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IN THIS ISSUE, ROBIN, YOU MIGHT SAY WE'RE FIGHTING CRIME BY THE NUMBERS! AND THE THEME WAS INSPIRED BY OUR NEWEST ADVENTURE... A CLASH WITH OUR MOST UNPREDICTABLE FOE... TWO-FACE!

HE'S THE CROOK WHO BASES HIS CRIMES ON THE NUMBER TWO! HE WAS ON THE SIDE OF THE LAW UNTIL A CRIMINAL SCARRED HALF HIS FACE WITH ACID! NOW HE'S A MIXTURE OF GOOD AND EVIL!

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FACING THEIR GREATEST CHALLENGE

BATMAN  
WITH ROBIN THE TEEN WONDER



HIS CRIMINAL GENIUS MORE DEVIOUS THAN EVER AS HE DEVISES A SCHEME TO EXORT TWO BILLION DOLLARS FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES! AND SHOULD THEY REFUSE, THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF MAY BE DESTROYED... FOREVER!

FOLLOW THE DREAD BATMAN AS HE RACES TO STAVE OFF THE TERRIBLE...

# "THREAT of the TWO-HEADED COIN!"

STORY BY:  
DENNY O'NEIL

ART BY: IRY NOVICK & DICK GIORDANO

EDITING BY: JULIUS SCHWARTZ

NIGHT IN GOTHAM CITY... AND ON THIS BREEZE-SWEPT ROOFTOP IN A DECAYING NEIGHBORHOOD, TWO PAIRS OF EYES PEER AT A NEARBY BUILDING...

DID YOU RECOGNIZE THE TYPE WHO JUST ENTERED THE CLUB, ROBIN?

CHECK-- HE'S HOTSY TOTTER--

--THE ARSONIST! THAT MAKES FOUR KNOWN CRIMINALS IN THERE!

ROBIN... PLEASE! JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE ON VACATION FROM HUDSON UNIVERSITY--

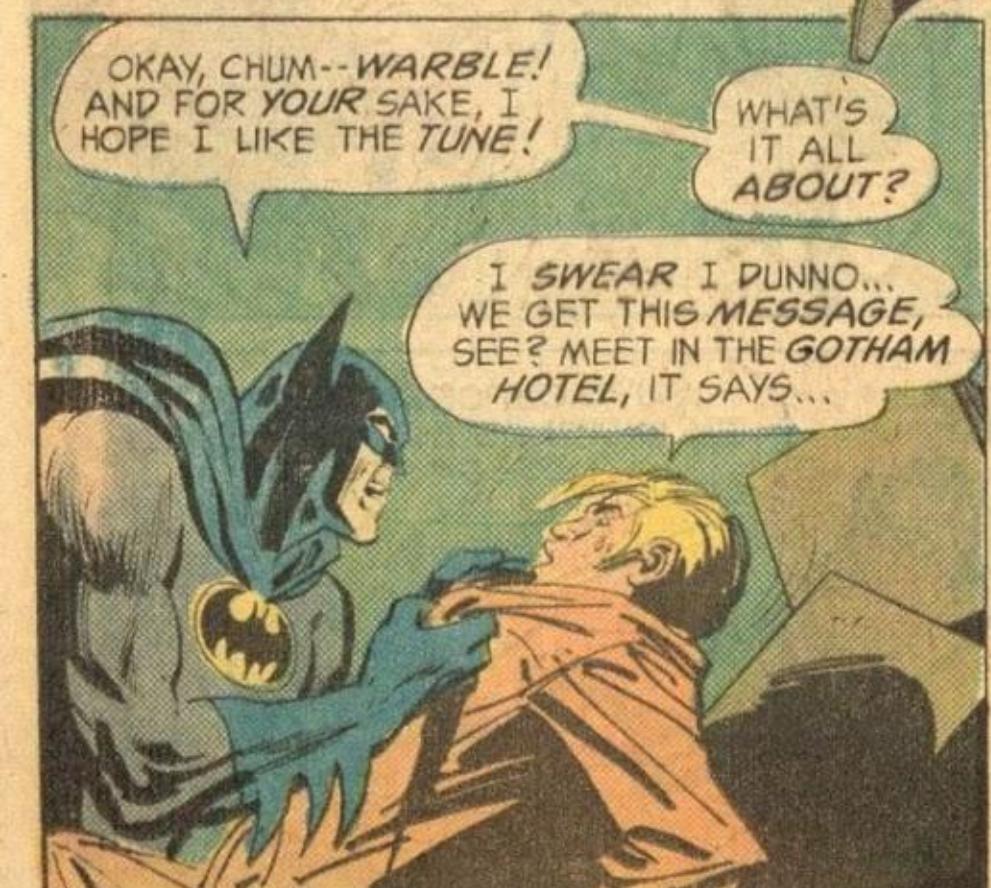
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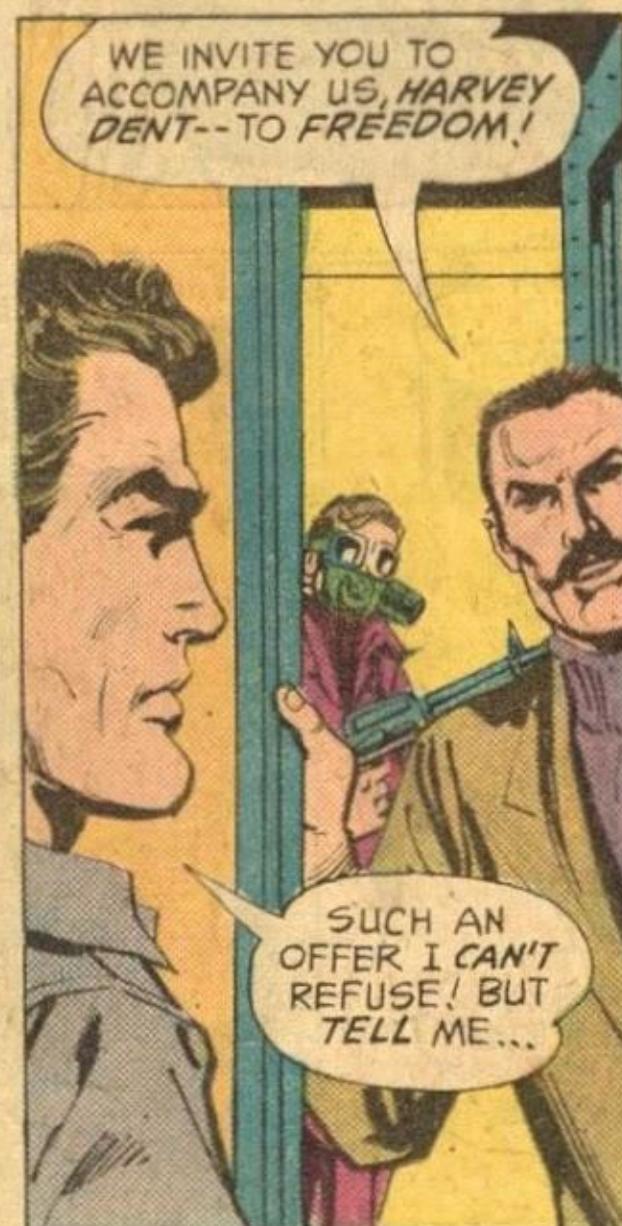
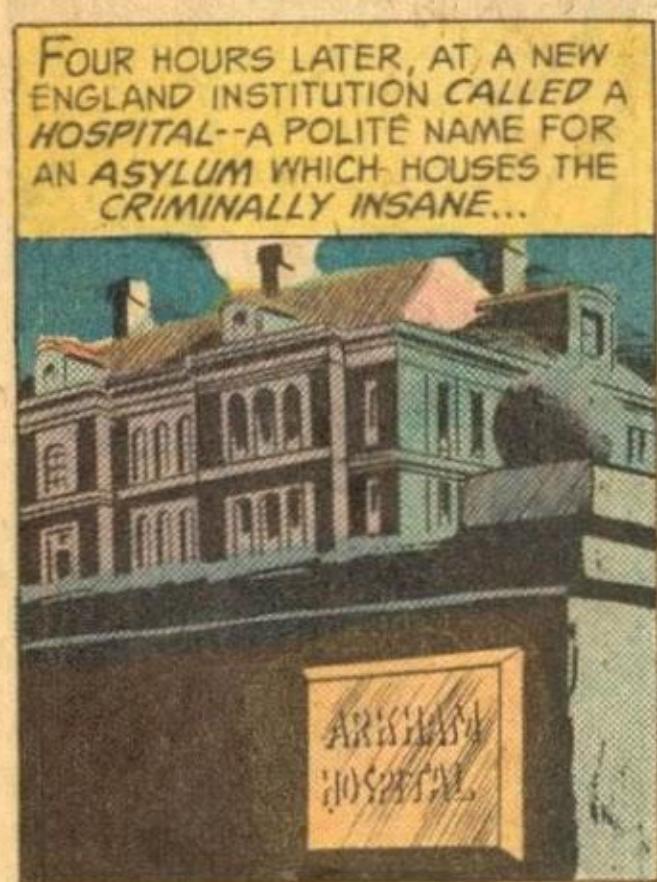
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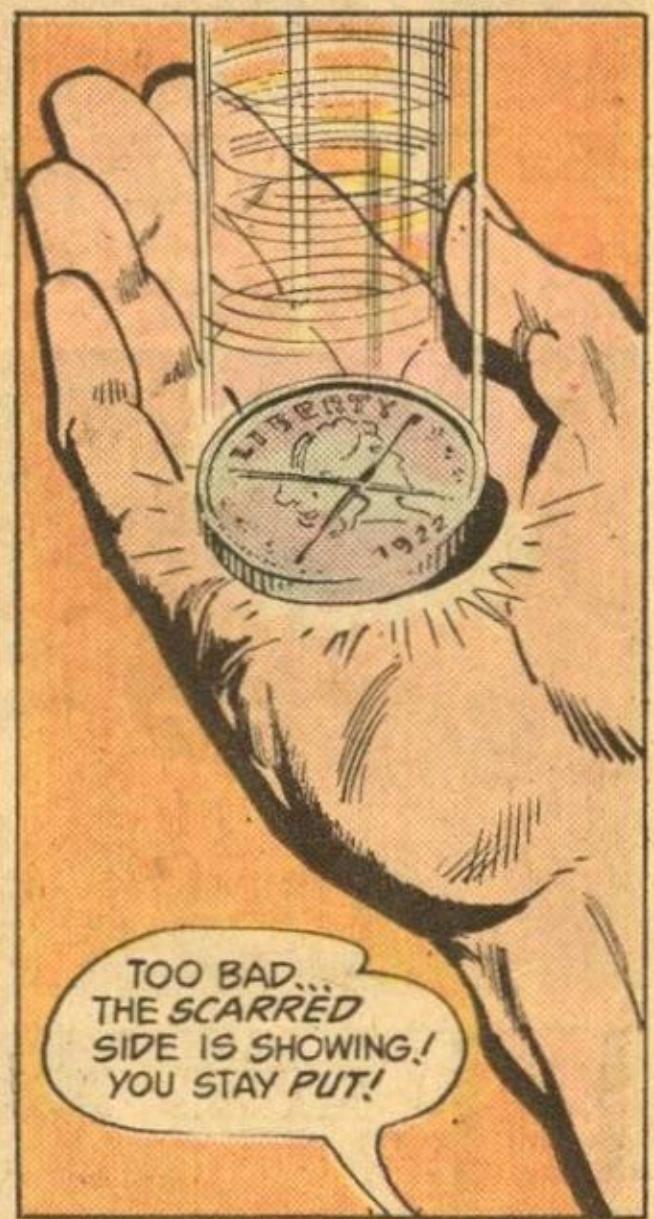
OKAY, ROBIN... SWING IT!

RIGHT! I'LL HIT 'EM HIGH--









YOUR YEARS AS A GUEST OF THE STATE HAVEN'T HELPED YOUR RUNNING TECHNIQUE, TWO-FACE!

YOUR BREAKOUT IS OVER--

--BEFORE IT'S REALLY BEGUN...

RIGHT, BATMAN!

HUH? YOU'RE NOT TWO-FACE!

I'M HARRY HIGBY... AN ACTOR!

I WAS HIRED BY A DUDE CALLING HIMSELF JOHN HARRIS TO IMPERSONATE TWO-FACE!

HE AND THE REAL TWO-FACE ESCAPED BY THE BACK ROAD!

YOU'RE HIS DOUBLE... A TYPICAL TWO-FACE TRICK!

HARRIS... HARRIS-- THE NAME IS FAMILIAR!

SURE -- HE'D BE GENERAL JOHN HARRIS ... A RETIRED MILITARY MAN WHO SAYS THE NATION IS GOING --

--GOING TO THE DOGS! DON'T YOU AGREE, MISTER DENT?

I PREFER TO BE ADDRESSED AS TWO-FACE, HARRIS!

HARVEY DENT WAS A DISTRICT ATTORNEY-- HANDSOME ... ADMIRE!

WHEN THAT ACID STRUCK HIM, HE BECAME ME-- A CRIMINAL ... UGLY... HATED!

VERY WELL, SIR--  
HENCEFORTH, YOU  
ARE TWO-FACE!

YOU HAVE  
HEARD MY  
PROPOSAL,  
SIR--

--WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK?

IT COULD WORK, GENERAL--  
PROVIDED YOU HAVE THE  
NECESSARY SCIENTIFIC  
HELP!

HE  
HAS!  
--ME!

I AM SAMUEL SMITH-  
SMYTHE, LATE OF THE  
ATOMIC ENERGY  
COMMISSION!

I HAVE CHOSEN  
TO GO INTO PRIVATE  
BUSINESS--WHERE THE  
REWARDS ARE CONSIDERABLY  
GREATER THAN GOVERNMENT  
REMUNERATION!

I APPROVE  
OF YOUR  
LAST  
NAME!

YES, THE  
GENERAL WAS  
CERTAIN  
YOU WOULD!

SO--WE HAVE THE  
PLAN...THE SCIENTIST!  
WE LACK ONLY THE  
GENIUS OF TWO-  
FACE TO MAKE US  
ALL RICH!

YOUR  
DECISION,  
SIR?

NOT  
MY  
DECISION--  
--THE  
COINS!

THE SCARRED  
SIDE WINS! I'LL  
DO IT!

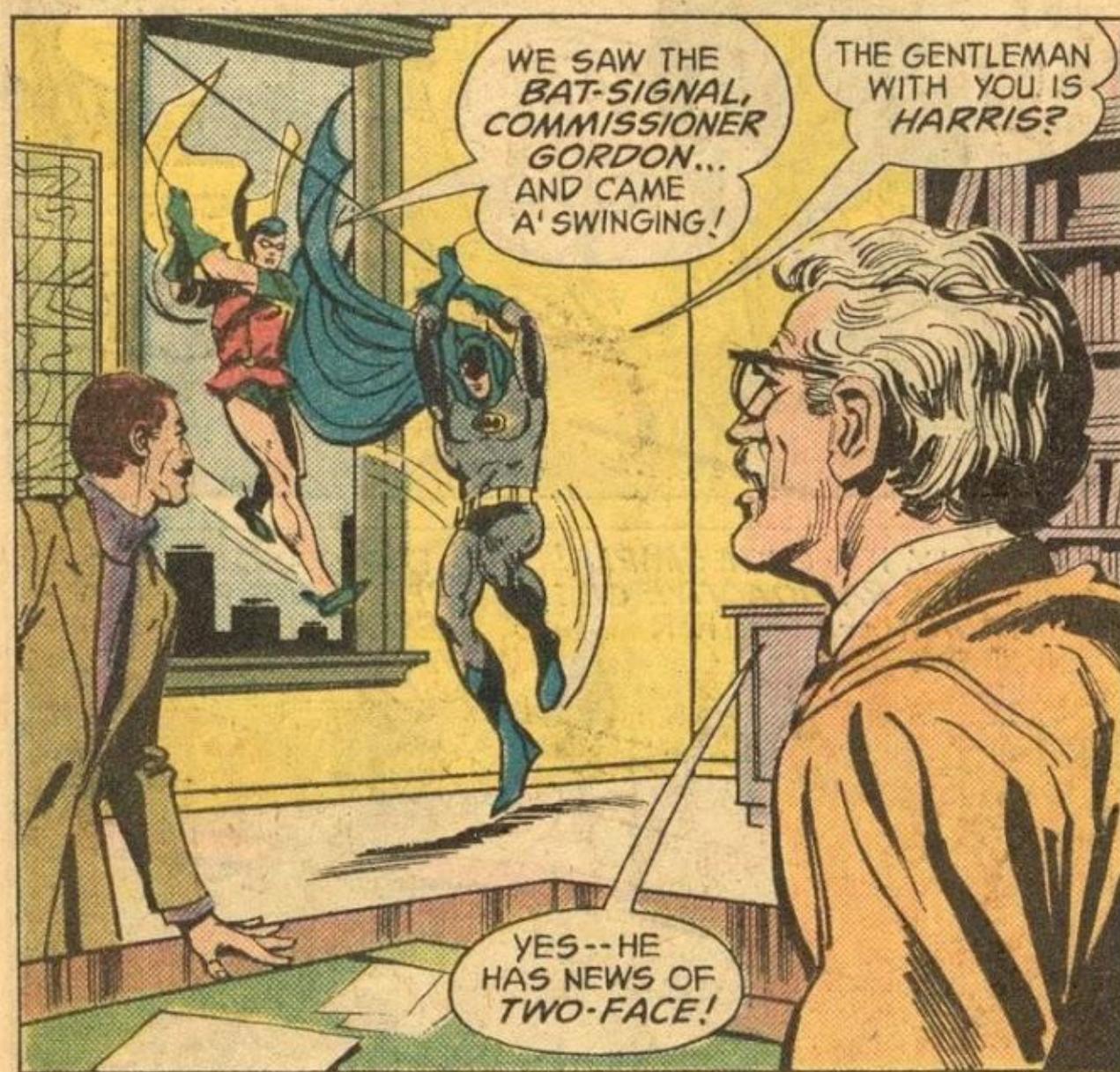
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ALERT THE  
ORGANIZATION  
AND...

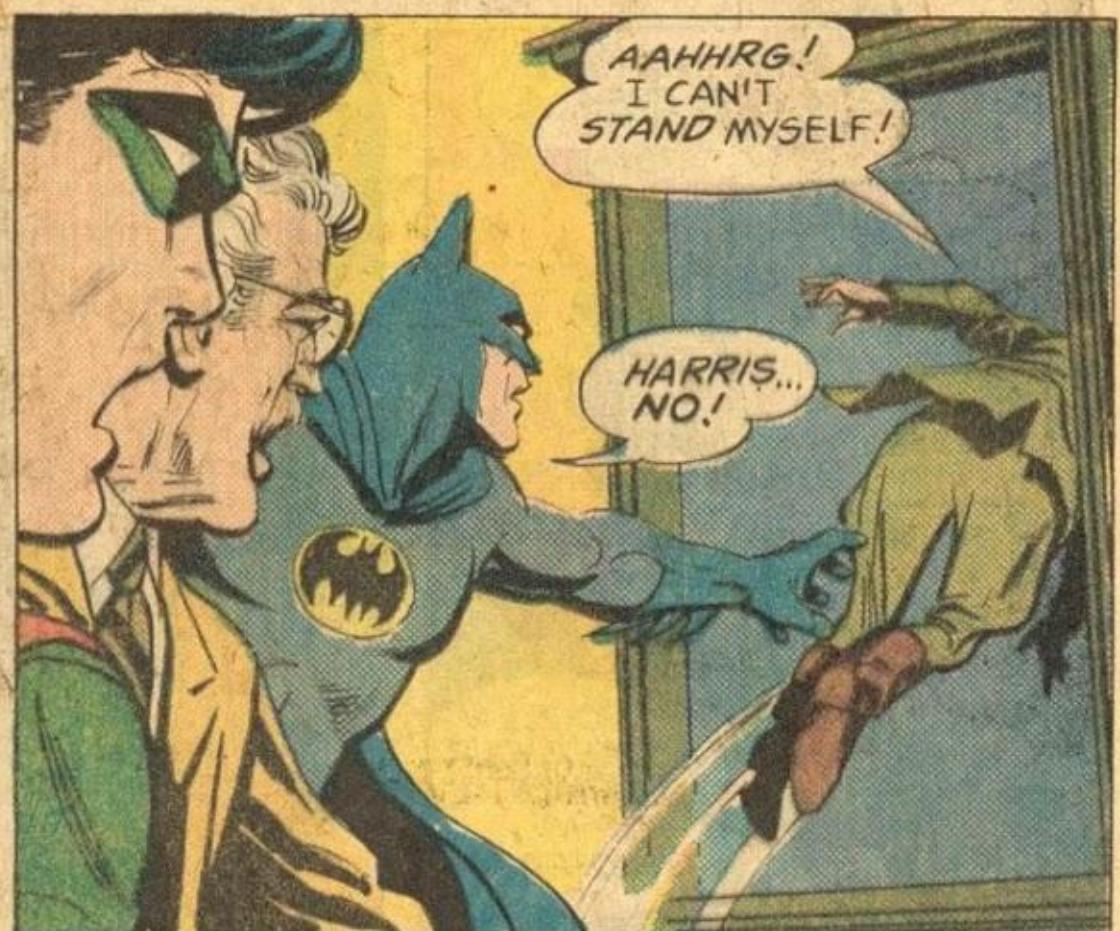
YOU'LL DO NOTHING!  
I AM IN CHARGE  
FROM NOW ON!  
I GIVE THE  
ORDERS!

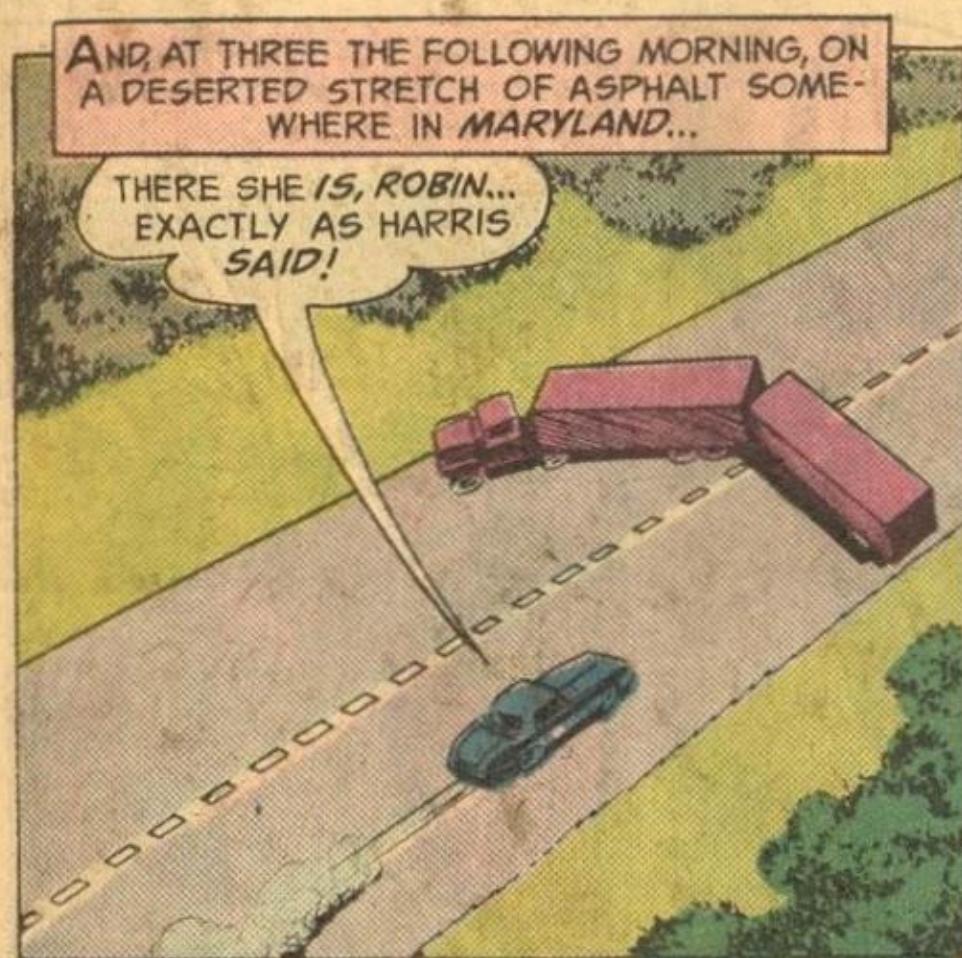
SEE HERE!  
I ENGINEERED YOUR  
ESCAPE! I PLANNED  
THE JOB! I DESERVE  
THE POSITION OF  
LEADERSHIP!



-- A VOW THE DIS-  
GRUNTLED EX-OFFICER  
ACTS UPON! FOR,  
SOON...









--OR SHOULD I SAY...  
HALF-WITTED?

IF I'M  
SUPPOSED TO  
START TREMBLING  
IN FEAR--

NO MATTER...  
YOUR FLAPPING  
TONGUE WILL SOON  
BE QUIETED BY THIS  
DOUBLE-BARRELED  
GUN--

--FORGET  
IT!

I'D BE DISAPPOINTED  
IN YOU IF YOU  
ACTED OTHERWISE,  
BATMAN!

F-SSS-SS  
ST!

OUR MEETINGS  
ARE LIKE A  
FAMILIAR DRAMA--  
I'VE GROWN  
USED TO THEM  
OVER THE  
YEARS--

--BUT NOT SO  
USED TO THEM  
THAT I DON'T  
WISH TO  
REWRITE THE  
CLIMAX!

...TIPPED WITH  
POISON, I EXPECT...

DARTS...

NOTHING  
FATAL,  
I ASSURE  
YOU!

MERELY A  
SLEEPING POTION  
...DOUBLE STRENGTH,  
OF COURSE!

WHATEVER...  
IT WON'T STOP  
ME...

...FR-FROM  
LAYING... HANDS  
ON... Y-Y...

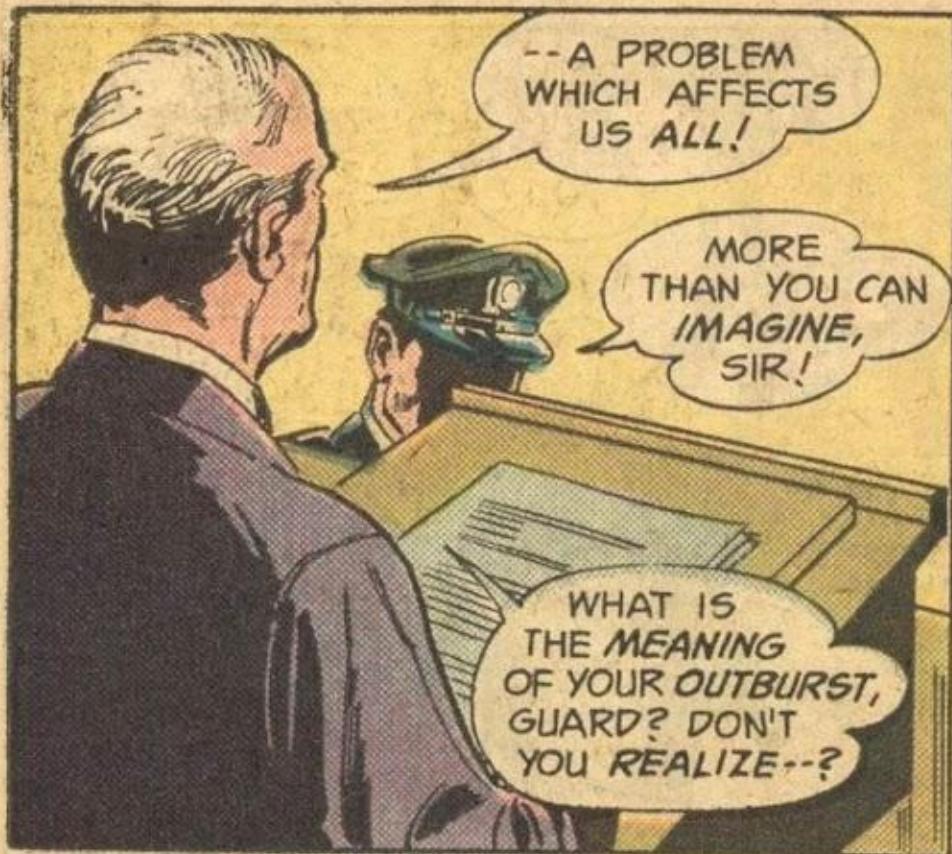
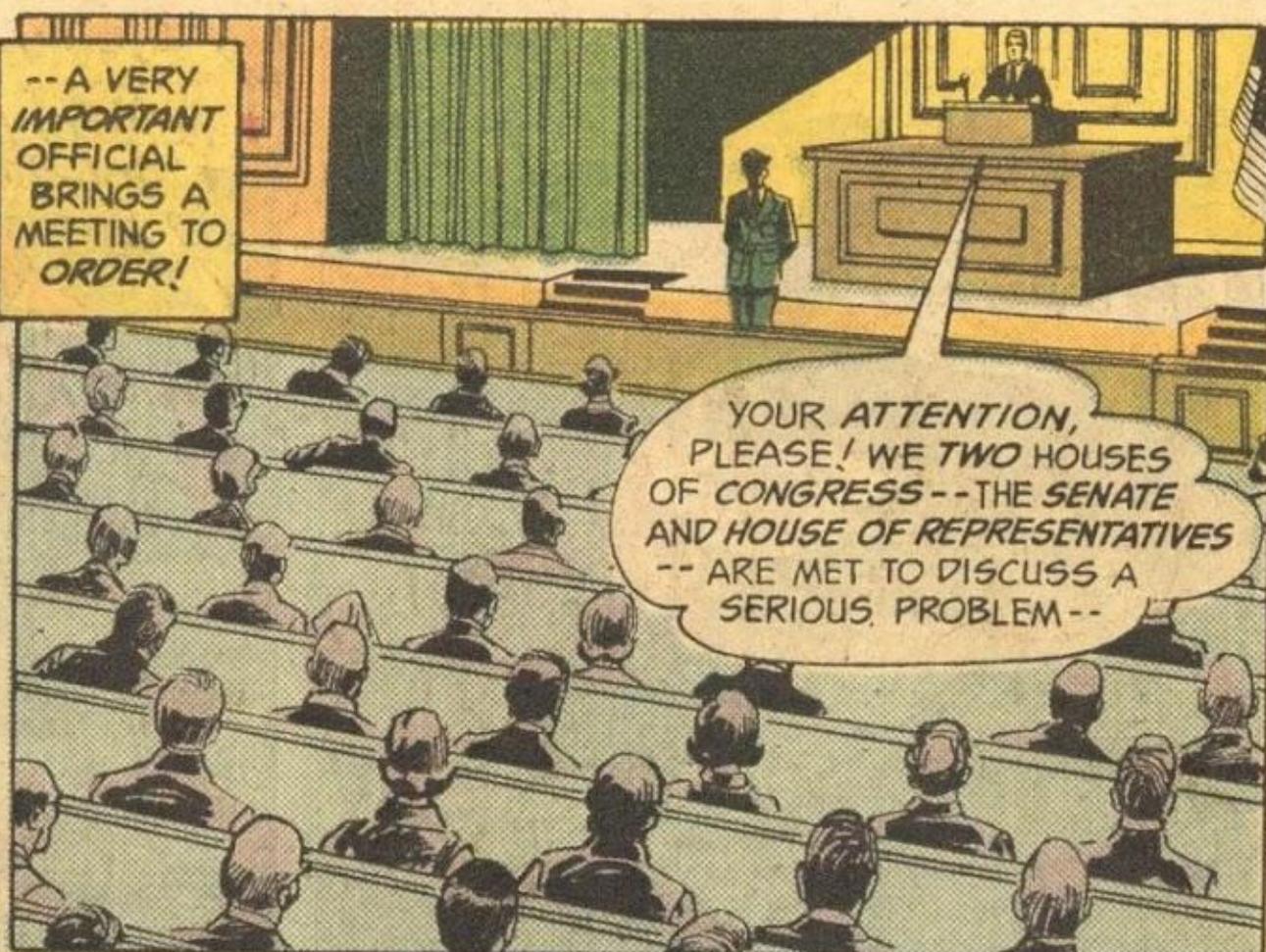
THEY'RE TRICKY, THIS... AH--  
DYNAMIC DUO! REMOVE THEIR  
UTILITY BELTS AND SEARCH  
THEM -- THOROUGHLY!

LOOK UNDER THE  
COSTUMES... THE BOOTS  
-- ANYWHERE THEY  
MIGHT HIDE AN  
ESCAPE-DEVICE!

EXACTLY TWENTY-THREE HOURS LATER, IN THE NATION'S CAPITOL--

--A VERY IMPORTANT OFFICIAL BRINGS A MEETING TO ORDER!

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE! WE TWO HOUSES OF CONGRESS--THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES--ARE MET TO DISCUSS A SERIOUS PROBLEM--



AND PRESS IT I CERTAINLY SHALL, SHOULD YOU REFUSE MY DEMAND-- WHICH IS, TWO BILLION DOLLARS IN BULLION AND PRECIOUS GEMS!

DELIVER MY PRICE TO A FREIGHTER AND PREPARE AN ESCORT OUT OF U.S. WATERS--

--OR THE NATION'S LAWMAKERS WILL BECOME PART OF A SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY!

MISTER PRESIDENT! I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE WATCHING ON TELEVISION! HEAR ME--

--I GIVE YOU TWELVE HOURS... UNTIL TWO P.M.! THEN... THE END!

AND BATMAN... YOU ALSO ARE WATCHING--! ARE YOU READY TO ADMIT MY GENIUS IS GREATER THAN YOURS?

NOT QUITE!

BATMAN... YOU'RE AWAKE!

YES, ROBIN... AND EVERYTHING IS PROCEEDING EXACTLY AS I FIGURED!

I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'D CARE TO EXPLAIN?

IT WAS A DEAD CERTAINTY THAT TWO-FACE WOULD HIJACK THE URANIUM ORE SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN THE SPOT SELECTED BY HARRIS--

--AS HE OBVIOUSLY DID! HE WANTED US TO WALK INTO HIS TRAP!

OTHERWISE, HE NEVER WOULD HAVE LET HARRIS FREE TO CONTACT US! THE QUESTION WAS ... WHY?

AND THE ANSWER IS-- THAT DOUBLE-DEALER COULDN'T MISS A CHANCE TO GLOAT-- TO HUMILIATE US!

AND HE'S WON, BATMAN! OUR BELTS ARE GONE--

--WE'VE BEEN FRISKED! WE HAVEN'T A PRAYER OF GETTING AWAY!

MAYBE! REMEMBER THE PREPARATIONS I MENTIONED?--WELL, I HID A THERMAL FLARE IN MY LEFT BAT-EAR-- A PLACE I WAS CONFIDENT TWO-FACE WOULDN'T SEARCH!

AND--WITH A BIT OF PRESSURE, IT WILL BREAK--

**SNAP!**

--AND FALL INTO MY PALM!

WHEN I SNAP OFF THE TIP, THE FLARE WILL...

...IGNITE-- AND BURN HOTTER THAN A TORCH!

**ZZZZT!**

ASBESTOS INSULATION WILL PROTECT ME--

--WHILE I MELT THROUGH THE CHAIN-LINKS!

WITHIN MINUTES...

PRETTY NIFTY!  
WHENEVER I  
BEGIN TO THINK  
I'VE GOT  
NOTHING ELSE  
TO LEARN FROM  
YOU, YOU PROVE  
ME WRONG!

CALL IT  
EXPERIENCE!  
THAT... AND AN  
UNDERSTANDING  
OF MY FOE!  
WE ARE ALIKE!

YOU... LIKE  
TWO-FACE?..  
NO WAY!

WRONG, ROBIN! HE'S OBSESSED  
WITH THE INTERPLAY  
BETWEEN GOOD  
AND BAD!

ME, I'M  
OBSESSED WITH  
CRIME! IF MY PARENTS  
HADN'T BEEN GUNNED DOWN,  
I'D BE AN ORDINARY CITIZEN TODAY!

BUT ENOUGH  
PSYCHOLOGY!  
WE'VE GOT  
WORK TO  
DO!

FIRST, WE  
HAVE TO FIND  
OUT WHERE  
WE ARE... AND  
WHERE WE  
GO NEXT!

I KNOW WHERE  
I'M GOING -- BACK  
TO HUDSON UNIVERSITY  
-- AND CLASSES!

FROM NOW ON,  
BATMAN,  
YOU'RE ON  
YOUR OWN!



SIX HOURS  
PASS...  
SEVEN.  
EIGHT.  
NINE--  
AND...



I TRUST YOU SENATORS  
AND REPRESENTATIVES  
APPRECIATE YOUR  
SITUATION... I USE TWO  
HOUSES OF CONGRESS  
TO GAIN WEALTH--

-- PROVIDED  
THE PRESIDENT  
VALUES YOU,  
THAT IS!

TWO-FACE... I'VE  
JUST SPOKEN WITH  
THE PRESIDENT!

HE SAYS HE  
CAN'T DO AS  
YOU ASK IN  
THE TIME-LIMIT  
SET! HE ASKS  
YOU TO  
RECONSIDER!

