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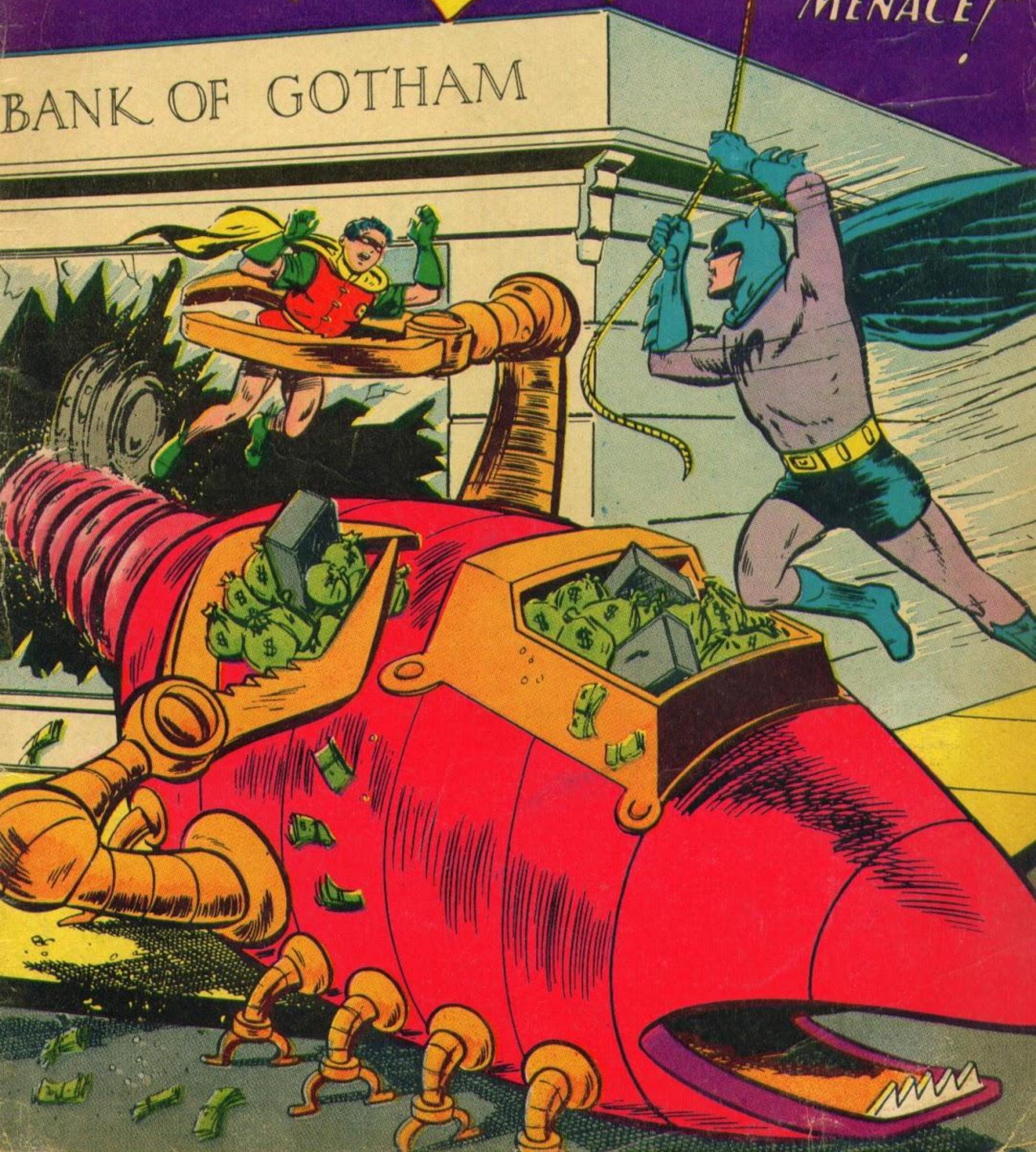
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BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER



LEAVE IT TO THE JOKER, THAT SATANISH JESTER OF CRIME, TO DREAM UP ANOTHER FIENDISH SCHEME CALCULATED TO SMASH THE CRIME-FIGHTING CAREERS OF THE GREAT BATMAN AND ROBIN! WITH A MOVIE CAMERA AS HIS ALLY... AND AN AUDACITY NEVER EQUALLED EVEN BY THIS ARCH-VILLAIN OF THE UNDERWORLD, THE JOKER SEEKS TO DESTROY THE DYNAMIC DUO! SO---LIGHTS!... CAMERA! ACTION! HERE COME...

"**JOKER'S MOVIE CRIMES!**"



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ONE DAY,
ON A
LONELY
STRETCH OF
RAILROAD
TRACK
NEAR
GOTHAM
CITY,
THE
JOKER,
INFAMOUS
CLOWN OF
CRIME,
MAKES AN
UNSCHEDULED
APPEARANCE...

IT'S A HOLD-UP!
WE'RE BEING ROBBED
BY THE JOKER!

HA-HA... A BAGGAGE CAR BULGING
WITH A WEEK'S GATE RECEIPTS!
HOW FITTING THAT A
CIRCUS TRAIN
SHOULD BE ROBBED
BY ME, THE
**WORLD'S GREATEST
CLOWN!** HA-HA-HA!

BELLIN'S
CIRCUS

YOU CALL YOURSELVES
CLOWNS, EH? HA-HA...
WHAT POOR
IMITATIONS...
AND SOON
TO BE MUCH
POORER!
HA, HA, HA...
HO-HO-HO-HO!

YES... ALL THE EARMARKS OF A
TYPICAL JOKER CRIME! BUT WAIT...
SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED
THIS TIME...

HOW'S
IT
GOING,
MEN? THE
CAMERAS
CATCH ALL
OF IT?

AND HOW,
BOSS!
EVERYTHING'S
PERFECT!
WHAT A
MOVIE THIS
IS GOING
TO MAKE!

JOKER FILM PRODUCTIONS, INC.

MOVIES? JOKER FILM PRODUCTIONS
INC.?? WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
FOR THE ANSWER, LET'S EAVESDROP
ON THE CUNNING CLOWN AS HE AND HIS
MEN RACE TOWARD THEIR HIDEOUT...

SAY, BOSS... YOU APPOINTED
ME PUBLICITY DIRECTOR OF
JOKER FILM PRODUCTIONS
BUT YOU NEVER GAVE ME
THE WHOLE
PITCH!
HOW KIN I
GET YOU
PUBLICITY
IF I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHAT'S GOIN'
ON?

HA, HA...
FOLEY... YOU'RE
RIGHT! I'D
BETTER
BRING YOU
UP TO DATE!

YOU
SEE,
FOLEY, I'VE
TURNED MOVIE
PRODUCER MAKING
EDUCATIONAL FILMS
FOR CRIMINALS!
HA-HA... GET IT? I
ENGINEER A CRIME,
AND RECORD IT ON
FILM! THE MOVIE
SHOWS CRIMINALS
HOW TO OPERATE!
FOR THIS, THEY'LL PAY
ME PLENTY! HA-HA-HA!

TODAY WE MADE
A TWO-REELER
CALLED "HOW TO
ROB A TRAIN"!
WHEN WE'VE
FINISHED WITH
THE PROCESSING,
IT WILL BE READY
FOR GANGS
ACROSS THE
COUNTRY!
HA-HA-HA!

BOY...
THE
JOKER'S
SURE
KILLIN' TWO
BIRDS WITH
ONE STONE!
HE GETS THE
LOOT FROM
A CRIME,
THEN MAKES
MORE DOUGH
SELLIN' MOVIES
OF IT!

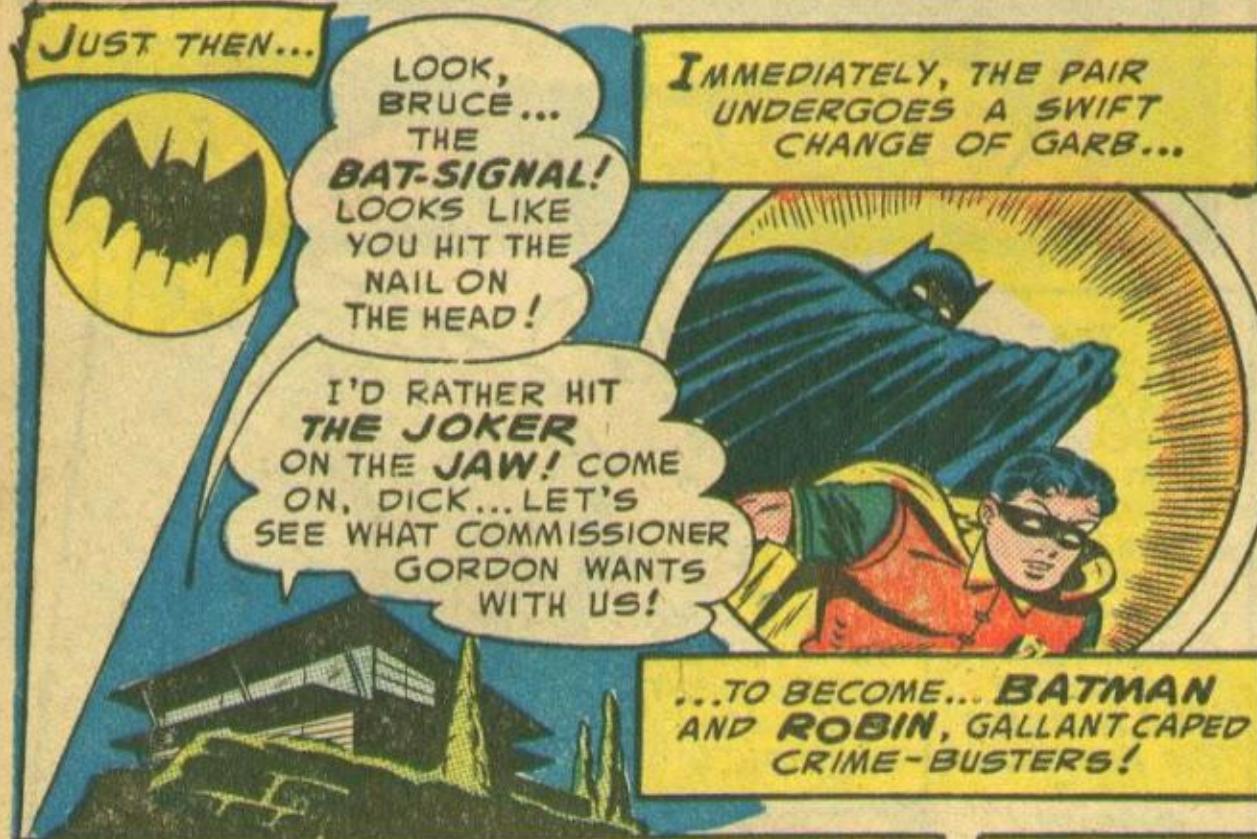
AND WHEN THE CRIMINALS
ARRIVE AT THEIR "STUDIO",
A HIDEOUT ON THE BANKS OF
GOTHAM RIVER...



BATMAN



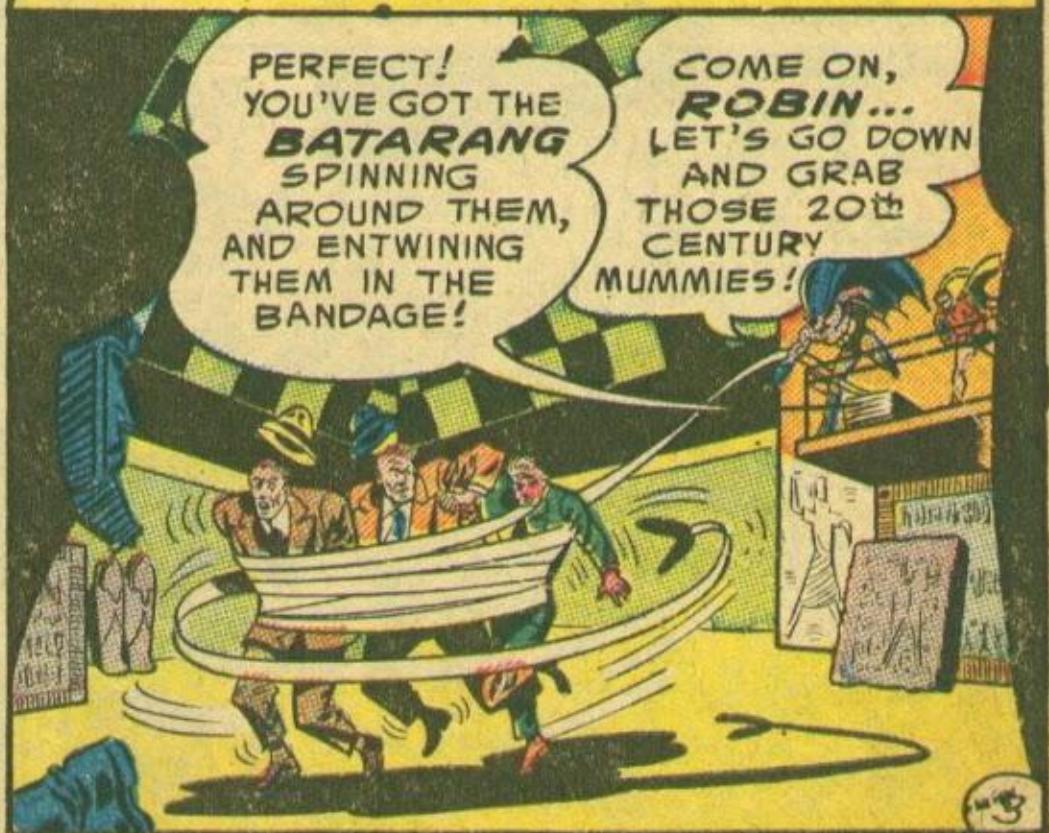
THAT EVENING, WHEN NEWS OF THE TRAIN ROBBERY REACHES MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...



SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...



IN A FLASH, BATMAN WHIPS OUT HIS FAMED BATARANG, ATTACHES THE ROLL OF BANDAGE TO IT, AND SENDS THE FABULOUS INSTRUMENT SPINNING THROUGH AIR...



BATMAN

AND WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE...

NO TRACE OF THE JOKER OUTSIDE, BATMAN! HE MUST HAVE MOVED FAST!

WELL, WE'D BETTER START MOVING FASTER! ONLY THING WE CAN DO NOW IS TO GET THESE FELLOWS DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS AND SEE WHAT STORY THEY HAVE TO TELL!



THE FOLLOWING DAY, AT THE JOKER'S HIDEOUT...

HEY, BOSS... THAT MUSEUM STUFF WE SHOT TODAY LOOKS REAL GOOD!



JOKER FILM PRODUCTION
Presents HOW TO ROB A MUSEUM
Starring THE JOKER
FROM AN ORIGINAL IDEA BY THE JOKER

NATURALLY! BUT RIGHT NOW, I'M MORE INTERESTED IN SOMETHING I SEE IN THIS NEWSPAPER!

SO THAT EVENING, CAREFULLY DISGUISED, THE CLOWN PRINCE OF CRIME AND A FEW SELECT HENCHMEN ATTEND "THE RETURN OF BATMAN AND ROBIN!"...

HA-HA!
THERE'S ALWAYS FIREWORKS WHEN THE JOKER COMMITS A CRIME!
HO-HO!

HEY, BOSS... THAT ACTOR LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU! TERRIFIC!

FLASH FIREWORKS FACTORY N° 2



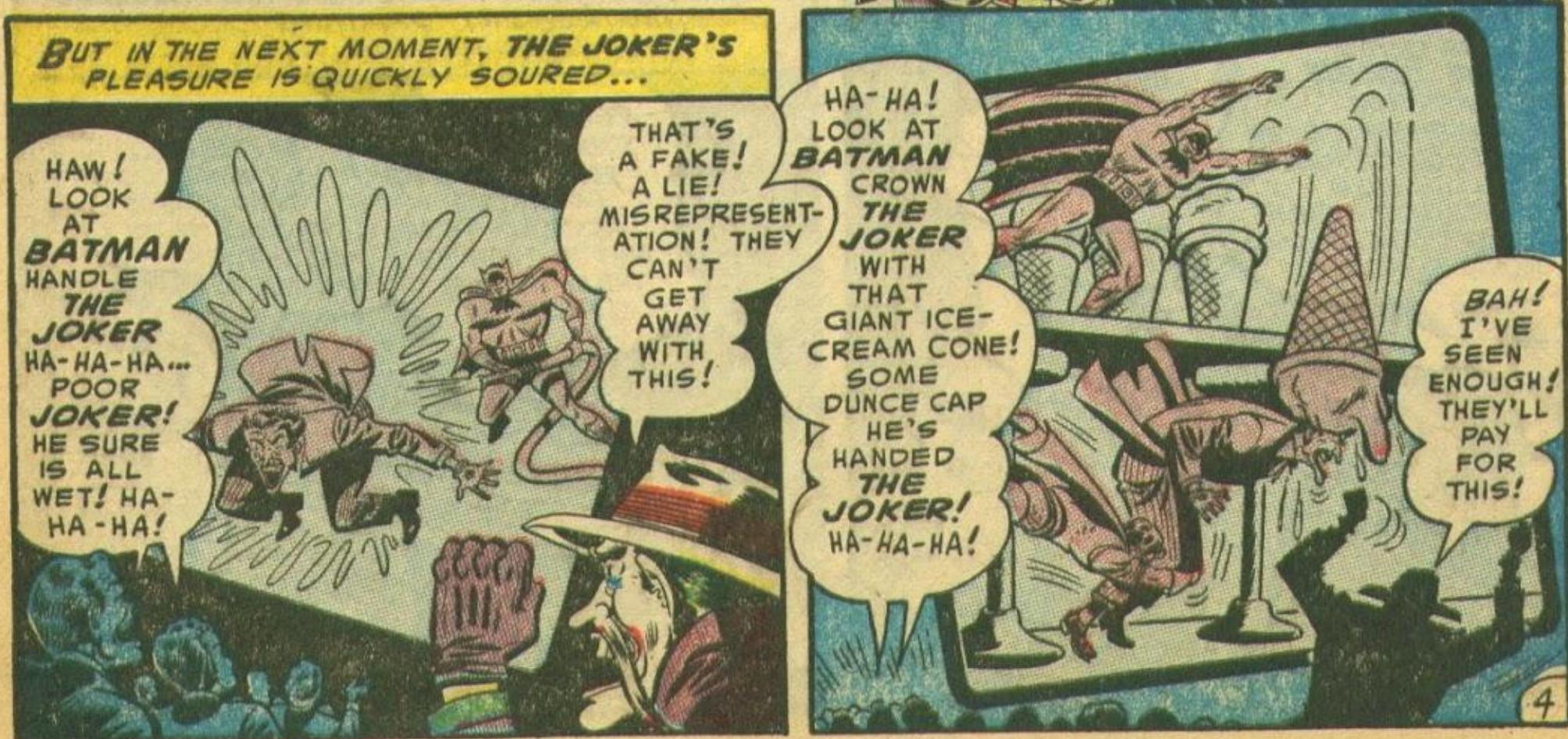
BUT IN THE NEXT MOMENT, THE JOKER'S PLEASURE IS QUICKLY SOURED...

