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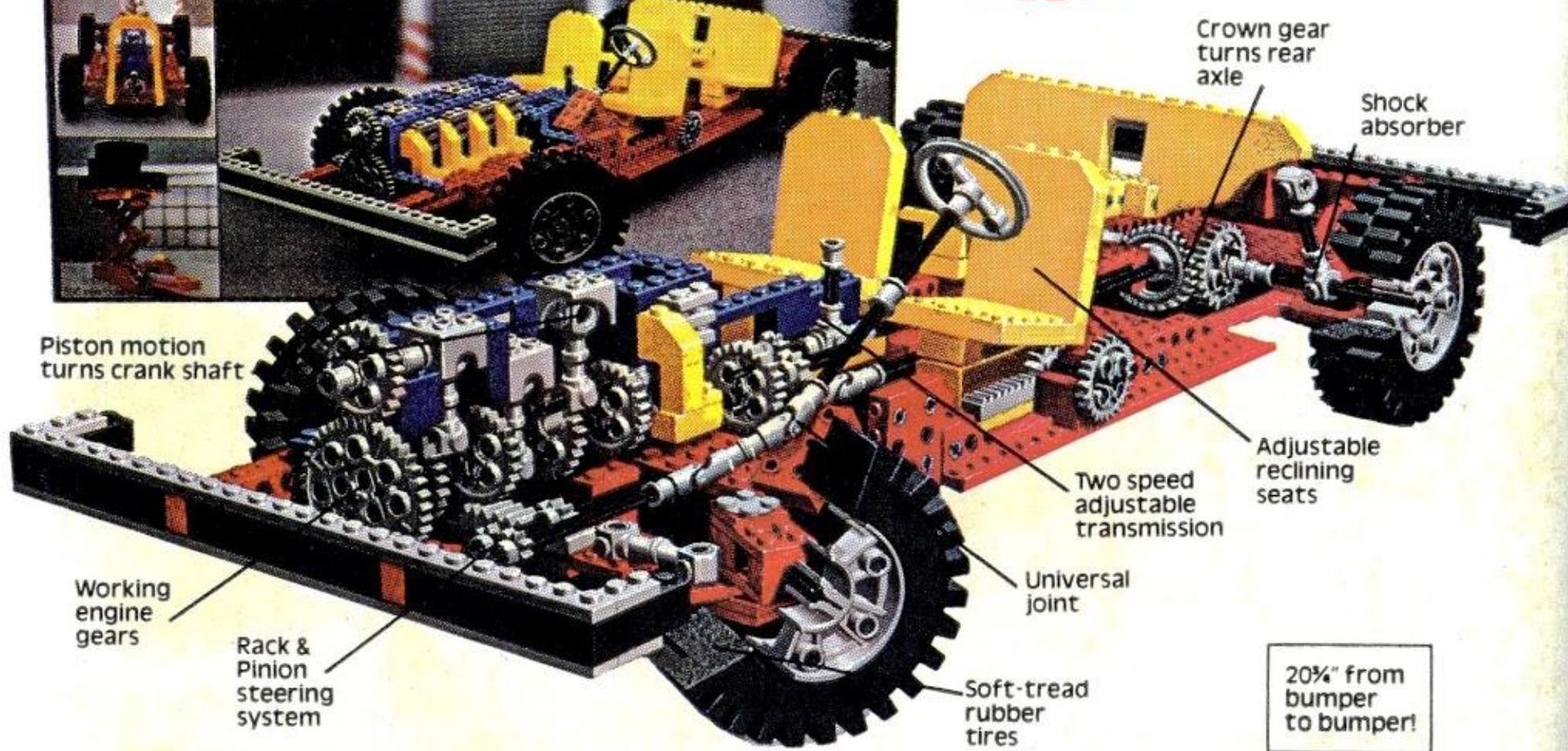
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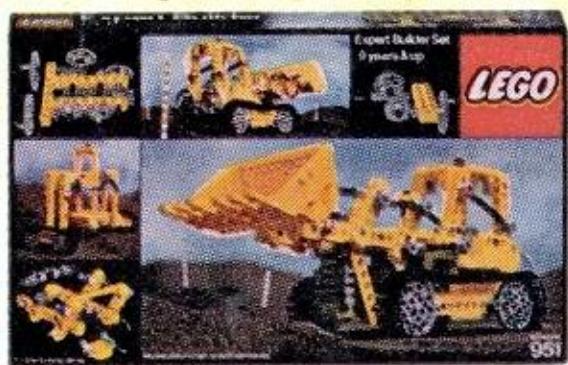
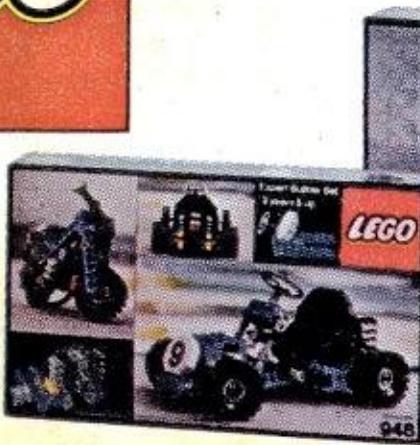
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ARCHIE, BUT
GOVERNOR CORLEY
WON'T COMMUTE
YOUR SENTENCE.

YOU WILL DIE IN THE
ELECTRIC CHAIR AS
SCHEDULED--
TOMORROW
AT DAWN!

IF I GOTTA DIE, THEN THE
GUY WHO PUT ME HERE'S
GOTTA DIE WITH ME!

SPREAD THE WORD,
LAWYER-MAN -- ARCH
SKYLER'S GOT
TEN MILLION
IN GOLD--

AN' I'LL GIVE IT ALL
TO ANYONE WHO KILLS
THE BATMAN BEFORE
I WALK THAT
FINAL MILE!

TWENTY-FOUR
HOURS: ONE DAY,
A FLEETING INSTANT
IN THE LIFE OF
A WORLD.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS:
THE LAST TWENTY-FOUR
HOURS THAT ARCH
SKYLER SHALL EVER
GET TO SEE ...

