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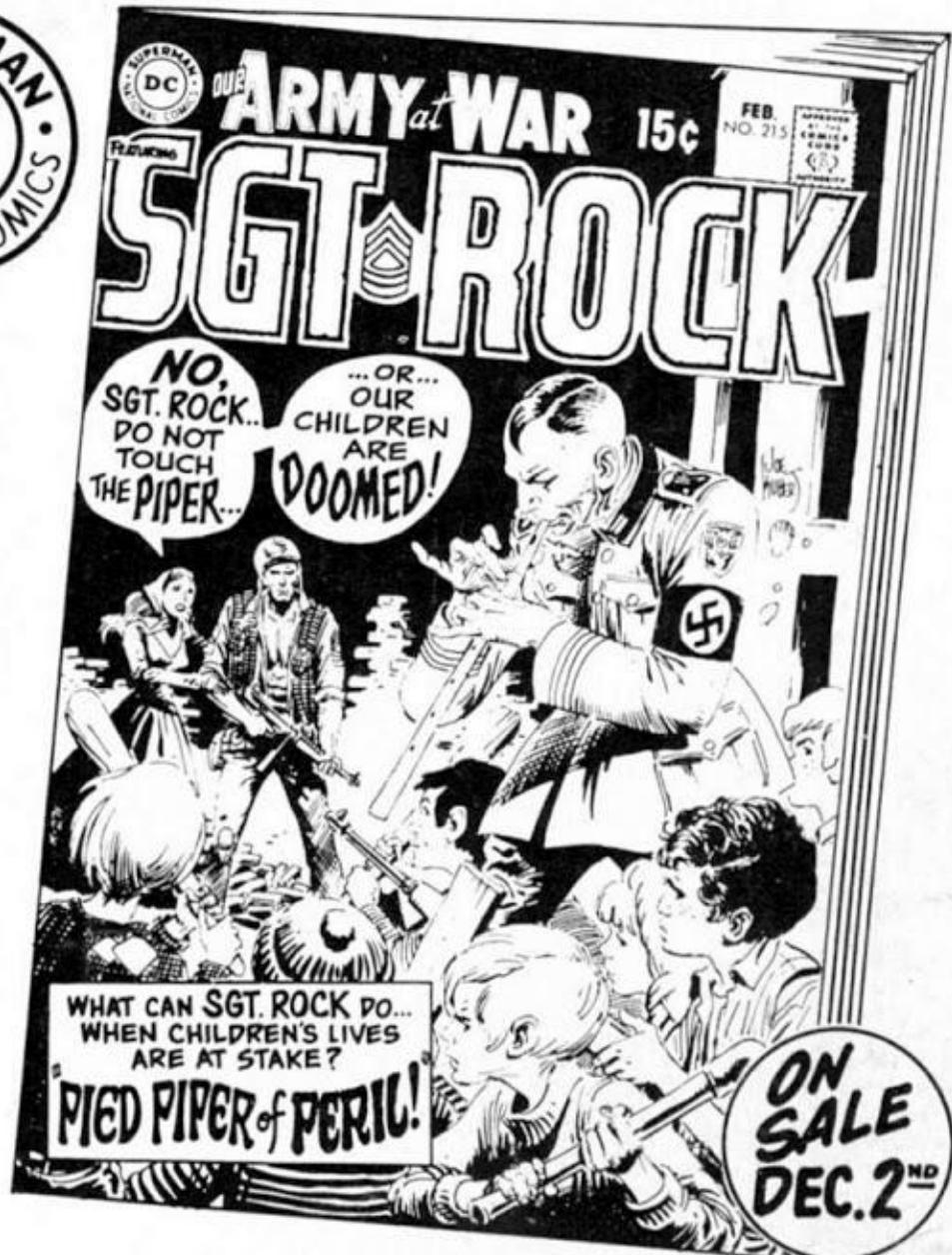
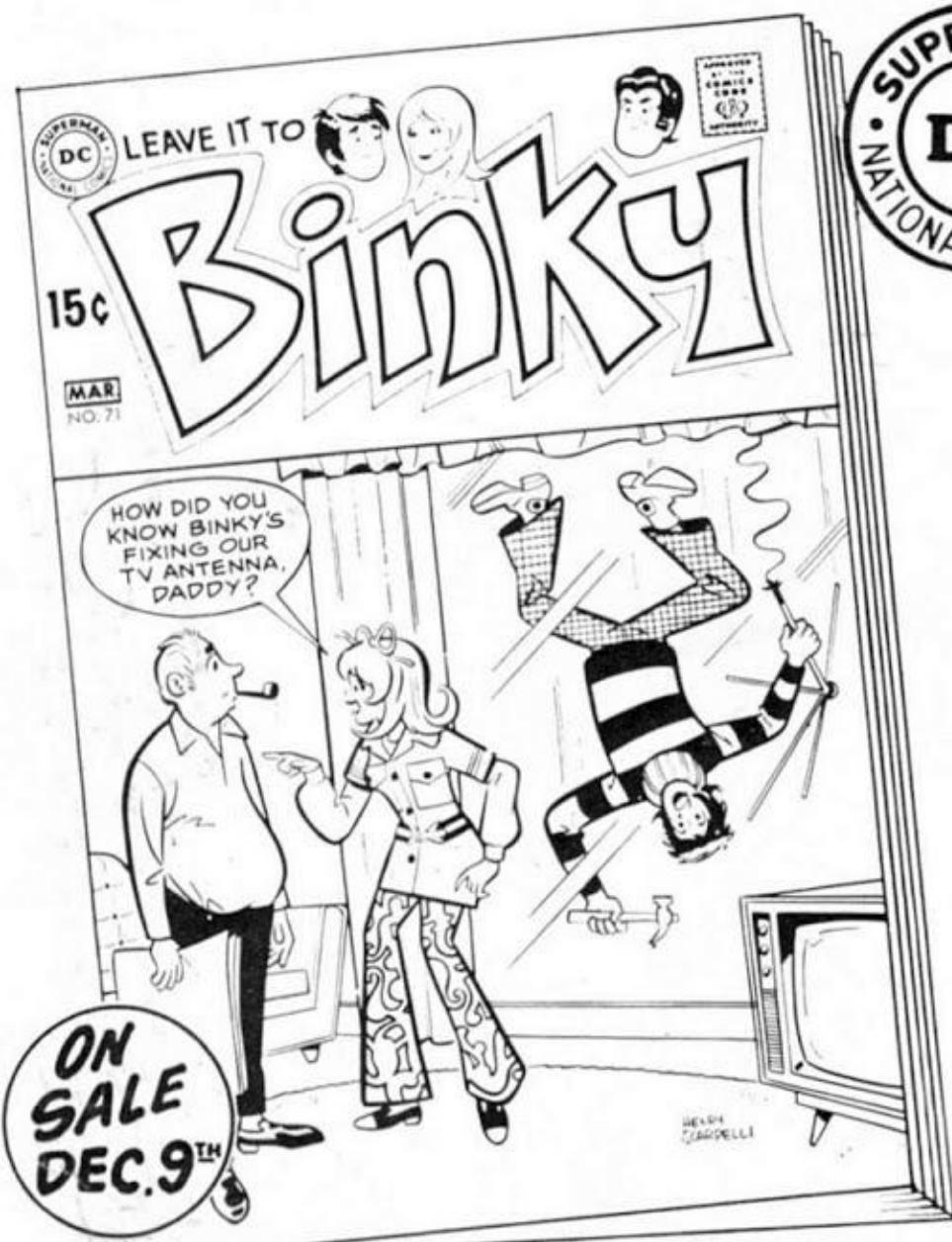
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**WRECKER**



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Forgotten becomes the knowledge that they are really Bruce Wayne and Dick Grayson, and solving the secret of their own identities becomes--

## BATMAN AND ROBIN'S GREATEST MYSTERY

A GREAT DANGER THREATENS GOTHAM CITY, BUT WE CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT IT IS--OR WHO WE ARE!

# GIANT BATMAN

ONE EVENING, AS SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, SEE A SIGNAL IN THE SKY...

HMM... THAT ROAST LOOKS GOOD, ALFRED-- BUT THERE'S THE BAT-SIGNAL!

WE'D BETTER SWITCH TO BATMAN AND ROBIN FAST!

PRESIDENTLY, IN THE SECRET BAT-CAVE UNDER THE WAYNE MANSION, THE DUO MAKES A HASTY CHANGE OF COSTUME...

BUT DINNER WILL BE RUINED, SIR!

CAN'T HELP IT, ALFRED-- WE HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT COMMISSIONER GORDON WANTS!



SOON, OUTSIDE POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

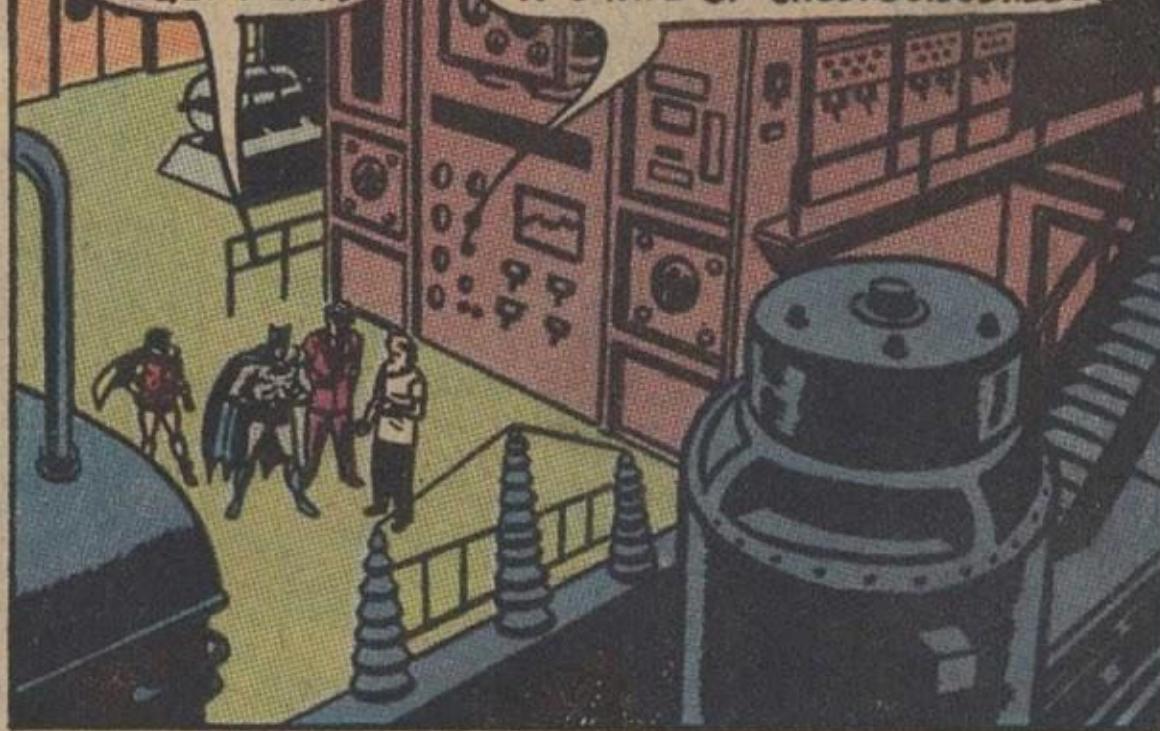
BATMAN... WE'RE INVESTIGATING A ROBBERY OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT FROM THE GOTHAM RESEARCH FOUNDATION! YOUR SCIENTIFIC ABILITY COULD HELP ON THIS!

HOP IN OUR BATMOBILE, COMMISSIONER, AND WE'LL GET THERE FAST!

LATER, IN THE LABORATORY OF THE GOTHAM RESEARCH CENTER...

NHM, ONLY A ROBBER WITH A SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND COULD SAFELY BREAK INTO THIS DANGEROUS ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT!

OUR NEW ULTRA-SONIC BEAM PROJECTOR WAS STOLEN! IT CREATES SONIC WAVES WHICH CAN PAINLESSLY STUN ANIMALS INTO A STATE OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS!



CRIMINALS COULD USE THAT SONIC BEAM TO COMMIT BIG CRIMES! WE'LL TRY TO RUN DOWN THE THIEF FAST!

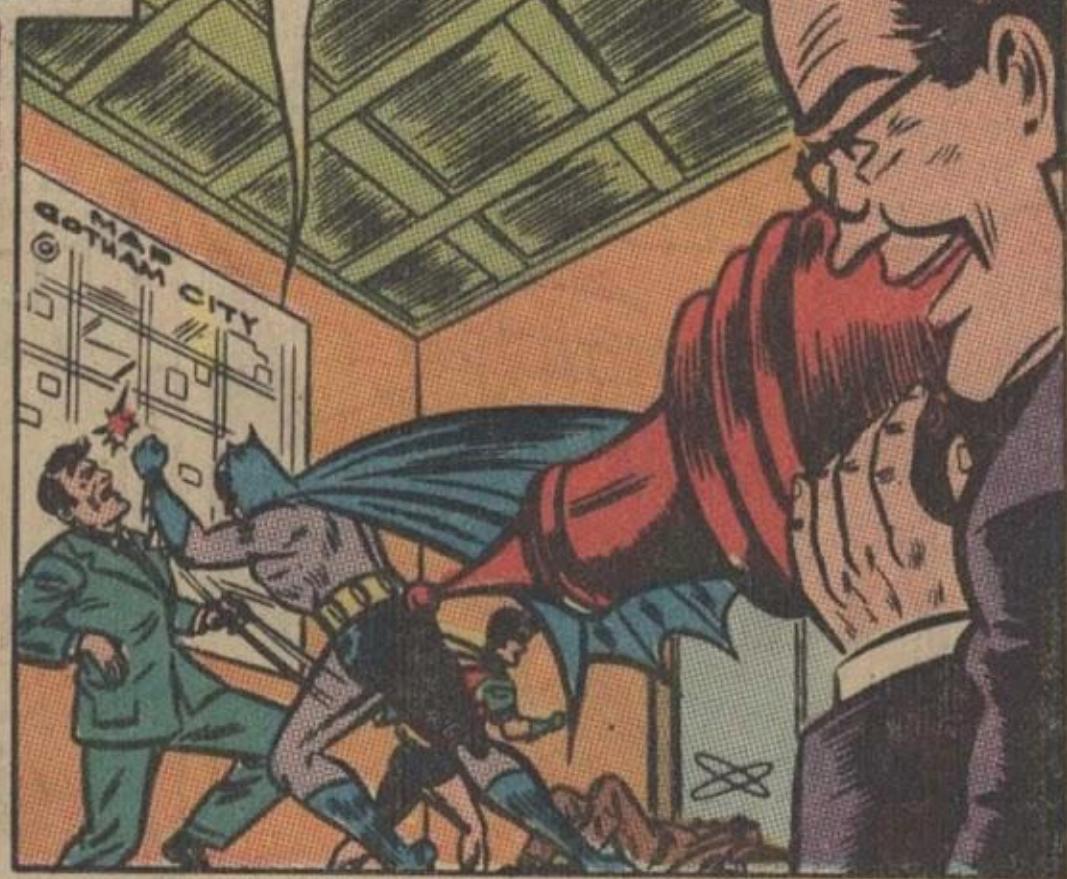
KEEP ME INFORMED, BATMAN-- THIS SOUNDS SERIOUS!

FEW CRIMINALS WOULD HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ROB THAT DANGEROUS LAB-- ONE IS JAY CAIRD, THE SCIENTIST WHO WAS JAILED FOR ESPIONAGE! HE'D BE OUT OF PRISON BY NOW!

THEN WE LOOK UP CAIRD FIRST!



## GIANT BATMAN



## GIANT BATMAN

WHY, YOU'RE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, THE LAW MEN WHO HELP US POLICE! CAN'T YOU REMEMBER?

THEY MUST HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE SONIC BEAM--THE SHOCK COULD CAUSE **AMNESIA!**

NO...

THE QUICKEST WAY TO HAVE THEM RECOVER THEIR MEMORIES IS TO TAKE THEM HOME WHERE FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS SHOULD MAKE THEM RECALL THEIR PAST.

I CAN'T DO THAT--I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY LIVE! YET THEY MUST RECOVER THEIR MEMORIES, SOMEHOW, FOR **BATMAN** HAD A CLUE TO A CRIME THEY WERE PLANNING!



AND SOON, IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

NOW THAT WE'RE ALONE, TELL US WHO WE ARE IN EVERYDAY LIFE--OUR REAL NAMES!

I DON'T KNOW THAT--NOBODY DOES! TO KEEP YOUR SECRET, YOU MUST FIND OUT YOUR SECRET IDENTITIES YOURSELVES!



AND SO IT IS THAT **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** FACE THEIR GREATEST MYSTERY!

HERE ARE OUR FILES ON ALL **BATMAN** CASES! PERHAPS, IF YOU'LL STUDY THEM, IT WILL AWAKEN YOUR MEMORIES!

LET'S HOPE SO!



AND AS THE QUEST FOR THEIR OWN IDENTITIES BEGINS...

I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE WE'D RECOGNIZE EACH OTHER IF WE TOOK OFF OUR MASKS--BUT WE CAN'T!

MAYBE WE COULD FIND OUR REAL FACES IN NEWSPAPER FILES!

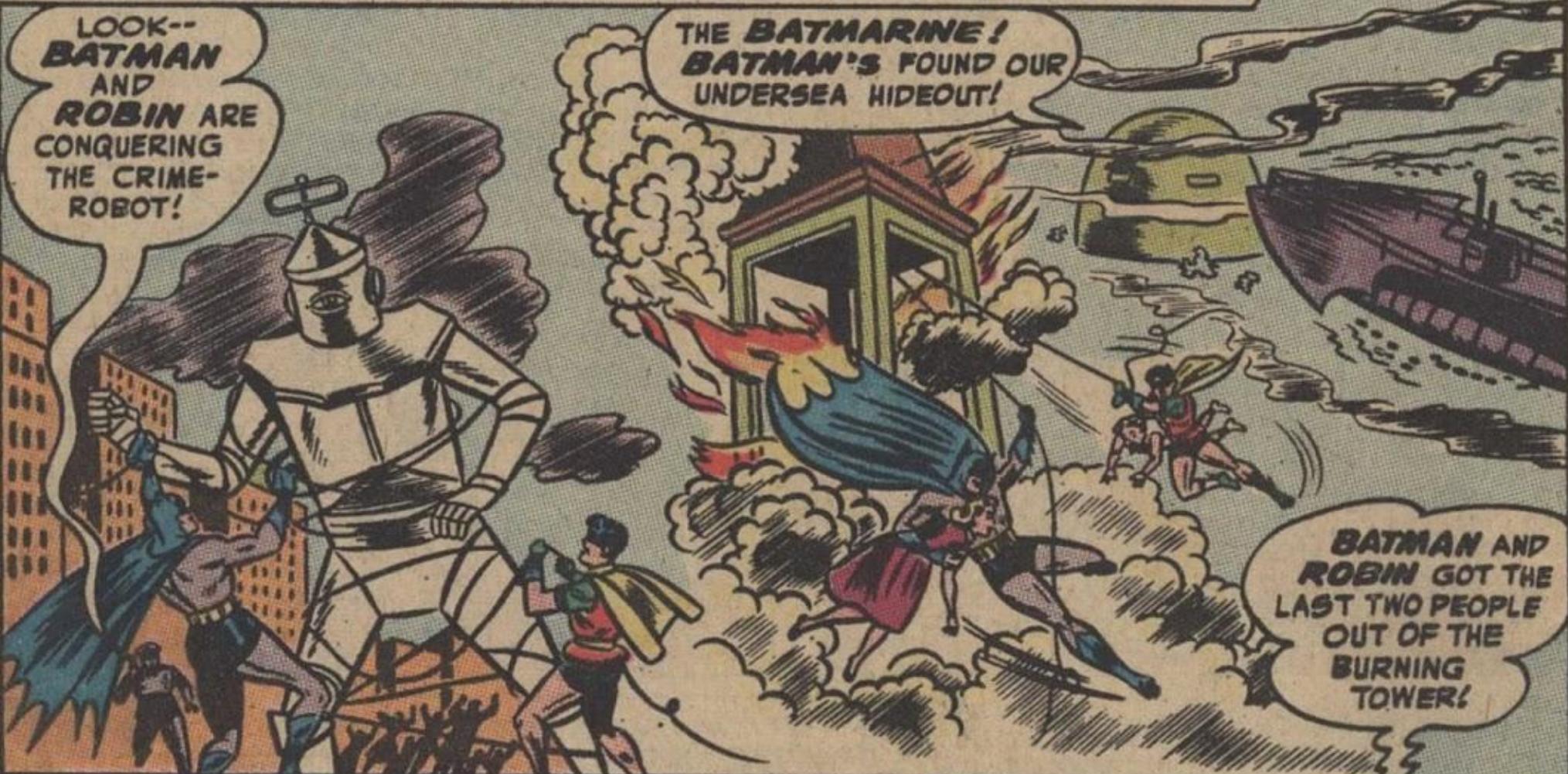


IT WOULD TAKE DAYS TO GO THROUGH ALL THE NEWSPAPER FILES--AND WE'VE NO ASSURANCE WE'D FIND OUR PICTURES IN THEM! AND THERE ISN'T TIME! THAT PLANNED CRIME MUST BE STOPPED--EVEN IF WE HAVE TO REVEAL OUR REAL FACES PUBLICLY TO GET OUR MEMORY BACK!



# GIANT BATMAN

EXAMINING POLICE RECORDS, THE DUO READS OF THEIR OWN FORGOTTEN EXPLOITS!



GOSH, IT SEEMS WE'VE DONE SOME PRETTY TERRIFIC THINGS IN THE PAST-- BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER THEM!

THERE'S NO CLUE TO OUR IDENTITIES IN THESE STORIES-- LET'S SEE IF THERE ARE ANY CLUES ON OURSELVES!

AFTER MINUTELY EXAMINING THEIR UTILITY BELTS AND COSTUMES...

NO--WE'VE APPARENTLY BEEN CAREFUL THAT THERE'S NO SINGLE CLUE TO OUR IDENTITIES ON OUR PERSONS-- JUST IN CASE WE EVER GOT CAPTURED!

WITH THAT CRIME-MYSTERY THREATENING, WE MUST GET OUR MEMORIES BACK FAST! MAYBE COMMISSIONER GORDON CAN HELP US!



PRESENTLY...

COMMISSIONER, WHEN I FIRST VOLUNTEERED TO HELP THE POLICE, DID I TELL YOU ANYTHING ABOUT MYSELF WHICH MIGHT OFFER A CLUE TO MY REAL IDENTITY?

YOU DIDN'T TELL ME WHO YOU WERE! I REMEMBER YOUR FIRST APPEARANCE QUITE CLEARLY--



# GIANT BATMAN

"I WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT YOU, THEN!"

I'VE TRAINED MYSELF THOROUGHLY, AND WANT TO HELP ENFORCE THE LAW!

I APPRECIATE YOUR SPIRIT-- BUT POLICE WORK ISN'T FOR AMATEURS!

"EVEN AFTER YOU'D SUCCESSFULLY SOLVED A FEW CASES, I DOUBTED YOUR ABILITY! THEN, WHEN YOU CAME AGAIN TO ME ONE NIGHT..."

A MYSTERIOUS ROBBERY JUST REPORTED AT THE MUSEUM OF TIME!

COME ALONG WITH ME, BATMAN!

A REALLY TOUGH CASE WILL TEACH HIM THAT POLICE WORK IS TOO MUCH FOR HIM!

"AND IT WAS A KNOTTY MYSTERY INDEED AT THE MUSEUM OF TIME, WHICH HELD TIME-PIECES OF ALL THE AGES!"

A FORTUNE IN JEWELLED WATCHES STOLEN! YET I WAS PATROLLING AROUND THE MUSEUM AN HOUR BEFORE THE BURGLAR-ALARM WENT OFF-- AND I SAW NOBODY GO IN OR OUT!

HMM... ALL THESE CLOCKS KEEP TIME AND SHOW IT'S NOW 11:15--

-- EXCEPT THAT ONE WHICH STOPPED AT 4:10, BEFORE THE MUSEUM CLOSED! A VISITOR COULD HAVE HIDDEN IN THERE, IF HE STOPPED THE WORKS!

AND ONE DID-- THERE HE GOES!

"THEN, AS THAT THIEF ESCAPED ALONG THE BALCONY, I SAW YOUR SUPERB ACROBATIC SKILL!"

HE GRABBED THE END OF THE BIG PENDULUM-- AND IT'S SWINGING HIM UP TOWARD THE BALCONY! LOOK AT THAT LEAP!

RIGHT AT THE THIEF! HE CAN'T ESCAPE NOW!

"THAT NIGHT CONVINCED ME-- AND WHEN WE LEFT THE MUSEUM..."

WE CAN USE YOUR HELP, BATMAN! BUT IT'S A HARD JOB YOU'VE TAKEN ON, DEVOTING YOUR LIFE TO FIGHTING CRIME!

YES-- BUT I'VE SUFFERED FROM CRIME AND I WANT TO FIGHT IT!

