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BATMAN



HE'S COMING
CLOSER...
I CAN
HEAR
HIM!

BUT WE'RE
BOTH
BLIND!
HOW CAN HE
SEE ME?
HOW?

"The MAN WITH **TEN EYES!**"

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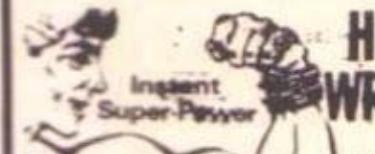
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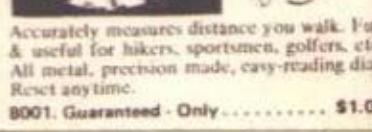


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INTRODUCING THE MOST DEVASTATING OPPONENT THE BATMAN HAS EVER FACED! WHO IS THIS DREAD CREATURE THAT DEFIES THE LAWS OF SCIENCE AND SOCIETY AS...

The MAN with TEN EYES!

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A POST-MIDNIGHT HOUR IN GOTHAM CITY'S WAREHOUSE DISTRICT...

SEE? JUST LIKE I TOLD YA WHEN I CASED THE JOINT, LI'L JEFF--ONE WATCHMAN!

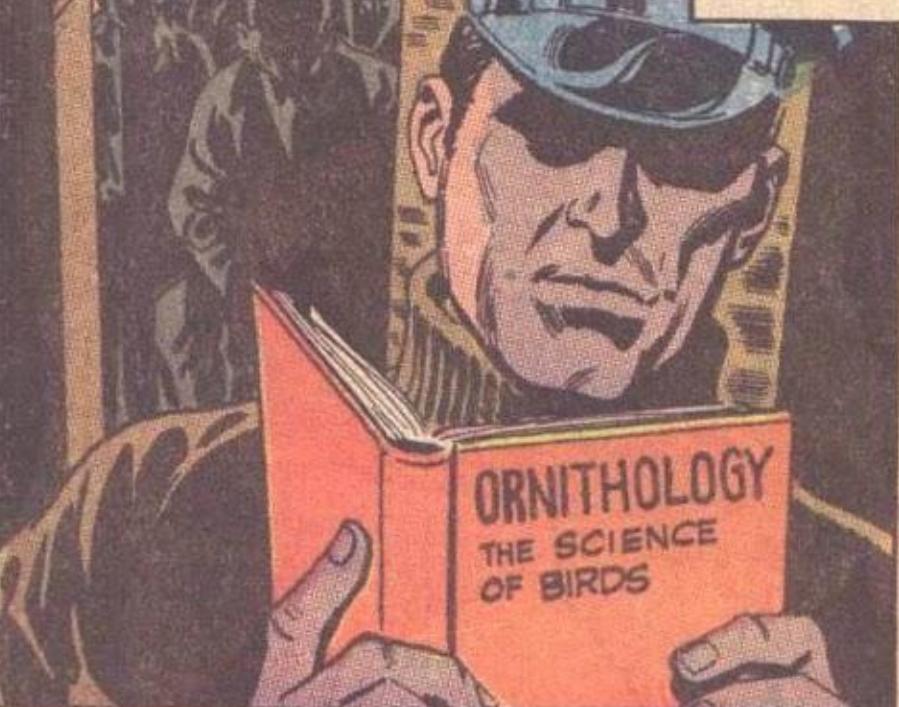
A VIET-NAM VET WHO'S TOO STRAIGHT TO TAKE A PAY-OFF FOR LOOKING THE OTHER WAY!



YEAH--HE PREFERENCES TO MOONLIGHT AN' STUDY BY DAY!

WHAT HE MAKES IN A YEAR I COULD PAY HIM IN ONE NIGHT!

PUT HIM ON ICE, MARTY! WE NEED TIME FOR THIS JOB-- UNDISTURBED!



A-ARKH!

ESPECIALLY "JAIL" BIRDS!



AMATEUR! YOU
WOULDN'T LAST ONE
SECOND IN THE
'NAM BUSH!

THIS WAS KID-STUFF IN
SPECIAL-FORCES BASIC--!

HELP
MARTY--
QUICK!

WHOMP

TOO BAD, PAL--
YOU HAD FAIR
WARNING!

KCHOK

WHUFF!

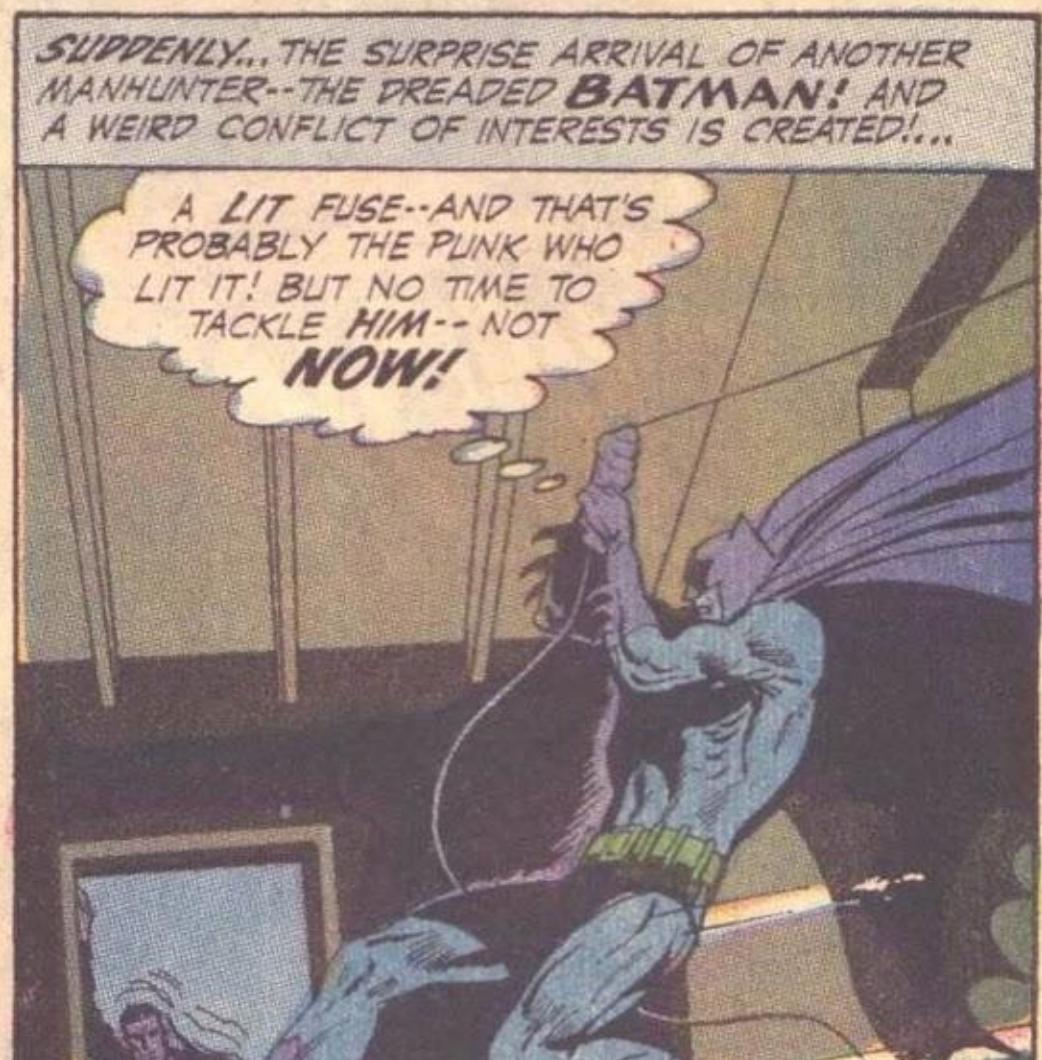
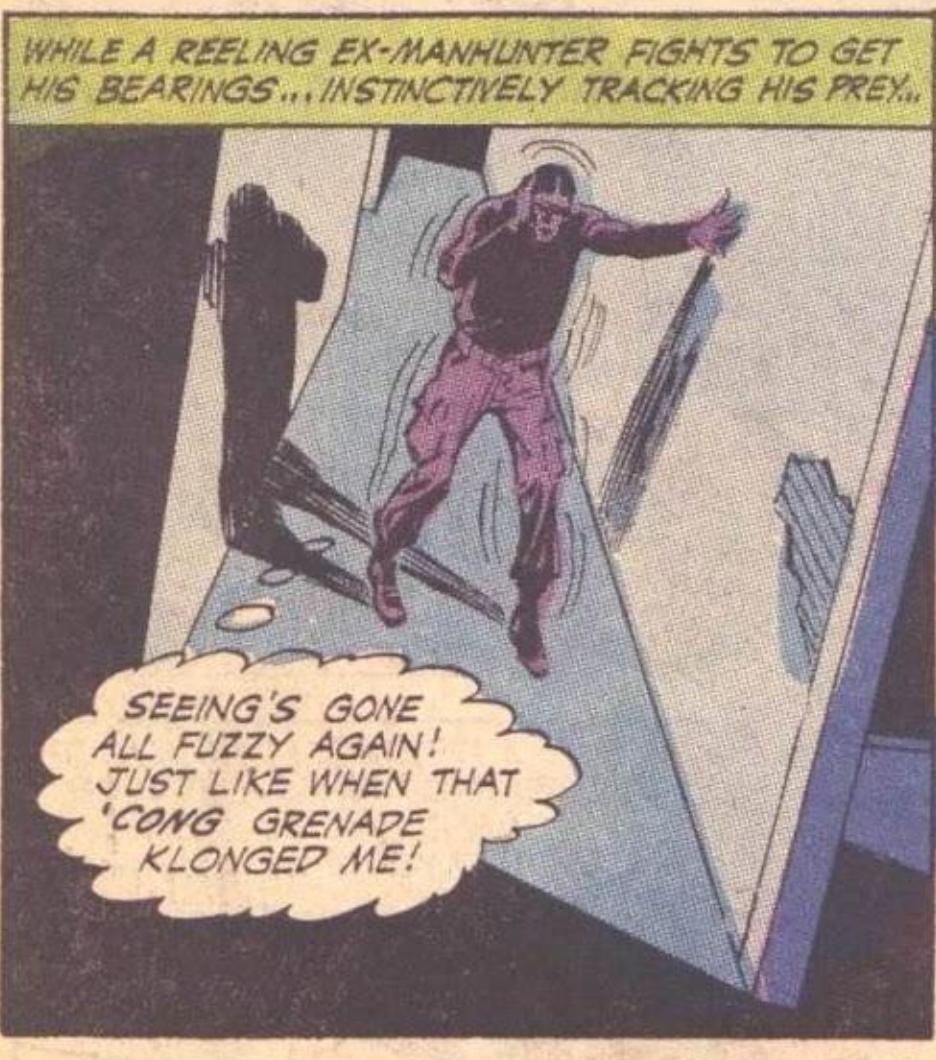
PHEW! HE'S A ONE-MAN
ARMY! TOO BAD HE'S
NOT ON MY TEAM...

CAN'T
RISK THE
NOISE OF
A SHOT--
AN' I
AIN'T
CLOSING
WITH HIM!
SO...

THE GUY'S
GOT EYES IN
THE BACK OF
HIS HEAD!

HUH! MAYBE NOT IN BACK, BUT--
A CAROMING 'CONG GRENADE
FRAGMENT EARNED ME THE
NAME OF...

"THREE-EYE"
REARDON!



A BLUR OF MOVEMENT AS THE CAPED CRUSADER LEAPS...



BUT THE BLURRED VISION OF THREE-EYE MISTAKES THE BATMAN AS AN ENEMY...



HE'S JUMPING ME, BUT--FIRST THINGS FIRST! GOTTA SNUFF THIS OUT!



WE'RE BOTH DEAD-- IF I DON'T CUT THAT FUSE!



AND IF NOT--IN TEN SECONDS THAT NITRO TAKES CARE OF BOTH OF 'EM!

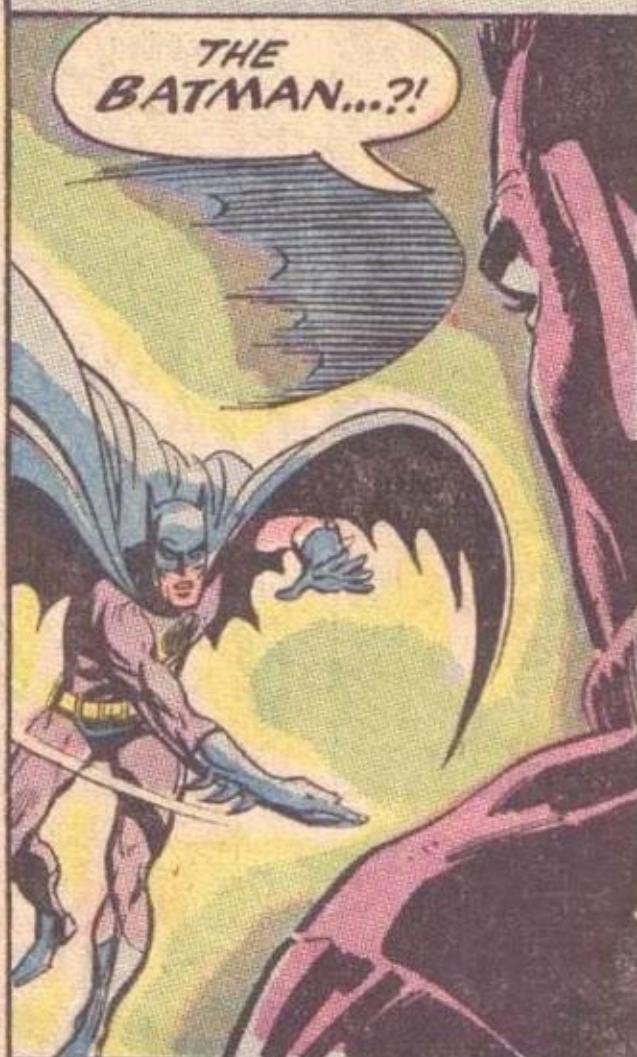
YOU MANIAC-- LET ME PASS!



