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THE MYSTERIOUS
MUMMY CASE!





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WELCOME, READER! I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU! I WANT YOUR ATTENTION...BECAUSE I HAVE FOR YOU A TALE SO GRIM, I SHUDDER TO TELL IT! IT BEGAN WITH OUR MOST RECENT ENCOUNTER WITH THE MAD FELINE FELON...THE CATWOMAN...AND WITH A MURDER COMMITTED WHEN THE CIRCUS CAME TO TOWN! BUT WAS THE CATWOMAN GUILTY OF THE KILLING? IT'S WHAT ROBIN AND I HAD TO FIND OUT...IN THIS, OUR NEWEST CASE!

AN OLD ENEMY... AND A CHILLINGLY NEW KIND OF DANGER... THESE ARE WHAT FACE THE DREAD--

BAT MAN



THE SMELL OF SAWDUST MINGLES WITH THE FERAL ODOR OF WILD BEASTS... AND ALL IS STILL EXCEPT FOR THE SOFT SOUND OF AN ANIMAL SNARL!



THIS IS THE CIRCUS--A PLACE OF LAUGHTER, OF MERRIMENT... NOW BECOMES THE HAUNT OF A DEATH THAT LINGERS IN THE AIR LIKE A MALEVOLENT GHOST!



FOLLOW THE BATMAN AND HIS YOUNG PARTNER-IN-PERIL ROBIN AS THEY FOLLOW A TORTURED TRAIL OF TREACHERY TO--

"CATWOMAN'S CIRCUS CAPER!"

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A MANSION ON
THE OUTSKIRTS
OF GOTHAM CITY...
SEEMINGLY DESERTED
THIS BRISK
WINTER NIGHT...

--YET IN A CAVE
BENEATH IT,
THERE IS
LIGHT... MOTION--
AND THE
BATMAN!

WELCOME BACK,
MASTER BRUCE! HOW
WAS YOUR JOURNEY?

BUT NOW THE
CASE IS IN THE FILES...
AND CLOSED!

ROUGH, ALFRED! I
DOGGED THOSE THUGS
THROUGH HALF THE CITIES
IN EUROPE!

I HAD YOU RE-OPEN
WAYNE MANOR SO I
COULD QUIETLY
SPEND THE NEXT
WEEK HERE...
VEGETATING!

I'M AFRAID THAT MAY NOT
BE POSSIBLE, SIR! I'VE BEEN
HOLDING THIS TELEGRAM
FOR YOU--

--IT'S FROM
MASTER DICK,
SIR!

UNION TELEGRAM

AM SPENDING NEXT WEEK WITH
TIP-TOP CIRCUS. WILL EXPLAIN
LATER. HANG LOOSE.
DICK

WHATEVER IT IS, IT
MUST BE URGENT FOR
DICK TO TAKE A LEAVE
OF ABSENCE FROM
HUDSON UNIVERSITY!

YOU'RE RIGHT,
ALFRED! I WON'T
BE RESTING
AFTER ALL!--
GET THE CAR
READY!

SOMETIME LATER, THE OWNER OF THE TIP-TOP CIRCUS RECEIVES A RENOWNED VISITOR...

SO YOU WANT TO JOIN OUR SHOW, EH? NO DOUBT YOU'D BE A STAR ATTRACTION, ALL RIGHT...

AND CONSIDERIN' WE LOST ONE OF OUR TOP PERFORMERS LATELY...

YES, I KNOW ABOUT THAT, SIR...

COURSE, I DON'T NEED TO BE A GENIUS TO FIGURE OUT WHY YOU'RE REALLY HERE, ROBIN--

-- THE PERFORMER WE LOST WAS MURDERED! AN' YOU GOT A THING 'BOUT MURDERERS--

--YOU LIKE TO CATCH 'EM! MY MOTIVES AREN'T IMPORTANT! I'M OFFERING MY SERVICES-- FREE!

WELL... WHAT DO YOU SAY?

I'D BE A FOOL TO REFUSE--WHICH I AIN'T!

AN' THERE'S THE FELLA WHO'LL GET YOU STARTED!

HEY, BERNIE... BERNIE BYRD! C'MERE!

MEET ROBIN... AIN'T GOT A LAST NAME! ANYWAYS, HE'LL TAKE YOUR BROTHER'S PLACE IN THE ACT!

A PLEASURE, ROBIN!

FOR ME, TOO! I'VE HEARD OF THE FLYING BYRDS!

ROBIN, IF HALF THE STORIES OF YOUR ACROBATIC SKILL ARE TRUE, YOU'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE DOING THE STUNT MY BROTHER BILLY USED TO DO--BEFORE SOME CREEP KILLED HIM!

I'LL DISCUSS BILLY WITH YOU LATER!

SURE! NOW, LET'S INTRODUCE YOU TO THE BIG TOP!

THE CIRCUS--A HEADY MIXTURE OF COTTON CANDY, DELIGHTED SQUEALS AND EXCITEMENT... THE VERY ATMOSPHERE CHARGED WITH ANTICIPATION! LISTEN TO THE SHARP VOICE OF THE RINGMASTER...

LADEEZ AND GENTLEMEN... WELCOME TO THE TIP-TOP CIRCUS! I DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE CENTER RING... BOBO AND HIS CAVORTING CLOWNS!

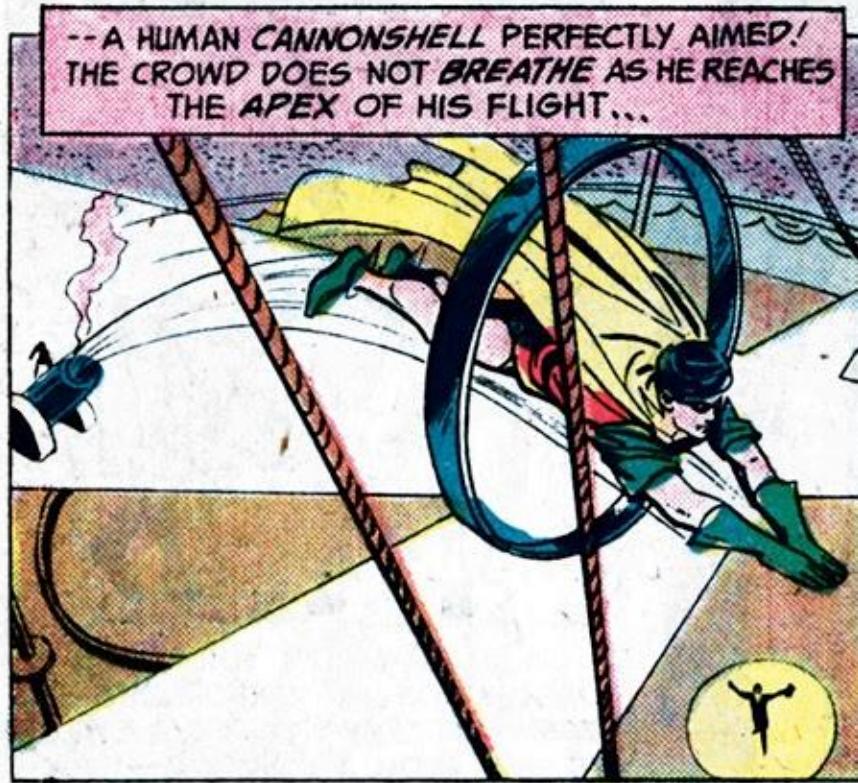
PRESENTING THE BEAUTEOUS NELIAS--JOINED US JUST LAST MONTH...AND ALREADY SHE IS QUEEN OF THE JUNGLE BEASTS!

OBSERVE HER AS SHE CONTROLS THE ONLY ALBINO TIGERS IN CAPTIVITY!

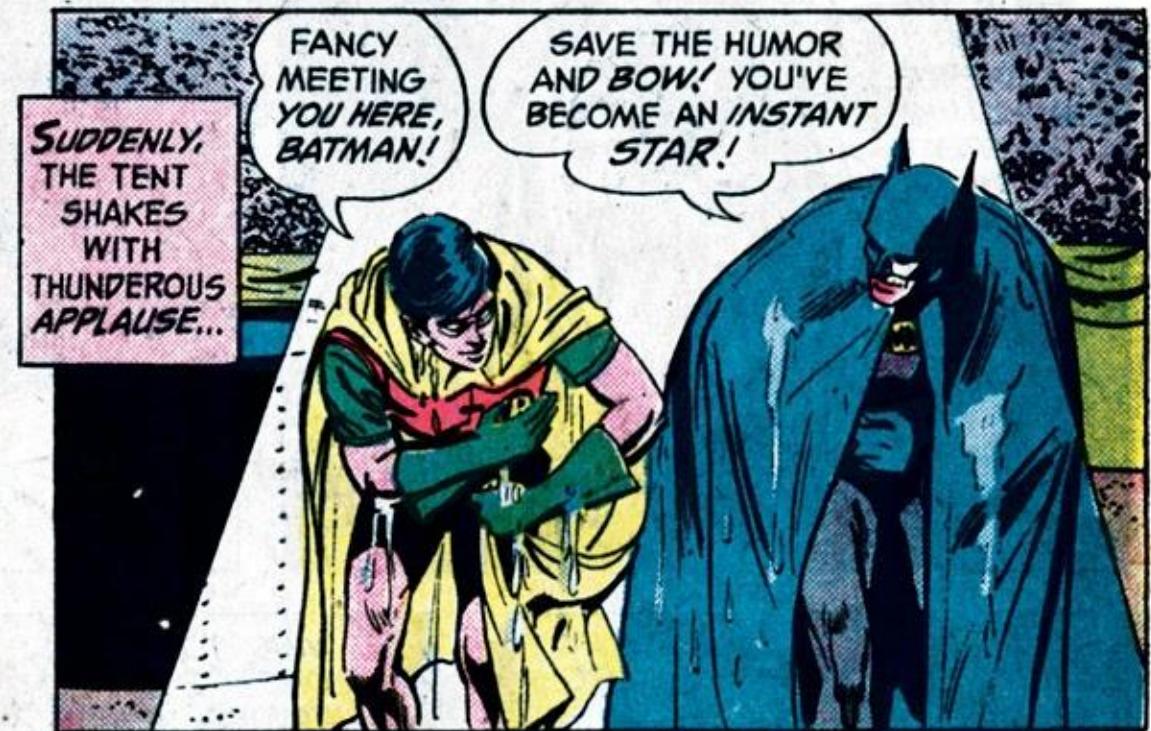
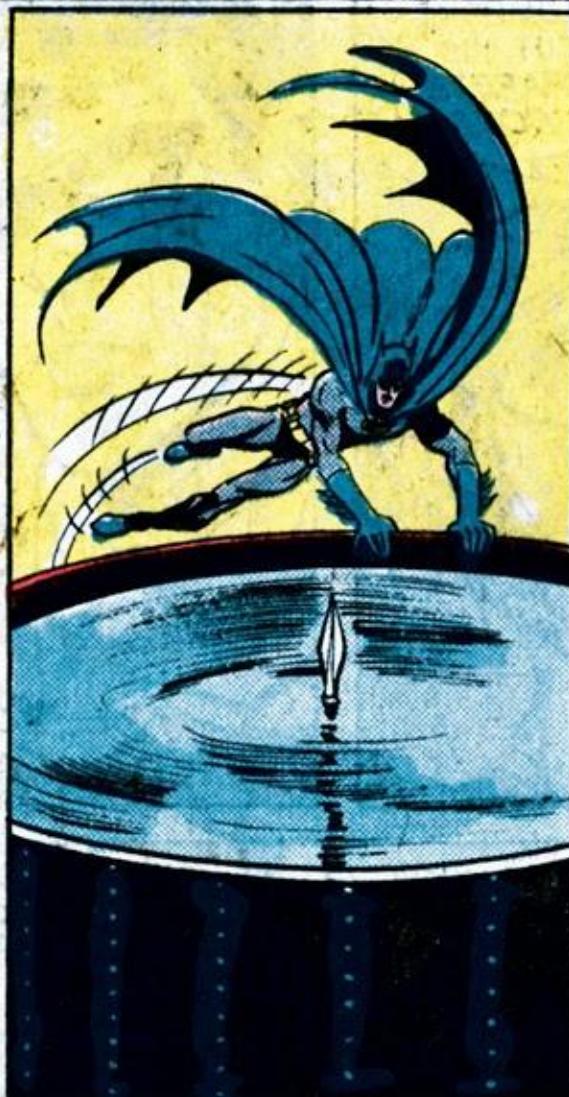
FINALLY, I DIRECT YOU TO THE NEWEST OF OUR PERFORMERS-- ROBIN THE TEEN WONDER! HE WILL BE SHOT FROM A CANNON--

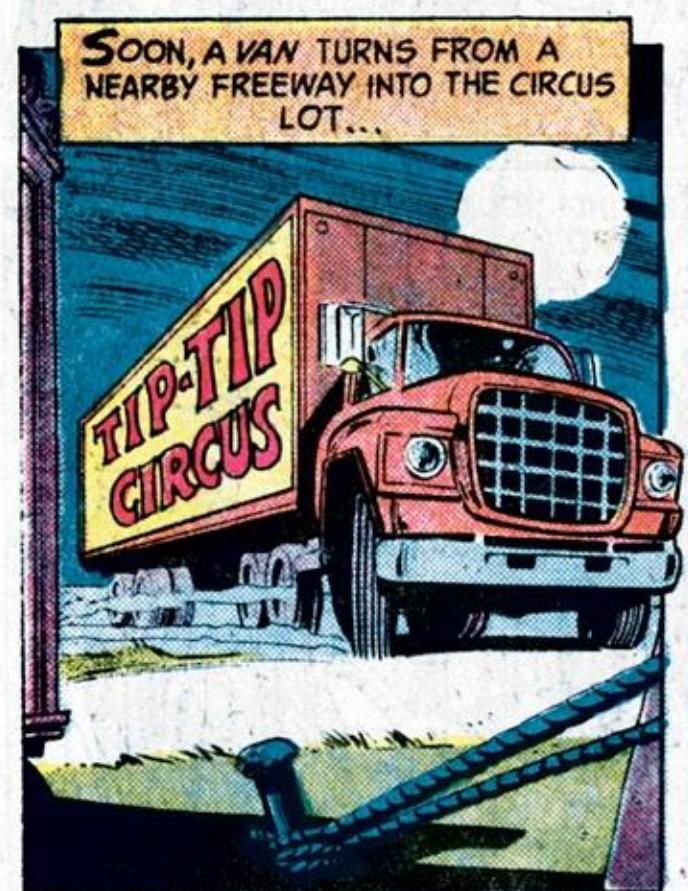
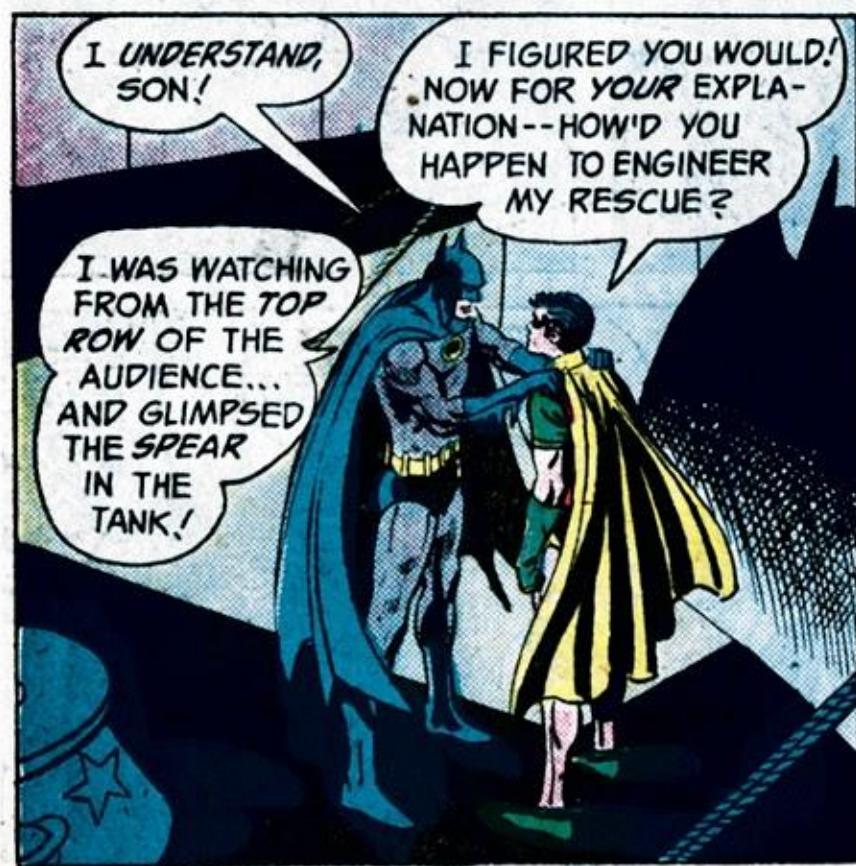
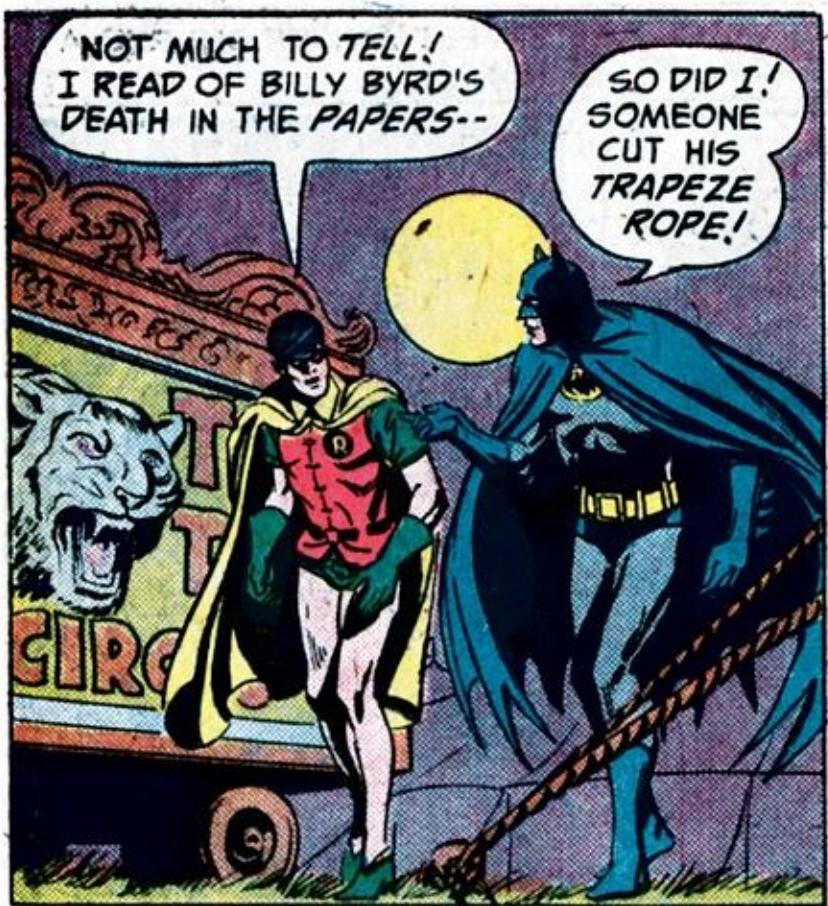
--PASS THROUGH THE TWO HOOPS HANGING FROM THE TOP OF THE TENT--

-- AND LAND IN A TANK OF WATER FORTY FEET AWAY!



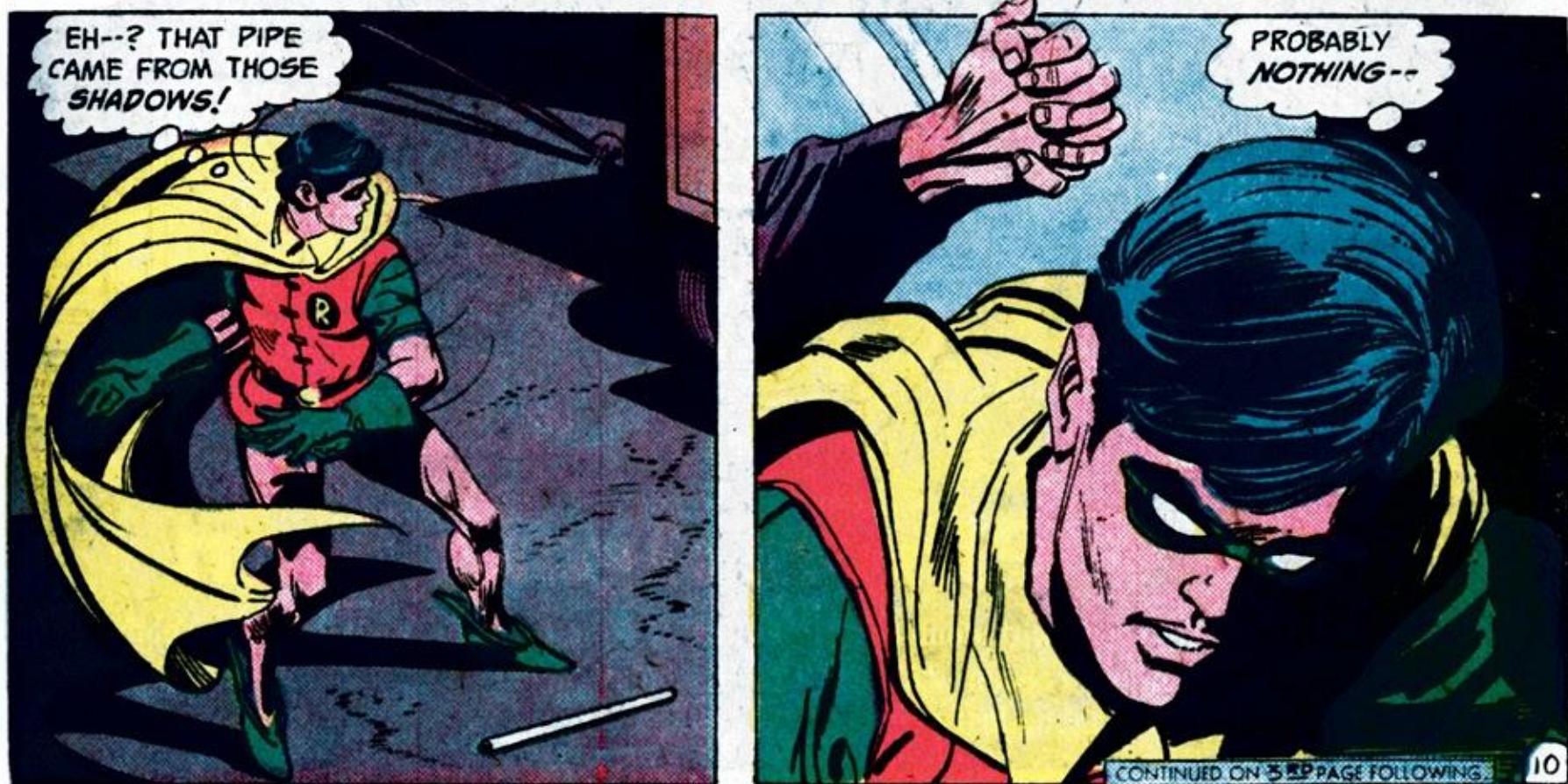
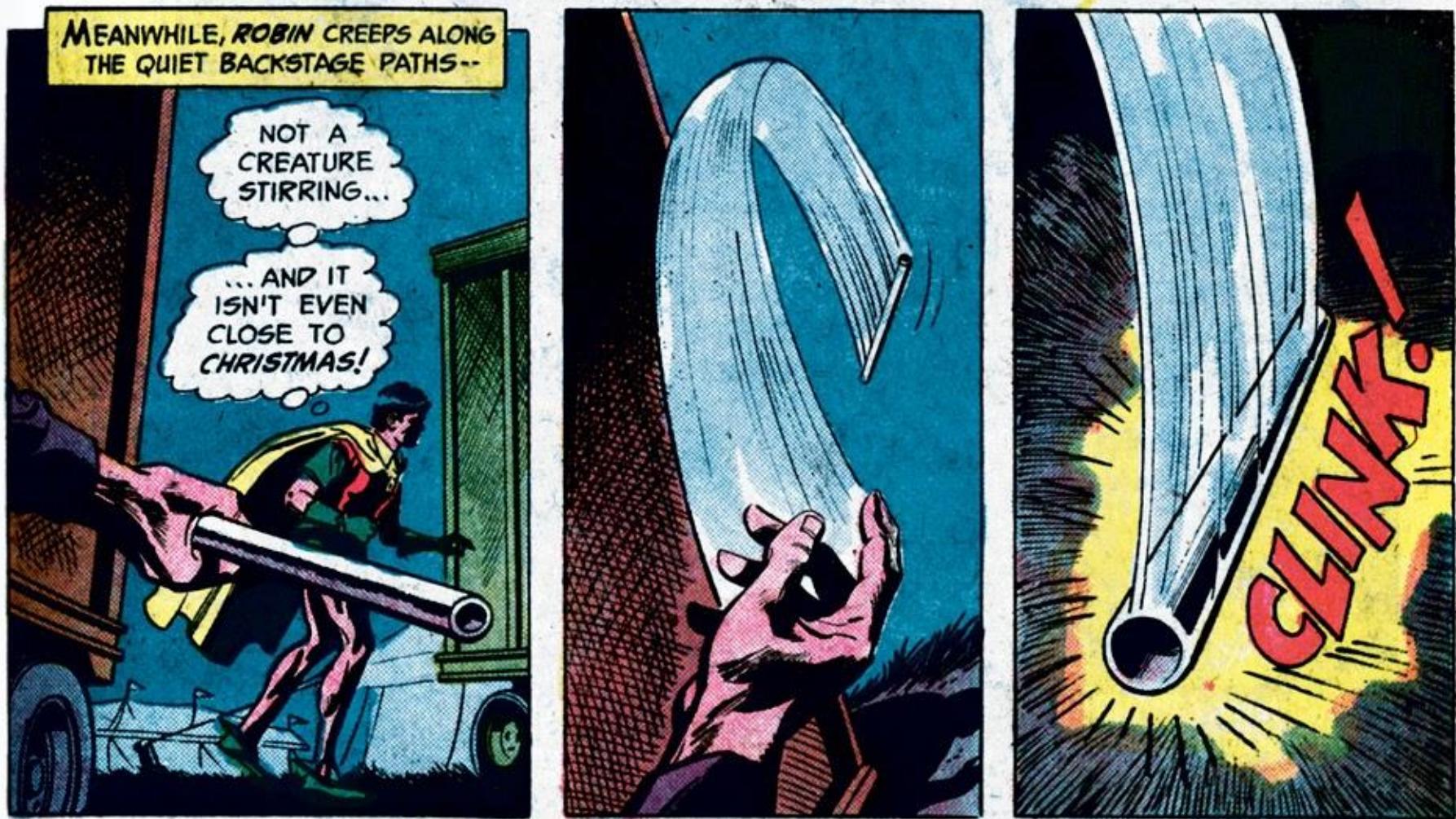
HOWEVER... IN THE LAST SPLIT-SECONDS BEFORE ROBIN MUST SURELY MEET A HORRIBLE END, A BLUR OF GRAY BURSTS FROM THE SHADOWS!...

