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THERE'S MY
MURDERER,
BATMAN!

AVENGE MY
DEATH...

"WAIL
OF THE
**GHOST
BRIDE**"

PLUS

"WHILE
THE CITY
SLEEPS"

A
BATMAN
AND
ROBIN
CLASSIC



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AVENGE
MY DEATH,
BATMAN--
KILL MY
MURDERER!

CAN AN UNHOLY COMMAND FROM
BEYOND THE GRAVE COMPEL
The BATMAN

...TO BREAK HIS SOLEMN VOW
NEVER TO KILL?

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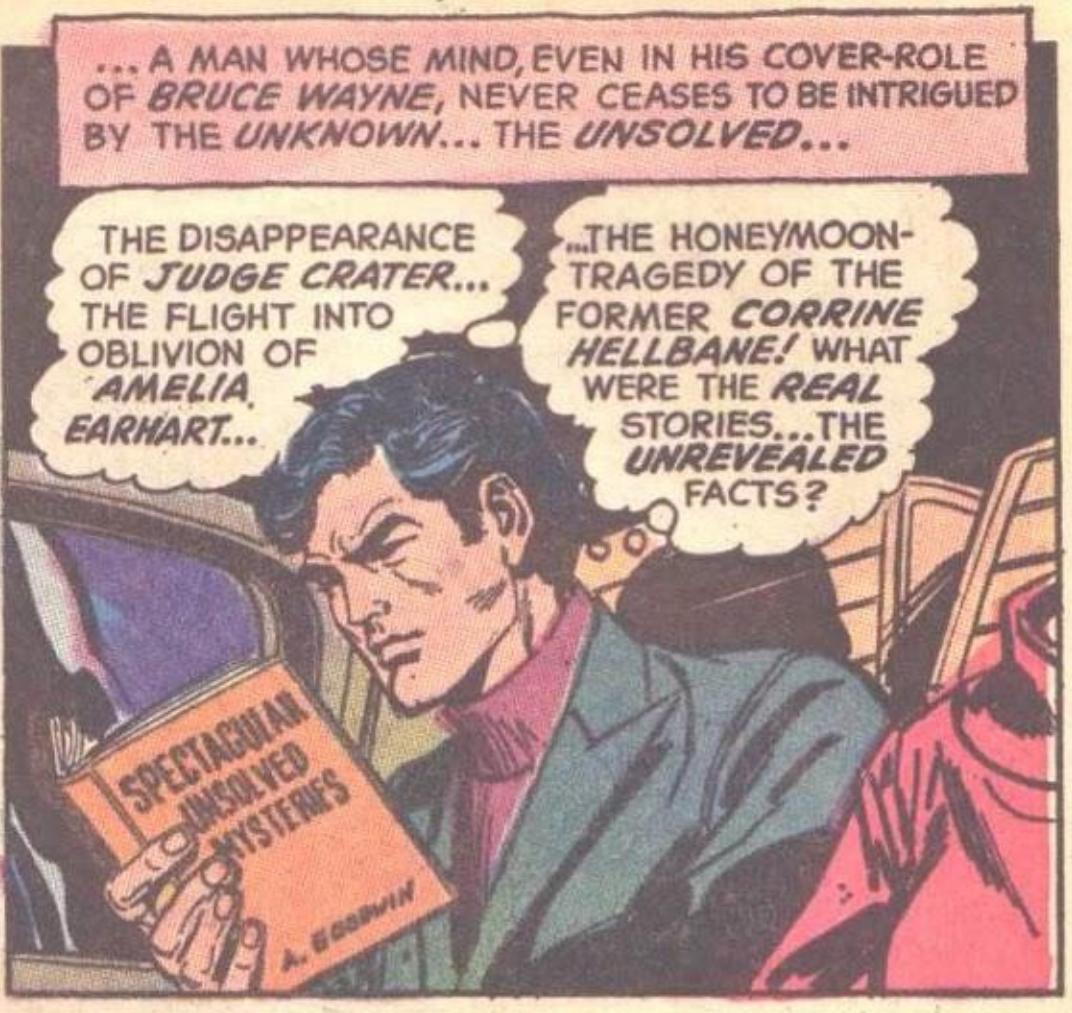
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A CROSS-COUNTRY FLIGHT WINGS MONOTONOUSLY ACROSS SLEEPING HAMLETS BELOW, BRINGING THAT EVER VIGILANT CRIME-CRUSADER, THE BATMAN, CLOSER TO HOME IN GOTHAM CITY...

...A MAN WHOSE MIND, EVEN IN HIS COVER-ROLE OF BRUCE WAYNE, NEVER CEASES TO BE INTRIGUED BY THE UNKNOWN... THE UNSOLVED...

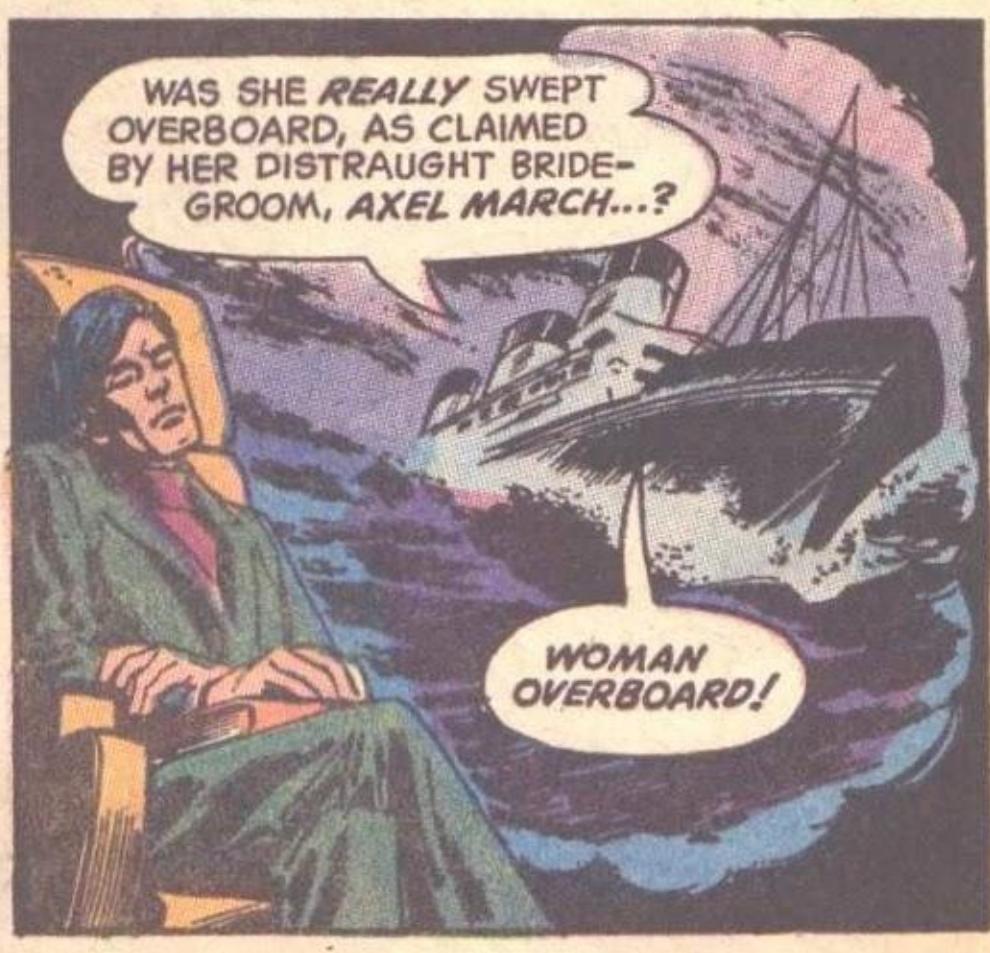


THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JUDGE CRATER... THE FLIGHT INTO OBLIVION OF AMELIA EARHART...

...THE HONEYMOON-TRAGEDY OF THE FORMER CORRINE HELLBANE! WHAT WERE THE REAL STORIES... THE UNREVEALED FACTS?

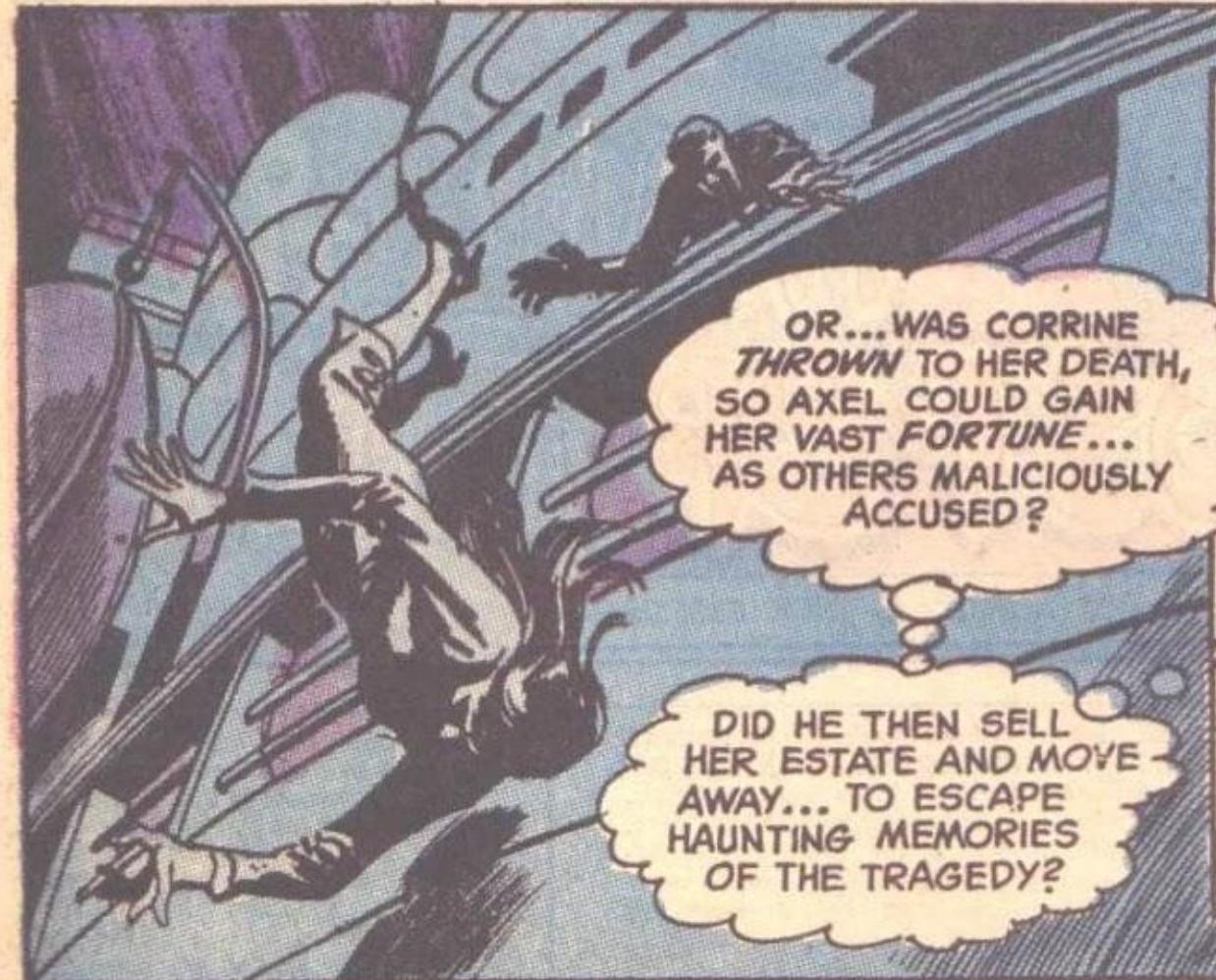


CORRINE, THE YOUNG HEIRESS OF GOTHAM'S HELLBANE MANOR... WHO VANISHED IN THE STORMY ATLANTIC ON HER ILL-FATED HONEYMOON TO EUROPE!



WAS SHE REALLY SWEPT OVERBOARD, AS CLAIMED BY HER DISTRAUGHT BRIDE-GROOM, AXEL MARCH...?

WOMAN OVERBOARD!



OR... WAS CORRINE THROWN TO HER DEATH, SO AXEL COULD GAIN HER VAST FORTUNE... AS OTHERS MALICIOUSLY ACCUSED?



DID HE THEN SELL HER ESTATE AND MOVE AWAY... TO ESCAPE HAUNTING MEMORIES OF THE TRAGEDY?

OVERCOME AT LAST BY FATIGUE,
BRUCE DRIFTS OFF... AS IN
ANOTHER PART OF THE JUMBO-
JET...

THE TRIBUNE
AN ERA COMES TO AN END
IN GOTHAM CITY

HELLBANE MANOR

IMMEDIATE RELEASE
TO THE PRESS

"TRAGIC REMINDER OF
THE 1930 HELLBANE
CASE TO BE DEMOLISHED
FOR A PUBLIC PLAYGROUND,
ITS SOCIALITE OWNER
MRS. TYLER-TILFORD
REVEALED TODAY..."

DID I **REALLY** BELIEVE
IT WOULD STAND **FOREVER**
... **UNTOUCHED?** NOT
COME BACK TO HAUNT ME...?

I WAS SO
YOUNG, THEN...

PLAGUED EVEN IN HALF-SLEEP BY
THE **HELLBANE** ENIGMA, BRUCE'S
SUBCONSCIOUS MIND TEETERS ON
THAT THIN DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN
REALITY AND FANTASY, WHEN...

THE EERIE VOICE ECHOING IN HIS BRAIN,
BRUCE AWAKES WITH A START!

C-CORRINE...
CORRINE HELLBANE--
OUT THERE?!

AVENGE MY
DEATH!
BATMAN!

IN THAT SEMI-STATE BETWEEN WAKING AND DREAMING, BRUCE GROPS FOR A RATIONAL EXPLANATION OF THE GHOSTLY IMAGE...

CUT IT, WAYNE! IT CAN ONLY BE A DISTORTED REFLECTION OF THE WOMAN NEXT TO ME--

N-NO-- IT ISN'T! NO RESEMBLANCE... NO MATTER HOW DISTORTED!

THEN WHAT... HOW...?

YOUNG MAN-- YOU LOOK UPSET! A BAD DREAM PERHAPS...?

MIDNIGHT AT GOTHAM AIRPORT, A STILL-TROUBLED MAN TRIES TO SHAKE THE HAUNTING FACE OF "CORRINE" FROM HIS MIND'S EYE...

I'LL TAKE YOU DIRECTLY HOME, MASTER BRUCE! YOU MUST BE DREADFULLY FATIGUED...

NO... ALFRED... NOT REALLY! I'LL TAKE THE WHEEL... AND AFTER DROPPING YOU OFF AT HOME...

BATMAN IS GOING ON PATROL-- TO CLEAR MY MIND!

THEN IN THE HOUR PAST MIDNIGHT...

WHY SHOULD THE LONG-DEAD HELLDANE PUZZLE BUG ME? IS IT POSSIBLE... THE FINAL CHAPTER IS YET TO BE WRITTEN...?

