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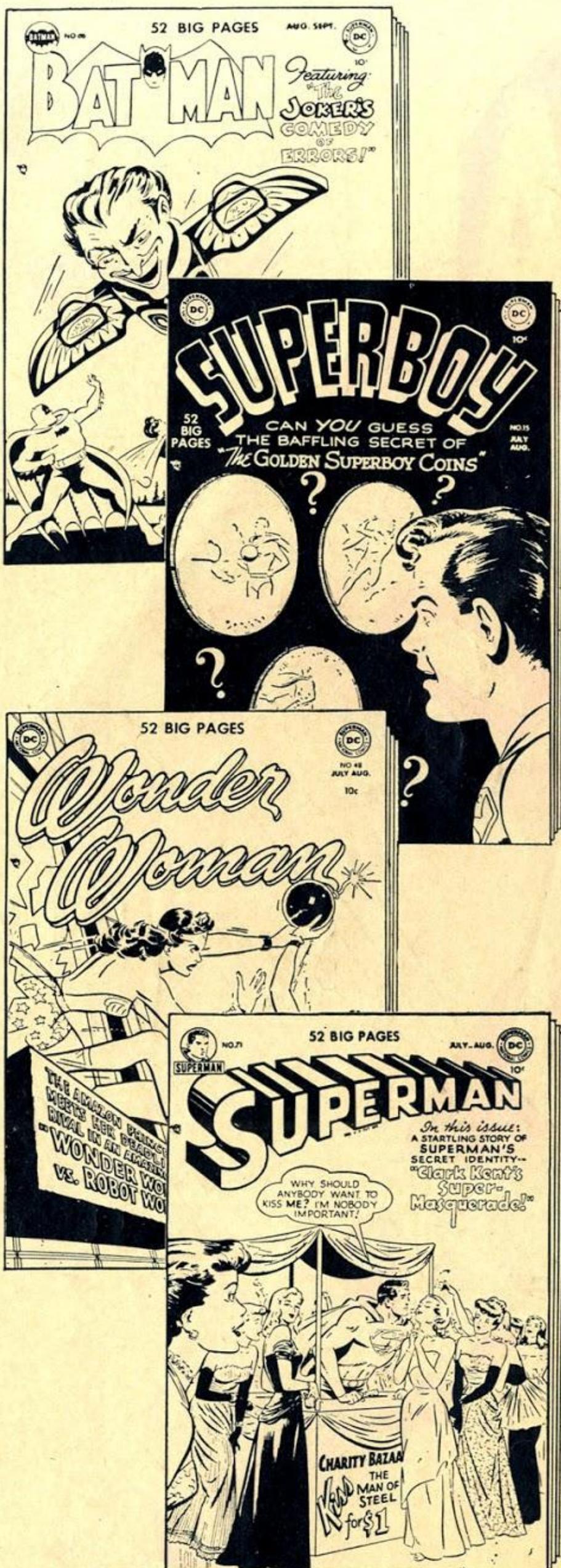


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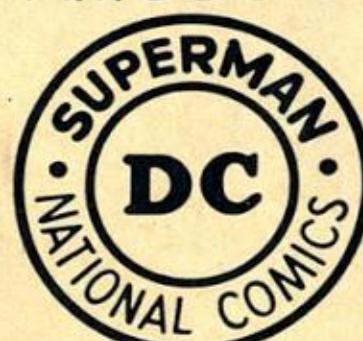
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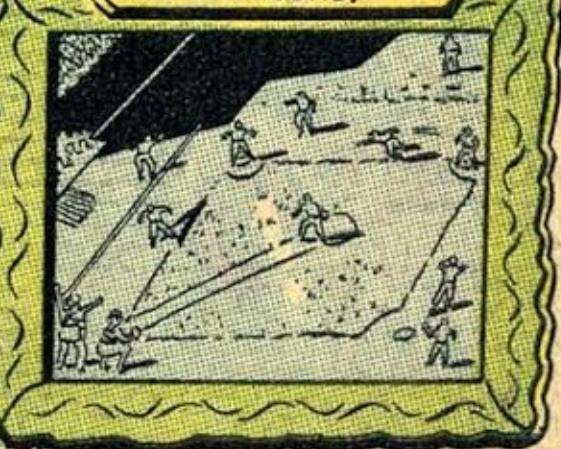
AND
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-

CRASH!

"THE JOKER'S COMEDY OF ERRORS!"

YOU'VE PROBABLY COMMITTED SOME BONERS IN YOUR TIME. MOST EVERYBODY HAS. HISTORY IS FULL OF THE MISTAKES OF MAN, SOME OF WHICH NEVER COULD BE WRITTEN OFF, AND SOME WHICH BOOMERANGED INTO DEEDS OF GOOD FORTUNE. BUT ONLY A SENSE OF HUMOR LIKE THE JOKER'S COULD THINK OF TRANSLATING BONERS INTO CRIMES! AND WHEN THE CLOWN PRINCE OF CROOKDOM SETS OUT TO RE-CREATE THE CLASSIC ERRORS OF HISTORY FOR PERSONAL GAIN--AND IN ADDITION READIES A SPECIAL BONER JUST FOR BATMAN--IT ALL ADDS UP TO ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING ADVENTURES EVER TO BEFALL THE DYNAMIC DUO... IN THE STORY CALLED...

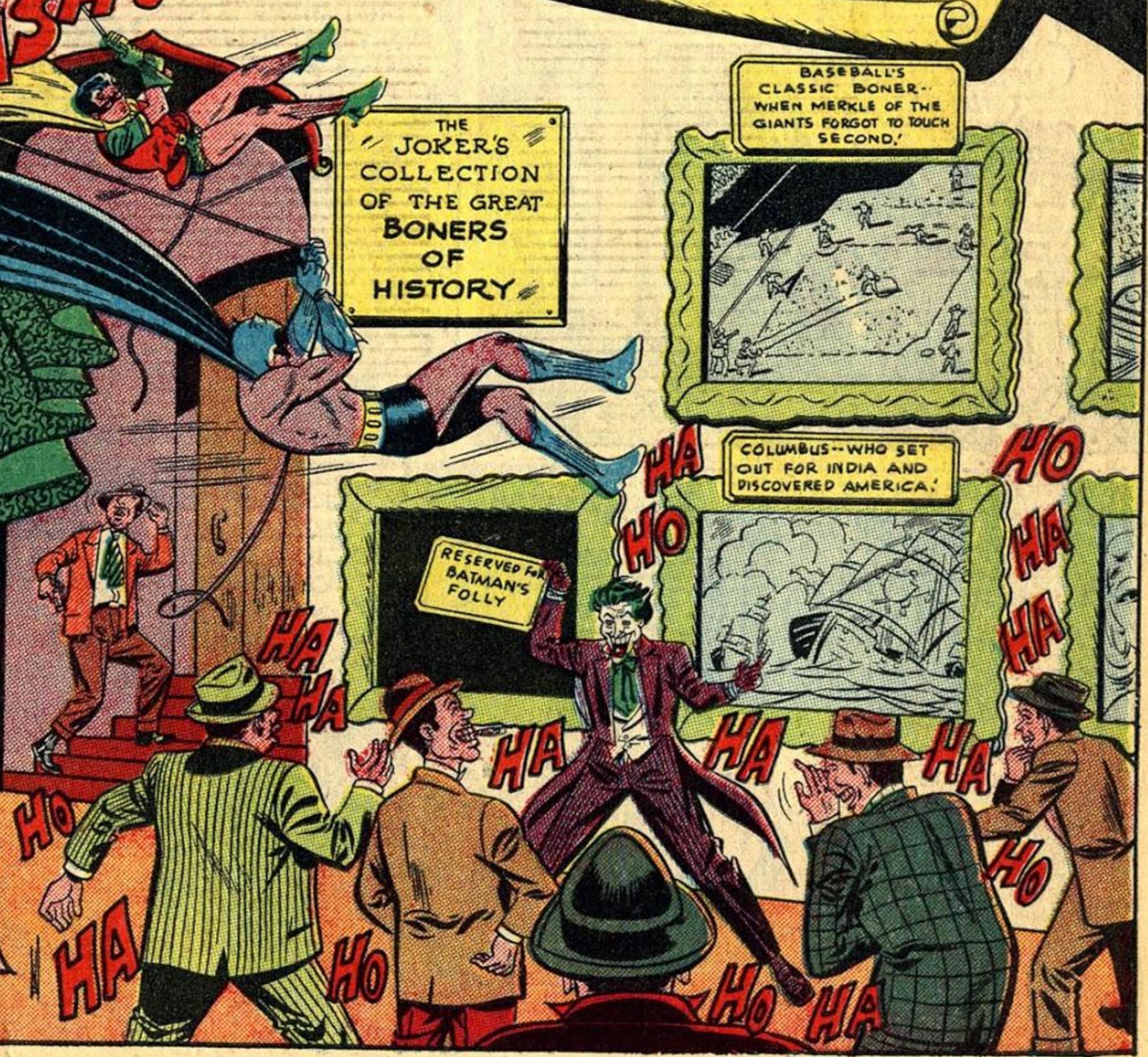
BASEBALL'S CLASSIC BONER-- WHEN MERKLE OF THE GIANTS FORGOT TO TOUCH SECOND!



COLUMBUS--WHO SET OUT FOR INDIA AND DISCOVERED AMERICA!

Bob Kane

RESERVED FOR
BATMAN'S
FOLLY



BATMAN



ONE EVENING, A STRANGE FIGURE EMERGES FROM THE SHADOWS IN DOWNTOWN GOTHAM CITY-- THE FIGURE OF THE JOKER, CLOWN PRINCE OF CRIME!

INTO THE BASEMENT WITH YOU, BRAGG! YOU KNOW WHERE THE FUSE BOX IS! GIVE US TEN MINUTES-- THEN PULL THE FUSES! HA-HA!

RIGHT, JOKER!

AND, IN THE BUILDING...

HA-HA! ONLY THE JOKER WOULD THINK OF ROBBING THE ELECTRIC COMPANY BY TURNING OUT THE LIGHTS. C'MON, MEN-- WE'LL RIDE IN STYLE-- IN THE ELEVATOR!

THEY'LL SURE BE SURPRISED WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT! WE'LL GET THEIR PAYROLL EASY!



A MOMENT LATER...

THE 24TH FLOOR, MY MAN-- AND MAKE IT QUICK! HA-HA!

DO WHAT HE SAYS, BUDDY-- OR ELSE!

THEN, AS THE JOKER PUTS HIS PLAN INTO OPERATION...

IT'S THE JOKER! CALL THE POLICE!

HA-HA! IMAGINE THE ELECTRIC COMPANY WITHOUT LIGHTS! BY THE TIME THE POLICE COME, I'LL BE WELL ON THE WAY TO THE HIDEOUT!



QUICK-- INTO THE ELEVATOR! WE CAUGHT THEM FLAT-FOOTED, JUST AS I PLANNED! HA-HA!

BUT THEN...

HOW DO YOU EXPECT THIS ELEVATOR TO MOVE? YOU CUT OFF ALL THE ELECTRICITY!

WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN! HOW COULD I BLUNDER SO! HURRY, MEN--WE MUST USE THE STAIRS!



AND, AS THE CRIME CLOWN AND HIS MEN RACE TOWARD SAFETY...

WELL JOKER! LOOKS LIKE YOU STEPPED INTO SOMETHING THIS TIME!

LOOK OUT! IT'S THOSE PESTS-- BATMAN AND ROBIN!

I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT A PLEASURE IT IS TO BUMP INTO YOU AGAIN, JOKER!

DON'T CROW, BATMAN-- YOU HAVEN'T CAUGHT ME YET.

HE THREW A MATCH INTO SOME CHEMICALS USED FOR FILM PROCESSING. THIS WHOLE BUILDING WILL GO UP IN FLAMES!

SUDDENLY, THE JOKER MAKES A DESPERATE MOVE...

BUT HE'S GETTING AWAY--AND SO ARE HIS MEN!

LET HIM GO! WE'VE GOT TO SAVE THE PEOPLE TRAPPED UPSTAIRS! BESIDES--HE DIDN'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING--HE FLED WITH- OUT HIS LOOT!

YEAH! HE REALLY BLUNDERED THIS TIME!

AND NEXT DAY...

WUXTRY!

CIN BULLETIN
JOKER PULLS BONER OF THE YEAR!!

PERFECT CRIME FIZZLES WHEN CRIME CLOWN RUINS OWN GETAWAY CHANCES! BATMAN AND ROBIN RECOVER ALL LOOT.

OTHER FAMOUS ALL-TIME BONERS:

BATMAN



MEANWHILE, AT THE JOKER'S HIDEOUT...

SO! THEY LAUGH AT MY BONER,
WILL THEY?! I'LL SHOW THEM!
I'LL SHOW THEM HOW MANY
BONERS THE JOKER CAN
MAKE!

THIS EMPHASIS ON BONERS
HAS GIVEN ME AN IDEA FOR A
NEW ADVENTURE IN CRIME!
GOTHAM CITY WILL RUE THE DAY
IT MENTIONED THE WORD
BONER!

A FEW NIGHTS LATER, ON THE
BANKS OF THE GOTHAM RIVER...

I WILL TAKE THE
GREAT BONERS OF ALL-
TIME AND TURN THEM INTO
CRIMES! SEE THIS PICTURE?
IT SHOWS A BIG BONER OF
MODERN VINTAGE!

I REMEMBER!
THAT'S THE
MISSOURI--THE
BATTLESHIP
THAT GOT STUCK
IN THE MUD!

THE WORLD ROARED WHEN THIS MIGHTY
BATTLE-WAGON RAN AGROUND! IT
WAS QUITE A BONER! WELL--
WE'LL RE-CREATE THE SCENE--
FOR LOOT! HA-HA!

MOMENTS
LATER...

WE'LL JUST
CHANGE THE
BUOYS IN THE
GOTHAM RIVER...
AND WHEN THE
S.S. CAPETOWNIA
ARRIVES TOMORROW,
THE FUN WILL BE-
GIN! HA-HA!

YEAH! THAT'S
A NEW SHIP ON
ITS MAIDEN RUN.
THE CAPTAIN AIN'T
FAMILIAR WITH THIS
RIVER AT ALL--
AND THE PILOT
DON'T COME ABOARD TILL
THEY NEAR
THE HARBOR
DOWNSTREAM!

EARLY NEXT
MORNING...

HAW! LOOK
AT HER! GROUNDED--
JUST LIKE THE
BIG MO WAS!

HA-HA! OUR
LITTLE PLAN
WORKED! HURRY--
THERE'S A FORTUNE
IN DIAMONDS
ABOARD--AND IN
THE CONFUSION,
WE'LL HAVE NO
TROUBLE WITH
THE CREW!

NEXT DAY...

GOTHAM GAZETTE

STUNG BY HIS BONER,
JOKER LASHES BACK!
LOOTS STALLED LINER
LARGE DIAMOND COLLECTION
STOLEN!
FIRST "BONER" CRIME!

MISHAP TO BIG MO
RESTAGED BY JOKER--
WARNS OF MORE TO
COME

MEANWHILE...

THE FAMED LEANING TOWER
OF PISA! ONE OF THE GREAT ARCHI-
TECTURAL **BONERS** IN HISTORY! FAULTY
FOUNDATION WORK AND MISCALCULA-
TIONS ALMOST CAUSED IT TO TOPPLE
OVER!

BUT HOW YOU
GONNA USE THIS
TO PULL A JOB,
BOSS?

IN ANSWER, THE JOKER TAKES HIS MEN ON A WILD RIDE THROUGH
THE COUNTRY. AND THEN...

WHY--THIS IS THAT OIL
MAGNATE'S JOINT--"KING"
STALEY'S CASTLE--HE HAD IT
TRANSPLANTED, STONE BY
STONE, FROM EUROPE!

CORRECT! HA-HA! AND NOW HE'S
BUILDING A BELL TOWER--WHICH
WE'RE GOING TO TURN INTO A
TOWER OF PISA! HA-HA!

HO-HO! "KING"
STALEY BRAGGED THAT
NO ONE COULD SCALE
HIS WALL AND ROB
HIS CASTLE! BUT HE
DIDN'T BARGAIN ON
THE JOKER--AND HIS
BONER CRIMES!

THAT NIGHT, UNDER COVER OF DARK-
NESS...

HA-HA!
NOW TO DO A
LITTLE UND-
MINING WITHOUT
ANYONE BEING THE
WISER! DIG, MEN--
AND SEE HOW THIS
TOWER WILL LEAN
AFTER THE FIRST
RAINSTORM!

YEAH! AND
REMEMBER TO
COVER UP OUR
WORK SO NO ONE
SPOTS THE DIG-
GING! WE'LL
HAUL ALL THE
DIRT AWAY!

YOU SURE
MADE THE TOWER
LEAN JUST RIGHT,
JOKER! AND THIS ROPE
WILL HELP US GET
OUT THE WAY WE
CAME!

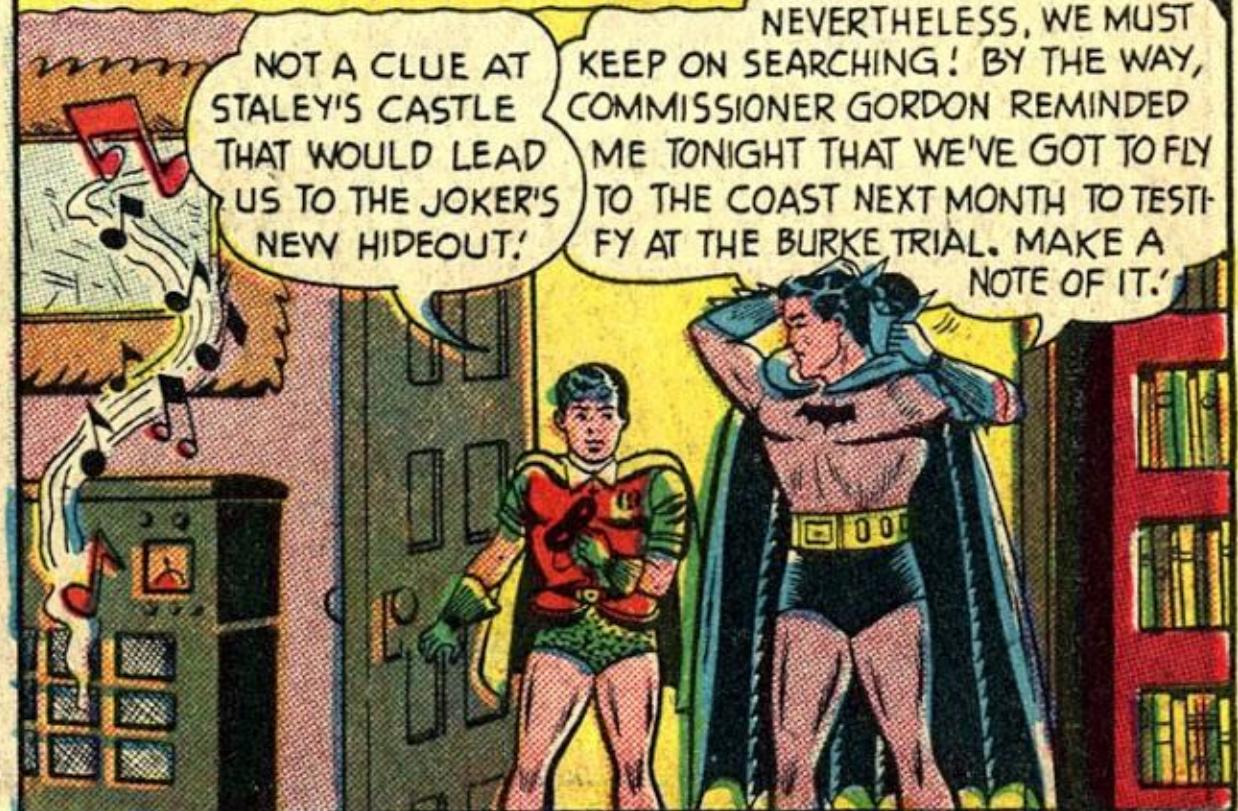
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THE NEXT DAY, HEADLINES REPORT THE CRIME COMIC'S LATEST COUP...



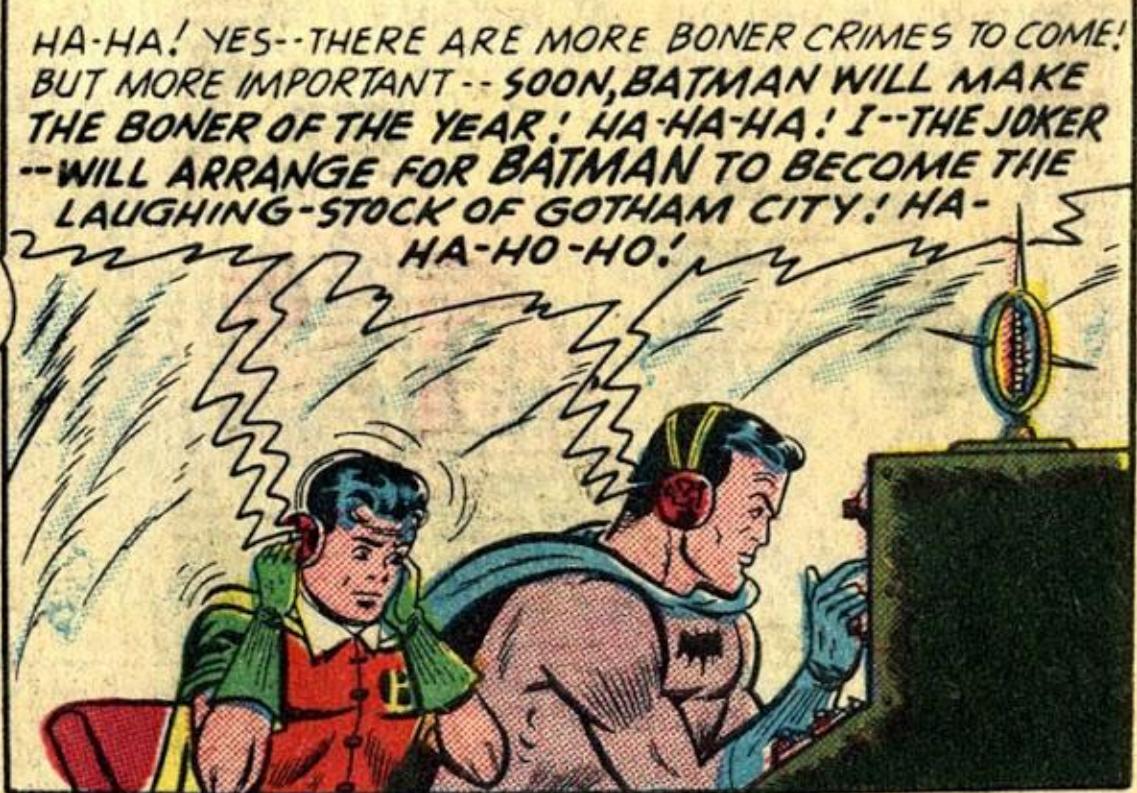
MEANWHILE, IN THE HOME OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...



SUDDENLY, A HARSH VOICE DROWNS OUT THE MUSIC ON THE RADIO...



MOMENTS LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE, THE TWO MAN-HUNTERS PUT THEIR DIRECTIONAL FINDER INTO USE...

