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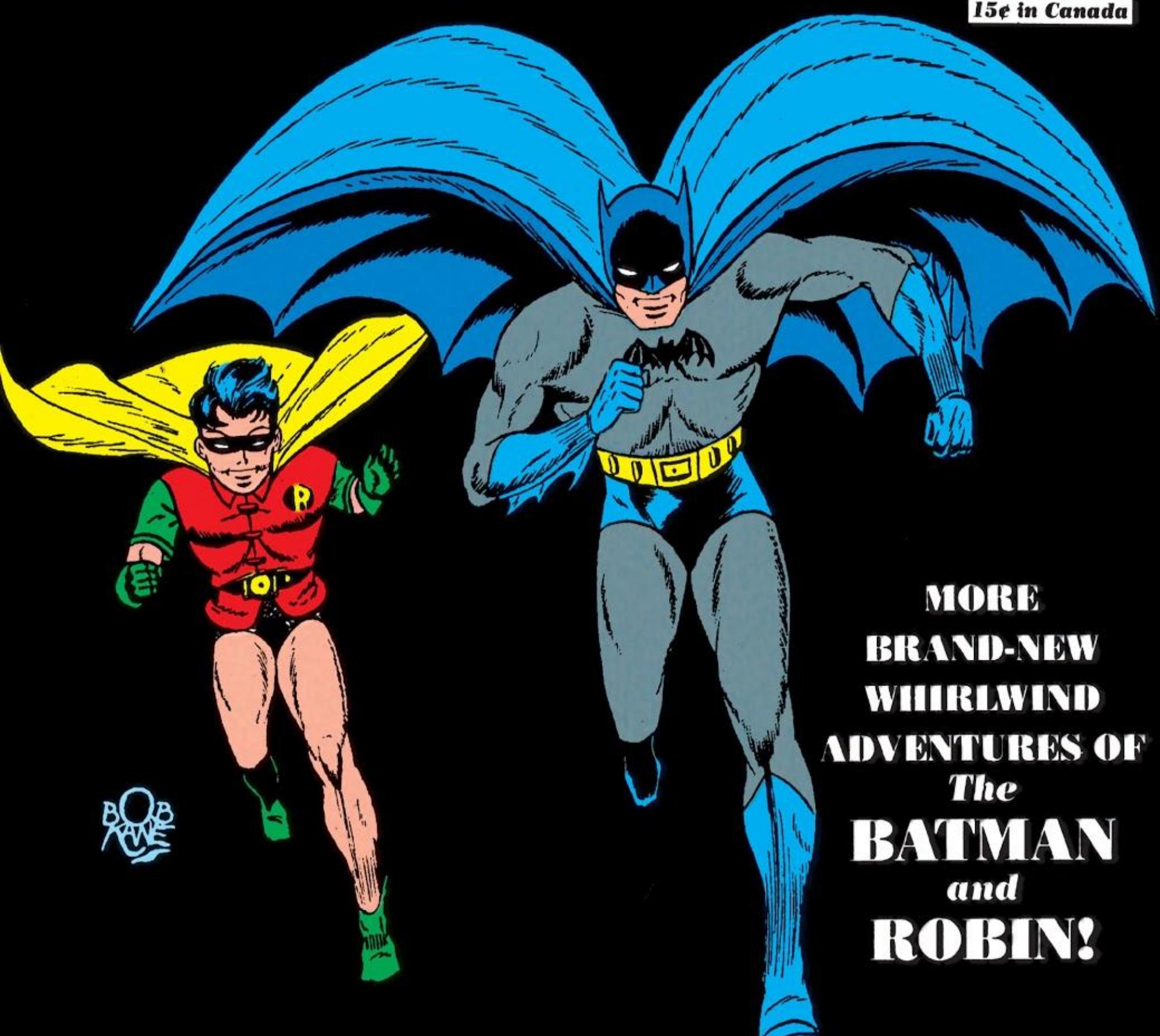
FALL ISSUE

BATMAN



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MORE
BRAND-NEW
WHIRLWIND
ADVENTURES OF
The
BATMAN
and
ROBIN!

BATMAN

WITH
Robin
-THE BOY WONDER-

BRUCE WAYNE, BORED SOCIETY PLAYBOY BY DAY,
AVENGER OF CRIME BY NIGHT! THIS IS THE WAY OF THAT
STRANGE MYSTERIOUS FIGURE KNOWN AS... THE BATMAN!
WITH HIS YOUNG AIDE, DICK GRAYSON, CALLED ROBIN THE
BOY WONDER, HE AGAIN MATCHES WITS WITH AN EVIL,
ALL-POWERFUL BEING ABLE TO SWAY THE MINDS OF MEN..
A BEING WHO PULLS THE STRINGS OF HIS HUMAN MARIONETTES
WITH MAD, SKILLFUL FINGERS! THIS IS...
"THE STRANGE CASE OF THE DIABOLICAL PUPPET MASTER"

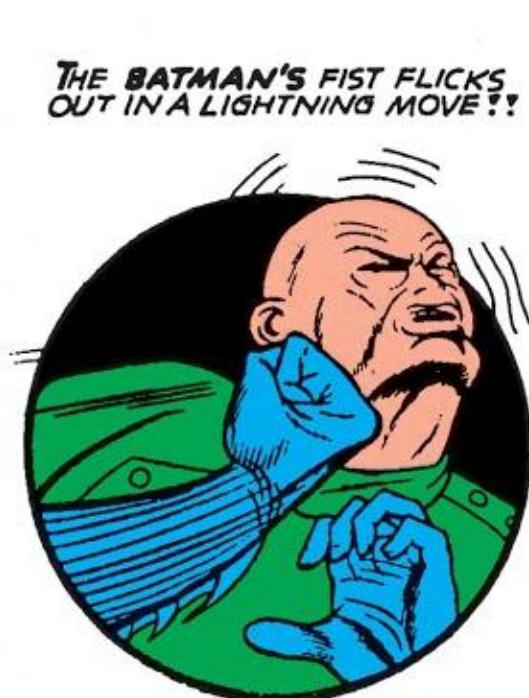
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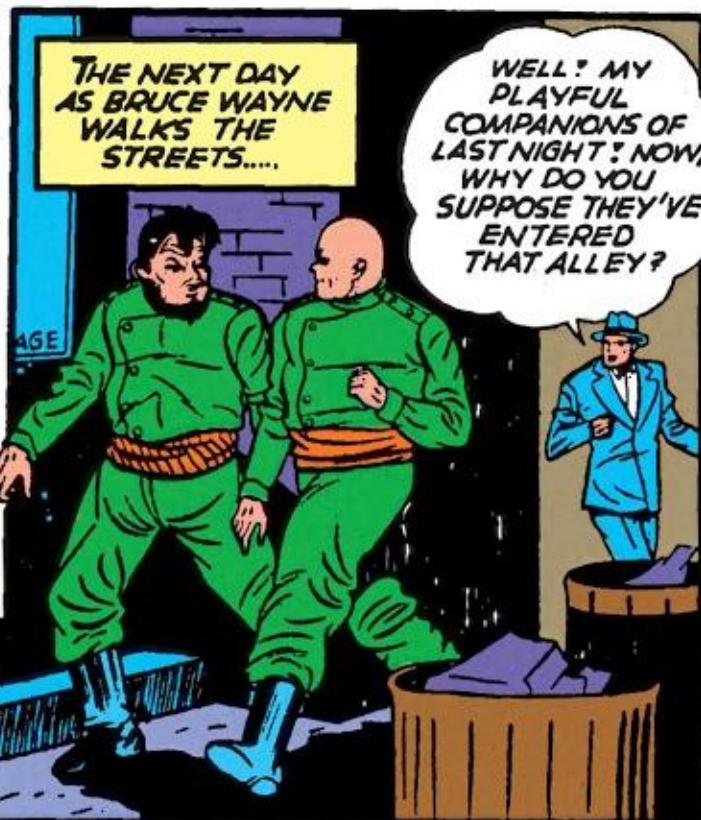
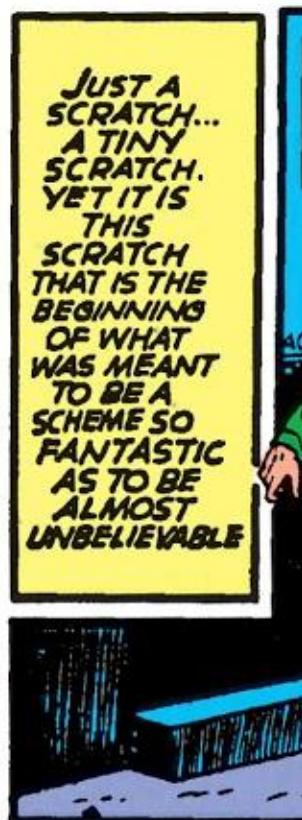
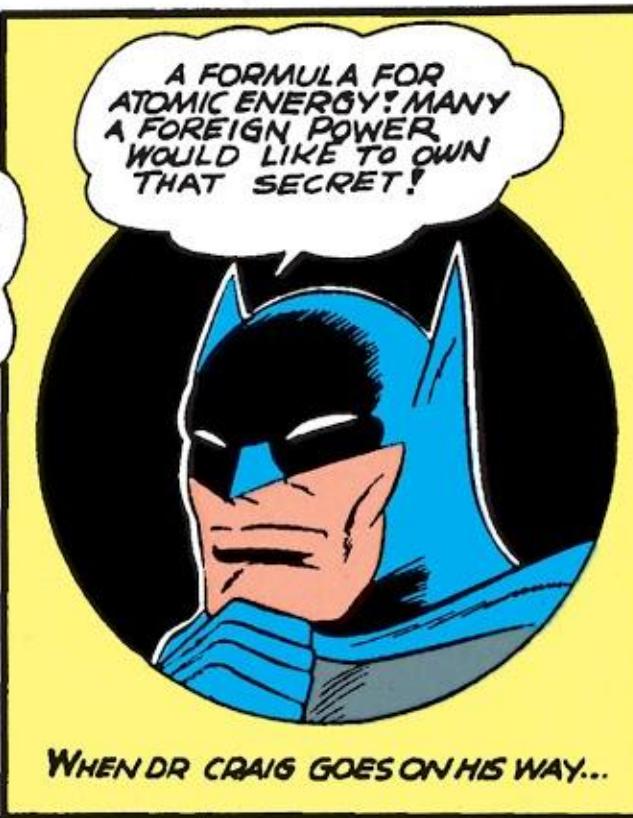
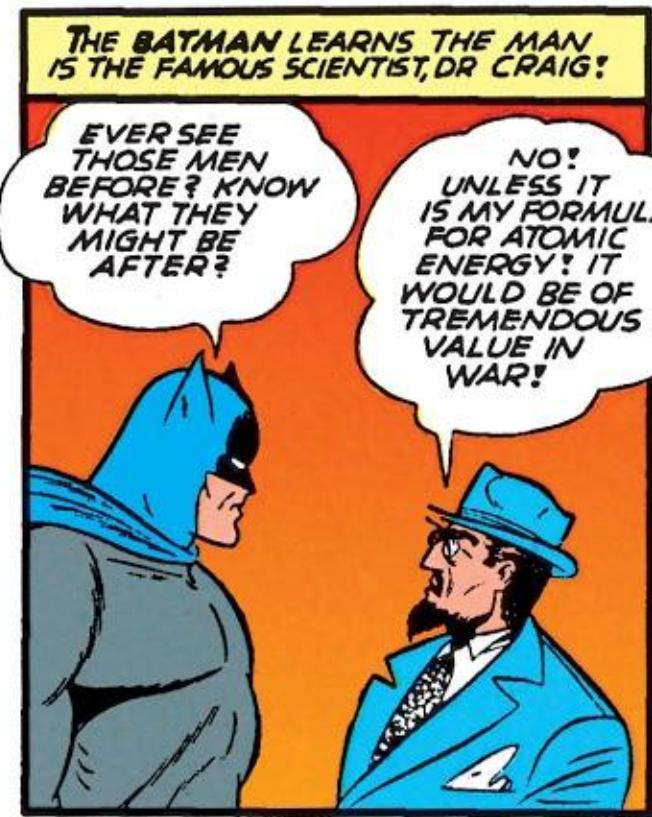
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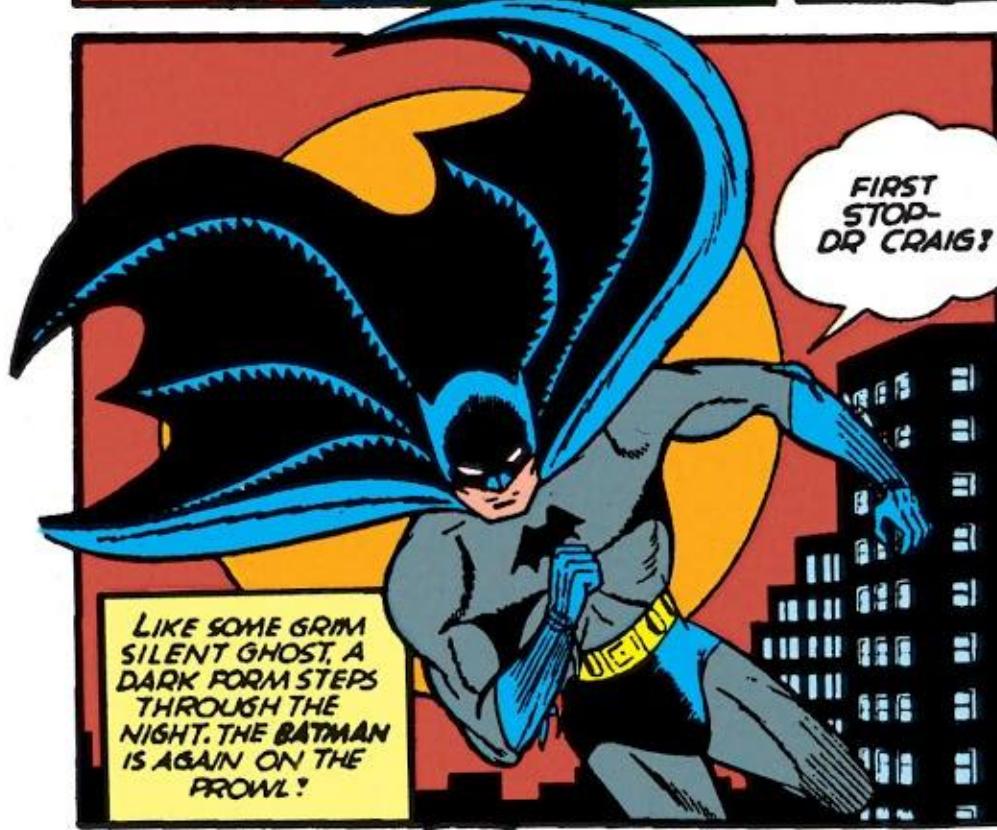
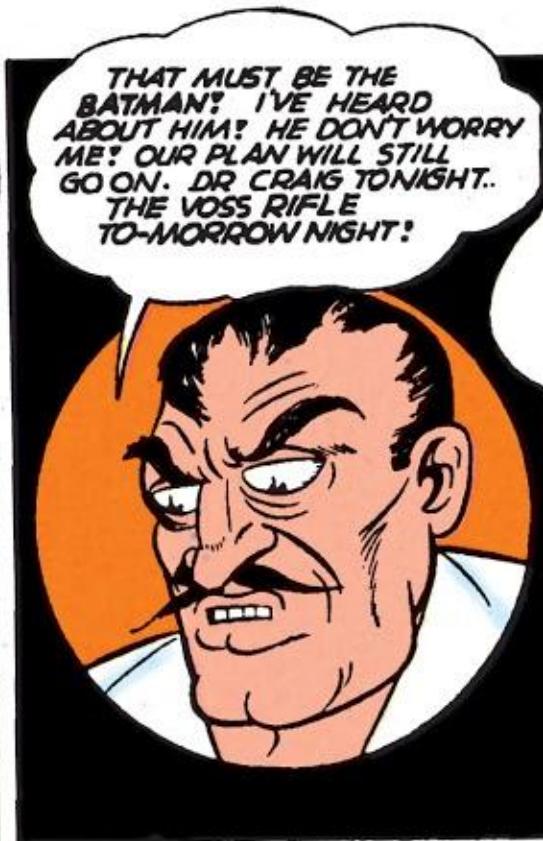


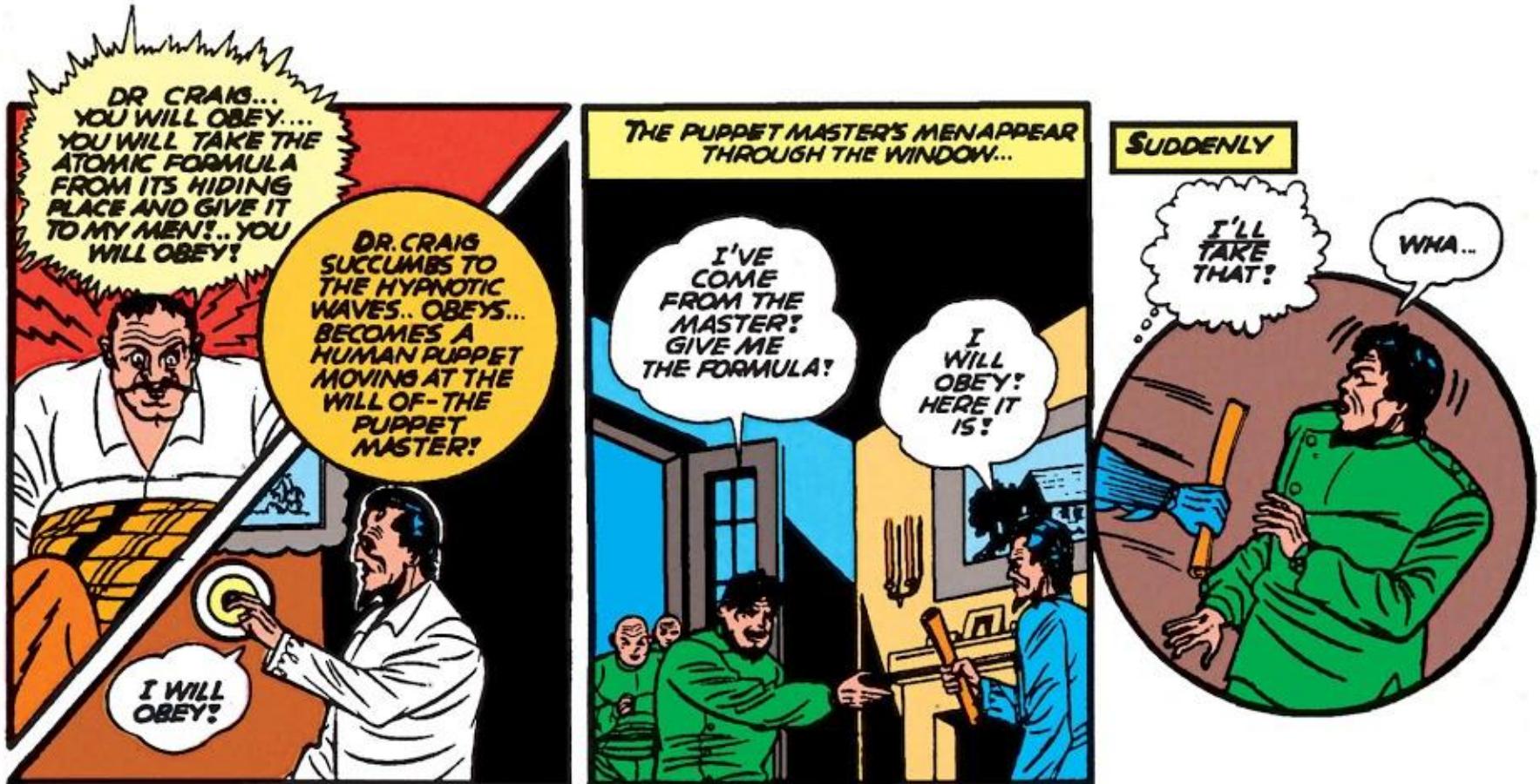
AS NIGHT FALLS LIKE A SHROUD OVER
THE CITY, A CLOAKED FIGURE MERGES
WITH THE PROTECTING SHADOWS AND
BECOMES A GLIDING SHAPE OF DARKNESS.