HAW! LOOK AT BATMAN HANDLE THE JOKER HA-HA-HA... POOR JOKER! HE SURE IS ALL WET! HA-HA-HA!

THAT'S A FAKE! A LIE! MISREPRESENTATION! THEY CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!

HA-HA!
LOOK AT BATMAN CROWN THE JOKER WITH THAT GIANT ICE-CREAM CONE! SOME DUNCE CAP HE'S HANDED THE JOKER! HA-HA-HA!

BAH!
I'VE SEEN ENOUGH! THEY'LL PAY FOR THIS!





BATMAN



RETURNING TO HIS HIDEOUT, THE WRATHFUL HARLEQUIN OF HATE PLOTS HIS REVENGE...

HOLLYWOOD HAS MADE ME THE FOOL... A DIM-WITTED SIMPLETON OUT-TRICKED AT EVERY TURN BY BATMAN! I'LL SHOW THOSE MOVIE-MAKERS... AND I'LL SHOW BATMAN, TOO!

HOW, BOSS? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

I'LL MAKE MY OWN MOVIE.. ONE THAT'LL SHOW ME IN MY TRUE LIGHT, AS THE MASTER OF BATMAN! HA-HA... I'LL CALL IT 'HOW TO HANDLE BATMAN AND ROBIN!' EVERY CROOK IN THE LAND WILL WANT TO SEE IT!

HEY, JOKER... HOW ABOUT ME PLAYIN' THE BATMAN ROLE? I GOT HIS BUILD... AND I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE AN ACTOR!

HA-HA-HA! NO---I'VE ALREADY DECIDED ON THE CAST! BATMAN AND ROBIN WILL PLAY THEMSELVES IN THE MOVIE! HO-HO-HO! WAIT AND SEE!

MEANWHILE, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

CRISIS AFTER CRISIS! A MUTINY IN THE STATE PRISON... TRAFFIC JAMS SNARLING THE CITY.. GOTHAM RIVER CONTAMINATED BY SILVER SALTS. AND NOW, THE JOKER!

WE HEARD ONE OF THE JOKER'S MEN WE CAPTURED HAS TALKED! WHAT'S UP?

PLENTY! THE JOKER'S IN THE MOVIE BUSINESS! HE'S FILMING CRIMES TO SELL TO CROOKS! HE'S TEACHING THEM NEW TRICKS OF THE TRADE! THAT'S WHAT THOSE MOVIE CAMERAS WERE ALL ABOUT!

THIS IS SERIOUS, BATMAN... NOT ONLY COULD IT LEAD TO NEW CRIME WAVES ACROSS THE LAND, BUT IT CASTS DISCREDIT ON OUR OWN OPERATION! YOU'VE GOT TO FIND THE JOKER'S HIDEOUT.. THAT'S THE ONE THING THE PRISONERS REFUSED TO REVEAL!

RIGHT, COMMISSIONER!

AIR DEPT. LANDING AREA

A FEW DAYS LATER, AS ANOTHER CRIME ALERTS THE DUO INTO ACTION...

THE POLICE RADIO SAYS IT'S THE JOKER AGAIN --- LOOTING GREY'S DEPARTMENT STORE!

HANG ON! WE'LL BE THERE IN A MINUTE!



BUT SUDDENLY...

EEYOW! WHERE'D THAT WIRE COME FROM?

EXCELLENT! HA-HA! KEEP THAT CAMERA GRINDING... WHAT A SCENE FOR MY NEW MOVIE! HA-HA-HA!



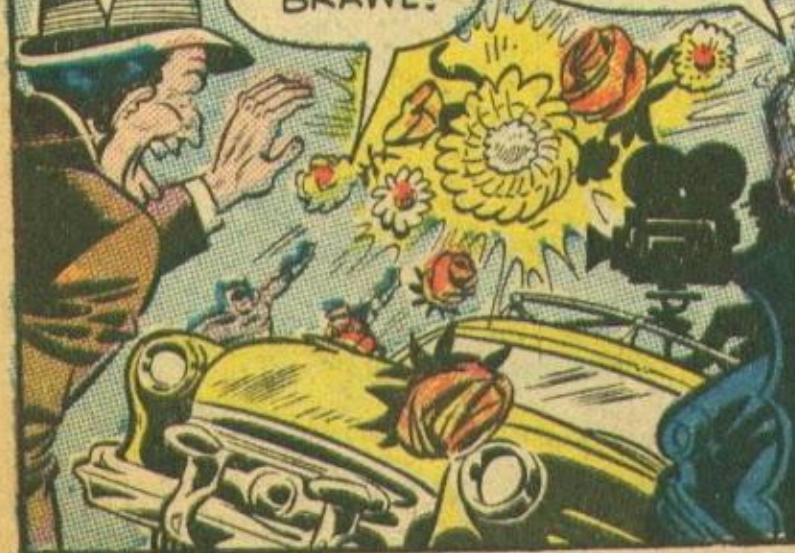
IT'S A TRAP, ROBIN! THEY WERE READY FOR US!

BUT AS BATMAN AND ROBIN HURL THEIR EXPLOSIVE GAS PELLETS AT THE JOKER'S MEN...

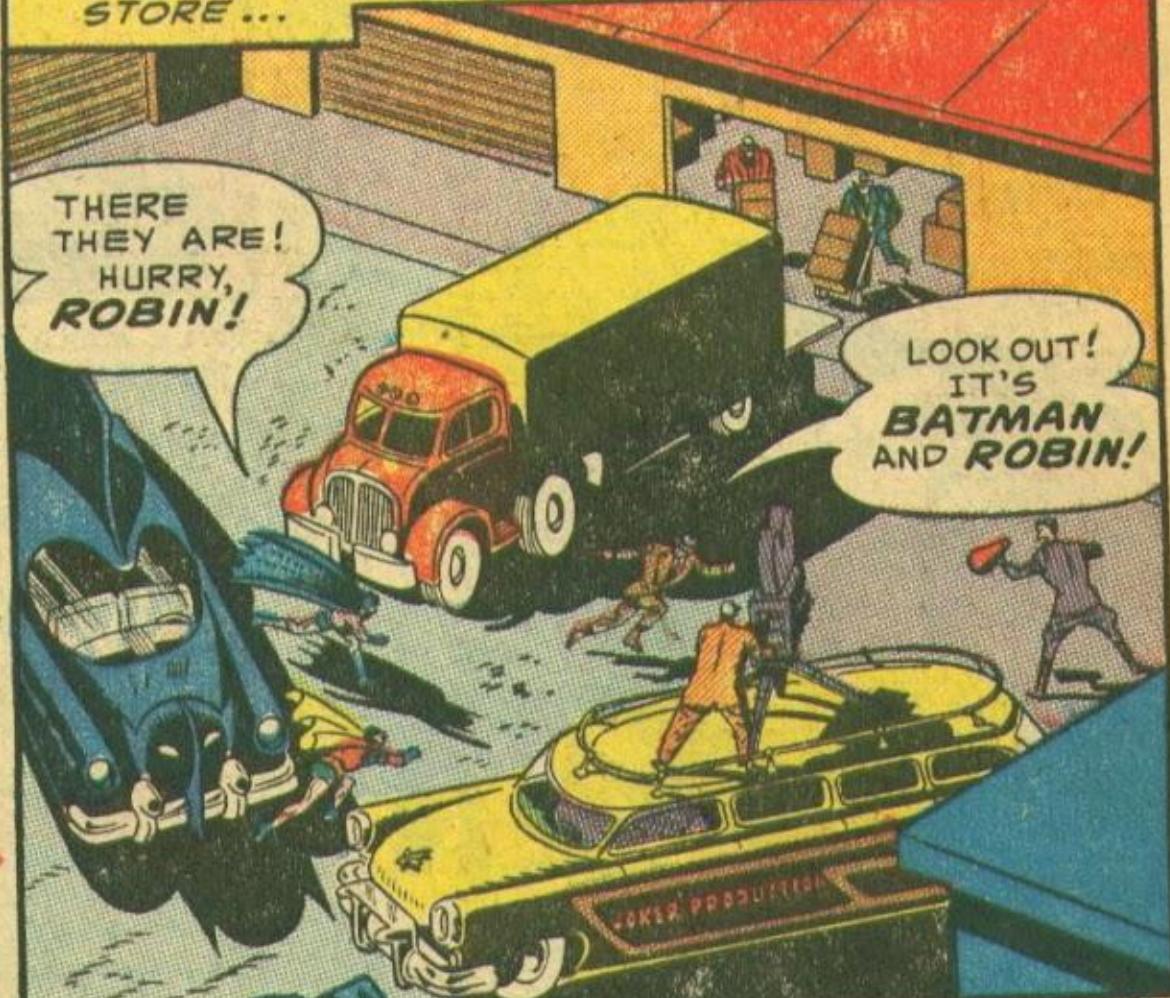
FLOWERS! GOSH, BATMAN... I DIDN'T THINK YOU CARED!

A TRICK! THEY MUST HAVE SWITCHED UTILITY BELTS IN THE BRAWL!

PERFECT! JUST AS I HOPED! THEY USED MY PHONY GAS PELLETS... HA-HA-HA! AND I'VE CAUGHT THE WHOLE AFFAIR ON FILM!



AND AS THE BATMOBILE SKIDS TO A STOP IN A PARKING AREA BEHIND THE GIANT DEPARTMENT STORE...



THE CRIME CLOWN AND HIS MEN QUICKLY CLAMBER ABOARD THEIR STATION WAGON AND ROAR OFF, BUT AS BATMAN AND ROBIN PREPARE TO GIVE CHASE IN THE BATMOBILE...



THEY BOOBY-TRAPPED THE BATMOBILE WHILE WE WERE FIGHTING! NOT ONLY THE BOMB... THEY'VE DRAINED ALL THE GAS!

BATMAN



SO THE FOLLOWING DAY...

IT'S OBVIOUS WHAT **THE JOKER'S** NEW SCHEME IS... A FILM FOR THE UNDERWORLD, DESIGNED TO SHOW US OFF AT OUR WORST!

BATMAN!
HAVE A LOOK
AT THIS! IT'S APPALLING!

WELL ANYWAY, NOW THAT YOU KNOW HIS SCHEME, YOU SHOULD HAVE LITTLE TROUBLE THWARTING IT, AND CAPTURING **THE JOKER!**

HE CAUGHT YOU BY SURPRISE ONCE... BUT HE'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN!

DON'T WORRY, COMMISSIONER... WE'LL SPOIL THE JOKER'S FUN!

Gotham Gazette
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JOKER REVEALS NEW MOVIE PROJECT CALLED "HOW TO HANDLE BATMAN AND ROBIN"
FIRST SCENES ALREADY SHOT WITH LAW MEN UNWITTINGLY PLAYING REAL-LIFE ROLES!

ONE OF FILM'S MANY COMICAL HIGHLIGHTS OCCURS WHEN JOKER BOOGY-TRAPS BATMOBILE WITH BOMB ATTACHED TO STARTER!

THE NERVE OF HIM!
BATMAN, IF THIS FILM IS EVER COMPLETED AND CIRCULATED, IT'LL FINISH ALL OF US!

A FEW NIGHTS LATER, AT A SWANK GOTHAM CITY PARTY...

EEK!

HELP!

THE JOKER!

HA-HA... DON'T ANYONE MOVE! FIRST I WANT YOUR VALUABLES... THEN I'M GOING TO HIRE YOU AS EXTRAS FOR MY NEW MOVIE... THAT IS, IF MY TWO STARS DON'T DISAPPOINT ME! HO-HO!

AND MINUTES AFTER WORD OF THE JOKER'S RAID HAS REACHED HEADQUARTERS...

HA-HA! HERE THEY ARE... **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, THE WORLD'S NEW MATINEE IDOLS! HO-HO-HO!

THANK HEAVENS!
BATMAN WILL SAVE US!

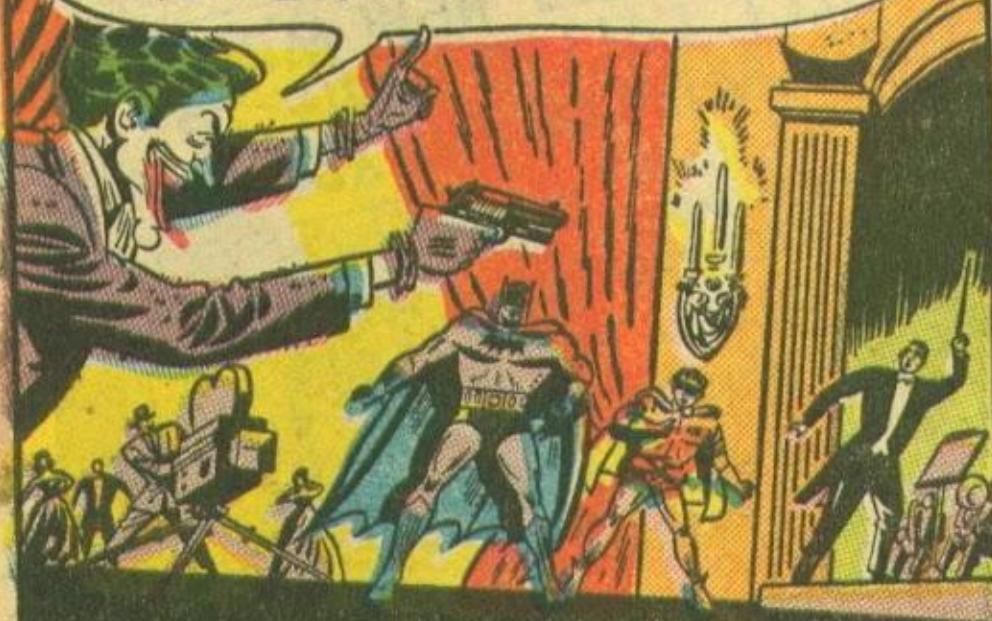
BUT INSTANTLY, THE WILY JOKER PARTS BEHIND THE HOSTESS OF THE PARTY, AND...

STOP, **BATMAN**... OR INNOCENT PEOPLE WILL DIE!

NO CHOICE,
ROBIN... WE CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE! BETTER DO AS HE SAYS!

BATMAN

AND NOW, SINCE HOLLYWOOD HAS A LOT OF SUCCESS WITH **MUSICALS**, WHY SHOULDN'T I? HA-HA-HA! ALL RIGHT, YOU---PLAY SOMETHING NICE AND FAST... **DANCE MUSIC** FOR **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!



LATER THAT EVENING, IN A HOLLYWOOD TELEVISION STUDIO...

HELLO, EVERYONE!
THIS IS BENNY SADDLER,
YOUR HOLLYWOOD CORRESPONDENT,
SPEAKING TO YOU FROM THE HEART OF THE FILM CAPITAL...



AND AS THE BAND STARTS PLAYING...

DANCE, **BATMAN**... DANCE!
HO-HO-HO-HO! WAIT TILL THE BOYS IN KANSAS CITY SEE **THIS**!
COME ON... KEEP GOING!
HO-HO!

GOLLY...
HOW'LL WE EVER LIVE **THIS** DOWN!



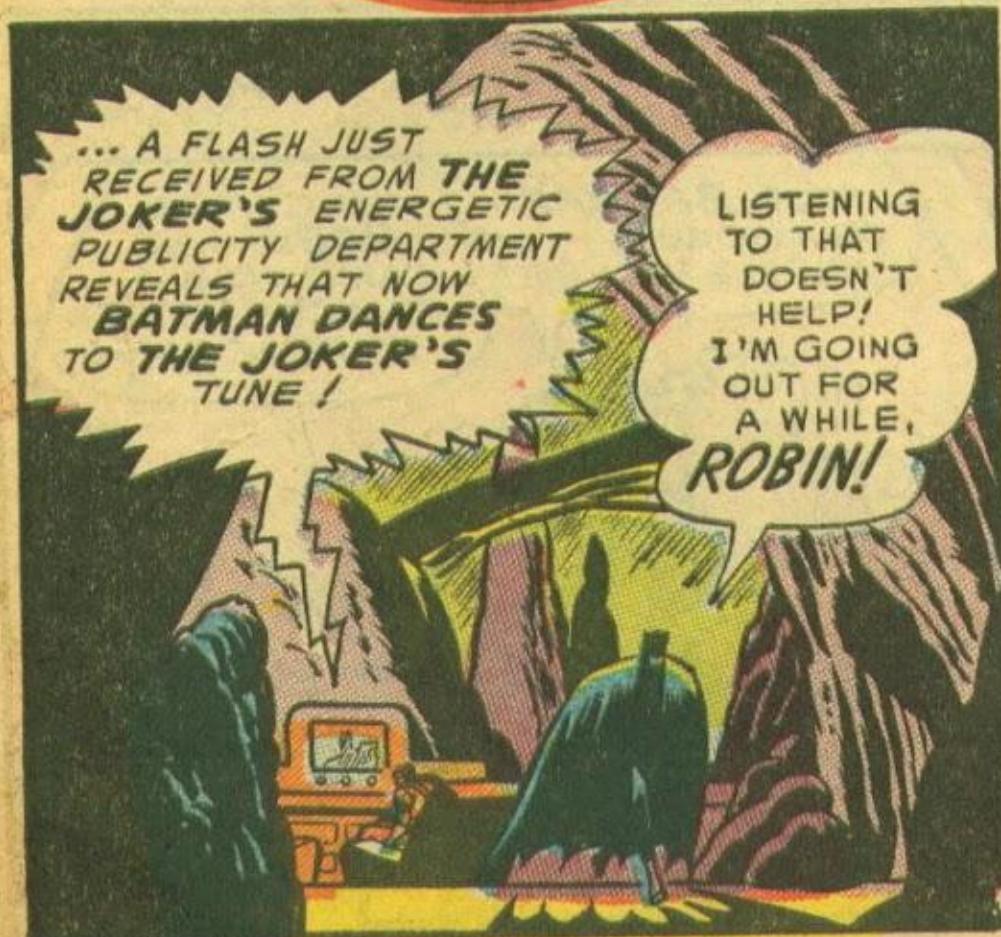
AND AS TWO FORLORN FIGURES IN THE **BAT-CAVE** WATCH AND LISTEN...

... THE SHOCKING NEWS FROM GOTHAM CITY CONTINUES! **THE JOKER** GOES RIGHT ON FILMING ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS MOVIES EVER MADE, AND **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARE APPARENTLY HELPLESS TO STOP IT!



