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THEY DON'T  
KNOW I'M REALLY  
**ROBIN!**

IT'S  
**BATMAN!**  
AND THAT FELLOW  
WHO'S TAKEN  
ROBIN'S PLACE--  
**OWLMAN!**

A STRANGE EXPERIMENT  
BRINGS ABOUT AN  
AMAZING CHANGE IN...  
**"The GROWN-UP  
BOY WONDER!"**



IS THERE ANYONE LONELIER THAN A LONELY YOUNGSTER? CERTAINLY DANNY WAS LONELY, UNTIL HE MET A FRIEND... A FRIEND MADE OF STONE! AND IT WAS THIS FRIEND, THIS IMAGE OF GRANITE, THAT PROPELLED DANNY INTO THE MOST EXCITING ADVENTURE OF HIS LIFE! YOU WILL SEE HOW, IN THE HEART-WARMING STORY OF... **THE BOY WHO ADOPTED BATMAN**

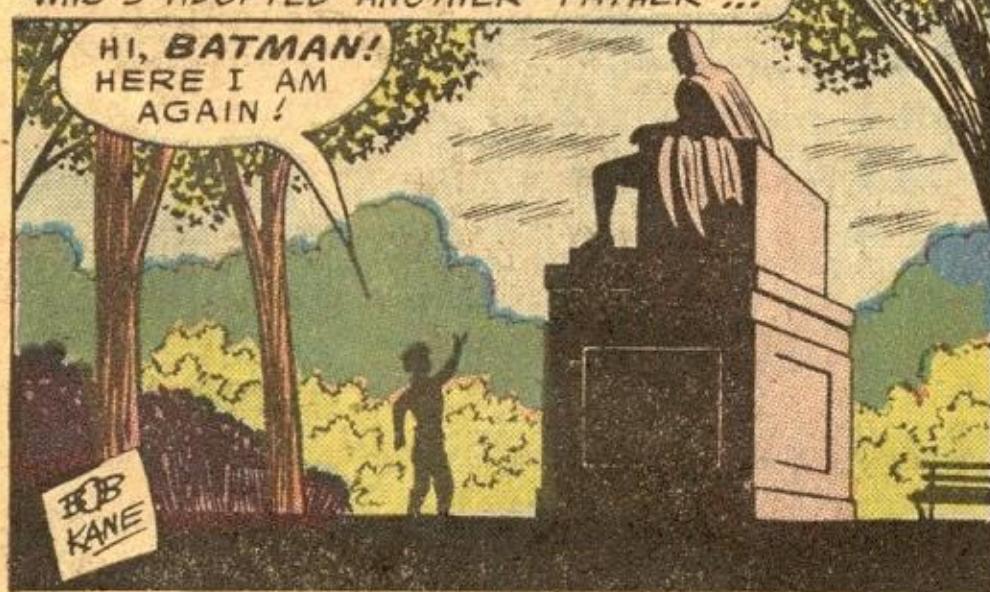
# BAT-MAN

WITH  
**ROBIN**  
-THE BOY WONDER-



BECAUSE HIS FATHER IS DEAD, AND HIS MOTHER WORKS ALL DAY, DANNY BENSON IS A LONELY BOY WHO'S ADOPTED ANOTHER "FATHER"...

SURE, I KNOW YOU'RE ONLY A STATUE IN GOTHAM PARK--BUT STILL IT'S NICE TO HAVE SOMEONE TO TALK TO EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL! I HATE TO BOTHER MOM, 'CAUSE SHE'S SO TIRED WHEN SHE COMES HOME FROM WORK...



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# BATMAN



ON THIS DAY, HOWEVER, DANNY DOES NOT SEE A PAIR OF MASKED, CAPED FIGURES PASSING NEARBY...

GOSH, BATMAN, I WISH I HAD A BIKE SO I COULD GET A DELIVERY JOB... AND MAKE SOME MONEY SO MOM WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORK SO HARD!

WELL, SO LONG, BATMAN! SEE YOU TOMORROW, AFTER SCHOOL, LIKE ALWAYS!

ROBIN, A WONDERFUL KID LIKE THAT DESERVES TO BE HELPED!

LET'S TRAIL HIM TO HIS HOME!

GOOD IDEA... THAT WAY, WE'LL KNOW WHERE TO DELIVER HIS BIKE!



THAT NIGHT, BATMAN AND ROBIN WORK HARD AND LONG IN THE WORKSHOP OF THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE...

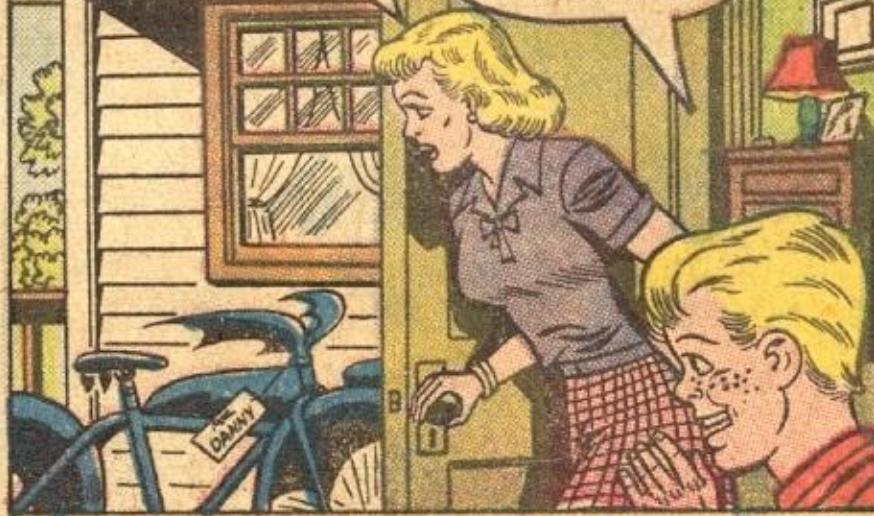
WAIT TILL DANNY SEES THIS BIKE!

THERE'S NEVER BEEN ONE LIKE THIS BEFORE! IT'LL BE THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND!

NEXT MORNING, A GLEAMING GIFT RESTS BEFORE DANNY'S DOOR...

DANNY--A BICYCLE FOR YOU! BUT WHO COULD HAVE GIVEN YOU SUCH A PRESENT?

GOLLY, IT HAS BAT-WINGS! GULP! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND, MOM? IT'S FROM BATMAN!



SEE?... THE HEADLIGHT EVEN THROWS A TINY BAT-SIGNAL! THIS IS A REAL BAT-BICYCLE!

WELL, I NEVER...



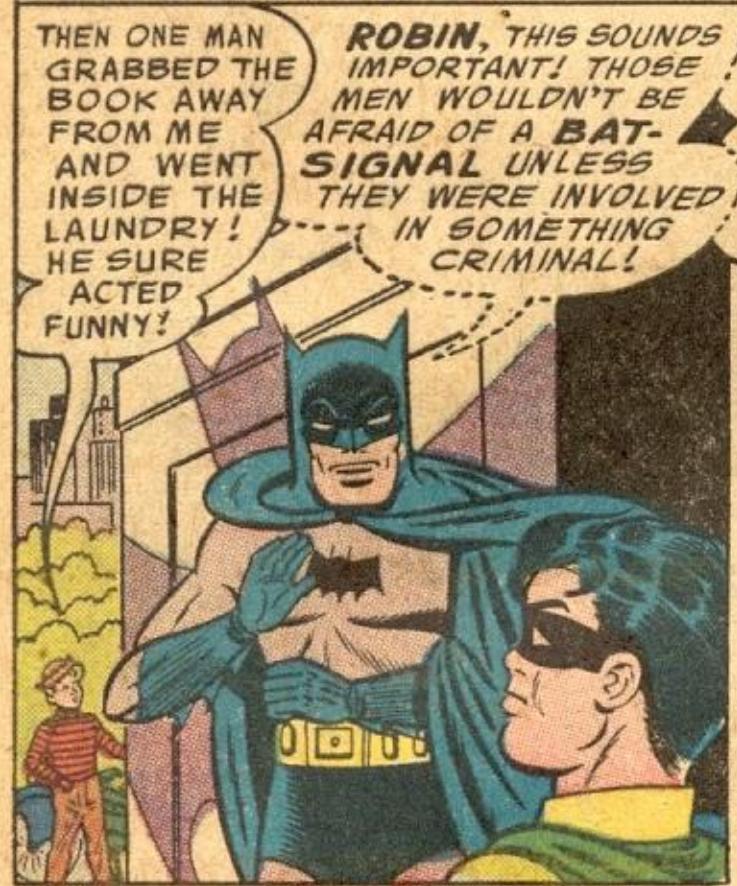
NEXT DAY, AS A PLEASED BATMAN AND ROBIN AGAIN STATION THEMSELVES BEHIND THE STATUE...

BATMAN, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU HEARD ME-- BUT THANKS... THANKS A LOT! AND YOU KNOW, WHILE I WAS DOING AN ERRAND FOR MOM, YESTERDAY, THE STRANGEST THING HAPPENED!

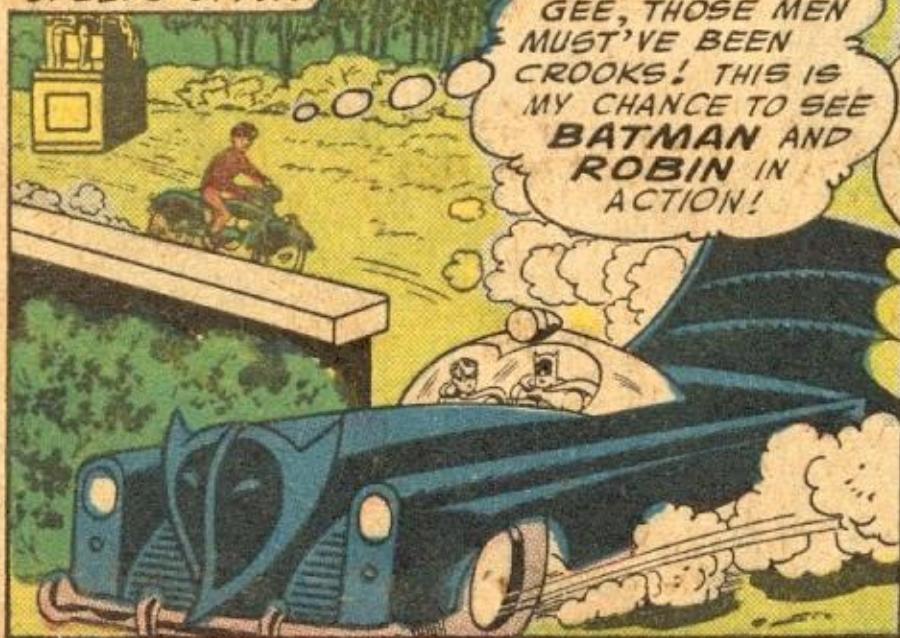




# BATMAN



INSTANTS LATER, AS THE SLEEK BATMOBILE SPEEDS OFF...



THE POWERFUL AUTO REACHES THE ADDRESS SWIFTLY--AND, AS THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS ENTER THE SHOP, THEY HEAR...

IT'S A GOOD THING I FINALLY TOLD THE BOSS ABOUT THAT KID! HE AIN'T TAKING ANY CHANCES THAT THE KID MIGHT'VE GONE TO THE POLICE!

