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SO LONG, FRIENDS!
I'M OFF ON A
JOY-RIDE TO
FEATHER MY
CRIME-NEST
WITH THIS
JEWELED
METEORITE!



THE **PENGUIN**-- THAT
POMPOUS, WADDLING
MASTER OF FOWL PLAY--
IS BACK AGAIN, AS HE TRAPS
BATMAN AND **ROBIN**
INTO BECOMING HIS UNWITTING...
**"PARTNERS
IN PLUNDER!"**

HE'S BACK AGAIN--THAT POMPOUS,
STRUTTING, WADDLING LITTLE
CROOK...THE PENGUIN--THE
MAN OF 1000 UMBRELLAS!
ONE WARNING--DON'T TRY TO
OUTGUESS HIM AS HE TRIES TO
FEATHER HIS CRIME-NEST AT
THE EXPENSE OF BATMAN
AND ROBIN, WHO ARE GOADED
INTO BECOMING--SURPRISINGLY
AND MYSTERIOUSLY--THE
PENGUIN'S...

BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-

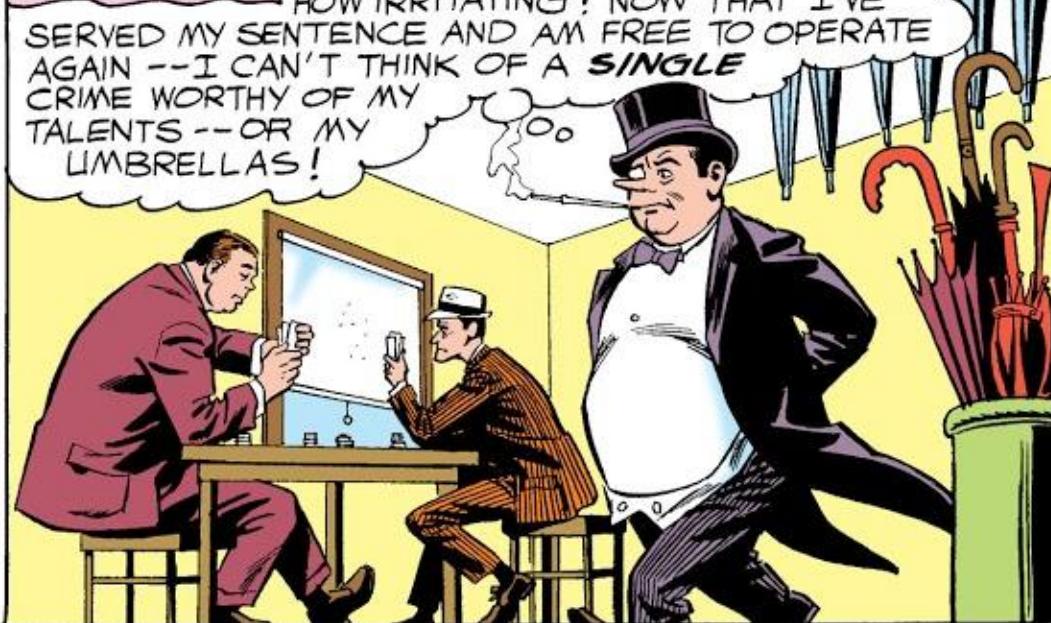
PARTNERS IN PLUNDER!



THIS IS THE HIDE-OUT OF THE PENGUIN--PAUNCHY, MONOCLED, CULPRIT KNOWN AS THE MAN OF 1000 UMBRELLAS...

HOW IRRITATING! NOW THAT I'VE SERVED MY SENTENCE AND AM FREE TO OPERATE AGAIN --I CAN'T THINK OF A SINGLE CRIME WORTHY OF MY TALENTS --OR MY UMBRELLAS!

YES--AND SOMETHING WORTHY OF BATMAN'S METTLE, TOO! NO HUMDRUM ROBBERIES! I WANT A CLEVER CRIME--SENSATIONAL...SEETHING WITH THE UNEXPECTED! MAYBE I'M WASHED UP...



AH...WHAT A BIRD-BRAIN I'VE BEEN! NO WONDER MY MIND'S A BARREN WILDERNESS! I NEED AN UMBRELLA FOR INSPIRATION!

ALREADY THOUGHTS WING IN... AND I'VE GOT IT--THE SCHEME OF THE CENTURY! BATMAN HIMSELF WILL NOT ONLY SELECT MY CRIME-- BUT WILL BLUEPRINT ITS OPERATION FOR ME!

I'LL LAUNCH A BIZARRE, SENSELESS UMBRELLA BARRAGE ON GOTHAM CITY--"SENSELESS" TO ALL BUT BATMAN, WHOSE KEEN MIND WILL PIECE TOGETHER THE CLUES TO MY "CRIME"! TOMORROW WILL BE U-DAY--U-FOR UMBRELLA! HA!HA!



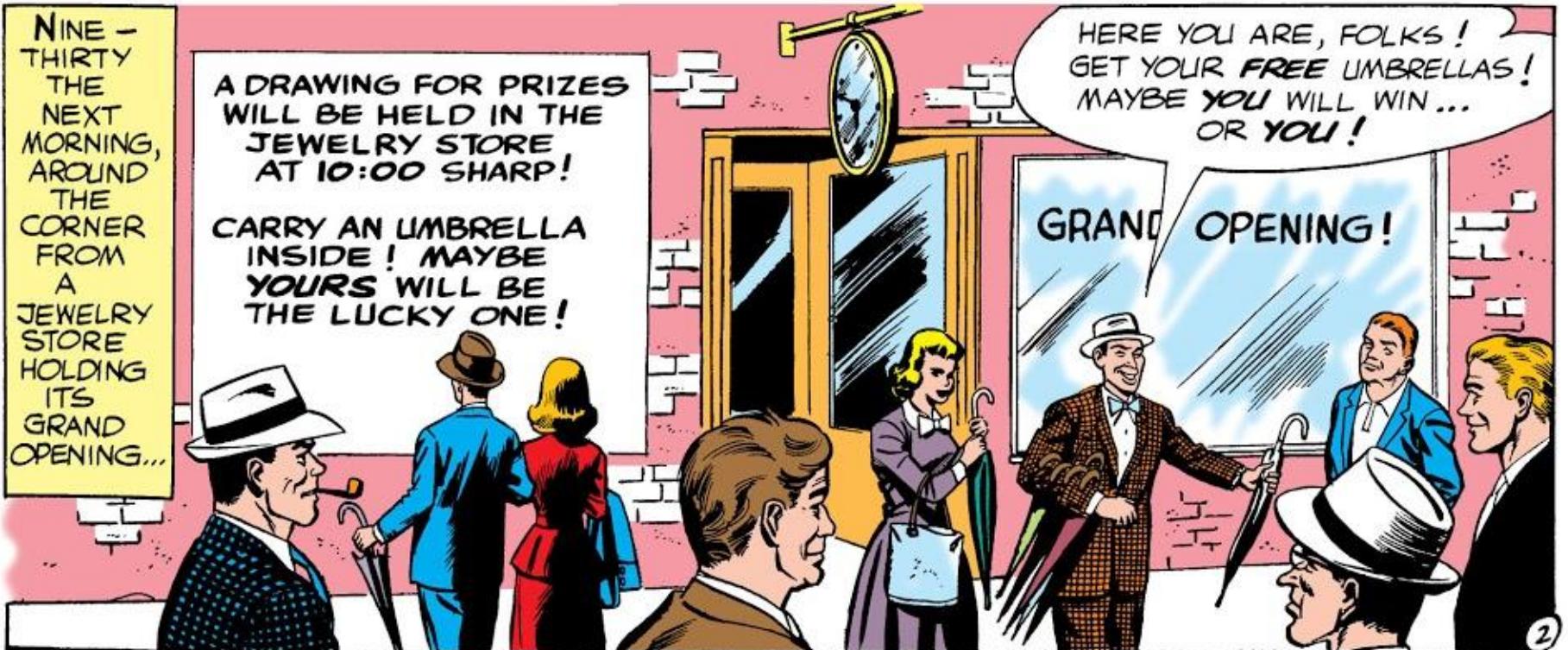
NINE-THIRTY THE NEXT MORNING, AROUND THE CORNER FROM A JEWELRY STORE HOLDING ITS GRAND OPENING...

A DRAWING FOR PRIZES WILL BE HELD IN THE JEWELRY STORE AT 10:00 SHARP!

CARRY AN UMBRELLA INSIDE! MAYBE YOURS WILL BE THE LUCKY ONE!

HERE YOU ARE, FOLKS! GET YOUR FREE UMBRELLAS! MAYBE YOU WILL WIN... OR YOU!

GRAND OPENING!



SHORTLY, INSIDE THE STORE ...

WONDER WHAT EVERYBODY'S DOING WITH AN UMBRELLA ON A NICE DAY LIKE THIS .. WEATHER REPORT DIDN'T MENTION RAIN ...

AND AT TEN SHARP...

HEY! MY UMBRELLA OPENED BY ITSELF!

SO DID MINE! WHAT'S GOIN' ON?

SNAP!

SNAP!

CRACKLE!!

HELP! THESE UMBRELLAS ARE ACTING UP... SHOOTING OUT SMOKE, LIGHTNING--!

CALL THE POLICE!

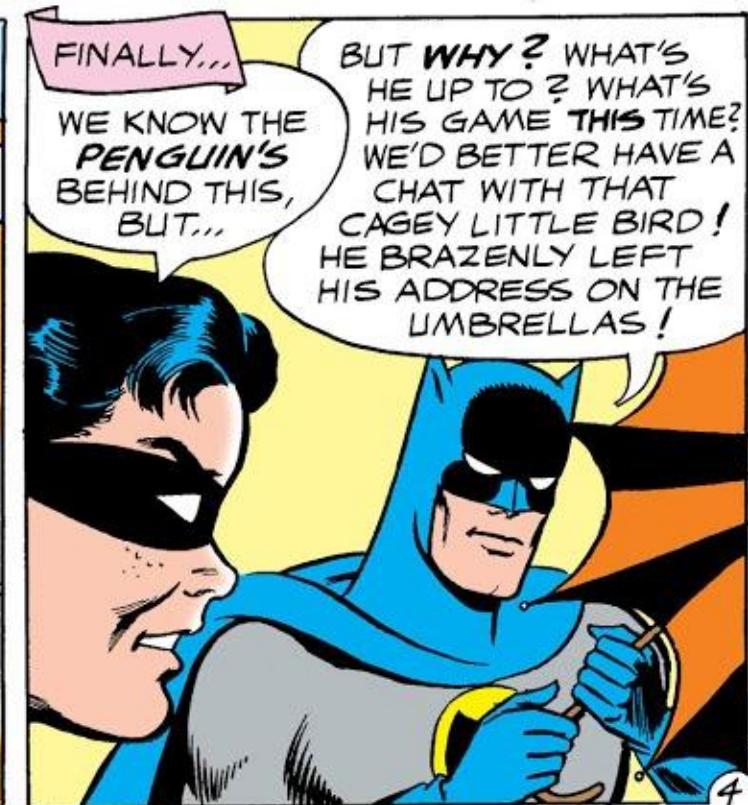
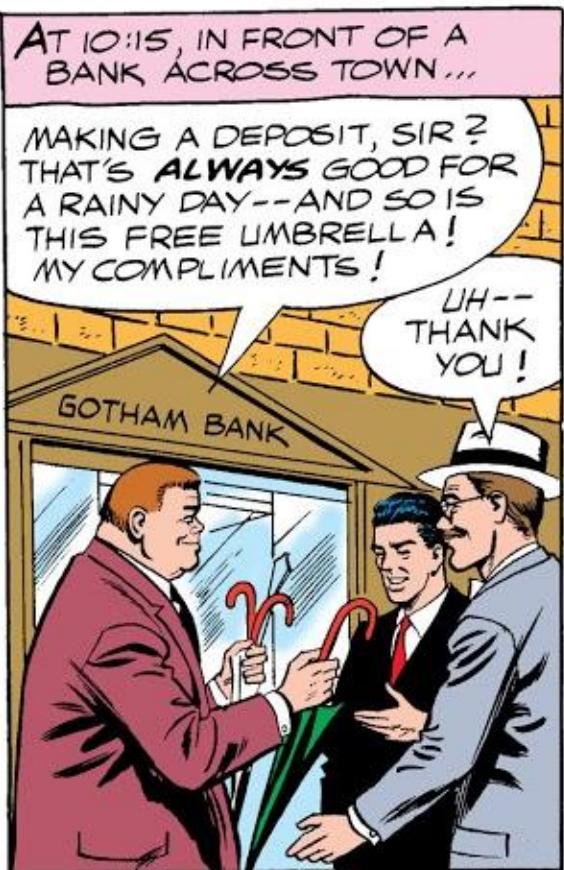
THE POLICE ARRIVE --ON THE DOUBLE...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED! EVERYBODY CAME IN WITH UMBRELLAS--THEN THAT WILD ACTION STARTED! NOPE-- NOBODY TRIED TO ROB US ...

SOON, COMMISSIONER GORDON IS ON THE HOT-LINE WITH BATMAN...

BETTER HOP OVER TO HEADQUARTERS, BATMAN! I THINK THE PENGUIN'S UP TO SOME NEW UMBRELLA TRICKS!

WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE, COMMISSIONER.



AT THE PENGUIN'S UMBRELLA SHOP...

BATMAN NO DOUBT GOT WORD OF MY JEWELRY STORE CAPER--THEN THE ONE AT THE BANK! FROM THE BANK HE'LL COME HERE... BUT MY OTHER UMBRELLAS EN ROUTE SHOULD GIVE HIM A STORMY TIME FIRST!

THE WADDLING LITTLE CROOK IS SO RIGHT!



THE BAT-ARANGS WHIRL TO THEIR MARK...



WE'RE SLOWING 'EM DOWN!



NOTHING ELSE SPECIAL ABOUT THESE UMBRELLAS! THEY WERE SIMPLY RIGGED TO ROLL ALONG LIKE JUGGERNAUT WHEELS! WHY?

BATMAN! OVER THERE! LOOK!



A GREAT SHADOW FALLS OVER GOTHAM SQUARE AS...

A HUGE UMBRELLA--
DRIFTING DOWNWARD--
IN REVERSE! IT'S LIKE
A... FLYING SAUCER!

STAY
BACK,
EVERY-
BODY!

WHEN THE MYSTERY-UMBRELLA
LANDS...

NO HIDDEN
GIMMICKS ON **THIS**
ONE, EITHER! BUT WE'VE
GOT ENOUGH TO SLAP
THE **PENGUIN** BEHIND
BARS... OBSTRUCTING
TRAFFIC... DISTURBING
THE PEACE--AND
SO FORTH!

