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THE BOY WONDER

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THE BATMAN, MYSTERIOUS FIGURE OF NIGHT, WHO HAS MATCHED WITS WITH MINIONS OF CRIME, AT LAST PLAYS A GAME OF CARDS WITH THAT SUPREME MASTER OF EVIL.... THE JOKER! A GAME SO DEEP, SO CRAFTY THAT THE ONLY WAY TO WIN IT WAS TO... REACH ITS CLIMAX! CAN THE BATMAN DEFEAT A GAME WHICH EVERYONE ELSE HAD THOUGHT WON? READ ON... READ ON AND FIND THE ANSWER IN....

"THE RIDDLE OF THE MISSING CARD!"



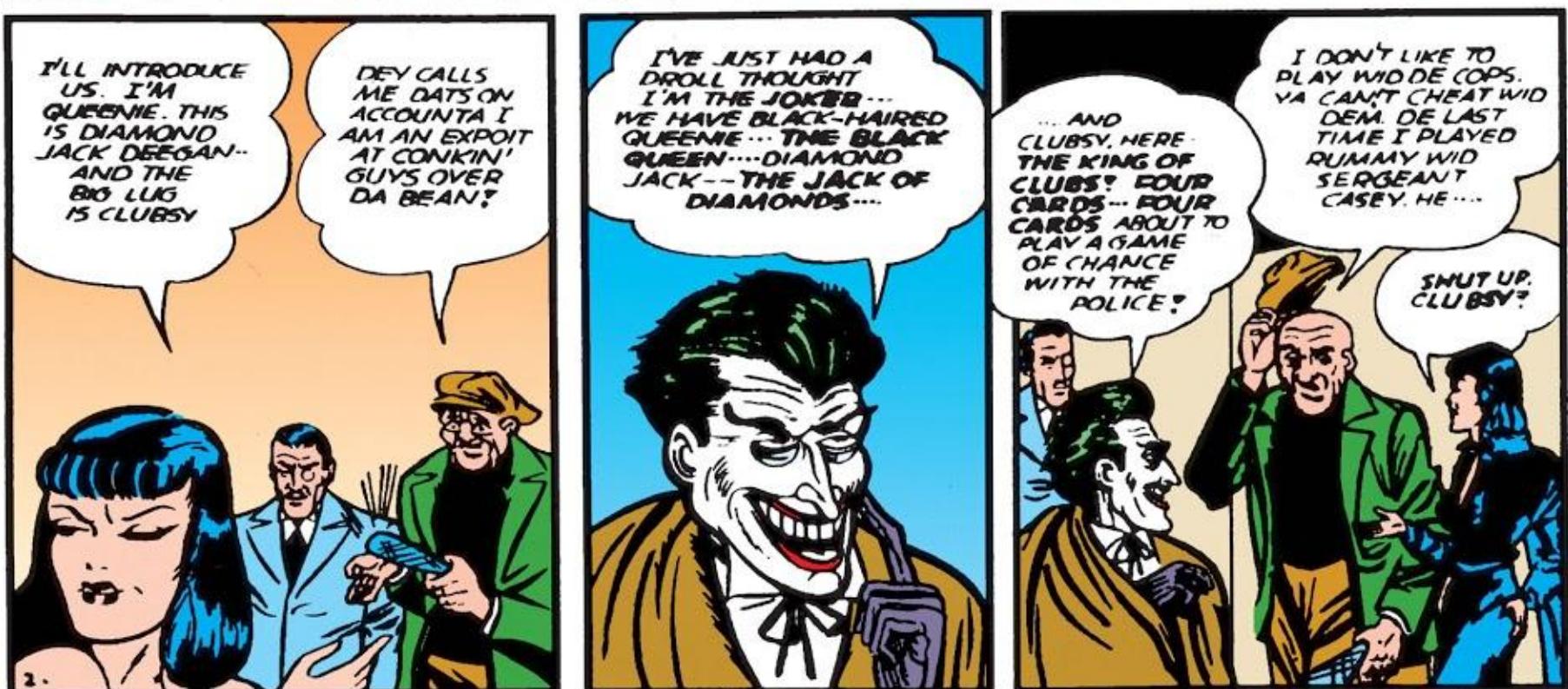
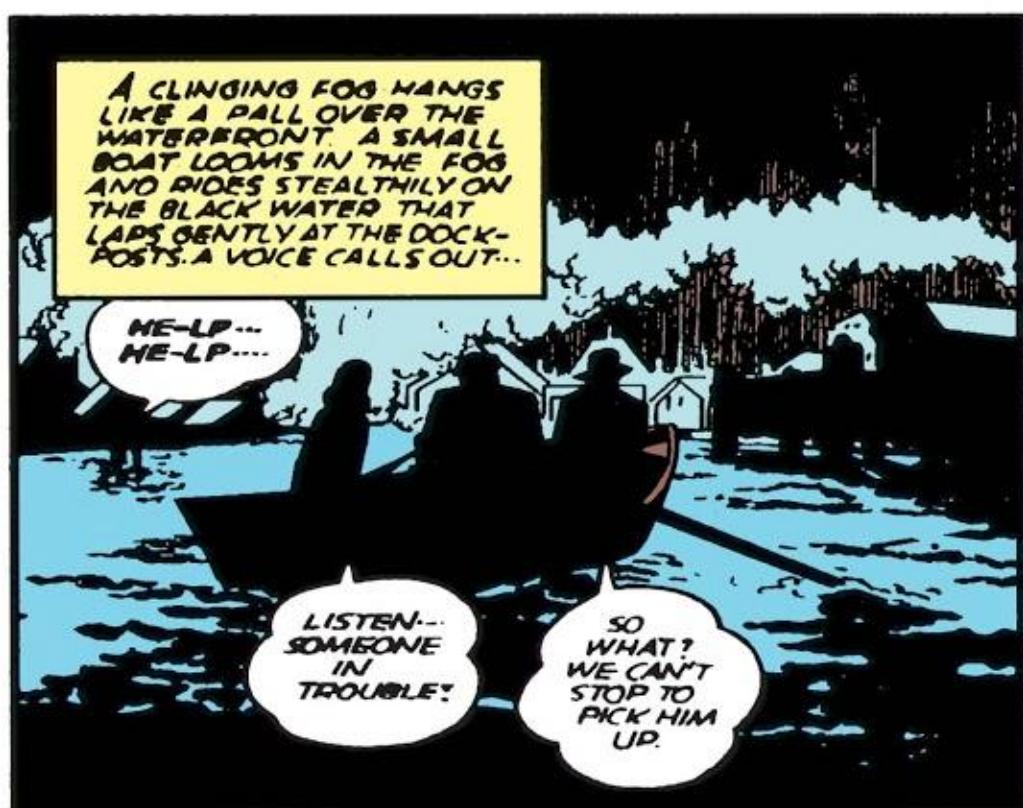
IN THE APARTMENT OF BRUCE WAYNE AND YOUNG DICK GRAYSON, WHO ARE, IN REALITY, THE BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER...

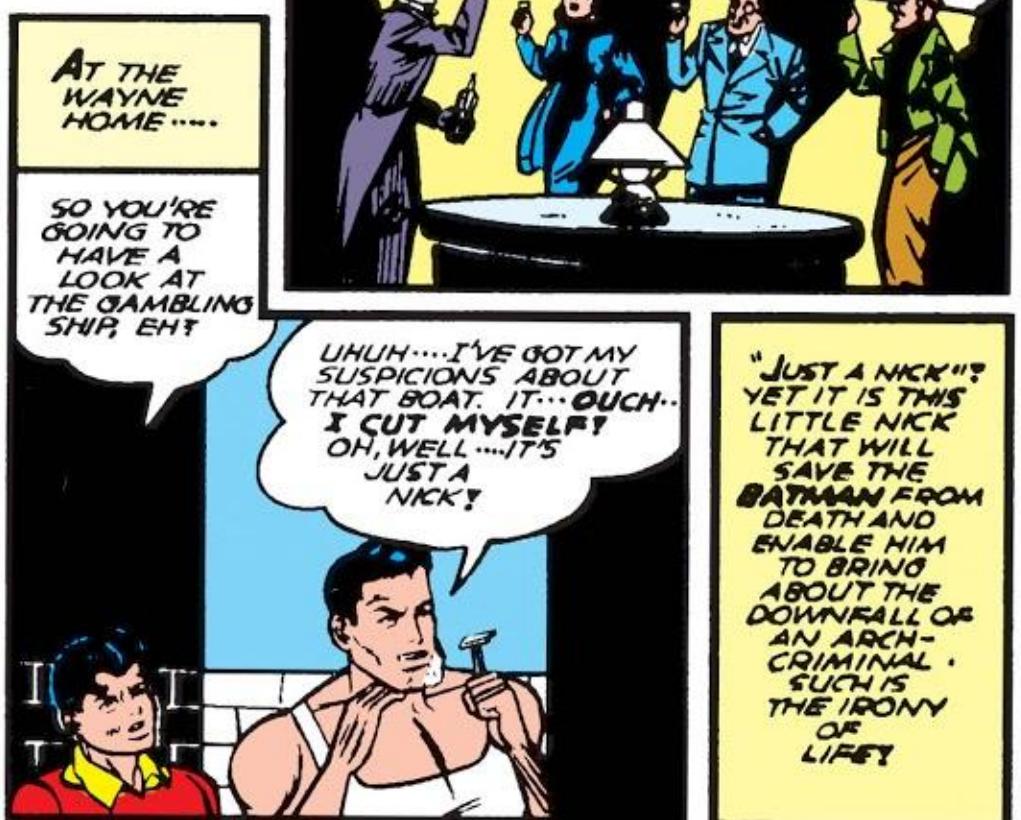
NOTHIN'S MUCH DOIN' IN TOWN SINCE THE JOKER'S FINISH—
HO-HUM!

I GUESS THE JOKER DID DIE AFTER ALL. WHEN HE PLUNGED DOWN THAT TRAP-DOOR, AT LEAST, WE HAVEN'T HEARD OF HIM SINCE!

BUT IS THE JOKER REALLY DEAD? OR IS THIS MASTER CRIMINAL OF ALL TIME STILL ALIVE?

LET US SEE WHAT ACTUALLY DID BEFALL THE JOKER WHEN HE PLUMMETED THROUGH THE TRAP-DOOR TO THE SEWAGE WATERS SO FAR BELOW....





LATER, BRUCE STROLLS ABOUT THE DECK. HE STEPS INTO A DARK SHIP CORNER TO LIGHT A CIGARETTE....

WIND KEEPS BLOWING OUT MY MATCH. BETTER TRY TO LIGHT IT IN THIS CORNER.

SUDDENLY, BRUCE FORGETS ABOUT HIS LIGHT UPON HEARING VOICES. HE STANDS ROOTED TO HIS SPOT....

SO MRS. LOGAN IS SLEEPING ON HER YACHT TONIGHT... AND SHE'S GOT HER JEWELS WITH HER!

RIGHT? SHE'S SAILING TOMORROW MORNING- AND ALMOST ALL OF THE CREW IS ASHORE TONIGHT, SORT OF CELEBRATING THE OCCASION?

IT'S A SWEET SET-UP. DO WE GO AFTER IT, JOKER?

UM?

YES... I-- SOMEONE'S IN THAT CORNER: COME OUT OF THERE!

BRUCE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTROL HIS SUDDEN EXCLAMATION UPON HEARING THE NAME OF THE MAN HE HAD THOUGHT DEAD. WHAT NOW?

HELLO THERE! JUST STEPPED IN THE CORNER TO LIGHT MY CIGARETTE. A VERY DEVIL OF A WIND.

YOU?

I QUITE UNDERSTAND. BUT I REGRET THAT THIS MUST HAPPEN TO YOU-- NOW

HOLD YA DE FONST TIME, JOKER

THE LIMP FORM OF BRUCE WAYNE IS DROPPED OVER THE SIDE....

WHY... WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HE'LL DROWN!

THE WATER MUST HAVE REVIVED HIM? HE'S TRYING TO SWIM?

I'LL FIX THAT-- NO ONE WILL HEAR---- MY GUN IS EQUIPPED WITH A SILENCER!

BULLETS STAB AT BRUCE WAYNE AND KICK SPRAY ABOUT HIS FACE. SUDDENLY, HE THROWS UP HIS ARMS IN A DESPAIRING GESTURE AND SINKS BENEATH THE BLACK WATER--

EXACTLY! DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES. HE OVERHEARD OUR PLANS, AND YOU CALLING ME THE JOKER! I MUST PROTECT MYSELF!

HA HA HA HA HA?

MOMENTS LATER, A DRIPPING FIGURE CLIMBS ONTO THE WHARF.... IT IS BRUCE WAYNE...



AFTER ACQUAINTING YOUNG DICK WITH THE FACTS, HE AND THE BOY DON STRANGE DARE TO BECOME THE BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER....



...TO A BARN HOUSING A SUPER-CHARGED CAR. THE BATMAN STEPS ON THE THROTTLE AND THE BATMOBILE LEAPS AWAY AND OUT INTO THE NIGHT!



IT RACES THROUGH THE STREETS LIKE A RUNAWAY COMET AND FINALLY SKIDS TO A HALT BEFORE THE LOGAN YACHT....



WE MAY BE TOO LATE!



GREETINGS, JOKER! NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN!



BRING THAT POP-GUN BACK TO THE TOY COUNTER!



THE JOKER WHIRLS SWIFTLY AND SEIZING A FIRE-AXE SLASHES WILDLY AT THE BATMAN....

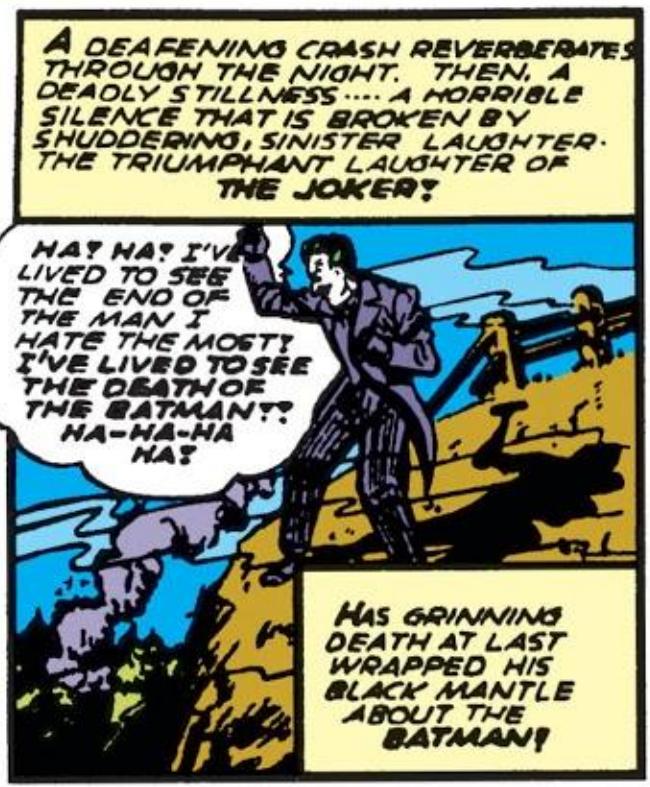
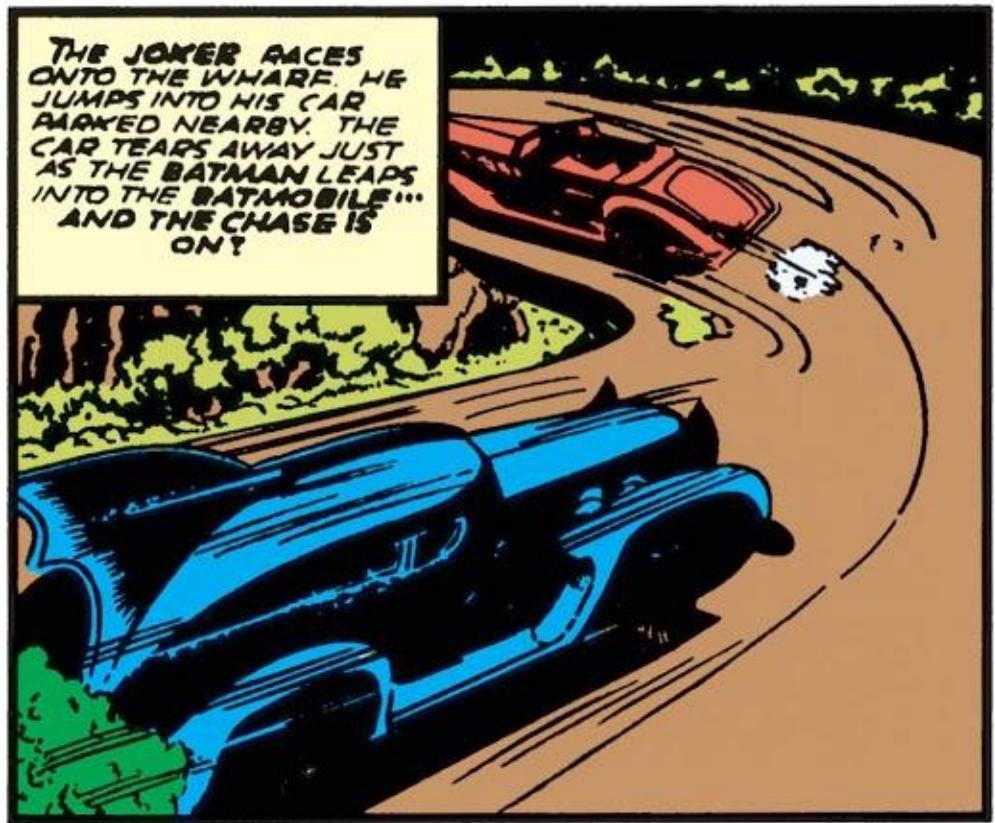


MEANWHILE, CLUBSY IS KEEPING ROBIN BUSY.... HE HURLS HIS TREMENDOUS HULK AT THE BOY WONDER....



ROBIN DROPS ON HIS BACK, AND BRACING HIMSELF, MEETS CLUBSY'S BULL-LIKE CHARGE WITH A BIT OF STRATEGY---





THE JOKER LAUGHS TOO SOON. FOR HANOVING FROM A JUTTING BRANCH, WHICH HE HAD GRASPED IN HIS DOWNWARD PLUNGE, IS THE BATMAN!



MEANWHILE, ROBIN, TOO, HAS HIS TROUBLES. AS HE STEPS BACK TO AVOID DIAMOND JACK'S GUN, CLUBSY WRAPS HIS HUGE ARMS ABOUT HIM---



HOLD HIM? HAH? THIS'LL QUIET HIM FOR AWHILE!



WHEN THE JOKER ARRIVES BACK ON THE GAMBLING SHIP---

I--ROBIN-- THIS HAS BEEN A FORTUNATE DAY FOR ME. THE BATMAN AND ROBIN... BOTH IN ONE DAY!