... A FLASH JUST RECEIVED FROM **THE JOKER'S** ENERGETIC PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT REVEALS THAT NOW **BATMAN** DANCES TO THE **JOKER'S** TUNE!

LISTENING TO THAT DOESN'T HELP!
I'M GOING OUT FOR A WHILE,
ROBIN!



I'VE NEVER SEEN **BATMAN** SO DESPONDENT! TWO NIGHTS IN A ROW, HE'S GONE OFF TO BROOD! WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT **THE JOKER** PRETTY SOON!





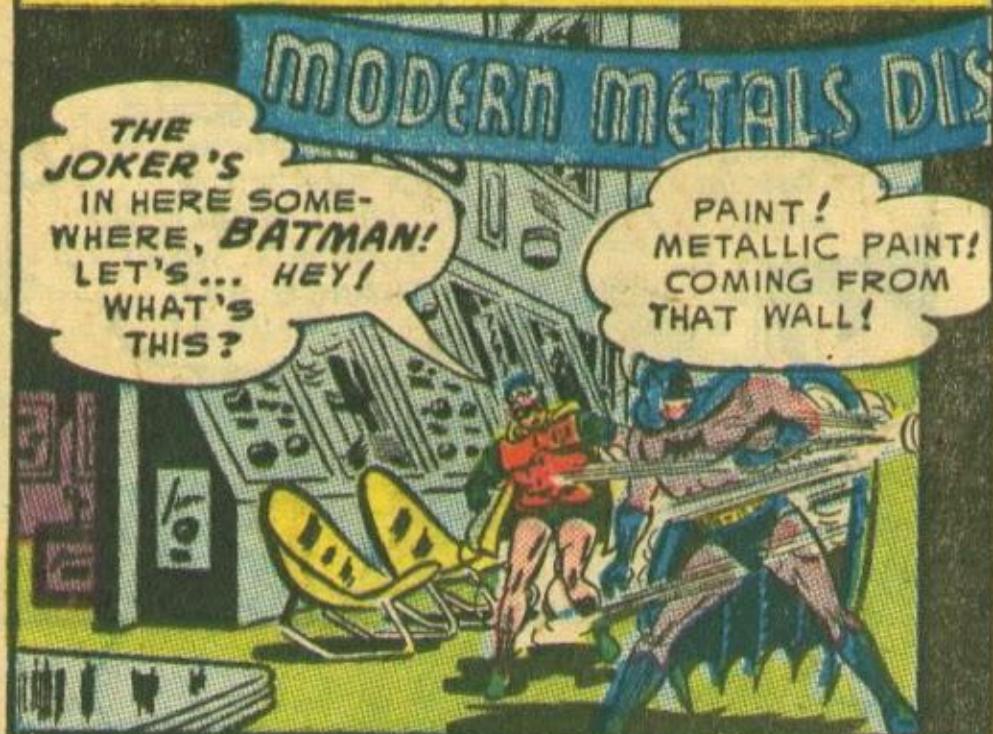
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BUT NEXT DAY, THE JOKER AGAIN CAPTURES BATMAN AND ROBIN NAPPING...



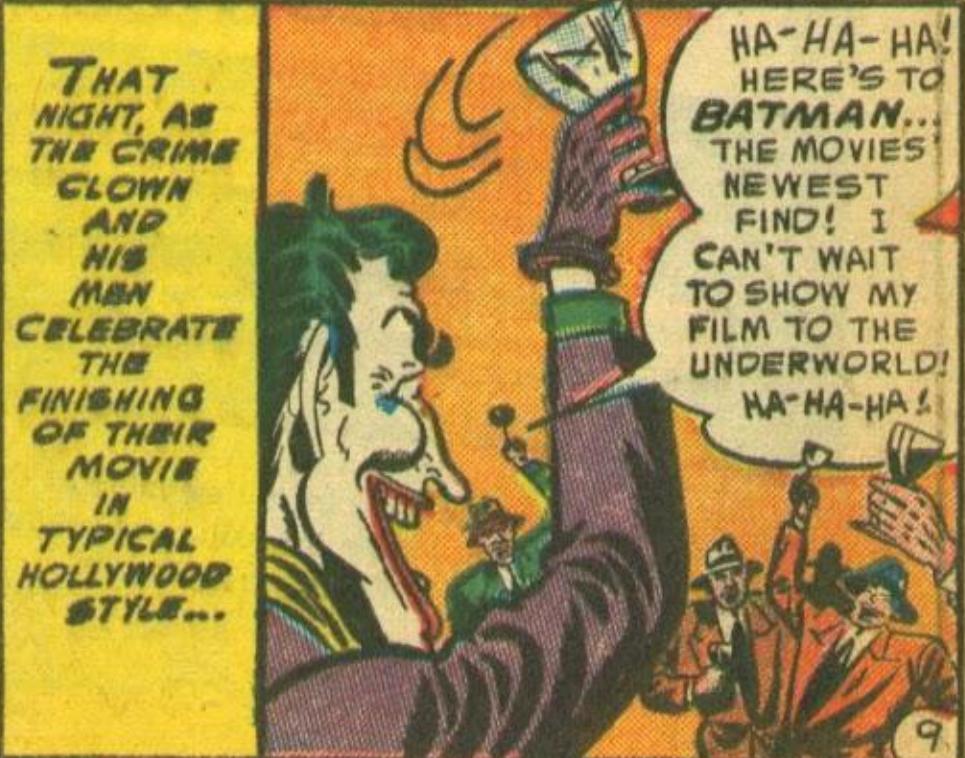
THEN, THAT EVENING... THE LAW MEN ONCE AGAIN LOCK HORNS WITH THEIR FIENDISH ADVERSARY...



NEXT, A POWERFUL FORCE CATAPULTS THE DUO INTO NEARBY METALLIC CHAIRS, WHERE THEY ARE HELPLESS TO MOVE!



AND IN THE NEXT MOMENT...



BUT SUDDENLY, WITHOUT WARNING...

ALL RIGHT,
JOKER,
YOU'VE HAD
YOUR FUN! NOW
IT'S TIME FOR
US TO HAVE
OURS!

EH? BUT I DON'T
UNDERSTAND! YOU
COULDN'T HAVE
FOLLOWED ME!
HOW DID YOU FIND
MY HIDEOUT?

AND WITHIN MINUTES...

I FOUND YOUR
HIDEOUT SOME
TIME AGO... BUT THOUGHT
IT WISER NOT TO CLOSE
IN UNTIL YOU HAD
COMPLETED YOUR
LIST OF CUSTOMERS
FOR YOUR MOVIE...

A LIST THAT WILL
NOW LEAD US TO
EVERY IMPORTANT
CROOK IN THE
LAND!

YOU SEE,
BATMAN
REMEMBERED
THAT
GOTHAM RIVER
WAS SUDDENLY
CONTAMINATED
BY
SILVER SALTS,
WHICH ARE USED
IN GREAT
QUANTITIES WHEN
DEVELOPING
FILM!

PLAYING A
HUNCH, **BATMAN**
TRACED THE
CONTAMINATION
TILL IT LED
HIM WHERE YOU
WERE DUMPING
PLENTY OF IT
IN THE RIVER
EVERYDAY!

RIGHT! AND
ONE MORE
THING... I COULD
HAVE AVOIDED
YOUR BOOBY-TRAPS
AT ANY TIME-- BUT
IT WAS BETTER
STRATEGY TO PLAY
DUMB, TO LET YOU
THINK YOUR FILM
WAS COMING OFF, SO
THAT YOU'D FINISH
THAT LIST OF
CRIMINALS FOR
US!

AND SO, LATER IN THE BAT-CAVE'S HALL
OF TROPHIES...

I CAN
UNDERSTAND
WHY YOU DIDN'T
TELL COMMISSIONER
GORDON OF YOUR
PLAN, **BATMAN**...
BUT WHY DID
YOU KEEP
IT FROM
ME?

EXTRA CAUTION, THAT'S
ALL! I FIGURED THAT
IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT WAS GOING ON,
YOU'D REACT
PROPERLY TO
THE JOKER'S
SATISFACTION...
AND THE FILM
PROJECT WOULD GO
ON! I DIDN'T WANT TO
CHANCE ANY
SLIP-UPS!

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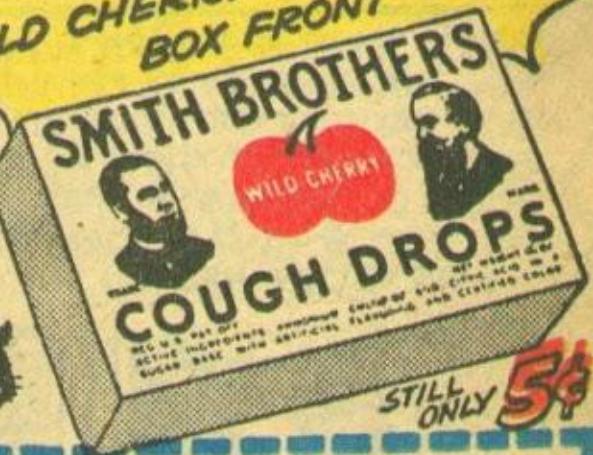
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says: "KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY!"

LOOK AT THESE HEADLINES: "JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ON RISE", "FIRE SWEEPS CONDEMNED BUILDING", "MANY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE NEED HELP". WHAT KIND OF A TOWN IS THIS, ANYWAY? FOR TWO CENTS, I'D JUST MOVE AWAY!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, JOE? YOU LOOK PRETTY BLUE!

AW, MY FATHER IS DISGUSTED WITH THIS TOWN WHEN HE SEES HEADLINES LIKE THESE. I DON'T WANT TO MOVE, BINKY-- I LIKE IT HERE!

HMM... WHY DON'T WE FIND OUT WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT? MAYBE WE CAN GET OUR TEACHER TO ORGANIZE A CLASS GROUP...

THAT'S AN IDEA! THEN WE CAN TALK TO THE PEOPLE WHO REALLY KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!

AND SO...

YES, MORE BOYS AND GIRLS IN OUR TOWN, AS IN OTHER TOWNS, BROKE THE LAW LAST YEAR. WE'RE TRYING OUR BEST TO HELP GET THEM STRAIGHTENED OUT. YOU CAN HELP, TOO, BY OBEYING THE LAW YOURSELVES AND HELPING YOUR FRIENDS TO THINK BEFORE THEY ACT!

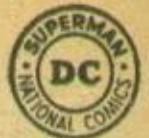
HERE IS WHERE THE NEW HOUSES ARE TO BE BUILT TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE OLD ONES THAT WEREN'T SAFE TO LIVE IN. ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TOWNS LIKE OURS ARE WORKING TO SEE THAT PEOPLE HAVE BETTER PLACES TO LIVE IN!

EVERY TOWN HAS MORE HANDICAPPED PEOPLE NOW. WE MUST TRY TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS AND SEE THAT OUR CITIZENS KNOW HOW TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF THEIR HEALTH. WE'VE LICKED A LOT OF DISEASES THAT USED TO BE VERY DANGEROUS--AND WE CAN LICK THIS, TOO, IF EVERYBODY HELPS.

I'M GOING TO TELL MY DAD ABOUT ALL THE THINGS WE LEARNED, BINKY. WHEN HE KNOWS PEOPLE IN OUR TOWN ARE WORKING HARD TO MAKE THINGS BETTER, I THINK HE'LL WANT TO STAY HERE AND HELP!

I BET HE WILL, JOE. IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY SO YOU CAN LEARN WHAT IT NEEDS TO MAKE THINGS BETTER. THAT'S BEING A GOOD CITIZEN!

BATMAN



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With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

HELP, BATMAN!
HELP! I'M BEING
MURDERED!

BOB
KANE

HA-HA!
IT'S THAT CRAZY
DICK GRAYSON
AGAIN! HE'S
ALWAYS CRYING
"WOLF!"

FIN GOTHAM CITY'S DEEPEST SHADOWS,
A FANTASTIC CRIME GETS UNDER
WAY! AND AWARE OF IT ALL, A SINGLE
EYE-WITNESS--YOUNG DICK GRAYSON!
BUT SO STRANGE IS HIS STORY, NO ONE
BELIEVES IT--ESPECIALLY THE POLICE!
AND THE STRANGER IT GETS, THE MORE
PEOPLE LAUGH--UNTIL AT LAST DICK
IS ALONE WITH HIS TERROR--
TO SHARE IT ONLY WITH HIS ALTER EGO,
ROBIN THE BOY WONDER--IN THE
THRILL-UPON-THRILL ADVENTURE
CALLED--

**DICK GRAYSON'S
NIGHTMARE!**



BATMAN



ONE EVENING IN THE BAT-CAVE, SECRET LAIR OF THE FAMED CRIME-FIGHTERS, BATMAN AND ROBIN...

WELL, THOSE NEW JET ENGINES WE INSTALLED IN THE BATPLANE CERTAINLY PERFORMED NICELY. THE TEST RAN OFF WITHOUT A HITCH...

YES. AND LET'S HOPE THAT MURDER TRIAL I HAVE TO ATTEND IN CHICAGO COMES OFF JUST AS SMOOTHLY. I'LL BE LEAVING TOMORROW!

REMOVING THEIR AWESOME GARB, THE LAW-MEN EMERGE IN THEIR PRIVATE-LIFE ROLES AS MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

BUT THAT WOULD TAKE ABOUT TWO WEEKS! AND I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO LIVE HERE, OR USE THIS ENTRANCE TO THE BAT-CAVE! HOW WOULD I OPERATE AS ROBIN?

KOTTOOD

I CAN ARRANGE EVERYTHING. MY FRIEND FREDDY HOBBS, THE MYSTERY WRITER, IS IN EUROPE ON VACATION. HE LEFT ME HIS KEYS--YOU CAN USE HIS COTTAGE FOR THE TIME BEING...

HMM-- THAT'S NOT BAD. HOBBS' COTTAGE IS NEARBY-- WHEN I HAVE TO, I CAN USE THE EMERGENCY EXTERIOR ENTRANCE TO THE BAT-CAVE.

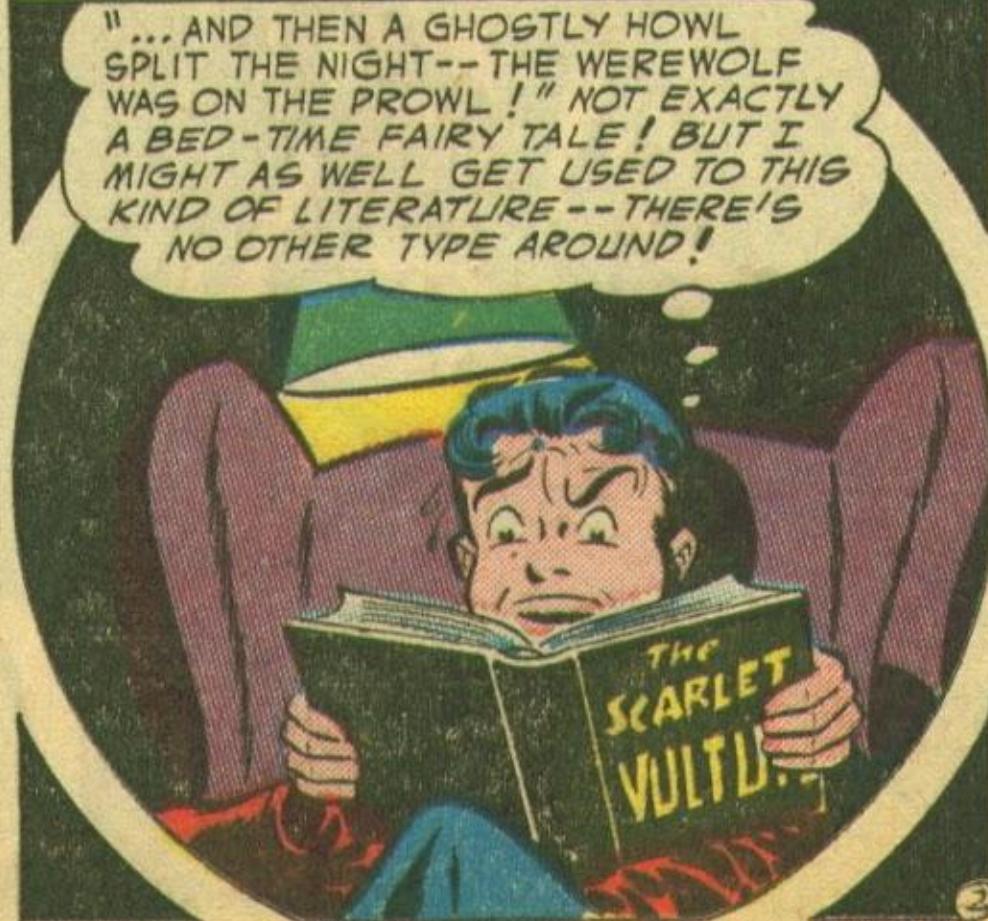
AND SO IT IS THAT, NEXT EVENING, DICK GRAYSON MOVES INTO NEW LODGINGS--THE UNUSUAL AND EERIE COTTAGE OF WRITER FREDDY HOBBS...

BATMAN'S IN CHICAGO-- AND LOOK WHERE HE SENT ME! IT'S ENOUGH TO GIVE A PERSON THE CREEPS!



HMM! I GUESS HOBBS WANTED PLENTY OF PRIVACY WHEN HE TOOK THIS COTTAGE. NO NEIGHBORS, EXCEPT THAT GLOOMY-LOOKING OLD WAREHOUSE OVER THERE...

"... AND THEN A GHOSTLY HOWL SPLIT THE NIGHT--THE WEREWOLF WAS ON THE PROWL!" NOT EXACTLY A BED-TIME FAIRY TALE! BUT I MIGHT AS WELL GET USED TO THIS KIND OF LITERATURE--THERE'S NO OTHER TYPE AROUND!





BATMAN



NEXT DAY, AS DICK WALKS HOME FROM SCHOOL ...

DICK! DICK GRAYSON!
HURRY! YOU MUST
HELP ME! IT'S A
MATTER OF LIFE
OR DEATH!

ME ???
BUT THERE
MUST BE
SOME
MISTAKE...

THIS IS NO
TIME FOR JOKES!
I'VE GOT THE
MONEY--YOU KNOW
WHAT TO DO WITH
IT! HURRY--BEFORE
SOMEONE SEES
US!

MONEY ???
BUT--WHAT
IS ALL THIS ??
I NEVER
SAW YOU
BEFORE IN
MY LIFE!



THEN, BEFORE THE BEWILDERED LAD CAN
GATHER HIS WITS, AN ENVELOPE IS THRUST
INTO HIS HANDS AND HIS WOMAN OF MYSTERY
SUDDENLY FLEES...

HEY, WAIT! THIS
ENVELOPE--I DON'T
KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH
IT! COME BACK!

A MOMENT LATER...

