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BATMAN

Featuring
"CAVEMAN
AT LARGE!"

BATMAN, IT'S
THE CAVEMAN
WE'VE BEEN
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FOR!

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OUR SECRET
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ACT NOW

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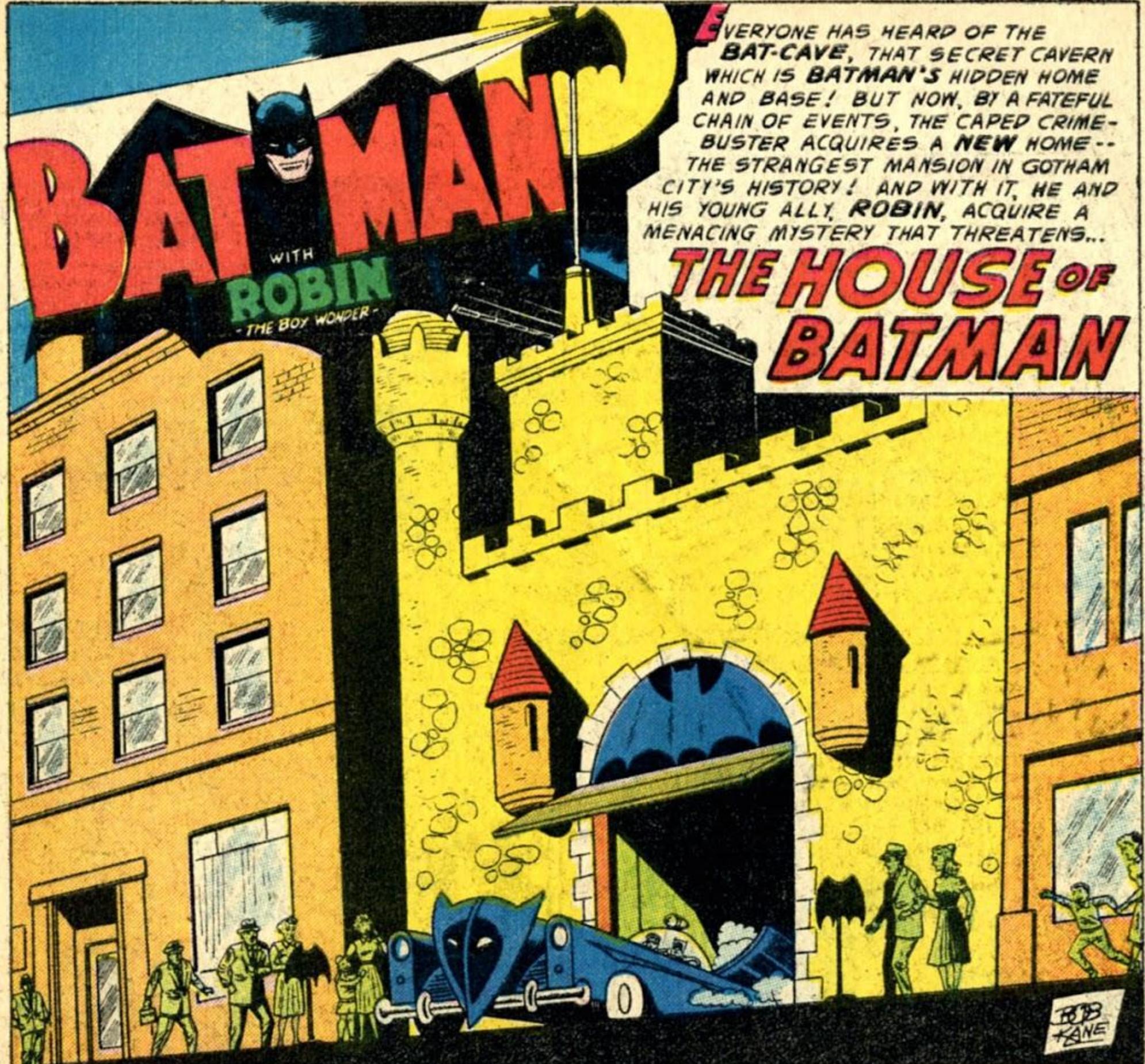
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THE HOUSE OF BATMAN



AND ONLY TWO DAYS LATER, THE MAYOR OF GOTHAM CITY RECEIVES A STARTLING MESSAGE...

THIS LETTER--AND ALL THIS MONEY--WERE SENT TO ME BY ADAM PENFIELD BEFORE HE DIED! HIS LAST PHILANTHROPY BENEFITTED BATMAN! HERE--READ THIS...



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BATMAN

In gratitude for Batman's great work as a lawman, I send this money to build a fitting house for him so his work will be easier. Enclosed are full plans for the House of Batman. Let it be a surprise gift to Batman!

OF COURSE, BATMAN WILL WANT TO KEEP HIS OWN SECRET **BAT-CAVE**, BUT A HOUSE RIGHT IN TOWN WOULD AID HIS WORK!

WE'LL KEEP IT SECRET, TO SURPRISE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, AS PENFIELD WANTED!

IMMEDIATELY, A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY SWINGS INTO ACTION... YES, THESE PLANS ARE FINE-- COMPLETE TO THE SMALLEST DETAIL! THEY EMBODY SOME WONDERFUL DEVICES TO ASSIST **BATMAN**!

REMEMBER, THIS IS TO BE A SURPRISE-- SO DON'T PUT THE **BAT-EMBLEMS** ON UNTIL THE END!



AS THE WEEKS PASS, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARE TOO BUSY TO PAY ATTENTION TO A NEW BUILDING GOING UP...

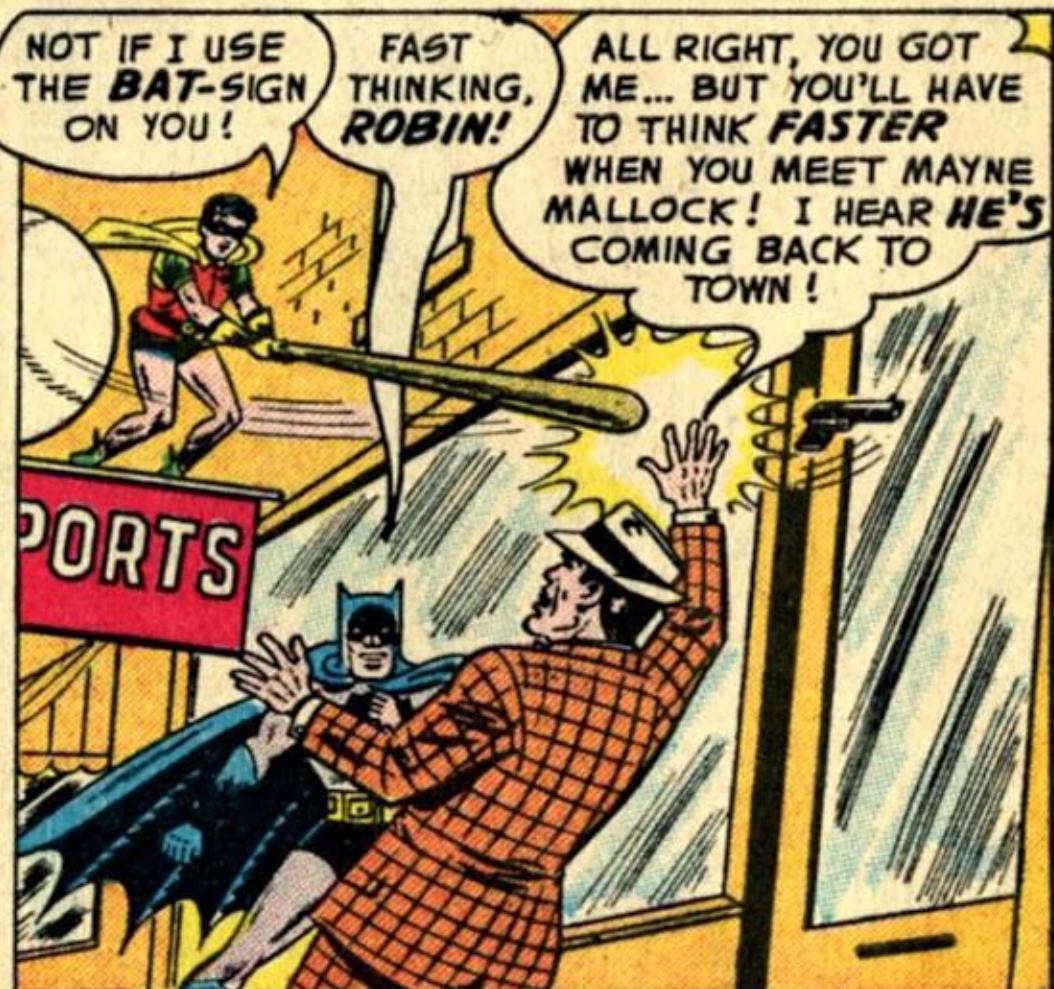
THERE'S OUR WANTED THIEF... BUT STAY BACK, **ROBIN**-- HE'S GOT A GUN!

AND I'LL USE IT!

NOT IF I USE THE **BAT-SIGN** ON YOU!

FAST THINKING, **ROBIN**!

ALL RIGHT, YOU GOT ME... BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO THINK FASTER WHEN YOU MEET MAYNE MALLOCK! I HEAR HE'S COMING BACK TO TOWN!



LATER, UPON RESUMING THEIR EVERY-DAY IDENTITIES AS SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

WOULD MALLOCK DARE COME BACK FROM ABROAD? THERE'S SO BIG A REWARD FOR HIM, AND HIS FACE IS SO WELL KNOWN, HE COULDN'T HIDE SAFELY ANYWHERE!

STILL-- THAT CROOK SEEMED SO CERTAIN... WE'D BETTER BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING, DICK!



NEXT EVENING, AS THEY BEGIN THEIR NIGHTLY PATROL...

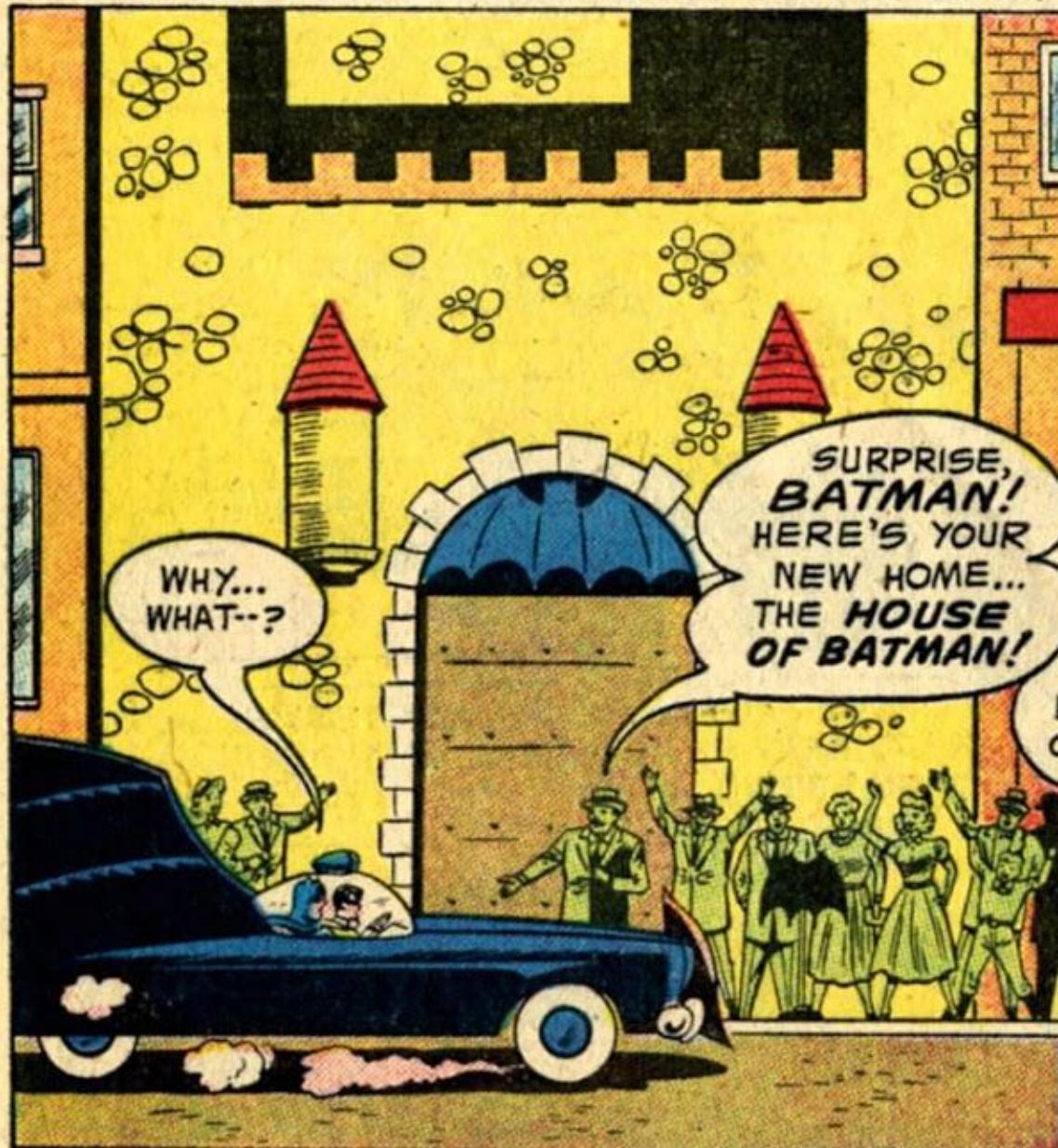
LOOK... THE **BAT-SIGNAL**, SWINGING OVER THE DOWNTOWN SECTION!

MAYBE MALLOCK IS HERE ALREADY AND HAS STARTED OPERATIONS! GIVE HER THE GAS, **ROBIN**!



BATMAN

BUT AS THEY REACH THE CENTER OF GOTHAM CITY...



AND AFTER HEARING THE WHOLE STORY...



As they enter in the Batmobile...

AUTOMATIC PHOTO-CONTROLS OPEN THE BASEMENT GARAGE DOOR, AND BIG AIR-CONDITIONING DUCTS VENTILATE ALL ROOMS... SO THERE ARE NO WINDOWS TO LET PROWLERS IN!

ONE BY ONE, THE HOUSE OF BATMAN'S WONDERS UNFOLD...

YOU HAVE UNDERWORLD ENEMIES, BATMAN-- BUT IF ANY MENACING CALLER STEPS IN, A TOUCH OF THE BUTTON WILL GRAB HIM IN PADDED STEEL ARMS!

