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# BATMAN

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# BATMAN

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IN THIS MACHINE AGE, WE HAVE ELECTRONIC CALCULATING MACHINES THAT CAN PREDICT TIDES, THE WEATHER, AND EVEN ELECTION RESULTS, WITH MORE THAN HUMAN ACCURACY! BUT COULD A MACHINE PREDICT CRIME? COULD IT ANALYZE DATA AND PROPHESY CRIMINAL COUPS?

HERE IS THE STORY OF THE STRANGEST RIVALRY IN HISTORY, A GREAT DUEL OF DETECTION BETWEEN A MECHANICAL BRAIN AND THE DYNAMIC DUO IN THE STARTLING CASE OF...

The **CRIME PREDICTOR!**





# BATMAN



IN A LABORATORY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM, DR. EDWARD ARVIN, A BRILLIANT SCIENTIST, PREPARES TO REVEAL AN AMAZING INVENTION TO THE CITY'S TOP LAWMEN...

MY PREDICTOR WORKS ON AN ELECTRONIC PRINCIPLE! WHEN I FEED CRIMINAL STATISTICS INTO IT ON TAPE, IT MATHEMATICALLY PREDICTS THE FUTURE ACTIONS OF ANY KNOWN CRIMINAL!

HMM! WELL, WE'D LIKE TO LAY OUR HANDS ON "MUGS" WILDEN... ASK IT WHAT HE'S GOING TO DO NEXT!

I'VE CALLED YOU HERE, GENTLEMEN, BECAUSE THIS MACHINE MUST BE KEPT SECRET. IF THE UNDERWORLD HEARS OF MY CRIME PREDICTOR, THEY'LL STOP AT NOTHING TO DESTROY IT!

GO AHEAD! AS LONG AS I'M POLICE COMMISSIONER, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO OVERLOOK ANY POSSIBLE WEAPON AGAINST CRIME!

POWER IS SWITCHED INTO THE GIANT CALCULATOR... AND THE UNCANNY ELECTRONIC BRAIN ANSWERS...

BY EVALUATING ITS INFORMATION ON WILDEN'S METHODS OF CRIME, AND THEN SELECTING FROM ITS DATA ON BANKS, PAYROLLS AND POSSIBLE LOOT, IT CAN MAKE THIS ACCURATE PREDICTION!

IT SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE... HMM... I HAVE AN IDEA TO TEST IT.

DOCTOR, I MUST PROTECT MY IDENTITY... AND THIS MACHINE MIGHT EXPOSE IT! I WANT, IN PRIVACY, TO SEE IF IT CAN IDENTIFY ME!

I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT DANGER! OF COURSE, I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO FEED QUESTIONS INTO IT ON PAPER TAPE, AND ONLY YOU WILL BE HERE TO KNOW THE ANSWER!

MUGS WILDEN WILL ROB GOTHAM BALLBEARING PAYROLL TOMORROW AT NINE A. M.!

AND, WHEN THE OTHERS HAVE STEPPED OUTSIDE, IN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION "WHO IS BATMAN?..."

GOSH, BATMAN, THAT'S CLOSE... TOO CLOSE!

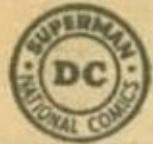
BUT IT'S A LOGICAL GUESS! I'LL ASK IT, "WHO IS MR. BLANK, THE SECRET BOSS OF GOTHAM CITY?"

INSUFFICIENT DATA... BUT FACTS INDICATE BATMAN IS A RICH MAN, WITH NO JOB OR BUSINESS TO HAMPER HIS CAREER!

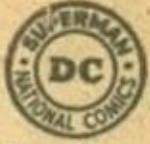
INSUFFICIENT... DATA... BUT MR. BLANK'S KNOWLEDGE OF CRIMINALS IMPLIES A LONG CRIMINAL RECORD!

YES, BUT NOT VERY HELPFUL! ROBIN, TELL GORDON AND DR. ARVIN TO COME BACK IN... I'M GOING TO ASK THE MACHINE WHAT MR. BLANK'S NEXT CRIME WILL BE!

A LOGICAL ANSWER, TOO!



# BATMAN



THIS TIME, THE PREDICTOR RETURNS A FATEFUL ANSWER...

## MR. BLANK WILL NEXT MURDER BATMAN!

WE'LL HAVE TO STUDY YOUR PREDICTOR FURTHER, DR. ARVIN, BEFORE WE CAN ACCEPT IT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT!

I KNOW YOU'RE SKEPTICAL NOW, BUT IT'LL SOON PROVE ITSELF! AND I WANT TO GIVE IT TO THE DEPARTMENT, TO PREVENT CRIME!

LOOK, BATMAN, THERE'S YOUR ANSWER! IT MAY BE ALL WRONG, BUT I DON'T LIKE THIS!

THE PREDICTOR IS ALWAYS ACCURATE I ADVISE YOU TO BE CAREFUL, BATMAN!

AND NEXT MORNING...

IT'S ALL QUIET! WE WERE SILLY TO CREDIT THAT FOOL MACHINE'S PREDICTIONS!

WAIT A MOMENT, IT'S NOT SO QUIET!

BEARING CO.

BATMAN!

BATMAN, EVEN IF DR. ARVIN IS A BRILLIANT SCIENTIST, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT A CALCULATING MACHINE CAN PREDICT CRIME!

NEITHER DO I, ROBIN, BUT ARVIN HAS NOTHING TO GAIN BY FRAUD, SINCE HE OFFERED TO GIVE THE MACHINE TO THE POLICE HM... I THINK WE'LL BE AT AT THE BALLBEARING COMPANY TOMORROW MORNING!

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INSIDE THE FACTORY, WHERE BALL-BEARINGS ARE MADE FOR EVERYTHING FROM ROLLER SKATES TO HUGE MACHINES...

IT'S MUGS WILDEN, JUST AS THE PREDICTOR SAID... OOPS!

A BANDIT IS ROBBING THE PAYROLL OFFICE!  
AND IT'S JUST 9 O'CLOCK! BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!  
WE'LL SOON SEE!

THESE BALL-BEARINGS OUGHT TO KEEP YOU ROLLING UNTIL I GET AWAY!

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LEAPING TO ESCAPE A FALL,  
**BATMAN'S** TRAINED MUSCLES  
LIFT HIM OUT OF ONE DANGER  
INTO ANOTHER...

THAT WAS FAST,  
**BATMAN**... BUT  
SEE IF YOU CAN  
BEAT THIS!

HE'S THROWN THE ASSEMBLY-LINE BELT OF GIANT BEARINGS INTO REVERSE! MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO ...

BOOMERANG ONE OF THESE MONSTER BEARINGS AT WILDEN!

YIPE

WE'VE GOT YOU,  
WILDEN. IS MR.  
BLANK YOUR LEADER?

NO... BUT HE'S TRYING TO GET ALL US LONE WOLVES TO THROW IN WITH HIM! I WISH I HAD!

LATER, IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...

IT'S INCREDIBLE, BUT ARVIN'S MACHINE **DID** ACCURATELY PREDICT A CRIME HOURS BEFORE IT HAPPENED!  
**BATMAN**, WE'RE GOING TO ASK THAT **PREDICTOR** SOME MORE QUESTIONS!

I'M MORE INTERESTED IN **MR. BLANK** THAN IN THE **PREDICTOR**, BUT I'LL GO WITH YOU!

YOU'RE NOT JEALOUS OF THE **PREDICTOR**, ARE YOU, **BATMAN**? IT DID PROPHESY CRIME, SOMETHING EVEN YOU CAN'T DO, BUT...

I NEVER LET MY FEELINGS INTERFERE WITH MY WORK! IF THE **PREDICTOR** CAN HELP PREVENT CRIME, I'M WILLING TO PLAY SECOND FIDDLE TO IT!

PRESENTLY, IN DR. ARVIN'S LABORATORY...

I HOPE THE WILDEN CRIME HAS CONVINCED YOU THAT THAT PREDICTION OF **MR. BLANK'S** MURDERING YOU IS SERIOUS, **BATMAN**!

I'M ASKING THE MACHINE TO PREDICT THE NEXT CRIME IN GOTHAM CITY! LET'S SEE WHAT IT SAYS!

# BATMAN



PRESENTLY...

BOYAR MOB WILL TAKE  
JEWEL SHIPMENT FROM  
SEALED CAR TODAY  
THREE P.M.!

WELL, FOREWARNED IS  
FOREARMED! AND IF THE  
MACHINE IS RIGHT AGAIN  
WE CAN'T PASS  
IT OFF AS  
COINCIDENCE!

COME ON,  
**BATMAN**...  
WE HAVE JUST  
TIME TO GET  
READY FOR  
MR. BOYAR  
AND HIS  
PALS!

AS THE TIME FORETOLD FOR THE DARING  
DAYLIGHT ROBBERY DRAWS NEAR...

I HOPE BOYAR DOESN'T  
SHOW UP... THEN THE  
**PREDICTOR** WOULD  
BE PROVEN WRONG!

STOP WORRY-  
ING ABOUT THAT  
**MR. BLANK**  
PREDICTION!  
WORRY ABOUT  
BOYAR... THERE  
HE IS NOW, HEAD-  
ING FOR THAT  
SEALED EXPRESS  
CAR!

SUDDENLY, A CLEVER CROOK FINDS HIMSELF  
IN TROUBLE... BECAUSE OF THE PREDICTION  
OF AN UNCANNY MACHINE...

CAN I OFFER YOU  
BOYS SOME HELP?  
THAT CAR IS  
SEALED, BUT I  
KNOW A JAIL  
I CAN GET YOU  
INTO!

IT'S **BATMAN**...  
AND HALF THE  
COPS IN GOTHAM  
CITY! MAKE FOR  
THE ROUNDHOUSE...  
WE MAY BE ABLE  
TO DODGE THEM  
IN THERE!

THERE GOES  
BOYAR, INTO  
THAT LOCOMOTIVE  
CAB!

I'LL TAKE CARE  
OF HIM... YOU  
HELP THE POLICE  
ROUND UP THE  
OTHERS!

BUT AS **BATMAN** LEAPS FOR THE  
CAB AFTER BOYAR...

NO ONE'S GOING  
TO TAKE ME,  
**BATMAN**... I'LL  
RUN OVER ANY-  
ONE WHO TRIES  
IT!

THAT  
STEAM...  
IT'S  
BLINDED  
ME!

HE'LL FALL  
UNDER THE  
WHEELS! IF I  
CAN GET MY  
ROPE OVER  
THAT BEAM...

SPLIT-SECOND TIMING AND THE TRAINED  
MUSCLES OF THE **BOY WONDER** ACCOMPLISH  
A MIRACLE...

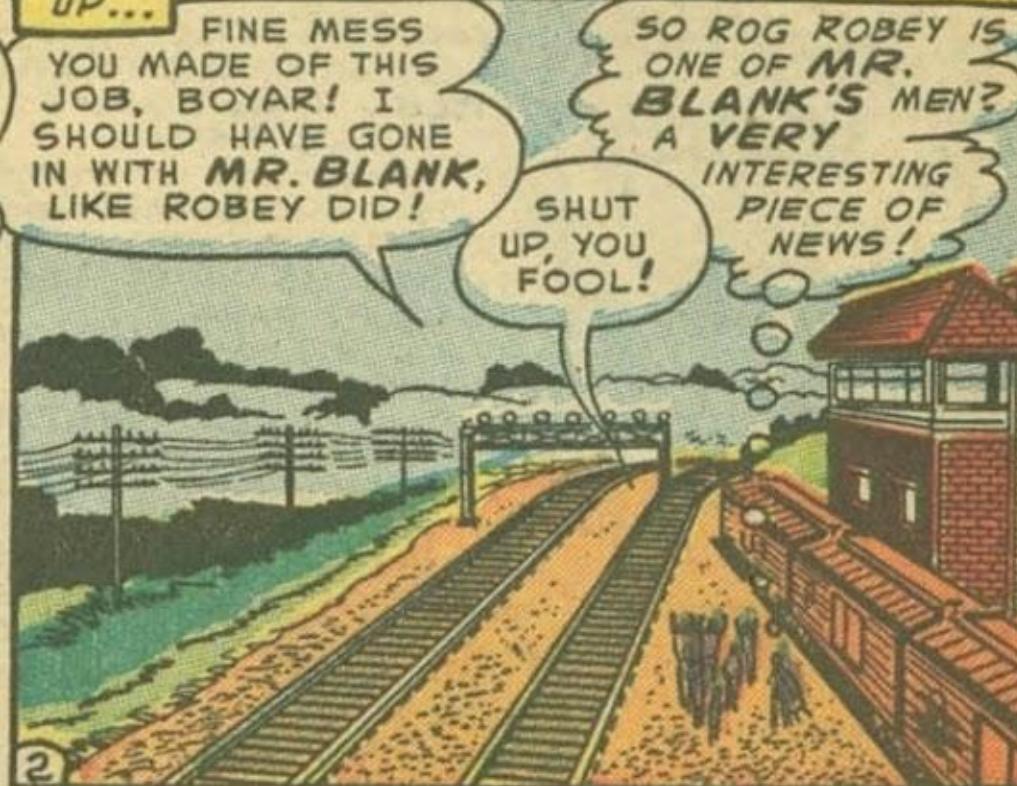
JUST IN  
TIME! THAT  
WAS A  
CLOSE ONE!

THANKS, **ROBIN**...  
I SHOULD HAVE  
NOTICED THAT  
LOCOMOTIVE HAD  
STEAM UP AND WAS  
READY TO GO! GOT  
TO CATCH HIM BEFORE  
HE GETS OUT INTO  
THE YARD!

A SECOND TRY IS EASILY SUCCESSFUL, AND...



PRESENTLY, THE REST OF THE GANG IS ROUNDED UP...



LATER, IN THE CRIME LABORATORY OF THE SECRET BATCAVE...

ROBEY'S BEEN LYING LOW SINCE HE WAS PAROLED... BUT IF WE CAN FIND HIM, IT MAY BE A STEP CLOSER TO MR. BLANK!

AND EVERY STEP TAKES YOU CLOSER TO THAT PREDICTION ABOUT HIS NEXT CRIME... YOUR MURDER!

BATMAN... I'M WORRIED!

HERE'S HIS RECORD CARD...PICTURE, FINGER-PRINTS, BERTILLON MEASUREMENTS, EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM! AH... HIS CHIEF HOBBY WAS BOWLING! THAT MAY BE OUR LEAD!

COME ON!

BOWLING?  
I DON'T GET IT!

ROBEY'S EFFECTS WERE SOLD TO PAY HIS FINE WHEN HE WENT TO PRISON! NOW THAT HE'S OUT, AS A BOWLING FAN, HE'D WANT A NEW BALL... AND THOSE ARE MADE TO ORDER, TO FIT THE BOWLER'S HAND!

AND WE HAVE ROBEY'S HAND-MEASUREMENTS, IN THE BERTILLON FILE! NOW I GET IT!



SOON, AFTER TOURING SOME BIG GOTHAM CITY BOWLERS' SUPPLY STORES...

YES, WE MADE A NEW BOWLING BALL RECENTLY FOR A HAND WITH THOSE IDENTICAL MEASUREMENTS! MR. JON MARTIN, OF 44 PINE STREET!

THANKS!  
ROBIN,  
WE'RE CALLING  
ON  
"JON MARTIN!"

PRESIDENTLY,  
IN THE  
SECLUDED  
COTTAGE  
AT  
44  
PINE  
STREET...

BATMAN!  
HEY...YOU CAN'T DO THIS... I'M INNOCENT...

YOU'RE ON PAROLE YET CARRYING A GUN, ROBEY! THAT'LL BE ENOUGH FOR ANY COURT! TIE HIM UP WHILE I HOLD HIM, ROBIN!



I DON'T KNOW WHO MR. BLANK IS, BUT HE'S THE BIGGEST MAN IN CRIME NOW THAT WILDEN AND BOYAR ARE IN JAIL! WITH HIM AS MY BOSS, I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOU, BATMAN!

SO THAT'S ALL YOU'LL SAY? MAYBE WE CAN USE YOU TO FIND OUT MORE! LET ROBEY ALONE AND COME IN THE NEXT ROOM WITH ME, ROBIN!





# BATMAN



IN ANOTHER ROOM, USING HIS WIZARDRY OF MAKE-UP SKILL ...

WHAT'S YOUR IDEA, BATMAN? ROBEY WON'T TALK ANY MORE ABOUT MR. BLANK!

NO, BUT MAYBE MR. BLANK HIMSELF WILL TALK ...



... TO ROBEY... MEANING ME!

YOU'RE GOING TO PASS YOURSELF OFF AS ROBEY TO GET TO MR. BLANK? BATMAN, IT'S DANGEROUS IF HE SEES THROUGH YOUR DISGUISE!