NO!  
ABSOLUTELY  
NOT!

BUT YOU  
WILL DIE  
WITH US!



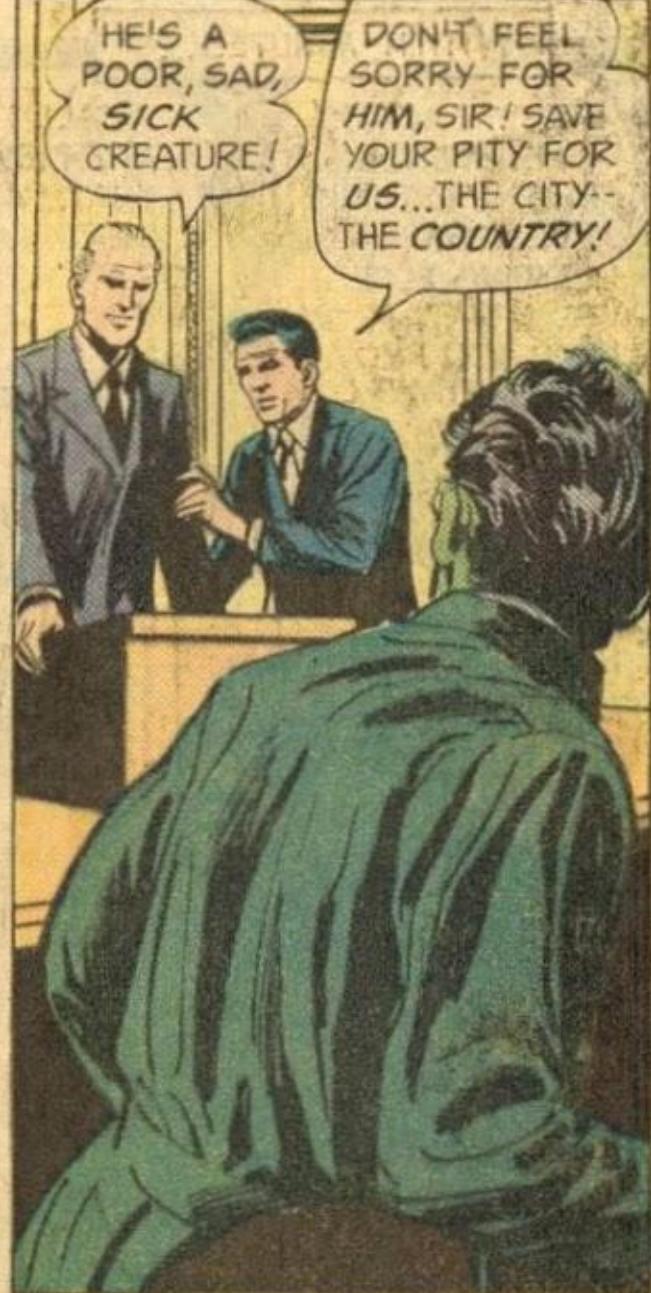
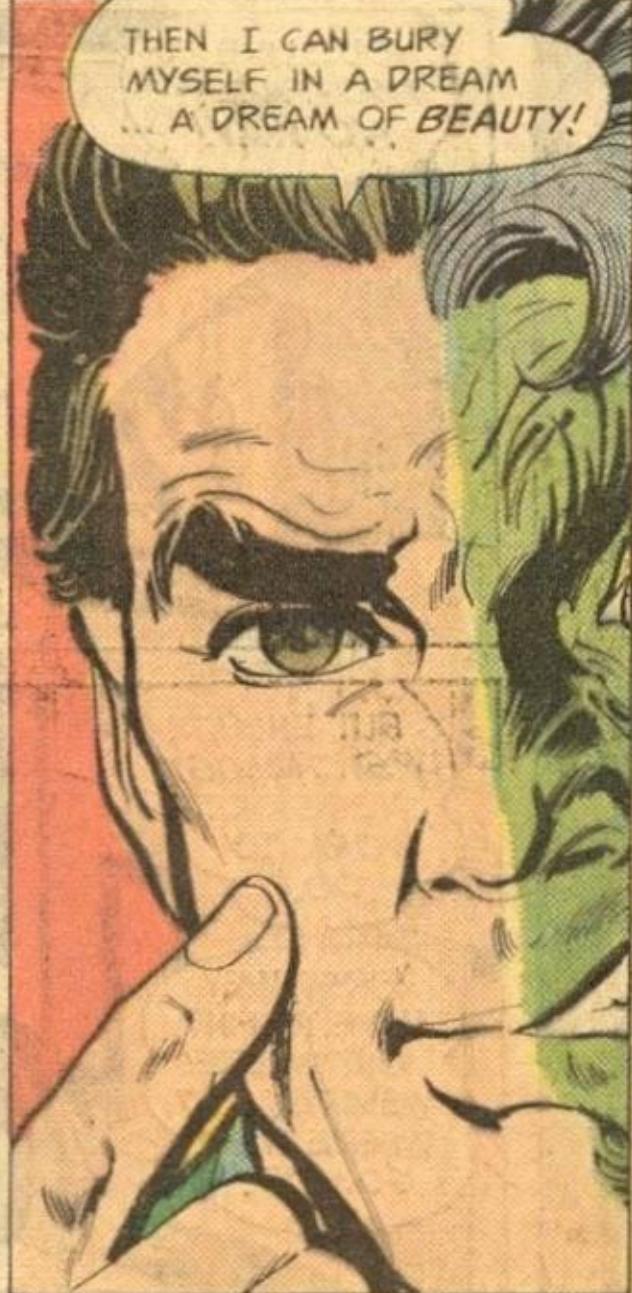
DO I CARE? MY LIFE IS  
A TORMENT OF UGLINESS!  
DO YOU REALLY THINK  
I FEAR DEATH?

WITH TWO BILLION, I CAN  
BUY PEOPLE WHO WILL  
PRETEND NOT TO NOTICE  
MY HIDEOUSNESS!

THEN I CAN BURY  
MYSELF IN A DREAM  
A DREAM OF BEAUTY!

'HE'S A  
POOR, SAD,  
SICK  
CREATURE!

DON'T FEEL  
SORRY FOR  
HIM, SIR! SAVE  
YOUR PITY FOR  
US...THE CITY-  
THE COUNTRY!



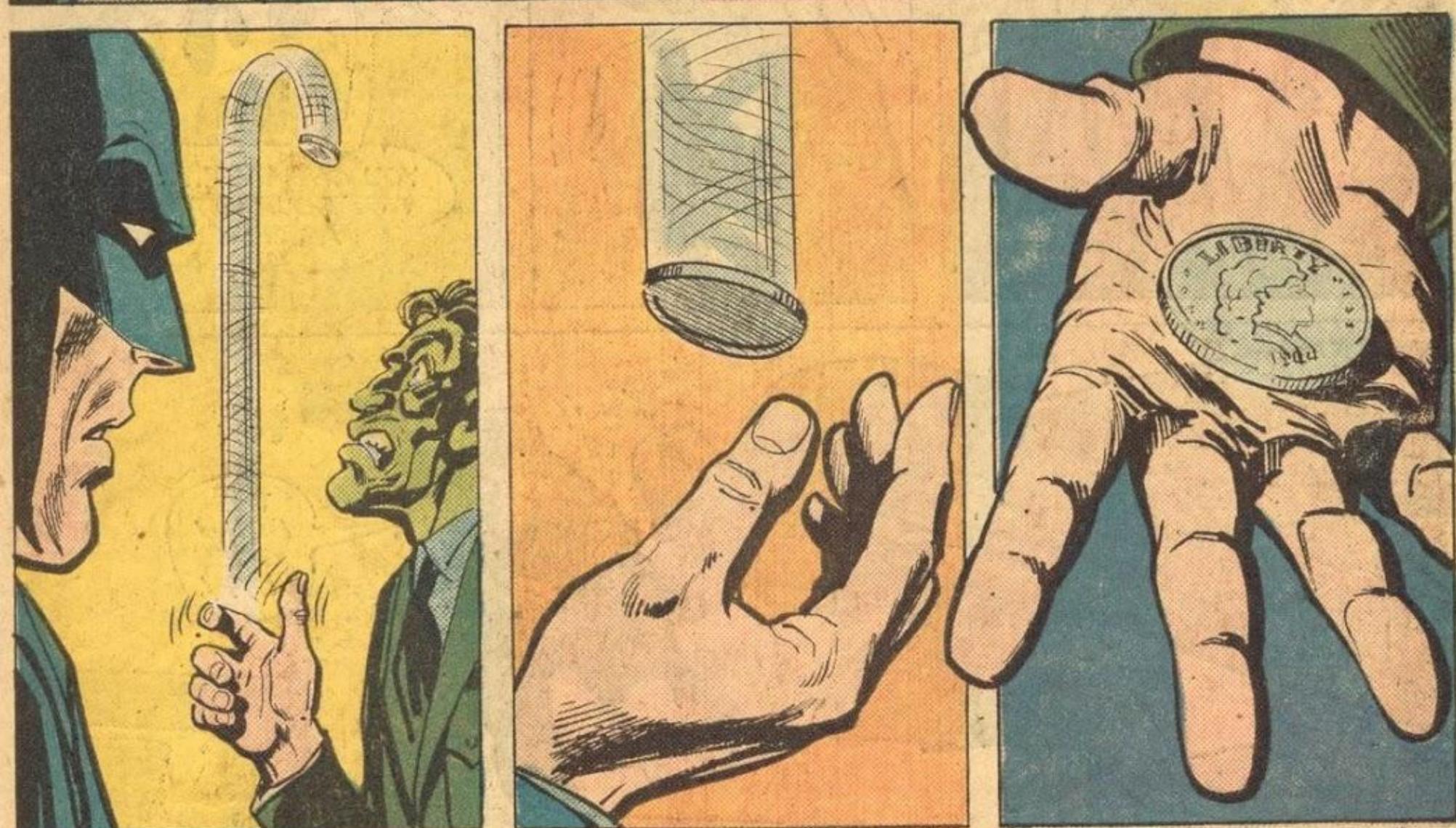
TWO MORE  
HOURS TICK  
BY... AND  
MOST OF  
A THIRD--

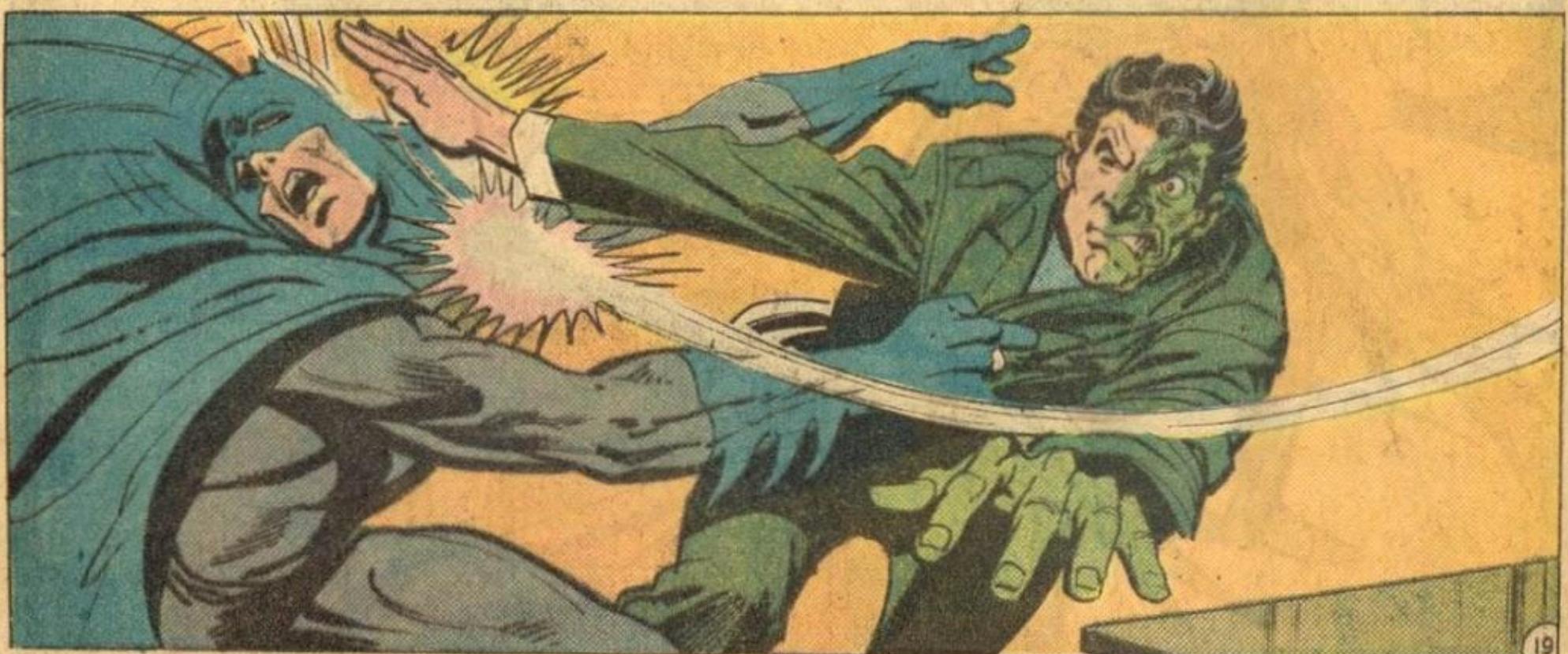
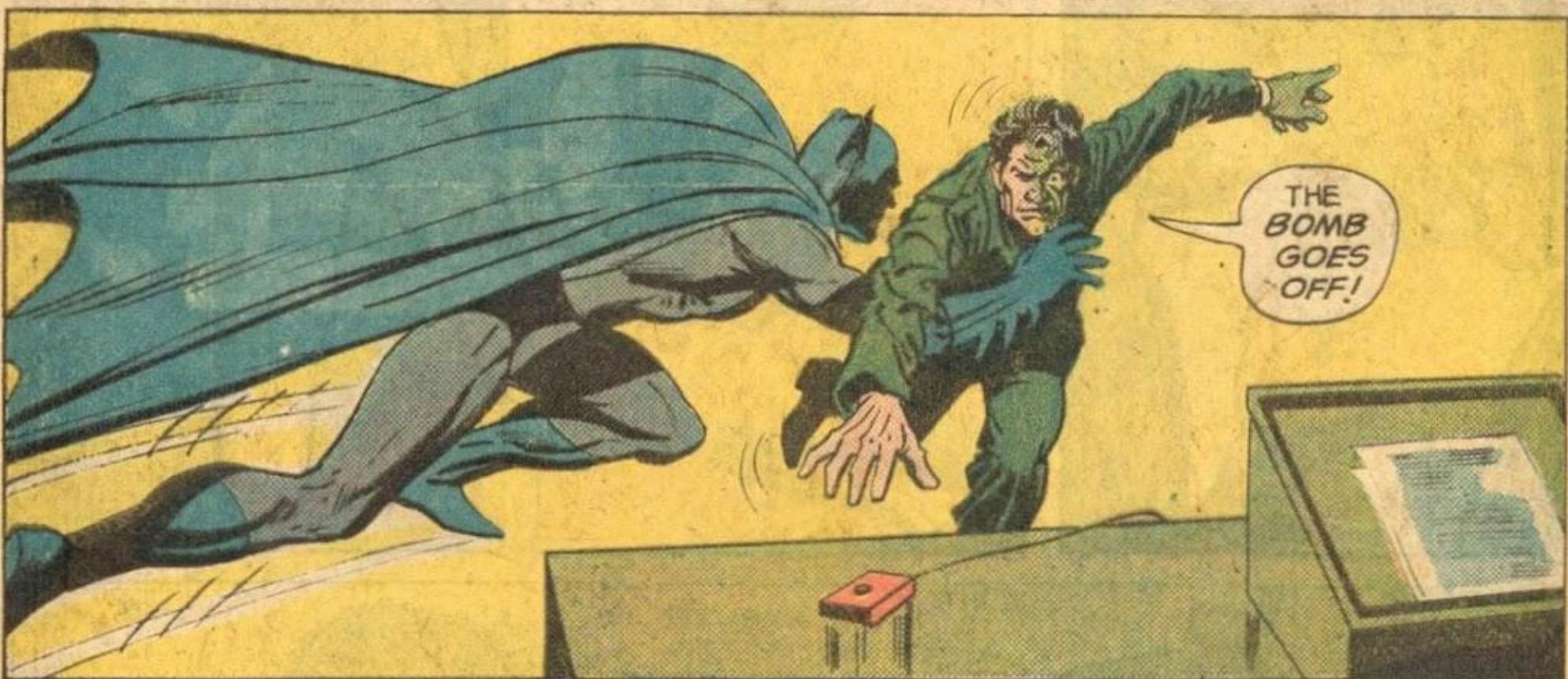
HEAR ME, CONGRESS--  
THE FATAL HOUR IS NEARLY  
UPON US!

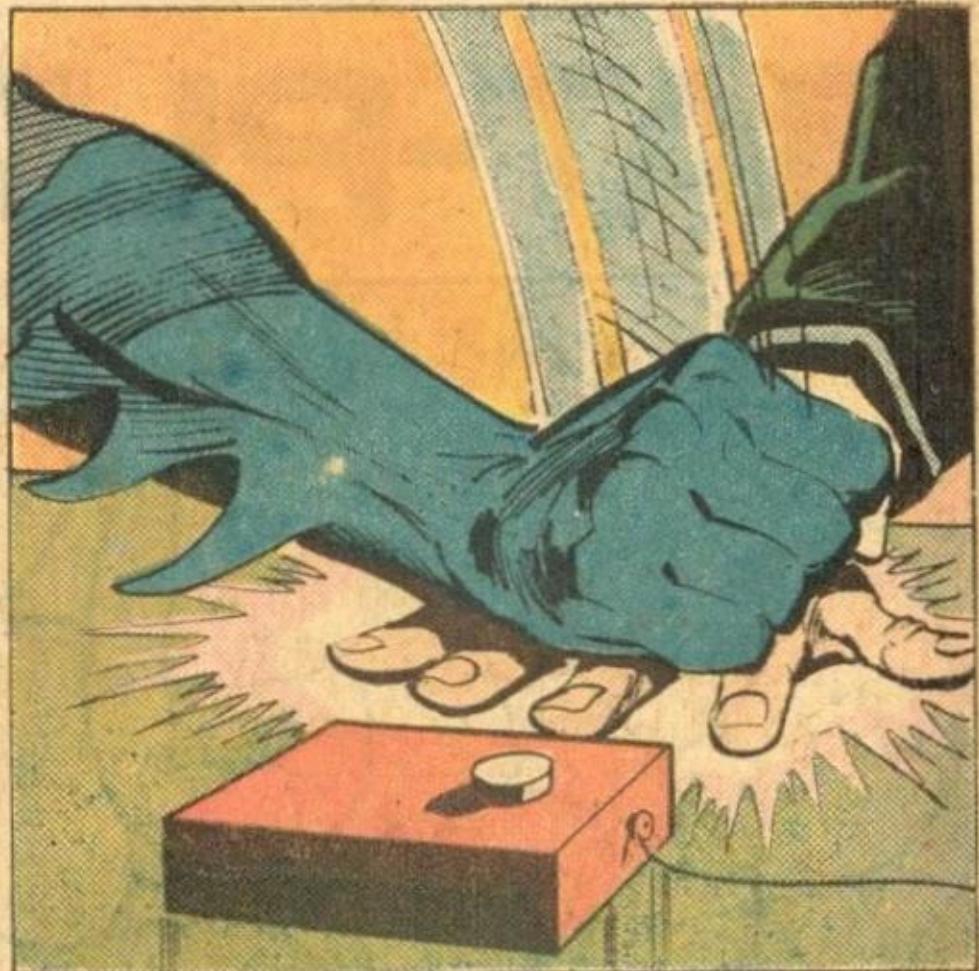
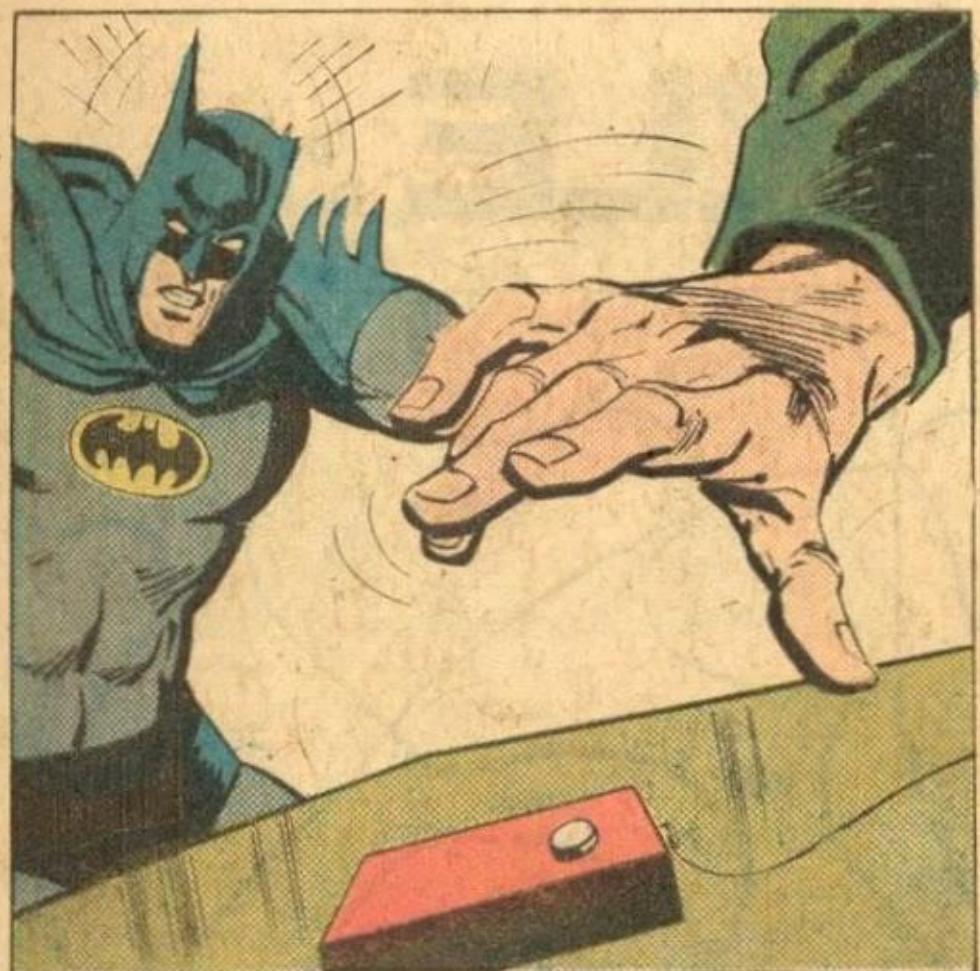
IN FIVE MINUTES,  
I PRESS THE BUTTON  
AND WE ALL BECOME  
PART OF A GRAND  
PYROTECHNICAL  
DISPLAY--

PRETTY  
WORDS-- TWO-  
FACE-- BUT UNWORTHY  
OF YOU!



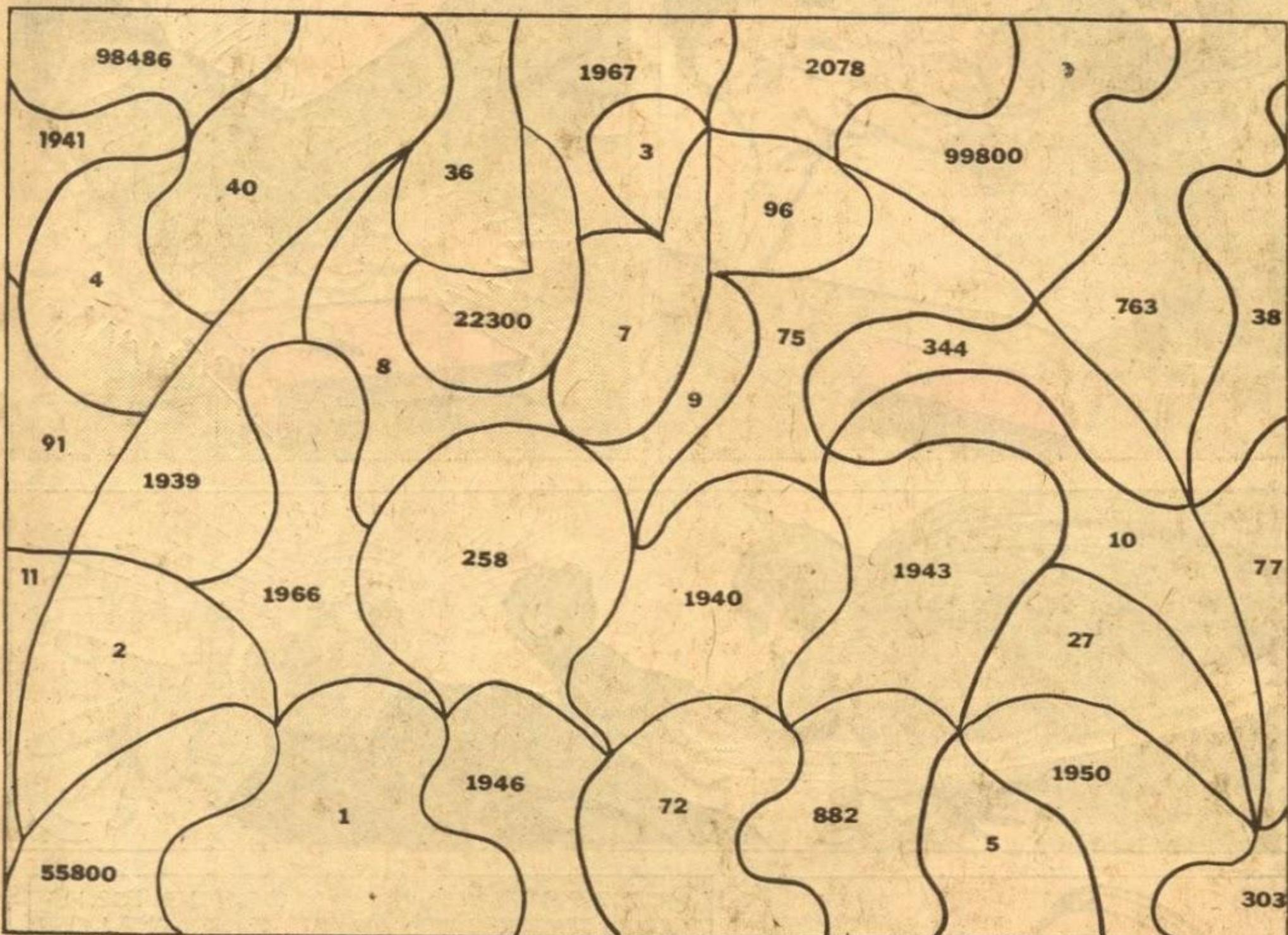






# BAT-PUZZLE

by  
Bob Rozakis



Here's a special BAT-PUZZLE that has to do with numbers. To do it, you'll need a pen or pencil—and a black crayon.

First, figure out the correct answers to the questions below. Then, fill in the spaces in the design above that correspond to the answers and you'll see a surprise picture if you've answered them all correctly. (Example: If the question is—How many letters in the name BATMAN? The answer is 6, so you'd fill in the space numbered "6" above.) Good luck.

1. What is the issue number of the BATMAN comic you now hold? \_\_\_\_\_
2. DC's offices are located at ..... Rockefeller Plaza? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many original members were there in the Mystery Analysts? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Harvey Dent became the criminal called ..... Face \_\_\_\_\_
5. Batman first appeared in the year ..... \_\_\_\_\_
6. His first appearance was in DETECTIVE COMICS # ..... \_\_\_\_\_
7. The first issue of BATMAN appeared in ..... \_\_\_\_\_
8. Batman was one of the .... original members of the Justice League. \_\_\_\_\_
9. JLA headquarters, an orbiting satellite, is ..... miles above the Earth. \_\_\_\_\_
10. A Batman foe of a couple of years back was called "The Man With ..... Eyes!" \_\_\_\_\_
11. Catwoman uses a type of whip known as a "cat o' .... tails." \_\_\_\_\_
12. The Batman TV show first appeared in ..... \_\_\_\_\_
13. The first Batman movie serial appeared in ..... \_\_\_\_\_
14. If Batman wanted to visit Clark Kent, he would have to go to .... Clinton Street. \_\_\_\_\_



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SEND YOUR LETTERS TO:  
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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

I believe you were responsible for BATMAN #256! After all, you are the editor, aren't you? I don't see how you could have done it! How could you put out such a GREAT issue! I repeat . . . GREAT!!!

Ah! "Catwoman's Circus Caper!" Selina Kyle is back! I was disappointed to find that she wasn't the real villain of the story, but it made for a very interesting plot anyway. This story shows that you should definitely stick with the Dynamic Duo instead of the so-so solos. The art was, of course, great. Irv Novick and Dick Giordano are beyond a shadow of a bat, your best Batman artist team. By the way, who's your colorist? Whoever he is, he does a great job! Excellent choice on the reprints there. All were extremely interesting and I love reading about the Bat-Cave and the trophies within.

—SCOTT TAYLOR, Rockville, IN.

("Catwoman's Circus Caper" was colored by longtime DC rainbow-master, Jerry Serpe. But your "Taylor"-made enthusiasm for the story is not shared by our next "un-Mercy-ful" correspondent! . . . BR)

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Julieeee!!!

The Plot: Robin finds a mystery, almost gets killed, is saved by Batman. Robin declares the case closed, but Batman calls him stupid and solves the whole thing himself. "Night of the Reaper," you ask? No! "Catwoman's Circus Caper!" Go jump in the lake. Denny O'Neill! Robin doesn't need a mustache — he was more grown-up and self-sufficient in "Brothers in Crime!" And Catwoman? No guile, no ruthless Bat-huntress, but a tame tabbie, easily caught. Bah. Humbug!

— MERCY VAN VLACK, Norristown, PA.

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Dear Bat-Editor:

"Catwoman's Circus Caper," with nostalgic elements such as Catwoman, Robin, and even the use of the famed Bat-Cave, still had the feeling of being an ultra-modern tale. Bruce's frustration at the end of the story — "the woman I can care for is always an enemy" angle — was very good. It is something that has always been hinted at, but not really spoken of.

I, for one, would like to see a regular romantic interest in Bruce's life. We all know that Bats is destined to marry, as shown in the Super-Sons

## LETTERS to the **BATMAN**

series in WORLD'S FINEST. Let's meet that woman!

The most imaginative twist in the story is having the Catwoman NOT be the real villain. Everyone always assumes the featured criminal is the culprit. Not this time! The Broderick contents page was powerful. Who is this Broderick dude, anyhow? I've noticed his mood-filled drawings before and now I see he's even illustrated a two-page story, "If Bruce Wayne Hadn't Become the Batman!" The piece was fairly original. Who wrote it?

— RICH SAWYER, LaPorte, IN.

("Peerless Pat" Broderick, complete with his Florida accent, was the first artist to work under our Junior Bullpen program started by DC last summer. He has done a number of contents pages and features for our line of 100-page books. By the way, the "If Bruce Wayne . . ." feature was written by Pat's Bullpen cohort, Martin "Pesky" Pasko . . . BR)

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Dear Editor:

BATMAN #256 had several elements I enjoyed as well as several that I did not. The reprints were all excellent, with the lone exception being the story about Batman Island. The short feature on the different symbols Batman could have used was well done and tongue-in-cheek.

But the main reason I wrote this letter is that you seem to be bringing back the villains who were gone so long. The Catwoman story was not up to the standard set by recent tales featuring The Joker and Two-Face. You see, I feel that a villain moved by deep emotional reasons is a far more interesting character than one motivated by the challenge of trading wits with Batman. This is why the Joker and Two-Face stories were fascinating, for these two men are consumed by their two separate inner demons. Selina Kyle, alias The Catwoman, has no such demon, nor does The Penguin. So before your villain stories start to deteriorate, either pick your Bat-foes with care or leave them out altogether.

— ANTOINE PERRY, Denair, CA.

(Okay, readers, what say you? Are certain villains unsuited for combat with the Caped Crusader? Which ones should we use . . . or not use? We'll be waiting to hear from you on what will be our next great debate. In the meantime, a page on our current controversy — what to do about ROBIN — appears elsewhere in this issue . . . BR)

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OUR FIRST STORY REVOLVED AROUND THE NUMBER TWO! THIS CASE INVOLVES THREE SMART CROOKS!

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IN FACT, IT'S NOT REALLY ONE STORY, BUT THREE! AND YOU CAN HEAR IT FROM THE MOUTHS OF THE THREE CRIMINALS THEMSELVES!

# BATMAN

WITH  
ROBIN

THIS IS A STORY OF THREE OF A KIND--OF A TRIO OF ROGUES WHO FORMED A TRIPLE-THREAT AGAINST LAW AND ORDER--SO THAT CRIME WOULD PAY!

THE BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER FIND PERILOUS THREE-STAR ADVENTURE WHEN THEY CLASH WITH THIS TRIUMVIRATE OF TROUBLE AND SMASH A TRI-TERROR COMBINE IN THE SAGA OF--

"THE THREE RACKETEERS!"

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EVERY STORY HAS A BEGINNING...

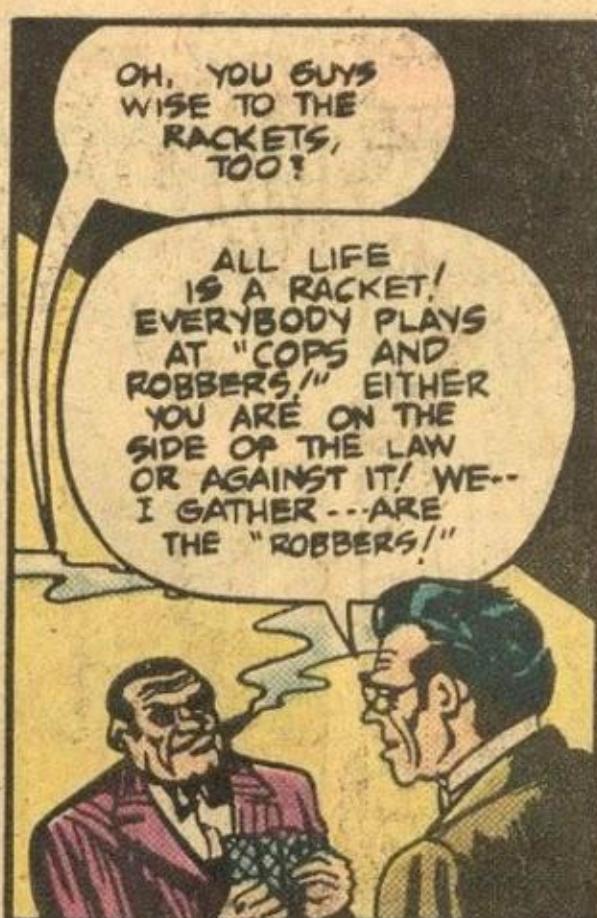
Ours begins in a small room where three men sit and play cards---

AW! I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M SITTING HERE AND PLAYIN' PENNY-ANTE GAMES! I'M USED TO DOIN' BIG THINGS!



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# THE THREE RACKETEERS





# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



"AND WHEN THE COPS GOT TO THE BANK..."

BANK  
NOBODY AROUND! I...LISTEN-  
CALLING CAR 27--KRAUS JEWELRY STORE ROBBED-- INVESTIGATE--



"THOSE POOR COPS GOT AN AWFUL CALLING DOWN..."

BUT, SIR---WE GOT A CALL TO INVESTIGATE SUSPICIOUS MEN LURKING ABOUT THE NATIONAL BANK!

THAT WAS A PHONEY--SOME CROOK SENT IT! HE PULLED YOU MEN FROM YOUR POST SO HIS MEN COULD ROB THE JEWELRY STORE WHILE YOU WERE AWAY!



"WELL, THE COPS TRIED TRACKING DOWN OUR PHONEY BROADCASTS, BUT...

SHOULD COME FROM AROUND HERE!

NOTHING ABOUT JUST THAT LAUNDRY TRUCK GOING BY! CAN'T BE THAT!



"OH, COULDN'T IT? THE COPS SHOULD HAVE LOOKED INSIDE THAT TRUCK!"

THIS IS STATION S-W-A-G! CALLING ALL CROOKS--S 54 ALL CLEAR-- PROCEED--



"GET IT NOW! THAT TRUCK WAS A REGULAR BROADCASTING STATION! CLEVER, EH?"

WHAT A RACKET! YOU IMITATE A COP CALL -- GET THE COPS OUT OF THE WAY--SWITCH TO ANOTHER WAVE-LENGTH--

-- AND GIVE THE ALL-CLEAR SIGNAL TO OUR BOYS! A BOOTLEG BROADCAST BY SHORT-WAVE! PRETTY NEAT!



"I USED TO DRIVE THE COPS CRAZY WITH FALSE FIRE ALARMS!"

ONLY SMOKE POTS! STATION S-W-A-G, AGAIN!

WOULDN'T THIS BURN YOU UP?