ON THE ROOF, AN EQUIALLY INGENIOUS DEVICE...

THIS LANDING DECK FOR THE BAT-PLANE IS FINE... BUT ISN'T THAT CIRCLING MECHANICAL BAT A BIT SHOWY?

IT'S THERE FOR A PURPOSE!
ITS "EYES"
ARE REALLY
TELEVISION
CAMERAS!

DOWN IN THE MASSIVE CENTRAL HALL...

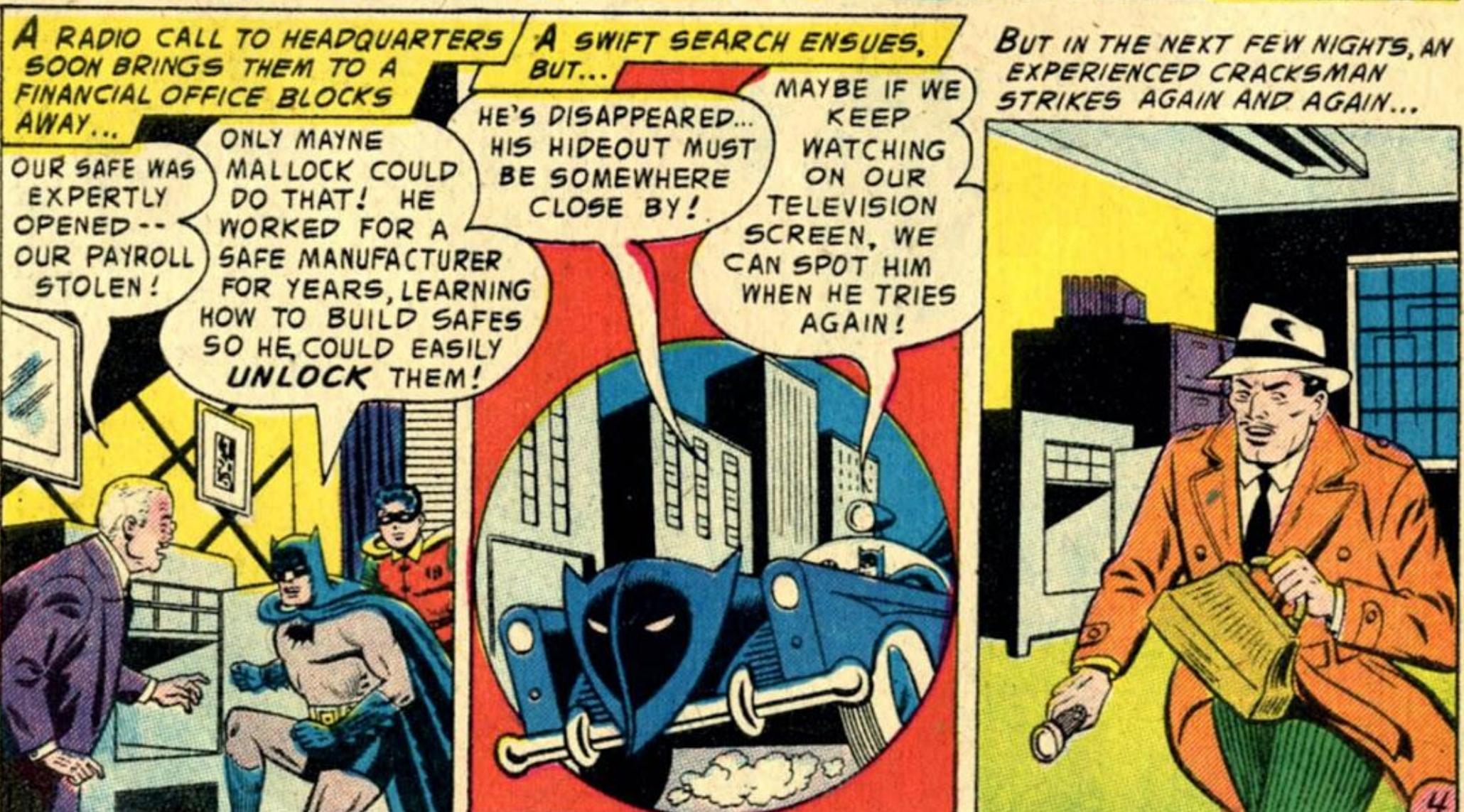
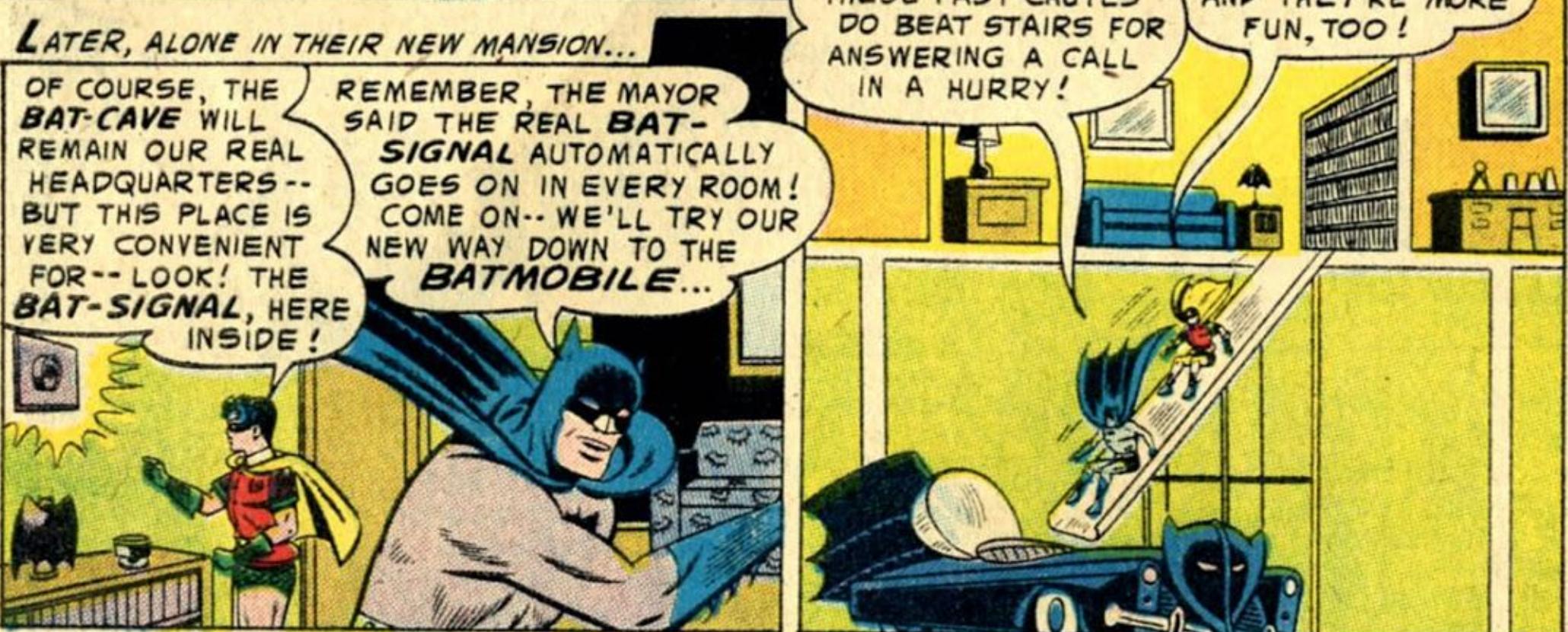
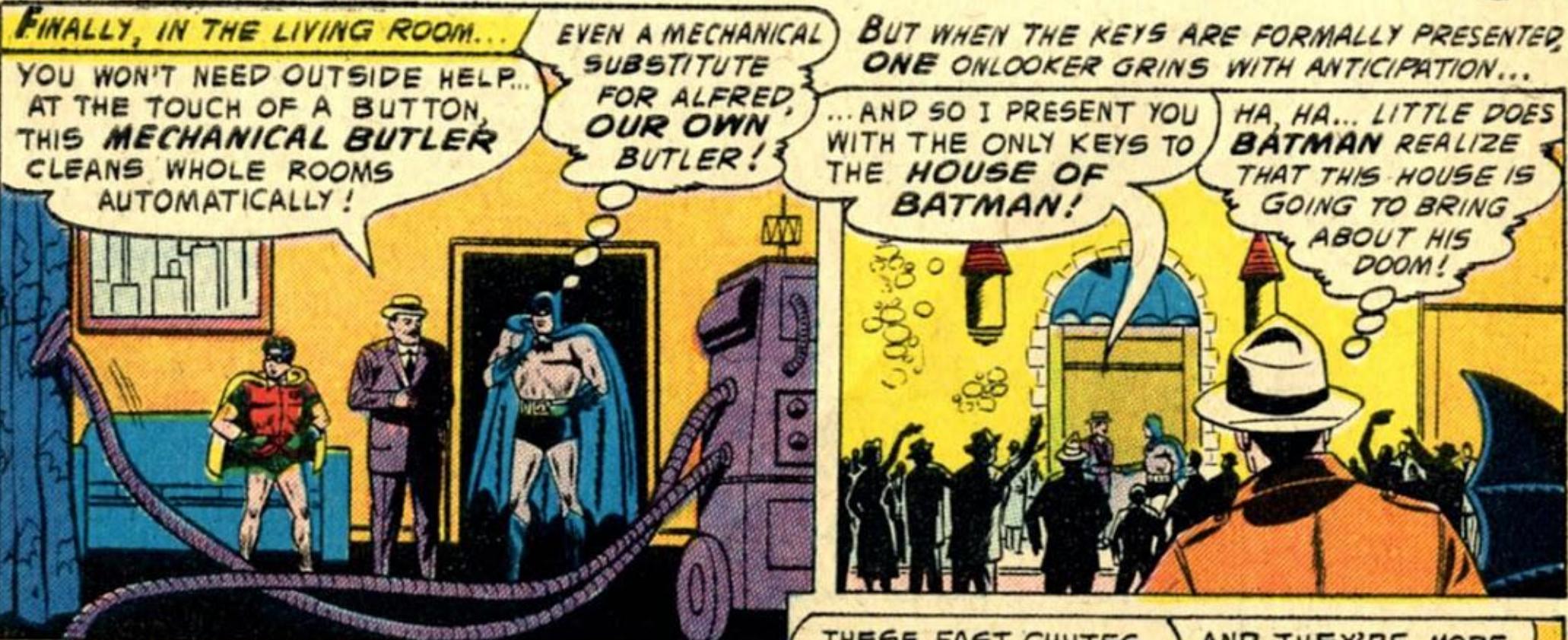
SEE?... THOSE "EYES"
RANGE FAR OUT OVER
GOTHAM CITY!

GEE... THAT
SURE BEATS
GOING ON
DOWNTOWN
PATROL!





BATMAN



AND THE DYNAMIC DUO FACES ITS MOST MYSTIFYING CHALLENGE...

BATMAN, THAT THIEF IS STRIKING OVER THE ENTIRE FINANCIAL DISTRICT! HE MUST BE CAUGHT!

WE'RE WORKING ON IT NIGHT AND DAY... IT WON'T BE LONG!

INSIDE, SHORTLY AFTERWARD...

BATMAN, MALLOCK EVADES US BECAUSE HE SEEKS TO KNOW, EACH TIME, WHAT OUR PLANS ARE! COULD HE HAVE A LISTENING-DEVICE PLANTED HERE?

THE CONTRACTORS WHO BUILT THIS HOUSE ARE REPUTABLE... THEY'D NEVER LET ANYONE TAMPER WITH THEIR WORK!

STILL, SOMEONE COULD'VE SECRETLY TAMPERED WITH THE GADGETS IN HERE! THIS MECHANICAL BUTLER, FOR INSTANCE... IT'S ALWAYS AROUND!

ALL RIGHT... LET'S TAKE THE THING APART AND EXAMINE IT!



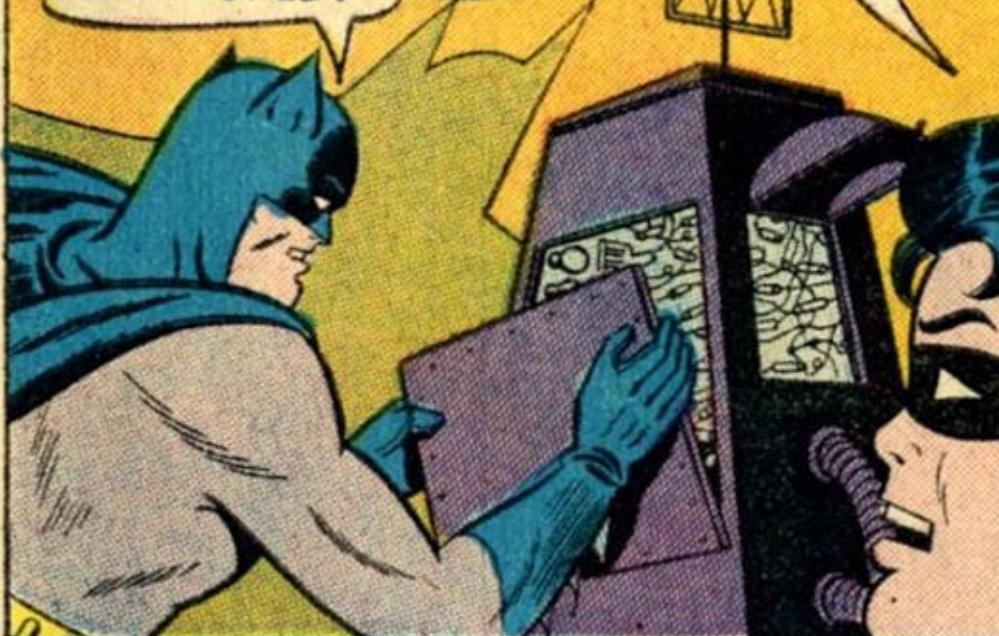
SOON...

SEE? IT'S JUST A SELF-POWERED MACHINE, WITH A RADAR-GUARD TO KEEP IT FROM RUNNING INTO WALLS, FURNITURE, OR PEOPLE!

WELL... MAYBE I'M WRONG, BUT I STILL HAVE A FEELING IT'S EAVESDROPPING ON US!

AFTER PUTTING THE "BUTLER" TOGETHER AGAIN...

WE'LL SPLIT UP TONIGHT... YOU GUARD THIS SECTION I'VE MARKED WITH BLUE PENCIL, I'LL PATROL THE RED-MARKED SECTION!

