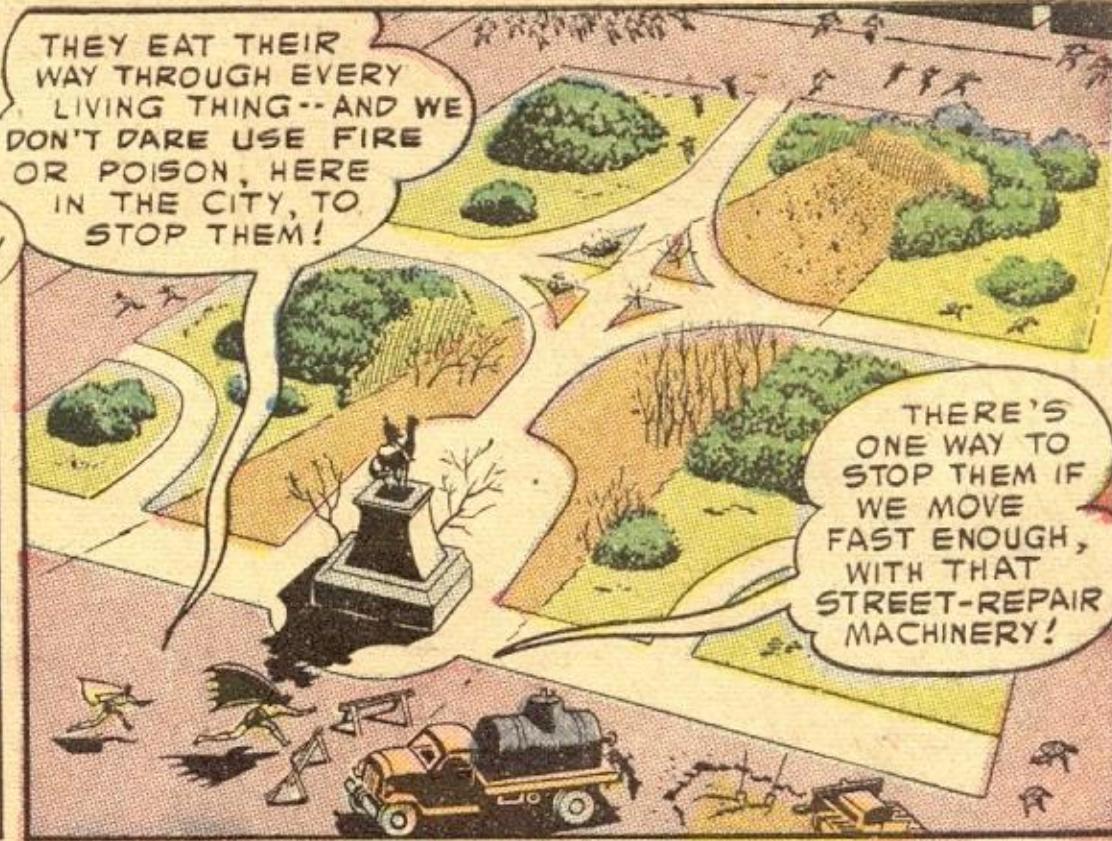


THE DYNAMIC DUO SOON DISCOVERS A DREAD MENACE AT LARGE...

ARMY-ANTS? THEY CAN BE A TERRIBLE THREAT! HMM... THAT DRAIN-PIPE IS THE ONLY WAY THEY COULD GET OUT!



AND AS THEY RACE OUT INTO THE STREET...



NEXT MOMENT, A BIG HOT-TAR TRUCK SPEEDS ON A MISSION OF URGENT DANGER...



THEY CAN BE GATHERED UP SAFELY NOW AND RECAGED! BUT, EXACTLY -- AND I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHY SOMEONE DID THAT!



BATMAN

BACK AT THE EXPLORATION CLUB...

BATMAN, WE'VE BEEN ROBBED! I'M HERBERT MERTON, THE MAP CURATOR OF THE CLUB -- AND DURING THE PANIC OVER THE ANTS, SOME OF MY MAPS WERE STOLEN!