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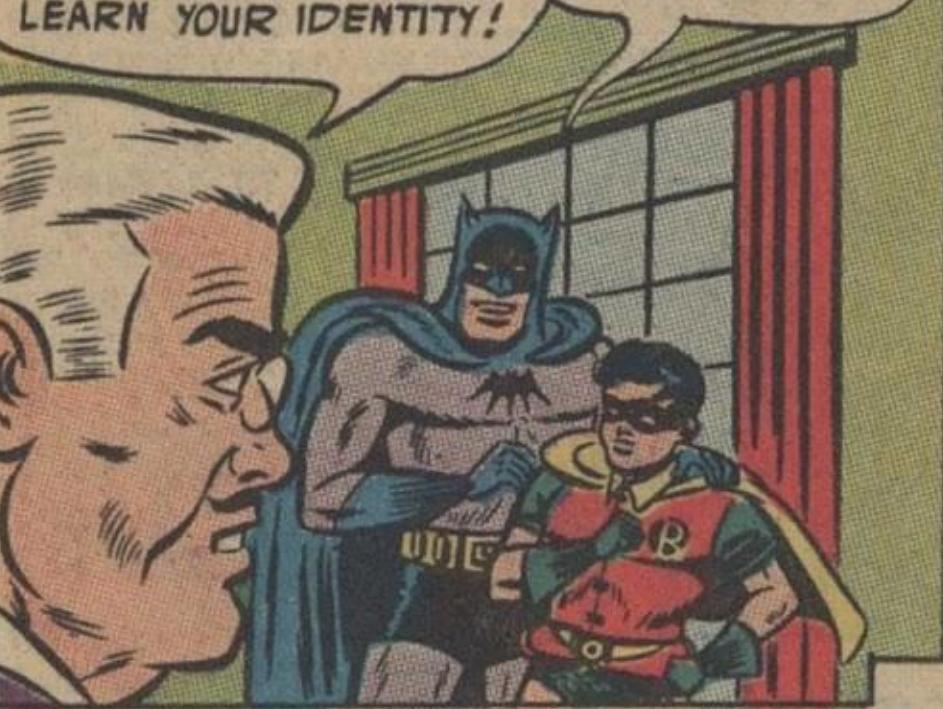
SO, FROM THE FIRST, YOU TOLD ME NOTHING OF WHO YOU WERE! I NEVER HAVE TRIED TO LEARN YOUR IDENTITY!

WELL, THANKS ANYWAY--ROBIN AND I WILL KEEP TRYING!

BUT SECONDS LATER...

HE DID TELL US ONE FACT-- THAT, IN MY REAL IDENTITY, I WAS SOMEONE WHO HAD SUFFERED FROM CRIME!

BUT THAT ALONE WILL NEVER TELL US WHO YOU ARE! OR WHO I AM!



RACING AGAINST TIME, THE MANHUNTERS SEEK ANOTHER CLUE TO THEMSELVES...

THESE ARE RECORDS OF YOUR FIRST EXPLOITS WITH THE BATPLANE WHEN YOU STARTED TO USE IT--BUT THEY TELL US NOTHING!

MAYBE THIS, ONE OF MY EARLIEST BATPLANE FEATS, IS A CLUE! IT TELLS HOW--

LOOK, THAT OLD-TYPE BIPLANE HAS STALLED--IT'LL CRASH!

"...AN EXHIBITION FLIGHT BY A LITTLE, EARLY-DAY AIRPLANE WENT WRONG OVER GOTHAM CITY!"

THERE'S BATMAN IN HIS NEW BATPLANE, BUT HE CAN'T HELP!

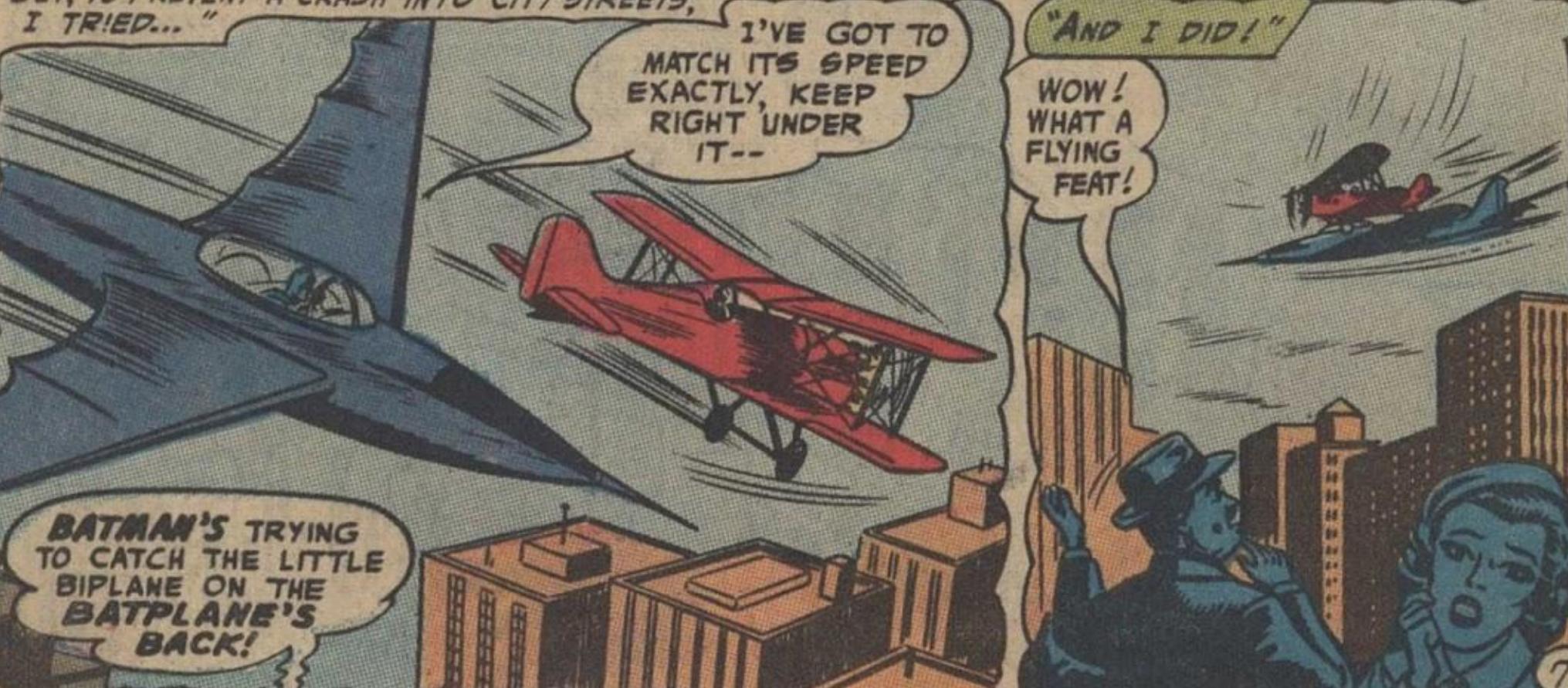


"BUT, TO PREVENT A CRASH INTO CITY STREETS, I TRIED..."

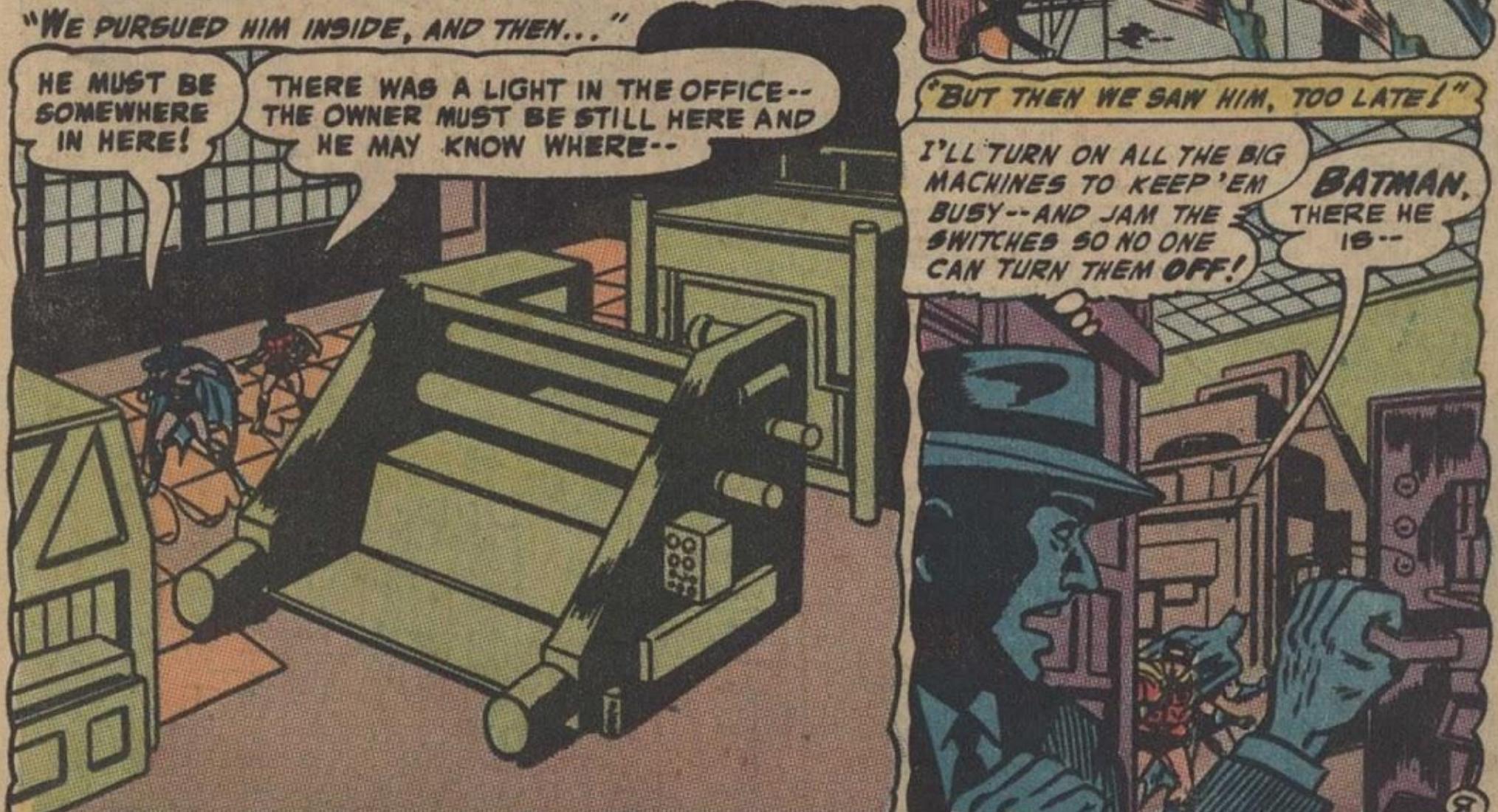
I'VE GOT TO MATCH ITS SPEED EXACTLY, KEEP RIGHT UNDER IT--

"AND I DID!"

WOW! WHAT A FLYING FEAT!



BATMAN'S TRYING TO CATCH THE LITTLE BIPLANE ON THE BATPLANE'S BACK!



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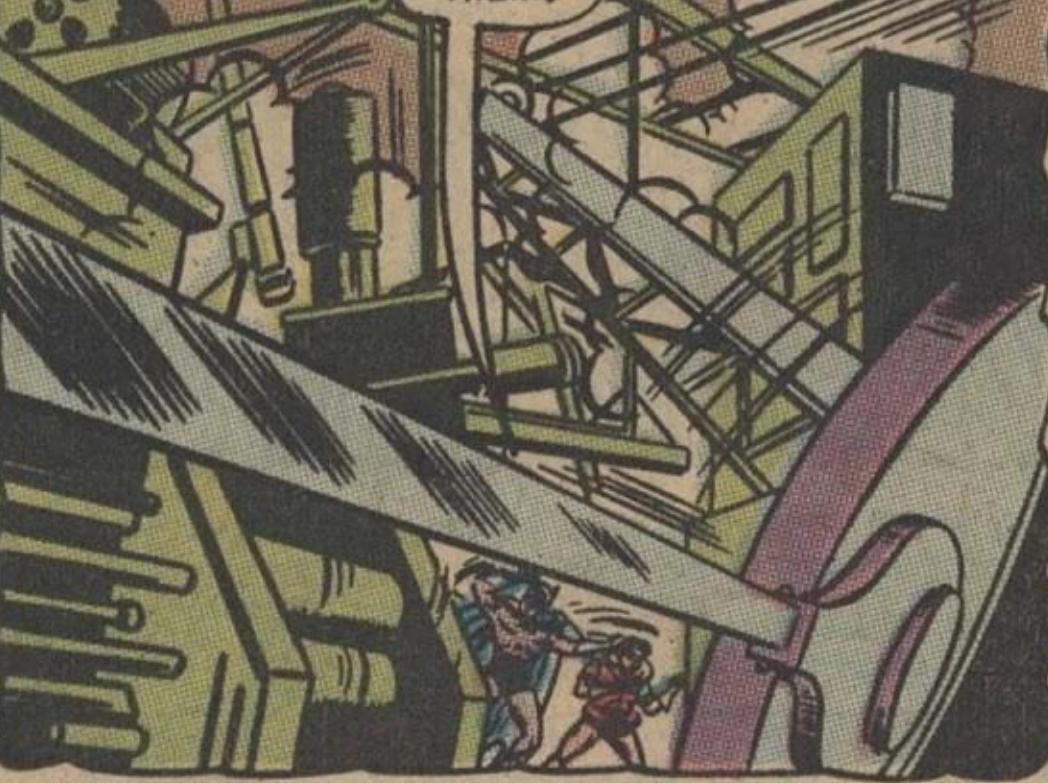


"SUDDENLY, ALL AROUND US, MECHANICAL CHAOS WAS LET LOOSE!"

DOWN, ROBIN-- THESE MACHINES ARE RUNNING WILD-- CAN'T GET THROUGH THEM!

"BUT MELDEN, THE OWNER OF THE MACHINE SHOP, HAD HEARD AND CAME RUNNING..."

BATMAN AND ROBIN IN THERE-- TRAPPED-- AND I CAN'T SHUT THE JAMMED SWITCHES OFF!



"TO HELP US, HE WRECKED HIS WHOLE MACHINERY!"

SHORT-CIRCUITING THE MACHINES' CONTROLS WILL BURN THEM OUT AND RUIN THE MACHINES-- BUT IT'LL STOP THEM!



WHY WOULD HE SACRIFICE HIS WHOLE PLANT FOR US, UNLESS HE WAS SOMEBODY CLOSE TO US, SOMEONE WHO KNEW US?

IT MAY BE A REAL LEAD-- LET'S GET THERE FAST AND ASK HIM!

BUT AT THE MACHINE SHOP... WHY, NO, I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE! I WRECKED MY PLANT TO SAVE YOU BECAUSE YOU'D SAVED SO MANY OTHERS!

IT WAS SWELL OF YOU, MELDEN! I WISH WE COULD PAY YOU BACK FOR YOUR LOSSES!



# GIANT BATMAN

BUT YOU DID PAY ME BACK ALL MY LOSSES AND I GOT NEW MACHINES -- DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

I DID?

SURE--YOU CAME BACK THE NEXT DAY AND PAID ME MY WHOLE \$90,000 LOSS FROM YOUR PERSONAL FORTUNE. YOU ASKED ME NEVER TO TELL ANYONE, AND I NEVER DID!

ER--THAT'S FINE-- THANKS, MELDEN!



WELL, WE GOT ANOTHER CLUE TO MYSELF, AFTER ALL-- IN MY REAL IDENTITY I MUST BE WEALTHY TO HAVE A PERSONAL FORTUNE!

IT SEEMS SO! FUNNY, THOSE CALLUSES ON YOUR HAND MAKE ME THINK YOU MUST BE A WORKINGMAN OF SOME KIND!

MAYBE THESE CALLUSES CAN GIVE ANOTHER CLUE TO WHO I AM!

WE'D BETTER FIND OUT FAST-- IT MAY ALREADY BE TOO LATE TO STOP WHAT-EVER CRIME-COUP IS PLANNED!



AND, BACK AT HEADQUARTERS, AFTER SECURING A VARIETY OF OBJECTS, A STRANGE TRY-OUT...

NO, A TENNIS RACKET WOULDN'T MAKE CALLUSES IN THE POSITION THESE ARE-- SO I'M NOT A TENNIS-PLAYER!

TRY THIS GOLF CLUB!



AND AFTER MANY TRIALS... THEN WE KNOW YOU'RE RICH, THAT YOU ONCE SUFFERED FROM CRIME, THAT YOU'D LEARNED FLYING AND ARE A POLO-PLAYER! AND--



# GIANT BATMAN

--THAT YOU MUST HAVE A SON OR YOUNGER BROTHER-- ME!

QUICK, WE'LL CHECK EVERY POLO-PLAYER IN GOTHAM CITY! THERE CAN'T BE TOO MANY!

DESPERATELY, THE DUO SEARCHES THROUGH SPORTING RECORDS, SOCIETY BLUE-BOOKS AND DIRECTORIES AS TIME RUNS OUT...

NO, HE DOESN'T

ARTHUR VAN GORDER-- HE'S A STAR POLO-PLAYER!

FIT EITHER! HE'S RICH AND PLAYS POLO, BUT HE HAS NEVER FLOWN AND HAS NO SON OR BROTHER!



BUT THE NEXT OF THE NAMES...

BRUCE WAYNE... FUNNY, THAT NAME SOUNDS AWFULLY FAMILIAR!

BATMAN, BRUCE WAYNE FITS ALL THE CLUES! HIS FATHER WAS A VICTIM OF CRIME, HE'S RICH, A Flier, AND A POLO-PLAYER! LET'S GET TO HIS HOME FAST!

SOON... BATMAN, IT'S COMING BACK TO ME--THIS HOUSE! I KNOW IT!

AND I SEEM TO REMEMBER NOW YOU'RE NOT MY SON OR BROTHER, BUT MY WARD. LET'S GO IN--



AND AS THE TENSE DUO ENTERS THE WAYNE MANSION...

WELCOME HOME, MASTER, BUT--

THAT CLOCK IS SO DO I! AND THE SECRET PASSAGE DOWN TO THE BAT-CAVE TO THE BAT-CAVE I REMEMBER NOW, BATMAN-- I REMEMBER EVERYTHING!

WE'VE GOT ONLY MINUTES-- HURRY!

WHAT'S GOT INTO THE MASTERS? THEY COME INTO THE HOUSE INSTEAD OF THE BAT-CAVE, THEN DASH OUT AGAIN-- I DON'T UNDERSTAND!



# GIANT BATMAN

AFTER A SWIFT DRIVE, AT A BUSY CORNER...

THE GOTHAM TRUST PAYROLL TRUCK COMES THROUGH HERE AT NOON TODAY--THAT SONIC BEAM CAN STUN ITS GUARDS AND EVERYONE ELSE IN THIS AREA!

WHY, THE STUNNED DRIVERS WOULD COLLIDE IN TERRIBLE CRASHES! BATMAN, WE'VE GOT TO STOP THAT!

BUT AS FATEFUL SECONDS CREEP TOWARD NOON...

THEY COULD BE IN ANY BUILDING! WE'VE NO TIME TO SEARCH THEM ALL!

THEIR PLAN IS TO GET AWAY FAST AFTER THE ROBBERY AND TO USE THE PROJECTOR TO STOP PURSUIT! SO THEY'D BE IN A VAN--LIKE THAT ONE!



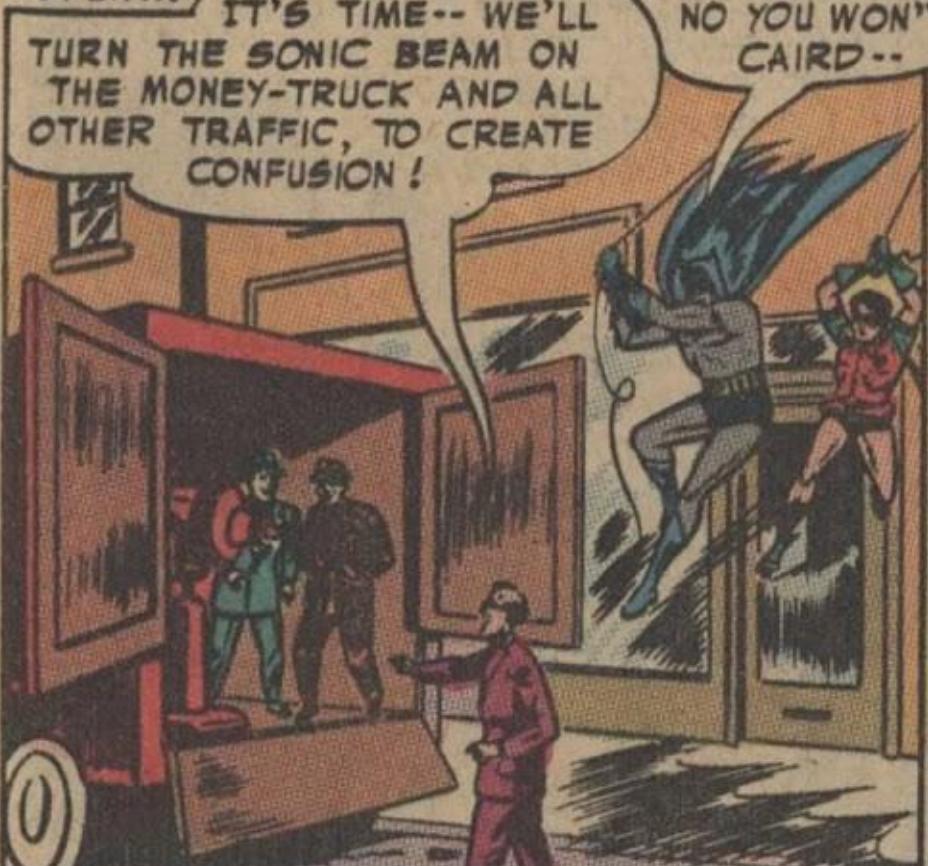
AND WHEN THE REAR DOORS OF THE BIG VAN OPEN...

IT'S TIME-- WE'LL TURN THE SONIC BEAM ON THE MONEY-TRUCK AND ALL OTHER TRAFFIC, TO CREATE CONFUSION!

NO YOU WON'T, CAIRD--

AND BEFORE THE DEADLY WEAPON CAN BE UNLOOSED...

YOU GOT WAY OFF THE BEAM AND YOU'LL BE PUT BACK ON IT-- IN PRISON!



BUT WHEN BATMAN RETURNS THE STOLEN APPARATUS...

BATMAN, THIS SONIC-BEAM PROJECTOR PROVED SO DANGEROUS THAT WE WANT YOU TO KEEP IT!

I KNOW A SAFE PLACE FOR IT!

LATER, IN THE GREAT HALL OF TROPHIES IN THE BAT-CAVE...

A TROPHY OF OUR STRANGEST MYSTERY-- THE MYSTERY OF OUR OWN IDENTITIES!

AND WE CAN THANK OUR STARS THAT WE ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO EVER SOLVED THAT MYSTERY!



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# BATMAN

With  
**ROBIN**  
THE BOY WONDER

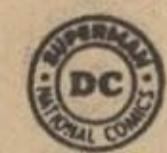
FROM BATMAN NO. 130, MARCH, 1960.

"HA, HA! DO THE FOOLS  
REALLY BELIEVE THEY  
CAN COMBAT THE  
STRENGTH OF OUR  
GIANT HAND?"

IT REACHED FROM THE  
SKY LIKE A HAND OF  
DOOM--A COLOSSAL  
HAND OF AWESOME  
STRENGTH THAT CRUSHED  
AND DESTROYED! BUT  
BATMAN AND ROBIN  
DARED TO DEFY ITS  
TERRIBLE POWER--UNTIL  
THEY FINALLY DISCOVERED  
THE PURPOSE OF...

**the HAND  
from NOWHERE**

BOB  
KANE



# GIANT BATMAN



ONE MORNING, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN DROP IN AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

HMPH!  
A WORKMAN AT THE GOTHAM ZINC WORKS JUST PHONED! HE SAID A GIANT HAND-- HOLDING TWO ALIENS IN IT-- JUST APPEARED IN THE SKY! BAH! LAST YEAR, IT WAS "FLYING SAUCERS"-- NOW IT'S "GIANT HANDS"!

RELAX, COMMISSIONER! ROBIN AND I WILL GIVE THIS PRANKSTER A STERN LECTURE!

BUT ON ARRIVING AT THE ZINC WORKS...

HOLY SMOKE! THE GUY WASN'T KIDDING! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT HAND!

GREAT SCOTT! THE HAND'S CRUSHED THAT ROOF AS THOUGH IT WERE PAPER!



LOOK! IT'S SEIZING SOME ZINC!

THOSE TWO ALIENS LOOKING ON-- THEY MUST CONTROL THE HAND! IF WE CAN CAPTURE THE ALIENS, MAYBE WE CAN FORCE THEM TO STOP THE HAND!