WE WERE GOING OVER HIM FOR ANY SECRET WEAPONS AN' LOOK WHAT WE FOUND.... A WIRELESS... BUILT IN HIS BELT-BUCKLE.

SO THAT'S HOW THEY CONTACT EACH OTHER? NOW I CAN TELL FOR SURE WHETHER THE BATMAN IS REALLY DEAD....

BATMAN-- DEAD?

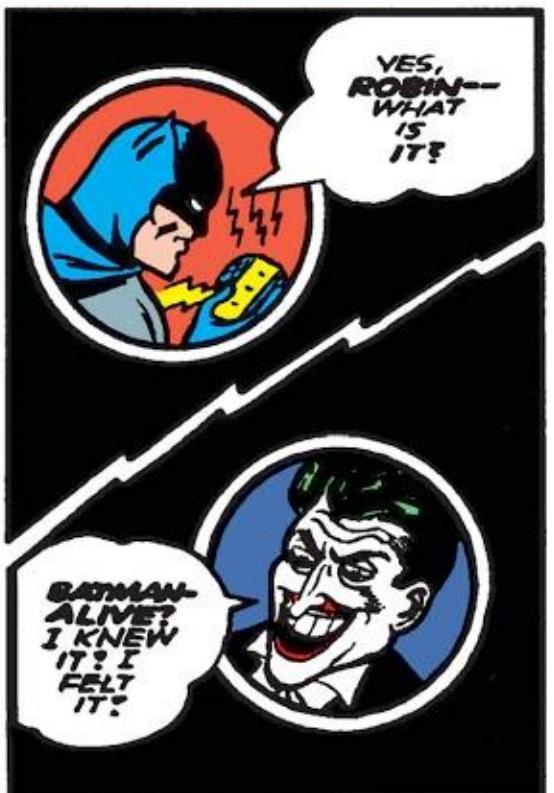


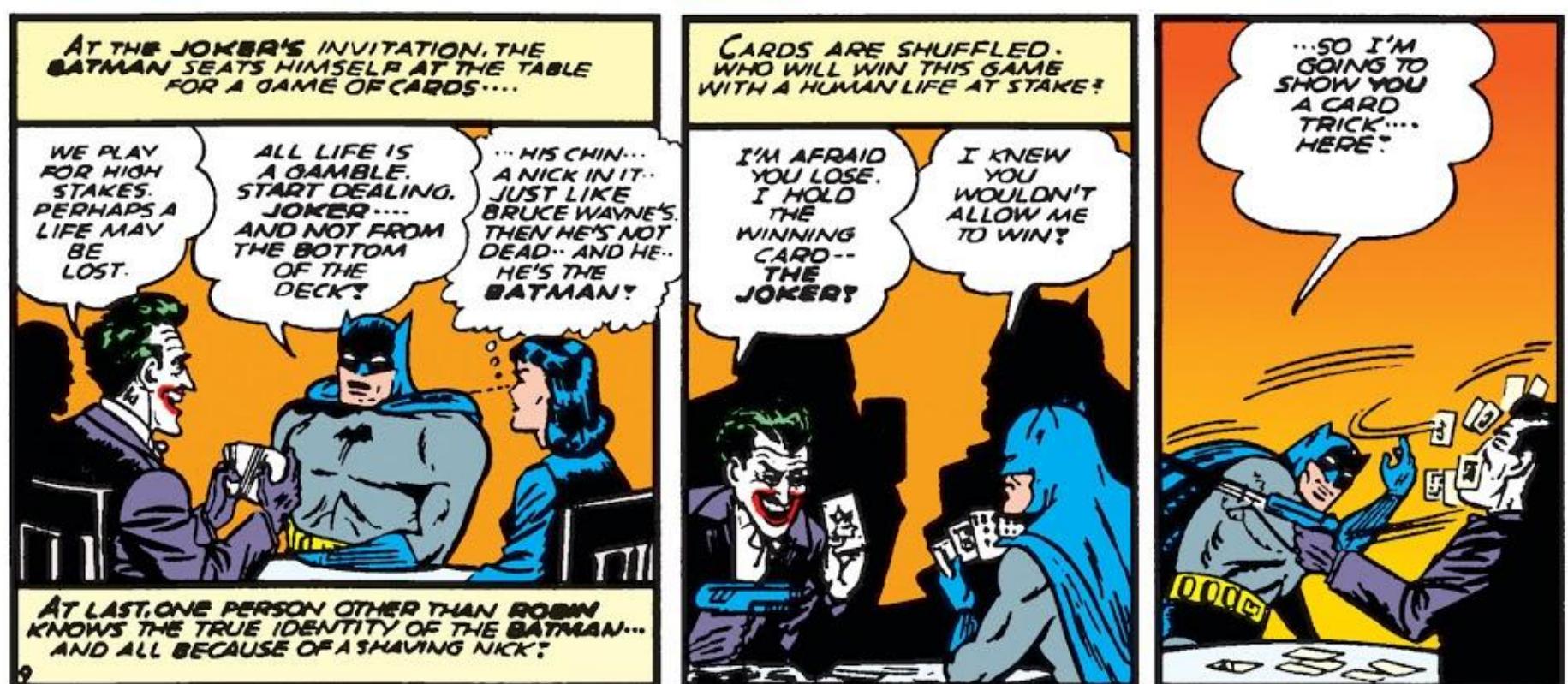
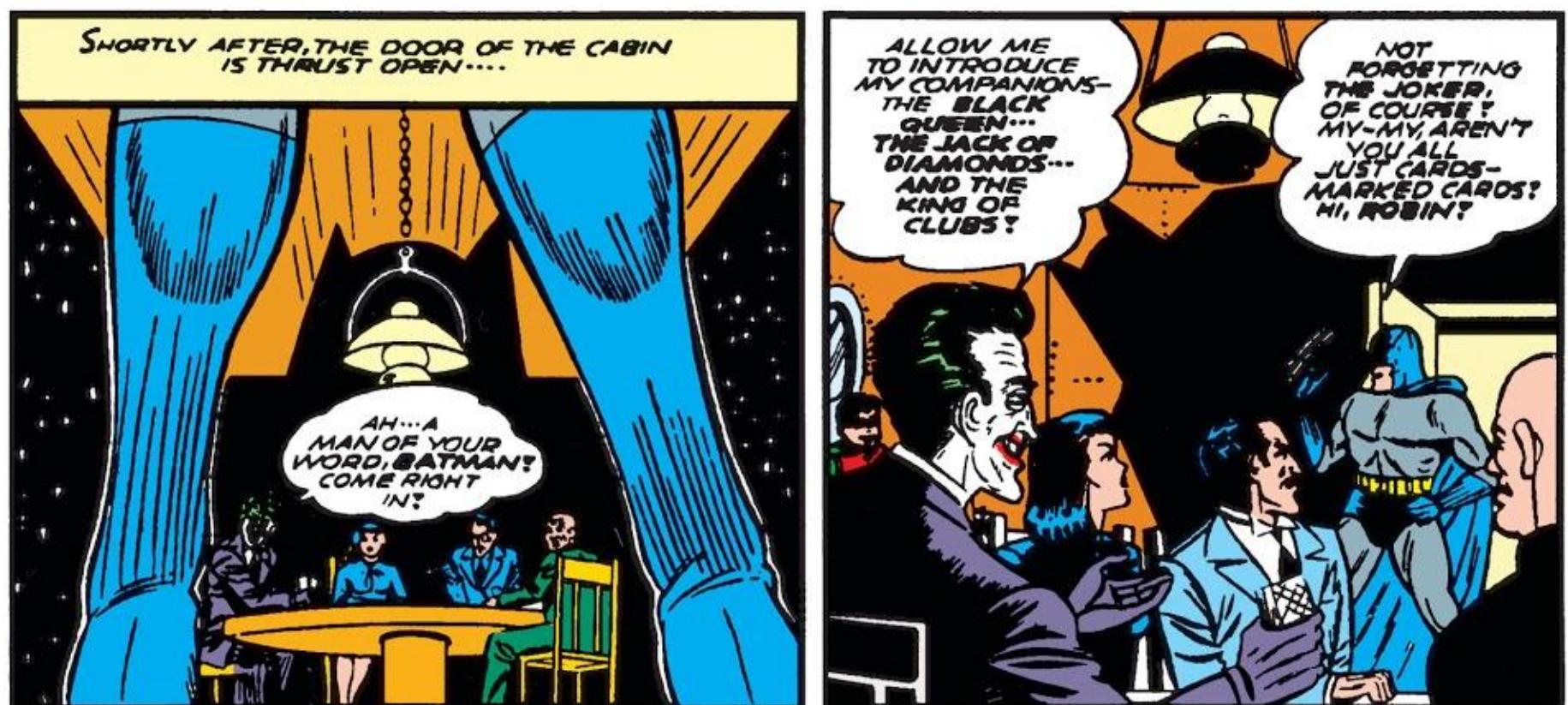
ROBIN'S BELT IS REMOVED BY THE JOKER AND---

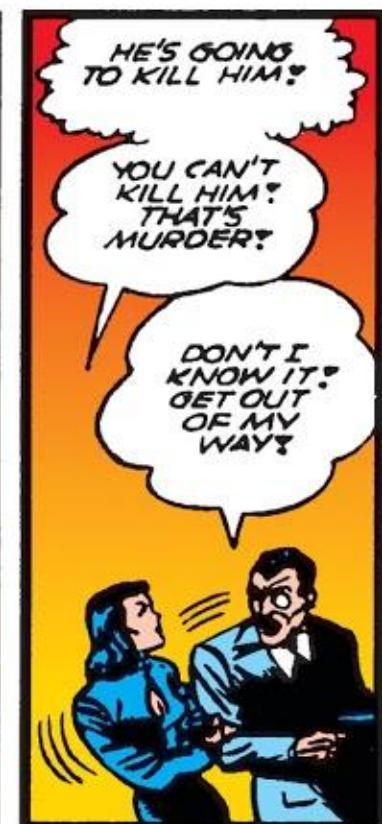
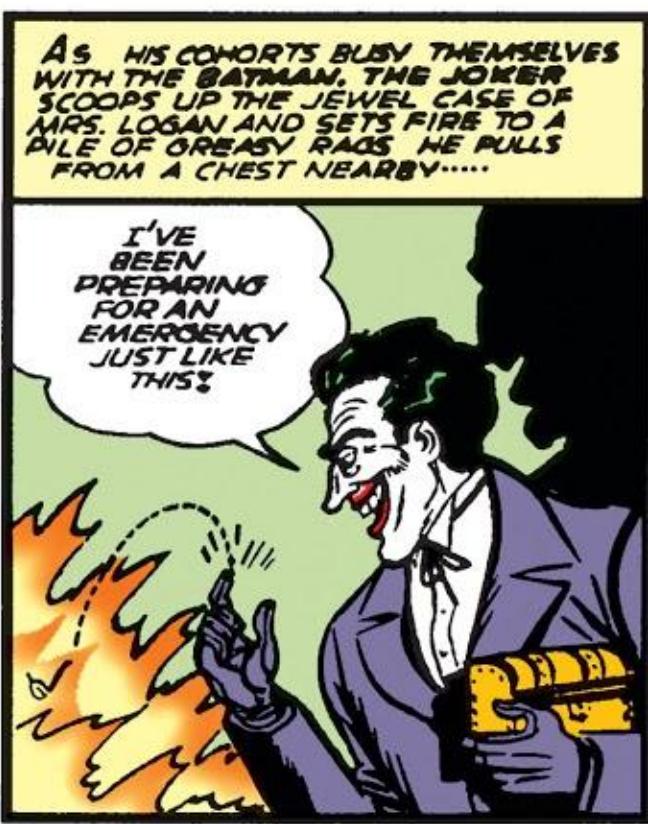
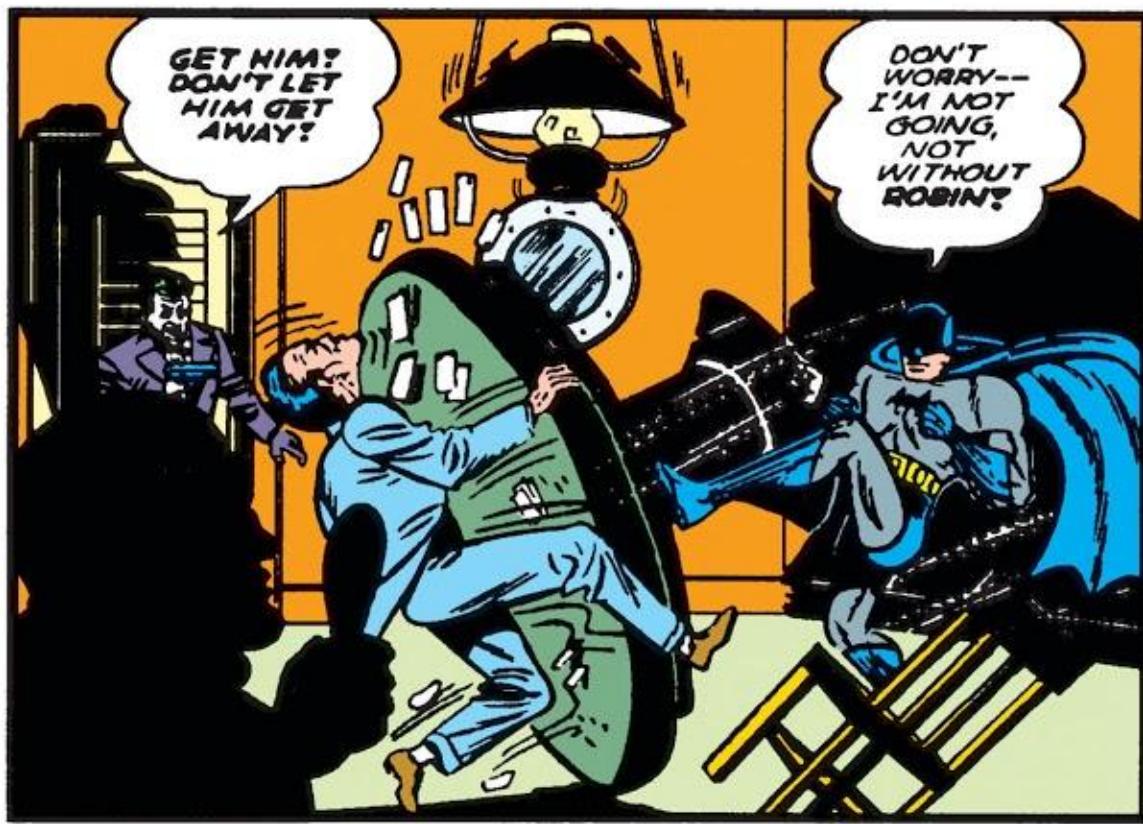
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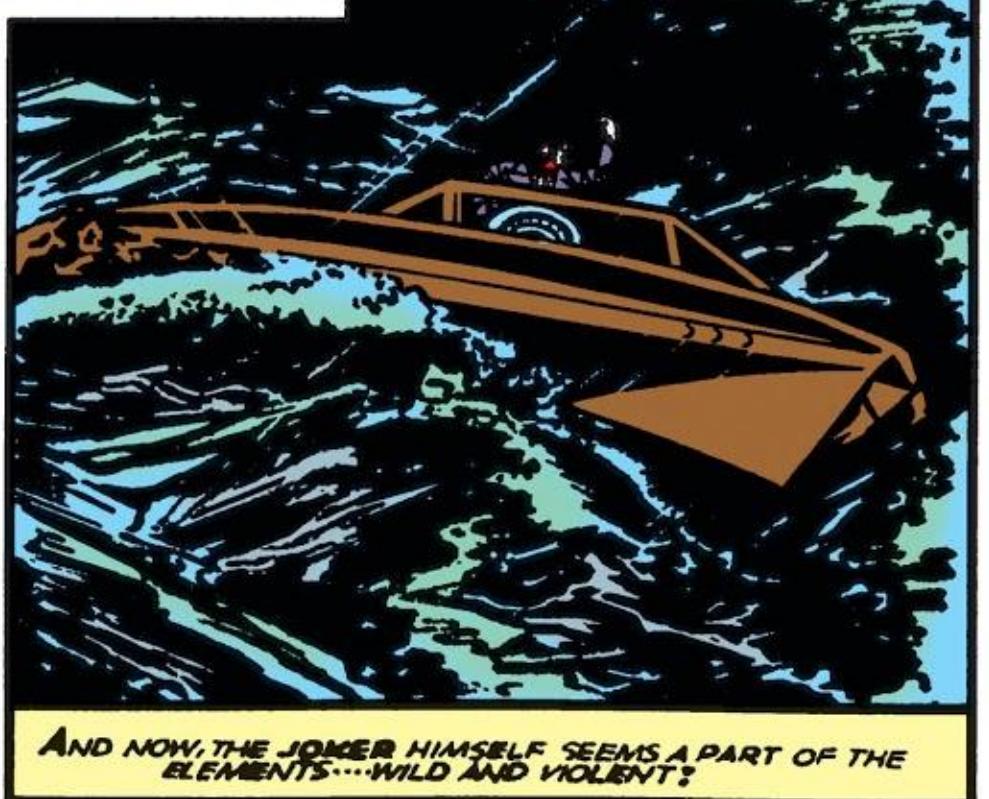