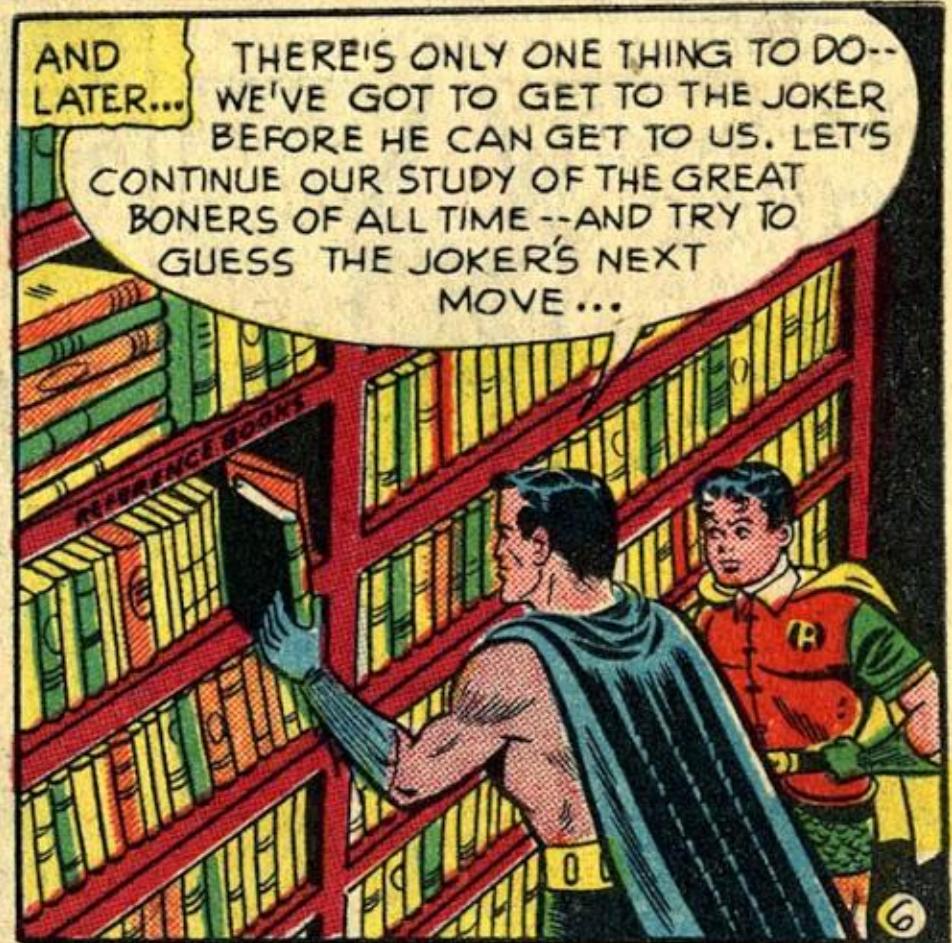


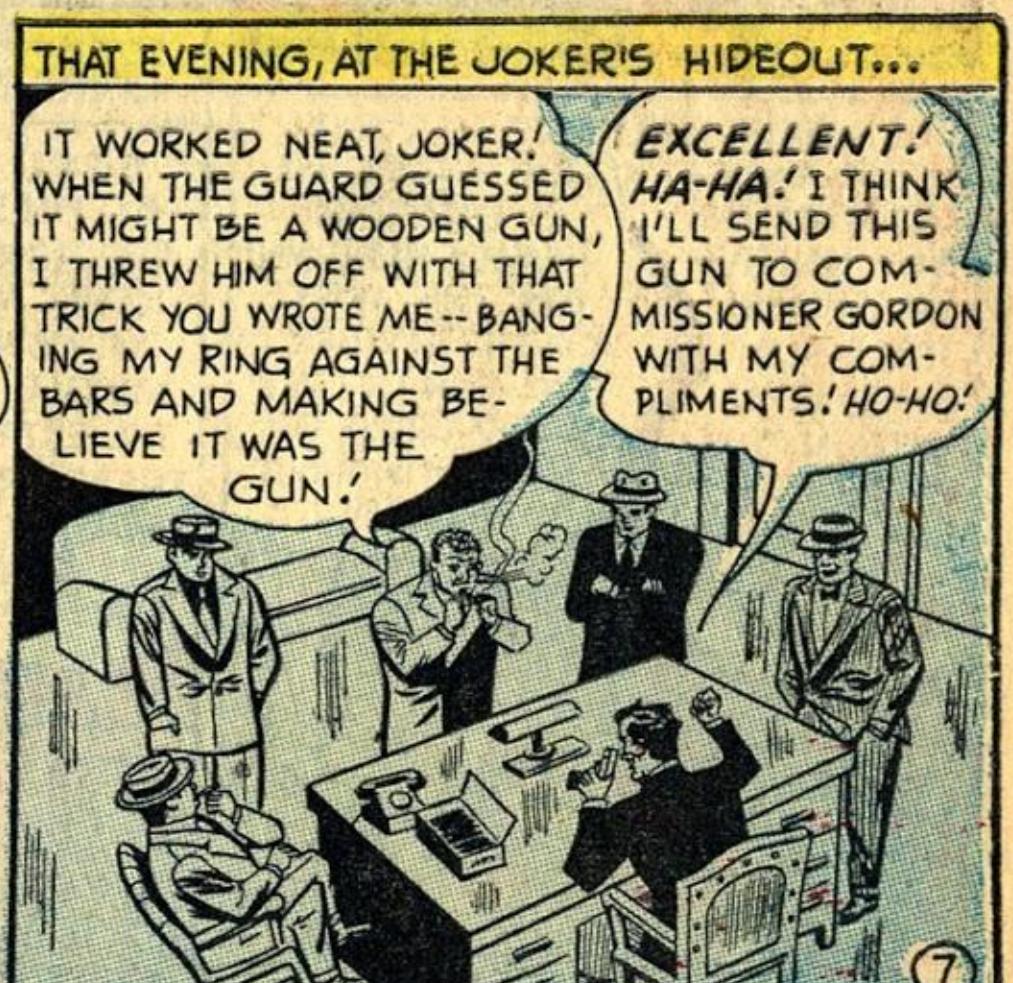
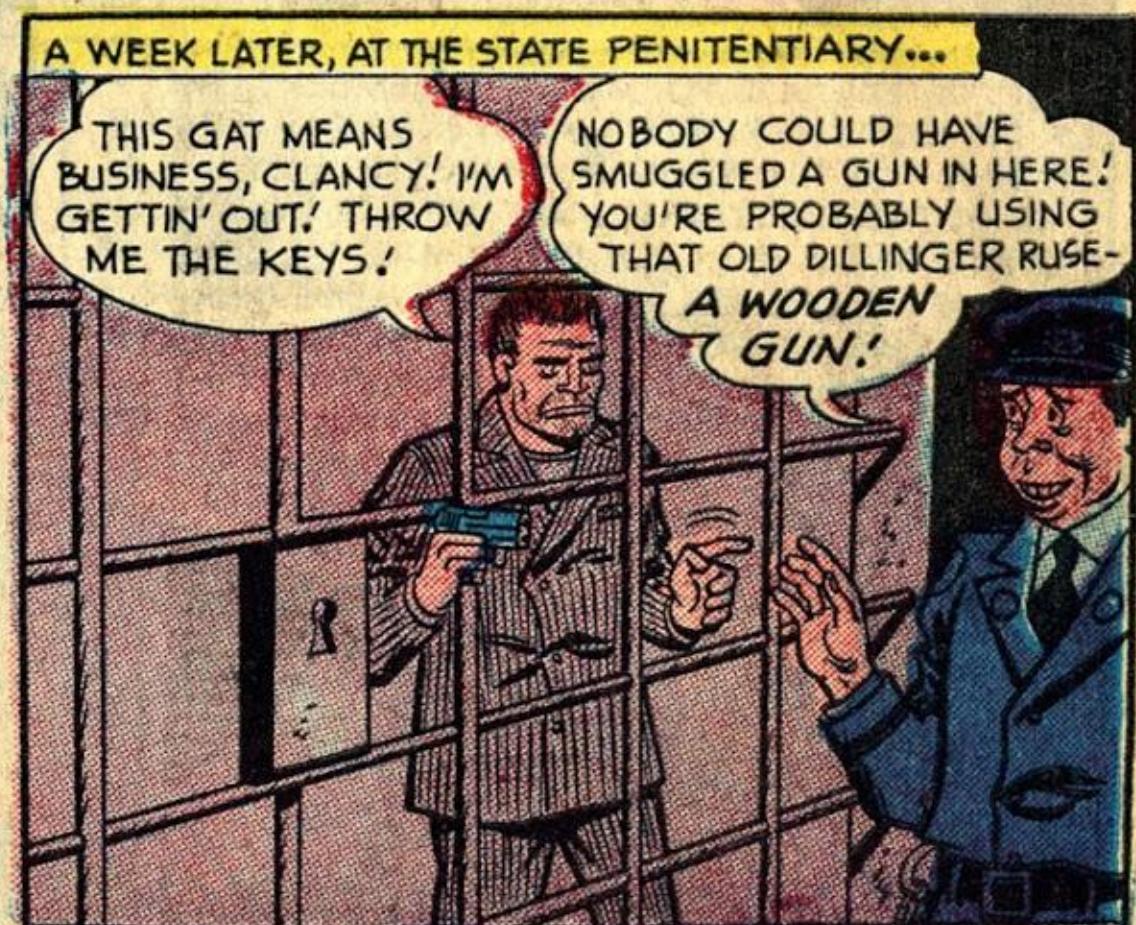
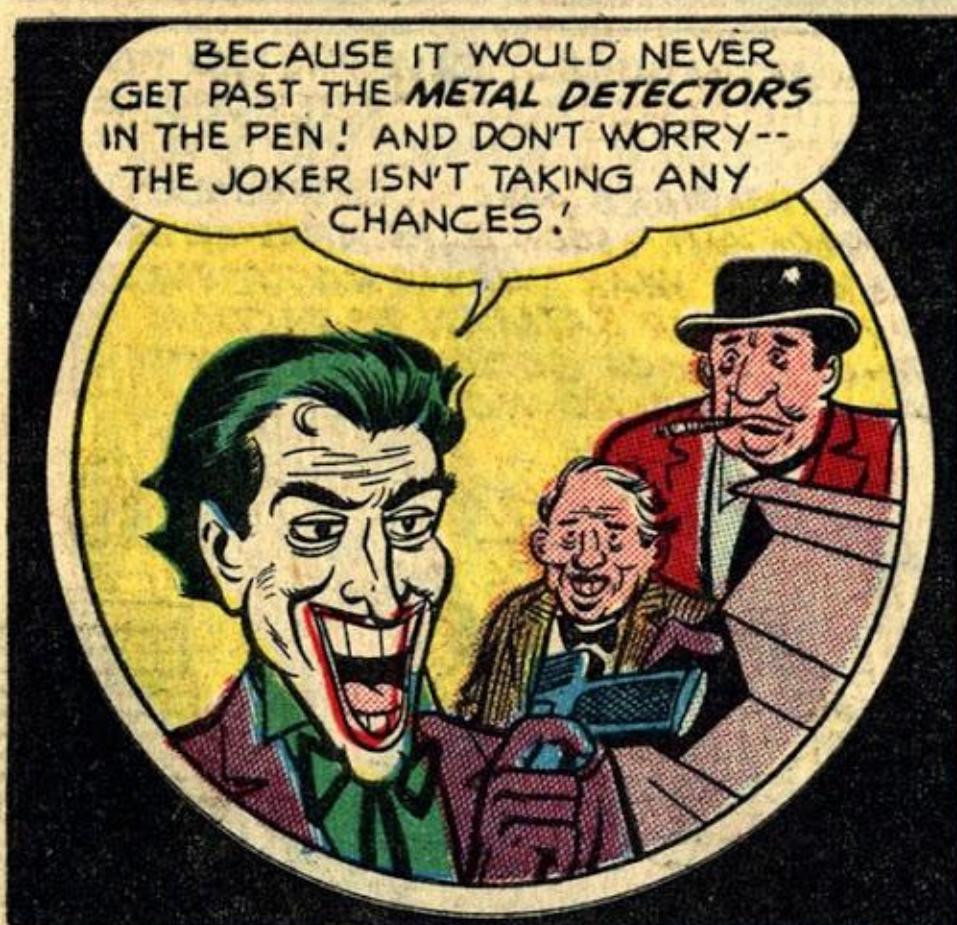
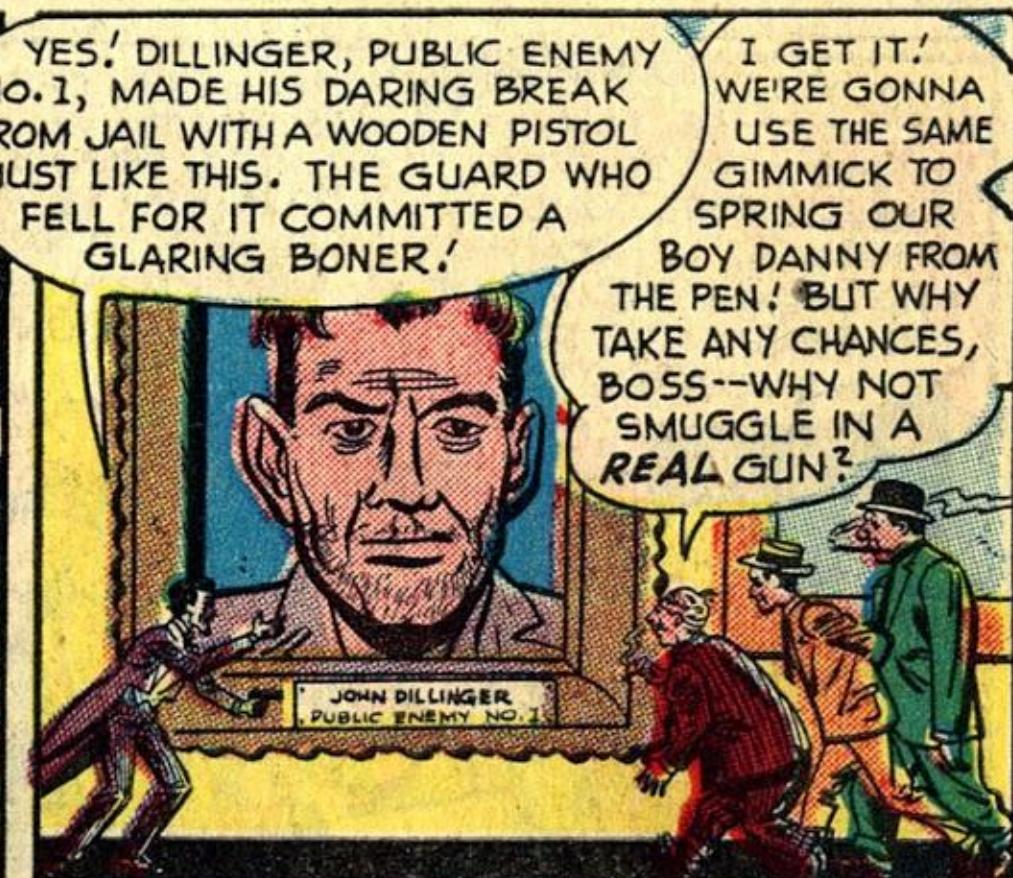
WHAT DOES HE MEAN, BRUCE? HOW CAN HE FORCE YOU INTO A BONER?

I DON'T KNOW. BUT WHATEVER IT IS, IT ISN'T GOOD, THAT'S FOR SURE!

AND LATER...

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO-- WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE JOKER BEFORE HE CAN GET TO US. LET'S CONTINUE OUR STUDY OF THE GREAT BONERS OF ALL TIME --AND TRY TO GUESS THE JOKER'S NEXT MOVE...





NEXT DAY...

BATMAN--
WE'VE GOT TO STOP THE
JOKER! THOSE BONER CRIMES
ARE MAKING US LOOK BAD!
AND I'M WORRIED ABOUT
THE BONER HE'S READY-
ING FOR YOU!

DON'T WORRY, COM-
MISSIONER! I'VE
ALWAYS BEEN ABLE
TO OUTGUESS THE
JOKER IN THE PAST!
WE'LL CATCH UP
TO HIM SOON!



AND, A FEW DAYS LATER...

DICK! THIS NEW MOVIE, "GREEK VICTORY",
BEING FILMED HERE--I THINK IT MAY
LEAD US TO THE JOKER! LOOK!

HOW IN
THE WORLD
CAN A
MOVIE
LEAD US TO
THE JOKER?!



THEY'VE BUILT A DUPLICATE
OF THE WOODEN HORSE
OF TROY FOR THE MOVIE!
I THINK THE JOKER WILL
GO FOR THAT! IT
REPRESENTS ONE OF
THE CLASSIC BONERS
OF ALL TIME!

I REMEMBER! THE
GREEKS LEFT IT ON THE
SHORES OF TROY AS A
GIFT! THE TROJANS FELL
FOR IT, MADE THE BONER OF
DRAGGING IT INSIDE THEIR WALLS.
THEN GREEK SOLDIERS, HIDDEN
INSIDE, STOLE OUT AT NIGHT AND
OPENED THE CITY'S GATES! THE
GREEKS STORMED IN-- AND
TROY FELL!



AT THAT VERY MOMENT...

HO-HO! YOU MAKE ADMIRABLE
GREEK SOLDIERS, MEN!
AND SOON OUR OWN
LITTLE TROY WILL
FALL!

I DON'T GET
IT, JOKER! WHY
GO TO ALL THIS
TROUBLE TO
SNEAK INSIDE A
WOODEN HORSE?



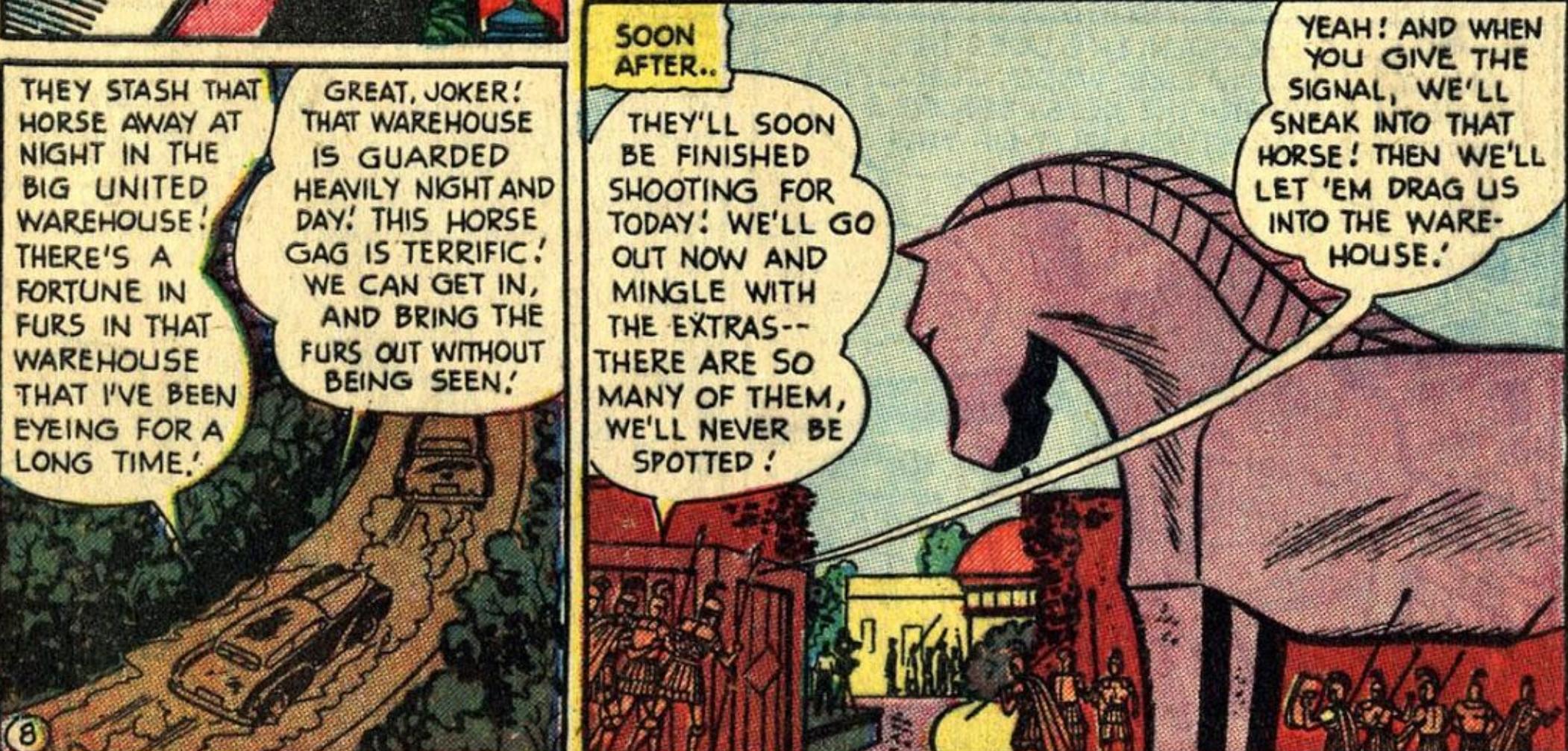
THEY STASH THAT
HORSE AWAY AT
NIGHT IN THE
BIG UNITED
WAREHOUSE!
THERE'S A
FORTUNE IN
FURS IN THAT
WAREHOUSE
THAT I'VE BEEN
EYEING FOR A
LONG TIME!

GREAT, JOKER!
THAT WAREHOUSE
IS GUARDED
HEAVILY NIGHT AND
DAY! THIS HORSE
GAG IS TERRIFIC!
WE CAN GET IN,
AND BRING THE
FURS OUT WITHOUT
BEING SEEN!

SOON
AFTER...

THEY'LL SOON
BE FINISHED
SHOOTING FOR
TODAY! WE'LL GO
OUT NOW AND
MINGLE WITH
THE EXTRAS--
THERE ARE SO
MANY OF THEM,
WE'LL NEVER BE
SPOTTED!

YEAH! AND WHEN
YOU GIVE THE
SIGNAL, WE'LL
SNEAK INTO THAT
HORSE! THEN WE'LL
LET 'EM DRAG US
INTO THE WARE-
HOUSE!



BATMAN



LATE THAT NIGHT... IN THE DARKENED WAREHOUSE...



BUT, EARLY THE NEXT DAY...



THEN...

THERE, ROBIN--
ATOP THE HORSE!
LET'S GO!

WELL, WHADDYA
KNOW! MODERN
GANGSTERS
DRESSED AS
GREEK
SOLDIERS!



THE GREEKS HAD
A WORD FOR IT,
JOKER -- FINISHED!
AND I MEAN YOU!

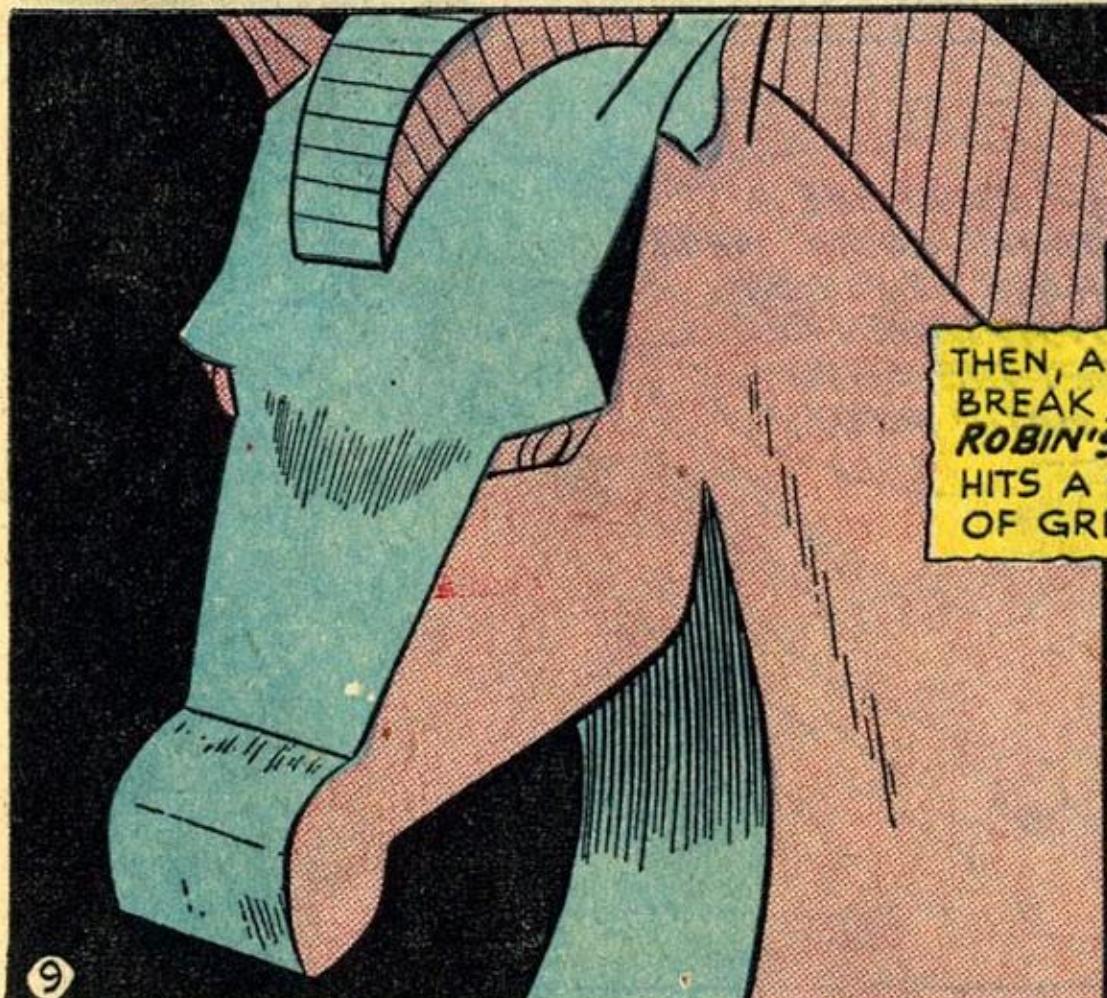
ATTACK!
WE'VE GOT 'EM
OUTNUMBERED--
UGH...

