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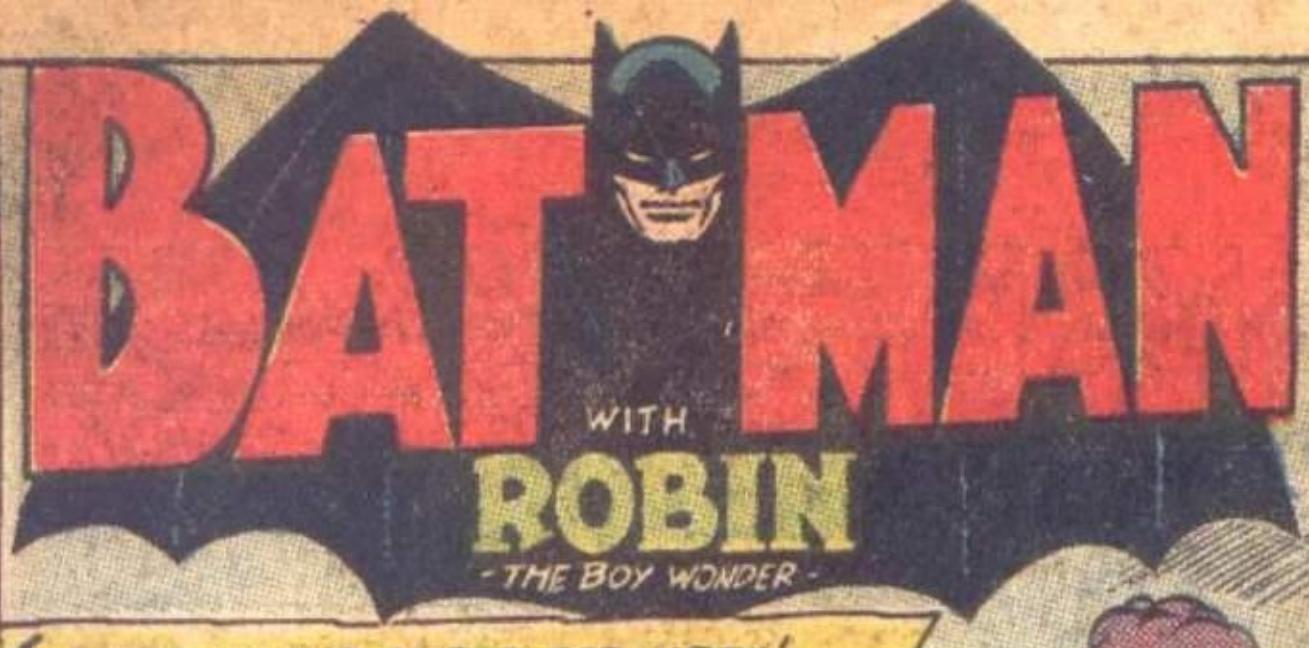