A HEARTBEAT AWAY FROM INSTANT ETERNITY, THE BATMAN DESPERATELY RESORTS TO HIS BATARANG...



IN THAT BRIEF INSTANT, THREE-EYE'S TRICK-VISION CLICKS BACK INTO FOCUS--AND THE LAST THING HE SEES...



...BEFORE THE VAULT BLOWS! A LAST VIEW OF THE WORLD HE'S KNOWN--AND OF THE MAN WHO HAS JUST BECOME HIS GREATEST ENEMY!



EVEN BEFORE THE SMOKE CLEARS...

THREE-EYE'S STILL ALIVE!

BUT THE BATMAN'S DEAD!

UHH...M-MY EYES! WHAT'D HE THROW AT ME...?



NOW IN SCALE MODEL KITS

BARNABAS
FROM
DARK SHADOWS
AND THE WEREWOLF



Quit moping around your coffin! Here's something new! Barnabas the vampire and his creepy buddy the Werewolf. They look... yechhh... real! But look out! The arms are soft, cold clammy to the touch... and they are flexible! Make up your own eerie position! MORE! MORE! They glow in the dark! Owwwww! Too much, too real. Get 'em... before they get you!

**GLOWS
IN THE
DARK!**

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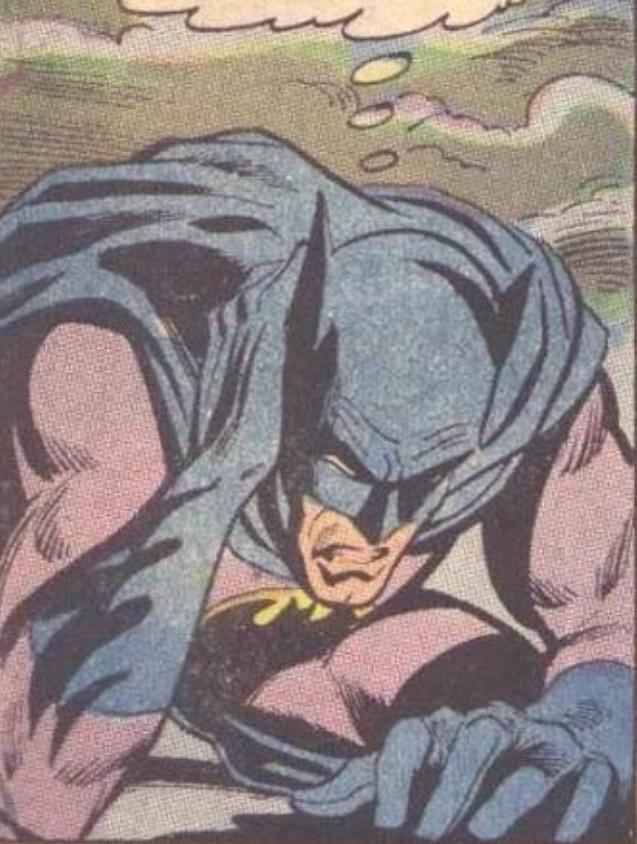


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ALONE NOW, SILENCE HANGS LIKE DEATH OVER THE STILL FORM OF THE ONCE MIGHTY CRIME-FIGHTER! AND THEN, WITH SLOW-MOTION DELIBERATION, HE STIRS... MOVES...

MIND REELING--
SPLITTING HEADACHE!
WHAT HAPPENED?



EVERYTHING--BLURRED--
JITTERING! CAN'T SEEM--
TO HOLD FOCUS...



FORCING HIMSELF UP BY SHEER WILL POWER... HIS HEAD POUNDING... HE TRIES A FIRST STEP, LIKE A TODDLING BABY...



GOTTA LATCH ONTO
SOMETHING SOLID
I CAN--HOLD!

GOT IT! MY
BATROPE!!

CAN'T LET ANYONE SEE ME IN
THIS CONDITION... OR I'M OPEN
SEASON FOR EVERY
KILLER IN GOTHAM!

MUST GET--HOME!
CAN'T FUNCTION
TILL MY EYES
CLEAR UP...

HEAD FEELS AS IF GOING TO
BURST-- LIKE A TOY BALLOON!
CAN'T STEADY--MY FOCUS!

HOW--DRIVE? I'M
A MENACE TO MYSELF--
AND EVERYONE
ELSE!

WHILE IN ANOTHER CAR, SPEEDING THROUGH THE NIGHT...

HE'S PASSED OUT
AGAIN! YA THINK
HIS EYES ARE
REALLY SHOT?

DUNNO--BUT WE'LL FIND
OUT SOON! THREE-EYE'S
THE MOST VALUABLE
ASSET WE'VE COLLECTED
ON THIS HEIST!

HE CAN PROTECT US
FROM HI-JACKERS--
THE COPS--
ANYBODY!

LATER...

WHAT'S THE
SCORE, DOC?
AM I BLACKED
OUT PERMA-
NENT BY THAT
BLUM, BATM--

HE WORKS FOR
ME-- I'LL DO
ANYTHING TO
GET HIM
FIXED UP!

MONEY WON'T HELP HIM
NOW! HE MUST'VE LOOKED
DIRECTLY INTO THAT
BLAST...

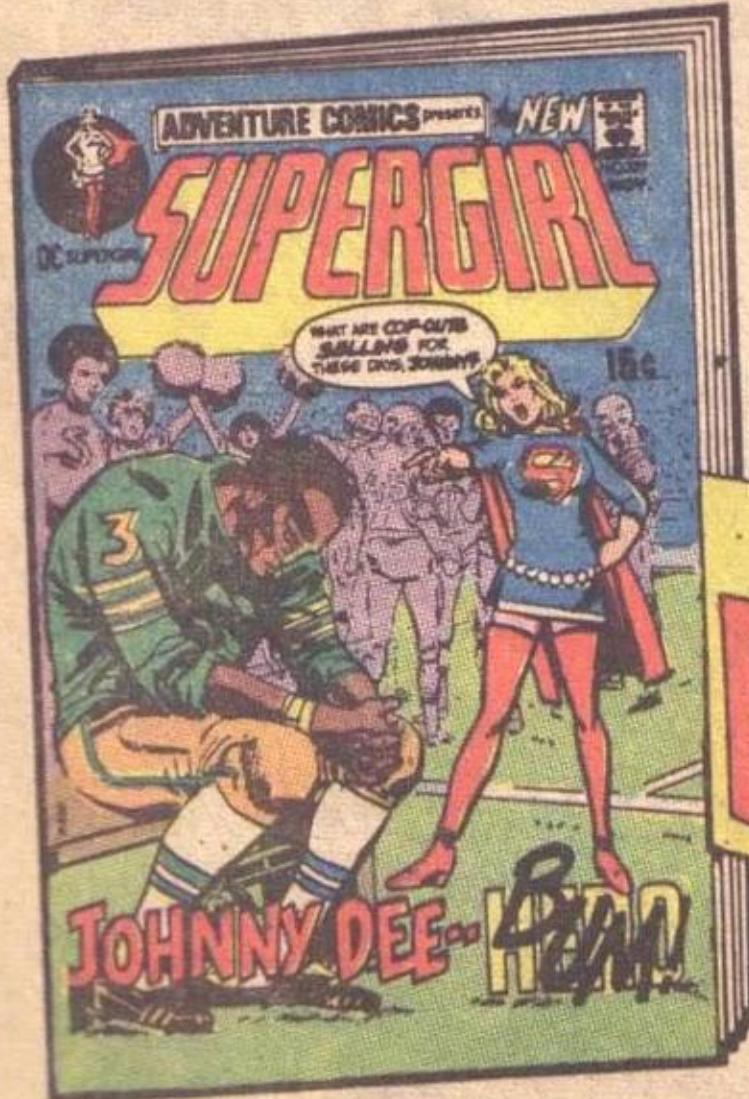
THE SEARING INTENSITY
KICKED UP A PREVIOUS
INJURY-- HIS RETINAS
ARE COMPLETELY
BURNED OUT! HE'LL
NEVER SEE
AGAIN!

LUHH: HE'S ALL
SHOOK UP, DOC!
STILL FOGGY FROM
THAT "GAS-MAIN"
BLAST...

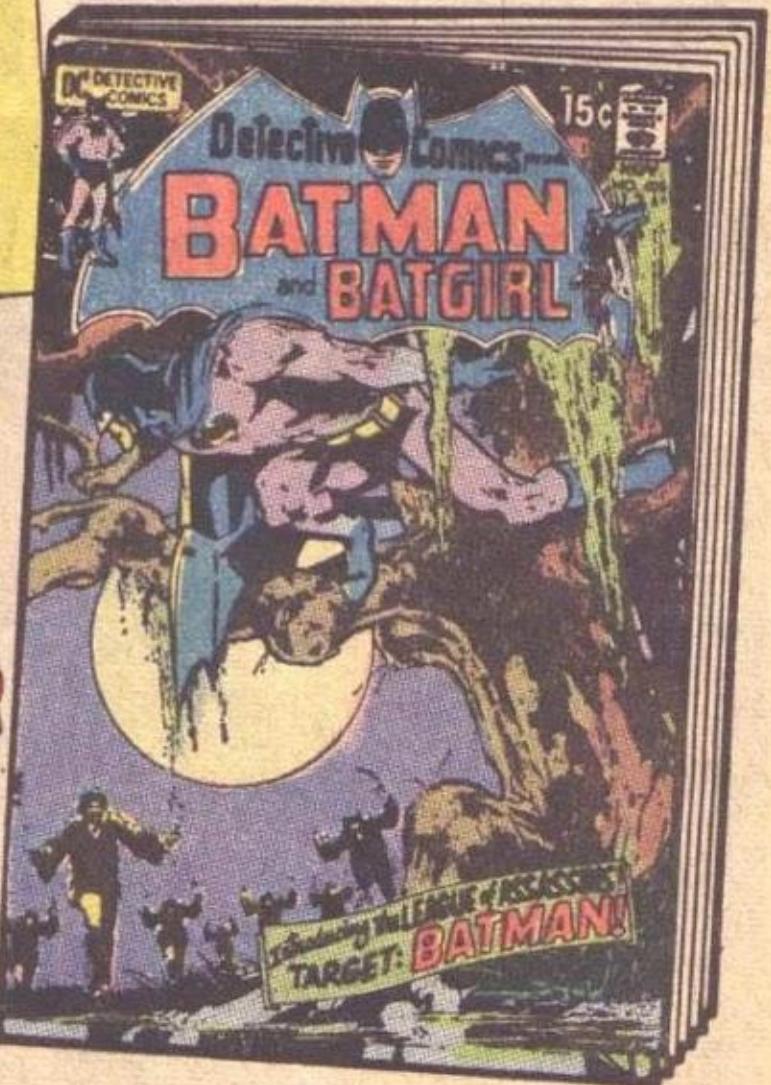
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**MORE
FOR YOUR
MONEY...
...AND
BETTER.**



ON SALE
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THAT'S FUNNY--
A RE-AL RIOT! THREE-
EYE-- THE MAN WITH
ONE TOO MANY--
AND NOW THEY
ALL END UP
BLANKS!
HA! HA!

NOTHING YOU
CAN DO, DOC--? NO
OPERATION...

NOT ON HIS
EYES-- THEY'RE
FINISHED! BUT
MAYBE... HMM...

THERE'S ONE SLIM,
RISKY POSSIBILITY--QUITE
EXPERIMENTAL--THAT MAY
GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO
"SEE"! A COLLEAGUE
OF MINE--A TOP NEURO-
OPHTHALMOLOGIST...

HERE'S HIS NAME AND
ADDRESS! I'LL CALL--
TELL DR. ENGSTROM
YOU'RE COMING!

WHILE THE
BATMAN
HAS SOLVED
HIS DILEMMA
TEMPORARILY...
BY RADIO-
PHONE...

THE WISEST THING YOU
COULD DO UNDER THE
CIRCUMSTANCES, SIR--
CALLING ME!

HATED TO
ADMIT--EVEN TO
MYSELF--THAT I'M
VULNERABLE,
ALFRED--
BUT...

I'VE
ALREADY
CONTACTED
DR.
ENGSTROM...

IT'LL BE WISER FOR
YOU TO HELP ME
"DISGUISED" AS A--
MR. PENNYWORTH!

A MASSIVE TRAUMA TO
THE OPTIC NERVES,
BATMAN-- BUT IT'LL
WEAR OFF IN TIME!
HOWEVER, TILL THEN...

THE ONLY WAY TO
STOP THE SEVERE
HEADACHE, CAUSED
BY STRAINING TO
FOCUS, IS TO
REFRAIN FROM
SEEING!

YOU MEAN--
KEEP MY EYES SHUT
OR BLACK THEM
OUT?

ENGST
EYE
CLINIC

ME WEAR BLACK GLASSES--LIKE A BLIND MAN? NOT A CHANCE, DOCTOR--I'D BE PRACTICALLY ADVERTISING TO THE UNDERWORLD TO "HIT" ME!