DON'T WORRY... THE LAW COMES THEY WON'T FIND ANYTHING! THEY'LL NEVER KNOW OUR CUSTOMERS BOUGHT ANY STUFF HERE!



# BATMAN



CORRECTION! THEY'RE GOING TO FIND OUT VERY SHORTLY!

BATMAN--  
AND ROBIN!

I'LL... OW!

BETTER SURRENDER QUIETLY,  
OR YOU'LL END UP AS STIFF  
AS THIS BOARD!



SUDDENLY, IN A SURPRISE MOVE...

GREAT SCOTT!  
THEY JUMPED  
DOWN THAT  
CHUTE!

COME ON-- LET'S  
GO AFTER THEM!



I WONDER WHERE THIS  
THING LEADS TO?



WHY--THIS IS THE  
SPOT WHERE THE  
**GOTHAM RIVER**  
RUNS UNDER-  
GROUND!

THE THUGS HAD A SPEED-  
BOAT WAITING HERE--FOR  
FAST GETAWAYS! WE'LL  
NEVER CATCH UP TO  
THEM NOW!



IT'S OBVIOUS THIS  
LAUNDRY IS ONLY  
A "FRONT" FOR  
SOME ILLEGAL  
BUSINESS-- BUT  
WHAT DID THEIR  
CUSTOMERS  
BUY HERE?

LATER, AFTER A FUTILE  
SEARCH OF THE SHOP  
FOR CLUES...

THERE'S ONE  
POSSIBLE WAY  
TO FIND OUT--  
IF LITTLE DANNY  
HAS A GOOD  
MEMORY!





# BATMAN



IT IS THEN, AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, THAT DANNY FINALLY ARRIVES...

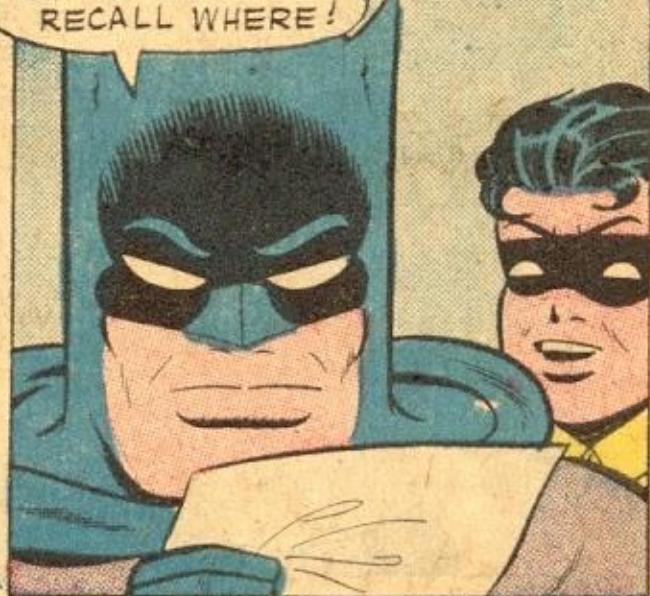
DANNY--THOSE MARKS YOU SAW IN THE BOOK... CAN YOU REMEMBER WHAT THEY LOOKED LIKE?

HUH? SURE--THOUGH I ONLY SAW THREE OF THEM! I'LL DRAW THEM FOR YOU...I'M A PRETTY GOOD ARTIST!

IN MOMENTS, THE YOUNGSTER PRODUCES A REPLICA OF THE PAGE...

AMM--I HAVE A FEELING I'VE SEEN THESE DESIGNS BEFORE... BUT I CAN'T RECALL WHERE!

THEY LOOK LIKE BUTTONS TO ME!

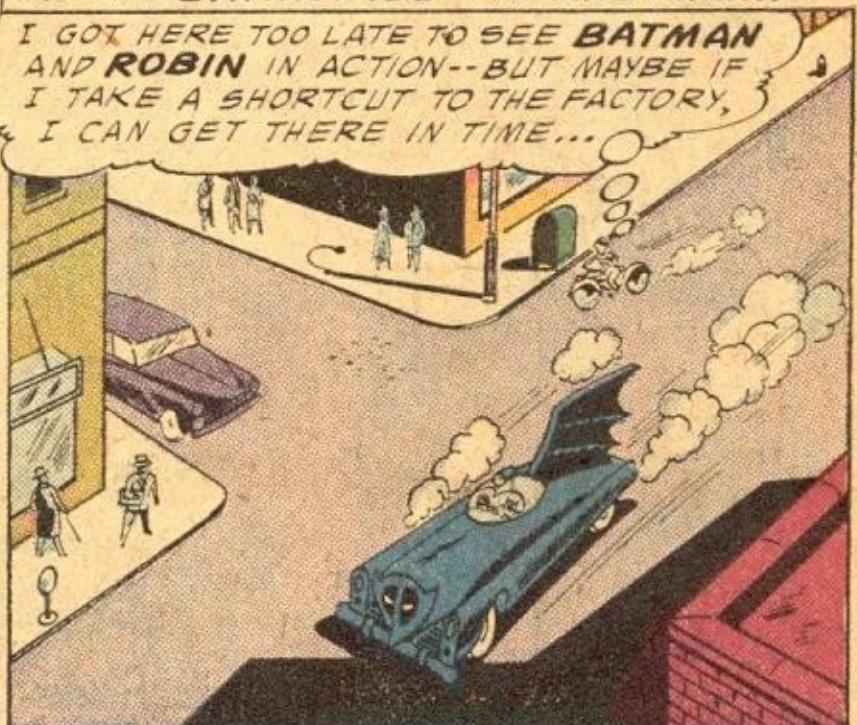
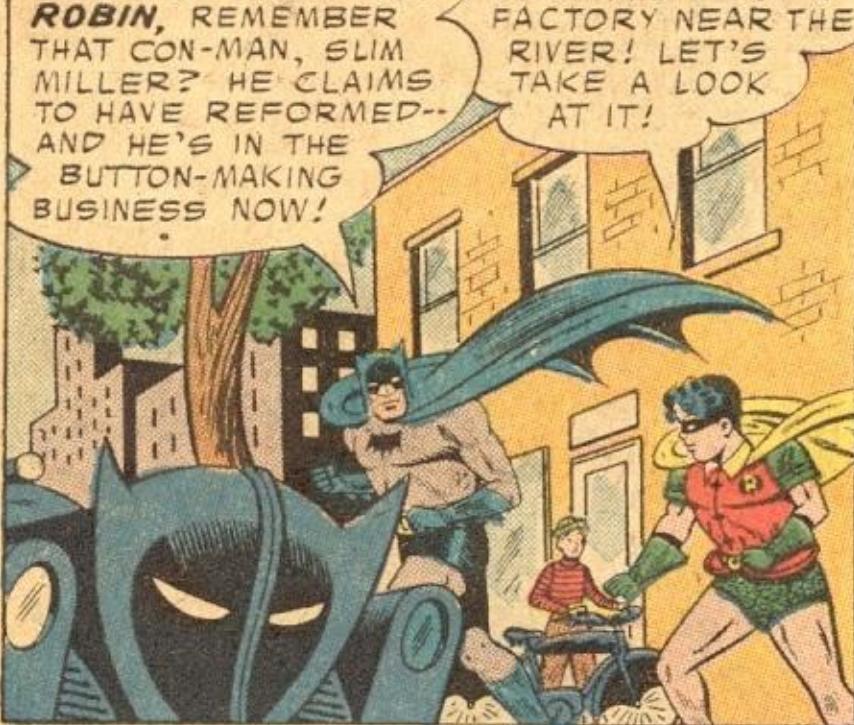


BUTTONS? COULD BE! ROBIN, REMEMBER THAT CON-MAN, SLIM MILLER? HE CLAIMS TO HAVE REFORMED-- AND HE'S IN THE BUTTON-MAKING BUSINESS NOW!

SURE... HE'S GOT A FACTORY NEAR THE RIVER! LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT IT!

As the BATMOBILE streaks away...

I GOT HERE TOO LATE TO SEE BATMAN AND ROBIN IN ACTION--BUT MAYBE IF I TAKE A SHORTCUT TO THE FACTORY, I CAN GET THERE IN TIME...



SOON AFTER, INSIDE THE BUTTON FACTORY...

WHAT'S UP, BOSS?... SOMEONE TAILIN' US?

SHH... HEAR THAT NOISE? MY RADIO GADGET CAN PICK UP THE SOUND OF ANY CAR MOTOR APPROACHING THE FACTORY! SOMEBODY'S COMING--AND I'LL BET IT'S THE BATMOBILE!

BUT AS THE ARMED TRIO LINES UP TO TRAP BATMAN AT THE DOOR...

HI, SLIM! I FIGURED A SMART FELLOW LIKE YOU WOULD HAVE A SMART AMBUSH READY!

HUH? HE'S OVER THERE!



# BATMAN



I BELIEVE  
WE'VE MET  
BEFORE!

**BATMAN AND ROBIN**  
ARE RIGHT WHERE I  
WANT THEM! NOW...

AS SLIM THROWS THE SWITCH, AN OVERHEAD  
HOPPER EMPTIES ITS HEAVY LOAD OF BUTTONS,  
AND...



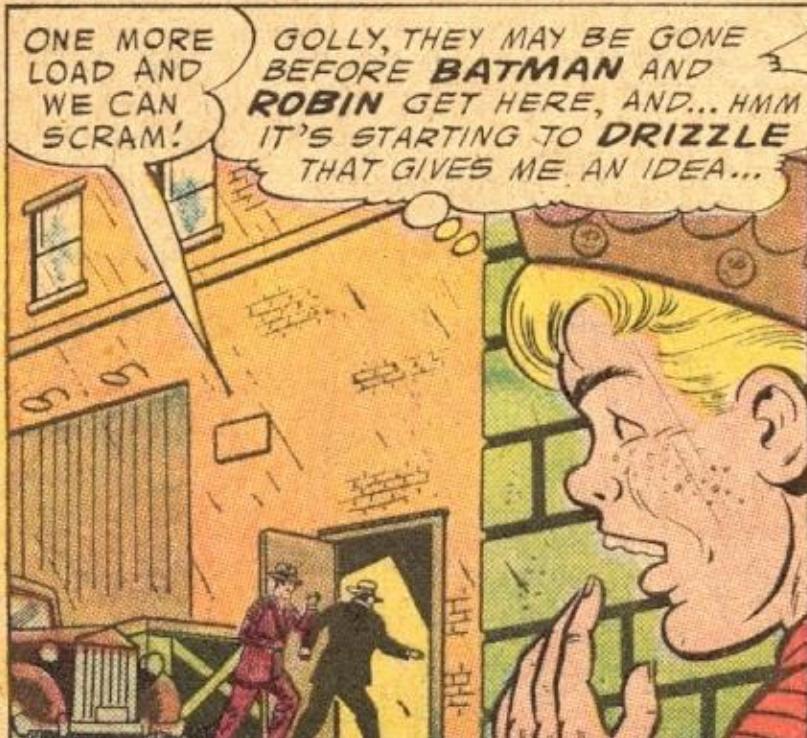
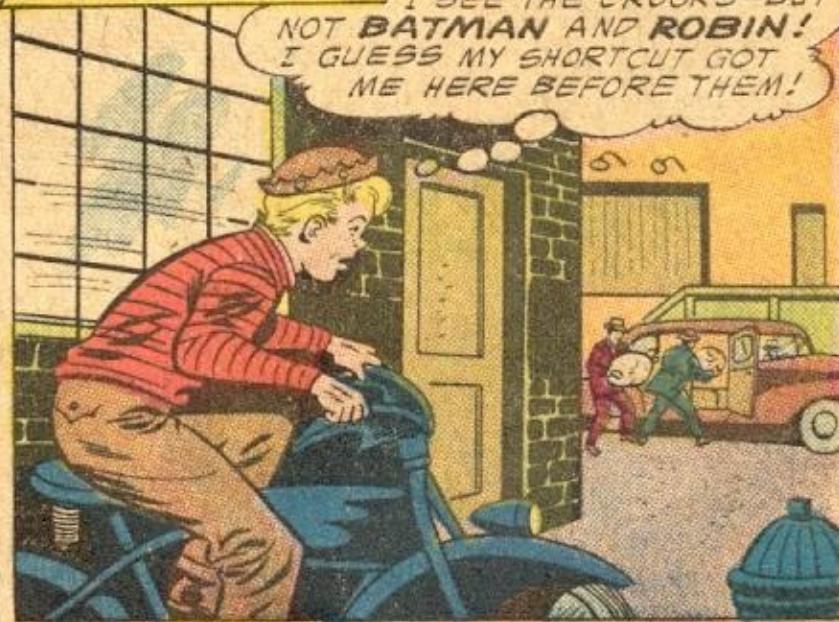
AND WHILE THE DUO LIES STUNNED...