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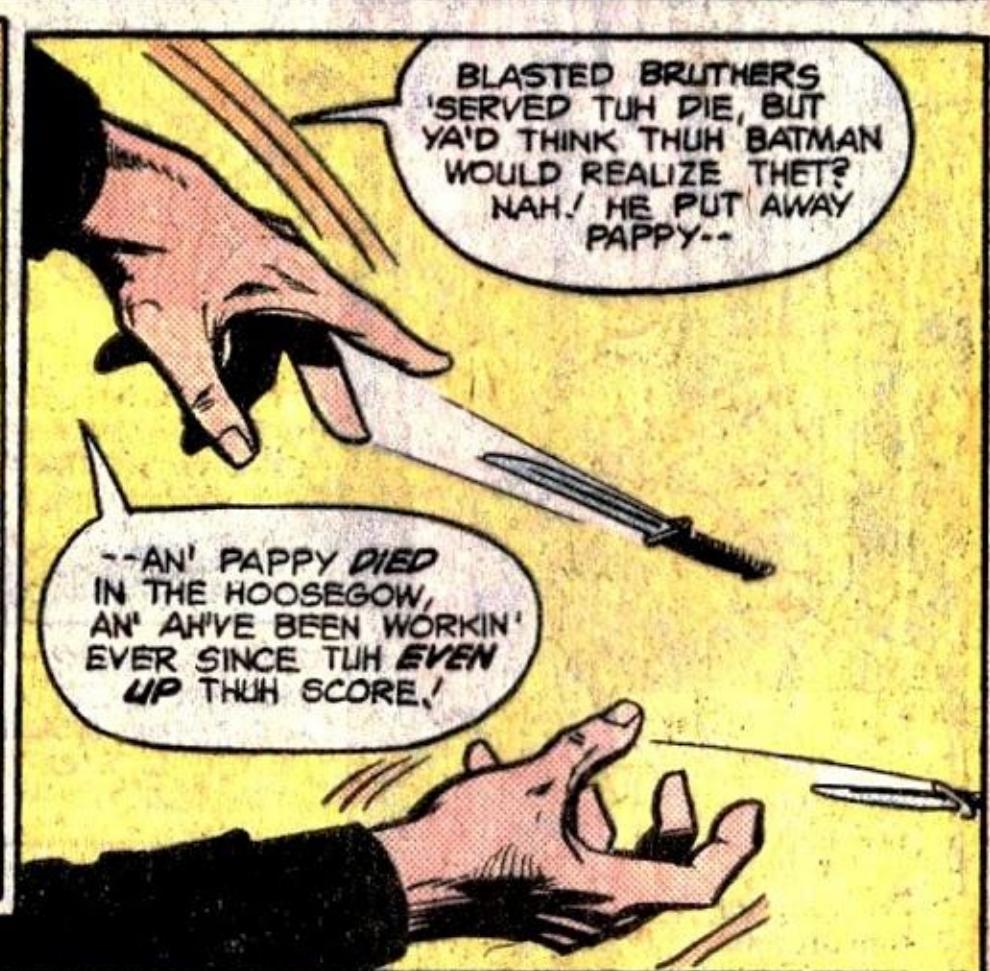
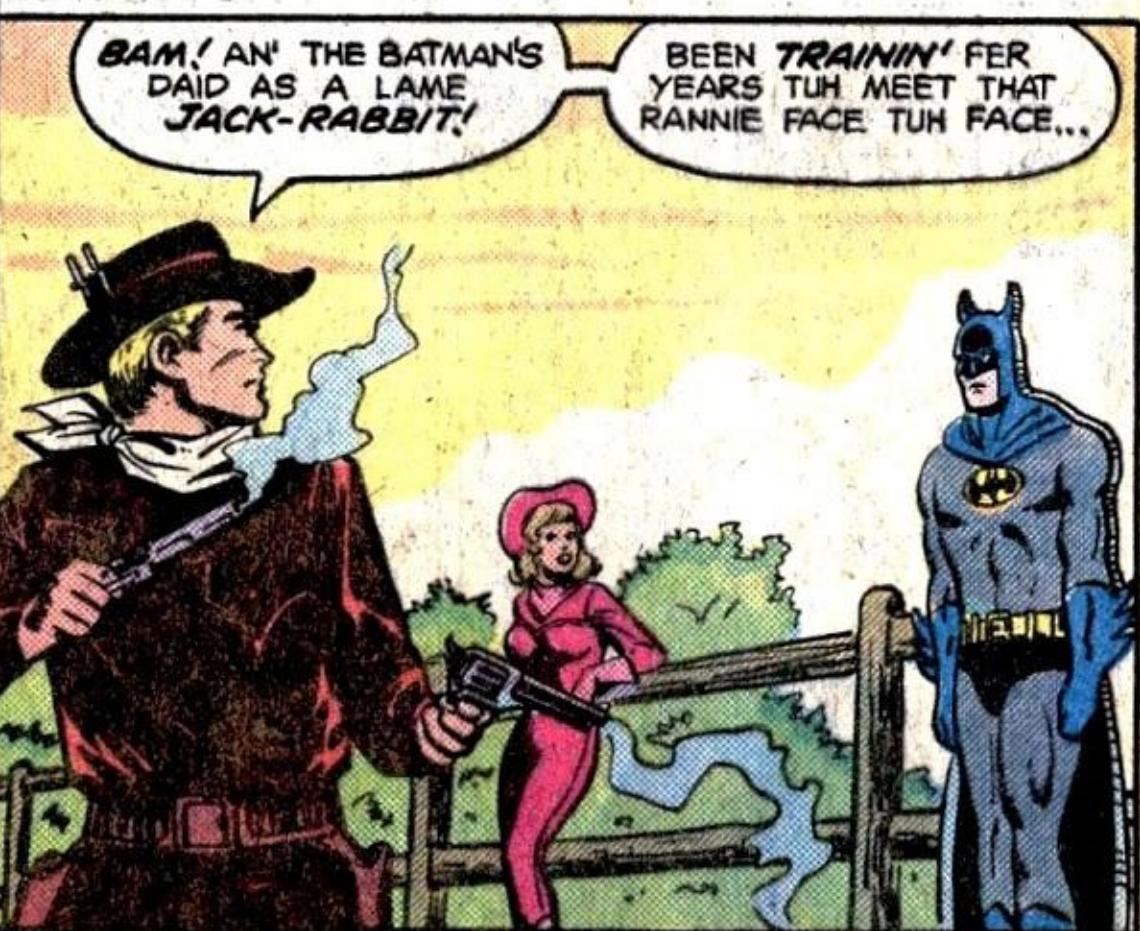
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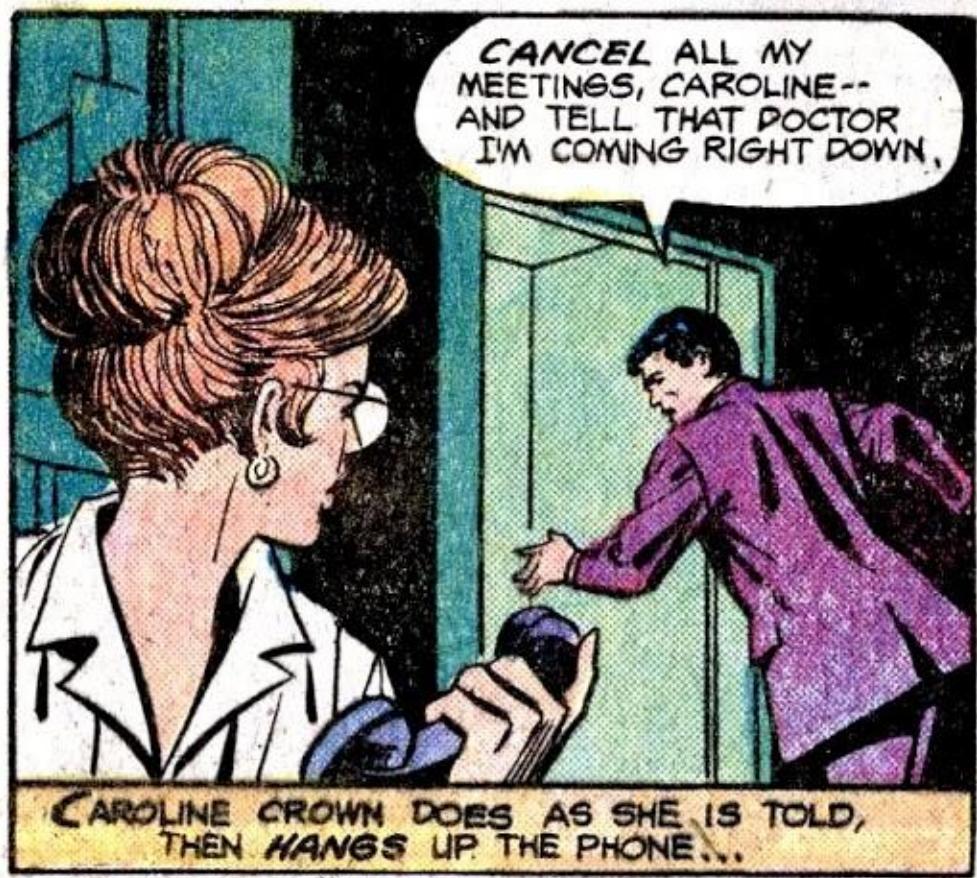
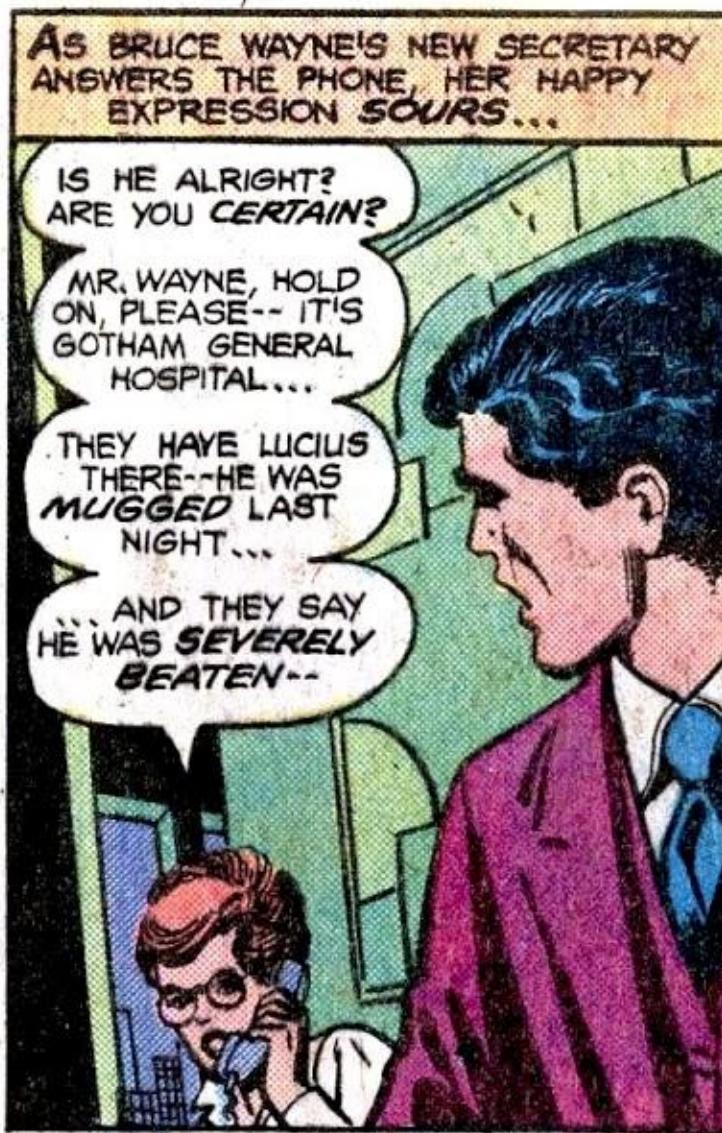
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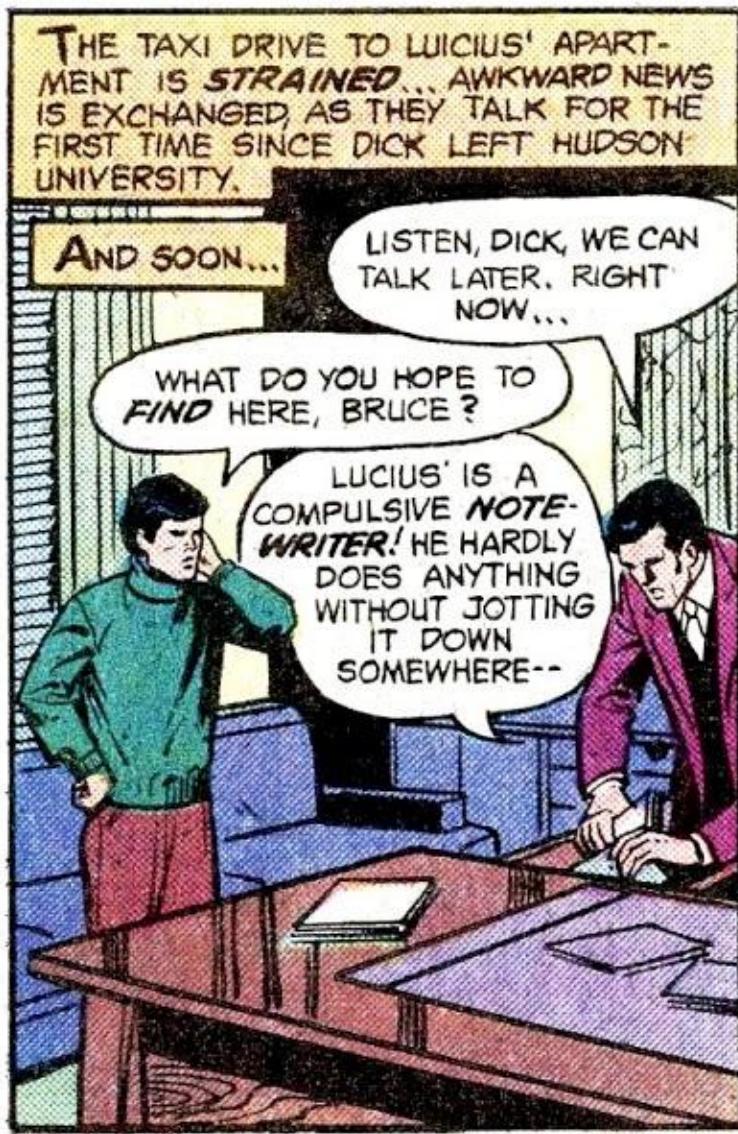
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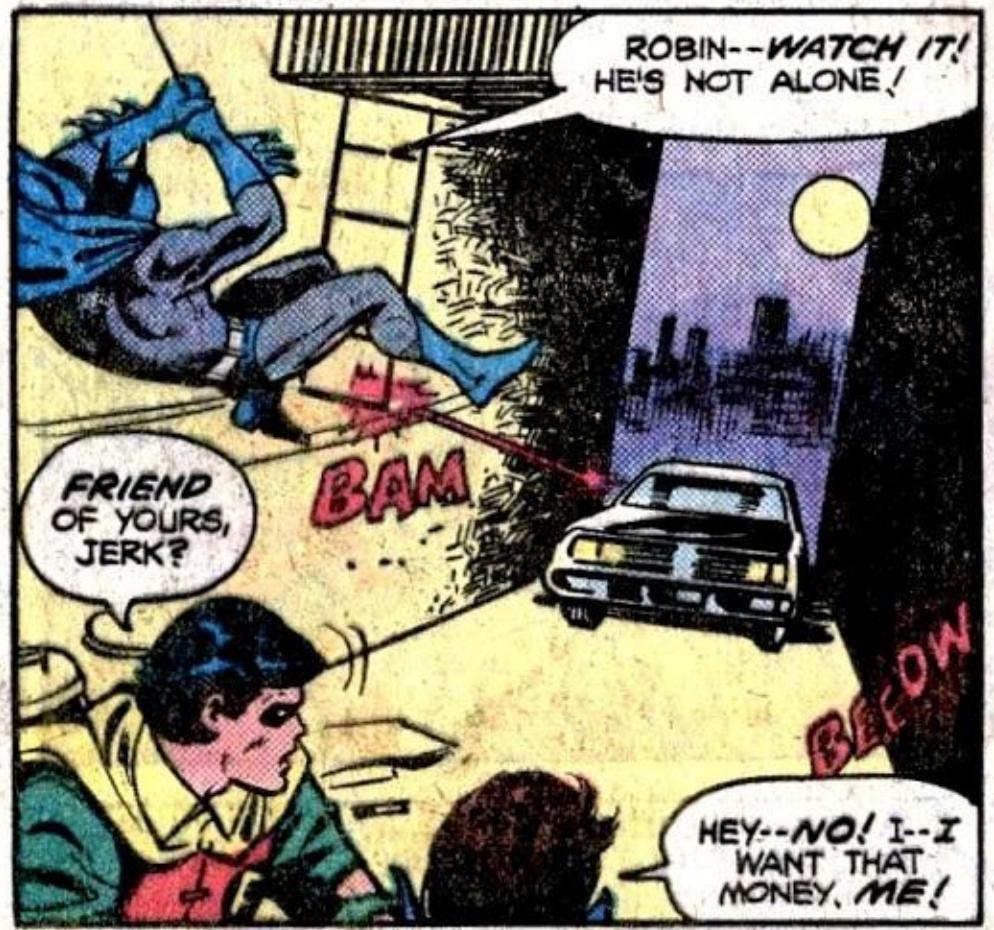
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GRIMLY THROUGH THE STREETS,
A FRIGHTENING BLACK SILHOU-
ETTE STALKING A FRIGHTENED
PREY...



TWO ATTACKS
IN TWO MINUTES.
I DON'T LIKE
THAT, FRIEND.

AND WHAT I DON'T LIKE, I
TEND TO GET ROUGH WITH.

I SUGGEST YOU TALK
BEFORE I DON'T LIKE
YOU!

HEY, I'M NO DUMMY,
'SIDES, I'M OUTTA THE
RUNNIN' FOR THE GOLD
NOW ANYWAY, SO, YEAH--
SURE I'LL TALK.

MOMENTS
AFTER...

YOU TAKE CARE OF
THESE PUNKS, ROBIN. I'LL
MEET YOU AT **GOTHAM
PRISON**.

HOLD ON,
BATMAN, THIS
WON'T TAKE--

HE'S GONE!
BLAST IT! MY
QUITTING COLLEGE
IS DRIVING A
WEDGE
BETWEEN US!

GOTHAM PRISON: A STONE AND SLAB
MONOLITH DESIGNED TO HOUSE SOME OF
THIS CITY'S MOST **DANGEROUS** FELONS...

WHATAYA GONNA DO
ABOUT IT, MASKED MAN?
ARREST ME? FACE IT,
BATMAN-- YOU CAN COUNT
ON YOUR **PINKY FINGER**
HOW LONG YOU GOT TO
LIVE.

EVERY HITMAN IN
GOTHAM IS GUNNIN'
FOR YOU TODAY.
EVEN **YOUR LUCK**
WON'T HOLD
AGAINST 'EM ALL.



ONE'S GONNA KILL YOU
BATMAN, SO WHEN I WALK THAT
LAST MILE, I'M GONNA BE **LAUGHIN'**
ALL THE WAY--

--KNOWIN' YOU GOT TO
HELL JUST BEFORE ME!



YOU CRUMMY LITTLE WORM, I OUGHTTA...

FORGET HIM,
ROBIN. WE HAVE
MORE **IMPORTANT**
WORK TO DO.

