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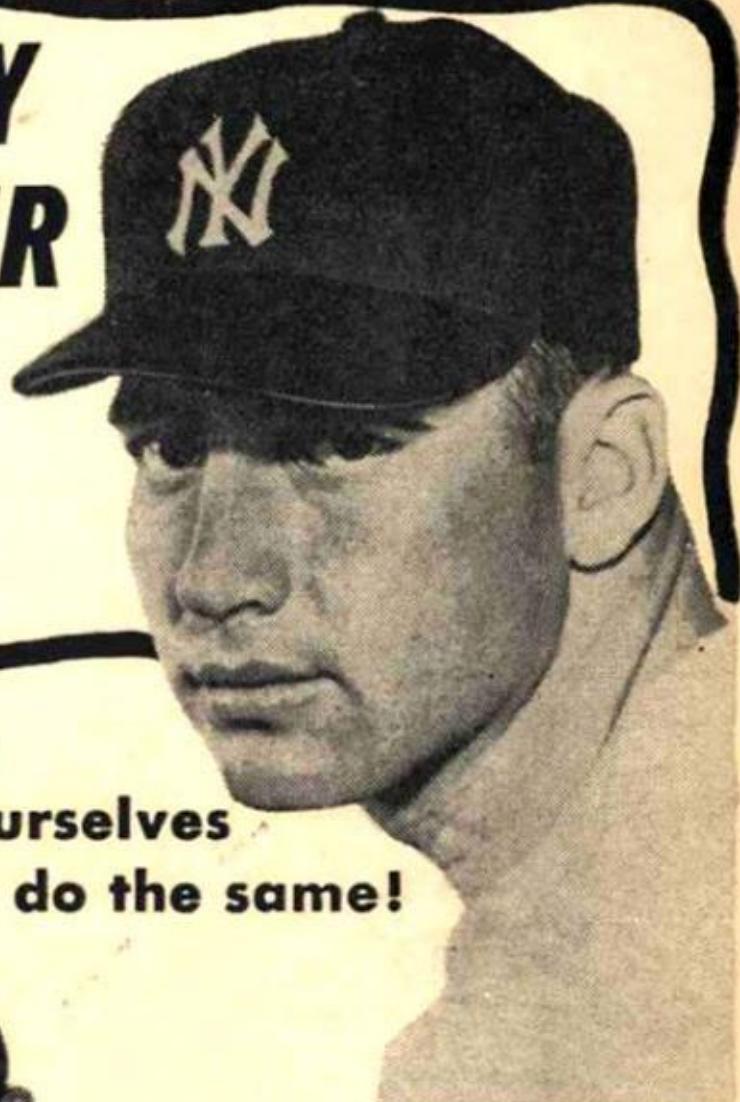
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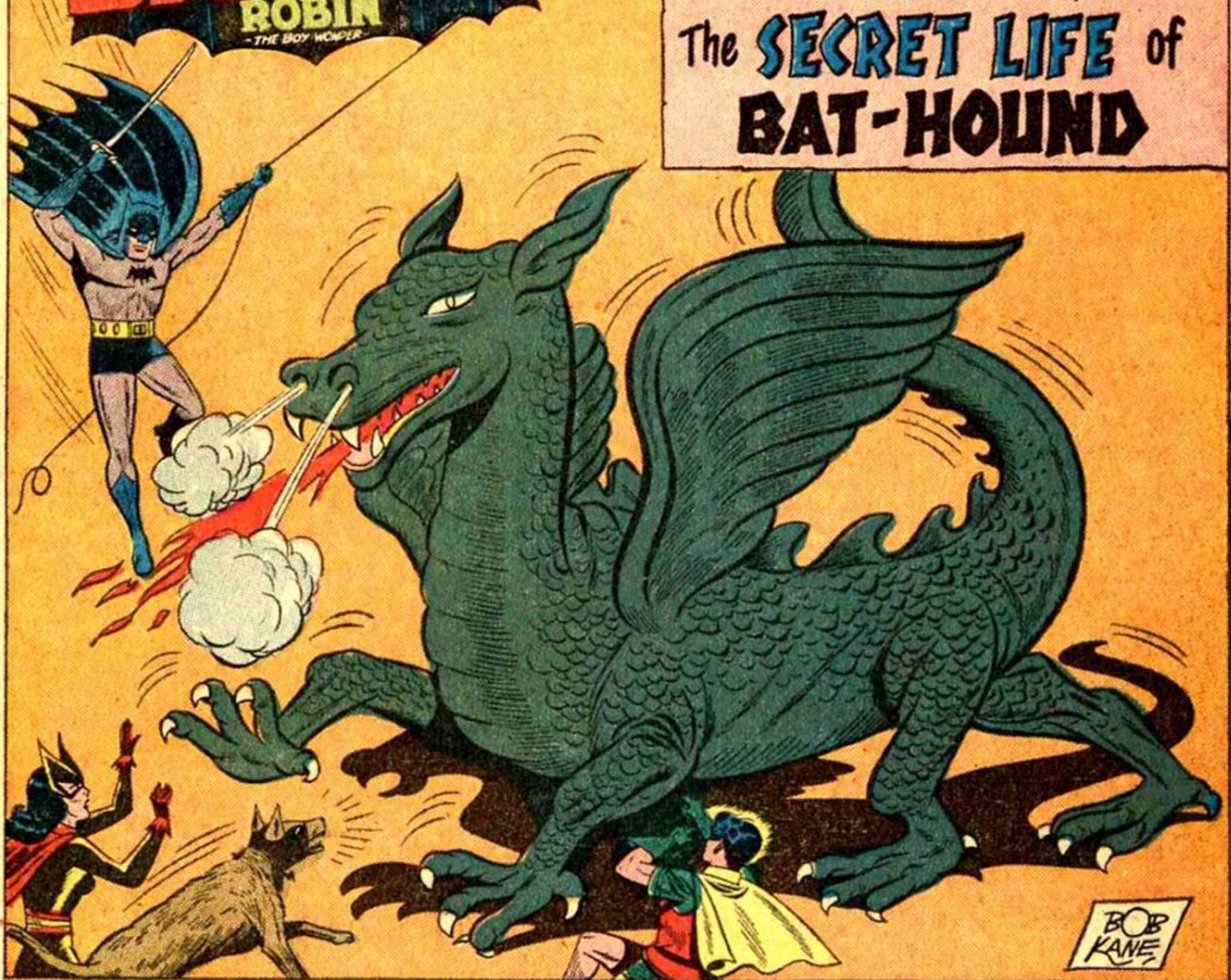
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The SECRET LIFE of BAT-HOUND



HI! REMEMBER ME? I'M **BAT-HOUND**! I'M GOING TO TELL YOU A STORY! SURE--I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO SAY, HOW CAN A DOG TALK? BUT IF YOU STRAIN YOUR IMAGINATION, YOU'LL FIND YOU'RE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND ME ...



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"SO THAT'S HOW I JOINED THE WAYNE HOUSE-HOLD, ALONG WITH BRUCE, DICK GRAYSON, AND THEIR TRUSTED BUTLER, ALFRED!"

DINNER IS SERVED MAWSTER ACE!

WOW! THIS IS WHAT I CALL LIVING!

WELL, DICK--NOW WE CAN PERFECT THOSE PLANS I'VE HAD IN MIND FOR ACE!



"WE ALL WENT THROUGH THE OLD GRANDFATHER CLOCK THAT WAS THE SECRET ENTRANCE TO THE BAT-CAVE BELOW..."

LET'S GO, ACE--WE'VE GOT SOME SURPRISES IN STORE FOR YOU!

GEE, I'M SO EXCITED, I CAN HARDLY CHEW THIS BONE! I WONDER WHAT THE SURPRISES ARE?



"I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT THEM—*LATER!* ANYWAY, THEY BEGAN TO DISCUSS A CRIMINAL THEY WERE AFTER..."

TO CELEBRATE IT'S **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**, STACEY'S DEPARTMENT STORE WILL EXHIBIT MANY GOLD OBJECTS! KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, DICK?

SURE! **MR. MIDAS**-- WHO SPECIALIZES IN GOLD ROBBERIES--IS BOUND TO STRIKE THERE! WE CAN MINGLE WITH THE CROWD AND BE READY FOR HIM!



"THAT WAS A CASE I WANTED TO BE IN ON! I JUMPED UP AND BARKED EXCITEDLY AT BRUCE ..."

SORRY, ACE-- YOU CAN'T COME WITH US ON **EVERY** CASE! BESIDES, DOGS AREN'T ALLOWED IN DEPARTMENT STORES!

SHUCKS! WE DOGS LIVE A DOG'S LIFE-- SOMETIMES!



"AS I LATER FOUND OUT, BRUCE AND DICK JOINED THE CROWD VIEWING THE GOLD OBJECTS THAT HAD JUST BEEN PUT ON DISPLAY..."

GOSH! LOOK AT THAT GOLD CAR THAT WAS MADE SPECIALLY FOR AN INDIAN RAJAH!

THERE'S THE "GOOSE THAT LAID THE GOLDEN EGGS!"

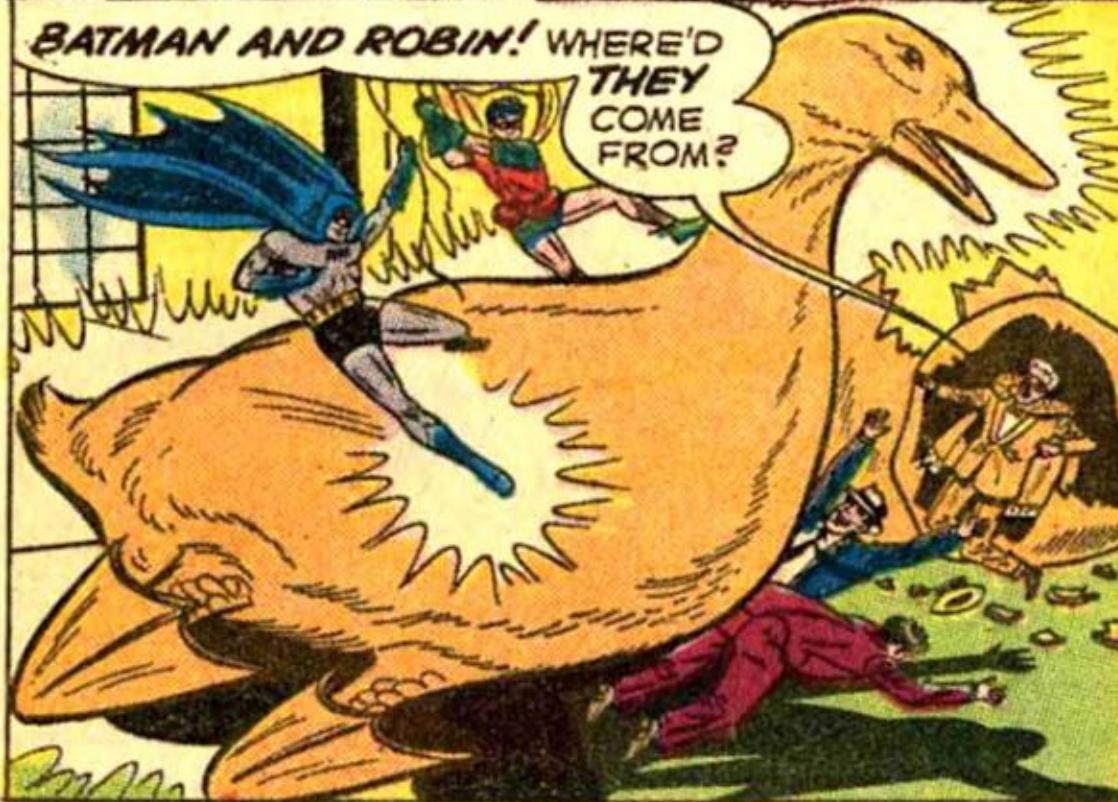


"ALL OF A SUDDEN, THOSE EGGS HATCHED SOME TOUGH YEGGS!"

DICK--IT'S THE **MIDAS MOB**! THEY'LL BE ABLE TO GRAB UP THAT SOLID GOLD FLATWARE, AND JEWELRY BEFORE THE SPECTATORS REALIZE THEY'RE NOT PART OF THE SHOW!



"BRUCE AND DICK SLIPPED INTO A DESERTED STOCK-
ROOM, AND MOMENTS LATER POPPED OUT AGAIN AS..."



I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT NOW
WHERE YOU'RE GOING!



"SUDDENLY, ON SIGNAL, THE THUGS JUMPED INTO
THE GOLD CAR AND WENT SPEEDING THROUGH
THE SCATTERING CROWD..."

WHEN WE ENTER THAT SERVICE ELEVATOR,
I'LL CLOSE THE DOORS SO **BATMAN** AND
ROBIN CAN'T FOLLOW!



THEY'LL GO DOWN TO THE BASEMENT
AND ESCAPE THROUGH AN EXIT!
LUCKILY, WE HID THE **BATMOBILE**
IN THE ALLEY NEARBY!



"AS THE **BATMOBILE** GAVE CHASE..."



"SUDDENLY, THE STREET WAS JAMMED WITH
PEOPLE SCRAMBLING FOR THE FAKE 'GOLD'
COINS!"





BATMAN



"PRETTY SOON, BATMAN WAS EXAMINING THE SACK IN THE PORTABLE CRIME LAB WITHIN THE BATMOBILE..."

HMM! FLECKS OF COPPER ORE CAUGHT IN THE BURLAP FIBERS! COPPER IS USUALLY FOUND IN GOLD WORKINGS! THERE'S AN ABANDONED GOLD MINE A FEW MILES OUT OF TOWN! LET'S GET OVER THERE!



"AFTER PARKING THE BATMOBILE NEAR THE ENTRANCE..."

A GOLD MINE -- A FITTING HIDEOUT FOR THE MIDAS MOB!

BOSS--LOOK! THEY'RE AFTER US AGAIN!



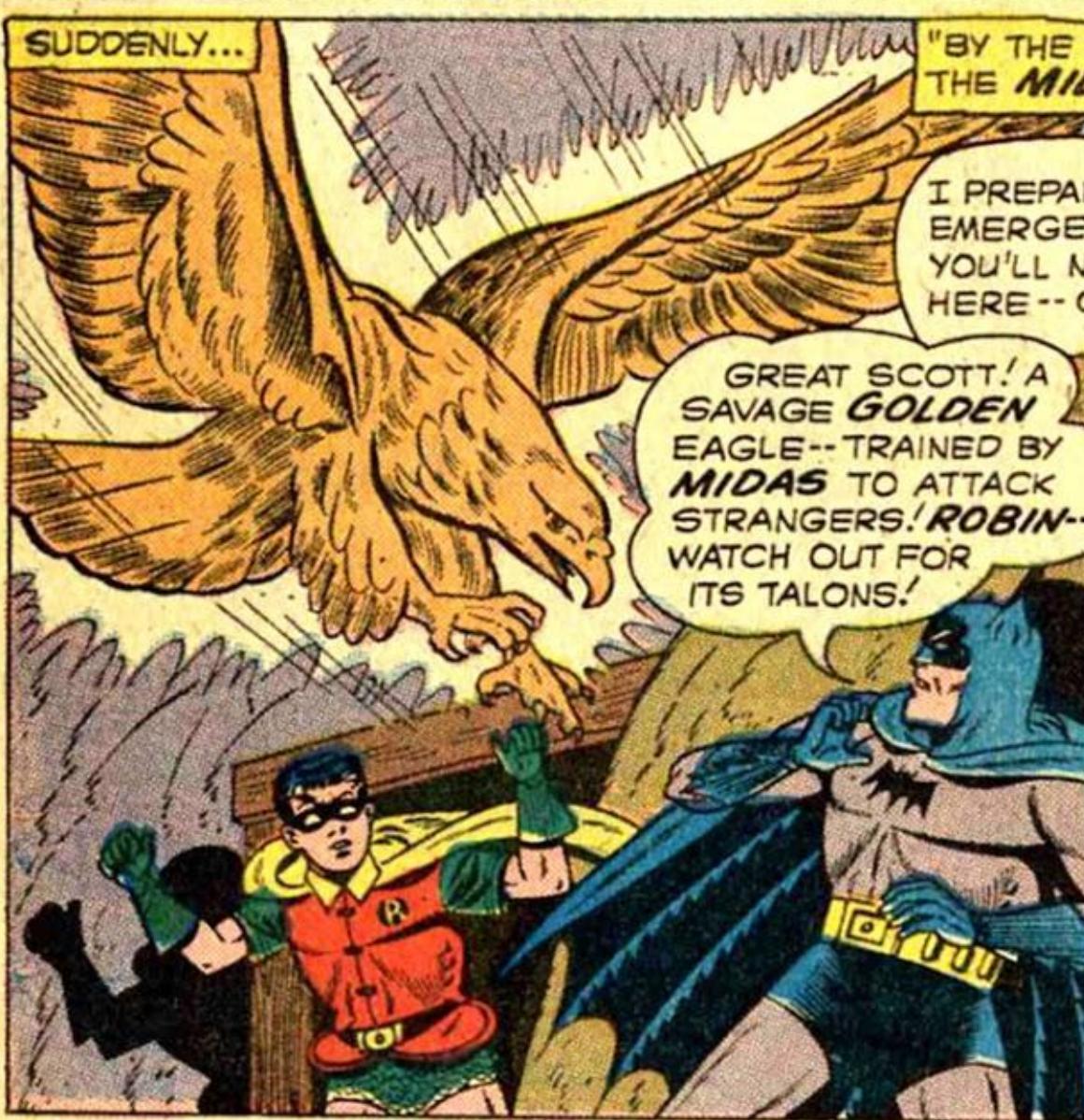
SUDDENLY...

"BY THE TIME MY MASTERS HAD ELUDED THE EAGLE, THE MIDAS MOB HAD FLED INTO THE MINE..."

I PREPARED FOR THIS EMERGENCY, BATMAN! YOU'LL NEVER CAPTURE US HERE -- OR AFTER WE PULL THE JASON JOB!

GREAT SCOTT! HE'S PRESSING DOWN THE DYNAMITE PLUNGER!

GREAT SCOTT! A SAVAGE GOLDEN EAGLE -- TRAINED BY MIDAS TO ATTACK STRANGERS! ROBIN -- WATCH OUT FOR ITS TALONS!



WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO DIG THROUGH ALL THIS RUBBLE! WE'RE F-FINISHED!

WE'VE STILL ONE ONE HOPE! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN HOW WE PLANNED TO USE BAT-HOUND?

