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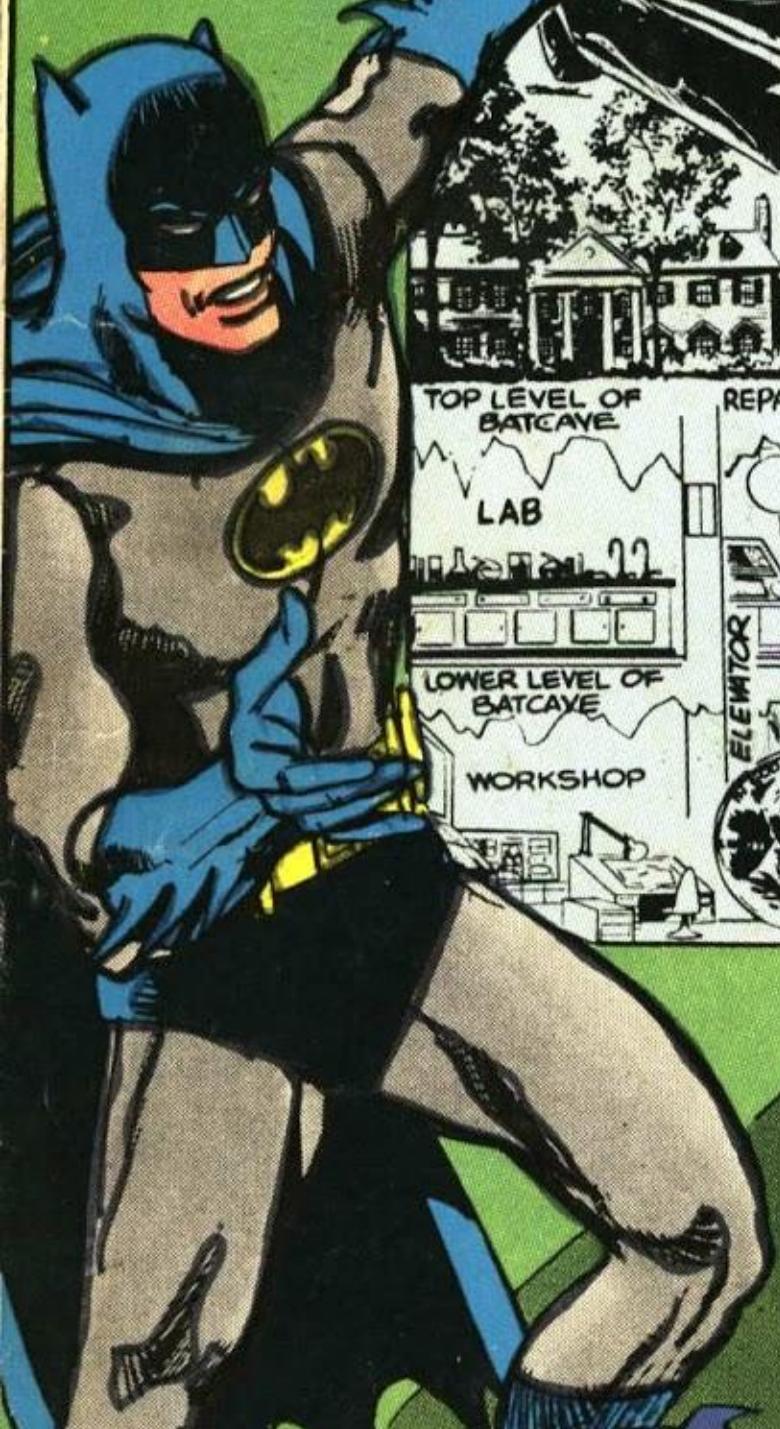
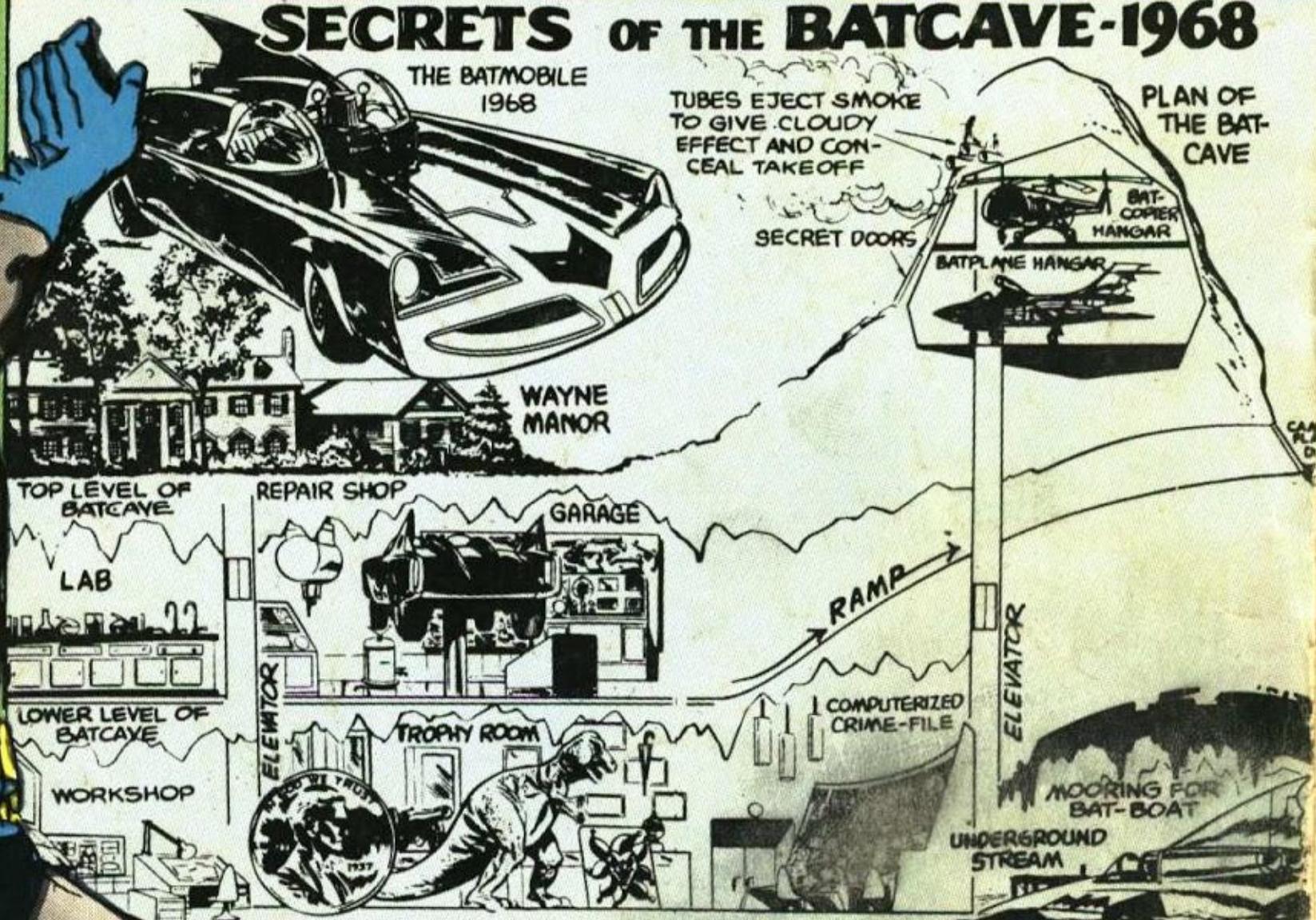
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GIANT BATMAN



BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN

- THE BOY WONDER -

REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.

by

BOB
KANE

DEEP
UNDER
THE
SURFACE OF

GOTHAM CITY IS A
MAMMOTH CAVE WHICH
IS KNOWN BUT TO TWO
PEOPLE - BATMAN AND
ROBIN! FOR THIS IS THE
BATMAN'S SUBTERRANEAN
RETREAT - THE
BATCAVE! IT IS THE
BATCAVE THAT PROVIDES
SECRET SHELTER FOR THE
BATPLANE, BATMOBILE, A CRIM-
INOLOGICAL LABORATORY, AND
ALL THE OTHER CRIME-FIGHTING
TOOLS OF THE BATMAN! BUT
WHEN A STRANGER ENTERS THE
BATCAVE ... AND WHEN THIS ENEMY
WOULD DESTROY BATMAN'S CAREER...
THEN FATE CONSPIRES TO PROTECT

"THE 1,000 SECRETS
OF THE BATCAVE!"

BAT-
SIGNAL

NIGHT FALLS OVER GOTHAM CITY, AND SUDDENLY THE AIR IS SPLIT WITH SIREN WAILS AND GUN SHOTS... WOLF BRANDO, PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE, HAS BROKEN JAIL!

HERE'S A GOOD-BYE PRESENT, COPPER!

SOON AFTER, WOLF BRANDO COMMANDERS A CAR...

PLEASE... I'M A DOCTOR... I'M HURRYING TO PERFORM AN EMERGENCY OPERATION... MY PATIENT MAY DIE... OHHH!

SHADDUP!

WHEN A MOTOR-CYCLE POLICEMAN PICKS UP BRANDO'S TRAIL, THE KILLER DELIBERATELY RAMS THE LAWMAN!

YOU'LL BE A DEAD HERO NOW, COPPER!

CRASH!

TRUCKS

BUT IN SPITE OF HIS INJURIES, THE GALLANT COP SECRETLY FOLLOWS WOLF BRANDO TO A SUBURBAN HOME...

THERE HE GOES... INTO THE WAYNE HOUSE! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT AN ALARM - FAST!

INSIDE THE HOUSE, AS YOUNG DICK GRAYSON, ALIAS ROBIN THE BOY WONDER, IS BENT OVER HIS HOMEWORK...

JUST THIS KID AROUND! WHAT LUCK! I KIN HIDE OUT HERE!

THE BOY SLUMPS, FALLS AGAINST BRANDO AND THRUSTS HIM AGAINST A HUGE GRANDFATHER CLOCK, AND...

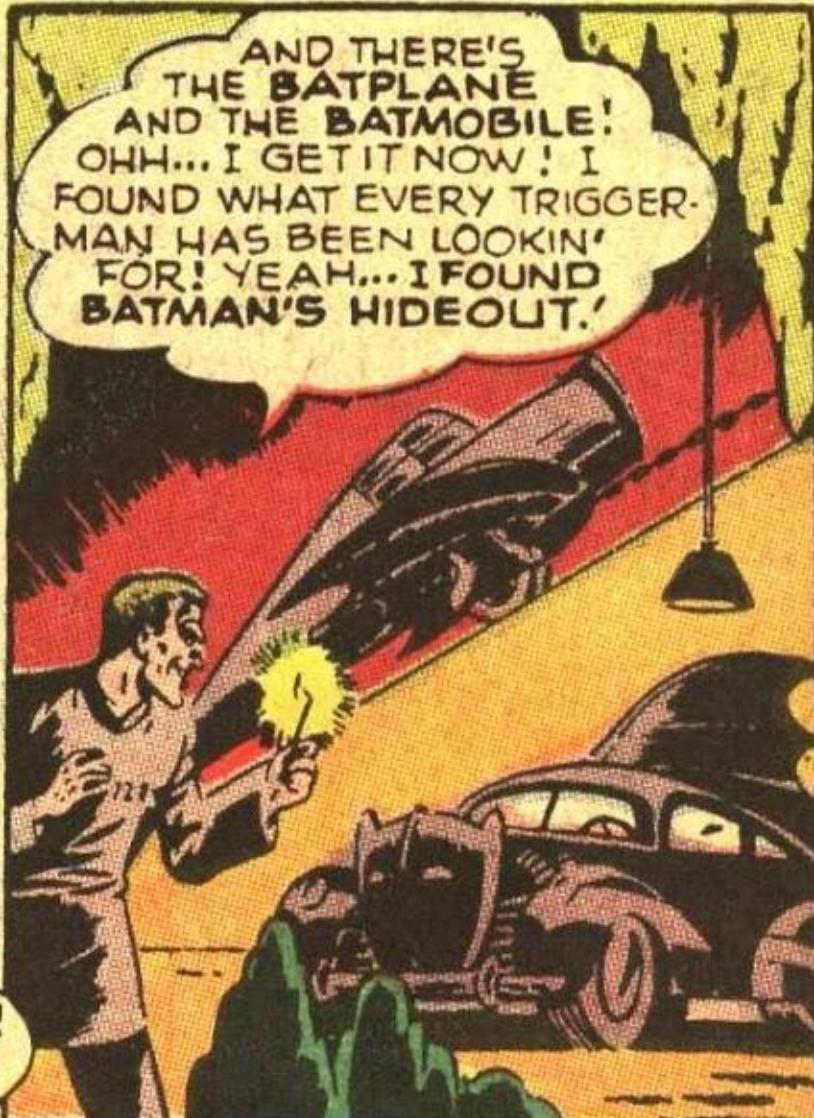
HUH?

IT OPENED! IT'S REALLY A SECRET DOOR... WITH STEPS BEHIND IT!

UPON EXPLORING THE STAIRS, WOLF BRANDO FINDS HIMSELF IN A NATURAL MAMMOTH CAVERN...



AND THERE'S THE BATPLANE AND THE BATMOBILE! OHH... I GET IT NOW! I FOUND WHAT EVERY TRIGGER-MAN HAS BEEN LOOKIN' FOR! YEAH... I FOUND BATMAN'S HIDEOUT!



MEANWHILE... AT POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS, BRUCE WAYNE, SECRETLY THE BATMAN, IS VISITING HIS OLD FRIEND, COMMISSIONER GORDON

HOW ARE THINGS, BRUCE?

OHH... I'VE GOT PROBLEMS! ONE OF MY POLO PONIES IS OFF HIS FEED! QUITE ANNOYING, Y'KNOW!

COME ON, BRUCE... TO THE ROOF! YOU CAN HELP ME PAGE SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP US CAPTURE WOLF BRANDO - THE BATMAN!

BATMAN?! BUT I'M BATMAN! WHAT A SPOT!

LATER, IT IS IRONIC THAT BRUCE WAYNE HIMSELF HAS TO FLASH THE EERIE SIGNAL THAT IS A SUMMONS FOR THE BATMAN.

HMPHH! RICH MAN'S TROUBLES! EH... WHAT'S UP, REILLY?

ONE OF OUR BOYS SPOTTED WOLF BRANDO! HE WAS SEEN SNEAKING INTO MR. WAYNE'S HOUSE!

MY HOUSE?



ODD... HE SHOULD'VE BEEN HERE BY NOW!

I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY SO I CAN RE-APPEAR AS BATMAN. HMM... I'VE GOT AN IDEA!



GIANT BATMAN

SURREPTITIOUSLY, BRUCE RIPS A SEARCHLIGHT WIRE—
AND THE BAT-SIGNAL BLACKS OUT!

UH...ONE OF THE
FILAMENTS MUST'VE
BURNED OUT! I'LL
PHONE FOR AN
ELECTRICIAN.'

OH... ALL
RIGHT!
SEE YOU
LATER!

UNDER COVER OF
DARKNESS,
BRUCE WAYNE
SHEDS HIS PLAY
BOY ROLE AND
ASSUMES THE
MANTLE OF -

BATMAN!
I THOUGHT YOU'D
NEVER GET HERE!

NEITHER
DID I.

LATER...AFTER A QUICK EXPLANATION...A POLICE
CORDON SURROUNDS THE WAYNE HOME!

WE SEARCHED THE
HOUSE, SIR, BUT
THERE'S NOBODY
IN IT.

HMM! BRANDO MUST BE
HIDING SOMEWHERE!
WE'LL SEARCH THE
GROUNDS!

AS FLASHLIGHTS PROBE THE DARKNESS,
BATMAN MERGES WITH THE SHADOWS!

DICK WAS INSIDE THE
HOUSE! SOMETHING'S
WRONG! AND IF BRANDO'S
NOT HIDING ABOVE GROUND,
HE MAY BE BELOW—
IN THE BATCAVE!

UNOBSERVED, THE CAPE
MANHUNTER SLIPS INTO AN
OLD BARN THAT SERVES AS
THE SECRET EXIT FOR THE
BATPLANE AND BAT-
MOBILE!

DOWN THE RAMP
HE RACES, TO A
SUBTERRANEAN
GROTTO... WHEN
SUDDENLY...

IF BRANDO'S FOUND THE
ENTRANCE TO THE
BATCAVE, HE'LL KNOW
THE IDENTITY I'VE
GUARDED ALL THESE
YEARS!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO
BOther WEARIN' THAT
MASK... I KNOW YOU
ARE... BRUCE WAYNE!



AND NOW BATMAN FACES THE CRIMINAL WHO HAS STUMBLED UPON ONE OF THE MOST CLOSELY GUARDED SECRETS IN THE WORLD!

WELL, WELL... WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THE MUCH PHOTOGRAPHED PLAYBOY WAS REALLY BATMAN ALL THE TIME! YOU FOOLED EVERYBODY.

ALL RIGHT... SO YOU KNOW! NOW WHAT?

I WANT YOUR BATMAN COSTUME! BY DISGUIISING MYSELF AS YOU, I CAN PASS THE COPS! DO THAT FOR ME AND I'LL KEEP YOUR SECRET!

I NEVER MAKE DEALS WITH CRIMINALS! YOU'RE A KILLER, AND I'M BRINGING YOU IN EVEN IF YOU DO REVEAL MY IDENTITY!



SUDDENLY, DICK USES A CLEVER STRATEGY BY LUNGING AGAINST THE MACHINE USED FOR PROJECTING MICROFILM SLIDES FROM BATMAN'S CRIME FILE.'



AND BRANDO'S EYES ARE DISTRACTED BY THE BIZARRE FACE OF BATMAN'S OLD ENEMY—TWO-FACE!



WIRY AS HIS LUPINE NAMESAKE, WOLF BRANDO TWISTS AWAY, LOPING SWIFTLY INTO THE LABYRINTH OF ROCK AND SHADOW!

YOU'LL NEVER GET ME!

BRANDO KNOWS WHO YOU ARE... WHY WEAR YOUR ROBIN COSTUME?

THIS WILL PROBABLY BE OUR FINAL CASE... SO I WANT TO WEAR MY ROBIN SUIT FOR THE LAST TIME... BEFORE I PUT IT IN MOTHBALLS!

HE CAN'T GO ABOVE BECAUSE OF THE POLICE! HE'LL STAY BELOW... AND WE'LL GET HIM!

THEN, IN THE CONFINES OF THE BAT-CAVE BEGINS A GRIM GAME OF HIDE-AND-SEEK, FOR A KILLER. MUST BE FOUND . . .

OLD DISGUISED BARN

WAYNE HOME

SPIRAL STAIRS

WINCH

WINCH CHAIN
TO PULL BAT-
PLANE UP
INCLINE

NATURAL GROTTO

GARAGE

TROPHY ROOM

SECRET LABORATORY

THE BEST PLAN IS FOR US TO SPLIT UP! WE'LL COVER MORE TERRITORY QUICKER! I'LL SEARCH THE GARAGE ... YOU TRY THE TROPHY ROOM! GOOD LUCK!

CHECK!

WARILY, BATMAN ENTERS... WHEN SUDDENLY THE BATMOBILE, LIKE A ROBOT GONE Berserk, RUSHES AT ITS INVENTOR!

HAW! HAW!
WHAT A LAUGH...
BATMAN'S GONNA
BE RUN OVER BY
HIS OWN,
BATMOBILE.

GIANT BATMAN

SURPRISINGLY,
BATMAN LEAPS
DIRECTLY AT THE
ONCOMING MACHINE!

I THANK THE
DAY I MADE THE
BATMOBILE
STREAMLINED!

AS THE ACROBATMAN PIVOTS
TOWARD THE CAR DOOR, IT
SUDDENLY SWINGS OPEN...

YOU'RE NOT COMIN'
IN... I'M GETTIN'
OUT.

RETREATING, WOLF
BRANDO FINDS HIM-
SELF IN THE HALL
OF TROPHIES...
SYMBOL OF BATMAN'S
NUMEROUS VICTORIES
OVER CRIME!

DINOSAUR
ISLAND

SAY THIS PLACE
OUGHT TO SUPPLY
ME WITH SOME
KIND O' WEAPON!

OH-OH... IT'S ROBIN
LOOKIN' FOR ME! THAT
LITTLE BRAT... I OUGHTTA
SQUASH HIM LIKE A
FLY! YEAH... AN' THIS
TROPHY OUGHTTA
DO JUST THAT!

MEANWHILE,
BATMAN
ENTERS...
WHEN
SUDDENLY...

ROBIN!
LOOK
OUT!

CASE OF
PENNY
PLUNDERERS

GIANT BATMAN

SUPERMAN
DC
NATIONAL COMICS

SUPERMAN
DC
NATIONAL COMICS

REACTING INSTANTLY,
BATMAN PITS TROPHY
AGAINST TROPHY...

...TO
BLOCK
THE
CRUSHING
MENACE!

BUT IN HIS HASTE TO ESCAPE,
BRANDO BRUSHES AGAINST A
SOUVENIR FROM BATMAN'S
PAST TRIUMPH OVER THE
JOKER, AND SUDDENLY—

YOU KNOW SOMETHING
... I'M PRETTY SURE
AT THAT DINO-SAUR!

THE FACT THAT YOU'RE
STILL ABLE TO PUN
MEANS YOU'RE NOT
HURT! NOW... LET'S
FIND THAT KILLER!

MEANWHILE...

IF THIS WEAPON
WAS GOOD ENOUGH
FOR THE PENGUIN,
IT OUGHTTA BE GOOD
ENOUGH FOR ME!

PENGUIN'S FLAME
THROWING UMBRELLA



YIII-III! (COUGH)
GAS!



GIANT BATMAN



LET HIM DIE! HE'S A KILLER! YOUD ONLY BE SAVING HIM FOR THE ELECTRIC CHAIR ANYWAY! WHY GIVE HIM THE CHANCE TO REVEAL YOUR IDENTITY?

ROBIN, WE'VE ALWAYS FOLLOWED A MORAL CODE... WE MUST KEEP HIM ALIVE... EVEN THOUGH IT WILL MEAN THE FINISH OF BATMAN!



THEN, FINALLY... THE ANTIDOTE!
DRINK THIS... IT WILL SAVE YOU... FOR THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!



BUT AS BATMAN KNEELS... HE RECEIVES TREACHEROUS PAYMENT FOR HIS MEDICAL CARE!



GIANT BATMAN

I KNEW THE PENGUIN'S FLAME-THROWING UMBRELLA WOULD COME IN HANDY! SO LONG, KID!

SSSSSS!



HURRIEDLY, BRANDO RETREATS TOWARD THE OUTER SECTION OF THE BATCAVE...



ROBIN, WE MUSTN'T LET HIM GET THROUGH THE LUMINOUS CORRIDOR BESIDE THE STREAM! IT LEADS OUT OF THE BATCAVE!

BUT THE ECHO OF BATMAN'S WORDS CARRIES TO BRANDO...

...LUMINOUS CORRIDOR BESIDE THE STREAM... LEADS OUT OF BATCAVE...

THIS MUST BE IT! NOW I CAN GET OUTA HERE!



MEANWHILE...

WHY ARE WE TAKING THE GONDOLA?

IT ELIMINATES FOOTSTEPS! WE'LL DRIFT QUIETLY DOWN THE UNDERGROUND STREAM AND CUT HIM OFF!



POLING THE CRAFT LIKE AN EXPERT GONDOLIER, BATMAN CONTINUES THE GRIM MANHUNT...



PRESIDENTLY, AS BRANDO REACHES THE END OF THE NARROW CORRIDOR HE HAS JUST RUN THROUGH...



RIGHT!

WHY, I'M STILL IN THE CAVE. IT WAS A TRICK!



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LOOK FOR THIS COUPON IN ALL
MAY THROUGH OCTOBER ISSUES

Billy

SINCE WE BOUGHT
BILLY THAT NEW
TRANSOGRAM KA-BALA
GAME, HE HAS TIME
FOR NOTHING ELSE.

I KNOW. I FIXED THAT.
COME WITH ME.



BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN

- THE BOY WONDER -

IMAGINE BATPLANE VS. BATPLANE FOR THE
MASTERY OF THE SKIES!

WELL, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE BATPLANE,
MOST FORMIDABLE OF ALL BATMAN'S EQUIPMENT,
FALLS INTO EVIL HANDS. FOR THE ONLY WAY BATMAN
CAN PUT AN END TO THIS NEW TERROR IS TO DEVISE
A NEW BATPLANE -- AND MOVE TO THE ATTACK! SO,
FOR JET-PROPELLED THRILLS AND POWER DIVING
ACTION, SLIP ON YOUR OXYGEN TANKS, ADJUST YOUR
GOOGLES FOR ...

"The Birth of BATPLANE II!"

HURRY,
ROBIN!
THE NEW
BATPLANE
IS SORELY,
NEEDED!

GOTHAM NEWS
**CROOKS NAB
BATPLANE!**
CREATE DEADLY
AIR ARMADA!

BOB
KANE

GIANT BATMAN

ONE DAY, IN THE OFFICES OF GOTHAM AIRLINES...

"I'M SORRY, HAGGERTY... THE DOCTORS HAVE TURNED DOWN YOUR REQUEST TO PILOT ONE OF OUR PLANES!"

"WHAT? WITH MY WAR RECORD - AND FLYING EXPERIENCE?"

DESPERATELY, "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY PRODUCES PHOTOGRAPHIC TESTIMONY OF HIS SKILL...

"SEE? THAT WAS ME PILOTING THAT MUSTANG, MR. LANE! I WAS CREDITED WITH SHOOTING DOWN 22 JAP PLANES!"

"WHY, I'VE HANDLED ALL TYPES OF AIRCRAFT! LOOK AT THIS CARGO SHIP I FLEW OVER THE TREACHEROUS ALPS!"

"I KNOW - BUT, YOU'VE GOTTEN OLDER - YOUR REFLEXES ARE SLOWER! AND YOU KNOW, SAFETY IS OUR MAIN CONCERN! BUT REMEMBER - COME SEE ME ANY TIME YOU'RE READY TO TAKE A DESK JOB..."

"DESK JOB! WHY, I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO STAND IT!"

LATER, AS "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY MAKES ONE LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO STAY IN THE GAME HE LOVES...

"BUT, COLONEL WEBB - YOU CAN'T TURN ME DOWN! FLYING'S MY WHOLE LIFE!"

"SORRY, HAGGERTY... REGULATIONS ARE REGULATIONS! I'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU - BUT I JUST CAN'T..."

MEANWHILE, IN A WAITING ROOM NEAR COLONEL WEBB'S OFFICE...

"I WONDER WHAT COLONEL WEBB WANTS OF US, BATMAN?"

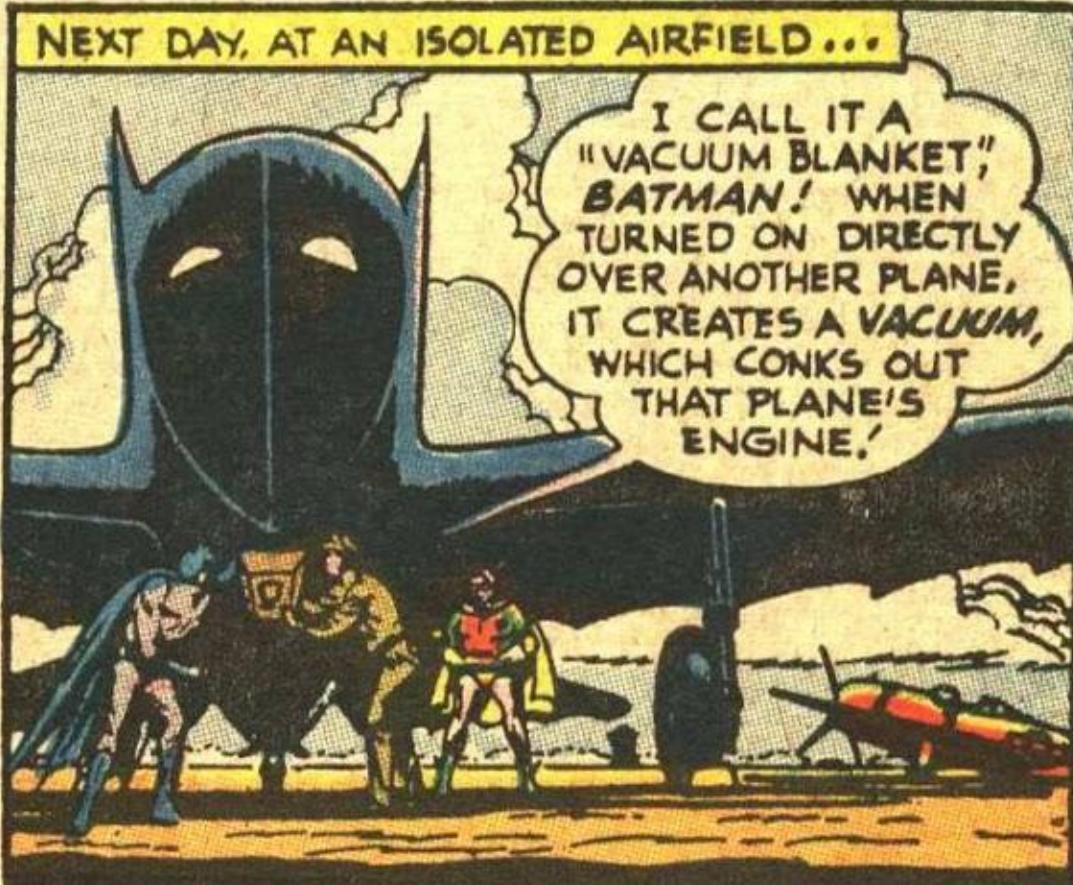
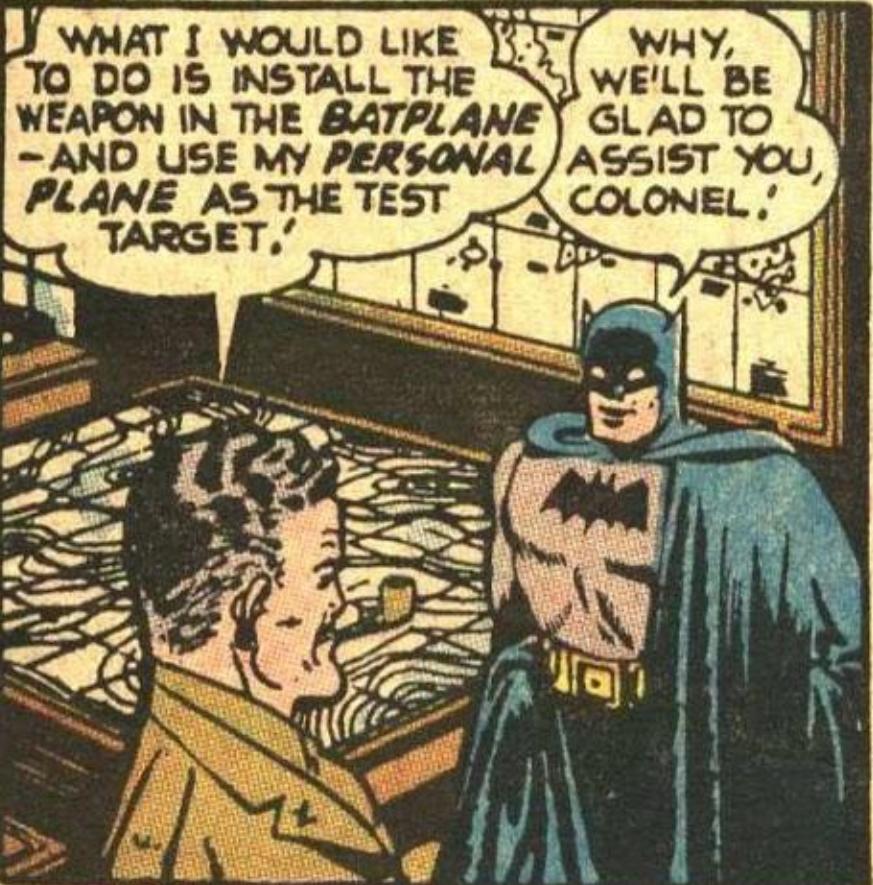
"HE DIDN'T SAY! HE JUST TOLD COMMISSIONER GORDON IT WAS A MATTER OF EXTREME URGENCY AND SECRECY!"

GIANT BATMAN

PRESENTLY, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE SUMMONED FOR THEIR INTERVIEW...



AND WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO IS ALONE WITH COLONEL WEBB...



GIANT BATMAN



GIANT BATMAN

MOMENTS LATER...

LOOK! THE BATPLANE'S LANDED, LIGHT AS A FEATHER, IN THOSE PINE TREES! ARE THEY LUCKY?

MAYBE THEY'RE NOT SO LUCKY! HERE'S OUR CHANCE TO CATCH 'EM BY SURPRISE! SHOOT TO KILL!

BUT WHEN THE CROOKS CHARGE THE BATPLANE...

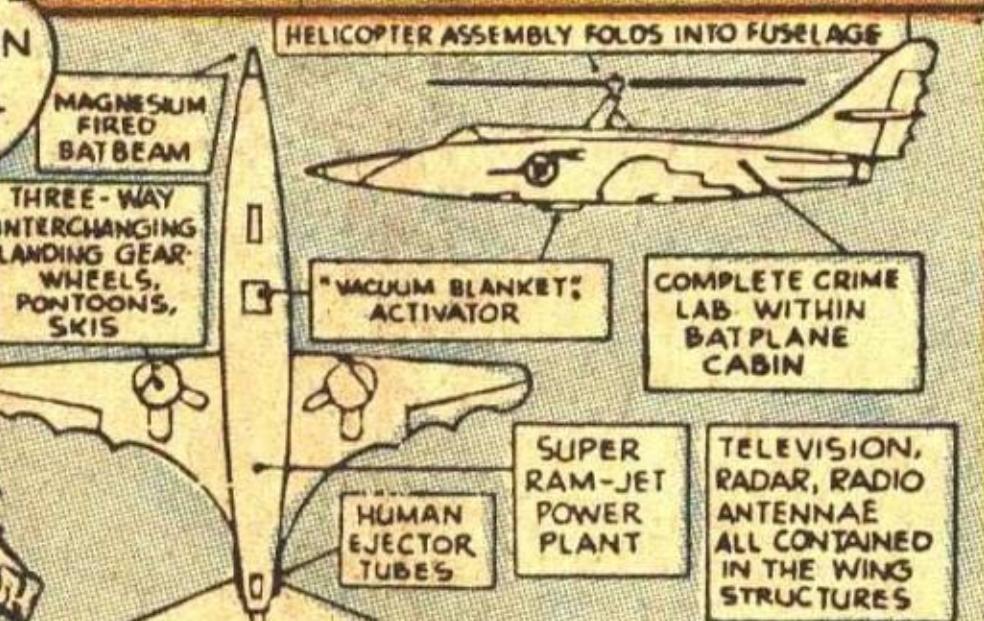
WHY - IT'S EMPTY! THEY AND I DON'T CARE! AIN'T HERE! WHAT HAPPENED? WE JUST GOT OURSELVES A BATPLANE! WHAT AN IDEA THAT GIVES ME!

THINK OF THE JOBS WE CAN PULL WITH THE BATPLANE! ALL WE NEED IS A PILOT WHO CAN FIX THE MOTOR! THEN, WE'LL BUILD TWO MORE BATPLANES - ONE FOR EACH OF US! WHY, WE'LL RULE THE CRIME WORLD!



AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE BATCAVE, BATMAN AND ROBIN, IN THEIR EVERYDAY DISGUISES AS BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, COMPLETE PLANS FOR A NEW BATPLANE...

COLONEL WEBB HAS CO-OPERATED IN KEEPING THE ACCIDENT OUT OF THE PAPERS, DICK!

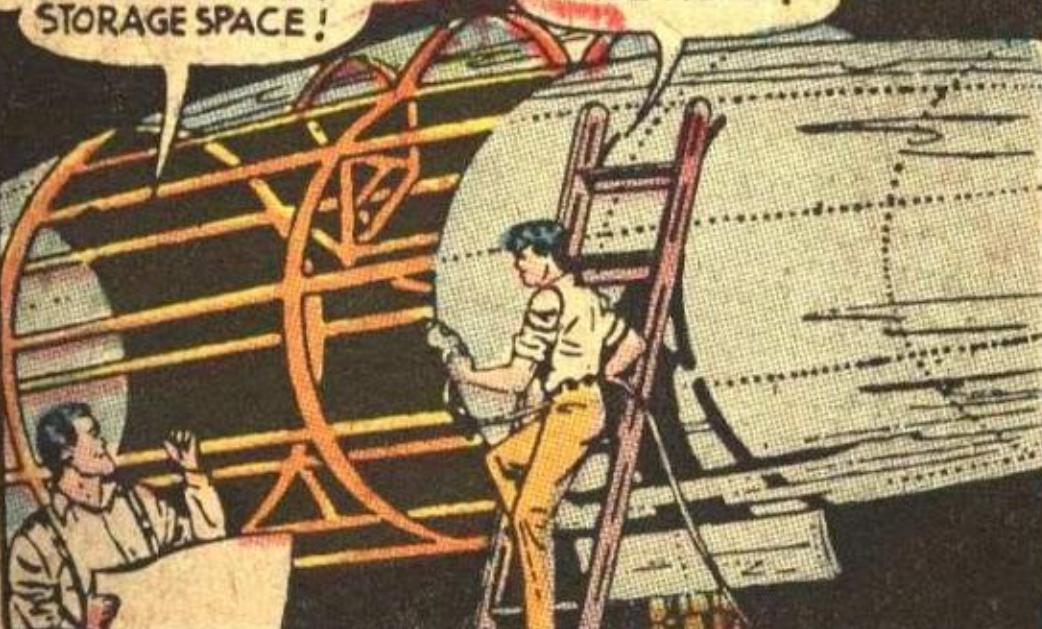


GOOD, BRUCE! THERE'S NO SENSE IN LETTING CROOKS KNOW WE HAVEN'T GOT A BATPLANE! WILL THE BE SURPRISED WHEN THEY SEE THIS NEW ONE! BOY - IT'S A CORKER!

AND AS THE DAYS PASS...

A MINIATURE BUT COMPLETE CRIME LAB WILL FIT IN HERE! BEHIND IT WILL BE OUR STORAGE SPACE!

HMM... THAT'S WHERE WE CAN KEEP PROVISIONS, EXTRA UNIFORMS, DUMMIES OF OURSELVES, SPARE EQUIPMENT - AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS THIS TERRIFIC PLANE WILL NEED!



MEANWHILE, AS THINGS GO BADLY FOR "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY...

THAT MUST BE THE FLYER THEY TOLD US ABOUT IN THAT FLEA-BAG OF A HOTEL...

YEAH! AN OLD ARMY PILOT WHO'D DO ANYTHING TO FLY AGAIN! AND DON'T FORGET HIS OLD FOLKS, DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI -- THAT'S OUR ACE IN THE HOLE!



WHEN THE CROOKS INVITE HAGGERTY FOR A RIDE..

YES, I COULD USE THE JOB! BUT ARE YOU SURE THIS FLYING DEAL YOU'RE OFFERING IS LEGITIMATE?

SURE, PAL! WE DID SOME REPAIRS ON THE BATPLANE FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN. NOW, ALL WE NEED IS A FERRY PILOT TO DELIVER THE PLANE!

SOON, AT THE BOLEY FACTORY...

ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS DELIVER IT TO THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT... LET'S GO!

GOSH -- THE BATPLANE! WHAT A SWEET JOB TO FLY!

HA-HA! HE'S FALLING FOR THE GAG!



WHILE AT GOTHAM CITY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT...



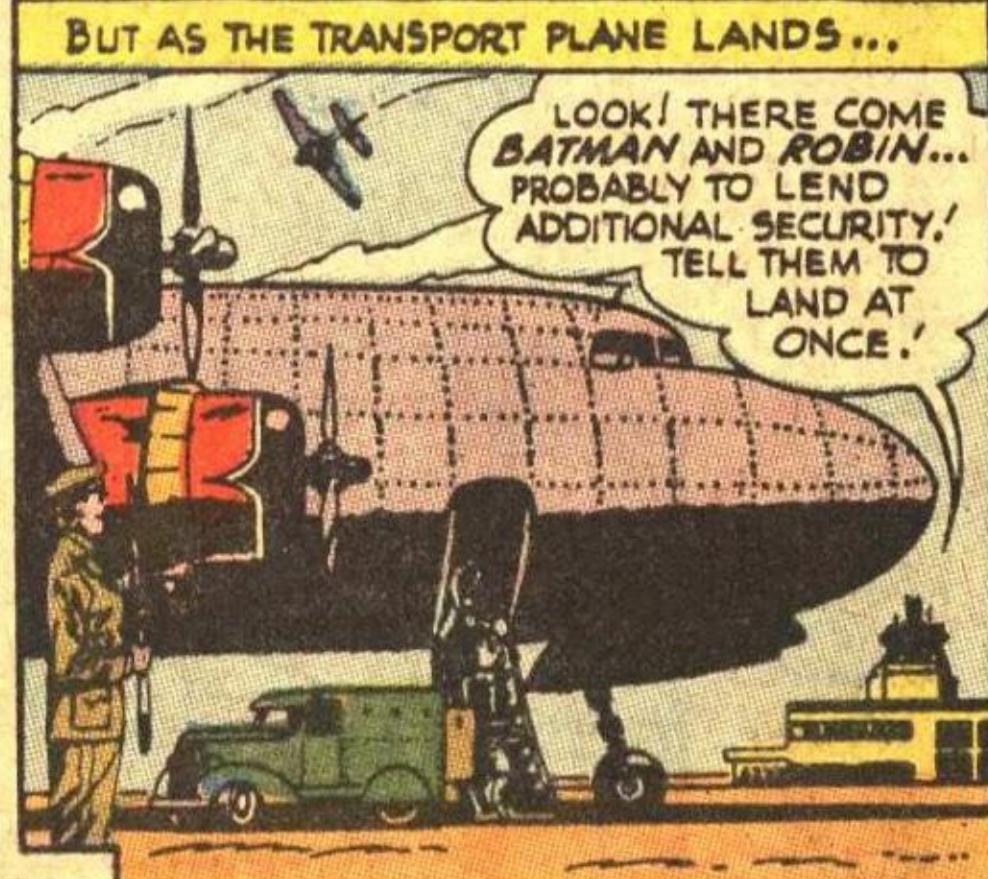
RIGHT! WE'LL USE SECURITY PLAN "Y"! CLEAR THE FIELD - KEEP ALL INCOMING PLANES IN THE AIR - POSTPONE ALL TAKE-OFFS.

SUDDENLY...

WHAT IS THIS? WHERE'S BATMAN?

QUICK, SLATS - GRAB THE DIAMONDS!

ONE FALSE MOVE, HAGGERTY - AND I'LL DRILL YOU!



AND AS THE BRASH THIEVES MAKE THEIR GETAWAY...

OKAY, HAGGERTY - TAKE OFF! AND DON'T TRY TO BE A HERO! WE KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR OLD FOLKS DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI...

YEAH - WE GOT FRIENDS DOWN THERE! YOU PLAY BALL OR YOU'LL NEVER SEE YOUR FAMILY AGAIN!

YOU RATS!





GIANT BATMAN

DAYS LATER...

THERE IT IS, DICK—
THE NEW
BATPLANE!
COMPLETE WITH
JET-PROPULSION,
TELEVISION,
RADAR, CRIME
LAB...

... "VACUUM
BLANKET,"
BATMARINE,
EJECTORS, THE
BAT-BEAM—GOSH,
BRUCE—WE COULD
GO ON AND
ON!

ABRUPTLY...

FLASH! A **BATPLANE**,
BELIEVED TO BE THE
ONE IN POSSESSION OF
CRIMINALS HAS BEEN
SIGHTED IN THE
AIR, NORTH OF
GOTHAM CITY...

WHAT?
WE
DIDN'T
FINISH A
MOMENT TOO
SOON!

DICK! IT'S
TIME FOR
BATMAN
AND **ROBIN**
TO TRY OUT
THEIR NEW
PLANE!

SOON, IN THE SKIES OVER GOTHAM CITY...

HERE COMES BATMAN,
BULL! THIS COULD
MEAN OUR
FINISH!

HA-HA!
NOT WITH
DAVE AND
SLATS
HIDING IN
THE CLOUDS
ABOVE. REMEMBER—
BATMAN DOESN'T
USE GUNS—AND
WE DO!

LOOK! THREE
BATPLANES! AND THEY'RE
FIRING HEAVY CANNON!

TOO MUCH FIRE-
POWER EVEN FOR
THIS PLANE,
ROBIN!

WITHIN SECONDS, SMOKE POURS FROM THE
NEW BATPLANE, AND...

NICE
AIM, BOYS!
YOU SET
'EM AFIRE
AND THEY'RE
BAILING OUT.
WHAT A
TARGET
THEY'LL MAKE,
FLOATING
DOWN TO EARTH!

IT'S MURDER,
BULL! PLAIN
COLD-BLOODED
MURDER!

SO WHAT! HA-HA! THE NEW
BATPLANE DIDN'T LAST
LONG, DID IT? AND **BATMAN**
AND **ROBIN** ARE SHOT
FULL OF HOLES!

GIANT BATMAN

BUT AS THE NEW BATPLANE HITS THE WATER AND CHANGES INTO THE BATMARINE...

THOSE DUMMIES AND THE SMOKE BOMB WE RELEASED FOOLED THEM! I STILL HEAR THEM ON THE RADIO...THEY THINK WE'RE DEAD!

IT'S NO FUN TO RUN FROM A FIGHT, BUT IT'S OUR BEST STRATEGY! WE'LL DO BETTER TAKING THEM ONE AT A TIME!

THINKING US OUT OF THE WAY, THEY'LL PROBABLY FEEL THERE'S NO NEED TO COME OUT IN FORCE! THEY'LL STRIKE WITH ONE PLANE AT A TIME!

... AND THAT'S WHEN THEY'LL FALL INTO OUR TRAP!

NEXT DAY, AS THE LUXURY YACHT "TROY" CRUISES OFF-SHORE, WITH A GALA PARTY ABOARD...

LOOK--A BATPLANE! WHAT'S IT DOING? YOU READ THE PAPERS? A CROOK CONTROLS THAT PLANE NOW!

A MESSAGE FROM THAT PLANE, SIR! HE ORDERS US TO CHANGE COURSE -- TO PUT IN AT BLACK HOOK COVE -- OR HE'LL SINK US WITH BOMBS OR CANNON!

WHY--THE PIRATE! THERE'S A FORTUNE ABOARD THIS VESSEL! HE CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT...

RADIO FOR HELP!

BUT BEFORE A MESSAGE CAN BE SENT THROUGH...

HE'S TUNED TO OUR RADIO CHANNEL, SIR! HE SAYS IF HE HEARS ONE PEEP OF AN SOS, HE'LL TALL RIGHT... AND SINK US ON THE SPOT!

GOOD GRIEF! HE MEANS BUSINESS, I CAN'T RISK THE LIVES OF MY PASSENGERS! WE'LL HAVE TO OBEY!

MEANWHILE, AS BRUCE AND DICK MAINTAIN A CONSTANT VIGIL BEFORE A HUGE RADAR SCREEN IN THE BATCAVE...

THERE IT IS... THE OUTLINE OF A BATPLANE!

ACCORDING TO THE CO-ORDINATES, HE'S OUT AT SEA! COME ON-- TIME TO GET STARTED AS BATMAN AND ROBIN!

GIANT BATMAN

IMMEDIATELY,
OUT AT SEA...

THERE HE
IS, ROBIN.
THIS LOOKS LIKE
A GREAT OPPORTUNITY
TO USE THE NOW-
PERFECTED
"VACUUM
BLANKET"!

BOY—
WILL HE
BE
SURPRISED!

AND, AS THE "VACUUM BLANKET" GOES TO WORK...

HE'LL HAVE TO BAIL
OUT, ROBIN! RADIO
THAT YACHT, DOWN
THERE, TO PICK HIM
UP AND HOLD
HIM!

HUH? THE
BATPLANE...
WITH BATMAN
AND ROBIN ALIVE!
AND MY MOTOR... IT'S
CONKING OUT! MY
RADIO'S DEAD!

HE'D
ORDERED THE
CAPTAIN TO PUT
IN AT BLACK
HOOK COVE,
BATMAN...

THEN HE
MUST HAVE
A HENCHMAN
WAITING THERE
TO HELP LOOT
THE SHIP! LET'S
TAKE A
LOOK-SEE!

PRESENTLY, AT BLACK HOOK COVE...

THERE HE IS!
WE'VE CAUGHT
ANOTHER FISH!

I'VE GOT AN
IDEA, ROBIN—
TURN ON THE
BATBEAM!

INSTANTLY, A POWERFUL FLASH OF LIGHT, AND...

UGH! A
BAT! I
CAN'T
SEE!

WE'VE
BLINDED HIM,
ROBIN—AND STALLED
HIS TAKE-OFF! NOW,
QUICKLY... SHIFT TO
HELICOPTER AND
TURN ON THE "VACUUM
BLANKET"! THEN,
GET THE GRAPPLING
HOOKS READY!

AS ROBIN CARRIES OUT HIS INSTRUCTIONS...

IT WORKED, ROBIN!
WE'VE HOOKED HIM FORE
AND AFT! NOW, WE'LL
TOTE HIM TO POLICE
HEADQUARTERS!

I GET IT... CARRY
HIM JUST HIGH ENOUGH
SO THAT HE CAN'T
LEAP OUT WITHOUT
A CHUTE—AND TOO LOW
TO LEAP OUT WITH
A CHUTE!

STILL CAN'T
SEE... WH-
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

GIANT BATMAN

THAT NIGHT, ON THE ROOF OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS

A T-MAN IDENTIFIED THE TWO MEN YOU CAPTURED AS SLATS AND DAVE BOLEY! THEY'VE GOT A BROTHER, BULL, AT AN AIRCRAFT FACTORY NORTH OF HERE...

THAT'S, OUR MAN ... AND HAGGERTY'S UNDOUBTEDLY WITH HIM! THANKS, COMMISSIONER--LET'S GO, ROBIN!



MEANWHILE, AT THE BOLEY FACTORY...

THEY GOT MY BROTHERS--BUT THEY AIN'T GETTIN' ME! C'MON, HAGGERTY--YOU'RE FLYIN' ME TO MEXICO!



ABRUPTLY...

YOU FORGOT SOMETHING, BULL! WITH YOUR BROTHERS IN JAIL, WHO'S GOING TO TIP OFF YOUR FRIENDS IN MISSISSIPPI, NOW THAT I'M NOT PLAYING BALL ANYMORE?



SECONDS LATER...

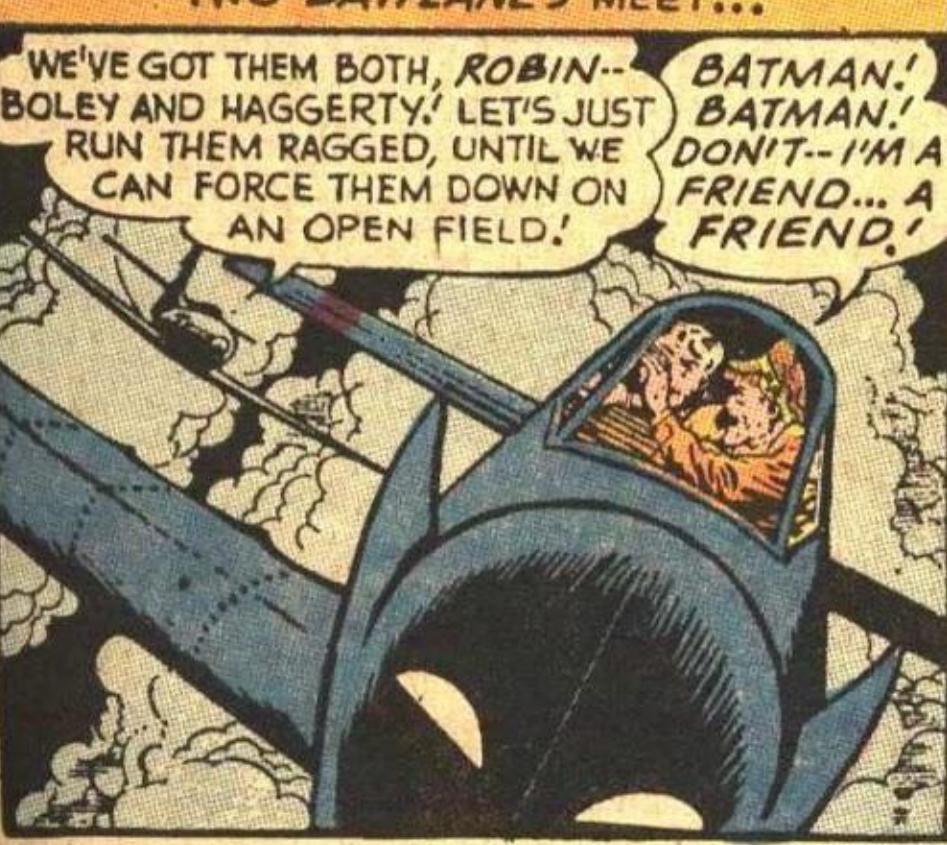
WHAT A PLEASURE IT'LL BE TO TURN YOU OVER TO BATMAN, YOU RAT!



BUT IN THE SKIES OVER GOTHAM CITY, AS THE TWO BATPLANES MEET...

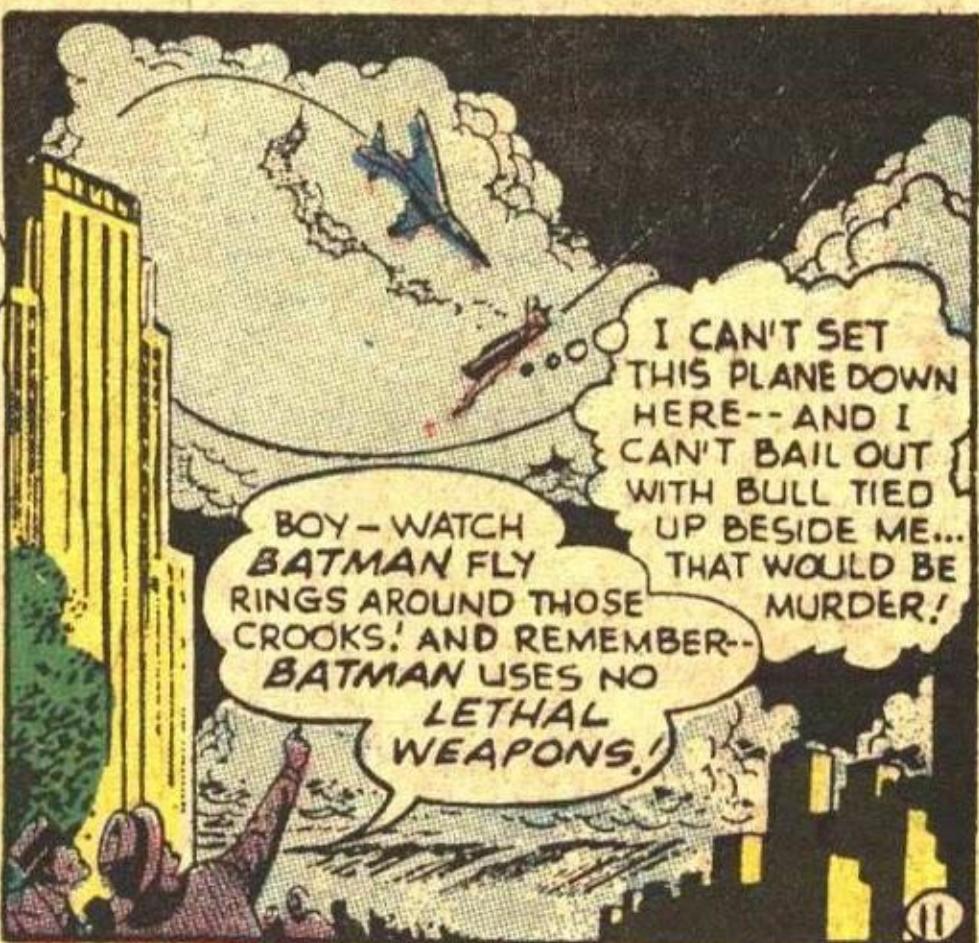
WE'VE GOT THEM BOTH, ROBIN--BOLEY AND HAGGERTY! LET'S JUST RUN THEM RAGGED, UNTIL WE CAN FORCE THEM DOWN ON AN OPEN FIELD!

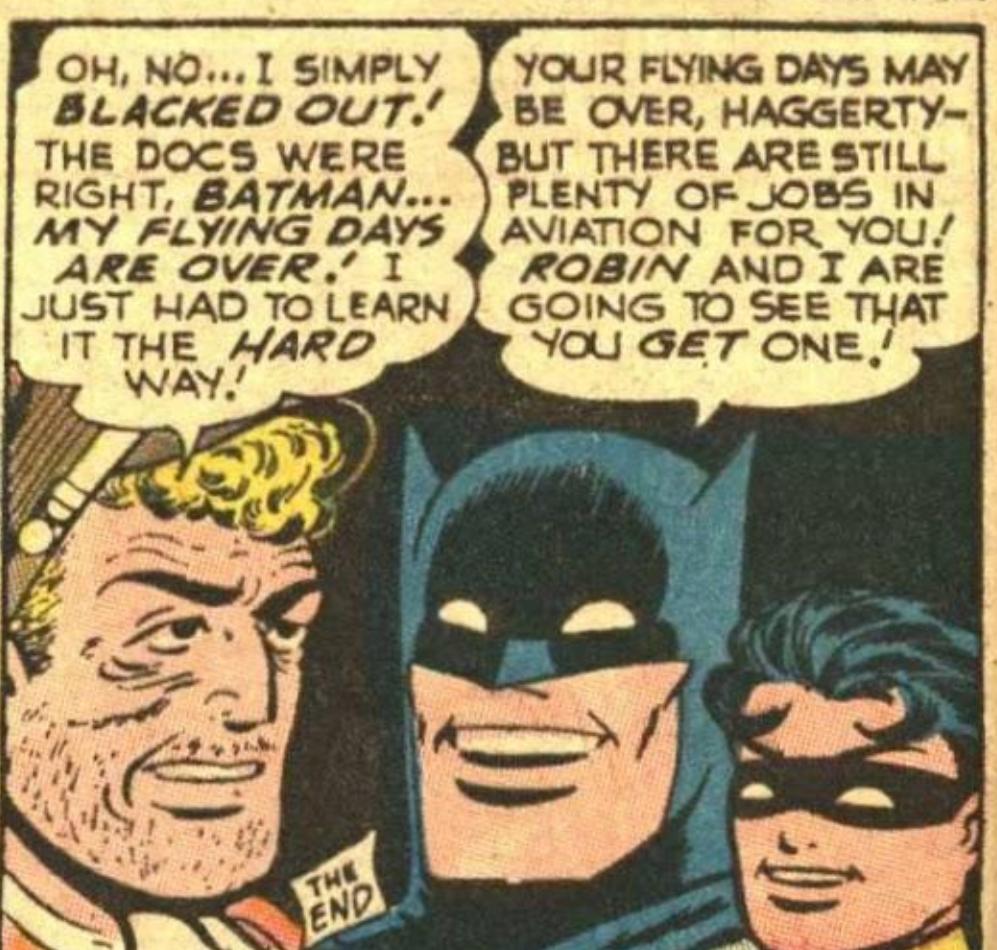
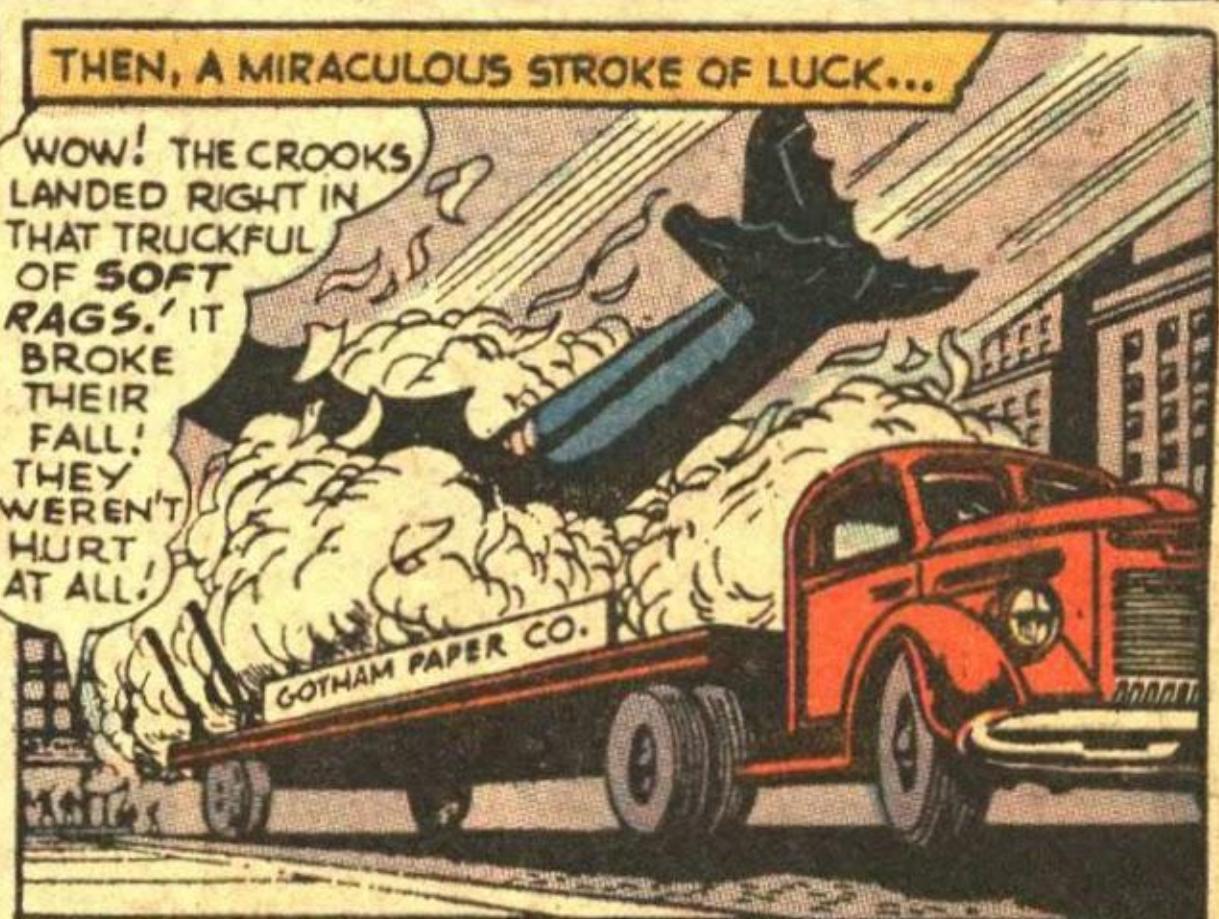
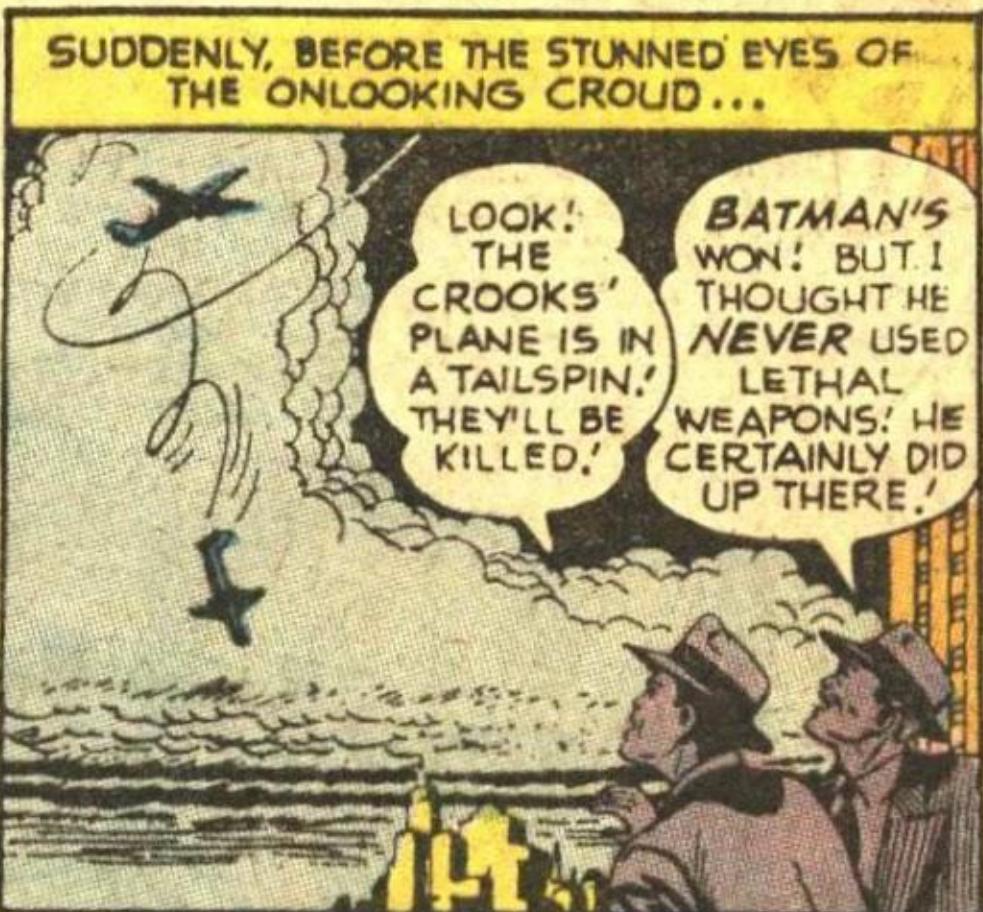
BATMAN! BATMAN! DON'T--I'M A FRIEND... A FRIEND!



BOY--WATCH BATMAN FLY RINGS AROUND THOSE CROOKS! AND REMEMBER--BATMAN USES NO LETHAL WEAPONS!

I CAN'T SET THIS PLANE DOWN HERE-- AND I CAN'T BAIL OUT WITH BULL TIED UP BESIDE ME... THAT WOULD BE MURDER!





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HIGH SEAS
with

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the NEW ACTION FLEET,
POWERED by the FAMOUS
MOTORIFIC
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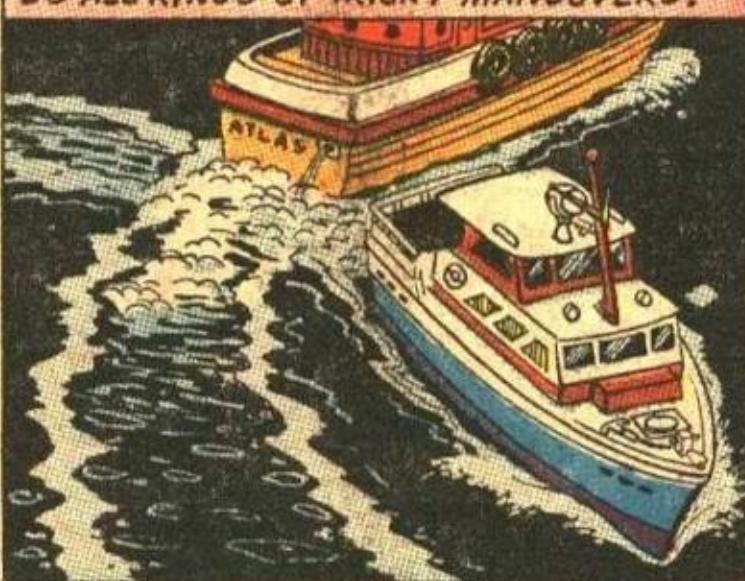
NOW HEAR THIS: NOW MOTORIFIC[®]
TAKES TO THE WATER WITH BOATERIFIC.
THERE ARE 8 GREAT BOATERIFIC
BOATS AND EACH ONE HAS A FULLY
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PROPELLER POWER, AN AUTOMATIC
BAILING PUMP AND SUPER-REALISTIC
DETAILS. JUST SNAP IN A MOTOR...
BATTEN DOWN THE HATCH AND
FULL SPEED AHEAD WITH
BOATERIFIC!



SET ANY DIRECTION
YOU WANT...



DO ALL KINDS OF TRICKY MANEUVERS!



REAL, AUTOMATIC BAILING
PUMP KEEPS EACH BOAT
RIDING HIGH.

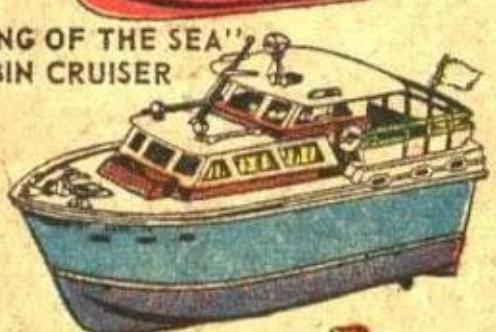


BE THE SKIPPER OF YOUR OWN BOATERIFIC FLEET... GET 'EM ALL!