YOU WON'T BE DOING ANY CRIME-FIGHTING FOR A WHILE, BATMAN!

BUT FOR LIMITED ACTIVITY, THESE BLACK CONTACT LENSES MASK ONLY THE PUPILS--AND CAN'T BE DETECTED!

NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME--I HAVE ANOTHER EMERGENCY CASE WAITING!

WHAT'S WRONG, JEFF? WHY ARE YOU TENSING UP...?

IT'S THE BATMAN--ALIVE! WE'RE SUNK!

THANKS FOR YOUR ADVICE, DR. ENGSTROM! BUT I CAN ONLY TAKE PART OF IT...

...I MUST FIND ANOTHER WAY TO CONTINUE MY ACTIVITIES!

HE AIN'T NOTICING US... BUT HE MUST'VE SEEN YOU IN THAT FIGHT...

I WANT YOU BACK IN A WEEK FOR A RE-CHECK, BATMAN!

HE DIDN'T EVEN BLINK AN EYE! WHY WAS HE HERE--WAS HE BLINDED BY THAT BLAST TOO?

COME IN, PLEASE...

ALIVE...THE GUY WHO DID THIS TO ME-- ALIVE?!

--BLIND FOR HOW LONG? THE BATMAN'S TOO SHARP-- HE'LL FIGURE A WAY TO GET TO US!

NOW I NEED THREE-EYE MORE'N EVER-- IF DOC CAN FIX HIM UP LIKE NEW!

LUCKILY THE OPTIC NERVES ARE INTACT! IF I CAN RECONNECT THEM--WITH NO TISSUE-REJECTION...

WHAT KINDA DOUBLE-TALK IS THAT, DOC...?

A HIGHLY EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE BASED ON A RARE NATURAL PHENOMENON FOUND IN VERY FEW INDIVIDUALS...

...WHAT YOU LAYMEN MIGHT CALL--A SEVENTH SENSE!

I DON'T CARE
WHAT YOU
CALL IT, DOC--
JUST DO
IT!

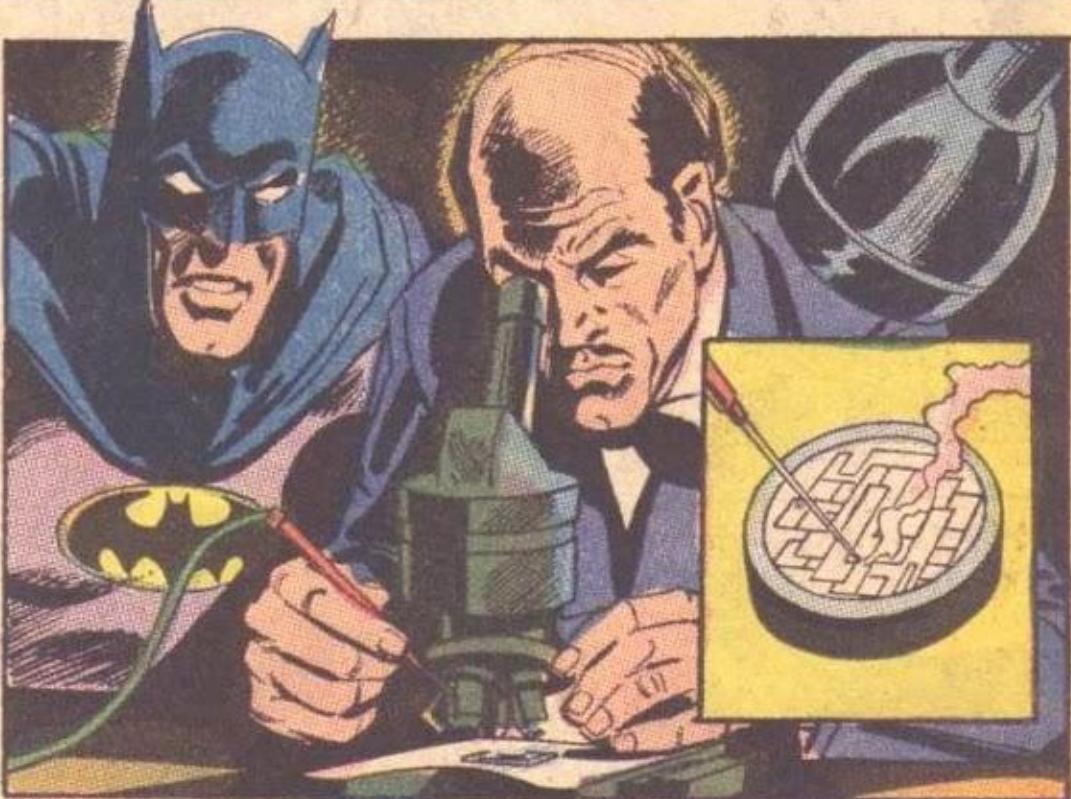
GOOD! IT CAN
BE DONE RIGHT
HERE IN MY
CLINIC! WITH
LUCK, MR.
REARDON--YOU'LL
BE A NEW
MAN WITHIN
A WEEK!

WHILE IN
THE
BATMAN'S
LAB ATOP
THE WAYNE
FOUNDATION...

FOR NOW, ALFRED--
YOU'LL HAVE TO
BE MY EYES!

I'VE ALREADY
DEvised A WAY TO
CARRY ON MY
CRIME-FIGHTING
DESPITE THIS
CONDITION! NOW
LISTEN CAREFULLY...

GUIDED
VERBALLY
BY AN
UNSEEING
BATMAN,
ALFRED--
AS HIS "EYES"
--WORKS ON
A DELICATE
MICRO-
CIRCUIT...



WHILE AN
EQUALLY
DELICATE--
AND UNTRIED--
OPERATION
IS BEING
PERFORMED
BY DR.
ENGSTROM...



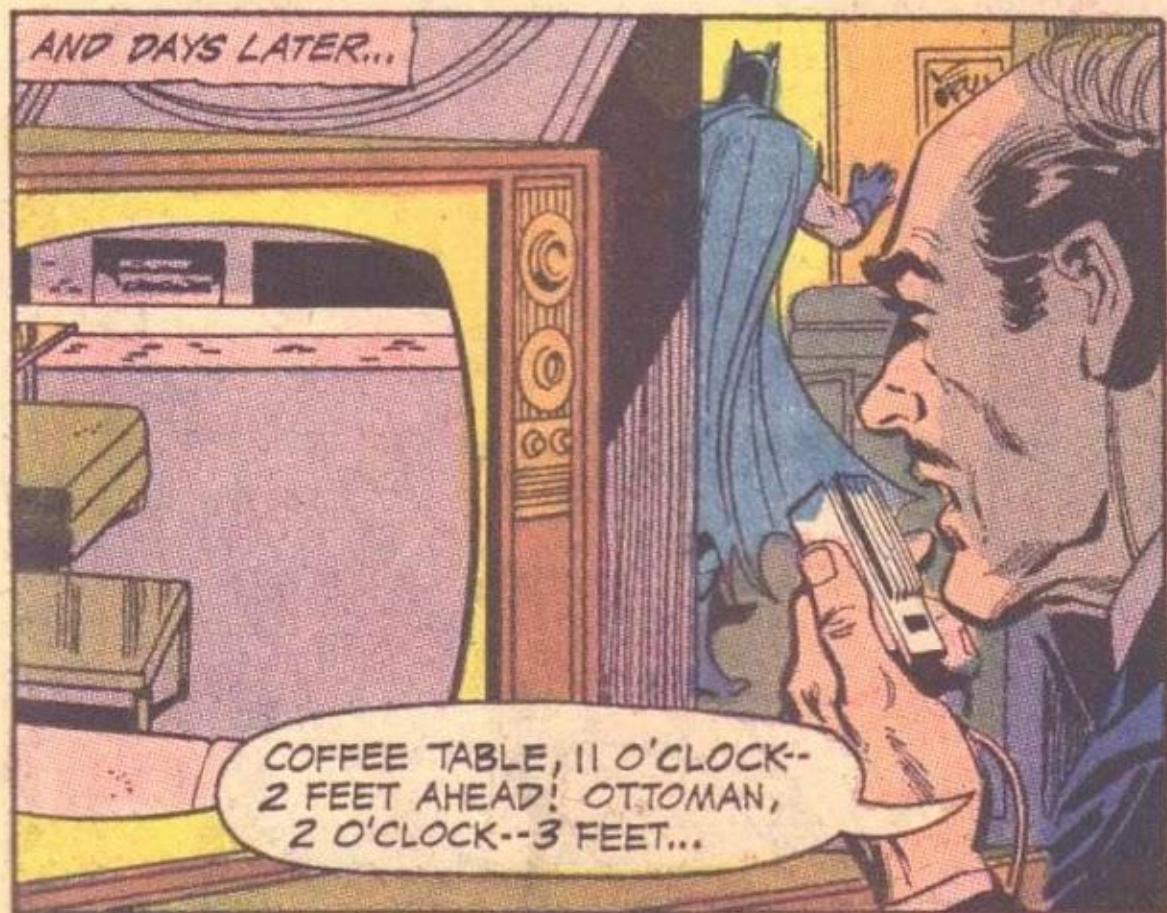
AND DAYS LATER...

COFFEE TABLE, 11 O'CLOCK--
2 FEET AHEAD! OTTOMAN,
2 O'CLOCK--3 FEET...

DAY AFTER DAY OF INTENSIVE "UNSEEING"
BROKEN-FIELD RUNNING BY THE BLACKED-
OUT BATMAN, AND THEN...

IT WORKS! THE
MINI-CAMERAS IN
MY CONTACT-LENSES...
YOUR TV -
MONITORING...

... AND
GUIDANCE
VIA MICRO-
RECEIVER
EARPHONES--
WE'VE DONE
IT, ALFRED!



THAT SAME NIGHT, ANOTHER DISABLED FIGHTER
TENSELY AWAITS A FINAL VERDICT ON HIS
WEEK-LONG ORDEAL...

THE "MOMENT OF
TRUTH" EH, DOC?

BECAUSE
FROM NOW
ON--

BUT WHY'D YOU
BANDAGE UP MY
FINGERS? THEY
WEREN'T HURT...



--THEY WILL SERVE
AS YOUR EYES!

MY--
WHAT...?!



YOUR NEW EYES--
TEN OF
THEM!



I'VE RECONNECTED YOUR
OPTIC NERVES TO THE
SENSORY CELLS IN YOUR
FINGER-TIPS! IN ADDITION
TO THE SENSE OF
TOUCH-- I'VE ADDED
SIGHT!

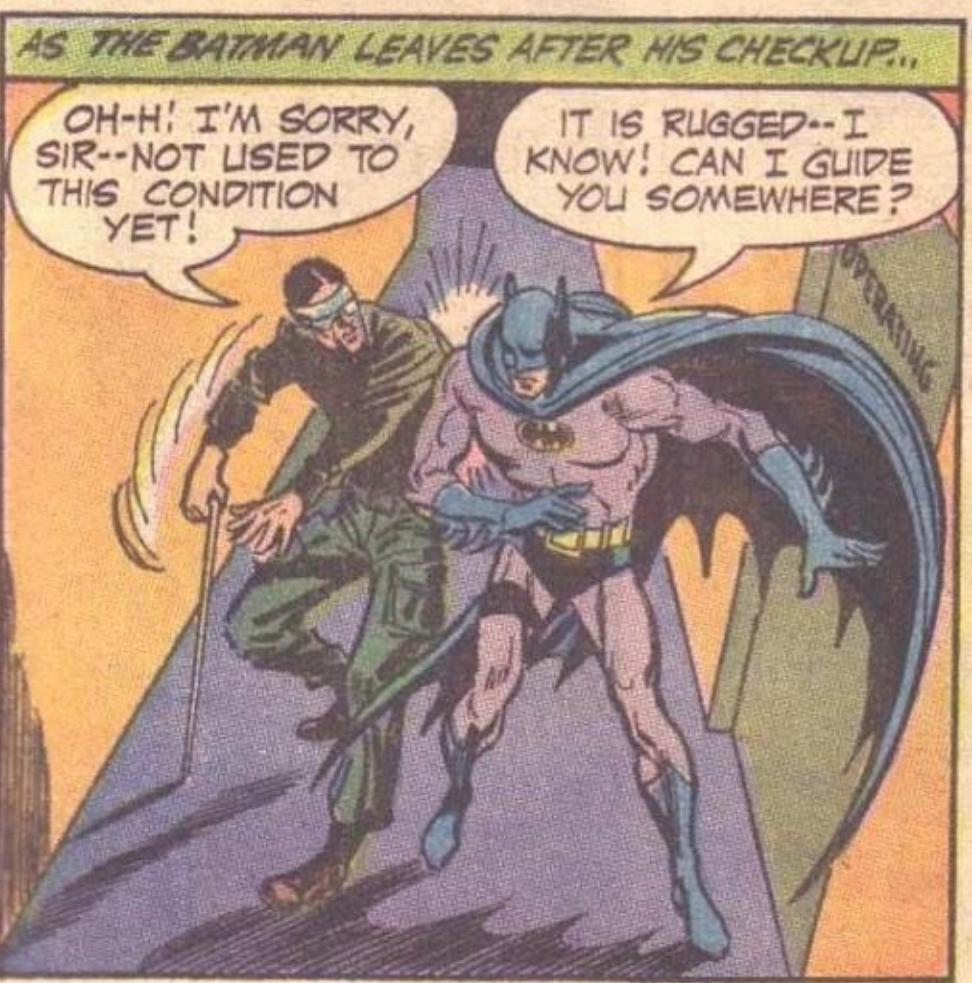


GO ON--POINT YOUR
FINGERS AT ANYTHING
YOU WANT TO "SEE"!