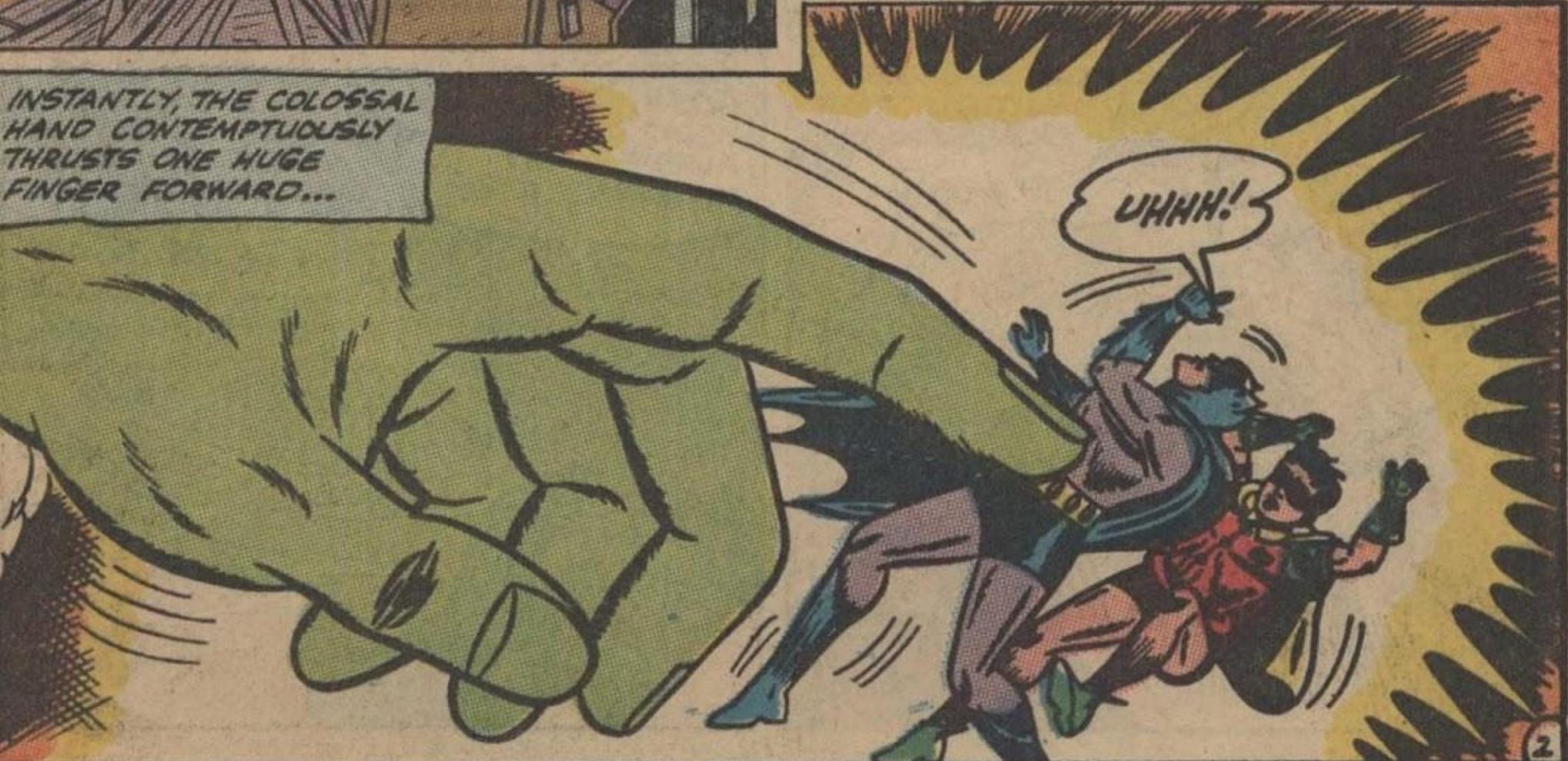


THANKS TO OUR LANGUAGE-SCRAMBLERS THAT INSTANTLY TRANSLATE ANY LANGUAGE, INCLUDING OURS, TO ALL EARS WITHIN HEARING RANGE--WE KNOW WHAT THOSE EARTHLINGS ARE PLANNING! GNARL -- STOP THEM!



INSTANTLY, THE COLOSSAL HAND CONTEMPTUOUSLY THRUSTS ONE HUGE FINGER FORWARD...

UHHH!





# GIANT BATMAN



DESPERATELY, BATMAN TRIES TO FIGHT OFF THE NUMBING EFFECT OF THE TERRIBLE BLOW AS HE SEES...

THE HAND--ABOUT TO HIT ROBIN! GOT TO SAVE HIM--BUT I'M TOO WEAK TO GET UP! THIS BARREL...



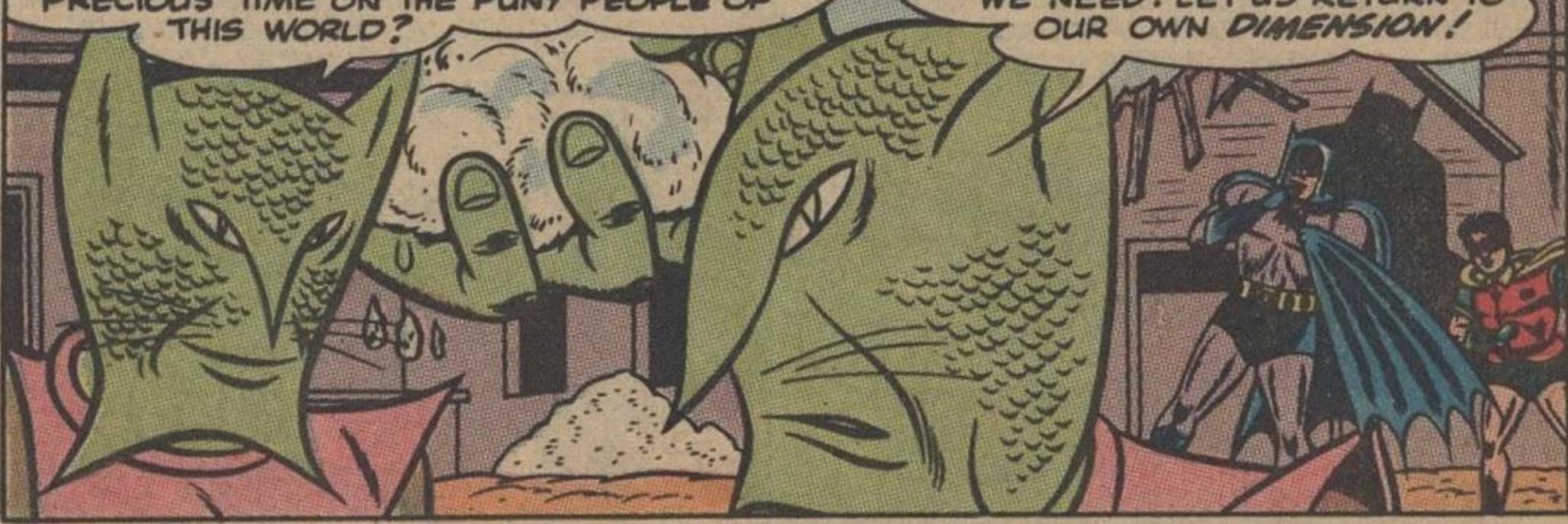
SUMMONING UP HIS STRENGTH, BATMAN DRIVES HIS FEET AT THE BARREL, AND...

IT WORKED!



BAH! WHY SHOULD WE--WHO CONTROL THE GIANT GNARLS OF OUR WORLD--WASTE PRECIOUS TIME ON THE PUNY PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD?

TRUE! BESIDES, WE ALREADY HAVE THE FIRST OF THE MATERIALS WE NEED! LET US RETURN TO OUR OWN DIMENSION!



ABRUPTLY, AS THE ALIENS STEP INTO THE GIANT HAND, IT BEGINS TO GLOW WITH TERRIBLE INTENSITY...

UHHH--IT'S SO BRIGHT--I CAN'T SEE!

GREAT SCOTT! NOT EVEN DARK SUN GLASSES COULD SHUT OUT THAT GLARE!



THEN, THERE IS A SUDDEN PUFF OF SMOKE--AND WHEN IT FINALLY CLEARS...

GONE--BACK TO ANOTHER DIMENSION! GOSH, BATMAN--WHAT DO THOSE ALIENS WANT MATERIALS FOR?

I DON'T KNOW, ROBIN--BUT I DO KNOW THEY NEED MORE MATERIALS FROM OUR WORLD! THEY'LL BE BACK, ROBIN--THEY'LL BE BACK!



# GIANT BATMAN

THE NEXT DAY, AN ALERTED CITY  
FEARFULLY AWAITES THE RETURN  
OF THE GIANT HAND FROM  
NOWHERE!

BOBBY, COME  
INTO THE  
HOUSE --  
HURRY --  
HURRY!

WARNING TO ALL  
CITIZENS! THE HAND  
MAY APPEAR AT  
ANY TIME! STAY  
OFF THE STREETS!

THE MELTING  
POINT OF THIS  
MATERIAL  
PASSES THE  
TEST!

GOOD! MATERIAL  
OF THIS NATURE IS RARE IN  
OUR WORLD! SOON WE  
SHALL HAVE ALL THE  
MATERIALS WE NEED FOR  
OUR NEW DIMENSION-  
TRANSMITTER THAT WILL  
WIDEN AN OPENING INTO THIS  
WORLD!

SOON AFTER, ABOVE A COPPER MINE, THERE IS A GIANT  
BURST OF SMOKE--A BLINDING GLARE--AND AFTER-  
WARDS...

THE GIANT  
HAND!

GULP-- IT--IT'S PICKING  
UP THAT CART OF  
COPPER ORE!

ABOUT MID-DAY, THE HAND REAPPEARS  
ALONE BEFORE A GUARDED GOVERNMENT  
VAULT...

HOLY SMOKE! IT  
SNAPPED THE CANNON  
BARREL LIKE A CELERY  
STALK!

VALIANTLY, RIFLEMEN RUSH UP AS THE TITANIC HAND SMASHES INTO THE VAULT  
CONTAINING A VAST FORTUNE OF PRECIOUS PLATINUM...

IT'S NO USE--  
WE'RE ONLY  
WASTING  
BULLETS!

BAM!

# GIANT BATMAN

THAT NIGHT, BATMAN SPEAKS AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF TOP SCIENTISTS...

THE PATTERN IS CLEAR NOW! THUS FAR, THE ALIENS HAVE OPENED A SMALL HOLE IN OUR DIMENSION THAT CAN ONLY ADMIT THE HAND OF A GIANT GNARL-- SO THEY ARE RAIDING US FOR RAW MATERIALS THEY NEED FOR A MORE POWERFUL DIMENSIONAL- TRANSMITTER...

...A TRANSMITTER THAT WILL OPEN A LARGER HOLE--SO THAT AN ARMY OF GIANT GNARLS THEY CONTROL CAN PASS THROUGH-- AND INVADE OUR WORLD!

THE NEXT DAY, AS THE BAT-PLANE PATROLS THE SKIES...

GOSH, BATMAN-- THE ALIENS HAVE TAKEN ZINC-- COPPER--PLATINUM! WHAT WILL THEY GO FOR NEXT?

HERE COMES YOUR ANSWER NOW, ROBIN!

CALLING BAT-PLANE!  
HAND HAS APPEARED  
AT PIER M--IS  
SEIZING CARGO OF  
TIN FROM BOLIVIAN  
LINER!

SOON AFTER...

TAKE OVER THE CONTROLS,  
ROBIN-- I'M GOING TO GET  
THE LOOP OF CHAIN  
READY!

LOOK! GNARL--  
GO UP AND  
CRUSH THAT  
FLYING  
MACHINE!

AS IF TRYING TO SWAT A MOSQUITO, THE GIANT HAND SWIPE AT THE BAT-PLANE, BUT...

:PHEW! THAT ALMOST SLAPPED US OUT OF THE SKY!

YES--BUT NOW THAT WE'RE ABOVE THE HAND, AS WE WANTED, I CAN GO OUT ON THE ROPE LADDER!

SWIFTLY, LIKE A STEEL LASSO, A LOOP OF CHAIN IS DROPPED BY BATMAN AROUND ONE HUGE FINGER...

IT'S HOOKED ON, ROBIN! THE INSTANT I GET INTO THE PLANE--GET GOING!

INSTANTS LATER, ROBIN PILOTS THE BAT-PLANE AROUND AND AROUND THE HAND--AS CHAIN WINDS ABOUT IT FROM A DRUM...

LET'S HOPE THE CHAIN HOLDS, ROBIN!

BUT AS THE GARGANTUAN HAND FLEXES ITS FINGERS...

GREAT SCOTT! THE CHAINS SNAPPED LIKE ROTTED STRINGS!

REACHING OUT, THE HAND SEIZES THE CHAIN TRAILING FROM THE BAT-PLANE--AND SNAPS IT LIKE A WHIP!

GOOD HEAVENS! IF THE HAND GETS A CHANCE TO SNAP THE CHAIN AGAIN, THE BAT-PLANE WILL CRACK APART FROM THE STRAIN! I'VE GOT TO JETTISON THE DRUM--FAST!



BATMAN'S RUSE WORKS JUST IN TIME AS...

WE'RE FREE! BUT WE'D BETTER KEEP GOING--BEFORE THE HAND SNATCHES AT THE BAT-PLANE!

SOON AFTER...

OKAY, BATMAN--NOW WHAT?

WE CAN'T DO ANY GOOD UP HERE ANY MORE--SO WE MIGHT AS WELL LAND, AND HOPE THE POLICE CAN KNOCK OUT THE ALIENS WITH THEIR GAS GUNS!



# GIANT BATMAN



LATER...

THE FOOLS! DO THEY  
REALLY BELIEVE THEY  
CAN USE THEIR GAS GUNS  
AGAINST US BEFORE OUR  
GNARL SMASHES  
THEM?

HMMNM!

HE'S RIGHT, MEN! IT WOULD BE  
FOOLISH TO RISK YOUR LIVES!  
LET ME HANDLE THIS!



Warily, an alien draws his flame-pistol--  
but Batman only speaks!

TOOK-A-ROO!  
16-VEE TAH-  
KOO?

WE--WE CAN'T WASTE  
TIME TALKING WITH YOU!  
GNARL--TAKE US BACK  
TO OUR OWN DIMENSION!

HUH?

ON SEIZING THE ALIENS AND THE TIN, THE  
HAND AGAIN STARTS TO GLOW BRIGHTLY...

THAT'S IT--TURN YOUR BACK ON THE GLOW--  
SHADE YOUR EYES SO THAT THEY'RE NOT  
BLINDED BY THE  
GLARE--AND  
WE'LL BE ABLE  
TO SEE  
QUICKER  
WHEN THE  
GLOW  
STOPS!

SOON AFTER, THERE IS A SUDDEN PUFF  
OF DENSE SMOKE--AND WHEN IT  
FINALLY CLEARS...

QUICK, ROBIN--  
INTO THE BAT-PLANE! I'LL  
EXPLAIN MY ACTIONS LATER!  
FIRST, I WANT TO SCOUT THIS  
AREA FROM THE SKY!

MOMENTS LATER...

JUST AS I SUSPECTED--A BIG TRUCK--  
AND THE ONLY TRUCK ON THE  
HIGHWAY THAT LEADS AWAY FROM  
THE DOCK! THE BLINDING GLARE--  
THEN THE DENSE SMOKE--WAS  
TO KEEP ALL EYES FROM SEEING  
THE HAND RETURN TO THAT  
TRUCK AFTER EACH RAID!

WA-AAT?





# GIANT BATMAN



ROBIN, HOW COULD ALIENS FROM ANOTHER WORLD-- WHO HAVE NEVER ENCOUNTERED A GAS GUN BEFORE -- KNOW THE POLICE HAD GAS GUNS?

THEY COULDN'T KNOW!

EXACTLY--THAT'S WHY I THEN SPOKE TO THEM IN ESKIMO-- TO TEST THEIR "LANGUAGE-SCRAMBLERS" THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO TRANSLATE ANY LANGUAGE!

SURE! YOU SAID "LOOK! CAN'T YOU SEE IT?" IF THEY'D UNDERSTOOD, THEY'D HAVE INSTINCTIVELY TURNED TO LOOK ABOUT THEM FOR DANGER--BUT THEY DIDN'T!

IF THEY COULD RECOGNIZE GAS GUNS-- AND THEIR "LANGUAGE-SCRAMBLERS" DON'T WORK-- THAT MEANS THOSE "ALIENS" ARE FAKES! THE WHOLE THING WAS A HOAX!

RIGHT! LOOK, ROBIN-- THE TRUCK'S HEADING FOR THAT BARN-- THEIR HIDEOUT!

INSIDE THE HIDEOUT WAITS THAT RENEGADE SCIENTIST WHOM BATMAN HAS OFTEN HELPED SUPERMAN COMBAT--LUTHOR!

WELL, BOSS, I'M GLAD I'M FINISHED WORKING THE CONTROLS OF THE "HAND" YOU INVENTED! THAT WAS OUR LAST JOB!

YES-- THE "ALIENS" WILL NEVER APPEAR AGAIN--AND PEOPLE WILL THINK SOMETHING HAPPENED TO OUR TRANSMITTER. THEY'LL BE SO RELIEVED, THEY'LL NEVER SUSPECT THEY WERE HOAXED!

AND THEY WON'T THINK TWICE ABOUT THE \$2,000,000 WORTH OF PLATINUM WE GOT!

ONLY BECAUSE I HAD YOU STEAL ORDINARY ZINC AND COPPER FIRST-- AND THEN WORTHLESS TIN, AFTER WE GOT THE PRECIOUS PLATINUM! THAT'S WHY THE POLICE WILL NEVER SUSPECT IT WAS THE PLATINUM WE WERE AFTER ALL THE TIME!

TOO BAD YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP IT, LUTHOR!

BATMAN AND ROBIN!

FRANTICALLY, THE BANDITS DASH ABOUT,  
TRYING TO AVOID THE ATTACKING CRIME-  
FIGHTERS...

WHILE THOSE  
FOOLS ARE KEEPING BATMAN  
AND ROBIN OCCUPIED, I'LL  
MAKE MY ESCAPE!

LUTHOR--  
GETTING  
AWAY!

BUT MINUTES  
LATER...

WHAT....?  
THE  
HAND!

IT--IT'S GOT ME!  
WHERE IS IT  
TAKING ME?

LUTHOR SOON FINDS OUT...

POLICE HEADQUARTERS!  
YOU--BATMAN--  
YOU WERE AT  
THE CONTROLS!

YES, LUTHOR--  
YOU INVENTED  
A HAND--AND  
THAT HAND  
FINALLY PUT  
THE FINGER ON  
YOU!

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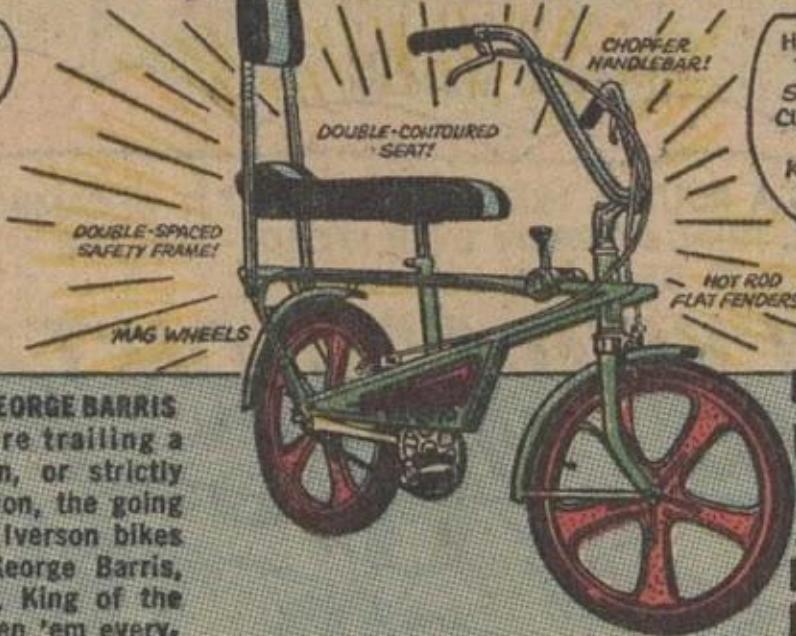
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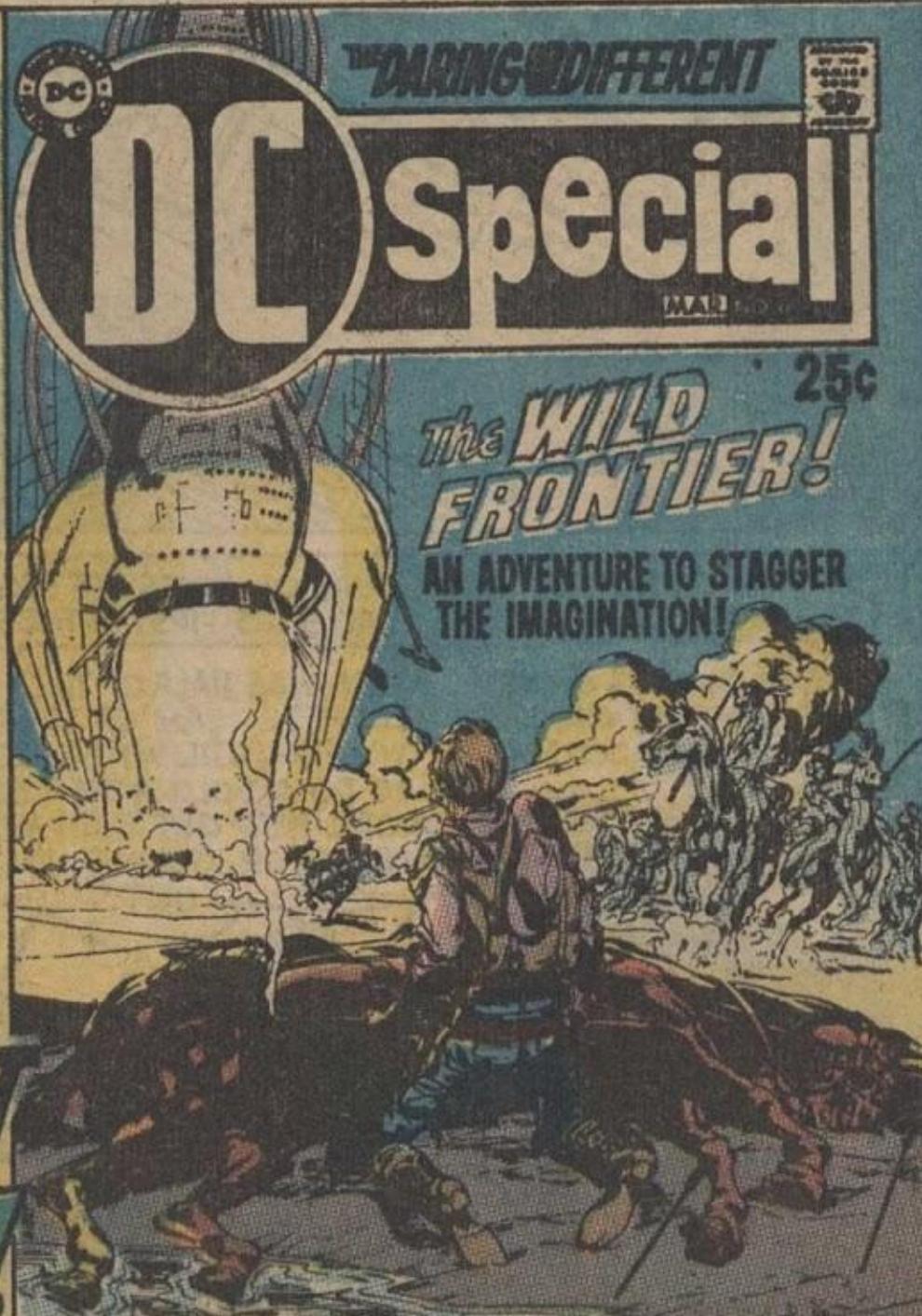
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GIANT BATMAN



# BATMAN

With  
**ROBIN**  
THE BOY WONDER

FROM BATMAN NO. 118,  
SEPT., 1958

IT STARTED OUT AS A ROUTINE MURDER CASE, BUT IT BECAME THE MOST CRUCIAL TRIAL BATMAN EVER FACED -- FOR THE DEFENDANT PROVED TO BE...

"**The MAN WHO COULDN'T BE TRIED TWICE!**"

BOB KANE

EXTRA  
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Daily GIANT  
**WYLER MURDER TRIAL  
STARTS TODAY**

BATMAN  
KEY WITNESS  
FOR DEFENSE

HA, HA... YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET, BATMAN, BUT YOUR APPEARANCE AT THIS TRIAL WILL SIGNAL THE END OF YOUR CAREER!

IN GOTHAM CITY, THE MURDER TRIAL OF JAMES LEE BEGINS, AS THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY CALLS HIS FIRST WITNESS...

MR. DAVID DIAL, AS OWNER OF THE **ALL-STAR CIRCUS**, YOU KNOW THE ACCUSED, JAMES LEE?

LEE WAS HALF OF THE TRAPEZE TEAM OF LEE AND WYLER--UNTIL WYLER DECIDED TO DO A SOLO ACT! LEE SWORE HE'D GET EVEN WITH WYLER FOR KICKING HIM OUT!

THE STATE'S NEXT WITNESS--WILLY KEYES, CIRCUS CLOWN...

MR. KEYES, PLEASE TELL THE JURY WHAT HAPPENED ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 5TH...

WELL--AFTER HIS ACT, WYLER'S HABIT WAS TO GO TO HIS TRAILER TO PAINT! THAT WAS WYLER'S HOBBY--PAINTING! AWHILE LATER, I HEARD A SHOT FROM HIS TRAILER...

