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HURRY UP, BAT-GIRL!  
THAT SATELLITE MODEL  
BATMAN AND BATWOMAN  
ARE TIED TO, IS SET  
TO EXPLODE IN  
SECONDS!



# BATMAN

With  
ROBIN  
THE BOY WONDER

THE CRIME CLOCK HAS STRUCK THE HOUR AGAIN... WITH ANOTHER CRAZY CLUE! LET'S GO, ROBIN!

IT TOOK THE TWISTED MIND OF A CRIMINAL GENIUS TO CREATE THE CRIME CLOCK, WHICH NOT ONLY TOLD THE HOUR BUT ALSO FORETOLD A CRIME... CREATING A STRANGE CHALLENGE FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN AS THEY TRIED TO CRACK...

## the CRIMES OF THE CLOCKMASTER

WHERE?  
WHAT DOES  
THAT CLUE  
MEAN?

Bob  
Kane

ONE DAY, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, PERFORM ROUTINE CHORES IN THEIR BAT-CAVE...

WE'RE WAY BEHIND IN OUR WORK, ROBIN! WE'D BETTER TACKLE OUR CRIME FILES, OR THEY WON'T BE UP TO DATE!

FIRST, I'VE GOT TO GET THIS TO THE GEMS IN THE NEWS EXHIBIT - WE'RE DUE TO SPEAK THERE WHEN IT OPENS...

SUDDENLY...

PARDON THE INTRUSION, BATMAN... BUT I NOTICED THE BAT-SIGNAL IN THE SKY, AND--

HMM.. WE'D BETTER HURRY TO COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE! LOCK THE FILES, ALFRED!

AND SEE THAT THIS GETS TO ITS DESTINATION!



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PRESIDENTLY, THE DYNAMIC DUO IS GREETED BY A STRANGE SIGHT IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT?

I FOUND IT OUTSIDE MY OFFICE THIS MORNING... WITH THIS NOTE, ADDRESSED TO YOU AND ROBIN!

Every 24 hours the Crime Clock will strike and give you a clue to a crime about to be committed by my men! I defy you to stop the crime... and I challenge you to a deadly game of wits! You are sure to lose... for you face the genius of the underworld.

The Clockmaster

WHAT DO YOU THINK, BATMAN?

SOUNDS LIKE ANOTHER CRIMINAL WITH A TWISTED SUPERIORITY WHO WANTS TO MATCH WITS WITH US! LET'S TAKE IT TO THE BAT-CAVE AND SEE WHAT DEVELOPS!

SEVERAL HOURS LATER...

THE HOUR IS STRIKING... AND SOME OBJECTS ARE MOVING FORWARD!

WHAT CAN THAT MEAN?

ACCORDING TO THE LETTER FROM THE CLOCKMASTER, IT REPRESENTS THE SCENE OF A CRIME ABOUT TO BE COMMITTED! HMM... LET'S THINK!



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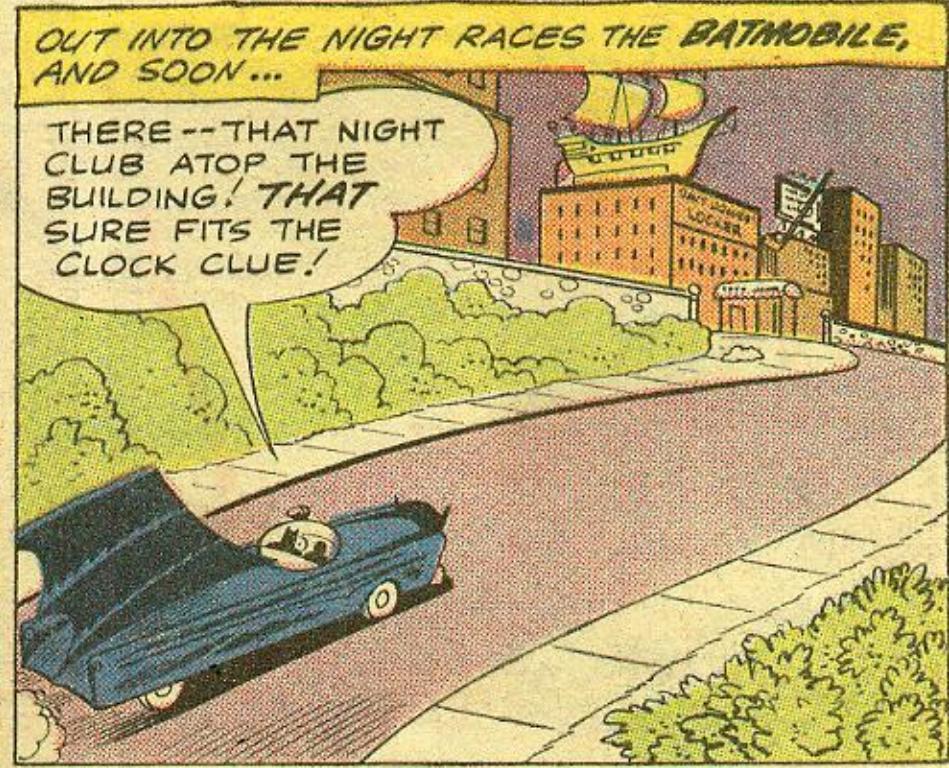
MOMENTS AFTER...

I THINK I'VE GOT IT!  
FOLLOW ME... I'LL  
EXPLAIN ON THE  
WAY!



OUT INTO THE NIGHT RACES THE BATMOBILE,  
AND SOON...

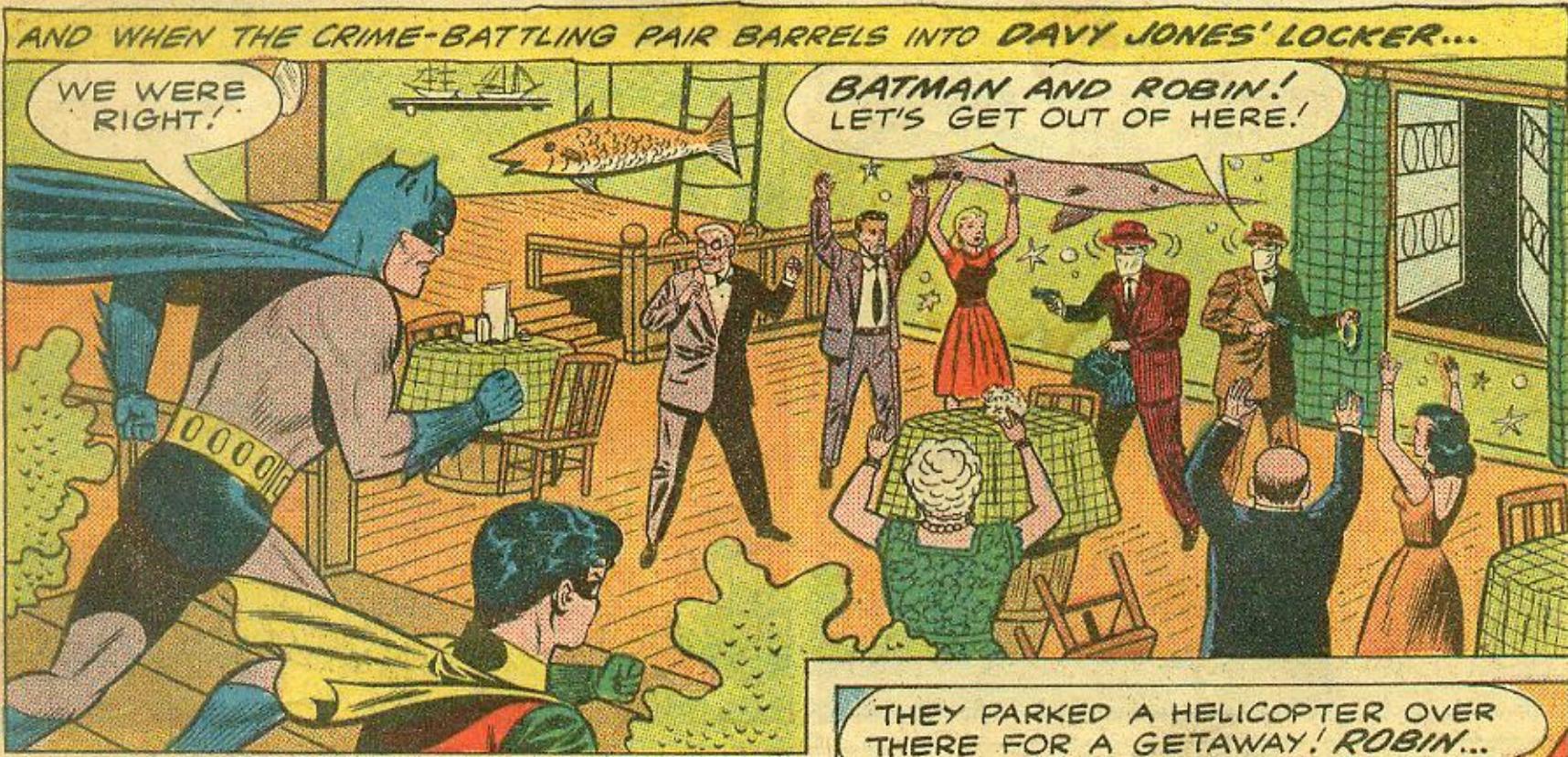
THERE -- THAT NIGHT  
CLUB ATOP THE  
BUILDING! THAT  
SURE FITS THE  
CLOCK CLUE!



AND WHEN THE CRIME-BATTLING PAIR BARRELS INTO DAVY JONES' LOCKER...

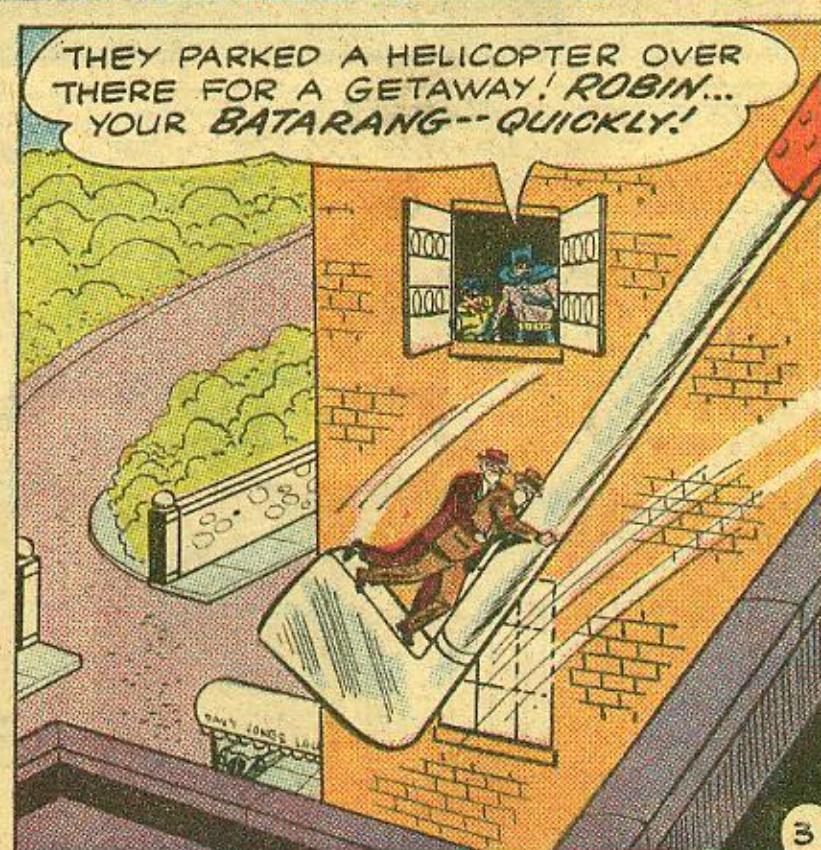
WE WERE  
RIGHT!

BATMAN AND ROBIN!  
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



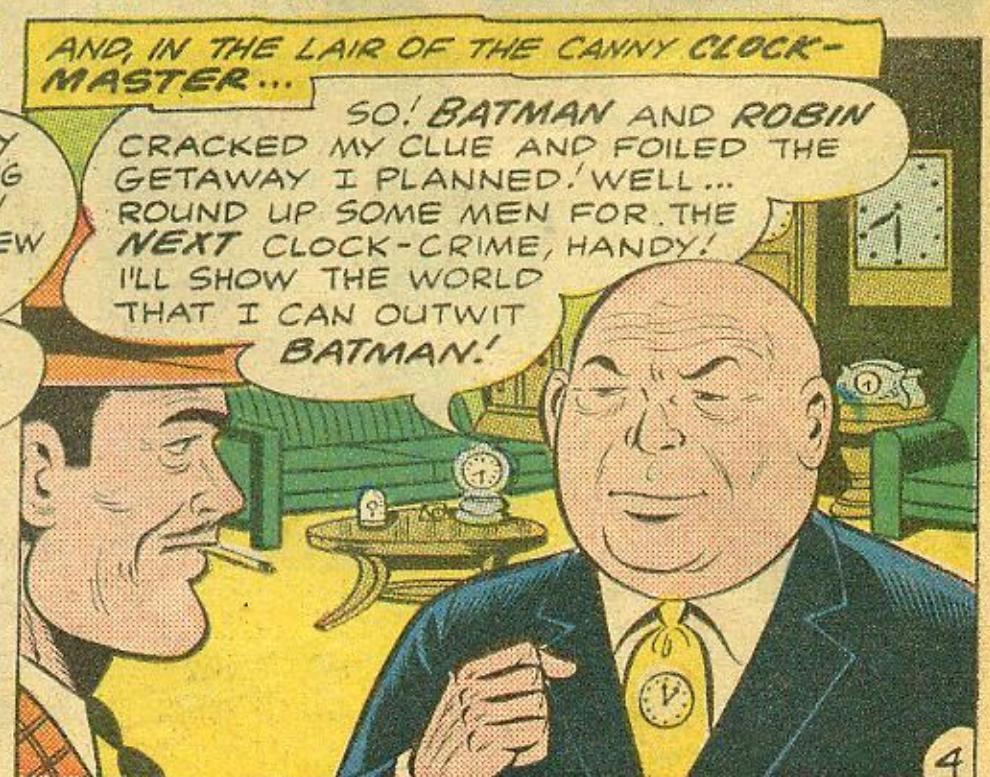
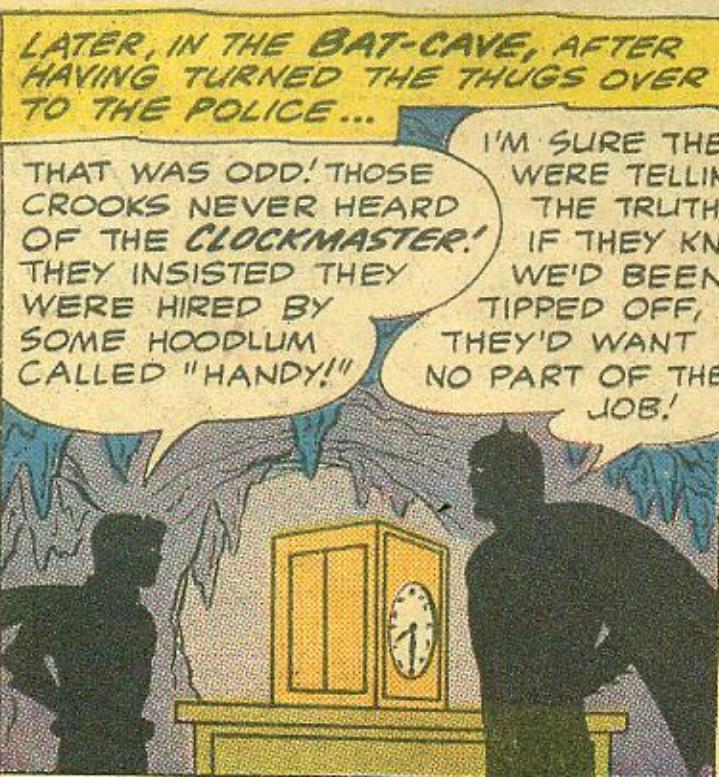
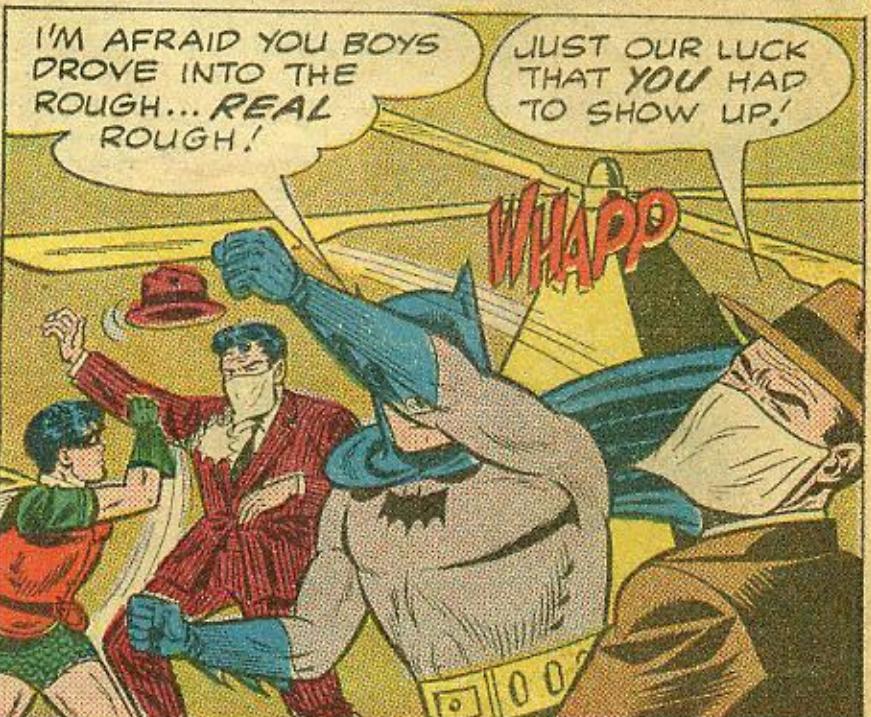
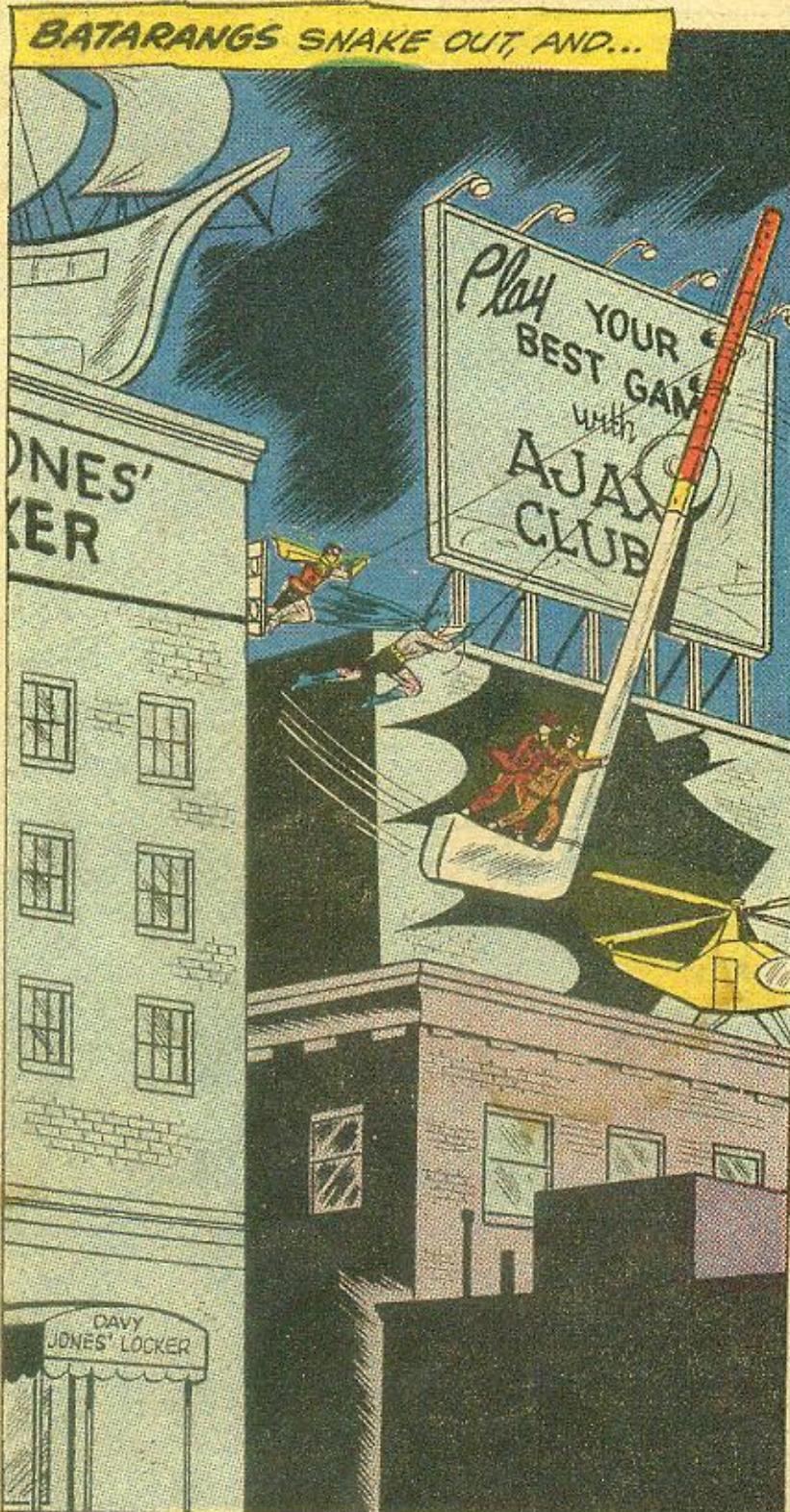
WHY-- THEY-- THEY'RE  
LEAPING OUT OF  
THAT WINDOW!

THEY PARKED A HELICOPTER OVER  
THERE FOR A GETAWAY! ROBIN...  
YOUR BATARANG-- QUICKLY!





