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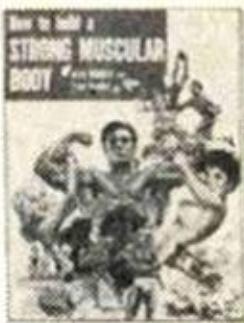
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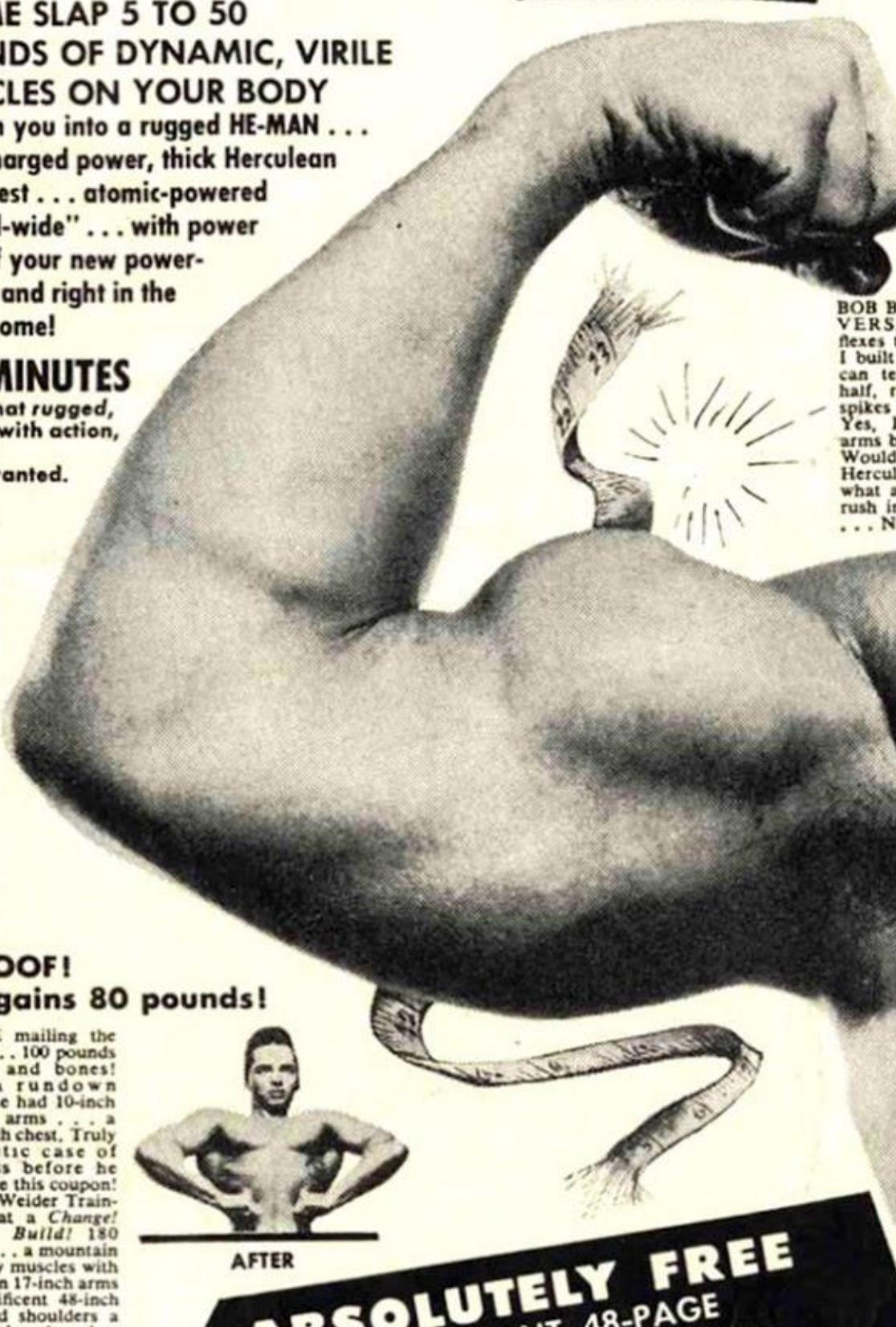
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THEY CAME FROM ANOTHER PLANET--AND THEY WERE SELFISHLY INDIFFERENT TO INNOCENT PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE HARMED AS THEY MADE GOTHAM CITY A BATTLE-GROUND FOR THEIR PERSONAL WAR! ONLY THE CAPE CRIME-FIGHTERS DARED TO TRACK THEM DOWN! ONLY BATMAN AND ROBIN DARED TO RISK DEATH IN THE CROSSFIRE FROM...

the ALIEN FEUD ON EARTH

BATMAN

With ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER



BOB KALE

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ONE NIGHT, AS TWO FAMED CRIME-FIGHTERS MAKE THEIR ROUNDS OF GOTHAM CITY...

BATMAN... HURRY! CLIMBING UP TO A ROOF -- SOME KIND OF MAN--IN A CRAZY COSTUME ...

BETTER TAKE US TO WHERE YOU SAW HIM, BOY...

SOON, UPON REACHING THE ROOFTOP...

G-GOLLY!... AM I SEEING THINGS, BATMAN?

NO, ROBIN!... THAT'S AN ALIEN-- ARMED WITH SOME KIND OF WEAPON... AND HE'S GOING TO FIRE IT AT US!

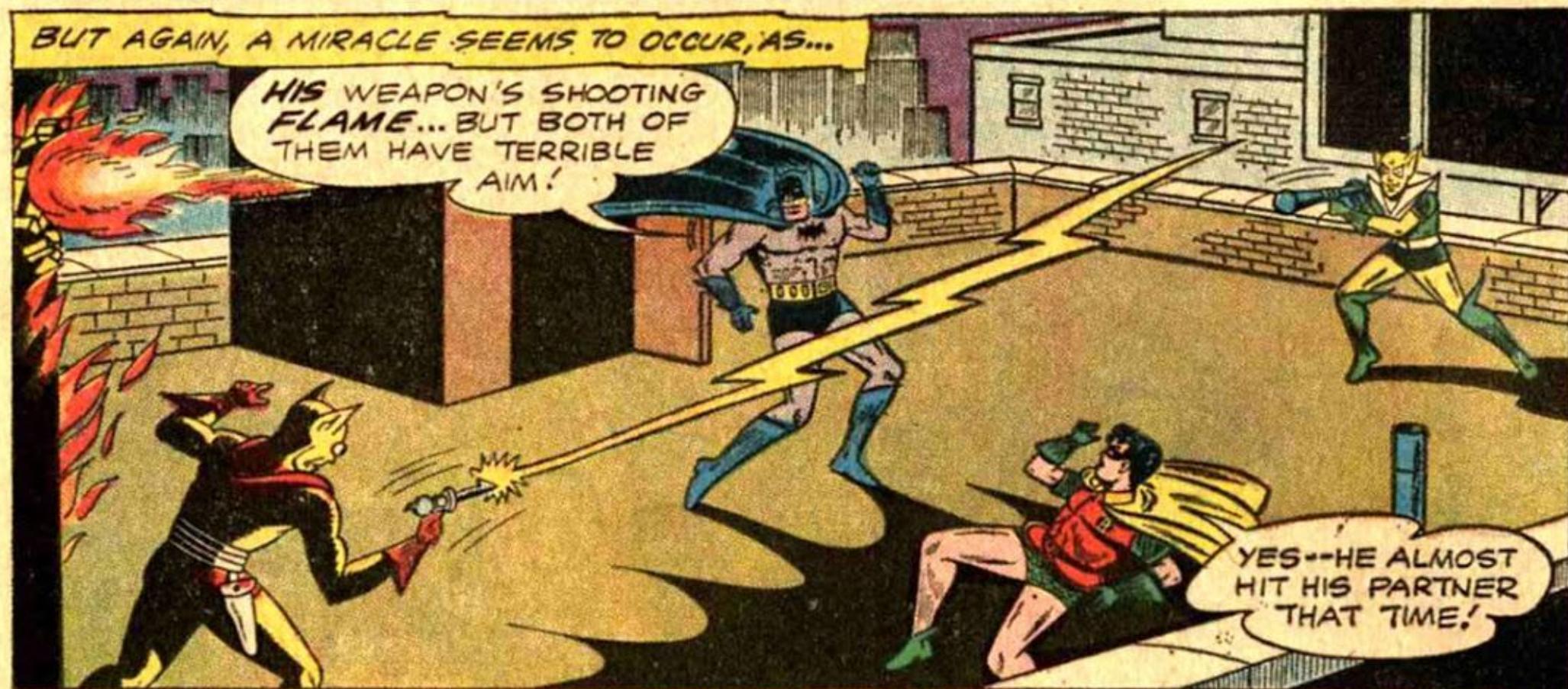
WILD SHOTS... THEY WENT WAY OVER OUR HEADS!

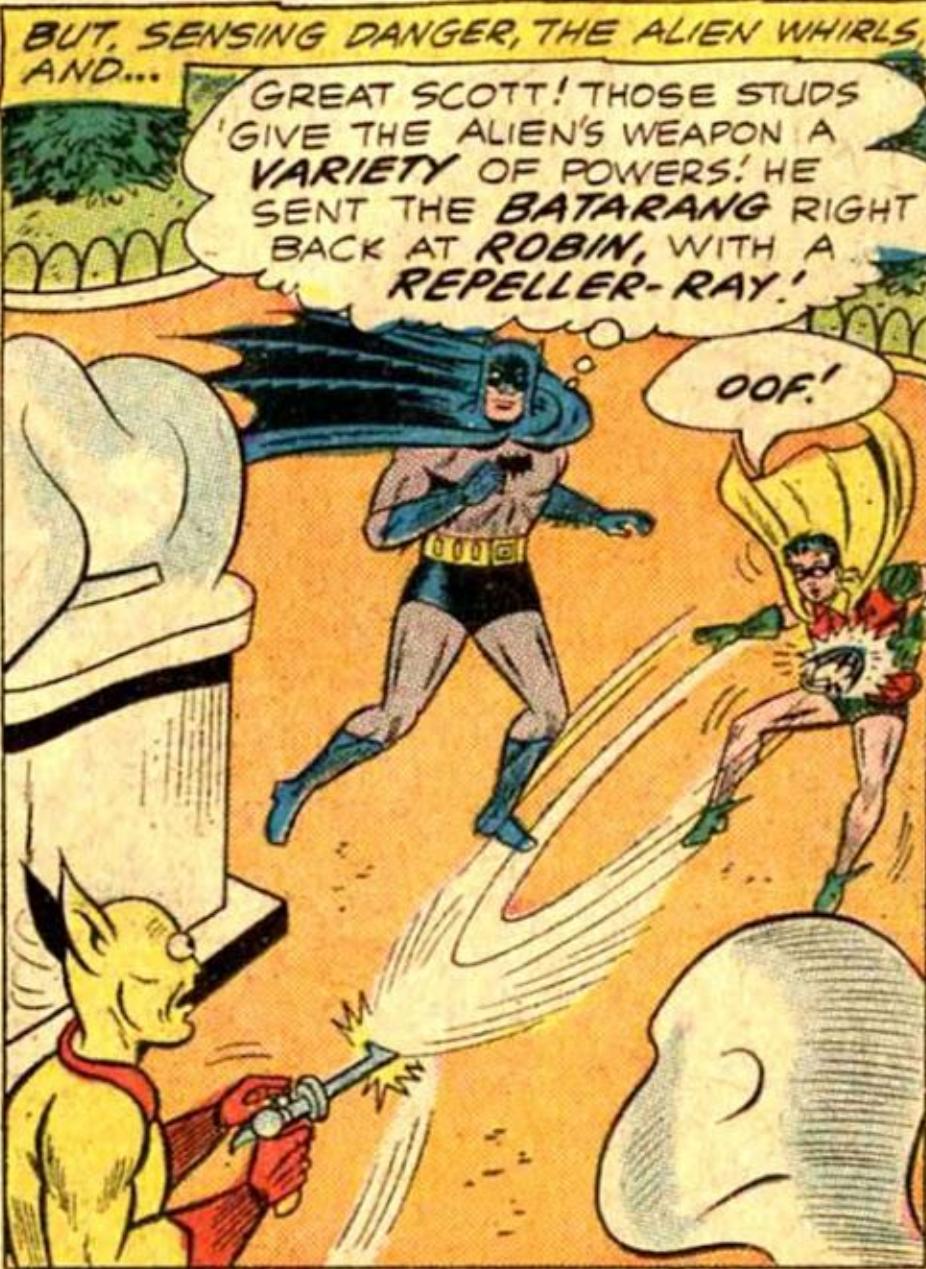
HIS WEAPON IS SOME KIND OF DISINTEGRATOR... LOOK WHAT IT DID TO THAT BILLBOARD!

DOWN, ROBIN!

OH, NO--! COMING OUT FROM BEHIND THAT BILLBOARD-- ANOTHER ALIEN!

HE'S RAISING HIS WEAPON, TOO! WE'RE TRAPPED, BATMAN--RIGHT BETWEEN THEIR CROSSFIRE!

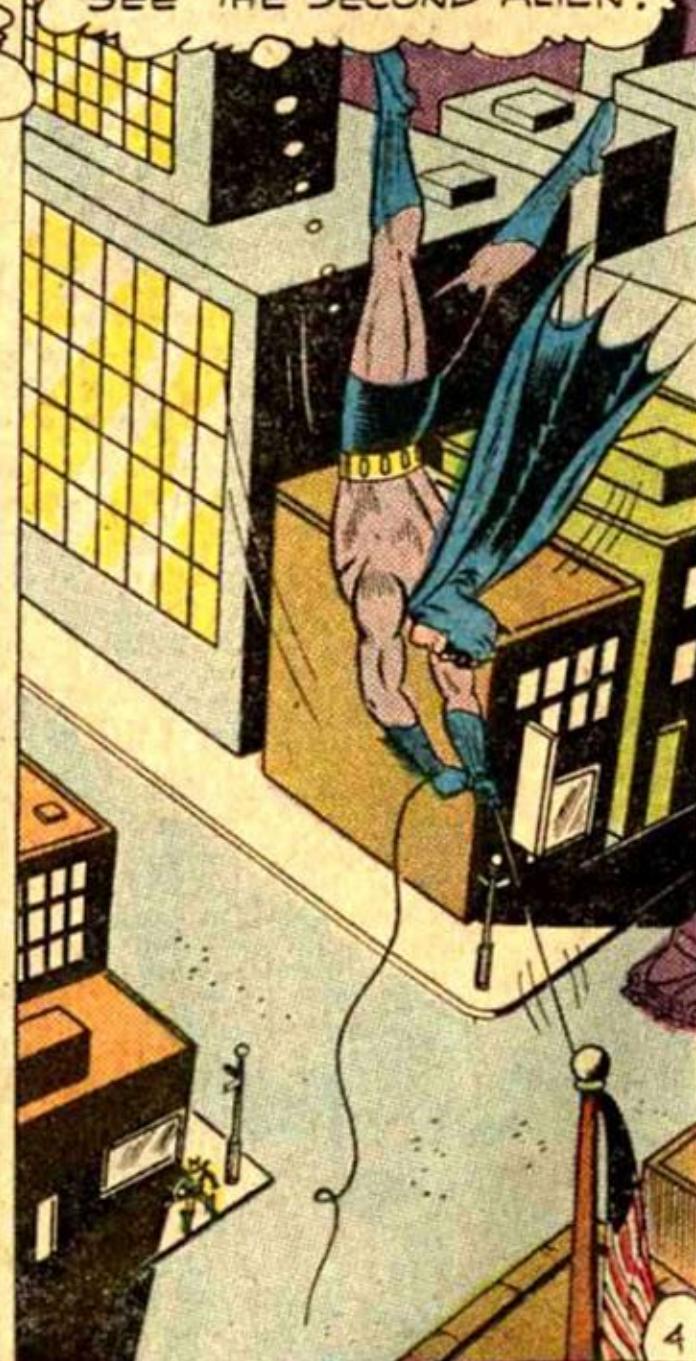
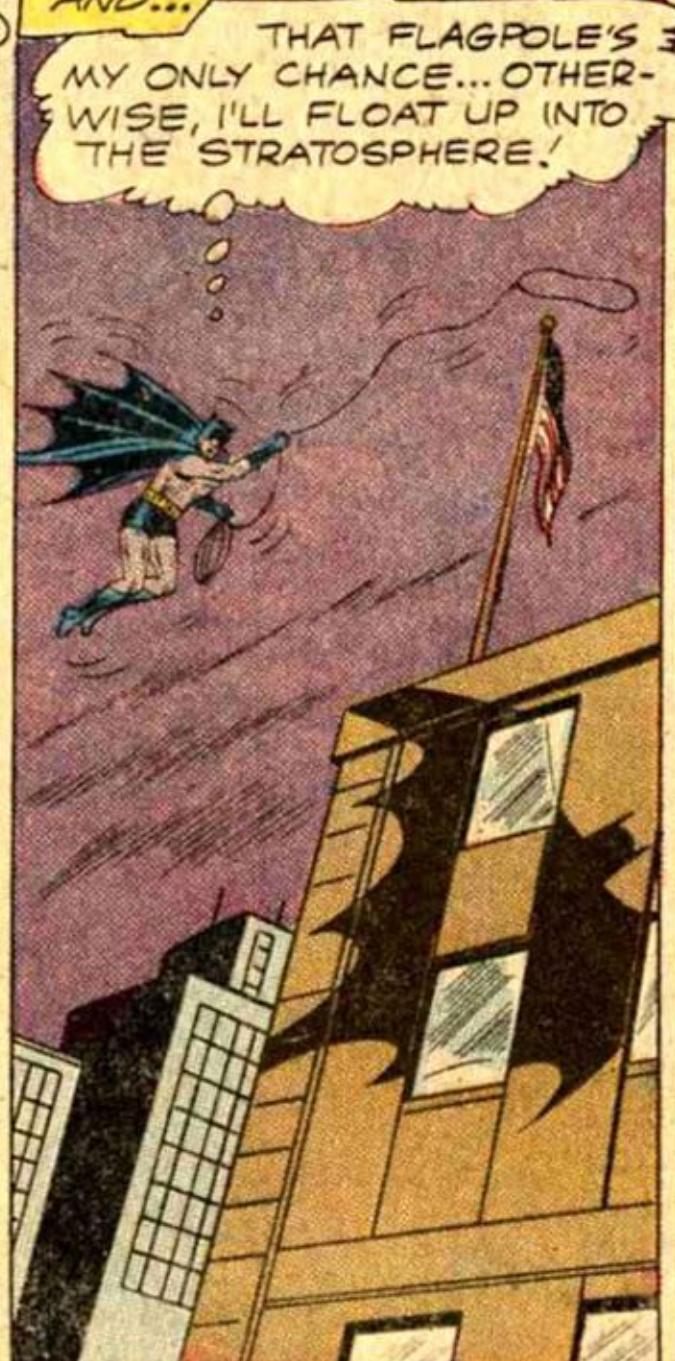




BUT THE ALIEN, UNAFFECTED BY SUDDEN LIGHT, COUNTERS WITH ANOTHER EERIE RAY...

AGAIN, BATMAN REACHES TO HIS UTILITY BELT, UNREELS THE BAT-ROPE, AND...

