

BATMAN

Featuring
"BRUCE WAYNE'S
AUNT AGATHA!"

WHY, BRUCE WAYNE--
WHATEVER ARE YOU
DOING IN THAT
COSTUME, STRIKING
THOSE YOUNG MEN?



DIAMONDS

Now -

FOR THE FIRST TIME,
YOU CAN SHARE THE
WORLD'S MOST EXCITING
EXPLOITS WITH THE
BRAVE MEN WHO
EXPERIENCED THEM!



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MY GREATEST ADVENTURE
Featuring "My Cargo Was DEATH!"

IF ONE OF THEIR
SLUGS HITS THE
NITRO IN BACK,
I'LL BE BLOWN
SKY-HIGH!

"ALSO:
"I WAS KING OF
DAGGER ISLAND!"
"I HUNTED A
FLYING SAUCER!"

*If you want to
know how it feels...*

TO DRIVE A
CARGO OF
NITRO THROUGH
BLAZING BANDITS'
BULLETS...

WHIRR RRRR

TO RULE
AN ISLAND
EMPIRE...

TO PLAY
HIDE-AND-
SEEK IN THE
SKIES WITH
A FLYING
SAUCER...

*Read
the first
issue
of*

MY GREATEST ADVENTURE



Now ON SALE AT YOUR FAVORITE NEWSSTAND!

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With ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

RIVER OF ROMANCE IS THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI, WITH ITS PAST OF GREAT STEAM-BOATS AND RAFTS, AND ABOVE ALL, THE GLAMOROUS SHOWBOATS THAT PLIED ITS WATERS!

BUT THE RIVER HAS RASCALS AS WELL AS ROMANCE, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN FIND WHEN A STRANGE AND DRAMATIC SEARCH TAKES THEM AWAY FROM GOTHAM CITY TO BATTLE AGAINST THOSE PIRATES OF THE PAST, THE...

"RIVER ROGUES"

FULL STEAM AHEAD, ROBIN-- OR THE SHOW-BOAT IS LOST!

AYE, AYE, BATMAN!

A CENTURY AGO, ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, THE BIGGEST EVENT IN ANY TOWN WAS WHEN A CERTAIN BOAT ARRIVED...



THAT NIGHT, AS AN EXCITED AUDIENCE JAMPACKS THE THEATRE CRAFT...

LOOK, ROBIN! MASKED MEN AT NIGHT MEAN CRIME IN ANY CENTURY!

LUCKY WE SPOTTED THEM IN TIME TO SWITCH TO BATMAN AND ROBIN!

BATMAN AND ROBIN BACK HERE IN THE YEAR 1854? HOW CAN THIS BE?



BATMAN

BUT THE DUO GO INTO ACTION WITH THE SAME FLASHING SWIFTNESS AS IN 1954!

WHO ARE THOSE TWO WEIRD FIGURES?
SHOOT THEM!

I MISSED!

BUT HIS SHOT FRIGHTENED THIS HORSE AND IT'S BOLTING!

THAT RUNAWAY WILL CRASH RIGHT INTO THE PEOPLE COMING OUT OF THE SHOWBOAT--QUICK, ROBIN, WE'VE GOT TO OVERTAKE IT!

OUT OF HERE FAST, WITH THE LOOT WE'VE ALREADY GOT!



A RUNAWAY-- BUT THOSE TWO IN STRANGE COSTUMES ARE STOPPING IT!

THIS BATWAGON'S SLOWER THAN THE BATMOBILE BUT IT HAS ITS THRILLS!

PULL HIM UP FAST, ROBIN!

WE'RE LAWMEN FROM A--ER--DISTANT TOWN! STOPPING THE RUNAWAY KEPT US FROM CATCHING THE THIEVES!

THERE HAVE BEEN ROBBERIES IN EVERY TOWN ALONG THE RIVER WHEN THAT SHOWBOAT PLAYS! ITS CAPTAIN SHOULD DO SOME EXPLAINING!



MY SHOWBOAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THOSE ROBBERIES-- IT'S JUST AN UNFORTUNATE COINCIDENCE!

A COINCIDENCE THAT THEY ALWAYS KNOW WHERE YOUR SHOWBOAT WILL STOP, CAP'N JOHN GORDON!

CAPTAIN JOHN GORDON-- THEN WE'VE FINALLY FOUND THE MAN WE CAME BACK A CENTURY TO FIND!

AND IT LOOKS AS THOUGH HE MAY BE GUILTY!



THEN THE DYNAMIC DUO HAVE COME BACK TO 1954 TO FIND ONE MAN--AND THERE'S A REASON FOR THE SEARCH!

BATMAN

NOW, LET US LOOK AHEAD TO 1954,
WHEN A SENSATIONAL PIECE
OF HISTORY CAME SUDDENLY TO
LIGHT IN GOTHAM CITY...

GOTHAM CITY'S LEADING PICTURES-IN-PAPER
Gotham Gazette

GORDON ANCESTOR REVEALED AS CRIMINAL

POLICE COMMISSIONER'S
GREAT-GRANDFATHER
INVOLVED IN CENTURY-
OLD CRIME WAVE ON
THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

John Gordon
Central Figure
of the River
Bandit Crimes!

YES-- SOME
ENEMY OF MINE
DUG THIS UP TO
MAKE ME THE
LAUGHING-STOCK!
I'LL HAVE TO
RESIGN AS
POLICE
COMMISSIONER!

YOU CAN'T DO
THAT! THERE
MUST BE SOME
EXPLANATION!
AND ROBIN
AND I WILL
FIND IT!

AND TO DO
SO, WE'LL
HAVE TO GO
BACK TO
1854!

So AS THEY
HAD DONE
BEFORE,
BRUCE WAYNE AND
DICK GRAYSON
(SECRETLY BATMAN
AND ROBIN)
VISITED THEIR
FRIEND, PROFESSOR
CARTER NICHOLS,
WHOSE HYPNOTISM
HURLED THEM
BACK INTO
THE
PAST...

BUT,
COMMISSIONER,
YOU SAY THE
PICTURE IS
AUTHENTIC-- AND
JOHN GORDON
WAS CAPTAIN OF
THE MISSISSIPPI
SHOWBOAT,
"RIVER QUEEN!"

THAT WAS WHAT HAD TRANSPRIRED,
AND BROUGHT THEM TO THE PRESENT
SITUATION...

WELL, IT
SEEMS ODD
YOUR SHOW-
BOAT IS
ALWAYS NEAR
THESE
ROBBERIES!

ROBIN, IT DOES
SOUND SUSPICIOUS!
WE'RE GOING WITH
THE SHOWBOAT TO
INVESTIGATE -- AS
BRUCE WAYNE AND
DICK GRAYSON!

A QUICK
CHANGE IN A
SHADOWY
CORNER-- AND
THE PAIR
AUDITION FOR
CAPTAIN
JOHN
GORDON...

HOW'S
THIS FOR AN
ACROBATIC
ACT, CAP'N?

SPLENDID!
THIS IS
BAIRD HAWES,
MY DIRECTOR--
HE'LL GIVE
YOU A SPOT
IN THE
SHOW!





BATMAN



THUS WHEN THE GLAMOROUS SHOWBOAT GLIDES DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI, IT CARRIES TWO 20th CENTURY DETECTIVES BENT ON SOLVING A SINISTER RIDDLE!

IF GORDON ISN'T BEHIND THESE ROBBERIES, WHO IS?

SOMEONE ABOARD COULD TIP OFF THE ROBBERS WHERE THE SHOWBOAT WILL PLAY EACH TIME-- WE'LL KEEP OUR EYES OPEN AT THE NEXT STOP!

NEXT STOP, NEW ORLEANS, AND A SPECTACULAR NEW ACT OPENS THE "RIVER QUEEN'S" SHOW!

BRUCE-- (WHISPER)-- I GLIMPSED CAP'N GORDON SLIPPING ASHORE AS THE SHOW STARTED!

SOON AS WE FINISH OUR ACT, WE'LL FOLLOW!

WHAT ACROBATS!

A SWIFT CHANGE OF COSTUME-- AND BATMAN AND ROBIN HURRY THROUGH THE OLD SOUTHERN CITY!

NO SIGN OF CAP'N GORDON!

I DON'T LIKE IT, ROBIN-- WE'D BETTER CHECK WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND WARN THEM!

SO YOU POSTED GUARDS AT ALL THE BANKS BECAUSE OF THE MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE TONIGHT? GOOD-- BUT IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE ROBBERS MIGHT TRY TO STEAL?

WELL, THE AFTERNOON TRAIN IS TAKING SOME GOLD BULLION NORTH-- BUT THEY CAN'T GET AT THAT!

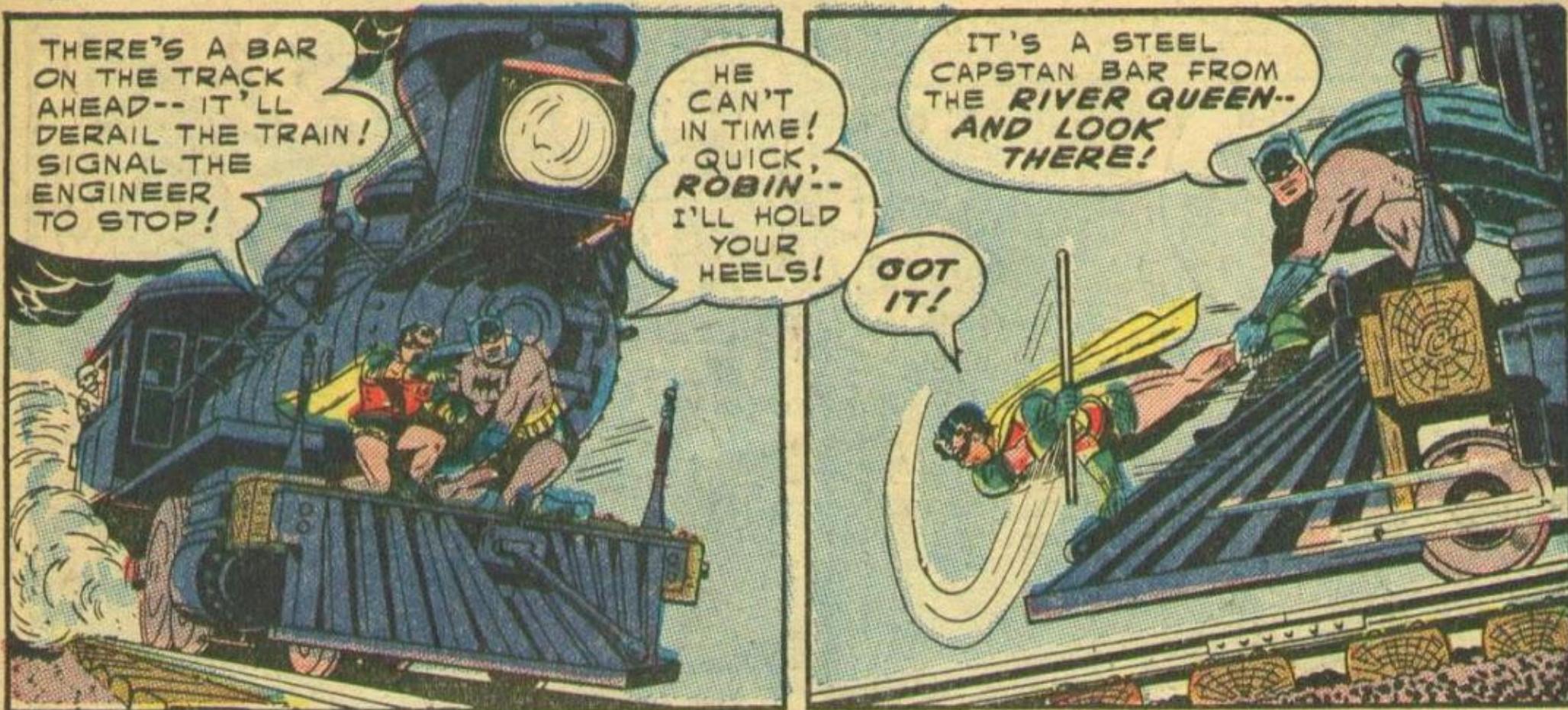
I'M NOT SO SURE-- I THINK WE'LL RIDE THAT TRAIN TILL IT GETS WELL OUT OF TOWN!

IF YOU THINK THERE'S DANGER, I'LL GO ALONG ON IT, TOO! THIS WAY TO THE STATION!

WHEN THE TRAIN DEPARTS, THREE UNANNOUNCED PASSENGERS ARE ABOARD...

NO-- NEITHER GORDON NOR ANY SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING CHARACTER IS ON THE TRAIN!

THEY'D SURELY TRY FOR THE GOLD, THOUGH-- AND THERE'S ONE METHOD THEY MIGHT USE! LET'S GET UP WHERE WE CAN WATCH THE TRACK!



BATMAN

BACK AT THE DOCK, A WATCHMAN SUPPLIES SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

... YES, I SAW THE SHOWBOAT CAPTAIN GO BACK ABOARD AN HOUR AGO! I WAS SURPRISED HE DIDN'T STAY ASHORE FOR THE MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE!

BATMAN, GORDON DIDN'T COME BACK TO THE BOAT, SO SOMEONE MUST HAVE BEEN IMPERSONATING HIM! LET'S LOOK AT THE WARDROBE!

THIS UNIFORM HAS THREADS OF SPANISH MOSS CLINGING TO IT-- LIKE THAT ON THE TREES THE TRAIN-WRECKERS FLED INTO! AND THERE WASN'T ANY MOSS ON GORDON!

THEN SOMEONE ON THE SHOWBOAT IS BEHIND THE CRIMES -- AND WORE THIS TO CAST BLAME ON GORDON! BUT WHO?

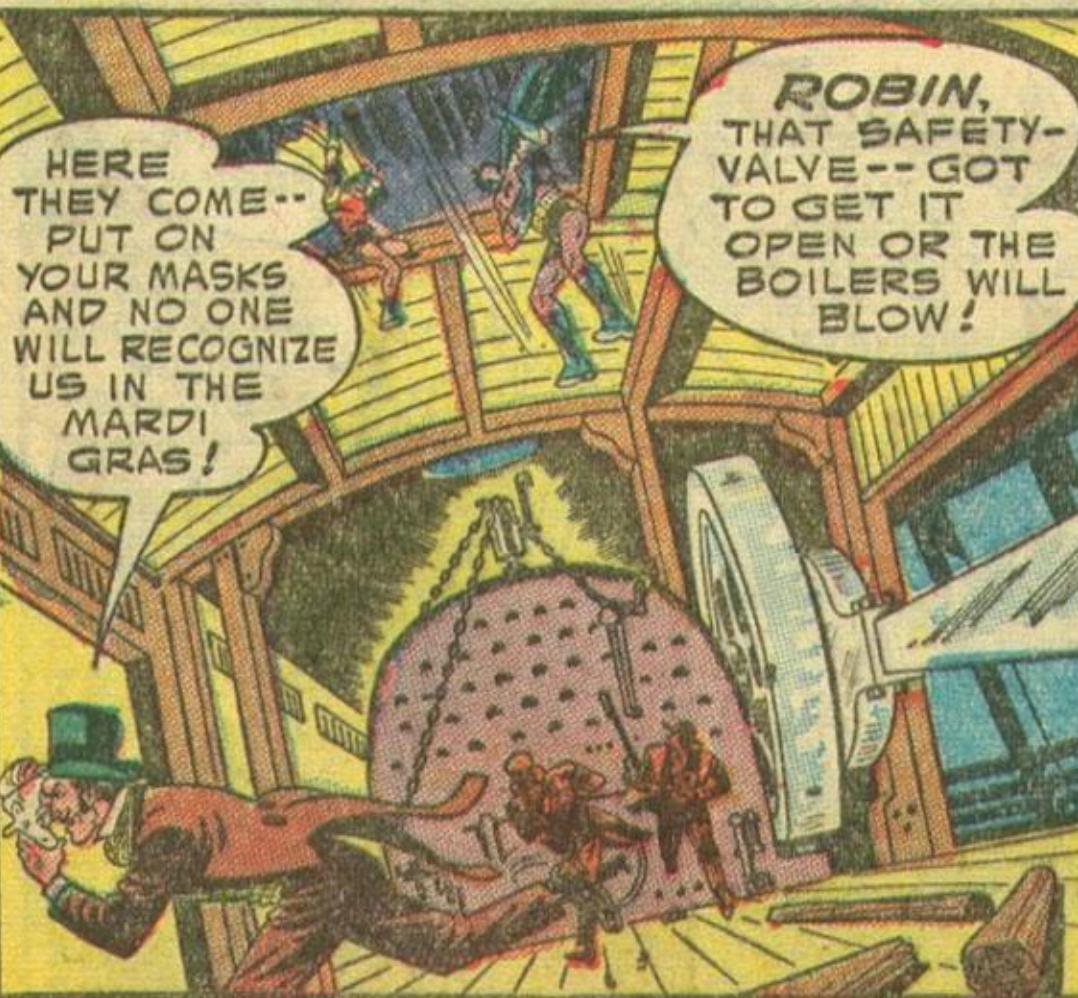
THIS COSTUME WAS ALTERED TO FIT A TALL MAN! THE ACTORS COULDN'T GET OFF THE BOAT DURING THE SHOW! ONLY ONE TALL MAN IN THE TRouPE HAD ACCESS TO THIS AND COULD LEAVE UNNOTICED!