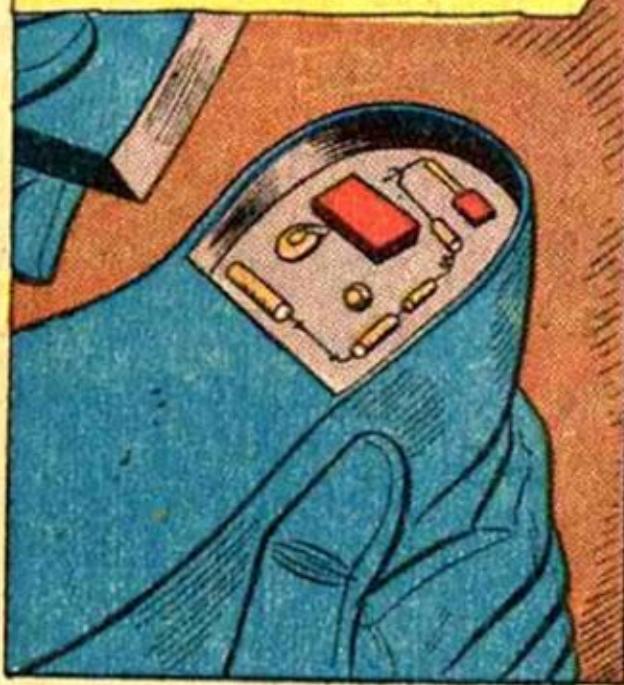




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"BATMAN'S HOLLOW BOOT HEEL CONTAINED A TINY RADIO THAT TRANSMITTED A SIGNAL WHEN HE FLIPPED THE SWITCH..."



"THE SIGNAL REACHED A TINY RECEIVER CONCEALED INSIDE MY COLLAR--AND IT COULD ONLY BE HEARD BY ME BECAUSE IT WAS ABOVE THE RANGE OF THE HUMAN EAR!"



"I BOLTED DOWN TO THE BAT-CAVE-- AND SLIPPED INTO MY MASK, HELD BY A GADGET BATMAN HAD DEVISED..."

I SHOULD GET SOMEONE TO GO WITH ME! ALFRED?--NO, THIS IS HIS NIGHT OUT! WHO CAN I GET?
I KNOW...



"I STREAKED TO THE HOUSE OF BATMAN'S FRIEND, KATHY KANE"...

BAT-HOUND!

GOOD THING I KNOW SHE'S BATWOMAN!
I HOPE SHE REALIZES ALL MY BARKING MEANS I WANT HER TO FOLLOW ME!



"AFTER A SWIFT CHANGE TO HER COSTUME, SHE ACCOMPANIED ME ON THE TRAIL OF THE RADIO-BEAMED SIGNAL..."

THE SIGNAL'S STRONGER NOW!
I'M GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!



"WHEN WE REACHED THE CAVE-IN, BATWOMAN REALIZED WHAT HAD HAPPENED AND DUG THEM OUT WITH A NEARBY STEAM SHOVEL..."

...SO IT WAS THE MIDAS MOB THAT IMPRISONED YOU! WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

MIDAS SAID HE WAS GOING TO DO THE "JASON JOB"-- WHICH MEANS HE'LL TRY TO STEAL "THE GOLDEN FLEECE!"



BUT THAT'S ONLY A GREEK LEGEND -- JASON HAD TO RECOVER A GOLDEN RAM'S FLEECE, WHICH WAS GUARDED BY A DRAGON!

A MOVIE IS BEING MADE OF IT-- AND, AS A PUBLICITY STUNT, A FLEECE MADE OF PURE GOLD IS BEING USED!





BATMAN



"WE REACHED THE STUDIO JUST AS THE **MIDAS MOB** WAS TAKING OVER..."

WE LOCKED THE ACTORS AND THE CREW IN A STOCK ROOM!

GOOD! I'M GETTING THE GOLDEN FLEECE HANGING FROM THAT TREE EASIER THAN JASON DID!

"THAT'S WHEN WE CHARGED IN--THE **FIGHTING FOURSOME!**"

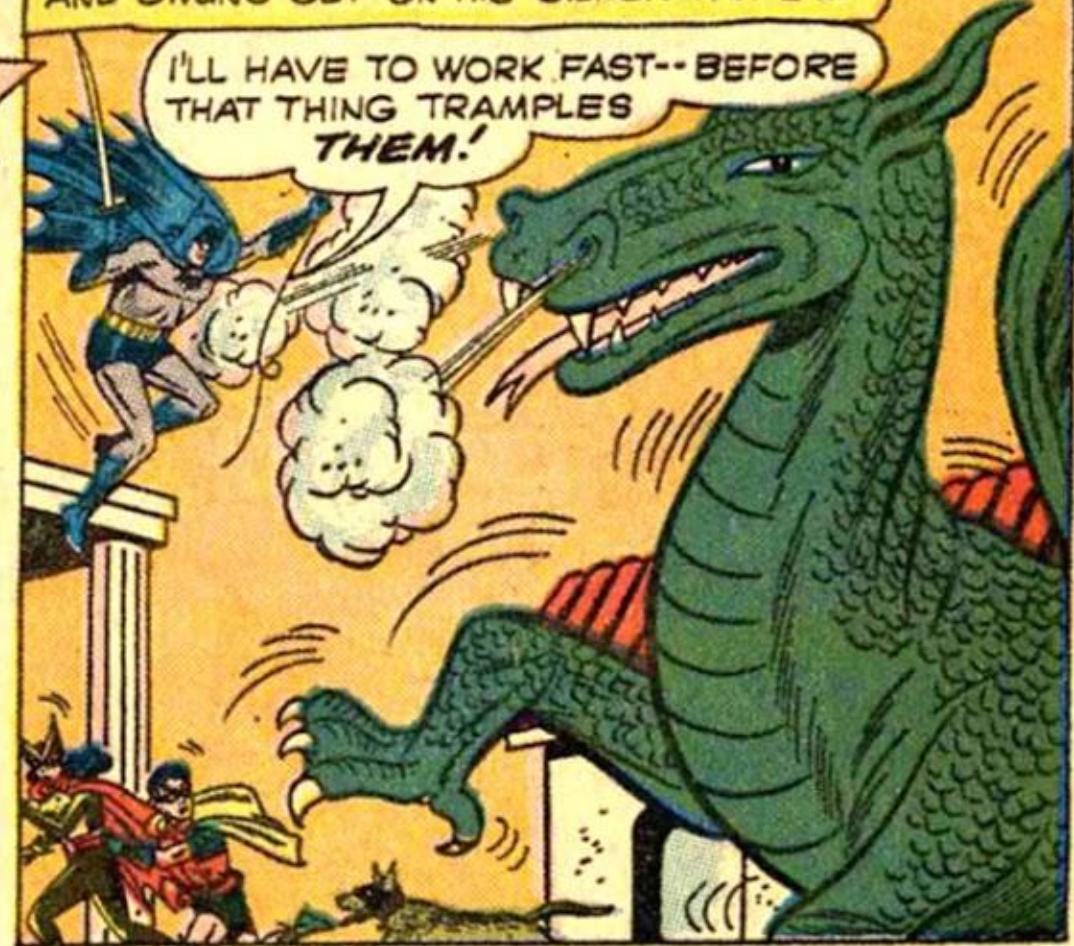
BATMAN--ROBIN--BATWOMAN--AND BAT-HOUND!



"ALL OF A SUDDEN, **MIDAS** PUSHED THE BUTTONS ON A CONTROL PANEL, AND THE MECHANICAL 'DRAGON' WENT HAYWIRE!"



"BUT **BATMAN** SCOOPED UP JASON'S PROP SWORD AND SWUNG OUT ON HIS SILKEN ROPE..."



"NEXT, **BATMAN** SWOOPED DOWN ON **MIDAS'** MEN, WHO WERE TRYING TO SNEAK AWAY..."





BATMAN



"THEN BATWOMAN AND ROBIN TOOK OVER..."

YOU WANTED
TO TAKE A
POWDER--SO
HOW ABOUT
SOME POWDER
FROM MY
COMPACT?

ATCHOO!

THAT'S IT--LOOK
RIGHT INTO THE
CAMERA!



"WITH EVERYONE BUSY, MIDAS SLIPPED AWAY, AND
I LIT AFTER HIM--BUT TOO LATE!"

GOTHAM
STUDIOS



"THAT CROOK COULDN'T OUTSMART US, SO I LEGGED
IT TO THE TOP OF A HILL..."

THAT ROAD CURVES
TO THE RIGHT! IF I TAKE
A SHORT-CUT, I COULD
CATCH UP TO HIM!



"I WAS GOING FINE, UNTIL I HIT A SMALL RAVINE..."

HOW CAN I GET ACROSS? HMM!
THAT TALL TREE--IT'S DEAD--
AND ROTTING. NEAR THE BASE!



"I BACKED AWAY--TOOK A RUNNING JUMP AT THE TREE--
AND ITS ROTTED BASE CRACKED UNDER THE IMPACT
OF MY WEIGHT!"

IT WORKED!



I'LL BET I'M THE FIRST DOG
THAT EVER MADE A BRIDGE!





BATMAN



"IT WASN'T LONG AFTER THAT I CAUGHT UP WITH
MIDAS, TRYING TO FLY OFF IN HIS OWN PLANE AT A
PRIVATE AIRPORT..."



"I KEPT **MIDAS** AT BAY UNTIL THE **BATMOBILE**
CAME SPEEDING UP..."



"WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER, WHAT A FUSS THEY MADE OVER
ME!"

BAT-HOUND!
YOU'RE
WONDERFUL!

GOSH! I ONLY DID WHAT ANY
RED-BLOODED AMERICAN DOG
WOULD DO!

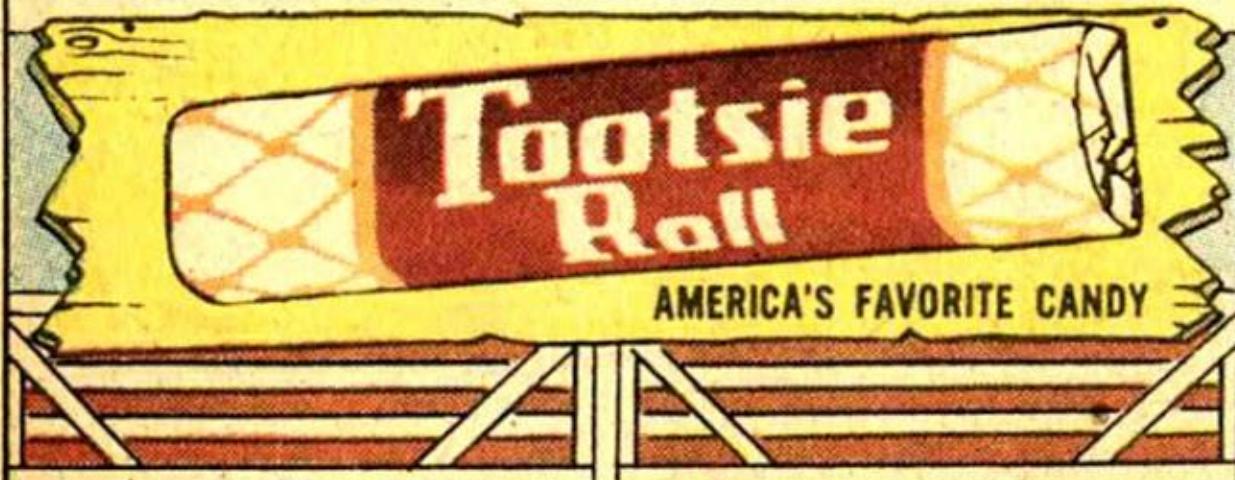
WELL, THAT'S THE STORY!
EXCEPT THAT I HEARD
MIDAS HAS HAYFEVER-- AND
THERE'S A LOT OF **GOLDENROD**
NEAR HIS PRISON! THAT'S A PRETTY
SHAGGY JOKE-- BUT WHAT DO YOU
EXPECT FROM A DOG?

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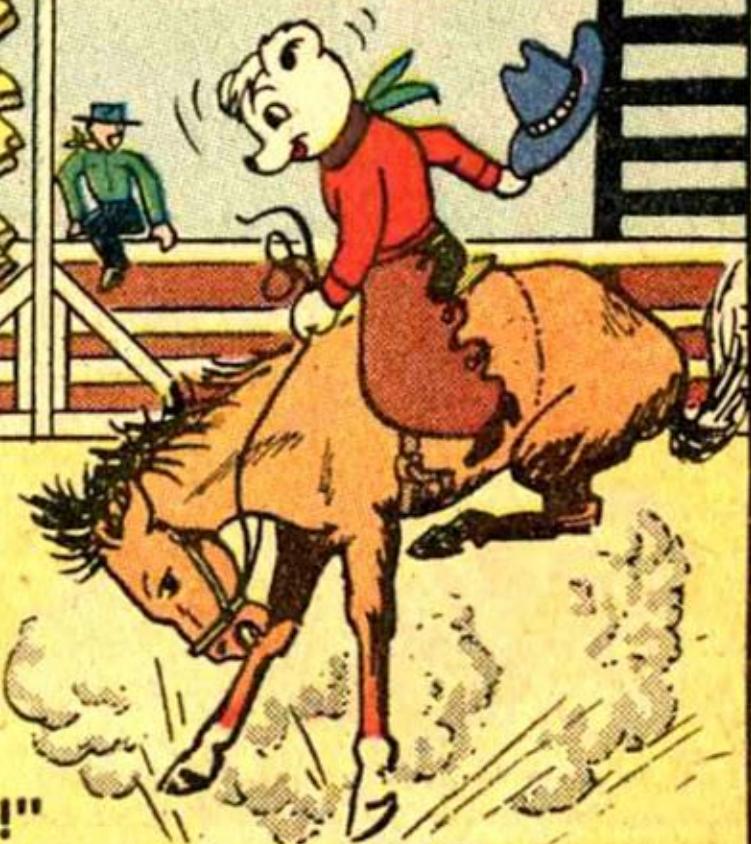
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AMERICA'S FAVORITE CANDY

A bronc'-bustin' cowboy named Clyde
Said, "There's nary a horse I can't ride.
When they're hard to hol'

I just eat **Tootsie Roll**,
Then wild horses can't throw me off stride!"



CRIME PUNISHMENT!

CURSES WERE
CONSIDERED IN
ANCIENT TIMES
AN IMPORTANT
FORM OF PUNISH-
MENT! MAGICAL
INCANTATIONS
WERE MADE TO
PRODUCE DE-
SIRED EVIL RE-
SULTS AGAINST
ONE FOR
WHOM RE-
SENTMENT
WAS FELT!

PUBLIC RIDICULE IS A FORM
OF PUNISHMENT USED BY
THE ESKIMO! THE INJURED
PARTY SINGS HIS
GRIEVANCES AGAINST
THE OFFENDER TO A
PUBLIC GATHERING IN
ORDER TO SHAME THE
EVIL-DOER! AFTER THE
OFFENDER ANSWERS
LIKEWISE, THE AUDIENCE
JUDGES THE CASE BY ITS
APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL!



THE USE OF THE OATH IN OUR PENAL SYSTEM
IS A SURVIVAL OF THE PRACTICE OF PUNISH-
MENT BY CURSING! IN EFFECT, THE
SWEARER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT LYING
WILL INCUR THE DEITY'S WRATH!

FEAR OF
RIDICULE IS
SAID TO BE
SO STRONG
AMONG THE
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THAT MEN
WILL COMMIT
SUICIDE
RATHER THAN
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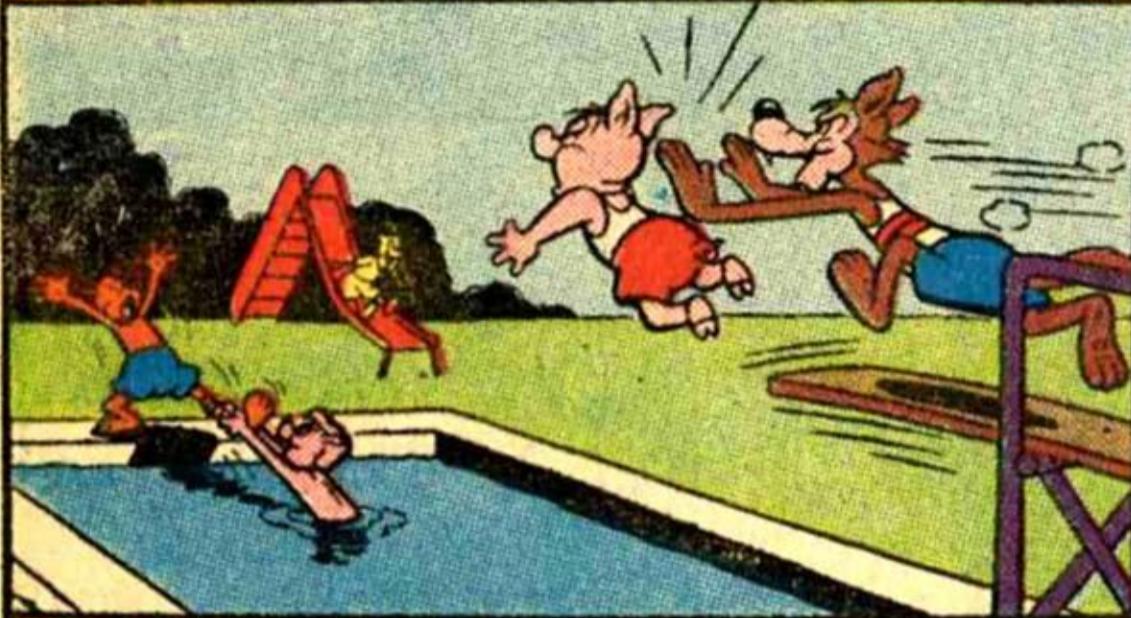
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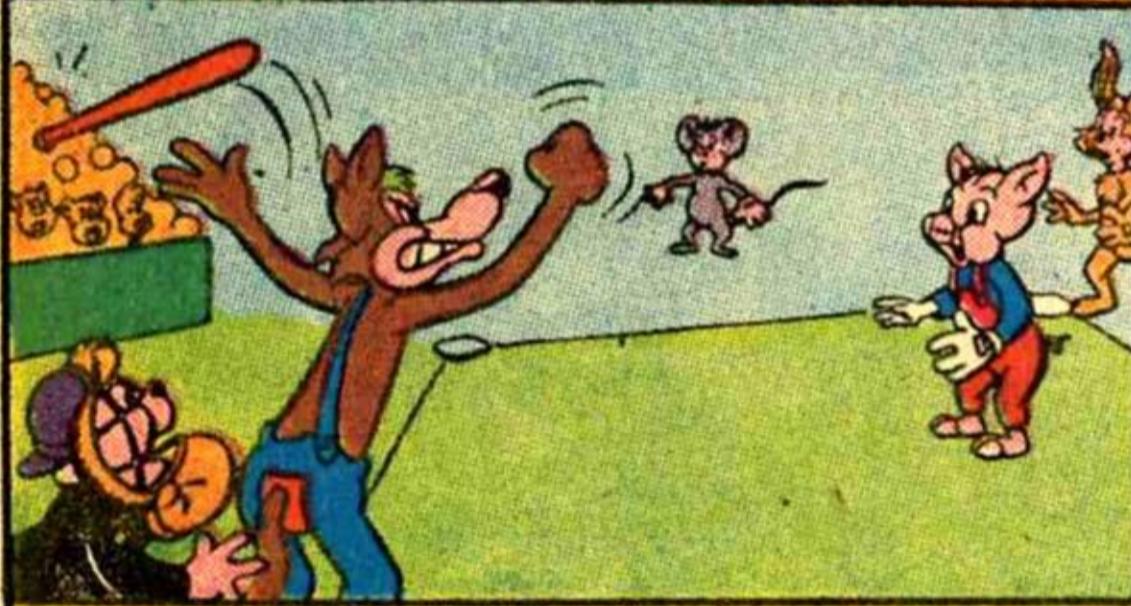
PETER PORKCHOPS gives TIPS ON SUMMER FUN!