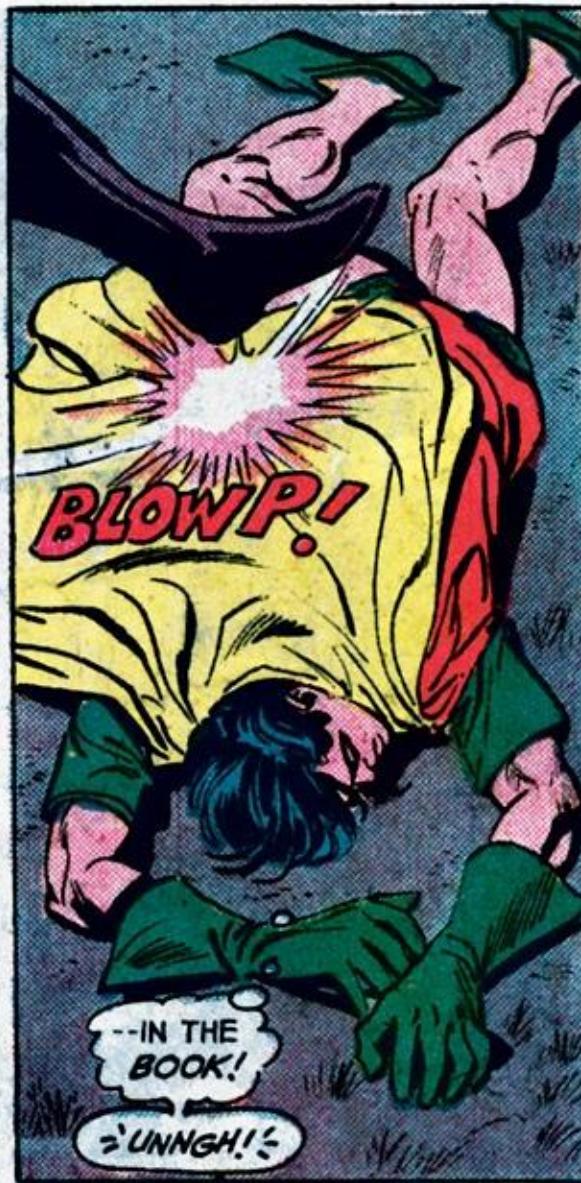


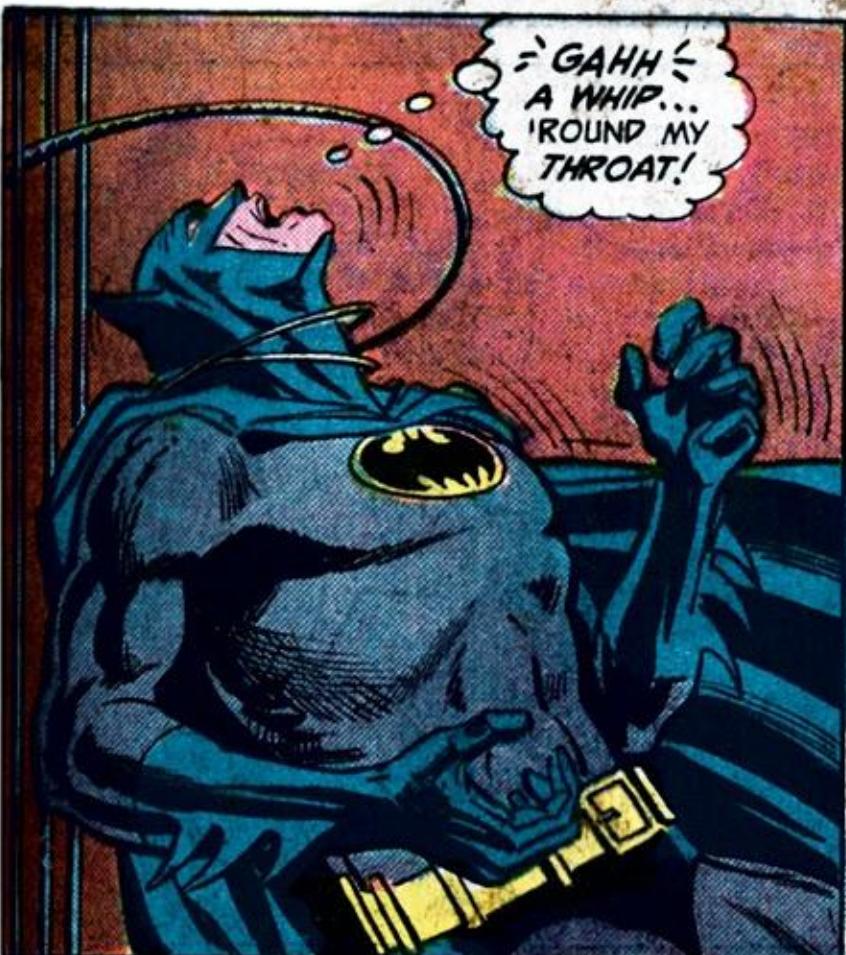
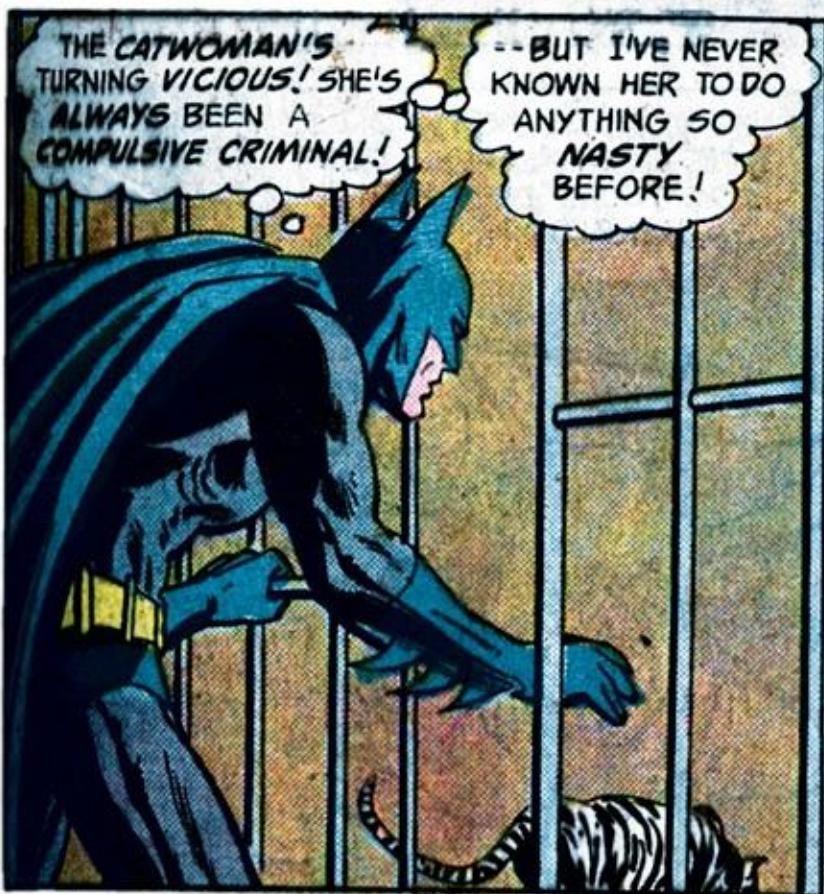






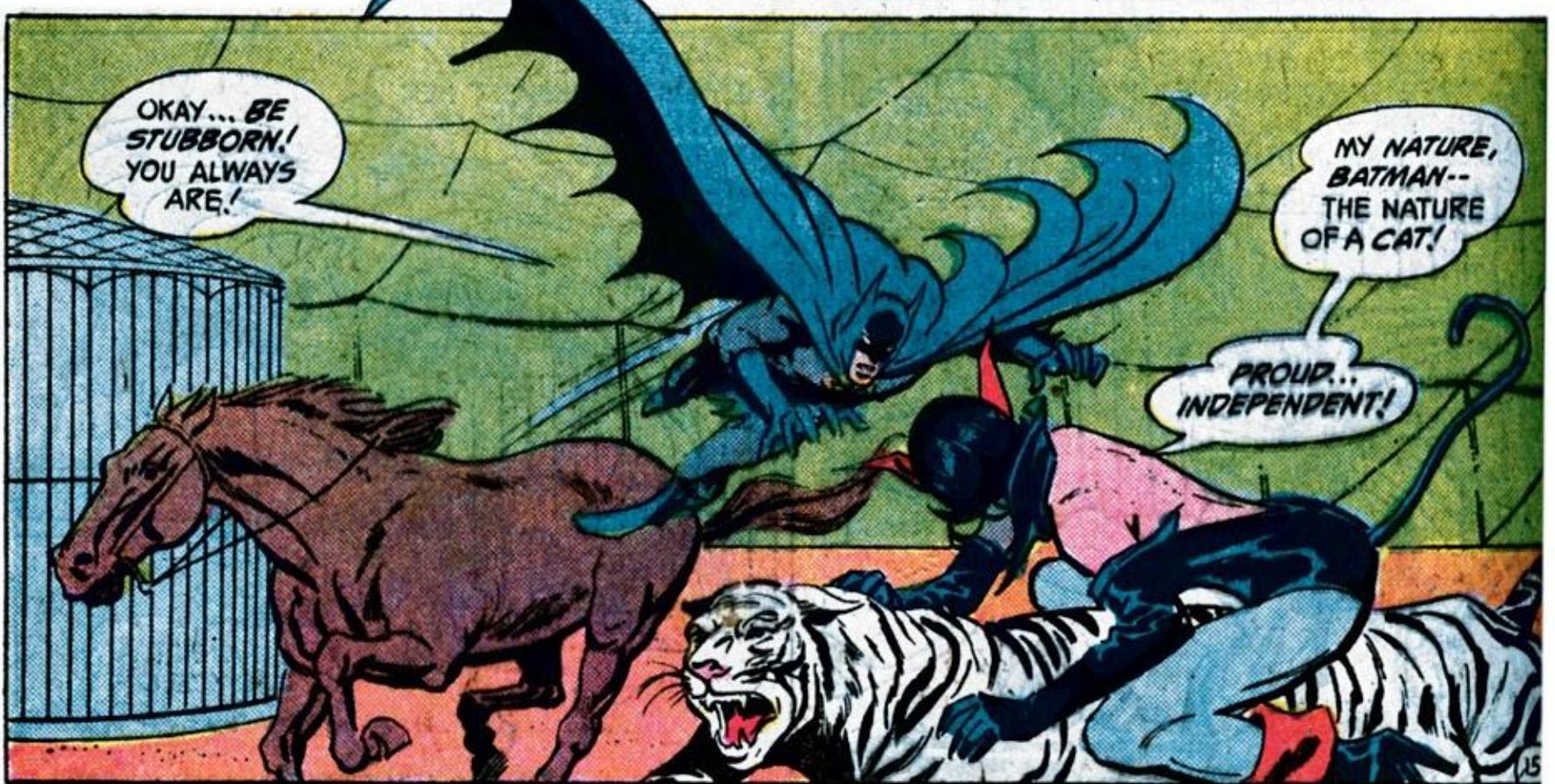
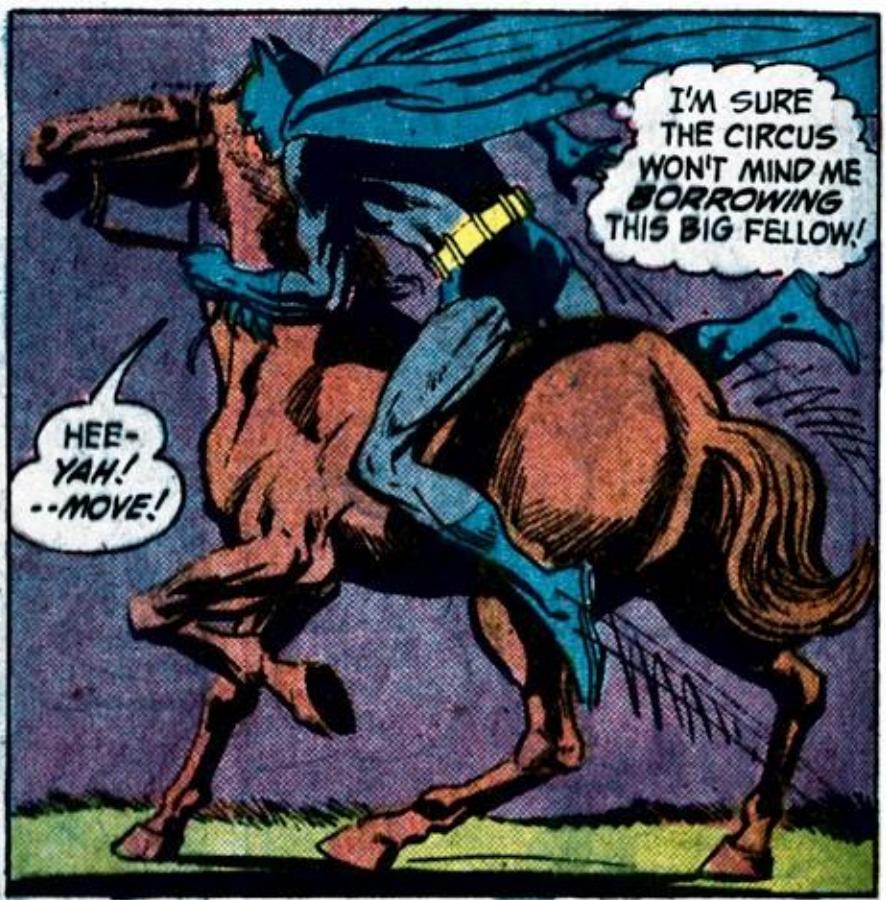


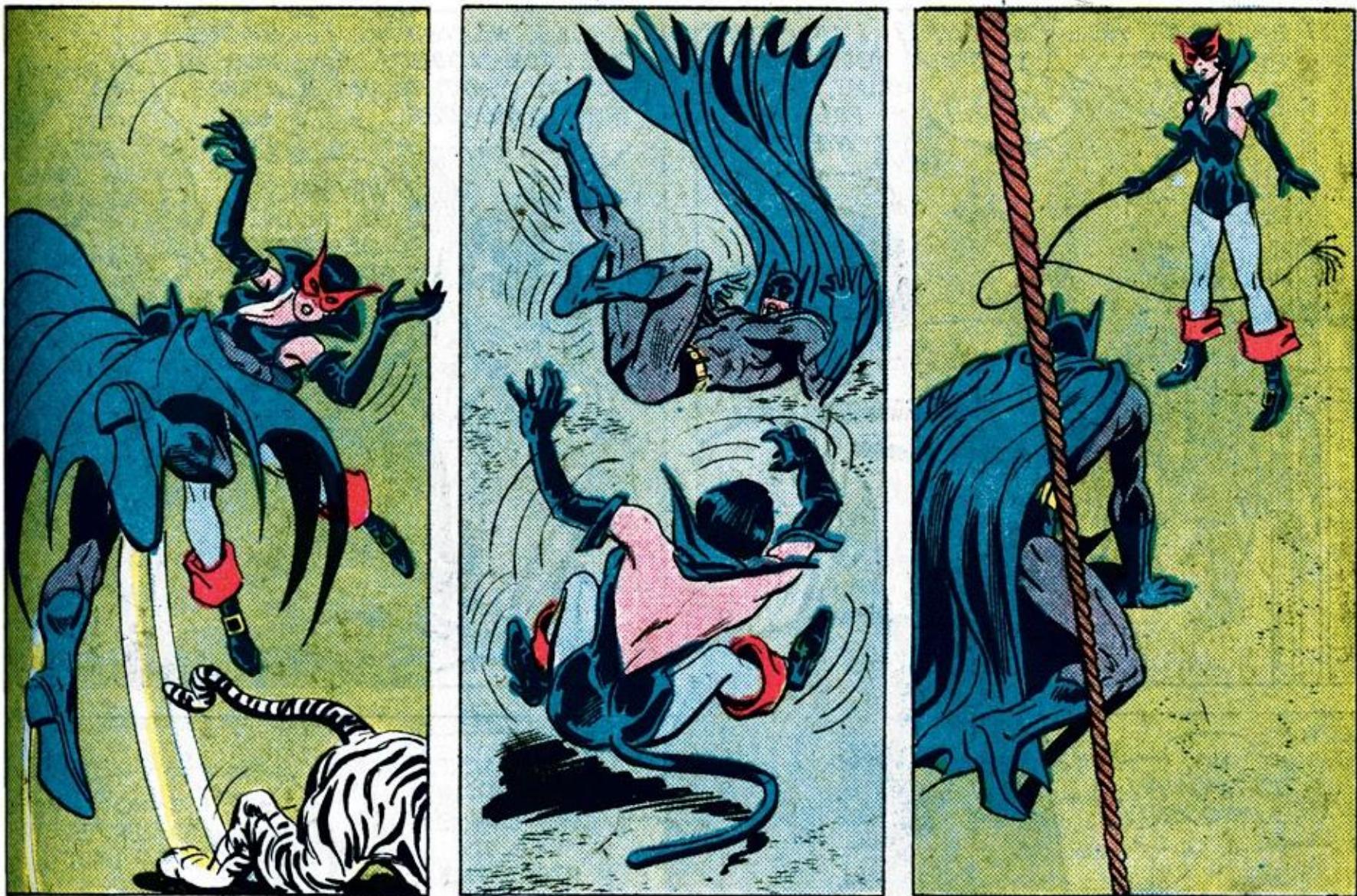


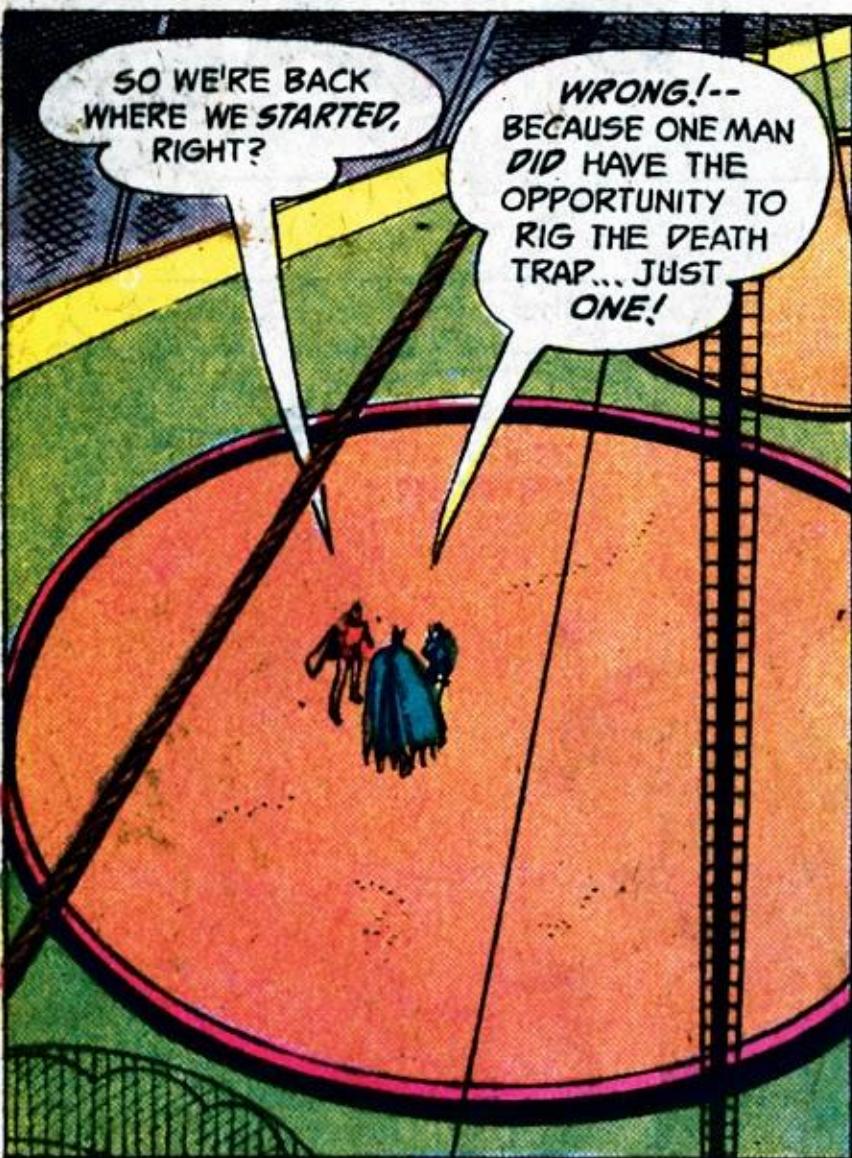
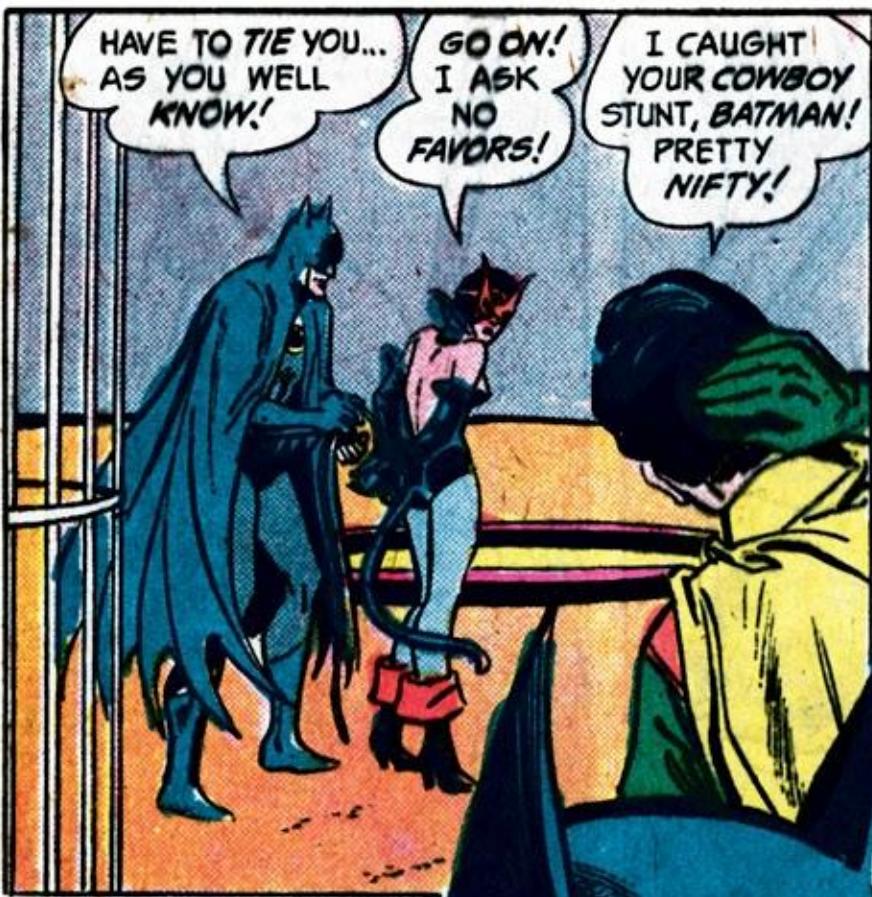


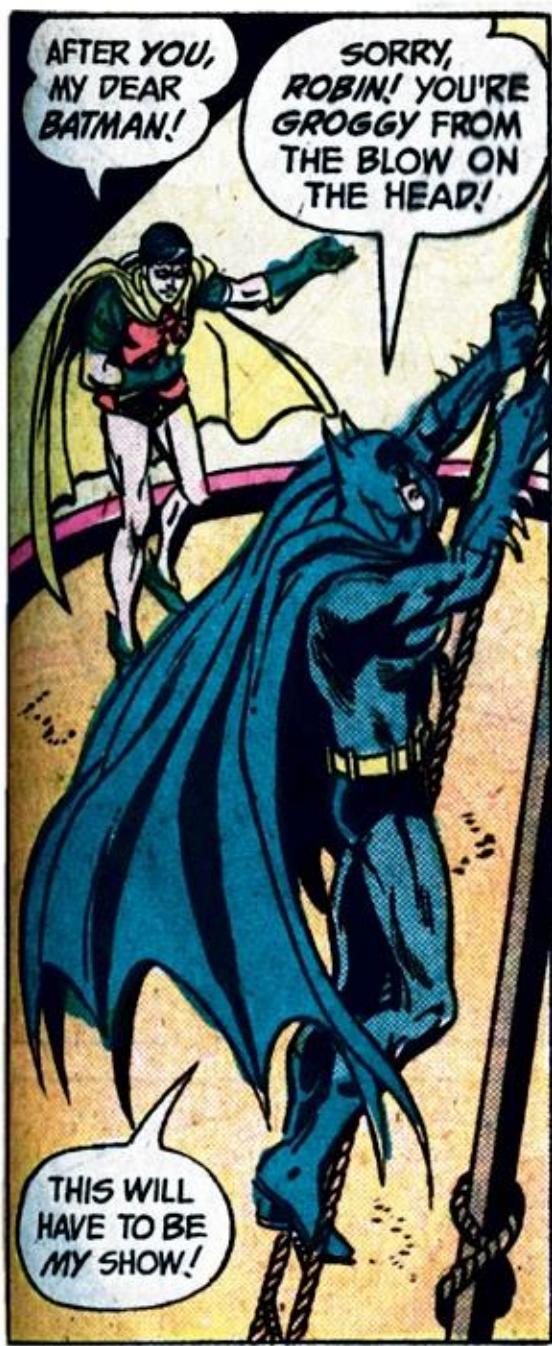




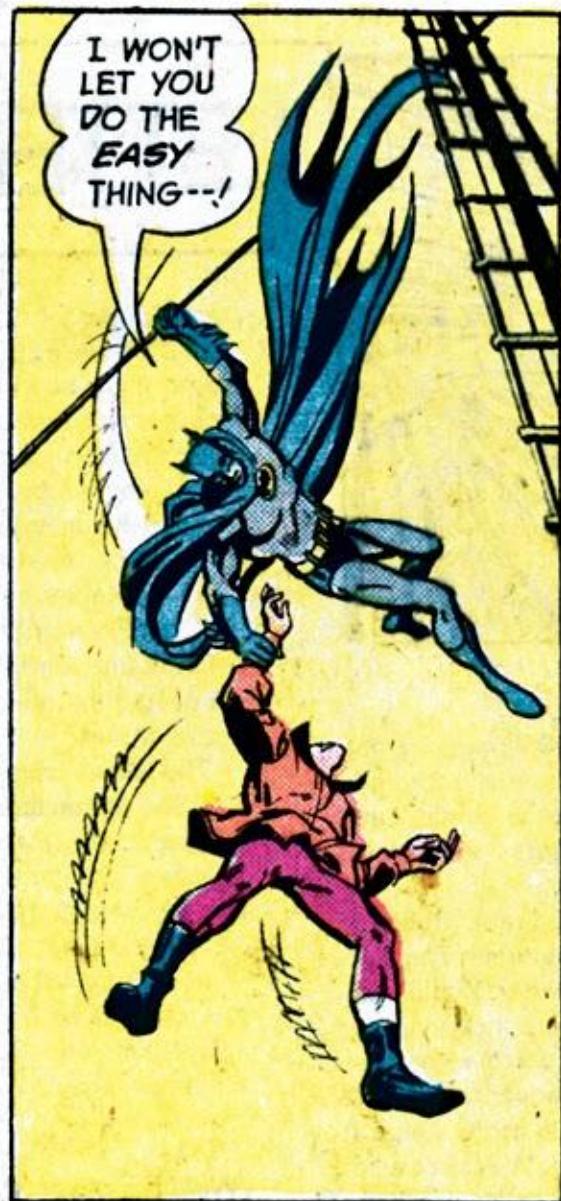












I OBTAINED FROM MY BATTLE WITH THE CATWOMAN A SPLENDID TROPHY - HER CAT-O'-NINE-TAILS! AND, WHILE WE'RE IN MY TROPHY ROOM, LET ME SHOW YOU A FEW OTHER MEMENTOS! ONE OF MY MOST IMPRESSIVE ONES IS A GIANT MODEL DINOSAUR! AND IF YOU THINK BAGGING THAT BABY WAS EASY, LET ME FILL YOU IN!



BATMAN

WITH

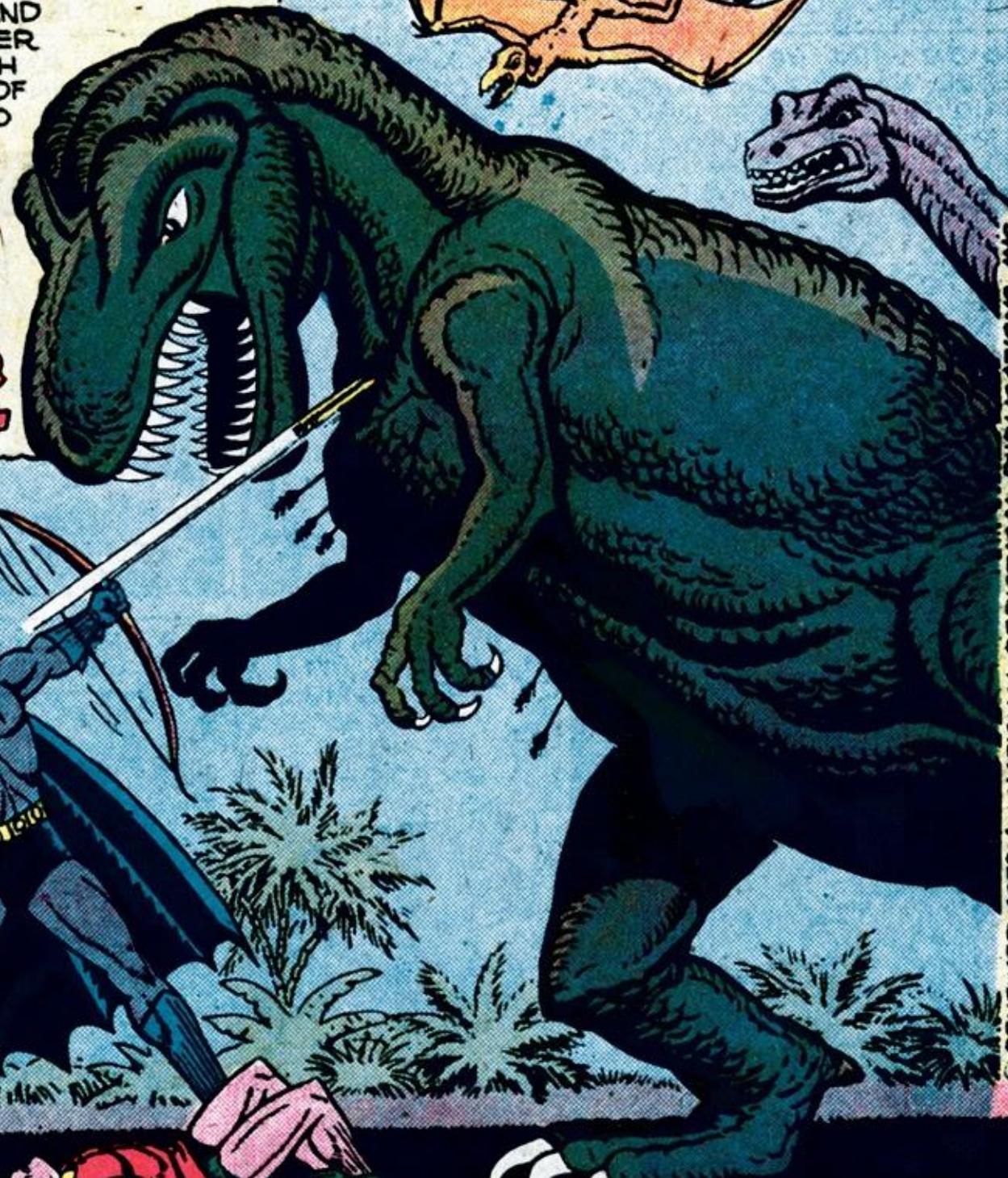
ROBIN

'WONDER'

AN ETERNITY OF TIME AGO, LONG, LONG BEFORE THERE WERE PLANES, SKYSCRAPERS AND RADIOS, A HORDE OF GIANT MAMMALS AND REPTILES RULED THE EARTH. THESE PREHISTORIC CREATURES WERE THE WORLD'S FIRST OUTLAWS, DEFYING PUNY CAVE-MAN, BY DAY AND NIGHT.

WHEN FATE CONTRIVES TO PIT THE BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER AGAINST THIS MAMMOTH LEGION FROM THE MIST OF TIME - WITH NOTHING TO AID THE DYNAMIC DUO BUT THEIR RAZOR WITS AND BARE HANDS - ONLY THE FITTEST CAN SURVIVE. THIS, THEN, IS THE PERILOUS ISSUE INVOLVED IN -

'DINOSAUR ISLAND!'



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BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



IN THE LUXURIOUS OFFICE OF MURRAY WILSON HART, MASTER SHOWMAN AND SPECIALIST IN THE SPECTACULAR...

MY NEXT SHOW FOR THE PUBLIC MUST BE TERRIFIC... GREATER THAN MY LAST AQUA CARNIVAL, EVEN MORE COLOSSAL THAN MY RECENT ICE FROLICS!



I'VE GOT IT! THIS MILLION-YEAR OLD MAMMOTH THEY JUST FOUND FROZEN IN A GLACIER! ...I'M INSPIRED!

YES, MR. HART!



MINUTES LATER, A NEW MURRAY WILSON HART PRODUCTION IS UNDER WAY...

GANG, DO YOU KNOW WHAT WERE THE BIGGEST THINGS THAT EVER WALKED ON EARTH? ... THE DINOSAURS AND OTHER MONSTERS OF THE PREHISTORIC AGES! I'M GOING TO REVIVE THEM - FOR MY NEXT SHOW, I'LL LEASE AN ISLAND FOR THIS SUPER-SPECTACLE...

WE'LL CALL IT
DINOSAUR
ISLAND!

YES, MR.
HART!

A MINIATURE MODEL OF DINOSAUR ISLAND IS MADE.

WE'LL HAVE THESE TWO ON THE NORTH SHORE...

FINE...
FINE...



THE NEXT DAY...

