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BATMAN

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BIG ADVENTURES:

"The HUNT FOR BATMAN'S IDENTITY!"
and "VILLAIN OF THE YEAR!"

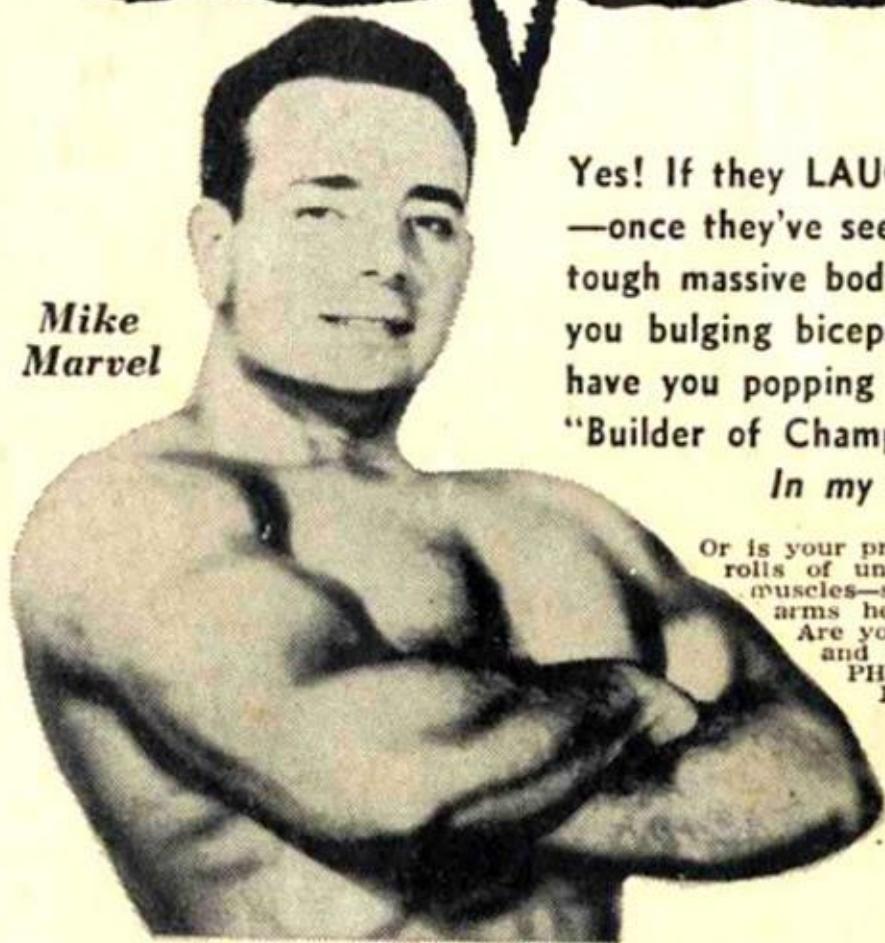
I'LL PROVE THAT
BATMAN IS REALLY
BRUCE WAYNE! THIS
MAN IS JUST AN
ACTOR IN DISGUISE
WHOM VICKI VALE
HIRED!

OH, BATMAN,
I WAS ONLY TRYING
TO PREVENT
MIRROR MAN
FROM UNCOVERING
YOUR SECRET
IDENTITY!



BOYS! MEN!

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BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN

- THE BOY WONDER -

BOB
KANE

THE GANG'S CRUISER
IS BEING SCUTTLED
FROM BENEATH THE
SURFACE, ROBIN --
I'LL BET YOU IT'S THE
UNDERWORLD JACKAL
AGAIN... PLUNDERING
CRIMINALS!



"GET THE JACKAL!"! THAT'S THE CRY OF HARD-HITTING CRIME REPORTER, HAL LAKE TO BATMAN AND ROBIN! AND IT'S ALSO THE CRY OF THE UNDERWORLD! FOR THE JACKAL IS A CRIMINAL WHO SPECIALIZES IN PLUNDERING ONLY CRIMINALS AND WHO CLEVERLY AVOIDS A DIRECT CLASH WITH THE FORCES OF LAW AND ORDER! BUT THERE ARE SURPRISE TWISTS AND TURNS IN THIS FANTASTIC MYSTERY BEFORE THE FAMED LAW MEN CAN HOPE TO CAPTURE THE MAN DUBBED...

the VILLAIN of the YEAR

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IN RESPONSE TO THE BAT-SIGNAL, GOTHAM'S CRACK CRIME-FIGHTING TEAM APPEARS AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, WHERE...

CRIME-REPORTER HAL LAKE! HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A LONG TIME -- BUT YOUR "UNDERWORLD CONFIDENTIAL" COLUMN IS A DAILY ITEM WITH US!

WHAT'S UP?

HAL CALLED FOR THIS LITTLE POW-WOW TO TIP US TO SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

NOTHING SPECIFIC, I'M SORRY TO SAY, BATMAN... ROBIN!!.. BUT MY UNDERWORLD CONTACT INFORMS ME THE BARKER GANG HAS A BIG JOB SCHEDULED FOR THIS AFTERNOON!

THAT'S A BIG HELP, MR. LAKE -- AT LEAST WE'LL ALL BE ON SPECIAL ALERT!



AND KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR THIS SCAVENGER -- IT'S VERY POSSIBLE HE'LL TRY TO GET INTO THE ACT AGAIN!

DON'T WORRY, HAL! WE'LL KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR HIM!

THAT CHARACTER'S AS MUCH OF A MENACE TO LAW AND ORDER AS THE CRIMINALS HE PLUNDERS! HE MUST BE STOPPED... OH, MY HEAD!

TAKE IT EASY, HAL... DON'T GET SO RILED UP!

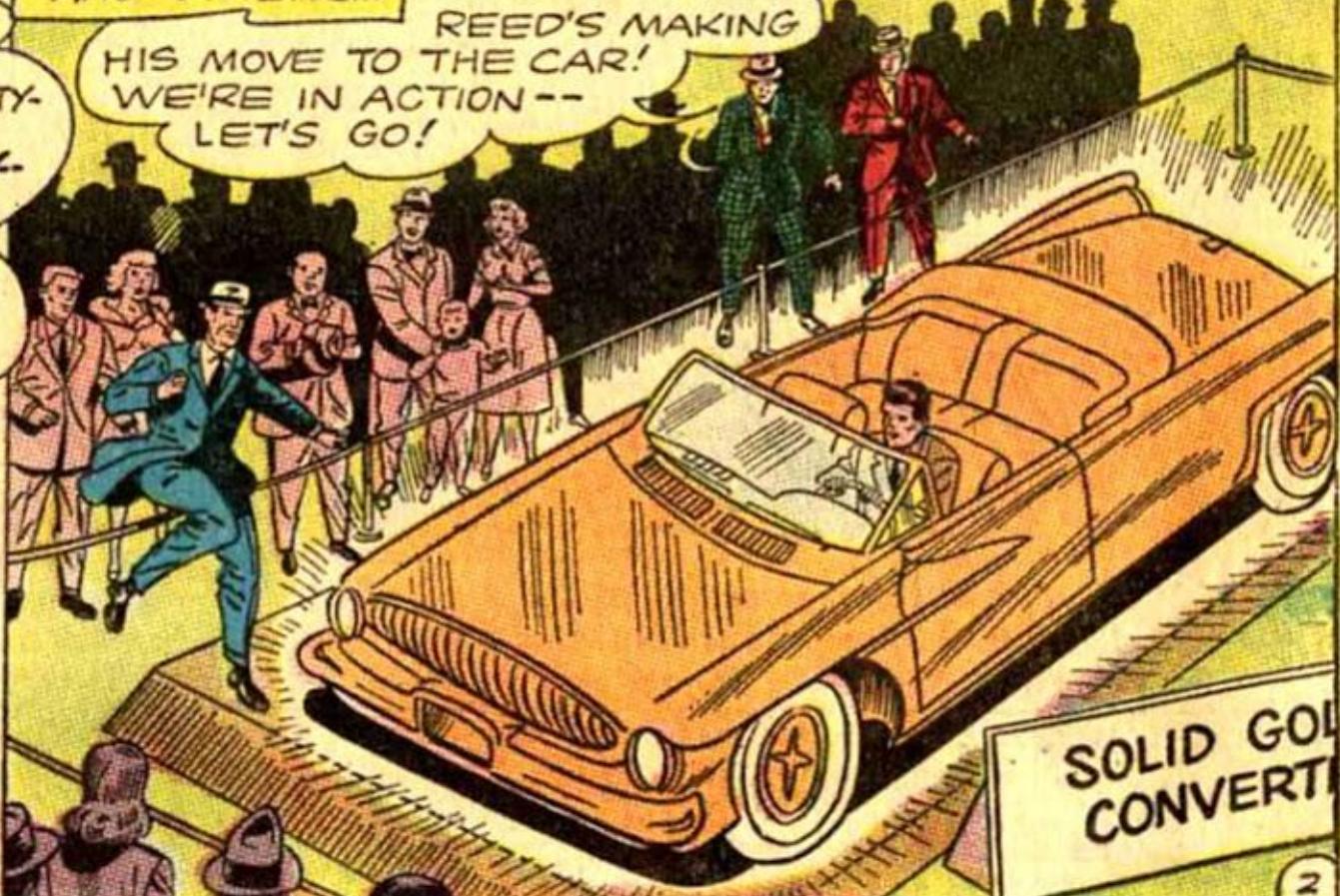


I'LL... BE OKAY, COMMISSIONER! WELL, GOT A DEADLINE TO MEET... SEE YOU!

HAL LIVES HIS CRIME BEAT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY, ROBIN...

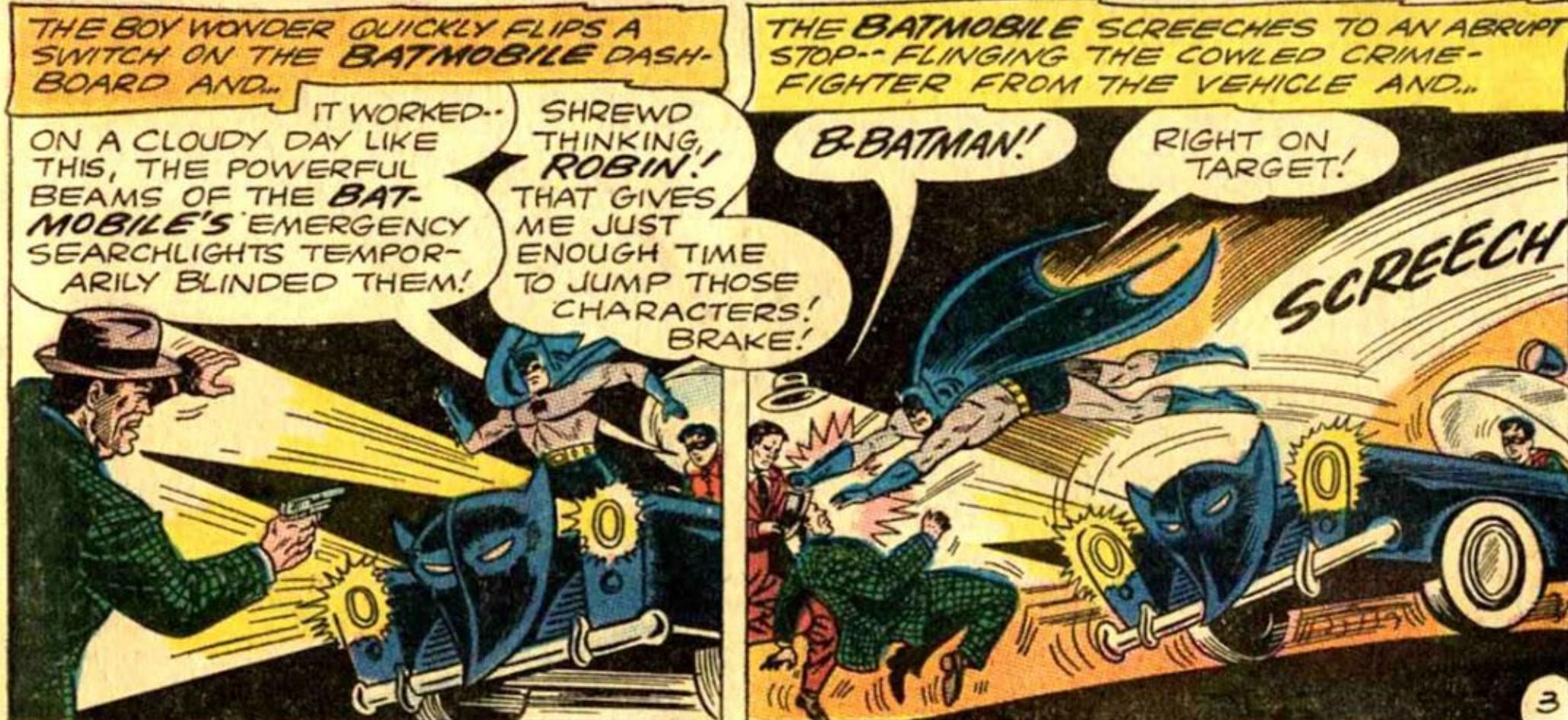
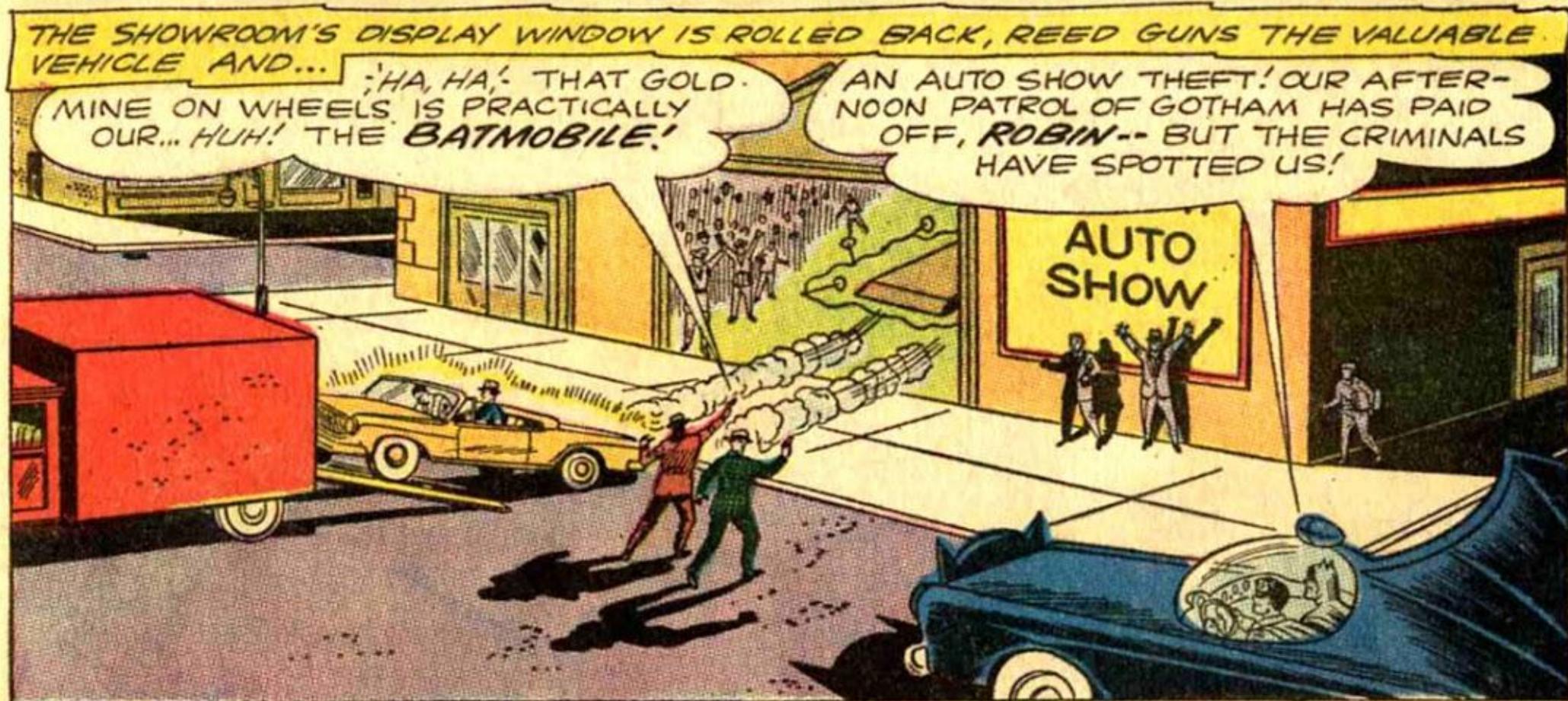
IT'S A STRAIN! AND THE ONE WAY WE CAN REWARD HIM IS TO MAKE HIS TIPS PAY OFF!

AT THE GOTHAM AUTO SHOW THAT AFTERNOON, A SPECIAL EXHIBIT ATTRACTS THE ATTENTION OF THE CROWD... AND OTHERS...





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BUT THEN, A CRIMINAL GUN ZEROS IN ON BATMAN AS...

YOU FORGOT SOMEONE, CRIME-FIGHTER--
ME!

THE CRIMINAL... WHO DROVE THE CONVERTIBLE INTO THE VAN... HE'S GOING TO SHOOT BATMAN!

LIKE A FLASH, ROBIN LEAPS THROUGH THE AIR...

THESE CRIME-FIGHTERS HAVE FORCED ME TO CHANGE MY PLANS! I'LL HAVE TO STEAL THE CAR NOW... SINCE THE GANG WON'T BE RETURNING TO THEIR HIDEOUT!

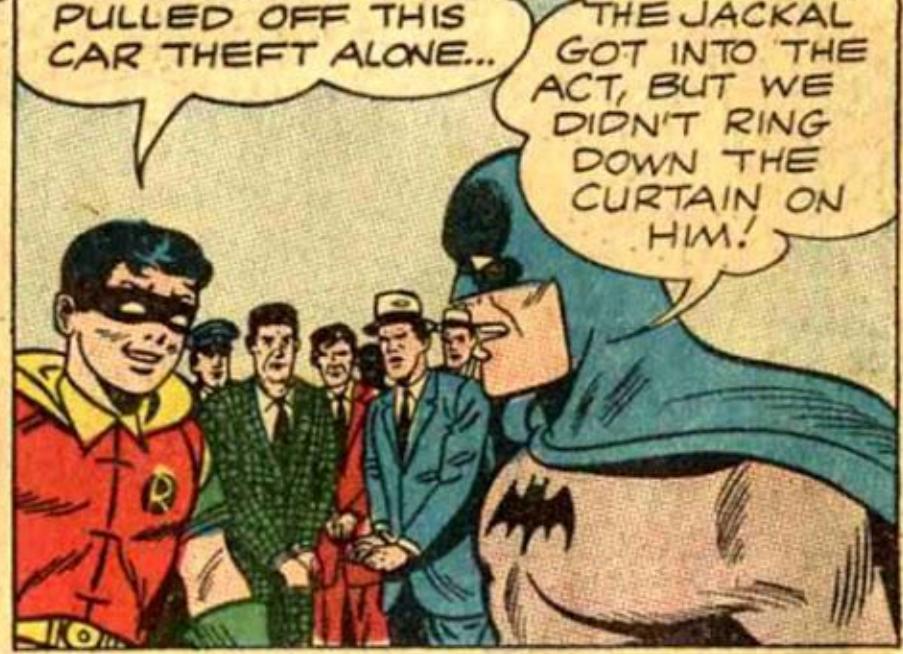
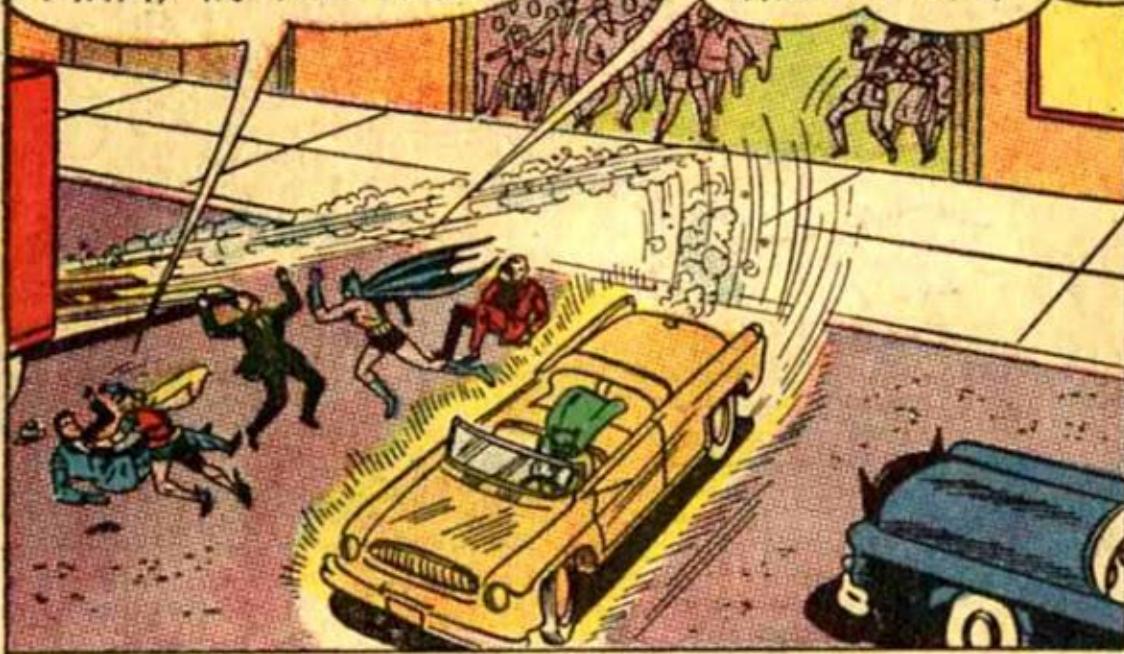


THE JACKAL! HE WAS IN THE CONVERTIBLE ALL THE TIME... DISGUISED AS THE DUMMY! AND NOW HE'S GETTING AWAY IN THE CAR!