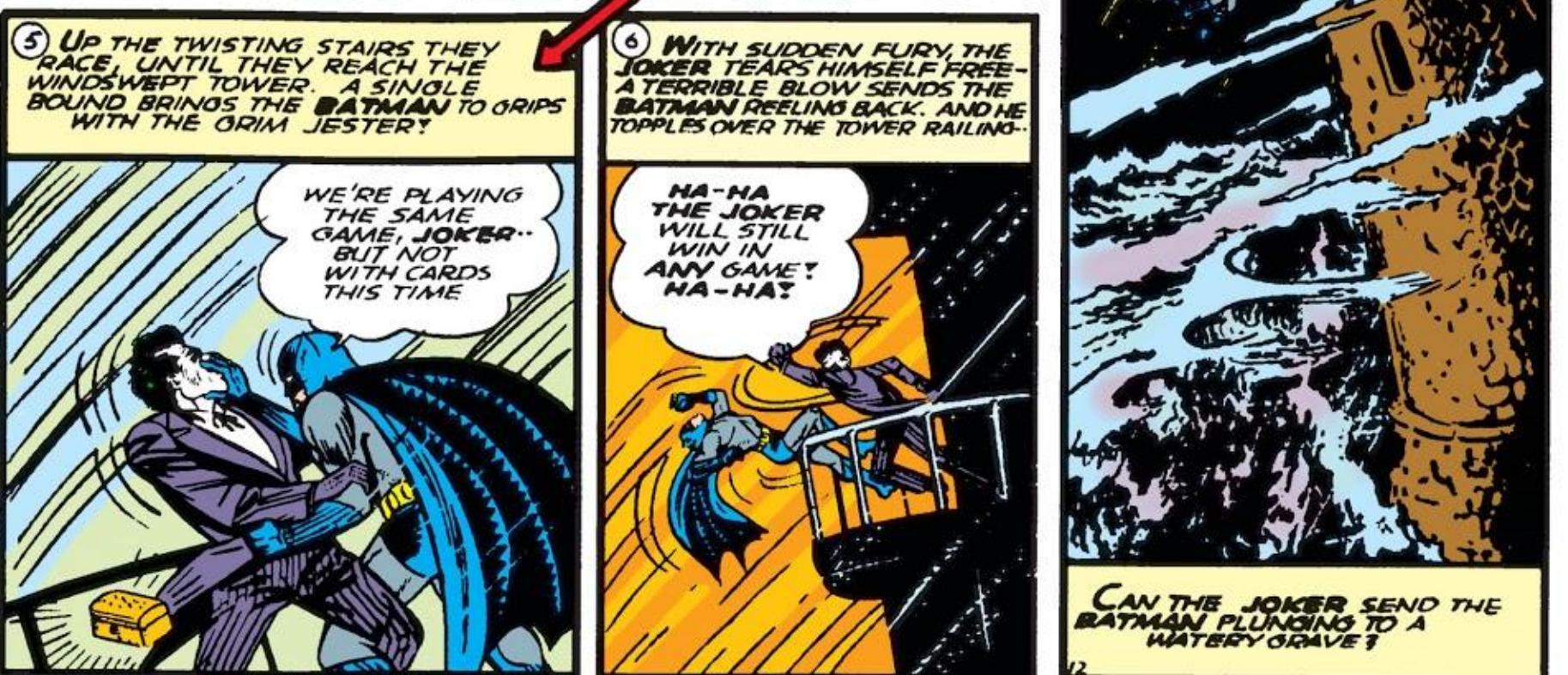
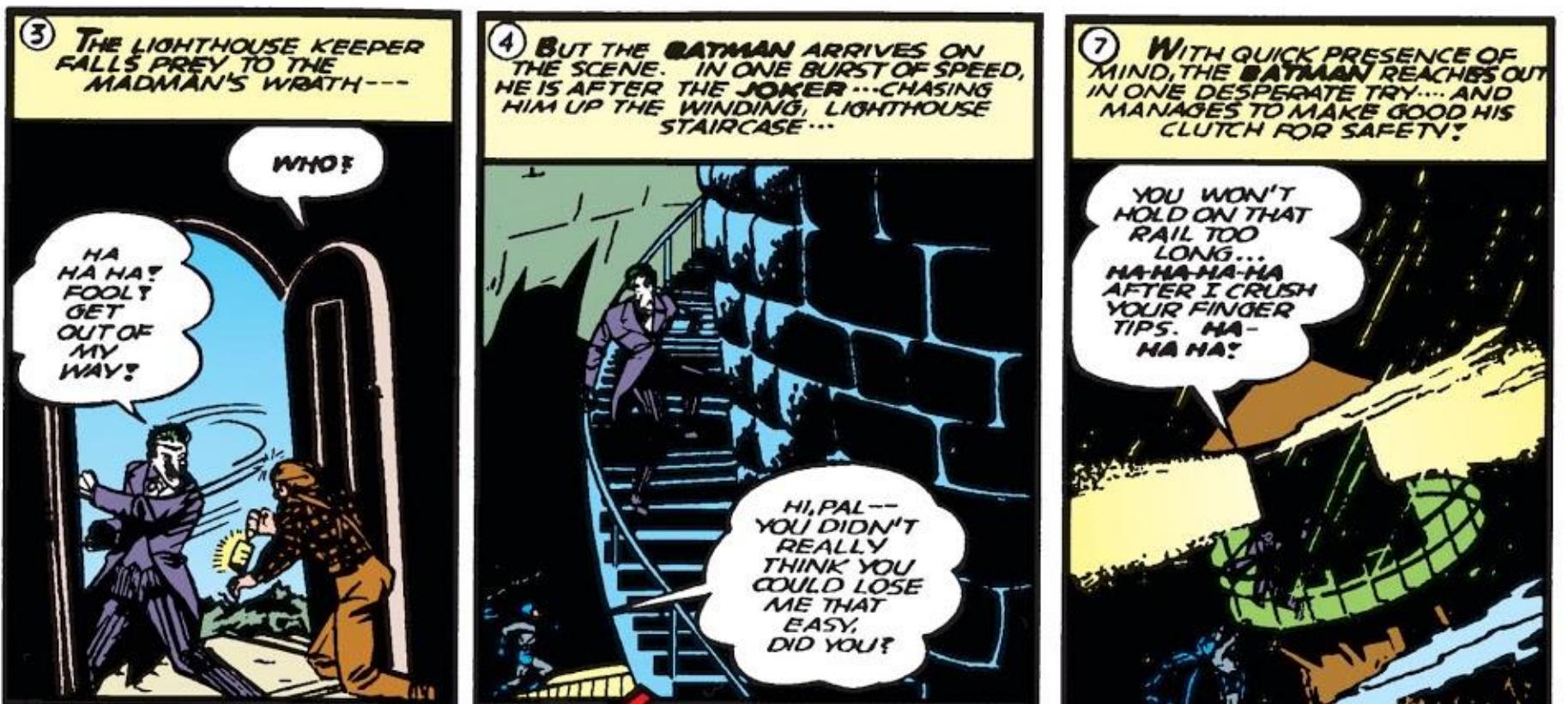
YES, ROBIN-- WHAT IS IT?











ABRUPTLY, A SMALL FIGURE HURLS HIMSELF AT THE JOKER...IT IS ROBIN THE BOY WONDER?



ENRAGED, THE KILLER-CLOWN CATAPULTS TOWARD THE BOY WONDER...BUT ROBIN SUDDENLY DROPS TO ONE KNEE...



UP--
AND
OVER!

AS THE JOKER'S HURTLING BODY LOOMS ABOVE HIM, ROBIN QUICKLY THRUSTS UP HIS HANDS... BRACES HIMSELF... AND WITH ONE SWIFT MOVEMENT, THROWS THE MADMAN OVER HIS HEAD!

OUT INTO EMPTY SPACE FLIES THE JOKER...AND DOWN, DOWN HE PLUNGES, HIS BODY TWISTING AND TURNING.....

...DOWN INTO THE GREEDY WATERS THAT SWALLOW UP HIS HURTLING FORM?

THIS IS ONE GAME THE JOKER LOST? ...AND HE LOST BECAUSE HE LOST TRACK OF ONE CARD.... BUT NEVER MIND THAT--LET'S RETURN THESE JEWELS!

LATER THAT EVENING.....

WHAT DID YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAID THE JOKER LOST BECAUSE HE DIDN'T KEEP TRACK OF ONE CARD?

I MEAN THE FOUR CARDS! THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN FIVE! HE HAD THE KING OF CLUBS--THE JACK OF DIAMONDS--THE BLACK QUEEN OF SPADES--AND, OF COURSE, THE JOKER. HE FORGOT ONE CARD.

...HE FORGOT ABOUT HEARTS....AND THERE WAS A HEART....THE HEART OF THAT GIRL WHO DIED BACK THERE. HE DIDN'T COUNT ON THAT...AND THAT DEFEATED HIM.

BUT IS THE JOKER REALLY DEFEATED? OR DOES HE STILL LIVE TO HOLD A HIDDEN TRICK? ONLY THE STORM-LASHED, TURBULENT SEA CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION!

BATMAN

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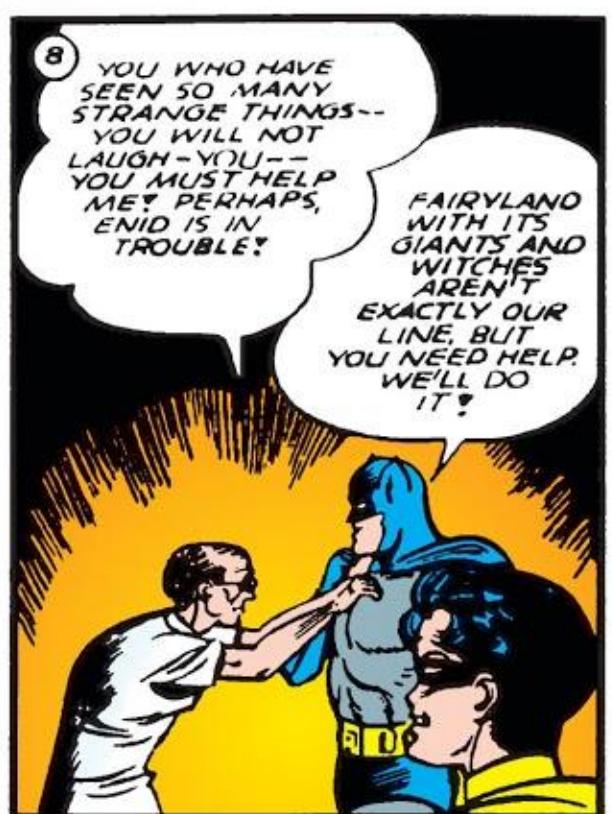
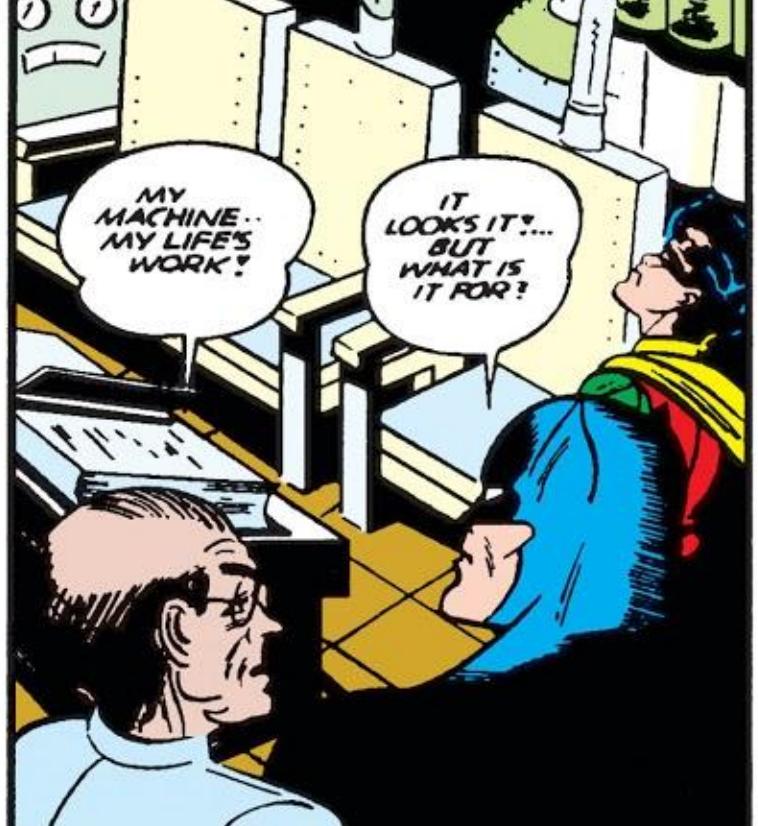
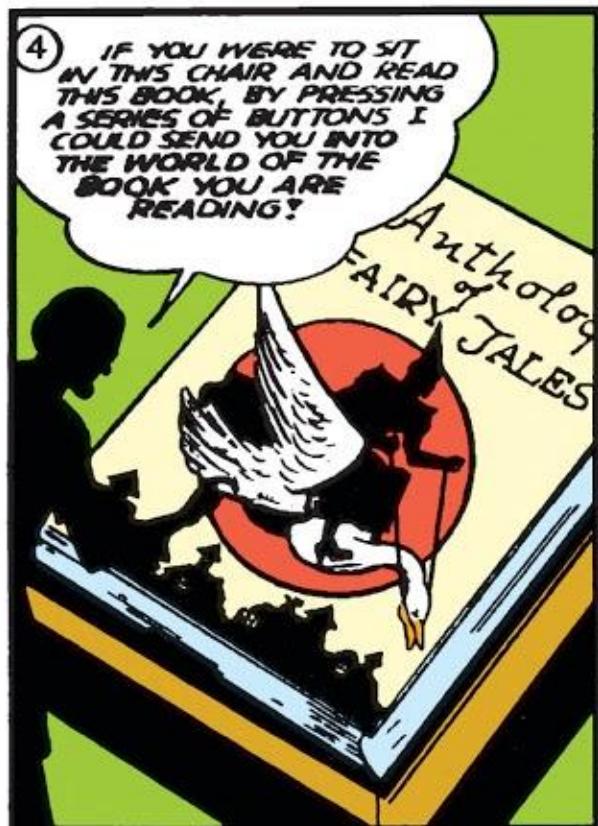
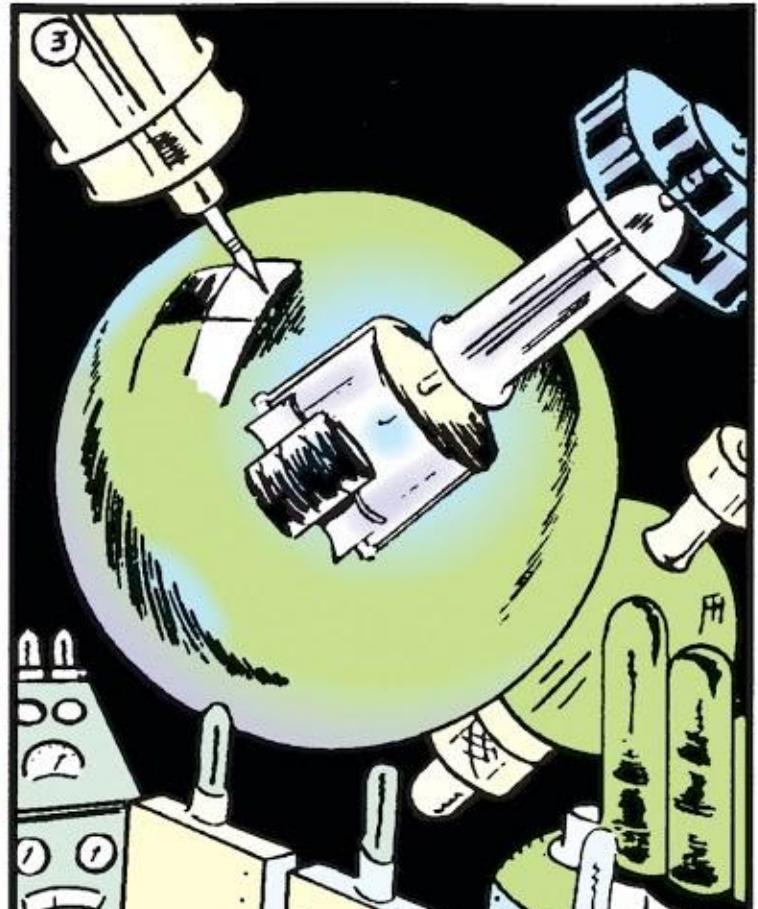
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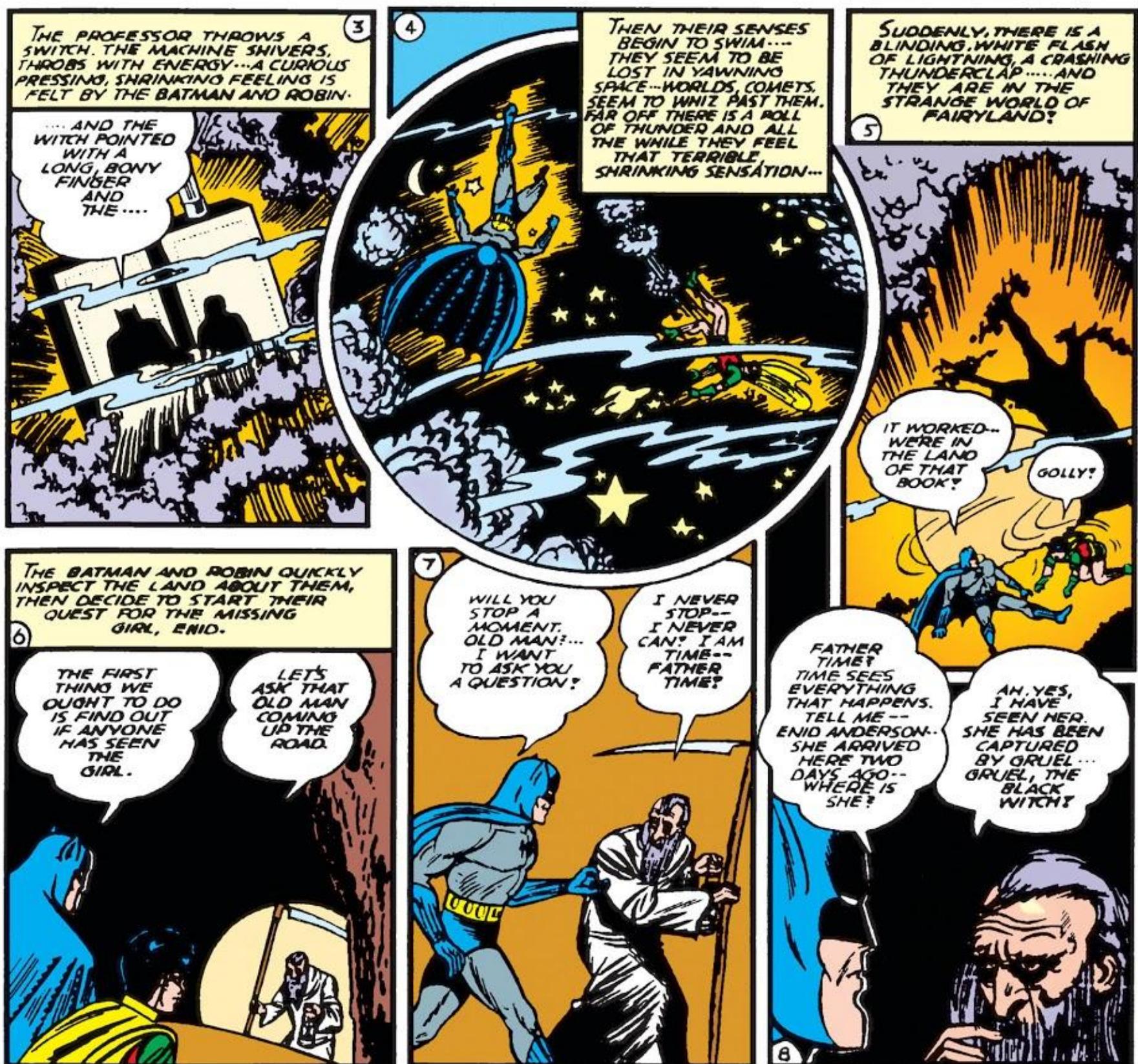


MANY OF US HAVE READ TALES OF FAIRYLAND.....THAT STRANGE LAND OF FANTASY AND WITCHCRAFT... AND HOW MANY OF US HAVE OFTEN WONDERED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE SHOULD BE SUDDENLY TRANSPORTED INTO THAT BIZARRE LAND--IT IS THE BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, WHO FIND THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION WHEN THEY ENTER INTO.... "BOOK OF ENCHANTMENT"

ONE NIGHT, AS THE BATMAN AND ROBIN FOLLOW A HOMeward PATH, THEY SEE TWO SNEAK THIEVES ABOUT TO CLIMB INTO A HOUSE. WITHOUT A MOMENTS HESITATION, THE DYNAMIC DUO CHARGES FORWARD TO DO BATTLE WITH THESE MEN OF CRIME.

