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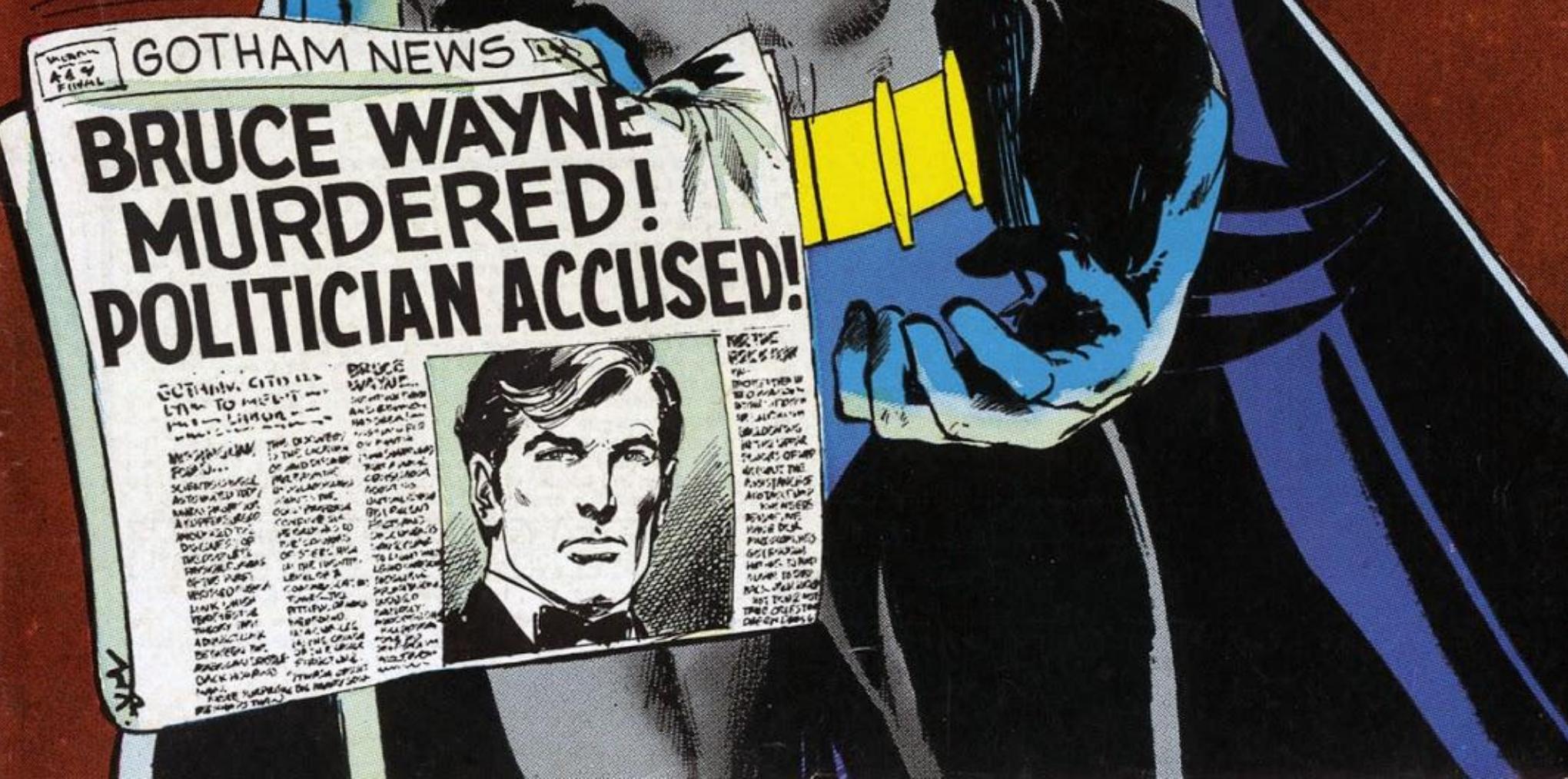
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HE'S  
**INNOCENT!**  
**I** KILLED  
BRUCE WAYNE...  
AND I CAN'T  
TELL A SOUL!



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FROM THE DARKNESS OF THE CITY'S SECRET HEART COMES THE...

# BATMAN

BILKER, I SAY THIS ABSURD ACCUSATION IS SLANDER! --AND I'LL HAVE YOUR HIDE FOR IT!

THERE ARE COURTS IN THIS COUNTRY--

TRUE, MISTER HARVEY! I EXPECT YOU'LL BE SEEING A LOT OF THEM AFTER I PRODUCE MY PROOF TOMORROW!

GENTLEMEN... PLEASE!

IN THESE SHRILL, HEATED WORDS IS THE BEGINNING OF WHAT IS PERHAPS THE BATMAN'S MOST BIZARRE EXPLOIT--

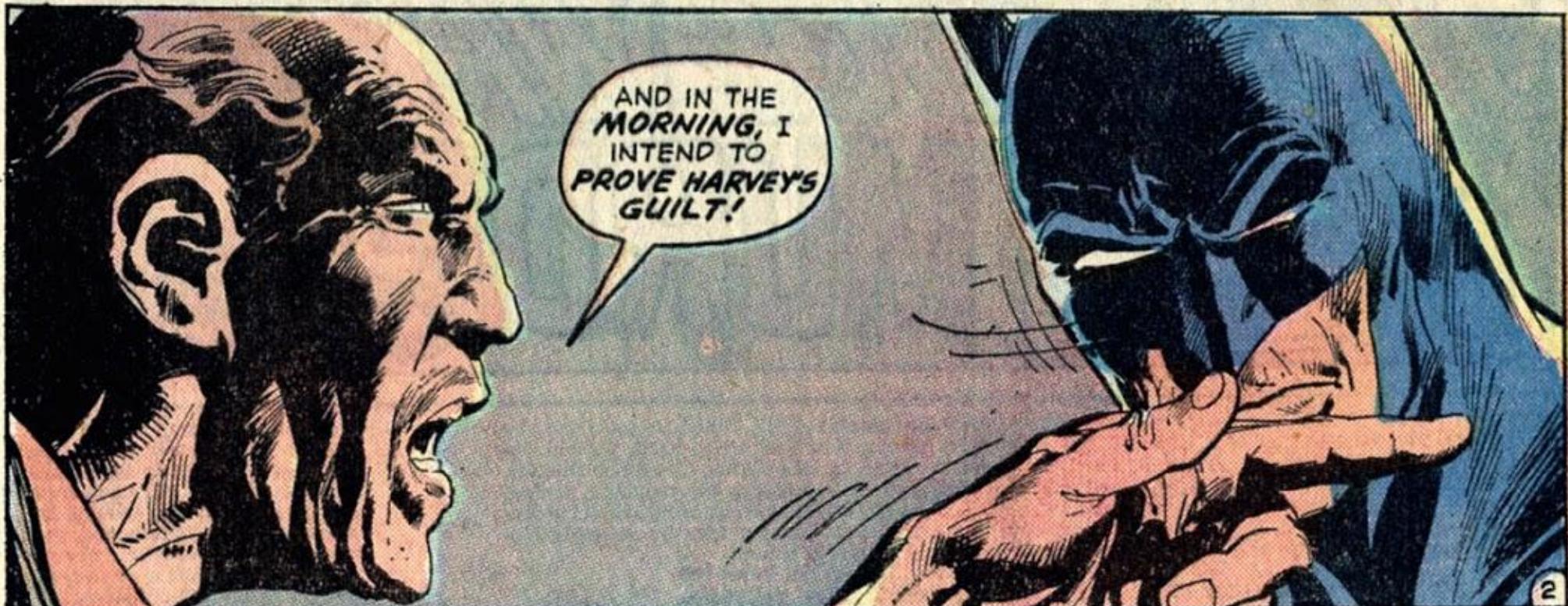
## The BRUCE WAYNE MURDER CASE!

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TEN MINUTES FROM THE SECOND YOU OPEN YOUR LYING MOUTH, BILKER, I'LL HAVE EVERY LAWYER IN THE STATE ON YOU!

BETTER SAVE THEM FOR YOURSELF!

GET OUT OF HERE-- BOTH OF YOU!

DO YOU THINK WAYNE WAS REALLY MURDERED?-- THE REPORTS SAID HIS PLANE CRASHED IN SOUTH AMERICA!

I CAN'T EXACTLY SAY, COMMISSIONER! BUT THIS I CAN SAY... GOTHAM CITY CAN'T AFFORD AN UGLY POLITICAL SQUABBLE JUST NOW!



\*NOTE: "BRUCE WAYNE--REST IN PEACE"-- IN BATMAN #242.



THE QUESTION BECOMES -- IS HE DELIBERATELY LYING? -- OR IS HE BEING DUPED?

VOTE FOR  
MAC JUDGE



SEEMS LIKE  
EVERY CREEP  
I GO AGAINST  
HAS A WALKING  
TUB OF SUET  
WHOSE BRAINS  
ARE IN HIS  
KNUCKLES!

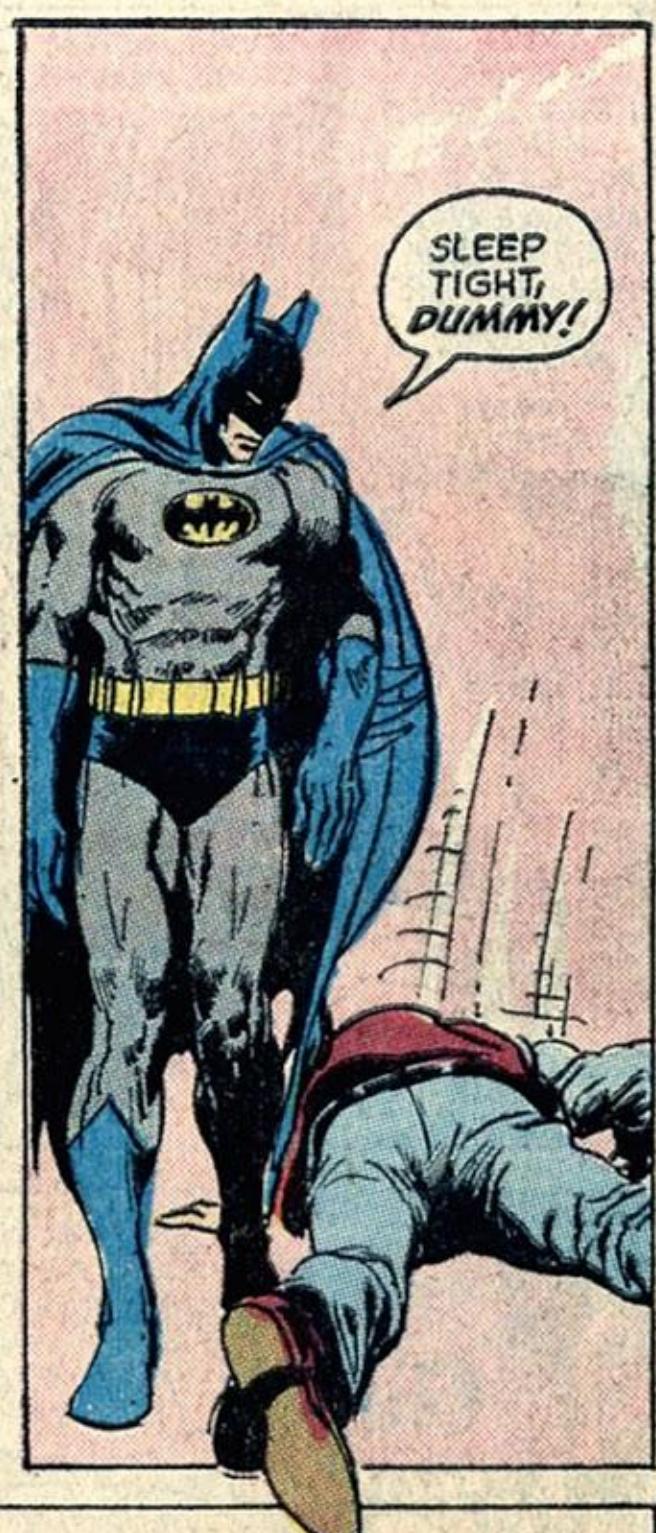
THEY HUFF  
AND PUFF  
AND SWING...

