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BATMAN

YOU'LL TAKE
BATMAN TO YOUR
CATACOMBS OVER
MY DEAD BODY,
CATWOMAN!

HAVE IT
YOUR
OWN WAY,
BATGIRL!

"**CATWOMAN**
SETS HER
CLAWS FOR
BATMAN!"

BATMAN

With ROBIN The BOY WONDER

MY FATE IS IN YOUR HANDS, BATMAN!

AM I TO BE BRIDE-- OR BURGLAR?

BEFORE YOU ANSWER, I MUST
WARN YOU THAT IF YOU REFUSE
MY PROPOSAL OF MARRIAGE--
YOU DOOM NOT ONLY YOUR-
SELF, BUT ROBIN AND
BATGIRL AS WELL,
TO THE DEADLY
CATAPHONIC
TRAP YOU'RE
STANDING IN!

BOB
KANE

WHAT A DESIGNING WOMAN WAS-- **CATWOMAN!** SHE HAD DESIGNS ON SNARING BATMAN FOR HER MATE-- EVEN IF IT MEANT ABANDONING HER ROLE AS THE PRINCESS OF PLUNDER! IF THE WORST CAME TO PASS AND HE TURNED HER DOWN, SHE'D MANAGE TO SURVIVE WITHOUT BATMAN-- WHILE MAKING SURE HE DIDN'T LIVE AT ALL!

"CATWOMAN Sets Her Claws for BATMAN!"





SHIPS MAY PASS IN THE NIGHT UNSEEN
AND UNHEARD--BUT NOT THE KITTY CAR
AND BATMOBILE...

GREETINGS,
CAPE
CRUSADERS!
BAGGED ANYTHING
YET?

IT'S
CATWOMAN--
AND SHE'S
CAPTURED
THE PARKER
BROTHERS!



WE'VE BEEN
AFTER THAT
GANG FOR
WEEKS!

MIGHT BE A GOOD
IDEA TO ASK HER
ROBIN!

WHAT'S SHE UP
TO, BATMAN--
MASQUERADEING
IN THAT NEW
UNIFORM?

YOU'RE NOW
LOOKING AT THE
NOW LOOK
CATWOMAN--
MY CRIMINAL PAST
IS BEHIND ME--
MY FUTURE IS TO
JAIL ALL THE THIEVES
I CAN LAY MY
CAT-O'-NINE
TAILS ON!

YOU'VE REFORMED BE-
FORE, CATWOMAN--BUT
IT NEVER
LASTED LONG!