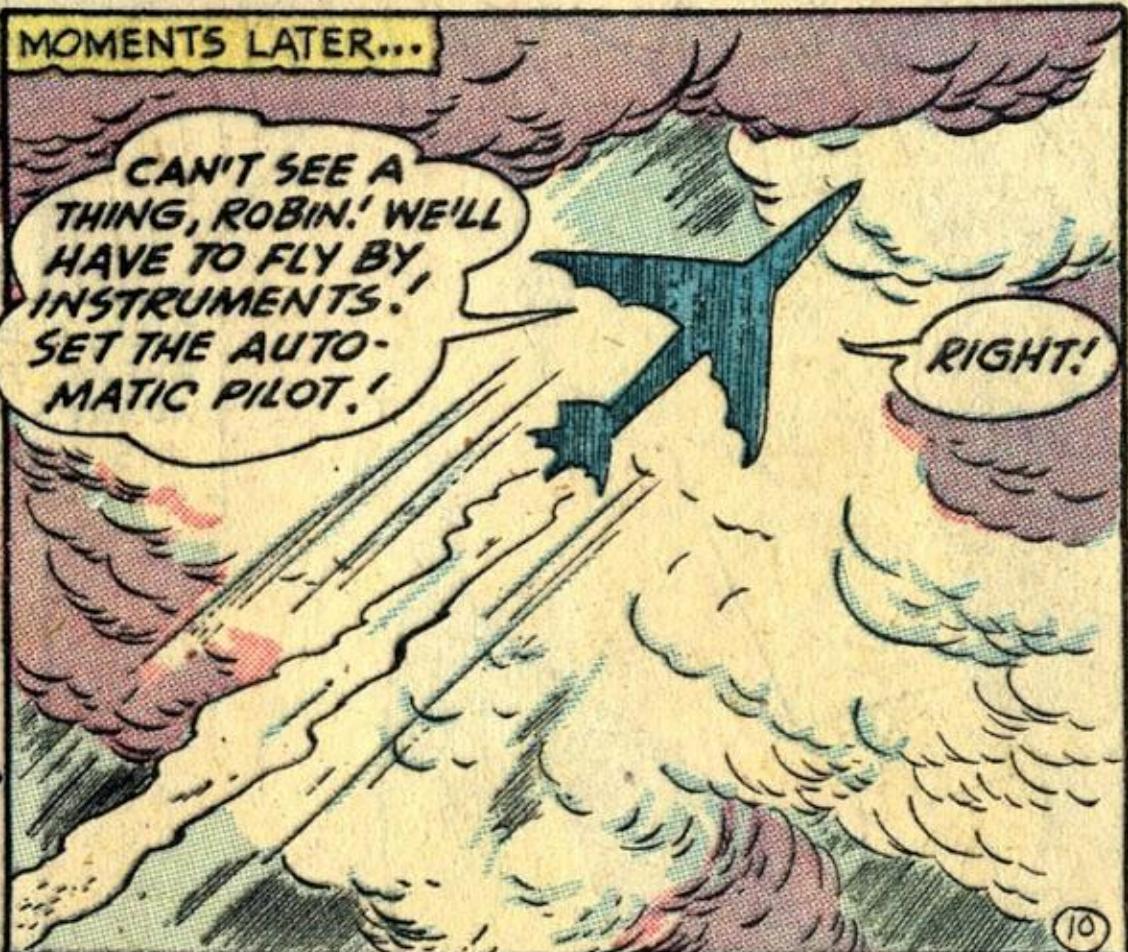
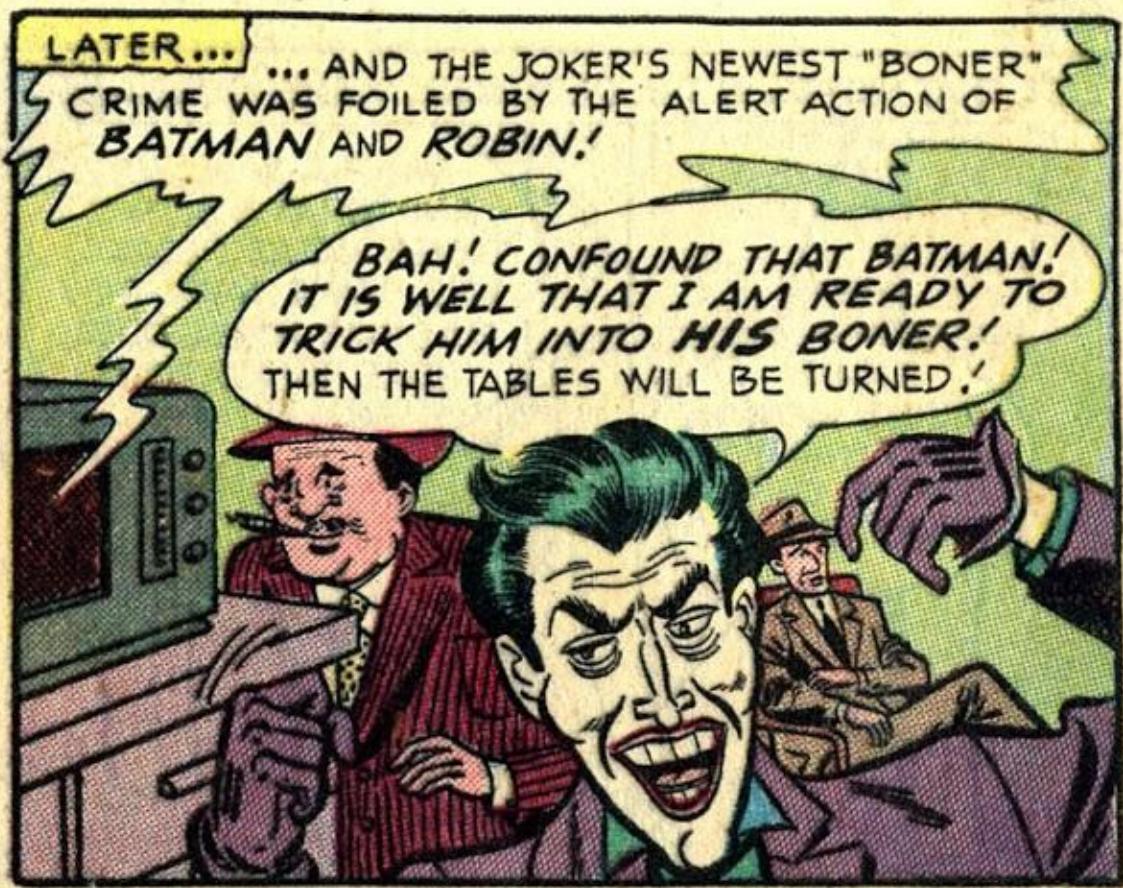


THEN, A BAD
BREAK, AS
ROBIN'S FOOT
HITS A SPOT
OF GREASE...

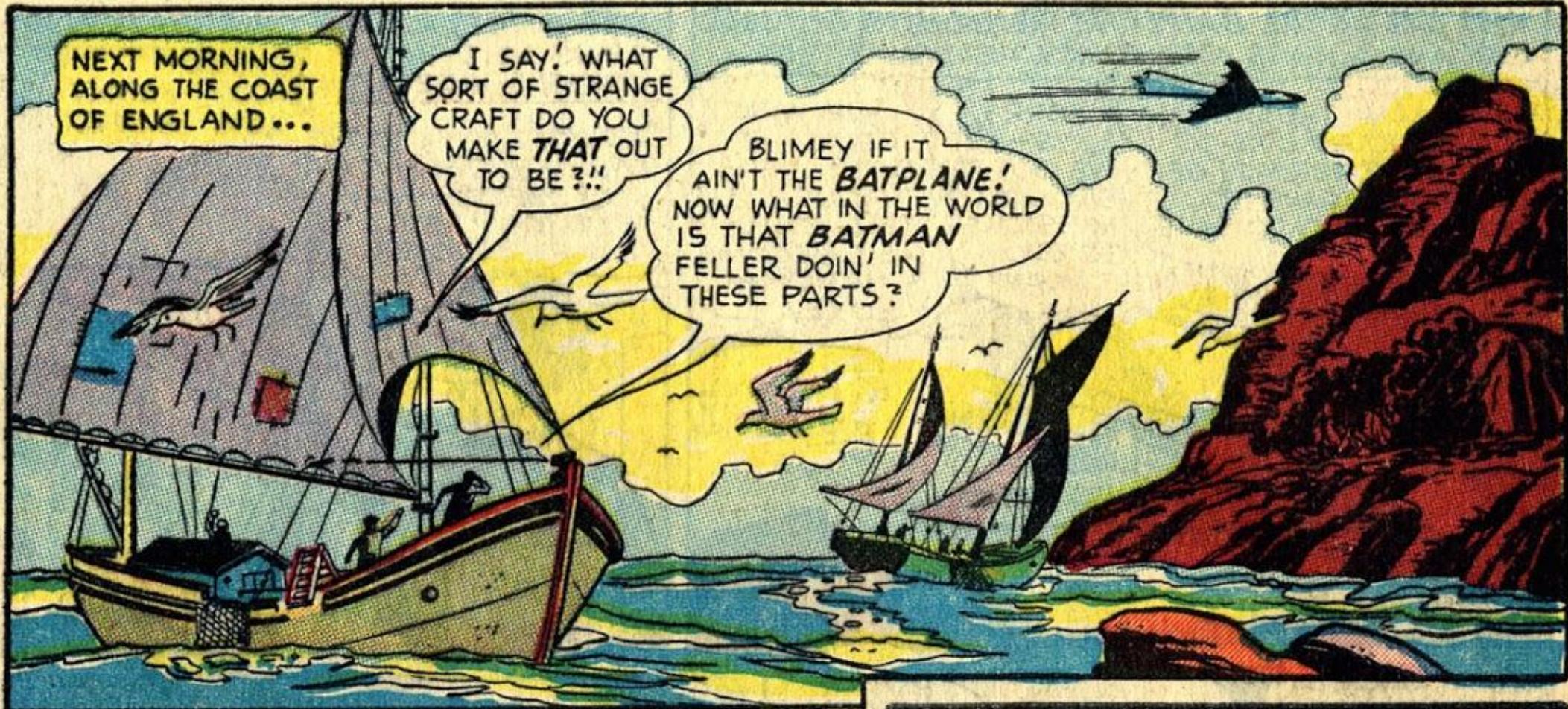
BATMAN!
GREASE--I
LOST MY
FOOTING!

HOLD
ON! I'M
COMING!

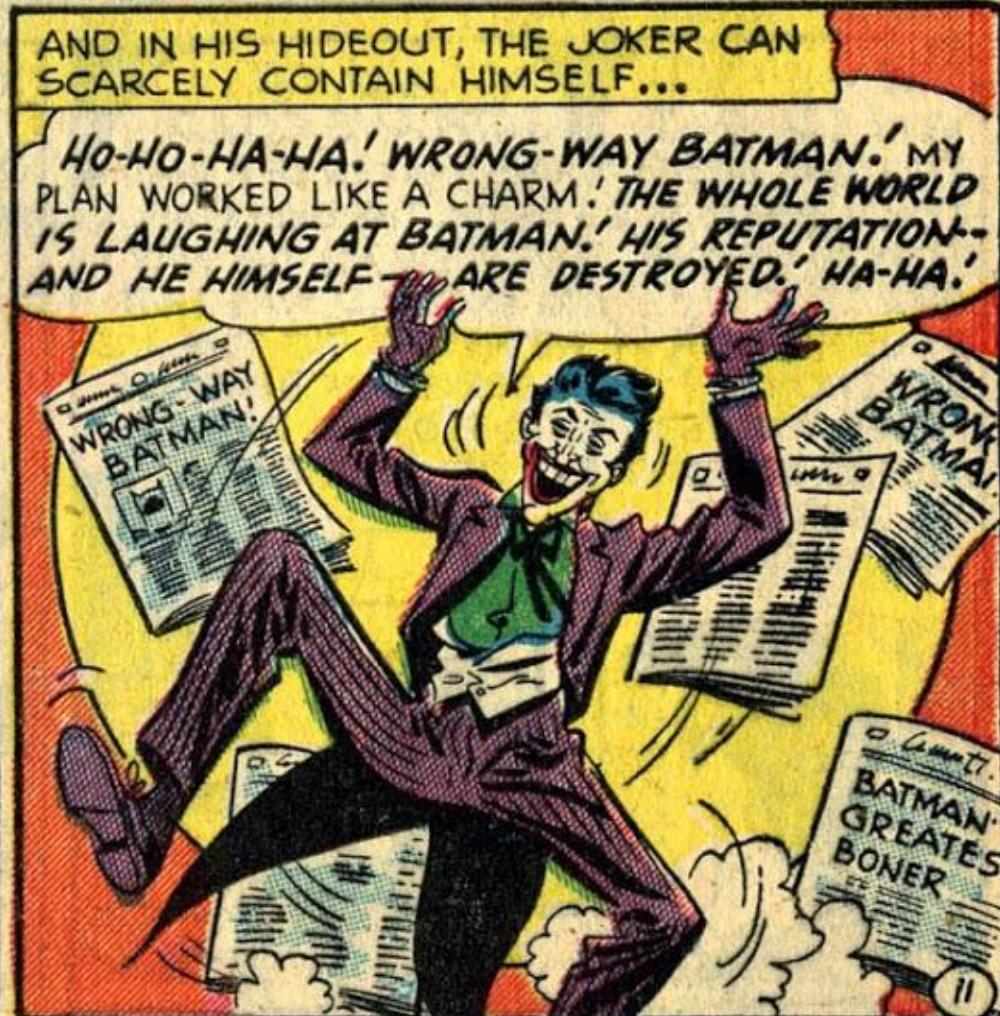
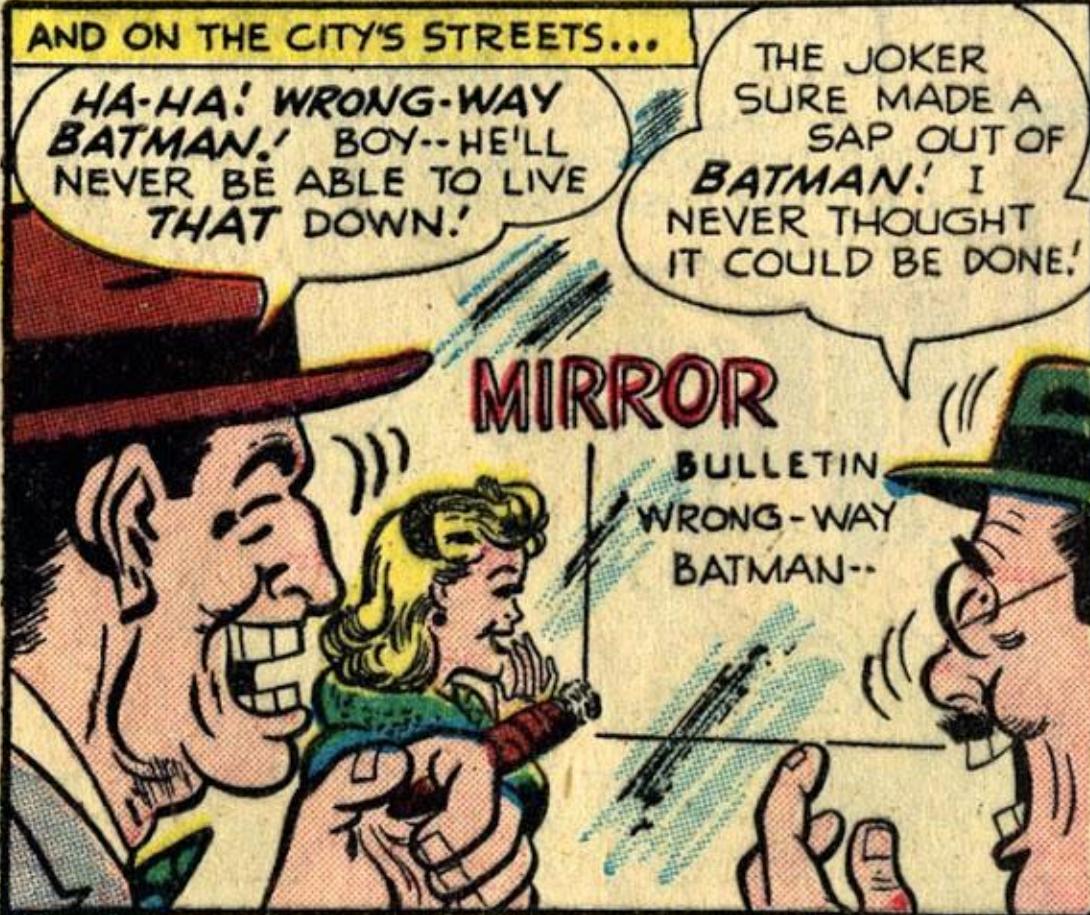
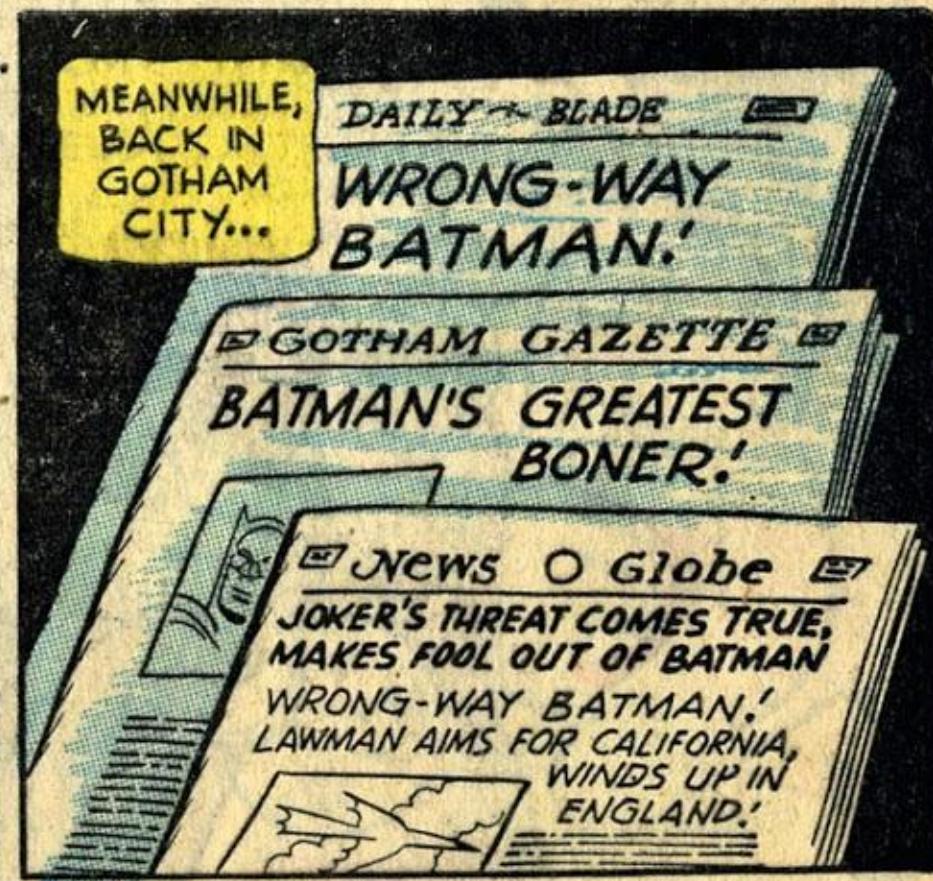




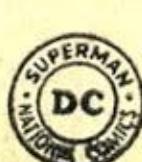
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AND, WHEN THE **BATPLANE** FINALLY LANDS NEAR LONDON...



BATMAN



NEXT DAY, AS THE **BATPLANE** RETURNS TO GOTHAM CITY AND ALIGHTS ATOP POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

BATMAN--THE GOTHAM BLADE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR **YOUR** VERSION OF THE STORY. HAVE YOU GOT ANYTHING TO SAY?

SORRY, BOYS--BUT I'VE GOT TO SEE COMMISSIONER GORDON RIGHT AWAY!

HUH! WHAT COULD HE SAY? HE'S THROUGH, I TELL YOU-- HE'S BECOME A NATIONAL JOKE!



MEANWHILE, A GALA CELEBRATION IS BEING HELD IN THE JOKER'S HIDEOUT...

HO-HO! I DRINK TO THE END OF BATMAN! HA-HA! WRONG-WAY BATMAN--I STILL CAN'T GET OVER IT!

HEAR! HEAR!



ALL AT ONCE...

MY, MY-- WHAT A PARTY! TRUST WE AREN'T INTERRUPTING ANYTHING, JOKER!

DON'T ANYBODY MOVE! MY FINGER IS JUST ITCHIN'

BUT HOW DID YOU FIND MY NEW HIDE-OUT? I TOOK SUCH PAINS TO CONCEAL IT!

YOU COMMITTED A BONER, JOKER! YOU WERE SO BUSY FORCING ME INTO A BONER, YOU FORGOT YOU WERE COMMITTING ONE YOURSELF!



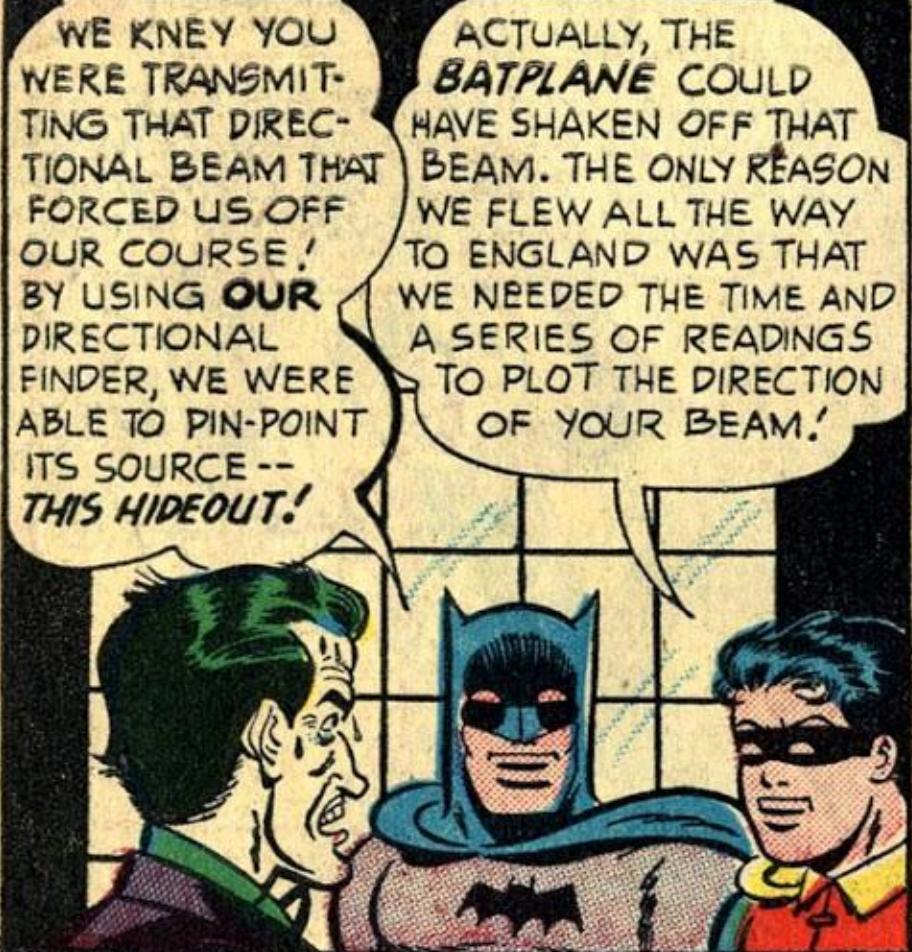
WE KNEW YOU WERE TRANSMITTING THAT DIRECTIONAL BEAM THAT FORCED US OFF OUR COURSE! BY USING OUR DIRECTIONAL FINDER, WE WERE ABLE TO PIN-POINT ITS SOURCE-- THIS HIDEOUT!

ACTUALLY, THE **BATPLANE** COULD HAVE SHAKEN OFF THAT BEAM. THE ONLY REASON WE FLEW ALL THE WAY TO ENGLAND WAS THAT WE NEEDED THE TIME AND A SERIES OF READINGS TO PLOT THE DIRECTION OF YOUR BEAM!

NEXT DAY, AT THE CITY JAIL...

OUR CITY--AND INDEED, OUR NATION--OWE YOU AN APOLOGY, **BATMAN**! ACTUALLY, THEY COMMITTED THE GREATEST BONER OF ALL--BY LOSING FAITH IN YOU!

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. LET'S HOPE WE'VE THE LAST OF THINGS LIKE BONERS--AND JOKERS!



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BATMAN



BATMAN

WITH

ROBIN

BY WONDER-

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ONE BY ONE, THEY MET THEIR DOOM -- THE MOST BRILLIANT STARS IN HOLLYWOOD'S GLITTERING GALAXY -- EACH DESTROYED BY THE VERY SAME FATE WHICH THEY ENACTED ON THE SCREEN! HOW DID IT HAPPEN? WAS IT MERE COINCIDENCE -- OR WAS THERE SOME SINISTER FORCE BEHIND THIS STARTLING TERROR? THE ANSWER WILL AMAZE YOU, JUST AS IT DID BATMAN AND ROBIN WHEN THEY, TOO, BECAME LISTED AMONG...

**"The
MOVIE STARS
WHO DIED!
Twice!"**

STOP! IF YOU SEE
THE PICTURE NOW ON
THE SCREEN, IT WILL
MEAN YOUR DEATH!

SOUND
STAGE
4



ONE NIGHT, IN THE HEART OF THE MOVIE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD...

WANDA WARE-LUD VALENTO
PREMIERE

GOLLY! THIS IS THE FIRST HOLLYWOOD PREMIÈRE I'VE EVER SEEN, BATMAN!

AND WITH ME AS YOUR GUIDE, YOU WON'T MISS A THING, KID! AS SOON AS J.G. HEARD THAT BATMAN AND ROBIN WERE COMING HERE TO MAKE THE "CRIME CRUSHERS" SERIES, HE TOLD ME TO DROP EVERYTHING AND SHOW YOU TWO AROUND!

HERE COME WANDA WARE AND LUD VALENTO, THE STARS OF TONIGHT'S PICTURE!

BATMAN! LOOK AT THAT LIMOUSINE WHICH JUST DROVE UP! IT'S AT LEAST 30 YEARS OLD!

HEY... GET A LOAD OF THAT CHARACTER! I'LL BET IF HE TOOK OFF HIS HAT, A RABBIT WOULD JUMP OUT... HA, HA!

(WHISPER) THAT'S GRIFFIN BALFOR, ONE OF THE GREATEST DIRECTORS OF SILENT FILMS! WHEN TALKIES CAME, HE DISAPPEARED... HE HASN'T MADE A PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN YEARS! WONDER WHY HE'S HERE TONIGHT?

FOOLS! DON'T YOU KNOW WHO I AM? NO... OF COURSE NOT... YOU ARE TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER MY GREATNESS. BUT YOU SHALL KNOW ME! YES, A WHOLE NEW GENERATION WILL SOON BE THRILLED AGAIN BY MY GENIUS!

(WHISPER) GEE! THIS SURE IS AN EXCITING END TO THE PICTURE. BATMAN!

YES, ROBIN... LUD VALENTO AND WANDA WARE ARE VERY FINE PERFORMERS!

HOURS LATER, INSIDE THE THEATER, AS THE SHOW DRAWS TO A CLOSE...

THEN, AS A THRILLED AUDIENCE GATHERS OUTSIDE ONCE AGAIN...

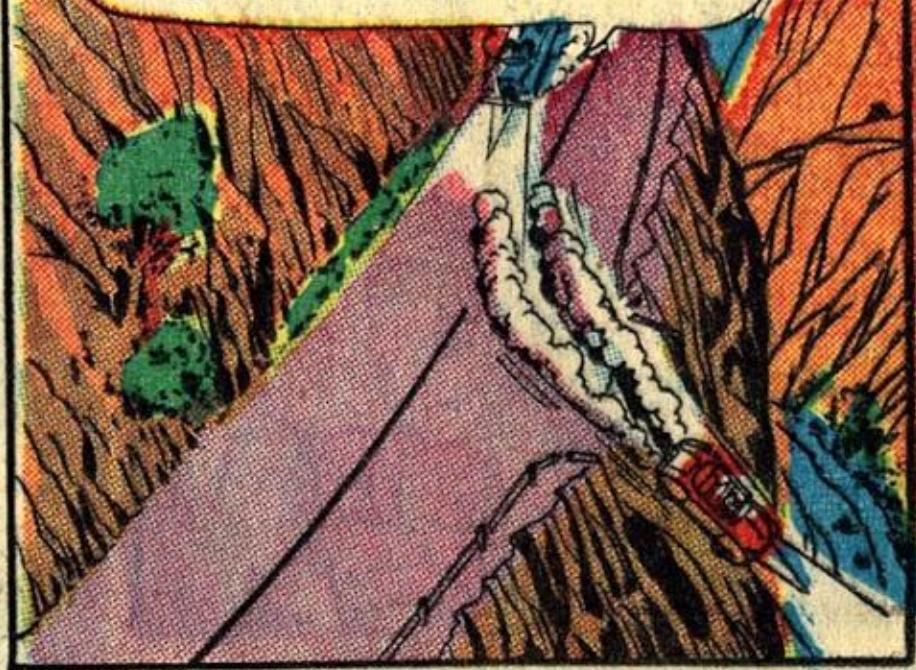
AFTER THE GREAT PERFORMANCES YOU TWO GAVE IN THE PICTURE, YOU DESERVE TO HAVE YOUR FOOTPRINTS JOIN THOSE OF FILMLAND'S IMMORTALS!