**BATMAN** MIGHT'VE TOLD THE COPS ABOUT US-- SO LET'S LOAD OUR STUFF INTO MY CAR AND GET OUT OF HERE!

DON'T WORRY, BOSS -- IF ANY PATROL CARS CLOSE IN, WE'LL HEAR THE MOTORS ON YOUR RADIO!

BUT THE RADIO CANNOT PICK UP THE SOUND OF A VEHICLE THAT HAS NO MOTOR... THE **BAT-BICYCLE**!

I SEE THE CROOKS--BUT NOT **BATMAN AND ROBIN**! I GUESS MY SHORTCUT GOT ME HERE BEFORE THEM!





# BATMAN



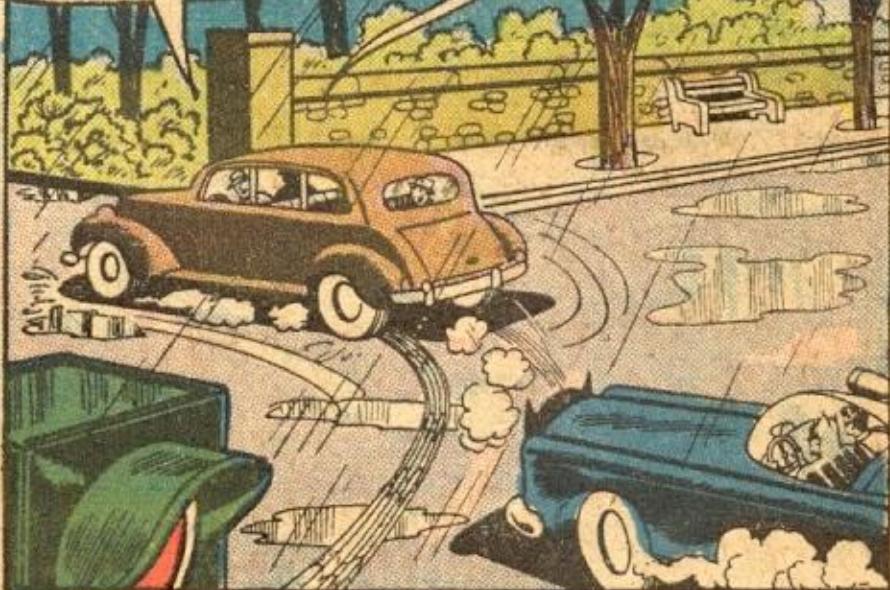
I REMEMBERED HOW TIRES LEAVE TREAD MARKS IN DRIZZLY WEATHER, SO I FIGURED IT'D BE EASY FOR YOU TO TRAIL A BAT-TREAD!

DANNY, I'M PROUD OF YOU! COME ON, ROBIN--THEY COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN TOO FAR!

SURE ENOUGH, AS THEY FOLLOW THE BAT-TRAIL TO ITS SOURCE...

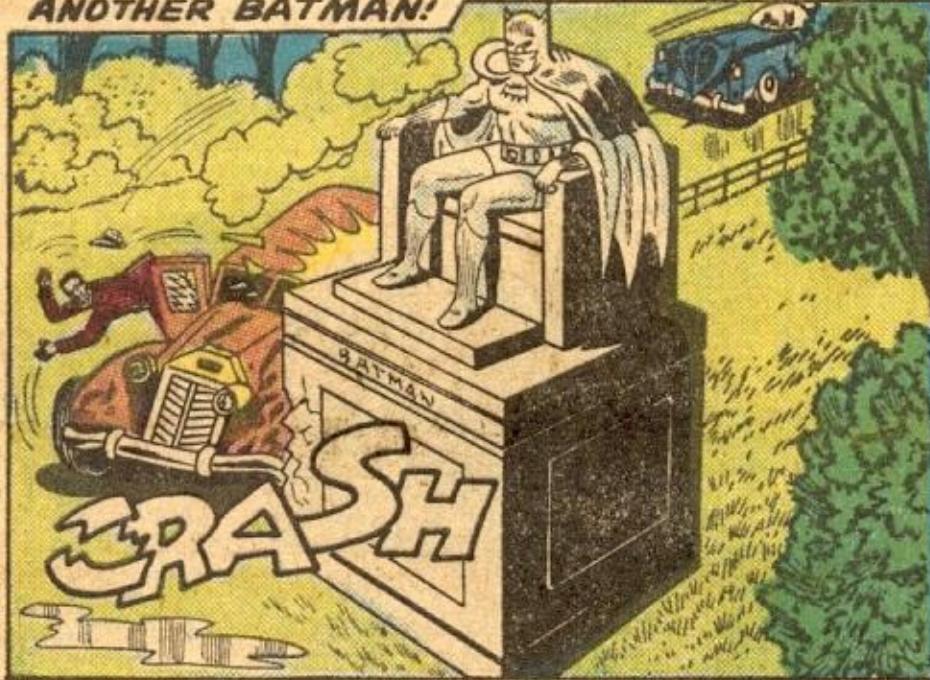
BOSS! IT'S THE BATMOBILE--COMIN' IN FAST!

MAYBE WE CAN STILL LOSE 'EM! CUT THROUGH THE PARK...



BUT SLIM'S CAR TAKES THE TURN ON THE WET ROAD TOO FAST--AND, IRONICALLY, IS STOPPED BY ANOTHER BATMAN!

AT THAT INSTANT, STILL EAGER TO WATCH HIS HERO IN ACTION, DANNY ARRIVES TO SEE...



QUICKLY, THE LAD SWITCHES ON HIS BAT-HEADLIGHT, AND...

WHAT...?? MY EYES!

AND THEN, AT LONG LAST, DANNY FINALLY GETS TO SEE BATMAN IN ACTION...





# BATMAN



LATER, WITH THE CROOKS IN TOW, **BATMAN** OPENS THE SUITCASES OF THE PRISONERS, TO REVEAL...

**TOKENS**... JUST AS I SUSPECTED! A BUTTON FACTORY IS THE PERFECT SETUP FOR THE PUNCHING AND STAMPING OF COUNTERFEIT TRANSPORTATION TOKENS!

THAT NOTEBOOK DANNY PICKED UP... IT HAD DESIGNS OF TOKENS OF CITIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY!

EXACTLY-- AND IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR DANNY, WE'D HAVE NEVER CRACKED THIS RACKET! NICE WORK, SON!



NEXT DAY, AS DANNY'S MOTHER RECEIVES A VISIT FROM A MEMBER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT...

THIS CHECK-- IS FOR DANNY? YES, MRS. BENSON -- IT'S A REWARD FOR DANNY'S HELP IN CAPTURING THE COUNTERFEIT TOKEN MOB! HE'S A FINE BOY... IF EVER I GOT MARRIED, I'D WANT A SON JUST LIKE HIM!

OH? YOU'RE NOT MARRIED?

NO! I NEVER WANTED TO... BEFORE! UH... MRS. BENSON, I--I WONDER IF YOU'D HAVE DINNER WITH ME TONIGHT?



AND DAYS LATER, DANNY STOPS FOR THE LAST TIME BEFORE THE **BATMAN** STATUE...

MOM AND MR. RYAN ARE GETTING MARRIED SOON! I'LL HAVE A **REAL** FATHER TO TALK TO... SO I WON'T BE COMING AROUND ANYMORE! BUT I WON'T EVER FORGET YOU, BATMAN...



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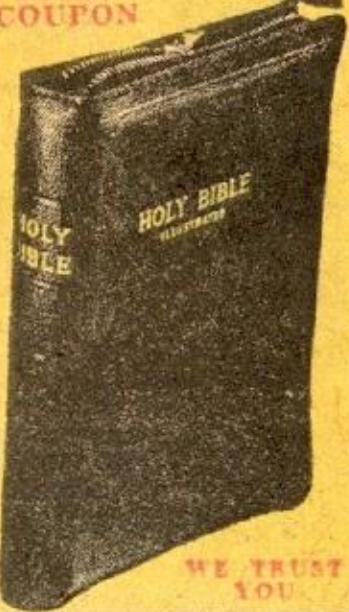
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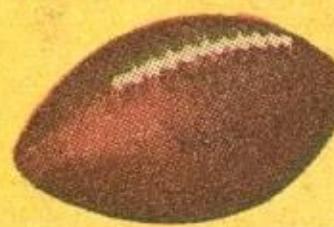
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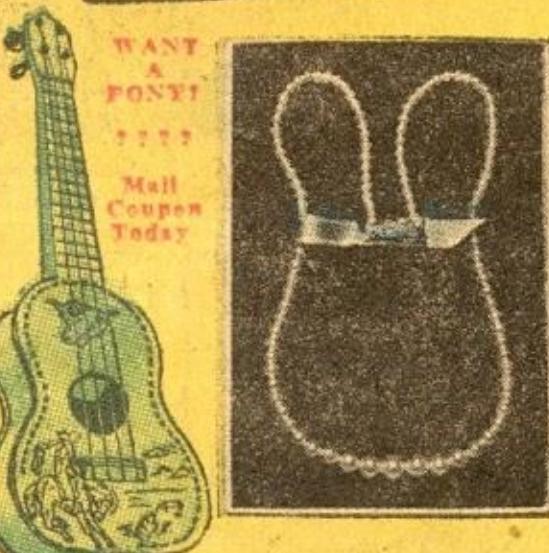
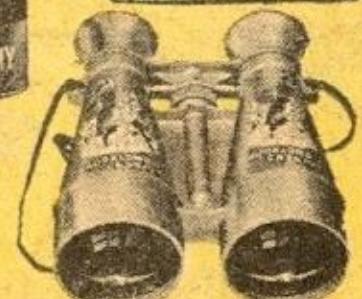
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# BATMAN



# BATMAN WITH ROBIN

THE BOY WINTER

TAKE  
ONE MORE  
STEP AND I'LL  
FIRE, BATMAN!

