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BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

THERE'S ONLY ONE BATMAN!
YES, THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE SAYS--
AND THEY'RE RIGHT WHEN THEY MEAN THAT THERE'S NO OTHER DETECTIVE WHO CAN MATCH HIM! BUT THERE CAN BE OTHER BATMEN OF A DIFFERENT KIND-- AS THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTER LEARNS FOR HIMSELF WHEN HE TRIES TO SOLVE...

"The MYSTERY of the FOUR BATMEN!"

ONE NIGHT, ON A ROOF HIGH ABOVE GOTHAM CITY...

WE'VE TRACKED DUKE WALLING DOWN AT LAST, **BATMAN**-- AND MAYBE NOW WE CAN CRACK THAT INTERNATIONAL RING THAT HANDLES STOLEN VALUABLES!

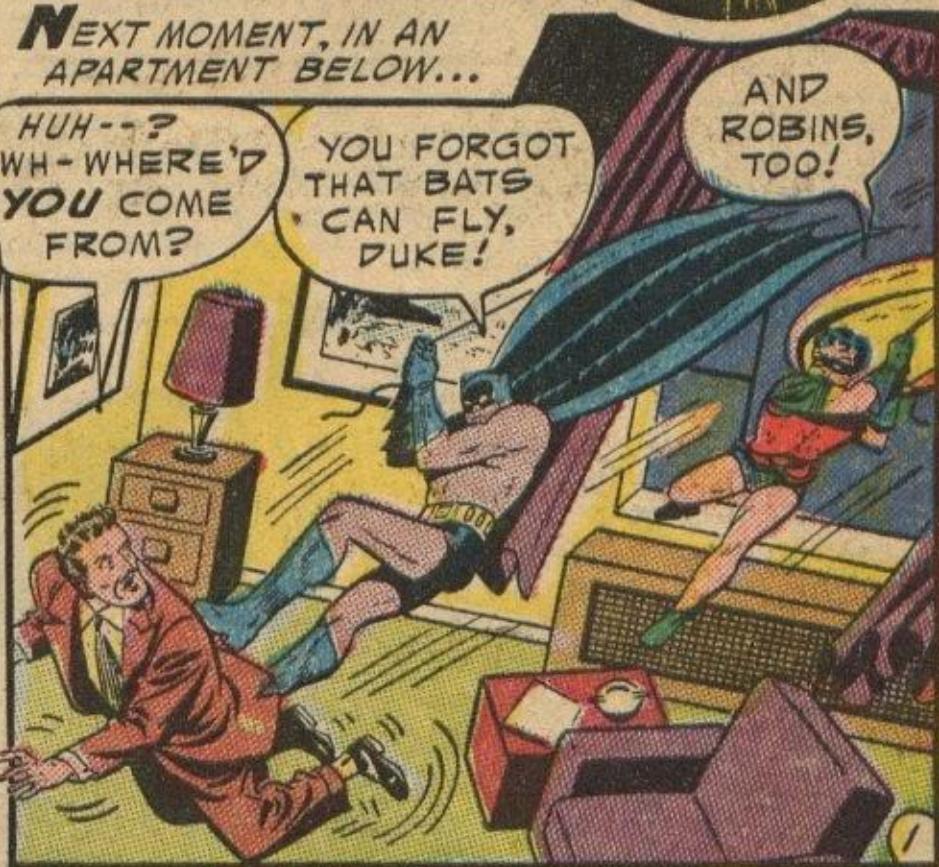
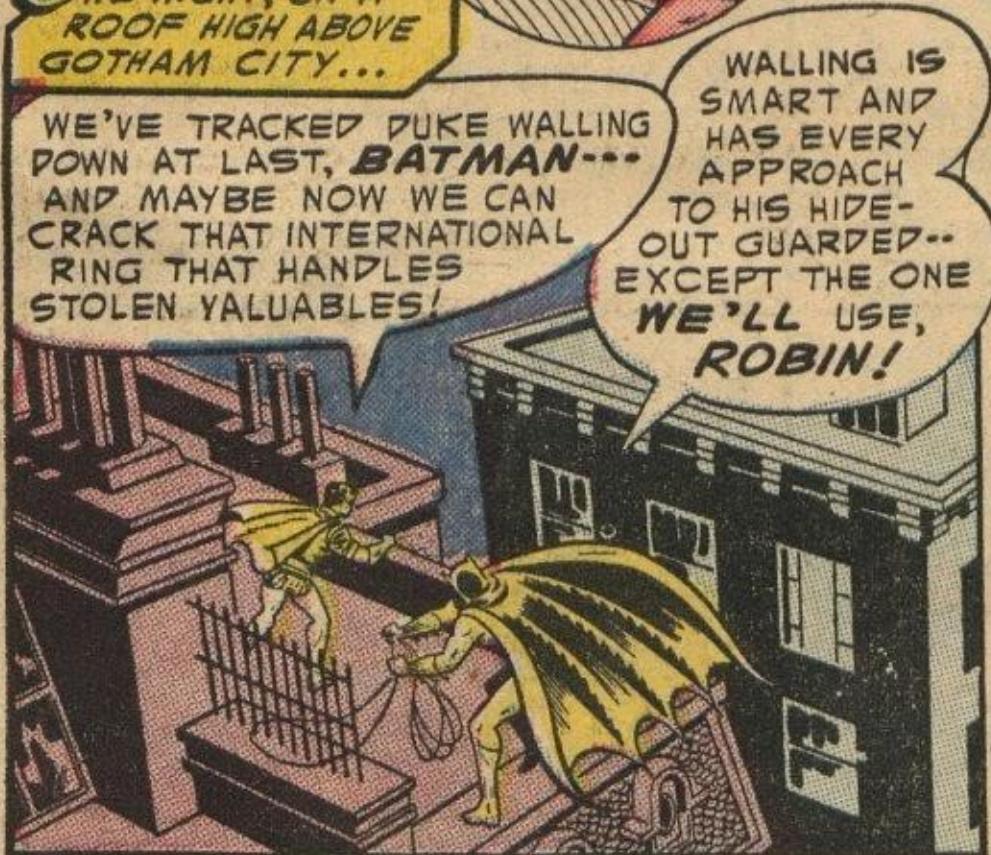
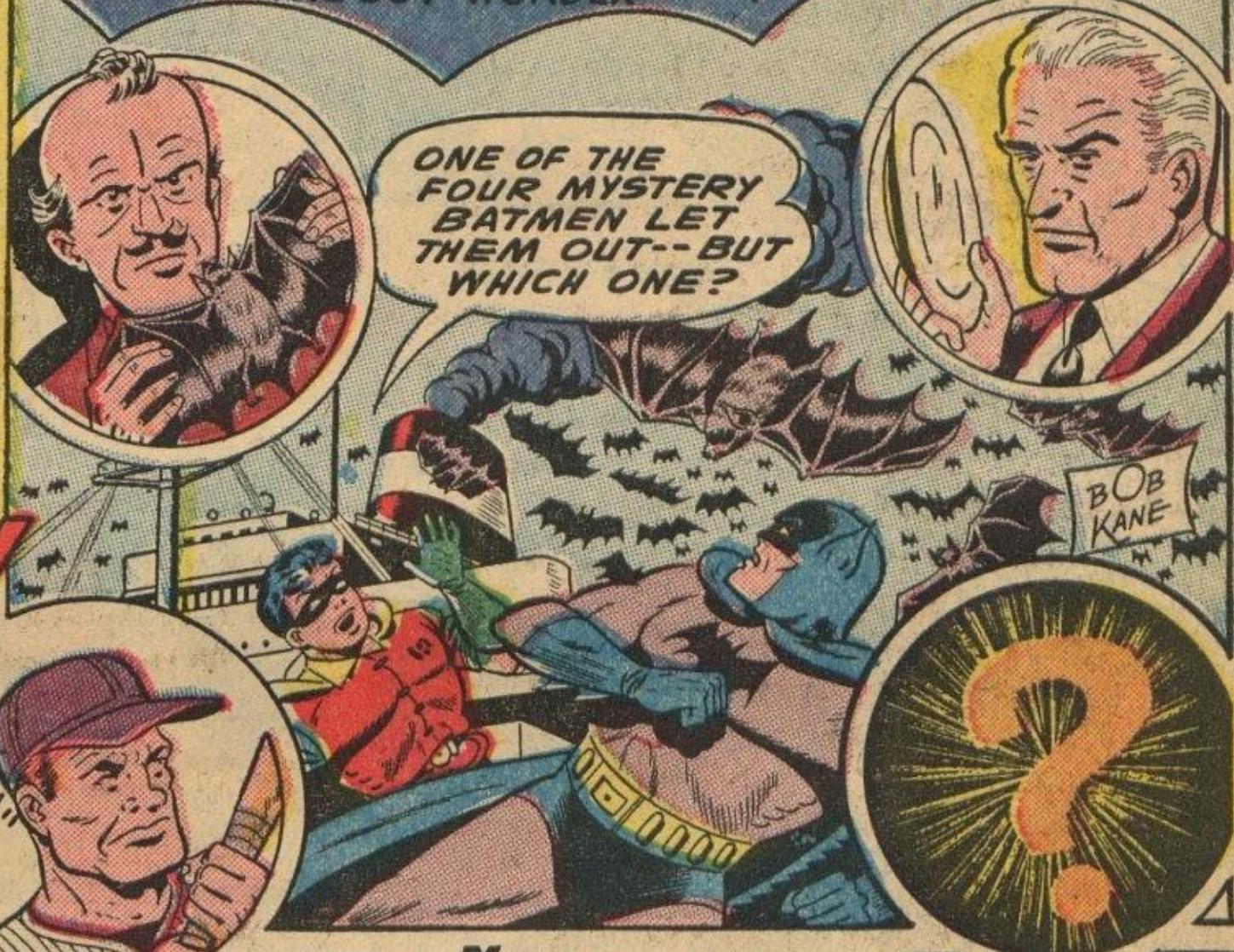
WALLING IS SMART AND HAS EVERY APPROACH TO HIS HIDE-OUT GUARDED-- EXCEPT THE ONE WE'LL USE, **ROBIN**!

NEXT MOMENT, IN AN APARTMENT BELOW...

HUH--? WH- WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?

YOU FORGOT THAT BATS CAN FLY, DUKE!

AND ROBINS, TOO!



BATMAN

SOON...

OKAY--SO YOU'VE GOT ME! BUT YOU WON'T FIND ANY OF MY INTERNATIONAL PALS! I'M NOT TALKING!

MAYBE THAT'S ONE OF THEM ON THE PHONE NOW! MY ROPE WILL HOLD YOU WHILE I FIND OUT! BETTER GAG HIM TOO, ROBIN!

**BRRING!**

BUT SUDDENLY, A DESPERATE CROOK LASHES OUT...



AFTERWARD, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, COMMISSIONER GORDON AND THE DUO FACE A BAFFLING RIDDLE...

"BATMAN" COULD BE A CODE-WORD FOR SOMEBODY THEY EXPECT!

HOW COULD A BATMAN ARRIVE ON THAT SHIP? DOES THIS CRIMINAL RING EXPECT AN IMPERSONATOR TO HELP THEM?

THE VARONIC SAILS FROM EUROPE TOMORROW, AND SOMEONE IMPORTANT TO THESE CROOKS WILL BE ABOARD IT--MAYBE BRINGING STOLEN VALUABLES! BUT WHO?

YES--AND SINCE DUKE WON'T TALK, MAYBE WE CAN GET A LEAD FROM HIS HIDE-OUT!

AND AS BATMAN IMITATES HIS CAPTIVE'S VOICE...

DUKE? THE BATMAN WE'RE EXPECTING WILL ARRIVE ON THE LINER VARONIC NEXT TUESDAY!

THAT'S GOOD! BUT...ER... YOU'D BETTER REPEAT THE WHOLE PLAN--SO I'LL KNOW YOU HAVE IT CORRECT!



A BATMAN ARRIVING ON A LINER? NO WONDER THE REAL BATMAN IS MYSTIFIED!

BUT AFTER A WHOLE NIGHT'S INVESTIGATION IN THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE...

NOTHING REVEALING IN ANY OF DUKE'S PAPERS! WE'VE GOTTEN NOWHERE--AND BY NOW, THE VARONIC HAS STARTED ITS VOYAGE!

THE RING'S CRIME-PLOT CENTERS ON THAT LINER, AND WE'VE GOT TO BE ON IT BEFORE IT ARRIVES! ROBIN, WE'LL GO MEET THE VARONIC IN MID-OCEAN!



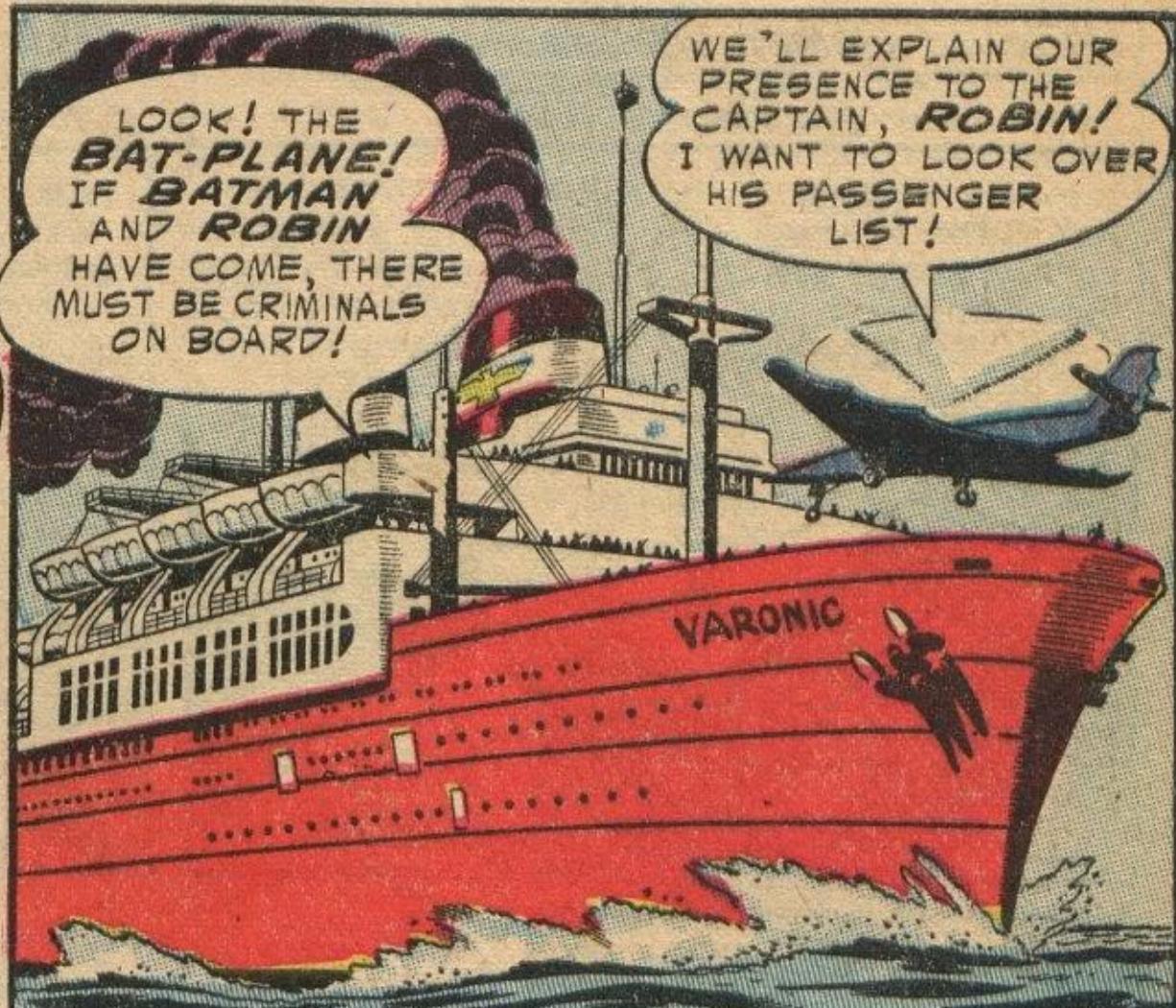
THUS, SOME TIME LATER, AS THE FAMED BAT-PLANE streaks eastward over the ocean on a mission into menacing mystery...