GOSH! IT SURE WAS EXCITING WHEN WANDA AND LUD WERE KILLED IN THAT AUTO CRASH AT THE END! I'M GLAD IT WAS ONLY A **MOVIE** AND THEY'RE REALLY SAFE, AND SOUND!



BUT SOON AFTER, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** DRIVE HOME, TRAGEDY STRIKES UNEXPECTEDLY!

ROBIN—THAT CAR! IT'S CRASHED THROUGH THE PROTECTIVE RAILING, AND THERE'S A STRAIGHT DROP TO THE CANYON BEYOND!



LEAPING FROM THEIR SPEEDING **BATMOBILE**, THE **DYNAMIC DUO** CAREENS INTO ACTION...

WE'RE TOO LATE, **ROBIN**! THE GASOLINE TANK EXPLODED



AND WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE...

THE EMBOSSED NUMBERS ON THE LICENSE PLATE CAN STILL BE MADE OUT. I CHECKED THEM, AND THERE'S NO DOUBT THIS WAS **LUD VALENTO'S** CAR! HE WAS DRIVING **WANDA WARE** HOME FROM THE THEATER-- BUT ALL THAT'S LEFT NOW IS THIS GIRL'S SHOE!

IF ONLY WE COULD HAVE SAVED THEM!



OVER A CLIFF IN A BURNING CAR! JUST AS THEY DID IN THE MOVIE WE SAW TONIGHT!

SAY--YOU'RE RIGHT, **ROBIN**! IN THE PICTURE, THEY DIED IN A CRASH... AND NOW IT'S HAPPENED IN **REAL LIFE**! WHAT A FANTASTIC COINCIDENCE!



DAYS LATER, AS BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, RELAX FROM THEIR SECRET ROLES AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**...

YOU KNOW, BRUCE, THE PAPERS ARE STILL GIVING A BIG PLAY TO THE WARE-VALENTO ACCIDENT! THEY CALL IT THE "**CELLULOID TRAGEDY**," BECAUSE IT FOLLOWED THE MOVIE ALMOST EXACTLY.

TWO YOUNG PEOPLE, JUST STARTING THEIR CAREERS... IT CERTAINLY IS A TRAGEDY! DOESN'T MAKE ME FEEL MUCH LIKE WORKING ON OUR PICTURE, BUT WE'RE DUE AT THE STUDIO RIGHT NOW!



BATMAN

PRESENTLY, AT THE STUDIO...

BOYS, I WANT YOU TO MEET JOHN KENT. HE'S BEEN A TOP STAR IN HOLLYWOOD FOR YEARS!

THIS IS A GREAT PLEASURE, MR. KENT!

AND I'M MORE THAN PLEASED TO MEET **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

SEE THAT TANK? AT THE MOMENT, THEY'RE STIRRING UP A "STORM" IN IT SUFFICIENT TO SINK THAT MODEL SAILBOAT! THAT'S HOW MY LATEST PICTURE ENDS... I'M DROWNED WHILE OUT SAILING!

LATER, THEY'LL SHOOT CLOSE-UPS OF JOHN "DROWNING" IN THE TANK, AND ALTERNATE THEM WITH THESE LONG SHOTS OF THE "SINKING SHIP"! ON THE SCREEN, THE WHOLE SCENE WILL APPEAR TO BE TAKING PLACE AT SEA!

A WEEK LATER...

WHILE THEY'RE SHOOTING SCENES IN WHICH WE DON'T APPEAR, FOR THE "CRIME CRUSHER" SERIES, WE'VE GOT THIS CHANCE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE CALIFORNIA COUNTRYSIDE!

SAY-- THAT CROWD LOOKS MIGHTY EXCITED, **BATMAN**! WONDER WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?

IT'S THE WRECKAGE OF THE **DOLPHIN**! THAT'S THE NAME OF THE ACTOR JOHN KENT'S SAILBOAT! AND I SAW HIM SAIL FROM THE NORTH WHARF LAST NIGHT!

(WHISPER) JOHN KENT! HE JUST FINISHED A MOVIE IN WHICH HE WAS DROWNED IN A SAILBOAT! **BATMAN**, YOU DON'T SUPPOSE... NO, IT CAN'T BE!

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AT THE STUDIO...

YES, IT'S TRUE! KENT WENT FOR A SAIL IN THE **DOLPHIN** LAST NIGHT, AND THE ONLY NEWS OF HIM HAS BEEN THAT WRECKAGE! IT'S ALMOST CERTAIN HE WAS DROWNED...

JUST... JUST AS IN THE PICTURE HE WAS MAKING!

ANOTHER "CELLULOID TRAGEDY"! IT'S UNBELIEVABLE, MR. LAND!

AND IN THE DAYS WHICH FOLLOW, MORE TERROR STRIKES AT THE MECCA OF MAKE-BELIEVE...

Hollywood Messenger
ANOTHER CELLULOID TRAGEDY! ACTOR IN REAL CRASH AFTER REEL CRACK-UP!
HOLLYWOOD NEWS
WORLD'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER

Hollywood News
PIX IN FIX OVER FATE'S STRANGE TRIX!

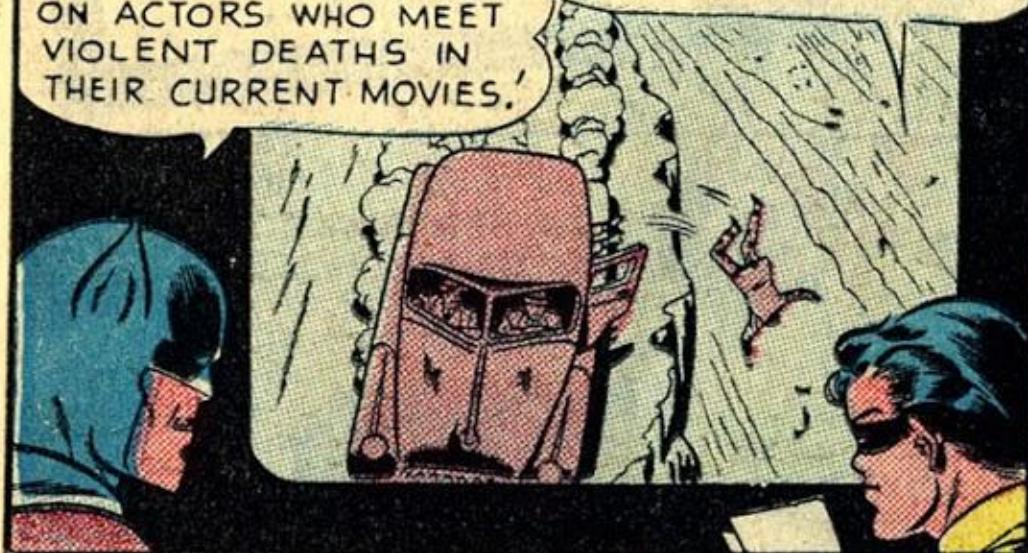
...AND SO, MONARCH PICTURE'S GREAT STAR, WILLIAM WEST, BECOMES THE **FIFTH** IN AN EERIE SERIES OF "CELLULOID TRAGEDIES"! THIS IS YOUR HOLLYWOOD NEWSBOY, JACK FLAME, SAYING...

...WITH **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** IN HOLLYWOOD, THE "CELLULOID TRAGEDIES" CONTINUE! WHY DOESN'T THE FAMED DARING DUO DO SOMETHING? HMM!

AND ONE DAY, IN THE STUDIO'S PRIVATE PROJECTION ROOM...

I ARRANGED THIS PRIVATE SCREENING OF THE STUDIO'S NEWEST PICTURES, *ROBIN*, SO THAT WE CAN CHECK ON ACTORS WHO MEET VIOLENT DEATHS IN THEIR CURRENT MOVIES.

THIS ONE STARS BARRY LOGAN AS A GANGSTER! THERE HE IS, BEING 'TAKEN FOR A RIDE,' IN THE FINAL SCENE.



MOMENTS LATER...

HE'S BEING TOSSED OUT OF THE CAR! IT'S A RE-ENACTMENT OF THE "RIDE" SCENE, WHICH WE JUST SAW ON THE SCREEN!

ANOTHER CELLULOID TRAGEDY! BUT THIS TIME, WE KNOW IT'S NOT AN ACCIDENT!



PRESENTLY...

BATMAN - LOOK! THAT BLACK SEDAN RACING OUT THE MAIN GATE... BARRY LOGAN SOMETHING IF WE KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON LOGAN! HE DOESN'T LOOK HAPPY ABOUT IT! STAGE 4 AT THE...

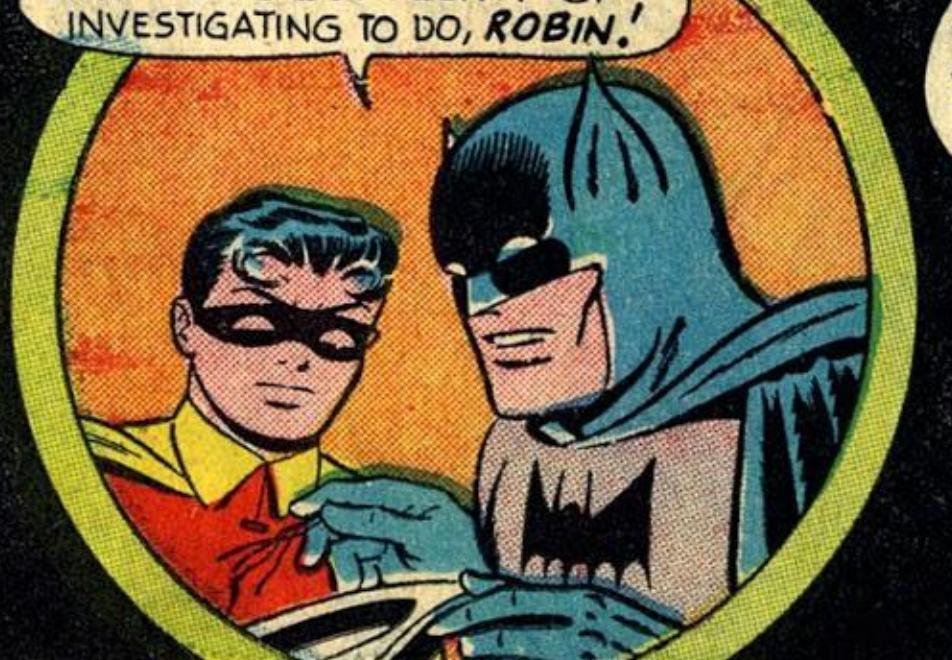


WE MAY BE TOO LATE, BATMAN! THE CURRENT IN THAT RIVER IS SO SWIFT, IT'S ALREADY DRAGGED LOGAN 100 YARDS DOWNSTREAM!

WAIT, *ROBIN*! THERE'S NO ONE IN THAT RIVER FOR US TO SAVE!



THE STRANDS OF HAIR IN THIS HAT ARE NOT FROM A HUMAN HEAD... THEY'RE HORSE HAIR! THAT FIGURE WE SAW TOSSED INTO THE RIVER MUST'VE BEEN A DUMMY! LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF INVESTIGATING TO DO, *ROBIN*!



THAT NIGHT...

I GOT THIS SHOE FROM THE POLICE... IT'S THE ONE THEY FOUND AFTER THE WARE-VALENTO CRASH! IT'S WANDA'S SHOE, ALL RIGHT, BUT THE PRINT IN THE CEMENT SHOWS SHE WAS WEARING EVENING PUMPS THAT NIGHT... AND THIS IS A DAYTIME SHOE!

AND SHE GOT IN THE CAR IMMEDIATELY AFTER MAKING THIS PRINT. WHAT DOES IT MEAN, BATMAN?



THINK, ROBIN! IN EVERY "CELLULOID TRAGEDY", THE BODIES OF THE VICTIMS HAVE BEEN MISSING! THERE'S NO PROOF THAT THEY ACTUALLY DIED! EVERYONE ASSUMED THEY WERE KILLED, BECAUSE THE TRAGEDIES DUPLICATED FICTIONAL ONES IN WHICH DEATH RESULTED!

THEN IF THE STARS AREN'T DEAD, WHERE ARE THEY? AND WHY DID THEY PRETEND TO DIE?

A GALAXY OF FAMOUS HOLLYWOOD STARS GONE... THEIR MOTIVES FOR THIS MONSTROUS CHARADE UNKNOWN! WHERE ARE THEY NOW? WHY DID THEY DO IT? TO FIND OUT, WE MUST GO TO AN ALMOST INACCESSIBLE VALLEY NESTLED BETWEEN MAMMOTH SNOW-CAPPED MOUNTAINS...

...AND FROM THE FACES WE RECOGNIZE THERE, IT MIGHT ALMOST BE A VALLEY OF GHOSTS!!

I'VE BEEN HERE ALMOST A WEEK NOW, AND NOTHING'S HAPPENED! WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY'RE KEEPING US, VALENTO?

WISH I KNEW, KENT! WANDA AND I WERE THE FIRST TO BE BROUGHT HERE... RIGHT AFTER THE PREMIERE OF OUR PICTURE.

LOOK! THAT MAN... I'VE SEEN HIM SOMEWHERE BEFORE... WHO IS HE?

I AM BALFOR— GRIFFIN BALFOR-- AND I HAVE PICKED YOU FOR THE HONOR OF WORKING IN THE FIRST PICTURE TO BE DIRECTED BY ME IN 20 YEARS!



NO STUDIO WOULD ALLOW ME TO MAKE A PICTURE ON THEIR LOT, NOR PERMIT ME TO USE THEIR STARS, SO I HAD YOU BROUGHT HERE. SINCE THE WORLD THINKS YOU ARE DEAD, NOBODY WILL COME SEARCHING FOR YOU-- AND ONCE THE PICTURE IS FINISHED, YOU MAY LEAVE!

YOU ARE ALL STARS, AND YOU WILL BE TREATED AS STARS-- SO LONG AS YOU DO NOT TRY TO ESCAPE! IF YOU DO, MY FRIEND WITH THE GUN, HERE, WILL MAKE SURE YOU REMAIN-- DEAD OR ALIVE. DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR?



LATER, AS THE MAD DIRECTOR BEGINS HIS WEIRD PROJECT...

MY OLD CAMERAMAN, MAX FLOWER, THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS STUCK BY ME THROUGH THE YEARS, WILL SHOOT THE PICTURE! KENT, YOU WILL ENTER AND FIND WANDA WITH LOGAN!

BUT WE HAVEN'T ANY SCRIPT! HOW CAN WE LEARN OUR LINES?

LINES? THEY ARE FOR THE FOOLS WHO MAKE PICTURES TODAY! WHEN BALFOR MAKES A MOVING PICTURE, THE ACTORS MOVE... THEY DON'T RECITE STUPID LINES! READY, MAX?

READY, CHIEF!



ACTION! CAMERA! THAT'S RIGHT, KENT... GRAB FOR HIS THROAT... YOU'RE ANGRY! WANDA, YOU'RE TERROR-STRICKEN! GREAT! GREAT!

AND THAT NIGHT, IN A LUXURIOUS TRAILER...

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF TODAY'S SHOTS, CHIEF?

SENSATIONAL, MAX! EVEN 20 YEARS HAVE NOT DULLED THE BALFOR GENIUS.



WHILE OUTSIDE THE TRAILER OF ONE OF THE CAPTIVE STARS...

I'M HOPING BATMAN IS STILL IN HOLLYWOOD, KENT... BUT WE LOGAN... AND IF HE IS, HE MAY SPOT THIS BAT-SIGNAL WHICH I IMPROVISED FROM AN ARC LAMP!

NICE GOING, CAN ONLY LEAVE IT ON FOR A SECOND! AS IT IS, THAT MADMAN BALFOR OR ONE OF HIS GUARDS, MAY SPOT IT!



NEXT DAY...

THIS IS THE BIG SCENE IN THE PICTURE, MAX--THE SCENE WHICH WILL PUT THE NAME OF GRIFFIN BALFOR BACK ON EVERY THEATER MARQUEE IN THE WORLD!



BUT AS THE CAMERAS START GRINDING, TWO AWESOME ACTORS SUDDENLY MAKE AN UNSCHEDULED ENTRANCE...



NO YOU DON'T! I PREPARED FOR JUST SUCH AN EMERGENCY! MAKE ONE MOVE TO LEAVE THIS VALLEY-- ANY OF YOU--AND I PRESS THIS BUTTON! IT WILL BRING DEATH TO EVERYONE! COME, I WILL SHOW YOU WHAT I MEAN!



I GIVE YOU ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF BALFOR PLANNING! BEFORE BRINGING YOU HERE, I PLANTED A CHARGE OF DYNAMITE IN THE BASE OF THE DAM LOCATED AT THE HEAD OF THE VALLEY! IT CAN BE SET OFF BY REMOTE RADIO CONTROL FROM THIS TINY TRANSMITTER! ONE FALSE MOVE BY ANY OF YOU, AND I RELEASE TONS OF WATER!



AND SO, DURING THE DAYS WHICH FOLLOW...

I'M CHANGING THE STORY TO INCLUDE YOU TWO, BATMAN AND ROBIN! THIS REPRESENTS THE RIVER NILE ... YOU WILL SWIM ACROSS IT AND EMERGE AT WANDA'S FEET!

THAT SEEMS SIMPLE ENOUGH!



AN ORDINARY SCENE... BUT WITH THE BALFOR TOUCH, IT BECOMES A MASTERPIECE OF REALISM! RELEASE THE LIVE CROCODILES. ALL RIGHT, BATMAN AND ROBIN ... SWIM THE NILE!



AND DON'T HESITATE -- OR I PRESS THIS BUTTON AND RELEASE A FLOOD OF DEATH! ACTION! CAMERA!

DIVE IN, ROBIN! LUCKY THESE ARE CROCODILES, NOT ALLIGATORS. FOLLOW ME-- AND DIVE DEEP UNDER THEM!



NOW I SEE WHAT BATMAN MEANT! AN ALLIGATOR CAN OPEN THE BOTTOM HALF OF HIS JAW-- BUT A CROCODILE CAN ONLY MOVE HIS TOP HALF! AS LONG AS WE SWIM DEEP UNDER THESE CROCODILES, THEY CAN'T LOWER THE BOTTOM PART OF THEIR JAWS TO NAB US!

THAT EVENING, AFTER A GRUELING DAY BEFORE THE CAMERAS...

TONIGHT, I SHALL SELECT ANOTHER FILM FROM THE LIBRARY OF BALFOR MASTERPIECES!

(WHISPER) HE'S BEEN MAKING US WATCH HIS OLD MOVIES EACH NIGHT SINCE WE'VE BEEN HERE. HE HAS PRINTS OF EVERY PICTURE HE EVER MADE, AND HE'S DETERMINED WE SEE THEM ALL!



(WHISPER) GOLLY, BATMAN... BALFOR CERTAINLY WAS A MASTER OF REALISM! YOU'D THINK THAT HERD OF ELEPHANTS WAS GOING TO TRAMPLE US!

(WHISPER) YOU'RE RIGHT, ROBIN... AND THAT REALISM HAS JUST GIVEN ME AN IDEA IF I CAN FIND THE RIGHT FILM IN HIS LIBRARY!



LATER, WHILE EVERYONE SLEEPS...

IF WE STEP TOO CLOSE TO THAT FENCE, BALFOR WILL SPOT US AND BLOW UP THE DAM! HE KEEPS A CONSTANT VIGIL FROM THAT TOWER!

YET, IF HE KEEPS ON DRIVING THE ACTORS THE WAY HE HAS BEEN, THEY'LL SOON COLLAPSE WITH SERIOUS HARM TO THEIR HEALTH!



THAT'S TRUE, BATMAN, BUT WHAT CAN WE DO? BY TRYING TO ESCAPE, WE'D RISK HAVING EVERYONE DROWNED!

I'VE GOT AN IDEA, ROBIN! IT'S A LONG SHOT, BUT IT MAY WORK! FIRST, WE MUST COLLECT THE SHEETS FROM THE BEDS IN EVERY TRAILER!



SOON AFTER, IN THE INKY DARKNESS BEFORE DAWN...

(WHISPER) HERE'S THE LAST BATCH... I GOT THEM FROM KENT'S AND LOGAN'S TRAILERS!

(WHISPER) NICE GOING... WE MUST WORK FAST NOW TO BE READY BEFORE THE SUN RISES!



MINUTES LATER, IN BALFOR'S TRAILER...

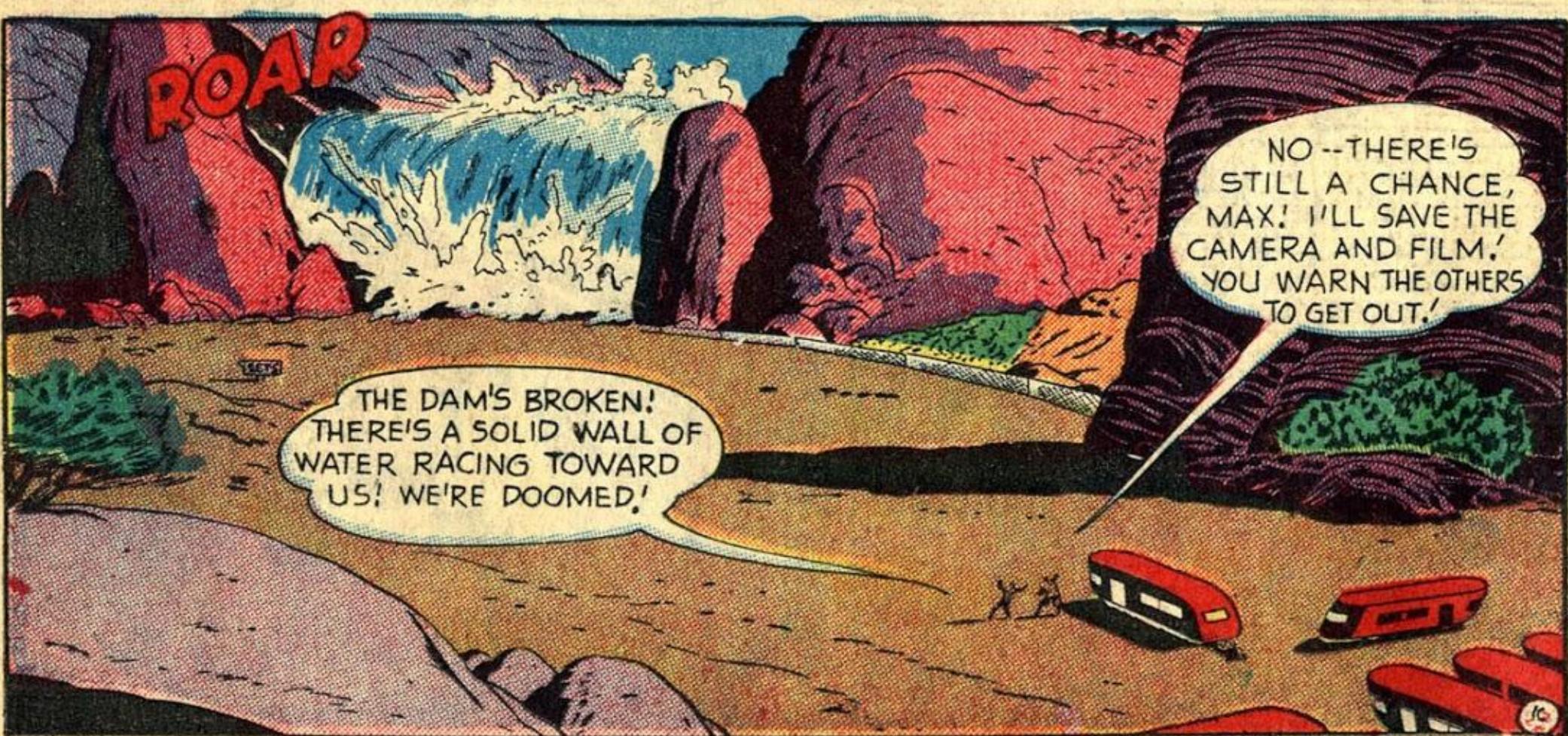
MAX! MAX! QUICK! COME WITH ME. SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS HAPPENED!



ROAR

THE DAM'S BROKEN! THERE'S A SOLID WALL OF WATER RACING TOWARD US! WE'RE DOOMED!