HAVE A GOOD TIME SWIMMING --



BUT REMEMBER ROUGHHOUSING DOESN'T PAY OFF.'

TRY YOUR SKILL AT DIFFERENT SPORTS --



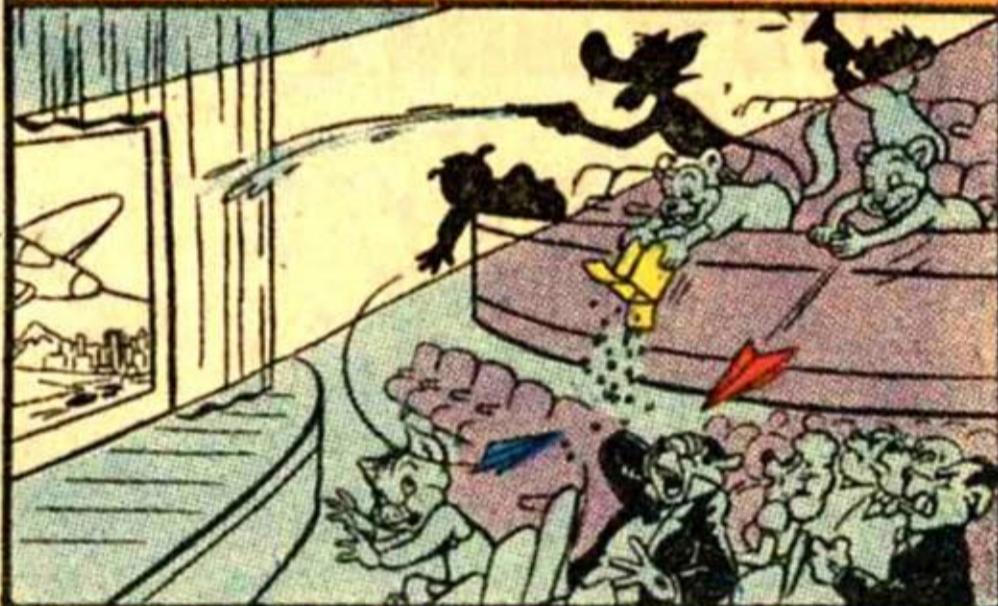
BUT DON'T SPOIL THE GAME BY BEING A POOR SPORT!

COUNTRY DRIVING IS A TREAT --



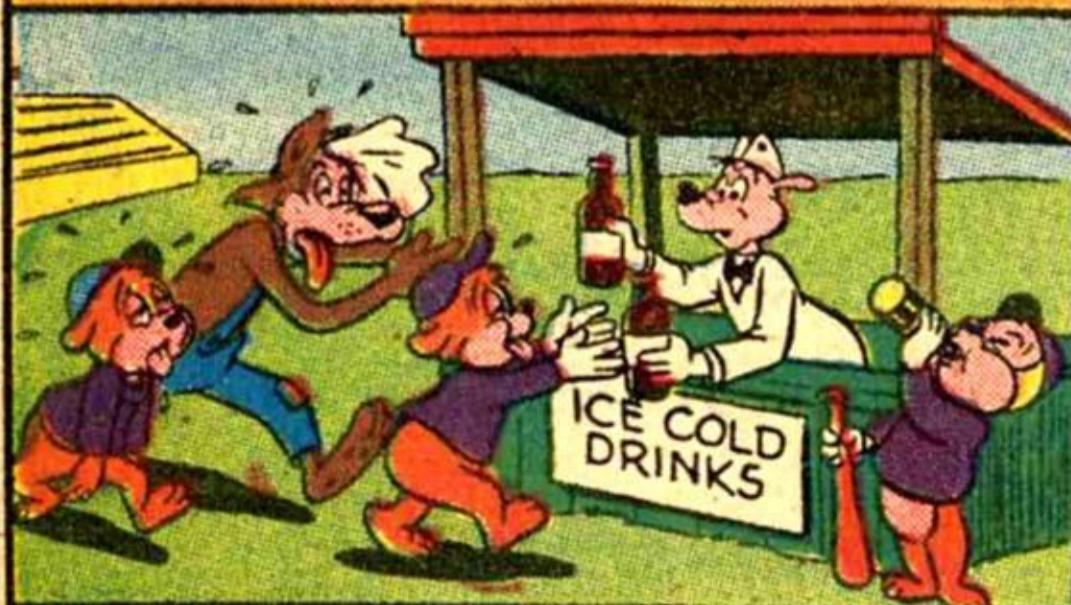
BUT REMEMBER NOBODY LOVES A "CLUTTERBUG"!

GOING TO THE MOVIES IS FUN --



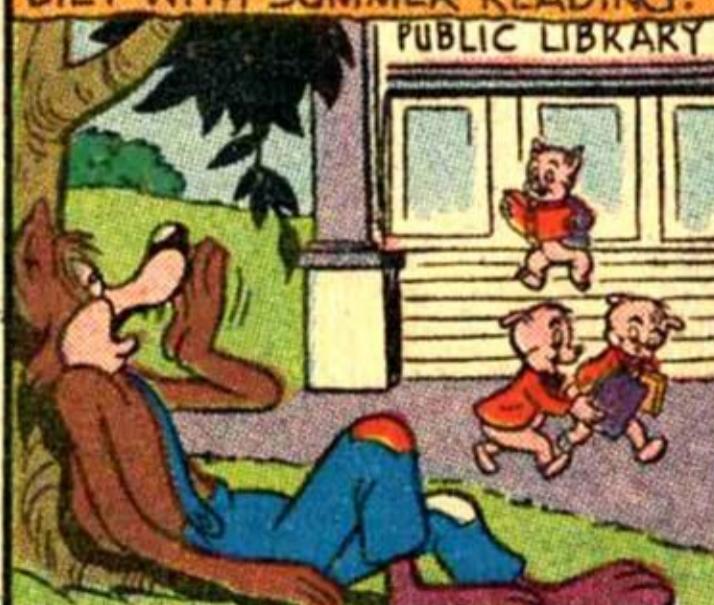
BUT WATCH YOUR MANNERS SO IT'S FUN FOR EVERYONE!

A COLD DRINK IS OKAY --



BUT COOL OFF FIRST AND KEEP HEALTHY SO YOU CAN PLAY MORE!

AND FINALLY, BALANCE YOUR FUN DIET WITH SUMMER READING!



YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE BORED, EVEN ON THE HOTTEST DAYS!

HAVE FUN THIS SUMMER, KIDS!



BATMAN



BAT-MAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

MY BLADED BOLO
WILL SLICE YOUR ROPE
IN TWO, BATMAN.

"BATMAN IS DEAD!" READ THE
NEWSPAPER HEADLINE, AND ROBIN
KNEW THIS WAS NO DREAM OR HOAX! FOR
FATE HAD GIVEN HIM A BRIEF GLIMPSE
OF THE FUTURE, WHERE HE DISCOVERED
THAT HIS SENIOR PARTNER WAS LIVING
OUT...

the LAST DAYS of BATMAN

BOB
KANE

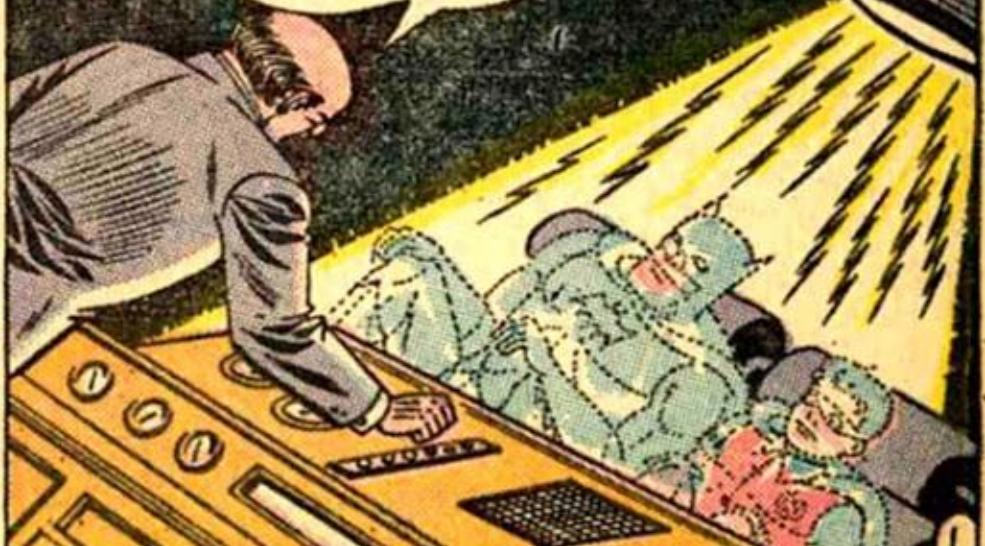
IT IS NIGHTTIME IN GOTHAM CITY, WHEN A FATEFUL
MEETING OCCURS...

SO YOU SEE, PROFESSOR
NICHOLS, UNLESS WE CAN
TRAVEL BACK IN TIME AND
GAIN NEW EVIDENCE, JOHN
KIRK'S CAREER IS
RUINED!

I UNDERSTAND, BATMAN!
KIRK IS THE BEST
CURATOR THE GOTHAM
ART MUSEUM HAS
EVER HAD! LET'S
HOPE MY TIME MACHINE
CAN SAVE HIM!

AS THE TWO VISITORS TAKE THEIR PLACES IN
THE AMAZING MECHANISM...

THE MACHINE IS SET FOR THE YEAR 1642,
IN THE CITY OF VENICE, ITALY! REMEMBER,
IN EXACTLY ONE HOUR, YOU WILL BE
RETURNED TO THIS ROOM!
GOOD LUCK!



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A MOMENTARY SWIRL--A SPLIT SECOND OF DARKNESS-- FOLLOWED BY A SUDDEN AWAKENING IN...

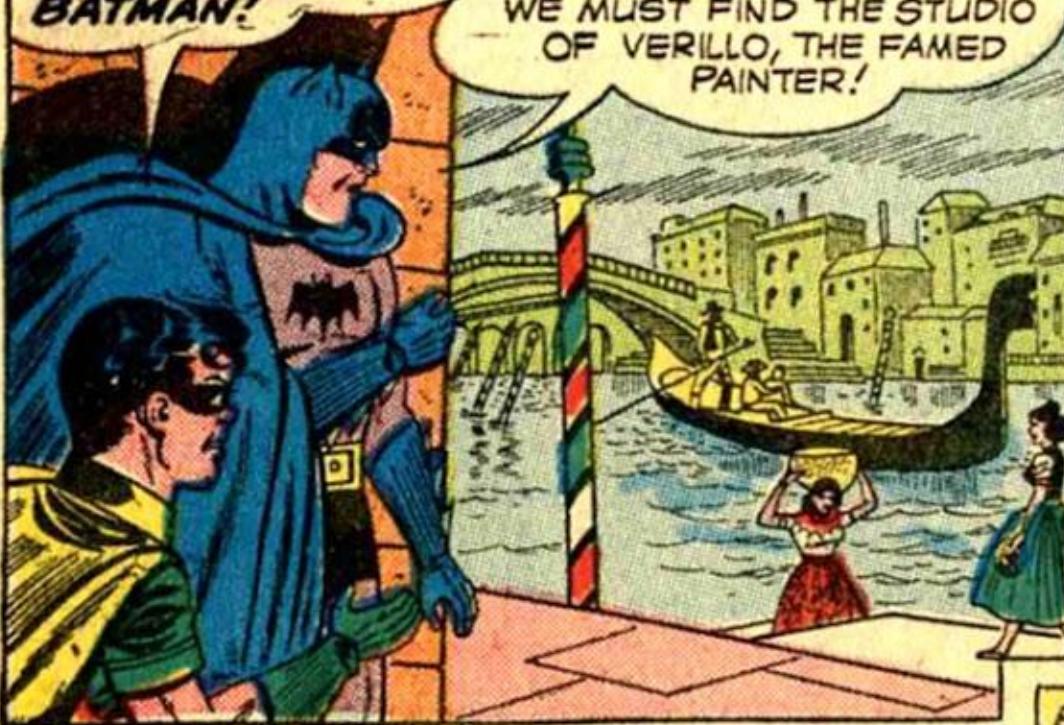
17TH CENTURY VENICE... IT'S MAGNIFICENT, BATMAN!

YES--BUT WE'VE NO TIME TO BE TOURISTS, ROBIN... WE MUST FIND THE STUDIO OF VERILLO, THE FAMED PAINTER!

OVER THE ROOFTOPS THEY SPEED, SAFE FROM CURIOUS EYES...

BATMAN, WHY DID THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE CHARGE THAT KIRK DELIBERATELY BOUGHT A FORGED PAINTING?

BECAUSE THE PAINTING WAS NEVER LISTED AMONG VERILLO'S WORKS! WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHY!



A LONG, HURRIED SEARCH FINALLY BRINGS THEM TO THE GREAT ARTIST'S STUDIO, WHERE...

YOU ARE FOOLISH TO BUY THIS WORTHLESS PAINTING, SIGNOR BERI! I AM SO ASHAMED OF IT, I WON'T EVEN LIST IT AMONG MY WORKS!

AH--THERE'S OUR PROOF! A FAMOUS ART DEALER LIKE SIGNOR BERI PROBABLY LISTED THE PAINTING IN HIS RECORDS! THIS BREAK CAME JUST IN TIME... OUR HOUR IS UP!



BUT JUST AS PROFESSOR NICHOLS SETS THE TIME MACHINE IN REVERSE MOTION...

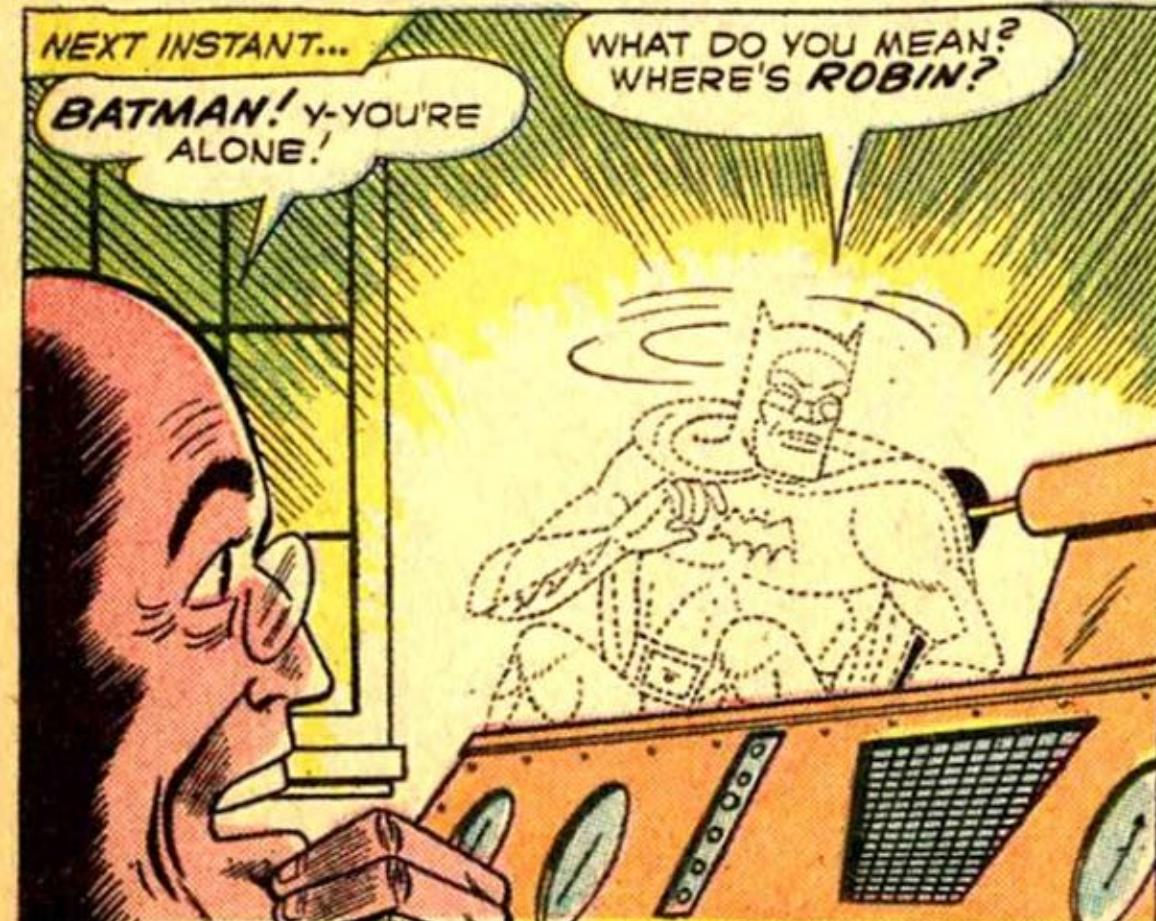
GOOD GRIEF--A FREAK BOLT OF HEAT LIGHTNING STRUCK MY HIGH VOLTAGE LINE! WILL IT CAUSE ANY BAD EFFECTS?



NEXT INSTANT...

BATMAN! Y-YOU'RE ALONE!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHERE'S ROBIN?

