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BATMAN

With
ROBIN
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OBSERVE THE
SPECIES **BATMAN**,
CLASS! ONCE
CONSIDERED AN
INTELLIGENT LAWMAN,
BY OUR STANDARDS
HE IS DULL-WITTED
AND OBSOLETE!

DEFEAT
BATMAN

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PERHAPS NO ONE HAS RUN UP AGAINST MORE CRIMINAL TYPES THAN HAS THE MASTER LAWMAN, **BATMAN!** AND HOWEVER CLEVER AND DIABOLICAL THEIR SCHEMES, GENERALLY THESE MEN WERE FROM THE SAME MOLD-- INFERIOR IN ALL WAYS TO **BATMAN AND ROBIN** THE BOY WONDER! BUT NOW THE SHOE IS ON THE OTHER FOOT! CAN IT BE THAT A CRIMINAL TYPE HAS EMERGED THAT CAN OUTSMART AND OUTFIGHT BATMAN AT EVERY TURN ??? THAT'S OUR STORY-- AND IT TURNS RED-HOT-- WHEN BATMAN MEETS...

"The **MASTERMINDS**
OF CRIME!"

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ONE NIGHT, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER CONTINUE THEIR NEVER-ENDING VIGIL AGAINST CRIME...



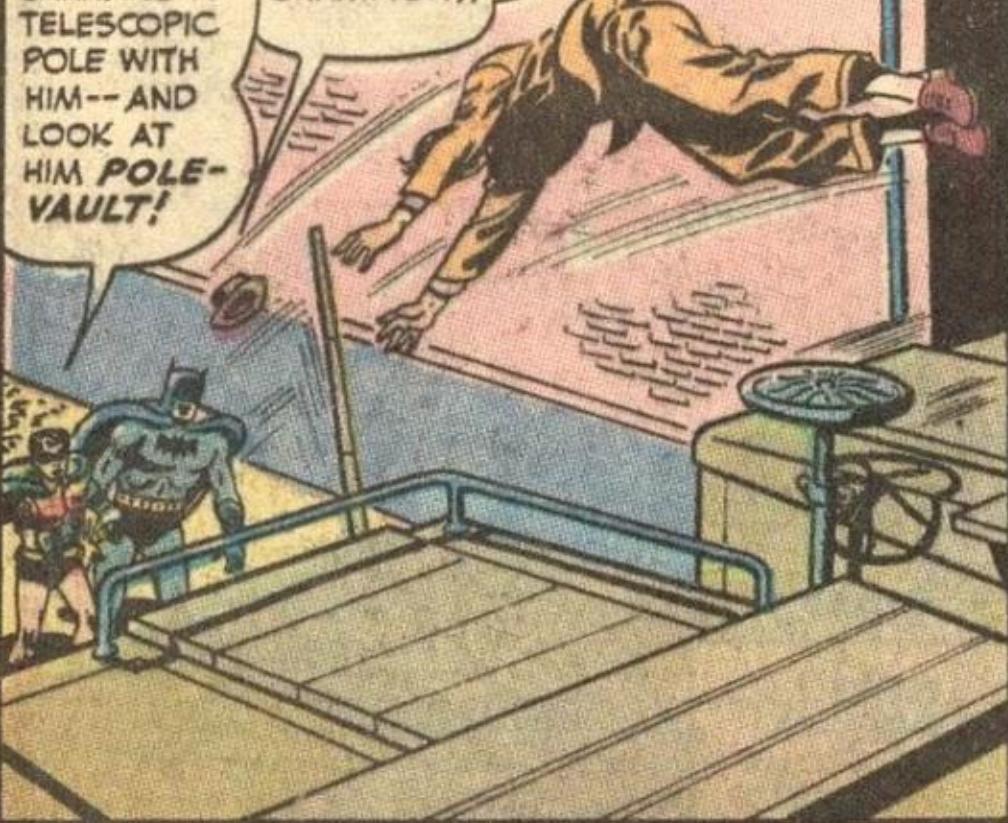
A MOMENT LATER, AS THE LAWMEN CLOSE IN ON ONE OF THE CROOKS...



BUT THEN...

WOW!
HE WAS
CARRYING A
TELESCOPIC
POLE WITH
HIM-- AND
LOOK AT
HIM POLE-
VAULT!

AN INCREDIBLE
FEAT-- WORTHY
OF AN OLYMPIC
CHAMPION!!



AND LATER, AFTER A FRUITLESS SEARCH OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD...

HE MUST
HAVE POLE-VAULTED
AT LEAST 14 FEET!
AND HIS FORM WAS
PERFECT!

HMM! AND WHOEVER
DREAMED UP THIS TELESCOPIC
POLE WAS NO SLOUCH
EITHER! COME ON, ROBIN--
I WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT
THAT BANK...



NEXT EVENING...

NO ORDINARY
BLOW-TORCH WAS
USED ON THIS DOOR!
I'VE NEVER SEEN A JOB
DONE SO NEATLY!

I'M BEGINNING
TO SMELL REAL
TROUBLE, BATMAN!
WE APPEAR TO
BE UP AGAINST A
VERY EFFICIENT
ORGANIZATION!



BATMAN

ALL AT ONCE...

LOOK, ROBIN! ANOTHER RARE ATHLETIC FEAT! THAT CROOK HAS BROAD-JUMPED NEARLY 20 FEET WITH ALL HIS CLOTHES ON!

HE'LL GIVE US A GOOD CHASE, ALL RIGHT--WE HAVEN'T HAD ONE LIKE THIS IN YEARS!

OF COURSE, WE CAN DO A LITTLE BROAD-JUMPING OURSELVES WHEN THE OCCASION CALLS FOR IT!



AND MOMENTS LATER, A TERRIFIC SLUGFEST SWAYS ACROSS THE ROOF!

BATMAN'S GOT HIS WORK CUT OUT FOR HIM! I'VE NEVER SEEN A CROOK LAST THIS LONG IN A FIGHT WITH BATMAN!



BUT FINALLY...

HAMM! HE PUT UP QUITE A FIGHT--HE'S IN SUPERB CONDITION FOR A CROOK! LET'S GET HIM DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS FOR A LITTLE QUESTIONING!



AND LATER, IN POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...

HE WON'T TALK AT ALL, BATMAN! ALL WE KNOW IS THAT HIS NAME'S DAVE GREGG AND THAT THERE'S NO RECORD OF PREVIOUS ARRESTS...

ONE MORE THING, COMMISSIONER. THE POLICE PSYCHIATRIST JUDGES THIS MAN'S I.Q. TO BE AROUND 135-- WHICH IS HIGHLY ABOVE NORMAL INTELLIGENCE!





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THAT VERY MOMENT, IN AN OUTLYING SECTION OF GOTHAM CITY...

MR. TOLAN--THE THREE NEW APPLICANTS FOR THE ACADEMY HAVE ARRIVED, THEY'RE IN YOUR OFFICE...

OKAY-- I'LL GO UP IN A MOMENT...



LATER...

WHEN YOU JOIN THE ACADEMY, YOU JOIN THE GREATEST CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD! FOR WE KNOW THE SECRET THAT MAKES CRIME PAY! COME--I'LL SHOW YOU!



AND IN A DARKENED PROJECTION ROOM, THE ARRIVALS GAZE AT AUTHENTIC MOTION PICTURES...

WHY WAS THIS CROOK CAUGHT? BECAUSE HE WAS CLUMSY AND SLOW! NOT IN CONDITION! HE HAD A GOOD START ON BATMAN-- BUT HE FRITTERED IT AWAY! HE SHOULD HAVE CLEARED THAT FENCE WITH EASE!



SAY-- THAT'S THE F.B.I. HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, ISN'T IT?

YES! HERE, THE CREAM OF AMERICAN MANHOOD IS TAUGHT HOW TO FIGHT AGAINST CRIME! THEY'RE TRAINED WELL--SCIENTIFICALLY AND INTELLIGENTLY! THEY'RE SMART--STRONG--AND TOUGH!



BUT THE AVERAGE CROOK IS JUST THE OPPOSITE! HE DOESN'T KEEP IN TRAINING--HE DOESN'T STRIVE FOR KNOWLEDGE--HE KNOWS NOTHING OF SCIENCE! NO WONDER SO MANY ARE CAUGHT!



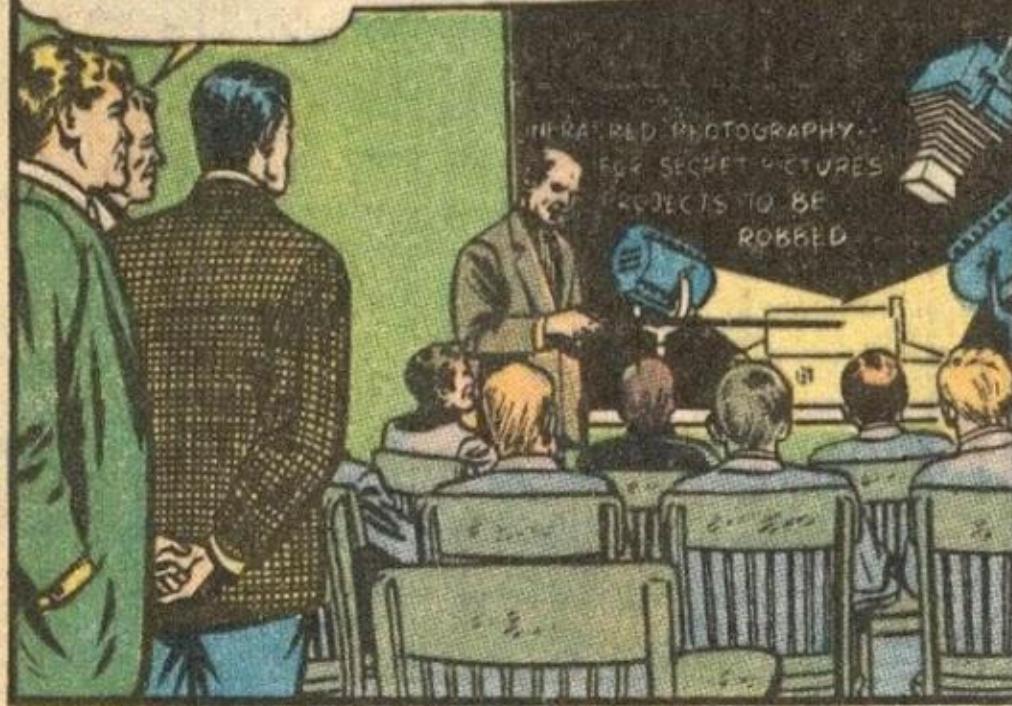
BUT HERE AT THE ACADEMY, IT'S DIFFERENT! WE TAKE THE SAME APPROACH TO CRIME AS THE F.B.I. TAKES TO CRIME-BUSTING! WE TOO TAKE ONLY THE CREAM OF MANHOOD-- AND TRAIN THEM WELL--SCIENTIFICALLY AND INTELLIGENTLY!!



BATMAN

AND, AS TOLAN TAKES THE THREE "HOPEFULS" ON A TOUR OF INSPECTION...

ALL THESE MEN, LIKE YOU, HAVE I.Q.'S OF OVER 135! THEY'RE ALL ATHLETES! THEY COULD BE F.B.I. MEN, OR ARMY OFFICERS, BUT THEY CHOSE CRIME!



LIKE MANY MODERN ENTERPRISES, THE ACADEMY IS ENTIRELY A COOPERATIVE VENTURE. WE SHARE AND SHARE ALIKE. EACH YEAR A NEW LEADER IS SELECTED. MY TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES SOON...

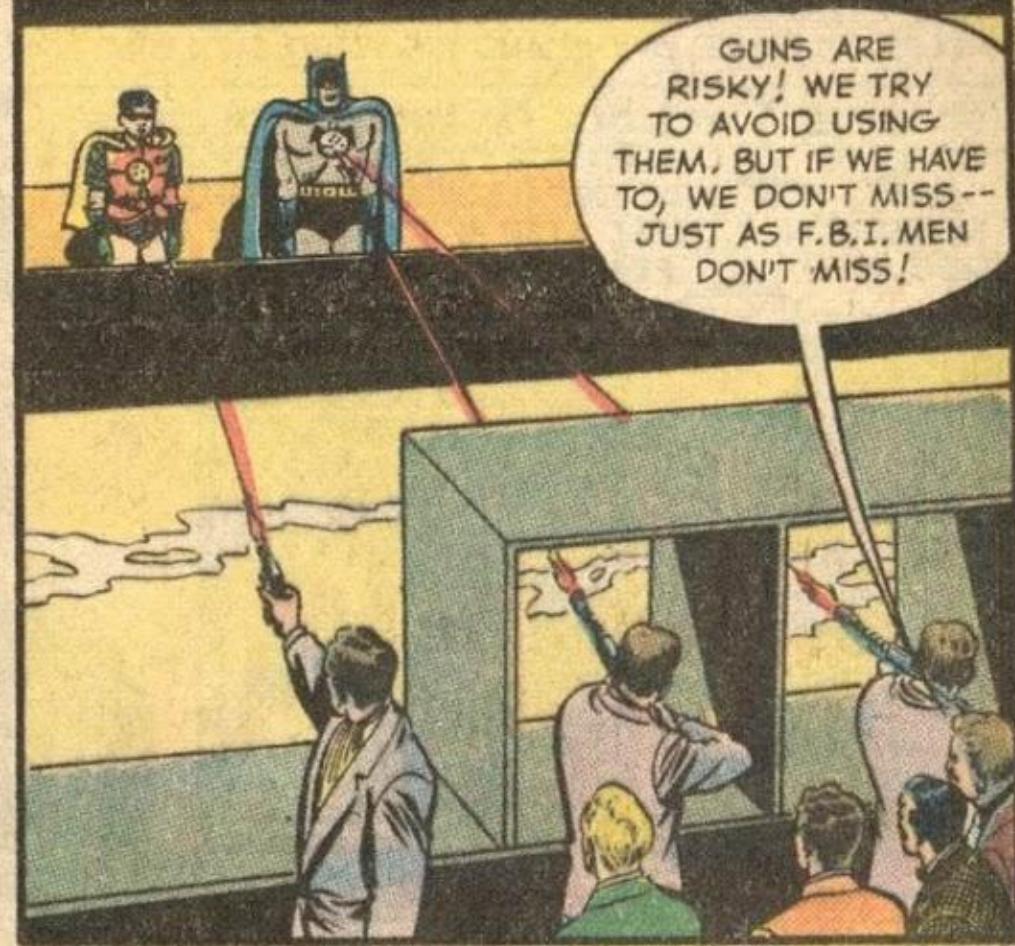
DAILY VITAMIN REQUIREMENTS
LISTED BELOW
EACH MAN MUST CO/



AND WHAT OF THE GREAT LAWMAN, BATMAN?? HAS HE A MASTER PLAN TO COPE WITH THIS NEW THREAT???

OUR FIRST BREAK, BATMAN! THIS IS MRS. MARCY. HER SON, BEN, LEFT HOME, SAID HE WAS JOINING THE ARMY. BUT SHE SPOTTED HIM AS ONE OF THOSE WHO HELD UP THE BONDED WAREHOUSE LAST WEEK!

I WAS THERE, ON THE STREET! I SAW HIM RUN OUT WITH THE OTHERS! MY OWN SON! (SOB)



BATMAN IS, OF COURSE, OUR ARCH-ENEMY! BUT WE'RE GIVING HIM A GOOD RUN FOR HIS MONEY. AND ULTIMATELY, WE SHALL DISPOSE OF HIM! EVEN NOW WE ARE WORKING UP A **MASTER PLAN** TO ACCOMPLISH THIS END!



CAN YOU GIVE US ANY INFORMATION THAT MIGHT HELP US, MRS. MARCY?

YES! (SOB) GO TO THE ACME GARAGE! SEE A MAN NAMED WEBSTER! MY BEN BECAME VERY FRIENDLY WITH HIM, SHORTLY BEFORE HE LEFT HOME! I WARNED BEN TO STAY AWAY FROM THIS WEBSTER, BUT HE WOULDN'T LISTEN -- (SOB!)

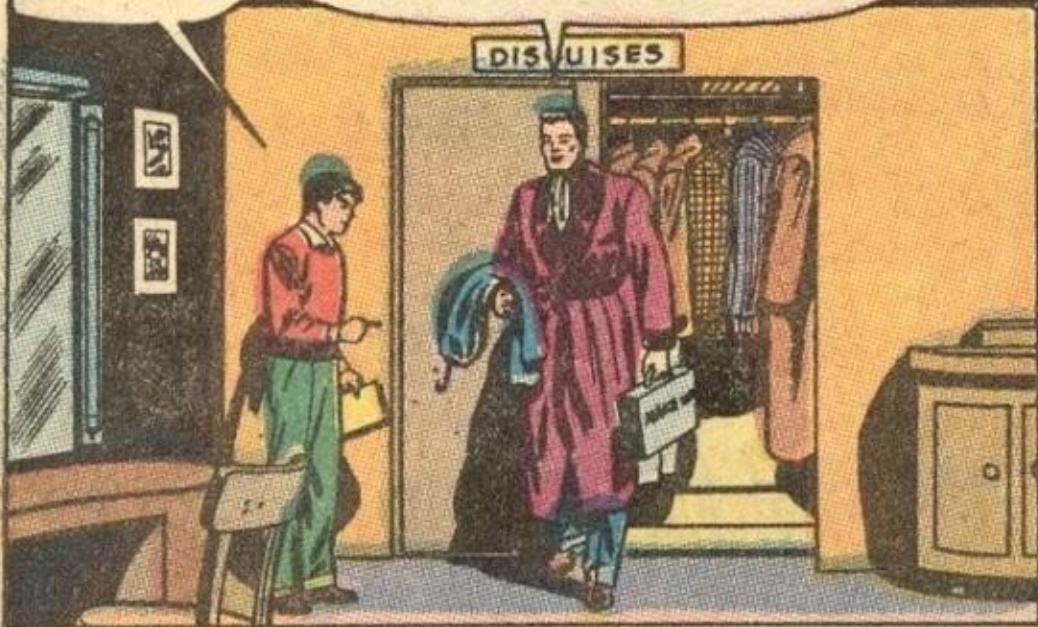


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THAT EVENING, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN REVERT TO THEIR ROLES AS BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

SO YOU'RE GOING TO SEE WEBSTER IN DISGUISE!

YES, DICK--AN UNDERCOVER JOB IS CALLED FOR! I'M GOING TO JOIN THIS NEW ORGANIZATION, IF I CAN! AND MY FIRST STEP IS TO DISGUISE MY FEATURES WITH MAKE-UP!



BUT YOU JUST CAN'T GO AND ASK WEBSTER ABOUT BEN MARCY! HE MAY BE SUSPICIOUS -- HE DOESN'T KNOW YOU AT ALL!

HE WON'T HAVE TO, THE WAY I'M PLAYING IT! I'M CALLING ON MR. WEBSTER AT HIS HOME!



AND LATE THAT NIGHT, IN THE HOME OF JOE WEBSTER...

ALL RIGHT, WEBSTER-- OUT OF BED! YOU'VE GOT ONE MINUTE TO LEAD ME TO YOUR HIDDEN WALL-SAFE!

A HOLD-UP! BUT HOW DID YOU EVER GET THROUGH MY INTRICATE BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM?



YOU MEAN YOUR CLUMSY BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM! COME ON, NOW--I'M A BUSY MAN!

BUT YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS! MY WIFE--THE SERVANTS WILL HEAR YOU, PHONE THE POLICE! BESIDES, THERE'S NOTHING IN MY SAFE!



YOUR WIFE'S AWAY! IT'S THE SERVANTS' NIGHT OUT! BESIDES, I'VE CUT YOUR PHONE WIRES! AND I HAPPEN TO KNOW YOU'VE GOT TEN GRAND IN YOUR SAFE-- YOU ALWAYS KEEP THE PAYROLL THERE, RATHER THAN IN THE OFFICE!

YOU'RE THOROUGH! VERY THOROUGH! AND SMART! YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME ON THIS CHICKEN-FEED, KID--YOU'VE GOT TALENT!



I CAN PUT YOU ONTO SOMETHING GOOD! YOU'D BE A NATURAL! AND YOU WOULDN'T BOther WITH THE SMALL STUFF-- YOU'D MAKE REAL DOUGH!

TALK FAST, MISTER! AND YOU BETTER MAKE SENSE!

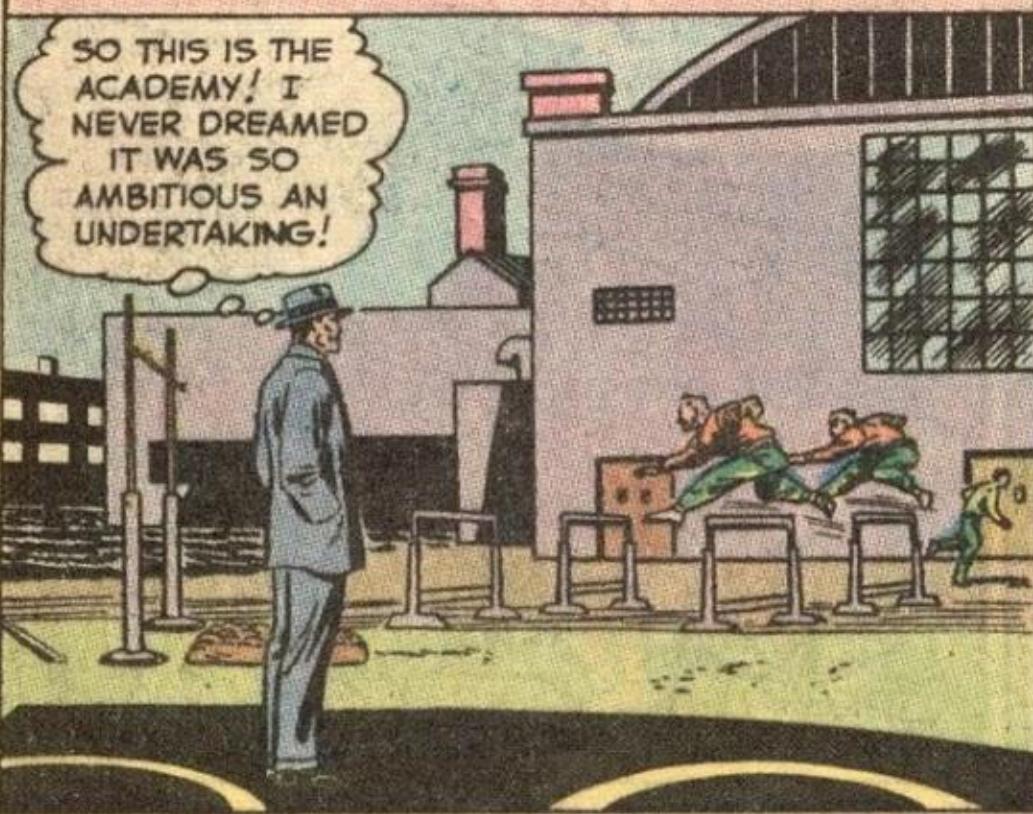
IT WORKED! I'M IN!



BATMAN

AND NEXT DAY, UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF WEBSTER, BATMAN BECOMES A FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER OF THE CRIME ACADEMY UNDER THE NAME OF TOM DREXEL!

SO THIS IS THE ACADEMY! I NEVER DREAMED IT WAS SO AMBITIOUS AN UNDERTAKING!



NEXT MORNING, A SPECIAL MEETING IS HELD IN THE ACADEMY'S ASSEMBLY HALL...

AS YOU KNOW, IT IS TIME FOR A NEW LEADER TO BE SELECTED. AS IS OUR CUSTOM, HE WILL BE SELECTED FROM AMONG YOU--ON THE BASIS OF AN ALL-AROUND COMPETITION...



BECAUSE OUR MASTER PLAN TO ELIMINATE BATMAN CALLS FOR OUR LEADER TO IMPERSONATE HIM, YOU WILL BOTH WEAR BATMAN UNIFORMS DURING THE CONTEST!

I GET IT! YOU WANT TO SEE WHICH OF US CAN HANDLE HIMSELF BEST IN THE STRANGE UNIFORM!

IF THEY ONLY KNEW!



AND AS DAYS PASS...

I CAN'T BRING THE POLICE IN YET! THERE'S MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF LOOT HIDDEN SOMEWHERE HERE! I'VE GOT TO PLAY IT LIKE THIS UNTIL I CAN FIND IT!



DEVOTING ALL HIS ENERGY TO THE COMPETITION, THE DISGUISED BATMAN IS EASILY ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING ASPIRANTS! THEN...

YOU TWO MEN HAVE ELIMINATED ALL THE REST, FROM NOW ON, THIS WILL BE A CONTEST BETWEEN YOU--THE WINNER TO BE OUR LEADER!

THIS FELLOW WALLS HAS SHOWN SURPRISING ABILITY, BUT I SHOULD BE ABLE TO BEST HIM...



WE'LL IDENTIFY YOU WITH THESE NUMBERS PINNED TO YOUR CHESTS. DREXEL, YOUR NUMBER IS 15--WALLS, YOURS IS 23...

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE WEARING A BATMAN UNIFORM! HOW ABOUT YOU, DREXEL?

OH, NOTHING EVER SURPRISES ME!



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NEXT DAY, THE STRANGE COMPETITION BEGINS--TWO MEN DRESSED AS BATMAN, VYING FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF A CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION!

SPEED WILL BE JUDGED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS--YOU'LL EACH RACE AGAINST THE Stopwatch! READY, DREXEL! REMEMBER--8 LAPS TO A MILE!

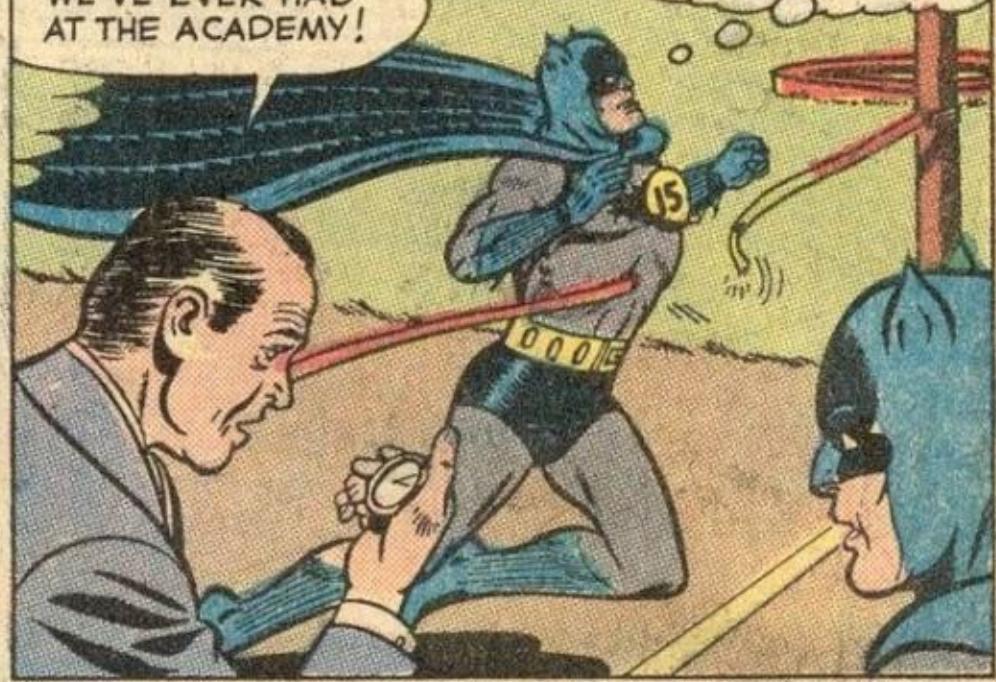
I WON'T GO ALL-OUT--THEY MIGHT GET SUSPICIOUS! I'LL JUST RUN A GOOD FAST MILE--FASTER THAN I IMAGINE WALLS CAN RUN...



THE PISTOL CRACKS--AND OFF BATMAN FIES! AND A LITTLE MORE THAN FOUR MINUTES LATER...

WOW! FOUR MINUTES, THREE SECONDS FLAT! THE FASTEST MILE WE'VE EVER HAD AT THE ACADEMY!

IF THEY ONLY KNEW WHO THEY WERE CLOCKING!



A CONFIDENT BATMAN SETTLES DOWN TO WATCH WALLS RUN, BUT THEN COMES A STUNNING SURPRISE!

THIS IS AMAZING!! WALLS DID IT IN FOUR MINUTES, TWO AND THREE-FIFTHS SECONDS! WALLS WINS!

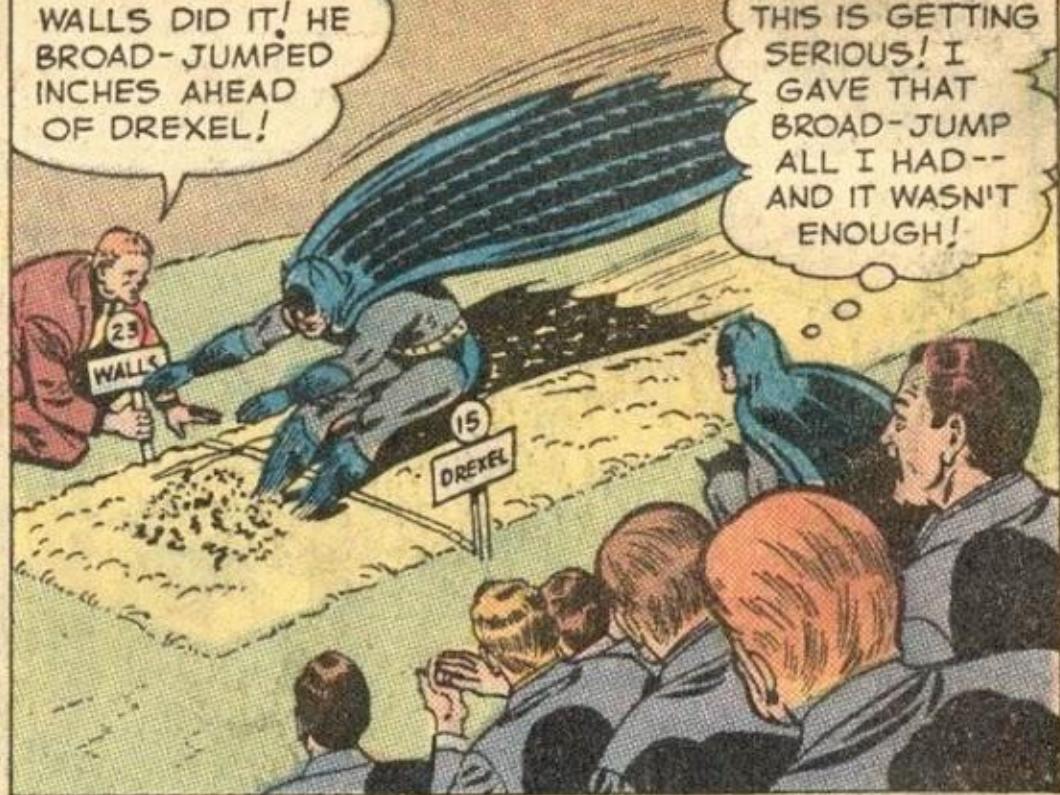
MY FIRST MISTAKE! I MUSTN'T UNDERESTIMATE THIS WALLS!



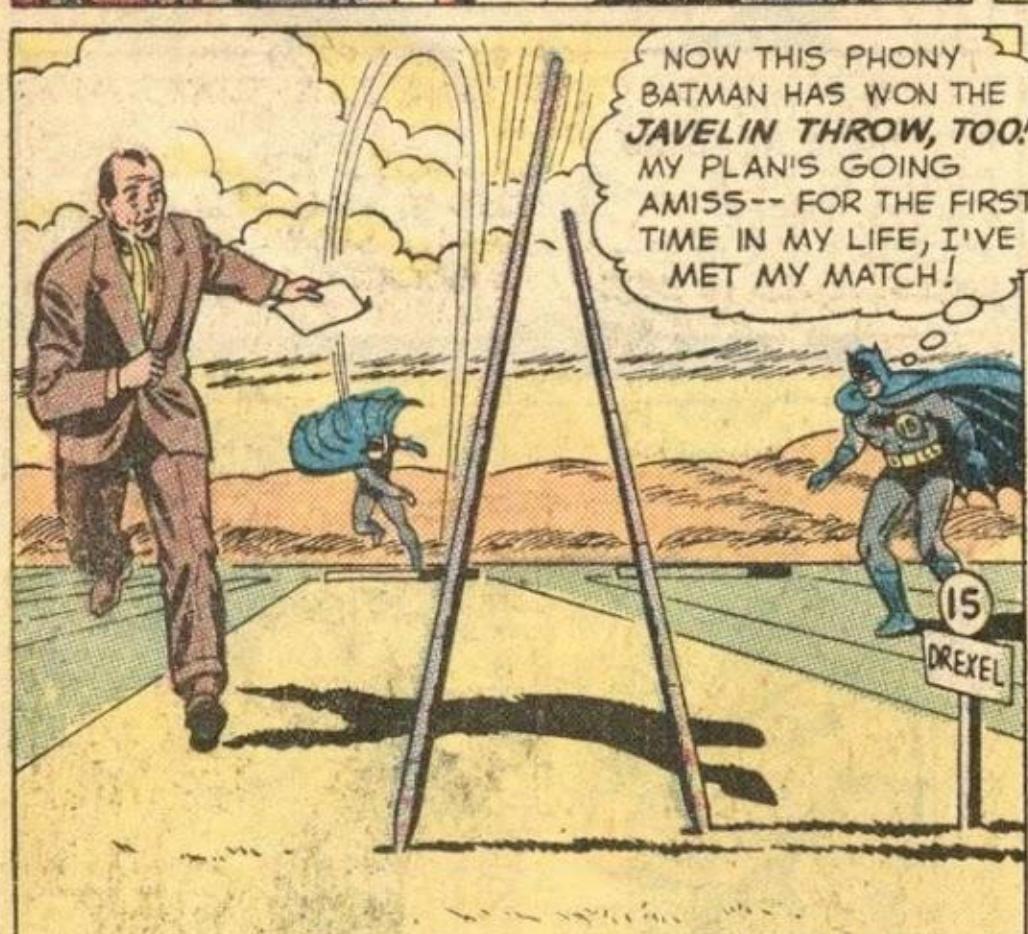
AND AS THE TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS CONTINUE...

WALLS DID IT! HE BROAD-JUMPED INCHES AHEAD OF DREXEL!

THIS IS GETTING SERIOUS! I GAVE THAT BROAD-JUMP ALL I HAD-- AND IT WASN'T ENOUGH!



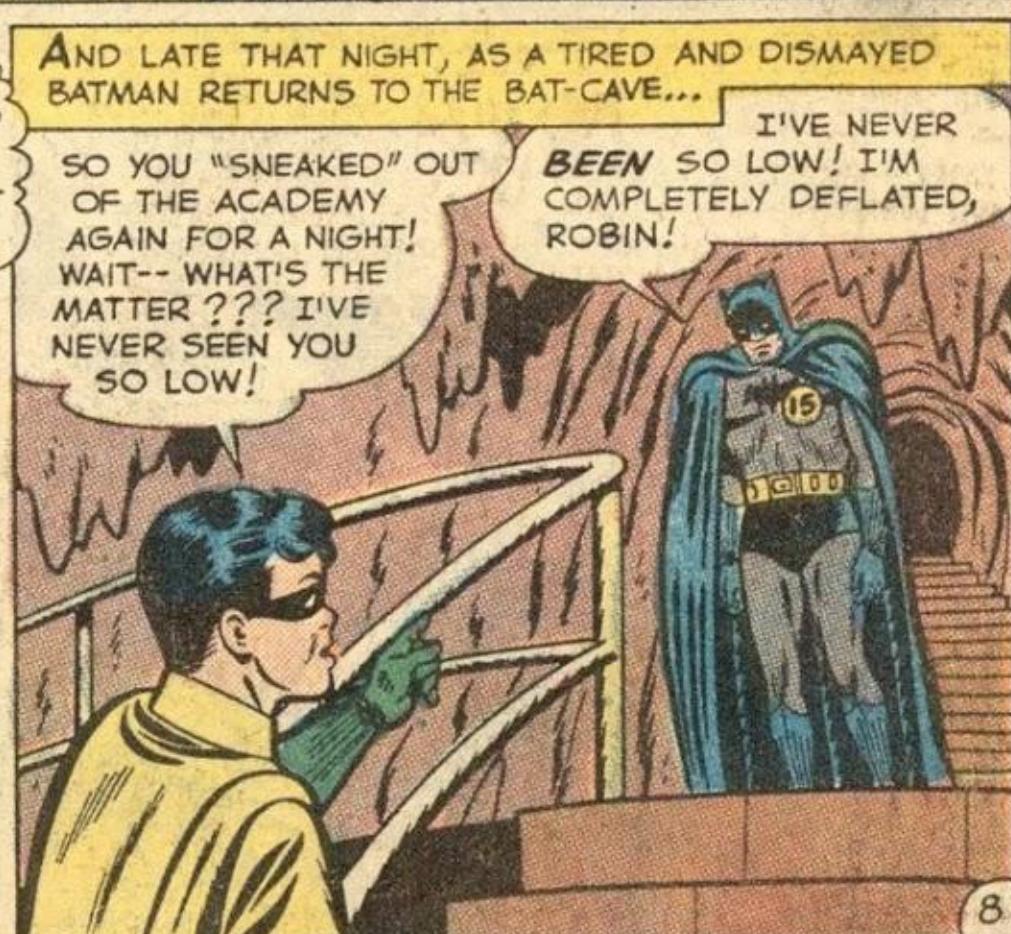
NOW THIS PHONY BATMAN HAS WON THE JAVELIN THROW, TOO! MY PLAN'S GOING AMISS--FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I'VE MET MY MATCH!



AND LATE THAT NIGHT, AS A TIRED AND DISMAYED BATMAN RETURNS TO THE BAT-CAVE...

SO YOU "SNEAKED" OUT OF THE ACADEMY AGAIN FOR A NIGHT! WAIT--WHAT'S THE MATTER ??? I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU SO LOW!

I'VE NEVER BEEN SO LOW! I'M COMPLETELY DEFlated, ROBIN!



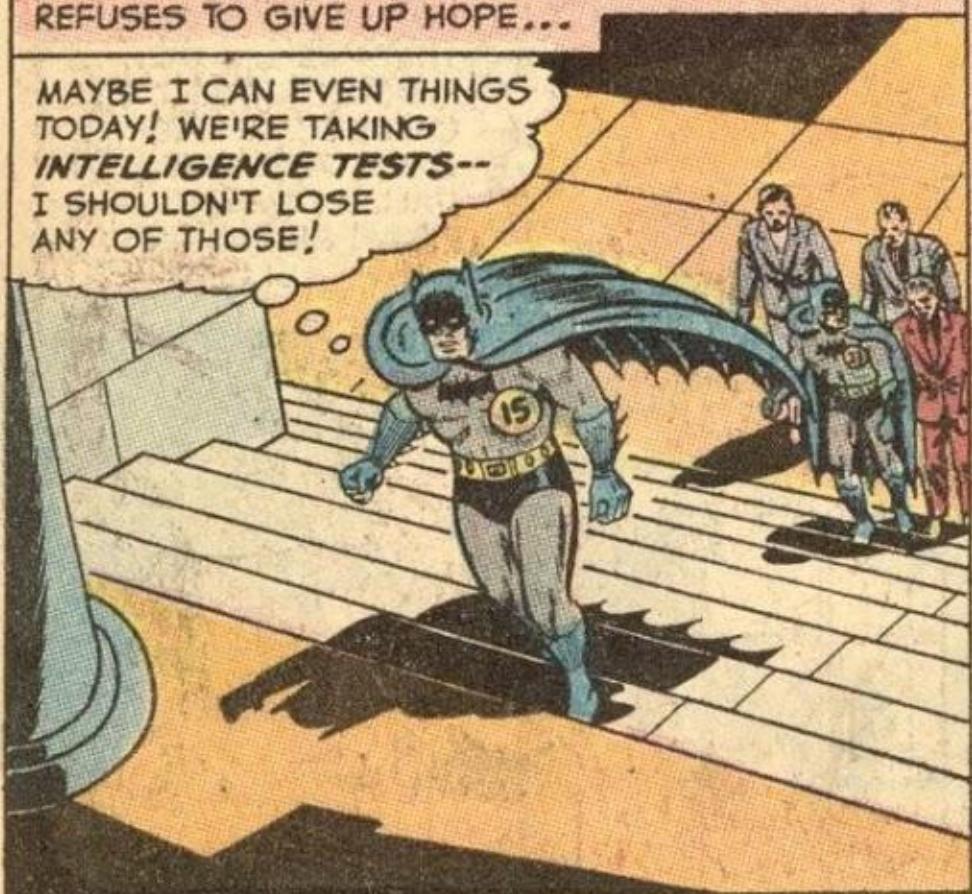


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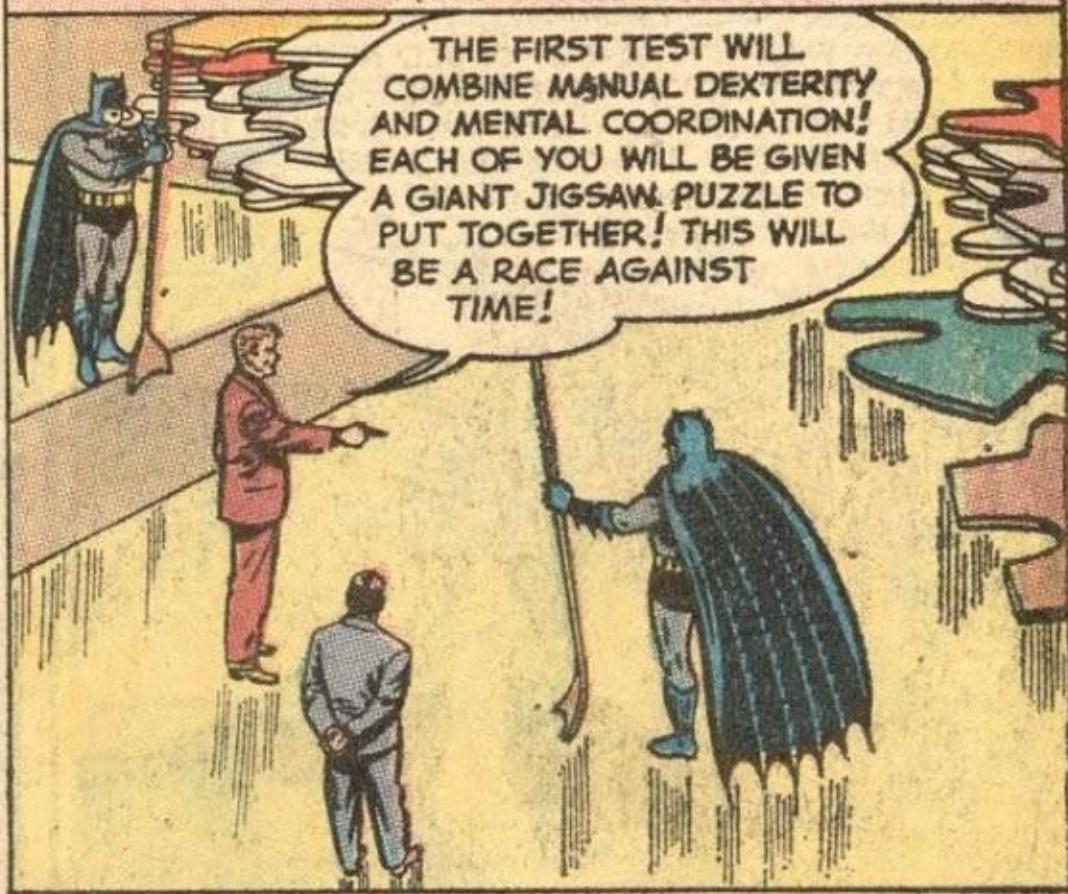
THEN NEXT DAY, AS THE REAL BATMAN DOGGEDLY REFUSES TO GIVE UP HOPE...

MAYBE I CAN EVEN THINGS TODAY! WE'RE TAKING INTELLIGENCE TESTS-- I SHOULDN'T LOSE ANY OF THOSE!



SOON AFTER, AS THE FIRST TEST BEGINS...

THE FIRST TEST WILL COMBINE MANUAL DEXTERITY AND MENTAL COORDINATION! EACH OF YOU WILL BE GIVEN A GIANT JIGSAW PUZZLE TO PUT TOGETHER! THIS WILL BE A RACE AGAINST TIME!



WALLS

FOURTH 23 NATIONAL BANK

DREXEL

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I'M LOSING AGAIN! THAT WALLS PERSON IS UNCANNY!

TEST AFTER TEST FINDS WALLS THE VICTOR! AND AS THEY CONTINUE...