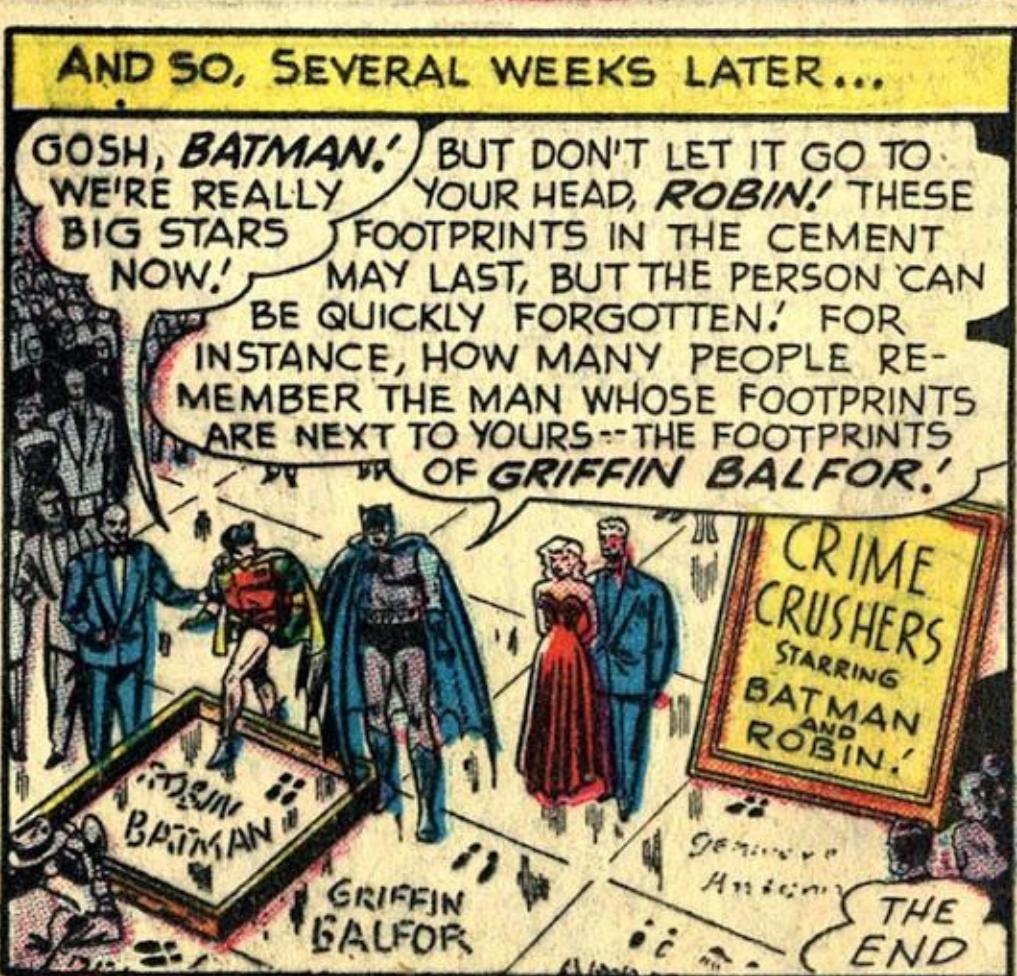
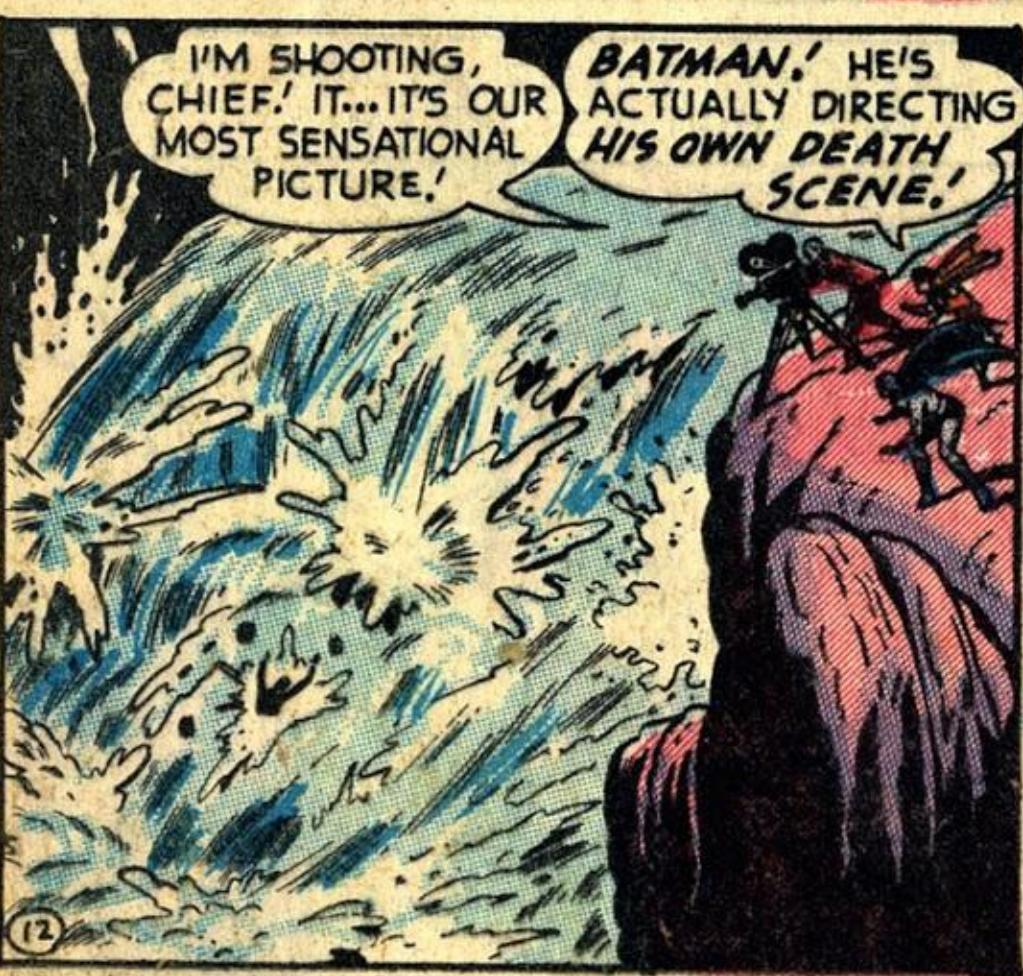
NO -- THERE'S STILL A CHANCE, MAX! I'LL SAVE THE CAMERA AND FILM! YOU WARN THE OTHERS TO GET OUT!





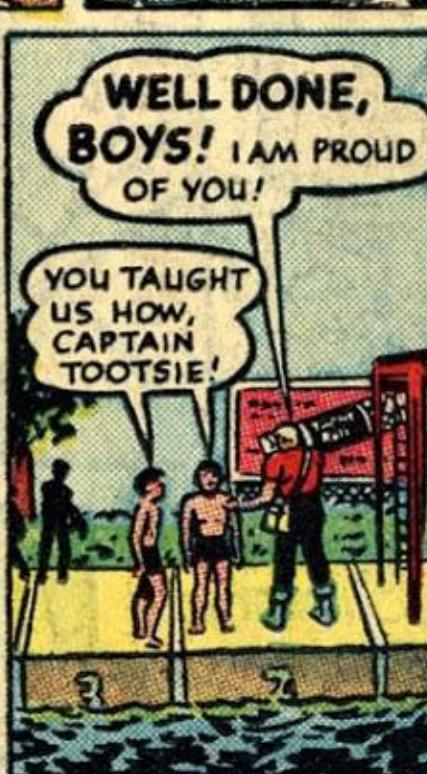
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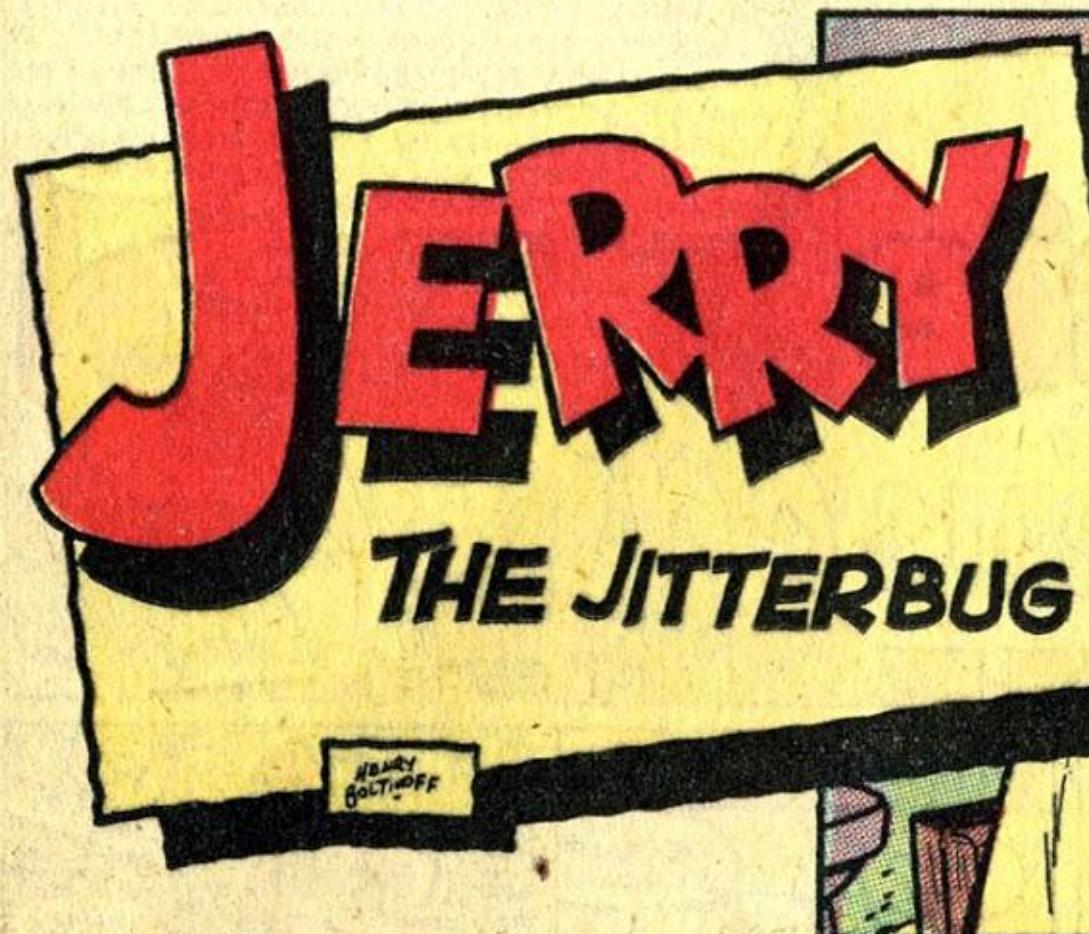


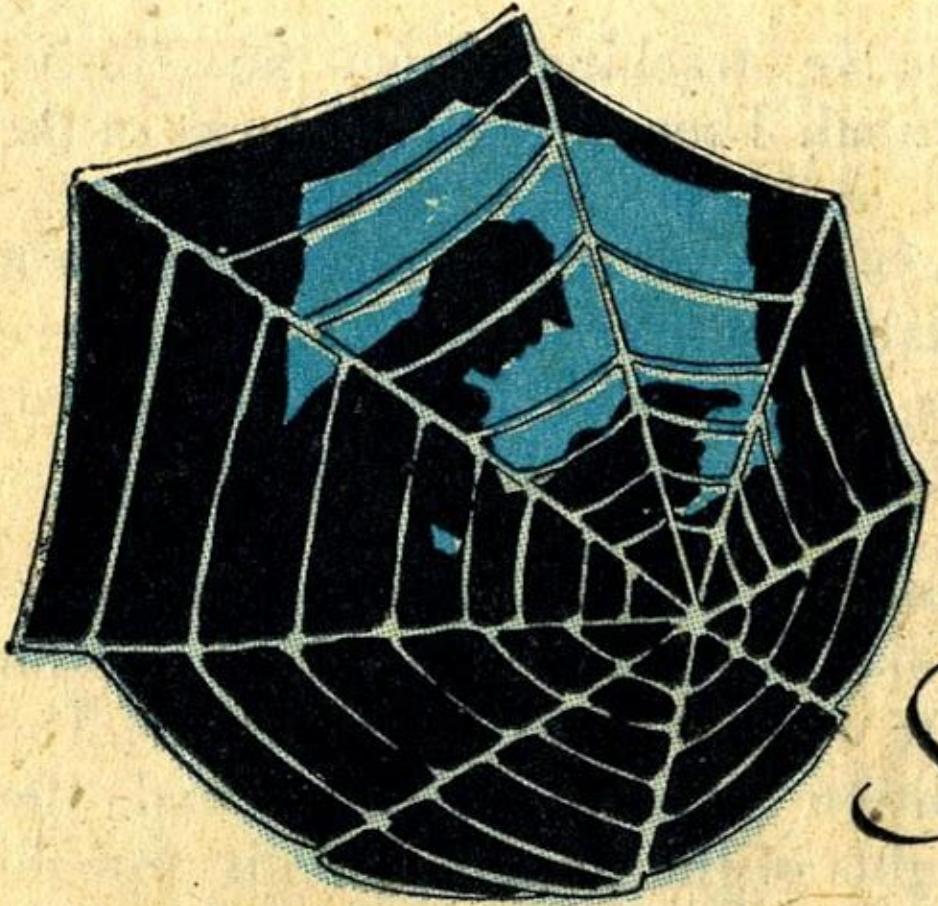




THIS IS IT, BOYS! THE ALLENHURST BEACH CLUB AND THE BIG RACE IN THE PAPERWEIGHT DIVISION! NOW REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU, PETER AND JOE, BODY OUT FLAT-CHURN STROKES FORWARD, BREATHE THROUGH MOUTH - EXHALE THROUGH NOSE! TAKE A TOOTSIE ROLL FOR EXTRA ENERGY - NOW GO OUT THERE AND WIN!







Script Sleuths

THREE are many mysteries in the world, and not all of them are criminal. There are likewise, many kinds of detectives; and not the least among them are historians, scientists, and explorers.

Of particular interest are the manuscript sleuths, men whose main goal is to trace the origin of literature. These men are scholars who are primarily concerned with such problems as who originated King Arthur and his Knights? Where did the story of Romeo and Juliet come from?

The exact sources, authors and original manuscripts in many cases have been lost, but names and stories have lived through the centuries. Did you ever wonder how old some of these stories really are, or who wrote them?

Scholars have to solve these mysteries much in the same fashion as the criminal detective. They trace paper, old files and court records, inks, types of print and so on. Often, these searches take them through many countries, across oceans on exciting adventures.

These men must know the techniques of forgery and be able to detect them. They must have an exact knowledge of facts, so they can judge whether their conclusions are possible or not.

Fires, dampness, and so forth have often destroyed files, records, manuscripts and memoranda from the past. Where then do we get our facts about literature and history?

We can thank these script sleuths who investigate even the smallest bit of information. Most of them are teachers. They delve into history to unearth information which adds greatly to the world's knowledge.

One investigation which was particularly fascinating was the discovery of James Boswell's papers. James Boswell lived in England from 1740 to 1795 and is famed as the biographer of the English writer, Samuel Johnson. However, many scholars have long believed that Boswell wrote other things which could never be found.

In Boswell's will, there was a provision concerning a cabinet which con-

tained his letters, diary and journal. He asked three friends to go through these papers and publish what they saw fit. However, during their lifetime nothing was printed. Boswell's descendants were not proud of him, since his reputation had been anything but savory. His heirs were more than willing to let sleeping dogs lie, less more of his exploits be made public to scandalize the family.

Finally, in the 1840's an English traveler in France made a purchase which was wrapped in letters signed by James Boswell. Fortunately, this man realized their value and his find started scholars investigating the possibility of other material. However, Boswell's family would not admit that there were any papers in the cabinet or anywhere else.

Later in the 1920's, a Yale University professor was finally allowed to look into the cabinet at Malahide Castle in Ireland, the home of Boswell's heir, Lord Talbot. He saw the lost papers, and at last scholars knew that the papers did exist and had not been destroyed as the Boswell family had led people to believe.

More papers were discovered in Scotland, and finally, after 20 years, they were all collected and the family permitted them to be published. So almost two centuries after Boswell's death, his many writings are just now coming before the public. Thus ended a truly fabulous mystery.

These scholars, such as in the Boswell case, experience adventures in their hunts that are as exciting as any

detective tracking down an elusive criminal. There are many blocks in the path of historical research; there are always contradictions, obscurities, and actually lost periods of time. Also, there were people who falsified, distorted, forged and even destroyed records.

Another story of equal fascination is the one about Sir Thomas Mallory who wrote a story about King Arthur. The tradition of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table is probably more than 800 years old. The first English edition of the book came out in 1485 called *Morte Darthur* by Sir Thomas Mallory.

Mallory was supposed to have translated it from the French. And that is all anyone knew about Mallory or the book. We knew nothing about him until about 50 years ago. Now, it is known that Mallory wrote his book while in prison. In fact, he spent much of his life in one jail or another for many crimes.

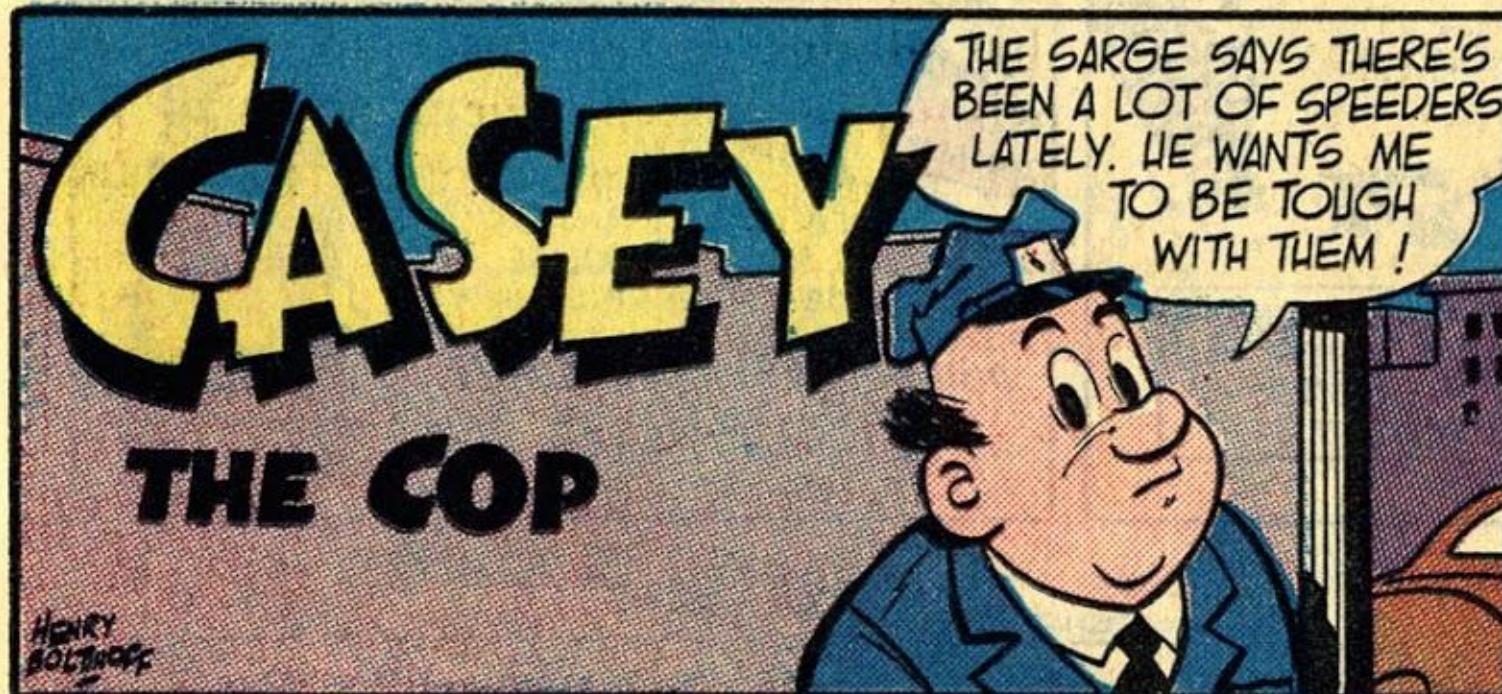
Isn't it odd that such a man would record the stories of chivalry and good deeds when he himself was dishonest? But the mystery of Mallory was indeed a strange one, for it took centuries of investigation before scholars knew anything about the author of *Morte Darthur* except his name.

And so these literary detectives go on from one generation to another, attempting to authenticate works of art, so that the history of literature, the authors, and literature itself will be much clearer and more exciting for modern readers.

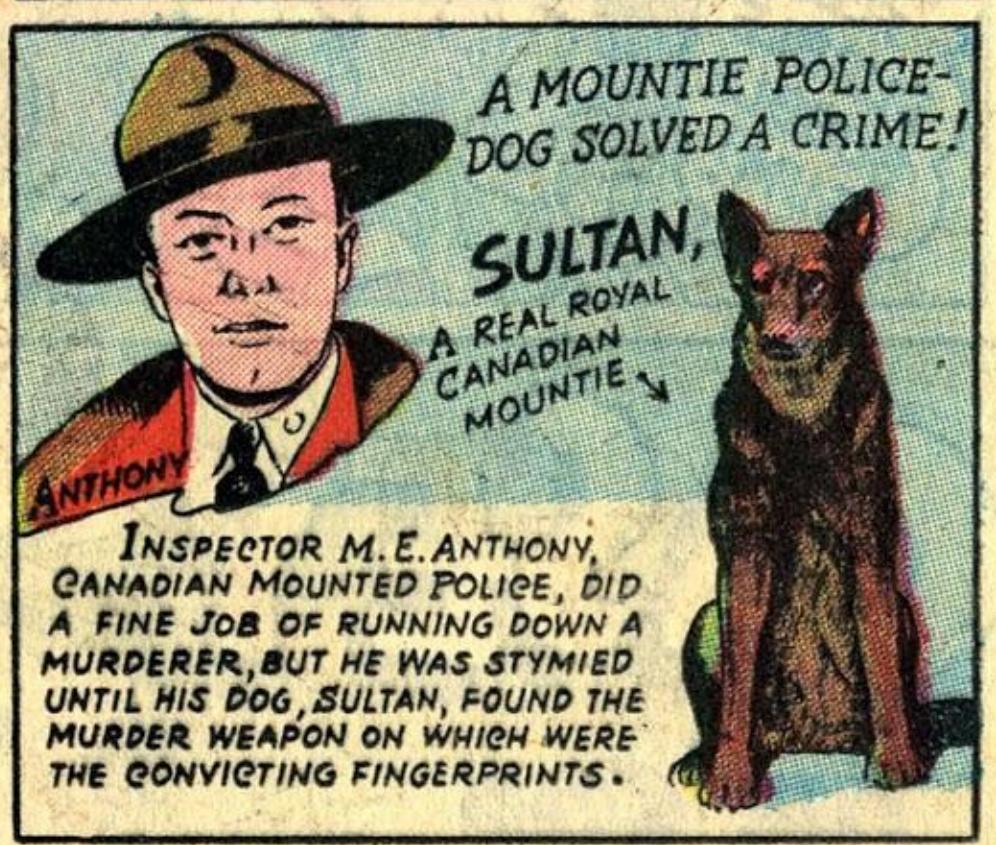
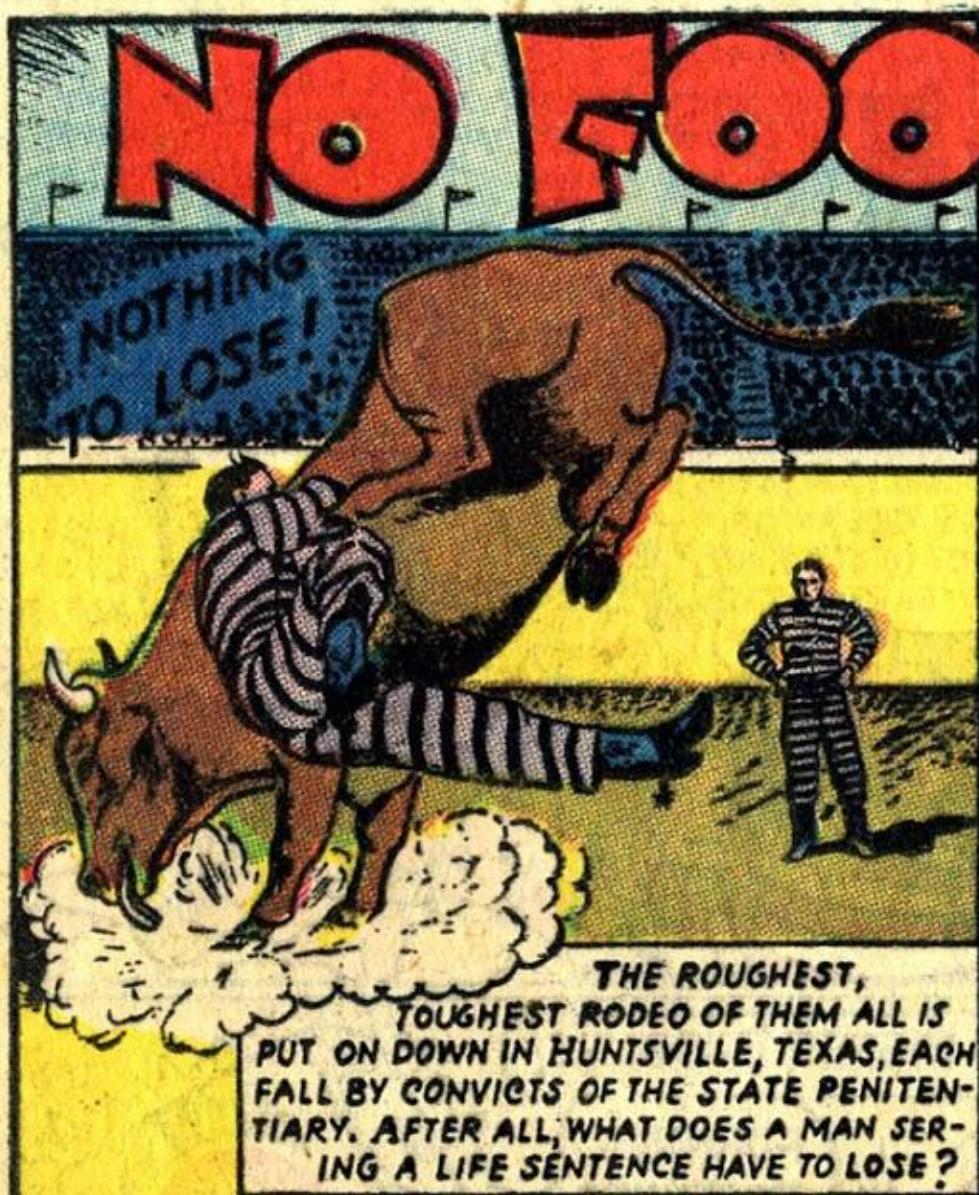
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BATMAN