## GIANT BATMAN

"I YELLED TO A POLICEMAN--AND WHEN WE ENTERED WYLER'S TRAILER, THE PLACE SHOWED SIGNS OF A TERRIFIC STRUGGLE..."

LEE! Y-YOU MURDERED HIM!

A SHOT--FOUND HIM ON THE FLOOR! I WAS TRYING TO LIFT HIM TO THE COUCH, WHEN YOU CAME IN!

THE STATE'S NEXT WITNESS--DR. FORBES OF THE POLICE LABORATORY...

DR. FORBES, JUST WHAT IS A PARAFFIN TEST?

WHEN A PERSON FIRES A REVOLVER, GAS PRESSURE TATTOOES HIS GUN HAND WITH INVISIBLE SPECKS OF GUN-POWDER!



UPON LEE'S ARREST, I TOOK A WAX CAST OF HIS HAND! THE CHEMICAL REACTION ON THE CAST SHOWED THAT LEE HAD FIRED A GUN!

YES--A GUN... THE MURDER GUN!

NOW, THE ACCUSED MAN'S LAWYER TAKES THE FLOOR--AND MAKES A DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT...

THE DEFENSE NOW CALLS ITS FIRST AND ONLY WITNESS--BATMAN!

BATMAN! WOW!

THIS OUGHTA BE EXCITING!

BATMAN, WILL YOU TELL THE JURY WHAT YOU TOLD ME?

ON THAT FATEFUL NIGHT, WYLER CALLED ME AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS! HE SAID HE HAD SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL ME--AND THAT HE WANTED PROTECTION, OR HE WOULD BE MURDERED...



"UPON REACHING THE CIRCUS GROUNDS, WE SPOTTED LEE--AND REMEMBERED LEE'S THREATS TO WYLER--SO WE ASSUMED WYLER WANTED PROTECTION FROM LEE..."

SO FAR, WE'VE TRAILED LEE TO EVERY CONCESSION! IT SEEMS TO ME, ROBIN, AS IF HE'S JUST KILLING TIME BEFORE HE VISITS WYLER...

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BUT WE LOST LEE IN THE CROWD, AND LEARNED LATER OF HIS ARREST. AFTER REVIEWING THE FACTS, HOWEVER, I WAS CONVINCED OF LEE'S INNOCENCE--AND CAN PROVE IT, NOW, BY WRESTLING WITH THE ACCUSED MAN!

WRESTLING? ... HERE? HIGHLY IRREGULAR... BUT--IF IT WILL SERVE THE ENDS OF JUSTICE, THE COURT HAS NO OBJECTIONS!



# GIANT BATMAN

THIS FOLLOWS THE MOST FANTASTIC DEFENSE EVER ESTABLISHED IN A COURTROOM...

PRETEND I'M WYLER--STRUGGLING WITH LEE. HE IS WEARING HERE, THE SAME CLOTHES HE WORE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MURDER...



IF LEE HAD BEEN THE ONE WHO STRUGGLED WITH WYLER, HIS HAT WOULD HAVE FALLEN OFF AND BEEN CRUSHED DURING THE FIGHT... BUT WHEN THE POLICE BURST IN, LEE'S HAT WAS STILL ON HIS HEAD, UNDAMAGED!



BATMAN'S TESTIMONY WRECKS THE PROSECUTION'S CASE--AND THE JURY VERDICT IS SWIFT...

WE, THE JURY, FIND THE DEFENDANT--NOT GUILTY!



ACCORDING TO THE CLOWN'S TESTIMONY, HE AND THE POLICE CAME UPON LEE JUST AS HIS STRUGGLE WITH WYLER WAS ENDING...



AS FOR THE PARAFFIN TEST, IT PROVED LEE FIRED A GUN--BUT NOT THE MURDER GUN! ONLY A FEW MINUTES EARLIER, I'D SEEN LEE FIRING A GUN AT A SHOOTING GALLERY!



SUDDENLY, MOCKING LAUGHTER SHOCKS THE COURTROOM...

HA, HA... I FOOLED ALL OF YOU--EVEN YOU, BATMAN! I DID KILL WYLER! I'M GUILTY, YOU UNDERSTAND?... GUILTY!  
HA, HA, HA!



# GIANT BATMAN

I SPOTTED YOU FOLLOWING ME THAT NIGHT, SO I WORKED OUT A PLAN! I FIRED THAT GUN AT THE TARGET RANGE, FOR A PARAFFIN TEST ALIBI! AFTER SHOOTING WYLER, I OVERTURNED FURNITURE, TO MAKE IT APPEAR WE'D BEEN STRUGGLING!

YOU SEE, I COUNTED ON YOUR DETECTIVE WORK, BATMAN! NOW, THANKS TO YOU, I'M FREE--BECAUSE A MAN CAN'T BE TRIED TWICE FOR THE SAME CRIME...  
HA, HA, HA!



BEFORE LONG, THE STUNNING NEWS SWEEPS THE COUNTRY LIKE A PRAIRIE FIRE...

TONIGHT, A NATION IS WONDERING... IS BATMAN SLIPPING?

HA-HA!  
HA-HA!  
HA-HA!  
HA-HA!  
HA-HA!

HA-HA  
HA-HA HA

HOW COULD  
BATMAN HAVE  
BEEN SO WRONG?  
THIS IS TERRIBLE...  
TERRIBLE!

GOSH, SNIFF! I NEVER  
THOUGHT BATMAN \$50B  
WOULD LET A MURDERER  
OUTSMART HIM!

PRESS BOX



MEANWHILE, IN THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITIES OF WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, THE TWO CRIMEFIGHTERS PONDER BATMAN'S FATEFUL BLUNDER...

BRUCE-PLEASE...  
YOU'VE GOT TO  
EAT SOMETHING!

I WAS SURE THAT LEE WAS  
INNOCENT, DICK... IN FACT, I  
STILL AM! EVERY INSTINCT  
TELLS ME I'M RIGHT... I  
KNOW I'M RIGHT!

YET-IF I AM RIGHT, AND LEE IS  
INNOCENT, WHY DOES HE PRETEND TO  
BE GUILTY? INTO YOUR COSTUME, DICK...  
WE'VE GOT TO SETTLE THIS ONCE  
AND FOR ALL!





# GIANT BATMAN



LATER, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN APPROACH THE VICTIM'S TRAILER...

LOOK! A MAN LEAVING THE MURDER SCENE! HE'S DISGUISED HIMSELF AS A CLOWN!

HE'S GOT SOMETHING UNDER HIS ARM! LET'S SEE WHAT HE WANTED SO BADLY...



SWIFTLY, THE CAPE MANHUNTERS CLOSE IN ON THEIR QUARRY...

A ROLLED-UP PAINTING CANVAS! SO THAT'S WHAT YOU STOLE FROM WYLER'S TRAILER!



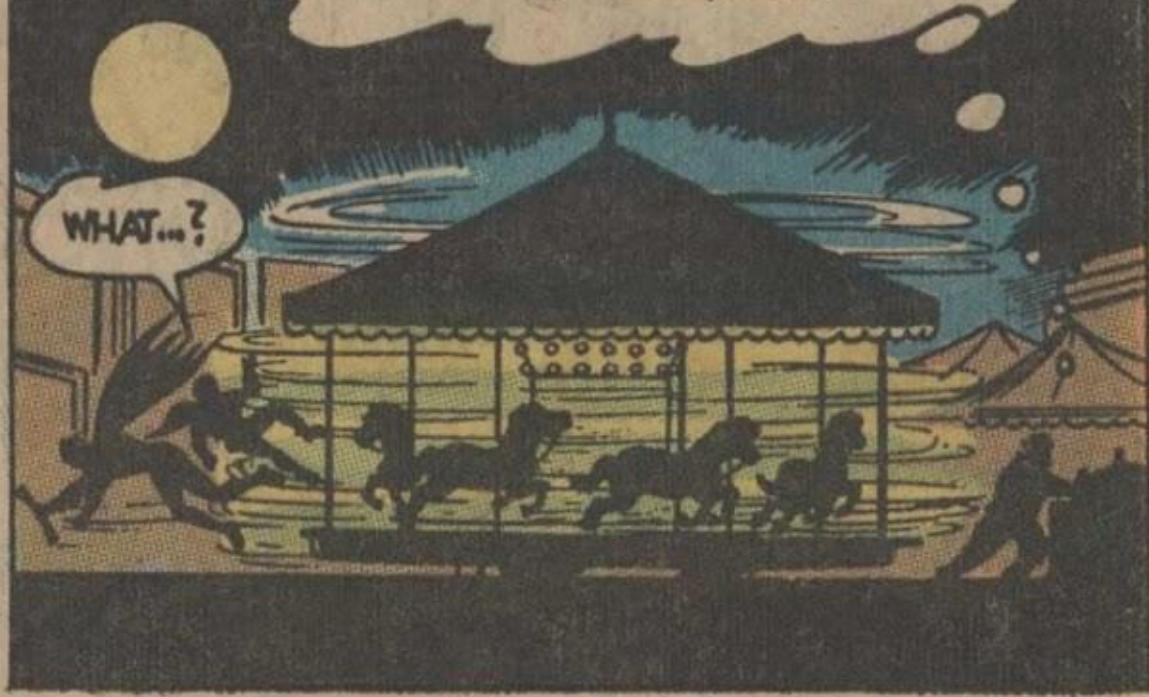
DESPERATELY, THE MYSTERIOUS FIGURE SEEKS A WAY OF ESCAPE...

IF I CAN JUST GET TO THE MERRY-GO-ROUND SWITCH IN TIME...



REACHING THE SWITCH, HE STARTS THE CAROUSEL TURNING-- AND THE SUDDEN MOVEMENT HURLS HIS TWO PURSUERS OFF BALANCE...

I CAN'T RISK TRYING TO RECOVER THAT PAINTING NOW... AND ONCE BATMAN SEES IT, HE'LL BE AFTER ME! I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE, FAST!



THOUGH HIS QUARRY HAS MOMENTARILY ESCAPED, BATMAN STILL HAS THE PAINTING...

A PAINTING OF KEYES, THE CLOWN!

THE PAINTING WYLER WAS FINISHING, WHEN HE WAS MURDERED! THE KILLER MUST'VE JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING ABOUT THE PAINTING THAT COULD EXPOSE HIS IDENTITY!



NOTICE THIS? "-Q"? PAINTERS OFTEN USE ODD SYMBOLS AS THEIR SIGNATURES... BUT WYLER PAINTED THIS FOR ANOTHER REASON-- TO NAME HIS KILLER!



HOW DOES "-Q" IDENTIFY THE MURDERER? CAN YOU GUESS?

## GIANT BATMAN

SOON AFTER...

THERE HE GOES! WE'LL NEVER CATCH UP TO HIM NOW!

QUICK, ROBIN--FLIP THE SWITCH ON THAT WHIRL-A-PLANE RIDE!

AS THE PLANES SPIN ABOUT, BATMAN SWIFTLY LEAPS UP, AND...

MADE IT!

IT'S ALL OVER! I DEDUCED THE "MINUS Q" REFERRED TO THE ONE PLACE WHERE EVERY LETTER IN THE ALPHABET IS USED--EXCEPT Q...

...ON A TELEPHONE DIAL! WYLER NAMED HIS KILLER--YOU, THE CIRCUS OWNER, DAVID DIAL!

LATER, IN THE OFFICE OF POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON...

IT WAS YOU WYLER WANTED ME TO PROTECT HIM FROM-- NOT LEE!

YES... SOMEHOW, WYLER FOUND OUT I WAS USING MY TRAVELING CIRCUS TO SMUGGLE WANTED CRIMINALS OUT OF VARIOUS STATES! I HAD TO KILL HIM.

LATER, WHEN I LEARNED YOU'D BE LEE'S WITNESS, I KNEW YOU'D PROVE HIS INNOCENCE... AND YOU'D GO ON SEARCHING FOR WYLER'S KILLER! SO I BRIBED LEE TO SAY HE WAS GUILTY-- TO STOP YOU FROM ANY MORE INVESTIGATION!

I'LL HAVE LEE PICKED UP FOR CONSPIRACY! HE'LL LEARN--AS WE'VE ALL LEARNED--NEVER TO UNDERESTIMATE THE GREATEST OF ALL DETECTIVES... BATMAN!

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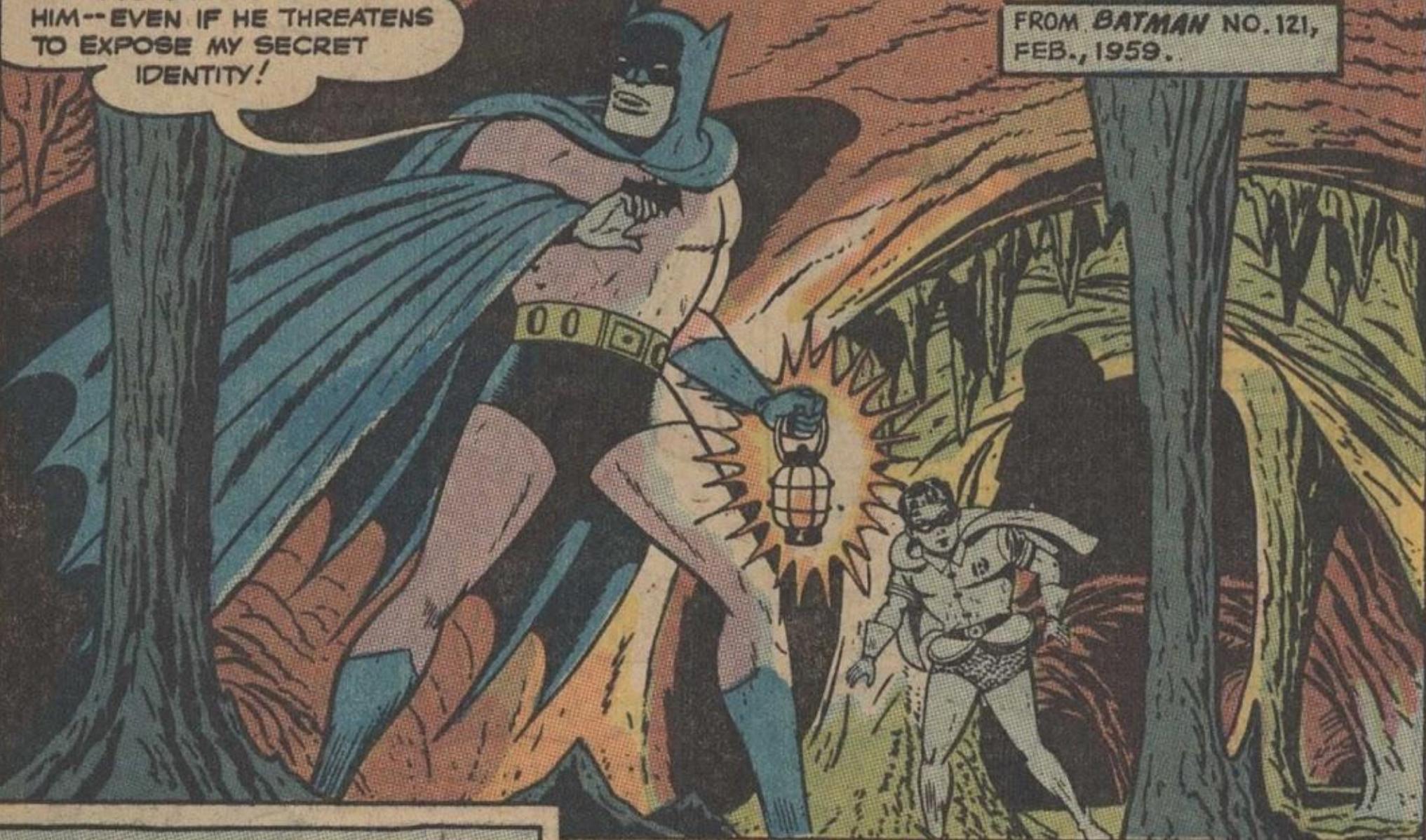
With  
**ROBIN**  
THE BOY WONDER

**ROBIN,** SOMEWHERE THERE'S A KILLER IN THE **BAT-CAVE**... AND I'VE GOT TO ARREST HIM--EVEN IF HE THREATENS TO EXPOSE MY SECRET IDENTITY!

DEEP UNDER THE WAYNE MANSION, LIES THE **BAT-CAVE**--THE ONE CLUE TO **BATMAN'S** SECRET IDENTITY! BUT SUDDENLY THERE IS **MURDER** IN THE **BAT-CAVE**... AND THOUGH **BATMAN** KNOWS THAT TO ARREST THE KILLER MAY WELL MEAN THE END OF HIS CAREER, THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTER, GRIMLY PURSUES THE MYSTERY OF...

## THE BODY IN THE BAT-CAVE

FROM **BATMAN** NO. 121,  
FEB., 1959.



NIGHTFALL--AS SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, PREPARE TO CHANGE TO THEIR OTHER IDENTITIES...

LET'S HEAD DOWN TO THE **BAT-CAVE**, DICK...TIME TO START OUR USUAL PATROL!

RIGHT BEHIND YOU, BRUCE!

NOT UNTIL THEY DON THEIR CRIME-FIGHTING COSTUMES AND START OUT OF THEIR SECRET **BAT-CAVE** DO THE TWO FRIENDS DISCOVER...

A BODY!



## GIANT BATMAN

THERE'S A BRUISE ON HIS FOREHEAD... SOMEBODY CLUBBED HIM! HE WAS MURDERED--RIGHT HERE IN THE **BAT-CAVE** UNDER OUR MANSION!

AND... AND WHOEVER KILLED HIM NOW KNOWS YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!

I'VE SEEN THIS MAN'S FACE IN OUR FILES! HE WAS ALEC WYRE, THE ELECTRONICS GENIUS WHO TURNED CRIMINAL!

YES-- WYRE'S BUSINESS WAS SELLING HIS INVENTIONS TO THE UNDERWORLD!

ON SEARCHING THE DEAD MAN'S POCKETS, **BATMAN** FINDS A BOOK... THIS CONTAINS THE NAMES OF WYRE'S CRIMINAL CLIENTS... THE LAST PAGE HAS THE NAMES OF HIS MOST RECENT CUSTOMERS! I'VE A HUNCH ONE OF THESE THREE MEN IS WYRE'S KILLER!

WYRE MAY HAVE WORKED OUT SOME INVENTION TO LOCATE THE **BAT-CAVE**, AND TOOK HIS CUSTOMER WITH HIM! NOW IT'S MY DUTY TO FIND WYRE'S KILLER, EVEN THOUGH IT MEANS THE EXPOSURE OF MY SECRET IDENTITY!

SOON AFTER, THE SLEEK **BATMOBILE** APPROACHES THE GARAGE HIDEOUT OF THE FIRST NAME ON THE LIST--JIGGER MULANE...

BOSS--TROUBLE'S COMIN'... **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

THEY'LL FIND WYRE'S INVENTION... BUT WE'LL STOP THEM COLD WITH IT!

INSTANTLY, THE GANGSTER WHEELS OUT A BIZARRE CONTRAPTION, AND...

SO THAT'S THE ELECTRONIC GADGET WYRE SOLD JIGGER... A MACHINE THAT CAN STALL CAR MOTORS! MIGHTY HANDY AGAINST POLICE CARS!

WILL NEVER CATCH UP WITH JIGGER NOW!

MAYBE WE CAN--WITH THAT MECHANIC'S TROLLEY!

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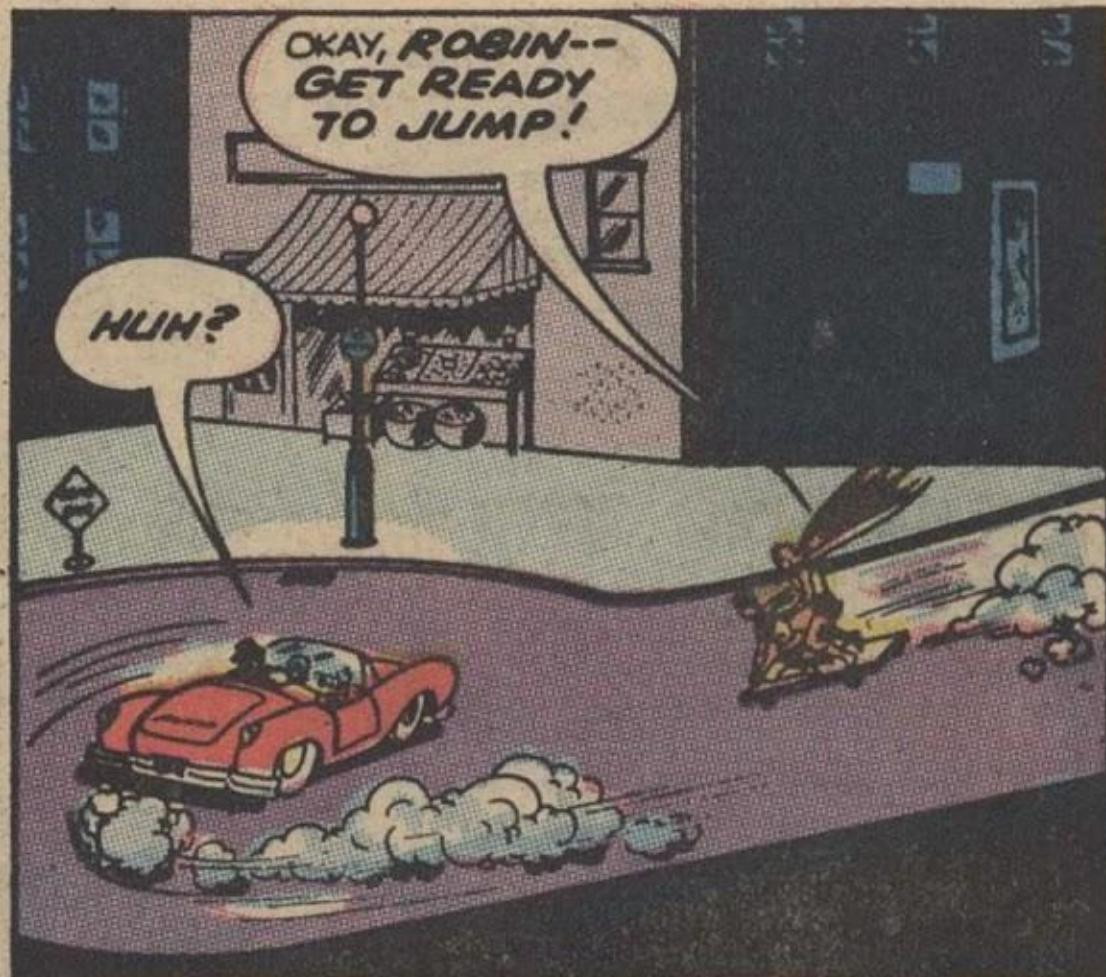
LIKE A RUNAWAY TOBOGGAN, THE TROLLEY SHOOTS DOWN A STEEP HILL...

JIGGER WAS DRIVING DOWN A DEAD END STREET-- SO HE'LL HAVE TO TURN THAT CORNER BELOW! WE'LL TAKE THIS SHORT-CUT AND HEAD HIM OFF!



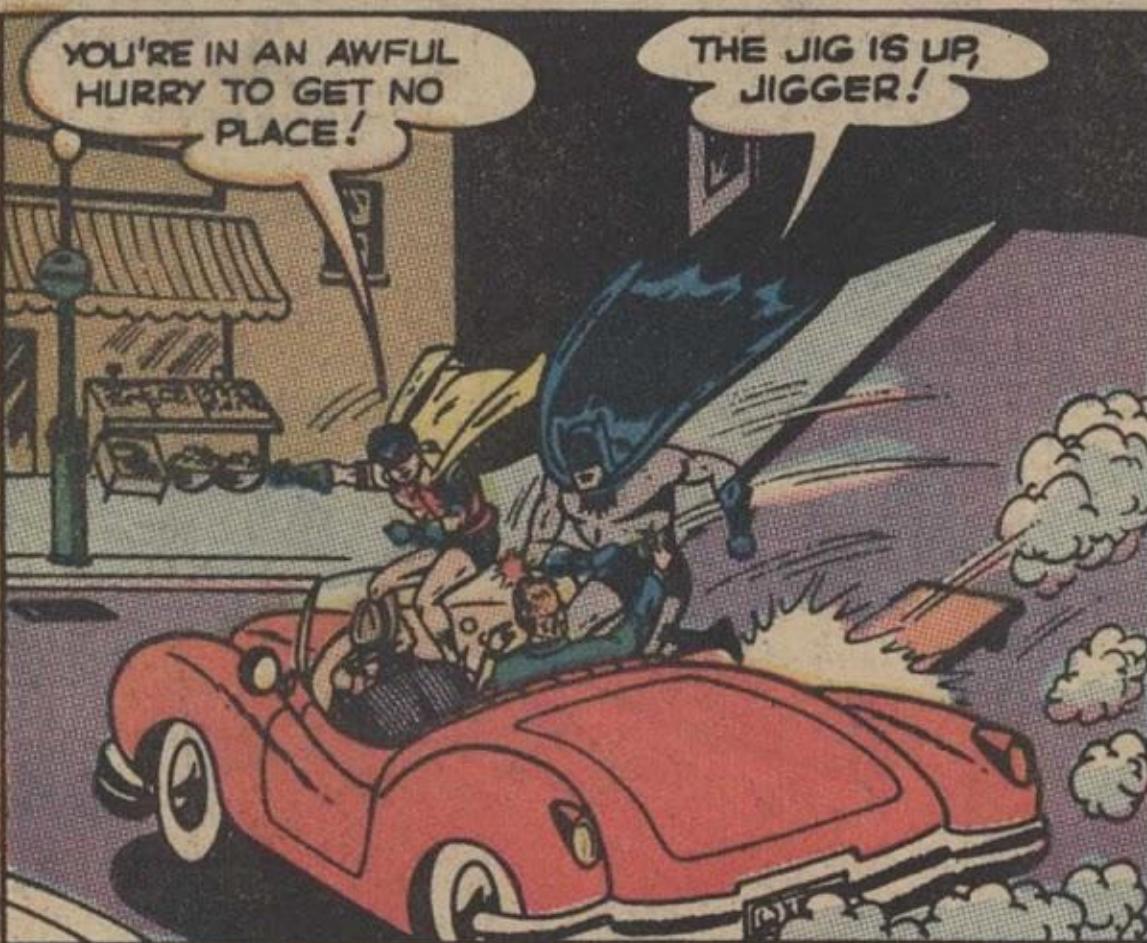
OKAY, ROBIN-- GET READY TO JUMP!