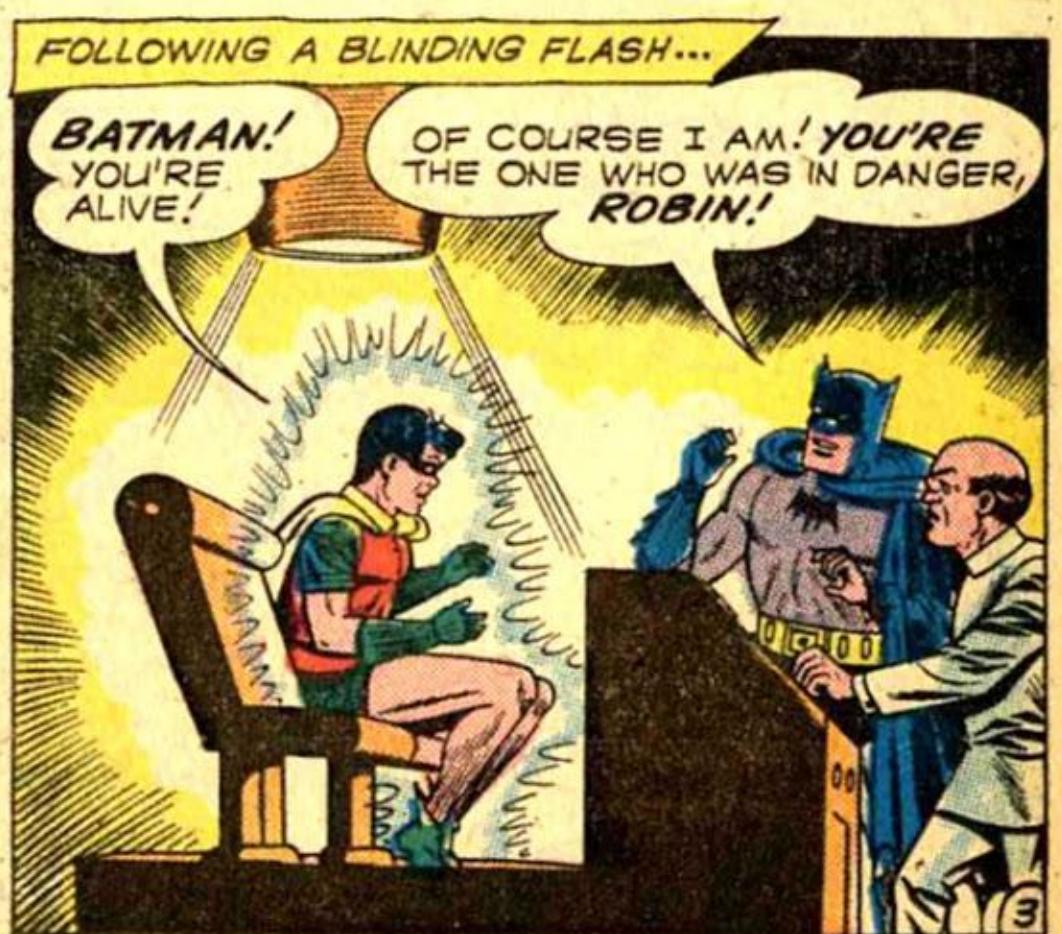
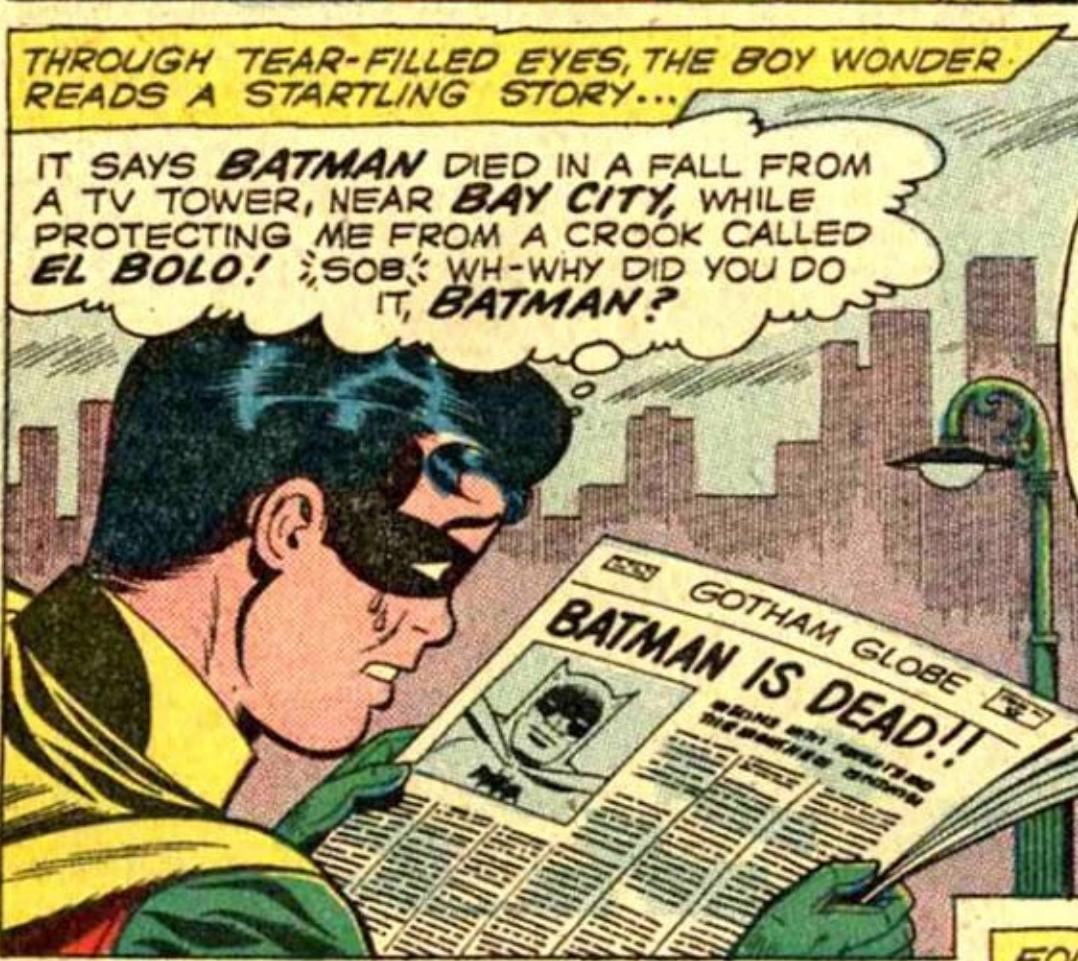
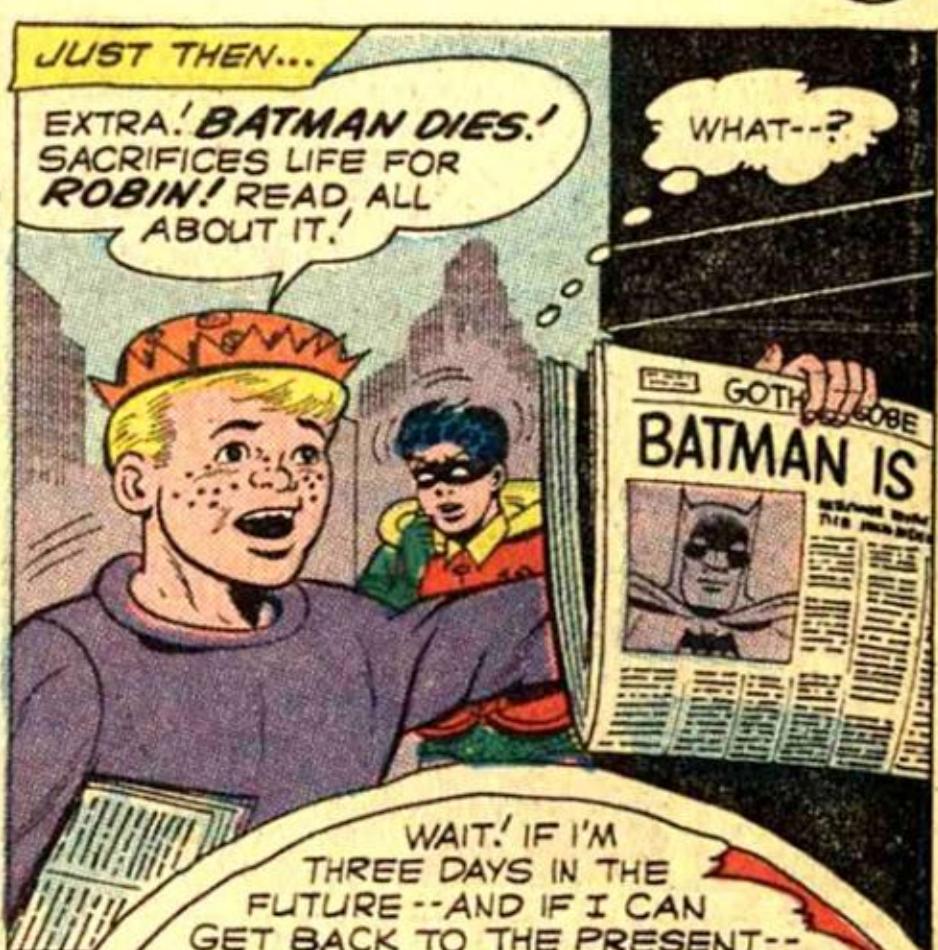


THE ANSWER LIES ON A BUSY THOROUGHFARE IN DOWNTOWN GOTHAM CITY...

“WHEW! WHAT A HEADACHE! THE PROFESSOR'S MACHINE MUST'VE SLIPPED A COG... DEPOSITED ME HERE INSTEAD OF -- GOLLY! LOOK AT THAT!”

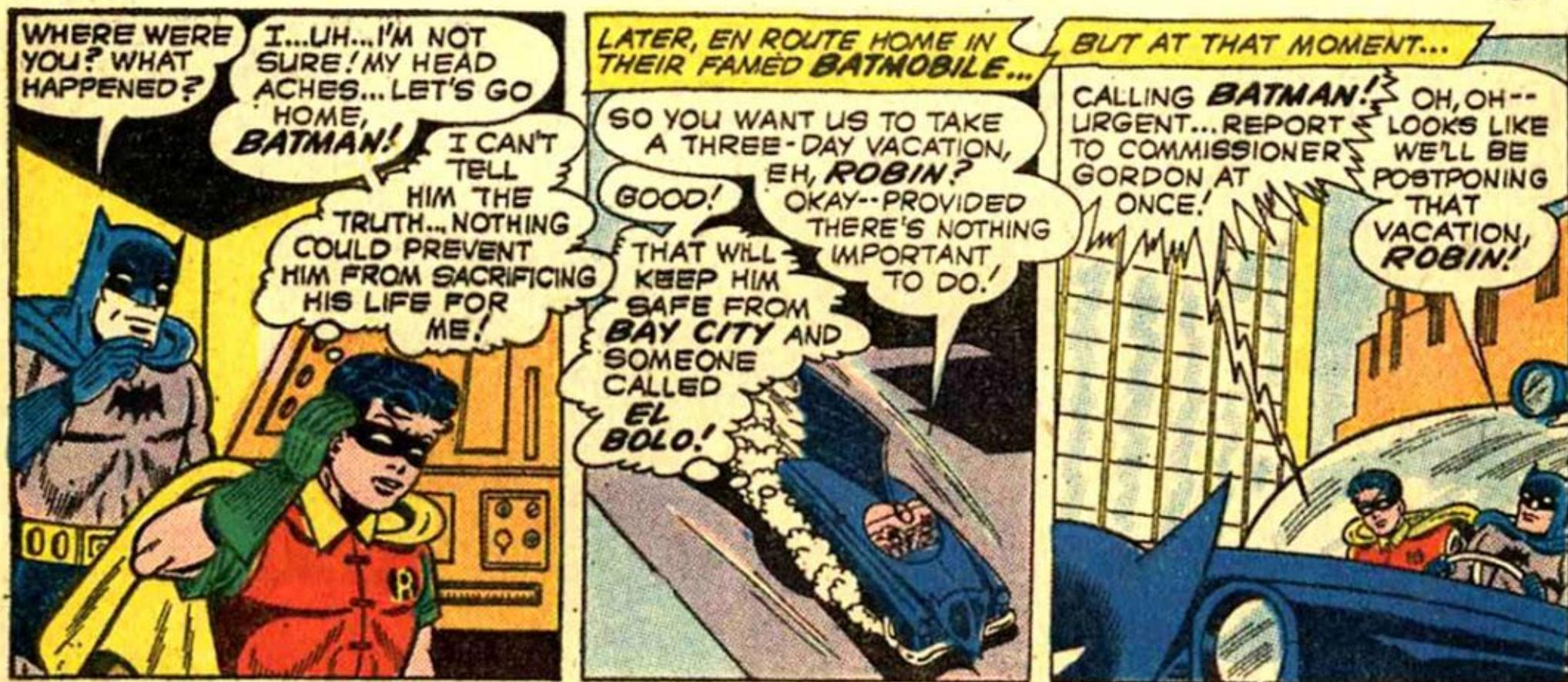


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WITH A DEFT FLIP OF THE WRIST...

WOW! HE THREW THAT BOLO INSIDE WITH A WIRE ATTACHED, AND NABBED A CASE OF JEWELS!

THAT'S THE PROOF WE NEED... LET'S GRAB HIM!

AND AS THE SOUND OF RUNNING FEET ALERTS EL BOLO...

THERE HE GOES, OVER THAT WIRE FENCE!

THAT WON'T GET HIM VERY FAR...



BUT JUST AS THE CRIME FIGHTERS PREPARE TO MOUNT THE METAL FENCE...

THUS STYMIED, BATMAN AND ROBIN SEARCH ABOUT FOR A POSSIBLE LEAD...

WAIT, ROBIN! THAT BOLO HE THREW IS ELECTRICALLY CHARGED! THERE'S HIGH VOLTAGE RUNNING THROUGH THAT FENCE!

BZZ

LOOK, BATMAN... A TRAIL OF BLUE AND RED PARTICLES!

HMM... LOOKS LIKE COLORED SAWDUST! ONLY ONE PLACE USES THAT-- A CIRCUS!



HMM... CLAY BROTHERS' CIRCUS DOES A CHARITY SHOW EACH YEAR AT THIS TIME!

SURE... IT'S A REAL SWANK AFFAIR! LOTS OF MINK COATS AND DIAMONDS... EL BOLO'S SPECIALTY!



BUT WAIT... THAT CIRCUS IS HELD IN BAY CITY! WE CAN'T GO THERE, BATMAN!

WHY NOT? STRANGE, ROBIN... EVER SINCE THAT TIME TRIP, YOU'VE BEEN A BUNDLE OF NERVES! COME ON NOW-- WE'VE GOT A JOB TO DO... IN BAY CITY!





BATMAN



SO THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, WITH A BLARE OF CALLIOPE AND TATTOO OF DRUMS...

AND NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
A NEW MEMBER OF OUR COMPANY--
THAT SHARPSHOOTER FROM SOUTH OF
THE BORDER, **SEÑOR LOPEZ!**
AND KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE
CANNON FOR THE **FLYING
LAMBERTIS!**

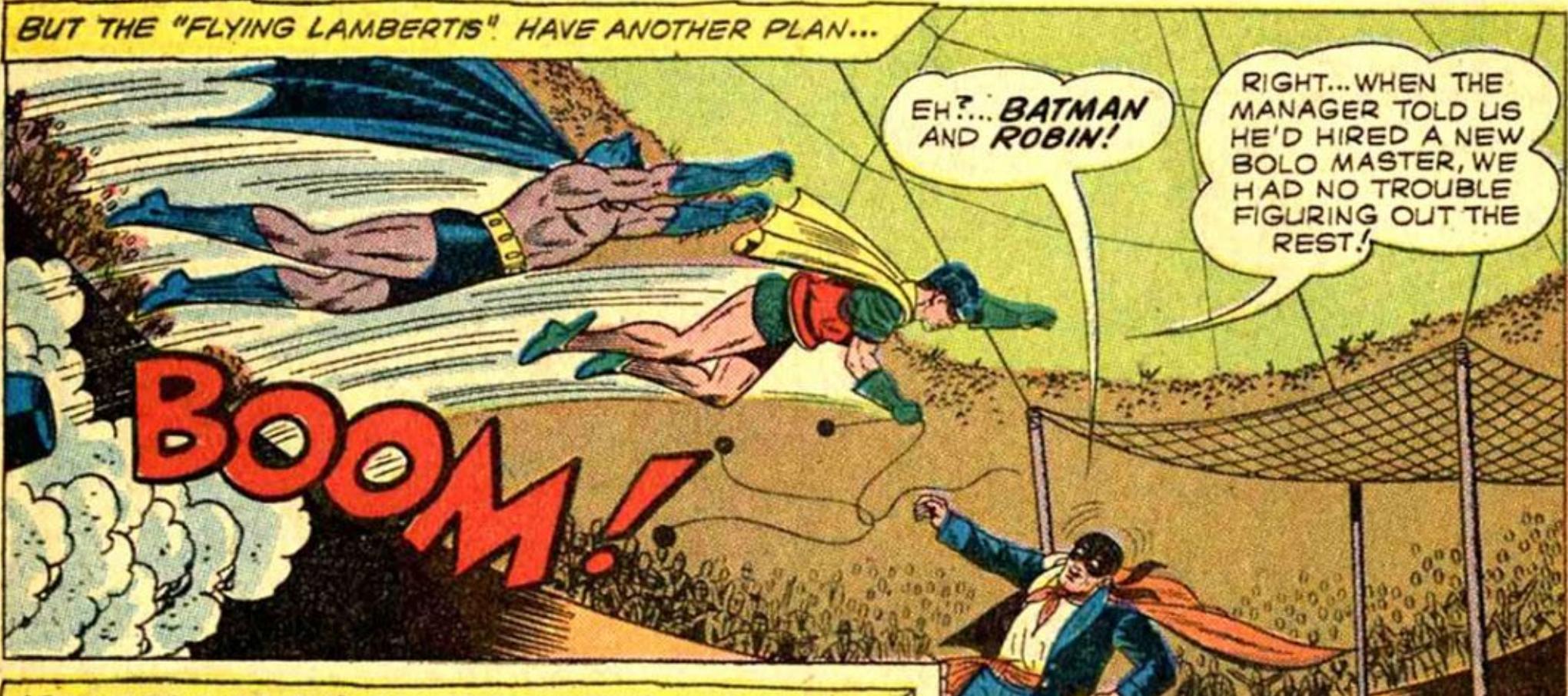


LITTLE DOES THE RINGMASTER REALIZE
THE TRUE IDENTITY OF "SEÑOR LOPEZ..."

"HA, HA!" WHEN I RELEASE THIS
SLEEPING GAS BOLO, IT WILL
KNOCK OUT THE WHOLE AUDIENCE!
THEN I SLIP ON MY GAS MASK AND
COLLECT A FEW DIAMONDS!