WE CAN LAND THE PLANE ON ITS HELICOPTERS, RIGHT ON THE SHIP'S DECK!

YES, ROBIN-- AND WE MUST SOLVE THIS MYSTERY BEFORE THE LINER REACHES GOTHAM CITY!

LOOK! THE BAT-PLANE! IF BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE COME, THERE MUST BE CRIMINALS ON BOARD!

WE'LL EXPLAIN OUR PRESENCE TO THE CAPTAIN, ROBIN! I WANT TO LOOK OVER HIS PASSENGER LIST!



AND IN THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN...

HERE'S THE PASSENGER LIST, BATMAN!

CAPTAIN! WE'RE WORRIED! IF BATMAN HAS COME, THERE MUST BE CRIMINALS ON BOARD -- AND MY PEARLS MAY BE IN DANGER!

AND MY DIAMOND BRACELET!

AND THESE ANCIENT PERSIAN STATUETTES I DUG UP... THEY'RE NOT WORTH MUCH MONEY, BUT ARE TREMENDOUSLY VALUABLE TO ARCHAEOLOGY!

I KNOW, DR. VEERING-- BUT THERE'S NO DANGER WITH BATMAN ABOARD!

HAVE THE PURSER LOCK UP YOUR VALUABLES, AND THEN YOU WON'T WORRY!



A LITTLE LATER, STUDYING THE DETAILED PASSENGER LIST, BATMAN MAKES A DISCOVERY...

THESE THREE MEN ARE THE ONLY "BATMAN" SUSPECTS I CAN FIND ON THE LIST!

A BASEBALL PLAYER, A POTTERY MAN, AND AN ORNITHOLOGIST? HOW COULD THEY BE "BATMAN"?

ROBIN LEARNS THE ANSWER WHEN THEY INTERVIEW LEFTY LINGARD, PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL PLAYER...



A BAT-MAN... OF COURSE! EVERY BASEBALL PLAYER USES A BAT!

YEAH... BUT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANY CRIME-PLOT!

I'LL WANT TO QUESTION YOU AGAIN, LATER!



BATMAN

HORACE HUBERT, BUSINESSMAN IN THE POTTERY LINE, TURNS OUT TO BE A "BATMAN", TOO...

AREN'T THOSE POTTERY PLATES, IN THE FIRST STAGE OF MANUFACTURE, CALLED "BATS"?

THAT'S RIGHT! I'M GOING TO EXHIBIT MODELS OF MY NEW ELECTRIC KILN FOR MAKING BATS-- AND MY NEW ELECTRIC POTTER'S WHEEL! BUT I NEVER HEARD OF DUKE WALLING, OR ANY CRIME RING!



LATER, WHEN THE TWO LAWMEN ARE ALONE...

SMILLS IS NOT SUNBURNED, AS A MAN FROM THE TROPICS SHOULD BE! I'M GOING TO ASK THAT ARCHAEOLOGIST ABOUT HIM!

THREE SUSPECTS-- AND EVERY ONE A "BATMAN"! IT'S TOO FANTASTIC FOR ME!



DR. VEERING, THE WORRIED ARCHAEOLOGIST, SOON FURNISHES A POSSIBLE LEAD...

I DIDN'T TALK MUCH WITH PROFESSOR SMILLS, BUT THE CAGE OF BATS HE'D PUT INTO THE HOLD DIDN'T LOOK LIKE ASIAN SPECIMENS TO ME!



AS NIGHT FALLS, BATMAN GETS HIS CHANCE TO TRY THE TEST HE HAS IN MIND...

I WANT YOU TO LOOK THIS BALL OVER FOR ME, LEFTY!

SURE-- OOPS! MISSED IT!



AND PROFESSOR EGBERT SMILLS, ORNITHOLOGIST-- OR BIRD-SCIENTIST, IS AN OBVIOUS "BATMAN"...

YES, I'M BRINGING A FINE COLLECTION OF BATS BACK FROM SOUTHERN ASIA-- BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE ME A "BATMAN" CRIMINAL OF SOME SORT!

NO ONE HAS ACCUSED YOU, PROFESSOR... I MERELY HAVE TO QUESTION CERTAIN PEOPLE!



SHORTLY AFTER...

ALL THREE OF OUR "BATMEN" BOOKED PASSAGE AT THE LAST MINUTE ON THIS LINER-- WHICH MAKES THEM ALL SUSPECT! YOU CHECK ON THOSE BATS... I WANT SOMETHING FROM THE GYM...



NO REAL BALLPLAYER WOULD MISS AN EASY CATCH LIKE THAT! I FIGURED YOU FOR A FAKE WHEN I SAW YOUR HANDS DON'T HAVE THE BAT-CALLOUSES A PROFESSIONAL BALLPLAYER DEVELOPS!

ALL RIGHT, MAYBE I'M NOT A BALLPLAYER! SO WHAT?



BATMAN



YOU'RE PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL THEFT-RING, AND YOU'LL EITHER TALK, OR GO TO PRISON!

ALL I'LL TALK! WHEN THEY HIRED ME TO SAIL ON THIS SHIP, THEY SAID I'D BE IN NO DANGER OF GETTING CAUGHT!

THERE'S A FOURTH "BATMAN" ABOARD YOU HAVEN'T SUSPECTED, AND IT'S...

WAIT! THAT WHIRRING... THE CARGO-CRANE'S SWINGING DOWN ON US! DUCK, LEFTY!

TOO LATE! AND WHOEVER STARTED THAT CRANE HAS SLIPPED AWAY!



LATER, IN THE SHIP'S INFIRMARY...



WAS THIS DONE BY THE MYSTERIOUS FOURTH "BATMAN" WHOM LEFTY MENTIONED? OR HUBERT OR PROFESSOR SMILLS? ROBIN WILL KNOW ABOUT SMILLS, BUT I'LL CHECK HUBERT RIGHT NOW!

DOWN IN THE HOLD, MEANWHILE, ROBIN HAS MET WITH AN EERY SURPRISE...



AH, I THOUGHT SO! BATMAN WILL WANT TO SEE THIS!

BATMAN



**BUT BATMAN HAS ALREADY SEEN
BATS A-PLenty!**

I'VE BEEN
LOOKING FOR
YOU, HUBERT!
BUT WAIT... THAT
CLOUD OF BATS
ESCAPING!

UGH, BATS--I
CAN'T STAND
THEM! I'M
GETTING OUT
OF HERE!

MY BAT-COLLECTION--
GONE! ALL THE
PRECIOUS SPECIMENS
I SPENT MONTHS
GATHERING IN THE
EAST!

BUT YOU DIDN'T GET
THIS BAT IN THE EAST,
PROFESSOR SMILLS!

**BATMAN AND I
HAVE STUDIED BATS...
WE KNOW THAT THIS
IS A MADAGASCAR
FRUIT BAT, WHICH
DOESN'T COME
FROM ASIA AT
ALL!**

ER--THAT'S BECAUSE
I BOUGHT A FEW
EXTRA SPECIMENS
FROM ANOTHER
COLLECTOR! I'LL
PUT THIS ONE
BACK IN ITS
CAGE!

NONE OF THE
BATS LOOKED LIKE
FAR EASTERN
VARIETIES TO ME--
BUT SINCE THEY'VE
ALL ESCAPED, I
CAN'T PROVE
IT!

IF SMILLS IS A
FAKE, HE MAY HAVE
LET THE BATS OUT
HIMSELF, FOR THAT
VERY REASON!

LATER, AN INTEN-
SIVE CHECK
BRINGS NEW RESULTS...

A DEFIANT "ORNITHO-
GIST" REFUSES TO
ANSWER THAT QUESTION...

ONLY
SMILLS'
FINGER-
PRINTS
ARE ON
THE BAT-
CAGE LOCK,
SO HE
DID LET
THEM OUT
HIMSELF!

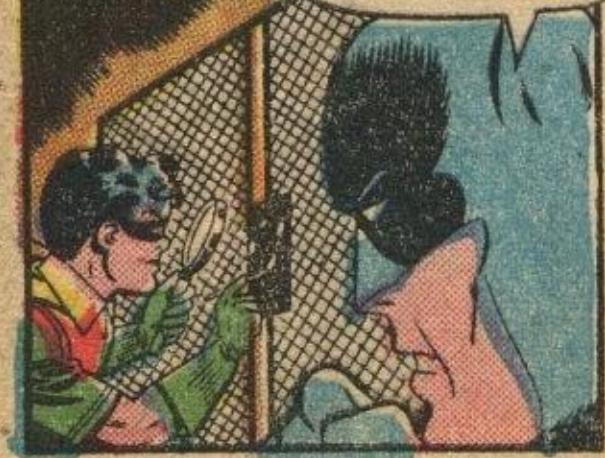
THAT PROVES
HE'S A FAKE,
AND A MEMBER
OF THE CRIME-
RING! BUT
IF HE WAS
HERE OPENING
THE CAGE, HE
COULDN'T HAVE
BEEN ON DECK
TO OPERATE
THAT CARGO-
CRANE... SO
WHO DID?

ALL RIGHT,
SO THE BAT-
COLLECTOR
STORY WAS
A PHONY!
BUT I DON'T
KNOW WHO
GOT LEFTY!

I THINK
YOU'RE
LYING--
AND WE
HAVE
ENOUGH
EVIDENCE
TO HOLD
YOU ON
SUSPICION
TILL WE
DOCK!

IT LOOKS AS
THOUGH HUBERT
MIGHT BE OUR
MAN! HE HAS NO
PROVEN ALIBI
FOR THE TIME
OF THE
ATTACK!

PRESENTLY...
WE'LL
KEEP CLOSE
WATCH ON
HIM-- BUT
IT'S THE
MYSTERIOUS
**FOURTH
"BATMAN"**
THAT HAS ME
WORRIED! WE'LL
CHECK THE PASSENGER
LIST AGAIN TO SEE
IF WE CAN SPOT
HIM!



BATMAN

BUT DAWN FINDS THE ENIGMA OF THE FOURTH "BATMAN" STILL UNSOLVED...

NOT ONE OF THE OTHER PASSENGERS COULD BE A "BATMAN" IN ANY SENSE OF THE WORD! AND WE'LL BE DOCKING SOON!

ONE OF THEM MUST BE! LEFTY SAID. "THERE'S A FOURTH BATMAN ABOARD AND IT'S..." BUT HE NEVER NAMED THE MAN, UNLESS-- WAIT A MINUTE!

THAT'S IT-- THE CLUE IN LEFTY'S WORDS I OVERLOOKED TILL NOW! WE'VE GOT TO WORK FAST! ROBIN, YOU WEIGH LEFTY'S BALL-BATS, AND SEE IF ONE OF THEM WEIGHS SIX AND A HALF POUNDS!

WEIGH THEM? BUT-- WELL, OKAY-- IF YOU SAY SO!

AND IN THE BALLPLAYER'S CABIN...

NO, NONE OF THESE BALL-BATS IS THAT WEIGHT! BUT HOW CAN WEIGHING BATS HELP US FIND THE FOURTH "BATMAN"?



WHILE IN HORACE HUBERT'S STATE-ROOM...

MIND IF I WEIGH THESE CLAY BATS, HUBERT?

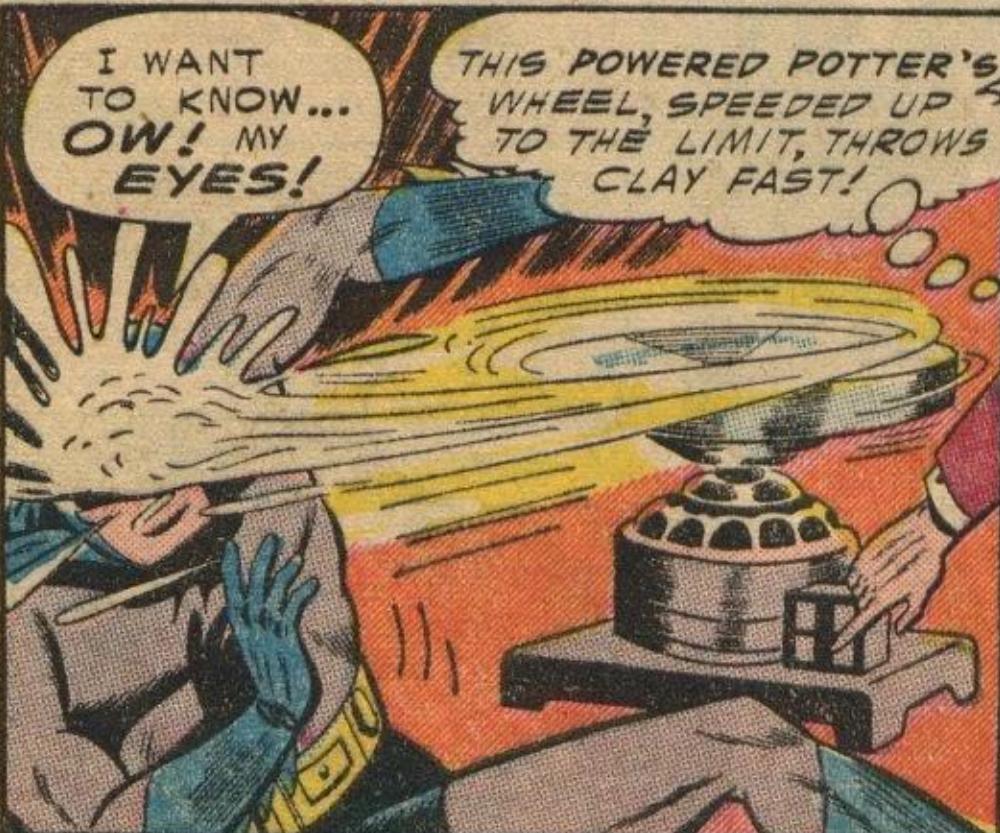
SURE-- BUT I DON'T SEE WHY!



AND AS BATMAN TURNS, A POTTERY EXPERT EMPLOYS A WEIRD WEAPON...

I WANT TO KNOW... OW! MY EYES!

THIS POWERED POTTER'S WHEEL, SPEEDED UP TO THE LIMIT, THROWS CLAY FAST!



GOT HIM-- AND WE'RE DOCKING NOW! MUST GET OFF THIS SHIP WHILE HE'S STILL STUNNED!

BATMAN

BUT A FLYING TACKLE HALTS THE CRIMINAL DEAD IN HIS TRACKS...

YOU DIDN'T STUN ME QUITE HARD ENOUGH, HUBERT! I'M TAKING YOU TO THE POLICE NOW!



LATER, HOWEVER, WHEN BATMAN JOINS UP WITH ROBIN AT THE CUSTOMS OFFICE...

BUT WHY NOT TAKE HIM TO HEAD-QUARTERS OURSELVES, BATMAN?