DOC-I CAN
SEE! MORE THAN
I EVER DID BEFORE--
YOU AND ME
AT ONE TIME!





A DEVASTATING SNEAK ATTACK-- AND INSTANTLY THE UNSUSPECTING BATMAN LOSES HIS "WINDOWS ON THE WORLD"!

PHWAP



BUT HELP LIES A LIFETIME AWAY--AS ACROSS TOWN, ALFRED CRIES OUT INTO UNHEARING EARS...

HIS LENSES HAVE BEEN KNOCKED OUT!
MASTER--MASTER BATMAN! SNAP OUT OF IT!



WHILE SEEING LENSES MONITOR A MOUNTING TRAGEDY...

OPERATING



THEN, AS THE SWINGING DOORS SHUT OFF ALFRED'S VIEW...

NOW I'LL REPAY MY "DEBT" TO YOU, BATMAN--FOR THIS... HA! HA!... TEN-FOLD GIFT YOU GAVE ME!

THE SAME WAY I GOT IT! WHERE IS THAT MACHINE...?



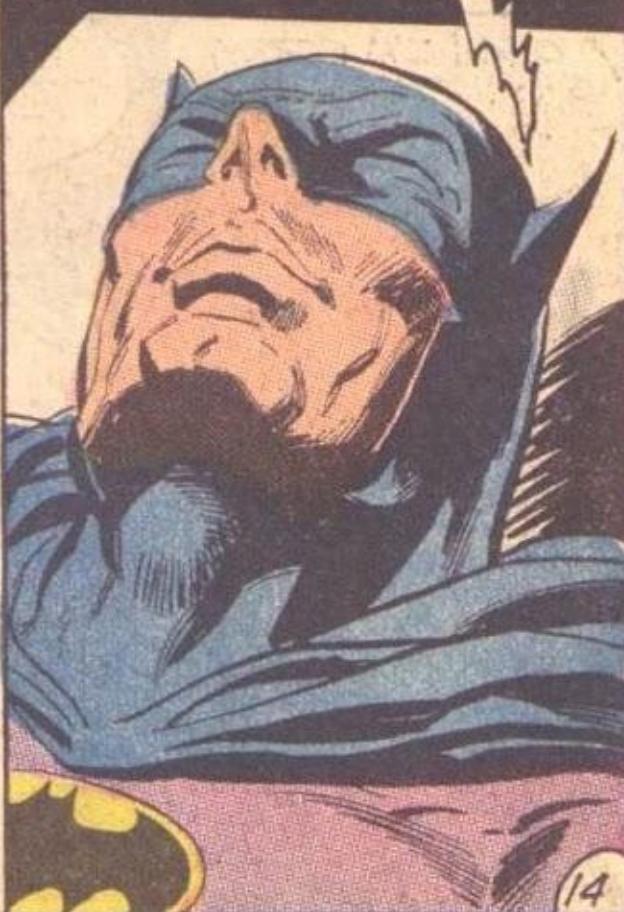
YOUR EYE TROUBLE WON'T BE TEMPORARY WHEN I'M FINISHED!

THIS LASER CAUTERY-MACHINE THAT DOC ENGSTROM USED TO SEVER MY OPTIC-NERVES BEFORE HE RE-ROUTED THEM--WILL DO THE JOB NEATLY AND PERMANENT!



WHILE ALFRED'S FRANTIC CRIES, FROM AN ETERNITY AWAY, STILL FALL ON DEAF EARS!

PLEASE, SIR-- WAKE UP! PLEASE-- YOU'RE IN GRAVE DANGER!





TAKE A GOOD
LOOK, BATMAN--YOUR
LAST! YOU'LL SEE
JUST A BRIEF
BRILLIANT RED
FLASH--

JUST LIKE I
DID--WHEN THAT
FUR VAULT
BLEW!

GOOD LORD! HE'S
THE MAN WHO KEPT
ME FROM THAT
LIT FUSE...

HERE GOES,
BABY--LIGHTS
OUT!

I STILL HAVE FLOPOVER
VISION, BUT I'VE GOT THE
EDGE ON HIM--HE
CAN'T SEE AT ALL!

HAVE TO PIN
HIM DOWN FIRST--
THEN FIND OUT...

THE BATMAN'S FIRST MISJUDGMENT OF HIS OPPONENT--AS TEN-EYE POINTS HIS ALL-SEEING HAND AND UNERRINGLY ZEROES IN WITH HIS COMBAT BOOT!

HAH! YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD IT MADE, EH, BATMAN--

A "HELPLESS"--NO-EYED--CRIPPLE AT YOUR MERCY...?

COME AND TAKE ME, BABY! I GOT TEN-EYES NOW IN PLACE OF THE TWO YOU ROBBED ME OF!

TEN-EYES! HE MUST BE RAVING AFTER THAT LUCKY KICK...!

XLOK

GOING TO BE TOUGH NAILING HIM ON THE BUTTON WITH THIS CRAZY-QUILT PICTURE, I'M GETTING, BUT...

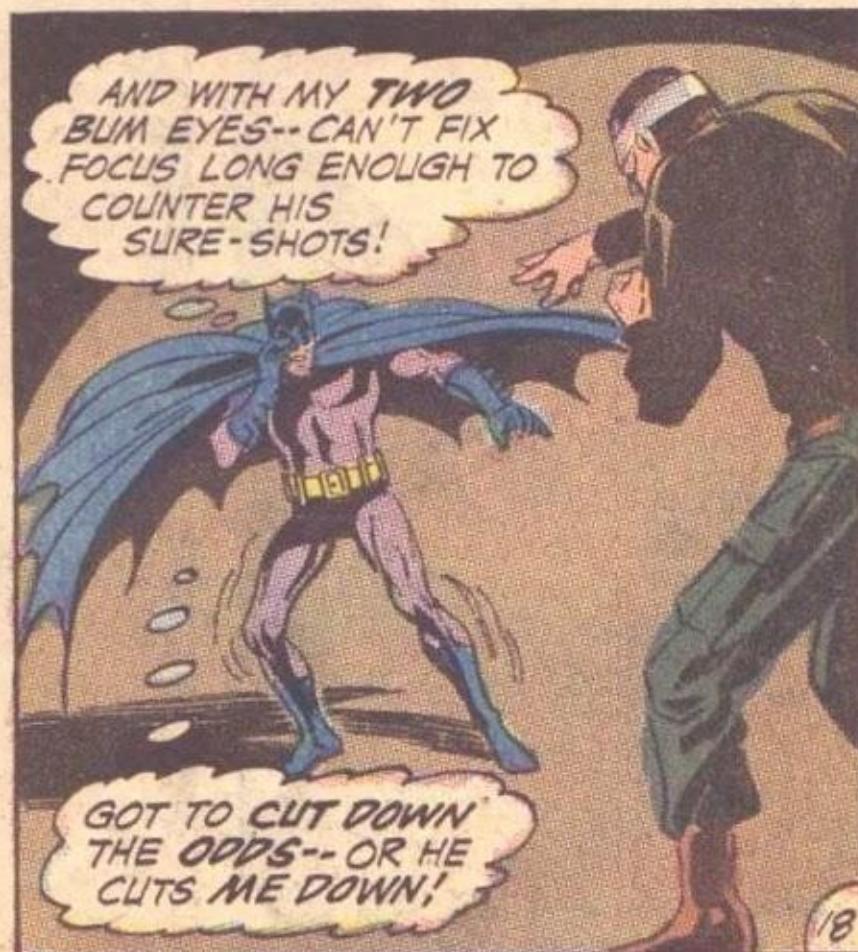
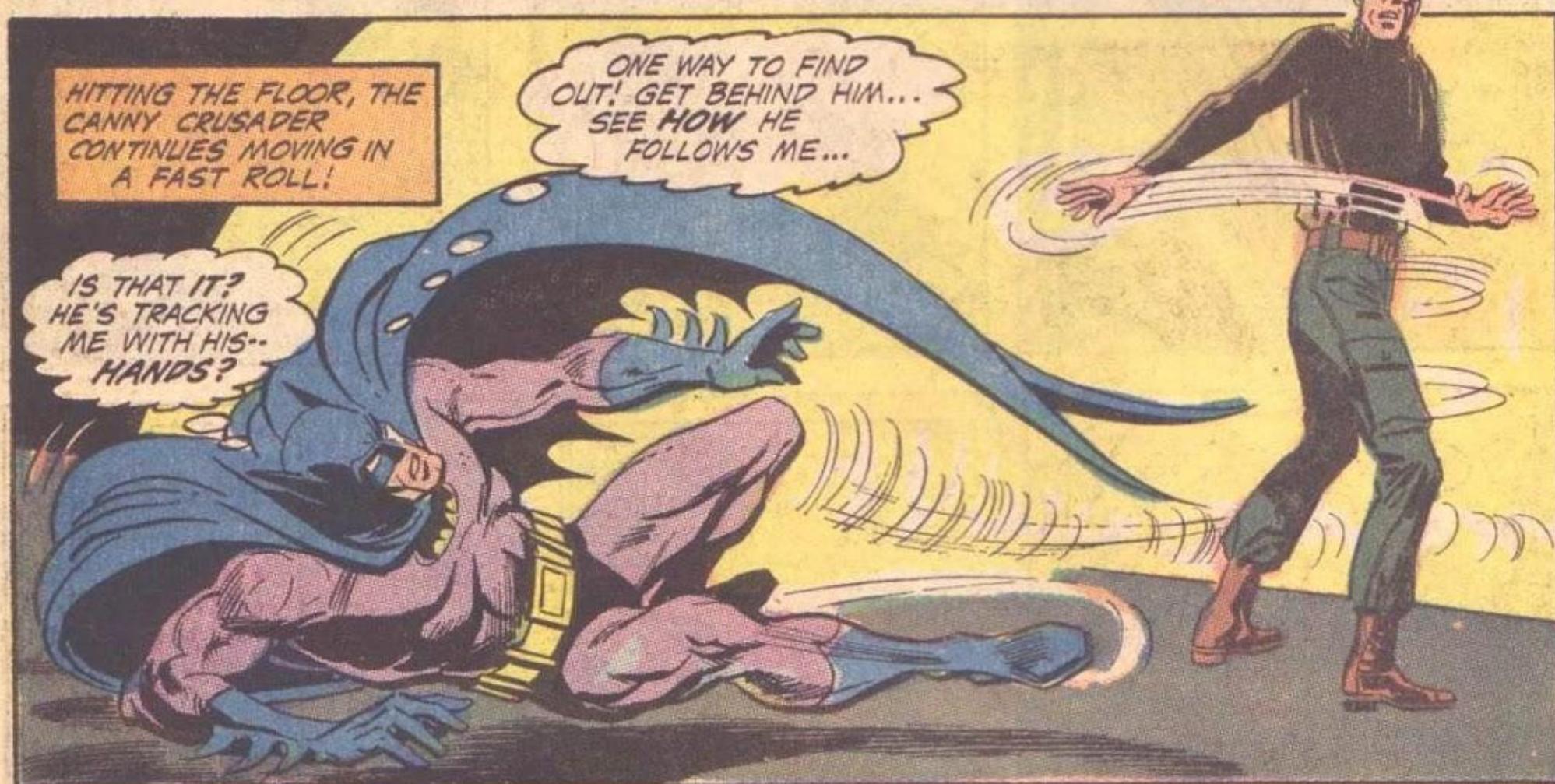
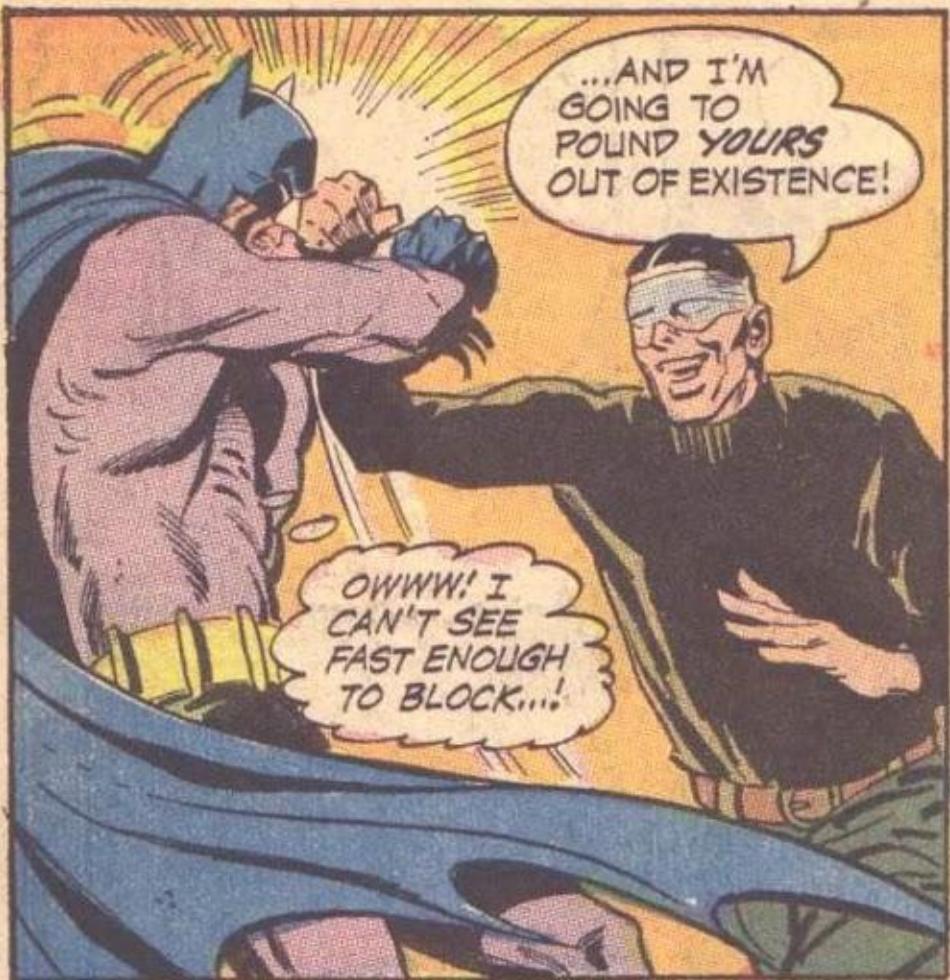
BUT AS HE MOVES TO HIS FOE'S LEFT... TEN-EYE'S OPEN HAND SNAPS SHUT... AND LIKE A COBRA STALKING ITS PREY.. STRIKES!