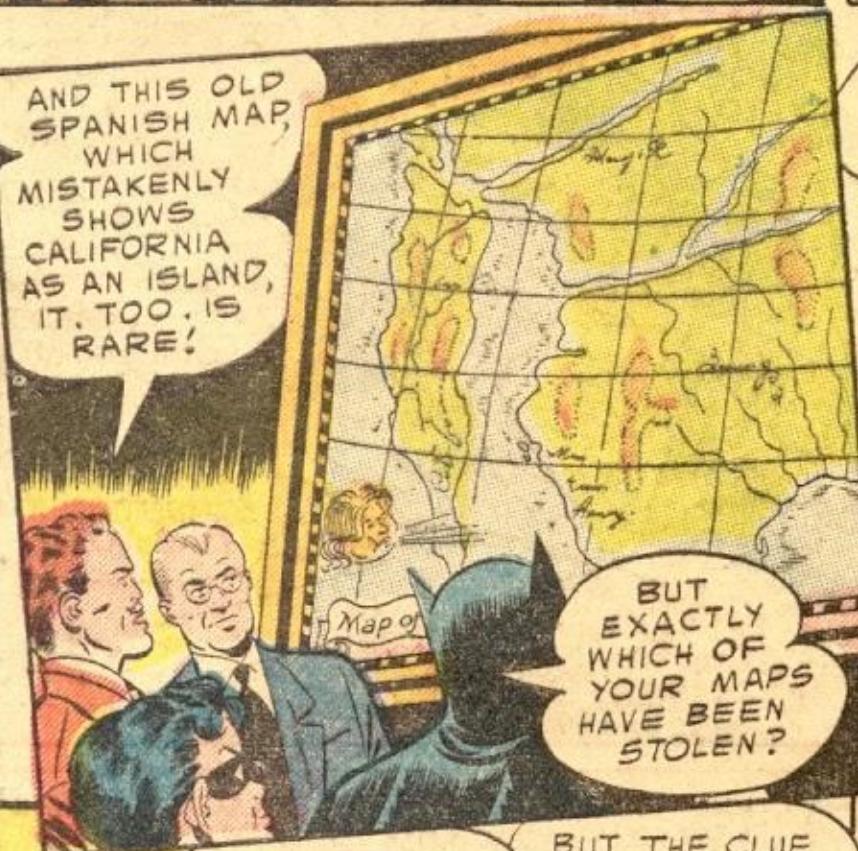
THAT MAY BE WHY THE ANTS WERE RELEASED! LET'S SEE WHAT'S MISSING!

**AND IN THE CLUB'S BIG MAP ROOM...**

MANY OF OUR MAPS HERE ARE PRICELESS--LIKE THIS ANCIENT GREEK MAP CARVED ON STONE, AND THIS RARE ESKIMO MAP CARVED ON WALRUS-HORN!



AND THIS OLD SPANISH MAP, WHICH MISTAKENLY SHOWS CALIFORNIA AS AN ISLAND, IT, TOO, IS RARE!



MY DETAIL MAPS OF WESTERN SOUTH AMERICA HAVE ALL BEEN TAKEN!

WHY, THOSE ARE THE MAPS HAWTREE CONSULTED BEFORE HE LEFT! SOMEONE'S AFTER HIS SECRET!

WHAT SECRET?



AND BATMAN AND ROBIN HEAR FROM RAND BLANNING THE STORY OF HAWTREE'S GREAT DISCOVERY...

...HE WOULDN'T TELL WHERE HIS LOST CITY IS, LEST GOLDSEEKERS SWARM THERE FOR TREASURE! ALL HE LEFT WAS A CLUE TO IT!

BUT THE CLUE WASN'T ON ANY OF THE MAPS HE CONSULTED HERE! THEN YOU SEARCHED THEM FOR THIS SECRET?

WELL--ER--I THOUGHT I SHOULD KNOW IT, IN CASE HAWTREE DIDN'T COME BACK, SO WE COULD RESCUE HIM!

I SEE! YOU SAID HAWTREE HAD ROOMS HERE... LET'S LOOK INTO THEM!



BATMAN

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, ON ONE OF THE UPPER FLOORS...



BUT AFTER A THOROUGH COMBING OF THE LITTLE APARTMENT...

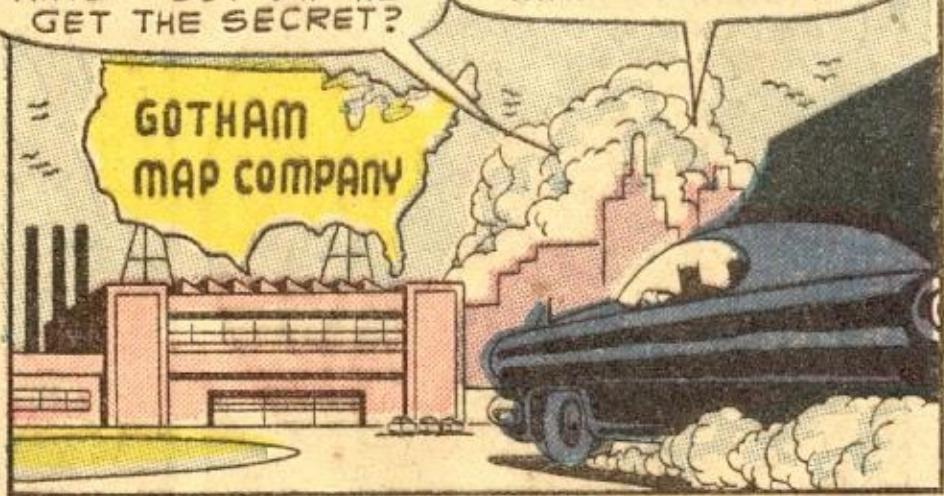


WELL, GENTLEMEN, I'LL CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE! OF COURSE, IF I DO UNCOVER HAWTREE'S CLUE, I'LL KEEP HIS SECRET SAFE FOR HIM!