...WORK UP A  
LOT OF SWEAT  
MAKING LIKE  
BRAWLERS WHEN  
THEY PROBABLY  
COULDN'T WHIP  
ORPHAN ANNIE!

EVENTUALLY I GET TIRED  
OF THEIR ANTICS--

...OR MAYBE I FEEL SORRY  
FOR THEM! ANYWAY, I USUALLY  
PUT THEM OUT OF THEIR  
MISERY WITH A SHOT TO THE  
GUT--AND A BIT OF KARATE!

SLEEP  
TIGHT,  
DUMMY!



A SUGGESTION,  
BILKER! REPLACE  
THE GOON WITH  
A NURSEMAID!

NOW I SHALL  
ASK POLITELY  
FOR THE PAPER!

A-ALL  
RIGHT--



AS YOU'LL SEE,  
IT'S A NOTE  
FROM BRUCE  
WAYNE  
HIMSELF...!  
HE GAVE IT TO  
ME THE DAY  
HE LEFT FOR  
SOUTH  
AMERICA!

IT SAYS...

I CAN READ, BILKER! ONE  
OF MY MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

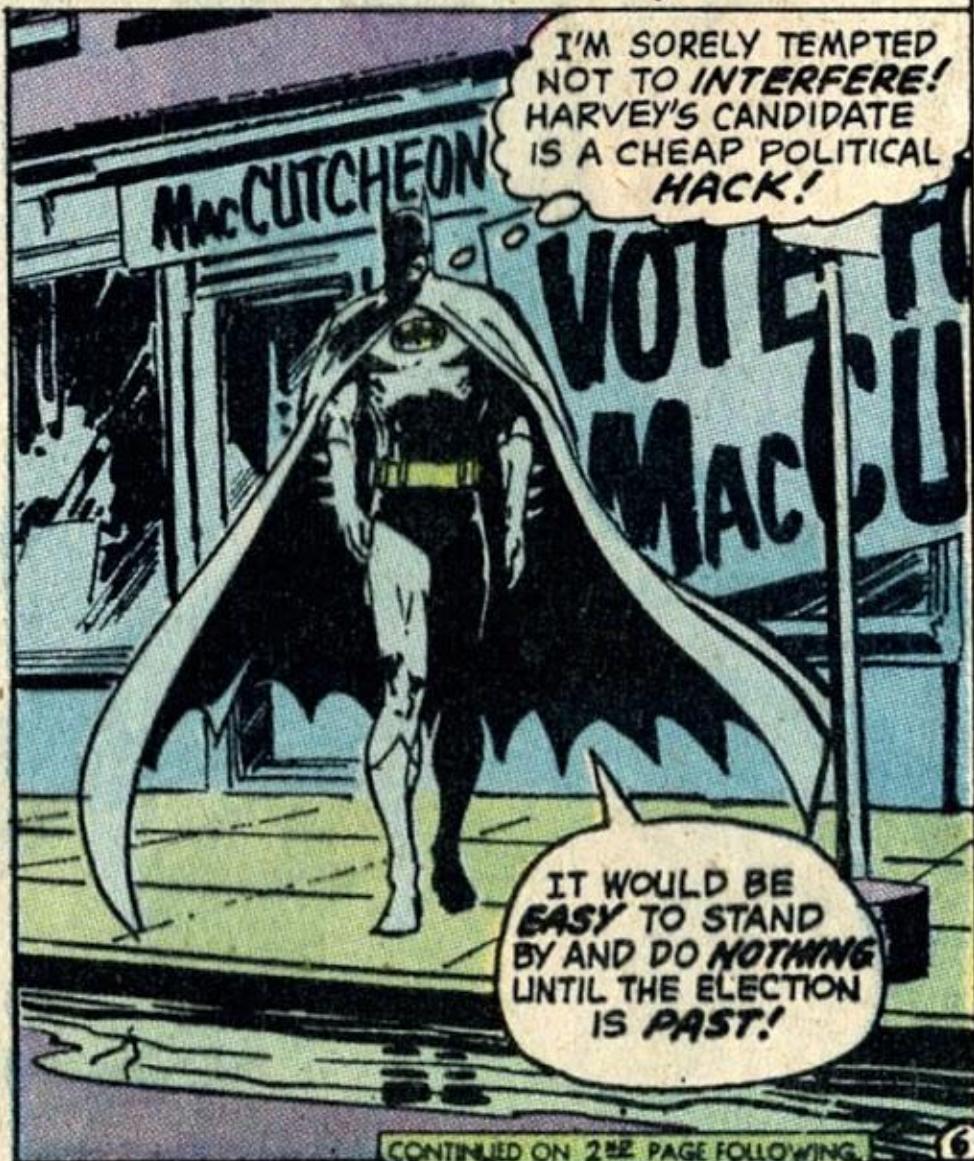
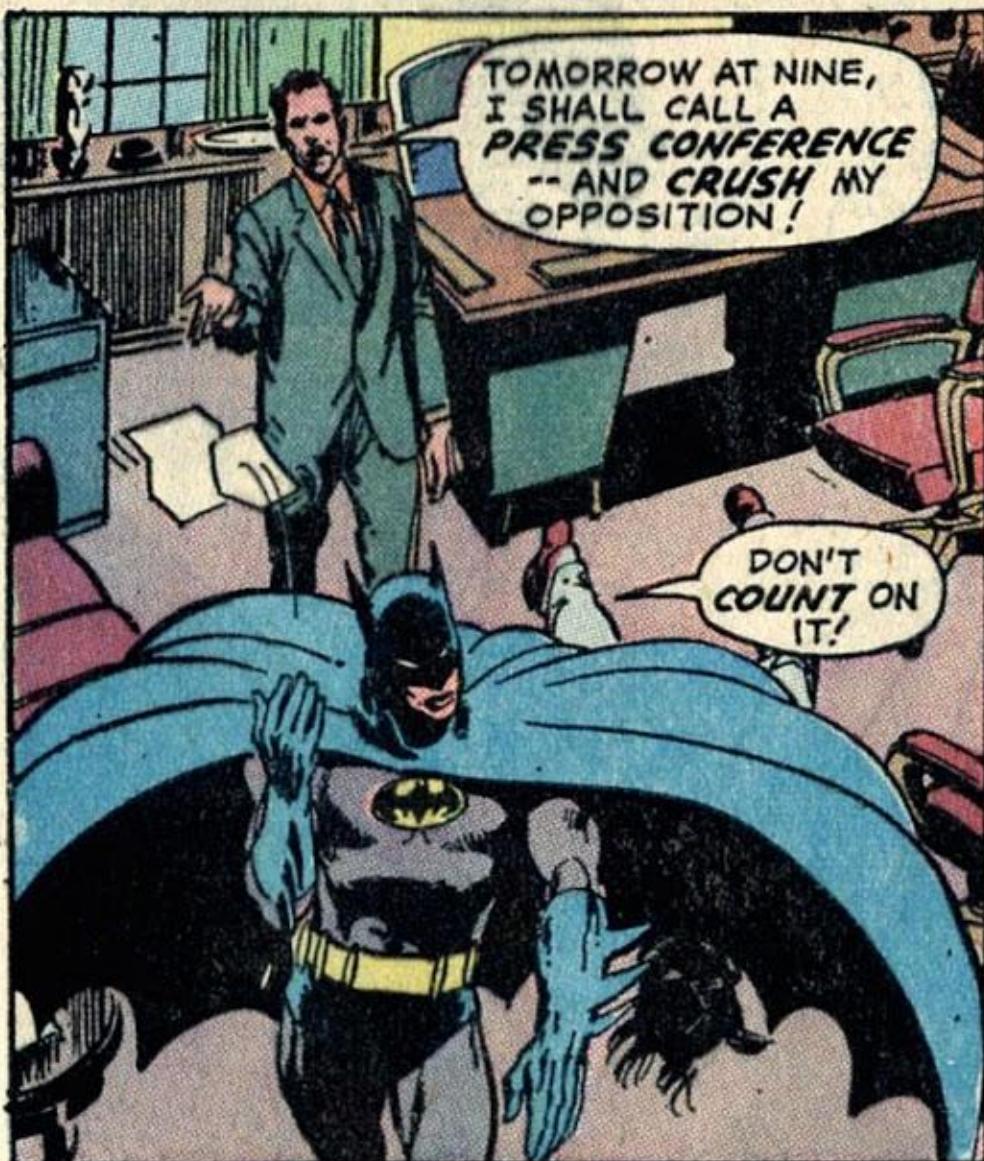


A WHISPER OF ASTONISHMENT ESCAPE'S THE  
BATMAN'S LIPS AS HE SCANS THE HAND-  
WRITTEN LINES--

FROM THE DESK OF  
BRUCE WAYNE

Dear Bilker:  
I have reason to believe  
Jeffers Harvey plans my  
murder... Should anything  
happen to me, please  
notify the authorities.