HE INTENDED TO HIJACK IT FROM THE GANG LATER... BUT OUR ARRIVAL MADE HIM CHANGE HIS PLANS!

SHORTLY... THAT JACKAL'S SURE A SLY ONE--AS A ONE-MAN OPERATOR HE COULDN'T HAVE PULLED OFF THIS CAR THEFT ALONE...

AND SO HE UTILIZED THE GANG'S MAN-POWER! WELL, HAL LAKE WAS RIGHT! THE JACKAL GOT INTO THE ACT, BUT WE DIDN'T RING DOWN THE CURTAIN ON HIM!



NEXT DAY, IN THE WAYNE MANSION, HAL LAKE'S "UNDERWORLD CONFIDENTIAL" COLUMN IS READ BY BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON, SECRETLY BATMAN AND ROBIN...

GOSH... MR. LAKE'S SURE HEATED UP OVER THIS CRIMINAL! LOOK AT THE TITLE HE TAGGED HIM WITH... "THE JACKAL--VILLAIN OF THE YEAR"!



AND IN OTHER PARTS OF GOTHAM CITY...

THIS LAKE CHARACTER REALLY HATES ME! HA, HA! BEFORE I'M THROUGH HE'LL BE CALLING ME "VILLAIN OF THE CENTURY"!

FOR ONCE THIS INKED-STAINED NEWSHOUND LAKE IS RIGHT! THE JACKAL IS A MENACE --BUT TO US!





BATMAN



IF THIS CHARACTER ISN'T STOPPED HE'LL SMASH EVERY MOB IN OPERATION! NOW, YOU GUYS ARE FLOATERS... THE EYES AND EARS OF THE UNDERWORLD...



THAT'S WHY I CALLED YOU IN, KALE... SNOOPER! I'VE GOT CASH... A BALE OF IT... FOR A LEAD TO THE JACKAL!

I'D LIKE TO PICK UP THAT PAY-CHECK, GAXTON!

ME, TOO!



MEANWHILE, TWO MASTERS OF DISGUISE, BATMAN AND ROBIN, ARE MAKING PLANS OF THEIR OWN...

THESE DISGUISES WILL LET US PROWL THE UNDERWORLD WITHOUT DRAWING SUSPICION TO OURSELVES! IT MAY BE A WAY TO GET A LEAD TO THE JACKAL!



THE DISGUISED CRIME-FIGHTERS TRAIL THE REPORTER TO AN OLD, UNUSED WATER TOWER, WHERE...

CAN'T LET LAKE SEE US-- HE MIGHT MISTAKE US FOR HOODS TAILING HIM AND DO SOMETHING DESPERATE...

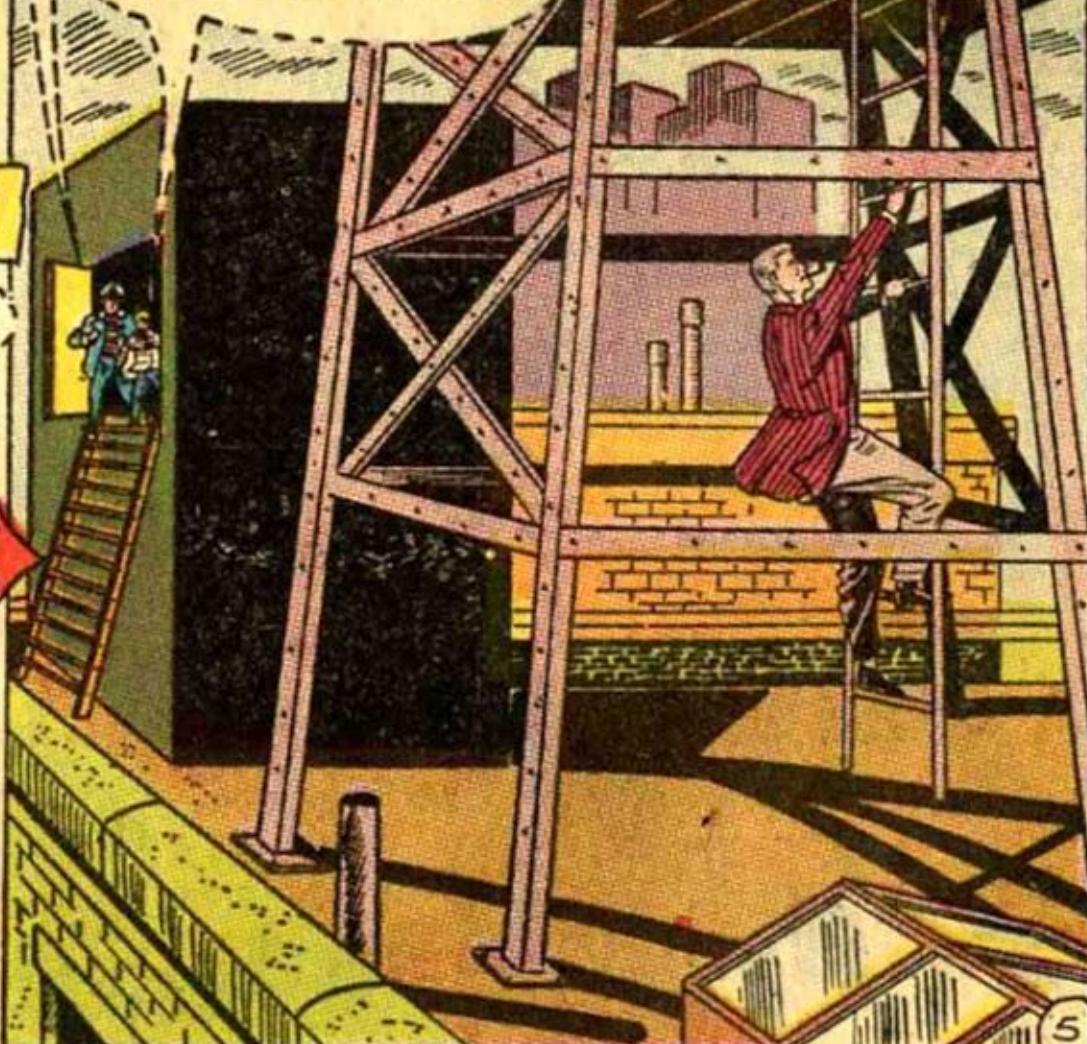
I'VE GOT THE ANSWER! MY DETECTIVE KIT, CONCEALED IN THIS SHINE BOX, HAS A COLLAPSIBLE PERISCOPE! IT MIGHT DO THE TRICK...



LATER, AFTER AN HOUR OF WANDERING THROUGH CRIMINAL LOCALES, THE TWO MEET SECRETLY...

I TAGGED ALONG WITH SEVERAL SUSPECTED CRIMINALS--BUT COULDN'T GET A CLUE TO THE JACKAL!

LOOK--IT'S HAL LAKE! LET'S FOLLOW HIM AND SEE WHAT'S UP!





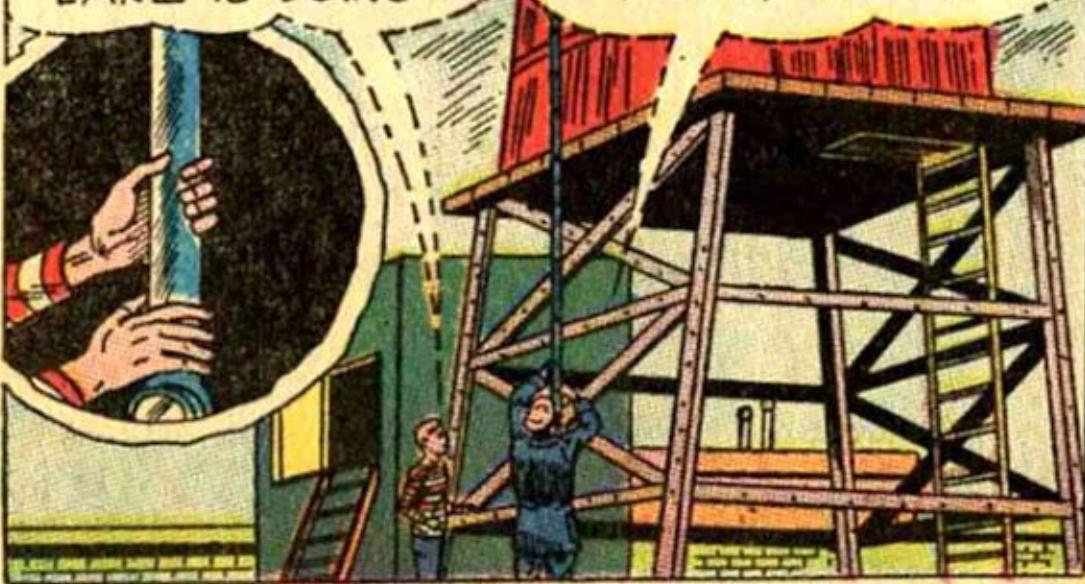
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THE YOUNG SLEUTH EXTENDS HIS "SCOPE"-- AND THEN STARTLED, HANDS IT TO HIS PARTNER...

KNOT HOLE SURE
CAME IN HANDY...
LOOK WHAT MR.
LAKE IS DOING!

THAT HE'S CHANGING INTO
A DISGUISE--IT
LOOKS FAMILIAR!
WHY...HE'S BECOME
MARTY KALE!



KALE--THE UNDERWORLD FLOATER! SO THAT'S HOW MR. LAKE HAS BEEN GETTING HIS INFORMATION...



HE CREATED EXACTLY! AND NOTICE HOW HE UTILIZED THE SAME LETTERS OF HIS TRUE NAME TO MAKE A FALSE ONE... LAKE... KALE! OOPS! HE'S COMING OUT-- LET'S TAKE COVER!

MOMENTS LATER, AS THE PAIR CHANGE INTO THEIR COSTUME IDENTITIES-- BATMAN AND ROBIN...

GOSH, MR. LAKE HAS A SECRET CRIME-FIGHTING IDENTITY JUST AS WE DO, BATMAN!

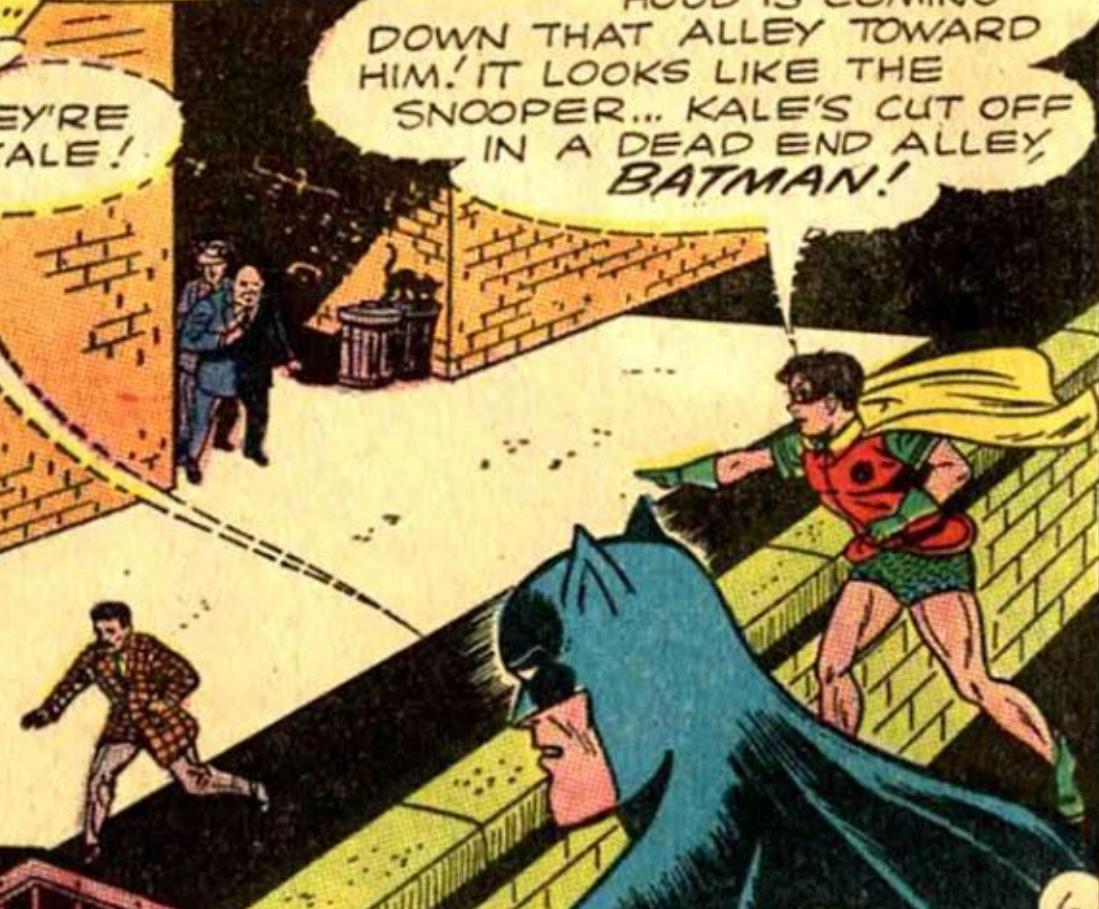
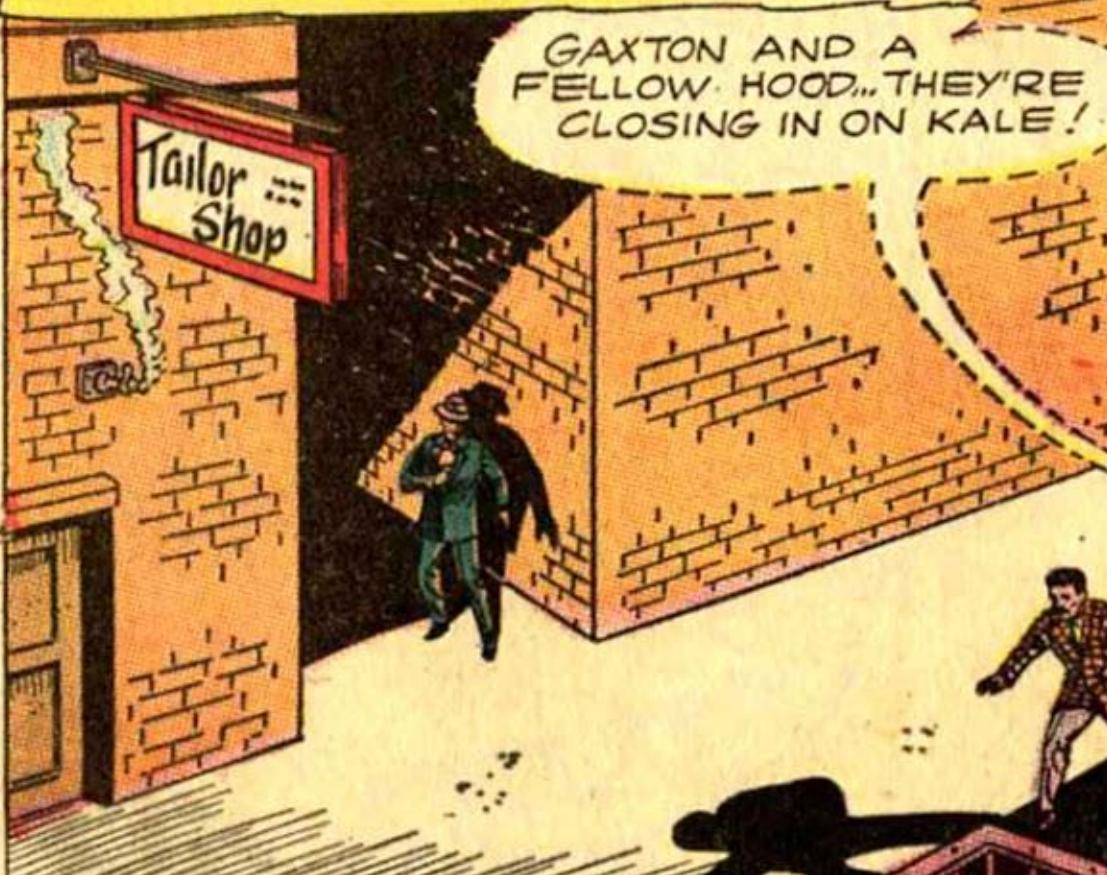
YES, AND WE'LL KEEP HIS SECRET JUST AS WE'D WANT HIM TO KEEP OURS! BUT THINGS ARE SO HOT WITH THE JACKAL IN OPERATION, WE'D BETTER KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE ON OUR DISGUISED REPORTER FRIEND!



SOON AFTER, AS KALE DESCENDS A FIRE ESCAPE, BATMAN'S FEARS ARE ABOUT TO BE REALIZED...

