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BATMAN



I MAY BE
HAND-TIED--BUT
I STILL HAVE THE
USE OF MY
LEGS!

THE BAT-SYMBOL
ON BATMAN'S
UNIFORM HAS
EXPANDED INTO
A STRAIT JACKET--
PINNING HIS ARMS
TO HIS SIDES!

NO CROOK
EVER HAD IT
SO GOOD! LET'S
BLAST HIM!

Featuring... "GENIUS of the
GETAWAY GIMMICKS!"

BATMAN

With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER



ON MANY OF THEIR CASES, BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE CONFRONTED BY CRIMINALS WHOSE MAIN OBJECTIVE IT IS TO PLACE THEM IN TRAPS OF DEADLY DANGER!

SO INTENT ARE THESE HOODLUMS ON GETTING RID OF THEIR FOES THAT THE LOOT THEY GAIN IS OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE! BUT NOT ROY REYNOLDS! ALL HIS CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES ARE CONCENTRATED ON STEALING AND MAKING HIS GETAWAY! HE CARES NOTHING ABOUT THE MASKED MANHUNTER AND THE TEEN-AGE THUNDERBOLT EXCEPT TO--ESCAPE THEM!

GENIUS OF THE GETAWAY GIMMICKS!

LOOK! THE BAT-SYMBOL ON BATMAN'S UNIFORM HAS EXPANDED INTO A STRAIT JACKET--PINNING HIS ARMS TO HIS SIDE!

WHATTA WE WAITIN' FOR? IT'S A PERFECT SETUP FOR GETTIN' RID OF OUR NEMESIS ONCE AN' FOR ALL!



NEXT MOMENT THEY ARE SWINGING OUTWARD, AIRBORNE ON THE SLENDER BUT STURDY THREADS OF THE **BATROPES**...

SUDDENLY THE VOICE OF THE **BOY WONDER** BREAKS THE SILENCE OF THEIR DARING LEAP...

SOMETHING'S WRONG! THE VENT-PIPES ARE BENDING--WE WON'T MAKE THE ROOFTOP!

HANG ON, ROBIN!

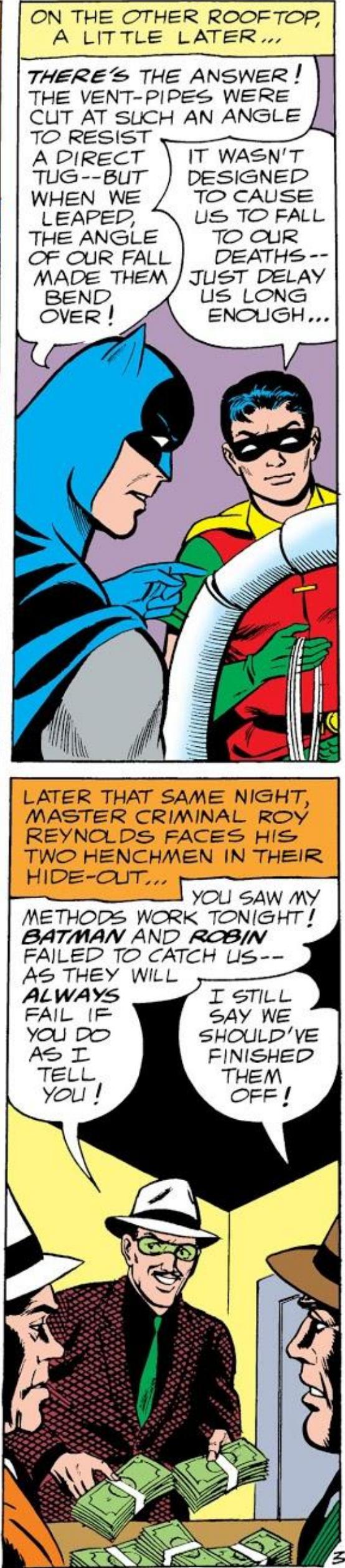
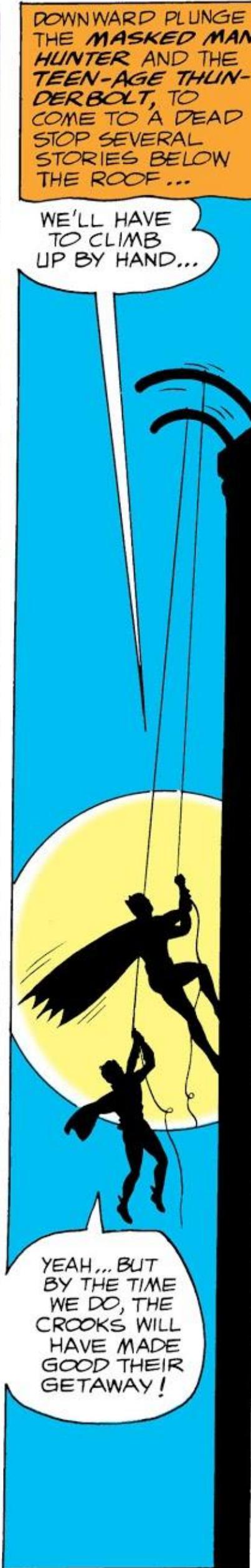
DOWNTWARD PLUNGE THE **MASKED MAN-HUNTER** AND THE **TEEN-AGE THUNDERBOLT**, TO COME TO A DEAD STOP SEVERAL STORIES BELOW THE ROOF...

WE'LL HAVE TO CLIMB UP BY HAND...

ON THE OTHER ROOFTOP, A LITTLE LATER...

THERE'S THE ANSWER! THE VENT-PIPES WERE CUT AT SUCH AN ANGLE TO RESIST A DIRECT TUG--BUT WHEN WE LEAPED, THE ANGLE OF OUR FALL MADE THEM BEND OVER!

IT WASN'T DESIGNED TO CAUSE US TO FALL TO OUR DEATHS-- JUST DELAY US LONG ENOUGH...

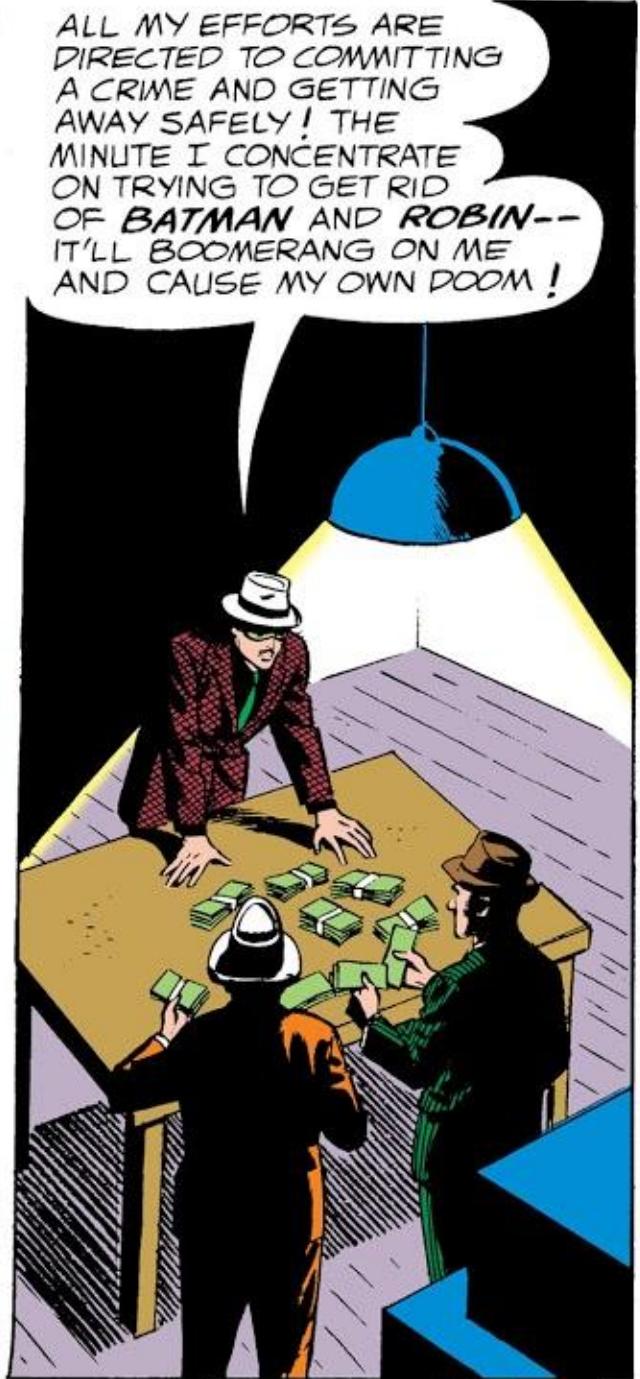
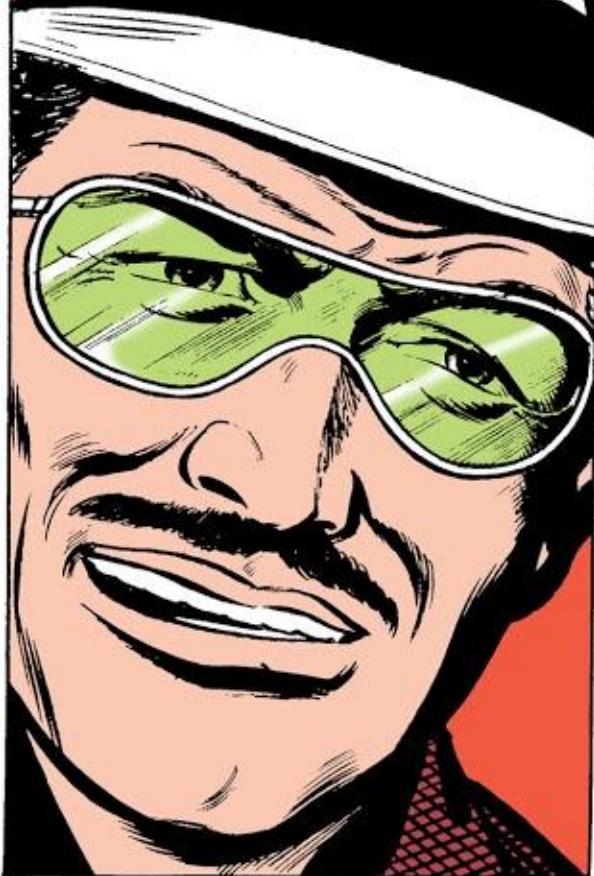


ANGER CONTORTS THE FACE OF ROY REYNOLDS INTO HARSH LINES...