LULLED BY THE MUFFLED-THROB OF HIS POWERFUL TURBINE-ENGINE, THE BATMAN CRUISES ON, WHEN...

THAT UNEARTHLY VOICE... HER VOICE! I HEAR IT AGAIN!

REVENGE
BATMAN
REVENGE
DEATH

AS IF SUMMONED BY SOME DISEMBODIED PLEA FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE, THE BAFFLED BATMAN ROUNDS THE CORNER, WHERE...



FLUBBED MY
FIRST CRACK
AT HIM--

BUT MY
SECOND IS
RIGHT ON THE
BUTTON!

THE "BIG BOYS" WILL
PAY PLENTY FOR THIS
SCORE!

IMAGINE ...
GETTING HUNG
UP BY A PUNK
MUGGER ...
CATCHING
ME OFF
GUARD!

HEY...
WHA--?!

THANKS
FOR THE
ASSIST...
CORRINE...

RHUP!

MOM--MY PARTY DRESS
IS BEAUTIFUL - BUT
**MY HANDS...
BLAH!**

GOSH, MOM --
IS THERE ANYTHING
I CAN DO BEFORE
MY PARTY?

I THINK YOU SHOULD
OPEN ONE OF YOUR
PRESENTS EARLY.

"IT'S KENNER'S EASY
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LET ME SHOW YOU -
IT WORKS BY
BATTERIES - HAS
POWER ATTACHMENTS
THAT FIT INTO
HANDLE!

SMOOTH'S NAILS...

SHAPES CUTICLES...

SANDING DISK SHAPES NAILS
...AND BUFFS THEM.

SAFE, TOO - IT STOPS IF TOO
MUCH PRESSURE IS APPLIED!

EVEN HAS
SOMETHING I DON'T
HAVE ON MINE ---
A NAIL DRYER!

AND THE TWO BOTTLES
OF POLISH ARE NON-TOXIC.
IT STAYS ON 'TIL YOU
WASH IT OFF!

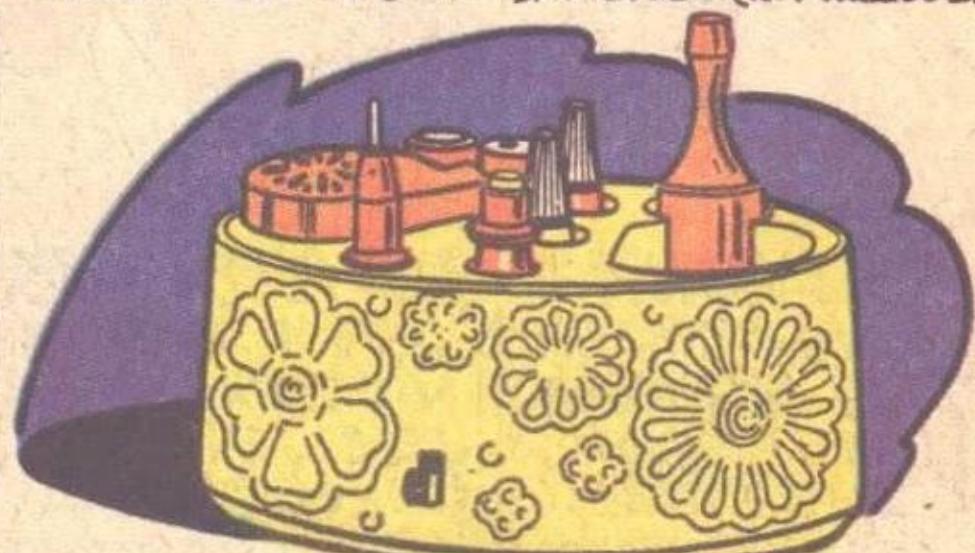
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POLISH. USES TWO "D" BATTERIES (NOT INCLUDED).

JUST BEFORE SUSAN'S PARTY...
SEE, SUSAN -- YOUR
DRESS IS BEAUTIFUL
... AND SO ARE
YOUR NAILS!

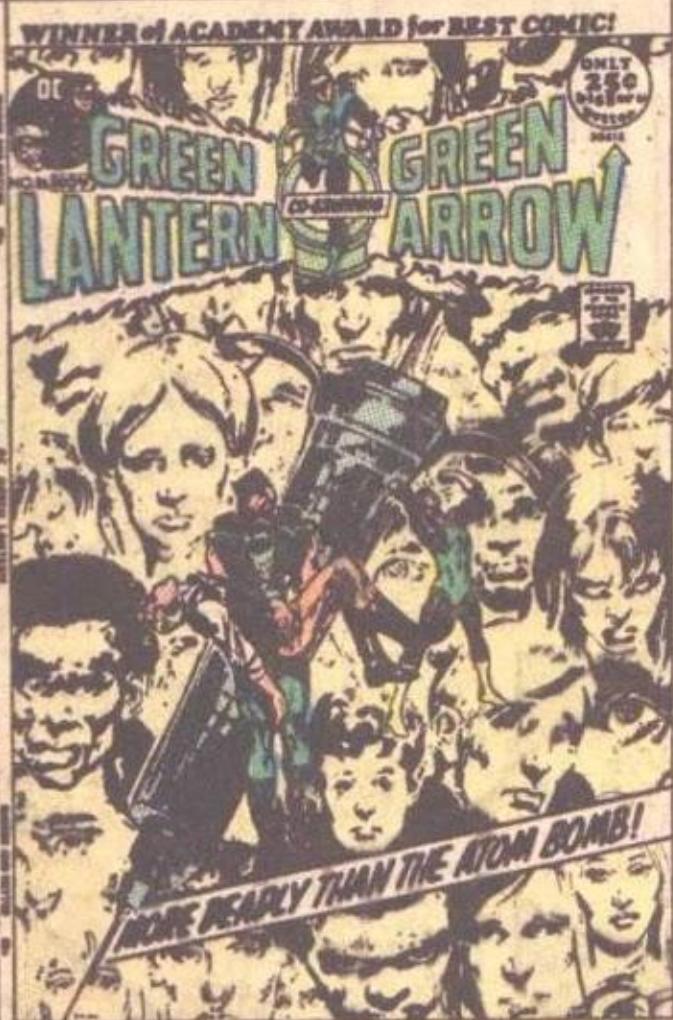
THANKS TO
YOU, MOM --
AND KENNER'S
EASY CARE!



OTHER KENNER SETS FOR "LITTLE MODERN MISS"
ARE: EASY CURL QUICK HAIR SETTING KIT - AND
EASY CURL WITH LIGHT-UP MIRROR VANITY.

D.C. SWEEPS A.C.B.A. AWARDS

AT THE FIRST ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET OF THE ACADEMY OF COMIC BOOK ARTS, MOST OF THE SHAZAM AWARDS WENT TO DC COMICS. HERE ARE OUR WINNERS:



BEST CONTINUING FEATURE:
GREEN LANTERN-GREEN ARROW

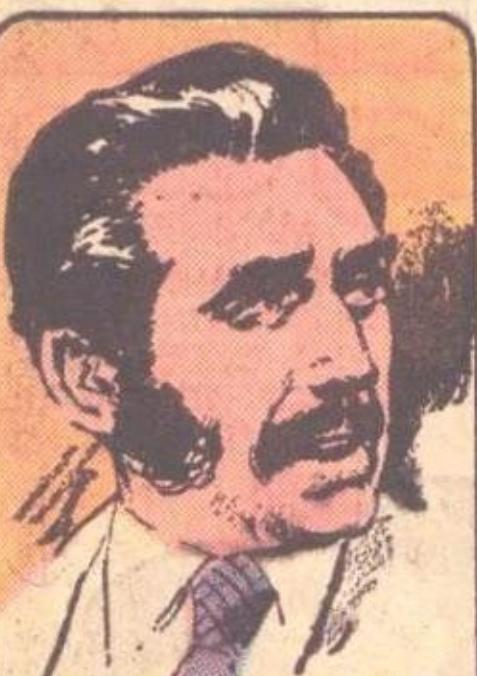
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"NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT!"

BEST WRITER
(DRAMATIC DIVISION)

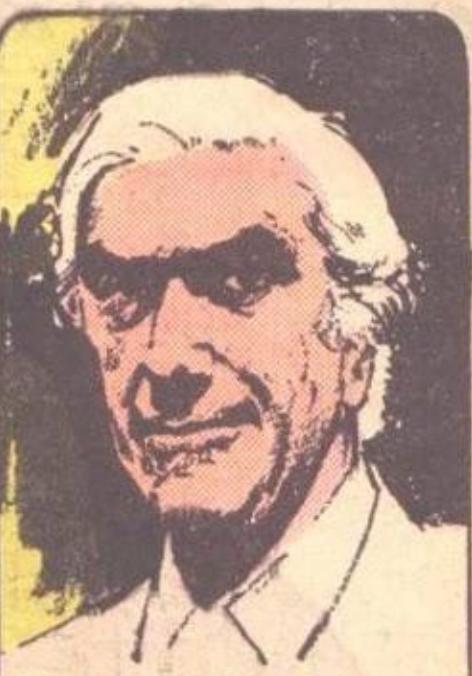
DENNY O'NEIL,
WRITER OF
GREEN
LANTERN,
BATMAN,
SUPERMAN,
AND
OTHER
FEATURES.

BEST PENCIL ARTIST
(DRAMATIC DIVISION)

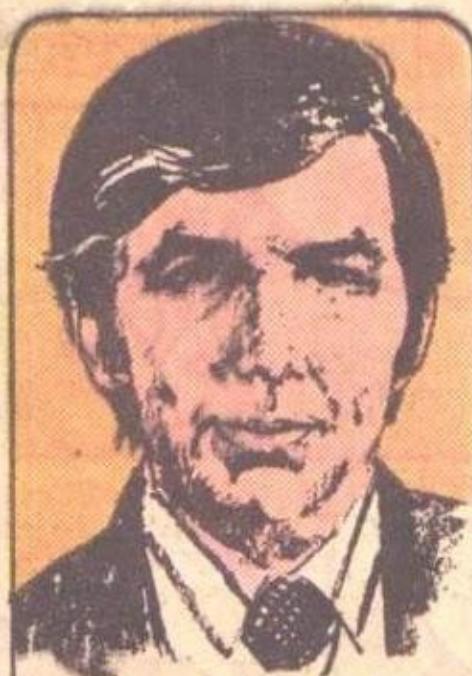
NEAL ADAMS
WHO
DEPICTS
GREEN
LANTERN
AND
BATMAN!



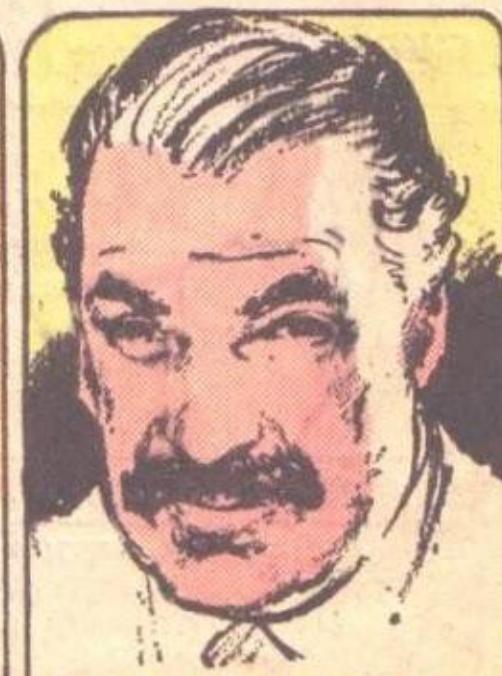
BEST INKER
(DRAMATIC DIVISION):
DICK GIORDANO,
INKER OF MANY
D.C. FEATURES:
SEE HIS WORK ON
THE NOVEMBER
GREEN LANTERN-
GREEN ARROW!