UNGH! ZZAP

...I CAN SEE HE'S FEINTING WITH HIS LEFT--TRYING TO SUCERK ME INTO HIS RIGHT, SO...

MAH! YOU'RE A HARD BOY TO CONVINCE! I'M ALL EYES...

THAT WAS NO LUCKY PUNCH! AND--AND HE'S NO POWDER-PUFF SLUGGER EITHER....!



THEN--IN A SURPRISE FLAT-OUT TACKLE-- THE CAPED CRUSADER STREAKS IN UNDER A WILD SWING, AND...

GET IN FAST-- SPILL HIM! THEN, HE'S GOT TO...



...BREAK HIS FALL!

OWOO-O-O-O! M-MY EYES--!



WRITHING IN PAIN, TEN-EYE CLUTCHES AT THE THROBBING AGONY SHOOTING THROUGH HIS SENSITIVE, FIVE-EYED FINGERS...

NOW THE ODDS ARE BETTER THAN EVEN! IF I CAN ONLY GET IN A FINISHER AT THAT BOBBING HEAD!



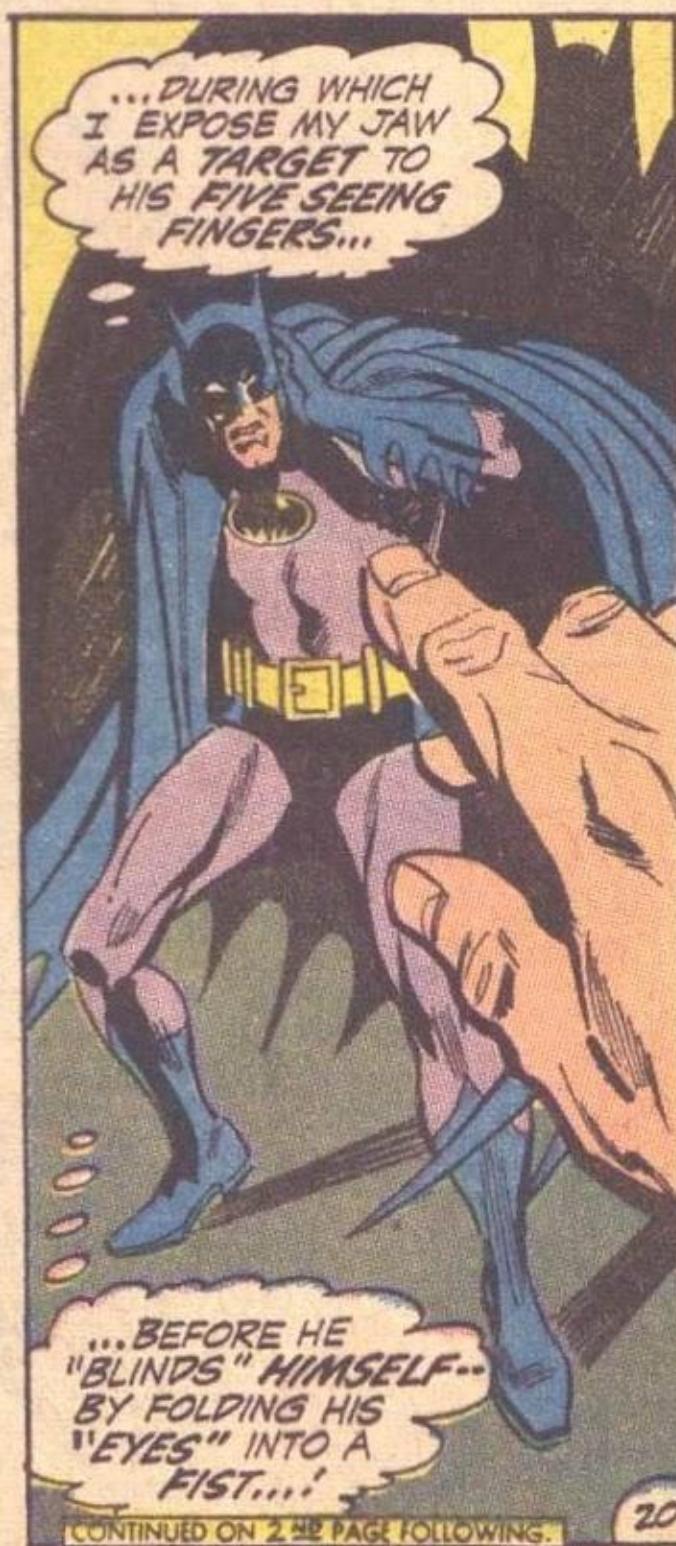
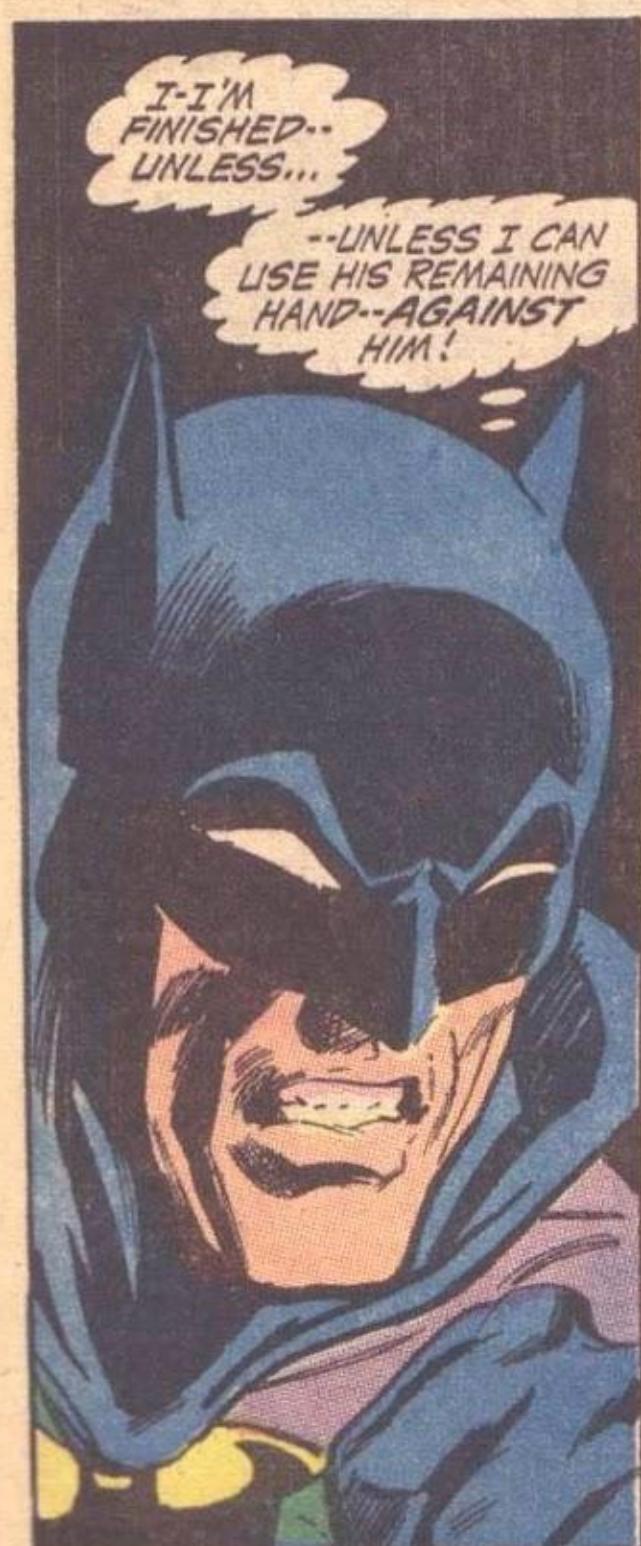
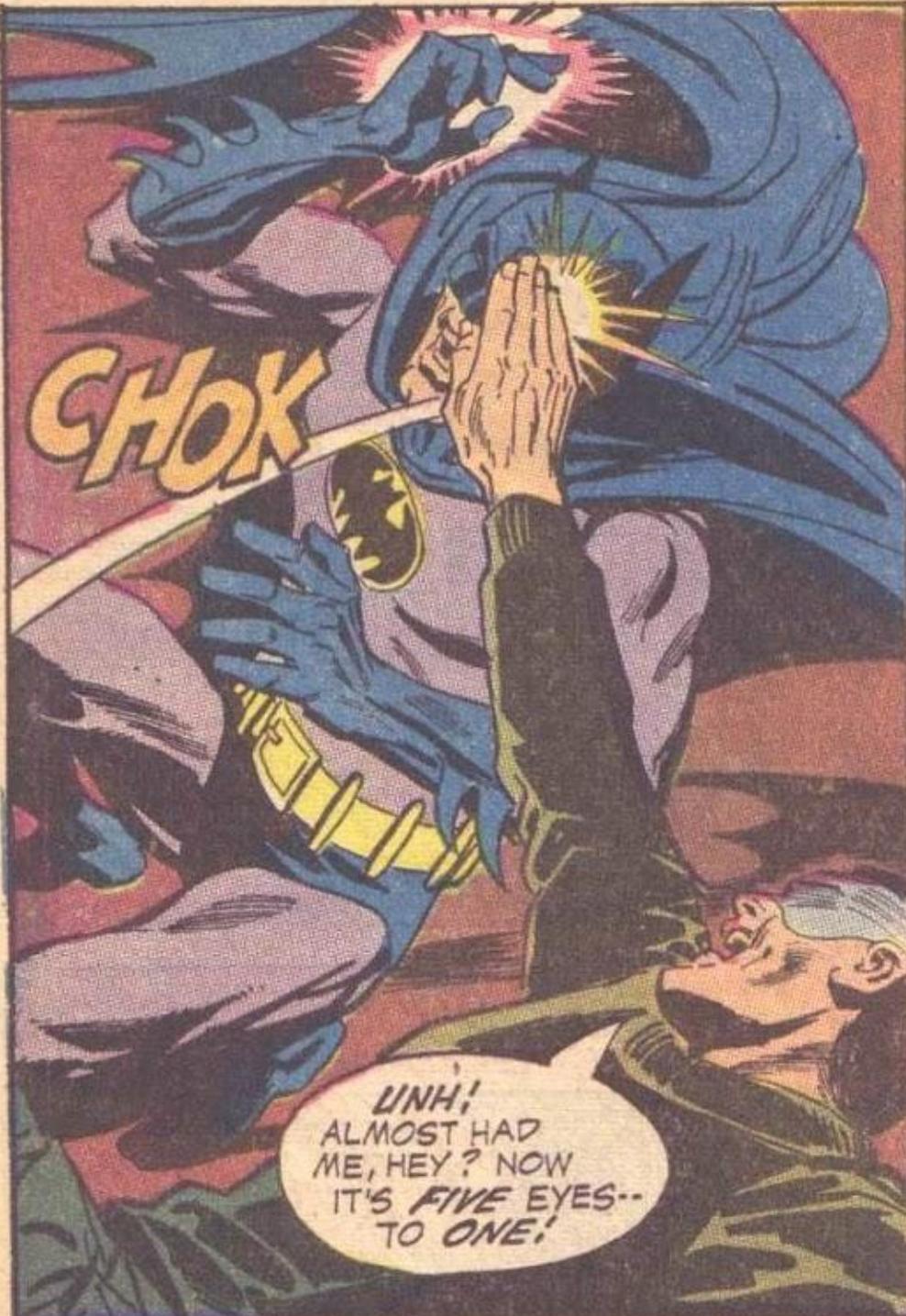
THE BATMAN'S MIGHTY FIST FLASHES DOWN AT HIS ELUSIVE TARGET...



BUT ONCE AGAIN, HIS "FLOPOVER" VISION BETRAYS HIM! HE HAS CHOSEN THE WRONG TARGET-IMAGE!

YOWTCH!





WORLD'S FASTEST BIG RACERS!

WOW!

IT'S THE BIG ONES
FROM KENNER!