BATMAN AND ROBIN

- THE BOY WONDER -



SOME DAY, BATMAN'S MUSCLES WILL BE TIRED. SOME DAY, BATMAN WILL BE OLD, AND THEN, BATMAN **WILL AND MUST RETIRE!!** IT IS ONLY LOGICAL THEN THAT ROBIN, A BOY NO LONGER, WOULD BECOME BATMAN'S SUCCESSOR... **BATMAN II** THAT WILL BE AN EVENTFUL DAY... AND WE'RE GOING TO SHOW THAT DAY TO YOU RIGHT **NOW!**

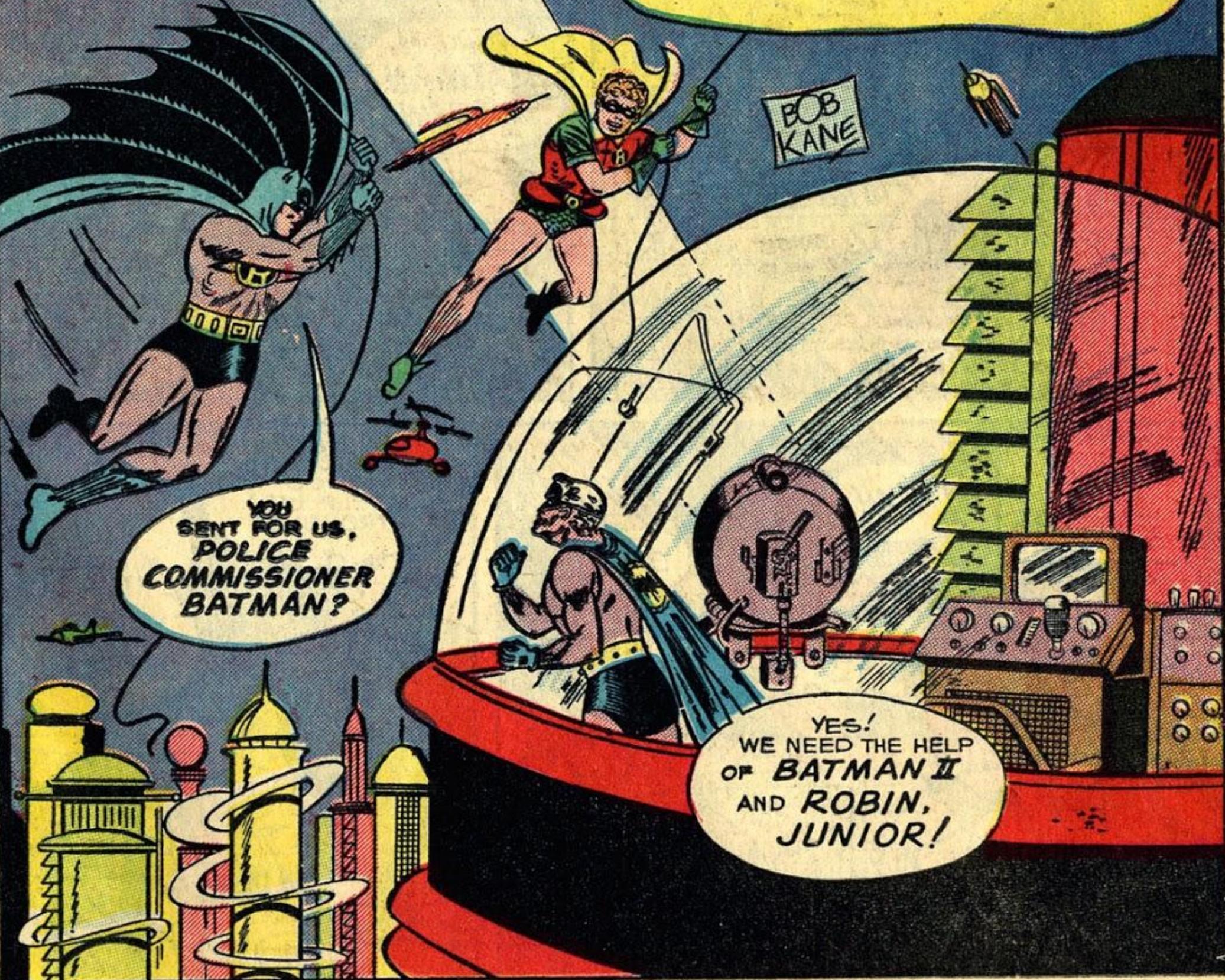
MORE THAN THAT, YOU'LL MEET THE SON OF DICK GRAYSON, THE MAN... A SON WHO WILL INHERIT THE GARB OF HIS PARENT SO THAT TOGETHER THEY FORM THE FATHER-SON TEAM OF...

"BATMAN II and ROBIN, JUNIOR!"

BOB KANE

YOU
SENT FOR US,
POLICE
COMMISSIONER
BATMAN?

YES!
WE NEED THE HELP
OF **BATMAN II**
AND **ROBIN,**
JUNIOR!



ONCE AGAIN THAT EERIE BEAM OF LIGHT, THE **BAT-SIGNAL**, FLASHES ACROSS THE SKYLINE OF GOTHAM CITY TO SUMMON BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, INTO FIGHTING RAIMENT...



CLAD AS THE WORLD-FAMED TEAM OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, THE **BOY WONDER**, THE DUO IS GREETED BY POLICE COMMISSIONER, GORDON ATOP POLICE HEADQUARTERS...



LATER...



AS THEY CRASH INTO THE HIDEOUT...



BUT AS **ROBIN** DARTS FORWARD... SUDDENLY!



IN JUST ONE MINUTE, IT'LL BE TWO AGAINST BATMAN!



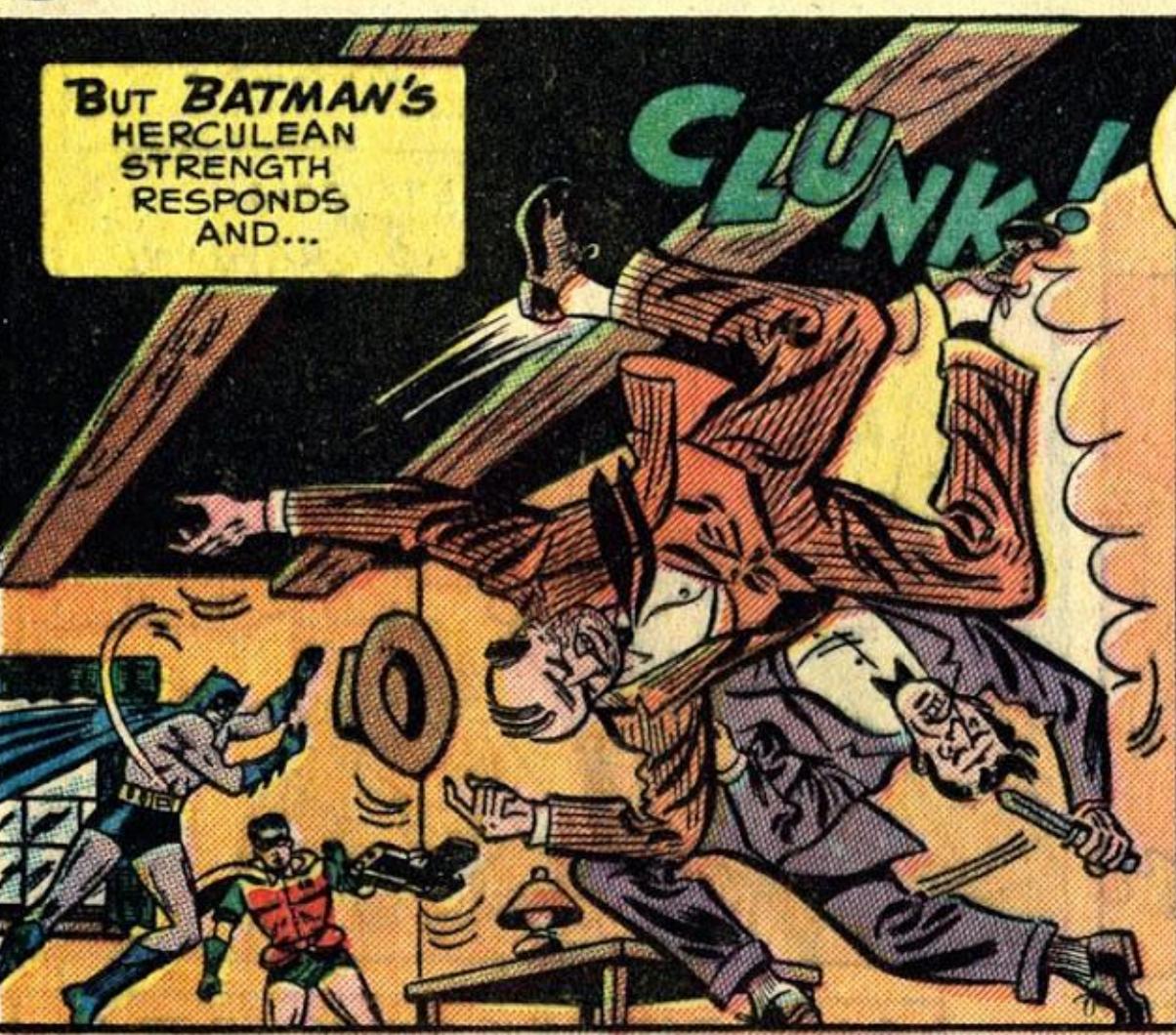
BUT BATMAN'S HERCULEAN STRENGTH RESPONDS AND...

CHUNK!

GEE, THANKS, BATMAN! I--- I GUESS I MADE A WRONG MOVE...

YES! BY NOT OBEYING ORDERS, YOU ALMOST GOT YOURSELF KILLED!

I'LL-SPEAK-TO-YOU-AT-HOME, YOUNG-MAN!



LATER... IN THE BATCAVE...

DICK, I KNOW YOU'RE YOUNG AND IMPETUOUS... BUT IN CRIME-FIGHTING, TO DISOBEY AN ORDER CAN BE FATAL! OUR LIVES DEPEND UPON OUR WORKING AS AN ORGANIZED TEAM. UNDERSTAND?

Y-YES, SIR!



DICK, THOUGH YOU'RE ONLY MY WARD, I COULDN'T LOVE YOU MORE IF YOU WERE MY OWN SON! I WOULDN'T WANT ANYTHING TO HAPPEN TO YOU!



HOW WOULD YOU... FEEL IF YOUR SON DISOBEYED YOU AS YOU DID ME TODAY? SOME DAY YOU'LL HAVE A SON OF YOUR OWN... AND THEN YOU'LL UNDERSTAND! REMEMBER... SOMEDAY I'LL RETIRE... AND YOU'LL BE BATMAN II... AND YOUR SON WILL BE ROBIN JUNIOR!

LATER, THOSE WORDS REMAIN WITH DICK GRAYSON, AND IN HIS TROUBLED THOUGHTS, HE SEEMS TO HEAR THEM OVER AND OVER AGAIN...

SOMEDAY YOU'LL BE BATMAN
YOUR SON WILL BE ROBIN
HOW WOULD YOU FEEL
IF YOUR SON
DISOBEYED??



AND AS THE BOY FALLS INTO A RESTLESS SLEEP, THIS IS WHAT HE DREAMS..

YEARS PASS, AND, AS DICK REACHES MANHOOD, HE DISCARDS HIS BOYISH COSTUME FOR **BATMAN** GARB WITH A **ROBIN** INSIGNIA!

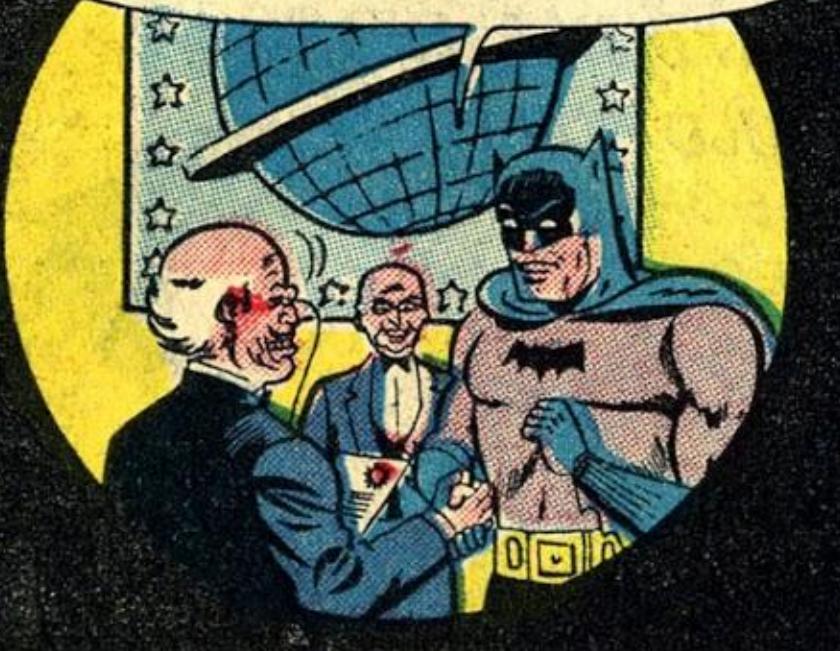


TIME MARCHES ON, AND IN THE YEAR 1975, THE GREAT **BATMAN** STUNS THE WORLD WITH A DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT!

I'VE WORN MY **BATMAN** COSTUME FOR THE LAST TIME! I'M NOT A YOUNG MAN ANY LONGER! IT'S TIME **BATMAN RETIRED!**

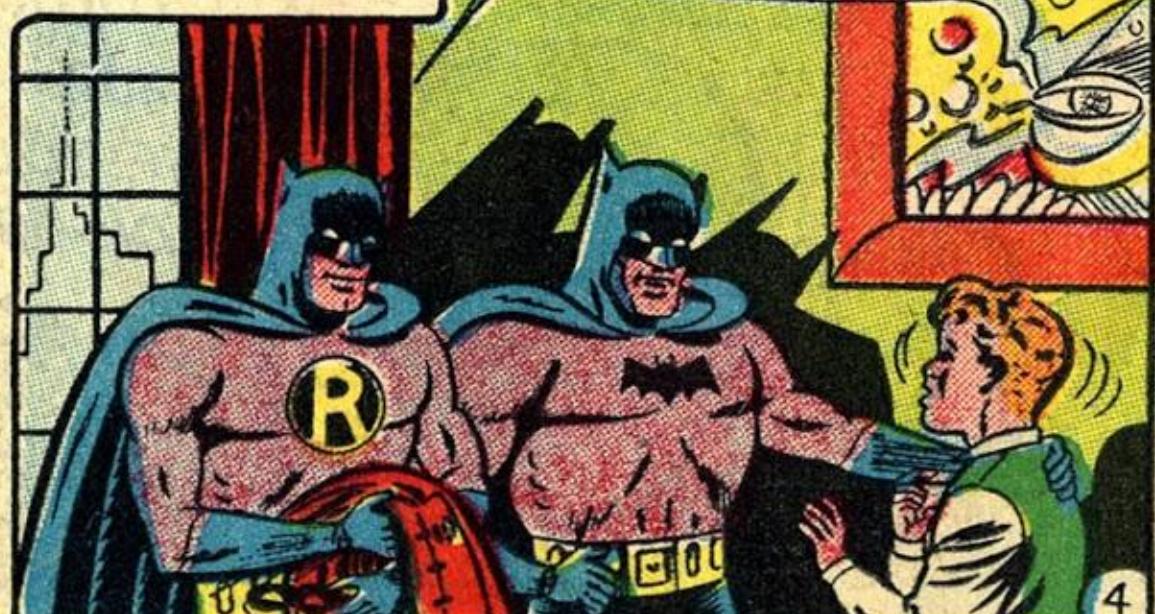


I ACCEPT...ON CONDITION THAT I WEAR A MASK! FOR I MUST KEEP MY IDENTITY SECRET IN ORDER TO PROTECT **ROBIN** WHEN HE BECOMES **BATMAN II**!



THAT NIGHT, THREE GENERATIONS OF CRIME-FIGHTERS STAND TOGETHER!

SON, ONCE I WORE THIS **ROBIN** COSTUME! NOW IT'S YOURS! FROM NOW ON, WE'LL BE A FATHER-SON TEAM... **BATMAN II** AND **ROBIN, JR!!**



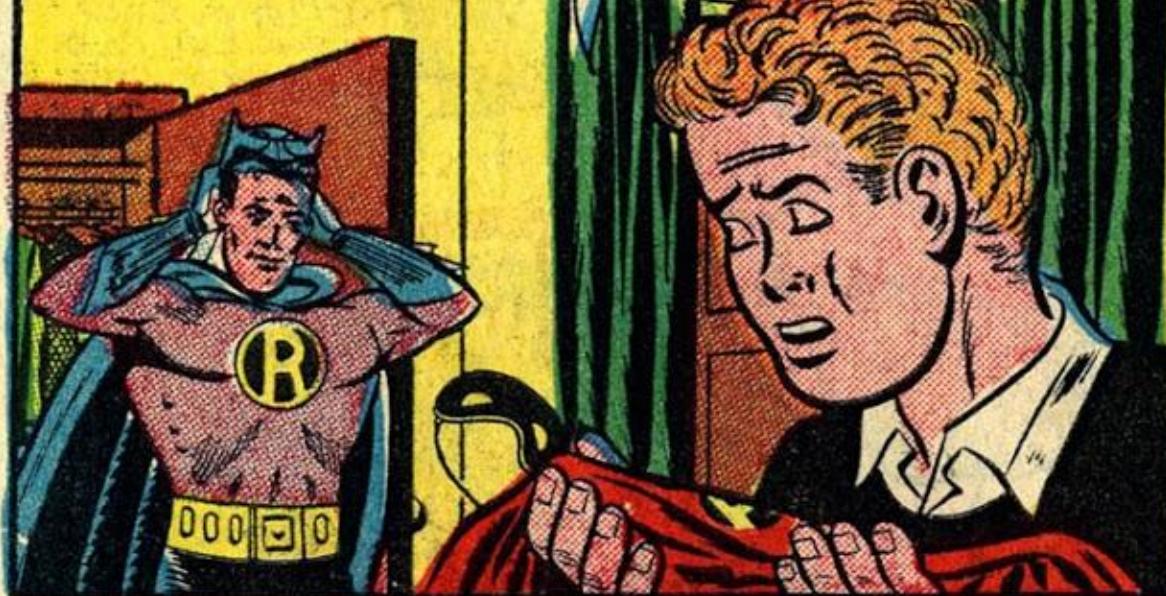


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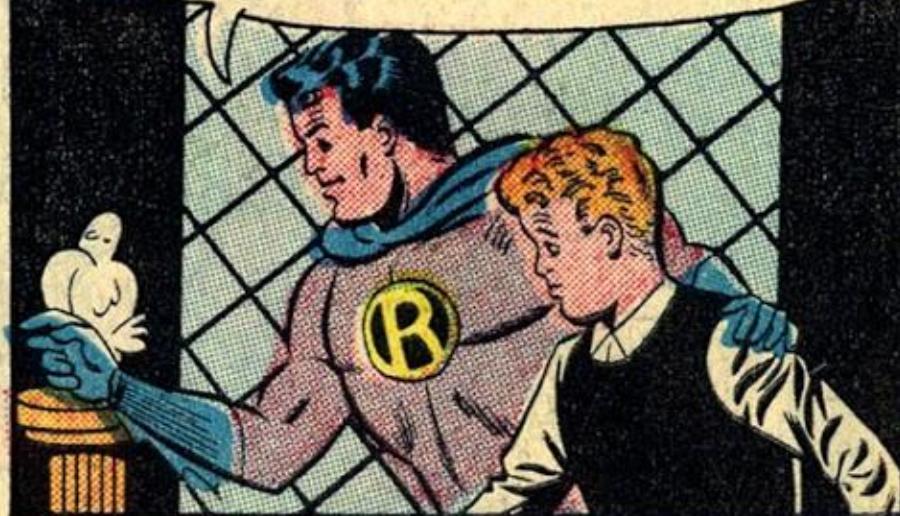
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I-I HOPE I CAN
LIVE UP TO THIS
COSTUME! BUT, GEE --
I'M ONLY A **KID!** CAN A
KID LIKE ME **REALLY**
TACKLE CROOKS?



JUNIOR IS WORRIED ---
AND THAT'S NATURAL.
BUT I'VE GOT TO MAKE
HIM CONFIDENT!

SON, LET'S
LOOK AT SOME NEWSREEL
MOVIES --- TAKEN OF **BATMAN**
AND MYSELF WHEN I WAS A BOY
YOUR AGE!

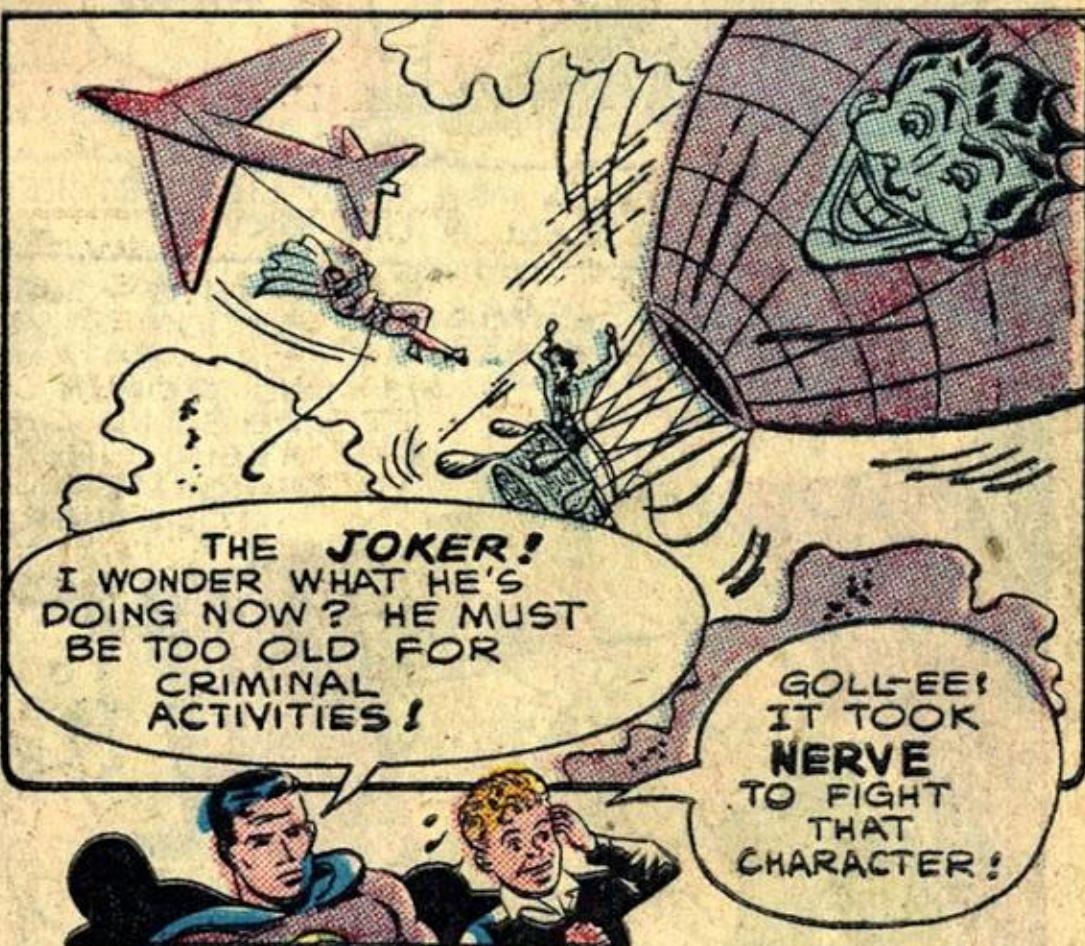


THIS HAPPENED
WAY BACK IN 1948,
WHEN WE CORNERED
A GANG HIDING OUT
IN A FIREWORKS
PLANT!

WOW!
WHAT A
POKE YOU
GAVE THAT
CROOK,
DAD!



THE **JOKER**!
I WONDER WHAT HE'S
DOING NOW? HE MUST
BE TOO OLD FOR
CRIMINAL
ACTIVITIES!



GOLL-EE!
IT TOOK
NERVE
TO FIGHT
THAT
CHARACTER!

AND AS DICK GRAYSON, JUNIOR, WATCHES, HE IS SOON
INSPIRED BY THE DARING FEATS PERFORMED BY HIS FATHER
WHEN HE WAS A MERE LAD...

GEE WHIZ, DAD...
YOU ONCE 'SAVED'
BATMAN FROM
BEING KILLED BY
TWO-FACE,
DIDN'T YOU?



DAD,
IF YOU
DID ALL THAT,
MAYBE I CAN
DO IT, TOO!

SURE YOU
CAN, SON!
AFTER ALL,
BOY WONDER'S
KIND OF RUN
IN THE
GRAYSON
FAMILY!



BATMAN

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AND SO, FOR THE SECOND TIME IN HISTORY, A DICK GRAYSON BEGINS TRAINING FOR THE EXACTING ROLE OF A BOY WONDER!

NOW THAT I'VE LEARNED JUDO, YOU'D BETTER NOT TRY SPANKING ME, DAD!

HA! HA!

THAT WAS A FIRST-RATE CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF THAT POISON, SON! YOU'RE DOING FINE!

I GUESS I'M JUST A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK, EH, DAD?

THEN ONE NIGHT... A PENCIL OF LIGHT ETCHES AN AWESOME EMBLEM IN THE SKY...

THE BAT-SIGNAL, POLICE COMMISSIONER BATMAN IS PAGING US!

INTO YOUR ACTION GARB, SON... BATMAN II AND ROBIN JR. ARE GOING ON THEIR FIRST ASSIGNMENT TOGETHER!

AND AS IN THE DAYS OF OLD, TWO DYNAMIC FIGURES ONCE AGAIN FLIT OVER GOTHAM CITY'S CHANGING SKYLINE...

ONCE I USED TO ANSWER THE BAT-SIGNAL CALL WITH BRUCE WAYNE... NOW I'M DOING IT WITH MY OWN SON! I'M A PROUD FATHER TONIGHT!

SOON AFTER... ON THE ROOFTOP OF INTERNATIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

WHAT'S UP, BRUCE?