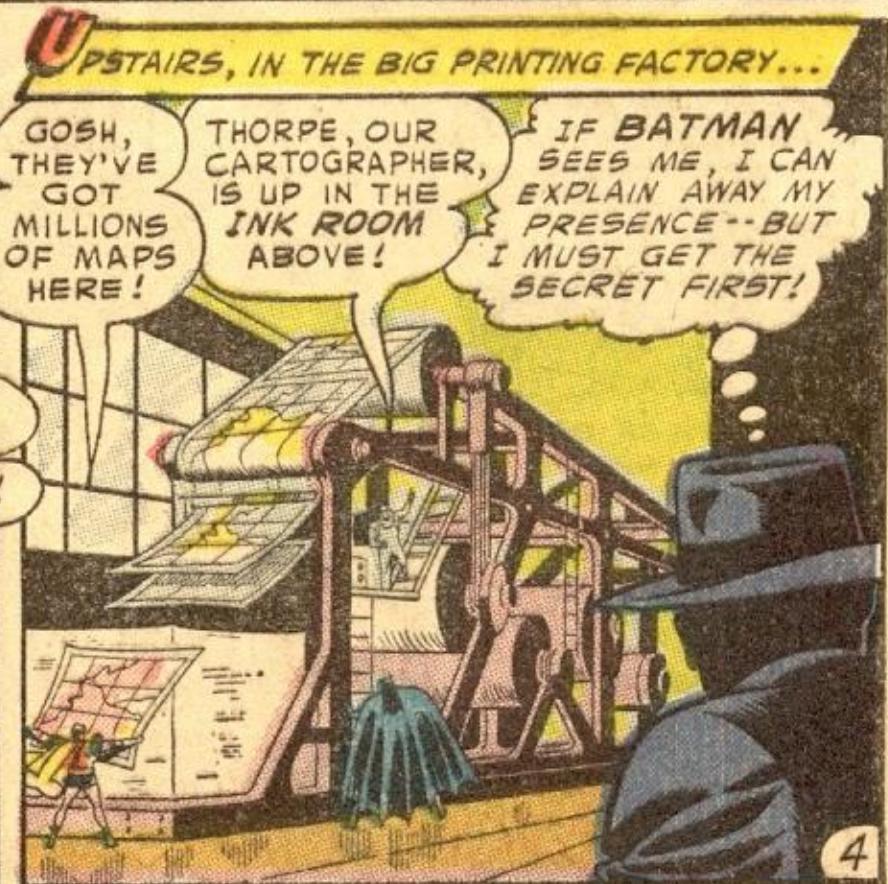
HMPH! I STILL THINK WE OUGHT TO KNOW WHERE THAT INCA CITY IS, SO WE CAN RESCUE HAWTREE IF HE DOESN'T RETURN!

A LITTLE LATER...
THE THIEF EFFECTIVELY COVERED HIS ROBBERY BY RELEASING THOSE ANTS-- BUT DID HE GET THE SECRET?

IF I'M RIGHT, HAWTREE HID THE CLUE TO HIS LOST CITY CLEVERLY! THEY MAY BE ABLE TO HELP US HERE AT THE GOTHAM MAP COMPANY!



AND INSIDE THE UNIQUE FIRM...



BATMAN

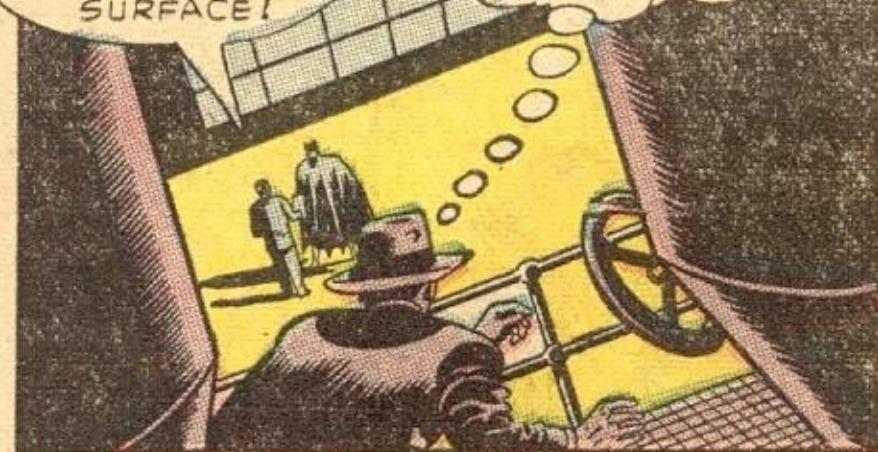
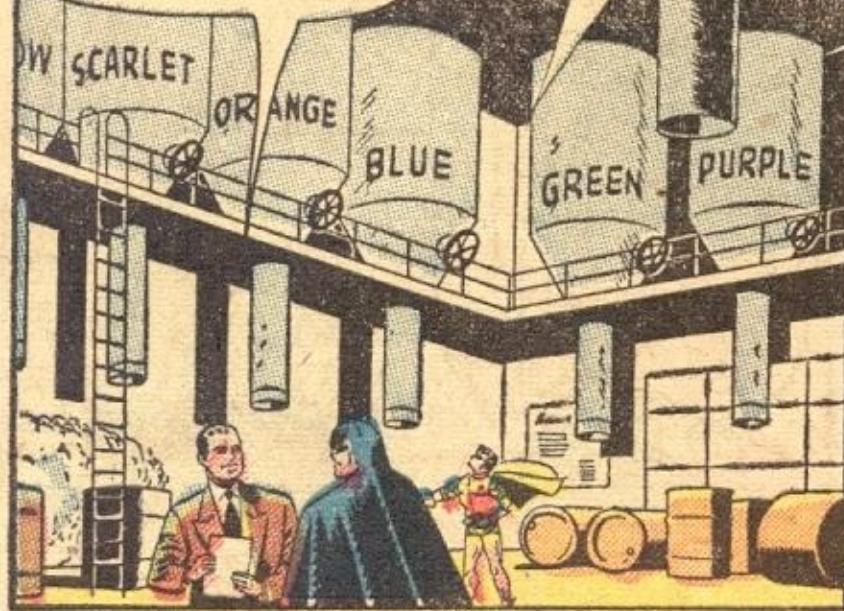
PRESIDENTLY...