YES... WE
CAN NAIL
HIM BE-
FORE HE
PULLS HIS
BIG PAY-
OFF...
WHATEVER
IT IS!

BUT ALREADY THE WILY KING OF
UMBRELLAS AWAITS THE DARING DUO...

TEN-FIVE! **BATMAN** WILL BE
HERE IN ONE MINUTE--SO DIS-
APPEAR, HERBIE! I HOPE **HE'S**
FIGURED UNUSUAL WAYS TO PROFIT
BY MY UMBRELLA GIMMICKS--
BECAUSE **I** HAVEN'T! Hmmm--
FIRST--TO SWITCH MY
MONOCLE TO MY
LEFT EYE...!



PARTNERS IN PLUNDER! -- PART 2

EXACTLY SIXTY SECONDS PASS AND THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ENTER THE PENGUIN'S SHOP...

AH! BATMAN AND ROBIN!
SUCH DISTINGUISHED CUSTOMERS!
MAY I SHOW YOU MY WARES?

WE'RE NOT HERE TO BUY UMBRELLAS,
PENGUIN--AND YOU KNOW IT! WE'RE
"FLYING" YOU DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS!

WE HAVE ENOUGH COUNTS AGAINST YOU AND YOUR UMBRELLAS TO PUT YOU ON ICE!

TUT-TUT, BATMAN!
I HEARD THOSE WILD REPORTS ABOUT MY UMBRELLAS ON THE RADIO... I MEAN THE UMBRELLAS THAT HAD BEEN MINE!

YOU SEE, I MERELY SELL UMBRELLAS! WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM AFTER THEY LEAVE HERE IS NOT MY CONCERN. IN SHORT, YOU HAVEN'T A SCRAP OF EVIDENCE AGAINST ME!

AH! THEY'RE STARING AT MY WRONG-EYE MONOCLE! I KNEW IT WOULD GET THEM!

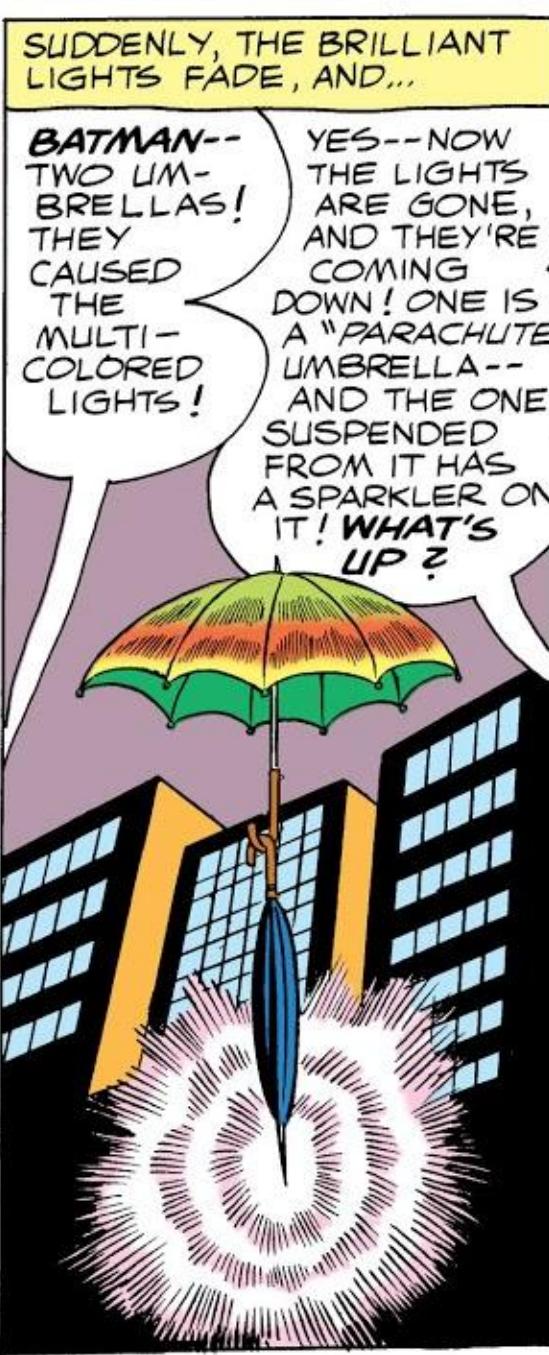
TRUE ENOUGH ABOUT LACK OF EVIDENCE, PENGUIN! YOU COULD HAVE TRIED A JOB AT THE JEWELER'S OR THE BANK--DURING THE CONFUSION... BUT DIDN'T! WELL, WE KNOW YOU'RE UP TO SOMETHING-- AND WE'LL BE WATCHING YOU!

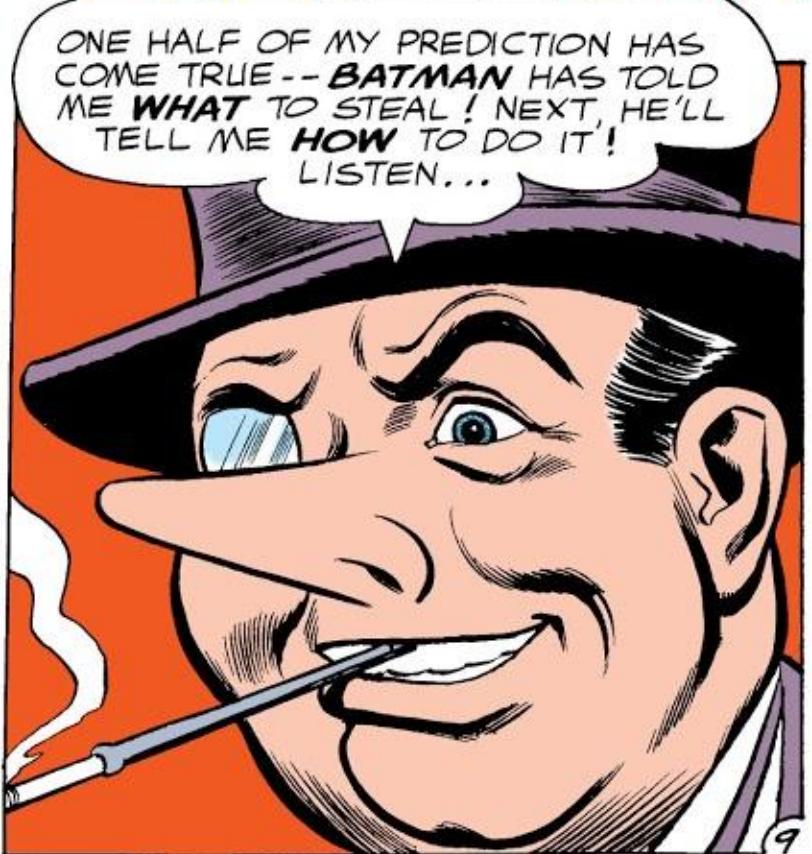
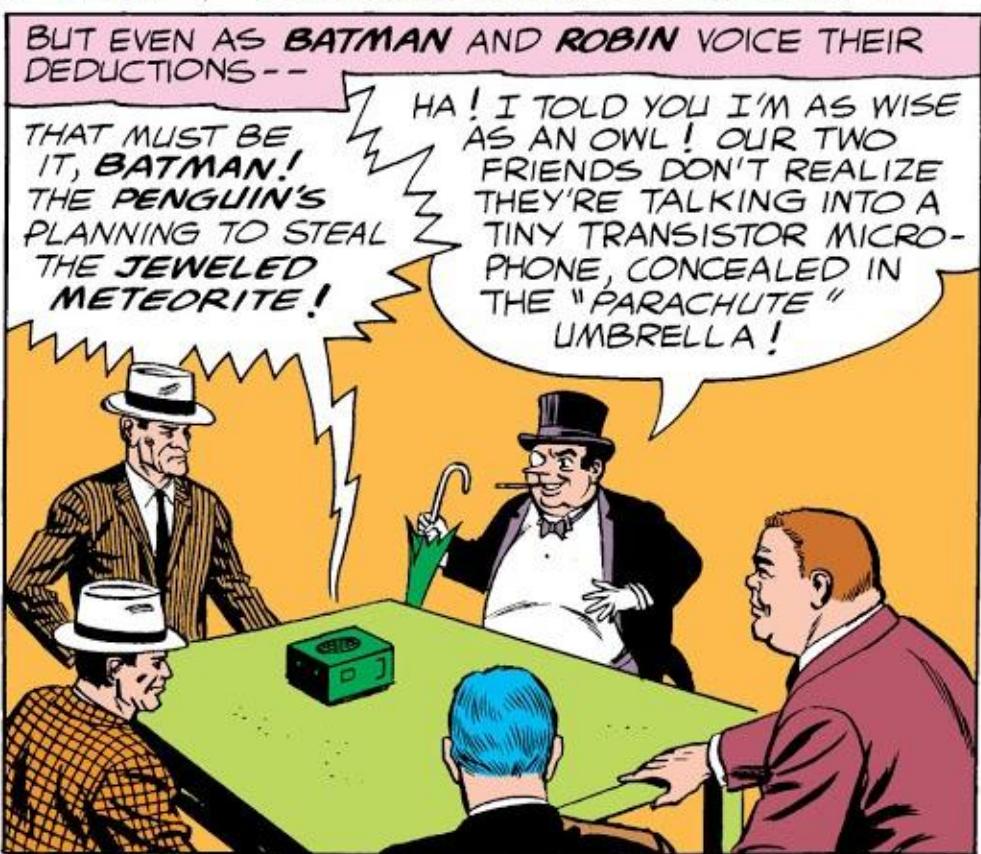
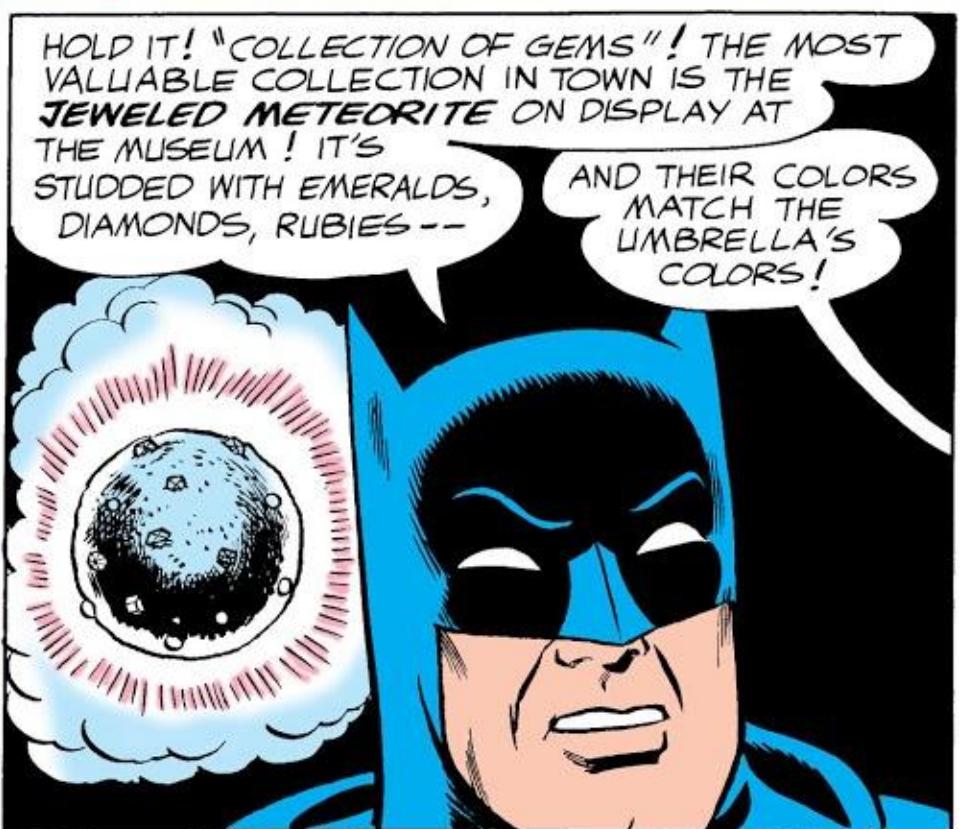
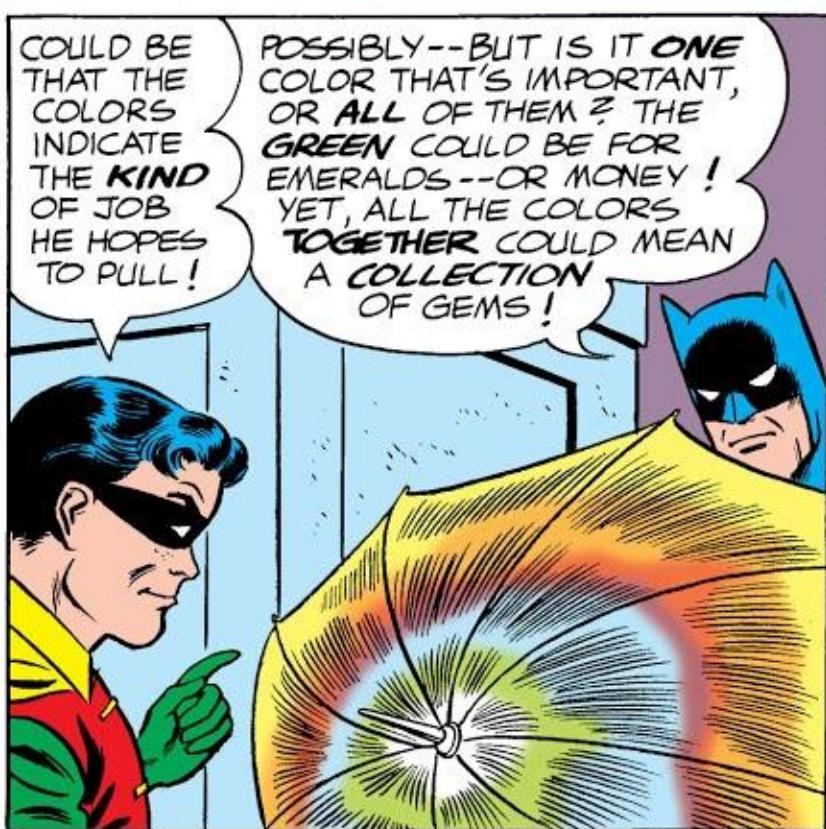
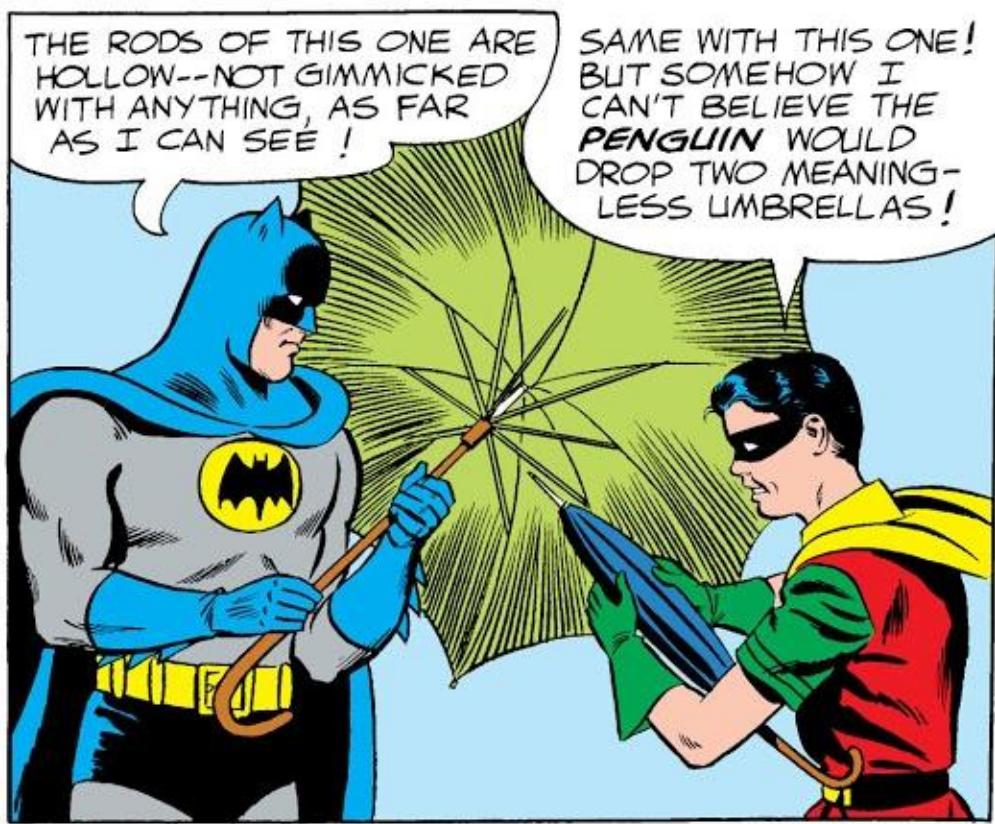
WHEN ONCE AGAIN IN THE BATMOBILE...