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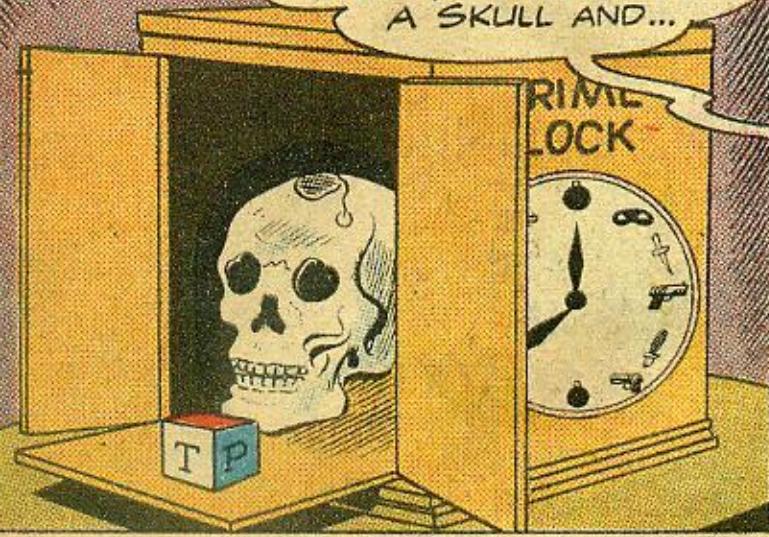


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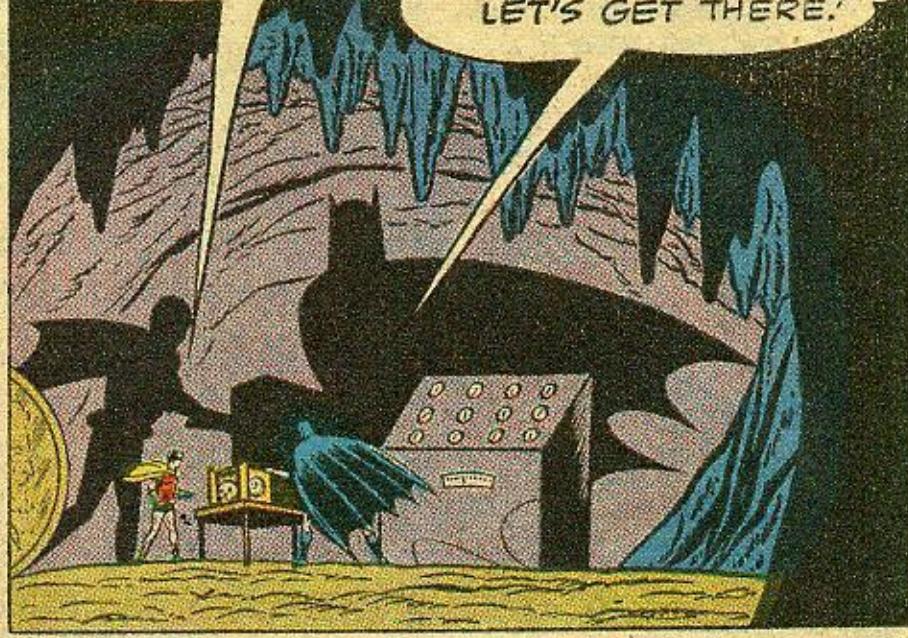
NEXT NIGHT IN THE BAT-CAVE, ANOTHER STRANGE SCENE EMERGES FROM THE OPENED DOORS OF THE CRIME CLOCK...

HMM... WHAT CAN THAT MEAN, BATMAN?  
A SKULL AND...



A BLOCK WITH THE LETTERS P AND T...

SKULL PLUS P AND T-- THAT'S SCULPT--  
THE NATIONAL SCULPTING EXHIBIT!  
LET'S GET THERE!



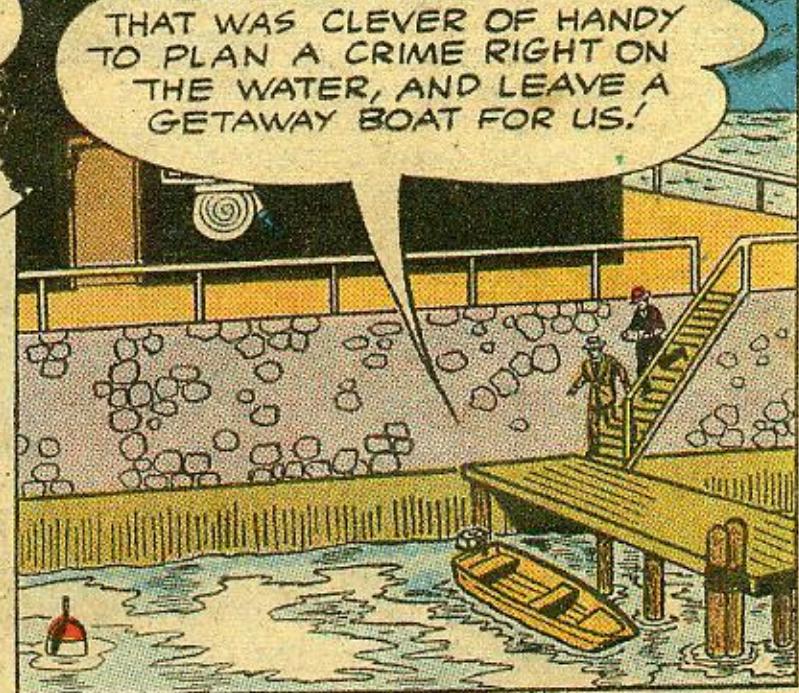
ON ARRIVING...

BATMAN AND ROBIN--  
BUT YOU'RE JUST A MINUTE TOO LATE! TWO CROOKS STOLE A BLOCK OF GOLD WE WERE GOING TO MELT DOWN FOR A SPECIAL SCULPTING JOB! THEY LEFT THAT WAY!



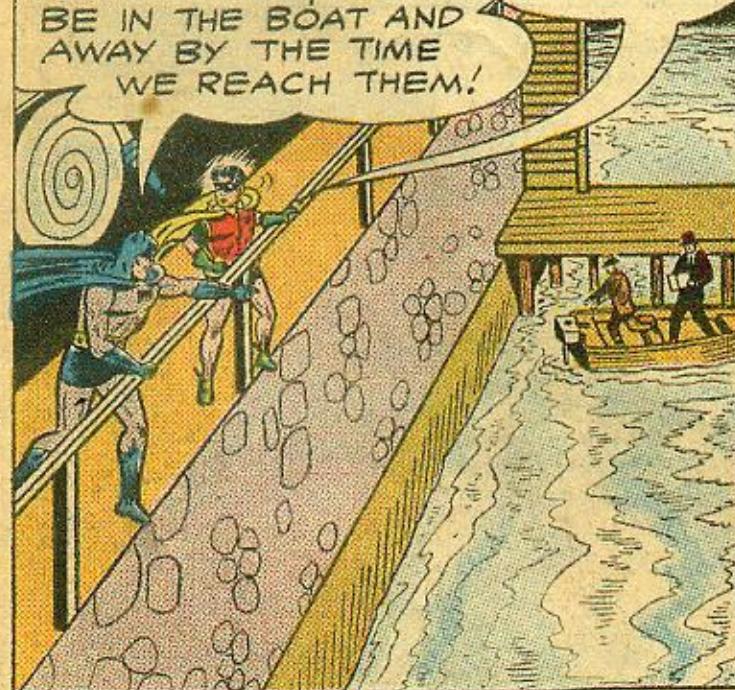
AT THAT MOMENT...

THAT WAS CLEVER OF HANDY TO PLAN A CRIME RIGHT ON THE WATER, AND LEAVE A GETAWAY BOAT FOR US!



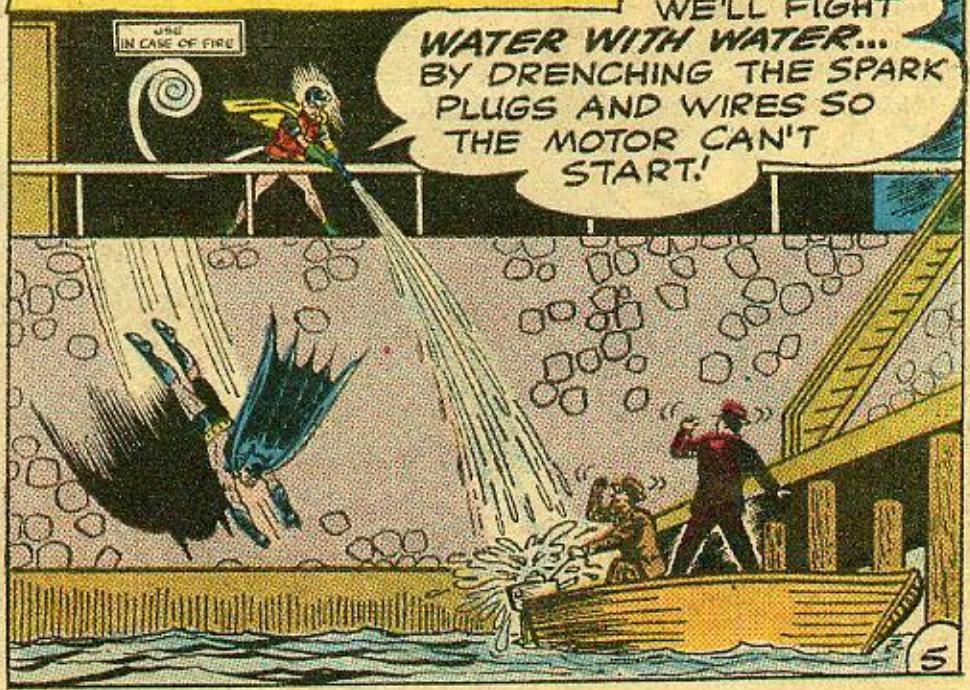
GREAT SCOTT! IF WE GO AFTER THEM, THEY'LL BE IN THE BOAT AND AWAY BY THE TIME WE REACH THEM!

I HAVE AN IDEA...



QUICKLY UNWINDING THE FIRE HOSE, ROBIN TAKES CAREFUL AIM, AND...

WE'LL FIGHT WATER WITH WATER... BY DRENCHING THE SPARK PLUGS AND WIRES SO THE MOTOR CAN'T START!





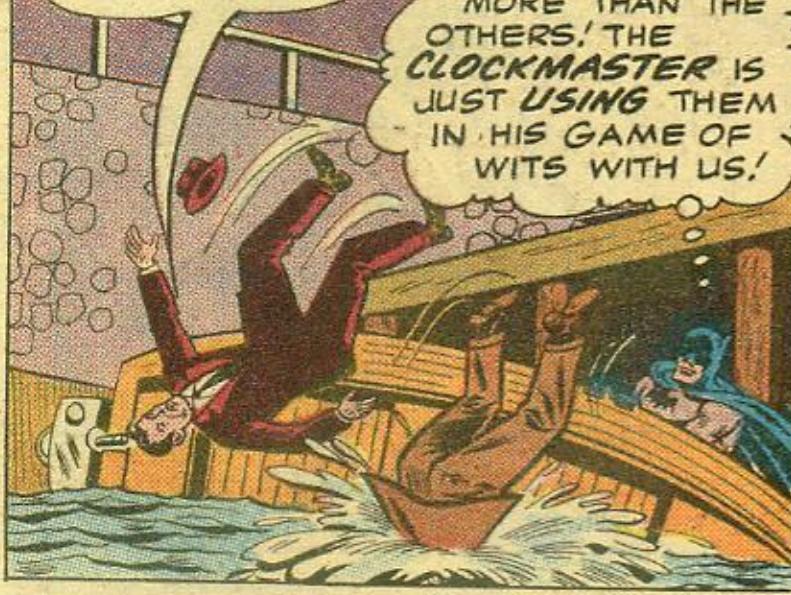
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AS THE TWO CROOKS VAINLY TRY TO ESCAPE...

BATMAN! HOW DID YOU KNOW WE'D PULL A JOB HERE?

NO POINT IN QUESTIONING THEM! THEY WOULDN'T KNOW MORE THAN THE OTHERS! THE CLOCKMASTER IS JUST USING THEM IN HIS GAME OF WITS WITH US!



WHEN NEWS OF THE CAPTURE REACHES THE CLOCKMASTER...

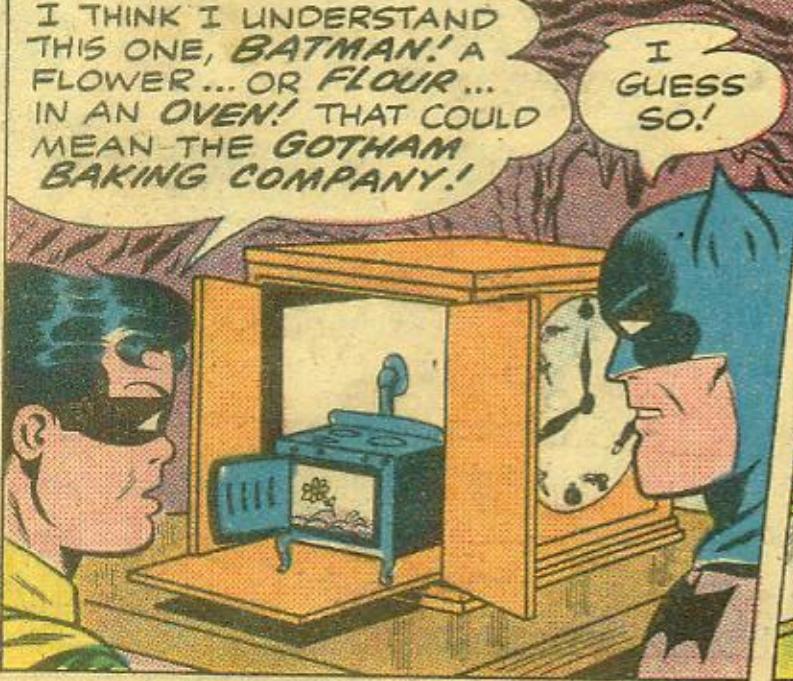
BATMAN WON AGAIN THIS TIME! BUT WHAT HE DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT EVEN IF I LOSE, I WIN-- AS HE'LL SOON FIND OUT! JUST WAIT TILL THE UNDERWORLD HEARS HOW I OUTSMARTED HIM!



THEN, AFTER ANOTHER NIGHT PASSES...

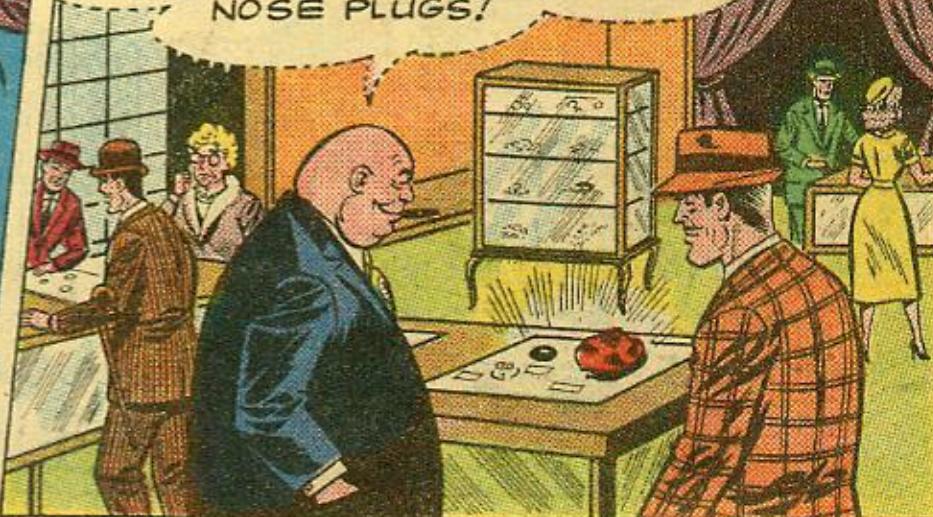
I THINK I UNDERSTAND THIS ONE, BATMAN! A FLOWER... OR FLOUR... IN AN OVEN! THAT COULD MEAN THE GOTHAM BAKING COMPANY!

I GUESS SO!



AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE GEMS IN THE NEWS EXHIBIT...

IN A FEW MINUTES, THAT FAKE RUBY I SENT TO THE EXHIBIT WILL OPEN AUTOMATICALLY AND EMIT A GAS THAT WILL PUT EVERYONE TO SLEEP EXCEPT US BECAUSE OF OUR NOSE PLUGS!

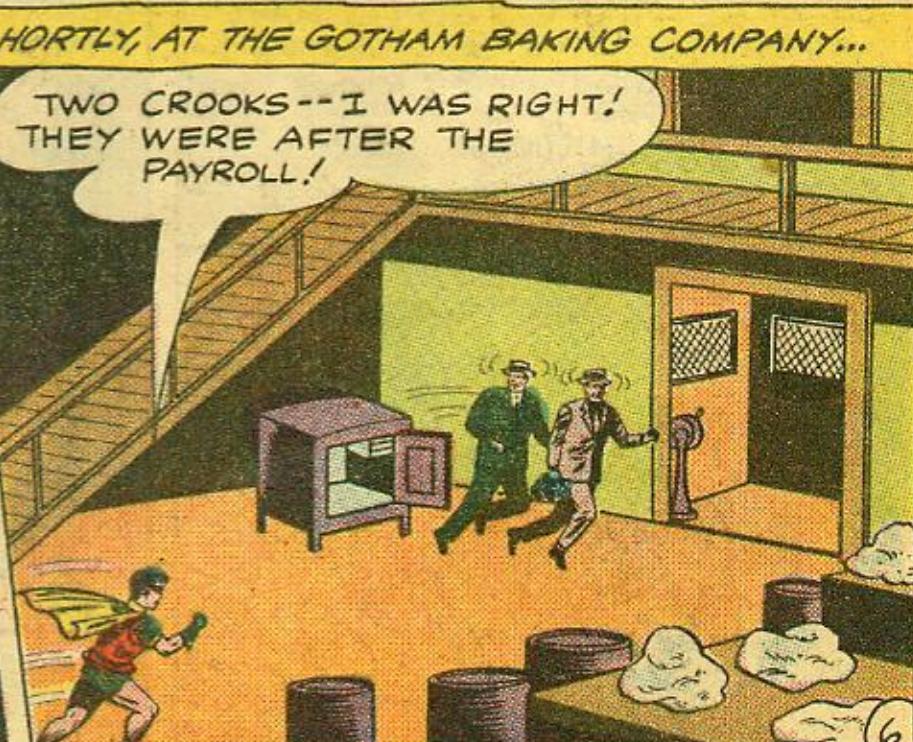
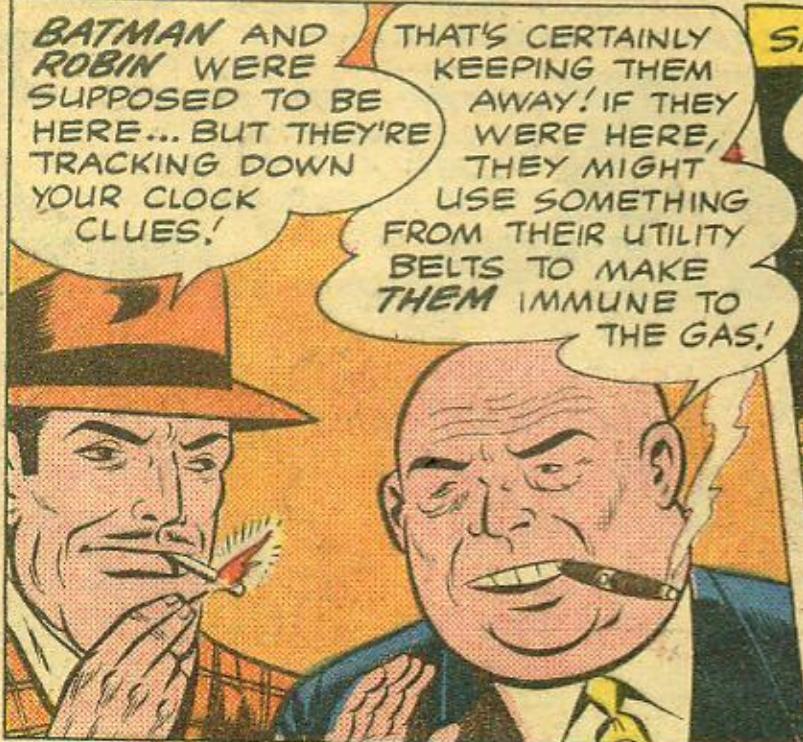


BATMAN AND ROBIN WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE... BUT THEY'RE TRACKING DOWN YOUR CLOCK CLUES!

THAT'S CERTAINLY KEEPING THEM AWAY! IF THEY WERE HERE, THEY MIGHT USE SOMETHING FROM THEIR UTILITY BELTS TO MAKE THEM IMMUNE TO THE GAS!

SHORTLY, AT THE GOTHAM BAKING COMPANY...

TWO CROOKS -- I WAS RIGHT! THEY WERE AFTER THE PAYROLL!





# BATMAN



I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU KNEW WE WERE HERE, ROBIN... BUT YOU'LL NEVER GET US! THIS FREIGHT ELEVATOR WILL RAISE US TO THE BALCONY FOR A QUICK GETAWAY!

BUT THE QUICK-THINKING BOY WONDER SEIZES A LUMP OF DOUGH, AND...

HEY--YOU FORGOT SOME OF THE DOUGH!



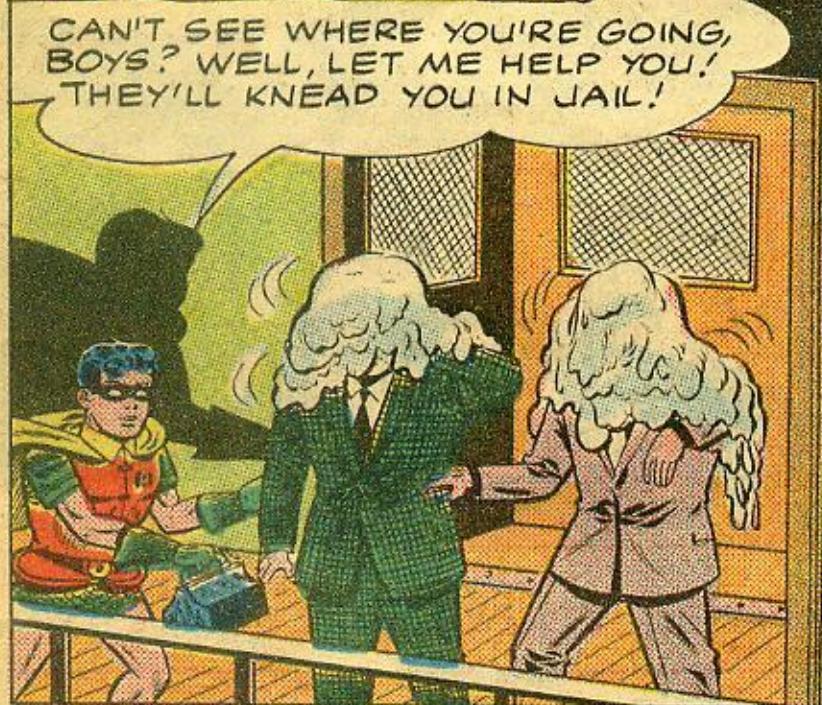
THEN, RACING UPSTAIRS...

CAN'T SEE WHERE YOU'RE GOING, BOYS? WELL, LET ME HELP YOU! THEY'LL KNEAD YOU IN JAIL!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE GEMS EXHIBIT...

WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?... I... I'M... SUDDENLY SO... SLEEPY!

A FORTUNE IN GEMS... AND ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS PICK IT UP!