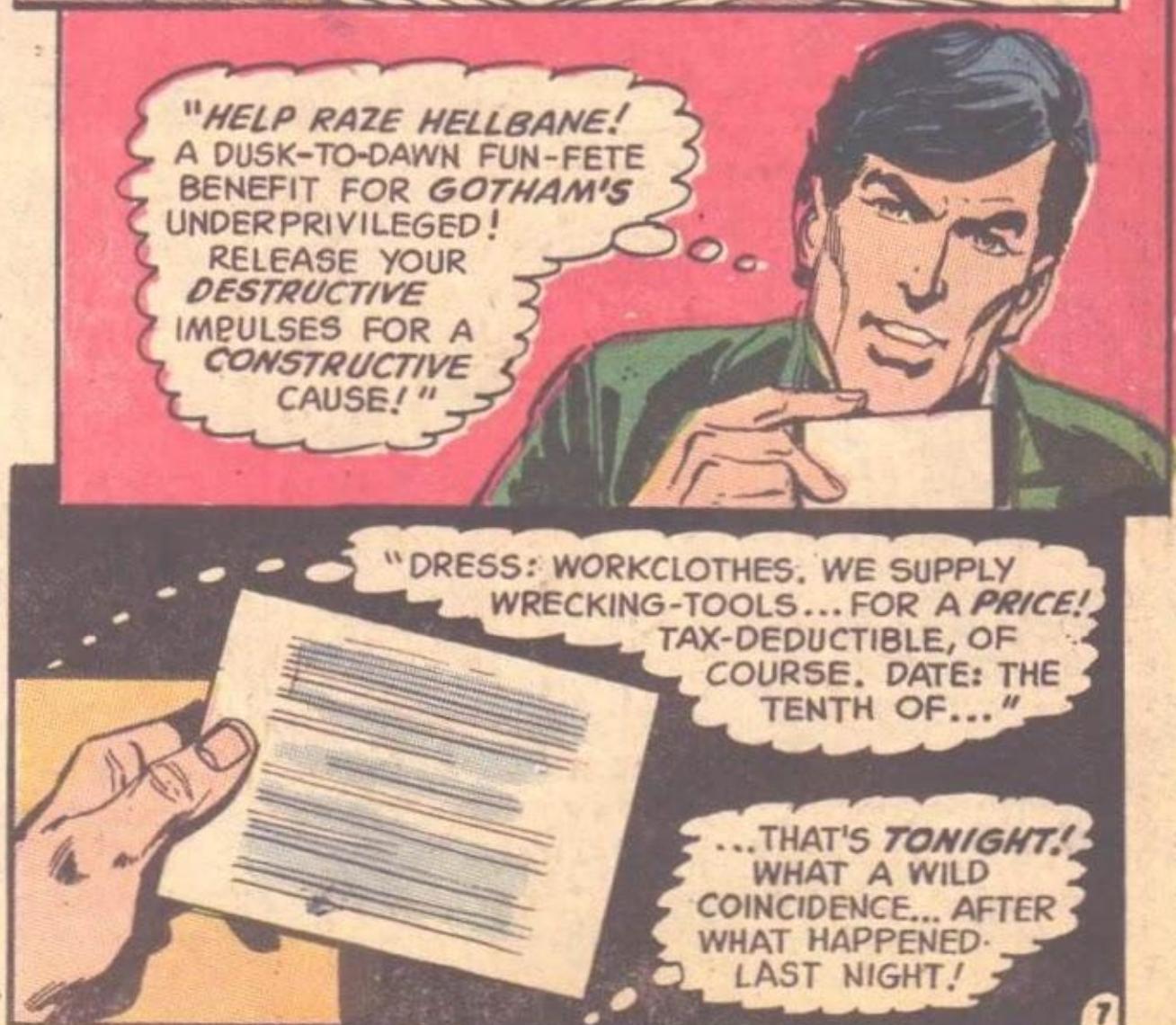
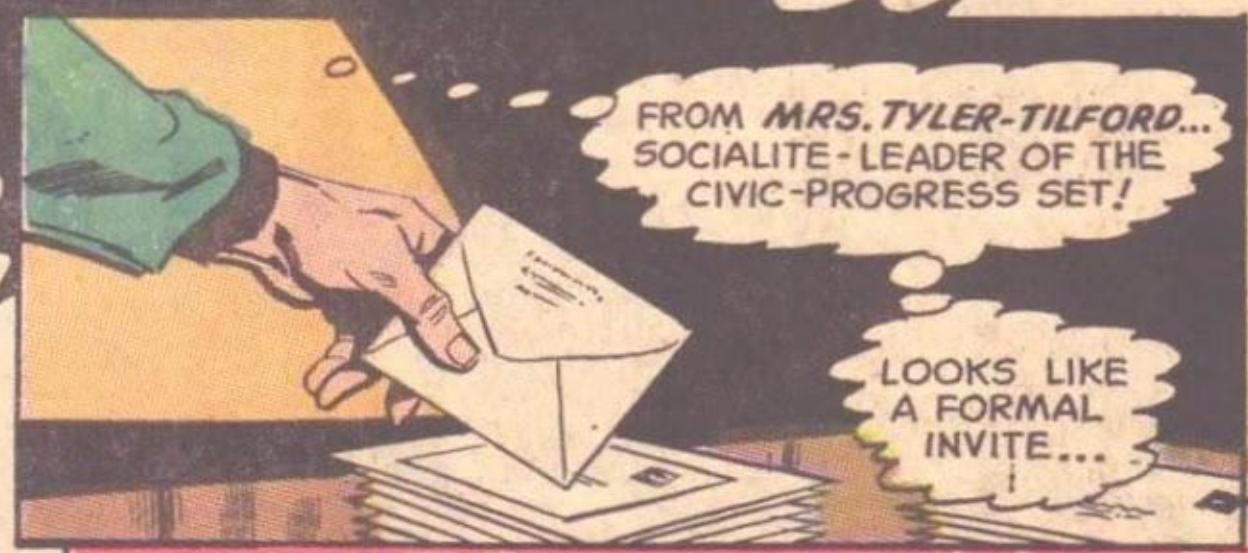
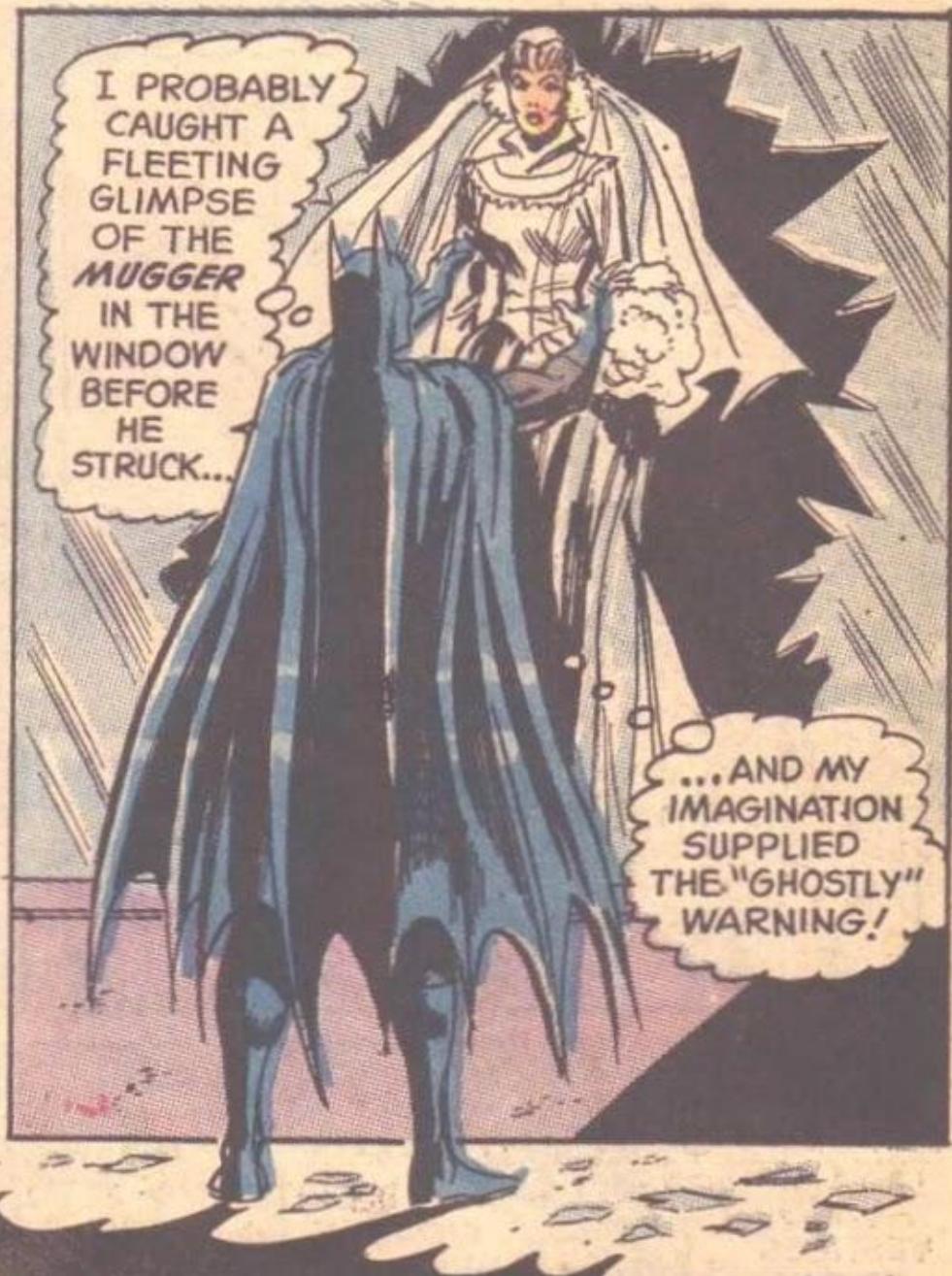
BEST PENCIL ARTIST
(HUMOR DIVISION):
BOB OKSNER,
PENCILLER OF MANY
D.C. HUMOR FEATURES.
SEE HIS DRAMATIC ART
IN THE CURRENT
ADVENTURE
COMICS!



BEST INKER
(HUMOR DIVISION):
HENRY SCARPELLI,
WHOSE INKS
HAVE LONG GRACED
OUR HUMOR MAGS,
SUCH AS
BINKY
AND **DEBBI**!



BEST COLORIST:
JACK ADLER,
HEAD OF DC'S
COLORING DEPT.
HE COLORS
MANY OF THE
STORIES YOU
SEE IN OUR
COMICS!



MMM...IF I BELIEVED THE "OCCULT"...
THE "SUPERNATURAL"...I'D SWEAR
THE DEAD MISTRESS OF
HELLBANE MANOR
WAS TRYING TO GET
THROUGH TO ME...

...TO INSURE
I'D BE THERE
TONIGHT!

AAAGH! WHAT'S
COME OVER ME?
ANYTHING CAN
BE EXPLAINED
RATIONALLY...
IF YOU FIND
THE KEY!

AND THAT'S EXACTLY
WHAT I'M GOING TO
DO...UNLOCK THIS
SEALED MYSTERY!

AND SO, AS
THE LAST
FADING
VESTIGES
OF DAY
WREATH
THE ANCIENT
MANSION
IN INCREASING
GLOOM...

DESPITE MY
DOUBTS, I'M LETTING
MYSELF BE LED HERE...
AS SURELY AS IF CORRINE
HELLBANE HERSELF HAD
SENT THE INVITATION!

LOOKS LIKE ALL OF
GOTHAM'S "IN"
PEOPLE HAVE TURNED
OUT FOR THE AFFAIR!

I PITY THE
POOR "GHOST" WHO
PLANS HAUNTING IN
THE BEDLAM THAT'S
GOING TO BREAK
LOOSE HERE
TONIGHT!

PICK YOUR "WEAPONS", FOLKS!
JUST SIGN A CONTRIBUTION-
PLEDGE FOR THE PLAYGROUND-
FUND-- AND THEY'RE
YOURS!

ALWAYS WANTED
TO SEE HOW THE
"SILENT MAJORITY"
LIVED, MARTHA!

OH, I THINK IT'S
TERRIBLY CHIC BEING
A "HARD-HAT" ISN'T
IT, MITCH?

EVERYBODY!
YOUR ATTENTION,
PUL-LEASE!

THE HOSTESS, HERSELF
... MRS. TYLER-TILFORD!
SHE'S AN OLD HAND AT
THESE FUND-RAISERS...

WE WANT THIS
TO BE A FUN-
PARTY AND A
BANG-UP
BENEFIT, BUT...

...WE DON'T
WANT ANYONE
GETTING **HURT**!
SO, WE'VE
TAKEN CERTAIN
PRECAUTIONS...

FOR ONE-- IF YOU
PLAN ANY GLASS-
SMASHING,
PUL-LEASE
WEAR THESE
PROTECTIVE
GOGGLES!

SECONDLY... YOU
MUST CONFINE
YOUR ACTIVITIES
TO THE **LOWER**
FLOORS...

...EVERYTHING
ABOVE IS IN SAD
DISREPAIR! IN
FACT, DOWNRIGHT
HAZARDOUS!

TABOO!
VERBOTEN!
NO! NO!

SUDDENLY, A COMMOTION AT THE ENTRANCE...

WHAT IS IT, BOYNTON?

THESE MEN, MADAM--THEY POSSESS NO INVITATIONS!

I WOULDN'T HAVE IMAGINED THE NEWS-MEDIA WOULD REQUIRE ANY!

YOU'RE FROM--TELEVISION? OH, MY--WHAT A DREADFUL OVERSIGHT! YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED...

YOU CAN HARDLY BE FAULTED, MRS. TYLER-TILFORD--WE'RE FROM A WEST COAST NETWORK! THIS CASE... ER... AFFAIR HAS AROUSED NATIONAL INTEREST!

YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE ME AFTER ALL THESE YEARS--DO YOU, AGATHA?

ABRUPTLY...

IT'S TIME SOMEONE BROKE THE ICE!

KRASH!

AND THE "ICE" IS BROKEN... WITH A VENGEANCE! PROPER MANNERS GO BY THE BOARD... AS ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE IN "HELLBANE"!

PHWUMP! KER RASH!

THIS MADHOUSE IS NO PLACE FOR ME!

SWEPT UP IN THE MAD SWIRL,
BRUCE ELBOWS HIS WAY
THROUGH THE HOWLING MOB, AND...

CORRINE--IF YOUR "SPIRIT"
ROAMS THIS HOUSE...YOU'LL
HAVE NO PEACE
TONIGHT!



HUH--? SOMEONE
WHO DOESN'T BELIEVE
IN SIGNS...

...HAS
GONE UP
THOSE
FORBIDDEN
STAIRS!



...AND THAT
"SOMEONE" IS
APT TO GET
HURT!



AND AS BRUCE
STRUGGLES TO
FREE HIS LEG...

AFTER WHAT SEEMS
LIKE AN ETERNITY
OF BLACKNESS...

W-WHAT HIT
ME...?

DIDN'T HEAR A
THING...BEFORE
BLACKOUT! THAT
BLASTED RACKET
GOING ON MUST'VE
DROWNED OUT
THE SOUND OF
MY ATTACKER...

FOOTPRINTS
GONE...?!

MUST'VE CARRIED
ME DOWN HERE...
ARRANGED A
COVER-UP SO
"INNOCENT GUEST"
BRUCE WAYNE
WOULD THINK IT
WAS AN ACCIDENT
...OR SOMETHING!

=UHH=
A ROTTED
STAIR....!

OWWW!



INSTANTS LATER,
SWITCHING TO THE GUISE
OF THE BATMAN...

WHOEVER IT WAS, DIDN'T
KNOW WHO HE WAS
REALLY DEALING
WITH!

WHOEVER HE IS... WHOEVER THEY
ARE... WON'T CATCH THE BATMAN
OFF-GUARD... AGAIN!

SOMETHING ABOUT
THIS HOUSE BEING
RAZED... HAS BROUGHT
SOMEONE HERE ON A
SPECIAL MISSION...

THIS TIME... I
AVOID THE STAIRS!

THOUGHT SO! MORE
THAN ONE INTRUDER...

G-GUH... THE--BATMAN?!

HOW'D HE KNOW WE
WERE...?

THEY WERE
CUTIES--BACKING
UP THE STAIRS,
BRUSHING AWAY
THEIR FOOTPRINTS
IN THE DUST...

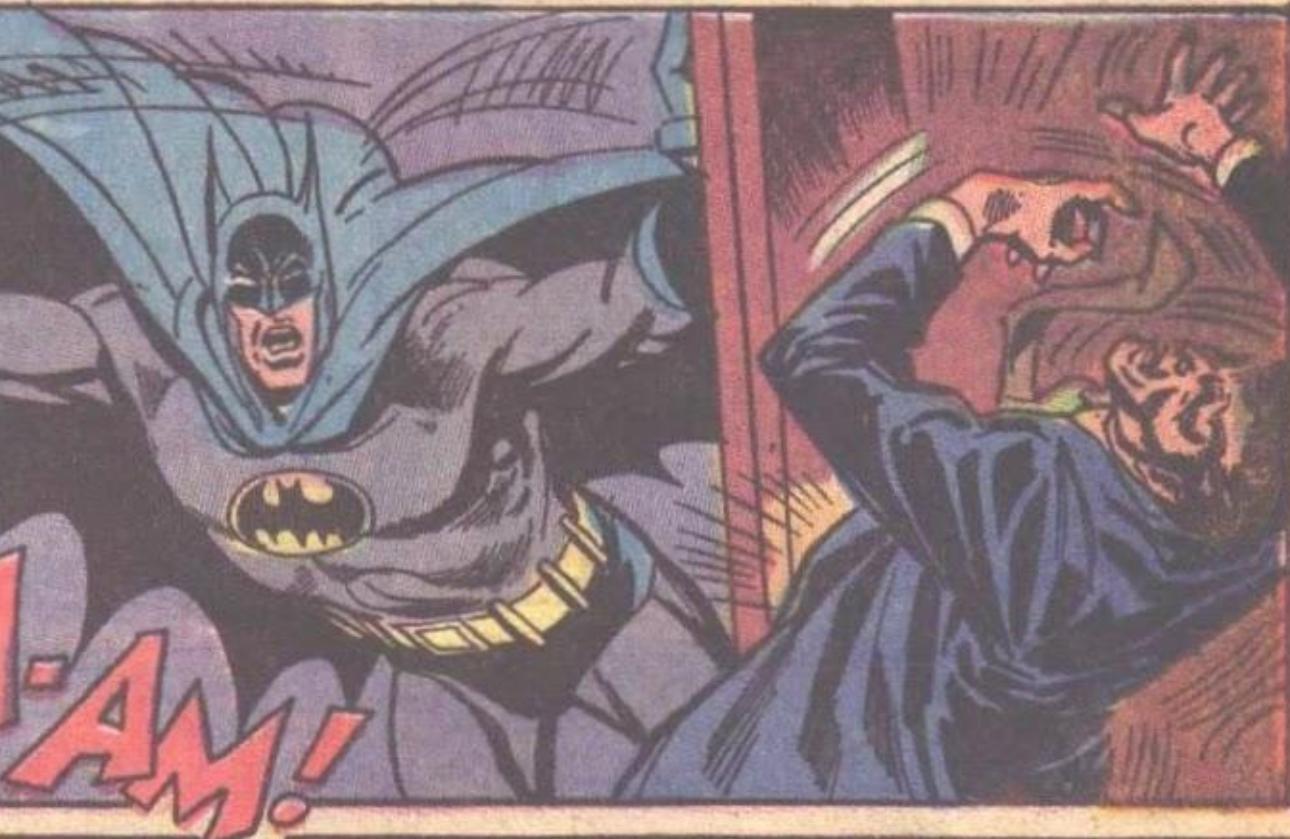
... BUT THEY
DIDN'T THINK
OF ERASING
THEM UP HERE!