"BARRACUDA"
SPORT FISHERMAN



"KING OF THE SEA"
CABIN CRUISER



New
"MARLIN TOWER"
FISHERMAN



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IT'S TERRIFIC... IT'S

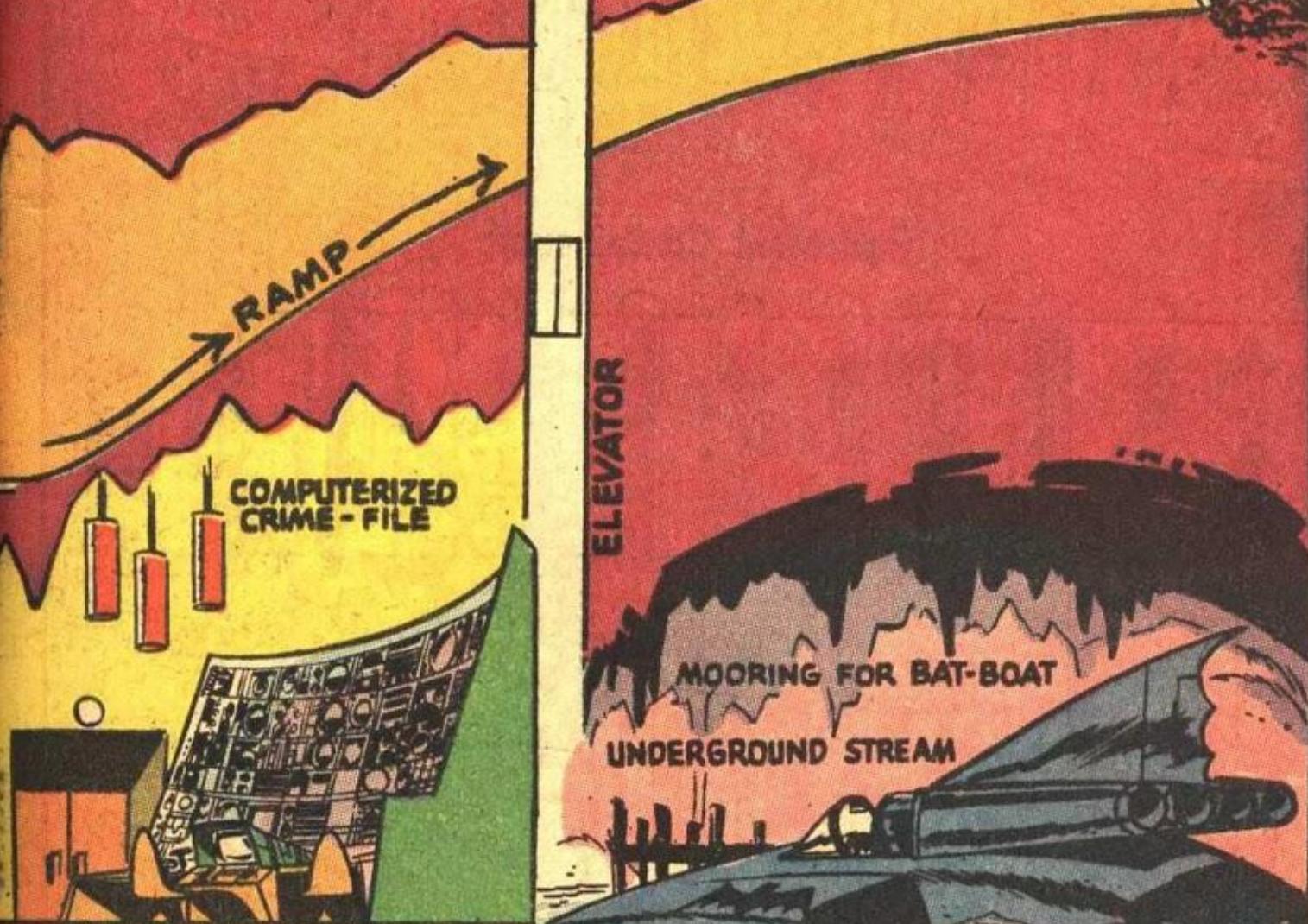
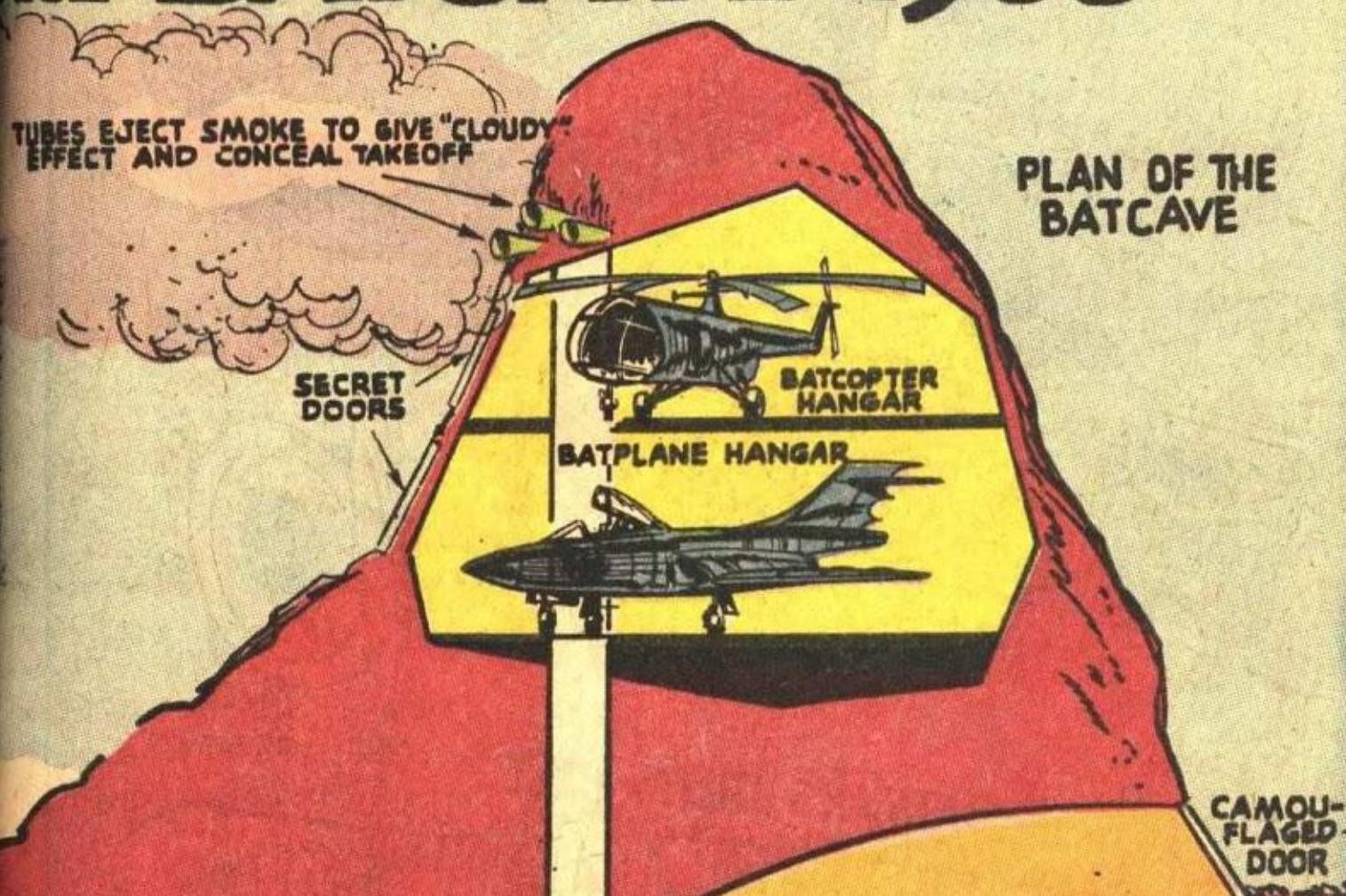
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THE BATMOBILE
1968



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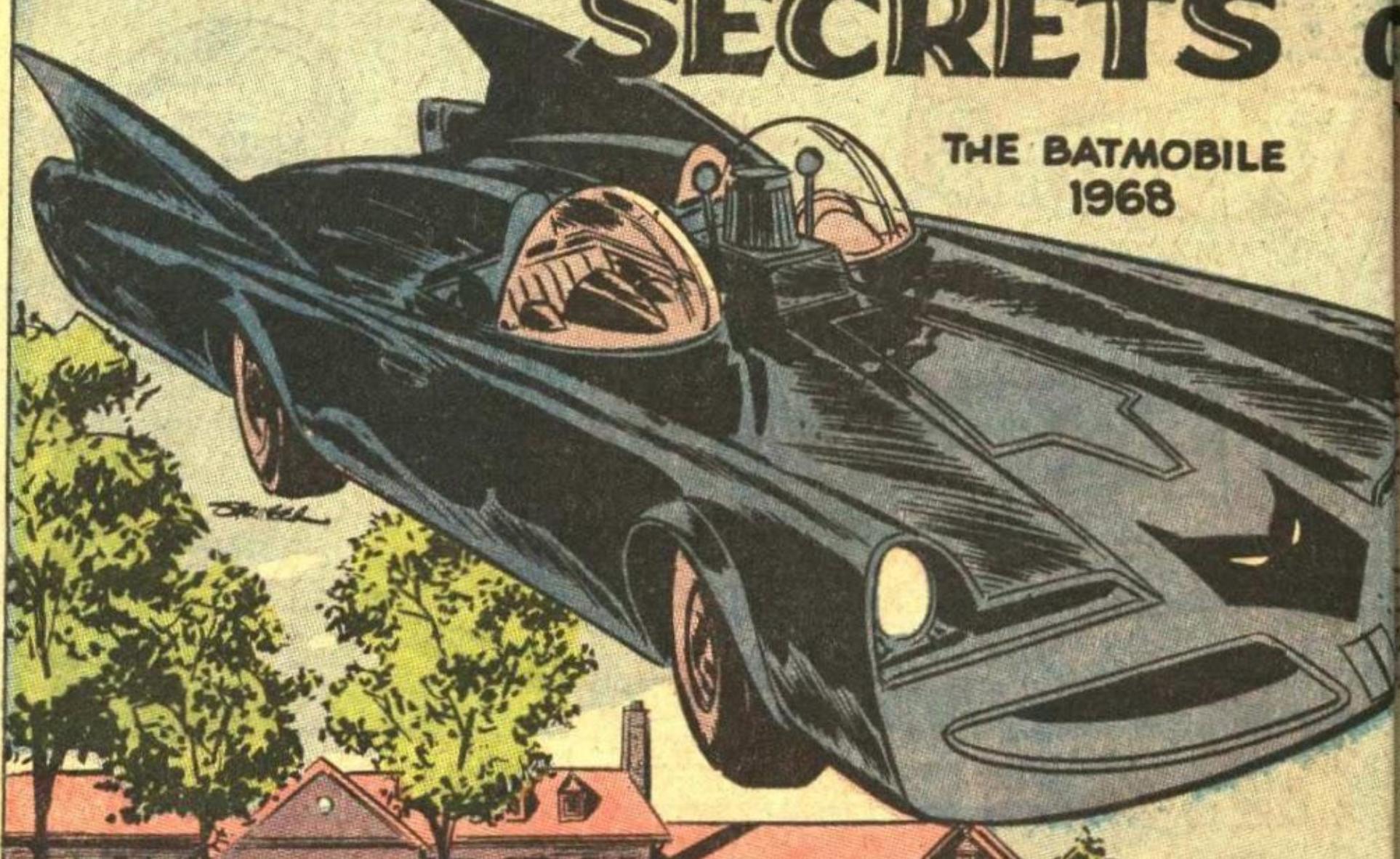


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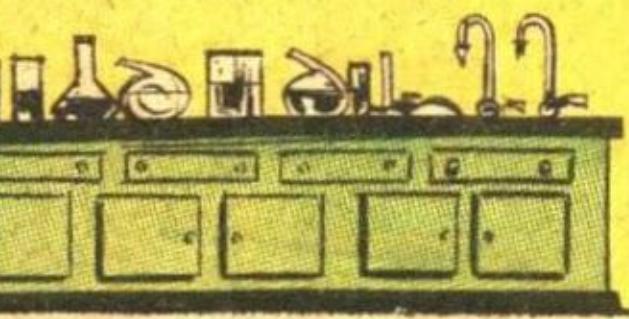
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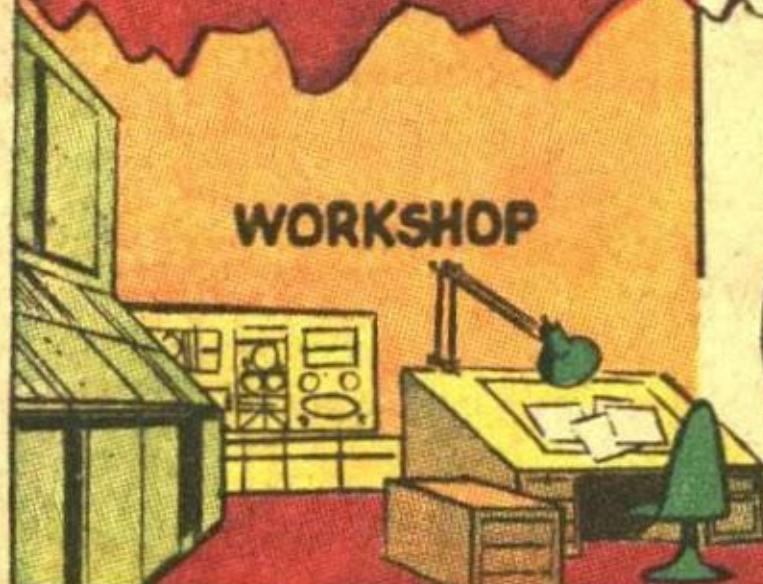
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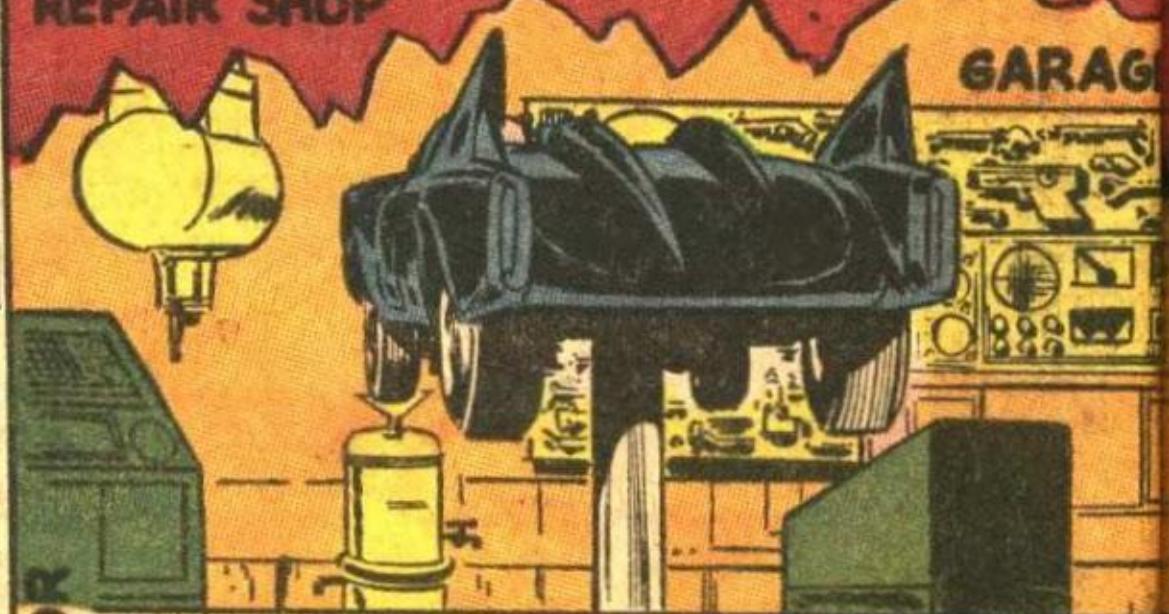
LOWER LEVEL OF BATCAVE

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TROPHY ROOM



THE BATCAVE - 1968

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SECRET
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HANGAR

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PLAN OF THE
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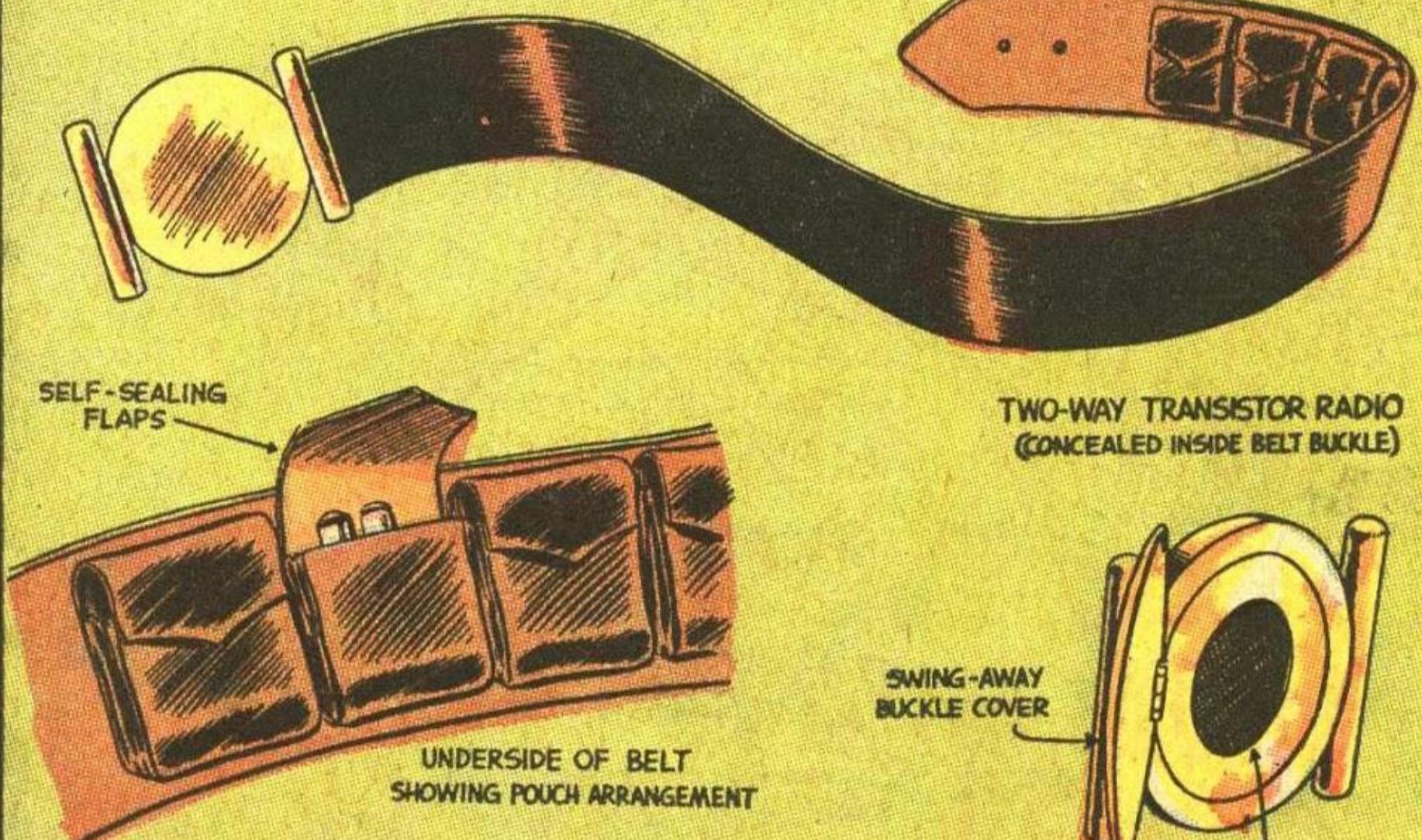
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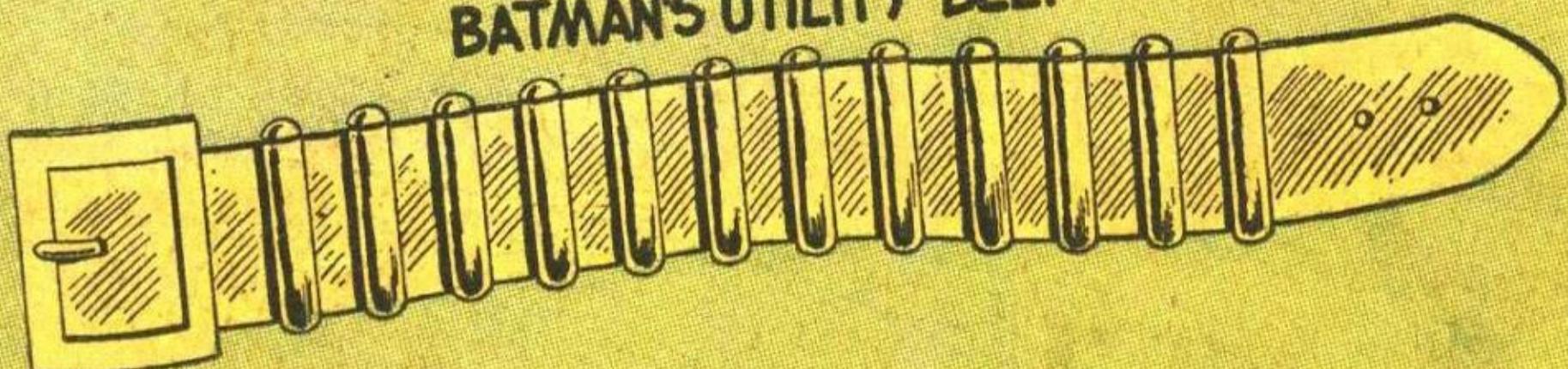
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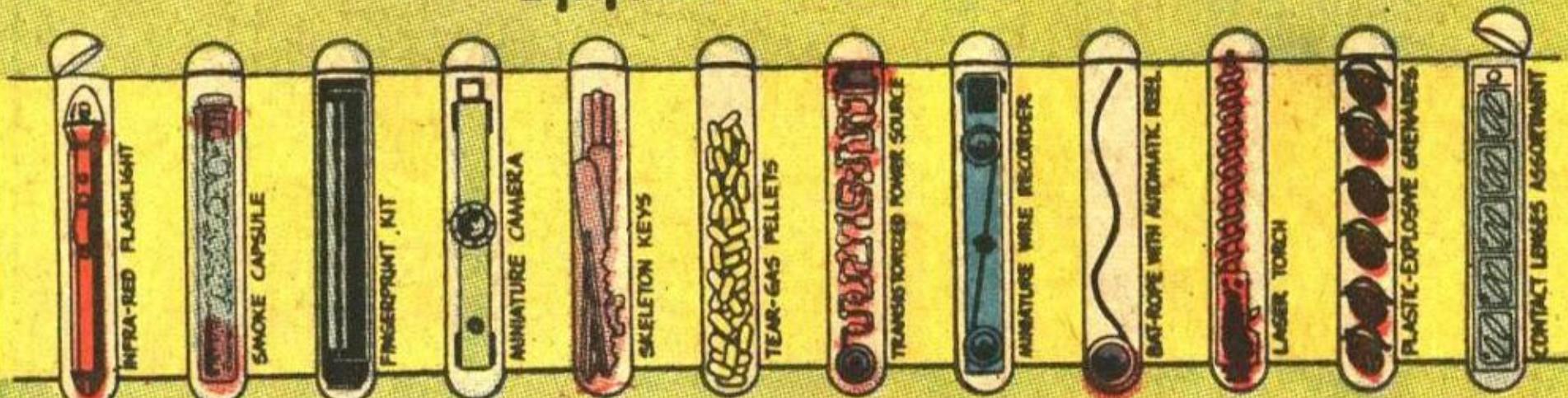
ROBIN'S UTILITY BELT



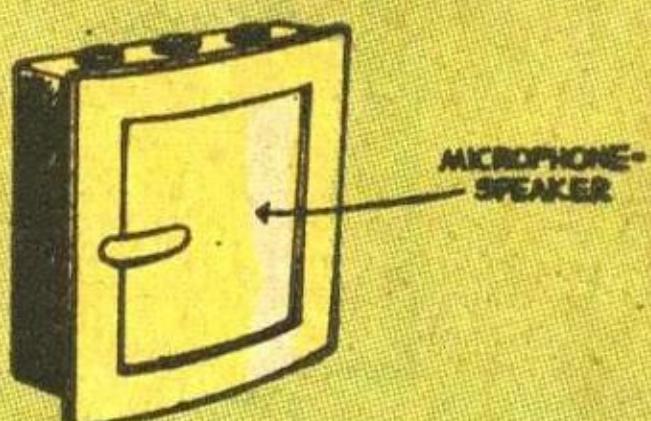
BATMAN'S UTILITY BELT



Equipment Containers



TWO-WAY TRANSISTOR
RADIO
(CONCEALED IN BELT
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THE BATPLANE 1968

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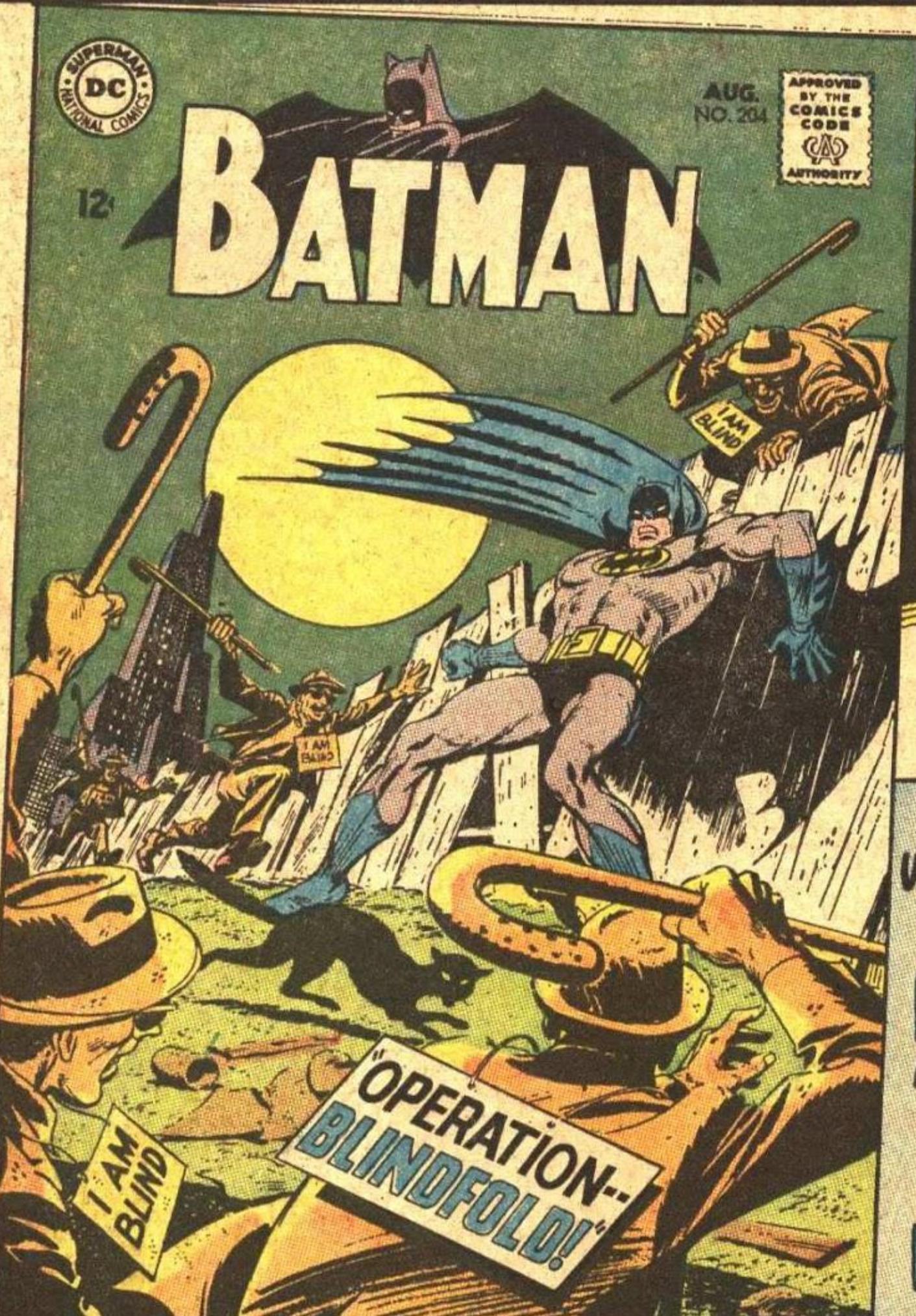
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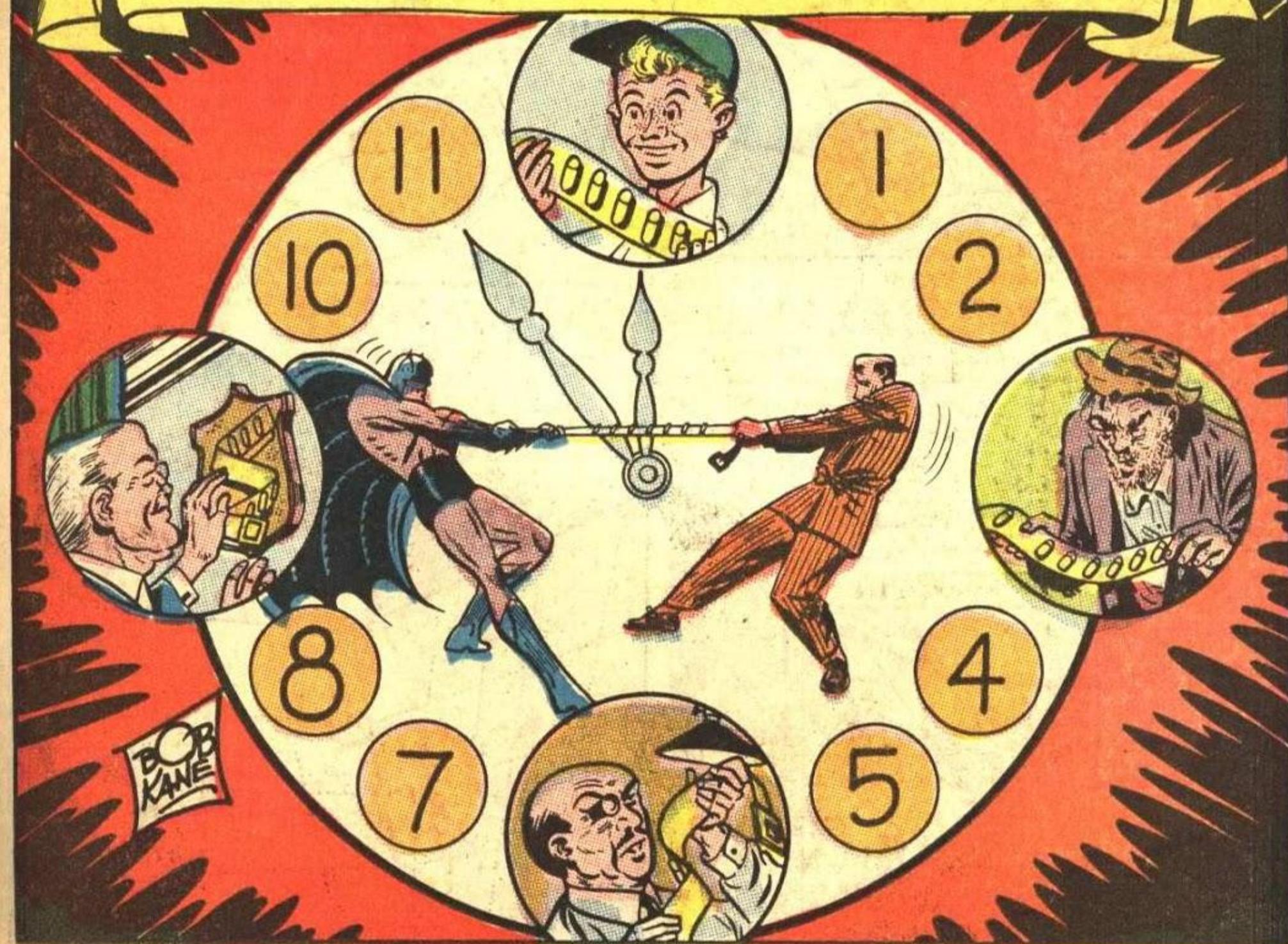
YOU'VE NEVER READ OR SEEN
ANYTHING LIKE IT!! *On Sale JUNE 6th*

BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU FOUND BATMAN'S UTILITY BELT? HERE IS THE STORY OF PEOPLE WHO HAD JUST SUCH AN EXPERIENCE! AND HERE IS THE FANTASTIC RECORD OF WHAT HAPPENED IN 24 HOURS TO ORDINARY CITIZENS WHEN, THROUGH A STRANGE TWIST OF FATE, THIS POWERFUL CRIME-FIGHTING WEAPON CROSSED THEIR PATHS! BUT WHAT IS THE POTENT FORCE INSIDE THE BELT? AND WHAT FABULOUS SECRET DOES IT HOLD THAT THE DARING DUO OF BATMAN AND ROBIN MUST, AT ALL COSTS, PREVENT DISCOVERY OF...

"The SECRET of BATMAN'S UTILITY BELT!"



BOB
KANE

GIANT BATMAN



ONE AFTERNOON, ALONG THE GOTHAM CITY WATERFRONT...

SURE HOPE I CAN FIND SOME OLD TIRES DOWN HERE FOR THE RAFT I'M GOING TO BUILD NEXT SPRING! THERE ARE USUALLY SOME BY... SAY! WHAT'S THIS? A STRANGE BELT! HMM I'LL TAKE IT HOME WHERE I CAN GET A BETTER LOOK AT IT!



AND SOON AFTER, IN THE CLUTTERED ROOM OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PAUL HENSON...

GOSH! THIS IS QUITE A BELT I FOUND! MAKES ME FEEL BETTER ABOUT NOT FINDING THE OLD TIRE I WAS AFTER! HMM... IT'S BEEN CUT, BUT I CAN FIX THAT!



WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW! A TINY MICROSCOPE AND A MINIATURE CAMERA! AND IN ANOTHER POCKET, SOME STUFF IN A BOTTLE! LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE IS IN HERE!

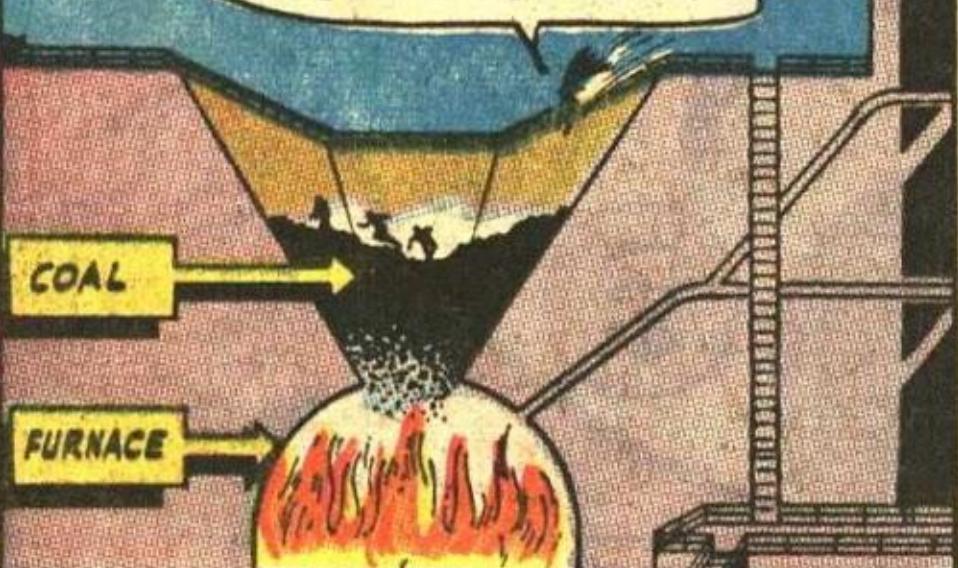


A
BELT WITH POCKETS WHICH CONTAIN STRANGE CHEMICALS, A TINY MICROSCOPE, A MINIATURE CAMERA AND OTHER MATERIALS WHICH CAN BE USED TO FIGHT CRIME! CAN THIS BE... YES! IT MUST BE BATMAN'S AMAZING UTILITY BELT! BUT HOW DID IT COME TO BE LYING ABANDONED ON THE WATERFRONT?

TO FIND OUT, LET'S TURN THE CLOCK BACK SEVERAL HOURS TO A SCENE IN THE CITY'S GIANT ELECTRIC POWER PLANT...

ROBIN WENT AFTER THE OTHER GROUP OF HIJACKERS AND NOW I'VE GOT THESE THREE CORNERED... IN THEIR DESPERATION THEY LEAPED INTO

THIS GIANT HOPPER WHICH FEEDS COAL TO THE POWER PLANT'S FURNACES!