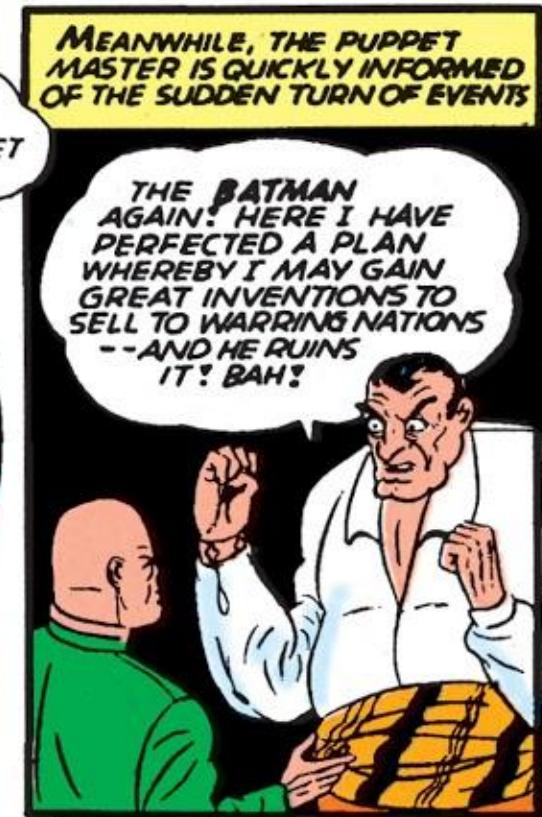
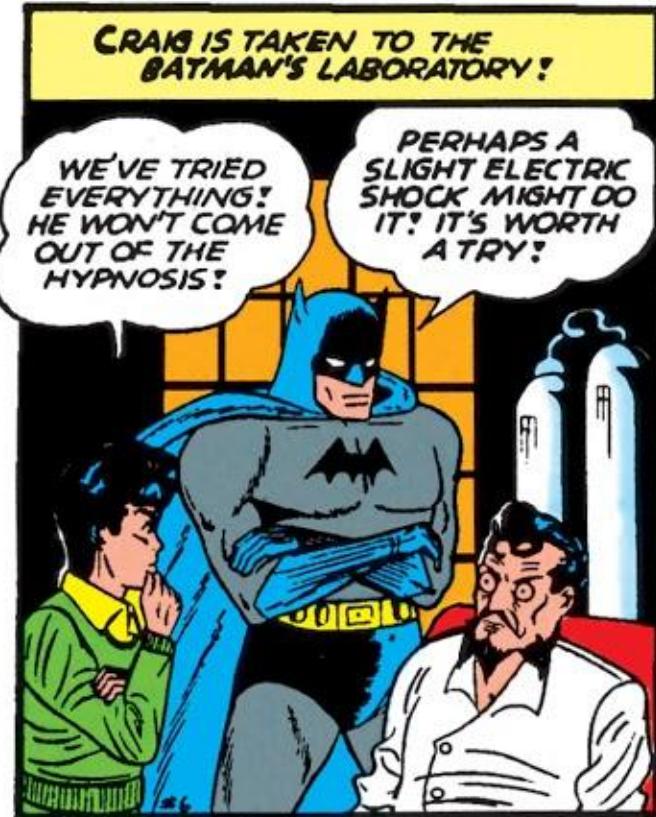


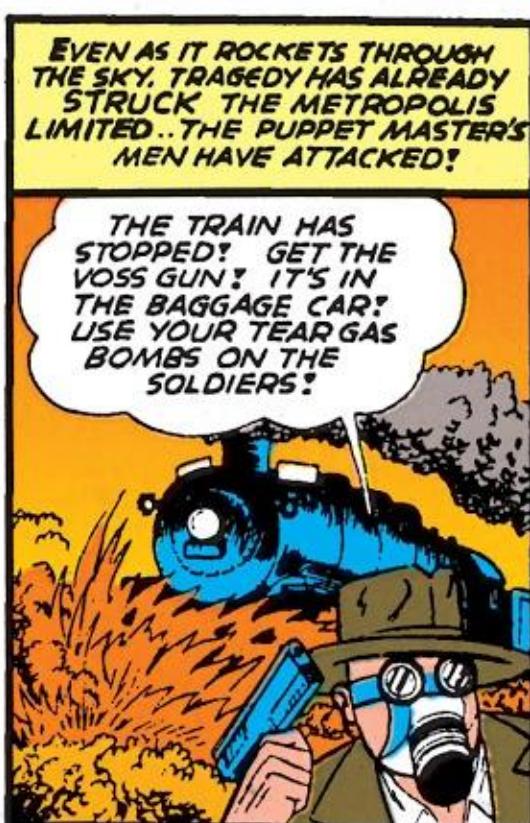
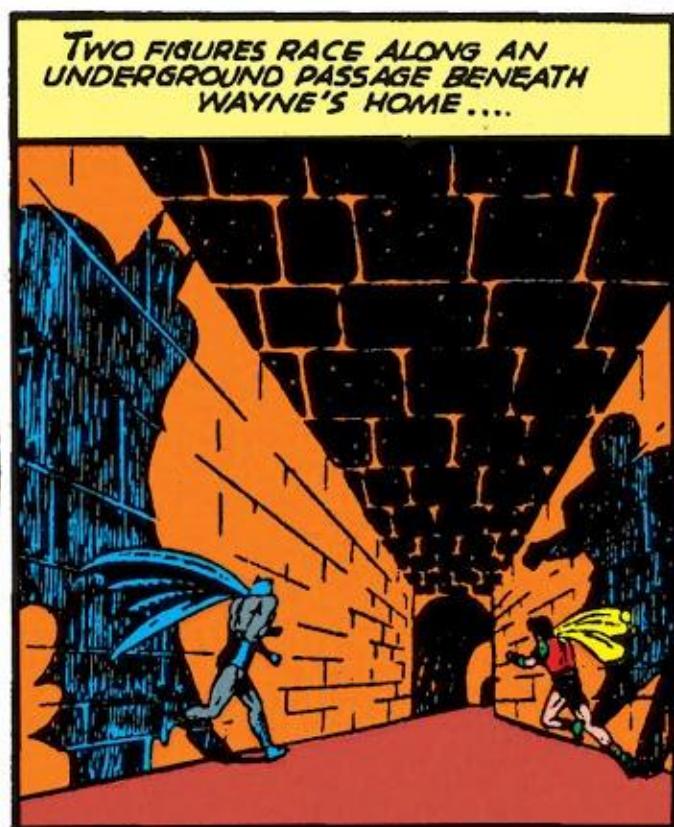


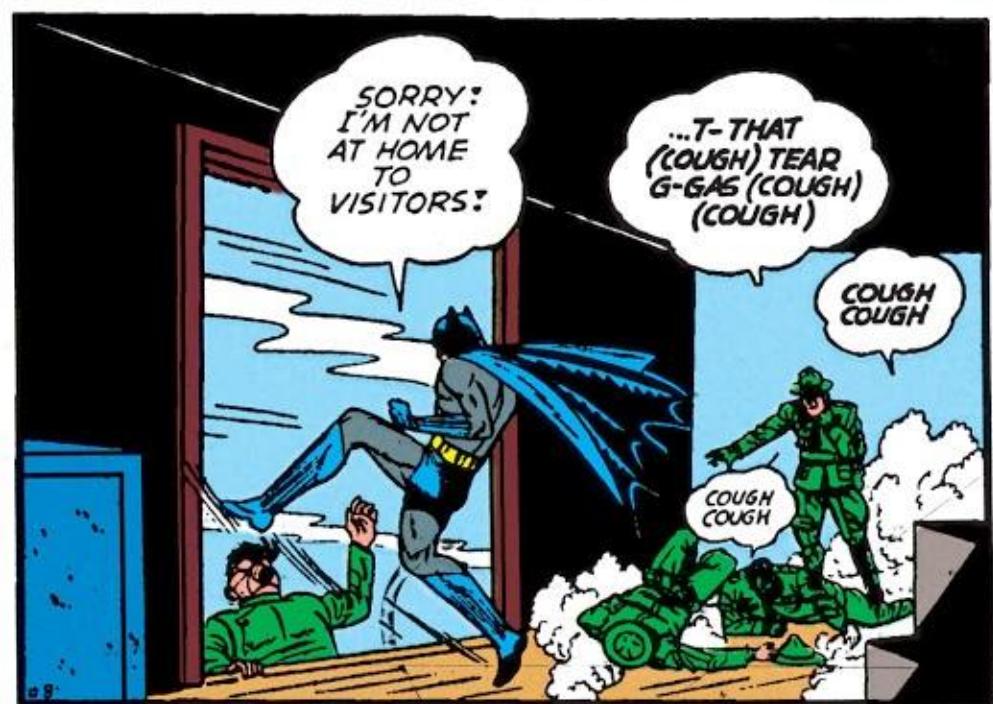
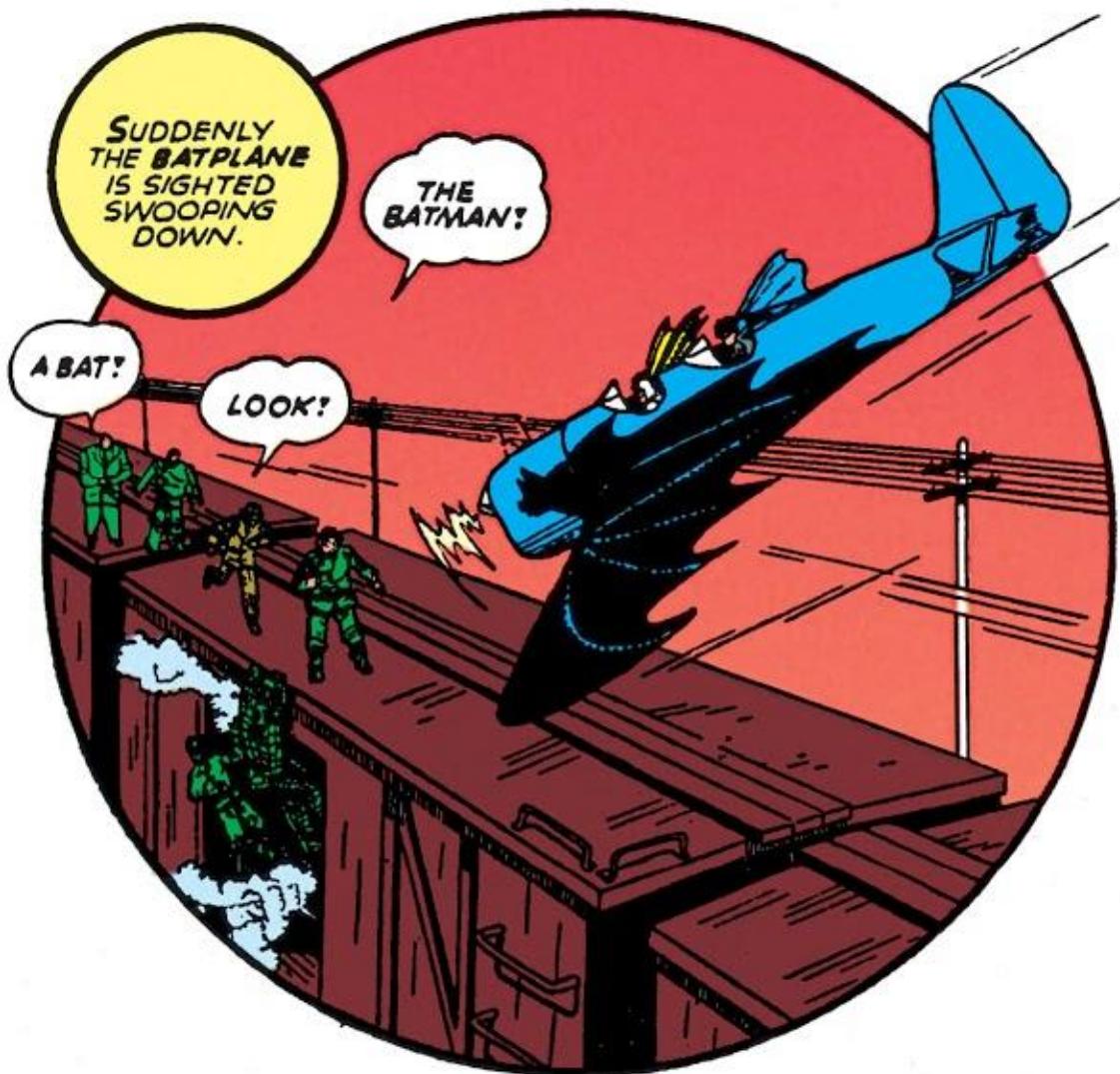