JEEPERS!
TEN THOUSAND
DOLLARS! I'D
BETTER GET OUT
OF HERE! BACK
TO THE COTTAGE--
TRY TO FIGURE
THIS OUT!



SUDDENLY...

WOW! THAT
DAGGER WAS TOO
CLOSE TO BE FUNNY!
I'VE GOTTEN MIXED
UP INTO SOMETHING
FOR SURE!

AND WHEN DICK FINALLY REACHES HIS
COTTAGE, BREATHLESS AND BADLY
SHAKEN ...

THAT
HORRIBLE
FACE! AM
I GOING
MAD??



THEN, AS DICK RACES TO THE WINDOW...

HE'S GONE!
BUT HOW ???
WAS I SEEING
THINGS ???



AND A MOMENT LATER...

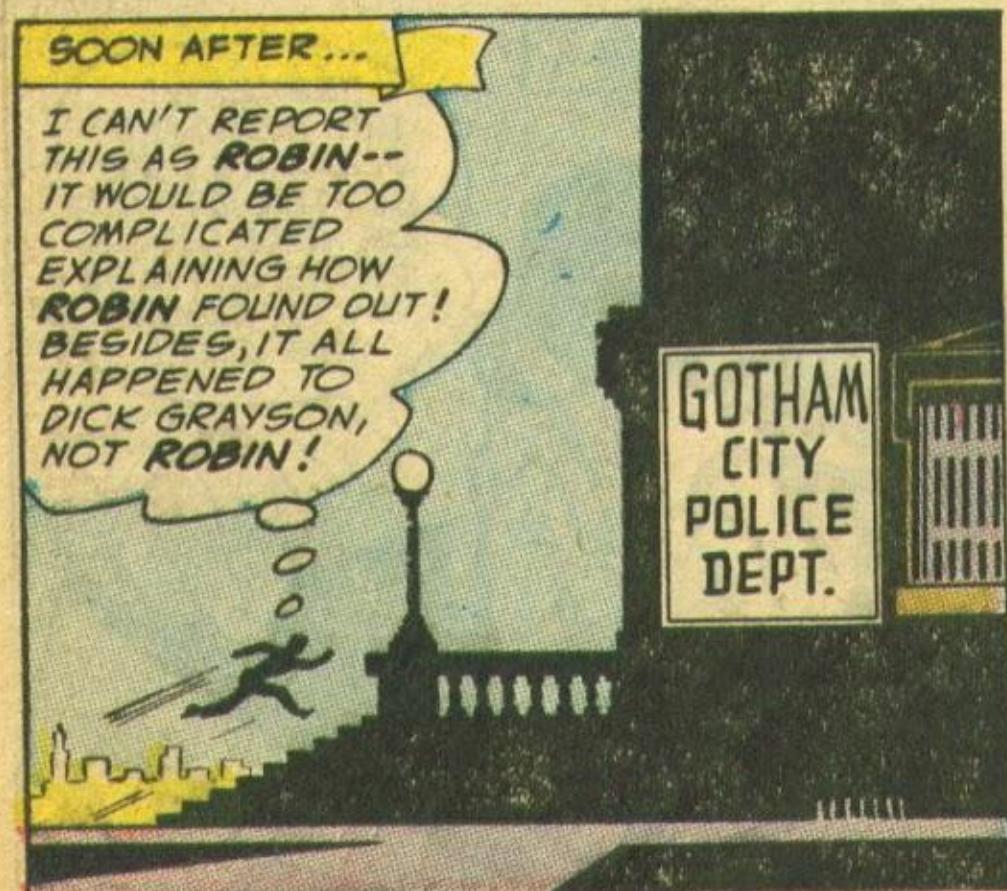
THE ENVELOPE
WITH THE MONEY--
IT'S GONE, TOO!
AND I JUST LAID
IT DOWN! I'M
GETTING OUT OF
HERE -- RIGHT
TO THE
POLICE
STATION!



SOON AFTER...

I CAN'T REPORT
THIS AS ROBIN--
IT WOULD BE TOO
COMPLICATED
EXPLAINING HOW
ROBIN FOUND OUT!
BESIDES, IT ALL
HAPPENED TO
DICK GRAYSON,
NOT ROBIN!

GOTHAM
CITY
POLICE
DEPT.



LATER, IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S
OFFICE...

WELL, DICK!
MY DEAR FRIEND,
BRUCE WAYNE
LEAVES TOWN ON
A BUSINESS TRIP AND
IMMEDIATELY HIS
YOUNG WARD GETS
INTO TROUBLE!
WHAT'S UP?

IT'S UNBELIEVABLE,
SIR! I WAS WALK-
ING DOWN THE STREET
WHEN SUDDENLY A
STRANGE WOMAN
ACCOSTED ME.
SHE WAS VERY
PRETTY--AND
SOUNDED LIKE
A FOREIGNER!



DON'T TELL ME SHE
HANDED YOU AN
ENVELOPE WHICH
CONTAINED SOME
FABULOUS JEWELS!
AND THEN SHE
SUDDENLY TOOK
OFF, WITHOUT
EXPLANATION!

NOT JEWELS--
IT WAS TEN
THOUSAND
DOLLARS!
BUT SAY--
HOW DID YOU
KNOW??



SO IT WAS
TEN THOUSAND
DOLLARS!
AND THEN
MAYBE SOME-
ONE TRIED TO
KILL YOU--WITH
A GUN OR A
KNIFE. A
SCARY-
LOOKING
CHARACTER,
HUH?

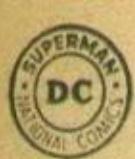
AND OF
COURSE,
YOU DON'T
HAVE THE
TEN
GRAND
NOW TO
SHOW,
BECAUSE
IT

MYSTERIOUSLY
DISAPPEARED!

YES--BUT!
SAY--WHAT
IS ALL THIS?
DID THE
POLICE
ARRANGE
IT? HOW
DID YOU
KNOW THE
WHOLE
STORY??



BATMAN



DICK--I KNOW YOU'RE STAYING AT THE HOBBS COTTAGE. I'VE BEEN THERE--I KNOW HOW **EERIE** IT IS! LIVING THERE--READING THOSE BOOKS--CAN INFLUENCE YOU!

KID-STORIES LIKE YOURS ARE A DIME A DOZEN! TOO MUCH **IMAGINATION**, THAT'S ALL! NOW, YOU STOP READIN' THOSE BOOKS AND LOOKIN' FOR SPOOKS--AND ALL OF US WILL FEEL A LOT BETTER!

BUT I KNOW IT HAPPENED--I SAW IT HAPPEN! YET, THEY'LL NEVER BELIEVE ME! THEY THINK I'M JUST A CRAZY KID! WHAT CAN I DO ???



THEN, AS DICK PREPARES TO LEAVE, HE REALIZES THERE IS ONLY ONE PLAN HE CAN FOLLOW...

YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE ME--BUT I KNOW SOMEONE WHO WILL. **ROBIN** WILL! I'M GOING TO FIND **ROBIN**--AND TELL HIM!

HA-HA! DON'T COUNT ON IT, KID! IF ANYONE WILL LAUGH IN YOUR FACE, **ROBIN** WILL!

COMMISSIONER GORDON



A MOMENT LATER, DICK LEAVES. BUT BEFORE HE CAN GET TOO FAR, THE **BAT-SIGNAL** FLASHES THROUGH THE SKY -- SUMMONING HIM BACK, AS **ROBIN**, THE BOY WONDER!

ROBIN--THIS MAY BE A NEEDLESS PRECAUTION, BUT DICK GRAYSON IS LOOKING FOR YOU WITH SOME WILD, FANTASTIC STORY. PAY NO ATTENTION TO IT! I WANT YOU TO PROMISE ME YOU WON'T GET INVOLVED IN A WILD-GOOSE CHASE!

YES, COMMISSIONER..



LATER...

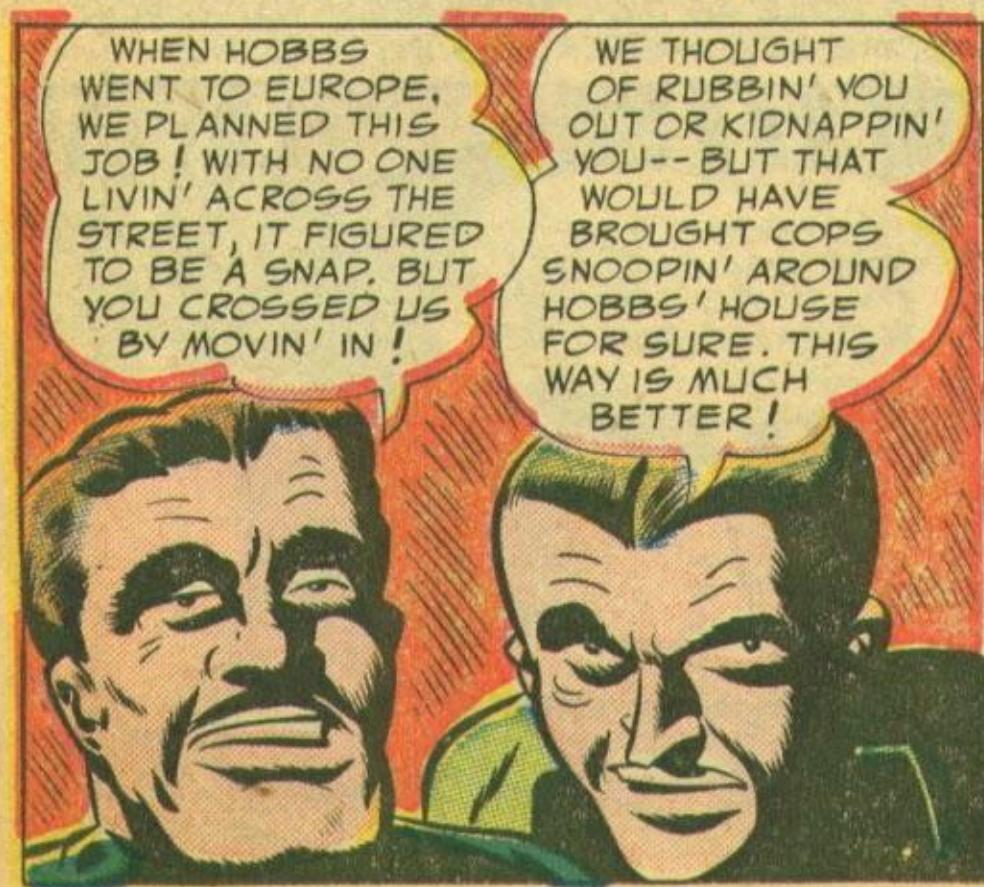
A FINE KETTLE OF FISH! GORDON WON'T LET ME HELP MYSELF! I'VE GOT TO FIGURE A WAY OUT!!



AND THAT EVENING, AS **ROBIN** REVERTS TO HIS ROLE AS DICK AND WARILY WAITS FOR SOME NEW MYSTERIOUS INTRUSION...

SOMEONE'S IN THAT WAREHOUSE! I'M GOING TO SEE IF I CAN SURPRISE HIM!





SOON AFTER, AS DICK COMPLETES HIS TRANSFORMATION INTO ROBIN AND ONCE AGAIN APPROACHES THE WAREHOUSE ...



AND IN THE NEXT MOMENT, AS THE GALLANT YOUNG LAWMAN SWOOPS INTO ACTION ...



ALL AT ONCE, AS DOC SUDDENLY PULLS A LEVER ON THE WALL ...



MOMENTS LATER...



ABRUPTLY,
ROBIN'S
EYES ALIGHT
ON THE
PILE OF
METAL
CLOTHES-
HANGERS
ON THE
FLOOR!
ON THE
NEXT
MOMENT...

BY STRAIGHTENING OUT
THESE HANGERS I CAN
GET STRAIGHT PIECES
OF WIRE. FASTENING A
FEW TOGETHER WILL
GIVE ME JUST THE
IMPLEMENT I NEED!



BATMAN

HIS WIRE-POLE COMPLETED, ROBIN ATTACHES A LIGHTED MATCH TO THE END OF IT!

THEN, AS HE CAREFULLY RAISES THE MATCH TO THE GAS PIPE...



IT WORKED! (PUFF) AND JUST IN TIME, TOO! A FEW MINUTES MORE AND I WOULD HAVE PASSED OUT--OR THAT LIGHTED MATCH WOULD HAVE SENT THE WHOLE BUILDING UP! AND NOW TO GET OUT OF HERE!

USING THE SAME WIRE, ROBIN TWISTS ONE END OF IT INTO A HOOK! THEN...



THEN...

ROBIN! BUT IT CAN'T BE! YOU'RE DEAD! HEY, GANG! IT'S ROBIN! HE'S ALIVE! HURRY!!

A MOMENT LATER, AS ROBIN SLIPS UNSEEN INTO THE WAREHOUSE...



AN AS THE CROOKS COME RUSHING UP...

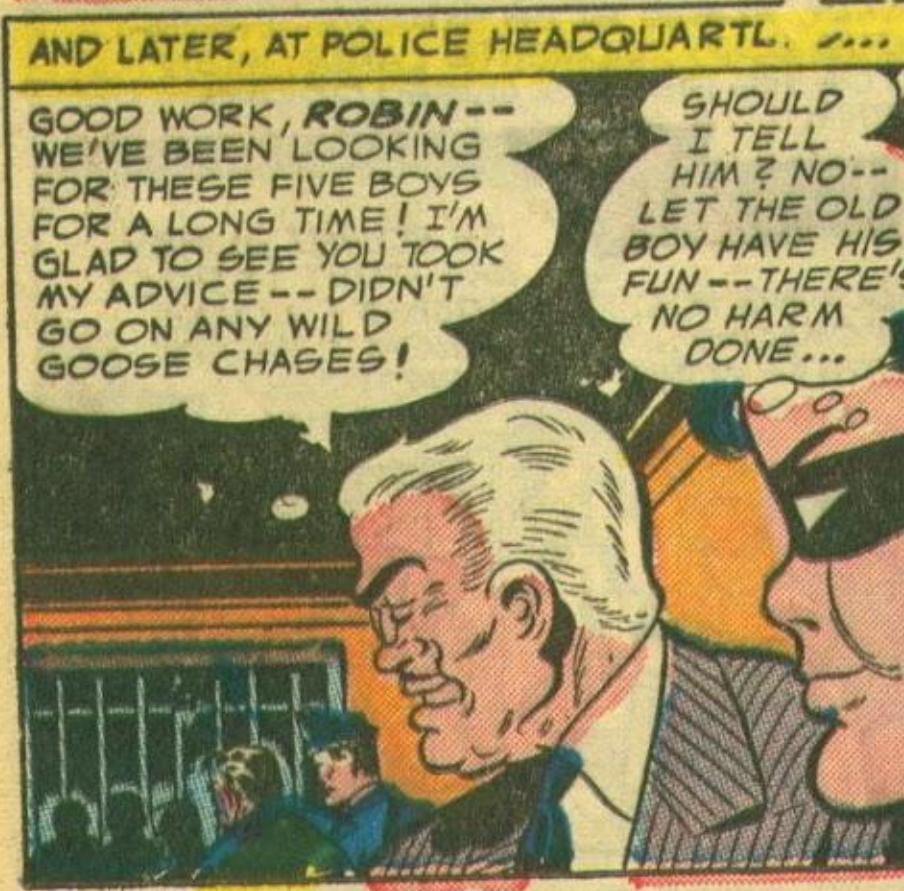




AND ONCE MORE, IN THE INSTANT THAT THE CROOKS' EYES ARE TAKEN OFF HIM, ROBIN PERFORMS HIS DISAPPEARING ACT!



BATMAN



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CASEY THE COP

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SARGE, THIS IS CASEY.

A MAN HAS BEEN ROBBED
DOWN HERE, AND I'VE GOT
ONE OF THEM !

GOOD!

ARREST HIM
AND BRING HIM IN !

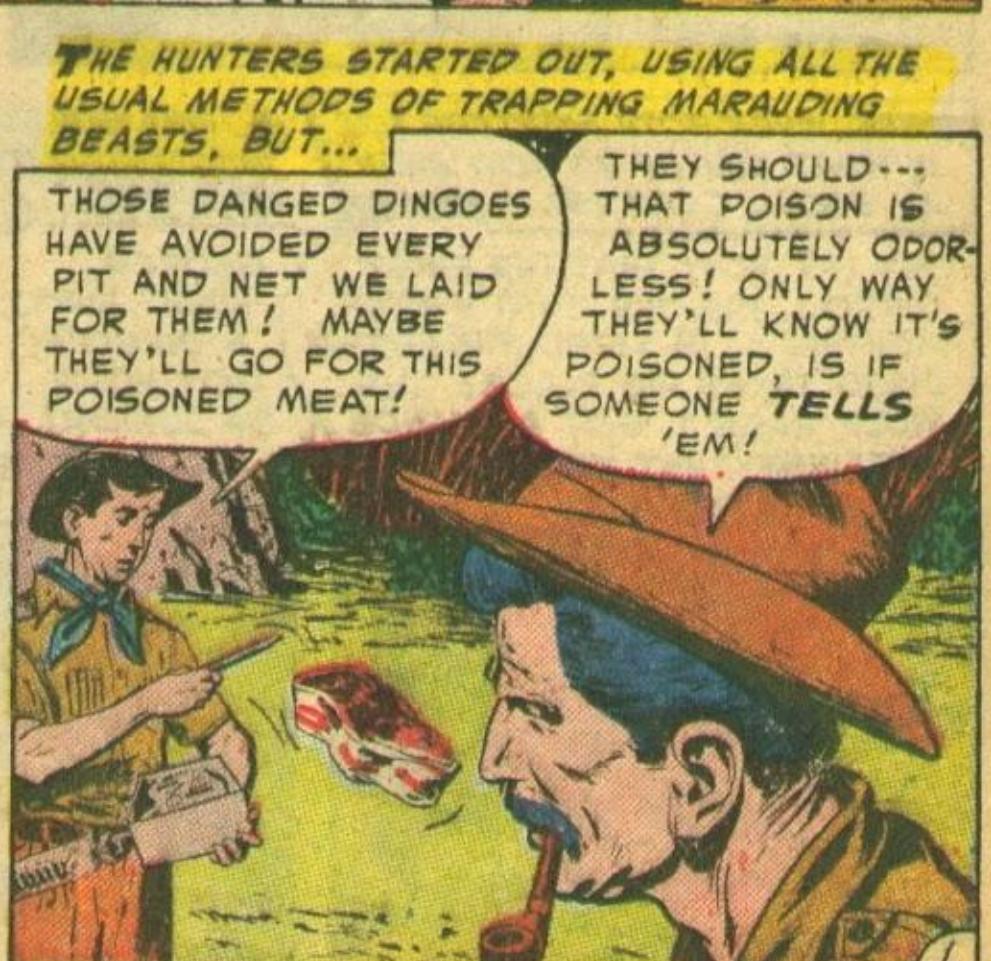
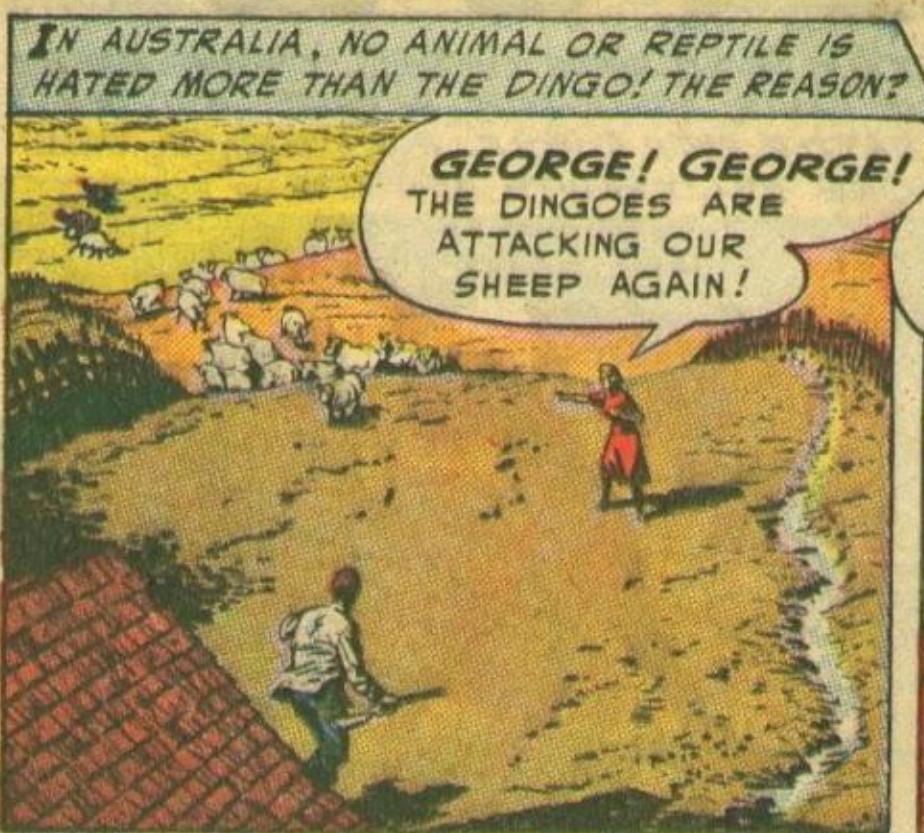
WHO ? THE MAN WHO WAS ROBBED ?
THAT'S THE ONE I GOT !