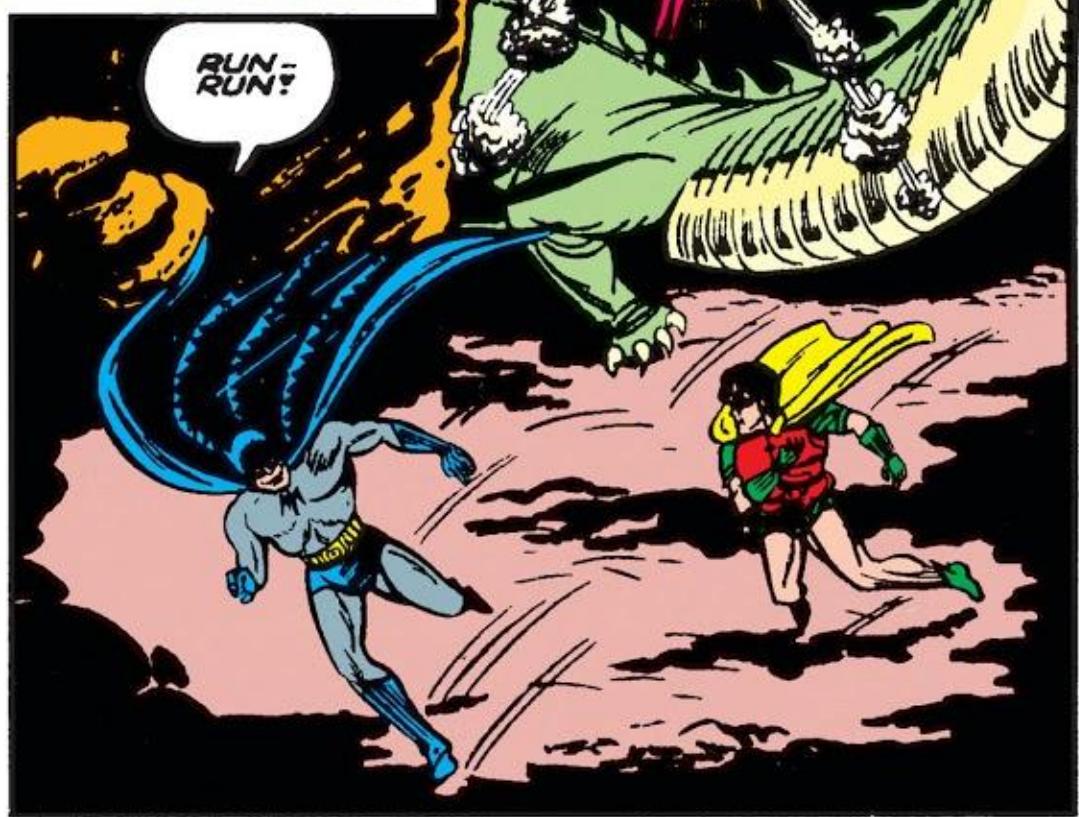
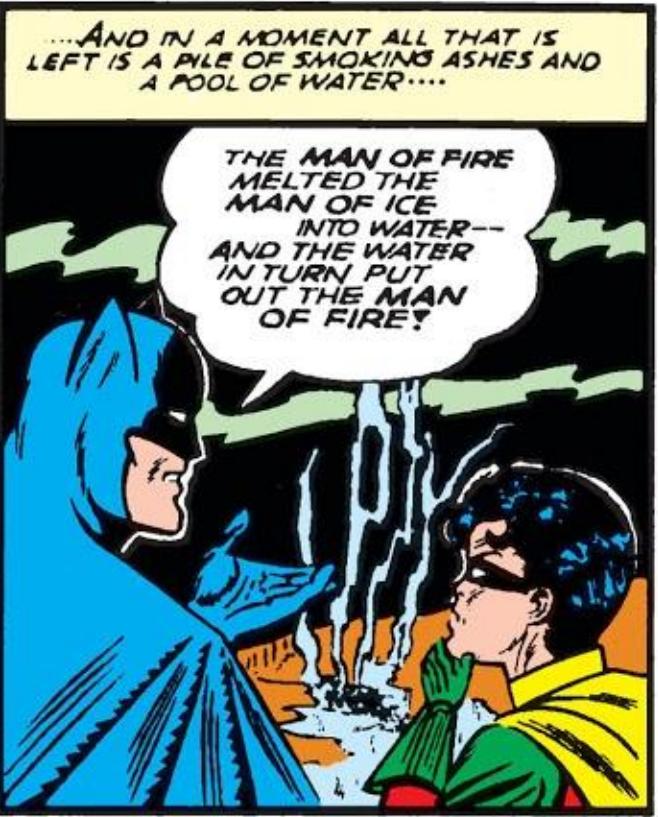


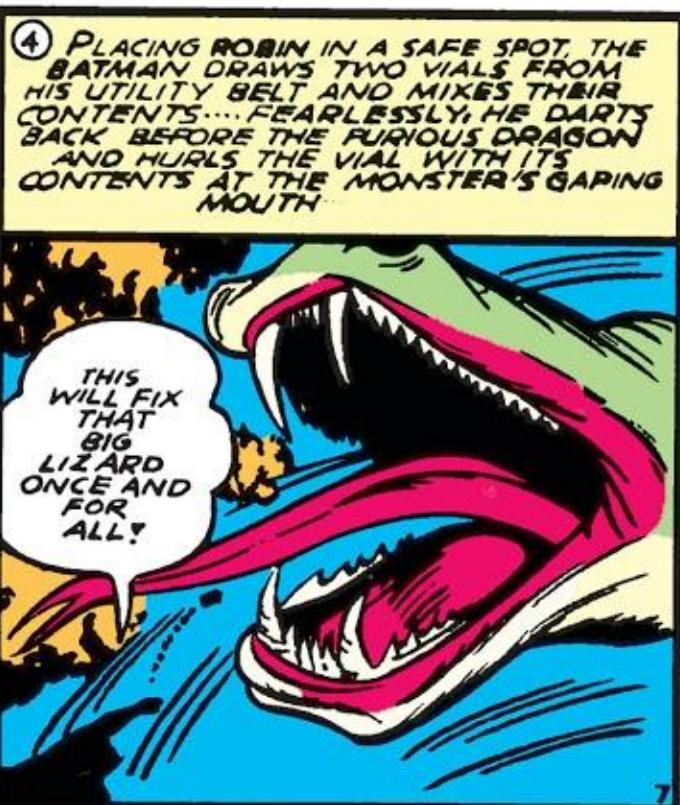
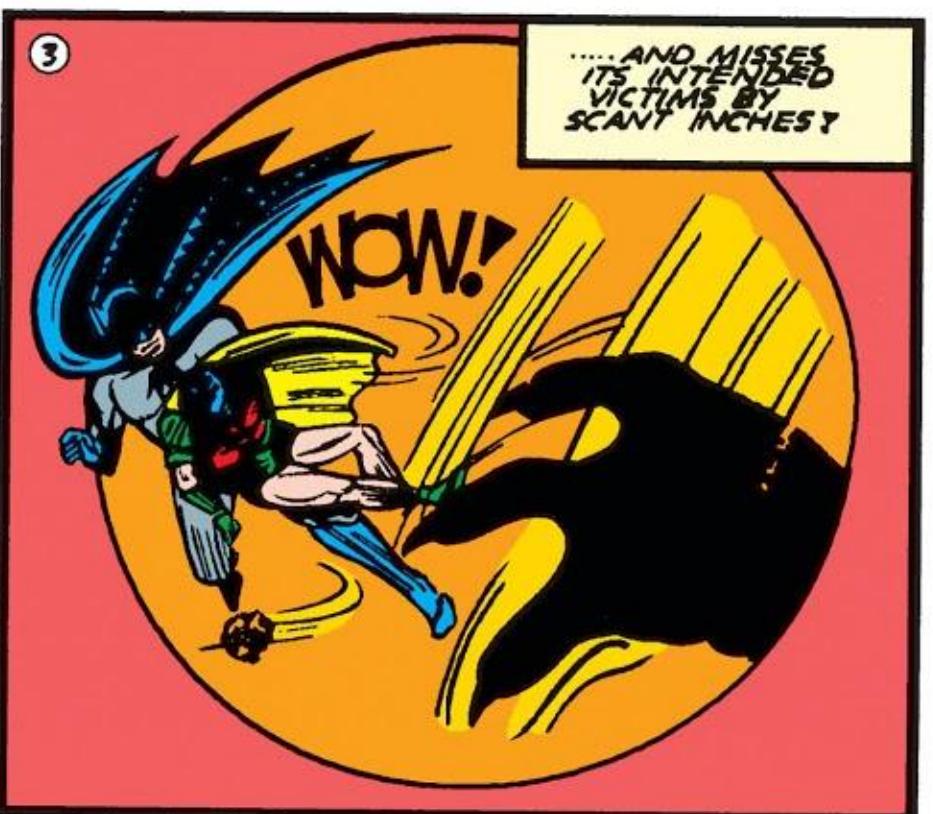


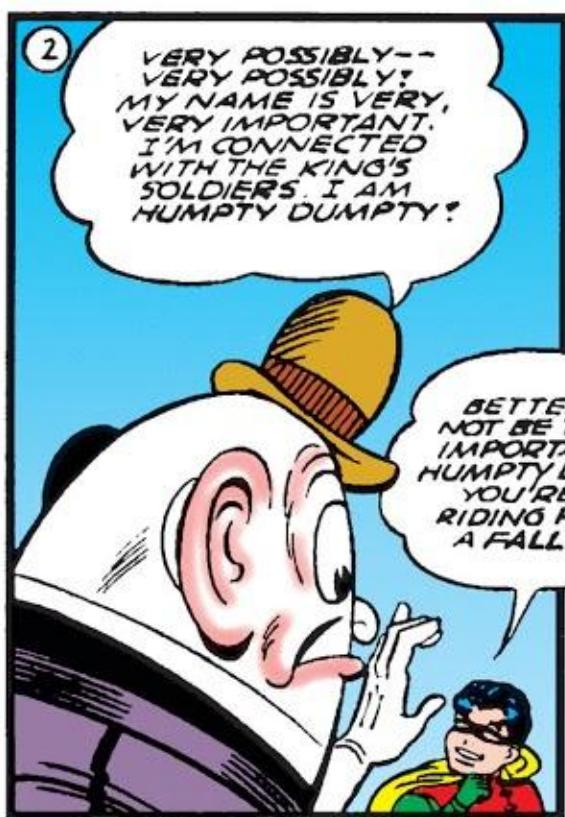
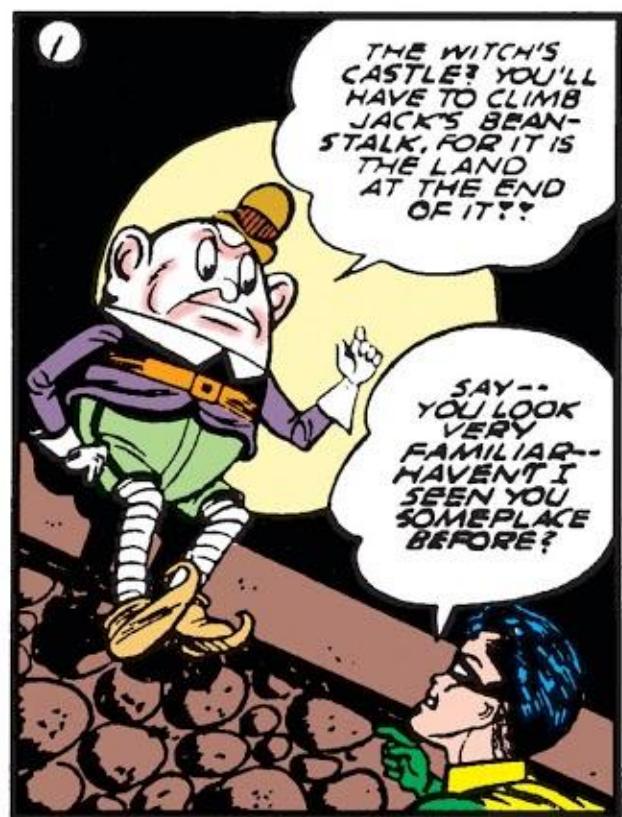




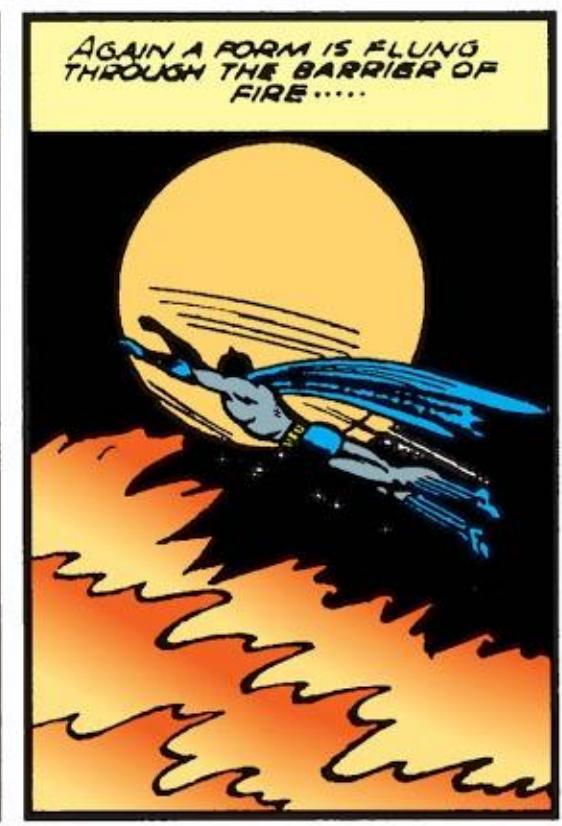
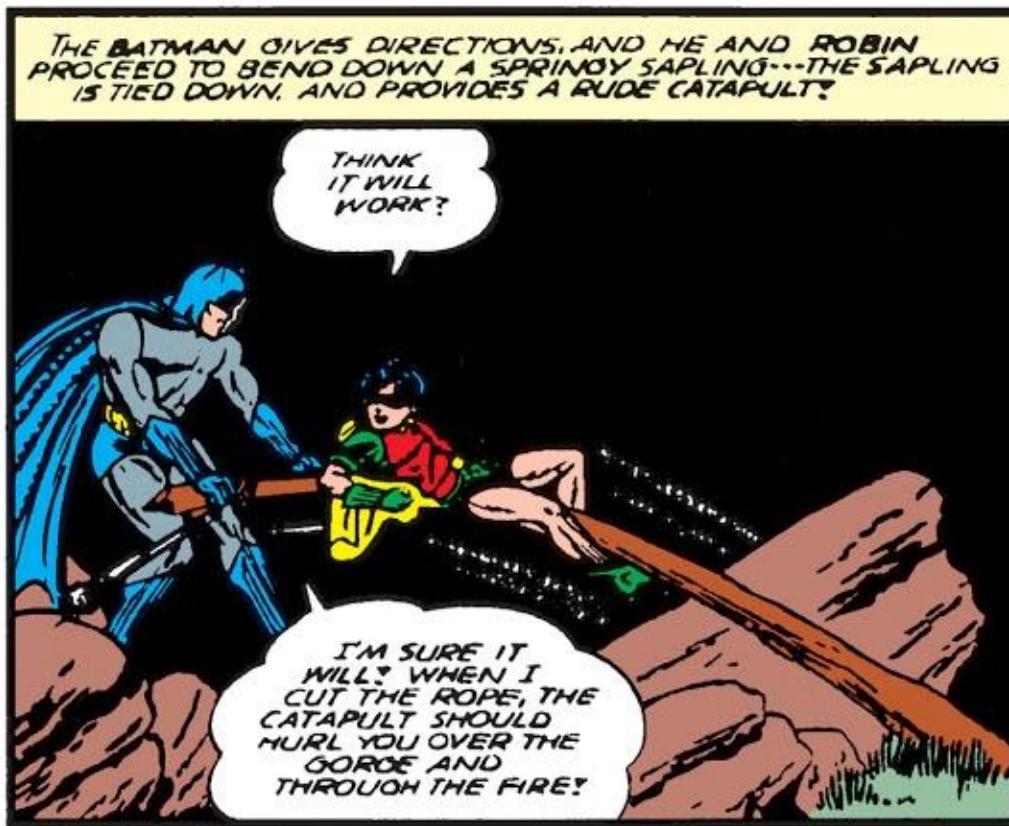








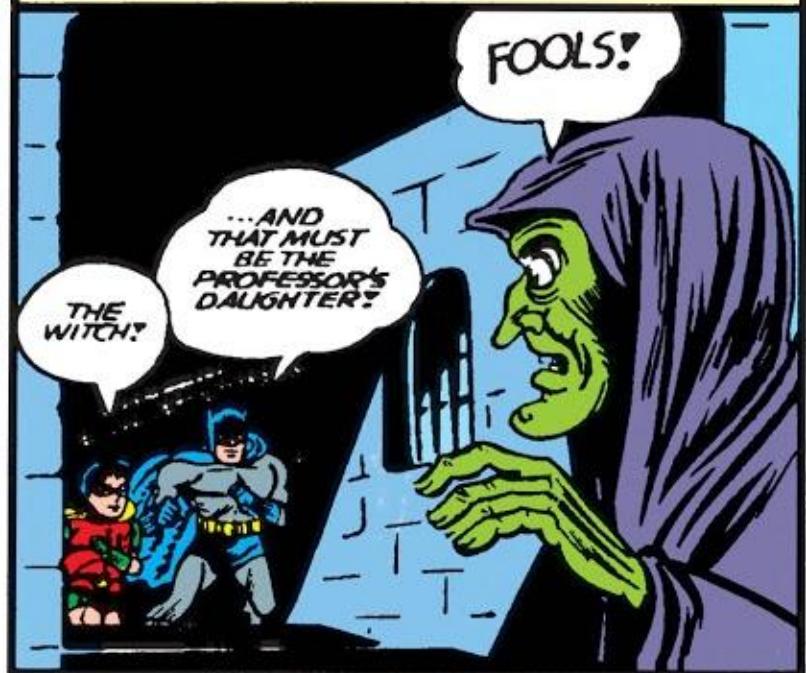




① BUT EVEN AS THE BATMAN ALIGHTS, HIGH UP IN ONE OF THE TOWERS, THE BLACK WITCH IS BENDING OVER A POT OF BOILING WATER....