YOU HEAR ME,
BATMAN? YOU'RE
GONNA **DIE** BE-
FORE I CROAK.
YOU'RE GONNA
DIE, BATMAN!
**YOU'RE GONNA
DIE!**

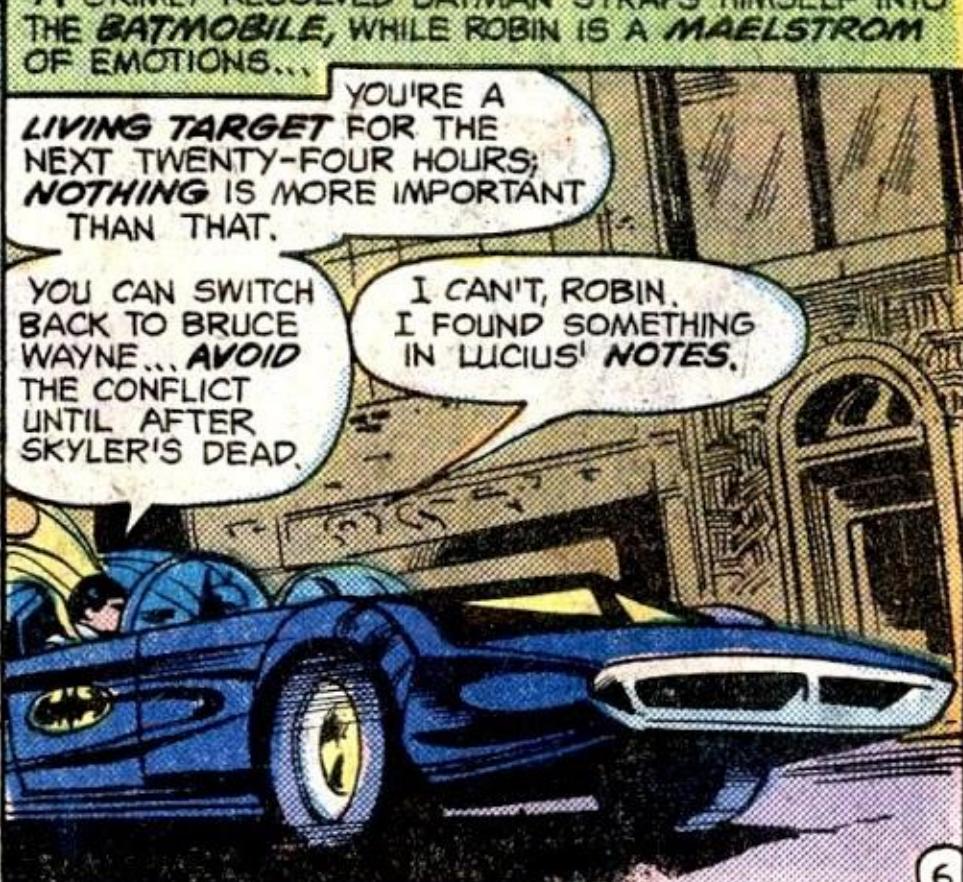
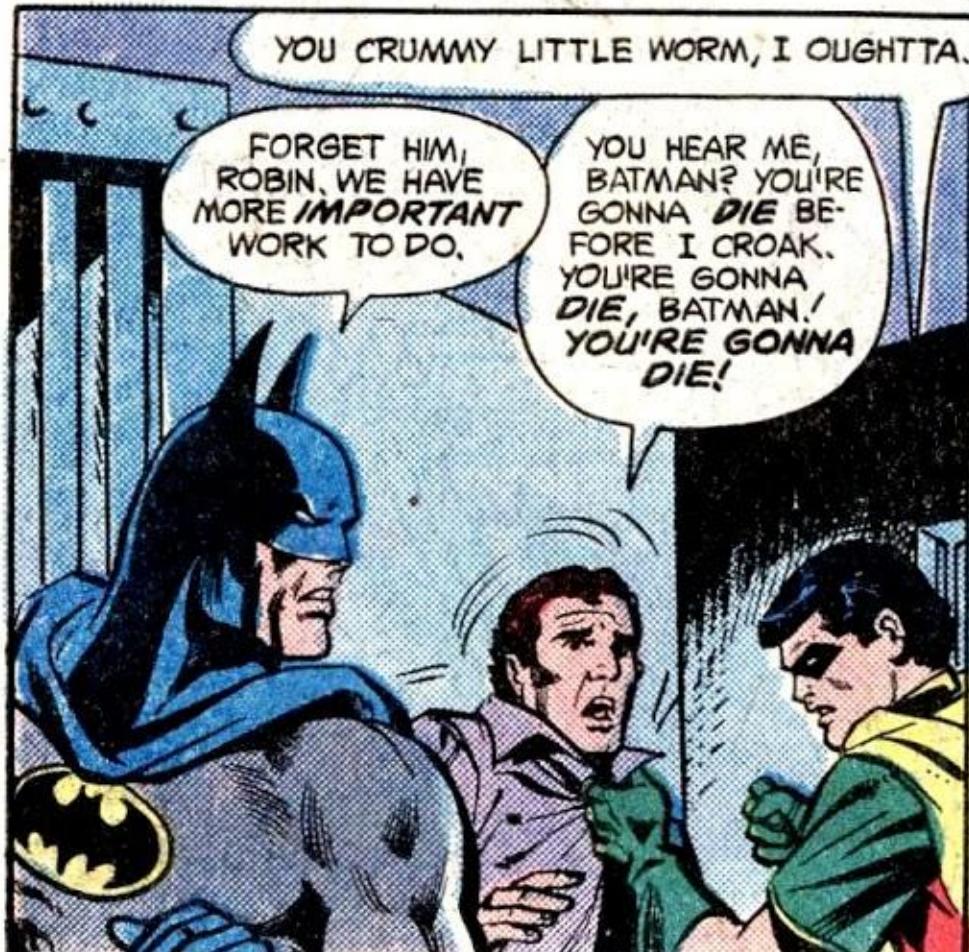
A GRIMLY RESOLVED BATMAN STRAPS HIMSELF INTO
THE **BATMOBILE**, WHILE ROBIN IS A **MAELSTROM**
OF EMOTIONS...

LIVING TARGET FOR THE
NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS;
NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT
THAN THAT.

YOU CAN SWITCH
BACK TO BRUCE
WAYNE... **AVOID**
THE CONFLICT
UNTIL AFTER
SKYLER'S DEAD.

YOU'RE A

I CAN'T, ROBIN.
I FOUND SOMETHING
IN LUCIUS' **NOTES**.



"YOU
REMEMBER
MY TELLING
YOU THERE
WAS TROUBLE
BETWEEN
LUCIUS AND
HIS SON, TIM.
IT SEEMS TIM
HAD JOINED
SOME LOCAL
YOUTH GANG,
AND LUCIUS
DECIDED TO
INVESTIGATE..."

GOOD THING
YOU GOT HERE,
TIM. WE THOUGHT
YOU PUNKED
OUT ON US!

NAH... JUST HADDA DITCH MY OLD
MAN, 'SIDES, HE DIDN'T CARE, HE
WAS WORKIN' LATE ON WAYNE'S BOOKS!

EVERYTHIN' SET FOR
TONIGHT, RON?

BETTER BELIEVE IT,
KID. WE'LL SHOW YOUR OLD
MAN WHO THE **REAL BOSS**
IS. RIGHT?

YOU'RE **NOT** GOING
OUT TONIGHT, TIM.
I DON'T LIKE YOUR
SCURRILOUS
FRIENDS...

...AND I DON'T WANT
YOU PART OF WHAT-
EVER THEY'RE PLANNING.

YOU FOLLOWED
ME? MAN, THAT
STINKS!

"LUCIUS HURRIED HOME AND WAITED
FOR TIM TO SHOW FOR DINNER..."

RON WAS **RIGHT!** YOU'RE
NOTHIN' BUT AN **Oreo COOKIE**--

--AN' I GOT A HUNCH
RON'S RIGHT ABOUT OTHER
STUFF, TOO.

I'M MOVIN'
OUT OF HERE,
POPS --
RIGHT NOW!

TIMMY RAN OFF AND LUCIUS
TRIED TO FOLLOW, BUT WAS
BEATEN UP FOR HIS EFFORTS.

BY
TIMMY?

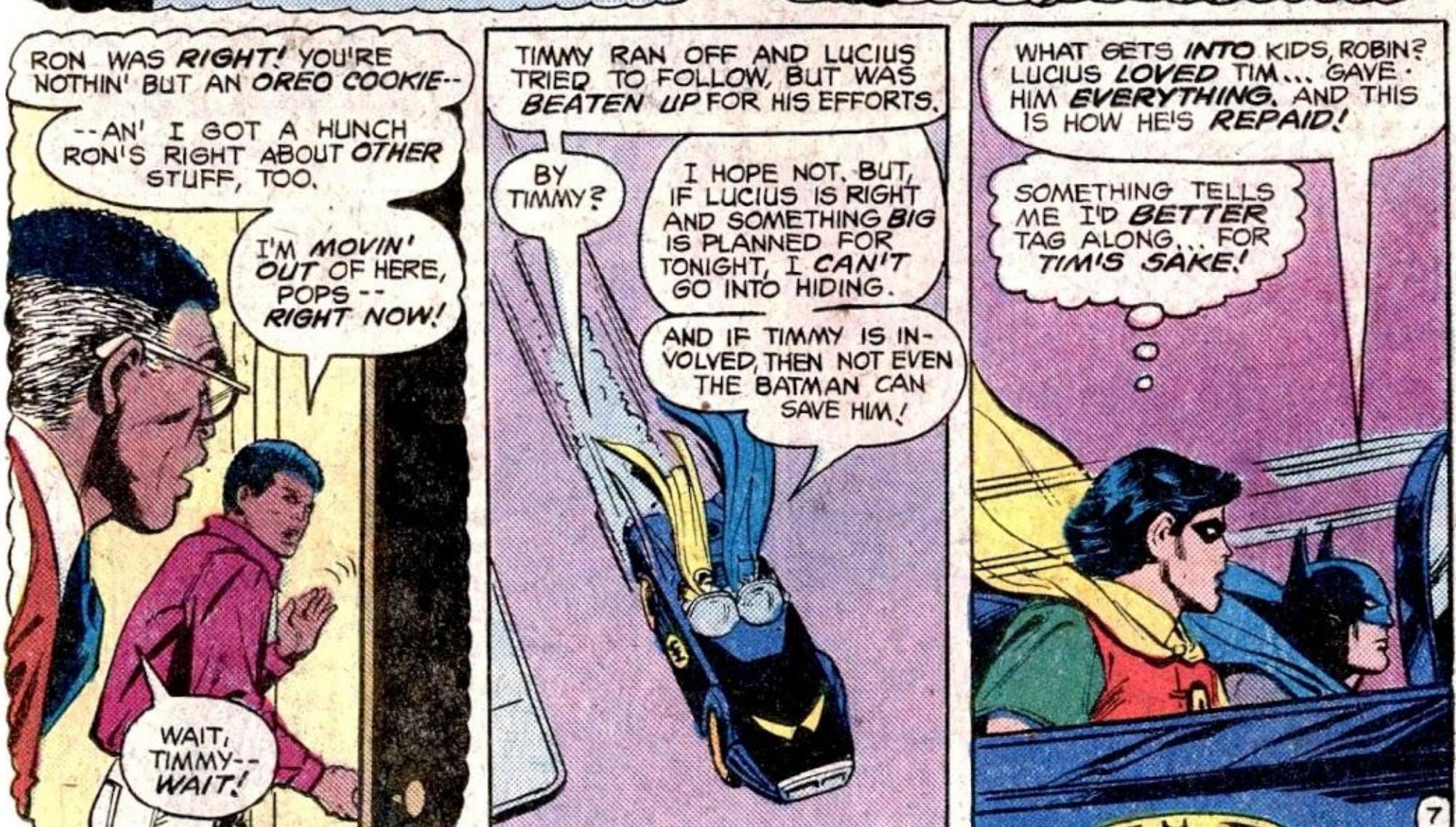
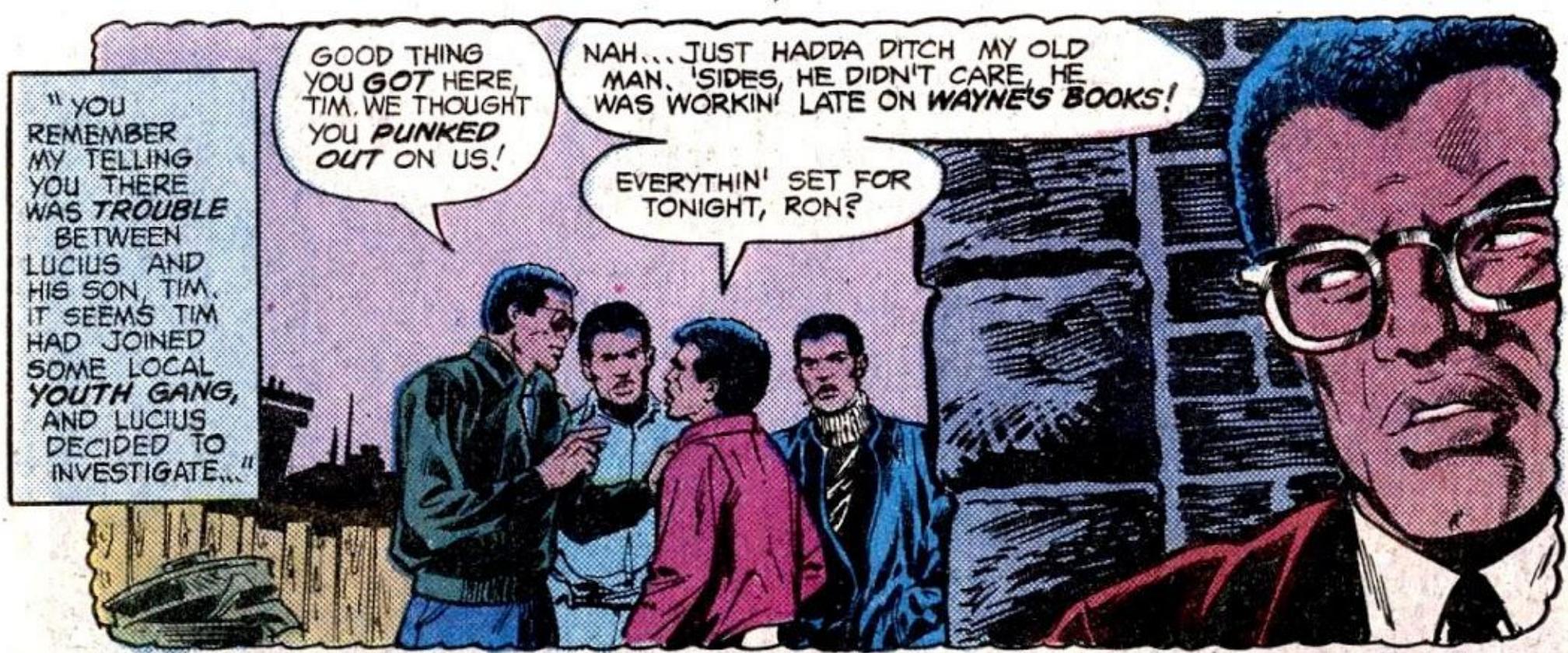
I HOPE NOT, BUT,
IF LUCIUS IS **RIGHT**
AND SOMETHING **BIG**
IS PLANNED FOR
TONIGHT, I **CAN'T**
GO INTO HIDING.