NO ! I ABSOLUTELY FORBID IT ! THIS IS ONE THING YOU MUST NOT TRY TO DO ! FAR SMARTER CROOKS THAN YOU OR I HAVE TRIED TO CAPTURE BATMAN-- AND ALWAYS THEY FAILED ! IT'S THE ONE WAY TO COURT DISASTER !

I TELL YOU THIS : IF YOUR OBJECTIVE IS TO GET RID OF BATMAN AND ROBIN-- FORGET IT ! IT CAN'T BE DONE ! THEIR RECORD PROVES THEY ALWAYS MANAGE TO ESCAPE EVERY TRAP LAID FOR THEM ! BESIDES-- I'M A THIEF-- NOT AN EXECUTIONER !

ALL MY EFFORTS ARE DIRECTED TO COMMITTING A CRIME AND GETTING AWAY SAFELY ! THE MINUTE I CONCENTRATE ON TRYING TO GET RID OF BATMAN AND ROBIN-- IT'LL BOOMERANG ON ME AND CAUSE MY OWN DOOM !



IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, THE PAPERS ARE FILLED WITH THE AMAZING ESCAPES OF BATMAN FROM AWESOME TRAPS --WITH THE RESULTANT CAPTURE OF THE CRIMINALS WHO LAID THEM ...

TWO MORE FOOLHARDY CROOKS WHO SOUGHT TO OUTWIT BATMAN-- AND FAILED !



AGAIN, WHEN THE JOKER HAS CHALLENGED HIS ARCH-FOES...

NEVER LEARN ! HE THOUGHT HE HAD BATMAN AND ROBIN IN A FOOLPROOF TRAP--ONLY TO HAVE THEM ESCAPE AND PUT HIM IN JAIL --AS USUAL !

YOU TWO ARE WASHED UP ! YOU'LL NEVER GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE--BECAUSE ONLY THIS KEY CAN SAFELY OPEN THE DOOR--AND I'M TAKING IT WITH ME ! ANY OTHER MEANS OF ESCAPE WILL BLOW THE CELL --AND YOU-- TO SMITHEREENS !



THE SOFT VOICE OF REYNOLDS DRONES ON ...

THREE TIMES WE ROBBED BEFORE BATMAN AND ROBIN--ON ONE OF THEIR NIGHTLY PATROLS--CAUGHT UP WITH US! EACH TIME I PREPARED A PERFECT GETAWAY, THOUGH ONLY ON THE LAST CAPER DID IT ACTUALLY PAY OFF! I ANTICIPATED THEY WOULD USE THOSE CONVENIENT AIR-VENT PIPES TO PURSUE US--THAT'S WHY I GIMMICKED THEM!

FROM ALL OF THIS, THE MASTER CRIMINAL FORMULATES HIS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE...

WHOEVER TRIES TO DOOM BATMAN--DOOMS HIMSELF! ROB AND GETAWAY IS OUR RULE! FOLLOW IT TO THE LETTER!

SOME NIGHTS LATER, AFTER THE REYNOLDS GANG HAS LOOTED A DEPARTMENT STORE SAFE...

IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN! BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE SPOTTED US AGAIN!

RELAX! OUR GETAWAY IS ALL ARRANGED!



OUT OF THE CITY AND INTO THE COUNTRY SPEED THE TWO POWERFUL CARS! SLOWLY BUT STEADILY THE BAT-MOBILE OVERTAKES ITS QUARRY...

AROUND THE BEND IS--
GETAWAY ROAD!

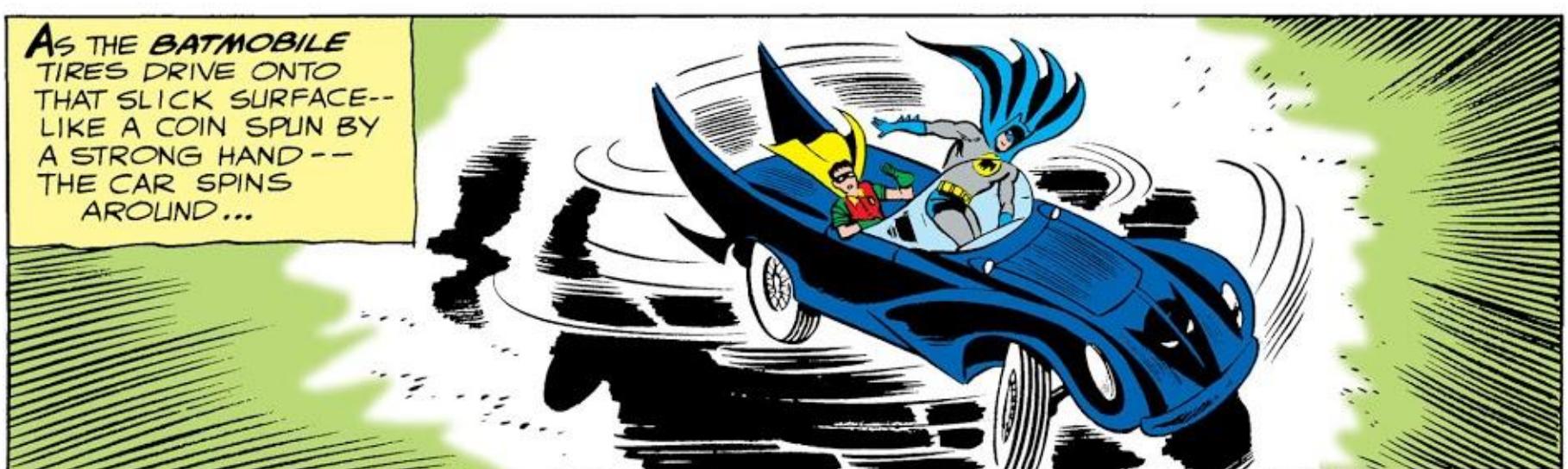


ROY REYNOLDS PULLS A LEVER AND FROM THE UNDERSIDE OF THE ESCAPE-AUTO A SERIES OF NOZZLES SHOOTS A THIN SPRAY OF OIL ONTO THE ROAD...

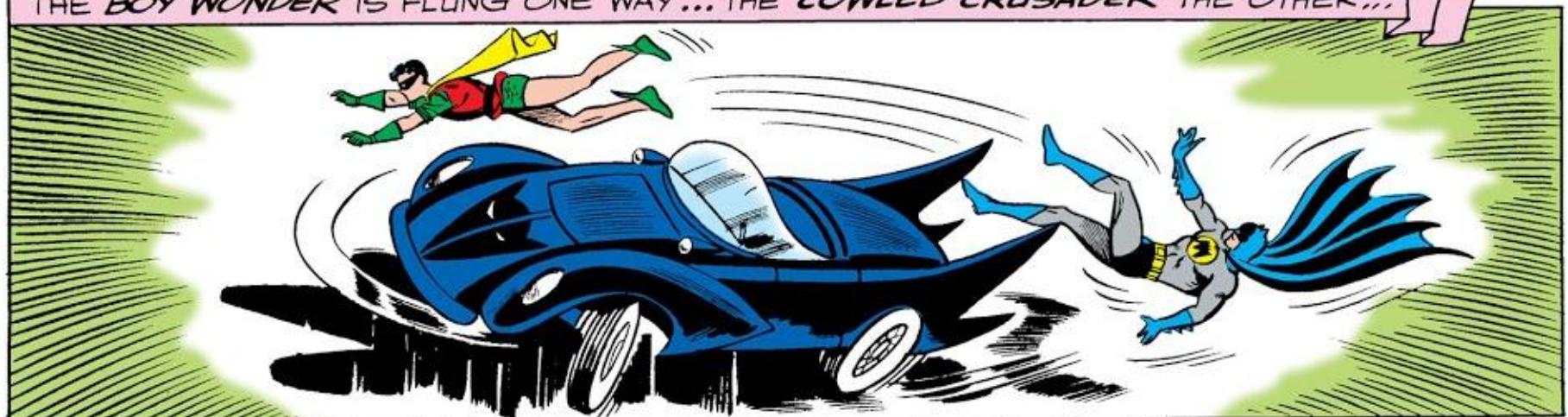
HOLD TIGHT! WHEN WE HIT THAT OIL--WE'RE GOING TOO FAST TO STOP!--WE'RE GOING TO SPIN LIKE CRAZY!