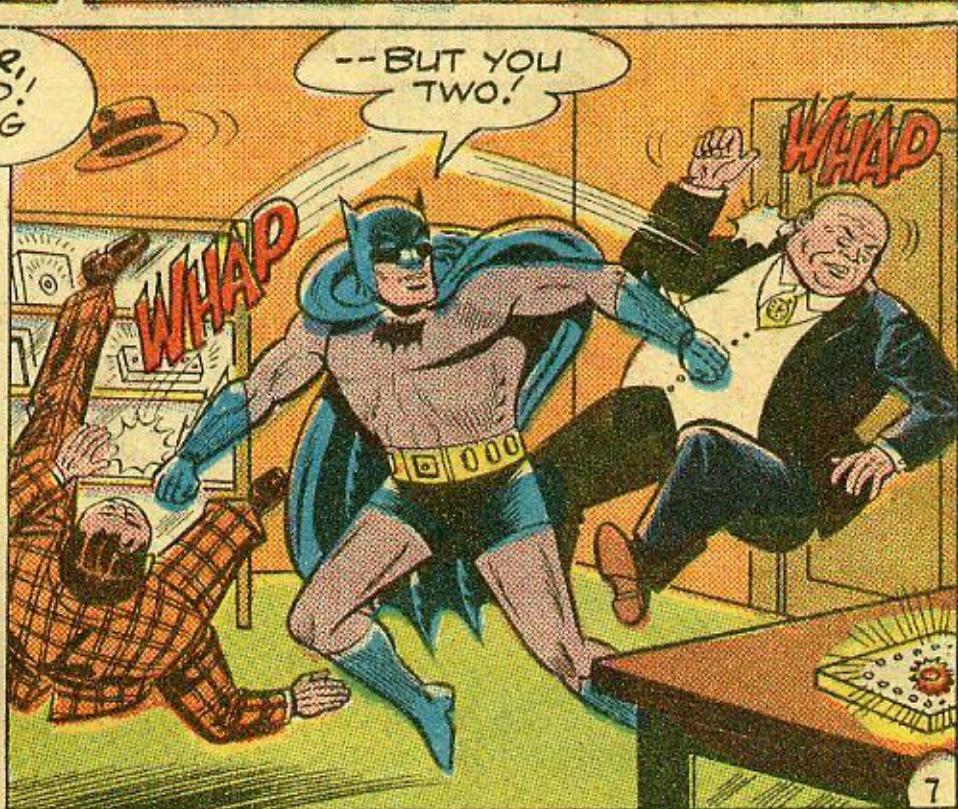


SUDDENLY...

BATMAN!  
BUT I THOUGHT  
MY CLUE --

THE CLOCKMASTER,  
AS I SUSPECTED!  
IF ANYONE'S GOING  
TO BE PUT TO  
SLEEP, IT WON'T  
BE I--

--BUT YOU  
TWO!



GEMS IN THE NEWS  
EXHIBIT

NOT LONG AFTER...

HOW DID YOU FIGURE  
COMING HERE INSTEAD  
OF FOLLOWING MY  
CRIME CLOCK CLUE?

THAT MAKES AN  
INTERESTING STORY.  
YOU'D GOTTEN ME  
SO INTERESTED  
FOLLOWING THOSE  
CLUES, I FORGOT  
ABOUT THIS EXHIBIT!  
BUT WHEN THE--

--FLOWER IN THE ROCK GARDEN  
IN THE STOVE APPEARED, IT  
LED ROBIN TO BELIEVE IT  
MEANT THE GOTHAM BAKING  
COMPANY... WHILE I TOOK  
ANOTHER VIEWPOINT! TO ME,  
ROCKS IN A  
STOVE MEANT  
**HOT ROCKS...**  
CRIMINAL SLANG  
FOR **STOLEN  
DIAMONDS!**



INSTANTLY I WAS  
REMINDED OF THIS  
EXHIBIT... AND I  
RACED HERE!

B-BUT I ... I  
DIDN'T MEAN  
IT THAT WAY!  
I... OH... WHAT'S  
THE USE!

LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

IT SURE WAS A  
COINCIDENCE THAT THE  
LAST CLUE HAD A  
**DOUBLE** MEANING!  
DO YOU THINK THE  
**CLOCKMASTER**  
UNCONSCIOUSLY GAVE  
HIMSELF AWAY?

WHO CAN TELL?  
A TWISTED  
CRIMINAL  
'MIND LIKE HIS  
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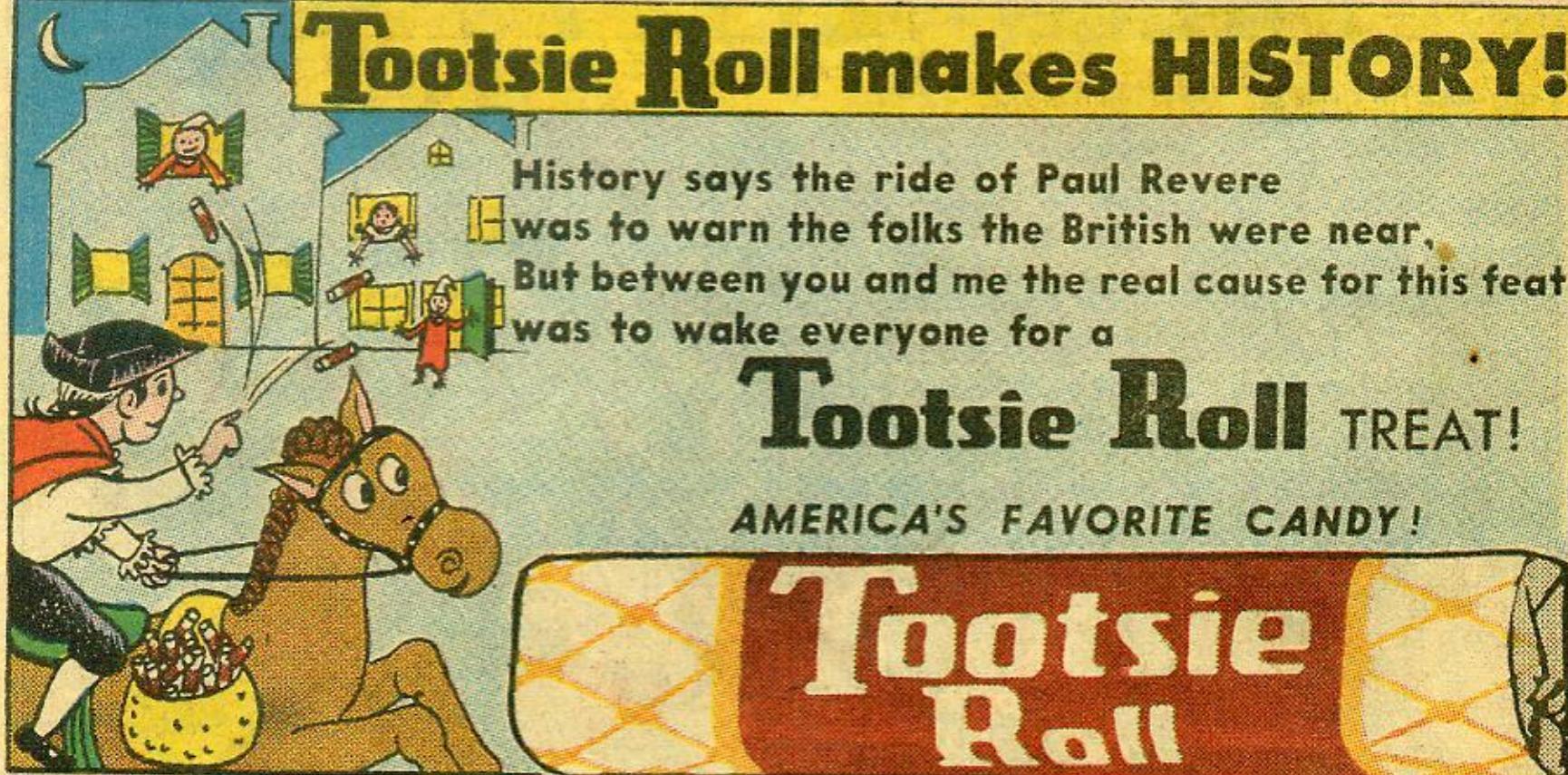
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History says the ride of Paul Revere  
was to warn the folks the British were near,  
But between you and me the real cause for this feat  
was to wake everyone for a

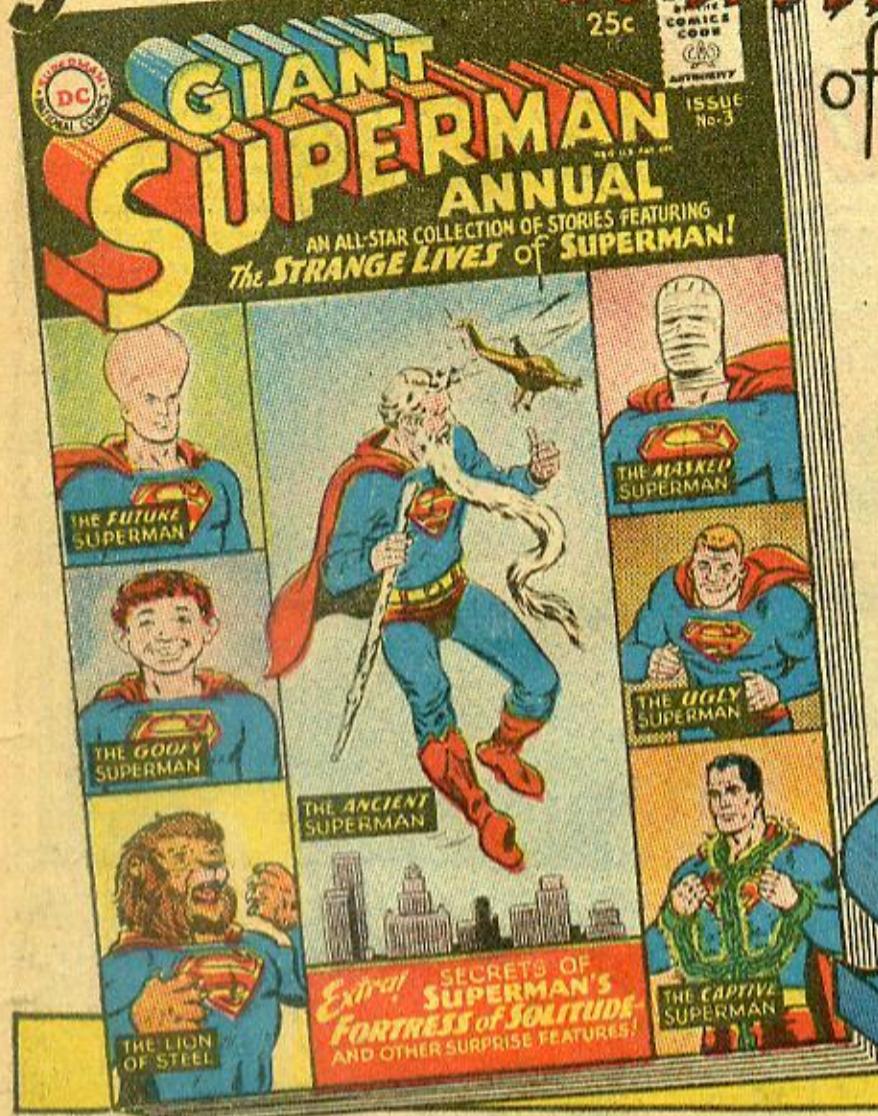
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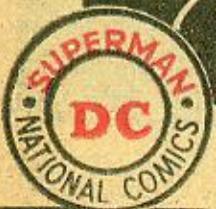
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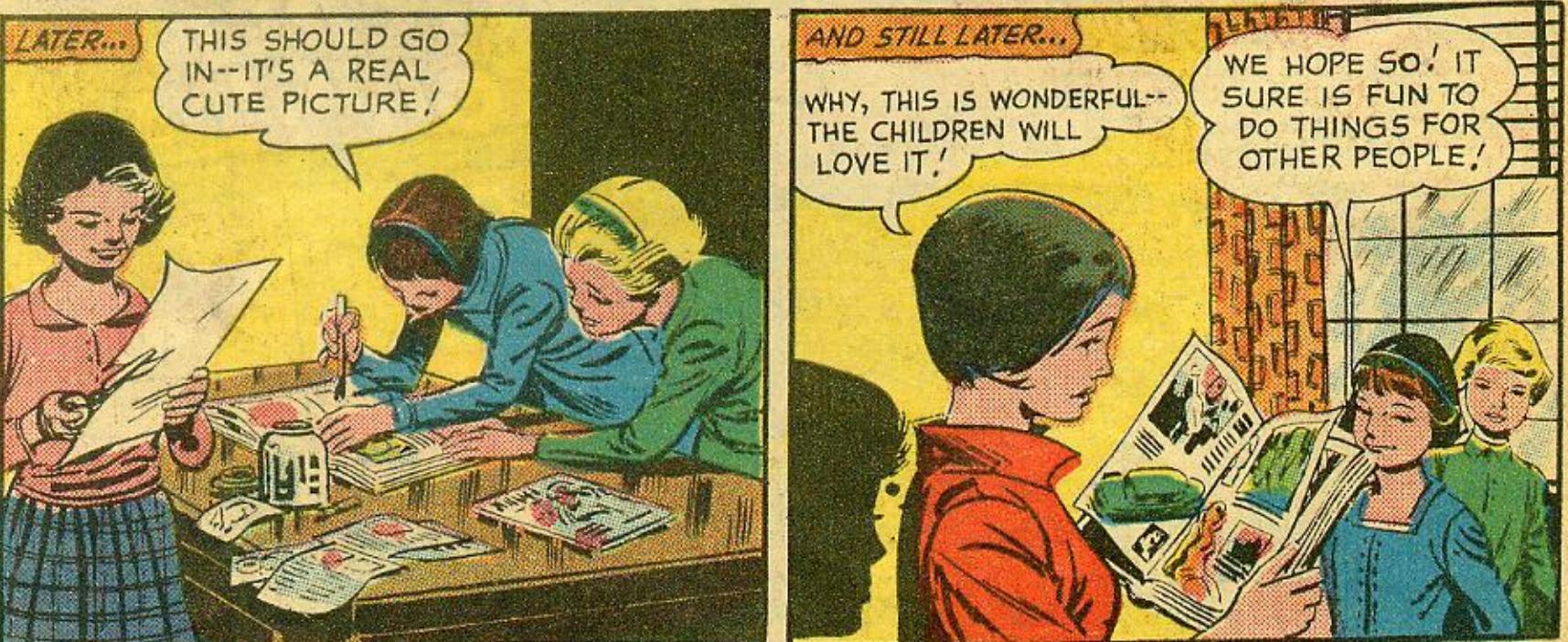
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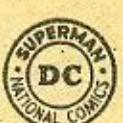
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ACROSS THE WILD, PERILOUS COUNTRY, ALMOST TWO CENTURIES AGO, SETH BAYLOR HAD MADE HIS WAY BY HORSEBACK, CANOE AND ON FOOT, WITH AN INDIAN WAR PARTY DOGGING HIS EVERY STEP! BUT TODAY, IN A GREAT EVENT COMMEMORATING THAT MOMENT OF HISTORY, BATMAN AND ROBIN FIND THEMSELVES FACING FAR GREATER DANGERS--FOR THEY MUST RUN...

# BAT-MAN

WITH  
ROBIN

-THE BOY WONDER-

## the RACE OF DEATH

CAN'T HOLD  
THE BAT-ROPE  
MUCH LONGER!  
BATMAN'S  
SLIPPING AWAY  
FROM ME!

ANOTHER SECOND  
AND LYONS WILL BE  
WASHED OVER THAT  
RAGING FALLS!

BOB  
KANE

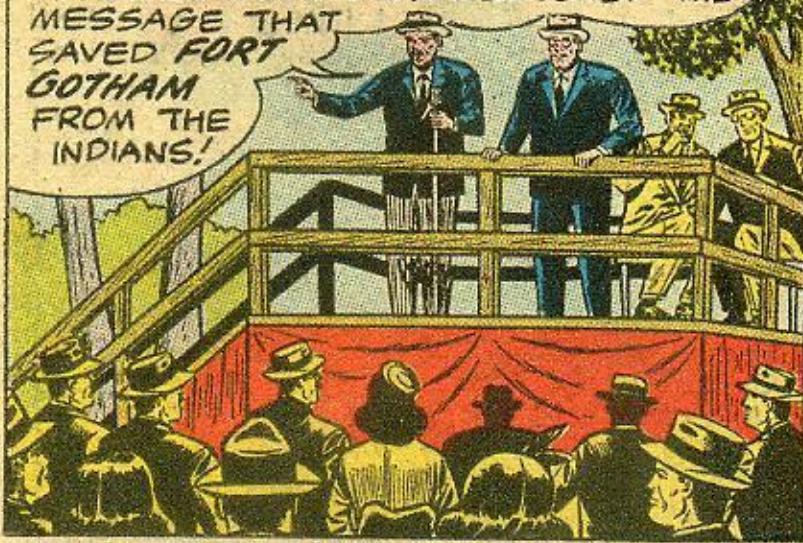


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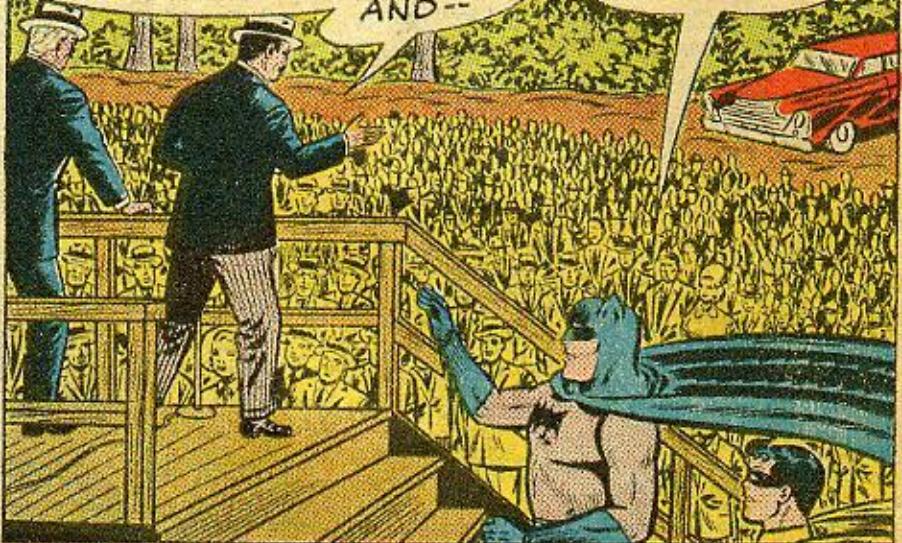
IN GOTHAM CITY, A NOVEL SPORTS EVENT IS ABOUT TO GET UNDERWAY...

IN EXACTLY THREE MINUTES, THE SETH BAYLOR CROSS-COUNTRY RACE BEGINS! AS YOU KNOW, SETH AND A FRONTIER COMPANION DELIVERED THE MESSAGE THAT SAVED FORT GOTHAM FROM THE INDIANS!



TO COMMEMORATE THAT GREAT DEED, THE THREE TEAMS ENTERED WILL ATTEMPT TO DUPLICATE SETH BAYLOR'S DIFFICULT JOURNEY BY LAND, WATER AND--

HOLD EVERYTHING! WE RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM THE JUDGES LAST NIGHT TO ENTER THE RACE!



THE ARRIVAL OF BATMAN AND ROBIN BRINGS AN ANGRY MURMUR FROM THE CROWD...

WHY SHOULD THEY BE ENTERING AN AMATEUR RACE? THEY'RE PRACTICALLY PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES!

IT MUST BE FOR THE PUBLICITY... BUT WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THAT THEY'D BECOME SO HEADLINE-HAPPY?

BUT ONE MAN HAS OTHER THOUGHTS-- POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON...

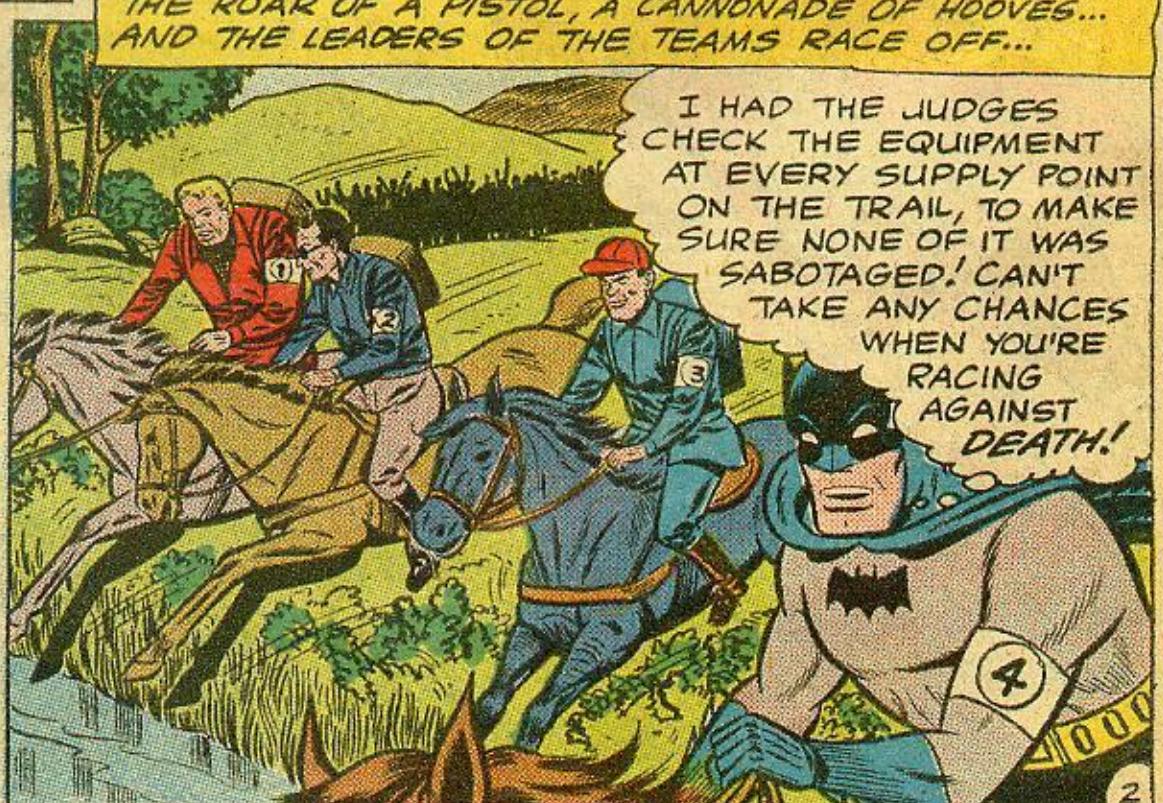
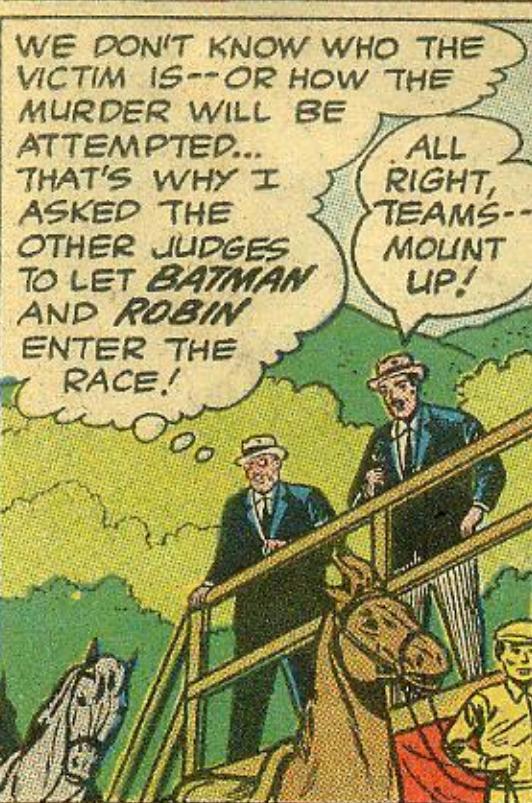
THEY WOULDN'T TALK THAT WAY IF THEY KNEW THAT BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE ONLY HERE TO PREVENT A MURDER! TWO TELEPHONE LINES BECAME CROSSED LAST NIGHT, AND AN OPERATOR OVERHEARD A PLOT TO KILL SOMEONE IN THIS RACE!