HA, HA! YOU FELL FOR IT, BATMAN! WE HAD A PAL WAITING AT THE TOP WITH A ROPE TO LOWER TO US! BUT IT'S FOR OUR USE EXCLUSIVELY! YOU STAY DOWN HERE!

THIS WHOLE THING WAS A TRAP!



THE COAL IS FED OUT OF THIS
HOPPER INTO THE GIANT FURNACE!
EVERY MINUTE YOU'LL SINK NEARER
AND NEARER THE FLAMES!
YOU'RE SURE GONNA HAVE A
HOT TIME, **BATMAN!** HA, HA!

THE NOISE
FROM THE
GENERATORS IS
SO LOUD NO ONE
OUTSIDE COULD
HEAR ME CALL!
ALL I CAN DO IS
HOPE I'LL BE
SPOTTED.

**THEN, FROM A SECRET COMPARTMENT IN HIS
UTILITY BELT, BATMAN EXTRACTS A SMALL,
BLANK DISC AND...**

IF I'M TO DIE LIKE THIS, MY REAL
IDENTITY SHOULD BE REVEALED TO
THE WORLD! I'VE BEEN CARRYING
THIS BLANK IDENTITY DISC FOR
JUST SUCH AN EMERGENCY! NOW
TO POUR ON THE SECRET
CHEMICAL.

A comic book illustration of a scientist in a lab coat and gloves pouring a green liquid from a beaker into another container. The scientist has a determined expression. The background shows laboratory equipment and a yellow wall.

**SLOWLY, THE COAL IS FED INTO THE BLAZING
FURNACE! AND WITH THE PASSING MINUTES
THE HEAT INSIDE THE HOPPER
INCREASES UNTIL...**

**THERE'S BATMAN!
AND HE'S PASSED OUT FROM
THE HEAT! QUICK! TURN
OFF THE MACHINERY
THAT FEEDS COAL TO
THE FURNACE!**

**RIGHT,
ROBIN!**

THE LEVEL OF COAL IS SINKING
ALL THE TIME AND I'M GOING
DOWN WITH IT! I CAN ALREADY
FEEL THE HEAT FROM THE
FURNACE BENEATH ME! IT...
IT LOOKS AS IF THE TIME
HAS COME!

**AND SOME
MINUTES
LATER...**

A dynamic comic book panel showing a character in a blue and yellow costume with a cape, performing a powerful roar or shout. The word "RRRRRR" is written in large, bold, orange letters at the bottom right.

AH! THE CHEMICAL IS WORKING!
IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO ROBIN,
TOO, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR A
CRIMINAL TO IMPERSONATE THE
BATMAN. SUCH AN IMPOSTOR
MIGHT EASILY GET AWAY WITH
MURDER UNTIL THE POLICE LEARNED
THE TRUTH! THIS WAY THEY'LL
KNOW MY CAREER IS...ENDED!
IT WON'T BURN, BECAUSE
IT'S ASBESTOS!

**BRUCE WAYNE
(BATMAN)
224 PARK DR.
GOTHAM CITY,
U.S.A.**

**AND SHORTLY
AFTER...**

AH! THAT COOL
AIR FEELS GOOD!
TELL ME, ROBIN,
HOW DID YOU
THINK TO LOOK
FOR ME IN THE
COAL
HOPPER?

I CAUGHT ONE OF THE GANG THAT LED YOU IN THERE. HE WOULDN'T TALK, BUT I NOTICED THAT HIS CLOTHES WERE COVERED WITH COAL DUST! SO I SEARCHED EVERYWHERE IN THE AREA WHERE COAL WAS STORED!

GIANT BATMAN



I'LL PUT THIS IDENTIFICATION DISC WHICH REVEALS THAT I'M BRUCE WAYNE BACK IN MY UTILITY BELT AND DESTROY IT WHEN WE RETURN TO THE BAT-CAVE!

WHEN YOU RECENTLY GOT THE IDEA OF A "BLANK" DISC WHICH WOULD REVEAL YOUR IDENTITY, ONLY WHEN YOU APPLIED A SECRET CHEMICAL, I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D HAVE TO USE IT THIS SOON, BATMAN!

BUT AS THE TWO HEAD HOMeward...

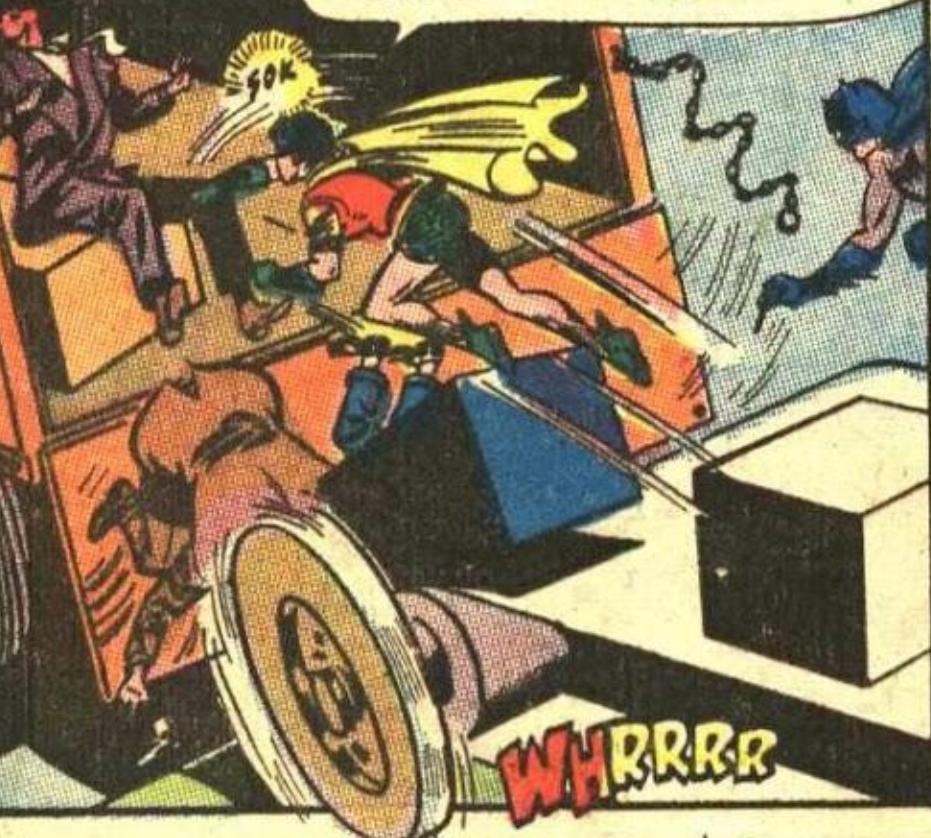
LOOK, ROBIN! THE WAREHOUSE IS BEING LOOTED!

THIS CONVEYOR BELT WILL CARRY US RIGHT TO THEM... A COUPLE OF PACKAGES THEY DON'T EXPECT!

BATMAN AND ROBIN! UGH...

WE'RE FROM THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE! WE ALWAYS MEET "DISTINGUISHED GUESTS" AT THE DOCK!

BUT AS BATMAN MOPS UP THE LAST OF THE WATERFRONT CRIMINALS, A STRANGE TWIST OF FATE SETS THE STAGE FOR A GRIM DRAMA WHICH IS YET TO COME...



LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

THE POLICE MUST HAVE THOSE WATERFRONT RATS BEHIND BARS BY NOW, ROBIN! LET'S SEE! I WAS GOING TO DESTROY THAT DISC AND... SAY! MY UTILITY BELT! IT'S GONE!

AND IT CONTAINED THE DISC WITH YOUR IDENTITY AS BRUCE WAYNE CLEARLY MARKED ON IT!

WITHOUT A WORD, TWO FIGURES LEAP INTO THE SWIFT BATMOBILE! AND AFTER A DASH ACROSS THE CITY...

IT'S NO USE, BATMAN! THE BELT'S JUST NOT HERE!

I WAS SURE IT CAME OFF DURING THE FIGHT WITH THOSE CROOKS! BUT WE'D BETTER SEARCH THE ENTIRE ROUTE BETWEEN HERE AND THE BAT-CAVE! HMM... THIS COULD BE USEFUL! I'LL ANALYZE IT LATER!

GIANT BATMAN

AND SO IT IS THAT PAUL HENSON HAS AN EXCITING NEW POSSESSION...

BOY! I CAN KEEP THE TINY MICROSCOPE AND THE MINIATURE CAMERA! BUT I WON'T WANT THESE OLD CONTAINERS! I'LL THROW THEM AWAY AND I CAN USE THE POCKETS THEY WERE IN TO CARRY MY OWN STUFF!



AND WHILE BATMAN'S SCIENTIFIC CRIME-FIGHTING TOOLS ARE BEING DISPLACED BY A YOUTH'S TREASURED POSSESSIONS, LIGHTS BURN LATE IN THE BAT-CAVE...

HMM... THIS CLOD OF EARTH I PICKED UP ON THE DOCK! IT'S THE HIGHEST GRADE OF TOP SOIL! IT COULD COME FROM A GOLF COURSE OR FROM AN ATHLETIC FIELD!



NEXT DAY, AS DICK GRAYSON, YOUNG WARD OF FABULOUSLY WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE, LEAVES GOTHAM HIGH...

GO ON HOME AND GET YOUR SKATES, PAUL! WE'RE ALL MEETING AT COBB'S POND!

PAUL HENSON! THAT BELT HE'S WEARING! IT SHOWS JUST A BIT BELOW HIS SWEATER, BUT I'M CERTAIN IT'S THE UTILITY BELT! I'D BETTER GO HOME AND REPORT TO BRUCE!

OKAY!



GREAT! MY PET CHAMELEON FITS IN THIS POCKET! AND I CAN CARRY INDIAN NUTS TO FEED THE SQUIRRELS IN ANOTHER! AND IN STILL ANOTHER POCKET I CAN CARRY MARBLES AND...



WHILE I CHECK THE OTHER POSSIBILITIES TOMORROW, ROBIN, YOU CAN DO YOUR JOB DURING YOUR REGULAR SCHOOL DAY! THE PERSON WHO FOUND MY UTILITY BELT COULD BE A SCHOOL KID... WHAT I FOUND MIGHT BE EARTH FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD! SO KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!



AND LATER, AT THE FROZEN POND...

IT'S JIMMY!
HANG ON,
FELLER!
I'M
COMING!

HELP!
THE ICE
IS
BREAKING!



GIANT BATMAN

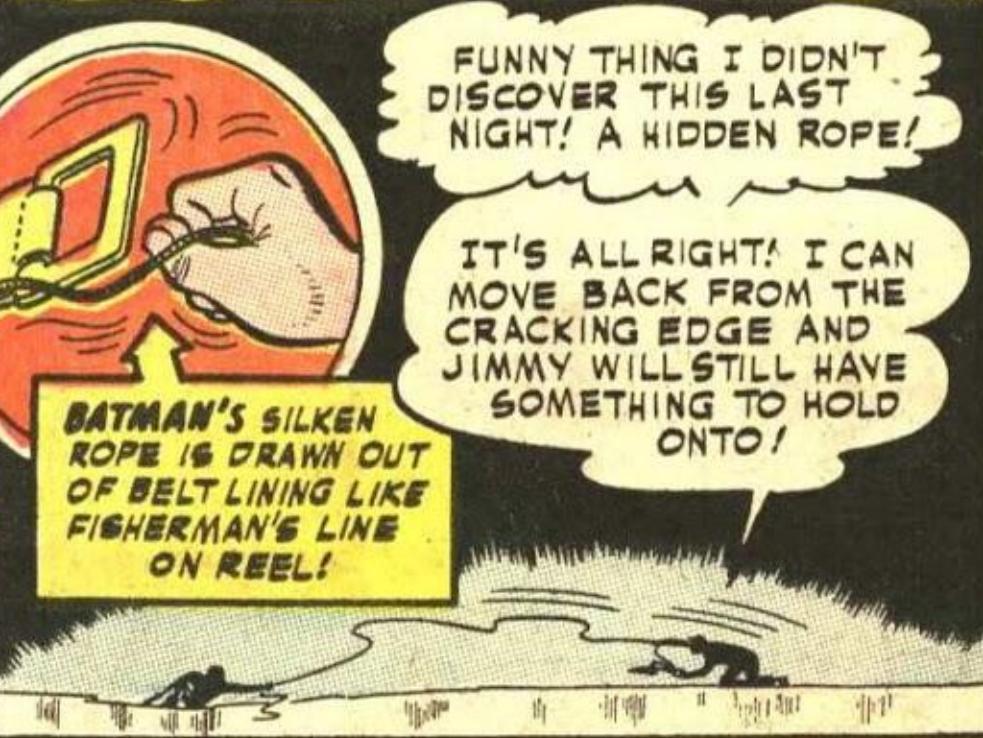
STAND BACK,
THE REST OF
YOU! DON'T WANT
TOO MUCH WEIGHT
ON... OH, OH! THE
ICE IS STARTING
TO CRACK
UNDER ME!

BUT AS THE RESCUERS' DESPERATE FINGERS GRASP
AT THE VERY END OF THE AMAZING UTILITY BELT,
THEY MAKE A SURPRISING DISCOVERY...

FUNNY THING I DIDN'T
DISCOVER THIS LAST
NIGHT! A HIDDEN ROPE!

IT'S ALL RIGHT! I CAN
MOVE BACK FROM THE
CRACKING EDGE AND
JIMMY WILL STILL HAVE
SOMETHING TO HOLD
ONTO!

BATMAN'S SILKEN
ROPE IS DRAWN OUT
OF BELT LINING LIKE
FISHERMAN'S LINE
ON REEL!



AND ON A NEARBY BANK, THE RESCUE SCENE IS
CLOSELY WATCHED BY AN EXTREMELY INTERESTED
MEMBER OF THE UNDERWORLD...

THAT KID PULLED A ROPE
OUT OF HIS BELT... JUST THE
WAY BATMAN WHIPS OUT
HIS SILKEN ROPE!
I THINK I'LL GET A
CLOSER LOOK AT IT!

PRESENTLY...

ALL THOSE LITTLE
COMPARTMENTS ON THE BELT!
IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE! AND YET
IT COULD BE...

NO, THANKS,
MISTER! I
LIKED IT
WHEN I
FOUND IT
AND NOW THAT
IT'S HELPED SAVE
MY PAL'S LIFE...
NO, THANKS!

SAY, KID! THAT
BELT OF YOURS... I'LL
GIVE YOU FIVE BUCKS
FOR IT!



HE SAID HE FOUND IT!
IT MUST BE THE
UTILITY BELT!

SAY! WHAT'S
THE BIG IDEA?
THAT KNIFE
DOESN'T SCARE ME!
I'M STILL NOT
LETTING YOU
HAVE MY
BELT!

LOOK, KID! I HAVEN'T
TIME TO BARGAIN
WITH YOU! HAND
OVER THE BELT AND YOU
WON'T GET HURT!

SUDDENLY, A KNIFE BLADE FLASHES! BUT BEFORE IT
CAN FIND A TARGET, AN ARM REACHES OUT LIKE A
STRIKING COBRA AND...

NO FRESH KID CAN
STOP "NIMBLE" HYLE!
WHY, I'LL...

OUCH!

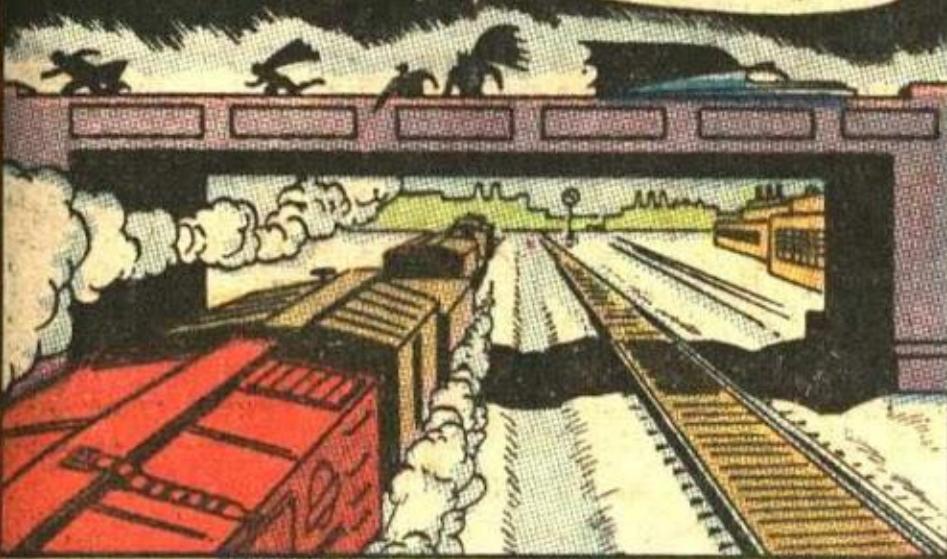


YOU'LL DROP
THAT KNIFE FOR
A STARTER,
NIMBLE! SORRY
TO BREAK UP
YOUR SCHEME
TO GET MY
UTILITY BELT!

GIANT BATMAN

BATMAN'S UTILITY BELT! SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS! BUT... BUT I LET IT DROP WHEN THAT CROOK ATTACKED ME! LOOK! IT LANDED ON TOP OF THE FREIGHT TRAIN! OH, **BATMAN!** I'M SORRY!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, SON! YOU DIDN'T TURN IT OVER TO NIMBLE! I'M MIGHTY GRATEFUL! AND SPEAKING OF NIMBLE... DON'T BOTHER CHASING HIM, **ROBIN!** WE'VE MORE IMPORTANT WORK!



IT SEEMS HE OUTSMARTED YOU! BUT WE MAY STILL HAVE THE LAST LAUGH! IF WE GET THAT UTILITY BELT BEFORE HE DOES, WE MAY BE ABLE TO USE IT AS A LURE TO GET HIM IN OUR HANDS AGAIN! I WANT EVERY MAN OUT LOOKIN' FOR THAT BELT... AND DON'T COME BACK WITHOUT IT!

THAT NIGHT, UNAWARE THAT HE CARRIES A PRIZE SOUGHT BY BOTH LAWMAN AND OUTLAW, THE HOBO TAKES REFUGE IN A DARK FREIGHT CAR! AND MOMENTS LATER...

THAT DOG'S BROKEN FROM HIS CAGE! I MUST GET OUT AND... THE DOOR! IT'S JAMMED! AND THAT BEAST IS GOING FOR MY THROAT!



BUT AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** FOLLOW THE TRAIL OF THE WONDER BELT, NIMBLE HURRIES TO AN UNDERWORLD HIDEOUT WHERE...

I'M CERTAIN **BATMAN** DIDN'T GET THE BELT BACK, DRUM! THE KID DROPPED IT AND IT FELL ON A TRAIN!

YOU SAY YOU SAW **BATMAN**? I THOUGHT YOU GUYS GOT RID OF HIM PERMANENTLY!



AND SO, THE UNDERWORLD IS PITTED AGAINST THE DARING DUO IN A DESPERATE HUNT! BUT WHERE IS THE OBJECT OF ITS SEARCH AT THIS MOMENT?

LET'S SEE WHAT FELL OFF THAT FREIGHT! HMM... MIGHTY INTERESTIN' BELT! MAYBE I CAN SELL IT WHEN I HIT TOWN!



BUT AT THIS MOMENT, THE STRANGE FATE WHICH SEEMS TO FOLLOW **BATMAN'S** AMAZING BELT ASSERTS ITSELF! AND AS THE HOBO STRUGGLES DESPERATELY WITH THE DOOR...

ARM BRUSHES AGAINST BELT, OPENING COMPARTMENT

PAUL'S CHAMELEON



GIANT BATMAN

THAT LIZARD! IT SEEMED TO LEAP RIGHT OUT OF THE BELT I FOUND! IT DISTRACTED THE DOG JUST IN TIME OR HE'D HAVE BEEN AT MY THROAT! AH! THE DOOR FINALLY BUDGED! NOW I CAN GET TO SAFETY!

THUS, FOR THE SECOND TIME IN ONE DAY, A LIFE IS SAVED BY THE ASTOUNDING UTILITY BELT! AND SOMETIME LATER, IN A PAWN SHOP...

I BOUGHT THIS FROM A HOBO YESTERDAY! HE SAID IT HAD SAVED HIS LIFE BUT HE NEEDED MONEY BADLY SO HE LET IT GO!

THOSE LITTLE POCKETS WILL BE GOOD FOR CARRYING MY TOOLS! I'M WORKING ON THE NEW SUBWAY THEY'RE BUILDING!

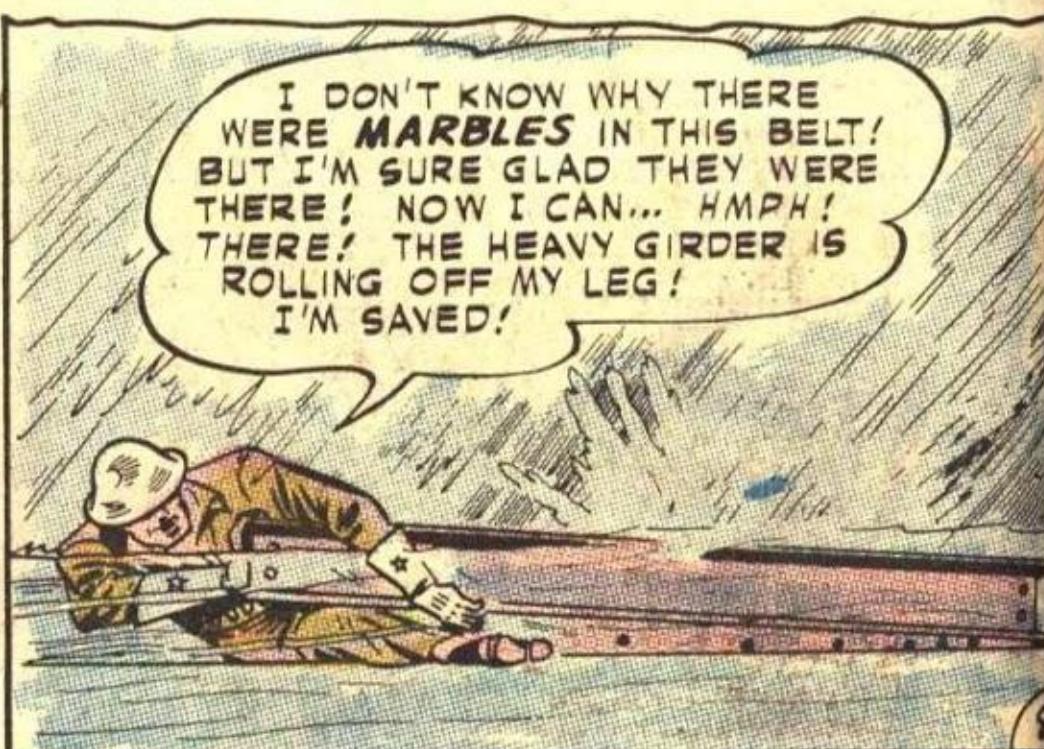
AFTERWARDS, BENEATH THE STREETS OF GOTHAM CITY...



SUDDENLY, THERE IS A ROAR LIKE AN UNLEASHED NIAGARA AND...



WITH TREMBLING FINGERS, THE TRAPPED WORKER TAKES SEVERAL OF THE MARBLES WHICH WERE STORED IN THE BELT BY PAUL HENSON AND PLACES THEM UNDER THE GIRDER...



GIANT BATMAN



THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN THE HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON...

WE MUST FIND THE UTILITY BELT BEFORE SOMEONE DISCOVERS YOUR IDENTITY DISC, BRUCE! BUT I HAVEN'T THE FAINTEST IDEA WHERE TO LOOK!

HERE'S A BREAK, DICK! A SUBWAY WORKER NAMED JACK FENLEY HAS A BELT WE MUST SEE! QUICK! LET'S SWITCH TO BATMAN AND ROBIN!

GOTHAM GAZETTE
WORKER SAVED BY MARBLES IN BELT!

PRESENTLY...

GOSH! THAT BELT IS SURE CAUSIN' A FUSS! THERE WERE SEVERAL GUYS HERE AN HOUR AGO ASKING ABOUT IT! BUT I DON'T HAVE IT NOW!

YOU... YOU MEAN THESE MEN WHO WERE HERE... THEY HAVE IT?

NO! RIGHT AFTER MY ACCIDENT, AN OLD CHARACTER NAMED HENRY WORTHING, WHO SAID HE WAS A COLLECTOR OF LEATHER, SHOWED UP! HE OFFERED ME SUCH A GOOD PRICE I COULDN'T TURN HIM DOWN! BUT, BATMAN! YOU'RE WEARING A BELT JUST LIKE IT!

YES! I MADE A DUPLICATE AFTER MINE WAS LOST! THIS ONE IS... ER... ALMOST LIKE THE ORIGINAL! COME ON, ROBIN! LET'S LOOK UP MR. WORTHING!

MEANWHILE, AT THE HOME OF HENRY WORTHING...

THIS ODD BELT WILL MAKE A FINE ADDITION TO MY LEATHER COLLECTION! I'LL JUST PUT THE VARIOUS ITEMS BACK IN THE POCKETS FROM WHICH I TOOK THEM! LET'S SEE, THE TINY FLASHLIGHT, THE KEYS, THE INDIAN NUTS...

HMM... HERE'S SOMETHING I DIDN'T TAKE OUT TO EXAMINE! IT FEELS LIKE A ROUND, FLAT DISC OF SOME KIND! LET'S SEE... HOW DO I GET AT IT?

IS THE SECRET OF BATMAN'S IDENTITY ABOUT TO BE REVEALED AT LAST?

BUT, SUDDENLY...

ALL RIGHT, POP! WE'RE TAKING YOUR NEW TOY! AND DON'T LET OUT A PEEP OR IT'LL BE YOUR LAST!

BUT... BUT WHY ARE YOU...

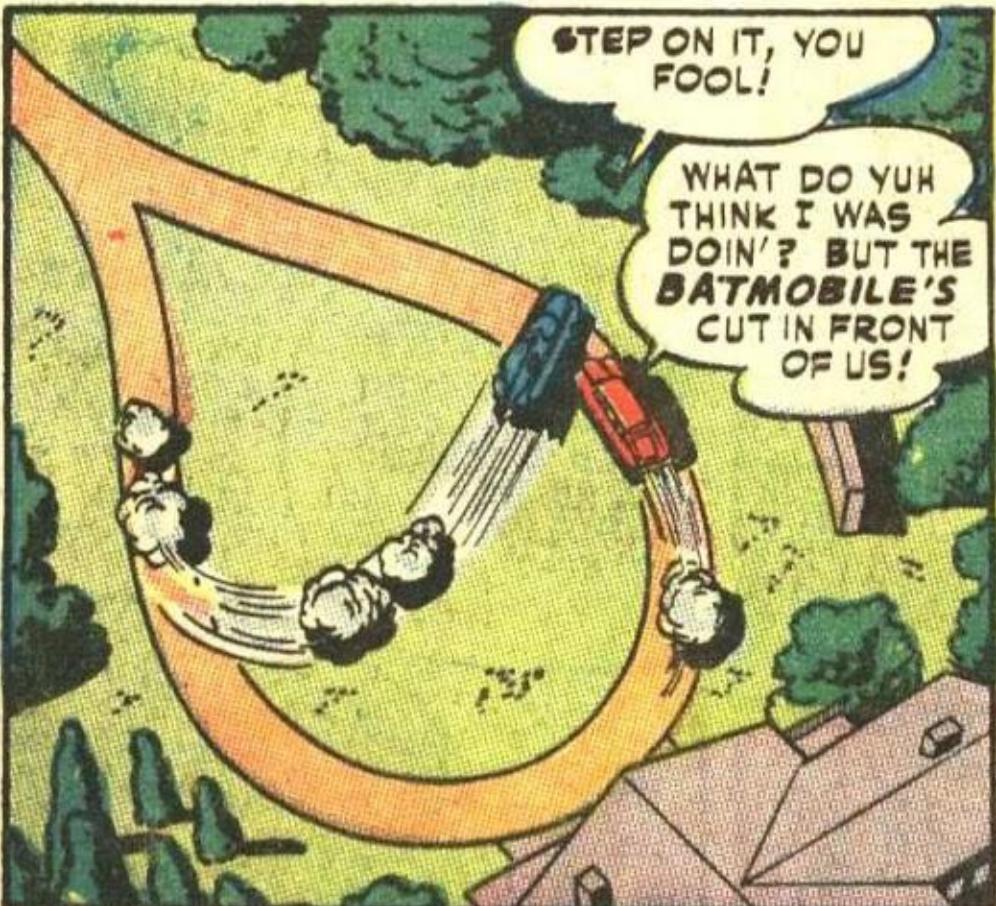
YOU HEARD WHAT THE MAN SAID! QUIET!

AND A MOMENT LATER...

HEY, ROCKY! LOOK! IT'S BATMAN!

YUH THINK I'M BLIND? I SPOTTED HIM BEFORE YOU DID! QUICK! INTO THE CAR AND LET'S LAM OUT OF HERE!

GIANT BATMAN



GIANT BATMAN



NOW WE'LL ARRANGE TO HAVE WORD GET OUT BY "ACCIDENT" AS TO WHERE THE UTILITY BELT IS BEING KEPT! THEN, UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS, BATMAN WILL WALK RIGHT INTO OUR TRAP! SAY! WHAT'S THIS DISC I FEEL?



WELL, WELL! WHAT DO YOU KNOW! A DISC WITH BATMAN'S IDENTITY ON IT! NOW WE DON'T HAVE TO TAKE A CHANCE THAT HE'LL COME TO US... WE'RE GOING TO HIM! HA, HA! THIS DISC EVEN GIVES HIS ADDRESS!



THAT NIGHT, OUTSIDE A LAVISH MANSION ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM CITY...

THERE THEY ARE! A MAN AND A BOY PLAYING HANDBALL! SO THAT'S BATMAN AND ROBIN! ALL RIGHT! WE'RE TAKING NO CHANCES! SET UP THE MACHINE GUN AND LET 'EM HAVE IT!



BUT AS THE MAN AND BOY CONTINUE THEIR VIGOROUS GAME OF HANDBALL, A STRANGE THING HAPPENS...

NICE OF YOU BOYS TO DROP AROUND... AND JUST WHEN WE WERE EXPECTING YOU!

BATMAN!
ROBIN!
BUT THIS
CAN'T BE!



PRESENTLY, AFTER THE POLICE ARRIVE...

WHEN YOU MADE THE DUPLICATE BELT I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE PUTTING IN ANOTHER IDENTIFICATION DISC... ONE WITH A FAKE IDENTITY ON IT, BATMAN!

YOU WERE BUSY, ROBIN! LATER, THINGS HAPPENED SO FAST I HADN'T TIME TO EXPLAIN! BUT I FIGURED THE FALSE IDENTIFICATION MIGHT COME IN HANDY! WHEN I WAS WRESTLING WITH ROCKY, I SWITCHED BELTS! I'M WEARING THE ORIGINAL NOW!



IT WAS MIGHTY BRAVE OF MY FRIEND, BILL WEAVER, AND HIS SON DON TO OFFER TO HAVE THE NAME "BILL WEAVER" AND THIS ADDRESS PUT ON THE IDENTIFICATION DISC AFTER I EXPLAINED THE SITUATION!

I GET IT! YOU KNEW THE CROOKS WOULD COME TO THE ADDRESS ON THE DISC THINKING IT WAS THE REAL HOME OF BATMAN AND ROBIN! THAT WAY WE COULD NAB 'EM!



SUDDENLY, THE HANDBALL COURT IS PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS AS...

BATMAN!
WE'D BETTER TELL
DON AND HIS DAD
THEY CAN STOP PLAYING
HANDBALL NOW AND...
HEY! THE LIGHTS!
SOMEONE PUT
THEM
OUT!

THIS IS
"DRUM" CARTER!
I SWITCHED OFF
THE LIGHTS! YOU
THOUGHT THOSE
COPS HAD ME
SAFELY IN HAND!
BUT I FOOLED 'EM!
NOW I'M READY TO
MAKE A BARGAIN
WITH YOU,
BATMAN!

YOU CAN'T SEE ME AND
I CAN'T SEE YOU! BUT
IF I START SHOOTING
AROUND THE ROOM,
YOUR FRIENDS MAY
GET HURT! THAT'S
WHAT I'LL DO UNLESS
YOU PROMISE ME SAFE
CONDUCT THROUGH
THE POLICE LINES!

I'LL STALL HIM
UNTIL I THROW
OUT THE GAS
CAPSULE IN MY
UTILITY BELT!
AH, OH! IT'S
NOT THERE!
THE POCKET'S
ILLED WITH
LITTLE NUTS!
HMM... MAYBE
I CAN USE THEM!

QUICKLY, BATMAN ROLLS A HANDFUL
OF THE INDIAN NUTS OVER THE FLOOR!
AND THEN...

AH! IT WORKED! YOU
STEPPED ON THE NUTS I
SPREAD ON THE FLOOR
AND THE CRACKING
SOUND GAVE
AWAY YOUR
POSITION!

CRACK! CRACK!

SOME DAYS AFTER, AT THE HOME OF BILL WEAVER
AND HIS SON, DON...

MIGHTY FINE FEED
YOU PUT ON, MR. WEAVER!
AND IT SURE IS SWELL TO
MEET THE REST OF THE
FOLKS WHOSE PATHS
WERE CROSSED BY THE
UTILITY BELT!

BY THE WAY, PAUL! I
BELIEVE THESE MARBLES
AND INDIAN NUTS BELONG
TO YOU! THEY FITTED
NEATLY INTO THE BELT'S
POCKETS, BUT I THINK
I'LL PUT IN A NEW SET OF
GAS AND SMOKE CAPSULES
JUST THE SAME!

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Beethoven, The Bomb

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GIANT BATMAIL

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed your latest GIANT BATMAN very much. I always have wondered what the original dates were for the stories you reprint. In "The Origin of Batman," I thought sure that during the last fight one of those gangsters had Batman pinned. They had him at point-blank range. Now, wasn't that amazing? A man trying to escape three guns sound rather impossible, doesn't it? But I guess that's the way the Kleenex tears! Also, why didn't you put "The Crimes of Batman" in a WORLD'S FINEST GIANT? And I didn't see Superman in it. If that's a WORLD'S FINEST story, where was Superman? Anyway, all the stories were very, very good. Thank you for telling us the dates.

CHUCK HUFFMAN
RALEIGH, N.C.

(Superman was in that issue of WF—but in his own story. Originally, the two heroes were featured separately in the mag; WF No. 71 was the first issue to feature the Superman-Batman team.—Editor.)

Dear Editor:

I know you call the Joker the Clown Prince of Crime. So who do you call the King of Crime?

TERRI MOREFIELD
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

(Probably every villain Batman has fought would claim the title, but perhaps the Monarch of Menace should get it. Don't you agree? By the way, give our regards to the folks in the Editor's home town. E.N.B. grew up in Oklahoma City.—Editor.)

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading your latest GIANT BATMAN and it was terrific! But what about Robin? He isn't even shown on the cover. In your next Giant, why not give the origins of Robin, Joker, Catwoman, Penguin and others? I've been reading BATMAN for years and I do not know the origins of any of the characters I've mentioned.

STEVE BALTON
MANCHESTER, N.H.

(We'll probably get around to all of them, eventually. We have tentative plans to put the Catwoman's origin in the next GIANT BATMAN, together with other stories of The Women in Batman's life. If our plans go through, you'll be seeing it on the stands in about six months.—Editor.)