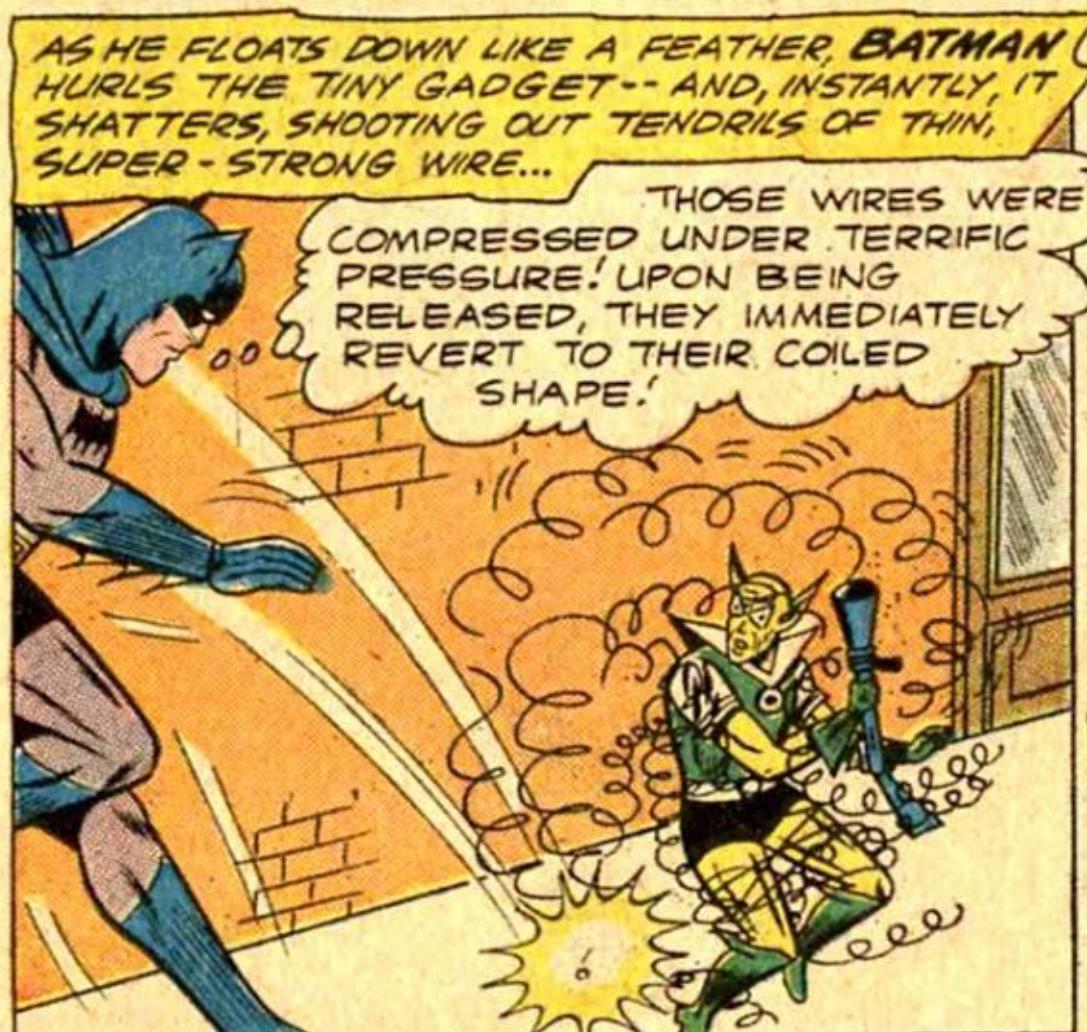
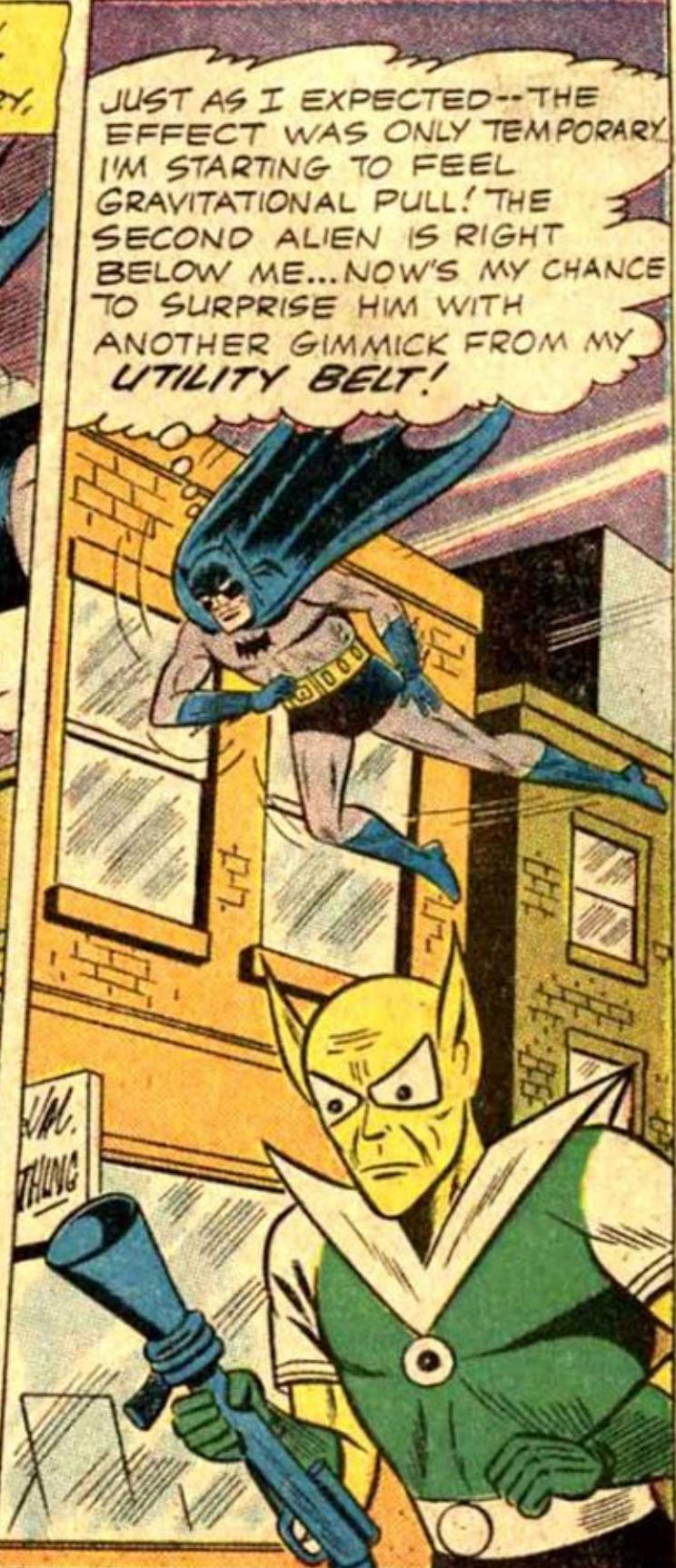
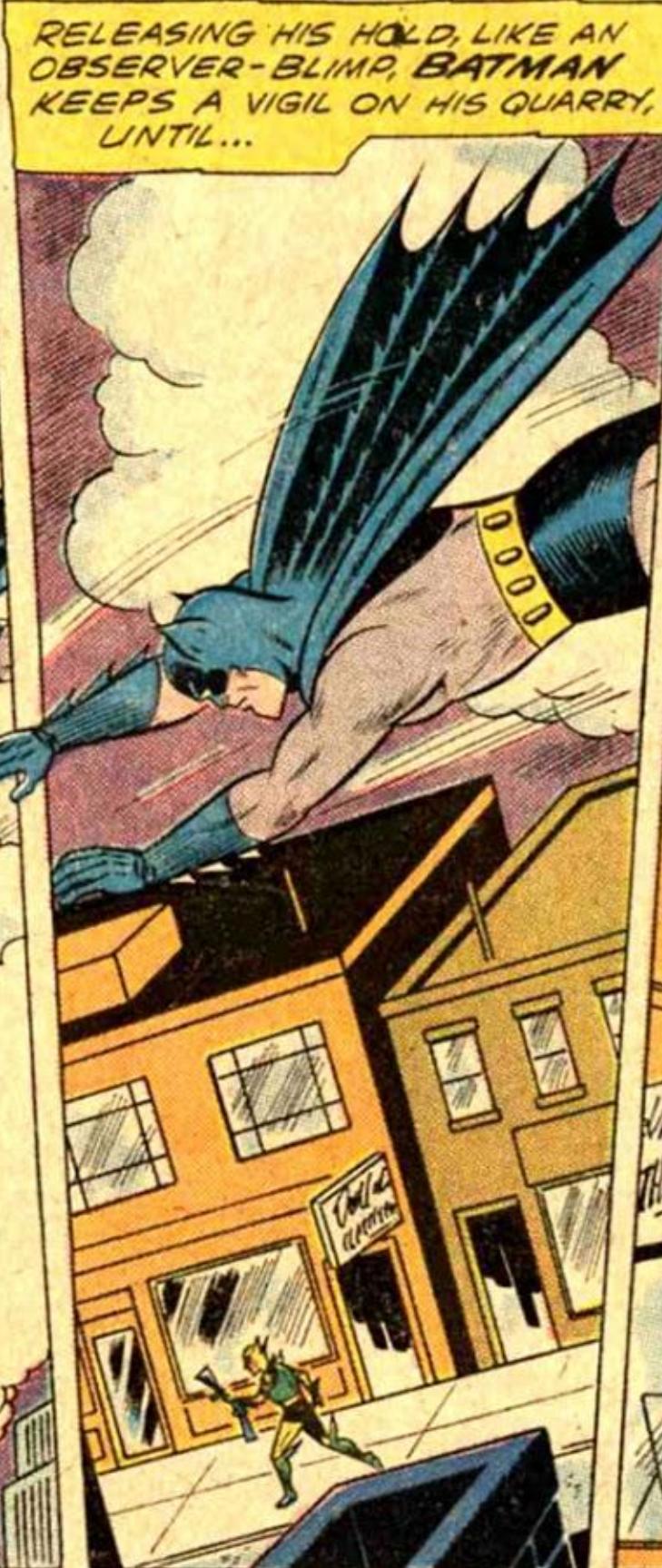
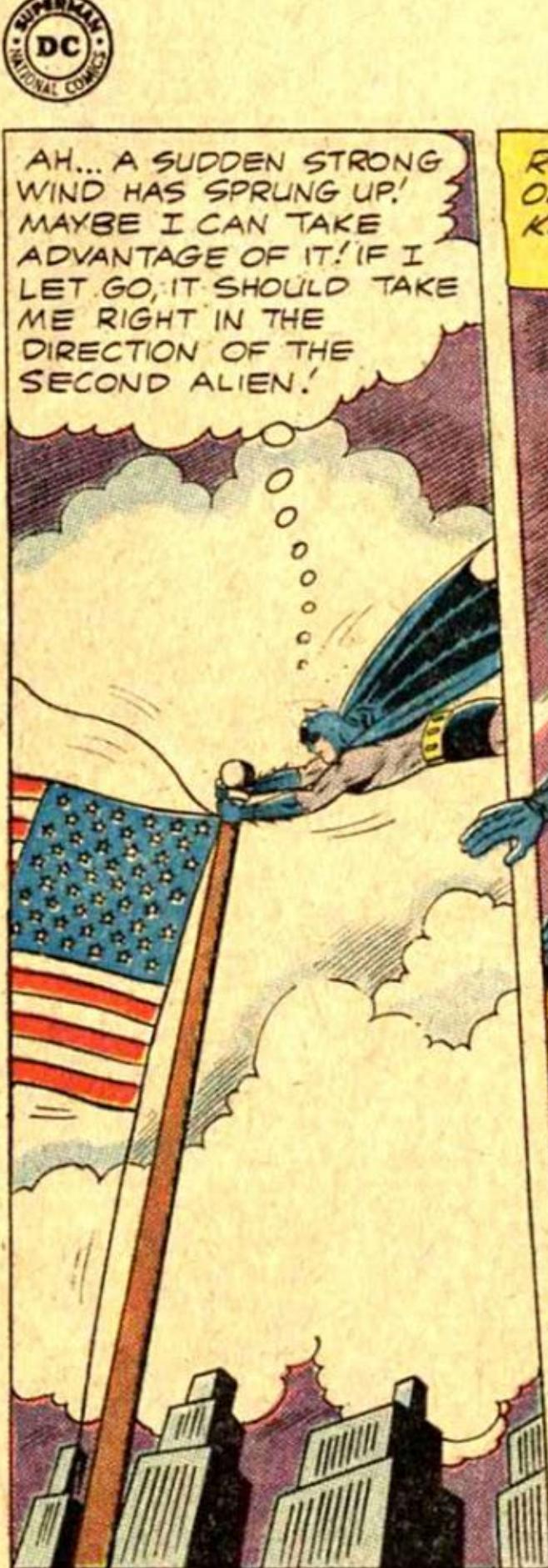
THE ALIEN WHO FIRED THE ANTI-GRAVITY RAY HAS RUN OFF--BUT NOW I CAN SEE THE SECOND ALIEN!

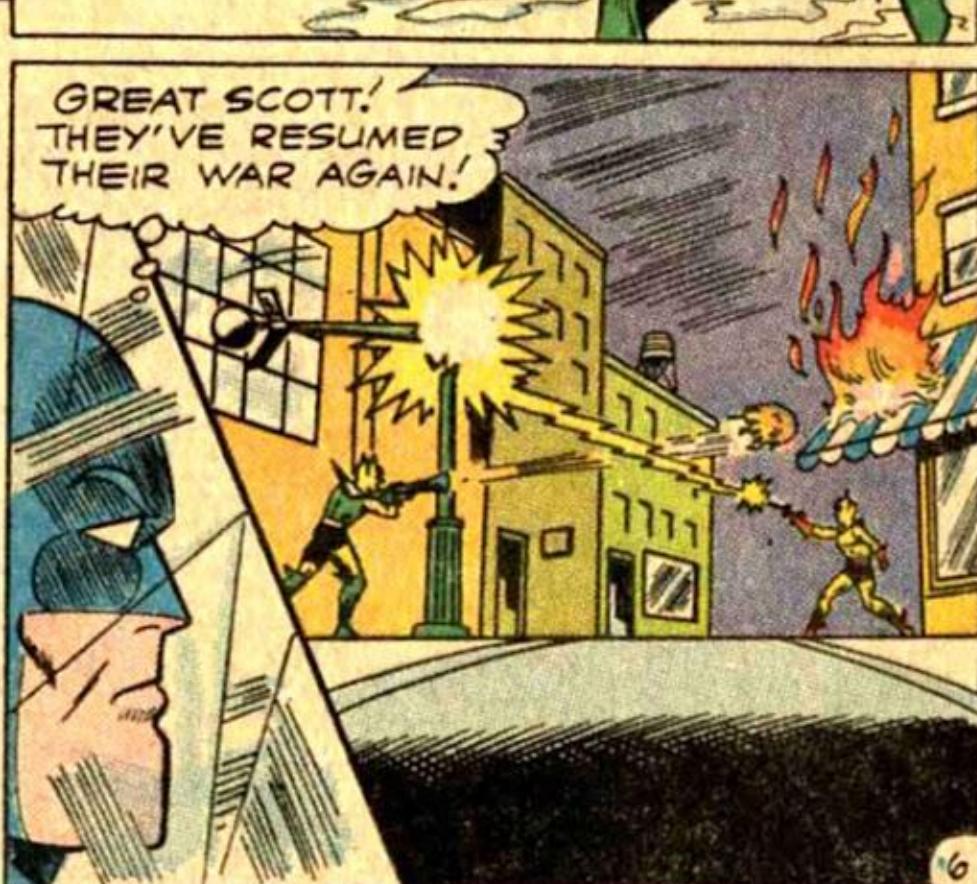
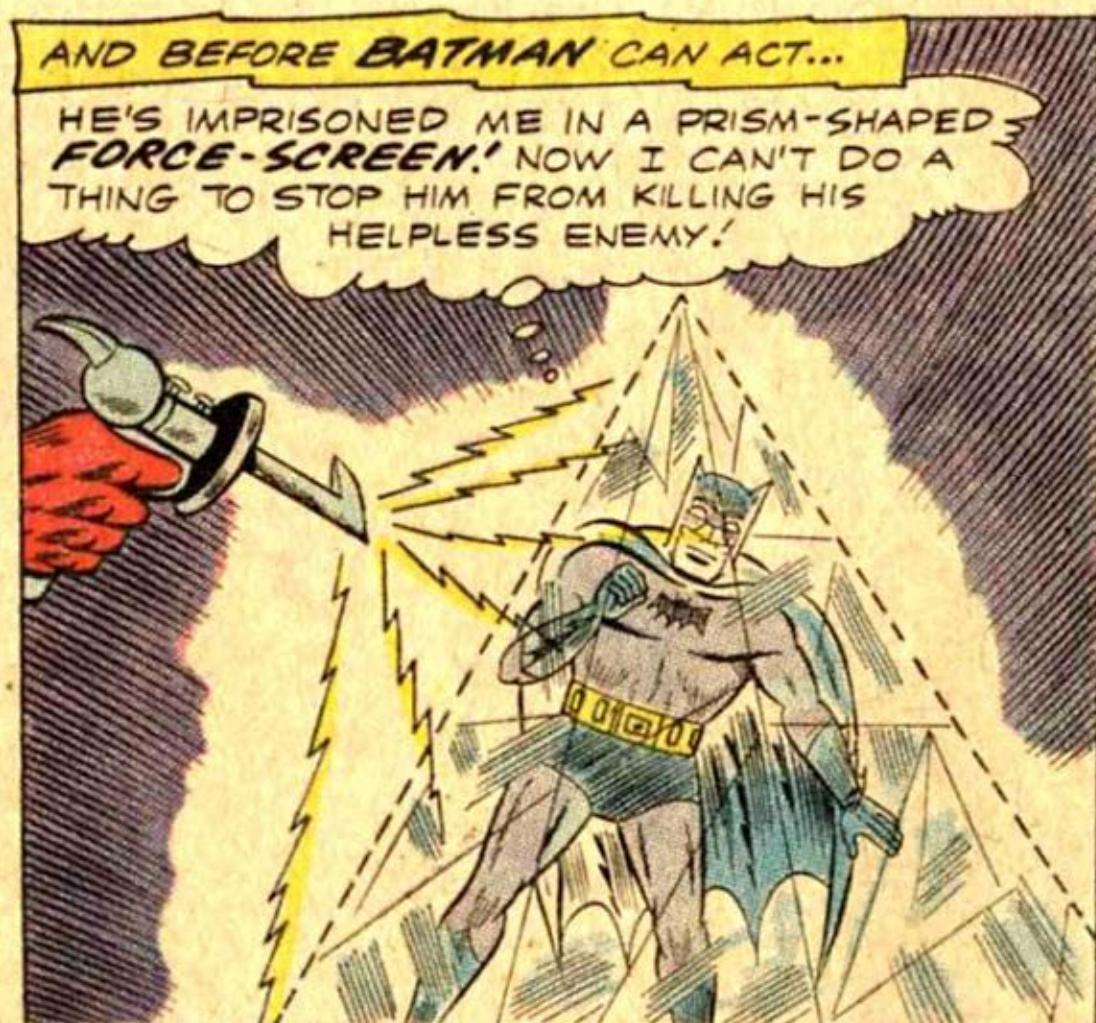
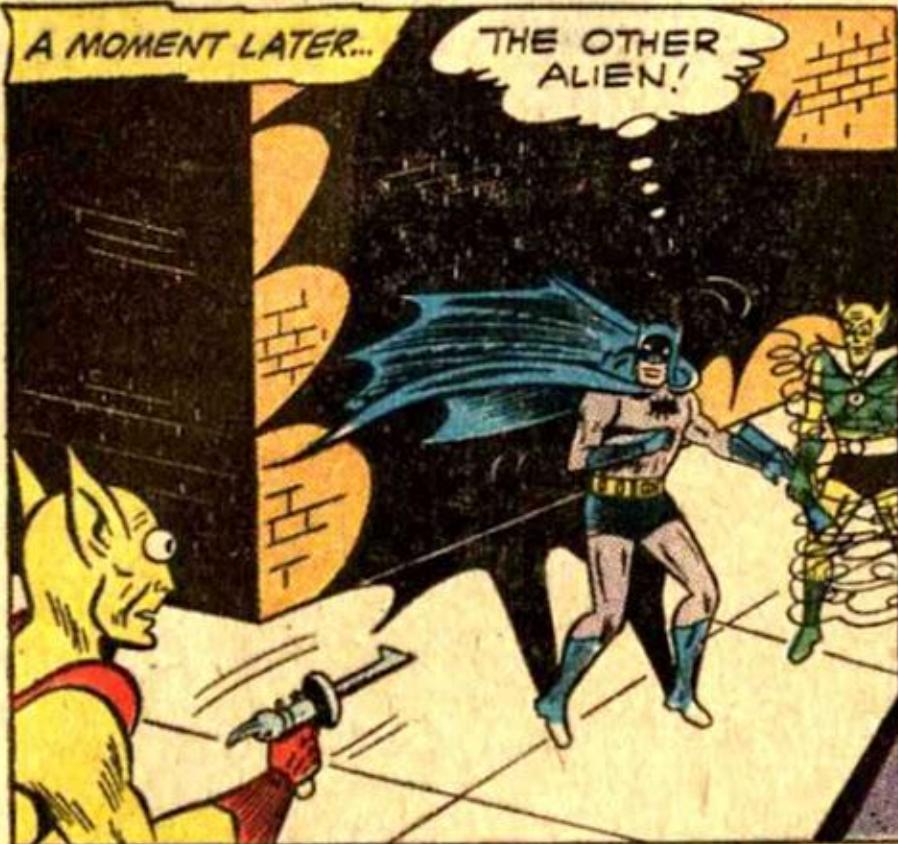


AH... A SUDDEN STRONG WIND HAS SPRUNG UP! MAYBE I CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT! IF I LET GO, IT SHOULD TAKE ME RIGHT IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SECOND ALIEN!