YOUR COMPANY MADE THE
HUGE GLOBE-MAP
ATOP THE WORLD
BUILDING... IS
THAT AN ACCURATE
GLOBE?

YES, I'M THE CHIEF
CARTOGRAPHER! THIS
IS WHERE WE MIX
THE COLORED INKS
FOR OUR MAPS!

YES-- THAT BIG GLOBE
WAS MADE AS AN
EMBLEM FOR THE
WORLD BUILDING!
IT'S A PERFECT
REPRODUCTION OF
THE EARTH'S
SURFACE!

SO THAT'S BATMAN'S
LEAD-- THE GLOBE ON
THE WORLD BUILDING...
HAWTREE'S SECRET
MUST BE MARKED ON
IT! I'LL GET THERE
FIRST...



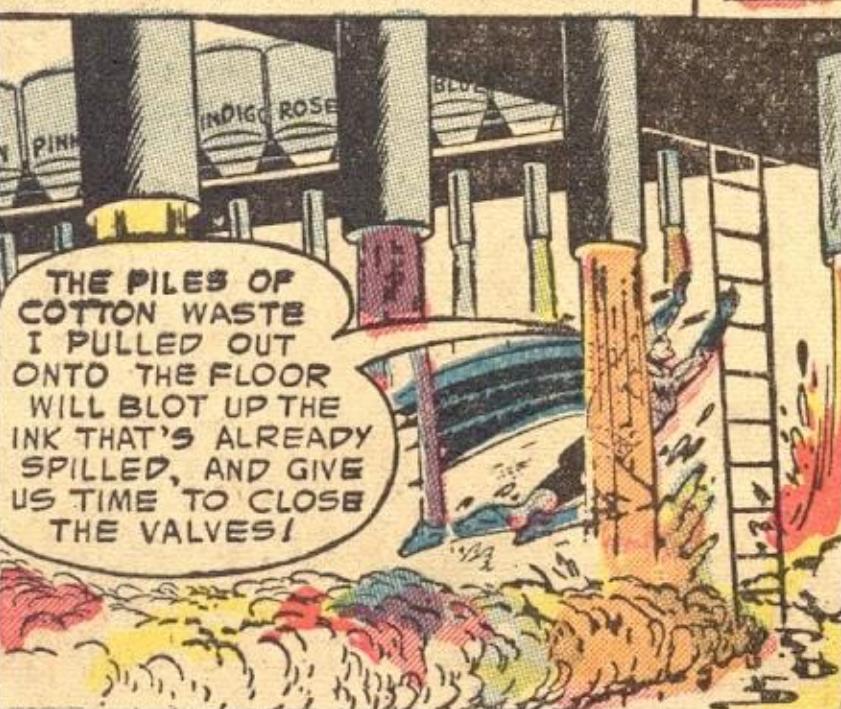
...BY OPENING ALL THE
COLORED-INK VALVES
WIDE! THEY'LL MIX UP
ENOUGH TROUBLE TO KEEP
BATMAN AND ROBIN
BUSY FOR AWHILE!

GREAT SCOTT!
SOMEONE OPENED
THE INK-TANK
VALVES! THEY'LL
POUR DOWN AN
INK-FLOOD THAT'LL
RUIN A MILLION
DOLLARS WORTH
OF MAPS BELOW!

I'LL HELP YOU
CLOSE THEM!
ROBIN, WHO-
EVER DID THIS
IS AFTER THAT
SECRET! YOU
CAN TAKE OFF
FOR THE WORLD
BUILDING--TRY
TO SPOT HIM!



THEN, AS BATMAN RACES TO
PREVENT A MANY-HUED DISASTER...



THE PILES OF
COTTON WASTE
I PULLED OUT
ONTO THE FLOOR
WILL BLOT UP THE
INK THAT'S ALREADY
SPILLED, AND GIVE
US TIME TO CLOSE
THE VALVES!