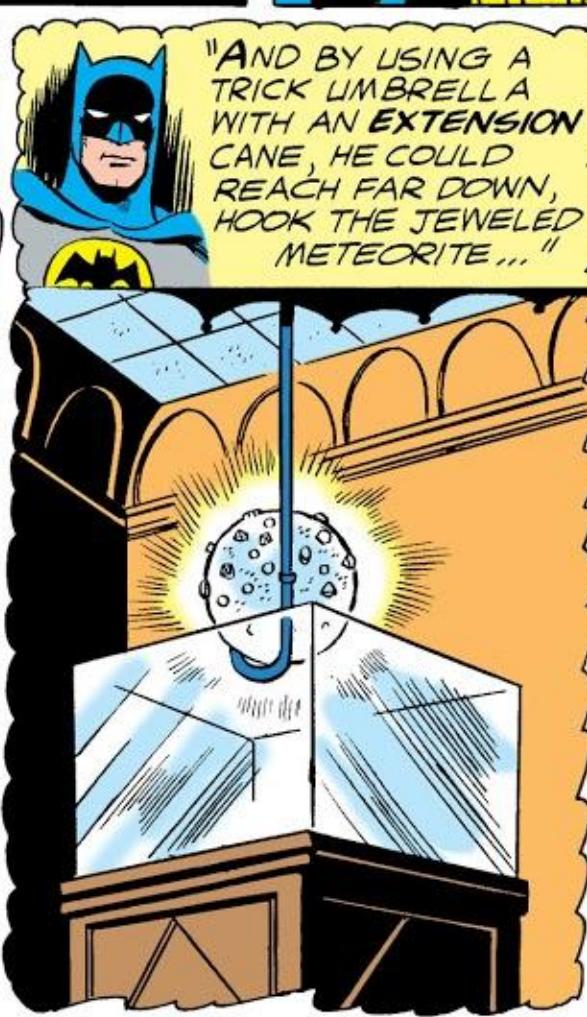
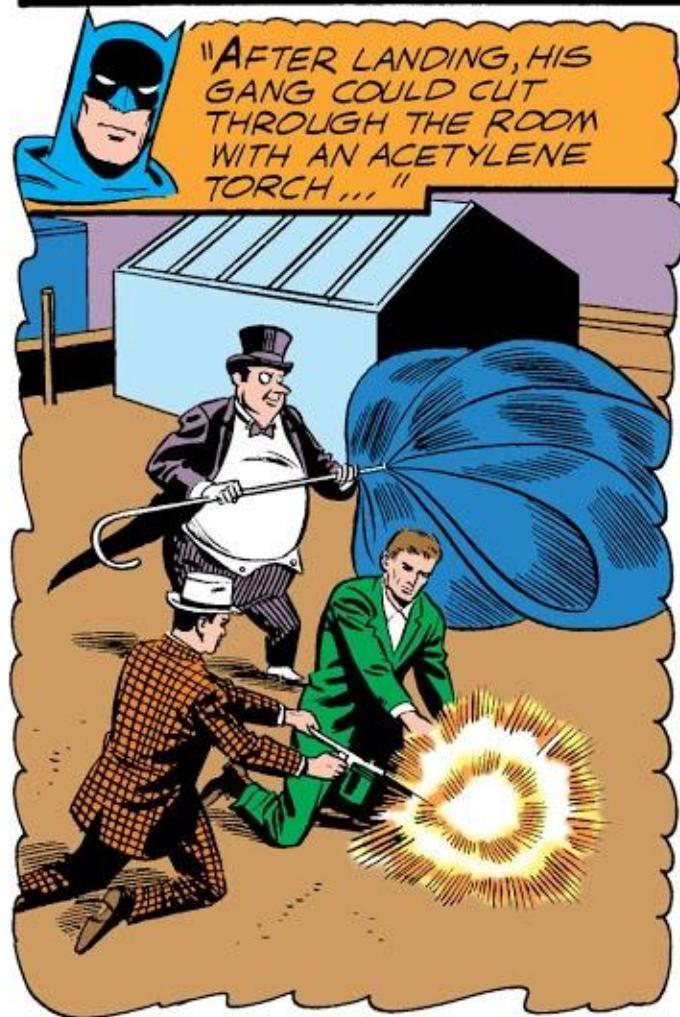
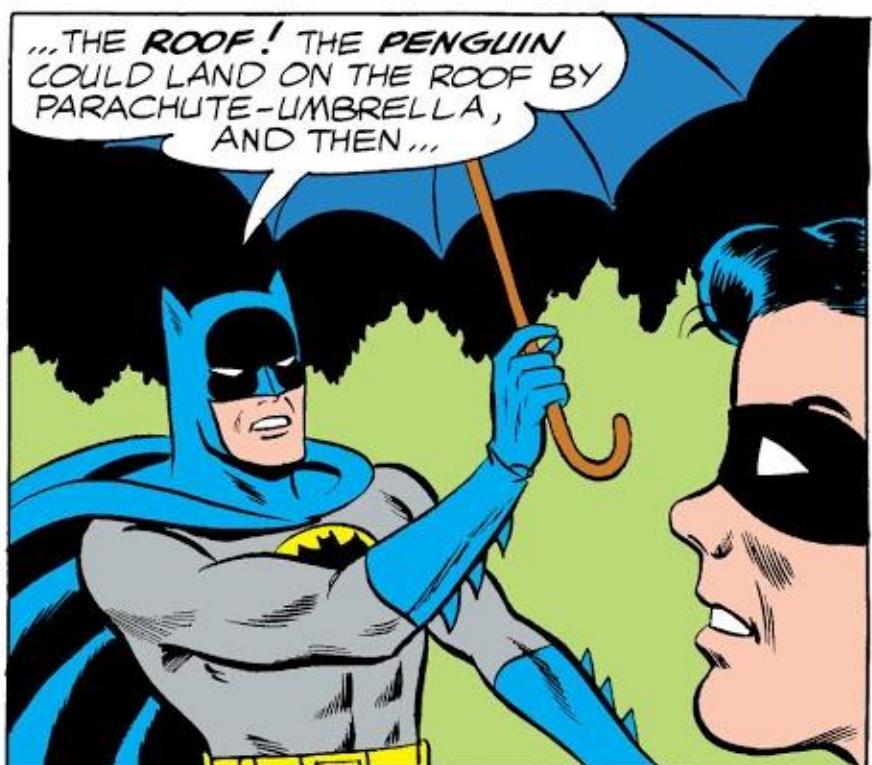
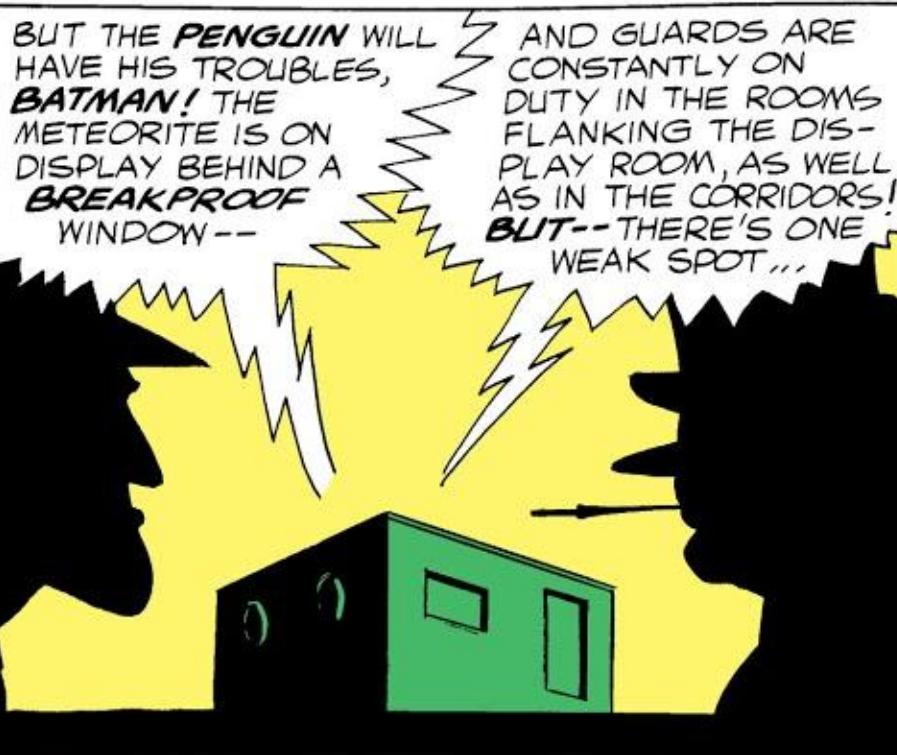
I'M CONVINCED THE PENGUIN'S BEHIND ALL THIS MYSTERY, AND THINGS HAVE GOT TO COME TO A HEAD, SOONER OR LATER!

AND WHAT ABOUT HIS MONOCLE? HE ALWAYS WORE IT IN HIS RIGHT EYE-- BUT NOW IT'S IN HIS LEFT!









HERBIE, YOU AND CHARLIE SET UP THE P-MAGNET IN THE ELEVATOR SHED ON THE ROOF ACROSS FROM THE MUSEUM! YOU OTHER TWO COME WITH ME ... WE'RE GOING TO "DROP IN" ON BATMAN AND ROBIN!



AN HOUR PASSES, AND THEN... ON THE MUSEUM ROOF...

NICE EVENING, BATMAN!

IT WON'T TURN OUT THAT WAY FOR YOU, PENGUIN! COME ON DOWN, YOU STRUTTING LITTLE FOWL--AND GET CAGED!



NAB THE PENGUIN, ROBIN-- I'LL GIVE THE OTHER TWO A ROUGH LANDING!



BUT--AS THE CRIME-FIGHTERS CHARGE FORWARD...

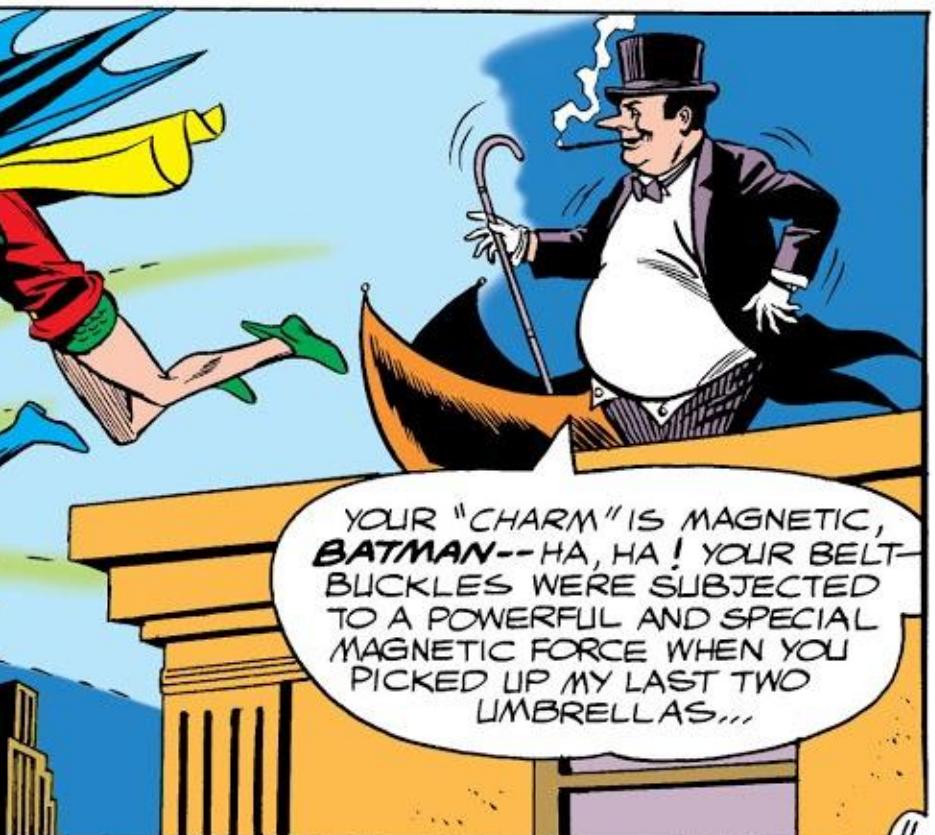
I C-CAN'T STOP!
IT'S LIKE A G-GIANT
HAND PULLING
ME!