WHERE'S THE **THIRD** MEMBER OF YOUR PHONY TV CREW?

NEVER MIND ANSWERING--I HEAR WHERE HE'S AT!

BOSS! BOSS! WATCH OUT! THE BATMAN!

THUNK THUDRRRRR!



BOSS...? OTHERWISE KNOWN AS... AXEL MARCH....!

YES, DAMN' YOU!

BUT YOU'LL NEVER LIVE TO...



NOT EVEN THE MIGHTY BATMAN
CAN RESIST THE MURDEROUS
IMPACT OF MARCH'S MANIACAL
ONSLAUGHT--AND BOTH CRASH
DOWN ONTO ROTTEN FLOORING!...





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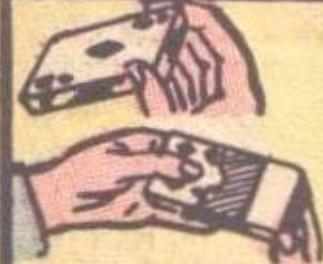
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AXEL—AXEL
MARCH?

I—I DIDN'T
RECOGNIZE--

BOTH OF YOU
HAVE AGED AND
CHANGED A LOT
SINCE THAT FATEFUL
YEAR 1930, HAVEN'T
YOU—AGATHA?

OH, AXEL...
AXEL....!

MARCH-- YOU
WEREN'T ALONE
IN THE MURDER-
PLOT AGAINST
CORRINE HELLBANE!

HOW— HOW
COULD YOU
KNOW THAT?

BECAUSE... "SOMEONE"
POSING AS YOUR NEWLY-WED
"BRIDE" HAD TO BE SEEN
BOARDING THAT HONEYMOON
SHIP!
PROBABLY
DISGUISED
IN A BRIDAL-
VEIL...

... AND THAT PHONY
"BRIDE" WAS YOU,
AGATHA!

ODDS ARE YOU BOOKED
SEPARATE PASSAGE--
SO YOU COULD RETURN
ALONE TO GOTHAM
AFTER CORRINE'S
"ACCIDENT" AT SEA!

SOB - Y-YES...IT
WAS I! I LOVED
AXEL SO MUCH...
N-NEVER DREAMED
HE'D ABANDON
ME SOON
AFTER...

BUT WHY IN HEAVEN'S
NAME DID YOU ARRANGE
FOR THIS "TOMB" TO BE
RAZED? DIDN'T YOU
REALIZE...

DID YOU
THINK I'D
MARRY AN
IDIOT LIKE
YOU?

YOU DID ALL RIGHT
FOR YOURSELF LATER,
AGATHA--LANDING THE
WEALTHY MAN I SOLD
HELLBANE MANOR TO--
HENRY TYLER-TILFORD!

YOU NEVER
TRUSTED ME,
AXEL! YOU
FORGET--YOU
NEVER TOLD
ME WHERE
YOU'D BURIED
HER!

SO WHO IS
THE "IDIOT"
NOW?

Epilogue

A WRECKER'S BALL
WROTE THE FINAL ENDING TO THE
TRAGIC TALE OF HELLBANE MANOR...
EVEN AS I HAD WRITTEN THE FINAL
CHAPTER TO THE WRECKAGE OF THREE
LIVES, BRINGING PEACE AT LAST TO
CORRINE'S TROUBLED "SPIRIT"!

A "SPIRIT" THAT HAD
RISEN FROM THE PAGES
OF AN UNSOLVED CASE-
BOOK... CRYING OUT
FOR JUSTICE!

THE WAIL
OF A
GHOST-BRIDE
THAT I
EVOKED IN
MY OWN
MIND... BY
MY SENSE OF
INJUSTICE...

SPECTACULAR
UNSOLVED
MYSTERIES

...GOADING ME
ON TO SOLVE THE
UNSOLVABLE!

HOWEVER--IF SOME
OF YOU PREFER A
MORE SUPERNATURAL
EXPLANATION...

THEN BE MY...
GHOST-GUEST!

END

ROBIN

WRITER: MIKE FRIEDRICH

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INKS: DICK GIORDANO

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JONATHAN, WE'VE GOT TO
ORGANIZE THE COMMUNE
TO SAVE IT!

TERRI,
LOOKS
LIKE WE'RE
IN FOR MORE
THAN WE
BARGAINED
FOR WHEN
WE CAME
HERE!

NANCI--SNAP OUT OF IT! THE
COMMUNE NEEDS YOU--IN
A BATTLE FOR ITS LIFE!

B-BUT I
THOUGHT...PAT
WAS SO KIND...
LOVING...

ALL
RIGHT,
EVERY-
ONE--

--GRAB ANY CONTAINER
YOU CAN FIND--ANY-
THING THAT'LL
HOLD WATER!

WE'VE GOT
TO FORM A BUCKET
BRIGADE!

WITNESS.
ROBIN--
THE TEEN
WONDER--
FINDING
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TOTALLY
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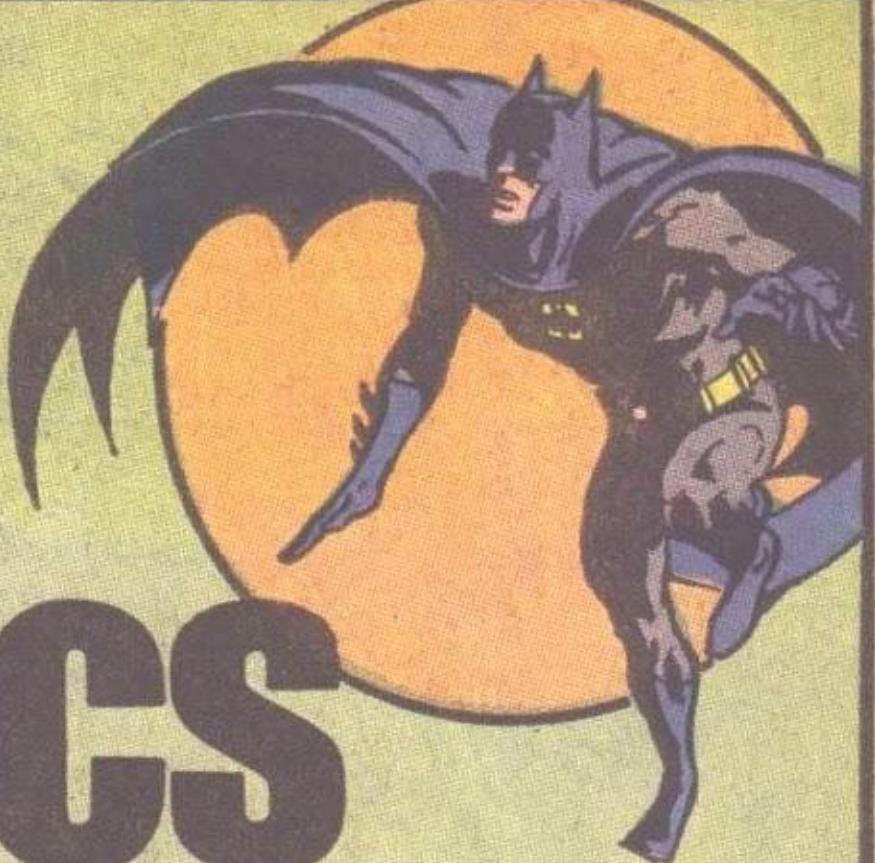
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BUT THERE STILL REMAINS ANOTHER TASK FOR OUR EXHAUSTED TEEN WONDER...

PAT WHALON-- WE LOST HIM IN THE STRUGGLE--!

THAT COULD BE THE YOUNG 'UN THAT HOT-WIRED MY OLD PICK-UP AND RAN OFF WITH IT A SHORT TIME BACK!

MUST'VE BEEN HEADING FOR THE MAIN HIGHWAY!

THIS IS GONNA CALL FOR THE BIKE! GOOD THING I BROUGHT IT ALONG!

...'CAUSE THIS BABY CAN TAKE TO THE TRAILS-- AND SAVE TIME AND DISTANCE!

IT'S SPREADING
INTO THE FOREST--
IT'LL SOON BE
OUT OF CONTROL!

ROBIN--FIND
NANCI! SHE'S IN
TROUBLE! I...KNOW!

RIGHT!

I DON'T EVEN
QUESTION TERRI'S
"KNOWING"
ANYMORE--

IT'S
GETTING
SO I BELIEVE
MORE AND MORE
THAT SHE REALLY
HAS PSYCHIC
POWERS--!

THAT TREE--!
IT'S BURNED
THROUGH!

TERRI'S STRANGE POWER
REMINDS ME OF SOMEONE
ELSE I KNOW--IN THE
TEEN TITANS...!

CRACK

ON THAT ENIGMATIC THOUGHT, ROBIN
RETURNS QUICKLY TO THE COMMUNE'S
CHOSEN LEADER...

JONATHAN--I'D BETTER GO FOR HELP!
I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO MIX
WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD...

BUT THIS FIRE
THREATENS
EVERYONE!

OKAY,
ROBIN...
IF YOU
SAY SO!

I LOST A LOTTA TIME
RUNNING TO MY MICRO-BUS!
THERE AREN'T ANY ROADS
DOWN TO THE COMMUNE!

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REACHING NEARBY FARMS AND A SMALL TOWN...

AIN'T HAD MUCH BUSINESS WITH 'EM--BUT FOLKS IS FOLKS...EVEN IF THEY DO HAVE LONG HAIR!

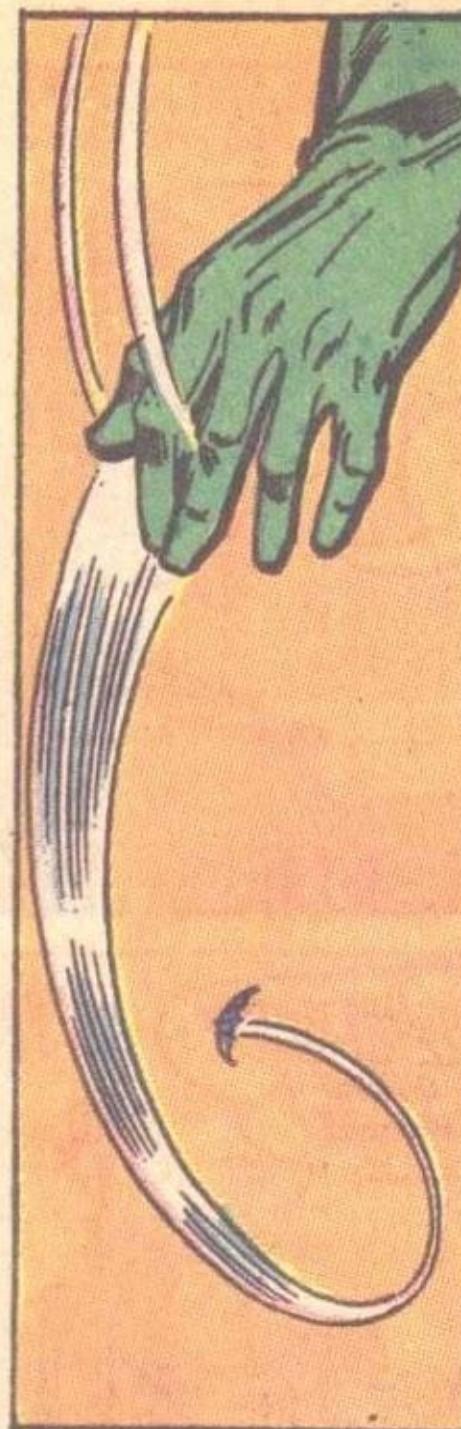
CAN'T SEE HELPING THEM ALMOST-SAVAGES, BUT I RECKON A FIRE IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO LAY THAT ASIDE FOR A SPELL!

HELP THOSE FILTHY, DISGUSTING HIPPIES? THEY CAN BURN IN HELL FOR ALL I CARE!

BUT LIKE IT OR NOT, MARTHA, THERE'S A FIRE UP THERE THAT'LL AFFECT US IF WE DON'T HELP THEM!

ONCE AGAIN THE BATTLE IS JOINED!





LATER, WITH PAT WHALON IN THE STATE AUTHORITIES' HANDS...

MISTER, YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT! AFTER ALL, WE'RE NEIGHBORS, RIGHT?

WE STOPPED THE FIRE--BUT NOT BEFORE IT DESTROYED OUR CROPS!

WE WON'T BE ABLE TO LAST THE WINTER OUT--

WE OWE YOU A DEBT FOR CONTAININ' THE BLAZE SO LONG!

WITHOUT YOU FOLKS BEIN' SO WELL ORGANIZED, WE'D ALL HAVE BEEN IN A PECK O' TROUBLE!



WHY...WHY...WE THANK YOU--ALL OF US! THIS IS QUITE A CHANGE!

WELL, I GUESS WE ALL CAN STILL GROW A MITE!



MEANWHILE, EXIT FROM THE COMMUNE--
ROBIN AND NANCY BEEKER...

ROBIN, I'VE DECIDED TO RETURN WITH YOU... TO VISIT MY PARENTS...

BUT I HAVE ANOTHER FAMILY AS WELL-- AND HERE IS MY HOME! I WILL COME BACK SOON!

YOU'VE SHAKEN A LOT OF MY BELIEFS, ROBIN!

NO MORE THAN THE COMMUNE SHOOK MINE!