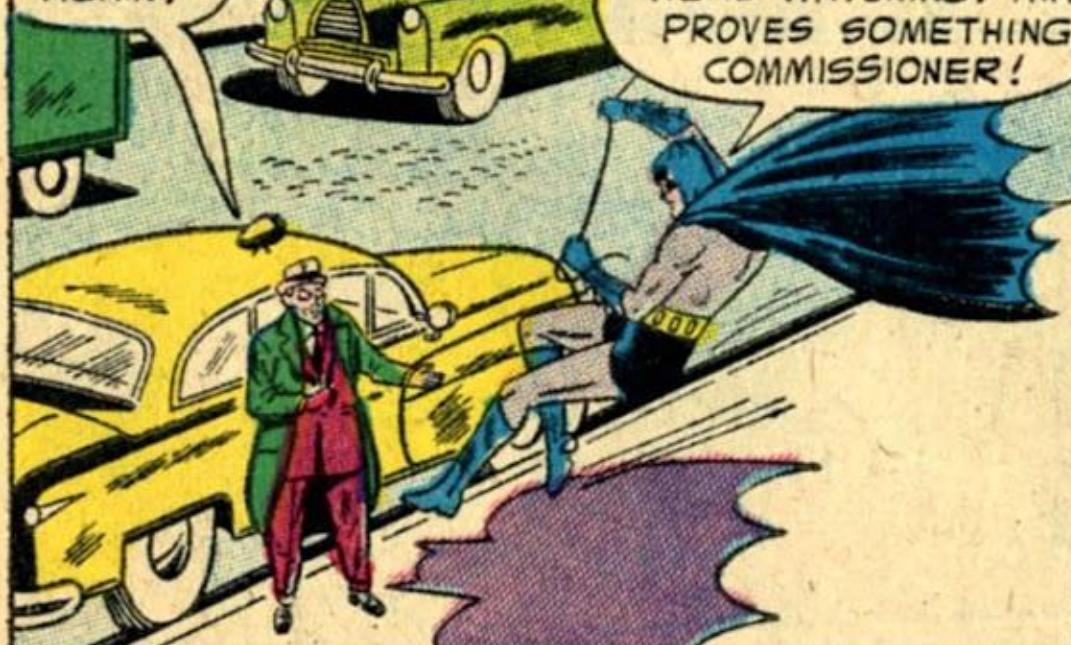


BUT NO SOONER DOES BATMAN BEGIN HIS VIGIL THAN...

BATMAN!

MALLOCK CLEANED OUT THE GOTHAM LOAN COMPANY'S SAFE, AND DISAPPEARED AGAIN!

WHAT--? HE PICKED A PLACE BETWEEN THE SECTIONS ROBIN AND I WERE WATCHING! THAT PROVES SOMETHING, COMMISSIONER!



BACK AT THEIR FABULOUS NEW HEADQUARTERS, THE MASKED LAWMEN FACE A PERPLEXING PROBLEM...

MALLOCK YET, I FEEL SURE MUST HAVE HEARD THERE'S NO SUCH OUR PLANS BY GADGET HIDDEN HERE! SOME HIDDEN COME ON, ROBIN--WE'VE LISTENING GOT WORK TO DO!



BATMAN

THIS IS THE GOTHAM BANK'S SCHEDULE FOR THEIR BIG CURRENCY TRANSFER... THEY'RE AFRAID OF MALLOCK AND WANT US TO GUARD IT! WE'LL MEMORIZE IT LATER, BUT NOW WE'D BETTER GET BACK ON THE ROOFTOP PATROL!

I'M READY...

BUT THE MOMENT THE DUO DEPARTS...

WHILE THEY'RE OUTSIDE LOOKING FOR ME, I'LL LOOK OVER THAT SCHEDULE! THESE BIG AIR-DUCTS MAKE FINE SECRET PASSAGEWAYS!

MY GREATEST TRIUMPH... THE HOUSE OF BATMAN, WHICH I DESIGNED-- AS A HIDEOUT FOR ME AND A TRAP FOR BATMAN!

MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE...

BUT THIS IS THE BUILDING NEXT TO OUR NEW HOUSE! WHY GO IN HERE?

BECAUSE WE'RE GOING BACK INTO OUR HOUSE! THAT CURRENCY-SCHEDULE I TALKED ABOUT WAS FAKE BAIT TO DRAW A CROOK OUT OF HIS HIDING-PLACE!

SHORTLY, ON THE ROOF...

YOU MEAN, YOU THINK MALLOCK IS HIDDEN IN OUR HOUSE?

YES! I PURPOSELY DIDN'T SAY WHERE WE'D PATROL LAST NIGHT... I MERELY MARKED IT ON THE MAP! A LISTENING-GADGET COULDN'T SEE THAT... ONLY MALLOCK HIMSELF COULD!

HE'D HEAR US IF WE USED THE DOORS-- SO WE'LL GO BACK IN THIS WAY! WAIT TILL I'M OFF THIS BAT-SIGN... IT MIGHT NOT BEAR BOTH OF OUR WEIGHTS!

BUT AT THAT MOMENT...

HUH--? THAT'S BATMAN, MOVING TOWARD THE TELEVISION "EYES" OF THE TOWER BAT!



BATMAN

HE'S TRYING A TRICK, BUT I CAN GO HIM ONE BETTER! IN FACT, HE AND THAT BRAT ARE IN FOR A THRILL THEY NEVER EXPECTED...

SURE ENOUGH, WHEN ROBIN SWINGS ONTO THE "BAT-TV"..
EEYOW! IT SUDDENLY BEGAN WHIRLING LIKE A WINDMILL!
IT'S MOVING TOO FAST FOR ME TO LET GO!

MALLOCK MUST'VE SPEEDED IT UP! HANG ON, ROBIN... I'LL STOP IT!



BUT AS BATMAN RACES DOWN INTO THE CONTROL-ROOM...

GREAT SCOTT! HE'S JIMMIED THE RADAR-GUARD OF THE MECHANICAL BUTLER, TO MAKE IT RUN AMUCK... AND THOSE VACUUM-CLEANER ARMS CAN REALLY HURT A MAN! STILL, I MUST GET TO THAT CONTROL-BOARD!



DOWN HE LUNGES UNDER THE FLAILING ARMS...

GOT TO TEAR ITS WIRING LOOSE FAST...

I'LL SET ANOTHER BAT-GADGET TRAP SO THEY CAN'T FOLLOW ME-- AND THEN GET MY LOOT AND LEAVE TOWN!



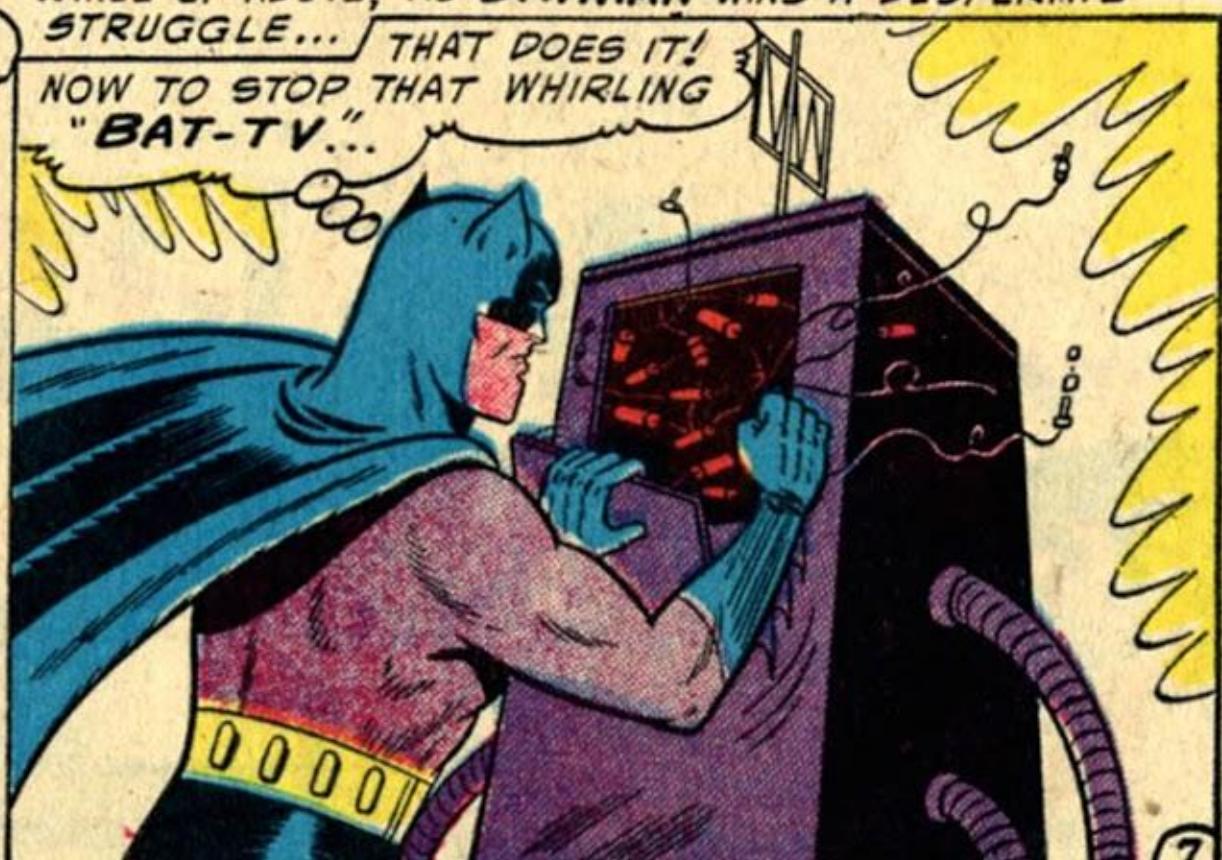
MOMENTS LATER...

ALL SET... I CAN CHUTE DOWN TO THEIR BATMOBILE, AND GET AWAY IN IT! THIS WILL MAKE CRIME HISTORY!



WHILE UP ABOVE, AS BATMAN WINS A DESPERATE STRUGGLE...

THAT DOES IT! NOW TO STOP THAT WHIRLING "BAT-TV"...



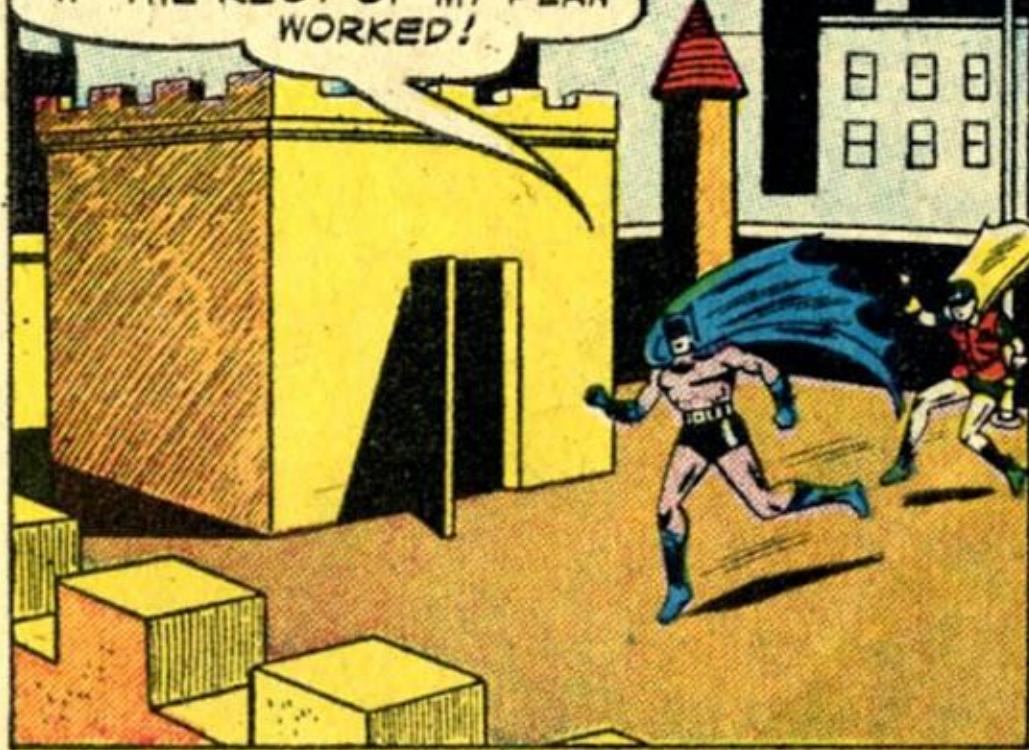


BATMAN



AND WHEN, AT LAST, THE SPINNING MECHANISM COMES TO A HALT...

MALLOCK COULDN'T ESCAPE... IF THE REST OF MY PLAN WORKED!



indeed, down in the basement garage...

WHY-- HE'S CAUGHT LIKE A FISH IN A NET! BUT-- HOW DID YOU KNOW--?

I FIGURED THAT IF WE COULD BAIT MALLOCK INTO THE OPEN, HE'D TAKE THE FASTEST ESCAPE ROUTE-- THAT CHUTE! SO I SIMPLY HUNG THE NET THERE IN ADVANCE!



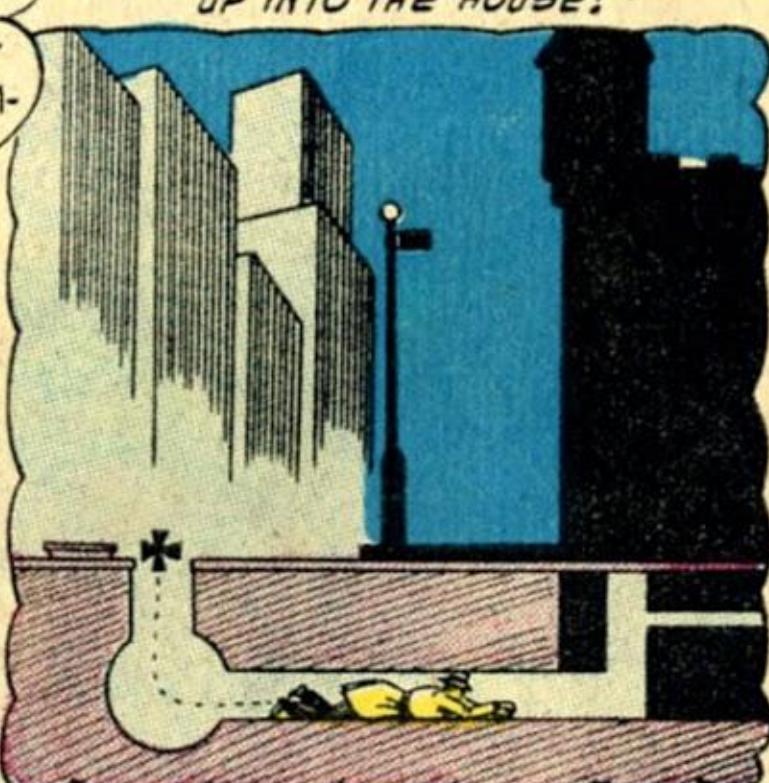
AND SO, AFTER THE CRIMINAL HAS BEEN JAILED...