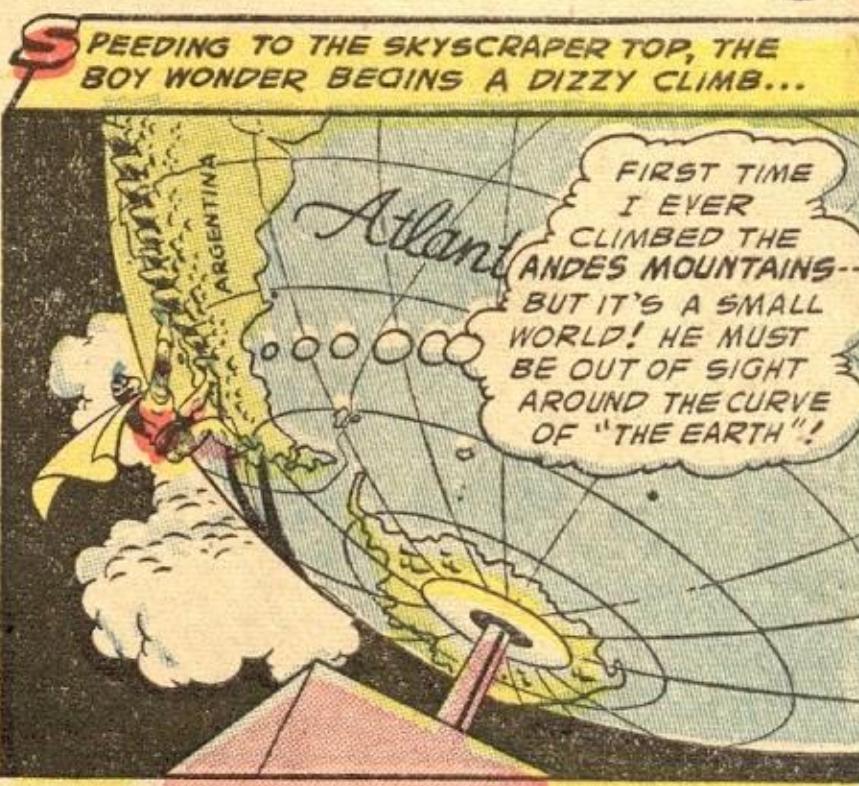
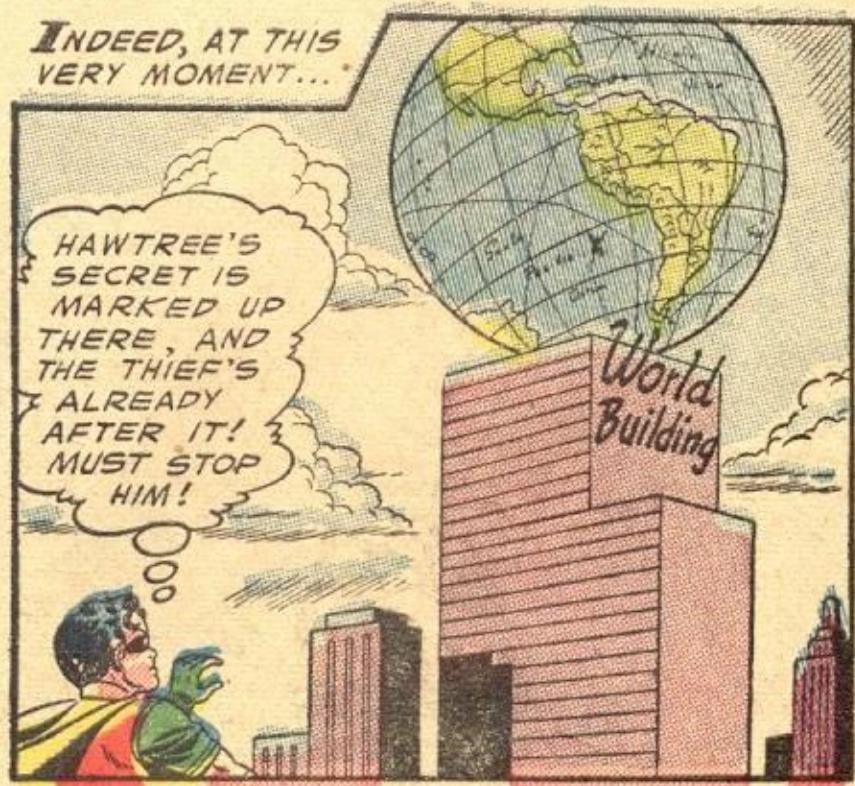
MINUTES LATER, A RAINBOW RUIN HAS
BEEN AVERTED...

YOU SAVED OUR
WHOLE GREAT
STOCK OF
MAPS BELOW,
BATMAN!

NOW I'VE GOT TO HURRY
AFTER ROBIN... HE MAY
BE NEEDING MY HELP OVER
AT THE WORLD
BUILDING!