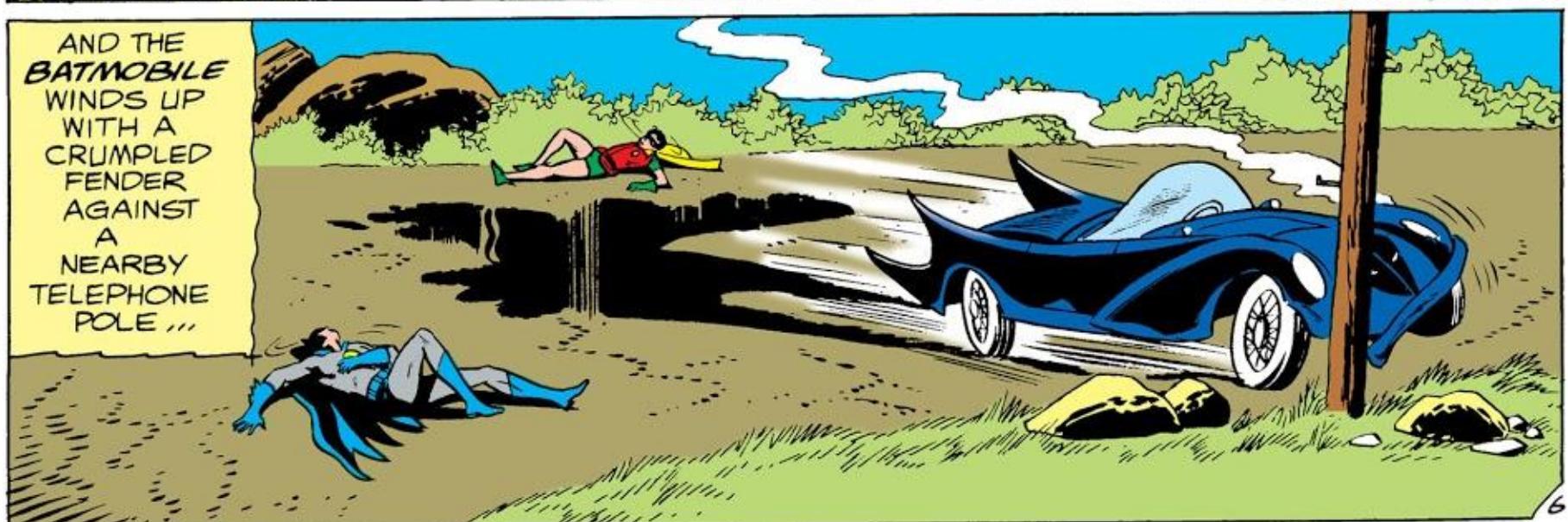
AS THE BATMOBILE TIRES DRIVE ONTO THAT SLICK SURFACE-- LIKE A COIN SPUN BY A STRONG HAND-- THE CAR SPINS AROUND...



THE BOY WONDER IS FLUNG ONE WAY... THE COWLED CRUSADER THE OTHER...



AND THE BATMOBILE WINDS UP WITH A CRUMPLED FENDER AGAINST A NEARBY TELEPHONE POLE...



GENIUS OF THE GETAWAY GIMMICKS! PART 2

IN OIL-SMEARED UNIFORMS,
THE MASKED MANHUNTER
AND THE TEEN-AGE
THUNDERBOLT STAGGER
TOWARD THE BATMOBILE...

THEY GOT
AWAY AGAIN...
THANKS
TO THOSE
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GIMMICKS!

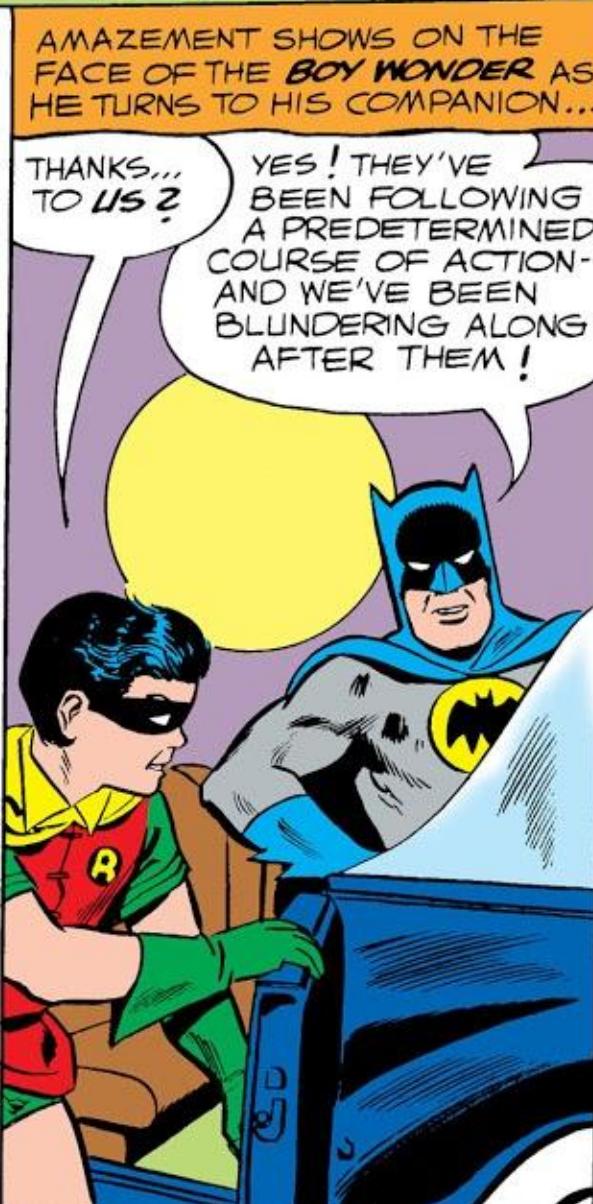
THANKS
TO US,
TOO,
ROBIN!

AMAZEMENT SHOWS ON THE
FACE OF THE BOY WONDER AS
HE TURNS TO HIS COMPANION...

THANKS...
TO US?

YES! THEY'VE
BEEN FOLLOWING
A PREDETERMINED
COURSE OF ACTION--
AND WE'VE BEEN
BLUNDERING ALONG
AFTER THEM!

THE RINGLEADER WE'RE UP
AGAINST DOESN'T BOTHER
TO "FINISH" US OFF THE WAY
OTHER CROOKS DO! HIS ONLY
CONCERN IS ELUDING US, SO
HE PULLS GETAWAY STUNTS
TO SHAKE US
OFF HIS TRAIL!



THEY BEGIN THE LONG DRIVE HOMEWARD...

NEXT TIME HE ROBS AND WE SHOW
UP, WE'LL PUT OURSELVES IN SUCH
A HOPELESS POSITION -- THOSE
CROOKS WON'T BE ABLE TO
RESIST TRYING TO GET RID
OF US!



I CATCH ON! INSTEAD OF CONCENTRATING
ON RUNNING AWAY -- THEY'LL COME
AFTER US!

EXACTLY!
AND WHEN
THEY DO--
SOCKO!
WE'LL GET
THEM!



SOME DAYS AFTERWARD, AS ROY REYNOLDS SCANS THE NEWSPAPERS AS IS HIS HABIT...

HELLO! WHAT'S THIS? BATMAN WAS CAUGHT IN A TRAP BY A CRIMINAL KNOW AS THE HEXER-- BUT GOT AWAY AND CAPTURED HIS MAN! AHA! JUST AS I'VE SAID RIGHT ALONG!



THE HEXER TRIED TO GET RID OF BATMAN-- SO THE HEXER IS IN JAIL! DON'T YOU GET ANY FOOLISH NOTIONS LIKE THAT! JUST CONCENTRATE ON ESCAPING!



IT SEEMS BATMAN ESCAPED BY USING THE BAT-SIGNAL IN THE SKY-- SOMETHING THE HEXER NEVER COUNTED ON! NOW-- THE HEXER HAS VOWED TO USE THE BAT-SIGNAL IN SOME MYSTERIOUS OCCULT MANNER TO CAUSE BATMAN'S AND ROBIN'S DOOM! WHAT UTTER NONSENSE!



WIDE GRINS OF DELIGHT GREET THE STORY OF THE HEXER...

IF THE HEXER FINISHES OFF BATMAN AND ROBIN-- IT'LL SAVE YOU A LOT OF TROUBLE! YOU WON'T HAVE TO THINK UP ANY MORE ESCAPE GIMMICKS!

I JUST HOPE I'M AROUND TO SEE IT!



WHEN HE HAS CAREFULLY WORKED OUT HIS NEXT GETAWAY GIMMICK, ROY REYNOLDS STRIKES AT THE CHESS SET COLLECTION OF MILLIONAIRE ALVIN RANDALL..

THESE SETS ARE WORTH FORTUNES! SOME ARE MADE OF GOLD, SOME OF PLATINUM! SOME BELONGED TO HISTORICAL PERSONAGES LIKE NAPOLEON AND BISMARCK!