FIRST I'LL SEARCH ROBEY'S BELONGINGS FOR A LEAD TO MR. BLANK'S BASE! YOU TAKE THE REAL ROBEY AND DELIVER HIM SECRETLY TO THE POLICE!

IF YOU SAY SO... BUT THAT PROPHECY OF THE PREDICTOR ABOUT MR. BLANK MURDERING YOU STILL WORRIES ME! BATMAN, REMEMBER THE PREDICTOR'S BEEN RIGHT EVERY TIME SO FAR!



WHEN ROBIN HAS LEFT WITH THE BOUND CRIMINAL, A CAREFUL SEARCH FINALLY REVEALS...

ROBEY WAS TOO SMART TO LEAVE ANYTHING WRITTEN DOWN! BUT THIS SMEAR ON HIS TOPCOAT... IT'S OF A SPECIAL DARK OIL! I'VE SEEN THIS OIL BEFORE... NOW I REMEMBER!



THIS SPECIAL OIL IS USED TO KEEP DEEP-SEA DIVERS' SUITS SUPPLE! DIVERS... SALVAGE... OF COURSE! A SALVAGE COMPANY WOULD MAKE AN IDEAL FRONT FOR A BIG-TIME CROOK TO USE IN SELLING STOLEN GOODS!

QUICKLY, THE DISGUISED BATMAN BEGINS TELEPHONING SALVAGE COMPANIES...

THIS IS ROG ROBEY SPEAKING! WHAT'S THE NEWS?

IF IT'S THE ONE I'M HUNTING, THEY'LL KNOW THAT NAME!

ROG ROBEY? DON'T KNOW THE NAME! YOU MUST HAVE THE WRONG COMPANY!



BUT THE THIRD SALVAGE COMPANY BATMAN CALLS...

ROBEY? WHY DON'T YOU GET DOWN HERE? YOU KNOW THE BOSS IS HOLDING A BIG ORGANIZING MEETING TONIGHT!

I KNOW! I'LL GET RIGHT DOWN! SO THE ACME SALVAGE COMPANY IS THE PLACE! AND IF I'M RIGHT, MR. BLANK IS THE BOSS HE MEANT! YES, I'LL BE AT THAT MEETING!

BUT MEANWHILE, ON HIS WAY TO DELIVER THE CAPTURED CROOK TO POLICE, THE BOY WONDER IS HAUNTED BY THE MECHANICAL BRAIN'S PROPHECY...

BATMAN'S GOING AFTER THE VERY MAN THE PREDICTOR PROPHESIED WOULD MURDER HIM! I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! I'LL ASK THE PREDICTOR TO TELL ME HOW MR. BLANK PLANS TO MURDER BATMAN!

ROBIN'S MIND IS SWIFTLY MADE UP!

HERE, BEHIND DR. ARVIN'S HOUSE, ROBEY WON'T BE NOTICED IN THE BATMOBILE... I CAN TAKE HIM TO THE POLICE AFTER I'VE ASKED THE PREDICTOR THAT QUESTION!

BUT IN DR. ARVIN'S LABORATORY, A SHOCK AWAITED THE BOY WONDER...

ARVIN'S GONE... AND THESE SIGNS OF A STRUGGLE... AND THE PREDICTOR WRECKED! THE UNDERWORLD MUST HAVE LEARNED OF THE PREDICTOR AND...

RIGHT! THE PREDICTOR WILL ANSWER NO MORE QUESTIONS!

MEANWHILE, AT THE ACME SALVAGE COMPANY, THE DISGUISED BATMAN AWAITS THE ARRIVAL OF THE MYSTERIOUS MR. BLANK...

EVERYBODY IMPORTANT IN THE UNDERWORLD IS HERE TONIGHT! MR. BLANK IS REALLY ORGANIZING, AND I'D BETTER WATCH MY STEP! IF THEY FIND OUT I'M NOT ROBEY...

LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS! WHY DID YOU CALL THIS MEETING?

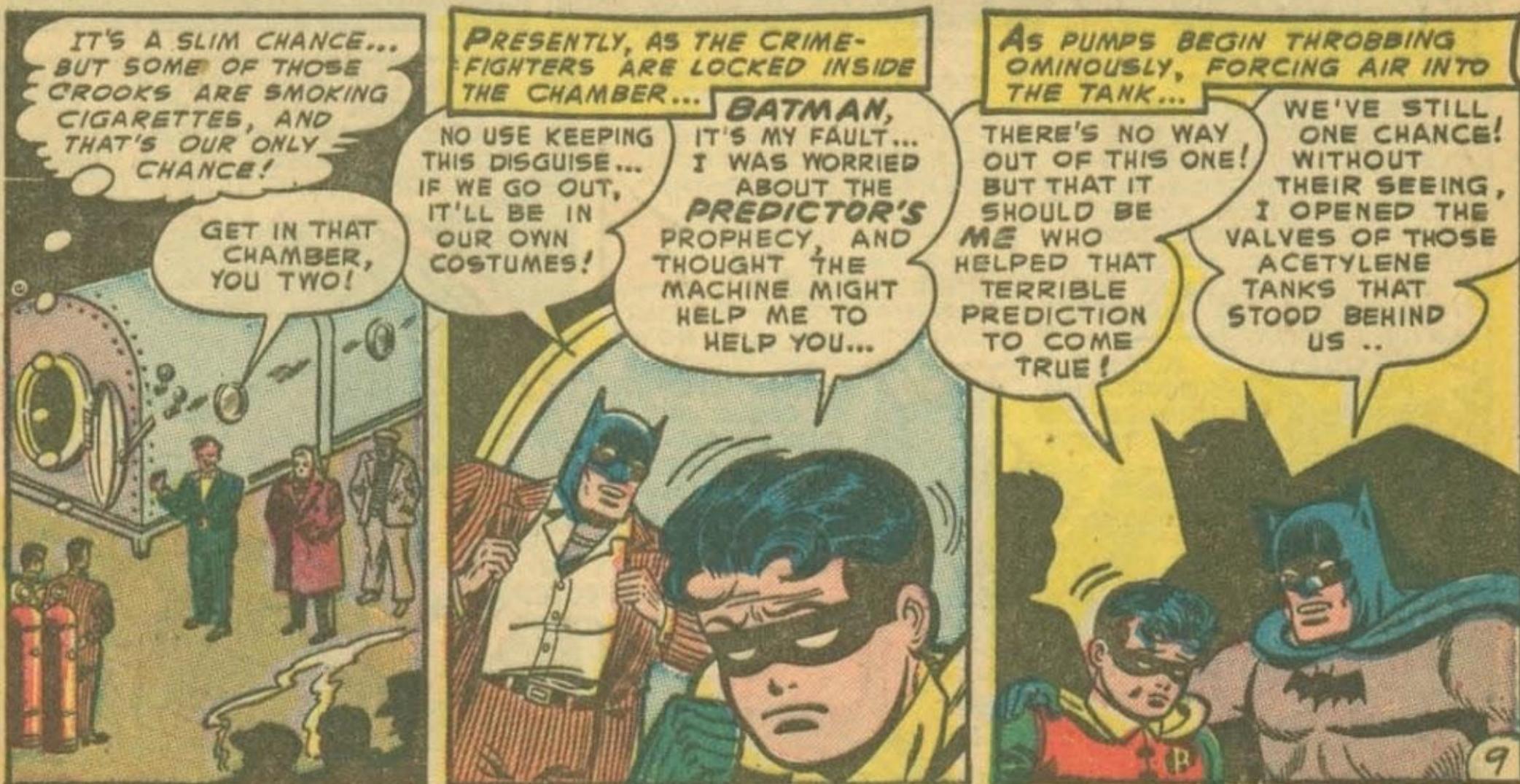
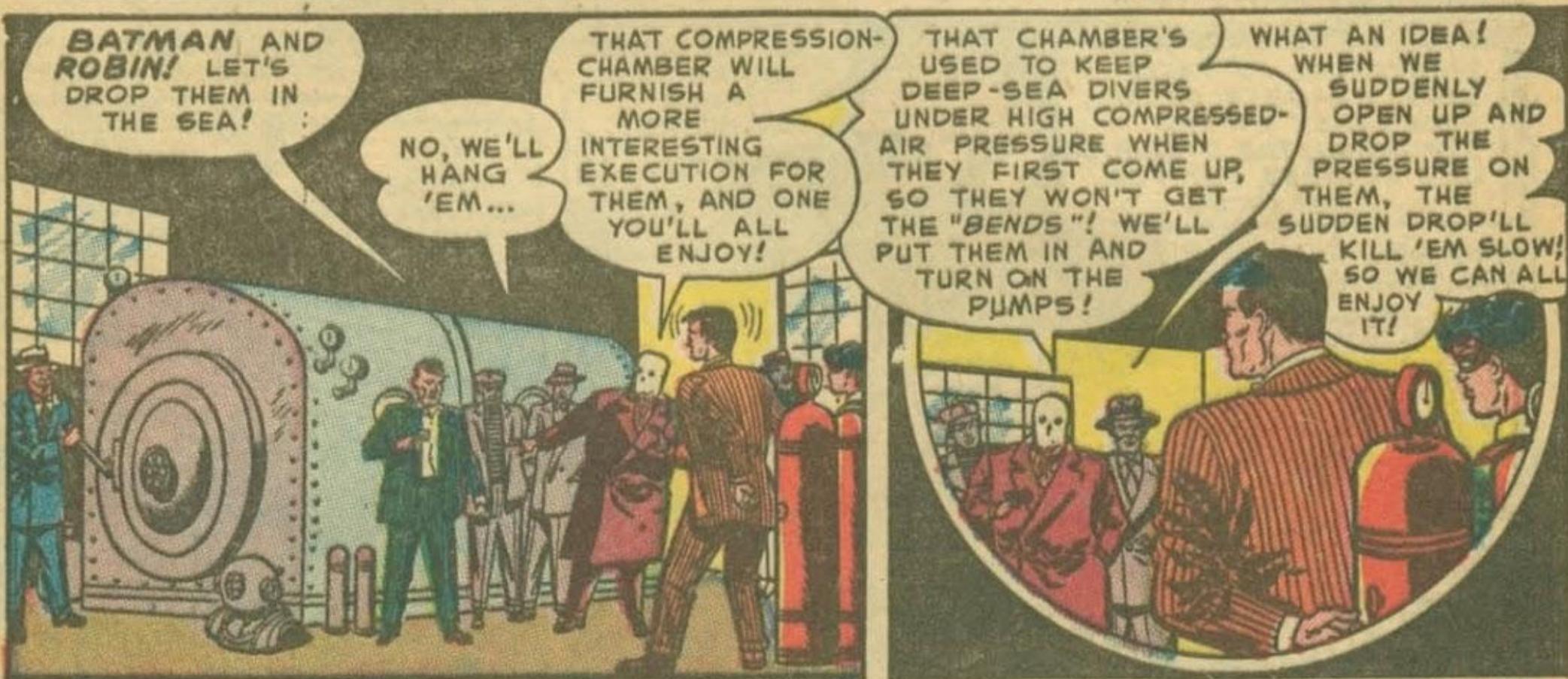
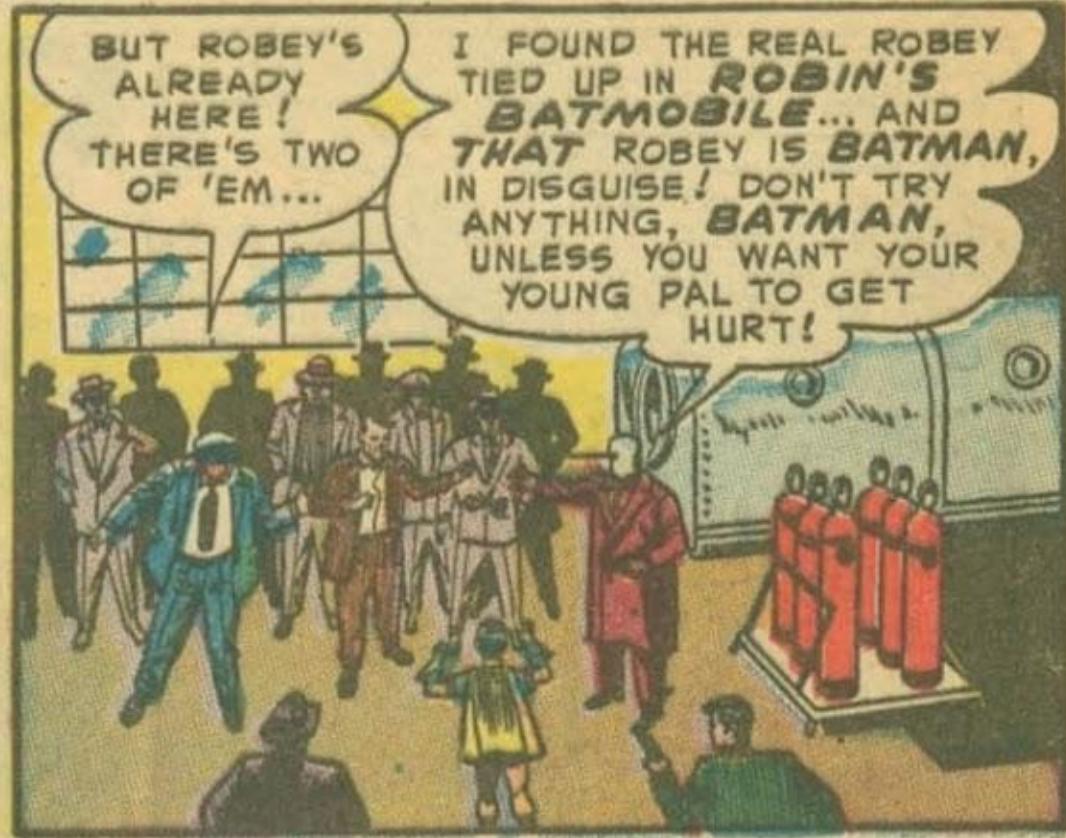
TO LET YOU ALL KNOW WHO'S BOSS, NOW THAT WILDEN AND BOYAR ARE IN JAIL! IT WAS DR. ARVIN'S CRIME PREDICTOR THAT PUT THEM IN JAIL... AND THAT MACHINE COULD TRAP YOU ALL!

FINALLY, A MASKED MASTER CRIMINAL APPEARS!

BUT I'VE KIDNAPPED ARVIN AND AM KEEPING HIM IN A SAFE PLACE! UNLESS YOU ACCEPT ME AS BOSS, I'LL RELEASE HIM AND HE'LL BUILD ANOTHER PREDICTOR THAT'LL JAIL YOU ALL!

LOOKS LIKE WE GOT TO FOLLOW YOU, MR. BLANK! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PREDICTOR HE ALREADY BUILT?

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AS THE CRIMINALS GLOAT OVER A CHAMBER OF DOOM...

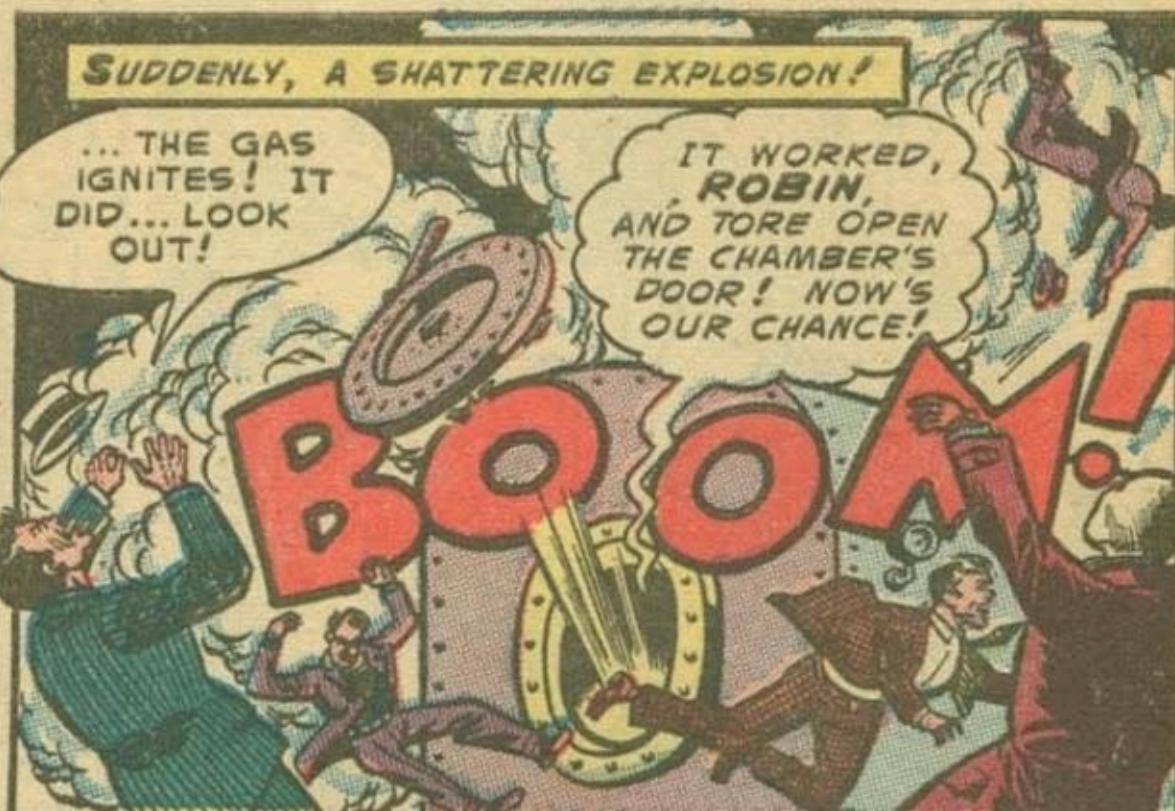
THE PRESSURE WILL SOON BUILD UP! AND WHEN IT'S HIGH ENOUGH AND WE OPEN UP, IT'LL BE A SIGHT TO SEE THOSE TWO WRITHING!