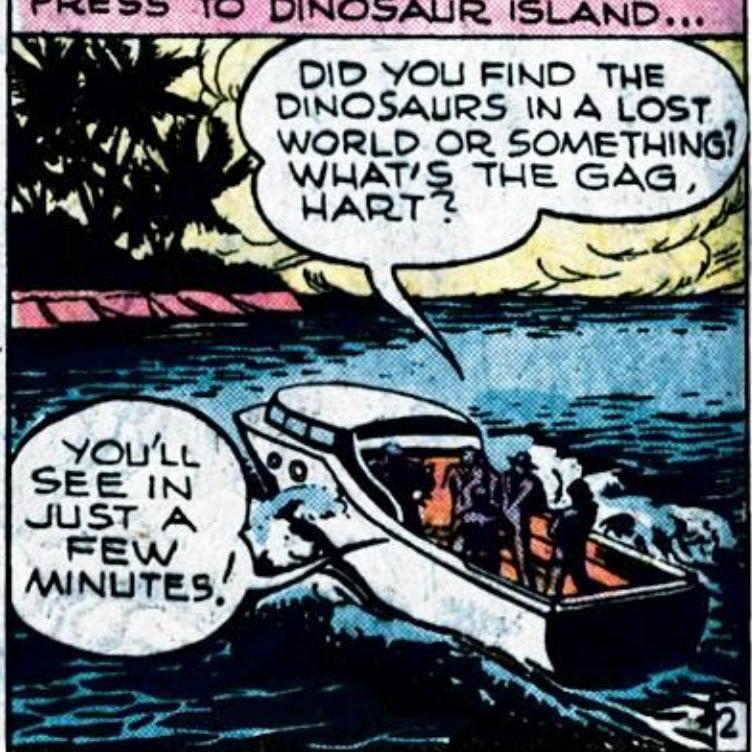
THE REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE OUTSIDE, SIR!

OKAY, BE
RIGHT WITH
THEM WHEN
I'VE OKAYED
THESE,
SKETCHES!



LATER... A CUTTER CARRIES THE PRESS TO DINOSAUR ISLAND...

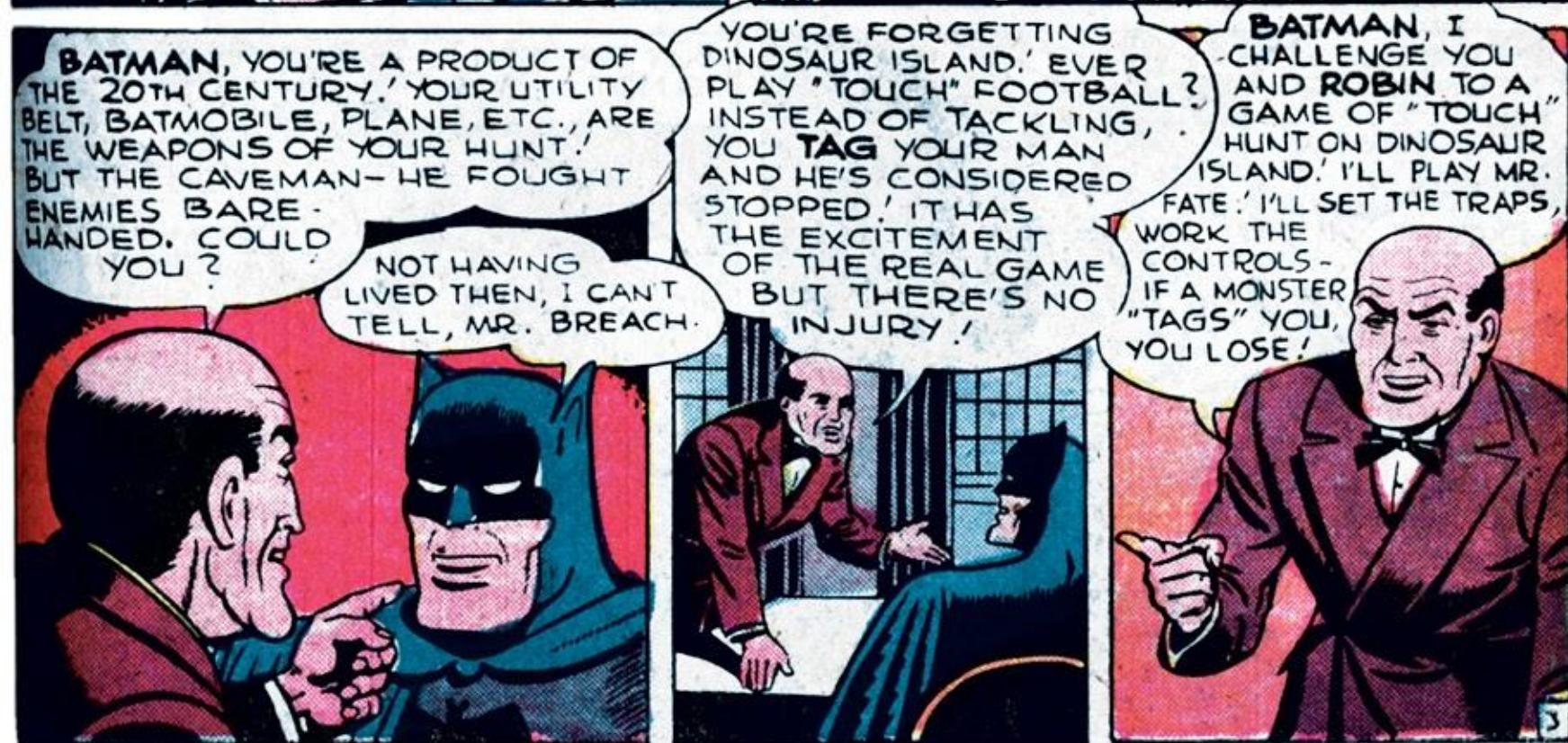
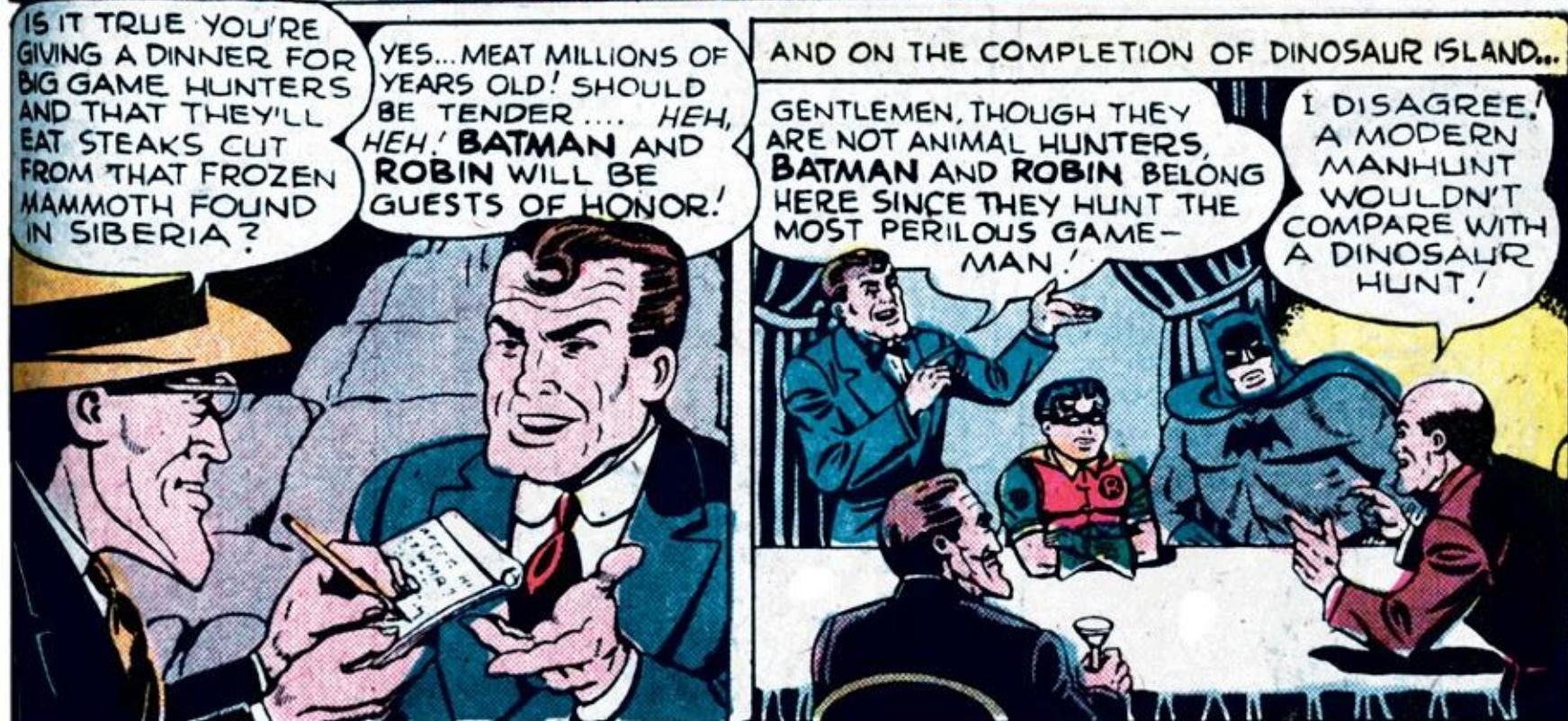
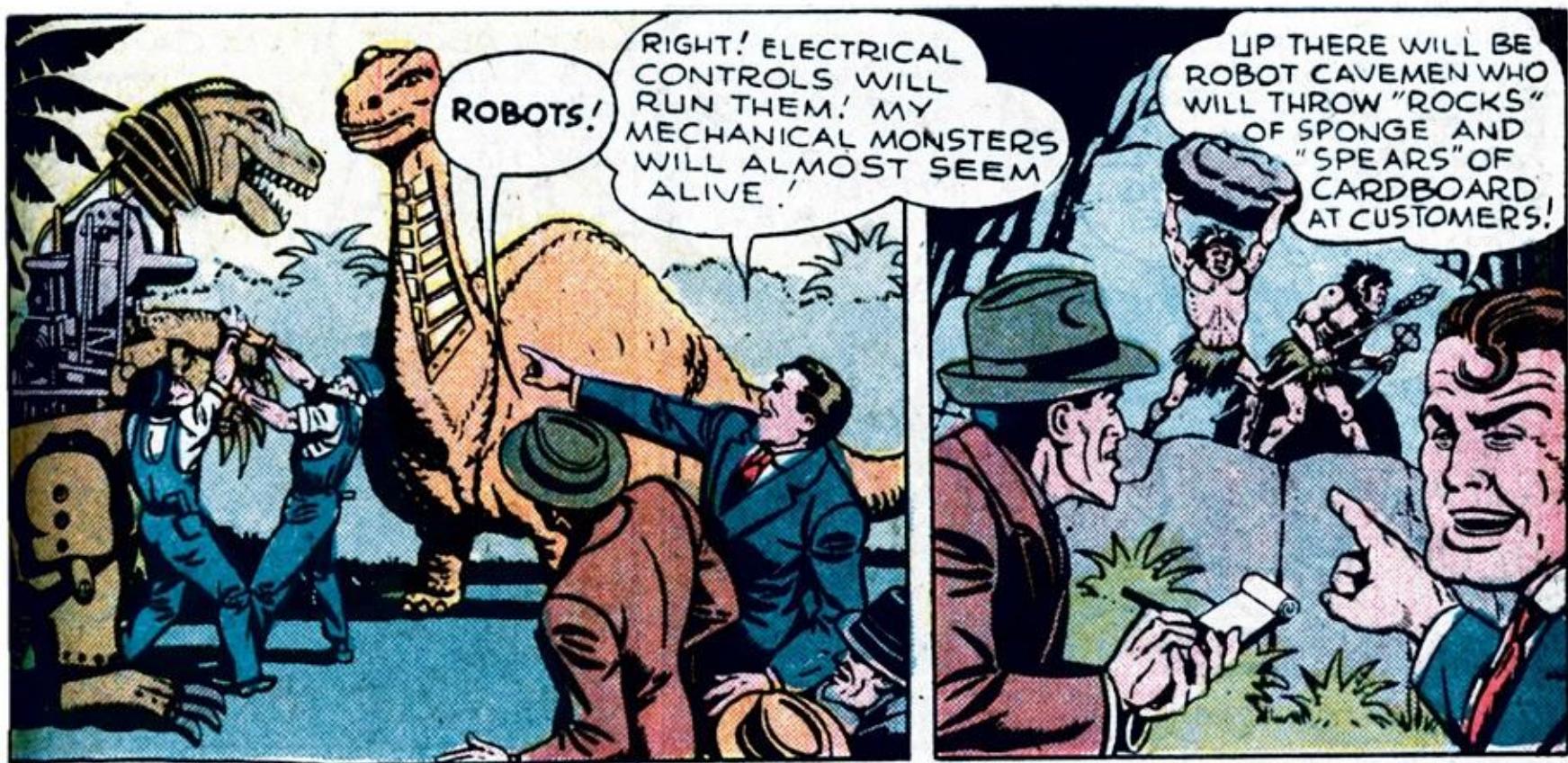
DID YOU FIND THE DINOSAURS IN A LOST WORLD OR SOMETHING? WHAT'S THE GAG, HART?



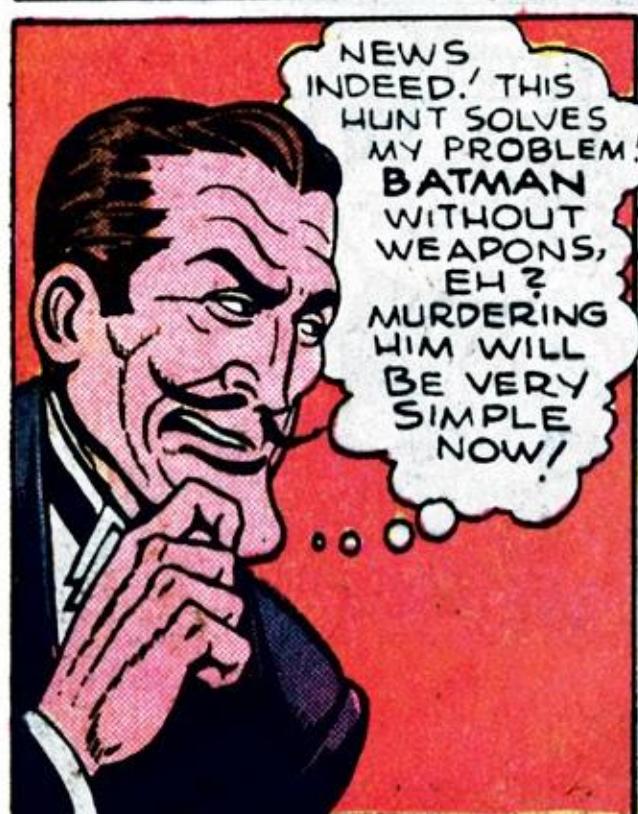
YOU'LL SEE IN
JUST A FEW
MINUTES!



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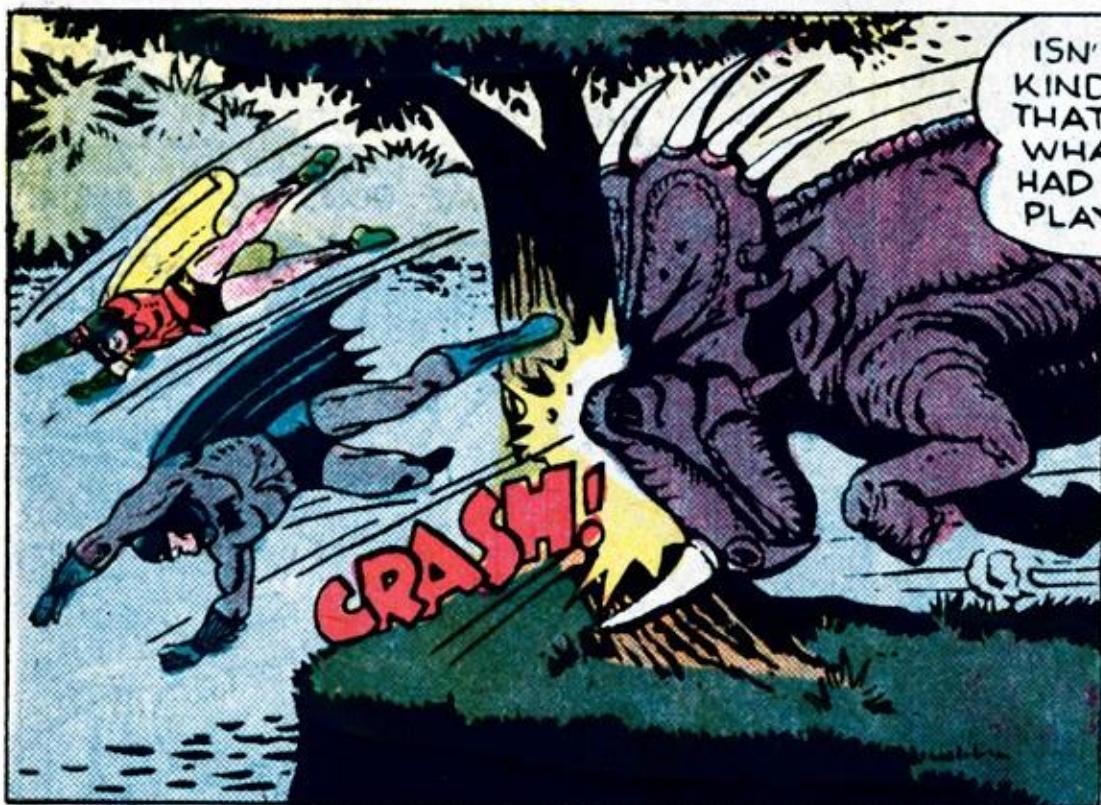
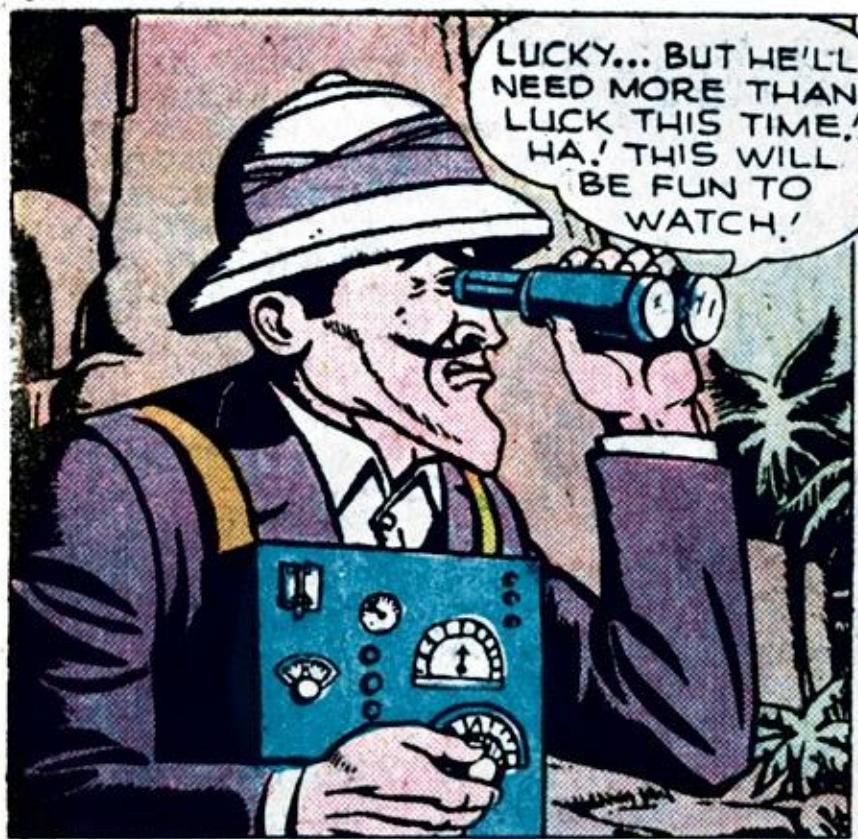


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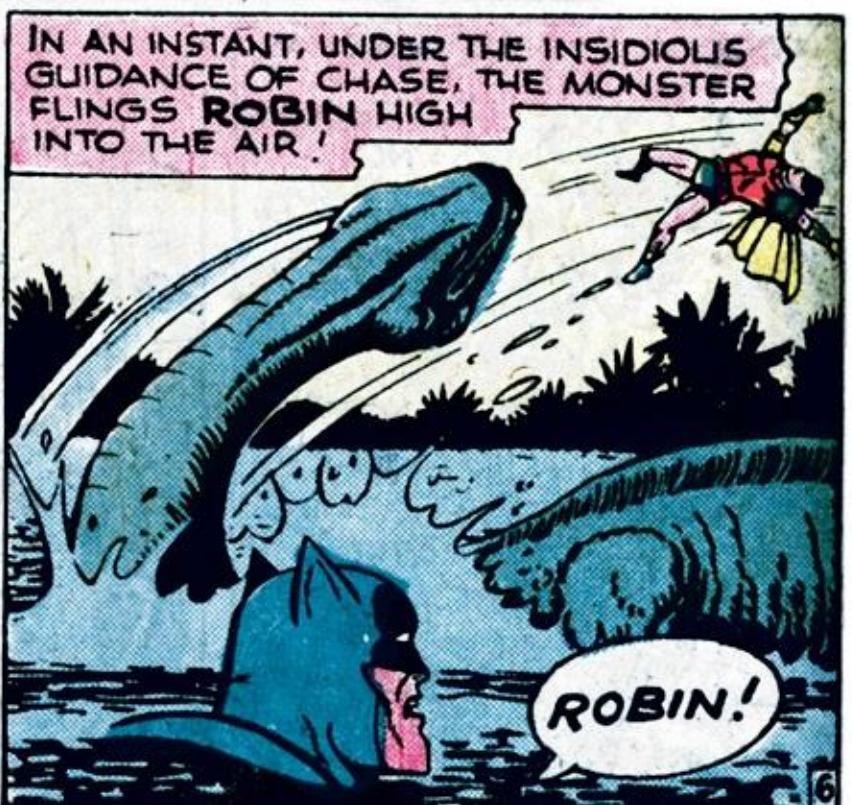
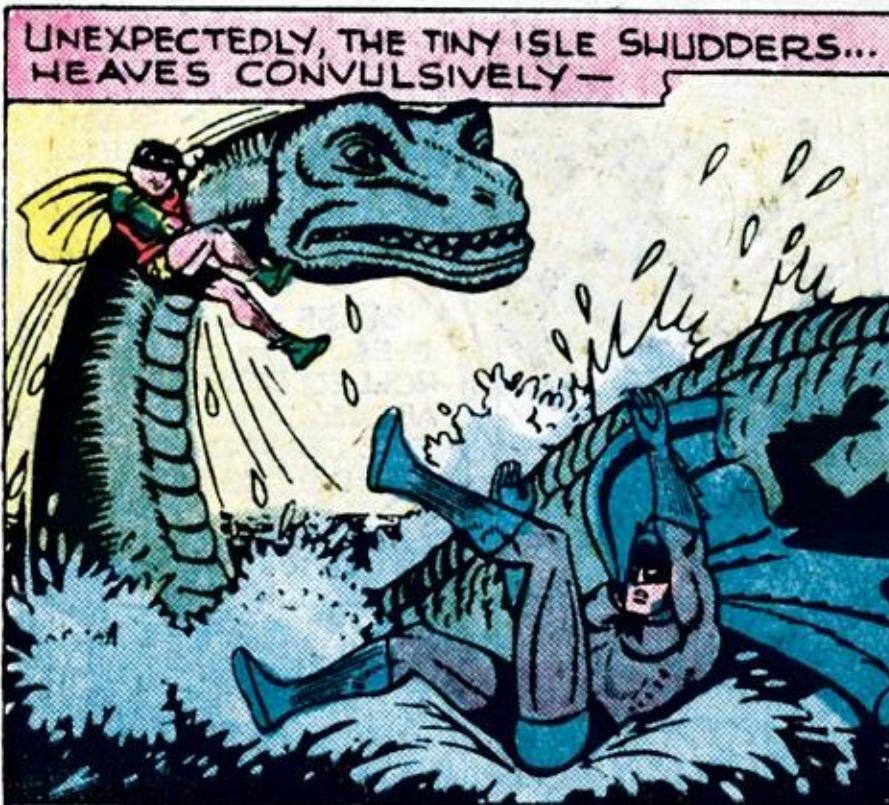


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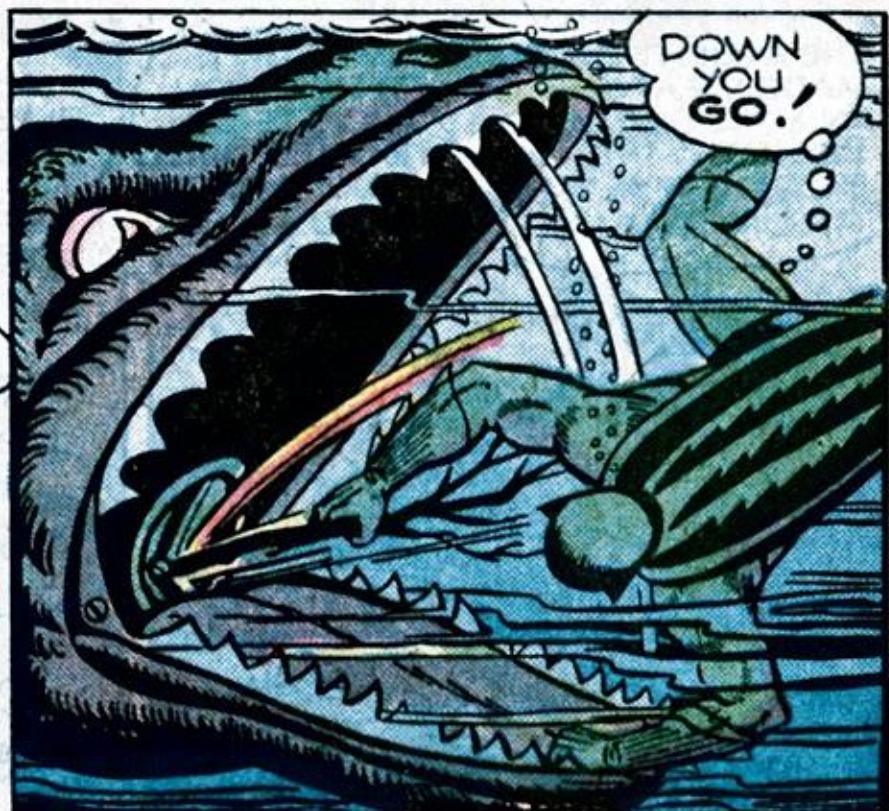
ISN'T BREACH PLAYING KIND OF ROUGH? IF THAT ROBOT STYR—
WHAT YOU SAID—
HAD HIT US, WE'D BE PLAYING HARPS!

HOP UP ON
THIS ISLE!
THIS CALLS
FOR A
COUNCIL OF
WAR!