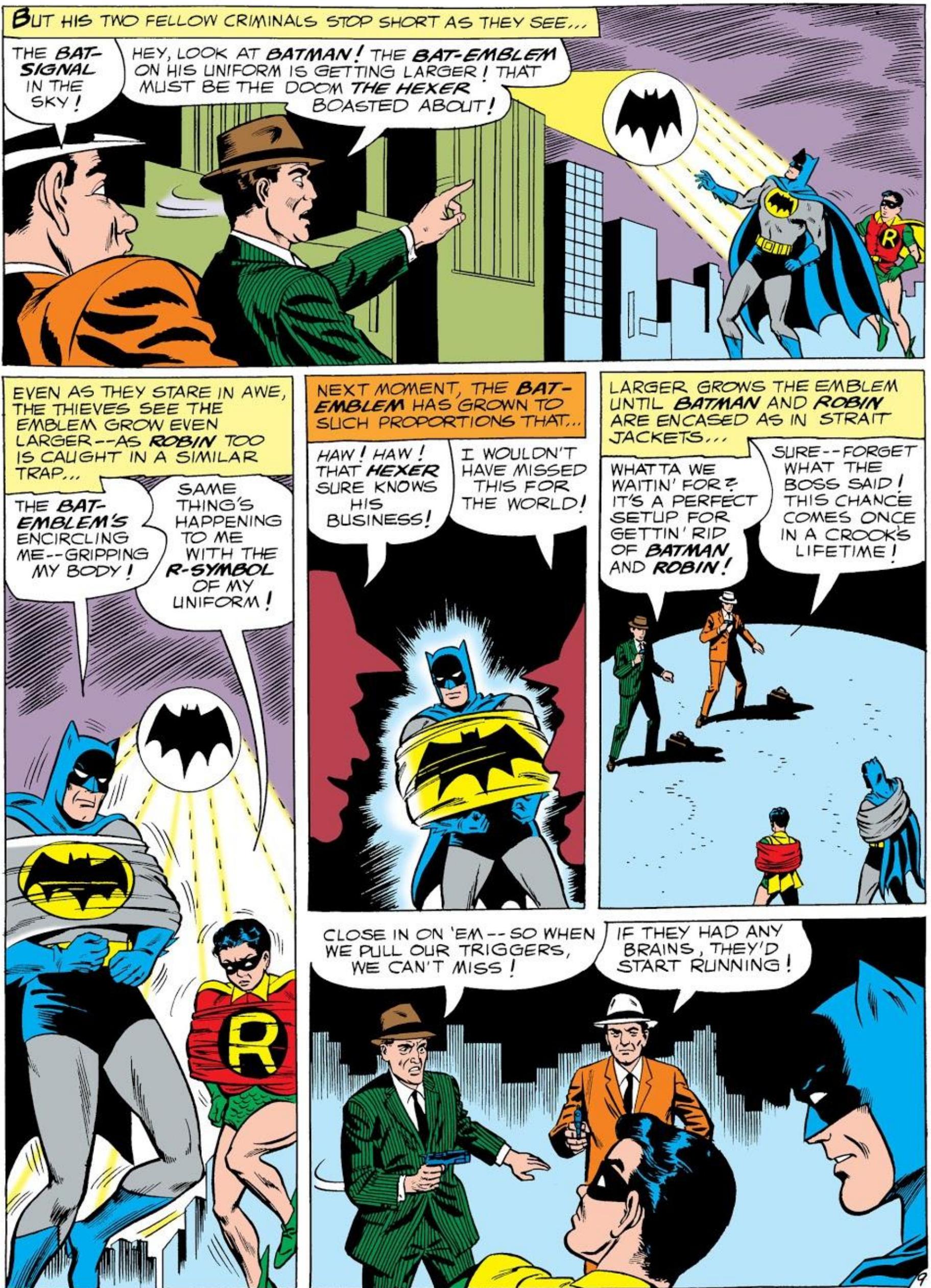


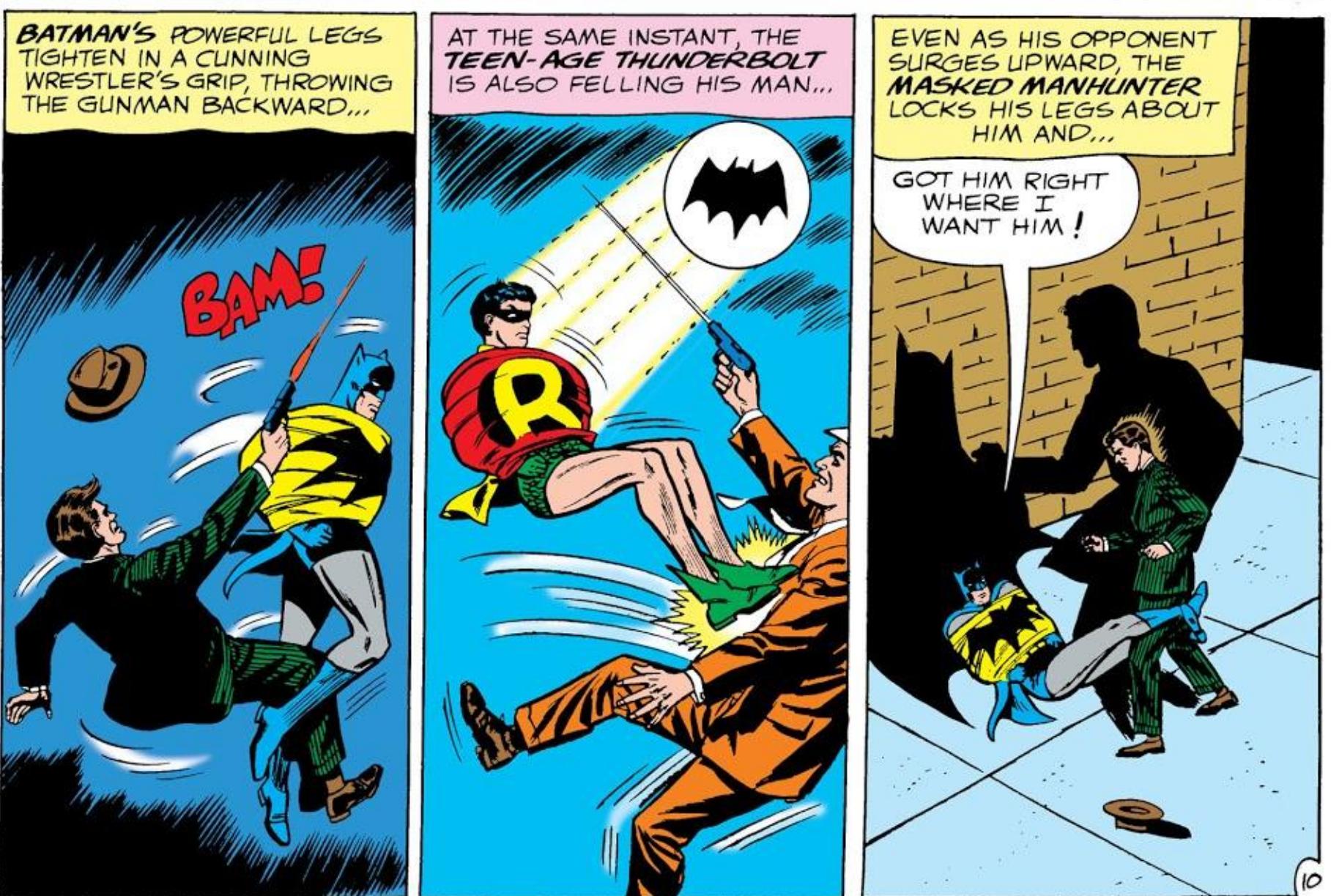
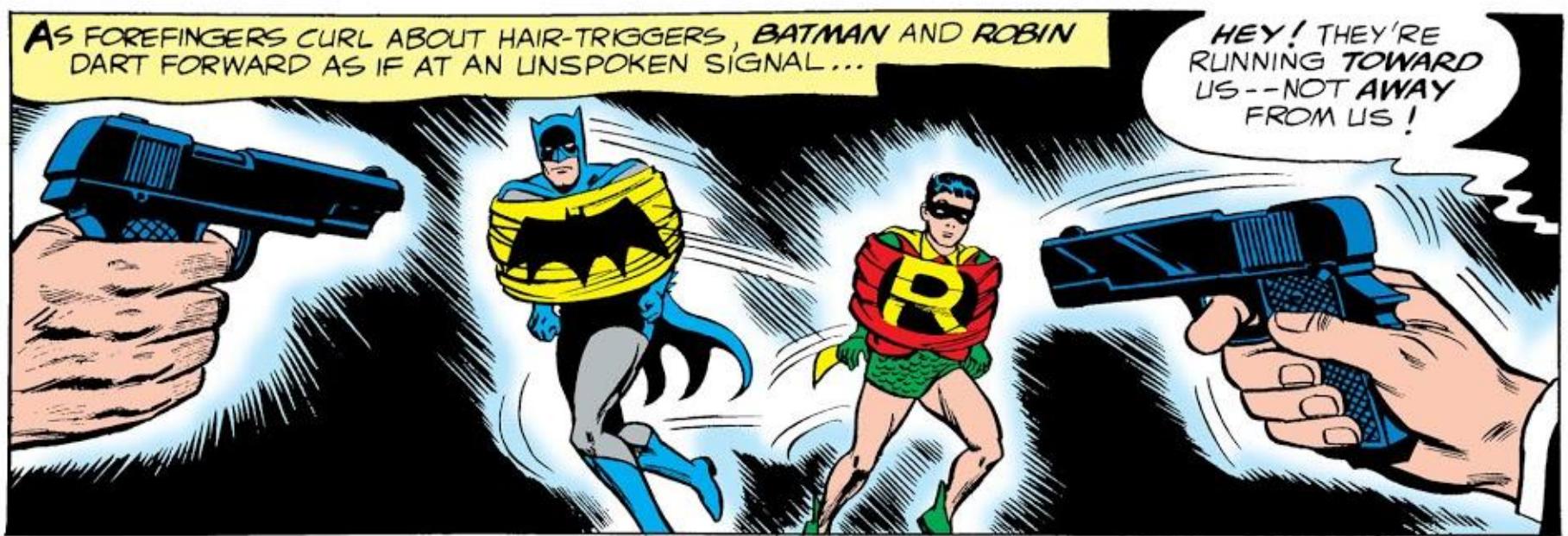
THEN... AS THEY RACE OUT INTO THE NIGHT...

BOSS, HERE COME OUR FALL GUYS AGAIN-- BATMAN AND ROBIN!

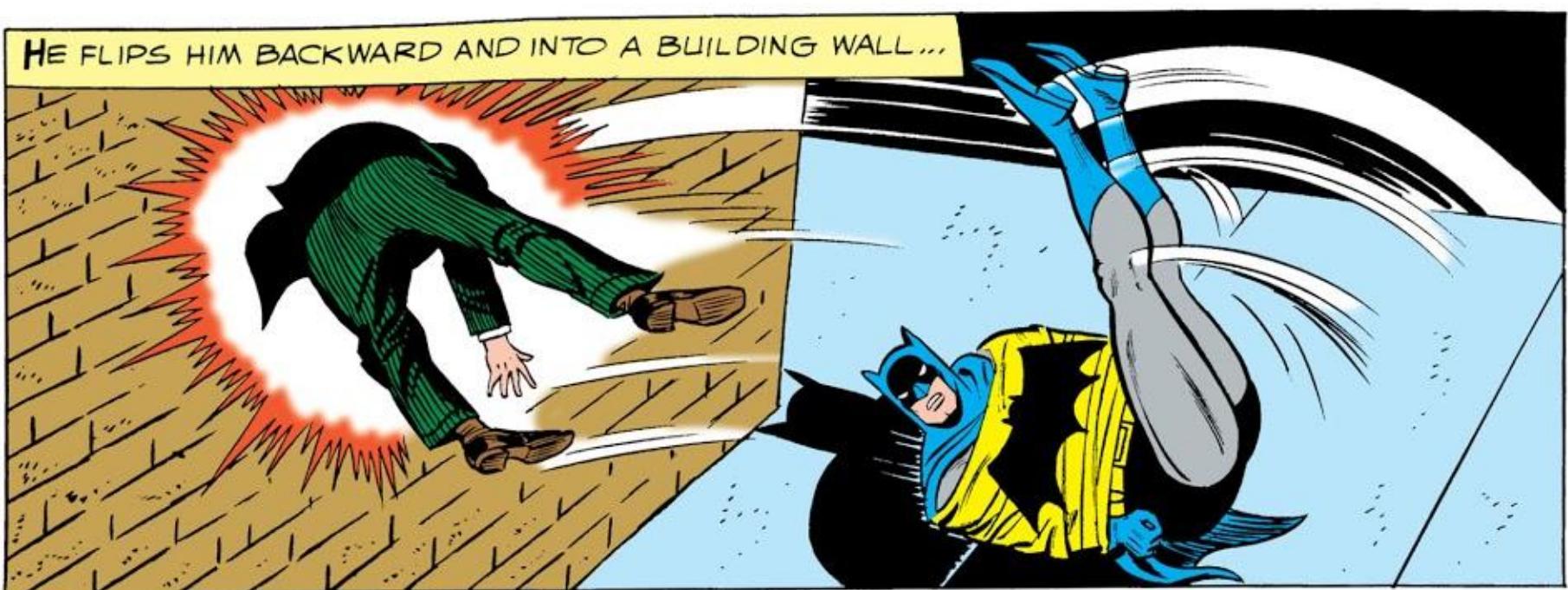
KEEP RUNNING! I HAVE EVERYTHING SET UP TO EVADE THEM!