BAIRD HAWES-- THE DIRECTOR! IT MUST BE!

BUT, AT THIS MOMENT IN THE BOILER ROOM BELOW...

WHEN I SAW THOSE TWO SNOOPERS, I KNEW THEY'D FIND OUT ABOUT ME! WE'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FAST, MAKING SURE THEY CAN'T FOLLOW!

WE FIRED THE BOILERS TO THE LIMIT -- AND FASTENED DOWN THIS SAFETY-VALVE! THE RIVER QUEEN WILL BE BLOWN TO BITS WITH THEM ABOARD!



HERE THEY COME-- PUT ON YOUR MASKS AND NO ONE WILL RECOGNIZE US IN THE MARDI GRAS!

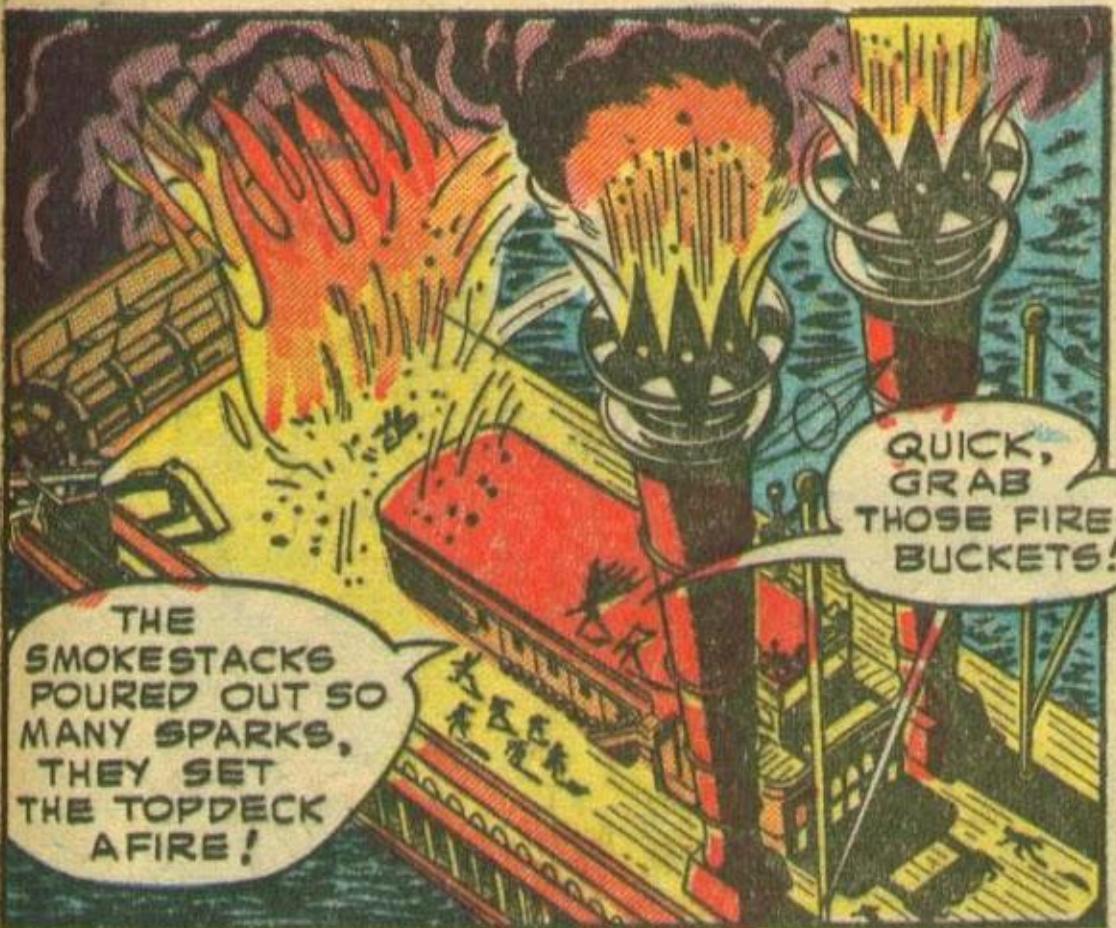
ROBIN, THAT SAFETY-VALVE-- GOT TO GET IT OPEN OR THE BOILERS WILL BLOW!

THE PAIR WORK FRANTICALLY AS STEAM-PRESSURE MOUNTS TO CLIMAX IN APPALLING DISASTER...

GOT IT AT LAST--THAT'LL RELIEVE THE STEAM PRESSURE!

FIRE ON THE TOP DECK!

THE OVERFIRE BOILERS MUST HAVE STARTED A BLAZE UP THERE!



BUT SEEKING MASKED MEN IN NEW ORLEANS DURING MARDI GRAS IS HOPELESS!



BATMAN

BUT AS ELEVEN GREAT NOTES PEAL OUT, THE BATMAN ADDS SOMETHING...

BY HITTING THE BELL WITH YOUR BATARANG, YOU SOUNDED A TWELFTH NOTE! THEY'LL THINK IT'S MIDNIGHT!

BONG!

BUT THOSE WHO REMAIN MASKED SUDDENLY ARE MARKED MEN!

THANKS FOR MAKING IT SO EASY TO IDENTIFY YOU--!

LATER, AN INNOCENT MAN'S NAME IS CLEARED!

I'M GOING TO KEEP THIS IN MY OFFICE WHERE EVERYONE CAN SEE IT!

BATMAN--
(WHISPER) --WE'D BETTER LEAVE! I CAN FEEL PROFESSOR NICHOLS' HYPNOTIC EFFECT WEARING OFF!

RIVER GAZETTE
GORDON'S
INNOCENCE
PROVED

AND SOON AFTER FLASHING BACK ACROSS THE TIME-BARRIER TO GOTHAM CITY IN 1954...

...SO THE 1854 NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED PROOF OF MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S INNOCENCE -- BUT THOSE NEWSPAPER FILES WERE DESTROYED IN THE CIVIL WAR! WE STILL HAVE NO PROOF!

MAYBE WE DO-- DIDN'T YOU SAY YOUR GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S SHOWBOAT WAS PRESERVED AS A MUSEUM? LET'S GO THERE!

AND AT THE GLAMOROUS OLD RELIC OF THE RIVER!

THERE'S NOTHING HERE, BATMAN!

THIS PANELLING ISN'T THE ORIGINAL WALL OF THIS OFFICE! I--ER-- HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT! I'LL REMOVE IT WITHOUT DAMAGING IT--

THERE IT IS-- ABSOLUTE PROOF OF CAP'N JOHN GORDON'S INNOCENCE! ONLY YOU TWO COULD HAVE FOUND IT-- BUT HOW?

THAT'S A PROFESSIONAL SECRET-- AND ANYWAY, I'M AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YOU!

RIVER GAZETTE
GORDON'S
INNOCENCE
PROVED

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JERRY THE JITTERBUG

HENRY
SOUTTIER



HI, AL! REMEMBER-TODAY IS THE DAY YOU PROMISED TO SETTLE UP THAT TWO DOLLARS I LOANED YOU!



HMM - THAT'S RIGHT. IT WAS VERY NICE OF YOU TO LEND ME THE MONEY. I DON'T WANT YOU TO LOSE YOUR TRUST IN ME!



WHAT'S THE MATTER? DIDN'T HE PAY YOU BACK?

WELL, YES AND NO.



HE'S TAKING A COURSE IN BUSINESS. THIS IS WHAT HE GAVE ME!



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BAT-MAN AND ROBIN



BOB KANE

THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD ARE FAMOUS IN HISTORY... THE PYRAMIDS, THE LEANING TOWER, AND ALL THE OTHER GREAT MARVELS! BUT THERE ARE ALSO SINISTER MARVELS THAT ARE FAMOUS IN CRIMINAL HISTORY--THE MOST AWESOME AND DANGEROUS DEVICES OF CRIME EVER CREATED! AND BATMAN FINDS THAT ONE OF THESE DEVICES IS A DEADLY DANGER TO HIMSELF, WHEN HE AND ROBIN BATTLE TO PROTECT GOTHAM CITY FROM...

"The **SEVEN WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD!**"

NEAR GOTHAM CITY, A ROBBER-BARON OF MODERN CRIME HAS ACQUIRED A TRULY BARONIAL DWELLING...

YES, A MILLIONAIRE WHO LIKED OLD CASTLES BUILT THIS PLACE--AND WHEN HE DIED, VINCE VARDEN BOUGHT IT FOR HIS HIDEOUT!

I CAN SEE WHY! PULL THIS DRAW-BRIDGE UP, AND VINCE WON'T BE BOthered BY SNOOPERS!



BUT VINCE VARDEN, UNDERWORLD LEADER, HAS BEEN SLIPPING LATELY...

WHERE ARE THE BOYS, WEEDY? I SENT WORD FOR THEM TO COME AND HEAR THE JOBS I'VE PLANNED!

VINCE, THE MOB WON'T FOLLOW YOU NO MORE! THEY SAY YOUR METHODS ARE OLD-FASHIONED... THAT YOU'RE FINISHED AS A LEADER!



SO I'M THROUGH, AM I?
I'LL SHOW THEM -- AND
ALL GOTHAM CITY --
SOME REALLY
HISTORIC
CRIMES!
THEY'LL SOON
BEG TO COME
BACK TO ME!

S-SURE,
BOSS...
T-TAKE
IT EASY!

SOON, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD,
VARDEN'S AGENTS COMB THE
CRIMINAL HAUNTS OF A DOZEN
NATIONS...

MY EMPLOYER WANTS
TO BUY YOUR FAMOUS
CRIME-INVENTION --
THE ONE THAT WAS
USED TO STEAL
THE CROWN
JEWELS!

HE
CAN
HAVE
IT--IF
THE
PRICE
IS RIGHT!

AND BEFORE LONG, FROM HOME AND
ABROAD, MYSTERIOUS CRATES AND
PACKING CASES CONVERGE ON A
CRIME-KING'S CASTLE...

INDUSTRIAL
EQUIPMENT --
HA! I WONDER
WHAT'S **REALLY**
INSIDE?

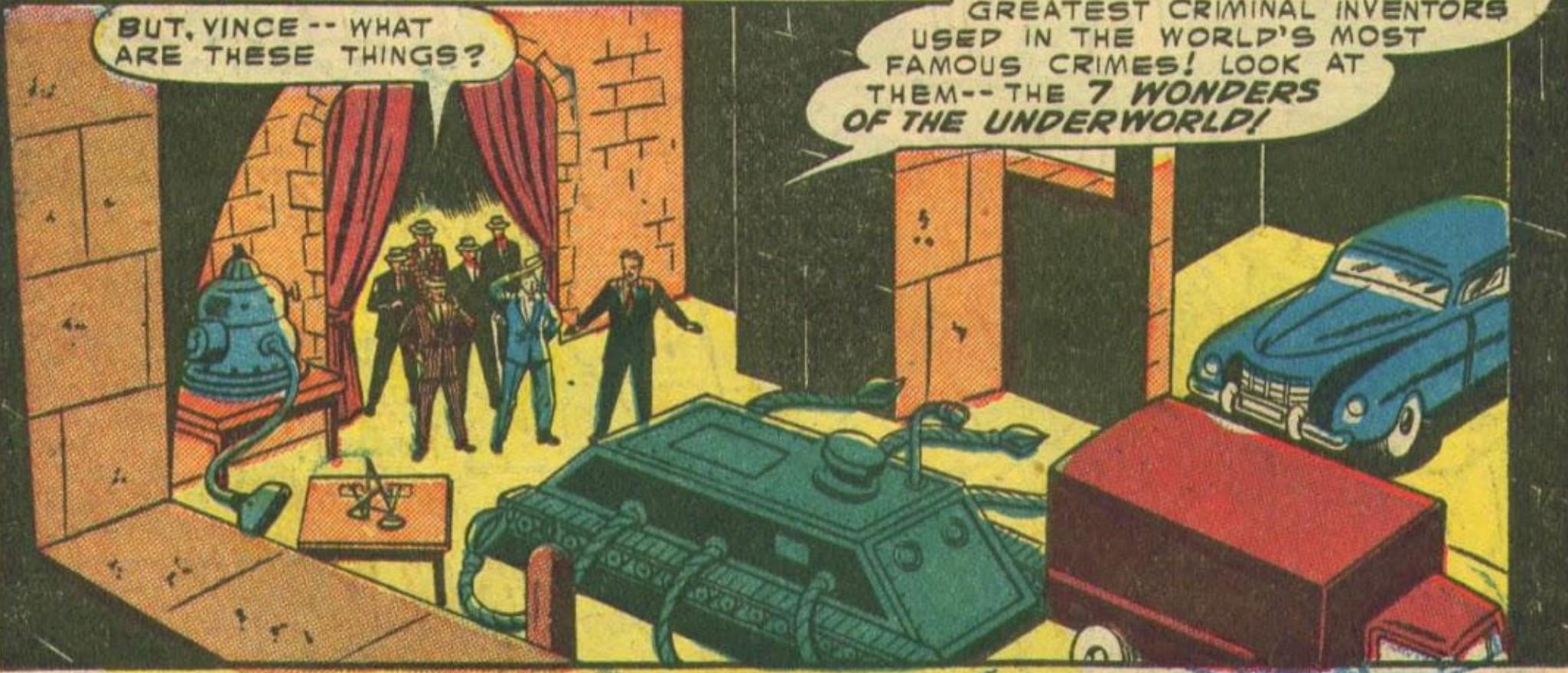
WE'LL KNOW TO-
NIGHT! VINCE HAS
INVITED EVERY-
BODY IN THE
UNDERWORLD
TO AN
EXHIBITION!



THAT NIGHT, AMAZED CROOKS SEE WONDERS INDEED...

BUT, VINCE -- WHAT
ARE THESE THINGS?

THEY'RE THE PRODUCTS OF THE
GREATEST CRIMINAL INVENTORS
USED IN THE WORLD'S MOST
FAMOUS CRIMES! LOOK AT
THEM -- THE **7 WONDERS**
OF THE UNDERWORLD!