HA, HA!

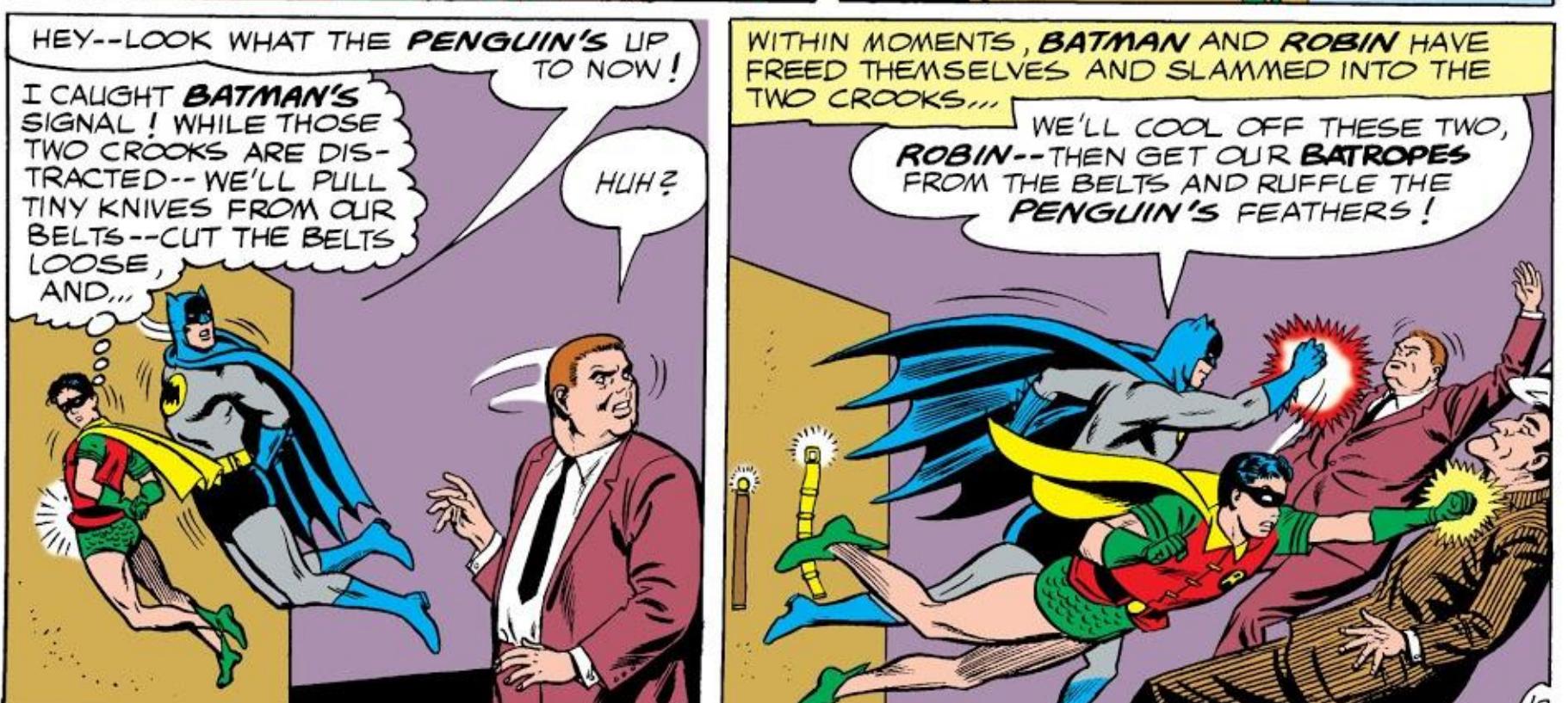
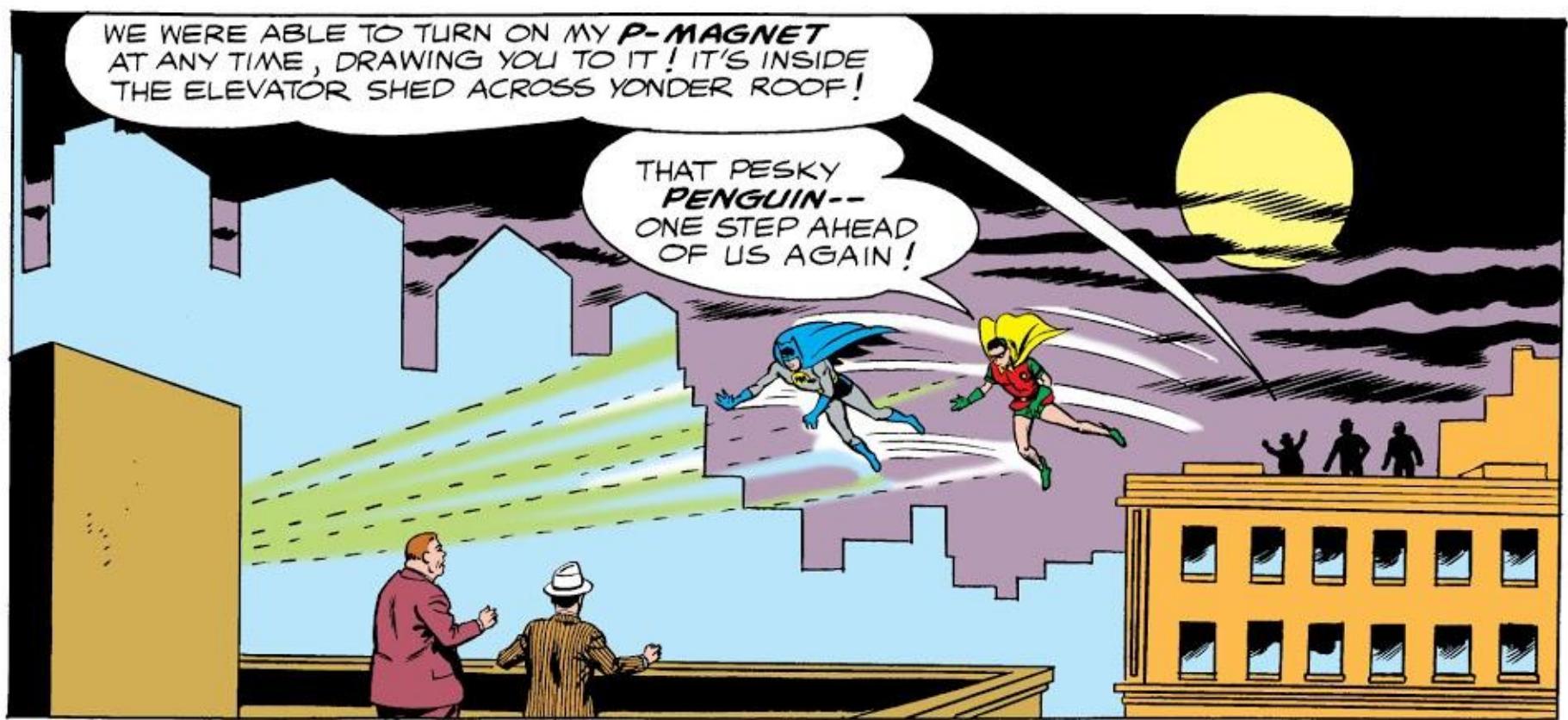
SAME WITH ME!
I'M STRAINING TO
STOP-- BUT
CAN'T!

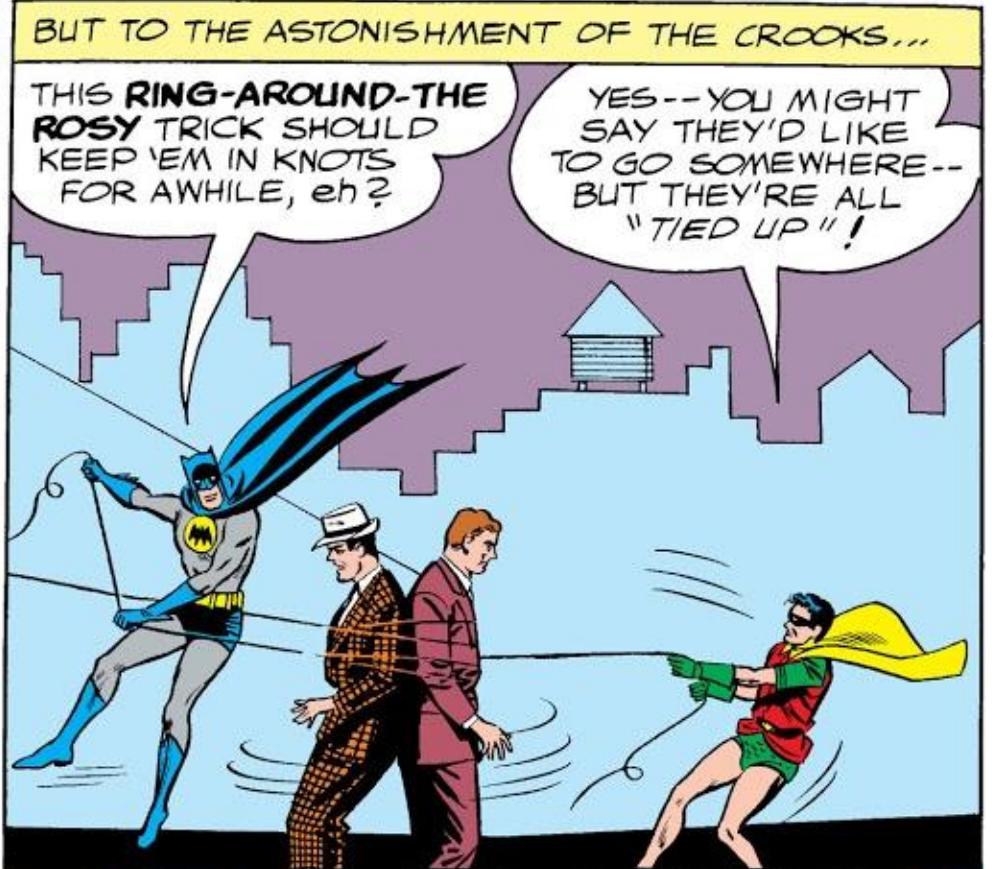
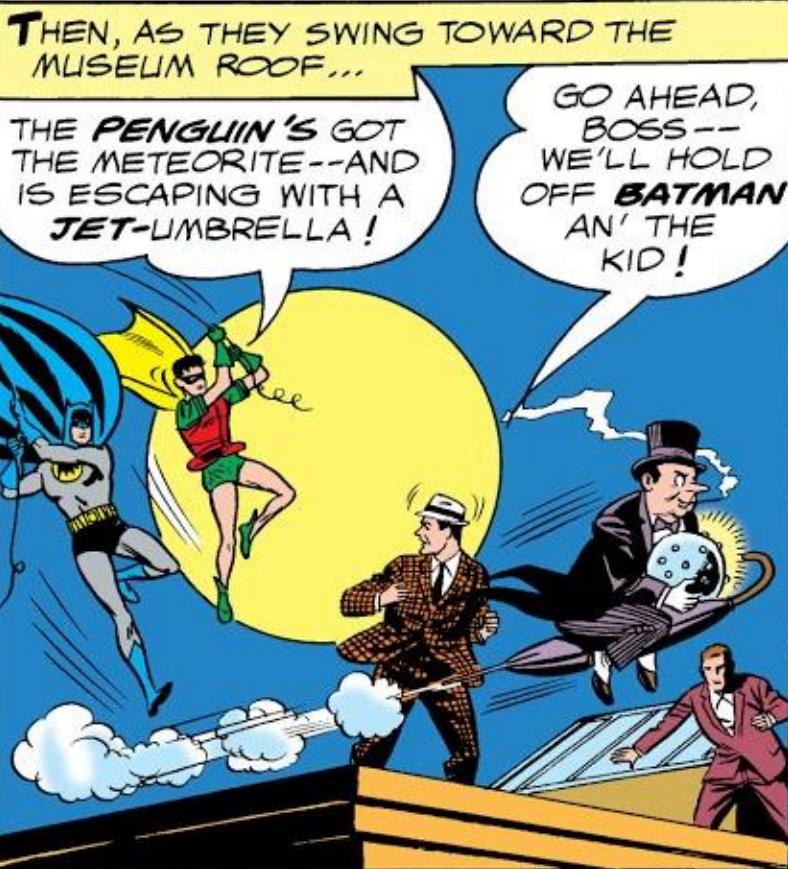