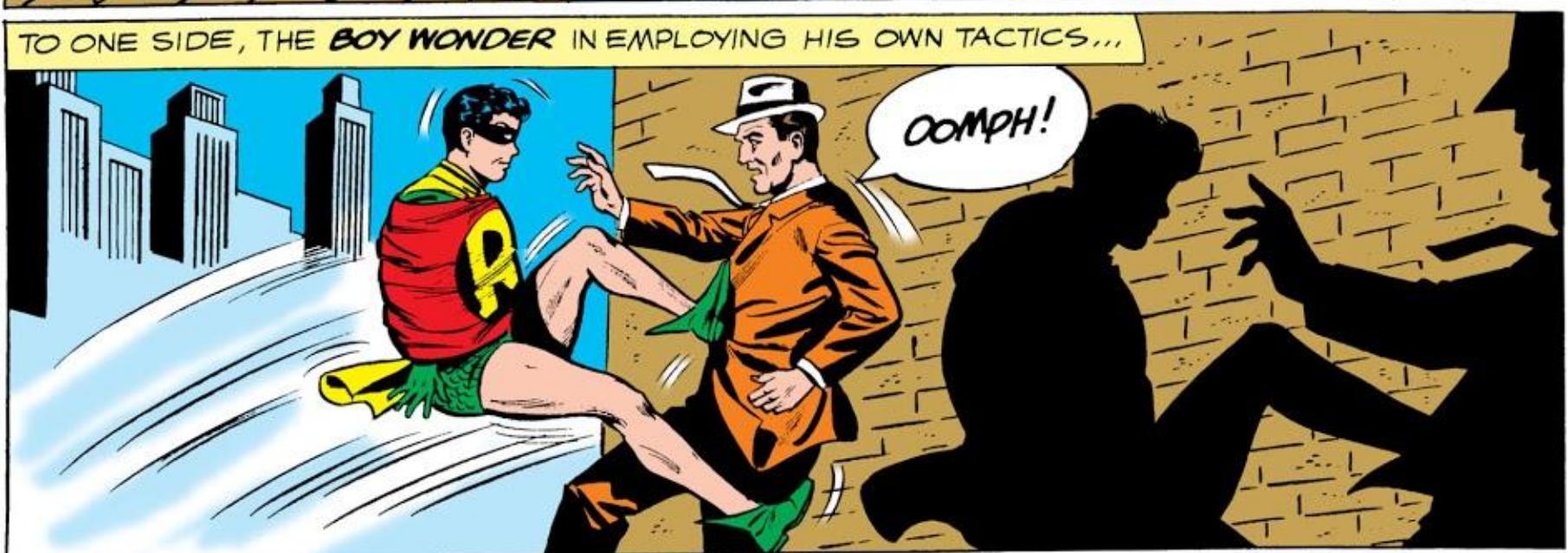




HE FLIPS HIM BACKWARD AND INTO A BUILDING WALL...



TO ONE SIDE, THE BOY WONDER IS EMPLOYING HIS OWN TACTICS...

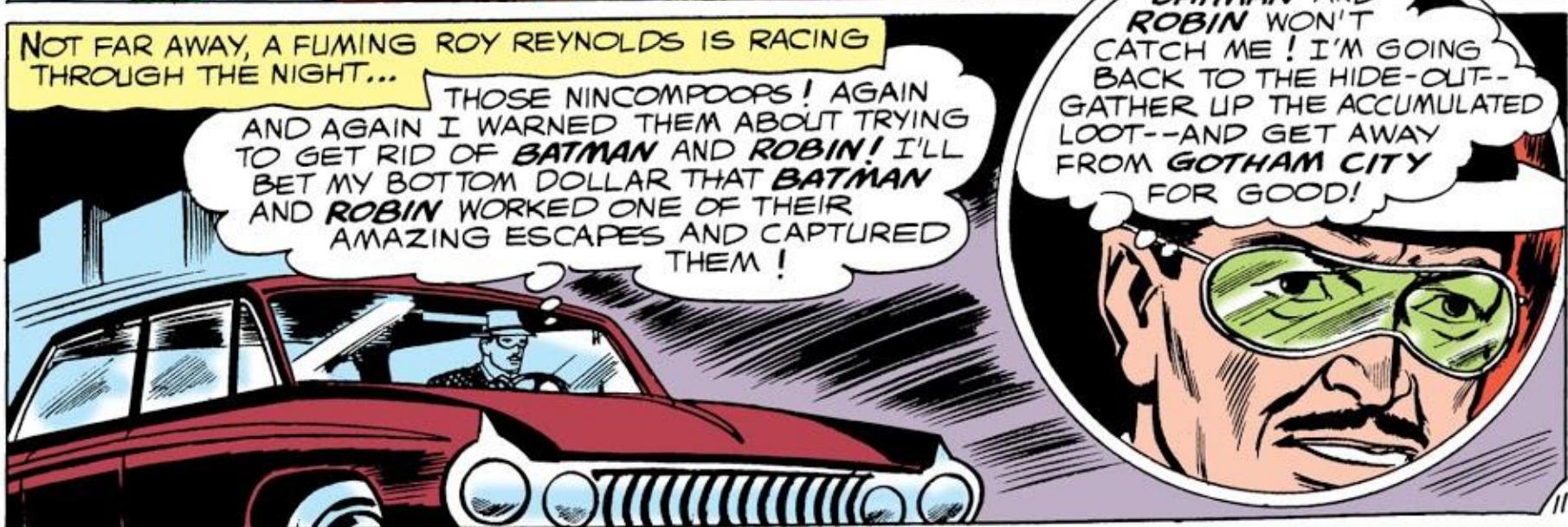


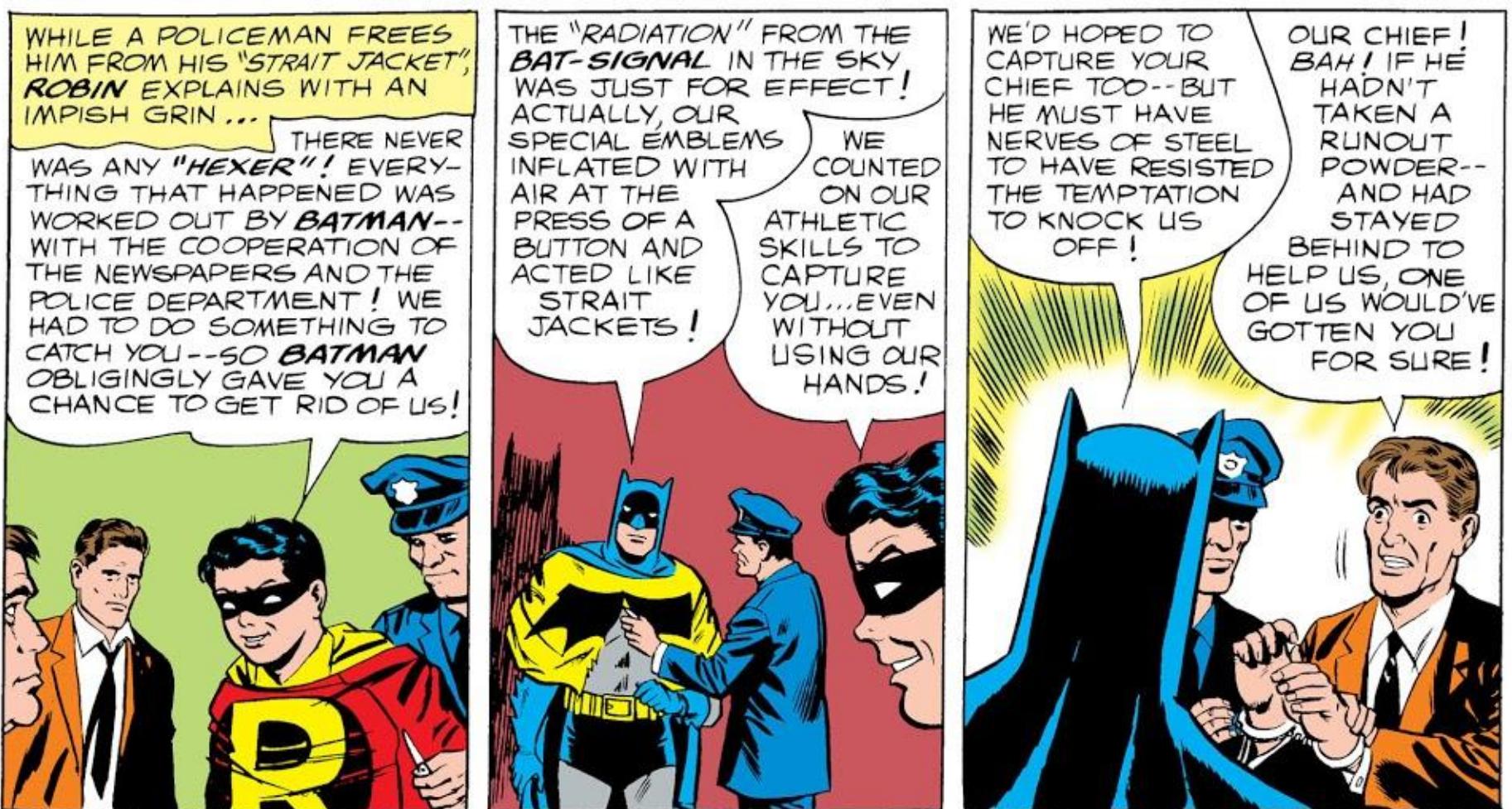
NEXT INSTANT,
THE CROOK IS
KNEE-PINNED
TO THE GROUND...