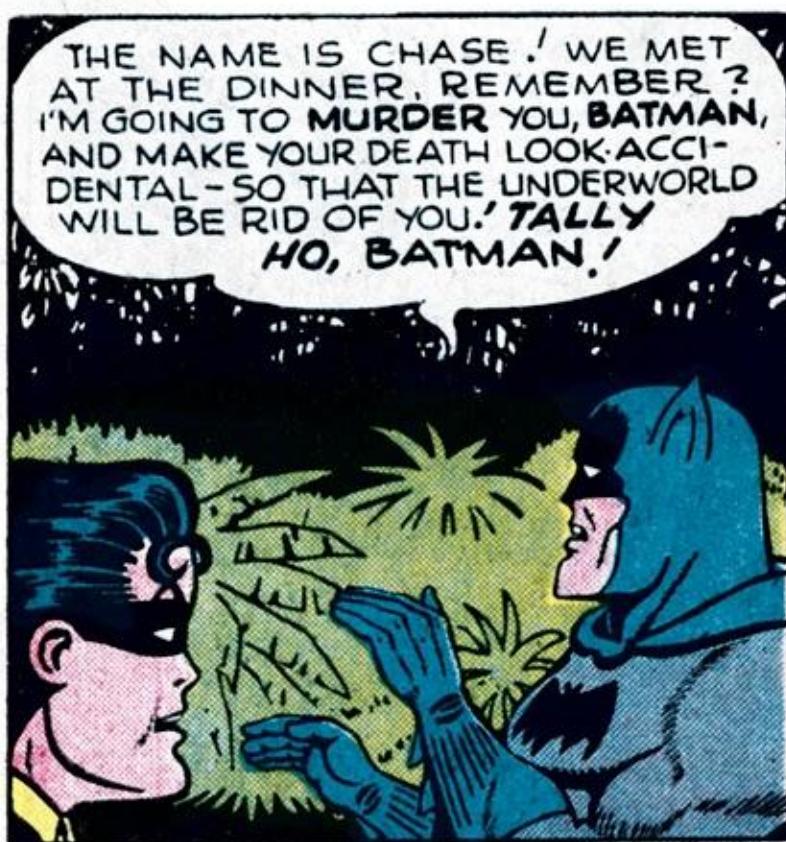


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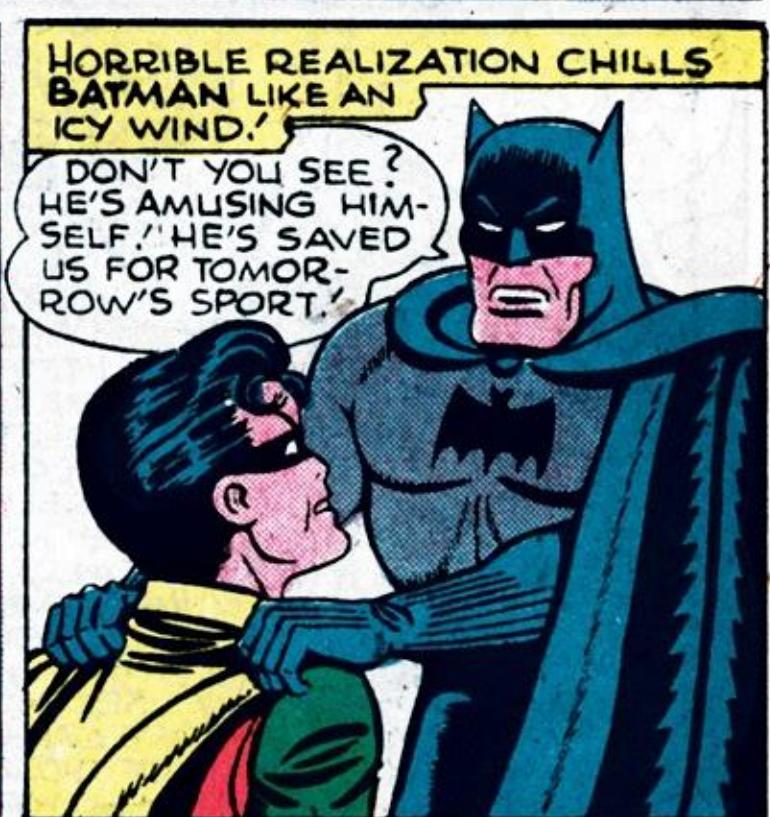
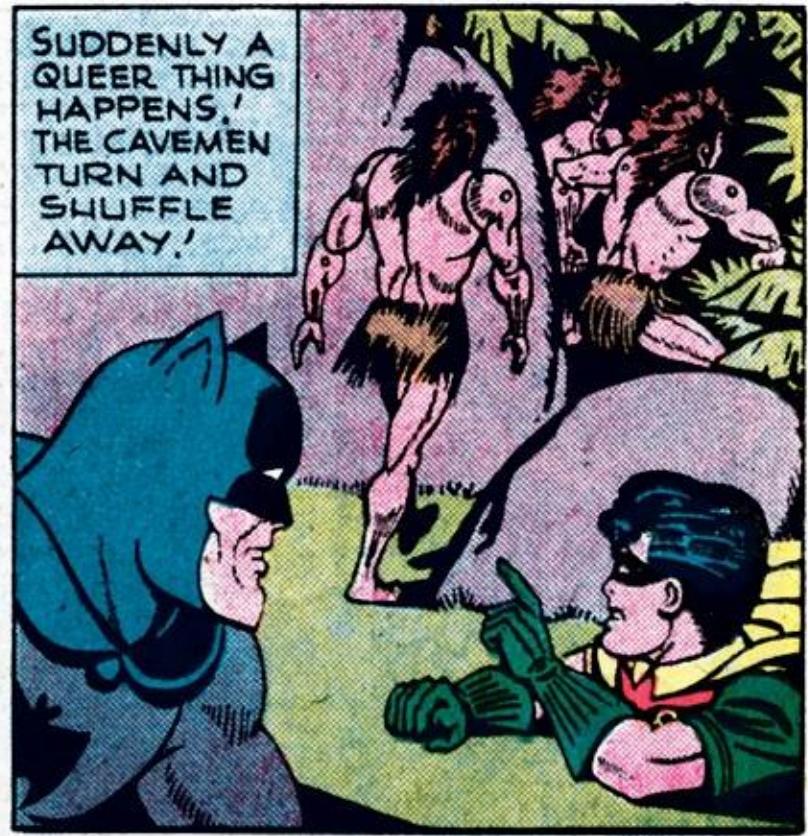


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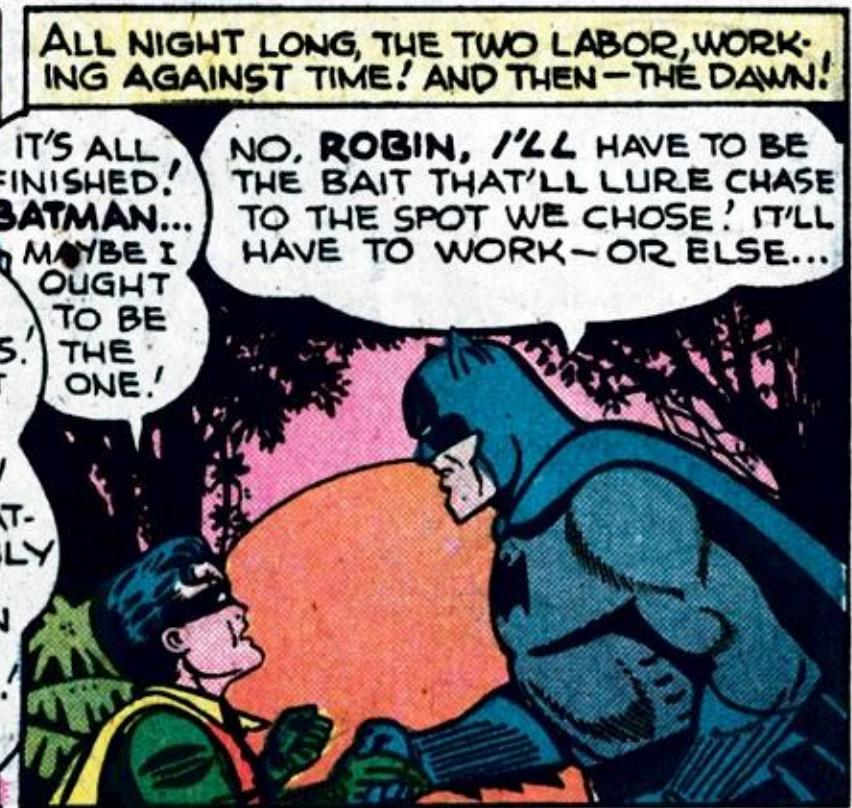
JUNGLE NIGHT! CHASE SLEEPS - BUT BATMAN AND ROBIN, LIKE SUDDENLY CAGED WILDLIFE, ARE APPREHENSIVE, RESTLESS...

WISH I COULD SLEEP!... FUNNY, I THOUGHT I'D BE SCARED, BUT I'M NOT!... GUESS WE'RE IN OVER OUR HEADS THIS TIME!... BATMAN'S WORRIED ... EVEN THOUGH HE DOESN'T ACT IT!

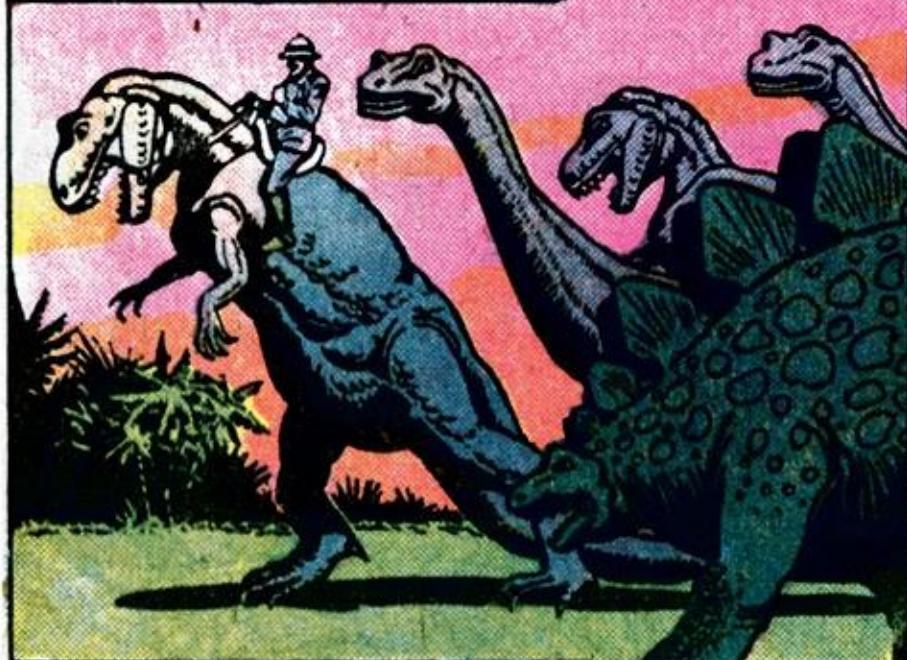
ROBIN'S TAKING THIS OKAY!... HE'S A GREAT KID... I WON'T LET HIM DOWN! I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING ... I'VE GOT TO.

IF ONLY WE HAD YOUR UTILITY BELT! OR THE BATPLANE...

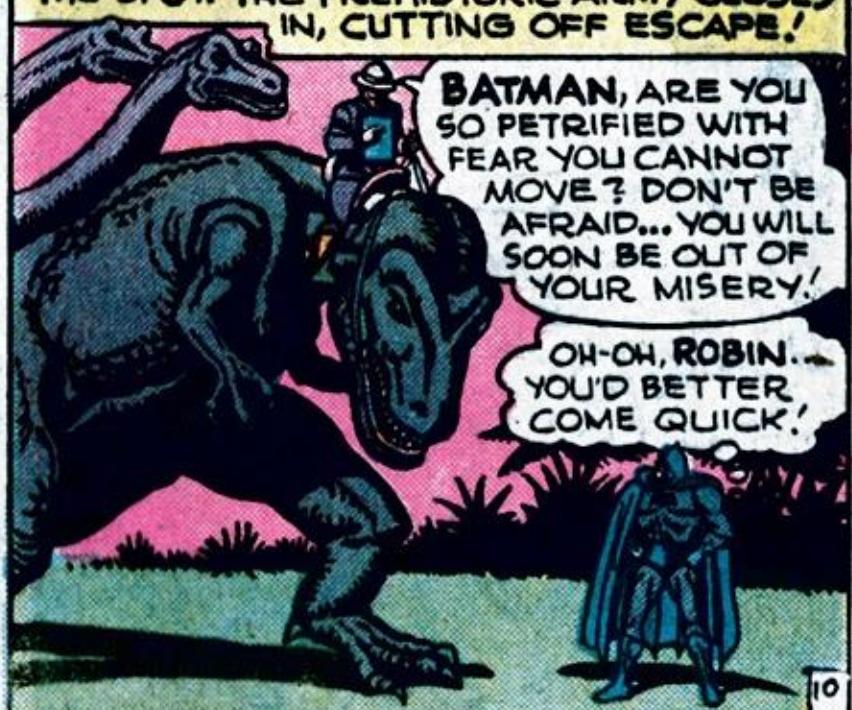
MAYBE WE HAVE!



ALONE NOW, BATMAN WAITS! SOON, LUMBERING THROUGH THE FOREST - A PROCESSION OF THE DAWN WORLD!

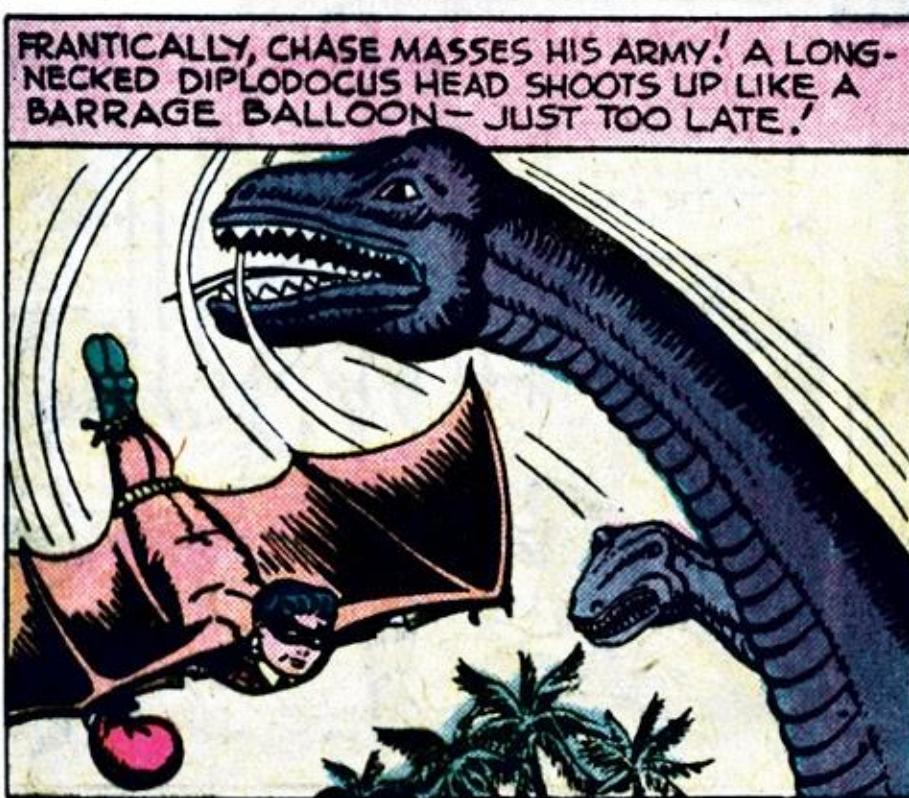


CURIOSLY, BATMAN STANDS ROOTED TO THE SPOT. THE PREHISTORIC ARMY CLOSES IN, CUTTING OFF ESCAPE!

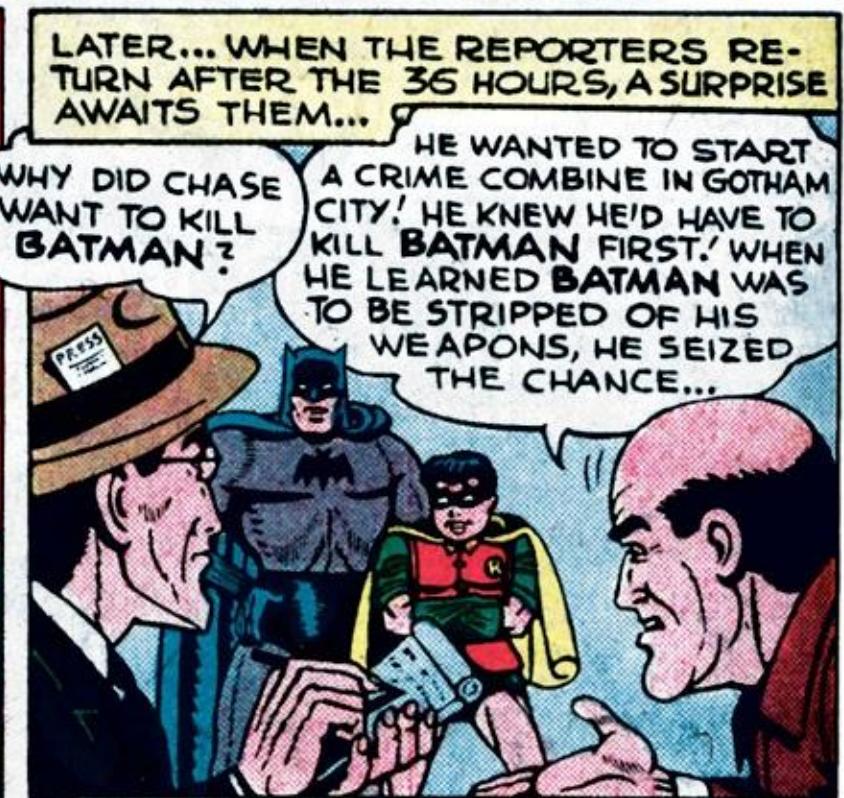
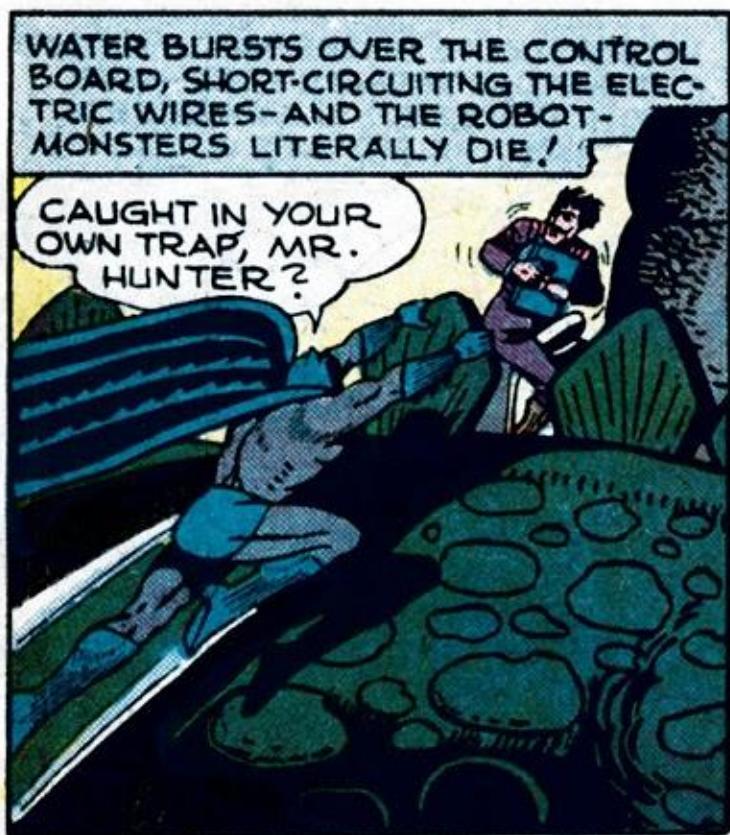


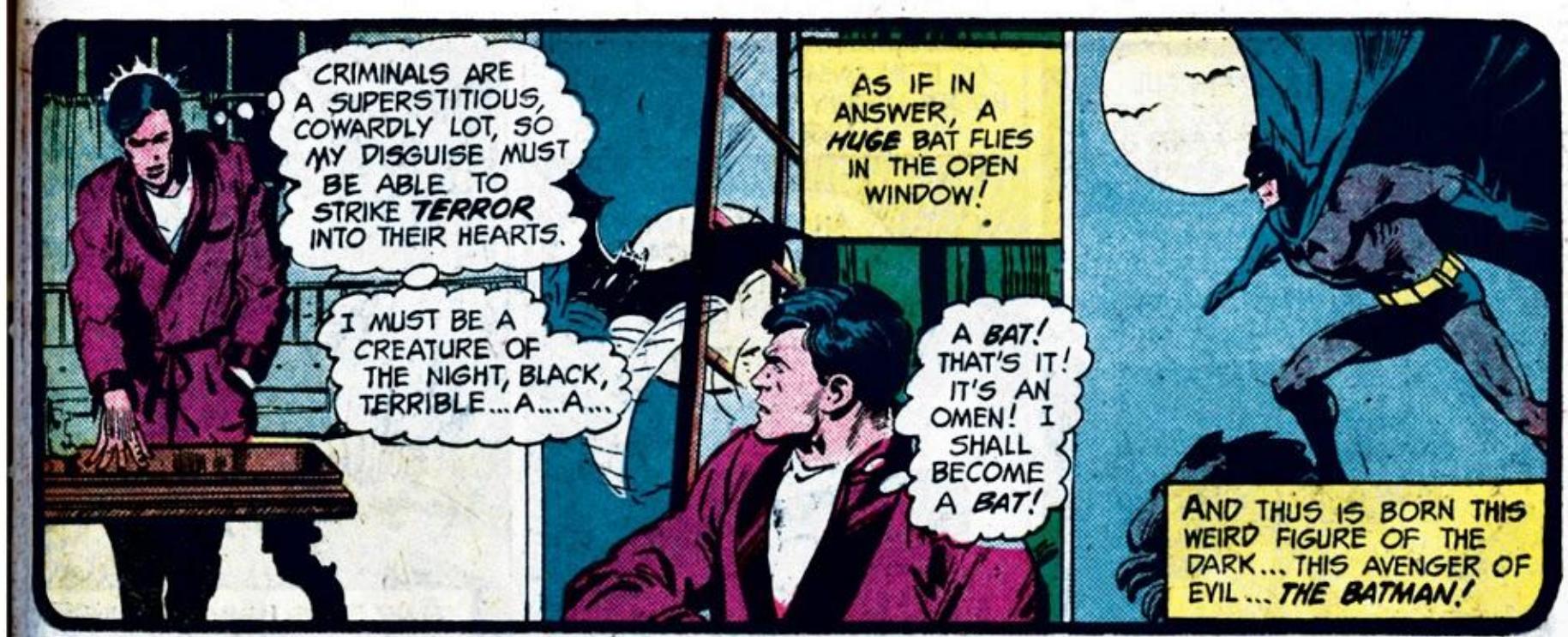


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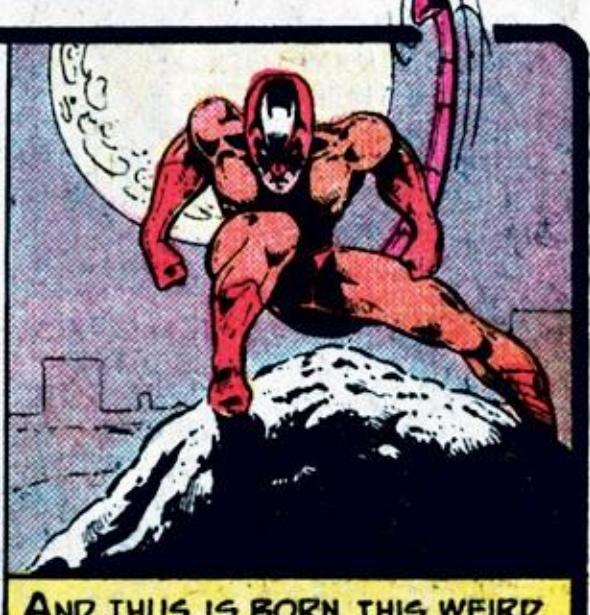
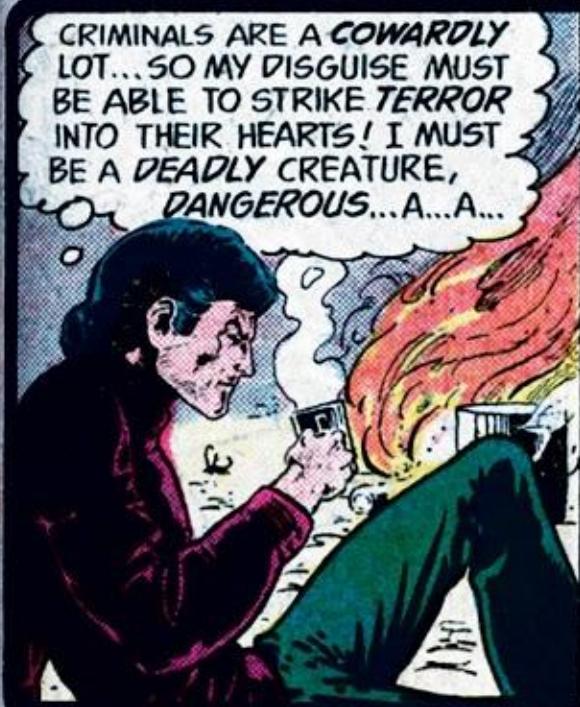




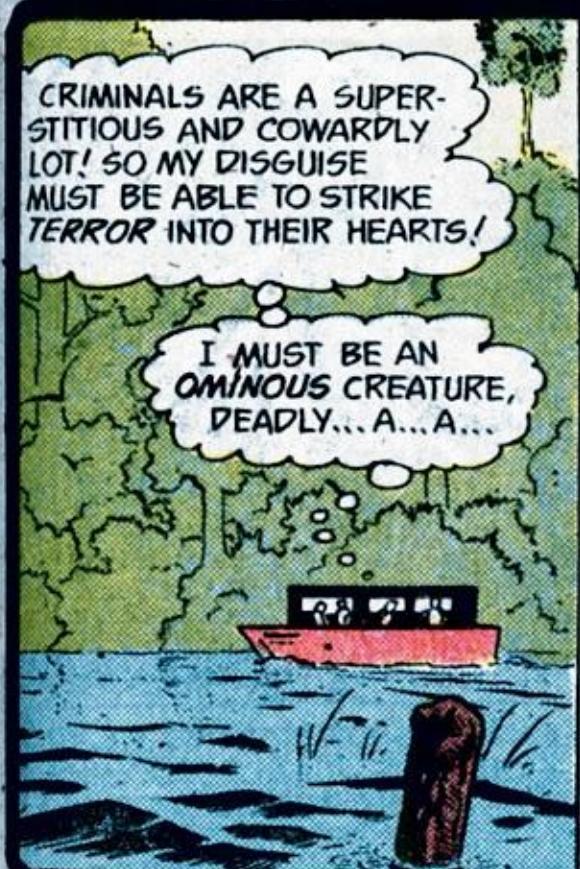
BY SHEER CHANCE, THE LEGENDARY NIGHT-SHROUDED CAREER OF THE DREAD **BATMAN** WAS SPAWNED IN AN INSTANT'S ENCOUNTER WITH A **BAT**! BUT SUPPOSE FOR A MOMENT THAT THE "OMEN" HAD BEEN A **DIFFERENT** CREATURE! WE TAKE YOU NOW TO **DIFFERENT** LOCALES AND **DIFFERENT** ENCOUNTERS, TO SHOW YOU WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED...

IF BRUCE WAYNE HAD NOT BECOME THE

BAT MAN



AND THIS IS BORN THIS WEIRD FIGURE OF THE DESERT, THIS INCARNATION OF DANGER... THE **SCORPION**!



AND THIS IS BORN THIS WEIRD FIGURE OF THE DEEP... THIS AQUARIAN AVENGER OF EVIL... THE **STINGRAY**!

CRIMINALS ARE A FEARFUL LOT, SO MY DISGUISE MUST BE ABLE TO STRIKE THE FEAR OF WISDOM INTO THEIR HEARTS!

I MUST BE A CREATURE OF THE NIGHT, ALL-KNOWING, ALL-WISE...A...A...

...AS IF IN ANSWER, A HUGE OWL HOOTS LOUDLY THROUGH THE NIGHT!

AN OWL! THAT'S IT! IT'S AN OMEN! I SHALL BECOME ...AN OWL!

AND THUS IS BORN THIS EERIE FIGURE OF THE NIGHT...THE OMNISCIENT AVENGER OF EVIL...THE OWL!

CRIMINALS ARE A SUPERSTITIOUS LOT, WHO LET THEIR LIVES BE DICTATED BY THE BIDDING OF LUCKY TALISMANS...RABBITS' FEET...WITCHCRAFT...TRICKERY!

I MUST BE A SYMBOL OF LUCK--THE GOOD LUCK OF THE LAW; THE MISFORTUNE OF EVILDOERS! A...A...

...AS IF IN ANSWER, A HUGE SHOOTING STAR HURTS BY THE OPEN PORTAL!

A SHOOTING STAR! THAT'S IT! AN OMEN! I'LL BECOME...A SHOOTING STAR! AND WHEN CRIMINALS SEE THIS SHOOTING STAR, THEY'LL WISH UPON IT, ALL RIGHT!

...THEY'LL WISH THEY'D NEVER BEEN BORN!

AND THUS IS BORN THIS FANTASTIC FIGURE OF THE NIGHT SKY...THIS METEORIC NEMESIS OF EVIL...THE SHOOTING STAR!

CRIMINALS ARE A COWARDLY LOT, SO MY DISGUISE MUST STRIKE TERROR INTO THEIR HEARTS!

I MUST BE A SYMBOL OF AVENGING, UNCOMPROMISING JUSTICE; SWIFT, TERRIBLE...A...A...

AS IF IN ANSWER, AN EXHIBIT OF AN ANCIENT SUIT OF ARMOR ACCIDENTALLY FALLS IN BRUCE'S PATH!

A SUIT OF ARMOR! THAT'S IT! IT'S AN OMEN! I SHALL DISGUISE MYSELF IN A SUIT OF ARMOR!

AND THUS IS BORN THIS WEIRD FIGURE OF JUSTICE! LOOMING OUT OF THE DARKNESS COMES ...THE IRON KNIGHT!

THE RARE FEW WHO HAVE SEEN THE INCREDIBLE BATCAVE'S TROPHY ROOM AGREE THAT OUR MOST INTRIGUING MEMENTO IS THE GIANT PENNY WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN THE FOLLOWING CASE...



BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN

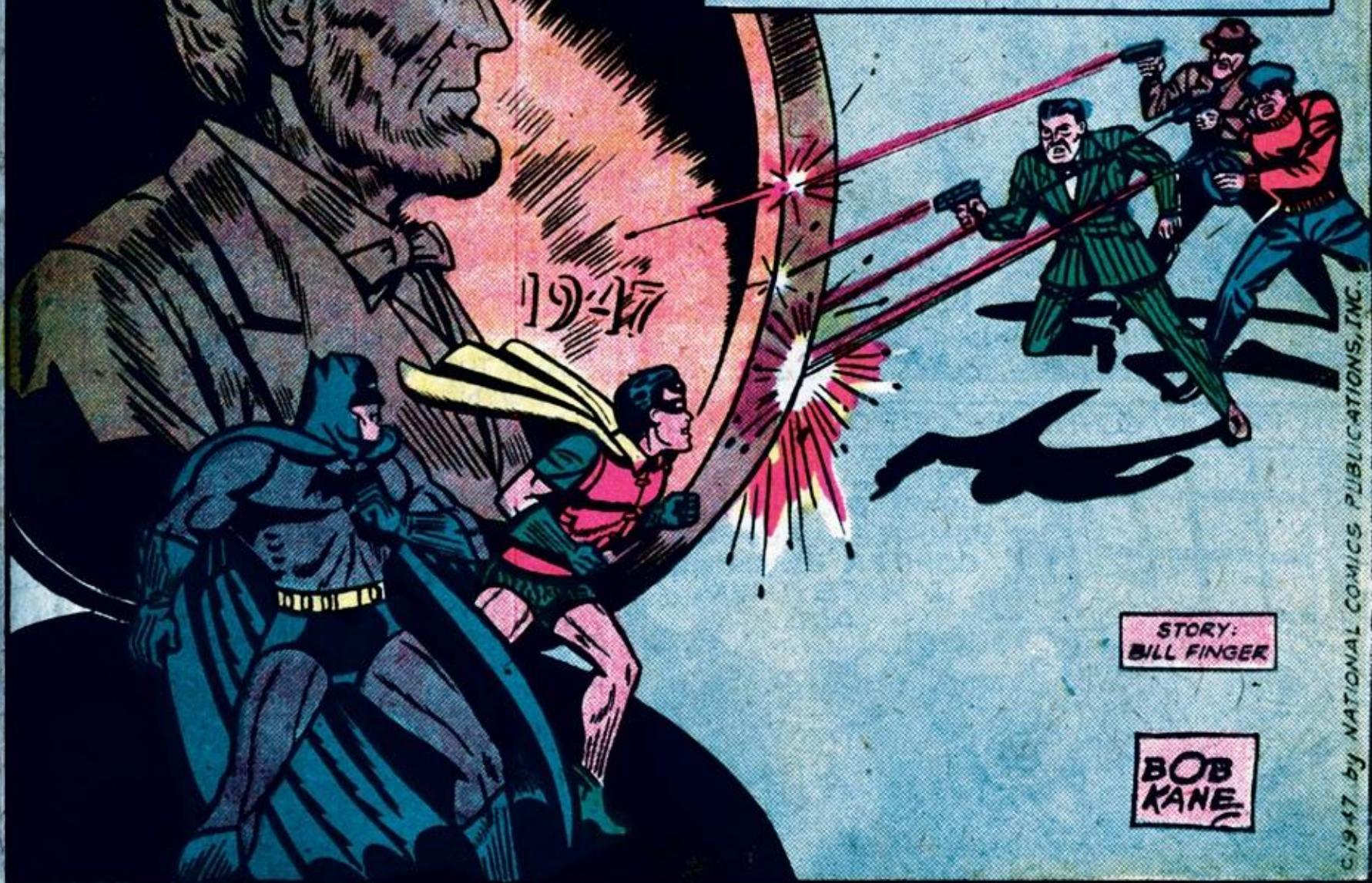
- THE BOY

ONE CENT



ONE OF THE MOST COMMON OF ALL OBJECTS IS A **PENNY**! YES... JUST OUR ORDINARY ONE-CENT COIN! ALL OF US... RICH OR POOR... USE PENNIES... WHETHER IT BE FOR A NEWSPAPER OR FOR A BIT OF CANDY! WE HANDLE PENNIES AND NEVER GIVE THEM ANOTHER THOUGHT! BUT, IT WAS NOT SO WITH JOE COYNE. HE THOUGHT ABOUT PENNIES ALL THE TIME. TO HIM A PENNY WAS A SYMBOL - OF CRIME! WHY? HOW? THE ANSWER IS IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES AS BATMAN AND ROBIN TACKLE THE DRAMATIC CASE OF...