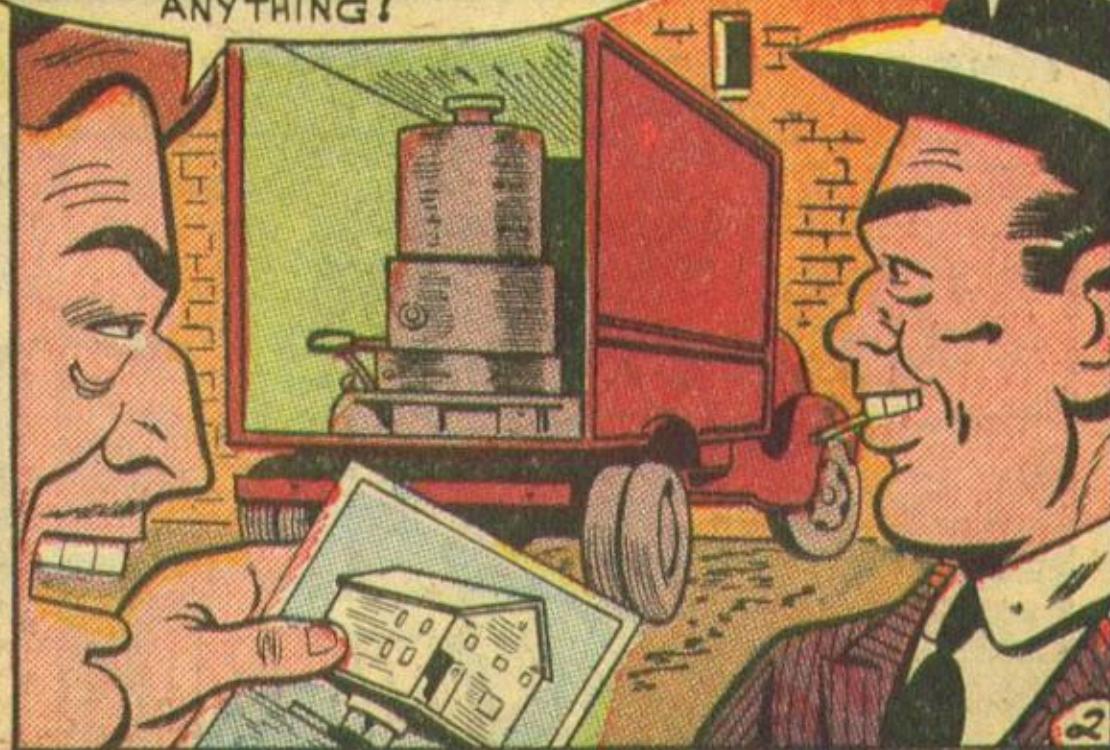


THIS IS THE **MECHANICAL
FORGER**! IT CAN
TRACE AND REPRODUCE
ANY SIGNATURE EXACTLY!

GEE -- I
COULD MAKE
A MILLION
WITH THAT!

AND HERE'S THE **HYDRAULIC
JIMMY**! YOU CAN SEE HOW,
WITH ITS POWERFUL HYDRAULIC
LIFT, IT CAN PRY OPEN
ANYTHING!

BOY, THAT'S
REALLY
SOMETHING!



BATMAN

AND THE VACUUM THIEF, WHOSE TERRIFIC SUCTION CAN GRAB UP LOOSE PAPER MONEY FROM ANYWHERE!

LIKE A MONEY-SNATCHER'S DREAM COME TRUE!

GREEDY CROOKS ARE DAZZLED BY THREE MORE WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD--BUT THE 7TH WONDER REMAINS A MYSTERY...

THE SECOND-STORY BURGLAR MACHINE, THE MAGNETIC MOBSTER, THE PHANTOM GETAWAY-CAR... BUT THAT'S ONLY SIX, VINCE! WHERE'S THE 7TH?

RIGHT HERE-- AND IT'S THE GREATEST WONDER OF THE COLLECTION!

IT ONLY LOOKS LIKE A TANK OF GAS! WHAT IS IT-- POISON GAS?

NO, IT'S PERFECTLY HARMLESS TO PEOPLE--YET IT WILL END THE CAREERS OF BATMAN AND ROBIN! A MASTER-CHEMIST DEVISED IT FOR JUST THAT ONE PURPOSE!

MEANWHILE, AS THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS MAKE THEIR NIGHTLY PATROL, UNAWARE OF THE INGENIOUS MENACES THAT NOW THREATEN GOTHAM CITY...

EVERYTHING SEEMS QUIET, YET THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNS OF EXCITEMENT IN THE UNDERWORLD THAT I DON'T LIKE!

RACING ACROSS ROOFTOPS, BATMAN AND ROBIN SOON BEHOLD AN AMAZING SIGHT...

BATMAN, LOOK! IT'S INCREDIBLE-- LIKE A GIANT INSECT CRAWLING UP THE BLAINE BUILDING!

A TANK-LIKE MACHINE THAT EXTENDS STEEL ARMS WITH HOOKS ABOVE IT, AND CLIMBS UP BUILDINGS THAT WAY!

IT'S STOPPING AT THE WINDOW OF THE DENTAL GOLD COMPANY! QUICK-- WE CAN SWING ACROSS TO THAT OPEN HALL-WINDOW NEAR IT!

WITH LONG-PRACTICED SKILL, THE DUO UNCOILS STRONG SILK ROPES AND FLASH ACROSS.

GET BACK INTO THE MACHINE WITH WHATEVER GOLD YOU'VE GOT! BATMAN'S COMING!



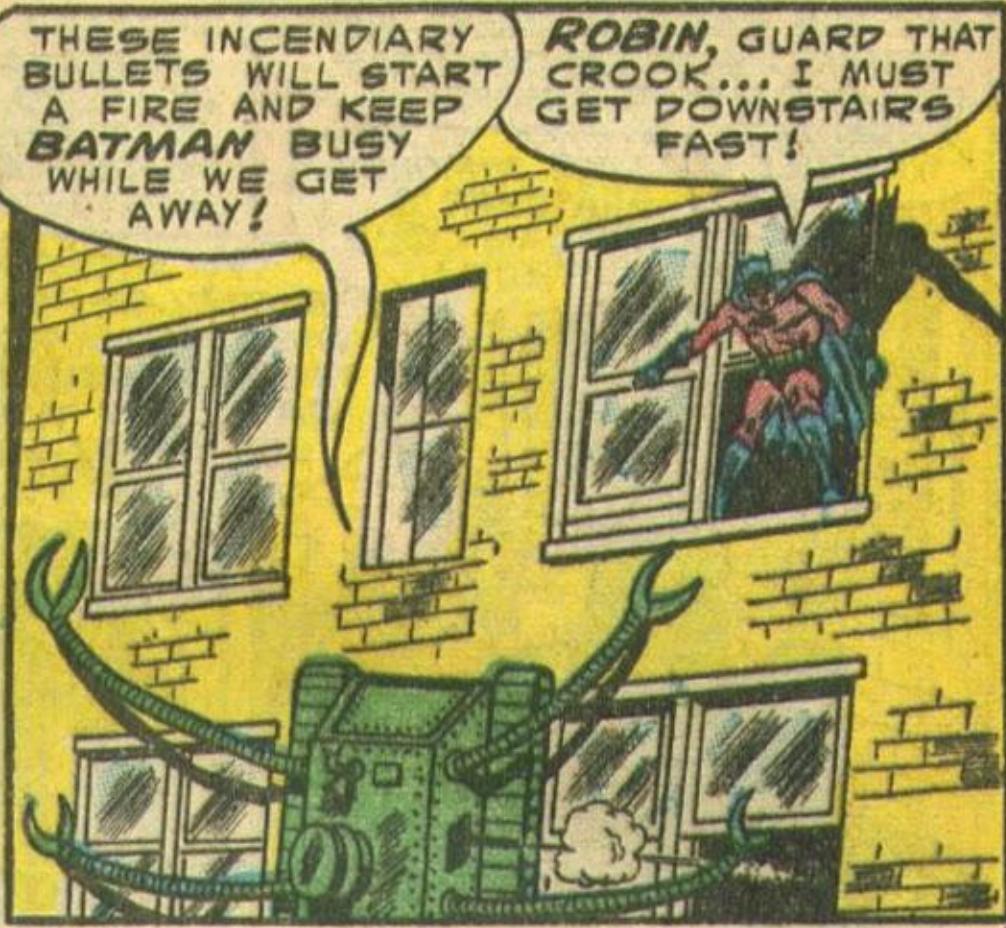
BATMAN

BUT BEFORE ALL THE LOOT-LADEN MOBSTERS CAN RETREAT INTO THEIR AMAZING BURGLARY MACHINE...

SORRY... DID I GIVE YOU A TOOTHACHE?

THESE INCENDIARY BULLETS WILL START A FIRE AND KEEP BATMAN BUSY WHILE WE GET AWAY!

ROBIN, GUARD THAT CROOK... I MUST GET DOWNSTAIRS FAST!



AND WITH A MIGHTY LEAP...

GOT TO PUT THAT FIRE OUT-- BUT THERE'S SOME- THING ELSE I MUST DO FIRST! LUCKILY, FROM THIS ANGLE, THEY CAN'T SEE OR SHOOT AT ME!

A MOMENT LATER...

MADE IT-- JUST IN TIME!

HA, HA... IT WAS BATMAN! HE THOUGHT HE COULD BREAK INTO OUR MACHINE!



AND BY THE TIME THE FIRE IS SAFELY EXTINGUISHED, THE INCREDIBLE CRIME MACHINE HAS MADE ITS ESCAPE...

BE THAT WAY FROM NOW ON, BATMAN! NOT EVEN YOU CAN FIGHT VINCE VARDEN'S 7 WONDERS OF THE UNDER- WORLD!

THE 7 WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

FUNNY... I THOUGHT I FELT A BUMP OVER- HEAD!

I'M NOT TELLING WHAT THE OTHERS ARE, BUT THEY'RE BIGGER STUFF THAN THE SECOND- STORY MACHINE! AND THE 7TH WONDER IS SOMETHING THAT'LL FINISH YOU TWO FOR GOOD!



BATMAN

WHAT IS THIS WEAPON VARDEN HAS AGAINST US?

ONLY VINCE KNOWS... BUT YOU WILL FIND OUT WHEN HE USES IT!

BATMAN! SOMETHING'S COMING THROUGH ON MY BELT-RADIO... YET YOU'RE RIGHT HERE!

THAT'S BECAUSE I HID MY BELT-RADIO, WITH THE TRANSMITTER TURNED ON, UNDER THE COWL OF THAT SECOND-STORY MACHINE!

LISTEN--THAT'S VARDEN'S VOICE NOW!

WHERE DOES VARDEN KEEP THESE WONDERS?

IT'S NO USE, BATMAN... WE'D BETTER TURN HIM OVER TO THE POLICE AND PREPARE FOR THAT JEWEL-GRAB THEY'VE PLANNED!

VINCE'S HIDEOUT IS HIS SECRET, AND I'M NOT TELLING YOU!

YOU SAW--BATMAN WAS HELPLESS AGAINST OUR SECOND-STORY MACHINE! WE'LL HIT THE GOTHAM JEWEL SHOP NEXT WITH ANOTHER WONDER OF CRIME!

SO AWHILE LATER, IN THE DARKNESS OF THE GOTHAM JEWEL SHOP...

I'M WORRIED, BATMAN! WHAT KIND OF WEAPON COULD VINCE VARDEN HAVE, TO USE ESPECIALLY ON US?

IT'S A MYSTERY! BUT--SHH... I HEAR A CAR OUTSIDE!

AND OUTSIDE, IN THE NIGHT, A NEW MENACE LOOMS...

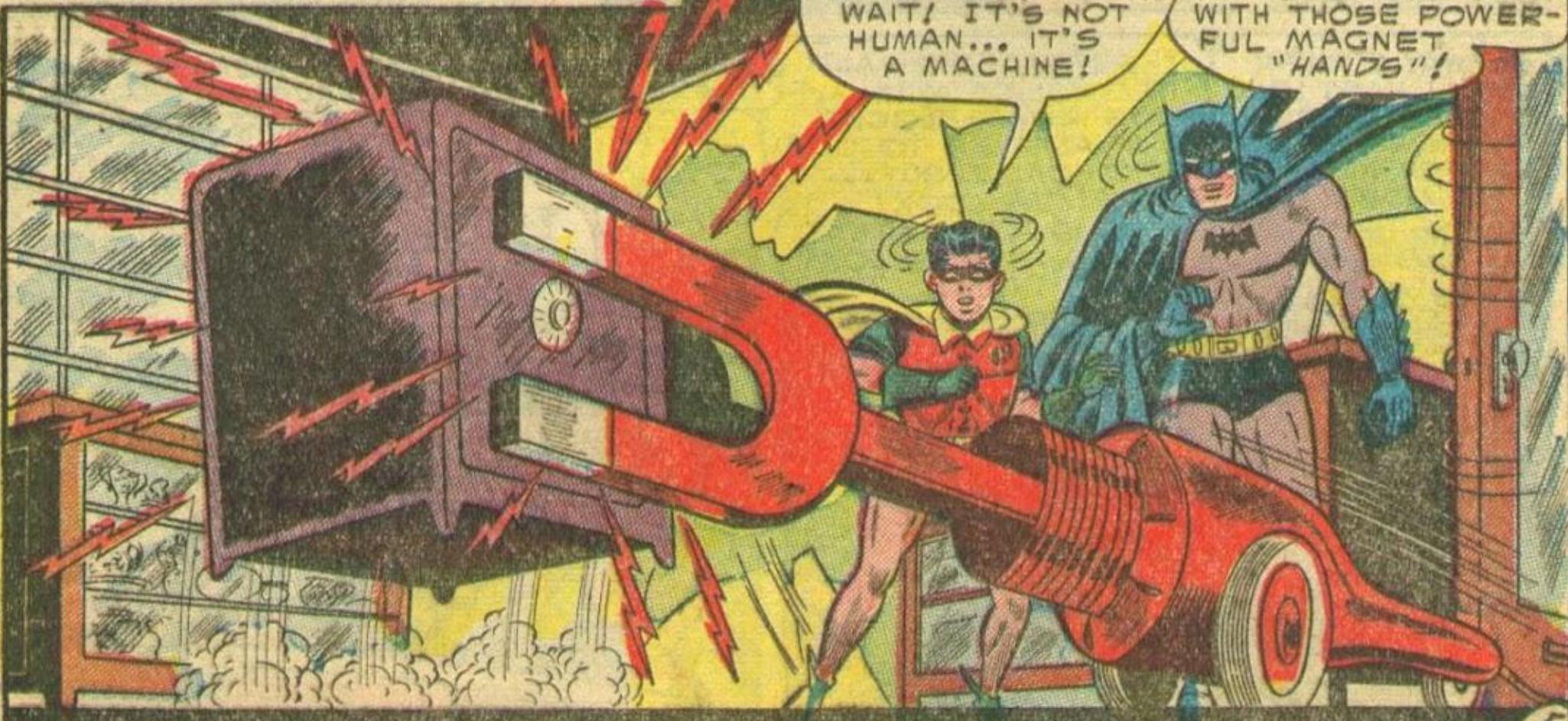
TO SEND IN THE MAGNETIC MOBSTER!

GET READY) SURE, VINCE--THIS WILL BE THE BIGGEST JEWEL ROBBERY OF ALL... AND NOBODY CAN STOP IT!

ABRUPTLY, IN THE JEWEL SHOP, A TERRIFYING "CRIMINAL" BURSTS IN...

HERE THEY COME, BATMAN, AND... WAIT! IT'S NOT HUMAN... IT'S A MACHINE!