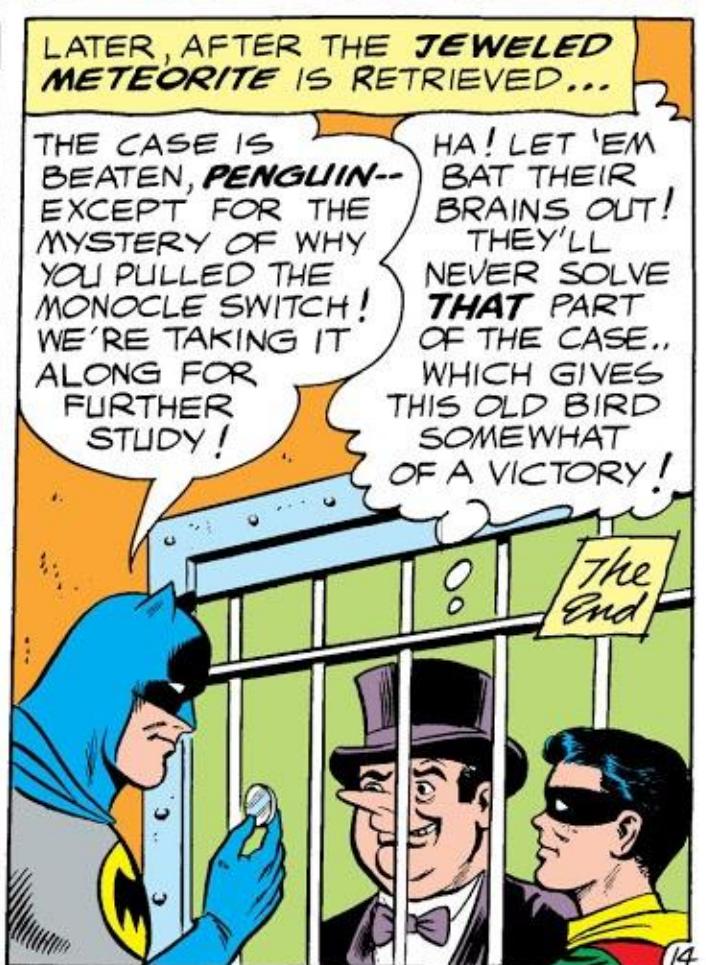
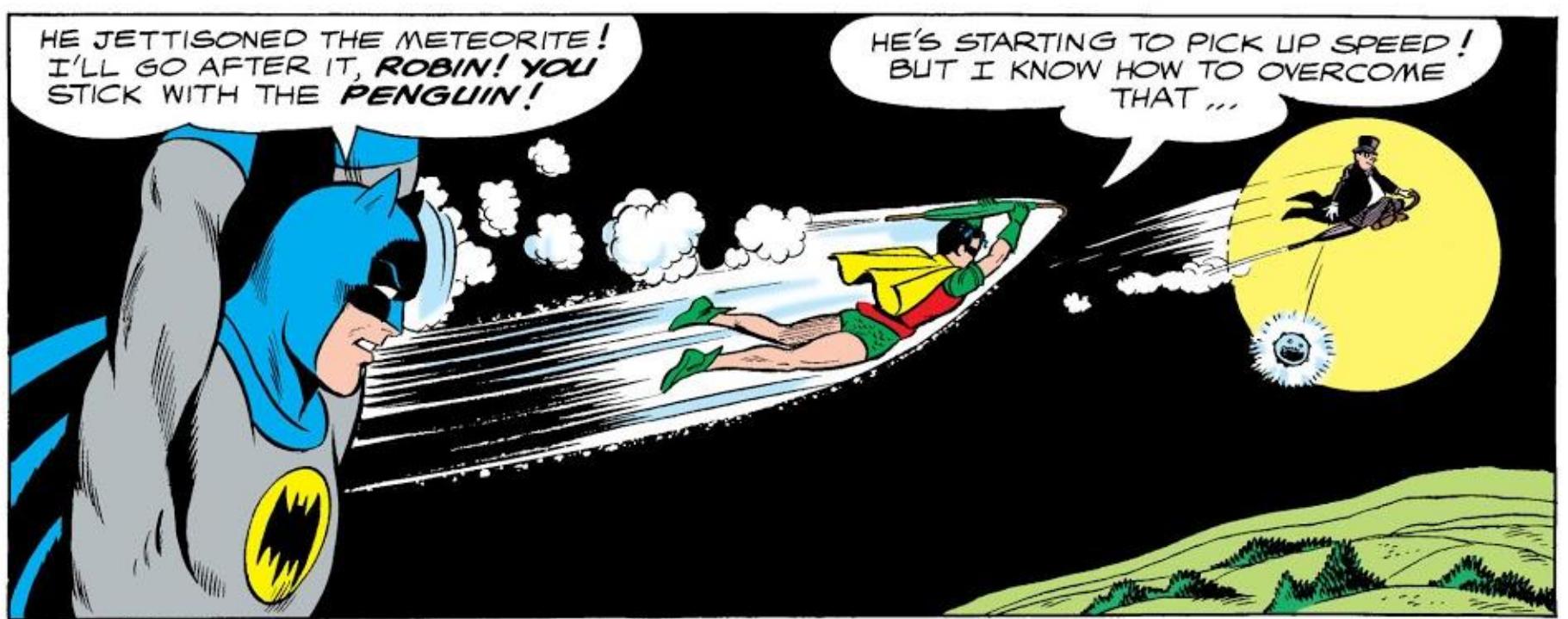
WE'RE FLYING!
HOW'S IT
POSSIBLE--Z!



YOUR "CHARM" IS MAGNETIC,
BATMAN-- HA, HA! YOUR BELT-
BUCKLES WERE SUBJECTED
TO A POWERFUL AND SPECIAL
MAGNETIC FORCE WHEN YOU
PICKED UP MY LAST TWO
UMBRELLAS...



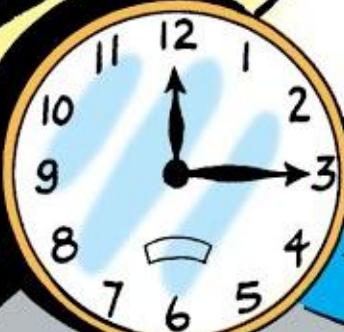




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With
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THE BOY WONDER

DID YOU EVER HAVE ONE OF THOSE DAYS WHEN **EVERYTHING** SEEMED TO GO WRONG?

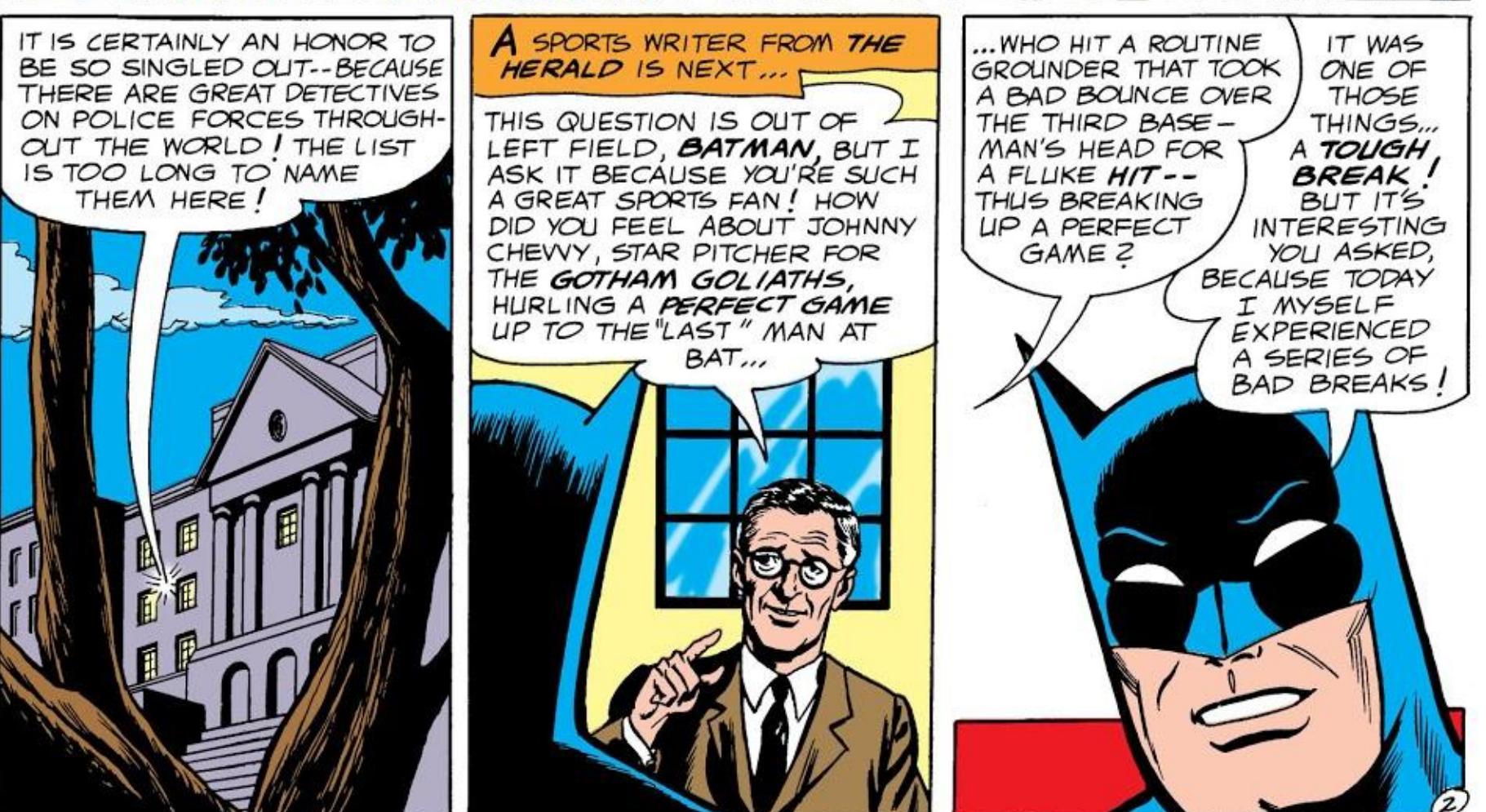
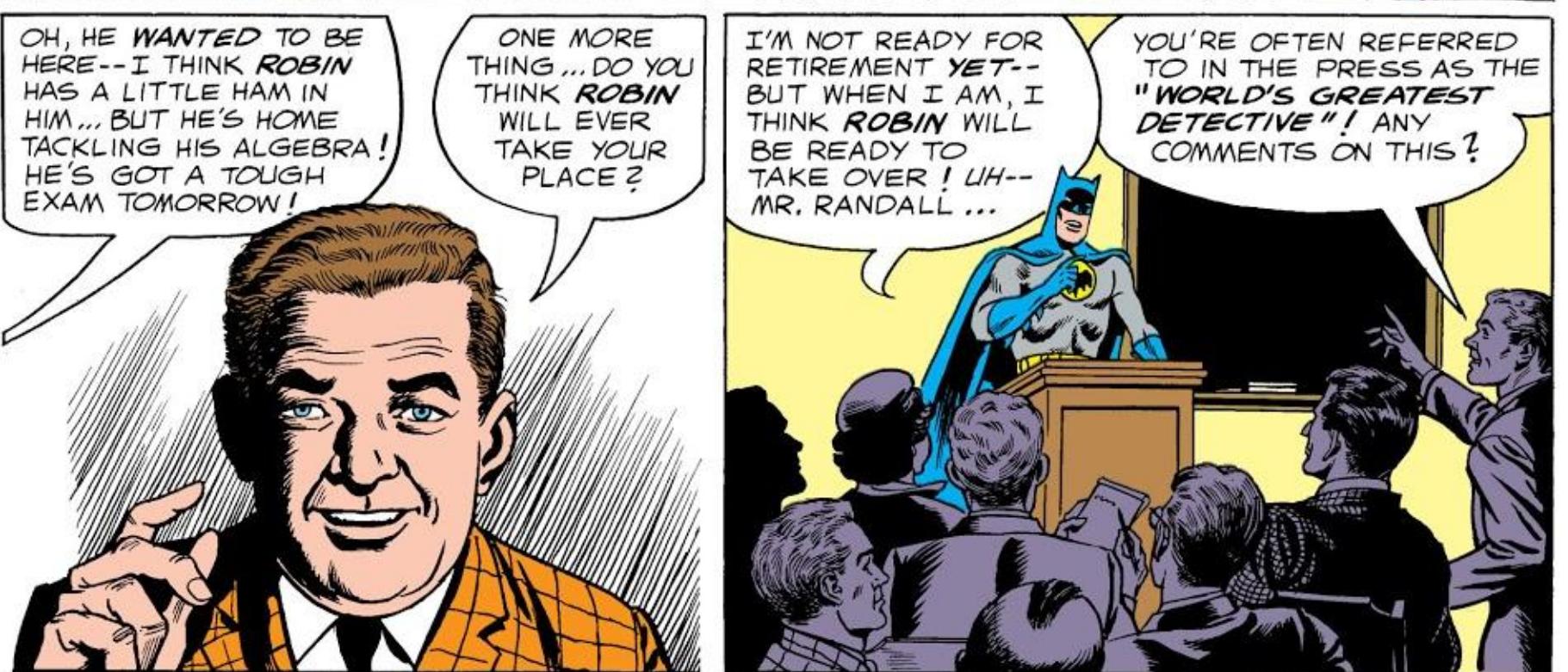


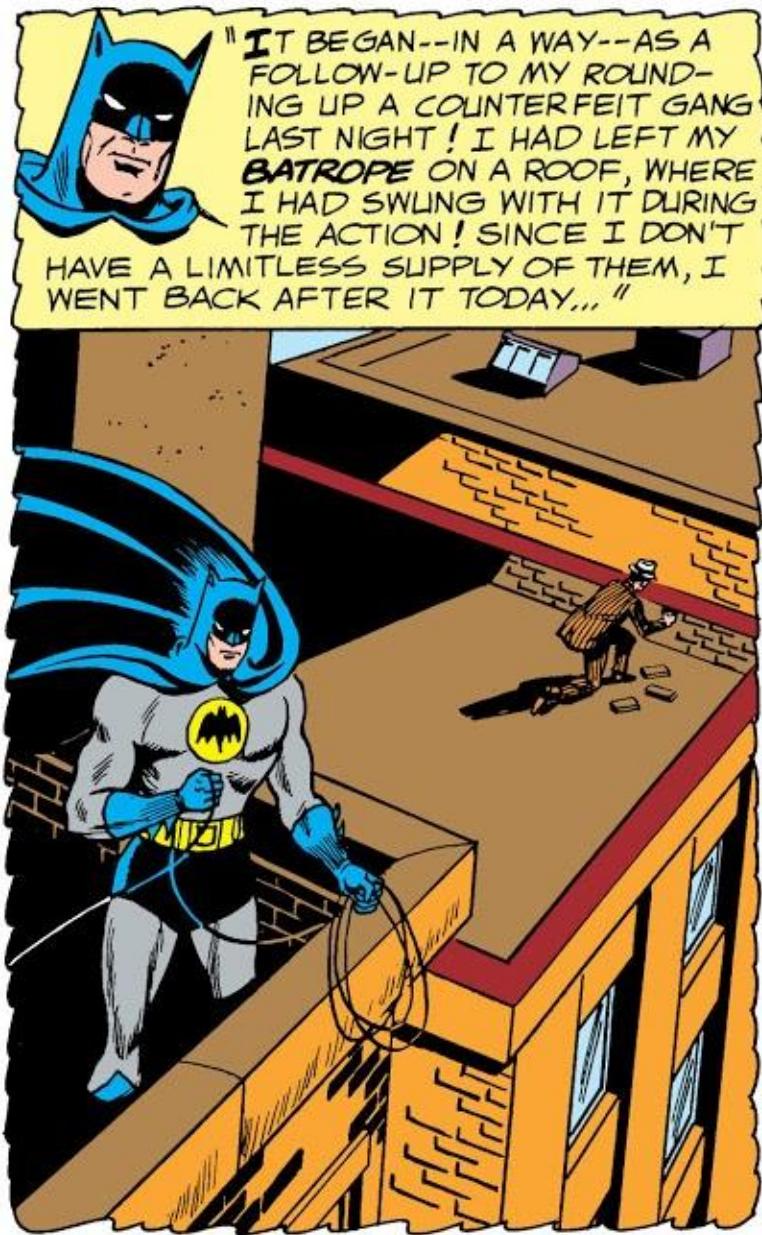
SURE YOU HAVE -- **EVERYONE** HAS, AND BECAUSE HE'S ONLY HUMAN, YOU'LL BE SURPRISED TO LEARN EVEN **BATMAN** HIMSELF CAN HAVE ONE OF "THOSE" DAYS!