END.



THE AUSTRALIAN DINGO IS HALF-WOLF, HALF-DOG, AND ITS AMAZING CUNNING AND INTELLIGENCE HAVE OUTWITTED THE SHREDEST HUNTERS IN THE WORLD!

NO ONE REALLY KNOWS WHERE THE DINGO CAME FROM, BUT THE POPULAR THEORY IS THAT IT ORIGINATED IN SOUTH EAST ASIA, AND CROSSED OVER TO AUSTRALIA WHEN THE TWO CONTINENTS WERE CONNECTED BY A LAND BRIDGE...



"BUT, TO THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF EVERYONE, NOT A SINGLE DEAD DINGO WAS REPORTED FOUND ANYWHERE, UNTIL, ONE DAY..."

I---I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT NOHOW! THEY COULDN'T POSSIBLY KNOW THAT MEAT IS POISONED! YET THEY DO KNOW! HOW?

WE'LL FIND OUT YET!



"BUT THE DINGOES CONTINUED TO IGNORE THE BAIT, AND FURTHER INVESTIGATION REVEALED STILL ANOTHER AMAZING FACET OF THE WILY BEASTS' INTELLIGENCE..."

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, MR. JONES, THE BEASTS ARE AVOIDING THE BAIT BECAUSE THEY CAN SCENT THE METAL ON THE TRAPS! THEY LEARNED FROM EXPERIENCE WHAT THAT MEANS!

BUT THEY CAN'T BE THAT BLAMED CUNNING... THEY CAN'T!



"THEN, WHEN BOTH FIGHTERS TIRE IN WHAT HAS UP TO NOW BEEN AN EQUAL CONTEST..."

GET IT? NOW THAT THE FIRST DINGO... THE ONE THAT'S BEEN FIGHTING... IS TIRED, THE SECOND DINGO TAKES HIS PLACE! THE WOLF HASN'T GOT A CHANCE AGAINST THAT KIND OF STRATEGY!



SOME SORT OF A SOLUTION SUGGESTED ITSELF, WHEN ONE DAY...

GEORGE, HURRY, HURRY, A DINGO'S GOT HOLD OF JUNIOR!

WHAT...? NO, WAIT A MINUTE, THAT---THAT DINGO PUPPY IS PLAYING WITH JUNIOR!



"THIS INCIDENT LED TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE DINGO WAS NOT A "NATURAL" KILLER! FROM THEN ON, WHENEVER DINGO PUPPIES WERE CAPTURED, THEY GREW UP INTO GENTLE HOUSEHOLD PETS..."

SEE, SON, IT'S THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE THAT MAKES THEM WHAT THEY ARE! THE ONLY WAY WE CAN CORRECT THE SITUATION IS TO CAPTURE THE YOUNG ONES, AND BRING 'EM UP RIGHT!



"HEN, AFTER SOME INVESTIGATION..."

YOU MEAN TO SAY, THOSE DINGOES WERE ABLE TO CATCH THE SCENT OF THE HUMAN HANDS THAT TOUCHED THE MEAT BAIT?

THAT'S IT... SO WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW IS BOILING THE MEAT, AND DISTRIBUTING IT, WEARING THESE LEATHER GLOVES! WE'LL GET THEM THIS TIME, DON'T YOU FEAR!



TALK ABOUT BEING CUNNING... DINGOES MARAUD IN PAIRS, AND ATTACK IN PAIRS, BUT, IN A BATTLE WITH A WOLF, FOR INSTANCE, ONLY ONE DINGO FIGHTS AT A TIME...



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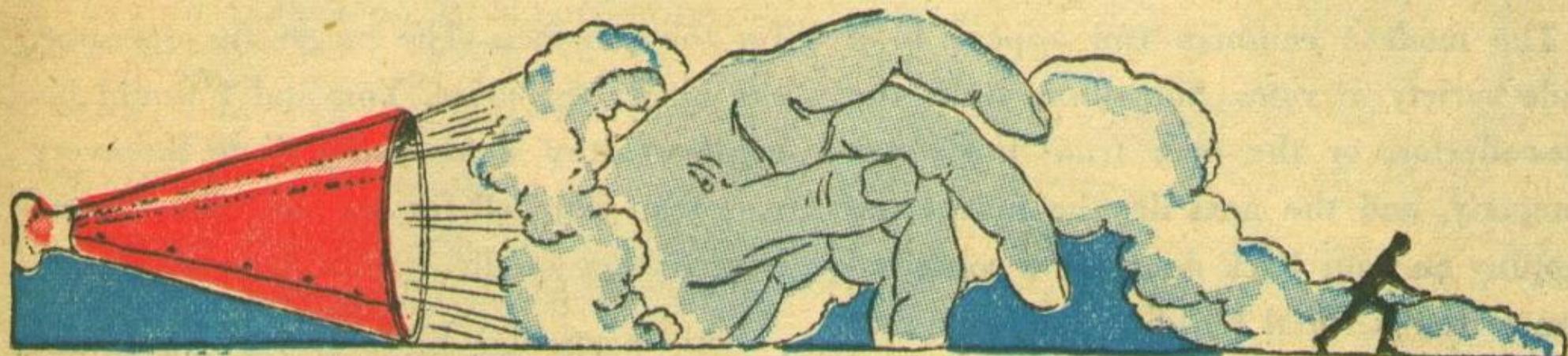


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CALLING ALL CON MEN!



Sooner or Later, Police or the FBI Catches Up With These Swindlers, but Meanwhile They're Troublesome

IN 1952, police departments from coast to coast took into custody a record number of confidence men—a term applied to well-dressed hoodlums who take advantage of the inherent honesty of most people to mulct them out of as much money as the traffic will bear. Just the same, police estimate that the con men gypped the American public out of two and a half billion dollars. And, warn policemen, they figure to repeat in 1953, if you don't watch out.

A con man is the most difficult type of criminal for the police to apprehend. The reason is plain—the victim usually feels so foolish for having been taken in that, in most cases, he is willing to accept his losses, and forget the whole thing. Naturally, this only gives the con man the opportunity to seek out a brand new victim.

Another stumbling block for the police is the fact that the modern con man, unlike the popular type that operated years ago and wore flashy clothes, assumes the manner and dress of the every-day citizen. More often than not, he looks like the last man in the world you'd ever suspect of wanting to do you out of your money.

And don't think for one moment that you are immune from their wily stunts. For instance, one day last summer, a housewife

was suddenly interrupted in her Monday washing by a ring of the doorbell. Opening the door, she was confronted by an official-looking citizen, who swiftly flashed a badge at the hapless woman. Later, the woman admitted that she had not been able to read a single word on the gleaming silver badge.

This was a month of water-shortage. Of course, the housewife knew this, and she conserved water wherever possible, but the washing had to be done, hadn't it? The official visitor shook his head. "Not between the hours of 9 and 12," he said.

Then came the gimmick. Did she want to pay the \$5 now, to him, or would she prefer to pay it at City Hall this afternoon, when the Save-the-Water Committee would be in session.

The housewife thought fast. There was lunch for the kiddies to get ready, the shopping still to be done, etc., etc. She paid the man the \$5 and considered that it was very considerate of the Save-the-Water Committee to give her a choice.

The housewife learned the next day that the con man had visited almost every house in her neighborhood that day, and had collected, all told, about \$1,200. Needless to say, there never was any law against washing clothes on Monday between the hours of

9 and 12, and, to her added humiliation, there never was a Save-the-Water Committee.

The modern con-man can appear in a wide variety of roles. Sometimes he is the gas-collector, or the man from the water company, and the next day he may come rapping on your back door for a contribution to the hospital building fund for that new wing, which, you can be sure, will never get built.

Do you know the name of your State Senator, or what he looks like? Recently, a wealthy merchant entertained his "State Senator" at a lavish dinner—and then wound up the evening by presenting him with a substantial contribution to the "Senator's" pet charity. As it turned out, the so-called Senator's pet charity was—you guessed it—himself!

Not even the Army is safe from the con man. Would you be suspicious if an Army colonel, ostensibly in charge of local recruiting, offered you an opportunity to study under his personal supervision, with the guarantee that once inducted, you'd be made a Lieutenant?

No, of course you wouldn't—not you! But you'd be surprised how many future inductees shelled out \$1,000 a piece for the honor!

Sooner or later, the police or the FBI catches up with even the shrewdest swindlers. That's not the point. The police would prefer to catch them before they talk you out of your life's savings, not after. Swindlers are invariably high livers. Nothing, they feel, is ever too good for them. Con-

sequently, they almost never have any of their victims' money left.

Not only the middle class folk are targets for the con men. The bigger the operator, the bigger the prize. You and I would become wealthy if we had a dime for every rich man who fell for the notorious Gutenberg Bible Swindle.

This particular bible is very rare, and very precious. In this swindle, the con man usually works in collaboration with a clever thief—or, alone, if he is himself a clever thief.

The first step is to "borrow" a real Gutenberg Bible from a famous collection, or museum. Then the prospective purchaser is taken to the hotel room. Customarily, a man ready to shell out a fortune for an art treasure comes equipped to determine whether the bible offered him is legitimate, or a forgery. In no time at all, he realizes he is looking at a genuine Gutenberg. After some bickering, a price is agreed upon. The bible is wrapped up.

The bible is too heavy to lug out by hand, so a messenger is called. The messenger, however, is handed a clever forgery to deliver, while the genuine bible is returned to the private collection, or museum.

What about the purchaser? Sometimes he may never discover the switch. After all, he had already checked the Bible! He knew it was genuine!

What can you do to combat the con men? Take your police department into your confidence the moment you suspect someone with a good proposition is a phoney!

—Jack E. Miller



BATMAN



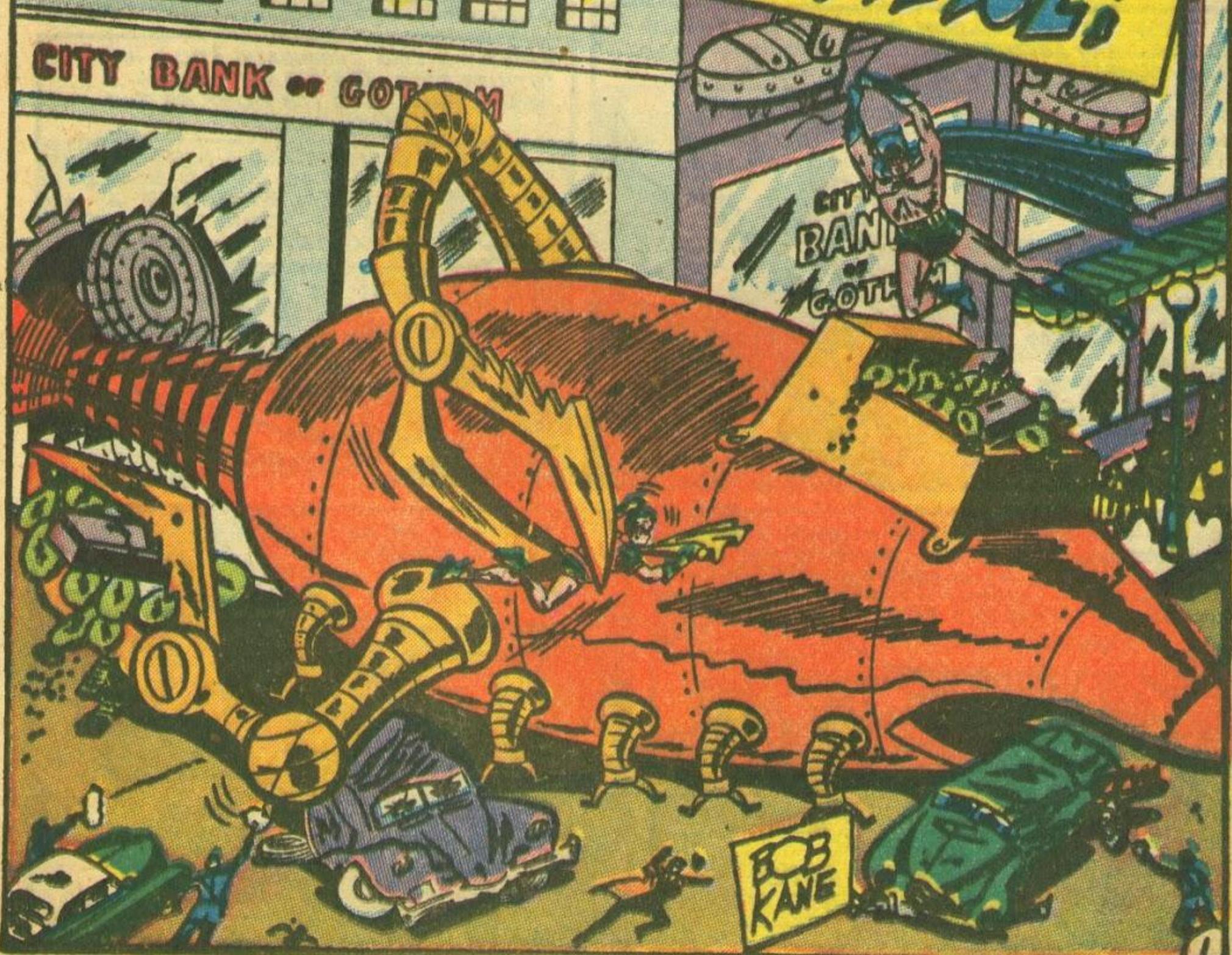
BATMAN AND ROBIN

The **MACHINES** of MENACE!

CITY BANK of GOTHAM

THIS IS A STORY ABOUT
MACHINES... MONSTROUS MACHINES
IN REVOLT AGAINST MAN... USING
THEIR AWESOME POWER TO
DESTROY INSTEAD OF CREATE!
BATMAN AND ROBIN
CAN EVEN
PREVAIL AGAINST THESE
MECHANICAL MARAUDERS!
READ ON...
CHILLING ADVENTURES OF THE
DYNAMIC DUO
AS THEY BATTLE...

MENACE!



BOB
KANE



BATMAN



NIGHT SPREADS ITS MANTLE OVER GOTHAM CITY, WHEN SUDDENLY IS HEARD A STRANGE WHIRRING NOISE, FOLLOWED BY...

GREAT SCOTT!
WH-WHAT'S THAT?

ATION
BANK

WHRUMP!

IT'S BREAKING INTO THE BANK, AND...AND MY BULLETS CAN'T STOP IT! I---I'D BETTER SEND IN AN ALARM!

CRASH

BANG
BANG

A CRUISING BLACK SHADOW PICKS UP THE POLICE ALARM... AND SECONDS LATER, THE POWERFUL BATMOBILE RACES ONTO THE SCENE...

BATMAN! I THOUGHT THAT REPORT WAS CRAZY... BUT IT'S TRUE! A---A MACHINE IS ROBBING THE BANK... ALL BY ITSELF!

NOT VERY LIKELY, ROBIN!

SWIFTLY MIXING CHEMICALS FROM HIS UTILITY BELT, BATMAN TOSSES A SMALL PHIAL INTO THE BODY OF THE MACHINE...

THERE'S BOUND TO BE A HUMAN DIRECTING IT--- THIS SHOULD SMOKE HIM OUT! IT'S XYLIL BROMIDE A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE FORM OF TEAR GAS!

BUT NO ONE APPEARS--- AND SLOWLY, THE MONSTROUS MECHANISM TURNS TO FACE ITS NEW ADVERSARIES...