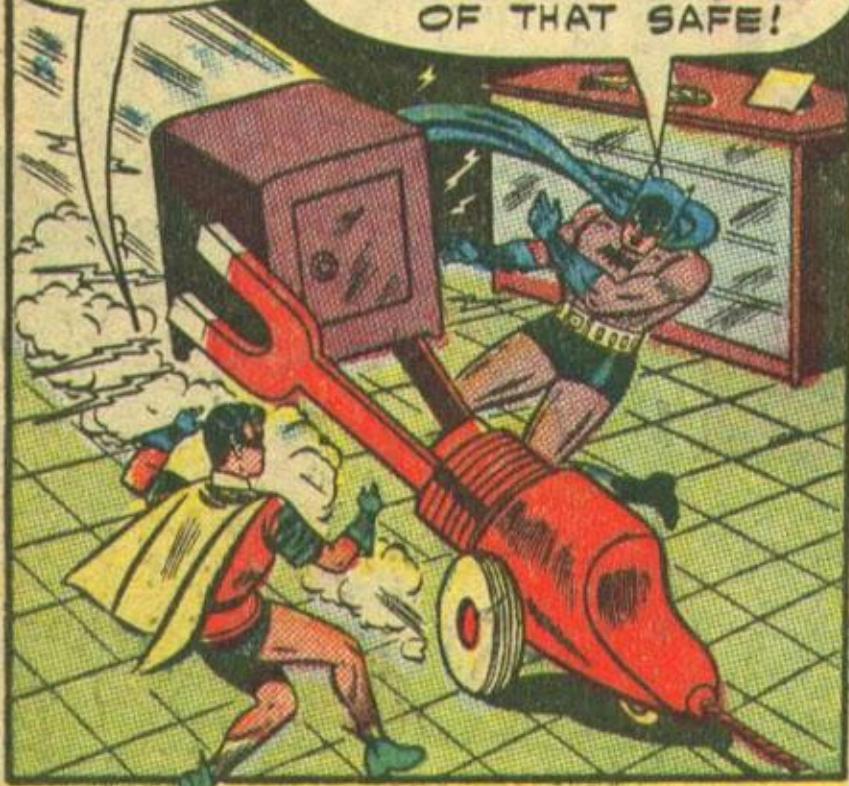
A MACHINE THAT'S GRABBED THE SAFE WITH THOSE POWERFUL MAGNET "HANDS"!



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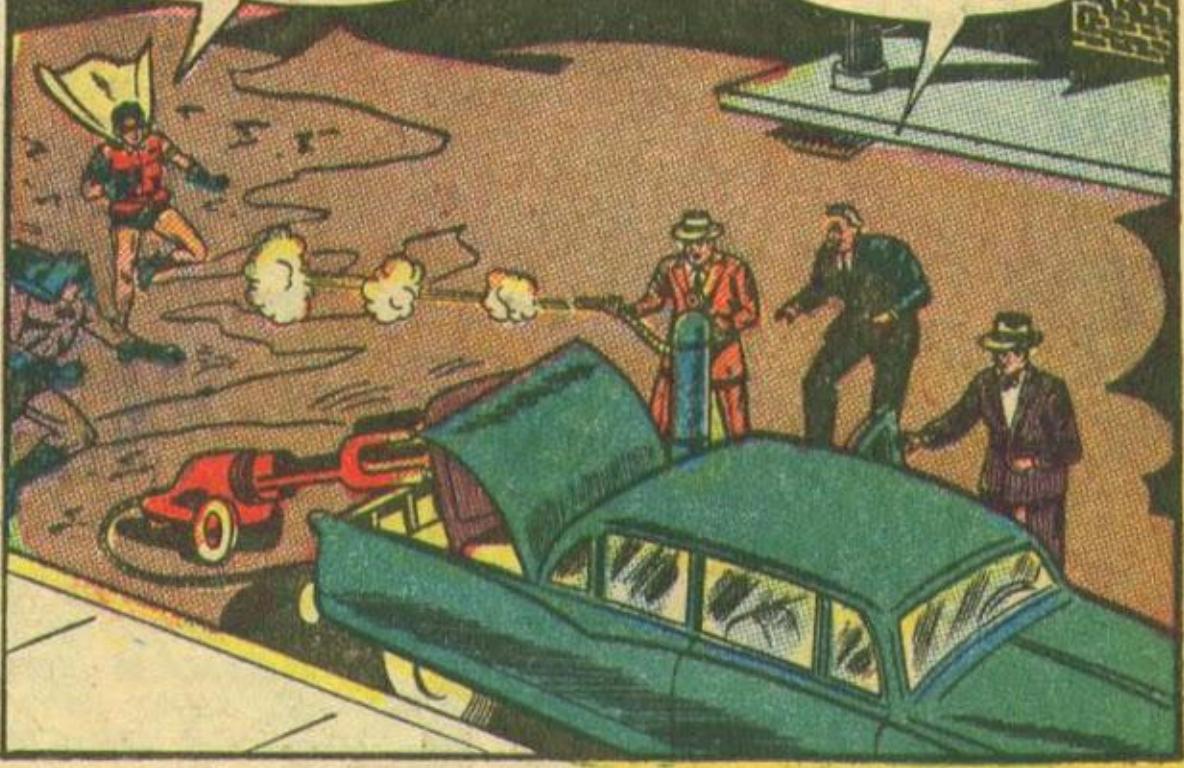
I CAN'T FIND ANY EXTERIOR CONTROLS-- OOF!

LOOK OUT, OR IT'LL RUSH RIGHT OVER YOU, ROBIN! LUCKY WE HAD THE JEWELER TAKE EVERYTHING OUT OF THAT SAFE!



AFTER IT, BATMAN! IT'S GETTING INTO THAT CAR WITH THE SAFE!

THE WEAPON AGAINST BATMAN... USE IT!



LOOK OUT ROBIN! IT MAY BE POISON GAS!

THAT'LL FIX THEM, BOYS! NOW LET'S GO!

ARE YOU HURT? THE GAS HIT US BOTH, BUT IT DIDN'T HARM ME!

IT DIDN'T HARM ME EITHER! I DON'T UNDERSTAND! BUT WE'D BETTER GET AFTER THEM FAST!



SECONDS LATER, AS THE SLEEK BATMOBILE GIVES CHASE...

THEIR TERRIBLE WEAPON AGAINST US WAS HARMLESS!

IT MAY ONLY SEEM HARMLESS. I WISH I KNEW WHAT EFFECT THAT GAS IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE!

DOES A DOOM HAND OVER BATMAN AND ROBIN-- SO SECRET THAT EVEN THEY CAN'T GUESS IT?

ANYWAY, I THINK WE'LL LAST LONG ENOUGH TO RUN DOWN VINCE VARDEN AND HIS MOB!

I FEEL FINE-- AND THE POLICE WILL HAVE ROAD-BLOCKS UP IN ANSWER TO OUR RADIO-CALL! BUT... BATMAN, LOOK! THIS IS A DIFFERENT CAR... WE'VE LOST THEM!



HURRY AHEAD IN THAT "DIFFERENT" CAR, EXULTANT CROOKS LAUGH GLEEFULLY...

NOW WATCH THEM GIVE UP THE CHASE!

HA, HA-- THEY DON'T KNOW THIS IS THE PHANTOM GETAWAY-CAR, WITH SLIDING PANELS THAT CAN CHANGE THE CAR'S WHOLE SHAPE AND COLOR WHEN YOU PRESS A BUTTON! IT'S A REAL WONDER!



BATMAN

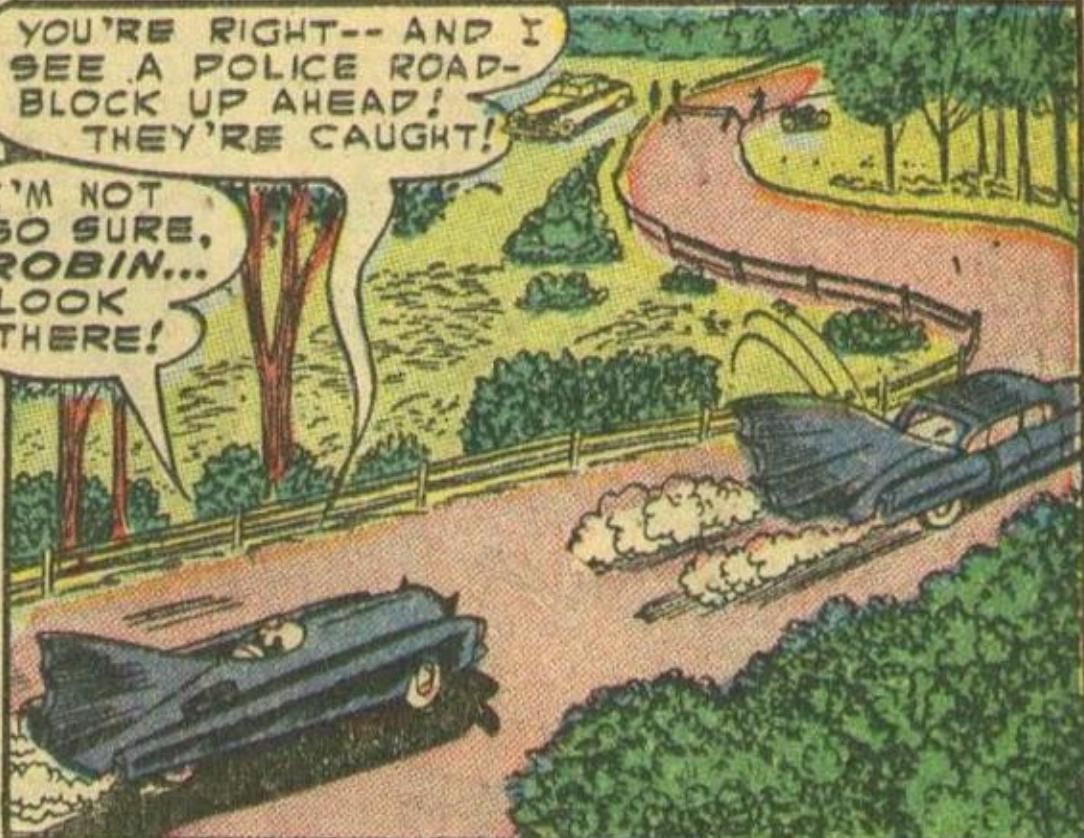
BUT A QUICK-THINKING BATMAN SOON GUESSES THE TRUTH...

MIGHT AS WELL SLOW DOWN, BATMAN!

CAR-- IT'S A DIFFERENT COLOR, BUT ITS REAR SPRINGS AND TIRES ARE STILL WEIGHED DOWN HEAVILY BY THE SAFE AND THE MAGNETIC MOBSTER!

YOU'RE RIGHT-- AND I SEE A POLICE ROAD-BLOCK UP AHEAD! THEY'RE CAUGHT!

I'M NOT SO SURE, ROBIN... LOOK THERE!



ANOTHER INCREDIBLE TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE IN THE CHAMELEON CAR...

IT'S THE BATMOBILE... LET THEM THROUGH!

BUT LOOK-- THERE'S ANOTHER BATMOBILE! ONE OF THEM MUST BE A FAKE! QUICK-- PUT UP THE BLOCK AGAIN!



IT TAKES ONLY A SECOND FOR THE DYNAMIC DUO TO EXPLAIN-- BUT IN THE MEANTIME, AN INGENIOUS GET-AWAY-CAR HAS DISAPPEARED!

THEY'RE GONE-- BUT WE CAN STILL TRAIL THEM BY THE DEEP TIRE-TRACKS THEIR WEIGHTED CAR LEFT ON THIS DIRT ROAD! BY THE WAY, HOW DO YOU FEEL NOW, ROBIN?

OKAY... BUT THAT'S FUNNY! MY R-EMBLEM AND YOUR BAT-EMBLEM HAVE COME LOOSE AND ARE FALLING OFF!



DOES THAT SINISTER OMEN FORETELL THE END OF BATMAN AND ROBIN?

VINCE VARDEN, IN HIS BARONIAL HIDEOUT, SEEMS CONVINCED THAT IT DOES...

THE HYDRAULIC JIMMY HAS OPENED THE SAFE-- BUT IT'S EMPTY! BATMAN TRICKED US!

WELL, IT'S THE LAST TIME HE'S GOING TO!

OH, YEAH? LOOK OUT THERE!



SO THEY TRAILED US AFTER ALL! BUT WITH THE DRAW-BRIDGE UP, THEY'LL NEVER MAKE IT!

NO? THEY CAN SWING ACROSS EASY ON THEIR SILK ROPES! YOUR WEAPON AGAINST BATMAN WAS ALL A FAKE!



BATMAN

BUT AS CRIMINAL EYES WATCH,
A FATEFUL ACCIDENT OCCURS...

WHY--WHY,
THEIR ROPES
BOTH SNAPPED!
THEY'RE FALLING
INTO THE RAVINE--
TO THEIR DEATHS!

YES! I KNEW
THAT SOONER
OR LATER MY
WEAPON WOULD
DESTROY
THEM... AND
IT HAS -- WITH
NO MURDER
CHARGE AGAINST
US!

BUT, VINCE, I DON'T
GET IT! WHAT
WAS IN THAT
GAS?

A SPECIAL CHEMICAL, HARMLESS
TO HUMANS, BUT RUINOUS TO
SILK! IT ROTTED AND WEAKENED
THEIR SILK ROPES SO THE FIRST
TIME THEY USED THEM, THEY'D
FALL TO THEIR DOOM--
APPARENTLY BY
ACCIDENT!

SNAP * **SNAP**

YES, AND WE MIGHT HAVE
DONE JUST THAT--EXCEPT
THAT THE SILK THREAD
STITCHING OF OUR EMBLEMS
ROTTED, TOO, AND GAVE ME
THE CLUE!

SO WE MADE DUMMIES
OUT OF SPARE COSTUMES
IN THE BATMOBILE, AND
LET THEM TAKE THE FALL!
WE CLIMBED DOWN INTO
THE CHASM AND UP THIS
SIDE!

AS FOR THIS SECOND-STORY
MACHINE, IT'S A WONDER, ALL
RIGHT--FOR CATCHING
CROOKS!

THEY ALWAYS SAY, "SET A THIEF TO
CATCH A THIEF"--AND THIS
VACUUM THIEF IS DOING
FINE, EH,
VINCE?

HELP!
I GIVE
UP!

WE CAN TAKE THEM
ALL OUT SAFELY IN
THE PHANTOM
GETAWAY-CAR--
AND HERE'S JUST
THE DISGUISE
WE WANT!

YOU AND
YOUR 7
WONDERS
OF THE
UNDER-
WORLD!

AH,
SHUT
UP!

AND SO, EN ROUTE TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS,
THE 7 WONDERS
OF THE UNDERWORLD
WILL LOOK FINE IN
OUR TROPHY
ROOM, BATMAN!

YES, ROBIN--BUT THERE
IS ALSO AN 8TH WONDER,
THE WONDER OF WHY
ANYONE IS STUPID
ENOUGH TO GO IN
FOR CRIME!



SPORT SLANG

WANNA HIT THE MAPLES?

I'D RATHER TOUCH IVORY!



HIT THE MAPLES MEANS BOWL... AND TOUCH IVORY MEANS PLAY BILLIARDS!

YOU'RE SOME PUG PILOT! THIS GUY'S A DEALER!

A PUG PILOT IS A FIGHT MANAGER...
A DEALER IS A HARD-HITTING BOXER!



AW, COME ON NOW! HE CAN'T HURT US!

OH-OH! WHERE'S THE THUMB BUSTER?



A THUMB BUSTER IS A MECHANIC!

GRAND TOUR?



A GRAND TOUR IS AN EIGHTEEN-HOLE ROUND OF GOLF!

THEY MUST THINK I'M TENTH MAN!



TENTH MAN IS AN UMPIRE WHO ALLEGEDLY FAVERS ONE OF TWO TEAMS PLAYING EACH OTHER!

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AND YOUR HACKING BOthers OTHERS...