NANCY--I'LL NEVER FORGET THE PLACE! I, TOO, WILL RETURN SOME DAY...FOR A VISIT!

WHAT BOthers ME AFTER ALL THIS--IS THAT TERRI DISAPPEARED!

SHE'D SAID SHE WAS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE! I WONDER-- DID SHE FIND HIM?

WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT ON THAT ANSWER FOR A FUTURE STORY! TILL THEN... PEACE!

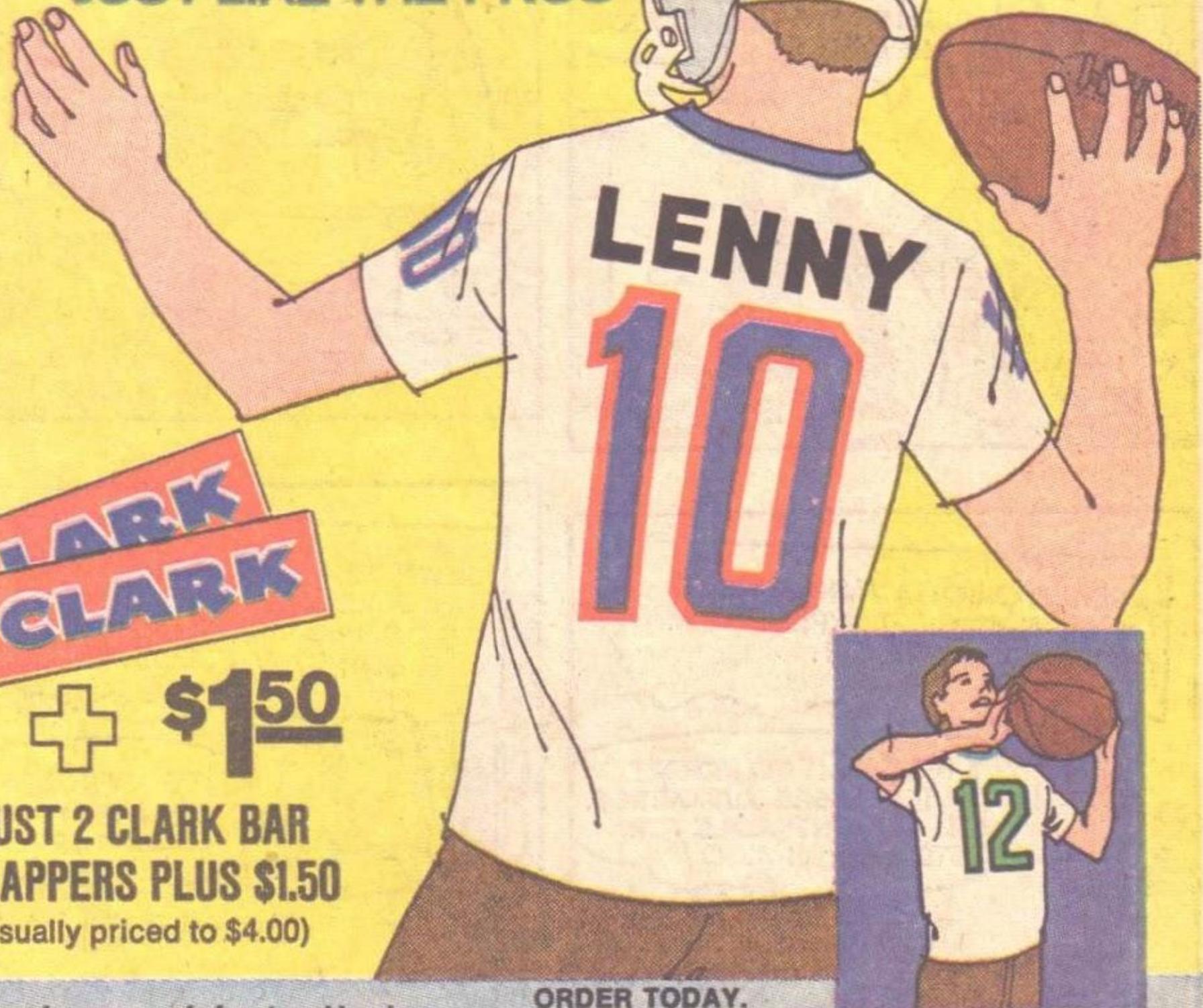


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ELYRIA, OHIO: A MAN CHARGED WITH AUTO THEFT EXPLAINED WHY HE STOLE THE CAR:

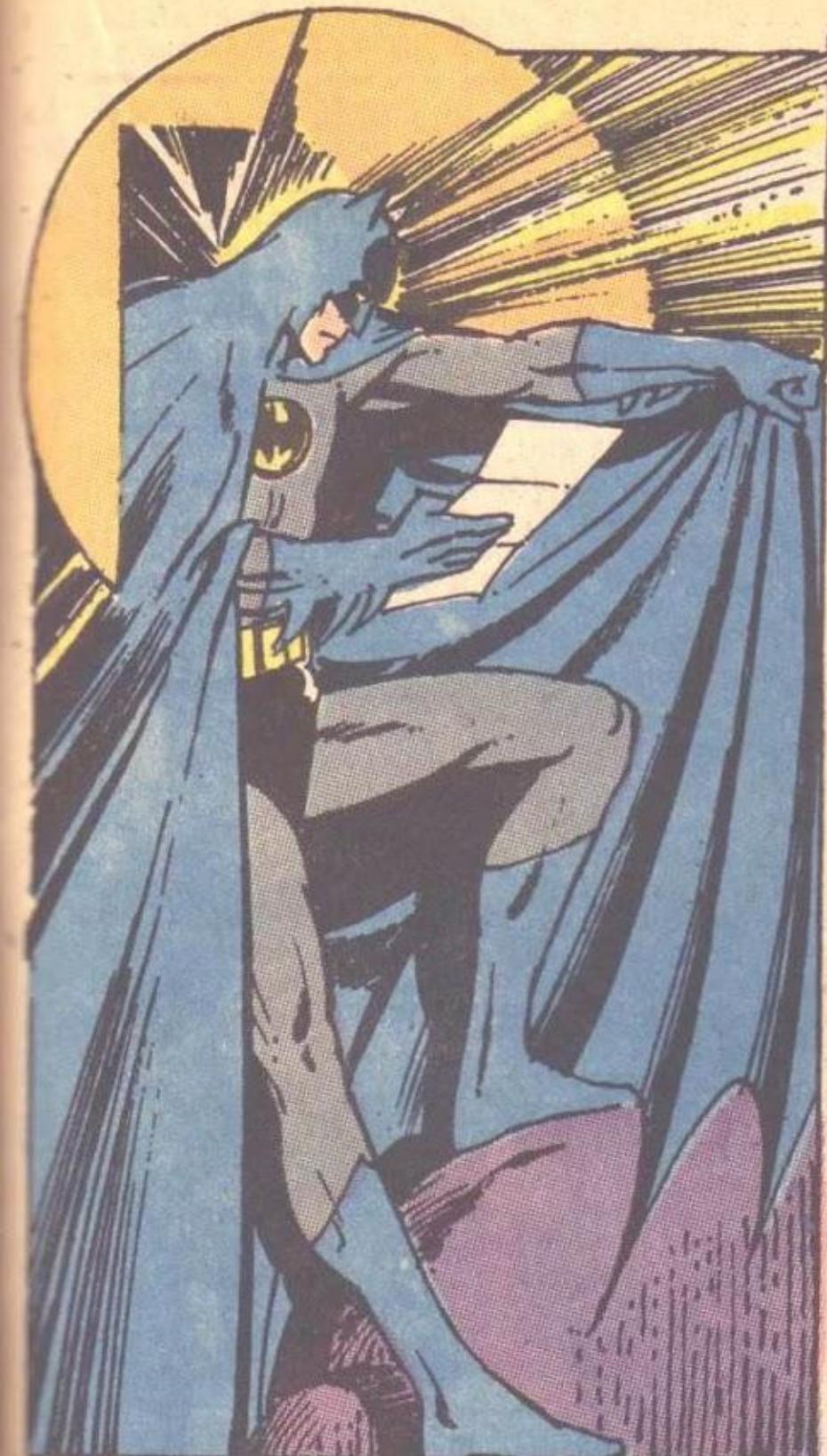
I NEEDED IT TO REPORT TO TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES. I'M OUT ON PAROLE FOR STEALING AN AUTO!



NEW YORK, N.Y.: BOOKED ON CHARGES OF BURGLARY AND POSSESSING 5,000 HOTEL AND AUTO KEYS, A MAN TOLD POLICE:

IT'S MY HOBBY! I'M A KEY COLLECTOR!





LETTERS to the BATMAN

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structure was that fabulous television series, **The Prisoner**. The plot shows up occasionally in science-fiction stories, with various ramifications and/or twists. It's a great plot.

And here it is in **Batman!** Gee whiz! And not badly done, either! Not only is the fun of watching the hero turn reality inside-out preserved, but fairness to the reader (in the traditional comix-story sense of the phrase) was maintained. You gave the readers all the clues you gave **Batman**. The reader sees, quite as well as **Batman** does, that excuses are being invented to get him in the right places at the right times, and that the people who've invented this imaginary world for **Batman** to run around in are not quite keeping it consistent with itself. **Batman** lays a trap for the villains that we don't know about till they fall for it, but this is fine; he's entitled to find a guarantee on the validity of his judgment.

Another reason I was really pleased with the way the story turned out was that I spotted the big clue—that **Batman** was allowed to step **first** into the room with the leopard—and was prepared to be quite disgusted unless it was explained away quite well in the story. I've read stories where I find **A Clue**, only to find at the end of the story that the hero never noticed it, the villain never noticed it, the writer never noticed it, and as a matter of fact, it makes the story impossible for anyone who did notice it. As I said before, if that had been the case with this story, I was going to be quite disgusted.

Nice cover, too. It had nothing to do with the story, of course, but who cares? When you've got a story as nice as this one, you don't quibble. (Or, as a professor of mine once put it, "Well, yes, but then—what is reality?")

—STEVEN CARLBERG, Sarasota, Fla.

Dear Editor:

In these days when every story in comix seems to attempt to be "relevant," it isn't every day I can enjoy a nice, irrelevant story like "Daughter of the Demon," in **Batman** #232. I loved the plot—nice, complex, entertaining plots are Denny O'Neil's specialty. Plenty of action, the introduction of two fascinating new characters, and the best telling of **Batman's** origin I've ever seen, made this one of the best issues yet. Neal Adams' art, too, was of a quality I haven't seen since his days on **Deadman**. Some readers will write paragraphs of praise for his capture of **Batman's** Golden Age faces on page 6; I'll simply say I liked it.

As to the lettercol, I add my vote for a new costume for **Robin**. And how ironic (to coin a cliché)—two correspondents caught Mike Friedrich's mention of a competitor's character in #229's **Robin** story—but apparently no one noticed Irv Novick's portrayal of DC's own **Lois Lane** in the very next panel!

—RICHARD H. MORRISSEY, Framingham, Mass.

Included among that "no one" who failed to spot the **Lois Lane** takeoff was included ye embarrassed editor! —JS)

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Dear Editor:

I have a favorite kind of plot; it's the kind that Denny O'Neil used in "Daughter of the Demon" in **Batman** #232, where the main character runs through all sorts of fabulous doom-traps and then realizes that he is not going to be harmed! My first contact, as nearly as I can remember, with that

(Well, *reality* could be the next, Sterling-living character who whacks away at a "slambang" story (overwhelming readers consensus) with a *slam* and a *bang*. —JS)

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Dear Editor:

No doubt Neal Adams will be hailed throughout the land for his excellent work on **Batman** #232. Some will dub it a breakthrough in comix art; some will define it superb; some will call it the bee's knees and be done with it. Do I sound callous? Maybe so. It's not that I don't drool over Mr. Adams' work. It just that the guy has never been criticized by any fan, to my knowledge. And I actually didn't see that the art in "Daughter of the Demon" was that outstanding. But that's water under the bridge.

The real reason for my letter was to compliment the tale's author, Denny O'Neil. To compliment him for what had to have been the most insane, ridiculous, most unworthy plot of the year. True, it did have its moments of charm, such as the synopsis to both **Batman's** and **Robin's** origins, neither of which has been used lately, and such as that totally unprepared for blockbuster of an ending. But on the whole, there was little backbone to this odyssey. Some months ago, readers were promised an end to the **Batcave**, **Batmobile**, **Wayne Manor**, and the campiest figure of them all—**Robin, the Boy Wonder**. No, I can't blame Mr. O'Neil for shoving all this excess junk into the story; at least he didn't include the **Batmobile**.

Then, as the action starts (for the third time, that is), **Batman** attempts to catch the sniper who shoots at him as he climbs Mount Nanda Devi. So what

does he do? First, he spends three panels thinking the situation over. I realize that these thoughts are oftentimes essential in informing the reader as to just what is happening, but it begins to get a little absurd, as **Batman's** thoughts expand into narrative phrases with a dozen adjectives in each sentence. How does he ever manage to salvage any time for action?

Oh, yes—and then (as I mentioned between parentheses elsewhere) the action begins. And comes to a screaming halt. And begins again. And stops again. This goes on and on with **Batman** fighting peasants in the streets of Calcutta, stopping to spout some cryptic philosophic garble, fighting a leopard, stopping for more profound sentences, climbing a mountain and getting shot at . . . and on . . . and on . . . until I just gave up trying to find the climax.

Unless you could call the ending the climax. **Batman** finding out he's been chosen as Talia's fiance . . . but if this was the peak of the story . . . Whew! And I thought **Sugar and Spike** was hard to understand!

—SCOTT GIBSON, Sterling, Colo.

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Dear Editor:

It is comforting to know that the human spirit shows to its best advantage in times of crisis, that people can and do respond to challenge with vigor and courage. With the trouble which the super-hero comix are in, they have responded with a new artistry and creativity, a Renaissance born of pressure. The new **Batman** is a fine example of this.

Batman #232 (June, 1971) was probably the best issue of the month; in your or your competitor's line, O'Neil and Adams, with Giordano's inking, fuse into a single unity, a work of art without seams. So it is difficult to know exactly where credit goes for each touch in "Daughter of the Demon". It was a good, tight script, combining a number of convincing episodes, asides, and natural developments into a coherent whole. Like most of O'Neil's work, it proves to be more complicated than it seemed. That, sir, is skill.

The manner in which Ghul discovered Wayne's identity probably was covered during the '50's, in one of those ten-page jobs that developed nothing; so it fit well and was in a sense original for a **Batman** story. The detective side of our hero came off very well, with the business of Ubu's inconsistent care of Ghul. This is a real, fair, mystery-novel type-clue, and not some obscure pseudo-scientific or professional trivia which the reader had no chance to observe. The leopard attack on page 10 was convincing and not overdone. Not only was **Batman's** method the real one used by survival experts against mad dogs and such, but you spared us those curt thought balloons, "Got to try hard . . . break his neck!" The use of captions instead was most effective.