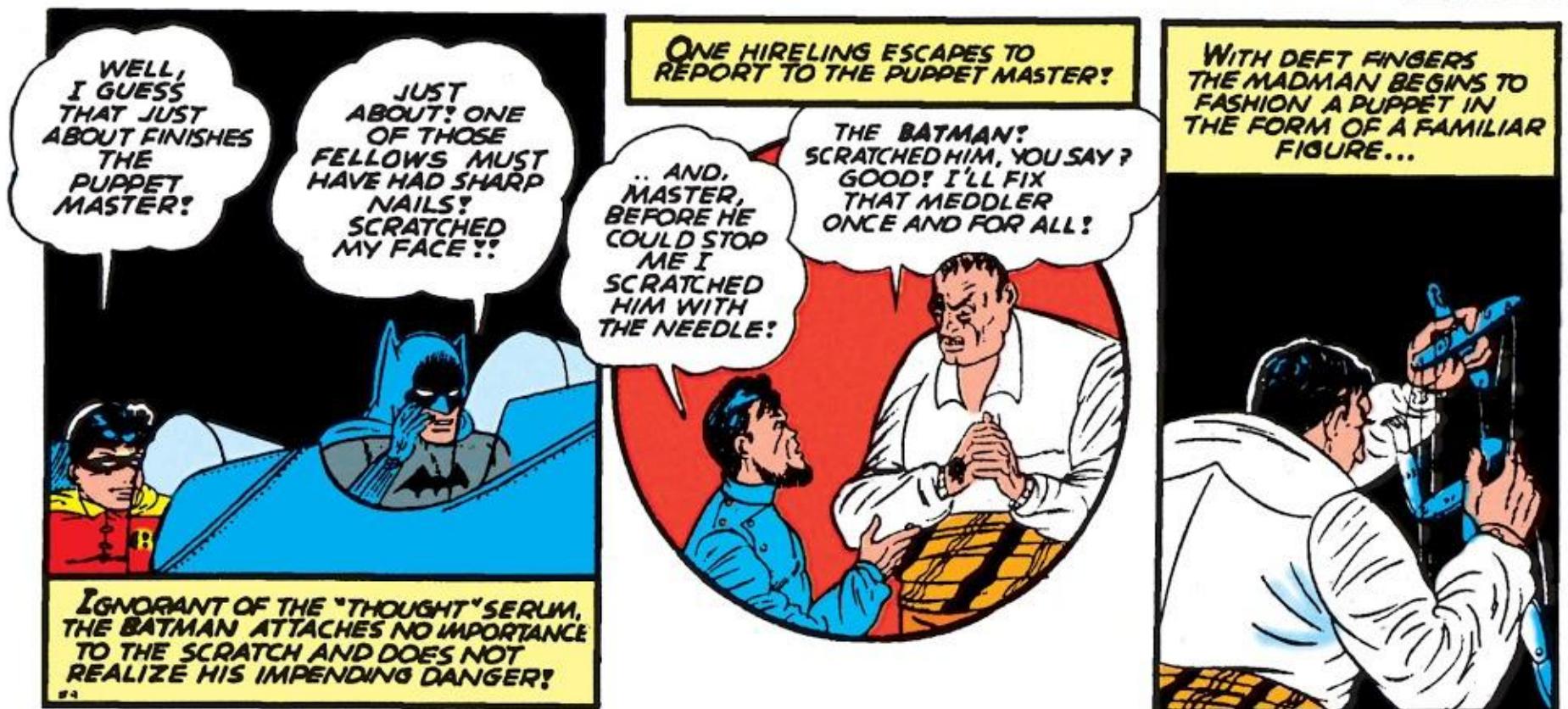
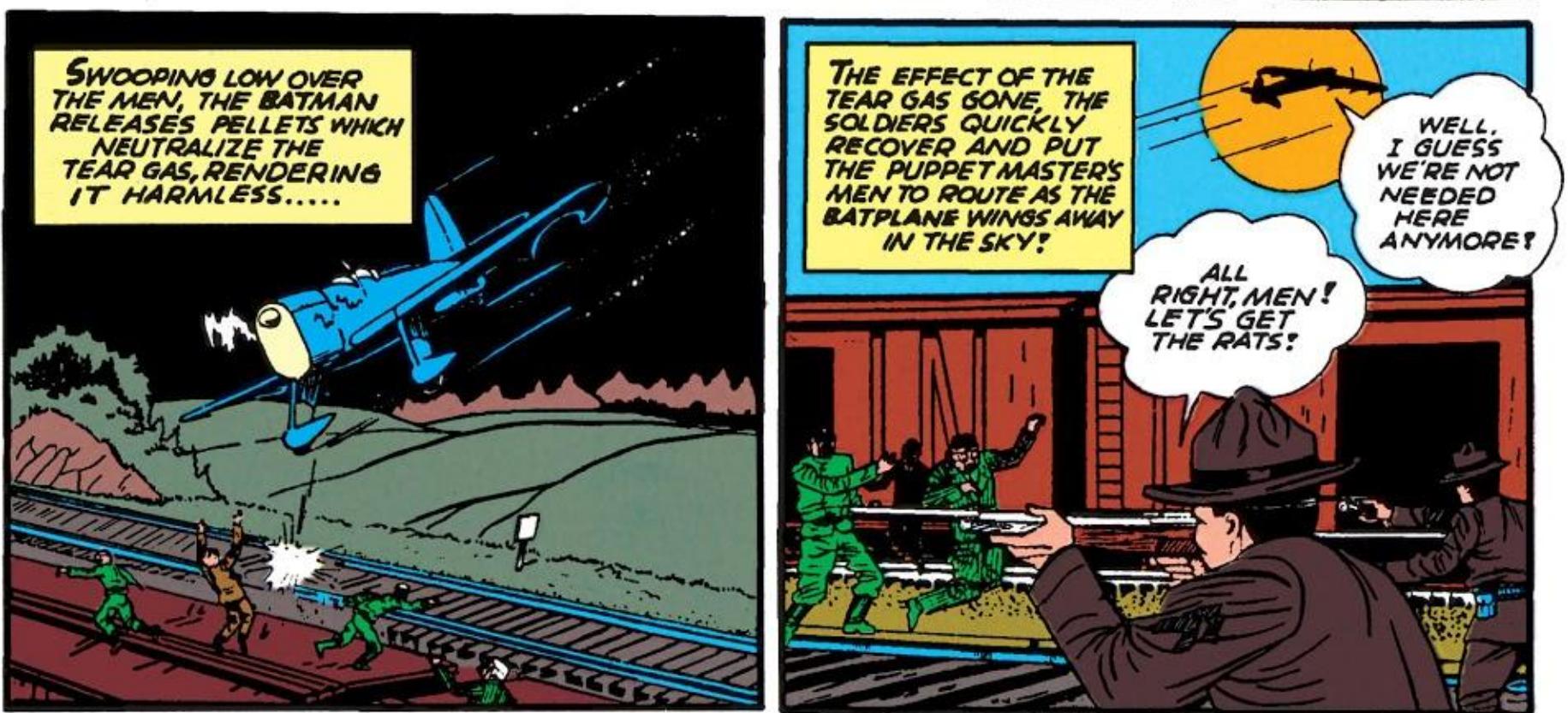




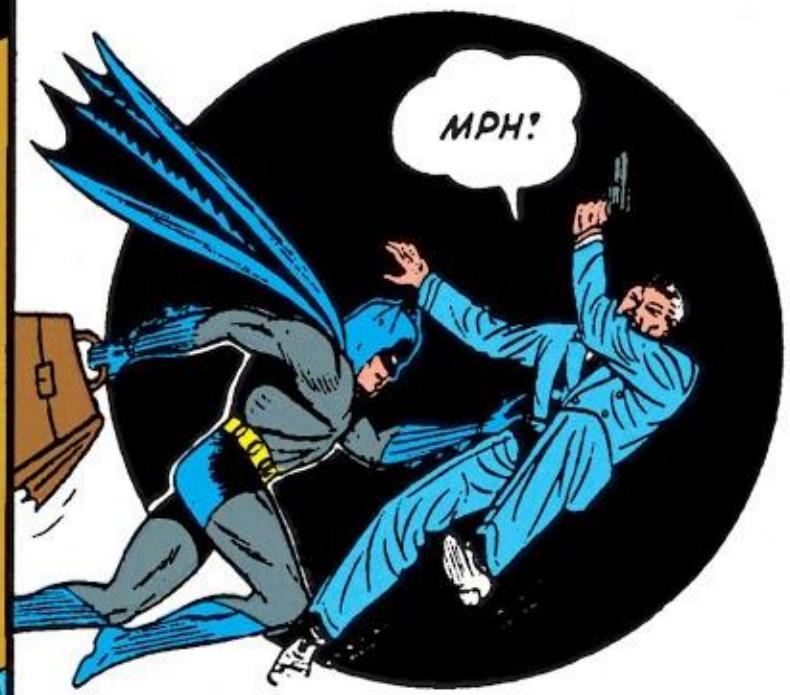












MEANWHILE, DICK, UNABLE TO SLEEP,
DISCOVERS THAT BRUCE IS GONE!

HIS COSTUME'S GONE,
TOO! HE MUST HAVE
GONE TO GET THE
PUPPET MASTER? HE
MIGHT NEED HELP..
THINK I'LL GO
THERE!

ROBIN SEES A
FAMILIAR FORM APPROACHING
THE GROUNDS OF THE PUPPET
MASTER'S HOUSE!

GOOD
THING THE
NEWSPAPERS
CARRIED THE
PUPPET MASTER'S
ADDRESS WHEN
THEY WROTE UP
HIS PUPPET
SHOW!...
SAY, THERE'S
THE BATMAN,
NOW!

GOING
AFTER THE
PUPPET MASTER
WITHOUT ME,
WEREN'T YOU?
SAY, WHAT
HAVE YOU
GOT IN
THE BAG?

IN HIS HYPNOTIZED STATE, THE
BATMAN THINKS ROBIN IS TRYING
TO ROB HIM OF THE JEWELS HE MUST
DELIVER AND STRIKES ROBIN!

THESE ARE
FOR THE MASTER!
I MUST OBEY!

WHA...

HE HIT ME?
MY BEST FRIEND.
AND HE HIT
ME?

SUDDENLY THE BATMAN'S
WORDS SINK INTO THE
BOY'S MIND!

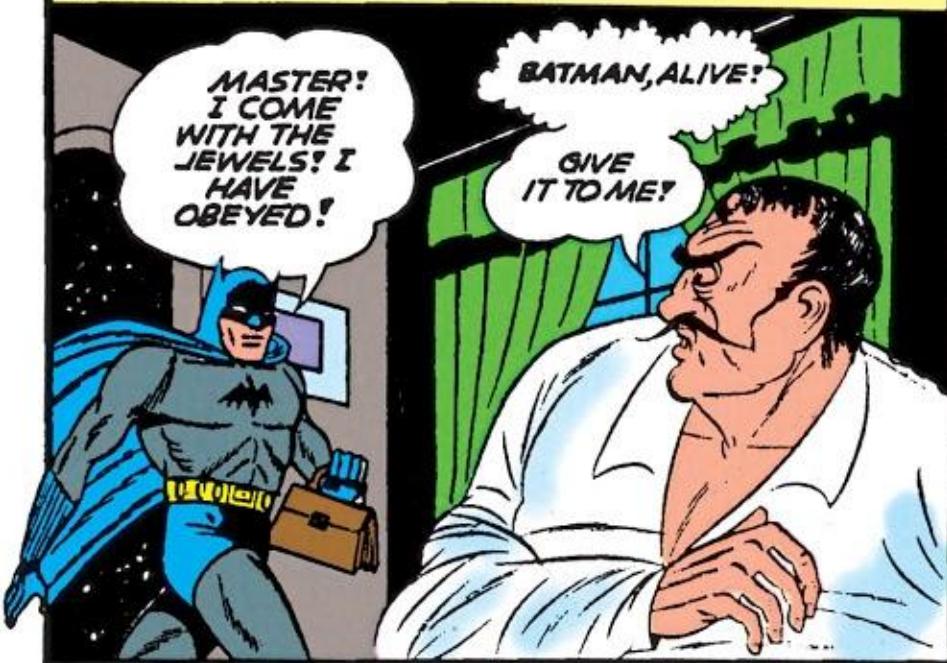
MASTER?
OBEY?
I'VE GOT
IT!...HE'S
HYPNOTIZED

WITHOUT A MOMENT'S HESITATION,
THE BOY WONDER HITS HIS FRIEND
ON HIS UNPROTECTED JAW!

THIS HURTS
ME MORE THAN
IT DOES YOU, BUT
IT'S JUST GOT
TO BE DONE!

I'M GOING
TO TAKE YOU
HOME, FELLA,
AND SEE IF I
CAN GET YOU
OUT OF YOUR
HYPNOTIC
STATE!

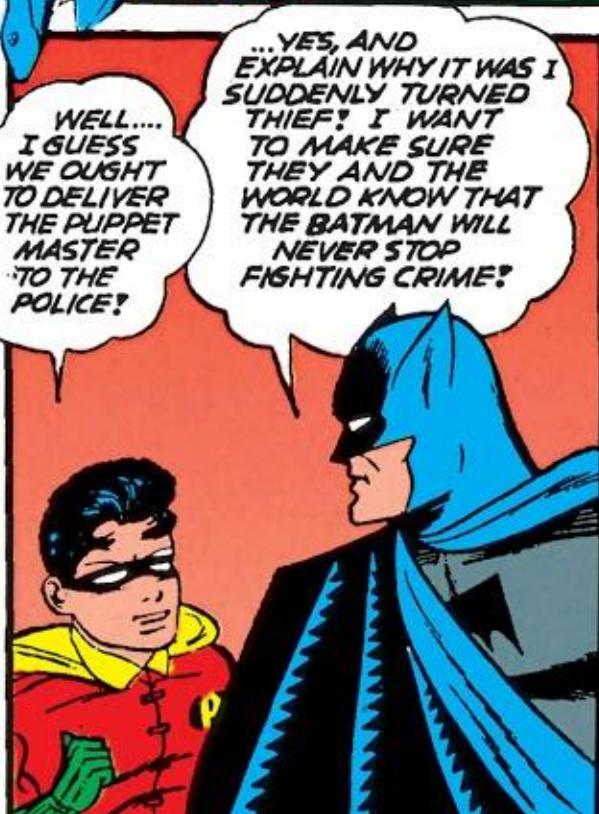
MOMENTS LATER A CLOAKED FIGURE WALKS WITH MECHANICAL STEPS INTO THE SANCTUM OF THE PUPPET MASTER...HOW IS THIS? HAS ROBIN FAILED?



SUDDENLY, THE MANTLED FORM LUNGES FORWARD!...

BABY, AS LONG AS YOU WANT IT, YOU'RE GOING TO GET IT!

WHY-WHY YOU'RE NOT HYPNOTIZED AT ALL!



THE BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER, BATTLE THEIR WAY THROUGH AMAZING ADVENTURES EVERY MONTH IN DETECTIVE COMICS DON'T MISS IT!

BATMAN

WITH
Robin
-THE BOY WONDER-

BY

BO KANE

WHEN CRIME BORDERED ON THE UNEXPLAINABLE, THEN IT WAS THAT THE MIGHTY BATMAN AND YOUNG, LAUGHING ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, CAME TO GRIPS WITH THIS STRANGE NEW MENACE, AND BROUGHT SWIFT DISASTER TO THE CRAFTY BRAIN THAT BELONGED TO...

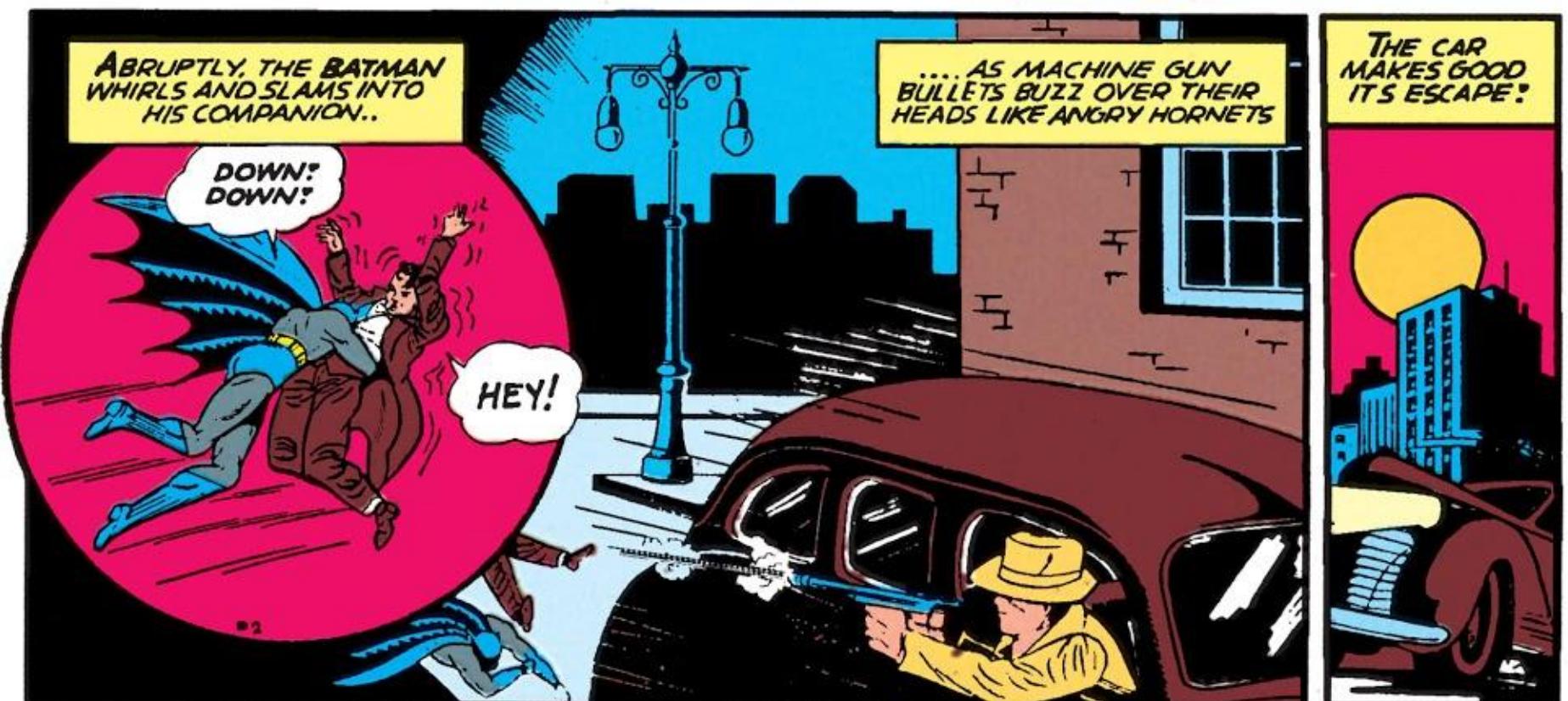
"THE UGLIEST MAN IN THE WORLD"

WHILE ON HIS NOCTURNAL MIDNIGHT PROWL, THE BATMAN, SIGHTS A MAN ENGAGED IN AN UNEQUAL STRUGGLE, AND DECIDES TO LEND HIM ASSISTANCE

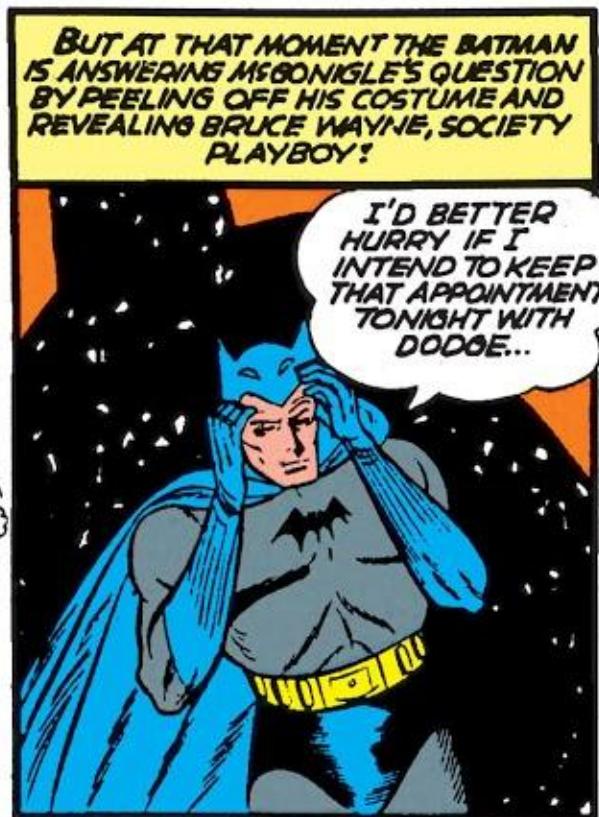
SNAPPING ERECT LIKE A STEEL SPRING, THE BATMAN DARTS FORWARD, FISTS FLYING.