HUH?



YOU'RE IN AN AWFUL HURRY TO GET NO PLACE!

THE JIG IS UP, JIGGER!



AS THE CAR BRAKES TO A HALT...

JIGGER, I'M ARRESTING YOU FOR THE MURDER OF ALEC WYRE!

WYRE? I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HE WAS DEAD! THE LAST TIME I SAW WYRE WAS A WEEK AGO, WHEN HE SOLD ME HIS INVENTION!



LATER, WHERE A PETTY HOODLUM TAKES A ROUTE THROUGH SECLUDED ALLEYWAYS...

AFTER BATMAN JAILS THE GANGSTERS...

HOW DO WE KNOW JIGGER ISN'T LYING?

IF HE'D KILLED WYRE, HE WOULD HAVE THREATENED TO EXPOSE MY SECRET IDENTITY WHEN I ARRESTED HIM! WYRE'S KILLER HAS TO BE ONE OF THE OTHER TWO NAMES ON THE LIST... WE'LL TRY DAN DOLSON NEXT!



THAT MAN IS A MEMBER OF DOLSON'S GANG! FROM THE WAY HE'S HURRYING, HE MUST BE MEETING THE GANG SOMEWHERE, TO PULL A ROBBERY!

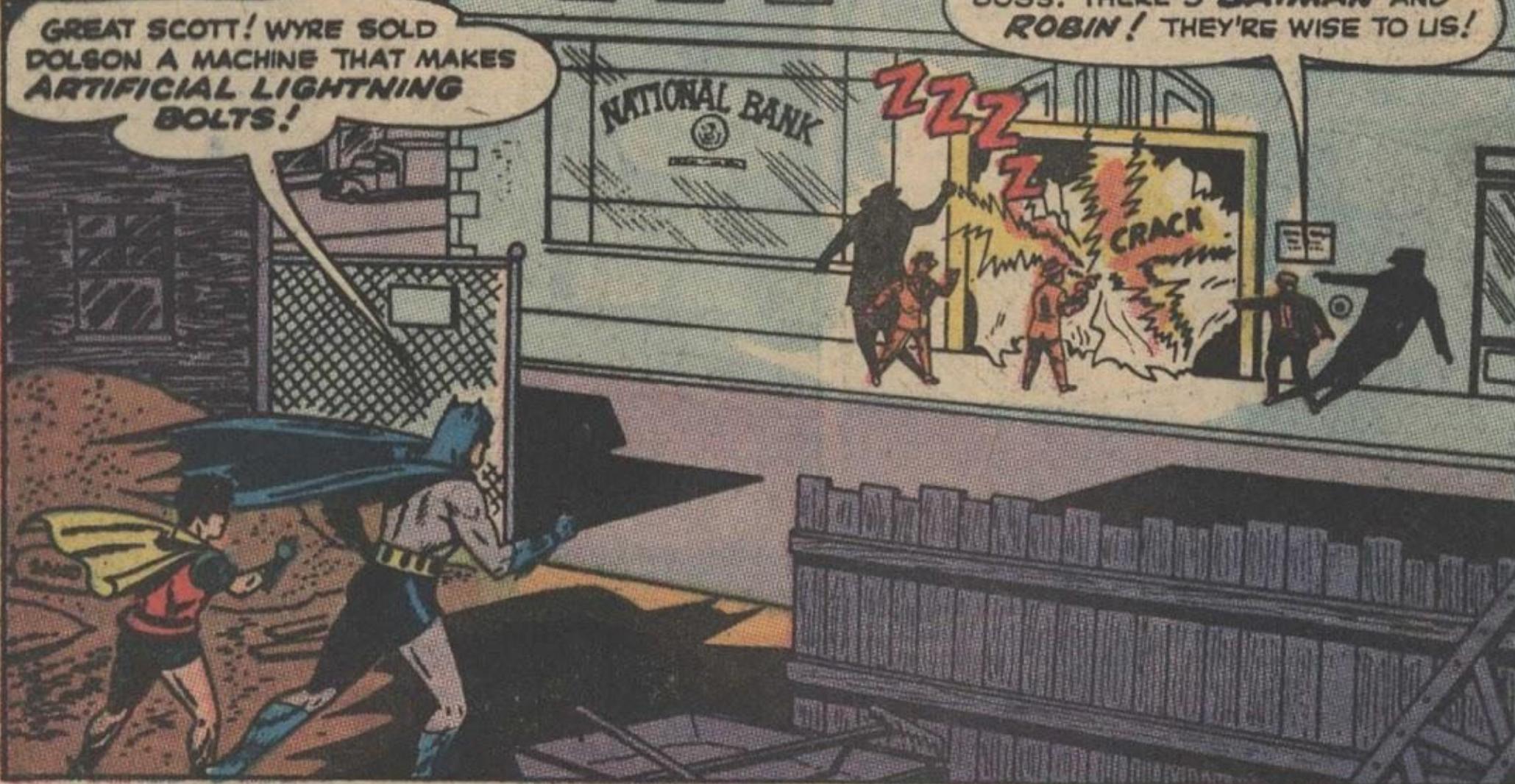


## GIANT BATMAN

THE TRAIL LEADS TO A BANK, WHERE THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ARRIVE IN TIME TO SEE A FANTASTIC OCCURRENCE ...

GREAT SCOTT! WYRE SOLD DOLSON A MACHINE THAT MAKES ARTIFICIAL LIGHTNING BOLTS!

BOSS! THERE'S BATMAN AND ROBIN! THEY'RE WISE TO US!



GET BACK, ROBIN!

AS THE LIGHTNING-GUN FIRES AGAIN, BATMAN SNATCHES UP A SACK FROM AN ADJOINING CONSTRUCTION SITE, AND HEAVES...



THE SACK RIPS TO SHREDS, SENDING OUT A STINGING SPRAY OF SAND...

OWW!

YIPE!



BATMAN, FROM THE WAY YOU PLT THEM TO SLEEP, THEY OUGHT TO RE-NAME YOU THE SANDMAN!



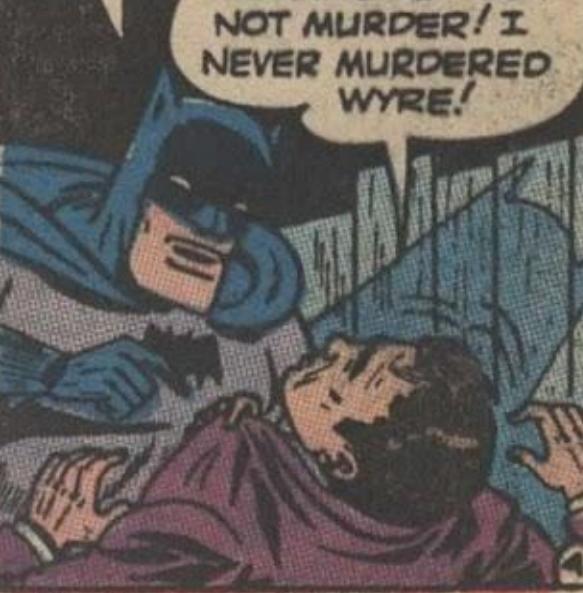
DOLSON, I'M ARRESTING YOU FOR THE MURDER OF ALEC WYRE!

MURDER? LOOK,

BATMAN,

I ADMIT

TRYING TO PULL THIS BANK JOB-- BUT NOT MURDER! I NEVER MURDERED WYRE!



## GIANT BATMAN

ONCE AGAIN, BANDITS ARE JAILED-- AND ONCE AGAIN, **BATMAN** FACES AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY...

DOLSON DIDN'T THREATEN TO EXPOSE YOU, EITHER-- SO HE COULDN'T HAVE KILLED WYRE!

THAT LEAVES ONLY ONE NAME-- HANK PURDY! HE HAS TO BE THE MURDERER-- AND THE ONE MAN WHO KNOWS MY SECRET IDENTITY!

PURDY? HE'S THAT GANGSTER FROM OUT OF TOWN!

YES... WHEN I HEARD THAT HE CHECKED IN AT A HOTEL HERE, I SENT HIM A BOX CONTAINING A **BAT**-- AS A WARNING TO LEAVE GOTHAM CITY! HE'S BACK IN HIS HOME TOWN NOW, SO WE'LL HAVE TO GO THERE TO QUESTION HIM!

LATER, AS THE **BATMOBILE** APPROACHES PURDY'S OUT-OF-TOWN HEADQUARTERS...

LOOK... PURDY'S HELICOPTER! HE MUST HAVE BEEN TIPPED OFF ABOUT OUR BEING ON THE TRAIL OF WYRE'S CUSTOMERS-- AND NOW HE'S TRYING TO MAKE A GETAWAY!

SWIFTLY, **BATMAN** AIMS AN ODD WEAPON AT THE PLANE'S FUSELAGE, AND...

PURDY DOESN'T KNOW IT-- BUT HIS 'COPTER IS NOW CARRYING A TINY, POWERFUL TRANSMITTER THAT BEAMS ULTRA-HIGH FREQUENCY SIGNALS TO THE **BATMOBILE** RECEIVER!

SOON... THE SIGNALS ARE COMING IN STRONG NOW! HE'S USING THAT ABANDONED OLD FIREHOUSE AS HIS 'COPTER'S HANGAR! LET'S GO IN AND GET HIM!

MOMENTS LATER...

YOU!



# GIANT BATMAN



EVEN AS THE FIRE HOOK WHISTLES AT THEM,  
BATMAN WHIPS UP THE NOZZLE OF A HOSE,  
AND...



FRANTICALLY, THE TRAPPED CRIMINAL FLEES  
UPSTAIRS TO THE SLEEPING QUARTERS, BUT...



AND THAT'S  
WHEN THE  
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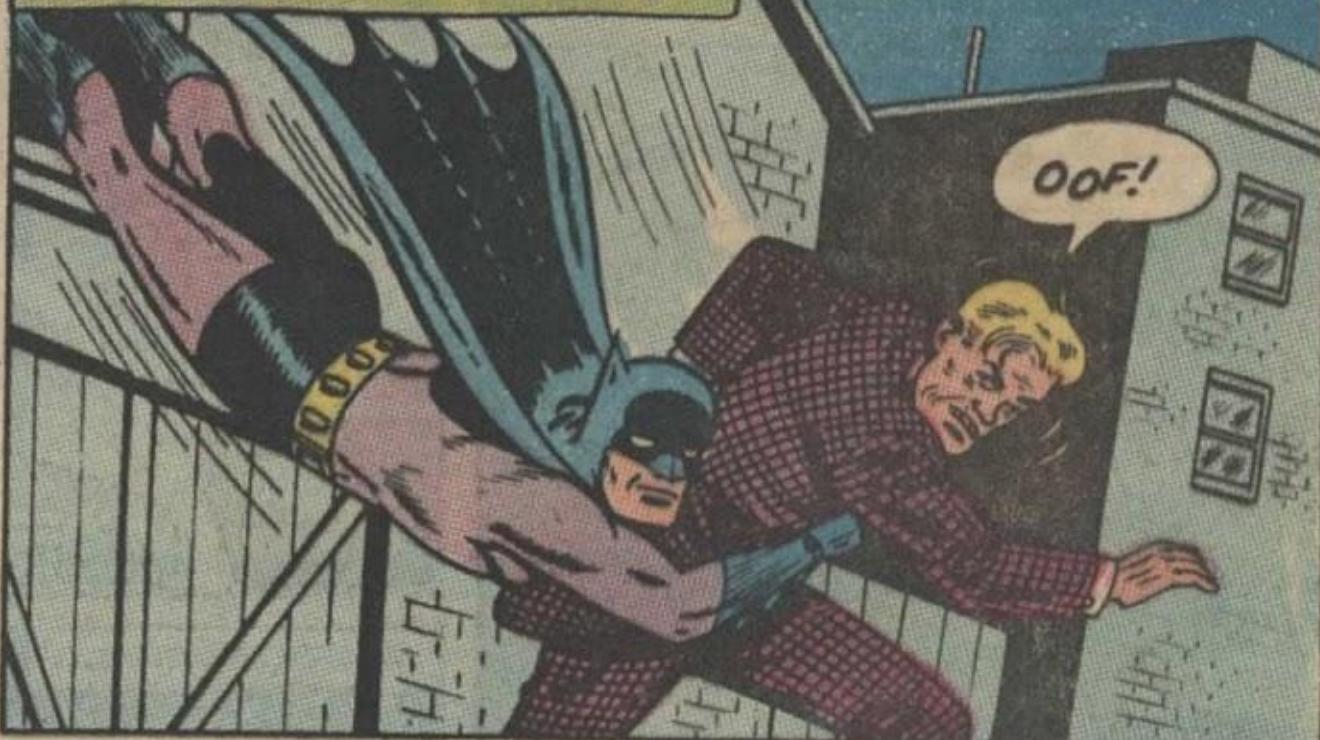
HOLD IT, BATMAN! I KNOW YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!  
LET ME GO, OR I'LL TELL EVERYBODY WHO YOU ARE  
UNDER THAT MASK!

ABRUPTLY, IN THAT BRIEF MOMENT  
OF SURPRISE ...

BATMAN! HE'S SLIDING  
DOWN THE FIRE POLE!



BUT AS PURDY RACES OUT OF THE FIREHOUSE, A FIGURE  
SWOOPS DOWN FROM ABOVE ...



BAH! I REMEMBERED WYRE HAD SOME  
INVENTION TO EXPOSE YOUR SECRET  
IDENTITY-- SO I FIGURED TO STARTLE  
YOU WITH A BLUFF!

BLUFF? YOU  
MEAN--YOU DON'T  
KNOW MY SECRET  
IDENTITY?... AND YOU  
DIDN'T KILL WYRE?

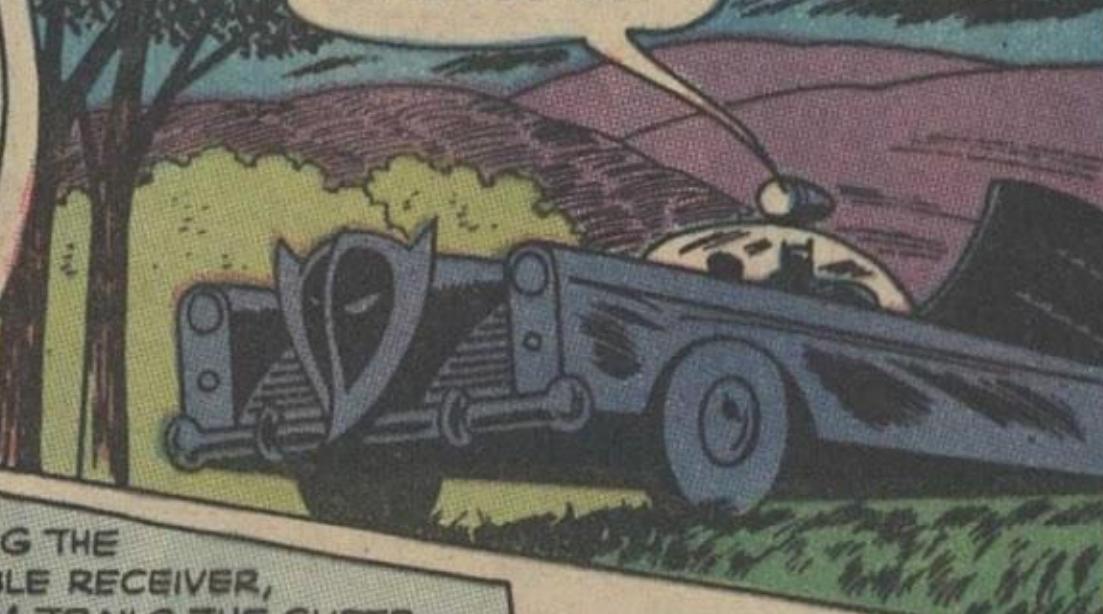


## GIANT BATMAN

WYRE--DEAD? THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM, HE WAS ALIVE--TRYING TO SELL ME AN INVENTION IN MY HOTEL ROOM IN GOTHAM CITY! BUT WHEN THAT BAT FLEW OUT OF THE BOX YOU SENT ME, I LAMMED FAST, LEAVING WYRE IN THE ROOM!

THUS, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER, **BATMAN** SEEMS DOOMED TO DEFEAT...

I'VE FAILED, **ROBIN**! SOMEWHERE THERE'S A MURDERER--A MURDERER WHO KNOWS MY SECRET IDENTITY--AND I HAVEN'T BROUGHT HIM TO JUSTICE!



SUDDENLY, AS THE **BATMOBILE** NEARS THE **BAT-CAVE'S** SECRET ENTRANCE...

LISTEN! HIGH FREQUENCY SIGNALS! I LEFT THE RECEIVER ON... AND THE CLOSER WE GET TO THE **BAT-CAVE**, THE STRONGER THEY BECOME!

SOMEBODY'S INSIDE THE **BAT-CAVE**, SENDING OUT SUPER-SONIC SIGNALS! IT MUST BE THE KILLER!



TAKING THE PORTABLE RECEIVER, **BATMAN** TRAILS THE SUPER-SONIC SIGNALS DEEP INTO THE RECESSES OF THE **BAT-CAVE**, WHERE...

HOLY SMOKE! IT'S COMING FROM THE **BAT-ROOST**!



LOOK, **ROBIN**--ONE OF THOSE BATS HAS SOMETHING ATTACHED TO ITS LEG!

AFTER NETTING THE BAT...

NOW I UNDERSTAND, **ROBIN**! NOW I CAN RECONSTRUCT EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED...

IT'S A TINY SUPERSONIC TRANSMITTER, LIKE THE ONE WE HAVE!



"WHEN HANK PURDY LEFT WYRE ALONE IN THE HOTEL ROOM WITH THE BAT I SENT PURDY, WYRE GOT AN IDEA..."

THAT BAT--IT COMES FROM THE **BAT-CAVE**! I CAN ATTACH A TINY SUPERSONIC TRANSMITTER TO ITS LEG--AND IT'LL BEAM A TRAIL RIGHT TO ITS NEST!



"SURE ENOUGH, LIKE A HOMING PIGEON, THE BAT RETURNED HERE, LEAVING A SUPERSONIC TRAIL THAT WYRE FOLLOWED..."

THE ENTRANCE TO THE **BAT-CAVE**... AND THAT'S THE WAYNE MANSION NEARBY! COULD--COULD **BRUCE WAYNE** BE **BATMAN**?... I'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH!



BUT AS WYRE ENTERED THE BAT-CAVE, HIS FLASH-LIGHT DISTURBED THE BATS...

GO AWAY!  
GO AWAY!

THE FLASHLIGHT BULB SHATTERED...  
WYRE BLUNDERED ABOUT IN THE DARKNESS, SLAMMED HIS HEAD INTO ONE OF THE STALACTITES--STAGGERED AND FELL, DEAD!

A CAREFUL SEARCH OF THE STALACTITES CONFIRMS BATMAN'S DEDUCTION...

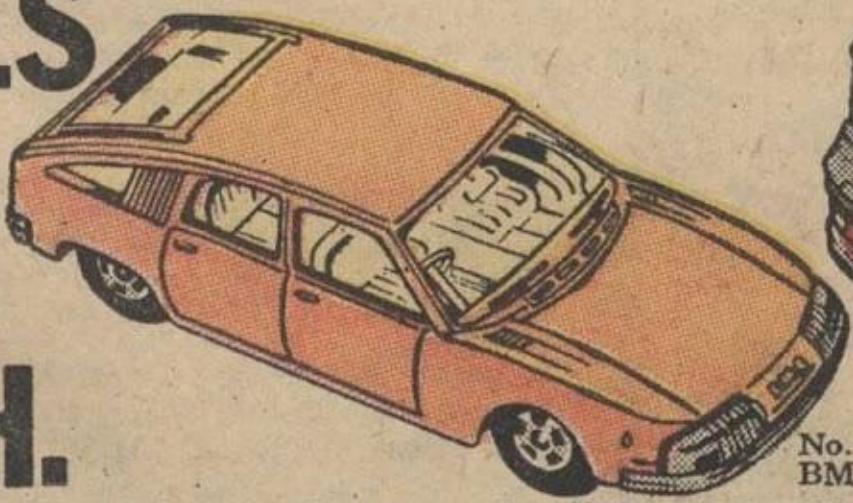
LOOK, ROBIN--A CHIP! THIS IS WHERE WYRE HIT HIS HEAD!

GOLLY... THEN NOBODY REALLY MURDERED WYRE! HE KILLED HIMSELF! THAT MEANS YOUR SECRET IDENTITY IS STILL A SECRET!

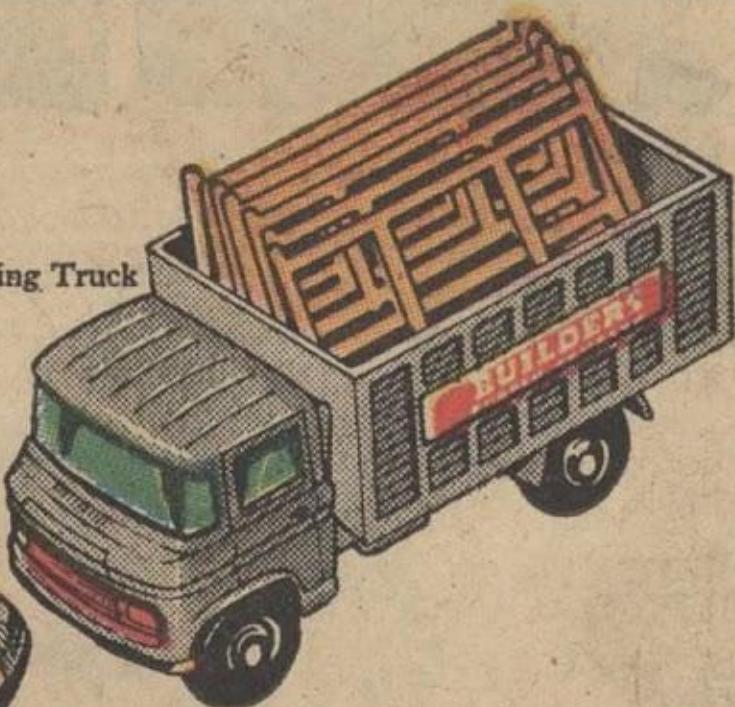
YES, ROBIN... IT WAS A BAT THAT BETRAYED MY SECRET IDENTITY--AND IT WAS A BAT THAT SAVED IT!