Neal Adams returned even more to those precious first issues of **The Batman** by skipping the blue highlights on our hero's cowl, leaving it a solid, ominous black. A fine touch: those painted eyebrows and even prescribed lines for the nose were getting to me. All that remains is to drop the utility belt and yellow circle around the chest emblem, and **The Batman** will be a total, stark figure of awe. He's almost there now, and with the team of O'Neil/Adams, he'll make it.

One question: was the face on page 12 really that of **Deadman**?

—EDWARD FELIPE, Ruby, N.Y.

(Before we fact-the-face, let's look in on some more about-faces. —JS)

. . . And about that face on the mountain on page 12. **Deadman?** (MIKE CHERKAS, Oshawa, Ont., Can.)

Whose idea was it to sketch the "man in the mountain"? It is rather obvious yet there is no mention of it. (GREG COBEN, Monmouth Beach, N.J.)

Is that a profile of **Abraham Lincoln** in the mountain on page 12? (PAUL HUSTING, Madison, Wis.)

And isn't that **Deadman** hidden in the cliff on page 12? (BOB ROZAKIS, Elmont, N.Y.)

Page 12: What is **Richard Nixon** doing in the Himalayas? (J. W. HANLEY, Saginaw, Mich.)

Enjoyable was the sight of **Deadman** screaming from page 12's cliff, reminding this Batmaniac of our hero's last mountain expedition in **Brave & Bold** #86. (STEVE BEERY, Alma, Mich.)

(On no less an authority than Neal Adams, the facial treatment was that of **Deadman**—Neal's personal battle to keep **Deadman** . . . alive. For another **Deadman**-revival, check out the current (November) **Justice League of America!** —JS)

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Dear Editor:

You've just introduced a new, sweet but possibly deadly love interest into **The Batman's** life. Now I'm intrigued. What is Talia's nationality? My guess is that she comes from a Himalayan Mountain kingdom such as Nepal, Bhutan, or Sikkim—in which area most of the recent action took place. Certainly Talia was not raised as an Arab, despite her father's working name of Ra's al Ghul. Arabs nowadays come almost entirely Moslem, Christian, or Jewish, and do not seem to tolerate "idolators" very well. And Talia made reference to the gods (in the plural) in the May, 1971 **Detective Comics**. Most likely she's a Buddhist, possibly a Hindu. Her father could be from Syria; Iraq, Iran or Afghanistan, or from a Soviet land directly north of one of those nations.

My guess is that he's from the Soviet, though not a Communist or an active Soviet citizen; that would make him secretive about his origins. Talia and her mother would come from the Himalayas, most likely Sikkim (we recall that the former Hope Cooke married the king of Sikkim and this could have inspired the creation of Talia).

Left in the background is the nature of the Brotherhood of the Demon. If it's a criminal organization, **The Batman** will have to shun it and Talia. If it's a military-type of organization (as seems likely, operating in the shadow of Communist-controlled Tibet), then a different sort of rules apply. Complicating things is this: that Talia knows **The Batman's** secret identity (we can assume her father would tell her!) She will not hesitate to force herself on Bruce Wayne, the more so since she knows she saved his life after he saved hers!

—MICHAEL N. TIERSTEIN, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(Till we get further background-material on Talia and her father, let's just cryptically consider her a *Woman of the World*, and him a *Man of the Ages!* —JS)

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Dear Editor:

If **Playboy** ever runs out of centerfold models, it should hire Neal Adams. His rendition of Talia (page 22, panel 2) was sheer beauty! Never before have I seen such a fantastically beautiful girl as Neal's Talia—not in comix; not in real life (well, Raquel Welch, maybe!).

—JOE MAXSWEEN, Syracuse, N.Y.

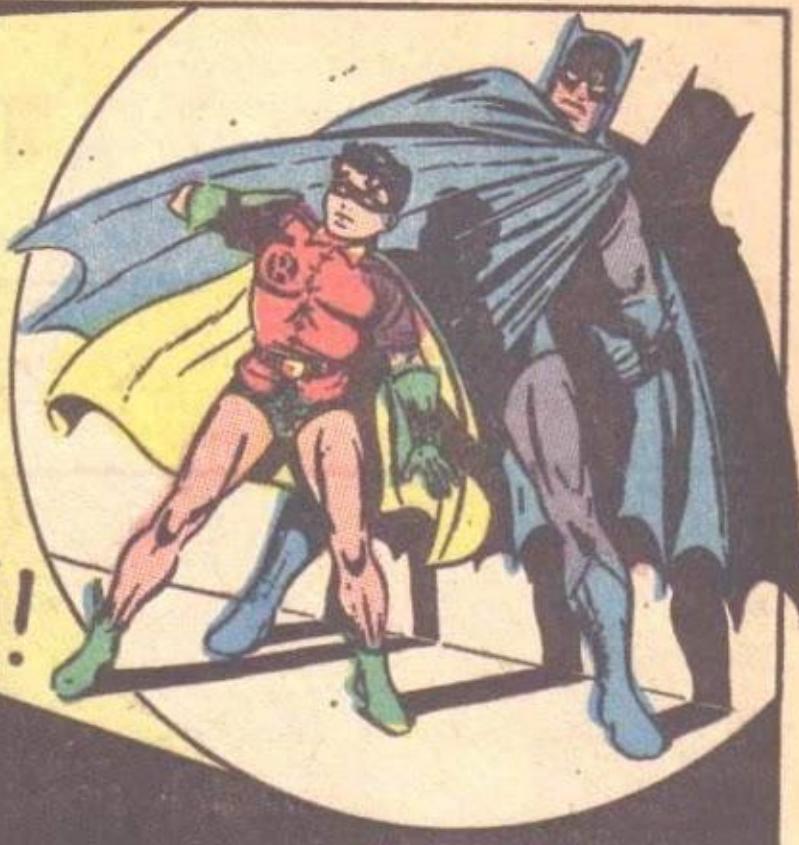
(Welch-ing on your girls, hey? —JS)

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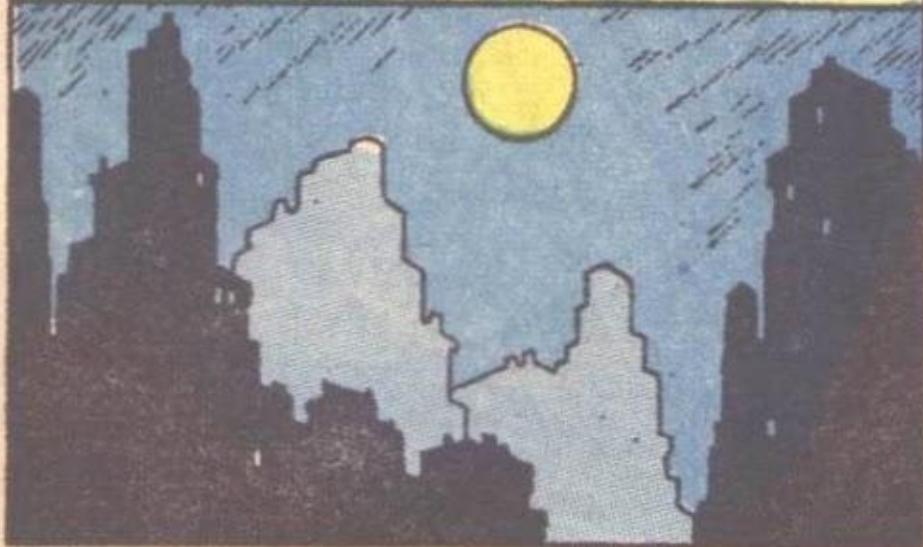
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YOU'D BE SURPRISED!
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ARMY OF NIGHT-WORKERS
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SUPERVISORS, CABBIERS, FACTORY
TOILERS, AND ALL THE OTHERS,
TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION,
WHO WORK...

"WHILE THE
CITY SLEEPS!"



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NIGHT FALLS OVER GOTHAM CITY. THE HOURS PASS. ONE BY ONE THE LIGHTS WINK OUT! THE CITY SLEEPS!



LATER, THE FOOTSTEPS OF BATMAN AND ROBIN ECHO HOLLOWLY IN DESERTED CITY STREETS...

SURE IS QUIET, THIS TIME OF NIGHT!

YES! YOU WOULDN'T THINK THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE AWAKE, BUT THEY ARE! AND A GOOD THING, TOO!



AND DOCTORS AND NURSES AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WHO WORK WHILE WE SLEEP!

NO, POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN DO, TOO!



BUT SOME LIGHTS LINGER, AS IN THE HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON---

OKAY, YOUNGSTER... WE'RE GOING OUT TONIGHT, BUT NOT TO CATCH CROOKS: I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A TASTE OF NIGHT-LIFE!

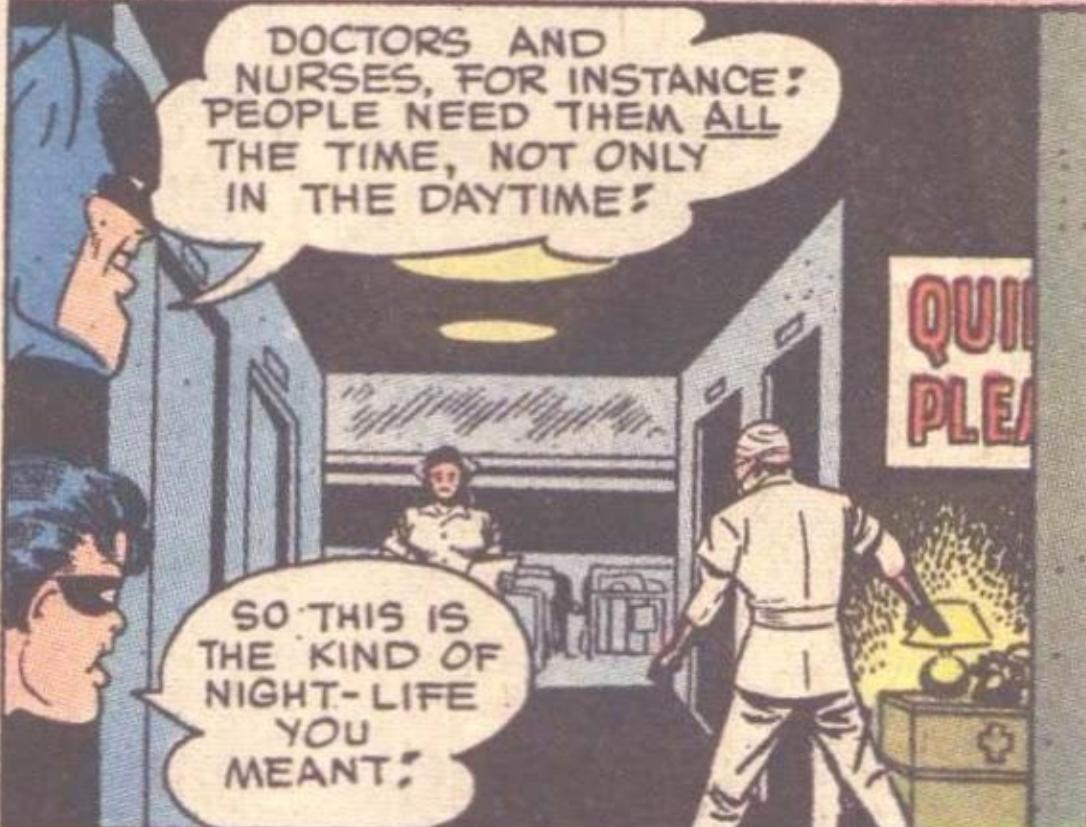
NIGHT-LIFE?
YOU'RE
NOT KIDDING,
ARE
YOU?



BATMAN GUIDES ROBIN INTO A BUILDING WHERE FIGURES IN WHITE MOVE WITH QUIET EFFICIENCY...

DOCTORS AND NURSES, FOR INSTANCE: PEOPLE NEED THEM ALL THE TIME, NOT ONLY IN THE DAYTIME!

SO THIS IS THE KIND OF NIGHT-LIFE YOU MEANT!



QUI
PLEA

AND
TELEPHONE
OPERATORS!

GOLLY,
YES!
PEOPLE
HAVE TO
BE REACHED
BY PHONE
AT ALL
TIMES!



A BATMAN CLASSIC

AND HERE ARE THE WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS. THEY STAY OPEN ALL NIGHT TO SUPPLY OUR CITY WITH FOOD FOR THE NEXT DAY!

... SO I CAN HAVE MY FRUIT JUICE AND EGGS FOR BREAKFAST! GOLLY, I OUGHT TO GO OVER AND SAY THANKS!



BUT THIS CROOK ISN'T TAKING ANYTHING OUT OF THE SAFE...

NO... HE'S PUTTING SOMETHING IN IT!

WHAT'S THE USE OF KIDDING YOU? I STOLE THE MONEY... FIVE DAYS AGO?

AND YOU'RE RETURNING IT NOW? WHY?

OLDEST REASON IN THE WORLD? A GIRL MET HER A FEW DAYS AGO... WE BOTH FELL IN LOVE... PROMISED TO MARRY ME IF I'D REFORM AND RETURN WHAT I'D STOLEN...

BUT I HAD TO RETURN THE MONEY SECRETLY, SO I WOULDN'T BE ARRESTED! NOW YOU'VE GOT ME... WHAT'S THE USE?

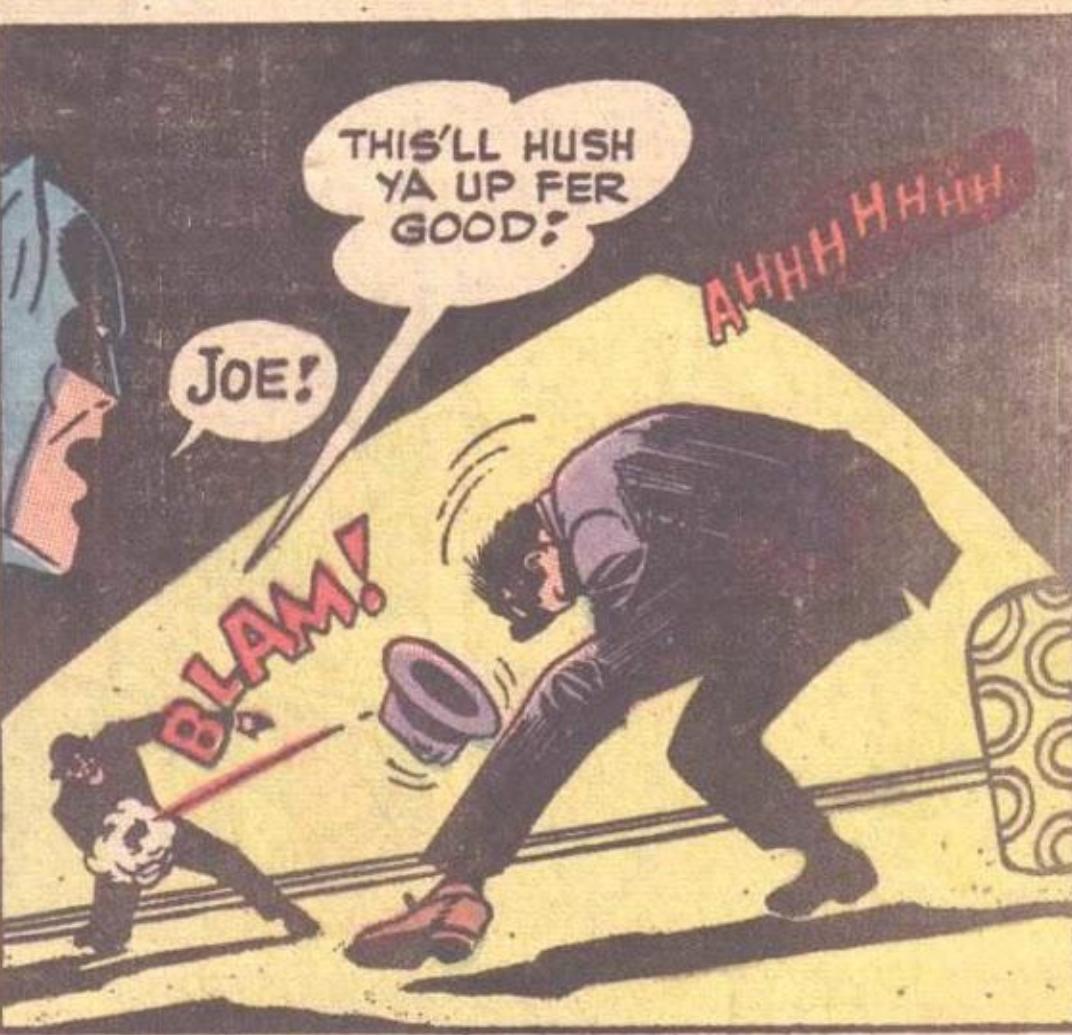




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MINUTES LATER... AFTER AN
EMERGENCY OPERATION...