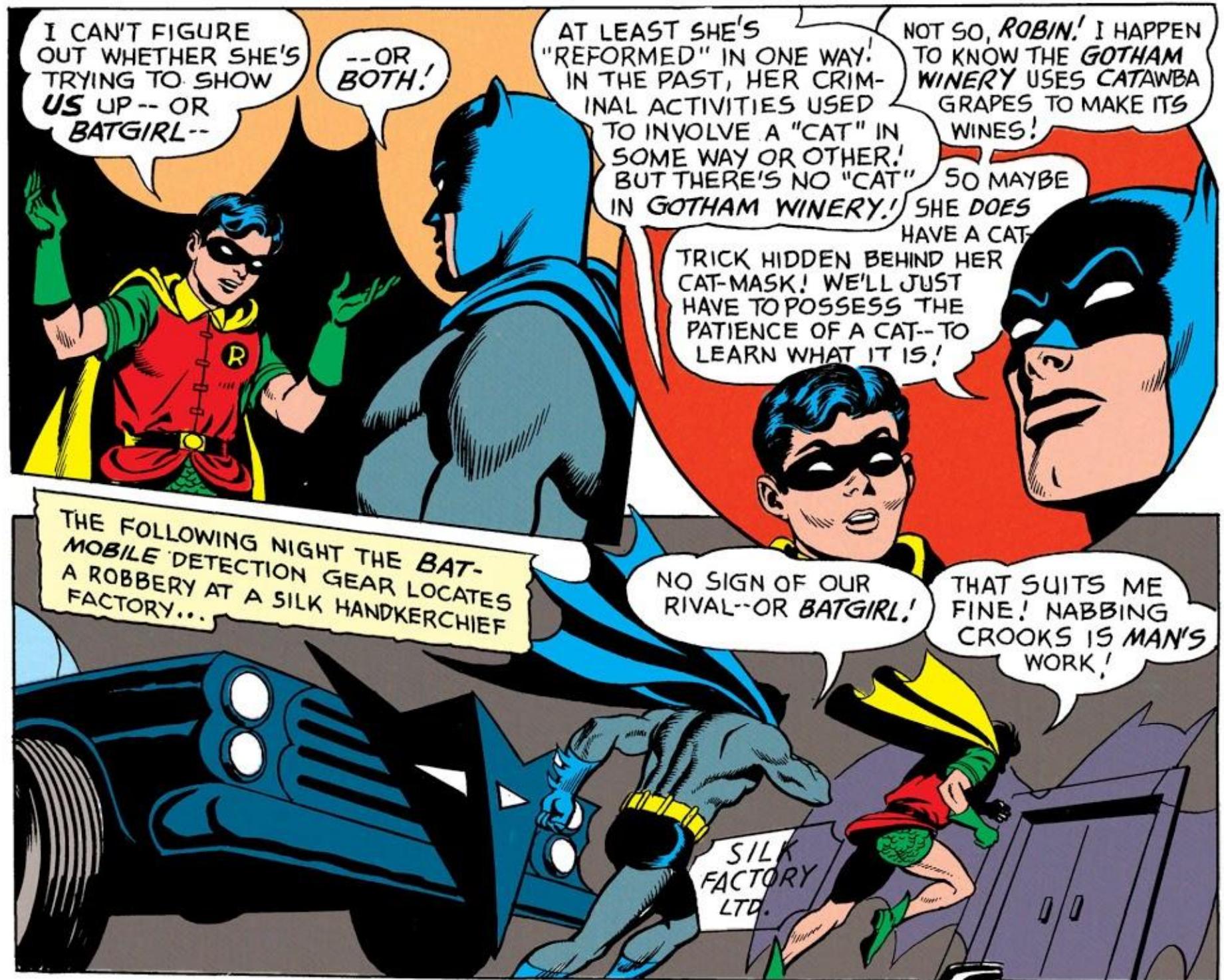
YOU SHALL SEE FOR
YOURSELF, YOU DOUBTING
ROBIN--BEGINNING WITH
THIS HAUL AT A WINERY
WHERE I WENT
CAT-WILD

IT'S A PURR-FECT
DEMONSTRATION THAT
ANYTHING BATGIRL
CAN DO, I CAN DO--
BETTER!

TA-TA! I'LL BE SEEING YOU
IN THE MORNING PAPERS!

THIS NIGHT'S WORK
WILL CATAPULT ME INTO
THE HEADLINES!

WHAT
SNEAKY
GAME IS
SHE
PLAYING?



OUT OF THE NEXT ROOM STORM
FOUR HEAVILY MUSCLED THUGS--
TO RAIN BLOWS ON THE
UNSUPECTING
BATMAN...

THE BOSS HELD US IN
RESERVE -- JUST FOR AN
OPPORTUNITY LIKE
THIS!

SOCK!

FROM THE SIDE, THE TEEN TITAN
EXPLODES INTO ACTION...

HERE I COME
LIKE A BOLT FROM
THE BLUE --

A BOLT OF
BLUE SILK,
THAT IS!