Dear Editor:

The latest issue of GIANT BATMAN was pretty good, but Robin looks like a little 10-year-old! Why don't you make him as old as he is in BATMAN and TEEN TITANS? Are you sure they're the same person? Make him look older in GIANT BATMAN.

ANONYMOUS
WESTFIELD, N.J.

(My dear mystery reader—Robin is younger in the GIANTS because he was younger when the stories were first printed! Don't you think the Boy Wonder ever aged? Editor.)

Dear Editor:

After reading your latest BATMAN 80 PAGE GIANT, I am very, very impressed with the calibre of the magazine you are producing. Is there any way of putting out more Giants per year—or giving us a special \$1.00 one? Also, I recall that in the old BATMAN mag of some years back, there was a section reserved for Alfred's adventures. Is there any possibility of reprinting some of these tales? I don't know whether you read these letters, since this is my sixth or seventh one. And do you take suggestions?

W. SOBOREN
EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

(Yes, W., the letters are read. E. Nelson scans every one with his very own beady, little eyes. He also writes these clever (?) answers—even if he does refer to himself in the third person. And as for suggestions—we at DC would be real saps if we didn't take the good ones that come in. Sure—we'll give your ideas some thought and see if they are feasible.—Editor.)

Dear Editor:

Your stories are the greatest. You don't have to be a Batman to find evidence for this statement. All us amateurs (25 BATMAN issues or less) have to do is read BATMAN GIANT No. 198. Most of the stories are older than I am. Now I know what is meant when people talk about "respect for your elders." The story that thrilled me most was the one and only "Origin of the Batman." Good luck on future issues.

SCOTT COFFEL
FAR ROCKAWAY, N.Y.

(How do you like this iish, Scott? The newest story is 11 years old! We hope you dig that brand-new feature on THE BATCAVE-1968, too.—Editor.)

Dear Editor:

Back in WF No. 163, a boy stated in the letter page that the Penguin's real name was Mr. Boniface. But in GIANT BATMAN No. 198, he is Oswald Chesterfield Cobblepot. I must know—WHICH is right?

DAN RYNER
WINTERSET, IOWA

(Our research shows the Penguin was using the name Boniface in the first story in which he clashed with Batman—DETECTIVE No. 58. But in light of the fact that his aunt knows him as Oswald Cobblepot, it's obvious that Boniface was only an alias.—Editor.)

(Remember—the address for all comments on this iish is GIANT BATMAIL, National Periodical Publications, 575 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10011.)

BAT-MAN

WITH
ROBIN
- THE BOY WONDER -

FAMOUS ARE THE WEAPONS WHICH BATMAN AND ROBIN USE IN THEIR WAR AGAINST CROOKS... THE MIGHTY BATMOBILE, THE SWIFT BAT-PLANE, UTILITY-BELTS, ROPES, AND BELT-RADIOS! NOT SO WELL-KNOWN, HOWEVER, IS THEIR STRANGEST PIECE OF EQUIPMENT-- THE BATARANG! HERE, FOR THE FIRST TIME, IS THE FULL STORY OF THAT DEVICE--THE ORIGIN, THE DIFFERENT FORMS AND DRAMATIC USES OF...

THE 100 BATARANGS OF BATMAN

WHEN WE TRY TO THROW THE BATARANGS, THEY COME BACK TO HIT US!



GIANT BATMAN

BATMAN HAS MANY ADMIRERS--BUT NONE MORE DEVOTED THAN ELMER MASON...

OH, Pshaw! WHO'S AT THE DOOR NOW? JUST WHEN I WAS FINISHING UP MY LATEST BATMAN SCRAPBOOK!



MR. MASON, WE'RE BATMAN ADMIRERS, TOO--AND WE UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE SOME FINE FILMS OF BATMAN IN ACTION!

YES, I BOUGHT SOME USED FILMS FROM NEWSREEL MEN! I'D BE GLAD TO SHOW THEM TO FELLOW BATMAN-ENTHUSIASTS!



AS THE PROUD COLLECTOR BEGINS EXHIBITING HIS MOVIE SCRAPBOOK...

UH...PICTURES OF BATMAN USING THE BATARANG ARE WHAT WE'RE MOST INTERESTED IN!

I'VE SOME SPLENDID SHOTS OF HIM DOING THAT! I'LL SHOW YOU...



FINE--THAT'S JUST WHAT WE WANT! WE'LL TAKE THOSE PARTICULAR FILMS WITH US!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, TAKE THEM? I WON'T LET YOU!



BUT A STUNNING BLOW DESCENDS, AND...

OH-H... MY HEAD!

HAW! THESE FILMS ARE GONNA HELP US PAY BATMAN BACK WITH HIS OWN STUNT!



SOON, WHEN ELMER MASON RECOVERS ENOUGH TO GO TO THE POLICE...

I WASN'T COMPLETELY UNCONSCIOUS, COMMISSIONER GORDON--AND I HEARD THEM!

I'LL CALL BATMAN AT ONCE--THOUGH IT PUZZLES ME WHY CROOKS WOULD WANT TO STEAL SUCH FILMS!



GIANT BATMAN

WITHIN MINUTES, AT THE MANSION OF WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

LOOK... THE BAT-SIGNAL, BRUCE!

OUR CALL SIGN FROM POLICE HEADQUARTERS! LET'S GO, DICK...



SHORTLY, IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...

AS THE THIEVES STOLE THOSE FILMS, ONE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT PAYING YOU BACK WITH YOUR OWN STUNT!

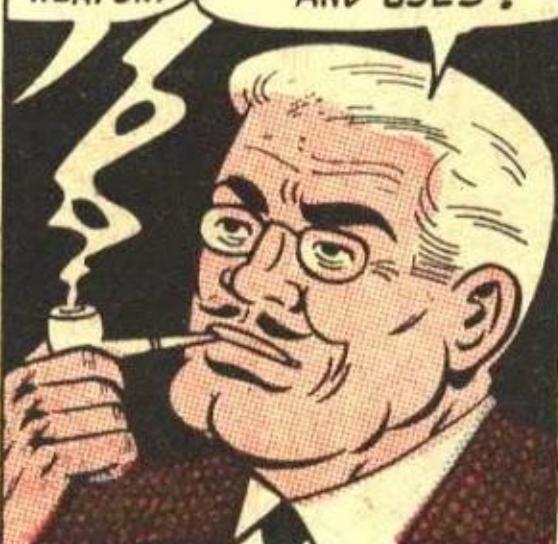
HMM... AND THEY TOOK ONLY THE FILMS THAT SHOWED ME USING THE BATARANG, EH?



APPARENTLY, THEY WANT TO LEARN HOW TO THROW THE BATARANG THEMSELVES...

SO THEY CAN USE IT AS A CRIME WEAPON!

BUT HOW WOULD A CRIMINAL KNOW ABOUT ITS CAPABILITIES AND USES?



WHOEVER WE'VE CAPTURED WITH IT WOULD REMEMBER HOW IT WAS USED! GOING OVER OUR PAST BATARANG CASES WOULD GIVE US A LIST OF SUSPECTS!

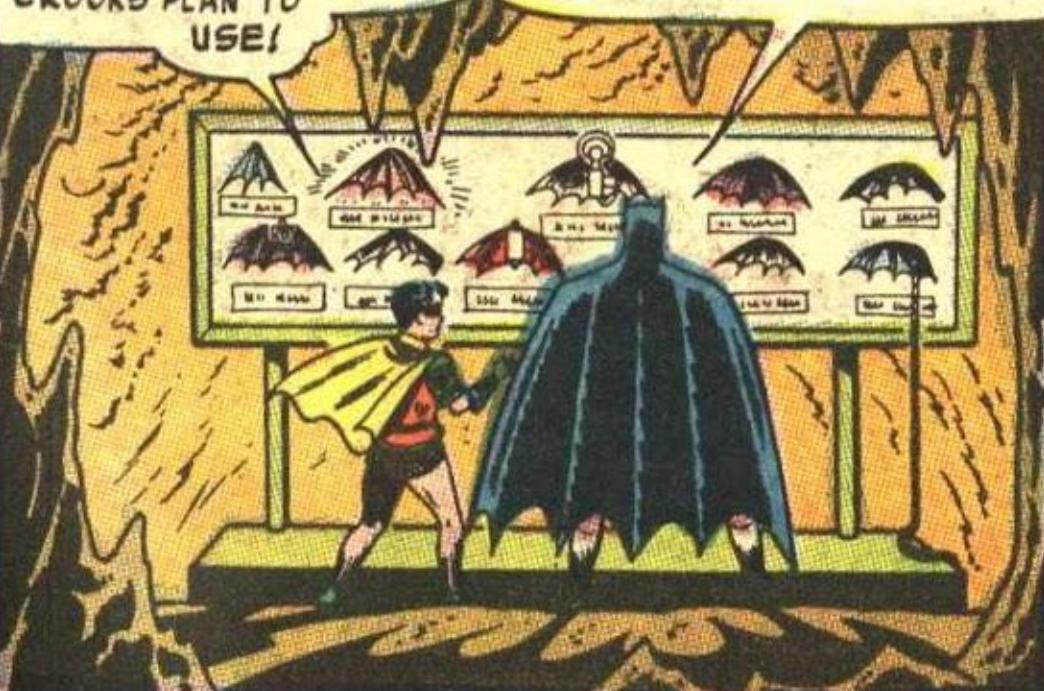
I HOPE YOU GET A LEAD- THIS THING BEGINS TO WORRY ME!



AND IT'S A WORRIED DUO THAT RETURNS TO THE BAT-CAVE...

WE HAVEN'T ANY IDEA WHICH KIND OF BATARANG THOSE CROOKS PLAN TO USE!

BUT WE CAN STILL FORM A LIST OF SUSPECTS BY CHECKING PAST CASES...



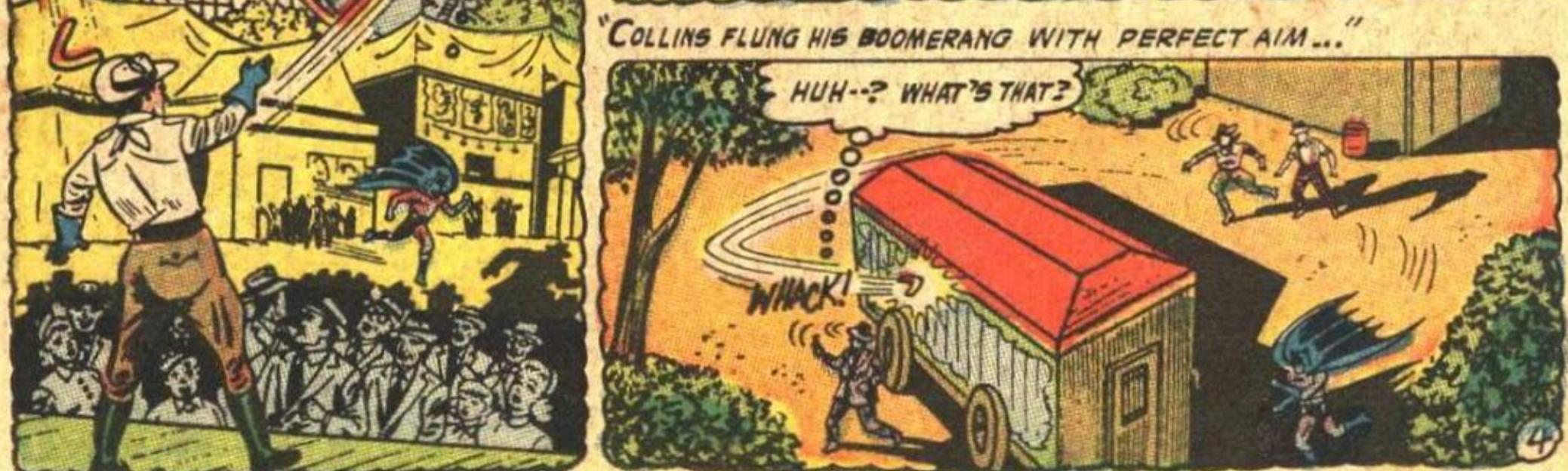
OF COURSE, IT COULDN'T BE OUR BATARANG X! WE'VE KEPT THAT ONE LOCKED UP, BECAUSE IT'S SO DANGEROUS!

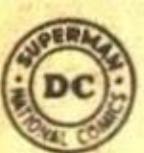
YOU'RE RIGHT... IT'S HARD TO SEE HOW ANY CROOK COULD HAVE LEARNED ITS SECRET!



WHAT IS THE SECRET OF THIS MYSTERY-BATARANG? WHATEVER IT IS...

GIANT BATMAN





GIANT BATMAN



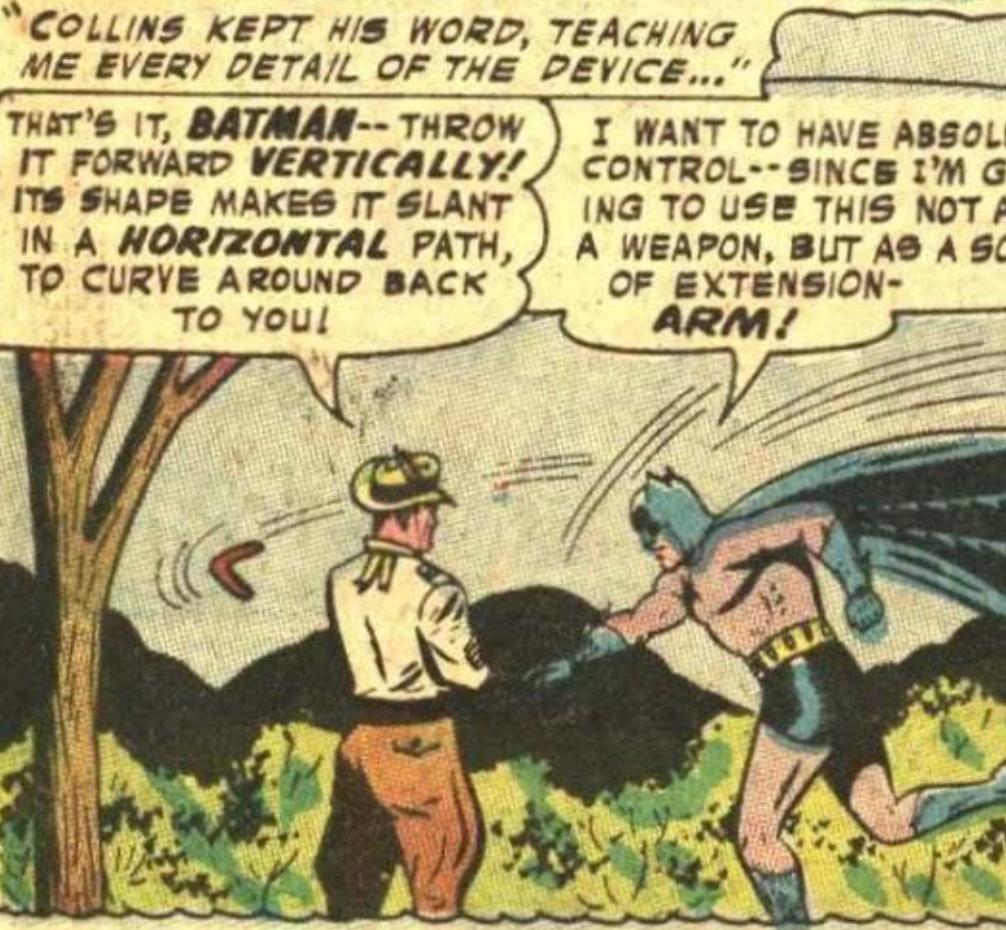
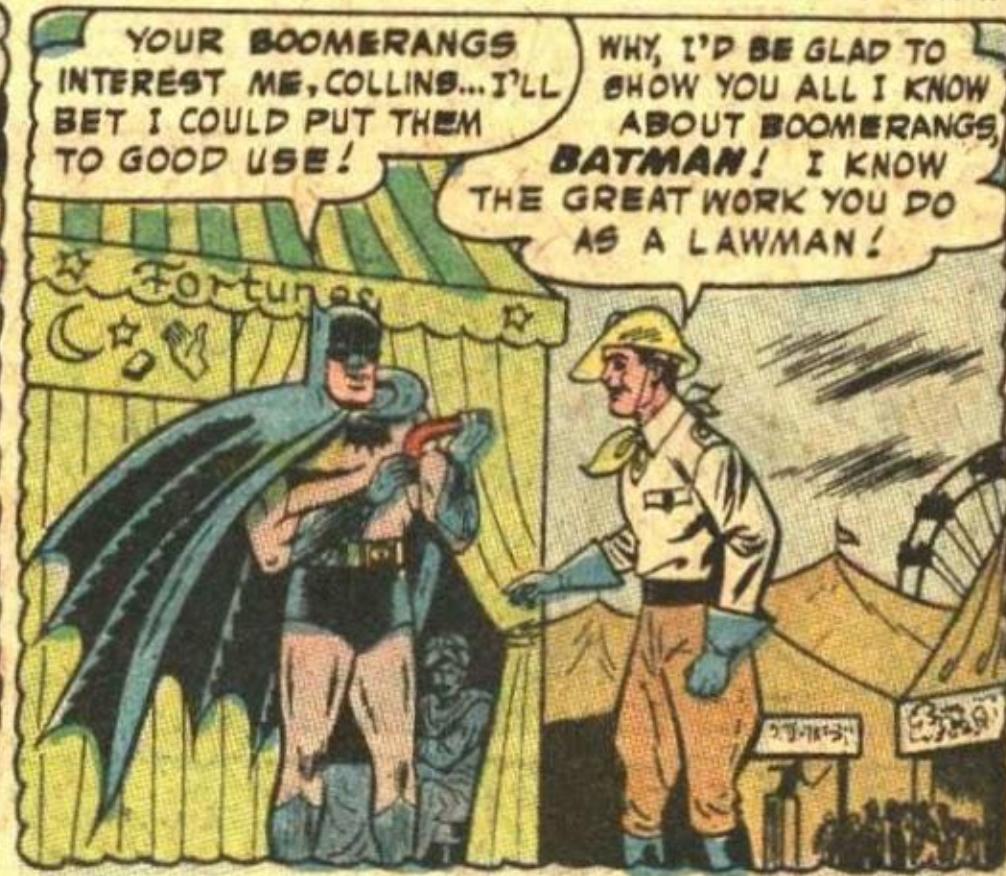
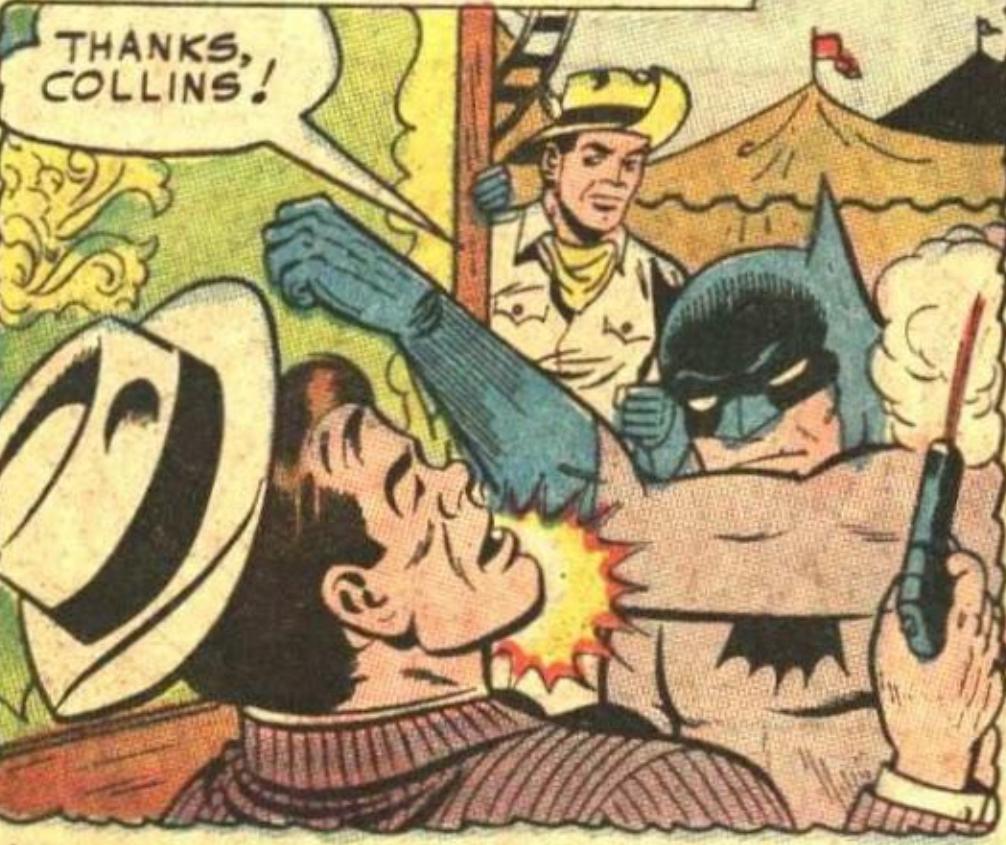
“THE DIVERSION LASTED LESS THAN A SECOND--BUT THAT WAS ALL THE TIME I NEEDED...”

THANKS,
COLLINS!

“AFTERWARD, WHEN POLICE HAD TAKEN BARD AWAY...”

YOUR BOOMERANGS
INTEREST ME, COLLINS... I'LL
BET I COULD PUT THEM
TO GOOD USE!

WHY, I'D BE GLAD TO
SHOW YOU ALL I KNOW
ABOUT BOOMERANGS,
BATMAN! I KNOW
THE GREAT WORK YOU DO
AS A LAWMAN!

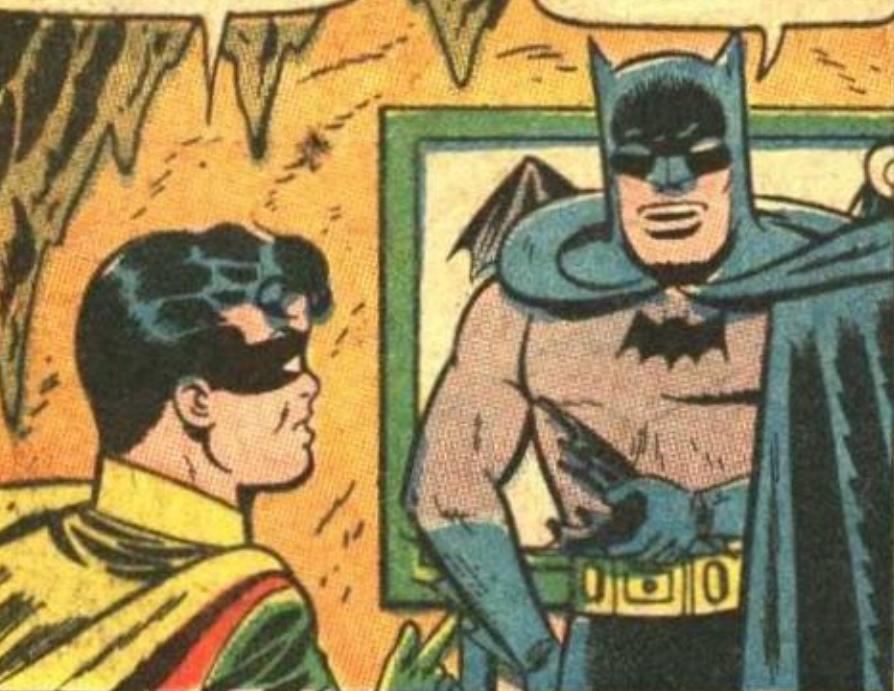


SO THAT'S HOW THE **BATARANG** ORIGINATED! MAYBE THAT CROOK COLLINS HELPED YOU CAPTURE IS THE MAN WE WANT!

IF HE'S OUT OF PRISON BY NOW, WE'LL ADD BARD TO OUR LIST OF SUSPECTS.

NOW--HOW ABOUT THIS MAGNETIC BATARANG?

I REMEMBER WE MADE THAT ONE SPECIALLY, WHEN WE WERE AFTER A COUNTERFEIT MOB...



"TROUBLE WAS, WE COULD NEVER SECURE PROOF OF THEIR GUILT..."

YOU'VE GOT NO PROOF NOW THEY WERE COUNTERFEIT-PLATES, SO YOU CAN'T TAKE US IN!

THEY'VE DONE IT AGAIN, BATMAN-- DROPPED THE STEEL MONEY- PRINTING PLATES INTO DESTROY- ING ACID!

"BUT, WHEN WE TRIED AGAIN, SOME NIGHTS LATER..."

THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN... THEY HAVE TO KEEP THE WINDOW OPEN BECAUSE OF THE FUMES FROM THAT ACID!

THIS TIME, THEIR STEEL PLATES WON'T REACH THE ACID! COME ON...



"AS THEIR SECRET ALARM WENT OFF, THE COUNTERFEITERS SNATCHED THE STEEL PLATES FROM THE PRESS TO DESTROY THEM, BUT..."

EYOW! A BATARANG IT'S PICKED UP THE PLATES!

AND IT'S TAKING THEM BACK OUT!



"THE MAGNETIC BATARANG BROUGHT THE INCRIMINATING PLATES RIGHT BACK TO MY HAND!"

NOW THAT WE HAVE THE EVIDENCE TO CONVICT THEM, WE CAN GRAB THEM!

RIGHT!



THEY WENT TO JAIL, BUT THEY MIGHT HAVE SERVED THEIR TIME BY NOW--SO THEY'RE SUSPECTS, TOO! BATMAN, DO YOU SUPPOSE ANY OF THEM COULD HAVE LEARNED ABOUT BATARANG?

IMPOSSIBLE! IT MUST BE SOME OTHER BATARANG. THEY'RE PLANNING TO USE!

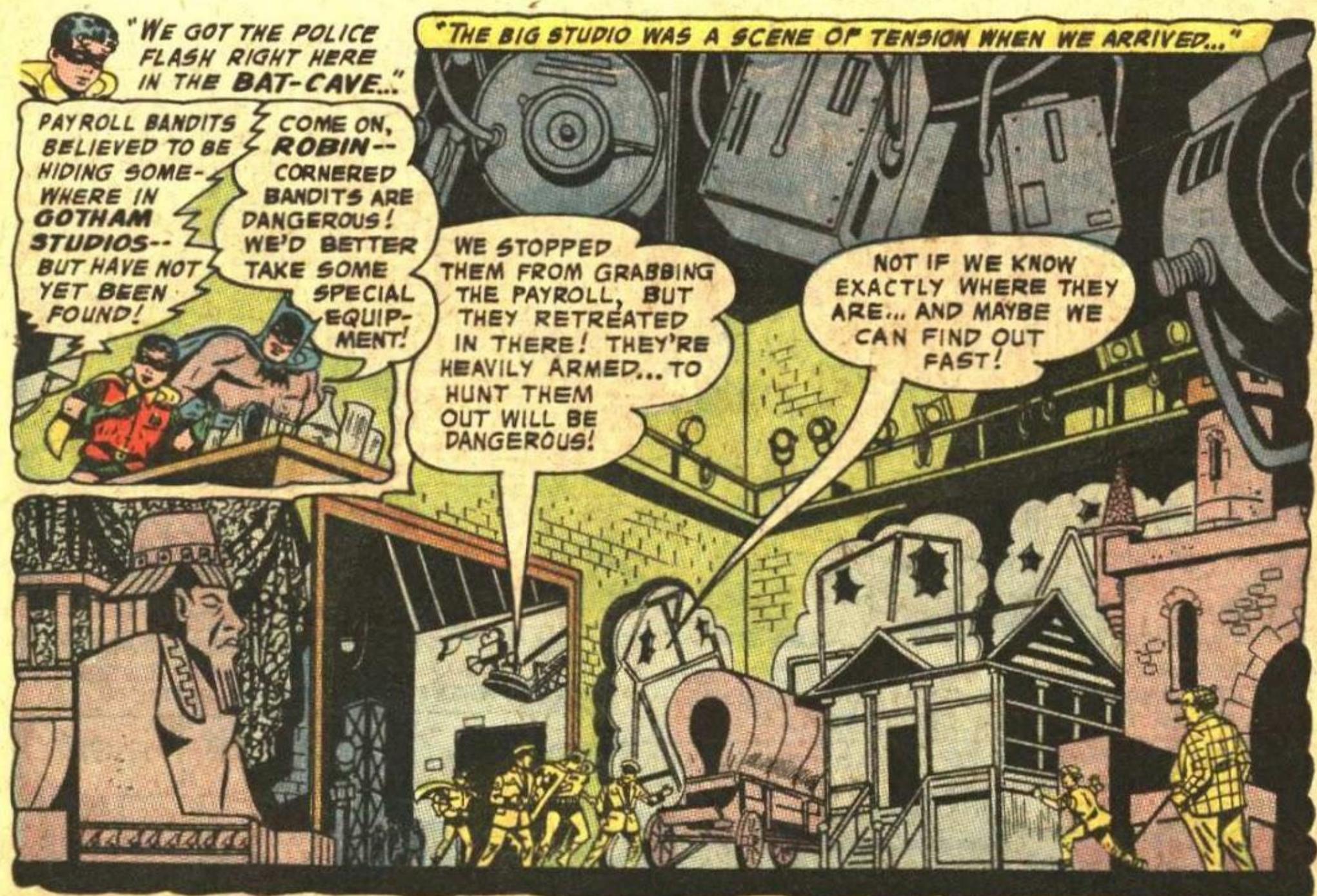


IT COULD BE THIS SEEING-EYE BATARANG! REMEMBER WHEN WE USED IT?

YES--AT A MOVIE-STUDIO ROBBERY!



GIANT BATMAN



GIANT BATMAN

"KNOWING JUST WHERE THEY WERE, IT TOOK ONLY MOMENTS FOR US TO ACT..."

THERE THEY ARE--JUST WHERE THE CAMERA SHOWED THEM!

HUH--? THAT BATARANG HE THREW, TOOK A PICTURE OF... OOF!

MY SLIP-OF-THE-TONGUE, THAT TIME, LET THEM KNOW THE TRICK OF THE SEEING-EYE BATARANG... SO THEY'RE SUSPECTS, TOO!

YES--BUT I DOUBT IF THAT'S THE BATARANG THEY PLAN TO USE! AND I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THEY KNOW ABOUT BATARANG X!



HERE'S A BATARANG THAT WAS ONLY USED ONCE--BUT IT SAVED COMMISSIONER GORDON! YOU WEREN'T THERE AT THE TIME, ROBIN...



"WE WERE SEPARATELY SEARCHING FOR JAY GARRIS THAT NIGHT, AND IT WAS I WHO FINALLY SPOTTED HIM..."

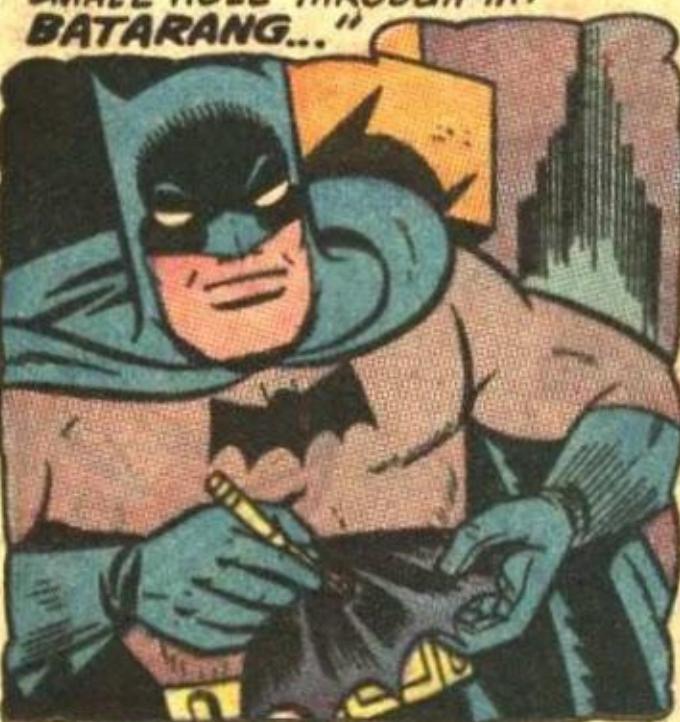
HE SWORE REVENGE ON COMMISSIONER GORDON--AND HE'S GOING TO PUSH THOSE COPING-STONES DOWN ON HIM! MY VOICE WON'T REACH THE COMMISSIONER, AND I CAN'T GET THERE IN TIME!

"WITH ONLY A MOMENT TO WARN HIM, I TOOK A TOOL FROM MY UTILITY BELT AND BORED A SMALL HOLE THROUGH MY BATARANG..."

"AND AS I THREW IT, FAR UP THE STREET BEHIND THE COMMISSIONER, CAUSING AIR TO SHOOT THROUGH THAT TINY APERTURE..."

THE WHISTLE IT'S MAKING SHOULD TURN THE COMMISSIONER AROUND!

WHY--THAT SOUNDS LIKE A POLICE-WHISTLE!



GIANT BATMAN

"TRUE TO HIS DUTY AS ALWAYS, THE COMMISSIONER HASTILY WENT BACK THE WAY HE'D COME!"

AND NOW I CAN GO AFTER GARRIS!

GARRIS LEARNED THE POWER OF THE BATARANG THAT NIGHT--SO HE'S A SUSPECT, TOO!

YES--I NEVER REALIZED TILL NOW THAT CROOKS WHO SAW THE BATARANG WOULD TRY TO GET IT! THANK GOODNESS NONE OF THEM EVER SAW BATARANG X!



AND AS THE DUO CHECKS THE HISTORY OF OTHER BATARANGS...

THIS IS THE FLASH-BULB BATARANG WE USED TO SPOT THE MIDNIGHT MOB!

AND WE USED THIS ROPE BATARANG...



WELL--WE'VE NOW GOT MORE THAN A DOZEN SUSPECTS... CROOKS WHO KNOW THE VARIOUS ABILITIES OF THE BATARANG, BECAUSE WE CAUGHT THEM WITH IT!

WE'LL RUN THESE NAMES THROUGH OUR CRIME-FILE!



SOON... ALL BUT THREE OF THOSE SUSPECTS ARE STILL IN PRISON! THAT LEAVES JAY GARRIS, WHITEY MANTELL, AND MATT HOWLAND AS SUSPECTS!

ALL DANGEROUS MOB-LEADERS! THE CARD-SORTING MACHINE WILL ALSO GIVE US THE NAMES AND PHOTOS OF THEIR KNOWN ASSOCIATES!



GIANT BATMAN

AND WITH THOSE PHOTOS, BATMAN AND ROBIN GO TO THE HOME OF A DEVOTED ADMIRER... THESE ARE THE TWO WHO SLUGGED ME AND STOLE THE FILMS THAT SHOWED YOU USING THE BATARANG!

THANKS, MASON-- YOU'VE BEEN A BIG HELP!

MINUTES LATER, AS THEY BEGIN THEIR SEARCH... THOSE TWO WERE PART OF JAY GARRIS' MOB-- SO GARRIS IS THE ONE WHO'S PLANNING TO USE THE BATARANG FOR CRIME!

YES-- HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON THREE MONTHS AGO! WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM FAST!



AND THE TRAIL OF A NOTORIOUS MOBSTER SOON LEADS TO...

A DESERTED OFF-SHORE ISLAND, RENTED BY GARRIS! BUT WHAT ARE HE AND HIS MOB PREPARING THERE?

WE HAVE TO FIND OUT-- BUT WE CAN'T APPROACH IN A BOAT WITHOUT BEING SEEN, AND THE BAT-PLANE WOULD BE HEARD...