YOU SAY MALLOCK SENT THE MONEY AND PLANS FOR THE HOUSE OF BATMAN, USING PENFIELD'S NAME? BUT-- WHY?

MALLOCK COULD STEAL MILLIONS IF HE HAD AN ABSOLUTELY SAFE HIDEOUT-- AND WHAT SAFER HIDEOUT THAN A SECRET BASE IN THE HOUSE OF BATMAN?

HE PLANNED THE HOUSE FOR HIS SECRET HIDEOUT! HE PURPOSELY MADE THE DRAINPIPE FROM THE BASEMENT TO THE STREET STORM-DRAINS MANY TIMES BIGGER THAN USUAL!

THAT WAY, HE COULD DUCK DOWN INTO A STREET STORM-DRAIN MANHOLE AND GET UP INTO THE HOUSE!



HE PLANNED, WHEN OF COURSE... YET HE'D MADE HIS HAUL, TO TURN THE HOUSE GADGETS AGAINST ME-- BUT IT DIDN'T WORK OUT! AND NOW, I THINK WE'LL GIVE THE HOUSE OF BATMAN BACK TO THE CITY!

I DON'T QUITE KNOW WHAT WE'LL DO WITH IT!

IT ISN'T LONG BEFORE THAT QUESTION IS ANSWERED, TOO... IT MUST MAKE MALLOCK FURIOUS, IN PRISON, TO THINK HIS BRAINCHILD HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM!



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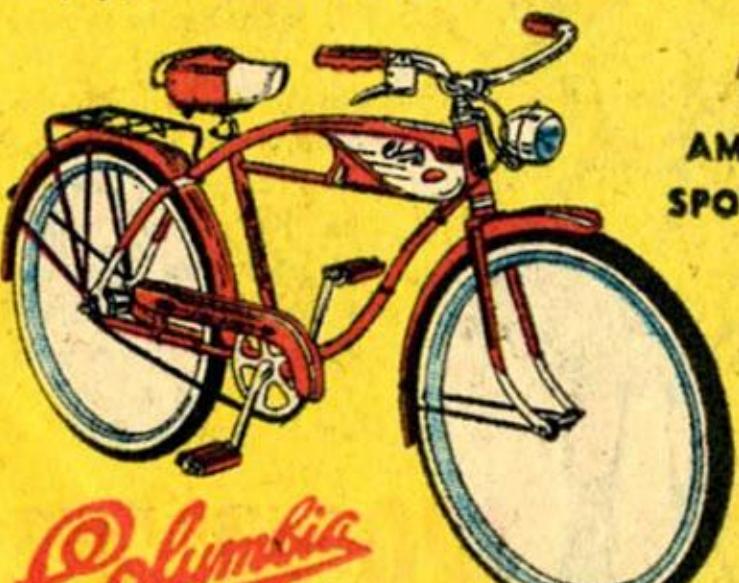
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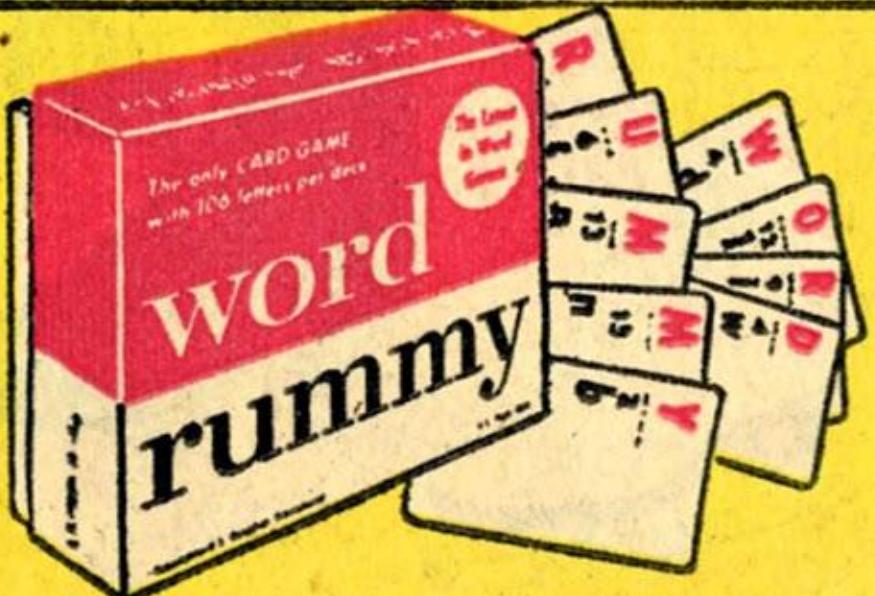
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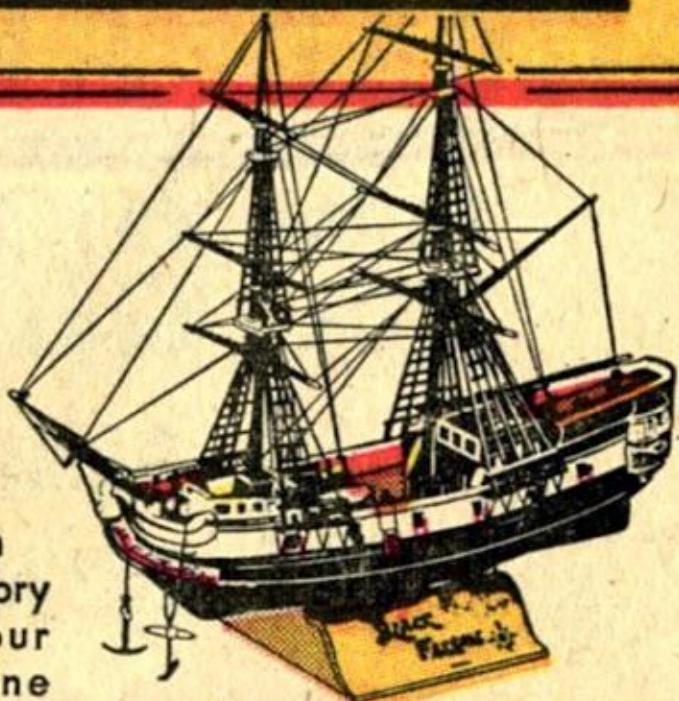
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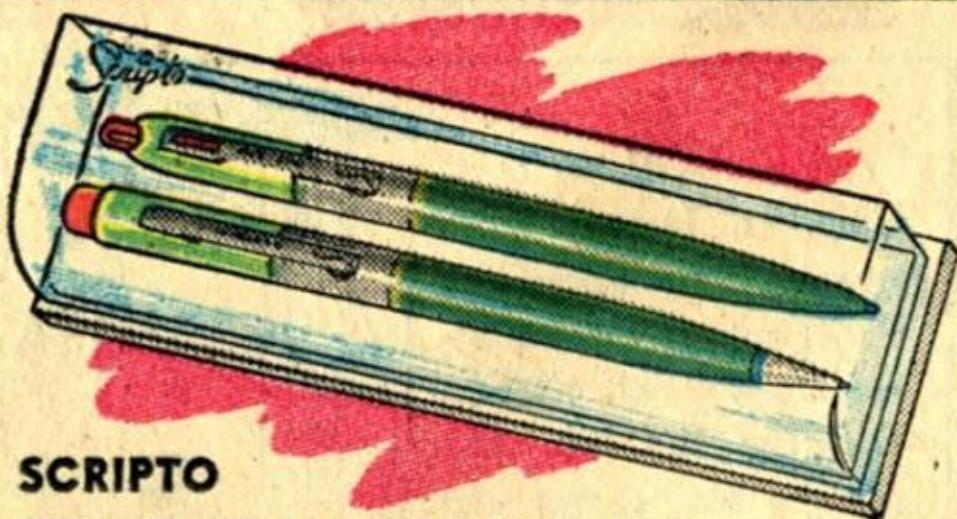
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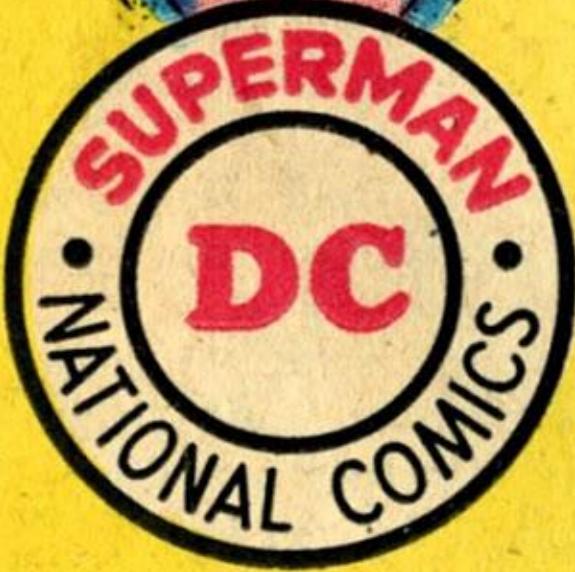
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The BIG DANCE!

"SO when Daddy told me I'd have to be in by 12 or no dance, that was absolutely the end." Mary Lou finished the tale of woe that had occupied a slow three-blocks walk from school, and looked dismally at Janie. "Maybe Muggsie won't even want to take me now!"

"Sure he will," said Janie. "But honestly, Mary Lou, this is sure kid stuff. And here we are fifteen! I'll probably be in the same boat when Dad and Mother get together about it. Sometimes, I wonder—were parents ever kids themselves?"

"The whole thing is, they're *bossy!*!" Mary Lou burst out. "Sometimes my father acts like a—a dictator or something!"

"Yeah, but look at the way he and your mother fixed up the backyard for our barbecue," reminded Janie.

"Well, yes," Mary Lou backed down a little. "And he was really marvelous about getting me a formal . . ."

"Who's marvelous? Anybody in your life but me?" came a voice from behind them.

"Muggsie!" squealed Mary Lou. "I thought you were at football practice."

"Called off," said Muggsie. "What have you two been yakking about for three blocks?"

"Girl talk," supplied Janie, helpfully, while Mary Lou searched for words.

"For Pete's sake!" began Muggsie, baffled.

Mary Lou interrupted. "Muggsie, do your parents ever lay down the law about things?"

"Oh, that!" Muggsie was relieved. "Sure. But I'm two years older than you and I've

got news for you. After a while you get used to it. And sometimes—they've even got a point."

The girls sighed.

"I wish somebody would explain the point—if any—of having to get home from a big dance at 12 o'clock," pouted Mary Lou.

"So that's it!" Muggsie shrugged. "Well, I guess we just grin and bear it."

"You mean you don't *mind*—at our first big dance?" exclaimed Mary Lou, with relief.

Muggsie grinned. "Well—er—as a matter of fact—I didn't know quite how to tell you—but I'll *have* to get you home by 12 to get in under the wire myself!"

"You mean . . . ?" chorused the girls.

"Yep, just this morning, Mother and Dad said 12:30 is absolutely *it!*"

Janie had an idea. "I bet our parents aren't any different. Everybody's going to be in the same boat. Muggsie, you're on the committee—why don't you just noise it around that all the kids have to be home by midnight?"

"Will do," said Muggsie, as they reached Mary Lou's home. "So long, see you later." With a wave of his hand, he was off.

"Well, that's that," said Janie briskly. "Come on, I'm dying to see your new formal!"

They hurried up the steps. "I guess it's going to be fun, after all," said Mary Lou. "Help me before everybody gets home, and I'll model the formal for you and the folks. I'd kind of like Daddy to see how it looks!"



BATMAN



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SEE IF YOU CAN
FIGURE OUT THE
STARTLING EXPLANATION
BEHIND...

*The Batman
from
Babylon*

THE
BAT-SIGNAL...
WE'VE GOT TO
ANSWER IT
IN OUR
BAT-CHARIOT!



BOB
KANE

IT'S NOT UNUSUAL WHEN A CERTAIN MAN,
GARBED IN CAPE AND COWL,
APPEARS ON A GOTHAM CITY STREET...

LOOK--
IT'S
BATMAN!

HE MUST BE
WORKING ON
SOME CASE!

BUT THE FAMED FIGURE'S NEXT MOVE
CERTAINLY **IS** UNUSUAL...

WHAT--?
BATMAN
HAS
UNMASKED!

IS IT
POSSIBLE...?
BATMAN
REVEALING
HIS SECRET
IDENTITY?

BATMAN





BATMAN



LATER, IN THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE, THE FRIENDS TRY TO SOLVE THIS MENACING PROBLEM...

LET'S RECALL EVERY DETAIL OF THAT ADVENTURE INTO THE PAST! THERE MAY BE A CLUE, A WAY OUT, IN WHAT HAPPENED!

"YOU REMEMBER THAT DR. NICHOLS HAD ANOTHER HISTORICAL PUZZLE HE WANTED US TO SOLVE..."

THERE'S A MYSTERY ABOUT THE BABYLON OF 3,000 YEARS AGO... TRADITIONS SAY IT WAS RULED THEN BY "A KING WHO NEVER EXISTED!"

WE'LL SOLVE THAT MYSTERY IF WE CAN, PROFESSOR!

"WITH HIS BRILLIANT SECRET MASTERY OVER THE TIME-SPACE CONTINUUM, HE AGAIN SENT US HURTLING INTO THE PAST..."



"A DARK, DIZZYING FLIGHT SOON BROUGHT US TO THE GIANT GATE OF..."

ANCIENT BABYLON! AND LOOK... ITS WALLS ARE SO HUGE, THEY RUN CHARIOTS ON TOP!

IT'S REALLY A DOUBLE, HOLLOW WALL! BUT LISTEN... THAT SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE INSIDE THE GATE! WE'D BETTER CHANGE...



I CAN TAKE CARE OF THIS BRUTE--BUT THE OTHERS WILL BE ON US!

"UNSEEN, WE SWITCHED HASTILY TO BATMAN AND ROBIN, AND WENT RACING TO THE RESCUE..."