Cordially,  
Bruce Wayne

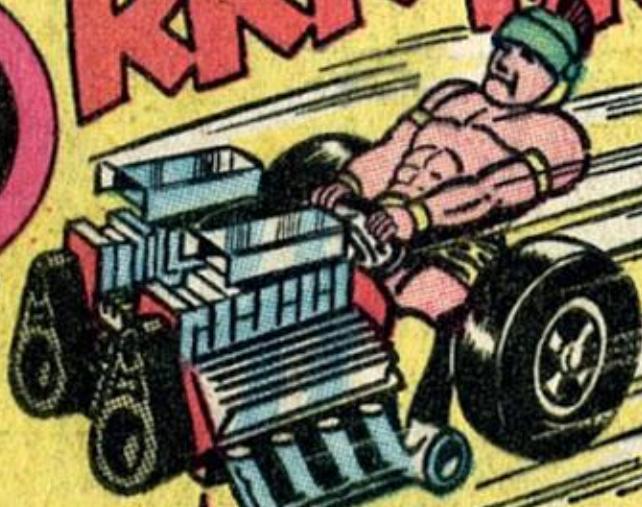


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**RRR-RRRRRRR**

WHAT THE HECK  
IS  
THAT?

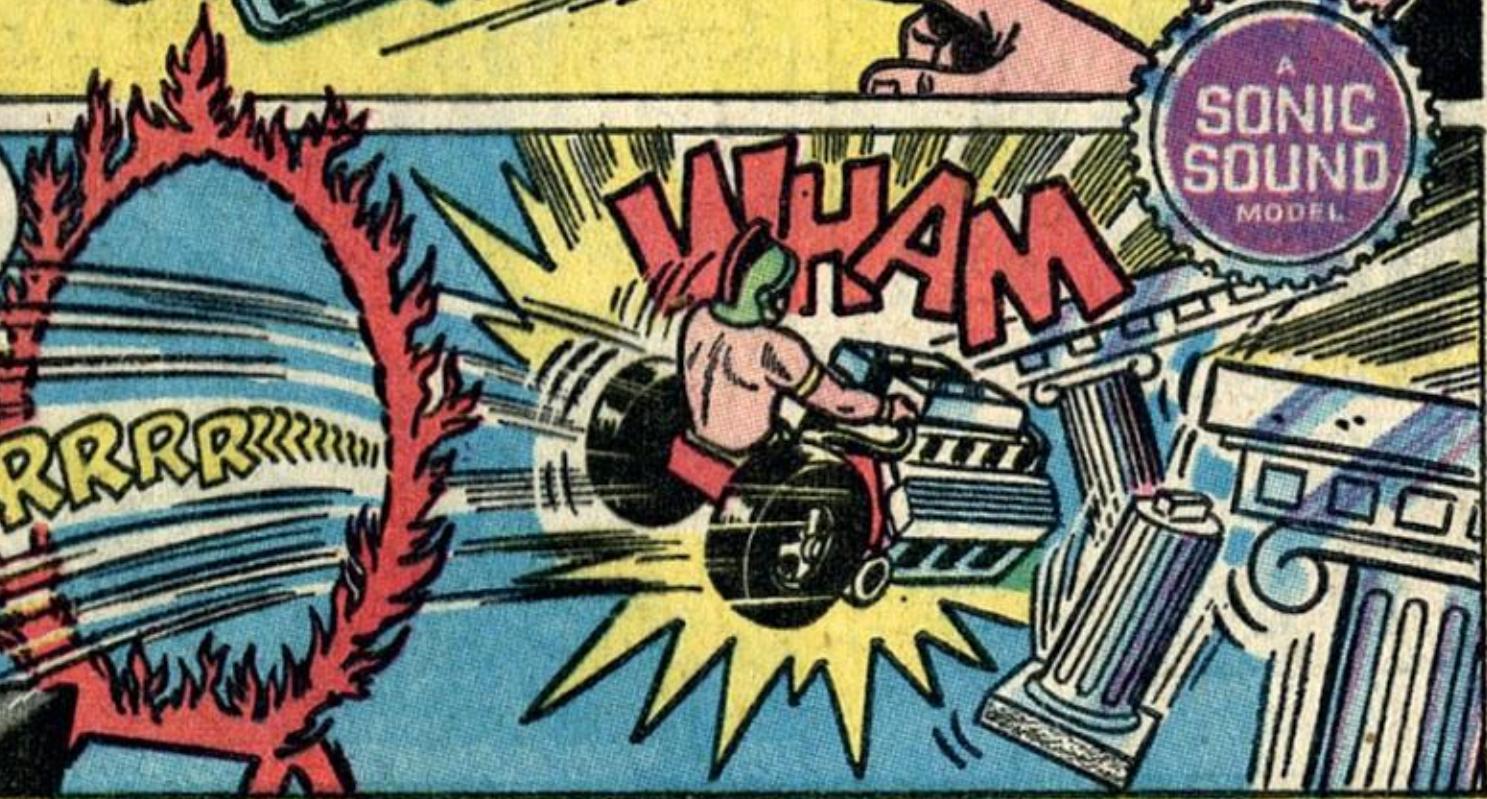


**WOW!**

**RRR-RRRRRRR**

**WHAM**

SONIC  
SOUND  
MODEL



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AND MAYBE GET A DECENT  
MAN ELECTED MAYOR!

NO DENYING  
IT... I'M  
TEMPTED!

BUT NOBODY APPOINTED  
ME A GOD! SO I'LL DO  
WHAT I'VE ALWAYS DONE--

--FOLLOW THE PATH OF  
JUSTICE... WHEREVER  
IT MIGHT LEAD!

AND... IT LEADS TO A **BROWNSTONE**  
IN A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD...

JUDGING FROM THAT  
LIGHT, MY QUARRY IS  
BURNING SOME **MIDNIGHT**  
OIL! I'VE HEARD HE  
LIKES THE WEE HOURS--

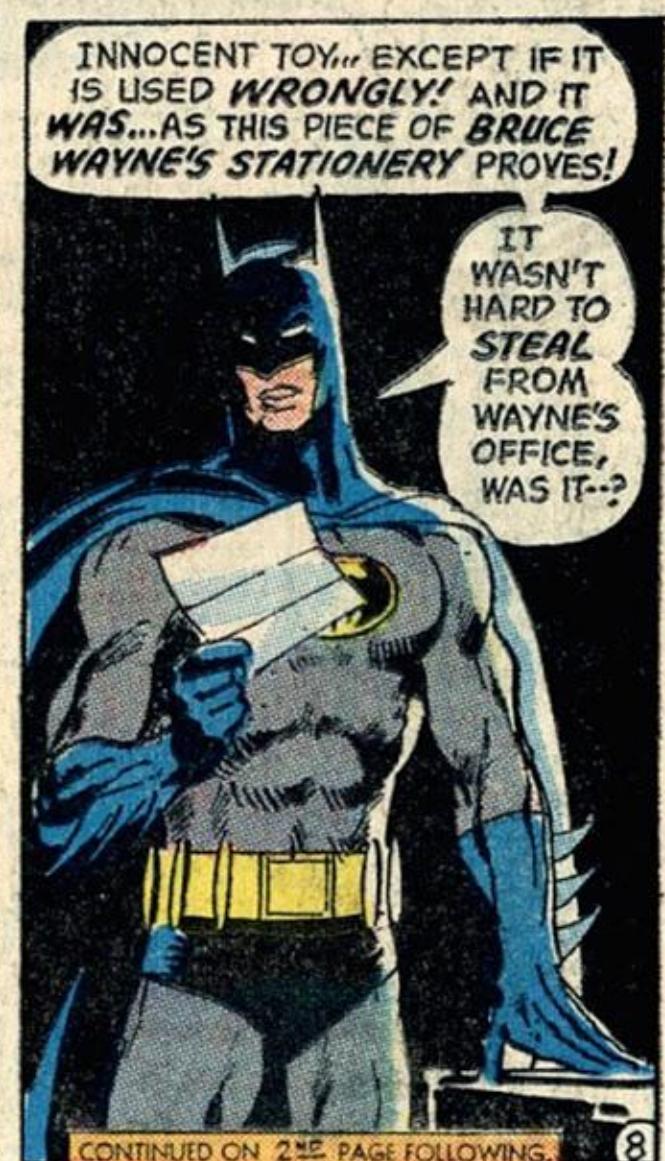
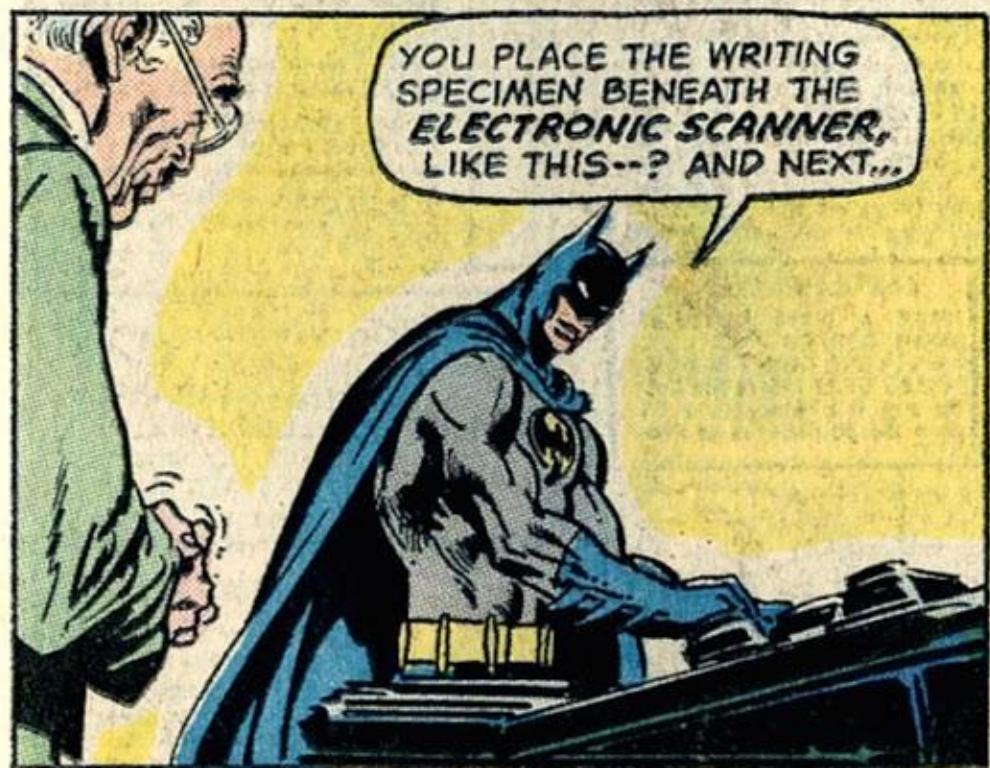
-- WHICH  
IS FINE!