RELEASING HIS HOLD, LIKE AN OBSERVER-BLIMP, BATMAN KEEPS A VIGIL ON HIS QUARRY, UNTIL...

JUST AS I EXPECTED--THE EFFECT WAS ONLY TEMPORARY. I'M STARTING TO FEEL GRAVITATIONAL PULL! THE SECOND ALIEN IS RIGHT BELOW ME... NOW'S MY CHANCE TO SURPRISE HIM WITH ANOTHER GIMMICK FROM MY UTILITY BELT!







BATMAN



SUDDENLY, THE COMBATANTS HURRY AWAY IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS...

THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER... IT'S NOT A WAR-- BUT A DUEL! THAT ACCOUNTS FOR THEM PACING AWAY BEFORE... THAT'S WHY THEY ONLY FIRE ONE SHOT AT A TIME-- UNTIL THEY RUN INTO EACH OTHER AGAIN!



THE ALIEN FREED HIS OPPONENT FROM MY WIRE-TRAP, SO HE WOULDN'T HAVE AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OVER HIM! IT'S A DUEL OF HONOR... A STRANGE "HONOR"-- SINCE THEY'RE INDIFFERENT TO INNOCENT BYSTANDERS WHO MIGHT BE HARMED!



LATER, WHEN THE FORCE-PRISM COLLAPSES, AND BATMAN REJOINS ROBIN...

IF THEY'LL FREE EACH OTHER TO GO ON WITH THEIR CRAZY DUEL, THEN THERE'S NO WAY OF STOPPING THEM!

THERE IS A WAY! IT'S DANGEROUS-- BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY!



SOME TIME LATER, AS ONE OF THE ALIENS SEARCHES FOR HIS OPPONENT...

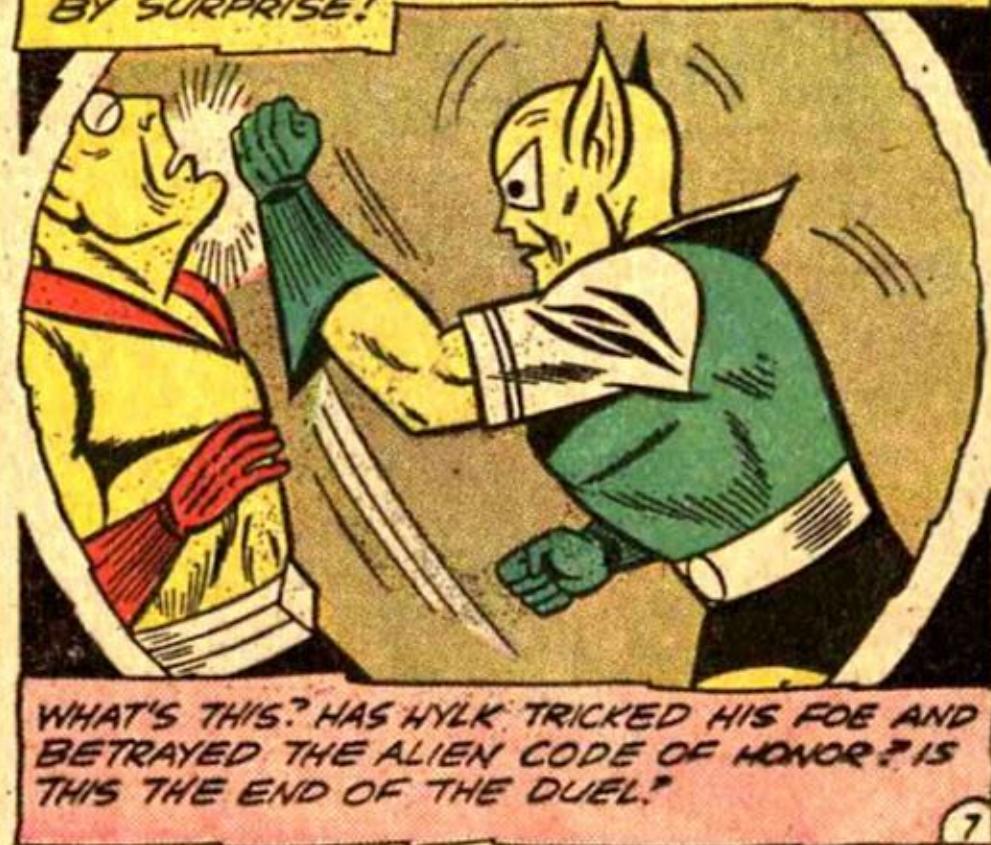
AH! THERE YOU ARE, HYLK!



BUT BEFORE HE CAN FIRE, HIS ANTAGONIST TOSSES HIS WEAPON AWAY... AND WALKS FORWARD EMPTY-HANDED!



SUDDENLY, A BUNCHED FIST TAKES HIM BY SURPRISE!



WHAT'S THIS? HAS HYLK TRICKED HIS FOE AND BETRAYED THE ALIEN CODE OF HONOR? IS THIS THE END OF THE DUEL?

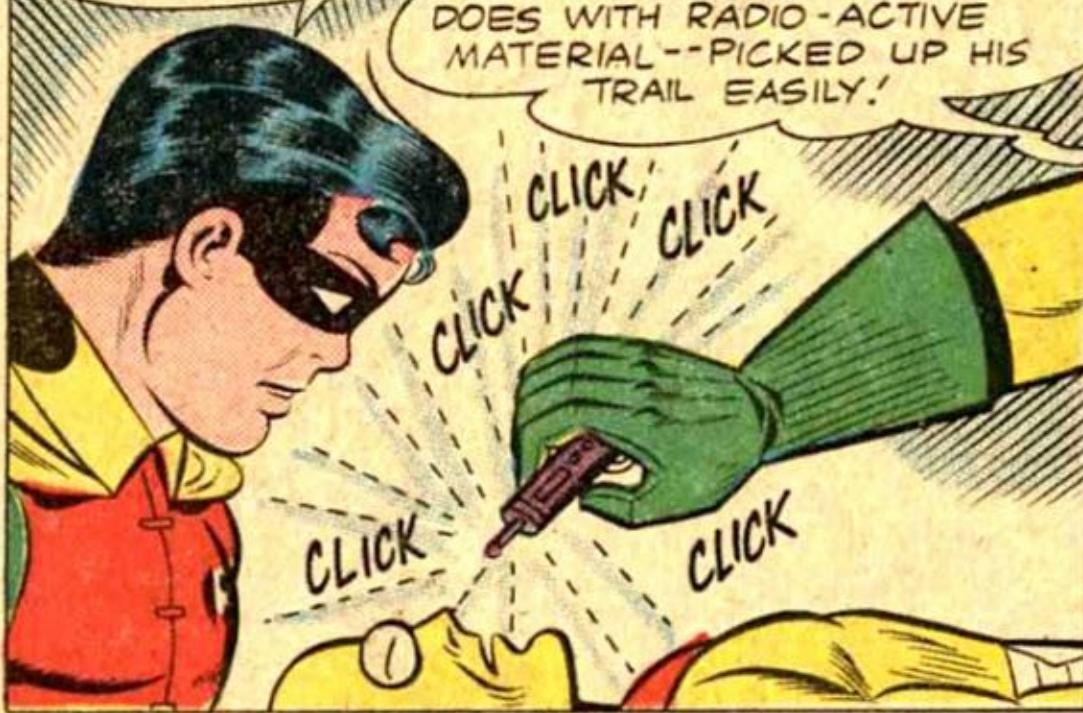
BATMAN, THAT DISGUISE YOU FIXED UP IN THE **BAT-CAVE** FOOLED HIM COMPLETELY!

YES, ROBIN... I KNEW HE WOULDN'T FIRE WHEN I TOSSED MY "WEAPON" ASIDE--BECAUSE THAT WOULD VIOLATE THE RULES OF THE DUEL!



ZORB WAS EASY TO FIND BECAUSE HE STILL HAD TRACES OF THAT LUMINOUS POWDER ON HIM!

YES--AND THAT POWDER CONTAINS A HARMLESS CHEMICAL THAT LEAVES AN INVISIBLE TRAIL! THIS DEVICE--WHICH ACTS THE WAY A GEIGER COUNTER DOES WITH RADIO-ACTIVE MATERIAL--PICKED UP HIS TRAIL EASILY!



NOW WHAT?

THE REAL HYLK SHOULD BE COMING ALONG SHORTLY... SO I'LL SIMPLY TAKE ZORB'S CLOTHES, USE MAKEUP TO DISGUISE MY FACE LIKE ZORB'S--AND THEN PULL THE SAME TRICK ON HYLK!



BUT, WITHOUT WARNING...

A WOMAN!

A THIRD ALIEN!



HYLK! YOU KNEW I WOULD NOT APPROVE OF YOU AND ZORB DUELING OVER ME-- SO YOU THOUGHT TO KEEP THE DUEL SECRET BY COMING HERE TO THIS FARAWAY PLANET!

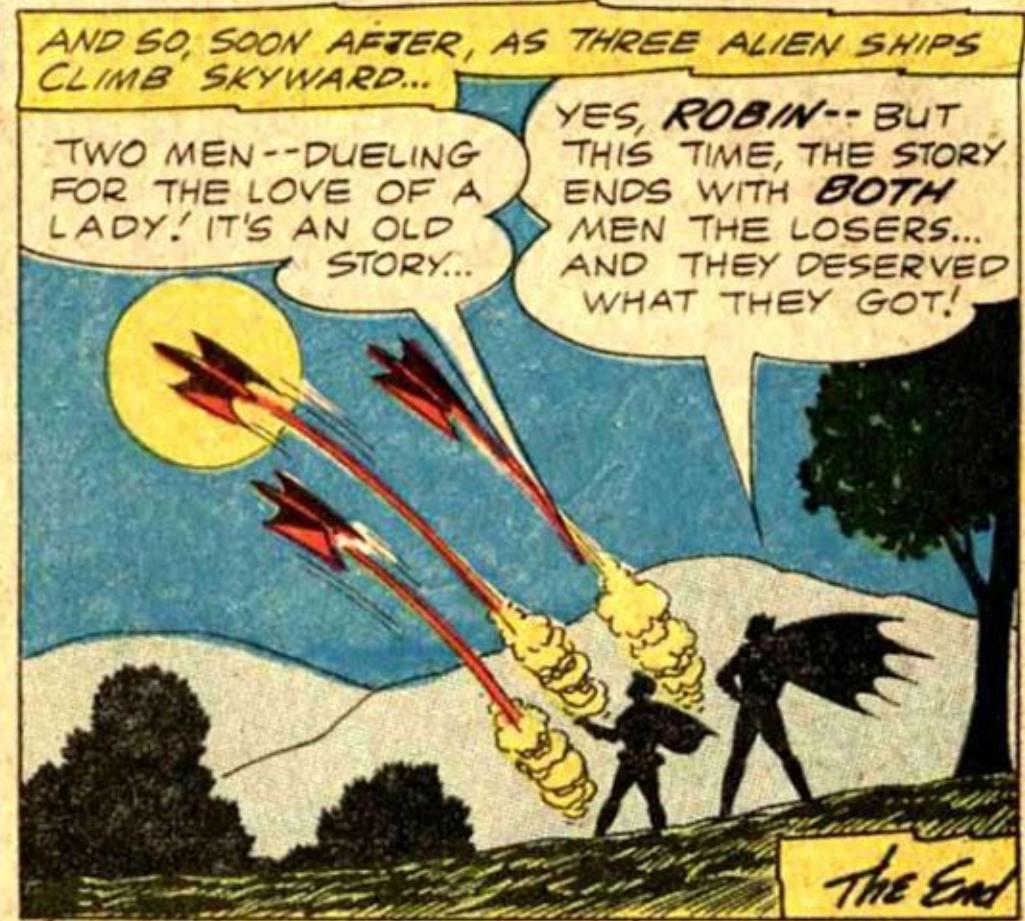
WAIT! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I'M NOT HYLK!



SWIFTLY, **BATMAN** REMOVES HIS FACIAL DISGUISE AND EXPLAINS WHAT HAS HAPPENED...

...SO YOU SEE WHY I JUST HAD TO STOP THIS DUEL AS FAST AS POSSIBLE! THAT'S WHY I DISGUISED MYSELF AS HYLK TO OVERCOME ZORB! I WAS ABOUT TO WORK THE SAME STRATEGY ON HYLK!





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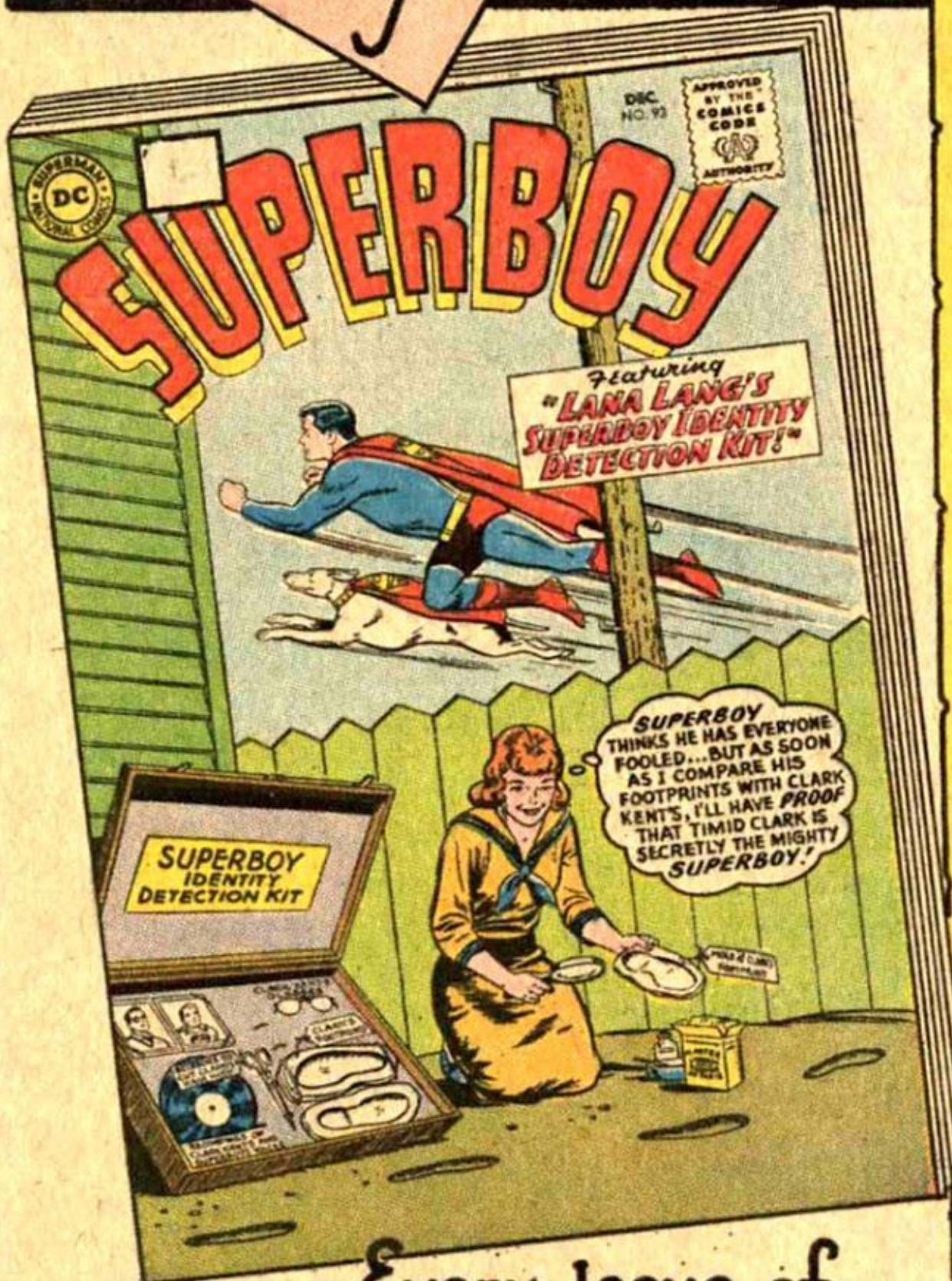
HE'S NOT WITH ME. LET HIM PAY HIS OWN FARE!

THE POOLE TRANSIT AUTHORITY, IN ENGLAND, DEMANDS THAT OWNERS PAY HALF-FARE FOR DOGS.

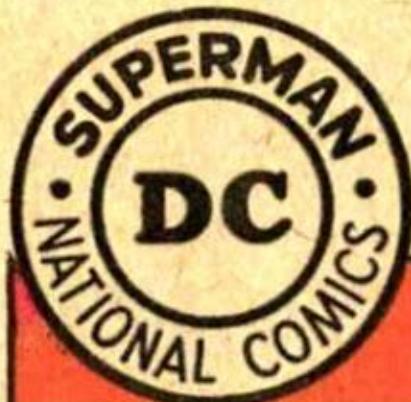
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TIME AND AGAIN, THE JOKER, THAT FAMED FUNNY MAN OF FELONY, HAS TRIED TO PLAY HOB WITH LAW AND ORDER--AND EACH TIME, BATMAN AND ROBIN PROVED HIS UNDOING! BUT THIS TIME, THE CLOWN PRINCE OF CRIME IS DETERMINED TO BUILD A GANG THAT EVEN BATMAN CAN'T COUNTER--AND, TO DO SO... THE JOKER HIMSELF BECOMES...