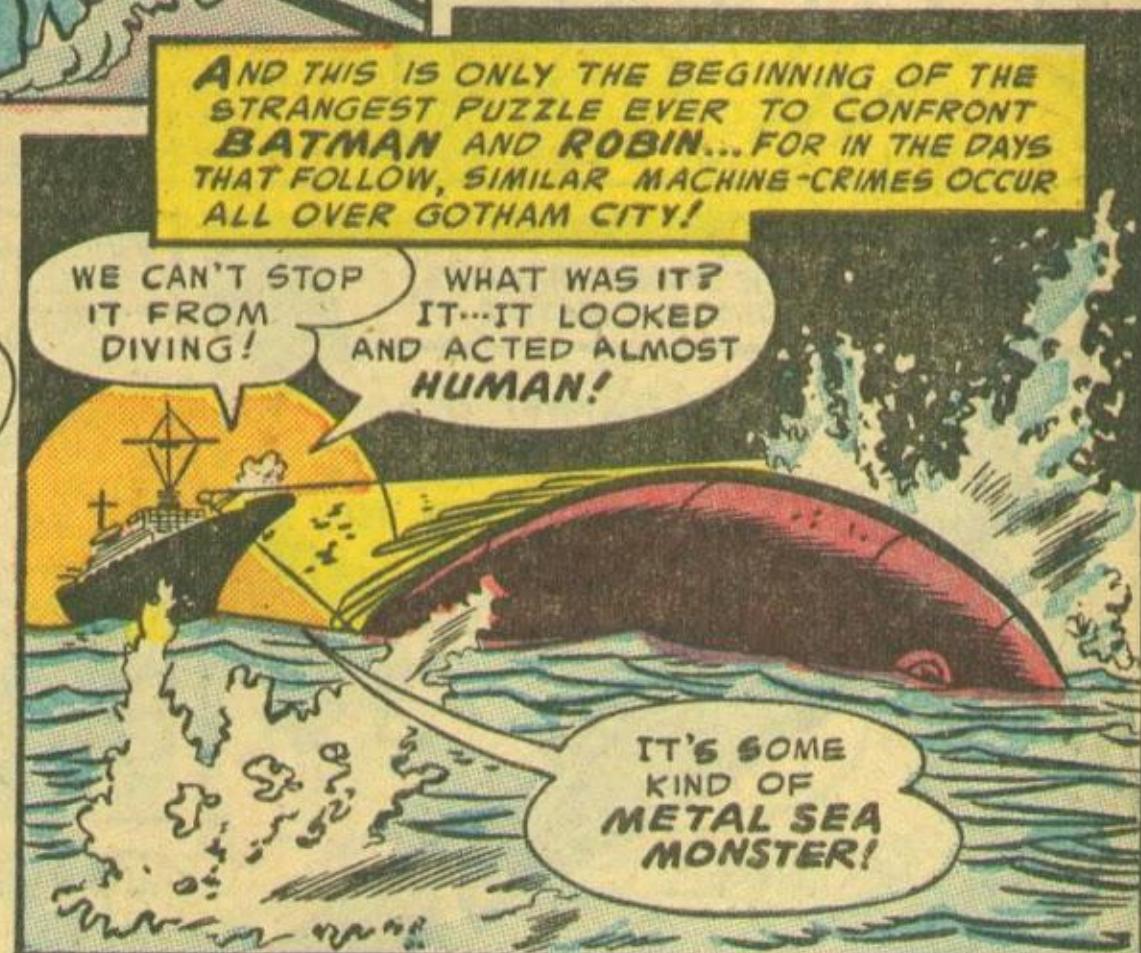
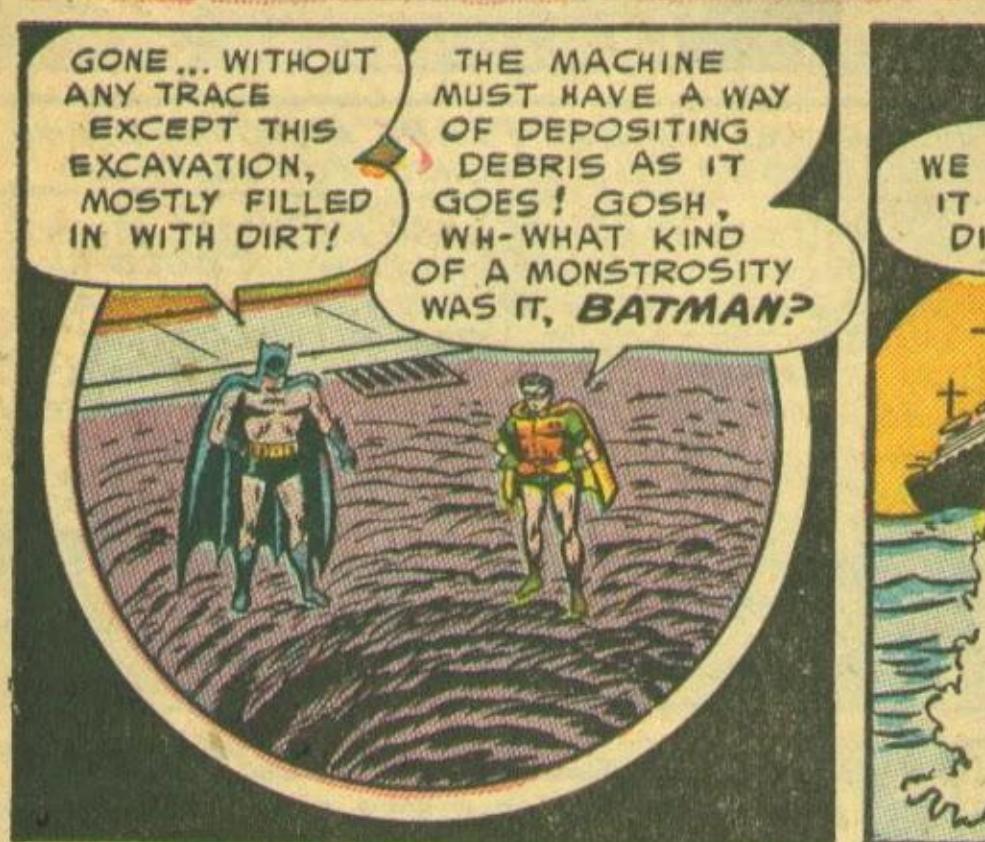
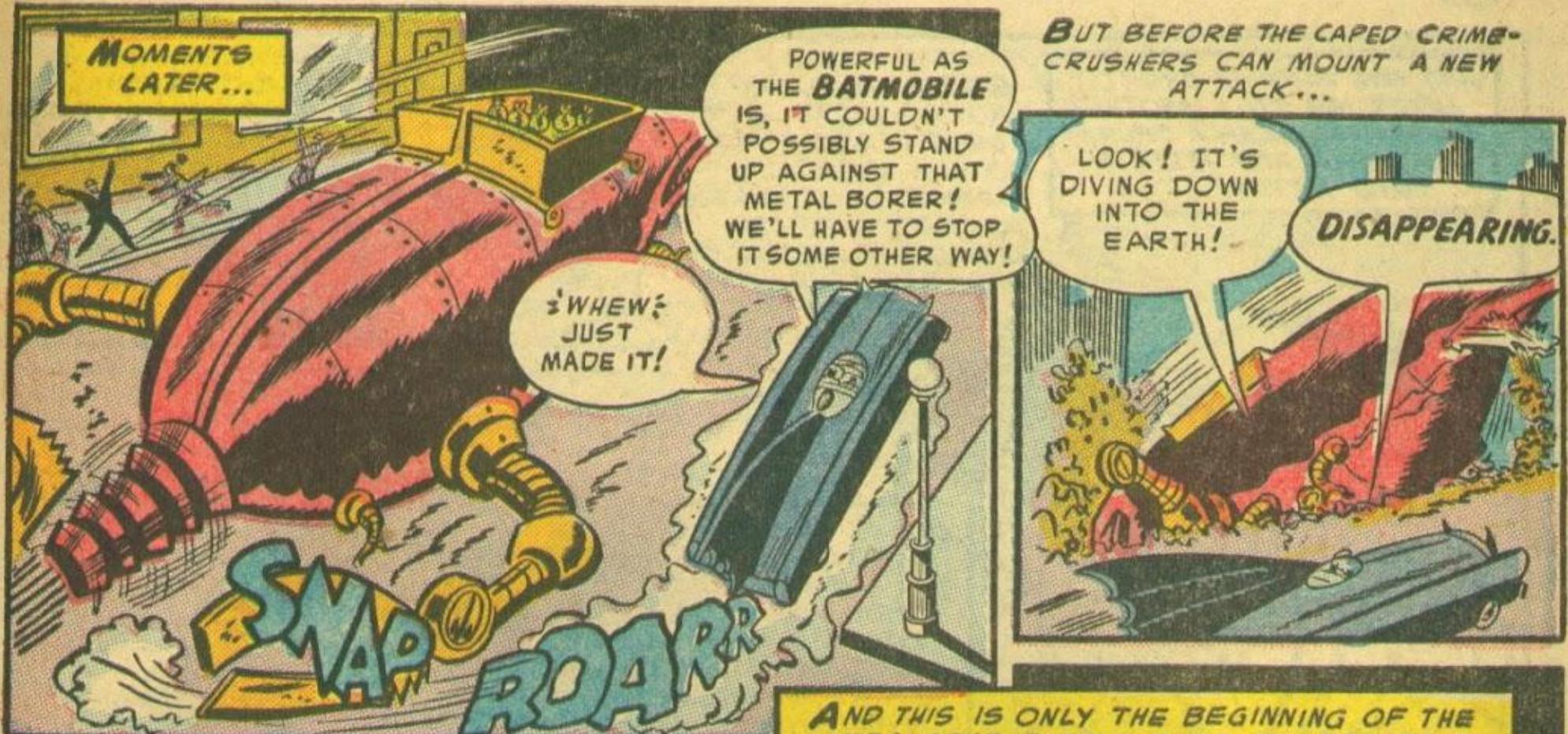
LOOK OUT, ROBIN! THAT PINCER ARM!

IT'S COMING AFTER US NOW! QUICK--- TO THE BATMOBILE!

SNAP!

EYOWW!
THAT WAS CLOSE!

GOLLY!
THAT MASSIVE HUNK OF METAL SURE MEANS BUSINESS!





BATMAN

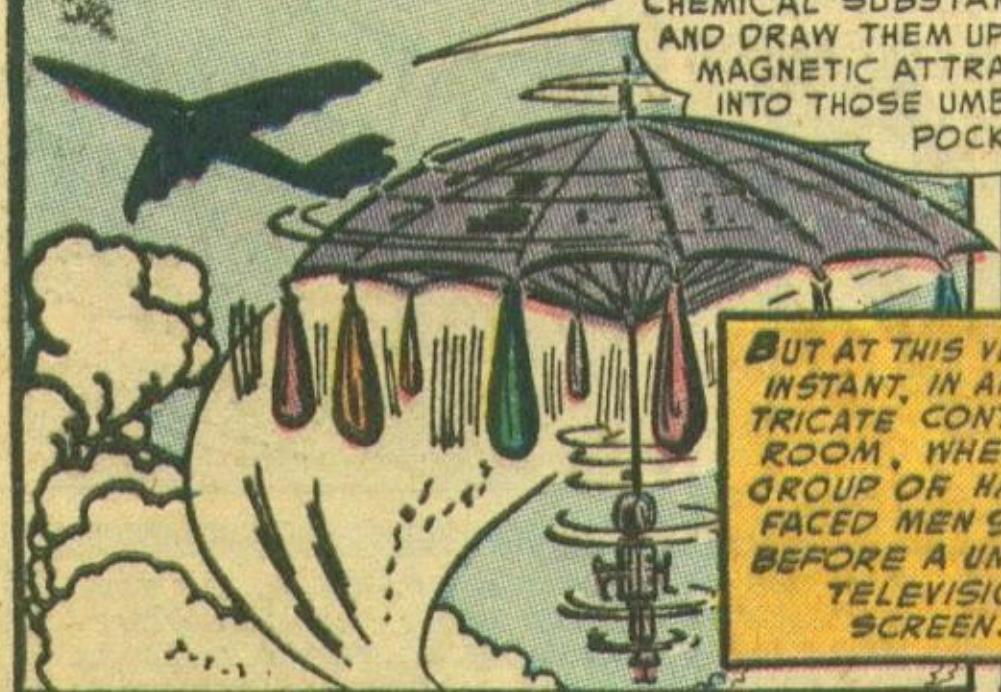


AND ONE MORNING SHORTLY AFTER, AS STILL ANOTHER MECHANICAL MENACE SPURS BATMAN AND ROBIN INTO ACTION...

THERE IT GOES, BATMAN, CARRYING A VALUABLE DRUG IT STOLE FROM GOTHAM HOSPITAL! APPARENTLY, IT'S ABLE TO LOCATE HIDDEN CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES AND DRAW THEM UP BY MAGNETIC ATTRACTION INTO THOSE UMBRELLA POCKETS!

SHALL WE TRY TO STOP IT?

NO, ROBIN...WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHOOT IT DOWN...BUT I'M MORE INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHERE IT CAME FROM! WE'RE GOING TO FOLLOW IT!



BUT AT THIS VERY INSTANT, IN AN INTRICATE CONTROL ROOM, WHERE A GROUP OF HARD-FACED MEN STAND BEFORE A UNIQUE TELEVISION SCREEN...

LOOKS LIKE BATMAN'S DECIDED TO TRAIL OUR FLYING UMBRELLA, NERO!

SO WHAT? LET HIM COME! WHEN HE GETS NEAR THE ISLAND, WE'LL USE OUR ELECTRICAL INTERRUPTER ON HIS PLANE! HE'LL CRASH, AND WE'LL BE RID OF HIM FOREVER!

SO WITHIN A FEW SHORT MINUTES, OVER A BODY OF WATER...

BATMAN! OUR MOTOR CONKED OUT... AND WE'RE TOO FAR FROM SHORE TO MAKE IT!

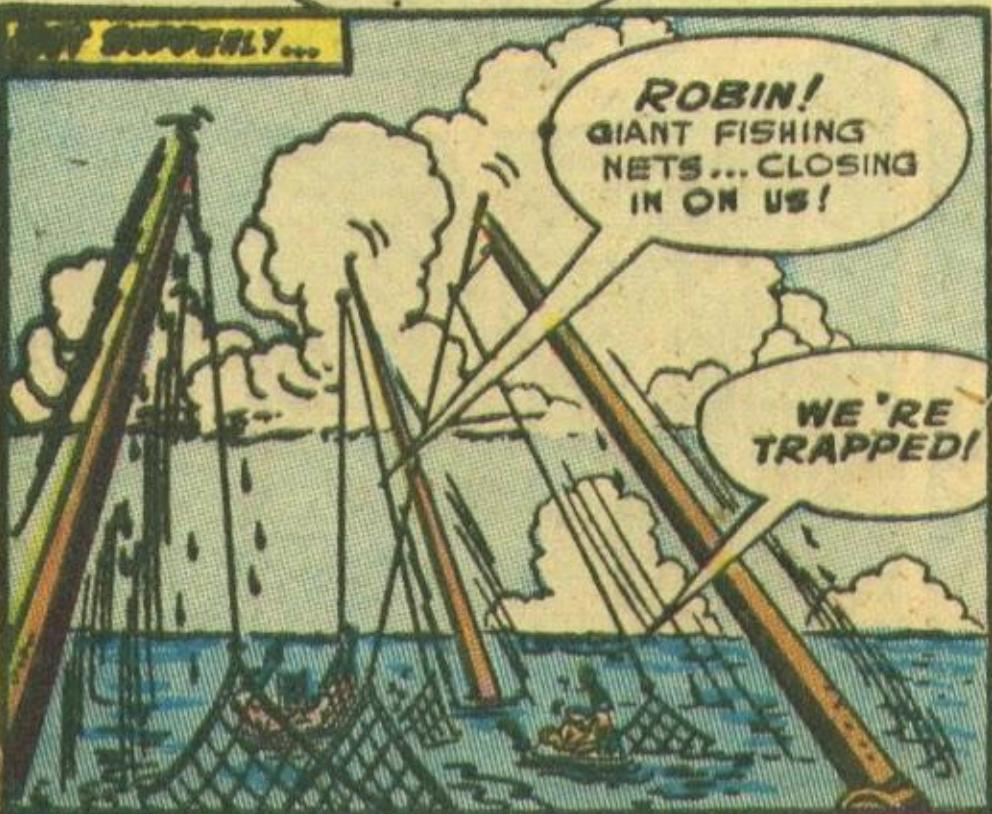
THUS, LEAVING THE BAT-PLANE ANCHORED BEHIND THEM, THE TWO SWIM STRONGLY FOR SHORE...

THAT ISLAND LOOKS FAMILIAR! I SAW PICTURES OF IT IN THE NEWSPAPERS! IT'S WHERE ERIC GOLAR, THE FAMOUS INVENTOR, RETIRED TO BUILD HIS LABORATORY!

AND ALL THOSE STRANGE MACHINES COULD HAVE BEEN INVENTED BY A GENIUS LIKE GOLAR! MAYBE WE'RE FINALLY GETTING CLOSE TO THE ANSWER, ROBIN!

I'LL LOWER THE PONTOONS! WE'LL GET AS CLOSE AS WE CAN, THEN SWIM FOR IT!

ENSNARING THE HELPLESS PAIR, THE NETS ASCEND BY MEANS OF A POWERFUL CABLE, AND MOVE TOWARD A WAITING VEHICLE ON SHORE...

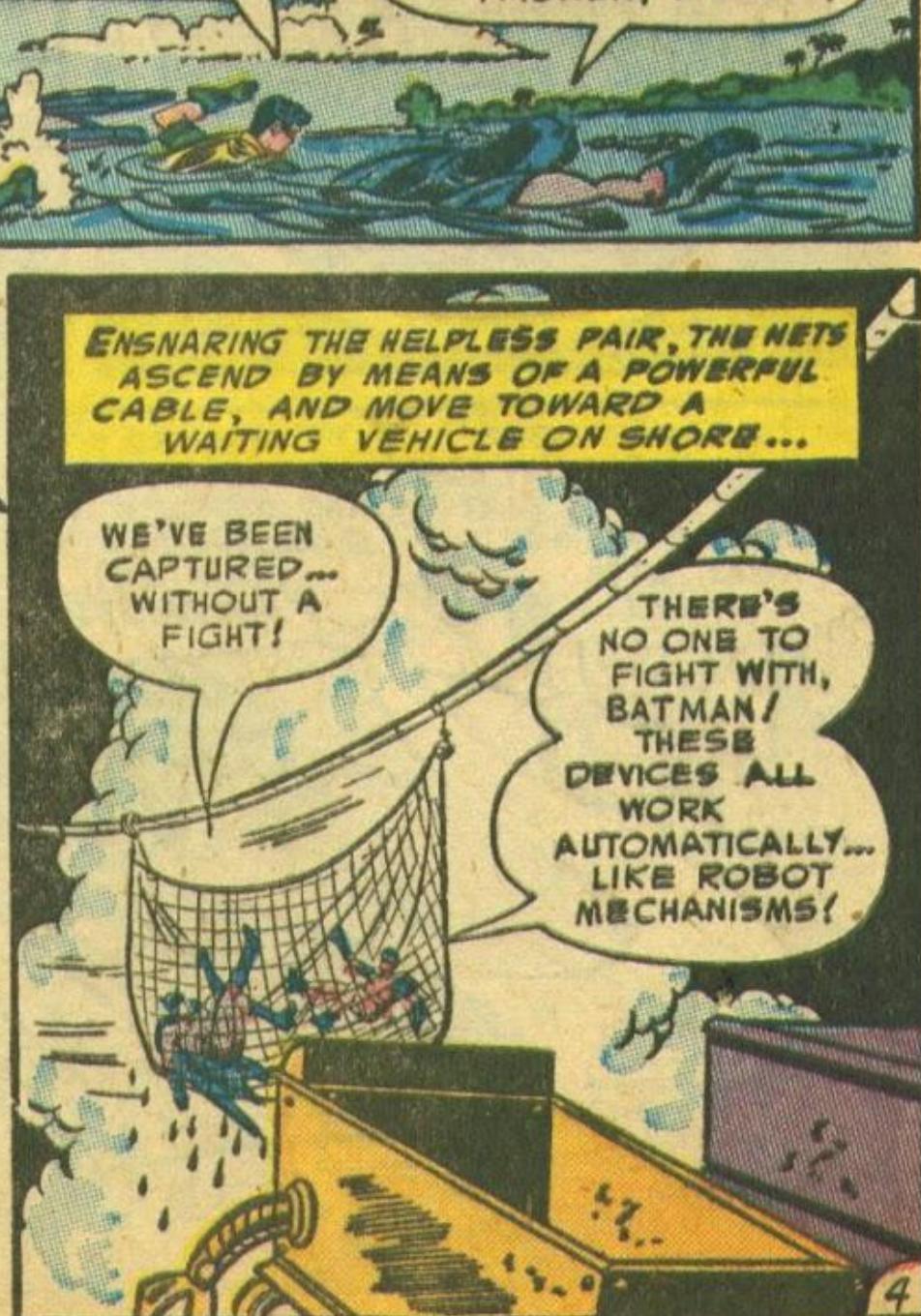


ROBIN! GIANT FISHING NETS... CLOSING IN ON US!