BATMAN

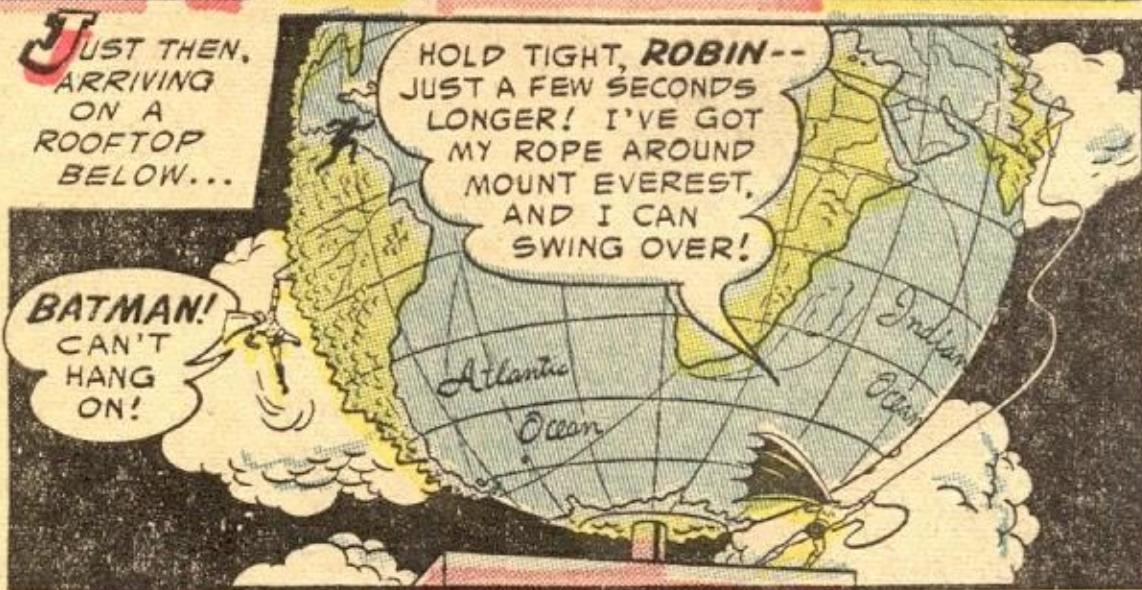
indeed, at this very moment...



But from above the "EQUATOR", a masked, menacing figure suddenly appears...



Just then, arriving on a rooftop below...