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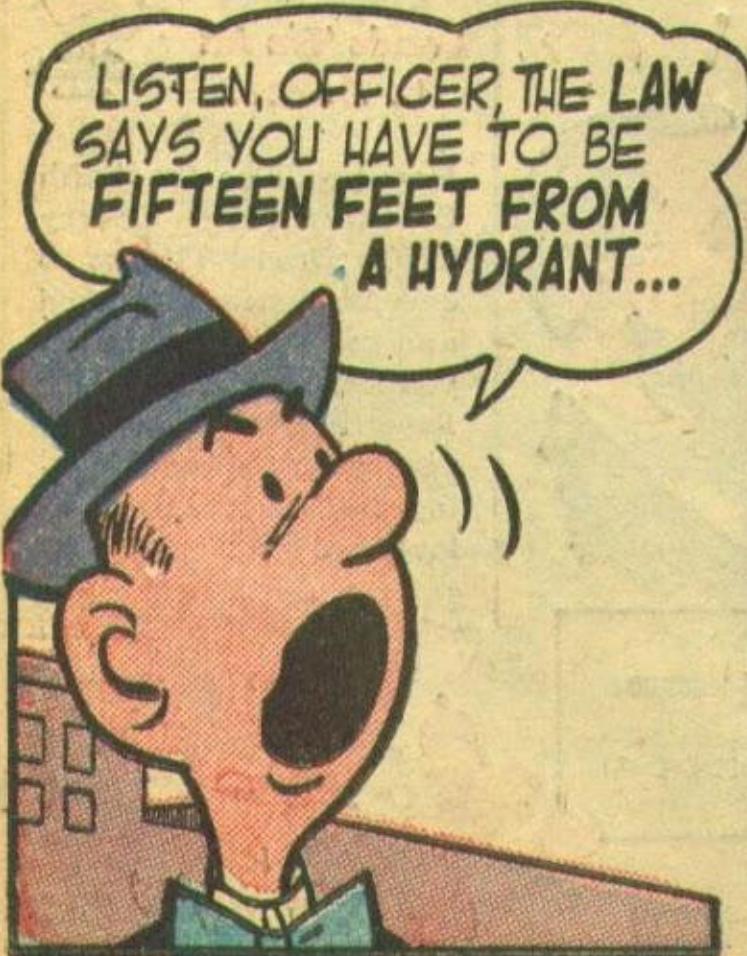
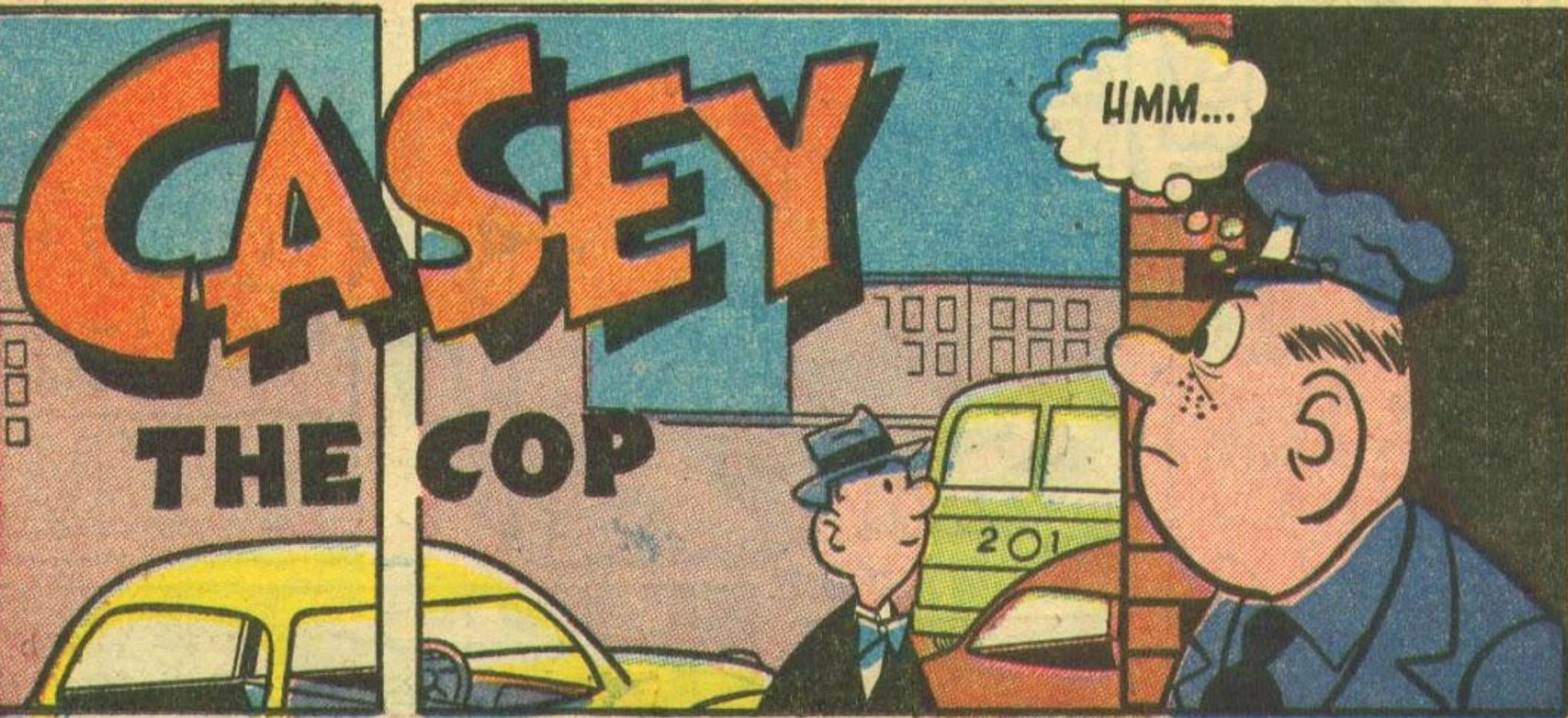
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WE DON'T BELIEVE IT! |



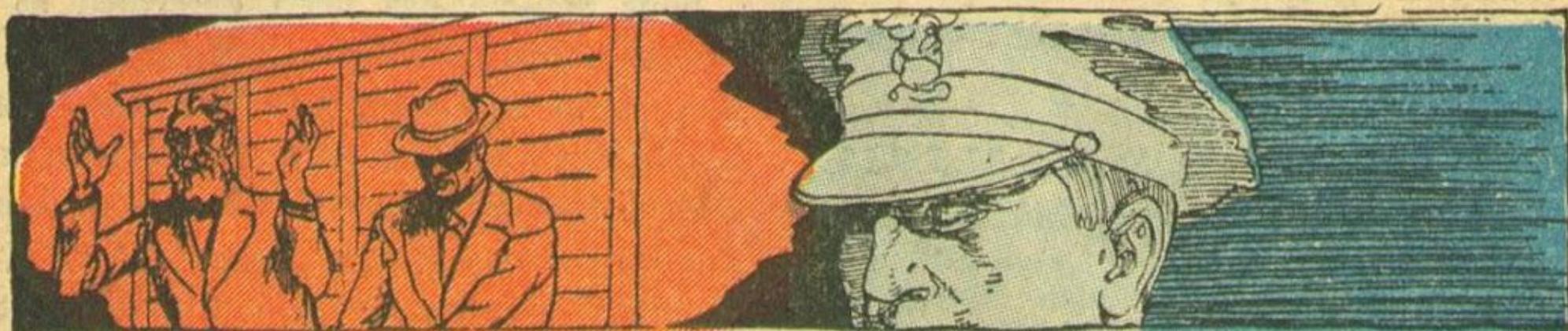
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"Calling Police Car Number 5!"



Modern Equipment Enables An Officer to Answer A Summons in Split Seconds

SOME years ago, burglars considered the getaway the easiest phase of the crime. No wonder! Even if someone had the presence of mind and the know-how to use the police signal-box hung on the corner lamp-post to alert headquarters that a crime was being committed, by the time the "Black Maria" arrived, you can be sure, the criminals were getting ready to escape.

Even the emergence of paved roads and speedy roadsters was, at first, a boon to burglars. But the margin was soon reversed by the crime-fighters, who combined two miracles of our age to make the getaway the toughest part of the crook's trade.

What were these? They were the radio and the automobile.

Thus, when two holdup men entered a pawnshop, not long ago, one began emptying the safe, while the other stood guard near the door. Luckily, a clerk was able to lift the receiver off the telephone hook without being observed by the thugs. He gave the dial one twirl, switching in the operator.

The operator, hearing one of the thugs ordering the pawnshop clerk to unlock the jewelry case, instantly buzzed police headquarters.

A moment later, two police officers in

Police Car Number 5, cruising a few blocks away, heard the urgent voice of the radio dispatcher:

"Police Car Number 5, Police Car Number 5! Armed robbery in progress at 475 Elm Street!"

A minute and a half after the would-be burglars entered the pawnshop, and just 30 seconds after the call was put on the air, the two hoods were in handcuffs!

This scene is taking place every day in every city in the country. Indeed, these stop-watch captures have become so common that they are rarely reported on the front pages of our newspapers.

In the beginning, police car radio systems borrowed the facilities of the local radio station to do their broadcasting on. This didn't work out too successfully, however, for the hoods had only to keep their own car radios tuned in to receive broadcasts at the same time the police did.

The police overcame this advantage by transmitting their calls on wave intensities below the usual broadcasting band. This short-wave method worked out fine until certain big-time hoods began installing short-wave receivers in their bullet-proof sedans.

The police took one final step, the use of a police code. This stumped the crooks—and still does. As an illustration, take the following message, actually sent out over a police transmitter:

4857. Miss C John Smith, 30:5:9-135, gla, br ha, bl su, gy coao, gy hat, lef C Apr. 6 at 1:00 P.M.

The above is a simple code, despite what you think, for it concerns a missing person. If the message concerned a robbery in progress, it would be far more difficult.

Here is a translation of the above code:

"4857. Missing from Charleston, John Smith, aged 30; height, 5 feet nine inches; weight, 135 pounds. He wears glasses, has brown hair, and when last seen had on a blue suit, gray coat, and gray hat. He left Charleston on April 6 at 1:00 P.M."

So much for the radio part of the car-radio combination. The police car, which depends on its radio for top efficiency, has come a long way from the early models.

In the beginning, police cars differed from the cars we buy only in being fitted up with a few gadgets of special equipment. These included the powerful spotlight on the roof, a siren, and a windshield of shatter-proof glass.

Today, special police cars are being built with armor plate, bullet-proof glass, and a host of amazing gadgets.

The light, speedy scout car for routine police duty is the vehicle most often seen. One rarely sees the remarkable "police cruiser" which is thrown into service for special, grueling tasks.

Let's suppose, for instance, that a gang of holdup men crack a bank, and head out in their own bullet-proof sedan for a hide-

out in the suburbs. This is when the police cruiser lumbers out of the police garage.

This vehicle has been described as a veritable arsenal on wheels. Equipped with two radio receivers, one for short-wave bands, the other a regular broadcasting receiver, the cruiser carries a sub-machinegun, a tear-gas gun, a Springfield rifle, a sawed-off shotgun, automatic pistols, hand grenades, and gas bombs.

The front of the radio and the tires are protected by bullet-proof screens. In the bullet-proof windshield is a porthole, enabling the machinegun to be fired straight ahead.

Special rear-axle gears permit the cruiser to attain a speed of 110 miles per hour. And it can turn a corner at 65 miles an hour!

The cruiser has already chalked up a number of sensational captures. In one southern city, it made 17 arrests in one night. In a mid-western metropolis, the cruiser hit the road when a gang of chain-store robbers was already miles out of the city. The cruiser raced 10 miles to catch the high-powered crook car.

For years, the radio-car combination operated solely within the limits of each city. But, in a number of states, an experiment was conducted whereby crime messages were transmitted on a state-wide basis

So successful was this experiment that, recently, Congress voted an appropriation for a master station to be built in Washington to co-ordinate the whole network of municipal and state police radio.

With the entire nation blanketed by a single radio system, top police authorities in the nation are confident that getaways will become as scarce as hen's teeth.

BAT-MAN AND ROBIN

BOB
KANE(ULP!)
AUNT
AGATHA!WHY, BRUCE--
WHATEVER ARE
YOU DOING, WEARING
THIS FANTASTIC
COSTUME?

ALWAYS, BATMAN HAS HAD ONE NIGHTMARE--THAT HIS TRUE IDENTITY WOULD BE UNMASKED AS BRUCE WAYNE, SOCIALITE! AND SUDDENLY THAT NIGHTMARE COMES TRUE, AND IRONICALLY, THE ONE WHO RIPS AWAY HIS DISGUISE IS A BELOVED RELATIVE WHO MEANS HIM NO HARM! WHY? HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN? ONLY ONE PERSON IS QUALIFIED TO GIVE THOSE ANSWERS --

"BRUCE WAYNE'S AUNT AGATHA!"



ONE NIGHT, AS BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, ARE ABOUT TO DON THEIR CRIME-FIGHTING GARB OF BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER...

THE DOORBELL!
WHAT A TIME FOR
A VISITOR!

HIDE THESE COSTUMES!
I'LL GET RID OF WHOEVER
IT IS!

BRUCE, MY DEAR, DEAR BOY!
HOW WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU
AGAIN AFTER ALL THESE
YEARS!

AUNT
AGATHA!
(ULP!)



AND OF COURSE,
YOU MUST BE
DICK GRAYSON, THE
ORPHANED BOY MY
NEPHEW ADOPTED!
YOU DEAR, DEAR
CHILD!

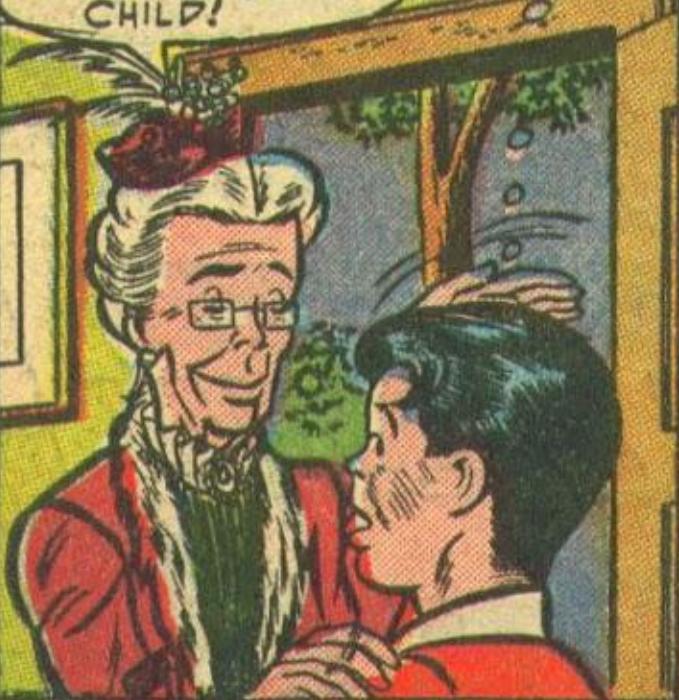
CHILD!??

IT-- IT'S NICE
TO SEE YOU
AGAIN, AUNT
AGATHA, EVEN
IF IT IS FOR
JUST AN
EVENING!

AN EVENING?
BUT MY DEAR
BOY, I IN-
TEND TO
STAY HERE
AT LEAST A
WEEK, POSSIBLY
TWO!

BUT YOU CAN'T--
I MEAN --OUR
COOK- AND-
BUTLER, ALFRED
IS ON VACATION!
WE'VE BEEN
SHIFTING FOR
OURSELVES--
EATING OUT OF
CANS--YOU WOULDN'T
LIKE IT!

INDEED! NOW
I KNOW I
MUST STAY! YOU
NEED SOME-
ONE TO LOOK
AFTER YOU--
GIVE YOU SOME
NOURISHING,
HOME-COOKED
MEALS! WHERE
IS THE KITCHEN?