BATMAN

With ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

the MAN who PLAYED BATMAN

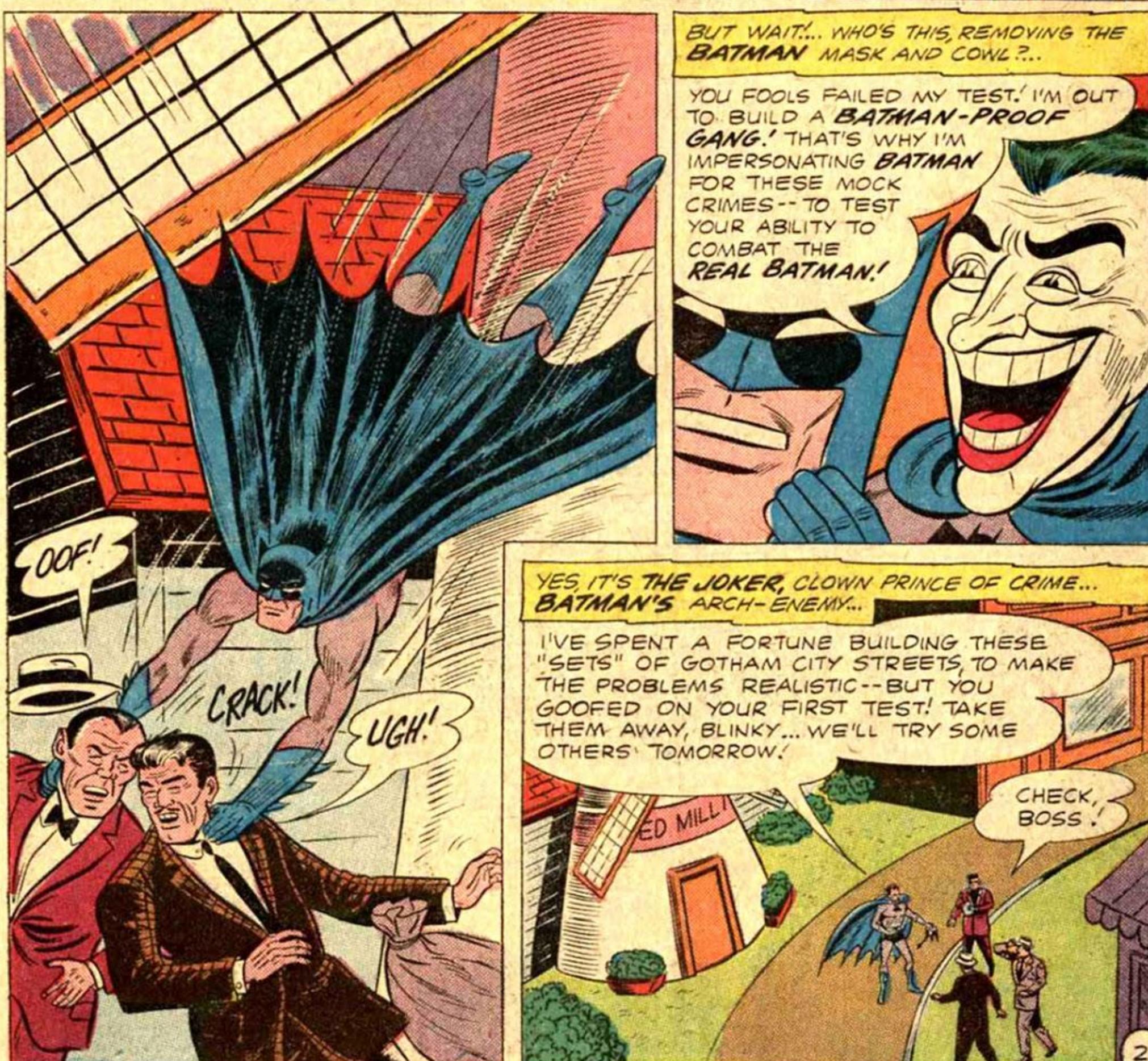
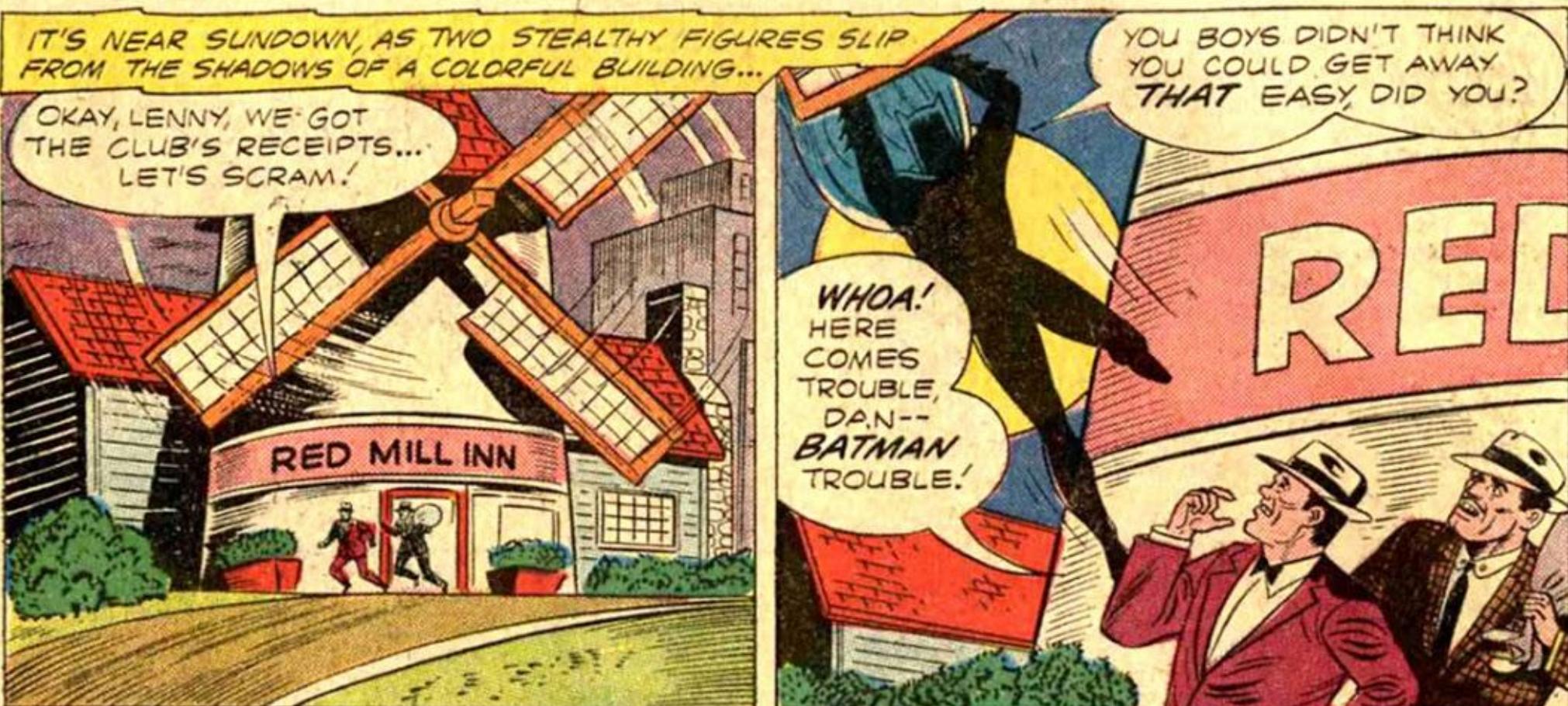
NOW WE KNOW
HE'S THE **REAL**
BATMAN, BOYS!
GET HIM!

GREAT SCOTT!
THEY'VE GOT ME
TRAPPED UP
HERE LIKE A
SWINGING TARGET
IN A SHOOTING
GALLERY!

BANG!
BANG!

BANG!
BANG!

BOB
KANE



MEANWHILE, IN A SUBURB OF GOTHAM CITY, AS THE MIGHTY BATMOBILE ROARS THROUGH THE STREETS...

WE'RE IN LUCK! THERE'S "GUM-BALL" BURKE, JUMPING ON THAT TRAIN NOW!

IS OUR TIP WAS RIGHT ABOUT A WANTED CRIMINAL BEING SEEN IN THIS AREA!



RACING THE TRAIN TO THE OPEN HIGHWAY, BATMAN TURNS THE WHEEL OVER TO ROBIN, AND THEN...

BUT, BEFORE THE FLEEING FELON CAN DIVE INSIDE THE TRAIN...

THAT'S IT...KEEP THE CAR IN PRECISE PACE WITH THE TRAIN!

JUMPING JONAH! IT'S BATMAN! GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!



OOOF! BLAST YOU, BATMAN--YOU NOT ONLY TRAPPED ME, BUT YOU MADE ME SWALLOW MY GUM!



AFTER TAKING BURKE TO JAIL, BATMAN AND ROBIN CONFER WITH THEIR FRIEND, COMMISSIONER GORDON...

...AND THIS NOTE WE FOUND ON BURKE READS, "OX ROAD AND MERCER DRIVE, 8:00 A.M., TUESDAY!"

SO YOU FIGURE IT'S A RENDEZVOUS FOR A BIG JOB, EH? OKAY, BATMAN, WE'LL TRY YOUR PLAN... I'LL KEEP BURKE'S ARREST OUT OF THE PAPERS FOR 24 HOURS! GOOD LUCK!

THAT NIGHT IN THE BAT-CAVE, AN ARTIST IN DISGUISE PUTS THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON ONE OF HIS MASTERPIECES...

GREAT, BATMAN! YOU'RE A DEAD RINGER FOR BURKE, GUM-BALL AND ALL! BUT WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THE JOKER IS INVOLVED IN THIS MEETING?

EVER SINCE HE BROKE JAIL, LAST MONTH, RUMORS HAVE IT THAT THE JOKER'S BEEN FORMING A NEW GANG--AND A TOP CROOK LIKE BURKE IS HIS KIND OF MAN! BUT-- I'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH!

THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AT THE RENDEZVOUS POINT, BATMAN'S SUSPICIONS ARE CONFIRMED...

I RECOGNIZED YOU RIGHT THEY'RE OFF FROM THE PHOTOGRAPH. THE JOKER GAVE ME "GUM-BALL!" I'VE GOT TO BLINDFOLD YOU... OUR HIDEOUT LOCATION IS STRICTLY TOP SECRET!

BEING SUPER-CAUTIOUS. GOOD THING I WARNED ROBIN NOT TO TAIL US!





BATMAN



LATER, AT THE JOKER'S DISTANT RETREAT...

WE GOTTA SEARCH YOU FROM HEAD TO TOE, BURKE! THE JOKER'S TAKING NO CHANCES OF BEING DOUBLE-CROSSED!

I ANTICIPATED THIS, AND DIDN'T WEAR MY COSTUME OR UTILITY BELT! NOW I'VE GOT TO PLAY ALONG WITH THEM UNTIL I GET A CHANCE TO CAPTURE THE JOKER!



SOON, THE DISGUISED BATMAN JOINS OTHER "CONTESTANTS" IN THE STRANGE STREETS OF "JOKERVILLE"...

YOU ALL KNOW WHY YOU'RE HERE -- TO MATCH YOURSELVES AGAINST THE LAUGHING BATMAN... HA-HA! HERE ARE THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR FIRST JOB -- AND MAYBE YOUR LAST... HA-HA-HA!

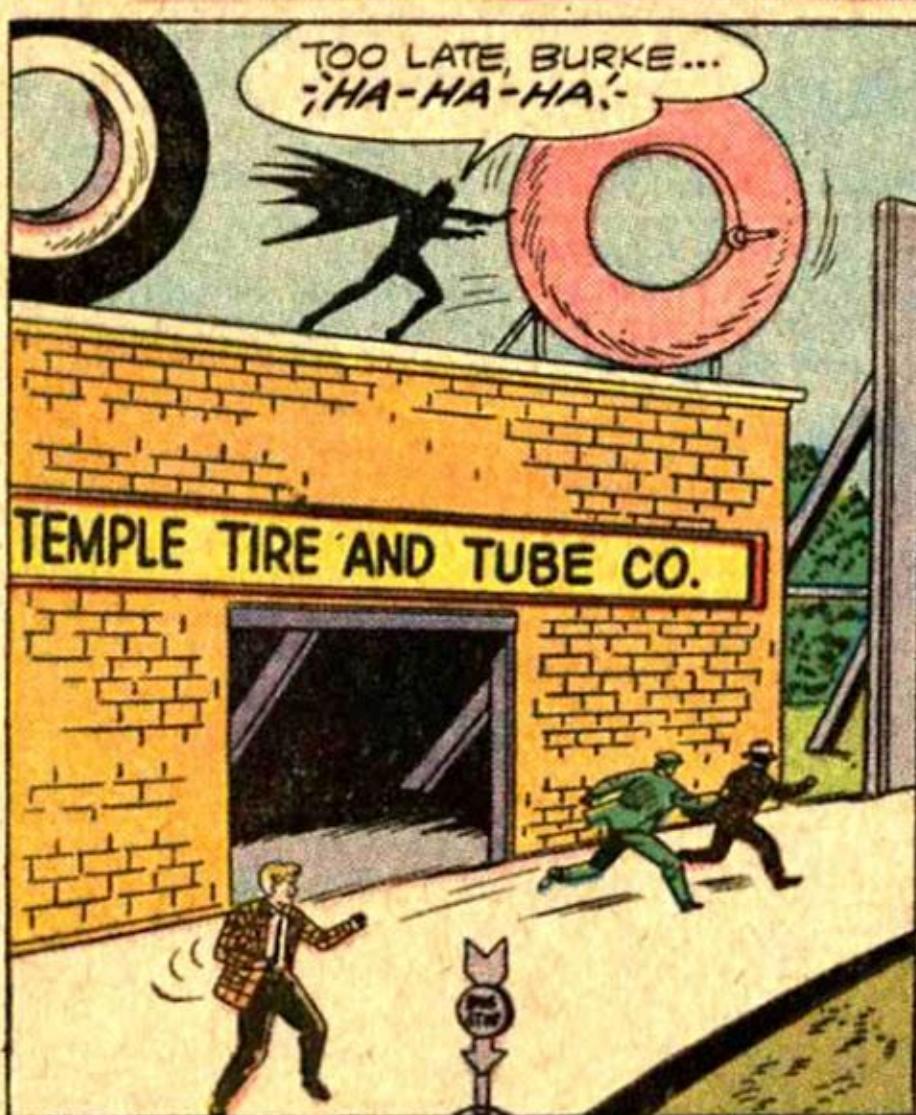
WHAT AN IRONY! HERE I AM, DISGUISED AS A WANTED CRIMINAL -- WHILE THE JOKER'S MASQUERADEING AS ME!

SOON, AS THE "UNDERGRADS" OF THE UNDERWORLD TAKE THEIR FIRST "EXAM"...

I'VE GOT THE PAYROLL, MEN! FOLLOW ME!



TOO LATE, BURKE... HA-HA-HA!

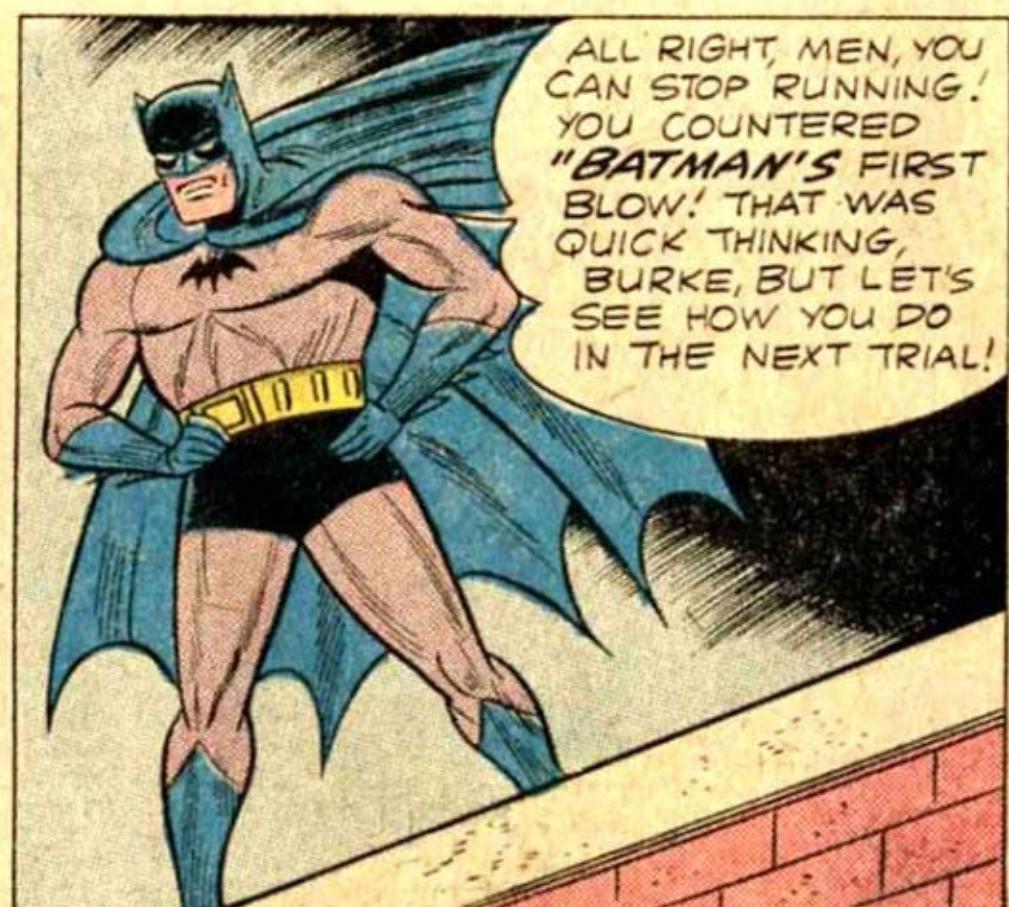




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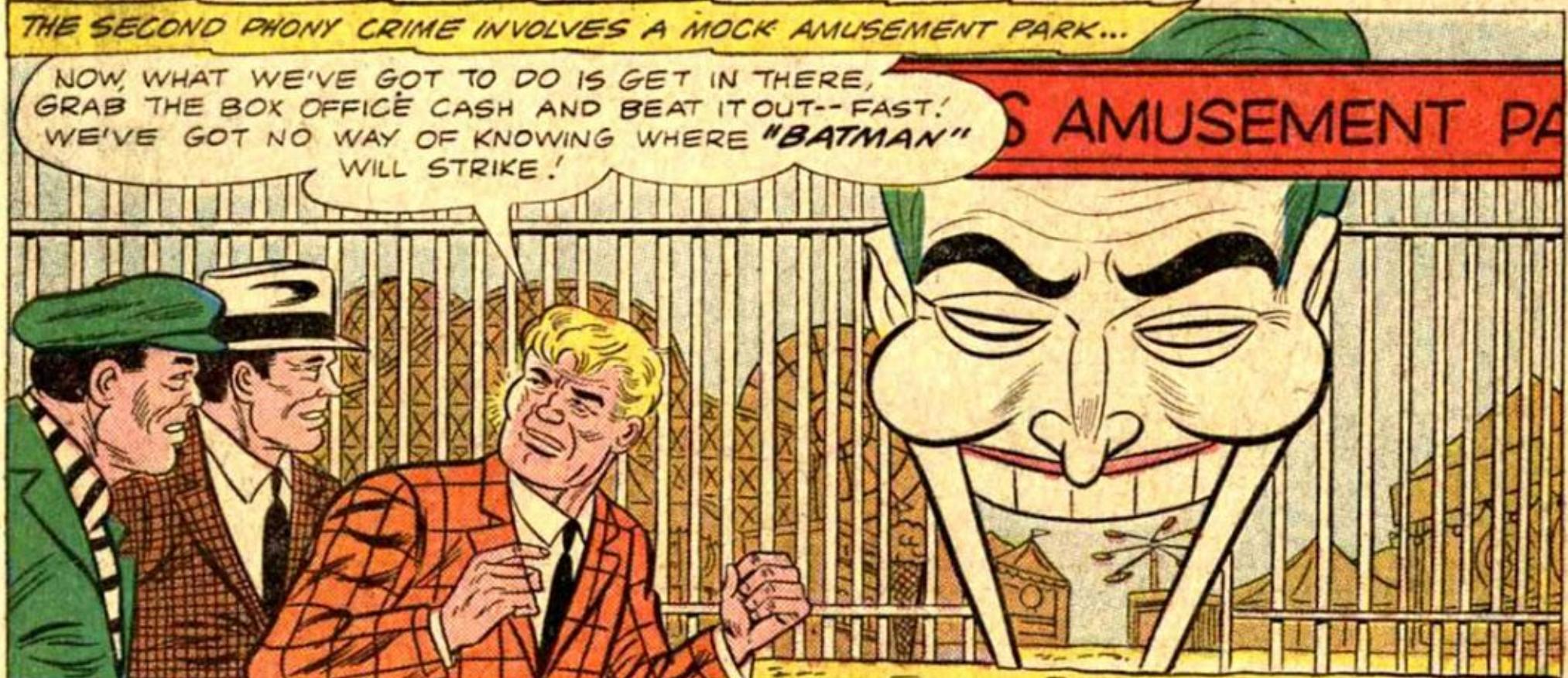


SWIFTLY, THE DISGUISED CRIME-FIGHTER LIFTS A PROP TRAFFIC SIGN, AND...