"BURGLAR ALARMS WOULD SUDDENLY CLANG ALL OVER THE TOWN!..."

INVESTIGATE ROBBERY AT 89 ST. AND MAIN!

RING LET'S HOPE THIS ONE IS THE REAL THING! I'VE GOT BELLS RINGING IN MY BRAIN!



"YESSIR, I HAD THOSE COPS RUNNING AROUND IN MORE CIRCLES THAN A FERRIS WHEEL!"

BOY, THAT RACKET SHOULDA SET YOU UP FER LIFE!

YES, BUT INTO EACH LIFE A LITTLE RAIN MUST FALL SUCH AS THE BATMAN, EH, CRAFTY?

RAIN? THAT GUY WAS A STORM! HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED!

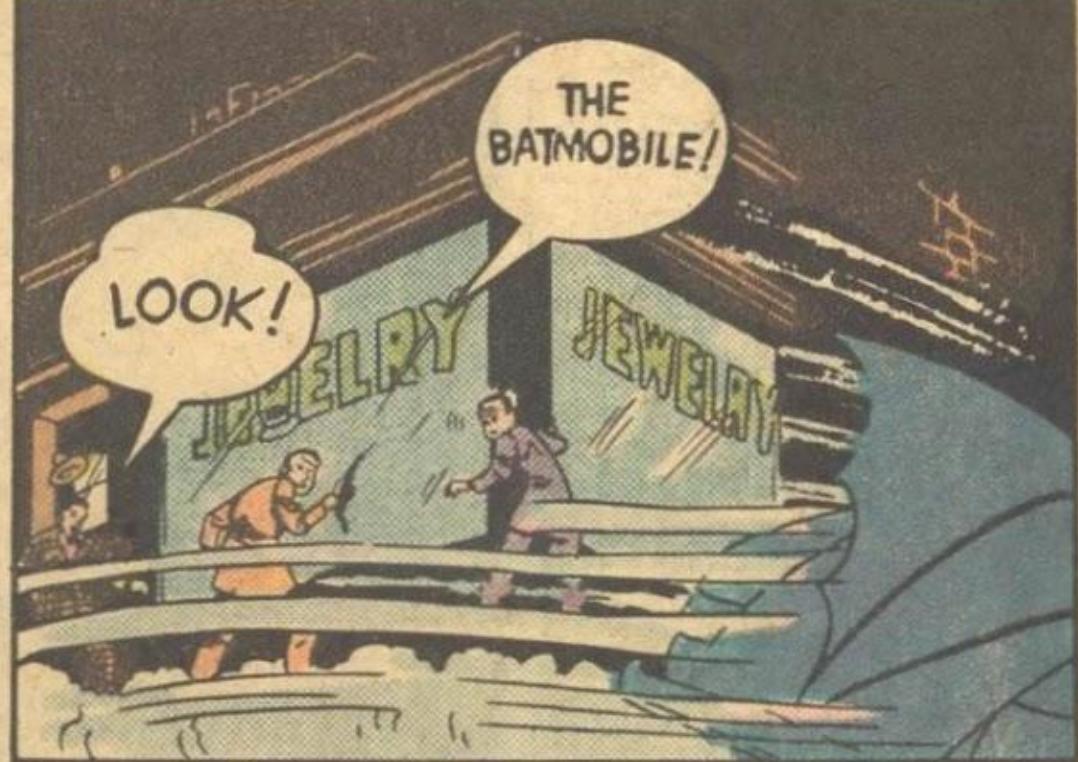


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"ONE NIGHT, AFTER SENDING THE COPS OUT ON A WILD-GOOSE CHASE, THE BOYS ARE JUST STARTING A JOB..."



"SUDDENLY SOMETHING WHIZZES AROUND THE CORNER LIKE A SKYROCKET!"



"I FOUND OUT LATER THAT THE BATMAN WENT STREAKING AROUND THE TOWN IN THAT BATMOBILE OF HIS! THAT SUPER-CHARGED CAR WAS SO FAST HE WAS ABLE TO ANSWER EVERY CALL THAT WENT OUT! THAT'S HOW HE CAUGHT UP TO US!"

"WELL, OUT OF THAT CAR COME THE BATMAN AND ROBIN, SLAMMING INTO MY BOYS!"

STAND ON YOUR FEET AND FIGHT, LIKE MEN!

DID YOU SAY YOU WANTED YOUR FACE LIFTED?



I'M GOING TO PASTE YOU ON THE WALL LIKE A PICTURE!

"ME AND MY MEN  
PILED OUT OF THE  
LAUNDRY TRUCK--  
BUT WE HAD A  
FIGHT ON OUR  
HANDS!"

"SOME OF THE BOYS MANAGED TO GET A COUPLE OF LUCKY POKES IN  
AND THEY WENT DOWN, STILL FIGHTING--"



NO SHOOTIN',  
BOYS! DON'T  
BRING THE  
COPS INTO  
THIS,  
TOO!





# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



"WE MADE A CLEAN GETAWAY--  
BUT HOW WAS I TO GUESS THAT  
THE BATMAN RECOGNIZED ME?"

WE  
DIDN'T  
DO SO  
WELL,  
DID WE?

WE DID ALL  
RIGHT! I  
RECOGNIZED ONE  
OF THEM--HE'S  
CRAFTY CAL CLATE!  
HIS ADDRESS  
SHOULD BE IN THE  
PHONE  
BOOK.

"THE NEXT NIGHT, WHEN I GOT HOME---I  
OPENED MY APARTMENT DOOR AND WOW---  
THE PLACE LOOKED LIKE A CYCLONE HAD  
BREEZED THROUGH IT!"



A BOX---  
LEFT FOR  
ME? WONDER  
WHAT'S IN  
IT?



A...A BAT!  
THE BATMAN--  
HE'S BEEN  
HERE!

HE PROBABLY CAME  
LOOKING FOR THE  
DUPLICATE CODE BOOK.  
MAYBE HE FOUND IT--I'D  
BETTER MAKE SURE--  
HE'S A CLEVER  
GUY...

WHEW...WHAT A  
RELIEF--- STILL HERE--  
MIGHT AS WELL LEAVE  
IT HERE--- I FOOLED  
THE BATMAN...HAW!  
HAW!

"BUT I LAUGHED TOO SOON  
'CAUSE WHEN I LEFT...."

NICE STUNT,  
THIS! MAKING  
CAL THINK WE  
HAD RANSACKED  
THE PLACE SO  
THAT HE SHOWED  
US WHERE HE  
HID THAT  
CODE BOOK!

WITH THAT CODE,  
WE CAN TRACK  
DOWN THOSE CROOKS  
TONIGHT! LET'S  
MOVE!

"THAT NIGHT, WHEN THE USUAL ALL-CLEAR SIGNAL WAS HEARD BY  
THE BOYS---THE BATMAN HEARD IT, TOO!"

THIS IS STATION  
5-W-A-G! CALLING  
ALL CROOKS! 545  
ALL CLEAR--  
PROCEED...

S 45--  
THAT'S A  
FUR SHOP  
AT BOWER  
AND 15TH  
STREET.

"GET IT? THOSE TWO SMART GUYS HAD  
BEEN HIDING IN A CLOSET ALL THE  
TIME!"



# THE THREE RACKETEERS

"THE BOYS DON'T EVEN GET THERE BEFORE THE BATMAN AND ROBIN SAIL INTO THEM!"

YIPPEE!  
CARRY  
ME PIGGY  
BACK!

OKAY, BOYS.  
THIS IS  
THE  
SHOWDOWN!

FURS

HELEN'S  
FURS

AH, A  
DOUBLE  
PLAY!

"WE, IN THE LOOKOUT CAR, FILED OUT TO GIVE HELP, BUT THERE WAS NO STOPPING THE BATMAN AND ROBIN THAT DAY!"

A LITTLE  
TRICK I  
LEARNED  
AT THE  
CIRCUS!

WALTZ  
ME AROUND  
AGAIN,  
WILLIE!

"AND THEN THE BATMAN HIT ME! HIS FIST WAS LIKE A HAMMER! MY TEETH ARE STILL LOOSE!"

OH-HH-H-

THE END OF  
STATION  
S-W-A-G!  
IT BLEW  
A FUSE!

THAT'S  
MY STORY-  
AND I'M  
STUCK  
WITH  
IT.

YOU'RE NOT KIDDIN'!  
OKAY, PROF ---- HOW  
ABOUT YOU TELLIN'  
US YOUR BEDTIME  
STORY?

MY STORY IS A TRAGEDY-  
A TRAGEDY, AS YOU SOON  
SHALL SEE! TO BEGIN  
WITH, MY NAME IS PROFESSOR  
POST -- I AM -- A SCIENTIST!

"ONE MEMORABLE DAY  
IN MY LABORATORY--"

EUREKA! I'VE FOUND  
IT! A DRUG THAT  
ACTS ON A MAN'S BRAIN  
-- SLOWS UP HIS REFLEXES  
-- AND MAKES HIM--  
LAZY...LAZY....  
HA! HA!

"HERE WAS THE ANSWER  
TO MY DREAMS--  
WEALTH--POWER!"

# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR

"THE NEXT DAY--IN A BUSY STOCK EXCHANGE OFFICE--

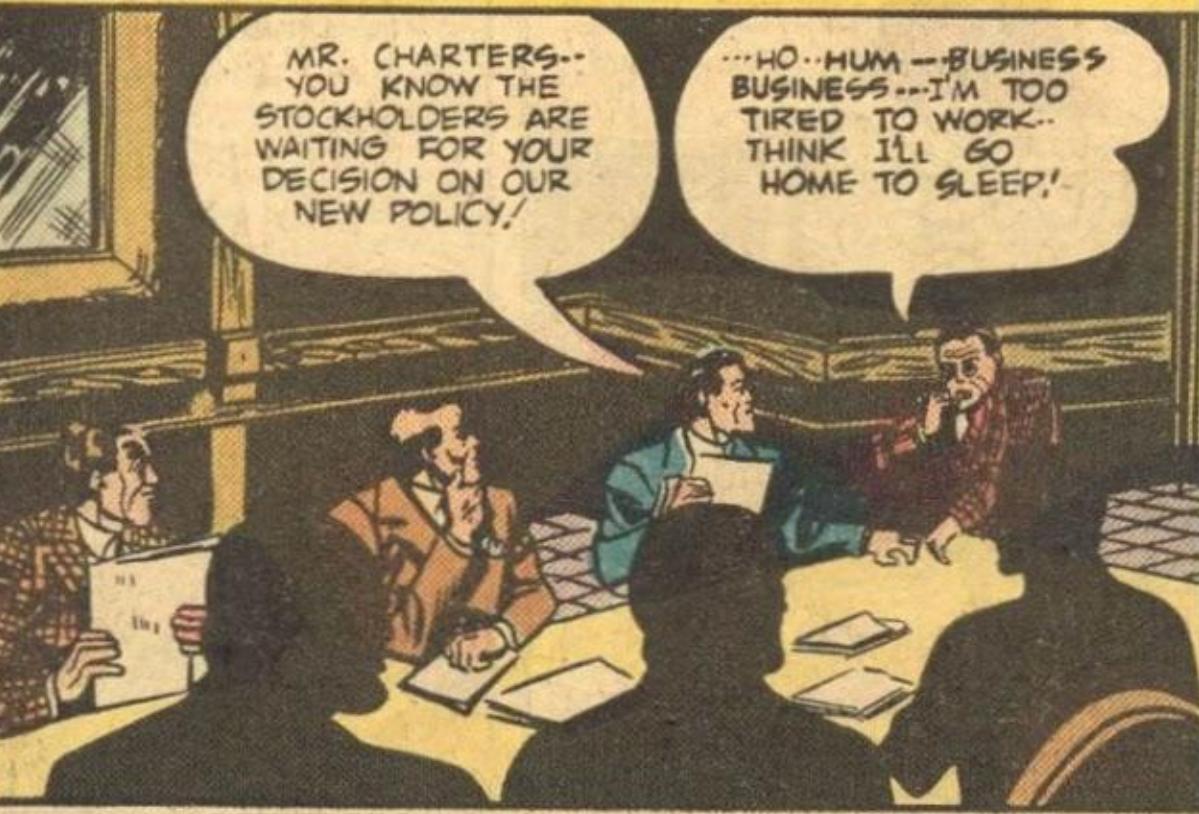
MR. CHARTERS--  
YOU KNOW THE  
STOCKHOLDERS ARE  
WAITING FOR YOUR  
DECISION ON OUR  
NEW POLICY!

...HO-HUM--BUSINESS  
BUSINESS--I'M TOO  
TIRED TO WORK..  
THINK I'LL GO  
HOME TO SLEEP!

WE  
CAN'T  
MOVE  
WITHOUT  
HIM!

WE'LL  
LOSE  
MILLIONS!  
WHAT'S  
WRONG  
WITH  
HIM?

I CAN  
TELL YOU  
WHAT'S WRONG  
WITH HIM/  
HE'S JUST  
LAZY!



"I QUICKLY EXPLAINED THAT I HAD DRUGGED HIS FOOD THAT AFTERNOON."

WHY DID  
YOU DO IT?  
WHAT DO  
YOU WANT?

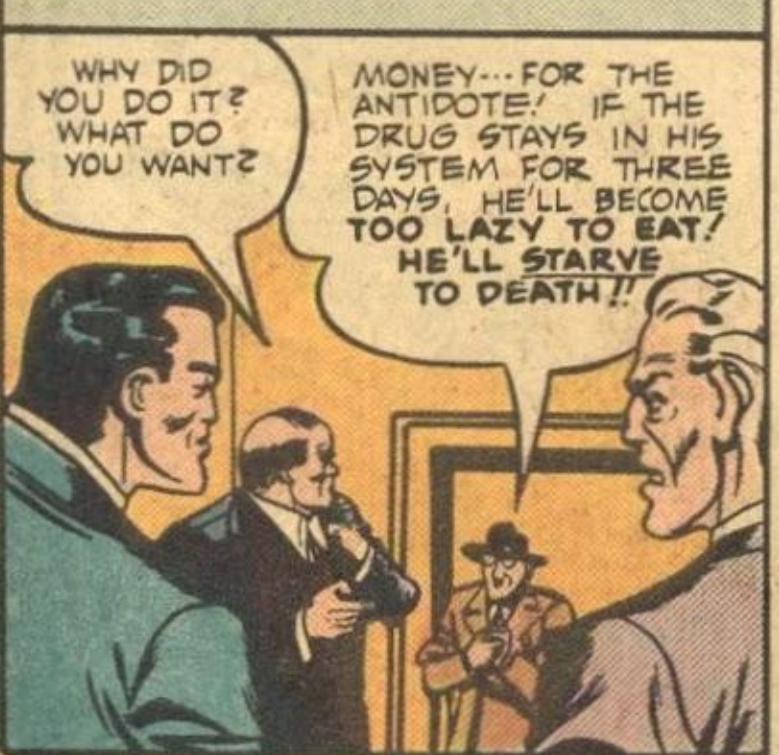
MONEY...FOR THE ANTIDOTE! IF THE DRUG STAYS IN HIS SYSTEM FOR THREE DAYS, HE'LL BECOME TOO LAZY TO EAT! HE'LL STARVE TO DEATH!!

WE WELL  
HAVE TO PAY  
YOU! HE'S A  
KEY MAN IN  
OUR ORGANIZATION,  
AND EVERY  
DAY HE'S  
OUT WILL  
COST US  
THOUSANDS!

I'LL SEND YOU  
THE ANTIDOTE  
BY MESSENGER.  
YOU CAN GET  
IT FROM HIM!  
AND NOW, MY MONEY  
PLEASE--

THAT  
WAS  
A VERY  
SWEET  
SETUP,  
PAL!  
VERY  
SWEET!

PERHAPS...BUT  
WHEN I LEFT, ONE  
OF THEM FOLLOWED  
ME--AS THE  
BATMAN! IT HAD  
TO BE ONE OF  
THEM! MIGHT  
HAVE BEEN THAT  
WAYNE FELLOW--NO..  
HE SEEMED TOO  
MUCH THE PLAYBOY  
TYPE---OH, WELL--



"I ARRIVED AT HOME, CLOSED THE DOOR...BUT A CRASHING FIGURE BANGED IT OPEN AGAIN!"

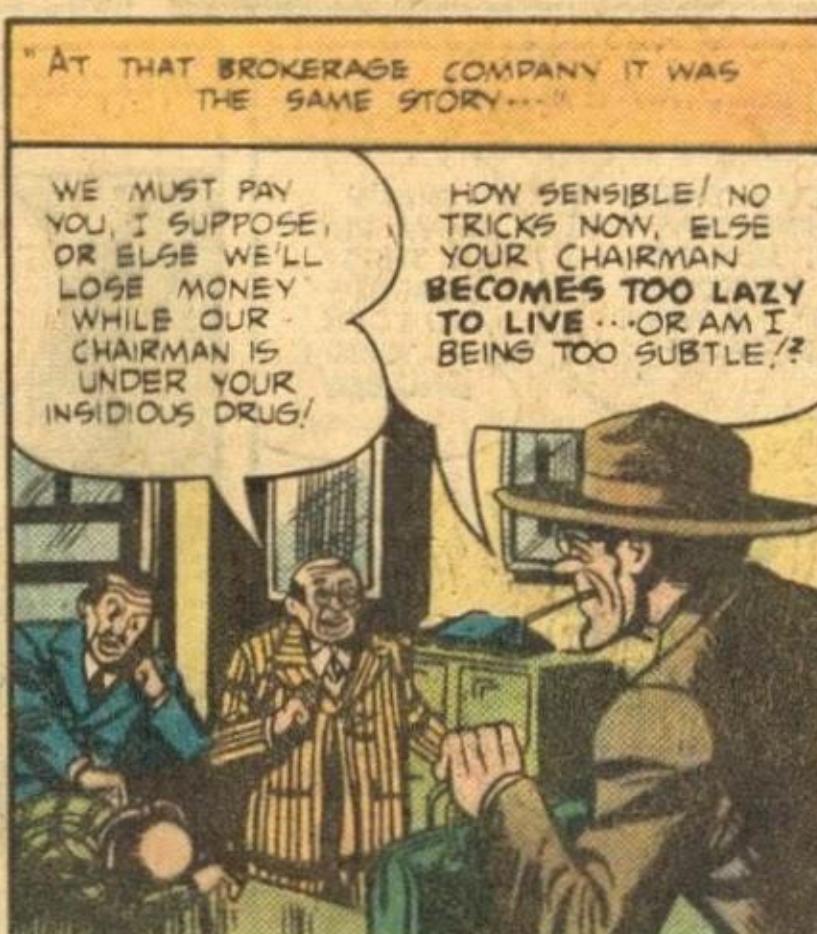
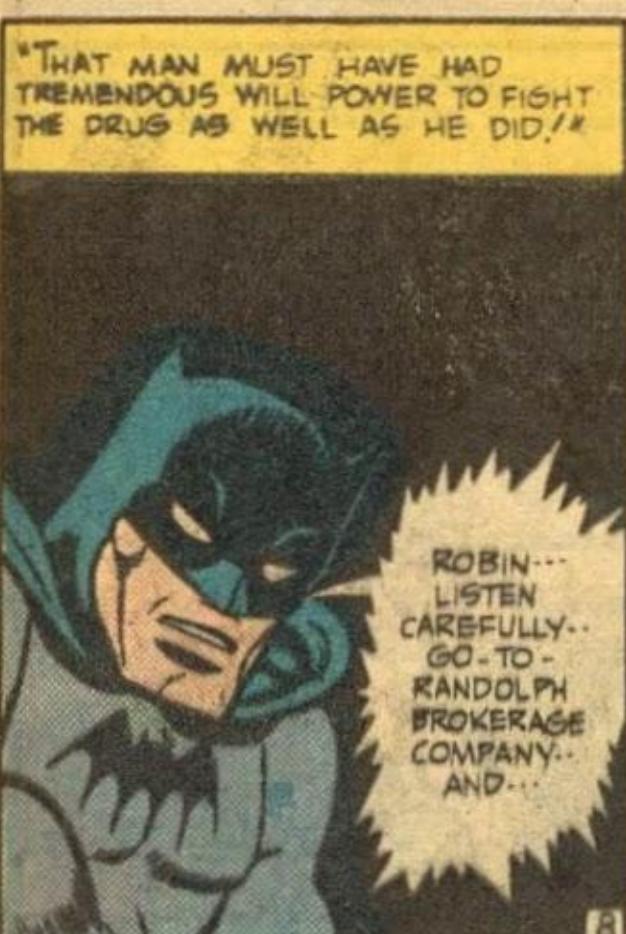
THE...THE  
BATMAN-

...IN  
PERSON!

DO  
HAVE  
A CHAIR!



# THE THREE RACKETEERS





# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



"LATER, AFTER HAVING PUT A DISGUISE ON IN THE WASHROOM, I WAS SURE NOBODY WOULD RECOGNIZE ME!"

NOBODY WILL TRAIL ME THIS TIME--EVEN THAT SHINE BOY WON'T KNOW ME WITH THESE NEW CLOTHES ON!

"BUT ALAS, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT MY SHOES WERE GIVING ME AWAY TO THAT BOY WHO WATCHED ME FROM BEHIND HIS THICK GLASSES!"

"I WENT HOME EXULTANT! I TAUNTED THE HELPLESS BATMAN. I HAD THE WORLD UNDER MY SCIENTIFIC THUMB!"

HA! HA! NOW I'M GOING TO MAKE REAL MONEY! I'LL SELL MY SERVICES TO A FOREIGN POWER! I'LL MAKE DEFENSE LEADERS LAZY--I'LL MAKE A POWDERED FORM--

--AND SPRAY THE DRUG FROM A PLANE! I'LL MAKE THE NATION HELPLESS! THEY'LL BE LIKE YOU! WHY DON'T YOU FIGHT BACK? YOU CAN'T! HA HA!

"THAT BOY HIT ME AND MY WHOLE WORLD TOPPLED--"

BE GOOD AND I'LL ONLY HAVE TO HIT YOU ONCE.

"LATER ... WHEN I OPENED MY EYES..."

WOW! NO MORE LAZY FEELING! THAT ANTIDOTE FIXED ME UP FINE! I COULD LICK THE WORLD NOW!

YOU---THE SHINE BOY--BUT HOW DID YOU RECOGNIZE ME? ...I WORE A DISGUISE!

THAT'S EASY! PUT ON THESE GLASSES AND LOOK AT YOUR SHOES!

"MIRACULOUSLY, UNDER THE GLASSES, MY SHOES GLOWED WITH AN UNEARTHLY LIGHT!"

MY SHOES ...THEY SHINE UNDER THESE GLASSES...

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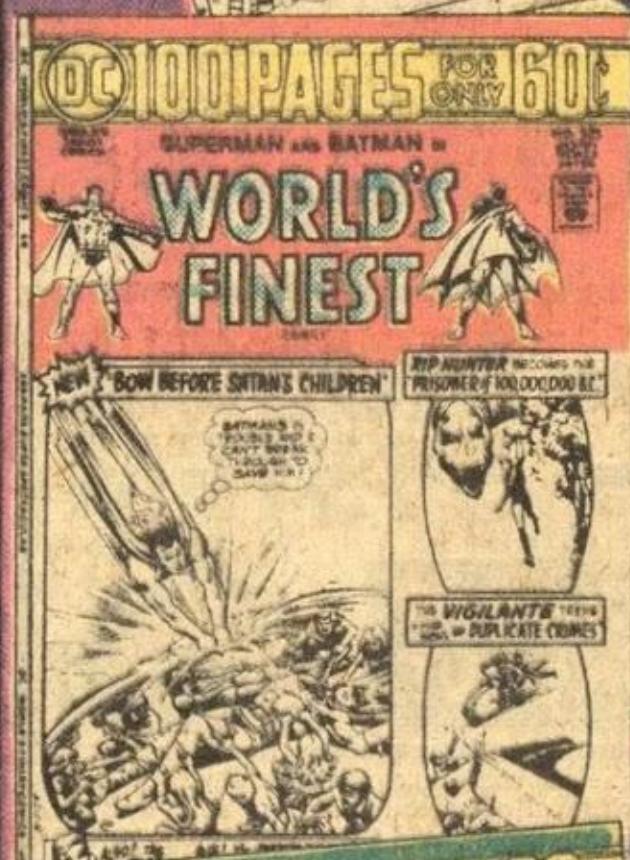
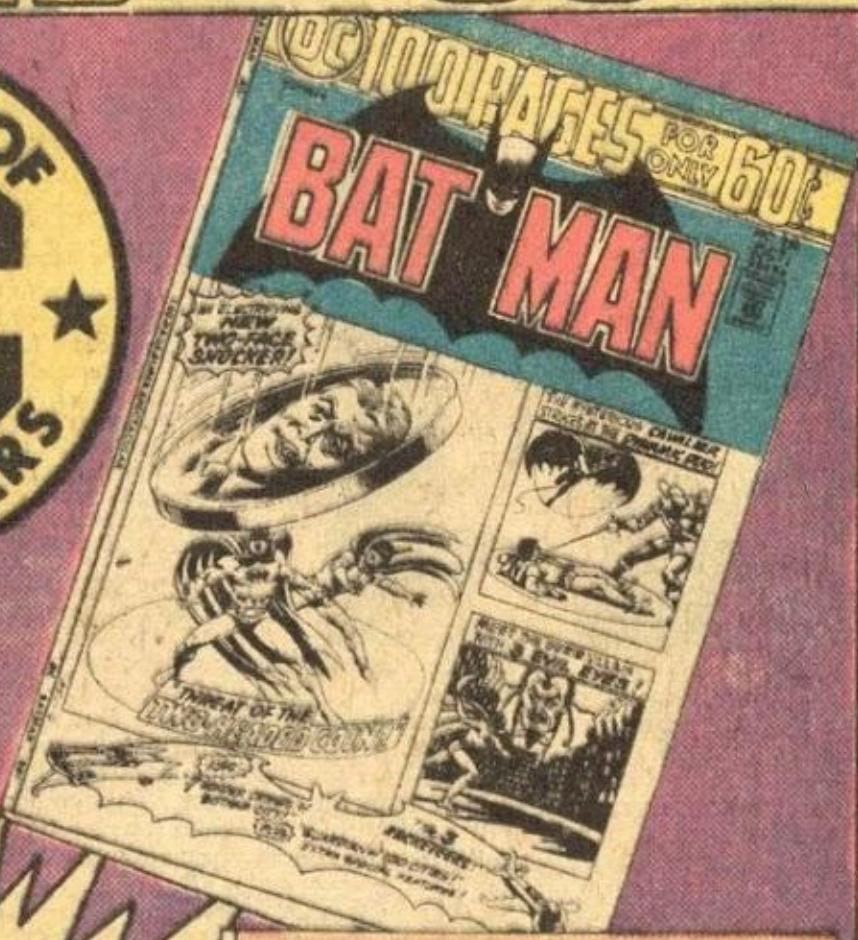
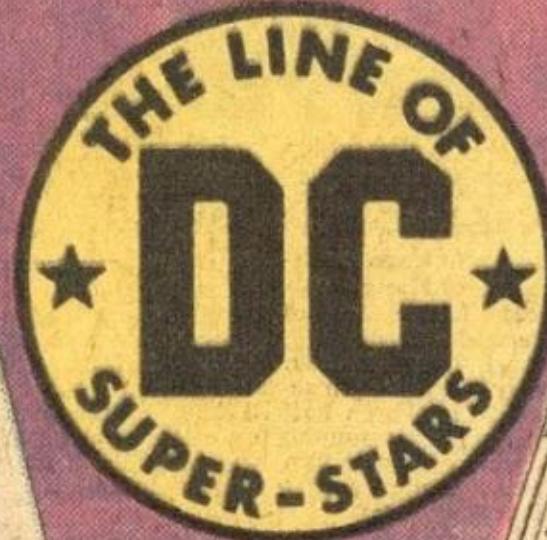
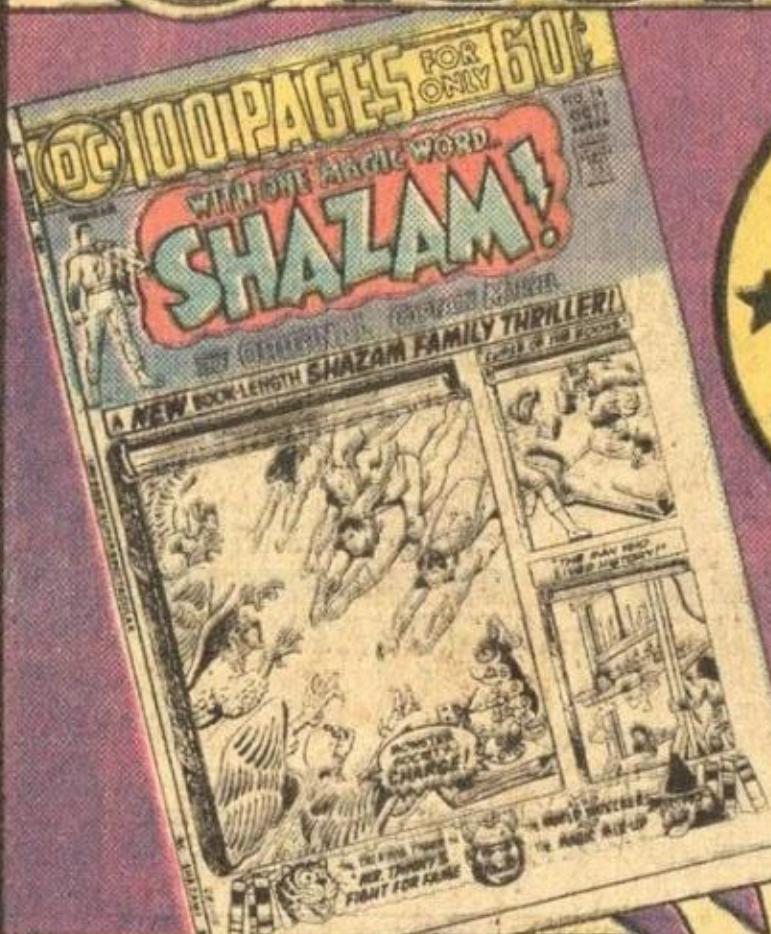
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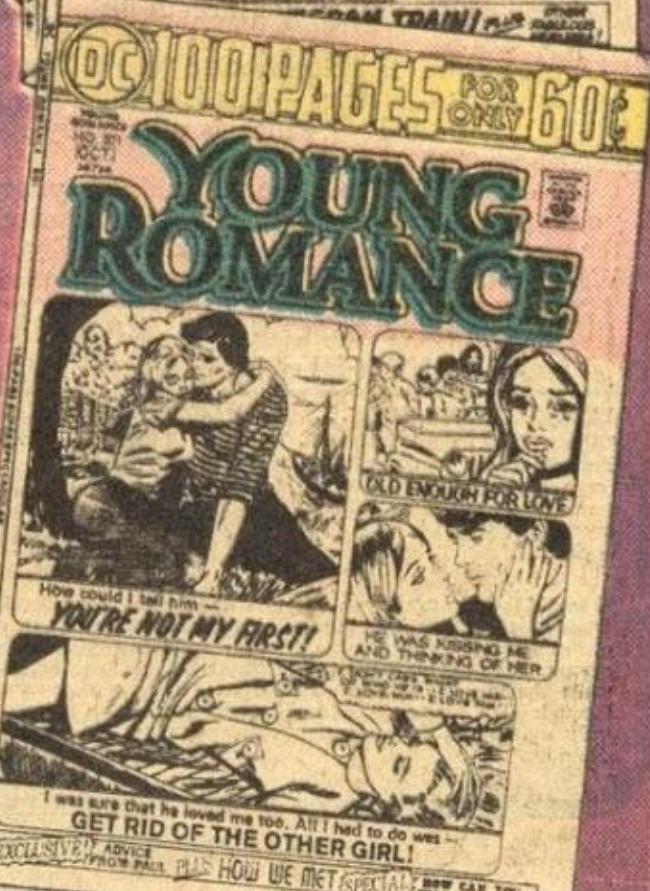
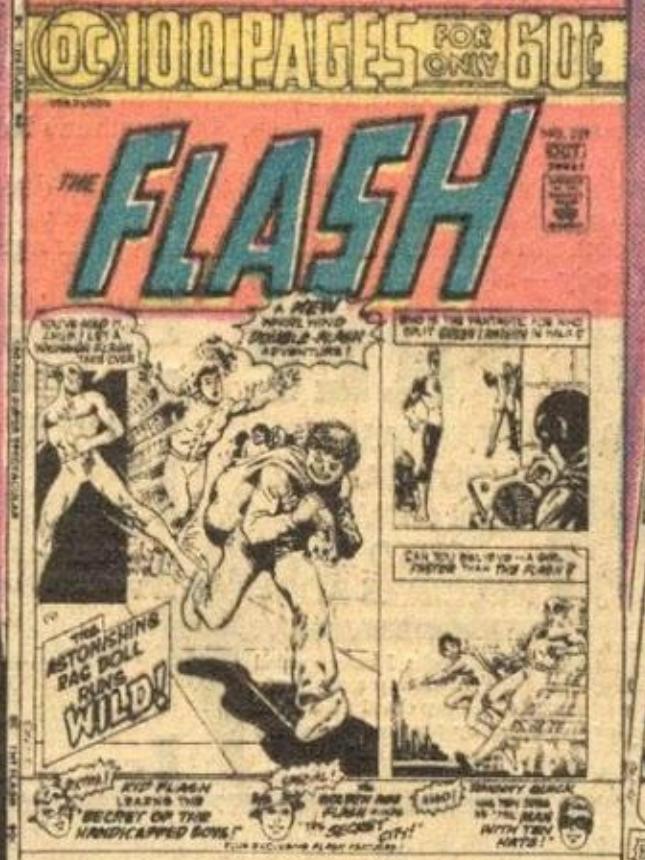
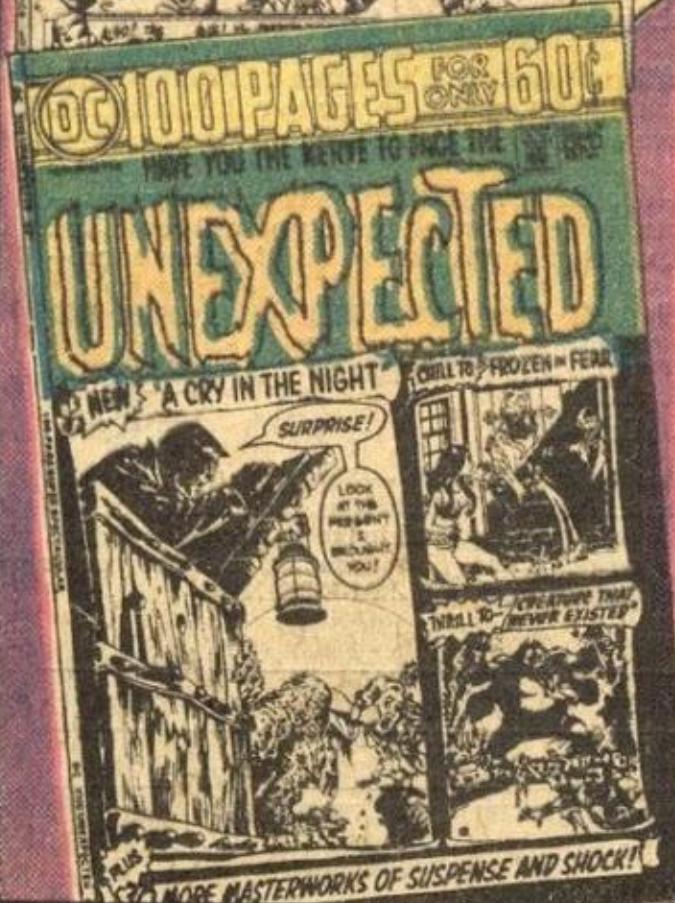
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"I THINK I WENT A LITTLE MAD  
THEN! I SNATCHED UP A SCALPEL---"

YOU TRICKED  
ME! ME---A  
GREAT MIND!

YES--DO YOU  
MIND? YOUR  
GREAT MIND IS  
THROUGH,  
PROFESSOR!

...AND INDEED  
IT WAS THROUGH!  
THERE, YOU SEE,  
I TOLD  
YOU IT WAS  
A TRAGEDY!

YEAH---TOO BAD!  
YOU HAD A NICE  
RACKET THERE  
FOR A WHILE!  
NOW, HOW ABOUT  
YOU, BROTHER?

"ME, I FIGURED I  
WASN'T GONNA BE NO  
ORDINARY MUSS. I HAD  
IDEAS---BIG IDEAS---  
AN' I CARRIED 'EM  
OUT FAST, TOO!"



"FIFTH  
COLUMNISTS!!  
HAW! THEM  
TANKS WAS  
STOLEN BY  
MY MOB..."

OKAY! NOW  
LET'S SHOW THIS  
TOWN WHAT  
BIG-TIME GUYS  
WE REALLY ARE!  
GET THOSE IRON  
BUGGIES GOING!

"WE SHOWED 'EM!  
WE PULLED ONE JOB  
AFTER ANOTHER WITH THEM BABY TANKS!"