POLICE CHIEFS ALL OVER THE WORLD HAVE NOTIFIED ME THAT BANDITS HAVE BEEN HIJACKING THE STOCK-PILES OF ELEMENT X! YOUR JOB IS TO FIND OUT HOW AND WHY?

ONE PLACE THE BANDITS HAVEN'T HIT YET IS SCIENCE CITY. SO I SUGGEST YOU BRIEF OUR SCIENTISTS THERE! GOOD LUCK, YOU TWO... I WISH I WERE YOUNG ENOUGH TO BE IN UNIFORM AGAIN!

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THAT'S CODY, THE RODEO CLOWN. WATCH HIM GET THOSE STEERS AWAY FROM THE COWBOYS!

FELLAS, MEET CODY!

GOSH, THAT'S MIGHTY DANGEROUS! YA GOTTA BE FAST ON YOUR FEET, HUH?

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WILL BE
KILLED!

I'LL
GET
HER!

QUICK!
INTO THE
BARREL!



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FOR YOURSELF
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Message to Parents



WHAT TO DO IF POLIO COMES YOUR WAY

Keep children with their own friends. Keep them away from people they have not been with right along, especially in close, daily living. Many people have polio infection without showing signs of sickness. Without knowing it, they can pass the infection on to others.

Try not to get over-tired by work, hard play or travel. If you already have the polio infection in your body, being very tired may bring on serious polio.

Keep from getting chilled. Don't bathe or swim too long in cold water. Take off wet clothes at once. Chilling can lessen your body's protection against polio.

Keep clean. Wash hands carefully before eating and always after using the toilet. Hands may carry polio infection into the body through the mouth. Also keep food clean and covered.

WATCH FOR EARLY SIGNS OF SICKNESS

Polio starts in different ways—with headache, sore throat, upset stomach or fever. Persons coming down with polio may also feel nervous, cross or dizzy. They may have trouble in swallowing or breathing. Often there is a stiff neck and back.

ACT QUICKLY—CALL YOUR DOCTOR AT ONCE

Until he comes, keep the patient quiet and in bed, away from others.

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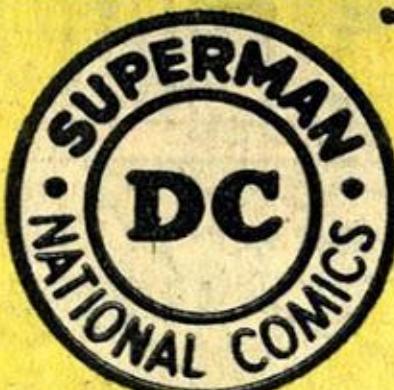
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LATER, THE SLEEK **BATMOBILE** TEARS OVER THE MODERN HIGHWAY RAMP...

ISN'T ELEMENT X THAT NEW, CONCENTRATED FUEL RECENTLY DEVELOPED?

YES, SON... IT'S ONE MILLION TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN GASOLINE... BUT VERY COSTLY TO PRODUCE... ABOUT AS COSTLY AS PRODUCING RADIUM. THE SUPPLY IS LIMITED!



AN HOUR PASSES... THEN, IN THE STORE-ROOM WHERE FOOD SUPPLIES ARE STOCKED FOR THE SCIENCE CITY CAFETERIA...

WE GOT OURSELVES SMUGGLED IN NEATLY INSIDE THESE DUMMY CRATES! NOW... GET YOUR GAS PELLETS READY!



ONE OF THEM HAS THE CASK CONTAINING **ELEMENT X** IN ITS CONCENTRATED POWDER FORM! LOOK... THEY'RE HEADING FOR THAT PLANE!

OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO RAM THE **BATMOBILE** INTO THE PLANE BEFORE IT CAN TAKE OFF COMPLETELY!

FOLLOW ME, ROBIN!



AFTERWARD... **SCIENCE CITY**, DEDICATED TO MAN'S TRIUMPH OVER SCIENCE!

WE'RE HERE! THE PROFESSOR IN CHARGE OF THE PROJECT IS WAITING FOR US IN HIS OFFICE!



IN THE PROJECT'S CONSULTATION ROOM, THE EMERGENCY TELE-SCREEN FLASHES ON...

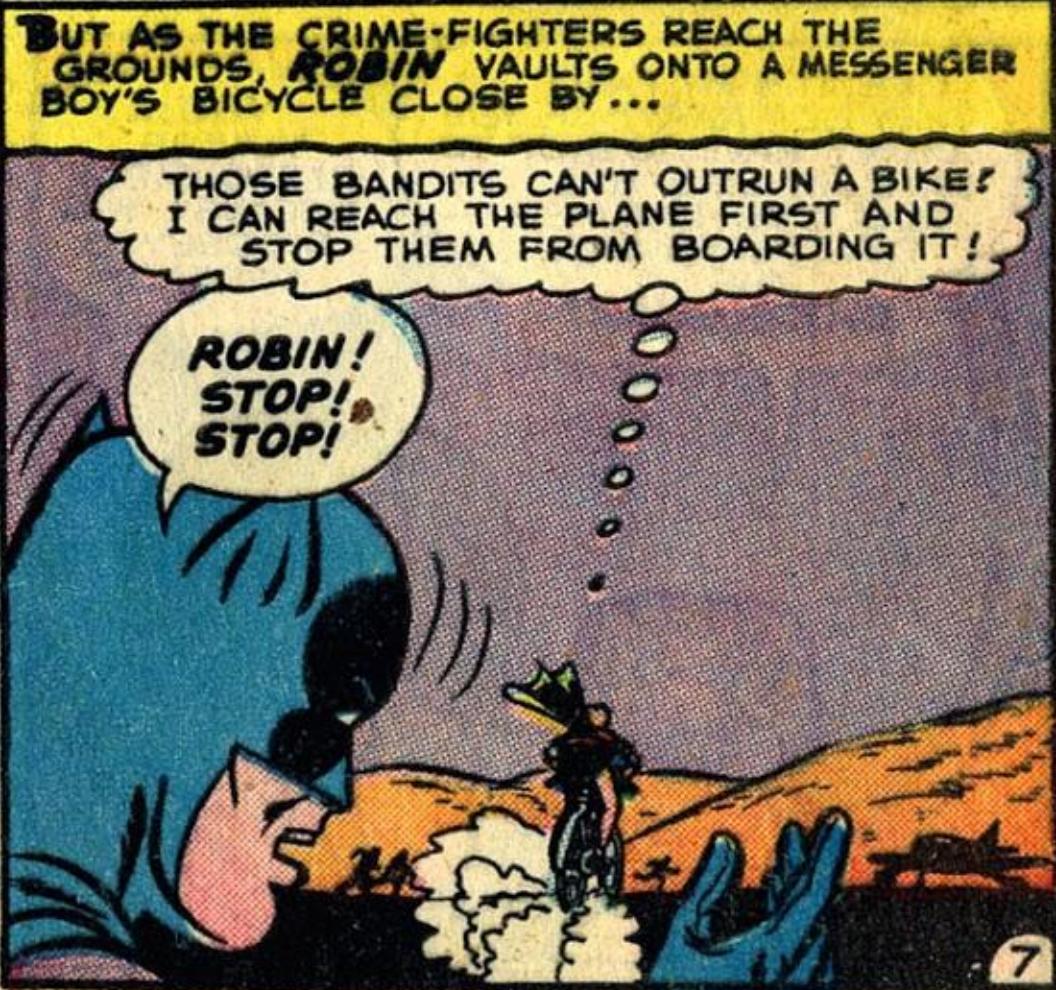
GREAT SCOTT! THE BANDITS ARE HERE ALREADY!

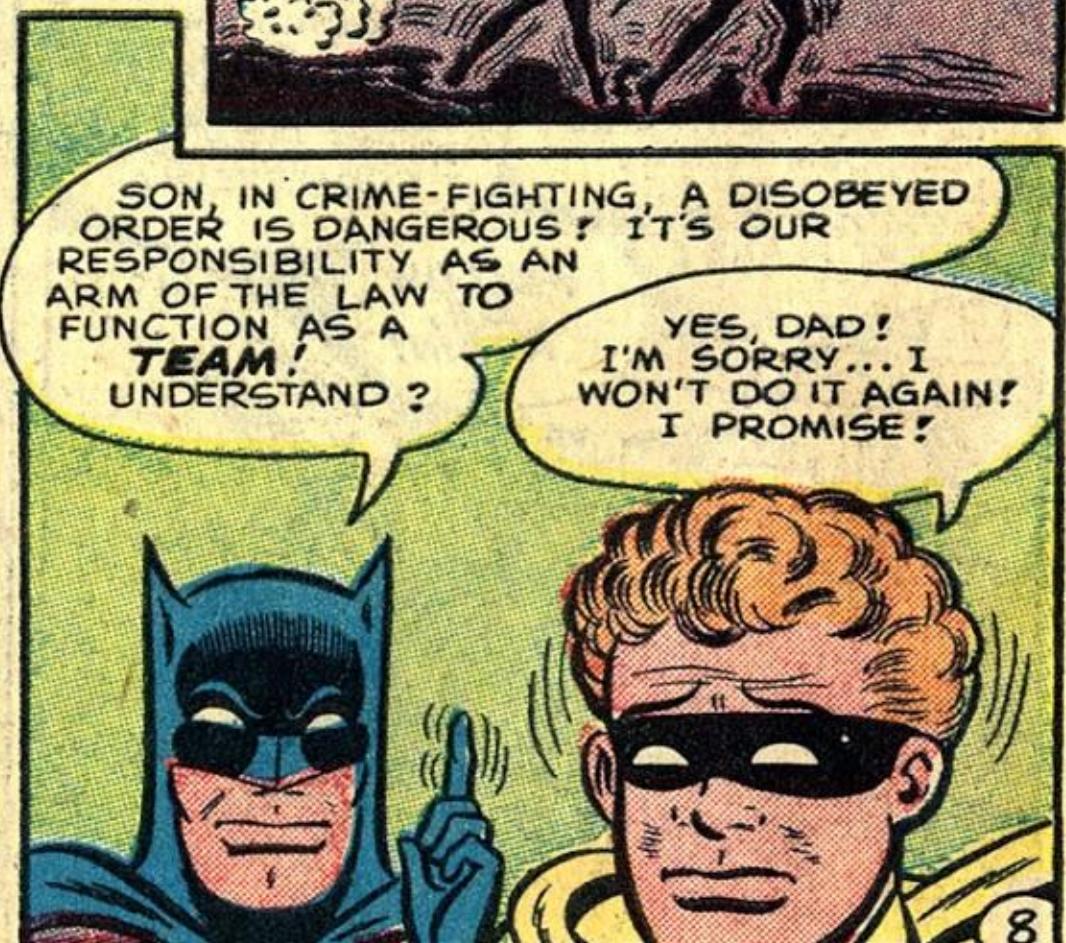
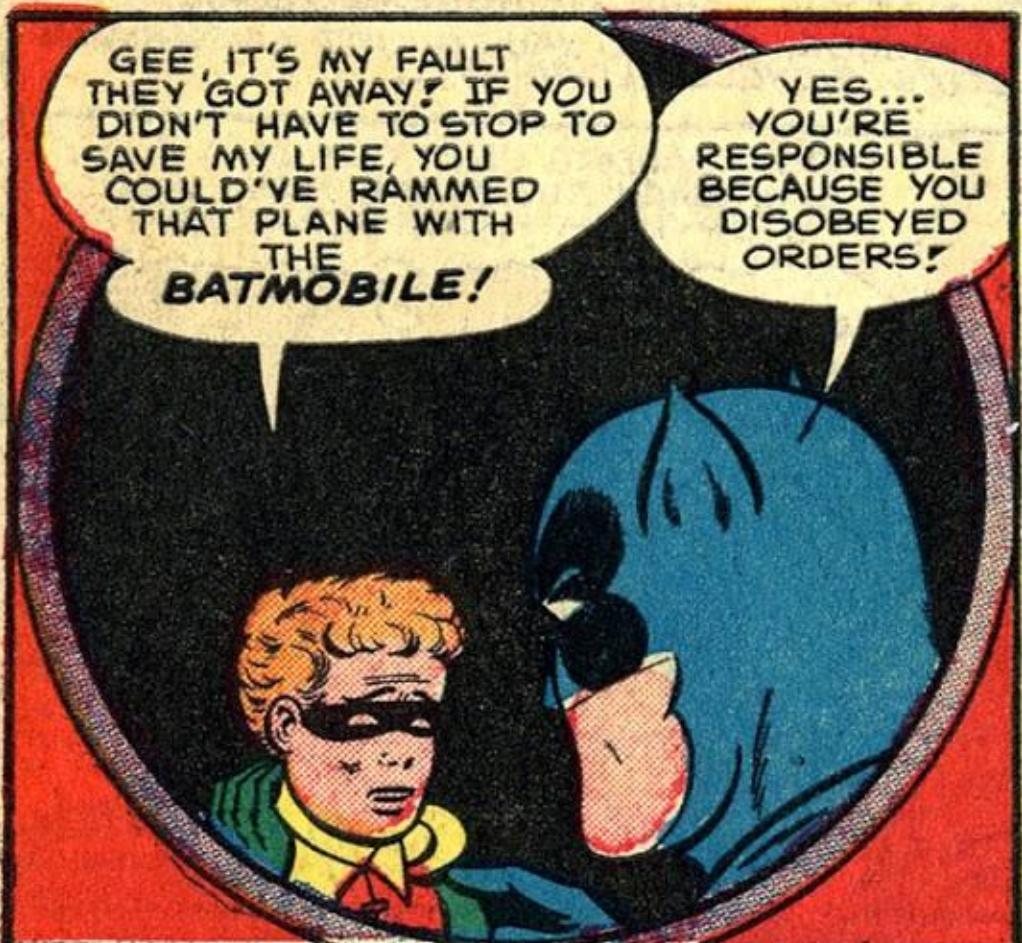
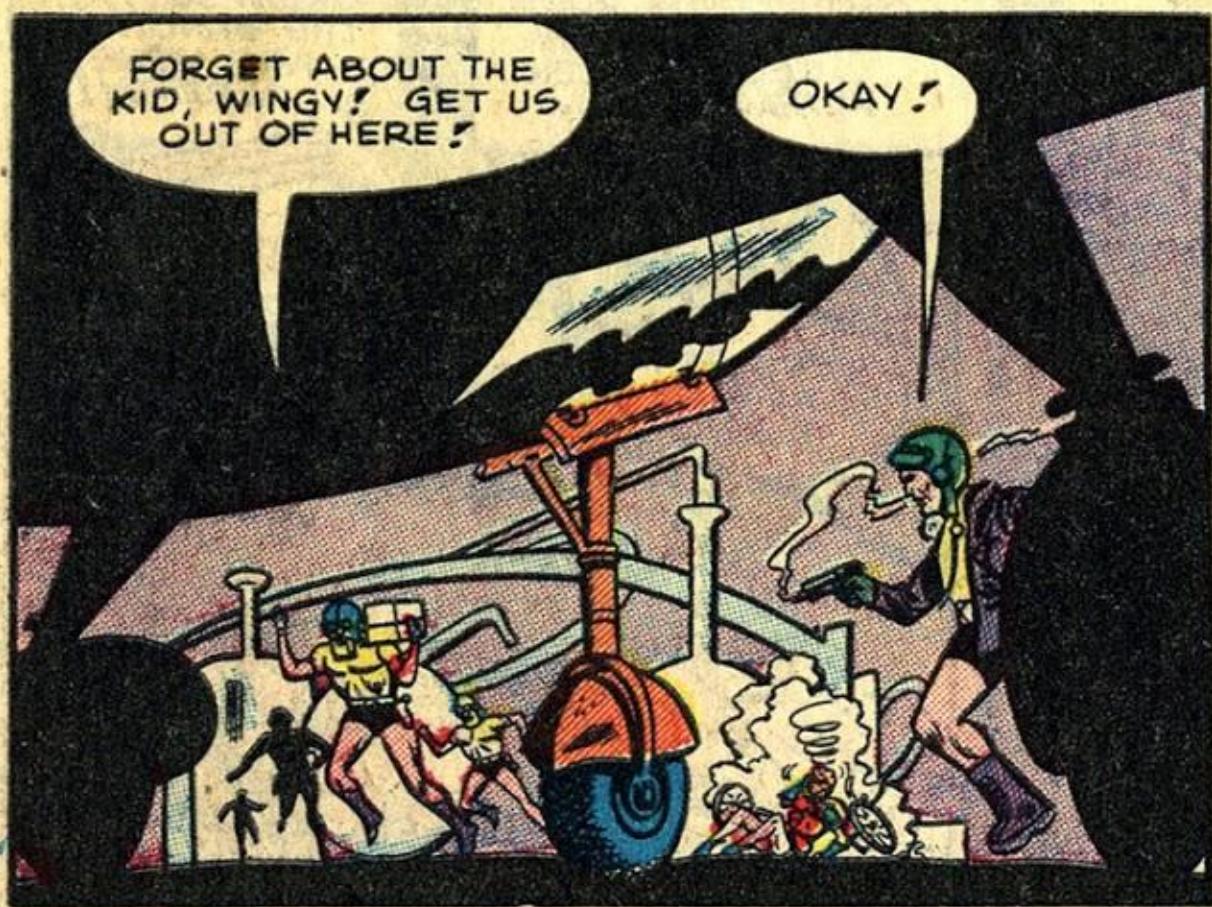
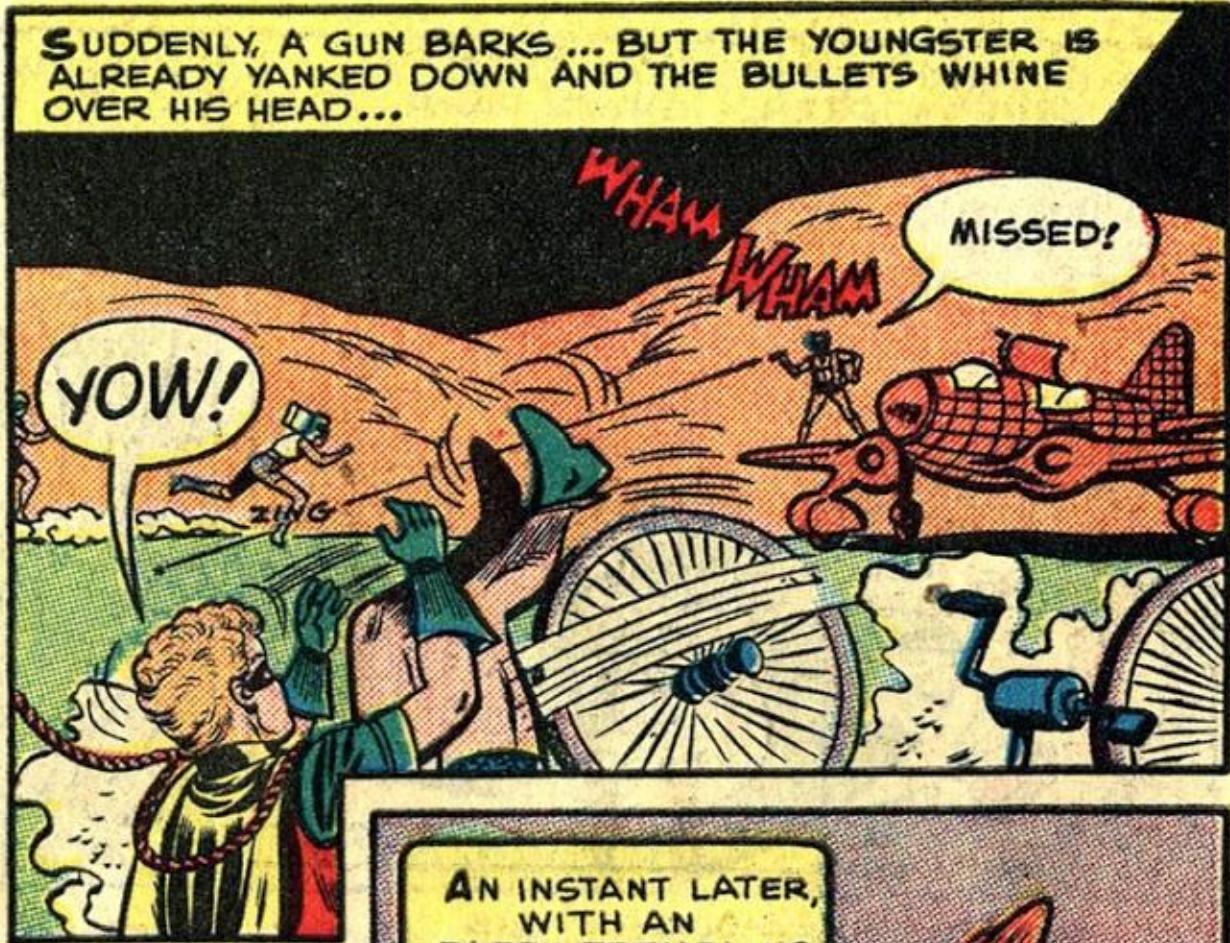


BUT AS THE CRIME-FIGHTERS REACH THE GROUNDS, **ROBIN** VAULTS ONTO A MESSENGER BOY'S BICYCLE CLOSE BY...

THOSE BANDITS CAN'T OUTRUN A BIKE! I CAN REACH THE PLANE FIRST AND STOP THEM FROM BOARDING IT!

ROBIN!
STOP!
STOP!

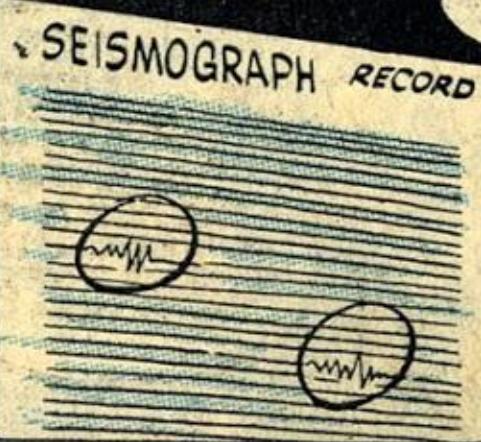






IN THE BATCAVE'S SCIENCE LAB, THE DUO
INSPECTS A SEISMOGRAPH...AN INSTRUMENT
WHICH RECORDS EARTHQUAKES AND
VIBRATIONS...

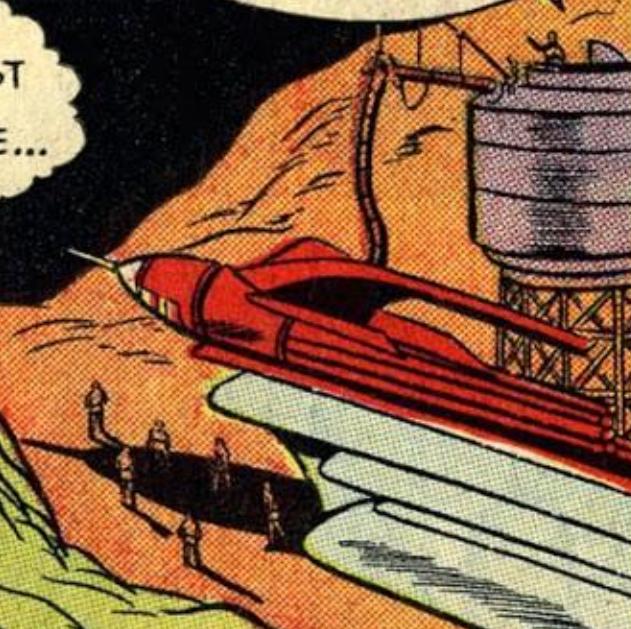
THOSE JAGGED
LINES INDICATE MINOR TREMORS...
ONE POINT BEING THE PLANE'S TAKEOFF
FROM SCIENCE CITY...THE PREVIOUS
ONE FROM ITS HIDEOUT! BY CHECKING
THE GEOGRAPHIC GRAPH, WE CAN
LOCATE THE
HIDEOUT!



LIKE A GREAT
MOUNTAIN CAT,
THE LAWMAN PADS
SILENTLY TO THE
VICINITY
AND BEHOLDS AN
ASTONISHING
SIGHT!

THAT BEARDED
MAN...COUNT RAZEK,
THE RENEGADE SCIENTIST
AND INTERNATIONAL
RACKETEER! THAT PLANE...
IT'S GIGANTIC!..

HURRY! I
WANT THE
CONCENTRATED
ELEMENTX DISSOLVED
QUICKLY! THE SPACE
SHIP MUST BE FUELED
AND READY FOR A
TAKEOFF IN ONE
HOUR!



SOME TIME LATER...IN A DESOLATE
MOUNTAIN AREA...

ACCORDING TO THE
GRAPH, THE PLANE TOOK
OFF FROM THAT MOUNTAIN!
YOU STAY HERE WHILE I GO
UP THERE AND SCOUT
AROUND!

RIGHT!



I
SET THE
ROBOT
CONTROLS,
BOSS!

GOOD! THE PROPER
AMOUNT OF ELEMENTX
WILL LAUNCH THE SHIP
INTO THE STRATOSPHERE
BEYOND THE EARTH'S
GRAVITATIONAL
PULL! THEN IT WILL
FLOAT FREE...
CIRCLING THE
EARTH LIKE A
MAN-MADE MOON!



AFTERWARD, WE CAN FERRY **WANTED CRIMINALS** TO IT WITH A SMALLER SHIP! FOR A **HIGH PRICE**, I CAN OFFER THEM THE SAFEST OF ALL HIDEOUTS... AN ISLAND IN OUTER SPACE WHERE THE LAW CAN'T TOUCH THEM!