SO GET SET FOR SOME STARTLING SURPRISES AND STUNNING SETBACKS AS FOUR **ORDINARY** OBJECTS CAUSE **EXTRAORDINARY** TOUGH BREAKS FOR THE FAMED CRIME-FIGHTER, WHO RUNS SMACK INTO ...

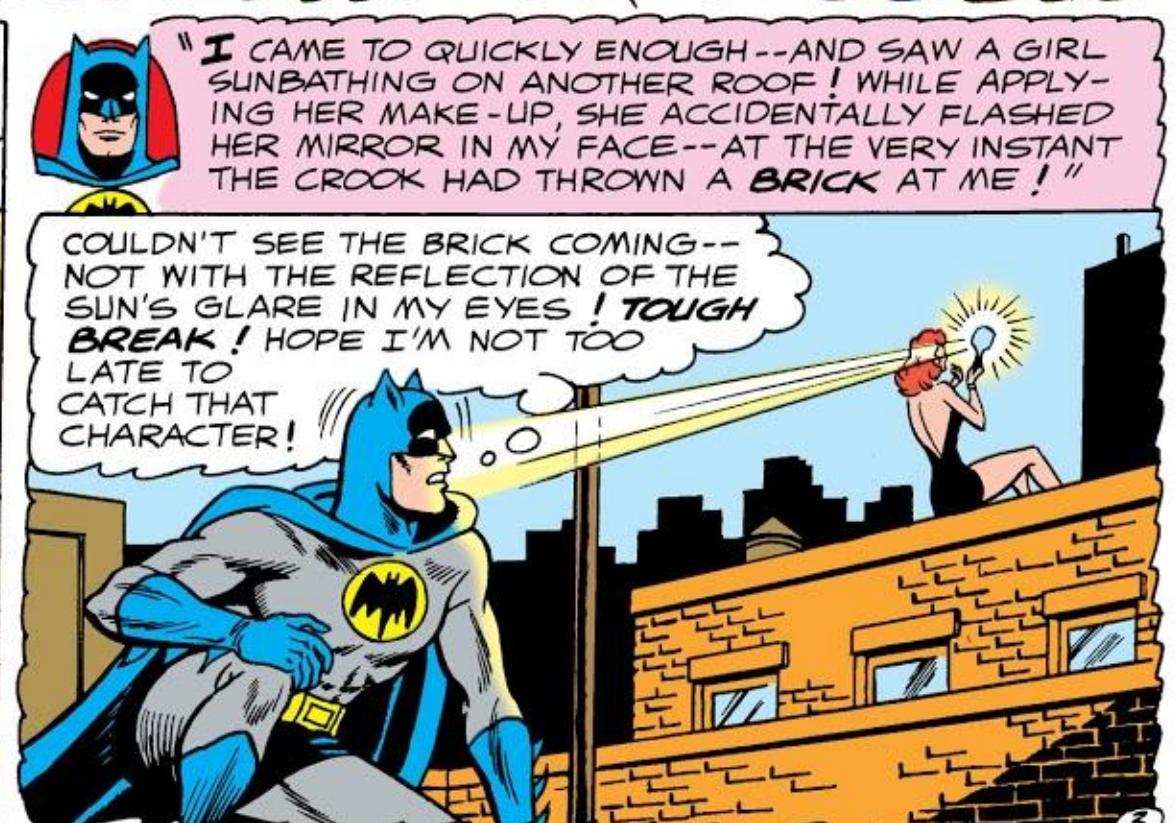
A BAD DAY FOR BATMAN!

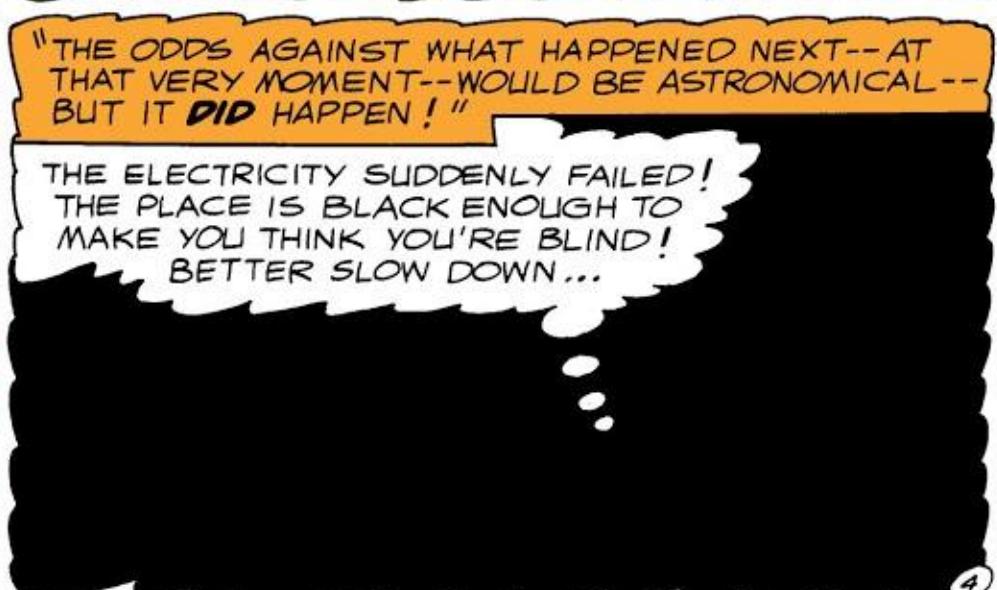
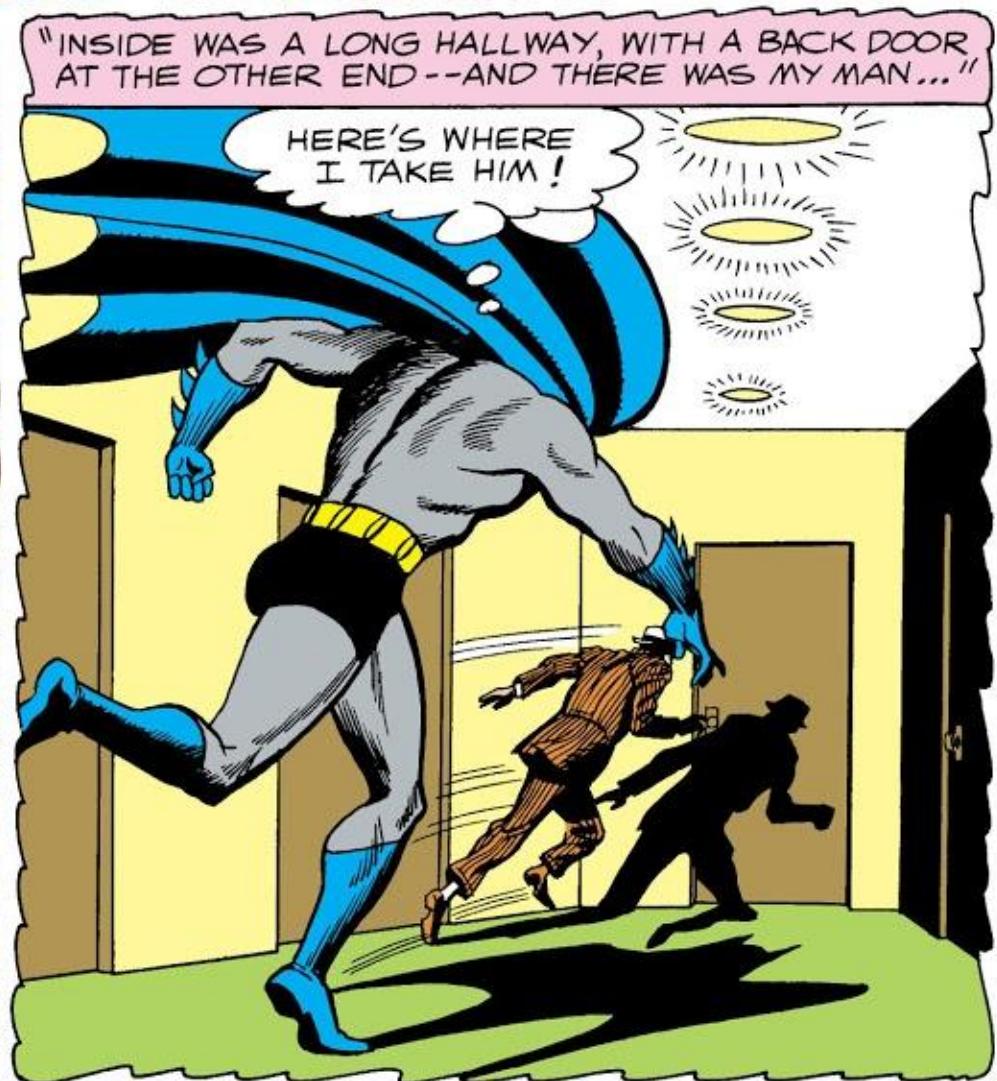
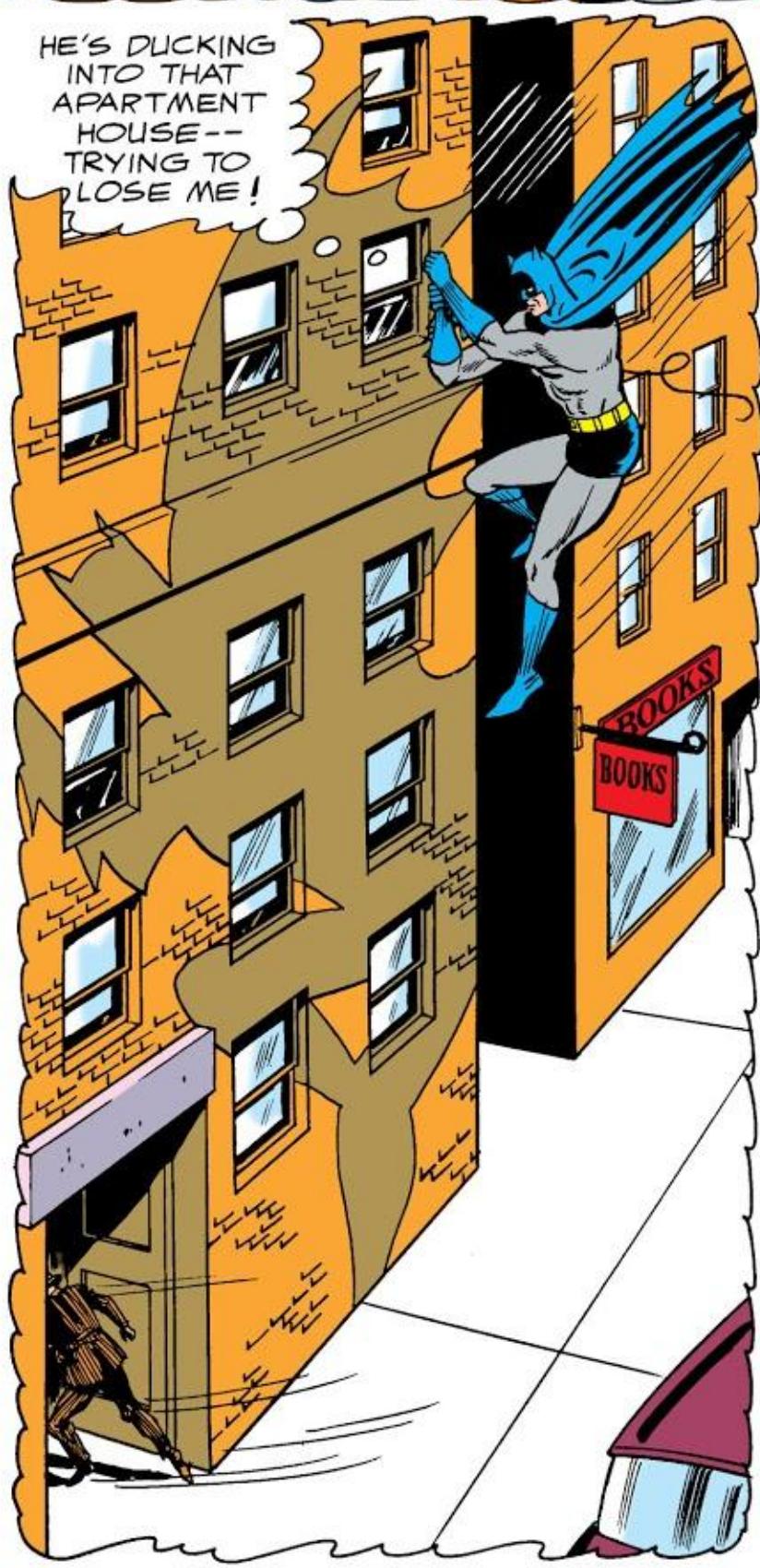
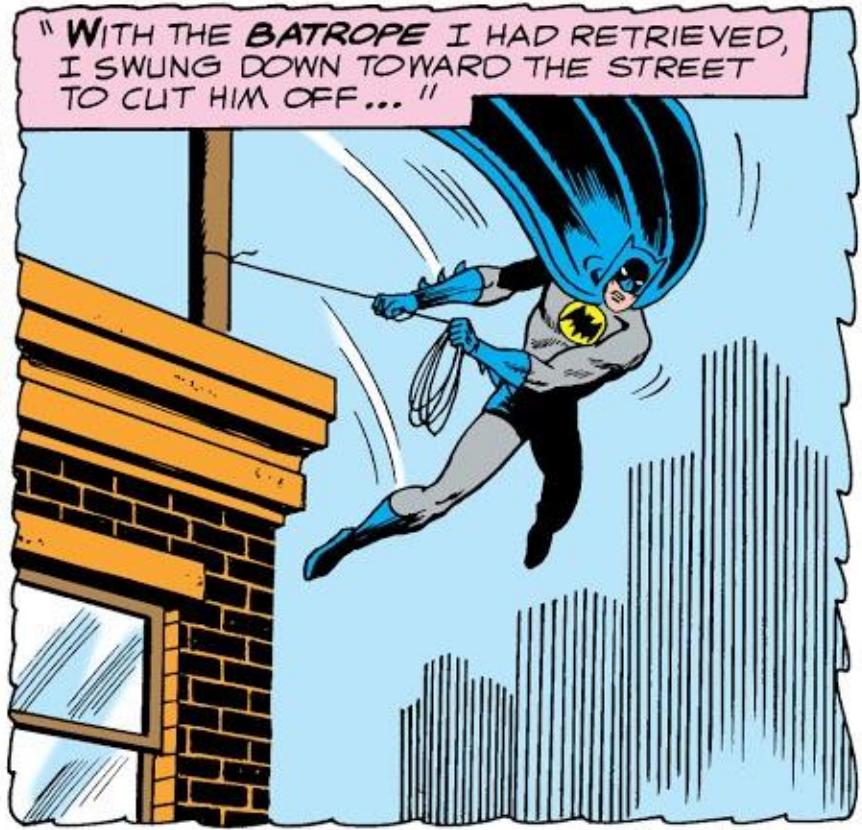
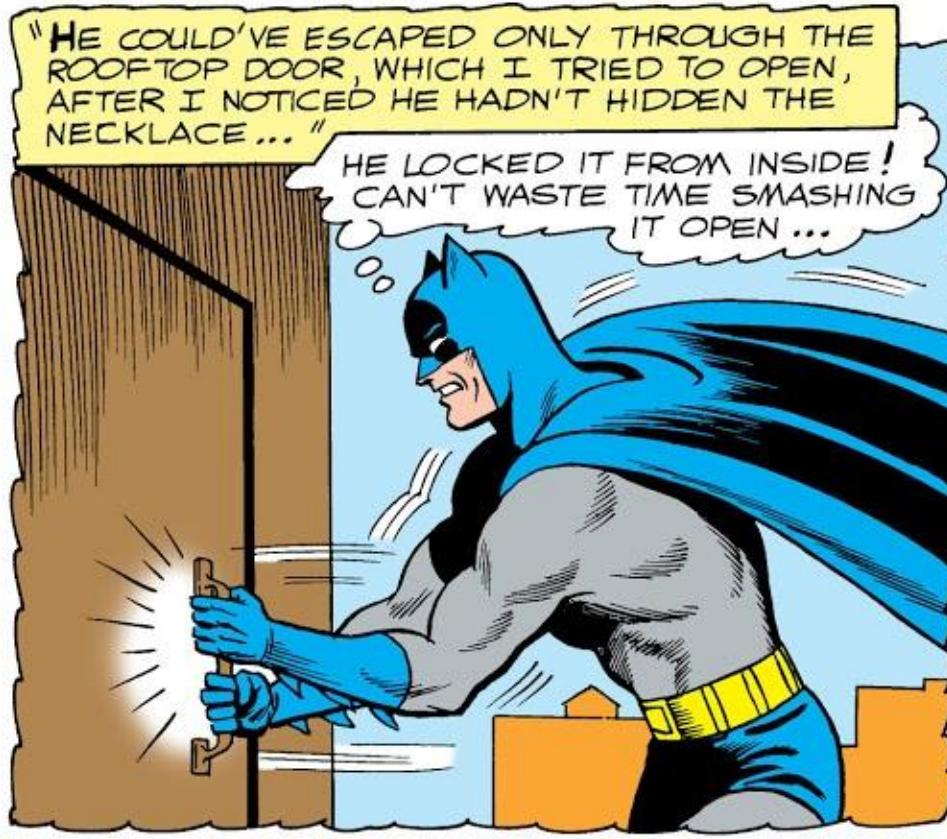
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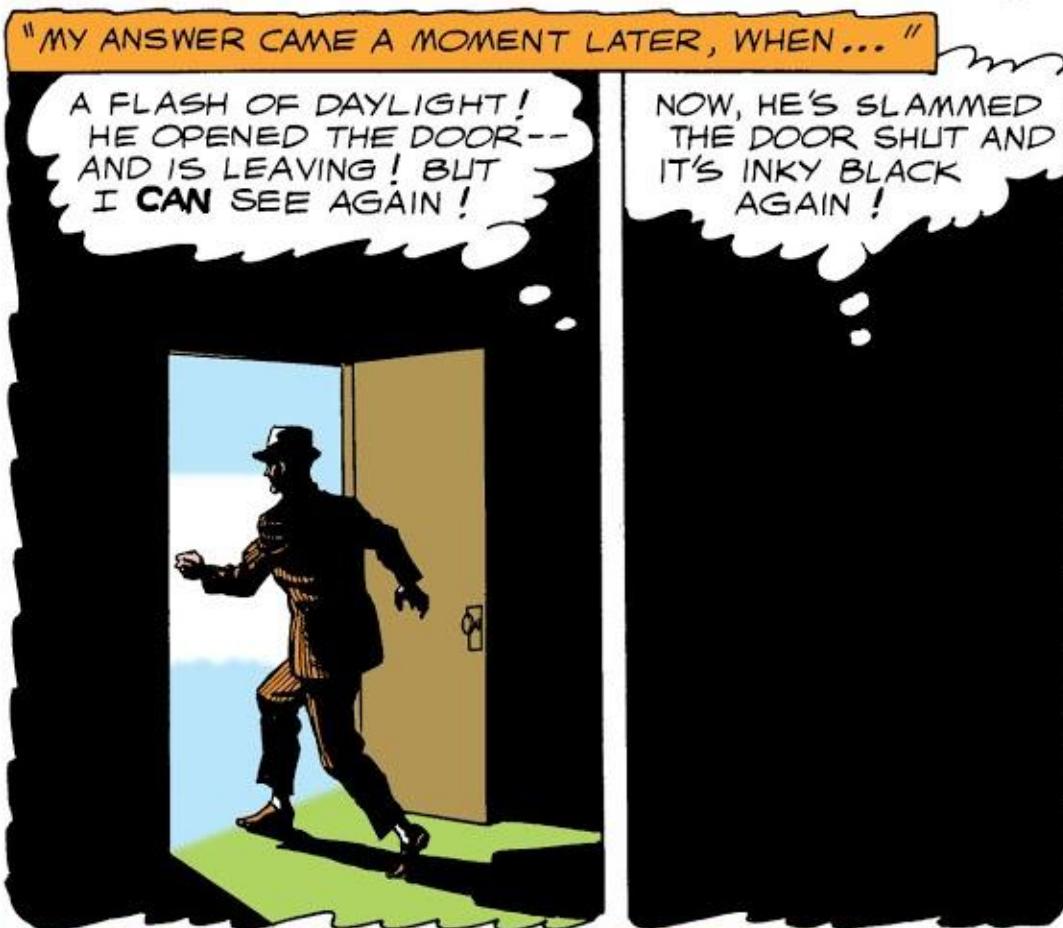
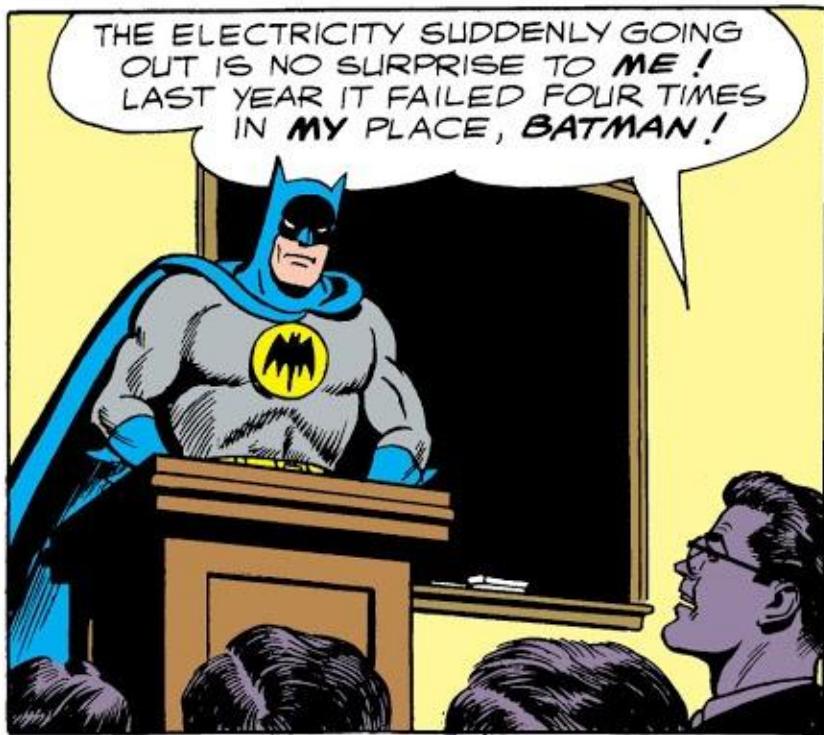