"NOTHIN'  
STOPPED  
US!  
NOTHIN'!"

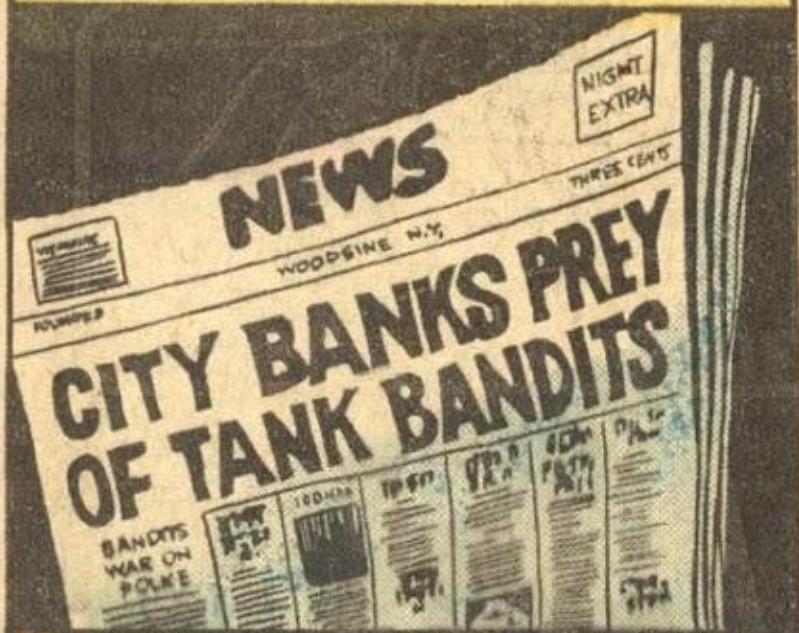


"AN' WE MADE  
GETAWAYS  
IN FAST TRUCKS!  
I COVERED  
ALL THE ANGLES!"



# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR

"SOON THE WHOLE TOWN BEGAN TO SIT UP AN' TAKE NOTICE! WE WERE FRONT-PAGE NEWS!"



"YEP--I HAD EVERYTHING FIGURED OUT--BUT I FORGOT ONE GUY ---- THE BATMAN!"



"YA SEE, THE COPPERS HAD SHORT-WAVE RADIOS READY TO SHOUT AS SOON AS WE SHOWED--AN' ONE NIGHT AS WE'RE DORN' OUR STUFF--!"

"OKAY, ROBIN--LET 'EM HAVE THE BOTTLES!"

"THEM BOTTLES HIT THE TANKS, BROKE OPEN AND SPLASHED SOME KIND OF LIQUID ALL OVER 'EM."

"THEN THAT KID STARTED THROWIN' FLAMING TORCHES AT THE TANKS!"

A PLEASURE!

"PRETTY SOON THE INSIDE OF EACH TANK FELT LIKE A HOT STOVE!"

"WE HOPPED OUTA THEM TANKS LIKE THEY WAS POISON---AND INTO OUR TRUCKS! BUT I HAD AN ACE IN THE HOLE, TOO!"

"THEM TORCHES HIT---AND BOOM---THE TANKS LIT UP LIKE A ROMAN CANDLE!"

LEMME OUTA HERE!

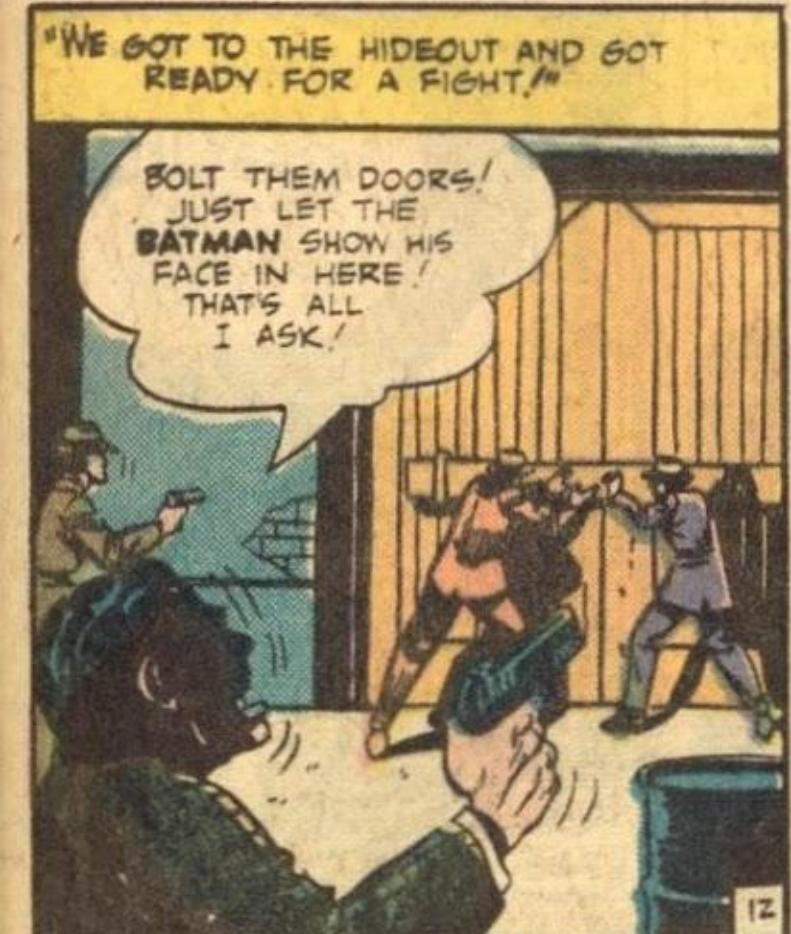
AN' I USTA LIKE BOILED CHICKEN!

GIVE IT TO 'EM! BLAST 'EM OUTA THE SKY!

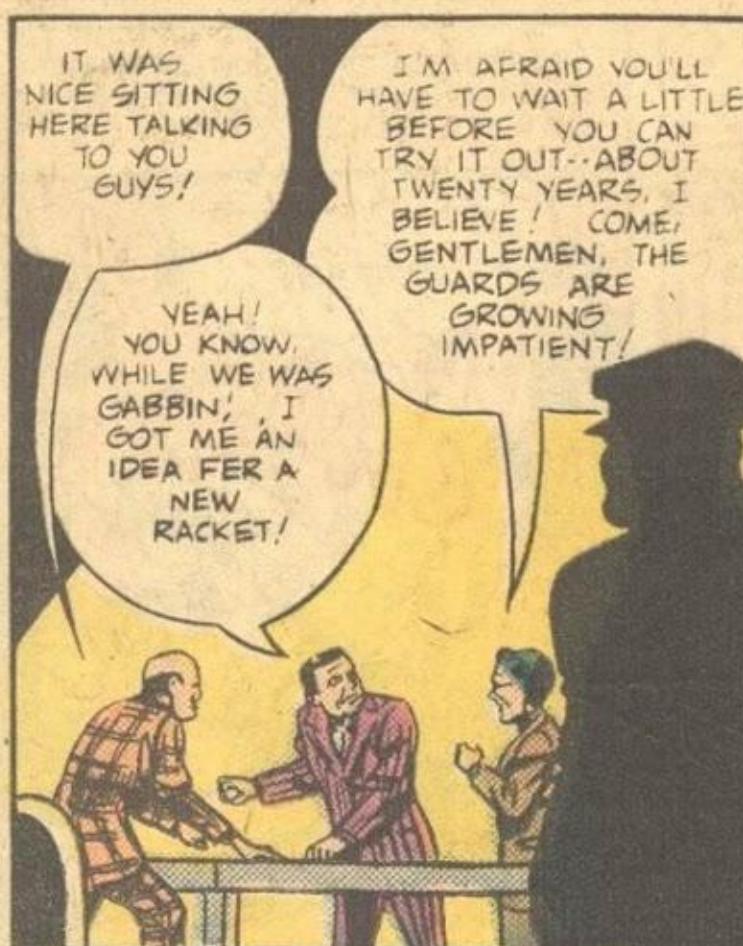
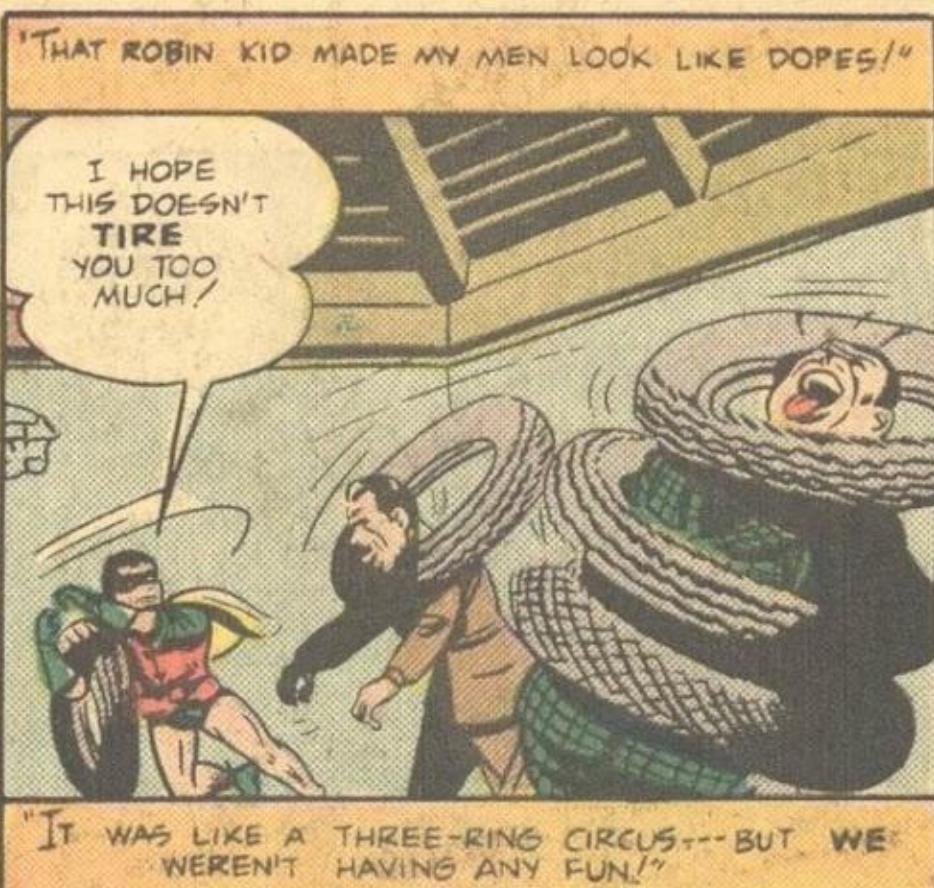
"KNOW WHAT THAT STUFF WAS IN THEM BOTTLES? GASOLINE---THAT'S WHAT, GASOLINE!"

"THE TOPS OF OUR TRUCKS FOLDED BACK. I HAD MACHINE GUNS PLANTED THERE."

# THE THREE RACKETEERS



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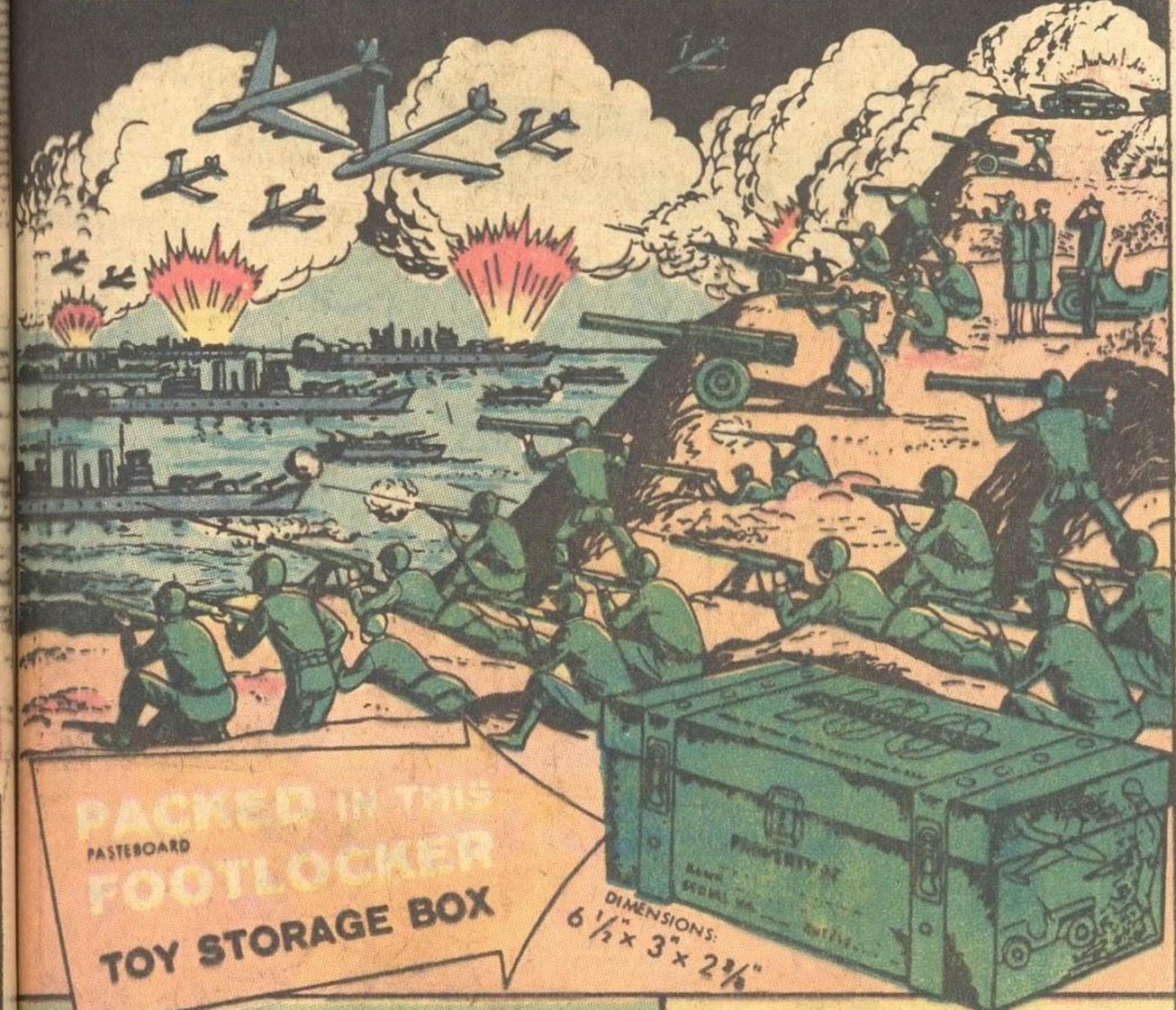


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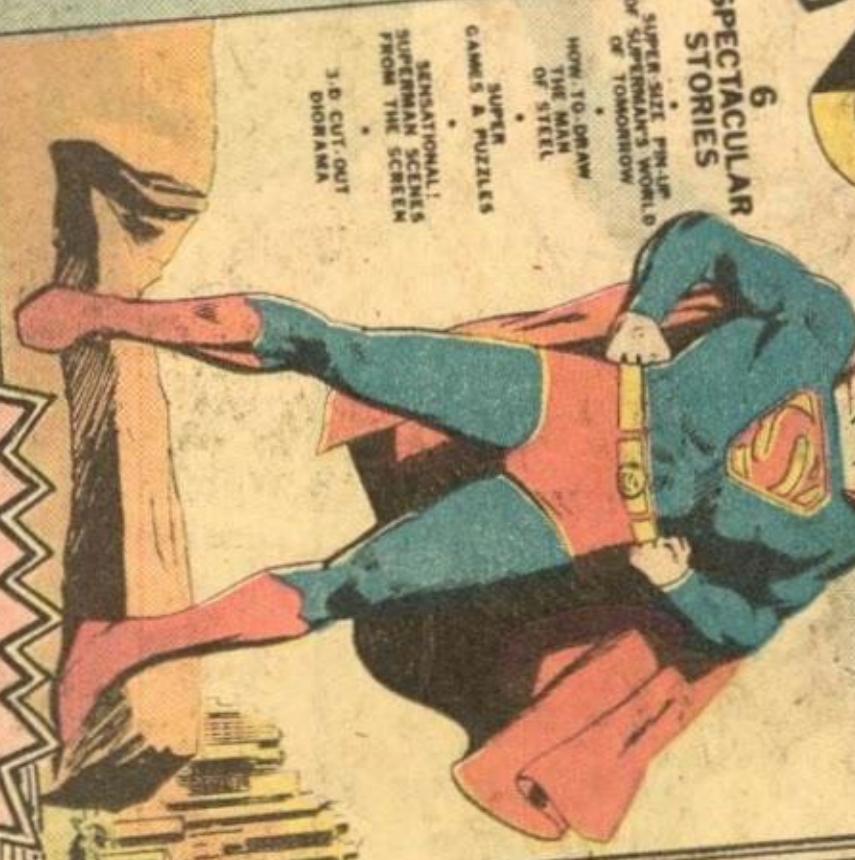
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YOUR COPIES  
AS QUICKLY  
AS IS HUMANLY  
POSSIBLE!

SEVEN HAS LONG BEEN  
CONSIDERED A MYSTIC NUMBER!  
THERE ARE **SEVEN** DAYS IN  
THE WEEK! THE ANCIENTS  
KNEW OF **SEVEN PLANETS**,  
**SEVEN METALS...**



7



...AND **SEVEN WONDERS OF  
THE WORLD!** IF YOU'VE READ  
ABOUT THOSE WONDERS, SEE  
IF YOU CAN SPOT THE WAY THE  
GANG CHIEF IN THIS TALE  
WORKED THEM INTO HIS  
CRIMES!

NIGHT AFTER NIGHT  
THE SUPER-SPECTACULAR  
CRIMES WENT ON!  
BIGNESS SEEMED  
A VERY PART OF  
THEM! **BIG MONEY!**  
**BIG JEWELS!** **BIG**  
PROPS THAT HELPED  
THE CROOKS TO ROB!

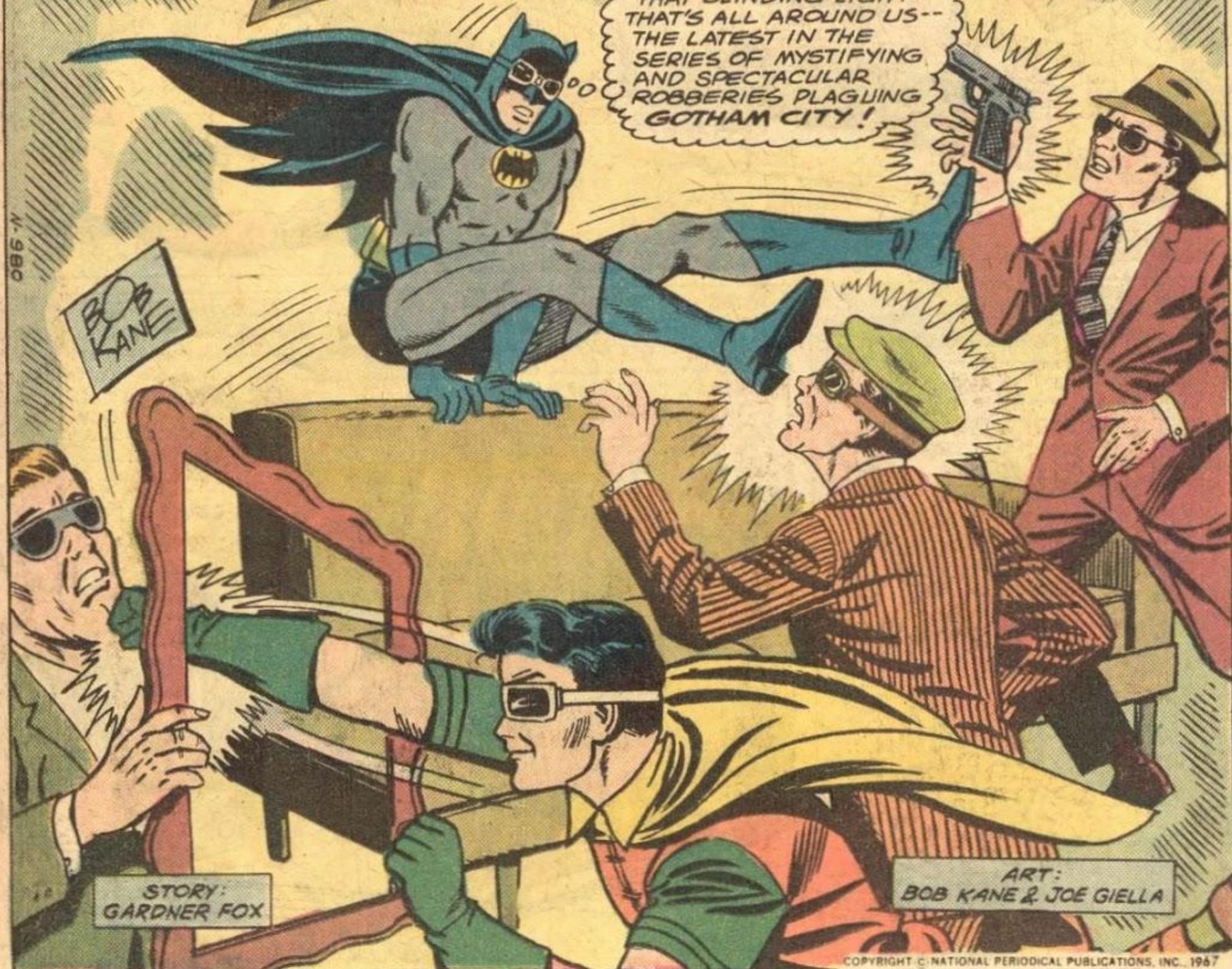
ALL WERE A VITAL  
PART OF THE  
DIABOLICALLY  
CLEVER SCHEMES  
WHICH WERE TO  
DRAW **BATMAN**  
AND **ROBIN** DEEP  
INTO THEIR MENACING  
MESH! AND WHEN  
THEY BECAME  
ENTANGLLED IN  
THESE PLUNDERING  
PLOTS, THEY FOUND  
THEMSELVES  
ABSOLUTELY  
BAFFLED BY  
THE ...

# BATMAN

With **ROBIN** The Boy Wonder

## 7 WONDER CRIMES OF GOTHAM CITY!

THAT BLINDING LIGHT  
THAT'S ALL AROUND US--  
THE LATEST IN THE  
SERIES OF MYSTIFYING  
AND SPECTACULAR  
ROBBERIES PLAGUING  
GOTHAM CITY!



STORY:  
GARDNER FOX

ART:  
BOB KANE & JOE GIELLA

THE SCRAPE OF  
STEEL ON ICE,  
THE ROAR OF  
THE CROWD,  
HERALDS THE  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
HOCKEY GAME  
BETWEEN THE  
GOTHAM CITY  
GIANTS AND  
THE QUEBEC  
ROYALS...

THE PUCK'S  
GOING OUT  
OF BOUNDS!

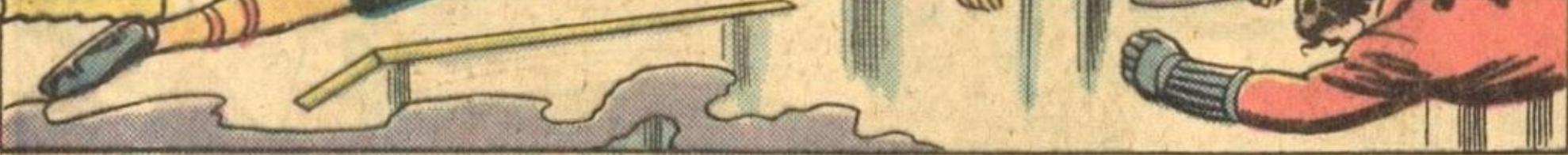
THE REFEREE DROPS A NEW PUCK FOR THE FACE-OFF...

AND WHEN STICK MEETS PUCK...

THE  
PUCK  
IS--  
BLOWING  
UP!



WITHIN  
MOMENTS,  
THE HISS  
OF GAS  
IS THE  
ONLY  
SOUND  
HEARD  
IN  
GOTHAM  
SQUARE  
GARDEN...



THEN--MEN IN MASKS MOVE  
SWIFTLY AMONG THE SLEEPING  
SPECTATORS IN CELEBRITY  
ROW...

THESE  
RICH SEASON--  
TICKET BOYS SURE  
CARRY FAT  
WALLETS!

AND THEIR  
WIVES--  
DRESSED TO  
THE HILT!

WORD OF THE DARING  
CRIME-COUP FLASHES  
ACROSS THE HOT-LINE...

POLICE COMMISSIONER  
GORDON SAYS THERE'S  
BEEN A  
ROBBERY  
AT THE  
GARDEN!

TELL  
HIM  
WE'RE  
ON OUR  
WAY  
ROBIN!

AND WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO  
REACHES THE GREAT SPORTS  
PALACE...

AND THE  
CROOKS  
DIDN'T  
LEAVE A  
CLUE,  
OFFICER?

NOT UNLESS YOU  
CALL THAT A CLUE,  
**BATMAN!** LOOK  
UP THERE--!



HANGING FROM THE RAFTERS IS A GIGANTIC BALLOON FIGURE OF...

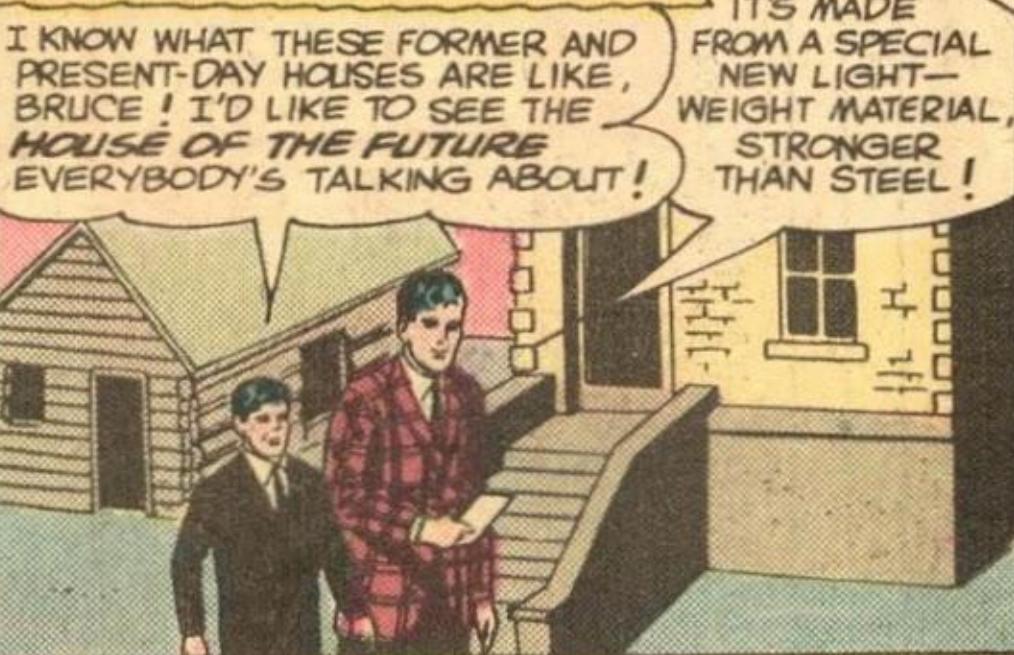


A HUGE SEVEN--PAINTED ON ITS BACK!

SAY-- YOU DON'T SUPPOSE THAT MEANS THERE'RE GOING TO BE SEVEN CRIMES OF THIS TYPE, DO YOU?



NEXT EVENING, AT THE ARCHITECTURAL FAIR--WHERE "GOTHAM CITY: YESTERDAY, TODAY-- AND TOMORROW" IS BEING HELD...



WHY--THERE'S WAYNE MANOR! MAKES ME FEEL RIGHT AT HOME!



MOMENTS LATER, BRUCE (BATMAN) WAYNE AND DICK (ROBIN) GRAYSON STEP INTO THE LIGHT-WEIGHT HOUSE OF THE FUTURE...

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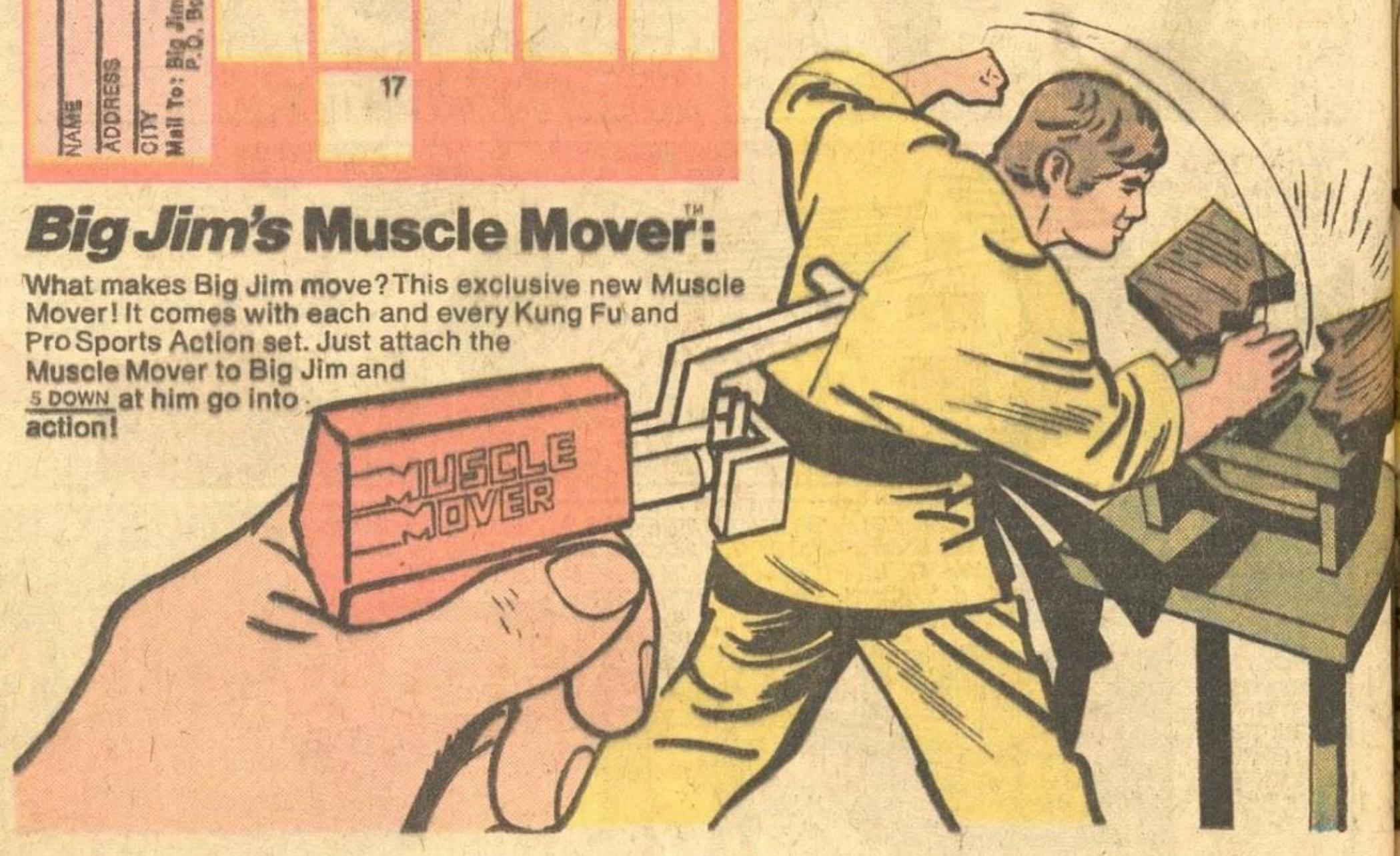
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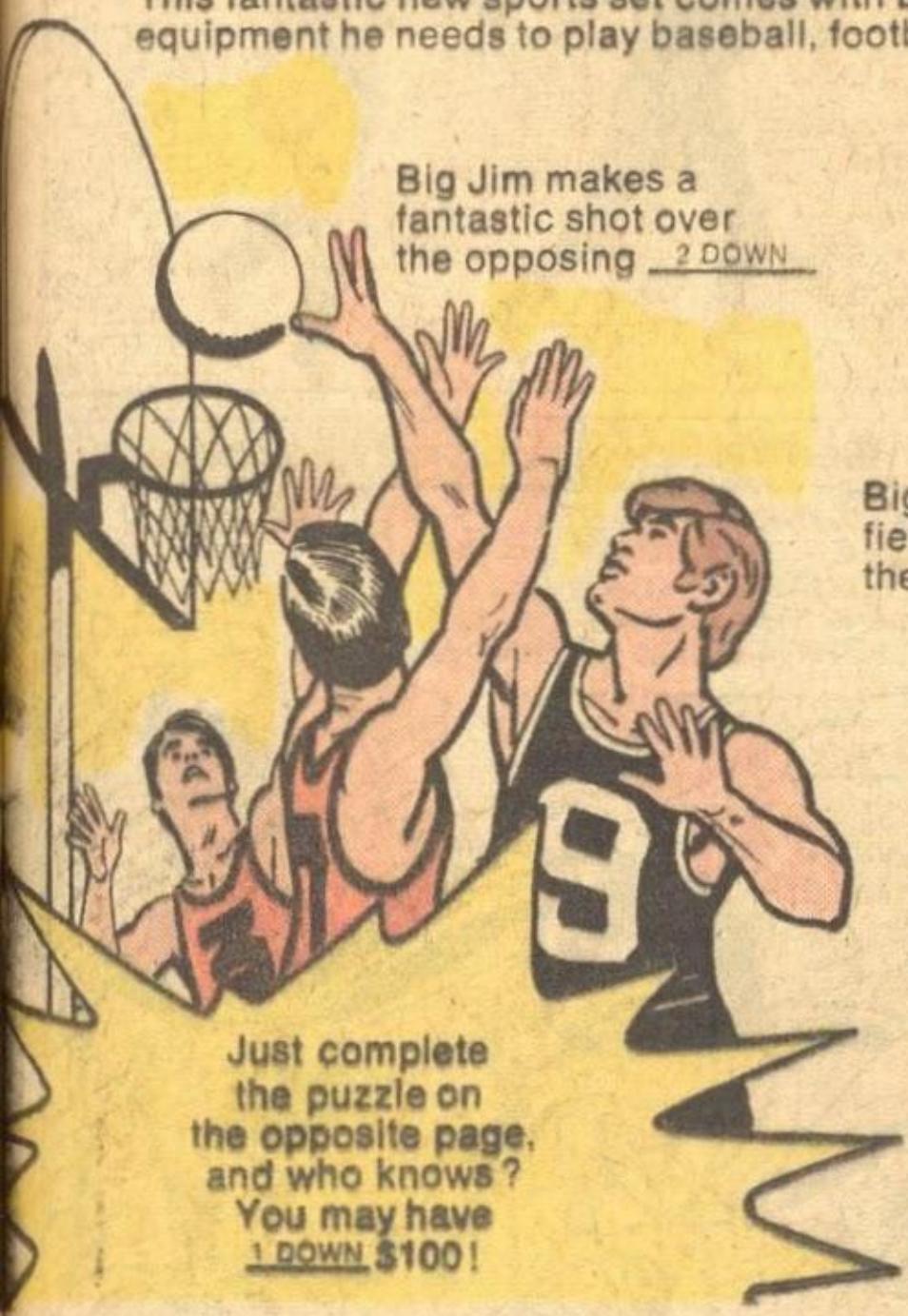


Here we see Big Jim about to break a 12" ACROSS with a Karate chop.

## Big Jim's Pro Sports Gear:

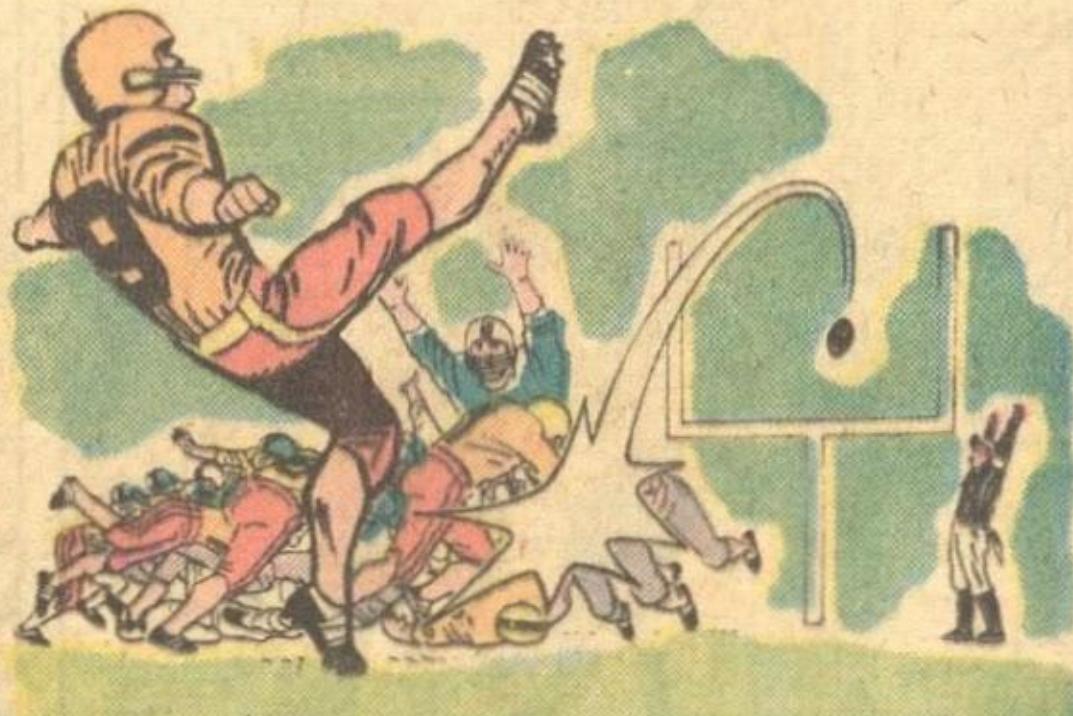
This fantastic new sports set comes with Big Jim, and all the equipment he needs to play baseball, football and basketball.