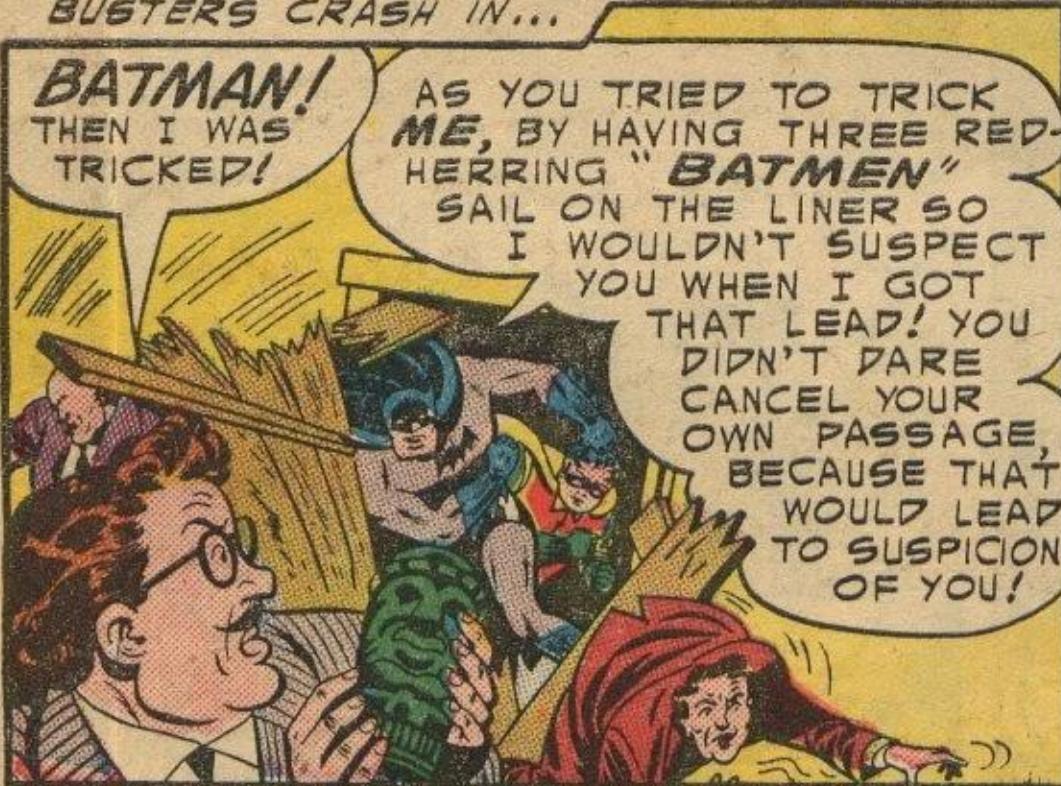
I WANTED TO MAKE THE REAL CRIMINAL THINK WE WERE MISLED, SO WE COULD FOLLOW HIM TO HIS CONFEDERATES! IN FACT, OUR FOURTH 'BATMAN' IS GOING THERE RIGHT NOW!



AND BEFORE LONG, AFTER TRAILING AN UNSUSPECTING QUARRY, CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS CRASH IN...

BATMAN! THEN I WAS TRICKED!

AS YOU TRIED TO TRICK ME, BY HAVING THREE RED-HERRING "BATMEN" SAIL ON THE LINER SO I WOULDN'T SUSPECT YOU WHEN I GOT THAT LEAD! YOU DIDN'T DARE CANCEL YOUR OWN PASSAGE, BECAUSE THAT WOULD LEAD TO SUSPICION OF YOU!



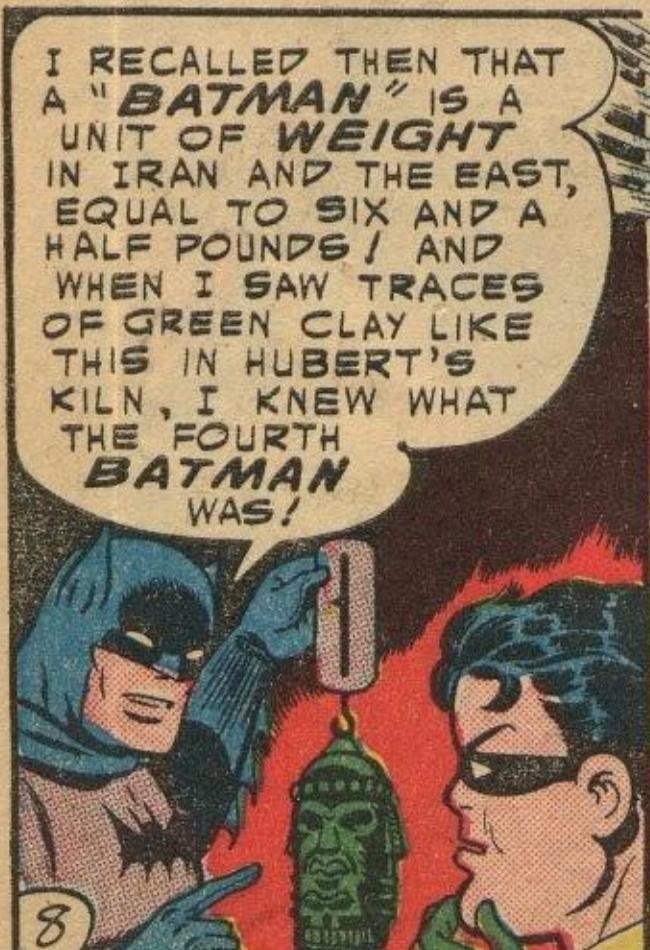
WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE, BATMAN EXPLAINS A CUNNING CRIME-PLOT...

THEN VEERING IS THE FOURTH "BATMAN"?

NO, THE FOURTH ONE WASN'T A PERSON AT ALL! I REMEMBERED THAT LEFTY SAID, "A FOURTH BATMAN ABOARD AND IT'S..." IF IT WERE A PERSON, LEFTY WOULD HAVE SAID "HE'S..."



I RECALLED THEN THAT A "BATMAN" IS A UNIT OF WEIGHT IN IRAN AND THE EAST, EQUAL TO SIX AND A HALF POUNDS! AND WHEN I SAW TRACES OF GREEN CLAY LIKE THIS IN HUBERT'S KILN, I KNEW WHAT THE FOURTH BATMAN WAS!



STOLEN JEWELS, SMUGGLED BY BAKING THEM INSIDE THIS PHONY ANCIENT STATUETTE, WHICH WEIGHS SIX AND A HALF POUNDS -- OR ONE "BATMAN"! THIS IS THE "BATMAN" THE RING WAS SMUGGLED IN!

AND SO, LATER, UPON PESUMING THEIR EVERY-DAY IDENTITIES OF BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

I HOPE CRIME STAYS QUIET SO YOU CAN BE JUST BRUCE FOR AWHILE! RIGHT NOW, I FEEL I'VE SEEN TOO MANY BATMEN LATELY!

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!



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WHAT'S THE MATTER, DEAR?
WHY ARE YOU SO UNHAPPY?

WE'RE TOO FAR BACK!
--I CAN'T SEE A THING!

IS THIS BETTER?

NO! I STILL
CAN'T SEE
BEHIND THAT!
--LET'S TRY
THOSE SEATS
FURTHER DOWN!

WE'RE RIGHT
IN FRONT NOW,
DEAR --- AND
YOU'RE STILL
UNHAPPY?

WORSE
THAN
EVER!

BUT YOU
CAN SEE
EVERYTHING,
CAN'T YOU?

THAT'S JUST IT!
NOW THAT I
CAN SEE THE
SCREEN, I
REALIZE --

-- I'VE ALREADY
SEEN THIS PICTURE
BEFORE!

The
END.



BATMAN



BAT-MAN AND ROBIN

ONCE AGAIN, THE WEIRD BAT-SIGNAL FLASHES THROUGH NIGHT SKIES SUMMONING BATMAN AND ROBIN, THIS TIME TO A DOUBLE-BARRELED MYSTERY, FOR NOW THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS MUST SOLVE THE RIDDLE OF WHAT HAPPENS TO STOLEN LOOT THAT VANISHES INTO THIN AIR--AND ABOVE ALL, FIND THE MAN WHO WRITES THE ENIGMATIC...

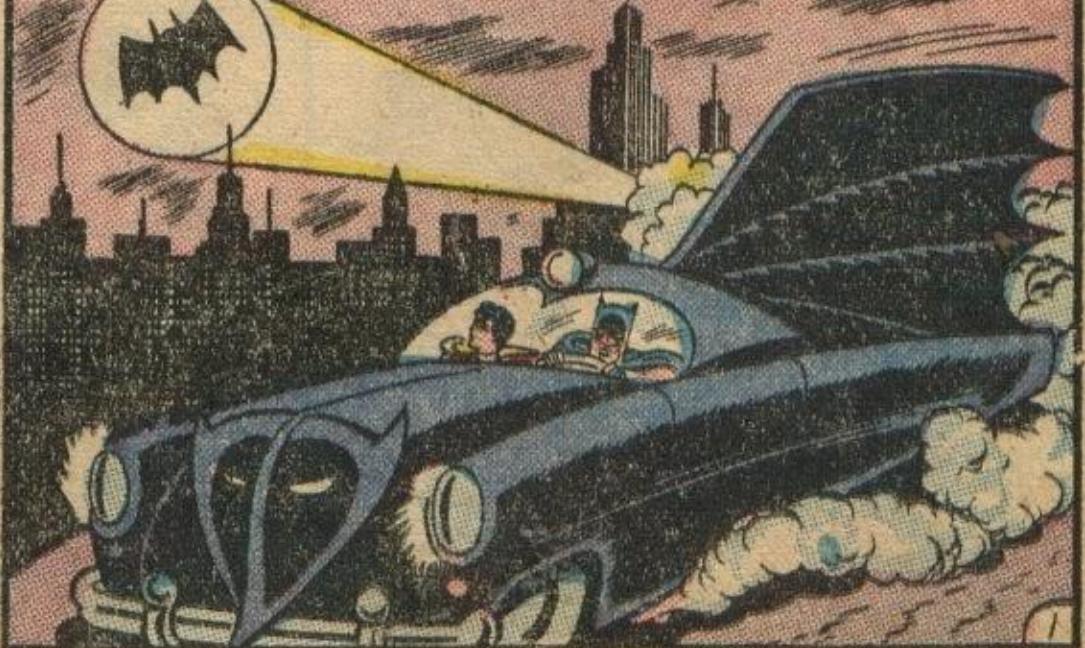
"**THREE LETTERS
to
BATMAN!**"

ANOTHER LETTER, BATMAN?

YES--AND THIS TIME THE WRITER SAYS HE KNOWS THAT I AM BRUCE WAYNE!

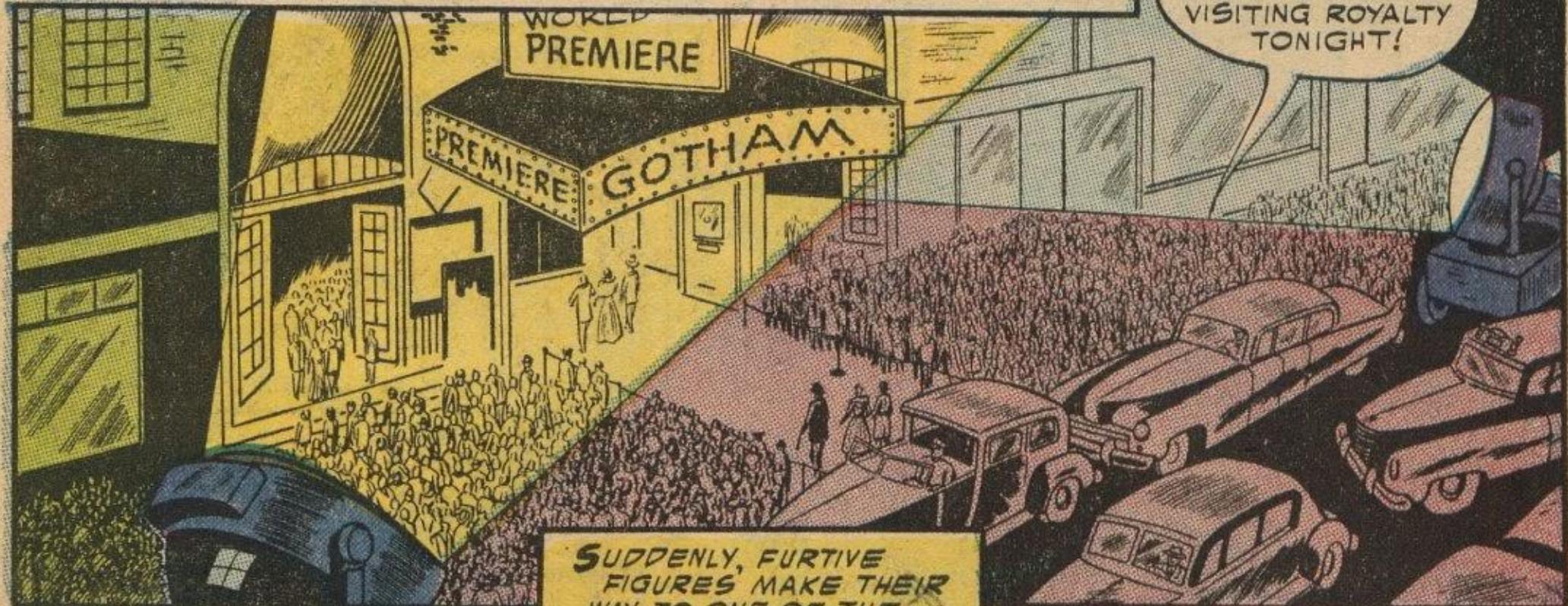
ONE OF THE BEST-KEPT SECRETS OF ALL TIME IS THAT BRUCE WAYNE, WEALTHY SOCIALITE, IS ACTUALLY BATMAN, RELENTLESS CRIME-FIGHTER, AND THAT YOUNG DICK GRAYSON, HIS WARD, IS ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER...

ON COUNTLESS OCCASIONS, THE DARING DUO HAS BEEN SUMMONED BY THE BAT-SIGNAL IN THE NIGHT SKIES OVER GOTHAM CITY, SENDING THEM ON ERRANDS OF JUSTICE...



BATMAN

ON THIS NIGHT, THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS ARE DESTINED TO BE SENT ON SUCH AN ERRAND AS, AT THE GOTHAM THEATER, FAMOUS FIGURES FLOCK TO THE WORLD PREMIERE OF A MOVIE...



WHAT DO YOU KNOW-- WE HAVE VISITING ROYALTY TONIGHT!

THE QUEEN OF MUNDOVIA! SHE'S WEARING THE ROYAL DIAMOND TIARA AND THE FAMOUS PEARL NECKLACE!

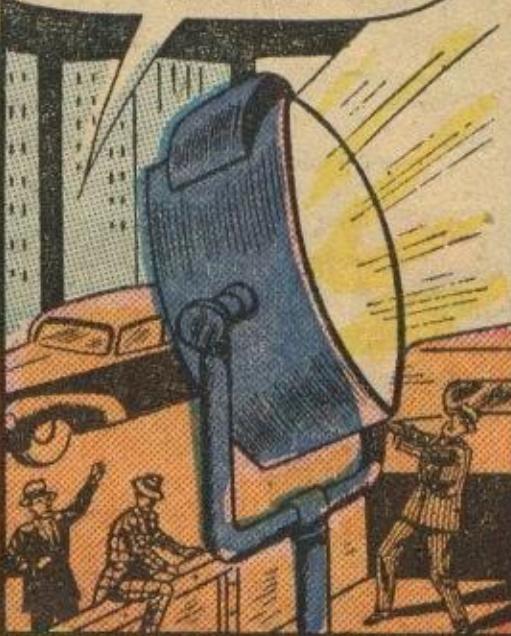
AND YOU'LL NOTICE SHE HAS A POLICE GUARD, TOO!