THE MAN WILL
RECOVER, BATMAN,
BUT I MUST KNOW
MORE ABOUT HIM
FOR THE HOSPITAL
RECORDS! HOW
DID HE GET
SHOT?

"GOT TO
COVER UP
FOR JOE!"

ROBIN AND I
WERE BATTLING
SOME THUGS!
HE TRIED TO
HELP US AND
STOPPED A
BULLET!



STILL LATER...

RADIO AND
EVERYTHING! YEAH... I'M
OKAY... BUT
ALL THE
COMFORTS
OF
HOME:
DELIVER IT?...
AND WILL YOU
TELL MY GIRL
I'M OKAY: SHE
WORKS AT THE
GOTHAM HALL: SHE'S
A BALLET DANCER...

I'LL TELL HER
TOMORROW!
NO USE
WORRYING
HER TONIGHT.
AND I'LL
TAKE CARE
OF THE
MONEY?
NOW YOU
LISTEN TO
THE MUSIC
AND
RELAX:



AFTERWARDS, THE MOON
AGAIN LOOKS DOWN ON
THE LENGTHENING
SHADOWS OF BATMAN
AND ROBIN ...

JUST A LITTLE
FURTHER TO
THE SECOND
PLACE ON
JOE'S LIST!
GIVING OUT
THE PRESENTS,
BUT I HOPE
WE DON'T RUN
INTO ANYBODY!

OKAY,
SANTA
CLAUS!
START

OOPS!

OH, THANK HEAVENS
YOU'VE COME! I'M JOE'S
GIRL... ANN! HE JUST
CALLED ME FROM THE
HOSPITAL... SAID YOU'D
PASS HERE; I MUST
SPEAK TO
YOU!



BUT NOT HERE!
TOO DANGEROUS!
WE'LL GO TO THE
THEATRE WHERE
I DANCE! IT'S
USUALLY
DESERTED AT
THIS HOUR!

OKAY,
ANN:
LEAD
THE
WAY!

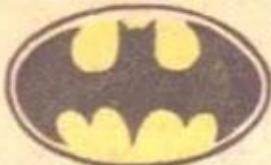


A FEW MOMENTS
LATER... BACK-
STAGE THROUGH
THE PROP
DEPARTMENT OF
THE WORLD-FAMED
GOTHAM HALL
THEATRE ...

DID
SHE
SAY
DESERTED?

OH, THE SCRUB WOMAN!
THAT'S ANOTHER PART OF
YOUR NIGHT LIFE! ALL
OVER THE CITY THEY
GET BUILDINGS READY
FOR THE NEXT
MORNING!





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BUT AS THE GIRL TURNS TO FACE THEM, BATMAN NOTICES SOMETHING ABOUT HER FEET...



REMEMBER JOE SAID HIS GIRL WAS A BALLET DANCER? A TRAINED BALLET DANCER ALWAYS WALKS WITH HER TOES POINTING OUTWARD BECAUSE IT STRENGTHENS THE LEGS AND BECAUSE BALLET DANCING REQUIRES HER TO WALK LIKE THAT! LOOK AT THAT GIRL'S FEET! SHE WALKS SLIGHTLY PIGEON-TOED!

GOLLY,
THEN WE'RE
WALKING
INTO A
TRAP!

YOU MEAN
WALKED?



HUSH-HUSH!
WELL... ALL
THESE FANCY
ARRANGEMENTS
JUST TO GET US?

NOTHIN' AIN'T TOO FANCY
SO LONG AS IT CATCHES
YOU, BATMAN! GET 'EM,
BOYS... AN' PLEASE,
NO NOISE!



WOW! LOOKS
LIKE A REGULAR
WHO'S ZOO!

NO TIME FOR PUNS,
ROBIN! ACROSS
THAT ELEVATOR PIT!
WE'VE GOT TO SAVE
THIS MONEY!



BATMAN,
THEY'RE
GOING
TO GET
US!

FIGHT
THEM OFF,
ROBIN! JOE'S
COUNTING
ON US!



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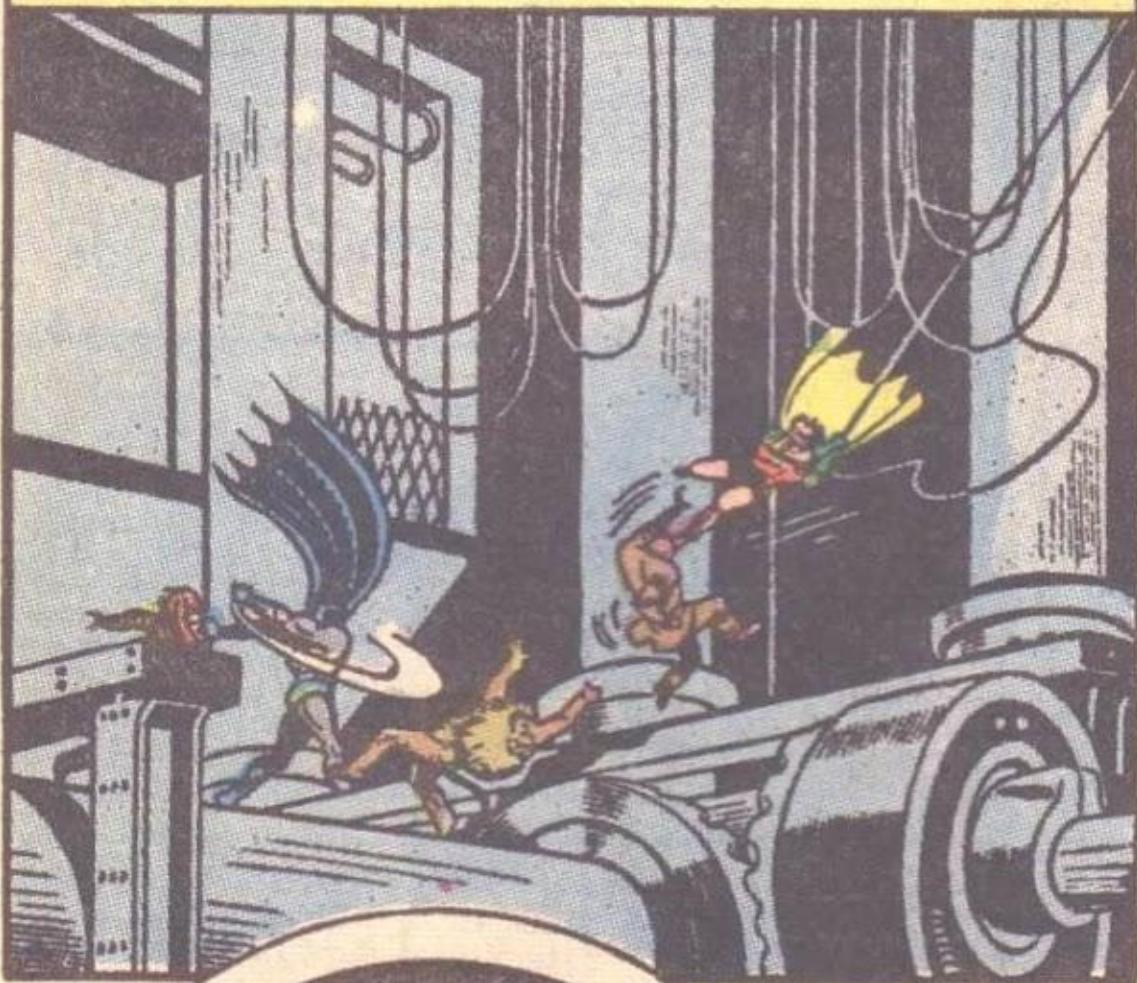
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THE TWO TEAR INTO THE BANDITS! THEY'VE GOT A FIGHT ON THEIR HANDS AND THEY KNOW IT!



SOMETIME AFTERWARD...





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THOUGH STILL WEAK FROM HIS WOUND,
JOE PUSHES HIMSELF OFF THE BED...

ANN... HUSH-HUSH HAS GOT
HER... TOOK HER TO THE HIDEOUT:
GOT TO GET THERE... SAVE
ANN... SWEET KID... SHOULDN'T
GET HURT BECAUSE OF ME...



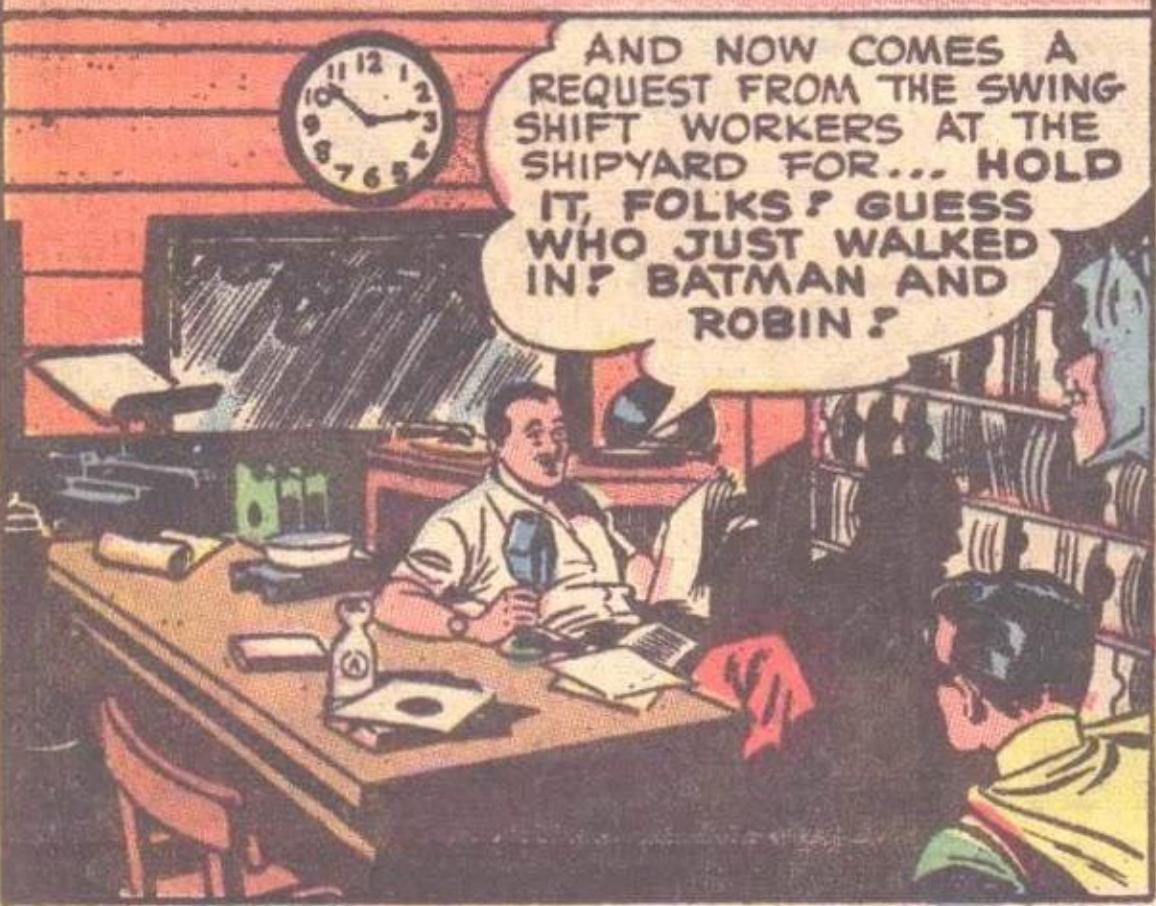
MEANWHILE...

WE'VE GOT
TO GET TO THE
RADIO STATION
FAST! LUCKY
FOR US SOME
CAB DRIVERS
WORK ALL
NIGHT!



MINUTES LATER... THE TWO ENTER THE STUDIO
OF THE "NIGHT OWL'S MATINEE" RADIO PROGRAM.

AND NOW COMES A
REQUEST FROM THE SWING
SHIFT WORKERS AT THE
SHIPYARD FOR... HOLD
IT, FOLKS? GUESS
WHO JUST WALKED
IN? BATMAN AND
ROBIN?



GO ON,
.BATMAN?
SAY
SOMETHING
TO THE
FOLKS?

FOLKS, YOU'RE NOT
INTERESTED IN
HEARING MY
TONGUE WAG?
YOU'RE WAITING TO
HEAR DAN SHAWN
AND HIS FINE ALL-
NIGHT MUSIC THAT
MAKES THINGS PLEASANTER
FOR YOU PEOPLE OUT
THERE WORKING THROUGH
THE NIGHT!



SWITCHING ON A RECORD, SHAWN
LEADS BATMAN TO A SOUND-
PROOF ROOM...

THANKS FOR THE
PLUG? NOW CAN
I DO ANYTHING
FOR YOU?

YOU CERTAINLY
CAN! I WANT
TO KNOW WHAT
REQUESTS YOU'VE
HAD, AND TO
WHOM THEY'VE GONE,
IN THE LAST TEN
MINUTES!

AND NOW OUR STORY RUSHES
HEADLONG THROUGH THE
NIGHT... TO THE MOMENT
WHEN JOE WEAKLY PUSHES OPEN
A DOOR...

WHERE'S
ANN? IF
YOU RATS
HAVE
HURT HER,
I'LL...

SHH! WHAT'RE YA
KICKIN' UP SUCH A
RACKET FER? ANN AIN'T
HURT! SHE AIN'T EVEN
HERE! WE JUST USED
HER NAME AS BAIT...
SEE WHAT I MEAN?