As a crime-buster, Robin has come to grips with many a badman! But when the junior lawman suddenly finds himself in the romantic clutches of Dan Cupid, he becomes helpless, for he's just another boy in love. And that spells trouble with a capital T when...

## ROBIN FALLS IN LOVE

WHAT CAN  
WE DO? IF WE TRY  
TO NAB HIM, HE'S  
SURE TO HIT VERA  
LOVELY!

BOB  
KANE



AT THE GOTHAM CITY ARENA, BATMAN AND ROBIN STAND WATCHING A REHEARSAL OF THE "ICE CAPERS" SHOW.

I THOUGHT WE SHOULD WATCH ONE OF THESE REHEARSALS, ROBIN, SINCE WE'LL BE APPEARING WITH THE SHOW AT THAT BENEFIT PERFORMANCE NEXT WEEK!

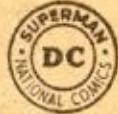
RIGHT, BATMAN! LOOK AT THAT VERA LOVELY SKATE! SHE'S ONLY 14-- AND VERY PRETTY!

THAT MAN TURNED ON THE FAN AND IT'S BLOWING THE HOOP OUT OF POSITION! INSTEAD OF JUMPING THROUGH THE HOOP, VERA'S GOING TO CRASH RIGHT INTO THE FLAMES!





# BATMAN



INSTANTLY, ROBIN HURLS ONE END OF HIS SILK ROPE INTO THE AIR, LASHING IT TO A STEEL GIRDER, AND THEN...

IT'S TOO LATE! I CAN'T STOP MYSELF!

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!

OH, YOU'RE MARVELOUS! YOU SAVED MY LIFE!

JUST A REGULAR SERVICE OF BATMAN AND ROBIN, INCORPORATED. THINK NOTHING OF IT!



OH, BUT I MUST REWARD YOU-- AT LEAST WITH A KISS!

TO ROBIN'S EMBARRASSMENT, THE KISS HAS A VERY PUBLIC WITNESS!



HOLD THAT! GREAT--WHAT A STORY!  
"ROBIN SAVES ICE QUEEN FROM MELTING!" HA-HA-HA!

THAT WAS A WONDERFUL PICTURE! I'M VERA'S PRESS AGENT, PAUL GARVEY. HOW ABOUT A SHOT NOW FOR YOUR PAPER WITH BATMAN?

WELL, MY EDITOR REALLY SENT ME FOR PICTURES OF THE FIRST SKATES MISS LOVELY WORE!



THAT'S TOO BAD. THOSE LITTLE SKATES ARE DEPOSITED IN A BANK VAULT UNTIL THEY'RE AUCTIONED OFF AT NEXT WEEK'S CHARITY BENEFIT!

YEAH, TOO BAD! WELL, SEE YOU AROUND.

HMM?



LATER, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN HEAD FOR HOME IN THEIR BATMOBILE...

GEE, I COULDN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF OF VERA LOVELY! IF YOU HAD, ROBIN, YOU'D HAVE NOTICED THAT THE NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER FORGOT TO REMOVE THE LENS CAP WHEN HE TOOK YOUR PICTURE!





# BATMAN



HUH? NO PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER WOULD MAKE THAT MISTAKE! THAT MEANS THE PICTURE OF VERA AND ME WON'T BE IN TOMORROW'S PAPER!

IT MAY MEAN MORE THAN THAT! YOU'D BETTER GET YOUR MIND BACK ON YOUR WORK!

BUT IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW... THIS HAS BEEN SO MUCH FUN, ROBIN. I'D LIKE YOU TO HAVE THESE TINY GOLD SKATES AS A GOOD LUCK CHARM!

GOSH, LISTEN TO THEM! TINKLE! I'LL WEAR THEM ON MY UTILITY BELT!

IMAGINE ME ON A ROLLER-SKATING DATE! SAY, THERE'S RODDY DALE, AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE FROM HOLLYWOOD!

HELLO, VERA! THEY TOLD ME YOU'D BE HERE! I BROUGHT YOU A LITTLE GIFT. JUST A FLEW FLOWERS!



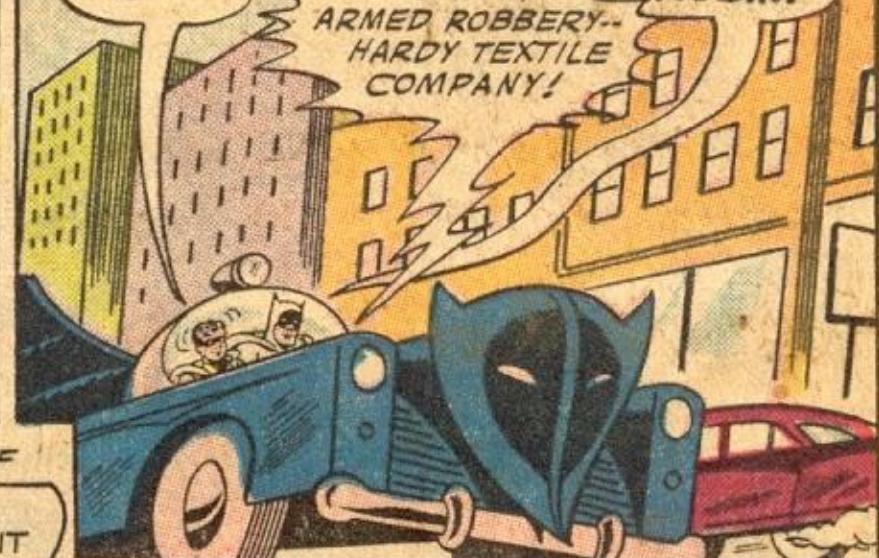
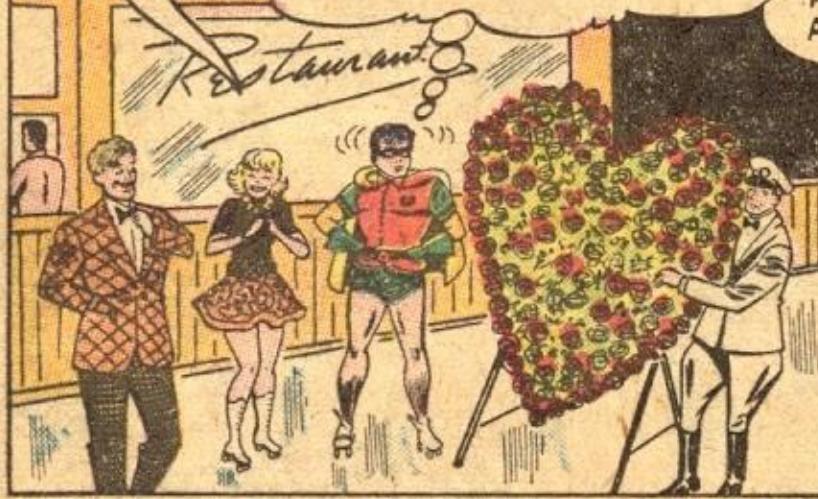
OH, RODDY! JUST A "LITTLE" GIFT, EH? IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE COMPETITION!

THE NEXT DAY, AS ROBIN AND BATMAN PATROL THE STREETS AGAINST CRIME --

CAN'T WE CUT TODAY'S PATROL SHORT? I'VE GOT AN IMPORTANT MATTER TO --

THAT'S JUST A BLOCK AWAY! LET'S LEND A HAND, ROBIN!

ARMED ROBBERY... HARDY TEXTILE COMPANY!



AS THE DARING DUO ARRIVES AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME --

A DAYLIGHT ROBBERY! THOSE THUGS ARE DESPERATE, ROBIN!

OKAY, BATMAN! BUT LET'S MAKE IT QUICK. I'VE GOT AN IMPORTANT MATTER TO TAKE CARE OF!



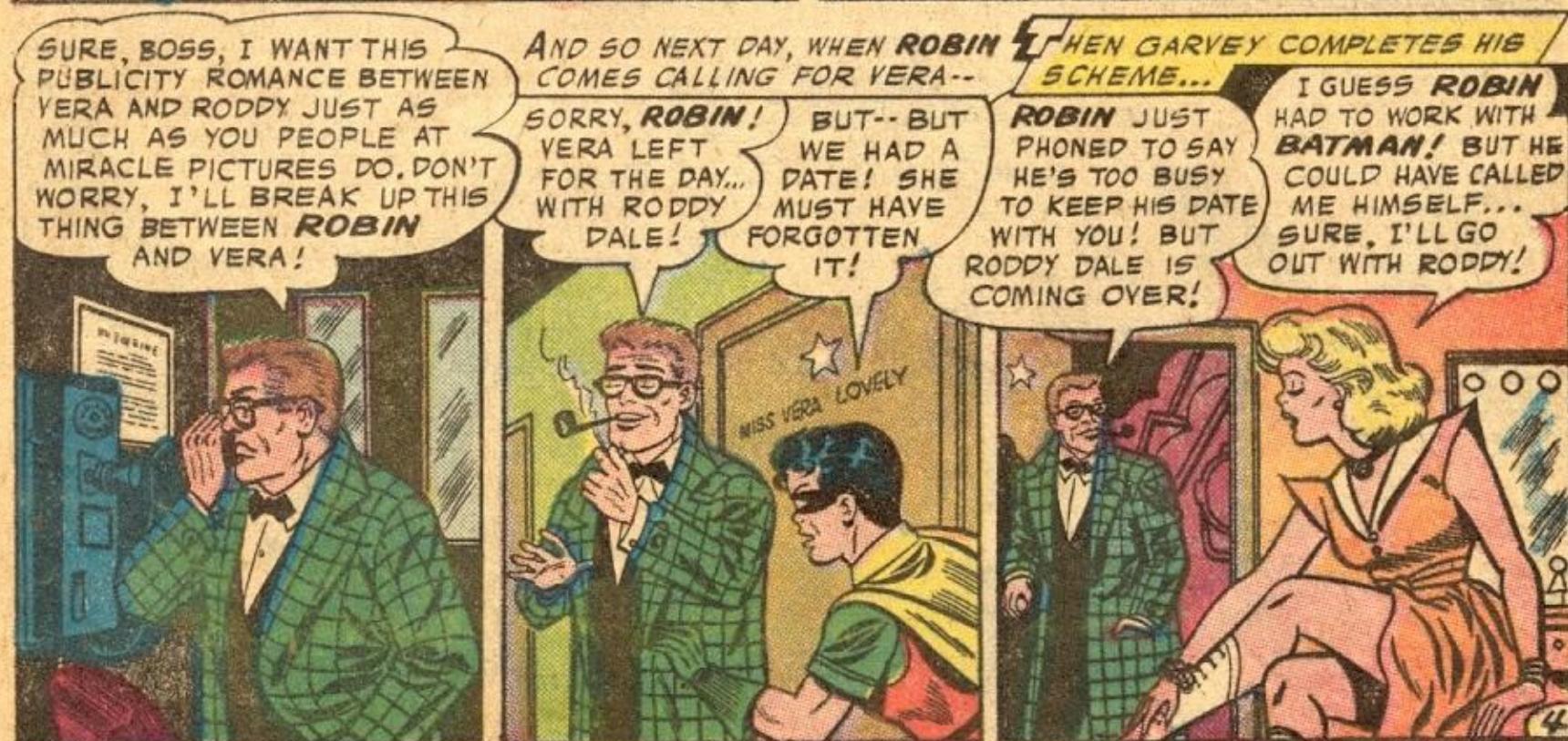
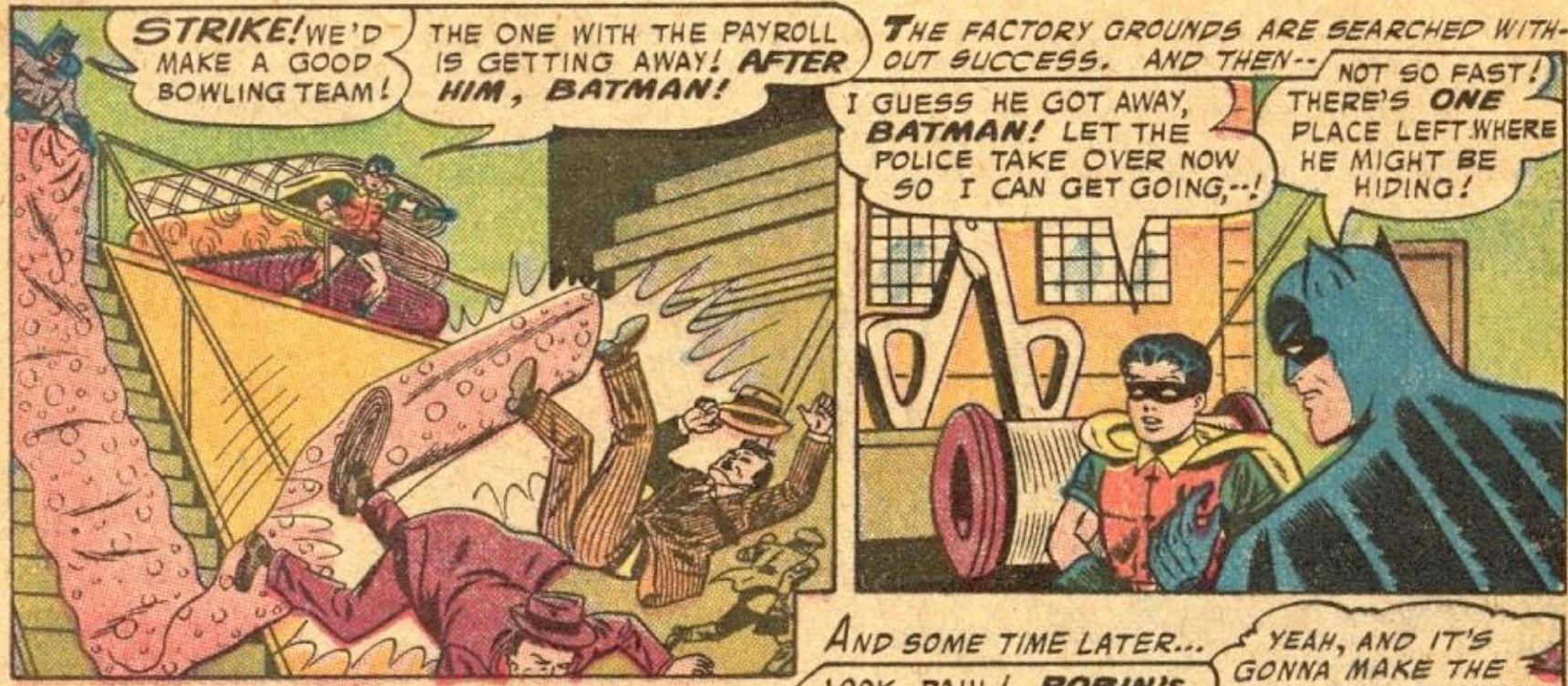
THE TWO LAWMEN ARRIVE NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON AS...