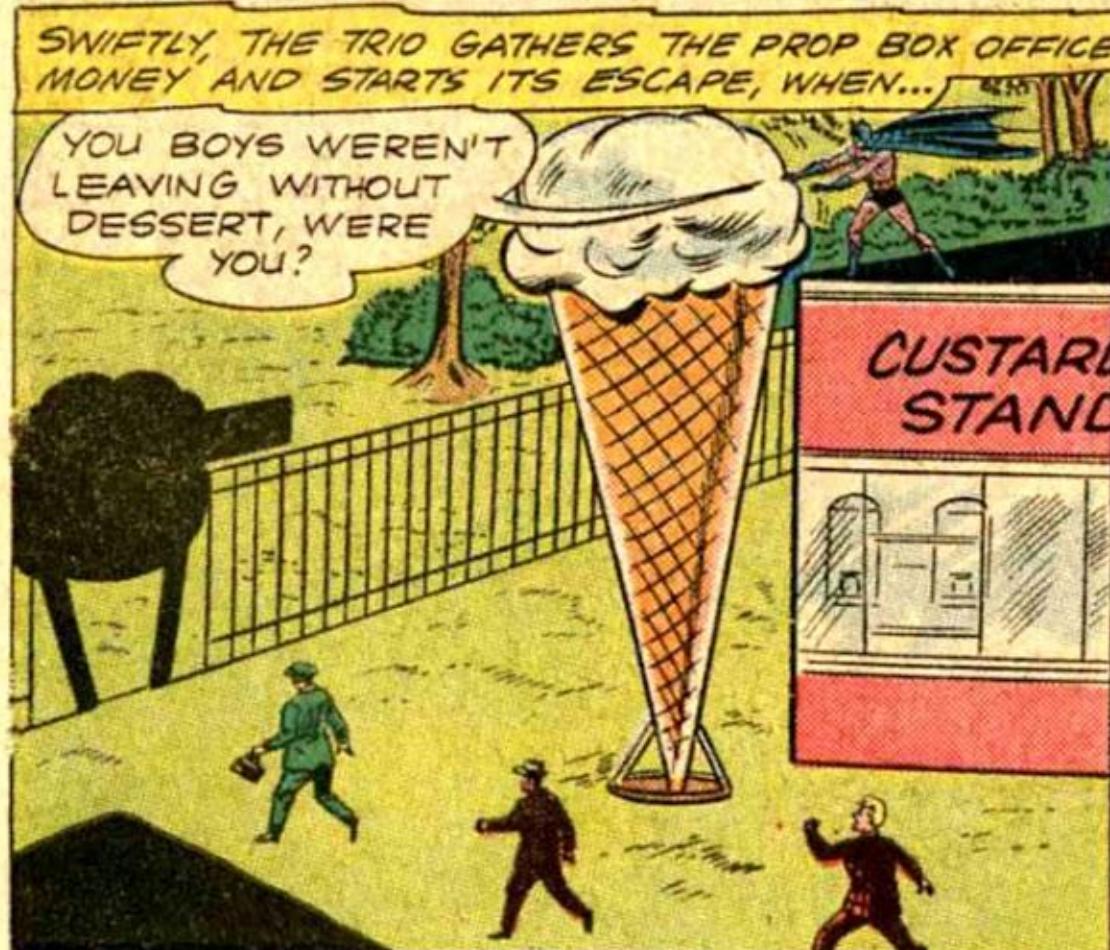
THE SECOND PHONY CRIME INVOLVES A MOCK AMUSEMENT PARK...

NOW, WHAT WE'VE GOT TO DO IS GET IN THERE, GRAB THE BOX OFFICE CASH AND BEAT IT OUT--FAST! WE'VE GOT NO WAY OF KNOWING WHERE "BATMAN" WILL STRIKE!



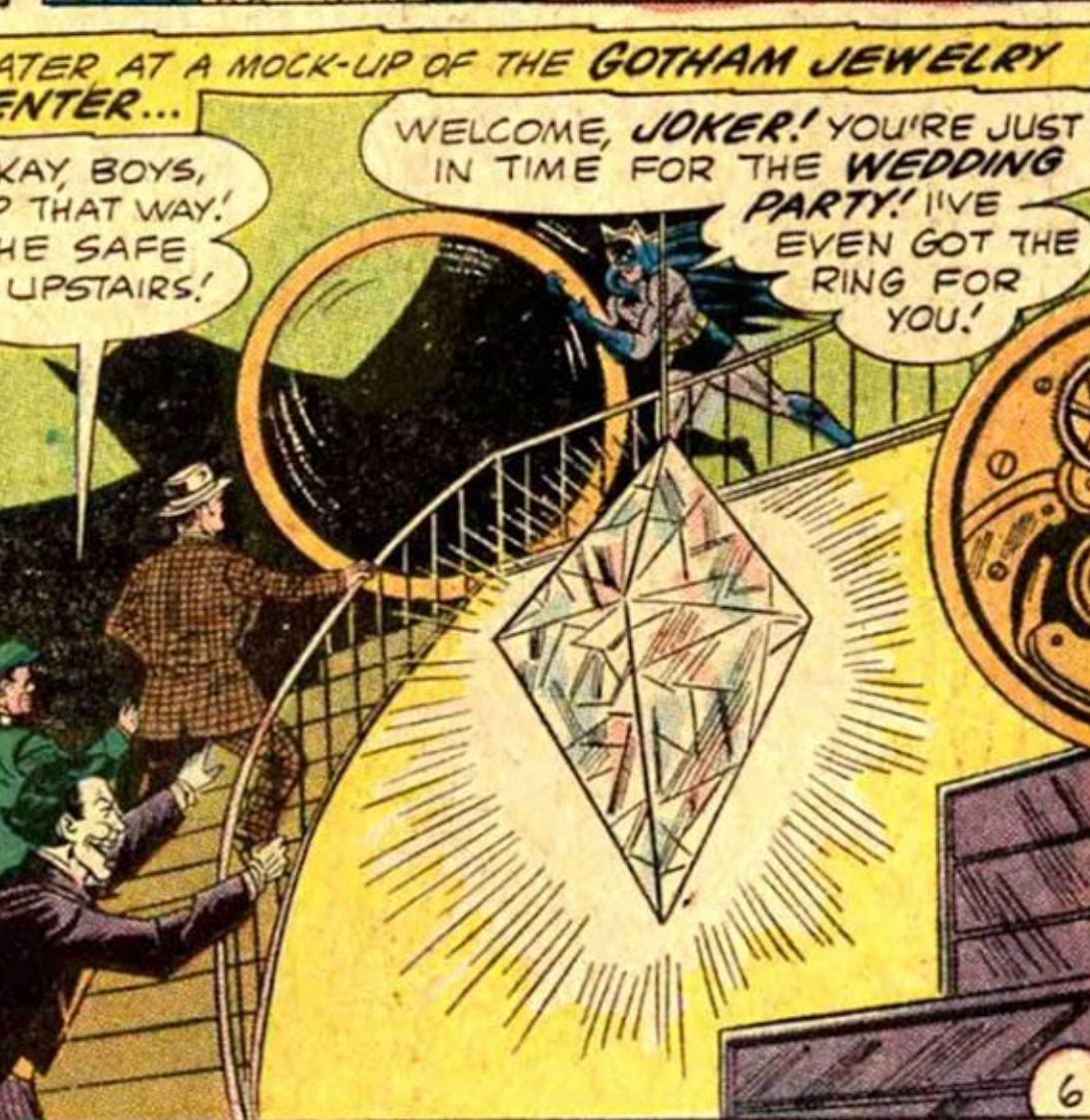
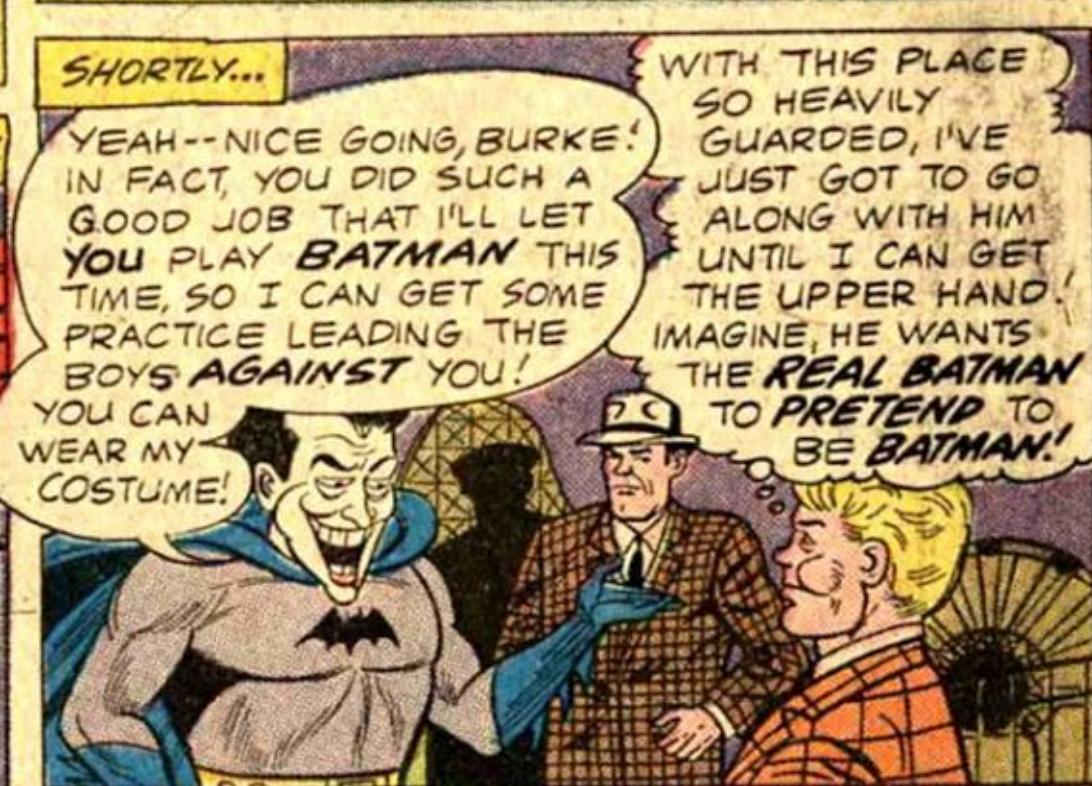
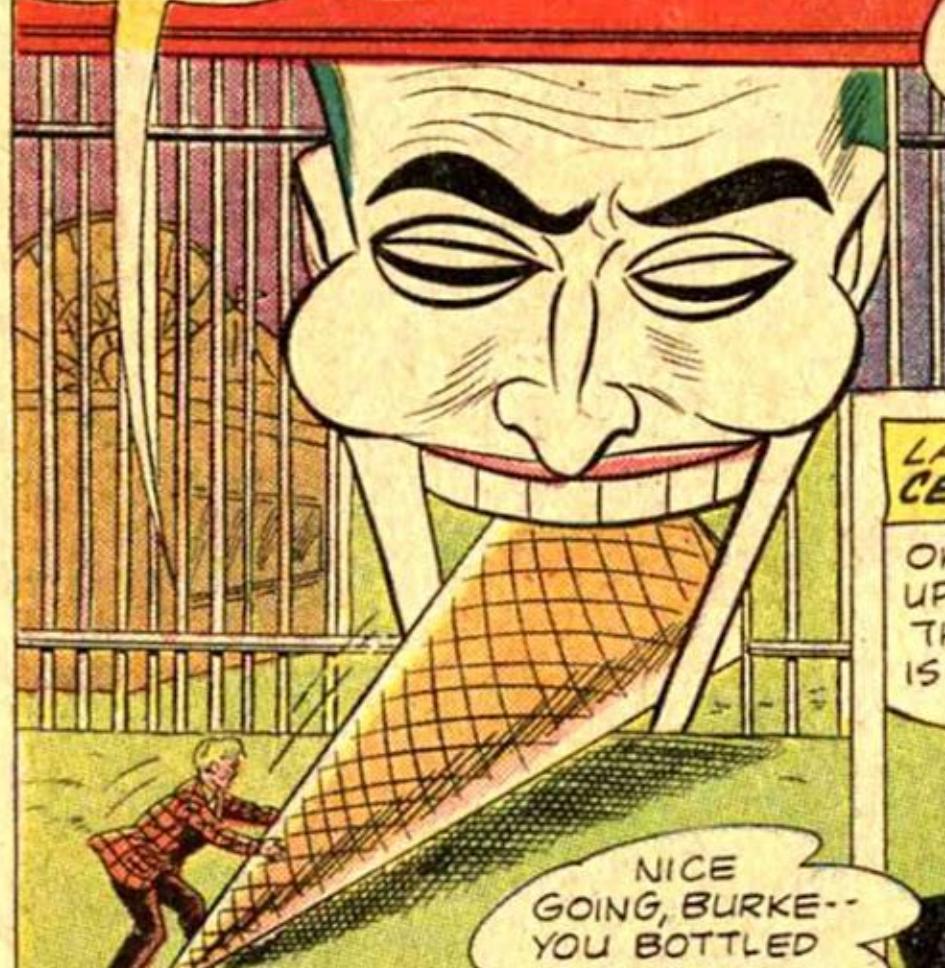
SWIFTLY, THE TRIO GATHERS THE PROP BOX OFFICE MONEY AND STARTS ITS ESCAPE, WHEN...

YOU BOYS WEREN'T LEAVING WITHOUT DESSERT, WERE YOU?



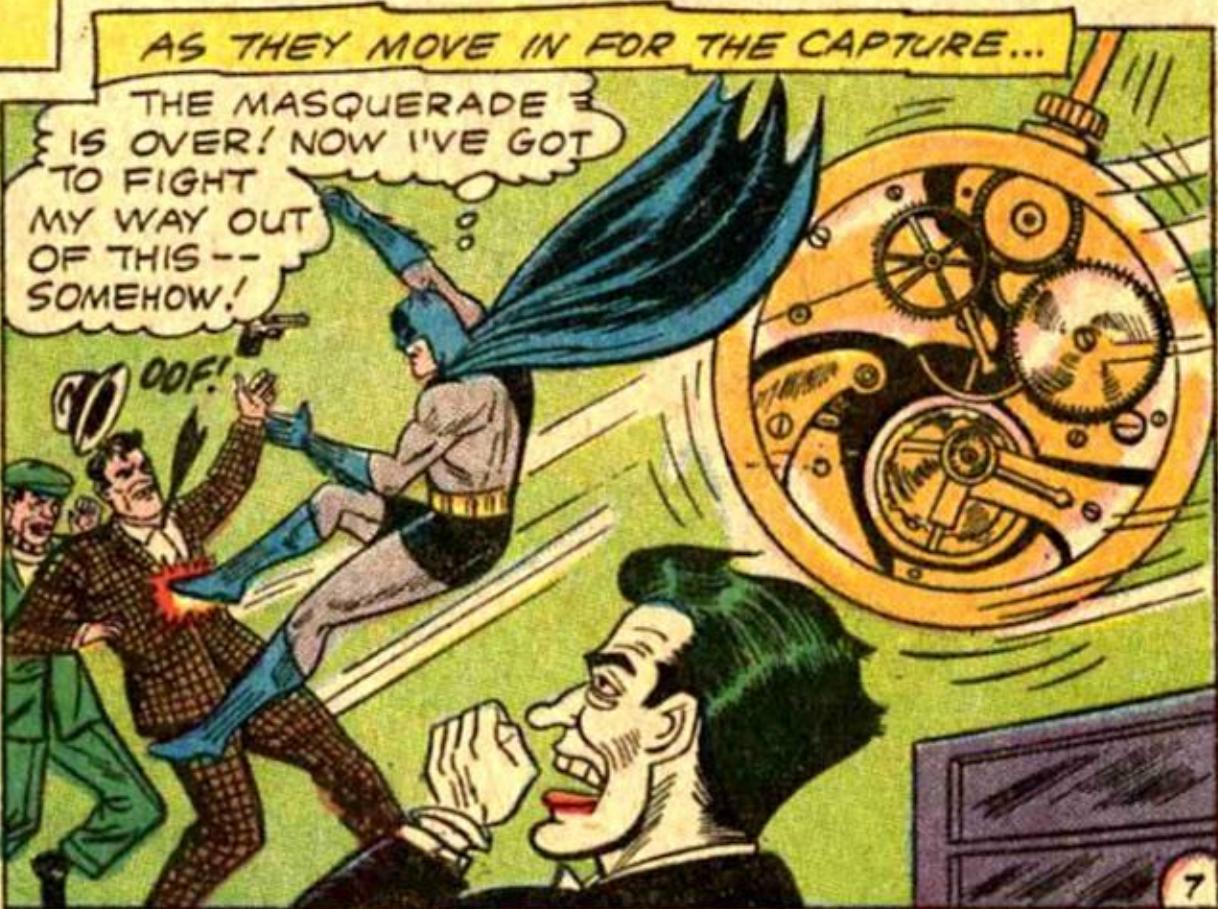
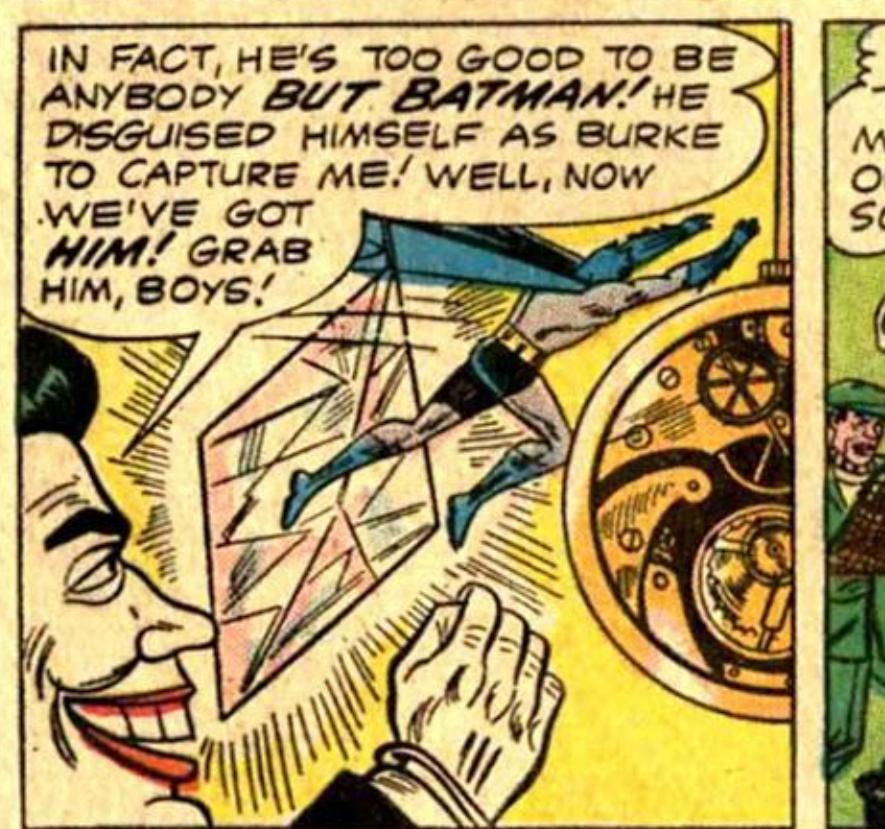
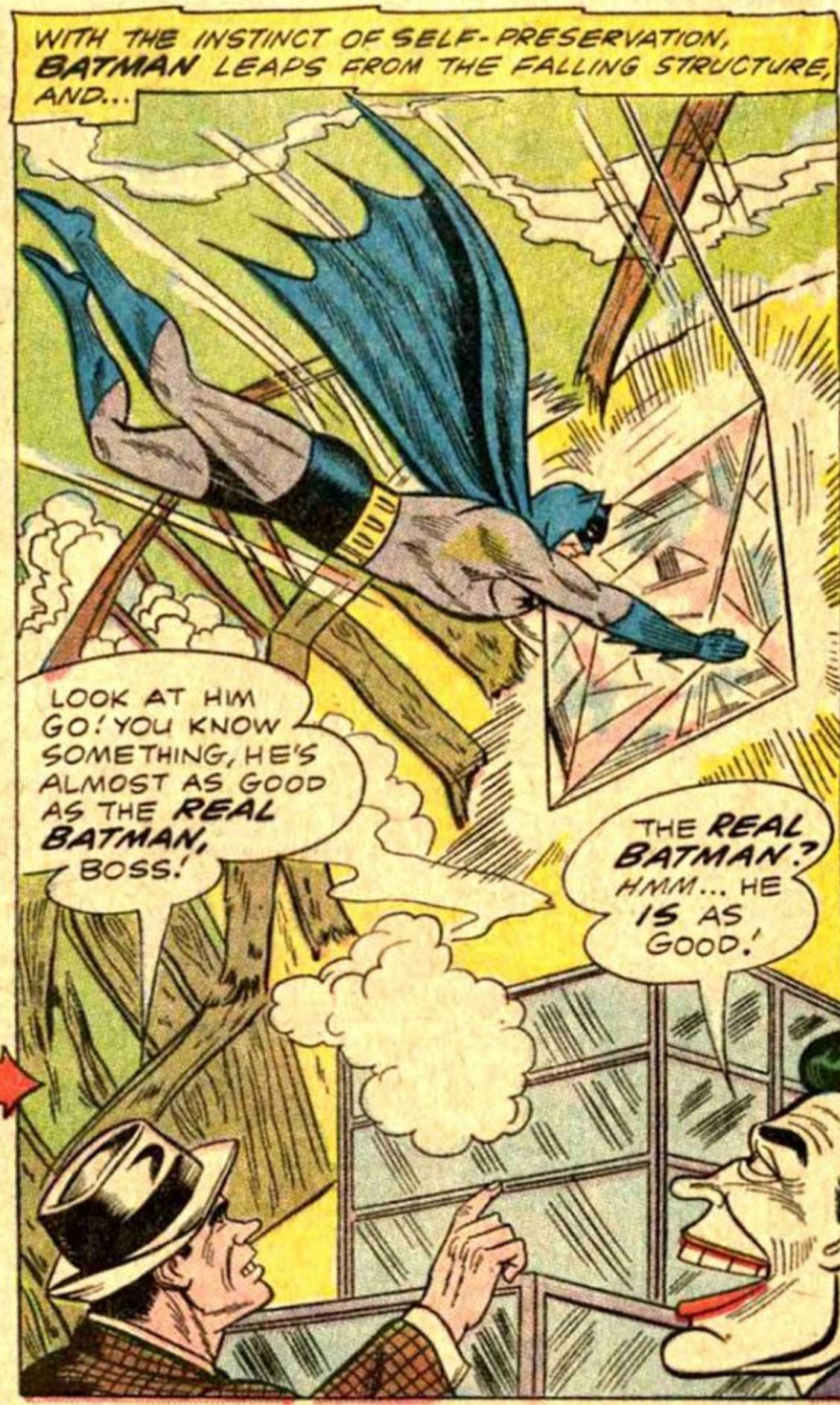
DID YOU SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM? WELL, THERE IT IS! THE SCORE IS 1-0 IN MY FLAVOR... HA-HA!