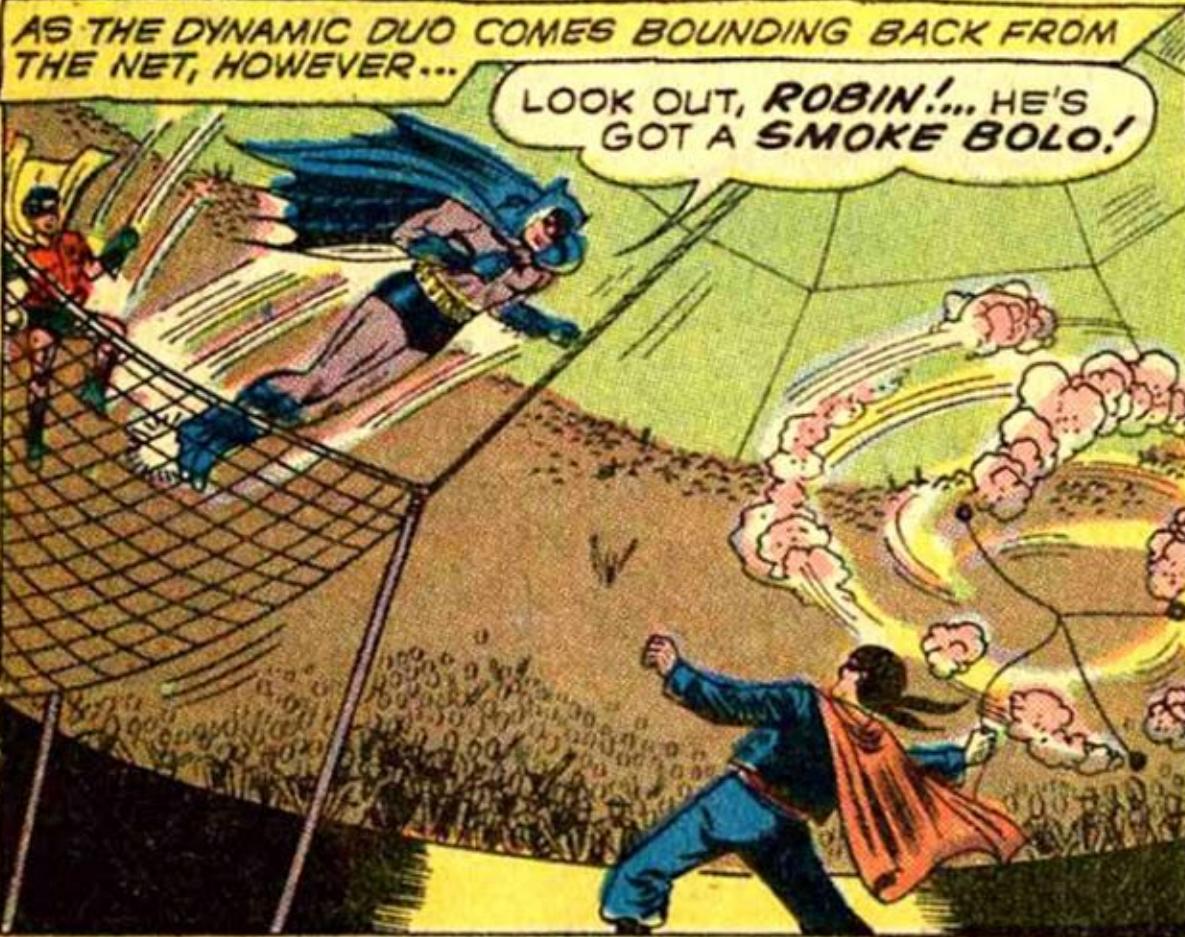


BUT THE "FLYING LAMBERTIS" HAVE ANOTHER PLAN...



AS THE DYNAMIC DUO COMES BOUNDING BACK FROM
THE NET, HOWEVER...

LOOK OUT, ROBIN!... HE'S
GOT A **SMOKE BOLO!**



"CHOKE!" CAN'T
'SEE... WHERE
ARE YOU,
ROBIN?

I'M HERE,
BATMAN
"COUGH!" BUT
EL BOLO
GOT AWAY!





BATMAN



BY THE TIME THEY RACE OUTSIDE...

HE STOLE A CIRCUS TRUCK FOR HIS GETAWAY!

THAT SHOULDN'T BE HARD TO TRAIL!

DIRECTED BY PEOPLE WHO SAW THE COLORFUL VEHICLE, BATMAN AND ROBIN SOON REACH A LONELY, DESERTED ROAD...

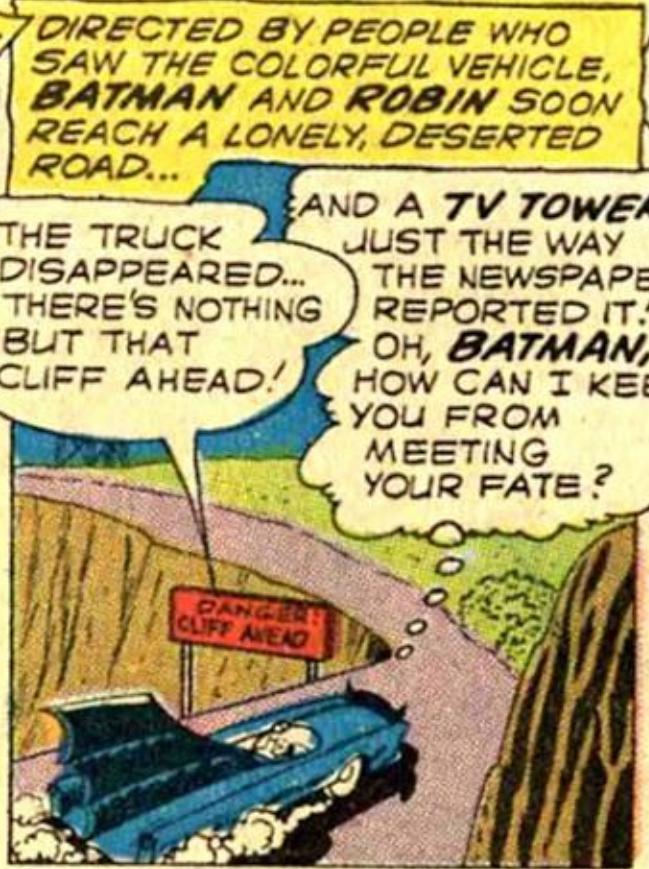
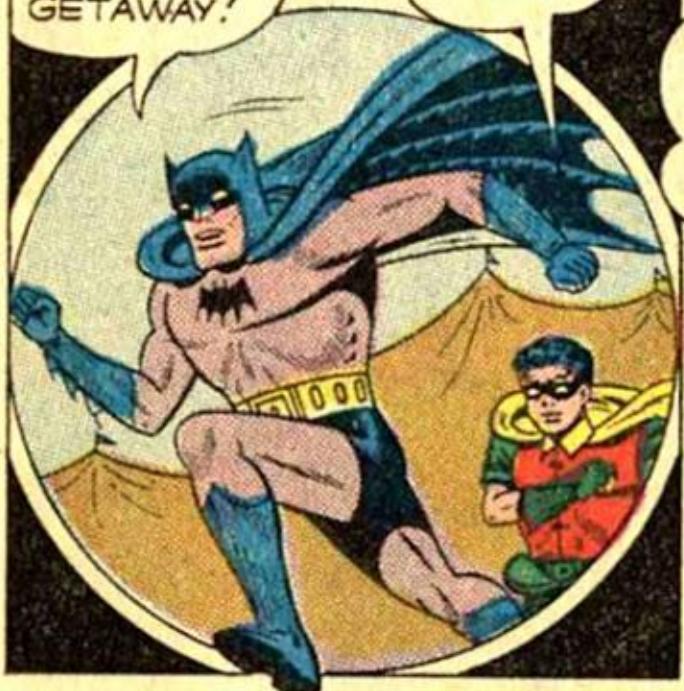
THE TRUCK DISAPPEARED... THERE'S NOTHING BUT THAT CLIFF AHEAD!

AND A TV TOWER--

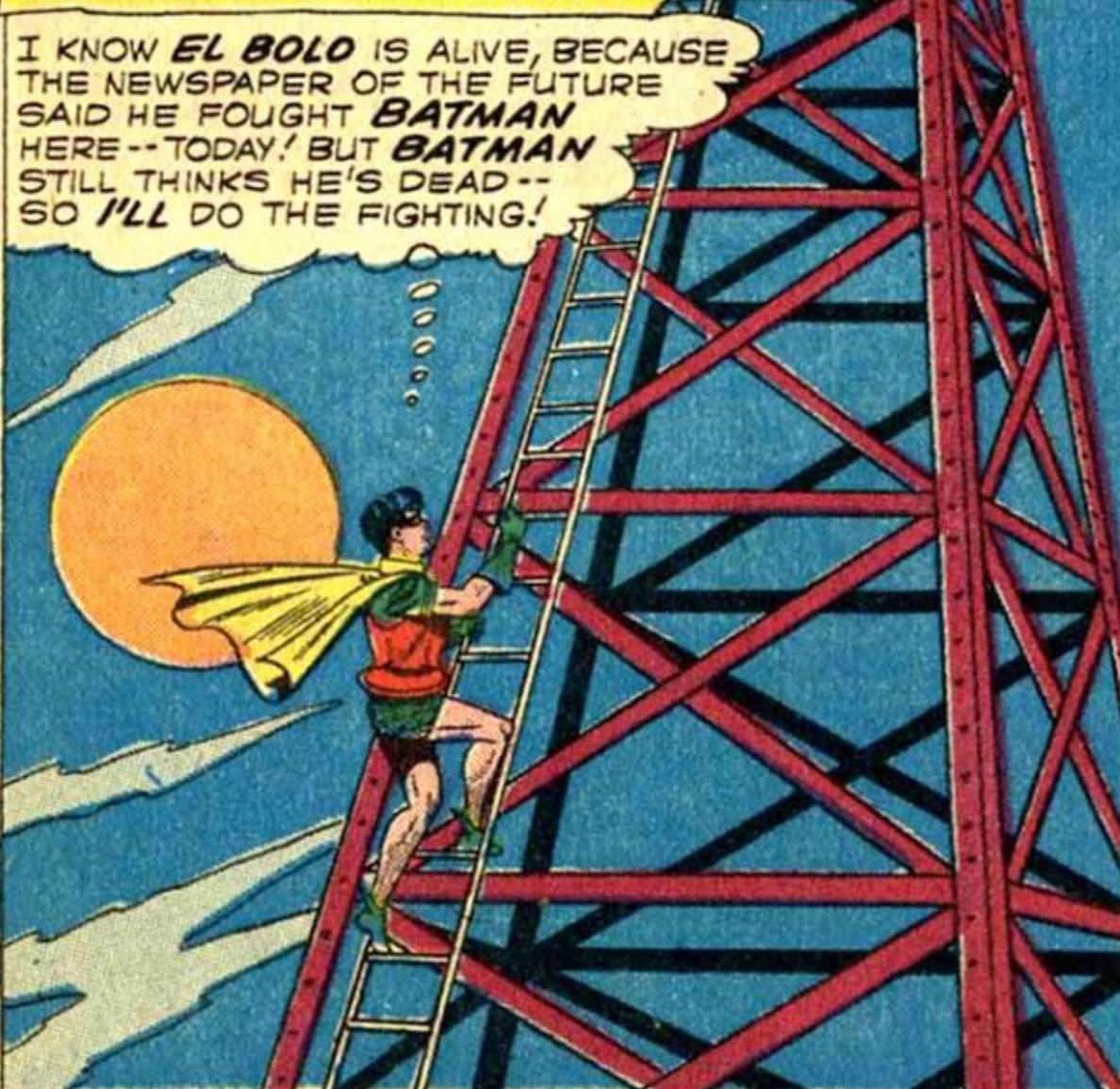
JUST THE WAY THE NEWSPAPER REPORTED IT! OH, BATMAN, HOW CAN I KEEP YOU FROM MEETING YOUR FATE?

LOOKS LIKE HE RODE OFF THE CLIFF... AND HE COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE SURVIVED THAT CRASH!

YOU'RE RIGHT... THAT MEANS OUR JOB IS DONE! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, BATMAN!



HMM--WAIT... FOOTPRINTS GOING AWAY FROM THE CLIFF! THAT MEANS **EL BOLO** PUSHED THE TRUCK OVER AND IS **PLAYING DEAD**! HE'S HIDING OUT SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA! I'LL RETURN HERE TOMORROW--ALONE... **ROBIN** IS STILL TOO NERVOUS FROM THAT TIME TRIP!



BUT THE FOLLOWING DAY, IT IS ROBIN, NOT BATMAN,

WHO MOUNTS THE TV TOWER...

I KNOW **EL BOLO** IS ALIVE, BECAUSE THE NEWSPAPER OF THE FUTURE SAID HE FOUGHT **BATMAN** HERE--TODAY! BUT **BATMAN** STILL THINKS HE'S DEAD--SO I'LL DO THE FIGHTING!

EL BOLO!
YOU PICKED
YOURSELF
A GOOD
HIDEOUT!

ROBIN! YOU FOUND
ME OUT! VERY WELL...
I SURRENDER! HERE,
I HAND OVER MY
WEAPON TO YOU!



BATMAN



BUT, SUDDENLY, WITH A QUICK WRIST MOTION...

WHAT--? IT WAS
A TRICK!

BUT OF COURSE,
MY LITTLE BIRD!



WELL, I'M GLAD IT WAS I
YOU CAPTURED -- NOT
BATMAN! HE'S
MORE IMPORTANT TO
THE WORLD -- SO DO
WHATEVER YOU WANT
WITH ME!

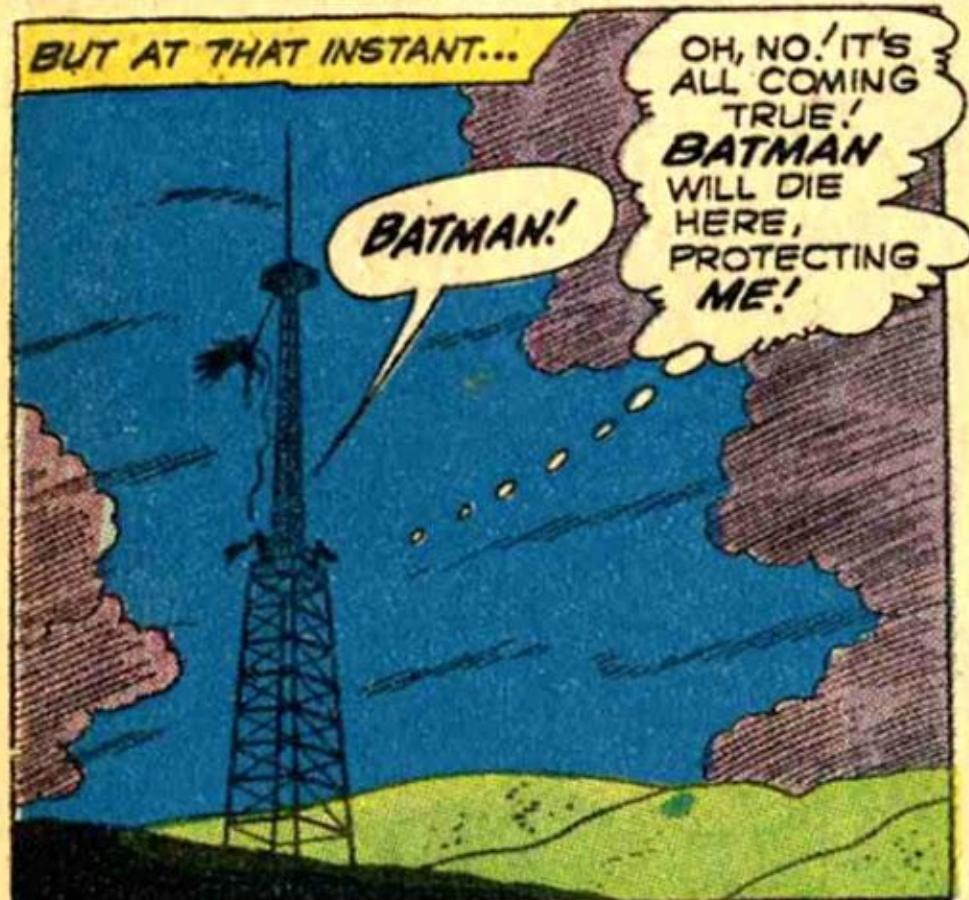
COURAGEOUSLY
SPOKEN... NOW,
WE SHALL SEE
HOW BRAVE
YOU **REALLY**
ARE!



BUT AT THAT INSTANT...

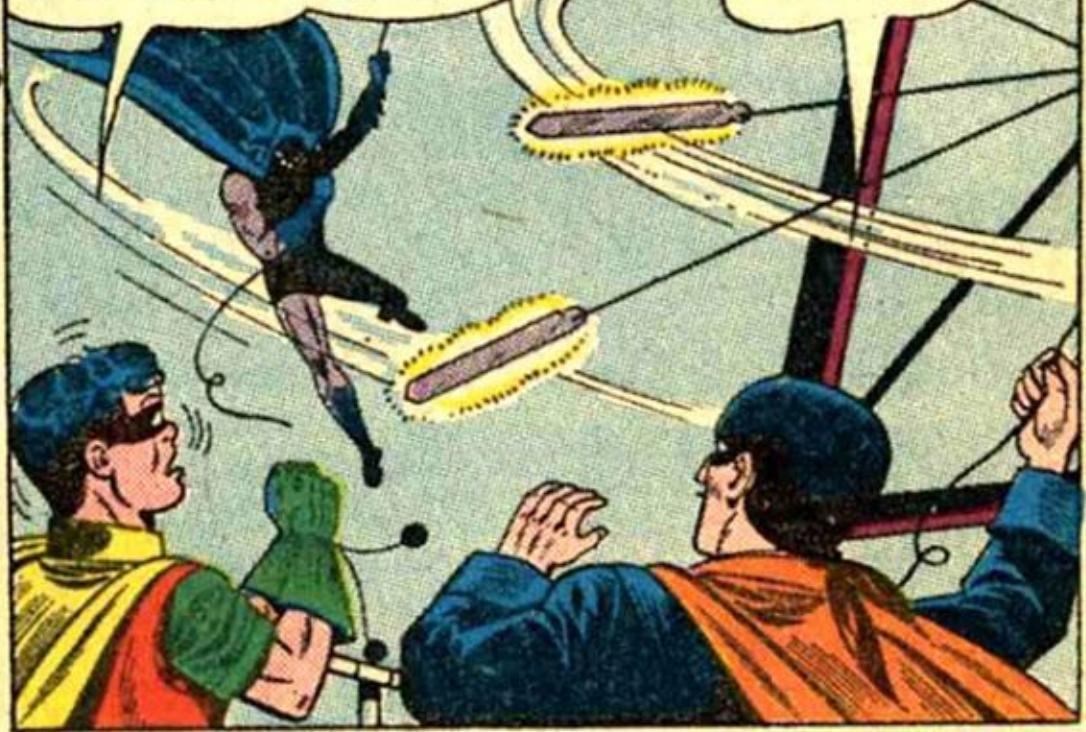
OH, NO! IT'S
ALL COMING
TRUE!
BATMAN
WILL DIE
HERE,
PROTECTING
ME!

BATMAN!



LOOK OUT, **BATMAN!**... HE'S
GOT A **BLADED BOLO**!
IF IT HITS YOUR ROPE,
IT'LL SLASH IT IN TWO!

CORRECT, SEÑOR
ROBIN... AND
EL BOLO NEVER
MISSES!



THE WHIRLING BLADES
FLY THROUGH THE
AIR, AND...

Y-YOU'VE KILLED HIM!
YOU KILLED **BATMAN**!



WHILE DOWN BELOW, WHERE A CROWD
HAS GATHERED...