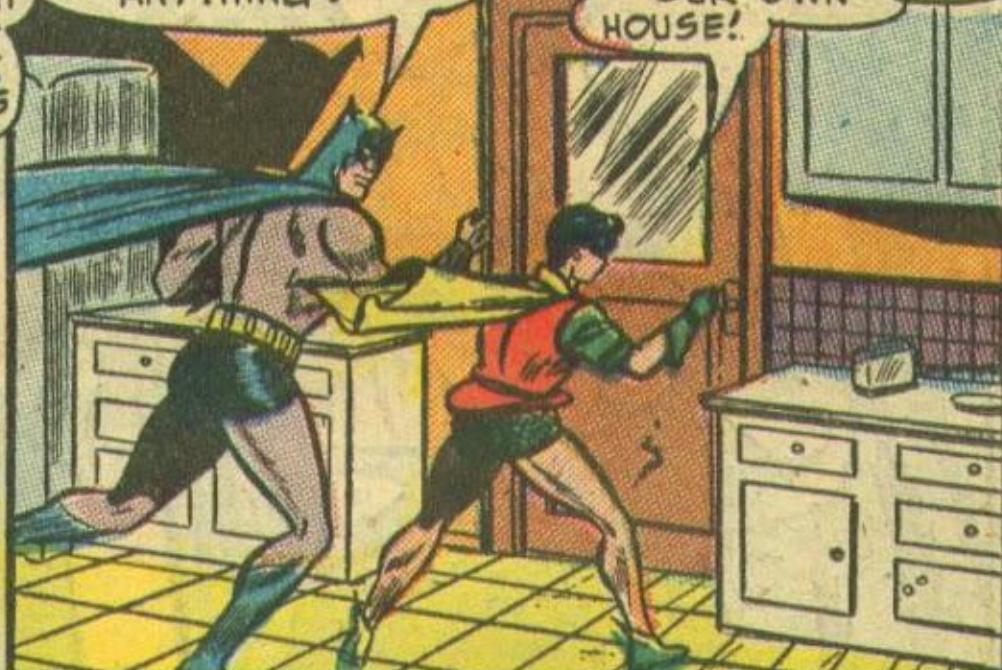
LATER, AFTER FEEDING HER CHARGES GOOD-HEARTED AUNT AGATHA DOZES COMFORTABLY IN AN EASY CHAIR...

WHISPER: SHE'S WE'VE GOT TO
A SWEET OLD WOMAN, AND ANY GET OUT, BUT
OTHER TIME I'D HAVE BEEN SHE'S SLEEPING
GLAD TO SEE HER-- BUT NOT NOW, RIGHT IN FRONT
NOT WHILE THE ROTOR-ROBBERS ARE OF THE DIS-
PLAGUING GOTHAM CITY!

SO IT HAPPENS, THAT BRUCE AND DICK ARE
FORCED TO SWITCH TO FIGHTING TOGS IN
THE KITCHEN, OF ALL PLACES!

SHHH! QUIETLY!
DON'T TRIP OVER
ANYTHING!

FINE
THING! WE'VE GOT
TO SNEAK OUT OF
OUR OWN
HOUSE!



SO! I MIGHT HAVE
KNOWN!

I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN YOU'D TRY
TO SNEAK OUT TO A MASQUERADE
PARTY LIKE THIS! YOU BOYS
ARE ALL THE SAME -- NEVER
THINK OF THE WEATHER!

MASQUERADE
PARTY?!?
WEATHER?!?



BATMAN

NOW YOU MARCH RIGHT BACK IN HERE AND PUT ON YOUR RUBBERS! TSK-TSK! SUCH A CLOUDY-LOOKING NIGHT! I WON'T HAVE YOU COMING HOME IN THE RAIN!

RUBBERS?
BATMAN
AND **ROBIN**
MUST PUT ON
RUBBERS?

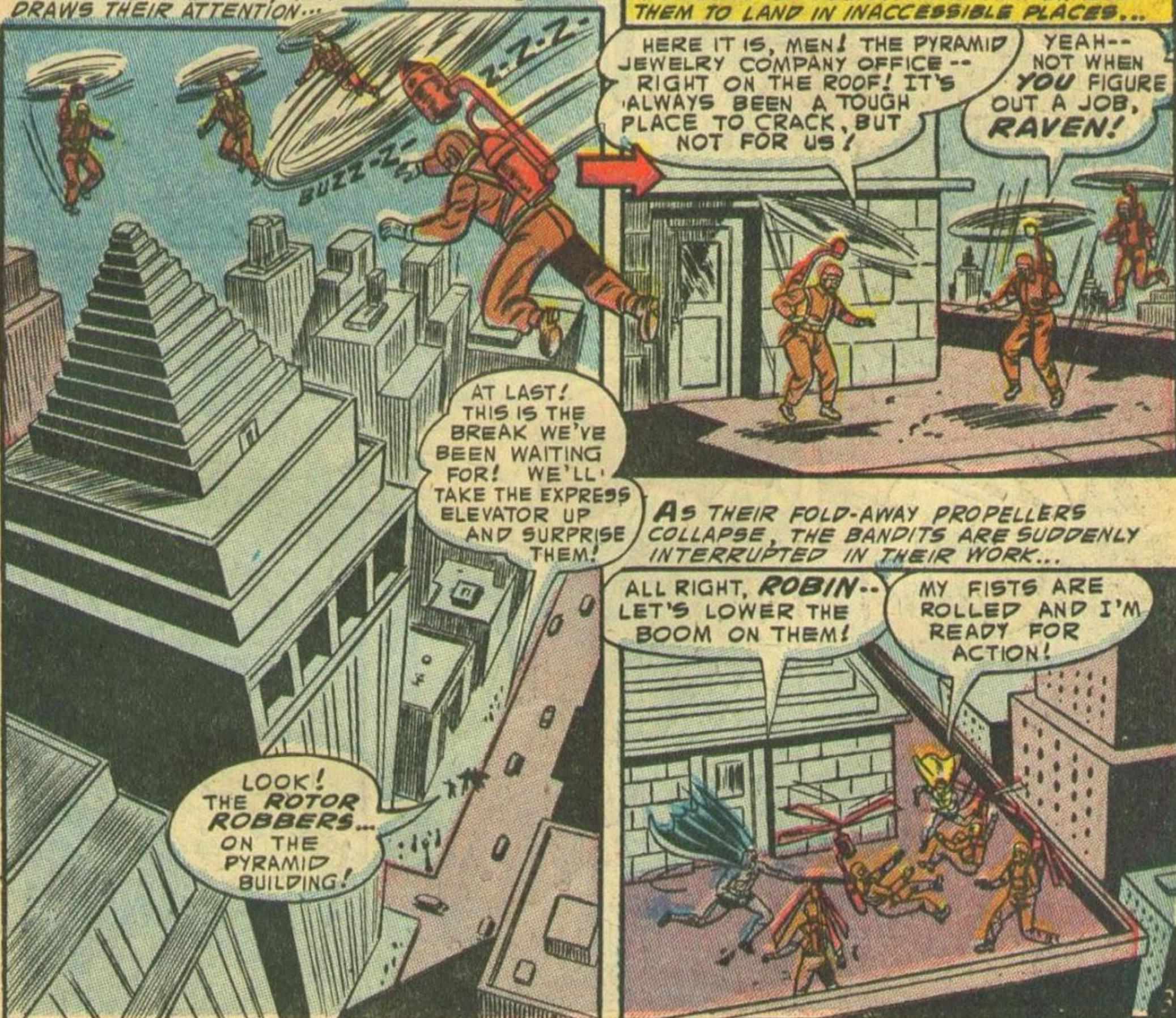
HAVE A NICE TIME AT THE PARTY! AND OH, SURE--
BRUCE, DON'T FORGET YOUR UMBRELLA! WE MUSTN'T
FORGET THE UMBRELLA!

WE LOOK A LITTLE SILLY! HA! HA! AS LONG
YOU SHOULD SEE YOURSELF, ONLY THINKS WE
CARRYING THAT ARE DRESSED
UMBRELLA! PARTY, IT'S
WORTH IT!



LATER, AS THE ALERT CRIME-FIGHTERS PATROL THE CITY, A THROBBING SOUND DRAWS THEIR ATTENTION...

THE ROTOR ROBBERS--FLYING BANDITS POWERED BY HELICOPTERS THAT ENABLE THEM TO LAND IN INACCESSIBLE PLACES...



HERE IT IS, MEN! THE PYRAMID JEWELRY COMPANY OFFICE -- RIGHT ON THE ROOF! IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A TOUGH PLACE TO CRACK, BUT NOT FOR US!

YEAH--
NOT WHEN
YOU FIGURE
OUT A JOB,
RAVEN!

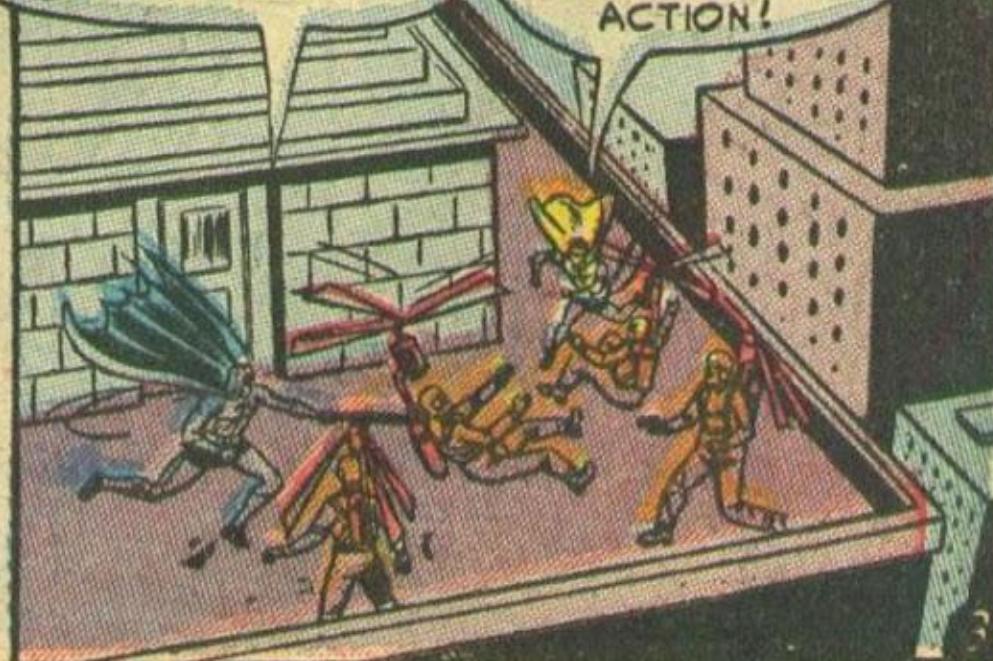
AT LAST!
THIS IS THE
BREAK WE'VE
BEEN WAITING
FOR! WE'LL
TAKE THE EXPRESS
ELEVATOR UP
AND SURPRISE
THEM!

AS THEIR FOLD-AWAY PROPELLERS COLLAPSE, THE BANDITS ARE SUDDENLY INTERRUPTED IN THEIR WORK...

LOOK!
THE ROTOR
ROBBERS...
ON THE
PYRAMID
BUILDING!

ALL RIGHT, **ROBIN**--
LET'S LOWER THE
BOOM ON THEM!

MY FISTS ARE
ROLLED AND I'M
READY FOR
ACTION!



BATMAN



BATMAN



LATER...

BLESS AUNT AGATHA! SHE KNEW WHAT SHE WAS DOING WHEN SHE MADE ME TAKE THIS UMBRELLA! THAT WAS QUITE A "STORM" I WEATHERED!

SHE WAS RIGHT IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE! IT'S STARTING TO RAIN!

LATER, WHEN THEY RETURN HOME...

MY, WHAT A RAINSTORM! BUT DON'T WORRY! I HEARD ALL ABOUT IT ON THE RADIO.. THEY POSTPONED THE OUTDOOR MASQUERADE PARTY AT GOTHAM PARK TILL TOMORROW NIGHT!

OF COURSE! THE OUT-DOOR YEARLY COSTUME BALL! IT'S PERFECT! IT GIVES US THE PERFECT EXCUSE FOR WEARING THESE COSTUMES AGAIN TOMORROW NIGHT!



THE NEXT DAY, DUTIFUL NEPHEW BRUCE TAKES AUNT AGATHA AND DICK ON A SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF GOTHAM CITY...

FROM THE ROOF OF THE STATE BUILDING, YOU CAN SEE PRACTICALLY THE ENTIRE CITY ENJOYING THE TELESCOPE, AUNT AGATHA?

OH, YES! DICK, WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A LOOK, TOO?

OKAY!

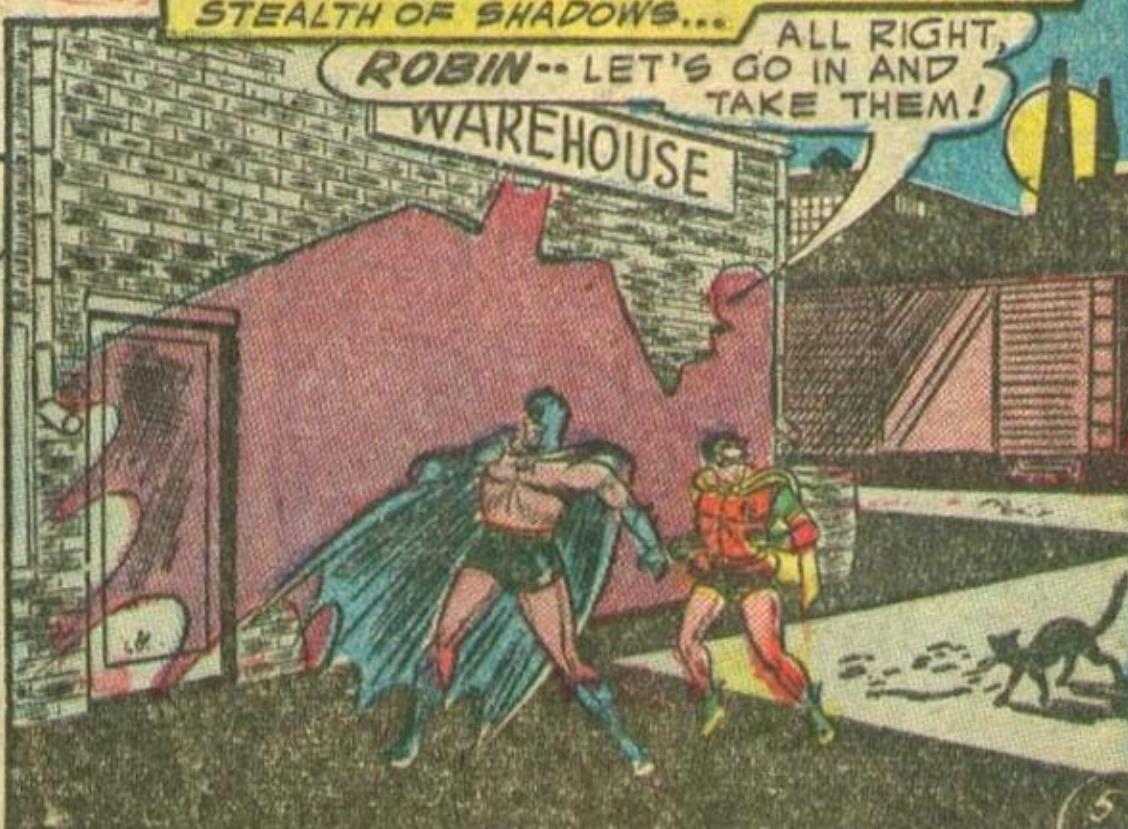
AS DICK IDLY TAKES IN A SWEEPING VIEW OF THE SKYLINE, SUDDENLY HE FOCUSES ON A FAMILIAR FACE...