I'D HATE TO  
WAKE HIM  
UP!

HE'S HARD AT WORK...  
ON A VERY FANCY  
COMPUTER! -- AS  
I HOPED!

THOSE HANDWRITING  
SPECIMENS ON THE WALL  
PRETTY MUCH CLINCH  
MY SUSPICIONS!

YOU--OSGOOD  
PEABODY!



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--NOR WAS IT DIFFICULT TO FIND A SPECIMEN OF WAYNE'S HAND-WRITING! YOU'VE USED YOUR TOY TO COMMIT FORGERY...

--HAVEN'T YOU?

H-HE FORCED ME...BILKER! HE SAID HE'D KILL ME... AND NOW HE WILL! UNLESS...

UNLESS WHAT, PEADODY?

UNLESS I CAN... STOP YOU...

...LIKE THIS!

IN PANIC, THE COWERING SCIENTIST TOUCHES LIVE, BARE WIRES TO THE METAL SURFACE THE BATMAN'S HAND RESTS ON-- SENDING HUNDREDS OF NAKED VOLTS COURSING INTO THE CRIME-FIGHTER'S BODY--

ELECTRICITY... CONTRACTING MY FINGER MUSCLES! CAN'T... LET GO!

SORRY, BATMAN! I DON'T WISH TO HURT YOU...

...BUT I NEED PROTECTION!

AT FIRST, THERE IS A SMELL...  
OF COPPER AND RUBBER  
OVERHEATING...AND A  
WISP OF PALE SMOKE...

...THEN A SUDDEN SPROUT  
OF FLAME AS THE INTRICATE  
CIRCUITS WITHIN THE  
COMPUTER MELT...BURN...!

--SOON, THE DEVICE BLOSSOMS  
TO FULL FIRE! AS THOUGH HE  
WERE CRAWLING THROUGH  
GELATIN, THE BATMAN  
DRAGS HIMSELF SLOWLY  
ACROSS THE STEEL FLOOR--

THE BATMAN'S  
FINGERS RELAX...

--CHOKING, STILL DAZED,  
PUSHED BY SHEER SURVIVAL  
INSTINCT, HE SEEKS  
ESCAPE!

STILL MOVING  
INSTINCTIVELY,  
HE GRASPS THE  
FAMILIAR,  
SMOOTH  
SURFACE OF  
HIS BATROPE  
AND SLIDES  
TO SAFETY!

--WHILE, BEHIND  
HIM, THE HOUSE  
ERUPTS, COLORING  
THE NIGHT RED...

--FINDS IT...! THE COOL AIR FLOODS  
HIS FUME-FILLED LUNGS, AND HE  
GASPS IN GRATITUDE!...

I'M LUCKY... I GUESS!  
IF I HADN'T BEEN  
WEARING GLOVES, I  
MIGHT'VE BEEN  
ELECTROCUTED!

I WAS CONGRATULATING  
MYSELF FOR SPOTTING THE  
TELLTALE CLAMP MARKS ON  
BILKER'S PHONY BRUCE WAYNE  
NOTE! MARKS WHICH REMINDED  
ME OF PEABODY'S  
EXPERIMENTS!

BUT THE EVIDENCE IN HIS LAB IS  
BURNED... AND HE'S GONE, ALONG  
WITH EVERY CHANCE OF  
STOPPING BILKER...

...EXCEPT  
ONE!

MEANWHILE -- IN BILKER'S OFFICE...

YOU'VE GOT TO HELP  
ME... YOU'VE GOT TO! I  
CAN'T DEAL WITH THE  
LAW... WITH THE  
BATMAN!

YOU PROMISED  
NOTHING WOULD  
HAPPEN!

NOTHING  
WILL,  
OSGOOD!  
-- TRUST  
ME!

WE'LL PUT YOU ON  
A SHIP... BOUND FOR  
AFRICA! YOU CAN  
HIDE AS LONG AS  
NECESSARY!

I HAVE NO  
TICKET... NO  
MONEY!

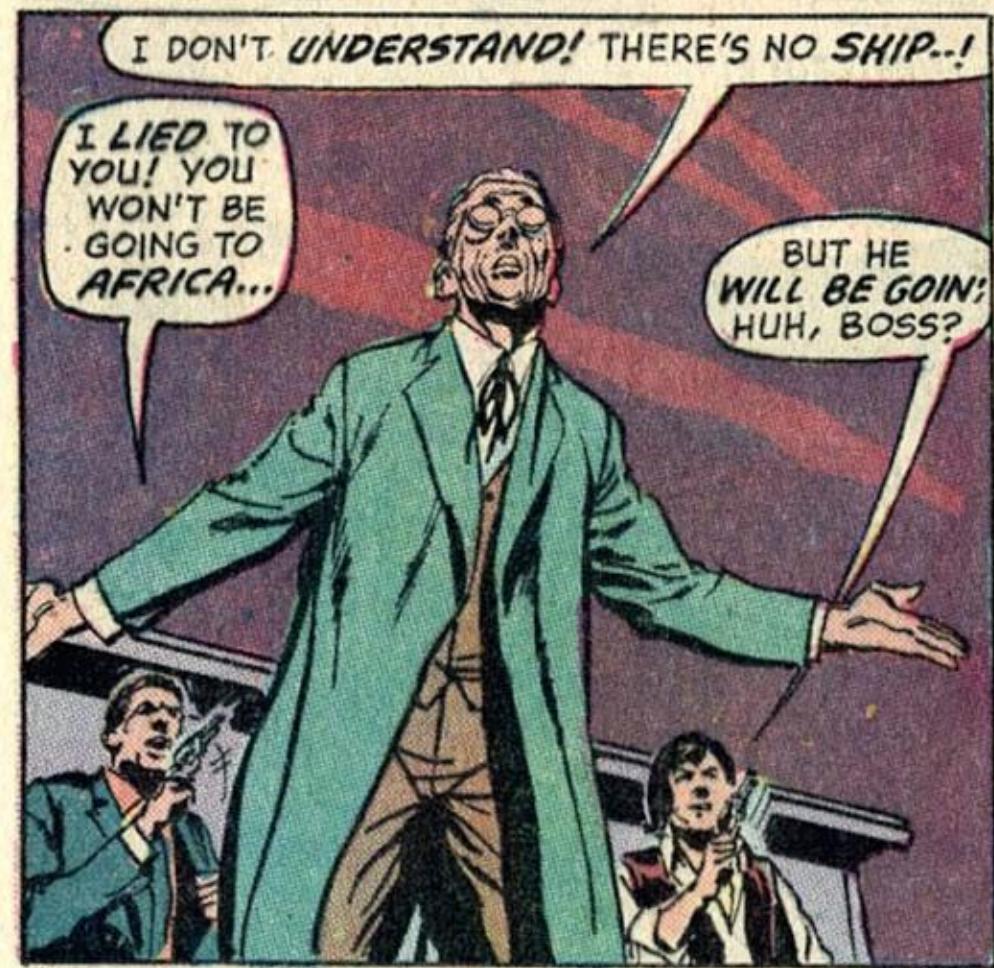
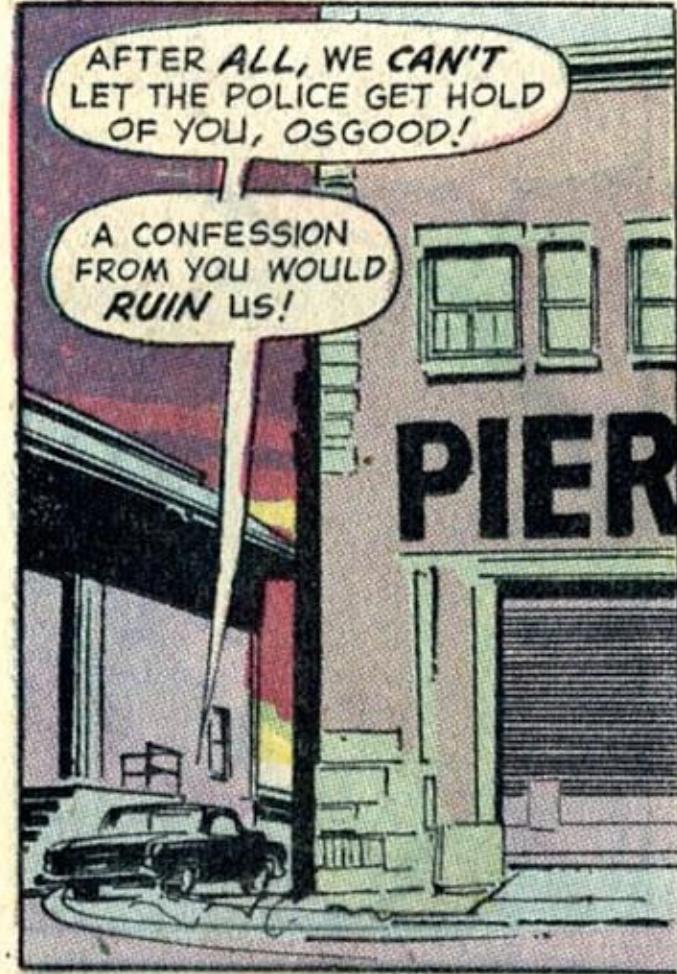
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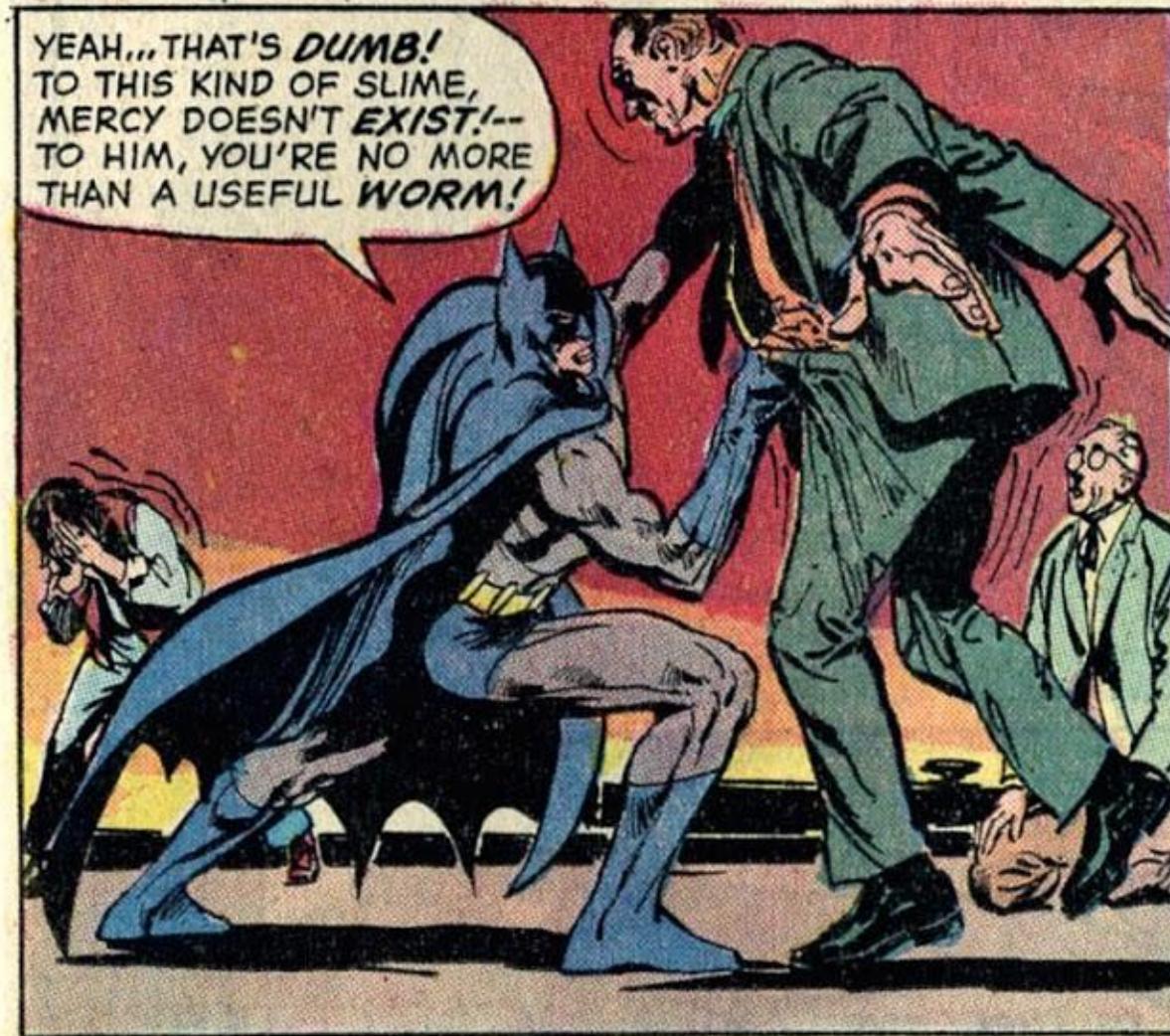
YOU'RE NOT TRUSTING  
ME -- I'LL TAKE CARE  
OF... EVERYTHING!