A BATMAN CLASSIC

THREE FLOORS ABOVE ...

WHY DON'T WE JUST CRASH IN ON HUSH-HUSH'S HIDEOUT?

THIS CALLS FOR STRATEGY...



AND DOWN BELOW, IN HUSH-HUSH'S SOUND PROOF ROOM, HIS GUNSEL'S PREPARE TO CUT LOOSE WITH LEAD; THERE IS A SUDDEN CRASH—OF GUNFIRE?

CRASH!

BATMAN:
ALIVE!

OBSERVANT,
AREN'T
YOU?

AND THEN...

HEY...
GLUG...
GLUG...

GLUG...
GLUG...

SUCH
ENLIGHTENING
DIALOGUE!



WHAT GOES ON? LOOKS LIKE A COMMUNITY BATH!

AND IT ISN'T EVEN SATURDAY NIGHT!

GLUG... HALP... TURN IT OFF... GLUG...



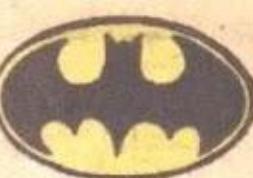
TURN IT OFF;
OF COURSE
WE'LL TURN
OFF THE WATER...

...BUT NOW
WE'LL
TURN ON
THE HEAT!

OHH!



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AND SO... SOMETIME LATER
... WHILE DARKENED WINDOWS
SEEM LIKE COUNTLESS,
SLEEPING EYES, BATMAN
AND ROBIN PAD HOMEWARD.

GOLLY, THAT
WORKOUT
MADE ME
WORK UP
AN
APPETITE!
I'M HUNGRY!

HUNGRY?
I'LL FIX
THAT!

MR. MILKMAN, ROBIN
THANKS YOU... I
THANK YOU... AND
I'M SURE THE CITY
THANKS YOU FOR
YOUR FAITHFUL
SERVICE TO
MANKIND!

AW, CUT IT OUT! I'VE
GOT A JOB TO DO
AND I DO IT!
HOW'S THE
MILK? GOOD,
HUH?

GLUG...
GLUG...
MM-MM!

LATER... HOME, AND WARM,
COMFORTABLE BEDS...

WELL, DICK, YOU'VE
MET A PART OF
OUR GREAT ARMY
OF NIGHT WORKERS
WHO WATCH OVER
US WHILE THE
CITY SLEEPS;
GREAT PEOPLE,
AREN'T THEY?

AND HOW?
GOLLY,
THEY'RE
SORT OF
LIKE
GUARDIAN
ANGELS; MAKES
ME WISH WE
COULD DO
MORE!

DO MORE, DICK?
AREN'T YOU
FORGETTING
TWO WHO ALSO
WORK AT NIGHT...
THE PAIR WHOSE
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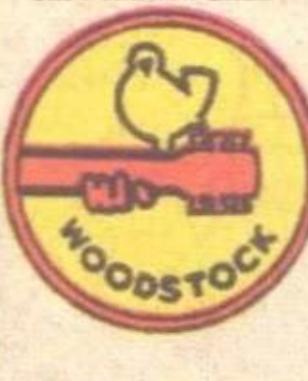
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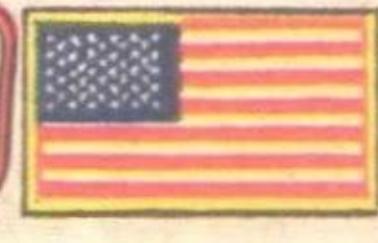
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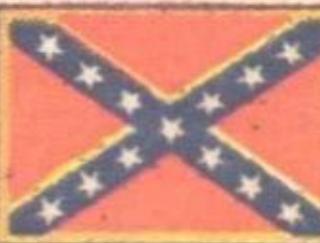
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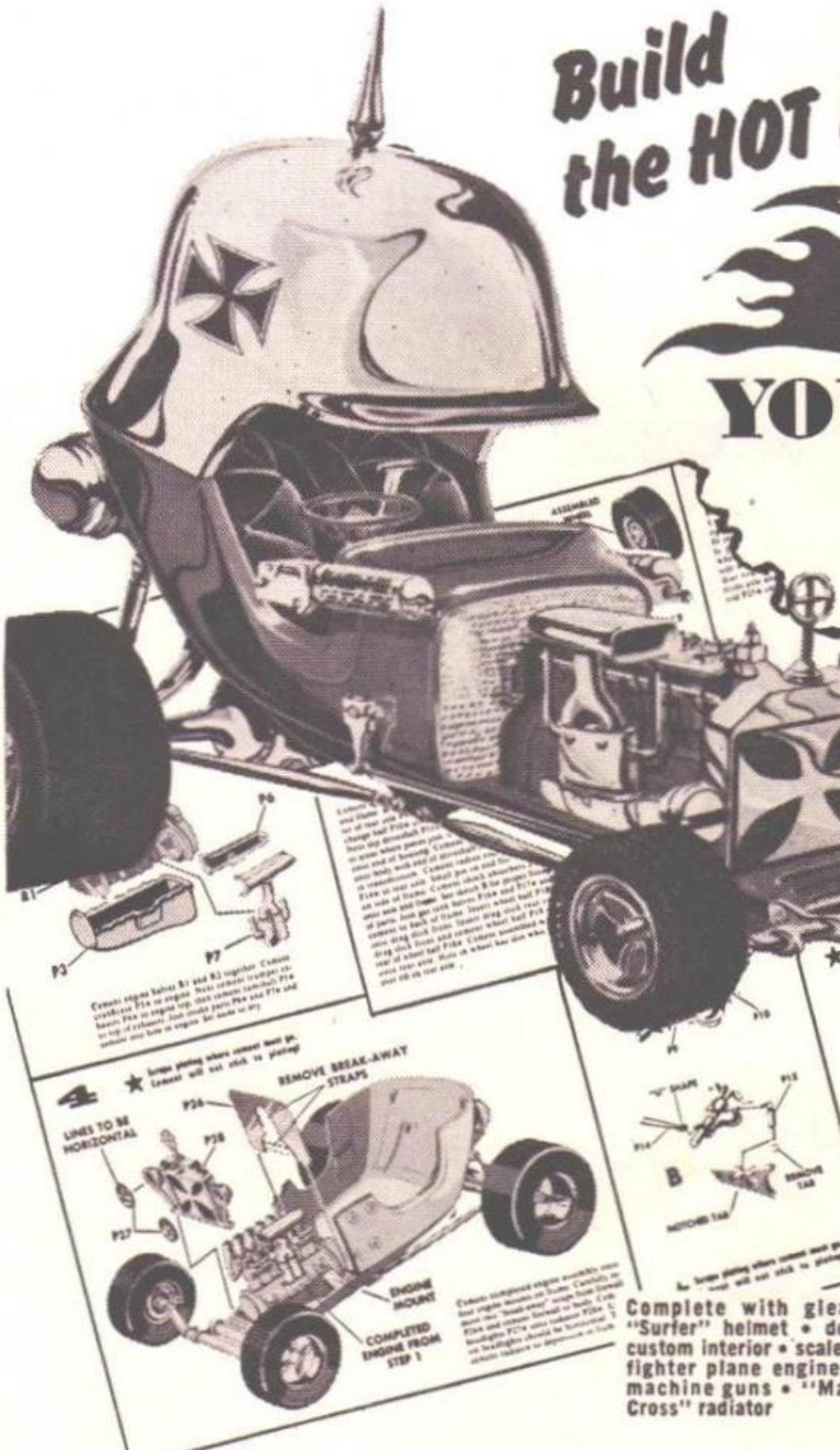
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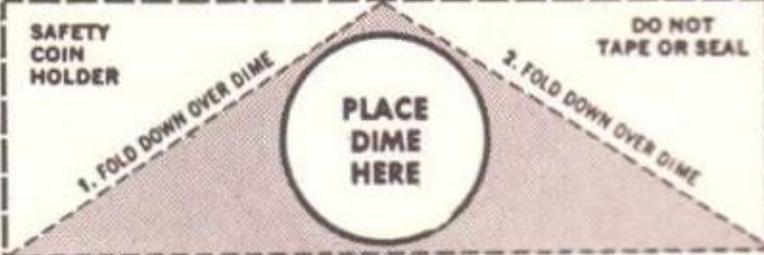
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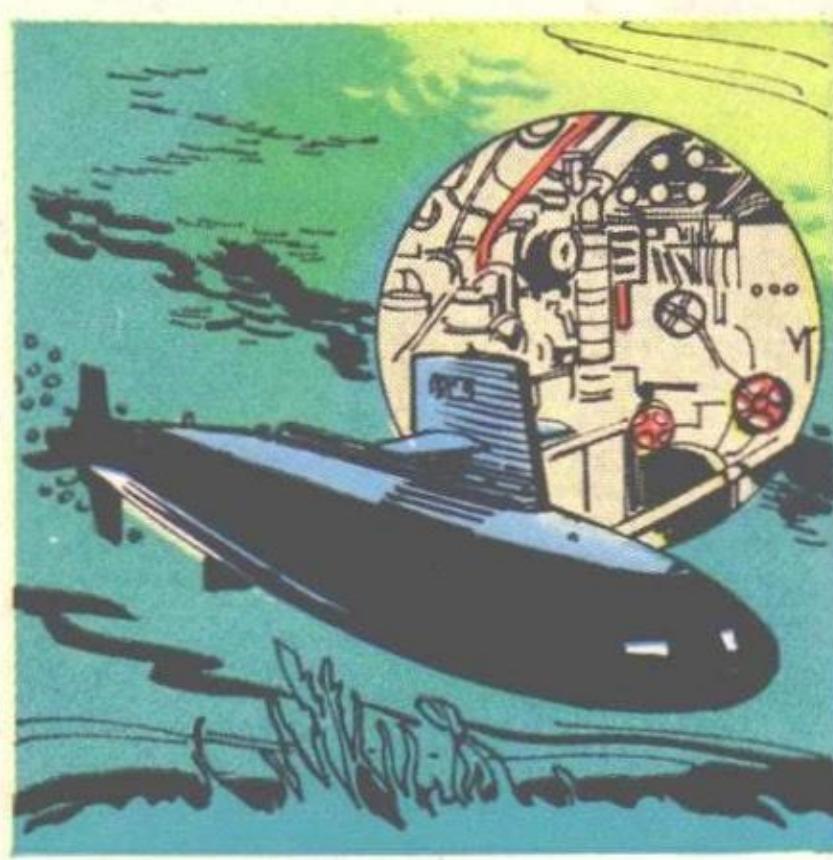
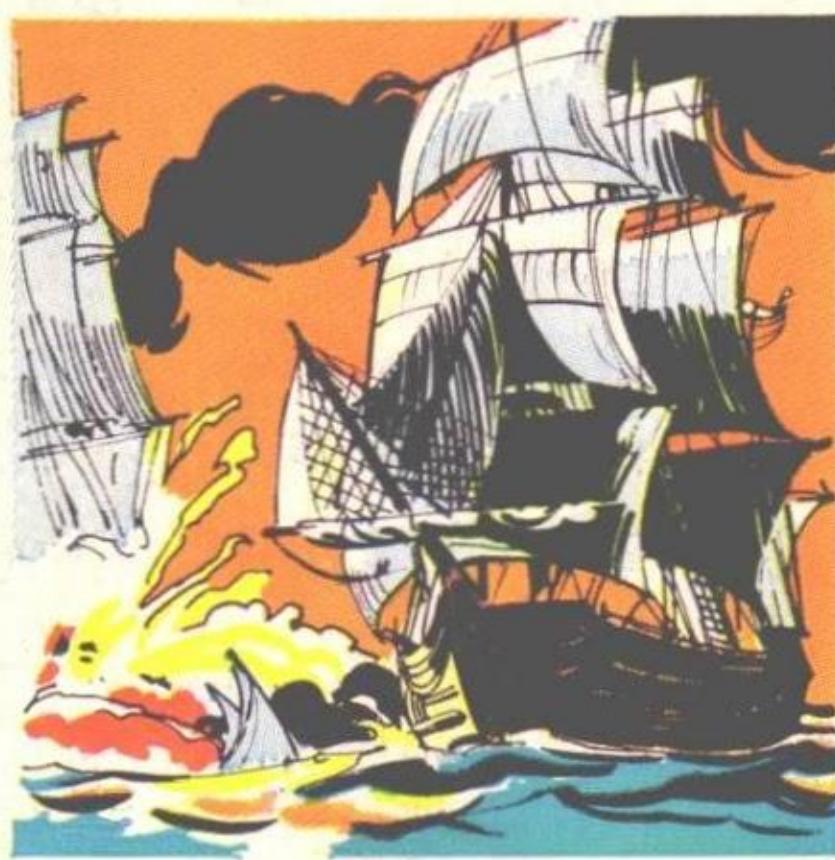
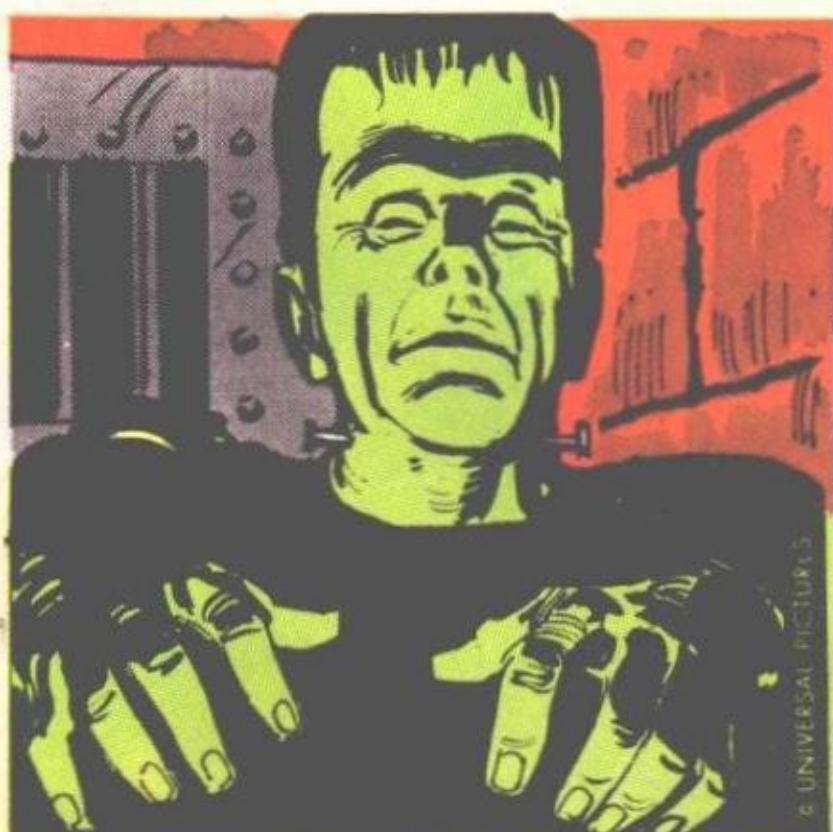
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