IT'S RAVEN, THE ROTOR ROBBER! THAT WAREHOUSE -- THAT MUST BE THE BANDIT HIDEOUT!



THAT NIGHT, BRUCE AND DICK BRAZENLY PARADE BEFORE AUNT AGATHA IN THEIR "MASQUERADE PARTY" COSTUMES...

I'M A LITTLE TIRED! I BELIEVE I'LL TURN IN EARLY TONIGHT! HAVE A NICE TIME AT THE PARTY-- AND DON'T COME HOME TOO LATE!



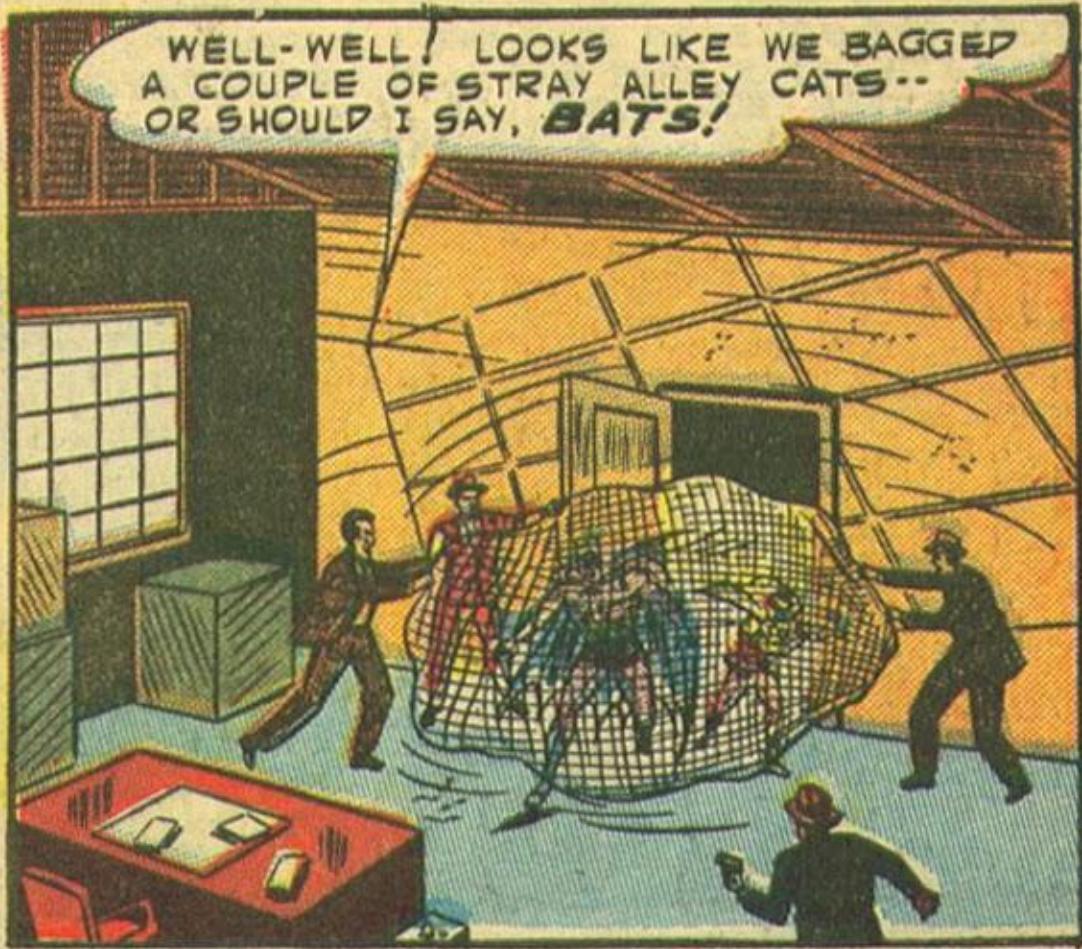
ALL RIGHT, ROBIN-- LET'S GO IN AND TAKE THEM!

BATMAN

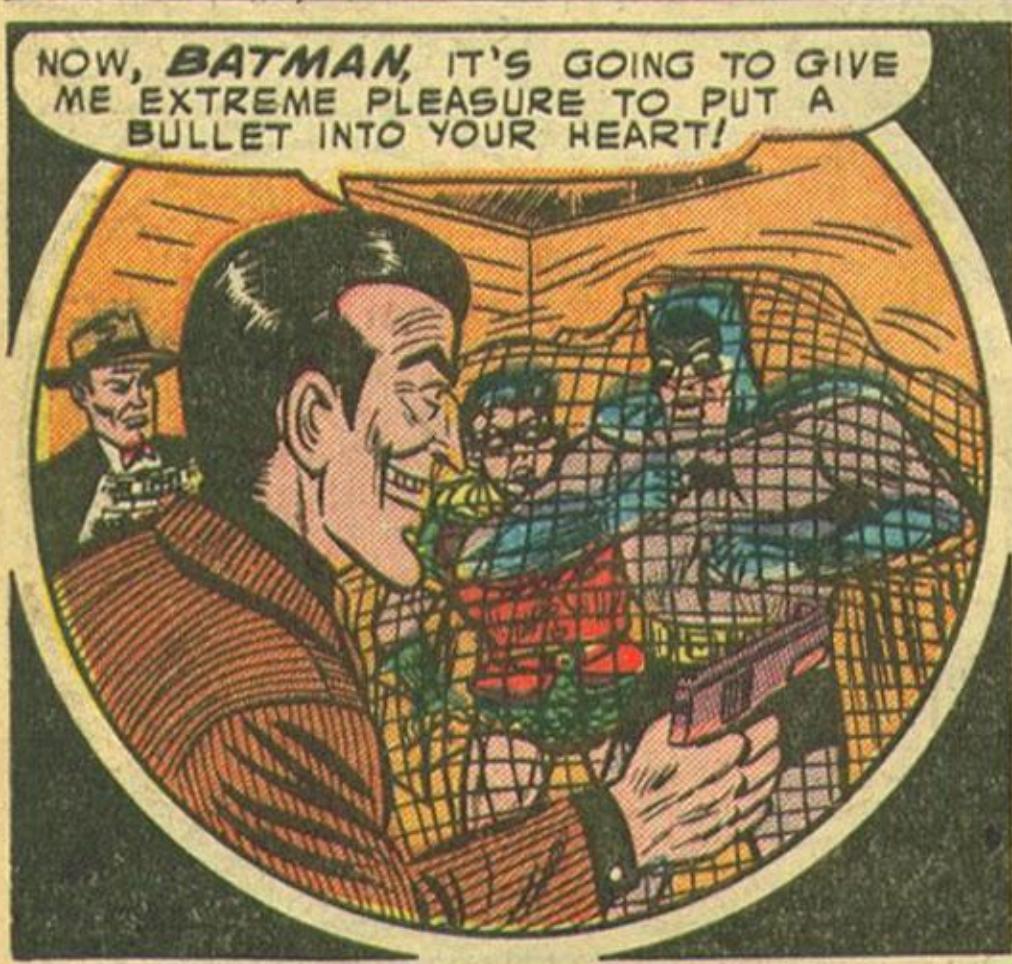
BUT, UNKNOWN TO BATMAN

THE INNOCENT-LOOKING RAIN PIPE IS IN REALITY AN INGENIOUS PERISCOPE THAT RELAYS A TELL-TALE SCENE INTO RAVEN'S HIDEOUT...

WE'RE GETTING COMPANY! LET'S GIVE THEM A PROPER WELCOME!



NOW, BATMAN, IT'S GOING TO GIVE ME EXTREME PLEASURE TO PUT A BULLET INTO YOUR HEART!



SUDDENLY, A FAMILIAR, MOCKING FIGURE INTERRUPTS THE EXECUTION...

DROP THAT GUN AND SET THEM FREE! INSTANTLY!

THE JOKER!



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, BRUCE?

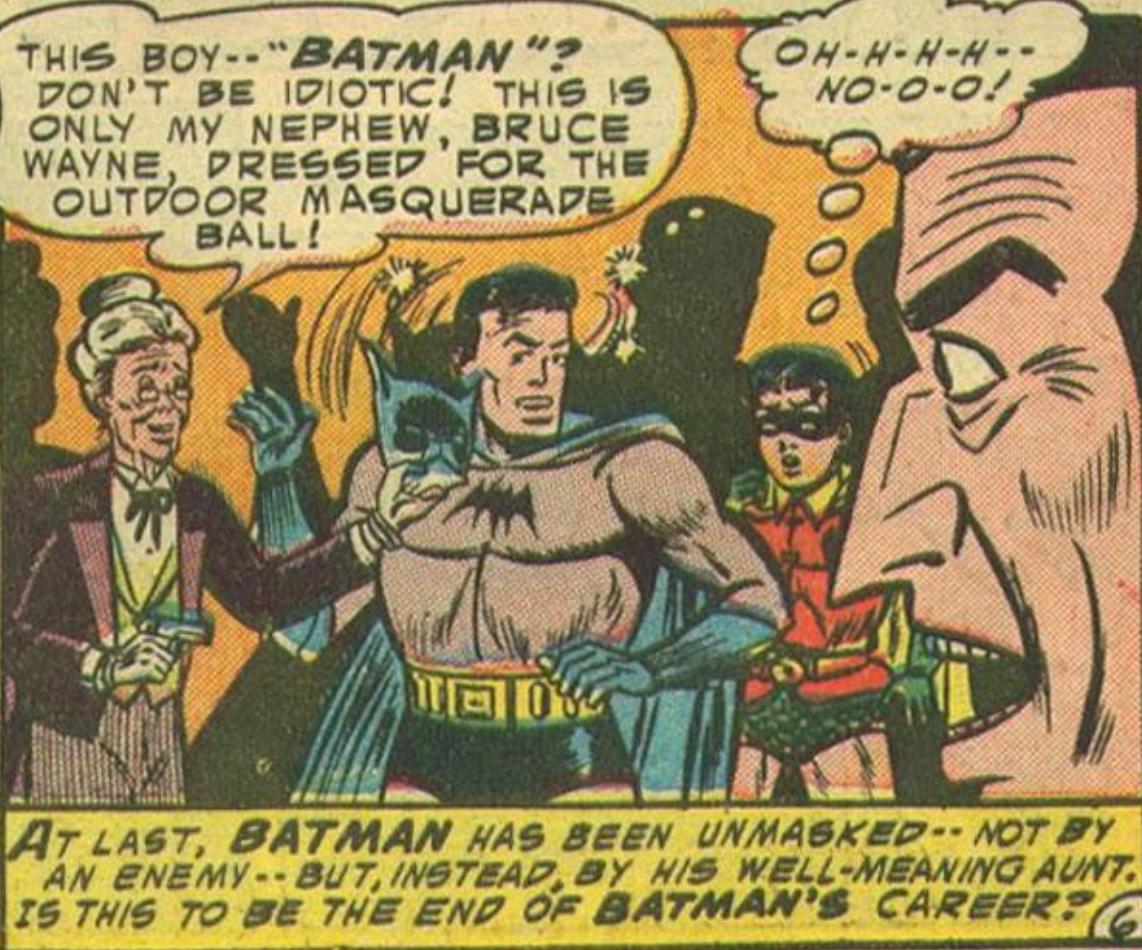
A DAME! WH-WHAT IS THIS? HOW COME YOU CALLED BATMAN "BRUCE"?

AUNT AGATHA!



THIS BOY--"BATMAN"? DON'T BE IDIOTIC! THIS IS ONLY MY NEPHEW, BRUCE WAYNE, DRESSED FOR THE OUTDOOR MASQUERADE BALL!

OH-H-H-H-- NO-O-O!



AT LAST, BATMAN HAS BEEN UNMASKED-- NOT BY AN ENEMY-- BUT, INSTEAD, BY HIS WELL-MEANING AUNT. IS THIS TO BE THE END OF BATMAN'S CAREER?

BATMAN

**BOSS, MAYBE
IT'S A TRICK!
IT'S GOTTA
BE
BATMAN!**

BE
K! NAW! IF WAYNE
WAS REALLY
BATMAN, YOU
DON'T REALLY
THINK HIS OWN
AUNT WOULD HAVE
UNMASKED HIM, DO
YOU? NAW-- WE MADE
A MISTAKE. THAT'S
ALL!

THEN HOW COME THEY WUZ SNOOPIN' AROUND?

FOOLISH MAN!
IF YOU WERE
WEARING A
"BATMAN"
COSTUME,
PIN' AND SAW A
UND? CHANCE TO
CAPTURE A
THIEF, WOULDN'T
YOU DO IT? IT'S
SIMPLY A CASE OF
MY NEPHEW TRYING
TO BE LIKE HIS
IDOL--**BATMAN!**

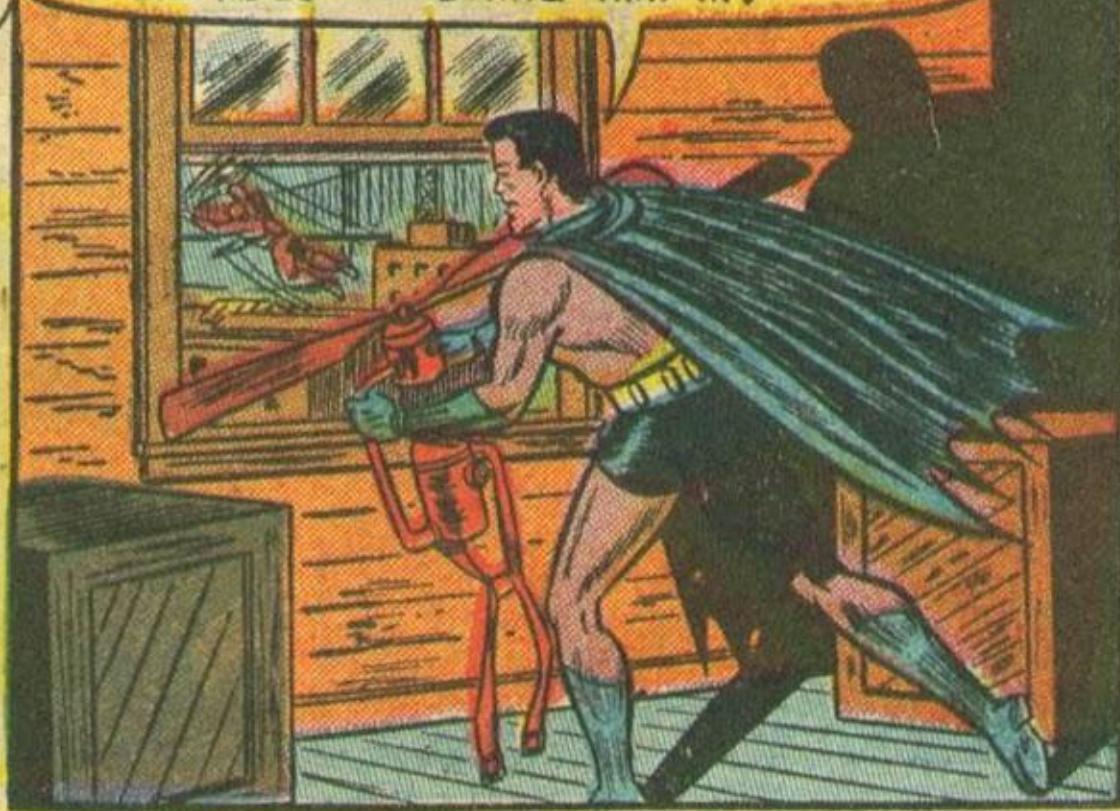
YOU FOLKS CAN STICK AROUND
PLAYING QUIZ GAMES--I'M GETTING
OUT OF HERE!