NOT FAR AWAY, A FUMING ROY REYNOLDS IS RACING
THROUGH THE NIGHT...

THOSE NINCOMPOOPS! AGAIN
AND AGAIN I WARNED THEM ABOUT TRYING
TO GET RID OF BATMAN AND ROBIN! I'LL
BET MY BOTTOM DOLLAR THAT BATMAN
AND ROBIN WORKED ONE OF THEIR
AMAZING ESCAPES AND CAPTURED
THEM!

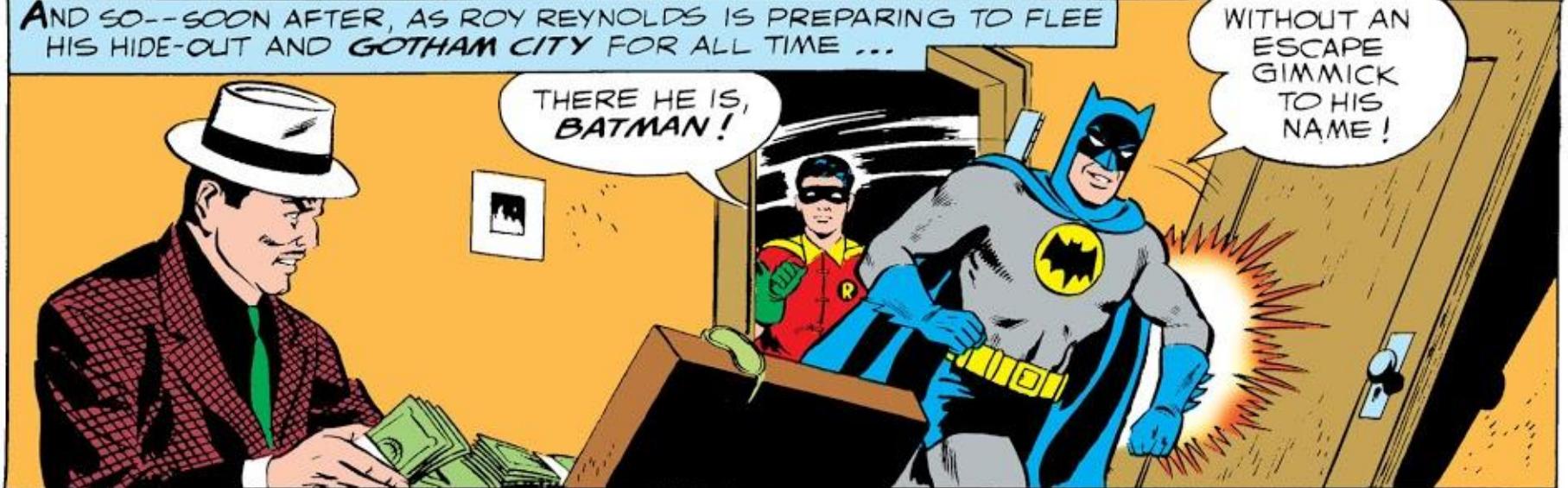




AND SO--SOON AFTER, AS ROY REYNOLDS IS PREPARING TO FLEE HIS HIDE-OUT AND GOTHAM CITY FOR ALL TIME ...

WITHOUT AN ESCAPE GIMMICK TO HIS NAME!

THERE HE IS,
BATMAN!



A ROCK-HARD FIST RAMS HOME AND THE GENIUS OF THE GETAWAY GIMMICKS DROPS AMONG HIS LOOT...

SOK!



LATER, IN THE OFFICE OF POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON ...

YOU TOOK A FEARFUL RISK! SUPPOSE THE GUNMEN HAD FIRED BEFORE THEY GOT CLOSE ENOUGH TO YOU TO USE YOUR LEGS?

WE COUNTED ON THEIR WANTING TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO SHOOT WITHOUT MISSING! BESIDES -- WE HAD A GIMMICK OF OUR OWN WORKING FOR US! YOU SEE, WE WERE WEARING-- BULLET-PROOF UNIFORMS!

The End

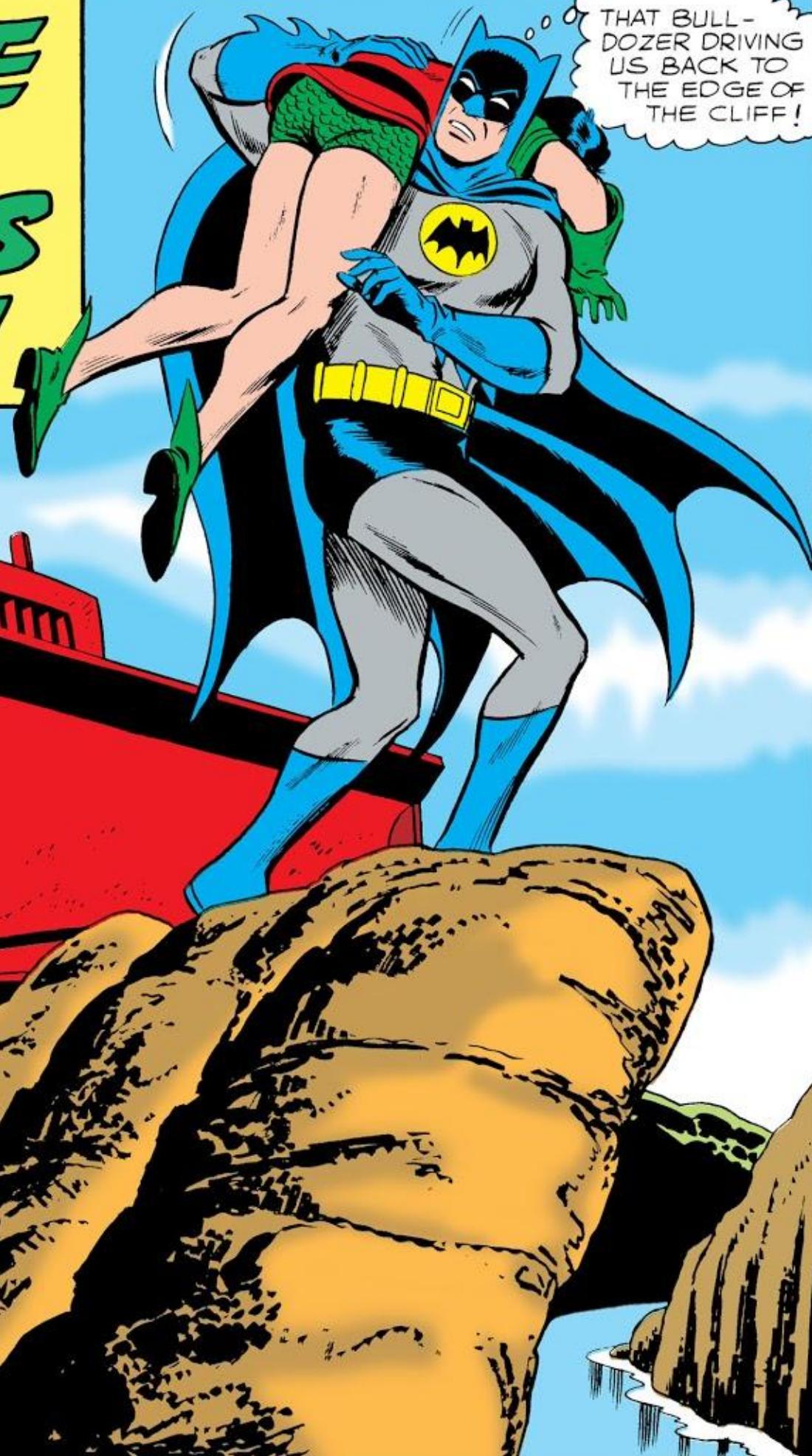


IT ALL BEGAN WHEN A LITTLE OLD LADY WON A CONTEST-- AND BECAUSE SHE WON SOME PRIZES, BATMAN AND ROBIN NEARLY LOST THEIR LIVES! YES, DANGER MENACED BATMAN AND ROBIN EVERYWHERE ALONG THE WAY, AS THEY TRIED TO FATHOM THE MOTIVE BEHIND A CHAIN OF STRANGE EVENTS FOR WHICH THERE SEEMED TO BE NO LOGICAL ANSWER. YET, THERE WAS AN ANSWER-- AND HOW BATMAN FOUND THAT ANSWER, YOU WILL SOON LEARN, AS YOU PONDER...

The PUZZLE OF THE PERILOUS PRIZES!

BATMAN

With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER



A SIMPLE ACT, SUCH AS THE MAILING OF A LETTER, STARTS A STRANGE CHAIN OF EVENTS THAT WILL AFFECT MANY LIVES WEEKS LATER...

THERE IT GOES... ON ITS WAY TO THE CONTEST! IF THIS WORKS AS I PLANNED, THE OLD GAL IS DUE FOR A BIG SURPRISE!