WE DON'T KNOW WHO THE VICTIM IS--OR HOW THE MURDER WILL BE ATTEMPTED... THAT'S WHY I ASKED THE OTHER JUDGES TO LET BATMAN AND ROBIN ENTER THE RACE!

ALL RIGHT, TEAMS--MOUNT UP!

THE ROAR OF A PISTOL, A CANNONADE OF HOOVES... AND THE LEADERS OF THE TEAMS RACE OFF...



I HAD THE JUDGES CHECK THE EQUIPMENT AT EVERY SUPPLY POINT ON THE TRAIL, TO MAKE SURE NONE OF IT WAS SABOTAGED! CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES WHEN YOU'RE RACING AGAINST DEATH!



# BATMAN



SHORTLY, AFTER SEVERAL PERILOUS HAZARDS MITCHELL LONG, LEADER OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> TEAM, MEETS AN UNSCHEDULED DANGER...

BATMAN! THE LEADER OF NUMBER TWO TEAM'S IN TROUBLE! WE CAN'T OVERTAKE THAT HORSE BEFORE IT PLUNGES HIM INTO THE CANYON!

I KNOW... BUT THERE MAY BE A WAY TO STOP THE HORSE! THIS ROCK-- OUR ONLY CHANCE...

WHAT GOOD WILL THROWING THAT ROCK OVER THE CLIFF DO?

MAYBE NONE, ROBIN! BUT-- IF I'M RIGHT...



YOU DID IT, BATMAN! THE ECHOES MAGNIFIED THE NOISE OF THE ROCK HITTING, AND FRIGHTENED THE HORSE! IT'S STOPPED-- RIGHT AT THE EDGE!

AFTER OVERTAKING THE HORSE AND REINING IT IN...

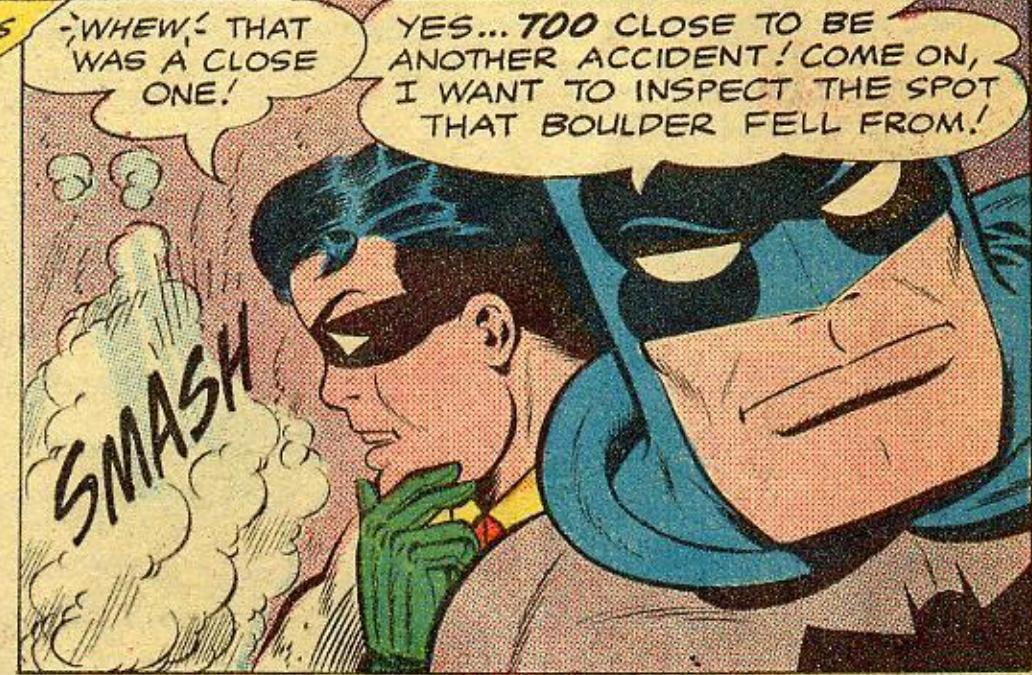
THERE'S NO EVIDENCE TO PROVE WHETHER THAT SNAKE WAS AN ACCIDENT OR A DEADLY PLANT, ROBIN!

YES... AND NOW WE'RE FAR BEHIND THE FIELD! WE CAN'T PREVENT A MURDER UNLESS WE CATCH UP!



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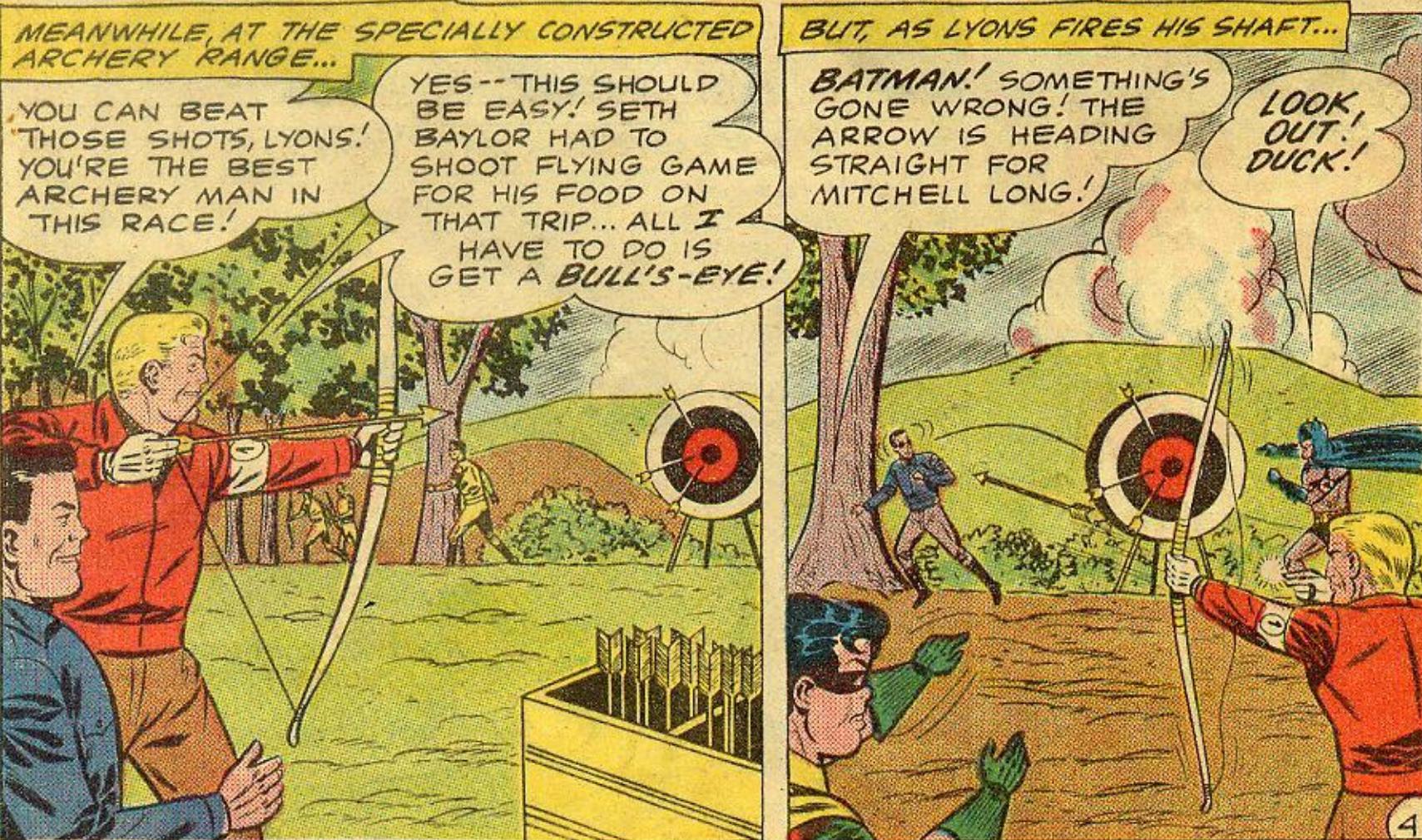
WITH NERVES OF STEEL AND MUSCLES TO MATCH, THE DARING DUO NARROWLY AVERTS DISASTER...



PRESENTLY, FURTHER UP THE MOUNTAIN...

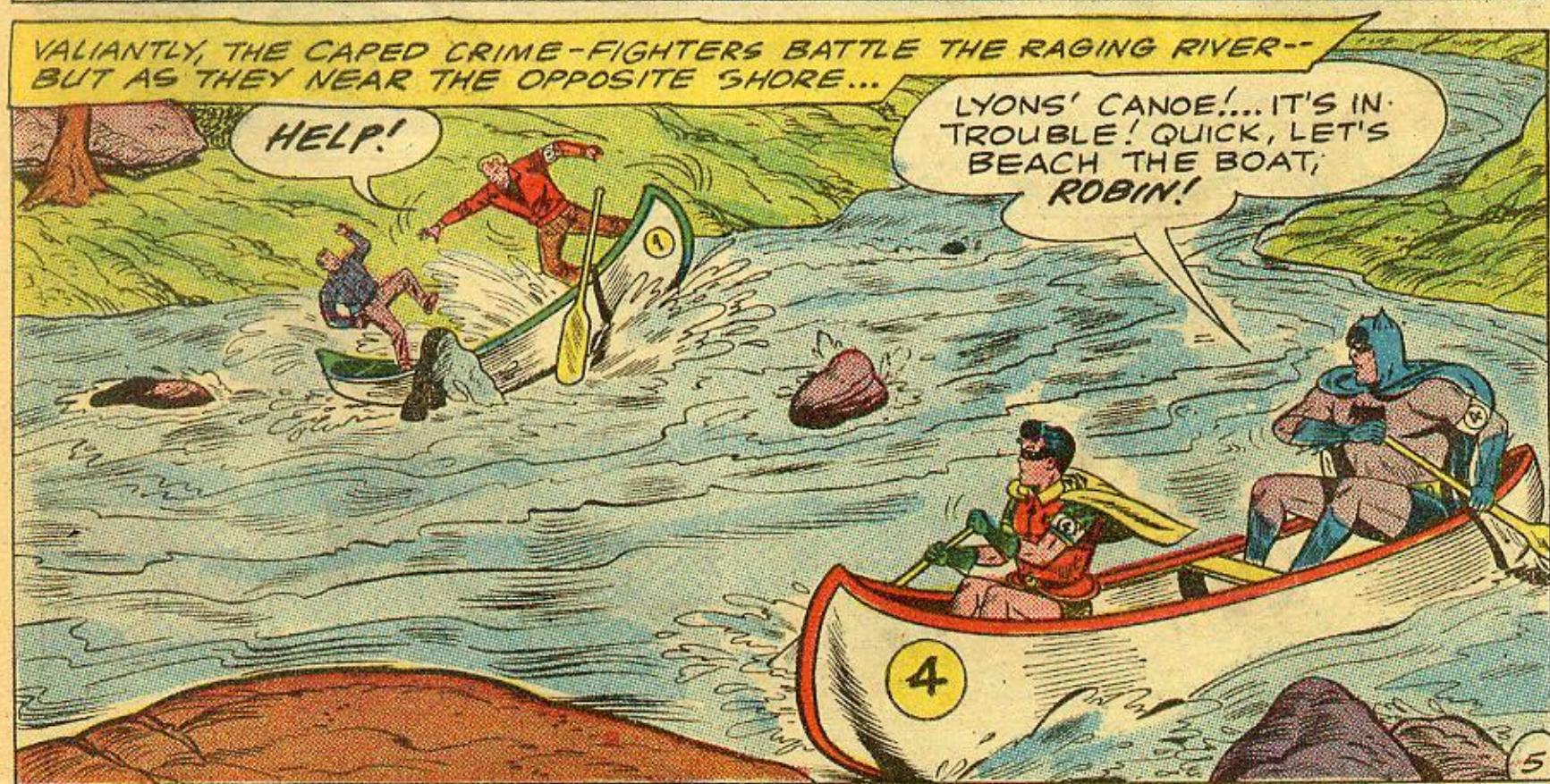
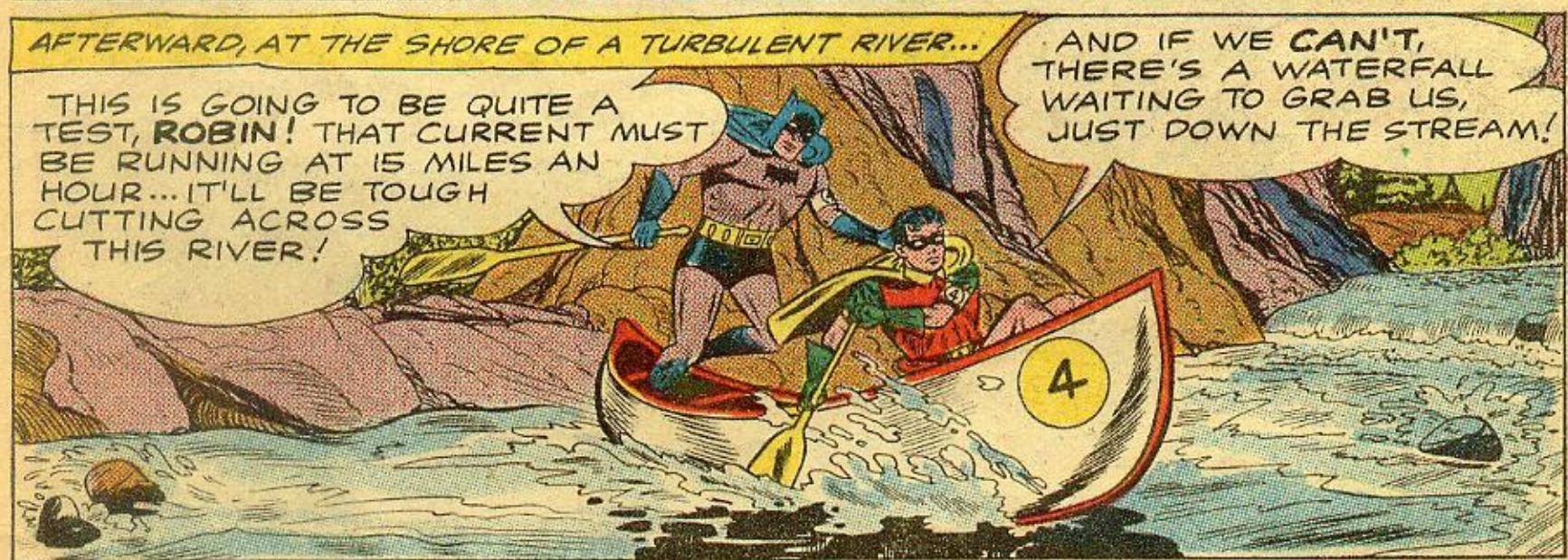
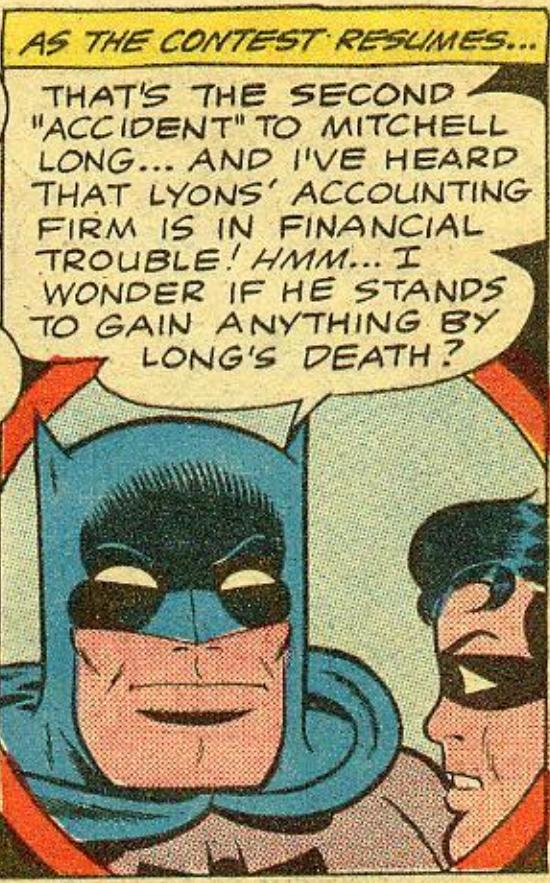
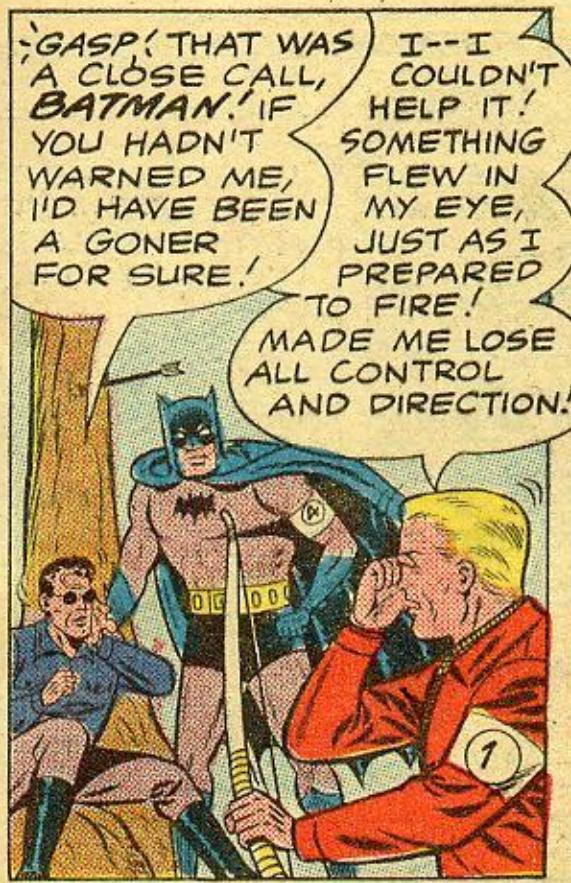
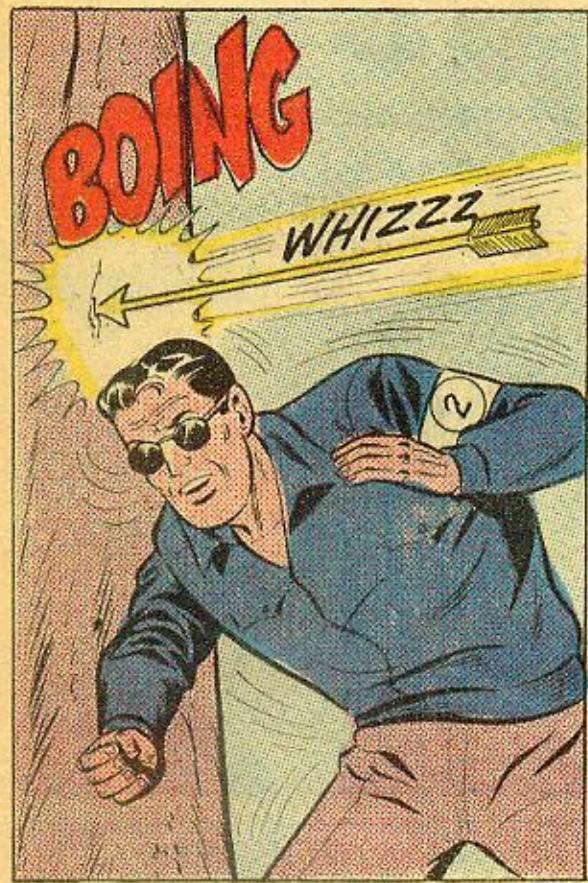
LOOK... HERE'S WHERE THE SLIDE STARTED--AND THESE DEEP CUTS WERE MADE BY A POINTED INSTRUMENT! SOMEONE IN THIS RACE KNOWS WE'RE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MURDER--AND TRIED TO GET RID OF US!

AND... GOLLY, BATMAN--THE BOW AND ARROW EVENT IS NEXT! WHAT A SET-UP FOR ANOTHER "ACCIDENT!"





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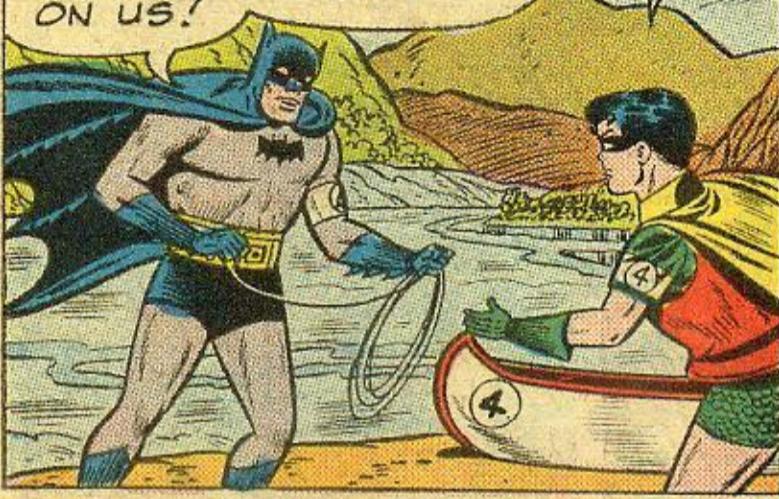
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WITH LIGHTNING MOVEMENTS, BATMAN WHIPS INTO ACTION...