SUDDENLY, FURTIVE FIGURES MAKE THEIR WAY TO ONE OF THE SEARCHLIGHTS...

SPEED IT UP BEFORE THE QUEEN GETS INSIDE! WE'VE GOT TO DO OUR PART OF THE JOB BEFORE THE OTHERS CAN GRAB THE TIARA AND NECKLACE!

WITHOUT WARNING, THE GLARING LIGHT IS TURNED INTO THE EYES OF THE POLICE GUARDS-- TEMPORARILY BLINDING THEM...

THAT LIGHT! I CAN'T SEE! TURN IT OFF!



MOVING SWIFTLY, OTHER CROOKS CLOSE IN FOR THEIR PRIZE...

OKAY--I GOT THE STUFF! LET'S SCRAM!



A BRUMLY, FROM ABOVE, SWING TWO CAPE FIGURES-- BATMAN AND ROBIN!

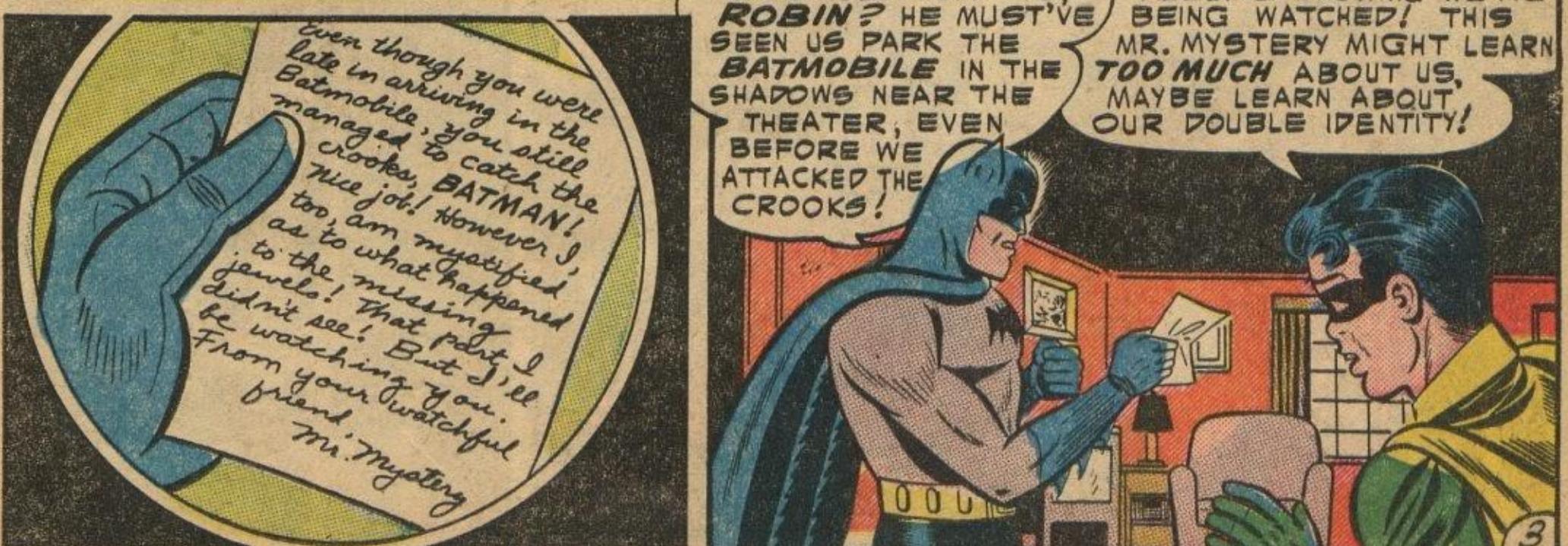
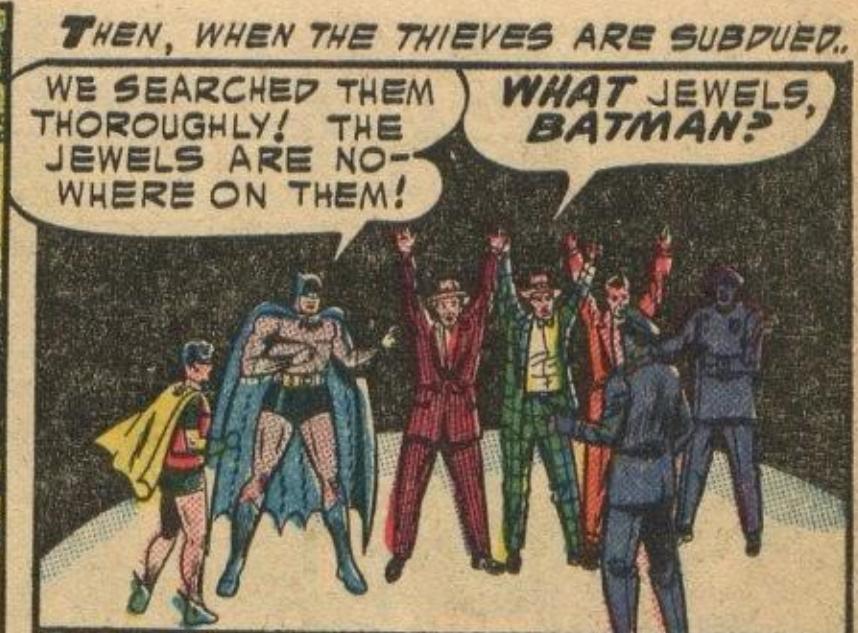
LOOKS LIKE WE ARRIVED A SPLIT SECOND TOO LATE TO ADD EXTRA PROTECTION FOR HER MAJESTY'S JEWELRY, ROBIN! THE CROOKS ALREADY HAVE IT!

BATMAN AND ROBIN!





BATMAN



BATMAN

THEN, TOO, IT MIGHT BE JUST A BLUFF! AFTER ALL, MANY PEOPLE KNOW WE USE THE BATMOBILE TO GO ON VARIOUS CASES! THIS COULD BE ONLY A GUESS TO SCARE US OFF!



BUT THE MYSTERIOUS LETTER IS TO DEVELOP INTO EVEN MORE STARTLING EVENTS, WHEN, THE NEXT NIGHT, TWO OF THE JEWEL-ROBBERS SLIP INTO A WAREHOUSE...

THE IDEA IS TO START A FIRE HERE SO THAT THE FIRE ENGINE SIRENS WILL DROWN OUT THE SOUND OF BURGLAR ALARMS IN THE INSURANCE COMPANY ACROSS THE STREET!

AND THE OTHERS BLOW THE INSURANCE COMPANY SAFE FOR \$60,000 IN BONDS!



MOMENTS LATER, FIRE ENGINES RACE TO THE SCENE, SIRENS SCREAMING LOUDLY...

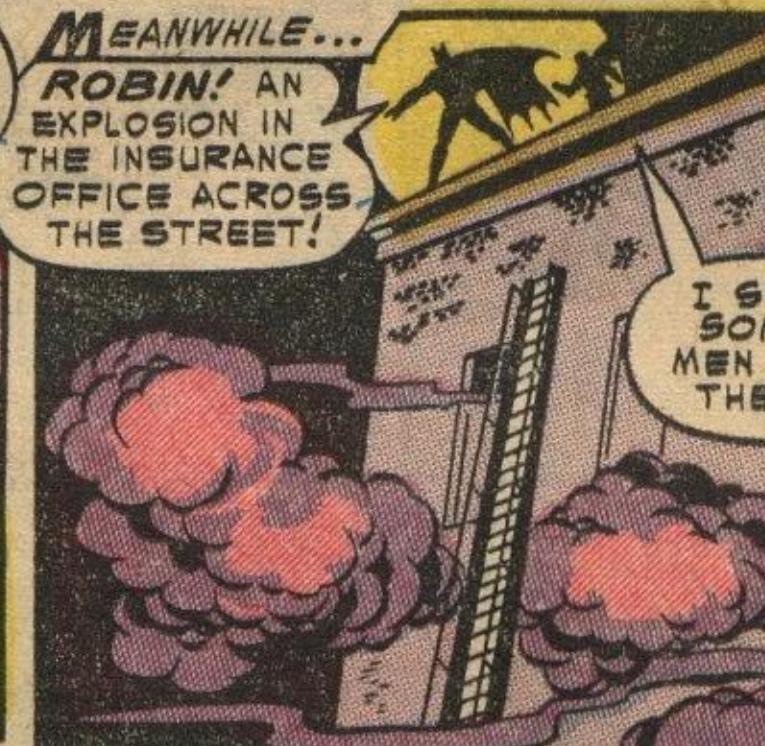
PERFECT! THE BURGLAR ALARM HERE CAN'T BE HEARD, BECAUSE OF THE SIRENS!



HURRY UP AND BLOW THE DOOR OFF THAT SAFE! WE AIN'T GOT ALL NIGHT TO GET THEM BONDS!



MEANWHILE...
ROBIN! AN EXPLOSION IN THE INSURANCE OFFICE ACROSS THE STREET!



I SEE SOME MEN IN THERE!

COME ON! WE'RE TAKING AN "EXPRESS" OVER THERE TO INVESTIGATE!



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THE TOWERING LADDER SWINGS ACROSS THE STREET, CARRYING THE DARING DUO ON A SPECTACULAR RIDE...

HEY! BATMAN AND ROBIN!

OUR "STATION STOP", ROBIN! THE END OF THE LINE!



HAVING SEEN BATMAN AND ROBIN SWING INTO THE WINDOW, POLICE ARRIVE TO TAKE THE CROOKS IN TOW, AND...

NO SIGN OF THE BONDS! LIKE THE JEWELS-- THEY DISAPPEARED! YET-- NOT ONE OF THESE MEN LEFT THE ROOM! WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED TO THEM?

THIS HAS GOT ME GOING OUT OF MY MIND, BATMAN! WELL, WE'LL LOCK THESE CHARACTERS UP WITH THE OTHERS! WE'RE GOING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS MYSTERY!

THEN, WHEN THE OTHERS HAVE LEFT...

WELL, OUTSIDE OF NOT KNOWING WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BONDS -- AS WELL AS THE JEWELS-- I GUESS WE'RE THROUGH HERE FOR THE NIGHT! MMM-- MY ARM'S A LITTLE SORE WHERE I STOPPED THAT GUN!



BATMAN

BUT, ON THE FOLLOWING DAY--
A SECOND LETTER IS RECEIVED...

what an exciting night you surely had across the street on the ladder and stopped those crooks! But-- I'm still wondering what happened to the bonds. By the way -- sorry about your SORE ARM! BATMAN! You all know ALL! Your friend, Mr. mystery!

MAYBE WE ARE BEING WATCHED, ROBIN! HOW DID MR. MYSTERY KNOW ABOUT MY SORE ARM?

NO OTHER PERSON WAS IN THAT ROOM BUT US, BATMAN, WHEN YOU MENTIONED YOUR SORE ARM!

WAIT! MAYBE I'VE GOT IT! WHAT IF SOMEBODY IS WATCHING US WITH TELEVISION OR RADAR? IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE, YOU KNOW!

MAYBE YOU HAVE SOMETHING THERE! BUT WHAT CAN WE DO TO FIND OUT?

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...

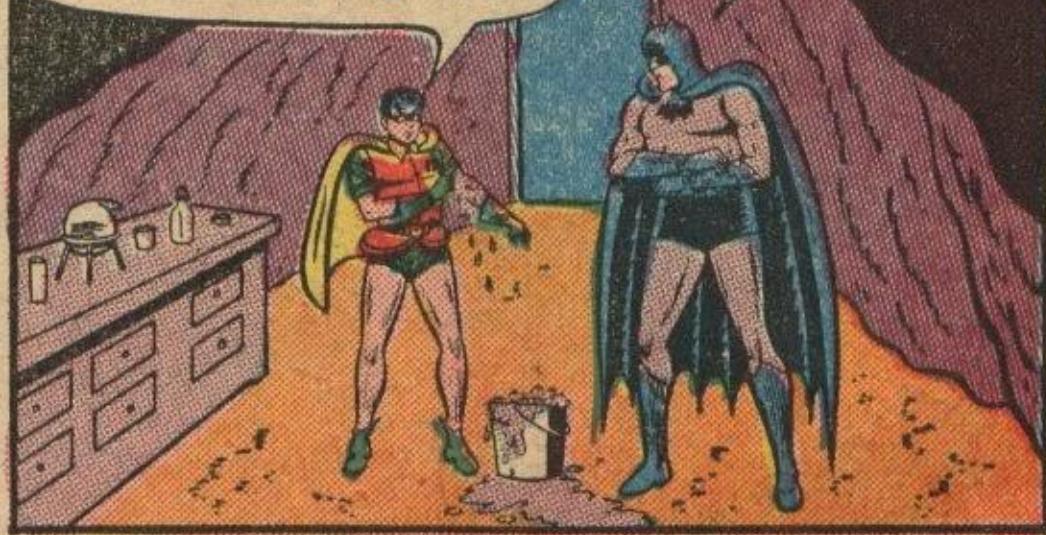
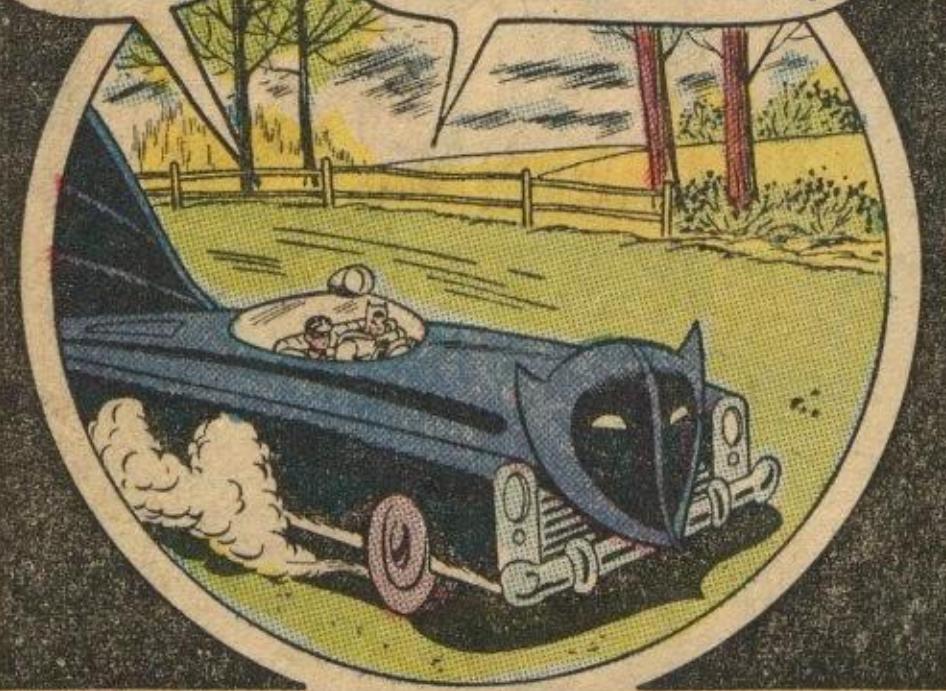
DON'T BE SO HELPLESS, BATMAN! LET'S GO OVER TO THE BATCAVE! WE HAVE A WAY OF BAFFLING MR. MYSTERY! WHOEVER HE IS!

SPEAKING OF BAFFLING SOMEONE-- I'M STILL BAFFLED BY THAT DISAPPEARING LOOT! WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE ANSWER!

THEN, AT THE FAMED BATCAVE...