WEEKS LATER, IN THE HOME OF WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

WHEN YOU TWO ARE FINISHED GORGING YOURSELVES, MAYBE YOU CAN TAKE A LITTLE TIME TO SOLVE A LITTLE MYSTERY FOR ME!

WHY WOULD AUNT HARRIET * ASK US TO LOOK IN ON A MYSTERY? IS IT POSSIBLE SHE SUSPECTS OUR SECRET IDENTITIES?



* EDITOR'S NOTE: AS REVEALED IN "GOTHAM GANG LINE-UP" IN THE JUNE, 1964 DETECTIVE COMICS, AUNT HARRIET IS THE AUNT OF DICK GRAYSON.

UHH... WHAT SORT OF MYSTERY?

ACTUALLY, IT CONCERN'S MY FRIEND MRS. TOMPKINS... THAT RETIRED OLD NURSE WHO LIVES NEARBY! SHE'S WON FIRST PRIZE IN A JINGLE CONTEST FOR A SOAP COMPANY...

...BUT WHAT ASTONISHED MRS. TOMPKINS IS THAT SHE NEVER ENTERED THE CONTEST! EVIDENTLY, SOMEONE ELSE SENT IN THE WINNING ENTRY -- IN HER NAME!

NOW WHY WOULD ANYONE DO THAT? PERSONALLY, I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING SINISTER ABOUT THE WHOLE THING!

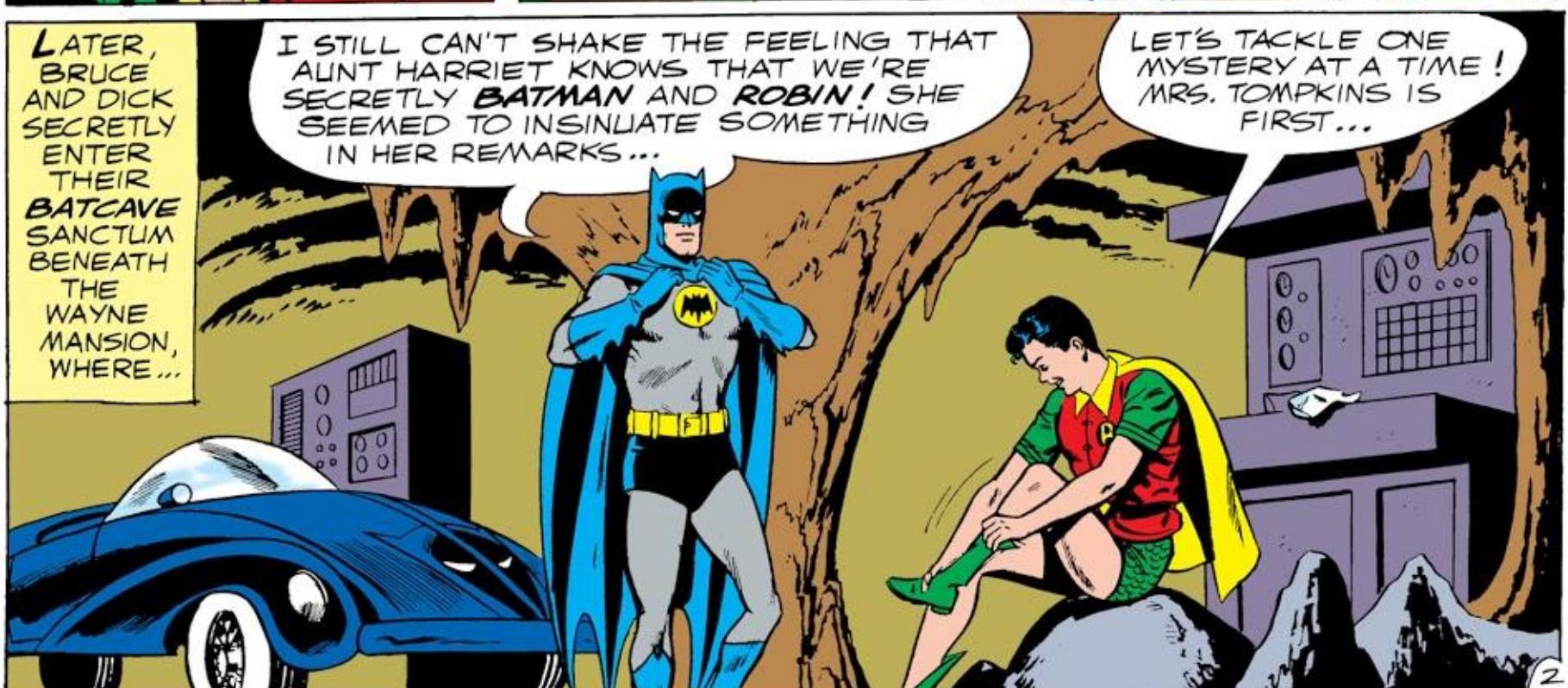
IT SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO ALL RIGHT-- AND AS SOON AS I FIND TIME, I'LL DO JUST THAT!