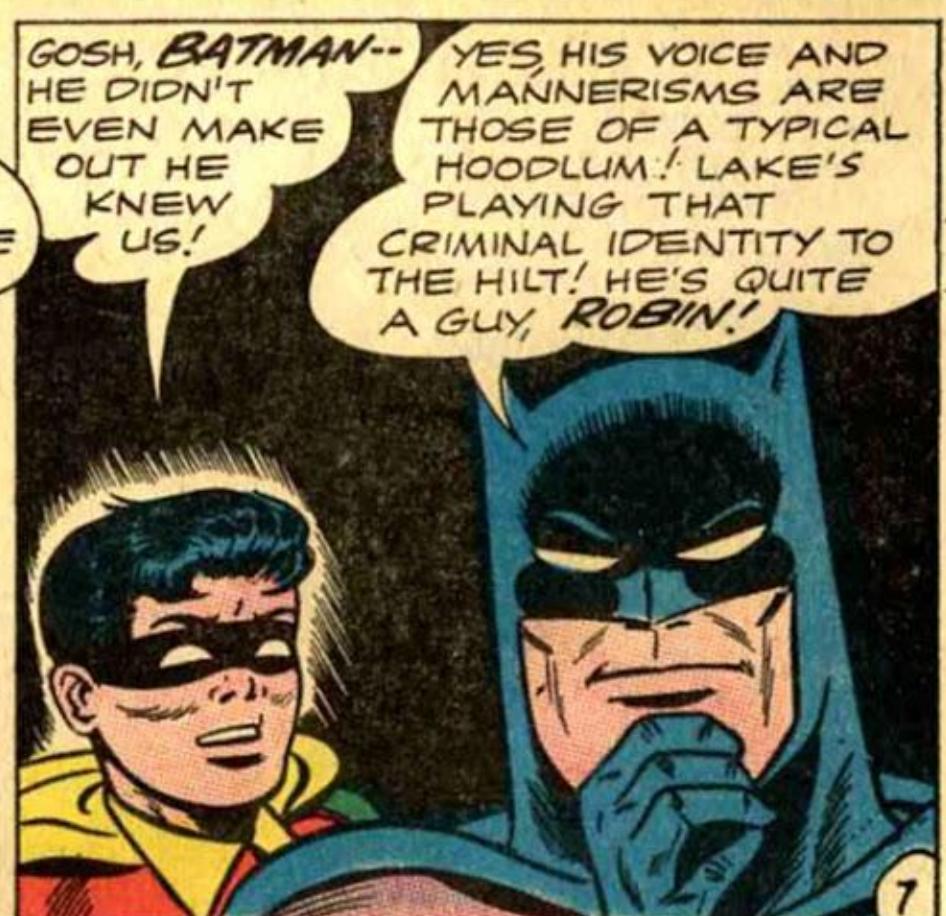
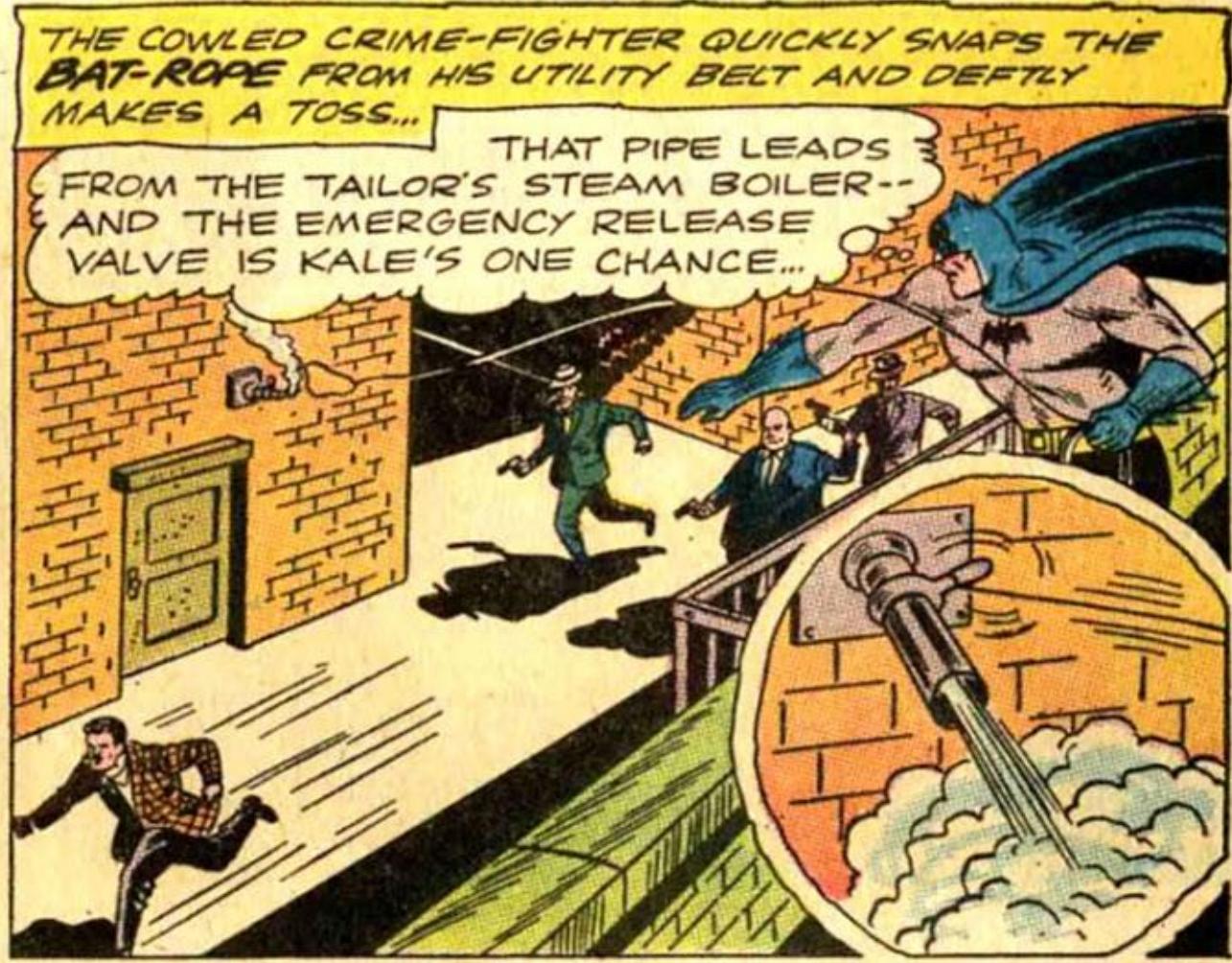
AND ANOTHER HOOD IS COMING

DOWN THAT ALLEY TOWARD HIM! IT LOOKS LIKE THE SNOOPER... KALE'S CUT OFF IN A DEAD END ALLEY, BATMAN!





BATMAN



NEXT DAY, THE BATMOBILE SHORT WAVE RADIO BLARES AND...

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN! CRIME REPORTER HAL LAKE WANTS TO SEE YOU IN HIS OFFICE... AT ONCE! THAT IS ALL...

THIS MAY BE IT, ROBIN! PERHAPS LAKE, AS KALE, STUMBLED ONTO SOME VITAL INFORMATION...

SHORTLY...

GOSH, MR. LAKE ISN'T HERE, BATMAN! BUT THERE'S A LETTER ON HIS DESK ADDRESSED TO US!



NOON! THAT DOESN'T GIVE US MUCH TIME, BATMAN!

HAVE LEAD TO JACKAL'S HIDEOUT AT BUSY BEE HONEY FARM. BUT AS DENTON GANG PLANS TO BOARD RAJAH'S YACHT, NILE PRINCESS, AT NOON TODAY AND ROB JEWELS, THE JACKAL WILL POSSIBLY BE THERE.

I KNOW, ROBIN -- WE'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST! WITH A LITTLE LUCK, WE'LL BE ABLE TO PREVENT THAT ROBBERY AND BAG THE JACKAL, TOO!

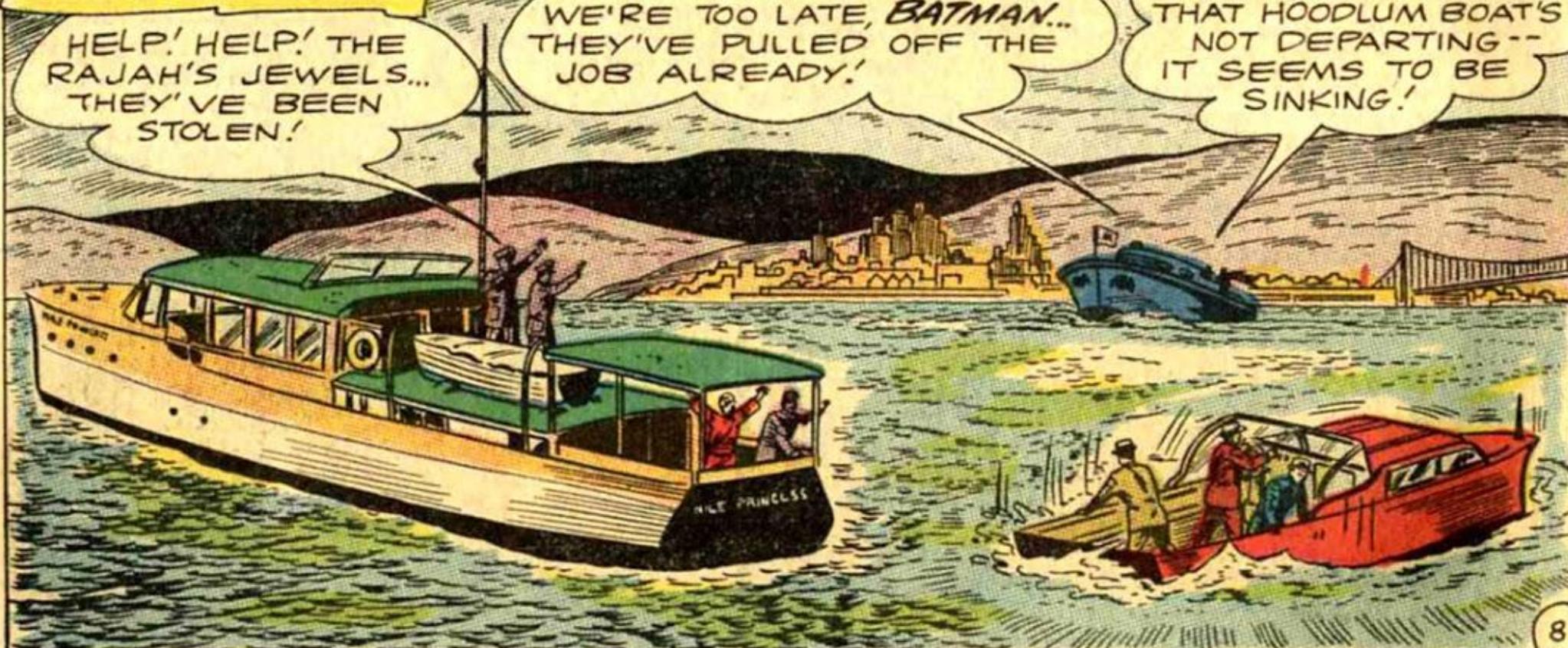


BUT SOON AFTER, AS THE DYNAMIC DUO SPEEDS INTO GOTHAM HARBOR...

HELP! HELP! THE RAJAH'S JEWELS... THEY'VE BEEN STOLEN!

WE'RE TOO LATE, BATMAN... THEY'VE PULLED OFF THE JOB ALREADY!

YES, BUT SOMETHING'S WRONG, ROBIN! THAT HOODLUM BOAT'S NOT DEPARTING -- IT SEEMS TO BE SINKING!



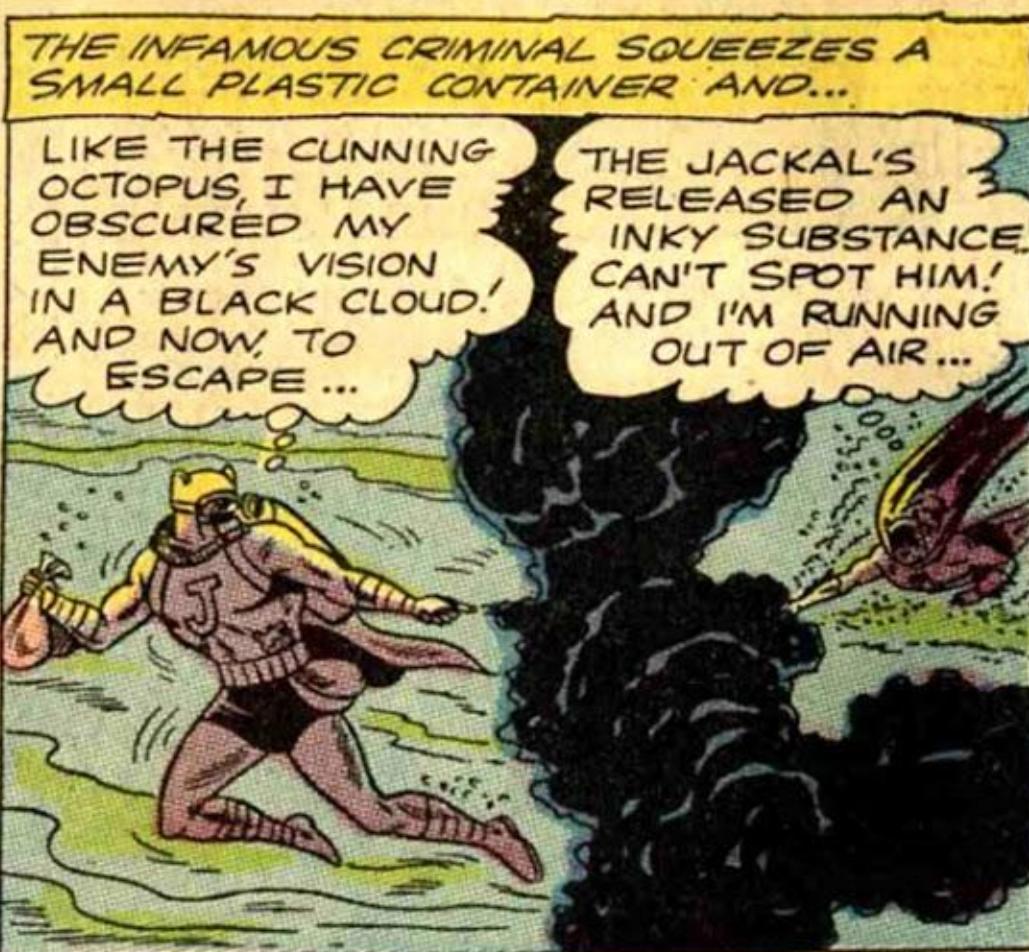
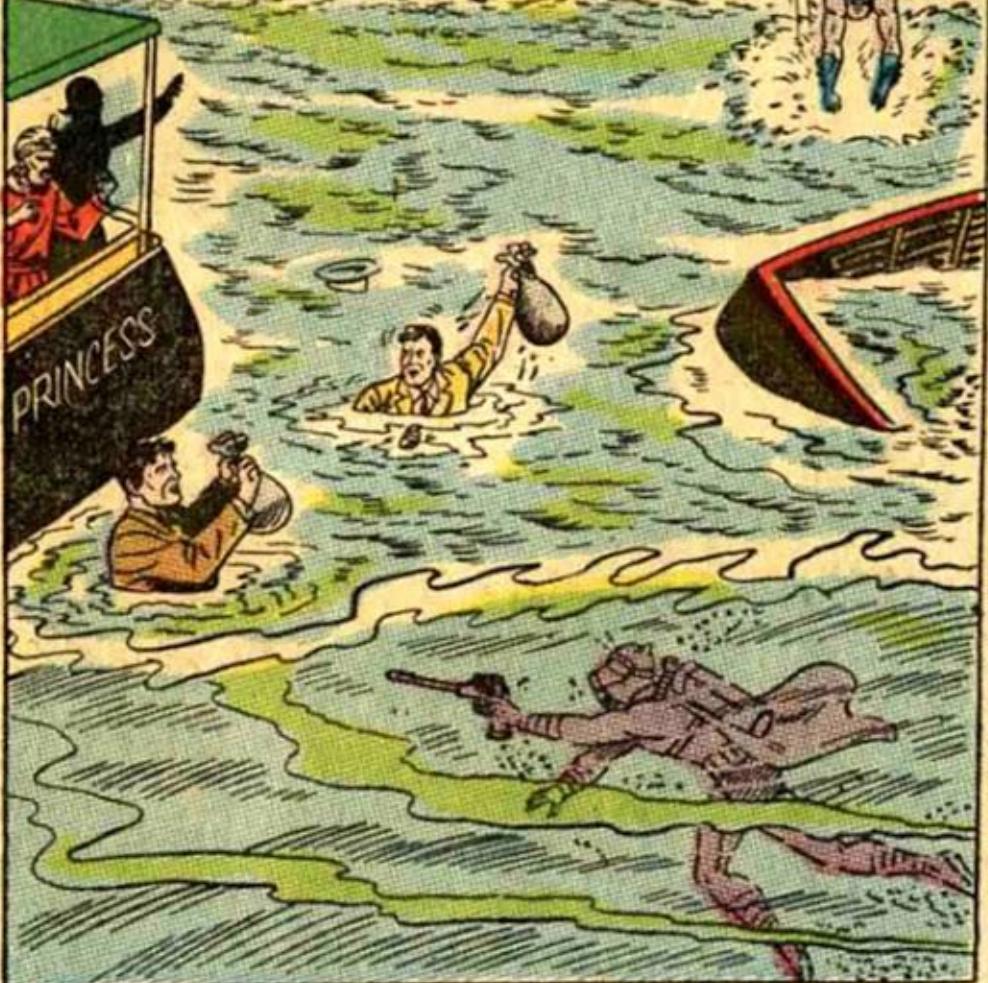
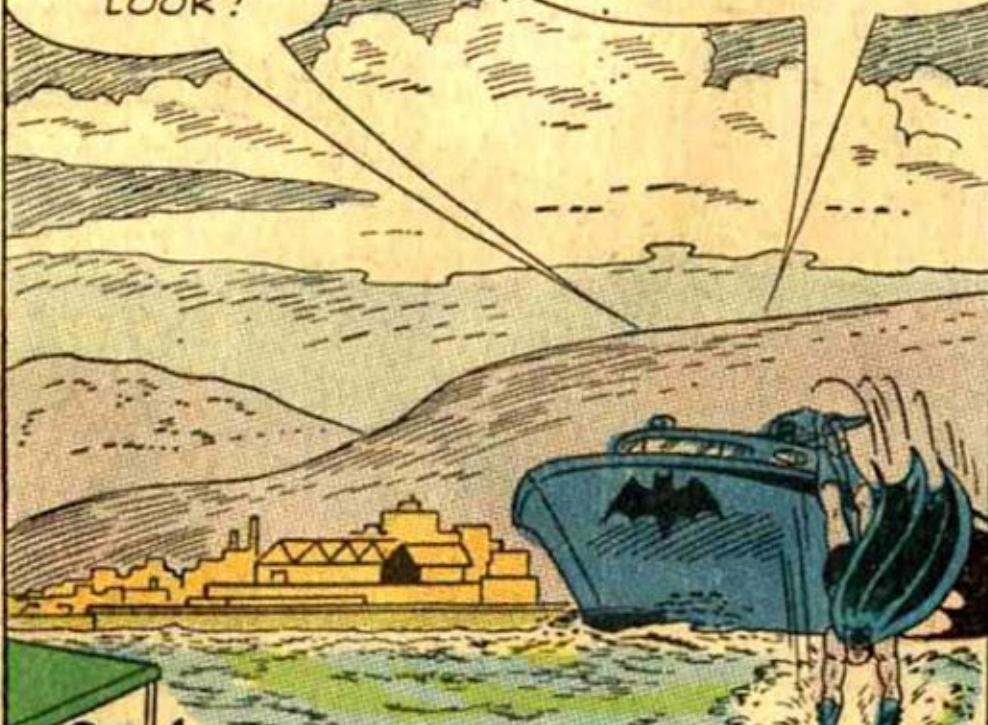
SOMEONE'S BENEATH THE SURFACE... SCUTTLING THAT CRUISER, ROBIN! I'M GOING DOWN AND HAVE A LOOK!

THOSE FLOUNDERING CRIMINALS AREN'T IN ANY POSITION TO GIVE ME TROUBLE, BATMAN! I'LL PICK THEM UP...

AND TENSE SECONDS LATER, BENEATH THE SURFACE...

THE JACKAL AGAIN! HE USED AN ACETYLENE TORCH TO CUT A HOLE IN THE BOAT BOTTOM! AND NOW HE'S TRYING TO PLUNDER THE STOLEN LOOT FROM THOSE THIEVES--GOT TO STOP HIM...

BATMAN! TIME TO LAUNCH MY UNDER-WATER ESCAPE PLAN...