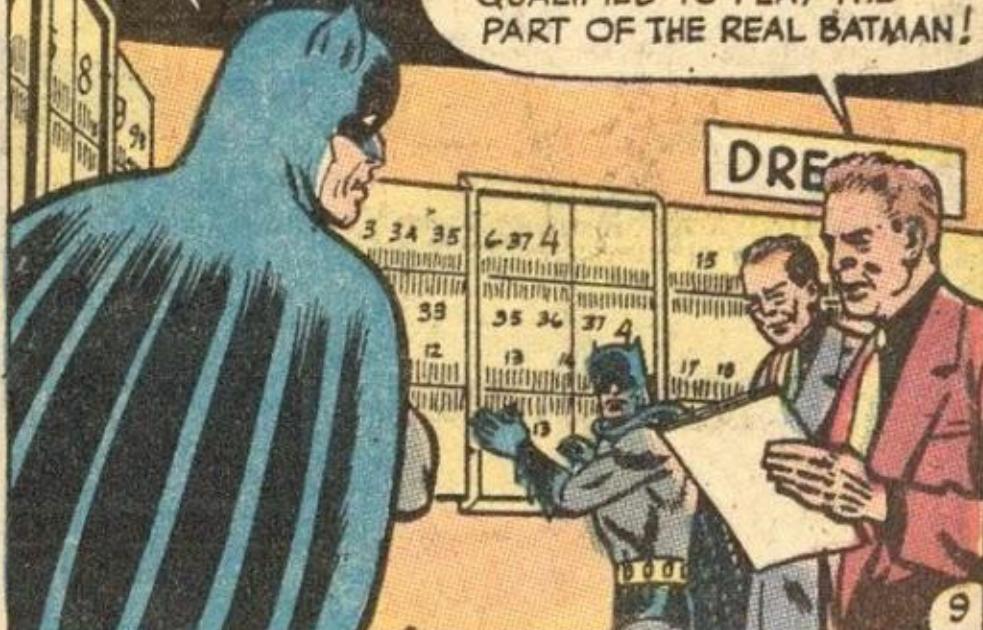
NOW-- MATHEMATICS! WE WANT TO WATCH HOW YOU USE YOUR SLIDE-RULES-- SO WE'VE HAD THESE GIANT ONES CONSTRUCTED!



BOTH CONTESTANTS ARE GIVEN A PROBLEM! SWIFTLY THEY MANIPULATE THEIR SLIDE-RULES. AND THEN...

THE ANSWER IS 458, TO THE 7TH POWER!

CORRECT! I GUESS THAT DOES IT, MEN! WALLS HAS CLEARLY SHOWN HIS SUPERIORITY! HE'S THE MAN QUALIFIED TO PLAY THE PART OF THE REAL BATMAN!



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BATMAN

BUT LATER...

NO LUCK! WALLS
MUST HAVE DESTROYED
ALL THE EVIDENCE!
WHAT HAPPENS NOW??

YOU'D
BETTER GO
BACK! I'LL
STAY HERE
AS DREXEL--
AND HOPE I
CAN THINK OF
SOMETHING...

NEXT MORNING, IN THE ACADEMY MESS HALL...

DON'T FEEL BADLY, DREXEL!
THAT WALLS IS A WONDER!
HIS FEATS WERE INCREDIBLE!
WHY--HE COULD BEAT
BATMAN IF HE HAD TO!

EMERGENCY ALERT,
MEN! WE'VE BEEN
TRICKED! THERE'S
A SPY AMONG US--
BATMAN!!

IT'S TRUE. WE FOUND
A PIECE OF **UNIFORM**
ON ONE OF OUR FENCES!
AND NOT FROM ONE OF
OUR **PHONY** UNIFORMS!
IT'S THE REAL THING!
HE MUST HAVE TORN
HIS UNIFORM LAST
NIGHT, WITHOUT
REALIZING IT!

BATMAN--
AMONG US!!
SAAAY--WAIT
A MINUTE!
ARE YOU
FELLOWS
THINKING
WHAT I AM ???

WALLS--
WHO
ELSE!!?
WHO ELSE
COULD HAVE
PULLED THE
FEATS HE
DID--IF NOT
BATMAN!!!?

BUT YOU'RE
CRAZY!
I'M NOT
BATMAN!
I SWEAR
IT!

AND MOMENTS LATER, IN WALLS' ROOM...

GO ON! WE'VE GOT
YOU DEAD TO RIGHTS!
WHO BUT BATMAN
COULD HAVE ROLLED
UP THE INCREDIBLE
SCORE YOU DID ???

LOCK HIM
UP! WE'LL
SENTENCE THE
TRAITOR TO-
MORROW AS
PER OUR BY-
LAWS! DRESS
HIM IN HIS
MOCK BATMAN
UNIFORM!

BUT I **CHEATED!**
THAT'S HOW I
SCORED SO HIGH!
I CHEATED!
I'M BEING
FRAMED!

HA-HA!
TELL ME
ANOTHER
ONE.

I'M SORRY,
DREXEL! THE
LEADERSHIP
OF THE
ACADEMY IS
RIGHTFULLY
YOURS! YOU'LL
BE INITIATED
AT ONCE!

AND THAT NIGHT, AFTER BATMAN HAS BEEN INITIATED
AND LEARNED THE VITAL SECRET HE HAS BEEN SEEKING,
INFORMATION AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE GANG'S
LOOT...

THE COPS!
WE'RE
TRAPPED!

BATMAN'S
ESCAPED OUR
JAIL! HE
MUST BE
BEHIND THIS!



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MEANWHILE ...

GOTHAM CITY JAIL WILL BE SAFER, WALLS! I FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU-- SOME ENRAGED STUDENT MIGHT TAKE A SHOT AT YOU! THAT'S WHY WE'RE GOING THIS WAY!

THEY THOUGHT I WAS YOU! BUT I KNEW DIFFERENT! YOU MUST BE DREXEL-- YOU DOUBLE-CROSSER!

SUDDENLY THE ENRAGED WALLS TURNS INTO A WILD-CAT! A FIERCE BATTLE SWAYS ACROSS THE LEDGE! AND THEN...

SOMEONE HAS WON! BUT WHO?? I CAN'T SEE FROM HERE!

BATMAN--IS THAT YOU??



A LONE FIGURE DESCENDS SLOWLY FROM THE LEDGE! ROBIN, WAITING TENSELY, SUDDENLY FREEZES AT WHAT HE SEES!

THAT NUMBER! IT'S WALLS!! HE'S KILLED BATMAN! HE'S KILLED BATMAN!

BUT THEN,

TAKE IT EASY, ROBIN! JUST A GAG -- IT'S ME! I THOUGHT THESE NUMERALS MIGHT LOOK NICE IN OUR HALL OF TROPHIES!

WOW-- YOU SURE FOOLED ME! YOU'VE BEEN FULL OF TRICKS LATELY-- LIKE PLANTING THAT PIECE OF BATMAN UNIFORM BECAUSE YOU KNEW EVERYONE'D SUSPECT WALLS! THERE WAS A FELLOW MADE HIMSELF TOO GOOD-- AND ENDED UP TOO BAD!



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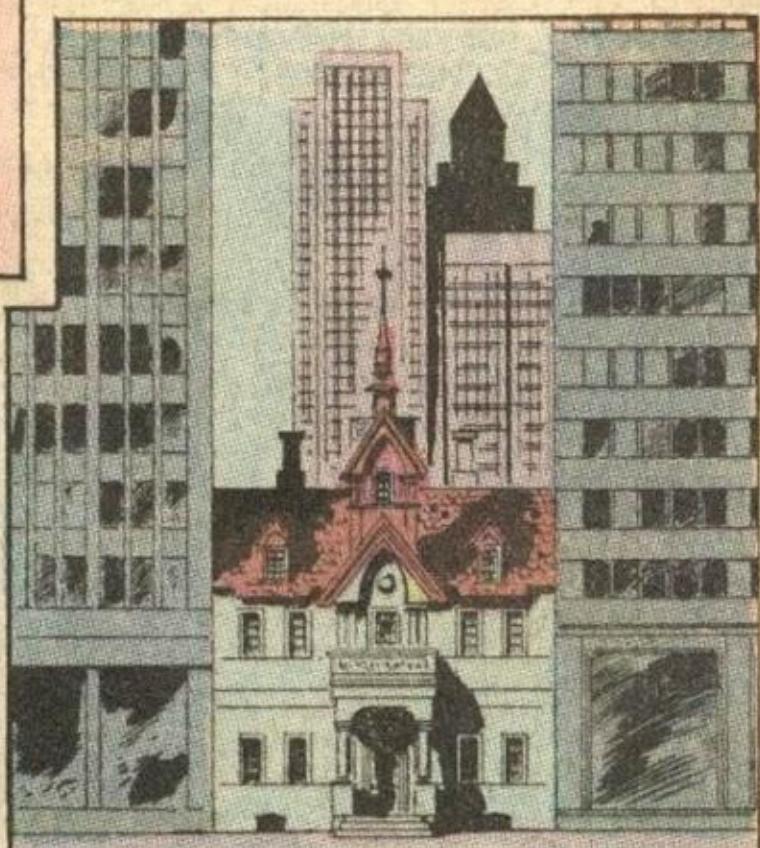


ON SALE NOV. 9

YOU ARE ABOUT TO EXPERIENCE ONE OF THE STRANGEST MEETINGS EVER CONVENED--A JOINING OF THE FOUR MOST UNUSUAL PEOPLE ON EARTH! SIT QUIETLY IN THE SHADOWS OF THIS CLANDESTINE CONFERENCE AND OBSERVE IT WELL! FOR FROM IT SHALL SOON BE BORN...

THE

DOOM PATROL



IN THE SUB-STRUCTURE
OF A STATELY BUILDING
IN A BUSTLING CITY...

YOU THREE ARE VICTIMS OF A CRUEL AND FANTASTIC FATE! I SUMMONED YOU HERE TO GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHEAT THAT FATE BY OFFERING YOU THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE ADVENTURES MORE INCREDIBLE THAN ANY HUMANS HAVE EVER KNOWN!

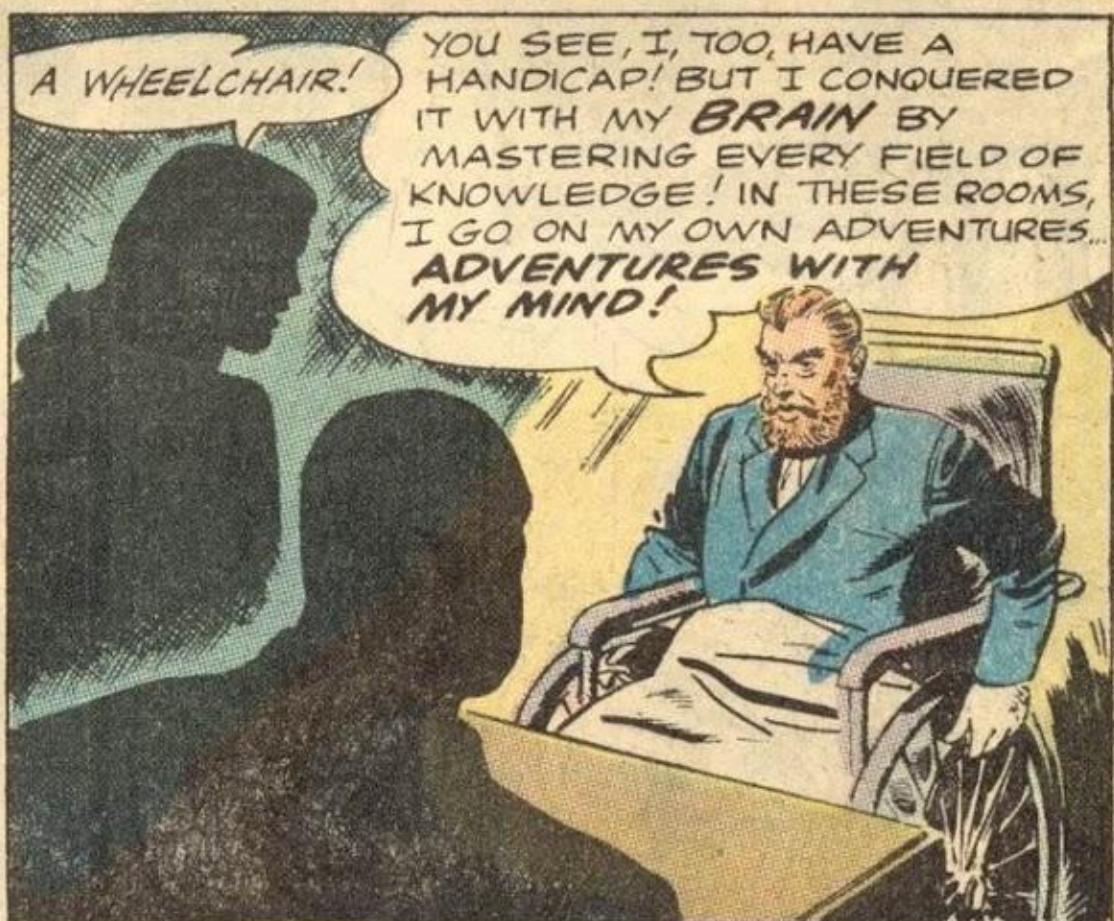
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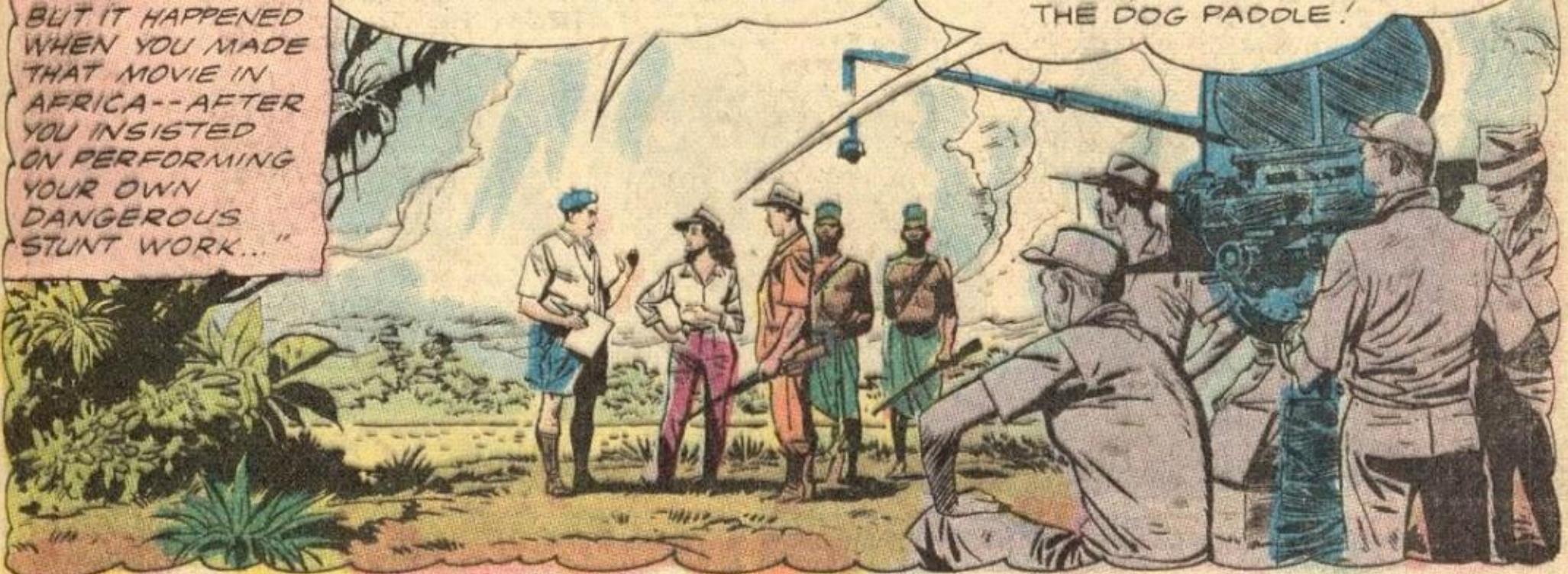
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"DO NOT QUESTION ME HOW I KNOW THESE THINGS--BUT IT HAPPENED WHEN YOU MADE THAT MOVIE IN AFRICA--AFTER YOU INSISTED ON PERFORMING YOUR OWN DANGEROUS STUNT WORK..."

RITA--THIS IS THE SCENE IN WHICH YOU'RE CHASED BY A CROCODILE! BE CAREFUL!

DON'T WORRY, MITCH--I DIDN'T WIN A SWIMMING GOLD MEDAL AT THE OLYMPICS FOR DOING THE DOG PADDLE!



"YES, IT WAS THE REAL THING--INCLUDING THE GENUINE CROCODILUS NILOTICUS IN RESIDENCE ALONG THAT RIVER..."

HERE COMES ONE!
HOPE THOSE BOYS
KEEP IT IN THEIR
RIFLE SIGHTS!

"YOU WANTED REALISM IN YOUR PICTURES,
BUT THIS TIME THINGS SUDDENLY BECAME
TOO REAL, RITA FARR..."

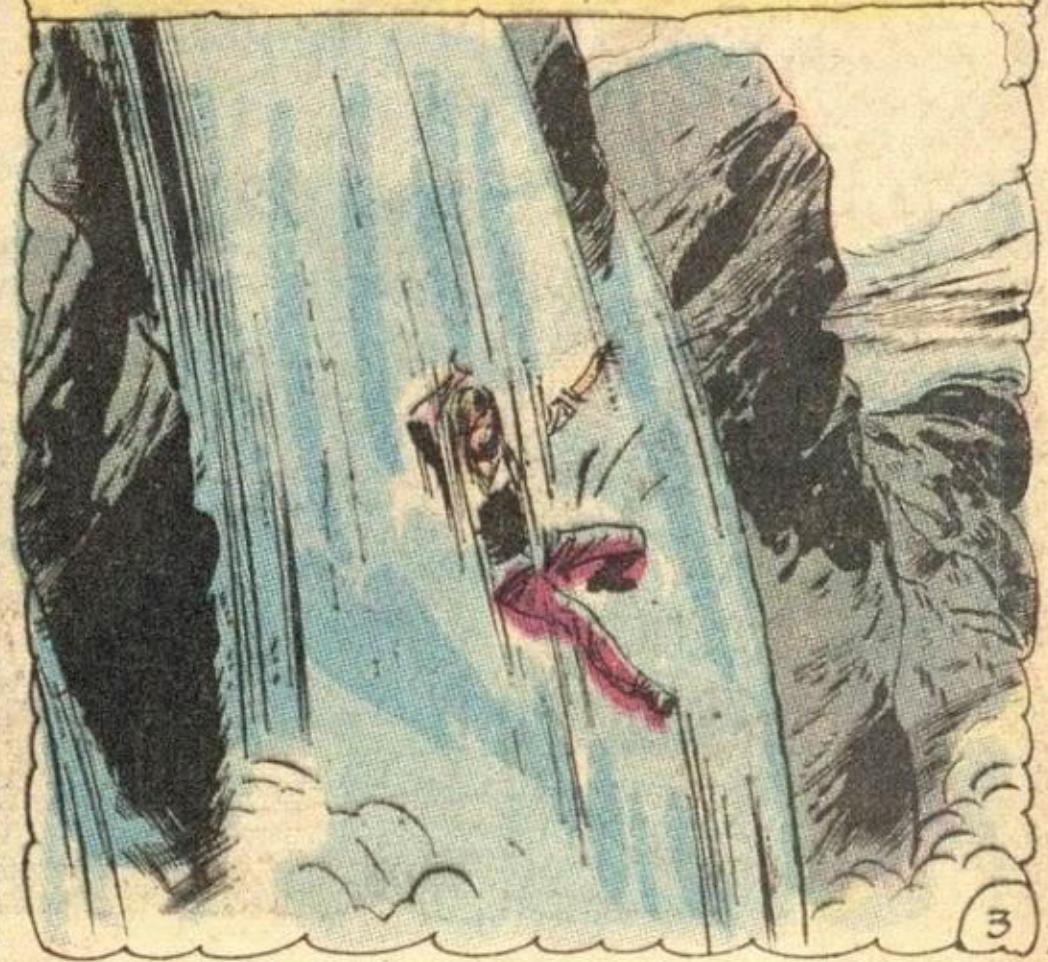
GOOD HEAVENS! I'VE BEEN CAUGHT IN A
STRONG CURRENT AND AM BEING
CARRIED BEYOND GUN RANGE... AND
THAT BIG LIZARD IS
GAINING ON ME!



"THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO SHAKE THAT BEAST..."

THE FALLS... I'VE GOT
TO SHOOT OVER THEM!
THE CROC WON'T
FOLLOW ME!

"SURE ENOUGH, THE POWERFUL CROC
SWERVED OFF, BUT YOU, RITA, WENT
OVER LIKE A HELPLESS LEAF..."



SUPER SPECTACULAR

"YOUR NIMBLE BODY PLUS YOUR AQUATIC SKILL ENABLED YOU TO SURVIVE THAT INCREDIBLE PLUNGE..."

"I'M ALIVE! AGH! GAS VAPORS FROM THESE ODD HOLES... CHOKING ME... MUST CRAWL AWAY FROM HERE..."

"YOU DRAGGED YOURSELF FROM THAT WEIRD TERRAIN AND COLLAPSED FROM EXHAUSTION UNTIL THE SEARCH PARTY FOUND YOU..."

IT'S RITA!

SHE'S IN BAD SHAPE! RADIO FOR THE AMBULANCE PLANE FROM NAIROBI!

"FOR DAYS, YOU LAY STRICKEN WITH AN ILLNESS NO DOCTOR COULD DIAGNOSE, BUT AFTER AWHILE YOU RECOVERED..."

WE'RE READY TO SHOOT OUR NEXT SCENES! WHERE'S RITA?

FOR THE LUCCA MIKE--LOOK!

CLUMP CLUMP

RITA! SHE'S BECOME A-GIANT!

HELP ME...
HELP ME...
SOMEBODY,
PLEASE
HELP!

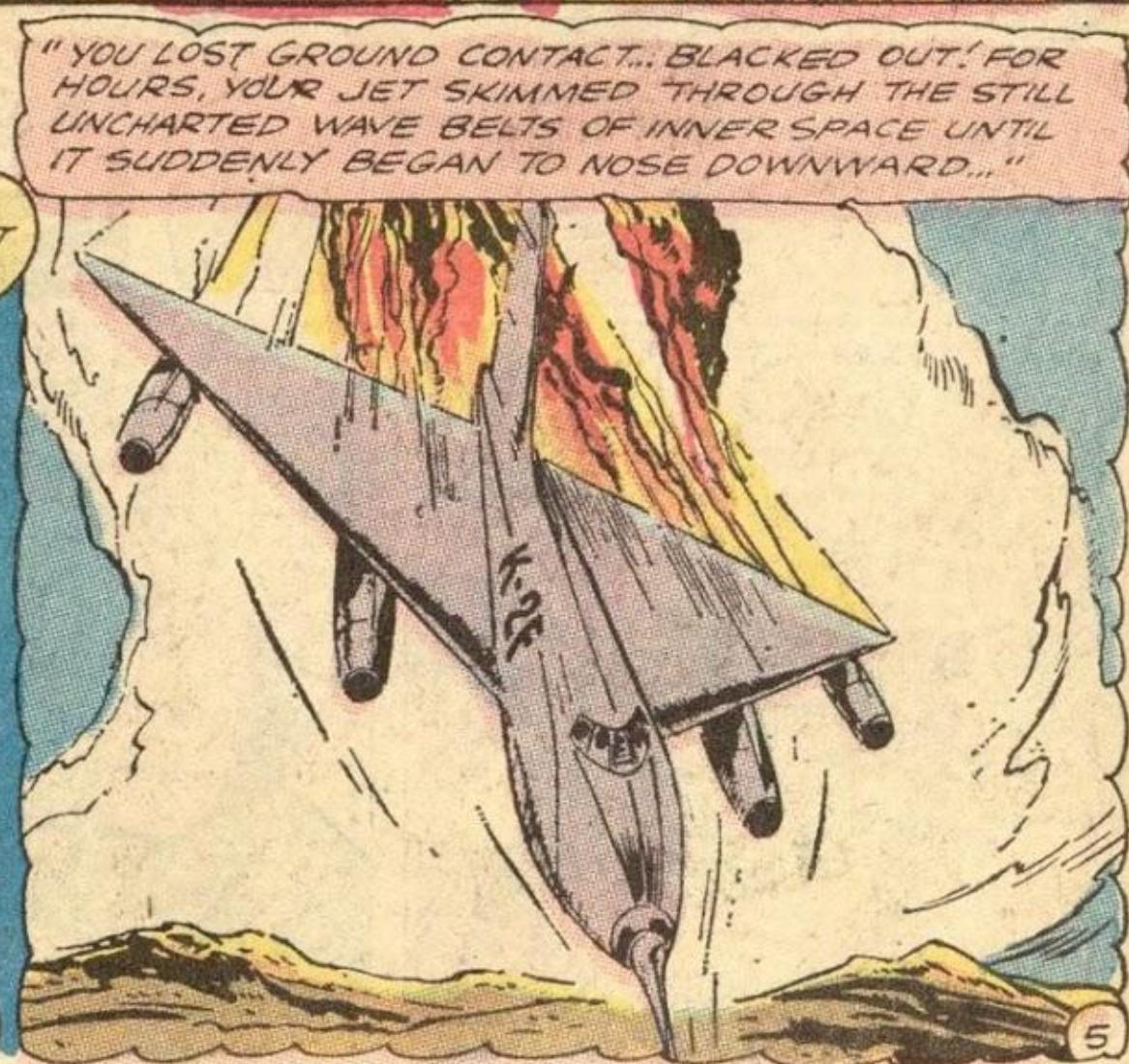
LOOK OUT!

"THEN, AS THE ASTONISHED MOVIE CREW RECOILED BEFORE THE APPROACH OF YOUR MAMMOTH FORM..."

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HER NOW!
SHE'S SHRINKING!

RITA! WHAT'S COME OVER YOU?
CAN YOU TELL US? RITA!

DOOM PATROL



SUPER SPECTACULAR

"YOU REVIVED IN TIME TO CRASH-LAND THE K-2F ON A DRY LAKE BED! AS YOU CLIMBED OUT, SEEMINGLY UNHARMED..."

"IT'S A PLANE FROM THE BASE TO PICK ME UP! GOOD GRIEF! ONLY ONE WHEEL'S DOWN! THE PILOT DOESN'T KNOW IT! HE'LL CRACK UP--!"



"DEPRIVED OF YOUR STRENGTH, YOU COULD ONLY LOOK ON IN A KIND OF AMAZED STUPOR..."



"IT'S PULLING THE OTHER WHEEL DOWN! HE'S GOING TO LAND OKAY!"

PERHAPS! BUT WHAT YOU DON'T REALIZE IS THAT WHILE NEGATIVE MAN FUNCTIONS, I'M BARELY CONSCIOUS! AND IF HE DOESN'T RETURN WITHIN 60 SECONDS... I DIE! HOW'D YOU LIKE TO LIVE WITH THAT?



"BUT AS YOU WATCHED HELPLESSLY, AN EXTRAORDINARY THING OCCURRED..."

A STRANGE DUPLICATE... EMERGING FROM MY OWN BODY!



I CAN ONLY SPECULATE, LARRY, THAT UNKNOWN WAVE BELTS BOMBARDING YOUR BODY FLOATING IN SPACE WITHOUT ADEQUATE PROTECTION ARE WHAT CREATED THAT BIZARRE BEING--THAT NEGATIVE MAN!



BUT YOU CAN CONTROL NEGATIVE MAN WITH YOUR WILL, LARRY-- AND USE HIS GREAT POWERS FOR GOOD-- INSTEAD OF RETREATING FROM LIFE AS YOU'VE DONE!

I WON'T DO IT! I WON'T-- AND NOTHING ON EARTH WILL MAKE ME CHANGE MY MIND!



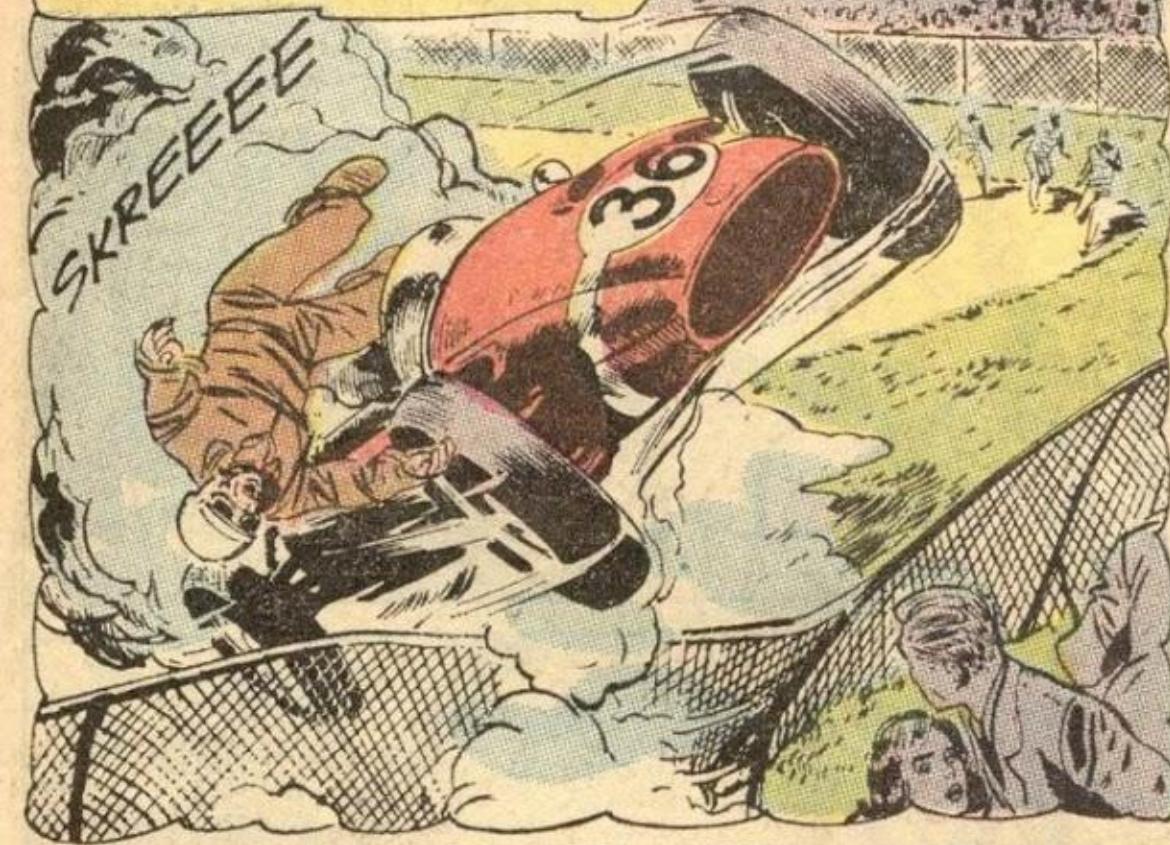
DOOM PATROL

I SUPPOSE IT'S MY TURN NOW! BUT I'LL SAVE YOU THE TROUBLE OF RELATING MY STORY! I'LL TELL IT MYSELF... MY WAY!

GOOD HEAVENS... HE'S NOT HUMAN! HE'S... A... A ROBOT!

I WAS HUMAN ONCE... YOU MAY REMEMBER CLIFF STEELE, A DARE-DEVIL IN SEARCH OF EXCITEMENT AND DANGER...

"IT HAPPENED AT A EUROPEAN TRACK WHILE I WAS ROUNDING A KILLER CURVE IN MY OWN SOUPED-UP SPECIAL..."



"I CAME TO IN A HOSPITAL ROOM-- FIGHTING DEATH..."

IT'S HOPELESS. HIS BRAIN'S NOT DAMAGED, BUT HIS BODY'S BEYOND REPAIR.

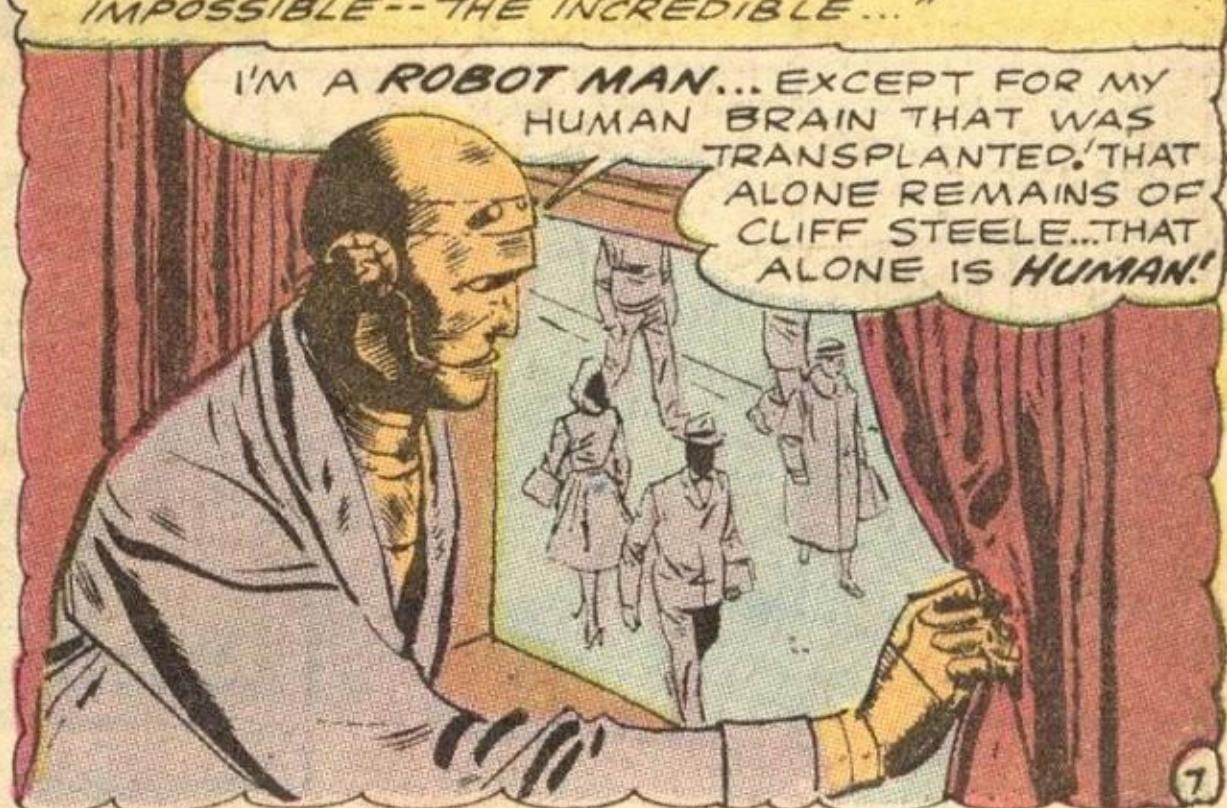
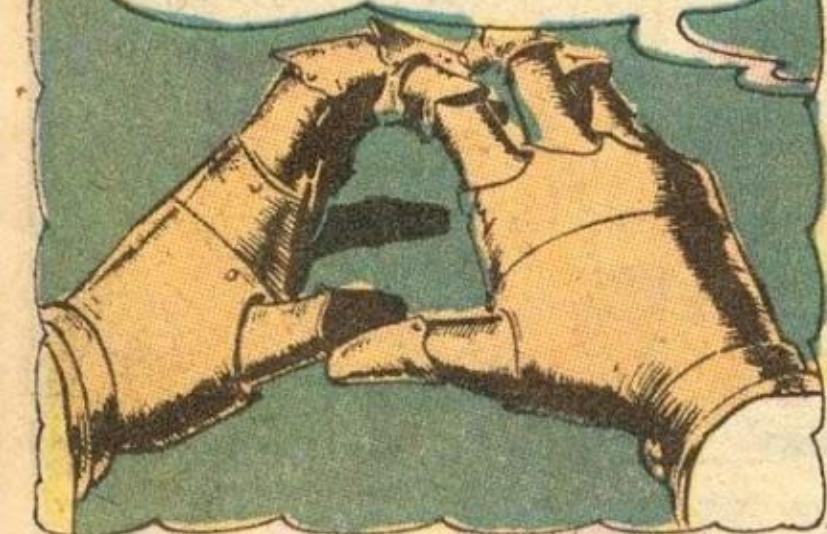
ONE MAN MIGHT SAVE HIM... ONE SURGICAL WIZARD-- IF WE CAN CONTACT HIM IN TIME!

"DIMLY, THROUGH A CLOUD OF ANESTHESIA, I REMEMBER A MAN-- A VERY SHORT MAN -- OPERATING ON ME! AN ETERNITY LATER, AS I OPENED MY EYES..."

METAL HANDS! THEY... THEY'RE MY HANDS!

"THAT GENIUS WHO'D SAVED MY LIFE HAD PERFORMED THE IMPOSSIBLE-- THE INCREDIBLE..."

I'M A ROBOT MAN... EXCEPT FOR MY HUMAN BRAIN THAT WAS TRANSPLANTED! THAT ALONE REMAINS OF CLIFF STEELE... THAT ALONE IS HUMAN!





SUPER SPECTACULAR



"SURE, MY ROBOT BODY WAS PERFECT--AND I COULD PERFORM ALL MY FORMER FEATS EVEN BETTER THAN BEFORE BUT..."

COMPETE WITH THAT MECHANICAL CHARACTER? WHAT CHANCE HAVE WE GOT AGAINST HIM--OR SHOULD I SAY "IT"?"

YOU'RE RIGHT! EITHER HE PULLS OUT, OR WE DO!

AND YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME I'VE GOT NO REASON TO BE BITTER... NO REASON TO FEEL I'M AN OUTCAST?

BUT YOU FORGET, IN YOUR SELF-PITY, HOW UNIQUE YOU ARE! YOU'RE INVULNERABLE TO MOST DANGERS -- UNBELIEVABLY STRONG AND YOUR LIVING BRAIN STILL THRILLS TO YOUR FIVE SENSES!

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE... BEING TRAPPED INSIDE THIS METAL BODY? HOW DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME. AT ALL?

I KNOW, CLIFF.. BECAUSE **I** WAS THAT SURGEON!

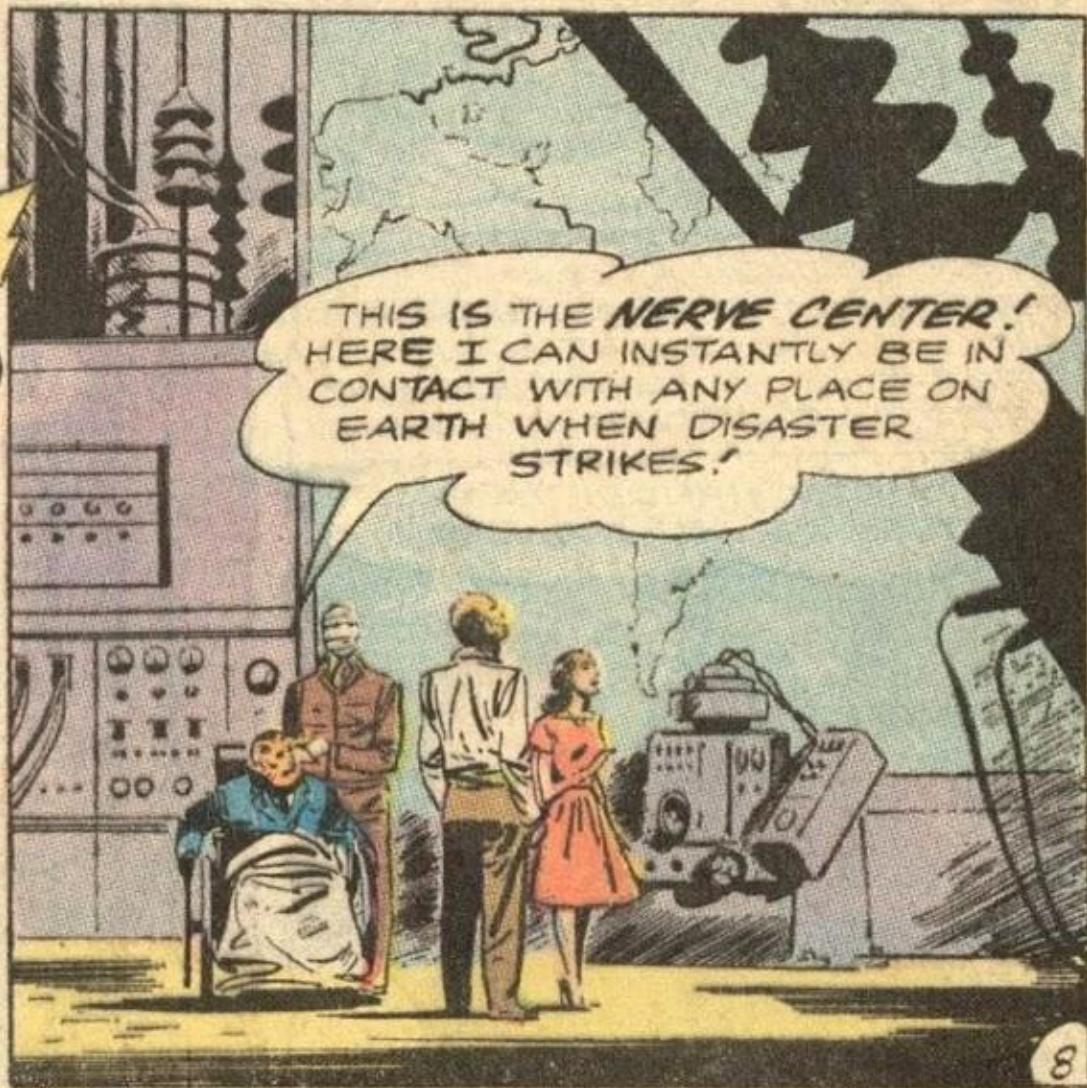
A GASP GREETS THE ANNOUNCEMENT...

INCREDIBLE!

IT...IT... **MUST BE HIM!** HE OPERATED FROM HIS WHEEL-CHAIR... THAT'S WHY HE SEEMED SHORT TO ME!

NOW WITH SILENCE BORN OF A NEW RESPECT, THEY FOLLOW THEIR AMAZING HOST ALONG A CORRIDOR...

MY HEADQUARTERS CONTAINS ALMOST ALL THE WORLD'S KNOWLEDGE... EVERY TECHNIQUE OF OPERATION... EVERY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS!



DOOM PATROL

OBVIOUSLY, I CAN'T GO TO THOSE AREAS--
BUT YOU THREE CAN--AND USE
YOUR UNIQUE POWERS! I WOULD REMAIN
HERE... GUIDING YOU AS YOUR LEADER...

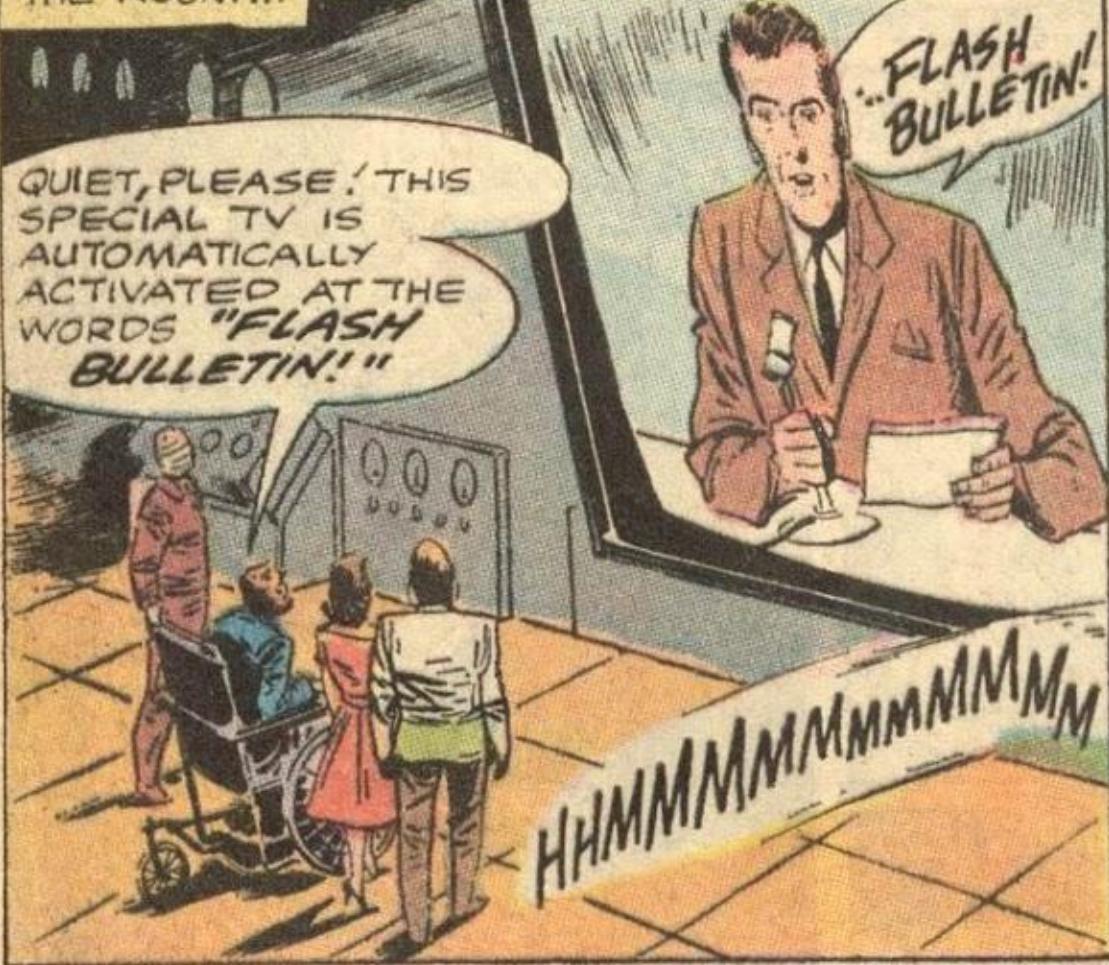


YOU'RE AN AMAZING GUY--AND THIS
SET-UP IS IMPRESSIVE, BUT COULD
YOU HELP US FROM
A GREAT
DISTANCE?