② AND A FEW MINUTES LATER, AS THE WITCH LEANS TOWARD THE GIRL, SUDDENLY SHE WHIRLS AND SEES....



③ BUT THE WITCH IS QUICK....ONE SWIFT MOTION OF HER BONY HANDS AND THE STAIRS SUDDENLY BECOME SMOOTH....DOWN TUMBLE THE BATMAN AND ROBIN....



④ ...A STONE MOVES IN THE FLOOR...THEY TUMBLE THROUGH, INTO THE TORTURE DUNGEON OF THE BLACK WITCH.

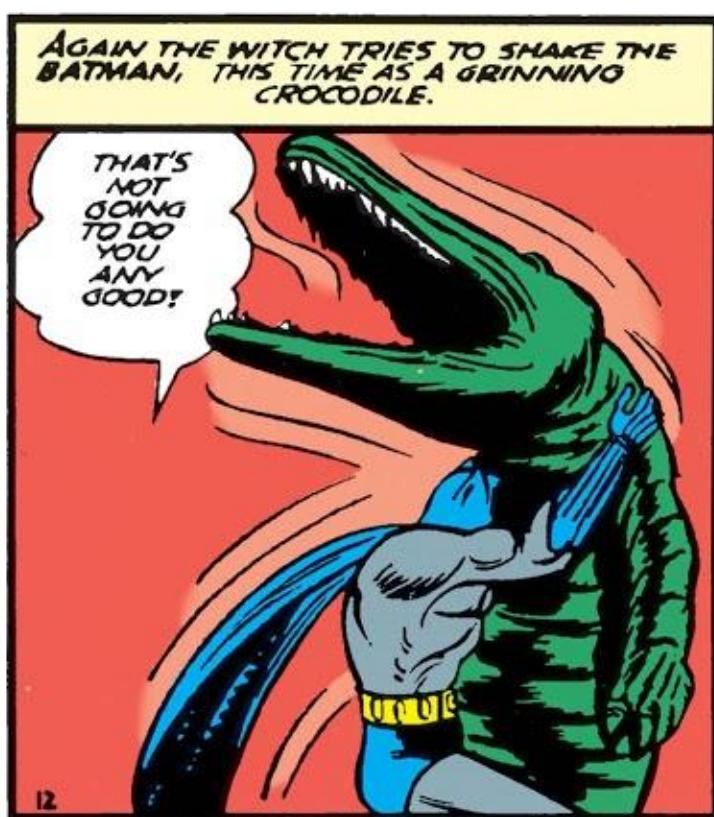
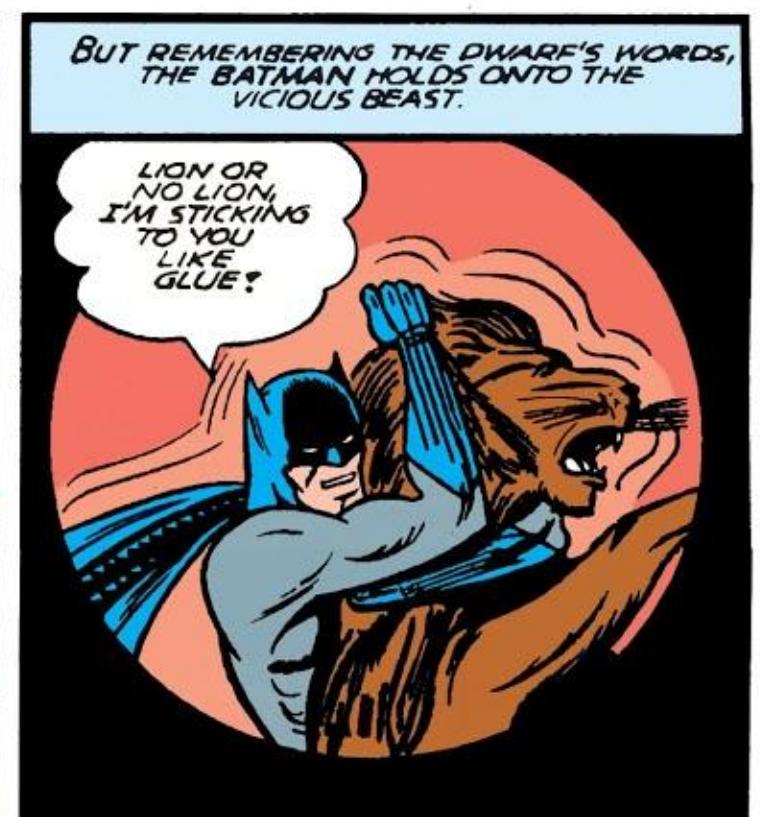
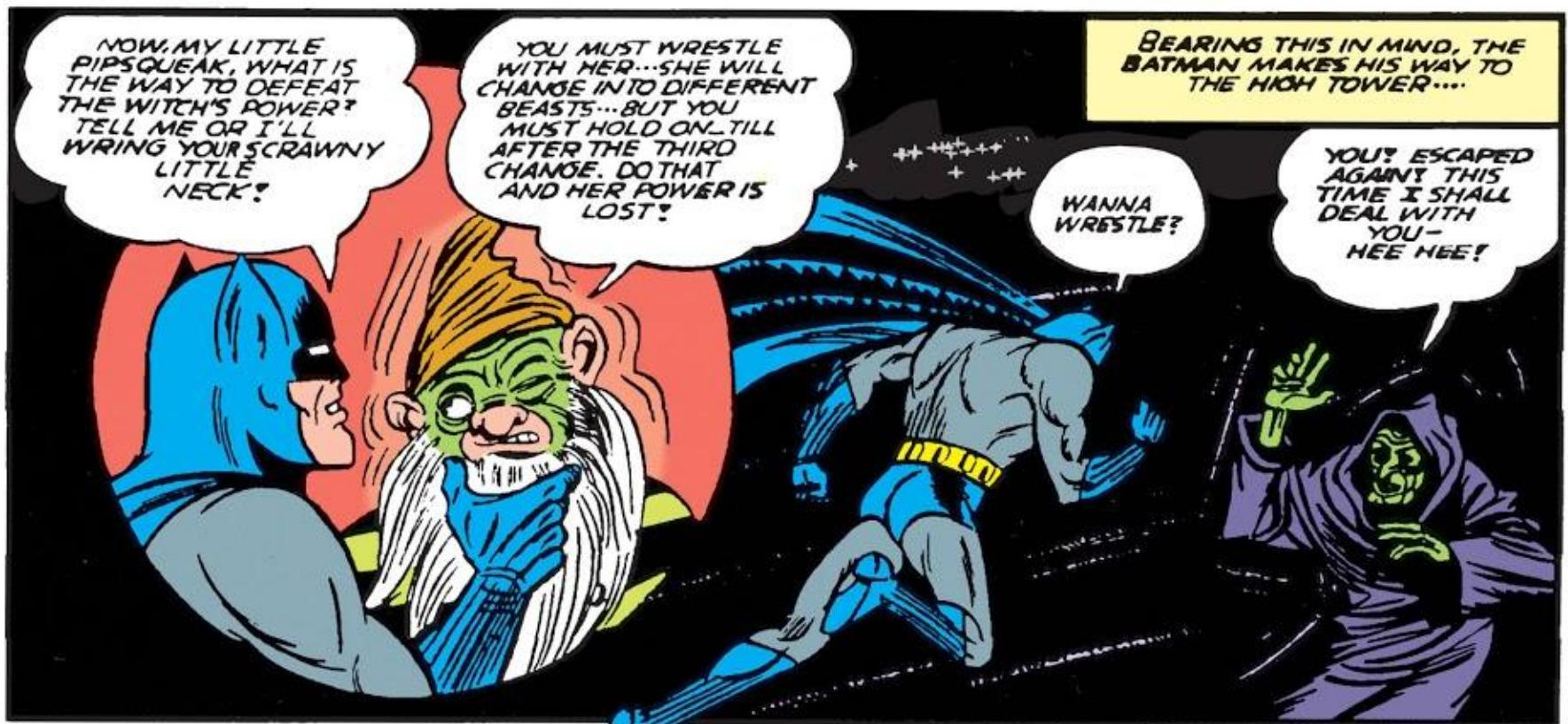


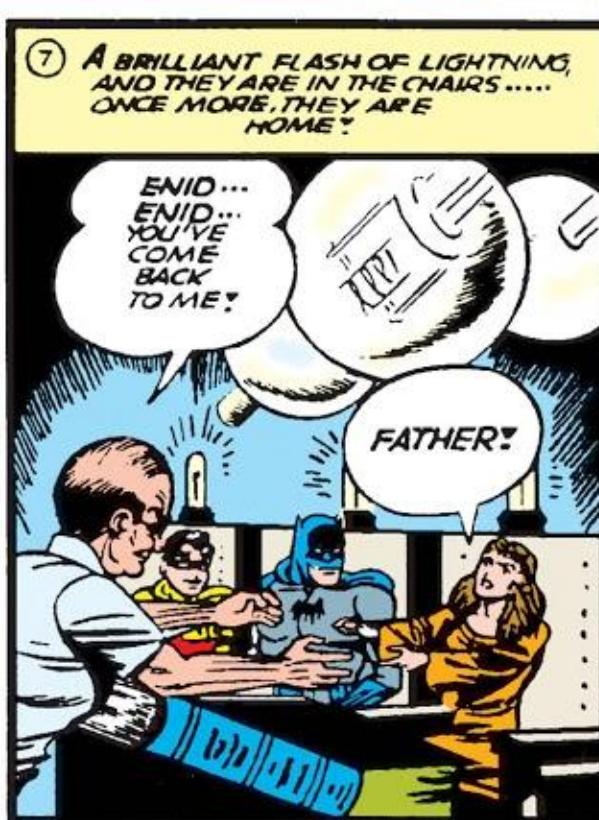
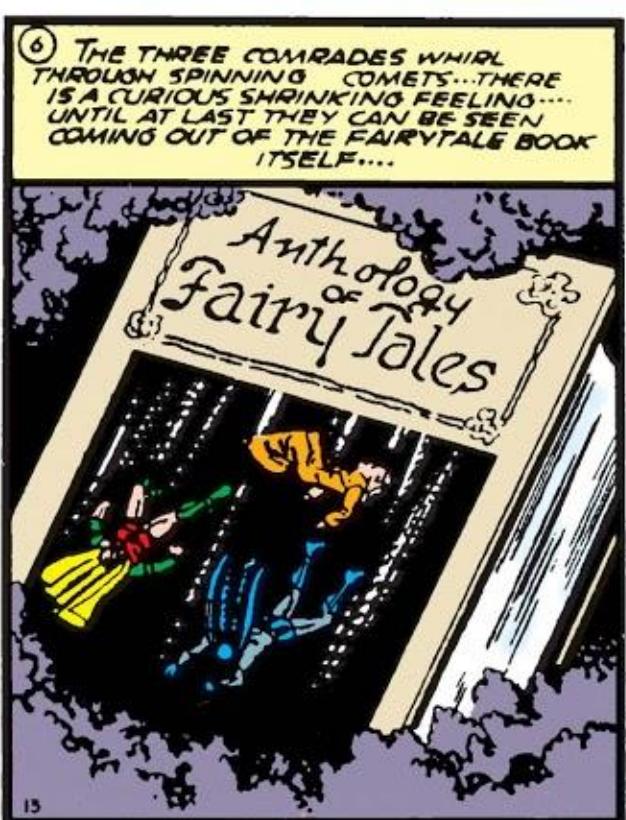
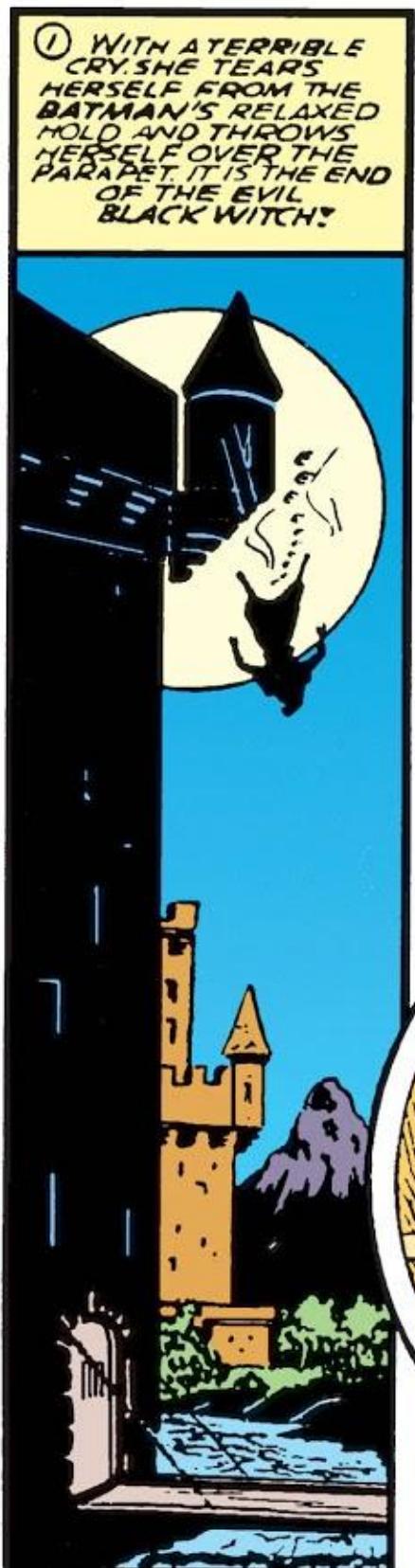
THE DYNAMIC DUO IS NOT TO BE TAKEN SO EASILY--



NOW TO CRACK A COUPLE OF NUTS?







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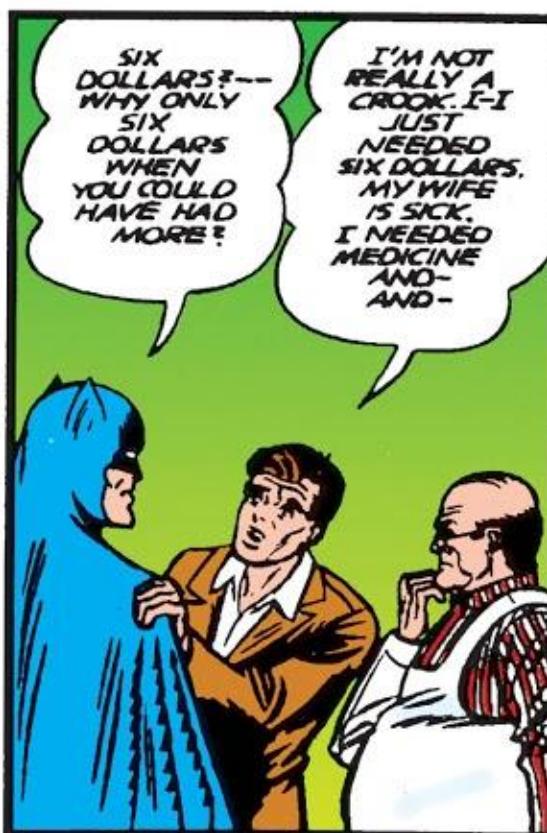
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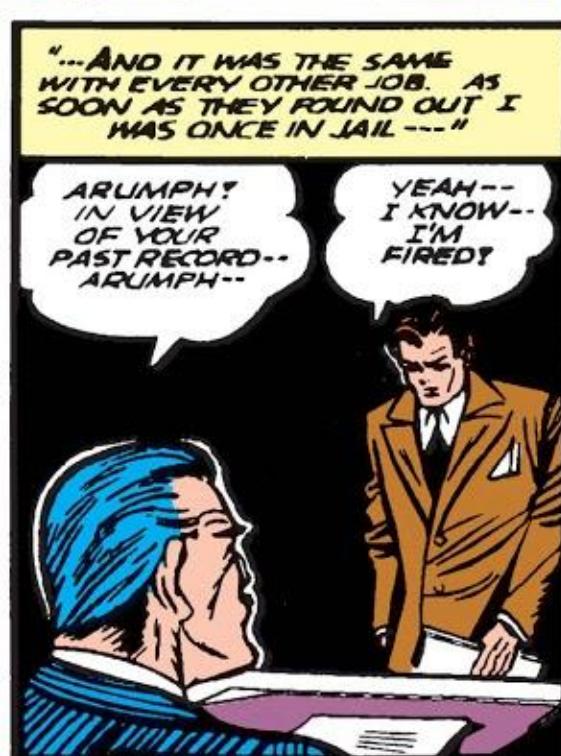
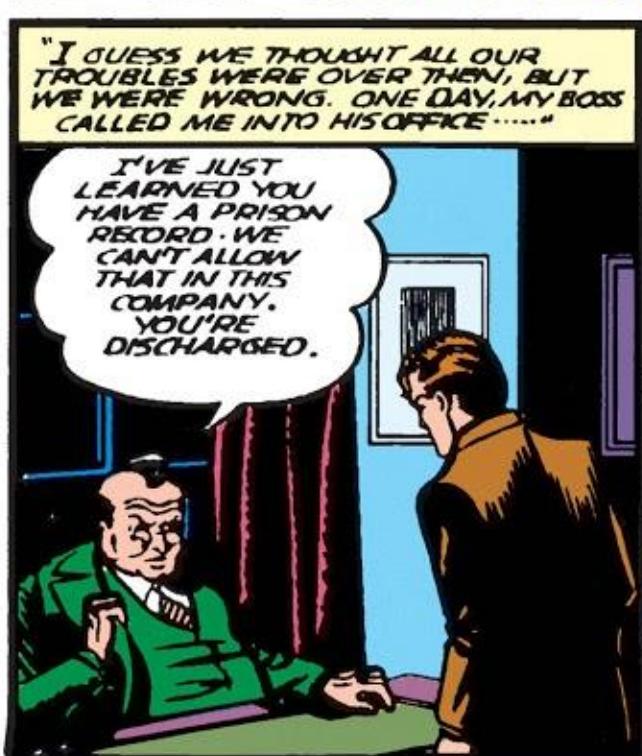
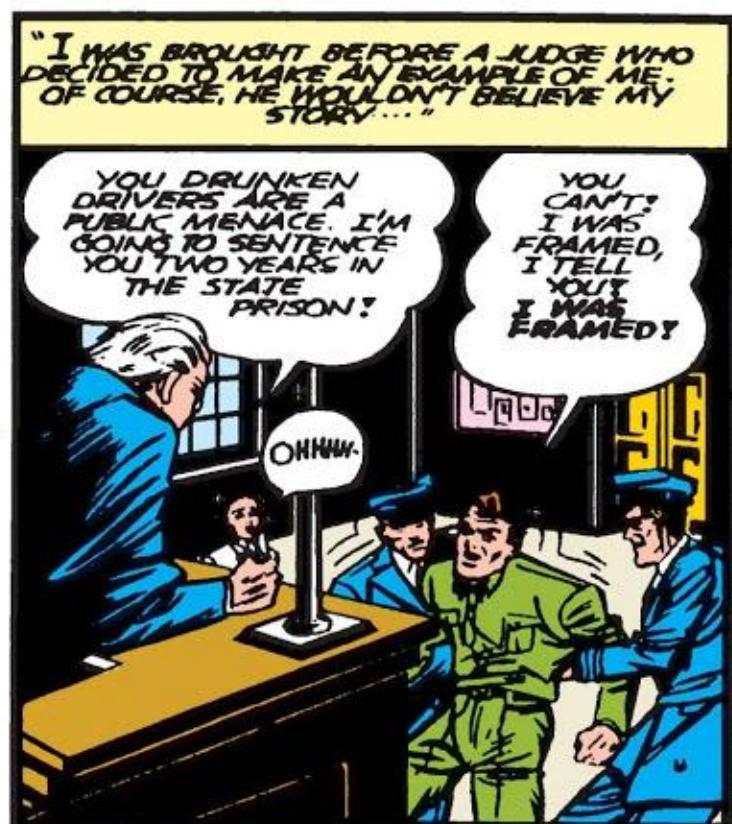
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THERE IS A TIME WHEN JUSTICE IS BLIND, WHEN JUSTICE EROS, THE TIME THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW POINTS AN ACCUSING FINGER AT AN INNOCENT MAN. THIS IS THE STORY OF SUCH A MAN, A MAN WHO, BECAUSE OF THE LAW'S WRONG JUDGMENT, ALMOST BECAME A CRIMINAL. BUT FOR THE TIMELY INTERVENTION OF THE BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, FOR IT WAS THEY WHO GAVE HIM BACK HIS SELF-RESPECT AND WEEDED OUT THE EVIL THAT WAS TO BE FOUND IN THE CASE OF THIS HONEST CROOK.