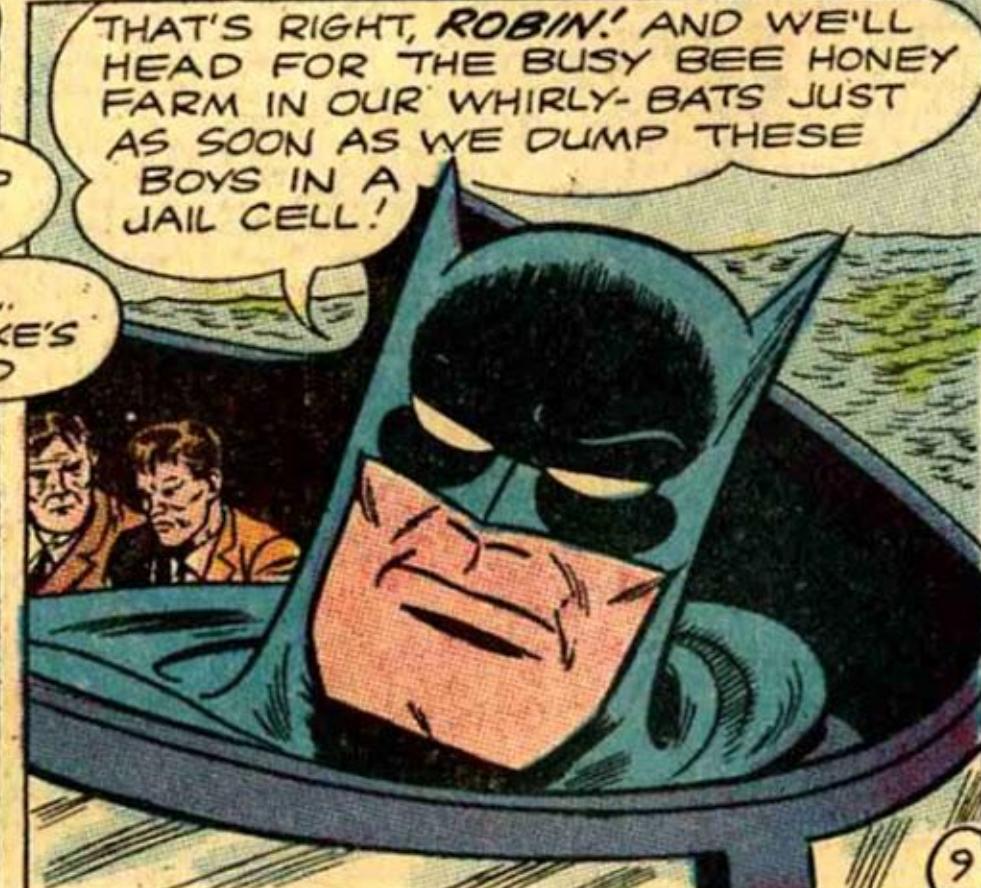


SURFACING, THE COWLED CRIME-FIGHTER BOARDS THE BAT-BOAT WHERE...

IT WAS THE JACKAL, ROBIN... AND HE CLEVERLY SLIPPED OUT OF MY HANDS AGAIN!

WELL, AT LEAST I LANDED THE HOLDUP TRIO, BATMAN! AND AS FOR THE JACKAL, REMEMBER... WE STILL HAVE MR. LAKE'S LEAD TO HIS SUSPECTED HIDEOUT!

THAT'S RIGHT, ROBIN! AND WE'LL HEAD FOR THE BUSY BEE HONEY FARM IN OUR WHIRLY-BATS JUST AS SOON AS WE DUMP THESE BOYS IN A JAIL CELL!





BATMAN



SHORTLY...

IT'S THE JACKAL'S HIDEOUT, ALL RIGHT, BATMAN! BUT GAXTON AND THE SNOOPER HAVE BEATEN US HERE! THEY'RE GOING TO SHOOT HIM!

THE SNOOPER... KALE... THE JACKAL! OF COURSE, ROBIN-- WE'VE BEEN BLIND! C'MON... WE'VE GOT TO SAVE THAT COSTUMED CRIMINAL'S LIFE!

A MOMENT LATER, BIRD-LIKE FIGURES SOAR THROUGH THE BEE PLANT AND...

THIS HUGE BEE COMB SHOULD MESS UP GAXTON'S MURDER PLANS...

BATMAN AND ROBIN! BLAST 'EM!



BUT BEFORE THE CRIMINALS CAN GET OFF A SHOT...

THAT BURIED THEM, BATMAN... IN A MOUNTAIN OF HONEY!

BUT THE JACKAL'S ESCAPING, ROBIN! OR SO HE THINKS...



THE COWLED CRIME-FIGHTER RELEASES HIS GRIP ON THE BAT-ROPE-- AND AN INSTANT LATER...

SORRY-- BUT I HAVE SOME IMPORTANT THINGS TO DISCUSS WITH YOU, JACKAL!

AND WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO REGROUPS...

THOSE HONEY-DRAPE CHARACTERS AREN'T GOING ANYWHERE, BATMAN-- I BOUND THEM! BUT IF THE GANG WAS AFTER KALE, HOW DID THEY EVER GET A LEAD TO THE JACKAL?

YOU'LL FIND THE ANSWER TO THAT ONE WHEN YOU REMOVE THE JACKAL'S HEAD-GEAR, ROBIN! BRACE YOURSELF FOR A SHOCK!



BEWILDERED, ROBIN KNEELS BEFORE THE UNCONSCIOUS VILLAIN AND...

KALE--
THE JACKAL!

YES, ROBIN! HE EVEN USED A NAME THAT HAD LETTERS SIMILAR TO HIS OWN! I TUMBLED TO THE FANTASTIC TRUTH WHEN WE SPOTTED GAXTON AND THE SNOOPER HERE...



BUT THIS IS CRAZY! KALE IS LAKE-- AND LAKE ACTUALLY TIPPED US TO THE JACKAL'S HIDEOUT HERE! HE... HE FINGERED HIMSELF! THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!

IT WILL... IF I CAN FIND A MIRROR, ROBIN! SEE IF YOU CAN LOCATE THE STOLEN LOOT WHILE I LOOK AROUND...



BATMAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT WASH ROOM MIRROR?

PROVING A POINT, ROBIN! I'VE GOT HIS DISGUISE REMOVED--AND HE'S REGAINING CONSCIOUSNESS...



WHEN THEY ATTACKED KALE EARLIER, WE BELIEVED IT WAS BECAUSE THEY SUSPECTED HIM OF GIVING INFORMATION TO HAL LAKE! ACTUALLY, IT WAS BECAUSE THE SNOOPER HAD LEARNED THAT KALE WAS TIPPING THE JACKAL OFF TO UNDERWORLD CRIMES!

THEN THE SNOOPER MUST HAVE LATER TRAILED KALE TO THE JACKAL'S HIDEOUT HERE! HE NOTIFIED GAXTON, AND THEY WERE WAITING TO GET THE JACKAL, NOT REALIZING HE WAS KALE!

MINUTES LATER, ROBIN IS FURTHER PERTINACIOUS...

THE SOLID GOLD CONVERTIBLE... CRATED AND ADDRESSED TO THE POLICE! AND SO ARE THE SACKS OF JEWELS STOLEN FROM THE YACHT... AND EVERYTHING ELSE THE JACKAL PLUNDERED...



I HAD A HUNCH THAT'S WHAT YOU'D FIND, ROBIN! COME IN HERE...

THE CRIME-REPORTER'S EYES OPEN SLOWLY! THEN, AS THE MIRROR REFLECTS HIS FIGURE...

BATMAN... ROBIN! WHAT AM I DOING HERE... AND WEARING THE JACKAL'S CRIME COSTUME?... IS THIS A GAG OF SOME KIND?

I WISH IT WERE, HAL! THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS... YOU ARE THE JACKAL!



I'M WHO! OH,
COME OFF IT,
BATMAN!

IT'S TRUE, HAL... YOU
DEVELOPED A FANTASTIC
SPLIT PERSONALITY! OR
RATHER YOUR UNDERWORLD
SELF, KALE, DID! YOU BECAME
SO ENgrossed IN YOUR CRIME-
FIGHTING THAT YOUR MIND
SNAPPED SOMEWHERE
ALONG THE WAY-- THAT
ACCOUNTS FOR
THOSE HEAD-
ACHES YOU WERE
HAVING...

AS KALE, YOU
ADOPTED THE ROLE
OF THE JACKAL--A
CRIMINAL TO CHEAT
CRIMINALS OF
THEIR PLUNDER!

THE PIECES ARE
BEGINNING TO FALL
TOGETHER, **BATMAN!**
WHEN HE WAS HAL
LAKE, HE FOUGHT
CRIME AS A REPORTER,
AND AS THE JACKAL,
HE FOUGHT IT IN
ANOTHER WAY!



BUT I--I REMEMBER
MY KALE IDENTITY!
YET I CAN'T
RECALL ANY
CONNECTION
WITH THE
JACKAL!

OF COURSE NOT!
THAT PART OF
YOUR KALE
IDENTITY THAT
BECAME 'THE JACKAL'
WAS UNKNOWN TO HAL
LAKE! THE PART YOU
WERE AWARE OF
TIPPED YOU OFF TO
PLANNED CRIME...

...AND THEN EVEN TIPPED
HIM OFF TO THE JACKAL'S
HIDEOUT! DEEP DOWN,
HE **WANTED** HIMSELF
CAUGHT, EVEN THOUGH,
AS THE JACKAL, HE
WAS GOING TO SEND
ALL THE PLUNDER
TO THE POLICE!

YES, ROBIN!
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JACKAL! I'M SURE
THAT WHEN THE
AUTHORITIES KNOW
THE TRUTH, HAL
WILL BE PLACED IN
A HOSPITAL FOR
TREATMENT--NOT A
JAIL CELL!

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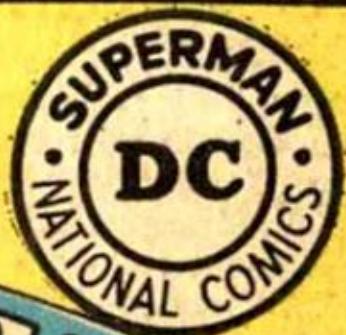
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LETTERS TO THE BAT-CAVE

Dear Editor: Magnificent is the only word that can explain my feelings about the copy of BATMAN that I recently bought, No. 154. The cover story, "The Strange Experiment of Dr. Dorn," was very good and it had a lot of action. "Danger Strikes Four" was good, too, but not up to your standard stories. The Amazing Odyssey of Batman and Robin was the best of all—it was tricky and suspenseful with a good plot. Keep up the good work!

Charles Rogers Jr., Norfolk, Va.

Dear Editor: Your issue of BATMAN No. 154 was great. My favorite story was "The Strange Experiment of Dr. Dorn." After reading this issue, it made Batman my favorite character.

Don Miller, Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Editor: The word for the recent issue of BATMAN is GREAT. "Danger Strikes Four" was good—I like Batman II and Robin II. Will we be seeing them again? Also, the other stories were top hits.

David Faigen, Pittsburgh, Pa.

(Yes, we'll be having more Batman II and Robin II stories in future issues.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Since Batman appears in WORLD'S FINEST and DETECTIVE, and neither has a letter page, I am writing my comments to the Bat-Cave column. In WORLD'S FINEST, I like almost everything. In "The Riddle of the Four Planets," I could find only two things wrong and neither was very important. The aliens were kind of far-fetched, and Batman's and Superman's bodies were sort of like barrels in some of the pictures. I didn't find anything wrong with the other stories, but I think it would help if Aquaman was taken out and the Green Arrow stories took up more pages.

In DETECTIVE, "The Challenge of the Cat-Man" was very good, and I hope you have more of the Cat-Man in future issues. The J'onn J'onzz story was good, and I certainly hope you have him keep little Zook as a pet and helper.

Donald Schank, Freehold, N. J.

(The June issue of WORLD'S FINEST had a longer Green Arrow adventure. The current Aug. issue, in deference to the many Aquaman fans, has a big Aquaman story. The Sept. issue, in turn, will have another expanded Green Arrow adventure. In each case, as the lead feature, we're publishing a super-length Superman-Batman story. We hope this policy meets with a favorite response. As for DETECTIVE, Cat-Man is back again in the Aug. issue in an extra-length story, and Zook will certainly continue to appear in the Manhunter stories.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I am a great fan of yours and I would like to subscribe to WORLD'S FINEST. How do I go about this?

Carl E. Brodley, Nashville, Tenn.

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your copy right away; it takes a month or two to process your subscription order.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I think you have exhibited good judgment by increasing the Martian Manhunter's "labor space" in DETECTIVE COMICS. Previously, my opinion of him was only fair, but now it has shot up tremendously. The recent introduction of the little alien creature, Zook, is fine; please don't go overboard with him, though. I also have a question concerning the Martian Manhunter. In what city does he operate?

John DeVries, Madison, N.J.

(The July issue of DETECTIVE mentions the city—Middletown.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In the March issue of WORLD'S FINEST, in the story, "Batman and Robin, Medieval Bandits," you made an error that almost any reader would recognize at first sight. I am referring to Page 8, panel 5, where you have Bruce Wayne (Batman) saying: "Then we'll get into space costumes and rush to Nichols' lab!" They could have changed into space costumes, but it wouldn't be fitting in this story, and besides they didn't appear in any sort of space costume. It should have been "spare costumes."

Otherwise, this story was superb. The artwork was very good as usual. It was somewhat superior to all the other stories I have read, with a very unusual ending.

Tommy Gamble, North East, Md.

(Sometimes, we do have lettering errors which are obvious, but several people wrote in about this, somewhat confused. You're right, of course—the reference was to spare costumes.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: "The Mystery of the \$1,000,000 Treasure Hunt" was one of the best DETECTIVE COMICS I've ever read. And "The Wizard Who Conquered J'onn J'onzz" was terrific. I also enjoyed, in BATMAN No. 154, "The Strange Experiment of Dr. Dorn." Will we see more of Batman II and Robin II, Vicki Vale and Bat-Hound? Could you please give me a wrap-up of the coming Batman stories?

Sam Rossino, Melrose, Mass.

(All the characters you mention will continue to appear in our stories. Bat-Hound is starred in the Sept. BATMAN issue in a sensational story, "The Super Bat-Hound." In WORLD'S FINEST, for Sept., we have a super-length Superman-Batman story you'll never forget, "The Batman Nobody Remembered." And the Sept. DETECTIVE will feature "The Fantastic Dr. No-Face." The current crop of Batman adventures, though, should hold you until then: "The Cat-Man Strikes Back" in DETECTIVE, "Menace of the Future Man" in WORLD'S FINEST, and last but not least, the new GIANT BATMAN ANNUAL No. 5, featuring "The Strange Lives of Batman and Robin."—Ed.)

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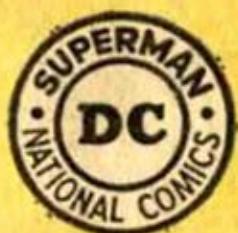
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BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
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OFF BALANCE!
WHAT'S
HAPPENED?

THE MIRROR-MAN RETURNS! THAT BIZARRE CRIMINAL WHO USES HIS KNOWLEDGE OF MIRRORS FOR CRIME IS BACK AGAIN TO CREATE TROUBLE FOR BATMAN! FOR IT WAS THE MIRROR-MAN WHO ONCE LEARNED THAT BATMAN WAS BRUCE WAYNE AND VOWED ONE DAY TO PROVE IT! NOW THAT DAY HAS COME--NOW THE MIRROR-MAN BEGINS TO CARRY OUT HIS THREAT IN...

The HUNT for **BATMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY**

THE MIRROR-MAN'S
GIMMICKED THIS ROOM
WITH SLIDING MIRRORS--
SO THAT THE WHOLE
ROOM HAS BECOME
A GIANT
KALEIDOSCOPE!

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KANE

BATMAN

A MIRROR CAN REVEAL MANY THINGS...

BRUCE WAYNE'S MIRROR REVEALS THE SECRET FACE OF BATMAN...

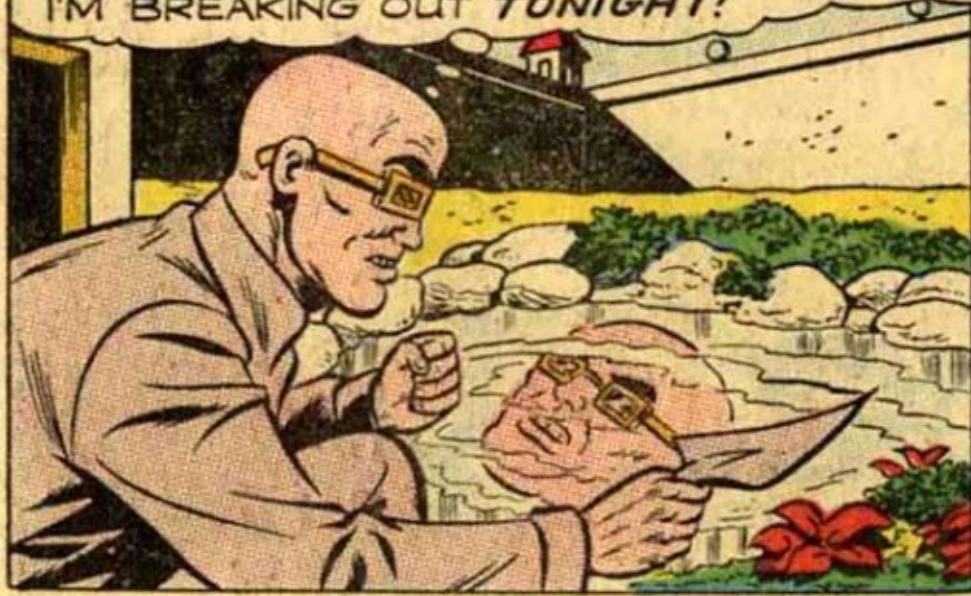
KATHY KANE'S MIRROR REFLECTS THE UNMASKED FACE OF BATWOMAN...

THE MIRROR OF MAGAZINE PHOTOGRAPHER VICKI VALE HAS NO SECRETS -- BUT TRULY SHOWS THE FACE OF A WOMAN IN LOVE...



BUT IT IS A SMALL GARDEN POOL THAT MIRRORS THE FACE OF CONVICT FLOYD VENTRIS...

ME -- THE MIRROR-MAN -- A PRISONER GARDENER! I WON'T HAVE TO BEAR THAT HUMILIATING SIGHT MUCH LONGER -- I'M BREAKING OUT TONIGHT!



LATER THAT NIGHT, LEARNING OF THE ESCAPE, BATMAN AND ROBIN RECALL...

WHEN WE LAST FOUGHT MIRROR-MAN, HE STOLE AN X-RAY DEVICE FROM A DEAD SCIENTIST -- AND WITH IT, SAW THROUGH MY COWL! LUCKILY, ONLY HE SAW MY FACE AND I MANAGED TO OUTWIT HIM WHEN HE TRIED TO CONVINCE THE WORLD THAT I WAS BRUCE WAYNE!

YES, BUT NOW HE'LL TRY AGAIN EVEN THOUGH THE DEVICE WAS DESTROYED!



ROBIN IS CORRECT, BUT AT HIS HIDEOUT, MIRROR-MAN'S HIRELINGS ARE UNCONVINCED!

AW, BOSS, WE'D LIKE TO BELIEVE YOU, BUT...

YOU WILL! I'VE ALREADY LEARNED THAT TOMORROW AT NOON, BRUCE WAYNE WILL BE ATTENDING A SPECIAL LUNCHEON AT THE GOTHAM MEN'S CLUB! AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME, WE'LL BE PULLING A CRIME ELSEWHERE...