AND IF TIMMY IS IN-
VOLVED, THEN NOT EVEN
THE BATMAN CAN
SAVE HIM!

WHAT GETS **INTO** KIDS, ROBIN?
LUCIUS LOVED TIM... GAVE
HIM **EVERYTHING**, AND THIS
IS HOW HE'S **REPARED**!

SOMETHING TELLS
ME I'D **BETTER**
TAG ALONG... FOR
TIM'S SAKE!

WAIT,
TIMMY--
WAIT!

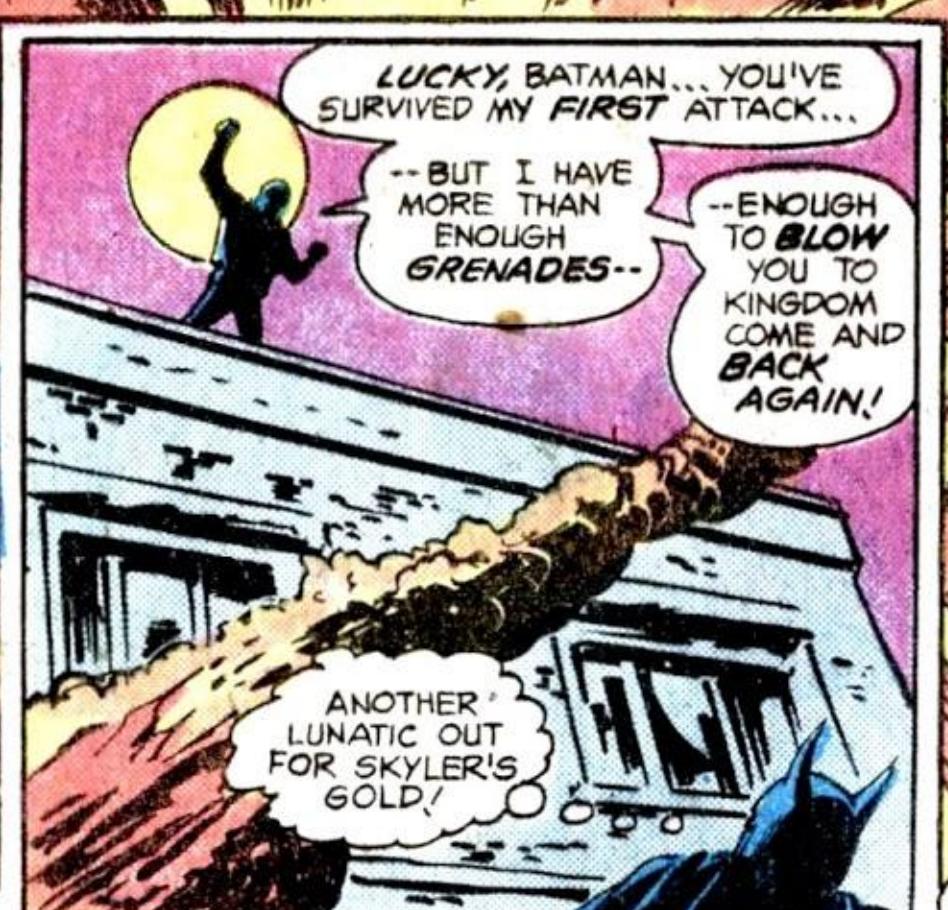
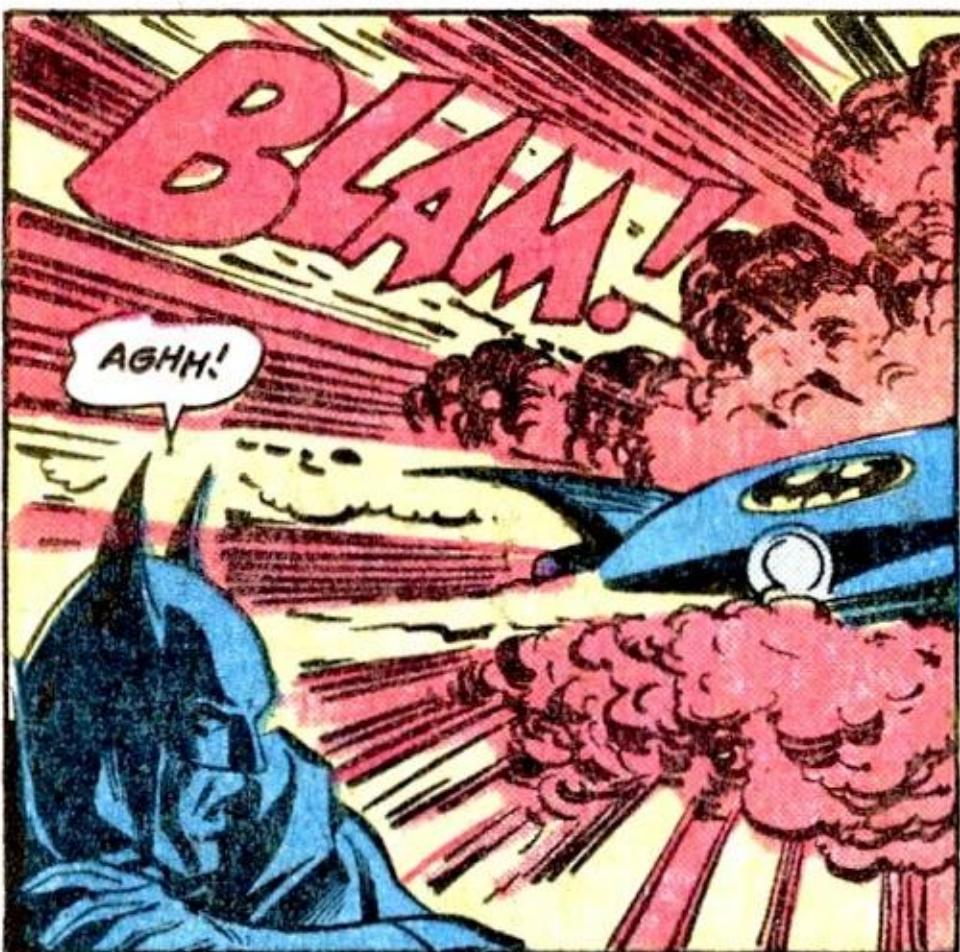


MAYBE I SHOULDN'T
BRING THIS UP NOW,
BUT WE'VE GOT TO
TALK ABOUT MY
LEAVING COLLEGE--

NOT DURING
A CASE, ROBIN.
OUR PRIVATE LIVES
ARE SEPARATE FROM
OUR OTHER
RESPONSIBILITIES!

I'LL NOT
HAVE THEM
MIXED--EH?

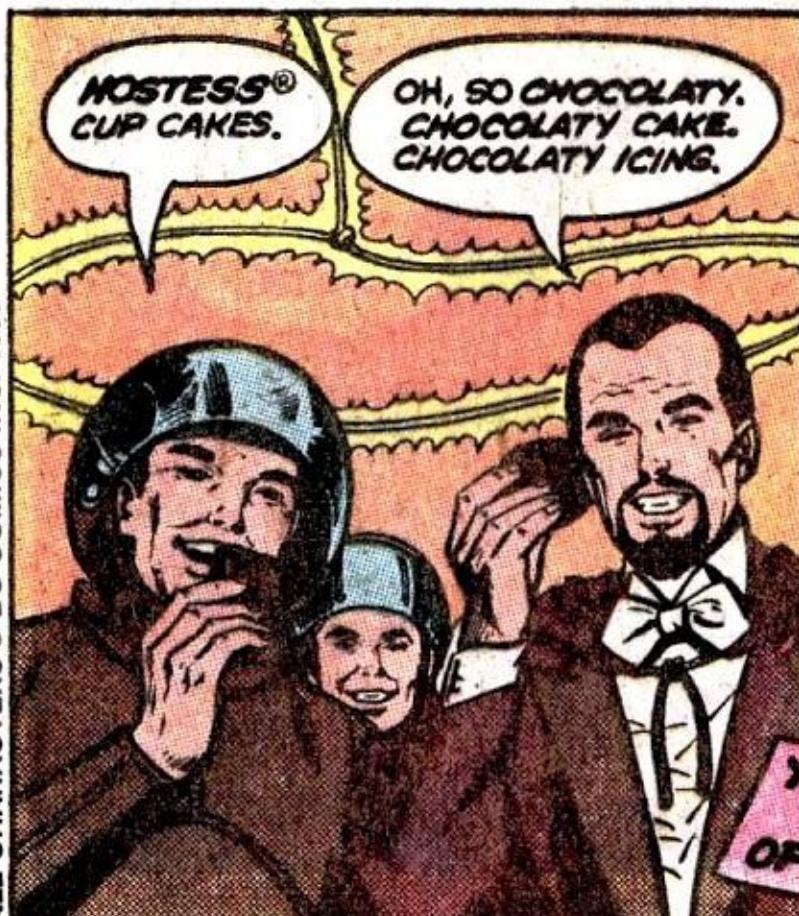
ROBIN -- FROM
THE ROOF--
GRENADE!



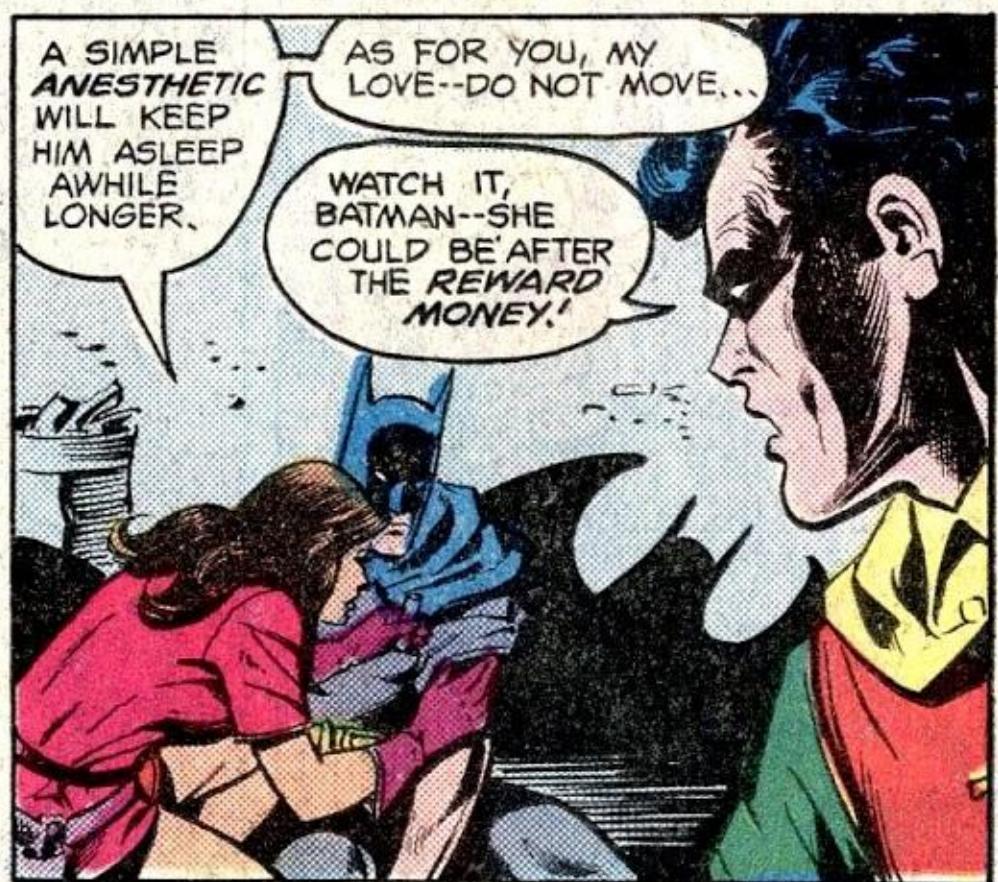
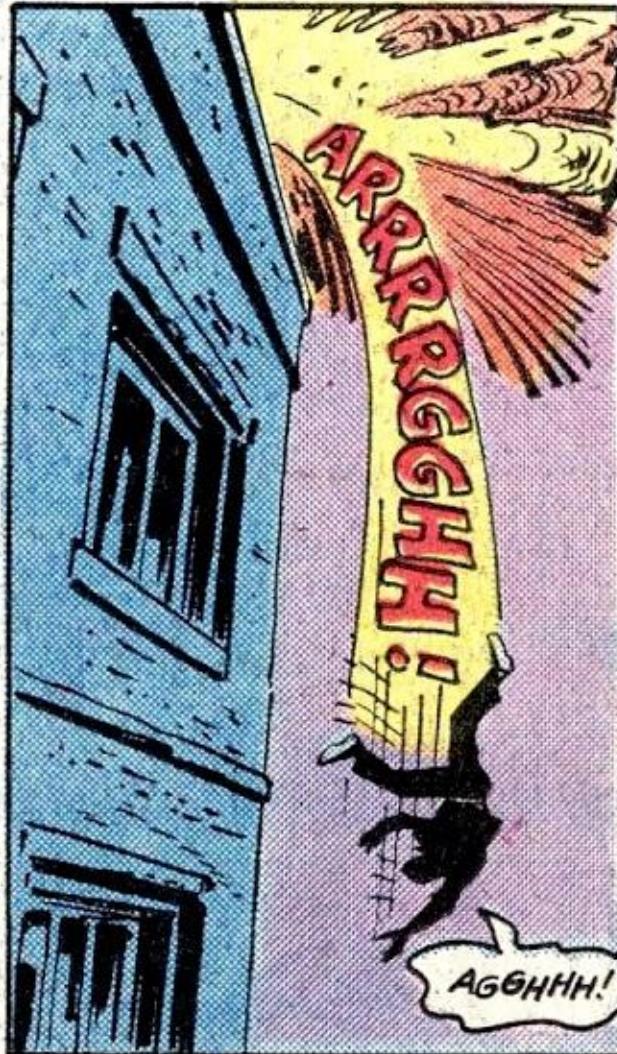
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FUNNY, I WAS SURE
I SAW TIM RUNNING
THROUGH THIS ALLEY,
MUST'VE BEEN
MISTAKEN.