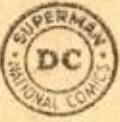
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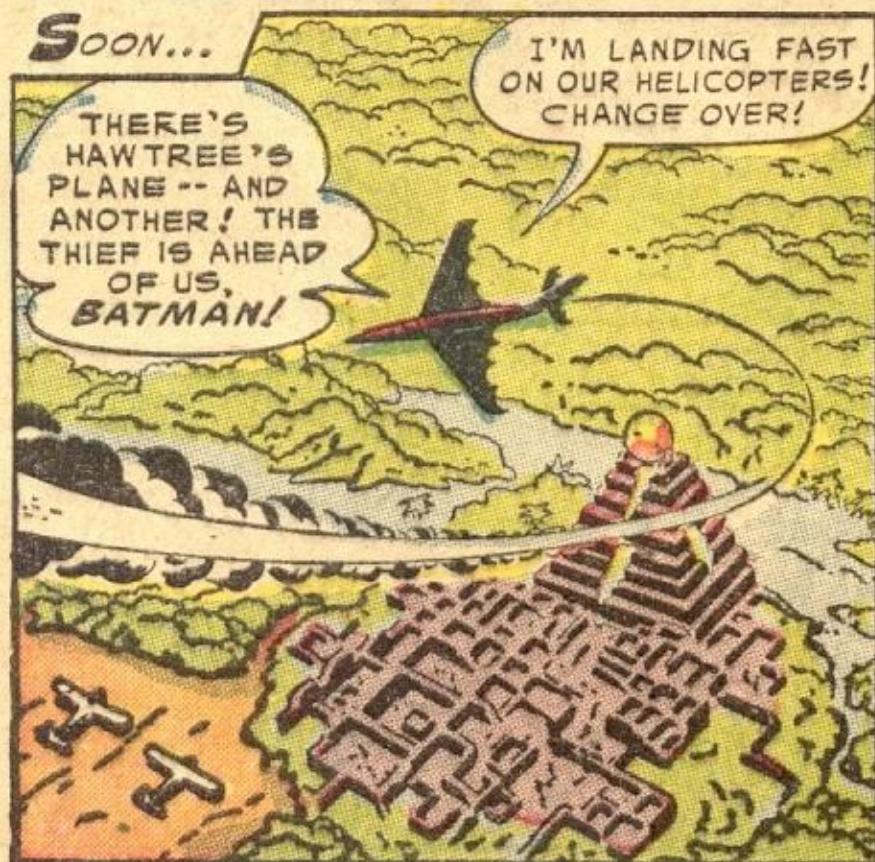
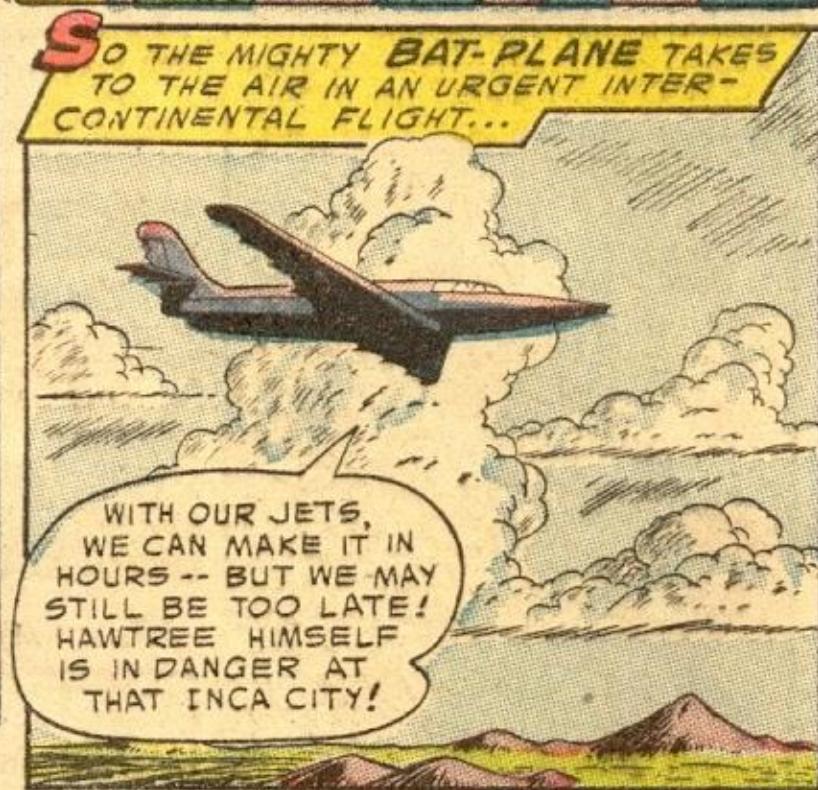
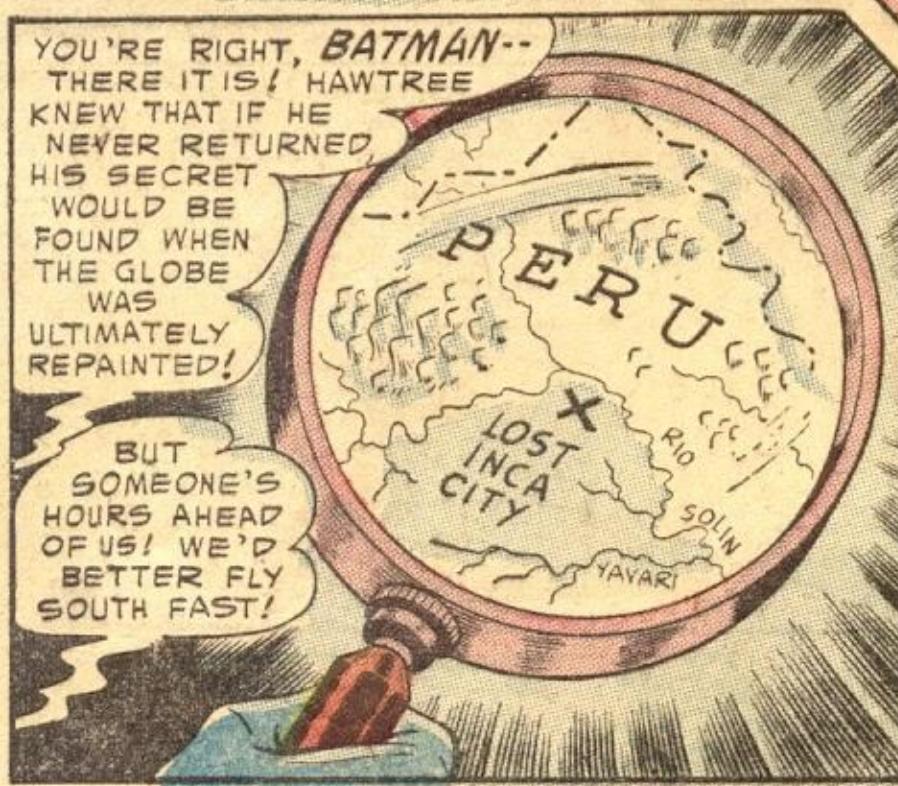
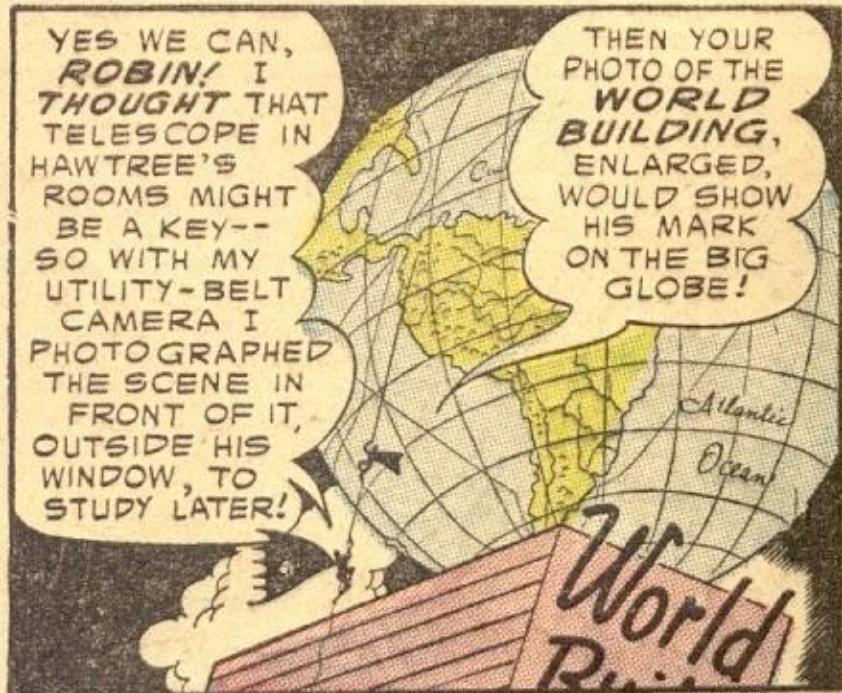
Upon investigating, the duo finds a secret gone...