BATMAN



BUT, AS BATMAN RISES FROM THE
FALLEN FELONS...

ALL RIGHT, BATMAN,
THIS IS THE END OF
THE GAME! I'M
HOLDING A **REAL**
GUN, NOT A PROP!

I'VE
HAD
IT!
O O O O

AT THAT MOMENT, HOWEVER, A FAMILIAR VOICE RINGS
OUT...

IT'S ALL RIGHT, BATMAN--
WE'RE HERE! WE GOT YOUR
SIGNAL!

WHAT--?



THANKS FOR THE DIVERSION,
ROBIN! ALL I NEEDED WAS
ONE POKE AT THE JOKER!

AND SO, WITH THE OTHER CRIMINALS IN CUSTODY...

JUST ANSWER ONE THING,
BATMAN... WHAT DID YOU
USE TO SIGNAL ROBIN,
AFTER WE SEARCHED
YOU SO THOROUGHLY?

YOUR BOYS OVER-
LOOKED ONE THING--
THIS "GUM-BALL" IN
MY MOUTH! IT'S NOT
THE KIND BURKE
CHEWS... IT'S GOT A
SMALL DIRECTIONAL
RADIO INSIDE IT, AND
THAT'S WHAT SIGNALLED
YOUR END!

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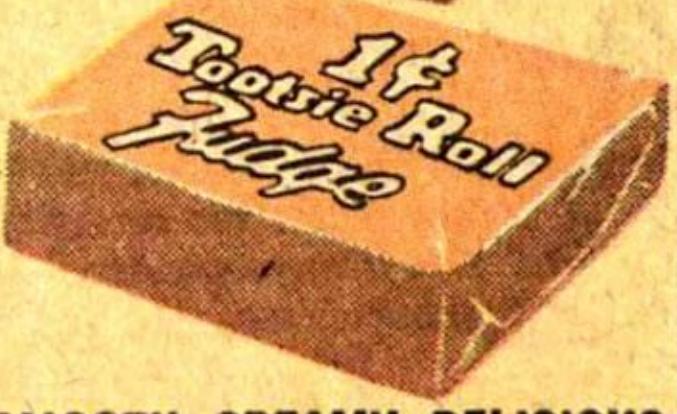
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Dear Editor: When BATMAN or ROBIN overcome crooks with sleeping gas pellets from their utility belts, how come they themselves aren't affected by the gas?

Daryl Drew, Burnaby, Canada
(BATMAN and ROBIN have tiny filter plugs which they insert in their noses whenever they anticipate using any of their gas pellets. Like regular gas masks, these plugs filter out noxious elements in the air.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In a recent story, "THE CHARMED LIFE OF BATMAN," you show SUPERMAN being weakened by blue kryptonite. Shouldn't the color of that kryptonite have been green?

Tom Finney, Opa-Locka, Fla.
(You're absolutely right, Tom—that kryptonite should have been colored green. In the engraving process, we combine yellow ink with blue ink, to create the color green. In this instance, the yellow wasn't added to the blue.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I enjoyed reading Alfred the butler's Tales of the Future about THE SECOND BATMAN AND ROBIN TEAM, where Dick Grayson grows up to become the new BATMAN and Bruce Wayne marries Kathy Kane and their son becomes the new ROBIN. Are you going to have any more?

Hugh Roberts, St. Paul, Minn.
(You'll be reading another adventure of THE SECOND BATMAN AND ROBIN TEAM in the FEBRUARY issue of BATMAN COMICS, No. 145. In fact, there's a big surprise in store for you, when the caped crime-fighters of the future match wits with "THE SON OF THE JOKER!"—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Do BATMAN and ROBIN have one of those gadgets for removing dust from the hair? I've always wondered just how it's used in fighting crime.

David Beekman, Syosset, N. Y.
(Like a powerful vacuum cleaner, this mechanism sucks up the tiniest dust particles that

might be caught in a person's hair. By analyzing those particles, the crime-fighters can frequently prove the recent whereabouts of a suspect. For example, if he'd committed his crime in a coal cellar, his hair would likely contain particles of coal dust.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In your BATMAN ANNUAL—the first story—there's a scene in the BAT-CAVE TROPHY ROOM showing a Lincoln Penny with the date 1901 on it? Any good coin collector knows that Lincoln Pennies weren't minted until 1909.

Larry Fenstermaker, Stockton, Calif.
(We've received a number of letters on this point from hawk-eyed readers. That 1901 penny was a giant one, made by a criminal whom BATMAN and ROBIN had captured—not minted by the U.S. government. Obviously, his knowledge of coins was not as sharp as yours! —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I'm looking forward to another story in which BATMAN and ROBIN become opponents of SUPERMAN. Please let me know when we'll see this happen again.

Rube Lawrence, Council Bluffs, Iowa
(Your long wait is over, Rube. In the DECEMBER issue of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, No. 122, the caped crime-fighters match wits with the Man of Steel in an astounding duel, as they're forced to bring about "THE CAPTURE OF SUPERMAN!"—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: You sometimes show BATMAN impersonating a criminal, in order to do undercover investigation. How is he able to imitate the voice and mannerisms so perfectly?

Anton Franke, Duluth, Minn.
(In addition to being a fine actor, BATMAN maintains a file library which enables him to study closely the movements and mannerisms of the person he wishes to impersonate. He also keeps a voice file—tape recordings of criminals' voices—which aids him in learning how they speak.—Ed.)

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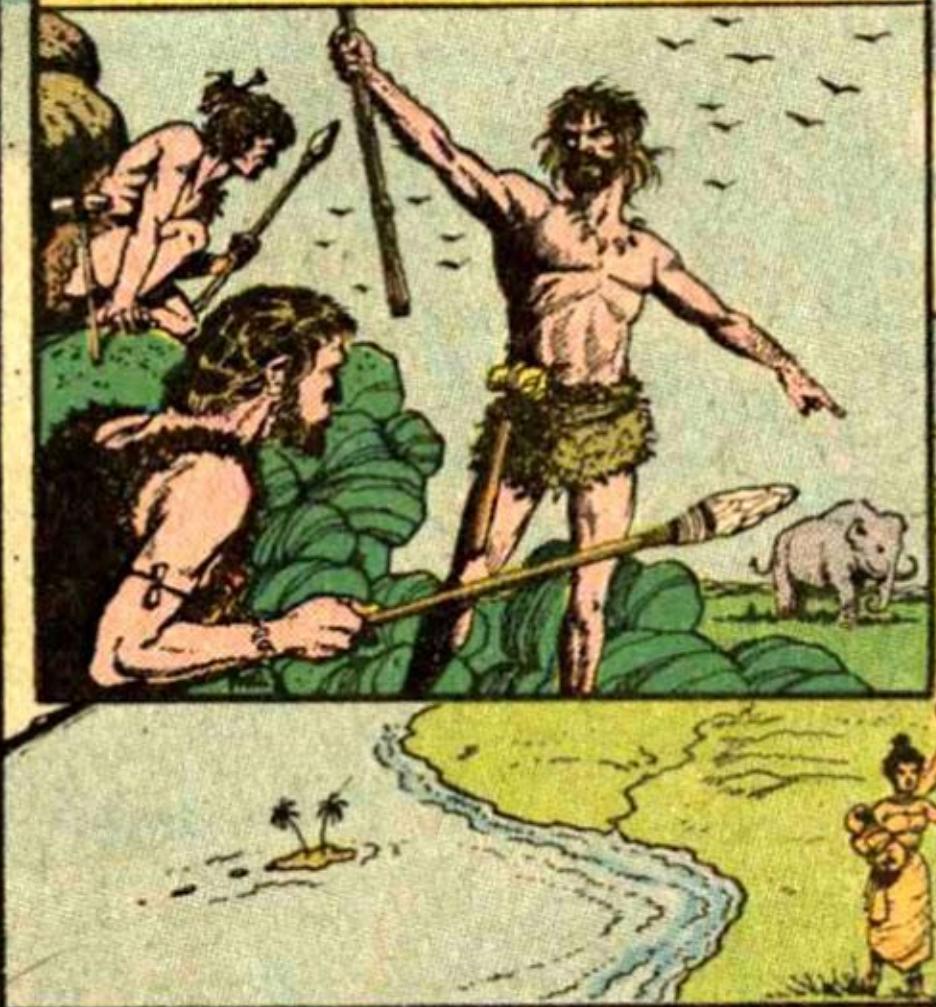


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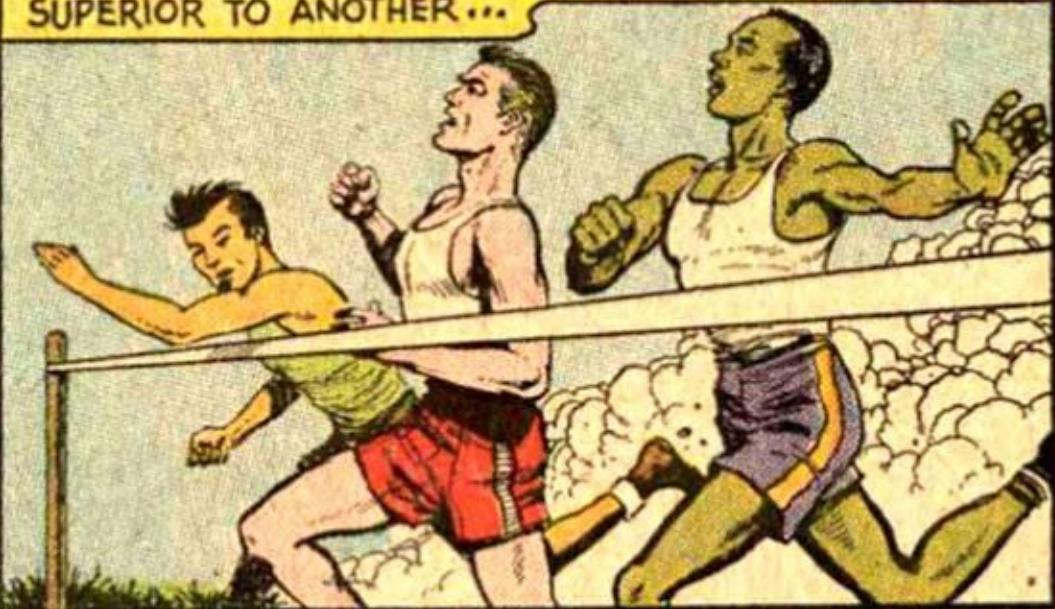


DEPENDING ON WHERE THEY HAD MIGRATED TO, SOME MEN BECAME DARKER, SOME LIGHTER, SOME LARGER, SOME SMALLER...

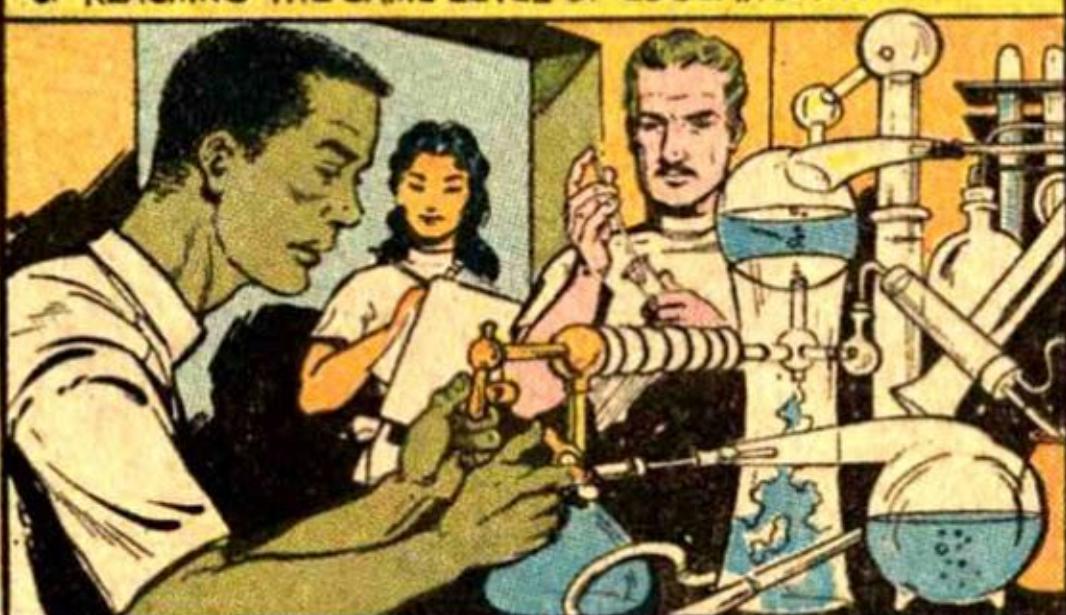


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BATMAN



BAT-MAN

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ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

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TWO ARE AROUND, ANYTHING CAN
HAPPEN--AND USUALLY DOES! YOU
CAN IMAGINE THE DOUBLE-TROUBLE
IN STORE WHEN BAT-MITE DECIDES
TO TEAM UP WITH BAT-GIRL, IN HER
CAMPAIGN TO WIN ROBIN'S
AFFECTIONS! SO SETTLE BACK AND
WATCH THE FIREWORKS, WHEN...

BAT-MITE MEETS BAT-GIRL

"HA, HA! WITH A
LITTLE ASSIST
FROM ME, BAT-
GIRL IS PULLING
A STUNT THAT'S
MAKING ROBIN'S
EYES POP!"



SUMMONED TO COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE, BATMAN AND ROBIN FIND A SURPRISE AWAITING THEM...

BATWOMAN!... AND WITH HER IS HER NIECE, BETTY-- WEARING HER BAT-GIRL COSTUME!

BATMAN, IT WAS I WHO ASKED BATWOMAN TO GET BAT-GIRL HERE-- TO HELP OUT!



YOU AND BATWOMAN MUST FLY TO WASHINGTON AT ONCE-- TO TESTIFY BEFORE A SENATE CRIME COMMITTEE! WHILE YOU ARE GONE, I'D LIKE BAT-GIRL TO TEAM UP WITH ROBIN, IN PATROLLING GOTHAM CITY!

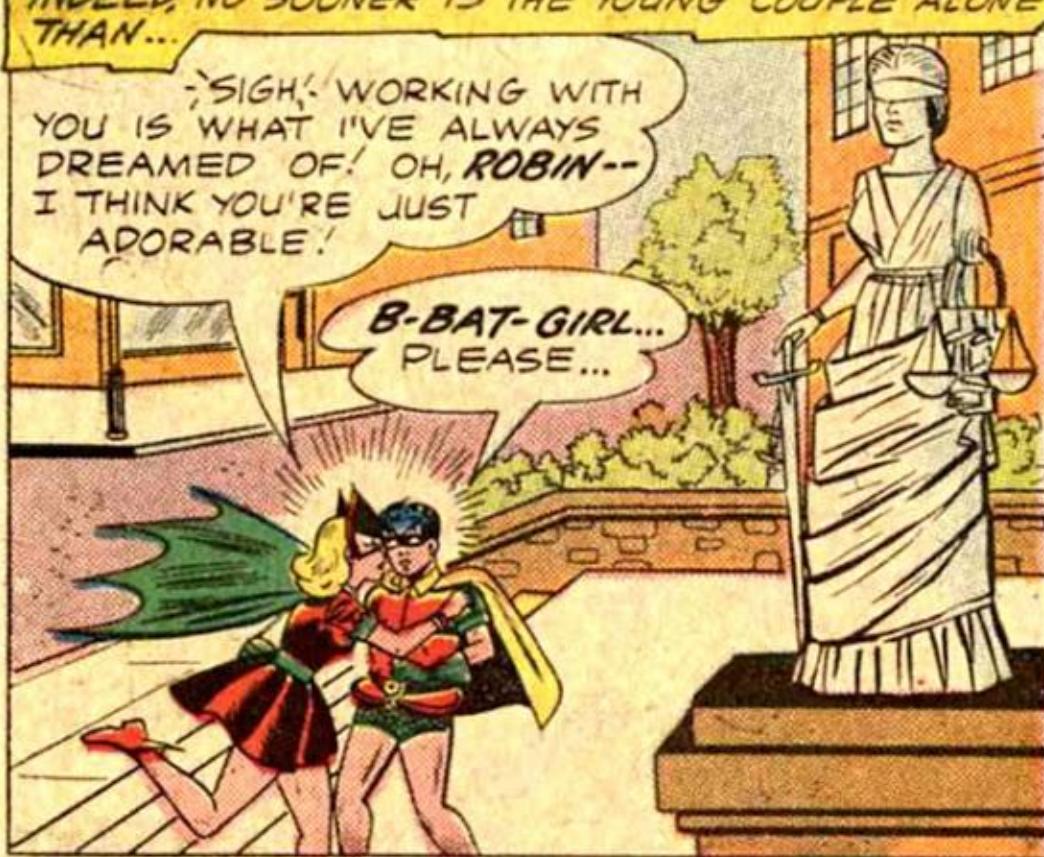
OH, NO! THAT'S ALL I NEED...
BAT-GIRL HOUNDING ME WHEREVER I GO!