SEEING TALIA MUST
HAVE RATTLED ME.

NEVER DID TRUST
HER OR HER WEIRD
FATHER--
RĀ'S AL GHŪL--

--BUT BATMAN
HAS ALWAYS LET HER
COME BACK INTO HIS
LIFE, AND I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT'S ONLY
FOR HER BEAUT--
HOLD IT!

THEY'RE GONE...
BOTH OF THEM
ARE **GONE!**

MEANWHILE,
IN HIS PRISON
CELL, ARCH
SKYLER
GRINS AS
THE LATEST
NEWS COMES
OVER THE
RADIO...

...A **FOURTH AND FIFTH** ATTACK HAS
BEEN REPORTED, BUT, AS BEFORE, THE
BATMAN, HAS SURVIVED.

GOTHAM CITY HOLDS ITS
BREATH AND WONDERS IF ITS DARK NIGHT
DETECTIVE CAN **SURVIVE** THE NIGHT.

HE HASN'T GOT A
PRAYER! BEFORE
I DIE -- I'LL SEE
BATMAN DEAD!

IT'S A FRUSTRATED
DICK GRAYSON WHO
PACES THE
PENTHOUSE APART-
MENT OF THE TOWER-
ING **WAYNE**
FOUNDATION...

I CAN'T BELIEVE
IT, ALFRED-- THEY
BOTH TOOK OFF,
IGNORED ME, AS
IF I WEREN'T
EVEN THERE.

I KNEW BRUCE WAS **AGAINST** MY LEAVING
COLLEGE, BUT THIS--?

PERHAPS THE TIME
YOU TWO HAVE SPENT
APART MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR MASTER
BATMAN TO ACCEPT
HAVING A **PARTNER**
AGAIN.

I CAN'T BELIEVE
THAT OF HIM, ALFRED.
THE BATMAN IS A
PRO, HE WOULD
NEVER TURN AWAY
MY HELP.

IT'S
SOMETHING
ELSE...
SOMETHING
DEEPER.

THE RESIDENCE OF MASTER
BRUCE WAYNE, CAN I BE OF--
AH, IT IS YOU, SIR.

YES...
YES, I
UNDERSTAND.
I SHALL
RELAY THE
MESSAGE
TO MASTER
RICHARD
AT ONCE,
SIR.

THE PHONE RINGS, AND ALFRED REACHES TO
ANSWER ITS CLANGING SUMMONS...

SIR, MASTER
BRUCE REQUESTS
THAT I INFORM
YOU THAT HE
AND MISS TALIA
HAVE LOCATED
YOUNG TIMOTHY
FOX...

GREAT! I'LL
CHANGE--

...BUT THAT HE
WOULD PREFER IF
YOU REMAINED
HERE... AWAY
FROM THE
TROUBLE.

HE WOULD,
WOULD HE?

WELL, YOU CAN TELL HIM
FOR ME THAT I **HEARD**
HIS REQUEST AND
I TOLD YOU WHAT HE
COULD DO WITH IT.

I'M NOT A
KID ANYMORE,
AND BRUCE **CAN'T**
TELL ME HOW TO
CONDUCT MY LIFE!

THE BATMAN CAN SMELL THE STENCH OF THE CHEAP ROTGUT
EVEN ON THE STREET OUTSIDE THE **BAY AVENUE POOL HALL...**

MY INFORMANTS
TELL ME THAT
THE CHILD YOU'RE
AFTER IS IN
THERE.

IF YOU'RE RIGHT,
TALIA-- I'M IN
YOUR **DEBT**.

WHATEVER
YOU WANT
IS YOURS.

I WILL
HOLD YOU
TO THAT,
MY LOVE.

HE ENTERS, AND
THE NOISY
RUCKUS
SUDDENLY
CEASES...

CRIPES!
IT'S THE
BATMAN!

SHEEE!
AN' I WUZ
JES 'BOUT
TA'WIN, TOO!

YOU -- RONALD WATKINS! I UNDERSTAND
YOU'RE PRETENDING YOU'RE AN ADULT, RON...

YOU'RE ACTUALLY
ORGANIZING A JOB
TONIGHT.

SO WHAT, MAN?
AIN'T NOTHIN'
YOU GONNA
DO 'BOUT IT!

SCRAMBLE HIM, GUYS!
LET 'IM TRY'N STOP
ALLA US!

WHAM!!!

MY YOUNG
FRIEND, I
DON'T EVEN
HAVE TO
TRY...

YOU'RE
ALL
YOUNG,
INEXPERA-
ENCED--

--YOU STILL THINK FIGHTING IS
WAVING YOUR FISTS AROUND!

BUT
THERE'S A
LOT MORE
YOU DON'T
KNOW...

...THAT
KNOWLEDGE
COMES WITH
TIME!

TROUBLE IS, KIDS YOUR AGE
THINK YOU KNOW IT ALL!
PROBLEM IS, YOU HARDLY
KNOW ANYTHING!

THAT WAS JUST A WARMING, FRIENDS.
DON'T GET INTO TROUBLE YOU CAN'T HANDLE.

GO HOME, GO BACK TO SCHOOL--
LEARN SOMETHING BEFORE YOU
GET IN OVER YOUR HEADS.

BECAUSE
I PROMISE
YOU, FRIENDS--
NEXT TIME WE
MEET, I WON'T
KEEP ON THE
KID GLOVES!
UNDERSTAND?

MAN, THAT JUST CUTS IT. ANOTHER WHITEY TELLIN' US WHAT TA DO.

WELL, DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU PUNKS-- BUT I'M IN THIS MORE'N EVER!

GET OUTTA HERE NOW AN' GET READY FOR TONIGHT. I GOT A CALL TO MAKE.

RONALD WATKINS DIALS HIS NUMBER AND WAITS SIX RINGS BEFORE THE PHONE IS ANSWERED...

HEY, BOSS, THAT YOU? YEAH, LISSEN, THE BATMAN JUST SHOWED UP... TRIED TO GIVE US A SPANKIN'!

YEAH, DON'T WORRY. THE GUYS ARE STILL WITH US -- 'SPECIALLY FOX!

YEAH, AFTER WE HIT WAYNE'S PLACE TONIGHT, WE'LL DUMP HIM. WE'LL DUMP 'IM GOOD AN' DEAD!

AH, CARLYLE, THINGS COULD NOT BE MORE SPLENDID. OUR YOUNG WATKINS CHAP HAS IT ALL SET.

BRUCE WAYNE SHOULD GET A GREAT BANG OUT OF OUR WORK TONIGHT, EH?

OUTSIDE...

WHUPETAWHUPETAWHUPET

BLAST IT! ANOTHER MANIAC TRYING TO CUT ME DOWN--

--AND THIS ONE'S STUPID ENOUGH TO BUZZ ME RIGHT ON FIFTH AVENUE!

THANK GOODNESS THE PEDESTRIANS ALL RAN FOR COVER...

BWEEF!!

BEOWW!!



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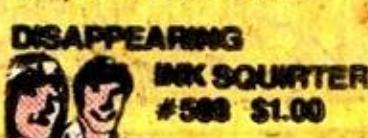
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YOURSELVES--

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NOT TO SEE MY NEXT MOVE.

HMM, SWINGING A
TAD TOO CLOSELY TO
THAT BUILDING--

--BUT I SHOULD BE ABLE TO
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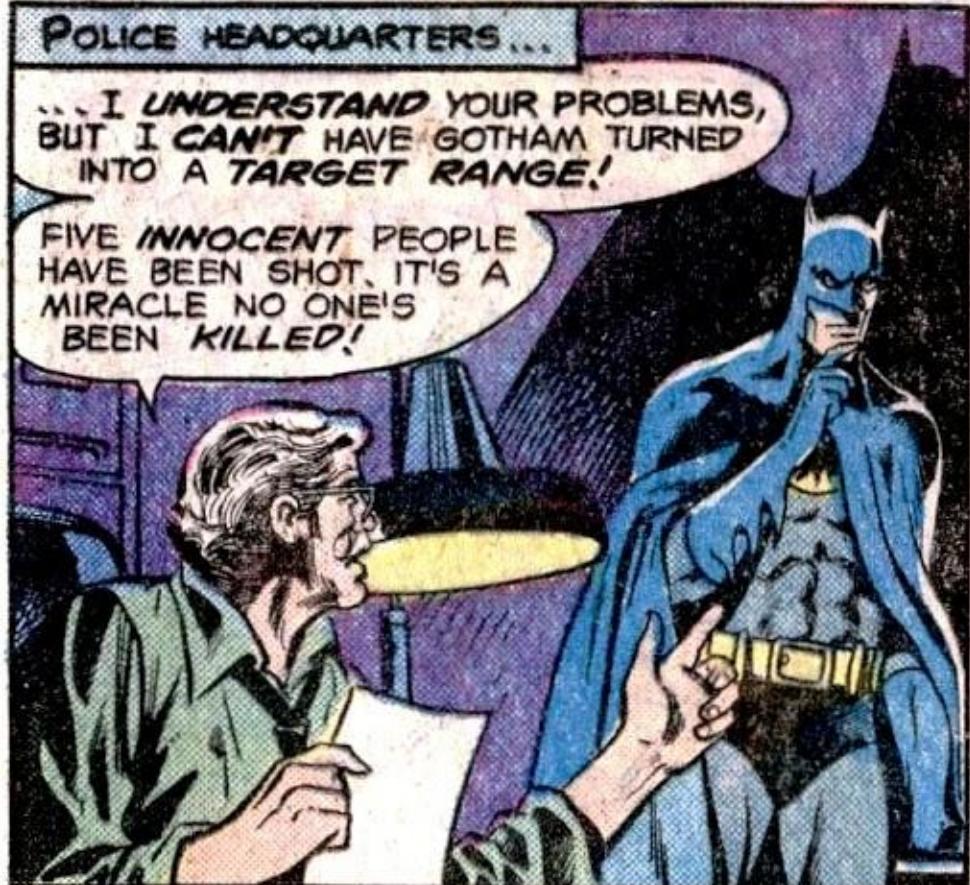
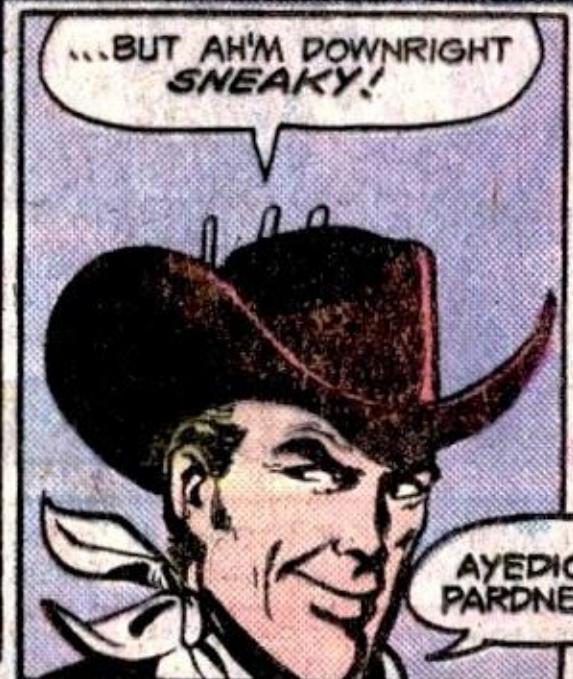
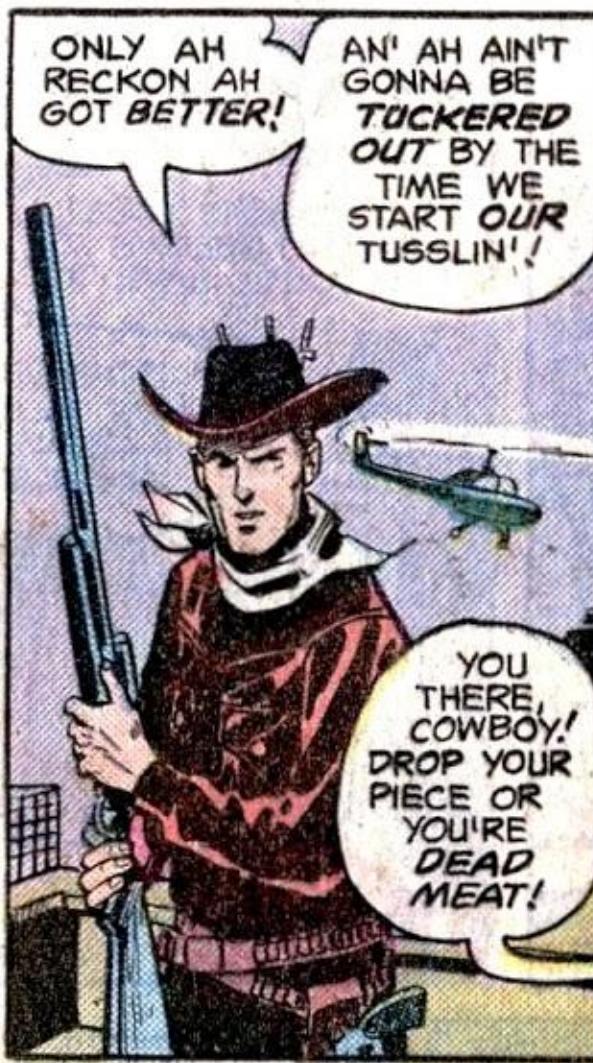
MAXIE! MY GOD!
LOOK! IT'S HIM!