WE'LL DAB THIS LEAD SOLUTION ON OUR CLOTHES! THE LEAD WILL PREVENT RADAR FROM TRACKING US! I DON'T BELIEVE TELEVISION SPYING IS THE ANSWER BECAUSE STRONG LIGHTS WOULD BE NEEDED TO PICK UP OUR PICTURE!

ABOUT THAT MISSING LOOT... I STILL CAN'T FIGURE OUT ANY WAY IN WHICH IT COULD'VE SIMPLY VANISHED!



DON'T KEEP WORRYING ABOUT THAT, BATMAN! WE'LL SOLVE IT SOONER OR LATER! RIGHT NOW, I'M DESPERATELY TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO IS WATCHING US-- AND HOW! AND YOU KEEP WORRYING ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE!

THAT NIGHT, AS THE BATPLANE CIRCLES OVER GOTHAM CITY... WE SEARCHED THE CITY FROM THE AIR FOR ANY SIGN OF THE GANG'S ACTIVITIES, TO NO AVAIL! WE'LL PUT DOWN ON THAT ROOF-TOP! THERE'S A FOG SETTLING NOW!



BATMAN

THEN...

WE KNOW THE CROOKS GOT THE ROYAL JEWELS-- AND THE JEWELS VANISHED! WE KNOW THEY GOT THE BONDS --AND THEY VANISHED, TOO! I'VE TRIED TO THINK OF EVERY POSSIBLE WAY THEY DID IT-- BUT WIND UP WITH A BLANK!

I WISH HE'D TRY TO THINK WHO THIS MR. MYSTERY IS!

THEN, FROM SEVERAL BLOCKS AWAY...



THE SAME GANG, ROBIN-- THEY ROBBED THE BANK! I SAW THREE SATCHELS, MOST LIKELY WITH THE LOOT! WE MUST NOT LET THEM VANISH!

COME ON-- WE'LL GIVE THE POLICE A HAND!



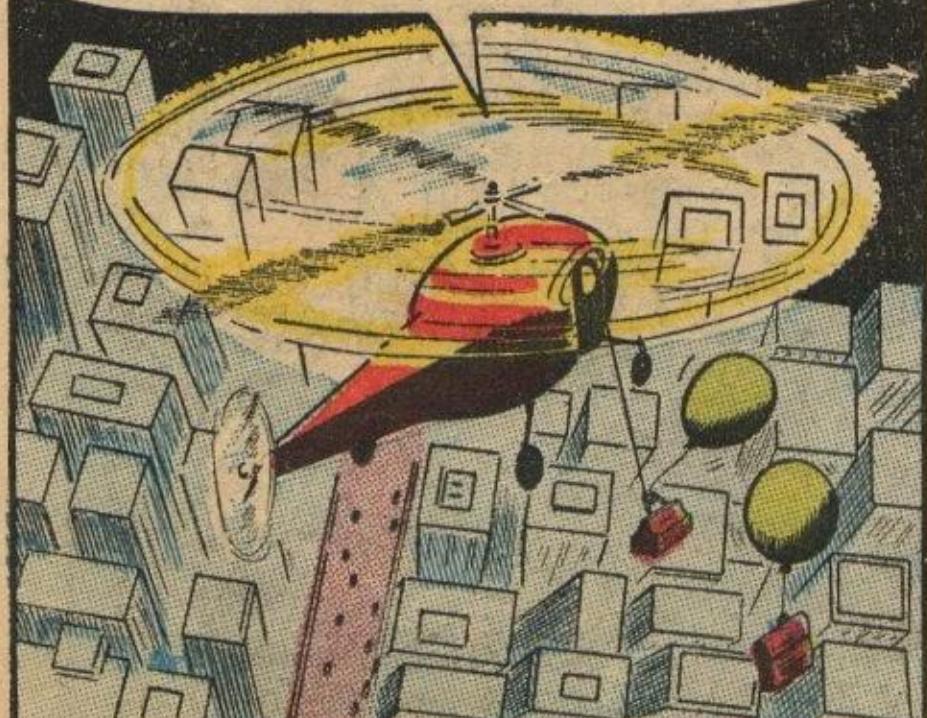
BUT THEN, BATMAN STOPS ABRUPTLY AS HE SEES SOMETHING ELSE--

BALLOONS -- THREE OF THEM! WAIT, ROBIN! NEVER MIND THE CROOKS ON THE STREET! LET THE POLICE HANDLE THEM! WE'VE GOT OTHER WORK TO DO! GET TO THE BATPLANE!



THE BATPLANE ROARS SKYWARD, WHILE IN AN AUTO GYRO HOVERING SOME DISTANCE AWAY...

IT WORKED AGAIN! THE FELLERS BELOW WILL GIVE THE COPS A WILD GOOSE CHASE WHILE WE MAKE A CLEAN GETAWAY WITH THE STUFF!



THAT'S HOW THE LOOT DISAPPEARED! IT WAS ATTACHED TO GAS-FILLED BALLOONS AND FLOATED UP TO WHERE SOME OF THE GANG WAITED IN THIS AUTOGYRO!

THE BATPLANE! OPEN UP WITH THE CHOPPERS!



BATMAN







BATMAN

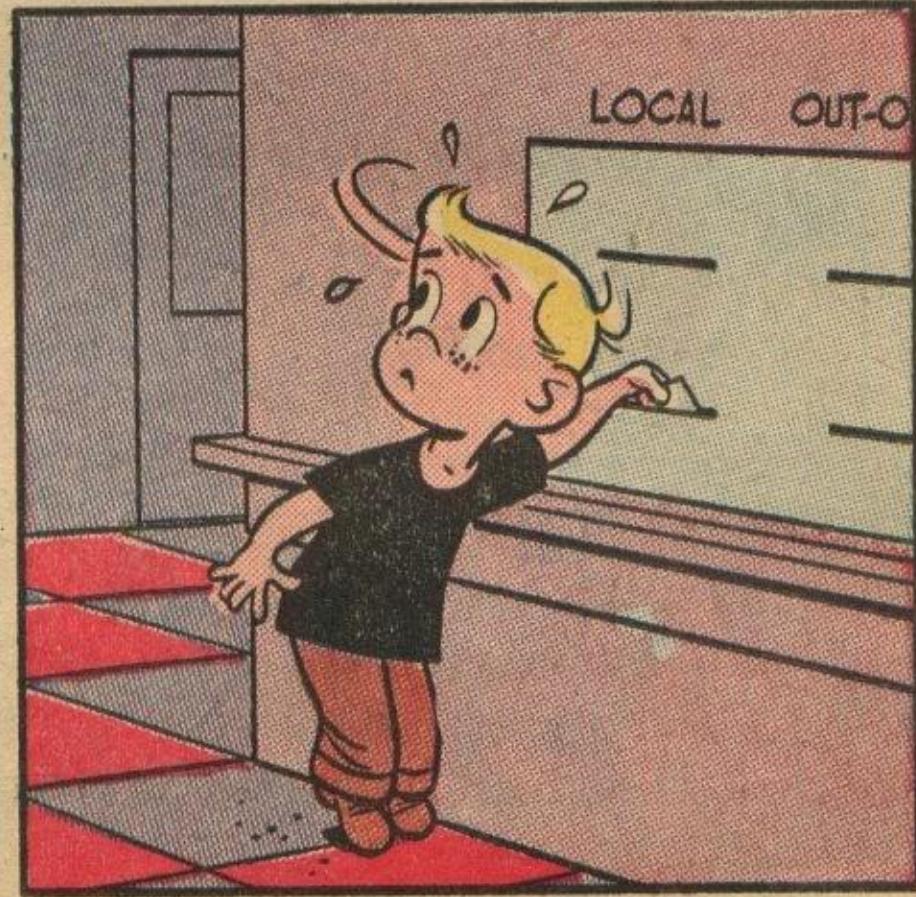
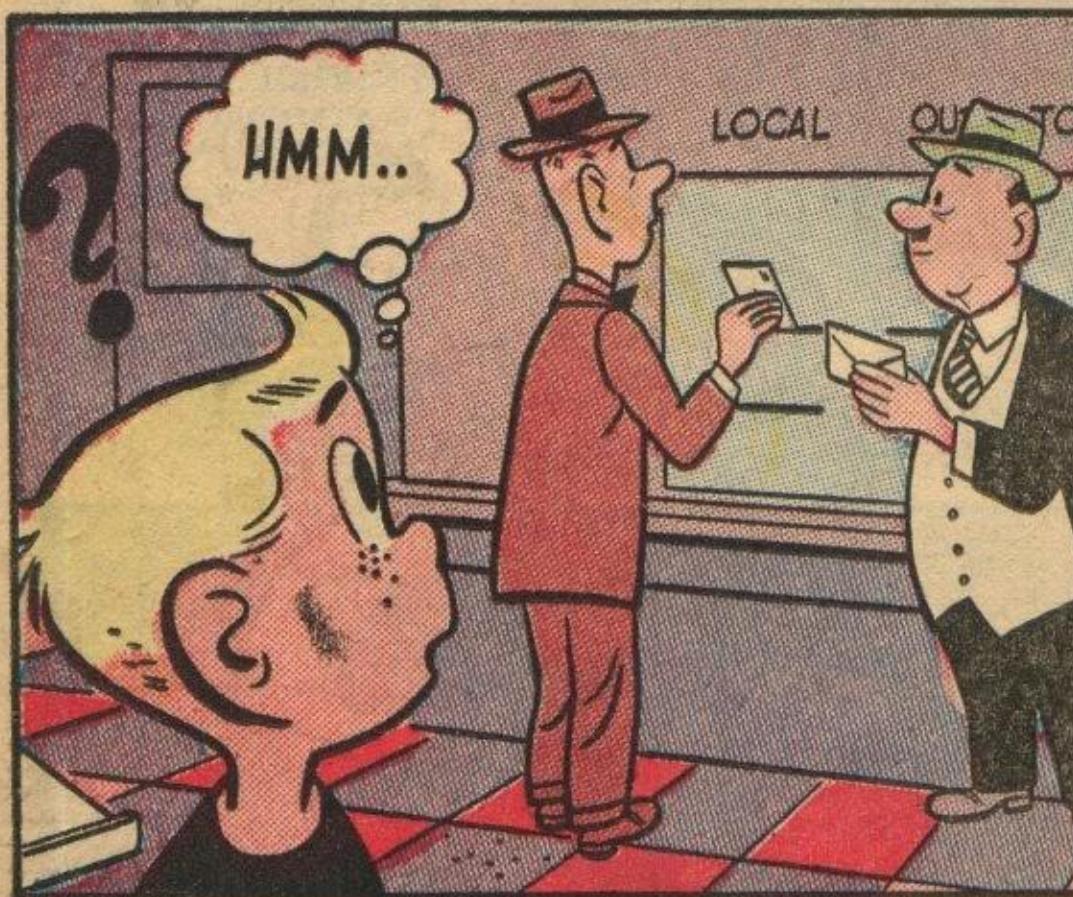
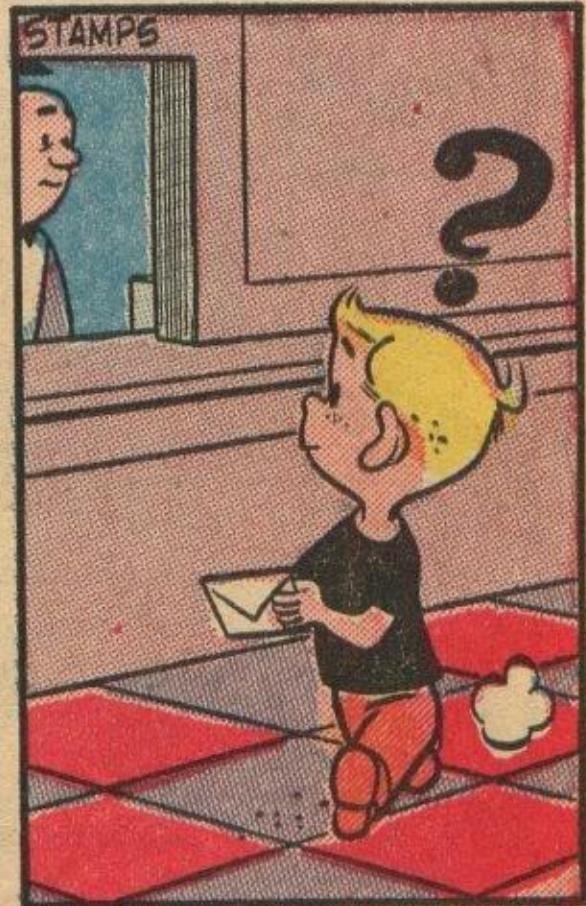


Little PETE

HENRY
BOSTONOFF

MOM ASKED
ME TO
MAIL THIS.

POST



The Case of the Harmless Crackpots



LAST year, a police sergeant picked up his jangling phone and heard the anguished voice of a woman coming over the wire.

"You must send a policeman to my house at once. That man I called you about last week just looked into my kitchen window again!"

The sergeant sighed, and switched the call to the detective bureau. There, two detectives lifted their hats off the rack, and ordered a squad car.

Minutes later, both detectives politely sat in the modest living room of the frightened woman, and courteously listened to her story.

"I know I've been making a pest of myself, calling you week after week about that peeper, and I can hardly blame you for thinking I'm crazy, because you never seem to catch him, but . . ."

At this point, one of the detectives interrupted her.

"We never said you were crazy, Madam," he said.

"As for being a pest, don't worry about it. Our job is to investigate every call. What did the man look like?" remarked the other detective.

The woman took a deep breath.

"Well," she began, "I can't tell you any more than I did last week, or the week before. You already have the description I gave you those other times."

"Yes, ma'am, but we'd like to hear it again, if you don't mind."

The woman shuddered, as if in terror at the recollection of the face at the window.

"He—he had a long scar on his right cheek."

"The *right* cheek?" interrupted one of the detectives.

"Yes, I'm sure it was the right cheek."

The woman completed the description. The detectives stood up.

"Okay, we'll make another search, ma'am."

The two detectives smiled pleasantly, and took their leave. But even before they had time to leave the long porch in front of the house, they were joined by the husband of the shuddering woman.

"I beg your pardon. I—I'd just like to say that I realize what you're up against. Frankly, I never saw that face my wife keeps complaining about."

The husband hesitated, as the de-

detectives silently waited for him to continue.

"I—I guess she is what you fellows at headquarters call a—a crackpot, huh?"

One of the detectives smiled politely.

"She might be one. But we've never called her that. We never make snap judgments at headquarters, and we always play it safe. Good evening."

Two days later, at exactly 11 o'clock at night, the woman uttered a piercing scream and pointed to the hall window. Her husband whirled about, but saw nothing.

"For goodness' sake," he said, with impatience, "when are you going to stop seeing faces in the . . . !"

But he never completed the sentence. A scuffle just outside the window brought him into the alley on the double. His arrival was timed at the moment that the two detectives who had visited him days before snapped bracelets on the wrists of a sinister character. The husband caught a glimpse of a bright red scar on the man's right cheek!

Later, the embarrassed husband shuffled uncomfortably in front of the two detectives.

"I—I guess I owe my wife an apology. She really did see the face in the window—and I thought she was a crackpot."

One of the detectives clapped him on the back.

"No apologies are necessary. Half the people who call us up after seeing faces in the window are crackpots. The trouble is, we never know which is which when a call comes in. So we treat every case as legitimate until we know better. In this particular case, we're certainly glad we did. That face

in your window belonged to a homicidal maniac. Your house was under constant watch ever since your wife's second call to us."

This case points up the attitude held by most police forces in the nation today regarding the innumerable reports that come in every day about "harmless nuisances." For, the police have learned, the harmless nuisance of today may turn out to be the dangerous criminal of tomorrow.