THEY'RE SUCH BAD MANNERS, WALKING OUT ON THEIR COMPANY! LET'S SHOW THEM HOW WE ROLL OUT THE CARPET FOR OUR GUESTS!





# BATMAN





# BATMAN



LATER, IN THE HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD DICK GRAYSON, SECRETLY BATMAN AND ROBIN...

BUT DICK'S WALK TAKES HIM STRAIGHT TO THE GOTHAM ARENA...

WHAT'S THE TROUBLE, DICK? YOU'VE BEEN DOWN IN THE DUMPS ALL DAY!

IT'S NOTHING, BRUCE. I THINK MAYBE I'LL TAKE A WALK. THE AIR MIGHT HELP.

I CAN'T BLAME VERA (SIGH!) THE "QUEEN OF THE ICE" DESERVES A HOLLYWOOD PRINCE LIKE RODDY DALE. BUT STILL SHE SHOULD HAVE BROKEN THE DATE HERSELF!

ICE CAPER



OH, MISS LOVELY, MAY WE HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?

OF COURSE! YOU'RE ALL SO WONDERFUL TO ME!

THAT'S HER WORLD-- BIG CROWDS--BRIGHT LIGHTS! AND I'M JUST NOT A PART OF IT, I GUESS!

THE FOLLOWING DAY... WHAT'S THE USE OF PHONING HER? GARVEY WOULD ONLY TELL ME SHE'S NOT IN, LIKE HE DID THE LAST TWO TIMES!

WHY SHOULD I CALL HIM? HE WAS THE ONE WHO BROKE THE DATE AND HE HASN'T CALLED ONCE SINCE!



BUT THE CRIMINAL WORLD MOVES ON, AND SO MUST THE WAR AGAINST CRIME!

PSST! BE AS QUIET AS : BATMAN!  
YOU CAN, ROBIN! WE CAN GRAB THESE THREE UNAWARES!



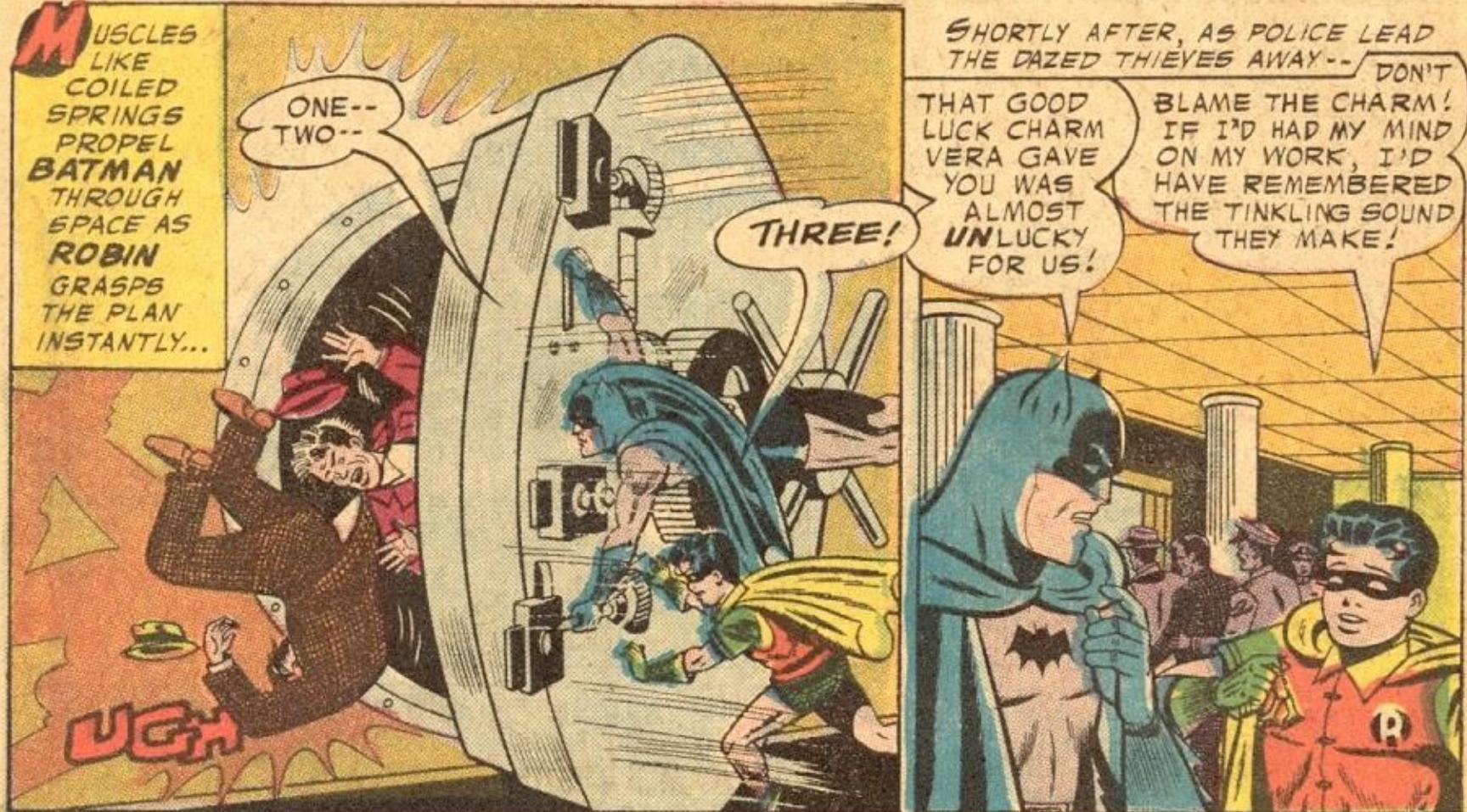
RIGHT,  
BATMAN!

THAT TINKLING SOUND! WHAT--?  
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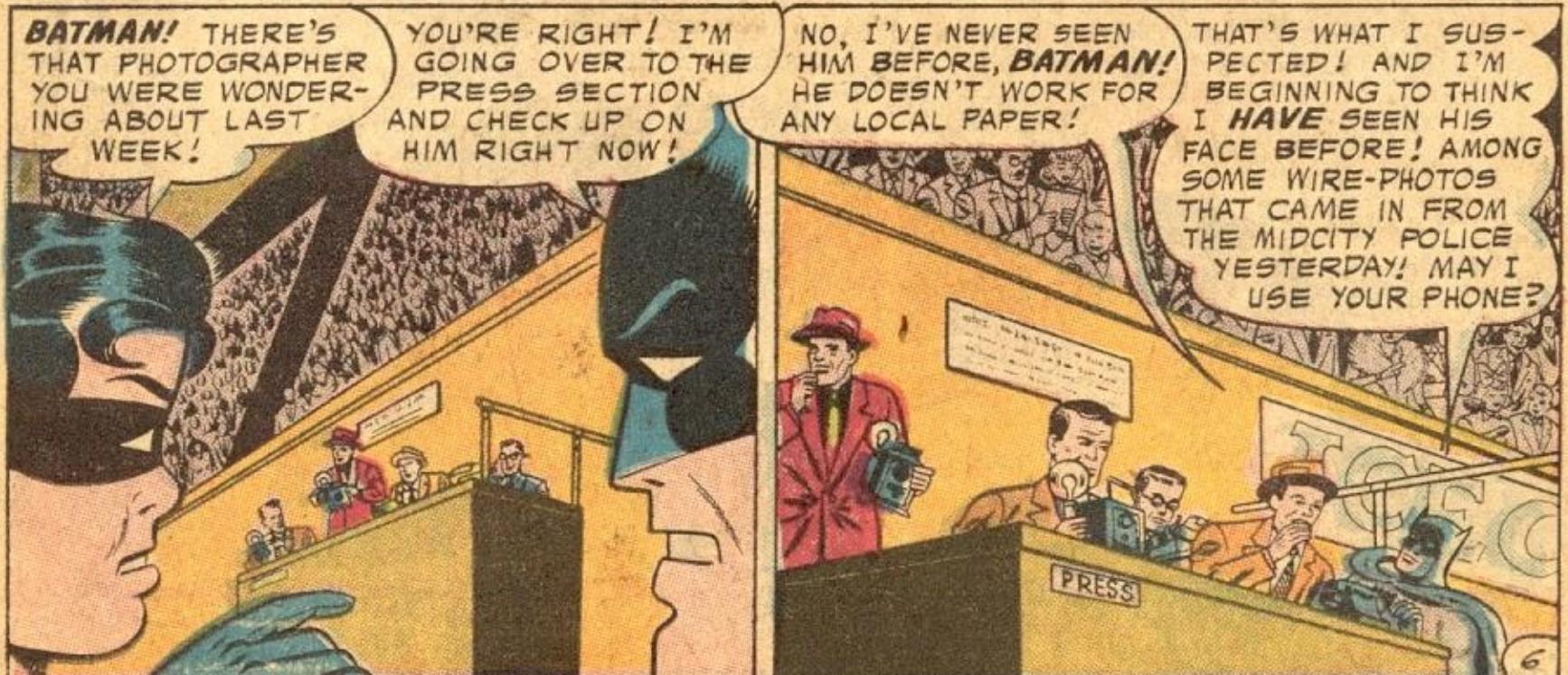
TOO LATE TO SURPRISE THEM,  
ROBIN! SO LET'S SHOW THESE BOYS TO THE DOOR!