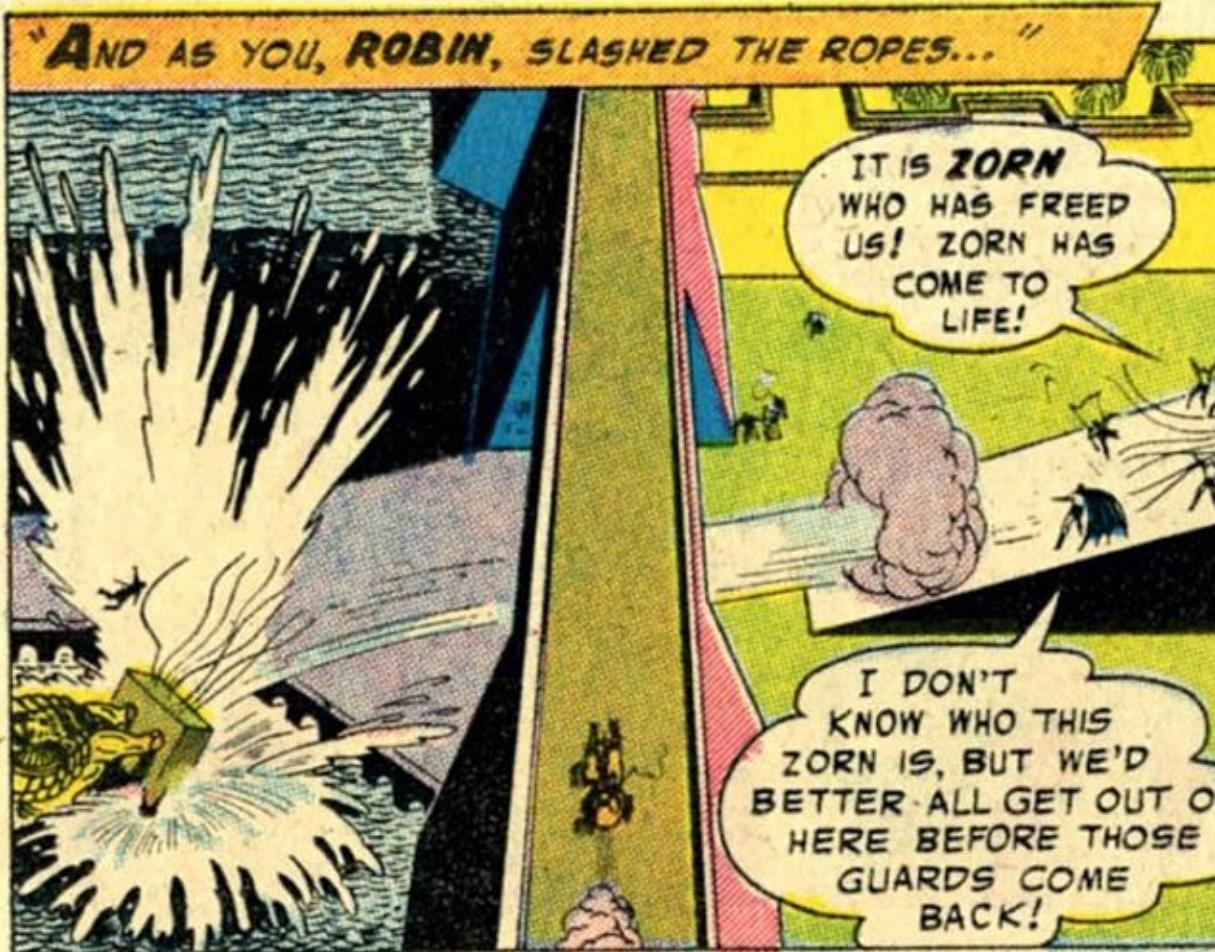
I, MERO, AM A FREE CITIZEN... WE ALL ARE! YOU CANNOT FORCE US TO DO THIS LABOR!

SILENCE! YOU SHOULD FEEL HONORED TO PULL THIS STATUE THAT WILL DECORATE THE PALACE OF KING BELADIN!

NOT IF I CUT THE ROPES WITH HIS SWORD!



BATMAN



"THEN WE WENT TO SEE THIS STATUE OF ZORN THEY'D MISTAKEN ME FOR..."

YES, KING BELADIN, THE PEOPLE SAY THAT ZORN COMES TO LIFE NOW TO HELP THEM!

THE FOOLS! TAKE THE STATUE TO MY PALACE... THAT WILL STOP THESE LEGENDS!

HMM... ZORN IS JUST AN ANCIENT STATUE-IDOL, BUT DOES RESEMBLE ME A LITTLE! AND I DON'T LIKE KING BELADIN!

LOOK... THE BAT-SIGNAL! WE'D BETTER ANSWER IT FAST!

"AND AS WE TOOK OFF IN OUR BAT-CHARIOT..."

WHEE... THIS IS MORE FUN THAN THE BATMOBILE!

IT WON'T BE FUN FOR LONG... WE'RE HEADING TOWARD A CARAVAN THAT'S BEING ROBBED UP AHEAD!

"FIRST, I MADE A LOAN FROM ONE OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS..."

YES, GREAT ZORN, YOU MAY BORROW MY FISHING NET!

GOOD! NOW, ROBIN, IF THE MERCHANT WILL LEND YOU HIS CHARIOT, WE CAN ROUND THEM UP!

I GET IT!

"AND ANCIENT BABYLON SOON SAW A MODERN TEAM IN ACTION!"

THANK YOU, THANK YOU... I SHALL NEVER FORGET THIS!

I'M A MERCHANT FROM FAR EASTWARD... I'M BEING ROBBED-- AND THE KING'S GUARD OVER THERE IS ALLOWING IT!

WE'VE GOT TO GRAB THEM ALL FAST...

THAT CROOKED GUARD-CAPTAIN IS ESCAPING, BUT WE'VE GOT THE OTHERS AND RECOVERED THE LOOT!

BATMAN

"BUT AS THE BAT-SIGNAL OF BABYLON CALLED US AGAIN AND AGAIN TO THE AID OF JUSTICE, THE EVIL KING BECAME MORE RESTIVE..."

YES, THE PEOPLE SAY ZORN STILL COMES TO LIFE TO AID THEM!

IT'S A MYTH! THAT STATUE IS A STATUE ONLY! FIND THESE MEDDLERS FOR ME AT ONCE!

"SO SHORTLY AFTERWARD, WHEN WE RETURNED TO OUR MAKESHIFT BAT-CAVE..."

SO THAT IS THEIR HIDING-PLACE, EH? I WILL INFORM THE KING AND... OH, OH--

THAT'S THE GUARD WHO HELPED THOSE THIEVES!

"THE COBBLED STREETS OF BABYLON ECHOED TO THE THUNDERING CHASE THAT FOLLOWED..."

THERE HE GOES... UP TO THE TOP OF THE GREAT WALL, TO SHAKE US OFF!

WE CAN GO THERE AS WELL AS HE! HANG ON...

"WE GALLOPED IN PURSUIT ALONG THE MIGHTY WALL UNTIL..."

GOT HIM!

YOU MUST BE ZORN, TO PERFORM SUCH FEATS! SPARE ME... I WILL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY!

AS BELADIN'S CAPTAIN OF GUARDS, YOU SHOULD KNOW WHERE THE VANISHED KING LANAK IS!

HE IS CAGED IN THE KING'S PALACE OF HANGING GARDENS!

"SO AFTER WE'D TAKEN OUR CAPTIVE TO OUR HIDING PLACE..."

I'LL TRY TO RESCUE THE RIGHTFUL KING LANAK! YOU AND MERO GATHER OUR FRIENDS, AND USE THE PLAN I SUGGESTED!

IT OUGHT TO WORK... THAT MERCHANT WHOSE CARAVAN WE SAVED WILL LEND US ALL THE EQUIPMENT WE NEED!

BATMAN

"SOON, I SECRETLY APPROACHED ONE OF THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD -- THE PALACE OF THE HANGING GARDENS..."

THE GATES ARE CLOSED AND GUARDED-- BUT THOSE TREES ON THE TERRACES SHOULD HELP ME!



"SILENTLY, I CLIMBED FROM TERRACE TO TERRACE..."

THE THRONE-CHAMBER WAS UP IN THE TOP OF THE PALACE-- AND THAT GUARD CAPTAIN SAID KING LANAK WAS IMPRISONED THERE!



"AS I ENTERED THE GREAT, EMPTY, TORCHLIT THRONE-CHAMBER OF BABYLON..."

BRING THE PRISONER LANAK TO THE THRONE-ROOM!

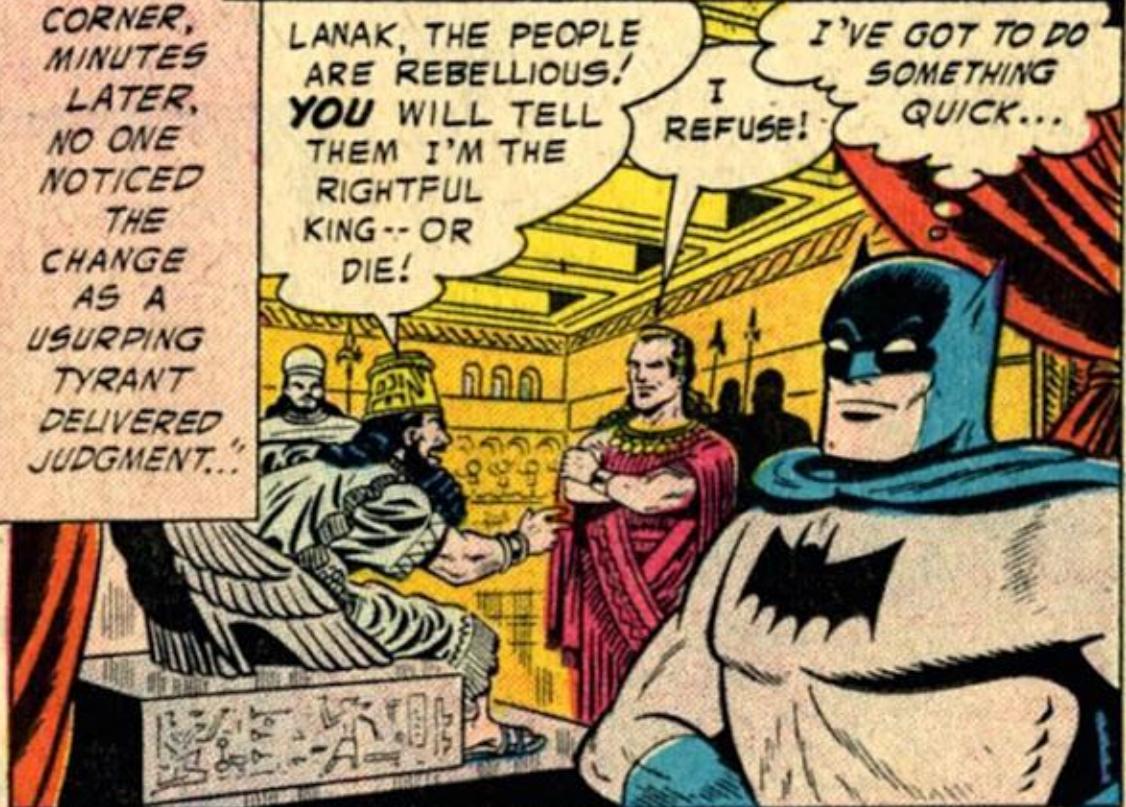
THEY'RE COMING HERE--MUSTN'T BE SEEN! HMM--THAT STATUE OF ZORN... IF I CAN PUSH IT BEHIND THE HANGINGS AND TAKE ITS PLACE...



IN THE SHADOWY CORNER, MINUTES LATER, NO ONE NOTICED THE CHANGE AS A USURPING TYRANT DELIVERED JUDGMENT...

LANAK, THE PEOPLE ARE REBELLIOUS! YOU WILL TELL THEM I'M THE RIGHTFUL KING--OR DIE!

I REFUSE! I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING QUICK...



"I DID THE ONLY THING I COULD DO..."

LOOK! THE IDOL HAS COME TO LIFE!

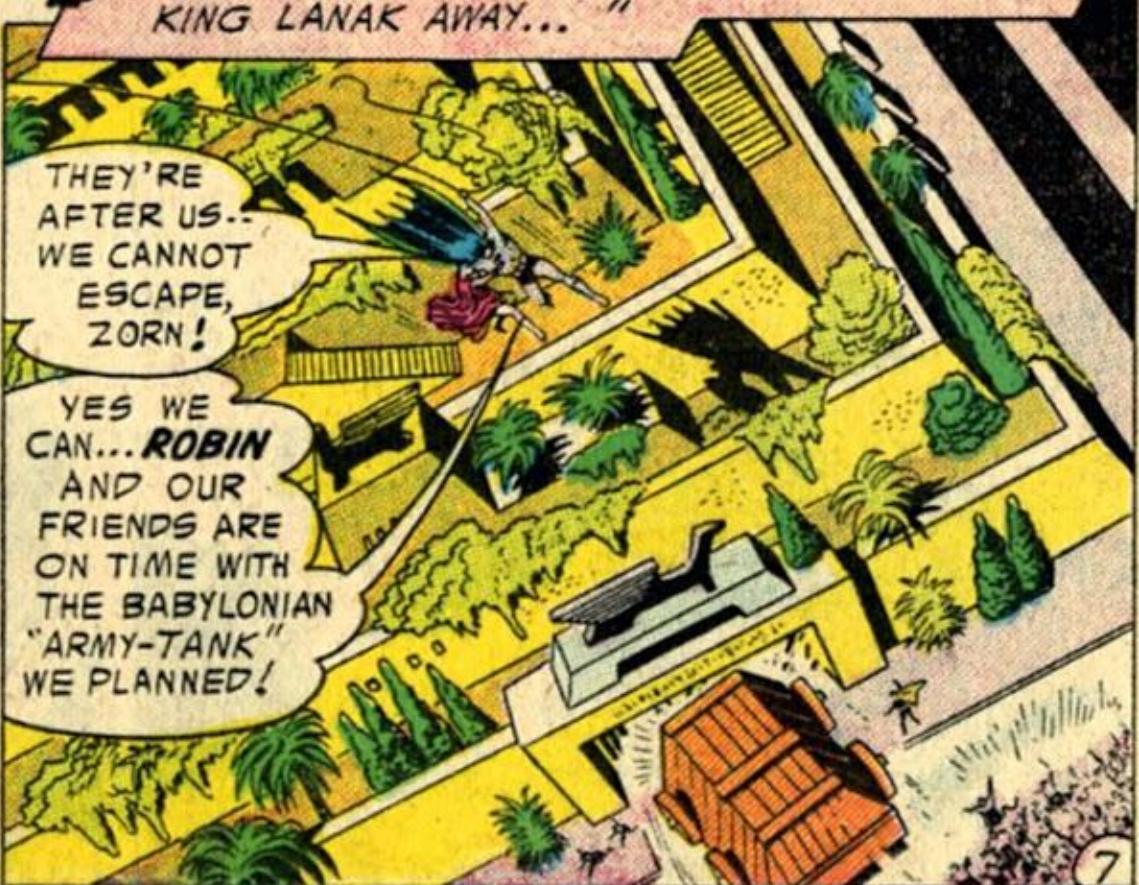
COME WITH ME, KING LANAK!