"Crackpots" who call up day after day to report "a man is following me" could easily become a case for homicide unless vigilance is maintained by a harried but alert police force.

And the "nuisance" who keeps hanging around a certain neighborhood, causing nothing more than annoyance to the residents in that neighborhood, may mask the hidden identity of a potential killer or thief.

Not long ago, a man made a *perfect nuisance* of himself on a busy city street in an eastern city, by accusing absolute strangers of laughing at him. A number of people reported him to the police, but the authorities were unable to act for, actually, the man hadn't committed any breach of the law.

Just the same, a detective was assigned to keep an eye on the "pest." And it was a good thing that he was.

For, one day, the "pest" appeared on the street, armed with a loaded rifle, and screaming at the top of his lungs that he was going to kill all the people who had been laughing at him.

Thanks to vigilant police work, the "pest" was subdued before he could carry out his insane threat. But this true-life incident demonstrates the police approach to the menace of the "harmless crackpots."

—Joe Maloney



BATMAN



BAT-MAN

AND
ROBIN

SEE HIM SOCKING
THAT CROOK? THAT'S
BATMAN-- THAT'S
MY POP!

BATMAN HAS MADE
SHORT WORK OF
IMPOSTORS BEFORE--
FAKE "BATMEN"
WHO HAD USED HIS
FAMILIAR COSTUME FOR
CRIMINAL GAIN! BUT
THIS TIME IT WAS THE
REAL BATMAN HIM-
SELF WHO WAS POSING--
POSING AS HIS OWN
IMPOSTOR! WHY?
YOU'LL READ THE
STRANGE ANSWER IN
THE HEART-WARMING
STORY OF...

The SON of BATMAN!

NIGHTFALL IN GOTHAM CITY... AN UNDERWORLD
TRIGGER-MAN LURKING IN AN ALLEY, SUDDENLY
SIGHTS A FAMILIAR COWLED, CAPED FIGURE...

LOOK! BATMAN! HE'S ALONE! -- AND HIS BACK
IS TURNED TO US! I CAN DO WHAT LOTS OF
GUYS TRIED TO DO AND FAILED! HE'S A
PERFECT TARGET!



Bob
Kane

BATMAN

LATER, PICKED UP BY A PASSING PATROL CAR, THE SILENT FIGURE IS BORNE TO THE OFFICE OF POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON...

HE CAN'T LAST LONG, COMMISSIONER! IT'S... IT'S UNBELIEVABLE... BATMAN DEAD... (SIGH) I'D BETTER USE THE BAT-SIGNAL TO SUMMON ROBIN! THE POOR KID! THIS WILL BE A TERRIBLE BLOW TO HIM!

BUT INCREDIBLY, THE BAT-SIGNAL NOT ONLY BRINGS THE BOY WONDER, BUT ANOTHER CAPED FIGURE!

BATMAN! BUT THEN WHO-- WHO IS THE MAN WHO WAS SHOT?

SUPPOSE WE TAKE A LOOK!

AND SO, IRONICALLY, IT IS BATMAN HIMSELF WHO UNMASKS ANOTHER "BATMAN"! AFTER GORDON LEAVES!

WHY, IT'S ED WILSON-- JUST PAROLED FROM PRISON TODAY AFTER A SIX-YEAR TERM!

I REMEMBER THE CASE! WILSON ALWAYS CLAIMED HE WAS FRAMED FOR THAT ARMED BURGLARY CHARGE! WHY THE MASQUERADE, WILSON?

I HAVE A YOUNG SON! TO KEEP MY JAIL TERM A SECRET FROM HIM, HIS MOTHER TOLD HIM I WAS BATMAN-- THAT MY WORK KEPT ME AWAY FROM HOME-- AND THAT SOMEDAY I'D RETURN-- FOR GOOD! A FEW DAYS AGO, HIS MOTHER DIED...

TODAY I WAS ON MY WAY HOME TO PRETEND TO MY SON THAT ANOTHER BATMAN WAS GOING TO TAKE MY PLACE AND AND THAT I WAS RETIRING AS BATMAN! NOW THE TRUTH WILL COME RIGHT AFTER HIS MOTHER'S DEATH. THE SHOCK MAY BE TOO MUCH FOR HIM!

IN THAT CASE, HE MUST LEARN THE TRUTH GRADUALLY!

I'LL HAVE COMMISSIONER GORDON MAKE IT SEEM BATMAN WAS ONLY WOUNDED! I'LL TAKE YOUR PLACE FOR AWHILE UNTIL I FEEL YOUR BOY IS STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE THE TRUTH!

BLESS YOU, BATMAN! I CAN DIE HAPPY NOW THAT I KNOW TOMMY WILL BE CARE FOR!

AS WILSON'S EYES CLOSE, BATMAN REMOVES HIS COWL TO MAKE UP HIS OWN FACE TO RESEMBLE WILSON'S-- BUT SUDDENLY... WILSON'S EYE'S OPEN!

YOUR FACE-- BRUCE WAYNE-- WHY, YOU'RE BATMAN--!

HE SAW YOUR FACE! HE KNOWS YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!

SO WHAT? IT DOESN'T MATTER IF HE KNOWS IT! HE'S A DYING MAN! ALREADY HE'S IN A COMA!

SO IT IS, THAT **BATMAN** IS PUT IN THE BIZARRE POSITION OF IMPERSONATING HIS IMPERSONATOR! LATER...

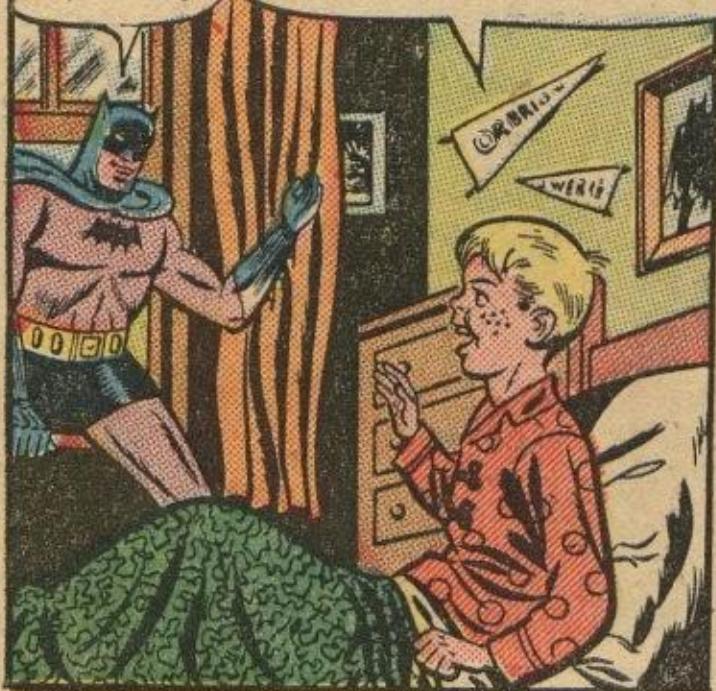
DADDY! YOU'VE COME HOME AT LAST! DADDY!

HI, SON!

GOLLY, IT'S REALLY YOU! GOSH, WHEN THE KIDS IN SCHOOL BOASTED ABOUT THEIR FATHERS, I WANTED TO TELL THEM ABOUT YOU, BUT MOM MADE ME PROMISE TO KEEP OUR SECRET...

GEE! OUTSIDE OF **ROBIN**, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS YOUR REAL IDENTITY, HUH, DADDY?

RIGHT, SON! NOW I'M GOING TO HANG UP MY **BATMAN** COSTUME FOR GOOD! I'M RETIRING! AND **ROBIN** WILL GO ON WORKING WITH A STAND-IN **BATMAN** I TRAINED TO TAKE MY PLACE!



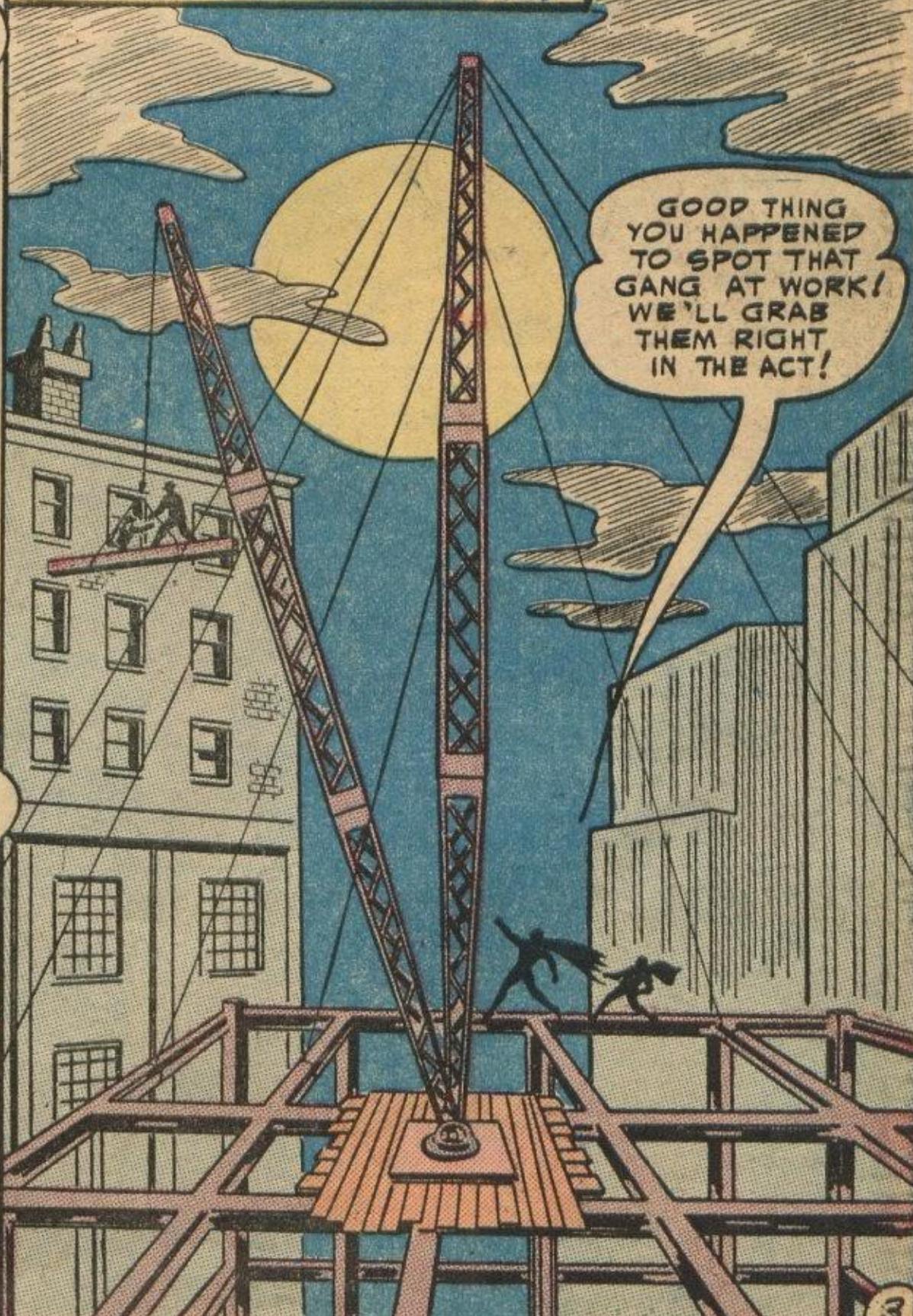
MEANWHILE, IN THE HANGOUT OF A CRIMINAL LEADER...

I DID IT--WITH THIS ROD! I KILLED BATMAN!

WELL, TIPPER -- THAT SHOULD MAKE YOU FAMOUS IN OUR CROWD! NOW THAT **BATMAN**'S NOT AROUND TO BOTHER US, WE CAN START PULLING SOME BIG JOBS AGAIN!



LATER, REUNITED WITH **ROBIN**, **BATMAN** LEADS THE WAY TOWARDS A GIRDER...



LATER, WHILE YOUNG TOMMY WILSON SLEEPS...

ROBIN CALLING BATMAN! GOOD THING I PLANNED FOR ROBIN TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME BY BELT-RADIO! THERE MUST BE A BIG CRIME BEING COMMITTED!





BATMAN

NICE TRICK-- USING THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY'S DERRICK TO SWING YOU INTO THE JEWELER'S WINDOW IN THE NEXT BUILDING!

ROBIN AND BATMAN!

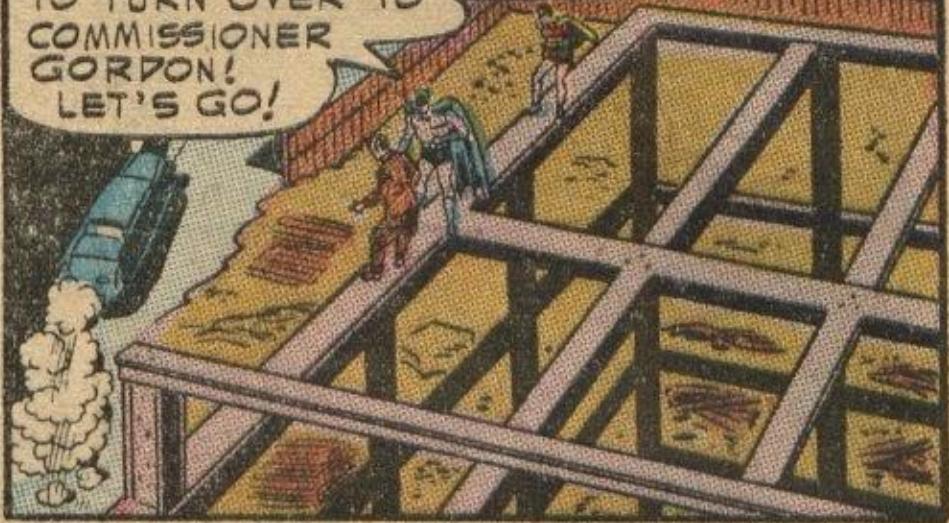
IT CAN'T BE--
I KILLED YOU!
YOU'RE A GHOST!
KEEP AWAY FROM
ME!

RELAX, LITTLE MAN-- YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DIE-- NOW! WE'LL LET A MURDER TRIAL DECIDE THAT FOR YOU!



TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE DIVERSION,
THE OTHERS ESCAPE...

THERE THEY GO. WELL, WE'VE GOT WILSON'S KILLER ANYWAY TO TURN OVER TO COMMISSIONER GORDON!
LET'S GO!



BUT THERE...

GUESS WHAT? WILSON'S RALLIED! HE'S GOING TO LIVE!



AND AS HE PREPARES TO RETIRE...

THE BAT-SIGNAL! THIS MEANS SOMETHING IMPORTANT! GOOD THING TOMMY'S ASLEEP! HE WON'T KNOW I'M LEAVING!



LATER...

IT'S SWELL FOR WILSON, BUT IT MEANS WILSON WILL EVENTUALLY REMEMBER YOUR FACE! HE KNOWS YOUR SECRET IDENTITY! WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW?

I DON'T KNOW, ROBIN-- I JUST DON'T KNOW! MEANWHILE, I'M GOING "HOME" TO TOMMY. SEE YOU TOMORROW.