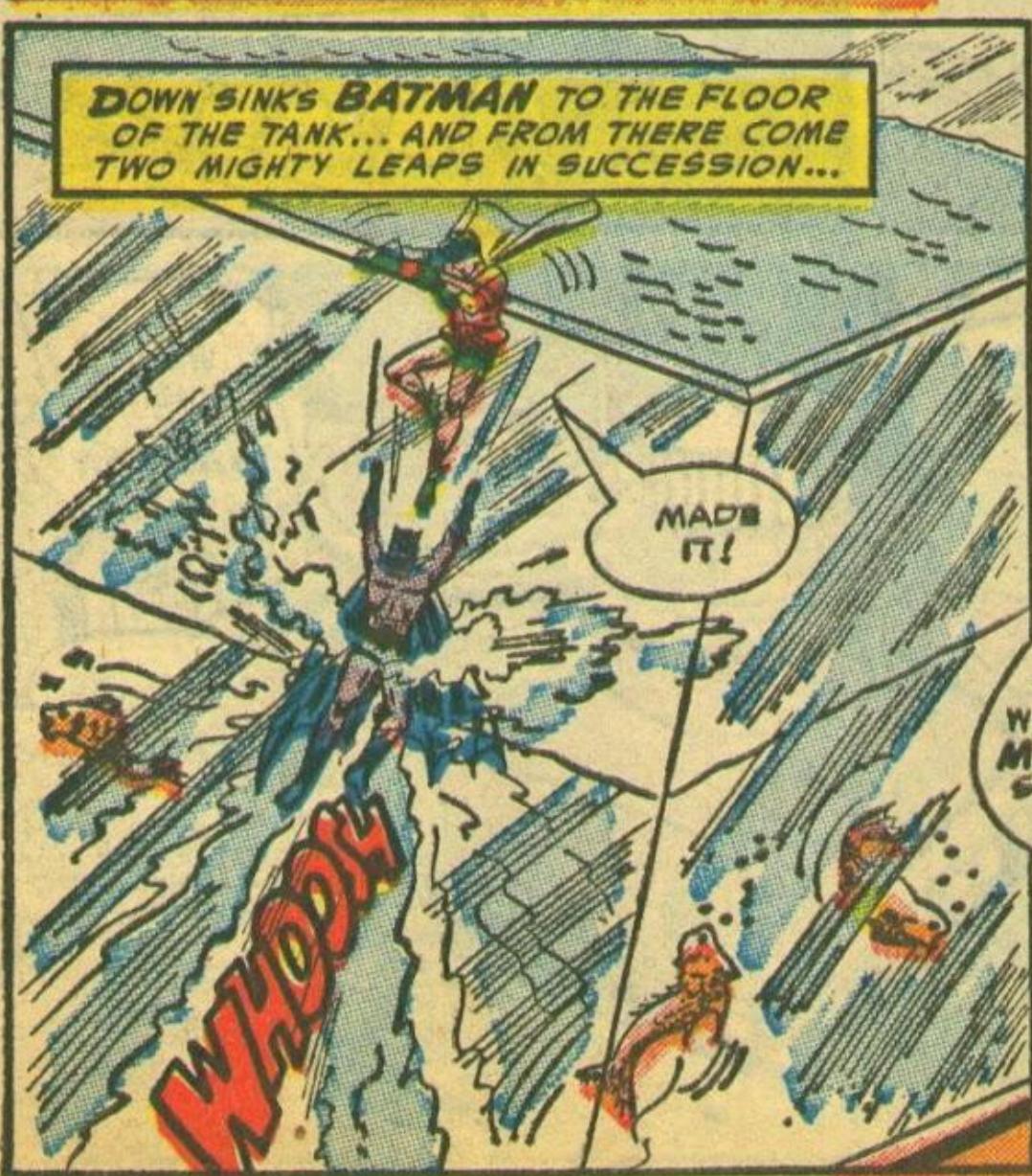
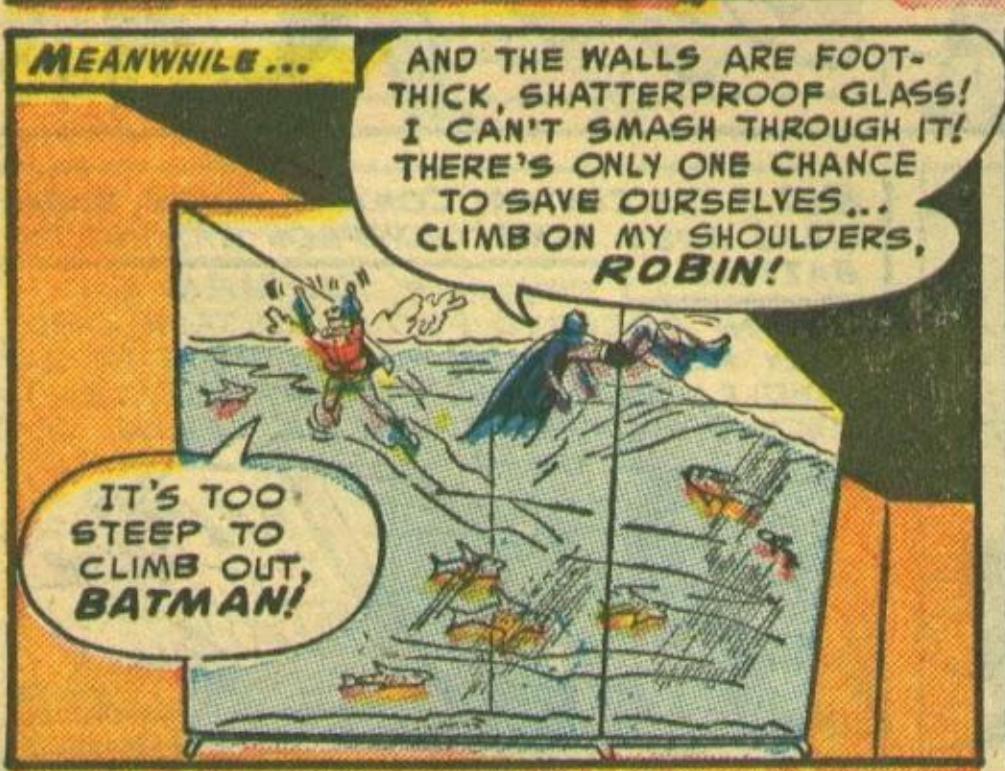
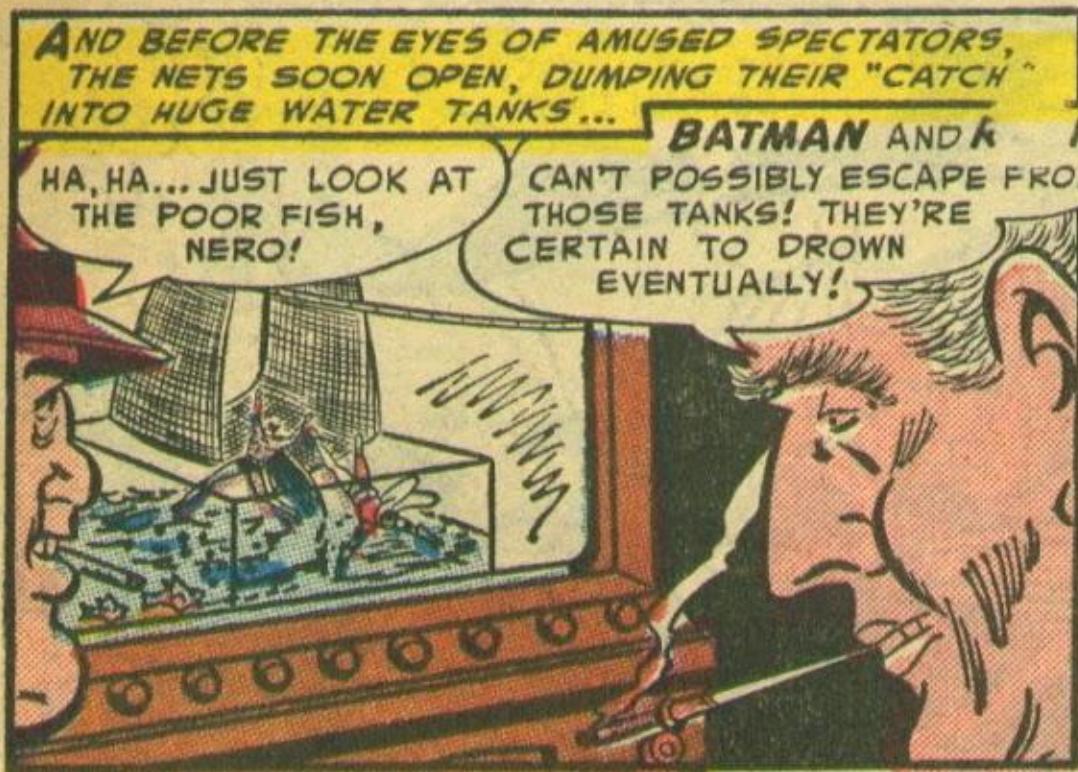
WE'RE TRAPPED!

WE'VE BEEN CAPTURED... WITHOUT A FIGHT!

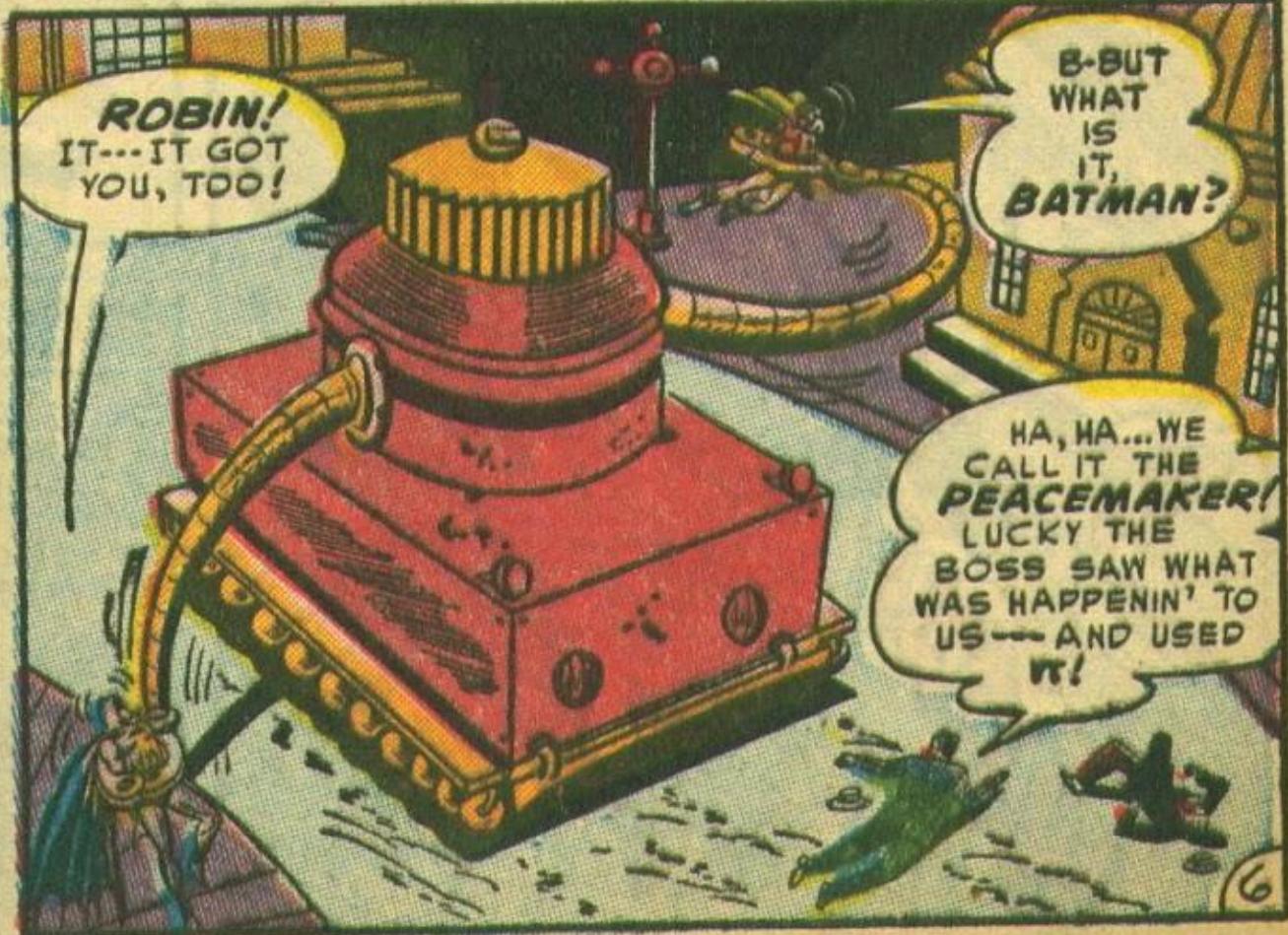
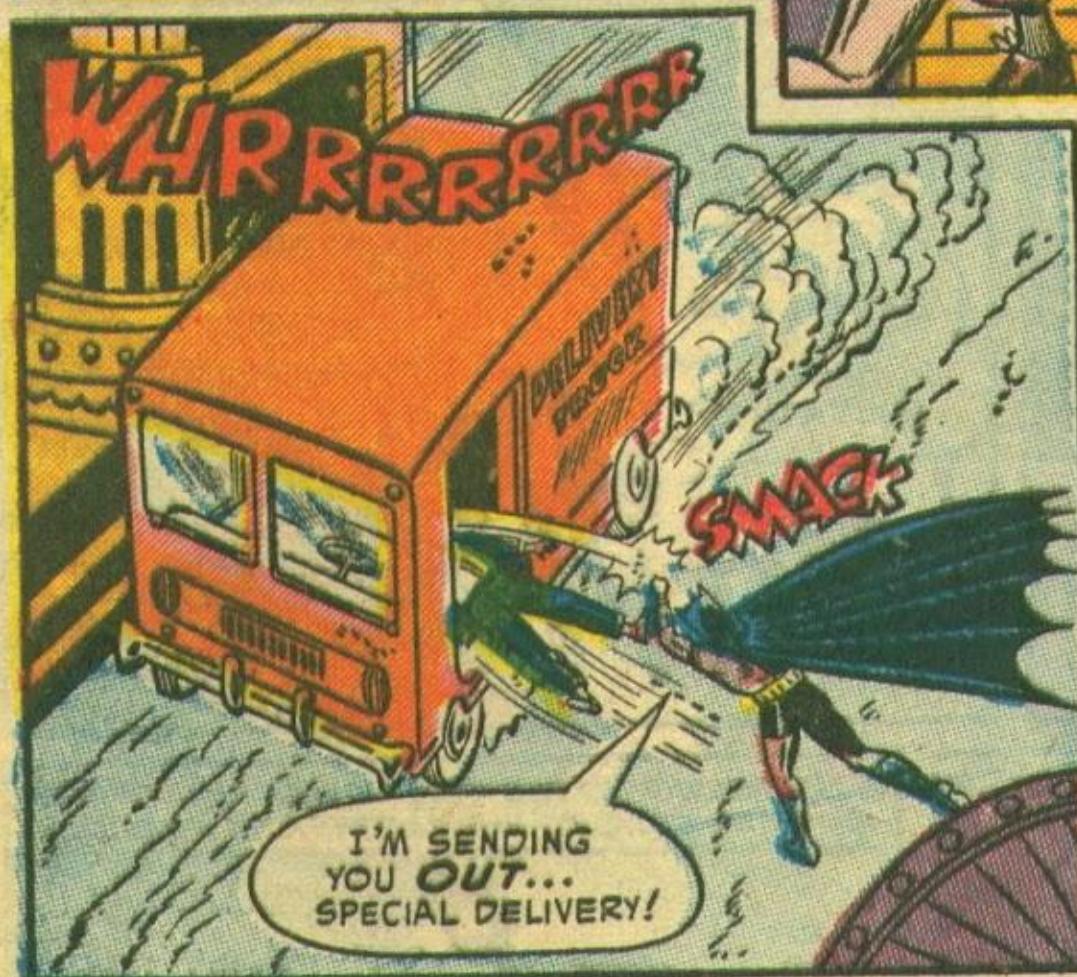
THERE'S NO ONE TO FIGHT WITH, BATMAN! THESE DEVICES ALL WORK AUTOMATICALLY... LIKE ROBOT MECHANISMS!



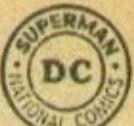
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AND SECONDS LATER, IN A THICKLY WALLED ROOM...

BATMAN AND ROBIN! YOU... HERE?

WHY, YOU'RE ERIC GOLAR... THE FAMOUS INVENTOR! WE THOUGHT YOU RAN THINGS ON THIS ISLAND! WHY ARE YOU A PRISONER?

I CAME HERE THREE YEARS AGO, BATMAN, TO WORK ON MY PRIVATE DREAM... A COMPLETELY AUTOMATIC CITY, IN WHICH ALL NECESSARY LABOR WOULD BE PERFORMED BY MACHINES!