"The Penny Plunderers!"

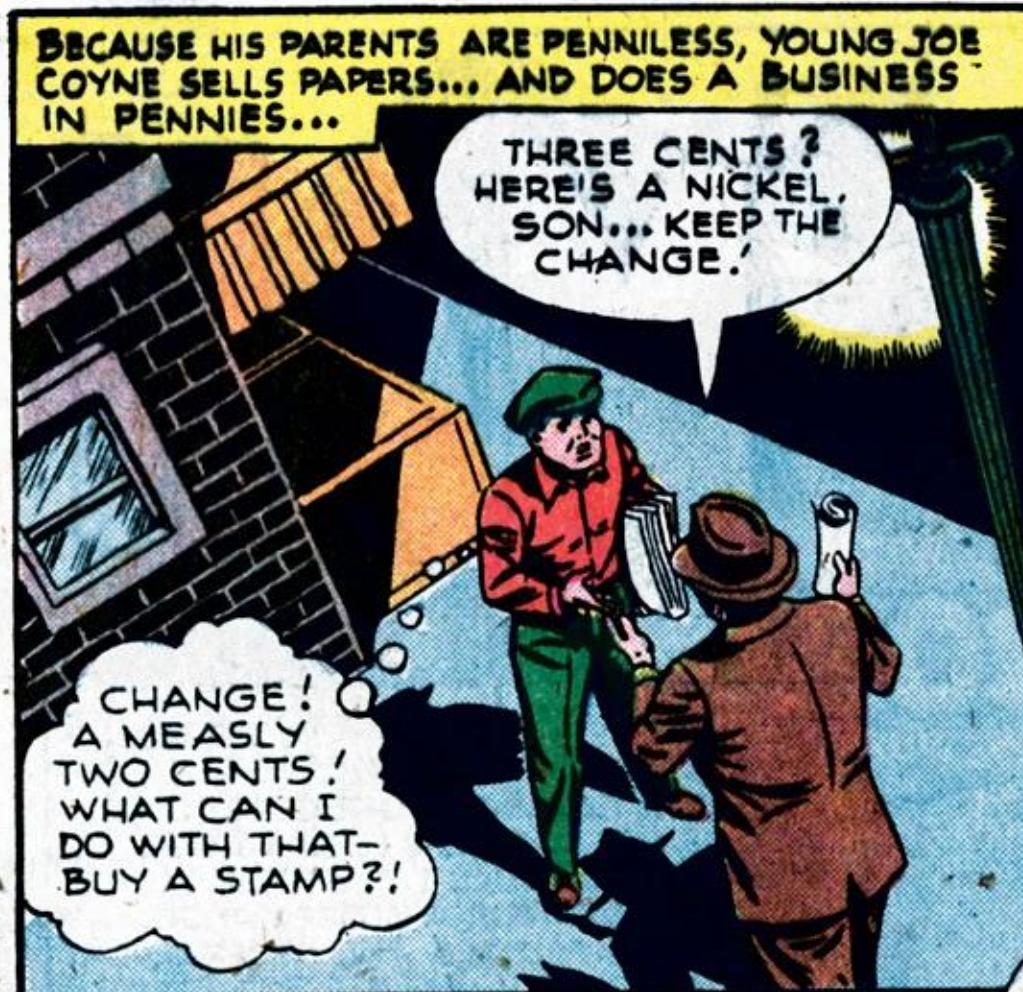


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UPON HIS RELEASE, COYNE FORMS A COMPANY DEALING IN PENNY SLOT AND VENDING MACHINES—AS A MASK FOR HIS CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.'

BOYS, WE MAY BE IN THE PENNY BUSINESS... BUT IT'S GOING TO BRING US MILLIONS!



AND SO BEGIN THE "PENNY PLUNDER" CRIMES! THE FIRST EXPLOIT TAKES PLACE AT THE GOTHAM BANK...

I'VE GOT A HUNDRED PENNIES IN THAT ROLL! I'D LIKE A BILL IN EXCHANGE!

CERTAINLY, SIR! JUST A MOMENT WHILE I CHECK THE ROLL!



YEAH, CHUMP... IT'S REALLY A TEAR GAS BOMB!

AAGGH!

NEXT IS THE "KIDNAPING" OF A RARE COLLECTION OF ANTIQUE PENNY BANKS!

THIS GUY'S A MILLIONAIRE! HE'LL PAY A PRETTY PENNY IN RANSOM MONEY TO GET HIS PRECIOUS HOBBY BACK!



IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THE NEWS SHOULD INTEREST BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON... IN REALITY—FAMED BATMAN AND ROBIN?

SOMEBODY MUST HAVE PENNIES ON THE BRAIN!

I AGREE, DICK... IT'S PROBABLY A SORT OF MANIA! HMM... HERE'S ONE ITEM OUR PENNY PLUNDERER WOULDN'T OVERLOOK—AND NEITHER WILL WE!

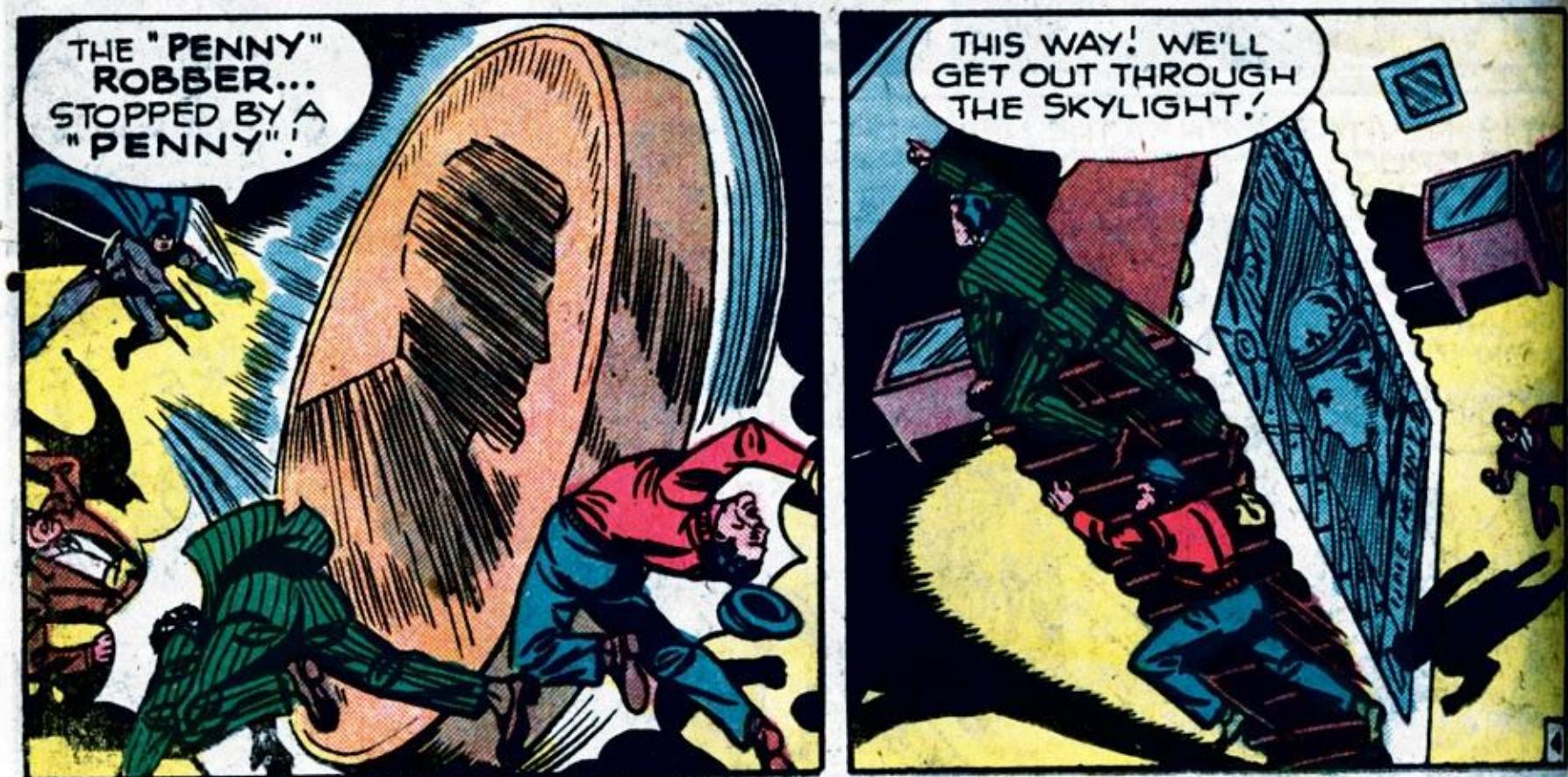
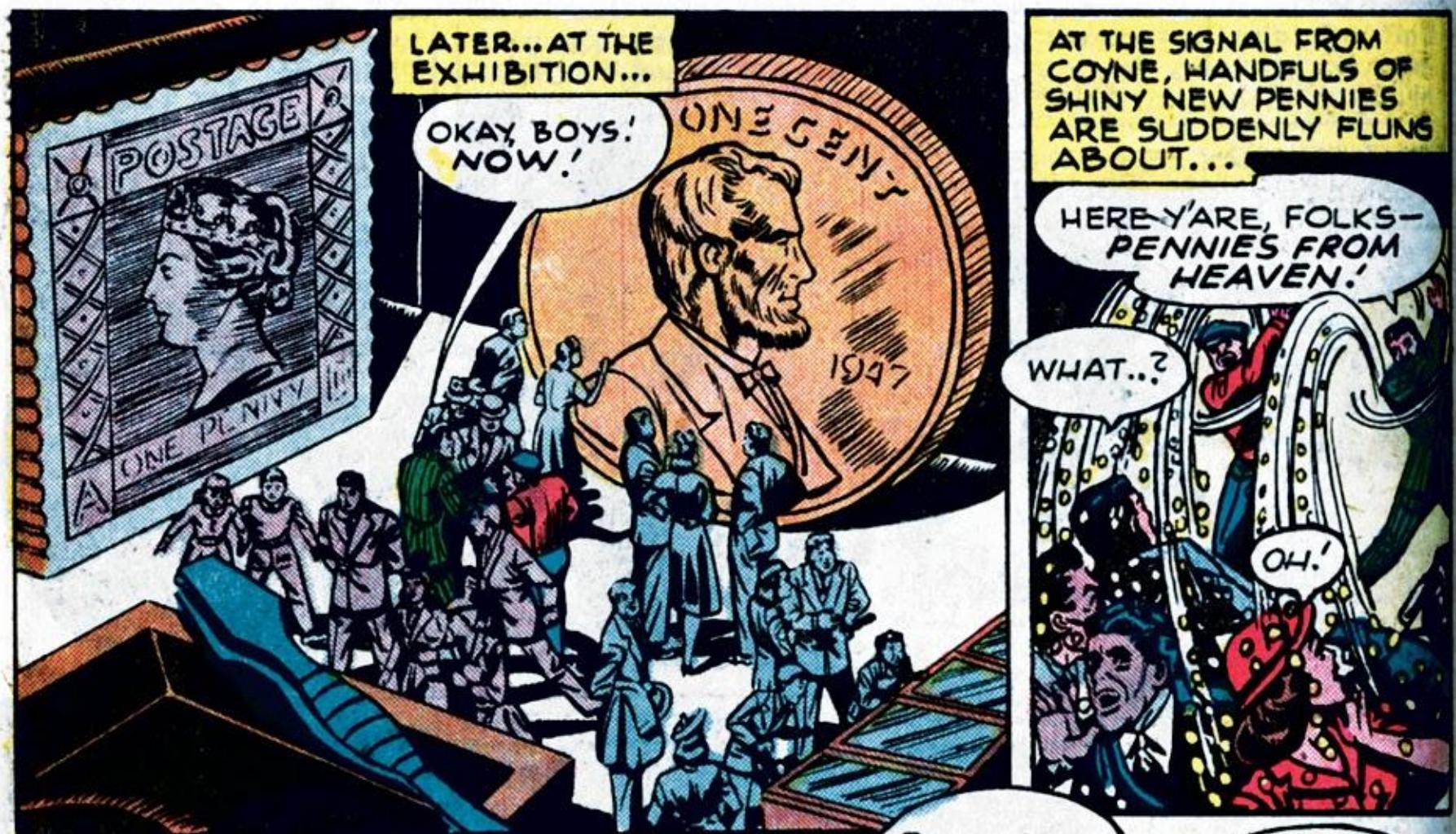


"ONE-PENNY BLACK" IN LOCAL COIN AND STAMP EXHIBITION

RARE PRICELESS ONE-CENT STAMP FIRST TO BE ISSUED IN BRITAIN'S HISTORY WAS INITIALED BY QUEEN VICTORIA HERSELF



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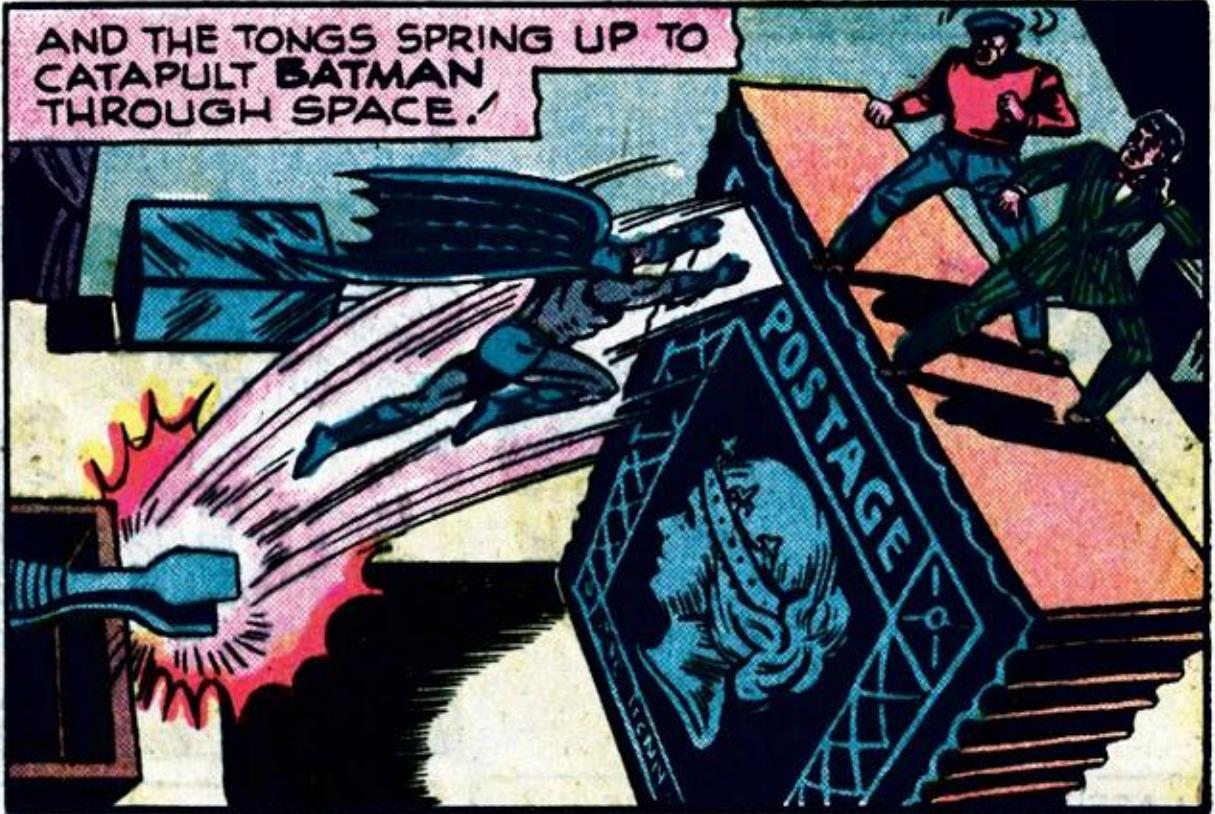


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BUT THE ACROBATMAN BOUNDS TOWARD A HUGE REPLICA OF STAMP TONGS AT THE EXHIBIT!



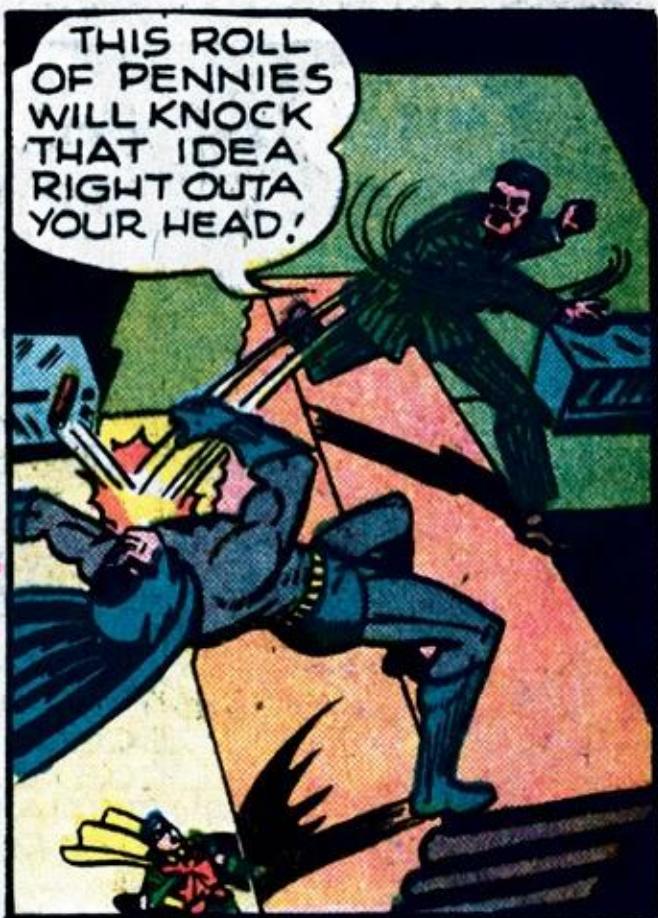
AND THE TONGS SPRING UP TO CATALYST BATMAN THROUGH SPACE!



MY JOB IS TO STAMP OUT CRIME... AND THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE PLACE TO DO IT!



THIS ROLL OF PENNIES WILL KNOCK THAT IDEA RIGHT OUTA YOUR HEAD!



LATER... WHEN BATMAN'S HEAD CLEARS...

THEY GOT AWAY... CLEAN AWAY!

NOT SO CLEAN! THEY LEFT A LITTLE RESIDUE BEHIND! THIS RAT!



MEANWHILE, COYNE IS UNEASY...

THEY GOT SKINNY! YA THINK BATMAN KIN MAKE HIM TALK?

I WONDER... MIKE, SUPPOSE YOU STICK AROUND AND CHECK UP!



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AND AT THAT MOMENT...

TALK!
IF YOU DO,
IT WILL GO
EASIER
WITH YOU!

OKAY! THE B-BOSS
IS JOE COYNE! HIS
HIDEOUT IS THE
P-PENNY ARCADE ON
ELM AVENUE! BUT HE'D
KILL ME IF HE EVER
LEARNS I SQUEALED!

NOW I'LL CALL A
POLICEMAN TO TAKE
YOU TO HEADQUARTERS
WHILE ROBIN AND I
CALL ON COYNE.

IF I ONLY HAD
MY GAT, I COULD
KNOCK OFF BATMAN
NOW. HMM... I'LL
FIX SKINNY FOR
SQUEALING.

LATER... AS SKINNY AND THE
PATROLMAN TURN A CORNER...

MIKE!

UH!
YEAH,
SKINNY...
I COME TO
RESCUE YOU!
AIN'T THAT
NICE O' ME?

SOON... AFTER A SHORT-CUT TO THE HIDE-OUT...

WE-EELL, SKINNY... WELCOME
HOME! SEE, BOYS... I GOT HIM
AWAY FROM THE COPPER!
I TAKE CARE OF THE
BOYS IN MY MOB...
ESPECIALLY A
LOYAL BOY
LIKE SKINNY.

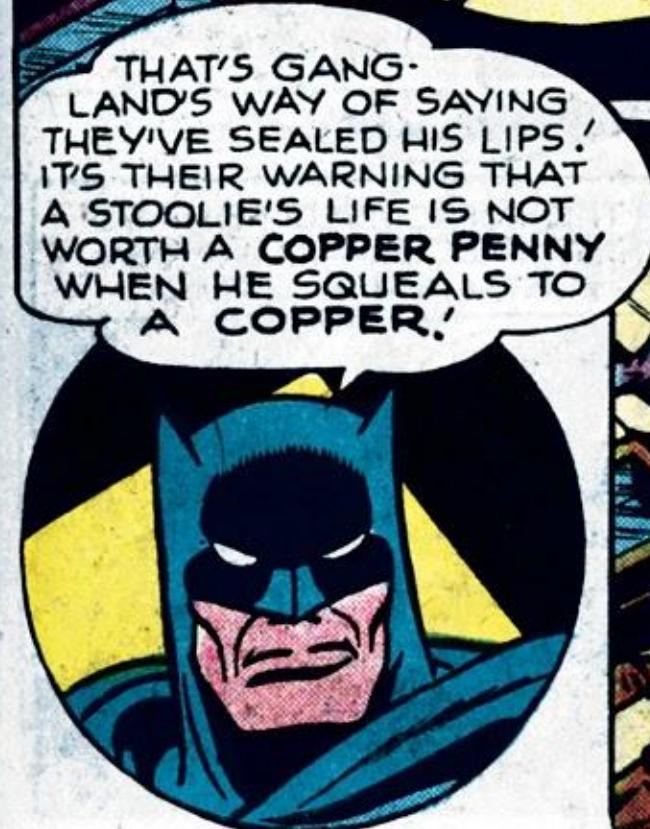
Y-YEAH
HEH-
HEH...
TH-THANKS,
B-BOSS!

SKINNY, I'M WORRIED
ABOUT YOUR HEALTH! YOU
BEEN LOSING WEIGHT?
LET'S SEE! AND YOU'LL
GET YOUR FORTUNE,
TOO.

A PENNY DROPPED INTO THE
SLOT... AND A SMALL CARD
DROPS INTO SHAKING FINGERS!

YOUR FORTUNE
It isn't good!
Your future is
very dark! The
future is always
dark for
STOOL PIGEONS!

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REALIZING THE BEST DEFENSE IS OFFENSE, THE DYNAMIC DUO ATTACKS!

RIGHT ON THE TARGET!



FEEL LIKE ANSWERING THE SIGN'S QUESTION FOR ME?

NOW HARD CAN YOU HIT?



BUT COYNE SHREWDLY FLIPS SOME PENNIES UNDER ROBIN'S FEET AND —

TILT!

YOW!

SLIPPERY, AREN'T THEY?

UH!



FOR AN INSTANT, BATMAN'S ATTENTION IS DISTRACTED... AND HE DOES NOT SEE COYNE'S HAND CLOSE TIGHTLY ABOUT A ROLL OF PENNIES...

WEIGHTED HEAVILY WITH THE IMPROMISED "BRASS KNUCKLES, COYNE'S FIST SLEDGE-HAMMER'S BATMAN'S JAW."

HAPPY DREAMS, TOUGH GUY!



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LATER... AN AWAKENING IN A WINDOWLESS ROOM...

YOU'VE TAKEN OUR UTILITY BELTS!

YEAH! AND I'VE ALSO RIPPED OUT THE TELEPHONE WIRES! NOW ME AND MY BOYS ARE ON OUR WAY...

SO LONG! HERE'S TWO CENTS—THAT'S ALL YOUR LIVES WILL BE WORTH IN A LITTLE WHILE! HA! HA!

THE STOUT DOOR IS BOLTED—AND THE TWO CRIME-FIGHTERS ARE ALONE WITH DEATH!

CARBON MONOXIDE GAS! THAT FINISHES US.

NEVER SAY DIE, ROBIN! AH... THERE! A SLIVER OF GLASS FROM THIS SLOT MACHINE WILL CUT OUR ROPES—AND THEN THE TWO PENNIES COYNE THREW AT US WILL HELP US ESCAPE!

I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING—'CAUSE I DON'T!

COYNE DID US A FAVOR BECAUSE HE THREW US ONE OLD COPPER PENNY... AND ONE NEW ZINC-COATED PENNY, OF THE TYPE ISSUED DURING THE WAR!

NOW I PLACE A PIECE OF BLOTTING PAPER BETWEEN THE PENNIES, TIE THEM TOGETHER WITH THIS TELEPHONE WIRE—AND IMMERSE IT IN THE SALT WATER...

ZINC... COPPER... IN SALT WATER! YOU'VE MADE A MIDGET ELECTRIC BATTERY!

YES! IT'S TO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE TELEPHONE-BOX-BATTERY REMOVED BY COYNE! MY BATTERY WILL GENERATE JUST ENOUGH CURRENT FOR ME TO TAP OUT AN S.O.S. ON THE EXPOSED TELEPHONE WIRE WITH MY BATTERY WIRE!

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THE BATMAN'S DISTRESS SIGNALS ARE FLASHED TO THE OFFICES OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY...



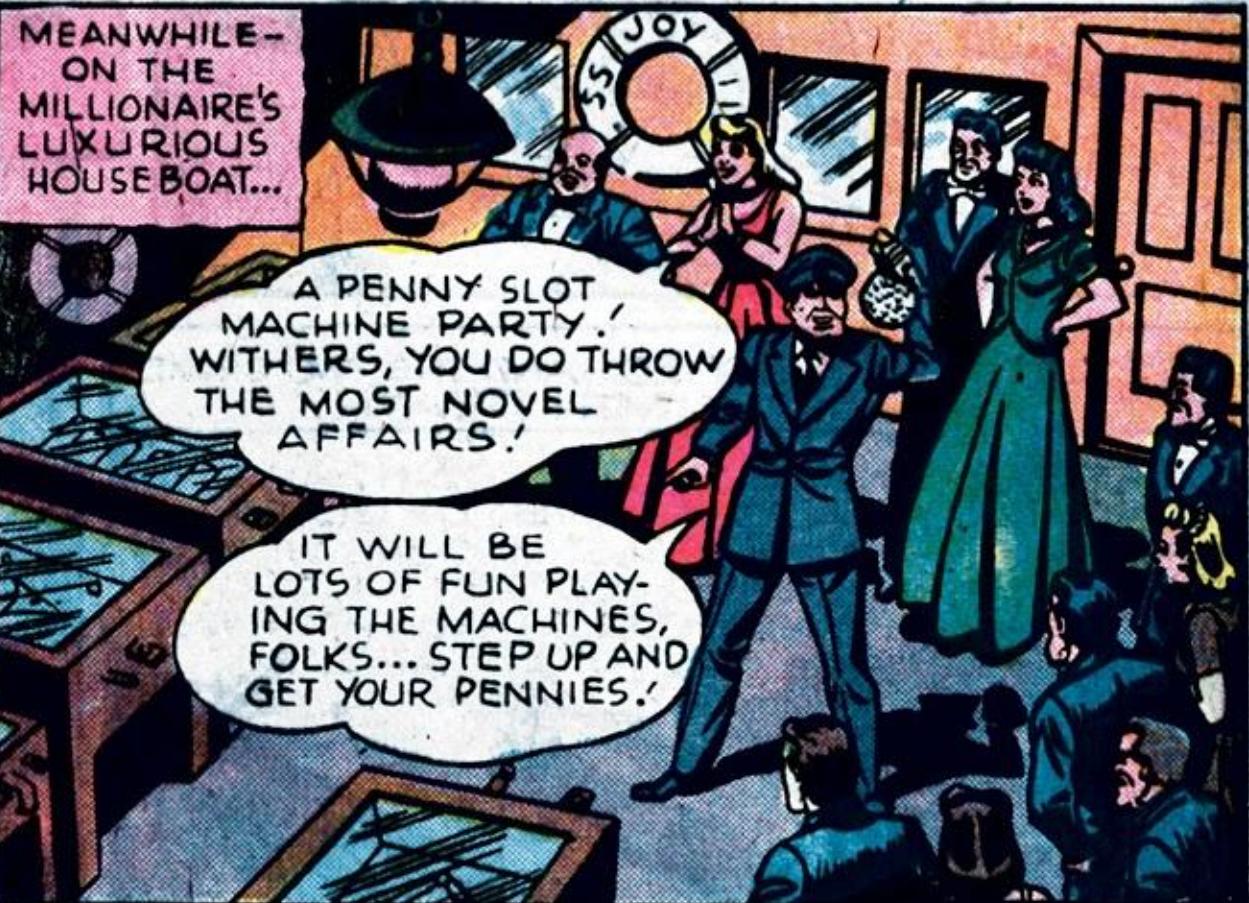
SHORTLY AFTER, POLICE AXES BREAK DOWN THE DOOR...



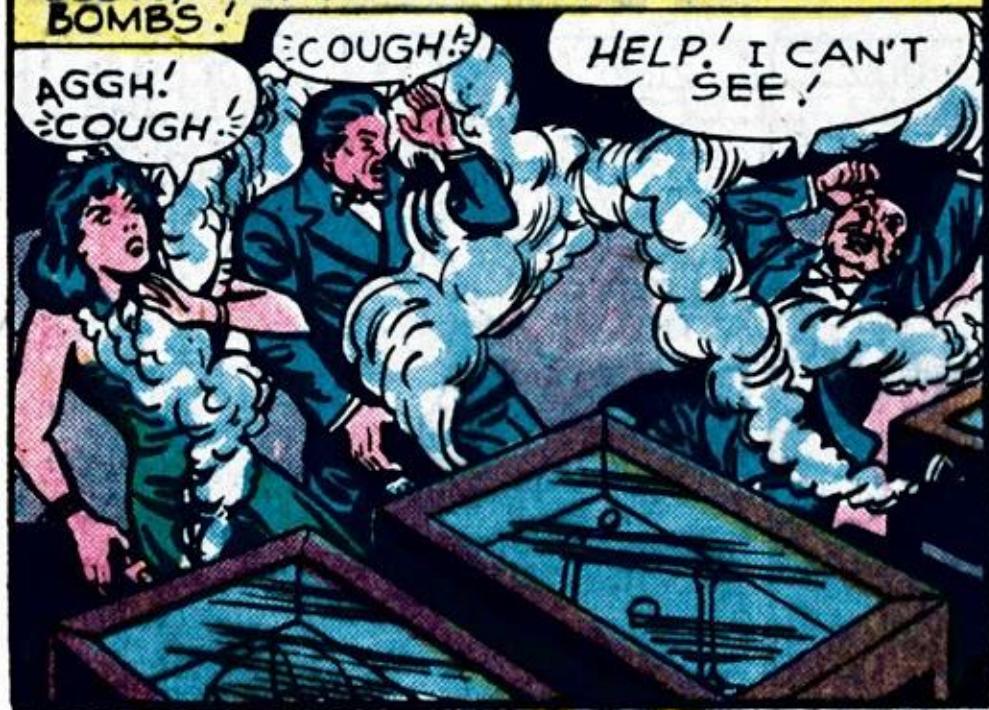
LATER... IN COYNE'S DESK, A CLUE IS UNEARTHED...