THE END

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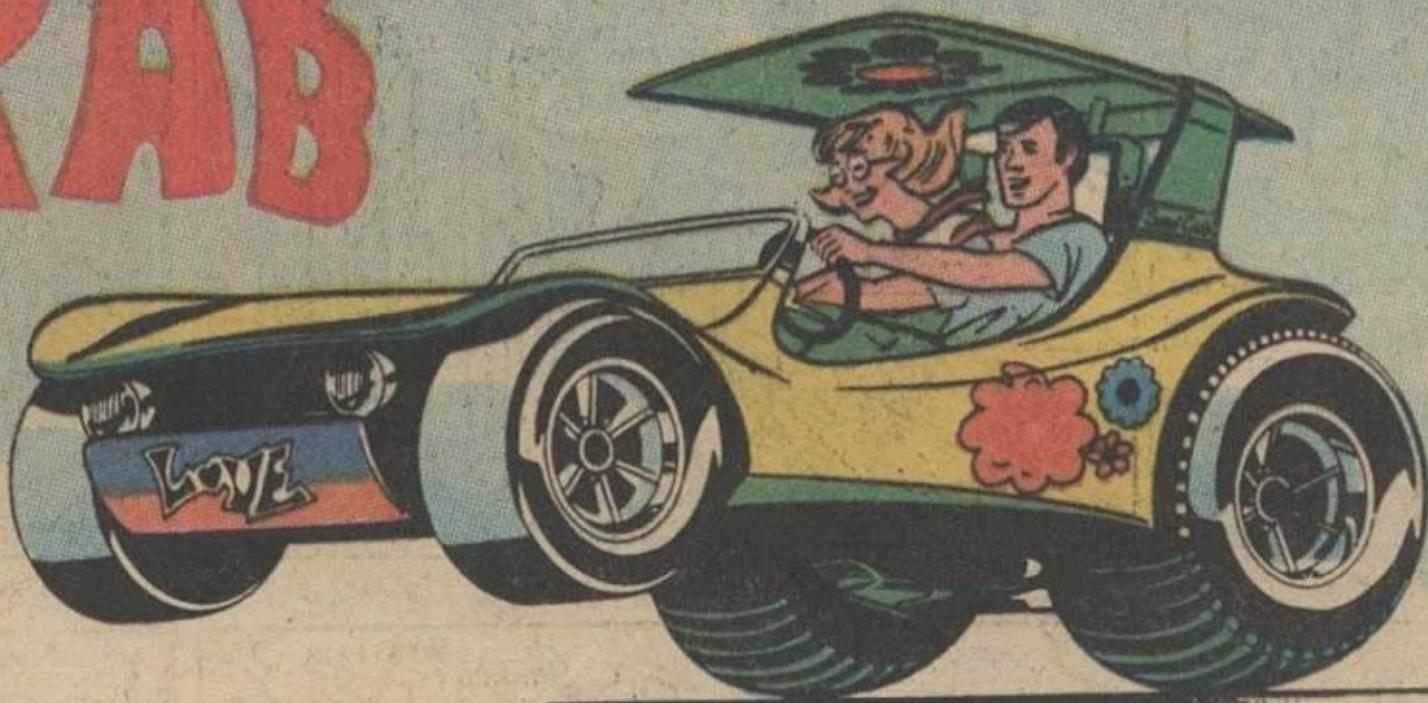


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# SUNDAY NEWSPAPER SYNDICATED STORY

## BAT-MAN ROBIN

THE PLACE: DEATH ROW IN THE STATE PRISON WHERE CONVICTED MEN AWAIT THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!  
THE TIME: 7 P.M.!

I WANT THE WARDEN!  
WARDEN! WARDEN DOYLE!

IT'S BOWER,  
SIR THE ONE  
WHO MURDERED  
THE RARE-BOOK  
DEALER!

BOB KANE

WARDEN, I WANT  
TO SEE THE  
BATMAN! I'VE  
GOT TO TALK TO  
HIM!

SO WOULD A LOT OF  
PEOPLE! I'VE TOLD  
YOU A DOZEN TIMES  
THAT THE BATMAN IS  
TOO BUSY TO ANSWER  
EVERY CALL!

NOW, WHY DON'T YOU CUT OUT ALL THIS NONSENSE ABOUT BEING INNOCENT? THE BATMAN CAN'T HELP YOU. YOU MIGHT AS WELL CONFESS!

OKAY, WARDEN.  
I'LL CONFESS—  
I'LL CONFESS PLENTY...

BUT ONLY  
TO THE  
BATMAN!  
HMM...A CONFESSION  
THAT'S DIFFERENT.  
WE'LL SEE, BOWER. I'LL PHONE  
COMMISSIONER GORDON! HE'S  
THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN  
CONTACT THE BATMAN!

YOU SEE HOW IT IS, COMMISSIONER! A CONFESSION MIGHT GIVE US THE NAME OF THE ACCOMPLICE WE NEVER CAUGHT!

RIGHT! I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH BATMAN AT ONCE!

PRESENTLY, FROM ATOP THE HEADQUARTERS' ROOF, A SHAFT OF LIGHT SWEEPS OVER THE NIGHT SKY...

JUST THINK, CLANCY, SOMEWHERE, AT THIS VERY MOMENT, A MAN AND A BOY, WHOSE IDENTITY NOBODY KNOWS, ARE ABOUT TO PUT ON THE COSTUMES OF BATMAN AND ROBIN!

"SOMEWHERE..." THE HOME OF WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

GOT ANY IDEA  
WHY WE'RE  
GETTING THIS  
HURRY CALL?

NOT YET, BUT WE'LL  
KNOW SOON  
ENOUGH! HERE, CATCH!

SOMETIMES LATER...

BATMAN!  
WHAT'S  
HE  
DOING  
HERE?

WHAT'S UP,  
BATMAN?  
ANYTHING  
NEW ON  
THE  
BOWER  
CASE?

SORRY, BOYS,  
I CAN'T TELL  
YOU  
ANYTHING  
BECAUSE  
I DON'T  
KNOW  
ANYTHING...  
YET!

BOWER IS SCHEDULED  
TO WALK THAT LAST  
MILE TONIGHT!  
TWO TO ONE  
SAYS BATMAN'S  
VISIT HAS TO  
DO WITH  
BOWER!

HUH!  
SMART  
GUY! IT'S  
A CINCH  
HE ISN'T  
HERE FOR  
A SOCIAL  
CALL!

THANK HEAVEN  
YOU'RE HERE! IF  
YOU HADN'T  
COME I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
I'D....

EASY! COMMISSIONER  
GORDON JUST TOLD  
ME! I'M READY TO  
HEAR YOUR  
CONFESSION!

THERE IS NO CON-  
FESSION! IT WAS  
A TRICK...A TRICK  
TO GET YOU  
HERE! I HAD  
TO DO IT,  
BATMAN! I'M  
INNOCENT!  
AND YOU'VE  
GOT TO HELP  
ME PROVE IT!



# GIANT BATMAN



# BAT-MAN ROBIN

AN EMERGENCY CALL SUMMONS BATMAN AND ROBIN TO THE PRISON CELL OF A MAN WHO IS SLATED TO BE EXECUTED THAT NIGHT...

I'M INNOCENT,  
I TELL YOU! YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME!  
I'M INNOCENT!

BUT...EVEN IF YOU ARE, BOWER, WHAT CAN I DO NOW?  
YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN TRIED AND SENTENCED! MY HANDS ARE TIED!

MUST I DIE FOR A CRIME I DIDN'T COMMIT? NOBODY BELIEVES ME!  
I THOUGHT IF YOU'D LISTEN TO ME... BUT I WAS A FOOL TO THINK YOU WOULD!

NO HARM IN LISTENING-EVEN THOUGH YOU DID GET ME HERE BY TELLING THE WARDEN YOU WERE GOING TO CONFESS.

GEE, THANKS, BATMAN!  
IF YOU REMEMBER THE CASE I WORKED FOR DORIAN AND STEELE, RARE-BOOK DEALERS! ONE NIGHT...THAT NIGHT...I CAN SEE IT SO PLAINLY...

I RETURNED TO THE SHOP LATE...SOME INVENTORY WORK TO FINISH. I OPENED THE DOOR...AND THEN I HEARD IT..."

A SHOT!  
FROM MR. DORIAN'S OFFICE!

"SUDDENLY THE DOOR FLEW OPEN! A MAN, WHOSE FACE I COULDN'T SEE RUSHED OUT AND BOWLED ME OVER..."

UH!

"I FELL TO MY KNEES! MY HEAD WAS SPINNING! BY THAT TIME THE MAN WAS GONE, AND MR. DORIAN...HE WAS..."

DEAD...MURDERED!

"THE SHOCK OF IT...THAT CRACK ON MY HEAD...I COULDN'T THINK! I STOOPED, PICKED UP THE GUN, STOOD STARING, NOT BELIEVING WHAT I SAW...AND THEN..."

MURDER!  
DROP THAT GUN, YOU KILLER!

THEY HAD ME. I HAD ENTRY TO THE SHOP, I KNEW THE SAFE COMBINATION-EVERYTHING FITTED. THEY HELD ME FOR MURDER, BUT IT WASN'T I...IT WAS THE OTHER MAN WHO DID IT!

I RECALL THE INCIDENT! THOSE PATROLMEN SAW MR. X RUNNING OUT BEFORE THEY NABBED YOU! BUT HE HAD A CAR WAITING AND GOT AWAY!

THE POLICE THOUGHT HE WAS MY ACCOMPLICE THAT I HAD FOUGHT DORIAN WHILE HE ESCAPED WITH THE LOOT...VALUABLE AND RARE FIRST EDITIONS! THERE IT IS, THE WHOLE HORRIBLE STORY! YOU BELIEVE ME, DON'T YOU?

HM-MM. GOT ANY IDEA WHO THE MURDERER MIGHT BE?  
ANY SUSPICIONS?

YES! I'VE BEEN DOING A LOT OF THINKING WHILE IN PRISON-AND I'VE BEEN RECALLING THINGS ABOUT THE ONE MAN WHO ALSO HAD ACCESS TO THE SHOP-WHO NEEDED MONEY DESPERATELY.

...A MAN WHO WAS ALWAYS QUARRELING WITH DORIAN ABOUT HIS STOCK LOSSES... AND WHO COULD HAVE STOLEN THOSE VALUABLE BOOKS AND SOLD THEM PRIVATELY! DORIAN'S PARTNER-FRED STEELE!

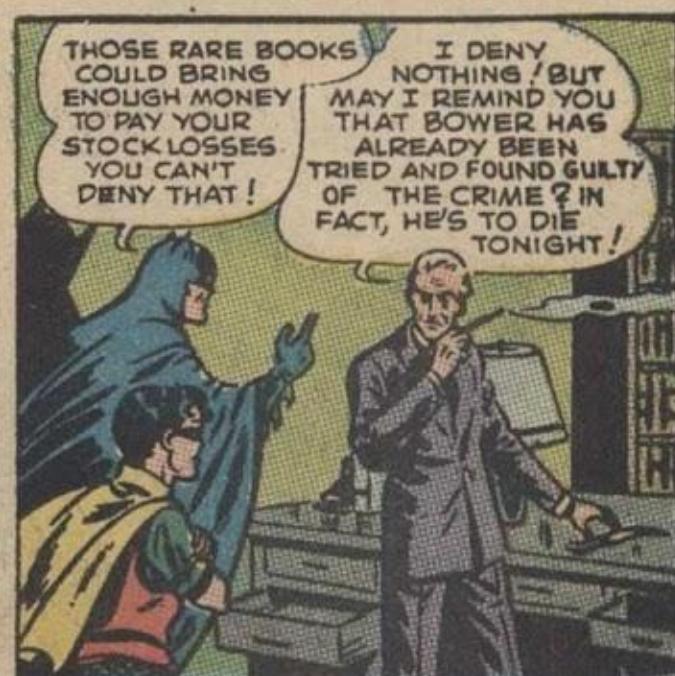


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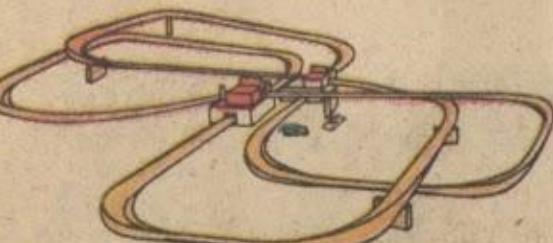
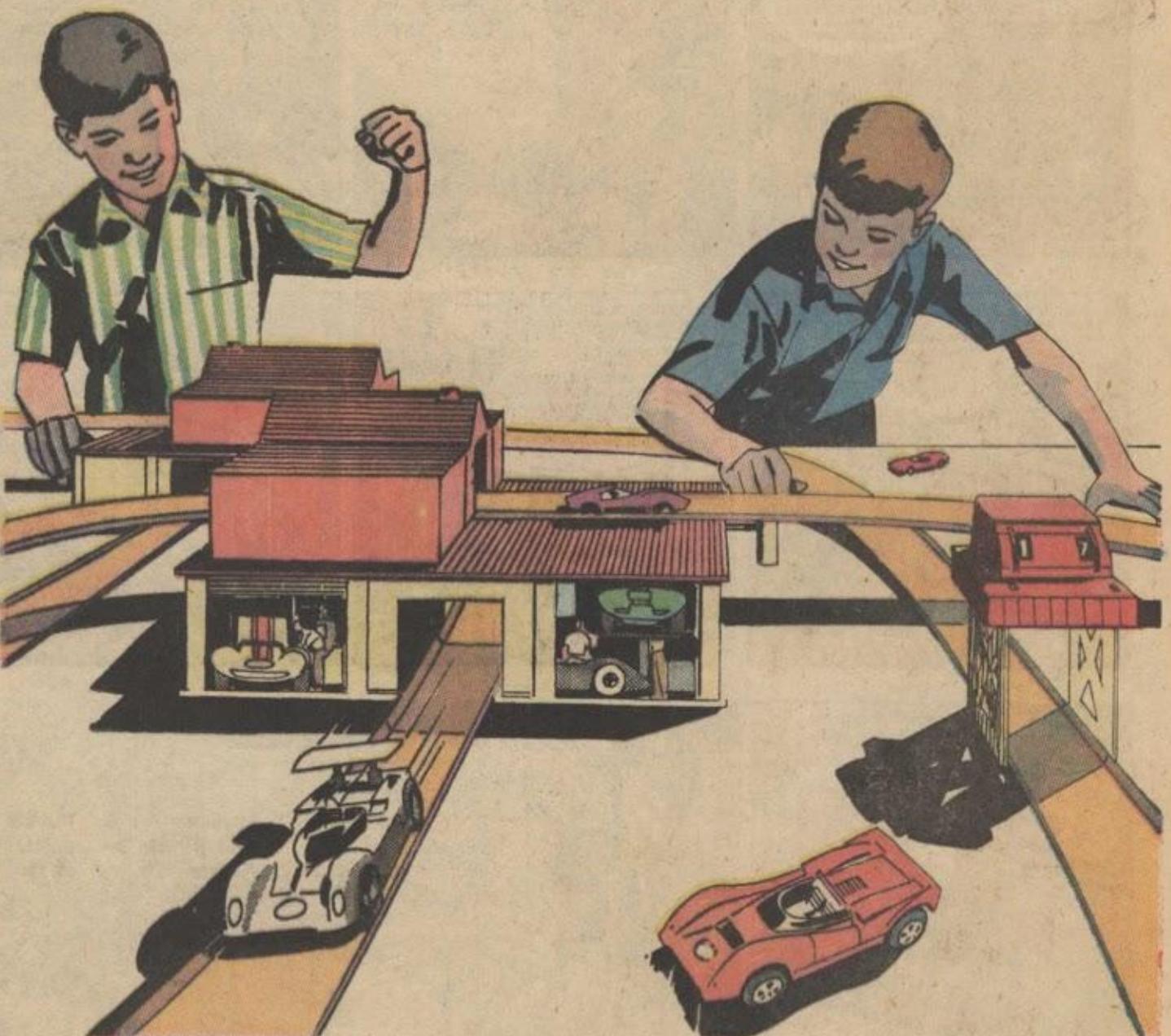


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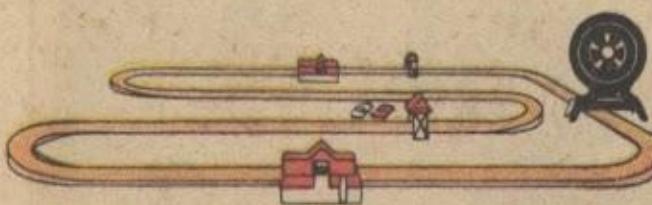
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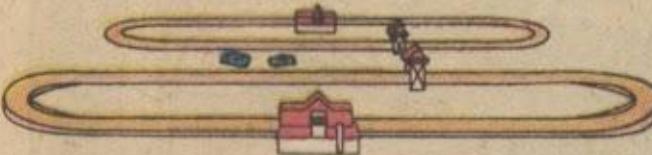
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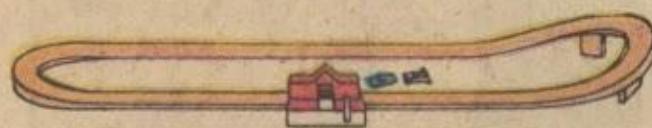
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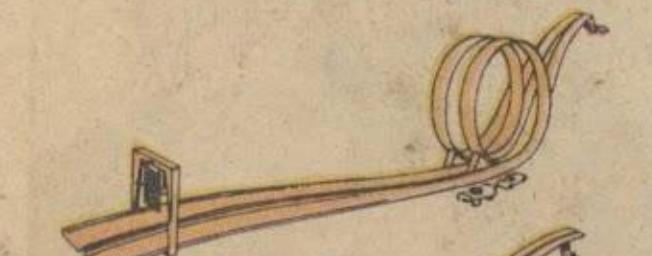
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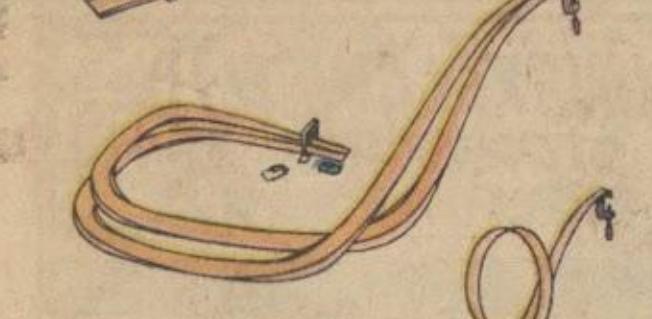
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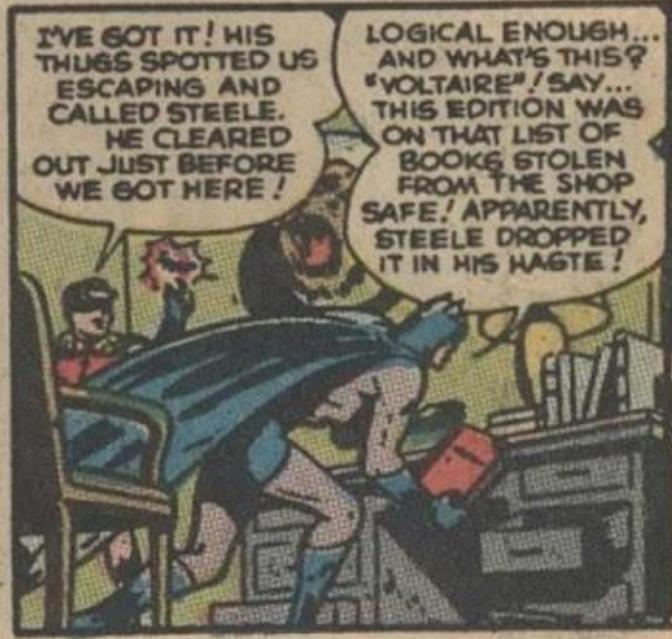


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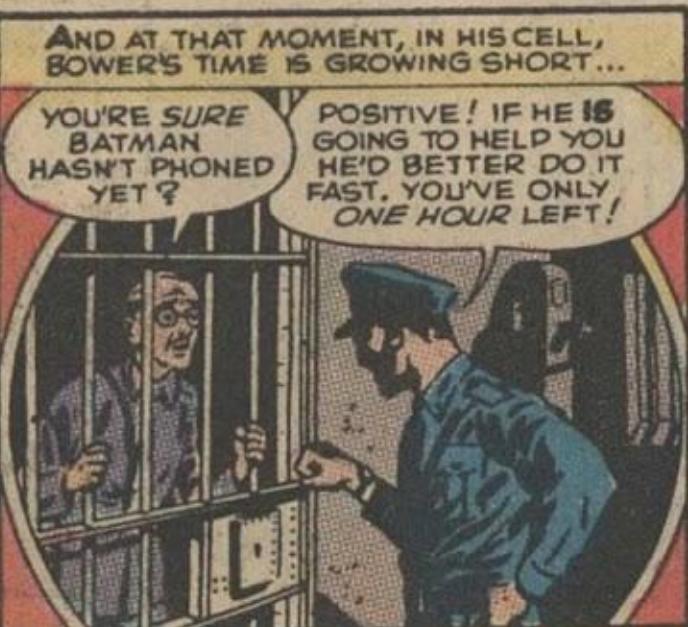
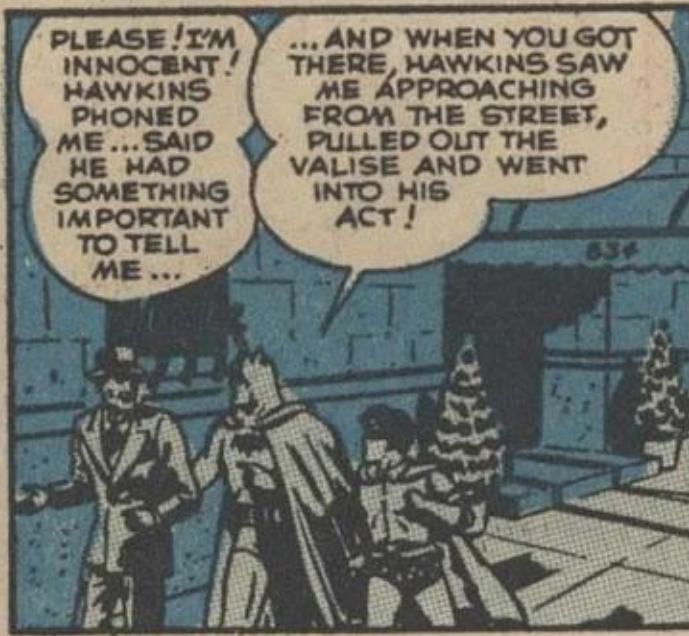
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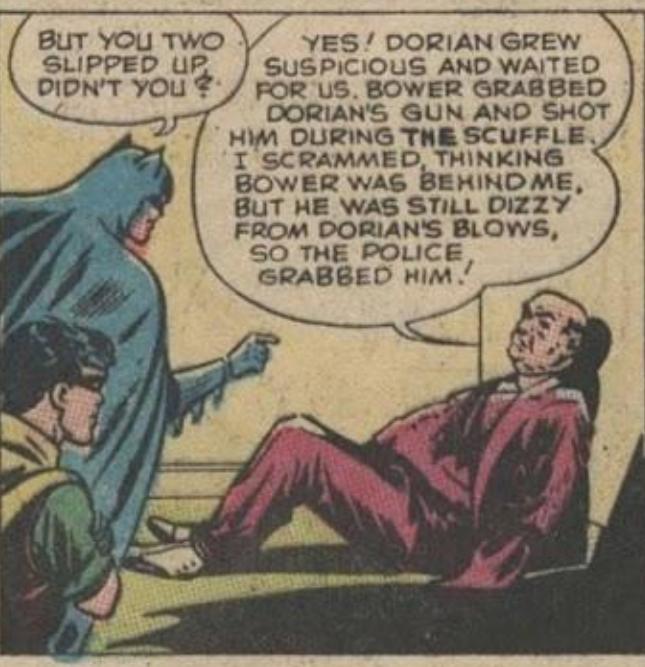
# BAT-MAN AND ROBIN

ON THE TRAIL OF FRED STEELE, ACCUSED OF THE MURDER OF HIS PARTNER BY THE MAN CONDEMNED TO DIE FOR THE CRIME, BATMAN AND ROBIN DISCOVER HIM IN AN INCRIMINATORY SITUATION... 38