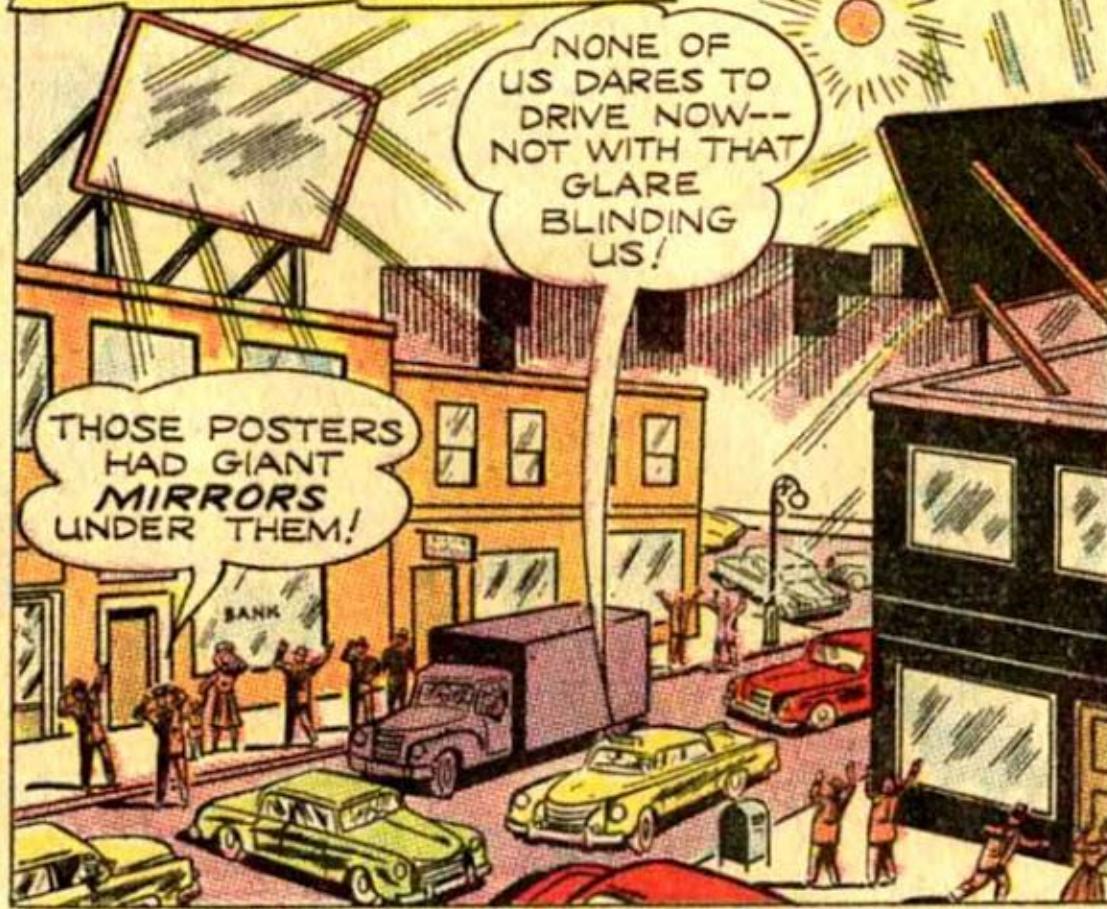
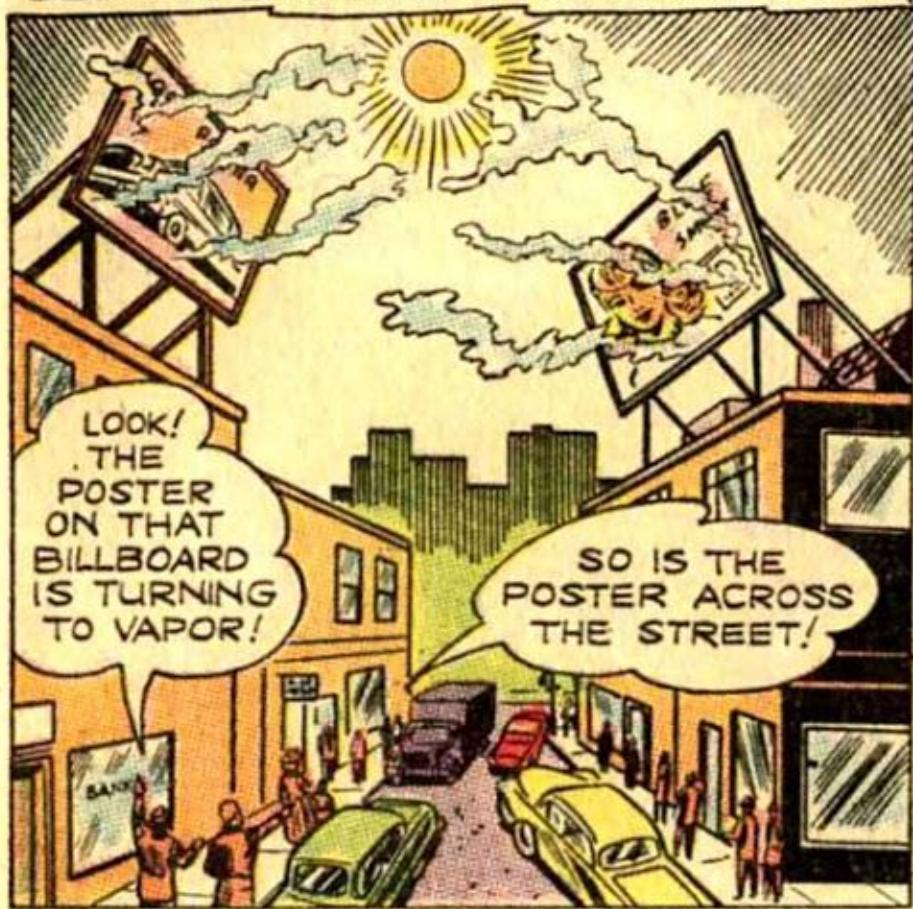


... BUT BATMAN WON'T INTERFERE BECAUSE YOU, HARRY, WILL BE WATCHING WAYNE CONSTANTLY, SO THAT HE'LL HAVE NO CHANCE TO CHANGE TO HIS BATMAN IDENTITY!



NOON THE FOLLOWING DAY! TWO BILLBOARDS THAT LOOK DOWN UPON A BUSY STREET, BEGIN A STRANGE TRANSFORMATION...

IN MINUTES, THE POSTERS DISAPPEAR--AND DAZZLING SHAFTS OF REFLECTED SUNLIGHT PARALYZE TRAFFIC BELOW!



AND AT BRUCE'S CLUB, BEFORE HIS SCHEDULED LUNCHEON BEGINS...

...THE MIRRORS HAVE SNARLED TRAFFIC IN THE AREA...

THE MIRROR-MAN'S WORK! OBVIOUSLY, THE POSTER PAPER WAS MADE OF CHEMICALS THAT VAPORIZES AFTER EXPOSURE TO STRONG SUNLIGHT! I'D BETTER MAKE AN EXCUSE AND LEAVE SO I CAN ASSUME MY BATMAN IDENTITY!

IRONICALLY, LIKE A MIRROR A SHOP WINDOW REFLECTS MIRROR-MAN'S HIRELING TO BRUCE...

HARRY VANCE--A FORMER CRONY OF MIRROR-MAN! I'LL WAGER MIRROR-MAN IS HAVING ME WATCHED! HOW CAN I GET AWAY TO STOP MIRROR-MAN AS BATMAN--AND STILL DISPROVE HIS CLAIM THAT I AM BATMAN!



A DOUBLE DILEMMA--BUT BRUCE SOLVES IT BY STARTING ACROSS THE STREET AND...

NOW--I'LL PRETEND TO TRIP...

CHEE! WAYNE STUMBLED RIGHT INTO THAT OPEN MANHOLE!

UHH...

HE'S KNOCKED OUT! LUCKILY, NO WORKMEN ARE AROUND--THEY MUST HAVE QUIT FOR LUNCH! MEANWHILE, I BETTER MAKE SURE NO PASSERBY SPOTS WAYNE DOWN THERE!

JUST AS I EXPECTED, HE'S

PUTTING THE COVER ON THE MANHOLE TO HIDE ME FROM VIEW! NOW I CAN BECOME BATMAN UNSEEN!



DANGER!
TUNNEL
UNDER
REPAIR

BATMAN

MOMENTS LATER...

MIRROR-MAN'S TARGET HAS TO BE THE VALUABLE JADE MIRROR JUST RECEIVED BY THE GOTHAM MUSEUM! THIS TUNNEL LEADS TO A MANHOLE WITHIN THE MUSEUM GROUNDS-- I CAN STILL STOP HIM BEFORE HE ESCAPES IN THE CONFUSION MADE BY HIS BILLBOARD MIRRORS!



AT THE MUSEUM, VICKI VALE IS PHOTOGRAPHING THE JADE MIRROR FOR HER MAGAZINE, WHEN...

AH, MISS VALE! PERHAPS YOU'D CARE TO PHOTOGRAPH THE PERFECT ROBBERY? HA! HA!

MIRROR-MAN!



SUDDENLY...

BATMAN...

OR A BATMAN-ROBOT!
IF SO, THIS GADGET WILL
JAM THE CIRCUITS OF
ITS ELECTRONIC BRAIN!



UNAFFECTED? SO, YOU'RE
BATMAN HIMSELF--BUT SOON
I'LL PROVE THAT YOUR OTHER
SELF IS BRUCE WAYNE!
GET HIM, MEN!

BATMAN--
BRUCE WAYNE?!!

BUT DICK GRAYSON HAS HEARD THE NEWS FLASH ABOUT THE BILLBOARD MIRRORS,
TOO--AND ROBIN ARRIVES TO LEND A HAND...

OKAY, BATMAN--I'LL STOP
MIRROR-MAN!

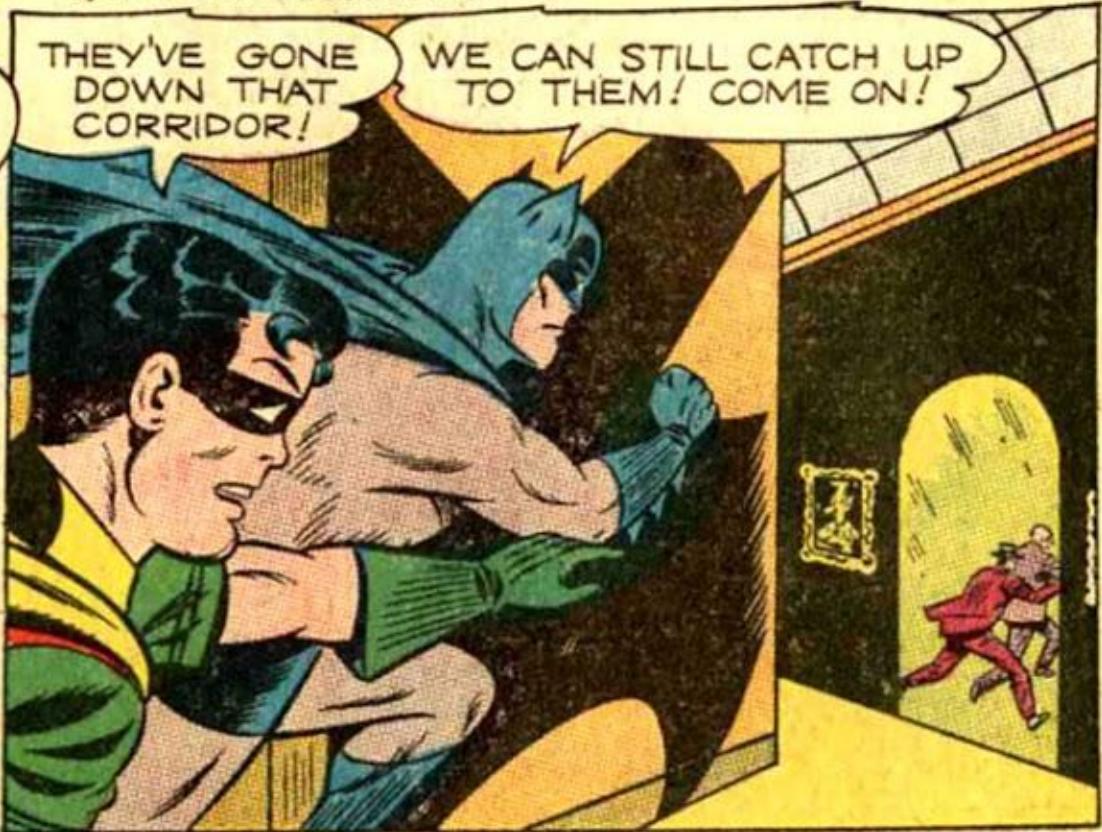
ROBIN
INTENDS TO
SHOVE THAT
SAMURAI WARRIOR
INTO MIRROR-MAN.
IT'LL MAKE A
SWELL ACTION
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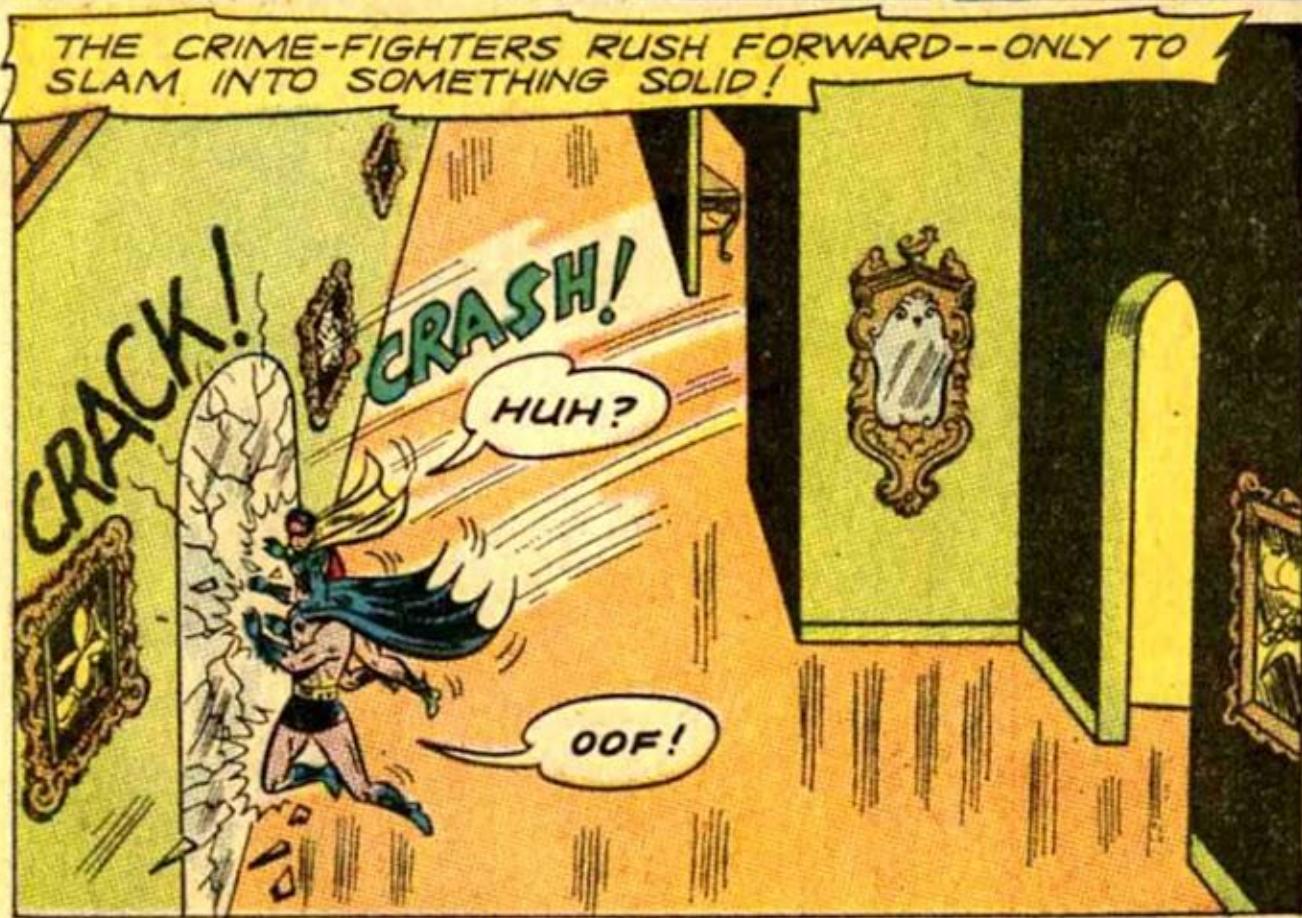
BUT, IN HER EAGERNESS, VICKI GETS TOO CLOSE--AND THE GLEAMING FLASHBULB ATTACHMENT SENDS A BEAM OF DAZZLING LIGHT AT ROBIN'S EYES...



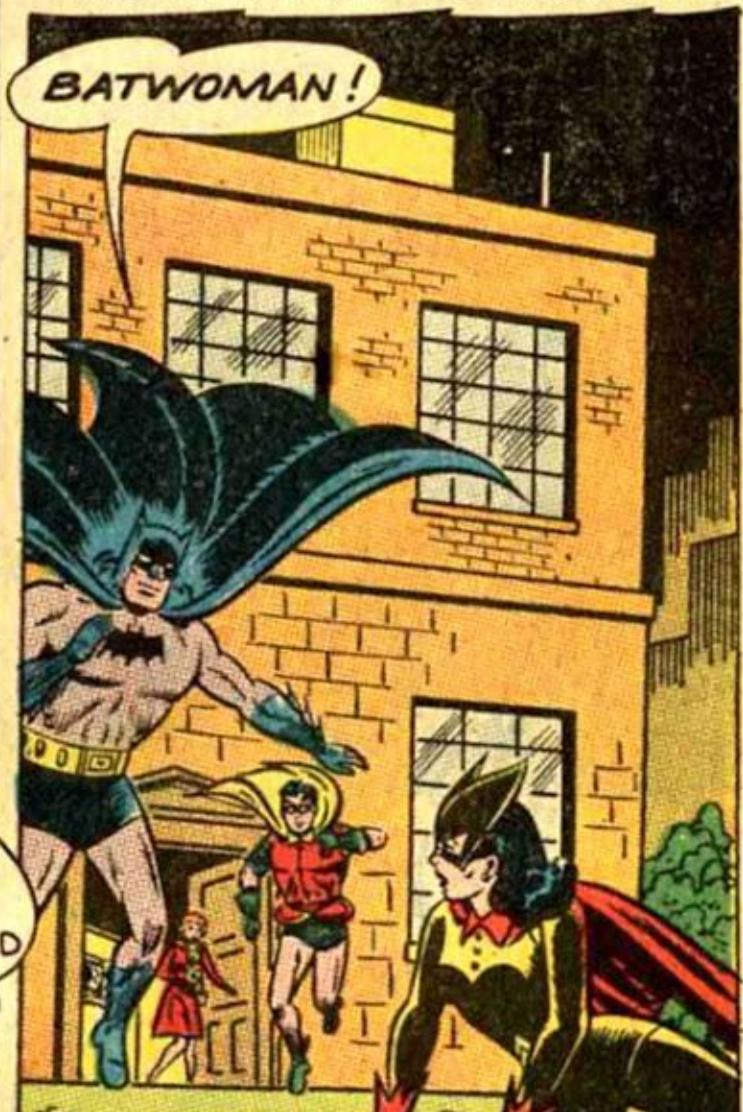
PRECIOUS MOMENTS ARE LOST BEFORE BATMAN AND ROBIN CAN PURSUE THEIR QUARRY AGAIN...