THERE'S A SMELL OF ACETYLENE ESCAPING! PUT OUT YOUR CIGARETTES BEFORE...

SUDDENLY, A SHATTERING EXPLOSION!

... THE GAS IGNITES! IT DID... LOOK OUT!

IT WORKED, ROBIN, AND TORE OPEN THE CHAMBER'S DOOR! NOW'S OUR CHANCE!



PROTECTED BY THEIR STEEL CHAMBER FROM THE SHOCK OF THE EXPLOSION, THE DYNAMIC DUO CHARGES OUT FOR VENGEANCE...

THIS SUIT WILL HELP YOU TAKE A DIVE, RAT!

NO, MR. BLANK, YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!

AND WHEN POLICE, DRAWN BY THE EXPLOSION, ARRIVE MOMENTS LATER...



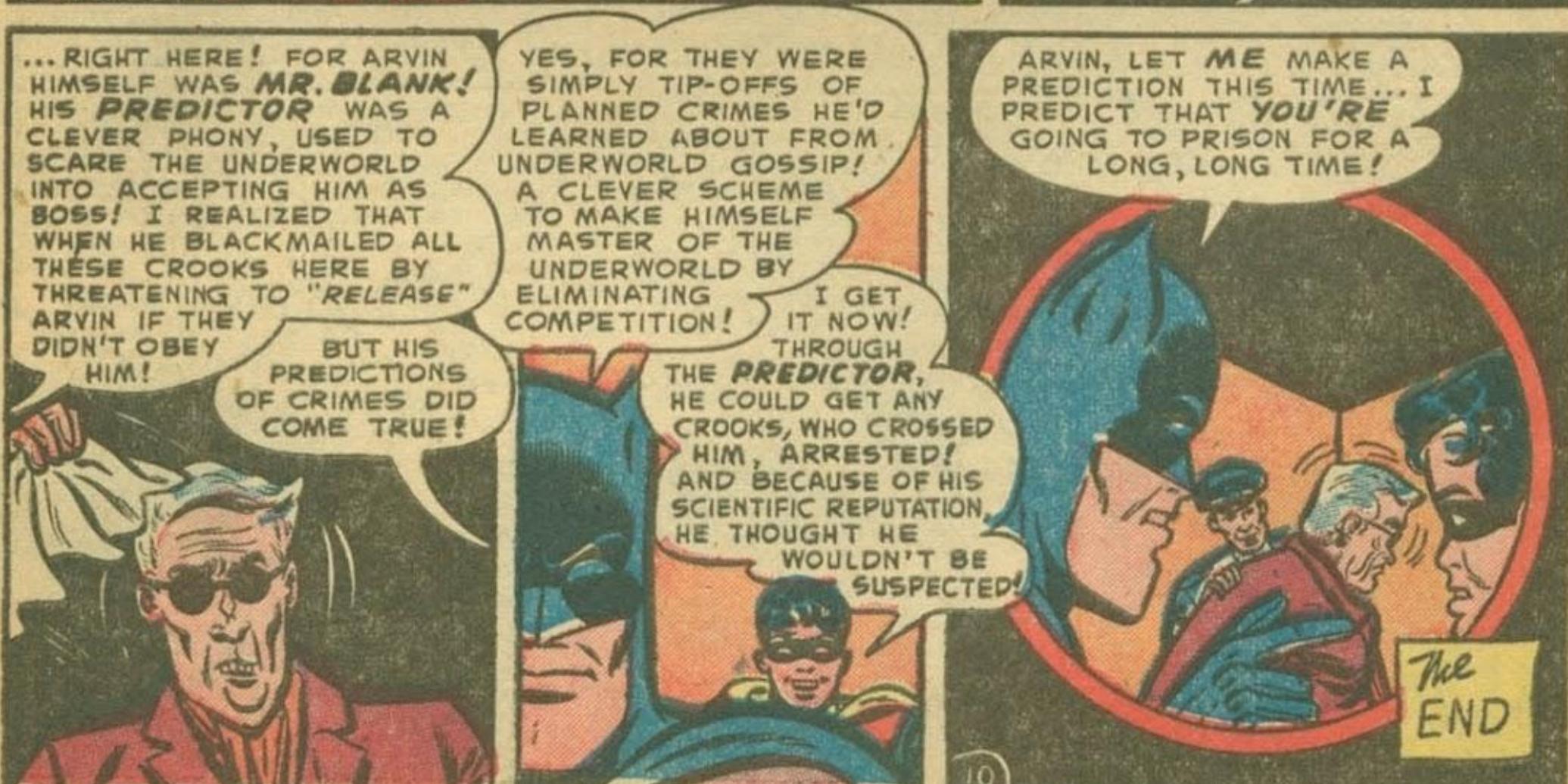
...RIGHT HERE! FOR ARVIN HIMSELF WAS MR. BLANK! HIS PREDICTOR WAS A CLEVER PHONY, USED TO SCARE THE UNDERWORLD INTO ACCEPTING HIM AS BOSS! I REALIZED THAT WHEN HE BLACKMAILED ALL THESE CROOKS HERE BY THREATENING TO "RELEASE" ARVIN IF THEY DIDN'T OBEY HIM!

BUT HIS PREDICTIONS OF CRIMES DID COME TRUE!

YES, FOR THEY WERE SIMPLY TIP-OFFS OF PLANNED CRIMES HE'D LEARNED ABOUT FROM UNDERWORLD GOSSIP! A CLEVER SCHEME TO MAKE HIMSELF MASTER OF THE UNDERWORLD BY ELIMINATING COMPETITION!

I GET IT NOW! THROUGH THE PREDICTOR, HE COULD GET ANY CROOKS WHO CROSSED HIM, ARRESTED! AND BECAUSE OF HIS SCIENTIFIC REPUTATION, HE THOUGHT HE WOULDN'T BE SUSPECTED!

ARVIN, LET ME MAKE A PREDICTION THIS TIME... I PREDICT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO PRISON FOR A LONG, LONG TIME!



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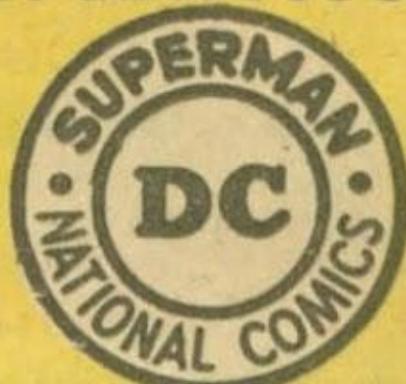
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THIS IS THE STORY OF FIVE BRILLIANT YOUNG MEN, SUDDENLY PLUCKED FROM THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES, AND PLUNGED INTO AN AMAZING ADVENTURE! FIVE MEN...SYMBOLICALLY LIKENED TO A FIVE-POINTED STAR BY COMMISSIONER GORDON, CREATOR OF THIS TOP-SECRET ORGANIZATION!

FOR THESE ARE THE MEN WHO MUST TAKE OVER, SHOULD THE GREAT BATMAN AND ROBIN FALL! A MASTER PLAN, AND A MASTERFUL TALE! AND IT ALL HAPPENS SWIFTLY, DANGEROUSLY, SUSPENSEFULLY TO A UNIQUE BODY OF FIVE MEN.





# BATMAN



ONE EVENING, AS POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON PAYS A HUSH-HUSH VISIT TO ARMY INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS NEAR GOTHAM CITY...

(SIGH) LT. GRAY, HERE IS MY TOP AGENT, COMMISSIONER... I HATE TO LOSE HIM. BUT YOUR NEED FOR HIM SEEMS TO BE URGENT... I HAVE HIS DISCHARGE PAPERS READY...

MY NEED IS URGENT, COLONEL! AND VERY IMPORTANT, I ASSURE YOU!



THE NEXT DAY, AT A LEADING EASTERN UNIVERSITY...

THERE HE IS, COMMISSIONER... HARRY VINCENT, OUR TOP STUDENT AND ALL-AROUND ATHLETE. WHEN HE'S FINISHED, I'LL INTRODUCE YOU...

THANK YOU, DEAN MOORE!



AND LATER THAT DAY, BACK AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

HERE ARE THE RECORDS, COMMISSIONER, AS YOU ASKED. WE'VE COMBED THE FORCE FOR OUR TWO TOP OFFICERS. THEY'RE WAITING OUTSIDE.

FELLS! OLSON! YOU CAN COME IN NOW!



NEXT DAY, THE SCENE SHIFTS... TO WASHINGTON, AND THE FBI BUILDING...

HERE HE IS, COMMISSIONER! TED BLAKELY... THE BRIGHTEST YOUNG MAN IN THE FBI... AND HE'S ALL YOURS!

THANK YOU, BATES! WELL, BLAKELY! YOU COME WELL RECOMMENDED! I'M HAPPY TO MEET YOU!



FIVE YOUNG MEN... HAND-PICKED BY GORDON FOR AN UNUSUAL AND TOP SECRET MISSION! WHAT IS IT?? COME, LET'S FIND OUT!

WELL, GENTLEMEN... NOW THAT WE'RE ALL TOGETHER, LET ME CONGRATULATE YOU! YOU ARE NOW THE FIVE POINTS OF AN ORGANIZATION WE WILL CALL THE SECRET STAR!

L.T. GRAY  
THE  
SECRET  
STAR

BLAKELY  
F.B.I.

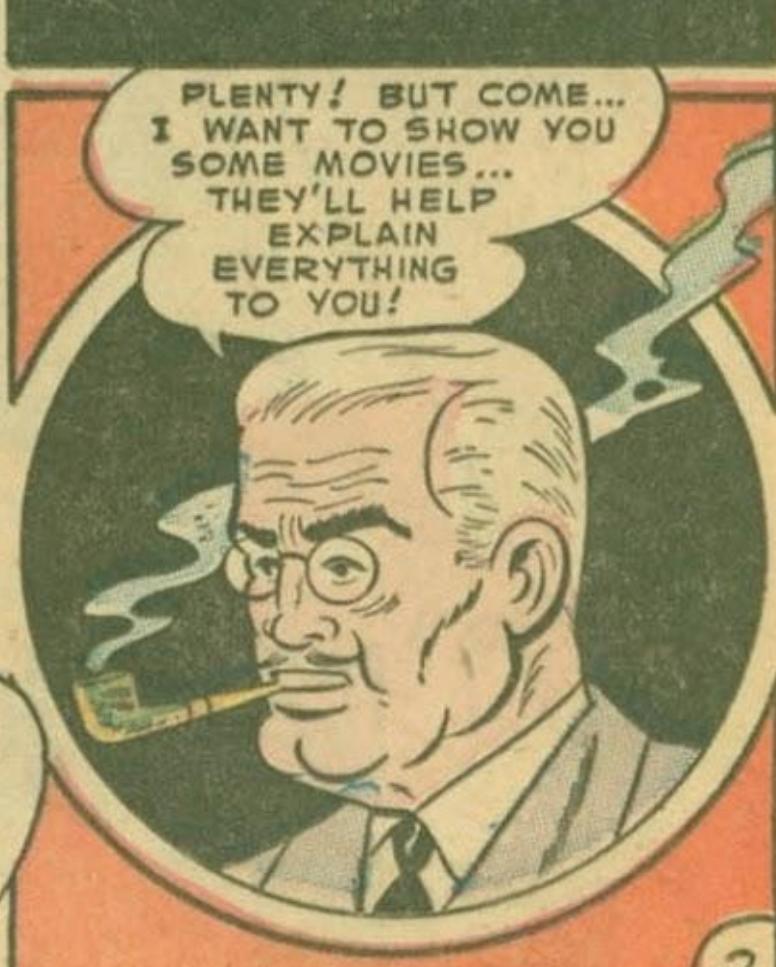
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STAR? WHAT  
DOES IT MEAN??  
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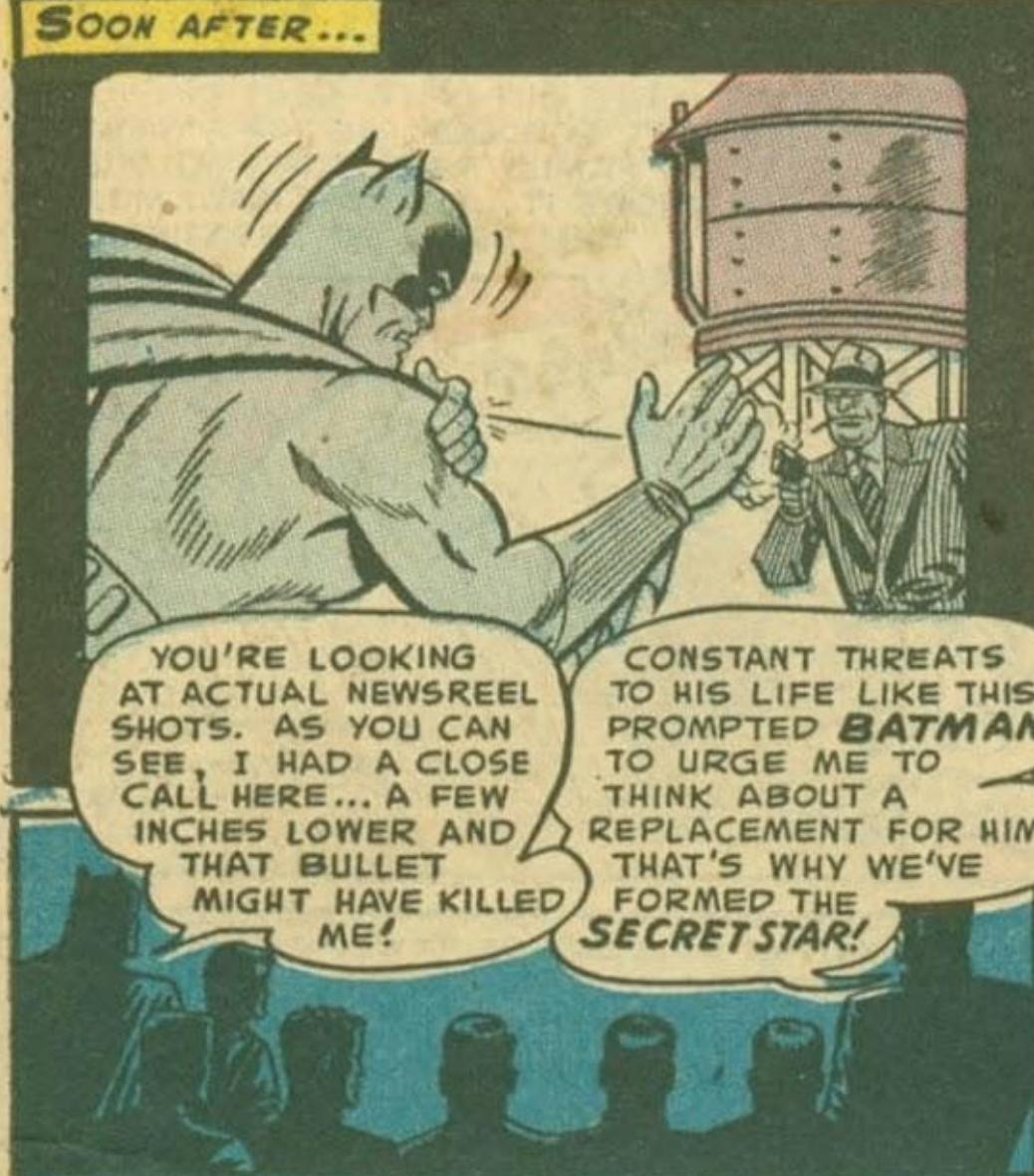
PLenty! But come... I want to show you some movies... they'll help explain everything to you!