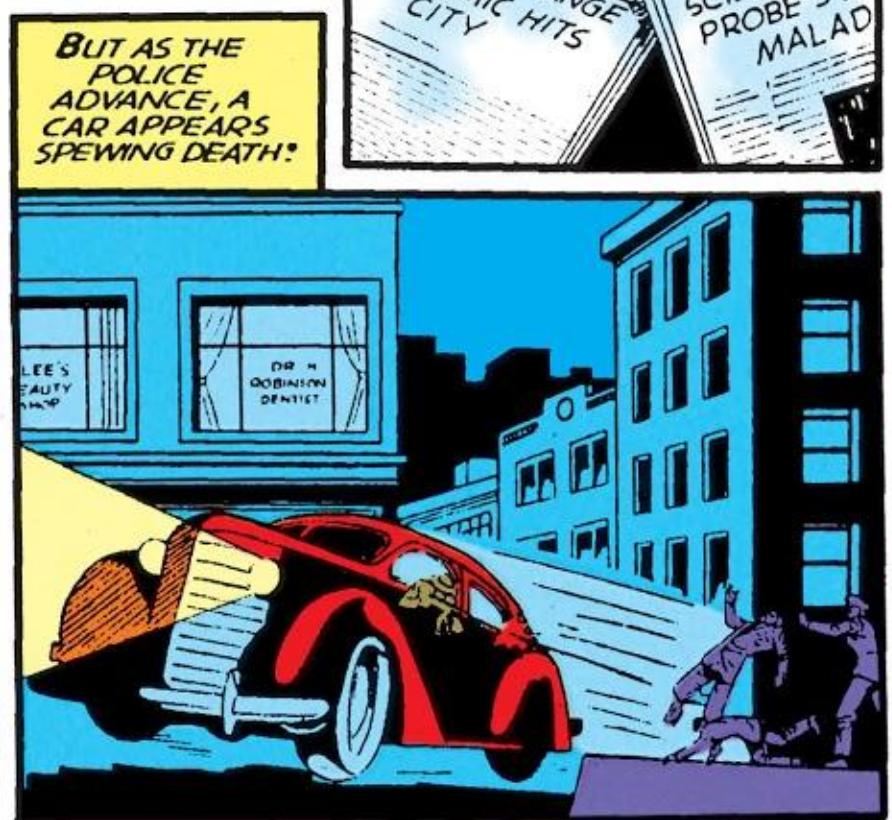
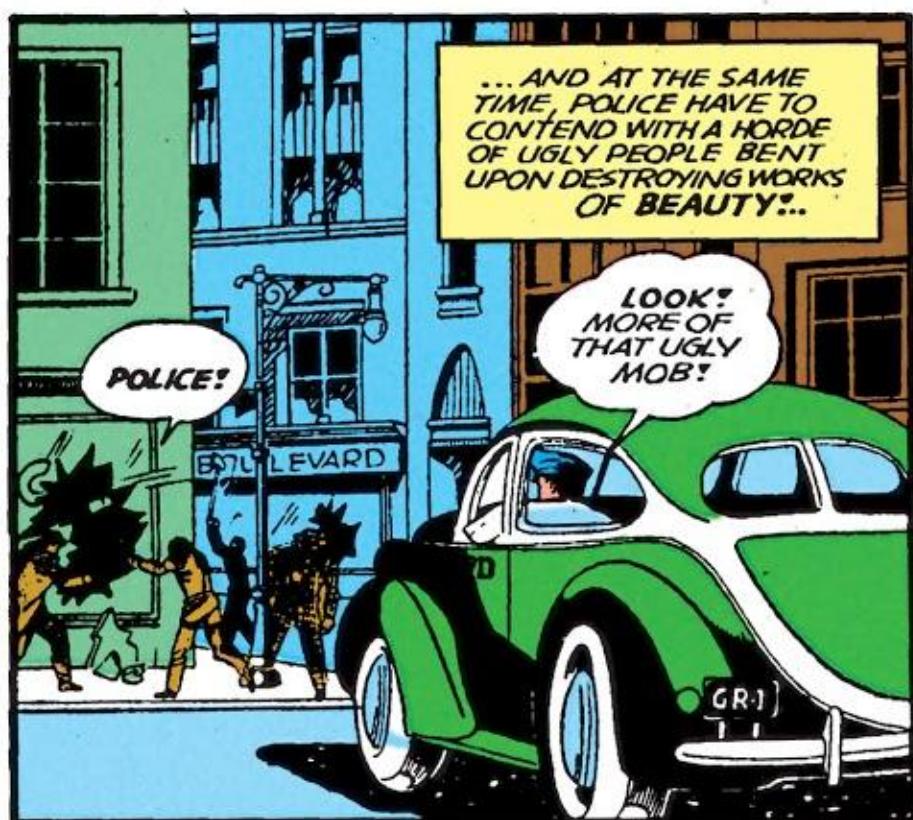
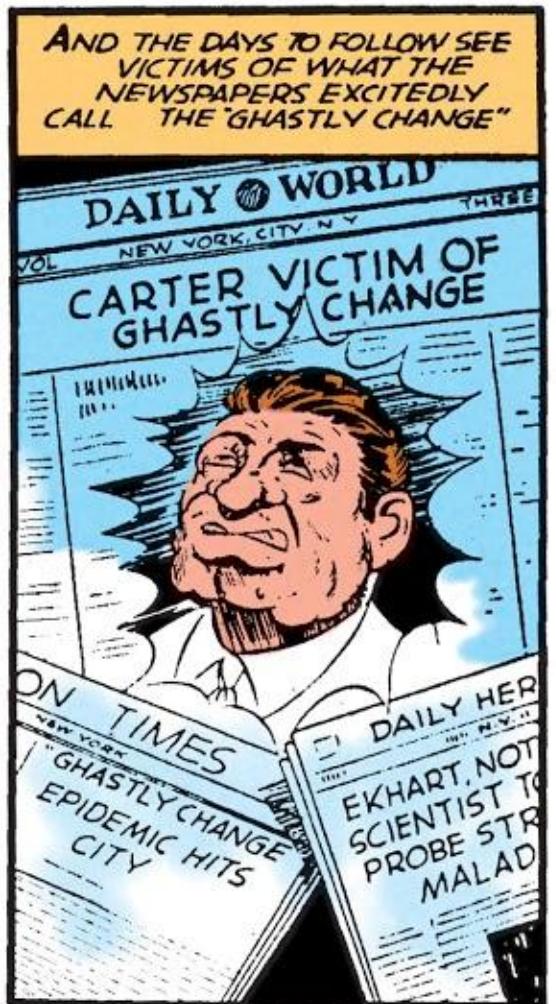
THE BATMAN!

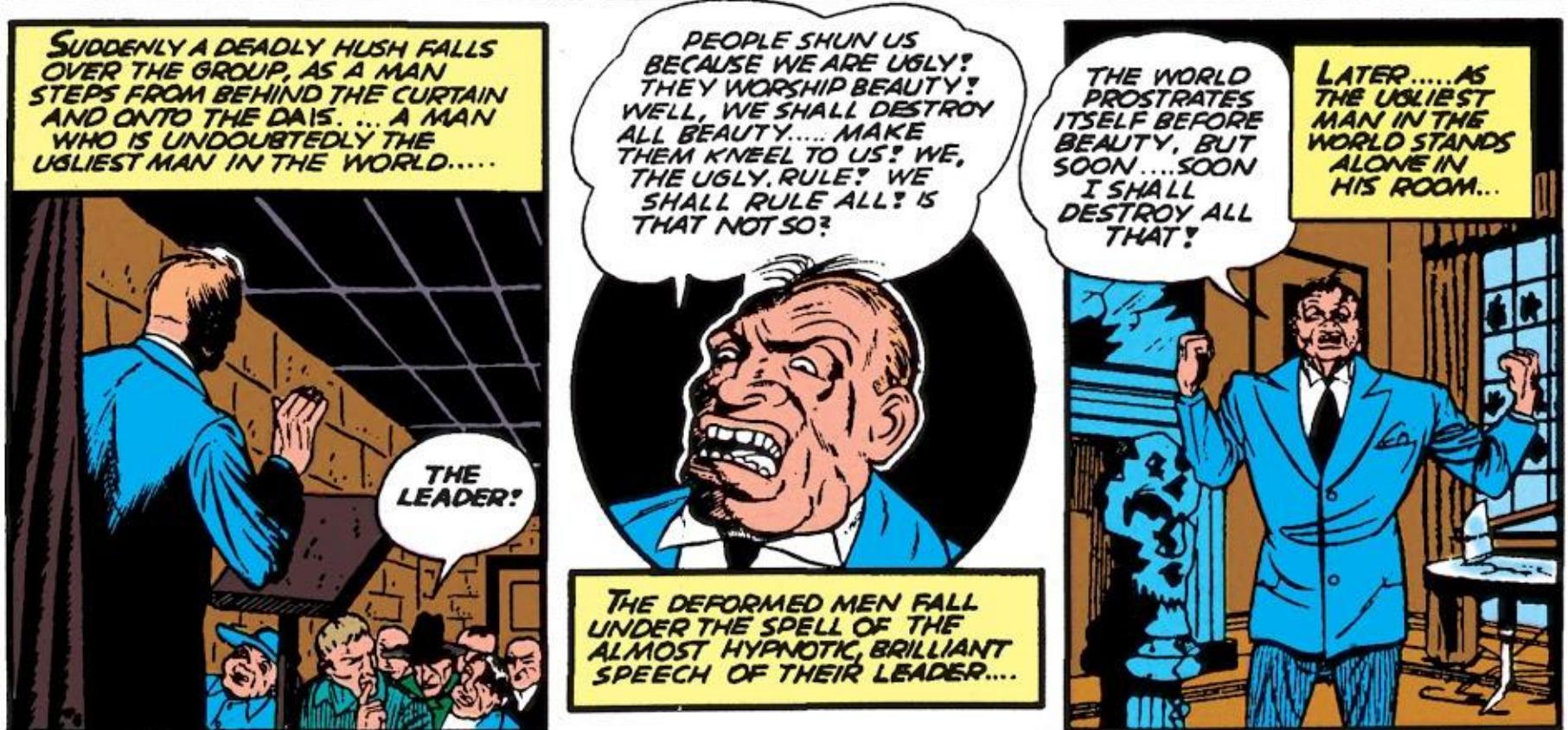
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!!











SEIZING A KNIFE, HE BEGINS TO HACK AND SLASH AT A BEAUTIFUL PAINTING, LAUGHING ALL THE WHILE LIKE A MADMAN

HA HA! THIS IS WHAT I SHALL DO TO ALL PRETTY THINGS! HA HA HA! GOOD-BYE, BEAUTY! HA HA HA!



WHILE AT THAT MOMENT, BRUCE WAYNE READS AN INTERESTING ITEM ALOUD TO DICK GRAYSON... WHO IS IN REALITY... ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER....

AND SO, FEARING THE INVADING COUNTRY WILL APPROPRIATE THIS GREAT ART TREASURE, BORAVIA HAS SENT IT TO THE UNITED STATES. IT WILL BE UNLOADED TONIGHT, AT PIER 3, FROM THE SHIP!

BRUCE, I CAN ALMOST READ YOUR MIND!



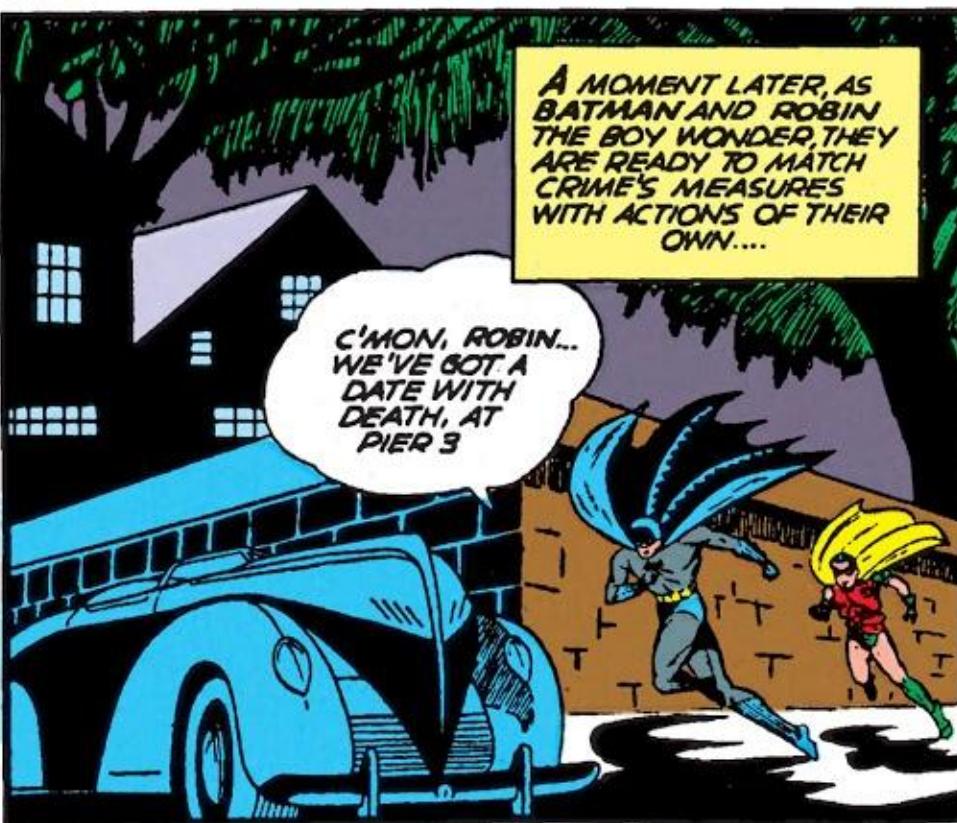
YOU THINK THIS UGLY HORDE WILL TRY TO DESTROY THIS STATUE AS IT'S UNLOADED?

THIS STATUE IS A HANDSOME ONE. FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF!



A MOMENT LATER, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER, THEY ARE READY TO MATCH CRIME'S MEASURES WITH ACTIONS OF THEIR OWN...

C'MON, ROBIN... WE'VE GOT A DATE WITH DEATH, AT PIER 3



AT PIER 3, THE UGLY HORDE DESCENDS UPON THE GUARDS IN OVERWHELMING NUMBERS...



BUT TWO RASH MORTALS RACE TOWARD THE DREADFUL SCENE, READY TO OFFER BATTLE... THEY ARE... BATMAN AND ROBIN!

BATMAN!



BEFORE WE'RE THROUGH WITH YOU, YOU'LL KNOW YOU'VE BEEN IN A FIGHT!

LIKE TWO PROJECTILES, THEY BORE INTO THE HORDE, SENDING THEM SPRAWLING!



PLACING A STEEL PELLET IN HIS SLING, ROBIN WIELDS HIS MAKESHIFT CLUB WITH DEVASTATING RESULTS, WHILE THE BATMAN'S TWO IRON FISTS PUT IN A LITTLE WORK OF THEIR OWN!

KEEP COMING, RATS... I'M IN GOOD FORM!

HURTS... DOESN'T IT?

ABRUPTLY, THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE.. AND MEGONIGLE APPEARS!...

MEGONIGLE!

YOU SAVED ME ONCE! THIS SORT OF EVENTS IT UP!

SUDDENLY THE UGLY HORDE'S CAR APPEARS...