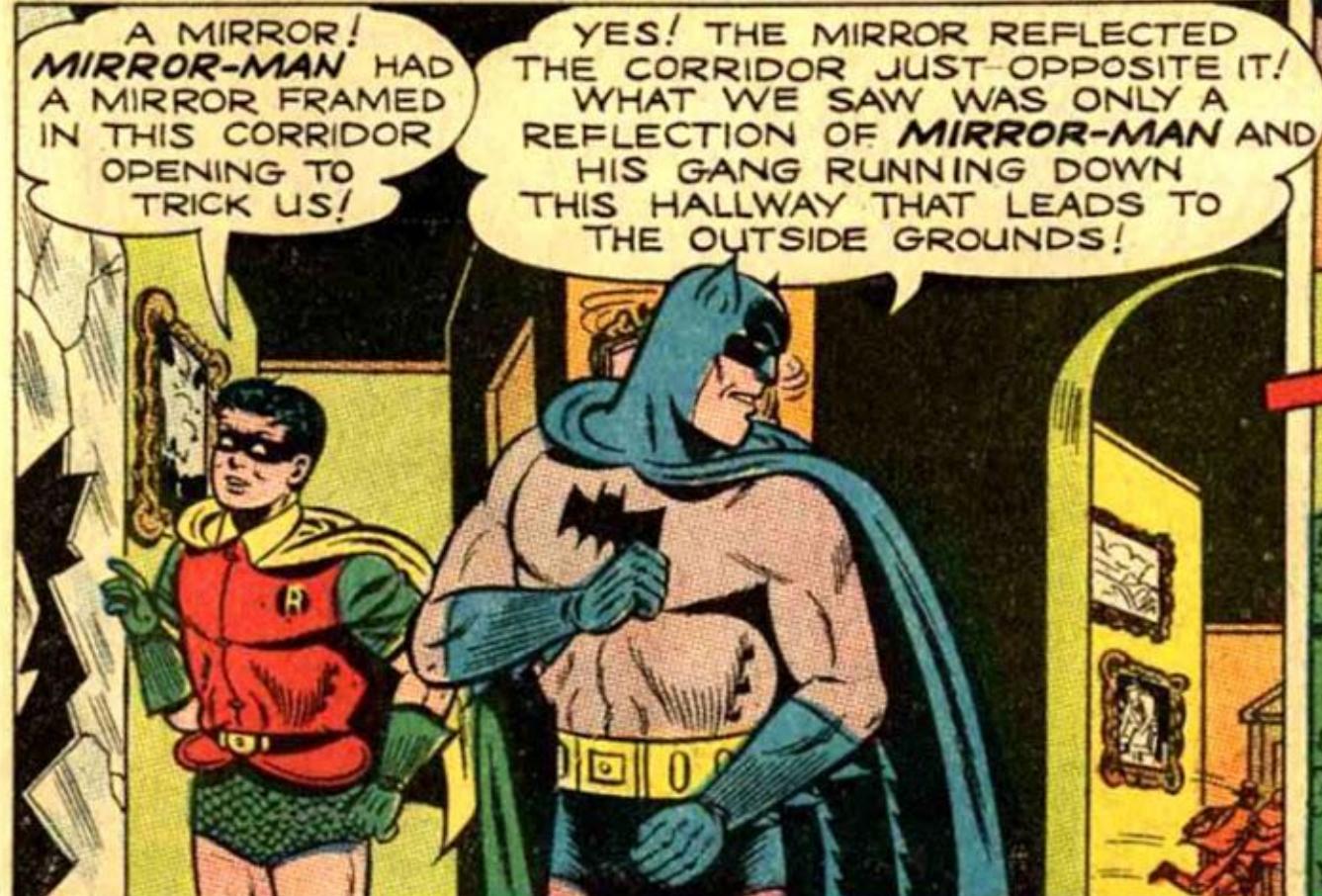
THE CRIME-FIGHTERS RUSH FORWARD--ONLY TO SLAM INTO SOMETHING SOLID!



SHORTLY, UPON RUSHING OUTSIDE, THEY COME UPON ANOTHER MANTLED FIGURE...



A MIRROR!
MIRROR-MAN HAD A MIRROR FRAMED IN THIS CORRIDOR OPENING TO TRICK US!



I HEARD THE NEWS FLASH--CAME TO INVESTIGATE--AND SAW THE MIRROR-MAN AND HIS GANG RUNNING OUT! I TRIED TO STOP THEM, BUT THEY OVERPOWERED ME!

BATMAN

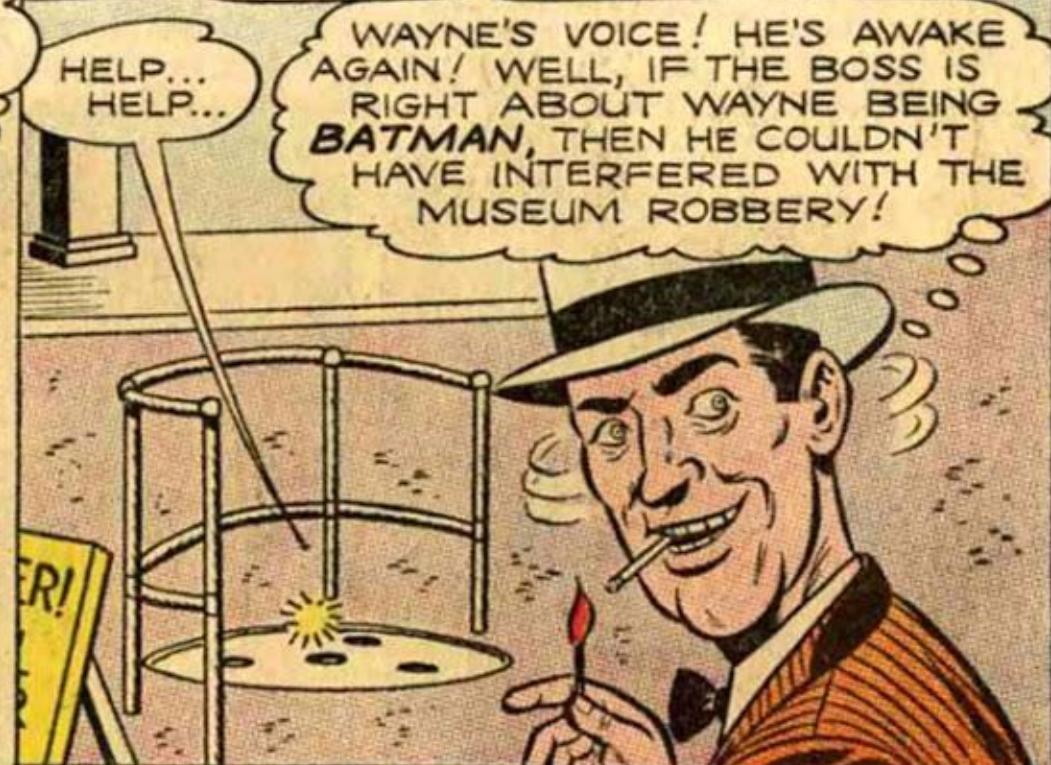
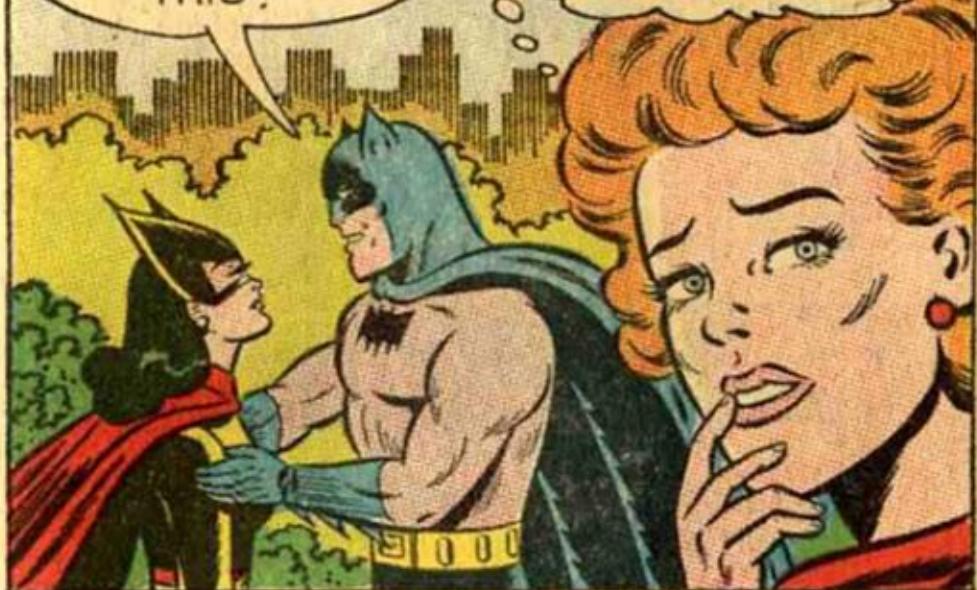
YOU DID A BRAVE THING TACKLING THOSE MEN ALONE, **BATWOMAN!**

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A BIG HELP-- SO DON'T FEEL BADLY ABOUT THIS!

A MAN ALWAYS CARES FOR A WOMAN WHO IS A HELP TO HIM! THAT'S WHY

BATWOMAN HAS A BETTER CHANCE FOR **BATMAN'S** LOVE THAN I HAVE...

SHORTLY, HIS **BATMAN** IDENTITY NO LONGER NEEDED, THE CRIME-FIGHTER SLIPS AWAY TO RETURN TO THE MANHOLE, WHERE...



BUT AT THE HIDEOUT LATER...

FOOL! WAYNE MUST'VE FAKED THAT FALL! ONCE YOU PUT THE COVER ON THE MANHOLE, HE SWITCHED TO HIS **BATMAN** IDENTITY UNSEEN BY YOU!

AW, BOSS-- JUST BECAUSE YOU THINK WAYNE IS **BATMAN** DON'T MEAN IT'S TRUE!

STILL SKEPTICAL? LISTEN -- TOMORROW NIGHT THE GOTHAM BOOK SOCIETY IS CELEBRATING ITS ACQUISITION OF A FIRST EDITION OF LEWIS CARROLL'S "**THROUGH THE LOOKING-GLASS**". STEALING THAT BOOK WILL BE A FITTING **MIRROR-MAN** CRIME!

BUT **BATMAN** MIGHT REALIZE THAT, TOO! HE'LL TRY TO STOP US...



HE WON'T BE ABLE TO! AND WHY? BECAUSE **BRUCE WAYNE** IS DONATING THAT BOOK -- AND **VICKI VALE** WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHING WAYNE DOING SO! NOW HERE'S MY PLAN...

MEANWHILE, A PLAN IS UNDERWAY AT THE WAYNE HOME, TOO...

MIRROR-MAN IS SURE TO TRY TO STEAL THE "**LOOKING GLASS**" BOOK TOMORROW NIGHT! AND HE KNOWS YOU CAN'T BE THERE AS BOTH **BATMAN** AND WAYNE!

TRUE! AND I CAN'T USE A **BATMAN-ROBOT** AS MY STAND-IN BECAUSE OF **MIRROR-MAN'S** ELECTRONIC GADGET! HMM...

BUT I CAN USE OUR TRUSTED BUTLER AND FRIEND, **ALFRED**! ALFRED, IN MAKE-UP AND A PADDED SUIT, WILL BE "**BRUCE WAYNE**"!



BATMAN

AT THAT MOMENT, IN HER HOME, VICKI RECALLS MIRROR-MAN'S WORDS TO BATMAN IN THE MUSEUM...

MIRROR-MAN BELIEVES BRUCE IS BATMAN! IF HE'S RIGHT, THEN I KNOW HOW I CAN EVEN BE A GREATER HELP TO BATMAN THAN BATWOMAN...



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, IN THE GOTHAM SOCIETY BUILDING, GUESTS ARE JUST ARRIVING FOR THE CELEBRATION...

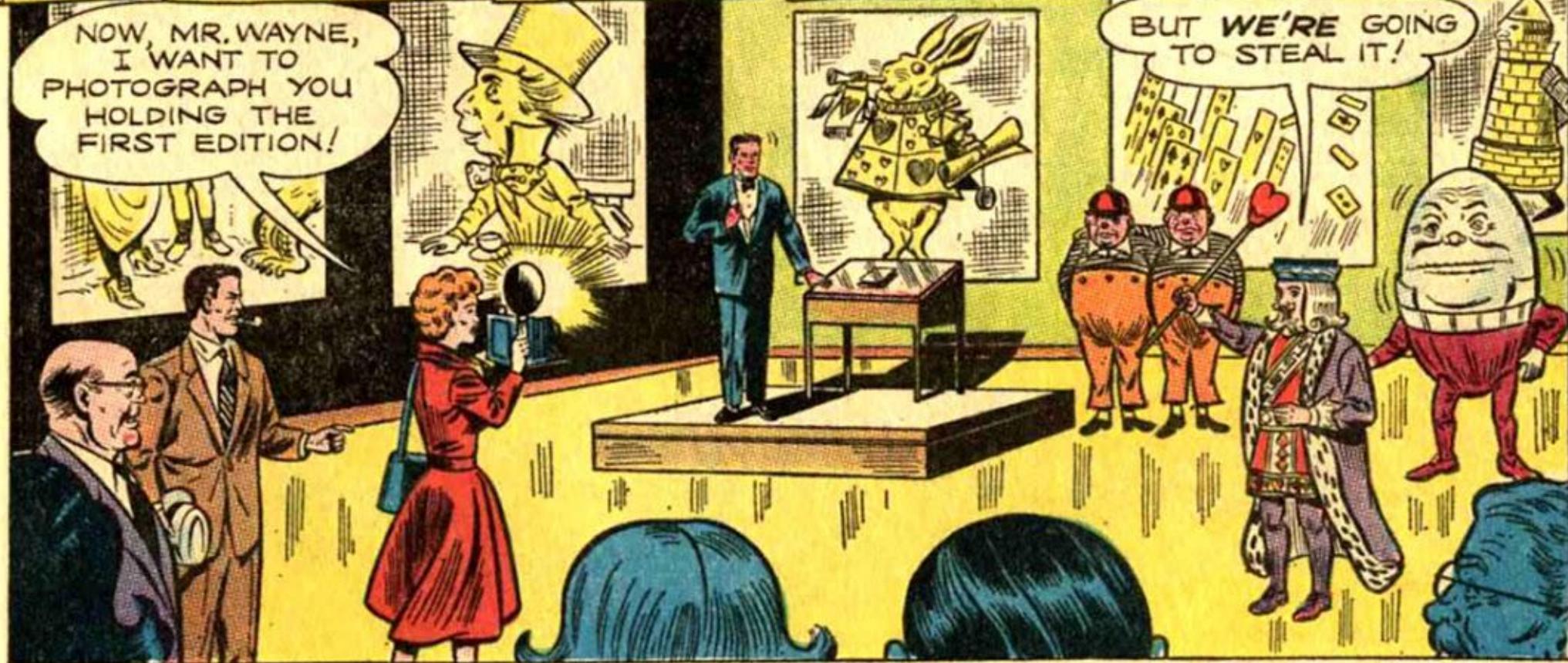
SOCIETY HAS THEIR HELP DRESSED AS CHARACTERS FROM THE BOOK!

SURE--AND WE'LL BE GOING THROUGH A LOOKING-GLASS, JUST AS ALICE DID!



INSIDE THE BALLROOM, VICKI VALE IS BUSY SETTING UP HER PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOTS...

NOW, MR. WAYNE,
I WANT TO
PHOTOGRAPH YOU
HOLDING THE
FIRST EDITION!



MIRROR-MAN!

TIE UP WAYNE, BOYS--JUST TO MAKE SURE THERE'S NO INTERFERENCE ON THIS JOB!



BUT AS THIS IS DONE...

B-BOSS--
IT'S
BATMAN
AND
ROBIN!

IMPOSSIBLE! YET
ONCE AGAIN MY
ELECTRONIC DEVICE
TELLS ME HE'S NOT
A ROBOT! I--I DON'T
UNDERSTAND...



AT THAT MOMENT, ANOTHER "BRUCE WAYNE" APPROACHES THE SOCIETY'S BUILDING!

JUST LIKE THE WHITE RABBIT, I'M LATE--AND ALL BECAUSE MY WATCH STOPPED! I'D BEST SAVE TIME BY TAKING THE SHORT CUT THROUGH THE SIDE ENTRANCE!

YES, ANOTHER "WAYNE"--FOR THIS IS ALFRED IN MAKE-UP!

AND SO, ALFRED ARRIVES UNNOTICED, TO SEE...

HUMPTY DUMPTY-- YOU'RE HEADING FOR A FALL!

TWEEDLEDUM-- MEET TWEEDLEDEE!

AH! THINGS HAVE ALREADY STARTED! PERHAPS NOW I SHOULD SHOW MYSELF AS BRUCE WAYNE!



BUT THEN ALFRED SEES...

ANOTHER BRUCE WAYNE! BUT THAT CAN'T BE! I'M "BRUCE WAYNE"-- THAT IS, BATMAN IS BRUCE WA... OH, THIS IS VERY CONFUSING! I DARE NOT SHOW MYSELF NOW! TWO WAYNES MIGHT AROUSE MIRROR-MAN'S SUSPICIONS AGAIN...



SUDDENLY, MIRROR-MAN PRESSES A BUTTON ON HIS COSTUME, AND...

DURING THE DAY, MY MEN AND I POSED AS THE DECORATORS-- AND GIMMICKED THE WALLS! NOW, THIS CONTROL BUTTON WILL START THEM OPERATING!

GREAT SCOTT! THE WALL PANELS ARE MOVING! THERE ARE GIANT MIRRORS BENEATH THE DRAWINGS!



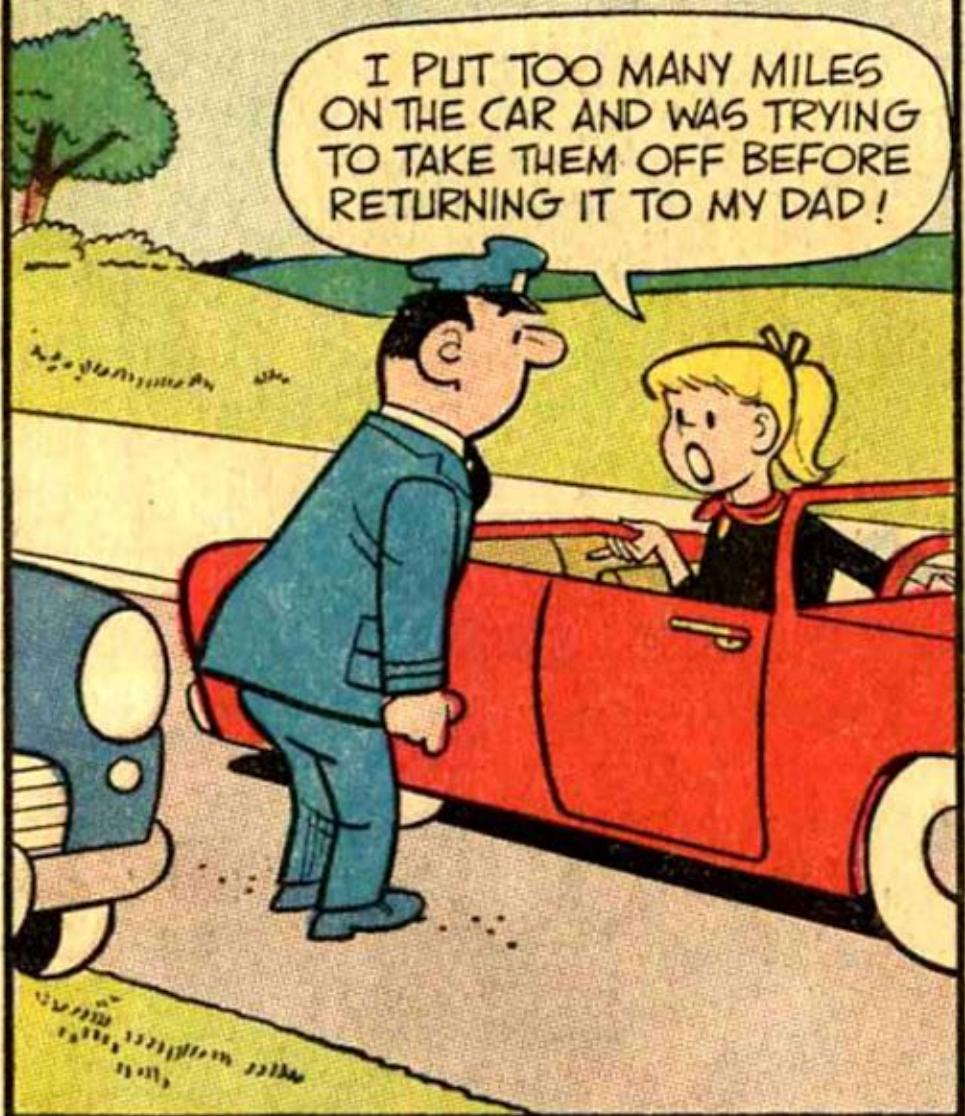
THE MIRRORED-WALLS START TO TIP AND SLIDE-- AND THE ENTIRE ROOM SEEKS TO SHIFT IN KALEIDOSCOPIC FASHION!