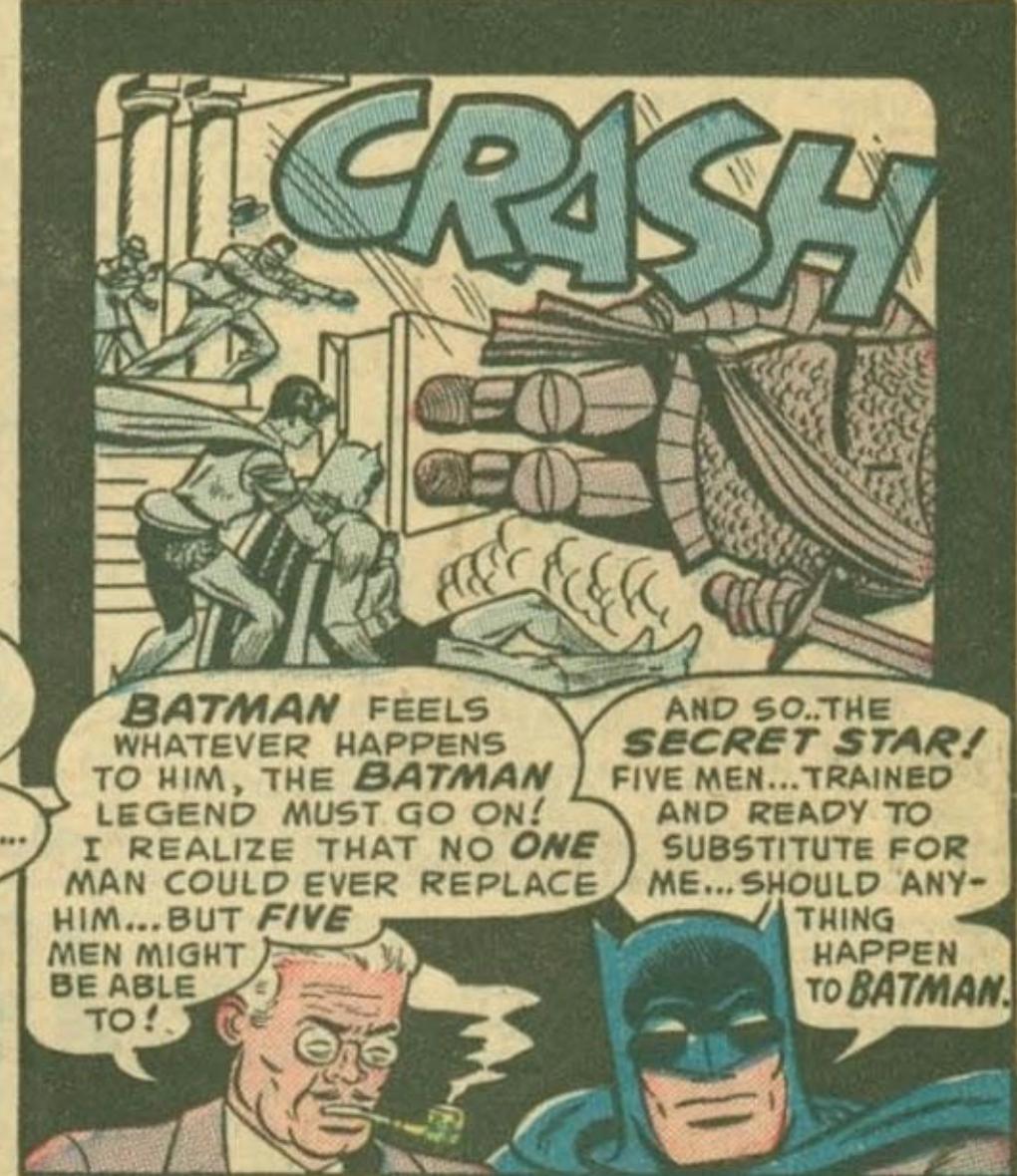
# BATMAN



SOON AFTER...



CONSTANT THREATS TO HIS LIFE LIKE THIS PROMPTED BATMAN TO URGE ME TO THINK ABOUT A REPLACEMENT FOR HIM... THAT'S WHY WE'VE FORMED THE SECRET STAR!



FIVE YOUNG MEN... ON THE BRINK OF A GREAT ADVENTURE! WHAT IS THEIR REACTION? HOW DO THEY FEEL? LET'S FOLLOW THEM, AS THEY LEAVE HEADQUARTERS...



YES... FIVE MEN BUBBLING WITH YOUTHFUL ENTHUSIASM AND EXCITEMENT! BUT WAIT! FBI AGENT BLAKELY DROPS OUT, TO MAKE A PHONE CALL! LET'S WATCH THIS MAN VERY CAREFULLY...



A STRANGE MESSAGE, AT A TIME LIKE THIS! BUT IT MAKES PLENTY OF SENSE TO THE MAN WHO RECEIVES IT... RACKET CZAR MATT "SUGAR" KROLER!



# BATMAN

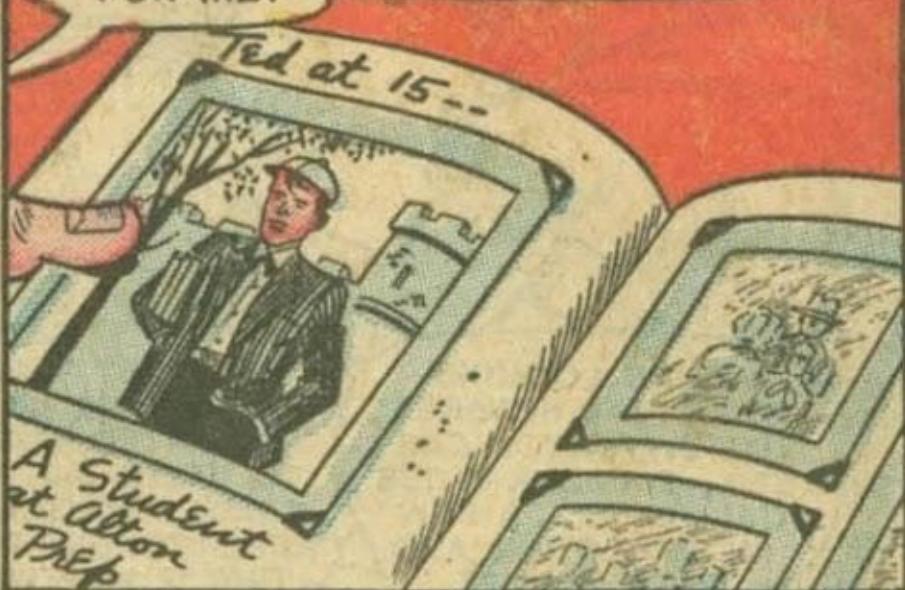


HOW'D YOU EVER GET A HOLD ON BLAKELY, SUGAR? YOU NEVER DID TELL ME... HOW YOU GOT AN FBI MAN IN YOUR POWER!

YEARS AGO, HIS OLD MAN SHARED MY CELL AT THE PEN. THE OLD MAN DIED WHEN THE KID WAS TWO. THERE WAS NO MOTHER! SO I SORT OF TOOK OVER THE KID... WHEN I GOT OUT...



BUT I PLAYED IT SMART! I INVESTED MY CACHED LOOT IN THE KID, BUT ALWAYS KEPT MY NAME OUT OF IT. SENT HIM TO THE BEST SCHOOLS, SET UP A WHOLE FICTITIOUS FAMILY TREE FOR HIM. ONLY NO ONE KNOWS IT... EXCEPT HIM... ME... AND NOW, YOU! HE'LL DO ANYTHING FOR ME!



GOSH! I GOTTA HAND IT TO YOU, SUGAR! YOU WORKED SOME DEAL FOR YOURSELF!

RIGHT! HOW MANY MEN DO YOU KNOW WHO HAVE A SPY WITHIN THE FBI? HA-HA! AND NOW I MUST MEET MY YOUNG WARD... AND GET THE LATEST NEWS!



LATER, IN THE BALCONY OF AN OLD AND SEEDY GOTHAM CITY MOVIE THEATRE...

...SO THAT'S IT! NO MORE FBI... FROM NOW ON I'M AN UNDERSTUDY FOR BATMAN!

TERRIFIC! WHEN YOUR TRAINING'S FINISHED, I'LL KNOCK OFF BATMAN! THEN YOU AND ME'LL TAKE OVER THIS TOWN!



SUDDENLY...

LISTEN... I'M GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR ME SINCE I WAS A KID. AND I'LL HELP YOU WHENEVER I CAN... BUT NO MURDER!

ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! DON'T GET SO EXCITED! I'LL FIGURE OUT ANOTHER ANGLE!



THE NEXT EVENING, AFTER THE MEMBERS OF THE SECRET STAR HAVE BEEN ESCORTED TO THE HIDDEN BATCAVE TO BEGIN THEIR TRAINING PROGRAM...

GENTLEMEN, YOU MAY REMOVE YOUR BLINDFOLDS NOW... YOU'RE IN THE BATCAVE! THIS IS OUR CRIME LAB... YOU'LL NOTE ROBIN AND I HAVE BEEN TESTING SOME NEW EQUIPMENT!

A POWERFUL NEW SOUND AMPLIFIER, FOR INSTANCE, IT CAN DO WONDERS...



## BATMAN

HERE'S OUR HALL OF TROPHIES. IT CONTAINS SOUVENIRS OF SOME OF GOTHAM CITY'S GREATEST CRIMES...

AND A CONSTANT REMINDER TO BATMAN OF THE DANGERS HE'S FACED. ONE OF THE REASONS YOU'RE ALL HERE TONIGHT!

THEN, SOON AFTER...

FIRST THINGS FIRST! YOU'LL HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO OPERATE THE BATPLANE AND THE BATMOBILE!

RIGHT NOW WE'VE REMOVED THE TOP SECRET DEVICES OF BOTH MACHINES. YOU'LL LEARN ABOUT THEM AS A GRADUATION PRESENT!



AND, AS TIME PASSES...

NO, BLAKELY! BEFORE YOU USE THE UTILITY BELT'S GAS PELLETS, ALWAYS MAKE SURE YOU'VE INSERTED THE FILTERS IN YOUR NOSE!

?COUGH?  
?COUGH?

THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE POISON GAS HISSING UP AT YOU, FELLS! YOU SHOULD HAVE LEANED OVER AND GRABBED THAT CANDLE WITH YOUR TEETH. THEN, BY TWISTING YOUR HEAD TO THE RIGHT SPOT, YOU COULD HAVE DROPPED WAX DRIPPINGS INTO THE HOLE AND CLOSED IT UP!

YOU'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER, OLSON! GETTING YOUR BATMAN UNIFORM ON SHOULD BE A MATTER OF JUST A FEW SECONDS!

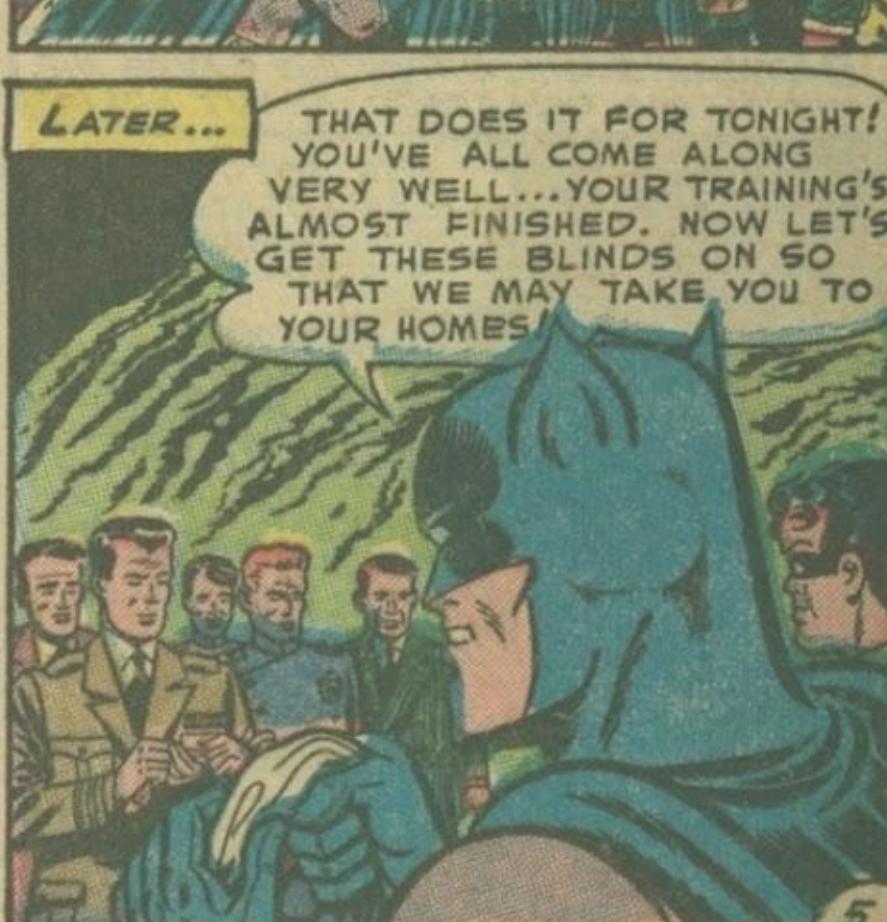
AND, AS THE PROSPECTIVE BATMEN STUDY FURTHER IN THE CRIME LAB...

DID YOU HEAR THAT "CLICK", BATMAN?

YES! HMM... WHERE HAVE I HEARD A "CLICK" LIKE THAT BEFORE ???

LATER...

THAT DOES IT FOR TONIGHT! YOU'VE ALL COME ALONG VERY WELL... YOUR TRAINING'S ALMOST FINISHED. NOW LET'S GET THESE BLINDS ON SO THAT WE MAY TAKE YOU TO YOUR HOMES!



NEXT EVENING, IN THE HOME OF MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

OH, WELL! TIME FOR US TO GET READY FOR ANOTHER BATMAN- CONDUCTED TRAINING SESSION!

YOU'RE WRONG! TIME FOR US TO GET READY AS BATMAN AND ROBIN! THERE GOES THE BAT-SIGNAL!



AND SCANT MOMENTS LATER...

BATMAN! A PAYROLL ROBBERY REPORTED AT THE ATHENS MINING CO! HURRY OVER THERE! ROBIN... YOU ROUND UP THE SECRET STAR I WANT THEM TO WATCH BATMAN IN ACTION!



SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, AS BATMAN RACES THROUGH A TUNNEL OF A COAL MINE...

THAT SPUTTERING SOUND... A FUSE! I'VE RUN INTO A TRAP!



IN THE NEXT MOMENT, AS A VIOLENT EXPLOSION RIPS THE TUNNEL!



BATMAN'S QUICK THINKING SAVES HIS LIFE... BUT THE TUNNEL HAS COLLAPSED ABOUT HIM!

I'VE GOT TO WORK FAST! ROBIN CAN LOCATE ME BY USING A DIRECTIONAL FINDER ON THE SIGNALS FROM MY BELT-RADIO!

BATMAN TO ROBIN! BATMAN TO ROBIN! COME IN, ROBIN!



MEANWHILE...

NICE GOIN', SUGAR! THAT BLAST TOOK CARE OF BATMAN... BUT GOOD!

YES! HA-HA! AND I'M SURE I'M GOING TO LIKE MY NEW BATMAN MUCH MORE! COME ON, DALY... WE'RE OFF TO PHILLY TO ROUND UP A NEW GANG! THEN WE COME BACK... AND TAKE OVER!



A HALFWHOUR LATER...

WE'VE REACHED **BATMAN!** THIS PIPE WILL BRING HIM OXYGEN, FOOD AND WATER! BUT THE SAND-HOGS SAY IT WILL TAKE **TWO DAYS** TO DIG HIM OUT!

THANK HEAVENS HE'S ALL RIGHT! HMM... TWO DAYS! THIS MIGHT BE THE TIME TO TEST OUR **SECRET STAR!** ROBIN... RADIO **BATMAN**... ASK HIM WHICH MAN HE RECOMMENDS TO TAKE OVER!

MEANWHILE, AS TED BLAKELY INVESTIGATES ON HIS OWN...

SNIFF! SNIFF!

CARAMEL!  
I WONDER...?

A MOMENT LATER...

COME ON, BLAKELY... WE'VE GOT TO GET OUR SIGNALS STRAIGHT! YOU'RE TAKING OVER AS **BATMAN** FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS!

ME???

THIS IS TOO SOON!  
I HADN'T FIGURED ON IT!

YOU'LL ANSWER THE **BAT-SIGNAL**! I'LL MEET YOU EACH TIME AT HEADQUARTERS. AT ALL OTHER TIMES, KEEP YOUR BELT RADIO HANDY! IN THAT WAY, I CAN ALWAYS KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU! COME ALONG NOW AND PICK UP YOUR UNIFORM...

THEN, LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

SO **BATMAN** RECOMMENDED BLAKELY TO TAKE HIS PLACE BECAUSE HE'S SUSPICIOUS OF HIM ?? AND WANTS TO GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO EITHER PROVE HIMSELF... OR PROVE HIMSELF A FRAUD?