"THEIR SHOCK LASTED ONLY UNTIL I GOT KING LANAK AWAY..."

THEY'RE AFTER US-- WE CANNOT ESCAPE, ZORN!

YES WE CAN... ROBIN AND OUR FRIENDS ARE ON TIME WITH THE BABYLONIAN "ARMY-TANK" WE PLANNED!



"THE 'TANK' OF COURSE, TURNED OUT TO BE AN ELEPHANT BORROWED FROM THAT GRATEFUL MERCHANT. THE BEAST WAS INSIDE A WOODEN BOX..."

IT WORKED, MERO! BELADIN'S GUARDS ARE FLEEING IN PANIC!

SEIZE THE USURPER-- LANAK IS OUR RIGHTFUL KING!



"LATER, WITH KING LANAK AGAIN RULING WISELY..."

THE RULE OF BELADIN WAS A BLOT ON BABYLON... LET EVERY RECORD OF HIM BE DESTROYED!

WE WILL CARVE HIS NAME FROM EVERY MONUMENT! HE WILL BE AS FORGOTTEN AS IF HE NEVER LIVED!



THEN BELADIN-- THE TYRANT THEY WANTED TO FORGET-- IS "THE KING WHO DIDN'T EXIST"!!

AND ON THE STATUE OF ZORN, OUR CHAMPION, WE WILL RECORD HIS GREAT FEATS!

BATMAN, WE'D BETTER CHANGE... DR. NICHOLS WILL SOON DRAW US BACK TO OUR OWN TIME!



AND NOW, AS BRUCE AND DICK STUDY THEIR PROBLEM IN THE BAT-CAVE...

UNDoubtedly they later made a wall-painting of you in action-- and that's what got us into this fix!

But recalling it all made me think of something! I'm going to cable that archaeologist!



SOON, AT DR. HALLEY'S EXCAVATIONS ON THE SITE OF BABYLON...

AN ANONYMOUS CABLE TOLD ME ABOUT WHERE I WOULD FIND THIS BURIED STATUE! LOOK AT THE INSCRIPTION ON IT! WE'LL WIRE A PHOTO AND NEWS OF THIS TO GOTHAM CITY!



AND SO, AS BRAND BARTOR'S CLAIM ON THE BATMAN COSTUME IS JUDGED...

THIS IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF A BAT-IDOL FOUND AT BABYLON, WITH AN INSCRIPTION STATING IT "CAME TO LIFE AND FOUGHT IN JUSTICE!" THAT WALL-PAINTING DEPICTED THE IDOL NAMED ZORN SO YOUR CLAIM THAT BATMAN IMITATED ANOTHER BATMAN IS DISPROVED!



AND THAT'S THE TRUTH... YOU DIDN'T IMITATE ANOTHER BATMAN! YOU WERE THE BATMAN OF BABYLON!



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Scotland Yard's Search for a Stone



It Was Only a Slab of Rock, but the Famed Sleuths

Had to Get It Back

IT neither glittered nor contained any rare elements. Its shape was not unusual, and it had no geologic or other scientific value. Yet, when this slab of rock was stolen, Christmas Eve of 1950, all England remained thunderstruck, and to restore it, Scotland Yard launched one of the most massive manhunts in its entire history!

For this was the Stone of Scone, an object that had adorned the coronation throne in London's famed Westminster Abbey. Brought to England from Scotland in the year 1296, after the conquest of the Scots, it was built into the throne by King Edward I, and there it remained for the crowning of every British monarch.

But why would anyone want to steal it now? As a relic of history, the stone was priceless—but no thief could hope to make any money with it. Who stood to gain by the robbery? The gallant Yard detectives had to first answer this question before they could hope to track down their quarry.

Questioning all possible witnesses and piecing together whatever scanty clues they could find, they were soon able to construct the criminals' method of operation. One of the Abbey's doors had been jimmied open, and the stone had been dragged out along the floor. A witness had noticed a car, with two passengers, parked outside a gate that had also been jimmied open, and he remembered hearing these people speak with distinct Scottish accents. From this testimony, the police had their motive.

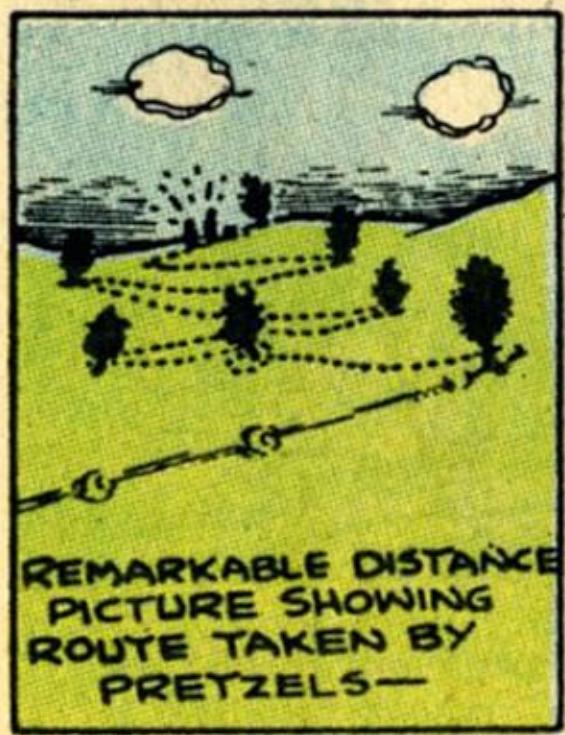
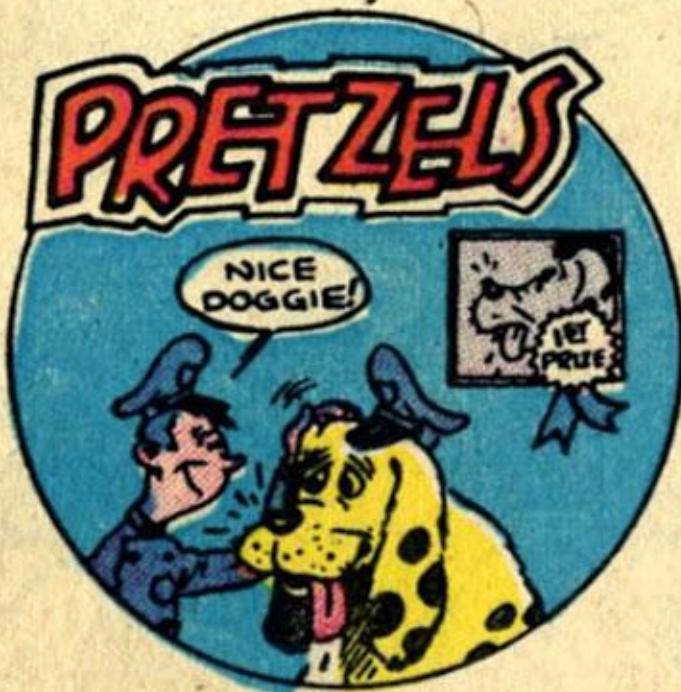
The stone, said Scotland Yard, must have been stolen by Scottish nationalists—fanatics who, till this day, still resent its removal from their native land! Immediately, the search shifted to Glasgow, Scotland, with the only pieces of evidence being a description of the robbery car and a torn wristwatch band found near the throne.

As in so many cases of this sort, Scotland Yard received hundreds of letters a day, most of them from crackpots, claiming to know who the robbers were. One such letter, however, mentioned the damaged watch band, and also told the name of its owner. Thus the police had their first concrete suspect.

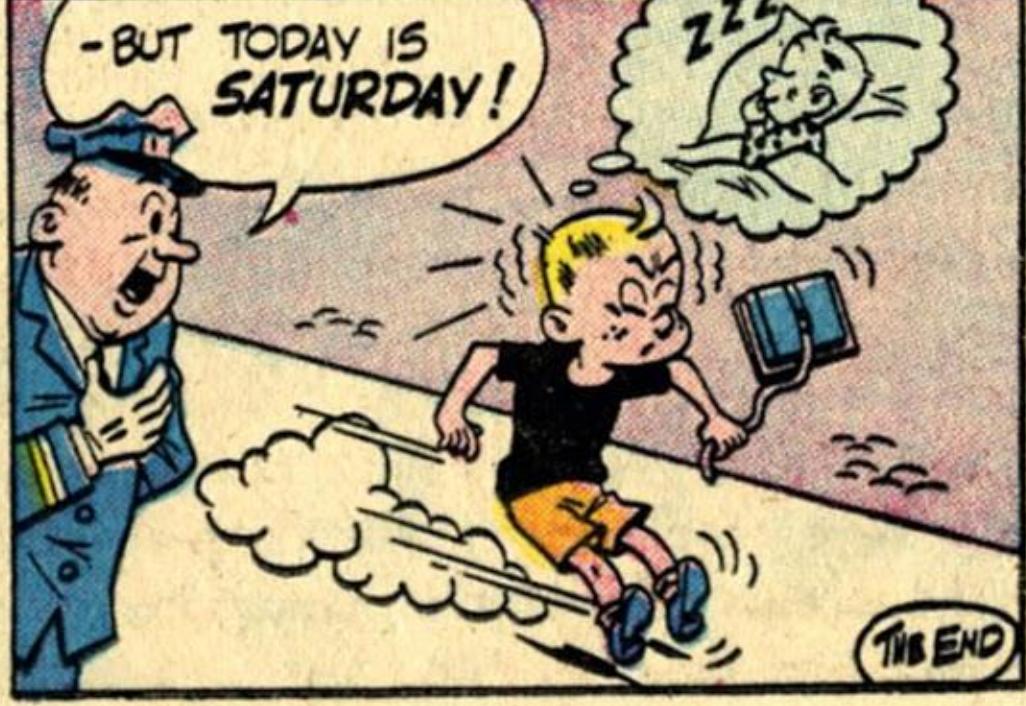
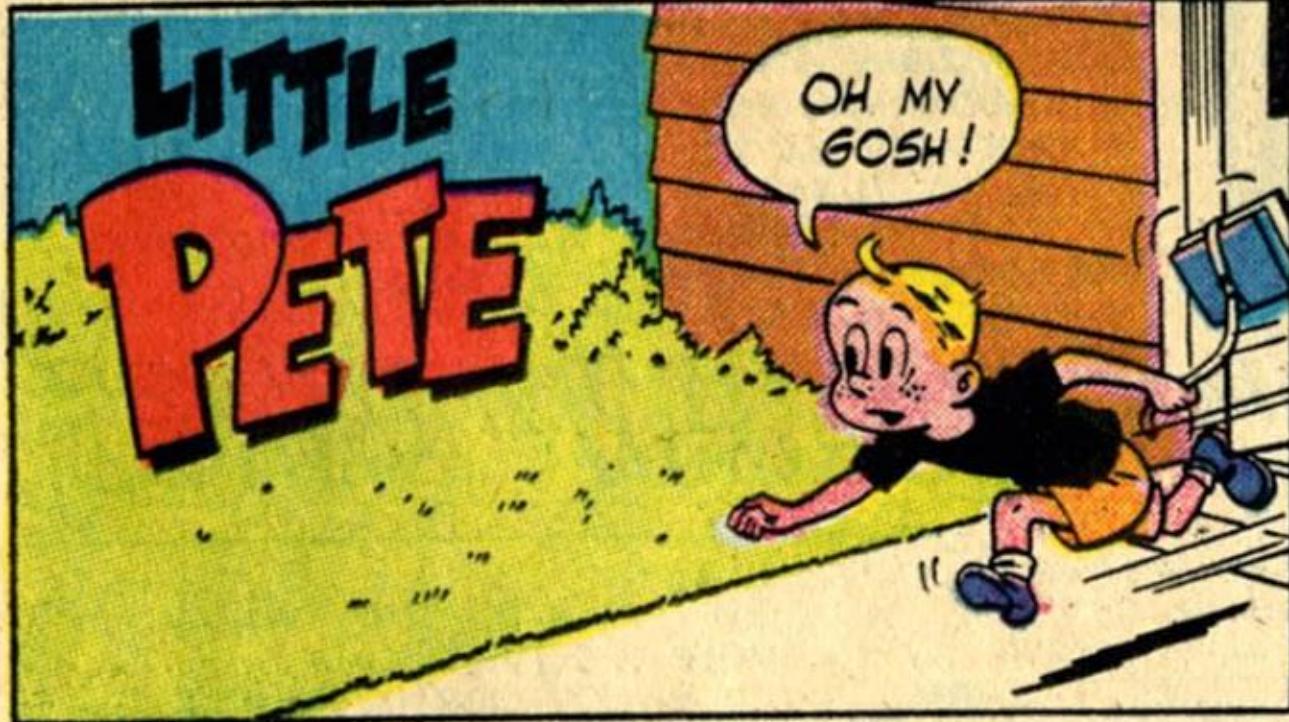
At the same time, an inquiry concerning the car had been launched, and one garage told of such a vehicle being rented some days before the crime and returned some days afterward, following a 1,479-mile trip, the approximate distance from Glasgow to London and back. The hirer of this car became the second suspect.

Other facts confirmed these suspicions. One of the men, some time prior to the theft, had borrowed three books about Westminster Abbey from a Glasgow library, and neither could produce a convincing alibi for the night of the robbery.

Confronted with such damaging leads, these two finally confessed and revealed the names of their two cronies. And so, today, the Stone of Scone again adorns the famed Abbey, where the impeccable sleuths of Scotland Yard point to it as a symbol of one of the most foolish crimes ever committed.



REMARKABLE DISTANCE PICTURE SHOWING ROUTE TAKEN BY PRETZELS—



THE END



BATMAN



BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

BATMAN

MEANWHILE, ON THE SET OF THE MOVIE,
"STONE AGE MAN"...

IT'S AMAZING! ANYONE WOULD
THINK CARLIN IN A PART UNTIL HE
REALLY IS ALMOST LIVES IT!
A CAVEMAN!

THAT'S WHAT MAKES

CARLIN A GREAT ACTOR!
CARLIN IMMERSES HIMSELF

LATER, WHILE CAMERAS GRIND, CARLIN ENACTS
HIS ROLE OF THE HULKING CAVE MAN...