HURRY!
GET OUT
YOUR
GUN!

I WOULDN'T
DO THAT IF
I WERE YOU!

THE WAY YOU CREEPS
ARE GOING, YOU JUST
MIGHT KILL YOURSELVES!

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THE MAN YOU ALWAYS BELIEVED IN IS A LOT **WORSE** THAN WHAT YOU THINK OF MY FRIENDS. I KNOW IT!

AND TONIGHT YOU'LL HAVE TO BELIEVE IT, DAD. YOU'LL HAVE TO!

"THE MAN!"
HE'S TALKING
ABOUT
BRUCE.

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LOOK, I GOTTA BE SURE YOU'RE RIGHT.

C'MON, TIM-- I SHOWED YOU THEM PAPERS, RIGHT? THEY PROVE WAYNE OWNS ABOUT THIRTY OF THE WORST TENEMENTS IN TOWN!

HE'S BILKIN' ALL US POOR FOLK...

...AN' IT'S TIME WE GOT BACK WHAT'S DUE US-- TONIGHT!

BRUCE OWNS TENEMENTS?
IMPOSSIBLE!
IT'S AGAINST EVERYTHING HE BELIEVES!

HE ONLY TRIES TO HELP... HE DOESN'T MEAN TO HURT ANYBODY!

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I CAN FEEL IT. I KNOW IT.

I'VE PUT MYSELF IN
DANGER COMING HERE...

BUT THE ONLY WAY I COULD
PROTECT GOTHAM'S CITIZENS
IS TO DRAW ALL MY ATTACKERS
AWAY FROM THE CITY... EH?

BWEEED
BEEOW!

IT'S
BEGUN!

MOTORCYCLE
TOUGHS!
NEVER THOUGHT
THEY'D BE
INTERESTED IN--

OF COURSE! IT'S
BLACKJACK! PROTEC-
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EAST VILLAGE AREA!

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TERRORIZE
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... BY ATTACKING THEM
AT HOME--GOING AFTER
THEIR WIVES AND CHILDREN.

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO
BE TOUGH, BATMAN!
ONLY NO ONE'S TOUGHER
THAN BLACKJACK!

THEY'RE DEADLY
AS THEY COME--

AN' WITH TEN
MILLION IN GOLD
AS THE PRIZE--
WE AINT PUTTIN'
OFF THAT MEETING
ANY LONGER!

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HIMSELF IS IN
THE LEAD...

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RAN INTO YOU
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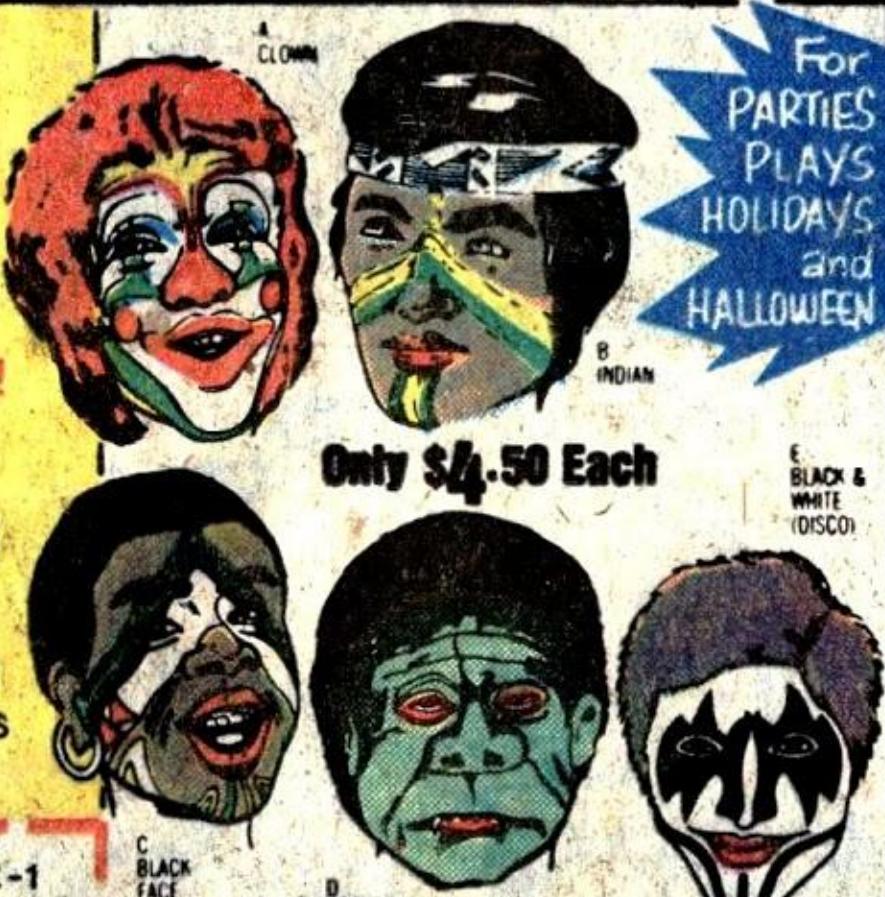
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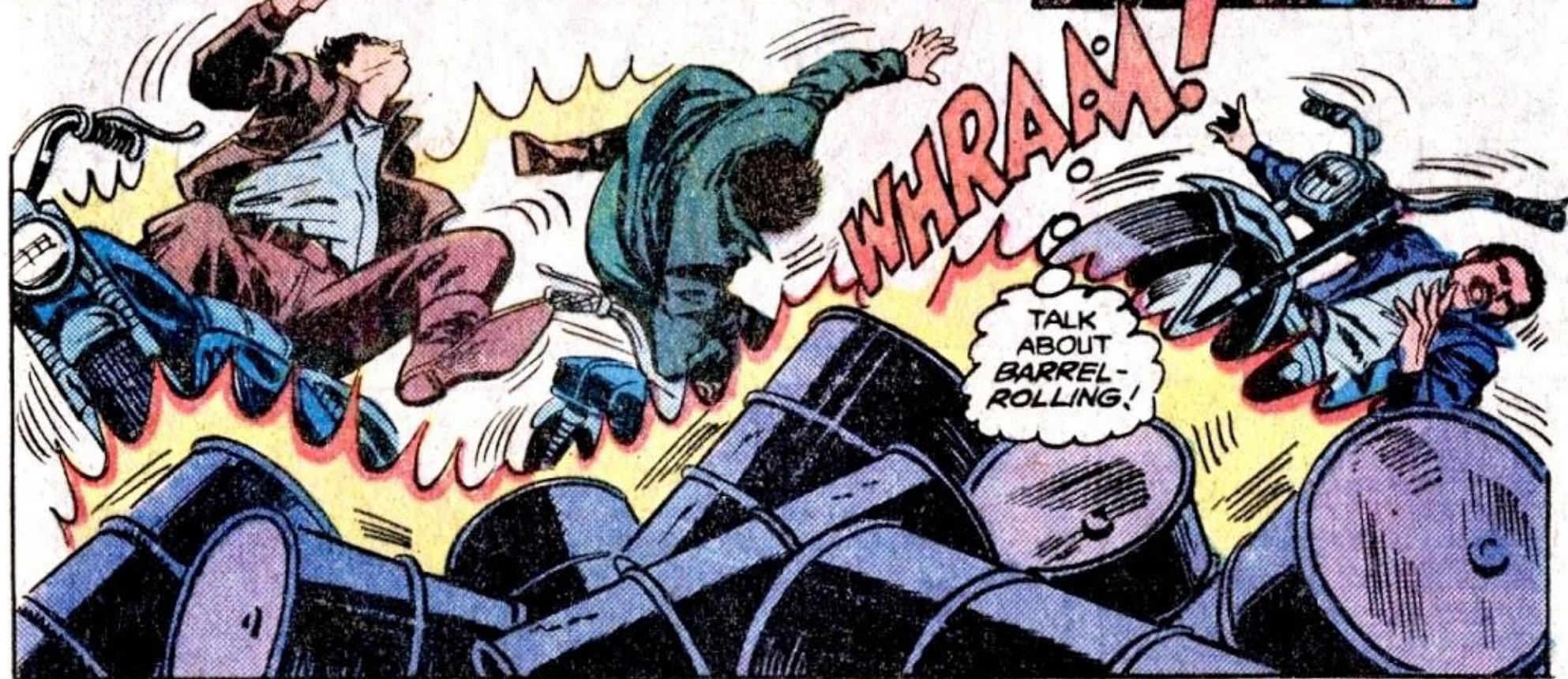
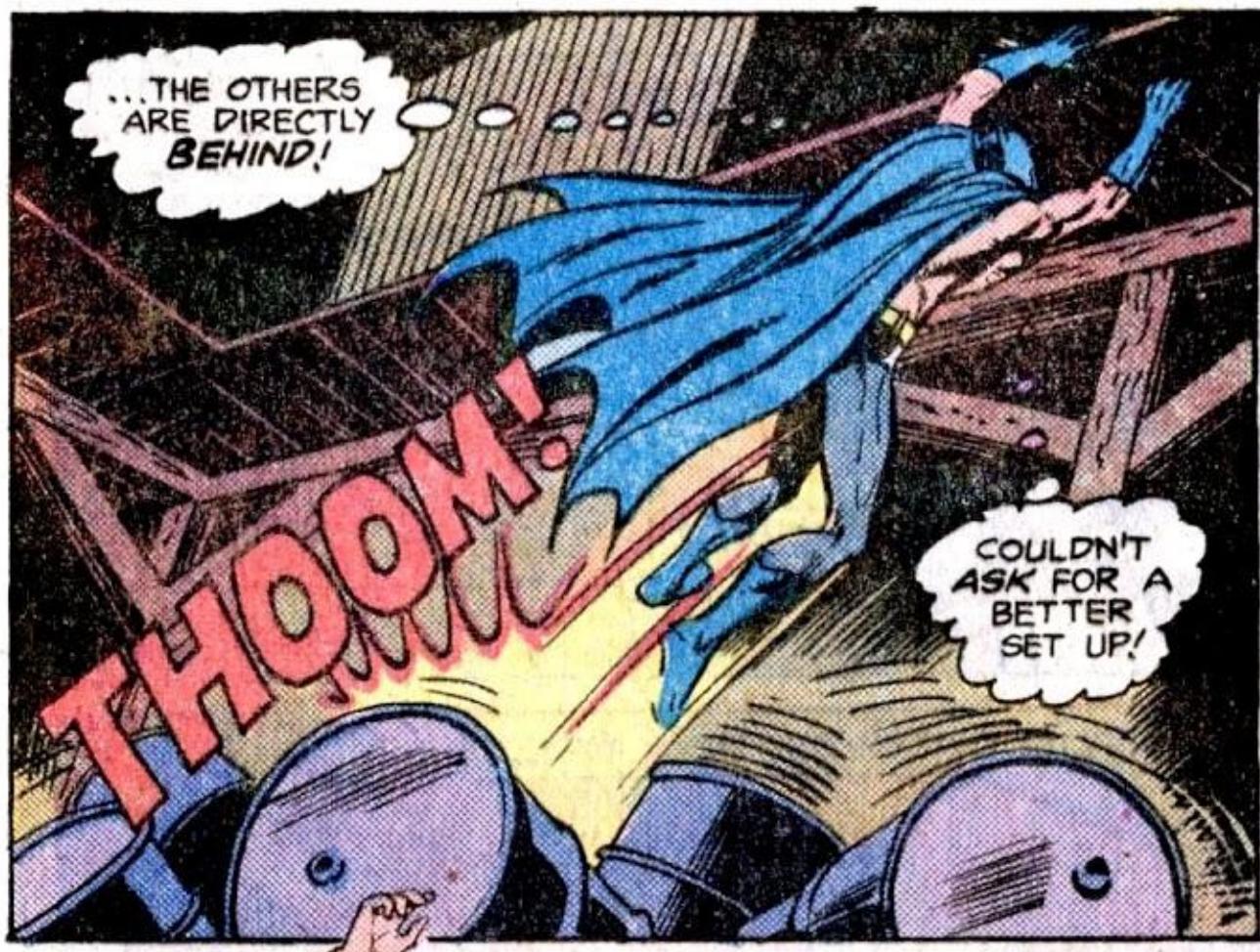


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THIS ACTION HAS TAKEN LESS THAN A FIFTH OF A SECOND...



...ANOTHER HOOD HAS FALLEN...

THE BATMAN REACHES FOR THE ARROW STUCK IN THE WALL BY HIS HEAD. HE TAKES A DEEP BREATH, THEN WHIRLS AT THE FAINT SOUND OF A WOODEN FLOORBEAM CREAKING...

YOU GOT LUCK, BATMAN. BUT LET'S SEE HOW MUCH LONGER IT LASTS--



--WITH AN AX SPLITTING YOU FROM SKULL TO TOE!