HERE'S SOMETHING! A RENTAL ORDER FROM MILLIONAIRE J. J. WITHERS FOR COIN MACHINES TO BE USED AT A PARTY ON HIS HOUSEBOAT. AND THEY'RE TO BE DELIVERED TONIGHT. IT'S WORTH INVESTIGATING!

MEANWHILE— ON THE MILLIONAIRE'S LUXURIOUS HOUSEBOAT...



BUT THE MACHINES WERE RIGGED BY COYNE, AND AS THE PENNIES ARE INSERTED INTO THE SLOTS, THEY SET OFF TEAR GAS AND SMOKE BOMBS!



THEN, LIKE MODERN PIRATES, THE PENNY PLUNDERERS BOARD THE HOUSEBOAT!



THE PENNY PLUNDERERS

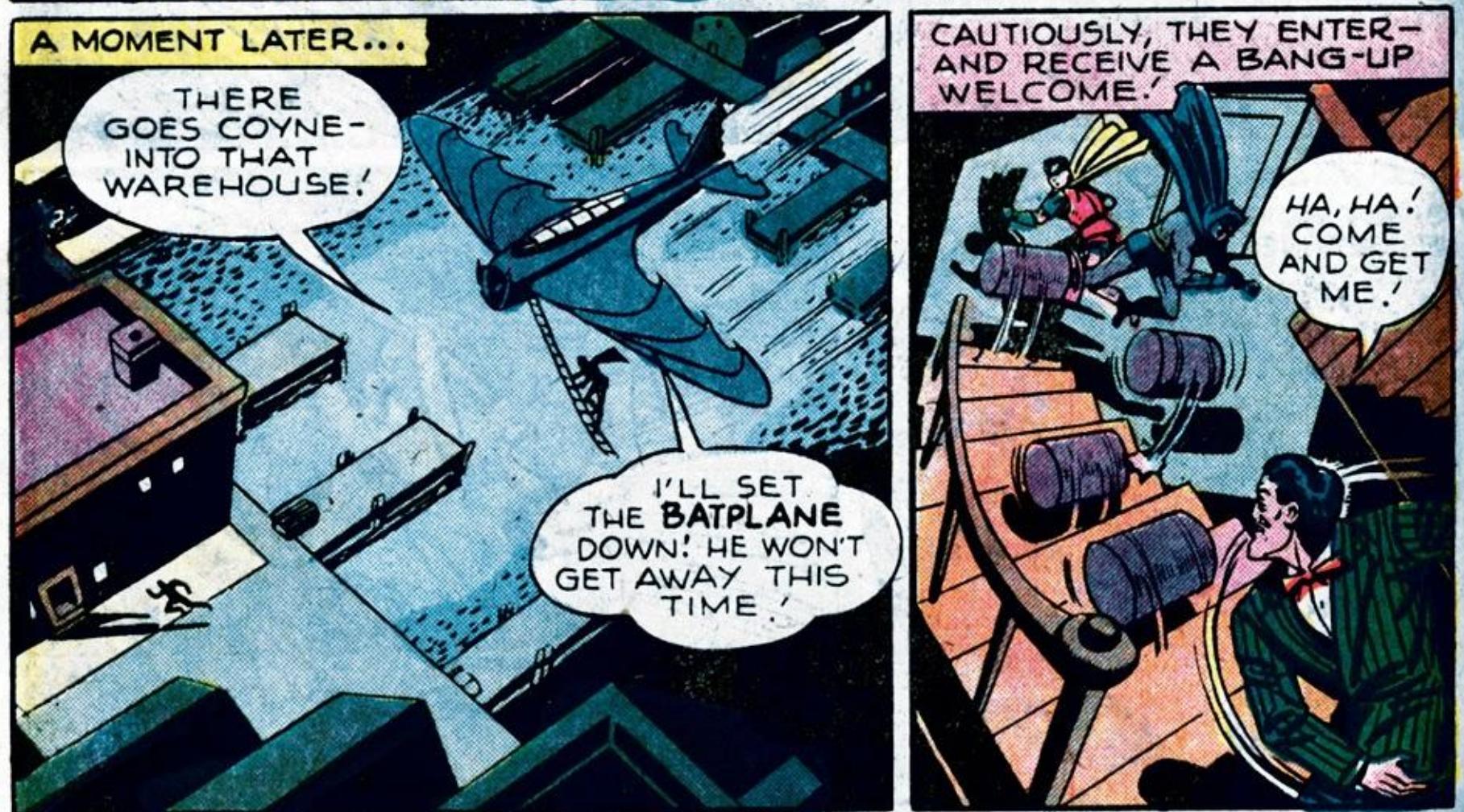
MOMENTS LATER...



A ROPE LADDER IS LOWERED—
AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER,
SKIS ACROSS THE WATER!



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THE PENNY PLUNDERERS





OUR FEW VISITORS HAVE ASKED ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ORDINARY-LOOKING BULLETPROOF VEST THAT OCCUPIES A SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR TROPHY ROOM! AND WHEN THEY DO, I ALWAYS TELL THEM THIS NEXT STARTLING STORY--OF THE INCREDIBLE SECRET OF TROPHY NO. 41. LISTEN...

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BATMAN WITH ROBIN

WITH

ROBIN

WANTED

SYMBOL OF THE BATMAN'S VICTORIES OVER CRIME IS HIS VAST HALL OF TROPHIES! HERE, IN A SECRET CHAMBER, ARE HOUSED FOR ALL TIME HUNDREDS OF ODD SOUVENIRS OF THE BATMAN'S NEVER-CEASING WAR AGAINST VILLAINY!

AND PERHAPS THE STRANGEST EXHIBIT IN THE BATMAN'S AWESOME COLLECTION OF TROPHIES IS A STEEL, BULLETPROOF VEST...A VEST OF ARMOR THAT AFFECTIONATELY LIVES OF THREE BROTHERS WHO FLOUTED THE LAW...

NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, IS REVEALED THE AMAZING CASE HISTORY OF TROPHY NO. 41...IN THE STARTLING STORY OF...

"BROTHERS IN CRIME!"

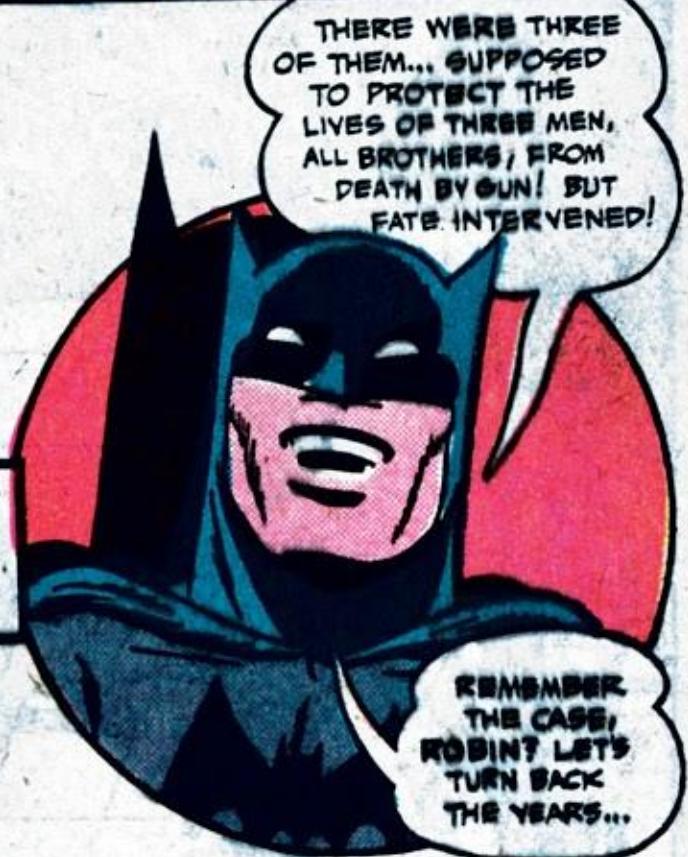
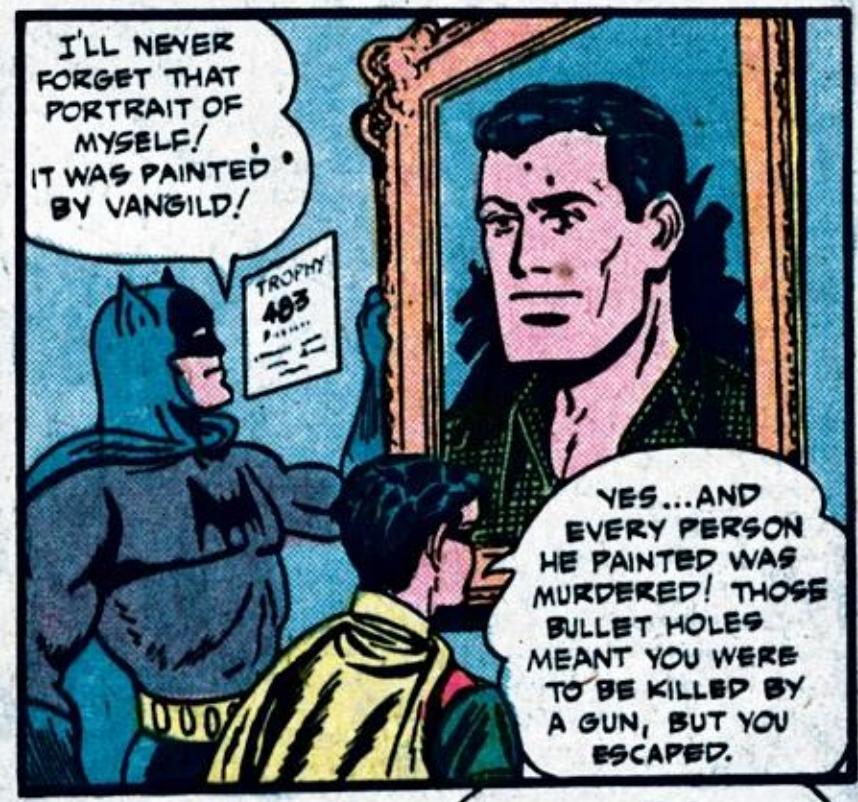
A GLOVED HAND REACHES GINGERLY FOR THE COMBINATION LOCK OF A SIX-INCH-THICK STEEL DOOR!



THE TWIRL OF A DIAL...A CLICK OF TUMBLERS...AND THE IMPENETRABLE DOOR SWINGS OPEN.



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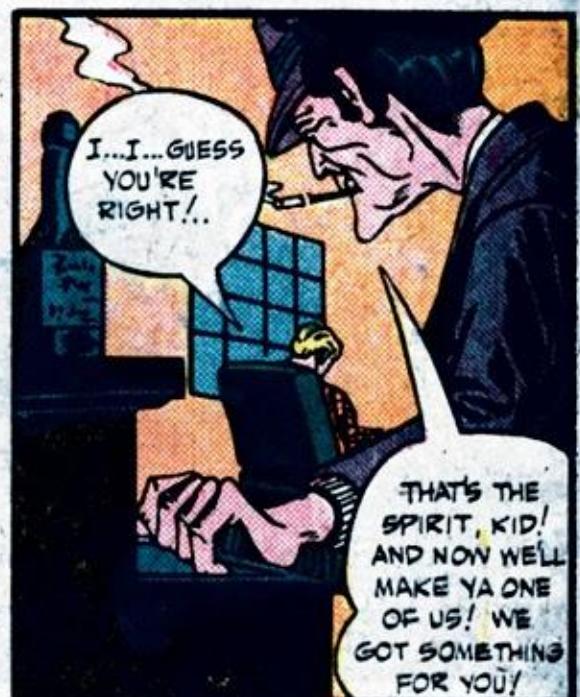
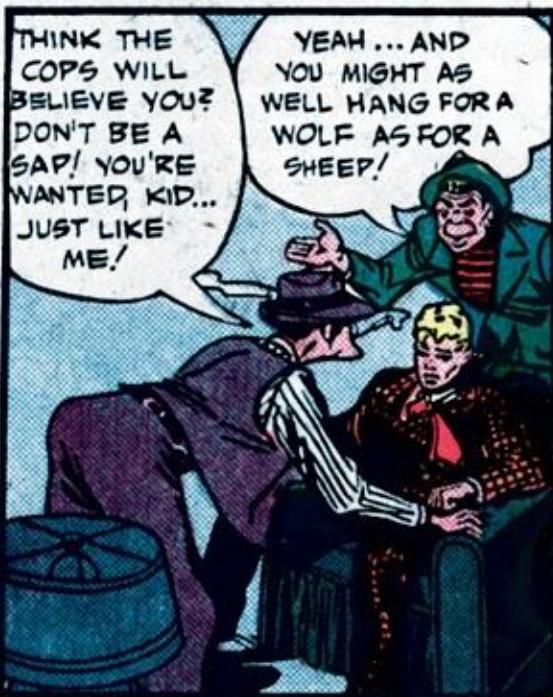


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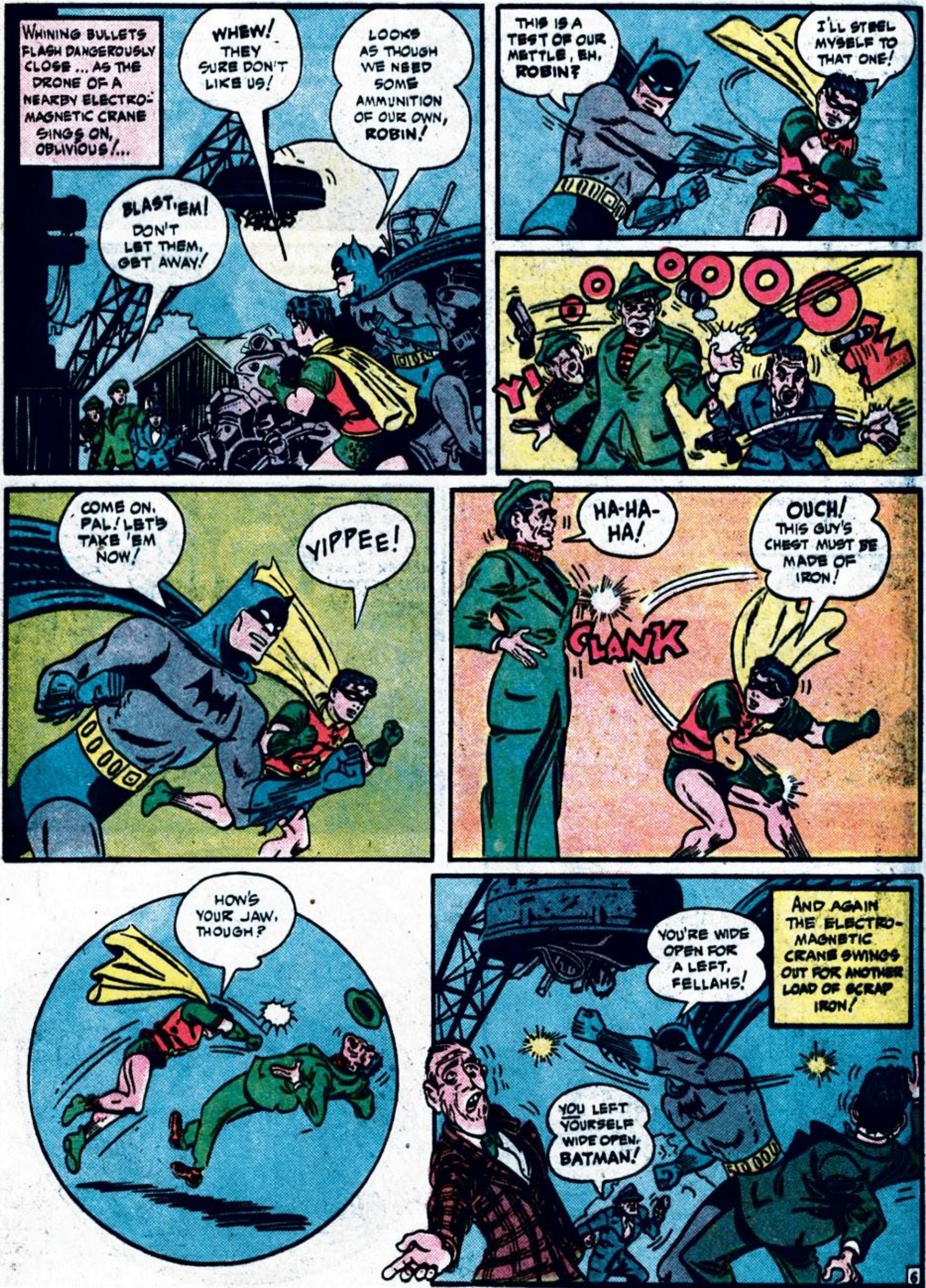


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BROTHERS IN CRIME



A PERILOUS
MOMENT AND JUST
AS STEVE RAFFERTY
IS ABOUT TO
SQUEEZE THE
TRIGGER...THE CRANE
DIPS DOWN
AND...

HELP

HE'S MAGNETIZED! THE
ELECTRO-MAGNETIC CRANE
WON'T LET GO OF HIS
METAL VEST. HE'LL BE
DROPPED TO HIS DEATH
IF THAT OPERATOR
CUTS OFF THE CURRENT!
I'VE GOT TO SAVE
HIM, EVEN IF
HE'S A KILLER!

BUT A TREACHEROUS BLOW FROM
BEHIND FELLS THE GALLANT
DARK KNIGHT!

GOT
YOU!

HEY, LOOK
AT STEVE!

THE
CRANE
SWINGS
OUT...

...AND RELEASES ITS
LOAD IN THE FREIGHT
CAR AND THUS,
IRONICALLY, THE GANG
LEADER'S OWN HENCH-
MAN DOOMS HIM!

"SAFE AS A BUG IN A RUG!"
VAIN BOAST...FOR STEVE
RAFFERTY'S BULLETPROOF VEST
HAS BROUGHT HIM DEATH!

MEANWHILE, ROBIN SPRINGS TO THE
RESCUE OF HIS DAZED COMPANION...

YOUR AIM
IN LIFE IS
TOO LOW.
RAT!

Suddenly, THE SHRIEK
BLAST OF A WHISTLE...

THE COPS:
LET'S GET
OUT OF
HERE!

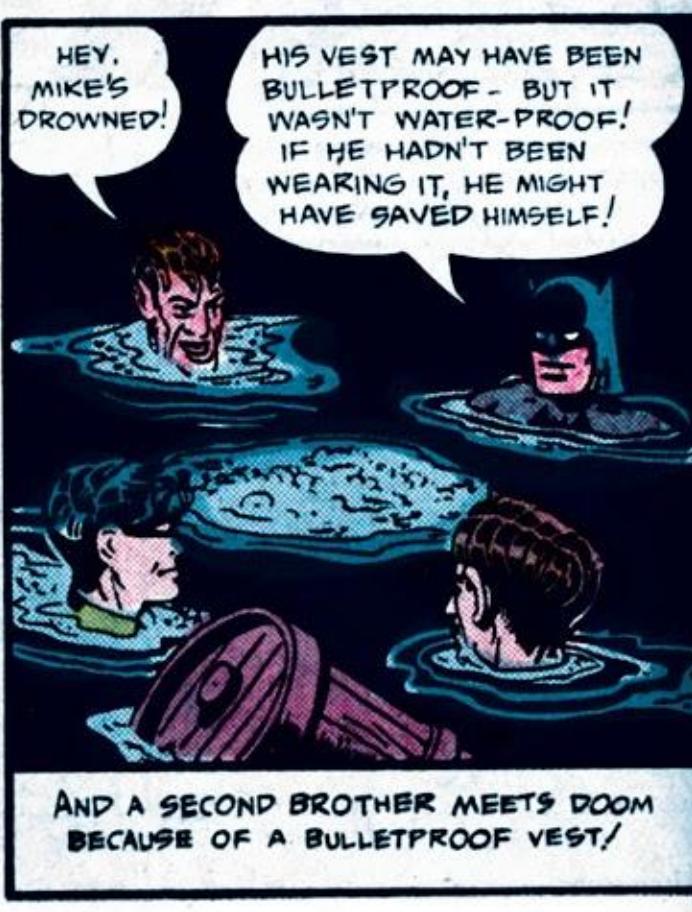
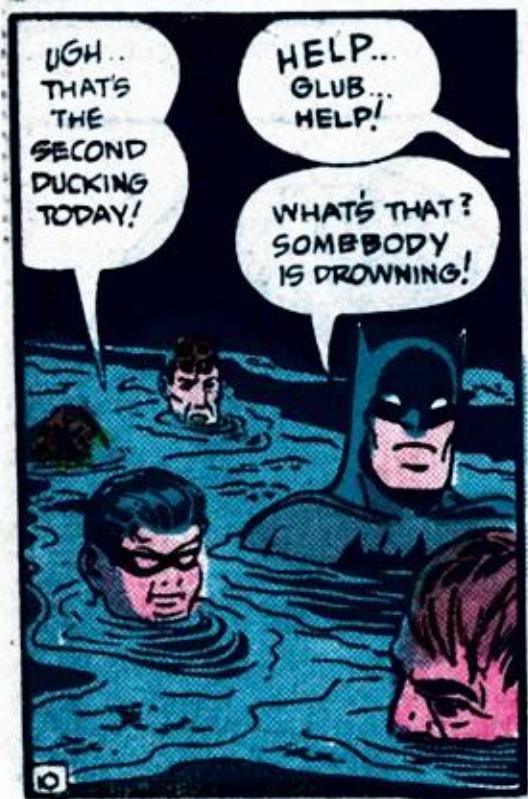
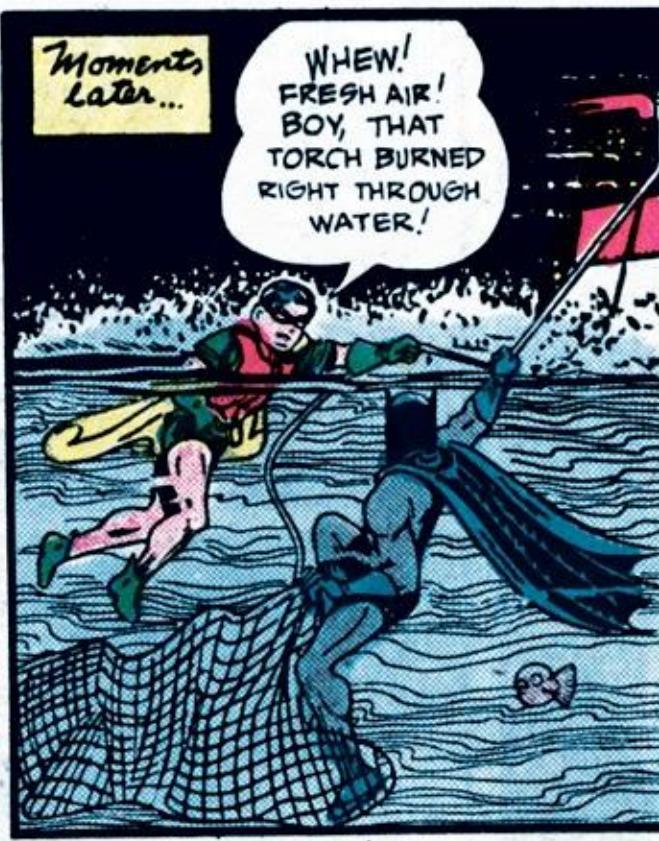
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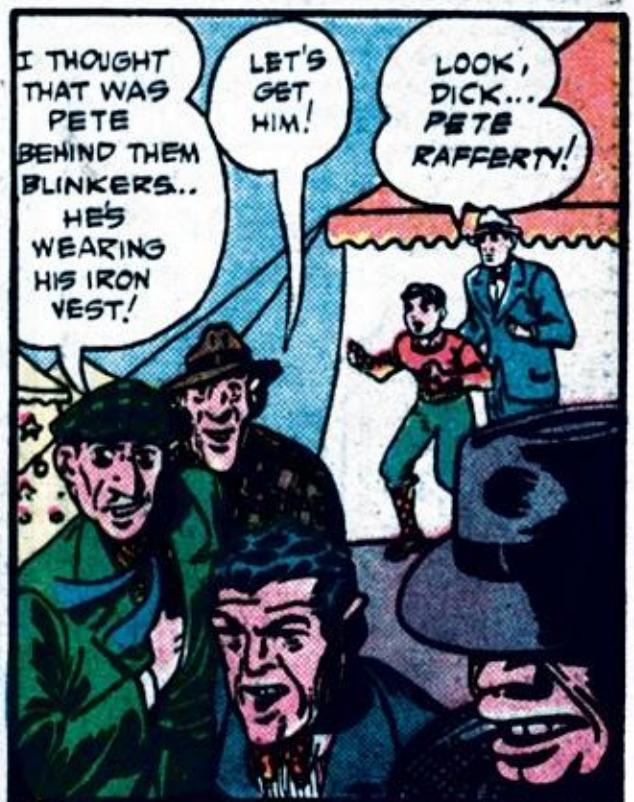
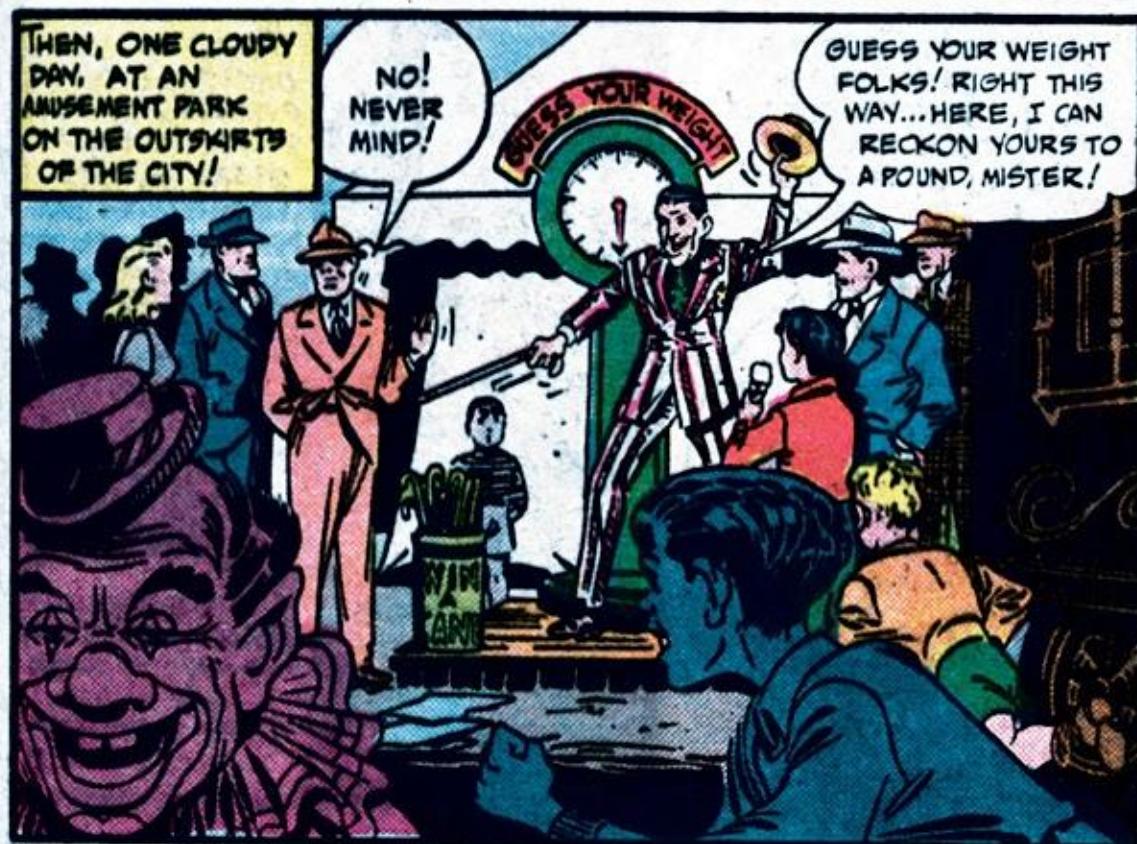
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WHAT TROPHY GAVE US OUR MOST PERILOUS TIME? PERHAPS IT WAS THE MUMMY CASE THAT BROUGHT DANGER INTO THE TROPHY ROOM ITSELF! NEXT THING WE KNEW, OUR TROPHIES WERE TURNED AGAINST US...AND IN THE END, THE MUMMY CASE...LIKE THE COFFIN IT IS...MEANT DEATH! HERE'S HOW IT ALL HAPPENED...

BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

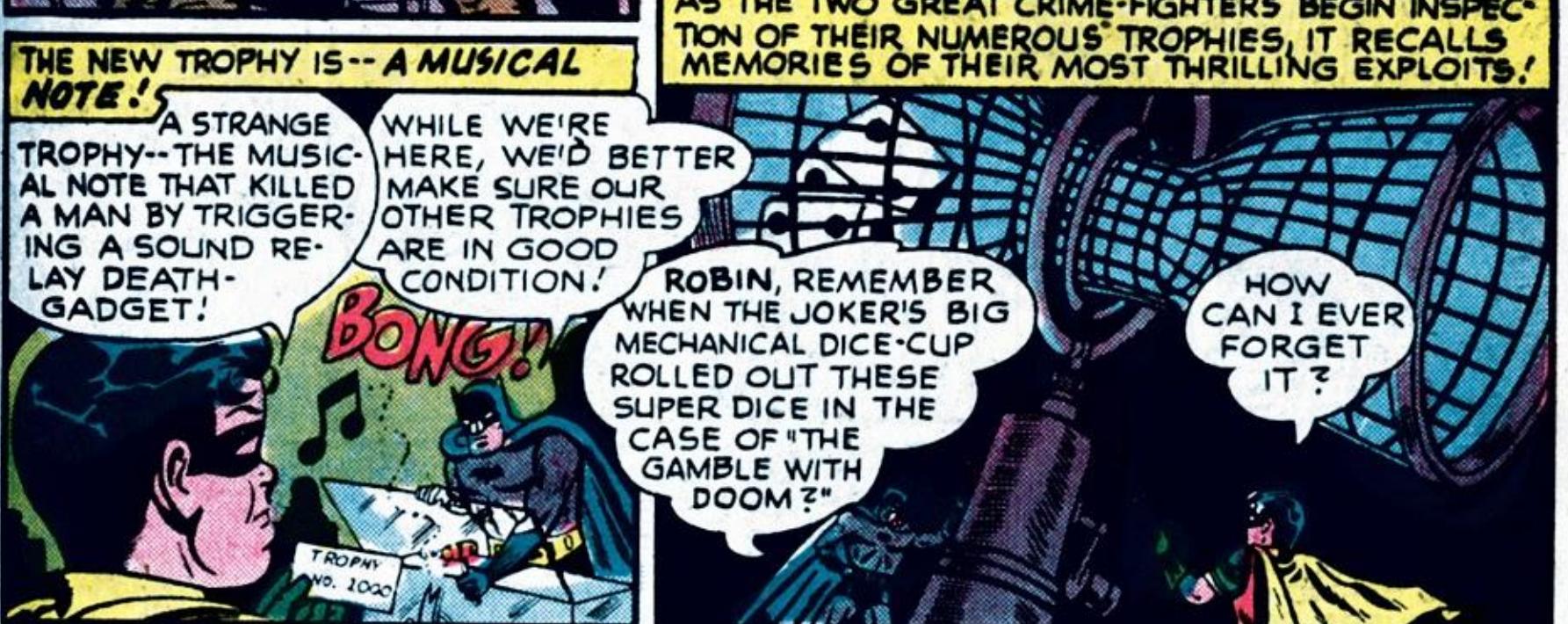
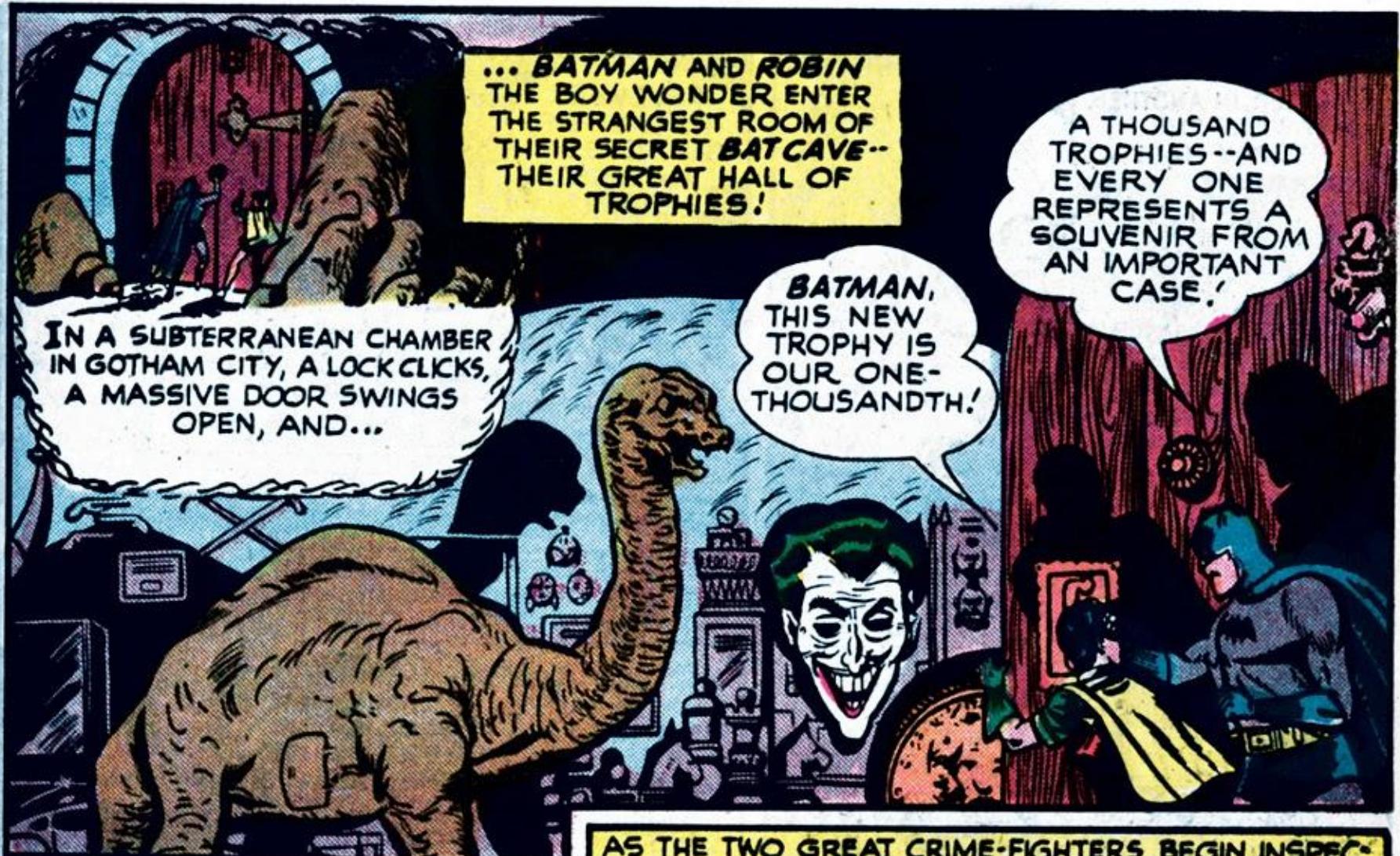
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A THOUSAND TIMES HAVE BATMAN AND ROBIN STRUGGLED VICTORIOUSLY IN THEIR NEVER-ENDING CAMPAIGN AGAINST CRIME! AND A THOUSAND STRANGE TROPHIES OF THEIR GREAT CASES STAND IN THEIR HALL OF TROPHIES AS SILENT MEMORIALS OF MASTER CRIMINALS BROUGHT TO JUSTICE! BUT NOW, AS THEY ADD ONE MORE SOUVENIR TO THEIR COLLECTION, EERIE DANGER THREATENS BATMAN AND ROBIN FROM THE VERY TROPHIES THEY HAVE GATHERED! SO IT IS THAT THE INTREPID DUO MUST FIGHT FOR LIFE AGAINST THE STRANGE MENACE EMBODIED IN...

"The THOUSAND AND ONE TROPHIES OF BATMAN!"

BOB
KANE

1,001 TROPHIES OF BATMAN



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LIKE TWO LITHE JUNGLE-CATS, THE CAPE MAN-HUNTERS STREAK THROUGH ONE OF THE BATCAVE TUNNELS...

I LEFT THE BATMOBILE RADIO TUNED TO THE POLICE WAVE, IN CASE THE COMMISSIONER CALLED US.

GO AHEAD—I'LL LOCK UP THE TROPHY ROOM!

BATMAN, THAT SMUGGLING-LEADER, DR. DOOM, WAS JUST SEEN DOWN AT PIER 16, WHERE THE QUEEN MAUDE IS ARRIVING!

ALL RIGHT, COMMISSIONER! WE'LL BE THERE IN MINUTES!

QUICKLY, THE POWERFUL BATMOBILE ROLLS FROM ITS HIDDEN HANGAR IN THE BATCAVE!

WE'VE BEEN AFTER DR. DOOM FOR A LONG TIME, BUT HE'S BEEN TOO CLEVER TO SLIP UP!

HE'S SMART, BUT THEY ALL SLIP SOME TIME.

SOON, AS COMMISSIONER GORDON AND THE DYNAMIC DUO CONFRONT THE SUAVE CRIMINAL KNOWN AS "DR. DOOM"...

SMUGGLING? NONSENSE! I'M MERELY IMPORTING SOME EGYPTIAN RELICS ON WHICH I'VE PAID DUTY!

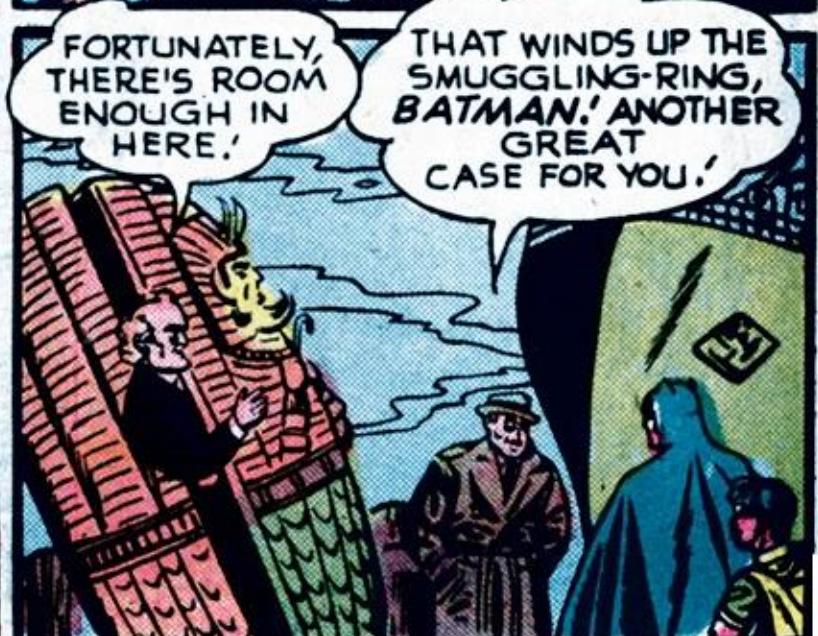
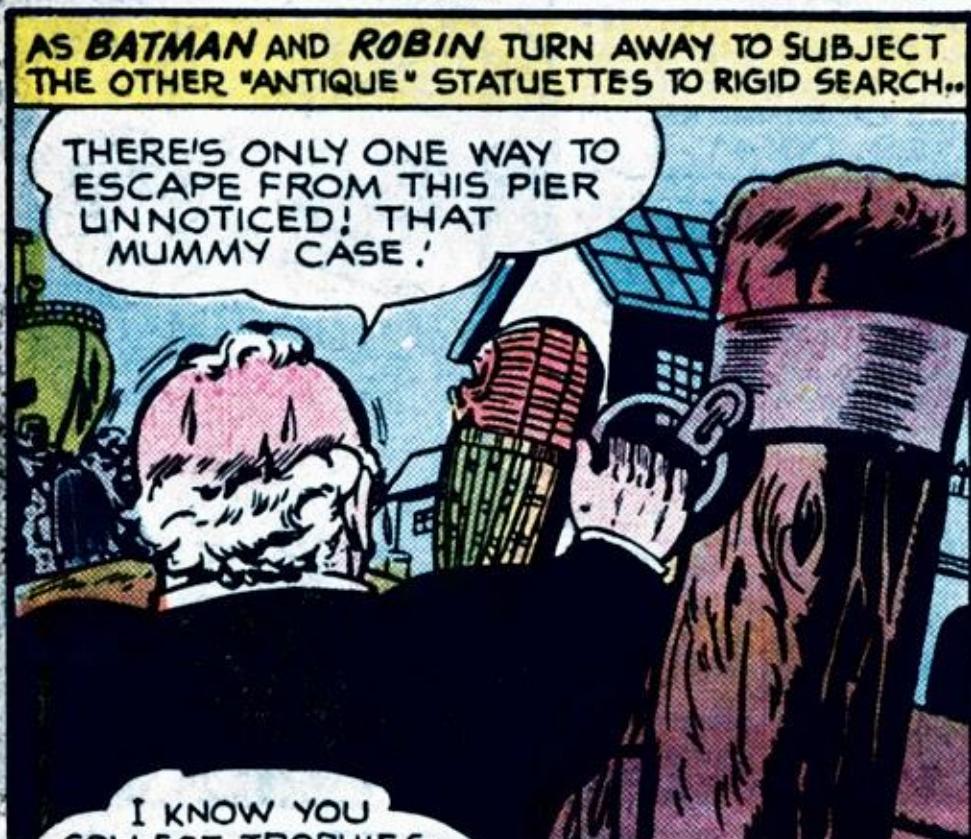
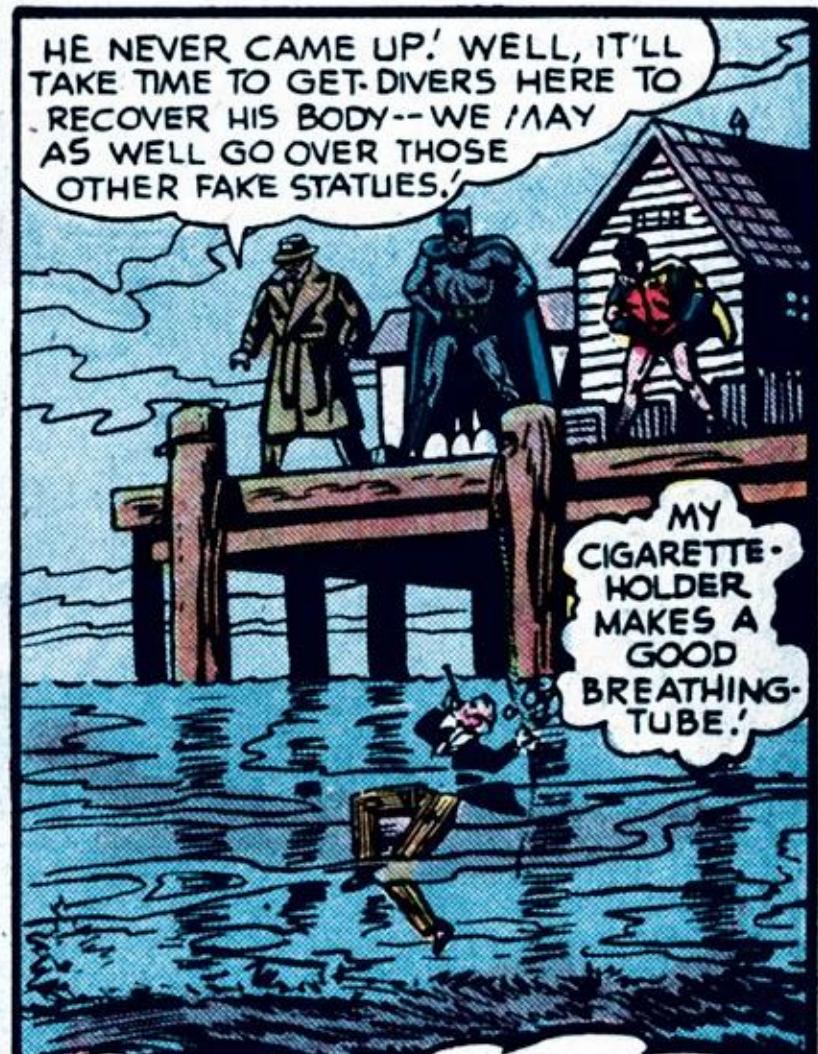
IT'S SO, BATMAN! WE'VE GONE OVER THIS STUFF--JUST AN EMPTY MUMMY-CASE, AND THESE BAKED-CLAY STATUETTES!

HMM... THE GLAZE ON THIS "ANTIQUE" STATUETTE IS PERFECTLY SMOOTH--WHICH MEANS IT WAS FIRED IN A MODERN FURNACE, NOT AN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN KILN!

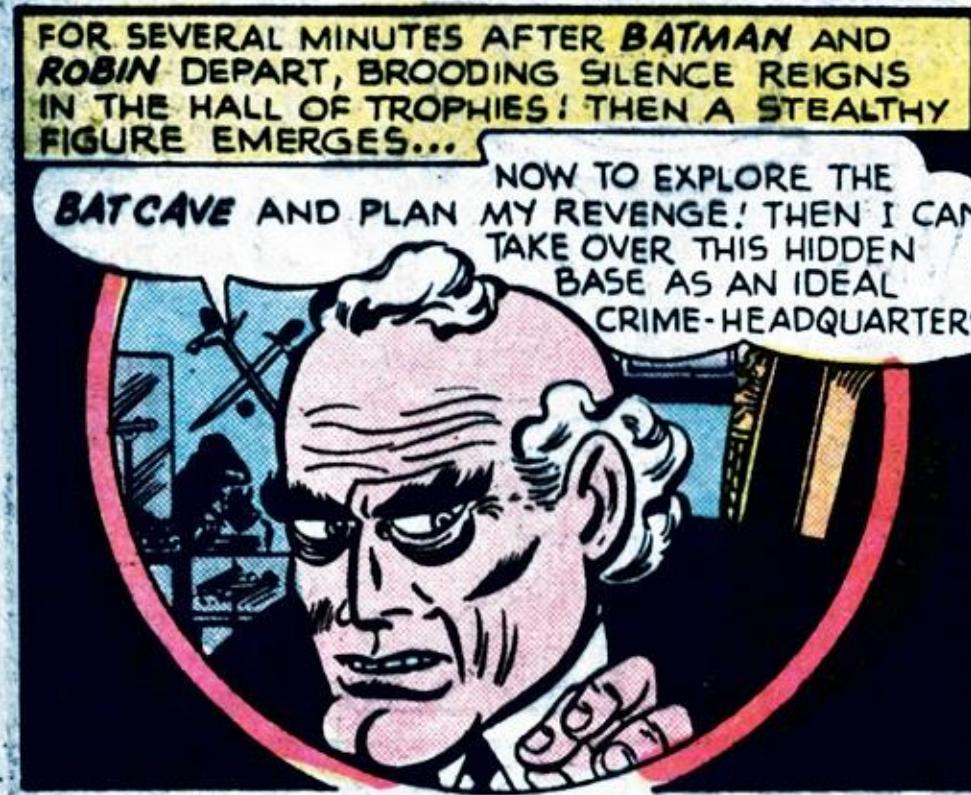
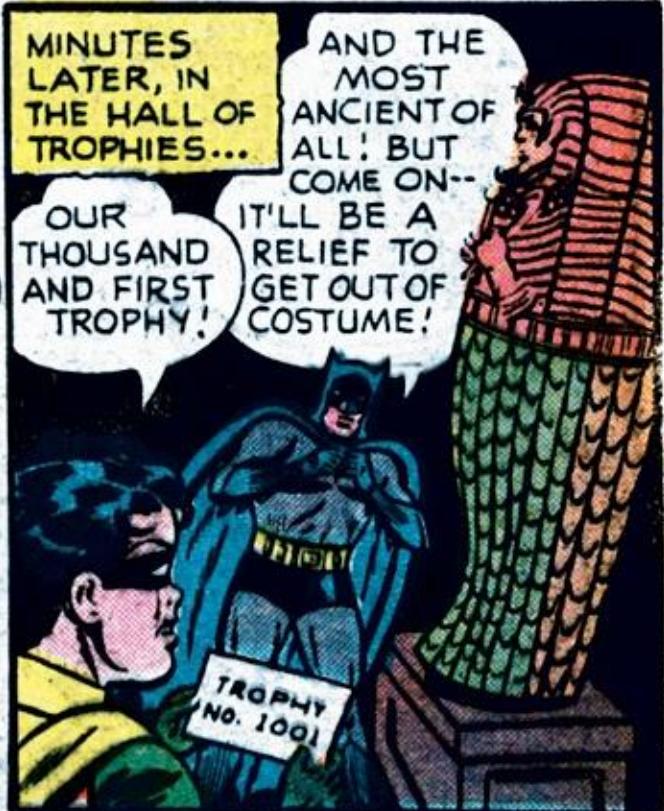
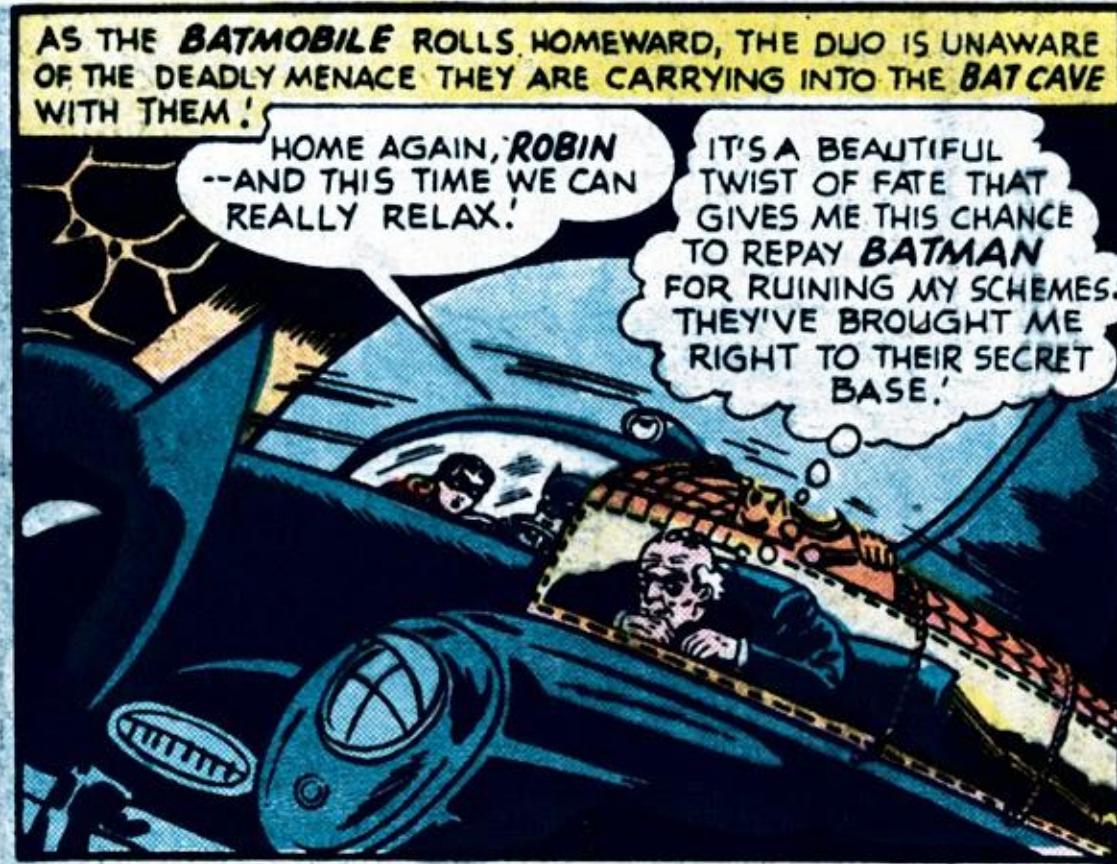
THEN IT ISN'T AN ANTIQUE AT ALL?

NO, THE STATUETTE WAS MADE AND BAKED HARD TO CONCEAL THE SMUGGLED JEWELS INSIDE IT! THE SLIP I ALWAYS KNEW HE'D MAKE SOME DAY!

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1,001 TROPHIES OF BATMAN



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A FEW MINUTES LATER, ABOVE THE HIDDEN BATCAVE, IN THE WAYNE MANSION, BRUCE WAYNE AND YOUNG DICK GRAYSON ARE STARTLED WHEN A SECRET ALARM BUZZES!

THAT'S THE PROWLER-ALARM FOR THE HALL OF TROPHIES! SOMEONE MUST BE DOWN IN THERE!

BUT IT'S LOCKED--NO ONE COULD GET IN THERE!

HASTILY SWITCHING TO COSTUME AND HURRYING DOWN THROUGH THE EERIE BATCAVE...

WE'LL HAVE TO TACKLE THIS PROWLER AS BATMAN AND ROBIN, OR OUR IDENTITY WOULD BE KNOWN!

I DON'T GET IT! THE OTHER BATCAVE ALARMS DIDN'T SOUND! HOW COULD A PROWLER GET THROUGH ALL OF THEM INTO THE LOCKED HALL OF TROPHIES?

THERE'S NOBODY HERE! PERHAPS THE ALARM SYSTEM WENT HAYWIRE!

AS THEY SEARCH, ROBIN'S KEEN EARS DETECT A SUDDEN LOW, OMINOUS WHIRRING!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT! WE'LL SEARCH THE WHOLE HALL!

NO SIGN OF ANYONE!

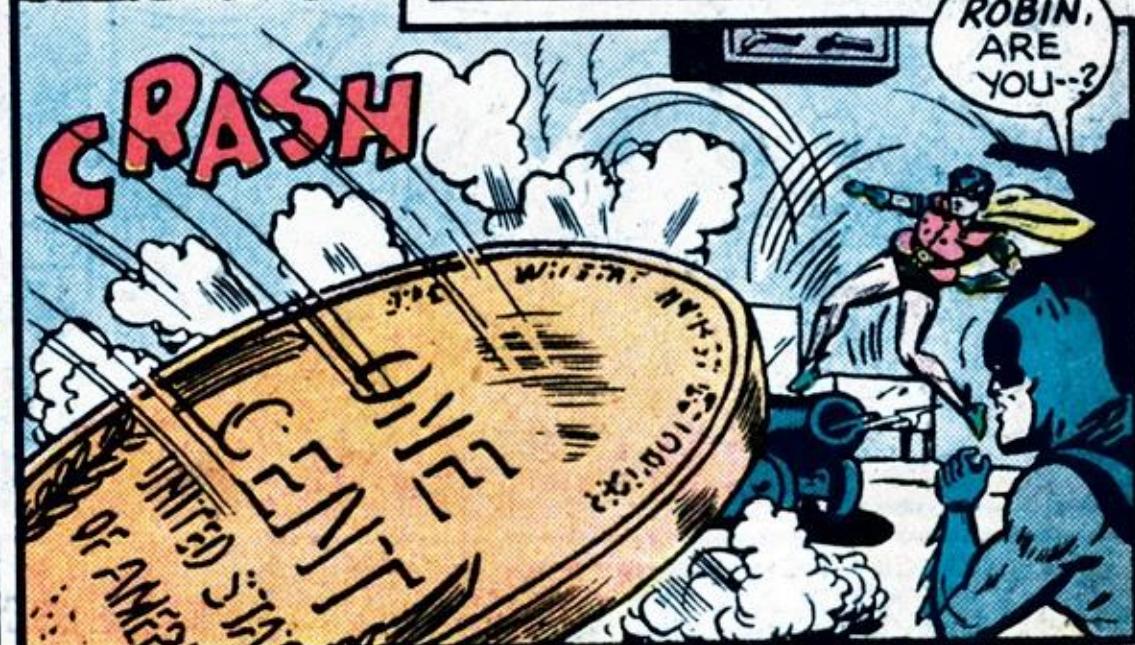
THE MOTOR OF THE MECHANICAL DICE-CUP IS STARTING! THE GIANT DICE-- GOT TO ACT FAST!

WHAT--
THOSE DICE NEARLY ROLLED AN UNLUCKY NUMBER FOR YOU!

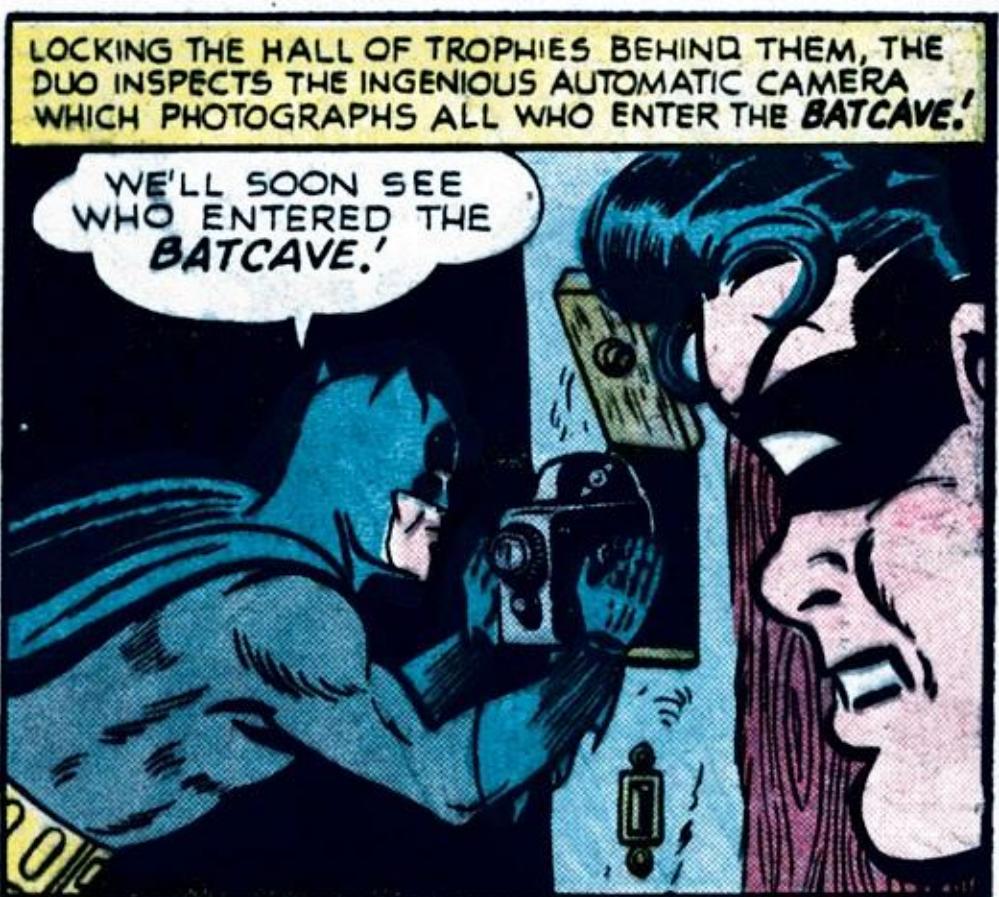
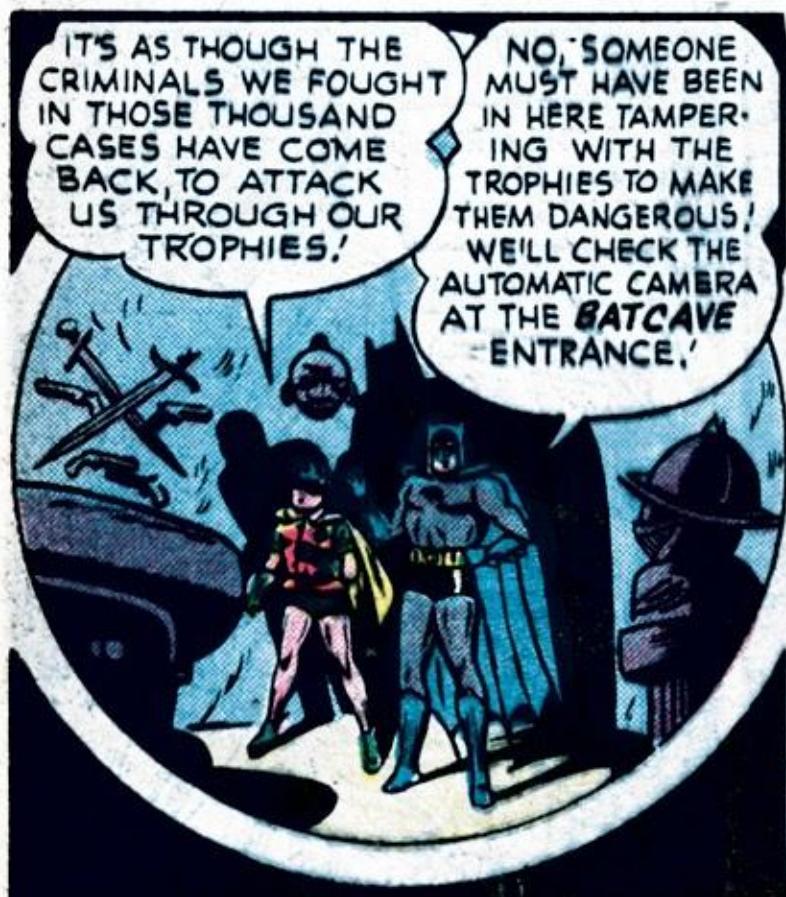
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INSTANTLY USING HIS SUPREME ACROBATIC SKILL, ROBIN DODGES THE MONSTER COIN WITH A BACK FLIP...