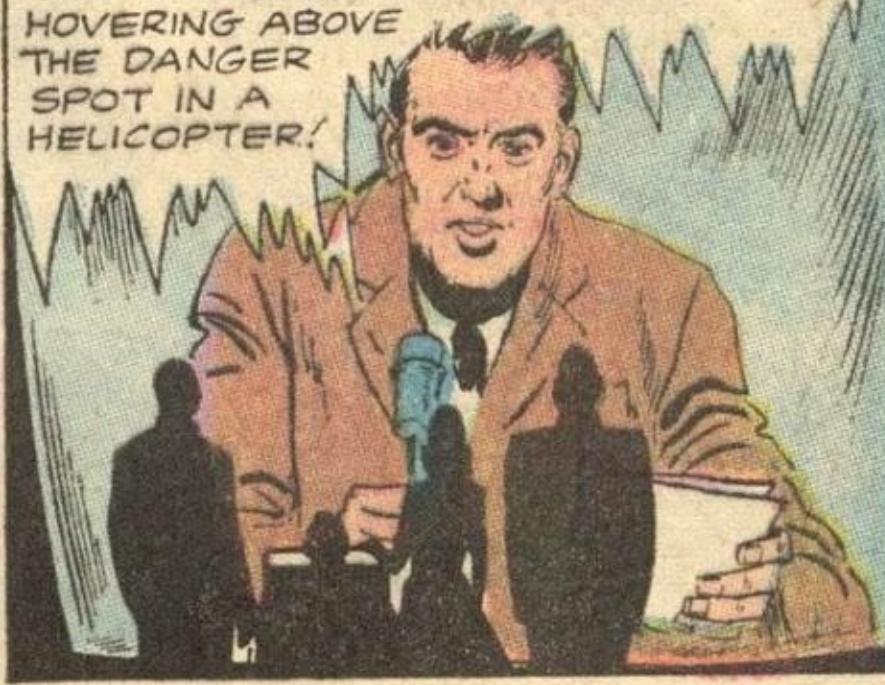
IT DOESN'T
SEEM LIKELY!



JUST THEN, AN ELECTRONIC HUMMING FILLS
THE ROOM...



A TIME BOMB ON THE NORTH STREET
PIER MAY GO OFF AT ANY MOMENT!
POLICE ARE BEGINNING TO
EVACUATE THE ENTIRE AREA. NOW
WE TAKE YOU TO THE HARBOR,
WHERE OUR CAMERA UNIT IS
HOVERING ABOVE
THE DANGER
SPOT IN A
HELICOPTER!



THE BOMB IS HIDDEN
IN ONE OF THESE CRATES,
BUT DETECTORS HAVE
FAILED TO LOCATE
THE DEADLY OBJECT!



LARRY--THIS IS A JOB FOR YOUR OTHER
HALF... **NEGATIVE MAN!** ONLY HE CAN
REACH THE DOCKS AND LOCATE THE
BOMB IN TIME WITH THIS NEW TYPE OF
DETECTOR I INVENTED! WILL YOU
HELP ME IN THIS EMERGENCY?

I... WHY,
SURE!



SUPER SPECTACULAR

GRASPING THE INSTRUMENT, LARRY CONCENTRATES ALL HIS WILL POWER...

AND HE'S COLLAPSING...

THAT WEIRD FIGURE IS SPLITTING AWAY FROM HIS BODY--



AN INSTANT LATER, THE NEGATIVE FORM HAS VANISHED AS LARRY LIES INERT...

HE'S GOT JUST **60 SECONDS** TO FIND IT AND RETURN! IF HE'S A MERE SECOND LATE GETTING BACK, LARRY WILL DIE!

SO WILL HUNDREDS OF OTHERS--IF HE DOESN'T LOCATE THAT TNT!



THE TRIO EYES THE GIANT SCREEN TENSELY...

HE'S REACHED THE DOCK-- AND HAS BEGIN TO SEARCH WITH YOUR GADGET! WILL HE BE IN TIME?

10 SECONDS...
11 SECONDS...



ABRUPTLY...

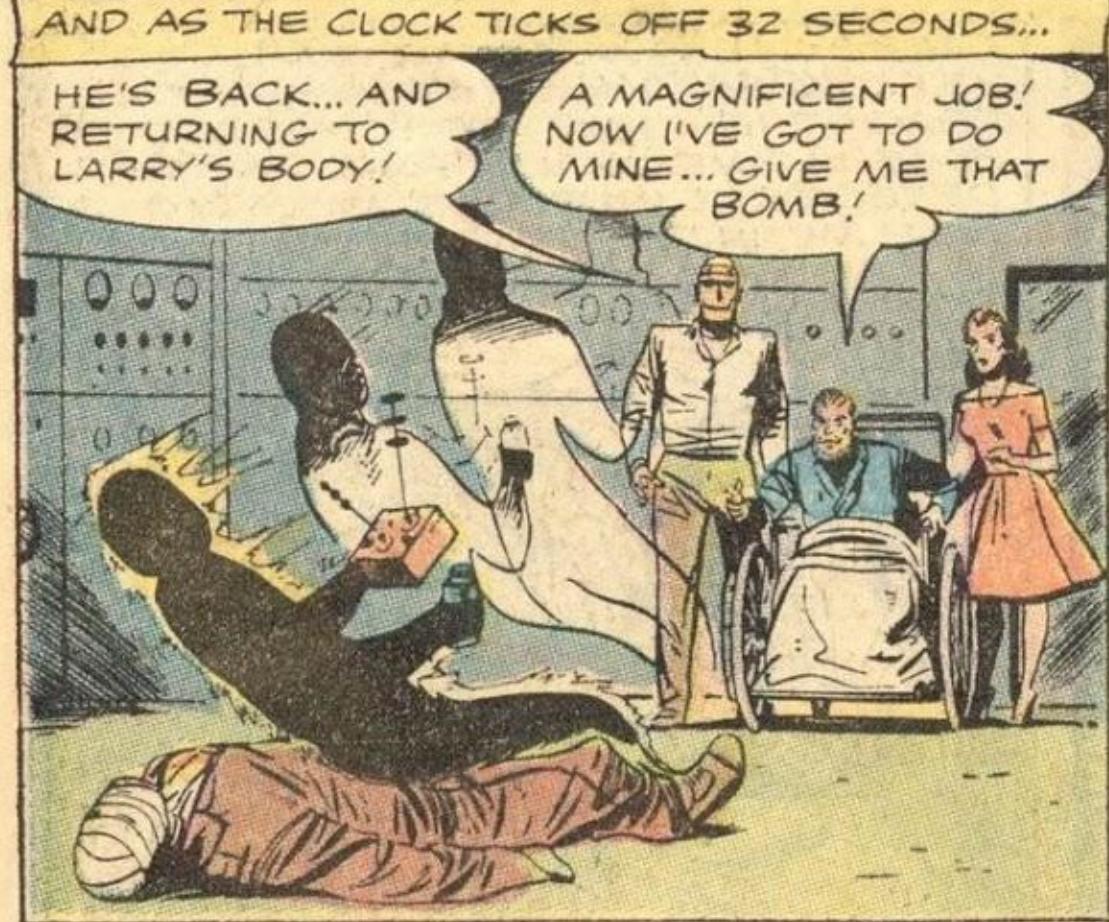
HE FOUND IT!
21 SECONDS...
22...



AND AS THE CLOCK TICKS OFF 32 SECONDS...

HE'S BACK... AND RETURNING TO LARRY'S BODY!

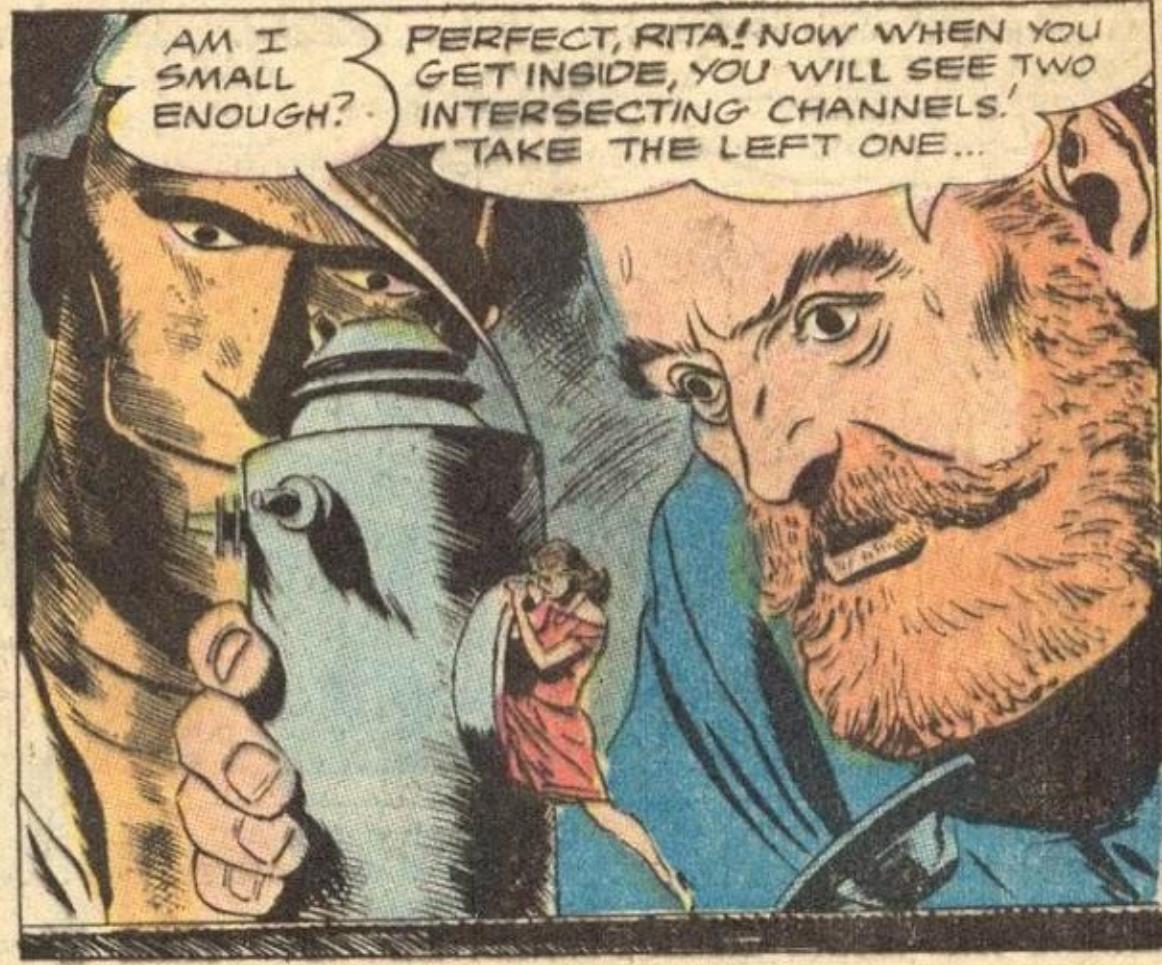
A MAGNIFICENT JOB! NOW I'VE GOT TO DO MINE... GIVE ME THAT BOMB!



ANYTHING WRONG?

IT'S A NEW TYPE OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE-- WITH A SPECIAL TIMER INSIDE! DEACTIVATING IT BY NORMAL METHODS WOULD SET IT OFF! RITA! I MUST ASK YOU TO VOLUNTEER NOW!





AS THE DARING GIRL
RESUMES HER NORMAL SIZE...

BUT YOU
HELPED, TOO,
LARRY! OR
RATHER, YOUR OTHER
SELF, NEGATIVE
MAN,
DID!

NICE GOING! IF IT
WEREN'T FOR
YOU, A LOT OF
PEOPLE WOULDN'T
BE ALIVE NOW!

DON'T FORGET CLIFF,
WHO WAS READY
TO DESTROY HIM-
SELF BY MUFFLING
THE BOMB!

BUT YOU--YOU
WERE MOST
IMPORTANT!
YOU'RE THE
BRAIN, ALL
RIGHT!



WELL, BOYS, WHAT DO YOU SAY? ARE WE A TEAM ... DEDICATED TO ADVENTURE ... ANYWHERE ... ANYTIME...?



AT THAT MOMENT, A UNIQUE BAND IS BORN...



NOW THE GREATEST TEST AWAITS US... OUR FIRST OFFICIAL MISSION! ONLY BY ITS SUCCESS--OR FAILURE--WILL WE KNOW IF FOUR OUTCASTS OF THE WORLD CAN STILL FIND A PLACE IN IT!

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EVEN AT THAT MOMENT, SOME DISTANCE AWAY, A SINISTER FIGURE, USING A UNIQUE SCIENTIFIC CREATION, SPIES DIRECTLY ON THE CHIEF...

CHAPTER 2

SO THAT'S WHY HE CALLED THIS CLANDESTINE MEETING! BUT NOW HIS SECRET SHALL BE MINE, TOO!

THIS IS A SECRET PHOTO OF THE FIRST KNOWN ALIEN SPACE SHIP TO LAND ON EARTH--AND IT MUST REMAIN OUR SECRET--BECAUSE IT CONTAINS THE MOST DEADLY DEVICE EVER DREAMED OF!



WHO IS THIS SEEMINGLY AGELESS MAN WHO CAN PIERCE THE VERY WALLS OF THE CHIEF'S SUBTERRANEAN HEADQUARTERS? WHAT IS THE MYSTERY BEHIND...

the CHALLENGE of the TIMELESS COMMANDER

IT IS MY GUESS THAT THE BRILLIANT FLASHES OF OUR LARGER NUCLEAR TESTS WERE DETECTED BY ANOTHER WORLD... WHICH TRIED TO ORBIT THIS ROBOT SHIP AROUND EARTH TO INVESTIGATE US--BUT IT CRASH-LANDED!



DO YOU MEAN, YOU'VE ACTUALLY SEEN THIS SHIP?

NO! I HAVEN'T BEEN WITHIN 3,000 MILES OF IT! SO YOUR NEXT QUESTION IS--HOW DID I GET THIS PHOTOGRAPH?



SUPER SPECTACULAR

AS LIGHT FLOODS THE ROOM AGAIN...

ONE OF MY DRONE ROCKETS WHICH ARE ON CONSTANT PATROL, RETURNED WITH PHOTOGRAPHS AND X-RAYS OF THE CRAFT'S AMAZING CONTENTS! ONE ITEM IS A MACHINE CAPABLE OF TURNING **ANY** MATTER INTO ATOMIC FUEL! THIS COULD MEAN LIMITLESS FUEL FOR MANKIND!

BUT UNDERSTAND THIS! **ANY** ATOMIC FUEL IS A POTENTIAL EXPLOSIVE! WITH THIS MACHINE, ONE COULD CREATE A BOMB BIG ENOUGH TO DESTROY EVERY PLANET IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM!

MY THOUGHTS PRECISELY-- OLD "FRIEND"! HA, HA, HA.



THERE IS ONE MAN WHO WOULD STOP AT NOTHING TO GET HIS HANDS ON THIS DEVICE! HE POSSESSES THE MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINAL MIND ALIVE! HIS POWER IS WORLDWIDE AND BEYOND ESTIMATING! LISTEN--

THIS IS GENERAL IMMORTUS AT SUPREME HEADQUARTERS CALLING MY AGENTS IN ROME, MADRID AND TOKYO! I AM READY TO EXECUTE PLAN-B AT ONCE!

I HAVE NO TIME FOR THE REST OF THIS THOUGH IT WOULD BE ENJOYABLE TO HEAR WHAT ELSE HE SAYS ABOUT **ME**!

MADRID SPEAKING-- ROGER!

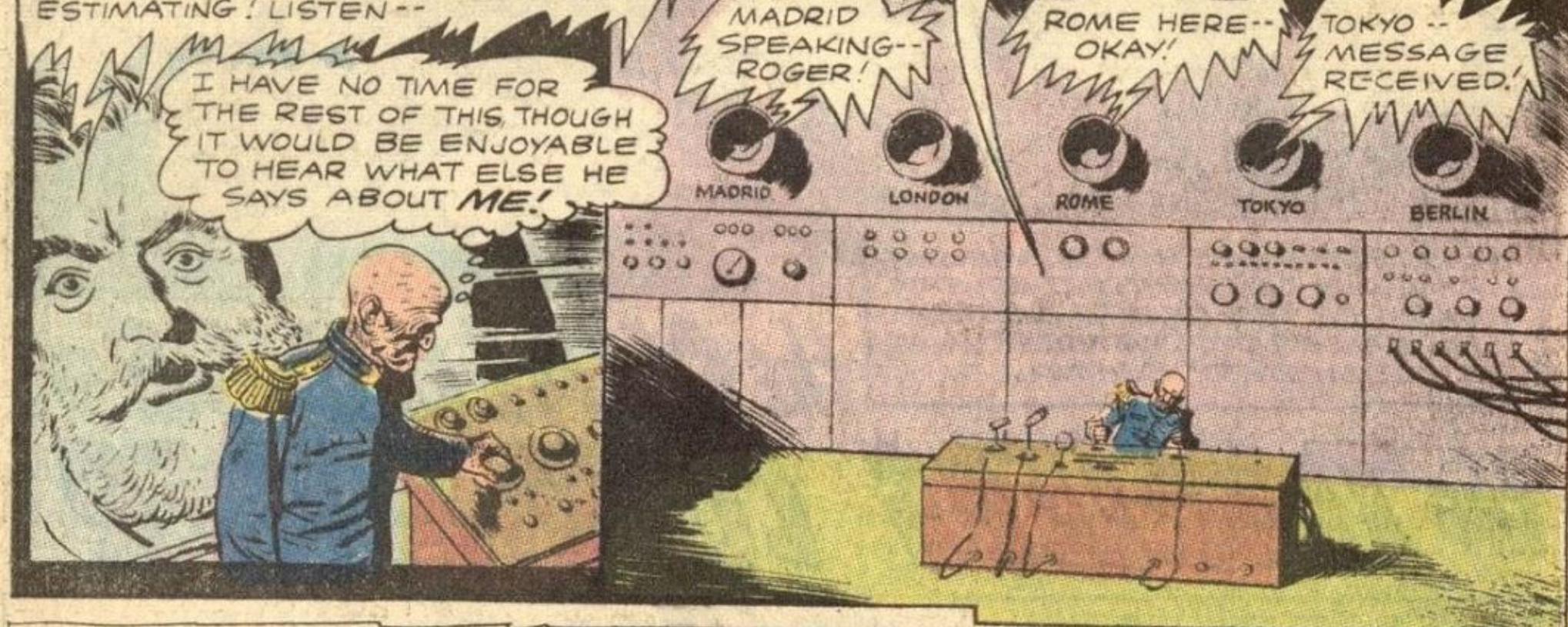
ROME HERE-- TOKYO -- OKAY! MESSAGE RECEIVED!

MADRID LONDON

ROME

TOKYO

BERLIN



EARLY NEXT DAY WITH LARRY TRANNOR AT THE CONTROLS OF A HUGE TRANSPORT PLANE...

THAT WAS A FANTASTIC YARN THE CHIEF TOLD US ABOUT THIS **GENERAL IMMORTUS**--A MAN AS OLD AS TIME!

HE DIDN'T SAY THAT! HE SAID, NO ONE KNOWS WHERE THE GENERAL CAME FROM OR HOW LONG HE'S BEEN ALIVE!

HE FAILED TO DEFEAT HIM THREE TIMES! ANYBODY WHO CAN CHECKMATE A BRAIN LIKE THE CHIEF EVEN ONCE HAS GOT TO BE **BIG TROUBLE**! I'M GONNA CHECK OUT THIS PORTABLE TV TRANSMITTER!



DOOM PATROL

AS CLIFF STEELE ADJUSTS THE EQUIPMENT STRAPPED TO HIS BODY...

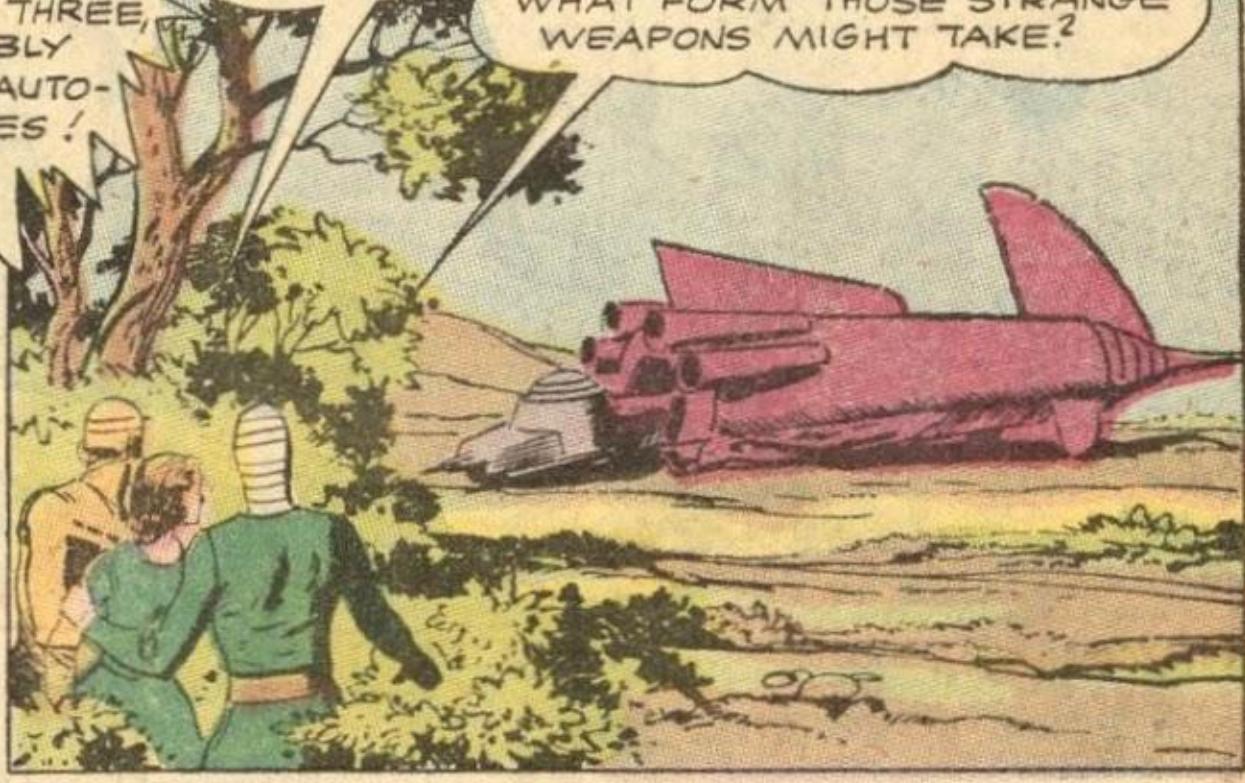
THERE IT IS! I'M DIRECTING THE CAMERA STRAIGHT AT IT, CHIEF!

I SEE IT, CLIFF! REMEMBER, YOU THREE, THIS SHIP PROBABLY HAS TERRIFYING AUTOMATIC DEFENSES! ADVANCE WITH CAUTION!

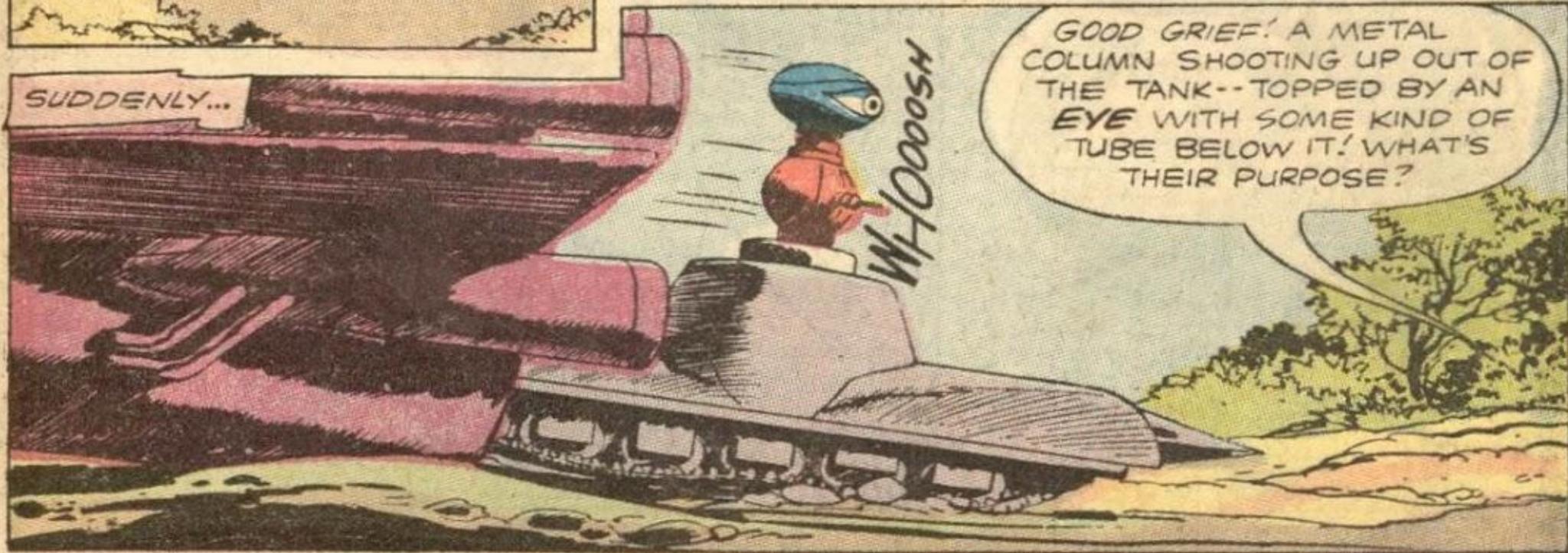
MINUTES LATER, AS THEY LAND AND APPROACH...

LOOK WHAT'S COMING OUT! IT LOOKS LIKE AN ODD TANK... BUT I DON'T SEE ANY WEAPONS!

DON'T BE SO SURE! WHO KNOWS WHAT FORM THOSE STRANGE WEAPONS MIGHT TAKE?



SUDDENLY...



GOOD GRIEF! A METAL COLUMN SHOOTING UP OUT OF THE TANK-- TOPPED BY AN EYE WITH SOME KIND OF TUBE BELOW IT! WHAT'S THEIR PURPOSE?

CAN YOU SEE IT, CHIEF? THAT "EYE" IS STARTING TO ROTATE!

YES-- AND I HAVE AN IDEA WHY, TOO! TAKE COVER, ALL OF YOU, AT ONCE!



THE CHIEF FIGURED IT OUT! IT'S AN ELECTRONIC SPOTTER WHICH DIRECTS THAT RAY CANNON! WE'RE IN FOR IT NOW!

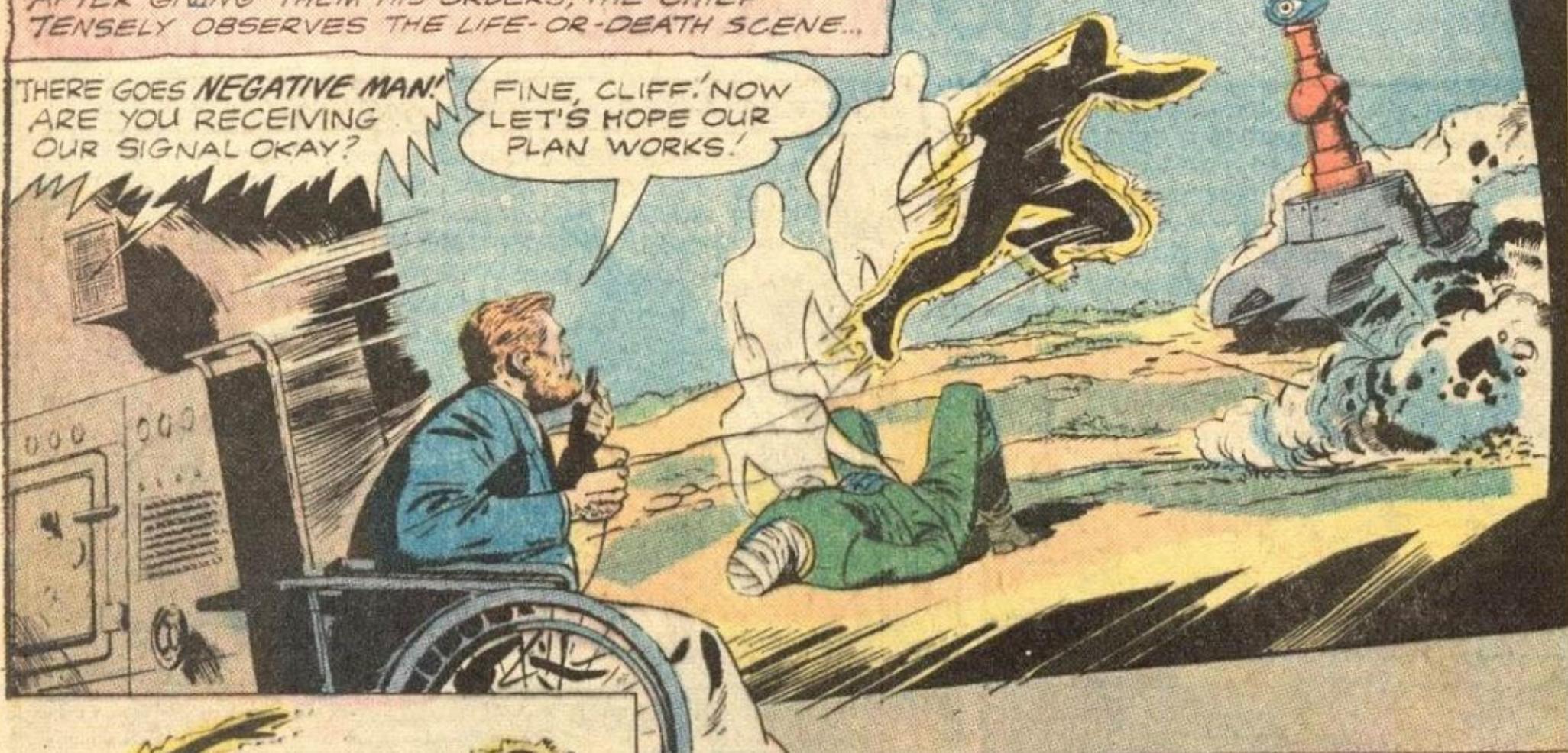
NO-- THERE'S A WAY TO BEAT IT!



AFTER GIVING THEM HIS ORDERS, THE CHIEF TENSELY OBSERVES THE LIFE-OR-DEATH SCENE...

THERE GOES NEGATIVE MAN! ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR SIGNAL OKAY?

FINE, CLIFF. NOW LET'S HOPE OUR PLAN WORKS!



HE DID IT, CLIFF--
BLOCKED ITS VISION.
NOW IT'S MY TURN!

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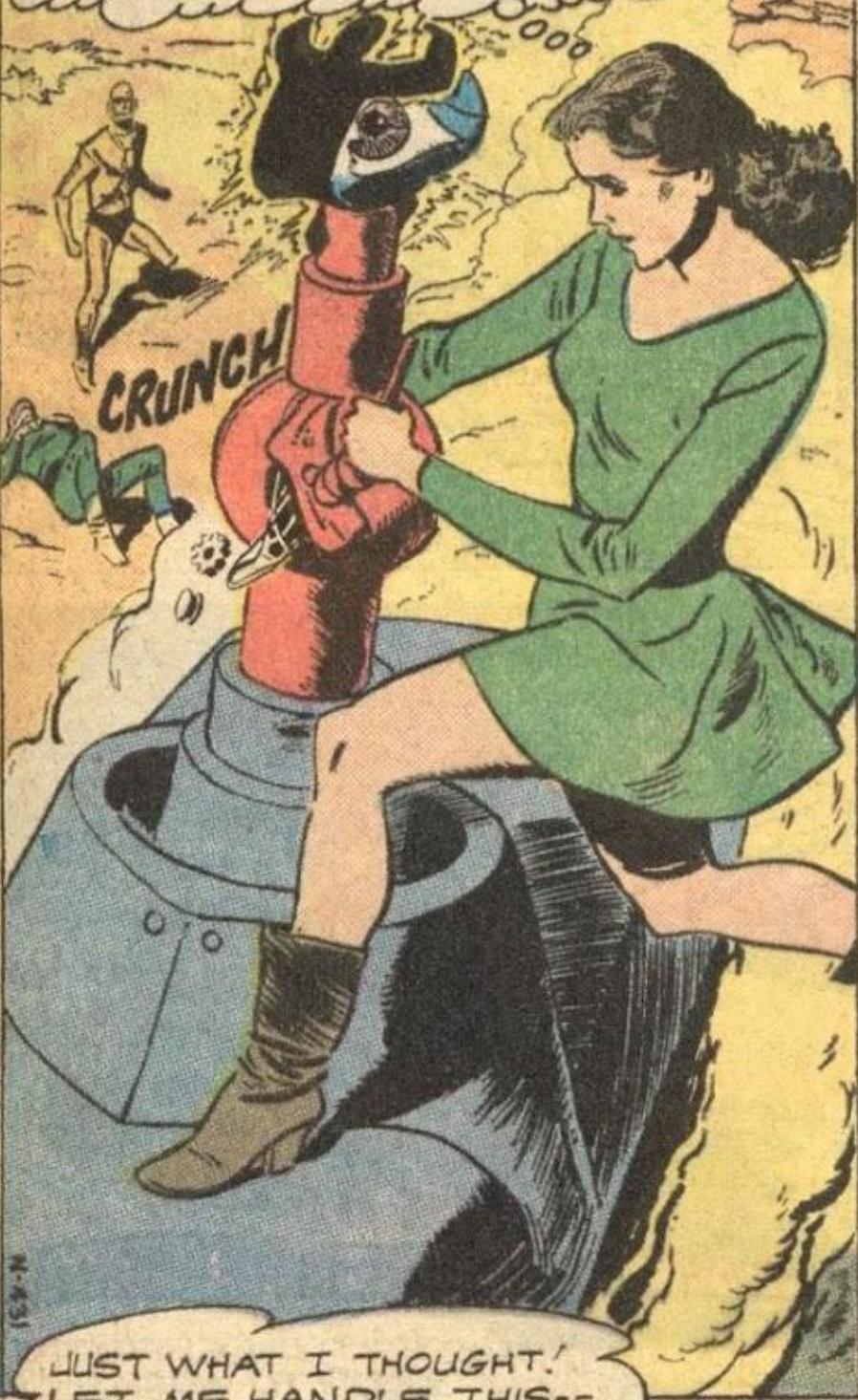
LIKE A GHOST FROM THE ASHES!

DOOM PATROL

CHAPTER 3 the DEADLY DUEL WITH GEN. IMMORTUS

BLINDED, THE RAY CANNON UNLEASHES AN AIMLESS FUSILLADE...

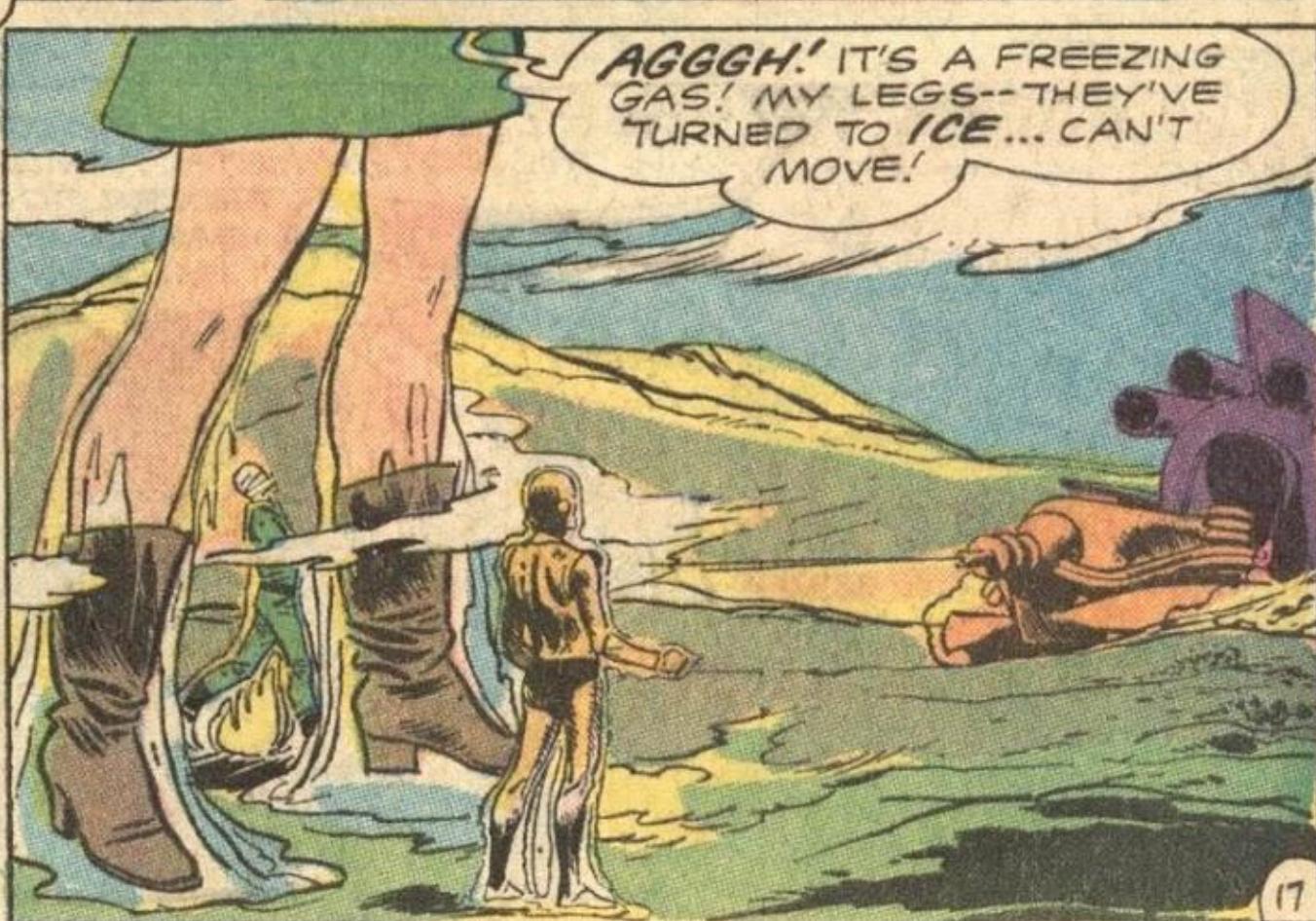
SNAPPING THIS OFF IS NO PROBLEM! WHEN I'M THIS SIZE, I'VE GOT INCREDIBLE STRENGTH!



JUST WHAT I THOUGHT!
LET ME HANDLE THIS--
WHATEVER IT IS!



THEN, AS THE WEIRD, ELECTRONIC SHAPE MERGES ONCE MORE WITH LARRY'S BODY...





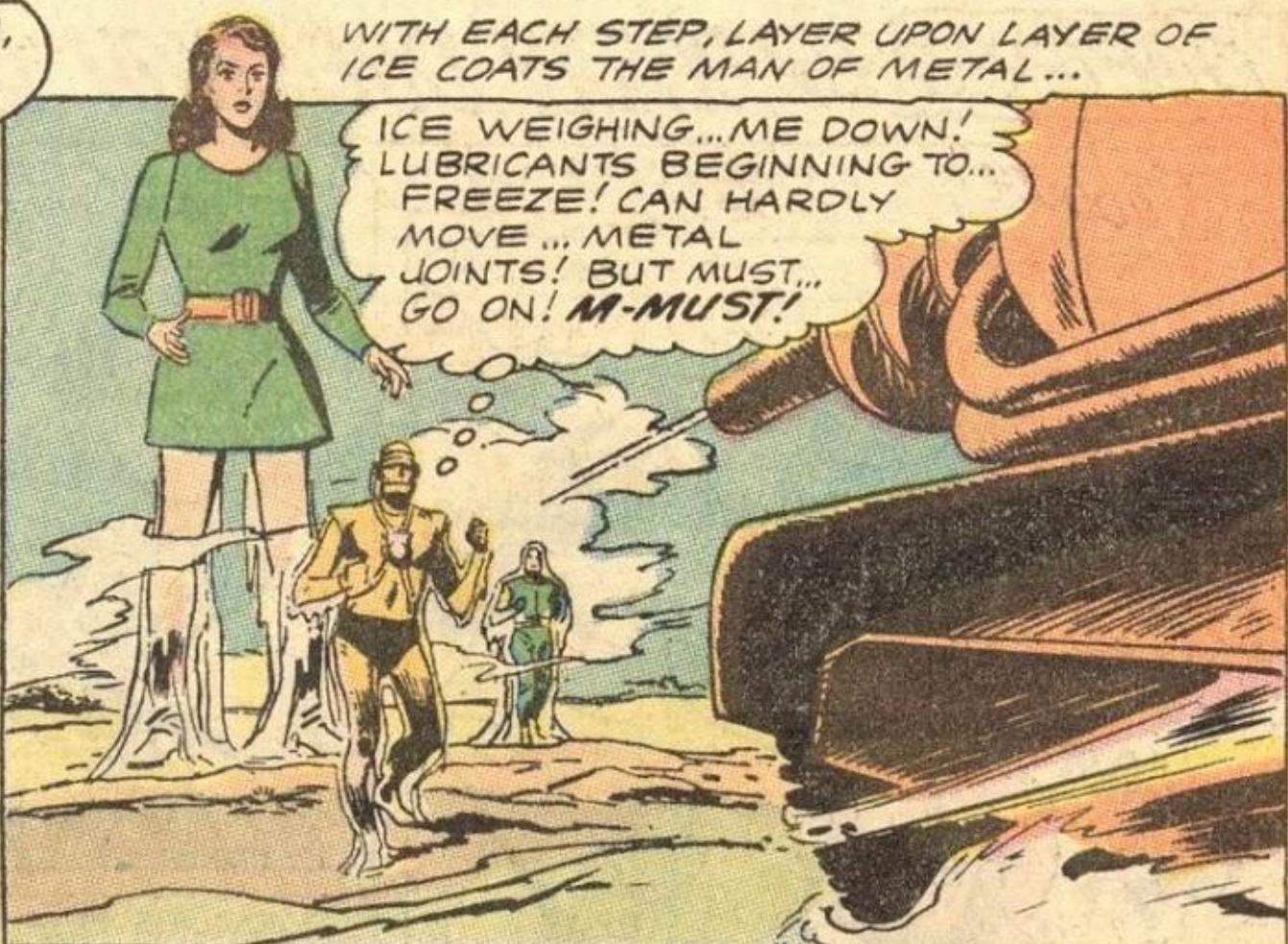
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LARRY'S COMPLETELY FROZEN, TOO! BUT ICE CAN'T STOP A MAN WITH A STEEL BODY! HERE GOES!



WITH EACH STEP, LAYER UPON LAYER OF ICE COATS THE MAN OF METAL...



THEN WITH A FINAL, DESPERATE LUNGE...

I...MADE IT... CHIEF! BUT I CAN'T... DESTROY THIS THING... NOW! HAVEN'T ANY... STRENGTH LEFT!

YES, YOU CAN, CLIFF! THERE'S ONE WAY! RAM YOUR STEEL FIST INTO THE NOZZLE AND HOLD IT THERE!

HOLD ON, CLIFF! IT'S GOT TO WORK!

CLIFF OBEYS, PUNISHING THE FROZEN, GRINDING JOINTS OF HIS METAL BODY UNTIL...

I DID IT, CHIEF! BUT WHAT GOOD... WILL THIS DO? MY METAL ARM... IS FROZEN TO THE BARREL NOW! I'M... TRAPPED!

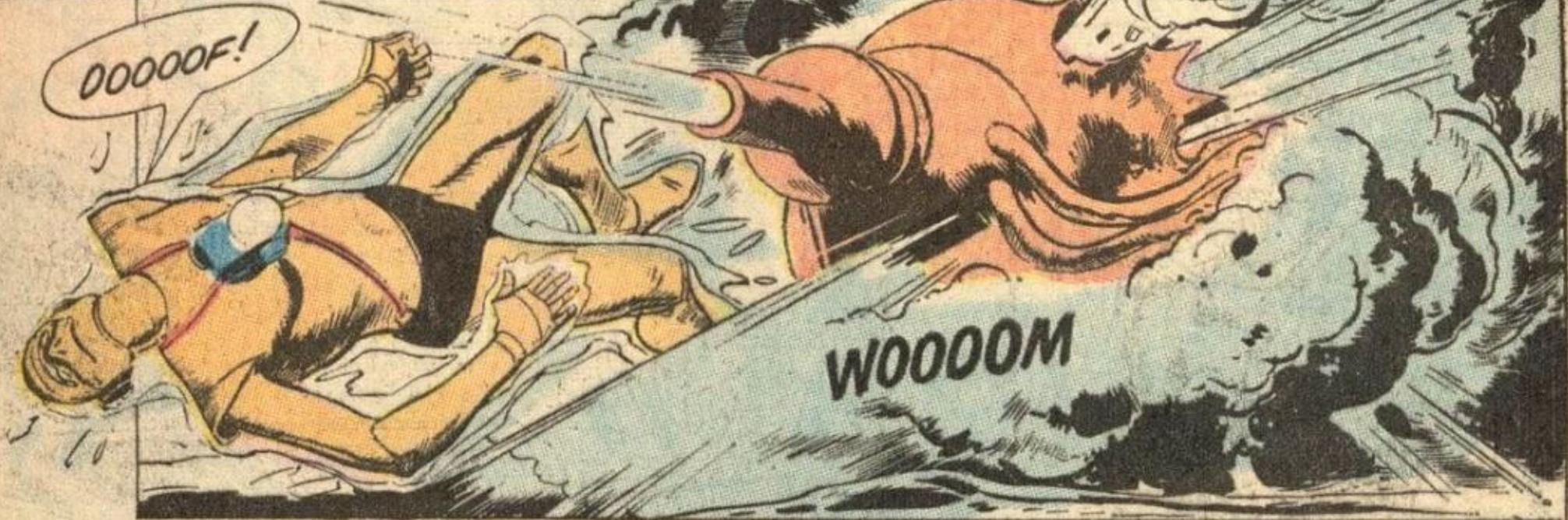




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THE GIANT GAS CYLINDER BEGINS TO SHUDDER, AND THEN...