WOW! **BATMAN**
FALLING TO HIS DOOM!
I'VE GOT TO PHONE
THIS INTO MY PAPER--
AT ONCE!



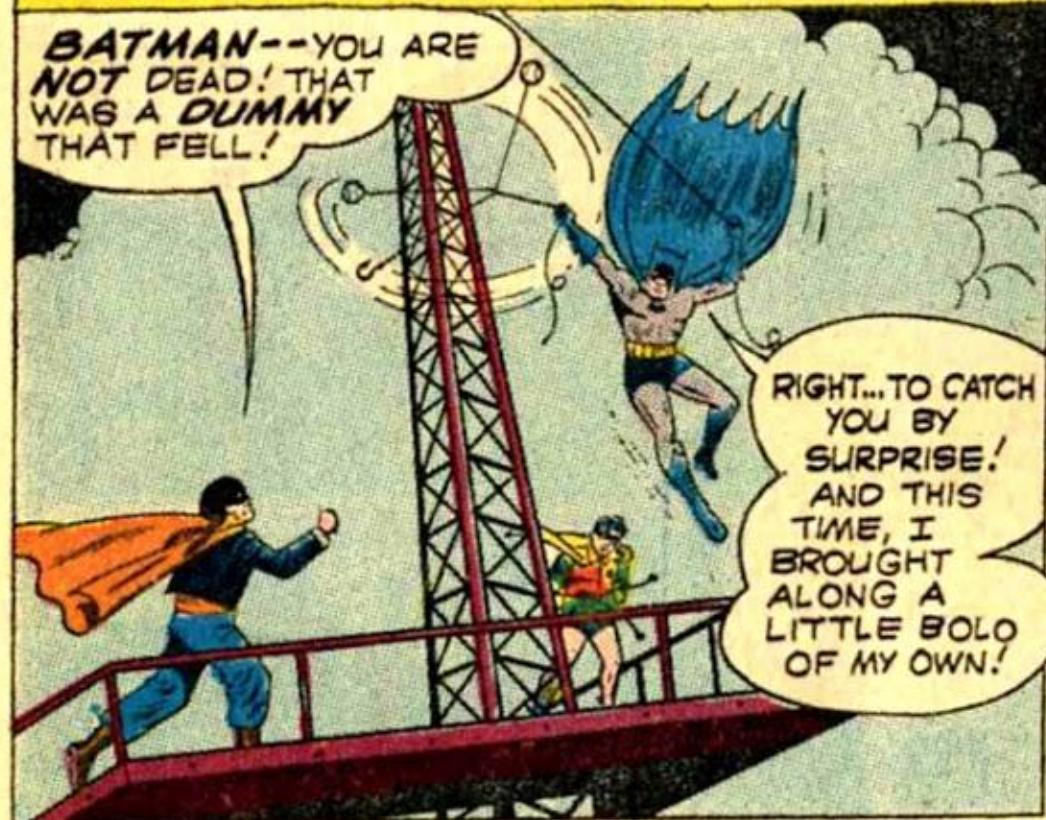


BATMAN



YET, EVEN AS THE STORY GOES OUT TO THE PRESS...

BATMAN--YOU ARE NOT DEAD! THAT WAS A DUMMY THAT FELL!



IT'S MADE OF TWO BASEBALLS AND SOME FISHING TACKLE!

GOLLY...I--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...**BATMAN** ALIVE, AFTER ALL!



THEN, AS **BATMAN** EXPLAINS ALL...

I FIGURED THIS TOWER MIGHT BE A GOOD HIDEOUT FOR **EL BOLO**! HE WASN'T HERE WHEN I ARRIVED, BUT I SPOTTED HIM RETURNING WITH SUPPLIES-- SO I HID MYSELF AND THE DUMMY I'D BROUGHT ALONG ON THE TOP PLATFORM!



AND LATER, IT'S ROBIN'S TURN TO DO SOME EXPLAINING...

...AND THERE'S THE HEADLINE I SAW, WHEN I WAS IN THE FUTURE! IT WAS PRINTED UP BEFORE THE **TRUE** STORY WAS FINALLY REVEALED!

HA, HA! NO WONDER YOU'D BEEN TREATING ME LIKE A DOOMED MAN THESE PAST THREE DAYS!



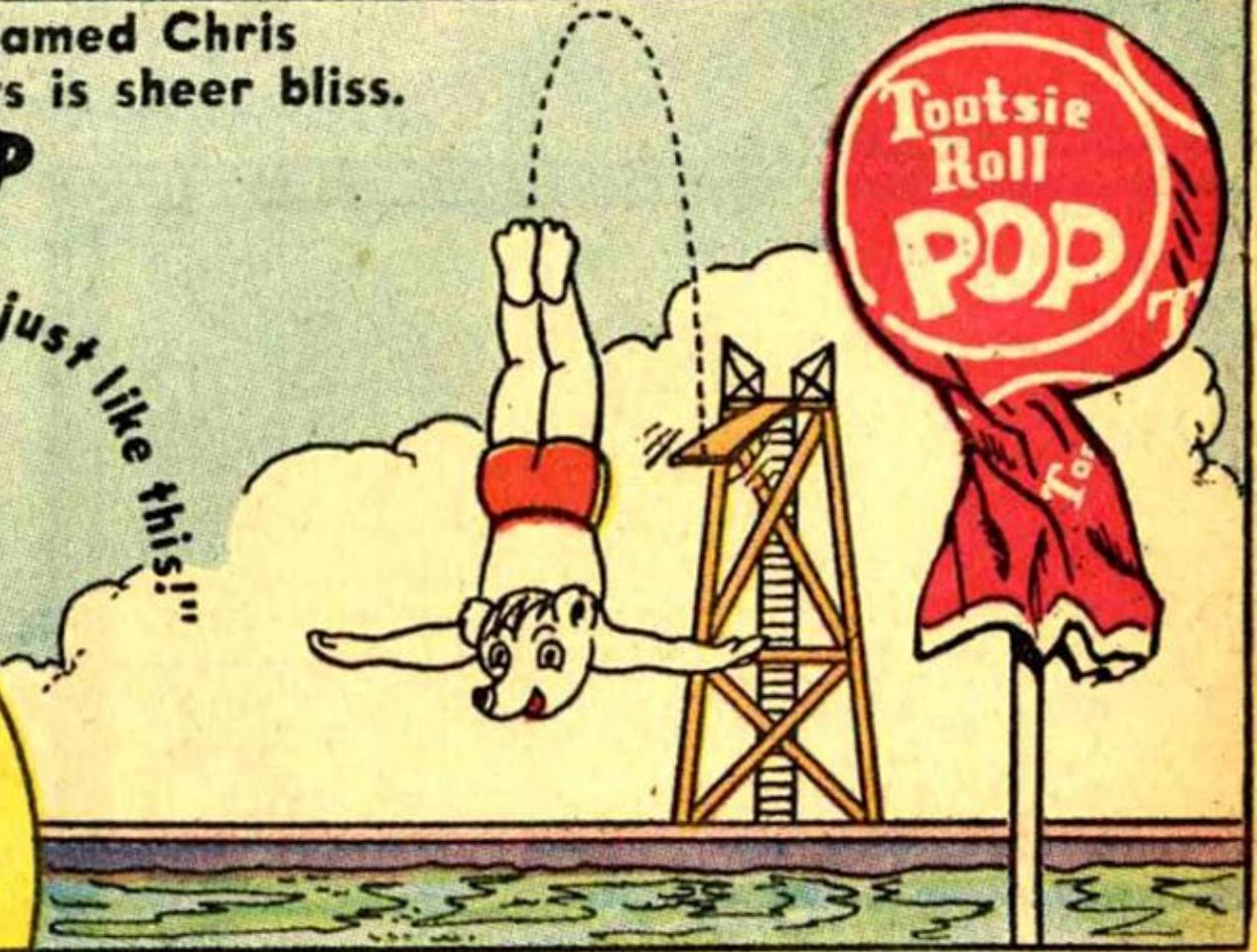
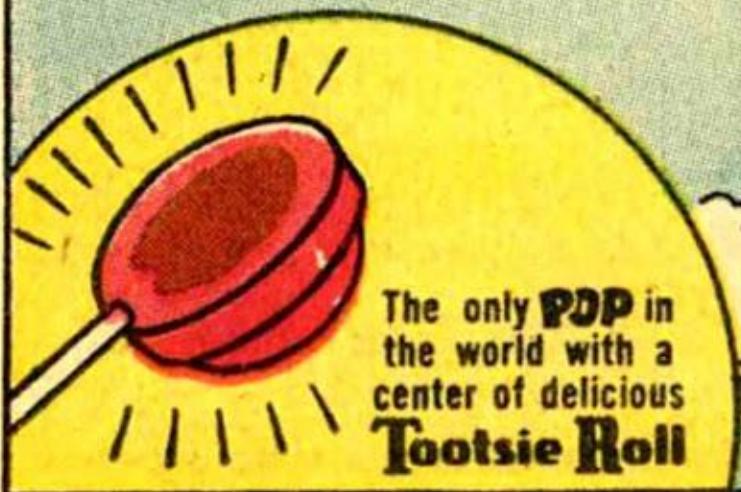
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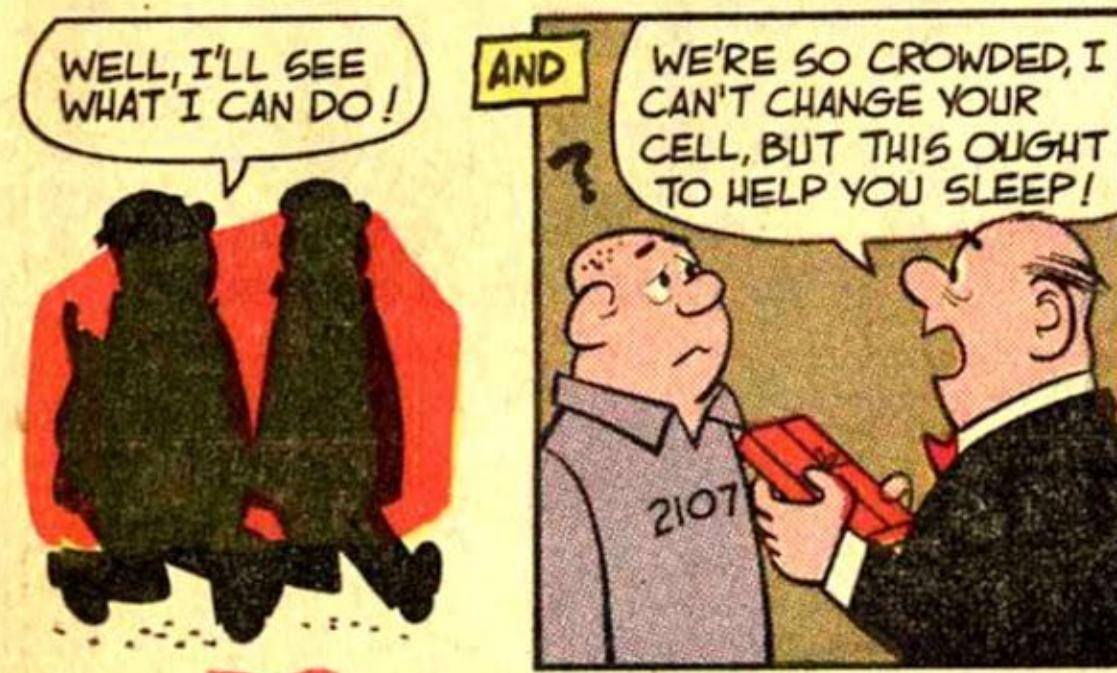
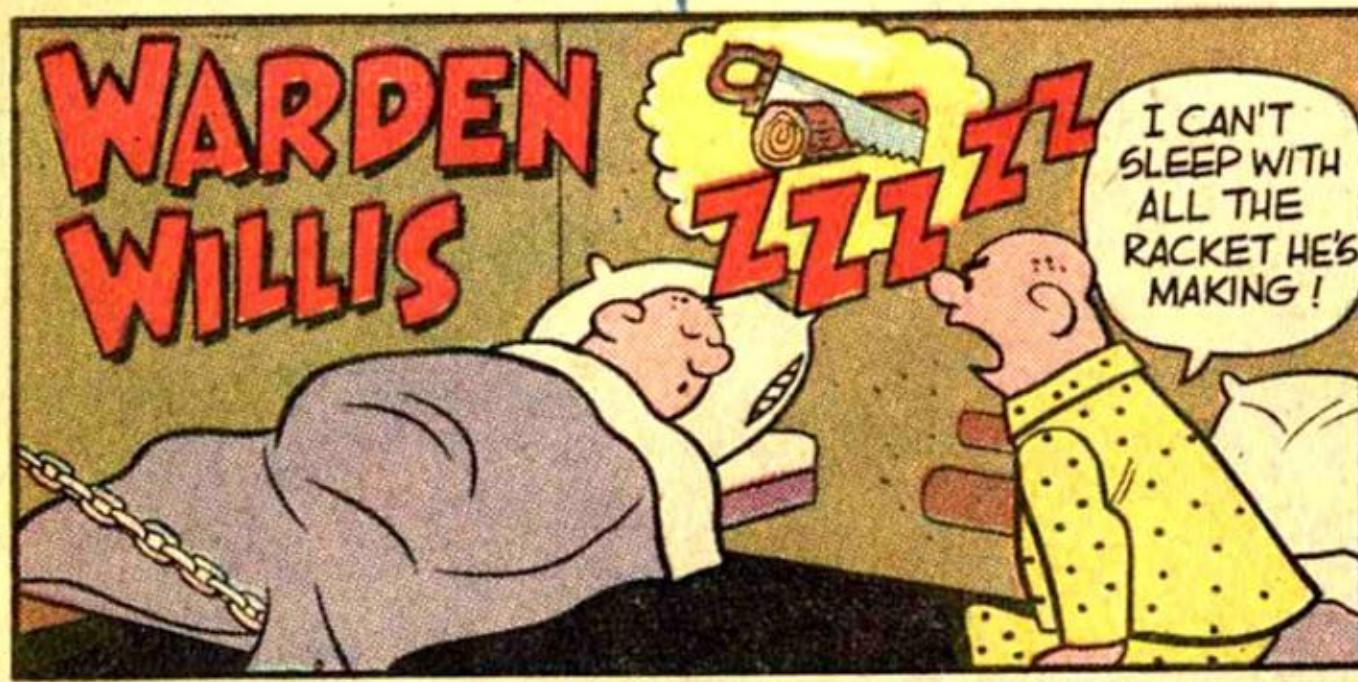
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When I get to the top

Then I dive off the board just like this!"





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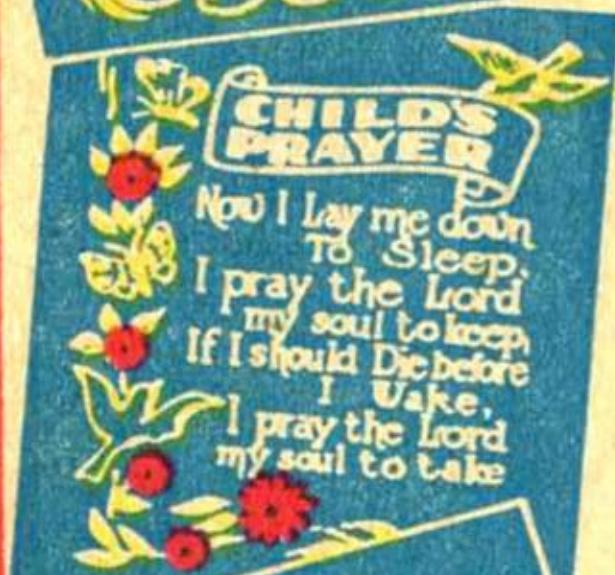
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Letters to the BAT-CAVE



Dear Editor:

I've been a BATMAN fan for many years, and I would like to make a suggestion. How about a page of letters from your readers? Every once in a while, I have a question to ask about BATMAN and ROBIN—I'm sure others do, too—and I think a letter page would be a good way of answering them. Also, it would give readers a chance to make suggestions of their own.

Larry Graff, Chicago, Ill.

(We agree with you, Larry, and so do many of your fellow BATMAN fans, who have suggested the same idea to us. That's why we're instituting this page, which will appear in every issue of BATMAN. Of course, we can't print all the mail we receive, so we'll pick the ones that are of greatest interest to our readers. All others we'll continue to answer through the mail. Queries and suggestions should be addressed to THE BAT-CAVE, NATIONAL COMICS, 575 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK 22, N. Y.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I would like to know how BATMAN met ROBIN. Also, I would like to know how BATMAN found the Bat-cave, and how BATMAN met BATWOMAN.

Frank Tugwell, Bastrop, La.

(These are some of the questions we're asked most frequently, and it would be impossible to answer each one separately. That's why, from time to time, we deal with them in the BATMAN stories themselves. You can learn all these facts by regularly following the adventures of BATMAN and ROBIN.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Why don't you have more BATWOMAN stories in BATMAN COMICS?

Dennis Comin, Skokie, Ill.

(We plan to do just that, Dennis. As a matter of fact, you'll find the next BATWOMAN story, entitled "THE MENACE OF THE FIREFLY", in the September issue of BATMAN COMICS, No. 126—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Does anyone besides SUPERMAN know that BATMAN and ROBIN are really Bruce Wayne and Dick Grayson? And why do they need secret identities in the first place?

Betty Freyer, Los Angeles, Cal.

(Alfred, Bruce Wayne's trusted butler, is the only other person who knows BATMAN and ROBIN'S secret identities. If the whole world knew this fact, the caped crime-busters would spend all their time having to protect themselves from attacks by enemies, and that would make them less effective as fighters for law and order.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Recently, in WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, BATMAN and ROBIN helped SUPERMAN defeat a menace from another world. I'm wondering, though, how BATMAN and ROBIN would handle such a situation by themselves.

Hiram Jacoby, Butte, Mont.

(You'll find the answer in the August issue of DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 270, where BATMAN and ROBIN battle "THE CREATURE FROM PLANET X".—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Who invented the Batmobile and the Bat-Plane? If they're such terrific vehicles, why can't crooks make them, too?

Arthur Botts, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(BATMAN himself designs and builds his weapons, aided by ROBIN. They keep the blueprints a strict secret, which is why criminals can't possibly make duplicates.—Ed.)

BATMAN

With ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

IN THE BAT-CAVE'S TROPHY ROOM RESTS A STRANGE SOUVENIR--A MEMENTO THAT WILL ALWAYS PUZZLE BATMAN AND ROBIN! WHERE IT CAME FROM AND HOW IT WAS OBTAINED WILL ALWAYS BE A MYSTERY TO THE PAIR! BUT YOU, THE READER, WILL RECOGNIZE IT AS A REMINDER OF THE TIME THE MIGHTY BATMAN BECAME...

KING BATMAN THE FIRST

OUTSIDE GOTHAM CITY, BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, TRACK A WANTED CRIMINAL INTO A LABYRINTH OF CAVERNS...