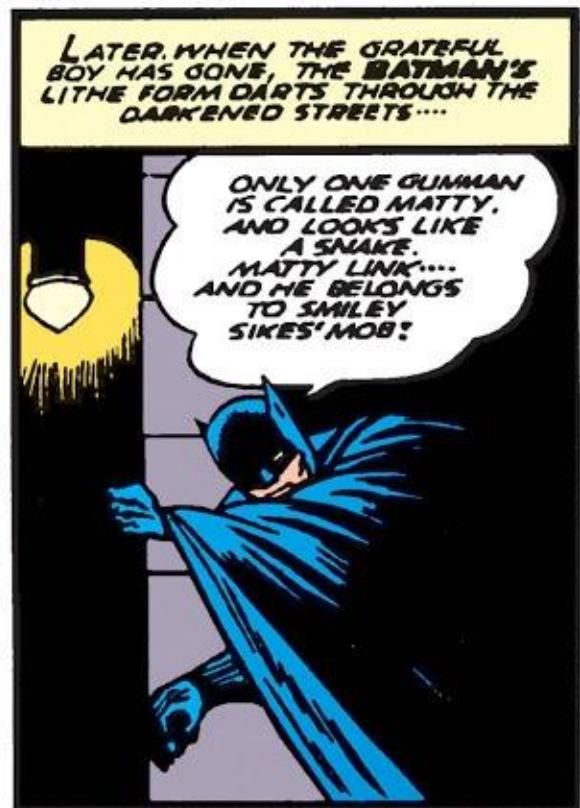


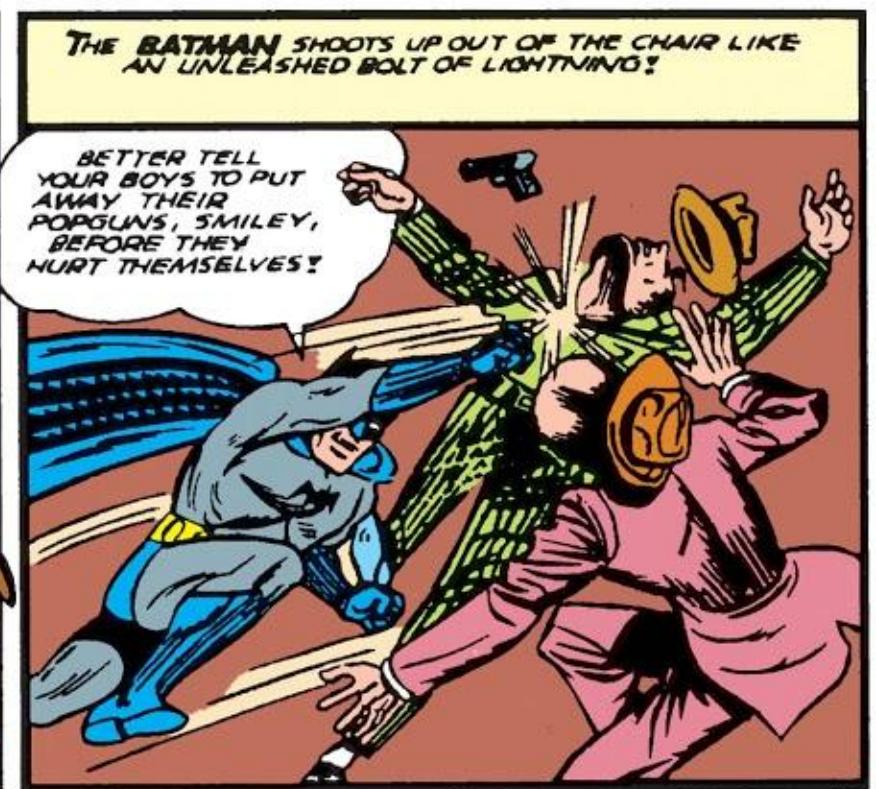
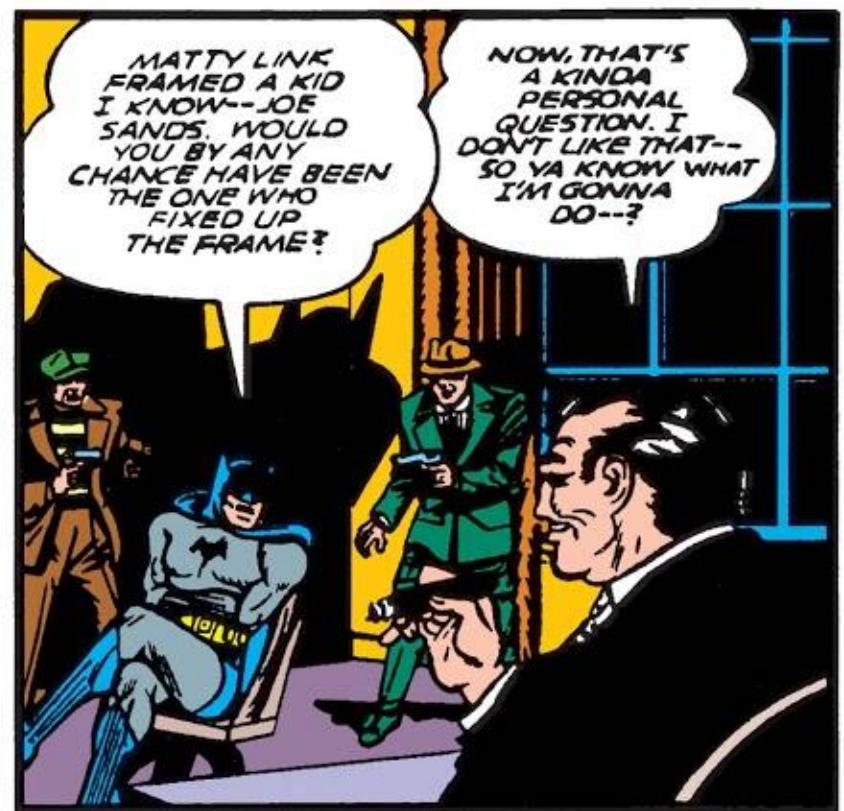


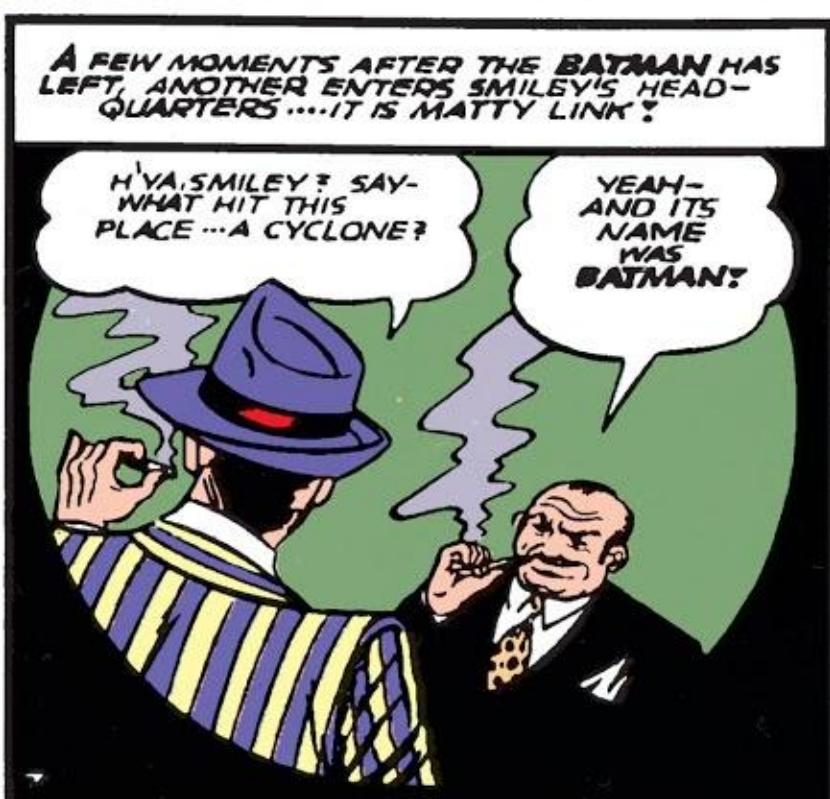
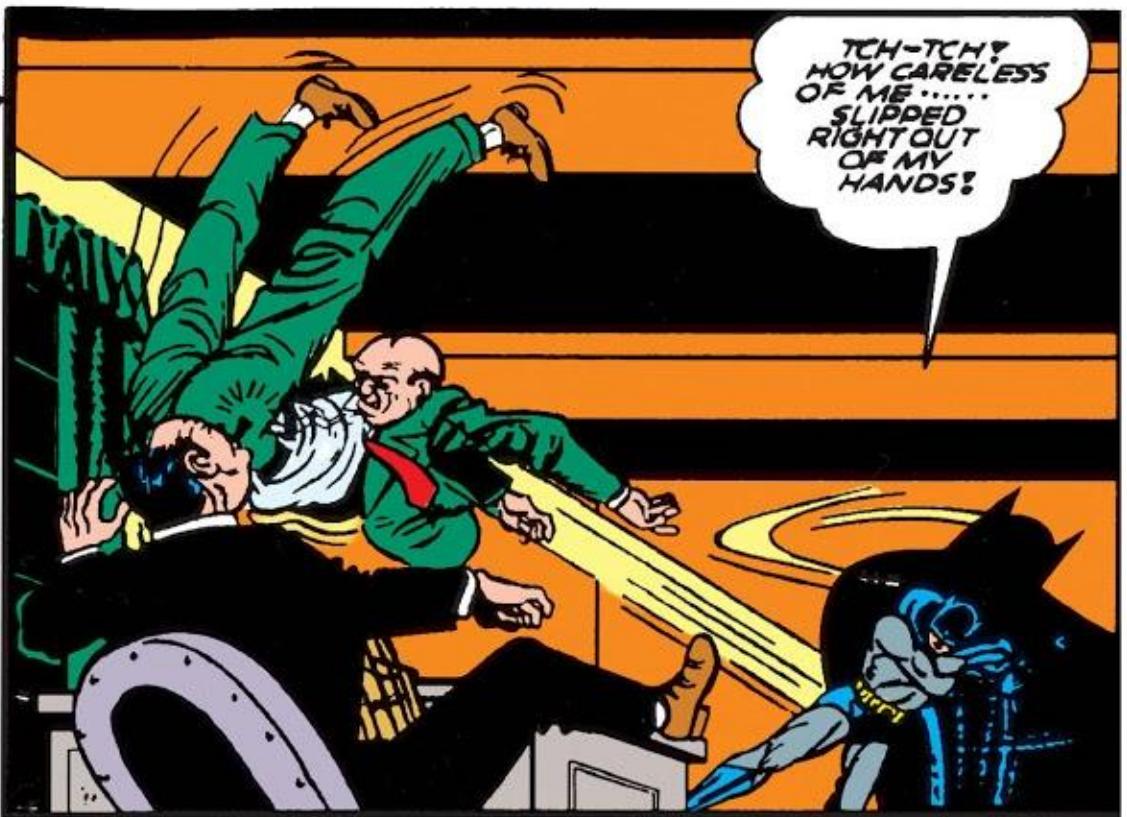
"I GAVE THE DOCTOR OUR LAST TWO DOLLARS. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO ABOUT THE MEDICINES--"



"SIX DOLLARS...AS FAR AS I WAS CONCERNED, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SIX MILLION."









THE SANDS OF TIME DROP SLOWLY. BRUCE HAS ALREADY REACHED HOME AND WAITS IMPATIENTLY FOR ROBIN'S RETURN.



IT'S LATE... HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN BACK HOURS AGO...



HASTILY, HE DONS HIS COSTUME. AN INSTANT LATER, HE SENDS THE WEIRD BATMOBILE STREAKING THROUGH THE CITY STREETS--

SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM-- I FEEL IT!



MOMENTS LATER, THE BATMAN STOPS BEFORE THE DOOR OF MATTY'S ROOM....

THE STRANGEST FEELING JUST CAME OVER ME. I-I SEEM TO DREAD OPENING THIS DOOR-



A TOUCH OF THE KNOB, AND THE DOOR SLOWLY SWINGS OPEN. LIGHT FROM THE HALL LAMP ILLUMINATES A SMALL, STILL FIGURE ON THE FLOOR!

ROBIN?



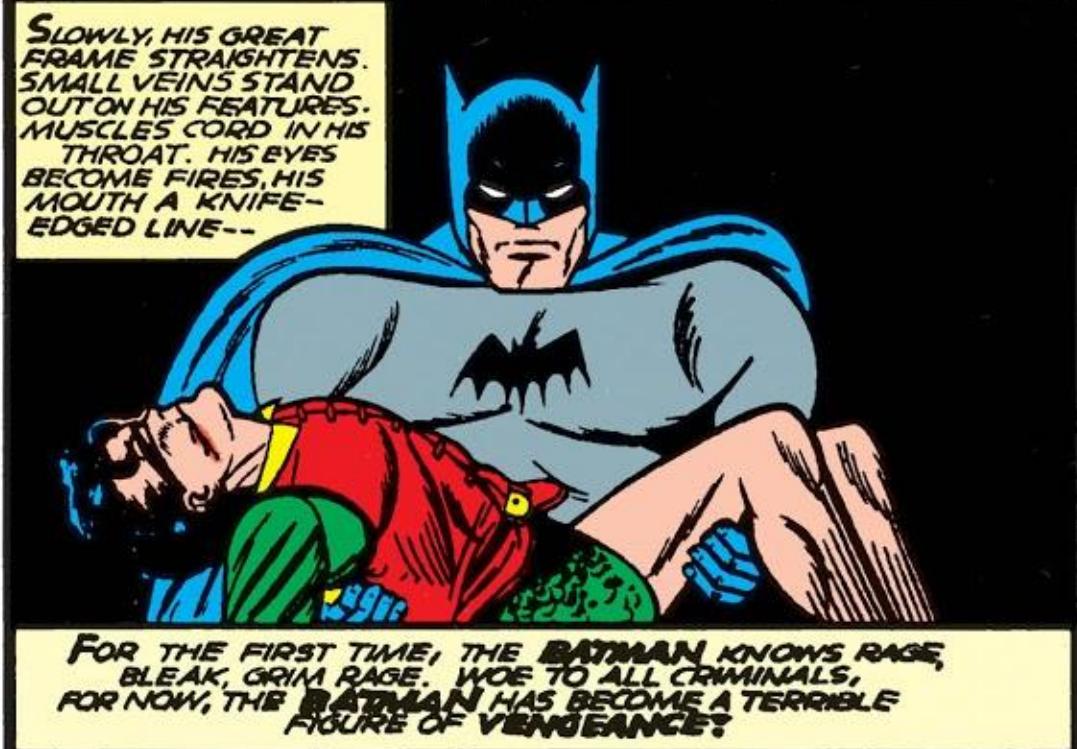
HIS HEAD... ALL BLOODY.... HE'S BEEN CLUBBED... CLUBBED TO DEATH? ROBIN'S DEAD??



THE BATMAN, MAN WHO HAS FACED A THOUSAND DANGERS, MAN OF STRENGTH AND WILL-POWER, NOW BENDS HIS HEAD AND WEEPS. ANQUISHED SOBS ARE TORN FROM HIM!



SLOWLY, HIS GREAT FRAME STRAIGHTENS. SMALL VEINS STAND OUT ON HIS FEATURES. MUSCLES TIDE IN HIS THROAT. HIS EYES BECOME FIRES, HIS MOUTH A KNIFE-EDGED LINE--



FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE BATMAN KNOWS RAGE, BLEAK, GRIM RAGE. WOE TO ALL CRIMINALS, FOR NOW, THE BATMAN HAS BECOME A TERRIBLE FIGURE OF VENGEANCE!



BUT THE BATMAN DOESN'T EVEN BOther WITH OPENING THE DOOR. THERE IS A CRASH....THE WOOD SPLinters AS HIS BROAD SHOULDERS SMASH THROUGH.....