JUST...  
RELAX,  
OSGOOD!

WE'RE VERY CON-  
CERNED ABOUT  
OSGOOD! AREN'T  
WE, RICHARD?

YOU BETCHA,  
BOSS!





A WAIL OF SIRENS, AND THEN...

WE GOT YOUR MESSAGE,  
BATMAN! AS USUAL, YOU  
HANDLED THE SITUATION--  
NEATLY!

YOU CAN FISH BILKER  
AND HIS PLAYMATE OUT  
OF THE RIVER,  
COMMISSIONER!

...OR DON'T...  
I'M NOT IN  
A MOOD TO  
CARE!

I IMAGINE  
OSGOOD PEABODY  
IS READY TO  
CONFESS... IN  
FULL!

YES... YES!

HOW CAN I  
THANK YOU--?  
YOU SAVED MY  
LIFE!

NO... YOU  
SAVED YOUR LIFE!  
YOU SAID YOU  
NEED PROTECTION!  
I FIGURED YOU'D  
GO TO BILKER  
FOR IT!

IT WASN'T  
HARD TO  
GUESS  
WHAT HE'D  
DO! SO I  
HID IN HIS  
CAR AND  
WAITED!

YOU'VE CINCHED THE  
ELECTION OF THE HARVEY  
CANDIDATE!--HAPPY?

OH, SURE! I'VE  
EXCHANGED ONE FORM  
OF CORRUPTION FOR  
ANOTHER! -- I'M  
OVERJOYED!

EXCUSE ME, COMMISSIONER!  
I HAVE A JOURNEY TO MAKE!

...TO A  
SOUTH  
AMERICAN  
JUNGLE!

THE GOTHAM NEWS

# BRUCE WAYNE FOUND ALIVE!

GOTHAM  
MILLIONAIRE  
SURVIVES  
JUNGLE PLANE  
CRASH!



THE END

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THE GREEN LANTERN-GREEN ARROW TEAM

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SOMEBODY PLEASE HELP ME!

I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHO I AM UNDER THIS MASK!

The FLASH 1000 FACES!

On Sale Aug. 15

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**D.C.'S BEST**

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RED TORNADO

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THE FLASH

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FOR THE EARTH TO LIVE, ONE OF US MUST DIE!

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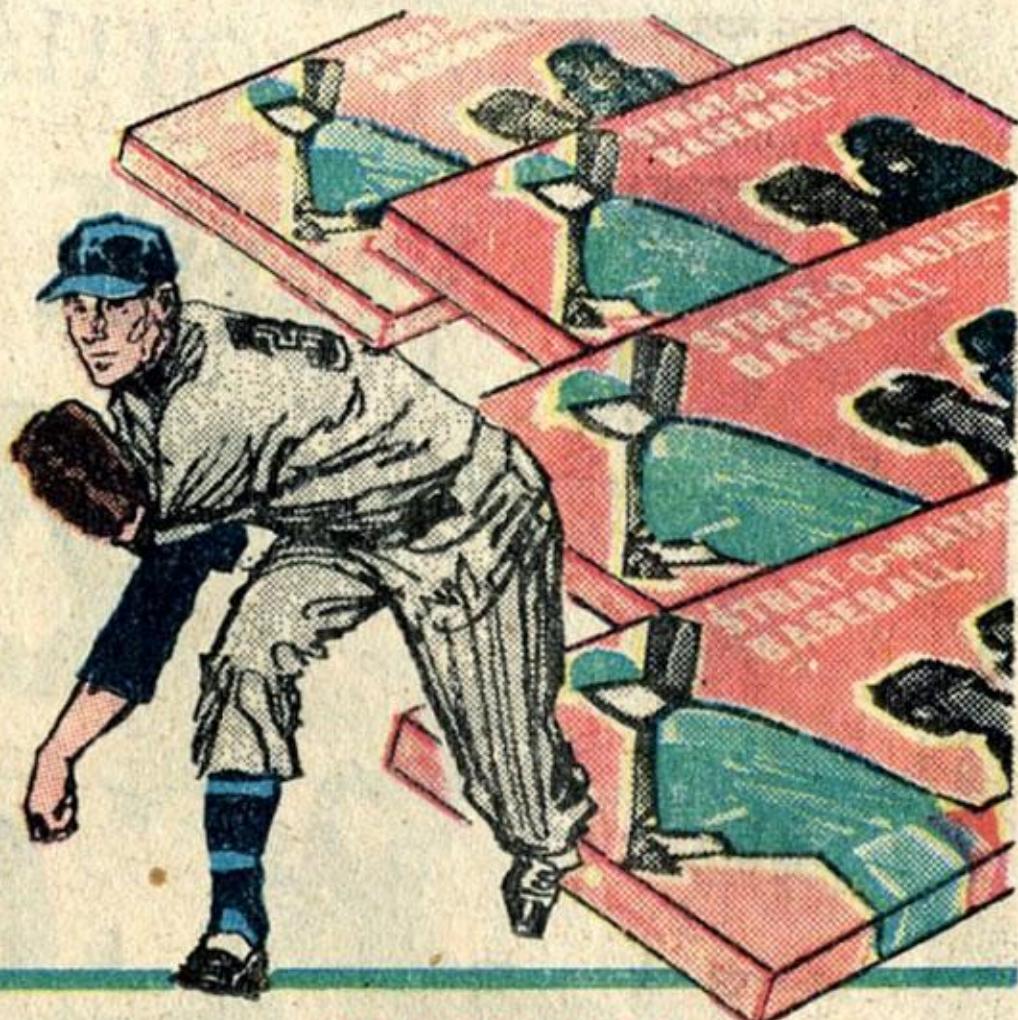
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HESITATES FOR A  
MOMENT... THEN  
OPENS A BULKY  
MANILA ENVELOPE...

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THE QUESTION FOR ...

# ROBIN IS...

## "WHO STOLE the GIFT from NOWHERE!"

Story: ELLIOT MAGGIN  
Art: IRV NOVICK & DICK GIORDANO



OKAY, SAM--HERE'S THE ARTICLE  
STARLY ASSIGNED...ABOUT THE  
TUTORING PROGRAM FOR THE  
KIDS IN NEW CARTHAGE!

A SUNDAY  
AFTERNOON,  
AS DICK ROBIN  
GRAYSON WALKS  
INTO THE HECTIC  
OFFICES OF  
THE HUDSON  
HERALD--THE  
UNIVERSITY'S  
WEEKLY STUDENT  
NEWSPAPER...

LIKE, MAN--  
THIS PIECE IS A  
TOTAL ENIGMA...

WELL--DICK  
GRAYSON! YOU  
DO THAT INTERVIEW  
WITH RALPH NADER?

NO, NO!--  
YOU TOLD  
SOMEONE  
ELSE TO WRITE--

LOOK,  
STARLY--I  
JUST DON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
YOUR  
EDITORIAL--

--LIKE, WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN BY,  
"WE HAVE TAKEN  
THE FIRST STEPS  
THROUGH THE  
BRAMBLES  
AND--"

JUST PRINT  
IT, SAM!

I'M THE  
EDITOR!--  
I'M ALLOWED  
TO BE VAGUE!