SUDDENLY, A CHUNK OF "TUSK" BREAKS AND DROPS FROM THE MECHANICAL MONSTER...



SUDDENLY, EYES GLARING, CARLIN BELLOWS SAVAGELY...

YOU TRY TAKE GOTH CAPTIVE-- BUT GOTH TOO STRONG FOR YOU!



GOTH ESCAPES!

WHAT...? THAT BLOW ON THE HEAD HAS AFFECTED HIS BRAIN! HE'S PLAYED THE PART OF A CAVE MAN SO LONG, HE REALLY THINKS HE IS ONE NOW!

SOON AFTER, IN THE BATMOBILE, A NEWS BULLETIN IS HEARD BY THE DYNAMIC DUO...

... AND CARLIN **ROBIN**, SOME IS STILL AT WAY, SOMEHOW, LARGE! WE'VE GOT TO CITIZENS FIND CARLIN ARE WARNED THAT IN HIS PRESENT STATE AND GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT! OF MIND, CARLIN IS DANGEROUS!





BATMAN

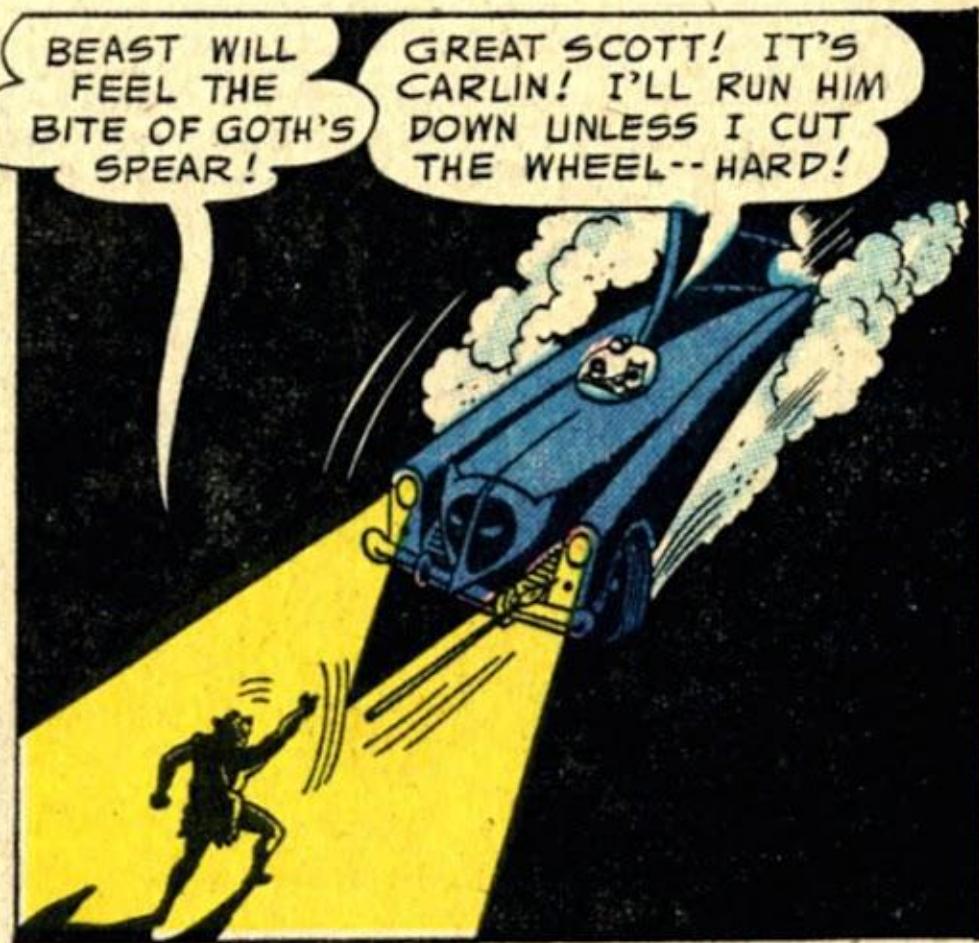


SUDDENLY, A GROTESQUE FIGURE IS CAUGHT IN THE GLARE OF HEADLIGHTS!

UGH! A GREAT BEAST ATTACKS GOTH--A BEAST WITH SHINING EYES!

BEAST WILL FEEL THE BITE OF GOTH'S SPEAR!

GREAT SCOTT! IT'S CARLIN! I'LL RUN HIM DOWN UNLESS I CUT THE WHEEL--HARD!



NOT EVEN THE BATMOBILE CAN WITHSTAND THAT ABRUPT TURN AND...

I AM GOTH--SLAYER OF BEASTS!

THEN, AS THE HEADLIGHTS OF ONCOMING CARS ILLUME THE SHAGGY FIGURE...

UGH! MORE BEASTS! NOT EVEN GOTH CAN SLAY SUCH A BEAST-PACK!
GOTH MUST ESCAPE!



MOMENTS LATER, DAZED BUT UNHURT, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS RISE FROM THEIR CRIPPLED CAR...

IF THAT HAD BEEN ANY OTHER CAR THAN THE BATMOBILE, WE WOULDN'T BE ALIVE!

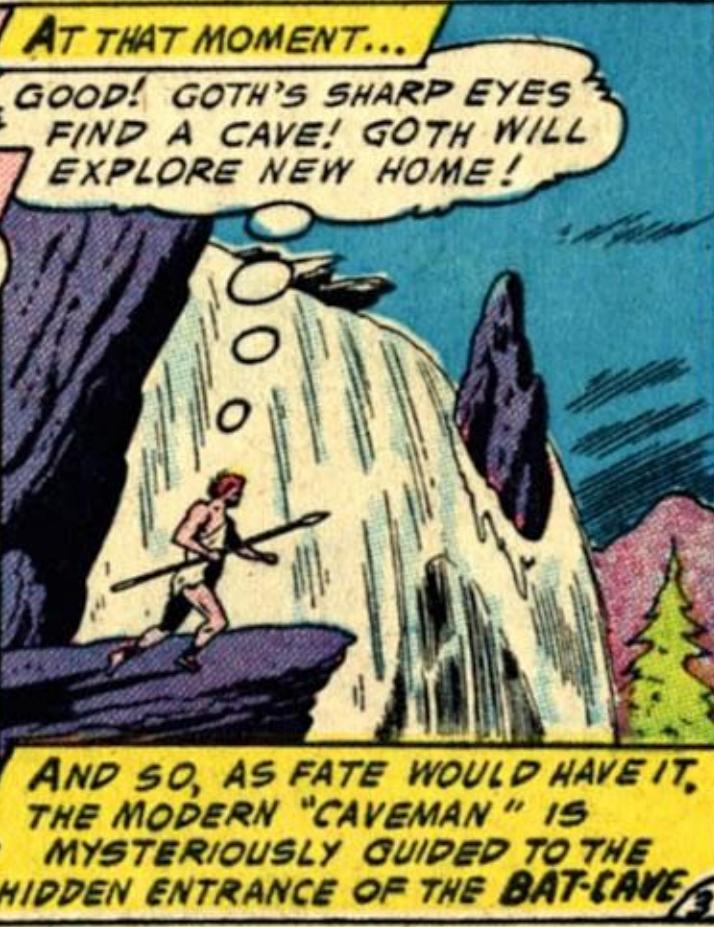
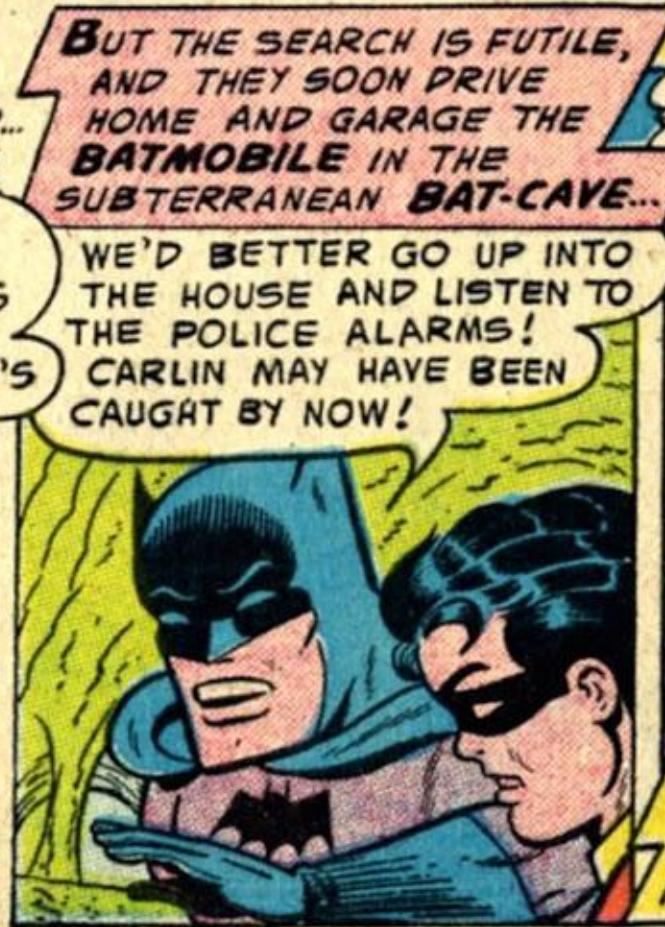
WE BUILT THE BATMOBILE TO TAKE CRASHES! WELL... NOW LET'S SEE IF WE CAN PICK UP CARLIN'S TRAIL!

BUT THE SEARCH IS FUTILE, AND THEY SOON DRIVE HOME AND GARAGE THE BATMOBILE IN THE SUBTERRANEAN BAT-CAVE...

WE'D BETTER GO UP INTO THE HOUSE AND LISTEN TO THE POLICE ALARMS! CARLIN MAY HAVE BEEN CAUGHT BY NOW!

AT THAT MOMENT...

GOOD! GOTH'S SHARP EYES FIND A CAVE! GOTH WILL EXPLORE NEW HOME!



AND SO, AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, THE MODERN "CAVEMAN" IS MYSTERIOUSLY GUIDED TO THE HIDDEN ENTRANCE OF THE BAT-CAVE!

BATMAN

LATER, IN THE WAYNE MANSION ABOVE THE BAT-CAVE, A WARNING BELL CLANGS...

BRR-RRNG!
BRR-RRNG!

THE ELECTRIC-EYE ALARM!

SOMEONE'S IN THE BAT-CAVE!

HASTILY SLIPPING ON THEIR ACTION GARB, BATMAN AND ROBIN DESCEND TO THEIR HIDDEN LAIR, WHEN SUDDENLY...

SNARES!

AND WE WALKED RIGHT INTO THEM!



A SPLIT INSTANT LATER, THE TRAP IS SPRUNG...

CARLIN!

CAVE IS GOTH'S HOME NOW! GOTH IS CUNNING! GOTH MAKES YOU HIS CAPTIVES!



STRANGE THINGS HERE! GOTH NO WANT THEM!

HE'LL SMASH ALL OUR LAB EQUIPMENT! I'VE GOT TO DISTRACT HIM... SO WE CAN FREE OURSELVES WITHOUT HIM NOTICING IT!



LIKE A PENDULUM, SWINGING IN EVER-WIDENING ARCS, BATMAN FINALLY IS WITHIN REACH OF THE TROPHY ROOM DOOR...





BATMAN



WHILE CARLIN FLINGS HIS STONE-HEADED SPEAR INTO THE DINOSAUR TROPHY, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** USE THE PRECIOUS MOMENTS TO FREE THEMSELVES...

UGH! GOTH WILL NEED A WEAPON!

WHIRLING, HE SNATCHES UP THE ONE TROPHY THAT IS A RELIC OF THE PAST!

GREAT SCOTT!
HE'S GOT THE STONE AGE CLUB LOADED WITH THE EXPLOSIVE!

IF HE HITS ANYTHING WITH THAT CLUB, THE JAR WILL SET OFF THE EXPLOSIVE!

LIZARD-BEAST STILL STANDS! NOT EVEN GOTH CAN FIGHT LIZARD-BEAST AND THESE BIRD-MEN, TOO!



GOTH MUST ESCAPE!
GOTH IS CUNNING!
GOTH WILL FIGHT
ANOTHER TIME!

WE CAN'T LET
HIM GET AWAY
WITH THAT
EXPLOSIVE!
COME ON!

THROUGH THE VAULTED LIMESTONE CAVERNS, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** PURSUE A MAN WHO SEEMS TO BELONG AMID THESE GROTESQUE WALLS...



THE RUSE WORKS FOR, AN INSTANT LATER...

UH! BLACK FLYING CREATURE COMES AT GOTH!



BATMAN

LOCKED IN COMBAT, THE STEEL-MUSCLED BATMAN PITS HIS POWER AGAINST THE SAVAGE STRENGTH OF THE DERANGED ACTOR!



SUDDENLY, CARLIN SLIPS, BANGS HIS HEAD AGAINST A JUTTING STALAGMITE...



SWIFTLY, BATMAN AND ROBIN RESUME THEIR BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON ROLES, JUST AS CARLIN'S EYES START TO OPEN...

UH? HOW DID I GET HERE?

WE...ER... FOUND YOU WANDERING AROUND ON THE ROAD! YOU'VE HAD A NASTY CRACK ON THE HEAD, BUT YOU'RE ALL RIGHT NOW!