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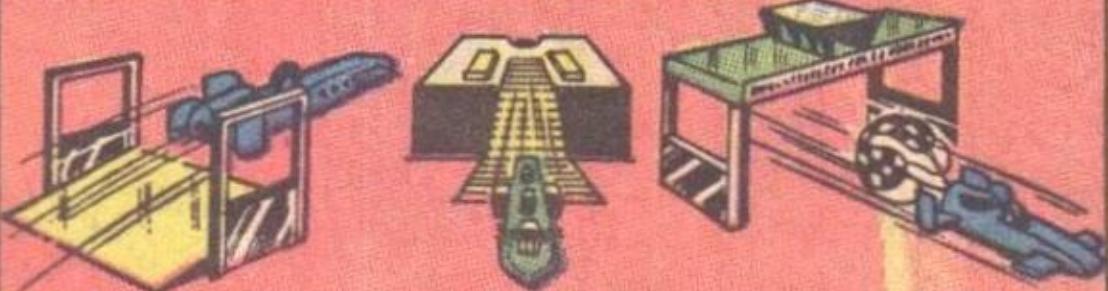
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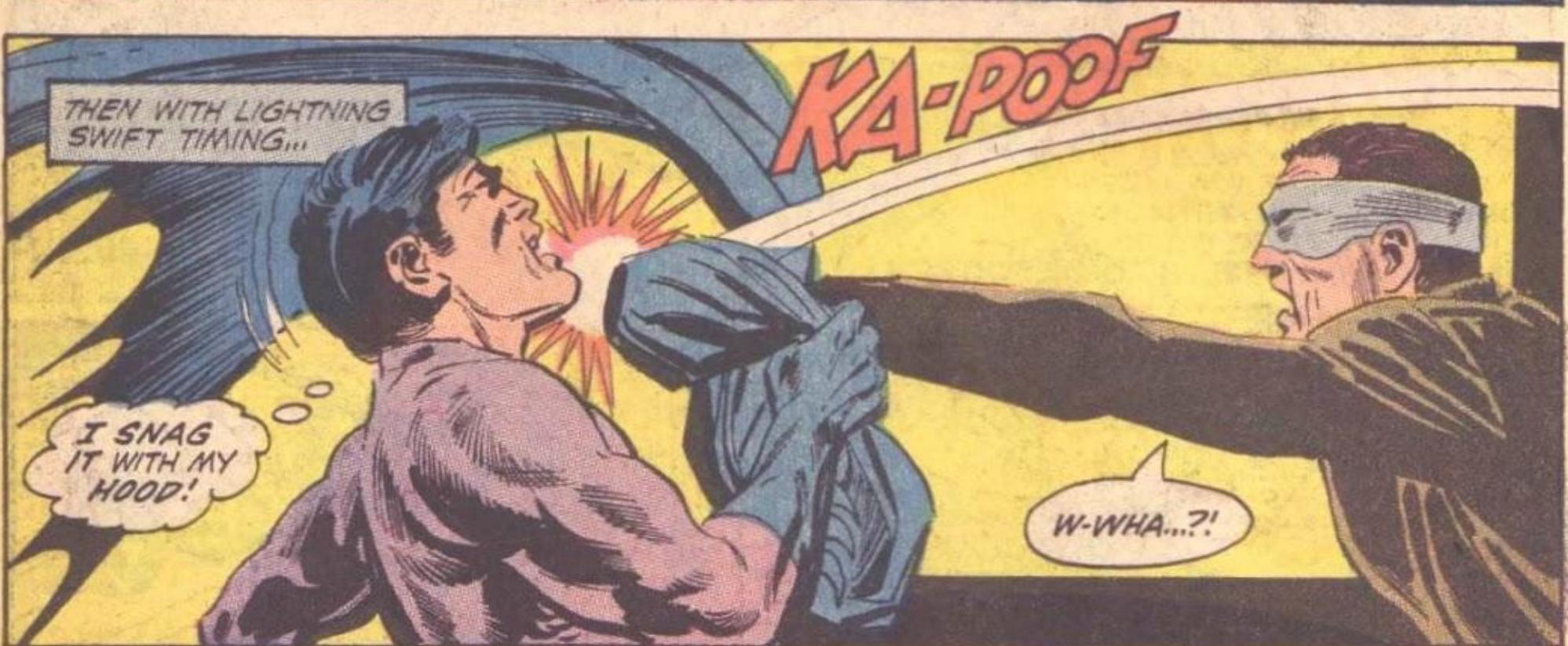
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REGAIN HIS
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AS IT COULD'VE
BEEN FOR ME!

THE DERANGED VICTIM
OF HIS OWN PARANOIA!
BLAMING ME FOR HIS INJURY--
WHEN HE PREVENTED ME
FROM STOPPING THAT
BLAST! POOR GUY!

HE REALLY NEEDS
MEDICAL HELP NOW-- BOTH
PHYSICAL AND MENTAL!
BETTER GET DR.
ENGSTROM FIRST...

TEN-EYE WILL
NEVER KNOW THAT
THE BATMAN HE
WAS FIGHTING--
IS REALLY BRUCE
WAYNE! HE WAS
"BLINDED" BEFORE
THE HOOD
CAME OFF!

MOMENTS LATER,
RACING BACK TO
THE OPERATING
ROOM...

I WON'T
SAY YOU CREATED
A "MONSTER,"
DOC--BUT...

...TEN-EYE
COULD BE THE
DEADLIEST "KILLING
MACHINE" EVER
CREATED-- IF I
HADN'T STOPPED
HIM COLD!

AT THE TIME
I NEVER DREAMED,
BATMAN...

OH, MY
GOD--
GONE?!

GONE...

...AND UNLEASHED ON
INNOCENT GOTHAM-- THE
MOST DANGEROUS MAN
ALIVE! WHAT WILL HE DO
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Dear Editor:

Batman blows my mind! Especially the New Batman. Issue #222 (June '70) was the most fantastic satire I have ever read (and I've read quite a few). Satirizing the Paul McCartney death-hoax was a great idea for a story to show how stupid the whole thing was. Naming the Beatles the "Oliver Twists" was an excellent idea because of the "twist" ending. Also, it was a "Dickens" of a story (sorry about that)!

—SAMUEL P. SCHRAEGER, Asbury Park, N.J.
(PAR-don our boasting, but observe how the next correspondent neatly tees off on the "Dead...Till Proven Alive" story!—Editor)

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Dear Editor:

It is a warm day here at the Gotham Country Club where the #222nd Batman Open is about to begin. On the 18th tee are the finalists, the two teams consisting of Robbins and Novick vs. Friedrich and Novick, aided by the caddy services of Dick Giordano and Julius Schwartz. This last hole is a par 5, 525 yards, and is plagued by numerous hazards; the going is rough, but let's see how things come out.

Seizing his driver, Robbins tees off with the introduction of Saul Cartwright and the Twists. The lack of originality, and the assumption that the readers are naive enough to not connect the characters with the Beatles and Paul McCartney's death rumors, has put Robbins in trouble. He lies in the rough at a distance of about 200 yards. Knowing he will need a lot of distance on this next shot in order to reach the green, his second swing re-opens *Stately Wayne Manor* and the *Batcave*. He follows this with some clever deductions and an ever-deepening mystery over the identity of Saul. He lands approximately 36 inches from the edge of the green, in a good position to at least secure his par.

In chipping up, the *Batmobile* is revived once again, and *Batman* begins to close in on the truth to the mystery. The ball comes on strong, passing the cup and coming to rest about four feet from it. The pressure is on. Sweat pouring from his bow, he strikes the ball a good, solid blow, careful not to err in his aim. The spinning ball reveals the truth at last, and the facts are presented in good if not great fashion. But as the ball nears the cup, it is to the right and begins to rim it. But at the last second, the realization of Robin's guest-shot back on his home grounds strikes with full impact, enough for the ball to drop safely into the cup. Frank Robbins has his birdie four.

We will now look back to the tee shot of Robbins' opponent, Mike Friedrich. As the ball knifes through the air, the lack of pages given him causes the ball to slice. But the impact of the figure of *Batman* shaky and wracked with pain is such that the ball strikes one of the trees labeled "editorial director", and bounces into a very good position near the center of the fairway, out about 220 yards. Confident, his second shot reveals the characters of the story, the plot, and follows with *Batman's* scientific trailing of the attacker.

So strong is the shot that it hits the green and rolls to the far side, about 40 yards from the pin. Lining up the long shot ahead of him, his shot reveals the *Batman's* effort to conquer his foe through his fatigue. The putt is short, and he has about three feet yet to cover. But the ball unerringly zeroes in on the hole as *Batman* employs his mystery effect by calculating where the hood is running and bursting out of the manhole. And as the grateful camera-bug snaps a picture of a tired-but-proud *Batman*, the ball rolls into the cup with a resonant plunk. And Mike Friedrich also has his birdie.

Perhaps less colorful than Robbins and Friedrich were their partners, who managed pars but nothing more. Still, Novick and Giordano played a good game and they're welcome back any time.

So as it stands, all is tied up and a play-off must be scheduled at the earliest date. Be sure you're on hand for the July *Batman Open*, #223. Be seein' ya, sports fans.

—GARY SKINNER, Columbus, Ohio
(And now—the inevitable bogie!—Editor)

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Dear Editor:

Mind you, I didn't expect anything spectacular from *Batman* 222. After all, with *Robin* back at the nest with his guardian, we couldn't hope to see the creature-of-the-night *Batman* that we've grown accustomed to during the last few months. I instead grimly prepared myself for the revival of the super-scientific and very UN-mysterious *Batman* of the late '60's.

I was almost right. With the burden of the *Boy Wonder*, the *Dark Detective* could not be the silent, brooding, sinister figure hovering quietly over the city, whose very presence terrorizes all who gaze upon him. And, as I foresaw, *Robin* was still punning his way through practically every action panel. However, I did notice that you tried to save face by a few well-placed shadows and by keeping the cape as long and flowing as possible. You get a point for effort, anyway.

A small word about the technical end of #222. I am truly sorry Mr. Robbins found it necessary to do a poorly contrived *Batman*-style investigation of the "dead Beatle" scare of a few months back. Please, Mr. Robbins, if you find it necessary to be topical, or "IN", or whatever, at least try to do it well.

The art in this issue did not settle much better with me than the story did. I know there are those who believe that Novick-Giordano have great mood or "atmospheric" qualities, but I disagree. As much as I try, I cannot enjoy an Irv Novick-penciled *Batman* story. Unless the inker literally re-pencils everything, the characters loom awkward, and just as often look like they're in extreme pain (perhaps Mr. Novick draws their pants on too tightly...)

—LEONARD UHLEY, Beverly Hills, Cal.
(Finally a couple of goodies at the 19th hole!—Editor)

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Dear Editor:

"Dead...Till Proven Alive" was a very cute and exciting story. This is a rare combination and Frank Robbins gets nothing but roses (minus the thorns) from me on this fine effort. The return of the *Batman-Robin* team was so smoothly handled that it seemed as fitting as a sunny day in Spring. Irv Novick should be highly praised for his interpretation of the *Batman*. I dig it!

—PETER J. TOWNE, Norway, Maine

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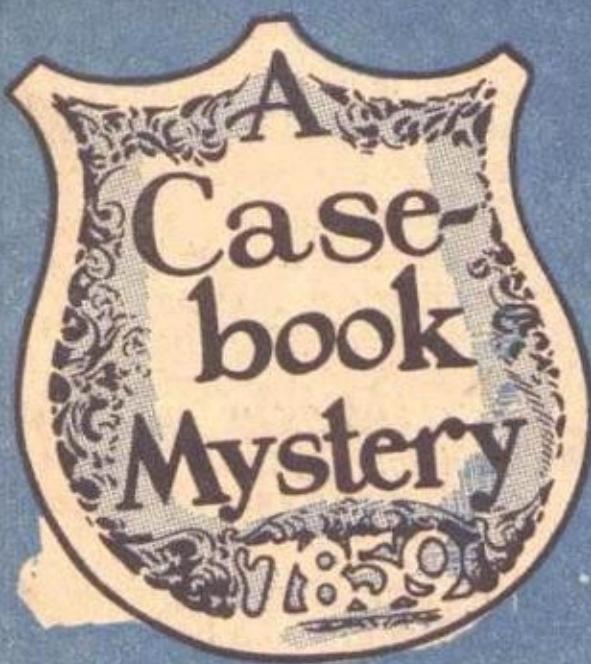
Very sneaky! Yes, very sneaky indeed! I'm talking about "Dead...Till Proven Alive!" I noticed how close "Saul" is to "Paul"; even my sister caught how close "Cartwright" is to "McCartney"!

It sure was a switch-ending. It was very cute how you worked things out. When the night is cloudy and Frank Robbins can make more stories like this...LET IT BE!

—MARY ANN GWYNN, E. Falmouth, Mass.

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HI! THE NAME'S MARTIN... JOE MARTIN! SAY, WHAT'S A STRANGER HAVE TO DO TO GET A LITTLE FUN IN A SEASHORE TOWN THIS TIME OF THE YEAR?

HUH? OH, YOU'RE JUST PASSING THROUGH, EH? WELL, I'M PRETTY LONELY MYSELF! WHY DON'T WE GO OVER TO MY PLACE? WE CAN HAVE A GAME OF CARDS!

JIM BRIGGS IS MY NAME!



LATER, AT BRIGGS' SMALL HOUSE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN, AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF PLAYING...

I...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! Y-YOU WON ALMOST EVERY HAND... AND... AND I'M BROKE... FLAT BROKE!

IT WAS YOUR IDEA TO PLAY FOR SUCH BIG STAKES! BUT I MUST SAY, I WAS LUCKY... AMAZINGLY LUCKY!