...SO WE'LL HAVE TO USE BATARANG X!

IT'LL BE DANGEROUS, YET, I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER WAY!



MEANWHILE, ON THE MOBSTER'S ISLAND... A BATARANG IS HURLED, AND...

NOW THAT WE'VE LEARNED FROM THOSE FILMS HOW TO THROW THE BATARANG, WE'LL TRY OUT OUR SPECIAL ONE!

THIS IS A BATARANG THAT BATMAN NEVER DREAMED OF!

SWELL! THE BOMB BATARANG YOU MADE WORKS LIKE A CHARM!

WITH IT, WE CAN HIT ANY TARGET... AND THESE BATARANGS ARE MADE WITH ALTERED WINGS SO THEY WON'T RETURN TO US!



GIANT BATMAN



WE'VE GOT ENOUGH **BOMB BATARANGS** TO LOOT GOTHAM CITY... WE CAN CURVE THEM THROUGH WINDOWS, INTO ANY PLACE! IN THE MORNING, WE'LL START OUR RAIDS!

HA, HA...
WHAT A
SURPRISE FOR
BATMAN!

BUT, BEFORE MORNING COMES... I STILL SWING UP THE CATAPULT, THINK THIS AND WE'LL GET BATARANG X IS TOO INTO THE HURLING POSITION! RISKY FOR YOU, BATMAN!



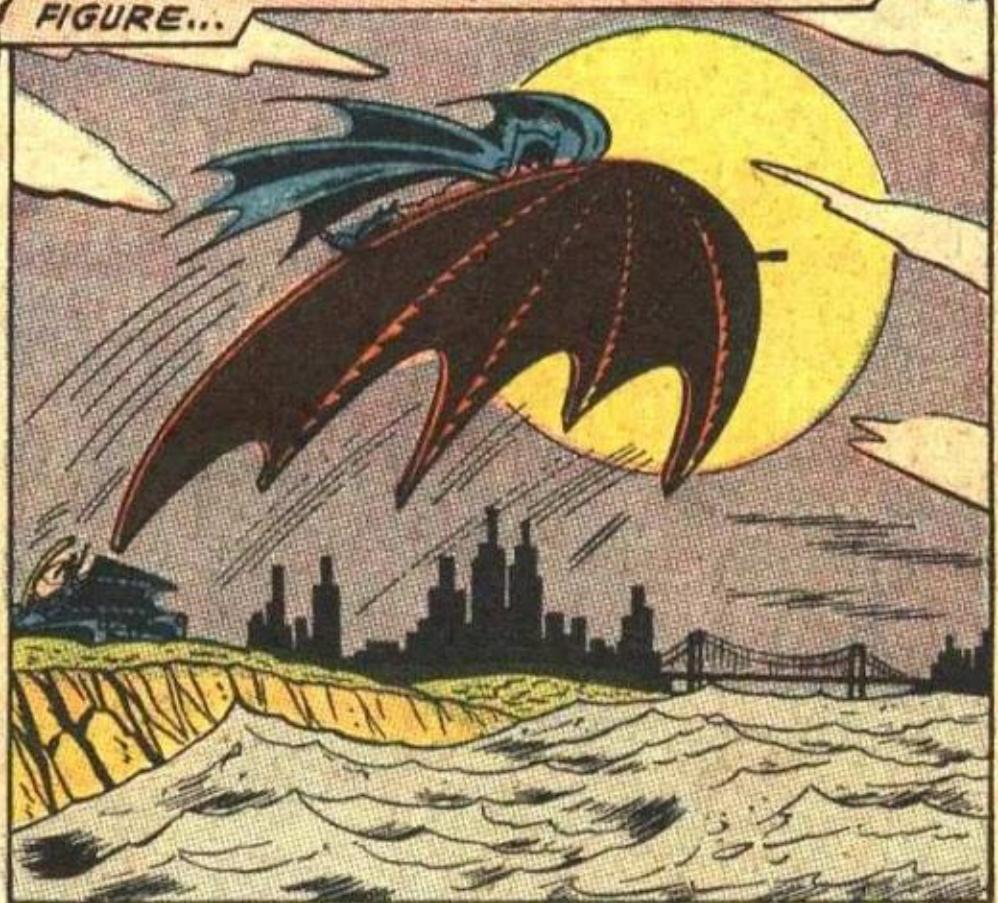
UP FROM THE COVERED DECK OF THE BATMOBILE RISES A POWERFUL CATAPULT-LAUNCHER...

BATARANG X-- THE GIANT BATARANG... OUR BEST CHANCE TO GET ONTO THAT ISLAND SECRETLY!

BE CAREFUL,
BATMAN--
IT'S A TRICKY THING!



THE POWERFUL CATAPULT HURLS OUT THE GIANT BATARANG, BEARING A HUMAN FIGURE...

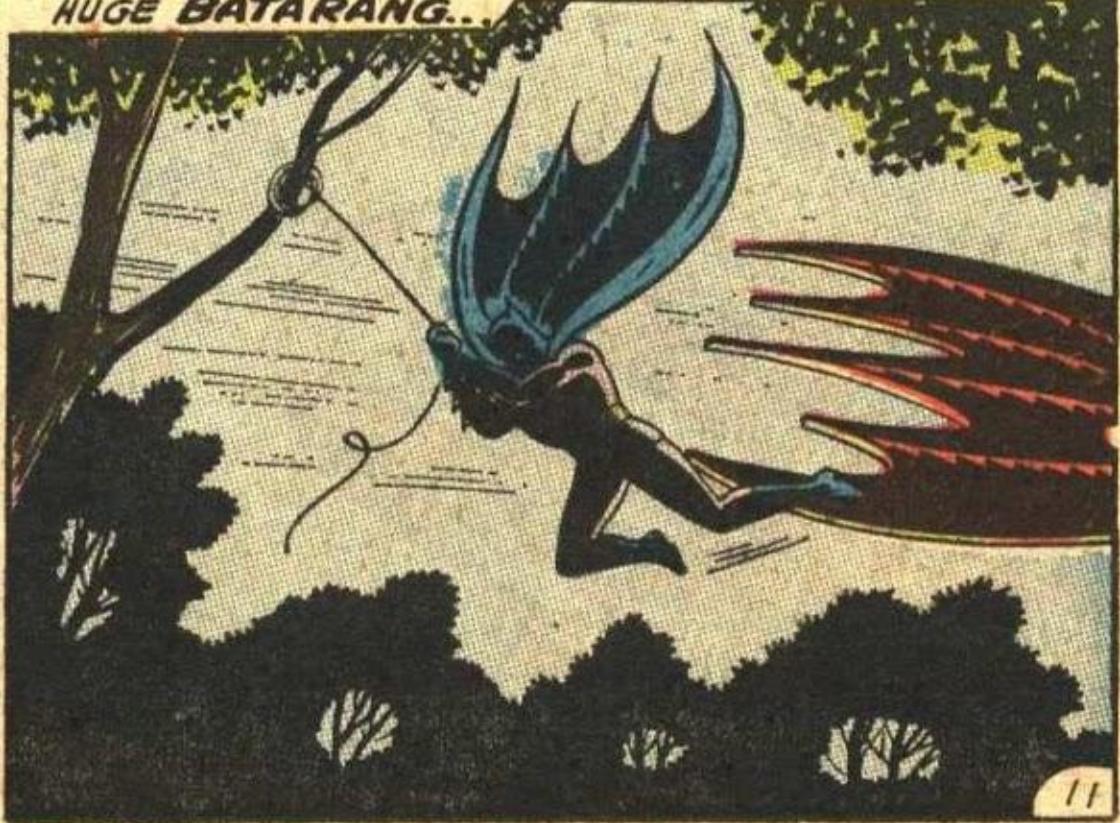


SILENTLY AS A HUGE BAT, **BATARANG X** CURVES LOW OVER THE ISLAND...

MUST GET MY ROPE OVER THAT TREE, WITHOUT BREAKING ANY BRANCHES OR MAKING A NOISE...



A FLYING SHADOW PLUNGES FROM THE CIRCLING, **HUGE BATARANG...**



GIANT BATMAN



...AND, SILENTLY AS IT CAME, THE BIG BATARANG RETURNS TO ITS SENDER...

DID BATMAN SWING OFF IT SAFELY? EVEN FOR AN ACROBAT LIKE HIM, IT'S A TOUGH FEAT! CAN'T HEAR A THING...



BUT ALREADY, IN THE SHED BEHIND THE MOBSTER'S HIDEOUT... BOMB BATARANGS! SO THAT'S WHAT GARRIS HAS PLANNED! WELL--MAYBE I CAN GIVE HIM A SURPRISE...



AT DAWN, WHEN THE CRIMINALS EMERGE...

LOOK... BATMAN!

QUICK--USE THE BOMB BATARANGS!

BUT AS THEY HURL THE SINISTER BATARANGS...

HE DUCKED THEM--AND THEY'RE COMING BACK TOWARD US!

LOOK OUT! OUR OWN BOMB BATARANGS ARE GONNA HIT US!



NO... I TOOK OUT THE EXPLOSIVES YOU PUT IN THEM, GARRIS--AND ALTERED THE WINGS SO THEY'D COME RIGHT BACK TO HIT THE THROWERS! I DON'T THINK I'LL HAVE MUCH TROUBLE WITH YOU THREE NOW!



AND SO, LATER, BACK AT THE BAT-CAVE...

WE KEPT THE SECRET OF BATARANG X--AND THOSE CROOKS ARE BACK IN JAIL! WHAT A RELIEF!

IT'S IRONIC, IN A WAY! THE BATARANG, EVEN WHEN THEY THREW IT THEMSELVES, WAS WHAT CONQUERED THEM IN THE END!



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A BLACK THUNDERBOLT ON WHEELS, A SWIFT NEMESIS TO LAWBREAKERS, A MIGHTY MACHINE OF JUSTICE... THAT'S THE BATMOBILE! AND THE FAMOUS CAR OF BATMAN AND ROBIN HAS, IN ITS TIME, PLAYED MANY STRANGE ROLES! BUT STRANGEST OF ALL IS THE MENACE THAT THE GREAT CAR BECOMES TO ITS OWNERS, WHEN THERE IS REVEALED THE MYSTERIOUS...

SECRET OF THE BATMOBILE

BAT MAN

WITH
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

THE BATMOBILE'S FOLLOWING US UPRIVER... BUT HOW CAN IT?

BOB KANE

A ROAR OF POWER, A FLASHING CAR--AND ONCE AGAIN, A MENACE TO GOTHAM CITY IS ON THE LOOSE...

BATMAN, THERE HE GOES--THE RACER! HE MUST BE GETTING AWAY FROM ANOTHER THEFT!

I FIGURED WE'D SEE HIM FROM HERE IF HE STRUCK AGAIN! QUICK, SWING DOWN TO THE BATMOBILE

AND SWIFTLY, THE GRIM BLACK CAR OF BATMAN AND ROBIN TAKES UP THE PURSUIT...

HE WAS HEADING TO-- AS WELL AS A LAWBREAKER... WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM BEFORE HE VANISHES MYSTERIOUSLY AGAIN!

WARD WEST AVENUE... WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM THERE!

BUT BATMAN LITTLE DREAMS THAT FATE HAS A RENDEZVOUS WITH HIM ON THE STREET AHEAD...

GIANT BATMAN

...IN THE PERSON OF VICKI VALE, IRREPRESSIBLE GIRL PHOTOGRAPHER OF VUE MAGAZINE!

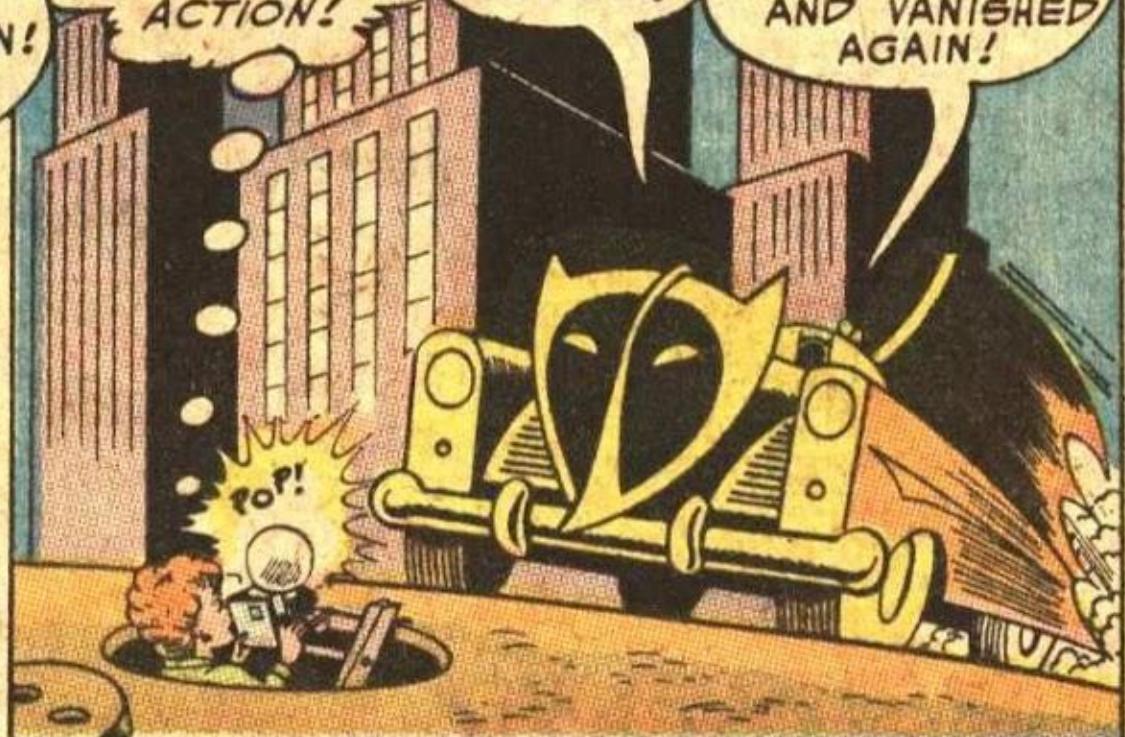
THANKS FOR GUIDING ME... MY PICTURES OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC CABLEMEN AT WORK WILL MAKE A SWELL FEATURE!

GLAD TO HELP, MISS VALE! BUT WAIT--KEEP DOWN! THERE'S A CAR COMING FAST!

THE BATMOBILE! WHAT A CHANCE FOR A DRAMATIC SHOT OF IT IN ACTION!

THAT MANHOLE IS OPEN, BATMAN!

I CAN STRADDLE IT... BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE RACER HAS OUTRUN US AND VANISHED AGAIN!



AND AFTER A VAIN SEARCH...

SORRY YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR MAN--BUT I GOT MY PICTURE... A TERRIFIC PAVEMENT-EYE VIEW OF THE BATMOBILE IN PURSUIT!

YOU IN THAT MANHOLE, SNAPPING THE BATMOBILE FROM UNDERNEATH? VICKI, I-- WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT PICTURE!

SHORTLY, IN THE OFFICES OF VUE MAGAZINE.

THEN IT WAS DIDN'T THAT HIGH-SPEED CAMERA TAKE A BEAUTIFUL SHOT?

YES, EVERY DETAIL IS CLEAR! IF THIS PICTURE OF THE BATMOBILE IS PUBLISHED, IT COULD GIVE AWAY A SECRET NO ONE MUST KNOW!



AND BATMAN, TO PUT OFF PUBLICATION OF THAT PICTURE, TALKS FAST...

YOU ALWAYS PICTURE THE BATMOBILE AS ONLY A CAR FOR CHASING CROOKS! WHY NOT RUN THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE BATMOBILE'S UNUSUAL PAST FEATS-- AND PUBLISH THIS NEW PICTURE AT THE END OF THE SERIES?

I WILL--IF YOU'LL GIVE ME THE INFORMATION!

LATER, WHEN THE DUO, IN THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE RESUME THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITIES AS SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

WE'VE GOT TO FINISH THIS REPAIR JOB IF WE'RE EVER TO CATCH THE RACER!

YES, BUT FIRST I HAVE TO WRITE DOWN THE FACTS OF THE BATMOBILE STORY FOR VICKI! WE MUST PUT OFF PUBLICATION OF THAT PICTURE!



WHAT SECRET COULD THAT BATMOBILE PICTURE REVEAL? CAN YOU GUESS?

GIANT BATMAN

PRESENTLY, VUE MAGAZINE RECEIVES THE FIRST CHAPTER OF THE EPIC SAGA OF THE BATMOBILE...

WHY WAS BATMAN SO ANXIOUS TO GIVE US THIS STORY? IT'S A BIT SUSPICIOUS!

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? IT'S A GREAT FEATURE! LISTEN TO HIS ACCOUNT OF THE BATMOBILE IN THE BIG HURRICANE...

"WHEN THE FIRST WARNINGS OF THE GREAT HURRICANE CAME, ROBIN AND I REALIZED THE PERIL..."

"...AND EVERYONE SHOULD TAKE COVER! IT'S NOT SAFE TO DRIVE... THESE WINDS WILL BLOW CARS OFF THE STREETS!"

WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE THE CAR HURRI-CANE-PROOF!

"WE'VE GOT TO HELP IN THIS EMERGENCY, BUT IF WE CAN'T DRIVE THE BATMOBILE OUT, HOW CAN WE?"

THESE STEEL SHEETS WE INTENDED TO USE FOR ENLARGING THE LAB WILL MAKE THE BATMOBILE HEAVY AND STRONG ENOUGH TO STAND THE STORM!

"WE'VE GOT TO HURRY--THE GALE'S RISING TO PEAK STRENGTH.. AND WITH POLICE CARS IMMOBILIZED, LOOTERS MAY START WORKING!"

"AND IT WAS IN AN ARMORED BATMOBILE THAT WE DROVE OUT INTO THE TERRIFIC STORM!"

"THE WEIGHT HOLDS US DOWN AGAINST THE GALE--AND THE ARMOR PROTECTS US FROM FLYING DEBRIS!"

WE'LL PATROL THE WHOLE AREA, TO DISCOURAGE LOOTING!

"BUT FATE ASSIGNED OUR ARMORED BATMOBILE AN EVEN MORE URGENT TASK..."

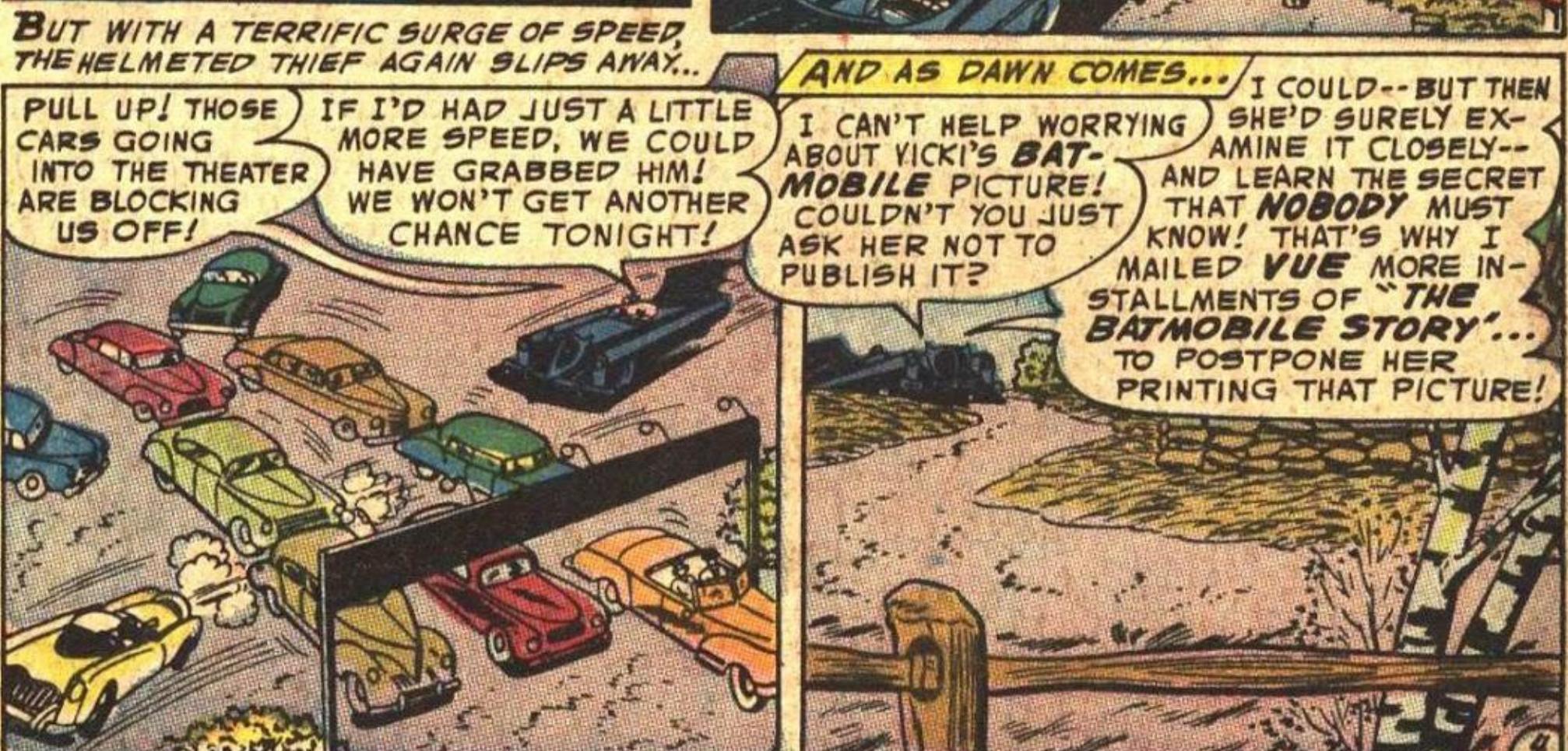
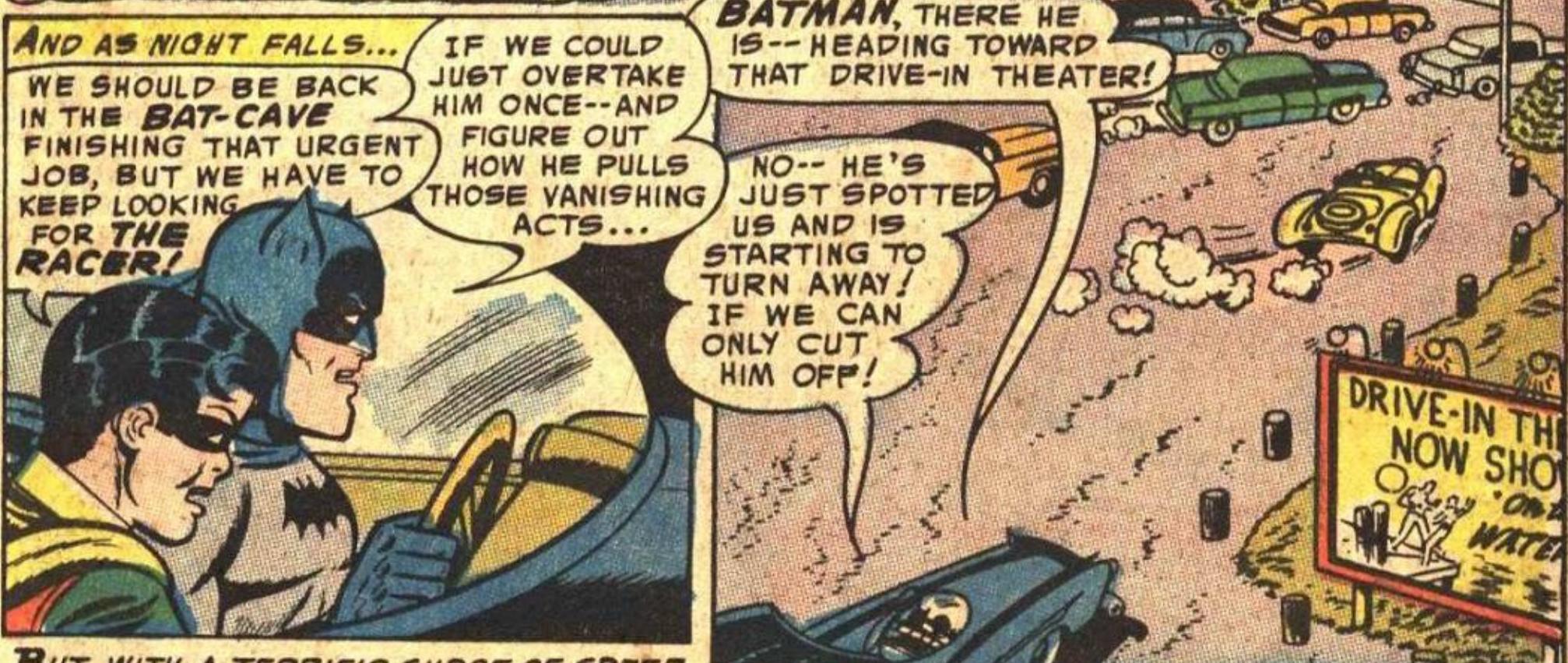
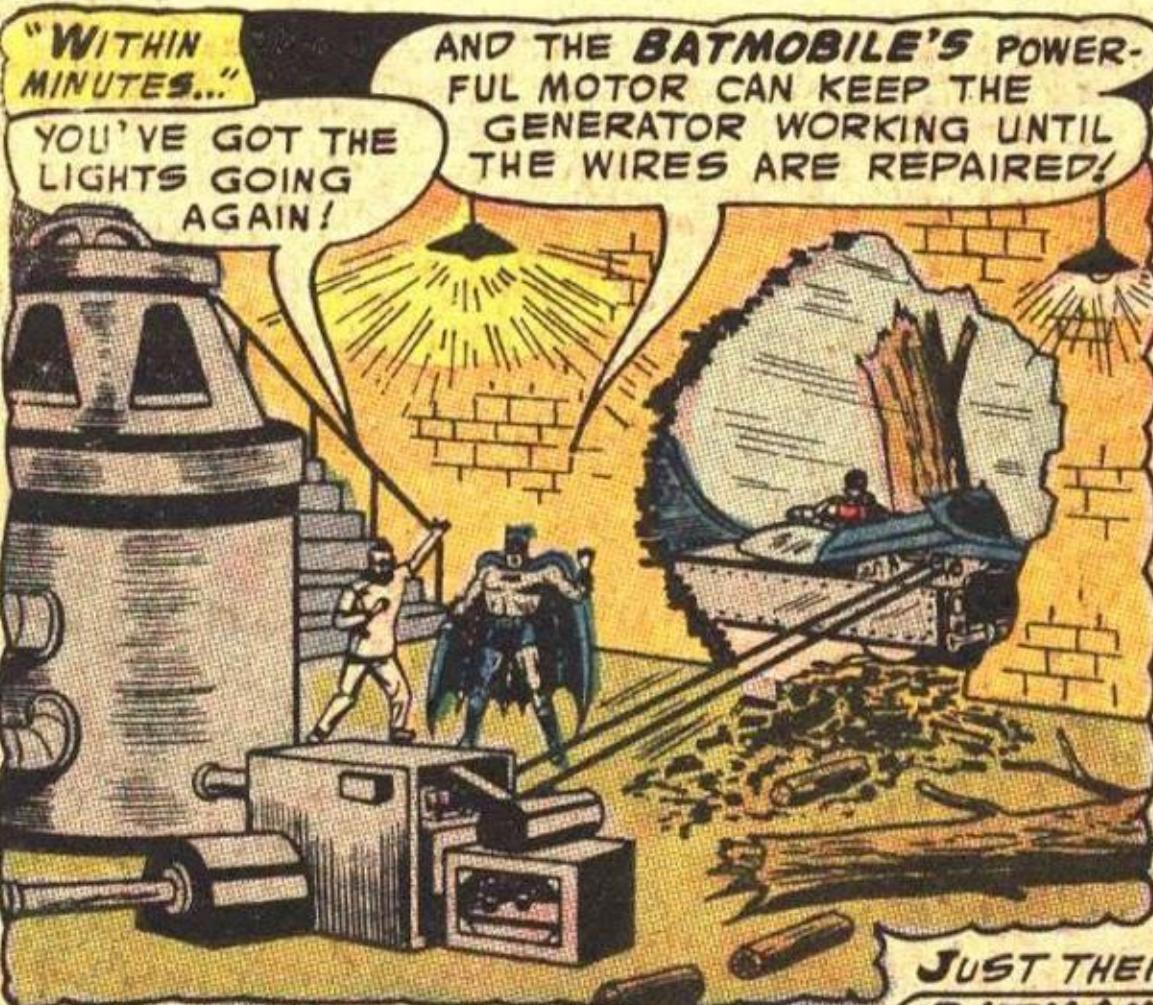
BATMAN, LOOK! THAT BIG TREE CAVED IN THE CORNER OF THE HOSPITAL AND BROUGHT DOWN THE POWER WIRES!

THE HOSPITAL HAS AN EMERGENCY STAN-BY GENERATOR, BUT WE'D BETTER CHECK JUST THE SAME!

THE TREE THAT CAVED INTO THE BUILDING NOT ONLY BROKE OUR POWER WIRES... IT SMASHED THE GASOLINE MOTOR THAT RUNS OUR EMERGENCY ELECTRIC-GENERATOR! AND LIVES DEPEND ON THE POWER!

THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE! ROBIN, CLEAR THAT BELT WHILE I RUN THE BATMOBILE CLOSE UP BESIDE THE BUILDING!

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IN THE MEANTIME...

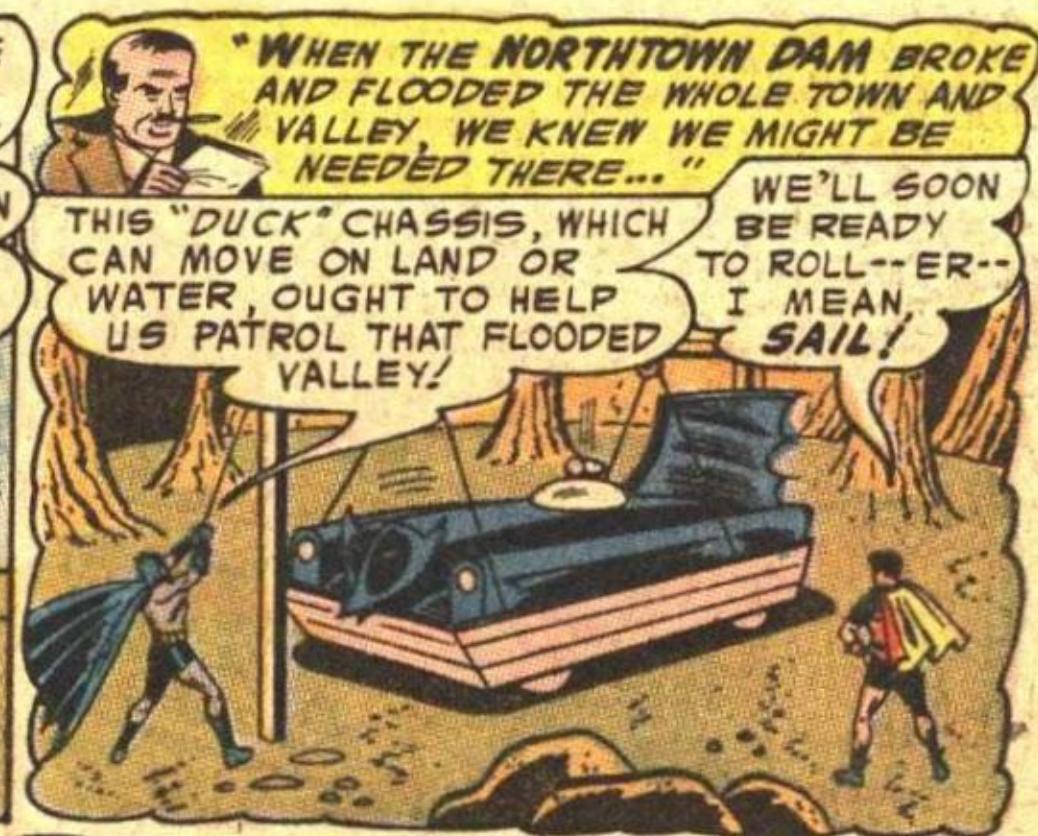
SO THE RACER
ESCAPED BATMAN
AGAIN! HMPH -- I'M
BEGINNING TO SUS-
PECT NOW JUST WHAT
BATMAN'S TRYING
TO HIDE!

PSHAW! WHAT DOES ONE
FAILURE MEAN, WHEN
BATMAN HAS SUC-
CEEDED SO MANY
TIMES? HERE--LISTEN
TO THIS TERRIFIC
STORY HE TELLS OF
THE BATMOBILE...

"WHEN THE NORTHTOWN DAM BROKE
AND FLOODED THE WHOLE TOWN AND
VALLEY, WE KNEW WE MIGHT BE
NEEDED THERE..."

THIS "DUCK" CHASSIS, WHICH
CAN MOVE ON LAND OR
WATER, OUGHT TO HELP
US PATROL THAT FLOODED
VALLEY!

WE'LL SOON
BE READY
TO ROLL--ER--
I MEAN
SAIL!



"IT WAS WELL WE'D HAD SUCH EMERGENCY
EQUIPMENT READY--BECAUSE SHORTLY
AFTERWARD, IN THE STRICKEN AREA..."

WE CAN GET RICH
PICKINGS! PEOPLE
RAN AWAY FROM THE
FLOOD SO FAST,
THEY LEFT PLENTY
OF VALUABLES!

THERE'S THE
BATMOBILE
COMING DOWN
INTO THE VALLEY!
HA, HA,... THIS IS
ONE TIME BATMAN
CAN'T CHASE US!

BUT HE CAN--
RIGHT OVER
THE WATER!
HOW DOES
HE DO IT?

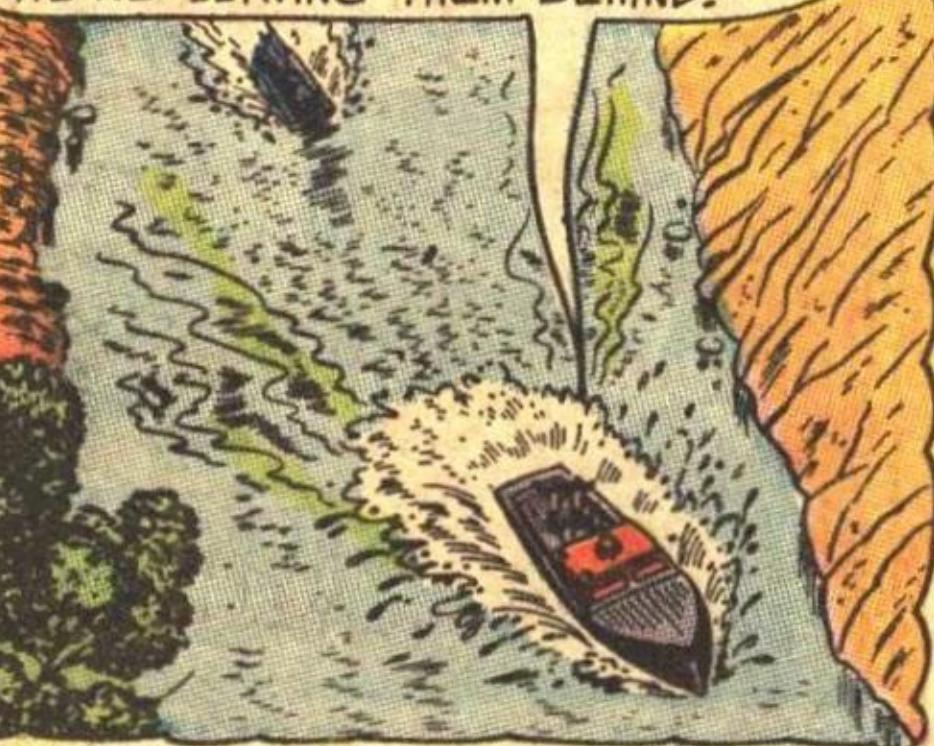
I DON'T KNOW, BUT WE'D
BETTER GET OUT OF
HERE FAST! HEAD
UPRIVER!