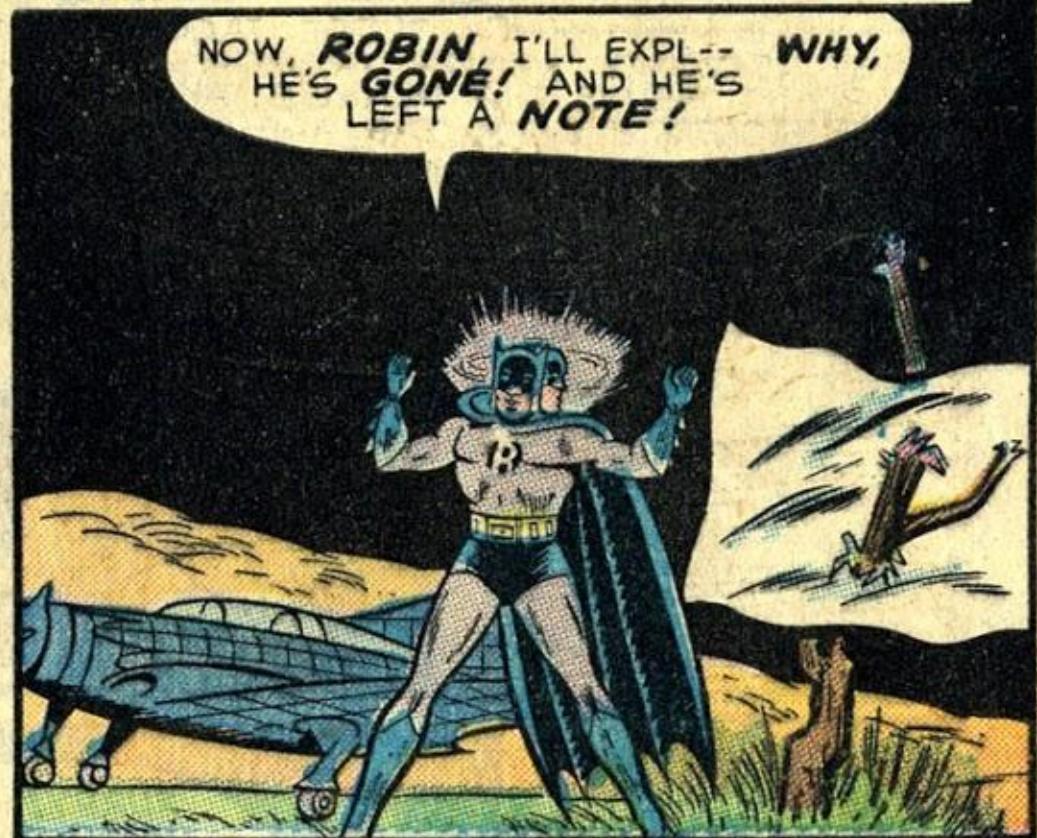
AS **BATMAN II** REALIZES THE IMPORT OF THOSE WORDS, HE HURRIES BACK TO THE **BATPLANE...**

THEY'VE GOT A BIG SHIP UP THERE LOADED WITH **ELEMENT X** WE'LL NEED HELP TO STOP THEM! YOU WAIT TILL I GET FINISHED HERE AND I'LL EXPLAIN!



A VIDEO-CONTACT IS MADE SWIFTLY...

AND WHEN **BATMAN II** COMPLETES HIS REPORT...



THAT IMPETUOUS YOUNG FOOL! WHY DIDN'T **ROBIN** OBEY ME AND WAIT TILL I EXPLAINED ABOUT THE SHIP?

THE BOY THINKS IT'S JUST A BIG CARGO SHIP FOR ALL THE STOLEN **ELEMENT X**! AND HE DOESN'T KNOW HE CAN'T FLY THE SHIP BECAUSE IT HAS SET **ROBOT CONTROLS**! I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM! I MUST--- I MUST!

I want to make up for letting those bandits get away before, so I'm going to hijack their ship and fly it and the cargo of Element X to the Gotham City Police Landing Field.



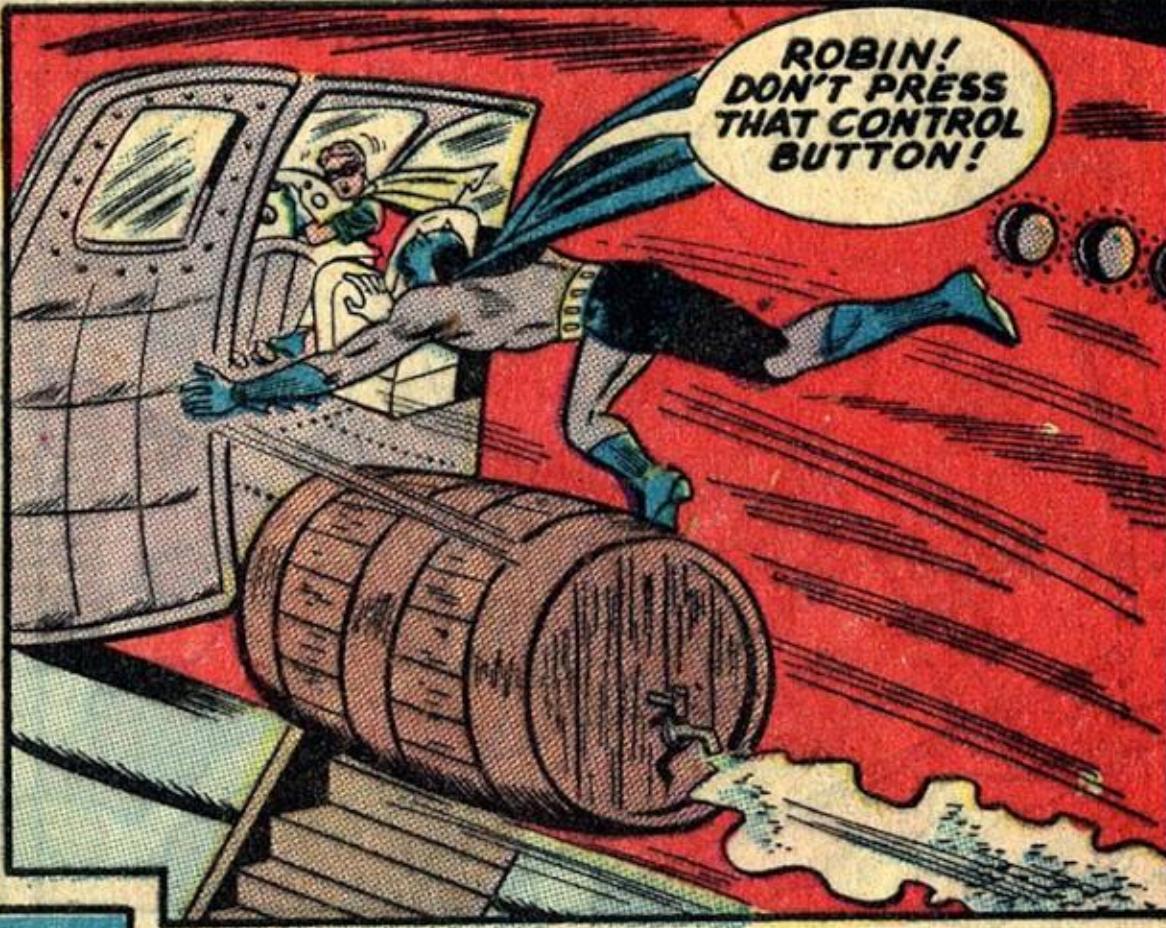
FOOLS! DON'T TRY TO TACKLE HIM!
USE YOUR GUNS!

I'M TOO LATE!
I'VE GOT TO DISTRACT THEM SOMEHOW---
OR THEY'LL KILL MY BOY!

NOTING A CASK OF ELEMENT X, **BATMAN II** SWIFTLY OPENS THE SPIGOT AND LIGHTS A MATCH...

THIS IS A WILD STUNT,
BUT IT MAY DO THE TRICK!

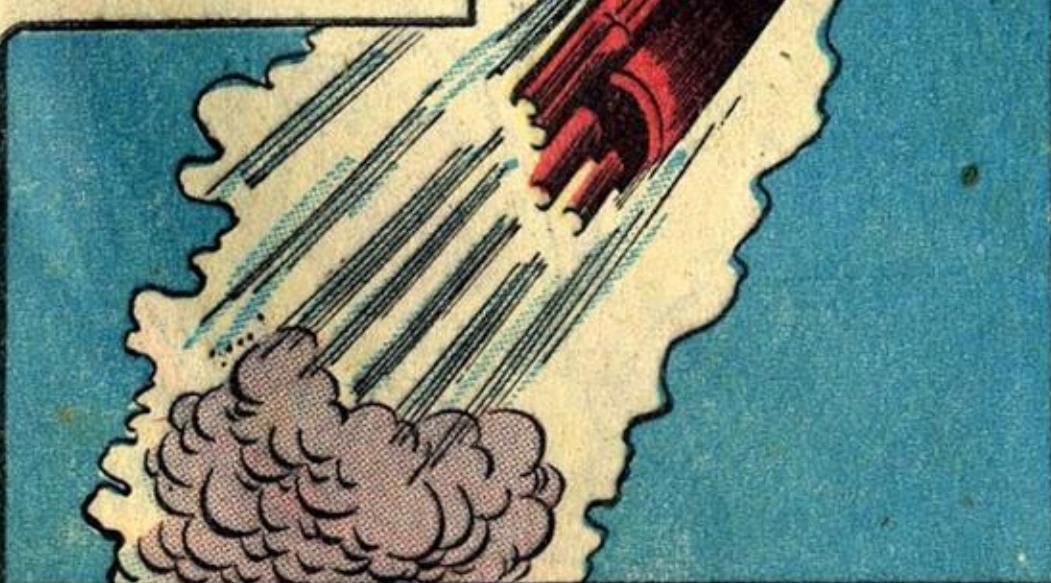
SUDDENLY, THE CONCENTRATED ELEMENT X FLARES, ROCKETING THE CASK FORWARD LIKE A JET-PROPELLED SHIP!



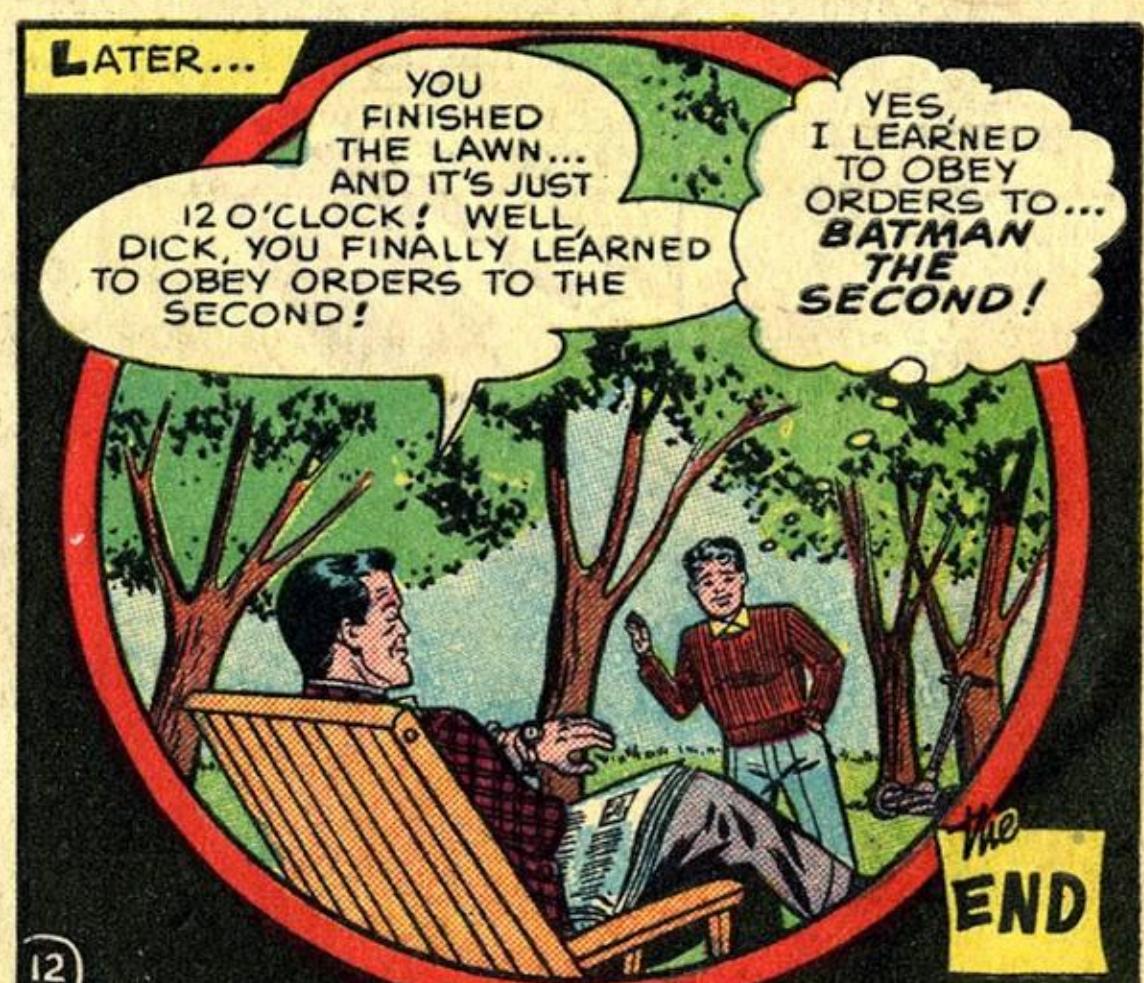
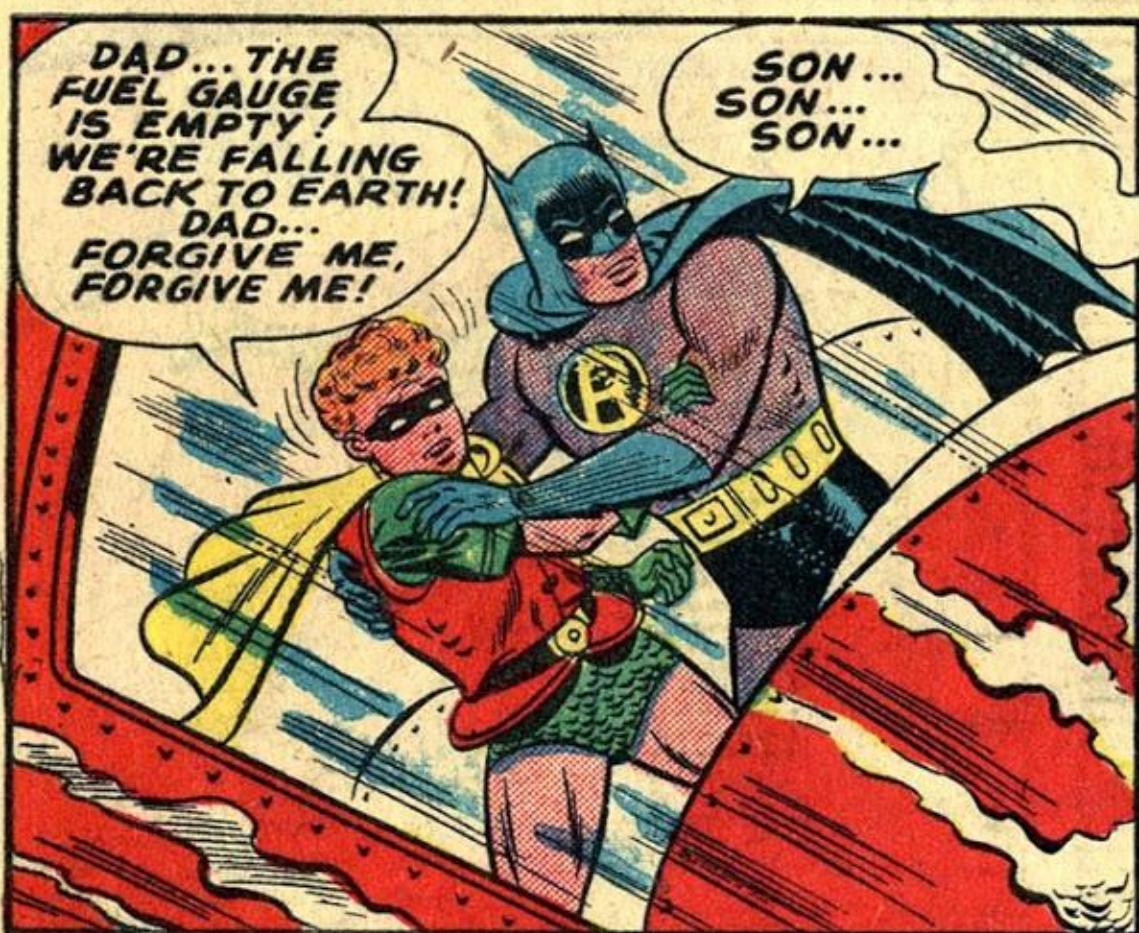
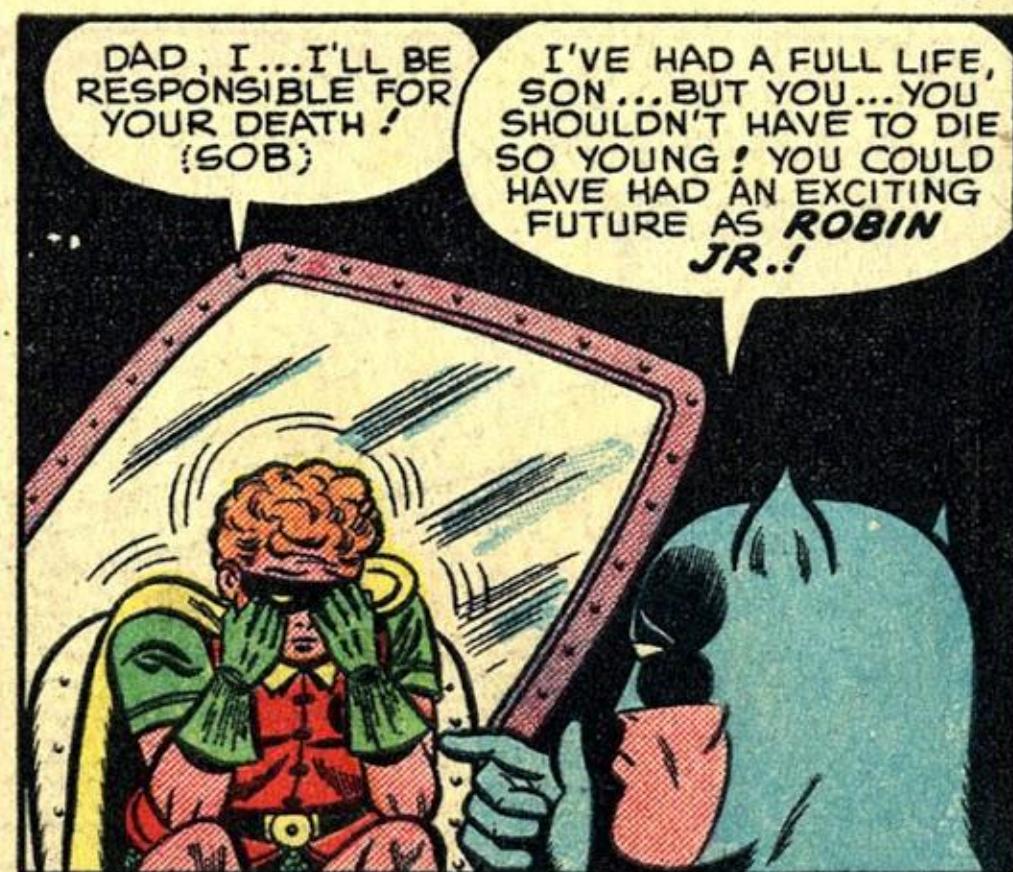
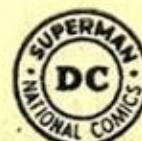
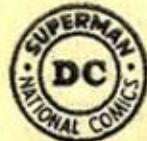
THE WARNING IS TOO LATE...FOR THE HATCH DOOR SEALS IN **BATMAN II** AND **ROBIN JR.** AND, WITH A THUNDEROUS ROAR, THE SHIP HURLES ITSELF INTO SPACE!



SON... SON... I TRIED TO WARN YOU! THIS IS A **ROBOT-CONTROLLED SPACE SHIP**.....AND YOU TOOK OFF BEFORE IT WAS COMPLETELY FUELED! LOOK AT THE FUEL GAUGE... WE'VE ONLY ENOUGH FUEL TO TAKE US PARTWAY UP... AND THEN THE SHIP WILL CRASH TO EARTH!

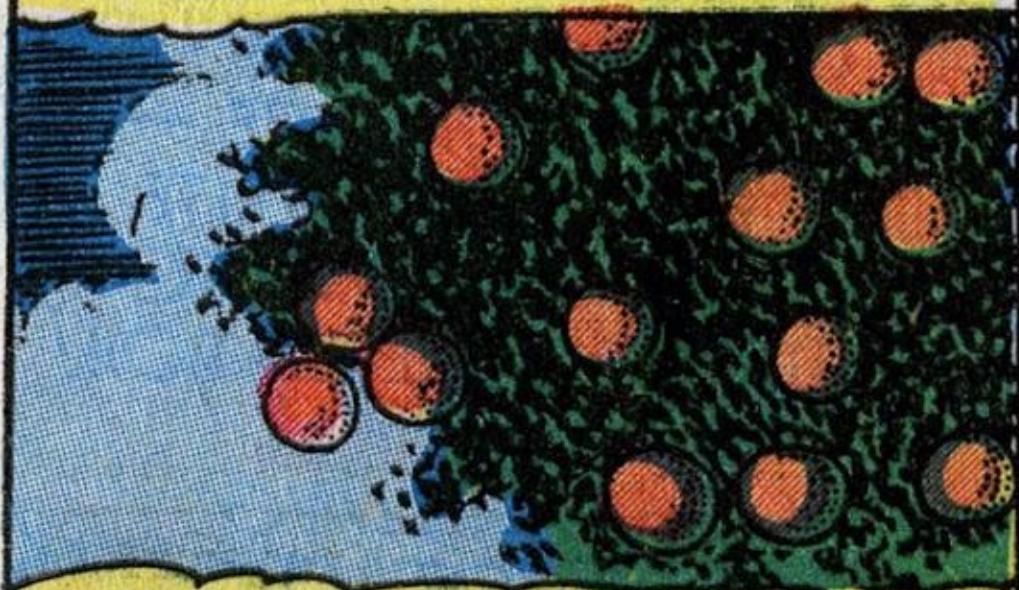


BATMAN



QUICK QUIZ

AFTER THEY ARE PICKED, WILL ORANGES RIPEN?



No! Unlike most fruits...oranges DO NOT RIPEN....AFTER PICKING!

WHICH IS THE LARGEST NATURAL BRIDGE IN THE WORLD?



RAINBOW ARCH... UTAH! IT IS SO HUGE THAT THE CAPITOL BUILDING IN WASHINGTON COULD BE PLACED UNDER IT!

CAN A PERSON GO LONGER WITHOUT EATING OR WITHOUT SLEEPING?



One can survive longer without EATING! Human beings have lived for SIX WEEKS without food....but no longer than FIVE DAYS without sleep!

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PETER PORKCHOPS in "SWEET LAND OF LIBERTY!"

FELLOWS, THE MAYOR'S PICKED OUR BAND TO BE **FIRST** IN THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE! SO WE GOTTA FIX UP AN EXTRA FANCY FLOAT! WITH RED, WHITE AND BLUE STREAMERS ALL OVER AND--

BUT WE CAN'T DO IT, WOLFIE! ALL OUR SPARE TIME IS TAKEN UP--WE'RE BOOKED TO PLAY AT THE VETERANS' HOSPITAL THE NEXT FEW DAYS, REMEMBER?

WE'LL JUST WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT HAVE TO SKIP DO YOU THINK THE THAT! I'M THE FOURTH OF JULY STANDS LEADER AND FOR, ANYWAY? **EVERYBODY** HAS A SAY IN

WHAT I SAY GOES! THIS COUNTRY! AND I SAY IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO CHEER UP THE VETERANS THAN TO SHOW OFF IN THE PARADE!

PETER'S RIGHT! LET'S TAKE A VOTE ON IT!

HOTSHOTS BAND

THE MAJORITY VOTES TO KEEP THE HOSPITAL DATES AND HAVE A PLAIN FLOAT IN THE PARADE!

HURRAY!

AND SO, THE DAY OF THE PARADE...

WE SURE GAVE THOSE VETS A SWELL CONCERT LAST NIGHT, DIDN'T WE?

YEAH--I HOPE YOU'RE SATISFIED!

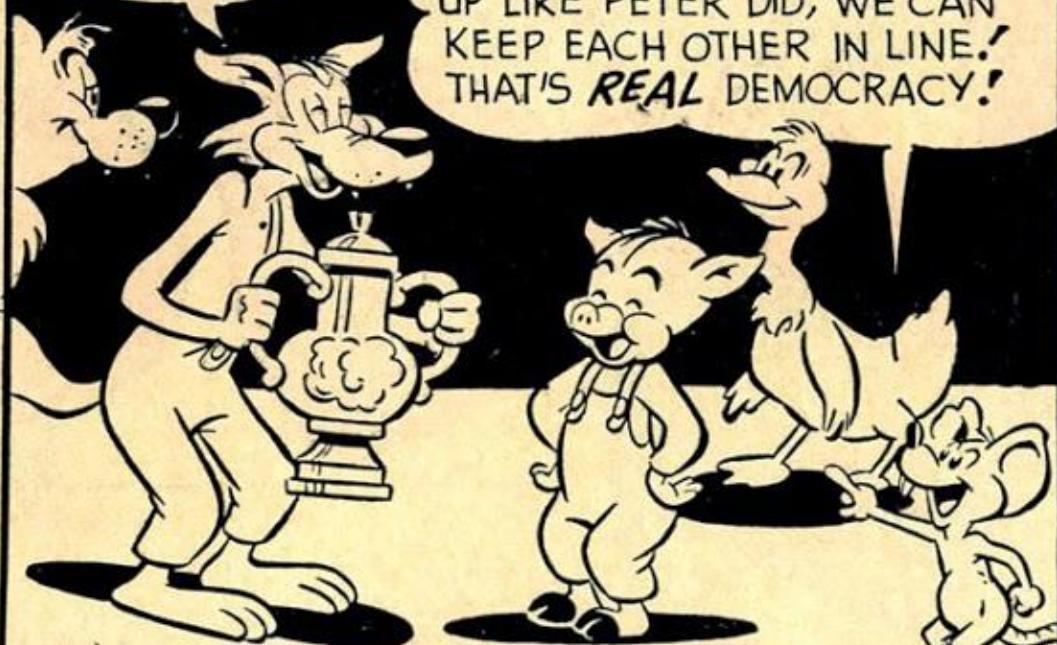


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GEE, FELLOWS--I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY--

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