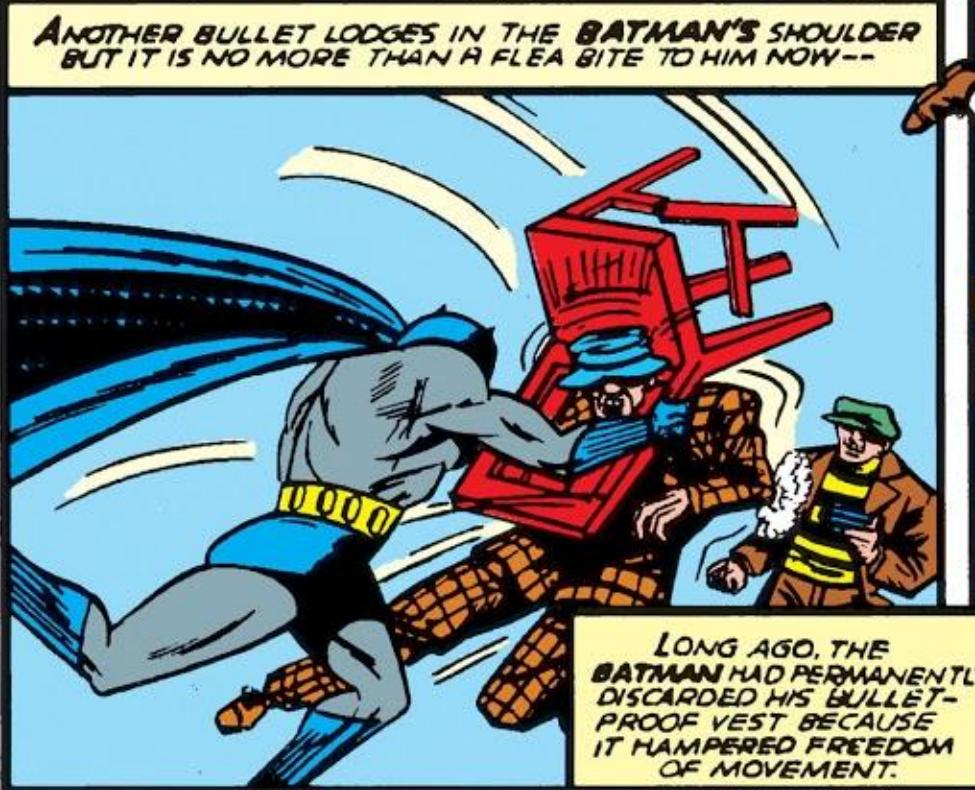


YOU MURDERING RATS--YOU WON'T FORGET THIS DAY!



ANOTHER BULLET LODGES IN THE BATMAN'S SHOULDER BUT IT IS NO MORE THAN A FLEA BITE TO HIM NOW--

BY NOW, THE BATMAN HAS THROWN ALL CAUTION TO THE WINDS. HE IS MAD, FIGHTING MAD!



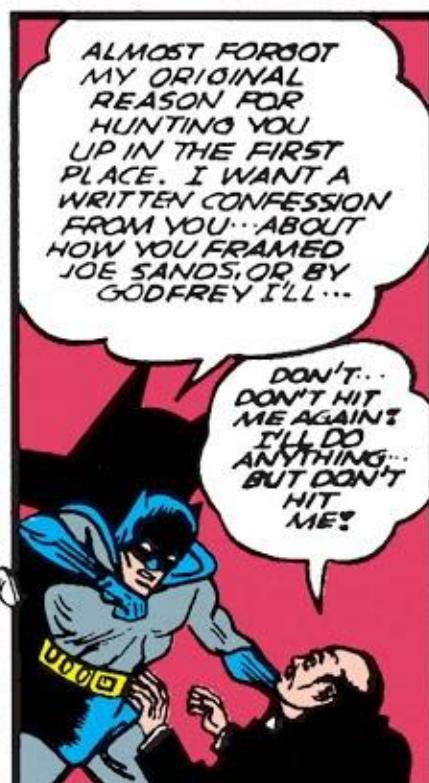
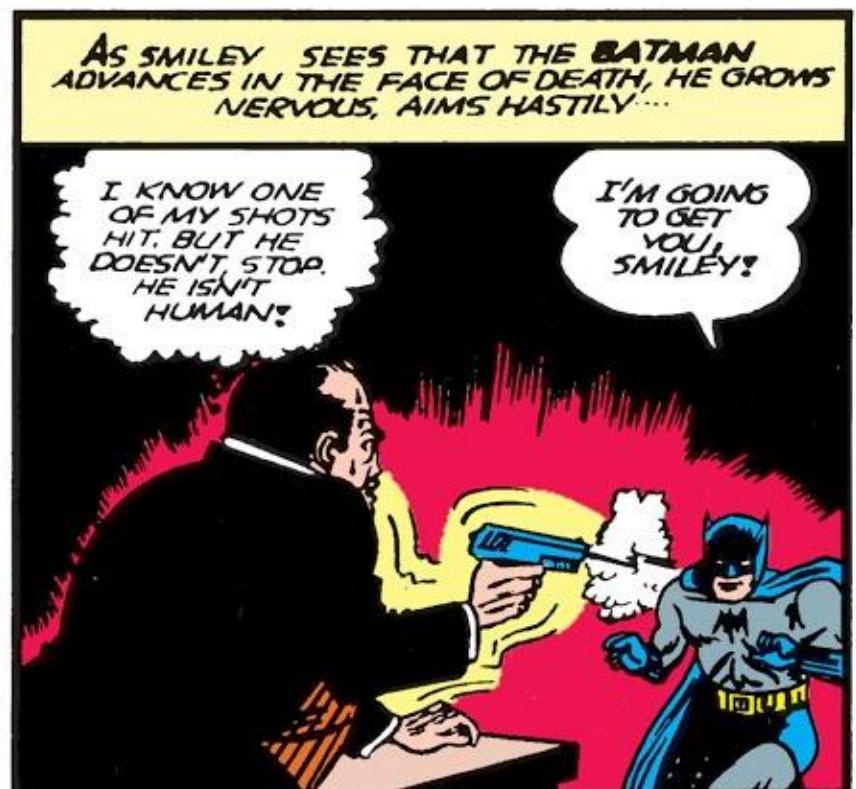
PICKING UP ONE HELPLESS THUG, THE BATMAN USES HIM AS A HUMAN BLUDGEON.

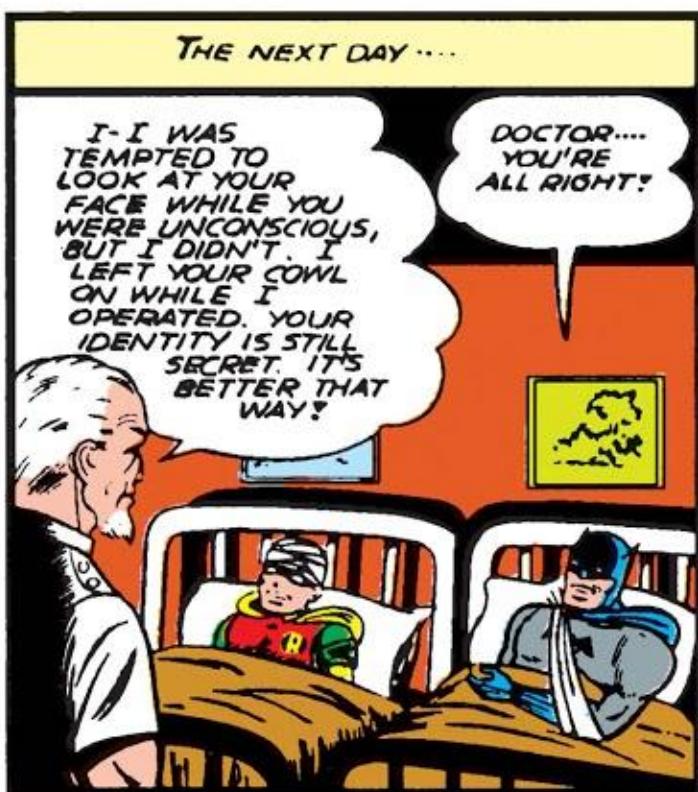
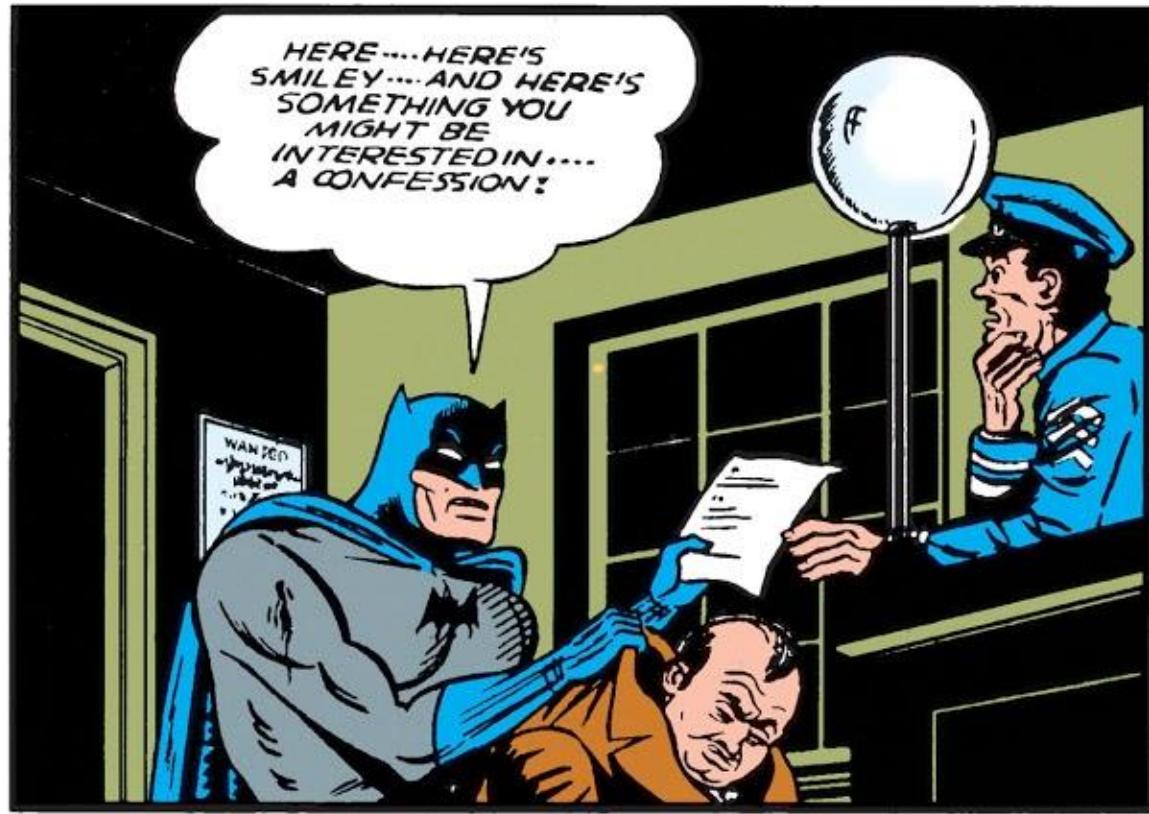
A BULLET SINGS ITS SONG OF DEATH AS IT HUMS PAST HIS EAR....



SMILEY! YOU'RE THE MAN I WANT!







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WEIRD, STRANGE CREATURE OF DARKNESS, MYSTERIOUS AS NIGHT ITSELF. THIS IS THE BATMAN NEMESIS OF CRIME. AT HIS SIDE LIKE A STRONG RIGHT ARM IS HIS YOUNG ALLY, ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER. IT IS NO LITTLE WONDER THAT CROOKS FEAR THEM, FOR THEY ARE THE GREATEST CRIME-BUSTING TEAM THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN! FOLLOW THEM IN THIS THEIR LATEST ADVENTURE AS THEY PROVE ONCE AGAIN TO AN ERRING BOY THAT CRIME DOES NOT PAY!!



FOR MANY DAYS NOW, A MYSTERIOUS BAND OF BANK ROBBERS HAS BEEN TERRORIZING GOTHAM CITY. ON THIS PARTICULAR AFTERNOON, THE BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE JUST IN TIME TO WITNESS ANOTHER DARING HOLDUP.....



THE BANK ROBBERS-
WE'VE GOT TO GET DOWN THERE!

WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT IN TIME. THAT LAMP POST... IT GIVES ME AN IDEA!

① THE BATMAN TWIRLS HIS STRONG, SILKEN ROPE OVER HIS HEAD....



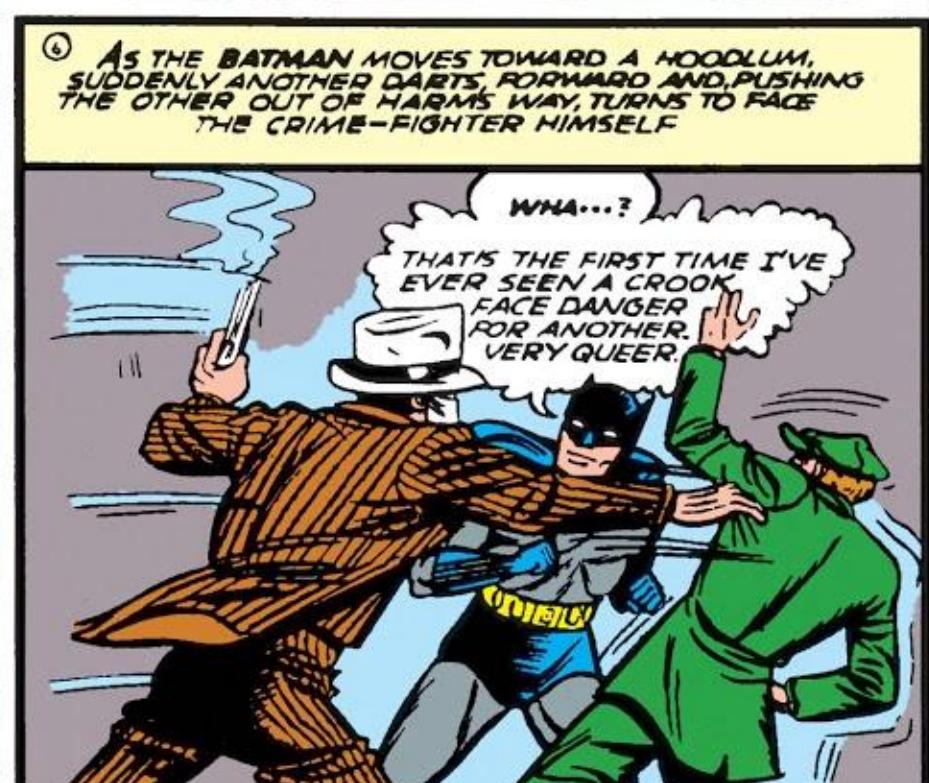
② THE ROPE CATCHES ABOUT THE LAMPPOST. ROBIN CLAMBERS ONTO THE BATMAN'S BROAD SHOULDERS....AND THE DUO SWINGS OUT INTO EMPTY SPACE



③ BELOW THEM, THE DEPTHS OF THE BUILDING STRETCH SHEER AND DIZZY LIKE A GREAT CANYON. DOWN THEY SWING IN A BREATHTAKING DROP.



④ THE TIGHT HOLD IS SUDDENLY RELEASED AS THE BATMAN AND ROBIN DROP LIKE TWO BIRDS OF PREY ATOP THE BACKS OF THE ASTONISHED THIEVES.



IN THE MELEE, THE RESCUED HOODLUM'S KERCHIEF FALLS AND THE BATMAN CATCHES A QUICK GLIMPSE OF HIS FACE....

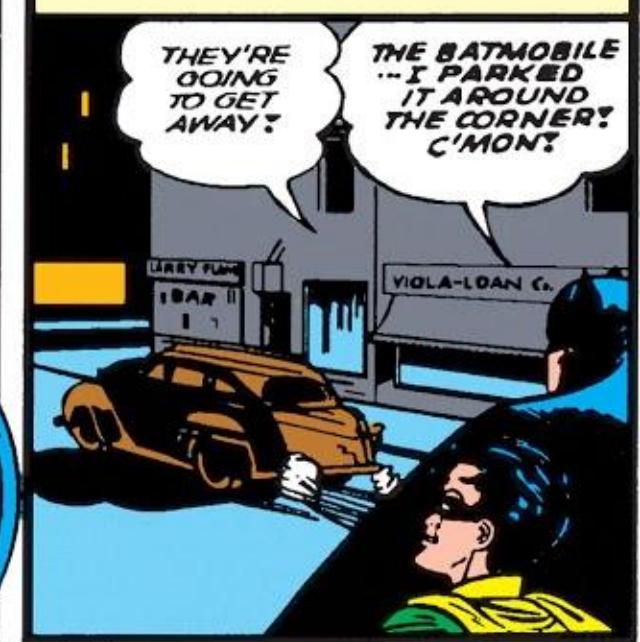


IT IS THE FACE OF A BOY... A BOY WHO IS SCARED STIFF!

BUT THAT GLIMPSE IS ALL THE BATMAN IS ABLE TO GET, FOR HE IS FORCED FOR THE MOMENT TO FLING HIMSELF TO THE SIDE AS A BULLET WHINES PAST HIM....



THAT MOMENT IS ALL THE CROOKS NEED SWIFTLY GATHERING UP THEIR FALLEN COMPANIONS, THEY PILE INTO THEIR CAR AND SPEED OFF...



THEY'RE GOING TO GET AWAY?

THE BATMOBILE... I PARKED IT AROUND THE CORNER! C'MON!

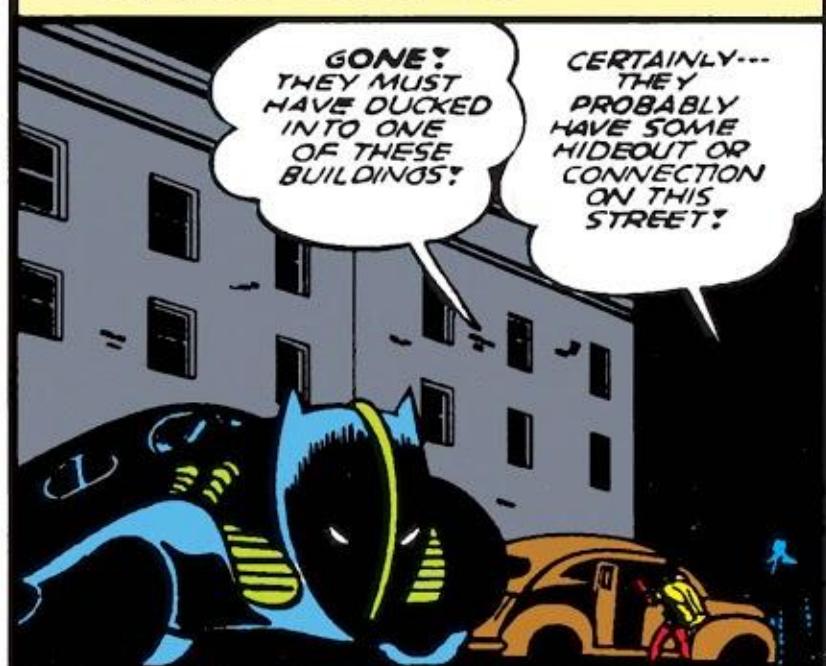
LIKE AN IMPATIENT STEED STRAINING AT THE REINS, THE BATMOBILE SHIVERS AS ITS SUPER-CHARGED MOTOR THROBS WITH ENERGY... AND AN INSTANT LATER IT TEARS AFTER THE FLEEING HOODLUMS.