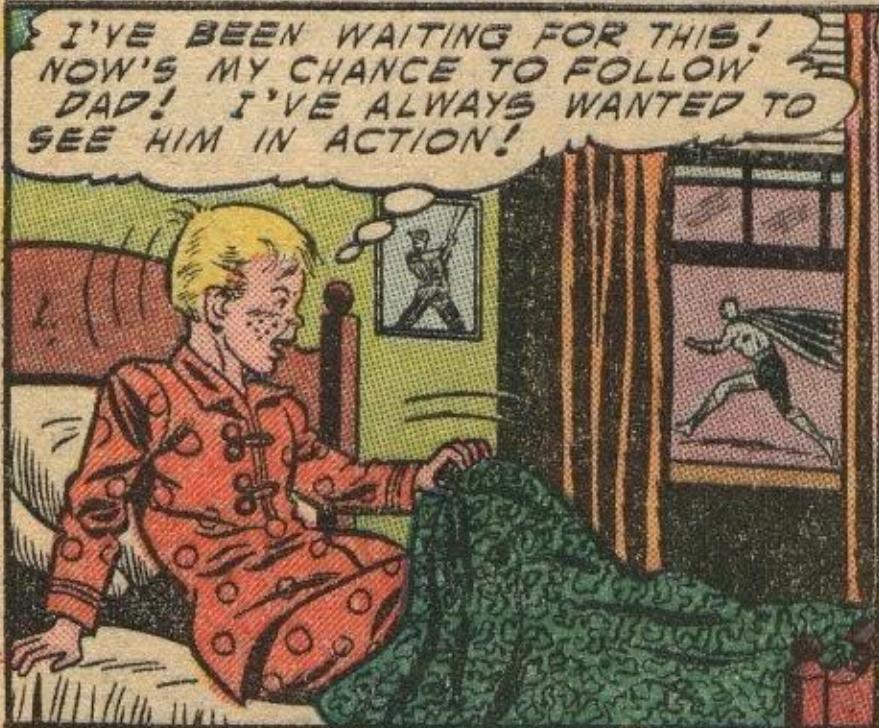


BATMAN



BUT FOR ONCE BATMAN IS MIS-TAKEN-- TOMMY IS VERY MUCH AWAKE!

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS! NOW'S MY CHANCE TO FOLLOW DAD! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE HIM IN ACTION!



LATER...

WHAT'S UP,
ROBIN?

TIPPER TALKED! HE SAID HIS BOSS MIGHT CRACK THAT VINEGAR COMPANY'S SAFE! GORDON WANTS US TO INVESTIGATE!



CARRY YOUR BAG, IT LOOKS A LITTLE MISTER? HEAVY FOR YOU!

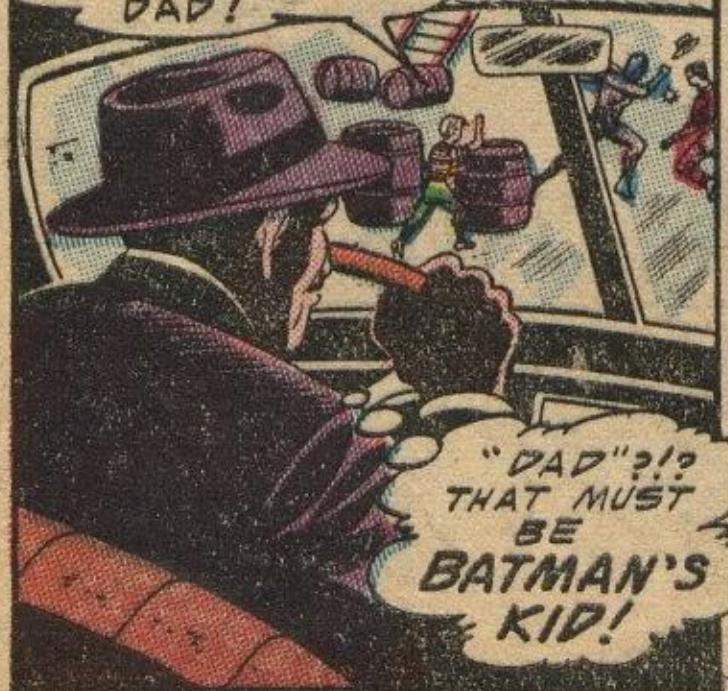


BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE UNAWARE OF A HIDDEN ROOTER WHOSE EXCITED EYES WATCH THEIR DAZZLING ACTION...



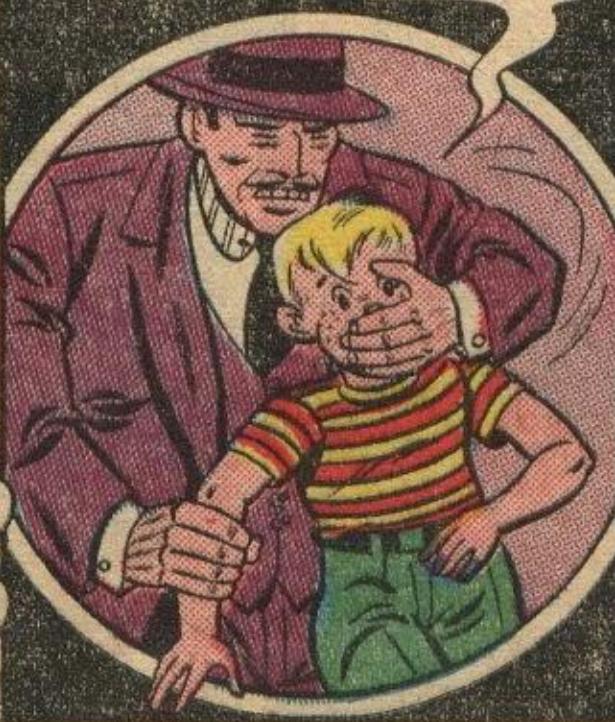
AND THE ROOTER IS UNAWARE THAT HE, TOO, IS WATCHED BY A NEARING VEHICLE'S DRIVER...

ATTABOY, DAD!
SOCK HIM AGAIN,
DAD!



LITTLE BOYS SHOULD BE SEEN BUT NOT HEARD!

MMMF!



BATMAN! I'VE GOT YOUR KID! LET MY GUYS ALONE--!!

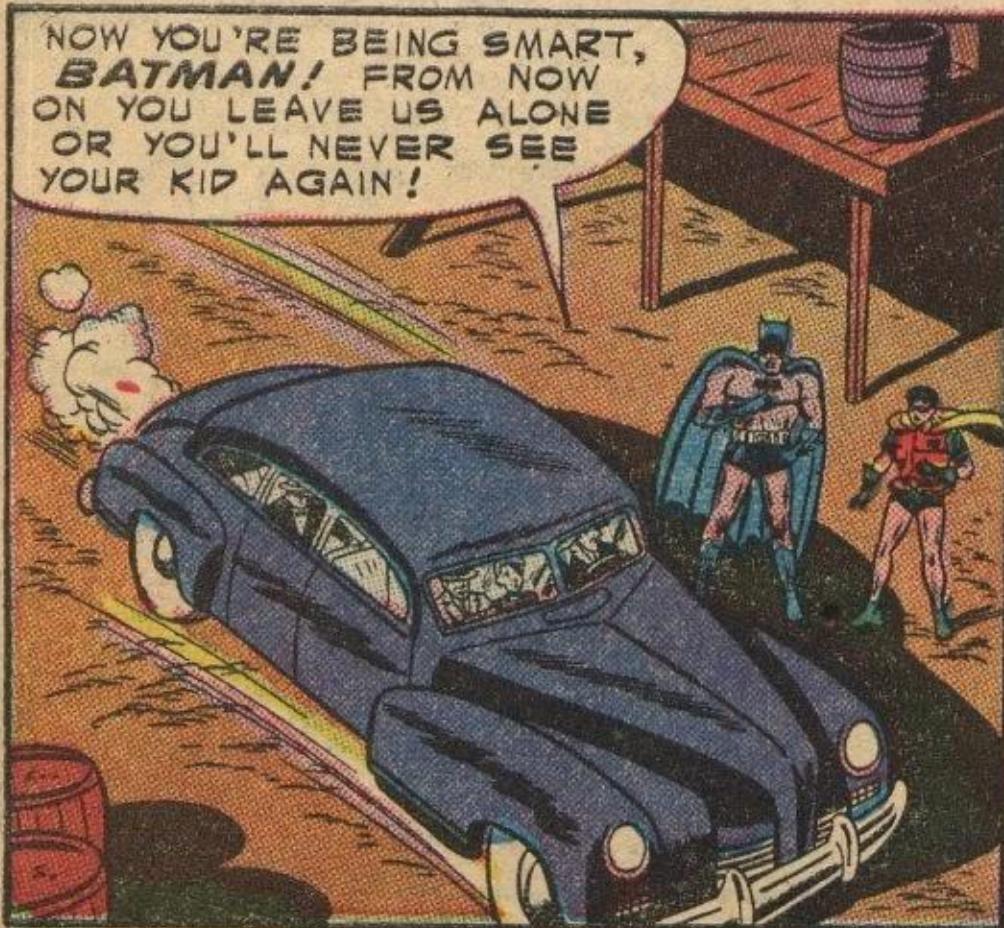
TOMMY! BIG JIM GARVER'S GOT HIM!



"DAD"?!
THAT MUST
BE
BATMAN'S
KID!

BATMAN

NOW YOU'RE BEING SMART,
BATMAN! FROM NOW
ON YOU LEAVE US ALONE
OR YOU'LL NEVER SEE
YOUR KID AGAIN!



BATER, AT HEADQUARTERS...

IF THEY
HURT THAT
YOUNGSTER--

EASY, **BATMAN!**
I'VE GOT EVERY
AVAILABLE MAN
ON THE LOOKOUT!

TOO BAD
TIPPER DOES
NOT KNOW HIS
BOSS' NEW
HIDEOUT! ALL
WE CAN DO
NOW IS WAIT
AND HOPE!



AT THAT MOMENT, THE CAPTIVE YOUNGSTER
IS TRYING TO LIVE UP TO BEING THE SON
OF **BATMAN...**

IF IT WERE ROBIN
INSTEAD OF ME, HE'D BE TRYING TO
GET OUT A **BAT-SIGNAL** SOMEHOW!
HMM -- LET'S SEE -- A HOT AIR GRILL...
AND BLACK CARBON PAPER --



FIRST I TEAR THE
CARBON SHEETS
INTO THE OUTLINE
OF A BAT--



THEN I SLIP THE CARBON
PAPER INTO THE GRILL!



INSTANTLY, THE RISING HOT AIR CARRIES
THE THIN CARBON SHEETS UP AND OUT
THE VENT INTO THE NIGHT...

BATS! BATS
FLYING OUT
OF THIS
BUILDING!

NOW WHY-- UNLESS IT'S A
BAT-SIGNAL OF SOME
KIND! I'D BETTER CALL
THE COMMISSIONER'S
OFFICE!

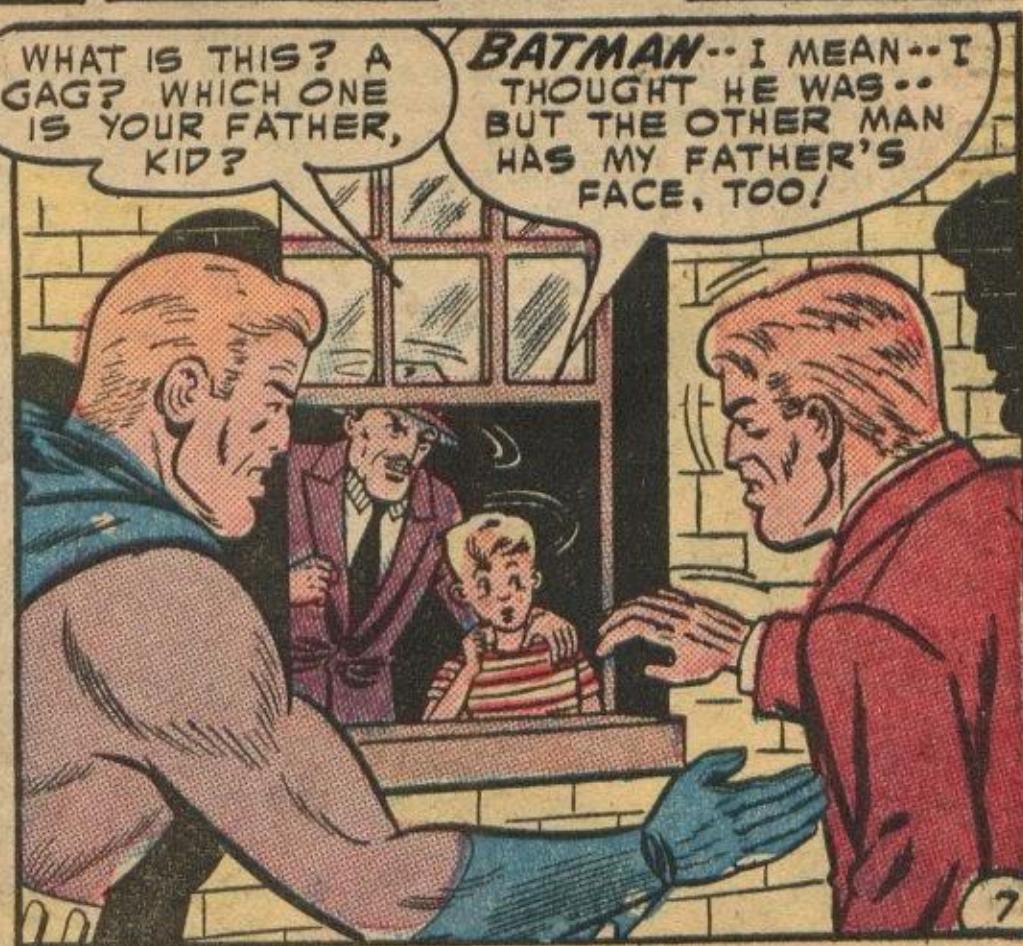
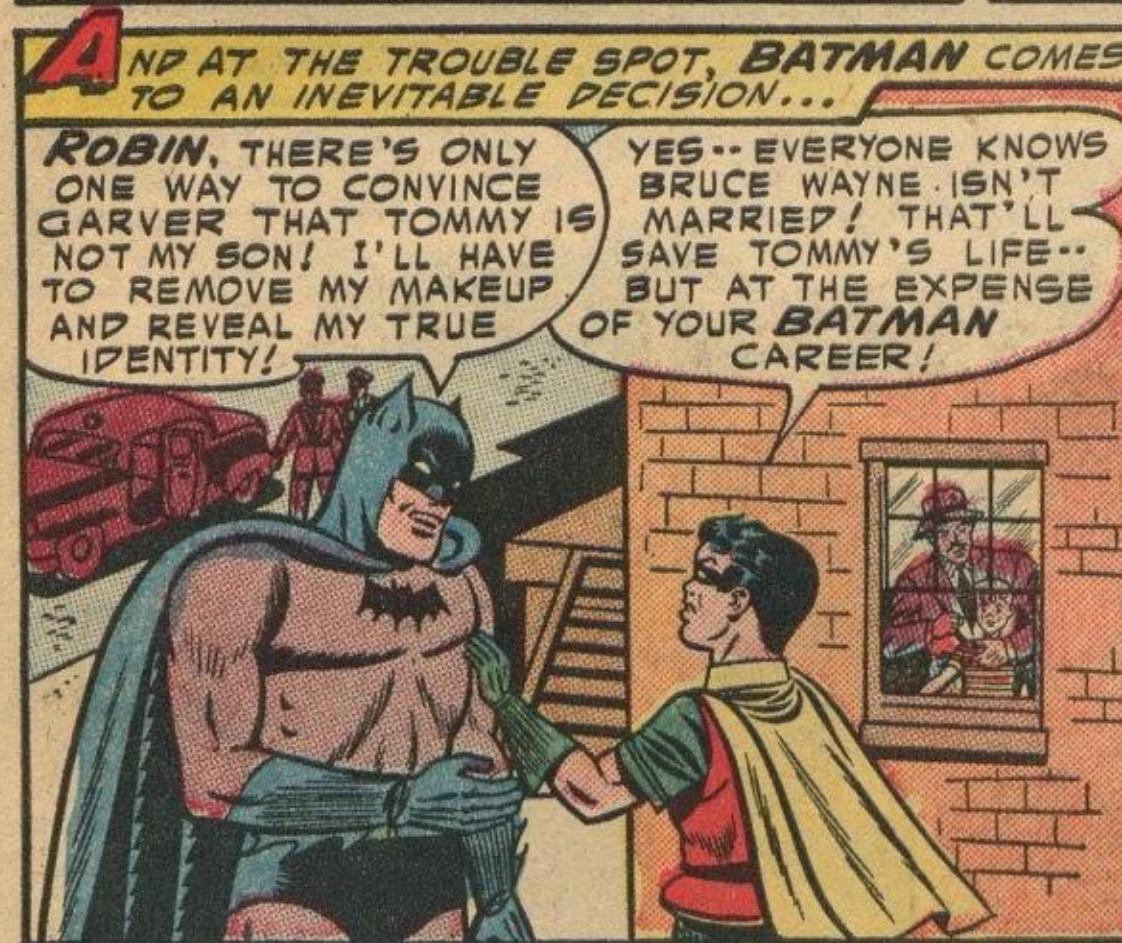
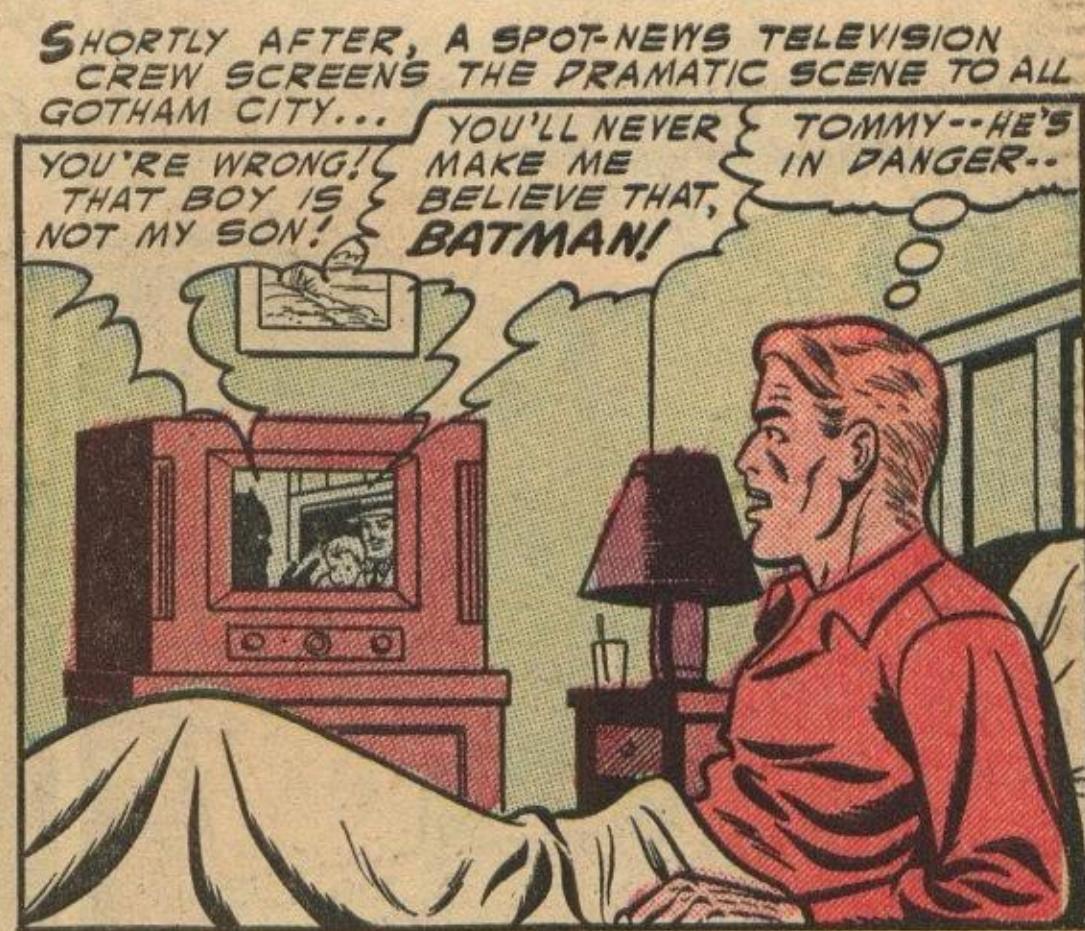