WITH THE FREEZING GAS DISSIPATED, RITA AND LARRY SOON THAW OUT...

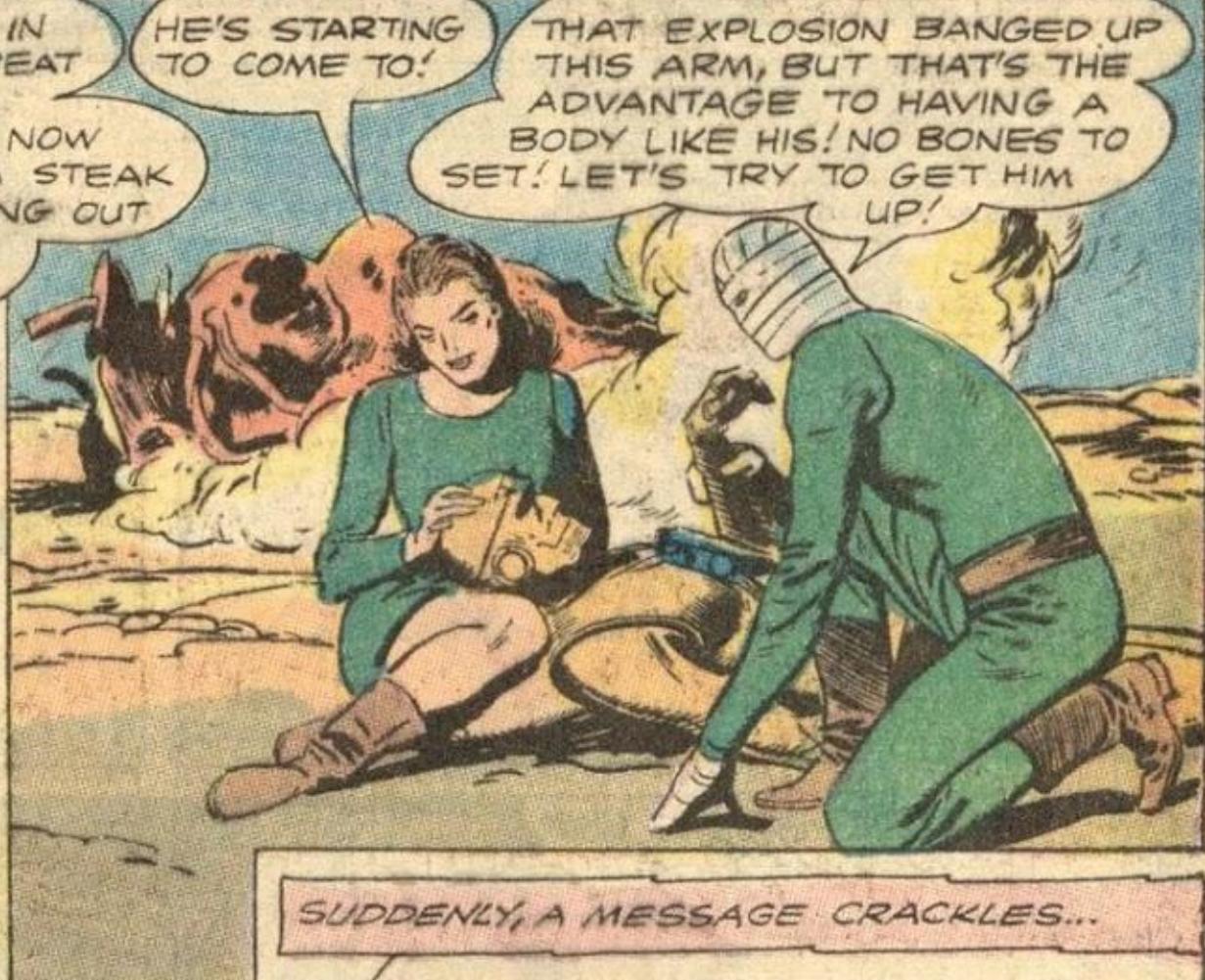
THANKS TO CLIFF, WE'RE ALIVE! BUT HE'S HURT, LARRY!

I'M NOT IN SUCH GREAT SHAPE MYSELF. NOW

I KNOW WHAT A STEAK FEELS LIKE COMING OUT OF THE DEEP FREEZE!

HE'S STARTING TO COME TO!

THAT EXPLOSION BANGED UP THIS ARM, BUT THAT'S THE ADVANTAGE TO HAVING A BODY LIKE HIS! NO BONES TO SET! LET'S TRY TO GET HIM UP!



SUDDENLY, A MESSAGE CRACKLES...

THE DAMAGE WAS WORSE THAN I THOUGHT! BOTH HIS LEFT LEG AND ARM ARE SHORTED OUT! A SOLDERING IRON SHOULD FIX UP THAT METAL HUMPTY-DUMPTY!

STOP IT, LARRY! HE STILL HAS HUMAN FEELINGS! COME ON, CLIFF-- I'LL HELP YOU!

ATTENTION! THE EXPLOSION DID NOT DESTROY OUR RADIO-TV CONTACT! I AM MORE CONVINCED THAN EVER THAT GENERAL IMMORTUS IS SOMEWHERE NEAR YOU! YOU MUST GET INTO THAT SPACE SHIP AND COMPLETE THE TASK AT ONCE!

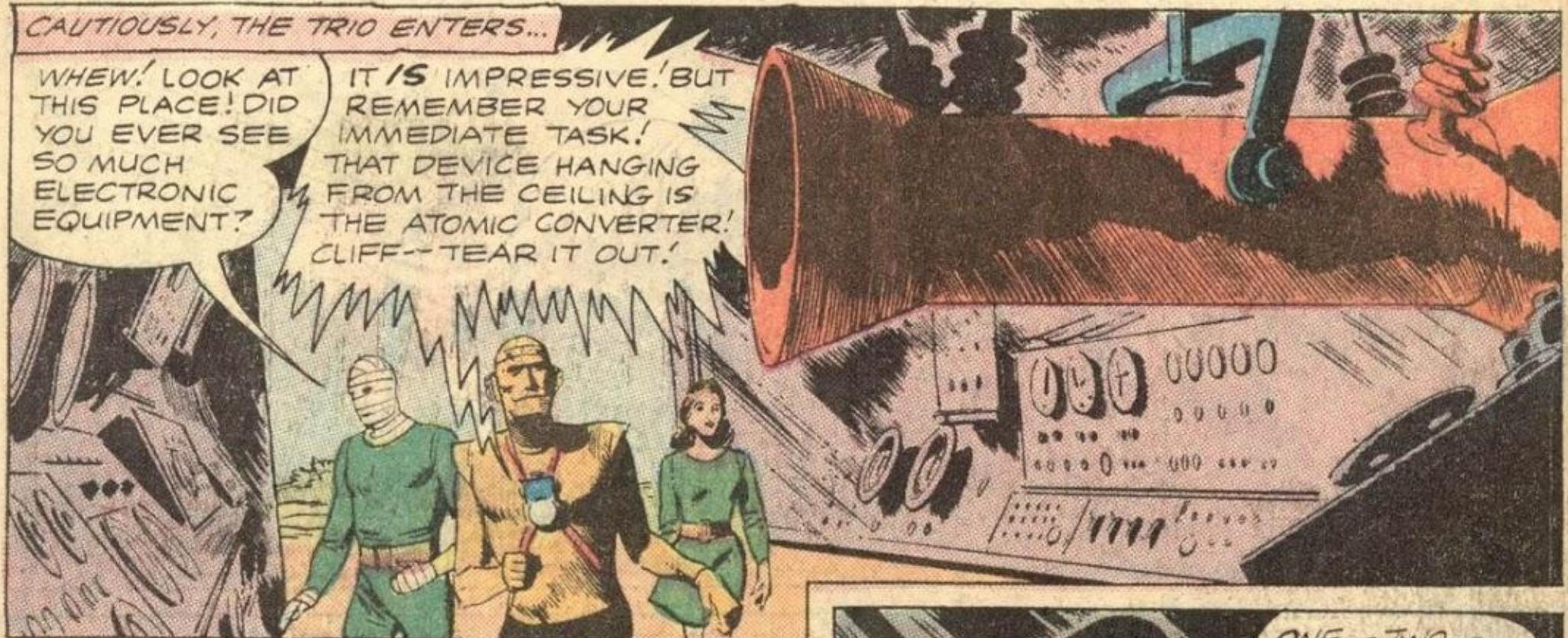


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CAUTIOUSLY, THE TRIO ENTERS...

WHEW! LOOK AT THIS PLACE! DID YOU EVER SEE SO MUCH ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT?

IT IS IMPRESSIVE! BUT REMEMBER YOUR IMMEDIATE TASK! THAT DEVICE HANGING FROM THE CEILING IS THE ATOMIC CONVERTER! CLIFF-- TEAR IT OUT!



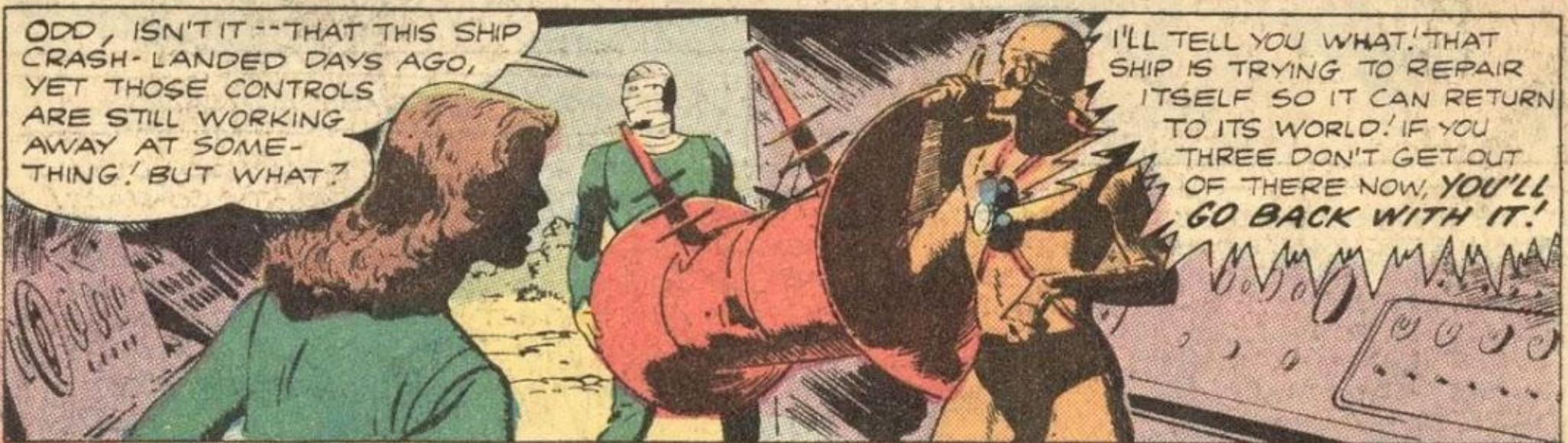
I'VE ONLY GOT ONE GOOD ARM LEFT... BUT I CAN CONCENTRATE ALL MY POWER IN IT!

ONE--TWO--TH-REEEE!
OOOOF!



ODD, ISN'T IT -- THAT THIS SHIP CRASH-LANDED DAYS AGO, YET THOSE CONTROLS ARE STILL WORKING AWAY AT SOMETHING! BUT WHAT?

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT! THAT SHIP IS TRYING TO REPAIR ITSELF SO IT CAN RETURN TO ITS WORLD! IF YOU THREE DON'T GET OUT OF THERE NOW, YOU'LL GO BACK WITH IT!



SUDDENLY...

ATTENTION, YOU THREE INSIDE THE SPACE SHIP! THIS IS GENERAL IMMORTUS! I AM OFFERING YOU A CHOICE--
SURRENDER OR DIE!



DOOM PATROL

I KNOW ABOUT THE UNIQUE POWERS EACH OF YOU POSSESSES! BUT I WARN YOU, I HAVE SPECIAL WEAPONS THAT CAN DESTROY YOU! YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO DECIDE!

WHAT'LL WE DO? IF WE STAY, THE SHIP WILL TAKE OFF WITH US!

YOU HEARD HIM, CHIEF! IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE NO CHOICE BUT TO SURRENDER TO GENERAL IMMORTUS AND LET HIM HAVE THE ATOMIC CONVERTER!

IT'S A TIGHT SITUATION-- BUT THERE MAY BE ONE WAY OUT! NOW, LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY! ONE SLIP COULD DOOM ALL OF YOU!

TENSE SECONDS TICK AWAY, AND THEN...

HERE I AM, GENERAL! LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO TO A BODY MADE OF STEEL AS THICK AS TANK ARMOR!

YOU THINK I WAS BOASTING IDLY? WITNESS WHAT THIS DEVICE DOES TO YOU, ROBOT MAN!

MY POLARIZATION RAY CAN STOP ANY ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT OR MOTOR! THAT MEANS EVERY SOURCE OF POWER AND MOTION YOU POSSESS!

WHAM

KA-LANG

HE WAS RIGHT! I CAN'T COMMAND ANY PART OF MY BODY! MY BRAIN STILL FUNCTIONS, BECAUSE IT'S HUMAN--BUT THE REST OF ME IS A PILE OF USELESS JUNK NOW!



SUPER SPECTACULAR



AT THAT MOMENT, BACK AT THE CHIEF'S HEADQUARTERS...

I WAS AFRAID THAT MIGHT HAPPEN. HE FELL FORWARD, BLOCKING THE CAMERA'S LENS-- BUT I CAN STILL HEAR WHAT'S GOING ON!

THAT TAKES CARE OF YOU! NOW FOR YOUR TWO FRIENDS STILL INSIDE THE SHIP!

ONLY ONE OF YOU? I PRESUME THE GIRL MADE HERSELF SMALL ENOUGH TO HIDE BEHIND SOME TINY OBJECT. I'LL TAKE CARE OF HER AS SOON AS I'VE DESTROYED YOUR NEGATIVE MAN!



INSTANTLY, NEGATIVE MAN ISSUES FROM LARRY'S BODY...

YOU SEE, THIS DEVICE ISSUES RADIO INTERFERENCE-- STATIC -- WHICH SHATTERS THE CONTINUITY OF THE ENERGY THAT COMPOSES NEGATIVE MAN! I SHALL KEEP HIM APART FOR 60 SECONDS! THAT MEANS HE CAN'T RETURN TO YOUR BODY-- AND YOU WILL DIE!



AT THAT MOMENT, AN UNNOTICEABLE BIT OF ACTION OCCURS IN ONE AREA OF CLIFF'S ROBOT BODY...

AHH! THAT'S IT! FASTER, RITA -- FASTER!



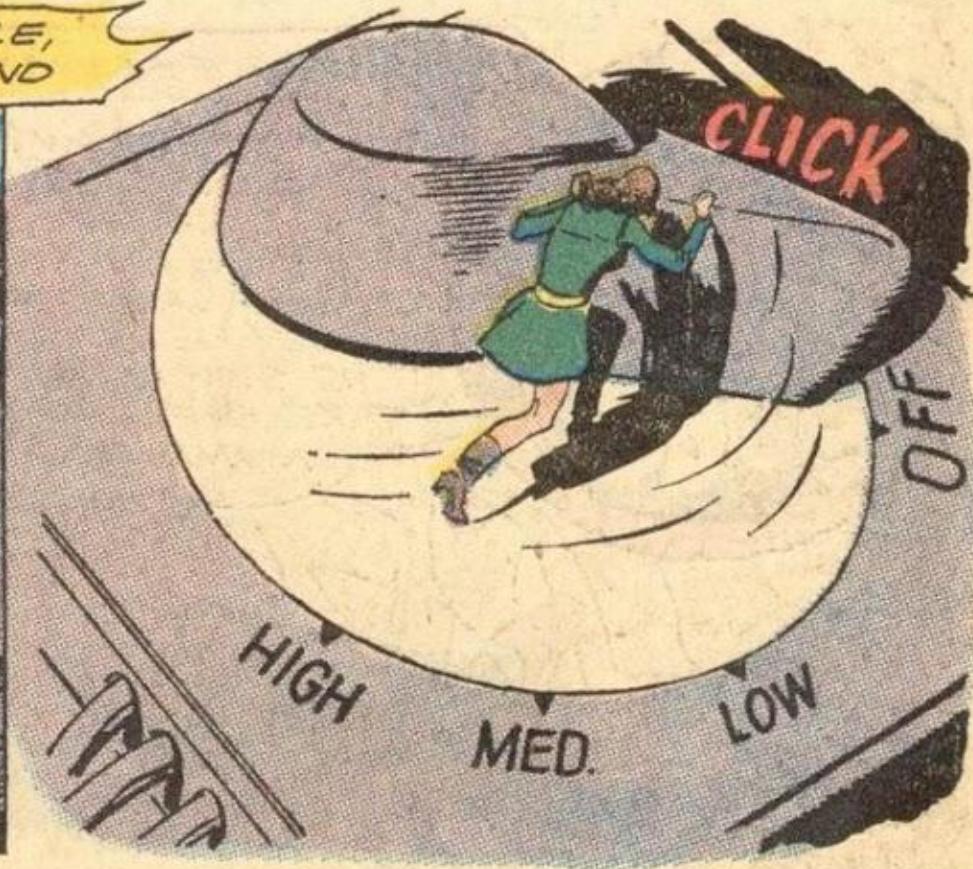
I MADE IT, CLIFF! THE CHIEF WAS RIGHT! GENERAL IMMORTUS WOULD NEVER HAVE LOOKED FOR ME HERE! NOW TO FINISH THE JOB.



DOOM PATROL

UNSEEN BY THE PAIR IN THE GENERAL'S VEHICLE,
THE TINY FIGURE RACES ACROSS THE GROUND
AND CLIMBS UP THE SIDE...

GOT TO SWITCH OFF
THAT POLARIZATION
RAY! IT'S THE ONLY
WAY TO FREE CLIFF!



THE MOMENT THAT THE RAY VANISHES...

SOMETHING HAPPENED TO THE RAY! THE ROBOT MAN IS COMING BACK TO "LIFE!" WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!

THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO SEE!

LOOK, MA! ONLY ONE HAND! NOW FOR THE BIG CHEESE HIMSELF!



...56 SECONDS --
57 SEC --
AGGGGH!

GOOD WORK, CLIFF! BUT
WE'VE ONLY THREE
SECONDS TO RELEASE
NEGATIVE MAN!



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I WAS THINKING, RITA-- WHEN MY NEGATIVE MAN WAS WORKING WITH YOU TO KNOCK OUT THAT TANK--WE MADE A PRETTY GOOD TEAM, YOU AND I!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WE?"

LISTEN HERE, "OL' MUMMY WRAPPINGS"--WHO SAVED YOUR NECK WHEN GENERAL IMMORTUS WAS SHAKING YOUR N-MAN UP LIKE A MALTED MILK? HMM?

CUT IT, YOU TWO! YOU'RE FORGETTING THIS WOULD'VE BEEN A SHORT, UGLY TRIP FOR ALL OF US IF IT WEREN'T FOR A MAN IN A WHEEL-CHAIR 3,000 MILES AWAY!



THE FOLLOWING DAY...

WELL, A LITTLE SOLDERING IRON AND WELDING TORCH "SURGERY" PUT ME BACK IN SHAPE, CHIEF! WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

I THINK WE'RE ALL CONVINCED THAT WE MAKE A GREAT TEAM! THERE'S LOTS THAT WE CAN DO! LIFE ISN'T OVER FOR US! IT'S JUST BEGINNING!

--AND SO THESE THREE EXILES FROM THE HUMAN RACE BATTLED TO SAVE A WORLD THAT HAD REJECTED THEM! WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE BEEN ACCEPTED!

MORE THAN THAT, LARRY! WE'VE BEEN GIVEN A NAME! THE DOOM PATROL! WHAT DO YOU THINK?

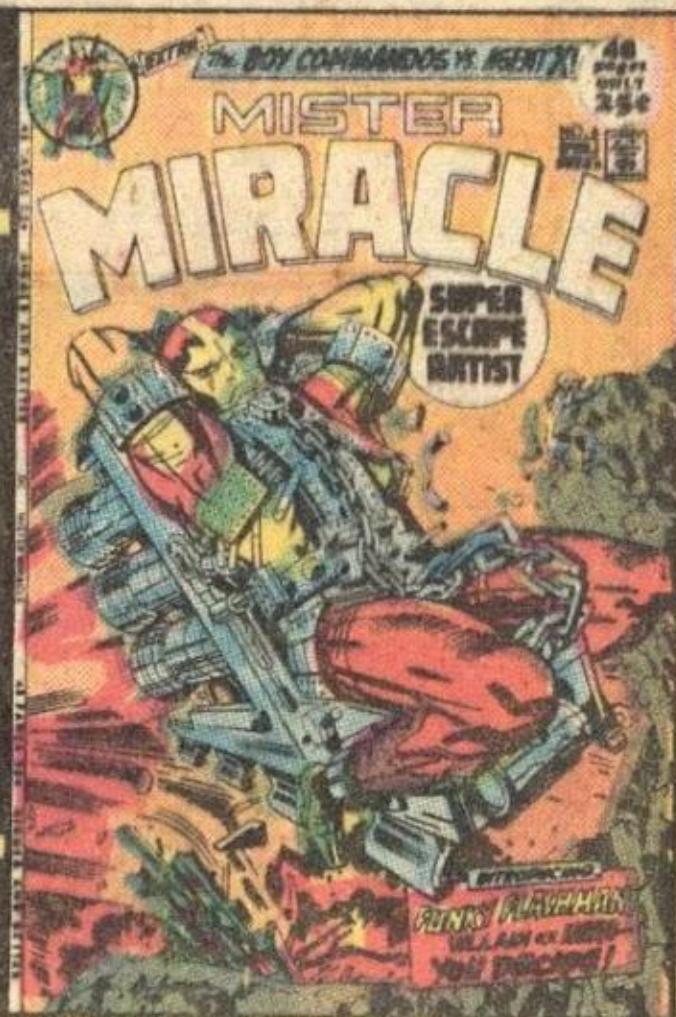


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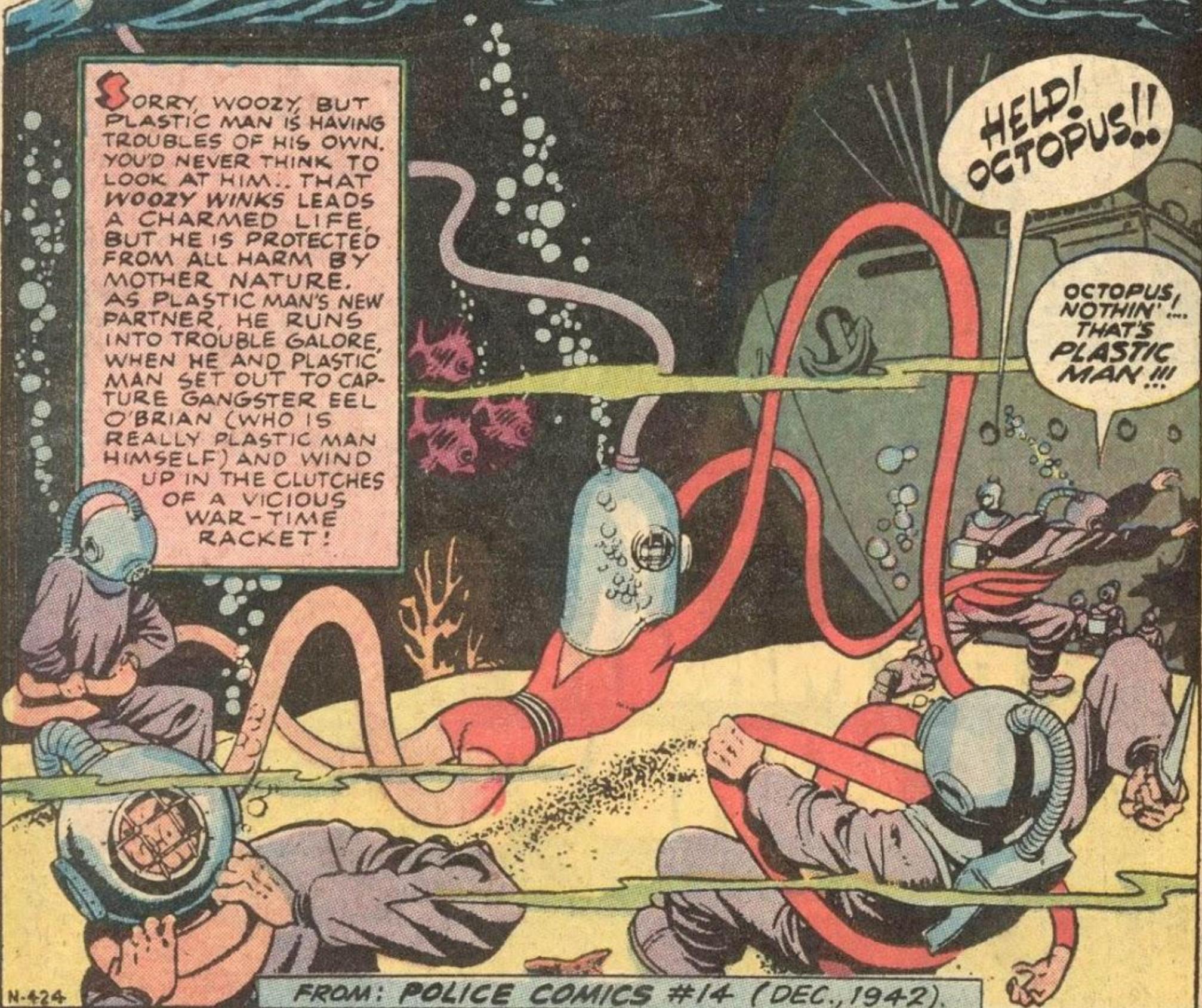
OH PLASTIC MAN!

by
JACK COLE

SORRY, WOODY, BUT PLASTIC MAN IS HAVING TROUBLES OF HIS OWN. YOU'D NEVER THINK TO LOOK AT HIM.. THAT WOODY WINKS LEADS A CHARMED LIFE, BUT HE IS PROTECTED FROM ALL HARM BY MOTHER NATURE. AS PLASTIC MAN'S NEW PARTNER, HE RUNS INTO TROUBLE GALORE, WHEN HE AND PLASTIC MAN SET OUT TO CAPTURE GANGSTER EEL O'BRIAN (WHO IS REALLY PLASTIC MAN HIMSELF) AND WIND UP IN THE CLUTCHES OF A VICIOUS WAR-TIME RACKET!

HELP!
OCTOPUS!!

OCTOPUS,
NOTHIN'....
THAT'S
PLASTIC
MAN!!!



FROM: POLICE COMICS #14 (DEC., 1942).

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PLASTIC MAN



SCENE... CITY POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

SURE, SURE I KNOW YOU'RE A GOOD MAN PLASTIC... ONE OF THE BEST ON THE FORCE... BUT WHAT ABOUT EEL O'BRIAN? HERE'S A RAT, WANTED FOR EVERYTHING IN THE BOOK AND YET, HE'S PERMITTED THE RUN OF THE CITY! THE REPUTATION OF THE FORCE DEMANDS HIS CAPTURE!!

MURPHEY. DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK OF WHY HE WAS NICK-NAMED, EEL?

OF COURSE HE'S SLIPPERY... BUT EVEN EELS CAN BE CAUGHT WITH THE RIGHT BAIT! NOW, YOU—???

I WON'T!

YOU WILL!!

I WON'T!

I'M GOING!

YOU'RE STAYING!

ON THE CONTRARY!

BUT DEFINITELY!

SUDDENLY, LIGHTNING FLASHES...

BAM!

I'M TIRED... VERY TIRED!

TROUBLE WITH PEOPLE AROUND HERE IS THEY REFUSE TO TAKE ME SERIOUSLY!

AND ANOTHER THING... THIS SPECIMEN YOU NETTED LAST WEEK IS DRIVING ME LOCO!! HE WON'T BE LOCKED UP! WALKS OUT WHENEVER HE PLEASES!

HA!

HERE'S A PROPOSITION: IF YOU'LL RELEASE WOODY WINKS IN MY CUSTODY, I'LL PROMISE TO HAVE EEL O'BRIAN IN A WEEK!!

EEL O'BRIAN!! HE'S THE SKUNK WHO DOUBLE-CROSSED ME!! I'LL BRING THE GUY IN BARE-HANDED!!... BY THE WAY, HOW MUCH IS THE REWARD?

ONE GRAND... AND CLEAR OUT, YOU TWO, BEFORE I HAVE A CHANGE OF HEART!!

LATER...

YOU'RE PROBABLY WONDERING WHY I BOTHER WITH A BIRD LIKE YOU, WINKS, BUT I'M CONVINCED YOU'RE NOT A THIEF AT HEART! YOU'RE JUST WEAK!

FAT FOLKS ARE NOTED FOR THEIR LOW RESISTANCE!

BLESS MY BUSTLE! ONE FINDS THE DARNDEST THINGS IN OTHER PEOPLE'S WALLETS! HERE'S A PHOTO OF EEL O'BRIAN, NO LESS!!

YOU INCORRIGIBLE! WHERE DID YOU LIFT THAT?

FROM YON GENT'S RUMBLE-SEAT! SAY!... YOU THINK HE KNOWS WHERE O'BRIAN IS?

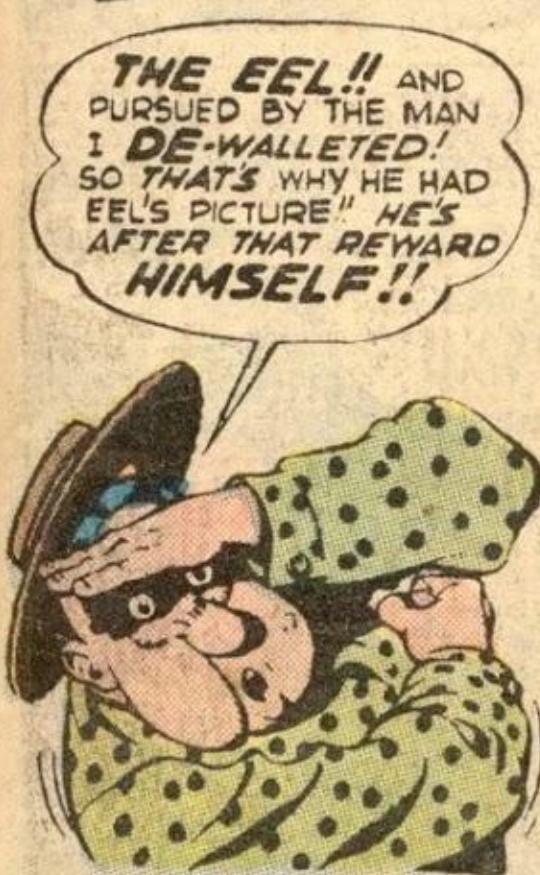
I'LL SOON FIND OUT! MEANWHILE, YOU SCOUR THE WATERFRONT AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN SEE!... AND KEEP YOUR HANDS IN YOUR POCKETS OR WE'LL BOTH LAND IN JAIL!



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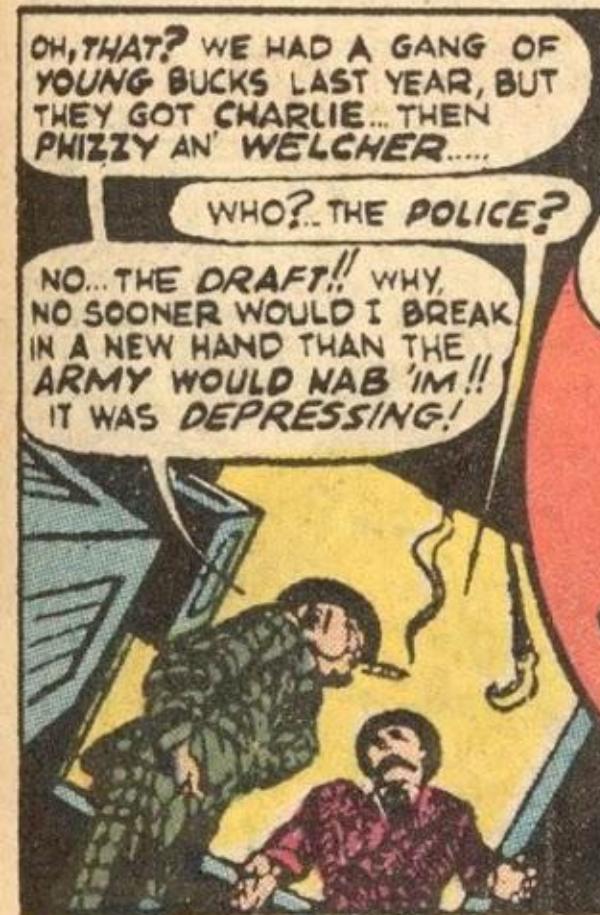
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WHEREUPON THE AGED MEN FILE DOWN INTO A HUGE SUBTERRANEAN CAVE.....



WITH ALARMING RAPIDITY, THE SUB IS MANNED AND LAUNCHED...



AOUR UPON HOUR, THE MEN TRAVEL IN SILENCE EACH ATTEMPT AT CONVERSATION IS DROWNED OUT WITH A LOUD...



AT LENGTH, HEE-HEE SHOUTS....



PLASTIC MAN

MOMENTARILY, A TORPEDO FINDS ITS MARK.



AS THE TANKER SINKS.....

BUT A SAILOR BELATEDLY ESCAPES
FROM THE TANKER AND SEES.....THE WORK OF TRANSFERRING CARGO
BEGINS...

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FINALLY, AFTER TORTUROUS WAITING.



PLASTIC MAN

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HIS VOICE HAS A SOBERING EFFECT ON THE MEN...

NOW, LISTEN: WE CAN ALL ESCAPE ALIVE IF YOU'LL ONLY CALM DOWN! BUT FIRST I WANT YOUR COOPERATION IN SMOKING THE REAL BOSS OF THIS RACKET INTO THE OPEN!



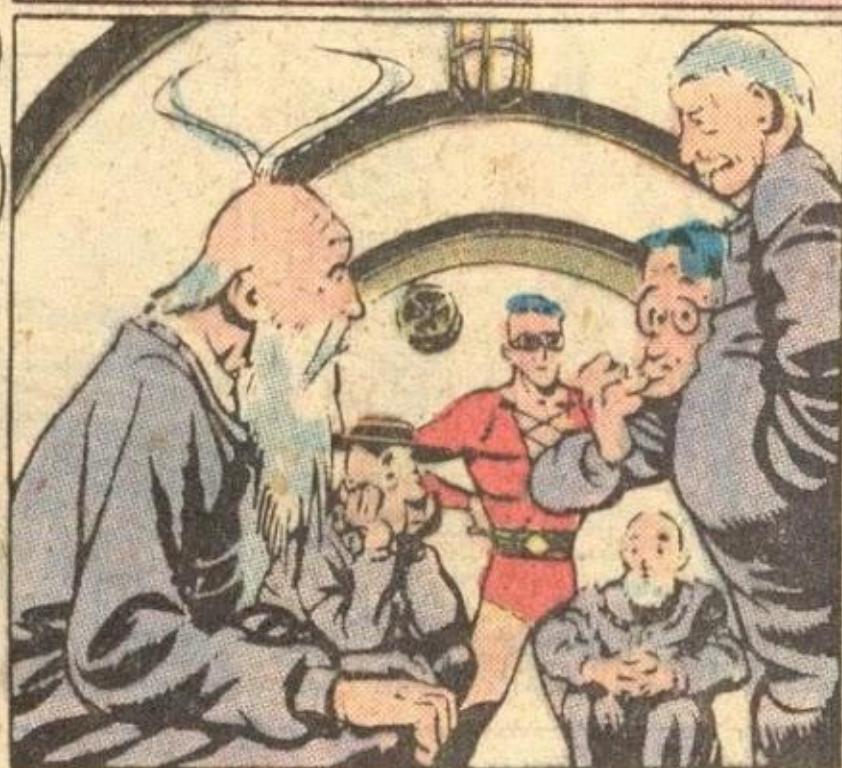
LOOK AT YOUR NEIGHBOR WELL, FOR ONE OF YOU IS THE RAT WE WANT! HAVE YOU MEN NERVE ENOUGH TO SIT HERE UNTIL THE GUILTY ONE CONFESSES?

BUT IF HE DOESN'T CRACK?

HE WILL! I NEVER SAW A CROOK YET WHO WASN'T YELLOW!!



THUS BEGINS AN AMAZING MARATHON ON THE OCEAN FLOOR... THE GOOD STRIVING TO OUT-WAIT THE GUILTY!... WHO WILL CRACK FIRST?



AS THE AIR GROWS FOUL, EVERY FACE MIRRORS THE AGONY OF BREATHING.



I POSED AS ONE OF MY OWN SLAVES IN ORDER TO KEEP TAB ON EVERYTHING THEY SAID AND DID! I COULD CONTROL THEM BETTER THAT WAY... AND KEEP MY IDENTITY A SECRET! I EVEN FADED THAT BEATING TO DIVERT SUSPICION FROM MYSELF!



BUT THE VOICE! IT NEVER CAME FROM YOUR DIRECTION!



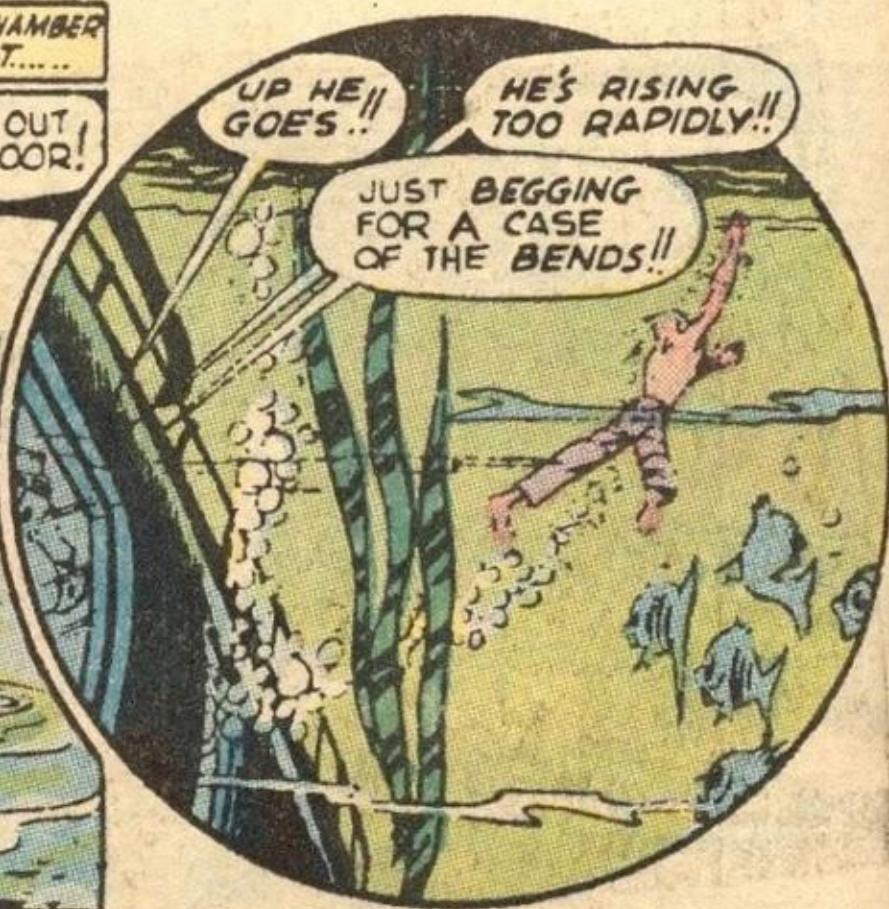
IM A VENTRilo-QUIST! NOW PLEASE HAVE MERCY ON AN OLD MAN!!



YOU'RE NOT EVEN THAT KINDLY! THE FACE-LIFTING JOB IS GOOD, BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE YOUR YOUNG BODY!



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MEANWHILE THE MEN BELOW
PREPARE TO SURFACE FROM
THE CHAMBER....



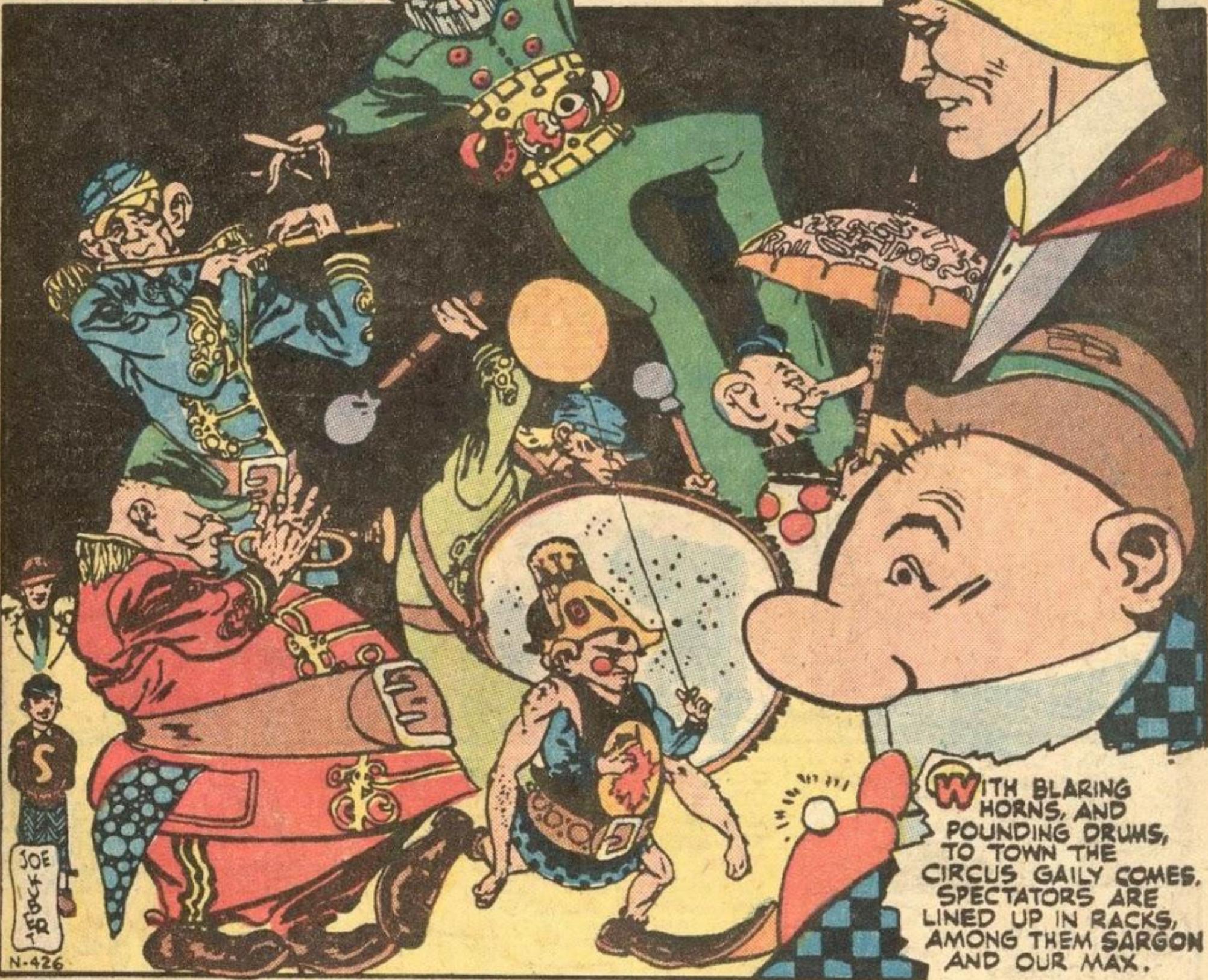
PLASTIC MAN



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SARGON THE SORCERER



GO AHEAD ON IN, MAX.
JUST TELL THE MAN I'M
GETTING THE TICKETS.

OKAY, MR. SARGON...
TANKS. CHEE.. I KIN
HAR'LY WAIT T'FEED
DEM ELEPHUNTS A
PEANUT!

SARGON! BOY AM I,
GLAD TO SEE YOU!
NEVER MIND BUYIN'
A TICKET -- COME
RIGHT IN HERE!

HI, TED! BE RIGHT
WITH YOU.



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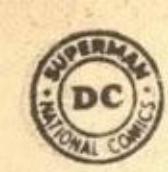
"WHILE THE LATE SHOW WAS ON LAST NIGHT, A GUY KEPT PROWLING AROUND THE ANIMAL TENT FOR A WHILE. THEN HE CAME INTO MY OFFICE ..."



SARGON THE SORCERER

"BEFORE I REALIZED WHAT'D HAPPENED, HE WAS GONE ... WELL. A COUPLA MINUTES LATER, OVER AT TH' ANIMAL TENT..."