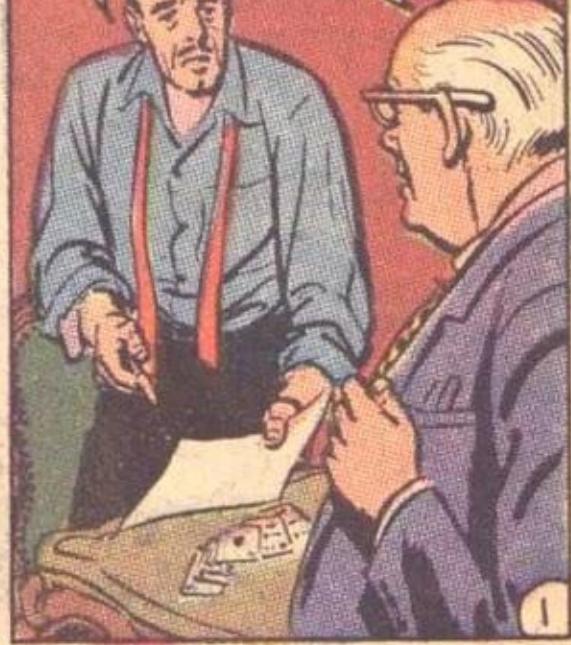
BUT, AS THE WINNER MAKES A MOVE TO LEAVE...

WAIT A MINUTE... YOU---YOU CAN'T QUIT NOW! YOU MUST GIVE ME A CHANCE TO GET EVEN!

BUT WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO PLAY WITH, BRIGGS? YOU SAID YOURSELF YOU HAVEN'T ANY MORE MONEY!

THAT'S TRUE... BUT I'VE GOT A GOOD BUSINESS.. A FREAK SHOW! WILL YOU... WILL YOU TAKE THAT AS SECURITY?

OKAY, SINCE YOU'RE SO ANXIOUS! SIGN IT OVER TO ME, AND I'LL LEND YOU \$5,000 ON IT!



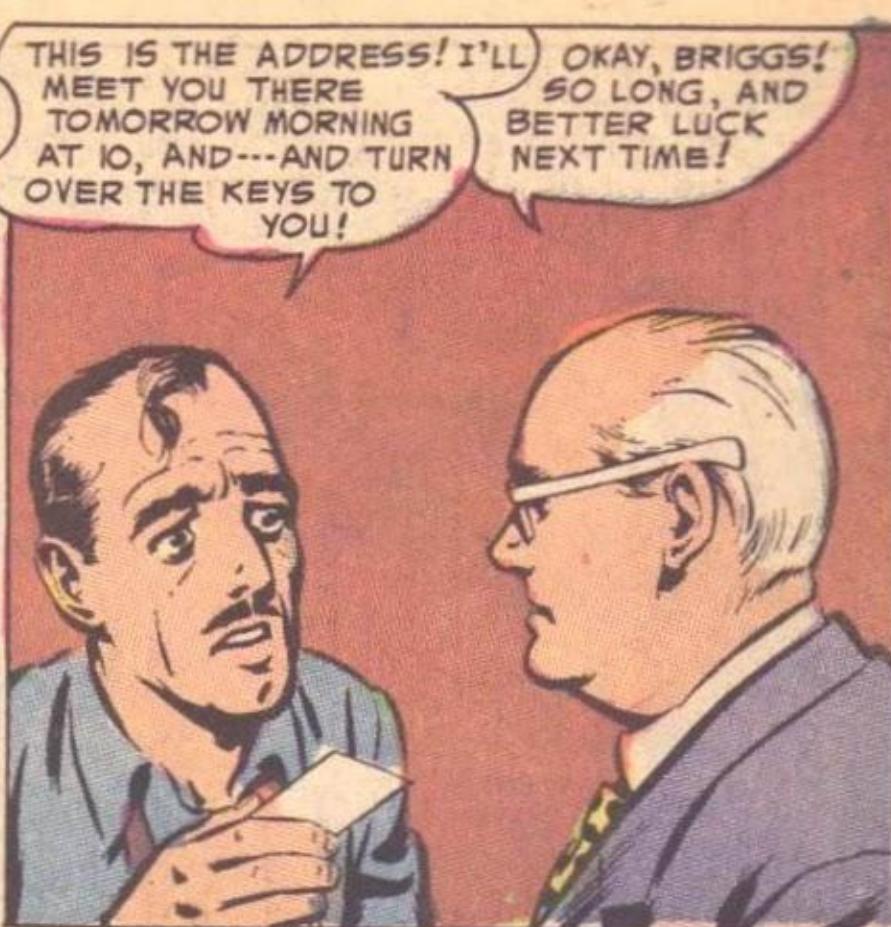
BUT BRIGGS' LUCK GOES FROM BAD TO WORSE, UNTIL...

I---I'M BROKE AGAIN! I'VE---L--LOST EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING!

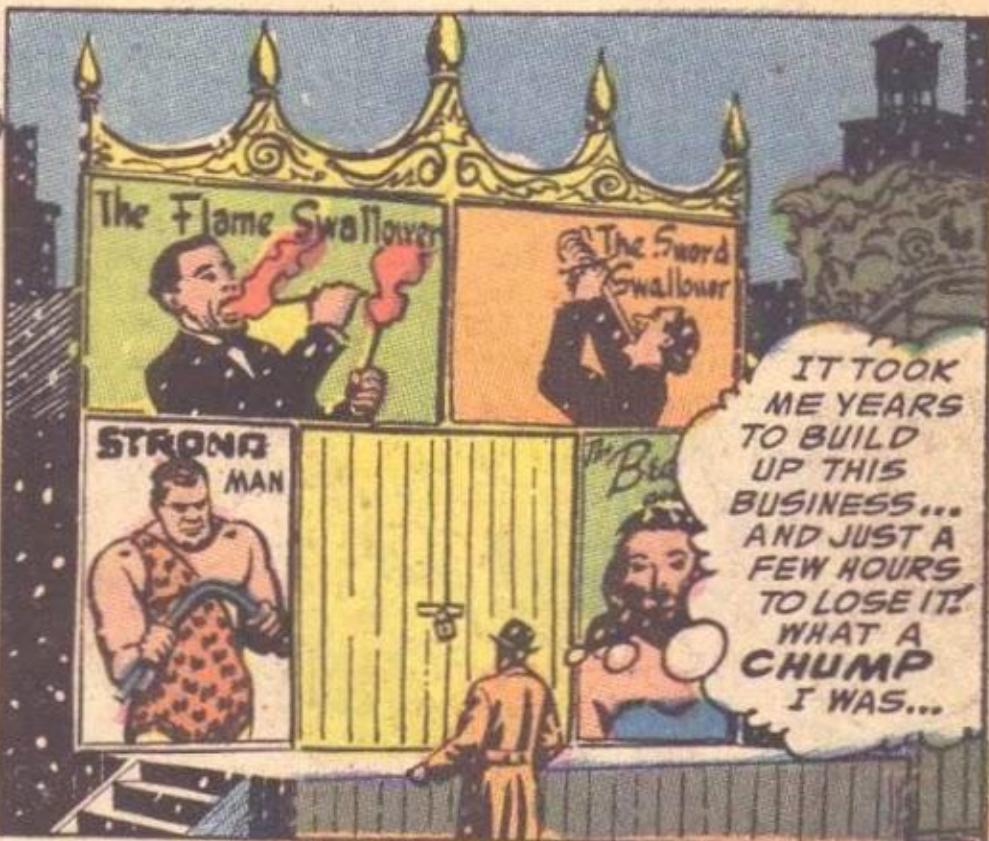
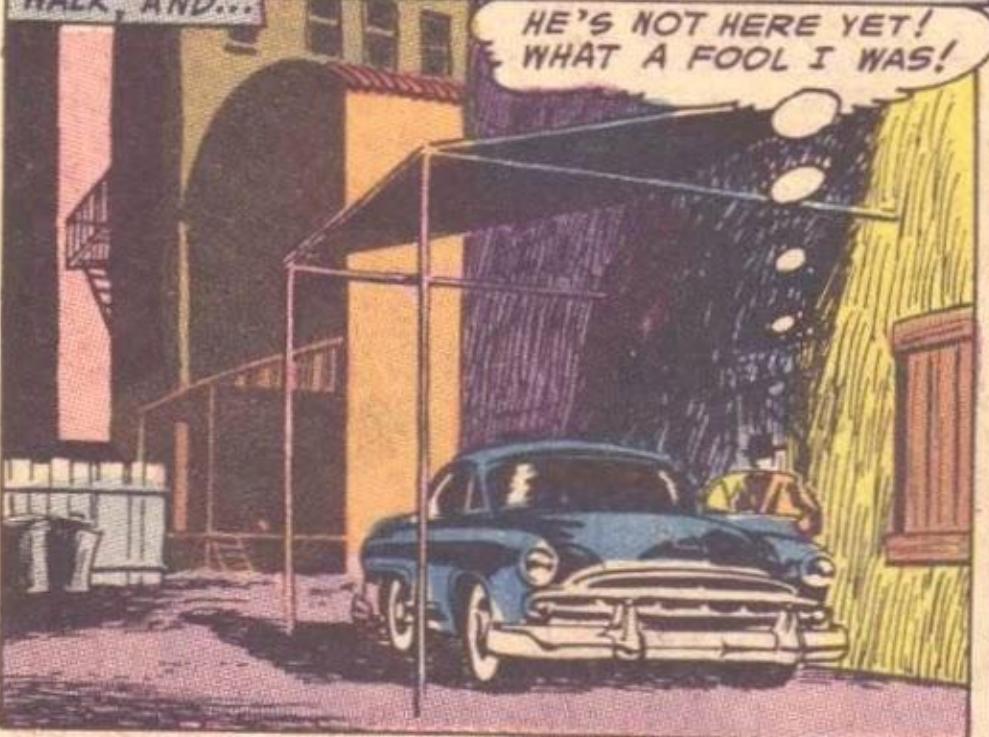
YEAH, AND I'M THE NEW OWNER OF A FREAK SHOW! WELL, HOW ABOUT THAT! WHEN CAN I SEE THE PLACE?

THIS IS THE ADDRESS! I'LL MEET YOU THERE TOMORROW MORNING AT 10, AND---AND TURN OVER THE KEYS TO YOU!

OKAY, BRIGGS! SO LONG, AND BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!



THUS, NEXT MORNING, A HEAVY-HEARTED JIM BRIGGS DRIVES HIS CAR UNDER A CANOPY BEHIND THE BOARDWALK, AND...



BUT WHAT CAN I DO? I GAVE HIM TITLE TO THE PLACE... AND, LIKE A FOOL, I SIGNED IT! THERE'S NO WAY, NO WAY...! BUT WAIT, THERE IS A WAY... ONE WAY, THE ONLY WAY!

NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT THE CARD GAME OR THE DEAL WE MADE, AND HE'S PROBABLY CARRYING THAT DEED WITH HIM! IF I GOT IT AWAY FROM HIM... AND SHUT HIS MOUTH FOR GOOD---NO ONE WOULD EVER FIND OUT, AND I'D HAVE MY PLACE BACK!



JUST
THEN...

SORRY I'M LATE,
BRIGGS, BUT I
GOT HELD UP BY
THE SNOWFALL!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT!
COME IN, AND I'LL
SHOW YOU AROUND!

BE CAREFUL! IT'S RATHER
DARK IN HERE! I'LL
SWITCH ON THE
LIGHTS...

CRACK
CRACK



HE'S DEAD ALL RIGHT!
FIRST I'LL DESTROY
THIS DEED AND THE
ADDRESS CARD I GAVE
HIM, AND THEN I'LL PHONE
THE POLICE! THEY WON'T
SUSPECT ME... AFTER ALL,
I'M---ER---NOT RESPONSIBLE
FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE MURDERED

ON MY PROPERTY,
AM I? THAT'S
WHAT I'LL
TELL THEM!

BUT AS BRIGGS
EMERGES!

FOUND A BODY IN MY PLACE... BUT,
IT'S BEEN SNOWING, AND THERE
ISN'T A SNOWFLAKE ON MY CAR! THE
COPS WOULD HAVE SPOTTED THE
BONER AT ONCE, AND I'D BE
COOKED! I'LL FIX THAT!

OH-OH, WAIT A MINUTE!
I MUST TELL THE POLICE
I JUST ARRIVED AND
FOUND A BODY IN MY PLACE... BUT,
IT'S BEEN SNOWING, AND THERE
ISN'T A SNOWFLAKE ON MY CAR! THE
COPS WOULD HAVE SPOTTED THE
BONER AT ONCE, AND I'D BE
COOKED! I'LL FIX THAT!

THUS SHORTLY...

THERE... THAT'S BETTER!
NOW I'LL DRIVE THE CAR
BACK UNDER THE CANOPY
AND PHONE THE POLICE!