"I'VE TIED THE BAT-ROPE AROUND MYSELF... YOU TAKE CHARGE OF THIS END, ROBIN-- AND KEEP AN EYE ON US!"

CHECK, BATMAN!



PLUNGING INTO THE RIVER, BATMAN ADDS HIS MIGHTY SWIMMING STROKE TO THE RAGING CURRENT...

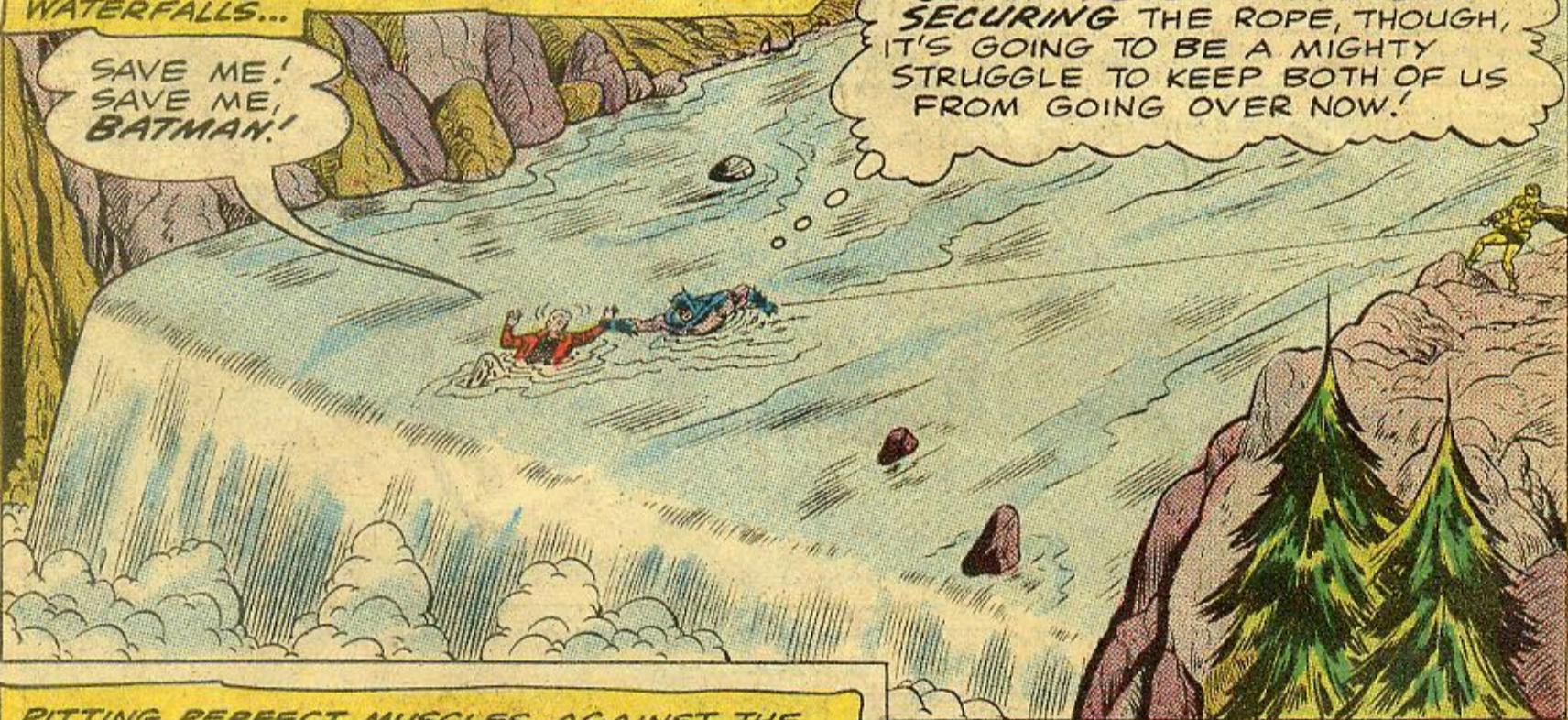
WARNER DISAPPEARED BELOW THE SURFACE... BUT THERE'S STILL A THIN CHANCE TO REACH LYONS IN TIME!



UPON REACHING THE VERY EDGE OF THE WATERFALLS...

SAVE ME! SAVE ME, BATMAN!

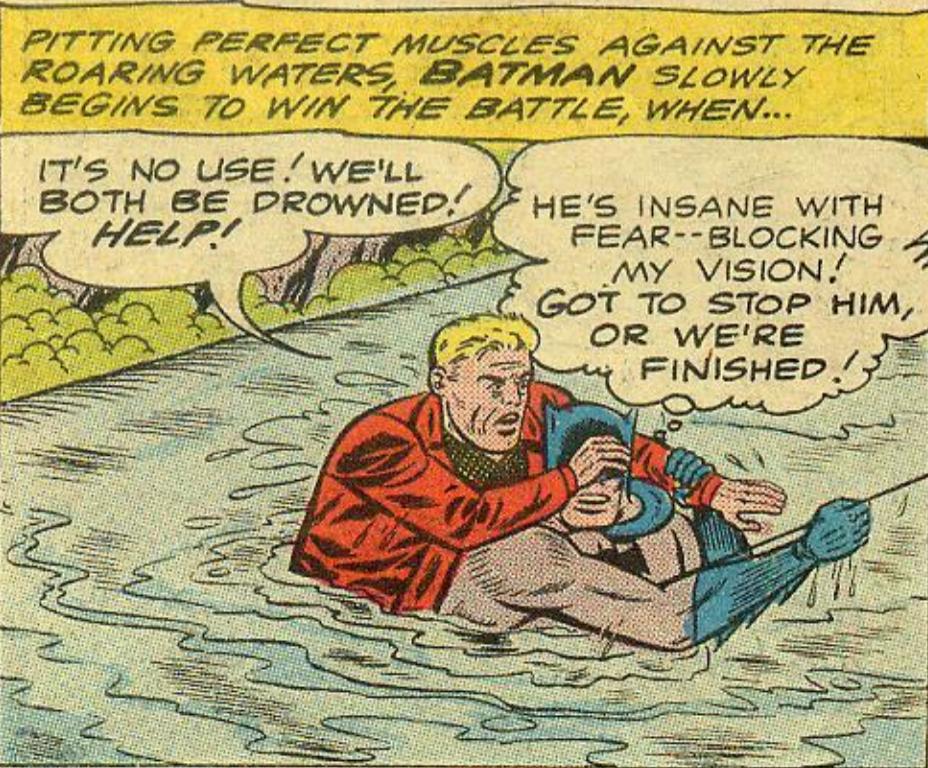
GOT HIM! EVEN WITH ROBIN SECURING THE ROPE, THOUGH, IT'S GOING TO BE A MIGHTY STRUGGLE TO KEEP BOTH OF US FROM GOING OVER NOW!



PITTING PERFECT MUSCLES AGAINST THE ROARING WATERS, BATMAN SLOWLY BEGINS TO WIN THE BATTLE, WHEN...

IT'S NO USE! WE'LL BOTH BE DROWNED!  
HELP!

HE'S INSANE WITH FEAR--BLOCKING MY VISION!  
GOT TO STOP HIM, OR WE'RE FINISHED!



SORRY, BUDDY... YOU'LL LIVE TO THANK ME FOR THIS!

WHAM!





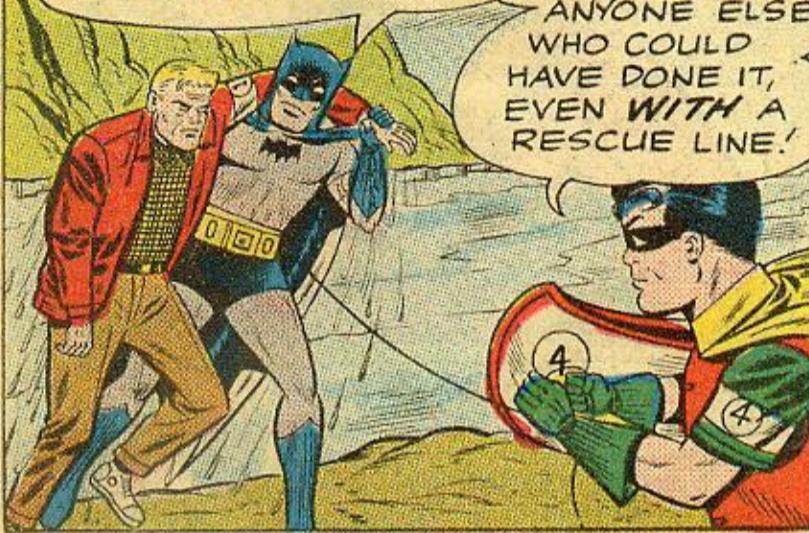
# BATMAN



AND SOON, AS A BATTERED BATMAN PULLS LYONE FROM THE WATER...

TH-THANKS, ROBIN... I COULDN'T SAVE WARNER! HE DISAPPEARED BEFORE I REACHED THEM!

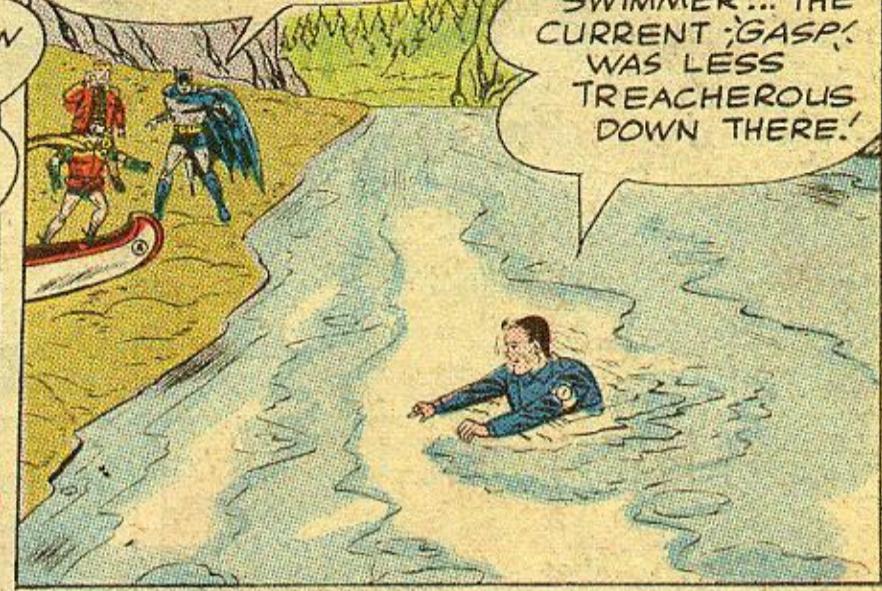
YOU DID A GREAT JOB, BATMAN! I DON'T KNOW ANYONE ELSE WHO COULD HAVE DONE IT, EVEN WITH A RESCUE LINE!



BUT, A MOMENT LATER...

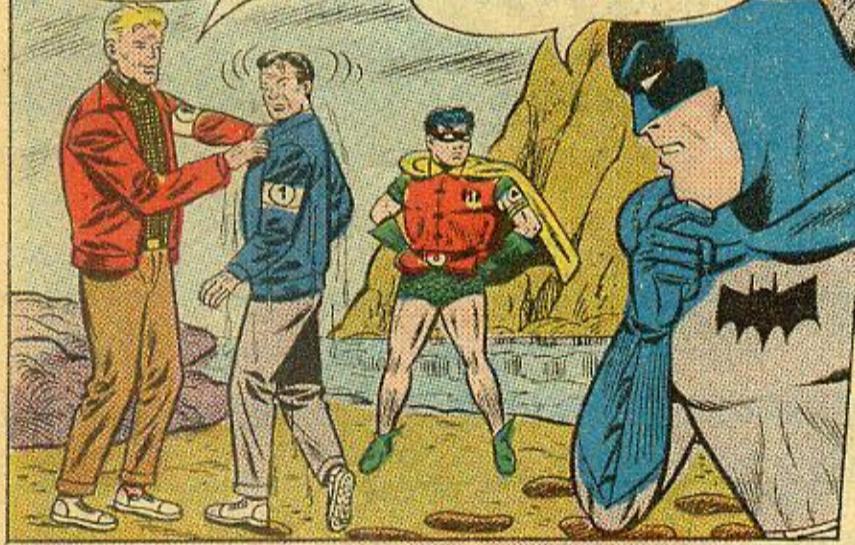
GREAT SCOTT-- LOOK! IT'S WARNER! HE SAVED HIMSELF!

DIDN'T THINK 'PUFF,' I'D MAKE IT! GOOD THING I'M A TOP UNDERWATER SWIMMER... THE CURRENT, 'GASP,' WAS LESS TREACHEROUS DOWN THERE!



NICE GOING, WARNER... I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU ALIVE AGAIN!

HMM... I KNOW THIS IS A STRANGE REQUEST, MR. WARNER, BUT WOULD YOU MIND IF I EXAMINED YOUR SNEAKERS?



WOULD I MIND WHAT? ARE YOU CRAZY? I NARROWLY MISSED DEATH A MOMENT AGO AND YOU ASK ME TO -- NO!... I WON'T DO IT!

NOW LOOK, MR. WARNER-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT BATMAN HAS IN MIND, BUT YOU'D BETTER COOPERATE!



WHEN THE RELUCTANT WARNER FINALLY AGREES, BATMAN APPLIES A SHARP BLADE TO ONE SNEAKER, REVEALING...

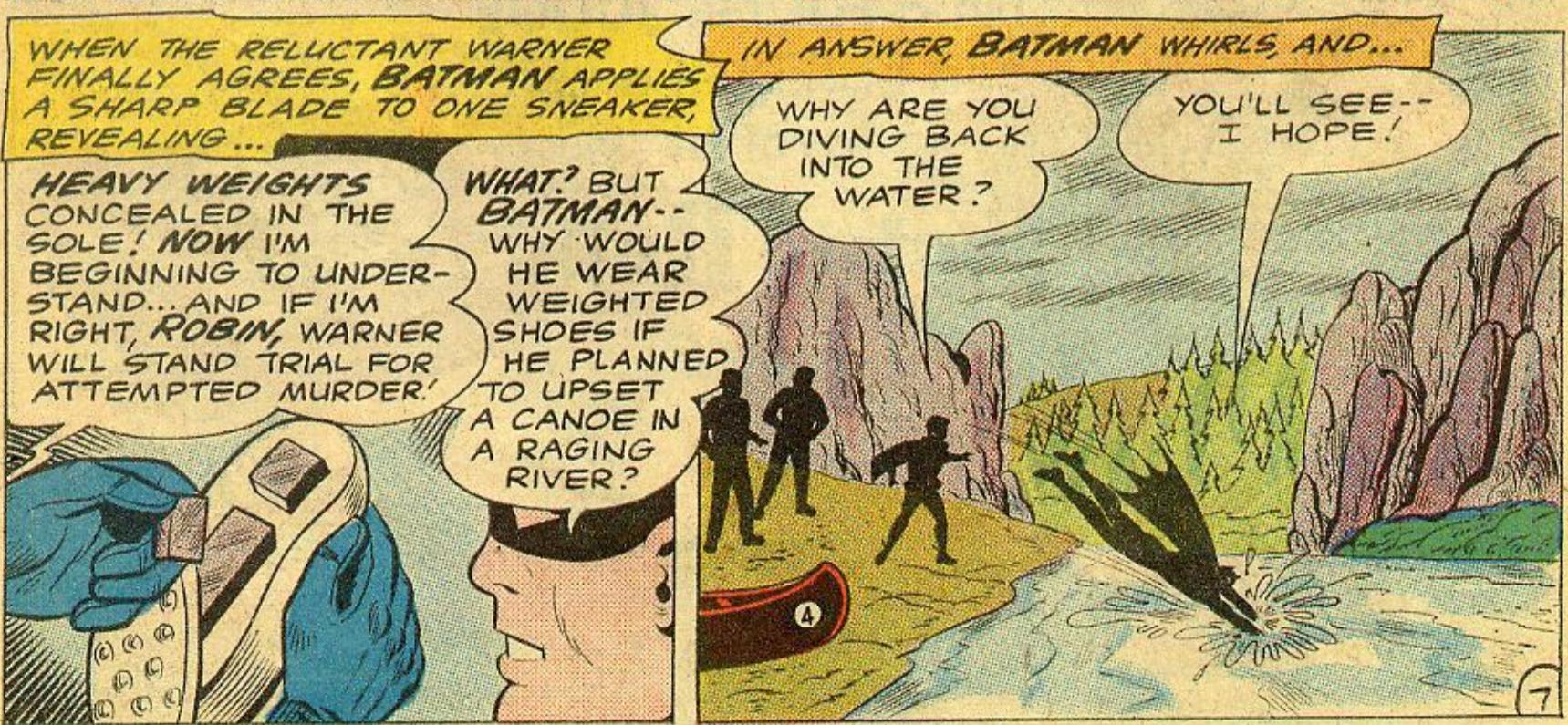
HEAVY WEIGHTS CONCEALED IN THE SOLE! NOW I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND... AND IF I'M RIGHT, ROBIN, WARNER WILL STAND TRIAL FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER!

WHAT? BUT BATMAN-- WHY WOULD HE WEAR WEIGHTED SHOES IF HE PLANNED TO UPSET A CANOE IN A RAGING RIVER?

IN ANSWER, BATMAN WHIRLS, AND...

WHY ARE YOU DIVING BACK INTO THE WATER?

YOU'LL SEE-- I HOPE!



SECONDS LATER...

JUST AS I FIGURED... WARNER HAD A HENCHMAN PLANT THIS ROPE ON THE RIVER BOTTOM, RUNNING FROM THE SHORE TO MID-STREAM! WHEN THE CANOE TIPPED OVER, ALL HE HAD TO DO WAS PULL HIMSELF IN BY THE ROPE!

OF COURSE! AND TO INSURE HIS REACHING BOTTOM, HE WEIGHTED HIS SNEAKERS!

NOW I SEE IT ALL! WARNER FORCED ME TO FALSIFY HIS BOOKS, TO SWINDLE HIS OWN CORPORATION! HE PLANNED TO GET RID OF ME IN THIS RACE, SO THERE'D BE NO WITNESSES TO THE CRIME!

ALL RIGHT, YOU GOT ME-- BUT... HOW DID YOU SPOT IT, BATMAN?



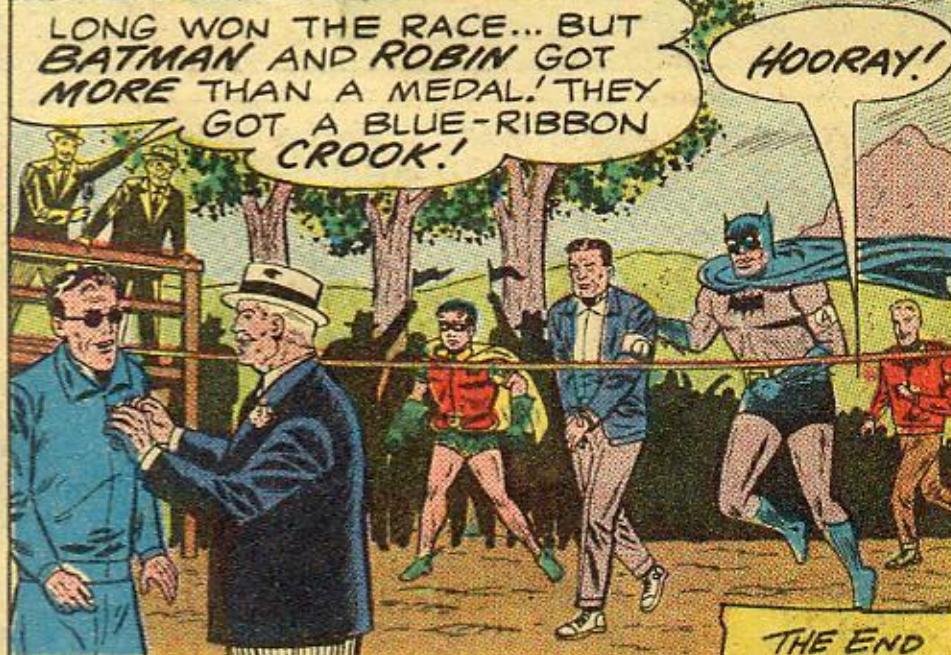
LOOK AT YOUR FOOTPRINTS... THEY'RE MUCH DEEPER THAN THOSE OF LYONS--BUT YOU'RE FAR LIGHTER! I KNEW YOUR SNEAKERS MUST HAVE BEEN WEIGHTED... AND THE REST WAS A MATTER OF LOGIC!



AND SO, LATER, AS THE CROWD AT THE FINISH LINE HEARS THE NEWS...

LONG WON THE RACE... BUT BATMAN AND ROBIN GOT MORE THAN A MEDAL! THEY GOT A BLUE-RIBBON CROOK!

HOORAY!