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--AND WE AIN'T SEEN THIS GUY SINCE. THAT LION SET ME BACK \$5,000 AND I'M NOT TAKIN' ANY CHANCES, SEE? I'M EVEN KEEPIN' OUR STRONG MAN ON GUARD IN THE ANIMAL TENT!

SO WHERE DO I COME IN?

LOOK, SARGON, YOU'RE A SMART GUY, SMARTER'N ANY PRIVATE DETECTIVES I COULD HIRE. I'LL PAY YOU WELL TO KEEP THAT LION SAFE!

WELL, I HATE TO MISS THE CIRCUS SHOW, BUT.. WELL, OKAY, TED. I'LL DO IT!

IN THE MEANTIME ...

I'VE TOLD YA FIFTEEN MILLION TIMES MY BOSS, MR. SARGON, IS BUYIN' DA TICKETS! I WANNA FEED DA ELEPHANTS!

AN' I'M TELLIN' YA SIXTEEN MILLION TIMES YCA'NT COME IN WITHOUT NO TICKET! NOW SCRAM!

DA STINGY OL' CRAB-- NOW DA SHOW'S STARTED, AN' I WON'T EVEN SEE DEM ELEPHANTS!--

USETA DO DIS WHEN I WAS A YOUNGSTER! MORE FUN THAN PAYIN', ANYHOW!

HUFFANPUFF! I AIN'T AS YOUNG AS I USETA BE!

NOW TA GET ME PEANUTS AN' FEED DOSE POOR, HUNGRY ELEPHANTS!

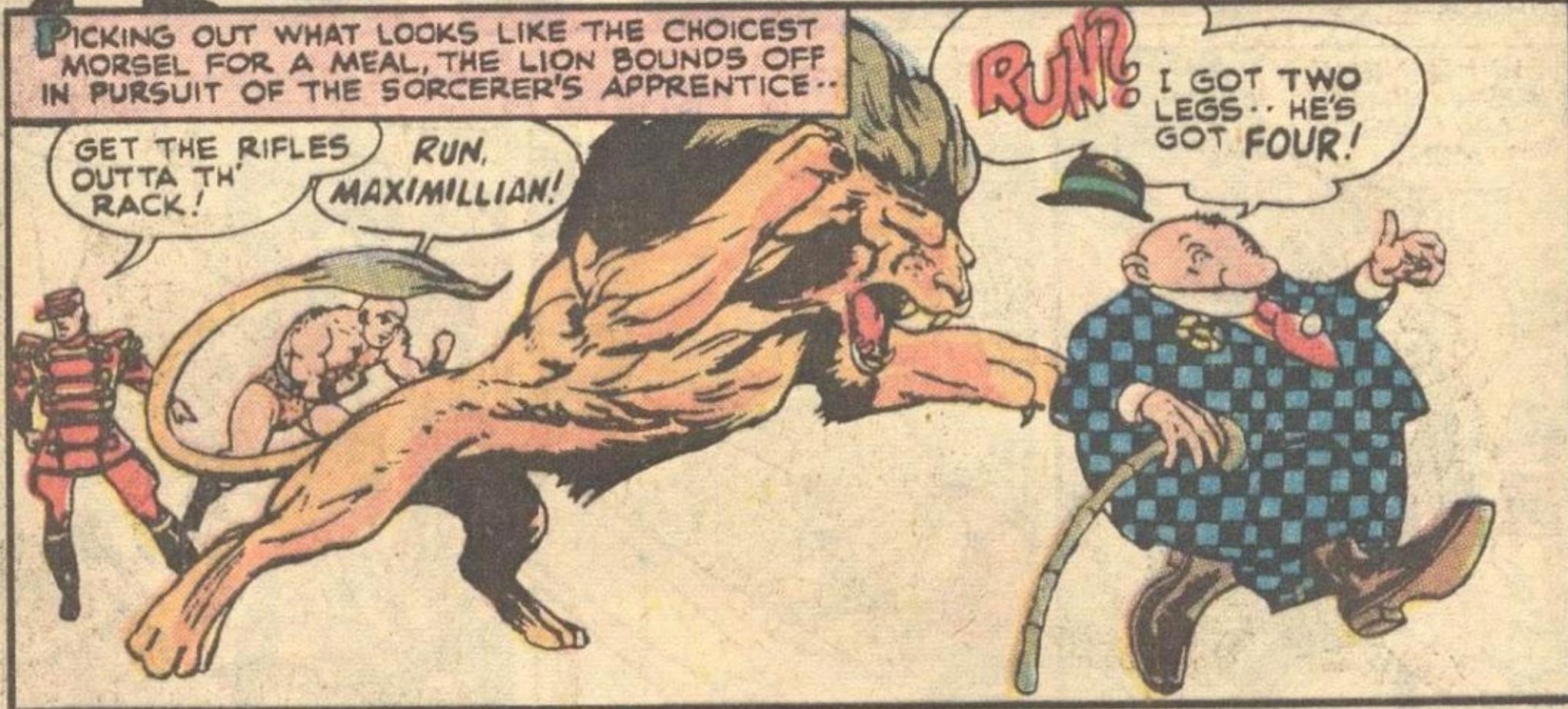
OH! PODDIN ME, PLEASE, I'M LOOKIN' FER DA ELEPHANTS! --S...

S'LONG...

NO YA DON'T!

Up!

SARGON THE SORCERER





THIS ADVENTURE OF SARGON ORIGINALLY APPEARED IN SENSATION COMICS #57 (SEPT., 1946)

THE GOLDEN AGE ATOM

A GOLDEN AGE STORY—
NEVER PUBLISHED BEFORE

RESEARCH ON THE
REMAINS OF THE PAST
CAN BE AS DRY AS THE
DUST THAT COVERS THEM.
BUT SUDDENLY, HISTORY
BECOMES TERRIFYINGLY
ALIVE AS THE SPIRITS
OF THE EXTINCT HAIDA
INDIAN TRIBE COME
BACK TO WARN THE **ATOM**
WITH A MESSAGE OF
DEATH! THE MIGHTY
MITE FOLLOWS A WAR-
PATH OF MYSTERY TO
SOLVE THE EERIE
SECRET OF...

**"DANGER IN THE
TOTEM'S EYE!"**

AL (THE **ATOM**) PRATT IS DOING RESEARCH ON THE
AMERICAN INDIAN FOR A COLLEGE THEME...

"WHEW! WHAT A
MISERABLE DAY!
MIGHT AS WELL SPEND
IT INDOORS LOOKING
UP SOME INFORMATION
ON THE HAIDA TRIBE!"

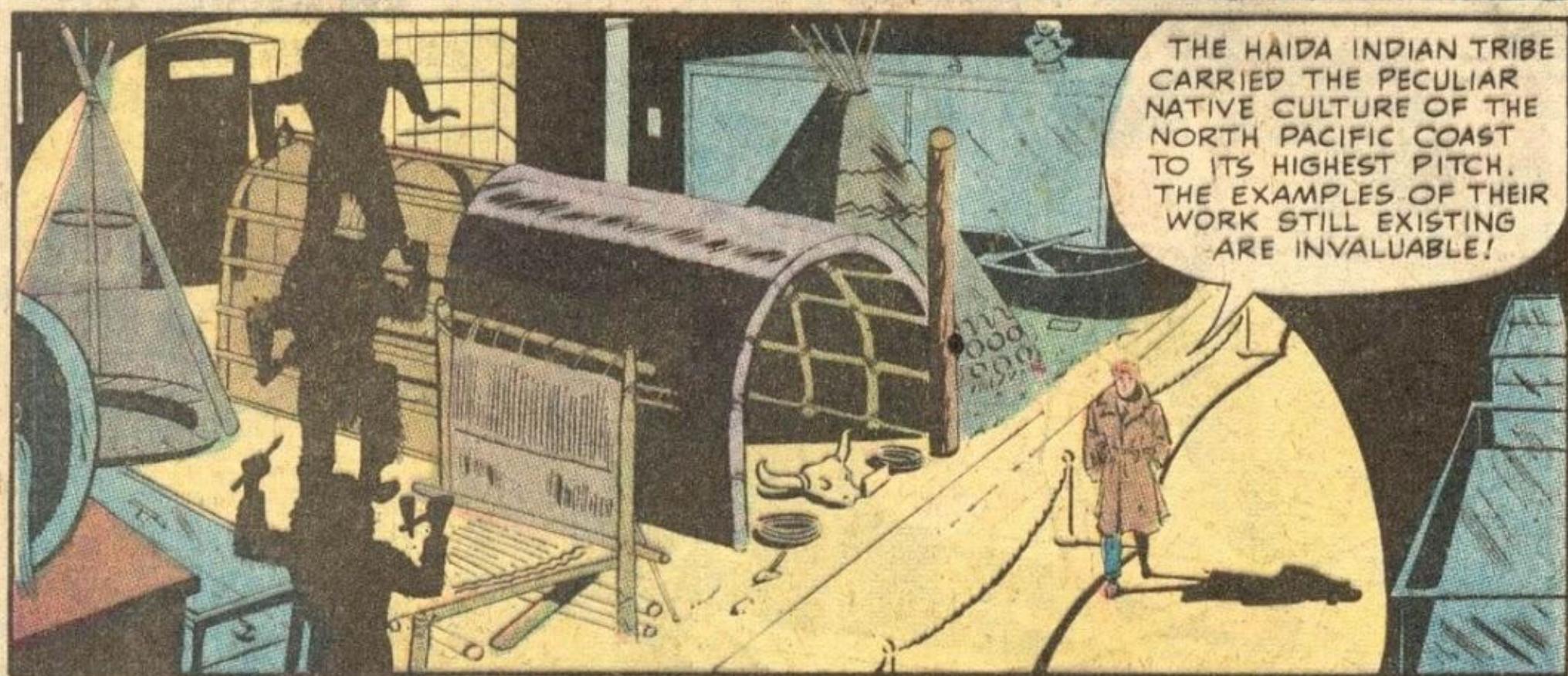
HOLD IT, KID! YOU CAN'T GO
IN THERE! THIS WING'S
CLOSED FOR THE
DAY!

HUH? BUT
I THOUGHT--

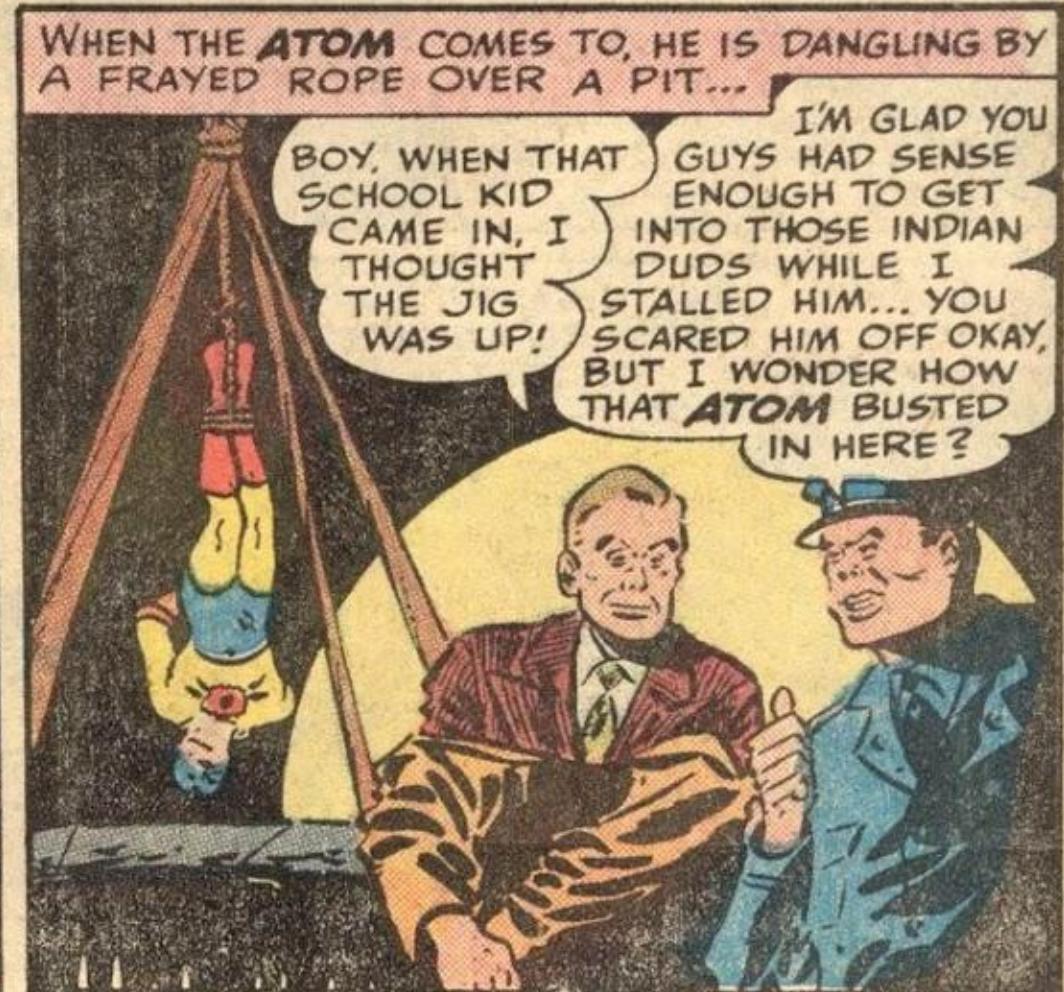
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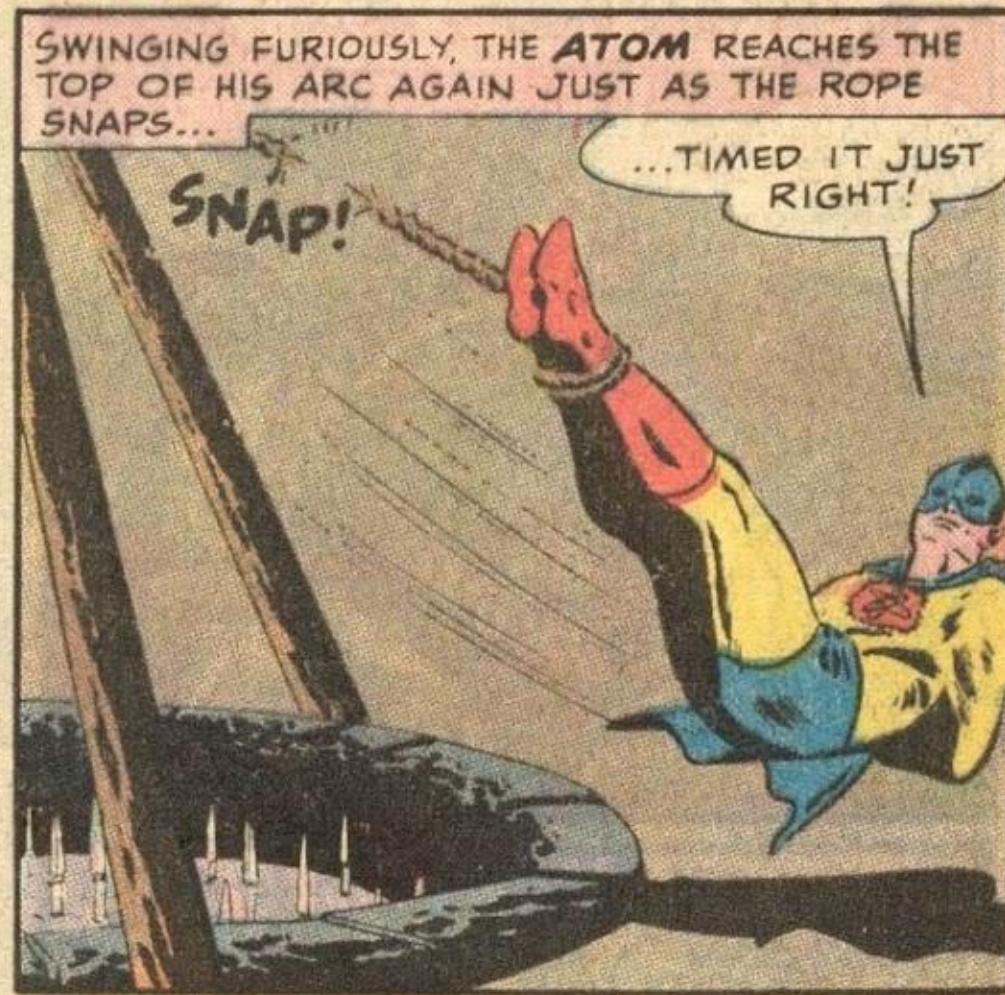


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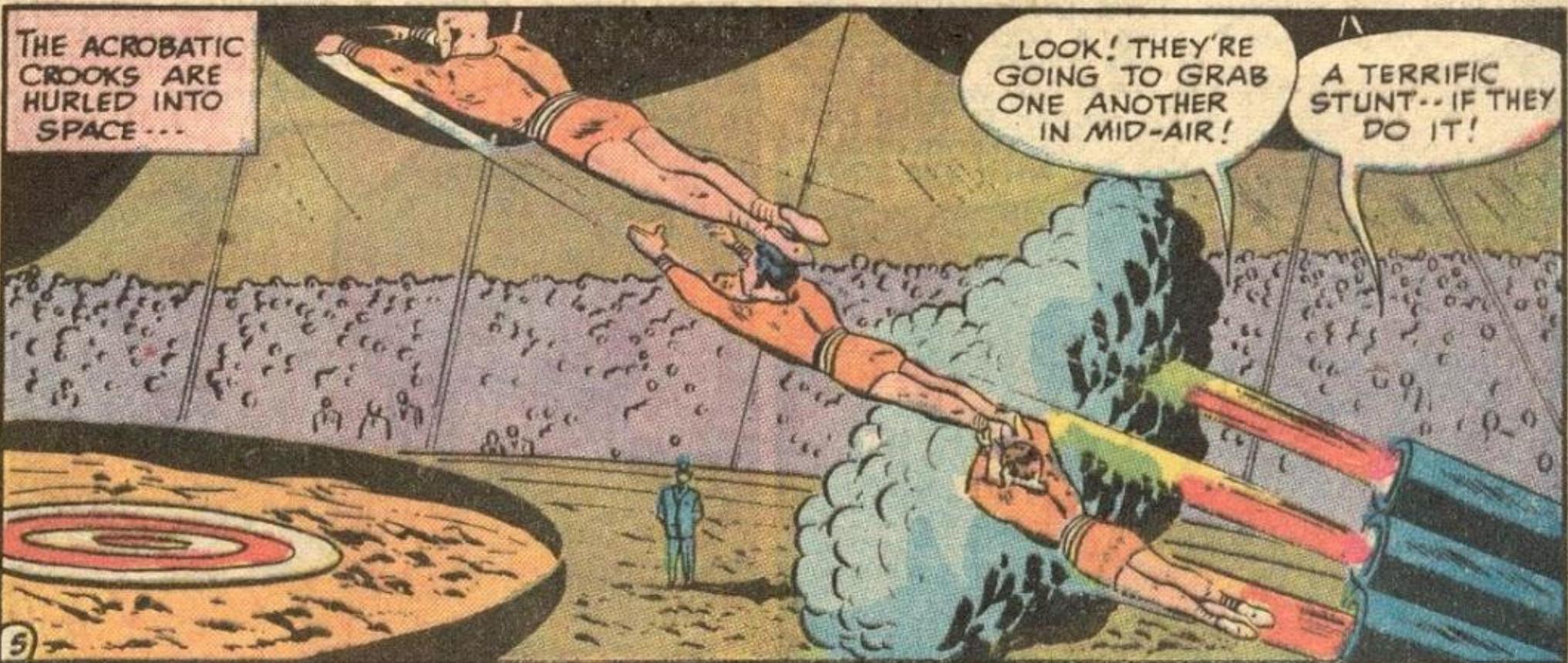


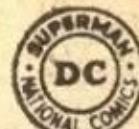


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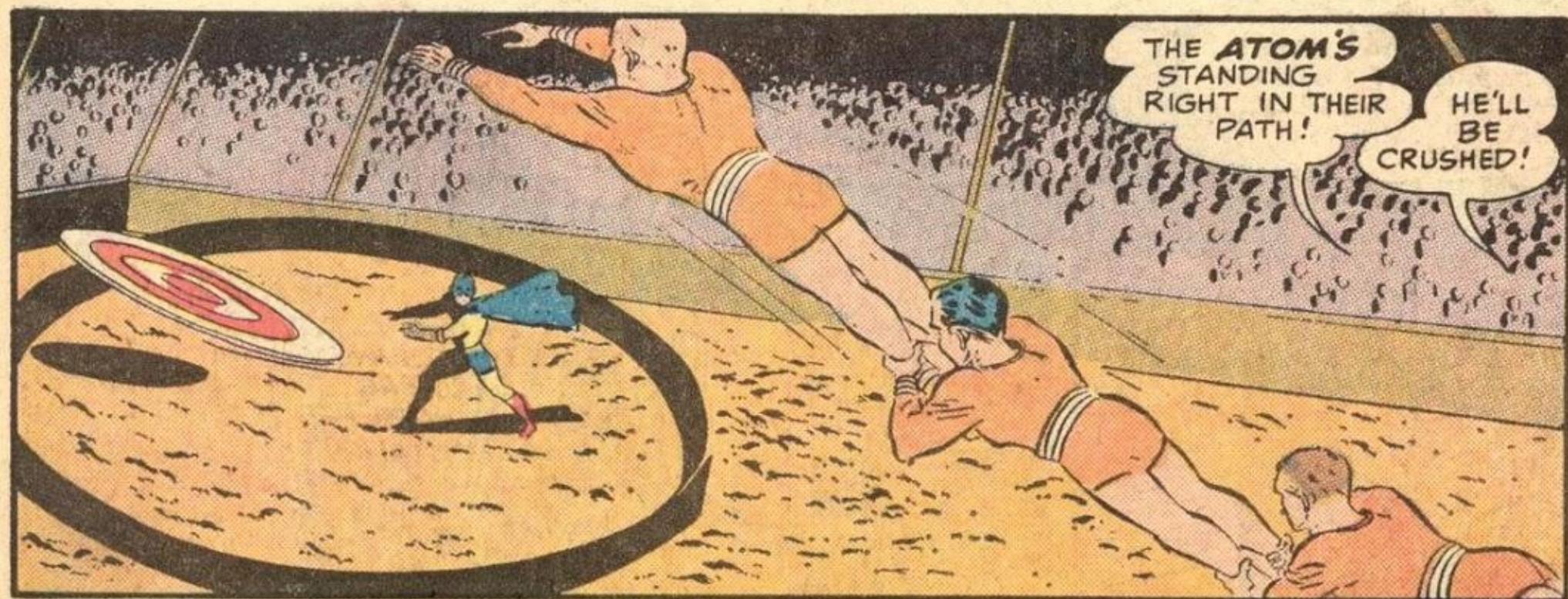


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AQUAMAN

"SIGH! MY SEA CREATURE FRIENDS ARE TELLING ME THEY BELIEVE IN ME THROUGH FISH-TELEPATHY! BUT THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO HAVE FAITH IN ME! THE REST OF THE WORLD THINKS I'M A THIEF... AND I CAN'T PROVE I'M NOT!"

"I BELIEVE YOU, AQUAMAN!"

ONE DAY, AQUAMAN MAKES A SALVAGE DIVE, LITTLE SUSPECTING THAT BY DOING SOMEBODY A GOOD TURN, HE WILL RUIN HIS GOOD NAME! FOR WHILE THE RULER OF THE OCEANS CAN RECOVER ANY SUNKEN OBJECT, HE DISCOVERS IT IS FAR HARDER TO RECOVER SOMETHING MORE PRECIOUS THAN TREASURE... HIS LOST REPUTATION! CAN AQUAMAN DO ANYTHING TO MAKE A SUSPICIOUS WORLD STOP CALLING HIM...

**THE AQUA-THIEF
of the SEVEN SEAS!**

"YOU'RE NOT A CRIMINAL!"

"WE KNOW YOU'RE INNOCENT!"

ART:
RAMONA FRADON

FROM: ADVENTURE #276 (SEPT., 1960).

ONE DAY, KING TAI, RULER OF TIMTU, CELEBRATES THE SECOND BIRTHDAY OF HIS YOUNG SON...

YOUR SON'S BIRTHDAY IS BEING TELEVISED TO THE WHOLE WORLD, KING TAI!

I AM HONORED THAT THE WORLD WILL WITNESS THE RITUAL OF THE JEWELS ABOARD MY YACHT!



PRESENTLY, ABOARD THE KING'S LAUNCH...

TELL OUR TV AUDIENCE, MR. PRIME MINISTER, WHAT IS THE CEREMONY OF THE JEWELS?

ACCORDING TO ANCIENT CUSTOM, THE PRINCE, ON HIS BIRTHDAY, IS WEIGHED ON THE ROYAL SCALES!



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THEN HE IS GIVEN, AS A GIFT FROM HIS FATHER, HIS WEIGHT IN GEMS! LAST YEAR, THE CHILD RECEIVED PEARLS! THIS YEAR, IT WILL BE DIAMONDS! NEXT YEAR... RUBIES!

WHEW! THAT KID IS REALLY WORTH HIS WEIGHT IN GOLD--I MEAN... ER... DIAMONDS!



LATER, AT THE WEIGHING-IN CEREMONY...

LOOK, FOLKS! THE SCALE PANS ARE NOW EVEN! THE LITTLE PRINCE OF TIMTU ISLAND COLLECTS 26 POUNDS OF DIAMONDS FROM THE KING'S TREASURE!



SHORTLY... WE'RE NOW WATCHING A FORTUNE IN DIAMONDS BEING POURED INTO THE PRINCE'S TREASURE CHEST!

YOU MAY HOLD THE CHEST FOR AWHILE, MY SON! THEN IT WILL BE STORED AWAY TILL YOU BECOME KING OF TIMTU!



MINUTES LATER, DURING THE ROYAL CELEBRATION...

BY THE GODS! YOUR MAJESTY, LOOK! THE TREASURE CHEST IS IN THE WATER, SINKING! THE PRINCE MUST'VE THROWN IT OVERBOARD!

GASP! WHY WASN'T THE CHILD WATCHED MORE CAREFULLY? WHERE IS HIS NURSE?



FORGIVE ME, SIRE! I TURNED MY BACK FOR ONLY A MOMENT! *sob*... I DIDN'T THINK THE PRINCE WOULD DO ANYTHING SO FOOLISH!

HE'S ONLY A CHILD! WHAT DOES HE KNOW OF THE GEMS' VALUE? WELL, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO NOTIFY THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE LOSS!



STOP WHIMPERING AND TAKE THE CHILD BACK TO THE PALACE! VUDA! RADIO THE INSURANCE COMPANY AND TELL THEM WE'RE STANDING BY! I SUGGEST THEY CONTACT AQUAMAN!



AQUAMAN

SHORTLY AFTER, HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY, AS A U.S. CRUISER SPOTS TWO SWIMMING FIGURES AND RAPIDLY SIGNALS A MESSAGE TO THEM...

HMM... THE WORLD'S BIGGEST INSURANCE COMPANY WANTS US FOR AN EMERGENCY SALVAGE JOB, AQUALAD!



THE PRINCE OF TIMTU DROPPED A CHEST OF DIAMONDS IN THE SEA! THE INSURANCE COMPANY WILL GIVE ONE-THIRD THE VALUE OF THE GEMS TO THE SEAMENS' FUND IF WE RECOVER THEM! BUT WE CAN'T GO NOW! WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO CAPTURE A PIRATE SUBMARINE!



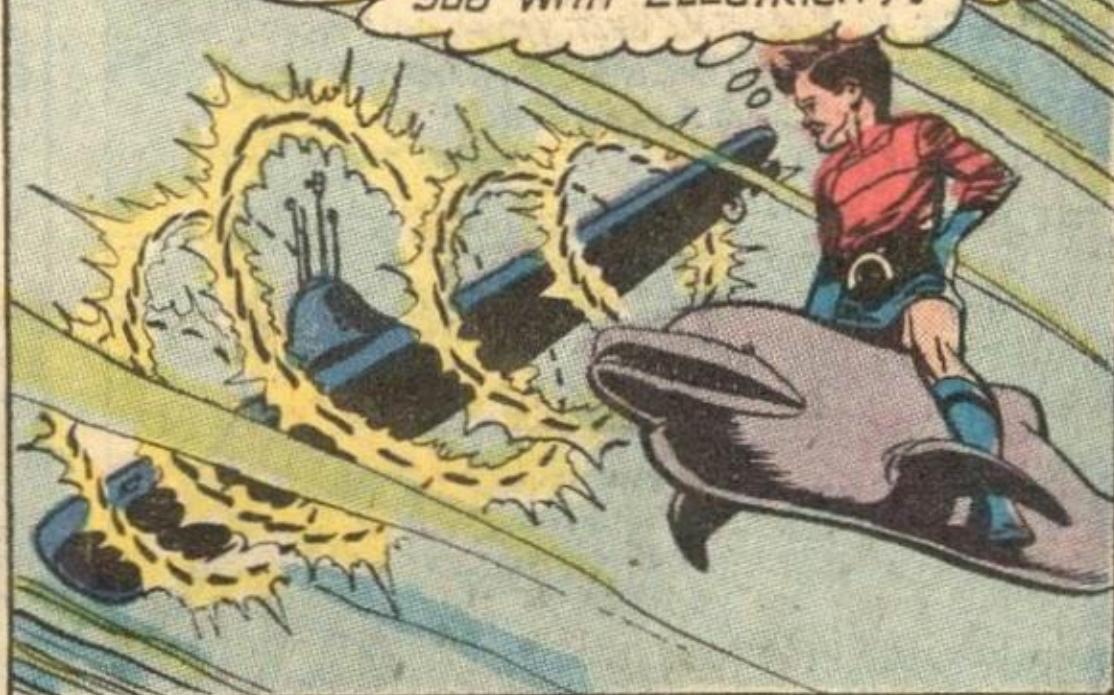
I'VE GOT AN IDEA, AQUAMAN! I'LL TACKLE THE PIRATE SUB MYSELF! YOU SWIM TO TIMTU ISLAND AND I'LL JOIN YOU LATER!

OKAY, AQUALAD! OUR SEA CREATURE FRIENDS TOLD US WHERE THE BUCCANEER SUB IS HIDING! MAKE 'EM SURFACE ACCORDING TO PLAN!



SEVERAL HOURS LATER...

I'VE ORDERED SOME OF MY ELECTRIC EEL FRIENDS TO ENCIRCLE THE PIRATE SUB! WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL, THEY'LL CHARGE EVERY METAL PLATE IN THAT SUB WITH ELECTRICITY!



AS AQUALAD GIVES THE SIGNAL... THE THIEVES WILL NOT ONLY GET THE SHOCK OF THEIR LIVES-- BUT THE SUB'S ENTIRE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM WILL BE SHORT-CIRCUITED!



MOMENTS LATER...

NOTHIN' WORKS! OUR ENGINES ARE DEAD!



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AT THE SAME TIME, AS AQUAMAN REACHES KING TAI'S YACHT...

THANK YOU FOR COMING SO PROMPTLY, AQUAMAN! MY SON'S NURSE WILL SHOW YOU EXACTLY WHERE THE CHEST FELL!

OVER THERE, AQUAMAN! I HOPE YOU CAN FIND IT!



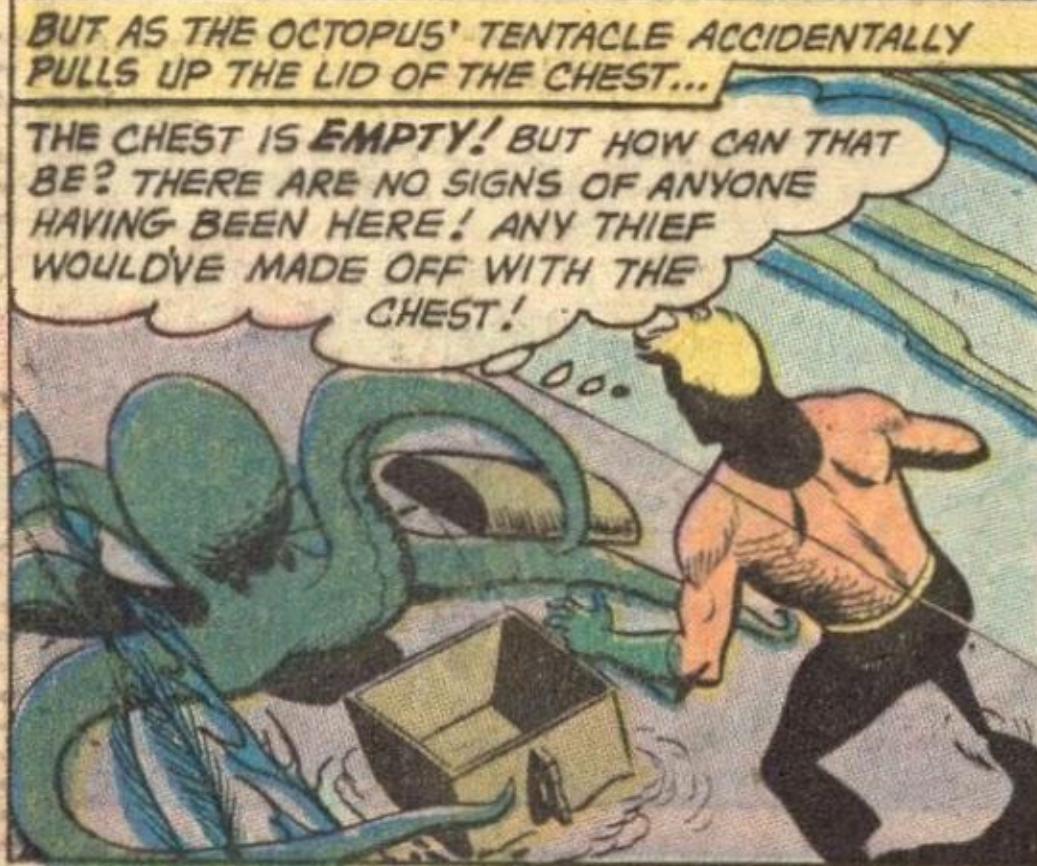
SHORTLY, AS THE KING OF THE SEA REACHES THE BOTTOM...

THERE IT IS... MIRED IN THE MUD! I'LL FLASH A TELEPATHIC COMMAND TO THAT OCTOPUS TO DIG IT OUT!



BUT AS THE OCTOPUS' TENTACLE ACCIDENTALLY PULLS UP THE LID OF THE CHEST...

THE CHEST IS EMPTY! BUT HOW CAN THAT BE? THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF ANYONE HAVING BEEN HERE! ANY THIEF WOULD'VE MADE OFF WITH THE CHEST!



AND WHEN AQUAMAN SURFACES TO REPORT THE BAD NEWS...

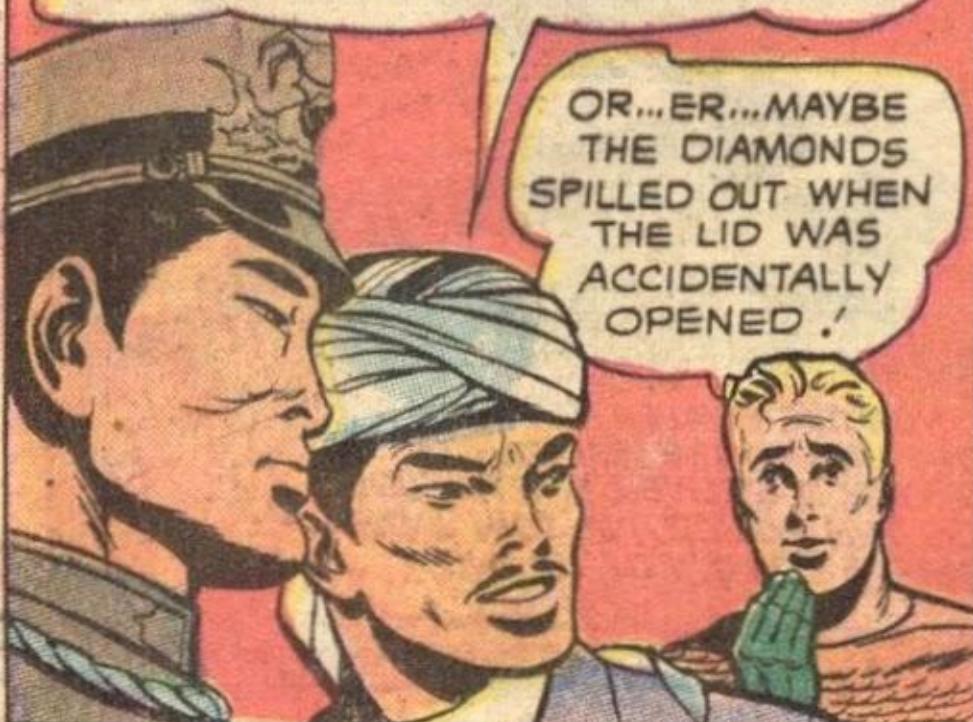
WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS RIDICULOUS, AQUAMAN! THE WHOLE WORLD, THROUGH THE T.V. TELECAST, SAW THAT THE CHEST WAS FULL OF DIAMONDS!

IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN, YOUR MAJESTY! IF IT HAD, THE DIAMONDS WOULD STILL BE INSIDE!



I HAVE ANOTHER THEORY, SIRE! HOW DO WE KNOW AQUAMAN'S TELLING THE TRUTH? MAYBE HE'S PULLING A TRICK! MAYBE HE INTENDS TO KEEP THE GEMS FOR HIMSELF!

OR...ER...MAYBE THE DIAMONDS SPILLED OUT WHEN THE LID WAS ACCIDENTALLY OPENED!



I'LL...ER... TAKE ANOTHER LOOK ON THE OCEAN FLOOR!

A GOOD IDEA, AQUAMAN! AND THIS TIME COME UP WITH THE DIAMONDS! THEN YOU'LL ALLAY OUR SUSPICIONS THAT YOU'D CHEAT THE INSURANCE COMPANY!



AQUAMAN



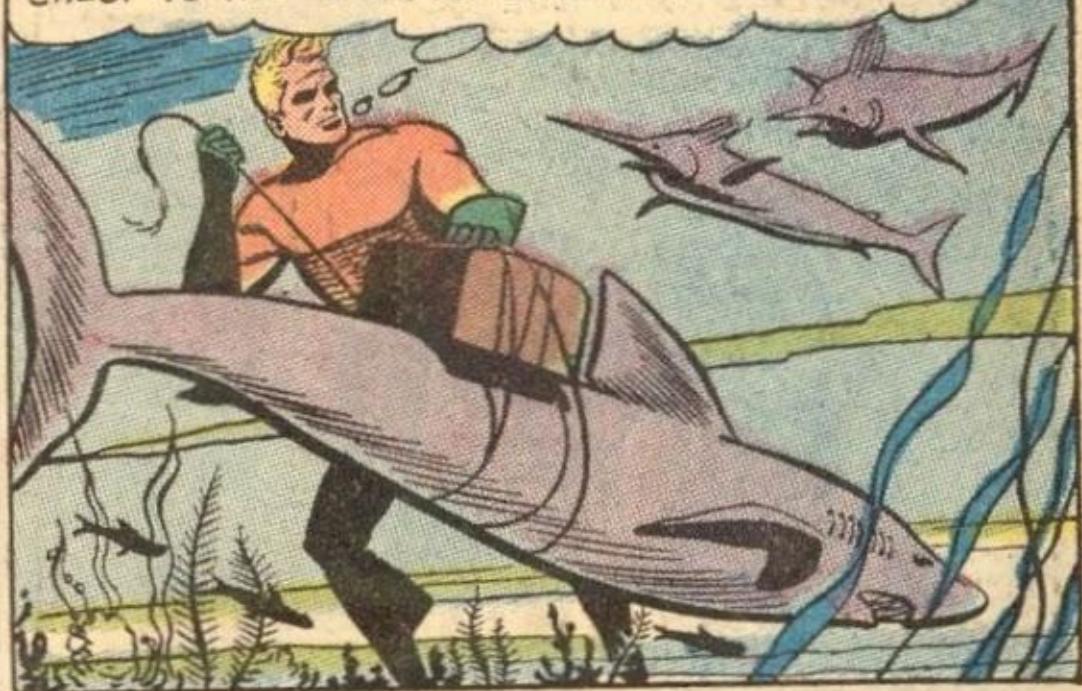
UH... I DON'T THINK
HE'LL FIND ANY
DIAMONDS BELOW,
EH, MY DEAR?

NO, VUDA!
OUR SCHEME IS
WORKING OUT
PERFECTLY!



MEANWHILE, UNDERWATER...

I'LL COMMUNICATE
WITH THOSE SWORD-
FISH! THEY'LL COME WITH ME AND THIS SHARK
ON A LONG TRIP--AS SOON AS I SECURE THIS
CHEST TO THE SHARK'S BACK WITH SEAWEED!



SWIFTLY, THE QUARTET STREAKS THROUGH THE OCEAN
DEEP UNTIL...

AT LAST! AN
ICEBERG! NOW
I'LL USE THESE
SWORDFISH LIKE
A PAIR OF
ICE PICKS!



MANY HOURS LATER...

WELL, AQUALAD!
YOU CAME TO JOIN YOUR FRIEND,
AQUAMAN, BUT APPARENTLY
HE'S RUN OUT ON US!
I HATE TO THINK WHY!

NOT SO FAST,
KING! THERE
HE IS NOW!



SOON, AS AQUAMAN APPEARS ON DECK...

HERE, YOUR MAJESTY! AS I
THOUGHT, THE GEMS SPILLED
OUT WHEN I OPENED THE
CHEST! IT TOOK ME SOME
TIME TO PICK THEM OUT OF
THE MUD!

IT CAN'T BE! I
MUST TALK TO THAT
IDIOT GIRL... ALONE!



AS THE PRIME MINISTER TAKES THE NURSE
ASIDE...

FOOL! I THOUGHT YOU REMOVED
THE DIAMONDS FROM THE
CHEST, THEN THREW THE
CHEST OVERBOARD,
BLAMING THE ACCI-
DENT ON THE CHILD!

I DID,
VUDA! WHEN
I RETURNED
TO THE PALACE,
I HID THE GEMS
IN THE PRINCE'S
TOY CHEST!





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HMM... MAYBE I'M GETTING THE REACTION I WANTED! MY SPARKLERS ARE PHONY... JUST CHUNKS OF ICE CHIPPED FROM AN ICEBERG! BUT I FIGURED I'D CONFUSE THE THIEVES INTO BETRAYING THEMSELVES! NOW I'LL BAFFLE 'EM FURTHER BY LETTING THEM FIND SOME OF MY "DIAMONDS"!



SHORTLY...

GASP! THESE AREN'T DIAMONDS, BUT REAL ICE! AQUAMAN'S UP TO SOMETHING! I'D BETTER SWIM BACK TO THE PALACE AND GET THE REAL DIAMONDS BEFORE SOMEONE FINDS THEM IN THE PRINCE'S TOY CHEST!



LATER...

BUT, AQUAMAN... WHY DID WE SAY GOOD-BYE ONLY TO HANG AROUND HERE LIKE DETECTIVES?

I'M A POOR SWIMMER... BUT I CAN REACH LAND, AIDED BY THIS LIFE-PRESERVER!

SHH! YOU'LL SOON FIND OUT!



SHORTLY, AS THE PRIME MINISTER SWIMS TOWARD THE ISLAND...

WITH THAT GIRL! I'LL TAKE THE DIAMONDS OUT OF THE PRINCE'S TOY CHEST, AND... GASP!... GOOD GRIEF! I'M SINKING!

HELP! HELP!

I WON'T SPLIT. COME ON, AQUALAD!



SECONDS LATER, AS THE DUO SAVES THE DROWNING MAN...

I'VE GOT HIM, AQUAMAN! BUT WHY ARE YOU EXAMINING THAT LIFE PRESERVER?

IT'S SUSPICIOUSLY HEAVY! INSTEAD OF SUPPORTING THIS CHARACTER, IT DRAGGED HIM DOWN, AS IF THE CORK INSIDE HAD BEEN REMOVED!



WHEN AQUAMAN TEARS OPEN THE LIFE PRESERVER...

DOUBLE-CROSSER! YOU LIED WHEN YOU SAID YOU HID THE LOOT IN THE TOY CHEST! YOU INTENDED TO KEEP THE DIAMONDS FOR YOURSELF BY HIDING THEM IN THIS LIFE-PRESERVER!

AND YOU TRIED TO CHEAT HER OF HER SHARE, PAL! WELL, IT ALL PROVES THAT "ICE" CAN GET YOU IN HOT WATER!