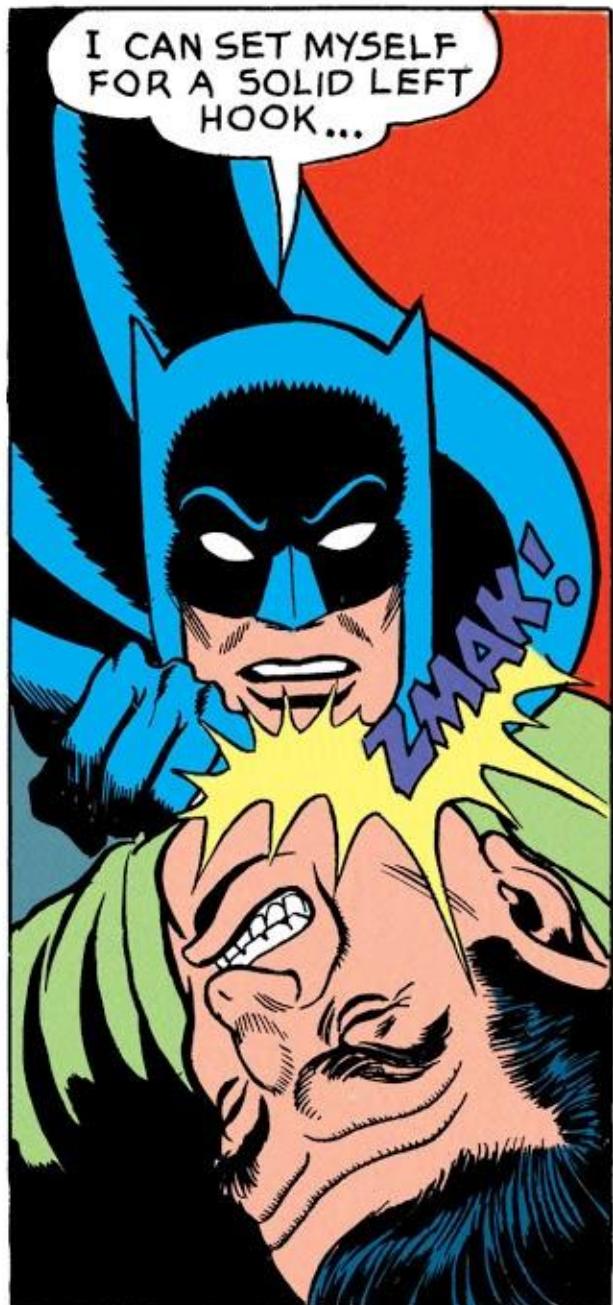
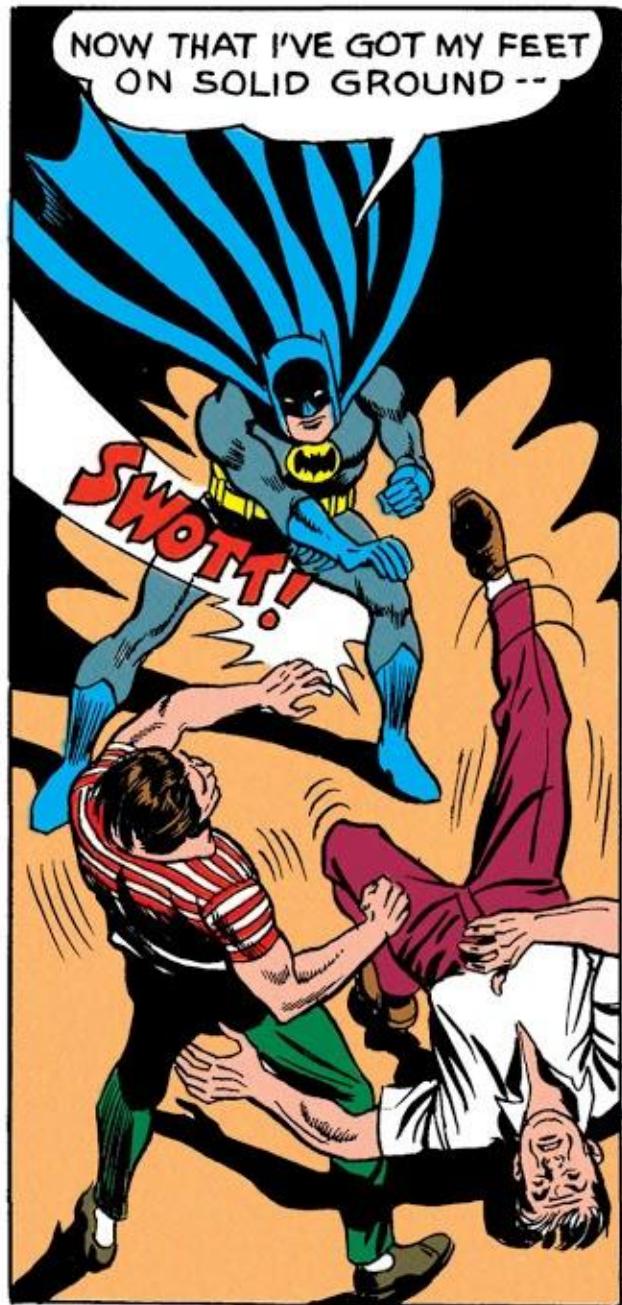
THEY'RE TOO HEAVY
TO FLIP OFF...