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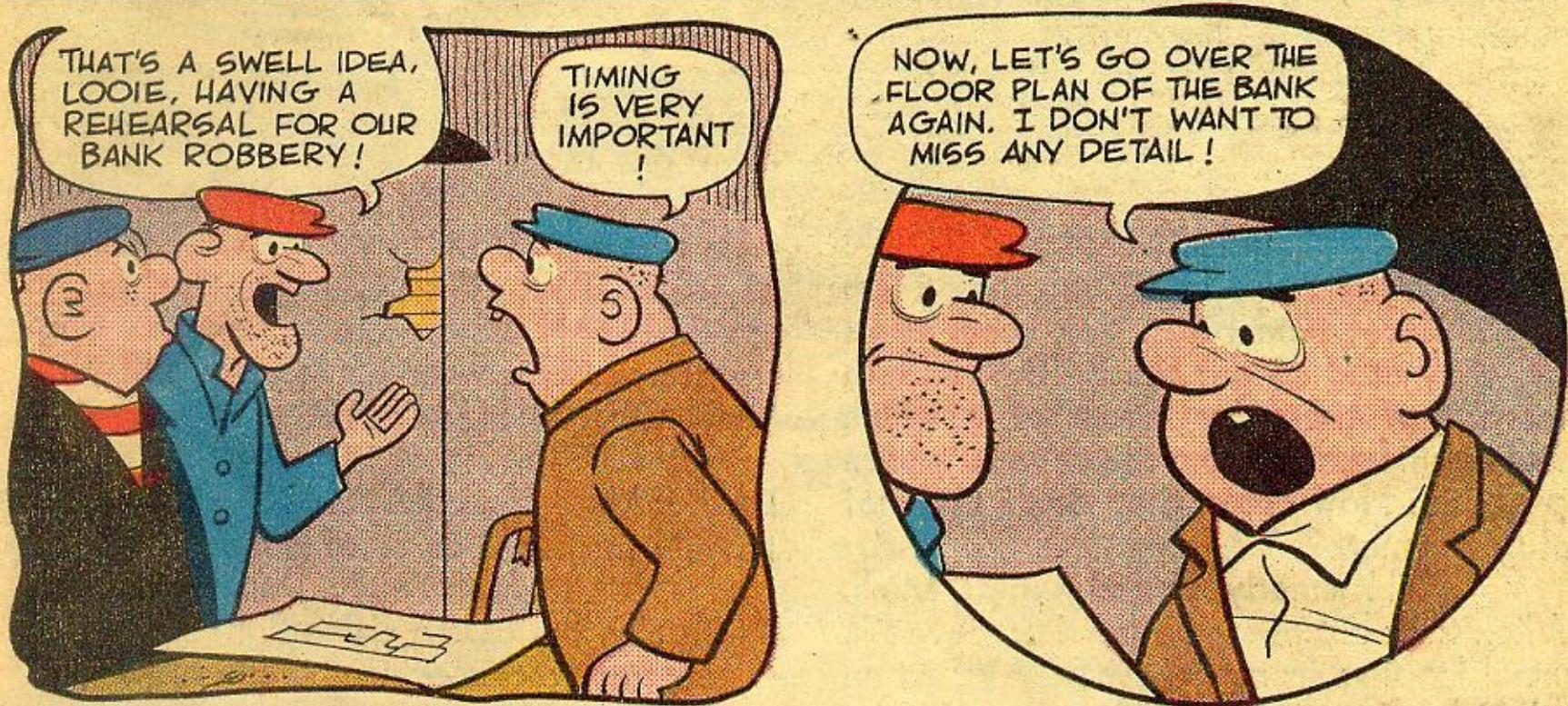
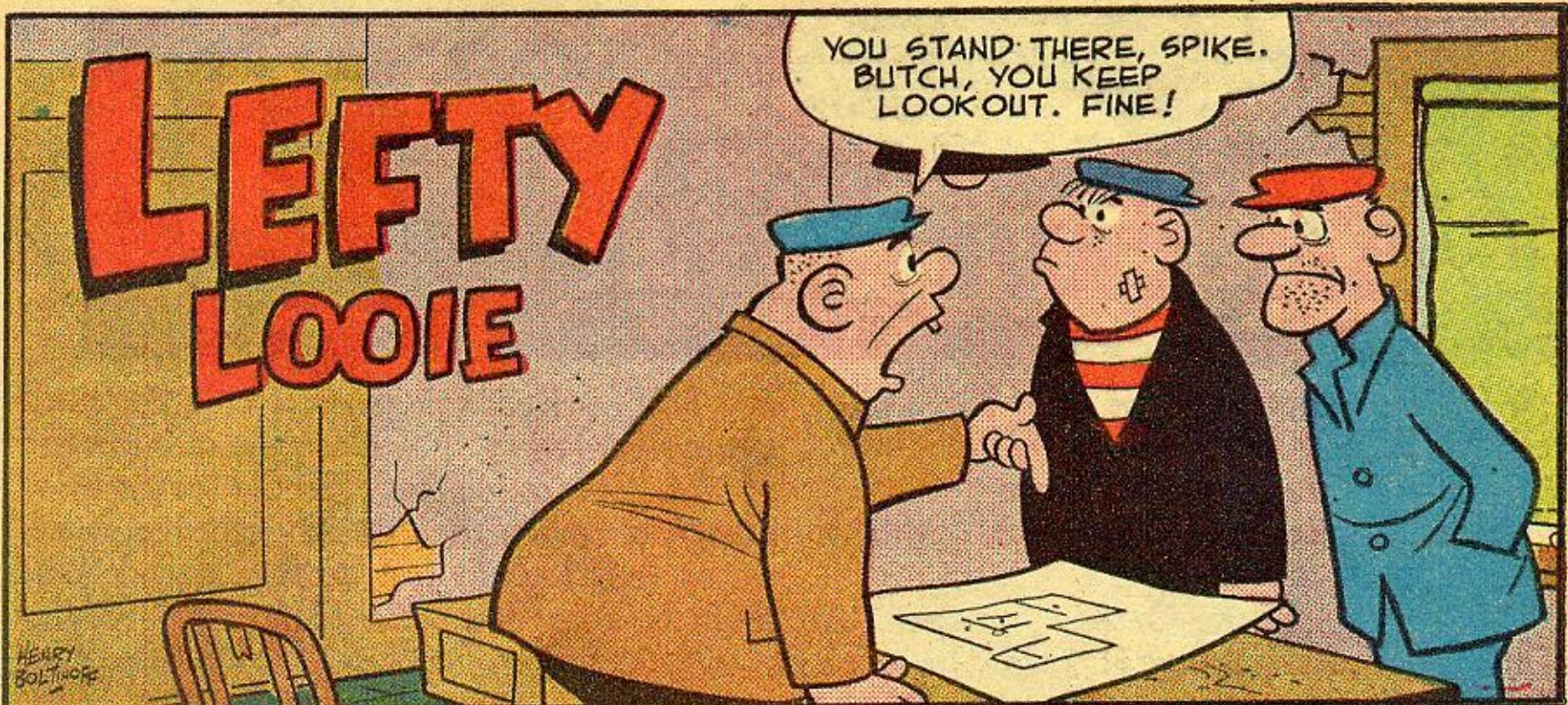
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Dear Editor: What happens when the BAT-SIGNAL flashes while Bruce Wayne and Dick Grayson are asleep? Is there any other way the police can summon BATMAN and ROBIN?

Casey Czaja, Chicago, Ill.

(In their bedroom, Bruce and Dick have a hidden buzzer, tuned to a radio frequency emanating from a transmitter at police headquarters. Simply by pressing a button, the police are able to set off this buzzer.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: When BATMAN and ROBIN drive from the BAT-CAVE, you show them using a secret tunnel exit. Yet, some years ago, they used to get the BATMOBILE in and out of there by means of a winch mechanism leading from the cave to a barn up above. How come they don't use that setup anymore?

Phil Kennedy, Grand Rapids, Mich.

(When they discovered a partially caved-in tunnel leading from the BAT-CAVE to an isolated area, some miles from the Wayne mansion, BATMAN and ROBIN realized that this was a faster, safer way to enter and leave undetected. This is not the only time that they've altered or modernized their equipment. By the way, for a diagram of the old winch mechanism, as well as countless other secrets of the caped crime-fighters, be sure to get your copy of the giant BATMAN ANNUAL, which will soon appear at your favorite newsstand.—Ed.)

\* \* \*

Dear Editor: In some stories, you show BATMAN and ROBIN leaving the BAT-SUB while underwater, then coming in again later. How is this possible?

Mary Indelicato, L. I. City, N. Y.

(The BAT-SUB contains an air-lock cavity, which is closed off from the rest of the craft. When leaving the sub, underwater, BATMAN and ROBIN first lock themselves

into this cavity, then emerge into the sea. Upon re-entering, they close the outer door of the air-lock cavity, and an automatic pumping device then quickly empties it of water that has poured in, thus permitting them to enter the sub.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Personally, my favorite type of story is when BATMAN'S body, for some strange scientific reason, undergoes incredible changes. Are you planning another one soon?

Don Fricke, Mobile, Ala.

(We sure are, Don. In the AUGUST issue of DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 294, you'll see BATMAN undergo some very startling transformations, when he meets "THE VILLAIN OF 100 ELEMENTS!"—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Does BATMAN ever permit ROBIN to go out on cases alone?

Joan Vance, Danbury, Conn.

(Naturally, the caped crime-fighters always try to work together as a team. However, under special circumstances—if BATMAN is off on a trip, for example—or if two cases come up at the same time—BATMAN has no objection to ROBIN working on his own.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: BATWOMAN frequently gives BATMAN, ROBIN and SUPERMAN an assist when they're on a big case. How about a story where some other costumed crime-fighter comes along to help out the trio?

Marty Andrews, Akron, Ohio

(Your wish comes true in the AUGUST issue of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, No. 119. Only this time, the new crime-fighter is more than a mere helpmate to BATMAN, ROBIN and SUPERMAN—he gives orders to them! What's the hold he has over them? You'll find out in "THE SECRET OF THE TIGERMAN!"—Ed.)

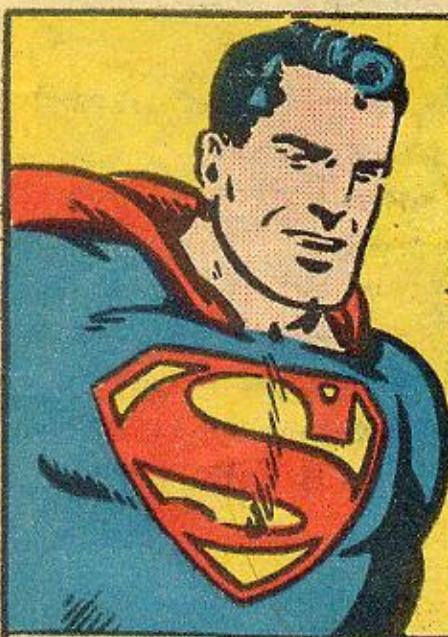
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# BAT-MAN

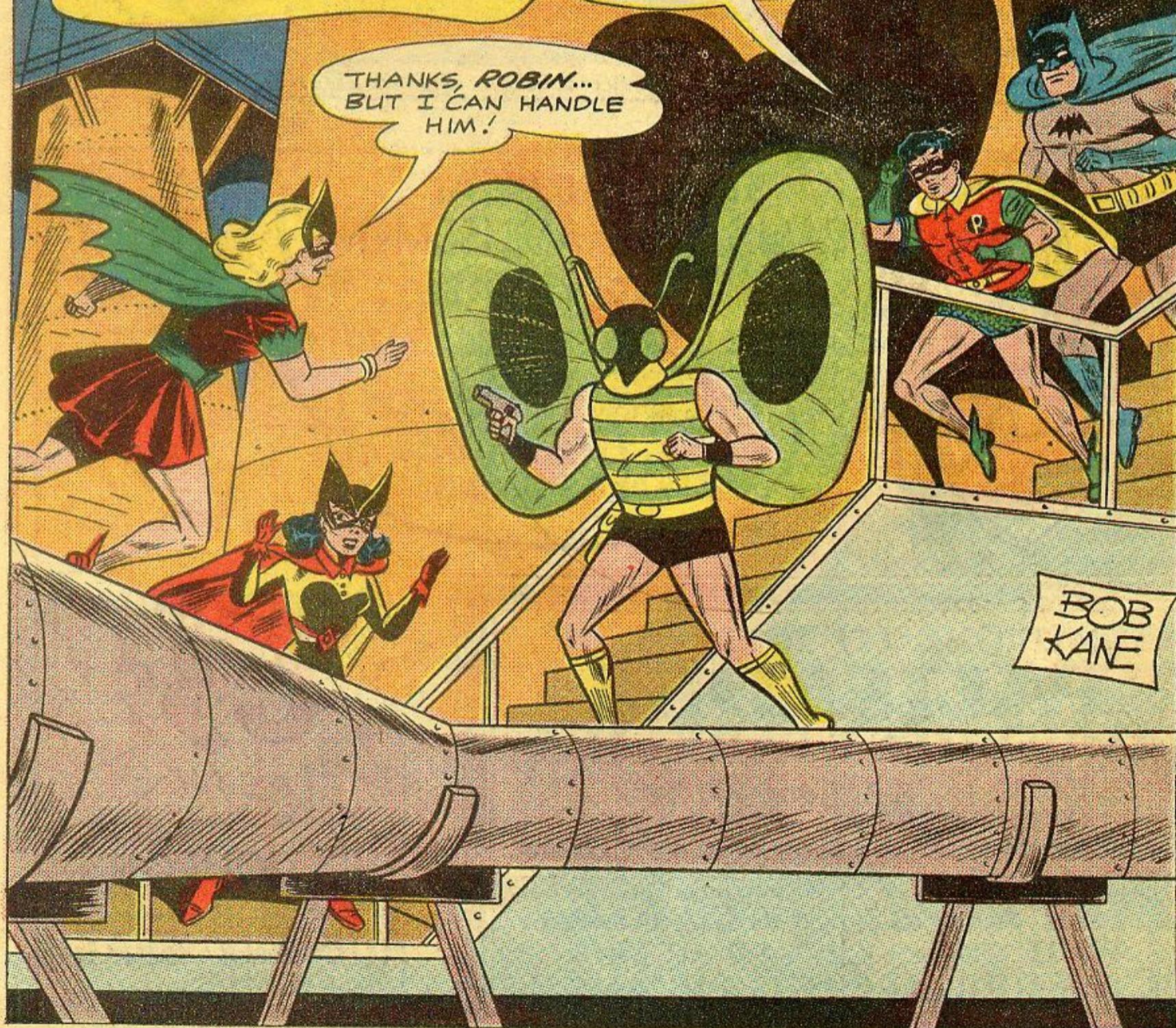
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THANKS, ROBIN... BUT I CAN HANDLE HIM!

BOB  
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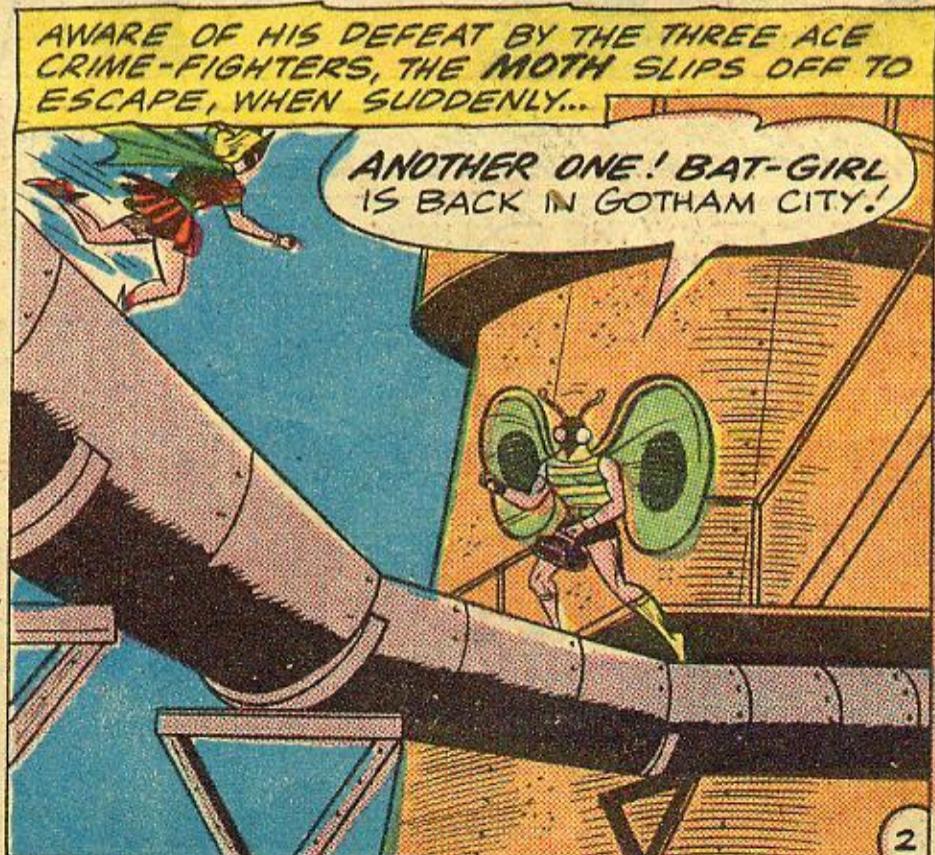




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ONE DAY AS THEIR NIGHTLY PATROL BRINGS BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, TO THE GOTHAM CHEMICAL PLANT...



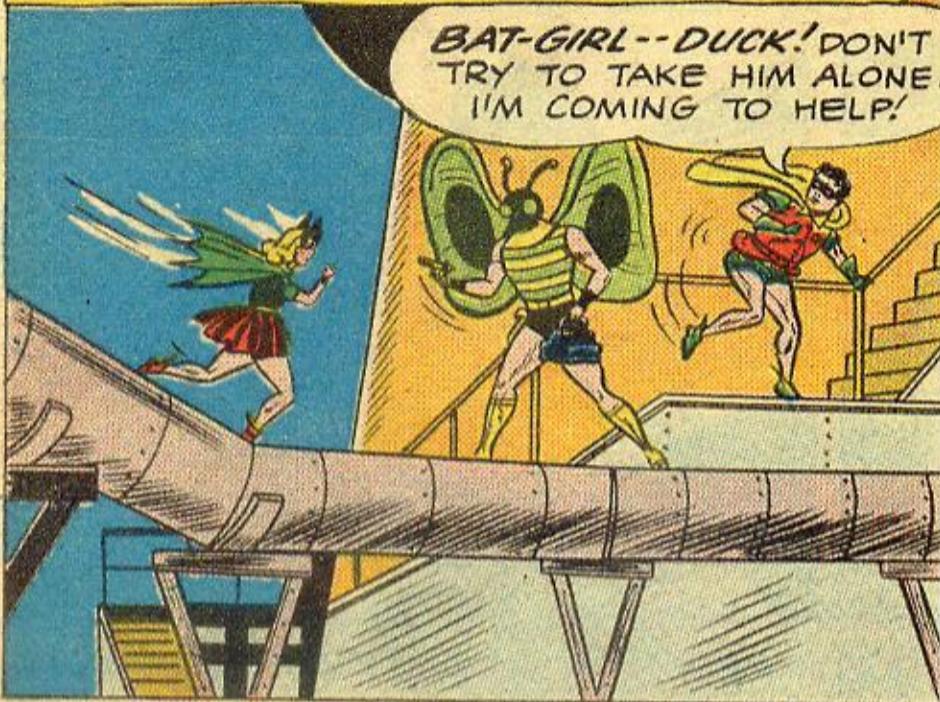


# BATMAN



AS THE MOTH WHIPS OUT A GUN, ROBIN SUDDENLY LAUNCHES HIMSELF FORWARD...

BAT-GIRL--DUCK! DON'T TRY TO TAKE HIM ALONE! I'M COMING TO HELP!



THANKS, ROBIN... BUT I CAN HANDLE HIM!

OOF!



LATER, AS BAT-GIRL AND ROBIN HANDCUFF THE CRESTFALLEN CRIMINALS, BATMAN TAKES BATWOMAN ASIDE...

WELL, KATHY--SO YOUR NIECE, BETTY, IS VISITING YOU AGAIN--AND RESUMING HER BAT-GIRL ROLE!

YES! EVER SINCE SHE GOT A TASTE OF CRIME-FIGHTING ON HER LAST VISIT, SHE'S BEEN ANXIOUS TO PROVE SHE CAN BE A GOOD JUNIOR PARTNER!

ROBIN, IT WAS SWEET OF YOU TO WANT TO HELP ME! YOU'RE A LIVING DOLL!



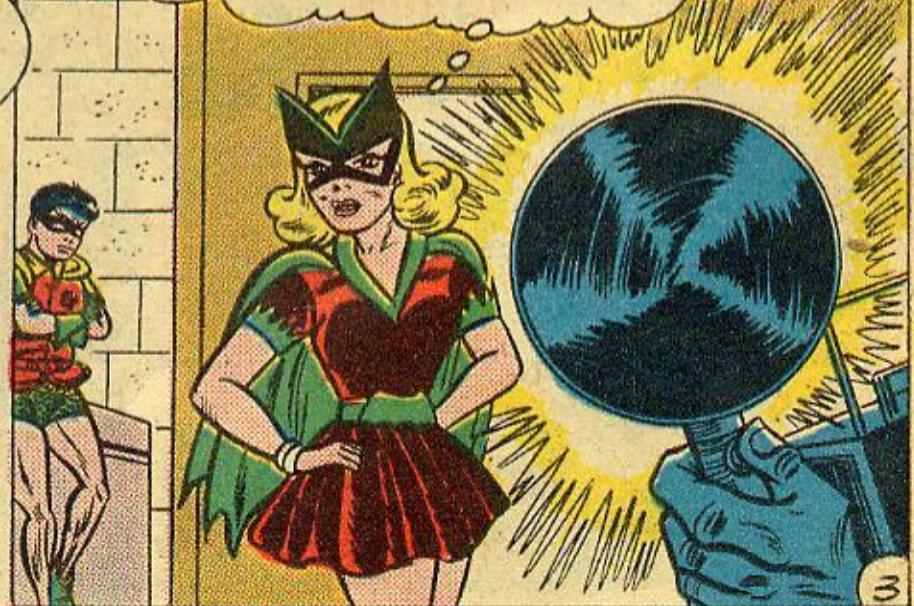
LATER, AFTER DELIVERING THE MOTH AND HIS MOB TO HEADQUARTERS...

WHAT A STORY! THE MOTH--KAYOED BY A TEEN-AGE GIRL! BAT-GIRL MADE HIM THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE UNDERWORLD!

HOW ABOUT SOME SHOTS OF BAT-GIRL ALONE? SHE'S HOT NEWS NOW!



WHAT A WORRIED LOOK ON ROBIN! IS IT BECAUSE HE'S JEALOUS THAT I'LL BE SHARING SOME OF HIS GLORY FROM NOW ON?





# BATMAN



SOON AFTER, YOUNG AUTOGRAPH HUNTERS SEEM TO CONFIRM BAT-GIRL'S SUSPICION...

WE'RE GOING TO FORM ROBIN AND BAT-GIRL FAN CLUBS! YOU'RE BOTH SO WONDERFUL!



IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, BATWOMAN AND HER JUNIOR PARTNER BECOME FRONT PAGE COPY...

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## BATWOMAN AND BAT-GIRL GRAB GUNMEN



THEN, BATMAN AND ROBIN HEAR A DISTURBING REPORT...

AND NOW, A SPECIAL BULLETIN! JUST MINUTES AGO, THE POLICE REVEALED, THE MOTH BROKE OUT OF PRISON...

THAT'S ESPECIALLY BAD NEWS FOR BAT-GIRL! SHE HUMILIATED THE MOTH! HE'LL WANT REVENGE-- AND TRACKING HIM DOWN WILL BE TOO DANGEROUS FOR A BEGINNER LIKE BAT-GIRL! WE'VE GOT TO SEE BAT-WOMAN WITHOUT DELAY!

SHORTLY...

...AND BAT-GIRL'S SO HEADSTRONG AND PROUD-- SHE'D WANT TO BE IN ON THE CAPTURE OF THE MOTH!

HMM! MAYBE ROBIN IS THE ANSWER TO OUR PROBLEM! BETTY LIKES HIM!