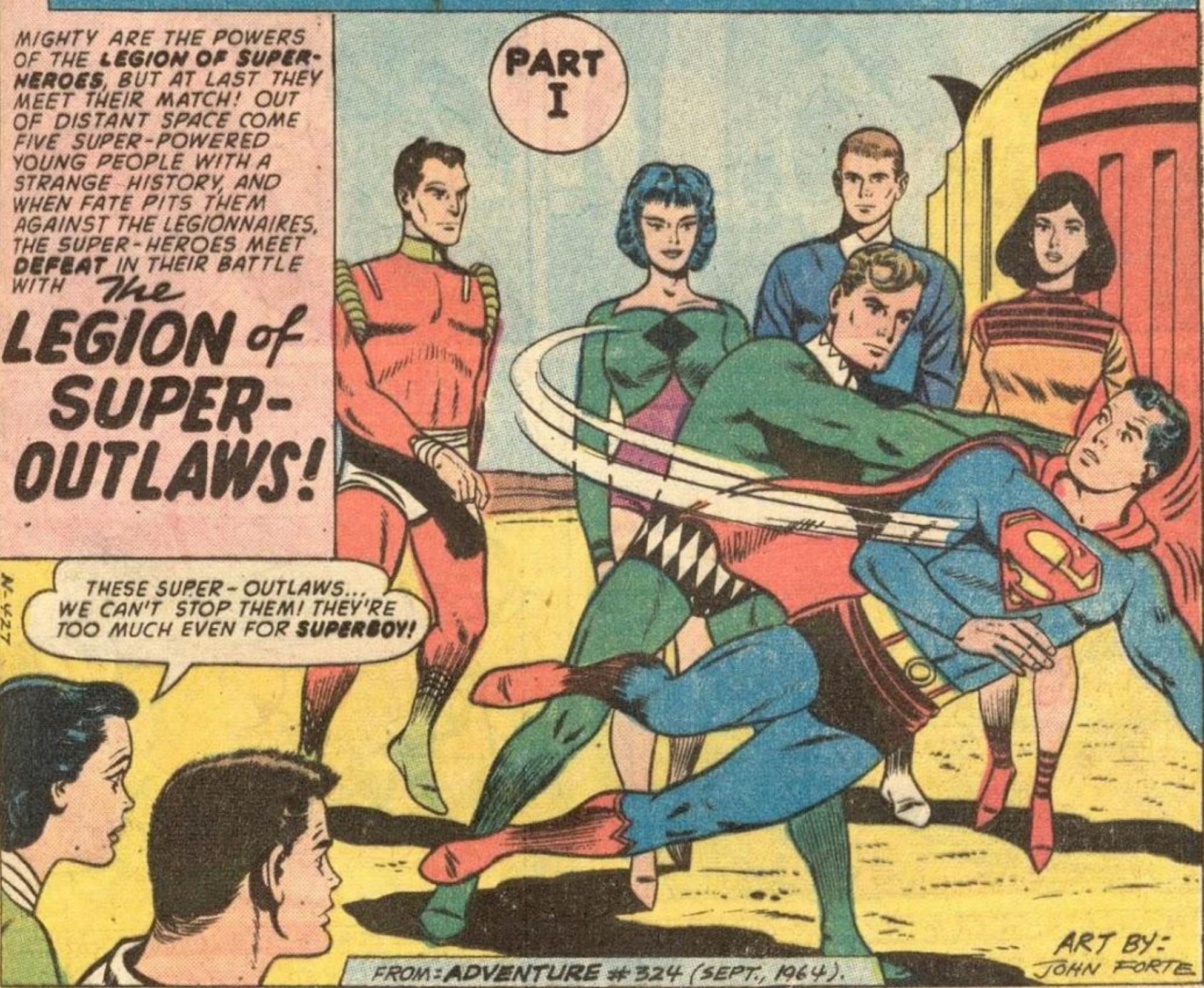
THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES

TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

MIGHTY ARE THE POWERS OF THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES**, BUT AT LAST THEY MEET THEIR MATCH! OUT OF DISTANT SPACE COME FIVE SUPER-POWERED YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A STRANGE HISTORY, AND WHEN FATE PITS THEM AGAINST THE LEGIONNAIRES, THE SUPER-HEROES MEET DEFEAT IN THEIR BATTLE WITH

**The
LEGION of
SUPER-
OUTLAWS!**

PART
I



FROM ADVENTURE #324 (SEPT., 1964).

IN THE 30TH CENTURY, ALMOST EVERYONE ON EARTH ADMires THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES**...

LOOK, THERE GO THE SUPER-HEROES INTO THEIR CLUBHOUSE! HURRAH FOR OUR GREAT CHAMPIONS!

SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE

THOSE CHEERING FOOLS DON'T DREAM THAT SOON I'LL DESTROY THEIR PRECIOUS LEGION!

DR. MARDEN KING, BRILLIANT BUT WARPED SCIENTIST, RETURNS TO HIS ISOLATED OBSERVATORY, BRIMMING OVER WITH HATRED!

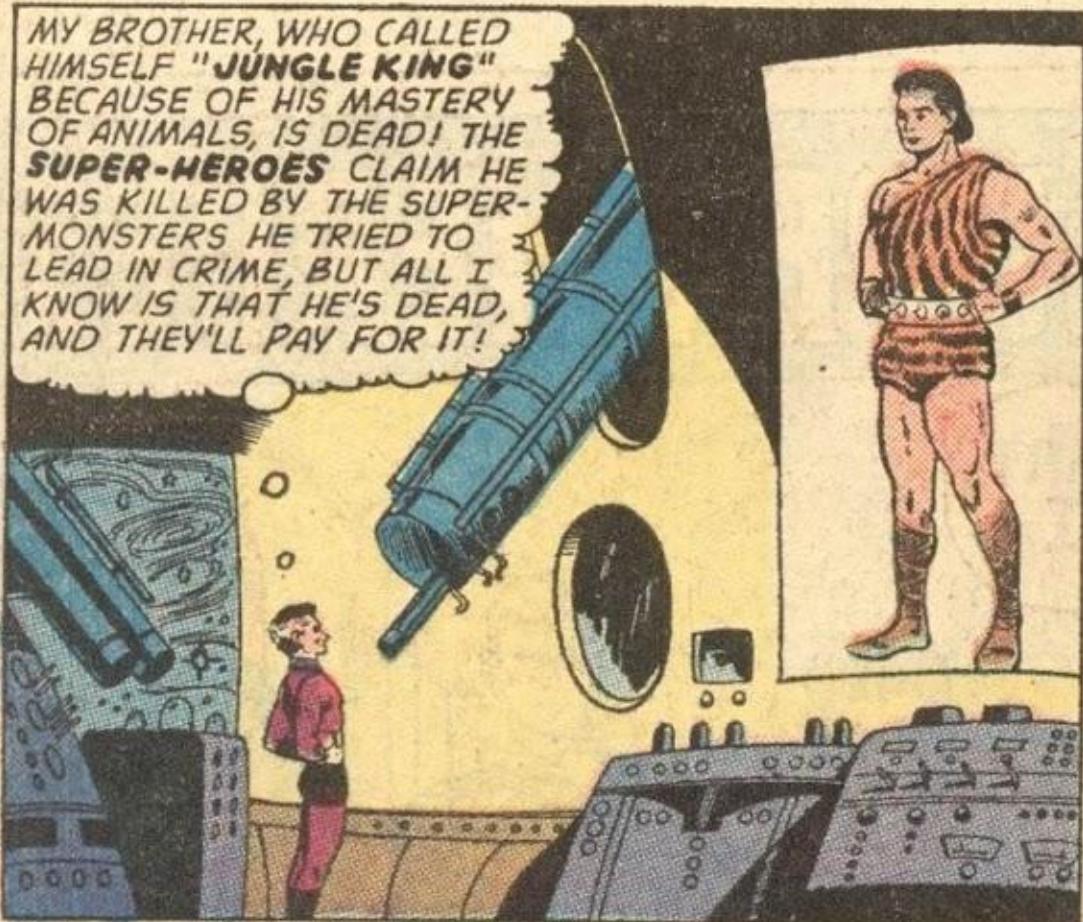
THOUGH THE LEGION DOESN'T KNOW IT, I HAVE A BLOOD-FEUD WITH THEM!



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MY BROTHER, WHO CALLED HIMSELF "JUNGLE KING" BECAUSE OF HIS MASTERY OF ANIMALS, IS DEAD! THE SUPER-HEROES CLAIM HE WAS KILLED BY THE SUPER-MONSTERS HE TRIED TO LEAD IN CRIME, BUT ALL I KNOW IS THAT HE'S DEAD, AND THEY'LL PAY FOR IT!



AH! THERE'S THE DISTANT PLANET LALLOR, FROM WHICH WILL COME THE INSTRUMENTS I'LL USE TO DESTROY THE LEGION! I'VE WATCHED THIS WORLD, FOR YEARS...



"...ITS INHABITANTS ARE A CIVILIZED, SCIENTIFIC PEOPLE! BUT YEARS AGO, THEY HAD A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT!"

PRIME MINISTER VORR, LOOK! THE SCIENTISTS YOU HAD WORKING TO MAKE SECRET ATOMIC WEAPONS MUST HAVE BLUNDERED... THAT'S AN ACCIDENTAL ATOMIC EXPLOSION!

THE IDIOTS! I HAD COUNTED ON ATOMIC WEAPONS TO CONSOLIDATE MY POWER OVER ALL OUR WORLD OF LALLOR!



"THAT ACCIDENTAL ATOMIC EXPLOSION HAD FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES!.."

THE PARENTS OF THESE FIVE INFANTS LIVED NEAR THE ATOMIC-EXPLOSION AREA AND THE FALLOUT EFFECTS HAVE GIVEN THEIR CHILDREN UNIQUE SUPER-POWERS!



"YEARS LATER, THE GROWN-UP SUPER-CHILDREN EXHIBITED THEIR STRANGE POWERS TO LALLORIAN SCIENTISTS!"

THIS IS BEAST BOY, WHO HAS THE POWER TO TRANSFORM HIMSELF INTO ANY ANIMAL HE WISHES!

I'LL BECOME ONE OF OUR STRANGEST ANIMALS, THE GURN, TO SHOW YOU!



THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES



YOU HAVE WITNESSED BEAST BOY'S POWER! NOW HERE IS GAS GIRL, WHO CAN CHANGE HERSELF INTO ANY KIND OF GAS SHE WISHES!



AS VAPOR, GAS GIRL CAN GO ANYWHERE A GAS CAN GO! NOW HERE IS EVOLVOLAD, WHO HAS THE POWER OF GOING BACKWARD OR FORWARD IN EVOLUTION!

I'LL GO A LITTLE BACKWARD, TO DEMONSTRATE! I'LL BECOME AN APE!



AND THIS IS LIFE LASS, WHO CAN TRANSFORM ANY INANIMATE OBJECT INTO A LIVING THING, BY WILLING IT!

I'LL USE MY POWER ON THIS TABLE!



SEE?... IT'S ALIVE! I'LL NOW RETURN THE LIVING TABLE TO ITS ORIGINAL INANIMATE STATE!

AND FINALLY, THIS IS DUPLICATE BOY, WHOSE POWER IS THE MOST UNUSUAL OF ALL... HE CAN DUPLICATE EXACTLY THE SUPER-POWER OF ANYONE ELSE! SHOW THEM, DUPLICATE BOY!



YOU SEE HOW HE CAN DUPLICATE ANY POWER OF THE OTHERS? THESE FIVE YOUNGSTERS CAN DO WONDERFUL THINGS FOR OUR WORLD, LALLOR!



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"BUT PRIME MINISTER VORR HAD WATCHED WITH MISGIVINGS!"

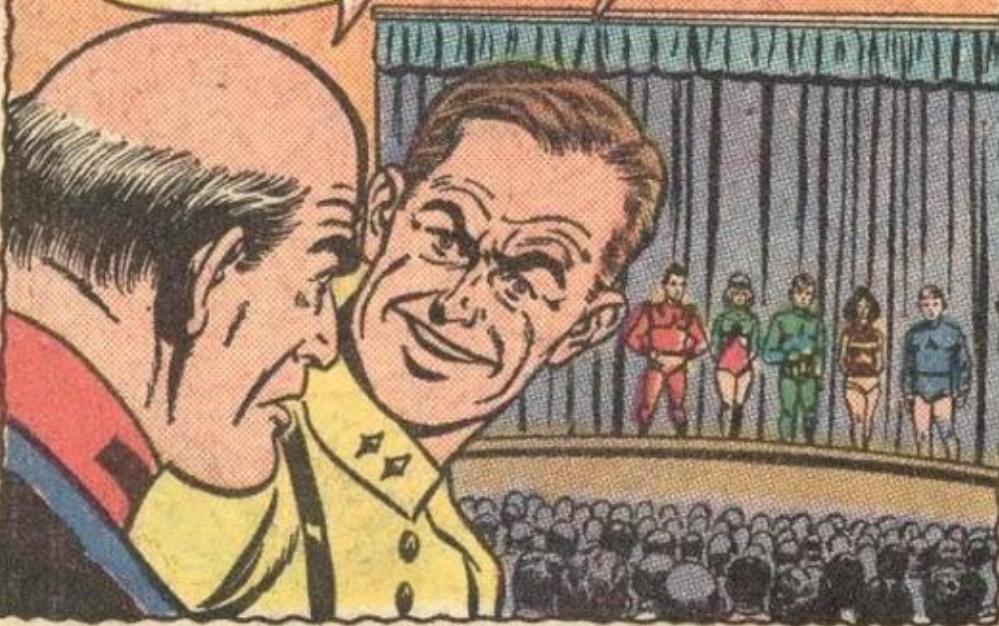
THESE YOUNGSTERS, WITH THEIR UNIQUE POWERS, COULD UPSET MY REIGN AS DICTATOR OF LALLOR! THEY MUST BE BANISHED FROM OUR WORLD FOREVER!

I UNDERSTAND, PRIME MINISTER! I'LL HAVE THEM AT THE SPACEPORT TONIGHT!

"THAT NIGHT, THE FIVE SUPER-YOUTHS RECEIVED AN ULTIMATUM!"

EITHER YOU LEAVE LALLOR IN THAT EXPERIMENTAL HIGH-SPEED STAR-SHIP... OR YOUR FAMILIES WILL GO TO PRISON FOR LIFE!

WE...WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN! WE'LL LEAVE, PRIME MINISTER!



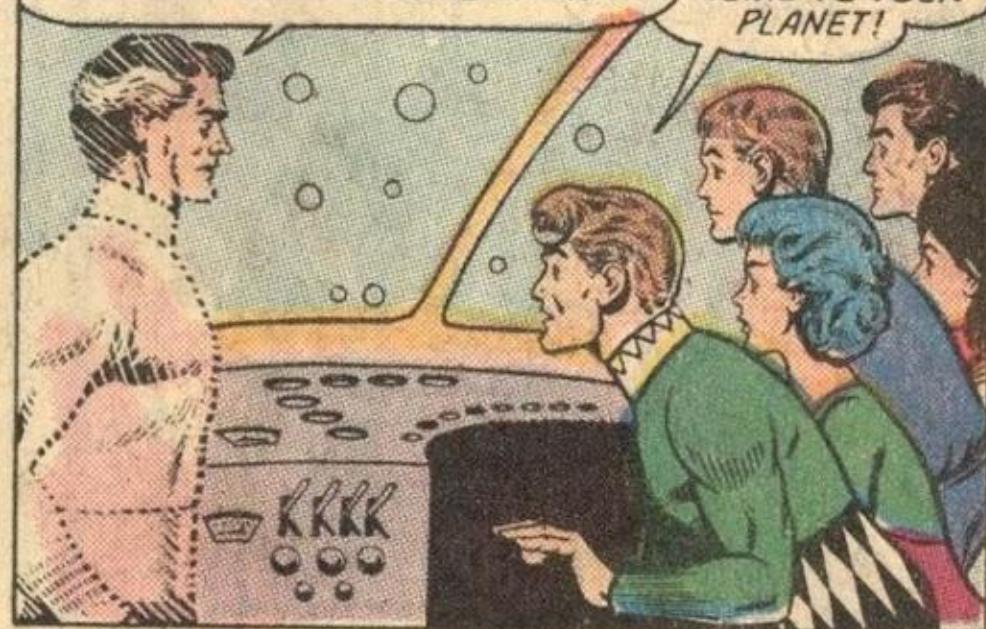
EVER SINCE THEY LEFT LALLOR, THEY'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR A WORLD TO LIVE ON! NOW THE TIME HAS COME TO CONTACT THEM BY MY DIMENSIONAL-STEREO!



IN THEIR ROCKET SHIP, THE FIVE SUPER-YOUTHS GET A SURPRISE!

I'M SPEAKING TO YOU BY DIMENSIONAL-STERO... I LEARNED YOUR LANGUAGE BY MONITORING YOUR WORLD, AND I CAN TEACH YOU MINE! I OFFER YOU FIVE YOUTHS A HOME ON EARTH.

A HOME AGAIN, ON A WORLD WITH HUMAN PEOPLE! WE ACCEPT...WE'LL COME TO YOUR PLANET!



LATER, ARRIVING ON EARTH...

YOU SEE, WE'VE MASTERED YOUR LANGUAGE COMPLETELY BY STUDYING EN ROUTE! IT'LL BE WONDERFUL, LIVING HERE ON EARTH PEACEFULLY!

AS FAR AS I AND MOST EARTH PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED, YOU'RE WELCOME!



BUT WE HAVE A TYRANNICAL GROUP HERE CALLED THE SUPER-HEROES, WHO ARE JEALOUS OF ANY RIVALS, AND WHO MAY ORDER YOU TO LEAVE! YOU MAY NEED TO USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS TO RESIST THEM!

WE'LL FIGHT, IF WE HAVE TO...WE'RE TIRED OF WANDERING IN SPACE HOMELESSLY!



THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES

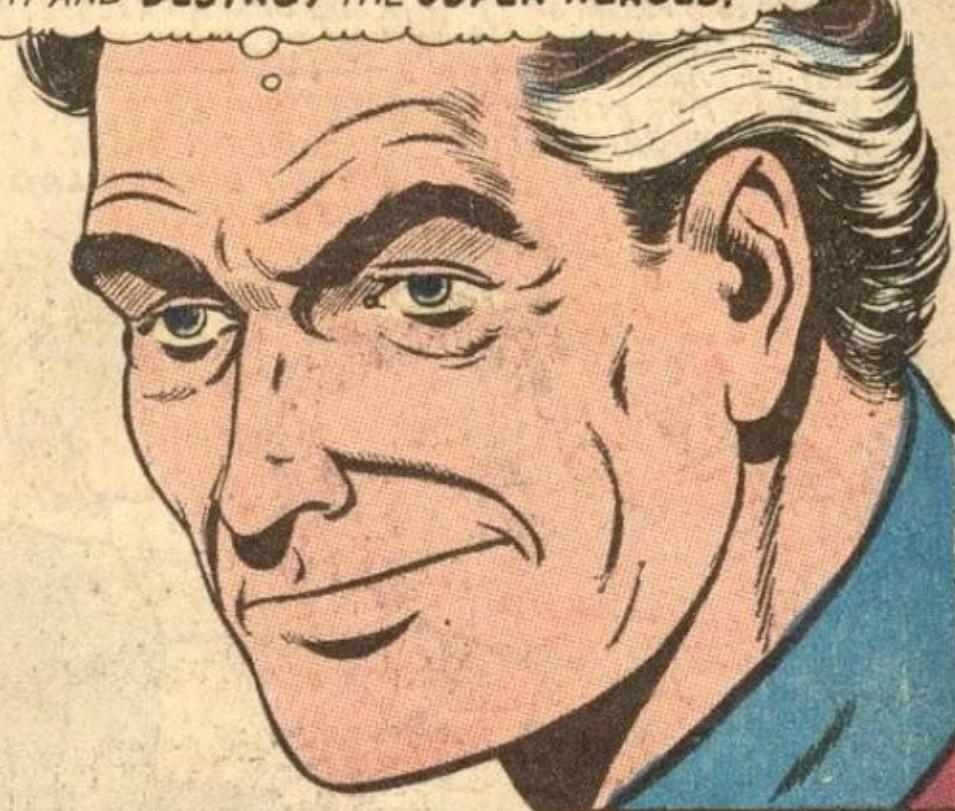


SOON AFTERWARD, UNKNOWN TO HIS NEW GUESTS...

DR. MARDEN KING, CALLING THE
LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES FOR
HELP! RUTHLESS, SUPER-POWERED
OUTLAWS HAVE LANDED HERE, WHO
PLAN TO CONQUER EARTH!



HA! THAT'LL BRING THE LEGIONNAIRES HERE... AND I'VE
DECEIVED MY YOUNG **SUPER-OUTLAWS** SO THEY'LL
FIGHT AND DESTROY THE **SUPER-HEROES**!



THE CALL FOR "HELP" COMES AT AN AWKWARD TIME
FOR THE SUPER-HEROES!

WE'VE GOT TO DEAL WITH
THOSE SUPER-OUTLAWS,
INVISIBLE KID. BUT THE
WHOLE LEGION IS AWAY
ON MISSIONS EXCEPT
YOU AND ME AND
SHRINKING VIOLET!

DON'T WORRY! I JUST
HEARD THAT **SUPERBOY**
IS ARRIVING ON ONE OF
HIS REGULAR VISITS!
WITH HIM ON OUR SIDE,
WE CAN DEAL WITH
ANYTHING!



PRESENTLY, FOUR **LEGIONNAIRES**, THREE OF THEM
TRANSPORTED BY FLYING BELTS*, ROCKET TO ANSWER
THE "DISTRESS CALL"!

THIS MAY BE VERY DANGEROUS,
VIOLET! YOUR POWER OF
SHRINKING TO TINY SIZE, AND
STAR-BOY'S POWER OF
MAKING THINGS SUPER-HEAVY, AND
INVISIBLE KID'S INVISIBILITY-
POWER ARE NOT MUCH GOOD IN A FIGHT!

WE WON'T LET
YOU BATTLE THOSE
SUPER-OUTLAWS
ALONE!



* BRAINIAC 5 INVENTED THE FLIGHT-RINGS LATER.

MEANWHILE, MARDEN KING'S CUNNING PLOT GATHERS
MOMENTUM...

I JUST SAW IN MY SCANNERS THAT
SOME OF THE SUPER-HEROES ARE
COMING, TO DRIVE YOU OFF
EARTH! THEY'RE JEALOUS!

WE'LL FIGHT!
EVOLVO LAD, YOU
PLAN OUR STRATEGY!



EVOLVO LAD USES HIS STRANGE POWER TO EVOLVE
SUDDENLY INTO A FUTURE MAN WITH INCREDIBLE WISDOM!

MY SUPERIOR BRAIN HAS ANALYZED ALL
THE FACTORS AND I DEDUCE THAT THE
ONE CALLED **SUPERBOY** WILL BE THE
MOST DANGEROUS ATTACKER! I HAVE
DEVISED A PLAN AS TO HOW WE
SHOULD DEAL WITH HIM. LISTEN...



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SHORTLY, WHEN THE FOUR SUPER-HEROES SWOOP DOWN...

YOU STRANGERS FROM SPACE ARE ACCUSED OF PLANNING A CONQUEST OF EARTH. YOU MUST COME WITH US FOR INTERROGATION BY THE WORLD POLICE!

THAT'S JUST AN EXCUSE! TRY TO MAKE US!

I'LL DUPLICATE ALL HIS SUPER-POWERS, THE WAY EVOLVO LAD ADVISED ME TO!



AND WHEN THE BOY OF STEEL CHARGES, HE GETS A SHOCK!

WHY...HE HAS SUPER-STRENGTH AS GREAT AS MINE, AND CAUGHT ME BY SURPRISE...

I'M HURLING HIM TOWARD THE OPEN WINDOW INSIDE WHICH OUR FRIEND, MARDEN KING, IS WAITING!



INSIDE THAT WINDOW...

A CAGE WITH BARS OF GREEN KRYPTONITE! ITS INFLUENCE IS WEAKENING ME... SAPPING ALL MY POWERS...

I'VE HAD THIS CAGE READY FOR YOU, SUPERBOY! NOW MY TIME HAS COME!



HORRIFIED BY THE DEFEAT OF THEIR MIGHTIEST CHAMPION, HIS FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES ACT SWIFTLY...

THIS IS AN AMBUSH AND SUPERBOY IS TRAPPED! WE'VE GOT TO RELEASE HIM!

I'LL MAKE MYSELF INVISIBLE AND GET INSIDE THAT BUILDING!



AS STAR BOY CHARGES, AHEAD OF THEM...

I'VE GOT TO BATTLE THEM WHILE INVISIBLE KID GETS THROUGH TO SUPERBOY...

I'LL CHANGE MYSELF INTO KNOCKOUT GAS, THIS TIME...



AND AS GAS GIRL USES HER WEIRD POWER...

EVERYTHING GOING DARK... I'M PASSING OUT...





THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES



MEANWHILE, AS INVISIBLE KID PRESSES ON TO RESCUE SUPERBOY...

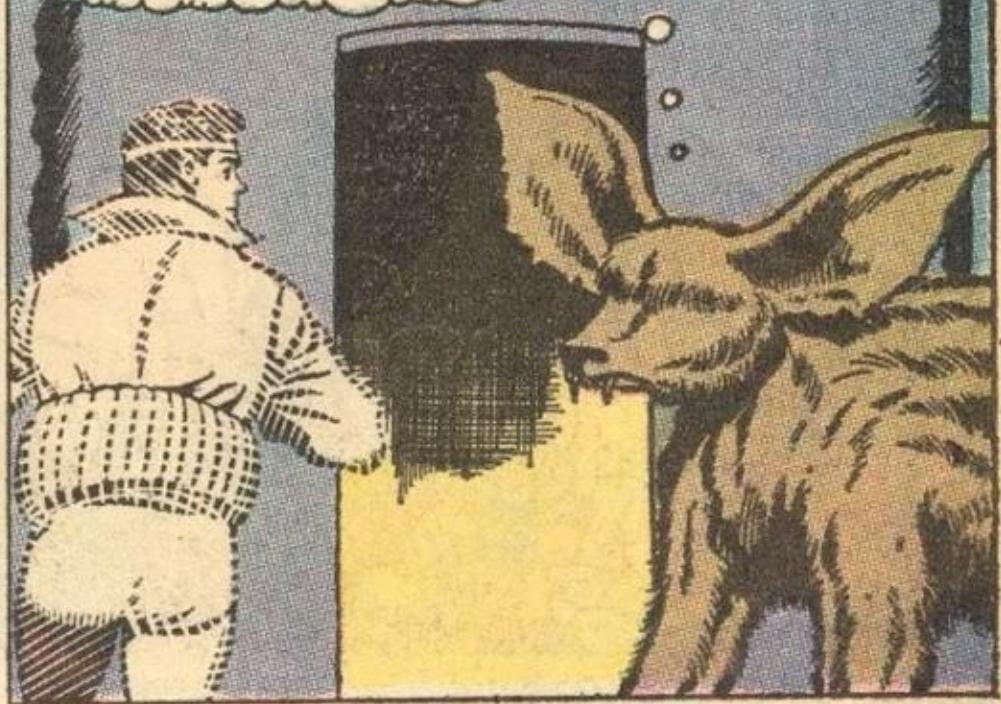
THEY CAN'T SEE ME NOW...

THAT EARTH LAD MADE HIMSELF INVISIBLE! I CAN'T SEE HIM. I'LL TRANSFORM MYSELF INTO THE DARK-BEAST THAT LIVES IN THE CAVERNS OF LALLOR...



AND AS BEAST BOY BECOMES A WEIRD, LALLORIAN ANIMAL...

THE DARK-BEASTS, WITH NO LIGHT TO SEE BY, USE THEIR TERRIFIC HEARING TO LOCATE ANYTHING... I CAN HEAR THE HEARTBEATS OF THAT INVISIBLE BOY NEARBY...



NEXT MOMENT...

LOOK! BEAST BOY HAS GRABBED AN INVISIBLE ENEMY!

WE'LL HELP TIE HIM UP!



SHAKEN BY THE LEGION'S DEFEAT, SHRINKING VIOLET ATTEMPTS TO SLIP AWAY...

I'LL MAKE MYSELF TINY... I'VE GOT TO ESCAPE AND WARN THE REST OF THE LEGION ABOUT THESE TERRIBLE SUPER-OUTLAWS!

ONE OF THEM, A GIRL, IS TRYING TO GET AWAY!



USING HER SUPER-POWER TO BECOME TINY, SHRINKING VIOLET REDUCES HERSELF TO TOM THUMB SIZE...

IN THIS TUNNEL I COULDN'T BE SEEN EVEN BY X-RAY VISION, FOR THERE'S LEAD IN THE ROCKS AND SOIL OF THIS REGION!



BUT DUPLICATE BOY SWIFTLY PURSUDES...

HER TRACKS

SHOW SHE SOMEHOW MADE HERSELF TINY AND WENT IN HERE! BUT THERE ARE OTHER TRACKS OF SOME SMALL ANIMAL THAT USES THIS TUNNEL... SHE MAY BE RUNNING INTO DANGER!



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IMITATING HER SHRINKING POWER, DUPLICATE BOY MAKES HIMSELF PIGMY SIZE...

THESE DRIED TWIGS COULD HELP, IF I'M NOT TOO LATE!



AND IN HER REDUCED SIZE, SHRINKING VIOLET ENCOUNTERS THE MENACE...

A WEASEL! IN MY TINY PRESENT SIZE, IT'S MORE TERRIBLE THAN A LION... AND IT'S COMING TOWARD ME...



BUT UNEXPECTEDLY, DUPLICATE BOY COMES TO HER AID...

KEEP BEHIND ME, GIRL! THERE'S ONE THING THAT WILL STOP ANY ANIMAL ON EARTH AND I HOPE IT'S TRUE HERE ON EARTH, ALSO...



... AND THAT'S FIRE!

THESE DRIED TWIGS I JUST LIGHTED BY DUPLICATING SUPERBOY'S HEAT VISION ARE SCARING THE CREATURE BACK... LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



AFTER BOTH BACK OUT OF THE TINY TUNNEL, AND RETURN TO THEIR NORMAL SIZE...

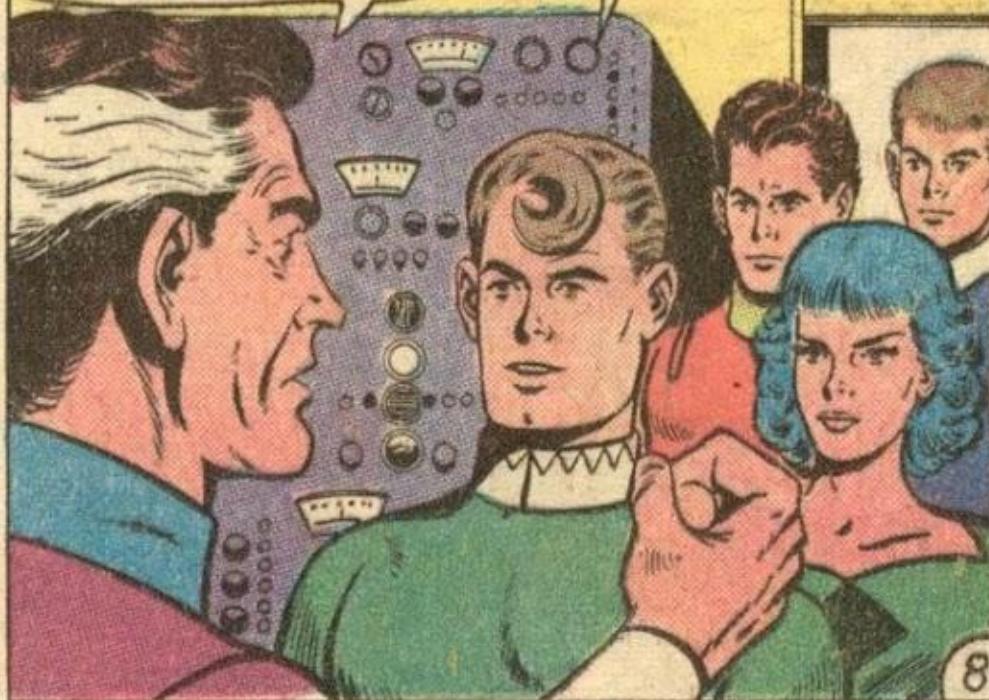
BUT NOW YOU'RE OUR PRISONER, HE WAS SO BRAVE IN AND MUST BE SECURED LIKE IS SO HANDSOME... IF THE OTHERS WE CAPTURED! ONLY HE WEREN'T ONE OF THE SUPER-OUTLAWS...



LATER...

YOU HAVE SUPERBOY CAGED IN KRYPTONITE AND THE OTHERS TIED UP... NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO DESTROY THEM!

WE DON'T TAKE LIFE! WE ONLY WANT TO PREVENT THEM FROM DRIVING US OFF THIS WORLD!



MOMENTARILY BALKED, KING'S CUNNING BRAIN WORKS FAST!
THE REST OF THE SUPER-HEROES,
WHEN THEY RETURN FROM MISSIONS,
WILL COME AFTER YOU! YOUR ONLY
CHANCE IS TO TAKE THE OFFENSE...
SEIZE THEIR CLUBHOUSE AND
THEIR SCIENTIFIC SECRET WEAPONS!

WE'LL DO IT, L
TO DEFEND
OUR RIGHT TO
STAY ON EARTH!
WE'LL TAKE THE
CAPTIVES WITH US!



AND AS THE SMALL SHIP FLASHES TOWARD METROPOLIS...
OUR FRIEND KING SAYS THE
CLUBHOUSE OF OUR ENEMIES
WILL BE LOCKED... BUT,
DUPLICATE BOY, YOU'RE
NOT LISTENING.

SORRY, GAS GIRL...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW
A GIRL AS PRETTY AS
SHRINKING VIOLET COULD
BE ONE OF THE TYRANNICAL
SUPER-HEROES!



THE FORMIDABLE LOCKS OF THE **LEGION** DO NOT DAUNT
THE SUPER-OUTLAWS!

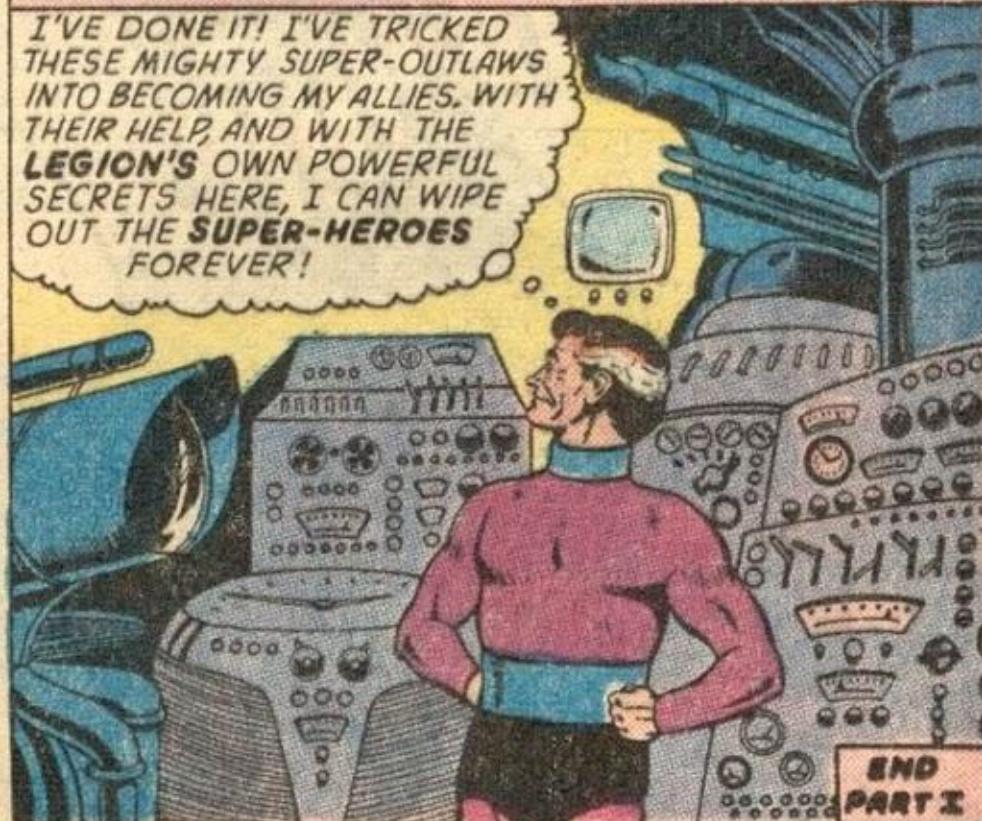
GAS GIRL, IN HER VAPOR
FORM, CAN GO THROUGH
THE KEYHOLE, AND
UNLOCK THE DOOR!

GOOD! WHEN SHE OPENS
IT, WE'LL TAKE THE CAPTIVES
INSIDE, AND PREPARE THE
CLUBHOUSE FOR DEFENSE
AGAINST THE OTHER
SUPER-HEROES!



AND SOON, INSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE, MARDEN KING
ACHIEVES HIS LONG-DREAMED-OF TRIUMPH!

I'VE DONE IT! I'VE TRICKED
THESE MIGHTY SUPER-OUTLAWS
INTO BECOMING MY ALLIES. WITH
THEIR HELP, AND WITH THE
LEGION'S OWN POWERFUL
SECRETS HERE, I CAN WIPE
OUT THE SUPER-HEROES
FOREVER!



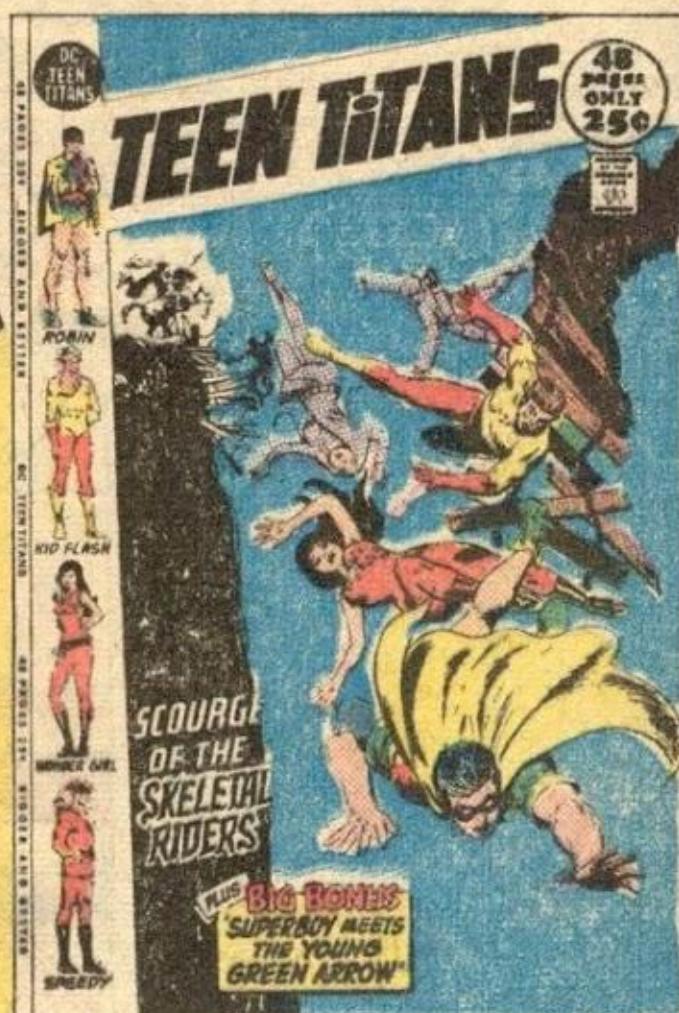
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TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

THE FEUD BETWEEN THE
SUPER-HEROES AND THE
SUPER-OUTLAWS,
FOSTERED BY AN EVIL
DECEPTION, THREATENS
TO SHAKE WORLDS!
HERE'S THE CLIMAX OF
A MIGHTY CONFLICT AND
OF A STRANGE ROMANCE, IN...

The BATTLE OF THE SUPER- TEAMS!



PART
II

IMPRISONED IN THEIR OWN CLUBHOUSE, THE DEFEATED
SUPER-HEROES TASTE DESPAIR!

SUPERBOY IS PARALYZED
AND HIS KRYPTONITE CAGE
IS IN AN UNBREAKABLE CASE
SO WE CAN'T FREE HIM! THERE'S
NOT AN OPENING BY WHICH
EVEN VIOLET, IF TINY,
COULD ESCAPE!

AND WORST OF ALL,
OUR FELLOW-LEGION-
NAIRES, AS THEY RE-
TURN FROM THEIR
MISSIONS, WILL
WALK INTO THIS
TRAP OF THE
SUPER-OUTLAWS!

WHY ARE THEY SO
RUTHLESS?
DUPLICATE BOY,
THEIR LEADER,
DOESN'T LOOK
EVIL.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE
EXCUSES FOR THEM,
VIOLET? YOU SAW HOW
THEY CONSPIRED WITH
THAT PLOTTER, MARDEN
KING, TO CAPTURE US!





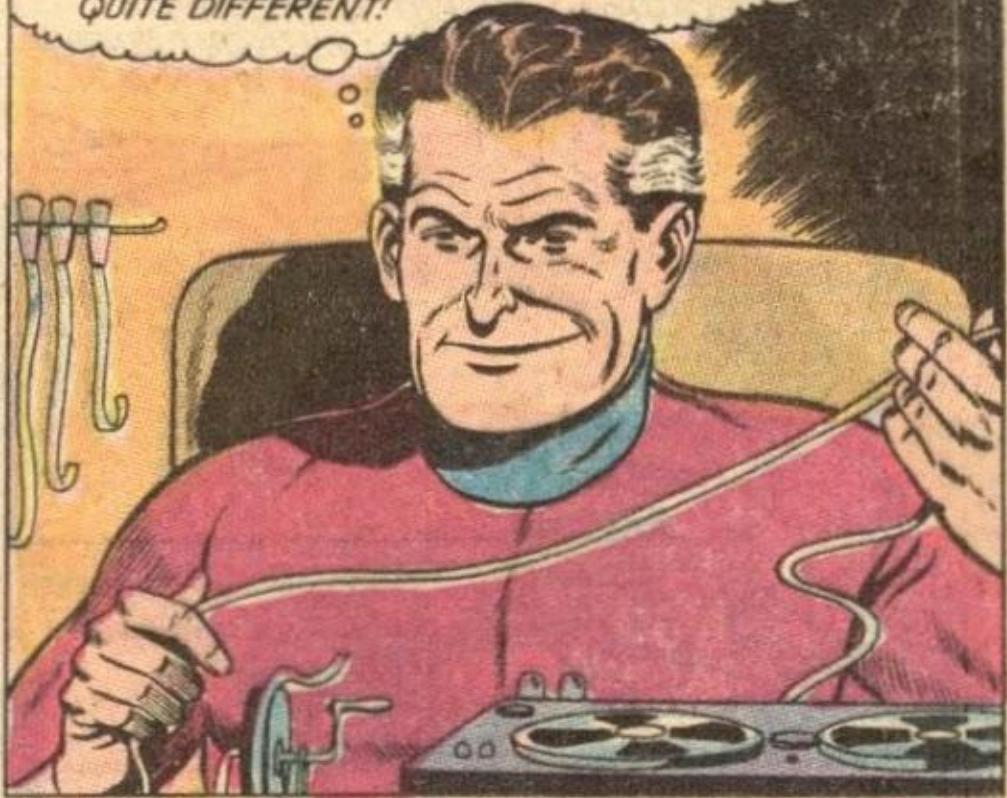
THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES

UNKNOWN TO THE PRISONERS, MARDEN KING HAS BEEN WATCHING AND RECORDING!

THEY CAN'T SEE ME THROUGH THIS ONE-WAY TRANSPARENT SECTION, BUT IT'S A GOOD THING I WATCHED THEM! THE SUPER-HEROES AND THE SUPER-OUTLAWS MUSTN'T LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT EACH OTHER!



BY CUTTING THIS TAPE-RECORDING OF THEIR WORDS AND REARRANGING THEM, I CAN MAKE THEIR CONVERSATION SOUND QUITE DIFFERENT!



A LITTLE LATER...

I CAME TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE SAFELY IMPRISONED... IT'LL DO NO GOOD TO ATTACK ME AS I CAN USE MY DUPLICATE SUPER-POWERS! YOU SUPER-HEROES WILL NEVER DRIVE US OFF EARTH!

BUT... WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO DRIVE ANYONE OFF EARTH!



ALL WE KNOW IS THAT YOU SUPER-OUTLAWS WERE REPORTED BY KING TO HAVE COME HERE FOR CONQUEST!

THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE! I'LL FIND OUT ABOUT IT...



MARDEN KING IS PREPARED FOR THE QUESTION!

SHE SOUNDED SO SINCERE, I HALF-BELIEVED HER!

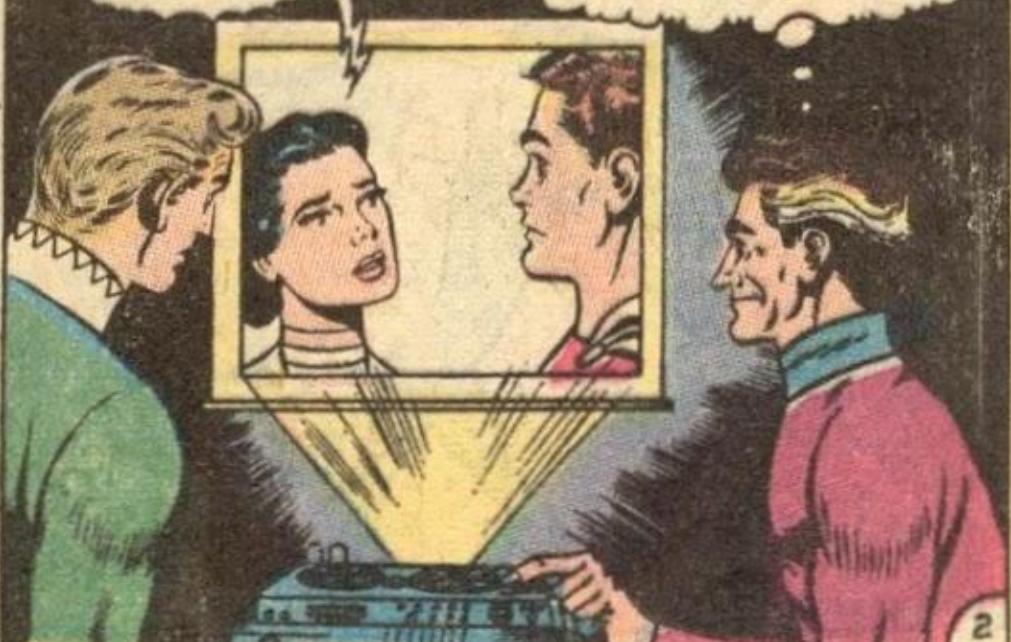
OF COURSE... THE SUPER-HEROES ARE AS CUNNING AS THEY ARE RUTHLESS! BUT I RECORDED THEIR CONVERSATIONS WHEN YOU WEREN'T THERE... I'LL PLAY THE RECORD!