GOOD BOY,
ROBIN!

NOW I CAN THROW
THESE CROOKS OFF--
GET TO MY FEET--







BUT AS THE MASKED MAN-HUNTER HAULS IN HIS CATCH...



NEXT MOMENT SIX GUNS LIFT AS SIX FINGERS CURL ABOUT HALF A DOZEN TRIGGERS...

OBVIOUSLY, BATMAN AND ROBIN CAN USE A HELPING HAND!



INCHES FROM THE EARS OF THE SEXTET OF GUNMEN, TINY BOMBS ATTACHED TO THE THONGS OF THE CAT-O'-NINE TAILS DETONATE WITH DEAFENING FURY...



QUICK, ROBIN-- BEFORE THEY RE-COVER FROM THAT NOISE BOMBARDMENT!

FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE--I'M ACTUALLY HAPPY TO SEE YOU, CATWOMAN!







HAS CATWOMAN REALLY ABANDONED HER CAT-MOTIVE? THIS BURNING THOUGHT SEARS THE MIND OF BARBARA (BATGIRL) GORDON NEXT DAY IN THE LIBRARY OF WHICH SHE IS BOSS-LADY...

I SEEM TO REMEMBER SOMETHING ABOUT SILK HANDKERCHIEFS...A PARTICULAR WORD THAT MY PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY TELLS ME MAY FIT IN...



OUR REPORTER ON THE SPOT INFORMS US THAT LAST NIGHT WHEN BATMAN MADE HIS REPORT TO THE POLICE, HE TOLD THEM THAT CATWOMAN AGAIN REMARKED -- "ANYTHING BATGIRL CAN DO, I CAN DO--BETTER!"



A PULICAT IS A SILK BANDANA OR HANDKERCHIEF. IT DERIVES ITS NAME FROM LAKE PULICAT IN MADRAS, INDIA, WHERE IT IS MANUFACTURED--WHAT'S THAT?



THE INFERENCE WAS THAT
CATWOMAN WAS MOCKING
BATGIRL...

WAS SHE NOW? MAYBE
I'D JUST BETTER SEE FOR
MYSELF, NEXT TIME SHE GOES
PROWLING IN THAT KITTY
CAR OF HERS!

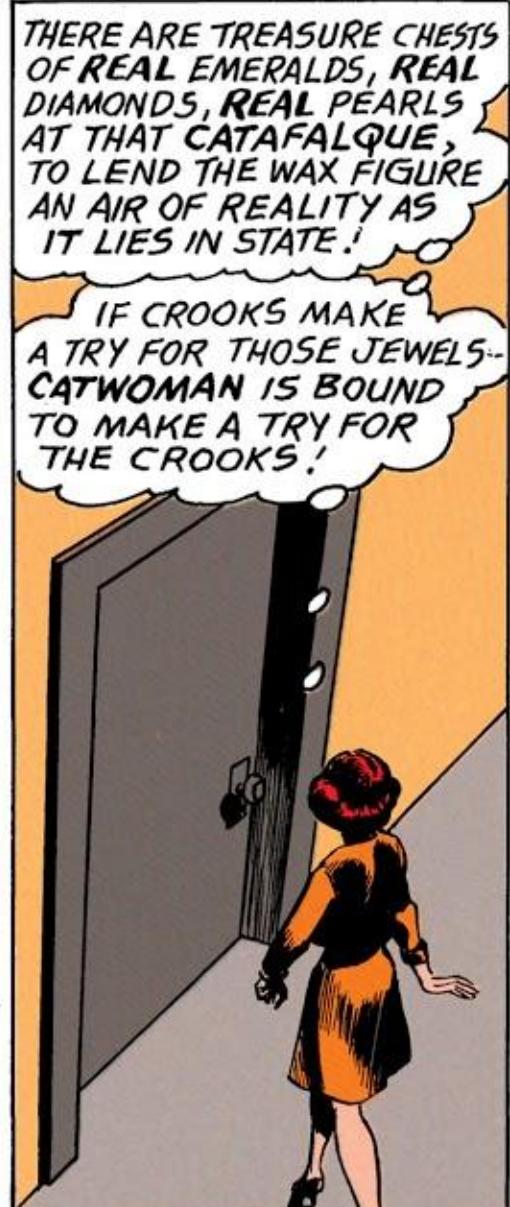
SHE'S ROUSED MY
FEMININE CURIOSITY--
AS WELL AS MY FEMININE
INTUITION!