HUH? Y-YOU DODGED MY SWING. BUT HOW?

NOBODY'S THAT FAST!



I AM!

AND THAT'S ALL THAT COUNTS!



STILL SEVERAL MORE HIDING OUT,
WAITING FOR ME TO MAKE A
MOVE SO THEY CAN ACT.

WELL, NEVER
LET IT BE
SAID THAT
BATMAN ISN'T
COOPERATIVE!

BLACKJACK, YOU'VE JUST
BEEN ELECTED TO HELP
ME PUT ON A SHOW
FOR OUR HIDDEN
GALLERY!

JUST THE DUDE I
WAS LOOKIN' FOR!

WHAA--?
BATMAN!

THOOM!

YOU ALWAYS
WANTED ME TO
TURN STRAIGHT,
DIDN'T YA?

WELL, ONCE I
SCRAG YA, I WON'T
NEED NO PENNY-ANTE
PROTECTION RACKET.

I WON'T NEED TO
DO NOTHIN' 'CEPT
TRY'N SPEND ALL
'A ARCH SKYLER'S
GOLD!

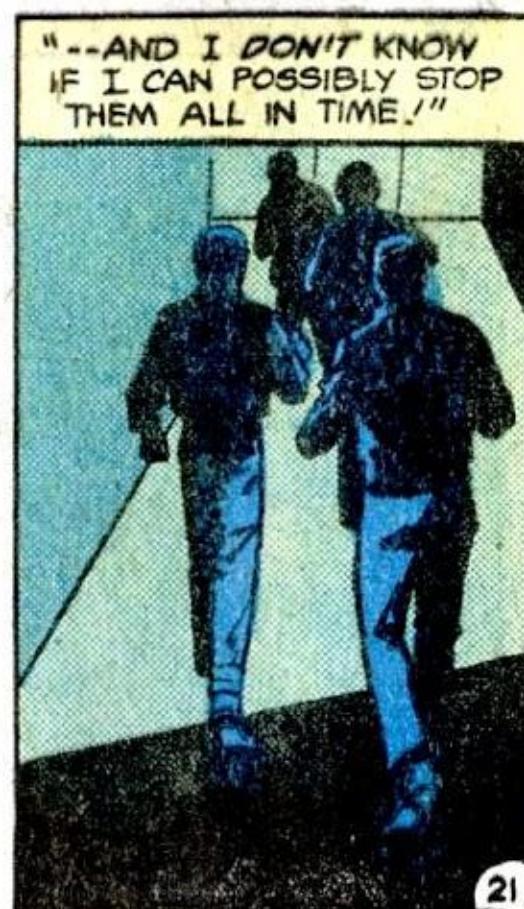
SO, MEBBE YOU
SHOULD MAKE IT
SIMPLE FOR ME TO
GO STRAIGHT, BATMAN.

JUST LAY THERE
AND DIE!

CRRASH!

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YOU'RE A
FOOL!

-- BY
DESTROY-
ING A
SUPPORT
BEAM...



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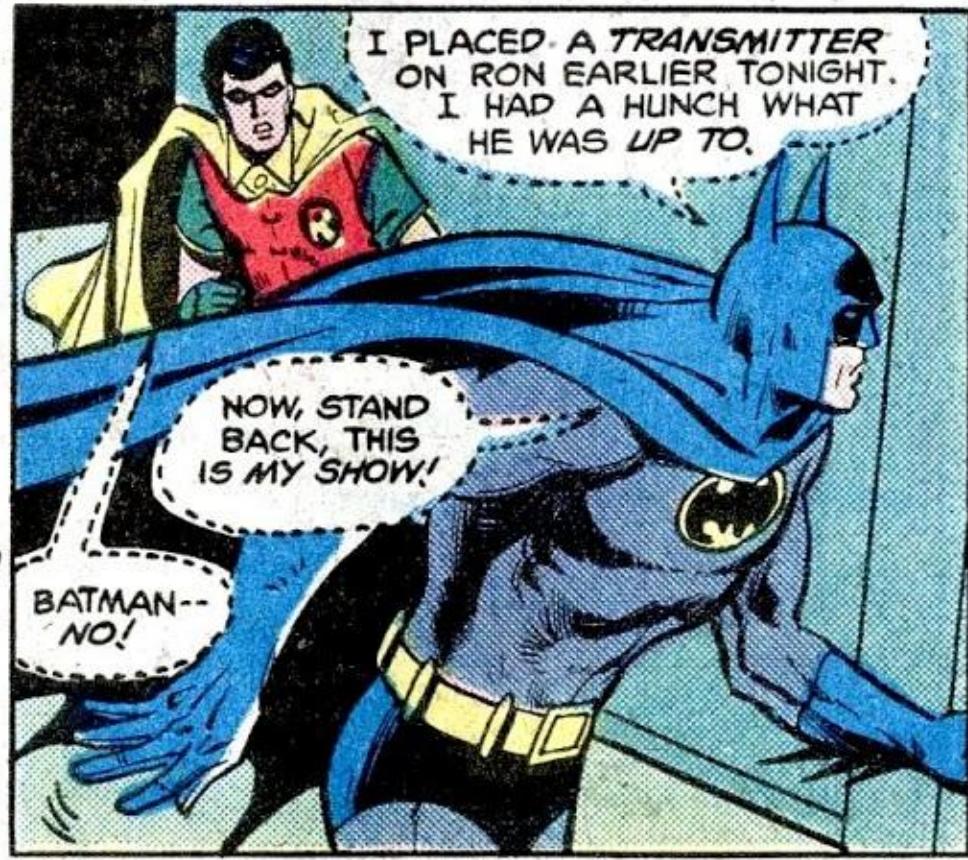
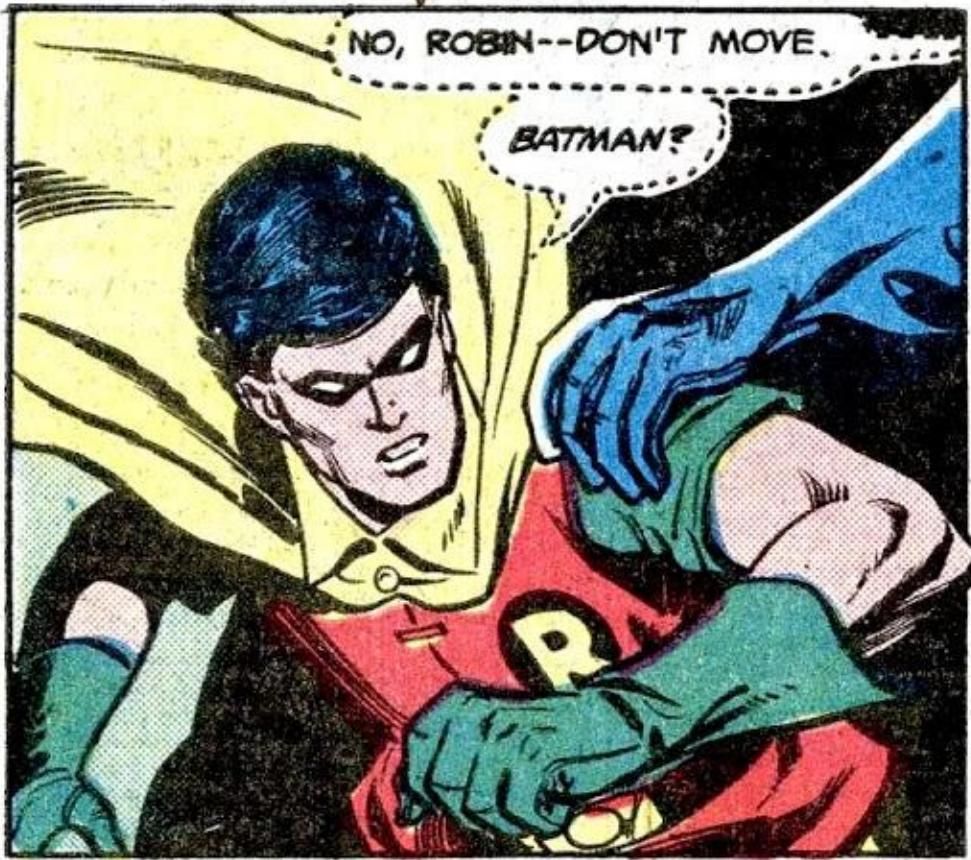
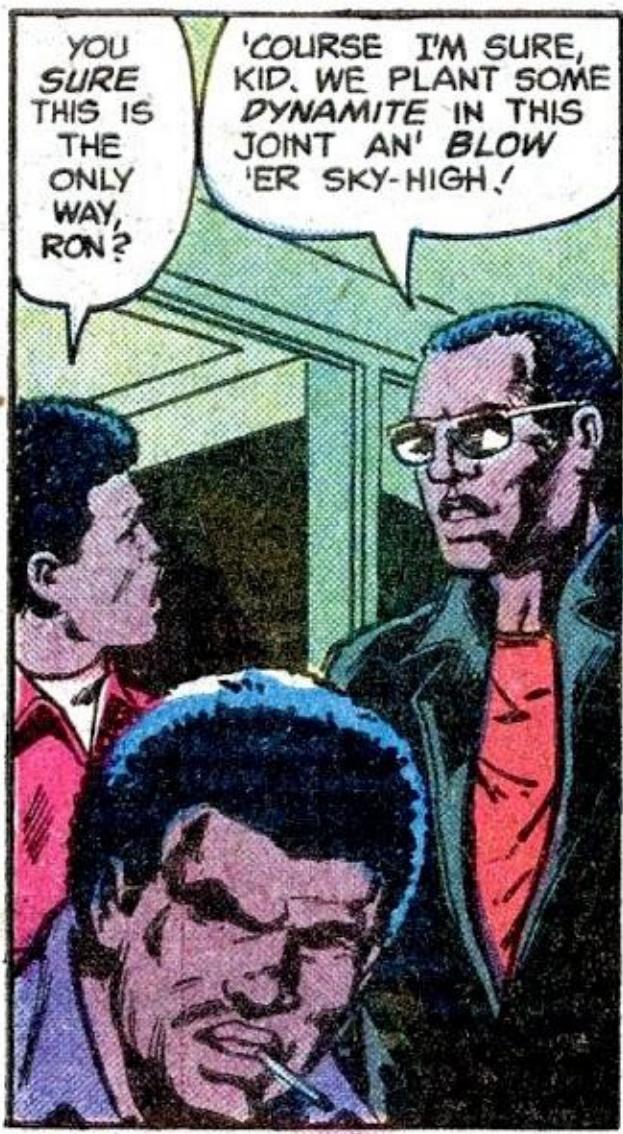
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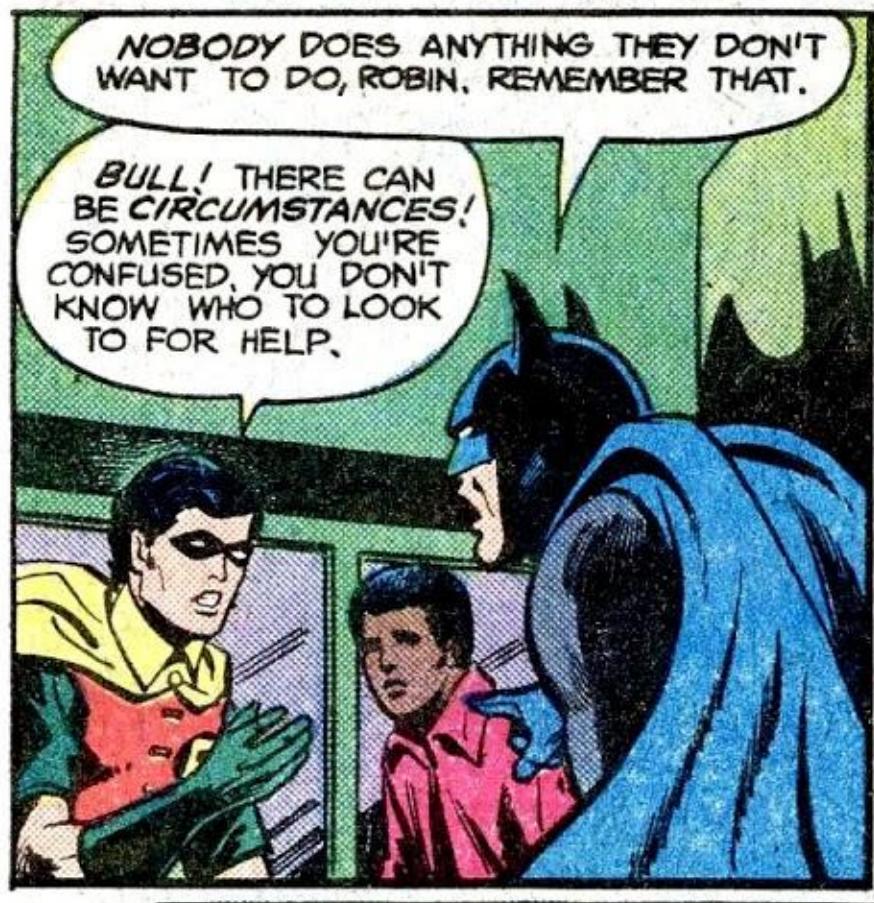
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HEARD,
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RIGHT,
ROBIN?

RIGHT,
BATMAN!

I HEARD THE COWBOY
COULDN'T HIT THE SIDE
OF A BARN.

HUH? Y-YOU'RE
MOVIN' TOO
FAST!

AND
THAT'S FROM
THE INSIDE!

BAM!
BAM!
BAM!

UNGHH!