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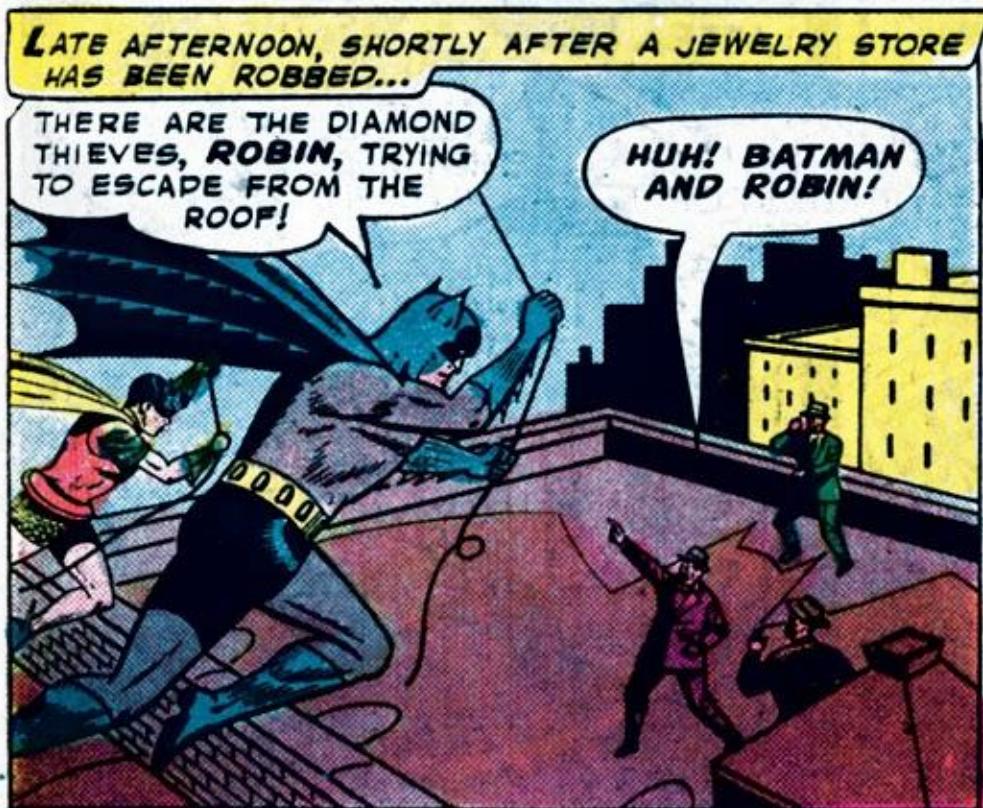
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BET YOU FIGURE THE **BATCAVE** HOLDS JUST ABOUT ALL THE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** TROPHIES THERE ARE! WELL, YOU'RE **WRONG!** THERE'S AN EVEN LARGER COLLECTION OF **BAT-TROPHIES** OWNED BY A MAN NAMED A.K. BARNABY... SO BIG IT TAKES AN ENTIRE **ISLAND** TO HOLD IT!

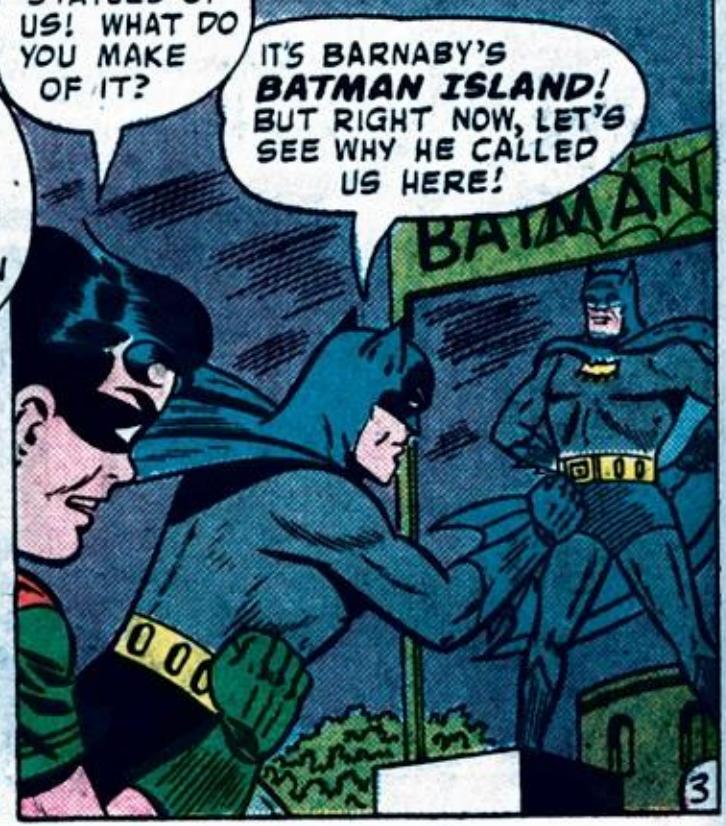
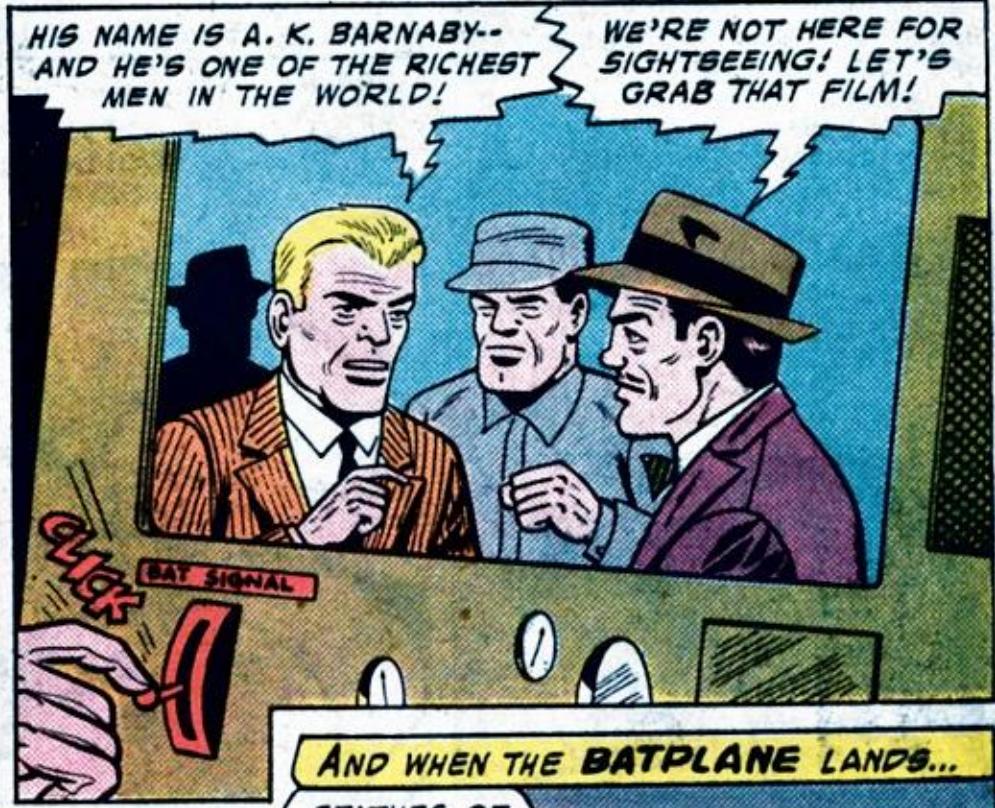
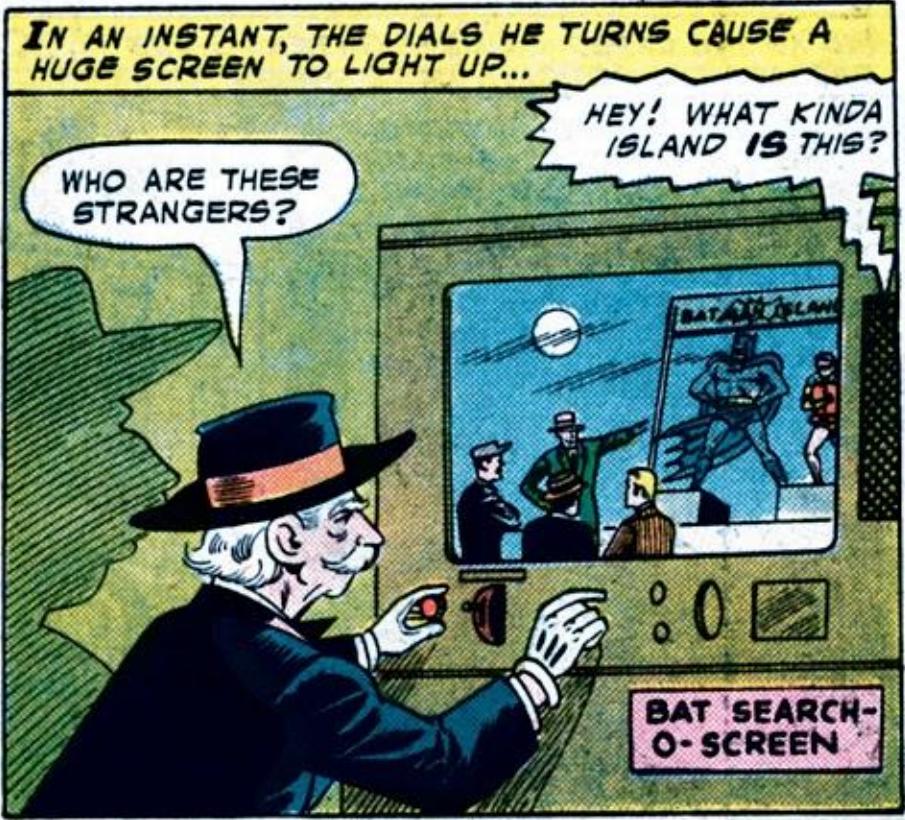


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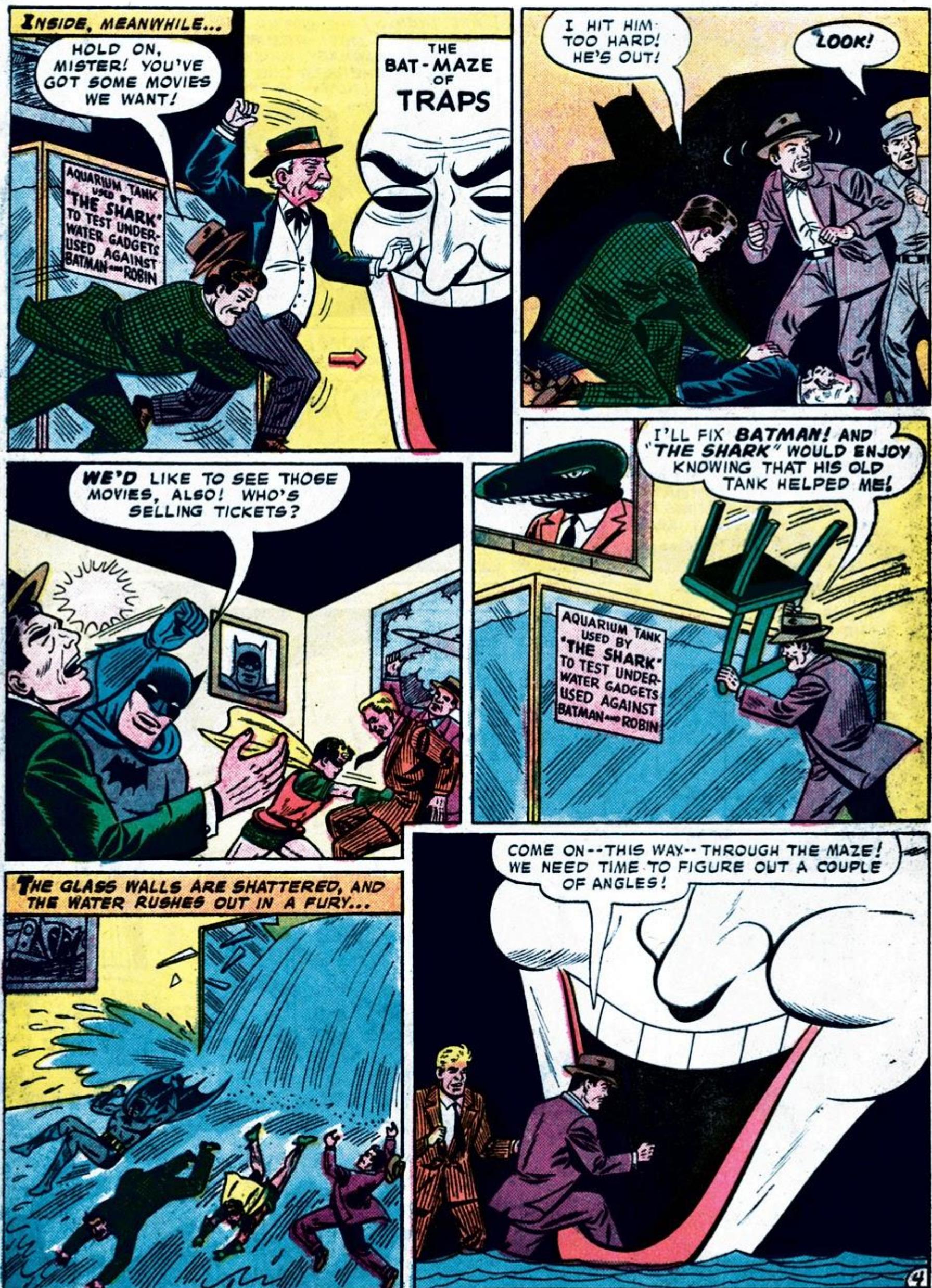




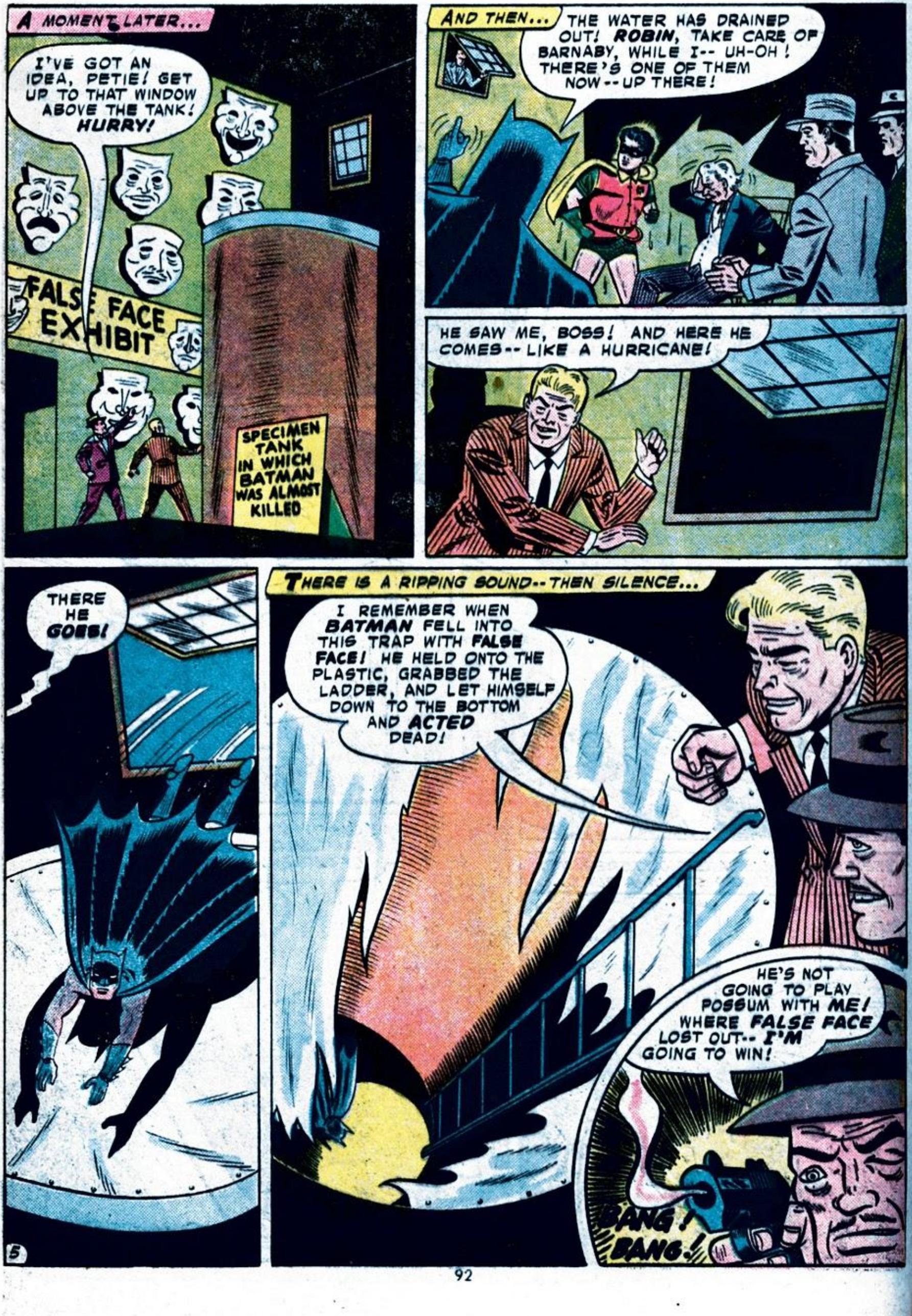
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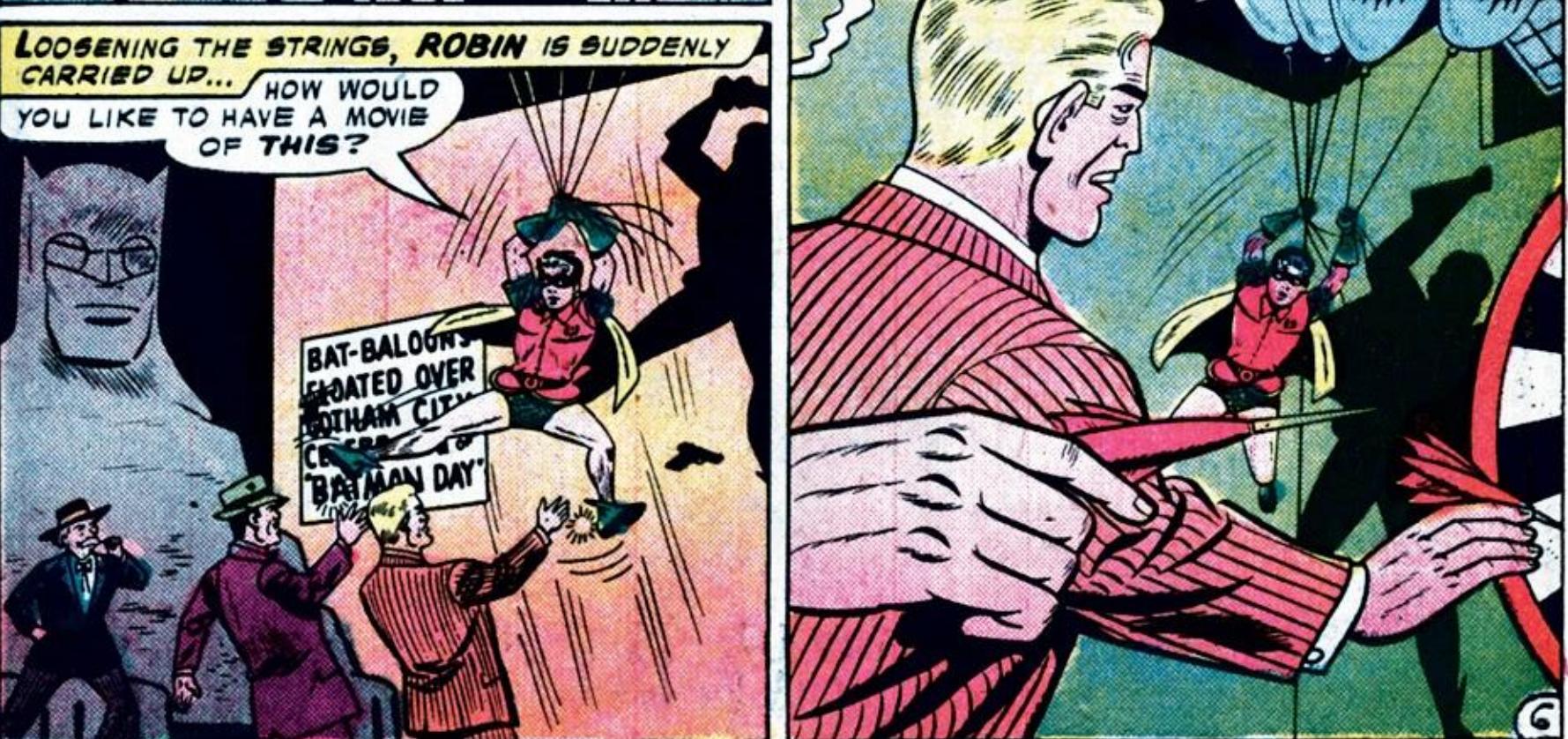
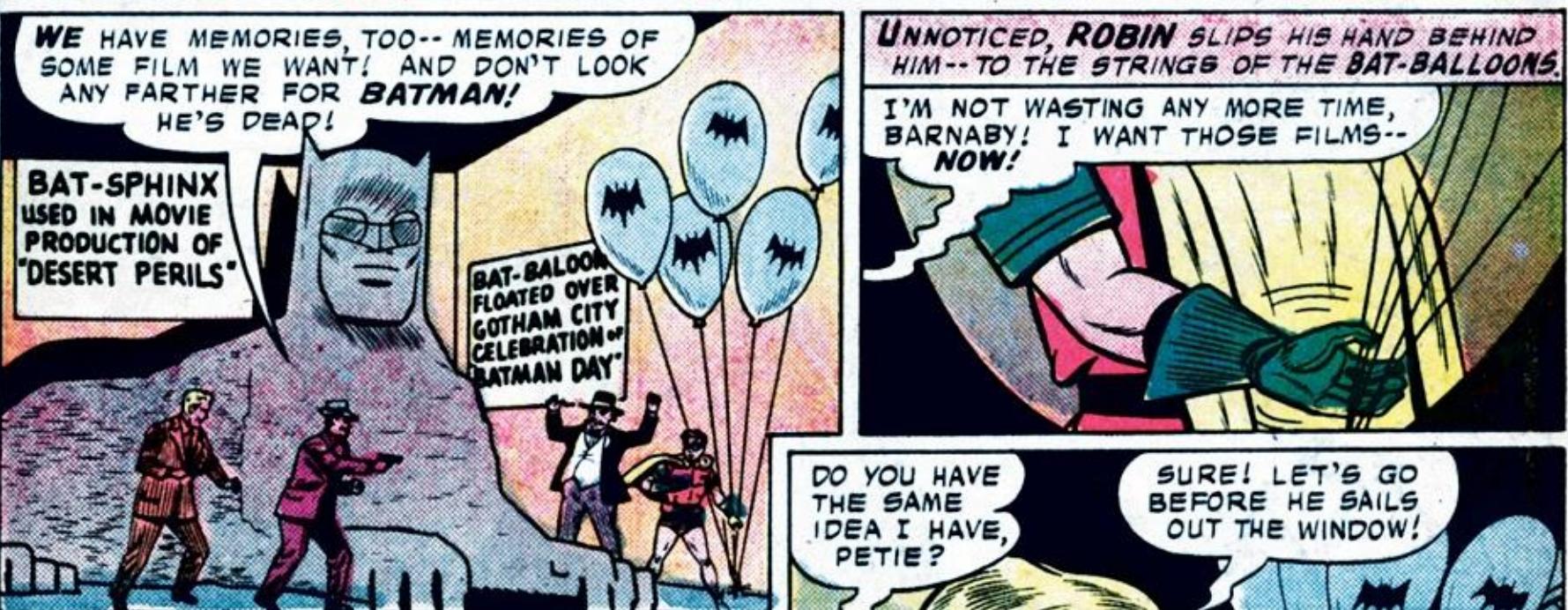
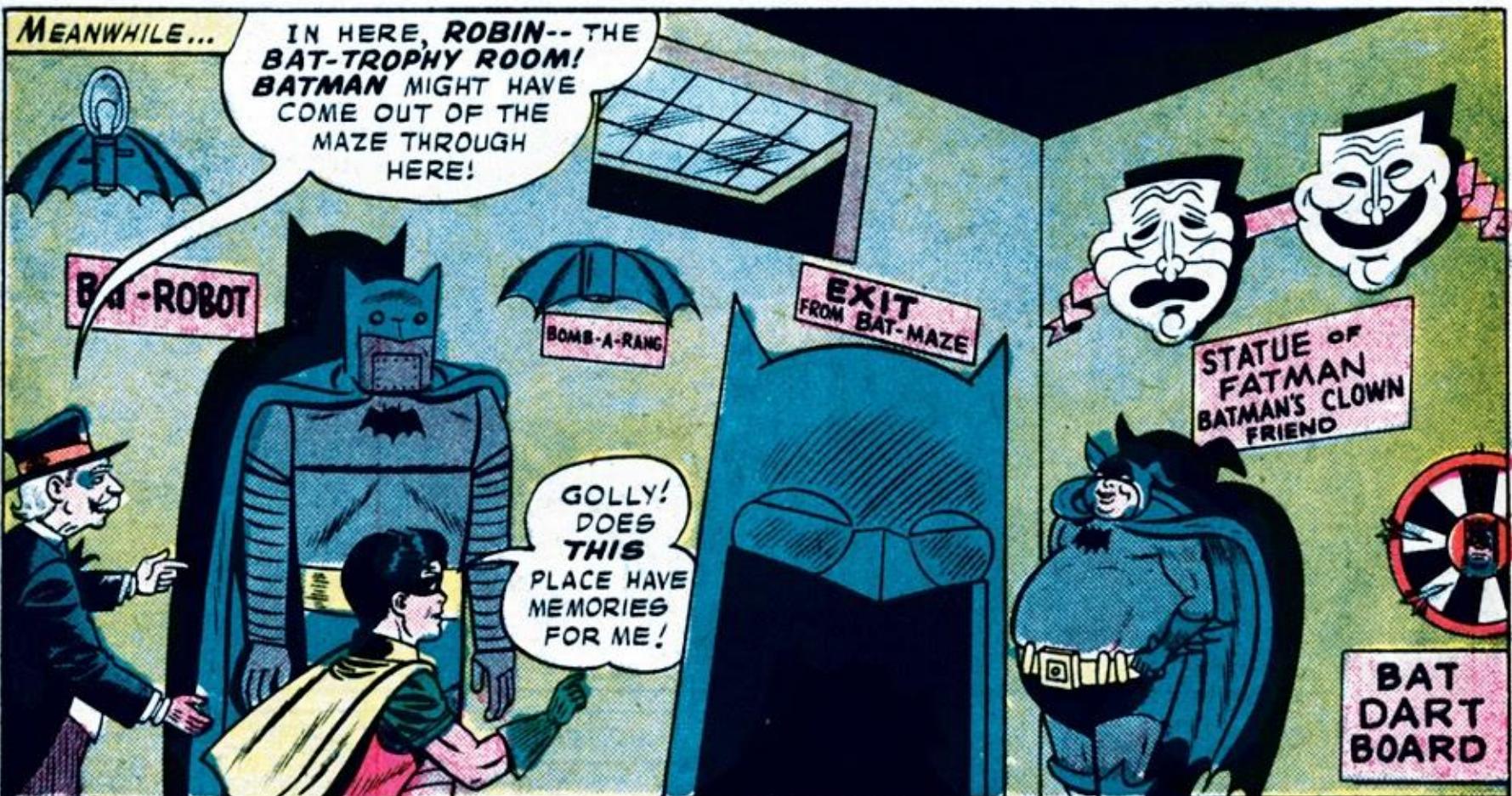


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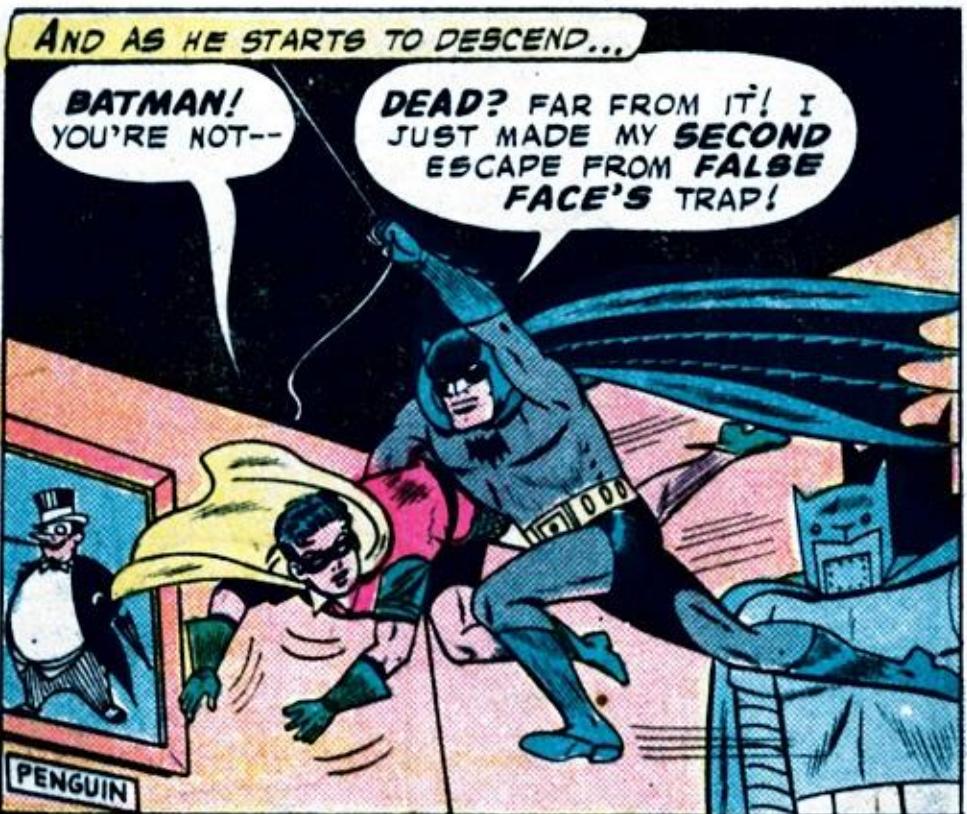


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