AND THAT SAME INTUITION TELLS
ME CATWOMAN WILL STRIKE AT
THE GOTHAM WAX MUSEUM--
WHERE A BIER OF A FAR EAST-
ERN MAHARAJAH IS ON LOAN
FROM HIS NATIVE COUNTRY!

ESPECIALLY SINCE A BIER
IS ALSO KNOWN AS A --
CATAFALQUE!

THERE ARE TREASURE CHESTS
OF REAL EMERALDS, REAL
DIAMONDS, REAL PEARLS
AT THAT CATAFALQUE,
TO LEND THE WAX FIGURE
AN AIR OF REALITY AS
IT LIES IN STATE!

IF CROOKS MAKE
A TRY FOR THOSE JEWELS--
CATWOMAN IS BOUND
TO MAKE A TRY FOR
THE CROOKS!



INSIDE HER PRIVATE
CLOSET, FINGERS PULL
DOWN THE ROLL-RIM
OF A BERET, FORMING
A COWL...

NEITHER OF THEM IS GOING
TO GET WHAT THEY WANT...

...BECAUSE
I'M GOING TO
SHOW UP...

REVERSING HER
SKIRT, SHE TURNS IT
INTO A CAPE...

...FOR A
SHOWDOWN
WITH
CATWOMAN...

SHE ROLLS UP
HER BOOT-
FLAPS...

HER SPECIALLY
DESIGNED HANDBAG
BECOMES HER
WEAPONS-POUCH...

...AS
BATGIRL!

**THAT NIGHT
SHE SPEEDS
CROSSTOWN
ON HER
BATBIKE...**







DISAPPOINTMENT AND CHAGRIN SHOW IN EVERY INCH OF BATGIRL'S DROOPING HEAD AND SHOULDERS AS...

CATWOMAN'S IF I HAD BEEN RIGHT--SHE SUCCEEDED WHERE I FAILED! ALONE--THOSE CROOKS WOULD HAVE GOTTEN AWAY WITH THE LOOT--



THERE IS A MOMENT OF SILENCE AS SHE TURNS AND WALKS AWAY...

NOBODY WILL EVER KNOW--WHAT IT COST ME TO SAY THAT--IN FRONT OF THAT OTHER WOMAN!

I OUGHT TO HANG UP MY UNIFORM--QUIT THE CROOK-CATCHING BUSINESS--LEAVE IT TO THE EXPERTS!



IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, SELINA (CATWOMAN) KYLE FINDS HERSELF THE MOST CELEBRATED WOMAN IN GOTHAM CITY...

GOSH, BRUCE--LOOK AT THE PEOPLE WANTING HER TO AUTOGRAPH COPIES OF HER BOOK THEY BOUGHT!

SHE'S THE LION--LIONESS--OF THE HOUR, DICK!



THE GOLDEN CAT RESTAURANT HAS NEVER BEEN SO CROWDED . . .

BARBARA GORDON! WHAT'S GOTHAM CITY'S HEAD LIBRARIAN DOING HERE?

WELL, I'M GOING TO GET NEAR HER! OUR WAYNE FOUNDATION CHARITY DINNER TO RAISE RESEARCH FUNDS IS BOGGING DOWN...