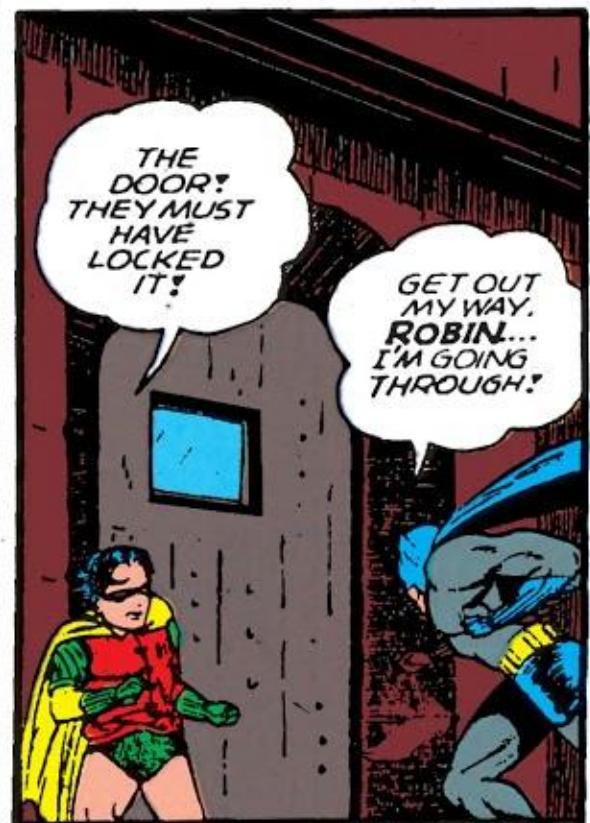
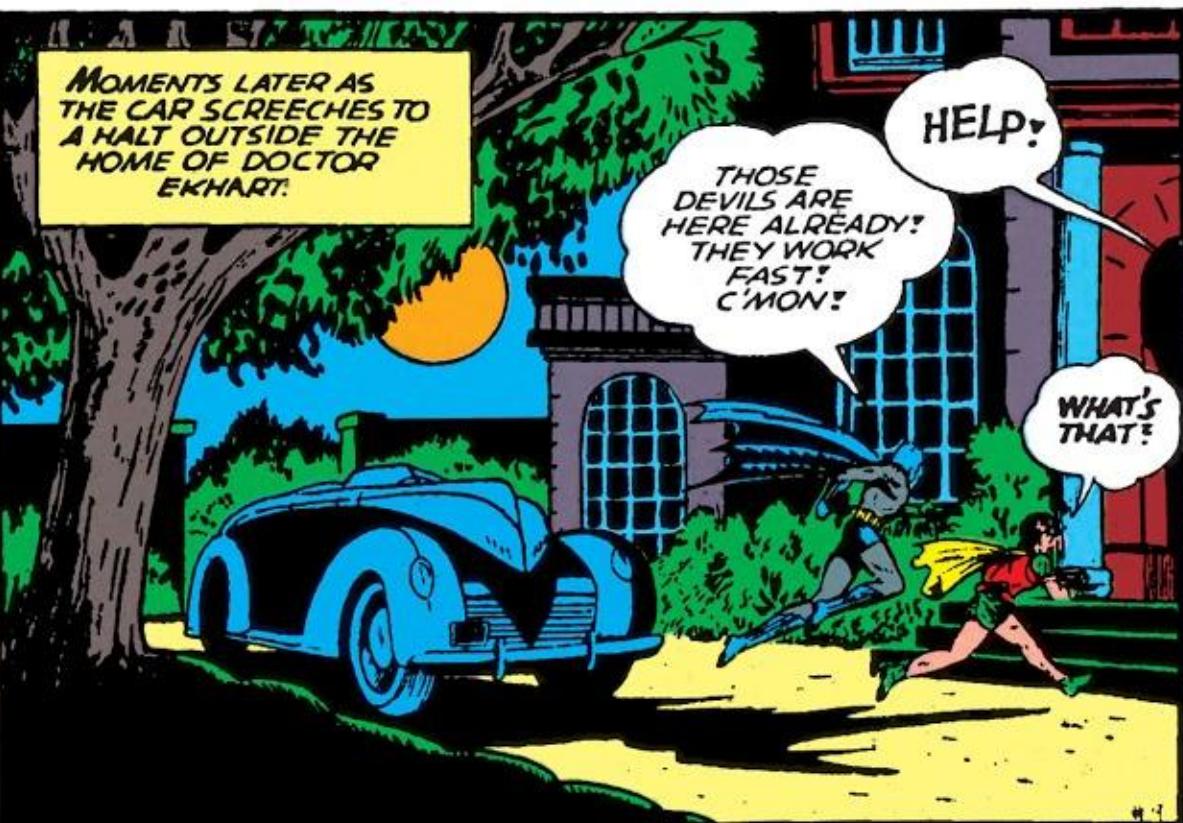
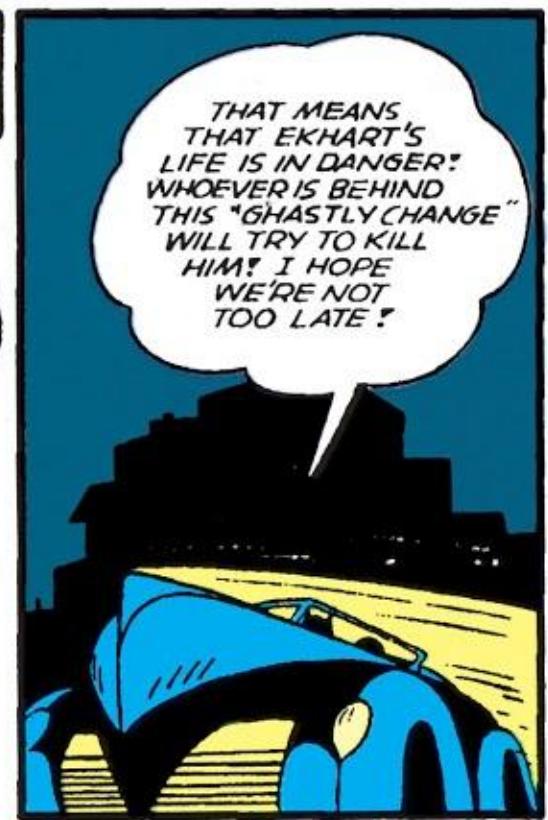
THERE'S THE CAR!

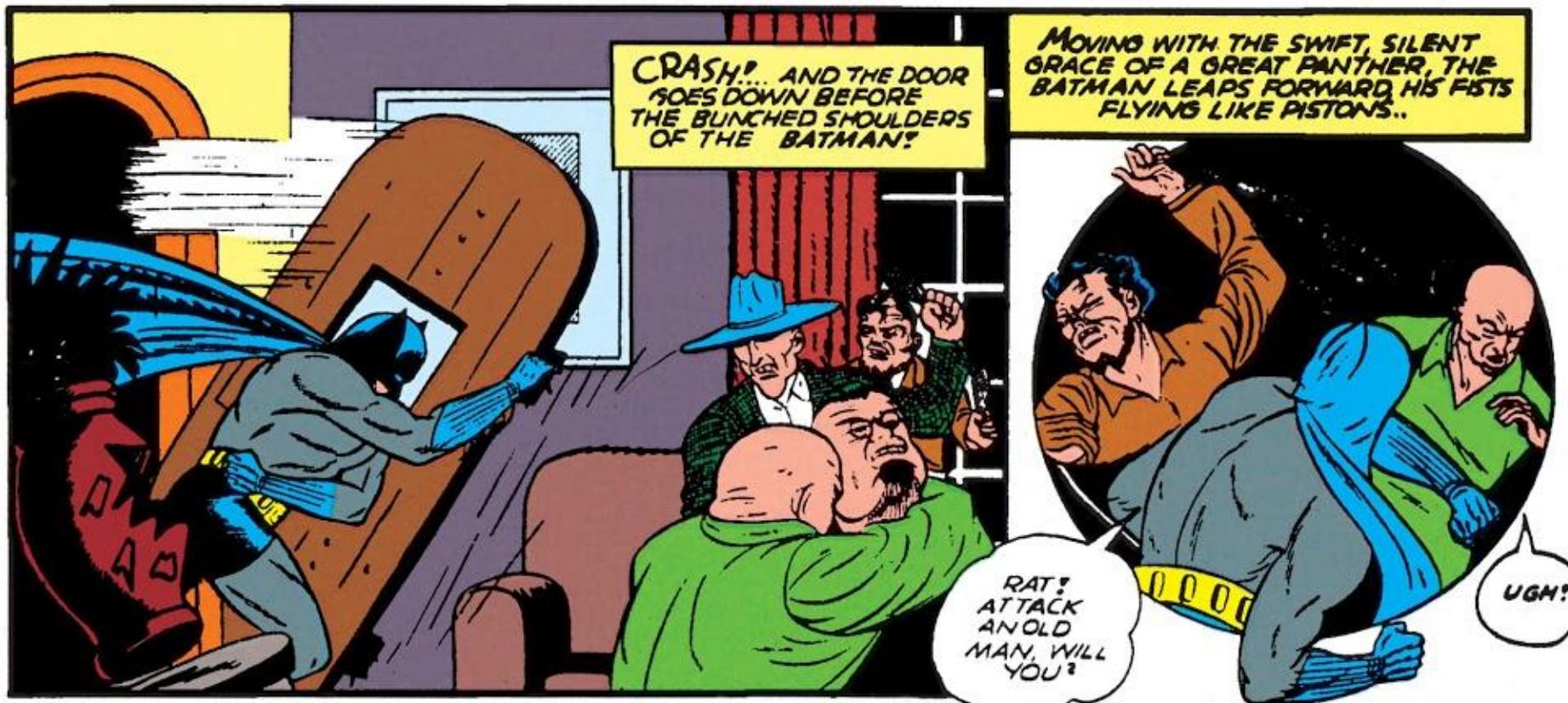
LET'S SCRAM!

A BURST OF MACHINE GUN FIRE, AND THE CAR MAKES GOOD ITS ESCAPE AGAIN!

DOWN? ROBIN... DOWN?









"CARLSON BECAME A RECLUSE AND BEGAN EXPERIMENTING TO FIND THE FLUID THAT HAD CAUSED HIS STRANGE MALADY... AND ONE DAY, A FULL FIFTEEN YEARS LATER...."



I'VE FOUND IT! NOW FOR MY REVENGE? JUST THE SCRATCH OF A NEEDLE COATED WITH THIS LIQUID, WILL DO TO THEM, WHAT THEY DID TO ME!

"CARLSON HAD A RUBBEROID MASK MADE, KILLED THE MAKER, AND THEN, POSING AS THE MAN LARRIMORE, BEGAN HIS REVENGE UPON THOSE MEN WHO WERE AT HIS INITIATION....."

YOU... YOU'RE CARLSON!

YES.. ME? AND NOW MY REVENGE WILL REALLY BE COMPLETE... WHEN I MAKE MY ONE TIME FRIEND, AND MY ONE TIME FIANCÉE, UGLY-HIDEOUS AS I AM!

NO.. NO! YOU'RE MAD! NO.. DON'T

AND AS THE MADMAN STALKS TOWARD THEM, WHAT OF ROBIN THE BOY WONDER?.. AS SOON AS THE BATMAN HAD LEFT...

NEVER MIND ME! GO TO HELP YOUR FRIEND! HE MAY BE IN DANGER!

WELL, AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALL RIGHT NOW..

OUTSIDE, ROBIN FLASHES A PENCIL OF LIGHT OVER THE GUTTER... AND TIRE MARKS GLOW IN THE DARKNESS.

NOW TO FOLLOW THE BATMAN!

AND SO AS THE UGLIEST MAN POSES THE DEADLY NEEDLE OVER THE HELPLESS WOMAN, SUDDENLY, A HISS, AND....

EXPLANATION: THE TIRES OF THE BATMAN'S CAR ARE COATED WITH A RADIO-ACTIVE SUBSTANCE WHICH GLOWS UNDER AN INFRA-RED RAY!



OUT OF MY WAY, UGLY! ...I'VE THINGS TO DO!

ROBIN!.. THAT SLING SHOT OF YOURS IS ALWAYS COMING THROUGH AT THE RIGHT TIME!

....AND THE BATMAN IS FREE, MUCH TO THE CONSTERNATION OF THE UGLY HORDE!



NICE GOING, KID!



ABRUPTLY... THE SOUND OF A SHOT... AND THE UGLIEST MAN CRUMPLES SLOWLY TO THE FLOOR.



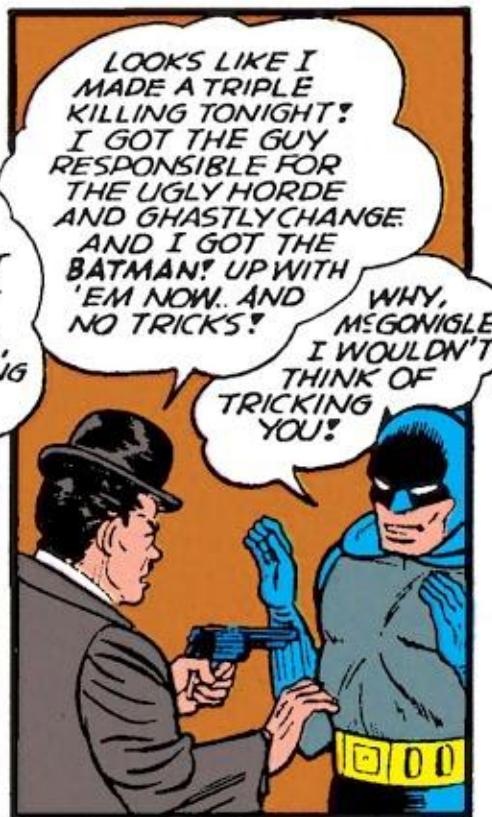
.. AND STANDING IN THE DOORWAY, A SMOKING PISTOL IN HIS HAND, IS THAT MAN AMONG MEN M'GONIGLE.

M'GONIGLE!.. I MEET YOU EVERYPLACE! HOW DID YOU EVER GET THE IDEA I WAS HERE?

WELL... WHEN I SPOTTED THIS KID WORKIN' THAT TRICK FLASH-LIGHT OF HIS OVER TIRED MARKS, I KNEW SOMETHING WAS UP! SO I FOLLOWED HIM!

LOOKS LIKE I MADE A TRIPLE KILLING TONIGHT! I GOT THE GUY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UGLY HORDE AND GHASTLY CHANGE AND I GOT THE BATMAN! UP WITH 'EM NOW.. AND NO TRICKS!

WHY, M'GONIGLE, I WOULDN'T THINK OF TRICKING YOU!



OR WOULD I?



TCH-TCH! WHY, M'GONIGLE... DON'T YOU KNOW A GENTLEMAN ALWAYS REMOVES HIS HAT IN THE PRESENCE OF COMPANY?

YOU... MMPH... YOU!



THE NEXT DAY, IN THE WAYNE HOME.

THE PAPER SAYS THAT EKHART CAN RETURN THE VICTIMS OF THE "GHASTLY CHANGE" BACK TO NORMAL BY REGULAR DOSES OF THYROID EXTRACT! WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

CARLSON'S MIXTURE WAS ABLE TO PARALYZE THE THYROID GLAND AND CAUSE A FORM OF DISEASE KNOWN AS MYXEDEMA OR CRETINISM! EKHART WILL SIMPLY RESTORE THE FUNCTION OF THE GLAND!

POOR CARLSON! I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY HE WENT INSANE... HIS SUDDEN CHANGE IN APPEARANCE, AND LOSING ALL HIS FRIENDS AND FIANCÉE.... IT WOULD HAVE DRIVEN ANYONE MAD!

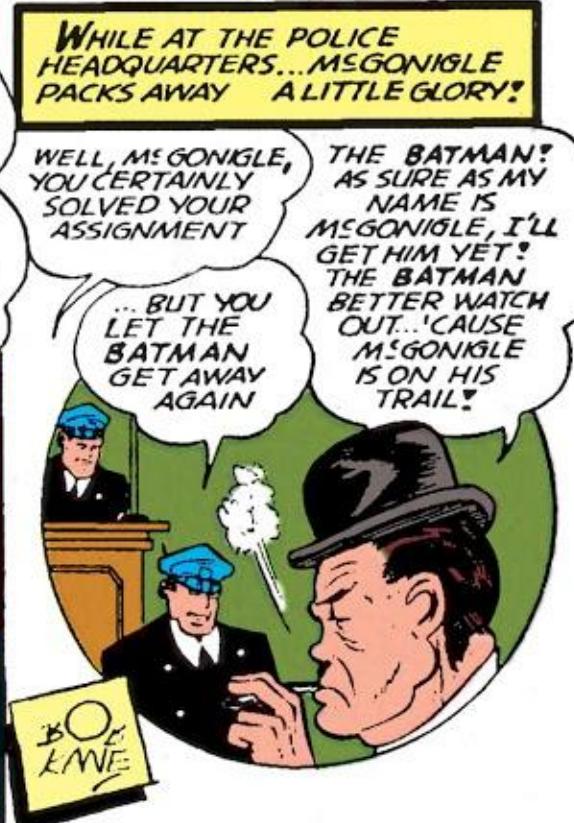
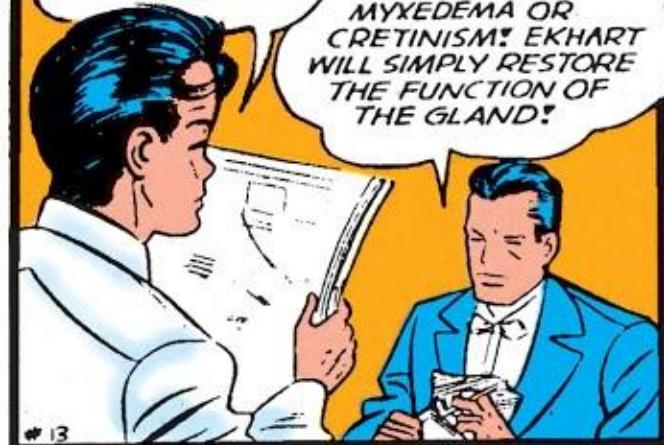
AFTER ALL, THE BLAME LIES WITH THOSE WHO CAUSED HIS TRAGIC PLIGHT. THEY SHOULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD AND SYMPATHIZED.

WHILE AT THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS... M'GONIGLE PACKS AWAY A LITTLE GLORY!

WELL, M'GONIGLE, YOU CERTAINLY SOLVED YOUR ASSIGNMENT

THE BATMAN! AS SURE AS MY NAME IS M'GONIGLE, I'LL GET HIM YET! THE BATMAN BETTER WATCH OUT... 'CAUSE M'GONIGLE IS ON HIS TRAIL!