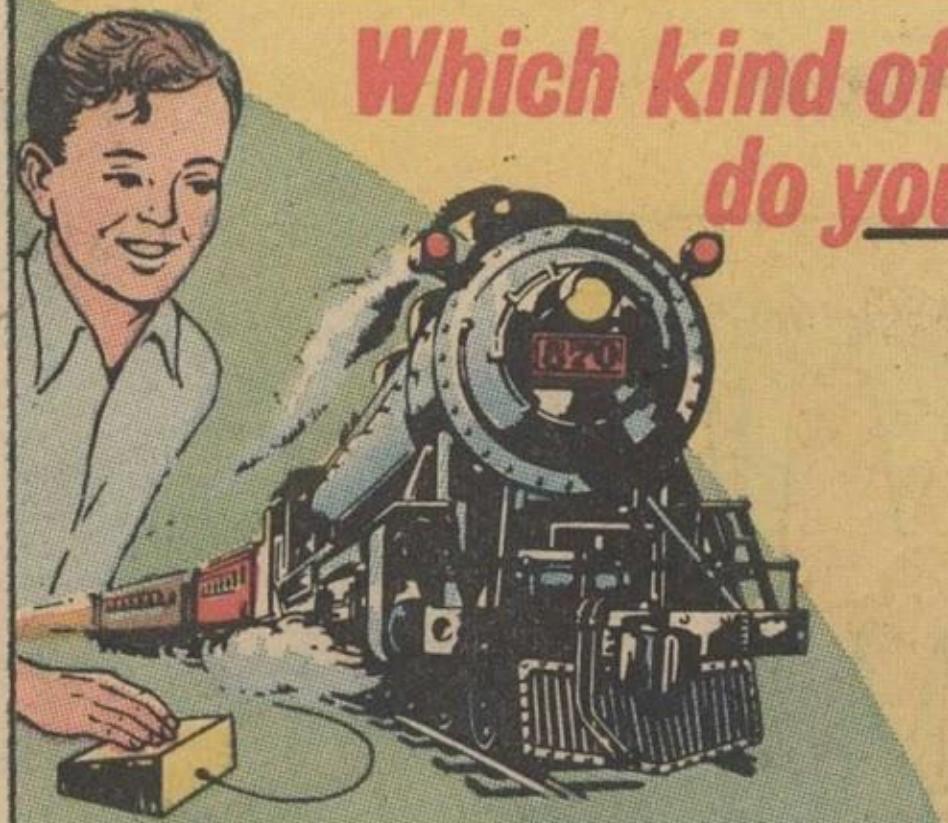
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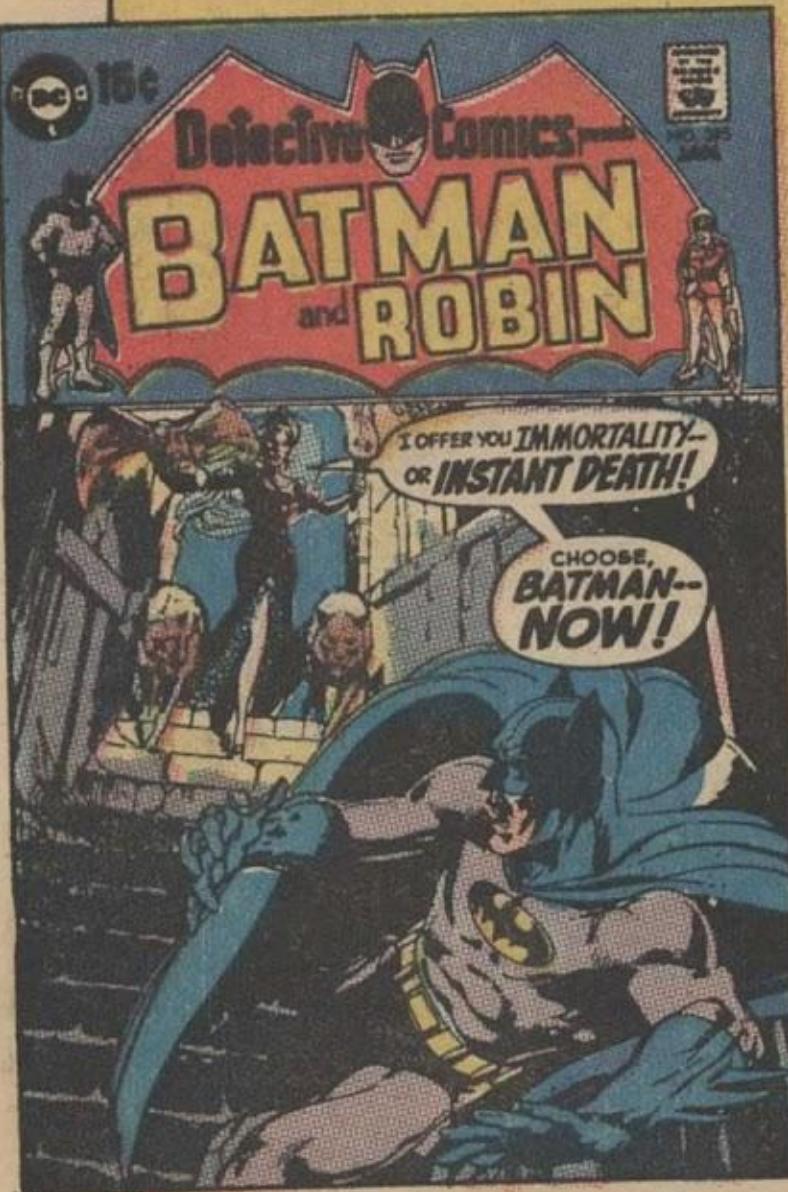
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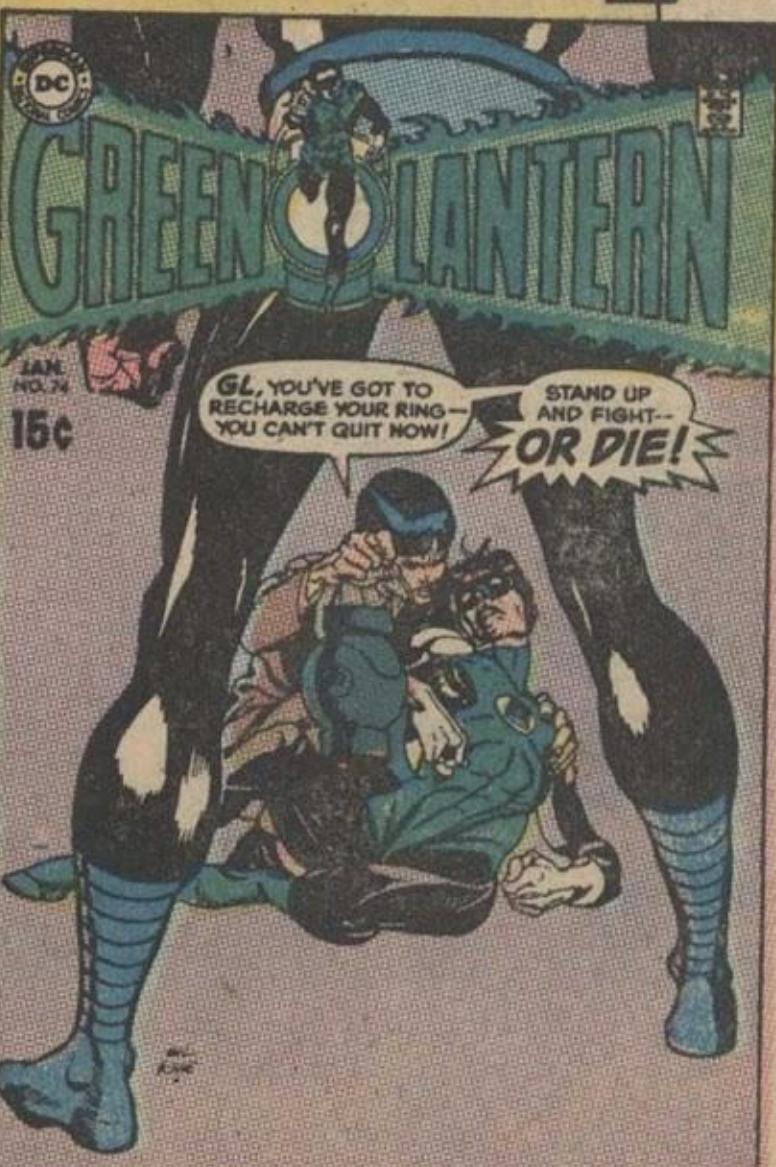
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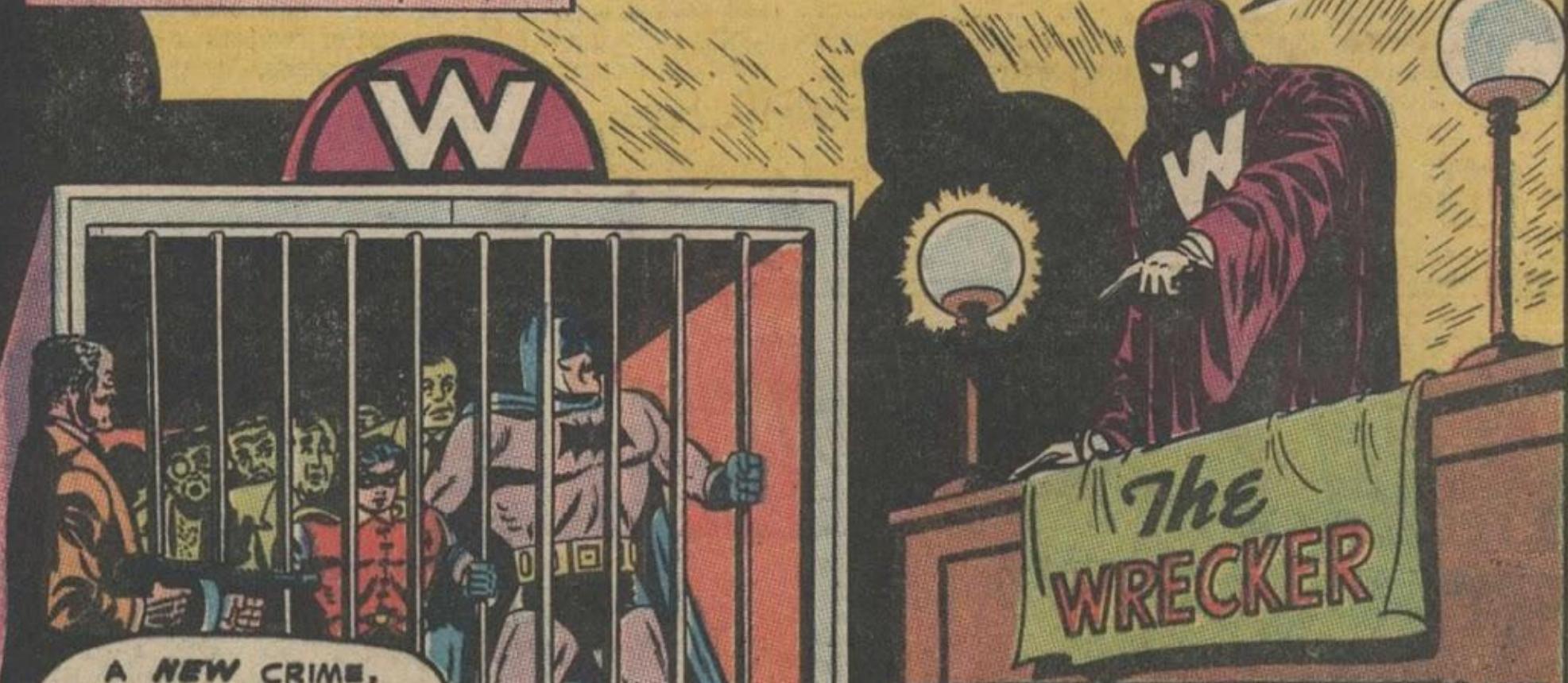


# BATMAN

With  
**ROBIN**  
THE BOY WONDER

THEN HE'S  
**GUILTY---**  
LIKE THE REST!  
AND THEY ALL  
SHALL PAY  
THE  
PENALTY!

FROM DETECTIVE NO. 197, JULY, 1953.



A NEW CRIME,  
YOUR HONOR! THIS  
MAN ONCE WROTE A  
SONG DEDICATED  
TO  
THE  
BATMAN!

ONE DAY, WITHOUT WARNING,  
A NEW TERROR CHILLS THE  
POPULACE OF GOTHAM CITY!  
MEN WHO BEFRIENDED BATMAN  
RUN FOR THEIR LIVES! MEN  
WHO PUBLICLY IDOLIZED BATMAN,  
MEN WHO GLORIFIED BATMAN--  
THESE ARE THE MARKED MEN  
OF A STUNNED METROPOLIS!  
EVERYWHERE A STRANGE  
VENGEANCE IS EXACTED---BY  
THE MAN WHO CALLS HIMSELF  
THE WRECKER! AND EVERYWHERE,  
BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY  
WONDER ARE FORCED TO THE  
LIMITS OF THEIR COURAGE AND  
DARING---AS THEY COME TO  
DEADLY GRIPS WITH---

The LEAGUE  
AGAINST  
**BATMAN!**

Bob  
KANE



# GIANT BATMAN

ONE DAY IN THE OFFICES AND FACTORY OF THE GOTHAM MECHANICAL TOY CO., MANUFACTURERS OF BATMAN NOVELTIES...

DON'T ANYONE MOVE! I'M TAKING OVER---I---THE WRECKER!

THE WRECKER? A NEW CRIMINAL! WHY SUCH A GET-UP JUST TO ROB A SAFE ???



THEN, BEFORE THE STARTLED EYES OF THE FRIGHTENED EMPLOYEES...

YOU'VE GOT THE MONEY? OKAY---NOW FOR THE REAL PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT! SMASH EVERYTHING, MEN---EVERYTHING! ESPECIALLY THOSE BATMAN TOYS!

WHY---HE'S MAD! MALICIOUS! HE CAN'T GAIN ANYTHING BY RUINING THOSE TOYS!

AND AS THE WILD FRENZY OF DESTRUCTION CONTINUES, IN THE ADJOINING FACTORY...

NO WONDER HE CALLS HIMSELF THE WRECKER! HE'S MAKING A SHAMBLES OUT OF THE FACTORY!

GOOD GRIEF! ALL THAT EXPENSIVE MACHINERY! WE'RE RUINED!



THEN, SCARCELY AN HOUR LATER, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF GOTHAM CITY...

GEO. V. DEWEY CO.  
MANUFACTURERS OF THE WORLD'S  
LARGEST ELECTRIC SIGNS

THE REST OF YOU MEN DESTROY THOSE SIGNS! I'LL PERSONALLY TAKE CARE OF THIS BATMAN AND ROBIN ONE!

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT! SHEER, SAVAGE DESTRUCTION!

JOIN BATMAN AND ROBIN in the WAR AGAINST DISEASE GIVE TODAY TO THE GOTHAM HEALTH FUND



# GIANT BATMAN



SHORTLY AFTER, AT TELEVISION STATION WGCT...

WE INTERRUPT OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED TELECAST TO BRING YOU THIS IMPORTANT BULLETIN:

A NEW CRIMINAL, WHO CALLS HIMSELF **THE WRECKER**, IS INSANELY WREAKING HAVOC ALL OVER GOTHAM CITY!



WGCT

I HATE BATMAN!! HE SENT MY THREE BROTHERS TO THE CHAIR! I'LL GET REVENGE! BUT NOT ONLY ON BATMAN! ON THOSE, TOO, WHO GLORY IN HIS DEEDS! I HATE EQUALLY ALL THOSE WHO WOULD GLORIFY THE BATMAN! AND I WILL RUIN THEM!



A SWIFT CHANGE OF GARB --- AND BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE READY FOR ACTION! THEN, AS THEY RACE TO THE TELEVISION STATION...

THE WRECKER'S GONE, BATMAN! HE LEFT SOME FIVE MINUTES AGO!

HMM! SAW NO SIGNS OF HIM OUTSIDE! PROBABLY TOO LATE TO PICK UP A TRAIL! COME ON, ROBIN --- WE'LL REPORT TO COMMISSIONER GORDON!



SUDDENLY...

WHY--- IT'S THE WRECKER, HIMSELF!

KEEP THOSE CAMERAS TURNING! I HAVE AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOTHAM CITY!



AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN THE HOME OF MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

THOSE WHO WOULD SPREAD THE BATMAN LEGEND ARE MY ENEMIES! THOSE WHO WOULD POPULARIZE BATMAN, I MARK FOR DESTRUCTION!

OH-OH! LOOKS LIKE MY LECTURE TO YOU ON "THE IMPORTANCE OF OBSERVATION" WILL HAVE TO WAIT! COME ON, DICK! I EXPECT THE BAT-SIGNAL TO FLASH AT ANY MOMENT!



AND AT POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON'S HEADQUARTERS...

A TOY COMPANY SMASHED --- BECAUSE IT MANUFACTURED BATMAN TOYS! A SIGN SHOP WRECKED --- BECAUSE IT MADE A BATMAN AND ROBIN SIGN! THIS IS BAD, MEN! THE LIST OF POSSIBLE FUTURE VICTIMS IS IMMENSE!

WE'VE GOT OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US, SIR--- AND WITH YOUR PERMISSION, WE'LL GET RIGHT TO IT!





# GIANT BATMAN



NEXT DAY, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

I'VE CHECKED ALL THE FILES. ONLY TWO MEN FIT THE WRECKER'S DESCRIPTION OF HIMSELF--- THAT OF HAVING THREE BROTHERS WHO WERE ELECTROCUTED! THEIR NAMES ARE SKIP DENTON AND CAL FLINT...

YES, I REMEMBER! THE THREE DENTON BOYS HAD A KID BROTHER WHO DISAPPEARED. AND THE FOURTH FLINT BROTHER WAS IN ALCATRAZ WHEN HIS BROTHERS WERE ELECTROCUTED. HE'S OUT OF PRISON NOW...

THEN, AS THE GROUNDWORK IS CONTINUED, AND THE FAMOUS LAWMEN COMPILE A LIST OF POSSIBLE WRECKER VICTIMS...

GOSH, I NEVER REALIZED HOW POPULAR WE ARE... AND HOW MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE HAVE GLORIFIED OUR CAREERS IN VARIOUS WAYS!

WE'LL HAVE OUR HANDS FULL, GUARDING THESE PEOPLE. THE POLICE WILL HAVE TO TAKE OVER THE JOB OF FINDING DENTON AND FLINT!

SUDDENLY A WARNING BUZZER ECHOES THROUGH THE BAT-CAVE, AS AN ELECTRONIC "EYE" ATOP THE WAYNE MANSION PICKS UP THE BEAM OF THE BAT-SIGNAL...

LET'S GO, ROBIN! GORDON'S CALLING!

THINGS ARE SURE HAPPENING FAST--- I'LL SAY THAT!

REPORTING TO GORDON, THE DARING DUO IS IMMEDIATELY SENT TO THE HOME OF DWIGHT FORROW, FAMOUS WRITER...

SO FORROW RECEIVED A DEATH-NOTE FROM THE WRECKER!

YES! AFTER THAT RECENT BEST-SELLER HE WROTE ABOUT OUR TEN GREATEST CASES, FORROW WOULD BE A LOGICAL VICTIM!

A MOMENT LATER...

YOU REMEMBER MY BROTHER, DOUG, OF COURSE. WELL, HERE'S THE NOTE SENT ME, BATMAN. DOUG FOUND IT IN THE MAIL-BOX! AND I DON'T MIND TELLING YOU IT HAS UPSET US!

HMM, CRUDELY CONSTRUCTED OF LETTERS CLIPPED OUT OF A NEWSPAPER. IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'LL KEEP THIS, FORROW...

I DON'T MIND AT ALL! I HOPE IT HELPS YOU! BUT WHAT OF ME? HOW WILL YOU HELP ME? I NEVER DREAMED I'D BE SIGNING MY DEATH-WARRANT WHEN I WROTE THAT BOOK ABOUT YOUR EXPLOITS!



# GIANT BATMAN



DON'T WORRY,  
FORROW! I'LL  
HAVE TWO CRACK  
DETECTIVES  
ASSIGNED TO YOU  
AS BODYGUARDS.  
AND THEN THERE'S  
ALWAYS ROBIN  
AND MYSELF!  
YOU'LL  
BE ALL  
RIGHT!

I HOPE  
SO! NOW THAT  
SPRING IS HERE,  
I'M JUST  
ITCHING TO TAKE  
UP THE GAME OF  
GOLF--- SEE ALL  
THE NEW  
EQUIPMENT I'VE  
BOUGHT?

LATER...

WELL,  
FORROW'S  
BODYGUARDS  
HAVE TAKEN  
OVER---  
NOW  
WHAT?

THAT NOTE  
FORROW  
RECEIVED  
MAY WELL HAVE  
TIPPED OFF THE  
**WRECKER'S**  
NEXT MOVE!  
WE'LL SOON  
KNOW!

THE LETTERS ON  
THE NOTE ARE  
TYPICAL OF  
THOSE USED IN  
THE GOTHAM TIMES'  
**SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT!**  
AND LAST  
SUNDAY'S SUPPLEMENT  
WAS DEVOTED  
TO  
**SCULPTURE**  
IN GOTHAM CITY!

**SCULPTURE!**  
IF THE  
**WRECKER**  
WAS  
INTERESTED  
IN THAT,  
HE'D BE MOST  
INTERESTED IN THE  
CURRENT EXHIBIT  
OF ROLF BAGLUND---  
THE MAN WHO CAST  
YOU AND ME IN  
BRONZE FOR THE  
WORLD'S FAIR!

FOLLOWING THEIR HUNCH, THE LAWMEN  
RACE TO BAGLUND'S EXHIBIT...

**ROLF BAGLUND STUDIO**

COME  
ON, ROBIN!  
THE HUNCH  
PAID  
OFF!

NEW  
EXHIBIT

IT'S THE  
**WRECKER!**  
HELP!  
HELP! LET  
ME OUT OF  
HERE!

AND  
INSIDE  
THE  
 HUGE  
GALLERY...

BATMAN AND  
ROBIN! THANK HEAVENS  
YOU'VE COME! THESE  
VANDALS ARE RUINING  
MY LIFE'S  
WORK!

STEADY,  
MR. BAGLUND!  
WE'LL TAKE  
OVER  
NOW!

## GIANT BATMAN

THEN, AS A FIERCE BATTLE RAGES THROUGH THE HALL OF SCULPTURE...



SUDDENLY...

BATMAN!  
THEY'RE TOPPLING THAT STATUE!  
BAGLUND WILL BE KILLED! HE'S FROZEN WITH TERROR!

MUST FORGET ABOUT THE WRECKER FOR NOW! HAVE TO SAVE BAGLUND!

ACTING SWIFTLY, BATMAN'S SILKEN CORD SNAKES OUT TO LOOP AROUND A CEILING BEAM.  
THEN...

MADE IT! BUT BAGLUND'S STUPID MOVE DIVERTED ROBIN LONG ENOUGH FOR THE WRECKER'S MEN TO CAPTURE HIM!

THEN, FACED BY THREATS TO ROBIN'S LIFE, BATMAN IS FORCED TO SURRENDER!

HEY, WRECKER---  
HOW ABOUT TAKIN' OFF BATMAN'S MASK, SO'S WE KIN GET A LOOK AT HIM?

WE'VE NO TIME!  
NOT A SECOND TO LOSE! THE POLICE MAY BE OUTSIDE RIGHT NOW!

SECONDS LATER, BATMAN AND ROBIN FIND THEMSELVES BEFORE THE HUGE OVENS, WHEREIN SCULPTOR BAGLUND BAKES HIS MOLDS...

GRAB THEIR UTILITY BELTS AND SHOVE THEM IN HERE! TOMORROW WE'LL BE ABLE TO OFFER THE CITIZENS OF GOTHAM CITY SENSATIONAL NEWS IN THE OBITUARY COLUMNS!

THEN, AS THE HEAVY DOOR SWINGS SHUT ON THE DOOMED LAW MEN AND SCULPTOR BAGLUND...

THEY'VE TURNED IT ON! WE'RE DOOMED!

I'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING---  
BUT FAST!

## GIANT BATMAN

BAGLUND---  
ISN'T THIS AN  
AUTOMATIC  
OVEN---  
DESIGNED TO  
KEEP SPECIFIC  
TEMPERATURES?

WHY,  
YES--- IN  
MANY  
RESPECTS  
IT'S  
SIMILAR TO  
AN  
ORDINARY  
KITCHEN OVEN!  
BUT I DON'T  
SEE ...

THEN  
IT HAS  
AN INTERIOR  
THERMOSTAT--  
WHICH  
MUST BE IN  
THAT BOX  
UP  
THERE!

SAY! IF  
BATMAN  
CAN ADJUST  
THE  
THERMOSTAT  
TO A SETTING  
**LOWER**  
THAN THE  
SETTING ON  
THE OUTSIDE  
DIAL, IT WILL  
AUTOMATICALLY  
**SHUT OFF**  
**THE OVEN!**

A MOMENT LATER...

THAT DOES  
IT! THE COILS  
ARE COOLING!  
BUT WE'RE  
STILL TRAPPED!  
THIS DOOR IS  
JAMMED--- IT WILL  
TAKE A GOOD  
JOLT TO LOOSEN  
IT!

WAIT,  
ROBIN!  
I'VE  
GOT  
ANOTHER  
IDEA!

SWIFTLY, BATMAN LOOSSENS A LONG  
SECTION OF HEATING COIL. THEN,  
AS HE DROPS WITH IT TO THE  
FLOOR...

THIS COIL  
HAS ALL THE  
PROPERTIES OF  
A SPRING! WE'LL  
ATTACH THE OTHER  
END TO THE  
OTHER WALL AND  
MAKE OURSELVES  
A  
**DRAWSTRING!**

RIGHT!  
AND ONE OF  
THOSE BIG  
CHUNKS OF  
BRASS  
CAN BE OUR  
PROJECTILE!

SOON AFTER...

(PANT!) STEADY,  
ROBIN! (GASP!)  
WHEN I SAY  
THREE, LET  
HER GO!

(GASP!)  
RIGHT!

EUREKA!  
YOU'VE DONE  
IT!

COME ON,  
ROBIN---  
LET'S GET OUT  
OF HERE!

**BOINNG!**

AND IN THE NEXT MOMENT...

## GIANT BATMAN

LATE THE NEXT AFTERNOON, IN THE LOCKER ROOM OF THE GOTHAM COUNTRY CLUB...

WELL, MR. BURKE AND MR. THOMSON--- FOR A PAIR OF PLAINCLOTHESMEN, YOU'RE NOT BAD GOLFERS AT ALL!

NO--- BUT I BET I LOST TEN POUNDS! THAT SUN WAS MURDER OUT THERE, MR. FORROW!



THEN, AFTER FORROW'S BROTHER HAS JOINED THEM FOR DINNER AT THE CLUB...

YOU MUST BE MORE CAREFUL, SIR. QUITE A FEW PEOPLE AT DINNER COULD HAVE HEARD YOU WHEN YOU ANNOUNCED A DESIRE TO GO FOR A DRIVE THIS EVENING. WE'D RATHER YOUR MOVEMENTS WEREN'T KNOWN TO ANYONE!

GOSH--- I KEEP FORGETTING! OH WELL--- I DON'T SUPPOSE THE WRECKER IS A MEMBER OF THIS CLUB!



BUT LATER, ON THE BERRY RIVER ROAD, WHEN FORROW STOPS HIS CAR TO ENJOY THE RUGGED SCENERY...

DON'T MOVE, ANYONE--- OR YOU GET A SLUG IN THE NECK!

HA-HA! AN EXCELLENT LOCATION FOR MURDER! DUMP A BODY INTO THIS RIVER, AND IT WILL BE CARRIED RIGHT OUT TO SEA!