INDEED, NO SOONER IS THE YOUNG COUPLE ALONE THAN...

'SIGH.' WORKING WITH YOU IS WHAT I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF! OH, ROBIN-- I THINK YOU'RE JUST ADORABLE!

B-BAT-GIRL... PLEASE...



Y-YOU'VE JUST GOT TO STOP DOING THAT! IT--IT ISN'T RIGHT, ESPECIALLY SINCE I'M... ER... DEVOTED TO ANOTHER WOMAN!

ANOTHER WOMAN?
OH, ROBIN...
'SOB,' Y-YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT.'



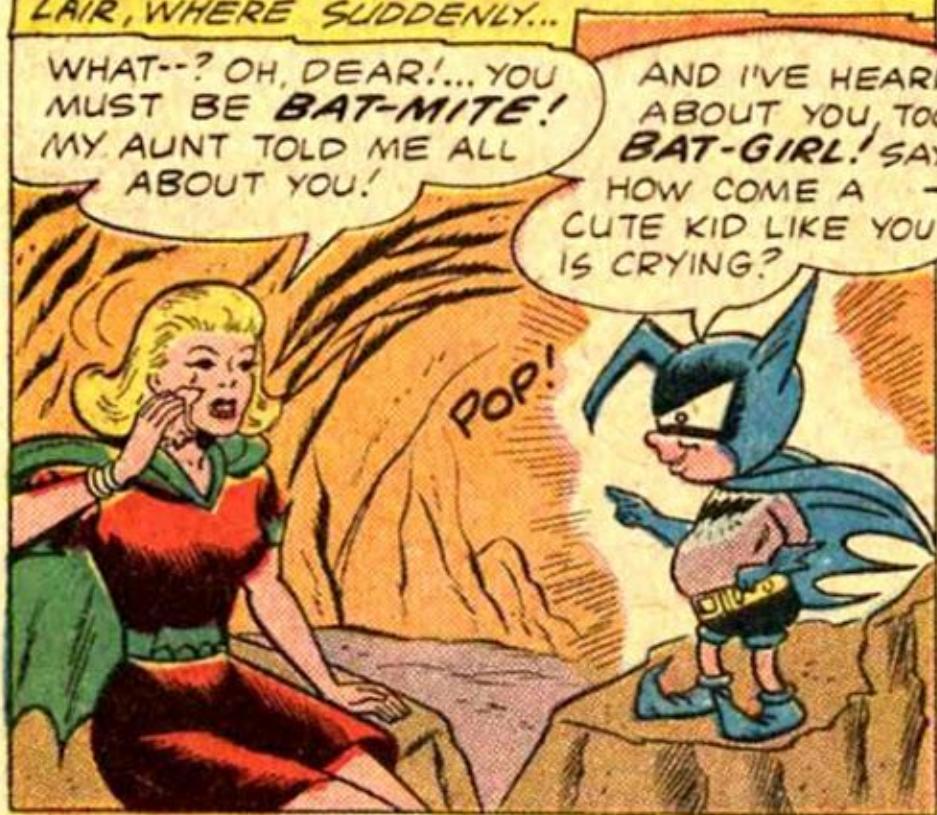
HEARTBROKEN, THE LOVESTRUCK LASS RETURNS TO BATWOMAN'S UNDERGROUND LAIR, WHERE SUDDENLY...

WHAT--? OH, DEAR!... YOU MUST BE BAT-MITE! MY AUNT TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU!

AND I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU, TOO, BAT-GIRL! SAY--

HOW COME A CUTE KID LIKE YOU IS CRYING?

POP!



AFTER BAT-GIRL TELLS HER UNHAPPY TALE...

IF ONLY ROBIN WOULD FORGET THE OTHER WOMAN; 'SOB,' AND FALL IN LOVE WITH ME!

IS THAT ALL?
WHY, WITH MY POWERS, IT'LL BE A CINCH...

AND BOYOBBOYOB-- WILL I HAVE FUN DOING IT!



ROBIN, BETTER WATCH OUT! WHEN BAT-MITE STARTS PLAYING CUPID-- ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN!

THAT NIGHT, MEETING AT AN APPOINTED SPOT,
BAT-GIRL AND THE BOY WONDER BEGIN
THEIR PATROL, WHEN...

OOHHH... HELP...
BANDITS...
ATTACKED
ME...

THE NIGHT WATCHMAN
FROM THE **GOTHAM**
PLAYGROUND EQUIP-
MENT COMPANY! LET'S
GO, **BAT-GIRL!**



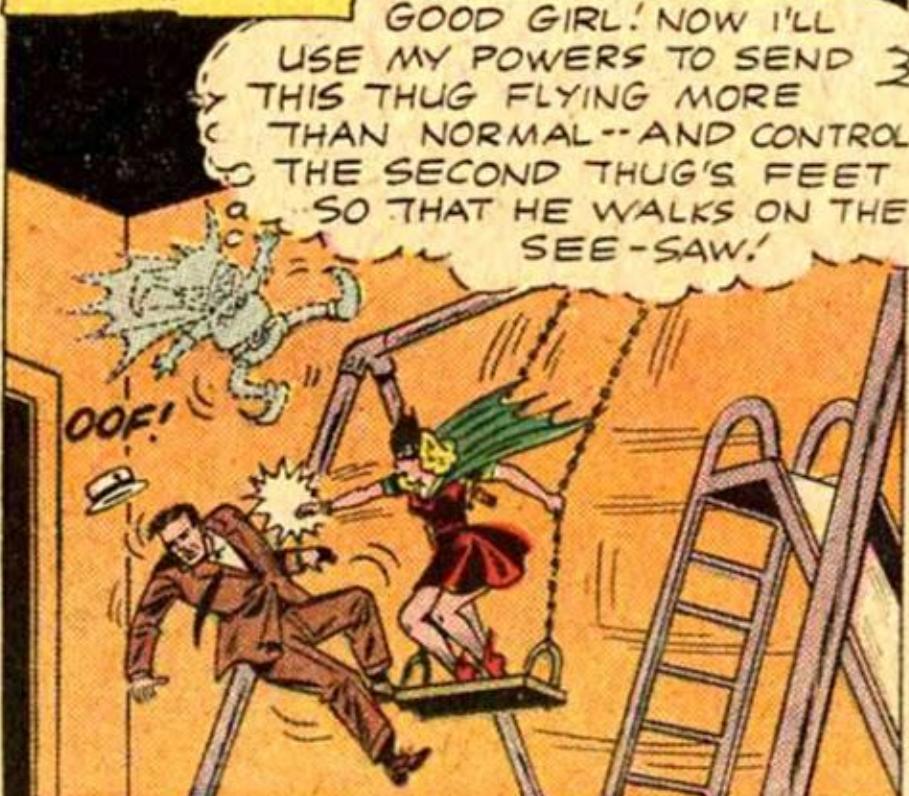
AS THE BANDITS SPLIT UP, IN AN EFFORT
TO ESCAPE THE CHARGING CRIME-
FIGHTERS...

BAT-GIRL, TRY TO STALL THE
OTHER TWO, TILL I CAN GIVE YOU
A HAND!



INSTANTLY, **BAT-GIRL** LEAPS TO A
SWING, AND...

GOOD GIRL! NOW I'LL
USE MY POWERS TO SEND
THIS THUG FLYING MORE
THAN NORMAL--AND CONTROL
THE SECOND THUG'S FEET
SO THAT HE WALKS ON THE
SEE-SAW!



AS ROBIN LEADS THE WAY, HE IS UNAWARE
THAT AN INVISIBLE FIGURE HAS FOLLOWED...

PSSST! **BAT-GIRL**, THIS IS WHERE
YOU MAKE **ROBIN'S** EYES POP--
WITH MY HELP, OF COURSE!
;TEE-HEE!



THAT DONE--THE INEVITABLE HAPPENS...

;HA, HA! NOW **BAT-GIRL** CAN FINISH THE
JOB!



AND THAT SHE DOES--BY CATAPOULTING FROM THE SWING...



THUS, AWHILE LATER, AFTER TURNING IN THE CRIMINALS...

WOW!... A DOUBLE-PLAY!... WHAT A STUNT! BUT I'D BETTER NOT TELL HER THAT--OR SHE'LL GET OVER-CONFIDENT AND TAKE TOO MANY RISKS!

IT DIDN'T WORK... ROBIN DIDN'T EVEN COMPLIMENT ME! HE STILL HASN'T FALLEN FOR ME!

RELAX... THAT WAS ONLY THE FIRST STEP IN MY CAMPAIGN!

NOW, LISTEN-- HERE'S WHAT YOU MUST DO TOMORROW NIGHT...



THE FOLLOWING EVENING, AS BAT-GIRL CARRIES OUT HER INSTRUCTIONS...

UH, ROBIN-- LET'S START PATROLLING IN THAT DIRECTION TONIGHT...



AT THIS VERY MOMENT, IN THE CIRCUS' CENTER RING, WHERE CHIP DANTON, YOUNG MOVIE IDOL, IS MAKING A GUEST APPEARANCE...

OH, A TIGER'S LOOSE--AND HE'S COMING RIGHT AT ME!



BUT NO ONE IS AWARE OF AN INVISIBLE FIGURE RIDING THE TIGER...

THAT LAD IS IN NO DANGER, SINCE I'M CONTROLLING THIS ANIMAL! I'VE ALREADY SIGNALLED TO BAT-GIRL, SO SHE CAN GO INTO ACTION AS WE PLANNED!



ARRIVING PREPARED, BAT-GIRL IS QUICK TO TACKLE THE "EMERGENCY"...

THE CAT FAMILY LOVES THE SMELL OF PERFUME-- SO THIS BOTTLE FROM MY CRIME-COMPACT SHOULD STALL THE TIGER!

GOLLY... ANYBODY'D THINK THAT BAT-GIRL WAS EXPECTING THIS TROUBLE-- BUT, OF COURSE, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

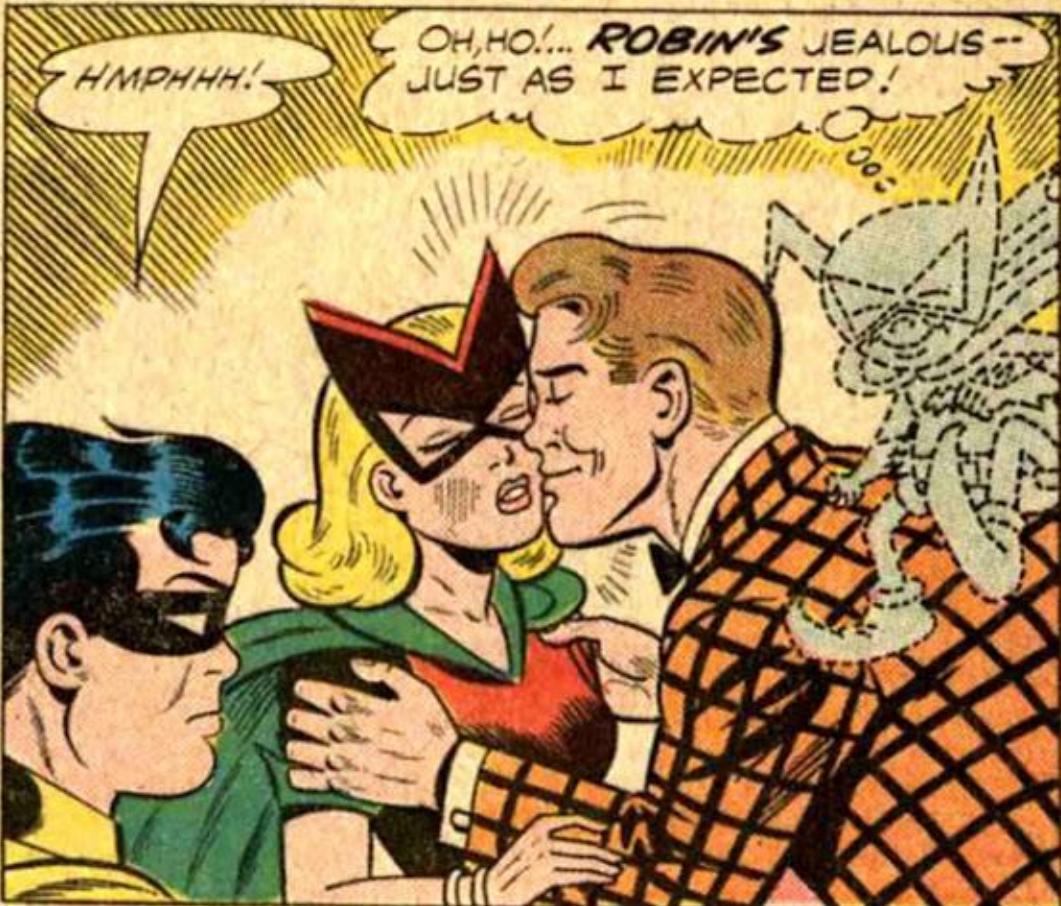
NOW, WHILE THE TIGER IS SNIFFING THE PERFUME--I'LL FLIP THIS TRAPEZE SAFETY-NET OVER HIM!

SO FAR, SO GOOD... NOW, CHIP DANTON SHOULD REACT AS ANY GRATEFUL BOY WOULD!



AND, INDEED HE DOES!

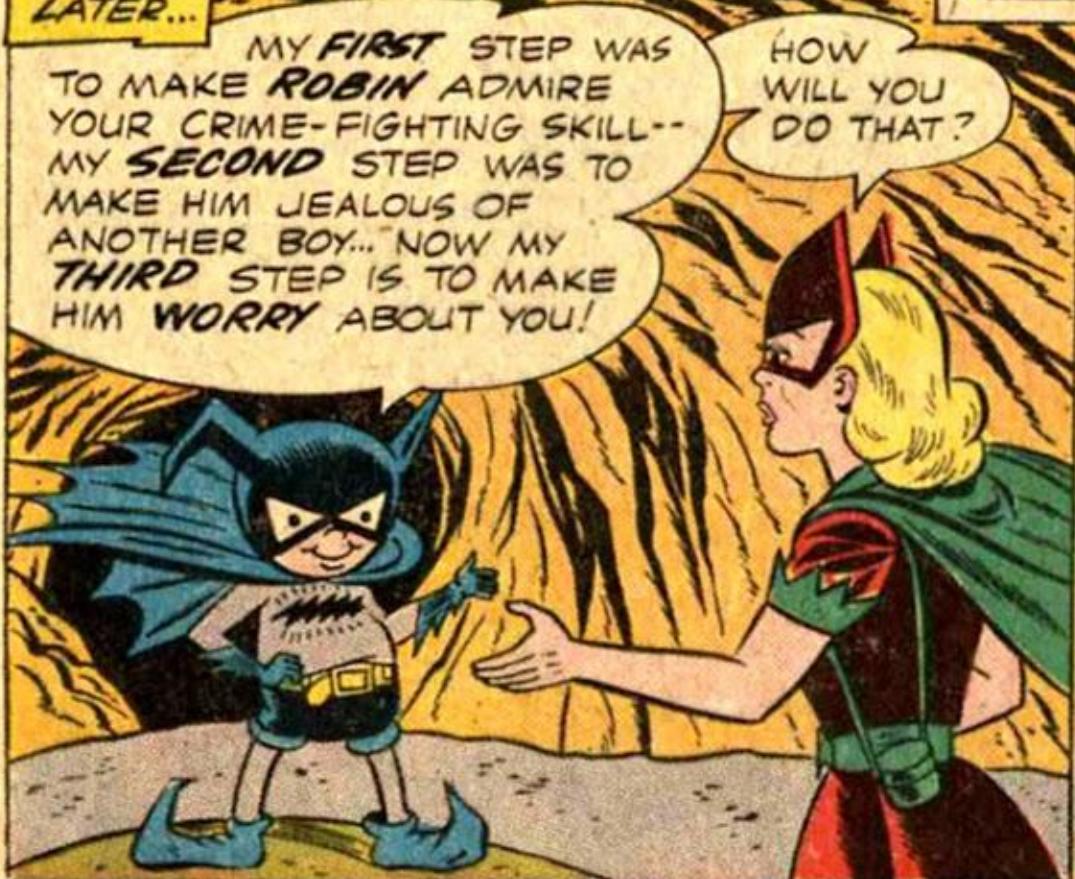
BAT-GIRL, YOU SAVED MY LIFE! YOU'RE NOT ONLY WONDERFUL, BUT BEAUTIFUL, TOO! AND BEFORE THIS AUDIENCE, I WANT TO SHOW YOU MY APPRECIATION ...



LATER...

MY FIRST STEP WAS TO MAKE ROBIN ADMIRE YOUR CRIME-FIGHTING SKILL-- MY SECOND STEP WAS TO MAKE HIM JEALOUS OF ANOTHER BOY... NOW MY THIRD STEP IS TO MAKE HIM WORRY ABOUT YOU!

HOW WILL YOU DO THAT?



BY USING MY POWERS TO MAKE THESE TOYS GROW TO THE PROPER SIZE-- AND THEN ANIMATE THEM! TOMORROW NIGHT, AS ALWAYS, YOU'LL MEET ROBIN AT AN APPOINTED SPOT, AT EXACTLY EIGHT O'CLOCK-- SO HERE'S WHAT I'LL DO...





BATMAN



THE NEXT NIGHT, HOWEVER, BAT-GIRL IS SO ANXIOUS, SHE'S AT THE MEETING PLACE EARLIER THAN USUAL...

BAT-MITE'S PLAN IS TO MAKE THE ANIMATED FIGURES LOOK LIKE GANGSTERS WHO WILL ABDUCT ME IN THE "GETAWAY CAR," JUST AS ROBIN APPROACHES! HE'LL WORRY ABOUT ME-- FIND A "CLUE"--RESUCE ME-- AND THEN REALIZE HOW MUCH HE CARES FOR ME! I HOPE IT WORKS!