... BUT YOU LET THE BATMAN GET AWAY AGAIN



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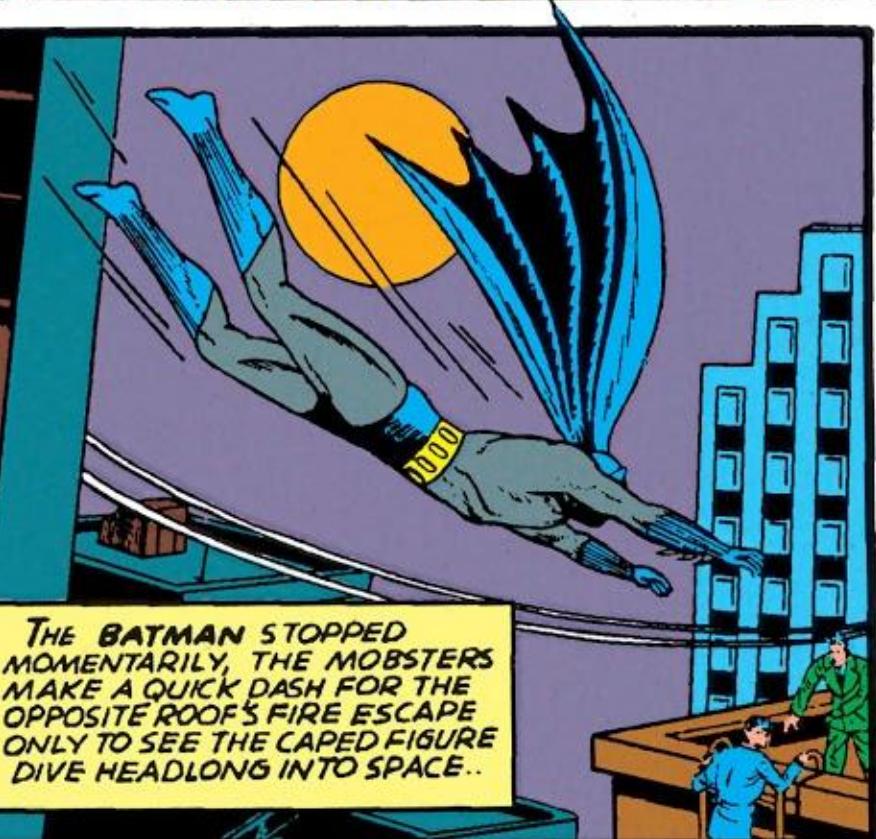
WHILE ON HIS NOCTURNAL PROWL, THE BATMAN SPIES MEN LOOTING A WAREHOUSE, AND PLUMMETS DOWN IN THEIR MIDST LIKE SOME AVENGING ANGEL OF DOOM ...

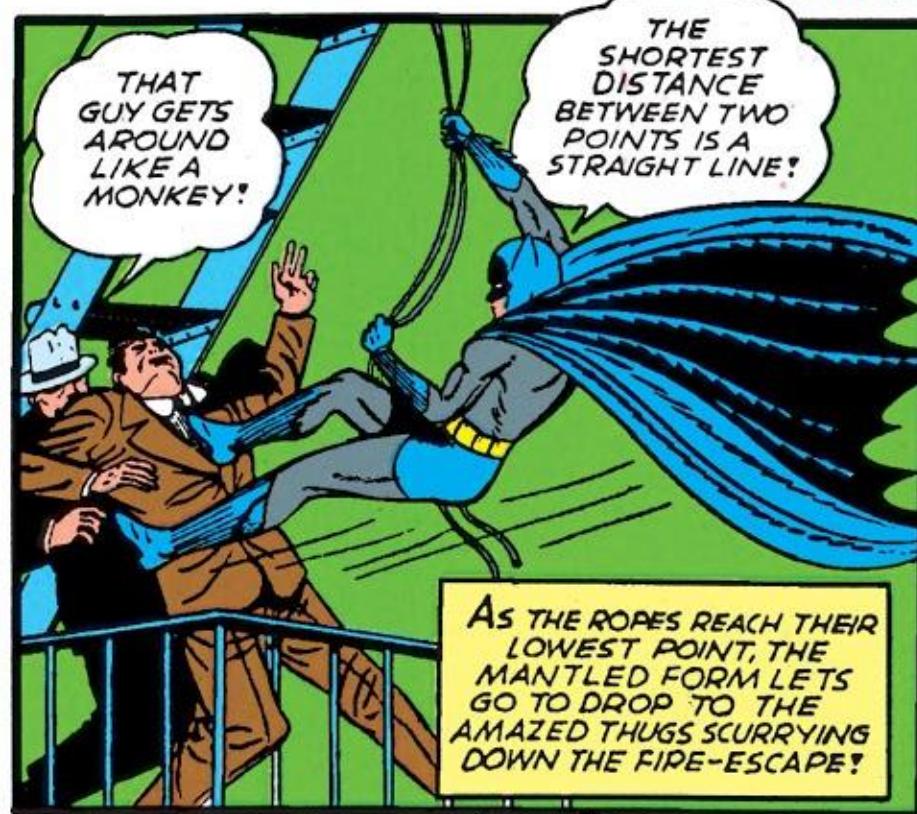
WHEREVER CRIMINALS MEET, SOONER OR LATER A DEADLY HUSH STILLS THEIR TALK AS THEY SPEAK FURTIVELY OF A DREAD FIGURE OF NIGHT-A FIGURE THAT SEEMS TO MATERIALIZE OUT OF DARKNESS LIKE A FANTASTIC DEMON: THE BATMAN! THEN A MAN WILL CURSE AND WHISPER OF ANOTHER SMALLER FIGURE, A STURDY, LITHE FIGURE WITH A DARE-DEVIL GRIN ON HIS YOUNG FACE-ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER! FOR THESE ARE THE TWO WHO ARE THE ARCH-FOES OF CRIME. IT IS THEY WE WILL MEET IN THIS, THE CASE OF "THE CRIME SCHOOL FOR BOYS!!"

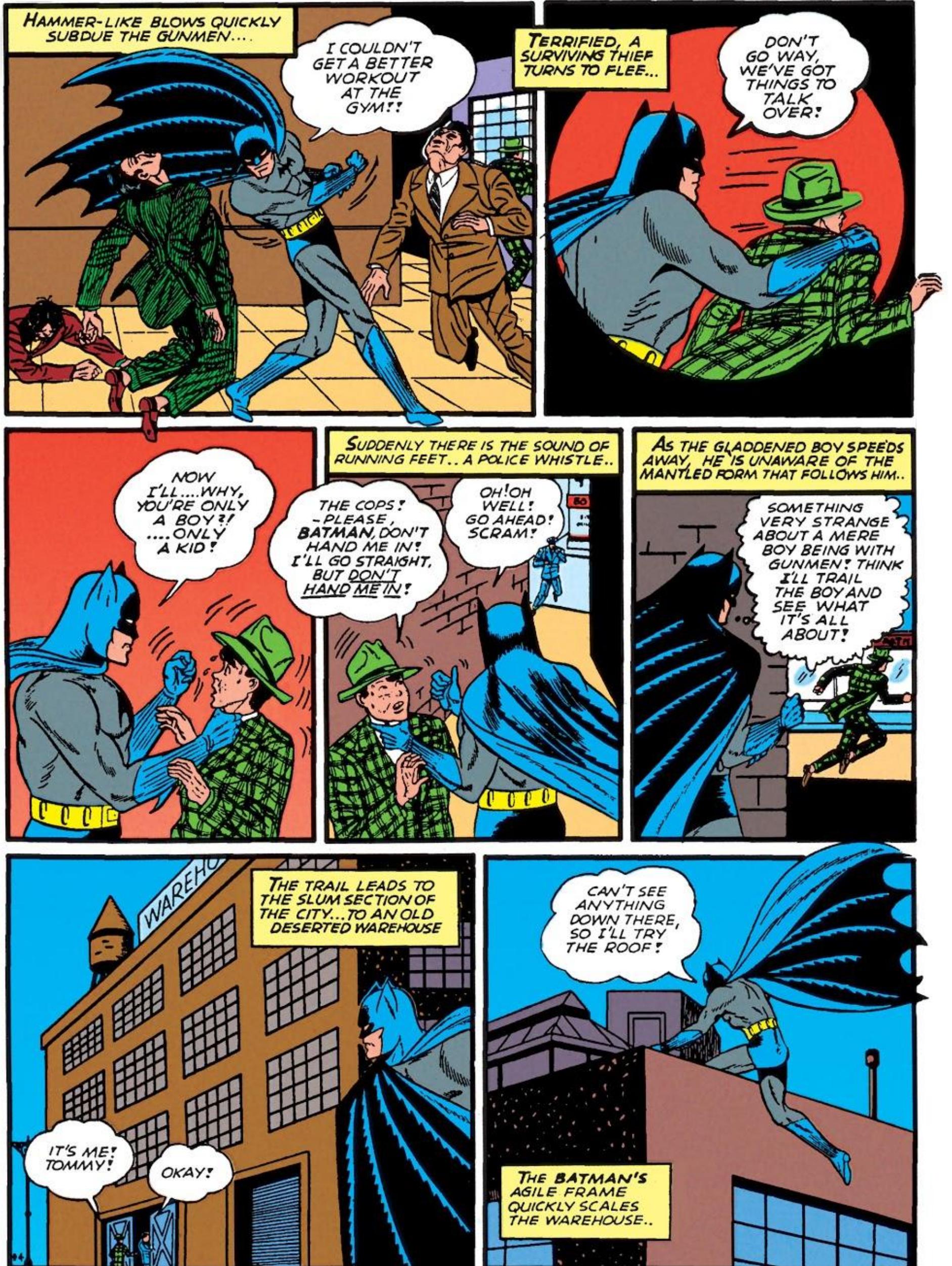




AS A MAN'S RUSH CARRIES HIM FORWARD, THE BATMAN BRACES HIMSELF OVER THE LOW ROOF-LEDGE, LIFTS HIS LEGS AND...







PEERING DOWN
THROUGH THE SKYLIGHT,
THE BATMAN VIEWS A
STARTLING SIGHT....

WHAT? YOU
SAY SOME OF
BIG BOY DANIELS'
MOB WAS TAKEN
BY THE COPS ??
THE BATMAN
DID IT ?

HE LET
ME GET
AWAY
CAUSE I
TOLD HIM
I'D GO
STRAIGHT!

LISTEN, TOMMY,
YOU'RE THE BEST
PUPIL I EVER HAD
IN MY SCHOOL HERE.
I TAUGHT YOU EVERY
TRICK I KNOW ABOUT
BEIN' A PICKPOCKET,
SAFE-CRACKING
AND THE REST!

YEAH,
I KNOW,
"POCKETS",
BUT....

THE BEST
PUPIL I HAD!
AND WHEN YOU
GRADUATED, I
GOT YOU IN BIG
TIME WITH BIG
BOY DANIELS'
MOB! YOU GOT
BRAINS, KID. YOU
CAN GO TO
THE TOP!

OKAY,
"POCKETS,"
I'LL
STICK!

RELIEVED, THE "TEACHER"
TURNS TO THE "PUPILS" OF
HIS STRANGE "SCHOOL"

-BOY,
AIN'T
"POCKETS"
SLICK'?!

A CRIME SCHOOL!
A SCHOOL TO TEACH
BOYS HOW TO BECOME
CRIMINALS!—TO
ADMIRE CRIMINALS?
I'M GOING TO DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT THIS!

...NOW MANY MEN
CARRY THEIR WALLETS
IN THE BACK POCKETS,
SO WE LIFT THE JACKET
GENTLY, SLIDE OUR
HANDS IN
LIKE THIS,
AND...

BY
THE TIME
WE GET
THROUGH
HERE WE'RE
GOONA KNOW
EVERYTHING!

LATER AS BRUCE WAYNE, HE
SPEAKS WITH YOUNG DICK GRAYSON,
BETTER KNOWN AS ROBIN THE
BOY WONDER...

BUT
IF YOU
KNEW IT
WAS A
CRIME
SCHOOL, WHY
DIDN'T YOU
JUST GO IN
AND CLEAN
IT UP?

EVEN IF I DID HAND
THE TEACHER OVER TO
THE POLICE, THAT
WOULDN'T STOP THE BOYS
FROM STILL ADMIRING
CRIMINALS. WE'VE
GOT TO
BE SUBTLE!

WE'VE GOT
TO MAKE THESE
BOYS HATE CRIME
AND EVIL, AND NOT
LOOK UP TO A
RACKETEER LIKE
BIG BOY DANIELS,
WHO IS PROBABLY
THEIR IDEAL!

I
SEE, WE'VE
GOT TO TEACH
THEM TO A MIRE
HONESTY,
FAIR PLAY!?

EXACTLY!
AND THAT'S WHERE
YOU COME IN!
NOW, I
HAVE A
PLAN!

BRUCE BEGINS THE FIRST STEP IN HIS CAMPAIGN BY RENTING AN OLD BARN IN THE SLUM SECTION....

YES, I CAN LET YOU HAVE THIS PLACE! WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO WITH IT?

I'M GOING TO MAKE A GYMNASIUM HERE FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD!

HEY, PIPE THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK!

A FEW DAYS LATER, A NEW BOY MAKES HIS APPEARANCE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD...

I AINT EVER SEEN HIM BEFORE!

COME ON-- LET'S HAVE SOME FUN WID HIM!

NEW KID AROUND HERE, AIN'T CHA? WELL, I'M BUTCH, AND I'M THE BOSS O' THE BLOCK!

SO WHAT?

SO THIS .. I'M GONNA PUSH YOUR FACE IN!

THEN I'D BETTER MOVE IT!

HAPPY DAZE!

THEN, AS THE BOY RUSHES FORWARD ONCE MORE ... DICK SIDESTEPS, AND....

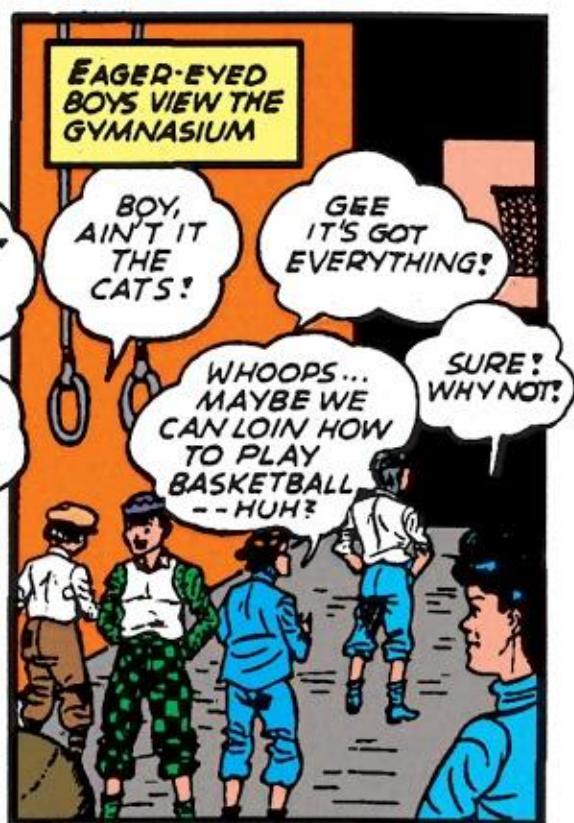
YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! I'LL...

... I CAN DO THIS!

HEY! DID YA SEE THAT?!!

WELL, IF I CAN'T DO THAT?

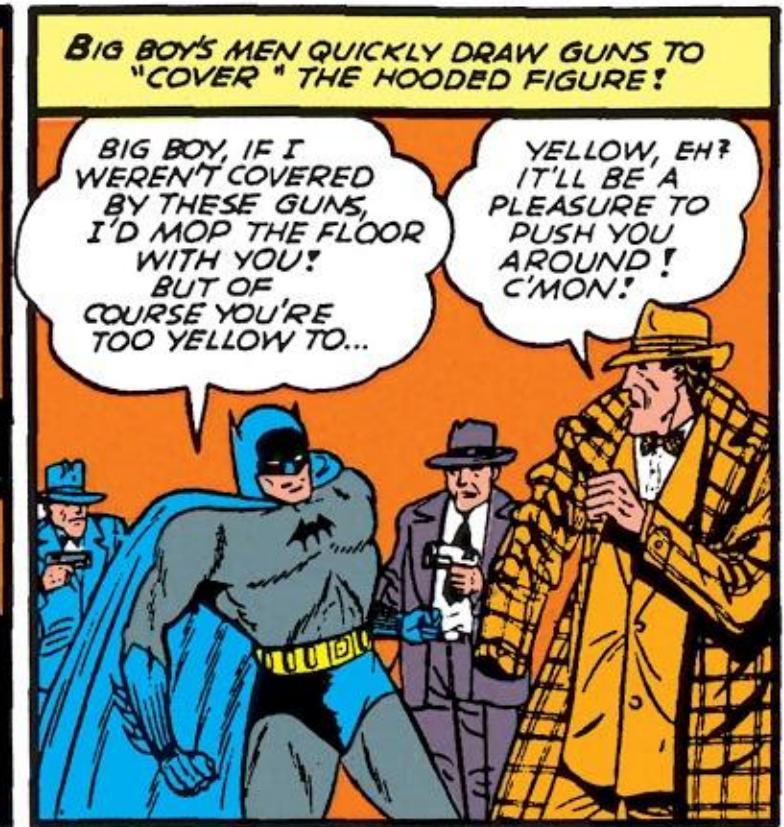
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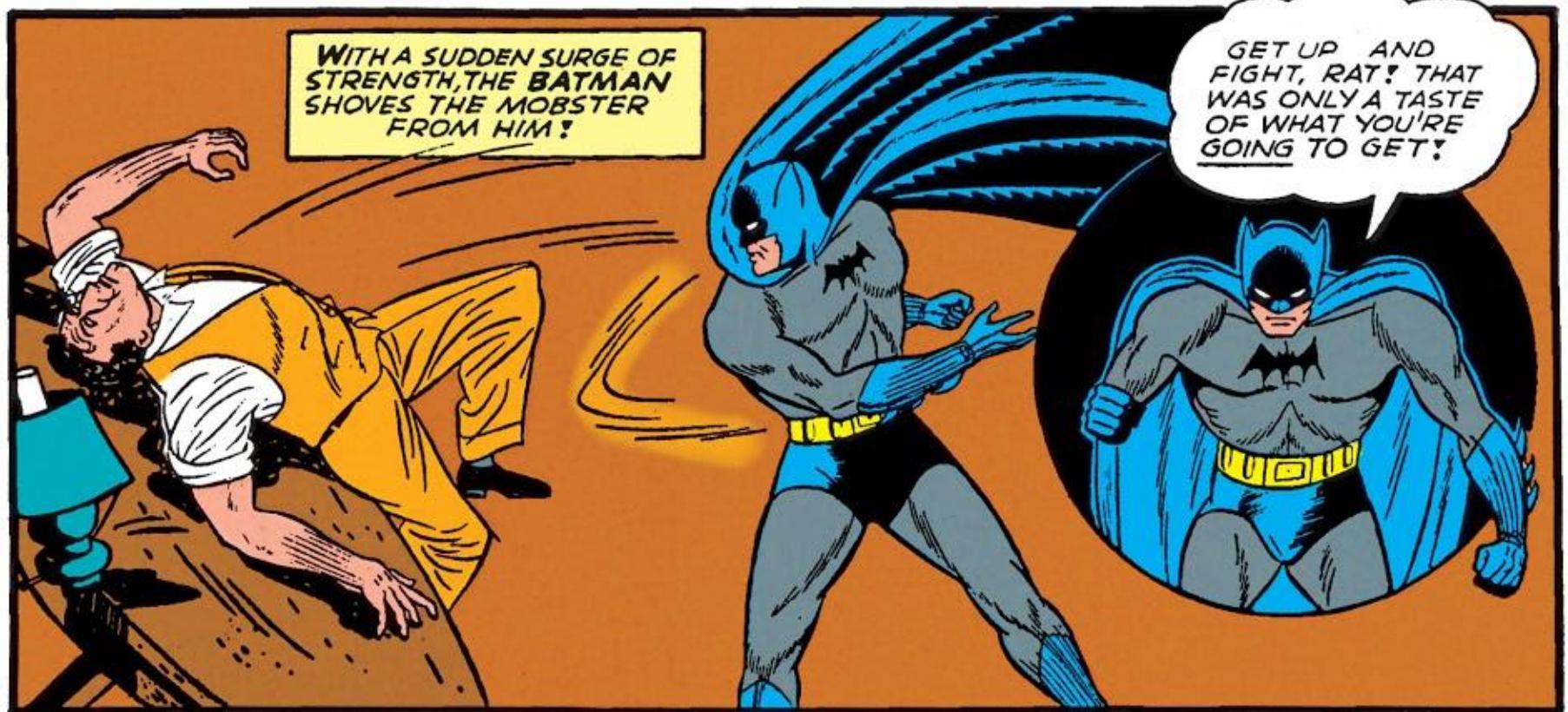