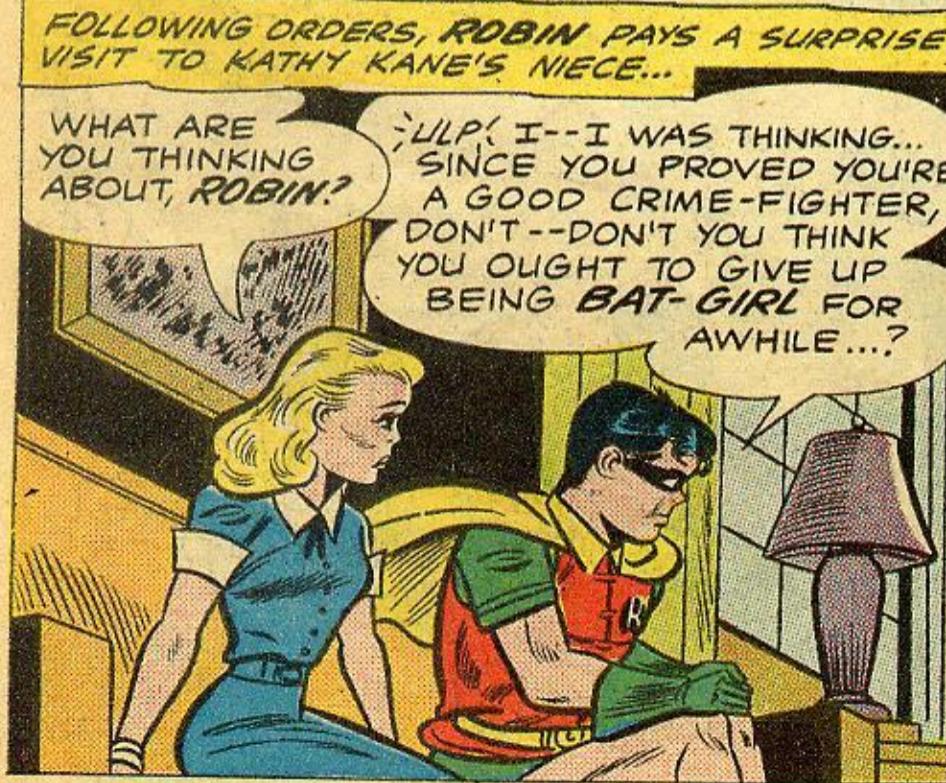
M-ME?



FOLLOWING ORDERS, ROBIN PAYS A SURPRISE VISIT TO KATHY KANE'S NIECE...

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT, ROBIN?

ULP! I-- I WAS THINKING... SINCE YOU PROVED YOU'RE A GOOD CRIME-FIGHTER, DON'T--DON'T YOU THINK YOU OUGHT TO GIVE UP BEING BAT-GIRL FOR AWHILE...?



SO--YOU ARE JEALOUS OF ME! YOU WANT ME TO QUIT SO YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE GLORY AGAIN--SOB! OH, ROBIN-- HOW COULD YOU?--SOB!

GOSH! IF I COULD ONLY TELL HER THE TRUTH...





# BATMAN



MEANWHILE, AT HEADQUARTERS, SEARCHING FOR A LEAD TO THE MOTH'S HIDING PLACE, BATMAN EXAMINES THE PERSONAL BELONGINGS TAKEN FROM THE GANG...

WHAT'S THAT? IT LOOKS LIKE A BLANK NEGATIVE!

HMM! WORKERS IN ATOMIC PLANTS WEAR FILM STRIPS LIKE THESE! IF THE FILM FOGS UP, IT WARNS THEM OF A RADIATION LEAK!

BUT WOULDN'T THE MOTH KNOW AN ATOMIC PLANT IS TOO WELL GUARDED TO BE ROBBED?

ARRIVING, ROBIN RELATES HIS VISIT WITH BETTY...

BAT-GIRL MUST BE KEPT OUT OF HARM'S WAY TONIGHT WHILE WE FOLLOW UP THIS LEAD TO THE MOTH...

THAT WON'T BE HARD! THE ROBIN AND BAT-GIRL FAN CLUBS ARE HOLDING A DANCE--AND WE'RE THE HONORED GUESTS! SHE WOULDN'T DARE INSULT HER FANS BY STAYING AWAY!

CERTAINLY! BUT AT THE NEW SCIENCE EXPOSITION, VISITORS ARE GIVEN FILM-BADGES--AS SOUVENIRS! AND AT THE EXHIBIT, THERE'S A DISPLAY OF PRECIOUS METALS USED IN SCIENCE...

AND TRUE TO HIS BELIEF, THAT NIGHT...

HURRAH FOR BAT-GIRL AND ROBIN!

GEE! THEY LOOK SWELL TOGETHER, DON'T THEY?

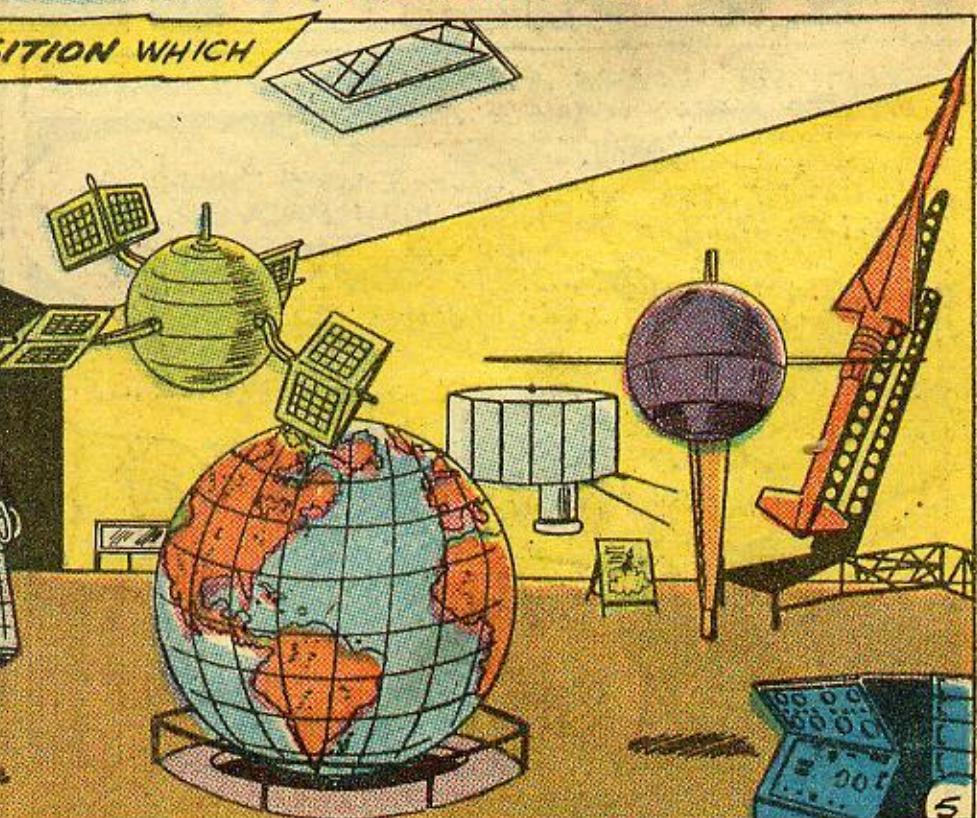
I FORGIVE YOU FOR BEING JEALOUS OF ME, ROBIN! SO DO I--ER--BUT (SIGH) OH, I FEEL SO GUILTY, BEING HERE--INSTEAD OF TRYING TO TRACK DOWN THE MOTH...

WE COULDN'T LET OUR FANS DOWN, COULD WE?

MEANWHILE, AT THE SCIENCE EXPOSITION WHICH HAS CLOSED FOR THE NIGHT...

THAT HENCHMAN OF THE MOTH MUST HAVE VISITED THIS PLACE AND CASED IT FOR A FUTURE ROBBERY!

AND THE MOTH IS NOTORIOUS FOR ALWAYS COMMITTING A ROBBERY HE PLANNED!... THE PLACE IS EMPTY! THE MOTH APPARENTLY HASN'T COME YET...





# BATMAN



BUT, ABRUPTLY, WITHOUT WARNING...

"HA, HA! I GOT HERE FIRST! THESE CAPSULES OF A NEW KNOCKOUT GAS FROM ONE OF THE DISPLAYS WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU!"

UGH... BEFORE I PASS OUT... MUST CONTACT ROBIN... THE MOTH WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE ME USING MY BELT-RADIO BECAUSE OF THICK GAS FUMES...

AT THAT MOMENT, BACK AT THE DANCE, WHILE BAT-GIRL IS OCCUPIED WITH ANOTHER PARTNER, ROBIN WANDERS INTO A CORRIDOR, WHEN SUDDENLY...

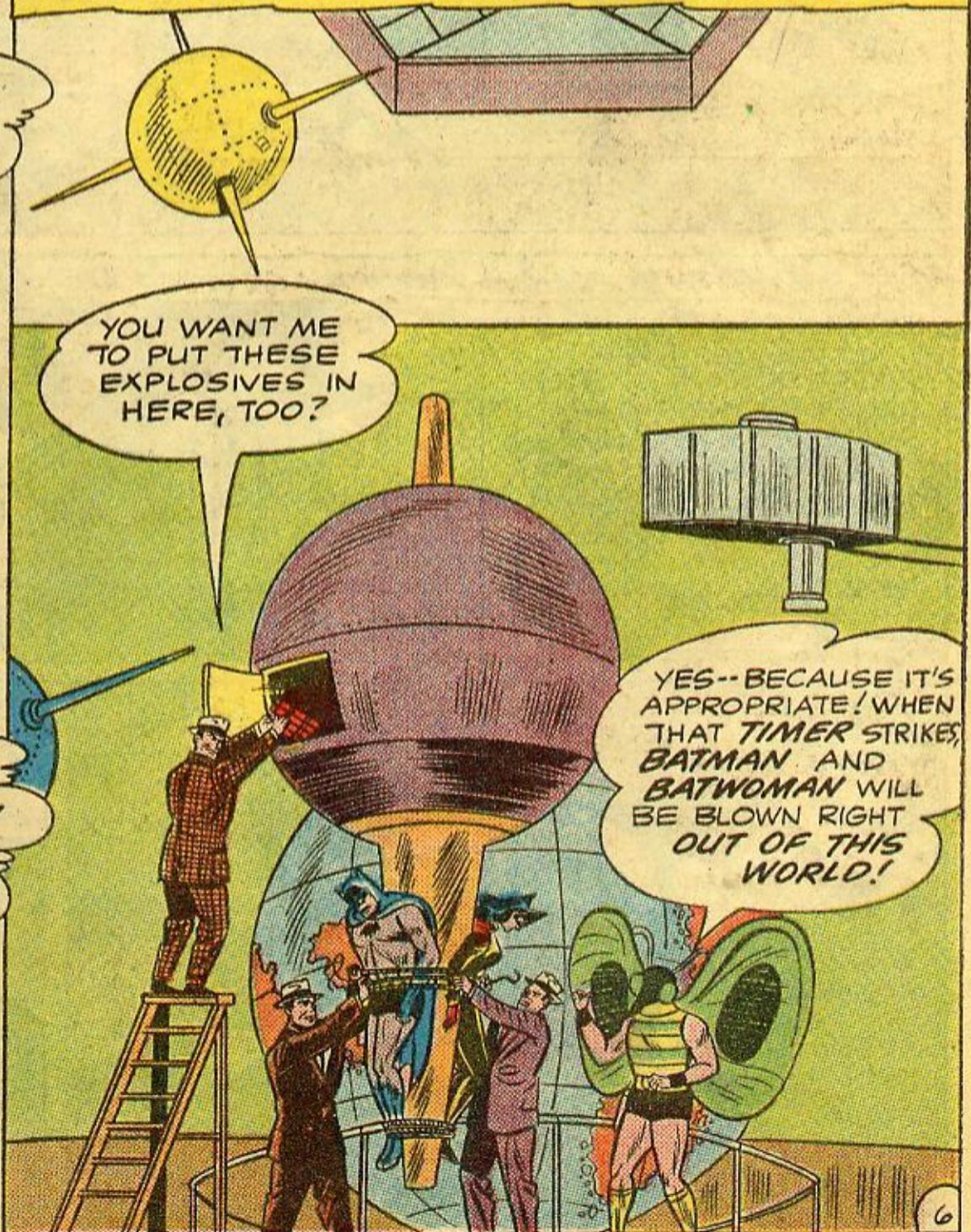
BATMAN CALLING ROBIN! TRAPPED BY MOTH--AT SCIENCE EXPOSITION! KNOCKOUT GAS--I-- UHHH...



BY COINCIDENCE, BAT-GIRL WHIRLS BY JUST IN TIME TO SEE...

ROBIN--USING HIS BELT-RADIO! HE MUST BE RECEIVING A MESSAGE FROM BATMAN--AND I'LL BET IT'S ABOUT A CLUE TO THE MOTH!

MEANWHILE, THE UNCONSCIOUS BATMAN AND BAT-WOMAN ARE BOUND TO ONE OF THE SATELLITES...



RACING OFF, ROBIN IS UNAWARE THAT HE'S BEING OBSERVED...

HE'S SLIPPING AWAY--PROBABLY TO HELP BATMAN AND BATWOMAN ROUND UP THE MOTH--AND HE DIDN'T TELL ME BECAUSE I MIGHT OUTDO HIM AGAIN!



YOU WANT ME TO PUT THESE EXPLOSIVES IN HERE, TOO?

YES--BECAUSE IT'S APPROPRIATE! WHEN THAT TIMER STRIKES, BATMAN AND BATWOMAN WILL BE BLOWN RIGHT OUT OF THIS WORLD!



# BATMAN



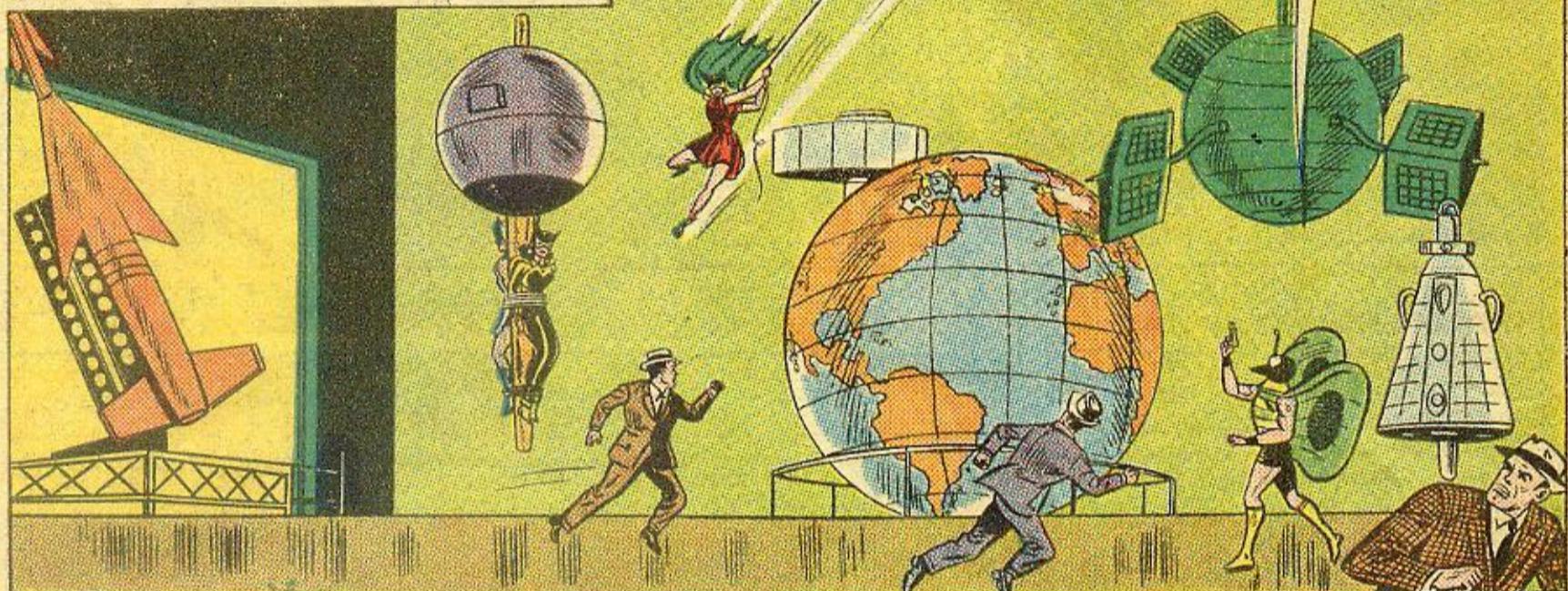
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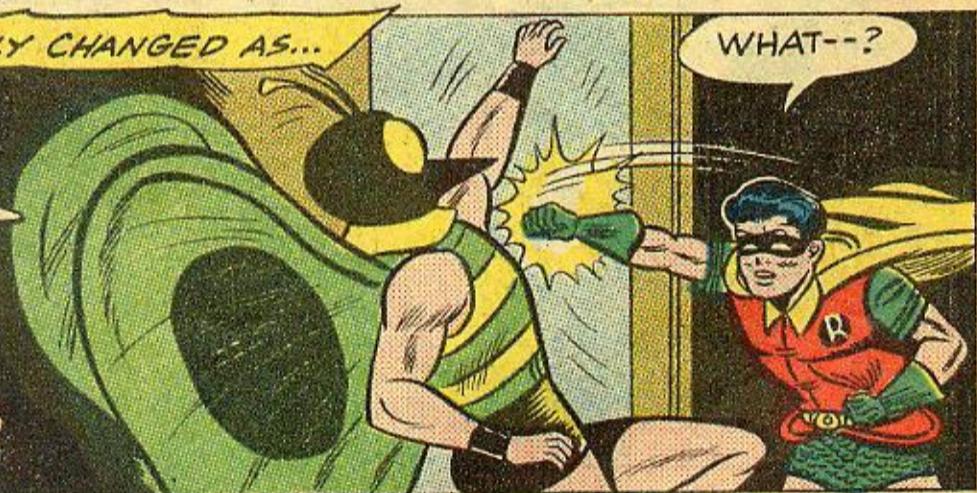
MINUTES LATER...



BAT-GIRL, EH? AM I GLAD TO SEE HER! ALL I NEED IS ONE SHOT TO EVEN MY SCORE AGAINST THAT BRAT--AND THEN WE SCRAM OUTA HERE!



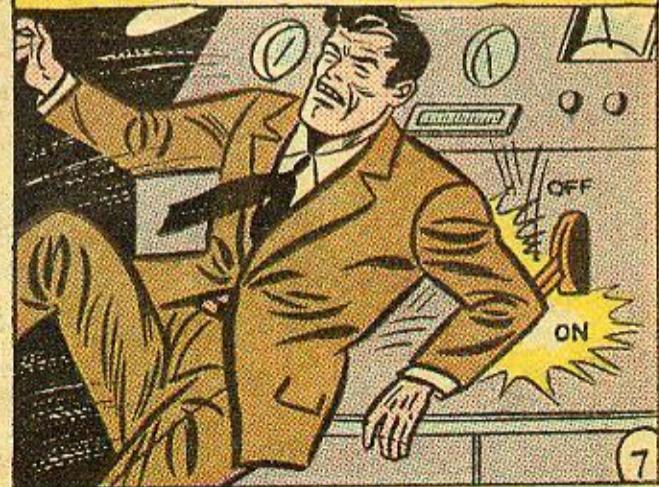
BUT THE MOTH'S PLAN IS ABRUPTLY CHANGED AS...



BAT-GIRL-- I CAN'T GET THROUGH TO DEACTIVATE THAT TIMER IN TIME! YOU'LL HAVE TO DO IT-- AND FAST!



THEN, AS ROBIN CLASHES WITH THE THUGS...ONE BLOW SENDS A HOODLUM REELING--AGAINST THE SWITCH THAT SETS THE EXHIBIT INTO MOTION...



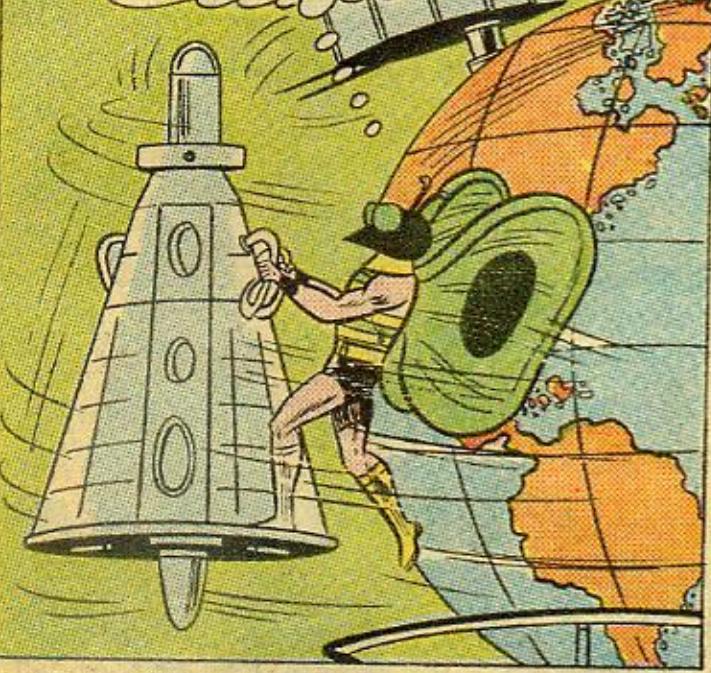


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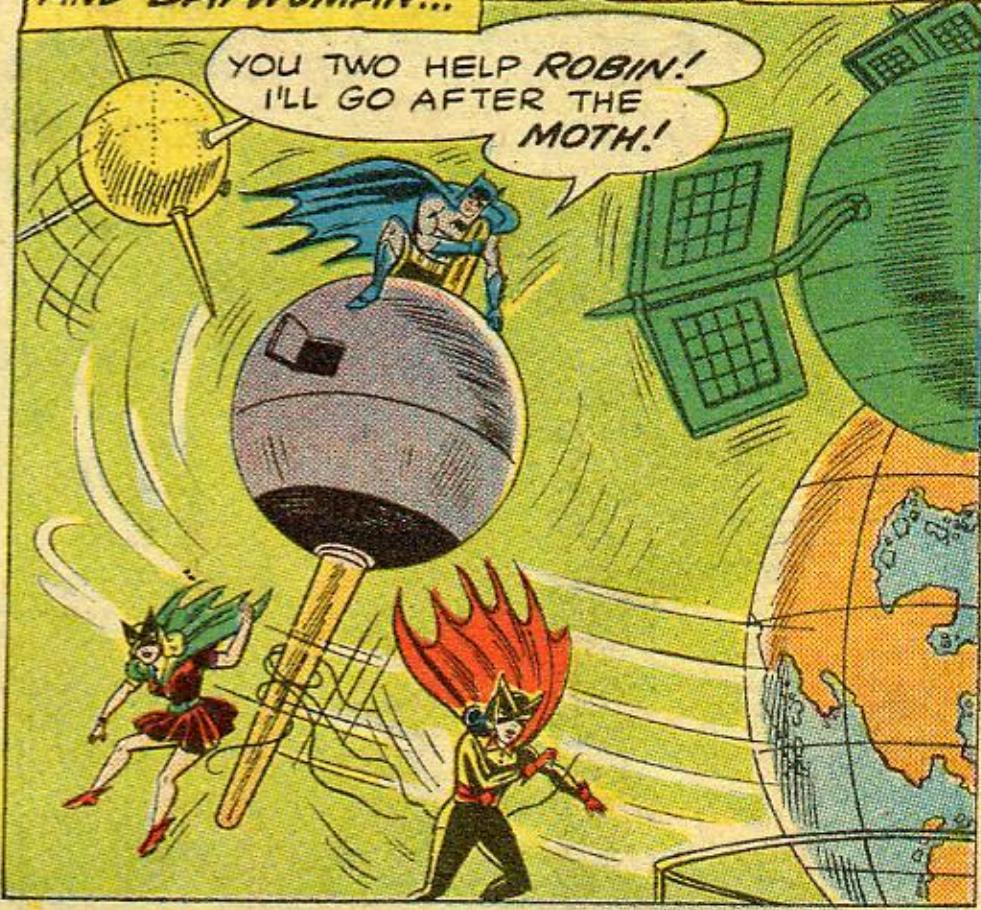
THE SATELLITES, MOVING IN THEIR ORBITS, PROMPT THE MOTH TO ACT...