YES, YOU SEE... TONIGHT **BATMAN** FINALLY PLACED A SOUND WE HEARD IN THE **BATCAVE**. A "CLICK"! IT WAS THE CLICK OF A CAMERA SHUTTER! AGAINST ORDERS, BLAKELY WAS SECRETLY TAKING PICTURES OF THE CRIME LAB!

WE HEARD THE "CLICK" ONLY BECAUSE BLAKELY WAS STANDING RIGHT NEXT TO OUR NEW AMPLIFIER! **BATMAN** FEELS THAT IF BLAKELY CAN VIOLATE ONE TRUST, HE CAN VIOLATE OTHERS! WE'LL SOON SEE!



AND SCARCELY AN HOUR LATER!

TWO SHORT FLASHES OF THE  
**BAT-SIGNAL**... AND THEN A  
LONG ONE! MY SIGNAL, ALL  
RIGHT! I'VE GOT TO RUSH  
TO HEADQUARTERS!

SOON AFTER, AS THE NEW **BATMAN** JOINS **ROBIN**  
AND BOTH SET FORTH AGAINST CRIME!

THERE IT IS!  
COMMISSIONER  
GORDON SAID  
CROOKS WERE  
ATTEMPTING  
TO STEAL  
**INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS**  
FROM THE  
EXHIBIT!

HE SEEMS  
EAGER FOR THE  
FRAY... I WONDER  
WHAT HE'LL  
DO?

**UNITED BUS  
MACHINES  
EXHIBIT**

CURRENTLY  
SHOWING  
IN MAIN  
EXHIBIT

IN THE  
NEXT  
MINUTE...

**INDUSTRIAL  
DIAMOND  
EXHIBIT**

UNITED BUSINESS MACHINES

**BATMAN!**  
WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING? YOU'RE  
BLOCKING ME  
FROM THOSE  
CROOKS!

I SLIPPED!  
I ATTEMPTED  
TO LEAP AT THEM,  
AND MY FOOT  
MUST HAVE HIT  
SOME **MACHINE OIL**  
ON THE  
FLOOR!

BUT, AS **ROBIN** QUICKLY RECOVERS...

BLAKELY'S "SLIP" WAS  
PHONY! HE WAS LETTING  
THE CROOKS GET  
AWAY! LUCKY FOR  
ME THEY RAN  
PAST THIS  
CASH  
REGISTER!

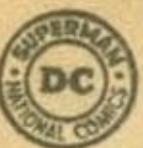
**BING**



I'M COMING,  
**ROBIN**...  
I'M COMING!

AND, IN THE LATE PAPERS...

**GLOBE  
MINE TELE-NEWS**  
**PLAPSES BATMAN**  
**BATMAN ACCIDENT FORCES GORDON'S HAND**  
EXISTENCE OF "SECRET STAR" REVEALED  
A POOL OF FIVE SUBS  
TO BE CALLED ON BY  
**GOTHAM FIRST SUBSTANTIAL DISMAL SHOWING**  
**ROBIN SAVES DAY AT BUSINESS MACHINES WHEN CROOKS ELUDE HUMSY NEW BATMAN**



# BATMAN



NEXT DAY, AS THE NEW BATMAN IS AGAIN CALLED INTO ACTION...

THEY CAN'T GET AWAY...WE'RE CATCHING THEM!

THE OVERDRIVE! SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO IT! ROBIN!

AND AS THE BATMOBILE SCREECHES TO A STOP...

THESE CONTROLS! THEY'RE TOO TRICKY FOR ME TO MASTER! PLEASE BE PATIENT...I NEED MORE PRACTICE!



LATER, IN YET ANOTHER TUSSLE, WITH THE UNDERWORLD...

MUSIC



THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE!

SWIFTLY, ROBIN UNLEASHES HIS BATARANG... WHICH SAILS ACROSS THE SHOWROOM TOWARD THE CONTROLS OF THE GIANT RECORD PLAYER...

WOW! YOUR BATARANG STARTED THE RECORD-PLAYER AND THE CROOKS DROPPED DOWN WITH THE RECORD! THAT WAS FAST THINKING!

HE SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF IT, TOO! AND FOR ALL I KNOW, HE DID!

THERE THEY GO! WE'LL NEVER GET TO THEM BEFORE THEY REACH THAT WINDOW!

SUDDENLY, THE COMMISSIONER'S PHONE JANGLES SHRILLY! AND THEN...

LATER, AT HEADQUARTERS...

I'VE SEEN ENOUGH, COMMISSIONER! BLAKELY'S UP TO NO GOOD!

HMM! THE PAPERS ARE RAISING QUITE A FUSS! WELL, I'VE GOT TWO OF MY BEST MEN TAILING MR. BLAKELY... PERHAPS WE'LL LEARN SOMETHING INTERESTING!

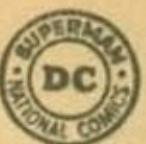
THAT WAS DONOVAN... ONE OF THE MEN FOLLOWING BLAKELY! BLAKELY WAS SPOTTED ENTERING AN ABANDONED GARAGE! AND TWO MINUTES LATER, "SUGAR" KROLER JOINED HIM!



KROLER! SO HE'S BLAKELY'S LINK TO THE UNDERWORLD! LET'S GET TO THAT GARAGE!



# BATMAN



MINUTES LATER, AS ROBIN AND POLICE CRASH INTO A JUNK-FILLED GARAGE...

WHY... WHAT IS THIS?

**CRASH**

COME ON IN,  
ROBIN: I'VE  
FINALLY CAUGHT  
YOU SOME  
BIG GAME!

THEN, AS BLAKELY'S FANTASTIC LIFE-STORY IS REVEALED...

BUT I ALWAYS BALKED AT MURDER! WHEN KROLER DOUBLECROSSED ME AND ATTEMPTED TO KILL BATMAN, I MADE UP MY MIND TO BRING HIM IN AND END ALL THIS!

BUT HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT KROHLER'S ATTEMPT ON BATMAN?

THE ODOR OF CARAMEL AT THE MINE! BURNED SUGAR HAS THAT SMELL... WHEN I THOUGHT OF SUGAR, I THOUGHT OF KROLER! IN HIS APARTMENT I FOUND CONFIRMATION... COAL DUST AND EXPLOSIVES! I ALSO LEARNED HE'D GONE TO PHILLY TO ROUND UP A GANG!

AND SO, AS BATMAN, YOU PLAYED POSSUM... PURPOSELY BLUNDERING TO MAKE KROLER THINK YOU WERE STILL CROOKED, UNTIL HE RETURNED AND YOU COULD GRAB HIM!

AND NEXT DAY, FURTHER REJOICING... AS THE ONE AND ONLY BATMAN IS FINALLY RESCUED FROM THE CAVE-IN...

QUITE AN ADVENTURE, ROBIN! BLAKELY WILL HAVE TO STAND TRIAL, OF COURSE, BUT I HAVE A FEELING THE COURTS WILL BE LENIENT!

AND MY SECRET STAR IS STILL A GOOD IDEA... WITH ANOTHER MAN TO REPLACE BLAKELY! BUT TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH... I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO USE IT!

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**The END**

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MAN'S TRYING TO  
WRECK A TRAIN!

I'LL FLAG DOWN THE  
FREIGHT. SURE GLAD  
JIM WISE TOLD US  
ABOUT "P-F'S"

AND I'LL CALL  
THE STATE  
TROOPERS!

JIM WISE TELLS WHY "P-F" CANVAS  
SHOES HELP YOU GO FULL  
SPEED LONGER!

THIS RED SHIRT  
MAKES A GOOD  
STOP SIGNAL...  
I HOPE!

1. THE IMPORTANT  
"P-F" RIGID WEDGE  
HELPS KEEP THE  
WEIGHT OF THE  
BODY ON THE  
OUTSIDE OF  
THE NORMAL FOOT...DECREASING  
FOOT AND LEG MUSCLE  
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SHIPMENT!

AND HELPED  
CAPTURE A  
DANGEROUS  
FOREIGN  
AGENT

OUR "P-F'S"  
HELPED US  
GO FULL  
SPEED!

TAKE A TIP FROM JIM WISE!

GET YOUR "P-F" CANVAS  
SHOES TODAY AND SEE  
FOR YOURSELF HOW THEY HELP:  
...LESSEN FOOT AND  
LEG MUSCLE STRAIN  
...INCREASE ENDURANCE  
...YOU GO FULL SPEED  
LONGER





# BATMAN



# CASEY! THE COP

HENRY  
BOLTMANOFF



SARGE, THIS IS CASEY. GET THE FIRE DEPARTMENT - QUICK! THERE'S A BIG FIRE DOWNTOWN!

IT'S THAT NEW CIGARETTE FACTORY!



HOW DO YOU KNOW IT'S THE CIGARETTE FACTORY? IT'S WAY OUT OF YOUR DISTRICT!

BECAUSE THE SMOKE IS COMING OUT IN SMOKE RINGS!



The END

# Shortchanging Swindlers



**Police Are Cracking Down on These Hoodlums,  
Whose Annual Yield is \$100,000,000**

**G**O through any police blotter in any city you select, and you'll soon discover that the number of convictions never lags very far behind the number of actual crimes committed. Today, law enforcement agencies are ridding the country of most of its big-time hoodlums and racketeers.

But there is one type of criminal against whom the wheels of justice grind a great deal more slowly—the shortchange hoodlum. For one thing, the shortchange crook operates on such a small scale that even when he is caught, an honest but foolish employer or store owner rarely bothers to make a complaint.

Did we say he operates on a small scale? Perhaps, individually. But the national take by shortchange artists exceeds \$100,000,000!

But before we get too deeply into this examination, let us first remind you that the average, typical employee is honest. Otherwise, this country would have been owned outright by the petty thieves long ago!

The most common form of shortchanging, of course, occurs in a store or theatre. Different techniques are used in both cases, but the psychology

underlying both is the same. Both trade heavily on the average person's weaknesses and common decency.

Imagine yourself at the head of a line of customers at the cashier's cage. You know there are people behind you who are anxious to get their parcels checked and paid for, and get home. This tension builds up within you, and makes you a perfect set-up for a fast-talking cashier who keeps up his incessant chatter while giving you a fast count.

The cashier knows that, nine times out of ten, you won't hold up the line to count your change. That was one of the reasons why he gave you your change in small bills and coins. If you're like the majority of people, you'll simply pocket the money, and rush off.

Meanwhile, the dishonest cashier has mulcted you out of a dollar or a few cents. Small stuff? Maybe, but he's done the same thing to the man behind you, and the customer behind him. It adds up.

Shrewd operators never pocket the money thus stolen—not at once. After all, you might be a private detective, and the bill you handed him might be

marked. Therefore, he waits until his lunch hour, or to the end of the day's business before collecting his take.

Crooked cashiers in movie houses use a variation of this. They take advantage of the fact that it is impossible to build a cashier's booth without small areas which the individual customer can't see. These are known in the trade as "blind spots."

The cashier counts out your correct change, but leaves one coin, usually a quarter or half a dollar, on the blind spot. You scoop up your change, leaving the blind-spotted coin where it is.

The cashier doesn't pocket this right away. He takes no chances. After all, you might count your change in the lobby and come tearing back to demand the missing coin. In that case, he gives you a look of utmost disdain and points scornfully to the coin.

You spot the missing piece of silver, pocket it, and, feeling foolish, slink away. But most people, according to the police, don't count their change. They simply pocket what they see and walk right in. The cashier waits until he's fairly certain you're already seated and immersed in the movie before he claims the coin.

As we pointed out before, not all cashiers are crooked, and in a recent case, it was a theatre cashier's honesty which brought her immediate employer, the theatre manager, to the attention of the police.

In this case, the manager was robbing the theatre owners, not the customers. Theatres, as you know, rarely refuse to refund the purchase price of an admission ticket. What this theatre manager did was to relieve the ticket taker at least twice a day, and later present two or three tickets to the cashier

for refunds. Of course, he pocketed the money while the original holders of the tickets were enjoying the movie inside.

The cashier became suspicious when the greedy manager upped his refund requests to about seven or eight on the first evening of a new film for which long lines had formed to get in. She figured, correctly, that people who wait in line to get into a movie aren't that anxious to get out—at least, not seven or eight at a time!

Shortchange crooks work the other side of the counter, too. The neatest trick in this category requires two hoods working together. Here is how this one works.

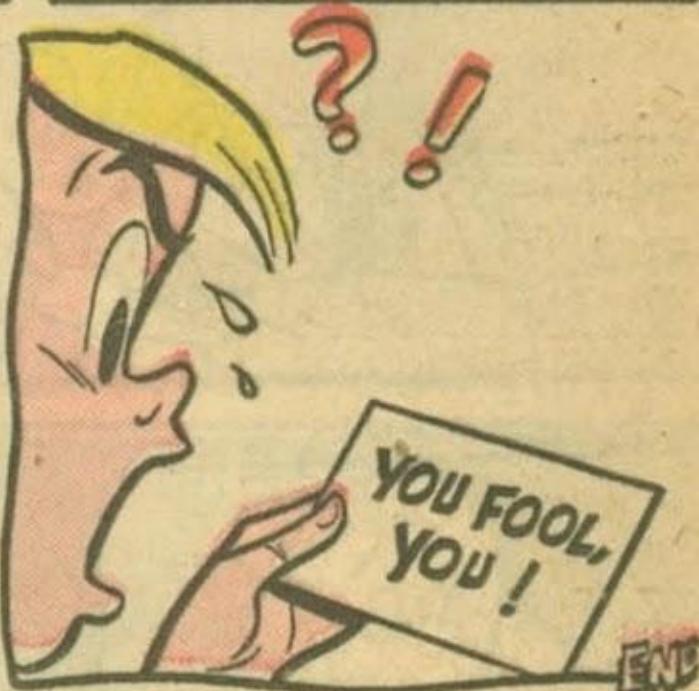
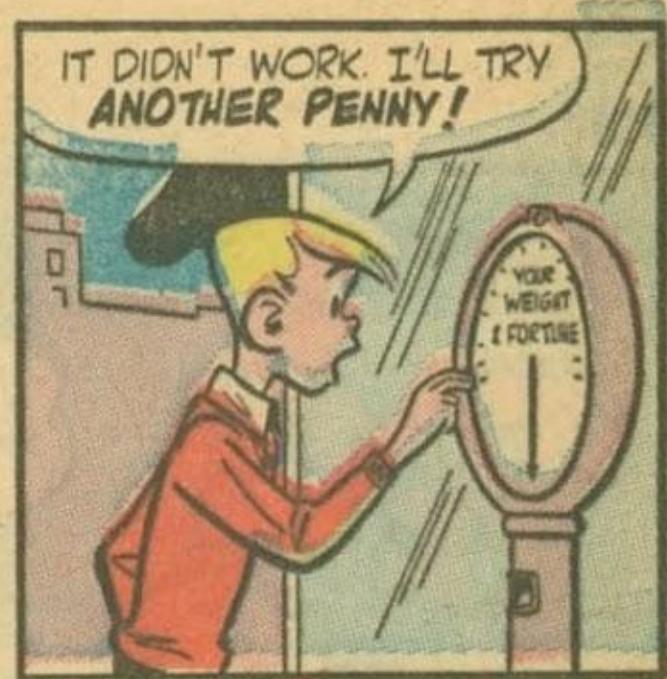
Crook No. 1 enters a drug store, purchases a bottle of aspirin, and hands the clerk a \$20 bill. Later, his collaborator enters and he, too, make a small purchase, paying for it with a \$1 bill.

Half an hour later, the second customer-crook rushes back into the store and hysterically claims that the clerk did not give him the correct change for the \$20 bill he had handed him. What's more, the customer can prove what he's saying, because he had written a phone number on the \$20 he had given him.

The clerk opens the register, and sure enough, there it is—the correct phone number boldly written on one face of the large bill. The clerk, you can be sure, is happy to make restitution, thereby losing over \$19.

What can you do about these short-change sharpies? Police say they can be stopped cold if you:

1. Always count your change after being certain of the exact denomination you handed the cashier, and
2. Report anything suspicious to your police agency.