Big Jim makes a fantastic shot over the opposing 2 DOWN



The bases are loaded. Big Jim's team is losing 4-1. Big Jim swings at the ball, and hits a grand slam home 6 ACROSS.

Big Jim kicks a field 2 ACROSS, and saves the day for his team.



Just complete the puzzle on the opposite page, and who knows? You may have 1 DOWN \$100!

THERE ISN'T A SINGLE LAMP OR LIGHT BULB ANYWHERE IN THE ROOM! THEY FORGOT TO PUT IN THE LIGHTS!

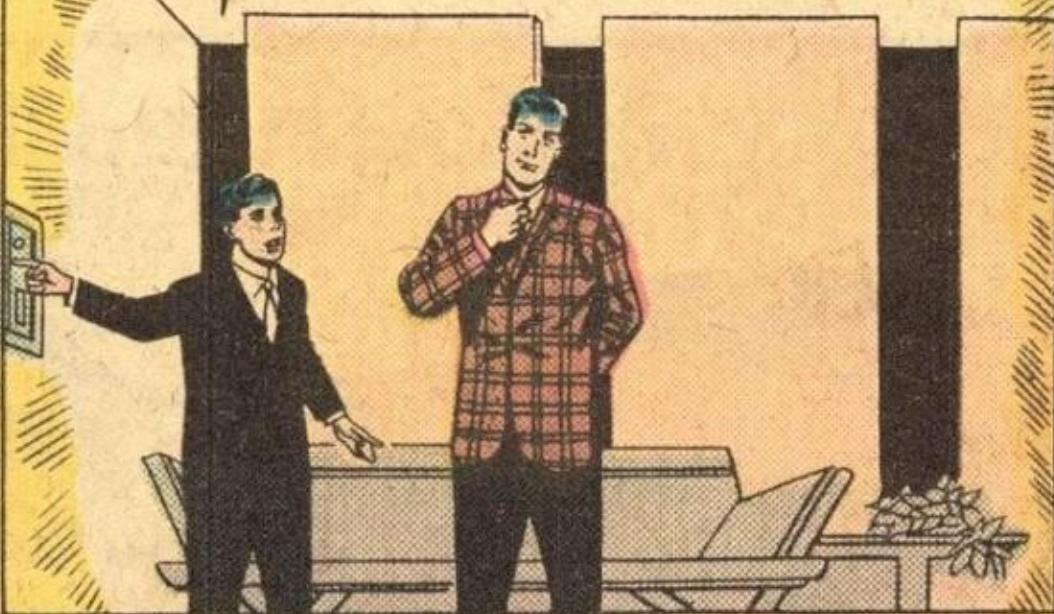
NO, THEY DIDN'T, DICK! JUST PRESS THAT BUTTON CONTROL ON THE WALL!



AS DICK'S FOREFINGER TOUCHES THE BUTTON, THE WALLS BEGIN TO GLOW...

TERRIFIC! NO LIGHT BULBS TO CHANGE, NOTHING TO SHORT-CIRCUIT, NO FUSES TO BLOW OUT!

IT'S CALLED AMBIENT LUMINESCENCE, DICK!



BRIGHTER GLOW THOSE WALLS--BRIGHTER AND BRIGHTER UNTIL THEY BLAZE WITH BLINDING INCANDESCENCE...

HEY! THOSE WALLS ARE SO BRILLIANT--THEY'RE AFFECTING MY EYES! I--CAN'T--SEE!

SOMETHING'S WRONG, DICK! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE..FAST!



HEADS DOWN--ARMS UP TO PROTECT THEIR EYES--MAN AND BOY ARE GUIDED BY THEIR FAULTLESS MEMORIES TOWARD "WAYNE MANOR".

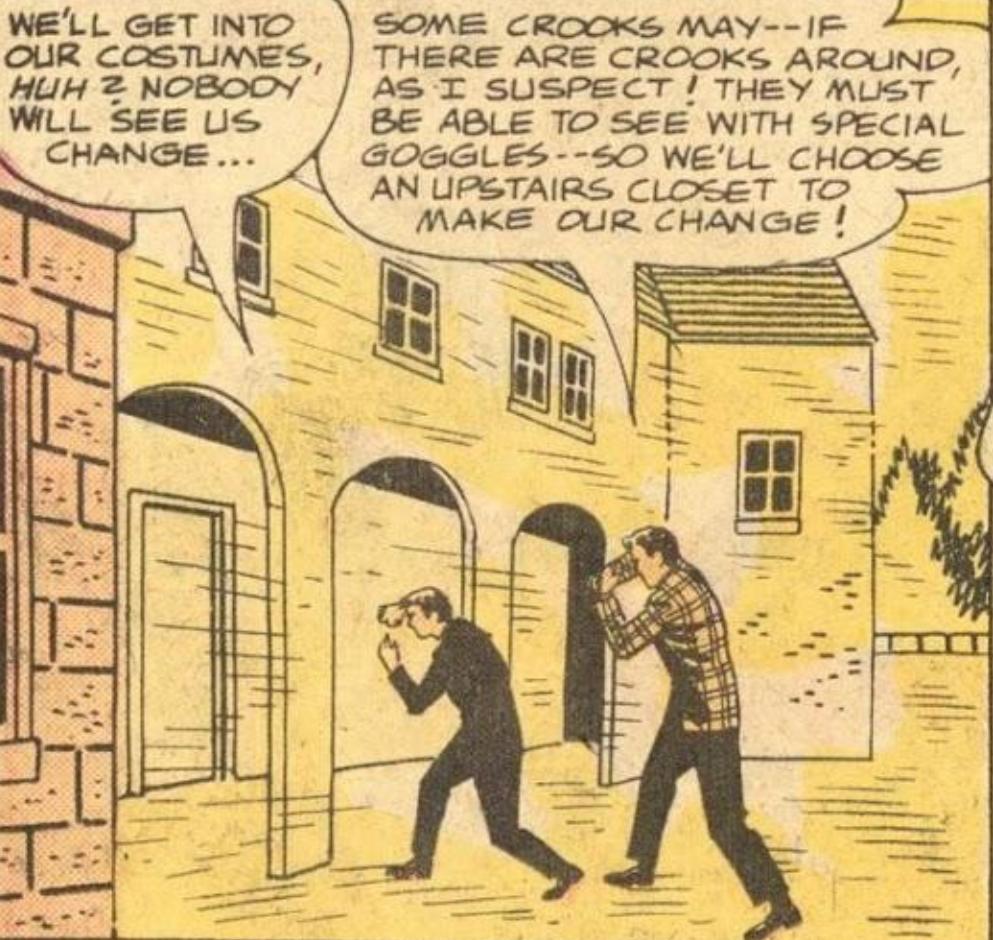
I HEAR SOUNDS OF SCUFFLING, BRUCE-- AS IF MEN WERE FIGHTING SOMEWHERE NEAR HERE!

SO DO I! I HAVE THE FEELING--THE INTENSE LIGHT THAT'S COMING FROM THAT "LIGHT HOUSE" IS SHINING THAT WAY SO SOMEBODY CAN ROB THIS DISPLAY BLIND!!



WE'LL GET INTO OUR COSTUMES, HUH? NOBODY WILL SEE US CHANGE...

SOME CROOKS MAY--IF THERE ARE CROOKS AROUND, AS I SUSPECT! THEY MUST BE ABLE TO SEE WITH SPECIAL GOGGLES--SO WE'LL CHOOSE AN UPSTAIRS CLOSET TO MAKE OUR CHANGE!



WHEN THE CHANGE-OVER IS MADE...

BATMAN--WE STILL CAN'T EXACTLY! SO SEE! THE LIGHT IS TOO BLINDING! IT'S EVERYWHERE, LIKE THE GLARE OF SUN-LIGHT ON ICE OR SNOW!

WE MAKE SNOW GOGGLES!



SOON... WITH THESE SUNGLASSES FROM THE CONTACT LENS COMPARTMENT OF OUR **UTILITY BELTS**-- AND A CAN OF BLACK SHOE POLISH--WE CAN MAKE PERFECT SNOW GOGGLES!

USING THE DESIGN THAT'S SCIENTIFI- CALLY SLOTTED TO PERMIT FULL VISION, YET KEEP OUT GLARE!

APPLYING THE SHOE POLISH, THE **DYNAMIC DUO** DON THEIR GLARE GOGGLES...

IT'S WORKING! MY EYESIGHT'S COMING BACK...

THIS GOGGLE DESIGN HAS BEEN WORKED OUT BY OPTICAL EXPERTS!

THERE THEY ARE--STEALING THE ORIGINAL MODIGLIANI'S MY FATHER BOUGHT IN PARIS!

BRUCE WAYNE LOANED THEM TO THE DISPLAY-- BUT NOT TO BE STOLEN!



BATMAN'S FIRST MOVE--TO SLAM A DIVAN ACROSS THE ROOM...

THAT OUGHT TO UPSET THEM AND THEIR CROOKED PLANS!

WE'D BETTER WHIP OUT OUR GUNS--!



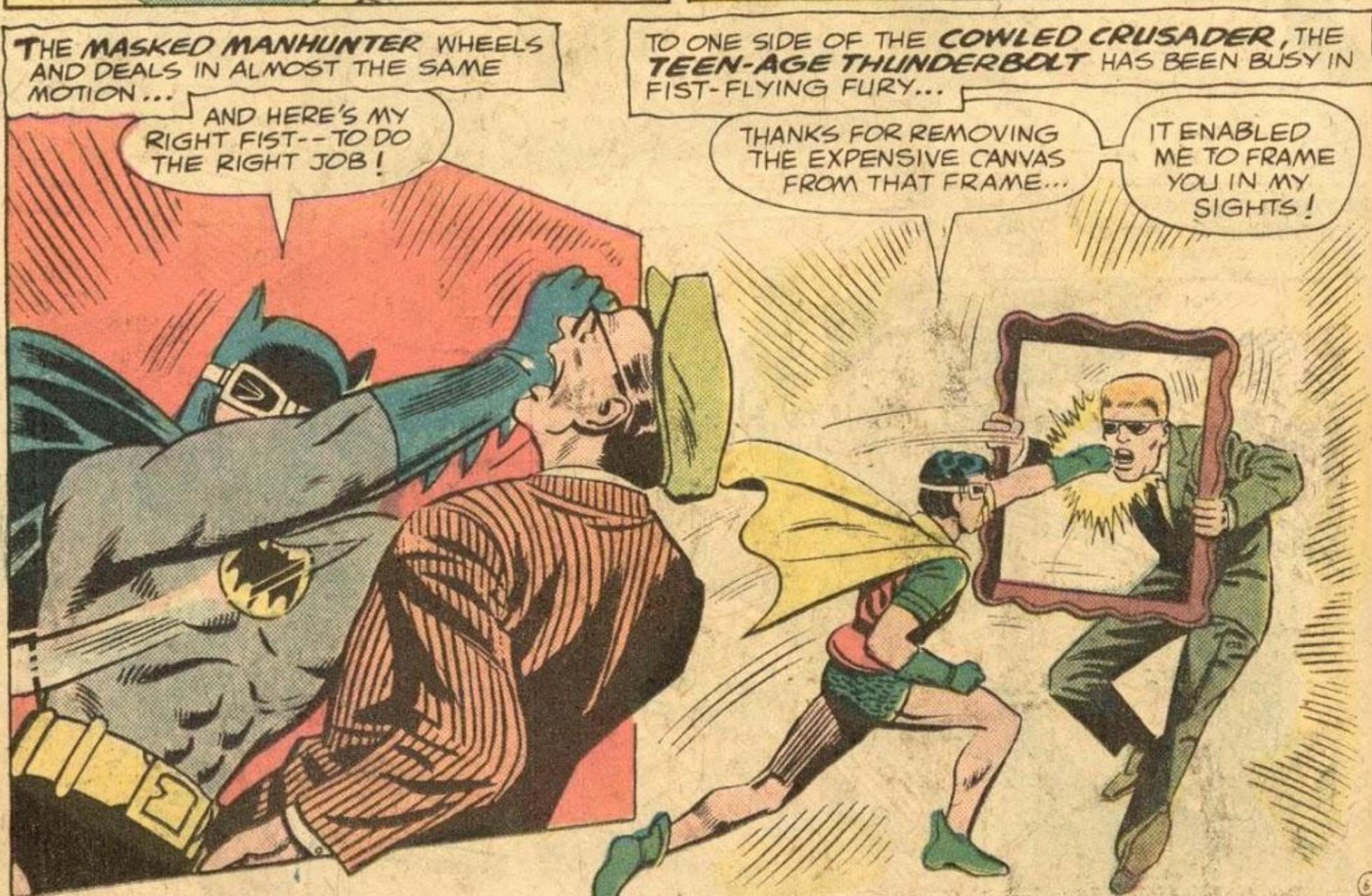
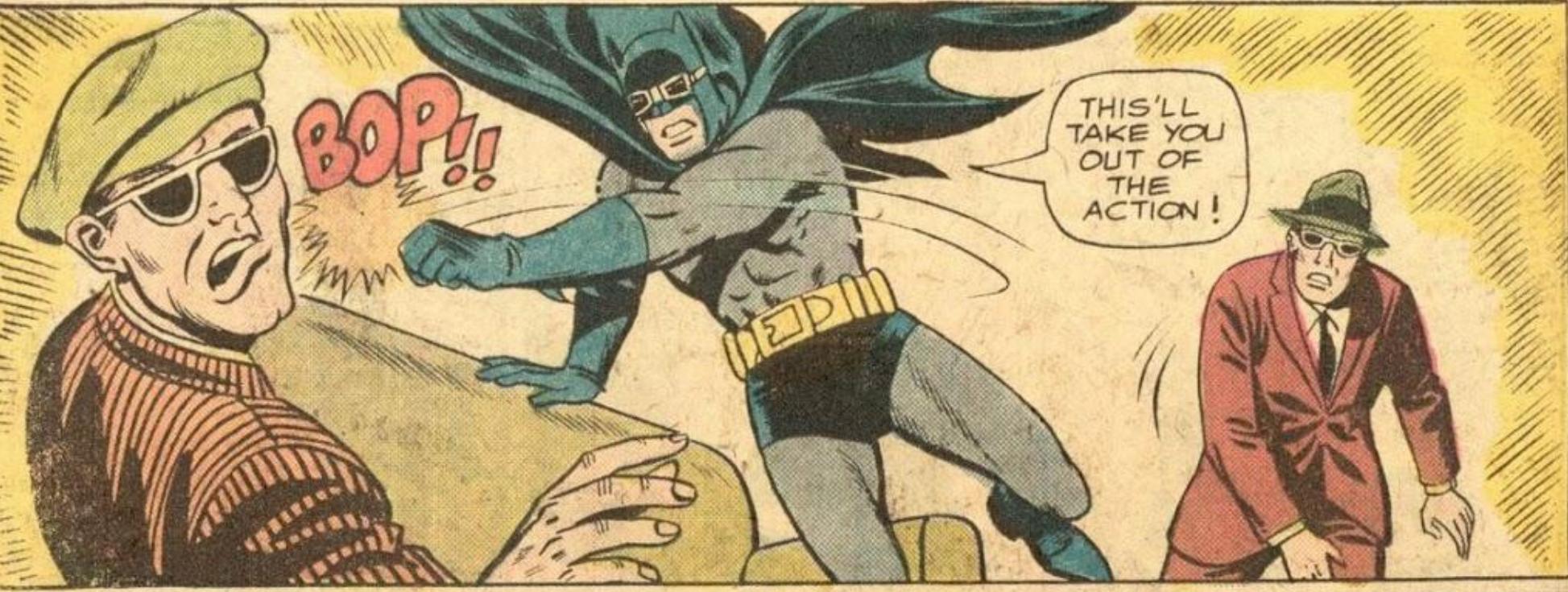
BATMAN'S NEXT MOVE--TO LEAPFROG OVER THE DIVAN AND...

NO SHOOTING, BOYS! BULLETS ARE OFF LIMITS!



**BOP!!**

THIS'LL  
TAKE YOU  
OUT OF  
THE  
ACTION!

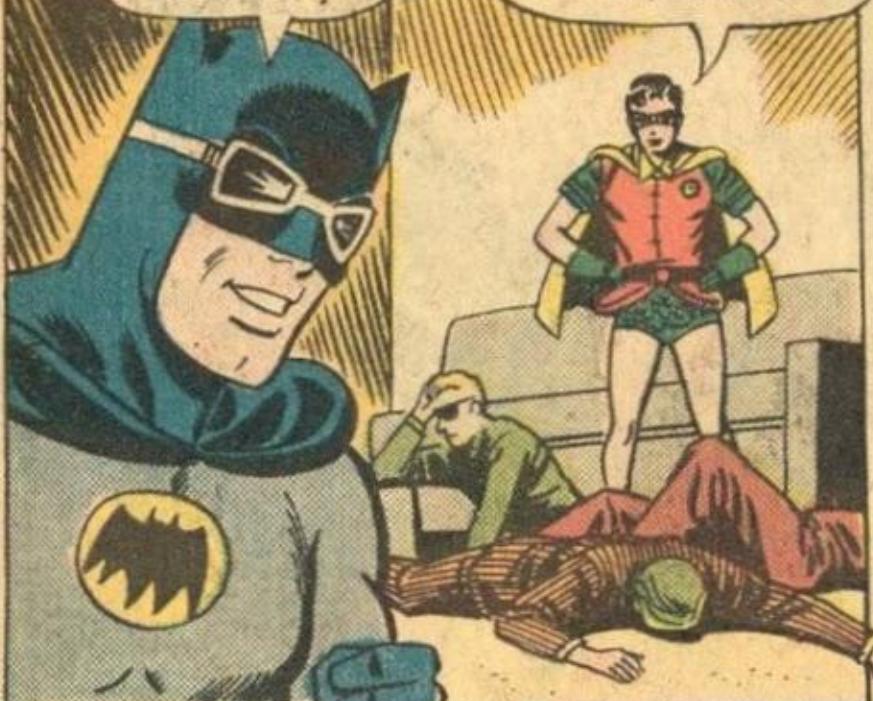


WHAT A PERFECT  
PORTRAIT--FOR  
THE ROGUES'  
GALLERY!



WATCH OVER OUR CAPTIVES,  
**ROBIN**! I'M HEADING FOR  
THAT LIGHT-HOUSE TO  
SHUT OFF THAT BLINDING  
GLARE!

THEY WON'T  
MOVE--TILL  
THE POLICE  
CART THEM  
AWAY, **BATMAN**!



MOMENTS LATER, IN THE HOUSE OF THE FUTURE ...

THERE'S NO WAY TO PUT OUT THE  
WALL-LIGHTING--EXCEPT BY SMASHING  
ITS POWER SOURCE--THIS MACHINE!



WHEN EYESIGHT RETURNS TO NORMAL  
AND THE FAIR GUARDS APPEAR...

THERE WERE BANDS  
OF ROBBERS ALL  
OVER THE FAIR!  
YOU AND **ROBIN**  
CAPTURED ONE OF  
THEM--BUT THE  
OTHERS GOT AWAY  
WITH SOME  
VALUABLE  
ART TREASURES!

I'M MORE CON-  
VINCED THAN  
EVER THERE'S  
SOME CRIMINAL  
MASTERMIND  
BEHIND THESE  
ROBBERIES--  
BUT WHAT'S HIS  
UNIQUE PATTERN?

IT CAN'T BE THE  
**JOKER**--I HEARD  
NO EERIE LAUGHTER!  
THE **RIDDLER**?  
THERE WERE NO  
RIDDLES TO SOLVE!  
THE **SCARECROW**--  
**Poison Ivy**?

MAYBE OUR  
PRISONERS  
CAN TELL  
ME!

THE CAPTURED MEN ARE NO HELP...

I'M GOING TO ASK YOU  
SOME QUESTIONS--  
BUT UNDER THE LAW I  
MUST ADVISE YOU OF  
YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL  
RIGHTS! YOU ARE  
ENTITLED TO A  
LAWYER, YOU  
NEED NOT  
ANSWER...

HOLD IT,  
**BATMAN**!  
WE KNOW  
OUR  
RIGHTS--  
AND WE  
AIN'T  
TALKIN'!



NEXT NIGHT,  
AS THE  
BAT-MOBILE  
PROWLS  
THE  
CITY  
STREETS...

TWO SPECTACULAR CRIMES--IN TWO SUCCESSIVE EVENINGS! THERE MUST BE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ROBBERY AT THE GOTHAM SQUARE GARDEN AND AT THE ARCHITECTURAL FAIR--BUT I CAN'T PUT MY FINGER ON IT!

WE HAVE ONE THING GOING FOR US! IF THERE ARE TO BE SEVEN OF THESE CRIMES--WE HAVE FIVE MORE CHANCES TO STOP THEM!

UPWARD FROM THE CITY SKYLINE AHEAD RISES A FORMLESS--SHAPELESS--SOMETHING ...

BATMAN--  
WHAT'S  
THAT?

IT'S  
GROWING--  
GETTING  
BIGGER--  
BIGGER...

TALLER AND TALLER THE EERIE SHAPE TOWERS--UNTIL ...

A GIGANTIC  
PLASTIC BAG--  
IN THE SHAPE  
OF BATMAN--  
INFLATED BY  
A GAS--  
STRADDLING  
THE HARBOR...

NEXT  
INSTANT...  
THE  
ELECTRIC  
LIGHTS  
BLINK  
OUT...

THERE'S NO LIGHT ANYWHERE,  
ROBIN--EXCEPT OUR HEADLIGHTS!

IT'S JUST LIKE THE POWER FAILURE  
THAT HIT GOTHAM CITY A COUPLE  
OF YEARS AGO!

IT'S MORE THAN A POWER  
FAILURE! LOOK WHAT'S  
UP AHEAD!

A GIGANTIC ROBBERY! THOSE  
MEN ARE CLEANING OUT THE  
MINT!

THEY'RE WEARING SPECIAL GOGGLES  
THAT ENABLE THEM TO SEE IN THIS  
PITCH-DARKNESS!

STEEL YOUR-  
SELF, ROBIN--  
HERE COMES  
LEAD-  
LIGHTNING!

THEY SHOT OUT OUR HEADLIGHTS !

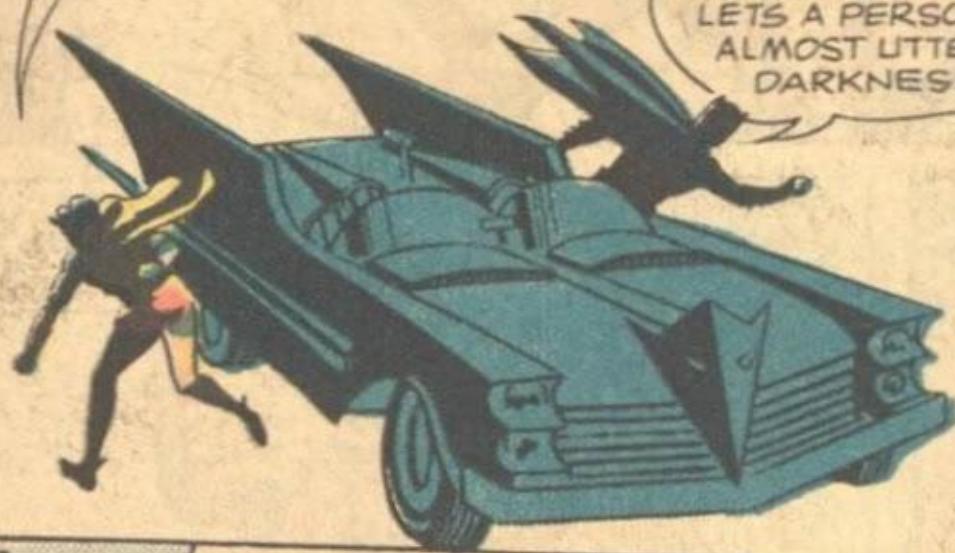
N-NOW WE'RE BLIND AS--  
BATS !



IF THOSE GOGGLES LET THEM SEE IN THIS DARKNESS-- WHAT'S THEIR POWER SOURCE ?

ONE OF OUR UTILITY BELTS' COMPARTMENTS IS FILLED WITH AN ASSORTMENT OF CONTACT LENSES --

START WITH THE MOST LIKELY ONE-- INFRA-RED-- THAT LETS A PERSON SEE IN ALMOST UTTER DARKNESS !



OUTWARD FLASHES A BAT-ROPE, FORWARD ZIPS A BAT-ARANG...

IF THOSE CROOKS THINK THEY CAN SKIP OFF-- IT'LL BE TO THE TUNE OF A BAT-ROPE !

I'LL GET THEM STARTED-- WITH A BATARANG BEAT !

TO AVOID THE WHIZZING BATARANG, THE TRIO OF THIEVES LEAPS HIGH...

HEY ! HOW CAN WE SHOOT 'EM IF WE KEEP MOVING LIKE THIS ?

WE HAFTA MOVE-- OR WE'LL GET HIT BY THE BATARANG--

--OR THE BAT-ROPE !



AS THOSE SPECIAL LENSES ARE SLIPPED INTO PLACE... UNDER THEIR MASKS...

JACKPOT ON OUR FIRST TRY ! THAT MAMMOTH BATMAN IS BLAZING LIKE THE SUN !

IT'S EMITTING INFRA-RED RAYS ! THERE'S YOUR POWER SOURCE--CLEARING UP HOW THOSE CROOKS CAN SEE SO WELL IN THE DARK !



AS BATMAN STARTS SWINGING THE  
BAT-ROPE, THE CROOKS KEEP  
JUMPING...

FIRST ONE  
THAT MISSES -- GETS MY  
FIST AS A PRIZE...

EEEYAH-- GOT MY  
FEET TANGLED  
UP!

AND HERE'S  
THE WINNER!

AND HERE'S WHERE  
ROBIN ENDS UP  
AS A DEAD  
LOSER!

THE MASKED MANHUNTER LEAPS LIKE AN  
ANGRY CAT AND...

PARDON MY  
SHOVE, ROBIN--  
BUT I HAD TO GET THAT  
GUNMAN TO FIRE AT  
EMPTY AIR!

TWISTING IN MID-AIR, THE STEEL-THEWED  
LEGS OF THE CAPED CRUSADER LOCK IN  
A BREATH-SQUEEZING SCISSORS GRIP...



AND  
WHATEVER  
GOES  
UP--

--MUST  
GO DOWN!



WELL, WE  
CAUGHT  
THREE  
MORE OF  
'EM, ANYHOW!

YES--BUT I'VE A FEELING THERE  
WERE OTHERS WHO GOT AWAY  
WITH OTHER LOOT!

AND STILL NO PATTERN  
TO THESE SPECTACULAR  
CRIMES THAT I CAN SEE!



LATER, IN THE BATCAVE, AFTER THE BALLOON--  
BATMAN HAS BEEN DEFLATED--AND THE LIGHTS  
GO ON AGAIN IN GOTHAM CITY...

THREE CRIMES SHOULD BE ENOUGH  
TO ADD UP TO SOME SORT OF  
COMMON DENOMINATOR...

LET'S SUM  
UP WHAT WE  
KNOW SO  
FAR...



GOTHAM GARDEN + HANGING  
FATHER KNICKERBOCKER

✓ ARCHITECTURAL FAIR + A  
LIGHT-WEIGHT HOUSE

✓ A COLOSSAL BATMAN  
THAT GLOWS.

ROBIN--THAT "COLOSSAL  
BATMAN" RINGS A BELL!

IT STRADDLED GOTHAM  
HARBOR--JUST LIKE THE  
COLOSSUS OF RHODES!



AND THE COLOSSUS  
OF RHODES WAS ONE  
OF THE SEVEN WONDERS  
OF THE ANCIENT WORLD!

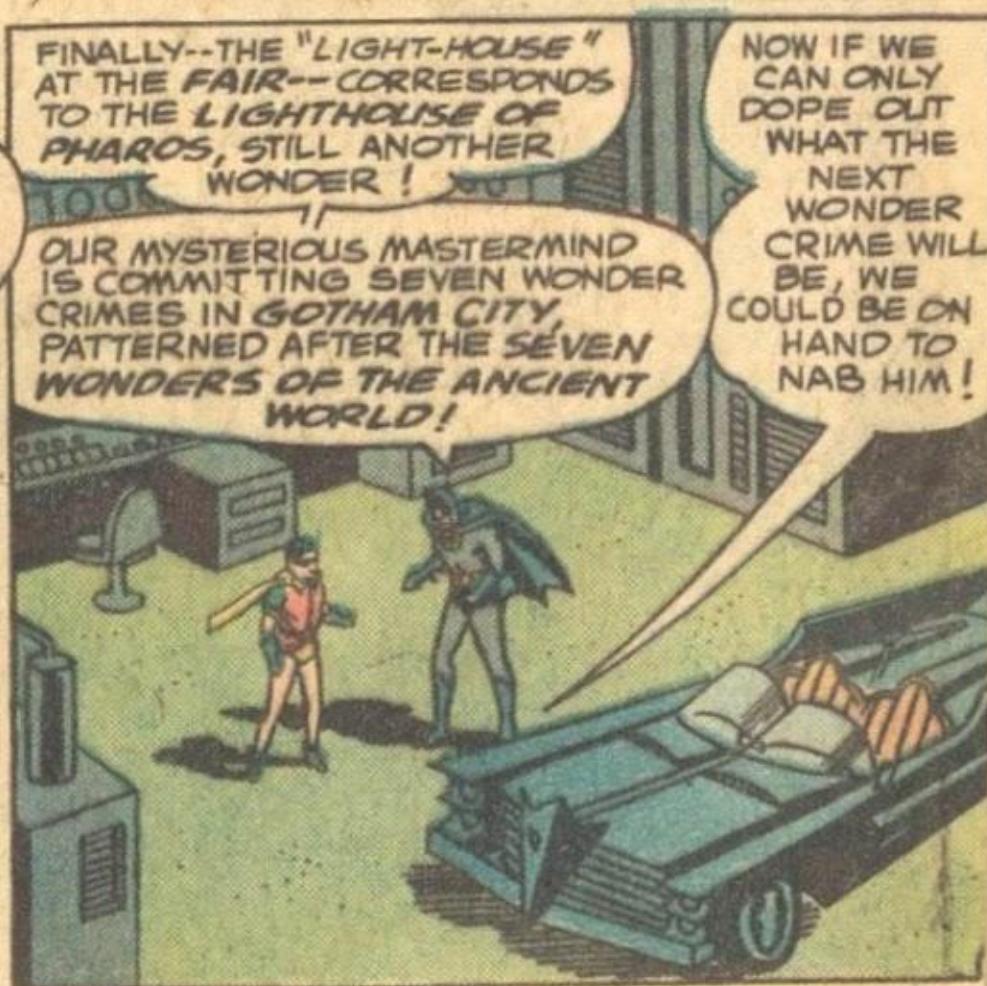
THAT TIES IN WITH THAT  
FIGURE SEVEN ON THE  
BACK OF FATHER  
KNICKERBOCKER!

IT'S CLEARING UP  
NOW! THE HANG-  
ING FIGURE AT  
THE GARDEN--  
EQUALS THE HANG-  
ING GARDENS OF  
BABYLON, ANOTHER  
ANCIENT WONDER!

FINALLY--THE "LIGHT-HOUSE"  
AT THE FAIR--CORRESPONDS  
TO THE LIGHTHOUSE OF  
PHAROS, STILL ANOTHER  
WONDER!

OUR MYSTERIOUS MASTERMIND  
IS COMMITTING SEVEN WONDER  
CRIMES IN GOTHAM CITY,  
PATTERED AFTER THE SEVEN  
WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT  
WORLD!

NOW IF WE  
CAN ONLY  
DOPE OUT  
WHAT THE  
NEXT  
WONDER  
CRIME WILL  
BE, WE  
COULD BE ON  
HAND TO  
NAB HIM!



I REMEMBER READING THAT THE WORLD'S BIGGEST DIAMOND -- THE JUGGERNAUT -- WILL BE ON DISPLAY TOMORROW AT THE JEWELRY TEMPLE OF ARTEMIS...

ARTEMIS -- THE GREEK WORD FOR THE ROMAN GODDESS DIANA --

AND THE TEMPLE OF DIANA WAS ANOTHER OF THE ANCIENT WONDERS ! ROBIN -- WE'RE IN BUSINESS !

THE FOLLOWING EVENING, IN AN INNER OFFICE OF THE JEWELRY TEMPLE OF ARTEMIS...

I'M GETTING FIDGETY ! OUR CLOSED TV SET-UP ENABLES US TO WATCH THE JUGGERNAUT DIAMOND IN THE MAIN SALON -- BUT NOTHING SPECTACULAR IS HAP--

HOLD IT, ROBIN. THE DIAMOND'S "TALKING" !

NO ONE MOVE ! EVERYBODY -- STAY MOTIONLESS...



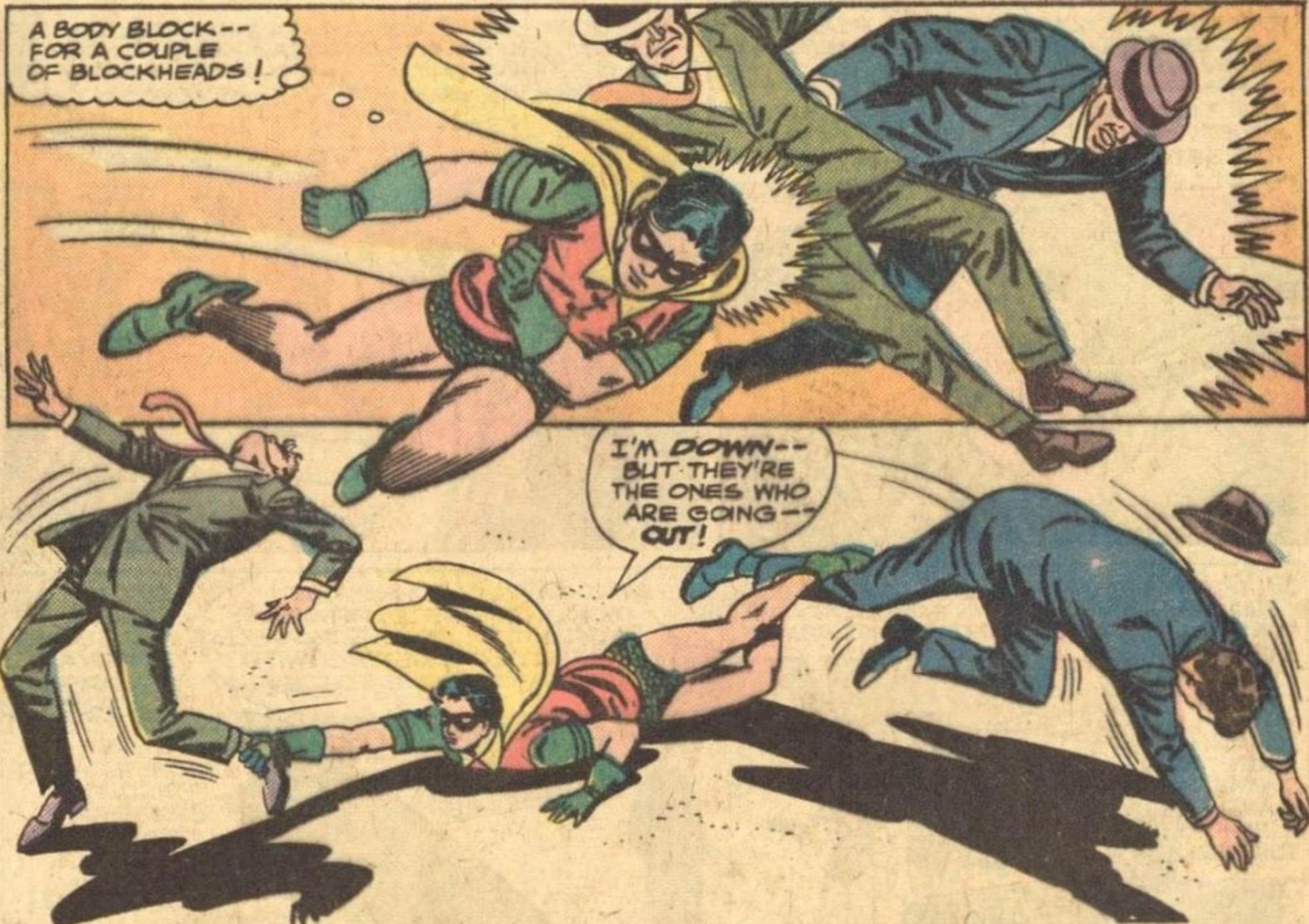
AS I DASHED IN HERE, I KEPT MY EYES PEELED FOR SOMEONE IN THE CROWD WHO'D TURN TO LOOK AT ME -- WHICH THIS ONE DID !