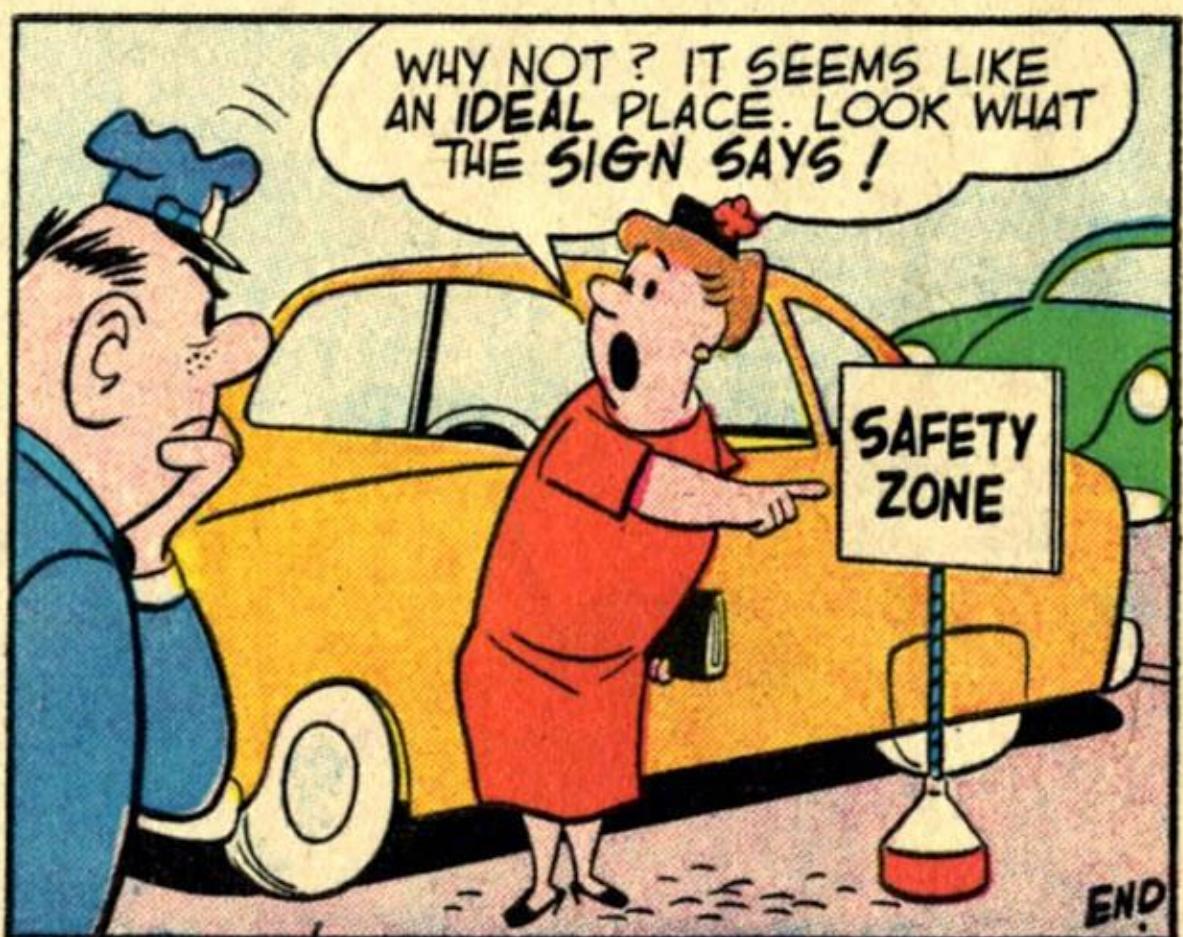
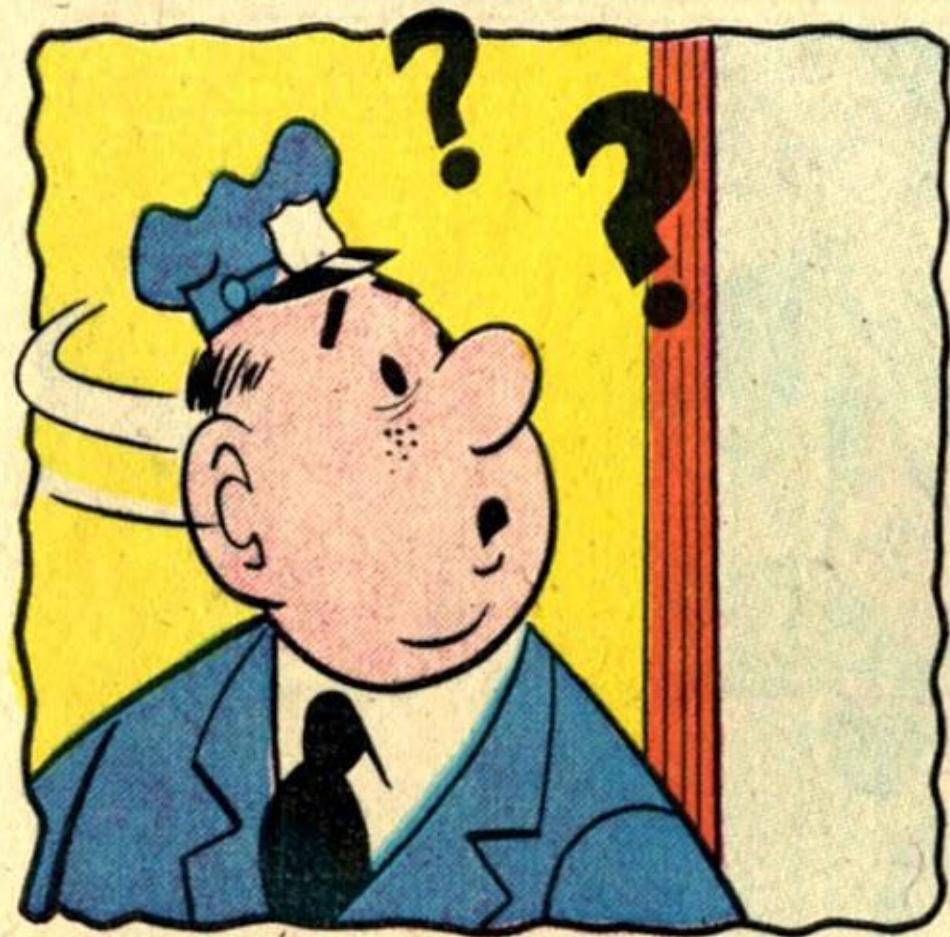
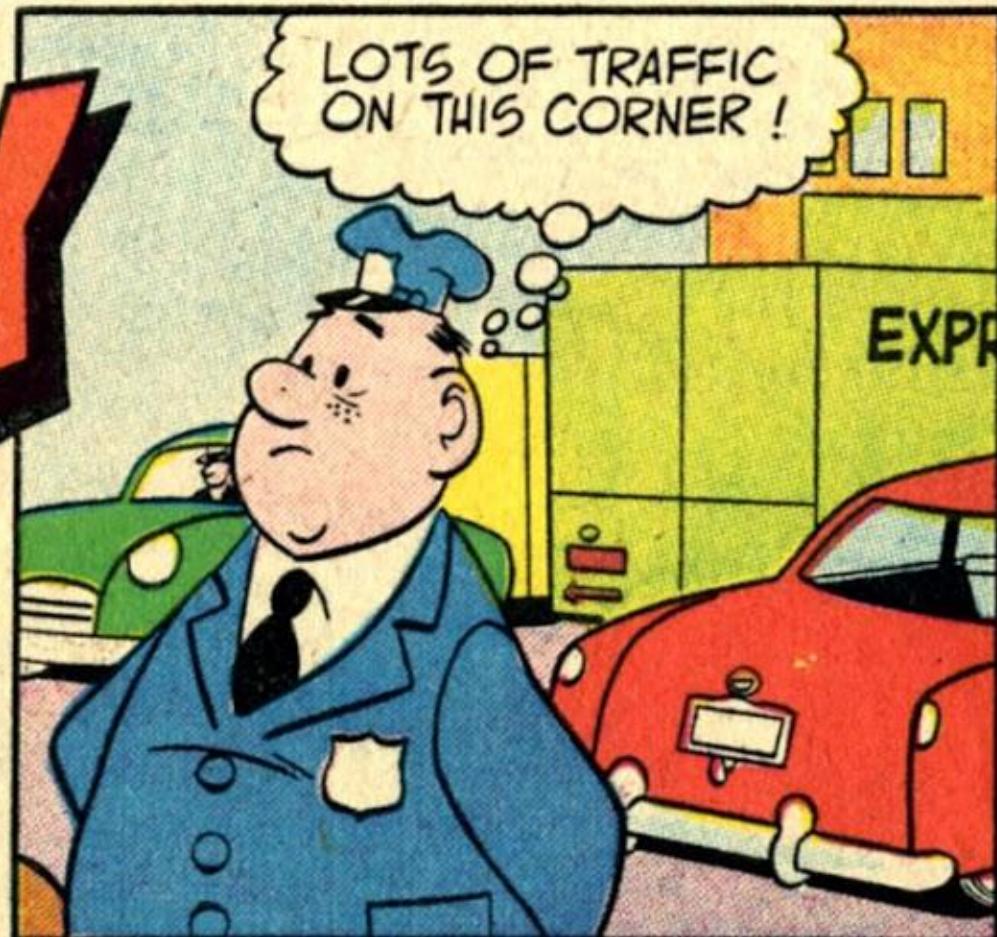
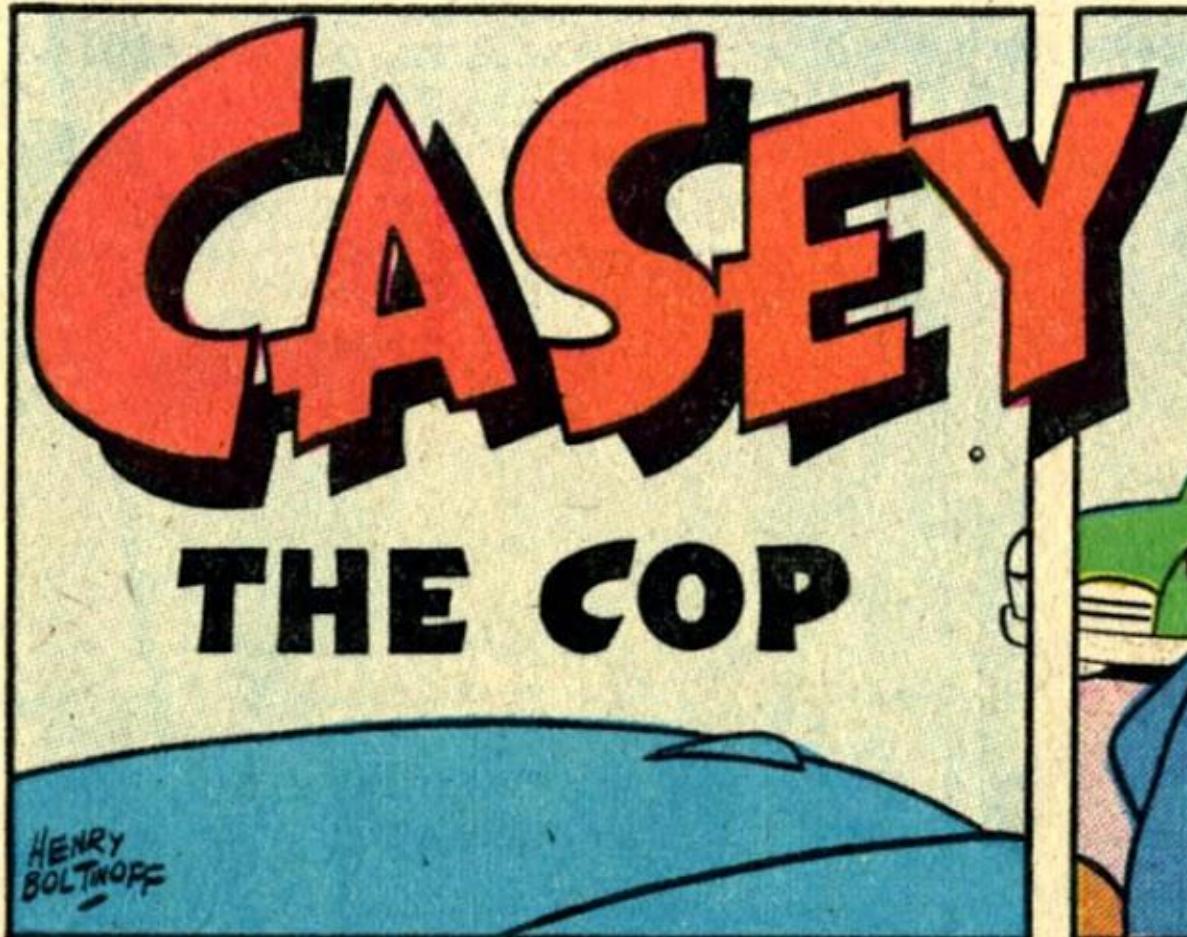
MIDNIGHT! I MUST HAVE BEEN WANDERING AROUND FOR HOURS! FUNNY-- I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT I'VE DONE OR WHERE I'VE BEEN!

AND A GOOD THING YOU DON'T-- BECAUSE THAT MEANS THE LOCATION OF THE BAT-CAVE IS STILL OUR SECRET!





BATMAN



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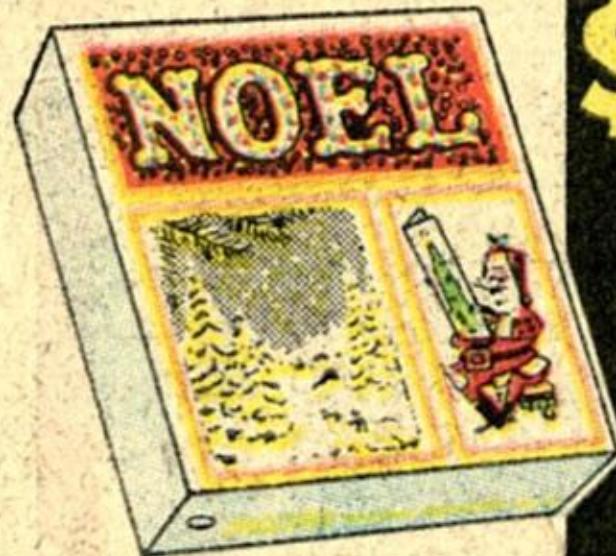
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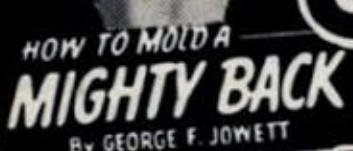
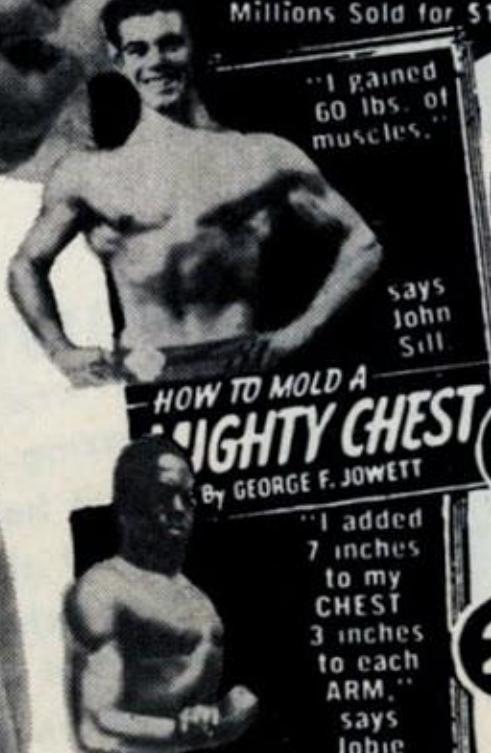
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