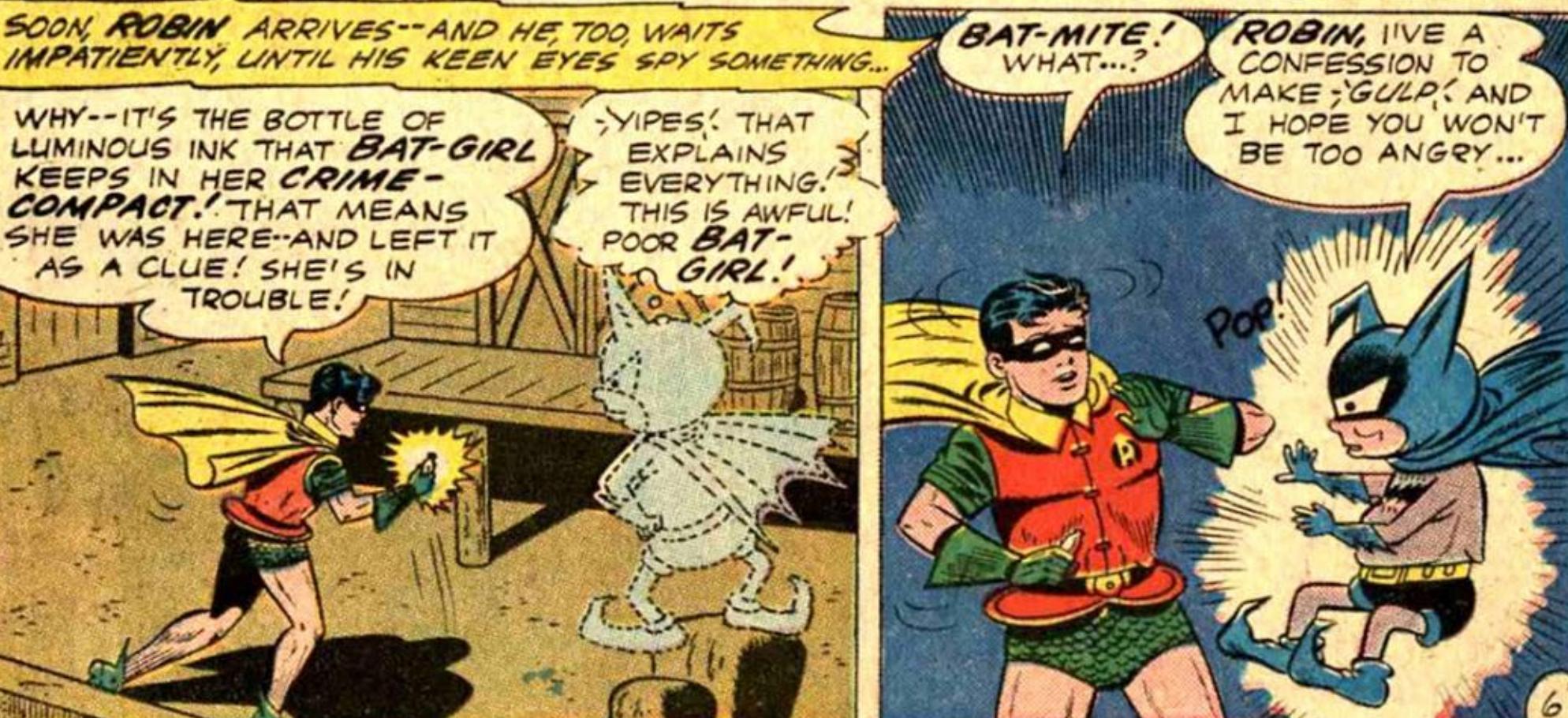
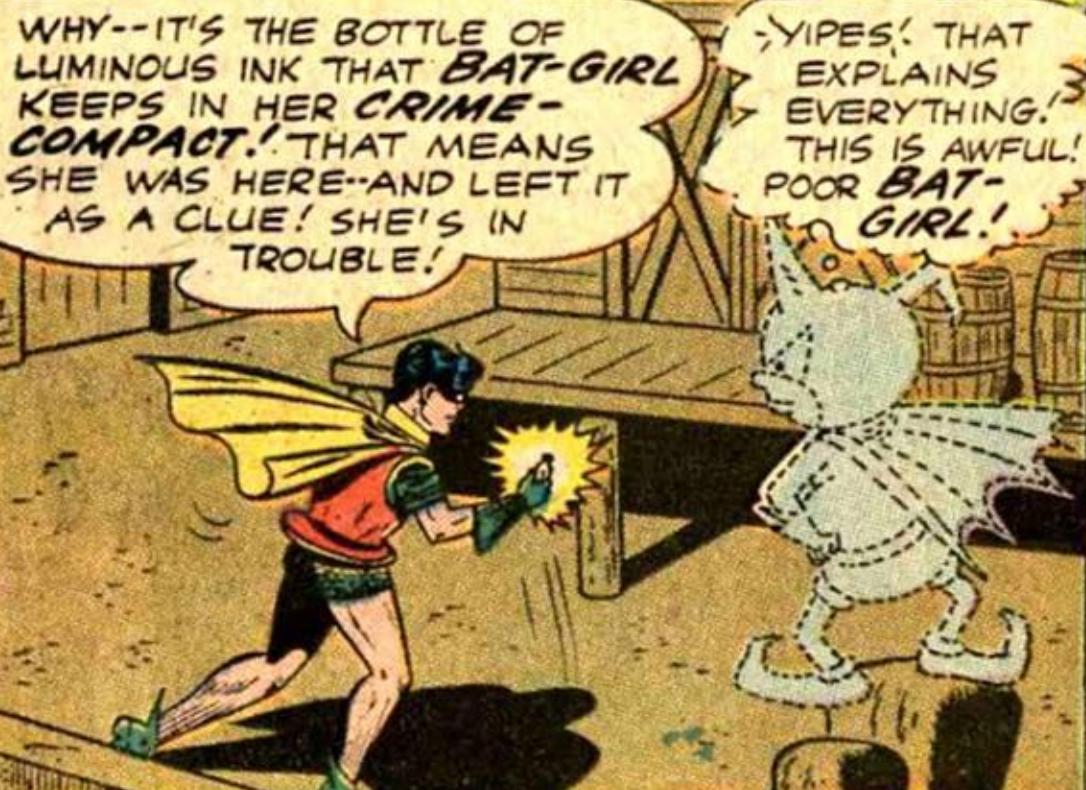


THINKING THEY ARE BAT-MITE'S CREATIONS, BAT-GIRL ALLOWS HERSELF TO BE EASILY OVERCOME...



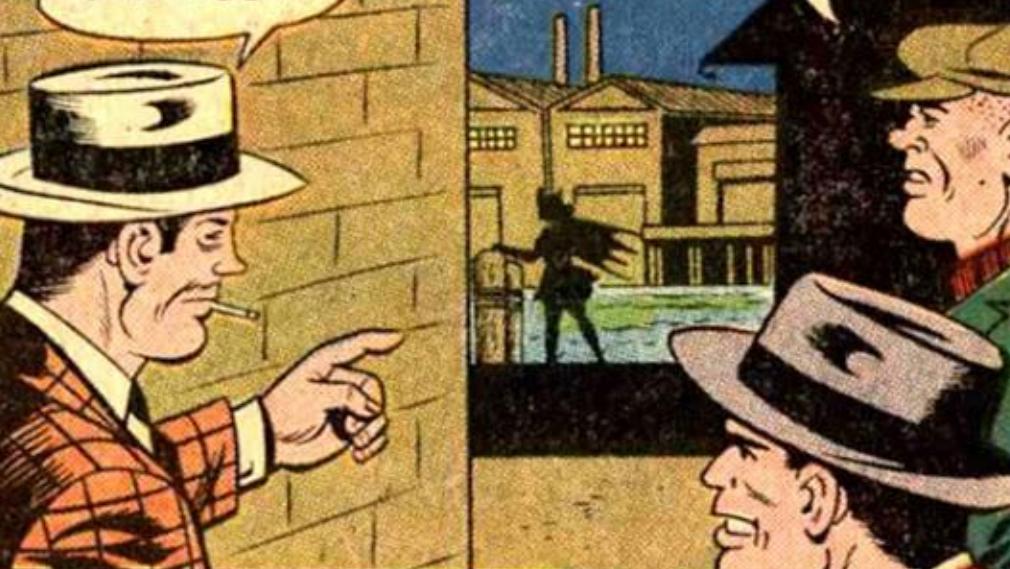
SOON, ROBIN ARRIVES--AND HE, TOO, WAITS IMPATIENTLY, UNTIL HIS KEEN EYES SPY SOMETHING...

WHY--IT'S THE BOTTLE OF LUMINOUS INK THAT BAT-GIRL KEEPS IN HER CRIME-COMPACT! THAT MEANS SHE WAS HERE--AND LEFT IT AS A CLUE! SHE'S IN TROUBLE!



BUT, AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT--REAL THUGS SUDDENLY APPEAR, AND...

LOOK!... BAT-GIRL--ALONE! THIS IS OUR CHANCE! WE'LL GRAB HER AND TAKE HER ALONG ON OUR JOB...



YEAH--SHE'LL BE OUR "INSURANCE," IN CASE COPS TRY TO STOP US!

SHORTLY, WHEN THE INVISIBLE BAT-MITE ARRIVES...

BAT-GIRL SHOULD'VE BEEN HERE BY NOW! ISN'T THAT JUST LIKE A WOMAN--TO BE LATE FOR AN APPOINTMENT!



BAT-MITE!
WHAT?...

ROBIN, I'VE A CONFSSION TO MAKE; 'GULP,' AND I HOPE YOU WON'T BE TOO ANGRY...



BATMAN



AFTER EXPLAINING...

D-DO YOU
THINK YOU
CAN
FORGIVE
ME?

RIGHT NOW, I
CAN ONLY THINK
OF THIS BOTTLE!
IT'S NEARLY
EMPTY--WHICH
MEANS THAT IN
THE STRUGGLE,
SHE MANAGED TO
SPLASH THE INK
ON A CAR--SO THE
INK WOULD DRIP OFF
AND LEAVE A
LUMINOUS TRAIL!

WE'D BE ABLE TO
SEE A LUMINOUS
TRAIL EASIER
FROM THE AIR...
I'LL GET THE
WHIRLY-BAT
FROM THE
BATMOBILE!

DON'T
BOther...
I'LL HAVE
THAT **SEA
GULL**
GIVE
US A
LIFT!

WITH HIS UNCANNY MAGIC, **BAT-MITE** TURNS THE BIRD INTO A
GIGANTIC CREATURE, SO THAT...

SEE THE TRAIL BETTER
NOW?

YES--WE
CAN'T MISS
FINDING **BAT-GIRL** NOW!



LATER, AS THE BANDITS CRACK THE SAFE OF A COMPANY THAT MAKES
GOLD-PLATED SPORTS TROPHIES...

THIS GOLD SUPPLY...
WHAT A HAUL!

AND I'M GOING TO HAUL
YOU ALL RIGHT TO JAIL!

ROBIN!



HOLD IT, ROBIN! YOU'RE GONNA
LET US GET AWAY--OR THIS KID
GETS HURT!

I CAN'T RISK **BAT-GIRL'S** SAFETY...I'VE
NO CHOICE BUT TO LET THEM ESCAPE!



**ROBIN-- FORGET
ABOUT ME! YOU
MUSTN'T LET
THEM GET
AWAY!**

I--I
CAN'T...

I THINK IT'S
TIME I DID
SOMETHING
TO HELP
THESE
YOUNGSTERS!

AGAIN, BAT-MITE PUTS HIS REMARKABLE
EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL POWERS TO WORK ...

YAAAAH! THE GOLD-TROPHIES HAVE GROWN--
AND COME TO LIFE! LET'S GET
OUTA HERE!

ROUTA HERE:

OOOF!

UHHHH."

I DON'T THINK THEY'LL
GIVE YOU ANY TROUBLE
NOW, KIDS... HA, HA, HA!

Yow!

LATER, AFTER DELIVERING THE CROOKS TO
POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

ROBIN, I WAS A FOOL TO
TRY TO GET YOU TO CARE
FOR ME--BUT I WAS
SO JEALOUS OF THAT
OTHER WOMAN!

I UNDERSTAND--
AND I THINK IT'S
TIME I SHOWED
YOU THAT "OTHER
WOMAN" I'M
DEVOTED
TO!

THERE SHE IS--
YOUR RIVAL!

THE STATUE OF JUSTICE?

YES, YOU SEE, **BATMAN** HAS OFTEN TOLD ME THAT HIS CRIME-FIGHTING CAREER IS A FULL-TIME JOB, AND THAT HE CAN'T RISK A BIG ROMANCE NOW--NOT UNTIL HE'S READY TO RETIRE! IF **BATMAN** CAN MAKE THAT KIND OF SACRIFICE, I GUESS I'M MAN ENOUGH TO DO IT, TOO!



AT THAT INSTANT...

WE JUST GOT BACK, AND I HEARD WHAT YOU SAID! **ROBIN**, THERE'S TIME ENOUGH FOR YOU TO MAKE THAT KIND OF DECISION AND SACRIFICE, WHEN YOU'RE REALLY GROWN UP! RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE STILL A TEEN-AGER, YOU KNOW...



OH, **ROBIN**--THEN IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR ME TO KISS YOU NOW!

WELL...IT LOOKS LIKE MY WORK IS FINISHED -- SO I MIGHT AS WELL GO HOME!



I'LL BE SEEING YOU AGAIN... SOON...

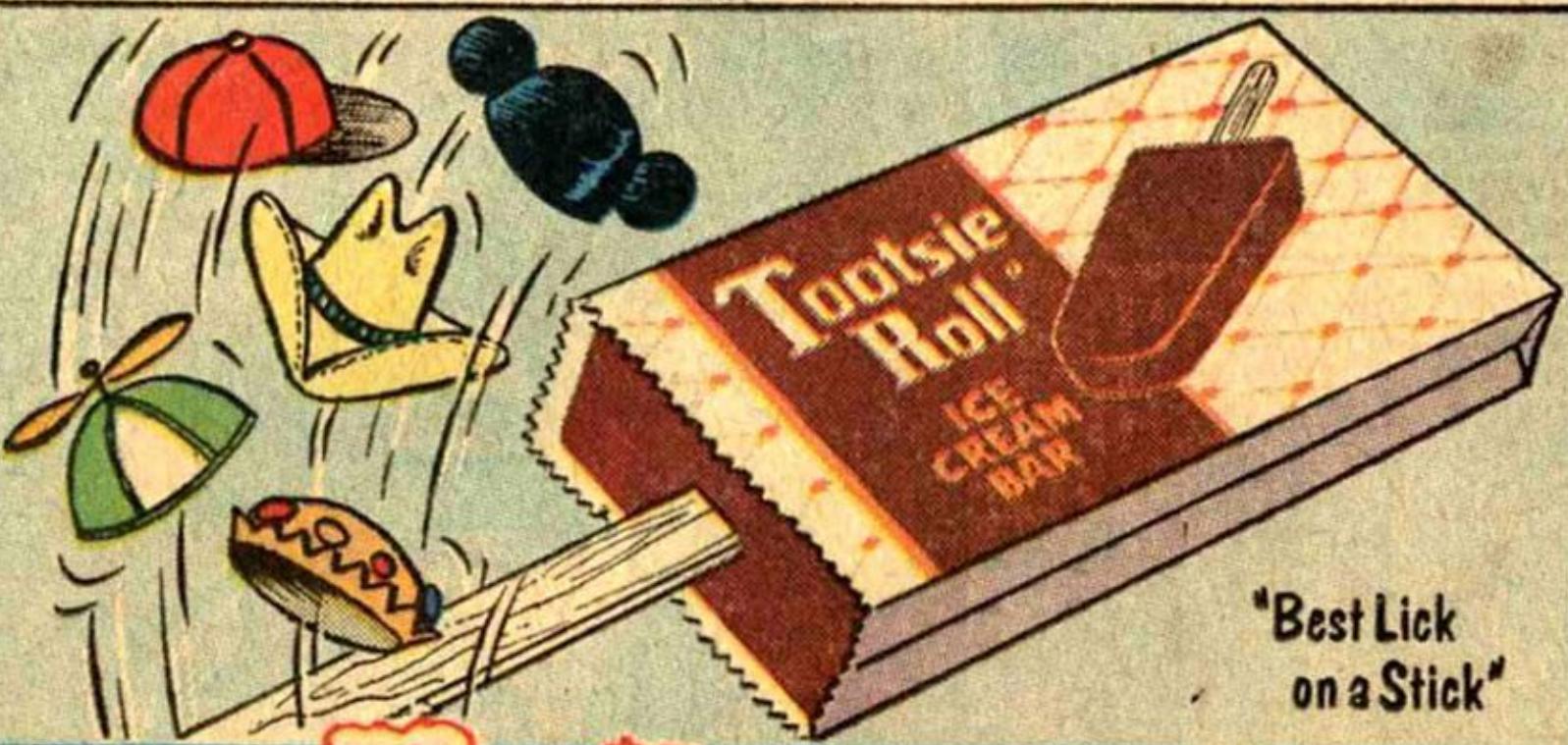
GOOD-BYE-- "CUPID"!



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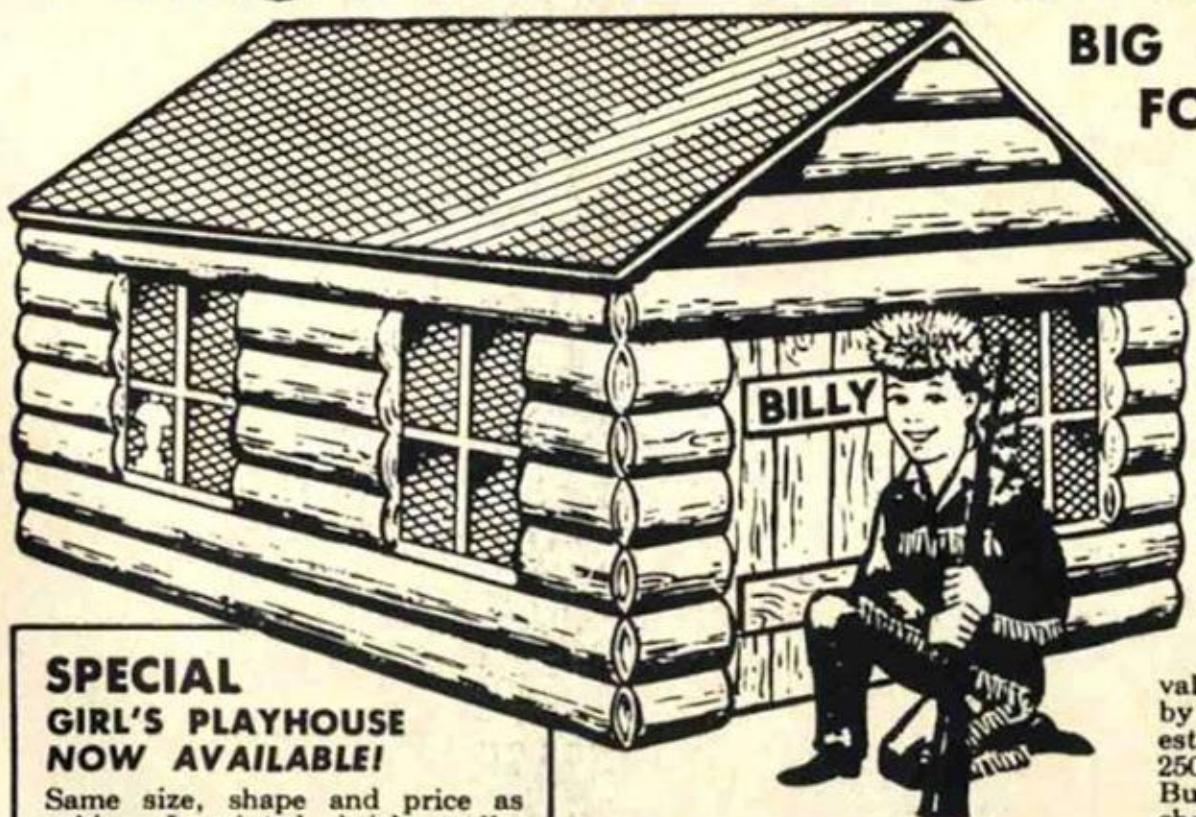
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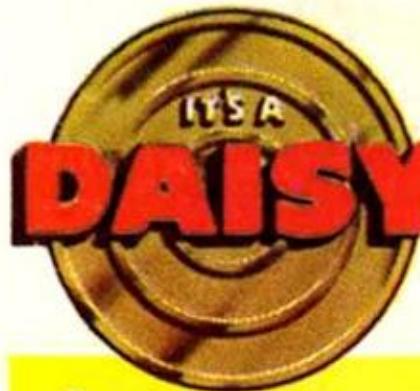
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