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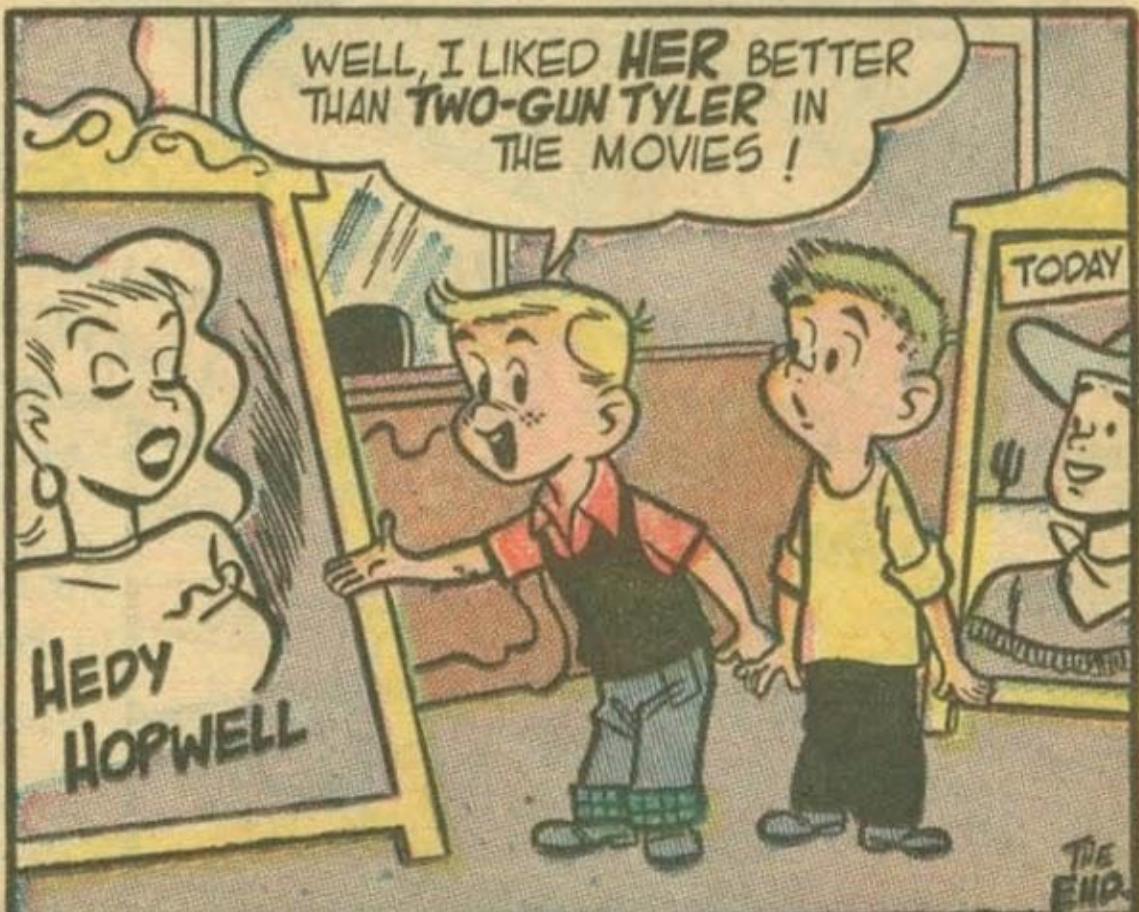
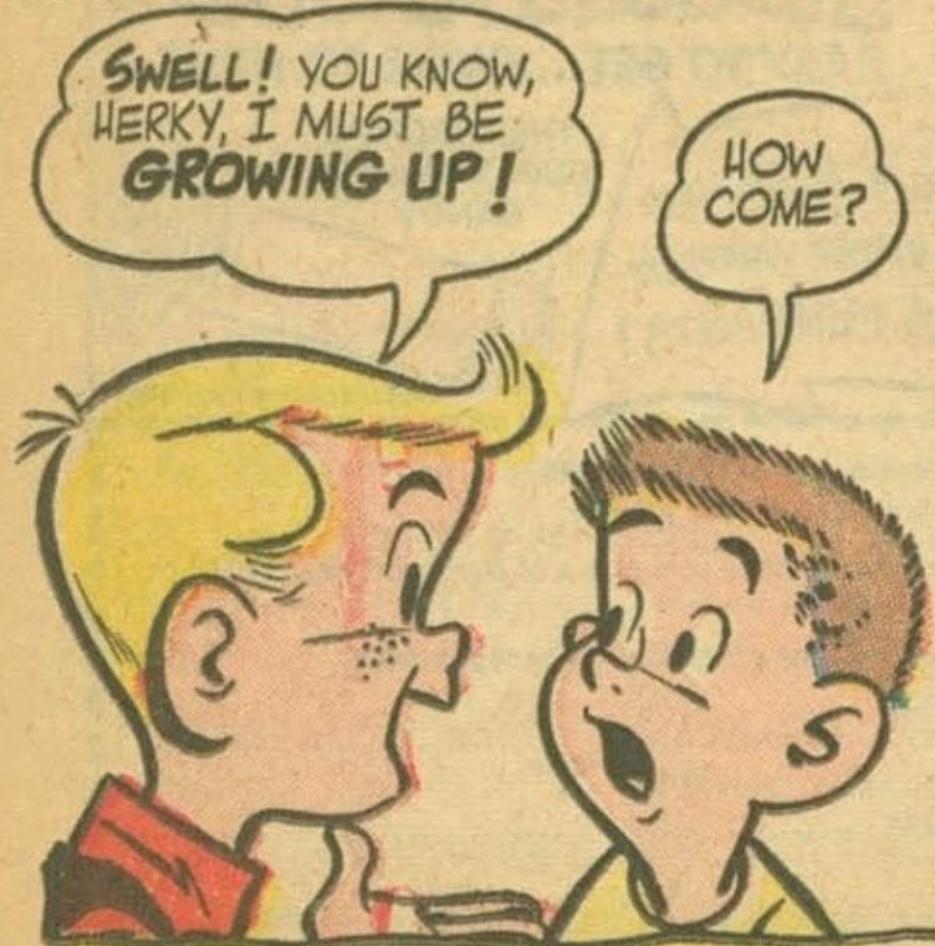
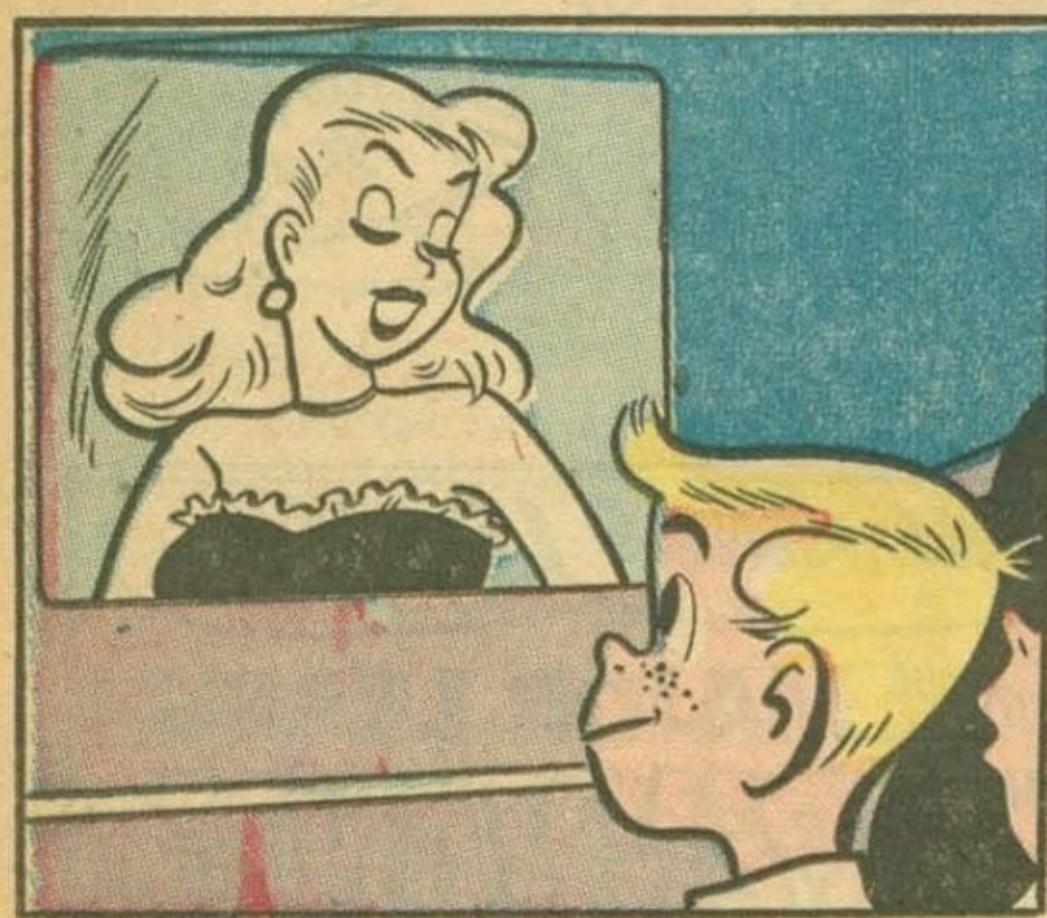
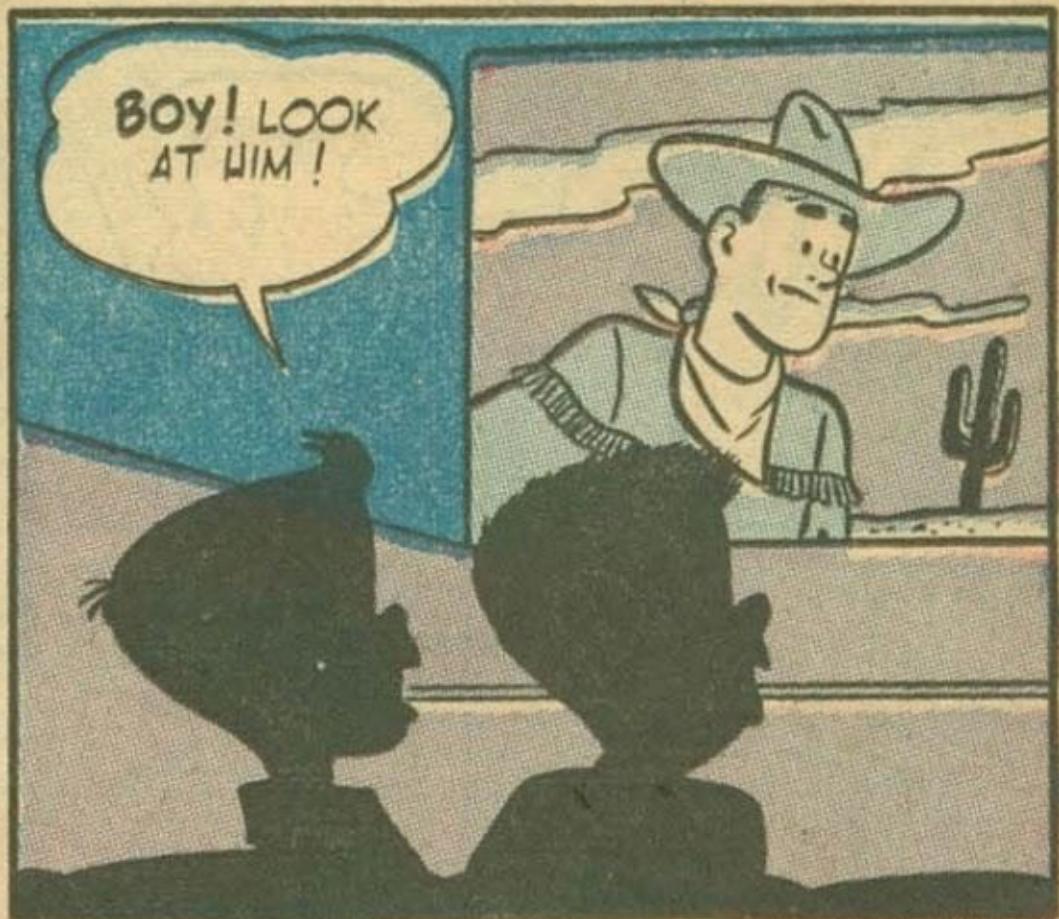
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Void where restricted. Hurry, Murry, offer limited to present supply.



# BATMAN





BATMAN



# BATMAN

WITH  
**ROBIN**  
-THE BOY WONDER-

NO CASE HAS EVER BEEN TOO BIG FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN. THEY HAVE SAFEGUARDED THE GOLD AT FORT KNOX... PROTECTED THE LIVES OF KINGS AND PRESIDENTS... PUT NOTORIOUS PUBLIC ENEMIES BEHIND PRISON BARS. BUT NOW THEY ARE DEMOTED TO SOME OF THE MOST UNIMPORTANT CASES OF THEIR CAREERS.  
IT HAPPENS WHEN...

"BATMAN POUNDS A BEAT!"

THERE GO THE MYSTERY MOBSTERS, BATMAN!

WE CAN'T FOLLOW THEM-- OUR JOB IS TO CATCH THOSE JAYWALKERS!

BOB KANE

NO JAY-WALKING RD.





# BATMAN



NIGHT IN GOTHAM CITY, AND AS TWO EERIE FIGURES PATROL THE BUSINESS DISTRICT, OMINOUS SOUNDS STIR THEM INTO ACTION.

THAT EXPLOSION AND THE ALARM-BELL--SOMEONE'S BLASTED A SAFE!

LIKE HUMAN PENDULUMS, THE TWO SHADOWY SHAPES THAT ARE BATMAN AND ROBIN SWOOP DOWN ON THEIR SILKEN CORDS...

SO, IT'S "DANCER" KERN AND HIS EX-CON PALS! YOU'LL BE GOING RIGHT BACK TO THE PEN FOR THIS SAFE-CRACKING JOB!

WE'VE DONE NOTHING. YOU CAN FRISK US!

IT CAME FROM THE GOSS BUILDING, BATMAN!

THAT SEARCH REVEALS NOTHING! AND SOON, IN THE LOOTED OFFICE OF THE GOTHAM DENTAL SUPPLY CO. . . .

THE COMPANY'S ENTIRE SUPPLY OF RAW GOLD, USED IN DENTAL WORK, WAS TAKEN. IT'S NOT IN THE BUILDING, FOR WE'VE SEARCHED EVERY INCH OF IT! SO WE'LL HAVE TO LET THESE MEN GO!

THANKS, COMMISSIONER GORDON! WE'LL BE LEAVING YOU NOW!

HMM... WE KNOW THEY PULLED THIS JOB! IF WE COULD ONLY FIGURE OUT HOW THEY DISPOSED OF THE LOOT!

YES, BATMAN. BUT WITHOUT EVIDENCE, WE CAN'T ARREST THEM! THAT'S YOUR JOB! I CAN'T HELP BECAUSE I HAVE TO GO TO THE BIG POLICE CONVENTION ON THE COAST!



CAPTAIN HARBY WILL BE ACTING COMMISSIONER WHILE I'M GONE, BATMAN!

GLAD TO MEET YOU, CAPTAIN HARBY! ROBIN AND I WILL SEARCH THE BUILDING AGAIN--THAT GOLD WAS TOO HEAVY TO HAVE BEEN RID OF EASILY. IT MUST BE HIDDEN HERE SOMEWHERE!

BUT ANOTHER SEARCH ONLY DEEPENS THE MYSTERY!

IT JUST ISN'T THERE, SO IT WAS SMUGGLED OUT SOME WAY--BUT HOW? WE'LL KEEP ON IT, CAPTAIN HARBY--AND I HOPE YOU'LL CALL US IF ANYTHING BREAKS!

YES, I'LL CALL YOU, BATMAN! I'LL CALL YOU AND ROBIN FOR JOBS YOU NEVER DREAMED OF!



WHAT UNHEARD-OF MISSIONS HAS CAPTAIN HARBY PLANNED FOR THE DUO, AND WHY? FOR THE ANSWER TO THAT, LET US STUDY HARBY'S BACKGROUND!

# BATMAN



YEARS BEFORE **BATMAN** APPEARED IN GOTHAM CITY, TOM HARBY WON A PLACE ON THE POLICE FORCE AS A YOUNG ROOKIE OFFICER...

THAT'S THE ONE WHO BROKE MY WINDOW, OFFICER HARBY!

HE'LL BE MADE TO PAY FOR IT!

THESE PETTY, EVERYDAY JOBS ARE PRETTY DULL -- BUT SOME-DAY I'LL BE A FAMOUS MAN ON THE FORCE!

*Tonite*



BUT THE YEARS SPED BY, AND OFFICER HARBY'S DREAM OF FAME WAS NOT TO BE REALIZED! FOR, WHENEVER HE HAD A CHANCE TO WIN GLORY...

COMMISSIONER,  
I'VE FINALLY  
CAUGHT ONE  
OF THE CAR-  
THIEF GANG!

TELL ME LATER, HARBY--  
**BATMAN** HAS JUST ROUNDED  
UP THE WHOLE HOT-CAR  
MOB!



AND AGAIN, BY AN UNHAPPY COINCIDENCE...

THIS ENDS YOUR BURGLARIES --  
AND I'LL GET PLENTY OF HEAD-LINES  
FOR SOLVING THIS CASE!

YOU THINK SO? LOOK  
WHAT **BATMAN** AND  
**ROBIN** HAVE DONE!  
THEY'VE SHOVED YOU  
OFF THE FRONT PAGE!