MUSCLES LIKE COILED SPRINGS PROPEL BATMAN THROUGH SPACE AS ROBIN GRASPS THE PLAN INSTANTLY...



THE NEXT NIGHT, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN REPORT FOR THE BENEFIT PERFORMANCE--





# BATMAN



... BATMAN, YOU'VE JUST DESCRIBED BEN KEEFE, WANTED HERE ON SUSPICION OF LAST WEEK'S \$50,000 JEWEL THEFT! WE TAILED HIM TO THE ICE SHOW, BUT HE GOT AWAY!

THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW, CHIEF!

QUICKLY, BATMAN FILLS IN ROBIN ON THE DETAILS.

OBVIOUSLY, KEEFE, BEING JUST ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE POLICE, HAD TO HIDE THE GEMS SOMEWHERE SO HE STUCK THEM INTO VERA'S BABY SKATES. THEN WHEN THE SHOW MOVED ON TO GOTHAM CITY, HE HAD TO FOLLOW!

BUT, BATMAN, THE SKATES WERE JUST AUCTIONED OFF!



AND THERE GOES THE MAN WHO BOUGHT THEM!

YES, AND LOOK, THAT SKATER! IT'S KEEFE IN DISGUISE! HE'S A BETTER SKATER THAN HE WAS A PHOTOGRAPHER!

OKAY, BUDDY, YOU'RE TOO BIG FOR THOSE SKATES!

WHAT--? THAT MAN, HE STOLE THE SKATES!



LIGHTNING THOUGHT AND ACTION ENABLE BATMAN TO PURSUE THE THIEF!

GET READY TO HOIST SAILS, ROBIN! WITH A GOOD WIND, WE CAN STILL CATCH HIM!

RIGHT, BATMAN! A LITTLE ICE SAILING MIGHT BE FUN!

OKAY, KEEFE, YOUR NUMBER'S UP!

SAYS YOU, BATMAN!





# BATMAN



YOU TWO THINK YOU'RE HOT STUFF--AND NOW YOU WILL BE-- HA-HA !

NO TIME TO STOP NOW,  
**ROBIN!** WE'LL HAVE  
TO JUMP FOR IT!



THE DELAYING ACTION GIVES KEEFE A CHANCE TO CONTINUE HIS ESCAPE, AND THEN--

YES, BUT MAYBE I CAN GET HIM WITH THAT SANDBAG ABOVE!  
HERE GOES!



WITH A POWERFUL TUG ON THE SILK CORD, **ROBIN** BRINGS THE SANDBAG COUNTERBALANCE CRASHING DOWN!

GOOD BOY,  
**ROBIN!** KEEFE JUST LEARNED THAT SAND AND ICE DON'T MIX!

LATER, **ROBIN** AND VERA PATCH UP THEIR MISUNDERSTANDING--

--AND I THOUGHT YOU BROKE THE DATE, **ROBIN!**

AND I THOUGHT YOU DID! WE WERE BOTH PRETTY FOOLISH!

NO, I WAS THE FOOL! I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT VERA'S ROMANCE WITH **ROBIN** WAS MUCH BIGGER NEWS THAN THE ONE WITH RODDY DALE!

AND, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** RETURN FROM THEIR BUSI- NIGHT'S WORK--

I DIDN'T THINK OF IT LIKE THAT, **ROBIN**, **BATMAN!** BUT ANYWAY, FROM NOW ON, I'M KEEPING MY MIND ON CRIMINALS, NOT GIRLS!



# FOILING THE GETAWAYS

**Thanks to a Remarkable New System, Runaway Thieves Now Hardly Have a Chance to Escape**

THE holdup men operated with split-second efficiency. Picking the noon-day rush hour to make their move, no one noticed the gun poked into the ribs of the restaurant cashier, and no one noticed the thief as he raced from the shop to join two buddies waiting in a car at the curb.

But, almost at once, the holdup men suspected that something was wrong. They had planned to outwit pursuing squad cars by pretending to head for the city line. Instead, they drove about a mile to the outskirts of town on the east side; then, making a U-turn, they headed straight back toward the center of town.

Their plan was simple but wily. With the police chasing them in the direction they had gone, they figured to double-track and get out of town via a west-bound highway.

The whole trouble was, regardless of which road they took, squad cars kept mysteriously materializing.

"The police must have X-ray eyes that can look right through buildings!" muttered one of the holdup men, as their car shot up a side street as still another squad car loomed up ahead.

Less than 20 minutes after the actual holdup, the getaway car screeched to a stop as a big police cruiser suddenly blocked a roadway leading to an intersection. At the same time, five patrol cars converged on the intersection, each spilling policemen.

The holdup men gasped. One of them, throwing up his hands, said, "I—I never saw so many of you get to one place so fast in all my life!"

He was right. And it's all due to a

remarkable new system for foiling getaways that started a few years back in a midwestern city and has since spread throughout the country.

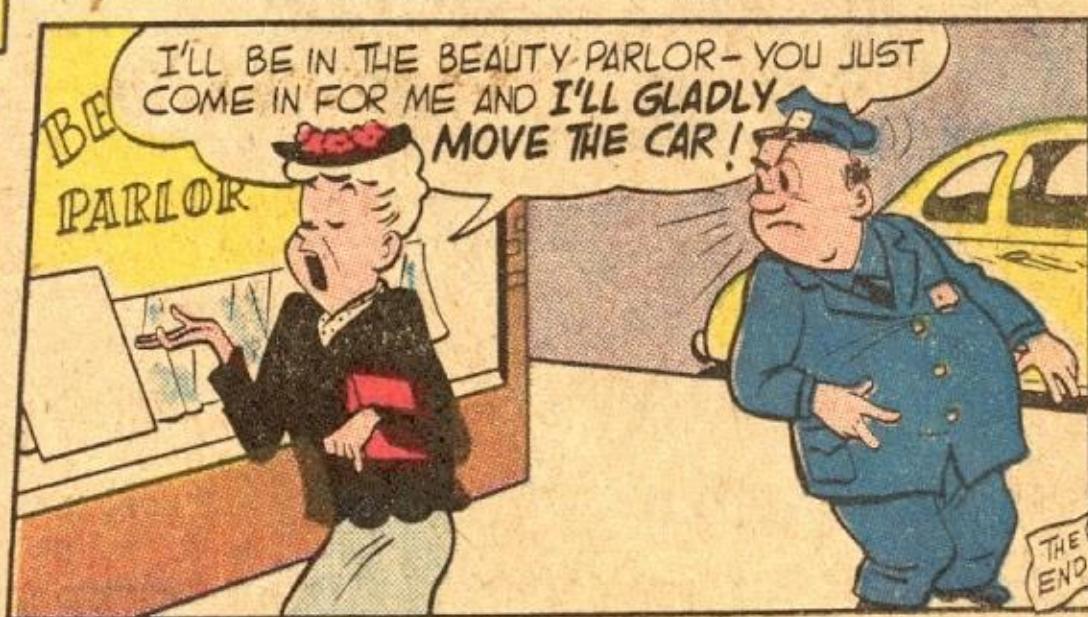
In this case, the holdup men hardly had a chance. In the rush hour, no one had noticed the holdup man except one person—the cashier being held up. Like all the cashiers in town, he had been carefully instructed on what to do in case of an armed robbery. "Simply hand over the money without protest—but get a good look at the holdup man; and be able to describe him by phone to the police the instant he leaves."

This the cashier had done. Seconds later, a squealing beep sounded in the loudspeakers of all police cars, followed by an urgent message: "Attention all cars. Holdup Alarm B is now in effect!" A description followed, as police cars raced to specific assigned positions and waited.

How were the police cars next able to follow exactly the course of the holdup car as it back-tracked and raced down one side street after another? That is where the police master plan went into effect. For after alerting the police cars, the police dispatcher flipped another switch which connected him to the taxicab dispatchers operating every taxicab fleet in the city.

Thus, 200 cabbies, every one equipped with two-way radios, became a police-observer corps, reporting on every twist and turn of the get-away car.

As one of the cabbies smilingly remarked after the arrest, "They never had a chance!"



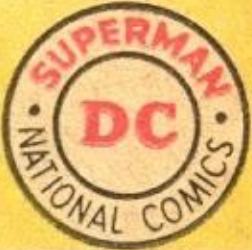
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# BATMAN



# BAT-MAN with ROBIN

THE BOY WONDER

DON'T  
WORRY, BATMAN--  
OWL-MAN WILL  
SAVE YOU!

LOOK!  
BATMAN'S  
GOT A NEW  
PARTNER!

YEAH--  
HE'S GOT A  
MAN TO TAKE  
ROBIN'S  
PLACE!

WHAT'S THIS? HAS THE FAMED CRIME-FIGHTING TEAM OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ACTUALLY SPLIT UP? HAS **BATMAN** ALLIED HIMSELF WITH A NEW PARTNER? IS THE **BOY WONDER** THROUGH? EACH QUESTION HAS TWO ANSWERS-- YES AND NO! YOU'LL SOON LEARN HOW THIS PARADOX IS POSSIBLE WHEN YOU READ THE ASTONISHING STORY OF...

## THE GROWN-UP BOY WONDER

Bob Kane

ONE NIGHT, IN THE SUBSURFACE **BATCAVE**, BRUCE WAYNE AND YOUNG DICK GRAYSON, WHO ARE ACTUALLY **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, EXAMINE A QUEER OBJECT...

THERE IT IS, DICK-- THE THING **SUPERMAN** FOUND FLOATING IN OUTER SPACE! IT'S LEAD-LINED SO **SUPERMAN** COULDN'T USE HIS X-RAY VISION ON IT!

AND HE LEFT IT WITH US UNTIL HE GOT BACK FROM HIS CURRENT MISSION. I WONDER WHAT'S INSIDE?

AS DICK WRONGLY TOUCHES THE OUTER SURFACE...

BRUCE! IT'S GIVING OFF A GAS! LOOK OUT...