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-THE BOY WONDER-

BATMAN, EERIE NEMESIS OF CRIME,
AND HIS YOUNG DARE-DEVIL AIDE,
ROBIN THE BOY WONDER, FIND THEM-
SELVES CROSSING THE TRAIL OF A
FAMILIAR FIGURE.... THE BEAUTIFUL
AND CLEVER WOMAN CALLED..... THE
CAT! ... THE CAT-WOMAN WHO FLIRTS
WITH DANGER AND DEATH? IN THIS
GRIM CONTEST BETWEEN A MAN AND A
WOMAN, WHO WILL WIN?? WHO WILL
BE THE VICTOR IN THE GAME OF...
•THE BATMAN VS THE CAT-WOMAN!"

BY
Bob Kane



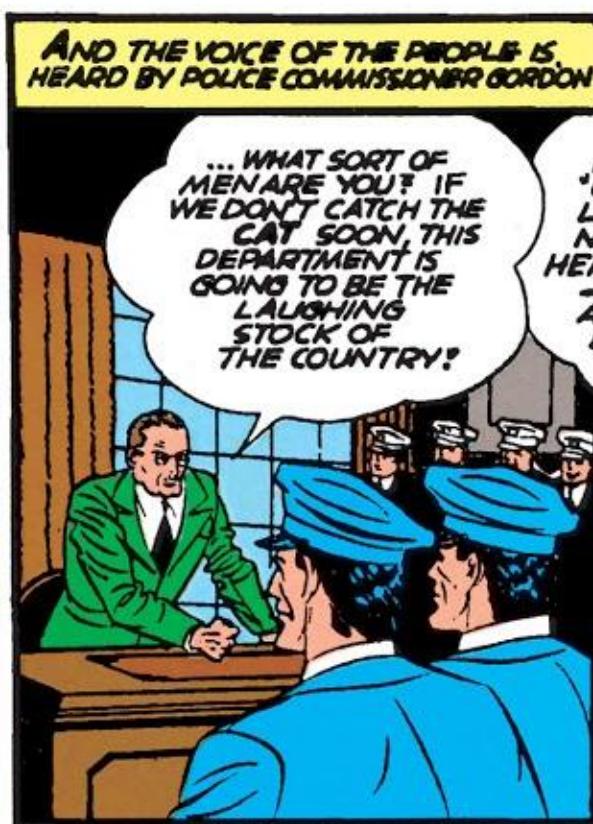
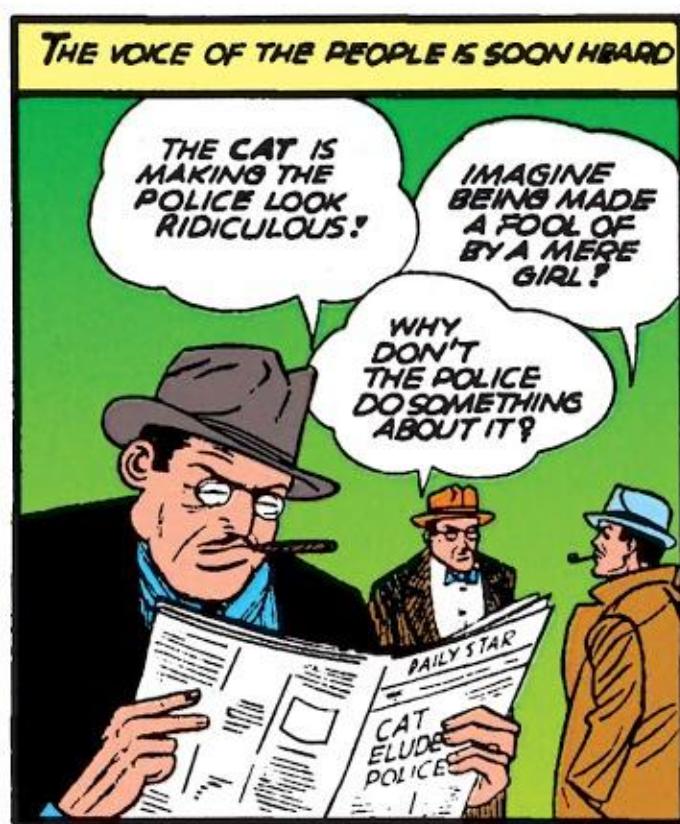
ATOP ONE OF THE TOWERING DWELLINGS OF
THE GREAT CITY, A COUPLE ENTER THEIR
PENTHOUSE AFTER A GALA EVENING

"IT WAS A
DIVINE PARTY,
WASN'T IT,
JERRY"

"YES, DEAR! NOW
I THINK IT WOULD
BE WISE TO PUT
AWAY YOUR
JEWELRY AT
ONCE!"







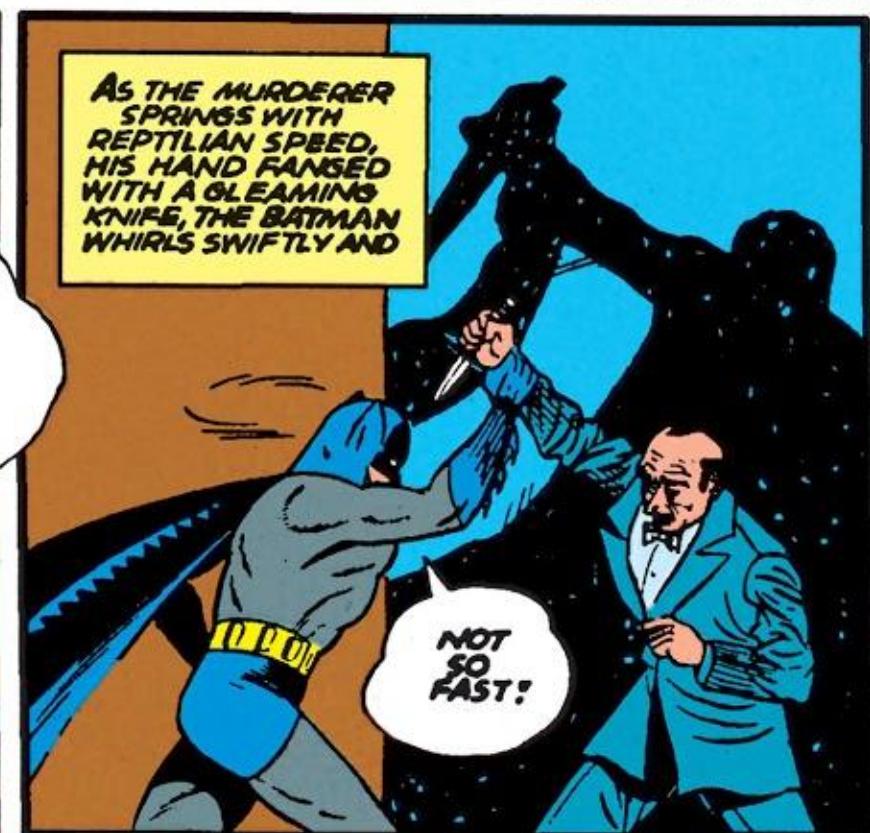
KEEPING WELL IN THE SHADOWS, THE BATMAN FLITS ACROSS THE CITY STREETS, UNTIL....

A CRY FOR HELP!

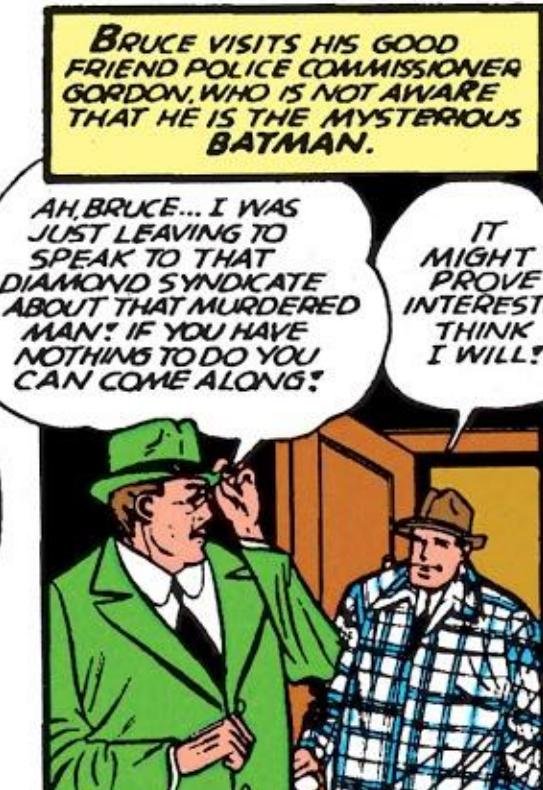
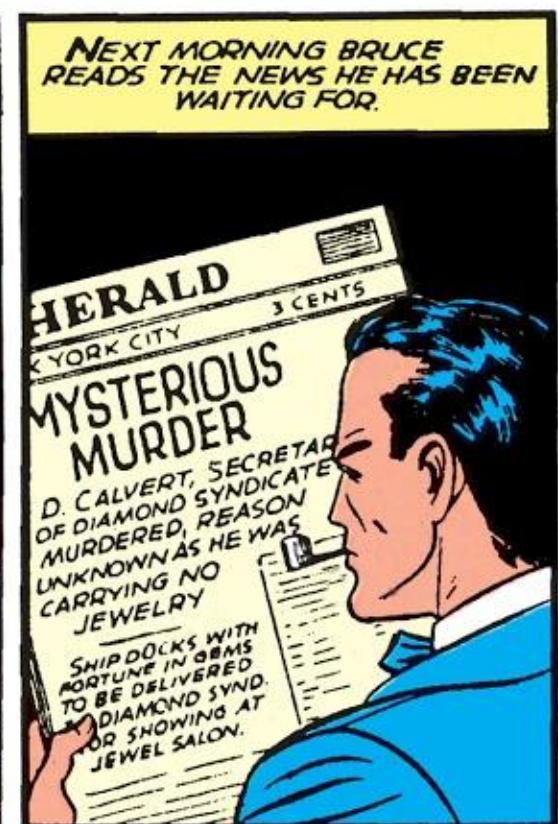
HELP!

AS HE TURNS THE CORNER HE SEES....

UGH?







ARRIVING AT HOME, BRUCE
DISCUSSES PLANS WITH DICK...

THE THREE PARTNERS,
HOFFER, BLAKE, AND
DARREL, THINK THEY
WILL BE WELL PROTECTED.
BUT I'M NOT SO SURE! NOW,
I'M GOING TO BE THERE
TO KEEP WATCH -
WHILE YOU...

AND ANOTHER PERSON IS
ALSO LAYING PLANS.... THE CAT!

SO THE
DIAMOND SHOW
WILL BE ON
TOMORROW NIGHT!
GOOD! THEY MAY
NOT EXPECT ME, BUT
THE CAT WILL
BE THERE!!

NEXT NIGHT, BRUCE WAYNE
IS AMONG THOSE TAKING THE
ELEVATOR THAT LEADS TO THE
FLOOR OF THE DIAMOND
SALON....

POLICE?
EVIDENTLY
THEY'RE NOT
TAKING
ANY CHANCES!

AS SOON AS THE GUESTS ARE
SEATED, THE DIAMOND SHOW
BEGINS....

AS I HAVE
EXPLAINED,
YOUNG LADIES
WILL MODEL
OUR JEWELRY!
NOTICE THIS
YOUNG LADY
WEARING A
NECKLACE
OF RUBIES!

... AND
NOW THIS
DIAMOND
CLIP - WITH
AN ESTIMATED
VALUE OF
TEN THOUSAND
DOLLARS!

AT LAST THE SHOW COMES TO THE
CLIMAX OF THE EVENING...

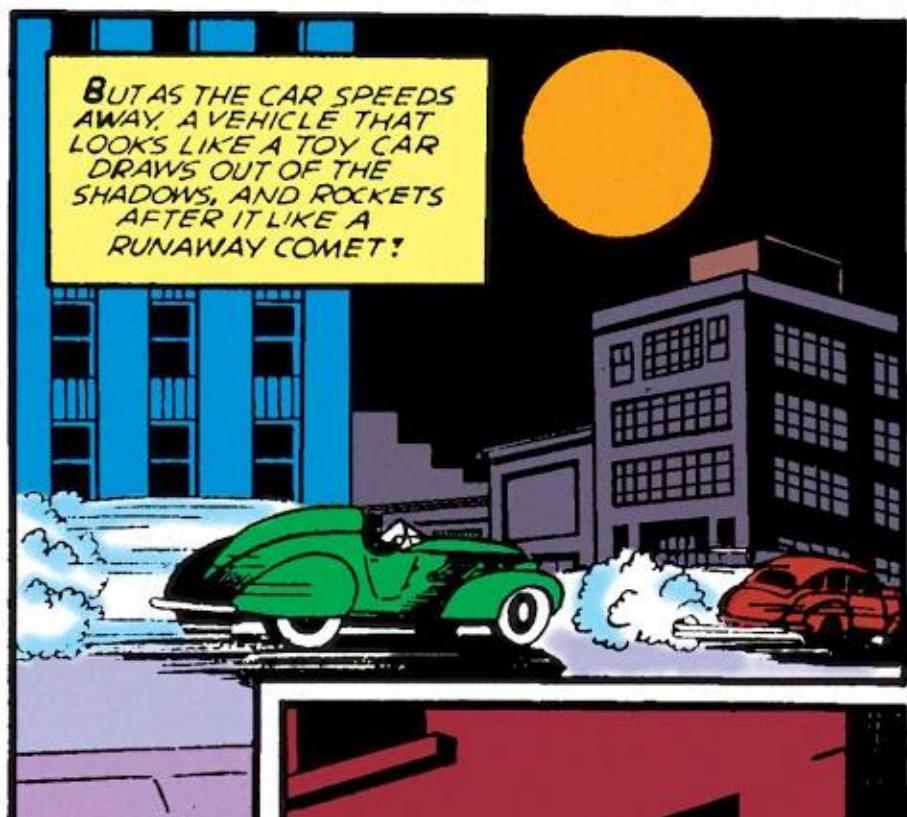
... LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
NOTICE THIS GLITTERING ARRAY
OF PERFECT DIAMONDS! THEY
HAVE BEEN VALUED AT CLOSE
TO A MILLION DOLLARS! -
A KING'S
RANSOM!

WITHOUT WARNING, THE
MODEL'S HAND DIPS INTO HER
PURSE, HURLS SOMETHING TO
THE FLOOR, AND THERE IS A
SUDDEN BURSTING, BLINDING
FLASH OF LIGHT....

SWIFT AS A STRIKING PUMA, SHE
LEAPS DOWN THE STAIRS TOWARD
THE ELEVATOR, WHERE....

OUT!

WHA-?



A THIN, STRONG ROPE GOES INTO PLACE HE SWINGS OUT INTO EMPTY SPACE AND DOWN TO THE GROUND!

MOMENTS LATER....THE HOME OF DARREL, OF THE DIAMOND SYNDICATE....

NO WORD YET!
- SHOULD HAVE HAD A CALL A HALF-HOUR AGO

... WOULD THAT BE A SOCIAL ... OR BUSINESS CALL, DARREL?