AND AS A DOCTORED VIDEO-RECORD IS PLAYED...

IF I CAN FOOL THESE SUPER-OUTLAWS, WE'LL TURN THE TABLES AND WE AND OUR FELLOW-LEGIONNAIRES CAN TRAP AND CRUSH THEM!

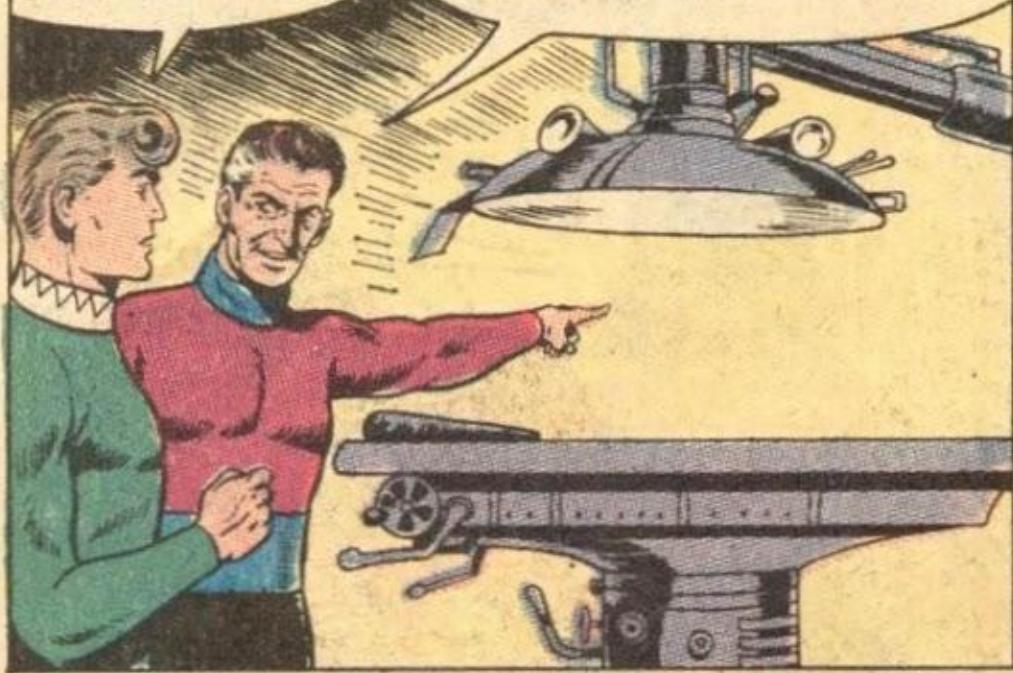
HE DOESN'T REALIZE I PUT HER RECORDED WORDS TOGETHER IN NEW ORDER, TO MAKE HER SEEM TO SAY THAT!



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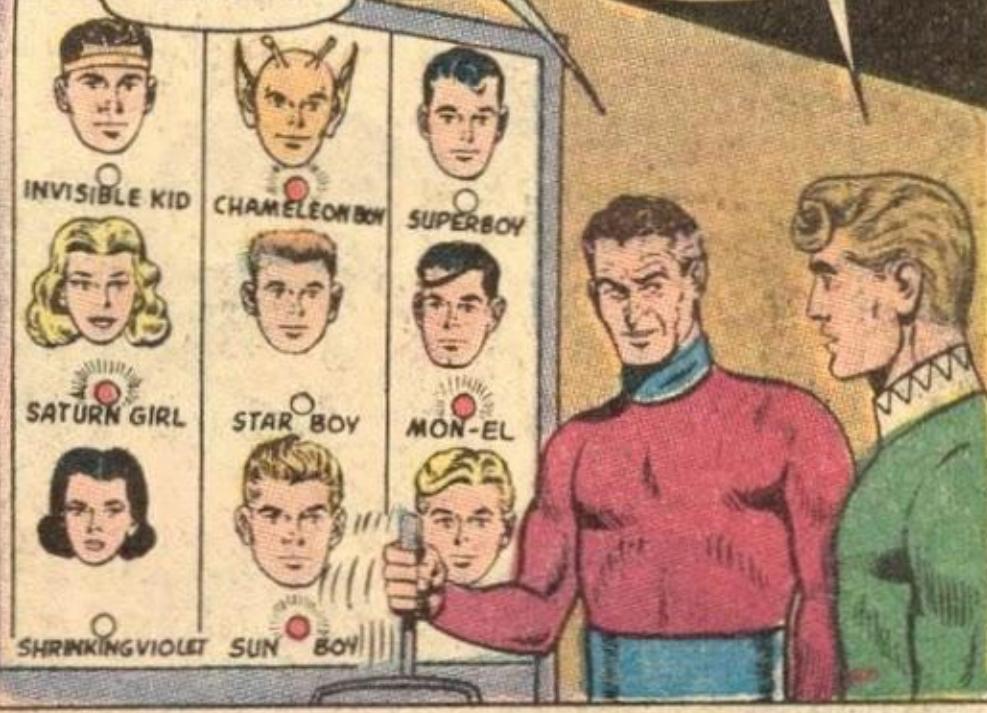
AND TO THINK HER LIES ALMOST COVINCED ME! NOW I KNOW THE SUPER-HEROES FOR WHAT THEY ARE... BUT STILL, WE CAN'T DESTROY THEM!

I'VE FOUND THIS FROZEN-SLEEP LAMP WHICH IS ONE OF THEIR HOARDED SECRETS... WE'LL USE IT TO PUT THEM INTO A TRANCE, WITHOUT HURTING THEM! COME WITH ME!



THIS IS THE LEGION'S GENERAL ALARM SIGNAL... IT'LL SUMMON THEM ALL BACK HERE. WE CAN SEIZE THEM AS THEY ARRIVE AND PUT THEM IN FROZEN SLEEP!

IT'S THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO! I'LL TELL OUR CAPTIVES WHAT THEIR SENTENCE IS!



SHORTLY, IN THE PRISON CELL...

WE MUST PUNISH YOU. THE FROZEN-SLEEP LAMP WILL PUT YOU IN A COMA. PERHAPS YOU'LL WAKE LATER, REFORMED! DON'T GIVE ME ANY MORE LIES!

I WASN'T LYING! I WISH YOU WOULD BELIEVE ME!



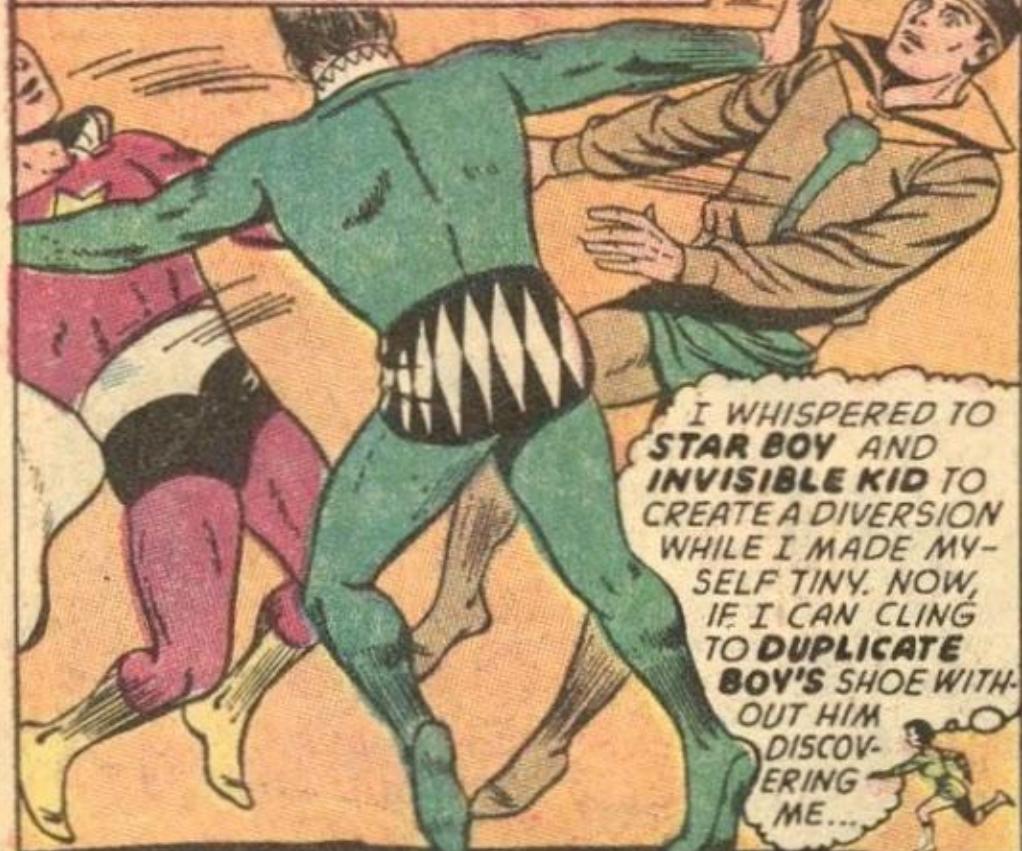
AS DUPLICATE BOY TURNS TO LEAVE...

WE'RE NOT SUBMITTING TO THAT SENTENCE WITHOUT A FIGHT!

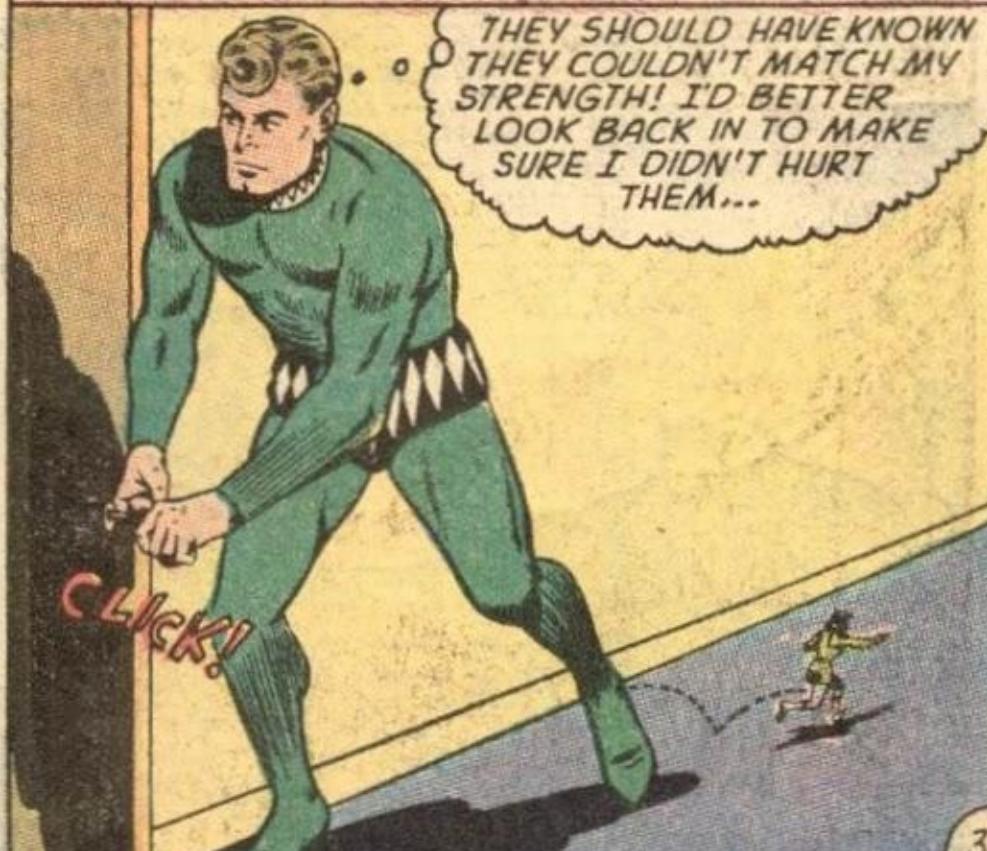
LET GO OF ME! DON'T FORCE ME TO HURT YOU WITH MY SUPER-POWERS.



BUT AS THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES...



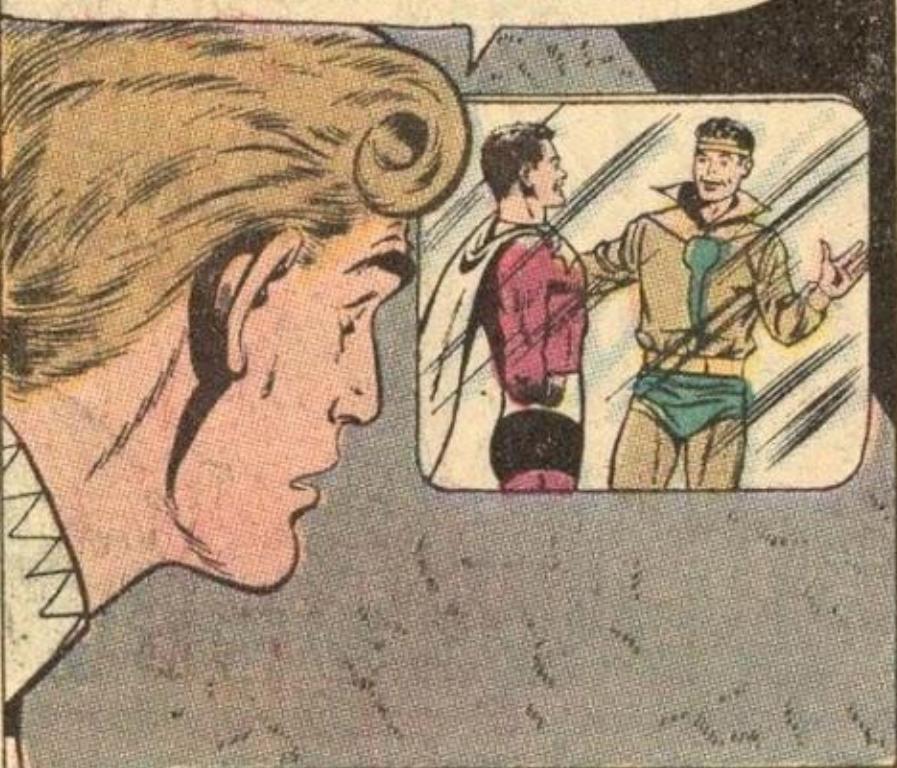
NEXT MOMENT, OUTSIDE THE CELL, IN THE CORRIDOR...



THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES



VIOLET ISN'T IN THERE... SHE MUST HAVE MADE HERSELF TINY AND SLIPPED OUT WHEN I OPENED THE DOOR! SHE'S GOT TO BE FOUND! I'LL ALERT THE OTHERS!



SECONDS LATER, THE LEGION OF SUPER-OUTLAWS BEGINS A TENSE SEARCH!

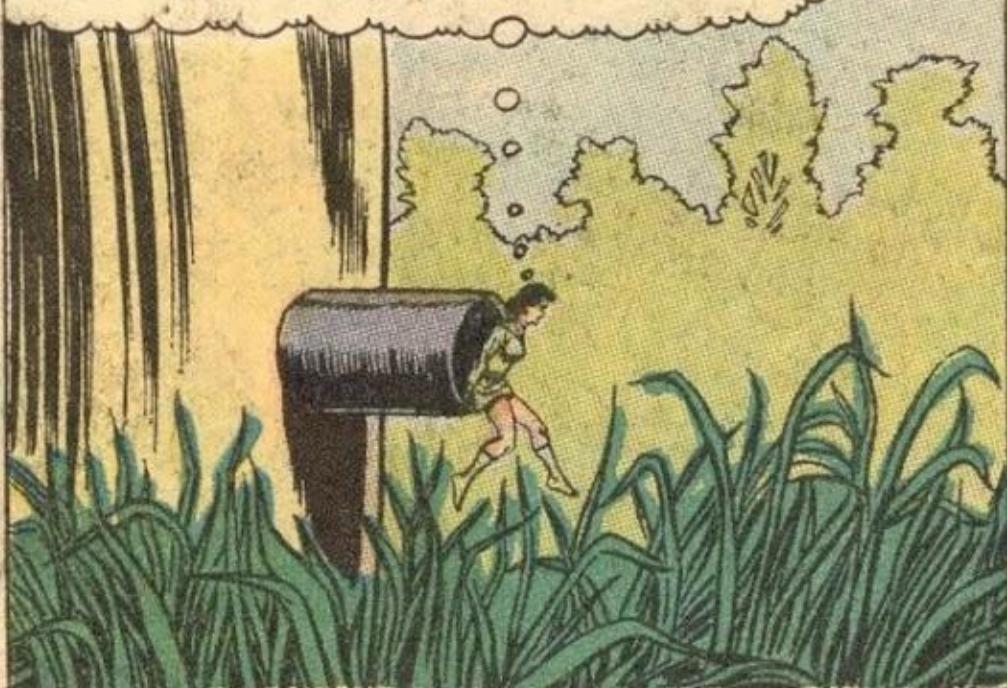
THESE WALLS ARE ALL LEAD-SHIELDED SO I CAN'T HUNT HER WITH MY X-RAY VISION.* SHE COULD BE ANYWHERE IN THE CLUBHOUSE!

SHE MUSTN'T GET AWAY TO WARN HER FELLOW-LEGIONNAIRES!

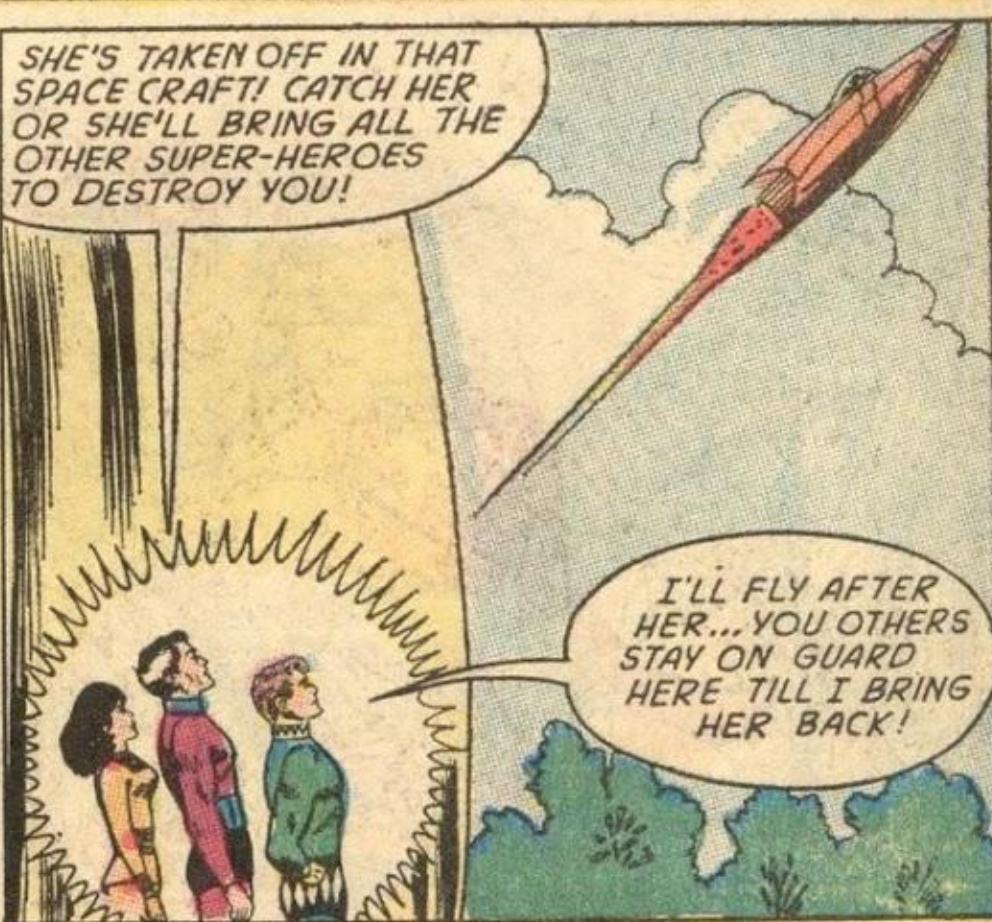


BUT TINY SHRINKING VIOLET, WHO KNOWS EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY OF THE CLUBHOUSE...

I MADE IT THROUGH THIS PIPE. NOW TO BECOME NORMAL-SIZED AND GET TO ONE OF OUR LEGION SPACE-SPEEDSTERS!



SHE'S TAKEN OFF IN THAT SPACE CRAFT! CATCH HER OR SHE'LL BRING ALL THE OTHER SUPER-HEROES TO DESTROY YOU!



THE FASTEST LEGION SPACE-SHIP CAN'T LONG ESCAPE THE SUPER-SPEED OF DUPLICATE BOY!

HE'S OVERTAKING ME, FORCING ME TO LAND ON THAT UNINHABITED, WAR-WRECKED PLANET, ALAIN! I'LL FLASH A DISTRESS CALL TO THE SUPER-HEROES COMING BACK TOWARD EARTH... IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE!



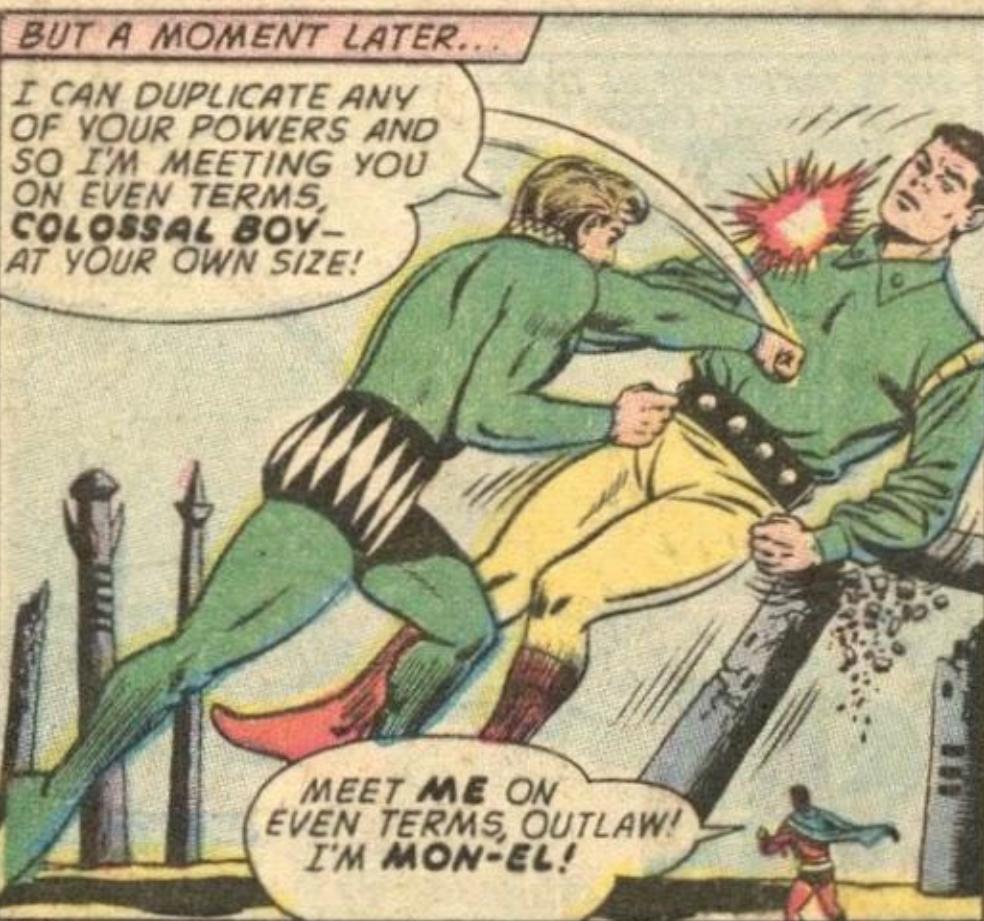
BUT, WHEN DUPLICATE BOY CORNERS VIOLET ON A SOMBER, WAR-RUINED WORLD...

I... I JUST HAVEN'T THE HEART TO TAKE YOU BACK TO YOUR FROZEN SLEEP PUNISHMENT, VIOLET! I LIKE YOU TOO MUCH. I'LL LET YOU GO, IF YOU PROMISE NEVER TO REJOIN THE RUTHLESS SUPER-HEROES...

IF I'D ONLY KNOWN YOU FELT THAT WAY ABOUT ME! IT'S TOO LATE... I'VE ALREADY FLASHED WORD TO THE SUPER-HEROES.



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THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES



MEANWHILE, IN THE CLUBHOUSE OF THE SUPER-HEROES...

IF THE SUPER-HEROES DO ATTACK US, THIS PROJECTOR I BUILT BY STEALING THEIR OWN SCIENTIFIC SECRETS WILL BE TOO MUCH FOR THEM!

I CAN'T HELP ADMIRING THE SUPER-HEROES. IF ONLY THEY WEREN'T SO JEALOUS AND TYRANNICAL...



A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

KING HAS LOCKED THIS DOOR... I WONDER WHY?

E VOLVO LAD, YOU'RE THE WISEST OF US WHEN- EVER YOU EVOLVE TO A FUTURE MAN... MAYBE YOU CAN ANSWER THAT.

RECORDS OF THE SUPER-HEROES



ONCE AGAIN **E VOLVO LAD** UTILIZES HIS UNIQUE SUPER-POWER TO INCREASE HIS BRAIN POWER...

IT'S AN ELEMENTARY PROBLEM. THE ONLY POSSIBLE REASON IS THERE'S SOMETHING IN THOSE RECORDS KING DOESN'T WANT US TO SEE!

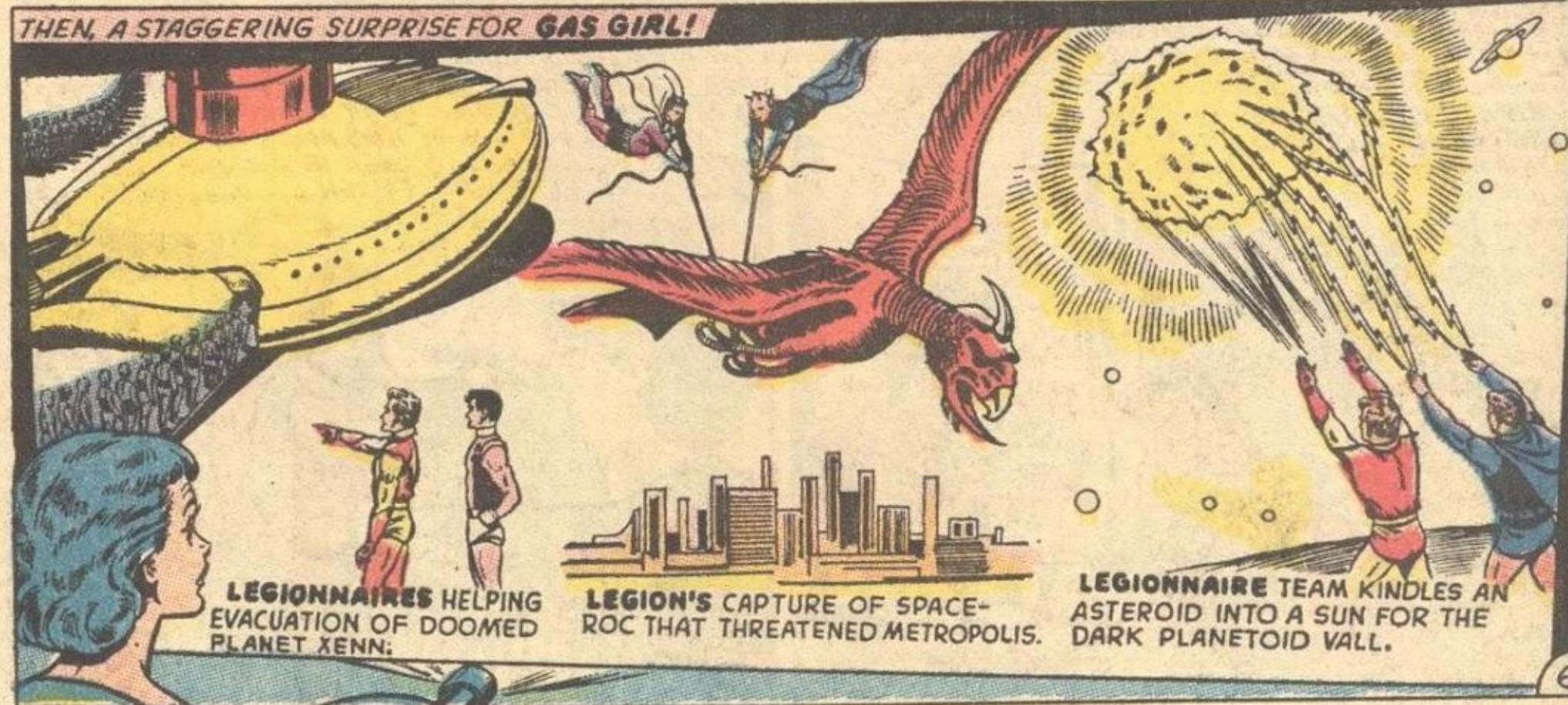
I THINK I'D BETTER INVESTIGATE. I CAN GO UNDER THE DOOR BY TURNING TO VAPOR.



THE RECORDS OF THE SUPER-HEROES ARE PARTLY IN PICTURE FORM... I'LL EXAMINE SOME OF THEIR RUTHLESS PAST DEEDS BY USING THAT PROJECTOR TO FLASH THEM ON THE SCREEN!



THEN, A STAGGERING SURPRISE FOR GAS GIRL!



LEGIONNAIRES HELPING EVACUATION OF DOOMED PLANET XENN.

LEGION'S CAPTURE OF SPACE-ROC THAT THREATENED METROPOLIS.

LEGIONNAIRE TEAM KINDLES AN ASTEROID INTO A SUN FOR THE DARK PLANETOID VALL.

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WHEN GAS GIRL REVERTS TO HER VAPOR FORM AND RETURNS TO THE OTHERS...

THE RECORDS SHOW THAT THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ARE NOT TYRANNICAL AND SELFISH. THEY'RE GREAT CHAMPIONS OF PEOPLE EVERYWHERE!

NO WONDER MARDEN KING DIDN'T WANT US TO SEE THOSE RECORDS... HE'S LIED TO US, FROM THE FIRST! WE'LL HAVE IT OUT WITH HIM!

SHORTLY...

OF COURSE I LIED... I WANTED TO USE YOU TO SEIZE THIS CLUBHOUSE AND ITS SECRETS FOR ME! THIS PROJECTOR IS ONE THAT WILL DESTROY ANYONE'S SUPER-POWERS COMPLETELY... AND I'LL USE IT ON

YOU IF YOU GET MUTINOUS!

WE DON'T CARE! WE WILL HELP YOU NO LONGER, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO US!



WE'VE GOT TO UNDO ALL THE EVIL YOU TRICKED US INTO PERFORMING. THAT'S THE LEAST WE CAN DO TO SQUARE THINGS WITH THE LEGIONNAIRES!

HA, HA! IN A MOMENT YOU'LL BE WITHOUT POWERS! AND YOUR POWER CAN'T AFFECT ME, LIFE LASS, SINCE I'M ALREADY LIVING!

YOU'RE WRONG, KING! IT WAS YOUR CHAIR I USED MY POWER ON... AND IT WORKED!

IT'S HOLDING HIM FROM REACHING THE SWITCHBOARD... TIE HIM UP AND THEN WE'LL RELEASE THE THREE PRISONERS!



SOON, WHEN THE SUPER-HEROES AND THEIR CAPTIVE, DUPLICATE BOY, RETURN TO EARTH...

WHY, THEY'VE FREED SUPERBOY, STAR BOY, AND INVISIBLE KID... AND HAVE BOUND MARDEN KING!

IT MAY BE A TRAP... BE READY FOR ACTION!



DUPLICATE BOY, WE WERE DECEIVED! THE SUPER-HEROES NEVER HAD ANY INTENTION OF DRIVING US OFF EARTH!

I FAILED TO REVENGE MY BROTHER... BUT EVEN THOUGH I GO TO PRISON, I'LL HAVE VENGEANCE ON YOU SUPER-HEROES SOME DAY!



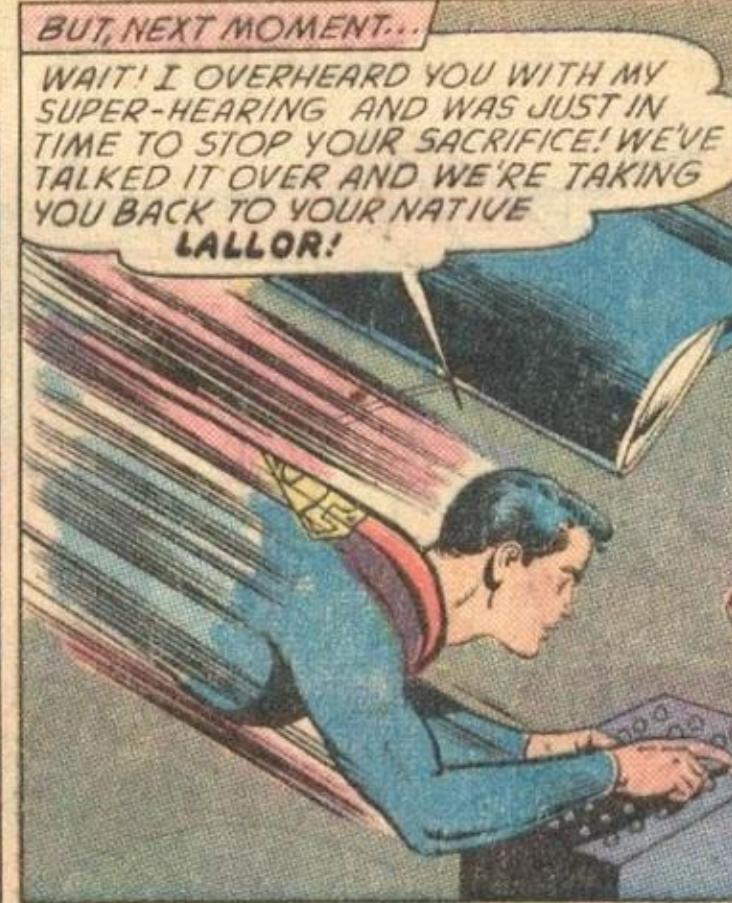
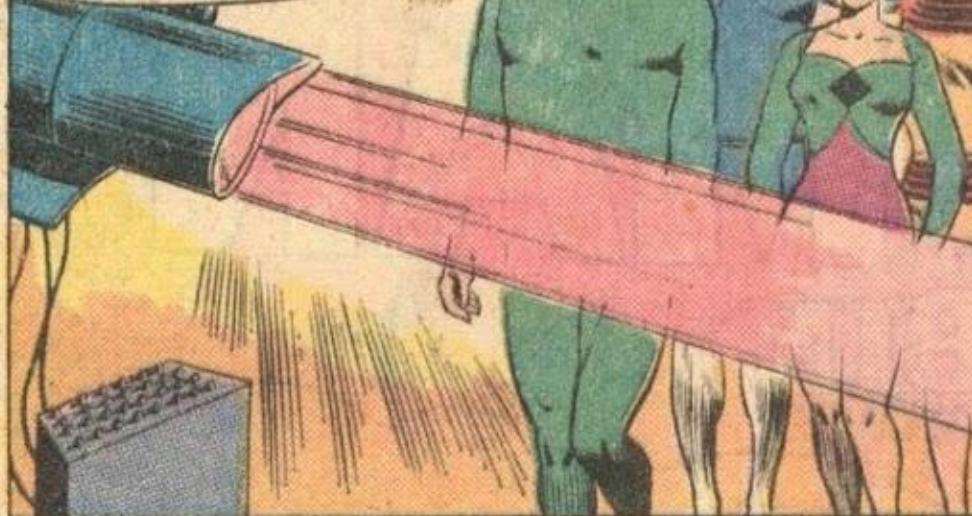
A LITTLE LATER...

WE WERE ALMOST GUILTY OF A GREAT CRIME AGAINST THE SUPER-HEROES... WE'RE NOT WORTHY TO HAVE SUPER-POWERS! WALKING INTO THE FORCE OF KING'S MACHINE WILL NULLIFY OUR POWERS FOREVER!

IT'S THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO, SINCE OUR POWERS NEARLY CAUSED GREAT WRONG!

BUT, NEXT MOMENT...

WAIT! I OVERHEARD YOU WITH MY SUPER-HEARING AND WAS JUST IN TIME TO STOP YOUR SACRIFICE! WE'VE TALKED IT OVER AND WE'RE TAKING YOU BACK TO YOUR NATIVE LALLOR!



LATER, ON THE PLANET LALLOR...

PEOPLE OF LALLOR, THESE FIVE WITH THEIR GREAT POWERS CAN BE YOUR CHAMPIONS, YOUR HELPERS... NOT OUTLAWS, AS YOUR PRIME MINISTER TRIED TO MAKE THEM!

HURRAH FOR THE SUPER-HEROES OF LALLOR! WE DROVE PRIME MINISTER VORR FROM OFFICE WHEN WE LEARNED WHAT HE DID!



AND LATER, AS THE SUPER-HEROES OF EARTH PREPARE TO RETURN HOME...

WILL WE EVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN?

I THINK SO! REMEMBER, I, TOO, HAVE THE POWER OF SUPER-SPEED WHEN I DESIRE IT, AND CAN REACH EARTH SWIFTLY! THIS ISN'T THE END FOR US,

VIOLET!



THE END

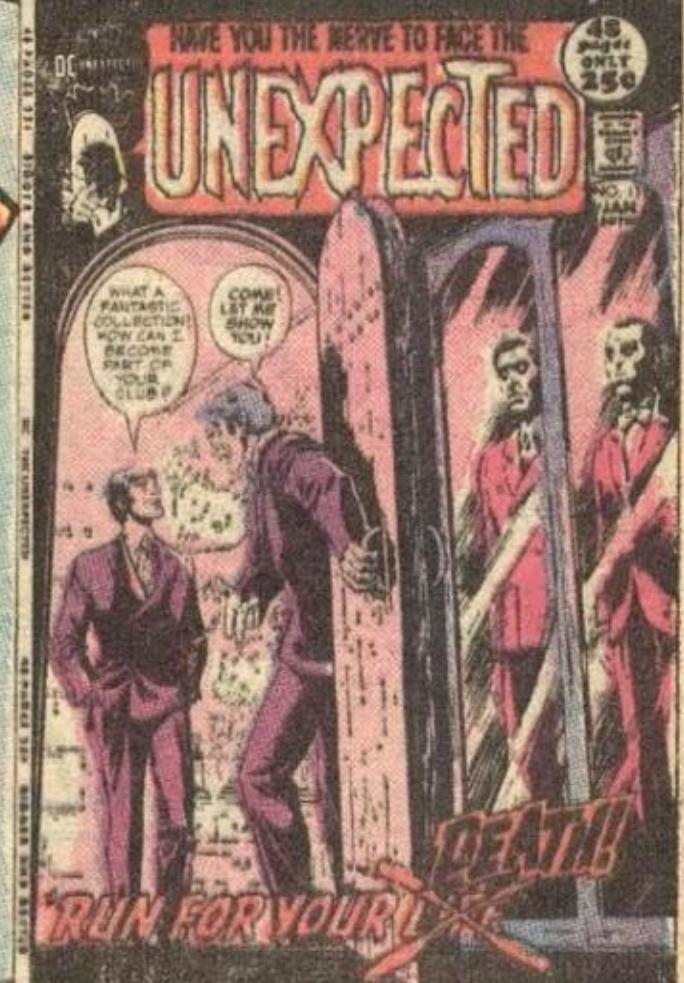
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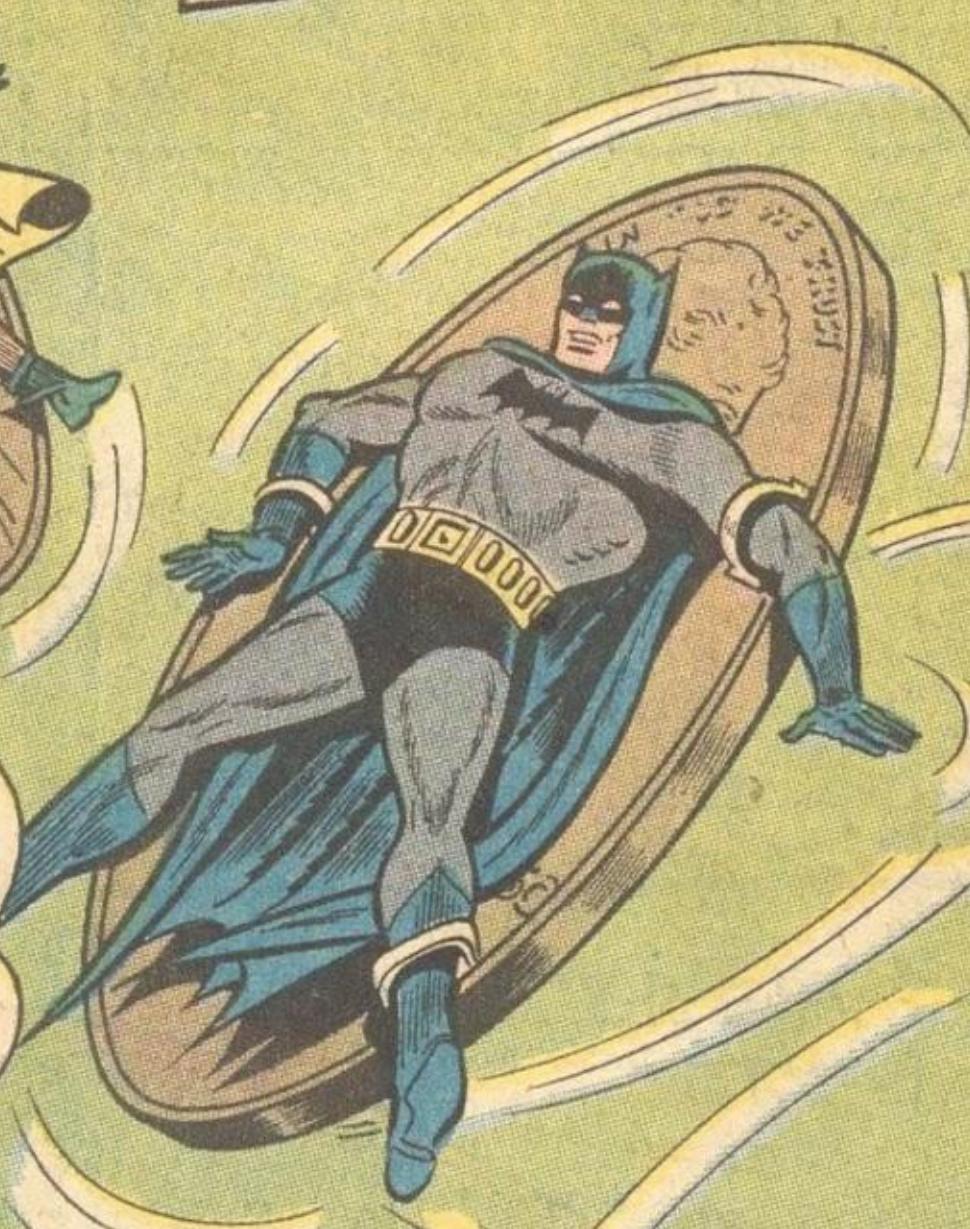


BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

ART:
DICK SPRANG

BOB
KANE



IT'S A
SIMPLE
GAMBLE,
BATMAN!
TAILS
YOU WIN--
HEADS, YOU
LOSE--
YOUR LIFE!

THE TIME -- EARLIER THIS
YEAR. THE PLACE --
GOTHAM CITY. THE DRAMA --
ONE OF THE STRANGEST EVER TO FLASH
ACROSS THE HUMAN SCENE!

A HARDENED GAMBLER SEEKS A NEW THRILL OUT
OF LIFE! HIS "GAME" BRINGS A GASP TO THE PEOPLE
OF THE CITY! HIS TERROR REACHES OUT TO CLUTCH BATMAN AND
ROBIN! THRILL TO THE STRANGEST STAKES EVER WAGERED IN THE
STORY OF...

MR. ROULETTE'S GREATEST GAMBLE

FROM: BATMAN #75 (FEB.-MAR., 1953).



BATMAN

ONE EVENING AS A VISITOR CALLS ON VUE MAGAZINE PHOTOGRAPHER VICKI VALE, IN HER GOTHAM CITY APARTMENT...

MY NAME'S MEL HUGHES -- I'M A PRIVATE DETECTIVE ON AN ERRAND FOR A CLIENT. THESE PACKAGES ARE FOR YOU!

PACKAGES... FOR... ME? WHY---THEY'RE IDENTICAL! WHAT IS ALL THIS, ANYWAY?



IN ANSWER, MEL HUGHES HANDS OVER THE PACKAGES--AND A NOTE FOR VICKI TO READ...