GREAT SCOTT! YOU MUST HAVE TOUCHED A SECRET RELEASE-- AND THE GAS HAS KNOCKED YOU OUT!





# BATMAN



IT IS MORNING BEFORE THE YOUNGSTER SWIMS BACK TO CONSCIOUSNESS... /

UH... FEEL SO FUNNY...

GREAT SCOTT! DICK-- LOOK AT YOURSELF-- IN THE MIRROR!

THE MIRROR REFLECTS A FANTASTIC, UNBELIEVABLE IMAGE!

GOLLY! DURING THE NIGHT I'VE GROWN-- GROWN AS BIG AS A MAN!



THAT STRANGE GAS-- IT CAUSES SUDDEN GROWTH TO ANYONE WHO BREATHS IT! GOLLY, BRUCE-- HOW LONG WILL I STAY LIKE THIS?

I--I DON'T KNOW! THE EFFECT COULD BE PERMANENT! WHEN SUPERMAN RETURNS IN A FEW DAYS, MAYBE HE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT THIS!

THAT NIGHT, BRUCE'S WORDS PROVE PROPHETIC AS HE SEES...

I'D BETTER GET MY ROBIN THE BAT-SIGNAL!



# BATMAN



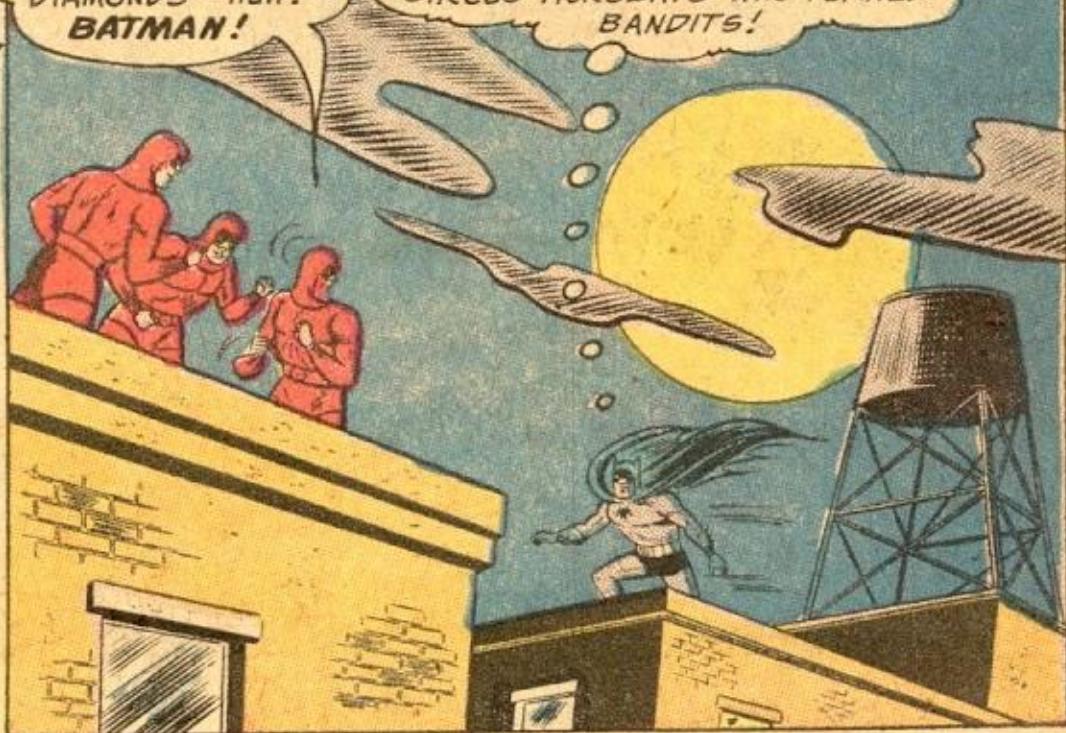
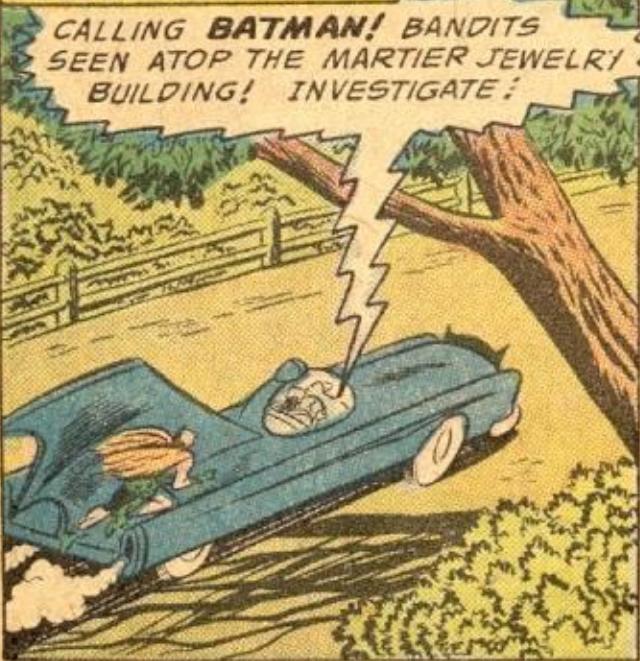
AS BATMAN HEEDS THE POLICE ALARM,  
HE IS UNAWARE THAT THE **BATMOBILE**  
CARRIES A STOWAWAY!

CALLING BATMAN! BANDITS  
SEEN ATOP THE MARTIER JEWELRY  
BUILDING! INVESTIGATE!

SOON AFTER, **BATMAN** INTERCEPTS A RED-GARBED TRIO...

WE'VE GOT THE  
DIAMONDS -- HUH? --  
**BATMAN!**

THE DAREDEVILS AGAIN -- THE THREE  
CIRCUS ACROBATS WHO TURNED  
BANDITS!



IT'S THREE AGAINST ONE -- UNTIL  
ANOTHER CAPE FIGURE JOINS THE  
UNEVEN BATTLE...

OKAY,  
**BATMAN**-- NOW LET'S SHOW  
THEM HOW THE TEAM OF  
**BATMAN** AND **OWLMAN**  
CAN WORK ON CROOKS!

LOOK! **BATMAN**'S  
GOT A NEW  
PARTNER!

**BATMAN**'S  
GOT A **MAN**  
TO TAKE **ROBIN**'S  
PLACE!

DICK-- WEARING MY  
MASQUERADE COSTUME!  
THAT FOOLISH KID DISOBEDIED  
MY ORDERS! I'D TAN HIS  
HIDE -- IF HE WASN'T SO  
BIG NOW!



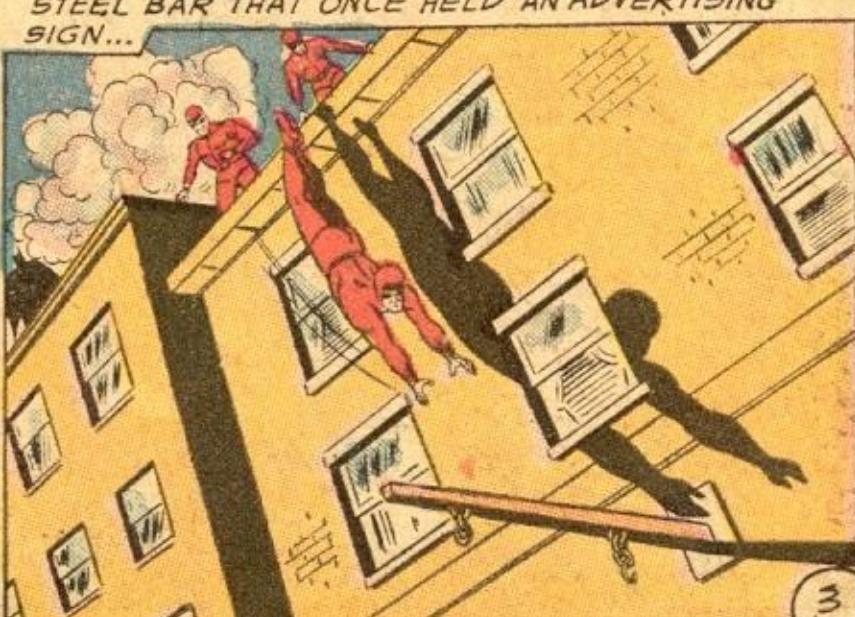
WITHOUT WARNING, A BANDIT SLAMS A GLASS  
CAPSULE BEFORE THE CRIME-FIGHTERS...

WHAT...? (COUGH)...  
CAN'T SEE! (COUGH)

TEAR GAS!



WHILE THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ARE MOMENTARILY  
BLINDED, ONE ACRO-BANDIT DIVES AT A JUTTING  
STEEL BAR THAT ONCE HELD AN ADVERTISING  
SIGN...





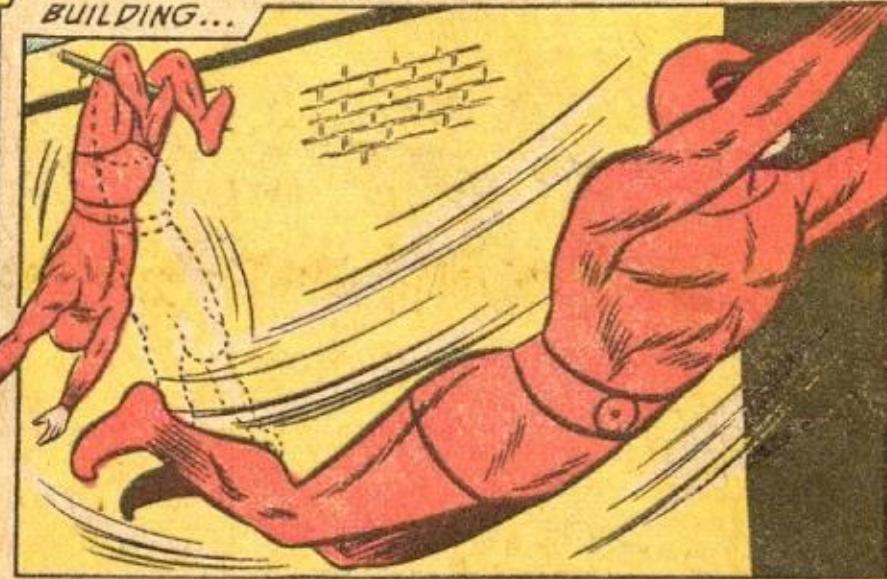
# BATMAN



HOOKING HIS LEGS AROUND IT, HE WAITS AS THE SECOND DAREDEVIL LEAPS FOR HIS GRASPING HANDS...



THEN HE SWINGS THE SECOND DAREDEVIL TOWARDS A FIRE-ESCAPE RUNG ON THE NEXT BUILDING...



THE TRAPEZING IS REPEATED BY THE THIRD BANDIT...



FINALLY, THE FIRST DAREDEVIL LEAPS TOWARD HIS DANGLING COMPANION WHO SWINGS OUT TO MEET HIM...



THEN BATMAN'S EYES CLEAR... AND WIDEN IN HORROR...

NO... STOP!

BUT THE IMPETUOUS YOUNGSTER DOESN'T REALIZE THAT THE FLAGPOLE WHICH CAN HOLD A BOY, WON'T HOLD A MAN!

OH... I FORGOT!

I'M TOO HEAVY FOR IT NOW!