ALWAYS, THROUGH THE YEARS, IRONIC FATE HAS CAUSED THE BEST EFFORTS OF OFFICER HARBY TO BE OVERSHADOWED BY THE FEATS OF THE DYNAMIC DUO! AND NOW THAT HE HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN...

FLASH  
THE  
BAT-SIGNAL!  
NOW THAT I'M ACTING COM-MISSIONER, I'LL GIVE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** A LESSON IN WHAT POLICE WORK IS REALLY LIKE!



THE EERIE SIGNAL FLASHES IN THE SKY -- AND WEALTHY PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, PREPARE TO ANSWER IT AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

LOOK, BRUCE -- THE  
**BAT-SIGNAL**!  
SOMETHING MAY  
HAVE BROKEN  
ALREADY!

QUICK--  
WE'LL SOON  
FIND OUT!

MINUTES LATER, IN HARBY'S OFFICE, THE TWO CRIME-CRUSHERS RECEIVE THE STRANGEST ORDER OF THEIR CAREER...

YES, I HAVE A JOB FOR YOU! MORRIS' FRUIT STAND ON EIGHTH AVENUE HAS BEEN HAVING APPLES STOLEN LATELY! INVESTIGATE THIS THEFT AT ONCE!

I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND,  
CAPTAIN HARBY!  
IS THIS A  
JOKE?

HUH?  
**APPLES**!



# BATMAN

OF COURSE NOT! EVERY COP HAS JOBS LIKE THAT ON HIS BEAT EVERY DAY! IF YOU TWO WON'T DO REGULAR POLICE WORK, I'LL KNOW YOU'RE ONLY GLORY-SEEKERS--AND YOUR STATUS WITH THIS DEPARTMENT IS OVER!

HOLD IT, ROBIN! THERE'S SOME JUSTICE IN WHAT HE SAYS! ALL RIGHT, CAPTAIN, WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO SOLVE THIS--ER--CRIME!

WHY-

PRESENTLY, THE FAMED MANHUNTERS GO ABOUT SOLVING THE SMALL CRIME WITH THE SAME INGENUITY THEY APPLY TO A GREAT ONE.'

THIS CONCEALED

ELECTRONIC-EYE CAMERA WILL TAKE HIS PICTURE NEXT TIME HE DOES IT. IF WE SHOW IT TO HIS PARENTS, I'M SURE THEY'LL PUNISH HIM.'

THE NEXT "MISSION" ASSIGNED TO BATMAN AND ROBIN BY HARBY IS AT LEAST A LOFTIER ONE!

TO THINK HE'D SEND US TO RESCUE A SCARED CAT PERCHED ATOP A FLAGPOLE!

BUT THE TRIVIAL JOBS KEEP COMING THEIR WAY. THE NEXT DAY...

I'VE HAD TO TAKE MEN OFF THE TRAFFIC DETAIL TO HELP SOLVE THAT RECENT GOLD ROBBERY, AND NOW WE'RE GETTING TOO MUCH ILLEGAL PARKING! SO YOU TWO TAKE CARE OF IT!

YES, SIR! COME ON, ROBIN!

WELL, EVERY POLICEMAN WHO POUNDS A BEAT DOES HAVE JOBS LIKE THIS EVERY DAY! LET'S BE GOOD SPORTS ABOUT TAKING THESE DUTIES IN OUR STRIDE! HE'S BOUND TO GIVE US A BIG JOB SOON!

BUT WE SHOULD BE WORKING ON THAT ROBBERY, INSTEAD OF HANDING OUT TICKETS FOR ILLEGAL PARKING! HARBY'S JUST GOT IT IN FOR US!

IT'S OUR ASSIGNMENT, ROBIN--AND MAYBE WE CAN DO BOTH JOBS WITHOUT DISOBEDIING ORDERS! I GOT "DANCER" KERN'S AUTO LICENSE NUMBER AND WE'LL KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR HIS CAR!

AND SOON, IN AN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT...

IT'S "DANCER'S" CAR AND IT'S PARKED MORE THAN 12 INCHES OUT FROM THE CURB, WHICH IS ILLEGAL! SO WE'LL BE PERFORMING OUR ASSIGNED DUTY BY FINDING HIM TO GIVE A TICKET TO HIM!

BUT WHAT WOULD "DANCER'S" CAR BE DOING IN THIS FACTORY DISTRICT?

# BATMAN



# BOING BOING

THAT'S A BURGLAR-ALARM--  
AND IT'S FROM  
THE NEW AIR-  
CRAFT RESEARCH  
CENTER!

AND THAT  
PLACE HAS VALUABLE  
PLANS AND MODELS  
IN IT! COME ON--IF WE  
CATCH "DANCER" IN  
THERE, WE'LL GIVE HIM  
MORE THAN A PARKING  
TICKET!

IN THE GREAT NEW CENTER OF  
AIRCRAFT RESEARCH...

BUT THEY'RE NOT  
HERE NOW, UNLESS  
THEY'RE HIDING!

THIEVES HAVE  
BEEN HERE AND HAVE  
GRABBED THE BIG  
MODEL OF THAT  
VALUABLE BIG  
PLANE!

PILOT-TESTING  
CENTRIFUGE

TOP SECRET  
EXPERIMENTAL  
MODEL 77

A GRIM SEARCH BEGINS...

THEY'RE NOT  
HERE IN THE  
WIND-TUNNEL!

WE'VE LOOKED  
EVERWHERE BUT IN  
THIS BIG PILOT-TESTING  
CENTRIFUGE--WE'LL  
TRY THAT!

THE HUGE CENTRIFUGE, WHICH TESTS THE EFFECTS OF  
SPEED AND PRESSURE ON PILOTS BY WHIRLING  
THEM AROUND AT TREMENDOUS SPEED, IS A  
STRANGE, SILENT PLACE!

NO, THERE'S  
NO ONE IN  
HERE, SO--

BATMAN,  
THE DOOR!

SLAM!

OUTSIDE, AN UNSEEN HAND CLICKS A  
SWITCH, AND AS MIGHTY MOTORS  
BEGIN TO DRONE...

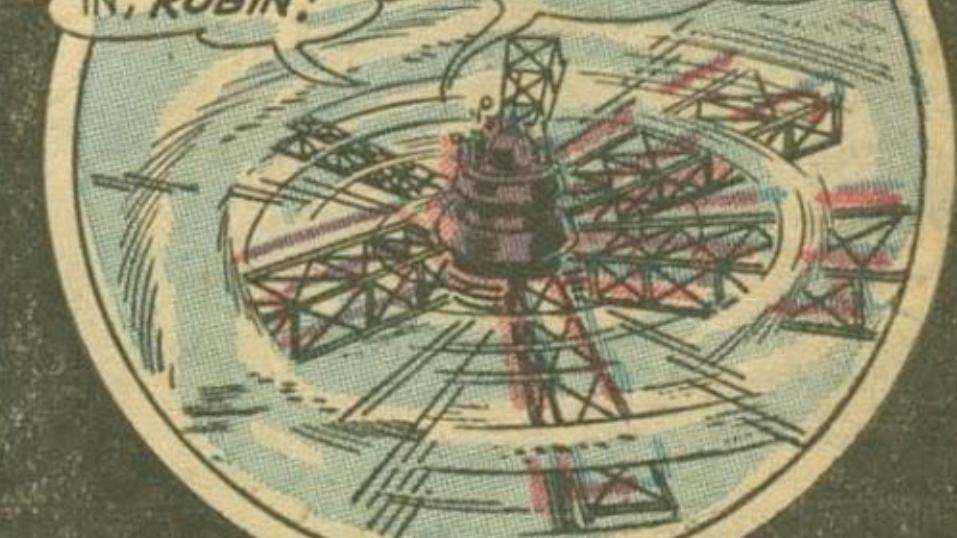
FASTER AND FASTER WHIRLS THE DEVICE THAT CAN  
SIMULATE THE EFFECTS OF SUPER-SONIC SPEEDS!

IT'S  
LOCKED  
OUTSIDE.

AND WHOEVER DID IT  
HAS STARTED THE CENTRIFUGE!  
QUICK, GET ONTO THAT  
WHIRLING BEAM BEFORE  
IT CRUSHES US!

IT'LL THROW US OFF  
AS ITS SPEED MOUNTS!  
GET INTO THE SEAT  
AND STRAP YOURSELF.  
IN, ROBIN!

AND LET YOU GET  
KILLED? NO--WHAT-  
EVER HAPPENS WILL  
HAPPEN TO US BOTH!



# BATMAN

CALIGHT IN THE MOST TERRIBLE OF TRAPS, HIS HEAD ROCKING FROM THE DIZZYING ACCELERATION, THE **BATMAN** CAN RESORT ONLY TO HIS INGENUITY...

I--I CAN'T HANG ON MUCH LONGER! BEING TORN LOOSE--

IT'S DEATH FOR US TO LET GO--THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE--THIS WRENCH FROM MY UTILITY BELT MAY BE ABLE TO LOOSEN THE BOLTS THAT HOLD THE SEAT ON!

THEN, AT A CAREFULLY-JUDGED INSTANT, THE STEEL SEAT IS RELEASED TO HURLE WITH TERRIFIC CENTRIFUGAL FORCE AT THE WALL!

GOT IT! THE STEEL SEAT WAS HURLED RIGHT THROUGH THE WALL AND SMASHED THE SWITCHBOARD OUTSIDE!

**CRASH**

IT CUT THE CURRENT--THE MOTORS ARE STOPPING!

BUT WITH THE BOLTS LOOSENER...

HANG ON, ROBIN--ONLY ANOTHER MINUTE! IF I RELEASE THIS STEEL SEAT AT THE RIGHT MOMENT IT MAY SAVE US! AND THE DAMAGE CAN BE EASILY REPAIRED!

WE ENTERED THE BUILDING IN THE LINE OF DUTY--TO FIND THE OWNER OF AN ILLEGALLY-PARKED CAR.

HMPH! ALL RIGHT--BUT GET BACK TO YOUR TRAFFIC DETAIL, AND KEEP A SPECIAL LOOK-OUT FOR JAYWALKERS! WE'LL HANDLE THINGS HERE!

JAYWALKERS WE'RE ASSIGNED TO NOW! AND "DANCER" GOT AWAY AGAIN!

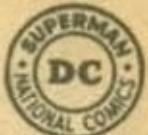
BUT I KNOW HIS ADDRESS, AND WE'VE STILL GOT TO GIVE HIM THAT PARKING TICKET!

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# BATMAN



THERE'S HIS TICKET--BUT WHAT ABOUT HIS LOOT? HE COULDN'T HAVE RISKED BEING SEEN CARRYING THAT BIG PLANE-MODEL TO HIS CAR!

NO, IF HE TOOK IT, HE CACHED IT IN THE SAME MYSTERIOUS FASHION AS THE GOLD. HM... THIS SUCTION DISC IS AN ODD THING FOR HIM TO CARRY. **ROBIN**, PUT IT IN YOUR UTILITY BELT SO THAT WE CAN EXAMINE IT LATER!



**BATMAN**, SOMEONE'S COMING OUT-- IT'S NOT ONE OF "DANCER'S" PALS! I NEVER SAW HIM BEFORE.

WE'LL FOLLOW HIM AND FIND OUT WHO HE IS! HMM... THAT SUCTION DISC GIMMICK--IT MUST MEAN SOMETHING!



SOON...

HE'S CROSSING THE STREET IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BLOCK!

THAT'S JAYWALKING-- WHICH GIVES US A PERFECT EXCUSE TO ARREST HIM!



HIS GUILTY CONSCIENCE MAKES THE CRIMINAL GIVE HIMSELF AWAY!

YOU'RE GUILTY OF BREAKING THE LAW!

**BATMAN**! SO YOU'VE FOUND ME OUT! WELL, YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME IN!



OH, NO, YOU DON'T! AND SINCE YOU'RE RESISTING AN OFFICER, WE'VE EVERY RIGHT TO HOLD YOU--FOR JAYWALKING!

JAYWALKING? I THOUGHT YOU WANTED ME--FOR--ER--NEVER MIND!



PRESENTLY, WITH THE CRIMINAL SECURELY TIED UP...

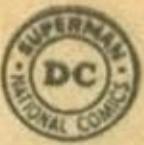
HE WON'T TALK--BUT THESE PAPERS SHOW THAT HE'S RALPH EDNEY, A PANELING CARPENTER FOR THE GRAHAM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY!

AND ACCORDING TO THESE, THE GRAHAM COMPANY BUILT THE GOSS BUILDING WHERE THE FIRST ROBBERY TOOK PLACE, AS WELL AS THE NEW AIRCRAFT RESEARCH CENTER AND THE DUPLEX LENS COMPANY'S NEW PLANT.





# BATMAN

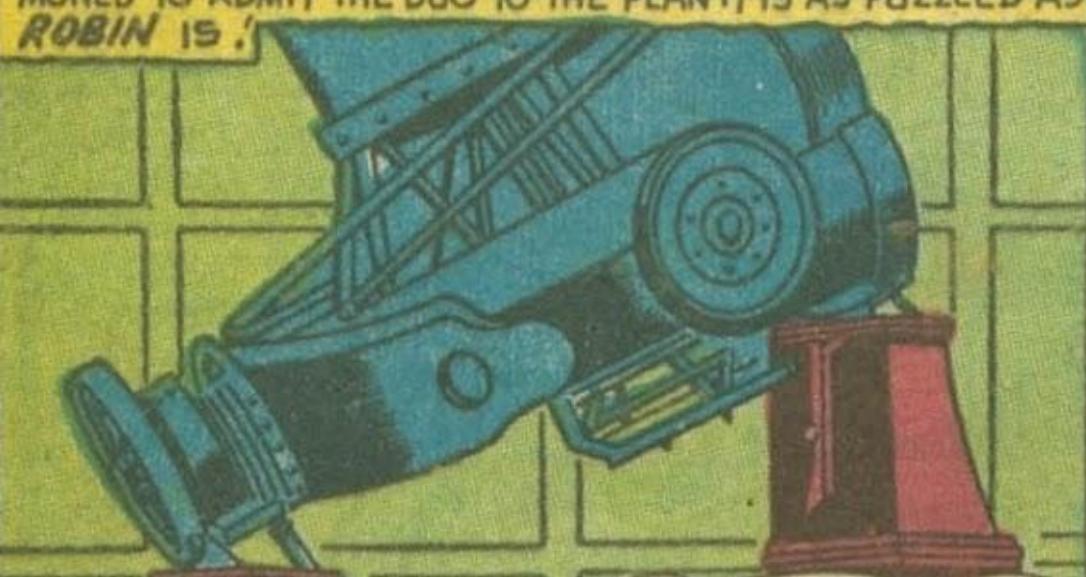


A PANELING CARPENTER WORKING IN LEAGUE WITH "DANCER"-- AND THAT SUCTION-DISC-- NOW I GET IT! **ROBIN**, WE'RE GOING SOMEWHERE.'

I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND--

BUT WHERE ARE WE GOING, **BATMAN**? THE DUPLEX LENS COMPANY'S NEW PLANT! IF I'M RIGHT, "DANCER" HAS PLANNED THE SLICEST ROBBERIES OF THE DECADE, USING THAT CARPENTER!

THE MANAGER OF THE LENS COMPANY, HASTILY SUMMONED TO ADMIT THE DUO TO THE PLANT, IS AS PUZZLED AS **ROBIN** IS!



IT'S TRUE WE MAKE VALUABLE LENSES--LIKE THAT BIG TELESCOPE MIRROR-LENS WE'RE TESTING--BUT WHO WOULD TRY TO STEAL THEM?

YOUR FIRM ALSO MAKES FINE CAMERA-LENSSES IN QUANTITY. THEY COULD BE SOLD FOR HIGH PRICES! **ROBIN**, HAND ME THAT SUCTION DISC WE FOUND IN "DANCER'S" CAR!

PRESENTLY, AS **BATMAN** TAPS ON THE PANELED WALL...

HERE IT IS, BUT WHAT--

THIS PANEL SOUNDS HOLLOW! GIVE ME THE SUCTION-DISC!



WHY ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING THAT?

A SUCTION-DISC LIKE THIS ONE IS THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN GET A GOOD GRIP ON A SMOOTH, FLAT PANEL LIKE THIS--

--TO SLIDE IT ASIDE! SEE WHAT'S BEHIND IT!

A SECRET NICHE, BUILT INTO OUR NEW BUILDING! I NEVER KNEW IT WAS THERE!





# BATMAN

NOBODY KNEW IT WAS HERE IT WAS -- EXCEPT EDNEY, WHO SECRETLY BUILT IT IN WHEN HE HELPED CONSTRUCT THIS BUILDING, AND THE CROOKS WHO BRIBED HIM TO DO IT! THEY--

BATMAN, SOMEONE'S COMING INTO THE BUILDING! QUICK! CLOSE THE PANEL!