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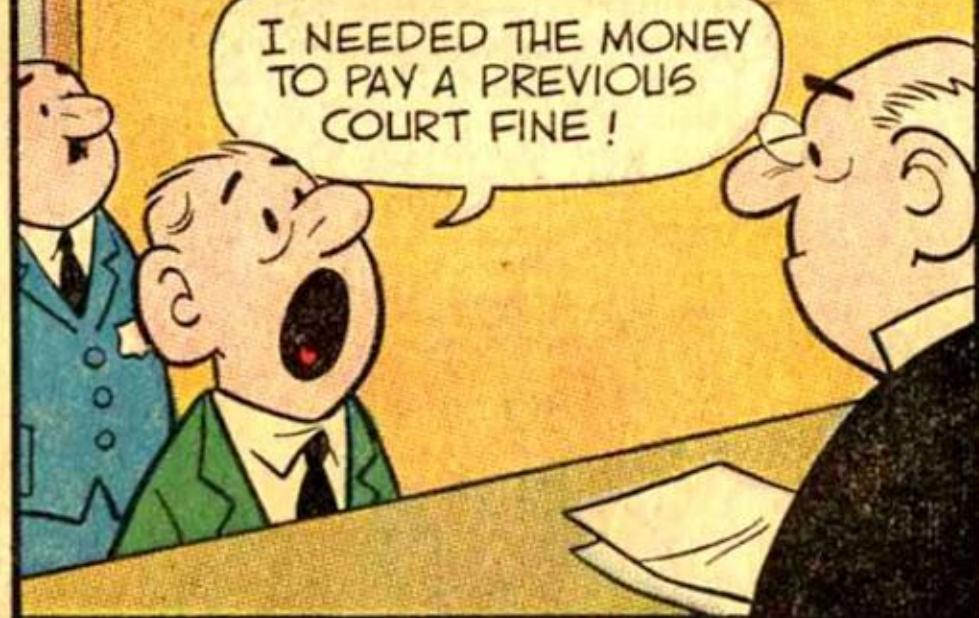


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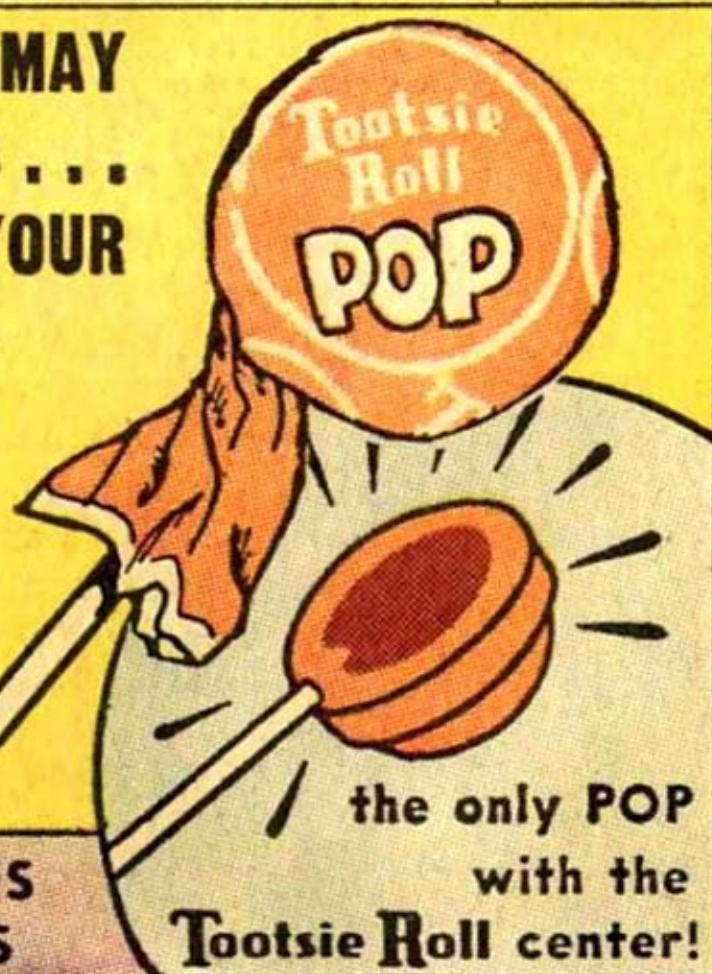
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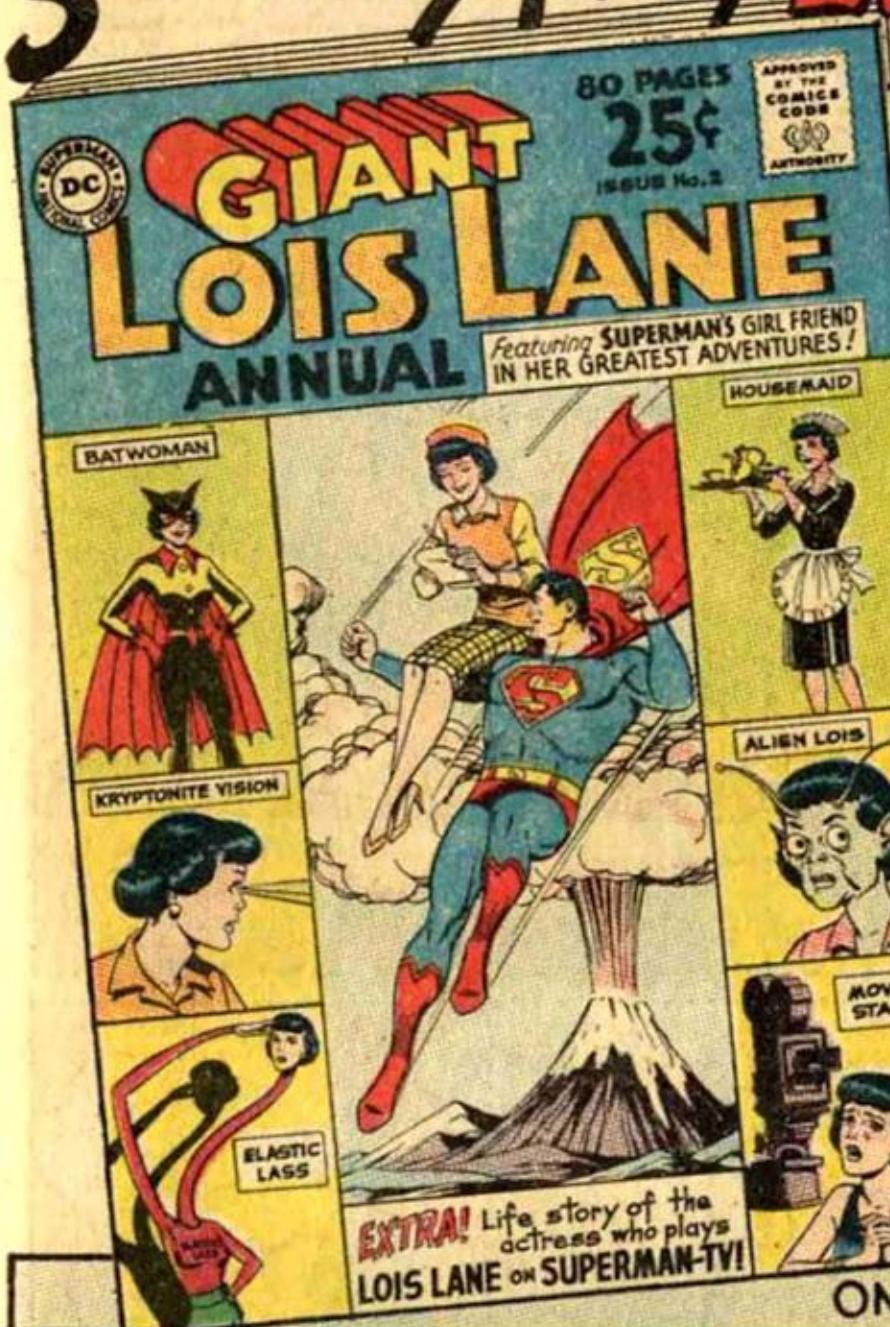
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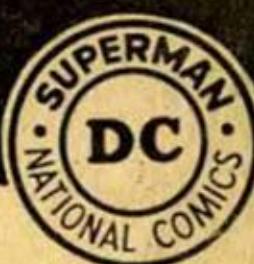
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AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** MANAGE TO RECOVER THEIR BALANCE AND CHASE AFTER THE ESCAPING **MIRROR-MAN** GANG...

MISS VALE, WHEN YOU HIRED ME AS A STAND-IN FOR MR. WAYNE, I DIDN'T BARGAIN FOR THIS!

I'LL SEND YOUR TALENT AGENCY AN EXTRA CHECK TO COMPENSATE FOR YOUR TROUBLE!

MINUTES LATER, FROM HIDING, ALFRED SEES...

BATMAN AND **ROBIN** RETURNING! **BATMAN** WILL SEE THE ACTOR AND THINK IT'S ME! HE MAY SAY SOMETHING TO HIM--EVEN CALL HIM ALFRED! WHAT CAN I DO TO TIP OFF **BATMAN**?



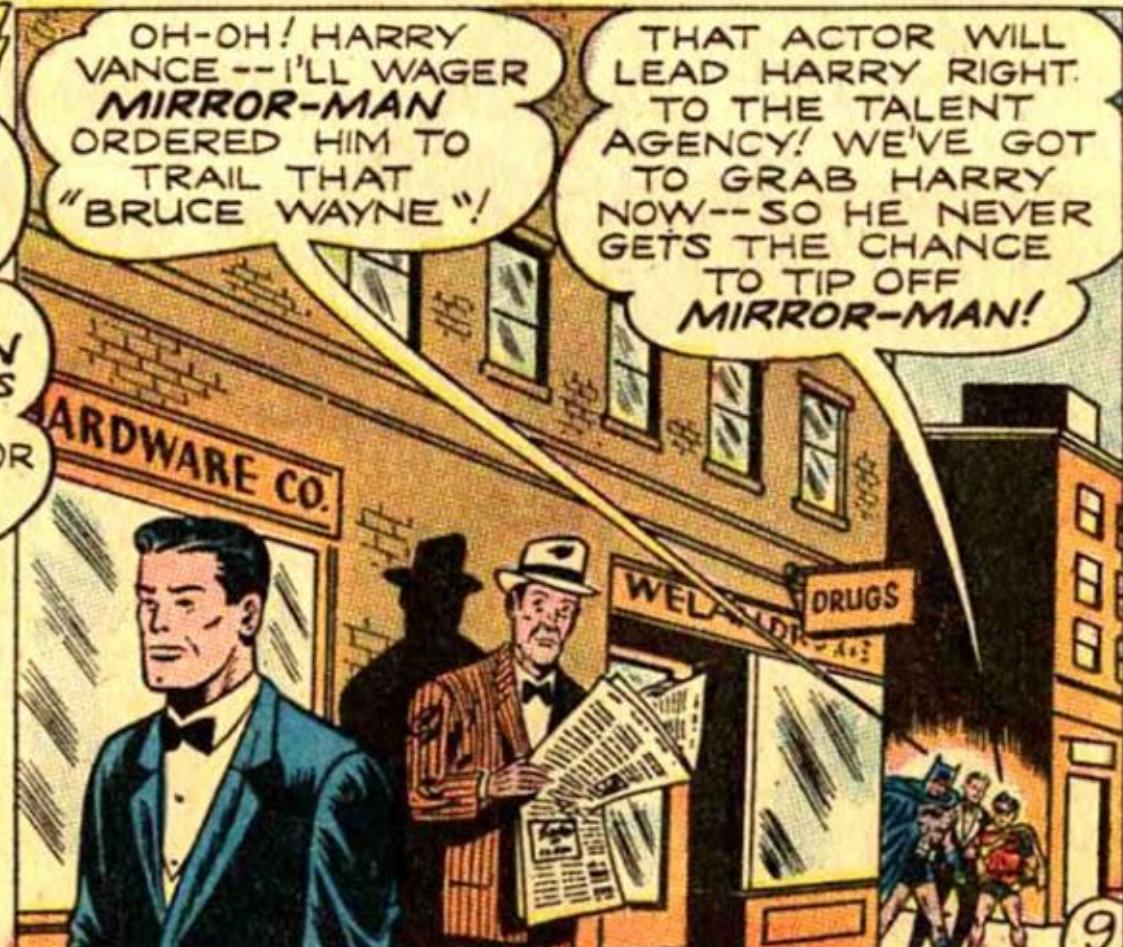
MINUTES LATER IN A DARK ALLEY ADJOINING THE BUILDING, THE TRIO MEETS...

LUCKILY, I WAS CARRYING A SMALL POCKET MIRROR TO CHECK ON MY MAKE-UP! SO I USED THE MIRROR LIKE A HELIOGRAPH TO SEND A CODE MESSAGE OF LIGHT FLASHES AT **BATMAN**!

BY TRYING TO HELP ME, VICKI HAS ONLY MADE THINGS WORSE! IF **MIRROR-MAN** EVER LEARNS THAT SHE HIRED AN ACTOR TO POSE AS ME...

OH-OH! HARRY VANCE -- I'LL WAGER **MIRROR-MAN** ORDERED HIM TO TRAIL THAT "BRUCE WAYNE"!

THAT ACTOR WILL LEAD HARRY RIGHT TO THE TALENT AGENCY! WE'VE GOT TO GRAB HARRY NOW--SO HE NEVER GETS THE CHANCE TO TIP OFF **MIRROR-MAN**!





BATMAN



NO, ROBIN--OUR JOB IS TO CAPTURE MIRROR-MAN--EVEN IF IT MEANS SACRIFICING OUR CAREERS! YOU TRAIL HARRY--IT MAY LEAD YOU TO MIRROR-MAN'S HIDEOUT! MEANWHILE, I CAN REAPPEAR MYSELF AS BRUCE WAYNE SO VICKI WON'T WONDER WHY I WASN'T AROUND TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED!

RIGHT! I'LL CONTACT YOU BY BELT-RADIO IF AND WHEN I REACH MIRROR-MAN'S HIDEOUT!

SHORTLY...

OH, VICKI--SORRY I'M LATE, BUT MY CAR BROKE DOWN!

OH, REALLY? WELL, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHS! EVERYTHING'S BEEN TAKEN CARE OF, SO YOU CAN GO ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS NOW!



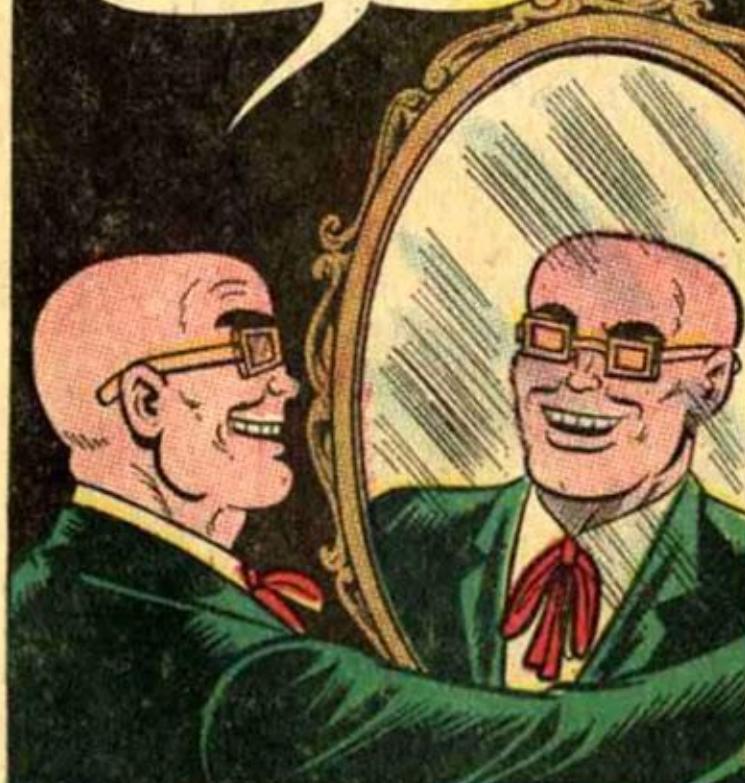
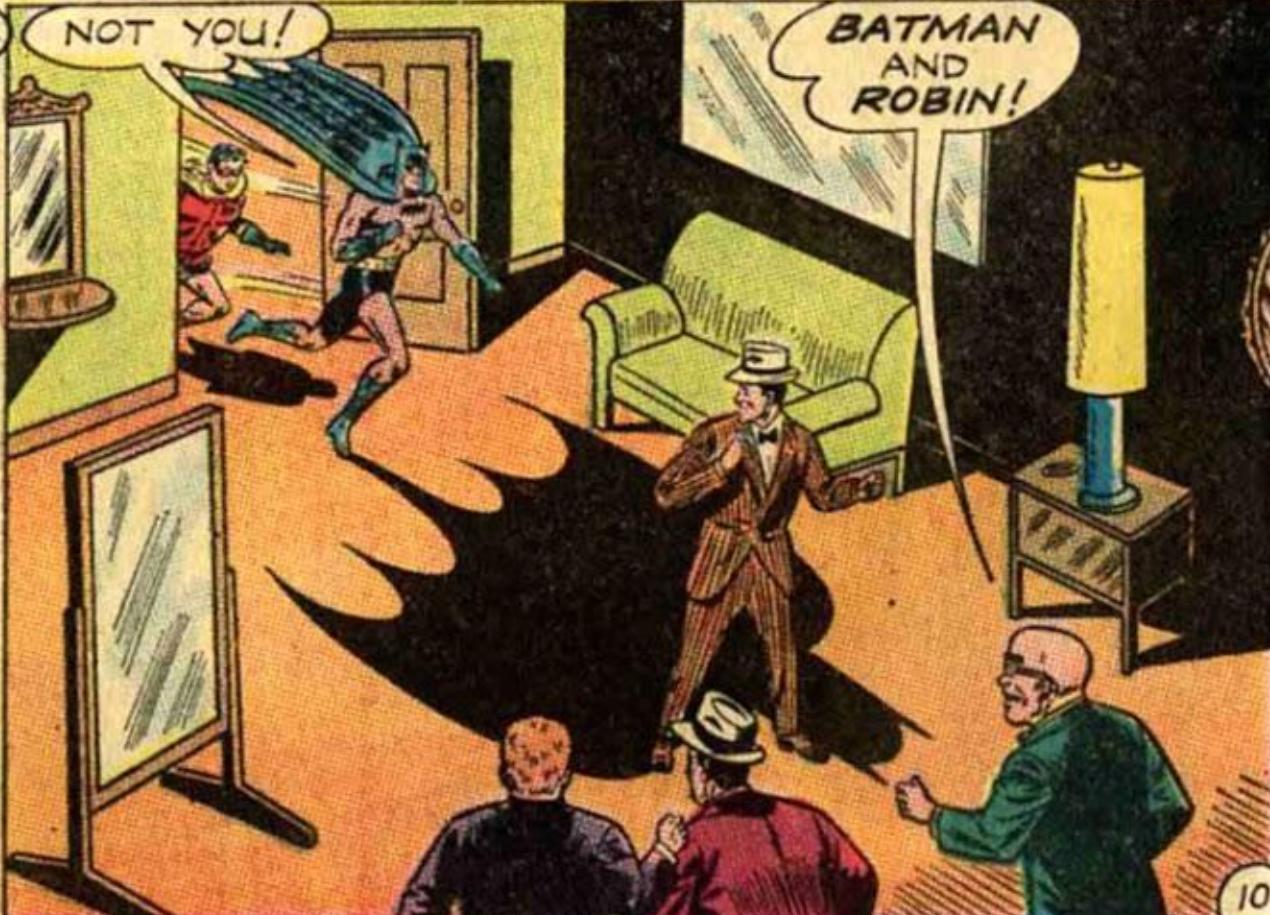
OF COURSE, HIS CAR COULD HAVE BROKEN DOWN--BUT IT'S A VERY WEAK EXCUSE AND MIRROR-MAN WOULD HAVE THOUGHT SO, TOO! IF BRUCE REALLY IS BATMAN, I'VE DONE HIM A GREAT SERVICE, AND HE'LL BE GRATEFUL TO ME!