# BATMAN



BUT ALERT BATMAN HAS ALREADY ACTED, AND SNATCHES THE RASH YOUNGSTER FROM IMPENDING DOOM!

STILL ACTING LIKE A KID-- STILL RUSHING AHEAD WITHOUT THINKING!



AND SO THE DAREDEVIL BANDITS ESCAPE, BUT THE CRIME-FIGHTERS CANNOT ESCAPE FROM NEXT DAY'S HEADLINES!

TODAY ALL THE WORLD ASKS-- WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ROBIN? IS THE BOY WONDER FINISHED?



AND IN THE DARK HAUNTS OF CRIMINALS...

THINGS WEREN'T TOUGH ENOUGH WHEN WE HADDA WORRY ABOUT BATMAN AND A KID...

NOW WE GOT TWO MEN TO WORRY ABOUT!

ROBIN'S ABSENCE BRINGS PROBLEMS, AND DICK GRAYSON'S ABSENCE BRINGS-- THE TRUANT OFFICER!

I'M CHECKING ON WHY DICK WAS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL! IS HE SICK?

IN A WAY! HE-- HE HASN'T BEEN HIMSELF LATELY! HE'LL BE BACK TO NORMAL SOON-- I HOPE!



FOR THE FIRST TIME DICK SADLY FEELS THE SUDDEN LOSS OF HIS YOUTH...

ALL MY SCHOOL CHUMS ARE OVER THERE-- AND I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PAL AROUND WITH THEM AGAIN!

BUT DICK'S NEW, ADULT PHYSIQUE ALSO GIVES HIM OVER-CONFIDENCE...

WHAT MUSCLES! I'M AS BIG AS BATMAN NOW! AND I'LL BET I CAN BE AS BIG A CRIME-BUSTER, TOO! I'LL SHOW BATMAN I'M AS GOOD AS HE IS!

IF I WERE BATMAN, HOW WOULD I GO ABOUT TRACKING DOWN THE DAREDEVILS!?





# BATMAN



THAT NIGHT, ONCE AGAIN CLAD AS OWLMAN, THE IMPULSIVE BOY SCALES A CRIMINAL HANGOUT...

THE DAREDEVILS! JUST AS I FIGURED--ONLY FRANKIE THE FENCE IS BIG ENOUGH TO BUY AND CUT UP THE DIAMONDS THEY STOLE!

ONCE AGAIN HE ACTS RASHLY...  
I'LL SHOW BATMAN! I'LL HANDLE THEM ALL BY MYSELF!

OWLMAN!



BUT FORGETTING HOW TALL HE IS NOW, HE DOESN'T DUCK UNDER A LOW BEAM AS HE CHARGES FORWARD, AND...

WHAT A BREAK! HE KNOCKED HIMSELF OUT!

THIS GUY WHO'S TAKING ROBIN'S PLACE--IF WE CAN IDENTIFY HIM, WE CAN TRACK DOWN BATMAN'S IDENTITY THROUGH HIS!



AN EAGER HAND REACHES FOR OWLMAN'S COWL  
AND THE GROWN-UP BOY WONDER IS UNMASKED!

HUH? I NEVER SAW THAT MAN'S FACE BEFORE!

I DON'T RECOGNIZE IT EITHER! LET'S TAKE THE GUY TO OUR HIDEOUT! MAYBE WE CAN MAKE HIM TALK!

GATER...

I DID IT AGAIN!  
AND THIS TIME BATMAN ISN'T AROUND TO RESCUE ME! IF ONLY HE'D GONE TO FRANKIE, THE FENCE, TOO!

BUT I DID--JUST AS THEY WERE DRIVING AWAY WITH YOU!



## BATMAN

**BATMAN!**  
(GULP) YOU  
WERE RIGHT--  
I'VE STILL GOT  
A LOT OF GROWING  
TO DO BEFORE  
I CAN BE A  
REAL MAN!

WELL, AS LONG AS YOU  
CAN ADMIT THAT,  
THEN YOU'RE NOT  
A KID ANY  
LONGER!

MINUTES LATER, THE TEAM OF  
**BATMAN AND OWLMAN**  
RENEW THEIR ATTACK  
ON CRIMEDOM!

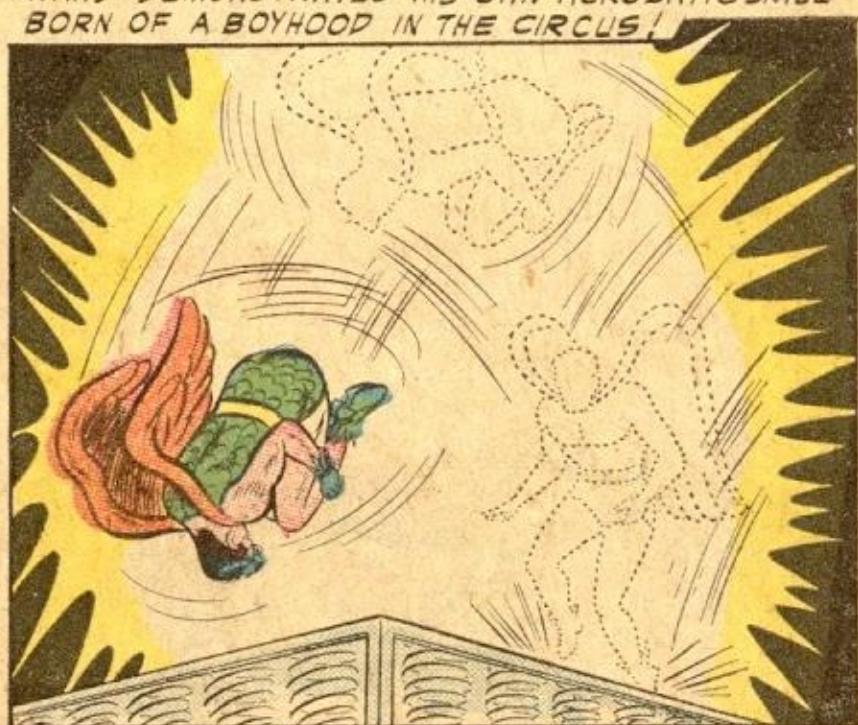
C'MON, PARTNER--  
LET'S SHOW THEM  
HOW A COUPLE OF  
**MEN** CAN FIGHT!



AS ONE ACRO-BANDIT TRIES TO ESCAPE,  
THE GROWN-UP BOY WONDER  
LEAPS FORWARD...



...AND DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN ACROBATIC SKILL  
BORN OF A BOYHOOD IN THE CIRCUS!



ALLEY  
OOP!

AS FOR BATMAN...

ONE BREAKING TO THE RIGHT--THE  
OTHER TO THE LEFT! HOW CAN I  
BRING THEM BOTH DOWN WITH  
ONE MOVE?



HURLING HIMSELF UPON A DESK CHAIR, HE RIDES ITS SPINNING WHEELS...

I'M ALMOST CLOSE ENOUGH! NOW!

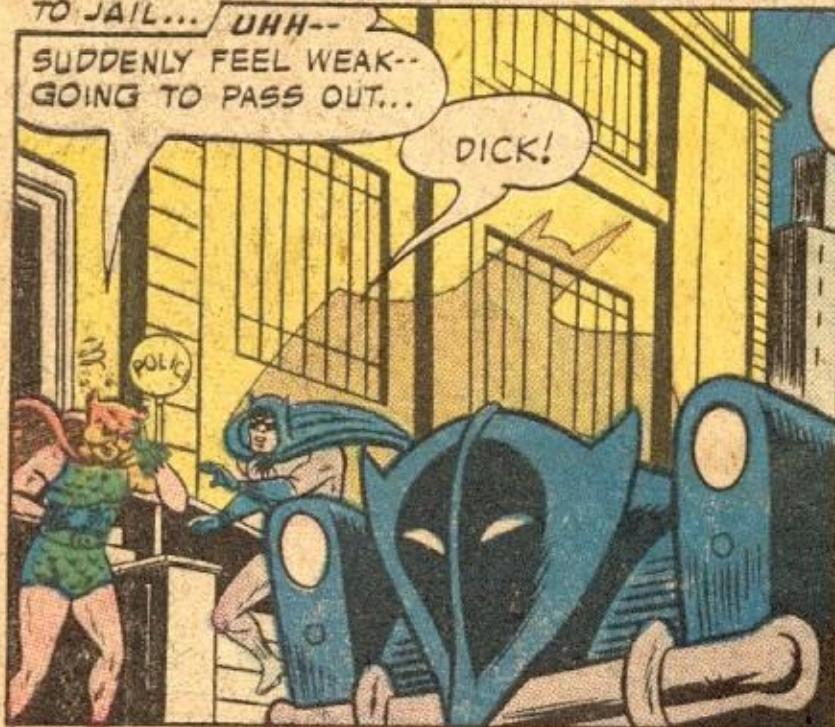
ONE MIGHTY KICK SENDS THE CHAIR CAREENING TO THE LEFT--AS THE ACROBATMAN PROPELS HIMSELF TO THE RIGHT!



LATER, UPON DELIVERING THEIR PRISONERS TO JAIL... UHH--

SUDDENLY FEEL WEAK-- GOING TO PASS OUT...

DICK!



HOURS LATER, DICK GRAYSON REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...

BATMAN! MY OWLMAN COSTUME... IT'S SWIMMING ON ME!

YES! THE EFFECT OF THAT MATURING GAS MUST HAVE BEEN ONLY TEMPORARY! YOU'RE A BOY AGAIN!



IN PRISON, NEXT MORNING...

WE'LL GET EVEN WITH BATMAN! WE'LL EXPOSE HIS IDENTITY NOW THAT WE KNOW WHAT HIS PARTNER LOOKS LIKE!

SURE! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS IDENTIFY THE FACE OF THE MAN WE SAW UNDER THE OWLMAN MASK!

BUT, THEY ARE UNAWARE THAT "MAN" EXISTS NO LONGER, FOR...

GEE, IT'S GOOD TO BE A KID AGAIN! HEY, FELLAS-- WAIT FOR ME!





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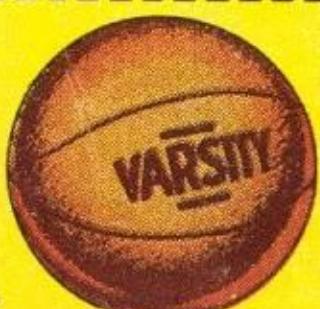


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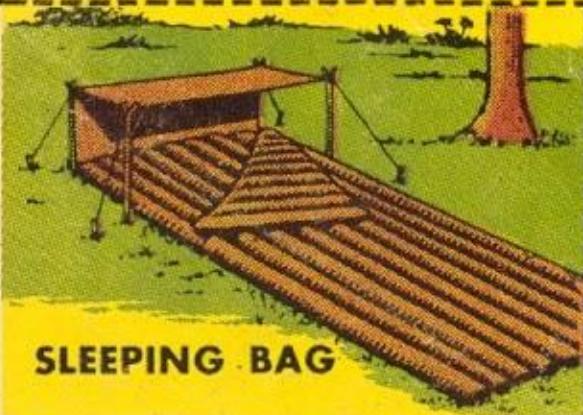
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# WARDEN WILLIS

THE PRISONERS ARE HAVING  
THEIR EXERCISE IN THE YARD.  
I'LL TAKE A STROLL  
DOWN THERE!



HEINZ  
BOLTHOFF