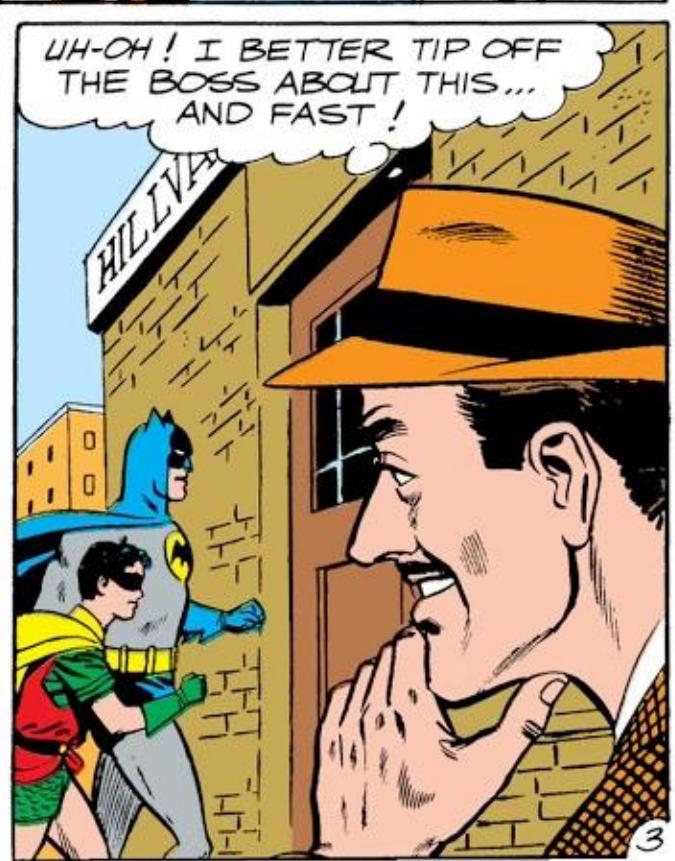
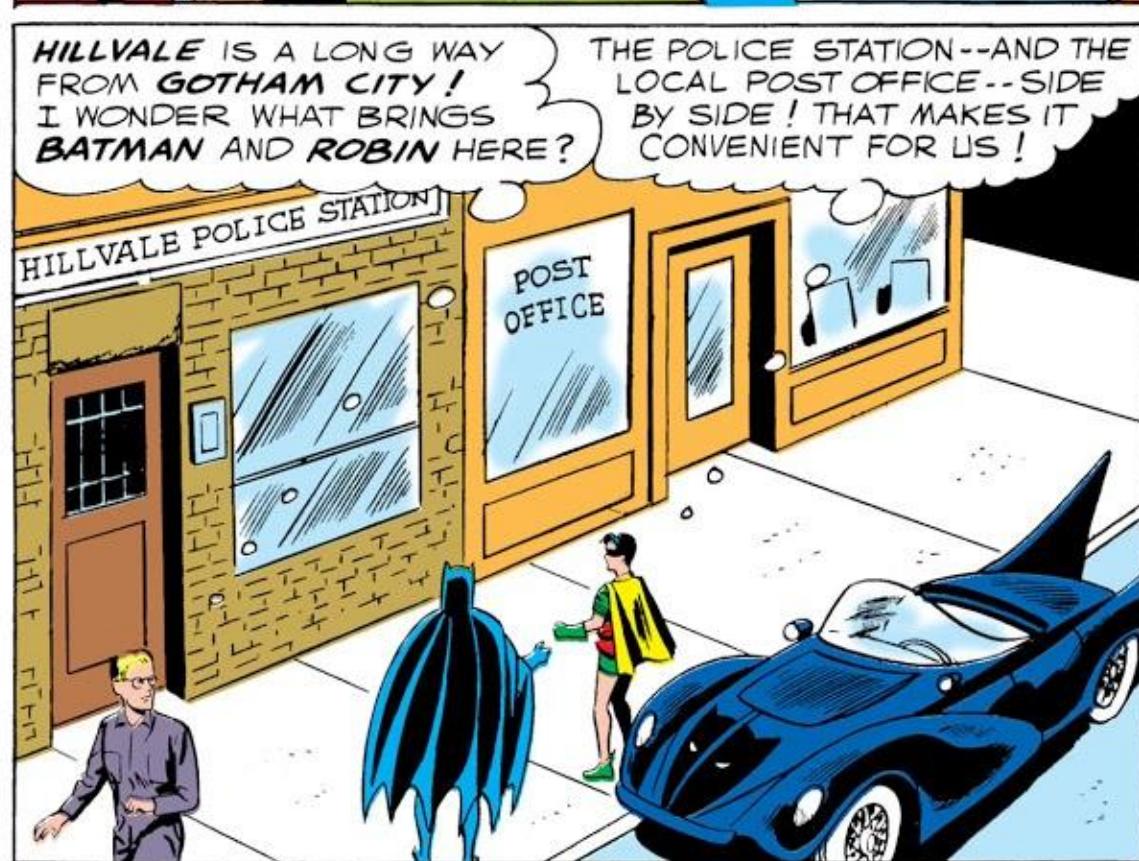
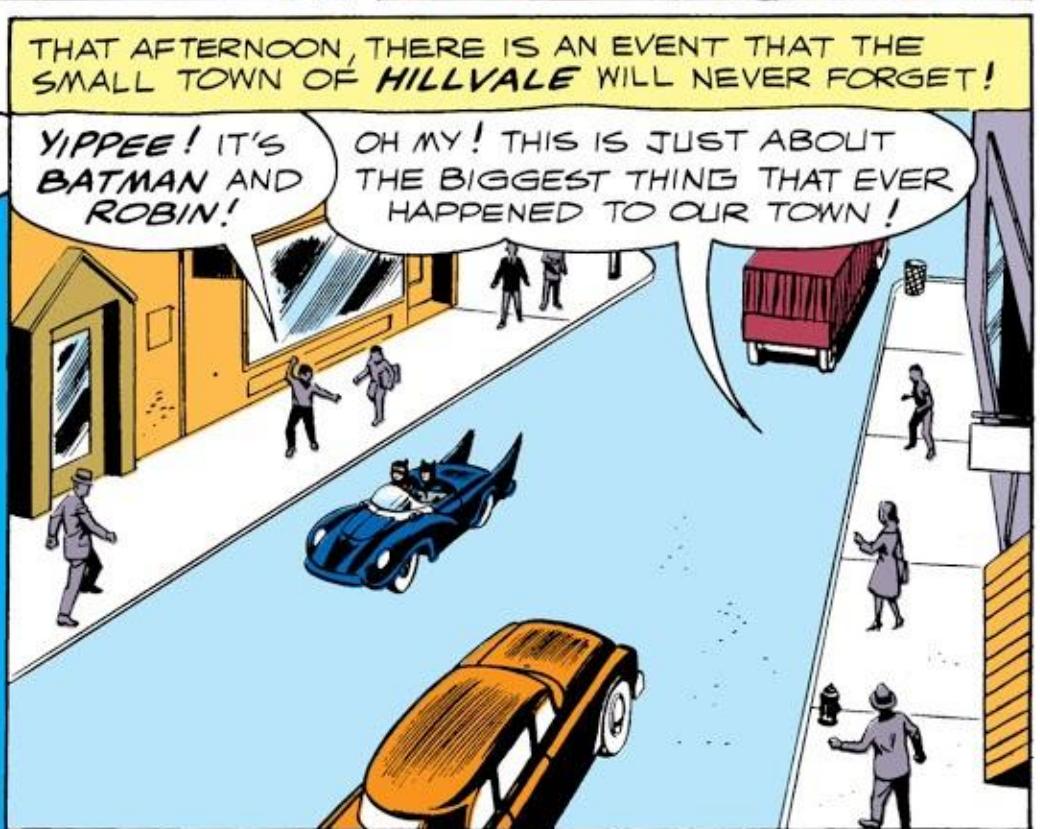
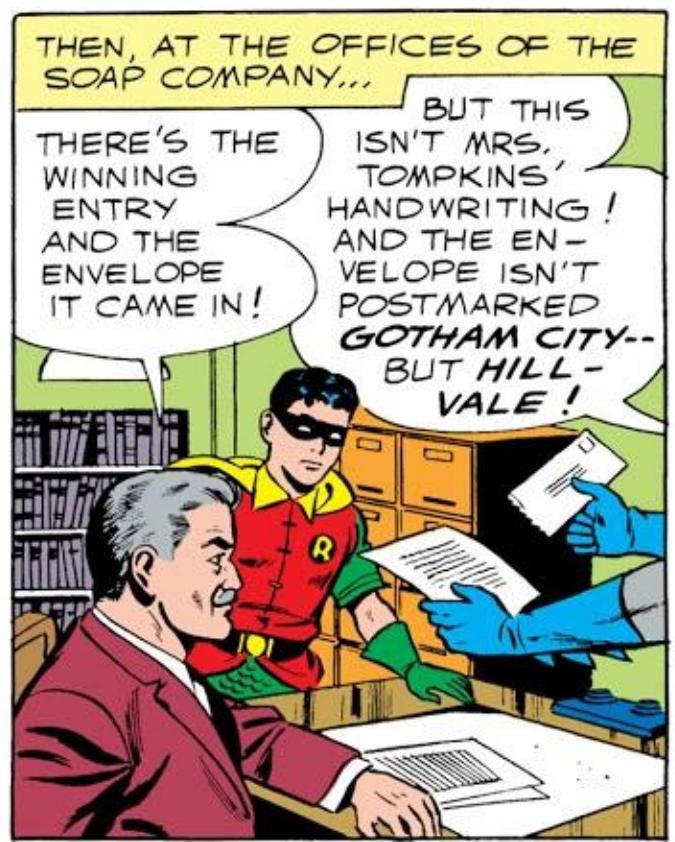
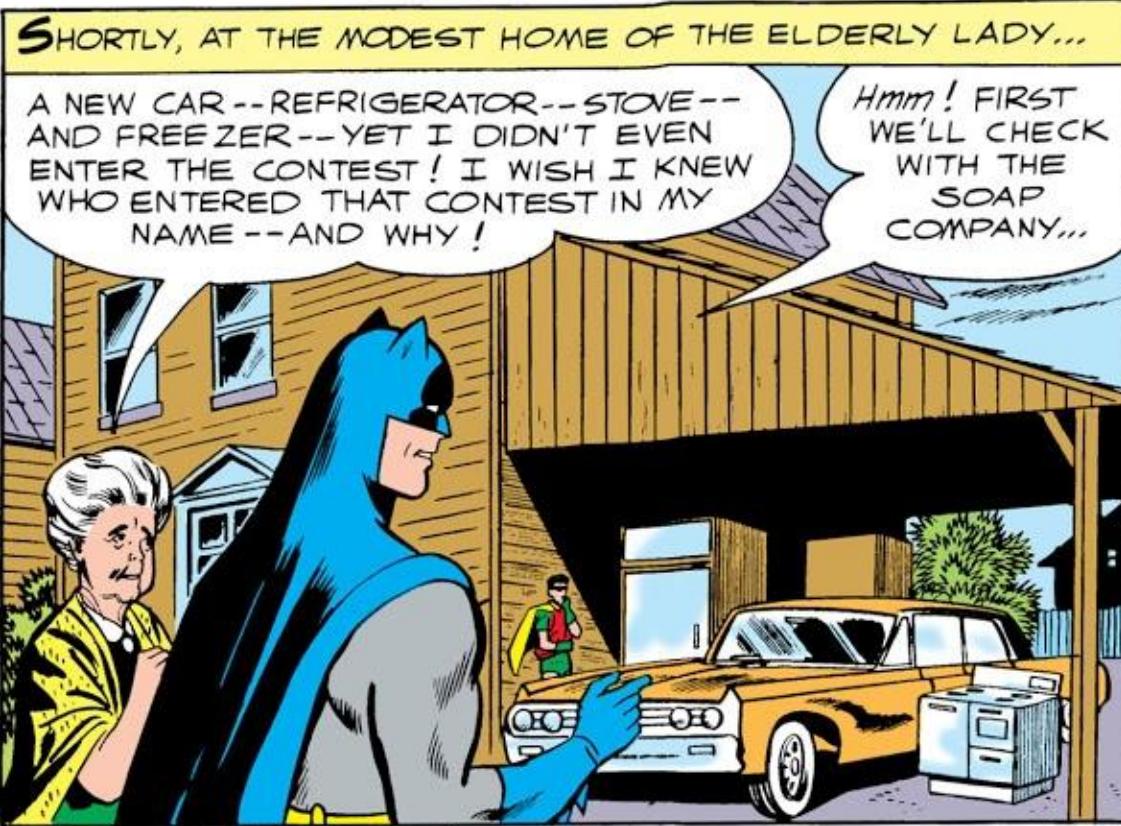


LATER, BRUCE AND DICK SECRETLY ENTER THEIR BATCAVE SANCTUM BENEATH THE WAYNE MANSION, WHERE...

I STILL CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELING THAT AUNT HARRIET KNOWS THAT WE'RE SECRETLY BATMAN AND ROBIN! SHE SEEMED TO INSINUATE SOMETHING IN HER REMARKS...

LET'S TACKLE ONE MYSTERY AT A TIME! MRS. TOMPKINS IS FIRST...





SHORTLY, A FRANTIC MAN RUSHES INTO A SECRET GANG HIDE-OUT...

STILTS-- WE GOT TROUBLE! BATMAN AND ROBIN JUST BLEW INTO TOWN --HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE!

WHA-AAT ?! THEY WOULDN'T BE SNOOPING AROUND HERE UNLESS THEY GOT A LEAD SOMEHOW...

BUT HOW COULD BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE GOTTEN WISE TO US? I PLANNED EVERYTHING SO CAREFULLY!



PETE, YOU AND ED GO BACK AND KEEP TABS ON BATMAN AND ROBIN! WHEN YOU GET THE CHANCE, "HIT" BATMAN AND ROBIN!

MEANWHILE, UPON BEING BRIEFED BY BATMAN, THE SHERIFF CALLS IN THE LOCAL POST OFFICE CLERK...

NOPE--DON'T RECOGNIZE THIS ENVELOPE! WHOEVER MAILED IT DIDN'T BRING IT TO ME IN THE POST OFFICE DIRECT, BUT MUST'VE DROPPED IT IN THE MAIL BOX OUTSIDE AFTER CLOSING TIME!



LATER, ON THE CLIFF-SIDE ROAD LEADING OUT OF TOWN...

THE ENVELOPE HAS A DISTINCTIVE PATTERN IN THE PAPER! THERE'S A STATIONERY STORE IN THE NEXT TOWN--SO IT'S POSSIBLE THE SHOPKEEPER MIGHT CARRY SUCH A LINE OF ENVELOPES AND REMEMBER TO WHOM IT WAS SOLD...

SUDDENLY, AT A TURN NEAR AN EXCAVATION SITE...

YOU TOSSSED THAT GRENADE RIGHT ON TARGET, PETE !

BOO-OOM!