SOON, POLICE CARS SILENTLY CLOSE IN
ON THE WAREHOUSE WHEN SUDDENLY...

CARBON PAPER!
GOOD THING MY LOOKOUT SPOTTED
YOU COPPERS! JUST STAY PUT!



BATMAN



BATMAN

AS GARYER PAUSES, STUMPED BY HIS MOMENTARY DOUBT, BATMAN SEIZES THIS PRECIOUS MOMENT TO LAUNCH INTO ACTION!



TOMMY-- SURE-- BUT I
YOU'RE PON'T UNDER-
ALL RIGHT? STAND.. I'M
ALL MIXED UP!

AS SOON AS I TURN
THIS SNAKE OVER
TO THE POLICE, I'LL
EXPLAIN-- AND TELL
YOU WHAT A FINE
MAN YOUR REAL
FATHER IS!

LATER, WHEN THE WEAKENED MAN IS RETURNED TO THE HOSPITAL, TOMMY UNDERSTANDINGLY ACCEPTS THE TRUTH...

I'M AN EX-CON,
SON-- BUT I
WAS INNOCENT!
DO YOU
BELIEVE ME,
TOMMY?

GOSH, DAD--
'COURSE I
BELIEVE
YOU! A GUY'S
GOTTA BELIEVE
IN HIS OWN
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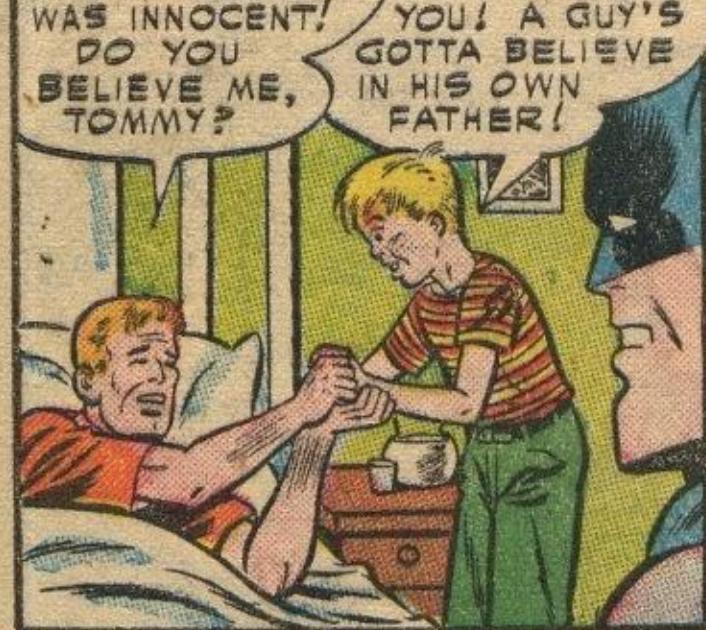
I'M SORRY
I LIED ABOUT
BEING
BATMAN!
I'M NOT
REALLY
MUCH, SON!

YOU'RE ONE OF
THE BRAVEST
GUYS IN THE
WHOLE WORLD!
RIGHT, **BATMAN?**

YOU KNOW **BATMAN**--
JUST BEFORE I BLACKED
OUT LAST NIGHT, I THOUGHT
I SAW YOUR FACE AND
RECOGNIZED IT--

RIGHT!

GOLLY!
HERE IT
COMES!



BUT I GUESS
IT WAS ALL
PART OF MY
DELIRIUM! I
CAN'T EVEN
REMEMBER
IT NOW!

WILSON SANK INTO A COMA
RIGHT AFTER SEEING MY
FACE! A COMA SOMETIMES
CAUSES AMNESIA -- AND
LUCKILY, IT WAS ONE OF
THOSE TIMES! MY BRUCE
WAYNE IDENTITY IS STILL
A SECRET!

SORRY
IT'S ALL
OVER,
TOMMY?

AFTERWARD, IT IS WITH A MOMENT OF
NOSTALGIA THAT YOUNG TOMMY WATCHES
HIS ONE-TIME "FATHER" LEAVE...

I-- I GUESS SO, BUT AT LEAST I
CAN ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT I
WAS THE "SON" OF **BATMAN**,
FOR A LITTLE WHILE!



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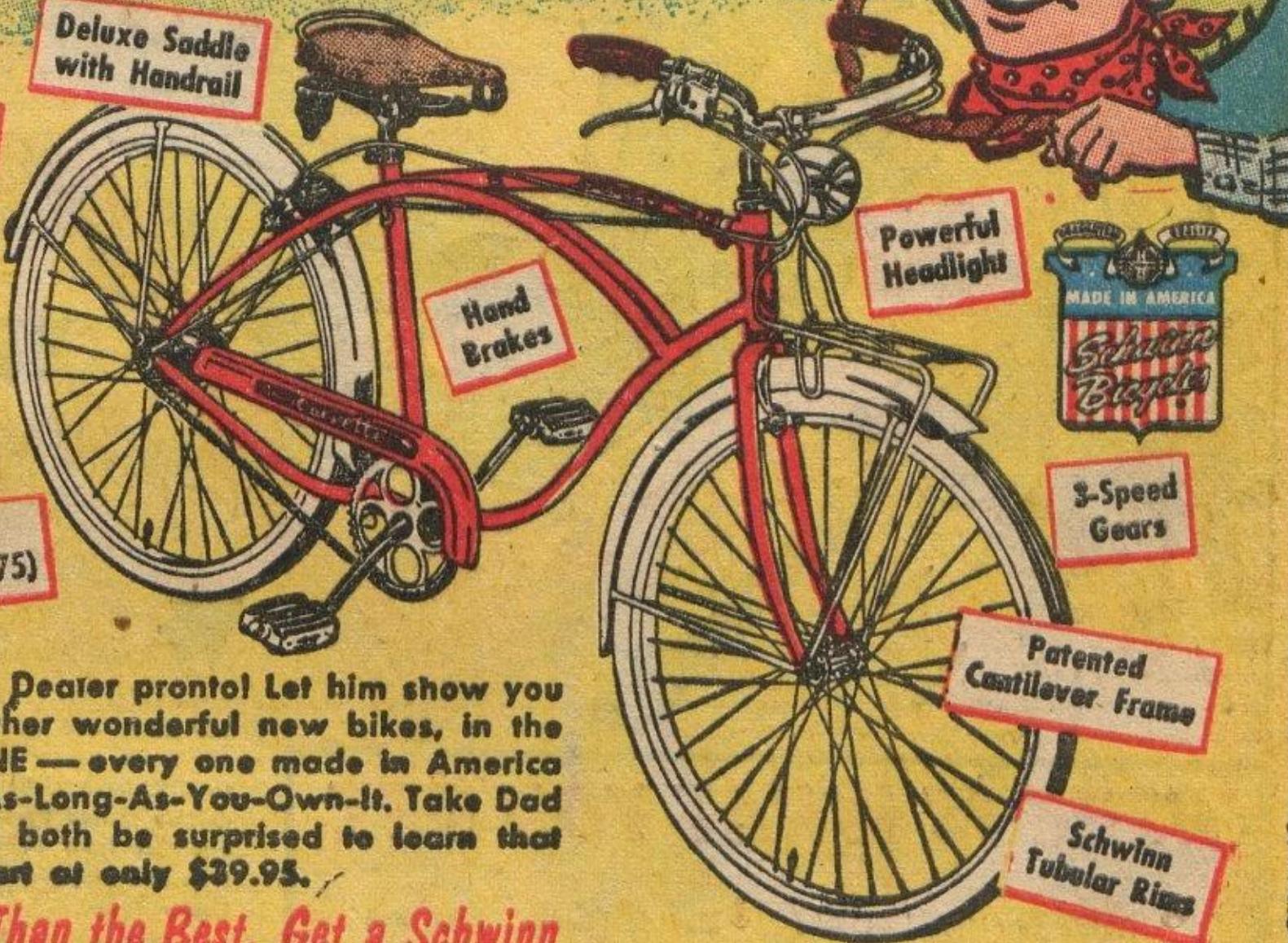
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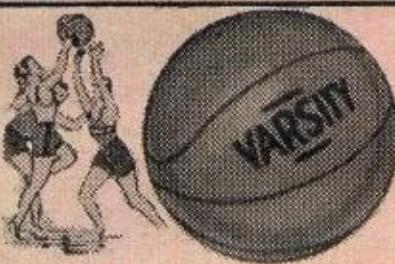
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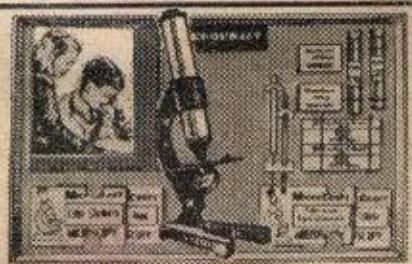
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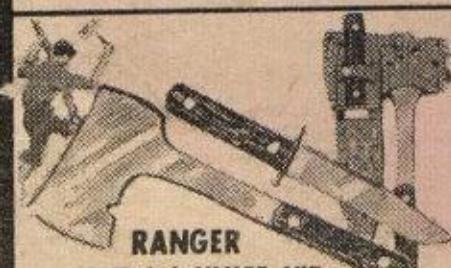


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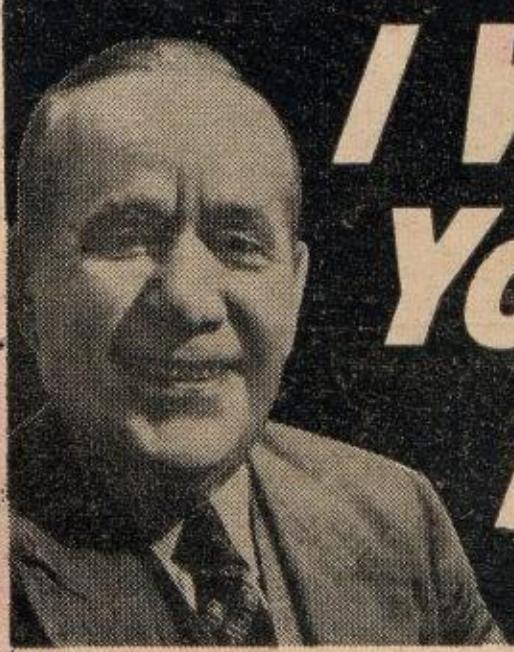
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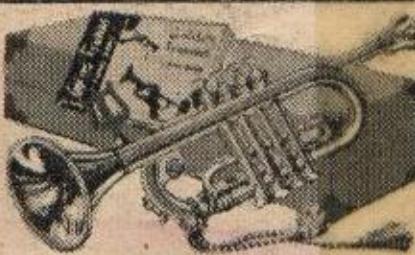
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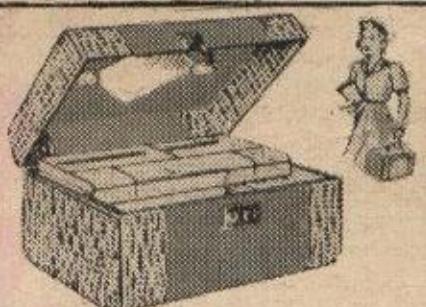
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