"ACTUALLY-- THIS DAY STARTED WITH A GOOD BREAK, SINCE I WAS ON HAND TO SPOT THE CROOK, BUT AS I RACED TOWARD HIM..."

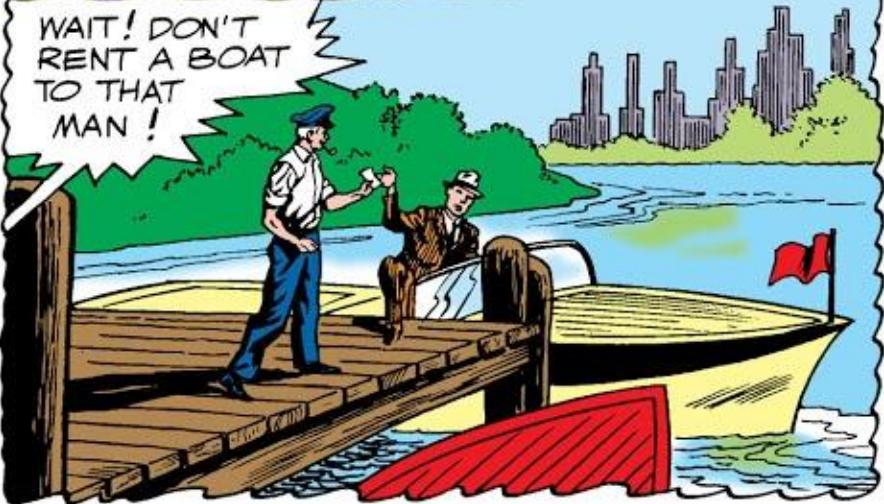






"AFTER LOSING MORE VALUABLE TIME, I WAS AGAIN ON THE TRAIL -- WHICH LED TO GOTHAM PARK LAKE, WHERE MOTOR BOATS ARE RENTED.."

WAIT! DON'T RENT A BOAT TO THAT MAN!



"MY WARNING CRY HAD COME A COUPLE OF SECONDS TOO LATE ..."

I DIDN'T REALIZE HE WAS A CROOK, BATMAN! TAKE MY BOAT THERE--IT'S THE FASTEST THING ON THE LAKE!

THANKS!



"AS I GUNNED THE BOAT AND ROARED OFF, I HEARD THE MAN SUDDENLY CALL AFTER ME, EXCITEDLY--BUT THE SOUND OF THE ENGINE DROWNED OUT HIS WORDS..."



"THE CROOK WAS HEADING TOWARD THE MARKER BUOY AT THE FAR END, WHICH WARNED THE BOATERS OF THE SHALLOW WATERS BEYOND..."

THE CARETAKER WAS RIGHT--THIS BOAT IS MUCH FASTER! I'M GAINING ON THE CROOK! I'LL HAVE HIM IN A COUPLE OF MINUTES -- UNLESS ...

THIS TIME, BATMAN INTERRUPTS HIS OWN STORY...

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS, ON THIS BAD DAY I WAS HAVING, CAN ANY OF YOU GUESS WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME NEXT, OUT THERE ON THE LAKE?

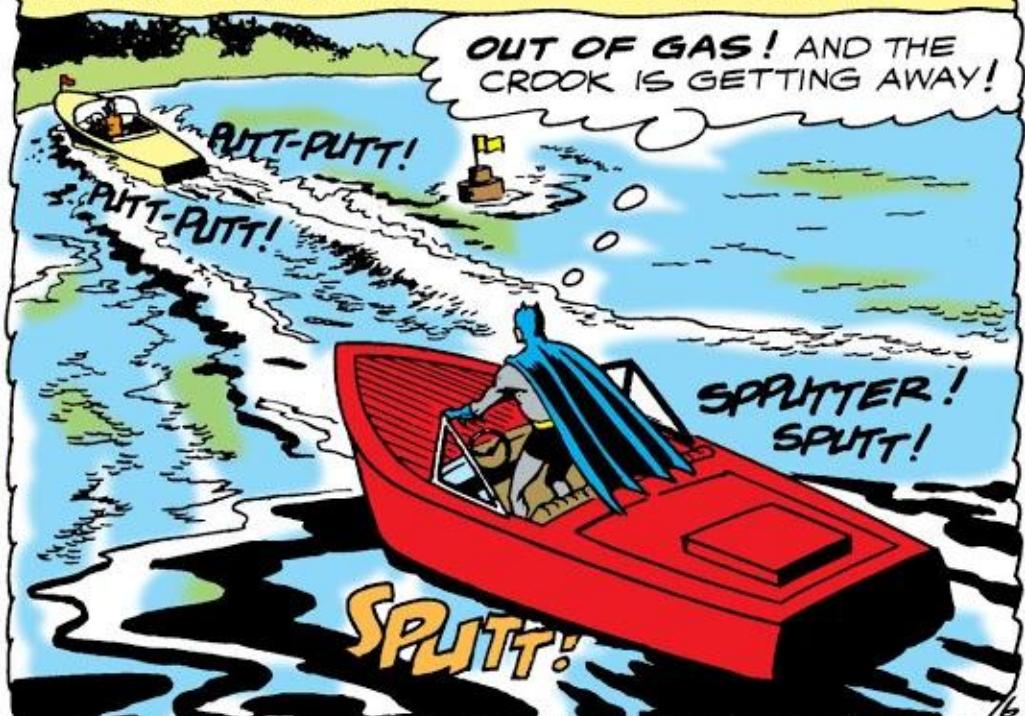
er--YOU HIT A SUNKEN OBJECT--AND WAS WRECKED!

THE CROOK PULLED A GUN, SHOT HOLES IN YOUR BOAT--AND SANK IT!



"NICE TRY--BUT BOTH GUESSES ARE WRONG! INSTEAD, I WAS A VICTIM OF ONE OF THE OLDEST ANNOYANCES KNOWN TO CAR DRIVERS AS WELL AS BOAT PILOTS..."

OUT OF GAS! AND THE CROOK IS GETTING AWAY!