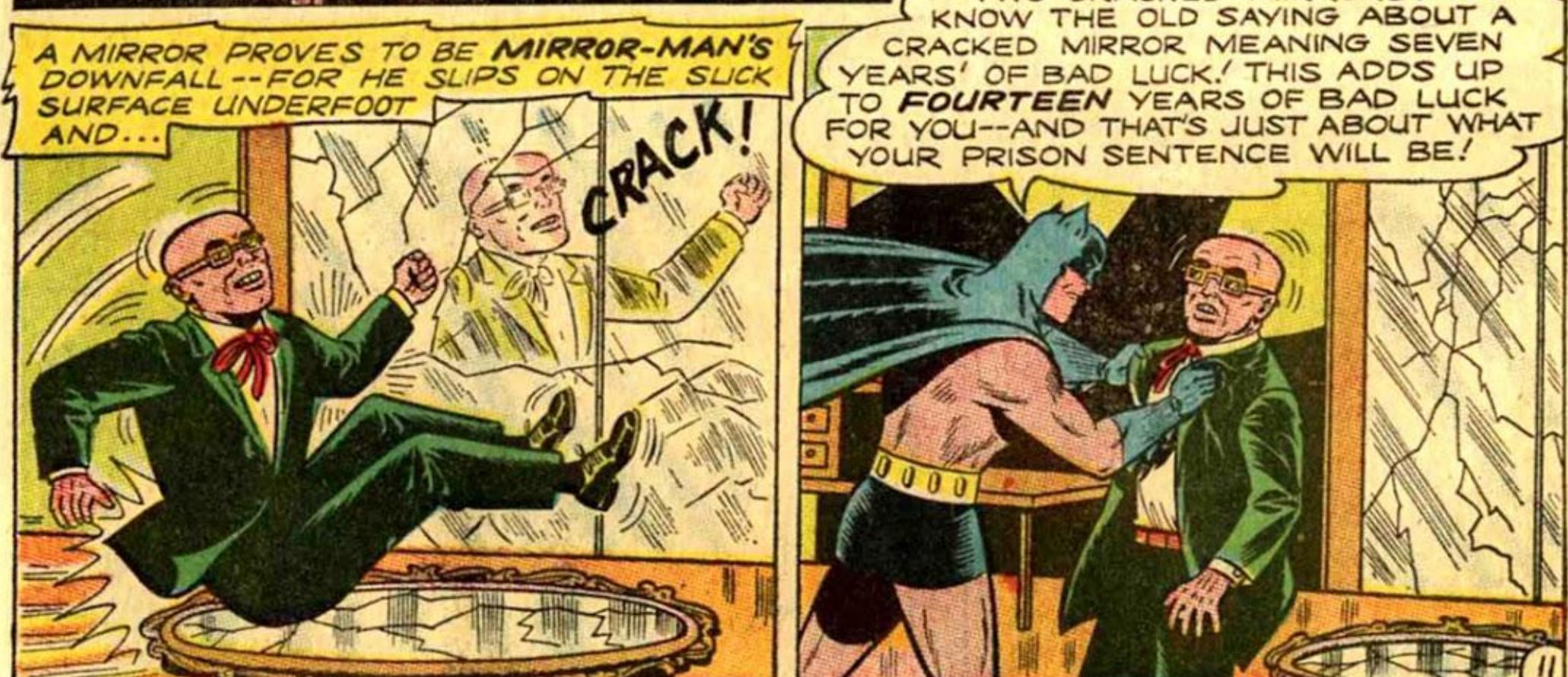
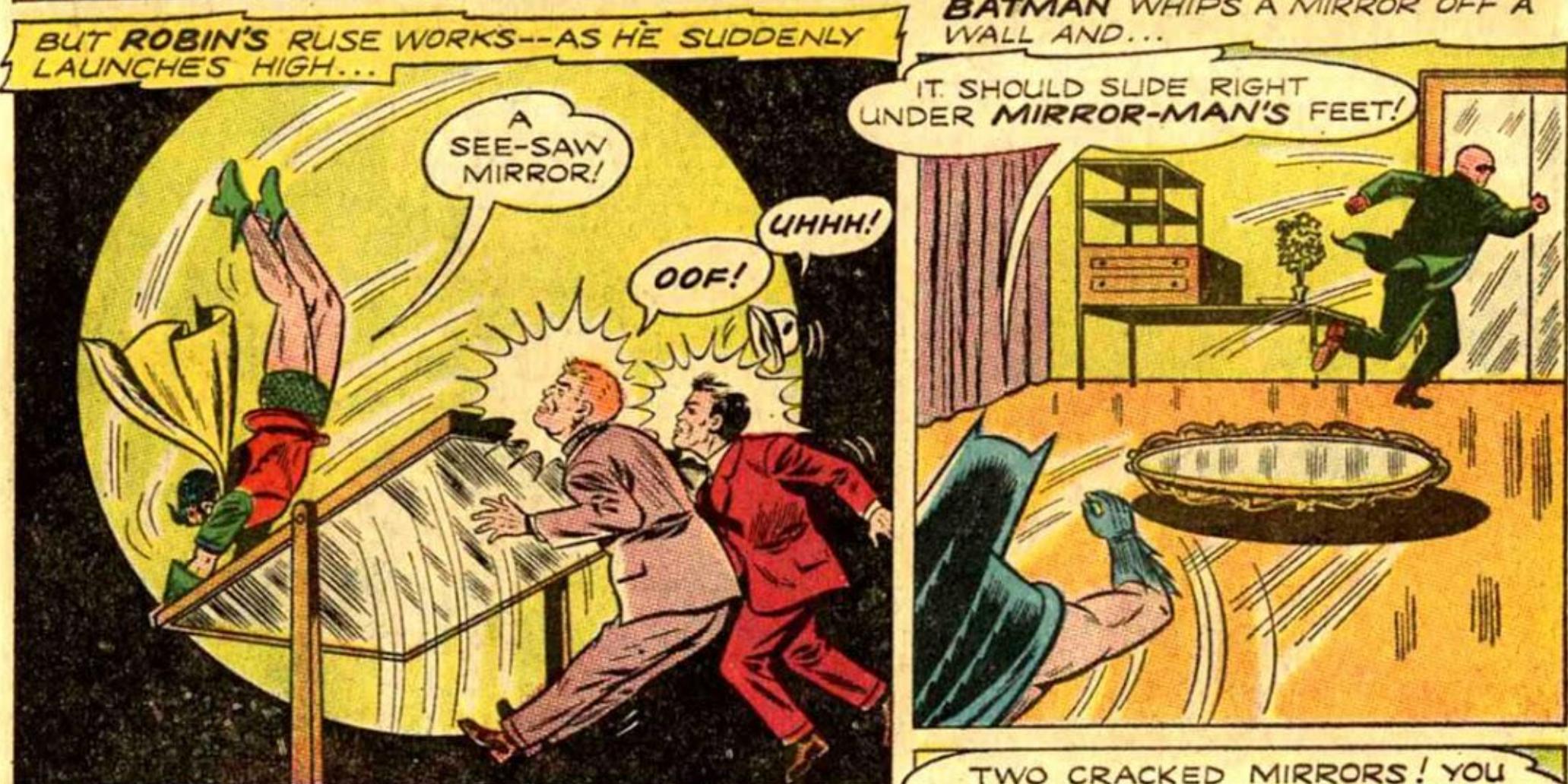
LATER... BOSS, YOU MUST BE RIGHT ABOUT BATMAN! THAT "WAYNE" WAS ONLY AN ACTOR IN MAKE-UP! I TRAILED HIM TO A TALENT AGENCY, AND FOUND OUT HE WAS HIRED BY VICKI VALE!

SO VICKI VALE IS WORKING WITH BATMAN TO COVER UP HIS SECRET IDENTITY! WELL, BOYS --NOW YOU'VE GOT YOUR PROOF AT LAST! HA! HA! HA!



MIRROR, MIRROR, ON THE WALL... WHO IS THE SMARTEST CROOK OF ALL?





LATER, NEWS OF THE MIRROR-MAN'S CAPTURE BRINGS BATWOMAN, REPORTERS, AND PHOTOGRAPHERS, TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS--AMONG THEM VICKI VALE...

YOU REPORTERS WANT A STORY? OKAY--HERE'S ONE! YOU CAN SAY THAT I HAVE PROOF THAT BRUCE WAYNE IS REALLY BATMAN!

HE'S CRAZY! I HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS OF BRUCE WAYNE AT THE BOOK SOCIETY WHILE BATMAN WAS FIGHTING MIRROR-MAN!

HA! HA! ONE OF MY MEN FOUND OUT THE "BRUCE WAYNE" AT THAT AFFAIR WAS ONLY AN ACTOR IN MAKE-UP THAT YOU HAD HIRED! YOU WORKED WITH BATMAN TO COVER HIS TRUE IDENTITY!

NO--BATMAN DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT! I--I DID IT ALL ON MY OWN...



THIS IS ALL NONSENSE! LET'S PHONE WAYNE'S HOME AND HAVE HIM COME OVER HERE--AND WE'LL SETTLE THIS MATTER!

YOU'RE BLUFFING! GO AHEAD--MAKE THAT CALL...

BUT SOON AFTER, IN RESPONSE TO THE CALL...

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? I MUST SAY THIS IS MOST INCONVENIENT...

BRUCE WAYNE! BUT IT CAN'T BE...



OF COURSE! YOU'RE ONLY AN ACTOR IN MAKE-UP! I'LL TEAR YOUR DISGUISE AWAY AND PROVE IT...



YOUR FACE--IT'S STILL THE SAME! NO MAKE-UP! I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

HAS THIS MAN LOST HIS MIND?

HE SURE HAS!
HA! HA! HA!

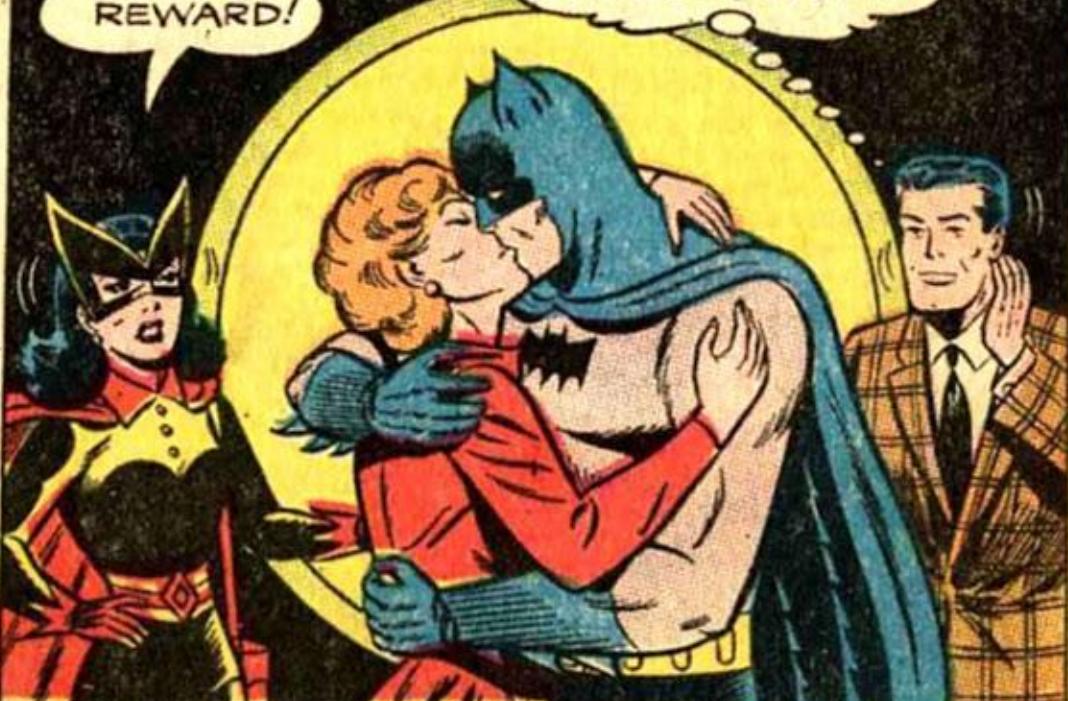


OH, BATMAN, I ALMOST MADE A MESS OF THINGS! I WAS ONLY TRYING TO HELP SO YOU'D APPRECIATE ME MORE...

I UNDERSTAND, VICKI--AND I DO APPRECIATE YOU! PERHAPS THIS WILL CONVINE YOU...

HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? SHE MESSES THINGS UP AND GETS A REWARD!

BATWOMAN DOESN'T KNOW THAT VICKI WAS INDIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CAPTURE OF MIRROR-MAN!



LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

BRUCE, YOU REALLY OUT-FOXED MIRROR-MAN! HE NEVER SUSPECTED THAT WHILE HE WAS BEING BOOKED AT HEADQUARTERS, YOU HAD ALFRED BECOME BATMAN WHILE YOU WAITED AT HOME AS BRUCE WAYNE!

YES--I ANTICIPATED WHAT MIRROR-MAN WOULD DO AT HEADQUARTERS! BUT I DIDN'T ANTICIPATE THAT YOU, ALFRED, WOULD KISS VICKI!

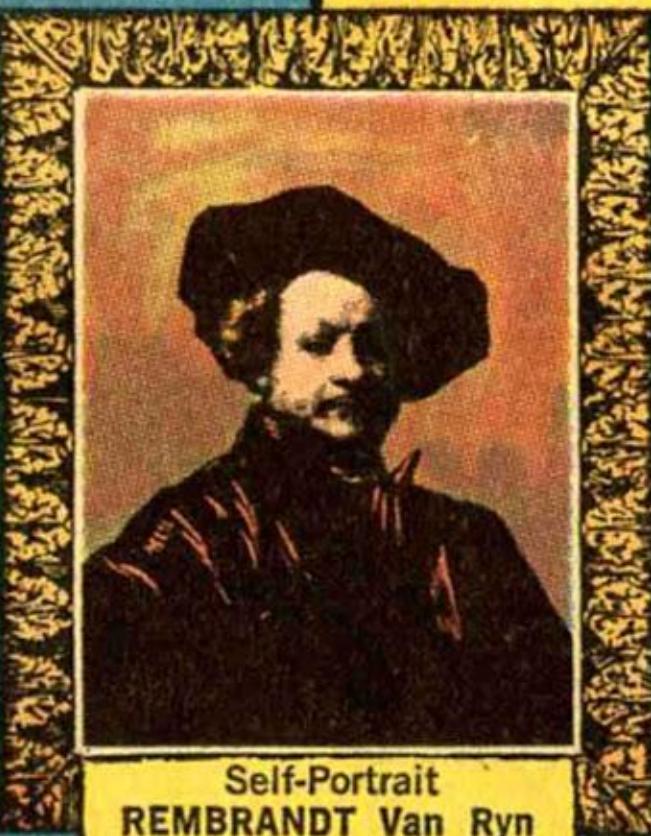
WELL, SIR--AN ACTOR MUST BE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH ANY EMERGENCY DURING A PERFORMANCE! SO, SINCE VICKI REQUIRED CONSOLATION, I...ER...I AD-LIBBED MY LINES!

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HA! HA! HA!



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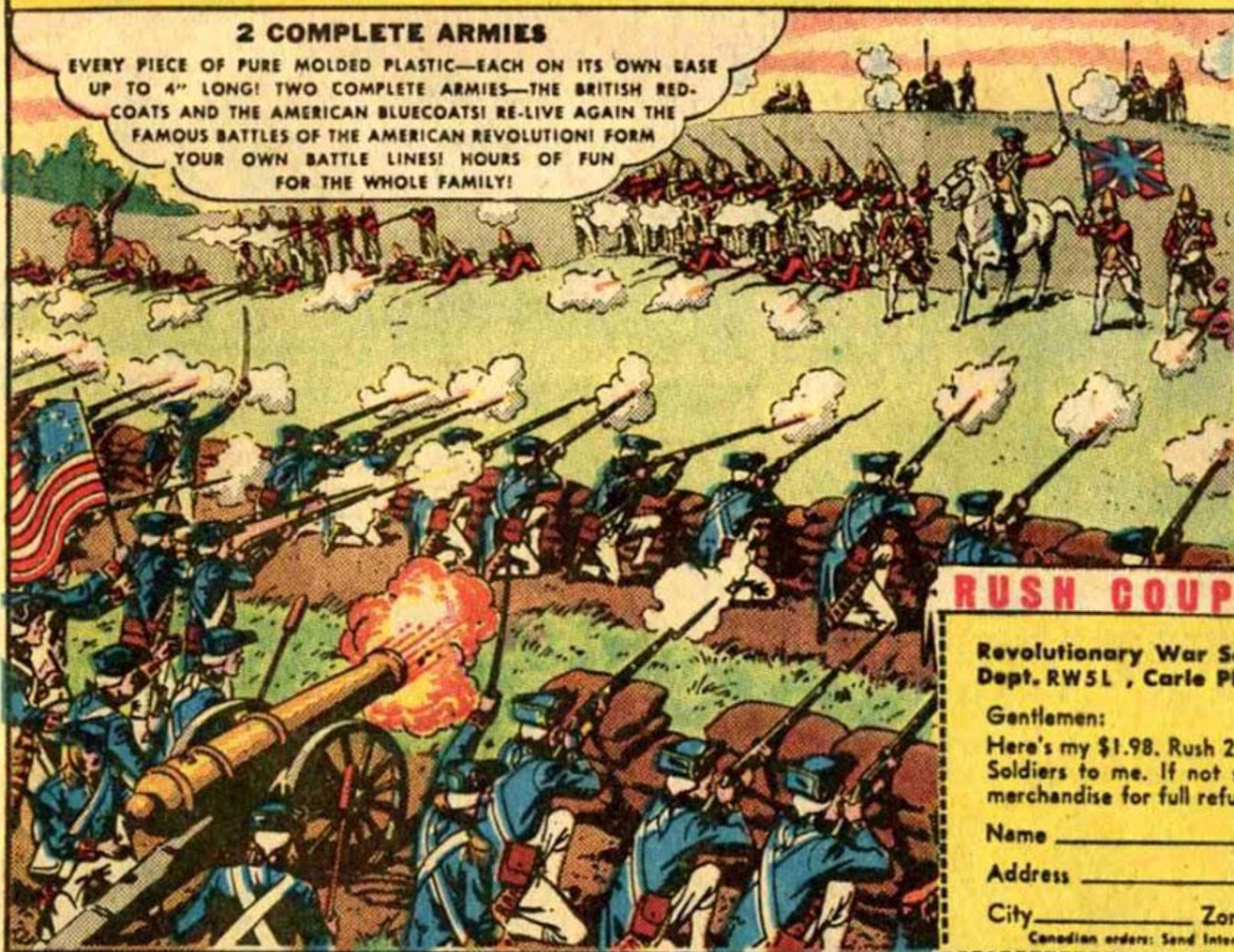


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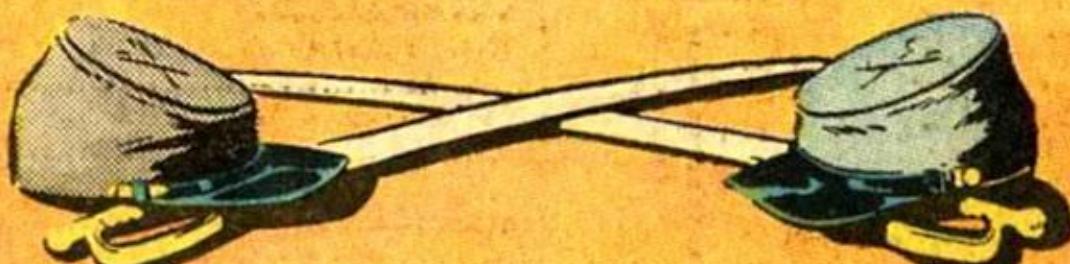
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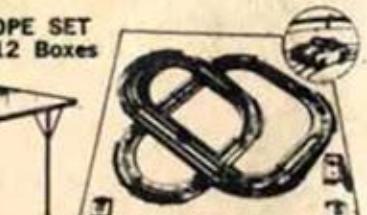
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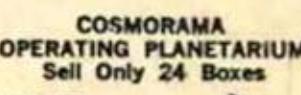
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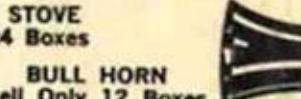
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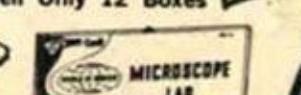
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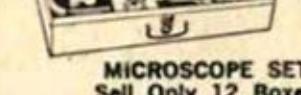
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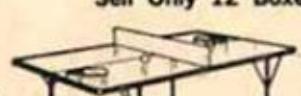
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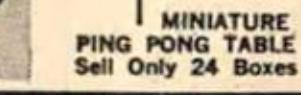
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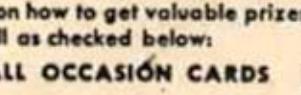
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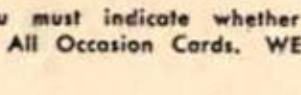
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