GOOD EXCUSE, COWBOY! REMEMBER TO
TELL THAT TO THE OTHER GUYS IN THE STATE
PEN WHEN THEY ASK HOW BATMAN CAUGHT YOU!

GOOD, LI'L
FELLA... REAL
GOOD. BUT THE
COWBOY AIN'T
DOWN YET.

NOT ONLY
ARE YOU
DOWN...

BUT
YOU'RE
ALSO
OUT!

WRONG.

ZAP!

LOOK AT HIM, TIMMY.
YOU COULD HAVE WOUND
UP JUST LIKE HIM.

IS THIS THE KIND OF
SCUM YOU'RE TRYING
TO EMULATE? IS IT?

THAT'S
ENOUGH,
BATMAN...

TIM DOESN'T
NEED TO BE
LECTURED,
AND NEITHER
DO I!

I THINK WE'D BETTER
HAVE A LONG TALK
WHEN WE'RE DONE HERE...

GOTHAM PRISON. ARCH SKYLER RAGES
AS THE RADIO NEWS ANNOUNCES THE DAWN...

NO! IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!
THE BATMAN'S
STILL ALIVE!

SKYLER...
IT'S TIME.

EVERY HIT-
MAN IN
GOTHAM WAS
AFTER HIM.

NO! NOOO!
I AIN'T READY
TO DIE NOW..

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!
I WANTED THE BATMAN
TO DIE BEFORE I DIED.

LISSEN TO ME! THE
BATMAN DIDN'T DIE...
HE DIDN'T DIE, SO
I CAN'T DIE.

HE WAS SUPPOSED TO DIE.
I PAID! HE WAS SUPPOSED
TO DIE...HE WAS SUPPOSED TO...

...EVERYONE WAS AFTER
HIM...EVERYONE TRIED...
WHY DIDN'T HE DIE?

C-CAN'T ANYONE TELL ME
WHY HE DIDN'T DIE?

OH, GOD... WHY?
OH, WHY?

OH...
GOD...
GOD...

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OVER. THE LAST TWENTY-FOUR
HOURS THAT ARCH SKYLER SHALL
EVER GET TO SEE...

NEXT: THE ELECTROCUTIONER!

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Dear Editor,

BATMAN #325 should not be regarded as a fill-in issue. By all rights, BATMAN #325 was not a fill-in issue. The dictionary defines "fill-in" as "a temporary substitute". Comicdom commonly defines it as "a quickly done issue, usually not as good as the current series; a feeble replacement to get a mag back on schedule."

While "Death—Twenty Stories High" may have been a "temporary substitute" it was by no means a quickly done issue or a feeble replacement. In fact it was one of the most enjoyable Bat-tales I have read all year. Part of the story's charm was its originality. But I expected no less from the man (along with fantastic artist Frank Miller) who has made DAREDEVIL one of Marvel's greatest mags.

So thanks to Roger, Paul, Irv, Jenette, and everyone else connected to BATMAN #325 for a very exciting issue. And if this is what DC considers a fill-in, then I look forward to lots more "feeble replacements".

Stu Krull
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While we do our best to avoid fill-ins, when they do become necessary we do our best to make sure that they're as solid as the stories produced by our regular writers and artists (witness the recent string of fill-in artists on BRAVE & BOLD, including stars Dick Giordano, Jose Luis Garcia-Lopez, Don Newton and Dave Cockrum). Quite simply, we don't think that the fact that we need to change the creative roster should be a valid excuse for giving you a poorer product.—PL

Dear Editor,

Roger McKenzie's guest stint in Batman #325 was made memorable by his spotlighting an old favorite of mine, Commissioner Gordon, but flawed by several small details.

Paul, wasn't it established somewhere in the past that the lens of the Bat-Signal was fitted with unbreakable glass?

I find it hard to believe that such an important piece of crime-fighting equipment could be so susceptible to a mere bullet—high-powered at that.

And speaking of the indomitable Batman, Roger went overboard slightly, making him appear reckless as he charged the sniper's .45.

If you noticed, despite the gunman's excited dialogue, his gun didn't shake one iota.

Don't strip away all of Batman's humanity or you'll have another cold, merciless Shadow.

Jeffrey Lowndes
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The Bat-Signal is indeed supposed to be covered with bulletproof glass, but every time someone improves bullet-proof glass, someone else improves bullets to find a way through (or would you believe, "Ooops! We forgot!")?—PL

Dear Editor:

Roger McKenzie did an admirable job at filling-in for Len Wein on the Batman. "Death—Twenty Stories High" was a very good story with plenty of action and suspense. This is the first story to my memory that we have ever seen Commissioner

Gordon having to run for re-election. McKenzie wove a very detailed intricate story with plenty of twists and turns that kept the reader guessing throughout the entire story. From the assassination attempt at the start to the mud-slinging campaign to the race against time to save Gordon's life, I was glued to this story. Of course, the constant plot twists demanded one's constant attention. I did like the fact that Brand was an honest politician, and not depicted as a power-mad crooked politician. However, Hamilton did provide that role; and I did notice the similarity in names with a certain official with the executive department of the government. The method of killing Gordon was great, as Batman would indeed be the cause; and that mere inches save at the end was classic—a true highlight in the relationship between these two very good men.

I really liked the way that Roger did pay some attention to the continuity that Len has endeavored so hard to create, by showing Lucius at Bruce's side. The story was so involved that it did not really allow for any time to show the Selina-Bruce relationship. Even though this was not a super-villain story, it was still a classic Batman tale.

Novick and Mitchell provided adequate art and captured the feel for the story being presented. However, I will be glad to see McLaughlin return next issue.

Kent A. Phenis

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Dear Paul,

I recently read through BATMAN #325 and was completely surprised! Not about the story, the art or the writing, but the advertisement before page 16. So DC's going to be 50¢ again! Fantastic! Well, almost fantastic. DC has already tried a 50¢ comic and the only thing the reader wound up with was a price increase to 40¢.

What I'm really trying to get at is that the ad read "Batman And Robin Appearing in Batman." Why Robin? Why not Batgirl? You even said in your last poll that *not too many* people voted!! This poll was, of course, to see who could be in Batman comics!

It's not that I don't like Robin, it's that Batgirl would be better in this position!

AT LEAST—do what you're doing to a few other comics and alternate Batgirl and Robin, so that Batgirl fans will be given a chance to see her. Keep in mind Robin is in Detective, The Superfriends, will possibly be in the Teen Titans if you bring the mag back. Don't you think that's enough! Give Batgirl a chance in Batman! She deserves it as well as all of her fans!

Christopher Sullivan

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As you can see, not all our added attractions have featured Robin—some have spotlighted Batman and Commissioner Gordon, others just off-beat Batman tales—and this issue we've even eliminated the second story in favor of an extra-length tale. We have no doubt that Batgirl will get her turn too.—PL

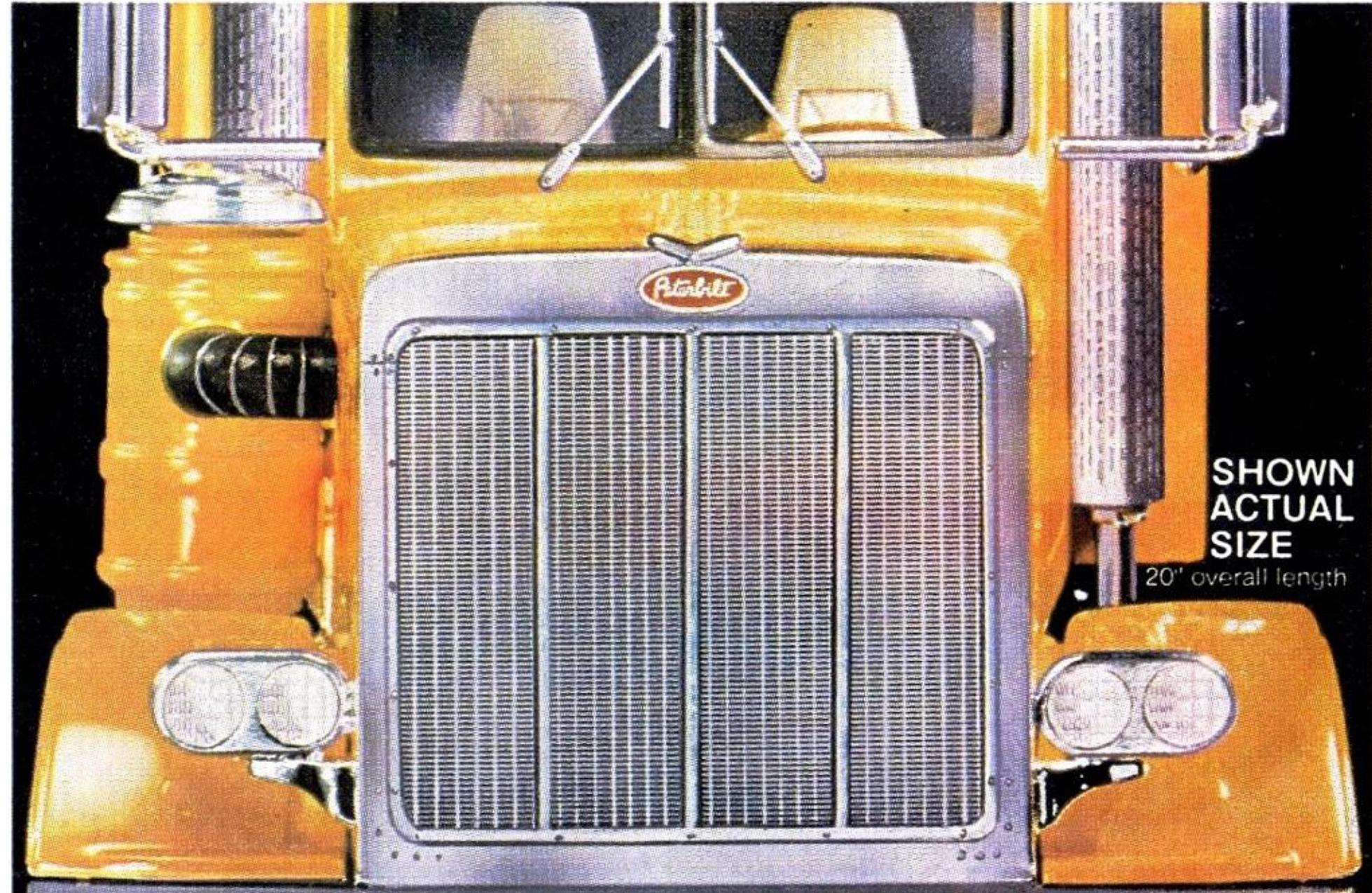
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MEET
O.J. SIMPSON

IT'S O.J. SIMPSON BREAKING OFF TACKLE! HE'S AT THE 40, THE 30. HE'S GOING ALL THE WAY. IT'S A TOUCH DOWN!



LATER ... IN THE LOCKER ROOM

WOW! O.J. SIMPSON! AW, A LET'S GET HIS SUPERSTAR LIKE AUTOGRAPH! HIM WOULDN'T NOTICE US...



HEY! WITH THOSE DINGO BOOTS, YOU GUYS LOOK LIKE SUPERSTARS! O.J.!

HOW'D YOU KNOW WE WERE WEARING DINGO'S?



MAN, IT'S EASY! NOBODY PUTS LEATHER TOGETHER LIKE DINGO! I WEAR DINGO'S MYSELF!

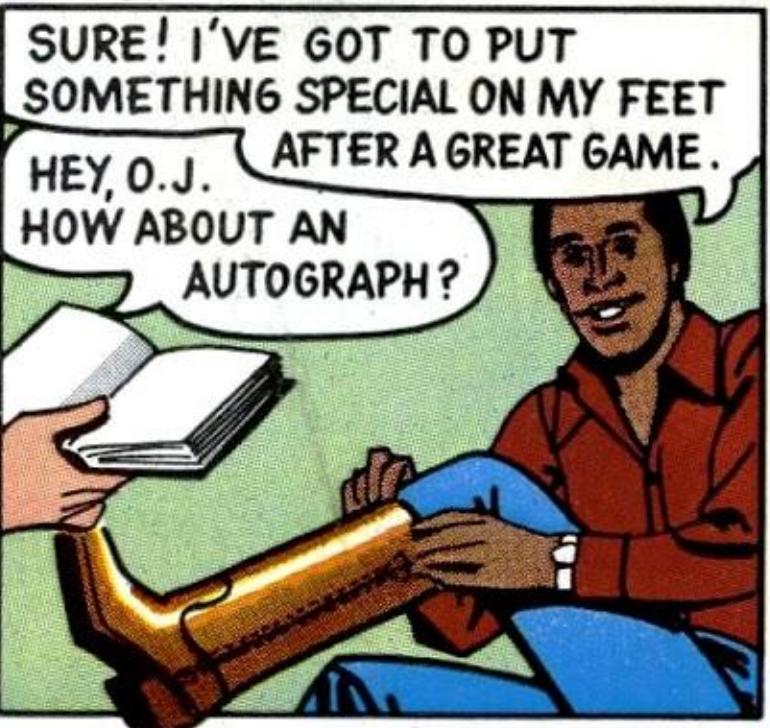


YOU WEAR DINGO'S, O.J.!



SURE! I'VE GOT TO PUT SOMETHING SPECIAL ON MY FEET AFTER A GREAT GAME.

HEY, O.J. HOW ABOUT AN AUTOGRAPH?



FOR THE DINGO KIDS ? YOU BET !



KIDS! GET YOUR FREE AUTOGRAPHED PHOTO OF ME, O.J.! MAIL TO "O.J. DINGO", P.O. BOX 749, CLARKSVILLE, TENN. 37040.

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