STARLY--  
IT'S LUKE  
ON THE  
PHONE--

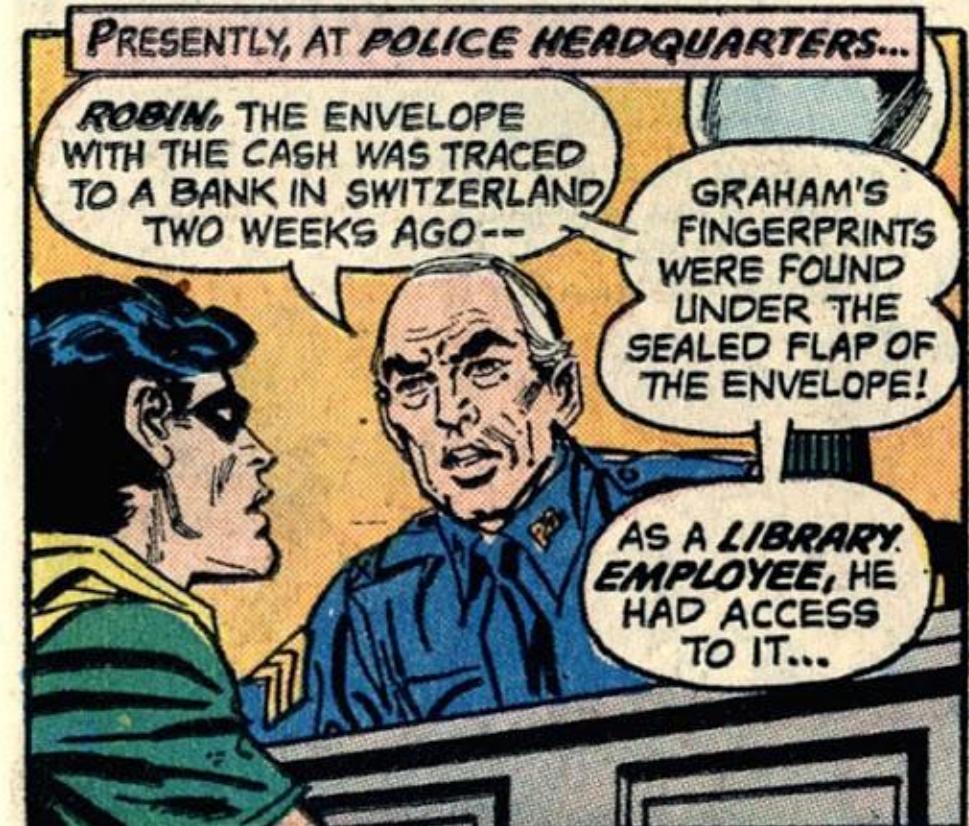
THANKS,  
DIANE...

UH--THE  
STORY,  
STARLY--

YOU'RE...  
WHERE--?!

FIFTY  
THOUSAND  
DOLLARS?!

I'LL BE  
RIGHT  
OVER!



ROBIN GAVE  
ME A LIFT  
HERE!

HEY-- THIS HAS TO BE A  
FRAME-UP, LUKE! --  
THOSE WEREN'T YOUR  
FINGERPRINTS--?

THEY  
WERE, IF  
THE POLICE  
SAY SO!

LOOK--  
I DON'T  
WANNA --

LUKE--  
DID YOU  
STEAL  
THE  
MONEY?

NO!

WHAT WOULD  
I DO WITH  
FIFTY-THOUSAND  
BUCKS?

THEN HOW DID  
YOUR FINGERPRINTS  
GET ON THE  
ENVELOPE?

WHERE  
YOU GOING,  
ROBIN?

I'LL BE RIGHT  
BACK--

I HAVE TO  
CHECK OUT THAT  
ENVELOPE FROM  
SWITZERLAND--AND  
THOSE FINGERPRINTS!

I DON'T  
WANNA TALK  
ABOUT IT!

YEAH-- THE  
PRINTS ARE  
LUKE'S...

...BUT THESE  
NEWSPAPERS THE  
THIEF USED TO  
STUFF THE  
ENVELOPES...!

HMM --

THEY'RE MOSTLY  
FROM FOREIGN AND  
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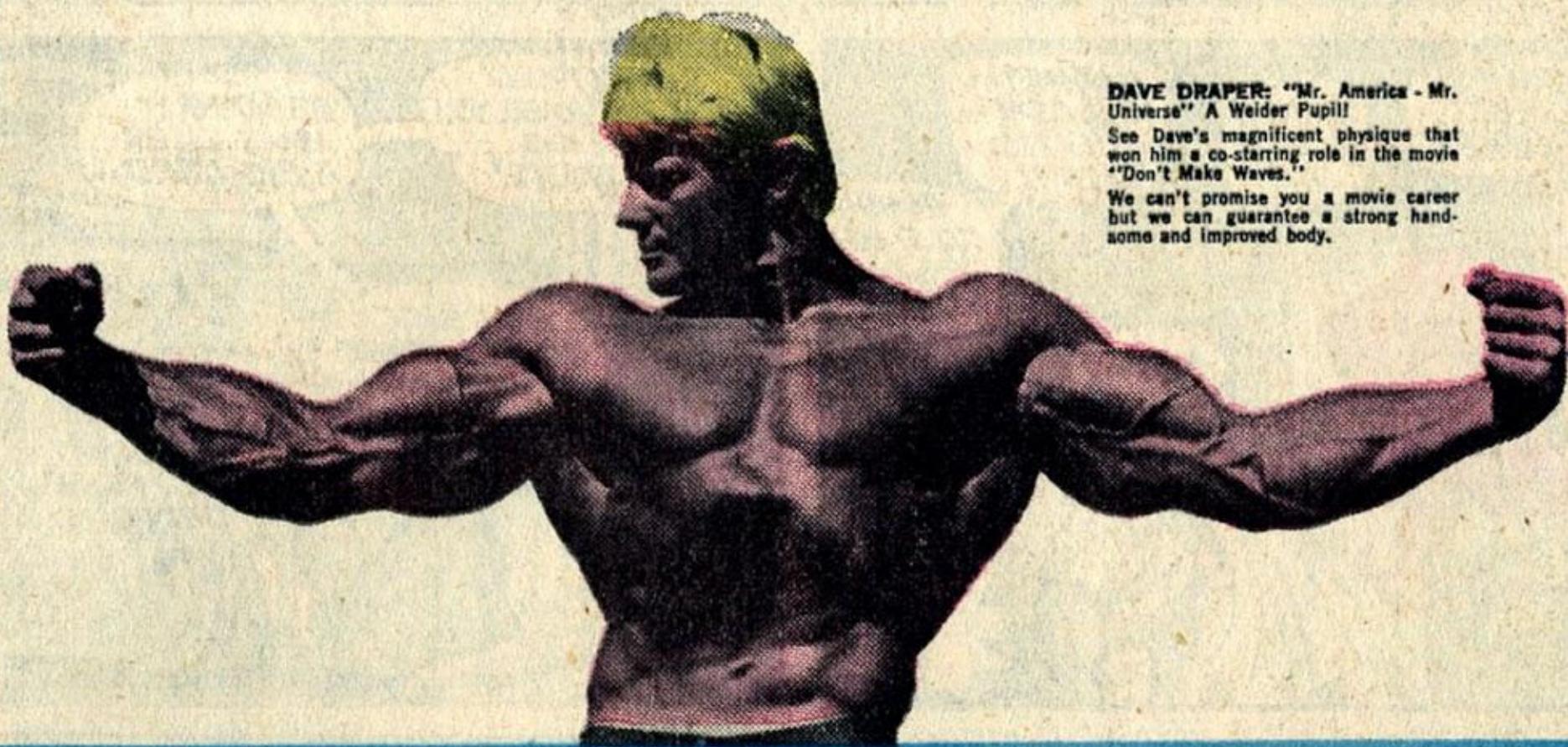
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A HUNCH...

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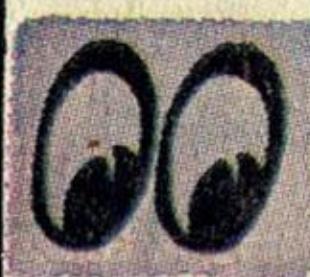
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GUY CONFESSES  
IN FRONT OF  
WITNESSES!

SOME  
PEOPLE JUST  
AREN'T CUT  
OUT TO BE  
DISHONEST!

JUST ONE MORE  
MYSTERY... HOW  
LUKE'S FINGER-  
PRINTS GOT ON  
THAT ENVELOPE!

THERE'S ONLY ONE  
EXPLANATION I CAN  
COME UP  
WITH!

HELLO?...  
CREDIT-  
CARD  
CALL TO  
SWITZER-  
LAND,  
PLEASE!

ROBIN...  
WHO  
ARE  
YOU  
CALLING?

A CERTAIN  
SWISS  
BANK--  
TO FIND  
OUT WHO  
SENT ALL  
THAT  
MONEY  
ANON-  
YMOUSLY...

YOU FOUND  
OUT THE  
NUMBER  
OF THE  
BANK  
ACCOUNT?

...AND I'M  
ABOUT TO  
FIND OUT THE  
NAME OF HUDDSON  
U'S ANONYMOUS  
BENEFACITOR!

YOU DON'T HAVE  
TO CALL... I SENT  
THE MONEY!

YOU?!

YES! THAT'S HOW MY  
FINGERPRINTS GOT ON  
THE ENVELOPE...

WHewe

LUKE  
DIDN'T  
CALL MY  
BLUFF!

YEAH--MY FAMILY IS  
MIND-BLOWINGLY RICH!

THE LIBRARY NEEDED  
MONEY--SO...

I WENT OFF TO  
SWITZERLAND  
AND SENT ALL THAT  
CASH SO NO ONE  
COULD TRACE IT--!

BUT, LUKE--YOU NEVER TOLD US--

YOUR JOB IN THE LIBRARY... YOU SAID YOU WERE ON SCHOLARSHIP--

I WANTED TO BE...ONE OF THE GUYS--NOT JUST SOME RICH KID!