"EVERYTHING PROGRESSED WONDERFULLY! AT FIRST, MY WORK WAS EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT, BUT AS THE MONTHS PASSED, IT BECAME EASIER... FOR AFTER ALL, I HAD MY NEW MACHINES TO HELP ME!"

I NEED PLIERS! AH, YES... THANK YOU!

"I WAS ALMOST READY TO TURN OVER MY MODELS TO MANUFACTURERS FOR PRODUCTION WHEN NERO THOMPSON AND HIS MEN ARRIVED. OF COURSE, I DIDN'T KNOW THEN THAT THEY WERE FLEEING FROM THE LAW..."

YOU ARE THE FIRST HUMANS TO WITNESS MY NEW INVENTIONS! THEY OPERATE ALMOST WITHOUT HUMAN CONTROL! THIS EARTH-BORER, FOR INSTANCE... ONCE SET IN MOTION, IT CAN BE OPERATED FROM MILES AND MILES AWAY!

REMARKABLE! Y'KNOW, GOLAR, MY CHANCE ARRIVAL HERE MAY PROVE TO BE A LUCKY BREAK--FOR BOTH OF US!

"AS I WENT ON PROUDLY DEMONSTRATING MY MECHANICAL MASTERPIECES, I HAD NO IDEA OF WHAT THOMPSON WAS PLANNING... TILL FINALLY, AFTER HE HIMSELF HAD MASTERED THE OPERATION OF EVERY MACHINE..."

W-WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

OVER, GOLAR! THE LAW DROVE ME OUT OF GOTHAM CITY... I CAN'T OPERATE THERE ANYMORE... BUT YOUR MACHINES CAN!

GOLLY! SO THAT'S HOW THE CRIME RAIDS ON GOTHAM CITY WERE SET OFF!

NOW THAT WE KNOW, WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE A WAY OUT OF HERE, SO WE CAN DEAL WITH NERO THOMPSON AND HIS HENCHMEN THE WAY THEY DESERVE!

TAKING A COIL OF ROPE FROM HIS UTILITY BELT, BATMAN FASHIONS A LOOP AND THEN CAREFULLY FEEDS IT THROUGH THE NARROW TRANSMON ABOVE THE DOOR...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, BATMAN?

WHEN THAT MACHINE BROUGHT US HERE, I NOTICED THAT THE DOOR WAS SECURED BY A HEAVY CROSSBAR FROM THE OUTSIDE! IF I CAN LOOP THE END OF ROPE AROUND THE CROSSBAR, I MAY BE ABLE TO LIFT IT!

UNERRING CONTROL, ENDLESS PATIENCE ARE NEEDED, BUT AT LAST AFTER MANY FAILURES...

I'VE GOT IT!

AND AN INSTANT LATER, TWIN CANNONBALLS OF VENGEANCE ERUPT INTO THE MAIN ROOM BELOW!

EEEYOW! BATMAN'S FREE!

GLUG!

NEXT STOP... THE CENTRAL CONTROL STATION! THAT'S WHERE WE'LL FIND NERO THOMPSON AND THE REST OF HIS MEN!

WAIT... L-LOOK!

NERO THOMPSON MUST HAVE ALREADY SEEN US --- AND SENT MY OWN INVENTION TO CAPTURE US!

ABRUPTLY, THE GROTESQUE MACHINE MEETS WITH A GUSHING SHOWER OF WATER FROM THE OPEN HYDRANT... BUT STILL IT MOVES FORWARD...

THE FORCE OF THE SPRAY ISN'T ENOUGH TO STOP IT!

I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO! I'M DEPENDING ON SOMETHING ELSE!

I'M NOT GOING THROUGH THAT AGAIN! HELP ME UNCAP THIS HYDRANT, ROBIN!

AND JUST AS THE MIGHTY ARMS MOVE TOWARD THE EMBATTLED TRIO...

I KNEW SUCH AN INTRICATE MECHANICAL CREATION NEEDS PERFECT COORDINATION IN ITS CENTRAL WIRING SYSTEM! THE WATER SPRAY DAMPED VITAL CONNECTIONS... AND RENDERED IT USELESS!

WHY... IT'S SUDDENLY GONE OUT OF COMMISSION! IT CAN'T MOVE, BATMAN!

BATMAN



MOMENTS AFTERWARD, IN THE CENTRAL CONTROL STATION...

THE GAME'S UP! MY MEN CAN'T
STOP THEM! BUT THE DELAY
MAY ENABLE ME TO
ESCAPE!

THIS SKY SLED, WHICH GOLAR
MEANT FOR AERIAL DELIVERIES,
IS JUST
WHAT I
NEED!

I'M TAKING YOU BACK WITH
ME... TO GOTHAM CITY!

SLAM

REELING FROM BATMAN'S
BLOW, THE GANG CHIEF UN-
WITTINGLY SLAMS INTO THE
GEAR OF THE SKY SLED,
AND...

WHILE BACK IN THE CONTROL STATION...

THE SKY SLED IS RUNNING
WILD---WITH BATMAN IN
IT! USE THE CONTROLS TO
BRING IT BACK!

I---I CAN'T!

DURING YOUR
BATTLE HERE, A STRAY
BULLET SMASHED THE
CONTROL PANEL FOR THE
SKY SLED! I---I CAN'T
GUIDE IT AT ALL!

HEY!
WE'RE
TAKING
OFF!

FRANTICALLY,
THE
BOY WONDER
SIGNALS
BATMAN
ON THEIR
BELT RADIO...

BATMAN! YOU'RE IN
TROUBLE! WE CAN'T
BRING BACK THE SKY-
SLED! IT'S HEADING
STRAIGHT FOR GOTHAM
CITY... AT SEVERAL
HUNDRED MILES
AN HOUR!

ROBIN, LISTEN TO ME! WE
CAN'T LET THE SKY SLED
RUN WILD THROUGH GOTHAM
CITY! IT WOULD KILL OR
INJURE SCORES OF INNO-
CENT PEOPLE! YOU'VE
GOT TO TURN OFF
THE POWER!

NO, BATMAN! THAT'LL
MEAN YOUR DEATH,
WHEN THE SLED
CRASHES!

POW

BATMAN

THAT DOESN'T MATTER... YOU MUST DO AS I SAY!

O-OKAY, BATMAN... IF THAT'S HOW YOU WANT IT!

EASY. ROBIN, HE STILL HAS A CHANCE, IF HE CAN MANEUVER THE GEAR TO CATCH WIND CURRENTS!

A MILLION TO ONE CHANCE... BUT AS THE MESSAGE REACHES BATMAN, HE TAKES FATE IN HIS OWN HANDS...

GOLAR'S RIGHT! BY WORKING THE GEAR, I CAN LIFT OR LOWER THE SLED A LITTLE! I MAY BE ABLE TO SLOW ITS DESCENT, NOW THAT THE POWER IS OFF!

WORKING AS SKILLFULLY AS A GLIDER PILOT, HE GUIDES THE SKY SLED DOWNWARD IN WIDE SPIRALS...

ZOOOM

W-WE'RE GOING TO CRASH!
WE'RE DOOMED...

WE'LL HIT IN A MINUTE, NERO! GET READY TO JUMP!

HERE GOES!

SPASH

A SHORT TIME LATER, WHEN ROBIN REACHES THE SCENE WITH THE BAT-PLANE...

BATMAN! YOU WERE TERRIFIC! I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D MAKE IT!

I'LL TELL YOU A SECRET, ROBIN... NEITHER DID I! THAT'S ABOUT AS CLOSE TO DEATH AS I'VE EVER COME!

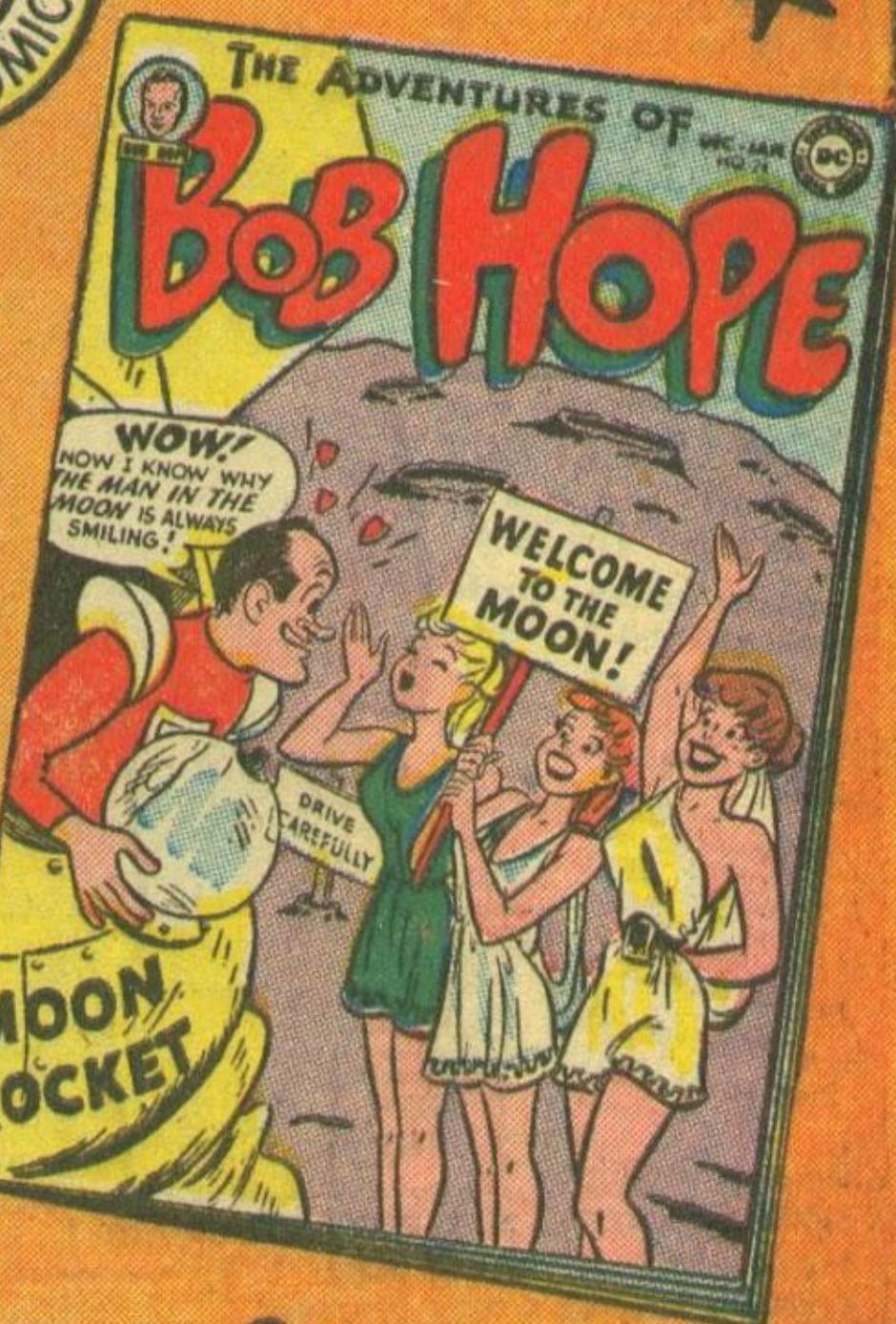
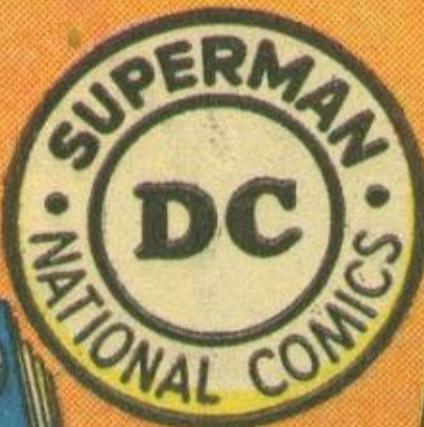
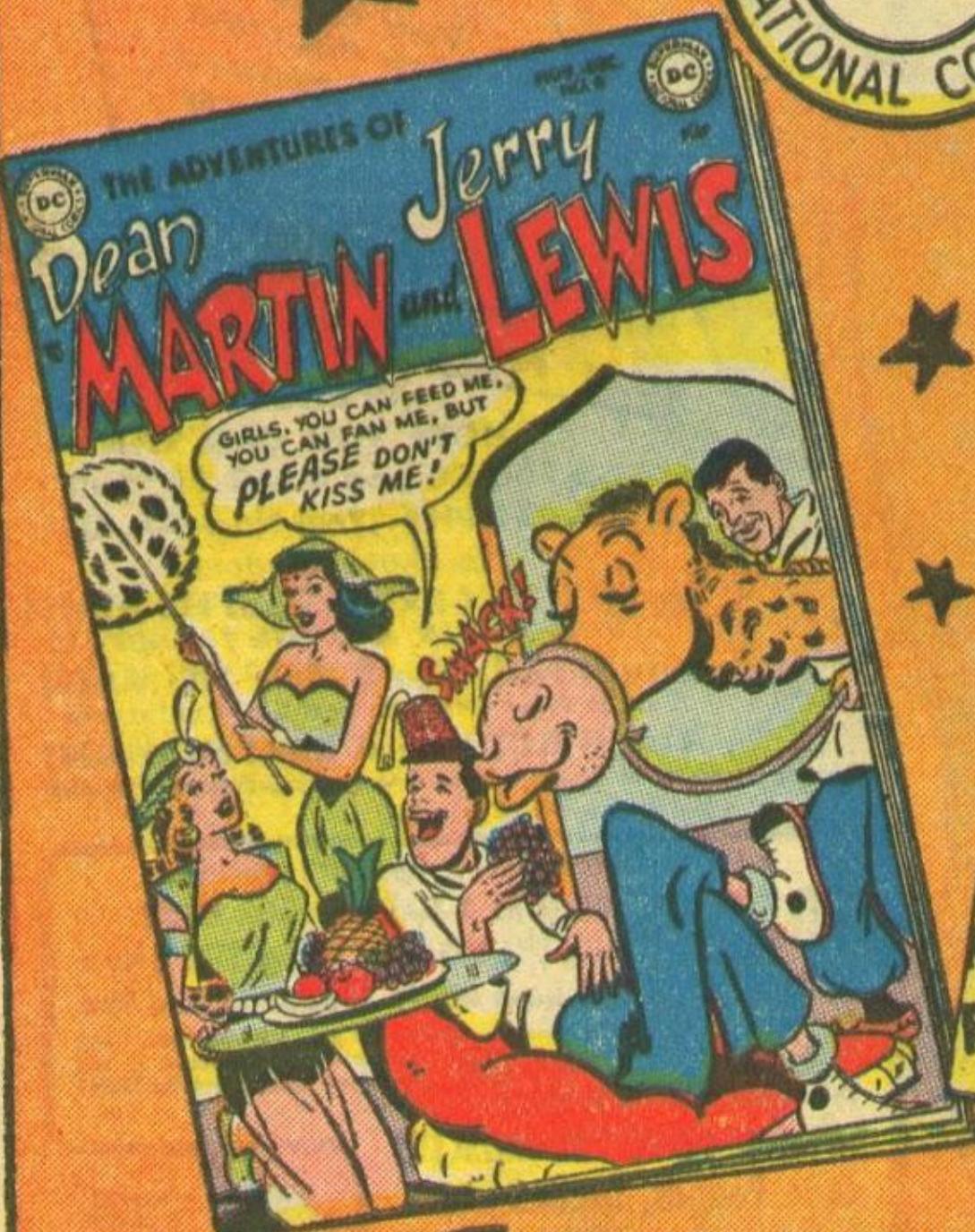
AND SO, THE FOLLOWING DAY, BACK IN GOTHAM CITY...

WE'VE RETURNED ALL THE LOOT TAKEN IN THOSE ROBBERIES TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNERS! AND NERO THOMPSON AND HIS BOYS ARE IN JAIL!

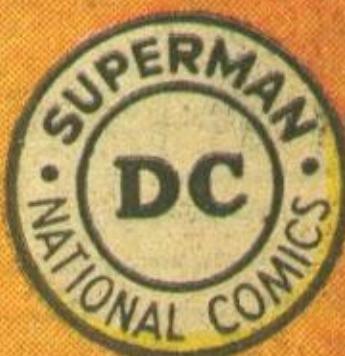
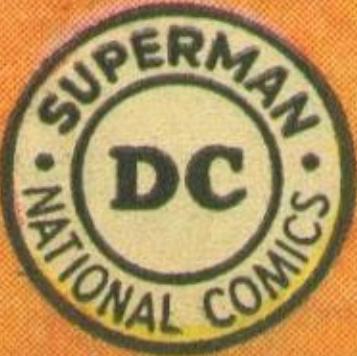
SOME OF GOLAR'S INVENTIONS WILL BE GOING INTO PRODUCTION SOON, COMMIS-
SIONER, PROVING WHAT I'VE SAID ALL ALONG... ONLY THE HUMAN BRAIN BEHIND THE MACHINE CAN BE GOOD OR EVIL... NEVER THE MACHINE ITSELF!

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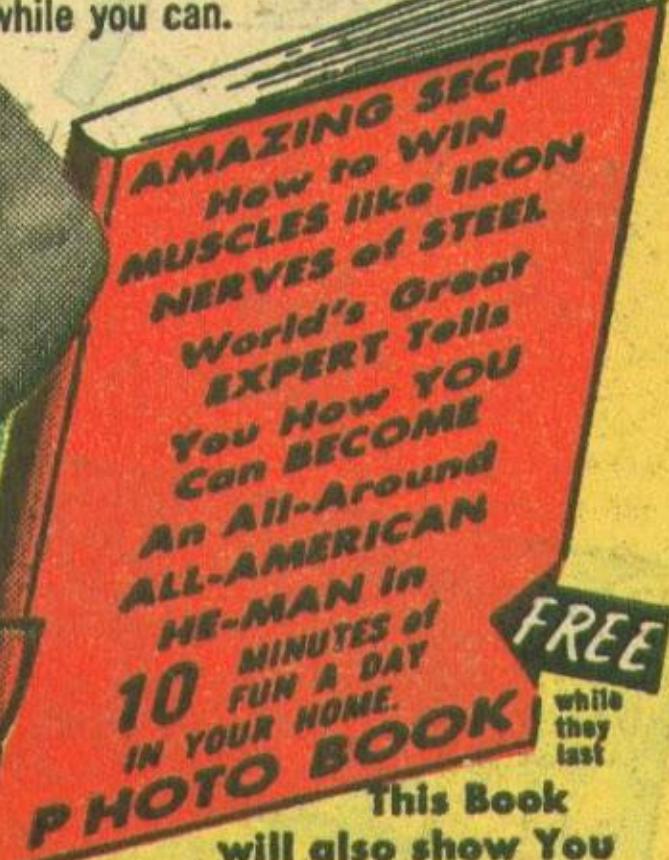
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