ON THE WATER, THIS SPEEDBOAT IS
FASTER THAN THEIR BATMOBILE; NO
MATTER HOW THEY'VE GOT IT FIXED!
WE'RE LEAVING THEM BEHIND!

"SENSING THEIR STRATEGY, I CHANGED OUR
TACTICS..."

WE'LL TAKE A SHORTCUT
ACROSS THIS POINT, WHILE
THEY FOLLOW THE RIVER...



GIANT BATMAN



"AND THANKS TO THE FACT THAT WE COULD RUN ON EITHER LAND OR WATER, WE WERE SOON WAITING FOR THEM!"

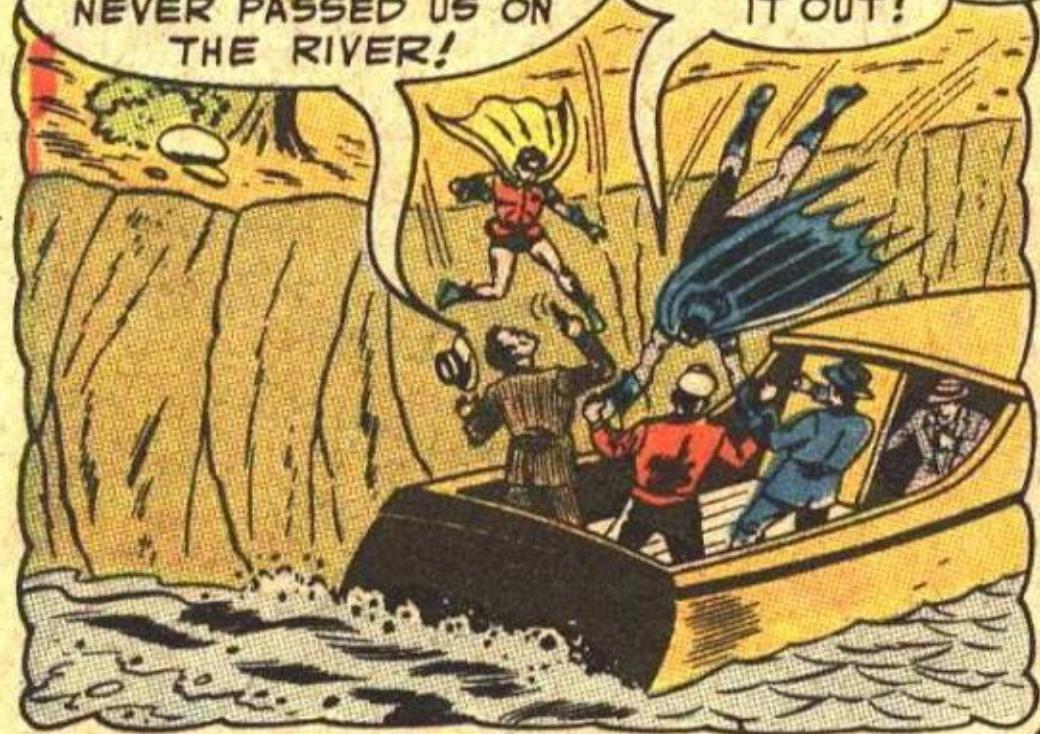
THEY GOT HERE AHEAD OF US... BUT HOW? THEY NEVER PASSED US ON THE RIVER!

YOU'LL HAVE A NICE LONG TIME IN JAIL TO FIGURE IT OUT!

HMM... THIS OLD PICTURE OF THE BATMOBILE... IT CONFIRMS MY SUSPICIONS!

NOW I KNOW WHAT BATMAN'S TRYING TO HIDE!

LISTEN TO THESE OTHER BATMOBILE FEATS HE'S WRITTEN ABOUT...



"DEEP SNOW CAN IMMOBILIZE EVEN THE MOST POWERFUL CAR-- AND ONLY RECENTLY..."

I'VE FINALLY LOCATED JOHN BLAIR, THE MISSING WITNESS IN THE GRAY TRIAL! HE'S IN HILLTOWN!

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE IS SNOWED IN-- AND IN THIS BLIZZARD, EVEN A HELICOPTER CAN'T FLY!

"THAT'S WHY WE ALWAYS KEEP EMERGENCY SNOWMOBILE EQUIPMENT READY..."

BLAIR'S EVIDENCE CAN SAVE AN INNOCENT MAN, IF WE GET HIM HERE IN TIME!

NOBODY'S GOT INTO HILLTOWN FOR DAYS-- BUT IF ANYTHING CAN DO IT, THE BATMOBILE CAN!



"ROBIN WAS RIGHT, AS A FEW HOURS LATER..."

THAT SNOW-SLIDE JUST MISSED US... BUT THERE'S THE VILLAGE, AT LAST!

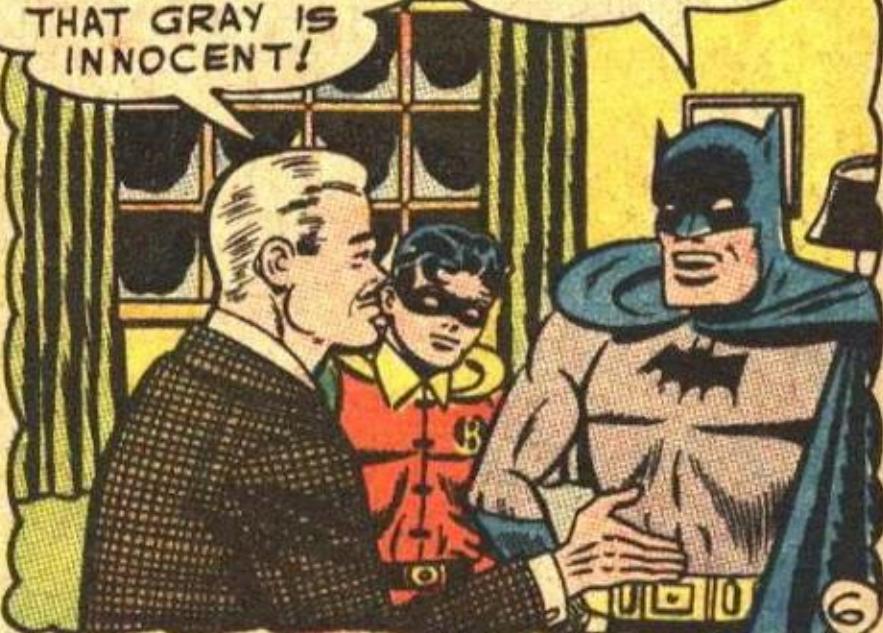
NOW TO FIND BLAIR!



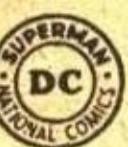
"PRESENTLY, IN BLAIR'S LIVING ROOM..."

I WAS TRAVELING AND KNEW NOTHING OF THE TRIAL--BUT I CAN TESTIFY THAT GRAY IS INNOCENT!

FINE -- WE'LL GET YOU DOWN TO GOTHAM CITY FAST!



GIANT BATMAN



"BUT NATURE INTERPOSED A BARRIER THAT SEEMED TOO MUCH FOR EVEN THE BATMOBILE TO PASS..."

LOOK OUT--AN ICE AVALANCHE!

I BACKED JUST IN TIME... BUT IT'S BLOCKED THE ROAD!

"TRAPPED BY THE ICE-BARRIER, AND WITH TIME RUNNING OUT, WE PINNED OUR FAITH ON THE BATMOBILE'S MASSIVE STRENGTH..."

OUR ONLY CHANCE TO GET BACK IN TIME IS TO CRASH THROUGH THAT ICE-BLOCK! AND THIS BATTERING-RAM ON THE FRONT SHOULD HELP!



"BUT AS WE HURLED OUR JUGGERNAUT-BATMOBILE AT THE BARRIER WITH FULL FORCE..."

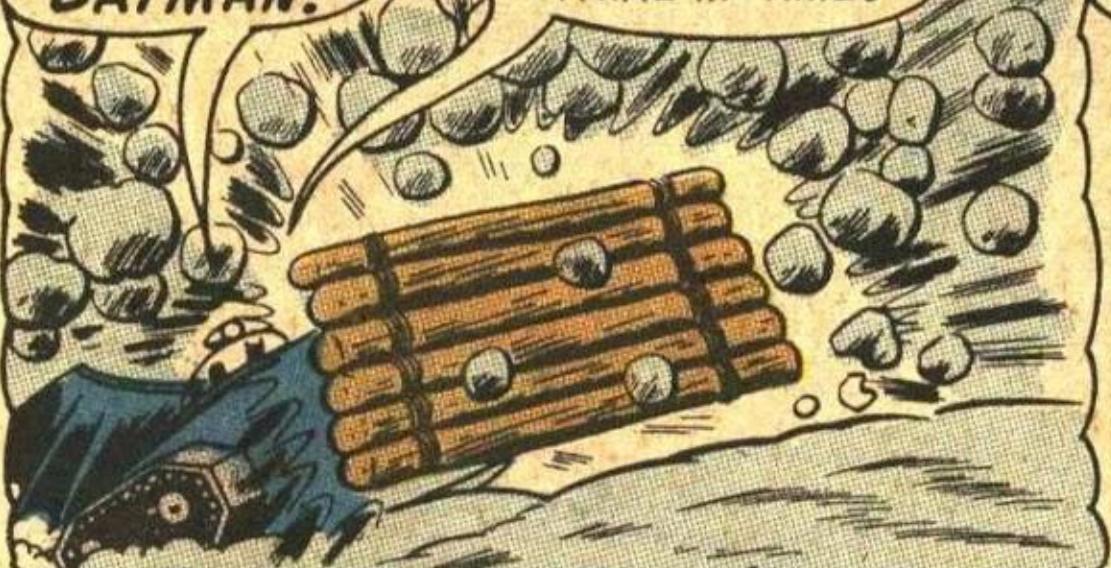
WE'RE THROUGH! BUT THE CRASH DAMAGED OUR MOTOR BADLY, BATMAN!

IT SHOULD KEEP GOING LONG ENOUGH TO GET TO GOTHAM CITY... THE RIDE'S DOWNGRADE ALL THE DAY! WE'LL GET BLAIR TO THAT TRIAL IN TIME!

THUS ENDS THE LATEST INSTALLMENT-- WHILE BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE...

WE GOT BLAIR TO THE TRIAL ALL RIGHT, BUT WHAT MY STORY DIDN'T TELL WAS HOW THE BATMOBILE'S MOTOR WAS TERRIBLY DAMAGED IN THAT CRASH!

AND WE'VE BEEN LABORING EVER SINCE TO REPAIR IT! BUT NOW THE JOB'S FINISHED, AND WE CAN PUT THE BODY BACK ON!



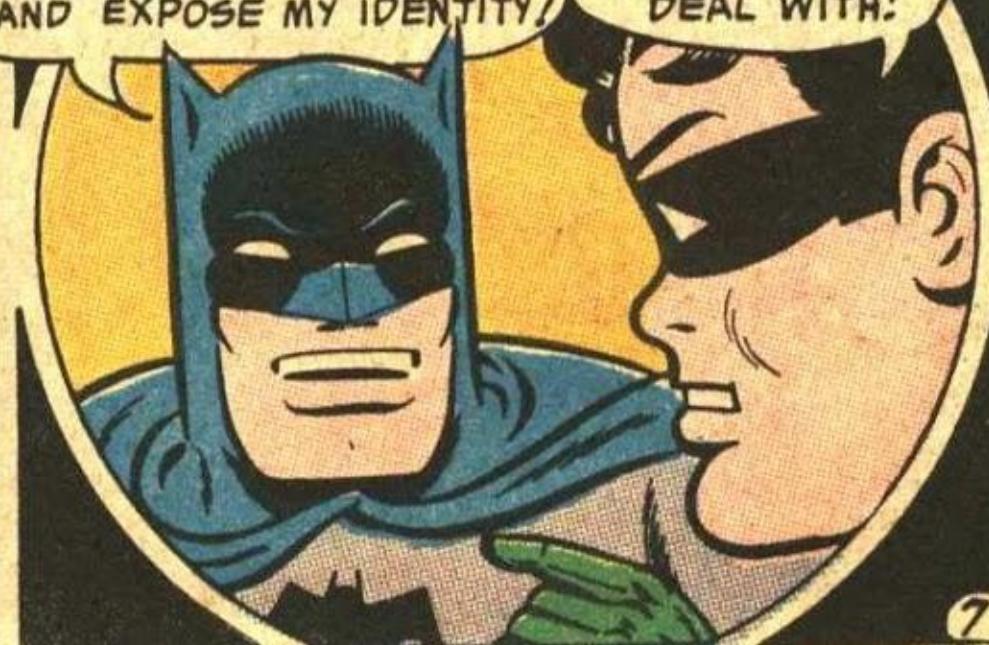
BRUCE WAYNE'S SPORT-CAR, WITH THE BATMOBILE'S BODY OVER IT, MADE A FAIR IMITATION-- BUT WITHOUT THE SPEED OF THE REAL THING!

IT WAS THE ONLY THING WE COULD DO, SINCE WE COULDN'T LET THE UNDERWORLD KNOW HOW WE WERE HANDICAPPED!



BUT VICKI'S PICTURE SHOWED THE MOTOR-NUMBER UNDERNEATH OUR PHONY BATMOBILE! THAT NUMBER COULD BE TRACED TO BRUCE WAYNE, AND EXPOSE MY IDENTITY!

WE'LL HAVE TO GET THAT PICTURE AWAY FROM HER SOMEHOW-- BUT FIRST THERE'S THE RACER TO DEAL WITH!



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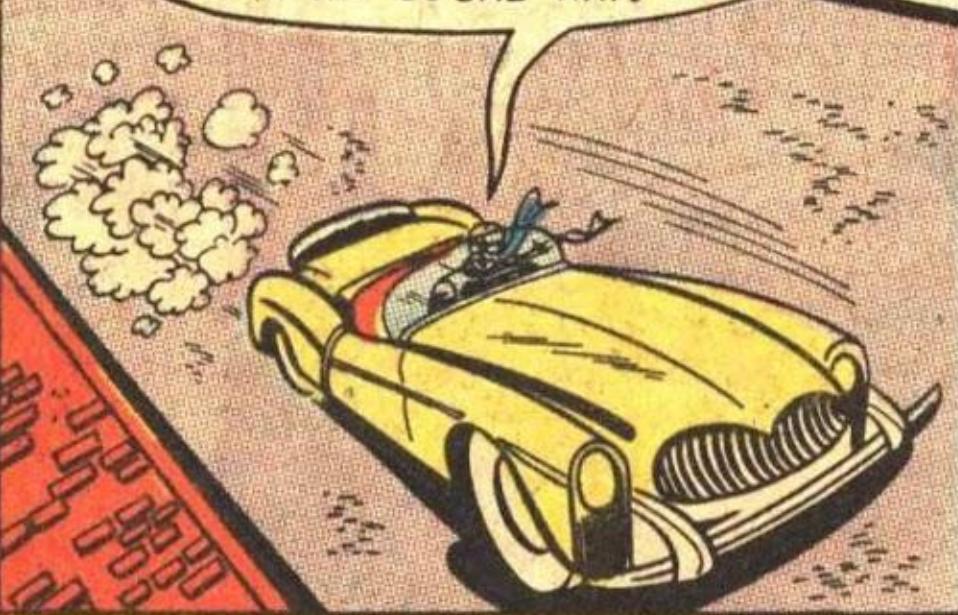
AND SOON, WHEN A CONFIDENT HIGH-SPEED THIEF TRIES ANOTHER FAST GETAWAY...

BUT THIS TIME, IT'S NO IMITATION VEHICLE IN PURSUIT...

HA, HA--THEIR MUCH-ADVERTISED **BATMOBILE** JUST CAN'T KEEP UP WITH ME! I'LL GIVE THEM THE SLIP AND DROP OUT OF SIGHT IN THE USUAL WAY!

NOT EVEN **THE RACER** CAN GET AWAY FROM THE **REAL BATMOBILE**! THERE HE IS AHEAD!

AND HE'S "VANISHING" IN THE WAY I SUSPECTED!

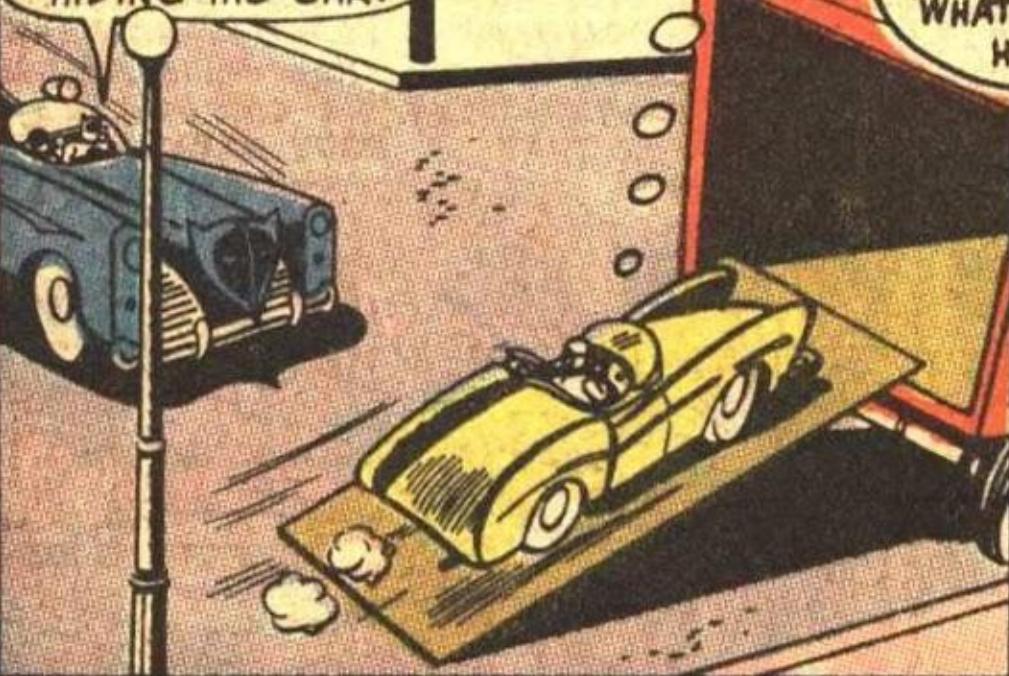


RACING-CARS ARE OFTEN SHIPPED IN BIG VANS LIKE THIS.. WHICH EXPLAINS **THE RACER'S** WAY OF HIDING HIS CAR!

BATMAN OVERTOKE ME! IT CAN'T BE... BUT IT IS! I'M SUNK!

BUT **BATMAN'S** TROUBLES HAVEN'T ENDED YET--FOR AWHILE LATER...
YES, I KNOW YOU CAUGHT **THE RACER**-- AND I ALSO KNOW NOW WHAT YOU TRIED TO HIDE FROM ME!

OH, OH-- SHE'S SPOTTED THAT CLUE TO OUR SECRET! WE'RE IN TROUBLE!



I COMPARED MY PICTURE TO OLD PICTURES OF THE **BATMOBILE**-- AND IT WAS A FAKE YOU WERE USING THAT NIGHT! YOU KNEW MY PICTURE WASN'T ANY GOOD!

ER--SORRY, VICKI, BUT WE HAVE THE REAL ONE GOING AGAIN! GIVE ME BACK THE NEGATIVE AND PRINT OF YOUR PICTURE, AND I'LL POSE THE **BATMOBILE** FOR ALL THE SHOTS YOU WANT!

AND SO, THE FOLLOWING MORNING...
NOW THAT I'VE GIVEN YOU BACK THAT WORTHLESS PICTURE OF YOUR **IMITATION BATMOBILE**, YOU CAN POSE THE REAL ONE FOR ME ALL DAY! YOU'LL LEARN YOU CAN'T FOOL ME!

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT-- YOU'RE JUST TOO SHARP FOR US, VICKI!



THE END



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ART BY PETER CANDY

Riddle-dee-dee! The RIDDLE'S back with his cryptic crime-clues to confound the CAPED CRUSADER! This time the PRINCE OF PUZZLERS whips three strikes past BATMAN to put him out of action before the GOTHAM GANGBUSTER can get going! It's "THE RIDDLE'S PRISON-PUZZLE PROBLEM," in the July DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 377, which goes on sale May 28! What with an ELONGATED MAN adventure to boot, this is an ish to put on your "must read" list—so do it!

TINY IS ALIVE! But his weak grip on life is slipping, and only DEADMAN has the power to save the giant of a man who was willing to lay his life on the line to find the HOOK, BOSTON BRAND'S murderer! Mysticism, practitioners of the occult, and TINY himself make DEADMAN'S task...a GIGANTIC one...loaded with blazing action and suspense that'll have you hanging on the edge of your seat, enthralled by the realism that is DEADMAN! August STRANGE ADVENTURES, No. 213, on sale May 23.

Who could possibly survive being BURIED ALIVE for an hour? Who but the indestructible SUPERMAN? But when the MAN OF MIGHT loses his powers while performing just such a stunt...and can't even get an S.O.S. to his pal, JIMMY OLSEN...there is NO WAY to save him! And if you don't believe it, get the July issue, No. 112, and see for yourself! It goes on sale May 28. Also, Olsen hooks up with a Norse deity in "JIMMY THE RED, THOR'S BEST PAL!"

DIRECT CURRENTS

What quirk of fate transforms lovely LANA LANG into bestial BONNIE PARKER, meek CLARK KENT into evil CLYDE BARROW? Whether or not you saw the famous film, you must read this story of the year when SUPERBOY and LANA meet the notorious criminal couple and assume their identities in "WANTED: DEAD OR ALIVE... BONNIE LANG AND CLYDE KENT!" Also in the July ish, No. 149: you know how an average boy spends his day, but what about SUPERBOY? You'll see his typical day in "THE GREAT SUPER-POWERS CONTEST!" On sale May 21.

The FAB FOUR are at it again... doing their thing... which is helping teens in trouble! This time the call for aid comes from a high schooler who has the flaky idea that his school has an exact duplicate... in another dimension! One thing, though—the other-dimensional students are definitely uncool! They want to... well, we can't tip THAT now! Why not pick up a copy of the August TEEN TITANS, No. 16, when it hits the stands—May 23—and find out for yourself? It's a real happening!



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GIANT BATMAN



BAT MAN

WITH
ROBIN
- THE BOY WONDER -

FOUR TV CAMERAS ARE TRAINED ON THE CITY! THEY SHOW IT ON THESE SCREENS AS IT WOULD APPEAR AT DIFFERENT HEIGHTS!

FROM THE DARK RECESSES OF A CRIMINAL MIND COMES A SHOCKING SCHEME --A SCHEME WHICH ACTUALLY SUCCEEDS IN DRIVING **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** FROM THEIR FAMED VAULTED RETREAT, THE **BAT-CAVE**! NOW, LIKE WANDERERS IN SPACE, THEY MUST ROAM THE ENDLESS SKIES! BUT THEIR DESPERATE PLIGHT BRINGS FORTH A FANTASTIC SOLUTION! YOU'LL BE STUNNED BY THE FABULOUS INGENUITY OF THE **DARING DUO** AS THEY DEVISE TOTALLY **NEW METHODS** TO FIGHT THE UNDERWORLD! AND THEIR CRIME-FIGHTING GENIUS PRODUCES A DARING NEW DEVELOPMENT CALLED...

"The FLYING BAT-CAVE!"

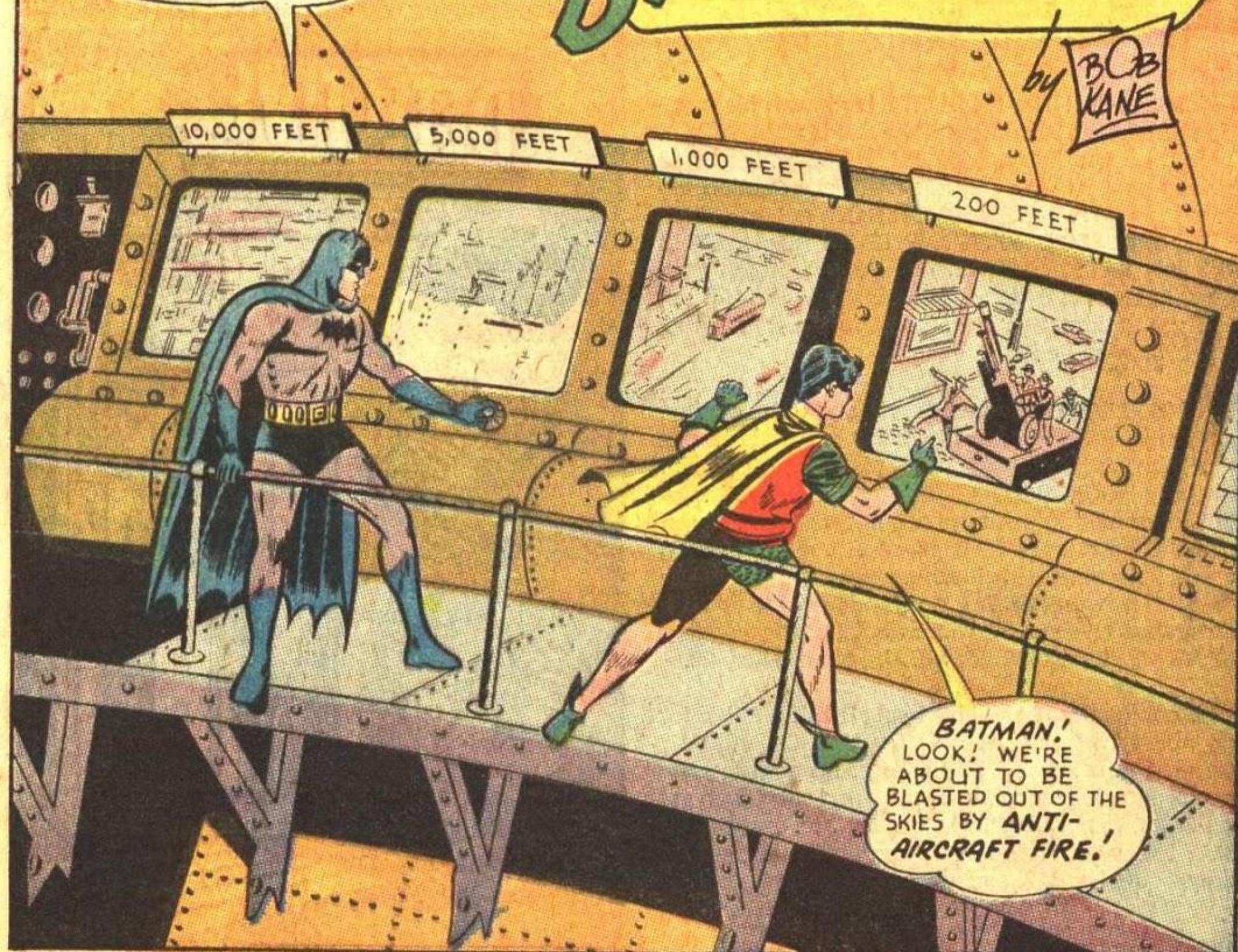
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BATMAN!
LOOK! WE'RE
ABOUT TO BE
BLASTED OUT OF THE
SKIES BY ANTI-
AIRCRAFT FIRE!

GIANT BATMAN



AS NIGHT CLOAKS GOTHAM CITY,
THE BRILLIANT LIGHTS OF AN UNUSED
HANDBALL COURT REVEAL PLAYERS IN
A DEADLY GAME...

YOU FELL FOR OUR TRAP, ROBIN!
NOW WE'RE GONNA FINISH YOU!



SUDDENLY, AN UNEXPECTED REPRIEVE FOR THE BOY WONDER...

WAIT, ROCKY! I JUST GOT WORD YOU HAD ROBIN CORNERED! DON'T YOU KNOW ANY BETTER THAN TO BUMP HIM OFF BEFORE CALLIN' ME? I CAN USE HIM ALIVE!

WE THOUGHT YOU'D BE PROUD OF US, DIAMOND! GOSH! IT'S GETTIN' SO A FELLER DON'T KNOW WHO TO SHOOT!



PRESENTLY, AFTER A GRIM COUNCIL OF WAR...

YOU'RE A GENIUS TO THINK THAT ONE UP, DIAMOND! BUT WILL BATMAN DO IT?

CERTAINLY HE'LL DO IT, LUNKHEAD! HE'LL DO ANYTHING TO SAVE HIS LITTLE PAL, ROBIN! JUST WAIT AND SEE.



AND LATER, IN THE SUMPTUOUS SUBURBAN HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE...

WONDER WHY ROBIN ISN'T BACK YET? HE WAS DOING SOME INVESTIGATING ON HIS OWN TONIGHT AND... OH-OH! THE BAT-SIGNAL! THAT MEANS THEY WANT BATMAN AT HEADQUARTERS, PRONTO!



SWIFTLY, THE WEALTHY SOCIALITE SWITCHES TO HIS ROLE OF BATMAN! AND SOON AFTER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

THIS MESSAGE JUST CAME FOR YOU, BATMAN! DO YOU WANT MY MEN TO MOVE IN ON REGAN'S?

HMM... THEY APPARENTLY HAVE ROBIN! NO, THANKS, COMMISSIONER GORDON! I DON'T WANT TO RISK ANYTHING HAPPENING TO THE BOY! I'LL GO AND MEET THE WRITER OF THIS NOTE ALONE.

Batman:
If you want to see
Robin alive again,
Come to Regan's
Baths at once!





GIANT BATMAN



AND MOMENTS LATER, IN THE MURKY VAPOR AT REGAN'S BATHS...

YES! THIS IS DEFINITELY ONE OF ROBIN'S GLOVES!

THEN YOU KNOW WE HAVE HIM! NOW IF YOU WANT US TO TURN HIM LOOSE, ALL YOU GOTTA DO IS AGREE THAT NEITHER OF YOU WILL SET FOOT IN GOTHAM CITY FOR ONE WEEK.'



JUST SIGN THIS AGREEMENT THAT NEITHER BATMAN NOR ROBIN WILL SET FOOT IN THE CITY FOR A WEEK, AND YOUR KID ASSISTANT GOES FREE! IF YOU DON'T...

I CAN'T RISK ROBIN'S LIFE! I HAVE NO CHOICE!



SOME HOURS LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

I'M ALL RIGHT, BATMAN! THEY FREED ME AS SOON AS THAT THUG BROUGHT BACK THE PLEDGE YOU SIGNED! BUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NOW?

I WISH I KNEW, ROBIN! WHEN WORD GETS OUT THAT WE WON'T SET FOOT IN THE CITY FOR A WEEK, EVERY RAT IN GOTHAM WILL COME OUT OF HIS HOLE! HMM...UNLESS WE FIGURE SOME SOLUTION!



AND IN THE HIDEOUT OF "BIG-TIME" GATESON...

I'VE GOT IT, BIG TIME! A GUARANTEE THAT THE JOB YOU'RE PLANNIN' FOR NEXT WEEK WILL BE A SUCCESS!

YEAH! I ALREADY HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE THAT YOU GOT BATMAN TO PROMISE HE WON'T SET FOOT IN THE CITY FOR A WEEK! BUT HOW DO I KNOW HE'LL KEEP HIS WORD?



IF IT WAS ANYONE ELSE, I'D BE WORRIED! BUT ONCE BATMAN PUTS HIS NAME ON AN AGREEMENT, HE STICKS TO IT-- THE CHUMP!

YEAH! I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! WELL, NOW WE CAN GO AHEAD WITH THE BIGGEST JOB THIS TOWN HAS EVER SEEN WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM BATMAN!



24 HOURS FOR GOTHAM'S INTREPID CRIME-FIGHTERS TO GET OUT OF TOWN! AND IN THE BAT-CAVE, AS THE PRECIOUS HOURS SPEED BY...

YOU'VE MADE ABOUT 20 CALLS IN THE PAST HOUR, BATMAN! WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

A LITTLE SURPRISE FOR YOU, ROBIN-- AND FOR THE CROOKS OF GOTHAM!... SO I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO SET FOOT IN GOTHAM CITY, EH?... HELLO, RANDOLPH COMPANY? THIS IS BATMAN! I WANT 50 TANKS OF HELIUM DELIVERED TO THE WARD BUILDING--THAT'S RIGHT! AT ONCE!



AND HOURS LATER, IN A PLUSH CRIMINAL HIDEOUT...

HURRAY! IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE! THIS IS THE HOUR BATMAN LEAVES TOWN.

WE ALL KNOW WHAT BIG TIME HAS PLANNED! BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU, DIAMOND?

HA-HA! BATMAN'S BEIN' OUT OF TOWN WILL DO ME MORE GOOD THAN ANY OF YOU -- IN FACT, IT WILL ADD TEN YEARS TO MY LIFE! BUT I'M NOT TELLIN' YOU ANY MORE!

AND PRESENTLY...

OUR INSIDE MAN AT THE BANK TIPPED ME AS TO THE EXACT TIME AND ROUTE WHEN THE NATIONAL BANK WILL TRANSFER ITS DOUGH FROM ITS OLD TO ITS NEW BUILDING!

AND THE TIME IS TONIGHT--DURING THE WEEK BATMAN CAN'T SET FOOT IN THIS TOWN! THIS IS PERFECT!

LATER...

LET ME CHECK YOU, ROCKY! YEAH, FINE! YOU'RE A DEAD RINGER FOR THE DUMMY WE'RE TAKIN' OUT OF THE WINDOW! NOW GET IN AND TAKE THE DUMMY'S PLACE -- AND KEEP THAT TOMMY-GUN CLOSE TO YOUR SIDE SO IT CAN'T BE SPOTTED!

SOON...

HMM... THE ARMORED CARS THAT ARE MOVING THE DOUGH FROM THE OLD TO THE NEW BANK WILL BE ALONG SOON! AND THE STREET WILL BE LINED WITH COPS!

YEAH! AND EVERY COP WILL BE FACING THE STREET TO WATCH THE TRUCKS -- THEY'LL NEVER SUSPECT THE "DUMMIES" WE PLANTED IN THE WINDOWS WILL GET 'EM IN THE BACK! HA-HA!

AND SHORTLY AFTER, THE QUIET STREET EXPLODES INTO ACTION...

IT'S GOIN' JUST AS I PLANNED! AND ... HA-HA... BATMAN CAN'T EVEN SET FOOT IN TOWN TO STOP IT!