GO AFTER THAT VILLAIN,
BRUCE! DICK AND I CAN
MANAGE THESE COWARDS!
IF ONE OF THEM MOVES
AN EYE-LASH, I'LL
SHOOT!

HEY-- LADY,
TAKE IT
EASY WITH
THAT ROD!

HE'S A FAST MAN ON THE TAKE-OFF... BUT
WITH A PIN-WHEEL ON MY BACK I SHOULD
BE ABLE TO BRING HIM IN!



MOENTS LATER, BATMAN FLIES IN SWIFT PURSUIT OF THE SKY PIRATE!

TOO BAD, "BATMAN"--
BUT MY ROTOR OUTFIT
CARRIES A WELL-
EQUIPPED GUN HOLSTER!
NOW--YOU'RE ABOUT TO
BECOME A DEAD PIGEON!

ONLY ONE
CHANCE--
AND I
MUST
TAKE IT!



**DELIBERATELY, BATMAN DARTS FORWARD
UNTIL THE PROPELLERS TANGLE IN A SHATTER
OF FLYING SPLINTERS!**

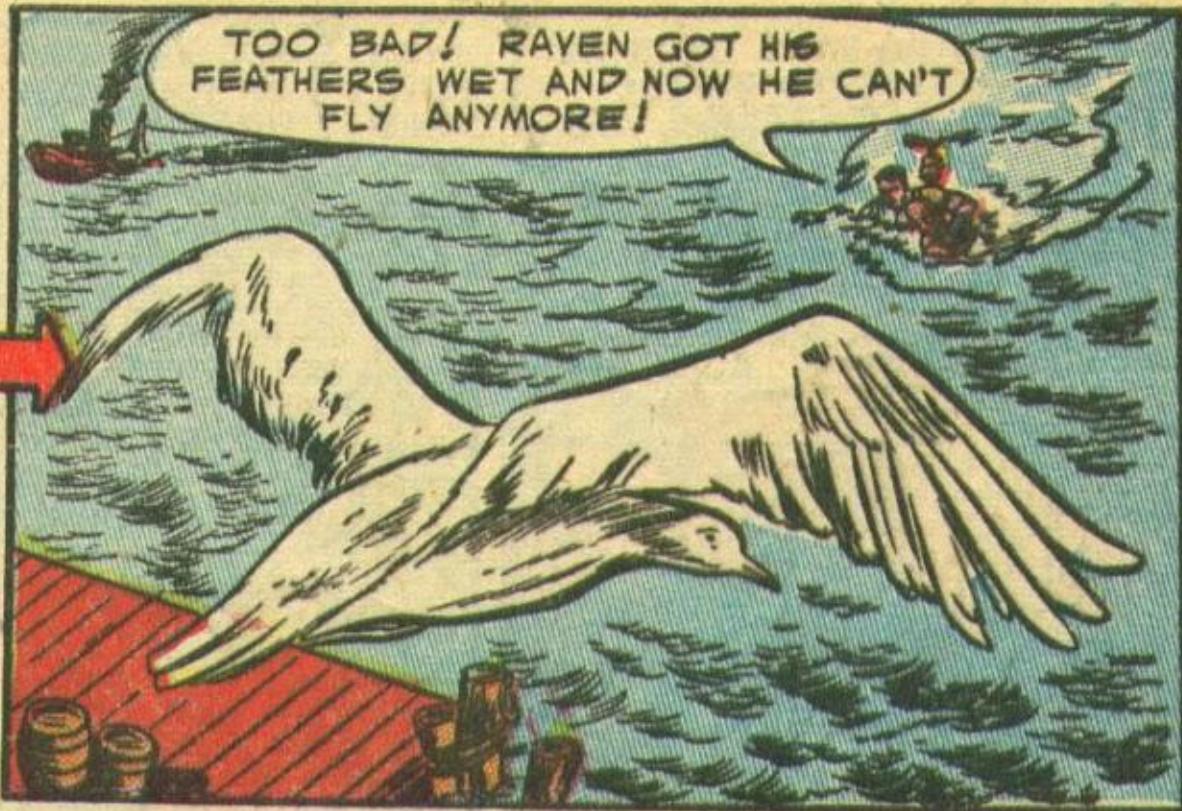




BATMAN



LIKE TWO BROKEN BIRDS, THEY PLUNGE DOWN... DOWN TO THE RIVER FAR BELOW!



LATER, WHEN RAVEN AND HIS FLOCK ARE "CAGED" IN GOTHAM PRISON, A MYSTERY IS SOON CLEARED UP...

NOW, AUNT AGATHA, SUPPOSE YOU TELL US THE REASON FOR THIS OUTFIT!

IT'S SIMPLE! I DECIDED TO GO TO THE COSTUME BALL AND SURPRISE YOU! AND SINCE YOU WENT AS "BATMAN AND ROBIN" I THOUGHT IT FITTING TO GO ALONG AS THE "JOKER". IT WAS TO BE MY JOKE ON YOU!



I FOLLOWED YOU, OF COURSE! AND GOOD THING I DID! IMAGINE YOU TWO BOYS TRYING TO PRETEND TO BE THE REAL BATMAN AND ROBIN! I HOPE YOU LEARNED YOUR LESSON!

BELIEVE ME, AUNT AGATHA-- WE LEARNED THAT AND MORE! AND HOW!

DAYS LATER, AUNT AGATHA'S EVENTFUL VISIT COMES TO AN END AS SHE IS HOMeward BOUND...

GOOD-BYE! TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES! DON'T FORGET YOUR RUBBERS WHEN IT RAINS!

WE WON'T! 'BYE!

I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY SHE NEVER SUSPECTED YOU'RE THE REAL BATMAN!

SHE COULD NEVER IMAGINE ME AS BEING THE FAMOUS BATMAN!

IN MY AUNT'S EYES, I'VE NEVER GROWN UP! TO HER, I'M STILL HER YOUNG NEPHEW, A BOY!



Binkij's Special CHRISTMAS Quiz

"Christmas in Many Lands!"

(ANSWERS IN LAST PANEL)



IN WHAT COUNTRY DO THE CHILDREN MAKE AN OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS TREE OF WHEAT SHEAVES FOR THE BIRDS?

"BREAKING THE PINATA" IS A CHRISTMAS GAME IN WHICH BLINDFOLDED CHILDREN SMASH A BIZARRE GLASS POT WHICH SPILLS OUT CANDIES AND GOOD-LUCK CHARMS. IN WHAT COUNTRY IS IT PLAYED?



WHERE IS IT THE CUSTOM FOR CHILDREN TO FILL WOODEN SHOES ON CHRISTMAS EVE WITH TIDBITS FOR ST. NICK'S WHITE HORSE?



WHERE DO PEOPLE OBSERVE CHRISTMAS BY GATHERING AROUND A LIGHTED COMMUNITY TREE IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE TO SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS?

IN WHAT COUNTRY IS A CHRISTMAS CEREMONY PERFORMED IN WHICH THE MOTHER CLUCKS LIKE A HEN AND HER CHILDREN CHIRP LIKE CHICKENS, WHILE SCATTERING STRAW ON THE FLOOR OF THEIR HOME?



WHERE IS THE CHRISTMAS FIESTA CLIMAXED BY A GAY DANCE CALLED THE *CUECA*, PERFORMED OUTDOORS UNDER A SUMMER SKY BY A COWBOY AND A COUNTRY GIRL?



THE ANSWERS...
READ UPSIDE DOWN
1. NORWAY 4. UNITED STATES
2. MEXICO 5. YUGOSLAVIA
3. BELGIUM 6. CHILE

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Last year some folks made \$250—\$500—\$1,000 and more this very way. Church groups and organizations can do this, too. No experience necessary.



**BEST WISHES
ALL OCCASION
ASSORTMENT**
21 luxurious cards—including gold bronzing, dainty hand finishing, matching pastel envelopes



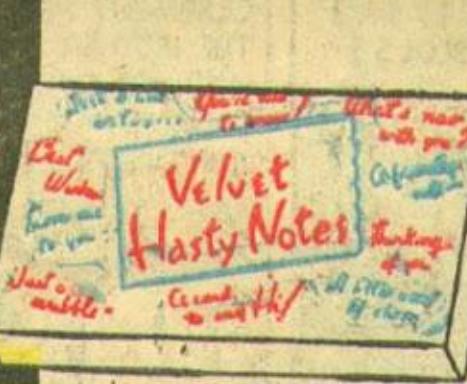
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ASSORTMENT**
Novel animated cards—including original cut-outs, 3-dimensional pop-out features, bell attachments and 36" novelty card



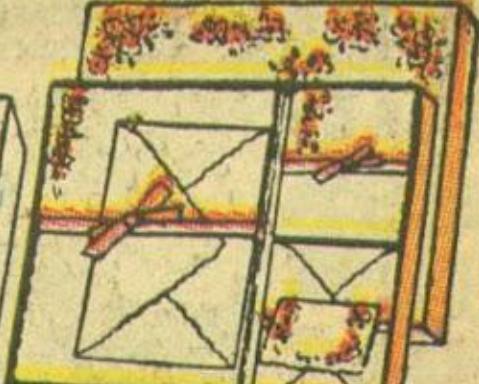
**DELUXE EVERYDAY
GIFT WRAPPING ENSEMBLE**
20 large multi-color
20" x 30" sheets in a
fascinating variety of
designs—plus matching
seals and gift tags



**TALL BEAUTIES
ALL OCCASION
ASSORTMENT**
Unusual tall cards—all gold bronzed, beautifully embossed

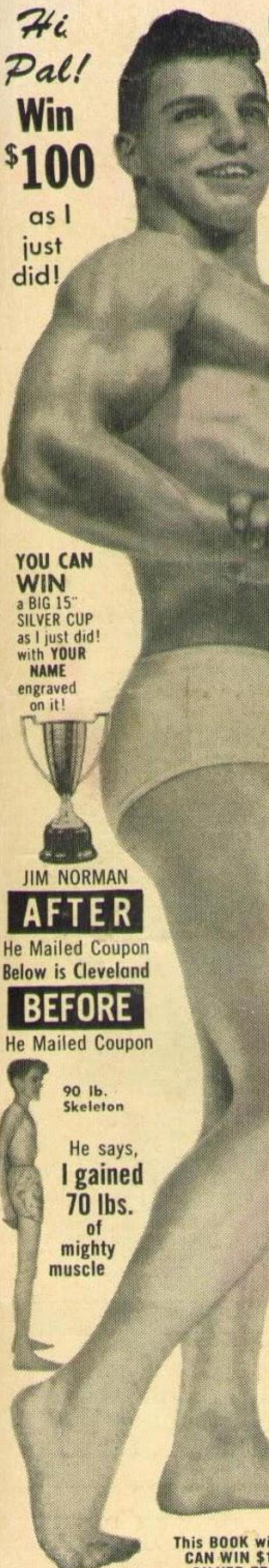


**VELVET
HASTY NOTES**
French folders with
friendly messages
on front in luminous
rose and blue velvet



**BLOSSOM TIME
STATIONERY ENSEMBLE**
Embossed floral design,
with gold bronzing,
dainty scalloped borders
—ribbon-tied

Mail This Free Trial Coupon Today	
CHEERFUL CARD COMPANY	
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Please rush free samples, other boxes on approval for FREE TRIAL and full details of your easy money-making plan.	
Name _____	_____
Address _____	_____
City _____	State _____
If writing for organization, give name _____	



Hi
Pal!
Win
\$100
as I
just
did!

YOU CAN
WIN
a BIG 15"
SILVER CUP
as I just did!
with YOUR
NAME
engraved
on it!



JIM NORMAN
AFTER

He Mailed Coupon
Below is Cleveland

BEFORE

He Mailed Coupon

90 lb.
Skeleton

He says,
I gained
70 lbs.
of
mighty
muscle

Mail the
"ALL
FREE"
coupon
get this
"AMAZING
SECRETS"
Photo Book

You'll LOOK, FEEL,
ACT, like A Real
HE-MAN! Win Women
and Men Friends
Win in Sports!
Win Promotion,
Praise, Popularity.

This BOOK will also show You HOW YOU
CAN WIN \$100.00 and a BIG 15" tall
SILVER TROPHY (Your Name On It)

Come on, Buddy, Quit being A BAG-of-BONES Weakling like I was.

IN 10 MINUTES OF
FUN A DAY

YOU Can do ALL I did!

I gained 25 Terrific LBS. of **HANDSOME**
POWER-PACKED MUSCLES all over!

I improved my **HE-MAN LOOKS 1000%**

I won **NEW STRENGTH**

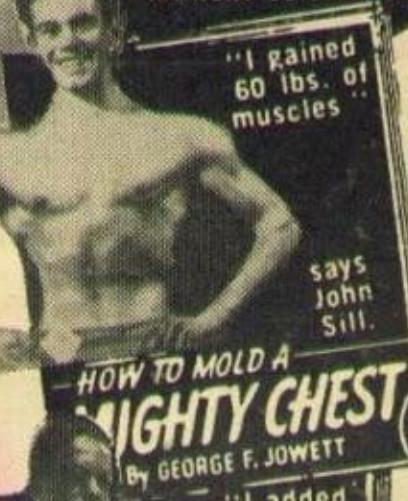
I won **NEW POPULARITY**

for money-making work!
for WINNING at all SPORTS!
Won NEW FRIENDS, BOYS & GIRLS
NEW CHANCES for BUSINESS SUCCESS



How did I do ALL This? I
mailed the Coupon and got
These **5** PICTURE-PACKED
HE-MAN COURSES
Which YOU can NOW get FREE

BEFORE \$1 PRICE GOES BACK
Millions Sold for \$1



"HOW TO MOLD A
MIGHTY CHEST
By GEORGE F. JOWETT

"I added
7 inches
to my
CHEST
3 inches
to each
ARM,"
says
Jobie
Jackson

"HOW TO MOLD A
MIGHTY ARM
By GEORGE F. JOWETT

"HOW TO MOLD A
MIGHTY BACK
By GEORGE F. JOWETT

"HOW TO MOLD A
MIGHTY GRIP
By GEORGE F. JOWETT

"HOW TO MOLD
MIGHTY LEGS
By GEORGE F. JOWETT



GET
ALL 5
FREE

1

2

3

4

5



"I'm PROUD
to be
seen
with
Jim
NOW!
Every-
body
admires
his build," says Nellie.
"Jim can lift the front
of a 2700 lb. car.
He amazes his friends!"

COME ON, PAL, NOW YOU give me
10 PLEASANT MINUTES A DAY
IN YOUR OWN HOME like Jim did
and I'll give YOU A NEW HE-MAN BODY
for your OLD SKELETON FRAME

NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby
you are I'll make you OVER by the
SAME method I turned myself from a
wreck to the strongest of the strong.
Why can't I do for you what I did for
MANY THOUSANDS of skinny fellows
like You?

Develop YOUR 520 MUSCLES
Gain Pounds, INCHES FAST!

YES! You'll see INCHES of MIGHTY
MUSCLE added to your ARMS and
CHEST. Your BACK and SHOULDERS
broadened. From head to heels you'll
gain SIZE, POWER, SPEED. You'll be A
WINNER in EVERYTHING you tackle.

"Congratulations,
John! At last you
mailed the coupon
as **EVERY MAN**
should. Soon You'll
be as big and strong
as I am,"
says Jim Norman
to John Luckus



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- 2. MUSCLE METER
- 3. Photo Book of STRONG MEN

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NAME _____ AGE _____

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GIVE INFORMATION on COLORS, SIZES, FABRICS, STYLES

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It costs nothing to investigate this unusual offer, and you will not be obligated in any way. Just put your name, address, age and dress size on the handy coupon. Paste it on a postcard and mail. You will receive what you need to get started—and without charge of any kind. But hurry—first come, first served.

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Name _____

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Age _____ Dress Size _____

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