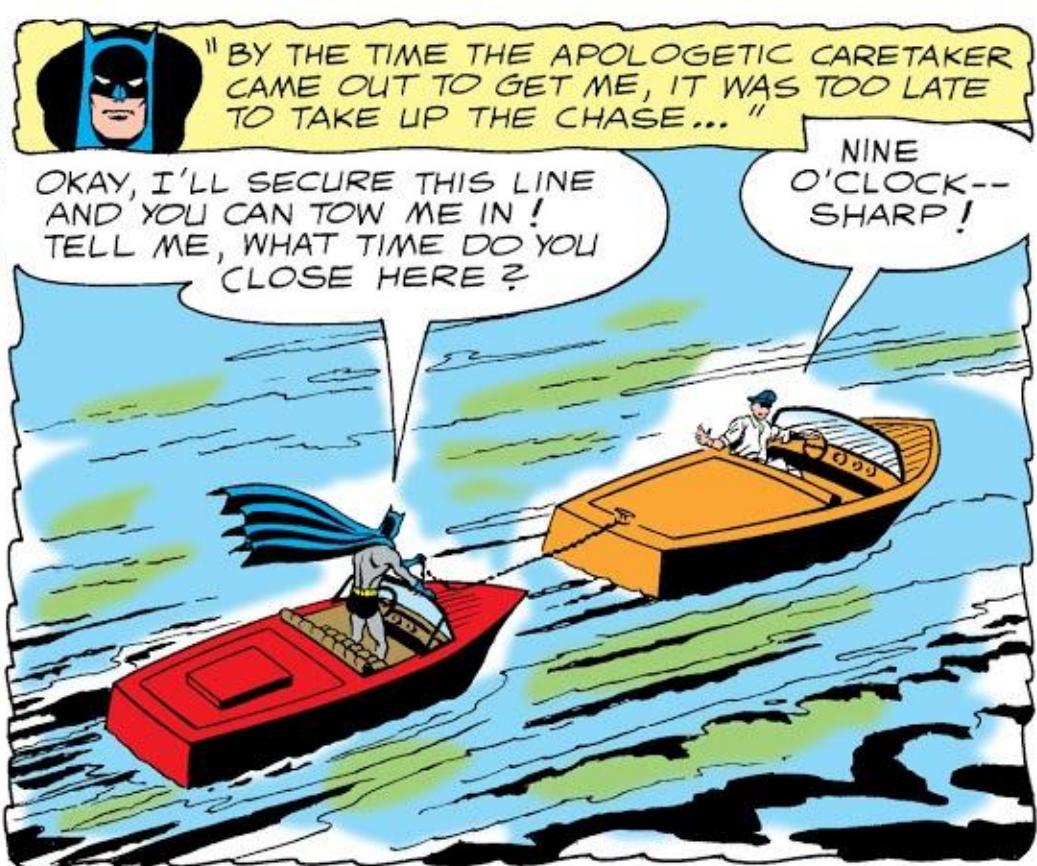
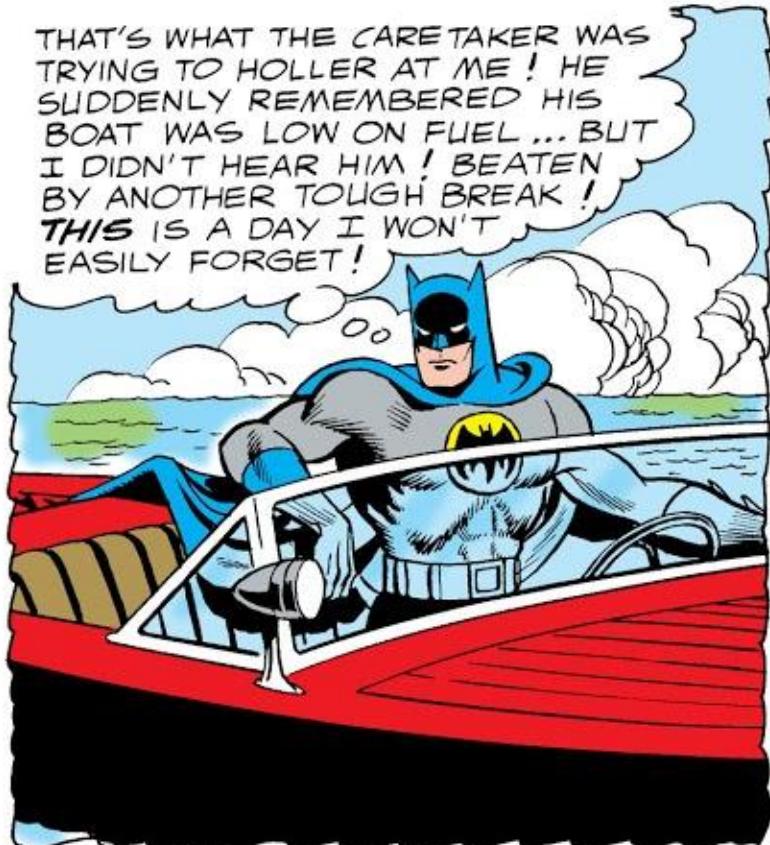


THAT'S WHAT THE CARETAKER WAS TRYING TO HOLLER AT ME ! HE SUDDENLY REMEMBERED HIS BOAT WAS LOW ON FUEL ... BUT I DIDN'T HEAR HIM ! BEATEN BY ANOTHER TOUGH BREAK ! THIS IS A DAY I WON'T EASILY FORGET !

"BY THE TIME THE APOLOGETIC CARETAKER CAME OUT TO GET ME, IT WAS TOO LATE TO TAKE UP THE CHASE..."

OKAY, I'LL SECURE THIS LINE AND YOU CAN TOW ME IN ! TELL ME, WHAT TIME DO YOU CLOSE HERE ?

NINE O'CLOCK--SHARP !



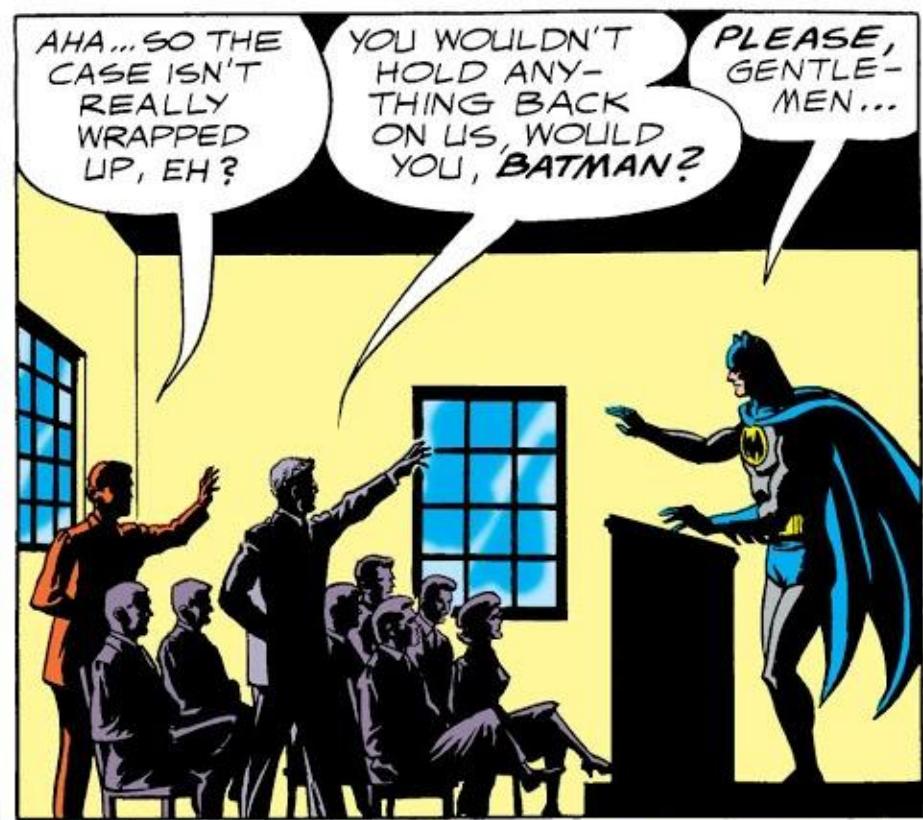
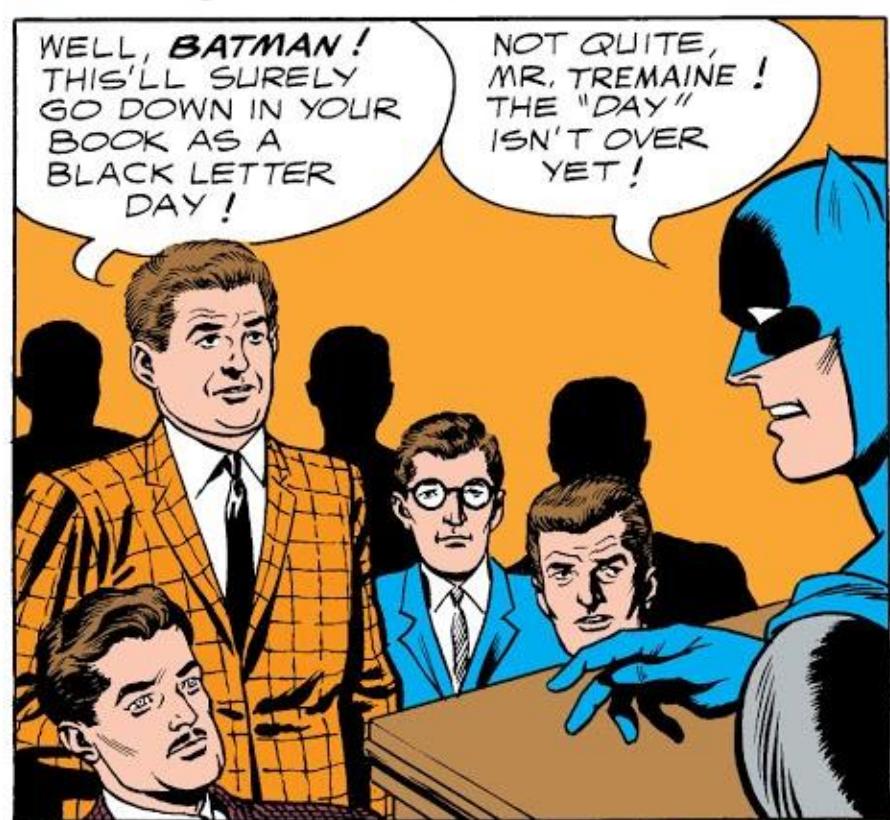
WELL, BATMAN ! THIS'LL SURELY GO DOWN IN YOUR BOOK AS A BLACK LETTER DAY !

NOT QUITE, MR. TREMAINE ! THE "DAY" ISN'T OVER YET !

AHA...SO THE CASE ISN'T REALLY WRAPPED UP, EH ?

YOU WOULDN'T HOLD ANYTHING BACK ON US, WOULD YOU, BATMAN ?

PLEASE, GENTLEMEN...

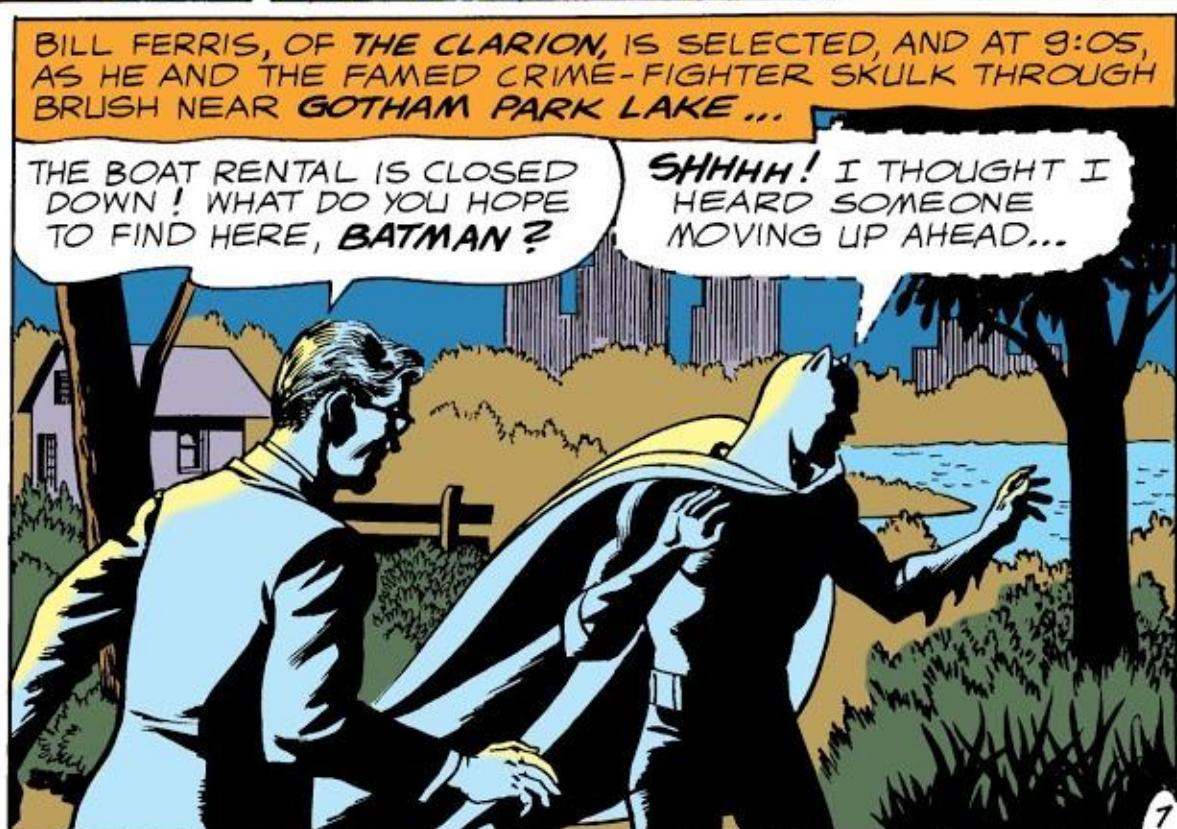


IT'S TWENTY OF NINE--I MUST GET GOING ! SINCE I CAN'T TAKE ALL OF YOU WITH ME, I SUGGEST YOU SELECT ONE MAN, AND HE CAN COVER THE STORY FOR THE GROUP !

BILL FERRIS, OF THE CLARION, IS SELECTED, AND AT 9:05, AS HE AND THE FAMED CRIME-FIGHTER SKULK THROUGH BRUSH NEAR GOTHAM PARK LAKE...

THE BOAT RENTAL IS CLOSED DOWN ! WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO FIND HERE, BATMAN ?

SHHHH ! I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMEONE MOVING UP AHEAD...





AS BATMAN CHARGES FORWARD...



IN A DESPERATE TWISTING MANEUVER, THE CROOK ELUDES THE CRIME-FIGHTER, AND...



A FISH STORY WITH A TWIST...
THE BIG ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY!