WHO...? THAT COSTUME... YOU'RE THE BATMAN! I'LL....

I'M SORT OF TOUCHY ABOUT PEOPLE POINTING GUNS AT ME! DROP IT!

NOW DON'T ANNOY ME OR I'LL REALLY GET TO WORK ON YOU!

FROM HIS UTILITY BELT, THE BATMAN ASSEMBLES PARTS THAT FORM A TINY WIRELESS SET

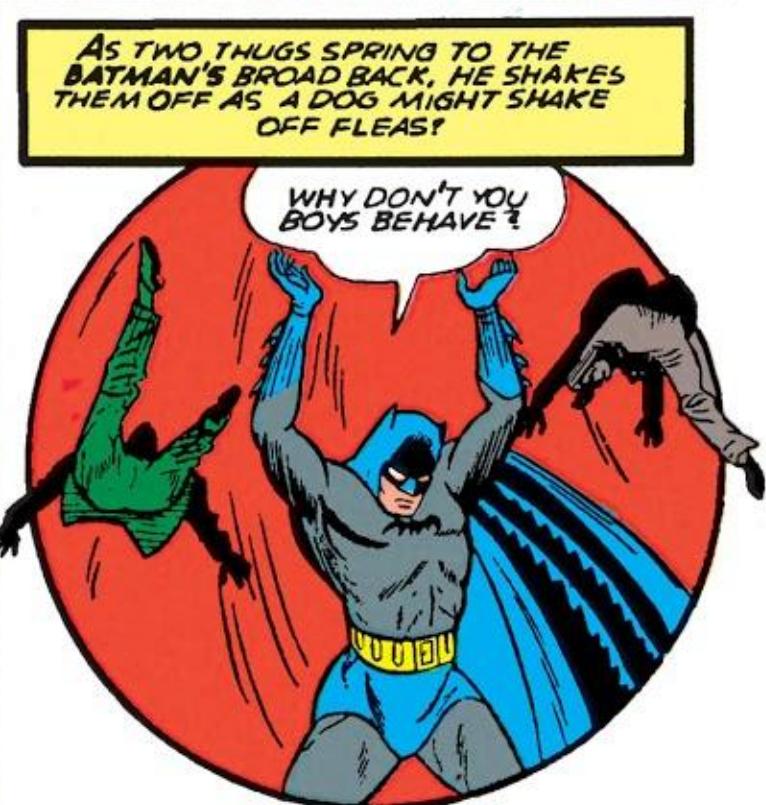
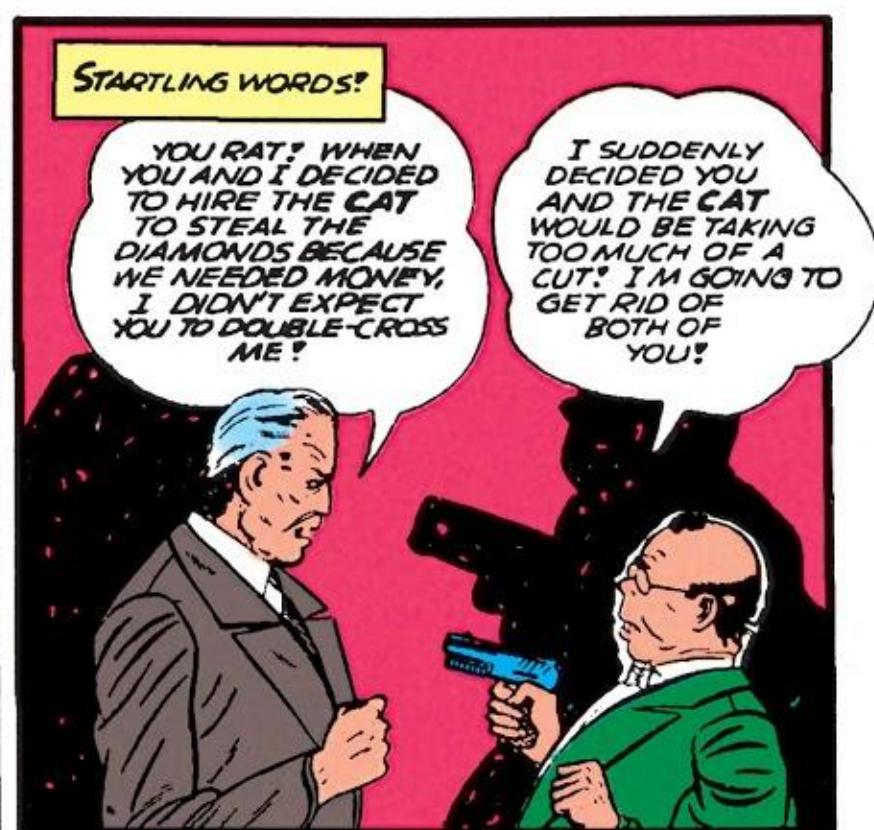
NOW TO CONTACT ROBIN AND FIND OUT DEVELOPMENTS!

A SECOND LATER THE BATMAN IS IN TOUCH WITH ROBIN, WHO HAS A WIRELESS BUILT IN THE HOLLOW OF HIS BELT BUCKLE!

AND AFTER THE BATMAN HAS LEARNED ALL HE NEEDED TO KNOW ...

C'MON, DARREL! I'M GOING TO BREAK THIS CASE RIGHT NOW!

PLenty! YOUR HUNCH WAS RIGHT! LISTEN....



WITH THE SWIFTNESS OF CHAIN-LIGHTNING, THE BATMAN SWOOPS FOR HIS PREY. HIS FISTS WORKING LIKE TRIP-HAMMERS

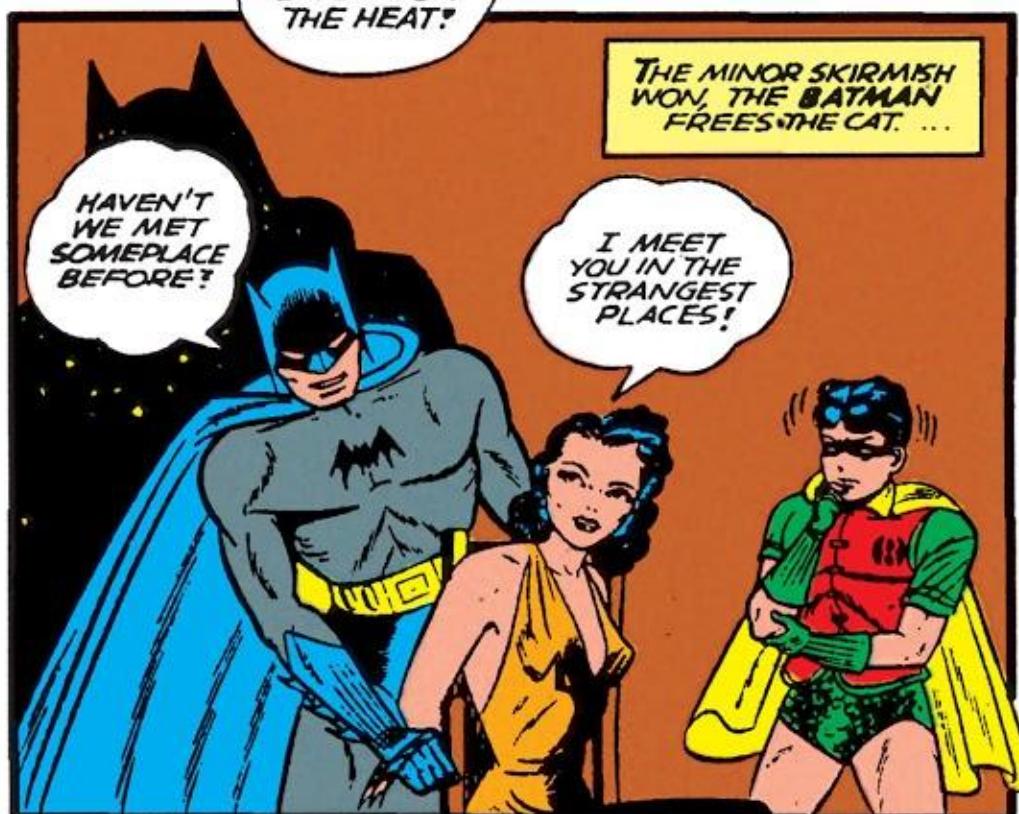


AS FOR ROBIN, HE SEEMS TO BE QUITE BUSY TRYING TO PROVE HE REALLY IS THE WONDER BOY!



HAVEN'T WE MET SOMEPLACE BEFORE?

THE MINOR SKIRMISH WON, THE BATMAN FREES THE CAT....



FREED, THE CAT HURLS HERSELF AT HOFFER, HER LONG NAILS SLASHING LIKE THE CLAWS OF A TIGER!

TRY TO DOUBLE-CROSS ME, WILL YOU?

HELP! GET HER OFF ME!



KEEP HER AWAY FROM ME!

I'LL SCRATCH HIS EYES OUT!

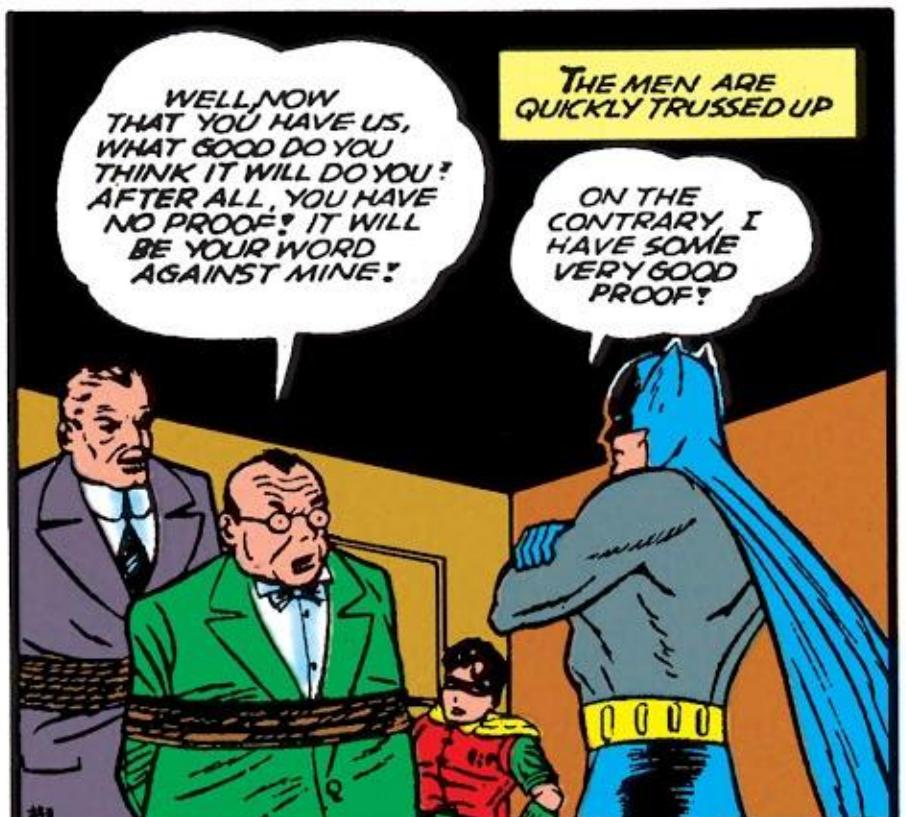
YOU CERTAINLY LIVE UP TO YOUR NAME, CAT?

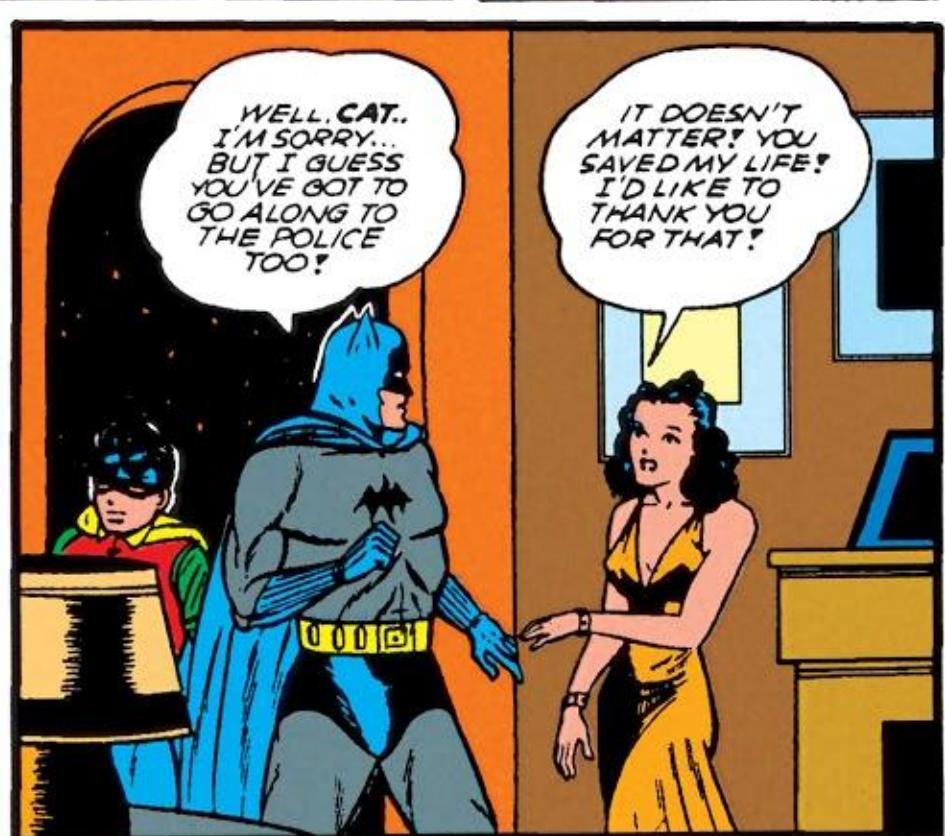


WELL, NOW THAT YOU HAVE US, WHAT GOOD DO YOU THINK IT WILL DO YOU? AFTER ALL, YOU HAVE NO PROOF! IT WILL BE YOUR WORD AGAINST MINE!

THE MEN ARE QUICKLY TRUSSED UP

ON THE CONTRARY, I HAVE SOME VERY GOOD PROOF!





AND BY THE TIME THE BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE OUTSIDE.....

SHE TOOK THE GANGSTERS' CAR! I'LL GO AFTER HER IN MY RACER! I'LL...

TAKE IT EASY! SHE'S TOO FAR AWAY FOR YOU TO CATCH UP

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT... BUT IT'S TOO BAD A CROOK LIKE THAT HAS TO GET AWAY, EVEN IF SHE IS A GIRL!

YES, AND IT'S TOO BAD SHE HAS TO BE A CROOK!

WHAT A NIGHT! A NIGHT FOR ROMANCE, EH, ROBIN?

ROMANCE? BAH...

SOMETIME LATER, AS THE GREAT MEGONIGLE WALKS TOWARD THE STATION HOUSE....

NO SIGN OF THE CAT? I... WHA...?

LOOKING UP, MEGONIGLE SPIES A BLACK-CLOAKED FORM STRADDLING THE PARAPET OF A ROOF.

HELLO... AND GOOD BYE!

THE BATMAN!

EDITH'S CAFE

MCGONIGLE UNTIES THE PACKAGE TO FIND.....

"PAL," IS IT? JUST BECAUSE HE DELIVERS THE JEWELS, I'M TO BE HIS "PAL"? AS SURE AS ME NAME IS MEGONIGLE, IF EVER I SEE THE BATMAN, I'LL ... BLA... BLA... BLA... ETC.... ETC... ETC...

WHILE NOT FAR AWAY, ANOTHER HAS VERY DIFFERENT THOUGHTS CONCERNING THE BATMAN....

I SORT OF WISH THE BATMAN WERE DRIVING THIS CAR-AND I WERE SITTING BESIDE HIM.... AND WE WERE JUST ANOTHER BOY AND GIRL OUT FOR A RIDE ON A MOONLIGHT NIGHT. THAT WOULD BE SORT OF... OF... NICE!!

Here are the missing gems. Develop the film. It will explain the reason for the run traced up at 14 Chatham Road! Sorry I couldn't deliver the Cat too! You did pal!

BOB KANE

The **BATMAN**



SAYS:

HELLO, Readers! Now that you've read all these new adventures of mine and Robin's, I'd like to talk right AT you for a minute or so.

I think Robin and I make it pretty clear that WE HATE CRIME AND CRIMINALS! There's nothing we like better than to crack down on the distasteful denizens of the underworld. Why? Because we're proud of being AMERICANS—and we know there's no place in this great country of ours for lawbreakers!

That phrase, "CRIME DOESN'T PAY," has been used over and over again to the point where I hesitate to repeat it. But remember this: IT'S JUST AS TRUE NOW AS IT EVER WAS—AND THAT'S PLENTY TRUE!

Sure, it may seem that lawbreakers DO get away with breaking the law. Some may get away with it longer than others. But in the end, every crook gets what's coming to him—and that means plenty of trouble with the law!

Robin and I hope that our adventures may help to "put over" that fact. We'd like to feel that our efforts may help every youngster to grow up into an honest, useful citizen.

It depends on YOU and YOU and YOU. You've got to govern your own lives so that they can be worthwhile, fruitful lives—not lives wasted in prison, or even thrown away altogether before the ready guns of the law-enforcement agents who duty it is to guard those of us who are honest from those of us who are not. And not only must you guide your OWN life in the proper channels—you must also strive to be a good influence on the lives of others.

If you do all this, if you are definitely on the side of Law and Order, then Robin and I salute you and are glad to number you among our friends!

....and what the BATMAN says goes DOUBLE for me!