HELLO, BRUCE! I WAS GOING TO ASK MISS KYLE TO DONATE THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT OF HER BEST-SELLER TO THE LIBRARY--BUT I CAN'T GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO HER--

...SO I THOUGHT, MISS KYLE, THAT IF YOU WOULD ATTEND THE AFFAIR, IT'D BE A SELLOUT!

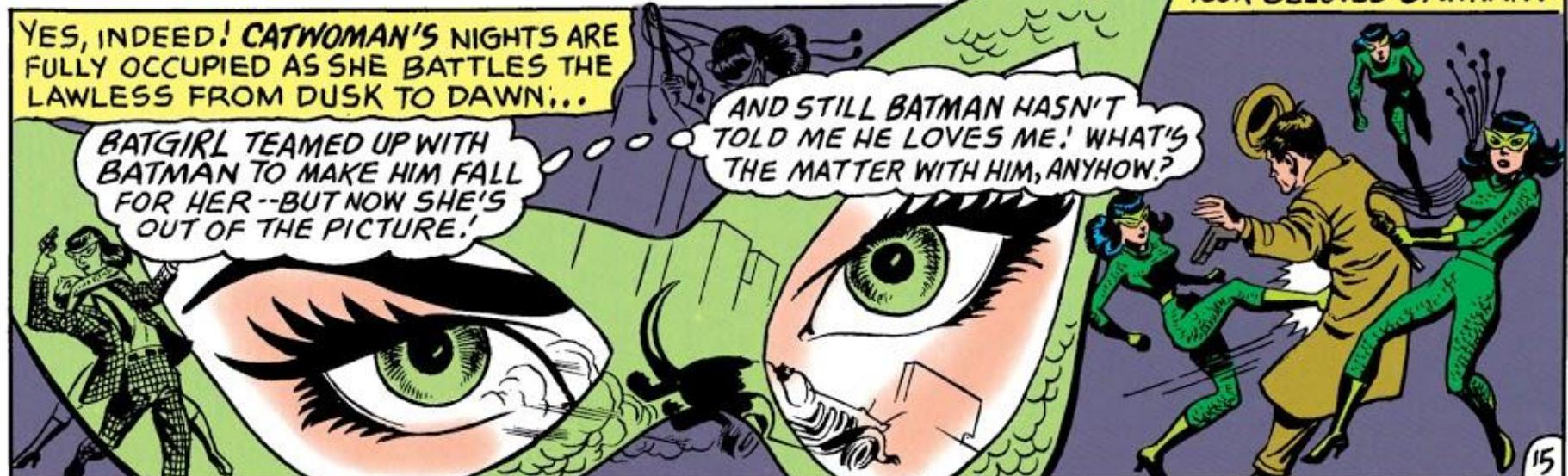
SORRY, MR. WAYNE. IN MY NEW ROLE OF CROOK-CATCHER--I HAVE NO TIME FOR SUCH THINGS.

YES, INDEED! CATWOMAN'S NIGHTS ARE FULLY OCCUPIED AS SHE BATTLES THE LAWLESS FROM DUSK TO DAWN...

BATGIRL TEAMED UP WITH BATMAN TO MAKE HIM FALL FOR HER--BUT NOW SHE'S OUT OF THE PICTURE!

AND STILL BATMAN HASN'T TOLD ME HE LOVES ME! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM, ANYHOW?

OH, SELINA--CATWOMAN! IF ONLY YOU REALIZED YOU WERE IN THE PRESENCE OF YOUR BELOVED BATMAN!





THE CRIME-PATROL BEGINS WITH THE BATMOBILE HEADING FOR A RARE COIN EMPORIUM! ALSO CONVERGING ON THAT SAME COIN CHATEAU ARE THE KITTY CAR--AND THE BATBIKE...

THE COLLECTION OF RARE DUCATS--SILVER COINS ISSUED IN 1140 BY THE DUKE OF APULIA--MAY TEMPT SOME CROOKS INTO STRIKING FOR THEM!



STARTLED FACES LIFT FROM PILES OF COSTLY COINS AS...