A FEW HOURS LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

THEY SLUGGED US ALL---BUT MY WOUND WASN'T TOO BAD! I CAME TO IN TIME TO SEE THEM THROW MY POOR BROTHER, BOUND HAND AND FOOT, INTO THE RIVER! THIS IS COLD-BLOODED MURDER, COMMISSIONER!

I KNOW---I KNOW. WHAT CAN I SAY, OTHER THAN WE'LL LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED IN OUR HUNT FOR YOUR BROTHER'S MURDERER! BURKE, FILE YOUR REPORT-- I WANT TO STUDY IT. AND NOW I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO BATMAN AND ROBIN ALONE...



THIS IS BAD, BATMAN! A MARK AGAINST THE FORCE! FORROW WAS OUR CHARGE! WE'VE GOT TO AVENGE HIS DEATH PROMPTLY!

ROBIN AND I WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN!



ONE MORE THING. MY MEN FINALLY RAN ACROSS SKIP DENTON'S TRAIL. THEY TRACED IT TO THE GOTHAM COUNTRY CLUB WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED AS A BUS-BOY! HE WAS THERE TONIGHT---AT DINNER! HE'S SINCE DISAPPEARED! FIND THIS MAN, BATMAN!



BUT AS DAYS PASS,  
SKIP DENTON'S TRAIL  
GROWS COLD--- WHILE  
THE WRECKER  
GROWS BOLDER  
THAN EVER...

WRECKER WRECKS  
BALLOON FACTORY!  
KIDS' HOLIDAY  
PARADE DOOMED

MILLION DOLLAR MURAL  
RUINED BY WRECKER!

BATMAN FAN CLUB  
HEADQUARTERS  
BURNED BY  
WRECKER

THEN, ONE DAY...

A BREAK, ROBIN---  
MAYBE! THE PAPER  
ANNOUNCES THAT  
A NEW BEN MOSSER  
MOVIE GOES INTO  
PRODUCTION  
TOMORROW ON  
LOCATION NEAR  
GOTHAM  
CITY!

BEN MOSSER!  
WHY, HE'S THE  
PRODUCER  
WHO MADE  
THOSE  
**BATMAN**  
AND **ROBIN**  
MOVIES! I GET  
IT! HE'LL BE A  
SURE TARGET  
FOR  
**THE WRECKER**---  
AND WE'LL BE THERE,  
JUST WAITING!

NEXT DAY, AT THE LOCATION HEAD-  
QUARTERS OF BEN MOSSER FILMS...

SURE, **BATMAN**...  
I'LL BE GLAD TO  
COOPERATE!  
I DON'T WANT  
THE **WRECKER**  
RUINING MY NEW  
PICTURE --- IT'S  
A HONEY, ALL  
ABOUT SPACE  
TRAVEL AND  
A STRANGE  
NEW  
PLANET!

PROPERTY ROOM

THEN, AS MOSSER TAKES **BATMAN** AND  
**ROBIN** ON A TOUR OF INSPECTION...

THIS IS THE  
PLANET,  
"NOVANIA."  
TOOK SIX  
MONTHS TO  
BUILD THIS  
SET!

IT SURE  
LOOKS  
REAL!

THIS IS A  
MAN-CARRYING  
ROCKET--- A  
**REAL**  
ONE, TOO! WE'RE  
GOING TO  
SET IT OFF  
FOR THE MOVIE--  
ONLY NO ONE  
WILL BE IN  
IT, OF COURSE.  
BUT THE  
MOVIE  
AUDIENCE  
WILL THINK  
SOMEONE'S  
IN IT!

TERRIFIC!  
I BET IT  
MAKES A  
WONDERFUL  
SCENE!

NEXT DAY...

HERE COME THE EXTRAS, IN THEIR SPACE UNIFORMS. THEY SURE LOOK WEIRD, DON'T THEY?

I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING, ROBIN. I WANT TO SPEAK TO THE CAMERAMAN A MOMENT. BE RIGHT BACK...



SOON AFTER, AS BATMAN REJOINS ROBIN...

BATMAN! THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE HERE! EXTRAS USUALLY STAND ABOUT IN GROUPS, DISCUSSING THE SCENE TO COME. THESE PEOPLE HAVEN'T SPOKEN TO EACH OTHER AT ALL--- AND THEY SEEM TO BE DRIFTING THIS WAY.

HMM... THERE IS SOMETHING OMINOUS ABOUT THEM...



THEN, WITHOUT WARNING!

I WAS RIGHT, BATMAN! IT'S THE WRECKER AND HIS MEN--- THEY MUST HAVE WAY-LAIDED THE REAL EXTRAS! TOO MANY OF THEM! WE'VE GOT TO RUN, ROBIN-- TRY TO FIGURE A SURPRISE COUNTER-ATTACK!

GET 'EM!  
GET BATMAN  
AND ROBIN!

A GREAT IDEA!  
GO AHEAD,  
BOYS---  
THE FUN  
IS ALL  
YOURS!

BOSS, LET US STUFF THESE CHARACTERS INTO THE ROCKET-- AND THEN SET THE THING OFF!

BUT A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

DON'T WORRY,  
BOYS---  
WE GOT  
'EM!

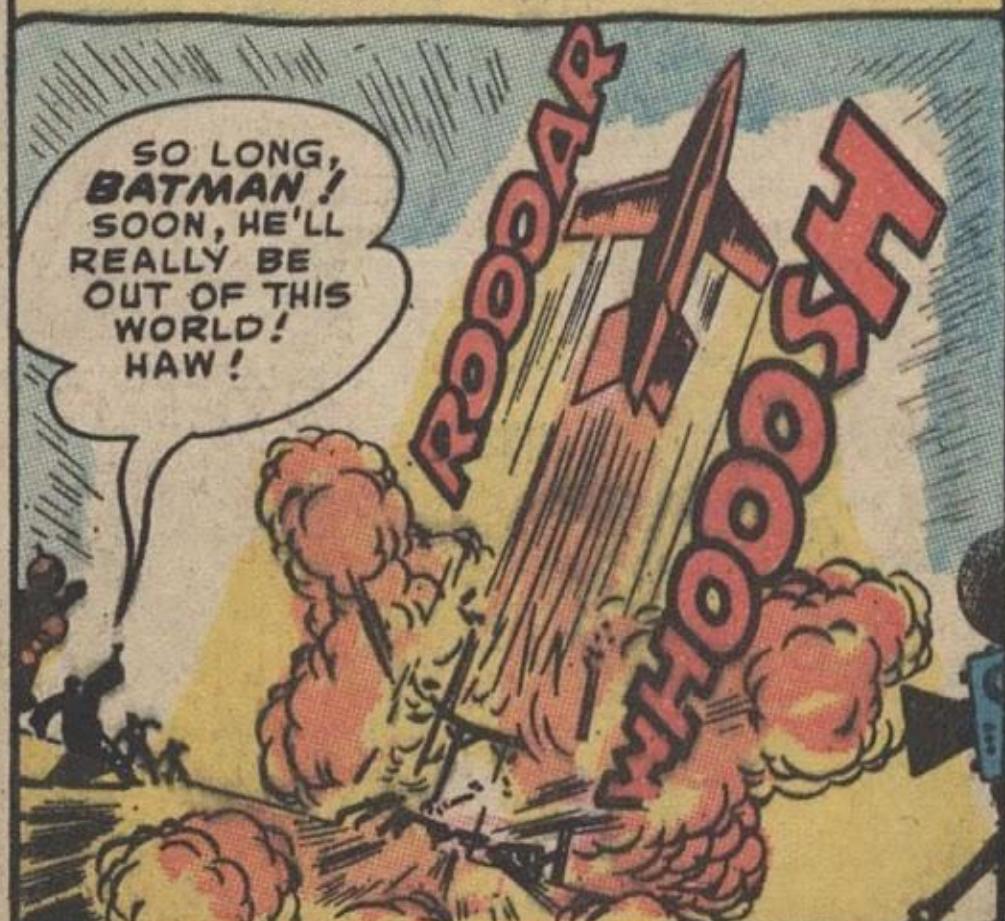
AND FOR GETTIN' 'EM FIRST, WE GET THE HONOR OF DRAGGIN' 'EM OUT TO SHOW THE BOSS!



THE ROCKET IS OPENED, THE LIMP FIGURES OF BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE THROWN IN--- AND THEN!

SO LONG,  
BATMAN!  
SOON, HE'LL  
REALLY BE  
OUT OF THIS  
WORLD!  
HAW!

ROOOOSH





# GIANT BATMAN



BUT THEN, WITH STUNNING RAPIDITY!

SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, BOYS! BUT I FIGURED ROBIN AND I NEEDED THE ADVANTAGE OF SURPRISE OURSELVES. THE GAS PELLETS, ROBIN... QUICKLY!

THOSE WERE DUMMIES IN THE ROCKET! WE DISGUISED OURSELVES IN SOME SPARE SPACE-UNIFORMS!

**BATMAN!**

ABRUPTLY, FATE DEALS BATMAN A BITTER BLOW! THE LAUNCHER, WEAKENED BY THE ROCKET'S TERRIFIC BLAST, SUDDENLY TOPPLES OVER!

A BREAK! COME ON, MEN---LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

**BATMAN!**  
YOUR HEAD!

SOON AFTER...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT NOW, BATMAN? THE CAMERAMAN HAS SOMETHING TO TELL YOU...

I DID LIKE YOU SAID, BATMAN... TURNED MY CAMERAS ON THE WRECKER WHEN HE SHOWED UP. YOU CAN SEE THE FILM IN A FEW MINUTES --- IT'S BEING PROCESSED NOW...

YES. LET'S SEE IT, JUST IN CASE. OOOH, MY HEAD!

LATER, IN A PROJECTION ROOM...

THAT'S ABOUT IT, BATMAN--- WHEN THAT PLATFORM FELL ON YOU AND KNOCKED YOU DOWN, I INSTINCTIVELY LEFT THE CAMERA AND RUSHED TO HELP YOU...

WAIT! HOLD IT! I WANT TO STUDY THIS MORE CAREFULLY. I SEE SOMETHING ON ONE OF THE WRECKER'S HANDS!

BUT WHAT ABOUT THAT BLOTCH ON HIS LEFT HAND???

HMM! IT GIVES ME AN IDEA---BUT I'LL HAVE TO DO SOME FAST INVESTIGATING! NO TIME TO EXPLAIN NOW! ROBIN, YOU REPORT BACK TO GORDON! I'LL JOIN YOU LATER!

AND A FEW HOURS AFTERWARDS, WHEN ROBIN ENTERS COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...

AH, ROBIN! IT'S ALL OVER, LAD! YOU CAN CALL BATMAN AND TELL HIM TO COME IN! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME, MY MEN BEAT YOU TO THE PUNCH! THEY PICKED UP SKIP DENTON --- AND FOUND DWIGHT FORROW'S CIGARETTE LIGHTER ON HIM!



AND AS GORDON AND ROBIN ENTER A NEARBY INTERROGATION ROOM...

WHAT ABOUT THE LIGHTER, DENTON? YOU HAD THE LIGHTER! WHAT ELSE DID YOU GRAB BEFORE YOU DUMPED FORROW'S BODY??

NUTHIN'!  
NUTHIN'  
I DIDN'T DUMP NO BODY!  
FORROW  
GIVE ME THE LIGHTER, I TOLD YA!!

I KNOW HIS TYPE!  
HE'LL BREAK DOWN SOON,  
AND CONFESS EVERYTHING!

PARDON,  
COMMISSIONER.  
**BATMAN**  
IS IN YOUR OFFICE.  
SAYS IT'S IMPORTANT!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

DWIGHT FORROW... ALIVE??? BUT---BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HE WAS MURDERED!

NO! JUST A FADED DEATH, SO HIS BROTHER COULD COLLECT A LARGE AMOUNT OF INSURANCE! THE TWO HAD PLANS TO LIVE IN SOUTH AMERICA!

SO DWIGHT FORROW WAS THE **WRECKER**! AND HIS FAR-REACHING CAMPAIGN AGAINST **BATMAN** AND HIS FRIENDS WAS ALL A HOAX TO MAKE HIS OWN "DEATH" BELIEVABLE! A ROLE CREATED AS A SMOKESCREEN, TO BE CONTINUED UNTIL THE INSURANCE WAS PAID!

YES! ONCE I SUSPECTED FORROW, INVESTIGATION REVEALED HE WAS HEAVILY IN DEBT, DUE TO GAMBLING. I FOUND HIM AND HIS BROTHER IN THEIR CELLAR, WHERE THEY HAD AN ELABORATE HIDEOUT! POLICE ARE THERE NOW, ROUNDING UP THE WHOLE GANG!

AND AS **BATMAN** REVEALS A HASTILY-MADE SKETCH OF THE FORROW CELLAR...

WHEN HIS BODYGUARDS THOUGHT HE WAS SLEEPING OR WORKING, FORROW SLIPPED OUT TO BECOME THE **WRECKER**! HE HAD SPOTTED DENTON AT HIS CLUB, ATTEMPTED TO MAKE HIM THE FALL GUY!

VERY SMOOTH! REMEMBER---FORROW'S BROTHER WAS THE ONLY WITNESS TO A "MURDER" THAT NEVER EVEN HAPPENED! THAT DAY, THE **WRECKER** WAS A HENCHMAN IN DISGUISE!



AND LATER, IN THE HALL OF TROPHIES, **BATMAN** CAREFULLY PLACES A GOLF GLOVE AMONG THE HONORED SOUVENIRS ON DISPLAY...

THE BLOTCH ON THE HAND! **SUNBURN**... DUE TO THE OPEN BACK OF A GOLF GLOVE! THAT'S HOW YOU BECAME SUSPICIOUS OF FORROW!

YES! HE WAS THE ONLY **GOLFER** IN THE CASE! AND MOST GOLFERS GET THAT PARTIAL BURN THE FIRST TIME OUT EACH YEAR! I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU SOONER, **ROBIN**... BUT I WANTED TO IMPRESS UPON YOU THIS LESSON IN THE POWERS OF OBSERVATION!



THE END

# GIANT BATMAIL

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Dear Editor:

Marvelous! That's the least I can say about your publishing Batman stories from the '30's and '40's. First you reprinted the very first Batman story in DETECTIVE No. 387, and now you bring us "Here Comes Alfred" in GIANT BATMAN No. 213. Please continue to reprint stories as old as these. Incidentally, why didn't you reprint "The Origin of Robin" as it originally appeared in DETECTIVE No. 38? Why was it redrawn? In Sweden it's quite difficult to get your comics. In Stockholm (with about 1,000,000 inhabitants) there is just one store which carries the American editions.

—Klas H. Reimers, Stockholm, Sweden

(Sorry we couldn't bring you anything from the '40's except the newspaper strip, this issue. The fact is, we only have the negatives of issues from the early '50's—and no original art from the early years. Photographing from the magazine is difficult because the colors come out in black or gray. "Here Comes Alfred" and some other older stories have been reproduced by tracing them. But this takes some time, and costs too much. There were more complications with the Robin story. In the original version, the Dynamic Duo occasionally acted in a way contrary to their code. We made a few minor changes and put in some new details in the rewritten version.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

The latest GIANT BATMAN was one of the best yet. I have some questions, though, about the origin stories. In "The Origin of Robin," Dick captures his parents' killers as Robin. But in "The Man from Robin's Past," reprinted a few years back in MORE SECRET ORIGINS, Robin's origin was retold, and Batman captured the killers, before Dick became Robin. Which is right? In "Here Comes Alfred," Alfred discovered the Batcave by accident. But in "The Secret of Batman's Butler," reprinted in GIANT BATMAN No. 7, Dick called Alfred to the Batcave to help Batman when he was hurt. And Alfred applied for a job as Butler. Which origin is correct?

—Stephen Weisenbach, Teaneck, N.J.

(While researching "The Origin of Robin," we came across no less than four stories telling how Dick Grayson became the Boy Wonder. Only "The Man from Robin's Past" varied in not having Robin catch his parents' killers. And since "Here Comes Alfred" was the original origin of Bruce Wayne's butler, we accept it over the later version.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In No. 208, someone asked where the Giant Penny in Batman's trophy room came from. Well, I was looking through some Batman cards a few days ago and I came across the one I'm enclosing in this letter. It shows the Joker rolling a giant penny, with Robin tied to it, at Batman. It says: "Never one to waste a penny, The Joker thought Batman and Robin's lives an unsound investment! But the flame from a Batmatch proved him wrong and sent him penniless, back to the pen!" I hope this will help.

—Sam Moore, New York, N.Y.

(Thanks, Sam. Lots of other fans offered their suggestions—and one or two even found the original story—which did NOT involve the Joker! It was "The Penny Plunderers," published in WORLD'S FINEST No. 30, Sept.-Oct., 1947. The Giant Penny was part of an exhibit which villain Joe Coyne, who specialized in thefts involving pennies, tried to rob. Batman

clobbered some of the gang with the penny.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

We are long-time Batman readers, and happened to pick up the latest BATMAN GIANT. We are seriously concerned over the misrepresentation of the Joker's origin as presented in "The Man Behind the Red Hood." If memory serves us correctly, the Joker's weird coloring resulted from an accident which prevented him from removing his circus make-up. How can the latest generation of readers be made to trust and believe in your magazine if you continue to contradict yourselves?

—Phillip Stahlman and Stewart Jennison, Centre College, Danville, Ky.

(We consulted many experts on Batman while preparing the last issue, including Bob Kane, the Caped Crusader's creator. None of them could recall any other origin for the Joker besides that in the "Red Hood" story, which originally appeared in 1951. If you can prove we have contradicted ourselves, we'll be glad to apologize. But we suspect it's your memories that are at fault.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In your latest Giant, you stated that "The Man Behind the Red Hood" was first published in DETECTIVE 186 (Feb., '51). Feb., '51 is No. 168. And the footnote on page 4 of "The Origin of Robin" says "When Batman Was Robin" was published in DETECTIVE 266 (Dec., '55). Dec., '55 was issue 226.

—Jim Fitzpatrick, Sudbury, Ont., Canada

(You must have plenty of girl friends, Jim. You've sure proved you're a whiz when it comes to DATES! —Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

This is the closest you've ever come to perfect! I am referring, of course, to BATMAN No. 213. Grrreeat (as a certain tiger once said)! You started your way to the perfect Giant with No. 203, with the excellent Neal Adams cover, all real old stories (pre-1960), and the section of new art. Then came the next stop, in BATMAN No. 208. Although the cover wasn't as good as the previous one (using parts of earlier covers in a couple of places), the complete story, with reprint excerpts, provided a welcome escape from the traditional Giant. The old and new were masterfully interwoven (thanks to you and Gil Kane), but it got a bit nerve-wracking, with all the different styles. You fell a little short of perfect. Then—No. 213. The cover (by Vince Colletta?) was a great start. Next, the Robin story. I knew most of it, but some of the things were new to me. Good Going! Now, for the next Giant, have a format like No. 208, old stories like 213, and more new art. Since I understand you (or Mr. Schwartz) plan a spectacular change in Batman, why not have the whole Giant centered about it, with Batman and Robin reflecting upon the past, using reprints?

—Neal S. Pozner, Seaford, N.Y.

(An interesting idea, but the big change has already come, in the December BATMAN. As for the last GIANT BATMAN cover, it was inked by Colletta, but pencilled by Bill Draut. Incidentally, the picture of Batman and Robin in the center was a copy of the splash of the story that introduced Robin, in DETECTIVE No. 38. —Ed.)

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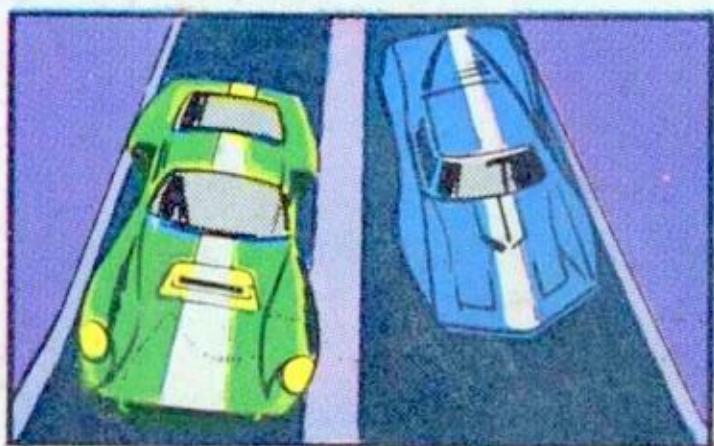


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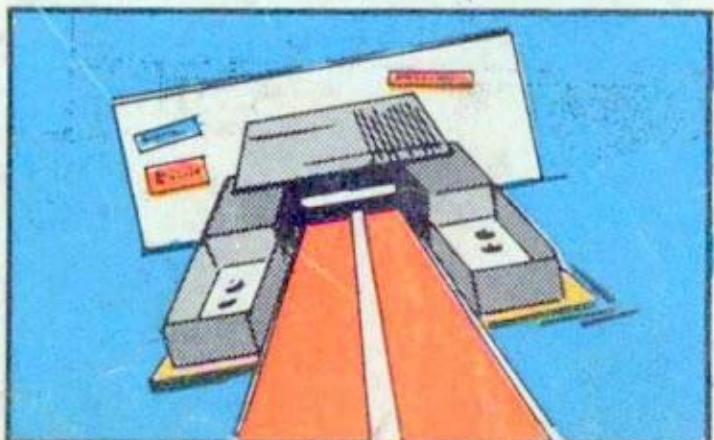
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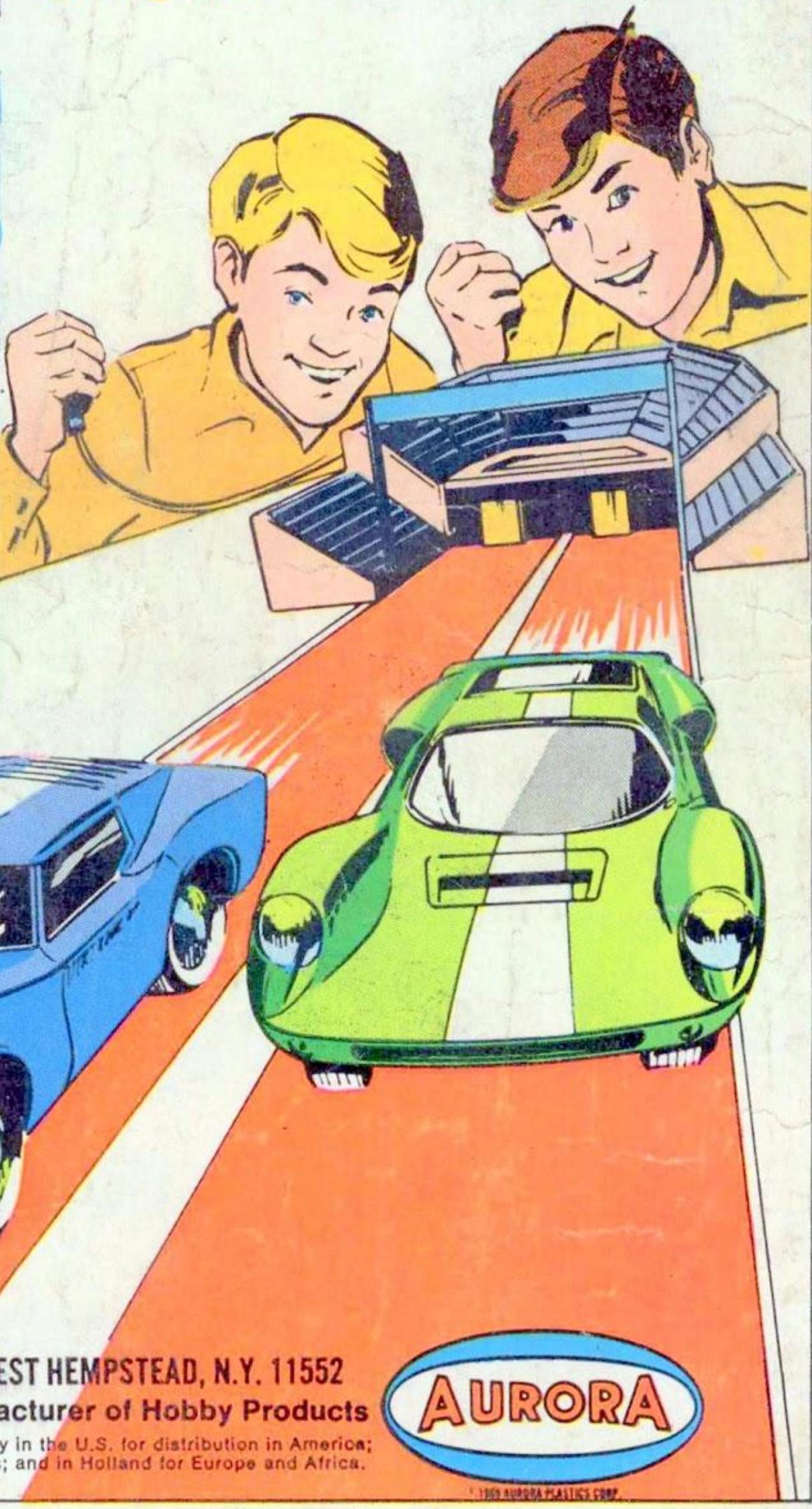


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