HE'S THE MASTERMIND WEARING EAR-PLUGS -- AND USING VENTRILOQUISM TO MAKE IT SEEM THE DIAMOND SPOKE !

SIX CROOKS HERE -- TO HELP THEMSELVES TO ALL THIS LOOT !



A BODY BLOCK--  
FOR A COUPLE  
OF BLOCKHEADS!



TOO BAD I'M WEARING EAR-PLUGS!  
THOSE CROOKS' CRASHING SOUNDS  
WOULD MAKE SWEET MUSIC TO  
MY EARS!



LET US NOW PAN OVER TO BATMAN, WHO, HAVING  
KAYOED TWO MORE OF THE GANG...

NABBED THE LAST  
TWO FROM BEHIND--



WHEN THESE  
TWO END UP  
IN JAIL,  
THEY'LL BE  
SOREHEADS--  
PHYSICALLY  
AS WELL  
AS MENTALLY!

KRACK!



AND WHEN THE SONIC PARALYSIS BEAM IS SHUT OFF, AND THE EAR-PLUGS REMOVED FROM THE MASTERMIND THIEF...

YOUR SEVEN WONDER CRIMES OF GOTHAM CITY CAPE HAS BEEN CANCELED...

ONLY FOR AWHILE, BATMAN!

SOMEDAY--AND SOONER THAN YOU EXPECT--I'LL BE OUT OF PRISON AND MAKING HISTORY AS THE THIEF WHO COMMITTED THE **SEVEN WONDER CRIMES OF THE MODERN WORLD!**



IN THE BAT-CAVE, AFTER THE LOOT HAS BEEN RE-COVERED AND RE-TURNED...

WHAT AN EGOTIST! IMAGINE BOASTING HE'LL GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS THE GREATEST THIEF OF ALL TIME!

IF I MAY SAY SO, MASTER DICK, THAT'S AS IMPOSSIBLE A SITUATION AS AN IMMovable OBJECT CO-EXISTING WITH AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE!

SINCE HISTORY WILL RECORD BATMAN AND ROBIN AS THE GREATEST OF ALL CRIMINAL-CATCHERS--THAT BANDIT-BRAGGART WILL NEVER ACHIEVE HIS OBJECTIVE!



THE END

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## COMING IN THE NEXT

# BATMAN

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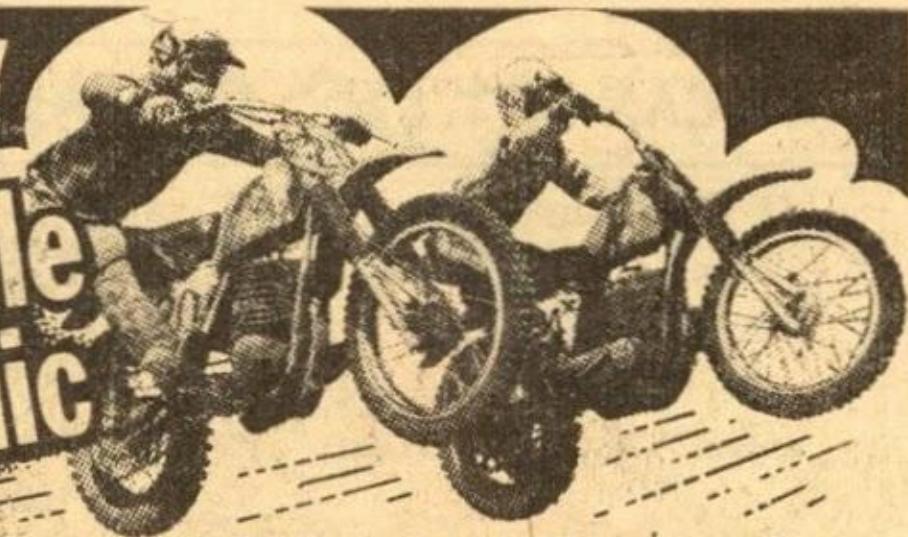
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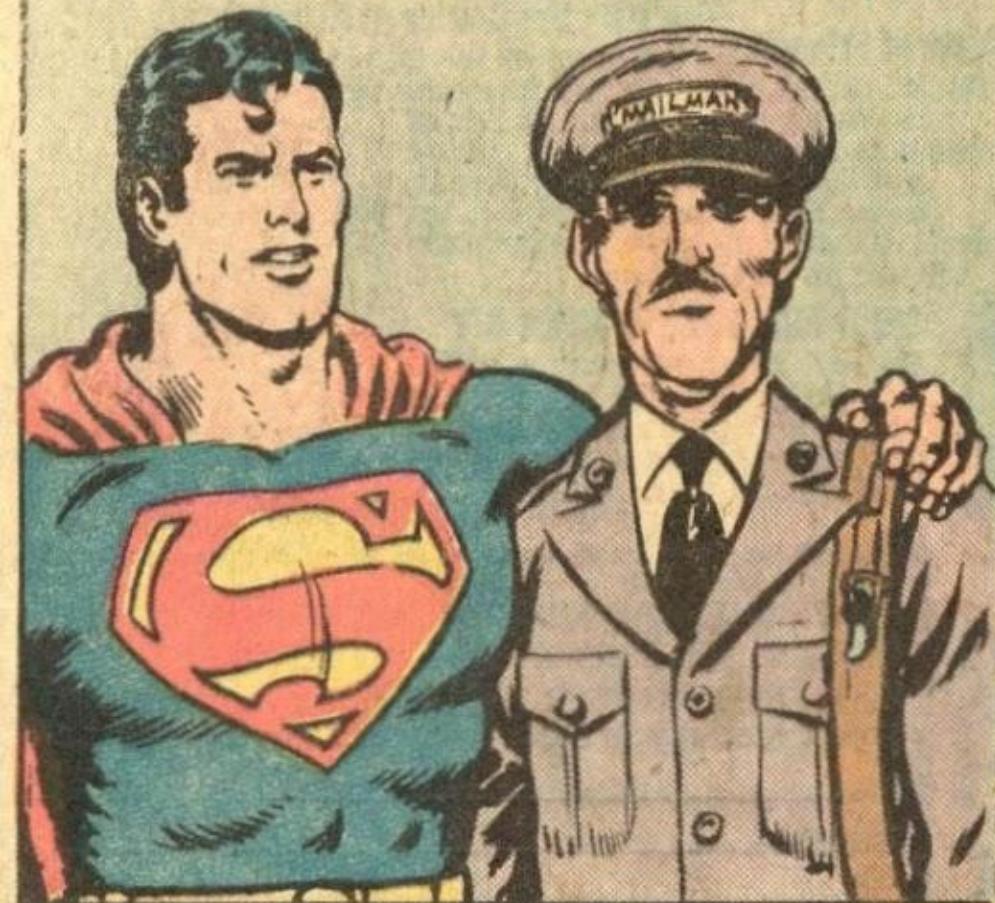
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HE SURE DID, ROBIN! HE STOLE TWENTY TONS OF LIVING LOOT... A FULL-GROWN WHALE!

# BATMAN ROBIN

-THE BOY WONDER-

BOB  
FANE

A CROOK FOR THE BOOKS IS THE CUNNING CAVALIER, THAT SWASHBUCKLING SWORDSMAN OF CRIME! FOR IN A SINGLE BOLD LEAP, HE SPRINGS FROM THE GARNERING OF MINIATURE BOOTY—TRINKETS AND GADGETS AND ODD BRIC-A-BRAC--TO THE MOST COLOSSAL LOOT IN THE WORLD! BUT THERE'S NO ELUDING THE MIGHTY BATMAN AND ROBIN, AS THEY TAKE TO THE TRAIL OF THE ROMANTIC ROGUE, IN HIS LATEST PUZZLE OF THE... "TWENTY-TON ROBBERY!"



# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



UNMASKED BY THE BATMAN AND ROBIN AS MORTIMER DRAKE, A PLAYBOY IN BRUCE WAYNE'S OWN SOCIAL SET, THE DASHING CAVALIER LURKS IN A SHABBY SECTION OF GOTHAM CITY...

LUCIFER TAKE THAT MEDDLESOME PAIR! THEY HAVE FOUND THE CAVALIER OUT AS MORTIMER DRAKE; I CAN NO LONGER APPEAR IN MY OWN IDENTITY!



BUT THAT'S EASILY FIXED! WITH MODERN MAKEUP, I CAN CHANGE MY APPEARANCE AS OFTEN AND COMPLETELY AS I WANT! AND AS FOR A NAME—ALBERT FOSTER WILL DO AS WELL AS ANY!



HA, HA! BATMAN OR NO BATMAN, THE CAVALIER WILL CONTINUE HIS CRIMINAL CAREER... AND MORE SPECTACULARLY THAN EVER!



SOON, IN A FAVORITE UNDERWORLD AMUSEMENT CENTER...

SO YOU'RE THE CAVALIER AND YOU WANT US TO THROW IN WITH YOU, HUH? WHAT D'YOU TAKE US FOR—CHUMPS? HOW DO WE KNOW YOU'RE THE CAVALIER?

A SIMPLE MATTER TO PROVE...



ZUT! SO!

YIPE!

DIDYA SEE THAT? ONLY THE CAVALIER COULDA USED A STICK THAT WAY!



GOLLY, NOW WE KNOW WHAT THE CAVALIER REALLY LOOKS LIKE!

WE'LL WORK WITH YOU, CAVALIER, BUT NOT FOR THEM LITTLE TRINKETS YOU USED TO GO AFTER!

TWO POINTS—FIRST, YOU STILL DO NOT KNOW WHAT I LOOK LIKE, FOR I HAVE MANY IDENTITIES! SECOND, YOU PROVIDE THE BRAIN AND I THE WIT, AND WE SHALL HAVE MORE COIN OF THE REALM THAN YOU EVER DEEMED POSSIBLE!



# TWENTY-TON ROBBERY



NEXT NIGHT, A SOCIALITE MASQUERADE BALL IS IN PROGRESS... AND AMONG THE GUESTS ARE PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON..

WE CAN'T SEEM TO GET AWAY FROM THE CAVALIER, BRUCE! THE PLACE IS FULL OF 'EM!

THAT'S NOT UNUSUAL AT A COSTUME PARTY, DICK!



SUDDENLY...

ATTENTION, ONE AND ALL! AS YOU CAN INSTANTLY SEE, I AM THE CAVALIER, COME TO ROB YOU! MY MEN WILL PASS AMONG YOU AND DIVEST YOU OF YOUR VALUABLES!



BUT THE NEXT INSTANT...

SAY, MAYBE THIS ISN'T A JOKE! HE DOES LOOK LIKE THE CAVALIER!

ANYBODY IN THAT OUTFIT WOULD— THOSE OTHER CAVALIERS, FOR INSTANCE?



HAND OVER YOUR DOUGH AND JEWELRY, FOLKS!

AND DON'T ARGUE, OR YOU'LL GO OUT ON A STRETCHER!



UNOBTRUSIVELY, TWO FIGURES SLIP OUT OF THE PANIC-FILLED ROOM... AND RETURN AS BATMAN AND ROBIN!

DON'T LET US INTERRUPT YOUR LITTLE GAME... IF YOU CAN HELP IT!



DID I SAY TOUCH? WELL, IT'S AUTHENTIC, ANYHOW!



# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR

OH-OH!

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, BATMAN! WE'RE GONNA SEE HOW YOU LOOK ON A SWORD? GET THE POINT?



NOW LET'S SEE — HMM, I COULD'VE SWORN I HAD MY EYE ON THE ORIGINAL CAVALIER! BUT I GUESS I DIDN'T!

TAKE THAT, BRAT!

UGH!

MORE TROUBLE! THEY'VE KNOCKED OUT ROBIN AND ARE TAKING HIM AWAY! GOT TO STOP THEM!

HE DOESN'T REALIZE I'M THE REAL CAVALIER!

OUTSIDE, HOWEVER...

GEE WHIZ, THAT GUY WAS RIGHT: THE BATMAN IN PERSON!

AUTOGRAPH

THERE HE IS!

WE WERE TOLD YOU'D GIVE US YOUR AUTOGRAPH IF WE WAITED HERE FOR YOU, BATMAN!

WILL YOU.  
HUH.  
BATMAN?  
WILL  
YOU?

VERY CLEVER, BRINGING THESE KIDS HERE TO DELAY ME IF I SHOWED UP! NOW, HOW AM I GOING TO GET PAST THEM IN A HURRY WITHOUT HURTING ANY OF THEM?



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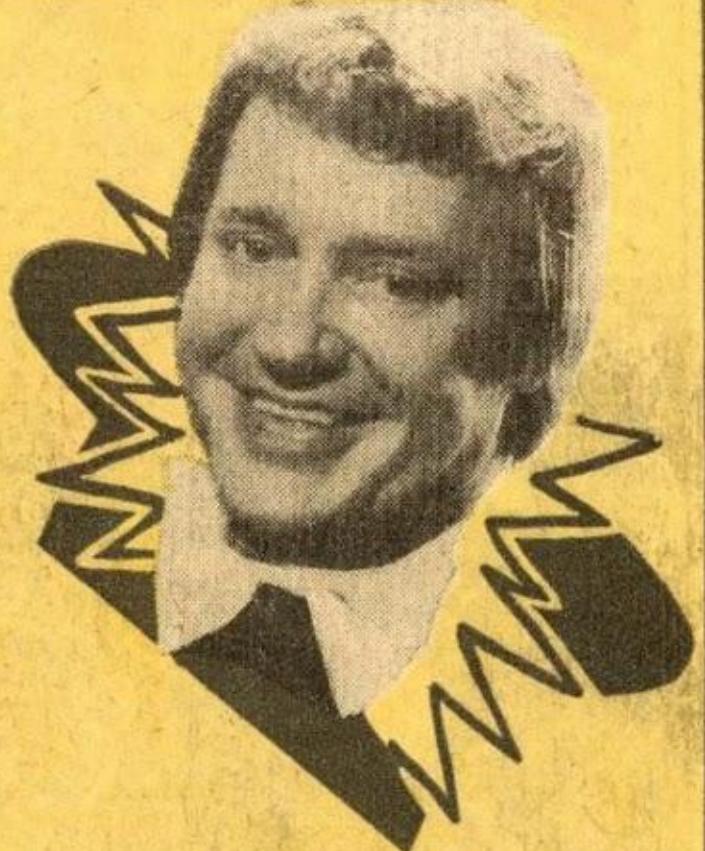
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# TWENTY-TON ROBBERY



LEAVE YOUR BOOKS  
AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS  
AND I'LL AUTOGRAPH  
THEM WHEN I HAVE  
MORE TIME!

OKAY,  
BUT  
DON'T  
FORGET,  
**BATMAN**—  
WE WANT  
**ROBIN'S**,  
TOO!

BUT WHEN THE CAPED CRIME-CRUSHER  
GAINS THE SIDEWALK...

GONE!  
THE  
CAVALIER'S  
TRICK  
WORKED!

MEANWHILE, **ROBIN** HAS REVIVED...  
TO FIND HIMSELF PRISONER IN A  
SLEEK CAR SPEEDING THROUGH  
THE CITY'S STREETS!

YOU'RE A SMART ONE,  
ALL RIGHT, CAVALIER:  
TELLING THEM KIDS  
**BATMAN** MIGHT SHOW  
UP, SO THEY'D HOLD  
HIM BACK!

AND THE  
SATISFYING  
PART IS  
THAT IT  
COST  
NOTHING!

LEFT TURN  
AT THE  
CIRCLE...  
TWO BLOCKS  
EAST...

PRESENTLY, AT THE GANG'S  
HIDEOUT:

WHADDAYA  
SAY, BOSS.  
LET'S FEED  
HIM TO THE  
WHALE!

NO! I'VE GOT  
A MUCH BETTER  
IDEA!

BEING  
LOCKED IN  
THIS ROOM  
WILL GIVE ME  
THE CHANCE  
I'VE BEEN  
WAITING  
FOR!

... AND THEY'VE  
GOT ME IN A  
BROWNSTONE  
ON SMITH  
ROAD!

I'LL  
BE  
RIGHT  
OVER!

UNKNOWN TO THE BOY WONDER, HOWEVER,  
HE HAS A MIGHTY INTERESTED AUDIENCE:

LOOKIT THAT! HE'S  
CALLING THE **BATMAN**  
ON THAT WIRELESS SET  
OF HIS! AIN'T YOU  
GONNA STOP HIM,  
CAVALIER?

NOT AT ALL! HE'S  
DOING PRECISELY  
WHAT I HAD HOPED  
HE WOULD DO:  
HAVE THE MEN DO  
AS I OUTLINED  
BEFORE!

UH-UH! I  
DON'T LIKE  
THAT! SOUNDS  
AS IF THEY'RE  
BUILDING A  
SCAFFOLD!

**BANG!**  
**BANG!**  
**CLANG!**

# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR

MINUTES LATER, ROBIN IS HAULED FROM HIS MAKESHIFT CELL...

PARBLEU! THIS WILL BE THE END OF A PAIR OF INFERNAL NUISANCES! BEHIND THIS WALL, MY DEAR ROBIN, TWO CROSSBOWS STRAIN! IF YOU PULL AT YOUR SHACKLES, ONE STEEL ARROW WILL BE RELEASED, KILLING YOU INSTANTLY!

BOY,  
AIN'T  
THIS  
GREAT?

IF YOU STILL LIVE WHEN BATMAN RUNS RECKLESSLY THROUGH THIS PHOTO-ELECTRIC BEAM I'VE JUST SET, THE TWO OF YOU WILL DIE TOGETHER! FOR THEN, ONE ARROW WILL WING TOWARD YOU... AND THE OTHER TOWARD YOUR DOOMED COHORT! FAREWELL FOREVER!

HOLY SMOKE! HOW AM I GOING TO GET US OUT OF THIS? I'VE GOT TO THINK FAST!

BUT IN A MATTER OF MOMENTS, THE MANTLED MANHUNTER ARRIVES... AT A RECKLESS RUN, AS THE CAVALIER PREDICTED!

HOLD ON, ROBIN! I'LL HAVE YOU FREE IN A SECOND!

M-M-M-F-F-F!

HE CAN'T HEAR ME- AND HOW AM I GOING TO WARN HIM? WAIT! THESE SHACKLES WERE JUST DRIVEN INTO THE WALL! MAYBE THIS'LL WORK...

ELECTRIC-SWIFT, THE BOY WONDER ACTS...

IT'S DOING THE TRICK! ALL I HAD TO DO WAS DIP MY FINGER IN THE LOOSE PLASTER DUST OF THE HOLE WHERE THE SHACKLE WAS DRIVEN... AND THEN WRITE ON THE WALL:

WHAT-? OHO, THE CAVALIER WAS UP TO HIS USUAL GAME AGAIN! GOOD OLD ROBIN, FIGURING A WAY TO WARN ME IN TIME!

Careful!  
Trap!

NOW WHAT- WHAT'S THAT? LOOKS LIKE AN ELECTRIC EYE!

A PHOTO-ELECTRIC BEAM, EH? WELL, THIS FLASHLIGHT FROM MY UTILITY BELT WILL KEEP THE CIRCUIT FROM BEING BROKEN WHILE I WALK AROUND IT AND THROUGH THE REAL BEAM! THEN WHATEVER WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN- CAN'T!

# TWENTY-TON ROBBERY

As steel-tipped death lurks in wait, the BATMAN works swiftly and surely...

SPRINGS ON ROBIN'S MANACLES... I'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL...

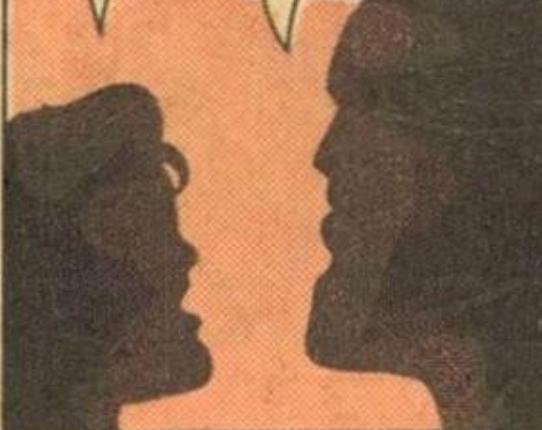
*Catch Trap!*



AND A MOMENT LATER...

SO INSTEAD OF FEEDING ME TO A WHALE, AS ONE OF THE GANGSTERS SUGGESTED, THE CAVALIER THOUGHT UP THIS NEAT LITTLE TRICK OF THE WEEK:

FEED YOU TO A WHALE? I WONDER...



THEY MUST INTEND TO ROB THE CITY WHALING MUSEUM, WHERE THE FIRST WHALE EVER CAPTURED ALIVE IS BEING EXHIBITED AT FIFTY CENTS THAT A HEAD TO TREMENDOUS CROWDS. THAT DOESN'T SOUND MUCH LIKE

THE CAVALIER! HE MUST HAVE ANOTHER ANGLE!



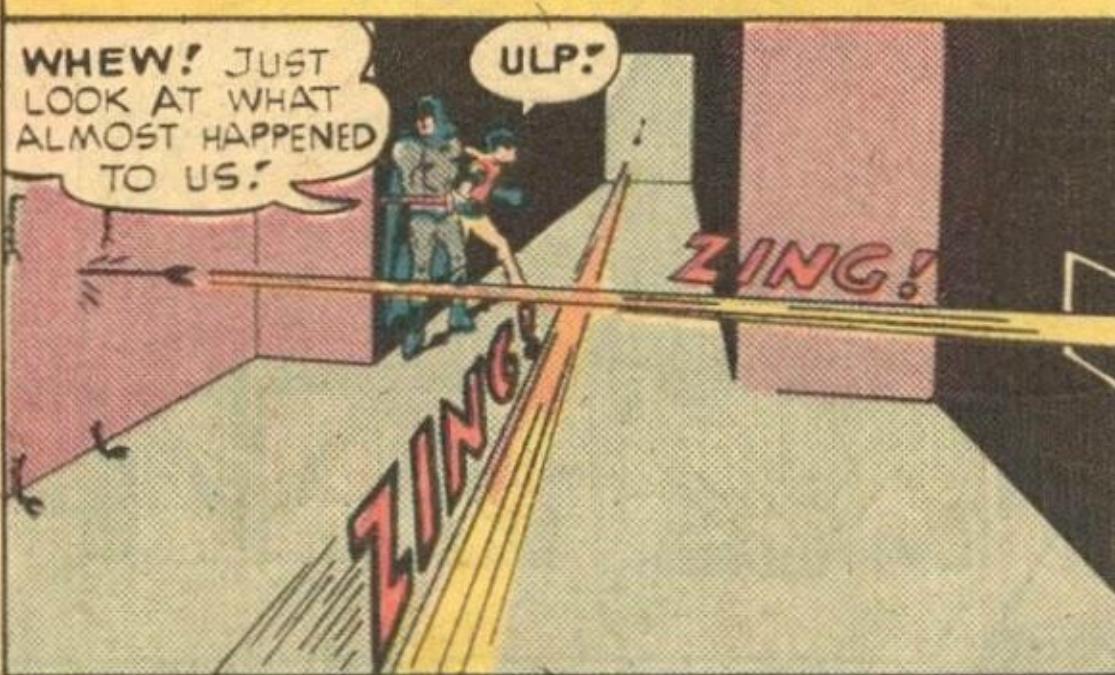
BEFORE LEAVING, BATMAN DELIBERATELY BREAKS THE PHOTO-ELECTRIC BEAM FOR A BRIEF INSTANT...

WHEW! JUST LOOK AT WHAT ALMOST HAPPENED TO US!

ULP!

ZING!

ZING!



AT THAT MOMENT, A STRANGE SIGHT IS TO BE SEEN IN THE CITY WHALING MUSEUM...

LOOK - REAL WHALING MEN, MAMA!



IMAGINE THAT - PUTTIN' HARPOONS IN A CASE AND CHARGIN' FOLKS MONEY TO LOOK AT 'EM!

HA, HA! YOU'D THINK THEY WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE HOW THEY MAKE A LIVING EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR! BUT I GUESS EVERYBODY LIKES TO TAKE A BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY!



SUDDENLY...

AIN'T THE CAVALIER A CARD - THINKIN' UP THIS WAY OF GETTIN' CLOSE TO THE GUARDS WITHOUT THEM GETTING SUSPICIOUS?

YEAH, THIS IDEA'S A BEAUT!





# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



AND THESE  
RAINCOATS—

SOU'WESTERS,  
THEY CALL 'EM?  
I'D NEVER OF  
THOUGHT OF A  
GAG LIKE  
THIS!

ZIP IT UP AND YOU GOT  
A REGULAR STRAIGHTJACKET!  
YOU GOTTA BE A GENIUS  
LIKE THE CAVALIER TO  
THINK UP THINGS  
LIKE THAT!

OKAY, FOLKS, JUST  
KEEP BACK AN'  
SAY NOTHIN'—AN'  
WE WON'T HURT  
YOU!



AS HIS  
HENCHMEN  
ALL OVER  
THE MUSEUM  
TAKE OVER,  
THE  
ROMANTIC  
ROGUE'S  
SHREWD  
BRAIN PLOTS  
SOMETHING  
STILL MORE  
STARTLING—

NAH, YOU  
CAN'T DO IT,  
CAVALIER;  
IT'S TOO BIG  
EVEN FOR  
YOU!

HOLD YOUR TONGUE,  
KNAVE! WHO ARE  
YOU TO SAY ME  
NAY? BRING IN  
THE VAN!



OUTSIDE, IN THE ALLEY, A PONDEROUS  
MOTOR THUNDERS, THEN DEAFENINGLY  
APPROACHES... AND SOON...

SHARP  
TO PORT;  
A BREATH  
MORE? NOW  
STRAIGHT  
BACK...  
OBSERVE;  
WHAT MAN  
CAN DO, THE  
CAVALIER  
CAN UNDO!

GEE  
WHILLIKINS,  
HE DONE  
IT!

WE GOTTA  
HURRY,  
BOSS!

ZOUNDS! THERE CAN  
BE NO HASTE WHEN  
BEAUTY IS TO BE  
GARNERED; AND THIS  
HORN LANTERN WILL  
BE A WONDEROUS ADDITION  
TO THE COLLECTION I AM  
ABOUT TO START!



# TWENTY-TON ROBBERY

THE TANK'S COVERED WITH A TARPAULIN, CAVALIER, AND YOU'RE ALL SET TO GO!

TRES BON! YOU AND THE OTHERS NOW MAY SACK THE TILL, AND THEN MEET US AT THE APPOINTED PLACE!

BUT SHORTLY AFTER THE ENORMOUS VEHICLE WITH ITS TITANIC LOOT RUMBLES OFF... TWIN METEORS EXPLODE INTO ACTION!

BATMAN AND ROBIN: I THOUGHT WE GOT RID OF YOU GUYS FOR GOOD!

WE COULDN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF PARTING WITH YOU - YET!

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT YOUR TICKET HAS BEEN CANCELED!

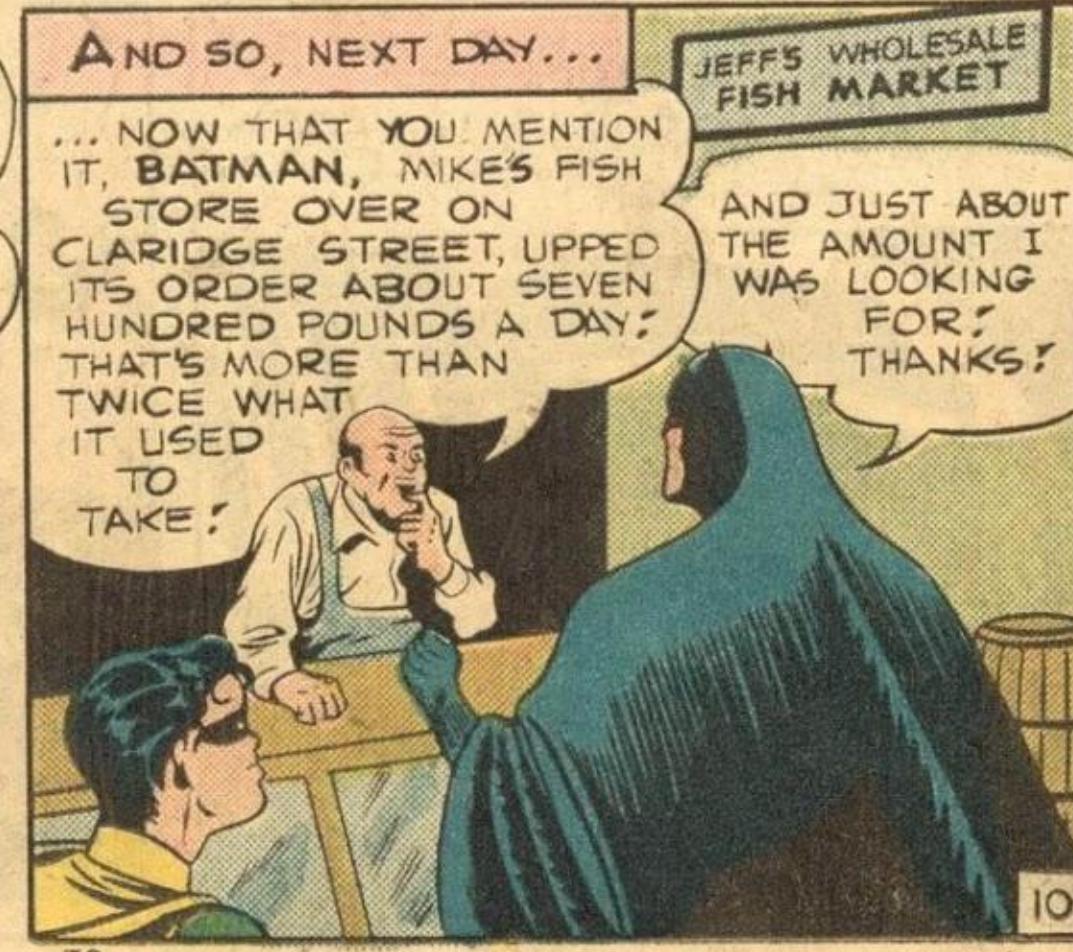
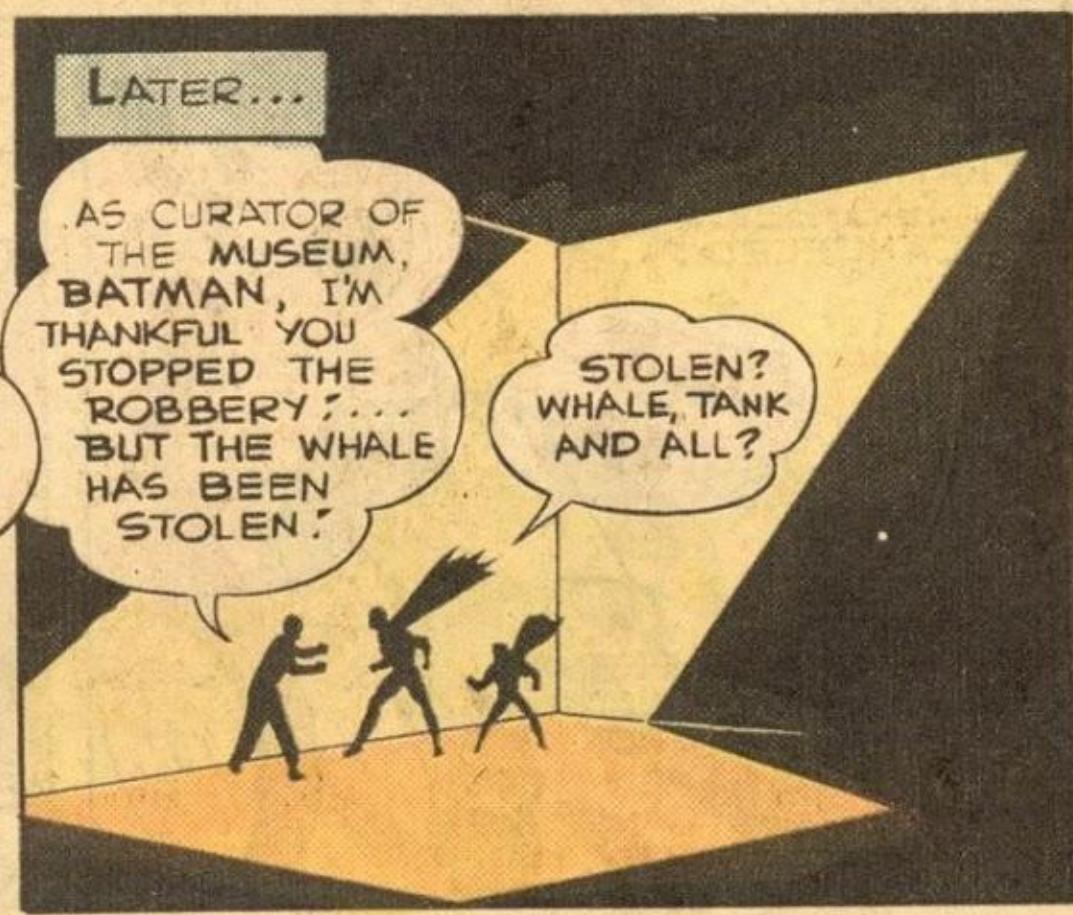
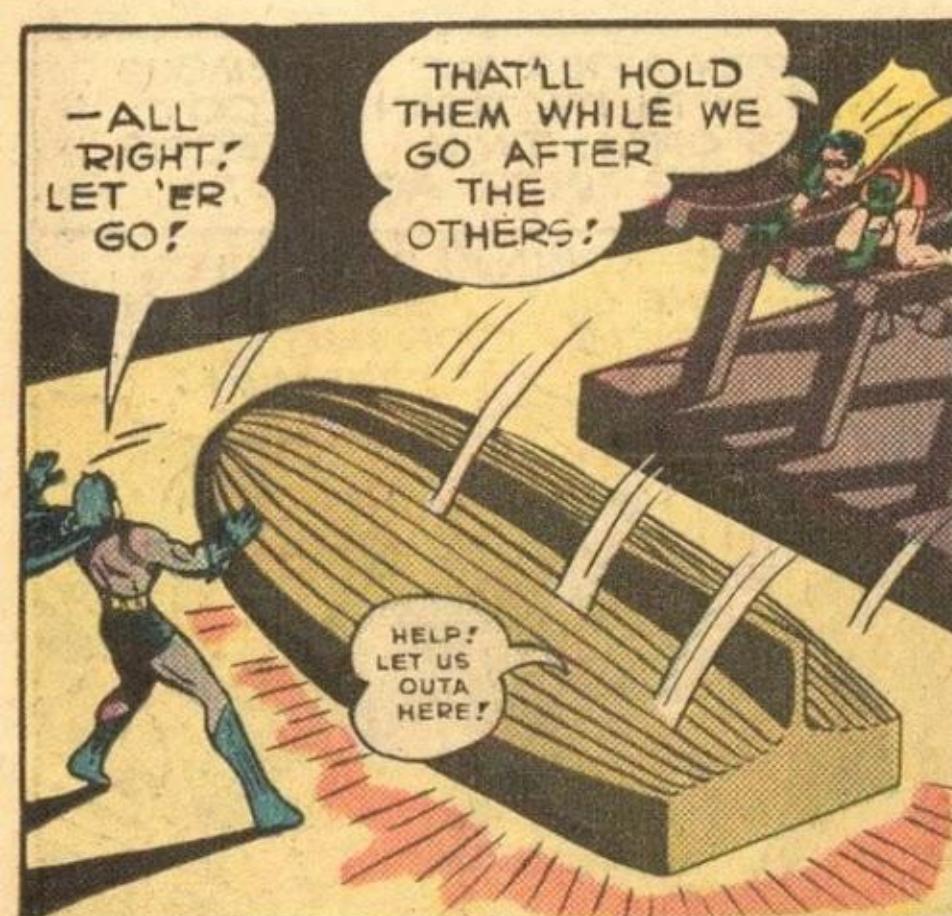
SO YOU NEED A LITTLE SPARE CASH, EH? YOU'RE GOING AFTER IT THE HARD WAY!

THROUGH THE MUSEUM SCURRY THE DESPERATE DESPERADOES... FRANTICALLY SEEKING TO LOSE A TORNADO TEAM THAT REFUSES TO BE SHAKEN!

READY, BATMAN?

ANOTHER SECOND-

# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



# TWENTY-TON ROBBERY

AT MIKE'S FISH STORE...