LISTEN, ROBIN--
FOOTSTEPS!
GURNEY'S
AROUND
THAT BEND!
COME ON!

TAP.
TAP.

BUT AS THE CRIME-FIGHTERS MOVE FORWARD, THEY ARE SUDDENLY SEIZED BY AN EERIE FORCE...

BATMAN--
WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO US?
THE CAVERN
WALLS ARE
FAADING!

IT'S NO USE,
BATMAN!
WE'LL NEVER
GET BY
RAKK'S
CASTLE
CANNON!

BATMAN



AND IN THE NEXT INSTANT...

GOSH!
W-WHERE
ARE WE?

I--I DON'T KNOW! THAT
CITY SEEMS TO BE
SOMETHING OUT OF A
SCIENCE-FICTION NOVEL!
AND THERE ARE NO
TREES LIKE THAT ON
EARTH!

YOU
MEAN--
WE'RE ON
ANOTHER
WORLD? HOW
DID WE GET
HERE?
THERE'S ONLY
ONE POSSIBLE
ANSWER! WE
ENTERED A **TIME-
WARP**-- AND WERE
TRANSPORTED TO A
WORLD THAT EXISTS IN
ANOTHER DIMENSION!

GOLLY!
HOW WILL
WE EVER
GET
BACK?

I DON'T KNOW--YET! MEANWHILE,
LET'S MINGLE WITH THIS CROWD
ENTERING THAT STADIUM UNTIL
WE GET OUR BEARINGS!

ENTERING A SIDE DOOR, **BATMAN**
AND **ROBIN** FIND THEMSELVES IN
THE CORRIDOR HOUSING DRESSING
ROOMS FOR ATHLETES...

REMEMBER, PRETEND TO DO YOUR
BEST IN THE CONTEST--BUT YOU
MUST LOSE TO ME! IF YOU
REFUSE, YOU WILL MAKE
AN ENEMY OF ME!

WE
WILL DO
AS YOU SAY,
RAKK!

BUT, RAKK, WHAT ABOUT
VOL? HE WILL NOT SUBMIT
TO YOUR DEMANDS -- AND
HE IS A GREAT ATHLETE!

VOL WILL NOT BE
HERE FOR THE
CONTEST! I'VE
ALREADY SEEN
TO THAT!

GOSH, **BATMAN**--
THAT FELLOW RAKK
IS FIXING AN
ATHLETIC
COMPETITION
BEING HELD
HERE -- SO
THAT HE'LL
WIN!

WE'LL HAVE TO
DO SOMETHING
ABOUT THAT!

LATER, AS RAKK "VANQUISHES" HIS LAST CHALLENGER...

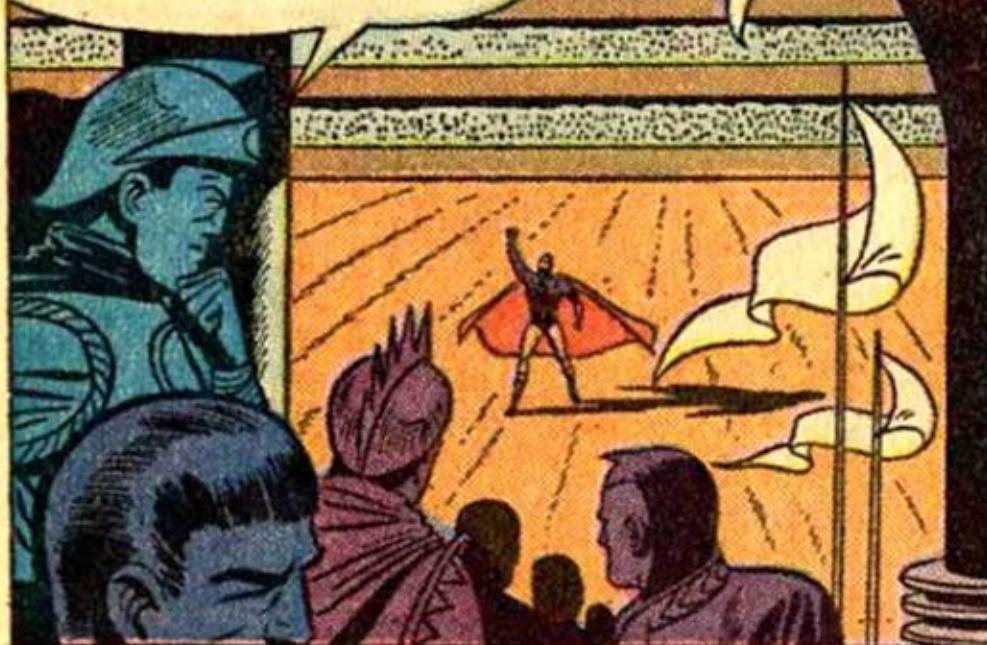
IF ONLY VOL WERE HERE, HE WOULD DEFEAT RAKK--BUT VOL HAS DISAPPEARED!

IS THERE NO ONE ELSE WHO WILL ENTER THE ARENA AGAINST RAKK?

SUDDENLY...

LOOK! ANOTHER ATHLETE ENTERS THE ARENA!

A MASKED CHALLENGER? WHO CAN HE BE?



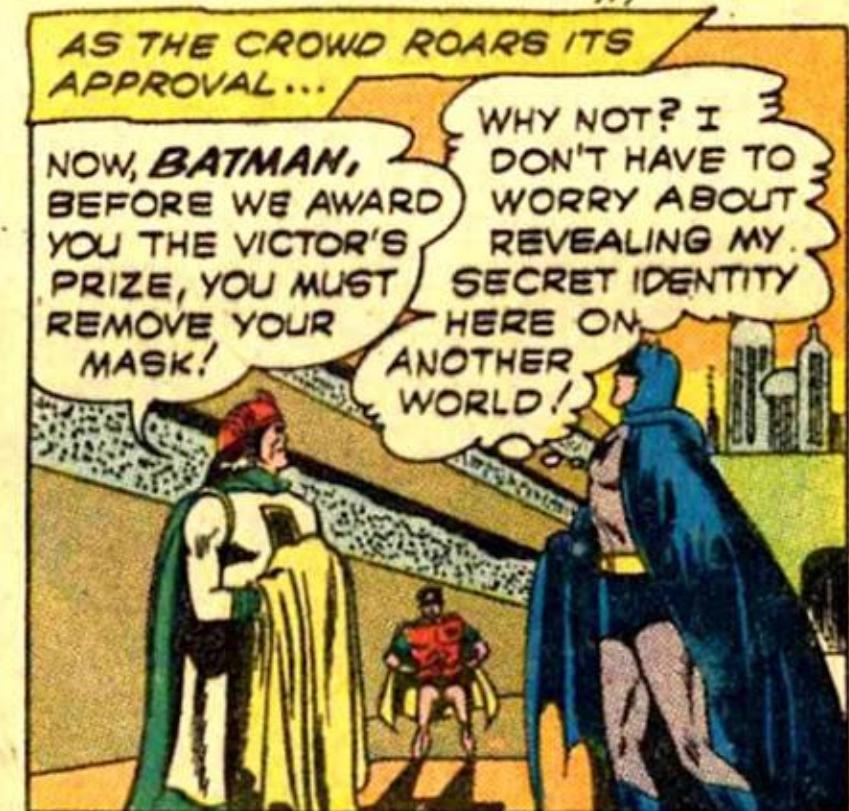
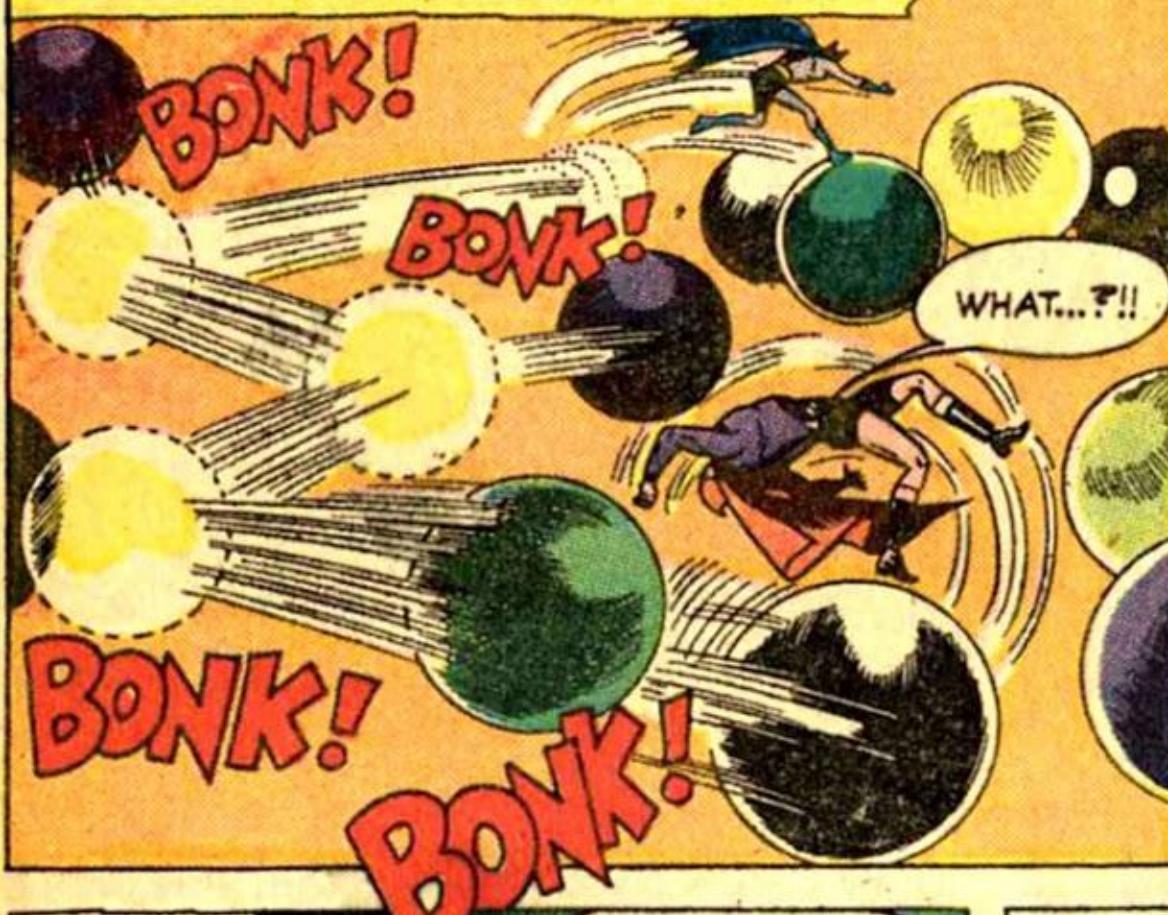
THE SECOND AND FINAL CONTEST--IN WHICH ONE COMBATANT MUST TRY TO KNOCK THE OTHER OFF FLOATING BUBBLES...

BATMAN'S FEET BEGIN TO CHURN, SPINNING THE BUBBLE UNDERFOOT...

"PHEW," THAT WAS CLOSE! RAKK'S TRICKY--BUT I WONDER IF HE KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT BILLIARDS?



ABRUPTLY, HE LEAPS TO ANOTHER PERCH--AND THE RELEASED SPHERE CAROMS FROM ONE TO ANOTHER LIKE A BILLIARD BALL UNTIL...





BATMAN



FOR BATMAN'S UNMASKING HAS BEEN OBSERVED BY THE CRIMINAL HE HAD PURSUED ON EARTH...

BATMAN DOESN'T KNOW I ACCIDENTALLY WANDERED INTO THE TIME-WARP, TOO! NOW I KNOW HE IS REALLY BRUCE WAYNE! IF WE EVER GET BACK TO EARTH, THAT INFORMATION WILL FINISH BATMAN'S CAREER! BUT FIRST, I'LL TELL RAKK ABOUT BATMAN...

NO ALIEN CAN RULE US--OR ENTER THE ROYAL TOURNAMENT! THEREFORE, THE TOURNAMENT MUST BE HELD AGAIN TOMORROW-- AND YOU ALIENS MUST BE IMPRISONED UNTIL OUR NEW KING DECIDES YOUR FATE!



THAT IS WHY I SLIPPED IN HERE, BATMAN! I AM SELINA-- VOL'S FIANCÉE! I NEED YOUR HELP! I HAVE A SHIP WAITING FOR US ON THE ROOF!



SHORTLY, RAKK'S ACCUSING VOICE STUNS THE AUDIENCE...

HEAR ME! I SAY BATMAN HAS NO RIGHT TO BE OUR KING--FOR HE IS NOT ONE OF US! HE AND THE BOY CANNOT DENY THEY COME FROM ANOTHER WORLD!

GURNEY--HERE! HE'S TOLD RAKK ABOUT US! AND NOW HE KNOWS MY SECRET IDENTITY, TOO!



SOON AFTER, THE EX-KING AND ROBIN ARE PLACED IN THE PLANET'S JAIL...

BATMAN--RAKK IS CERTAIN TO WIN THE ROYAL TOURNAMENT TOMORROW--AND WHEN HE'S KING HE'LL DEMAND OUR DEATHS!

THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DEFEAT RAKK IS SOMEONE NAMED VOL--AND RAKK ABDUCTED HIM! IF ONLY WE COULD ESCAPE AND FIND VOL...



FREED,
THE
CRIME-
FIGHTERS
FOLLOW
SELINA...

OH! THAT
GUARD I STUNNEO--
HE'S WARNED
OTHERS!





BATMAN



BUT BEFORE THE GUARDS CAN ACT,
TWIN FURIES LASH INTO THEM!



AND INSTANTS LATER...



NOT LONG AFTER, ATOP VOL'S PENTHOUSE...

HMM! A STRUGGLE TOOK PLACE HERE! FROM THE WAY THIS FLOOR IS SCARRED, IT SEEMS RAKK'S MEN WORE SHOES WITH METAL SOLES!

METAL SOLES? THEN THEY MUST HAVE BEEN WEARING MAGNETIC SHOES--IN ORDER TO WALK ON A SURFACE WHERE THERE IS NO GRAVITY! THAT MEANS THEY'VE TAKEN VOL TO RAKK'S SATELLITE-CASTLE!

EQUIPPED WITH FLYING BELTS, OXYGEN DOMES AND MAGNETIC SHOES, THE TRIO HURTELS TOWARDS AN ARTIFICIAL SATELLITE FORTRESS, WHEN...

WE'VE BEEN SIGHTED! RAKK'S FIRING A STUN-CANNON AT US!



SWIFTLY, THE TRIO WINGS OUT OF THE CANNON'S RANGE...

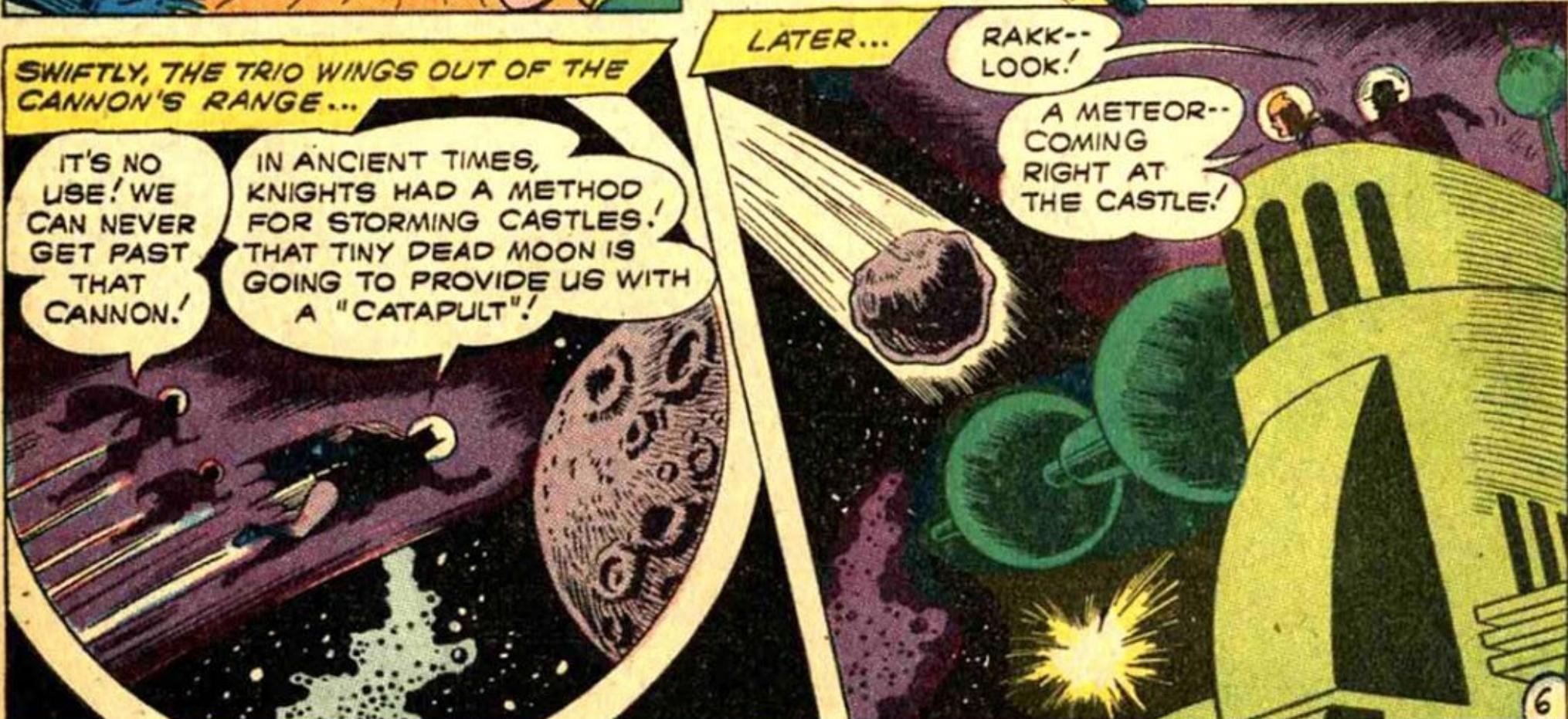
IT'S NO USE! WE CAN NEVER GET PAST THAT CANNON!

IN ANCIENT TIMES, KNIGHTS HAD A METHOD FOR STORMING CASTLES! THAT TINY DEAD MOON IS GOING TO PROVIDE US WITH A "CATAPULT"!

LATER...

RAKK--LOOK!

A METEOR--COMING RIGHT AT THE CASTLE!





BATMAN



BUT RAKK IS UNAWARE THAT THE "METEOR" IS BEING PUSHED BY THREE PEOPLE CONCEALED BEHIND IT!

THERE WAS SUCH LITTLE GRAVITATIONAL PULL ON THE TINY MOON THAT IT WAS EASY FOR US TO LIFT THIS BOULDER FROM IT!

A MOMENT LATER...



THEN...