Dear Miss Vale --
Here are two packages. One is worth \$1,000 -- one is worthless! Gamble, Miss Vale! Gamble, on your luck! Choose one of the packages! Open it!
Mr. Roulette

MR. ROULETTE?
IS THIS SOME
KIND OF GAG?
OH, WELL--I'LL
PLAY ALONG!
I JUST LOVE
MYSTERY!

AND THEN, AS VICKI OPENS ONE OF THE PACKAGES...

WHY--IT'S FOR REAL! A \$1000 BILL--AND IT'S GENUINE! I'M--I'M SPEECHLESS!

YOU'RE A LUCKY GAMBLER, MISS VALE! YOU PICKED THE RIGHT PACKAGE! NOW OPEN THE OTHER!



A MOMENT LATER...

WHY--THERE WAS ANOTHER \$1,000 BILL IN HERE-- BUT IT DISINTEGRATED BEFORE MY EYES!

YES--IT WAS TREATED WITH A CHEMICAL THAT DESTROYED IT UPON CONTACT WITH AIR. BUT LOOK, MISS VALE--THERE'S ANOTHER NOTE FOR YOU!



AND AS VICKI READS THE SECOND NOTE...

If you opened this package first, Miss Vale, you gambled-- and lost! But you lost merely \$1,000.

I gamble with practically every breath I take--but if I lose, I die! For I gamble with death! If you want a sensational story, come visit me!

HE GAMBLES WITH DEATH? BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND! AND WHY PICK ON ME FOR ALL THIS?



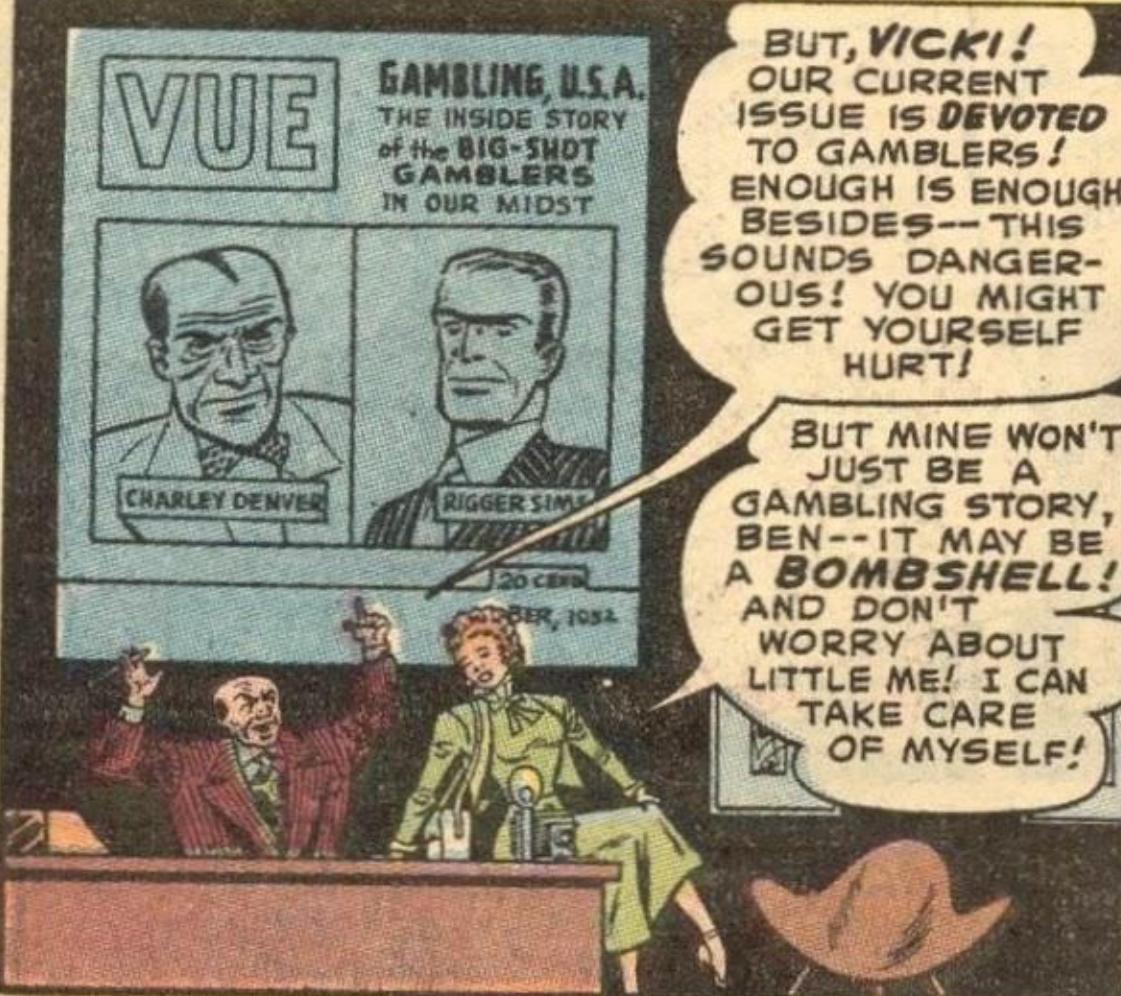
MY CLIENT HAS LONG ADMIRE YOUR WORK--HE WANTS TO GIVE YOU A SCOOP. I'VE LEFT HIS ADDRESS ON YOUR TABLE. GOOD NIGHT, MISS VALE...

\$1,000--PACKAGES--CHEMICALS--SCOOOPS! I'M A LITTLE BEWILDERED, ALL RIGHT--BUT THIS IS ONE STORY I'M GOING TO COVER!



SUPER SPECTACULAR

NEXT DAY AT HER OFFICE, AS VICKI ANNOUNCES HER PLANS TO THE EDITOR OF **VUE**...



SOON AFTER, VICKI SETS OUT FOR MR. ROULETTE'S HOME-- AN ISOLATED MANSION IN THE HILLS NORTH OF GOTHAM CITY. AND THEN...



BATMAN

ALL AT ONCE, AN INTERRUPTION!

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN!
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE!

VICKI'S EDITOR WAS
WORRIED. HE PHONED
THE POLICE. ROBIN
AND I ARE YOUR
BODYGUARDS ONCE
AGAIN!



ABRUPTLY, MR. ROULETTE MAKES HIS DECISION! FIRM FINGERS REACH FOR ONE OF THE PHONES! AND THEN...

OH HELLO, MR. DUNCAN!
NO--MY FREEZER IS
FULL. I WON'T NEED
MEAT THIS WEEK!

BROTHER!
IF HE'S NOT
KIDDING, WE
JUST SAW A
MAN
ALMOST GET
KILLED!



WITH HIS CANE, MR. ROULETTE UNHOOKS THE OTHER PHONE FROM ITS CRADLE. IN THE NEXT MOMENT...

A GUN MECHANISM--
IN THE MOUTHPIECE!
IT FIRED
A SHOT!

LOOK--THE
BULLET
SPLINTERED
THE
CEILING!

HA, HA!
NOW
HOW DO YOU
LIKE MY
LITTLE
GAME?



AND AS VICKI BREATHLESSLY TELLS BATMAN ABOUT MR. ROULETTE, THE RING OF A TELEPHONE SUDDENLY ECHOES THROUGH THE ROOM ...

AHHH---THE TELEPHONE!
NOW I GAMBLE AGAIN!
WHICH SHALL I ANSWER--
WHICH IS THE SAFE
ONE? STAND BACK,
ALL OF YOU--OUT
OF HARM'S WAY!

LOOK AT HIM,
BATMAN--
STUDYING
THOSE
PHONES!
HE'S WEIRD,
I TELL YOU!



AND WHEN THE PHONE CONVERSATION ENDS...

AHHH-- THAT WAS EXCITING ! BUT I SEE SKEPTICISM ON YOUR FACES ! SO STAY WHERE YOU ARE--AND I WILL SHOW YOU WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED, HAD I ANSWERED THE OTHER PHONE !



YOU'LL DO A STORY
ABOUT ME, MISS VALE ?
THERE'S LOTS MORE
TO TELL ! FOR INSTANCE,
ALL DEATH-TRAPS
HERE ARE WIRED
SO THAT THE ODDS
KEEP CHANGING !
TOMORROW, THE SAFE
PHONE MAY
BE THE DEADLY
ONE !
I NEVER KNOW
FOR SURE !

COME
ON, VICKI--
I'M
GETTING
YOU
OUT
OF HERE !





SUPER SPECTACULAR

SOON AFTER...

A MAN LIKE THAT SHOULD BE COMMITTED TO A HOSPITAL FOR OBSERVATION! BUT THERE'D BE RED TAPE -- WE DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS -- WHO HIS FAMILY IS...

THEN THE FIRST THING TO DO IS SEEK CLUES TO HIS IDENTITY! WE'LL START TOMORROW -- WITH THAT PRIVATE DETECTIVE HE HIRED!

AND NEXT DAY, IN THE OFFICE OF MEL HUGHES...

I'M SORRY, BATMAN -- BUT I CAN'T HELP YOU. I'M OBLIGED TO KEEP MY CLIENT'S IDENTITY A SECRET...

HMM -- HIS NOSE! THAT'S FUNNY...



THAT NIGHT, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN PONDER THEIR PROBLEM IN THEIR REAL IDENTITIES AS MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

WELL, MR. ROULETTE GOT ALL THE PUBLICITY HE WANTED! VICKI'S STORY HAS ALREADY LEAKED OUT TO THE PRESS!

HMM! I WISH I KNEW MORE ABOUT THAT FANTASTIC CHARACTER!



ALL AT ONCE...

THE BAT-SIGNAL!
LET'S GO, DICK!
COMMISSIONER GORDON WANTS US AGAIN!

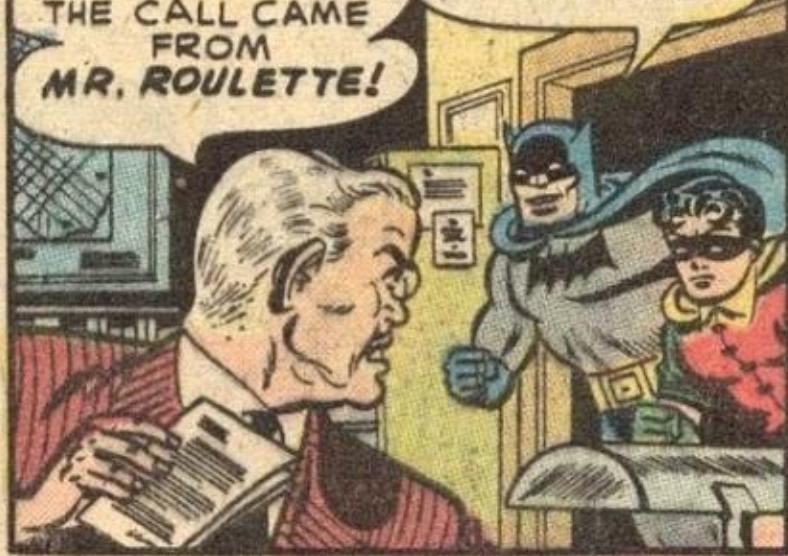
I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU -- AND RARIN' FOR ACTION!



LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

A PROWLER REPORTED, BATMAN! I'D SEND A FEW OF MY MEN, BUT I THOUGHT THIS CASE WOULD INTEREST YOU. THE CALL CAME FROM MR. ROULETTE!

I'LL SAY I'M INTERESTED! COME ON, ROBIN -- WE MAY LEARN SOMETHING!



SOON AFTER, AS THE DARING LAWMEN CIRCLE MR. ROULETTE'S ESTATE IN A PRELIMINARY OBSERVATION...

THERE'S THE PROWLER, BATMAN -- ON THE TENNIS COURT! WE'LL HAVE TO HURRY!

HMM! THE DOOR TO THE COURT IS ON THE FAR SIDE! QUICKLY, ROBIN! GRAB ONE OF THOSE SECTIONS OF PIPE, AND FOLLOW ME!





BATMAN

IN THE NEXT MOMENT...

THESE PIPES MAKE EXCELLENT VAULTING POLES! LUCKY THE GARAGE WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

WE HAVEN'T CAUGHT OUR MAN YET! MORE STRATEGY IS CALLED FOR!

AND JUST AS THE PROWLER REACHES THE DOOR OF THE TENNIS COURT...

WE'VE GOT HIM!
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME WE CAUGHT A POOR FISH IN A TENNIS NET!

THEN, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN BRING THEIR PRISONER INTO MR. ROULETTE'S HOUSE...

HERE'S YOUR PROWLER, MR. ROULETTE. AN OLD SAFE-CRACKER BY THE NAME OF "SOUP" DREWS. YOU WON'T BE BOthered BY HIM ANY MORE!

GOOD WORK, BATMAN! YOU UNDOUBTEDLY SAVED HIS LIFE! COME-- I'LL SHOW YOU!

THIS IS WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE FOUND, "SOUP"! TWO IDENTICAL SAFES! TELL ME -- WHICH WOULD YOU HAVE CRACKED?

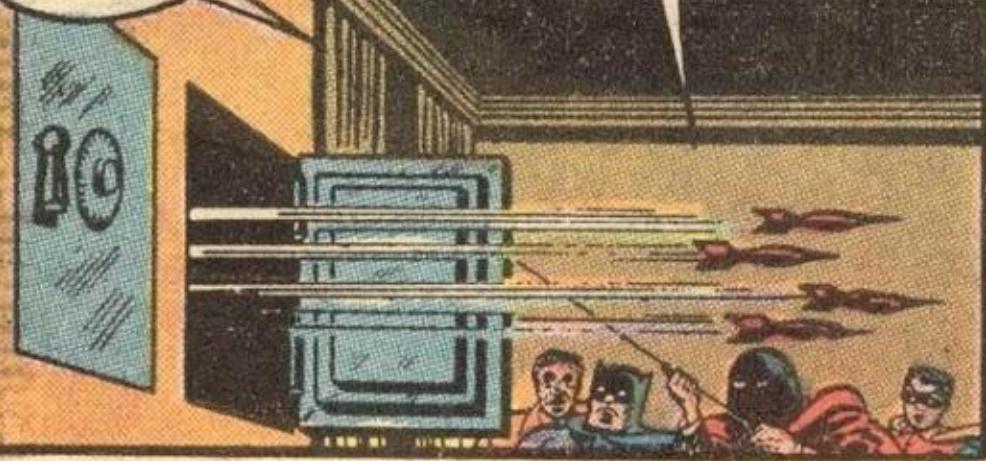
WELL, I DUNNO! PROB'LY THE ONE ON THE RIGHT, I GUESS ...



SWIFTLY, MR. ROULETTE TWISTS THE SAFE'S DIALS. THEN, ATTACHING A LONG STRING TO THE SAFE'S HANDLE, HE LEADS THE OTHERS BACK AND YANKS THE SAFE DOOR OPEN!

DARTS! RELEASED WHEN THE SAFE DOOR OPENED!

YES, BATMAN--POISONED DARTS! YOU'RE A LUCKY MAN, "SOUP"! LUCKY THAT YOU'RE ALIVE!



I'VE GOT TO ASK YOU TO STOP ALL THIS, MR. ROULETTE! THERE'S TOO MUCH DANGER HERE! INNOCENT PEOPLE-- PEDDLERS, DELIVERY MEN, MIGHT BE KILLED!

BUT YOU CAN'T ASk THAT! IT'S MY WHOLE LIFE! NO! I WON'T STOP! AND YOU CAN'T MAKE ME! THIS IS MY HOUSE! GET OUT! GET OUT!



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SOON AFTER...

WE'LL LEAVE NOW,
ROBIN-- BUT WE'LL
DOUBLE BACK! AS
SOON AS WE BOOK
"SOUP" AT
HEADQUARTERS,
WE'LL RETURN--
ON THE QUIET!

RIGHT!
SOMEWHERE
AROUND HERE
THERE MAY
BE AN INKLING
TO MR. ROULETTE'S
IDENTITY! WE
MUST FIND
IT!

HARDLY AN HOUR LATER FINDS THE LAW-
MEN BACK AT THE HOUSE OF DEATH!
BUT SUDDENLY...

YOU AGAIN! AND
SPYING ON ME!
TOO BAD YOU DIDN'T
HEAR ME COME UP
ON YOU FROM BEHIND!
BUT YOU **COULDN'T**--
NOT WITH THE
GUM SOLES I
ALWAYS WEAR ON
MY SHOES!

I COULD
PROBABLY
JUMP HIM--
BUT I CAN'T
RISK **ROBIN'S**
LIFE!

**THEN, AS THE GAMBLER LEADS HIS
PRISONERS TO THE CELLAR BELOW HIS HOUSE...**

I MUST LOCK YOU
UP UNTIL I CAN FIGURE
SOME WAY OF DISPOSING
OF YOU! I WON'T HAVE
YOU RUINING MY FUN
IN LIFE! AND NO TRICKS!
I HAVE YOUR
UTILITY BELTS,
YOU KNOW!

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...

A FINE THING!
TIED UP IN AN
OLD BOILER
ROOM, WHILE
A MADMAN
ROVES FREE
ABOVE US!

WAIT, **ROBIN**! THAT
BROKEN BOILER
GIVES ME AN IDEA!
BRACE YOUR SHOULDER
UNDER MY BACK, TO
GIVE ME
LEVERAGE!

**THEN... AS BATMAN DISPLAYS HIS VAUNTED
MUSCULAR COORDINATION...**

MADE IT! NOW TO WRENCH
THAT GLASS-DIALED
GAUGE OFF THE
BOILER!

GAUGE?
WHAT
ON EARTH
FOR?

**IN A MOMENT, ROBIN HAS HIS ANSWER--
AS BATMAN PULLS THE GAUGE LOOSE
WITH HIS FEET, THEN SMASHES IT AGAINST
THE BOTTOM OF THE STEEL PILLAR...**

I GET
IT! THE
SHATTERED
GLASS--
TO CUT
OUR
BONDS!

EXACTLY! AND NOW IF YOU'LL
JUST SLIDE DOWN AND PICK
SOME OF IT UP, WE CAN
START SAWING AWAY
AT THESE CORDS!

BATMAN



AND THEN, JUST AS THE DARING DUO SLASHES ITS WAY FREE...

BANG!

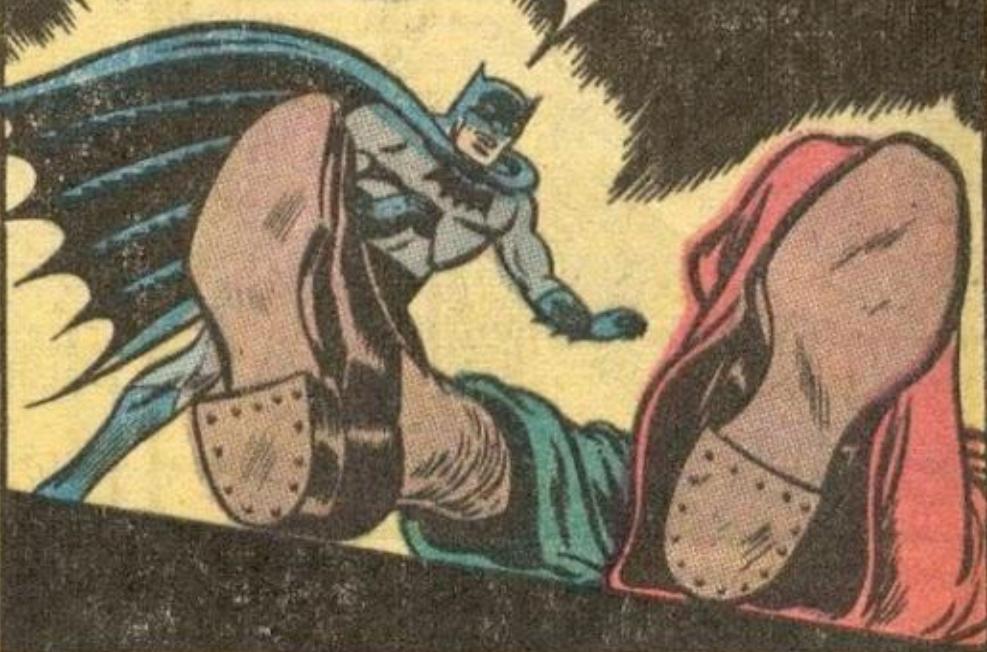
THAT WAS A SHOT, BATMAN-- AND IT CAME FROM RIGHT OVERHEAD!

COME ON! WE'RE GOING UP TO HAVE A LOOK!



A MOMENT LATER...

IT'S MR. ROULETTE--DEAD! HE GAMBLED ONCE TOO OFTEN!



THERE'S THE WEAPON, ROBIN! A GUN, CONCEALED WITHIN THE SPEAKER OF THAT RADIO!

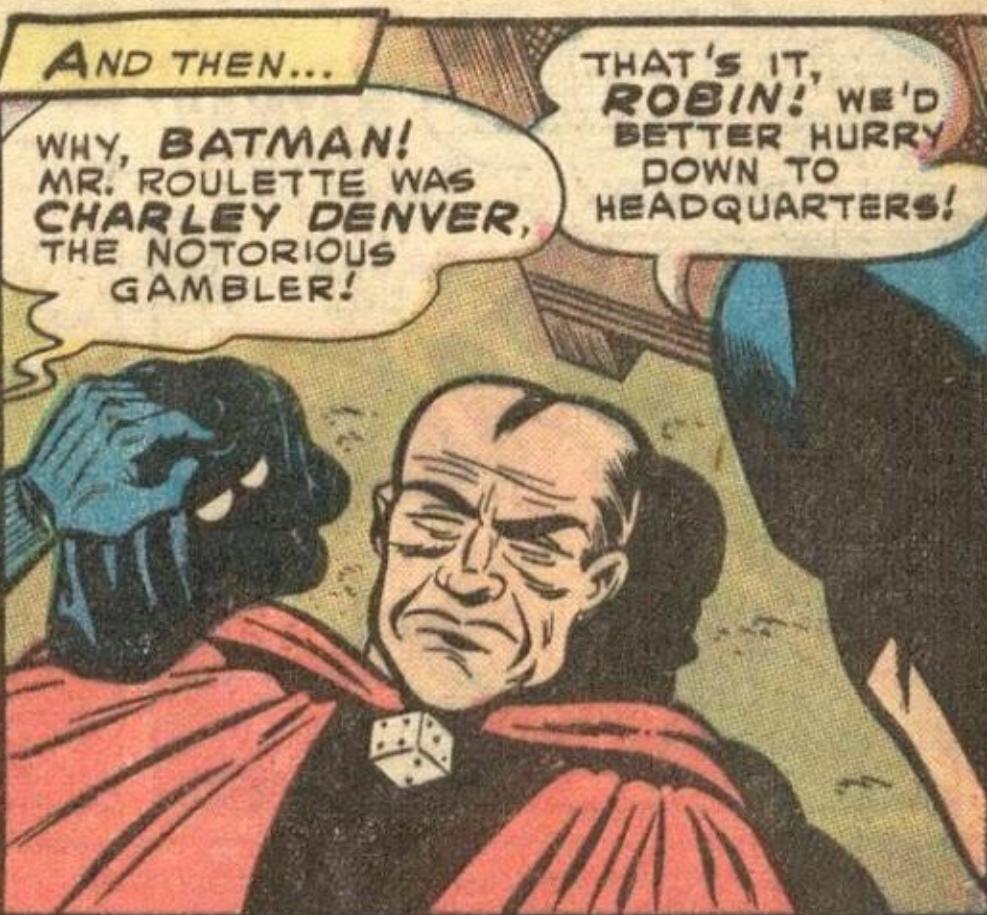
IT'S OBVIOUS WHAT HAPPENED! MR. ROULETTE WANTED TO HEAR THE RADIO -- AND HE GAMBLED ON THE WRONG ONE! LET'S TAKE OFF HIS MASK -- AND SEE IF WE KNOW HIM...



AND THEN...

WHY, BATMAN! MR. ROULETTE WAS CHARLEY DENVER, THE NOTORIOUS GAMBLER!

THAT'S IT, ROBIN! WE'D BETTER HURRY DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS!



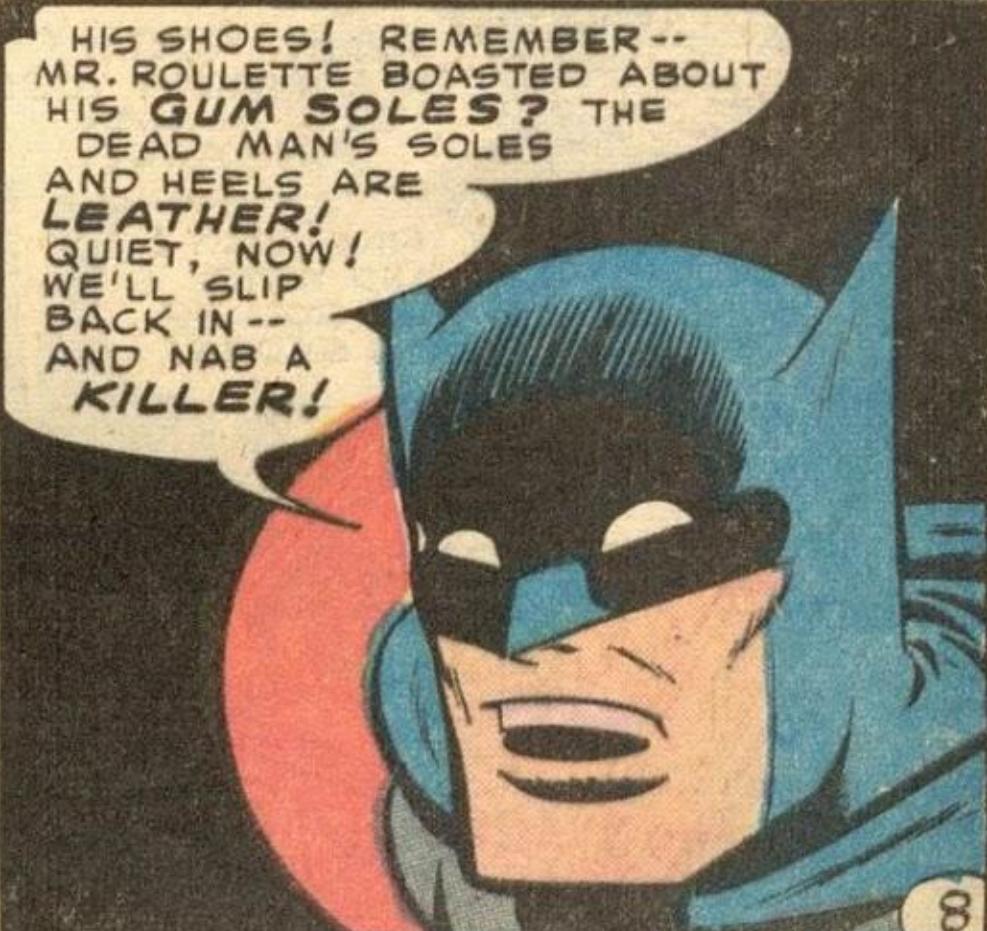
BUT ONCE OUTSIDE, BATMAN'S MANNER SUDDENLY CHANGES! HE GRABS A SURPRISED ROBIN, PULLS HIM AGAINST THE HOUSE...

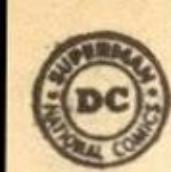
I DIDN'T WANT TO TIP IT OFF IN THERE-- SO I PLAYED ALONG! BUT--THE DEAD MAN IS NOT THE MAN WE KNEW AS MR. ROULETTE!

HE ISN'T? BUT--- HOW DO YOU KNOW?



HIS SHOES! REMEMBER-- MR. ROULETTE BOASTED ABOUT HIS GUM SOLES? THE DEAD MAN'S SOLES AND HEELS ARE LEATHER! QUIET, NOW! WE'LL SLIP BACK IN-- AND NAB A KILLER!





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SOME MINUTES LATER...

LOOK! IT'S THAT PRIVATE DETECTIVE-- MEL HUGHES!

BATMAN AND ROBIN! SO I DIDN'T FOOL YOU AFTER ALL! BUT YOU HAVEN'T GOT ME YET!

QUICKLY, HUGHES DARTS FOR THE WALL AND DISAPPEARS THROUGH A SLIDING PANEL! AND WHEN THE LAW MEN HAVE FOLLOWED HIM THROUGH...

MY GALLERY, BATMAN-- RESERVED FOR JUST SUCH OCCASIONS AS THIS!

YOU CAN TAKE YOUR RUBBER MASK OFF, HUGHES! I SPOTTED IT IN YOUR OFFICE, WHEN YOU REMOVED YOUR PINCE-NEZ GLASSES, AND THEY LEFT NO CUSTOMARY RED MARK ON THE BRIDGE OF YOUR NOSE! BUT IT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE UNTIL NOW!

ALL RIGHT! SO I'M RIGGER SIMS, CHARLEY DENVER'S PARTNER! AND THIS WHOLE DEAL AS MR. ROULETTE WAS AN ATTEMPT AT THE PERFECT MURDER! IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD NOW!

BATMAN! LOOK OUT! THOSE DICE WILL CRUSH US!

WOW! THIS IS ONE TIME I'M GLAD THE CHIPS WERE DOWN!

HA-HA! THE WHOLE THING WAS A HOAX, OF COURSE! THERE WERE NO DEATH-TRAPS IN THE HOUSE-- EXCEPT THOSE I RIGGED TO IMPRESS YOU AND VICKI VALE! EVEN "SOUP" DREWS WAS A STOOGE! HA-HA!

AND AS RIGGER SIMS DARTS FOR THE GIANT PINBALL MACHINE...

READY, ROBIN! IN A MOMENT YOU'LL BE A HUMAN PINBALL!

FIRE AWAY! AND WATCH ME ROLL UP A SCORE!

NICE AIM, BATMAN! I NEVER KNEW YOU COULD HANDLE ONE OF THESE MACHINES SO WELL!



BATMAN



BUT, IN A LAST-DITCH EFFORT, SIMS WRIGGLES FREE OF ROBIN'S GRASP! AND THEN, AS THE LAWMEN CHASE HIM TO THE ROULETTE WHEEL...

SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG WITH THE CONTROLS! THE WHEEL IS SPINNING-- THE BALL HAS BEEN RELEASED!

DUCK INTO A NUMBER-SLOT, ROBIN! WE HAVEN'T TIME TO GET OFF!



LATER AT HEADQUARTERS...

AND THEN...

DOUBLE ZERO-- THE HOUSE WINS! A FITTING END TO THE CAREER OF GAMBLER SIMS!

HE'S MOVING! LUCKY FOR HIM HE WASN'T KILLED!

YOU SEE, VICKI, SIMS WANTED DENVER OUT OF THE WAY SO HE COULD POCKET ALL THE PROFITS OUT OF A FABULOUS OIL WELL THEY INVESTED IN JOINTLY...

BUT HE KNEW HE'D BE SUSPECTED! SO HE DREAMED UP MR. ROULETTE, AND USED YOU FOR PUBLICITY, VICKI! HE FELT THE WORLD WOULD ACCEPT MR. ROULETTE'S DEATH AS A MATTER OF COURSE-- BUT HE FAILED TO COUNT ON BATMAN!

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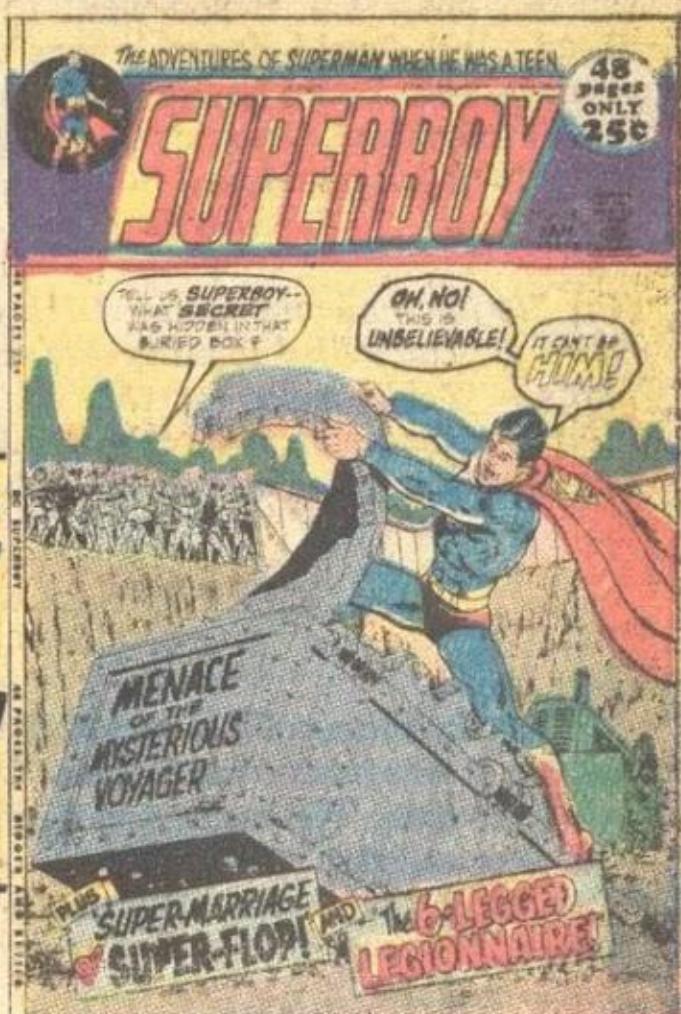
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Dear Mr. Bridwell:

Fantastic! *Batman* #233 (G-85) has got to be the best reprint collection since reprints started! I'm a big fan of bit-by-bit analysis, so I shall examine this latest masterpiece in this manner.

Cover: The non-sloppy pictures surrounded by a black background were beautiful. And those extra-long ears on the center pic of *The Batman* made for the best *Giant Batman* cover since #198! Credits for the cover artist, please.

"The Death Cheaters of Gotham City": A classic mystery from nearly 20 years ago, so ingeniously plotted I couldn't believe it was first published so long ago.

"The Other Bruce Wayne": The low point of the book was greater than some of the current *Batgirl* scripts, but I admit it wasn't too bad, and probably was a real hot one by '57 standards.

"The Murder of Bruce Wayne": This may just be a personal favorite of mine, since I enjoy those revenge stories, but slight updating in art and dialogue, and you could have easily passed it off as a superior "new" story!

"Bruce Wayne's Aunt Agatha": I expected this to be the one to ruin an otherwise 99.9% perfect issue, but I was wrong. *Aunt Agatha* was a corny gimmick to get *Batman* on the spot; but disguising herself as *The Joker*, proving she wasn't just a senile old lady, was a real twist which hit me in the right place.

"The Crime of Bruce Wayne": This was the real high point of this glorious group of reprints. I seem to recall the name of *The Collector* from a recent *Brave & Bold*, but that didn't hurt the story at all. I would have liked to see a longer courtroom scene, as portrayed in two panels on page 3. But just watching *Bruce* helplessly framed and nearly executed had me in suspense.

In general: Someone has said this before, so I shall quote this forever-nameless fan: "You'll never top this one!" But if you want to top it, go right ahead. And considering this was only a bunch of reprints, you should be proud of yourself for deserving all this praise. Congrats and thanx for a job of researching back issues well done.

Jay L. Zilber, Columbus, Ohio

(Credits for the cover artist: Dick Giordano did it! Sorry we can't also identify the originator of that phrase, "You'll never top this one!" Actually, it's hard to compare our new Spectaculars with the old Giants, but try. Did we top it?—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

While the theme of *Batman* #233 was not an original one, it was new to the *Batman* Giants, and therefore enjoyable. The cover and contents page drawings were an extra treat.

So under the theme "Batman's Secret Identity, Bruce Wayne," the first story was "The Death-cheaters of Gotham City." It was good; I al-

ways enjoy the whodunnits. Also interesting was the fact that the last four panels were turned upside-down. Was it originally printed this way?

"The Other Bruce Wayne" was even better. *Bruce's* cousin, *Bruce N.*, was somewhat egotistical, but I guess that's how it was planned. I really winced for (our) *Bruce's* pride when he got tossed around by his cousin and had to stand there and take it. But *Batman's* great "face-saving" routine at the very end made up for it.

The really best crime story was "The Murder of Bruce Wayne." The maddened crook, *Roger Keep*, was a startling change from *Batman's* typical foes. I enjoyed seeing *Batman* and *Robin* actually sweating to keep up with *Keep's* maniacal threats. Also good was *Commissioner Gordon's* disgust with the *Dynamic Duo* for their seeming inability to prevent the deaths of the various trustees.

But my very favorite story was "Bruce Wayne's Aunt Agatha." I had heard about this story many times, but had never read it. It was better than I had imagined! Particularly ironic but nonetheless amusing was *Aunt Agatha* dressing like *The Joker* and saving *Batman* and *Robin*. I wish more stories had been written about the old lady.

"The Crime of Bruce Wayne" was a little hard to follow. I couldn't see why *Bruce* allowed himself to be tried as the criminal called *The Collector*. What if the real *Collector* had come forward and exposed the whole thing? He might have, you know, if he were egotistical enough. And then, where would *Bruce* have been? Still, I enjoyed seeing *Batwoman* and *Robin* team together to save *Bruce*. Interesting, too, was the fact that *Bruce* appeared in only one panel throughout the story as *Batman*, and then he didn't even have his mask on!

Scott Gibson, Sterling, Colo.

(Yes, the last panels of "Death-Cheaters" were originally printed upside-down to allow the reader a chance to solve the crime before reading The Batman's solution.—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

I am puzzled! Your company publishes *Batman* monthly with the exception of April and October . . . correct? But I see that *Batman* #232 is dated June, while #233 is August! What happened to July?

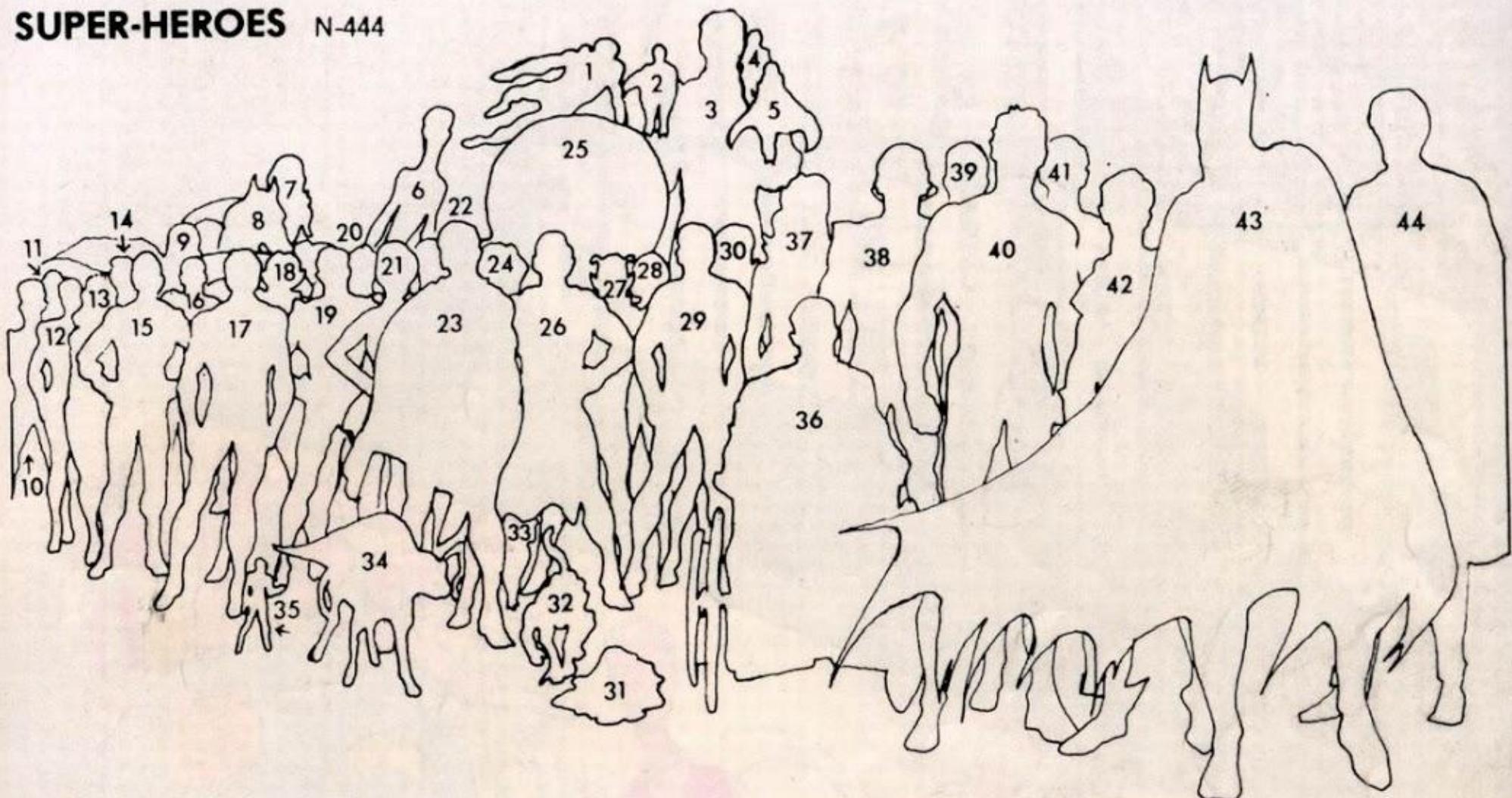
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(If you'll check the indicia on page 3 of our Giant issues—or Super-Specs—you'll find that they were dated like bi-monthly magazine. Thus, #232 was the July-August issue, although the cover only bore the latter date—August. —E.N.B.)

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PART 1—THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES

1. TIMBER WOLF (Brin Londo)—Planet Zoon—Super-strength and super-athletic abilities.
2. STAR BOY (Thom Kallor)—Planet Xanthu—Induces mass to make objects super-heavy.
3. COLOSSAL BOY (Gim Allon)—Planet Earth—Super-growth.
4. CHEMICAL KING (Condo Arlik)—Planet Valdow—Power to alter chemical reactions.
5. SHADOW LASS (Tasmia Malor)—Planet Talok VIII—Creates darkness.
6. ELASTIC LAD (Jimmy Olsen)—Planet Earth—Super-stretching. Honorary member.
7. SUPERGIRL (Linda Danvers)—Planet Krypton.
8. COMET THE SUPERHORSE (Biron the Centaur)—Member of the Legion of Super-Pets.
9. INSECT QUEEN (Lana Lang)—Planet Earth—Can assume any insect form. A Legion Reservist.
10. KID PSYCHO (Gnill Opral)—Planet Hajor—Creates impenetrable force-screens; but each time, he shortens his life. A Reservist.
11. ELEMENT LAD (Jan Arrah)—Planet Trom—Changes any element to any other.
12. FERRO LAD (Andrew Nolan)—Planet Earth—Could change to near-invulnerable iron. Killed in action.
13. DREAM GIRL (Nura Nal)—Planet Naltor—Can see a year into the future.
14. SUN BOY (Dirk Morgna)—Planet Earth—Creates super-heat and light.
15. BRAINIAC 5 (Querl Dox)—Planet Colu—Super-brain.
16. LIGHTNING LAD (Garth Ranzz)—Planet Winath—Super-lightning power.
17. ULTRA BOY (Jo Nah)—Planet Rimbor—Ultra-strength, speed, vision and invulnerability; can use only one power at a time.
18. DUO DAMSEL (Luornu Durgo)—Planet Cargg—Can split into two girls.
19. COSMIC BOY (Rokk Krinn)—Planet Braal—Super-magnetic powers.
20. KARATE KID (Val Armorr)—Planet Earth—Super-Karate.
21. LIGHT LASS (Ayla Ranzz)—Planet Winath—Can

- make objects super-lightweight.
22. INVISIBLE KID (Lyle Norg)—Planet Earth—Invisibility.
 23. SUPERBOY (Clark Kent)—Planet Krypton—Resigned active membership; still a Reservist.
 24. PRINCESS PROJECTRA—Planet Orando—Illusion casting.
 25. BOUNCING BOY (Chuck Taine)—Planet Earth—Super-bouncing.
 26. MON-EL (Lar Gand)—Planet Daxam—Same as Superboy.
 27. CHAMELEON BOY (Reep Dagle)—Planet Durla—Shape-changing.
 28. SATURN GIRL (Imra Ardeen)—Planet Saturn—Telepathy.
 29. MATTER-EATER LAD (Tenzil Kem)—Planet Bismoll—Eats anything.
 30. PHANTOM GIRL (Tinya Wazzo)—Planet Bgztl—Can dematerialize and pass through solid objects.
 31. PROTY II—Planet Sua—same power as Chameleon Boy; a Super-Pet.
 32. BEPPO THE SUPER-MONKEY—Planet Krypton—A Super-Pet.
 33. STREAKY THE SUPER-CAT—Planet Earth—A Super-Pet.
 34. KRYPTO THE SUPER-DOG—Planet Krypton—A Super-Pet.
 35. SHRINKING VIOLET (Salu Digby)—Planet Imsk—Super-shrinking.

PART 2—THE DOOM PATROL

36. Dr. Niles Calder, alias THE CHIEF.
37. ELASTI-GIRL (Rita Farr).
38. ROBOTMAN (Cliff Steele).
39. NEGATIVE MAN (Larry Traynor).

PART 3

40. PLASTIC MAN (Eel O'Brian).
41. AQUAMAN (Arthur Curry).
42. ROBIN (Dick Grayson).
43. THE BATMAN (Bruce Wayne).
44. SARGON THE SORCERER (John Sargent).
Not shown—THE ATOM (Al Pratt).

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