I-I DIDN'T THINK IT'D GET ME INTO TROUBLE WITH YOU, BATMAN! THIS FELLOW COMES IN A TRUCK, PICKS UP THE WHOLE LOAD AND PAYS ME CASH! HE OUGHT TO BE HERE AGAIN ANY MINUTE!

MIND IF WE WAIT IN YOUR BACK ROOM? AND DON'T SAY ANYTHING TO HIM ABOUT US!

PRESENTLY...

YOU SURE YOU'RE RIGHT? HE COULD BE A FREE-LANCE FISH PEDDLER?

BUYING HIS STOCK IN A RETAIL STORE? NOT MUCH CHANCE! ANYHOW, WE'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH!



AS THE LOADED TRUCK LUMBERS AWAY...

HE'S HEADING FOR THAT ABANDONED WAREHOUSE UP AHEAD!

SO I SEE! GET READY FOR ACTION, ROBIN! WE'RE FIGHTING A DANGEROUS, CLEVER CUSTOMER!

SECONDS LATER...

YOU CALLED THE SHOT, BATMAN! WE'VE GOT THEM TRAPPED!

'S BLOOD!

WE-TRAPPED? A DEBATABLE POINT, STRIPLING? AS WITNESS THIS ONE!

YOW! THAT ELECTRICAL SWORD AGAIN!

MAYHAP MY HENCHMAN'S SUGGESTION WAS WISEST, AFTER ALL! I SHALL MEND MY ERROR AND FEED YOU TO THE WHALE!

ROBBERY! THIS IS GOING TO TAKE SOME FAST ACTION!



# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR

WELL, IF THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE,  
THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE!



HE WHO LIVES BY THE ELECTRICAL SWORD GETS SHORT-CIRCUITED!



LATER AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

THE CAVALIER, COMMISSIONER—  
FIRST TIME HE WAS EVER CAPTURED! WE FOUND A NOTE ON HIM: HE WAS HOLDING THE WHALE FOR RANSOM AT A THOUSAND DOLLARS A TON! I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE IT IS!

IF YOU DON'T MIND, JUST TELL US! YOU AND ROBIN HAVE A BIG JOB TO DO HERE AT HEADQUARTERS!



PRACTICALLY EVERY KID IN THE CITY BROUGHT AN AUTOGRAPH BOOK HERE, BATMAN! THEY ALL SAID YOU AND ROBIN PROMISED TO SIGN THEM!

OMIGOSH!



IF IT ISN'T ONE THING, IT'S ANOTHER!

WELL, HOW WAS I TO KNOW THEY'D TELL ALL THEIR FRIENDS?



# WRITE RIGHT NOW!

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ROBIN CLIMBED THE EIFFEL  
TOWER...WE WERE MENACED  
BY A MEXICAN IDOL...

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...YET IT ALL HAPPENED ON ONE  
LOT IN THE SAME CITY! WITH-  
OUT LEAVING TOWN, WE  
BATTLED CRIME IN A HUNDRED  
CITIES... ALL AT ONCE!

# BATMAN

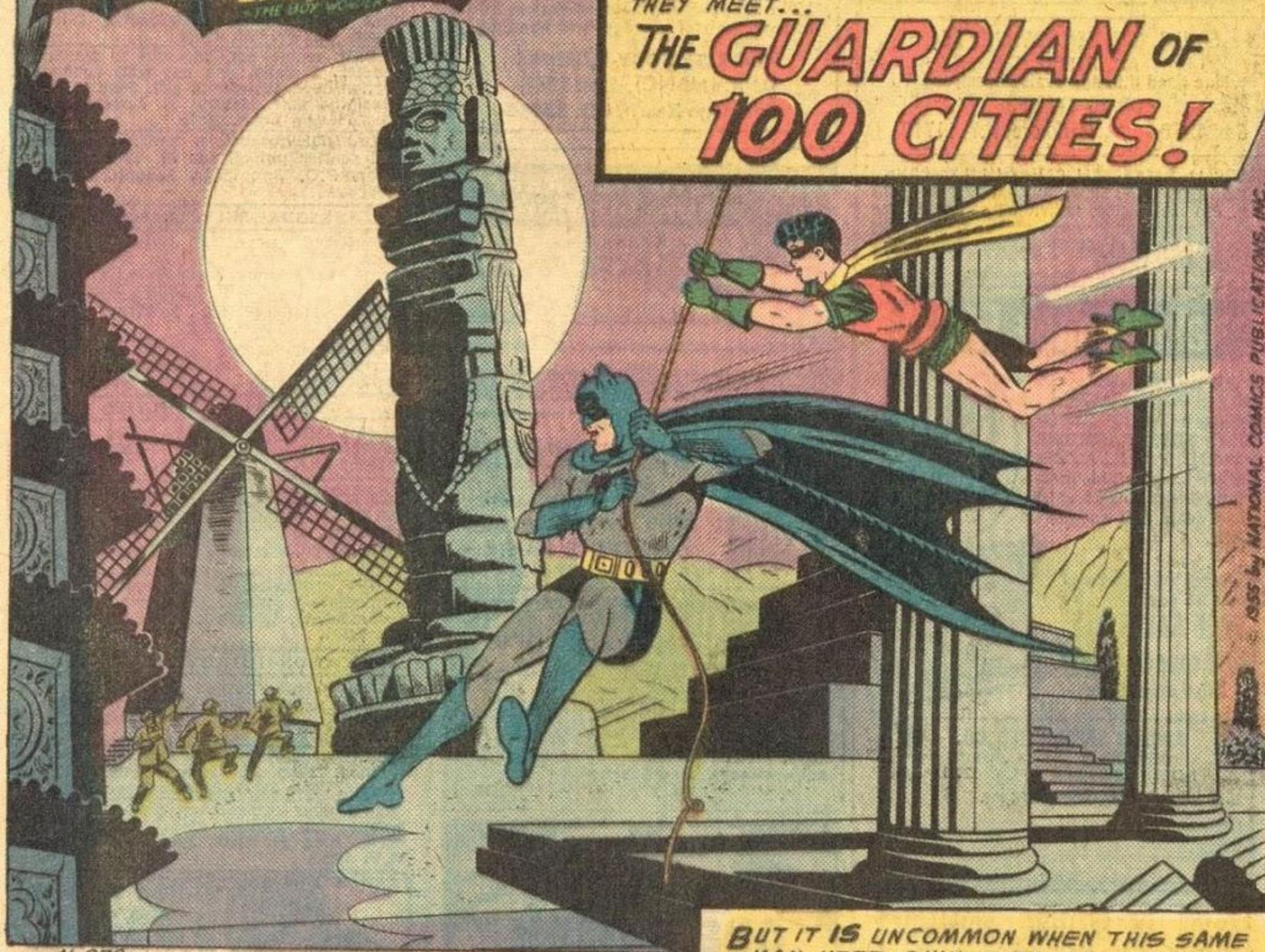
WITH  
**ROBIN**

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AND ROBIN NEED TAKE BUT ONE STEP TO GET  
FROM CAIRO TO CALCUTTA -- WHERE ANOTHER  
STEP CAN TAKE THEM TO A MAYAN TEMPLE, AND  
ANOTHER STEP TO THE EIFFEL TOWER? YOU  
DON'T BELIEVE IT'S POSSIBLE? THEN SEE FOR  
YOURSELF AS THEY SEEMINGLY SPAN WHOLE  
CITIES WITH SEVEN-LEAGUE BOOTS WHEN  
THEY MEET...

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**I**T IS NOT UNCOMMON  
FOR A MAN TO  
GAZE WITH AWE  
AT THE SPHINX...



BUT IT IS UNCOMMON WHEN THIS SAME  
MAN NEED ONLY TURN HIS HEAD TO  
LOOK AT THE FAMILIAR LANDMARK OF  
FARAWAY PARIS!

THE EIFFEL TOWER  
SEEMS TO REACH UP  
AND TOUCH THE SKY!



HOW IS IT POSSIBLE FOR THIS MAN TO  
TAKE ONLY ONE STEP AND SUDDENLY BE  
TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER COUNTRY?

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THE "EIFFEL TOWER" AND THE "SPHINX" ARE ONLY REPLICAS LIKE OTHER MOVIE SETS STORED IN A SPRAWLING FIELD NOT FAR FROM THIS HOLLYWOOD STUDIO...

THE WORLD OUTSIDE IS HARD--  
BUT HERE, IN MY WORLD, IT IS  
PEACEFUL, QUIET! NO ONE  
COMES HERE TO BOTHER ME!



SUDDENLY, TWO COSTUMED FIGURES ENTER...

BATMAN AND ROBIN! WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE IN MY DOMAIN?

HUH? WHY, WE GOT A TIP THAT SOME ESCAPED CONVICTS MIGHT BE HIDING HERE!

SHAG DARNELL, THE GANGSTER, AND THREE OTHER CONVICTS BROKE JAIL THIS MORNING! IT WAS IN ALL THE NEWSPAPERS--

I DON'T READ THE NEWSPAPERS. I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE OUTSIDE WORLD! THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE IT!

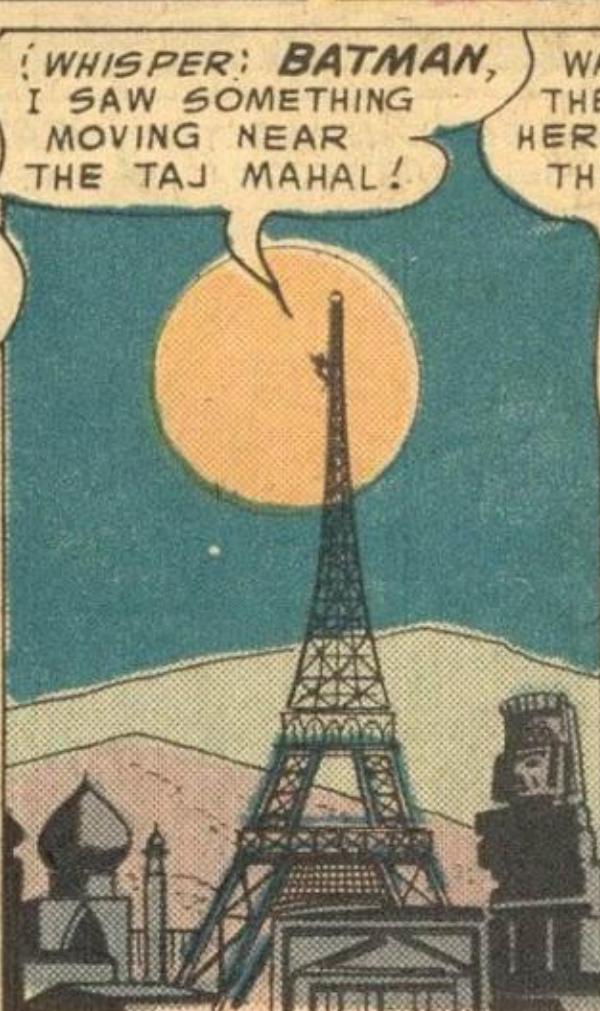


GET OFF THE EIFFEL TOWER! YOU'VE NO RIGHT THERE!

IF THOSE CONVICTS ARE HIDING AROUND HERE, ROBIN MAY BE ABLE TO SPOT THEM FROM THE TOP OF THE TOWER!

WHISPER: BATMAN, I SAW SOMETHING MOVING NEAR THE TAJ MAHAL!

WATCHMAN, I WANT YOU TO PHONE THE POLICE! TELL THEM TO GET HERE QUICKLY AND TO SURROUND THE ENTIRE AREA!





# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



SOON AFTER...

GOSH, BATMAN, THIS IS  
A LOT DIFFERENT THAN  
GOING OVER THE ROOF-  
TOPS OF GOTHAM CITY!

MEANWHILE, UNDER THE DOME OF THE IMITATION  
TAJ MAHAL...

YOU SURE KNOW YOUR  
STUFF, SHAG! NO COP  
WOULD LOOK FOR US IN  
A MOVIE STORAGE LOT!

EVERYTHING'S GOING  
ACCORDING TO PLAN!  
ALL WE HAVE TO DO  
IS STAY HIDDEN  
TILL MIDNIGHT!

THEN ONE OF MY GANG WILL  
LAND A PLANE AT THE EDGE  
OF THE FIELD-- AND THAT  
PLANE WILL FLY US RIGHT  
OVER THE BORDER WHERE  
NO ONE WILL EVER FIND  
US! REAL NEAT, EH?

AT THAT INSTANT,  
THE TWO CAPED  
CRIMEFIGHTERS  
PREPARE A  
SURPRISE...

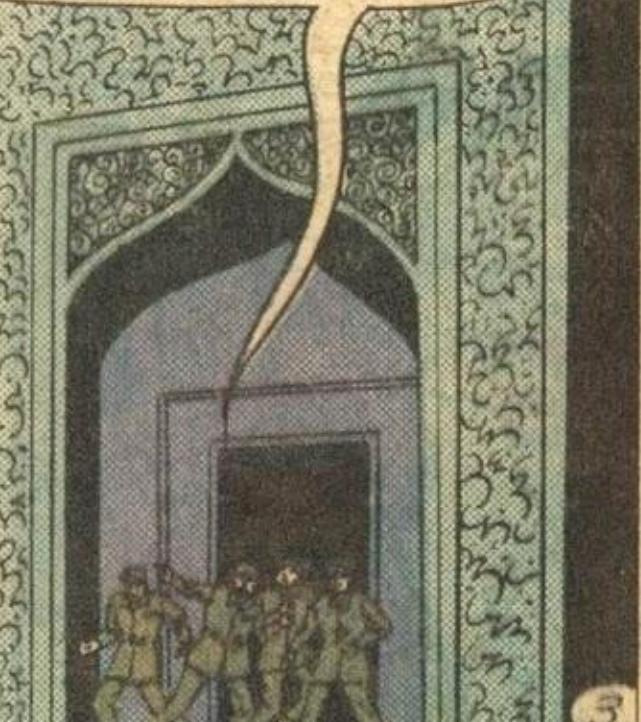
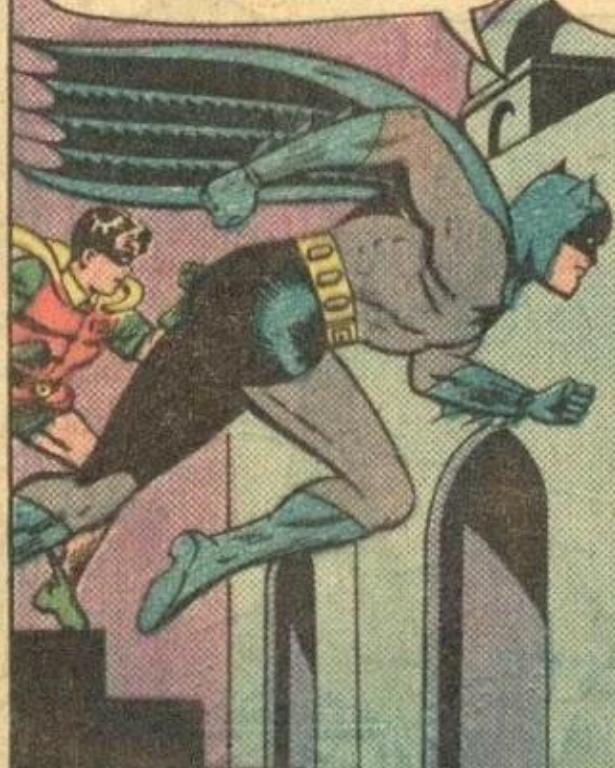
THEY HAVEN'T SEEN US  
YET, ROBIN! WE'LL  
CATCH THEM OFF-  
GUARD!

BUT, ABRUPTLY, AS THEIR  
WEIGHT CAUSES A LOOSE  
NAIL TO FALL FROM A  
PLANK...

THAT SOUND ATTRACTED  
THEIR ATTENTION!

BATMAN AND ROBIN! SPLIT UP  
AND RUN! WE CAN'T TACKLE  
THEM WITHOUT GUNS!

CLINK





# GUARDIAN OF 100 CITIES



AND, THE CONVICTS SCATTER AMONG THE PROPS...

THIS PLACE IS LIKE A MAZE! BUT THEY CAN'T ESCAPE! THE POLICE WILL BE THROWING A CORDON AROUND IT ANY MOMENT!



BUT, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN RETURN TO THE WATCHMAN...

GREAT SCOTT! HE NEVER MADE THE PHONE CALL! LOOK!

HE'S RIPPED THE PHONE SO WE CAN'T USE IT!



A BATTLE BETWEEN CONVICTS AND POLICE WOULD DAMAGE MY BUILDINGS... MY CITIES! THIS IS MY WORLD! I WON'T HAVE YOU WRECKING ANY PART OF IT!

THAT POSE-- IT'S FAMILIAR--

NOW I REMEMBER YOU! ROGER STANTON, THE MOVIE STAR! YOU WERE A GREAT ACTOR ONCE!

YES, ONCE I WAS THE IDOL OF THE WORLD! THE PEOPLE OF EVERY CITY APPLAUSED ME... UNTIL I STARTED SLIPPING!



BUT THE PUBLIC GREW TIRED OF ME! THEY STOPPED APPLAUDING! IT WAS AS IF THE WORLD TURNED ITS BACK ON ME!

SO I TURNED MY BACK ON IT AND MADE THIS MY WORLD! HERE I'M MASTER OF PARIS, CAIRO, VENICE, BARCELONA-- I'M THE KING OF A HUNDRED CITIES!

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AND YOU'RE A FAKE, A COWARD!  
OTHER PEOPLE HAVE HAD **BAD** TIMES,  
BUT THEY DIDN'T GIVE UP! BUT YOU--  
YOU CAME HERE TO HIDE IN THIS  
DREAM WORLD BECAUSE YOU'RE  
AFRAID OF REALITY!

MAYBE THAT  
WILL BRING HIM  
TO HIS SENSES!

I HOPE SO! MEANWHILE,  
WE'VE GOT TO PLAN SOME  
WAY WE CAN ROUND UP  
SHAG DARNELL'S MOB!



SOON AFTER...

THERE'S **BATMAN**--  
**ALONE!** **ROBIN**  
MUST BE LOOKING  
AROUND SOMEWHERE  
ELSE! NOW'S OUR  
CHANCE!



AND HIS PLUMMETING FIGURE STARTS THE WIND-MILL BLADES CHURNING!

**BATMAN'S** PLAN  
WORKED! HE USED  
HIMSELF AS BAIT TO  
DRAW OUT THE  
CONVICTS!

AT THAT INSTANT, **ROBIN**, THE BOY WONDER,  
LEAPS FROM A WINDMILL WINDOW...



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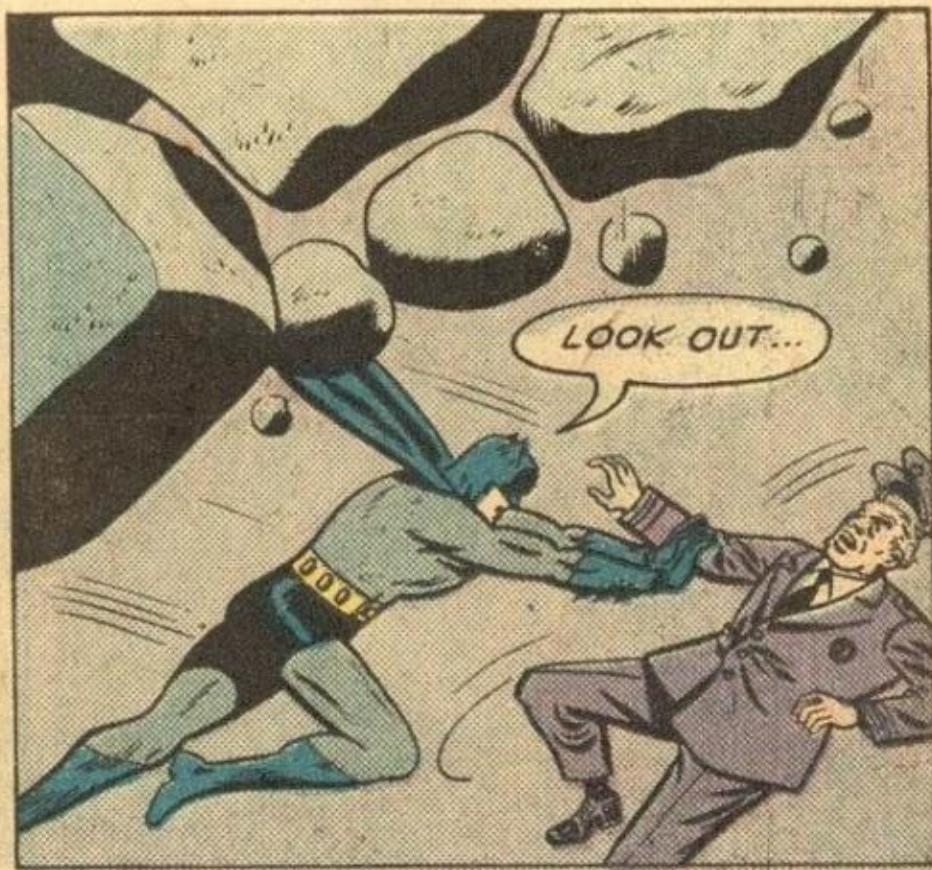
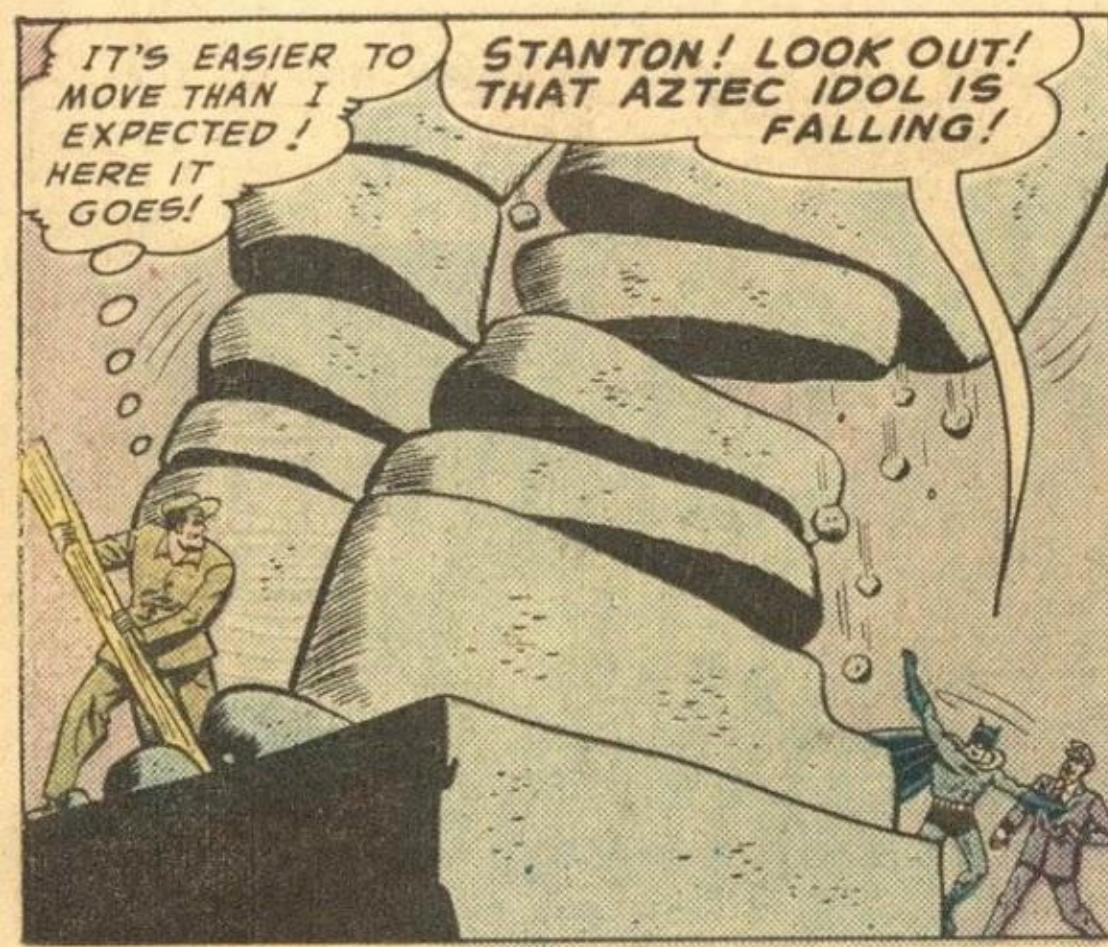
ONLY SHAG REMAINS FREE NOW, BUT BATMAN'S PURSUIT IS SUDDENLY BLOCKED BY THE APPEARANCE OF--

STANTON! GET OUT OF THE WAY! YOU'RE LETTING HIM ESCAPE!

YOU'VE GOT TO STOP! I WON'T HAVE YOU USING MY BUILDINGS... MY CITIES... FOR YOUR PRIVATE BATTLES!



# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



FREEING HIS CRONIES, SHAG HAS THE BOUND BATMAN AND ROBIN TAKEN INTO A REPLICA OF A MAYAN PYRAMID...



AND NOW I'M GONNA DO SOMETHING I'VE WANTED TO DO FOR A LONG TIME--  
UNMASK BATMAN!



# GUARDIAN OF 100 CITIES

BUT AS ONE HAND IS POISED OVER BATMAN'S COWL-- THE OTHER HAND, HIDDEN FROM THE CONVICTS, SUDDENLY SLASHES BATMAN'S BONDS!



AND THEN, BATMAN ERUPTS INTO ACTION!



A MOVIE PROP JAIL WILL HOLD SHAG'S MOB UNTIL THEY'RE TAKEN TO THE REAL THING!



LATER, A MYSTERY IS EXPLAINED...

STANTON--  
IT WAS  
YOU!

YES! I TOOK SHAG BY SURPRISE WHEN HE LEFT YOU TWO IN THE MAYAN PYRAMID! AFTER KNOCKING HIM OUT, I PUT ON MAKEUP I KEEP IN MY ROOM. I HAD TO PLAY THE PART OF SHAG TO FREE BATMAN!



WHAT ACTING!  
YOU NOT ONLY  
FOOLED BATMAN  
AND ME, BUT  
EVEN SHAG'S  
CRONIES!

THE STUDIO WILL OFFER  
YOU A CONTRACT AFTER  
THIS! YOU'LL BE ABLE  
TO BEGIN YOUR CAREER  
AGAIN!

AND SO, AFTER POLICE ARRIVE, ROGER STANTON LEAVES A MAKE-BELIEVE WORLD AND WALKS PROUDLY INTO THE OUTSIDE WORLD OF REALITY, READY TO MEET ITS CHALLENGE...



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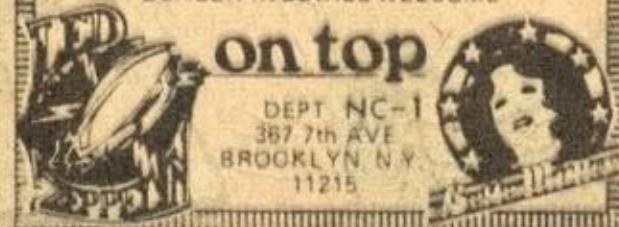
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WITH A MAN WHO HAD  
THREE EYES...

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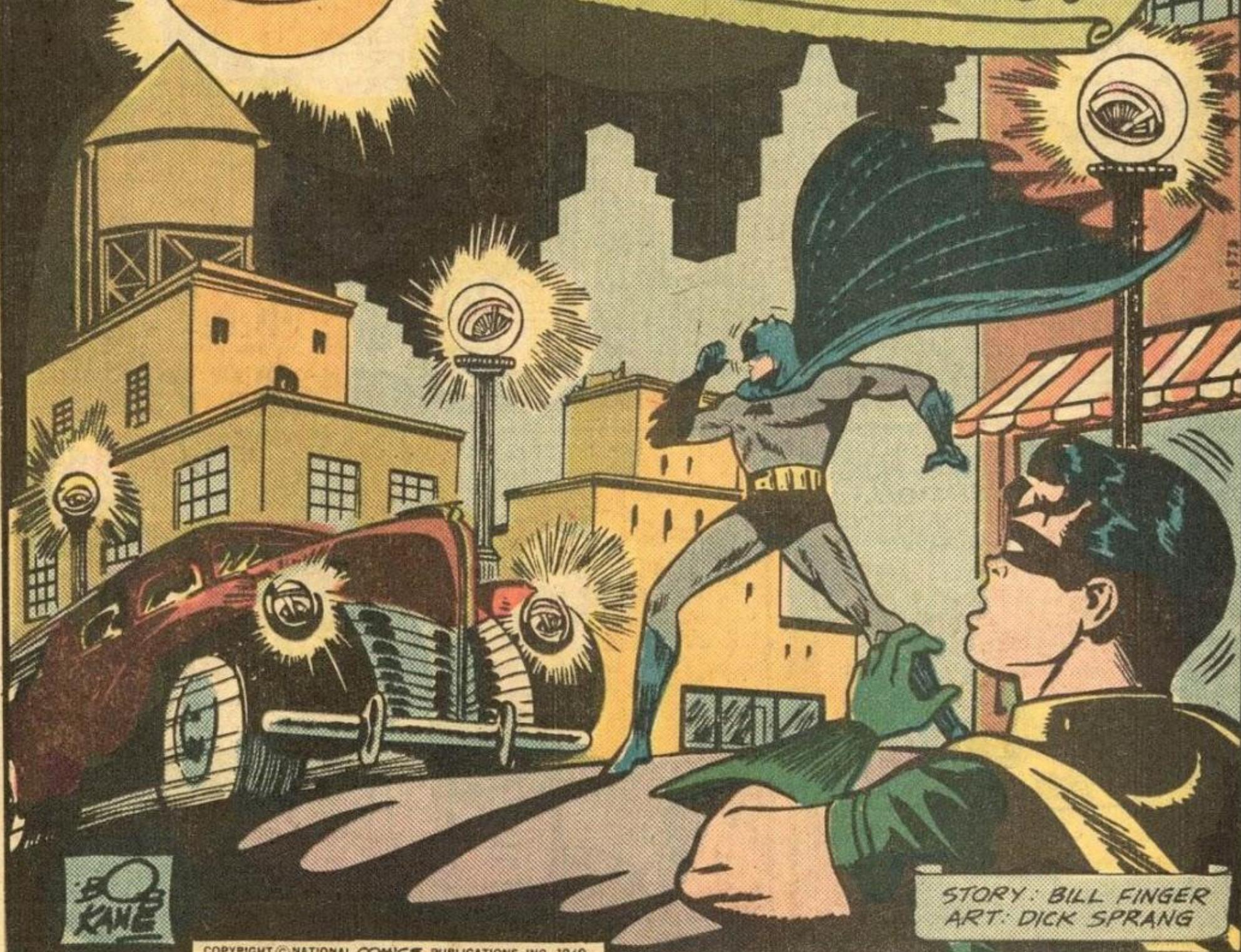
...AND LED US TO A MASTER  
CRIMINAL WHO WAS SAID TO HAVE  
A THOUSAND EYES! HE PUT ME IN  
ONE OF THE TOUGHEST SPOTS OF  
MY CAREER...

# BATMAN

With  
**ROBIN**  
THE BOY WONDER

SOMEWHERE IN GOTHAM CITY, U.S.A.  
IS A SCHOOL FOR SPIES. BUT ITS PUPILS ARE  
NOT FOREIGN AGENTS TAUGHT TO STEAL SECRET  
DOCUMENTS... BUT CRIMINAL GANGS TAUGHT  
TO STEAL SECRET LOOT! CODES, SABOTAGE—  
NO TRICK OF ESPIONAGE IS OVERLOOKED BY  
ROBIN TURN COUNTERSPIES AND CRACK  
DOWN ON...

"The MAN with a  
THOUSAND EYES!"



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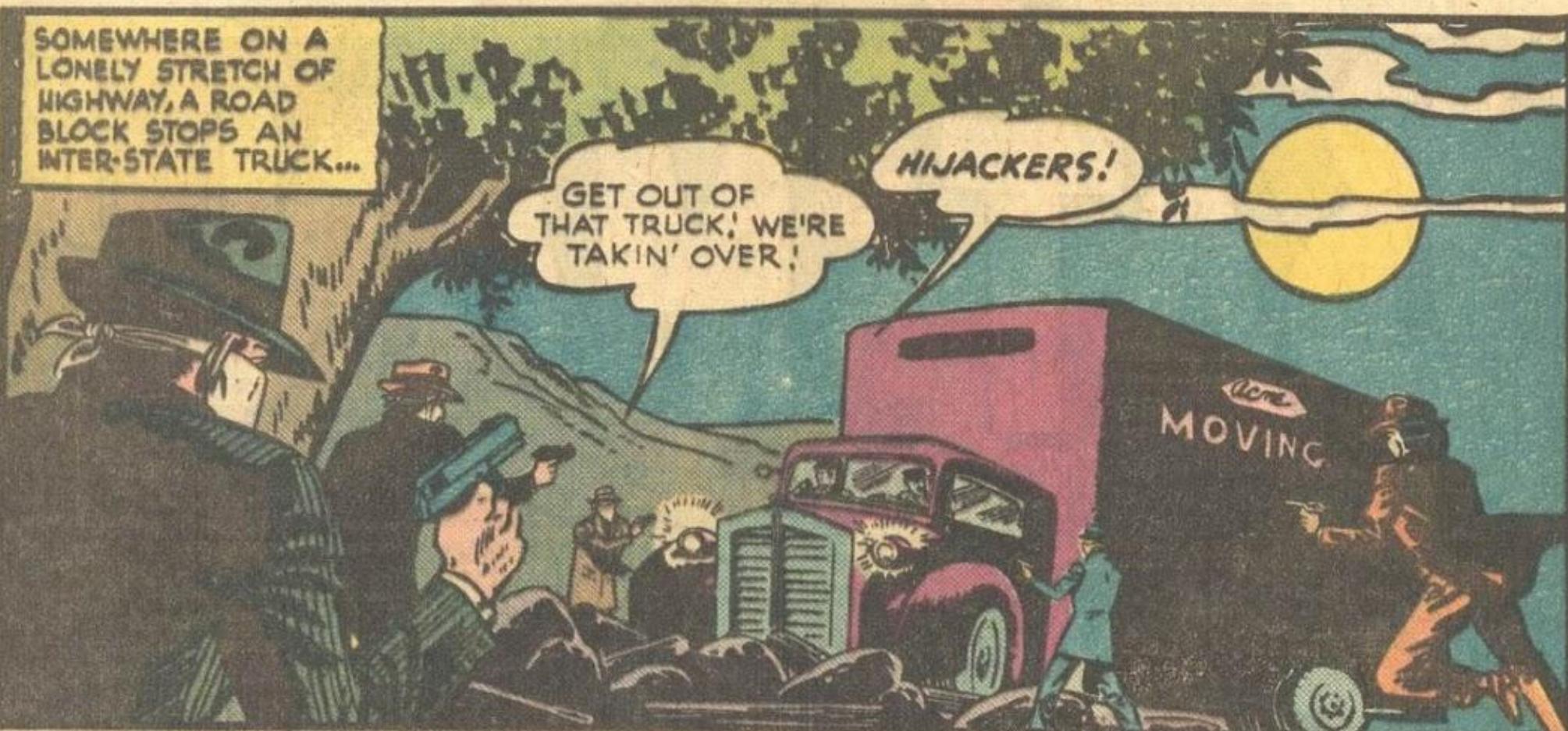
# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



SOMEWHERE ON A LONELY STRETCH OF HIGHWAY, A ROAD BLOCK STOPS AN INTER-STATE TRUCK...

GET OUT OF THAT TRUCK! WE'RE TAKIN' OVER!

HIJACKERS!



SOMETIME AFTER... A PENCIL OF LIGHT MARKS AN AWESOME SYMBOL AGAINST THE NIGHT SKY!

LOOK, BATMAN—  
THE BAT SIGNAL!



THAT'S POLICE HEADQUARTERS CALLING US, ROBIN! SOMETHING SPECIAL MUST HAVE HAPPENED!

SOON, AT HEAD-QUARTERS...

THIS IS HARLAN BATES! TONIGHT, HIS INVENTION WAS STOLEN FROM A TRUCK THAT WAS TRANSPORTING IT TO A SECRET LABORATORY.

WHAT'S PUZZLING ME IS HOW THE HIJACKERS KNEW MY INVENTION WAS ON THAT TRUCK!



I WORK ALONE, LIVE ALONE! NOBODY KNEW I WAS WORKING ON AN INVENTION! YET, SOMEHOW THE NEWS LEAKED OUT. HOW? HOW?

THAT INVENTION IS WORTH A FORTUNE! WHAT CAN I DO?

FIRST, I SUGGEST YOU POST A LARGE REWARD FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE HIJACKERS! THAT MIGHT GET US A LEAD!

SOON AFTER... THE NET-WORKS BROADCAST THE ALARM...

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THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY!

# MAN WITH 1,000 EYES

LATER... THE TEMPTING OFFER  
BRINGS RESULTS!

IT'S SOMEBODY  
WITH INFORMATION  
FOR SALE!

BRING THE  
\$25,000 WITH  
YOU TO BAKER  
AND MALL STREETS.  
I'LL BE WEARIN'  
A CHECKED SUIT!