I CAN'T RISK CAPTURE AT THE DOOR -- BUT THIS WILL CARRY ME RIGHT UP TO BAT-GIRL'S ROPE -- WHICH I CAN USE TO FLEE THROUGH THE SKYLIGHT!

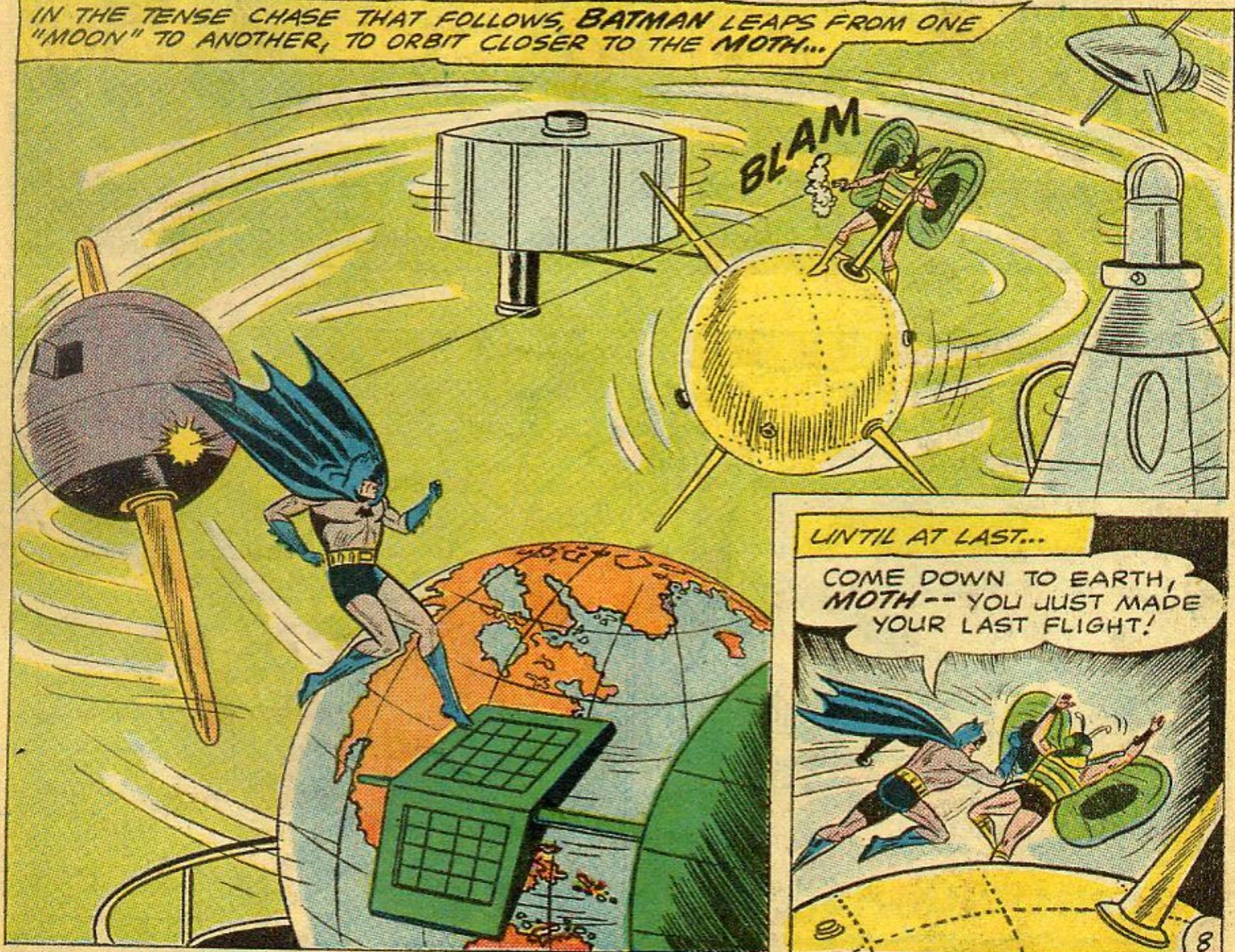


MEANWHILE, BAT-GIRL HAS NOT ONLY DEACTIVATED THE TIMER BUT FREED THE REVIVED BATMAN AND BATWOMAN...

YOU TWO HELP ROBIN! I'LL GO AFTER THE MOTH!



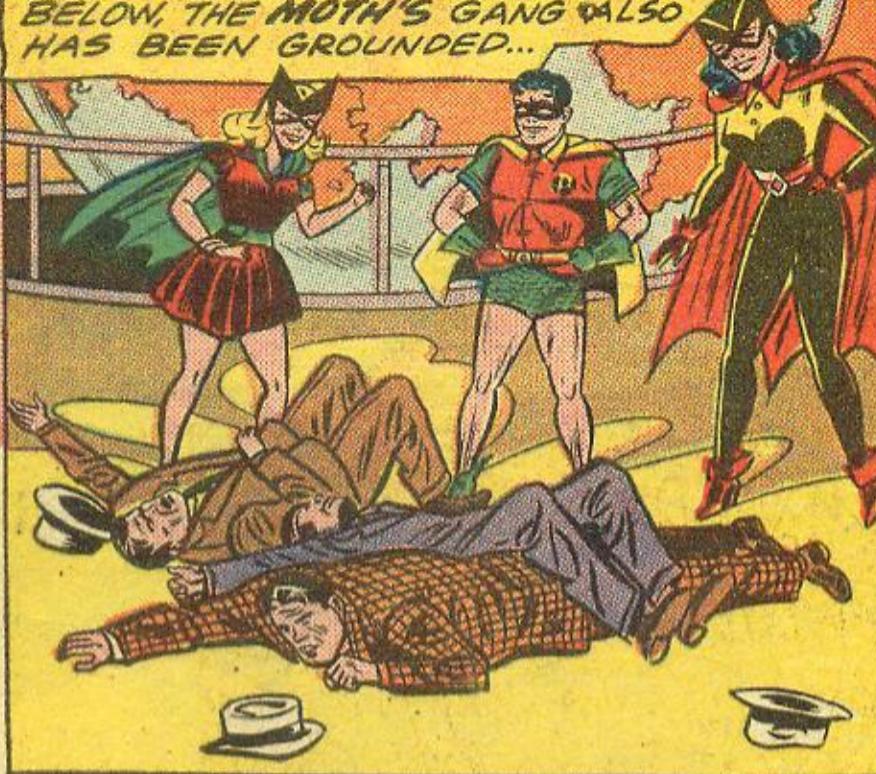
IN THE TENSE CHASE THAT FOLLOWS, BATMAN LEAPS FROM ONE "MOON" TO ANOTHER, TO ORBIT CLOSER TO THE MOTH...



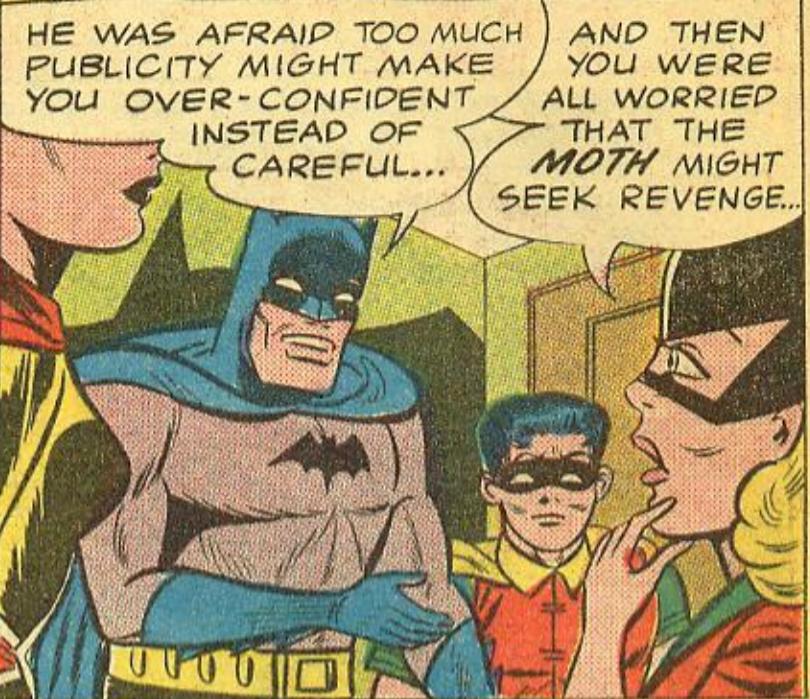
LINTIL AT LAST...

COME DOWN TO EARTH,  
MOTH -- YOU JUST MADE  
YOUR LAST FLIGHT!

BELow, THE MOTH'S GANG ALSO HAS BEEN GROUNDED...



LATER, WITH THE MOTH GANG JAILED, ROBIN'S ACTIONS ARE EXPLAINED...

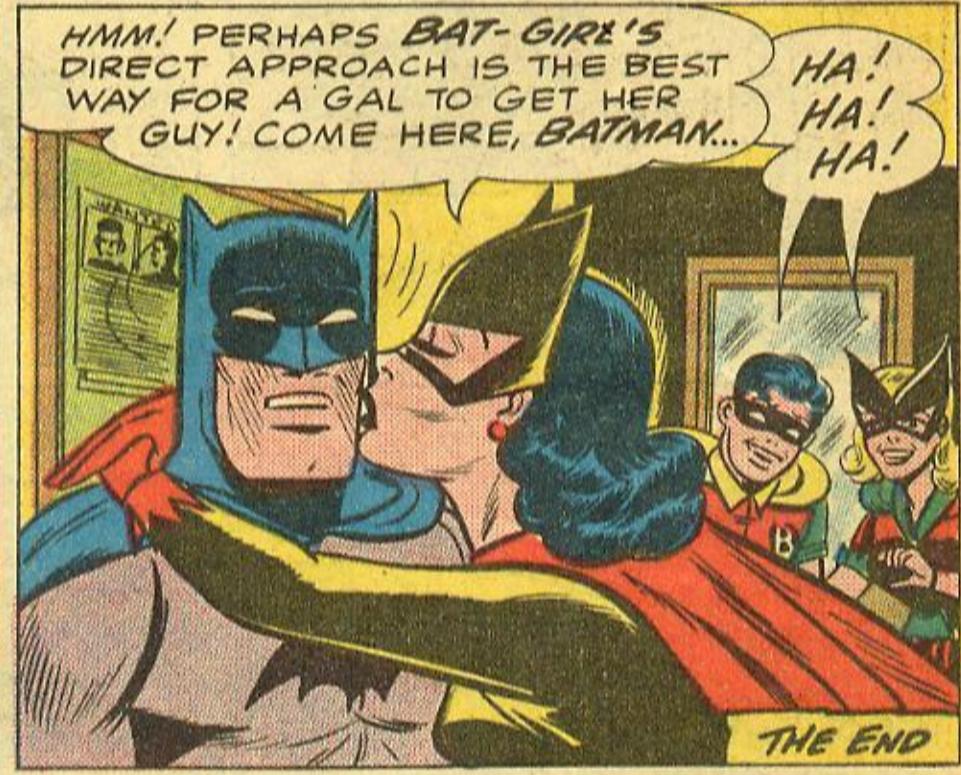


OH, ROBIN-- NOW I KNOW YOU REALLY CARE FOR ME!



HMM! PERHAPS BAT-GIRL'S DIRECT APPROACH IS THE BEST WAY FOR A GAL TO GET HER GUY! COME HERE, BATMAN...

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HA!  
HA!



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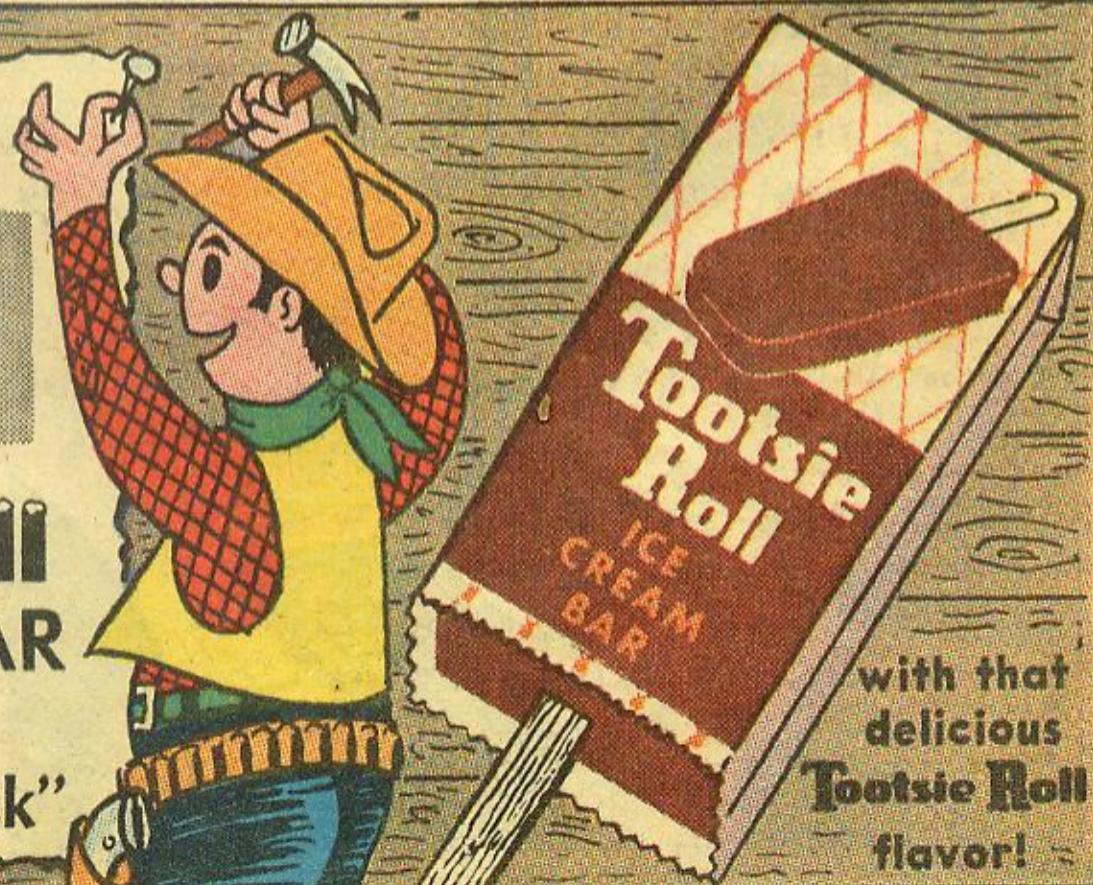
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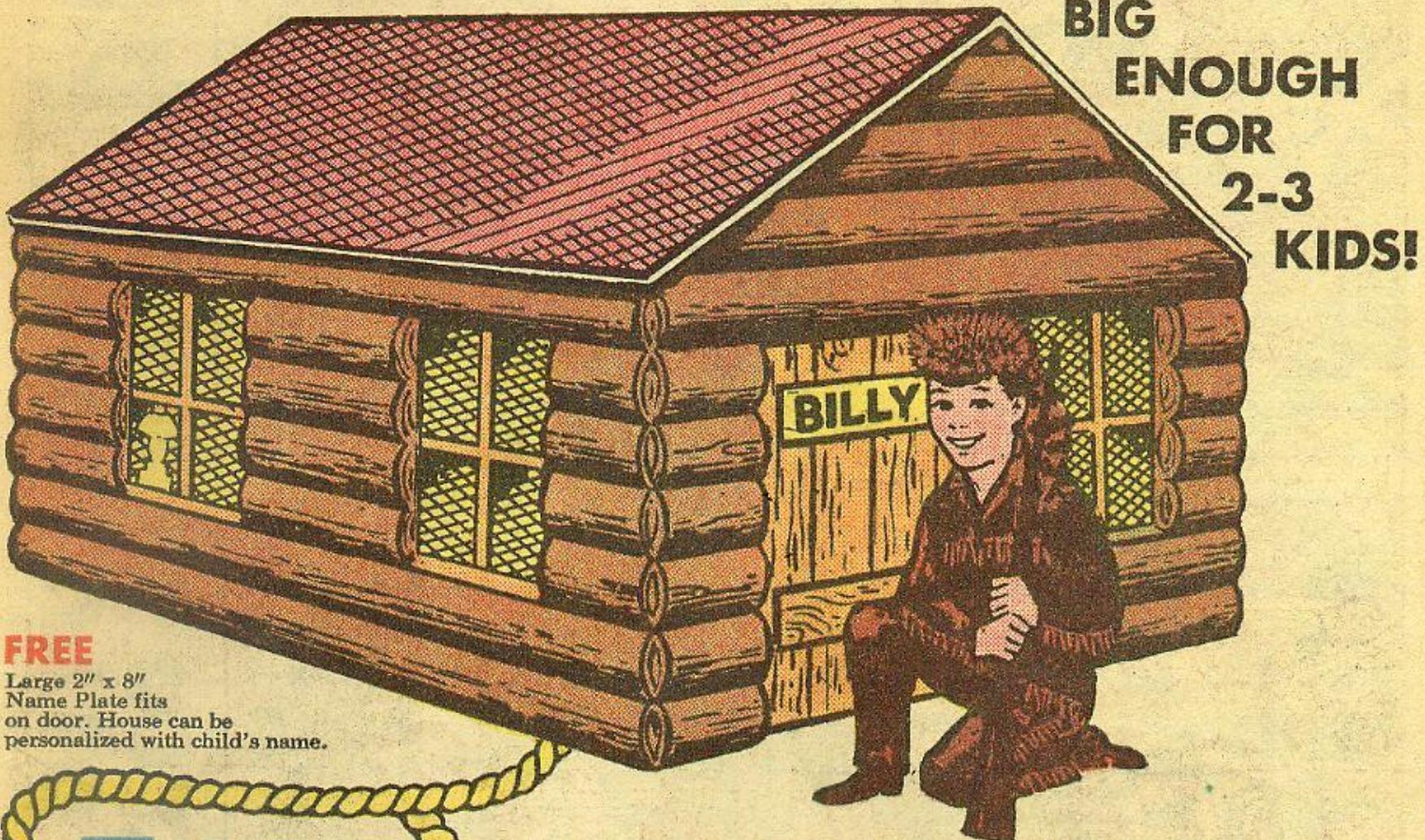
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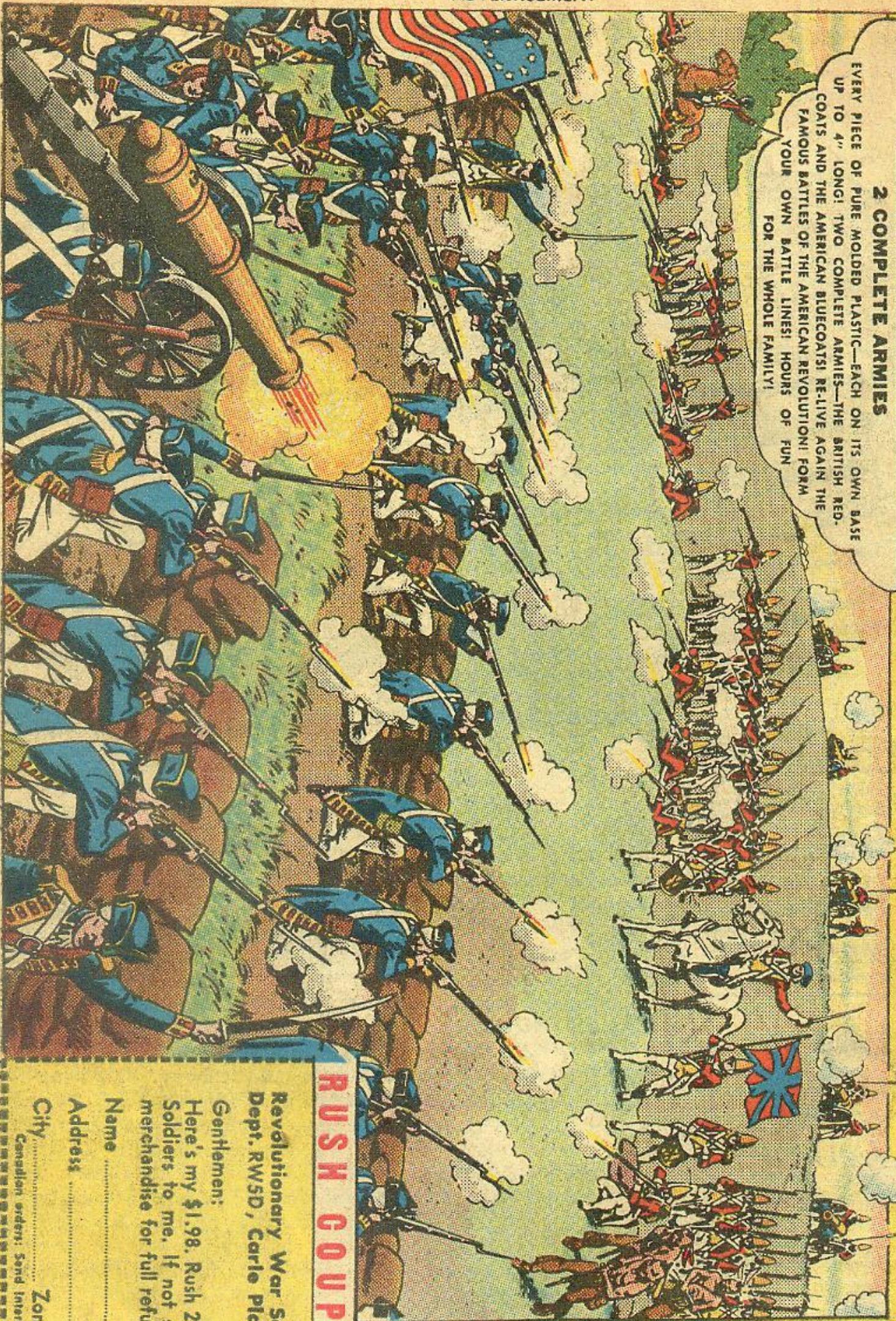
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