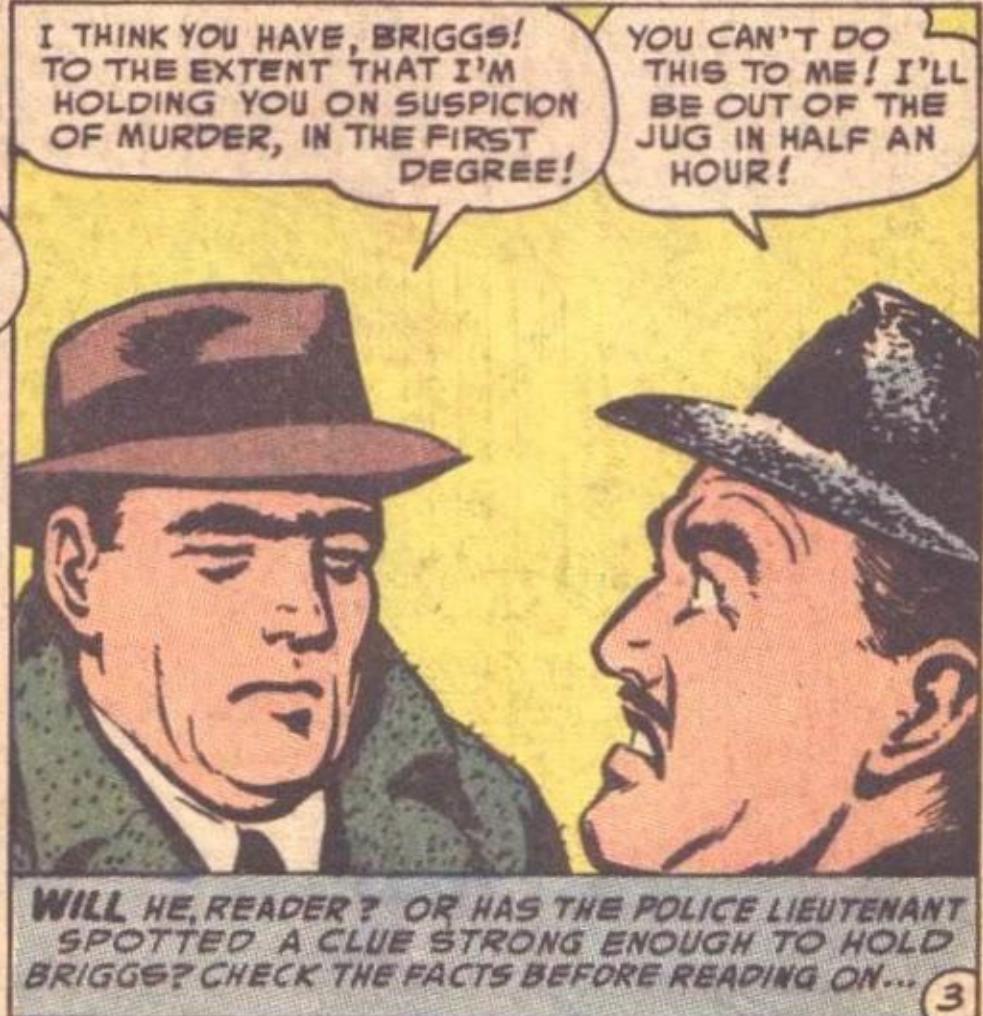
TWENTY MINUTES LATER, AS LIEUTENANT THOMAS
B. DREKEL, OF HOMICIDE, LISTENS TO BRIGGS'
EXPLANATION...

ACCORDING TO YOUR
STORY, BRIGGS, YOU
DROVE OUT HERE FOR
A ROUTINE CHECK OF
YOUR PLACE, AND
DISCOVERED A DEAD
MAN INSIDE! IS THAT
CORRECT?

YES, LIEUTENANT... AND I
DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY
ANYONE WOULD WANT TO
BREAK IN. THERE'S
NOTHING HERE TO
STEAL! I---I HAVE NO
IDEA WHO THE VICTIM
IS!

I THINK YOU HAVE, BRIGGS!
TO THE EXTENT THAT I'M
HOLDING YOU ON SUSPICION
OF MURDER, IN THE FIRST
DEGREE!

YOU CAN'T DO
THIS TO ME! I'LL
BE OUT OF THE
JUG IN HALF AN
HOUR!



WILL HE, READER? OR HAS THE POLICE LIEUTENANT
SPOTTED A CLUE STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD
BRIGGS? CHECK THE FACTS BEFORE READING ON...



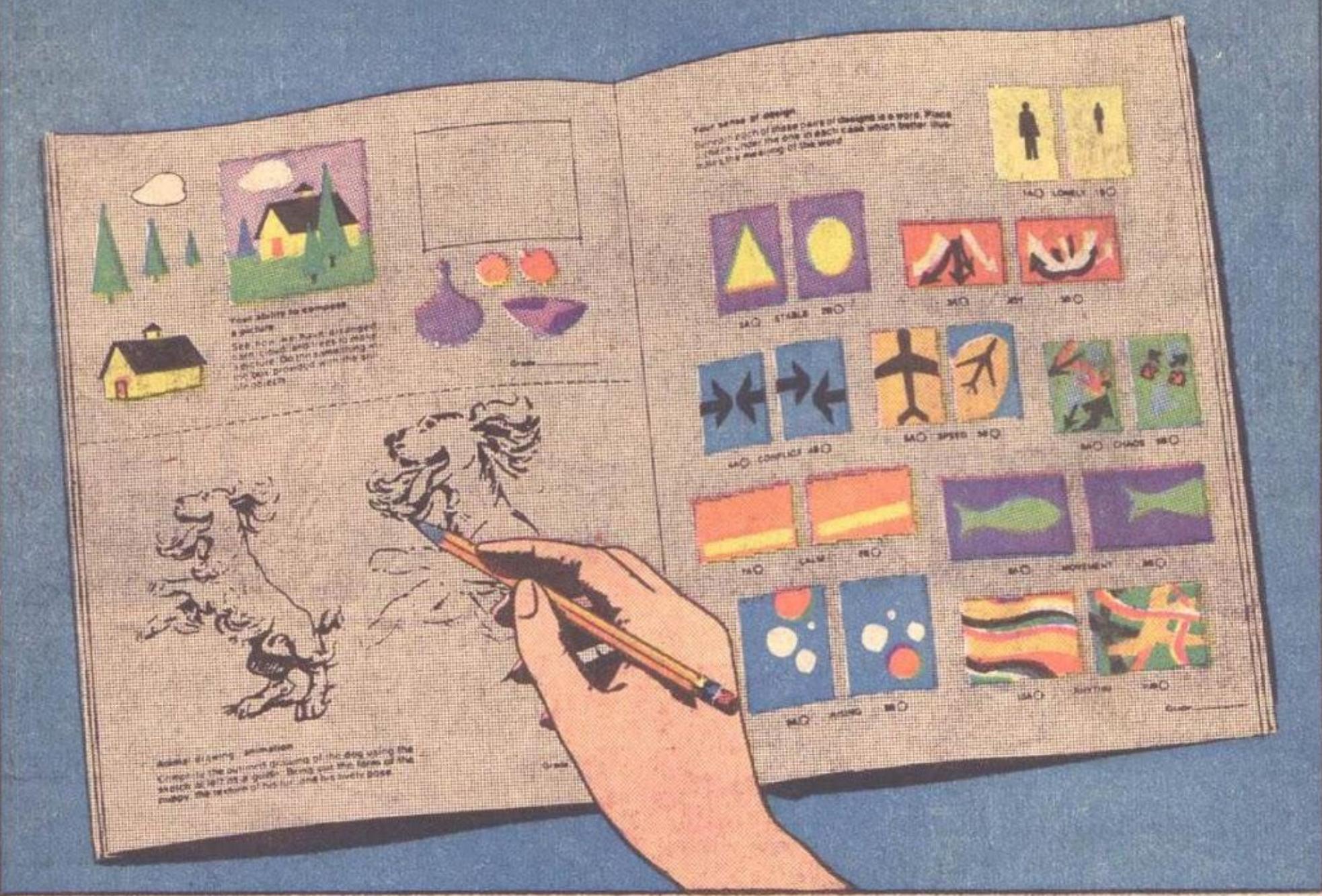
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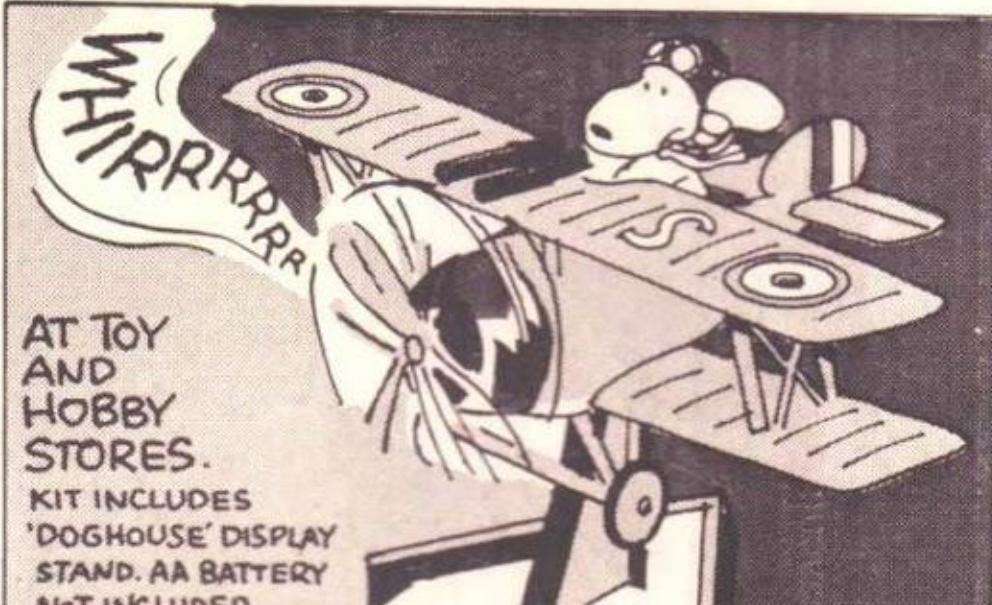
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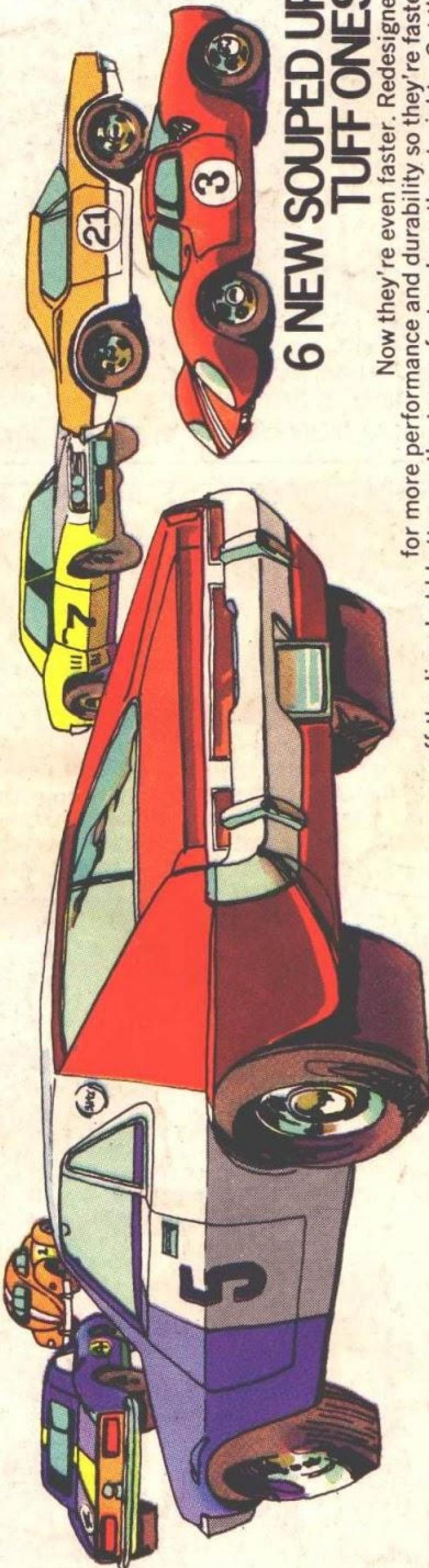


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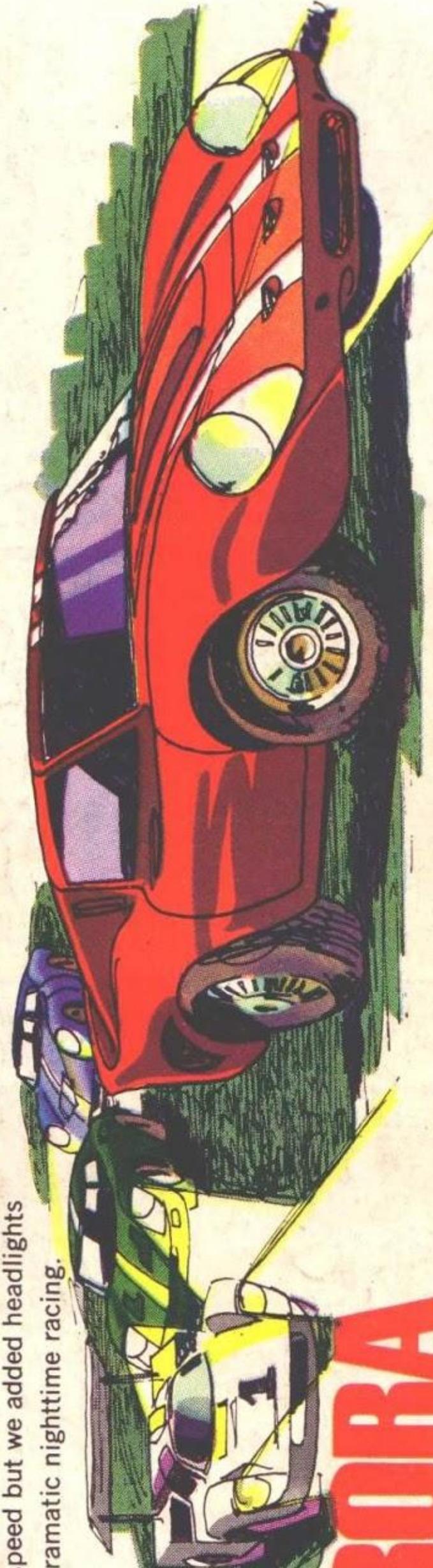
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