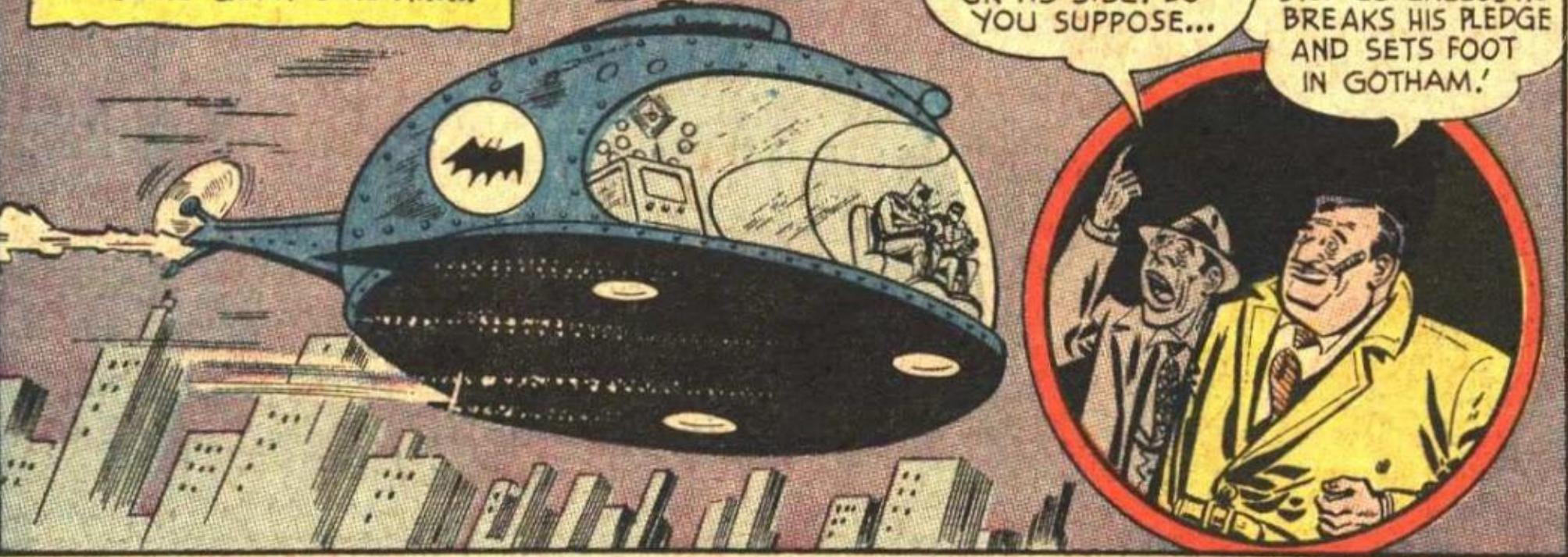
GIANT BATMAN



BUT SUDDENLY, FROM OUT THE NIGHT SKY, THERE IS A SOUND LIKE THE BEATING OF THE WINGS OF SOME GIANT BIRD AND...

BIG TIME! LOOK! THAT... THAT THING! IT HAS THE **BAT-SIGNAL** ON ITS SIDE! DO YOU SUPPOSE...

IF IT'S **BATMAN**, ALL HE CAN DO IS **WATCH**. HE CAN'T STOP US UNLESS HE BREAKS HIS PLEDGE AND SETS FOOT IN GOTHAM!



WHILE HIGH ABOVE, INSIDE THE STRANGE, FLOATING BODY...

THIS FLYING **BAT-CAVE** IS A GREAT IDEA, **BATMAN**! BUT ALL WE CAN DO IS OBSERVE WHAT CRIMINALS ARE DOING IN GOTHAM ON THESE TELEVISION SCREENS!

WE'LL DO MORE THAN THAT, **ROBIN**! WAIT!

SECONDS LATER, ON THE STREET BELOW...

HEY! MY TOMMY-GUN! IT'S FLYIN' RIGHT OUT OF MY HANDS!

HA! NOW I'VE GOT YOU WHERE I WANT YOU, COPPER! BEFORE YOU CAN REACH YOUR GAT, I'LL... MY GUN! IT'S TAKEN OFF LIKE A BIRD!

AND IN THE OBSERVATION ROOM OF THE **FLYING BAT-CAVE**...

A GIANT ELECTROMAGNET! WITH IT WE CAN DISARM CROOKS WITHOUT BREAKING OUR PLEDGE!

I GET IT, **BATMAN**! WE'RE OVER GOTHAM CITY, BUT WE HAVEN'T SET FOOT ON IT!



GIANT BATMAN

YES, ROBIN. THOSE CROOKS CAN'T SAY WE'RE NOT TECHNICALLY STICKING TO OUR AGREEMENT!

THE FLYING BAT-CAVE CAN STOP THEM IN THE OPEN WHERE WE CAN SEE THEM! BUT THE CROOKS STILL HAVE A WEEK IN WHICH TO THINK UP OTHER METHODS! WHAT'LL WE DO THEN?



LATER, IN BIG TIME'S HIDEOUT...

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKIN' SO HAPPY ABOUT, DIAMOND? THE COPS CLEANED UP HALF MY MOB AFTER BATMAN DISARMED THEM WITH THAT GIANT ELECTRO-MAGNET!

HA! YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE BATMAN CREDIT, BIG TIME! BUT HE'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT TO THWART MY SCHEME!



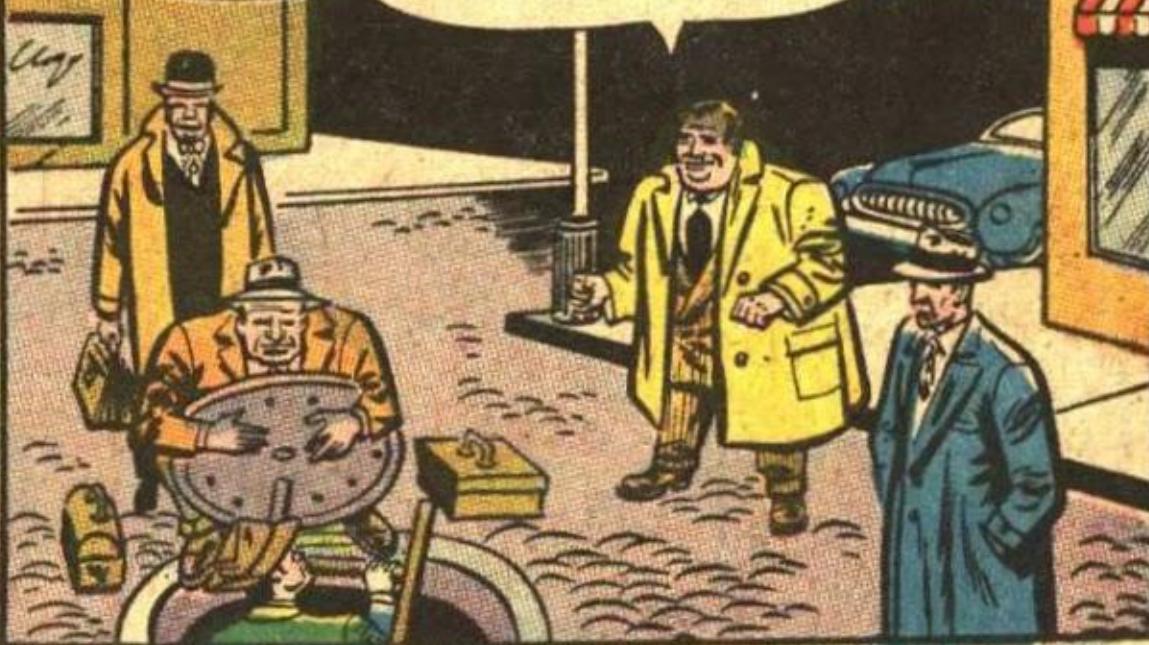
WAIT! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT UP YOUR SLEEVE, BUT I JUST GOT A BRILLIANT IDEA! BATMAN CAN'T POSSIBLY STOP ME NOW AND STILL KEEP HIS PROMISE!

SNAP!



SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER...

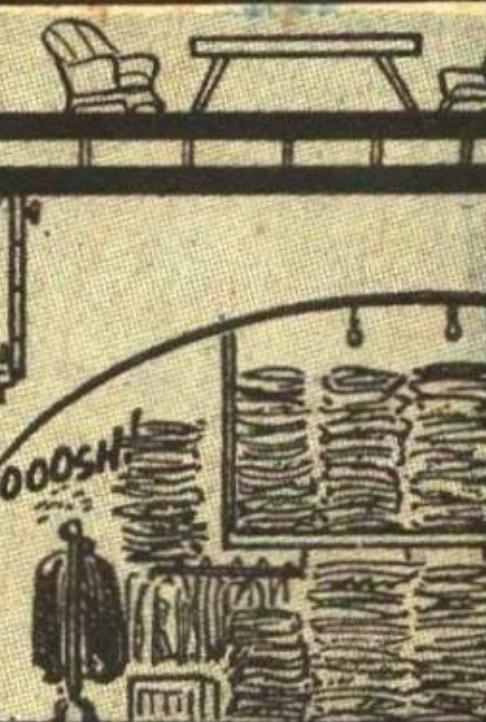
SO BATMAN THINKS HE CAN PUT THE SQUEEZE ON US BY STAYING ABOVE THE GROUND! ALL RIGHT, WE'LL SHOW HIM-- FROM NOW ON WE WORK UNDERGROUND!



AND PRESENTLY, INSIDE A GIANT CONDUIT WHICH FEEDS THE CITY ITS LIFE'S BLOOD OF ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER...

NEVER MIND! IN ANOTHER MINUTE, WE'LL HAVE BROKEN INTO THE BASEMENT OF THE CITY'S BIGGEST FUR STORAGE WAREHOUSE! WE'LL HAVE A FORTUNE IN PELTS AND BATMAN WON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT IT!

WE CUT RIGHT THROUGH THAT ELECTRIC CABLE AND BROKE INTO A WATER PIPE, BIG TIME!





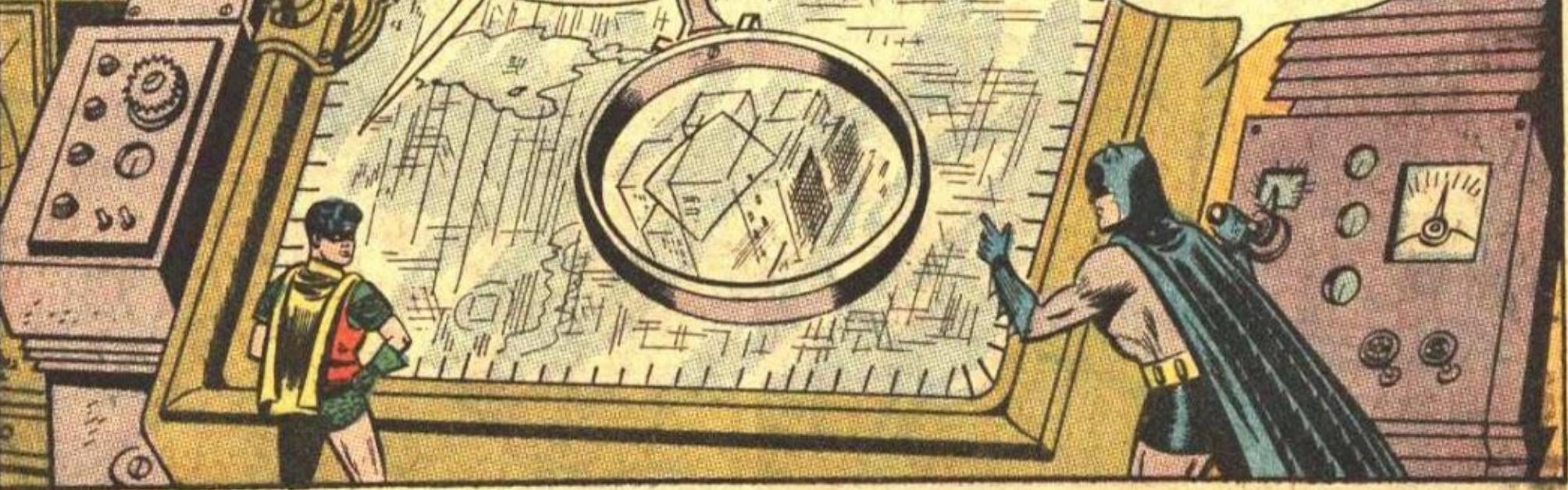
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AND AT THIS MOMENT, IN THE SKY FAR ABOVE...

LOOKS LIKE WE WON'T BE USING ALL THIS EQUIPMENT WE BROUGHT FROM THE **BAT-CAVE'S CRIME LAB**, **BATMAN**! THE CITY'S BEEN QUIET FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS!

I'M JUST GETTING A CLOSE-UP LOOK AT VARIOUS PARTS OF GOTHAM ON OUR **RADAR-OBSERVASCOPE**! HMM.. NOTHING OUT OF THE WAY ON THE NORTH SIDE.'



HMM...THAT'S STRANGE! ALL THE LIGHTS ON PUTNAM STREET SUDDENLY WENT OUT! AND NOW THE WATER SPRAYS ON THE BIJOU'S COOLING SYSTEM ARE DOWN TO A TRICKLE! HMM...BOTH ELECTRICITY AND WATER ARE OFF AT ONCE! THIS MAY MEAN SOMETHING, **ROBIN**!



RACING TO THE CONTROL ROOM, **BATMAN** DIRECTS THE STRANGE SHIP OUT OVER THE CITY'S HARBOR. AND PRESENTLY...

QUICK! INTO THE UNDERWATER **BAT-OSPHERE**! I'LL OPEN THE UNDER-SIDE PORT SO WE CAN BE LOWERED INTO THE HARBOR!



THEN, AS THE FLYING **BAT-CAVE** HOVERS ABOVE THE DARK WATERS...



SECONDS LATER...

RIGHT NOW, OUR DELICATE RADIO INSTRUMENTS CAN PICK UP SOUNDS CARRIED THROUGH THE CITY'S CONDUITS WHICH TERMINATE IN THE RIVER! IT'S SIMILAR TO THE **SUBMARINE-DETECTING DEVICES** ON BATTLESHIPS!



GIANT BATMAN

HMM... I'M GETTING SOMETHING! I TURN THE DIRECTION-FINDER AND... IT'S COMING IN STRONG NOW! THERE'S SOMEONE INSIDE THE CONDUITS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF TOWN!

I'LL CALL THE POLICE BY SHORT-WAVE AND HAVE THEM COVER EVERY MANHOLE IN THAT SECTION!

AND SOON AFTER, INSIDE A DARK PASSAGE BENEATH THE CITY'S STREETS...

(WHISPER) THERE'S ANOTHER SQUAD CAR PARKED BESIDE THIS EXIT JUST LIKE AT THE OTHERS WE TRIED, BIG TIME!

THEY MUST HAVE GOT WORD THAT WE ENTERED THE FUR WAREHOUSE FROM THIS UNDERGROUND CONDUIT! COME ON! FOLLOW ME!

LIKE SCURRYING RATS, THE CRIMINALS RACE THROUGH THE SUBTERRANEAN LABYRINTH UNTIL...

HEY! THIS STREET DRAIN TUNNEL ENDS IN THE RIVER! WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

YOU SWIM UNDERWATER UNTIL YOU CLEAR THE TUNNEL! THEN YOU COME UP ON THE SURFACE OF THE RIVER! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

BUT THE RIVER'S DARK WATERS HOLD AN UNEXPECTED SURPRISE...

I CAN'T GO INTO GOTHAM CITY AFTER THESE CHARACTERS, BUT IF THEY INSIST ON COMING TO ME -- UMPH!

PRESENTLY...

THE POLICE PATROL BOAT WILL BE ALONG TO PICK YOU BOYS UP IN A MINUTE!

WE DID IT AGAIN, BATMAN! WE KNOCKED OFF A GANG WITHOUT SETTING FOOT IN GOTHAM CITY!

BONG! BONG! BONG!

BUT LATER, ON A DIMLY LIGHTED SIDE STREET...

LUCKY I WAS THE LAST ONE OUT OF THE TUNNEL AND SPOTTED BATMAN IN TIME TO GET BACK BEFORE HE SAW ME! THIS IS THE SECOND TIME HE'S TRICKED ME -- BUT THERE'S STILL FOUR DAYS BEFORE THIS WEEK IS UP!

GIANT BATMAN

AND AFTERWARDS...

SORRY I CAN'T GIVE YOU MORE SYMPATHY, BIG TIME! BUT TOMORROW I GO ON TRIAL FOR AN OLD LARCENY RAP! AND EVEN THOUGH **BATMAN** IS THE STAR WITNESS AGAINST ME, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO RUIN MY PLAN WITHOUT SETTING FOOT IN GOTHAM! I'LL LEAVE THAT COURT A **FREE MAN!**

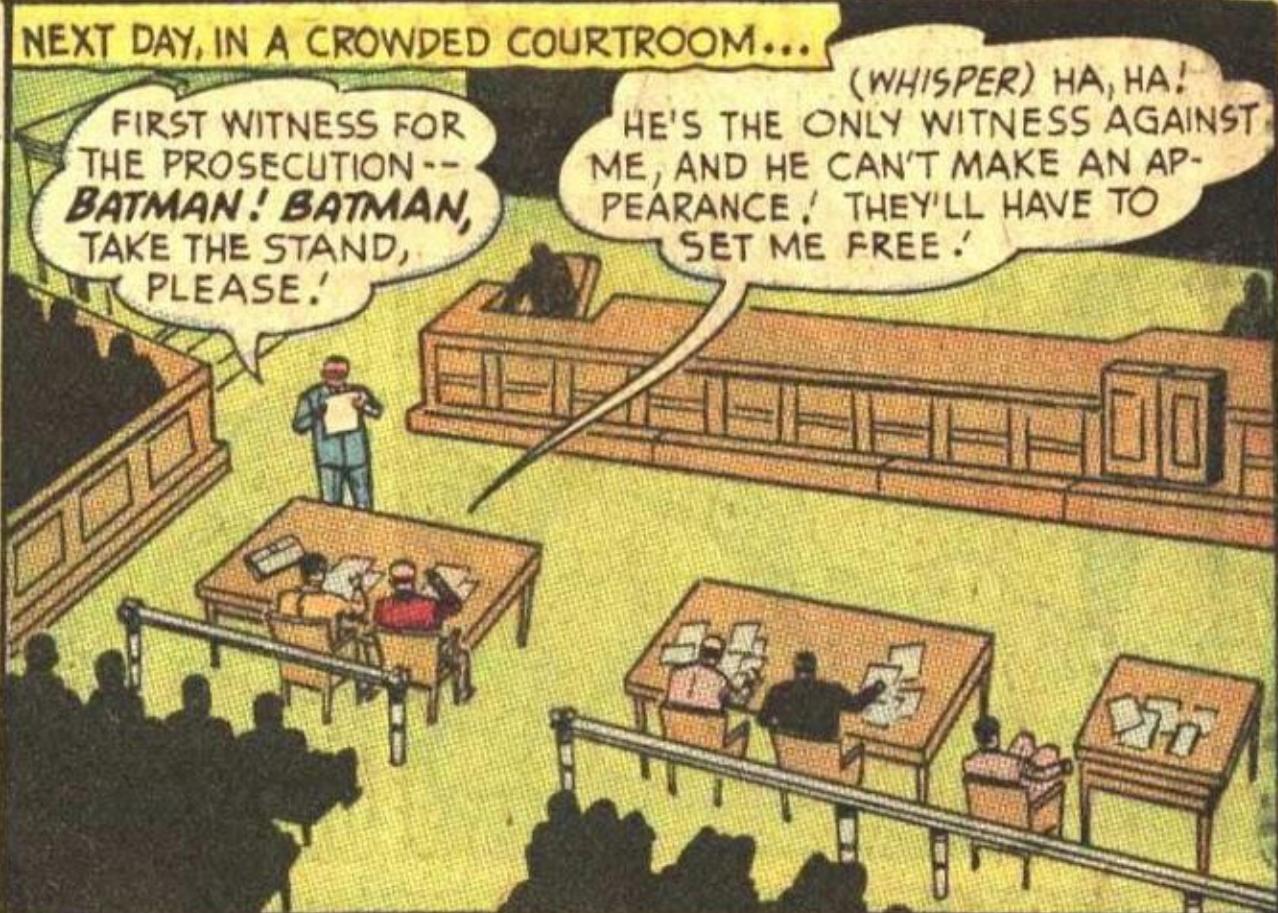
BAH!

NEXT DAY, IN A CROWDED COURTROOM...

FIRST WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION --
BATMAN! **BATMAN**, TAKE THE STAND, PLEASE!

(WHISPER) HA, HA!

HE'S THE ONLY WITNESS AGAINST ME, AND HE CAN'T MAKE AN APPEARANCE! THEY'LL HAVE TO SET ME FREE!



BUT SUDDENLY, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAKES A SURPRISE MOVE...

WITH THE COURT'S PERMISSION, I'D LIKE TO TRY SOMETHING A BIT UNUSUAL IN THIS CASE AGAINST "DIAMOND" LANG!

(WHISPER)

HEY! WHAT'S THE D.A. MEAN? THEY CAN'T PROVE NOTHIN' WITHOUT **BATMAN**-- AND HE WON'T SHOW UP!



WITH A DRAMATIC SWEEP OF HIS HAND, THE DA. RIPS AWAY A CLOTH VEIL AND...

THIS IS **BATMAN** TESTIFYING ON A **SPECIAL TELEVISION WAVELENGTH** FROM THE FLYING **BAT-CAVE** DIRECTLY ABOVE THIS COURTHOUSE!

AND AT THIS MOMENT, IN THE FLYING **BAT-CAVE**'S TROPHY ROOM ...

LUCKY I REMEMBERED MY DATE IN COURT TO TESTIFY AGAINST DIAMOND--I WAS ABLE TO ARRANGE WITH THE DA. FOR THIS TV SET-UP BEFORE I LEFT GOTHAM!

YES! I KNOW THE DEFENDANT, "DIAMOND" LANG!



BUT AS **BATMAN**'S DAMAGING TESTIMONY POURS FROM A LOUD-SPEAKER IN THE COURT-ROOM...

DIAMOND'S MOUTHPIECE JUST BROUGHT US A NOTE TELLING US TO SET UP A **HOME DIATHERMY MACHINE** IN THIS BUILDING NEXT TO THE COURTHOUSE! WONDER WHAT HE'S GOT UP HIS SLEEVE?



MOMENTS LATER, IN THE TENSE COURTROOM...

SQUAWK! BRRRR! SQUEEK!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED, YOUR HONOR! BUT I'M SURE WE CAN FIX IT!



IT WORKED! THE DIATHERMY MACHINE THE BOYS ARE RUNNING NEXT DOOR IS INTERFERING WITH THE TV WAVES! THE STATIC IS BLACKING OUT BATMAN'S TESTIMONY!

AND BACK AT THE BROADCAST'S SOURCE...

BRRR...RAWK BRRRR...

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THE SPEAKER OVER WHICH THE D.A.'S VOICE IS SUPPOSED TO BE COMING, BATMAN!
THEN IT MUST BE OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE! FROM THE SOUND OF THAT STATIC, I'D SAY IT'S MAN-MADE! THAT MEANS WE'RE BEING JAMMED!



THE GIANT PENNY! HOW WILL THAT HELP US, BATMAN?

THERE'S THE SOURCE OF THE INTERFERENCE! THOSE CHARACTERS ARE DELIBERATELY JAMMING OUR BROADCAST WITH THAT DIATHERMY MACHINE!

BUT HOW DO WE STOP THEM WITHOUT BREAKING OUR PLEDGE?

HOW CAN THE GIANT LINCOLN PENNY SOLVE BATMAN'S PROBLEM? CAN YOU GUESS?

THE ANSWER! IT'S OUTSIDE THE CHAMBER OF JUSTICE, WHERE AN AMAZING STRATEGY IS IN EFFECT...

MOMENTS AFTER, IN THE COURTROOM...

...AND SO I WAS A WITNESS TO THE ENTIRE CRIME! IT WAS DEFINITELY COMMITTED BY "DIAMOND" LANG!

BUT...BUT THIS CAN'T BE! BATMAN'S ON THE AIR AGAIN!

THE GIANT PENNY THEY LET DOWN--IT FORMS A COPPER SHIELD BETWEEN THE DIATHERMY MACHINE AND THE TV ANTENNA ON THE COURTHOUSE ROOF! OUR INTERFERENCE IS CUT OFF!





GIANT BATMAN



LATER, AS BIG-TIME WALKS THE STREETS OF GOTHAM CITY...

ONE MORE DAY AND, BATMAN WILL BE BACK IN TOWN. SO FAR, MY SCORE IS ZERO! HMM... THAT WAR MEMORIAL GIVES ME AN IDEA! MAYBE I CAN FIX IT SO BATMAN WILL NEVER COME BACK!



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, IN THE FLYING BAT-CAVE...

LESS THAN TWO MORE HOURS AND OUR "EXILE" IS OVER, BATMAN! I'LL CERTAINLY BE GLAD WHEN--

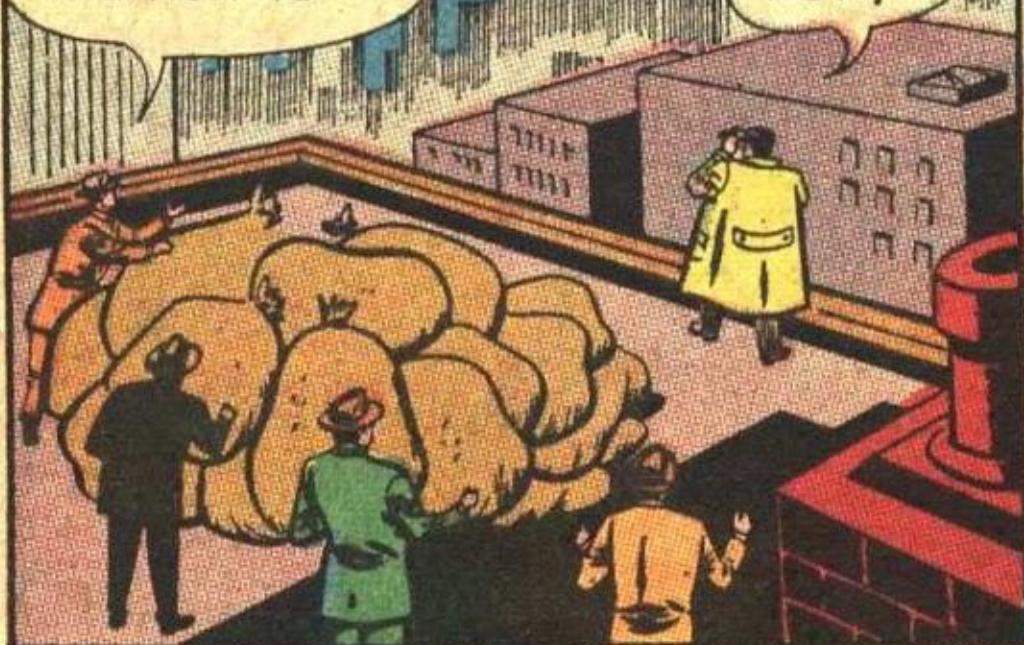
BUT OUR TROUBLES AREN'T OVER, ROBIN! LOOK ON THE OBSERVASCOPE. CROOKS ARE ESCAPING FROM THE POST OFFICE OVER THE ROOF! I'M GUIDING THE BAT-CAVE IN FOR A CLOSER LOOK!



WHILE ON THE ROOF OF THE POST OFFICE...

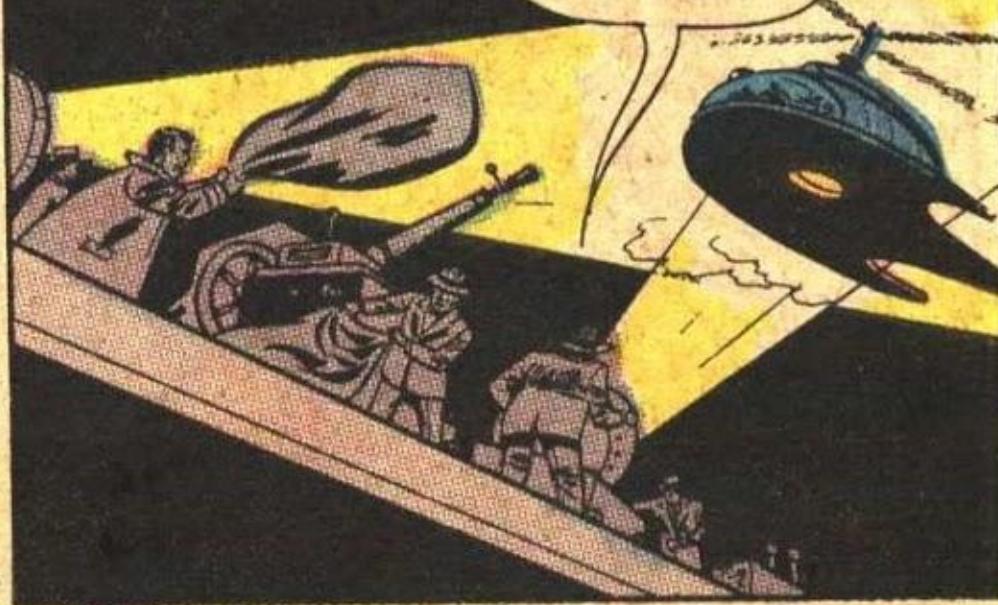
I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOIN', BIG TIME! WE'RE IN A PRETTY EXPOSED POSITION TO--

QUIET! BATMAN'S COMING TOWARD US NOW!



ALL RIGHT! THROW OFF THE MAIL BAG CAMOUFLAGE! TURN ON THE SEARCHLIGHTS! STAND BY TO FIRE!

HA, HA! WHAT A SURPRISE WHEN BATMAN RUNS INTO FLAK! HE NEVER USES GUNS, SO THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN STOP OUR ANTI-AIRCRAFT FROM KNOCKIN' THE FLYING BAT-CAVE OUT OF THE SKY!



THEN, AS THE SURPRISE BARRAGE OPENS UP...



IT WAS A TRAP, BATMAN! THEY WEREN'T STEALING SACKS OF MAIL--THE CANVAS BAGS WERE A CAMOUFLAGE FOR THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS!

WE'RE PINPOINTED IN THEIR SEARCHLIGHTS! THEY'RE SURE OF A DIRECT HIT SOON!

AND SECONDS LATER...

AH! RIGHT SQUARE IN MY SIGHTS! NOW I'LL BLAST THE DARING DUO AND THEIR FLYING BAT-CAVE OUT OF EXISTENCE!



GIANT BATMAN

BUT AT THIS MOMENT, IN THE STRANGE AIRCRAFT'S CONTROL ROOM...

I'VE SET THE AUTOMATIC PILOT TO TAKE THE SHIP BEYOND THE CITY AND LET IT FLOAT TO EARTH! GET ON YOUR PARACHUTE, ROBIN! WE'RE JUMPING! DON'T PULL THE RIP CORD UNTIL YOU'VE FALLEN CLEAR OF THE SEARCHLIGHT BEAMS!

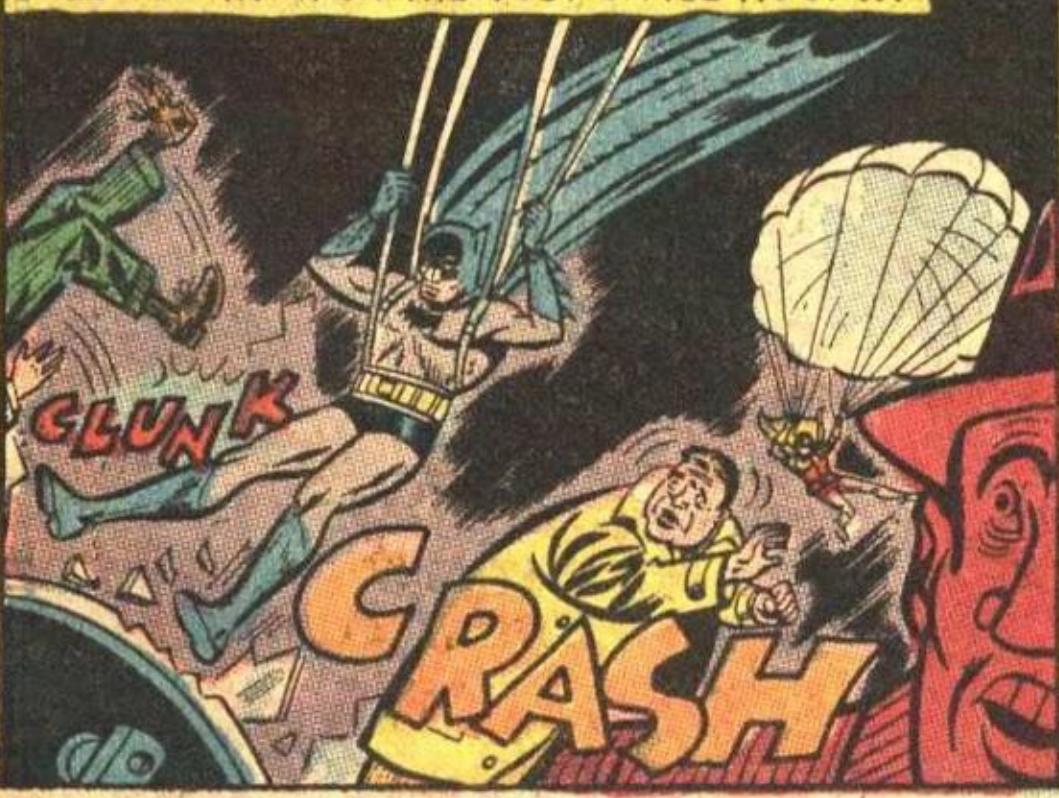
BUT, BATMAN! THE WEEK'S NOT UP YET! AND WE'RE GOING INTO GOTHAM-- THEY'VE FORCED US TO BREAK OUR PLEDGE.

WE'RE NOT BREAKING THE PLEDGE! BUT I CAN'T EXPLAIN NOW! READY--PULL YOUR RIP CORD!

WHILE OUR CHUTES ARE CLOSED, OUR BODIES FALL TOO FAST FOR THEM TO HIT US! AH! NOW WE'RE OUT OF THE LIGHTS!



THEN, LIKE TWIN TORNADOES, BATMAN AND ROBIN SWEEP DOWN UPON THE POST OFFICE ROOF...



HOLD IT, BIG-TIME! YOU'VE GOT A DATE AT THE STATE PEN--WITH THE REST OF THE SMALL-TIMERS.

YOU'VE GOT ME, BATMAN! BUT I'LL SEE THAT ALL OF GOTHAM KNOWS THAT YOU BROKE YOUR WORD. YOU HAD TO SET FOOT IN THE CITY TO STOP ME!



SORRY, BUT YOU'RE WRONG, BIG-TIME! THIS IS A UNITED STATES POST OFFICE BUILDING--IT BELONGS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT PART OF THE CITY. I HAVEN'T SET FOOT IN GOTHAM CITY SINCE I LEFT!

AND IN 5 MINUTES THE WEEK'S UP AND WE CAN LEAVE THIS ROOFTOP, BATMAN!

AND AFTERWARDS...

I CAN'T SAY I'M SORRY TO BE BACK IN THE UNDERGROUND BAT-CAVE, ROBIN!

HA, HA! HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS SIGN, BATMAN! IF AN OUTSIDER SHOULD EVER GET A LOOK AT IT, HE'LL GO CRAZY TRYING TO FIGURE HOW YOU CAN ESCAPE FROM A CAVE WITH A PARACHUTE!



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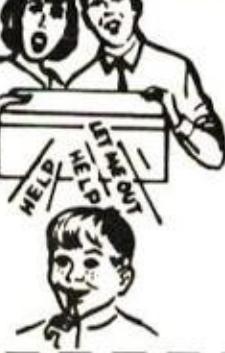
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