NEARER AND NEARER DRAWS THE BATMOBILE AS THE CHASE TAKES THE CARS WHIPPING AROUND CORNERS, ROARING UP STREETS...



ABRUPTLY, THE BATMOBILE STREAKS SCREAMING ABOUT A CORNER TOWARD THE BANDITS' CAR.... ONLY TO FIND THEY ARE....



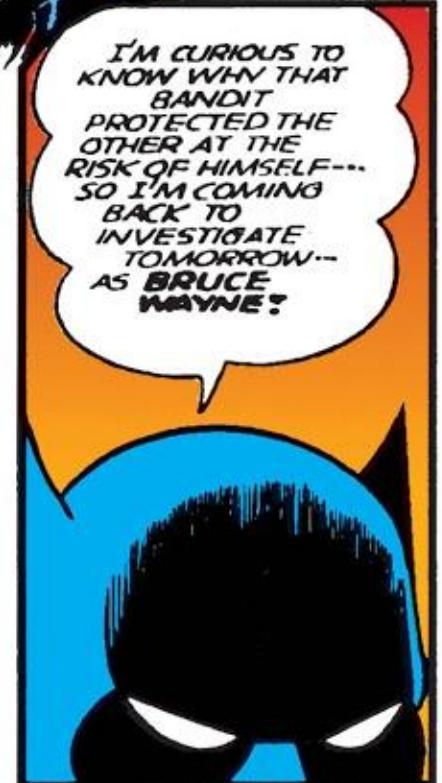
GONE? THEY MUST HAVE DUCKED INTO ONE OF THESE BUILDINGS?

CERTAINLY... THEY PROBABLY HAVE SOME HIDEOUT OR CONNECTION ON THIS STREET?

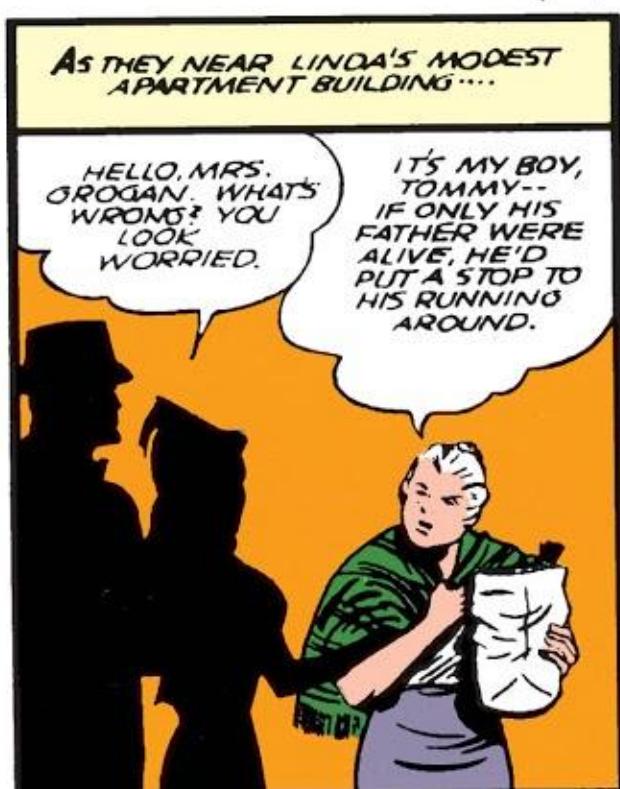
BUT THEY CAN BE TRACED BY THE CAR... AND THEN THE POLICE WILL SEARCH THESE HOUSES...

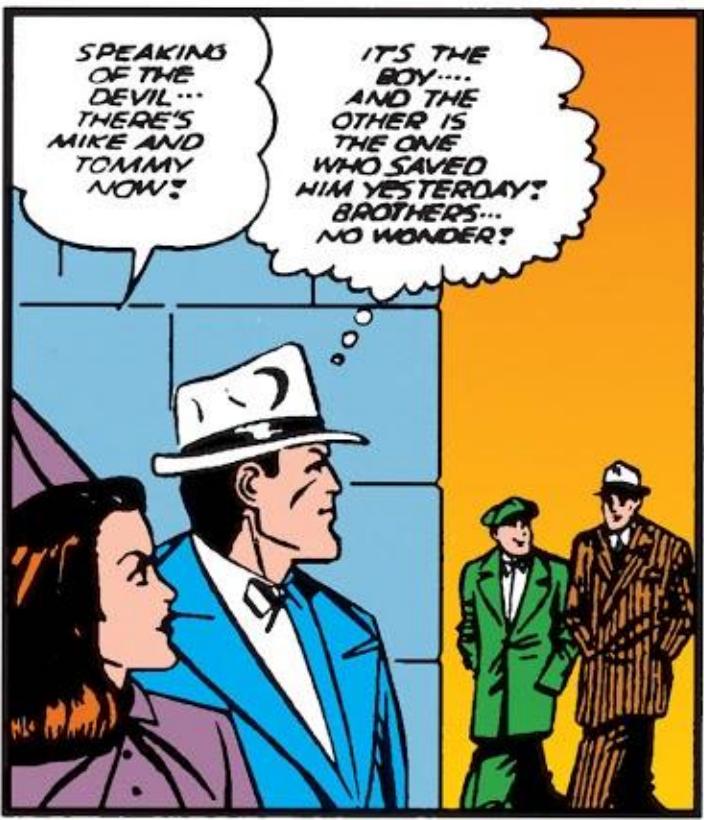
THE CAR WAS PROBABLY STOLEN... AND THEY'RE SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW THE POLICE WON'T BELIEVE THEY'LL BE STUPID ENOUGH TO REVEAL THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD!

I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW WHY THAT BANDIT PROTECTED THE OTHER AT THE RISK OF HIMSELF... SO I'M COMING BACK TO INVESTIGATE TOMORROW-- AS BRUCE WAYNE!

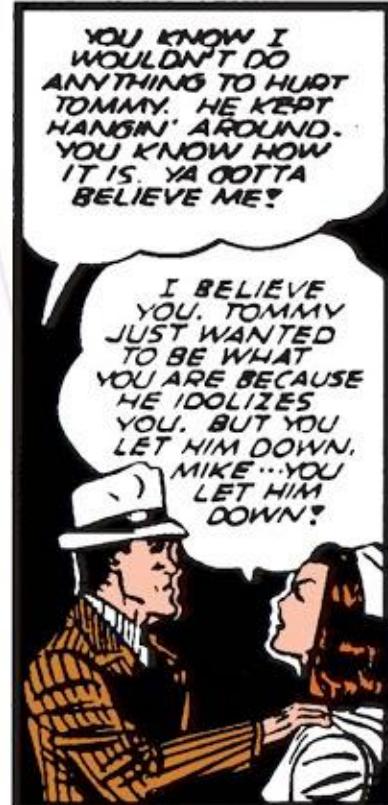


ACCORDINGLY, THE BATMAN COSTUME IS DISCARDED, AND THE NEXT DAY IT IS BRUCE WAYNE, PLAYBOY OF SOCIETY, WHO SAUNTERS DOWN THE STREET, WHEN...

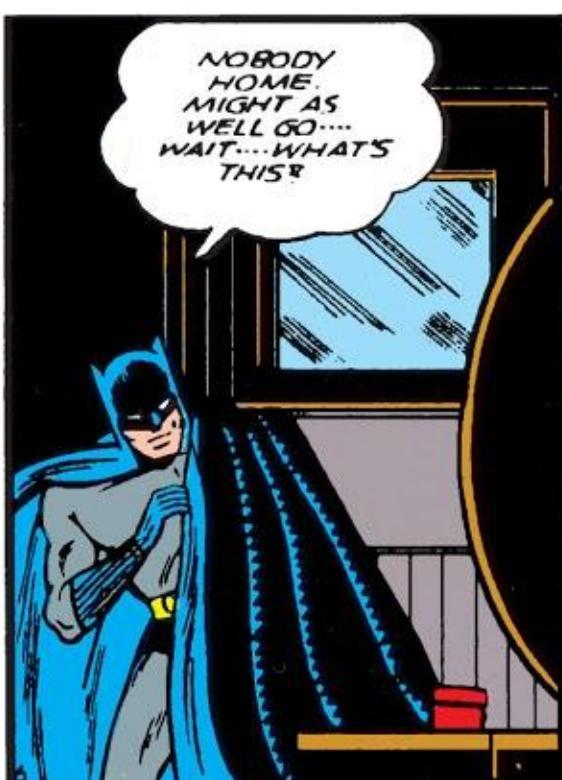
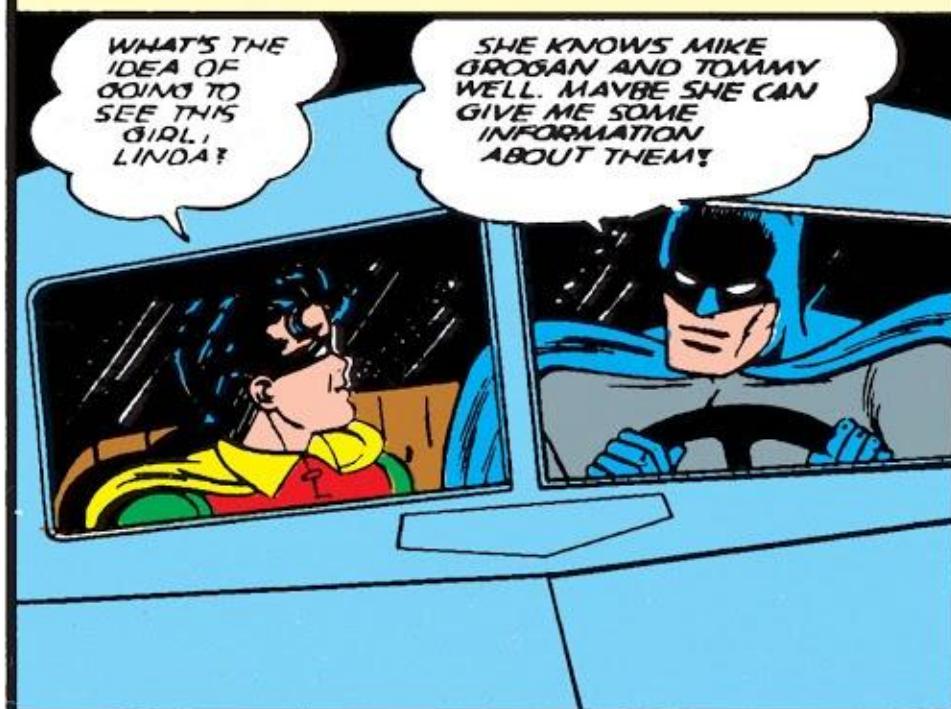




AFTER WHAT SEEMS AN ENDLESS RIDE,
LINDA IS LED DOWN RICKETY STEPS. HER
BLINDFOLD IS REMOVED AND SHE SEES...



AT THAT VERY MOMENT, THE **BATMOBILE** DARTS
THROUGH THE CITY STREETS.....



FROM A CLOSET BUILT IN THE REAR OF THE BATMOBILE, HE EXTRACTS CLOTHING.



AND SO IT IS "TRIGGER BURNS" THAT WALKS INTO THE POOL ROOM....



I'LL TAKE YA TA MIKE. HE OUGHTA BE GLAD TA SEE YA.



AS THE BATMAN DESCENDS THE BACK STAIRS, SUDDENLY....



THE BATMAN SWINGS INTO ACTION....



KNOCKING YOU MUGGS AROUND IS GETTING TO BE A HABIT!

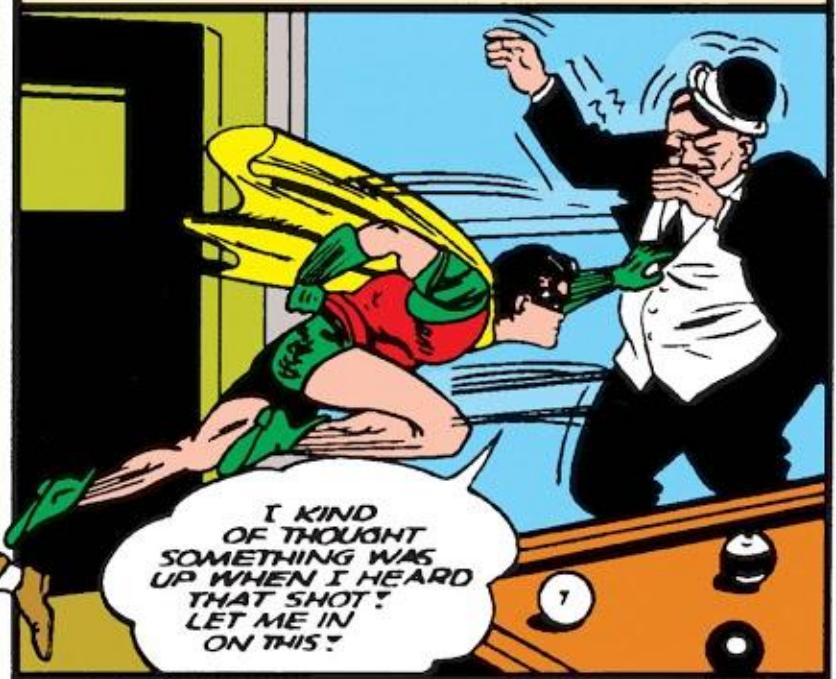
HEY GANG—
GET THIS COPPER!!

COME AND GET ME... IF YOU CAN!



THE BATMAN'S FISTS LASH OUT IN PILE-DRIVER BLOWS....

SUDDENLY, THE DOOR IS THROWN BACK AS IF BY A CYCLONE... AND THAT CYCLONE IS ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER!



AN.... AMMUNITION?



ROBIN PUTS A CUE STICK TO GOOD USE...

THE CORNER POCKET... FOR MR. CUE BALD HERE!

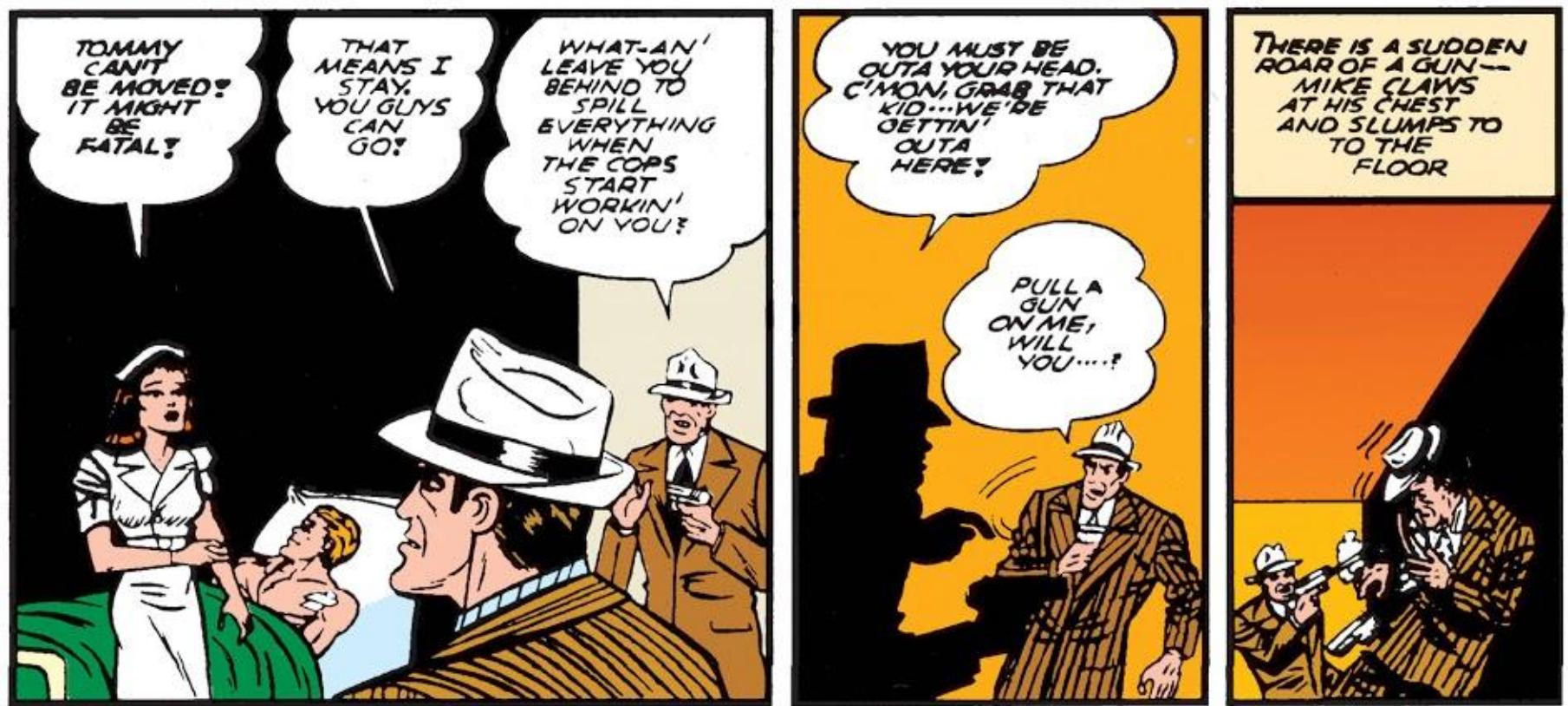


OKAY.... WE'VE DONE ENOUGH DAMAGE HERE - LET'S GO!

RIGHT!









UNNOTICED, A FIGURE DROPS OFF THE COT, PICKS UP A GUN AND STAGGERS TO THE DOOR WAY...IT'S TOMMY--



THE WOUNDED BOY DRAGS HIS PAIN-WRACKED, WEAKENED BODY UP THE STAIRS. ONCE--TWICE, HE FALTERS, BUT UP....UP HE CLIMBS....



UNTIL HE STEPS ONTO THE DOCK ITSELF. HIS FINGERS TUG AT THE PISTOL'S TRIGGER. A SHOT RINGS OUT.



DOWN BELOW THE BATMAN AND ROBIN BATTLE FURIOUSLY WHEN A THUG SUDDENLY PLACES A PISTOL AGAINST LINDA'S HEAD AND SHOUTS....



A SHOT BLASTS THROUGH THE ROOM...BUT THE BATMAN STILL STANDS ERECT. IT IS THE KILLER WHO MEETS HIS END!