SECONDS LATER, "DANCER" KERN AND HIS MEN ENTER TO PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON A LONG-PLANNED CRIME...

QUICK, MEN, GRAB THOSE CASES OF CAMERA-LENSSES, HIDE THEM IN THE WALL AND GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE ANYONE SHOWS UP!

I GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU, "DANCER"-- THESE DELAYED-ACTION JOBS HAVE GOT BATMAN AND THE POLICE RUNNING AROUND IN CIRCLES!



SURE, WE JUST STOW THE LENSES IN HERE AND PICK THEM UP LATER! WE'RE CLEAN, IN THE MEANTIME, AND -- BATMAN!

WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, "DANCER"!



I NEVER DID LIKE LENS-HOGS!

LESS PUNS AND MORE PUNCH, ROBIN!



PROMISE TO LET ME GO, OR I'LL SMASH THEIR BIG TELESCOPE-MIRROR!

BATMAN, THAT MIRROR IS TOO VALUABLE! WE CAN'T RISK IT--



BUT AS THE BATMAN'S HAND SURREPTITIOUSLY TOUCHES THE BUTTON THAT MOVES THE GIANT TELESCOPE...

MAYBE, BY REFLECTING THE OVERHEAD LAMPS, THE MIRROR WILL HELP YOU SEE THE LIGHT, DANCER! ROBIN, GET THAT WRENCH!

GOT IT!





# BATMAN



MOMENTS LATER...

CAPTAIN, POLICE  
REGULATIONS SAY THAT  
EVEN A TRAFFIC OFFICER  
MUST ACT WHEN HE KNOWS  
A CRIME IS BEING COMMITTED!  
COME WITH ME AND I'LL  
SHOW YOU HOW THOSE  
ROBBERIES WERE DONE!



AND IN THE AIRCRAFT RESEARCH CENTER!

"DANCER" HAD A NEW IDEA--HE STOLE VALUABLE,  
BULKY THINGS LIKE THIS MODEL, BUT DIDN'T TAKE  
THEM AWAY! HE BRIBED EDNEY TO BUILD SECRET  
HIDING PLACES IN THESE NEW BUILDINGS, AND  
SLIPPED THE LOOT INTO THEM. THUS, HE'D BE  
ABLE TO RETRIEVE IT LATER  
WITHOUT RISK!



THE SAME WITH THIS DENTAL COMPANY'S GOLD  
SUPPLY! HE COULDN'T BE CAUGHT WITH IT  
WHEN IT WAS HIDDEN IN HERE! HE  
PLANNED TO  
GET IT LATER!

AND YOU CRACKED THIS  
MYSTERY WHILE I KEPT  
YOU BUSY CARRYING  
OUT MY PETTY  
ASSIGNMENTS!



BATMAN, I'VE LEARNED  
A LESSON! I KNOW NOW  
IT WASN'T JUST OPPOR-  
TUNITY THAT MADE YOU  
GREAT--YOU MADE  
YOUR OPPORTUN-  
ITIES!

ROBIN AND I  
HAVE HAD A LESSON,  
TOO, CAPTAIN HARBY--  
WE APPRECIATE NOW  
HOW TOUGH A REGULAR  
POLICEMAN'S JOB  
CAN BE!



THE END

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THE ROTATION OF THE EARTH ON ITS AXIS MAKES .... DAY AND NIGHT !

HOW DO ANTS LIVE IN THE WINTER TIME?



MOST ANTS REST IN A STATE OF TORPOR AND REQUIRE NO FOOD !

DO TREES EVER MOVE ?



YES ! ALTHOUGH TREES CANNOT WALK THEY DO SOMETIMES MOVE A FEW FEET... AS, FOR EXAMPLE... WHEN FLOODS AND GRAVITY AFFECT THEIR SOIL SUPPORT !

WHY WAS PENNSYLVANIA CALLED "THE "KEYSTONE" STATE ?



BECAUSE OF ITS POSITION AT THE CENTER OF THE ARCH FORMED BY THE THIRTEEN ORIGINAL STATES OF WHICH PENNSYLVANIA WAS CONSIDERED AN IMPORTANT MEMBER !

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### THE MAGIC SUGAR CUBE

Have somebody mark his initials on a cube of sugar with a soft black lead pencil. Then drop the cube in a glass of water. Take his hand and hold it over the glass. When the cube has dissolved the mark will be on his hand!



### HOW TO DO THE TRICK:

While he is marking the sugar, wet your thumb. When you drop the cube in the glass, press your wet thumb on the mark. It'll come off on your thumb. While you hold his hand over the glass, press your thumb on his hand and the mark will come off on it.

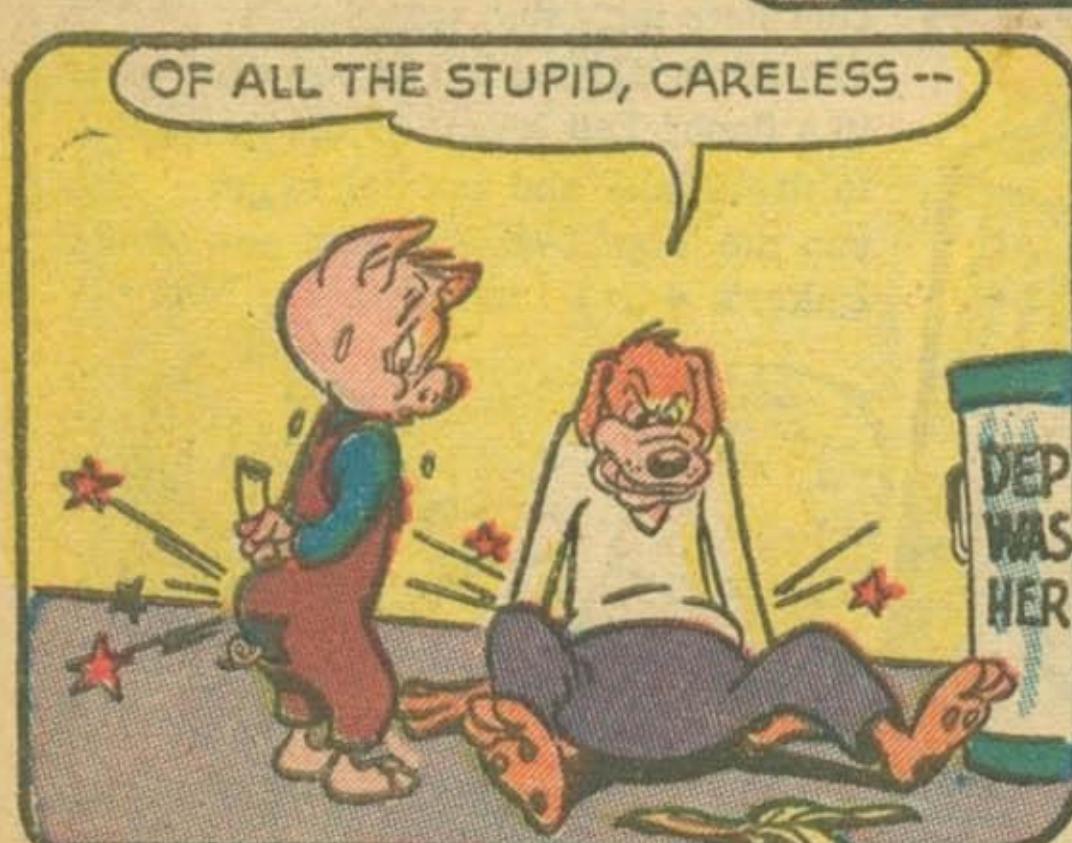
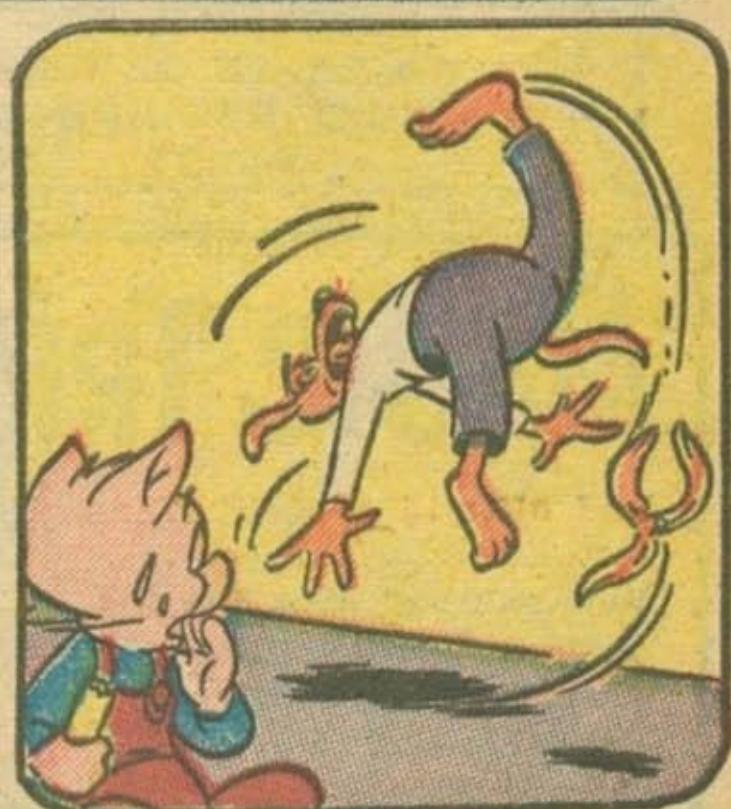
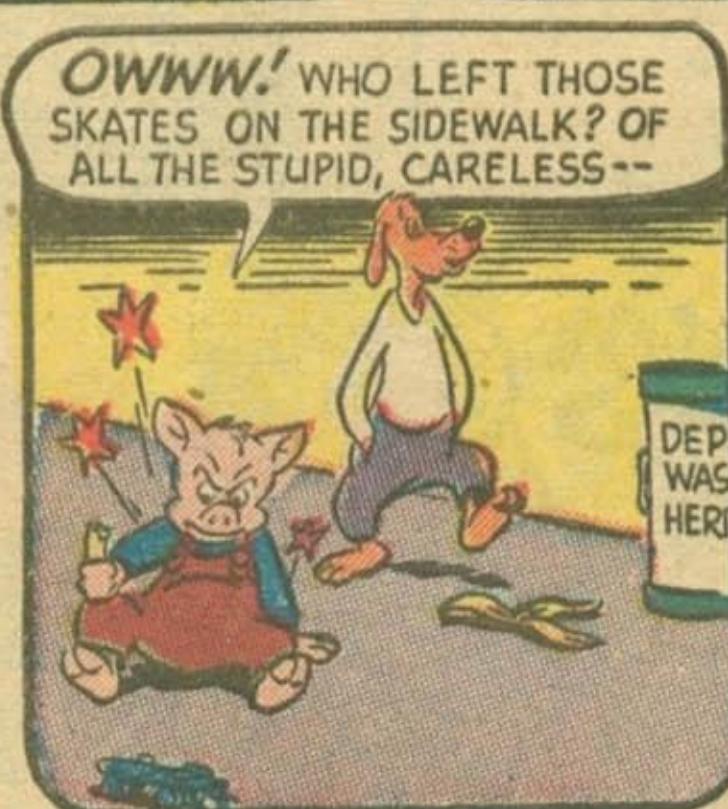
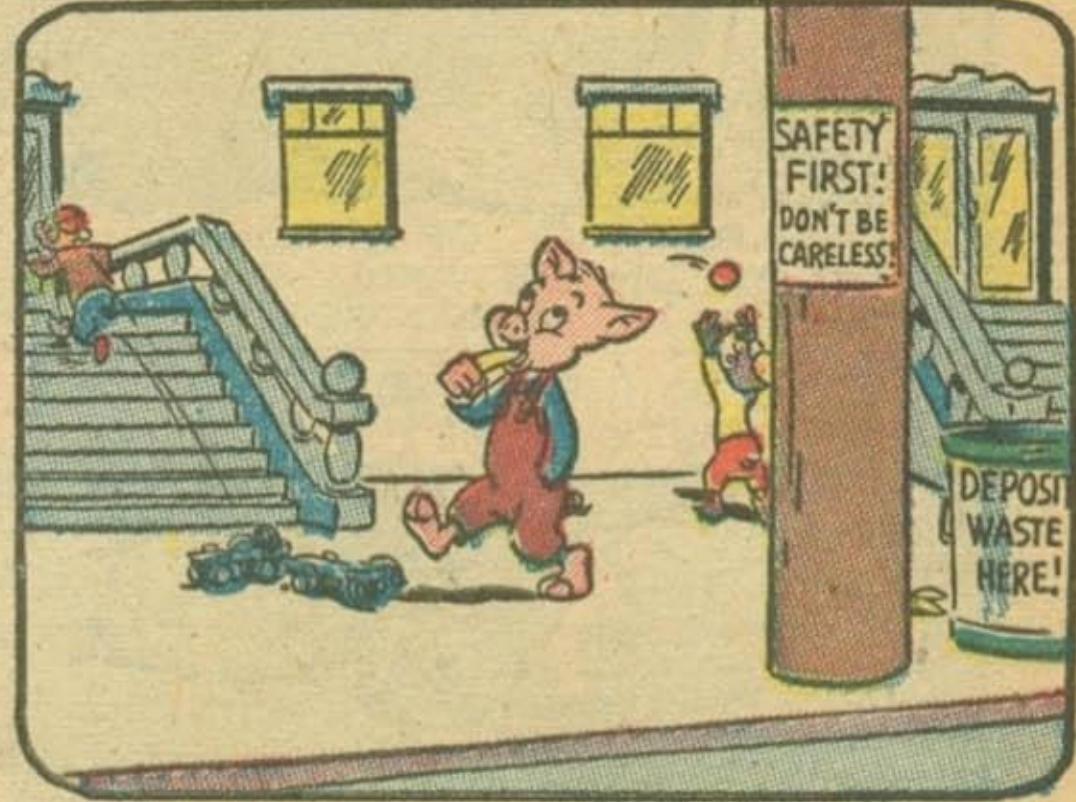
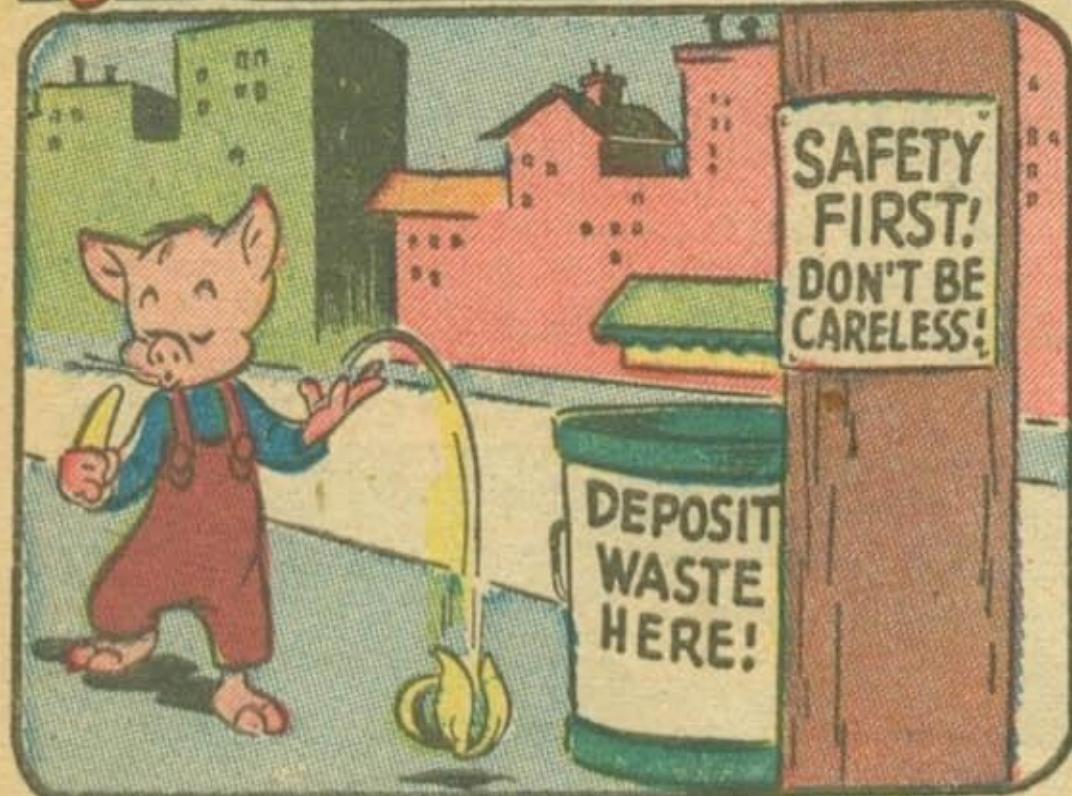
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# PETER PORKCHOPS learns "CARELESSNESS IS NO JOKE!"



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