STILL LATER... AT  
THE MEETING  
PLACE!

HERE'S  
YOUR REWARD,  
DOUBLE-  
CROSSER!

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THE MURDER CAR TURNS THE CORNER, JUST AS THE  
MANHUNTERS ARRIVE TO KEEP THEIR APPOINTMENT!

I HEARD  
MACHINE GUN  
FIRE!

I HAVE A  
HUNCH OUR IN-  
FORMER WON'T EVER  
TALK AGAIN.  
LOOK!

EVEN AS THE GUN SNOUT SWIVELS, BATMAN  
SWEEPS HIS COMPANIONS TO THE GROUND!

DOWN!

AS BATMAN ROLLS THE TIPSTER OVER,  
HE GETS THE SHOCK OF HIS LIFE!

BATES, CALL POLICE HEADQUARTERS  
—FAST! ROBIN AND I WILL TAKE A  
A LOOK AT THE MAN THEY  
SHOT!

OH  
MY!

BATMAN...  
LOOK! HE HAS,  
THREE EYES!

I-I'M...  
HIT-  
B-BAD..



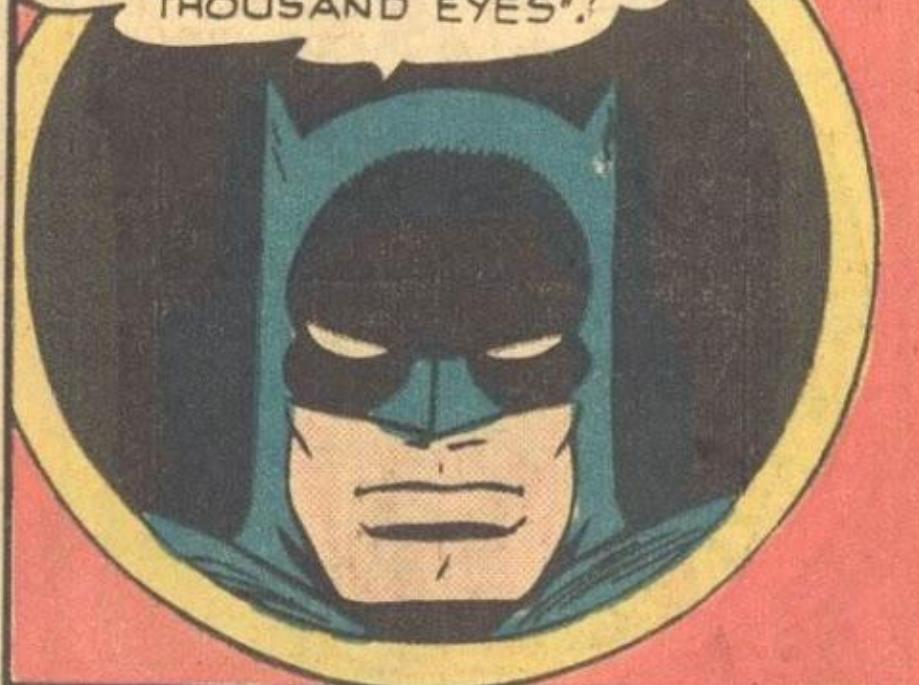
# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



"NOT REALLY AN EYE, ROBIN... JUST A STICKER! SEE... IT PEELS OFF! HMM... REMEMBER WHO USED TO USE "EYE" STICKERS?"

COUNT FLORIAN, THE INTERNATIONAL SPY! THE MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY!"

"FOR MONEY, HE'D SELL HIS SERVICES TO ANYONE. HIS SYMBOL WAS AN "EYE" THAT SAW INTO A THOUSAND SECRETS! THAT'S WHY THEY CALL HIM — "THE MAN WITH A THOUSAND EYES"!"



"THE LAST TIME WE RAN ACROSS HIM WAS IN LONDON, WHEN WE WORKED WITH INSPECTOR SMYTHE OF SCOTLAND YARD..."

"YOU HAVE ONE WEAKNESS, BATMAN... YOU FIGHT FAIR — BUT I DON'T!"



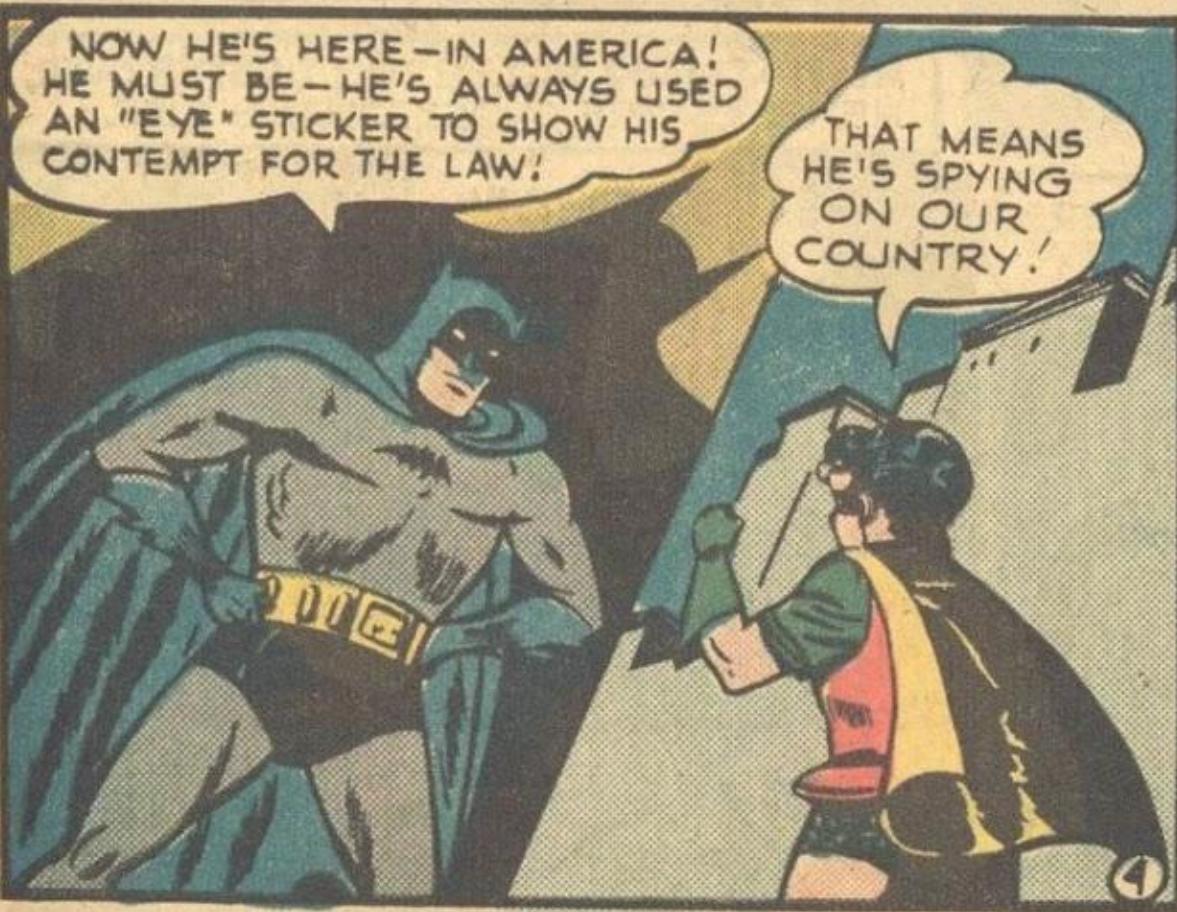
"HE DIVED INTO THE WATER BELOW, WHERE A MOTORBOAT WAS WAITING FOR HIM."

"MISSSED HIM! DASH IT... THE BLIGHTER'S GETTING AWAY!"



"NOW HE'S HERE — IN AMERICA! HE MUST BE — HE'S ALWAYS USED AN "EYE" STICKER TO SHOW HIS CONTEMPT FOR THE LAW!"

"THAT MEANS HE'S SPYING ON OUR COUNTRY!"



"NO... THE FACT THAT HE'S WORKING WITH THUGS WHO STOLE A CIVILIAN INVENTION MEANS ONE THING — COUNT FLORIAN IS USING HIS SPY TECHNIQUE FOR CRIME!"





# MAN WITH 1,000 EYES



LATER, AS BATMAN MAKES HIS REPORT...

BATMAN, I'VE ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU! IT CONCERN'S BIG AL PAKONE—THIS WEEK WE'RE MOVING HIM FROM GOTHAM CITY JAIL UPSTATE TO THE STATE PENITENTIARY!

YES, I HEARD. SERGEANT LANEY'S IN CHARGE!

ELSEWHERE... IN A CRIMINAL HANGOUT, PAKONE'S MOB HAS A MEETING...

BOYS, THE COPS EXPECT WE'LL TRY TO FREE THE BOSS, SO THEY'RE KEEPING HIS MOVING DAY A SECRET!

DON'T WORRY. NOW THAT WE'VE HIRED THE SPY SERVICE OF COUNT FLORIAN, WE'LL LEARN ALL THE DETAILS!



SHE NEXT DAY, COUNT FLORIAN BEGINS HIS SINISTER SPY WORK BY HAVING ONE OF HIS MEN SHADOW THE WIFE OF DETECTIVE SERGEANT LANEY.

HMM! SHE BOUGHT A CHEAP TOOTHBRUSH! THE KIND YOU USUALLY THROW AWAY AFTER AN OVERNIGHT TRAIN TRIP!

DRUGS Rx  
I'LL TAKE THIS ONE, PLEASE!



TO DOUBLE-CHECK THIS, ANOTHER AGENT GOES UPSTATE TO OBSERVE ONE OF THE HOMES NEAR THE STATE PRISON...

WHENEVER SERGEANT LANEY ARRIVES HERE, HE SLEEPS IN THE GUEST ROOM OF HIS SISTER'S HOUSE! HMM... SHE'S GETTING THE GUEST ROOM READY! IT ALL ADDS UP—LANEY'S MOVING PAKONE TONIGHT!



THAT NIGHT... AS LANEY LEAVES THE GOTHAM CITY JAIL WITH HIS PRISONER, HE IS OBSERVED FROM A SKYSCRAPER OVERLOOKING THE JAIL YARD...



IMMEDIATELY, THE WINDOW CLEANER SENDS OUT A CODE BY WIPING THE WINDOW WITH VARYING STROKES OF HIS ARM...



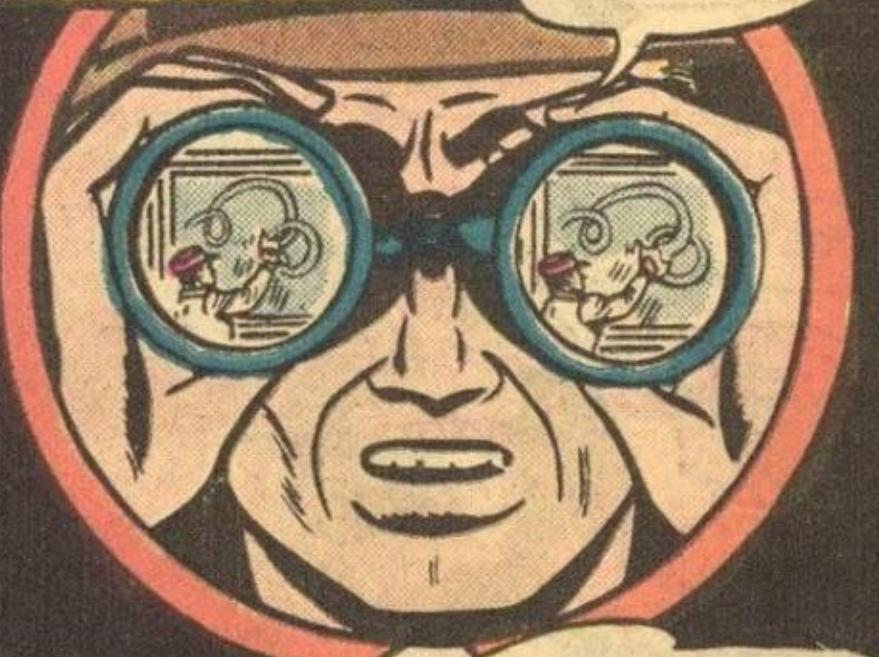
YES, THE "WINDOW CLEANER" IS ANOTHER OF COUNT FLORIAN'S AGENTS.

# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



FROM ANOTHER ROOFTOP, THE "WINDOW-WASHER" CODE IS PICKED UP..

"LANEY... LEAVING... NOW" MESSAGE RECEIVED! I'LL PHONE THE COUNT.



AND AT THE COUNT'S HEADQUARTERS...

THAT'S TAKEN CARE OF! WELL... TIME FOR CLASS! THE PURPLE GANG WANTS INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE BANK GOLD SHIPMENT! AND TRIGGER BROWN WANTS CERTAIN BLACKMAIL INFORMATION!



EVERY UNFAIR TRICK IS TAUGHT THE PUPILS OF THIS SCHOOL FOR SPIES!

IF ARRESTED YOU PRETEND TO SURRENDER... BUT UPON RAISING YOUR ARMS, A GUN, HIDDEN BY YOUR COAT, FIRES BY MEANS OF A WIRE RUNNING UP YOUR SLEEVE TO YOUR UPRAISED HAND! DON'T WORRY, BOYS - THESE ARE BLANK BULLETS!



SOON AFTER, FROM COUNT FLORIAN'S HEADQUARTERS, THE MESSAGE IS RELAYED BY AUTO TELEPHONE TO A WAITING CAR:

RIGHT, COUNT! WE'LL USE PLAN NUMBER 14 AS WE REHEARSED IT!



CLASS? YES... FOR HERE IN THE VERY HEART OF GOTHAM CITY, COUNT FLORIAN IS TRAINING HIRELINGS FOR CRIMINAL ESPIONAGE!

NOTICE THIS ORDINARY COMB WITH STRING WOUND AROUND IT! ACTUALLY, IT MAKES A CODED MESSAGE AS YOU UNWIND THE THREAD, FOR EACH SPACE REPRESENTS A LETTER IN THE ALPHABET!



NO DETAIL IS OVERLOOKED BY THIS MASTER SPY!

SLICK, YOU MUST SEND MORSE CODE FASTER THAN THAT! AND YOU, SLUG, HOLD YOUR BREATH AS YOU CLICK A CAMERA SHUTTER... ELSE YOU BLUR THE PICTURE!



# MAN WITH 1,000 EYES

ELSEWHERE...ON THE TRAIN CARRYING LANEY AND HIS PRISONER...

:WHISPER: THE TRAIN STOPPED TO TAKE ON WATER JUST AS IT ALWAYS DOES! NOW'S THE TIME!

ABRUPTLY...

HOLD IT, LANEY... DON'T TRY TO BE A HERO! OKAY, JOE... CUT THE HANDCUFFS!

HELLO, BOYS.

SNIP!

THEN, CHARGING FROM A DRAWING ROOM COMPARTMENT...

BATMAN AND ROBIN!

SURPRISED? COMMISSIONER GORDON HAD US GO ALONG TO BACK UP LANEY JUST IN CASE!

IN THE ROUGH AND TUMBLE SCRAMBLE, THE HOODLUMS MANAGE TO REACH THE TRAIN DOORWAY...

GO GET'EM, BATMAN! BIG AL'S QUIET NOW!

JUST IN TIME BATMAN SPOTS THE THUGS HURLING TWO SLIM OBJECTS AT HIM!

PENCIL BOMBS! THE KIND USED BY SABOTEURS IN THE LAST WAR!

A WAITING CAR SPEEDS UP AND THE CRIMINALS ESCAPE—BUT WITHOUT BIG AL!

COUNT? COUNT FLORIAN... HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS, TOO!

HURRY! YOU BUNGLED THE ASSIGNMENT! THE COUNT WILL BE ANGRY!

BUT IT WASN'T OUR FAULT!



# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



THAT NIGHT... IN THE BATCAVE, A COUNTER-SPY PLAN TAKES SHAPE!

THE MAN I'LL IMPERSONATE IS IN JAIL, SO I'LL BE SAFE... I THINK! DICK, GIVE ME THAT "EYE" STICKER WE REMOVED FROM THAT MURDERED MAN.'

PAUL DEKKER

WANTED FOR ESPIONAGE

LATER, AS "DEKKER" LEAVES, TWO FIGURES LEAP FROM HIDING!

THREE EYES, HUH? WE BETTER LET THE COUNT TAKE A LOOK AT THIS GUY! I AIN'T NEVER SEEN HIM IN OUR CLASS BEFORE!

AFTERWARD, IN A CRIMINAL HANGOUT, THE DISGUISED BATMAN PRETENDS TO HAVE HIS HAT ACCIDENTALLY PUSHED FROM HIS HEAD...

WHAT... MY HAT!

DIDJA SEE—HE'S GOT THREE EYES! THE GUY MUST BE A FREAK!

FROM YOU... WHEN YOU WERE TEACHING A CLASS IN ESPIONAGE IN THE KINGDOM OF BOGLOVIA! I WAS YOUR STAR PUPIL! DON'T YOU REMEMBER PAUL DEKKER?

DEKKER, OF COURSE! BUT DEKKER'S IN JAIL.

HE LOOKS LIKE DEKKER, YET HE COULD BE BATMAN! THE BATMAN IS A MASTER OF DISGUISE! I HAVE IT—I'LL TEST HIM!

OBVIOUSLY I'M NOT! NOW, COUNT, I WISH TO JOIN YOUR ORGANIZATION!



# MAN WITH 1,000 EYES



IF, AS YOU SAY, YOU ARE DEKKER, MY STAR PUPIL, YOU SHOULD BE CLEVER ENOUGH TO FERRET OUT THE GREATEST SECRET IN THE WORLD - BATMAN'S TRUE IDENTITY!



AS THE DISGUISED BATMAN WATCHES, THE COUNT DRINKS FROM ONE GLASS...

COME... DRINK UP... TO YOUR SUCCESS! IT'S ONLY A LIGHT WINE! DON'T BE AFRAID... AFTER ALL, YOU SAW ME DRINK IT!

THAT'S TRUE! BE-SIDES, I HAVE NO CHOICE!



AS BATMAN DRAINS HIS GLASS, THE COUNT SMILES TRIUMPHANTLY...

DEKKER, WE BOTH DRANK A RARE, ORIENTAL POISON! IT IS NOW MIDNIGHT AND THE POISON TAKES 24 HOURS TO KILL! RETURN AT MIDNIGHT TOMORROW NIGHT, WITH BATMAN'S SECRET, AND I'LL GIVE YOU THE ANTIDOTE! FAIL... AND YOU'LL DIE!

AFTER THE COUNT DRINKS THE ANTIDOTE, BATMAN IS BLINDFOLDED AND DRIVEN TO A CERTAIN STREET...

I'LL BE HERE TOMORROW NIGHT AT A QUARTER OF TWELVE TO TAKE YOU TO THE COUNT! DON'T TRY ANY TRICKS... YOU'LL BE WATCHED!



WATCHED? OH-OH... TWO OF THE COUNT'S AGENTS SPYING ON MY MOVEMENTS! THEY'D BE SUSPICIOUS IF I SLIPPED AWAY, SO I CAN'T CONTACT ROBIN NOW!



I'LL STALL THEM... I'LL PRETEND TO BE SEEKING CLUES TO BATMAN'S IDENTITY! THEN AT 3 O'CLOCK TOMORROW AFTERNOON, I'LL CONTACT ROBIN WITHOUT DANGER!



WHY 3 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON? CAN YOU GUESS BATMAN'S STRATEGY?

# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR

PLAYING HIS ROLE OF A SPY TRYING TO LEARN BATMAN'S IDENTITY, "DEKKER" VISITS A WAX MUSEUM...

HE'S USING A TAPE MEASURE! HE FIGURES BATMAN'S MEASUREMENTS WILL GIVE HIM A LEAD!

LIFESIZE FIGURE  
BATMAN AND  
ROBIN battlin'  
the JOKER

LATER... AT A THEATER SHOWING A BATMAN DOCUMENTARY FILM...

REMEMBER YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT IS YOUR PROTECTION!

DEKKER'S GOT HIS EYES CLOSED! HE'S TRYING TO PLACE BATMAN'S VOICE. SMART!

STILL LATER... WHEN "DEKKER" LEAVES A PARK BENCH WHERE HE HAD BEEN WORKING FOR A LONG TIME...

SEE... HE WAS MAKING SKETCHES OF DIFFERENT FACES UNDER BATMAN'S MASK... TRYING TO FILL IN THE FEATURES! THAT DEKKER GUY IS CLEVER! I GUESS HE IS THE REAL MCCOY.

UNTIL, FINALLY IT IS 3 O'CLOCK... WHEN DICK GRAYSON'S SCHOOL LETS OUT ITS PUPILS!

THERE'S DICK NOW! HE'S SEEN ME!

BATMAN! BUT HE'S WALKING RIGHT PAST ME! THAT MEANS HE DOESN'T WANT ME TO APPROACH HIM!

LATER... THE DISGUISED BATMAN SPENDS SOME TIME IN A PENNY ARCADE...

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FOR BY REGULATING HIS PUNCHES, BATMAN IS SENDING OUT A MORSE CODE MESSAGE TO DICK!

# MAN WITH 1,000 EYES

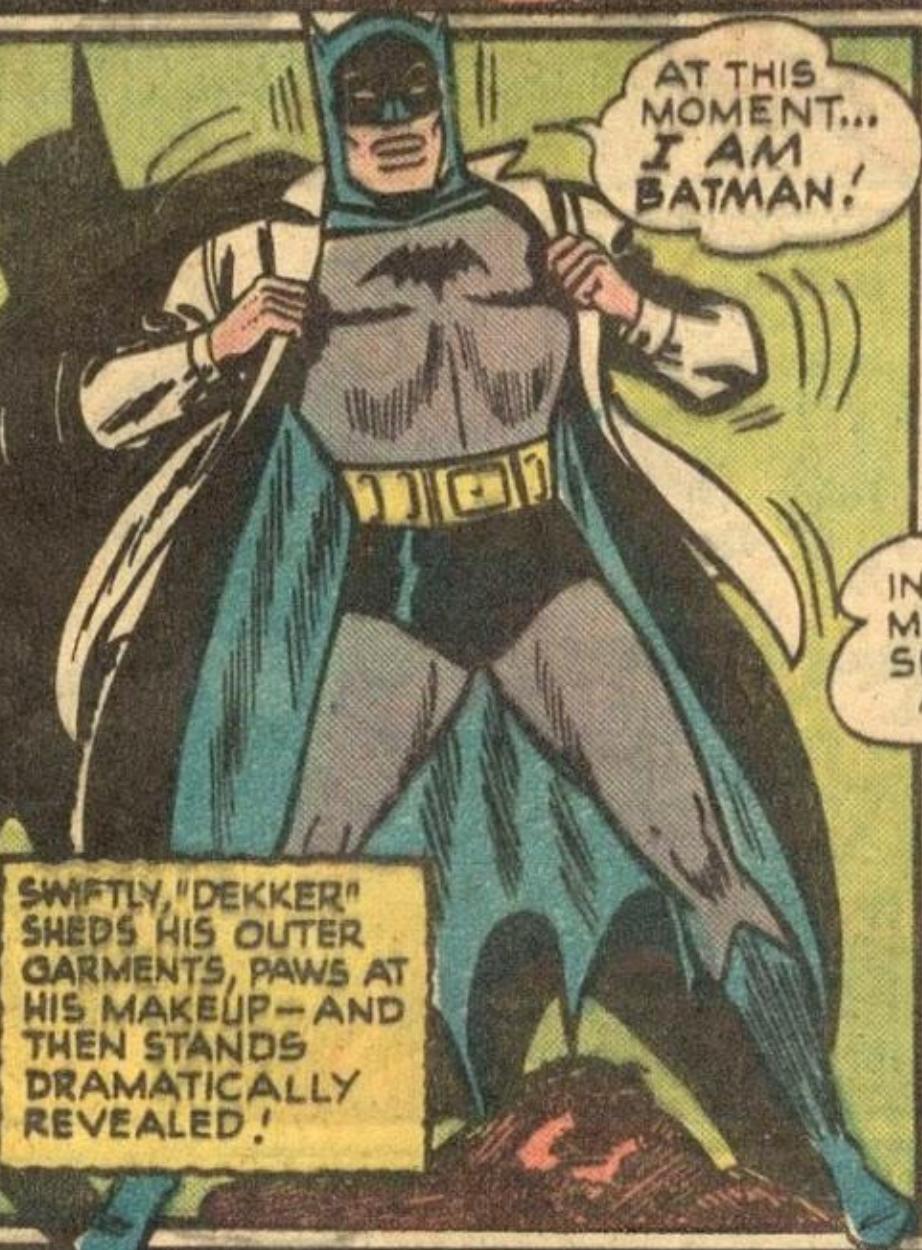
LATER... AT EXACTLY  
A QUARTER OF  
TWELVE...

OKAY,  
DEKKER... THE  
COUNT'S  
WAITING.

MOMENTS LATER... WHEN THE BLINDFOLD IS  
REMOVED...

COUNT, IF YOU PROMISE TO  
GIVE ME THE ANTIDOTE, I'LL TELL  
YOU WHO BATMAN IS AT  
THIS VERY MOMENT!

VERY WELL...  
YOU HAVE MY  
WORD! WHO  
IS BATMAN?



AS BATMAN RAISES THE BEAKER TO HIS LIPS—IT BECOMES A SIGNAL FOR THE ENTRANCE OF THE BOY WONDER!

ROBIN! AND THAT GIVES ME TIME TO DRINK THE ANTIDOTE!

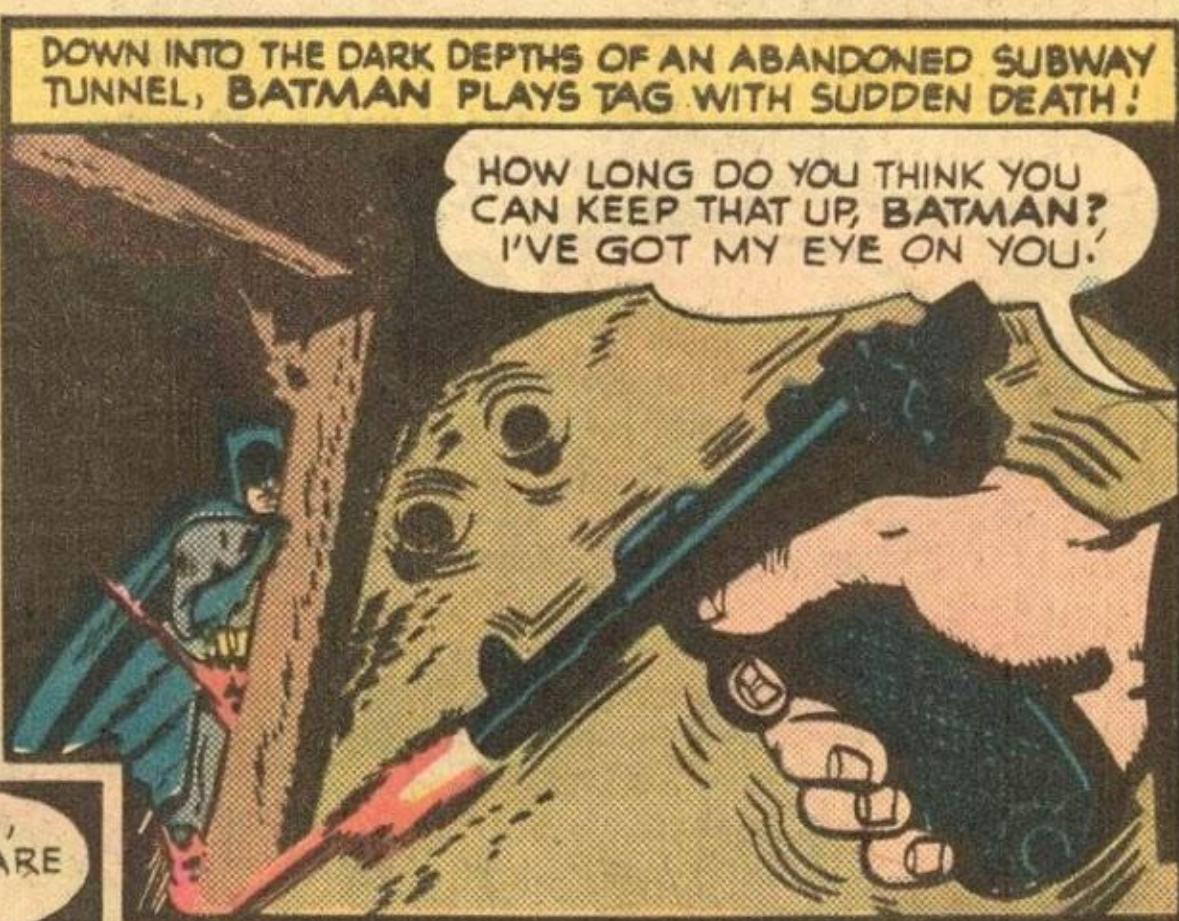
BEFORE THE SPIES CAN RECOVER, ROBIN'S SILKEN ROPE LOOPS ABOUT THEM AND SNARES THEIR ANKLES!

OKAY, BATMAN... THEY'LL TAKE THE COUNT OF TEN WHILE YOU GO AFTER THE COUNT!





# BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



# RALLY 'ROUND ROBIN



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Dear Sirs:

After buying the latest **BATMAN** and sitting down to peruse its contents, a single fact struck me: There was no new Robin story! I wondered why, but then I remembered letters I had seen in favor of your dropping the Boy Wonder. I was appalled by this. I have never been a great Batman fan. I have, however, been a long-time fan of Robin. This and this alone is the reason I buy **BATMAN**! I have often thought that starring him in his own series was a noble undertaking on your part, especially when so many young heroes (like Speedy and Aqualad) are just so much extra baggage to their grown-up counterparts. But I am horrified at the idea of your dropping Robin altogether. He is no "campy" remnant of Batman's earlier days, but a fine way of showing the young man's approach to crime and prejudice.

I would never suggest that Robin take Batman's place. Nor do I think that Robin could ever measure up to the Caped Crusader in stature or popularity. All I'm saying is that Robin is a part of the Batman legend and as part of a great team, he should not be done away with.

— MARLA CUMMINS, Troy, OH.

(Being traditionalists — as opposed to chauvinists — we've decided that it's "Ladies first!" in this discussion of what to do with ROBIN. "Spear"-heading a campaign for an independent TEEN WONDER is our next correspondent . . . BR)

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Sir!

No! No! NO! Keep Batman and Robin separate! Every time the two get together, the writer comes up with some excuse to get rid of the Magnificent Manling halfway through so Batman can steal the limelight. Besides this, some writers are wont to make the Teen Wonder look like a poor excuse for a fool just to make the Masked Manhunter look better. I tire of seeing Robin make dumb mistakes. Sure, Batman makes mistakes, too, but they're intelligent mistakes! In short, QUIT PICKING ON MY MAN! Separate, yes . . . teamed, no!

— MARGIE SPEARS, Offutt AFB, NE.

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Dear Editor:

Concerning the question you asked in **BATMAN** #256, I say keep the Batman and Robin team together. The twenty page Batman tale with Robin can cover much more intriguing material because of the length and teamwork.

It appears that the Teen Wonder is slipping — in the lead story, he is nearly impaled, knocked unconscious, almost eaten by tigers, and his biggest role was holding a spotlight. On the other hand, Batman singlehandedly flattens four men, rescues Robin and walks a tightrope to catch the criminal.

But the reprint stories showed Robin able to stand on his own, use his brains and be resourceful. I'm not dwelling on the past, but please give Robin back the stuff that made him Batman's valuable partner and not just a tag-along.

— Ms. P.F., Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y.

(And now that we've sampled the feminine points of view, let's see what the guys have to say! . . . BR)

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Dear Editor:

I'd like to see Robin with Batman in 20-page stories. And forget about changing the Teen Wonder! A mustache is unheard off! I like him square!

— STEPHEN KACHINSKY, Middletown, CT.

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Dear Editor:

I vote NO to more Batman stories with Robin. I prefer to see the Caped Crusader portrayed as a loner depending upon himself. An occasional Robin appearance (say once every three or four years) is okay, but I'm against anything on a regular basis.

— RANDY CRAWFORD, Minden, W.V.

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Dear Editor:

Batman AND Robin are the legend, not Batman by himself! Team them up again for good!

— BOB LEZON, East Hartford, CT.

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Dear Editor:

It's great to have Batman and Robin together for a change, but I like to see the Gotham Guardian by himself, too. (By the way, I think the Robin solo stories smell!!)

— GLENN KOWALSKI, Washington, D.C.

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(So there you have it — ROBIN, pro and con — with no clear-cut decision. Can we resolve this to everyone's satisfaction? Well, just keep reading **BATMAN** as well as (hint, hint!) **DETECTIVE COMICS** and see our solution! . . . BOB ROZAKIS)

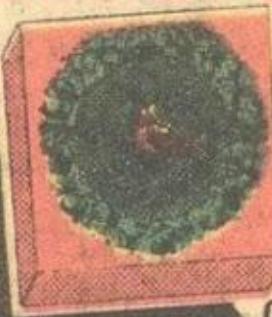
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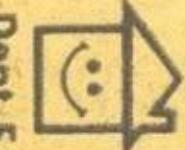
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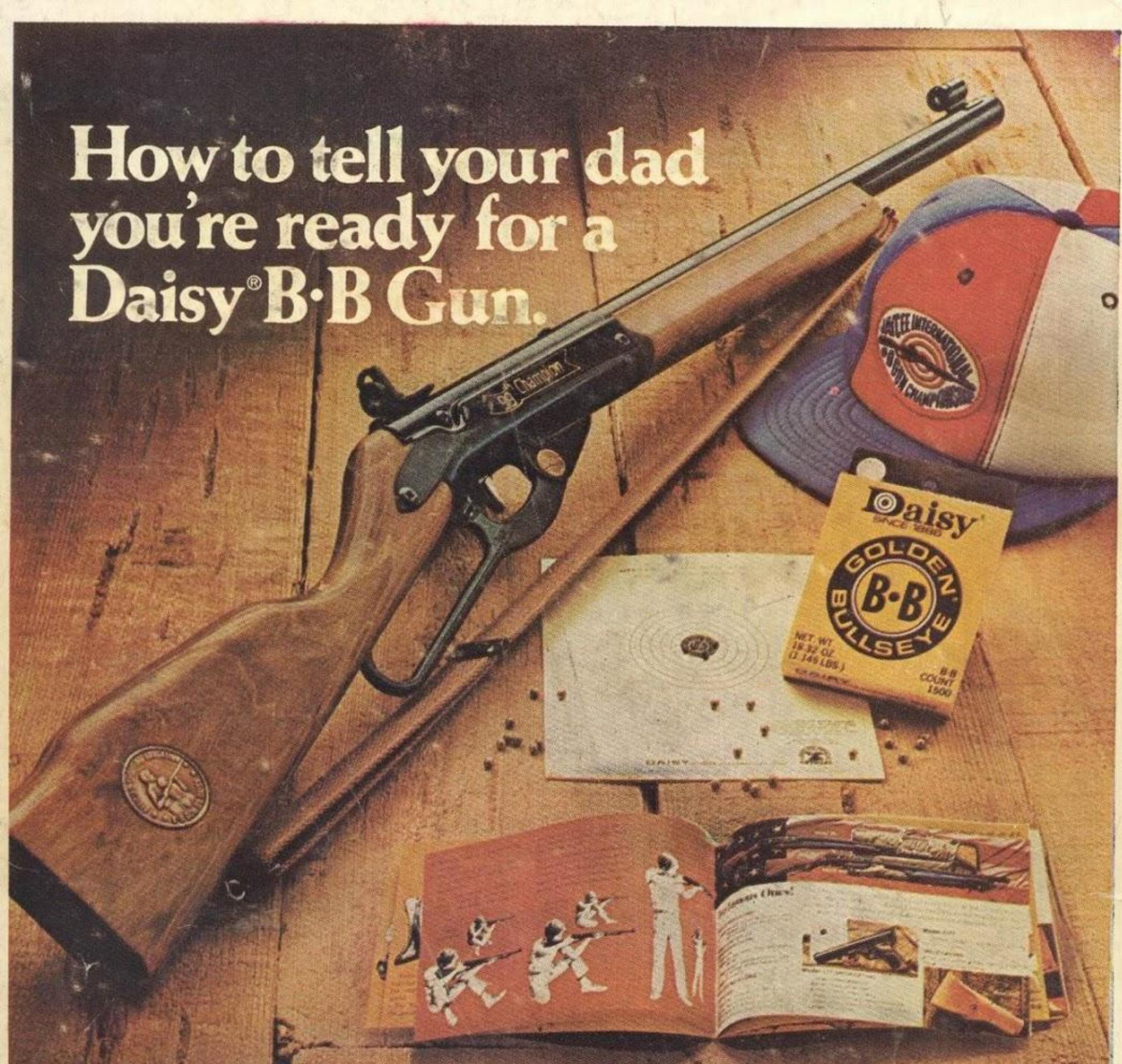
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