The section of globe-surface on which Guy Hawtree marked his lost city's location--the thief cut it completely, instead of just quickly defacing it!

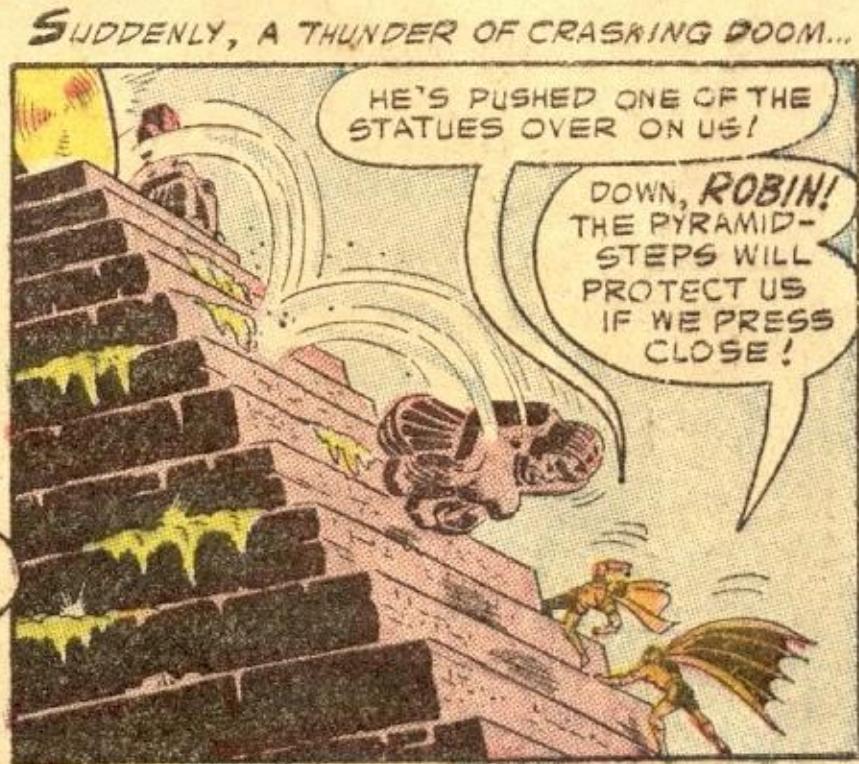




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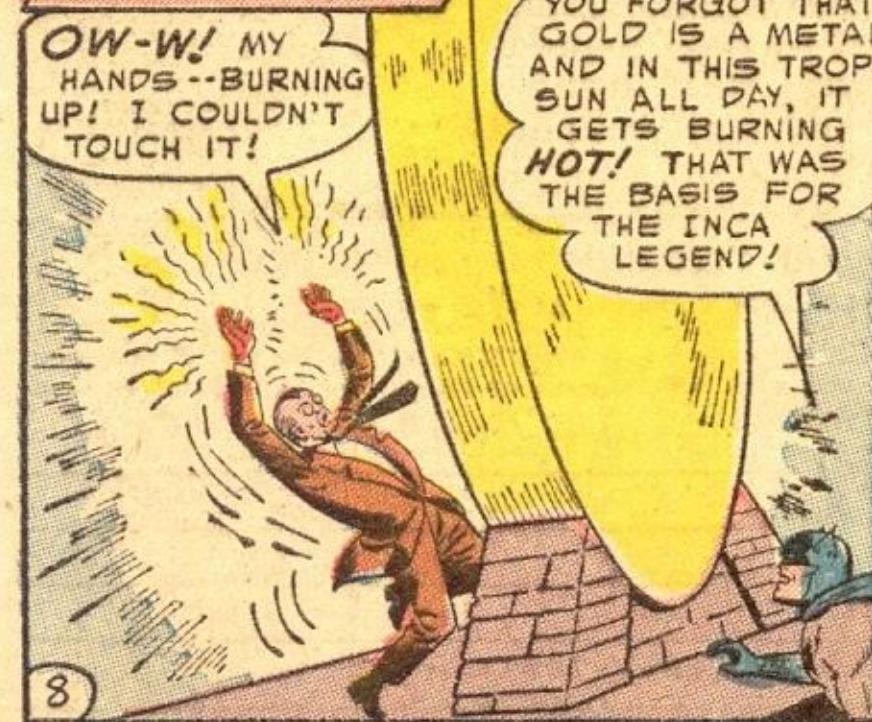
BATMAN



THEN, AS MORE AND MORE STATUES COME PLUMMETING DOWN...



BUT A TRAPPED THIEF FINDS AN ANCIENT LEGEND TRUE!



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