COME OFF IT, LUKE! WHAT MADE YOU THINK WE'D LIKE YOU ANY LESS IF--

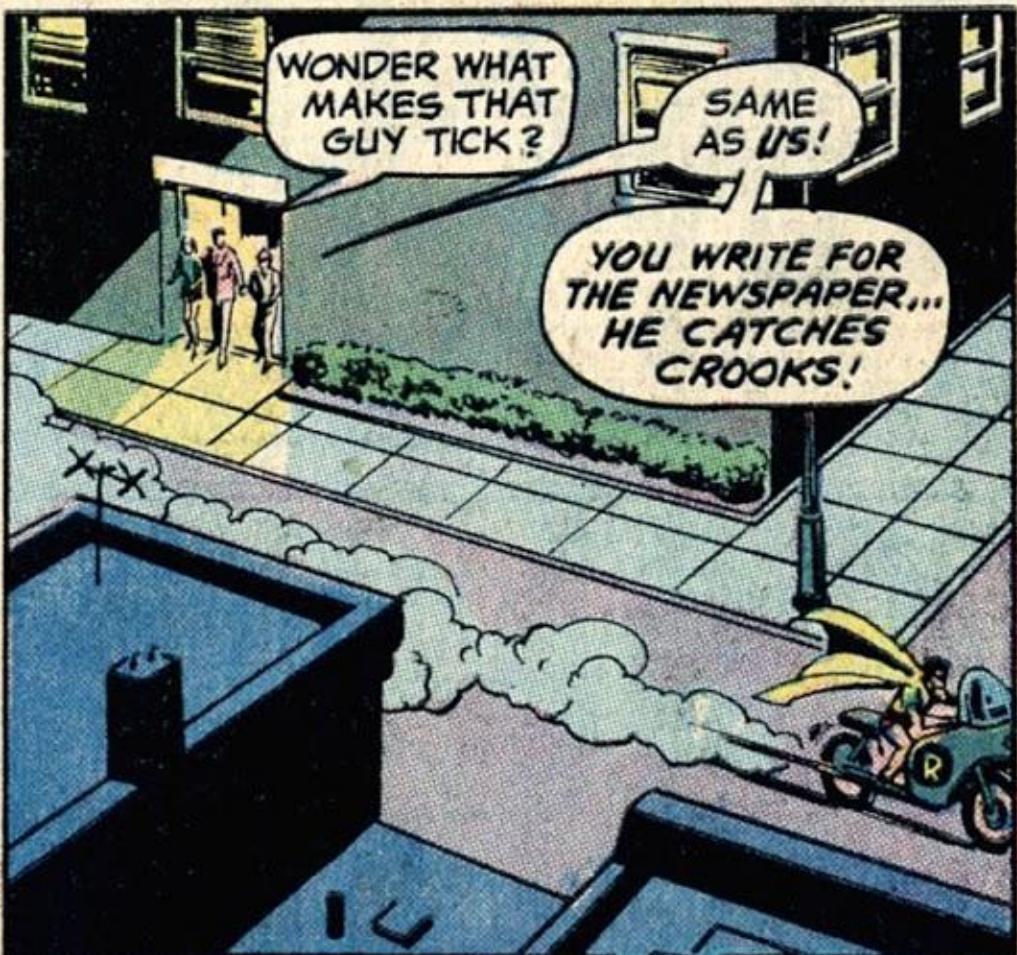
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WONDER WHAT MAKES THAT GUY TICK?

SAME AS US!

YOU WRITE FOR THE NEWSPAPER... HE CATCHES CROOKS!



BUT I MEAN WHY--!

SOMEBODY SAID ONCE, "THE WORLD IS A FINE PLACE AND WORTH FIGHTING FOR..."



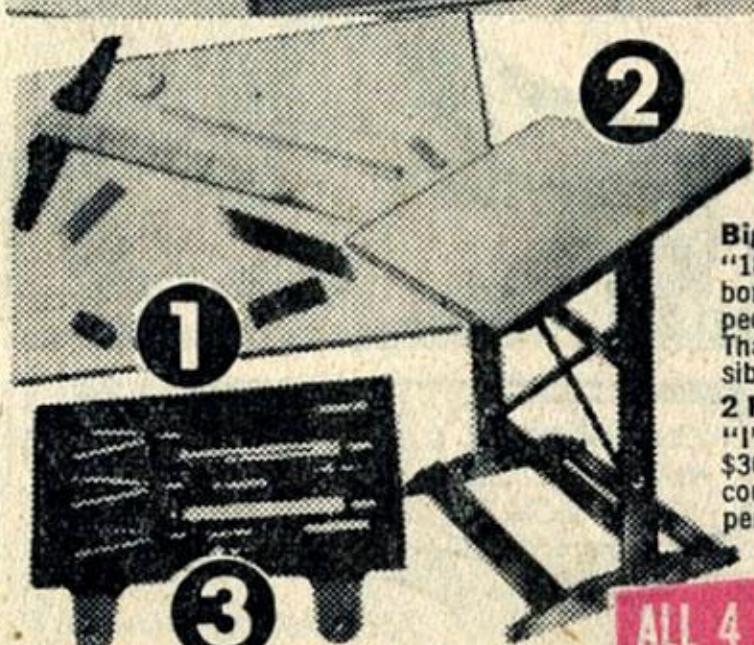
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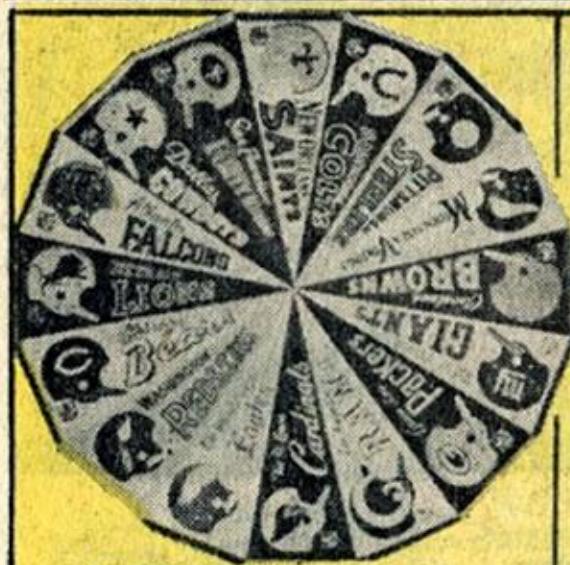
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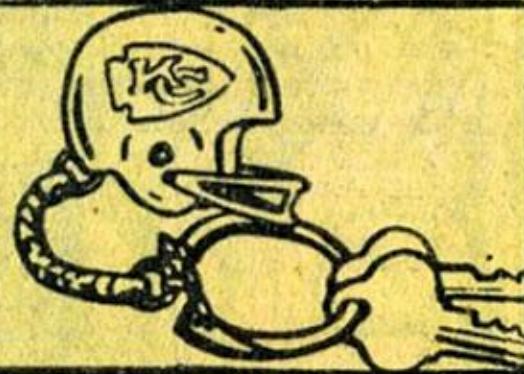
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## LETTERS to the BATMAN

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Dear Editor:

*The Batman* has indeed changed. I believe that "Bruce Wayne—Rest in Peace" in *Batman* #242 will mark a turning point in *Batman's* career greater by far than any he has passed before. No longer is he the strong guy in tights knocking the two-bit guys in. Nor is he the "goody-goody" fellow who does a good turn every day for some poor underprivileged soul.

Now, thanks to Denny O'Neil, he has become *The Batman* of old, not unlike the Golden Age one depicted in this issue's "The People vs. *Batman*", who works outside the law, as Commissioner Gordon said, "So that he might bring these men of evil to justice." Now he is in an all-out fight with *Ra's Al Ghul*, and it is no holds barred. It's about time *The Batman* stopped being bound by the strict rules of the law (of course, if anyone tried that in real life I'd be after his head, but it's alright in comix), and went out to get the enemies of people by whatever means necessary.

The Bruce Wayne "death", incidentally, was handled very neatly (although a bit over-emphasized on the cover and splash page); the "plane disappearance" bit always leaves open the possibility that Bruce may "miraculously" reappear after *The Batman* has beaten *Ra's* (as, of course, he must—he will not settle for another stalemate and we know that the good guy never gets killed). But meanwhile, good-bye to Bruce, and *The Batman* must find another place to sleep, eat, and get his supply of money.

—RUSSELL BLAU, White Plains, N.Y.

(Well, this issue finds *The Batman* back hounding the bad guys in Gotham City—but when you started out on this series did you (or even we, for that matter) ever imagine that for Bruce Wayne to reappear, *The Batman* would have to solve his own "murder"?—JS)



Dear Editor:

Rare, sir, it is when I am totally absorbed, moved, and totally entertained by a comix magazine. Such feelings did I experience with the reading of "Bruce Wayne—Rest in Peace!"

It's come to be that when Denny O'Neil writes something in a comix and says as he did in the introduction to this tale: "Beginning the most sensational, the most dangerous . . . the most IMPORTANT adventure . . ." of *The Batman*, I believed it. I knew that something big, something sensational, was in the offing. And I was right.

Pitting *The Batman* and three as yet unrecognized allies against a murderous criminal organization should prove to be an excellent springboard to draw out and illustrate the magnificent abilities of *The Batman*. I can readily understand *The Batman's* determination to squash this criminal organization of *Ra's Al Ghul*. I can understand his distaste

for violence.

The stage has been set, the plot has taken its course, and we readers can now sit back and follow the course of events to its eventual conclusion. (You know, for a few minutes I actually felt that *The Batman* WAS doomed? Denny's writing skill is tremendous. Novick and Giordano are gifted.)

—CHRISTOPHER JURICICH, Burlingame, Ca.



Dear Editor:

Now that's really service! I sent you a letter complaining about the excessively long *Batman* stories, and you come right back with "Bruce Wayne—Rest in Peace" with only 14 pages! Of course, I know it was written and drawn long before I wrote my letter, but it is still a good move. Seriously, I think most stories should be 12 to 14 pages long (the back feature needs at least 8 pages to develop) if they aren't good enough to warrant the whole issue.

The idea of having a continued series is good, provided you don't drag it out too long—and by now I trust you not to. Particularly appreciated by this reader was the "Editor's Note" on the first page, explaining how to date these stories with respect to those in other magazines.

And I see you're going to wrap up this *Ra's Al Ghul* once and for all! The chase should be very interesting. It's too bad *Ra's* has decided to kill *Batman* after all—the idea of a ruthless criminal admiring *Batman* was quite original. But, knowing how ruthless such men are, I suppose it was inevitable.

I wish, though, you hadn't had that cook say "He's dead" like that. I mean, everyone knows you wouldn't kill *Batman*, so it was easy to guess the identity of "Matches" on the next page. You almost threw me off the track with that dummy, but the surprise didn't have the impact it should have had. Nonetheless, this was O'Neil's best *Batman* story in a long time.

—RICHARD H. MORRISSEY, Framingham, Ma.



Dear Editor:

"You have just witnessed the beginning . . . soon you are destined to witness . . . the end!" All I can say to these closing words to the feature story in *Batman* #242 is, "Not too soon, I hope!" This series has too much going for it to be a mere two- or three-parter. The idea of *The Batman* singling out what he considers to be the world's most dangerous criminal and declaring war on him, to the exclusion of all other crime-fighting duties, is intriguing and leaves one's mental appetite whetted as to what directions this unique plot will take. If all the other episodes were handled as well as "Bruce Wayne—Rest in Peace" this has got to be a truly classic series. *Batman's* admission of dependence on page 3, his unique manner of recruiting allies, and his surprising rescue of *Lo Ling* on page 14 are highlights any magazine could be proud of. I raise my glass to you, gentlemen.

—DAVID B. MICHELINIE, Jeffersonville, Ind.