OUR CONTEST ISN'T FINISHED YET, RAKK! NOW LET'S SEE WHO'S THE BOXING CHAMP!



LATER, WHEN VOL IS FREE AND RAKK IS IMPRISONED FOR HIS TREACHERY...

THESE HANDCUFFS WILL HOLD YOUR PRISONER, BATMAN-- BUT HOW CAN YOU TAKE HIM BACK TO YOUR OWN DIMENSION WHEN THERE IS NO WAY?

THERE IS A WAY, VOL! I CAN FIND THE TIME-WARP AGAIN-- WITH A FAN AND A BUCKET OF DUST!

BUT, BATMAN, IF WE TAKE GURNEY BACK, TOO, HE'LL REVEAL YOUR SECRET IDENTITY TO THE WHOLE WORLD!

I KNOW, ROBIN-- BUT OUR JOB IS TO BRING GURNEY TO JUSTICE!

DO YOU SEE WHERE THE DUST IS DISAPPEARING? THAT'S THE TIME-WARP... OUR WAY BACK TO EARTH!

SOON, AS BATMAN DIRECTS DUST AT THE SAME AREA WHERE HE AND ROBIN ARRIVED ON PLAXIUS...



AND WHEN WE GET BACK, BATMAN, YOUR CAREER WILL BE FINISHED!

BIDDING FAREWELL TO THEIR FRIENDS OF PLAXIUS, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ENTER THE TIME-WARP WITH THEIR CAPTIVE...

FAREWELL,
BATMAN AND ROBIN!
YOU CARRY OUR GRATITUDE
WITH YOU!



BUT THE EARTHLINGS WILL NEVER KNOW--FOR IN THE RETURN TRIP, THE TIME-WARP SOMEHOW AFFECTS THEIR MEMORIES--WIPE OUT REMEMBRANCES OF THEIR TRIP TO PLAXIUS!

BATMAN-- THOSE STRANGE HANDCUFFS ON GURNEY-- DID YOU PUT THEM ON HIM?

N-NO! I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE! I DON'T UNDERSTAND...



AND A TIME-TICK LATER, THREE CONFUSED PEOPLE STARE AT EACH OTHER...

BATMAN-- IT'S GURNEY-- AND HE'S OUR PRISONER! BUT I DON'T REMEMBER US CAPTURING HIM!

WHAT GOES ON?
ONE MINUTE AGO,
I WAS ESCAPING
FROM YOU--AND NOW
I'M CAUGHT! HOW'D
YOU DO IT? WHAT
HAPPENED?



AND SO BECAUSE GURNEY CANNOT REMEMBER **BATMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY**, **BATMAN'S CAREER IS SAVED**--AND A MYSTERY MEMENTO COMES TO REST IN THE **BAT-CAVE'S TROPHY ROOM**...

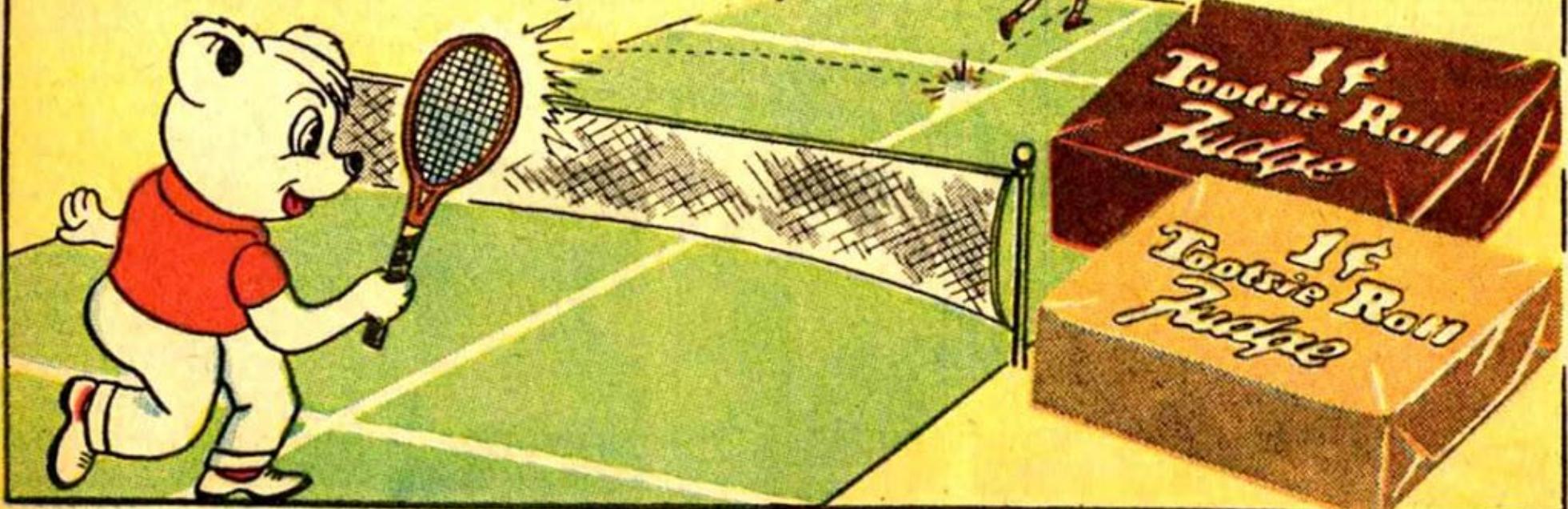
IT'S ODD, **BATMAN**--
BUT I KEEP THINKING
I'VE SEEN THOSE
HANDCUFFS BEFORE--
BUT I CAN'T RECALL
WHERE...

I, TOO, **ROBIN**--BUT I'M AFRAID THIS TROPHY WILL ALWAYS BE THE ONE MYSTERY WE'LL NEVER SOLVE!



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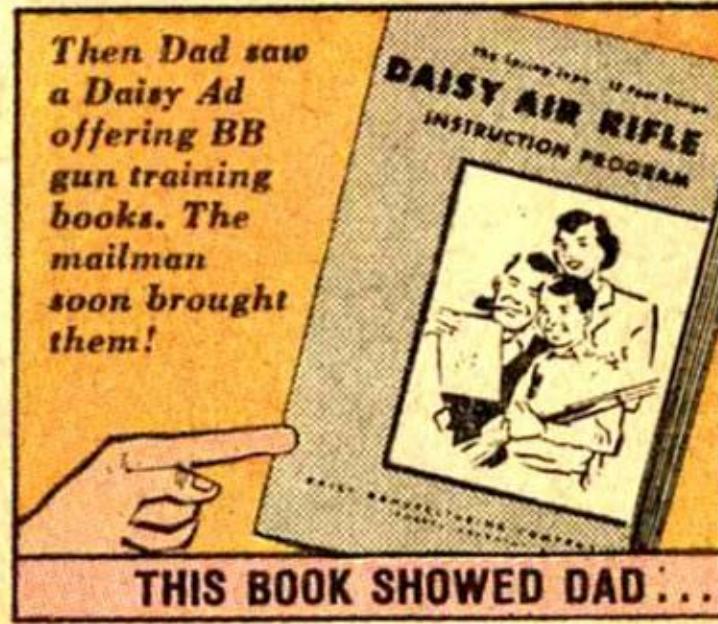
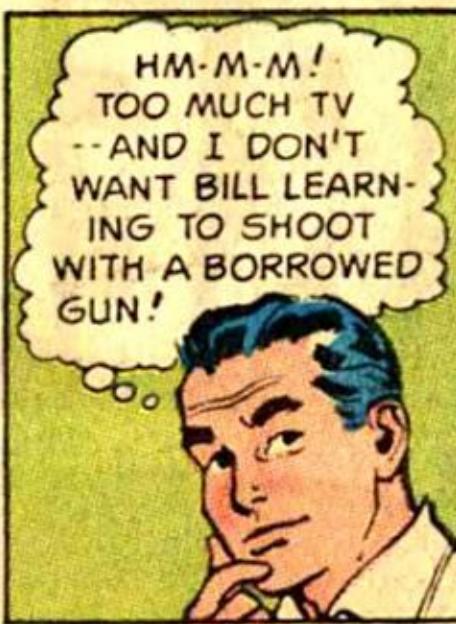
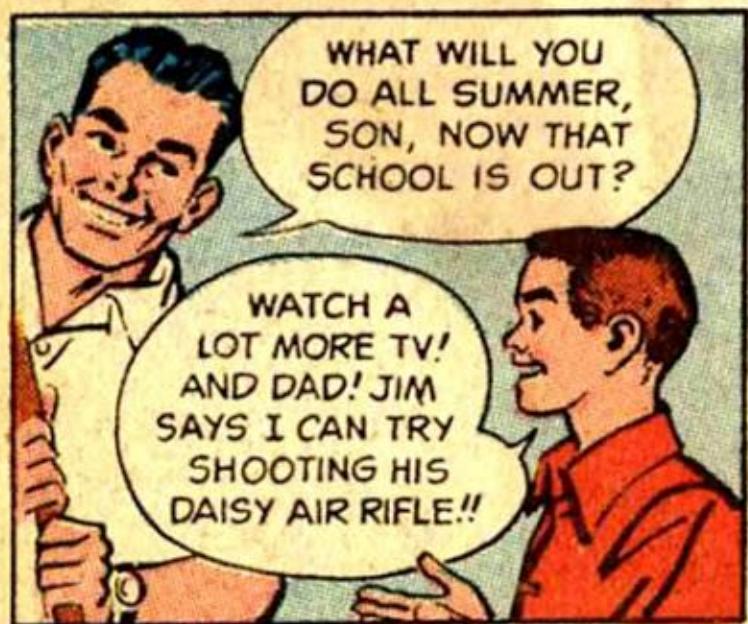
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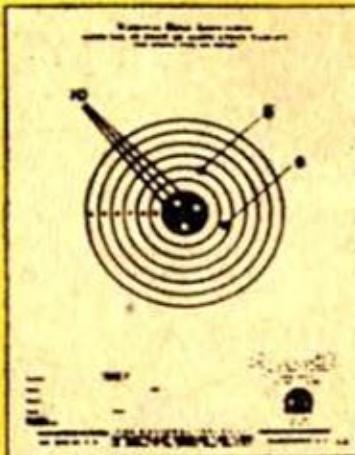
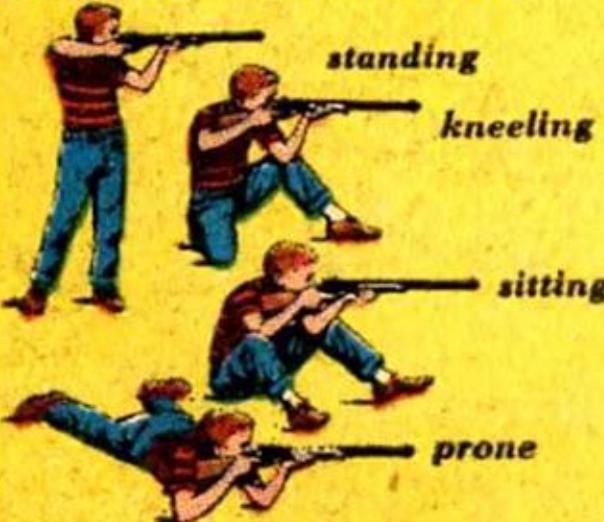
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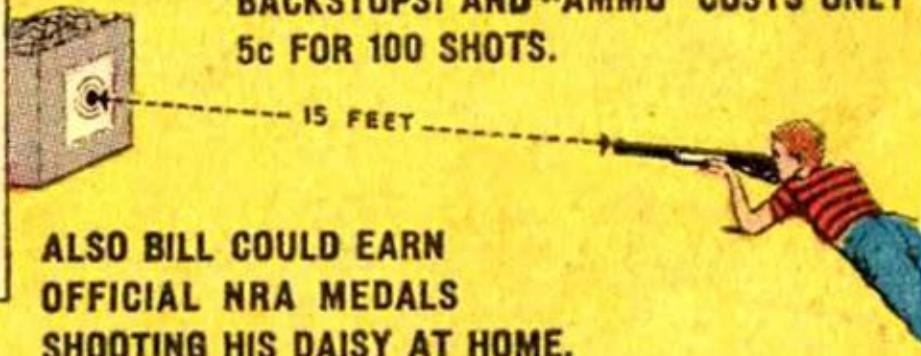
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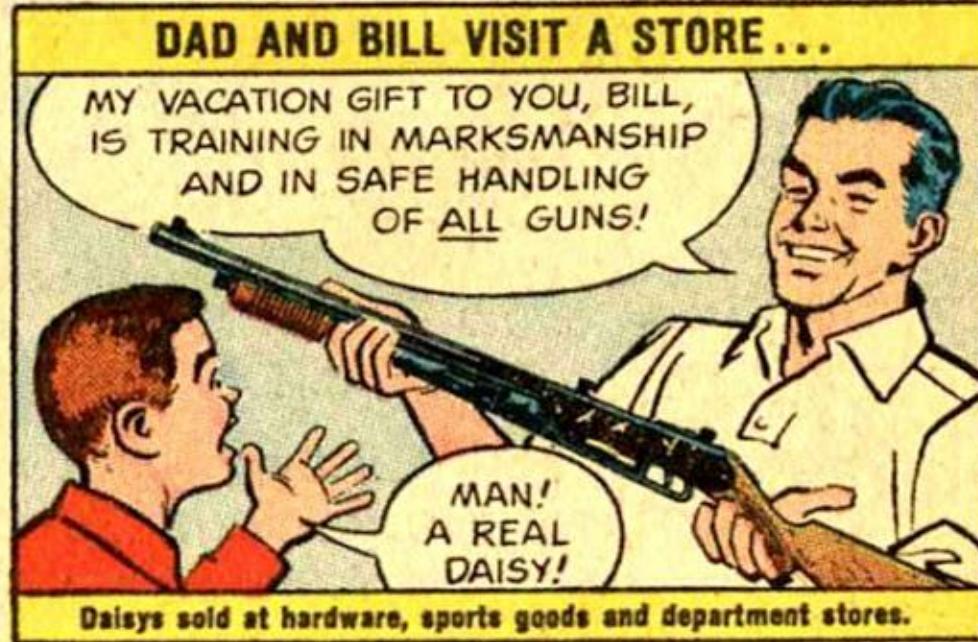
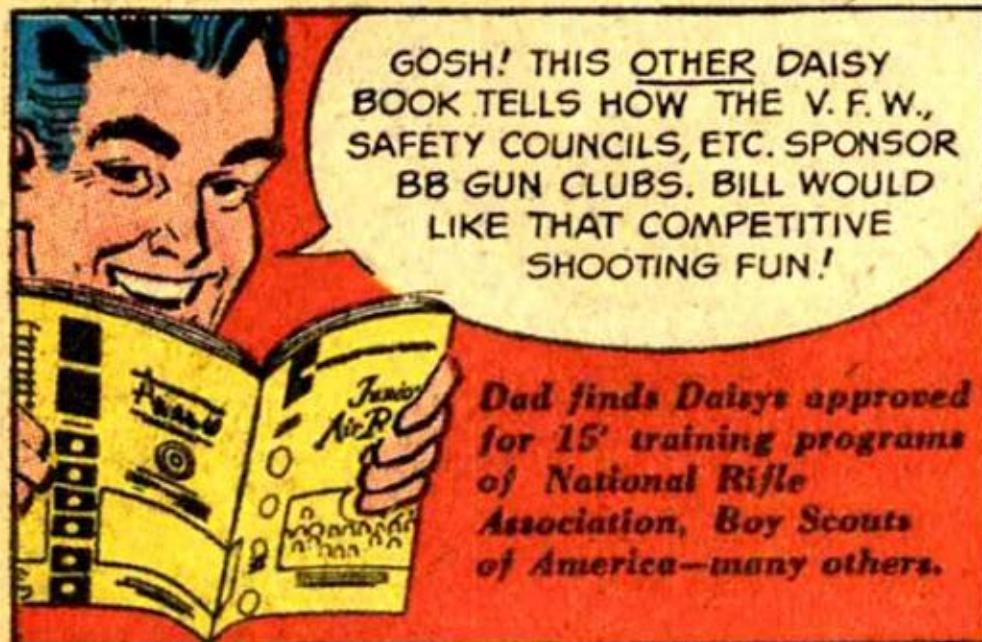
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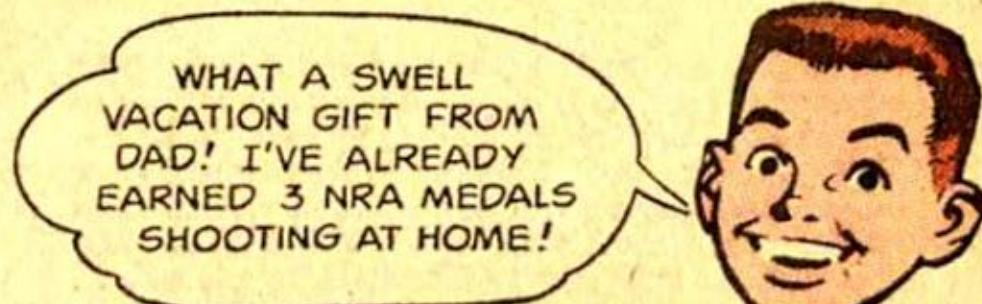
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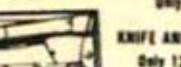


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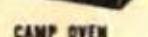
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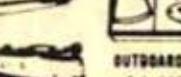
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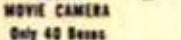
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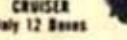
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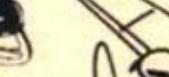
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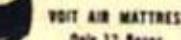
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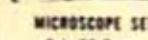
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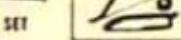
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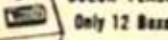
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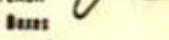
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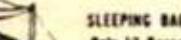
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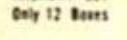
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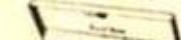
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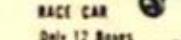
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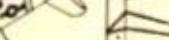
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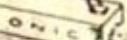
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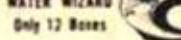
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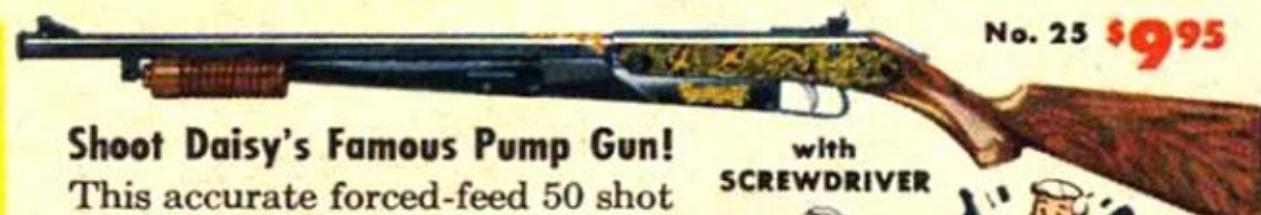


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