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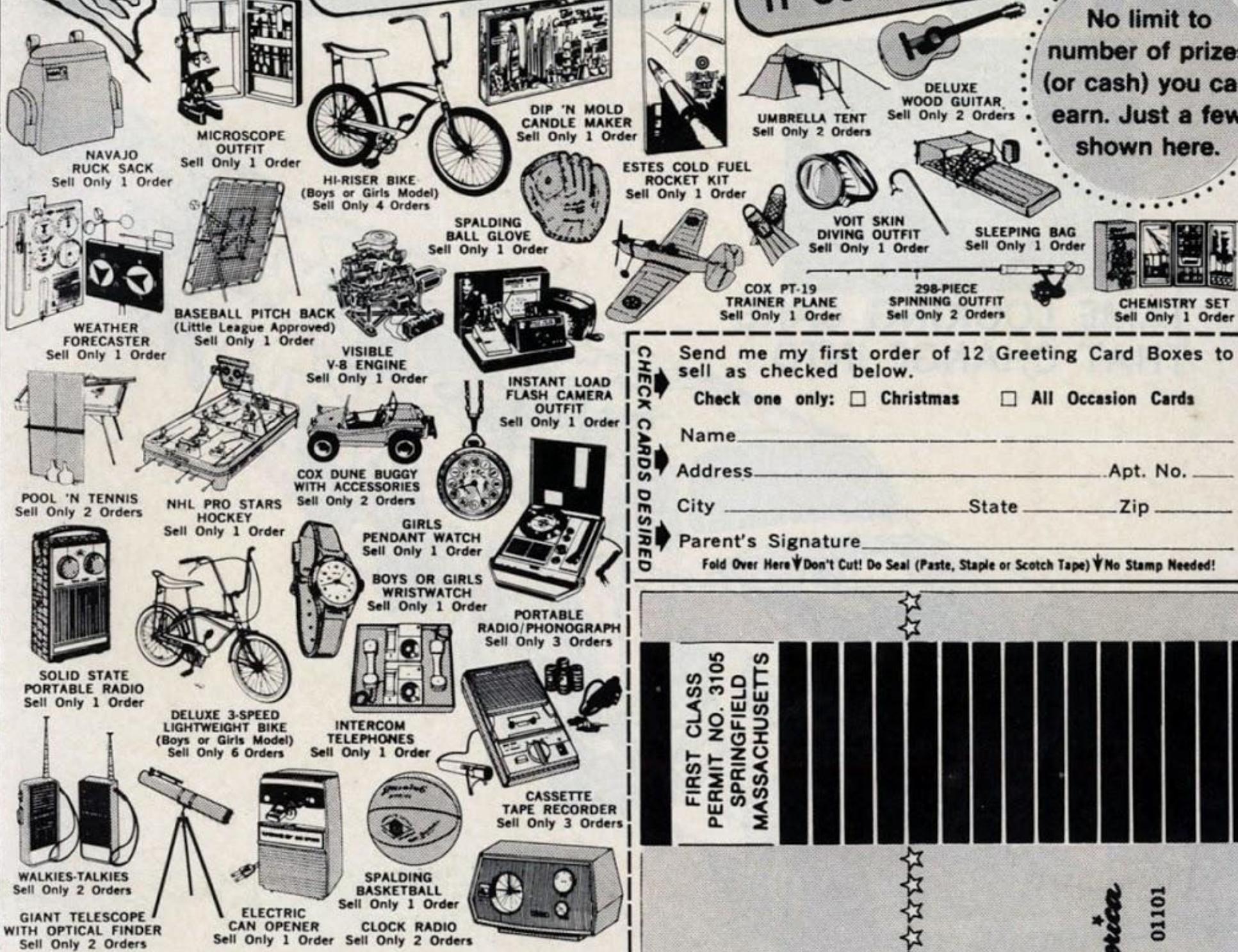
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Each box of 20 fine quality greeting cards costs just \$1.75. That's less than 9¢ a card. Think of all the people you know — relatives, friends, neighbors — who'll want to buy these handsome cards by the box. Many J.S.C.A. members have earned a Prize in only a few hours. **IF YOU WISH, YOU MAY TAKE AS YOUR PRIZE 60¢ FOR EACH BOX YOU SELL.**

Just fill out and mail the coupon-reply card to receive your first order of greeting cards. You may take up to 30 days to sell them. If after that time you have any boxes unsold, promptly return them prepaid by parcel post, keeping 60¢ for each box you've sold.

Get the prizes you want the fast, easy J.S.C.A. way. Act now!

**MAIL YOUR POSTAGE-PAID REPLY CARD NOW!**

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FILL IN COUPON-REPLY CARD • CUT & MAIL TODAY • NO STAMP NEEDED

Send me my first order of 12 Greeting Card Boxes to sell as checked below.

Check one only:  Christmas  All Occasion Cards

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Fold Over Here ♦ Don't Cut! Do Seal (Paste, Staple or Scotch Tape) ♦ No Stamp Needed!

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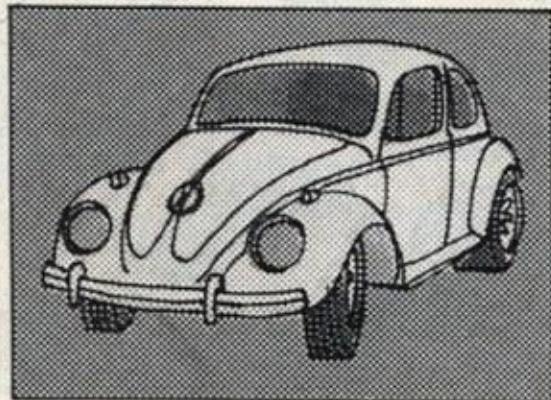
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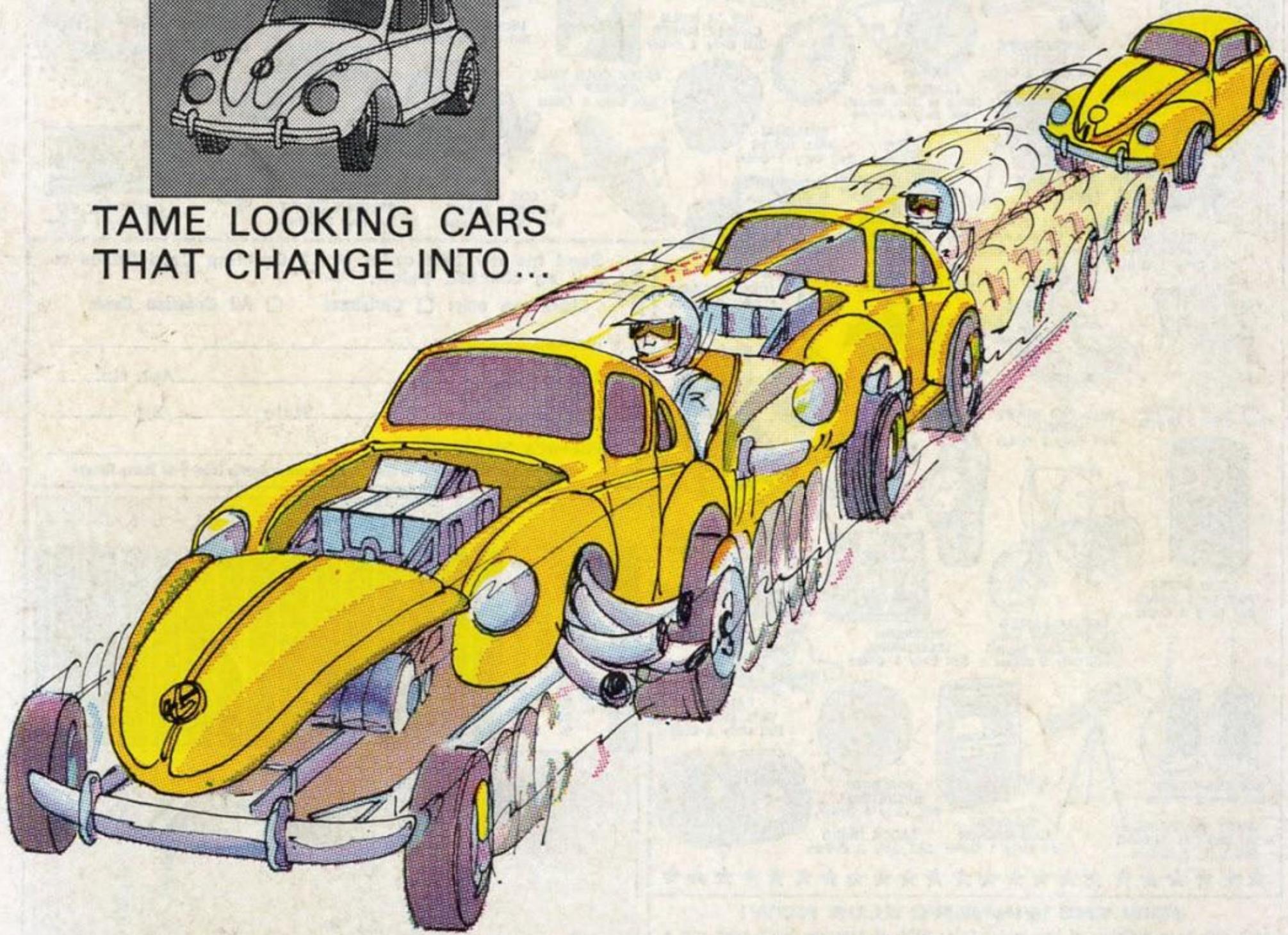
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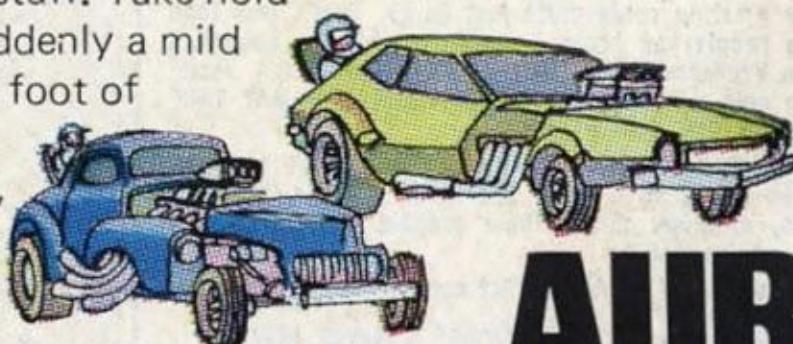


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The Imposters. You have to see them do their stuff. Take hold of the stick shift and get ready for a shock. Suddenly a mild mannered street machine changes into nearly a foot of road gobbling racing machine. Front end out. Engine up. 400 cubes. Then up pops the driver, ready to cut down all comers. The Imposters. They're a lot more car than meets the eye.



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