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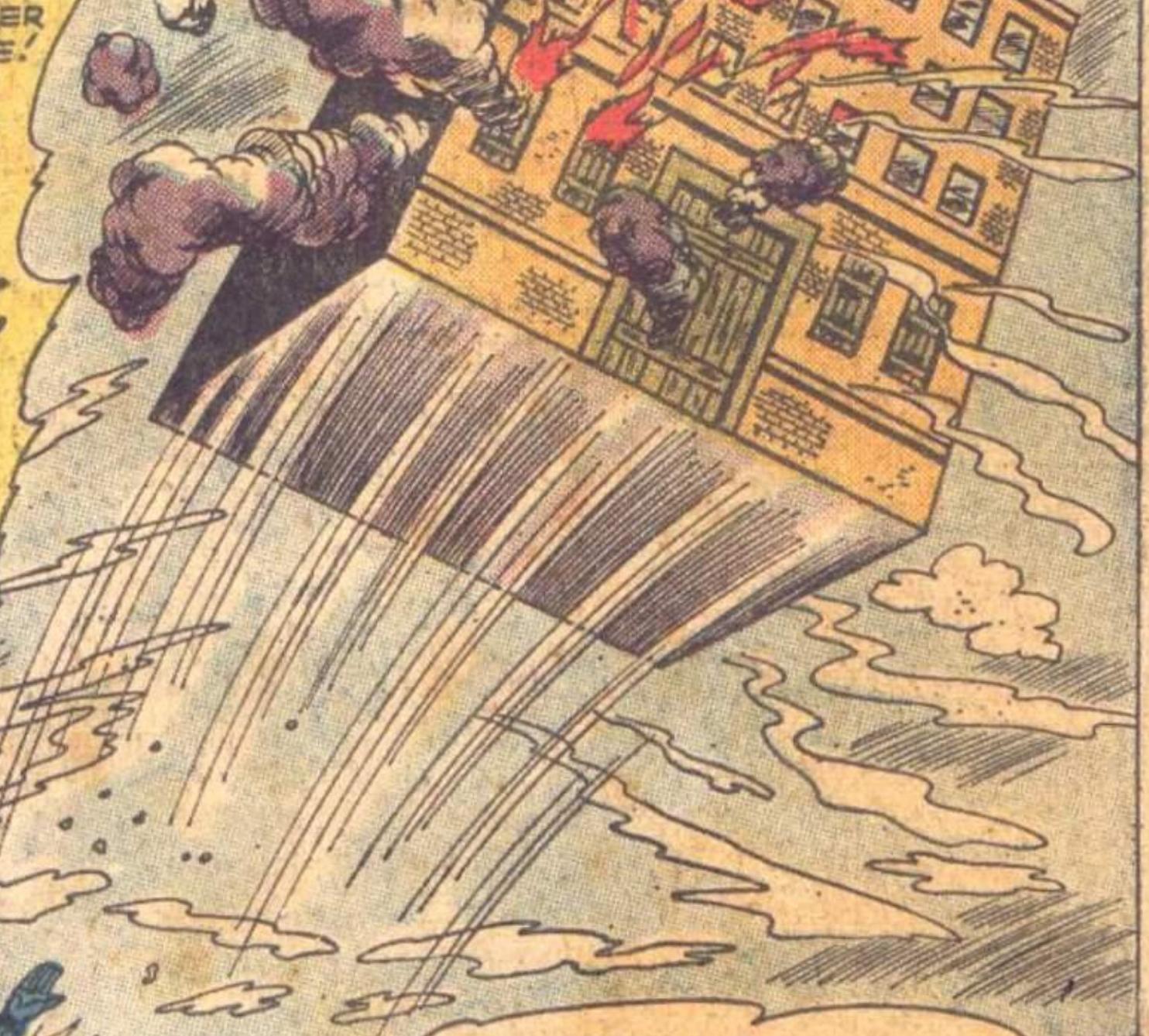
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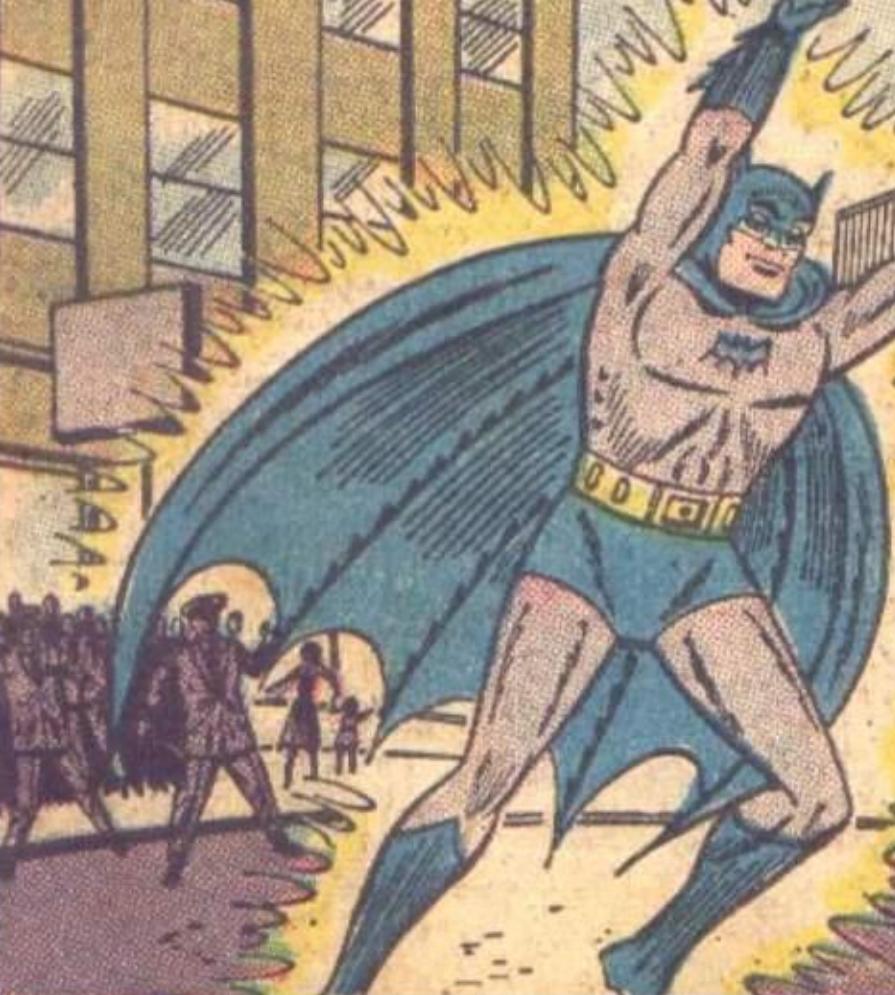
WITH  
**ROBIN**  
- THE BOY WONDER -

IMAGINE HAVING SUPER-STRENGTH! IMAGINE BEING ABLE TO LIFT COLOSSAL OBJECTS, TO TWIST STEEL BARS LIKE PRETZELS! SURELY, SUCH A POWER COULD BE A BLESSING TO ANYONE! BUT WHEN **BATMAN** DOES GET SUPER-STRENGTH, IT BECOMES A CURSE! HOW AND WHY THIS HAPPENS YOU WILL READ IN THE ASTOUNDING STORY OF...

## the **POWER** that **DOOMED** **BATMAN**



LOOK! **BATMAN'S** USING HIS **SUPER-STRENGTH** TO HURL THAT BURNING STRUCTURE AWAY SO THE FIRE CAN'T SPREAD TO OTHER BUILDINGS ON THE STREET!



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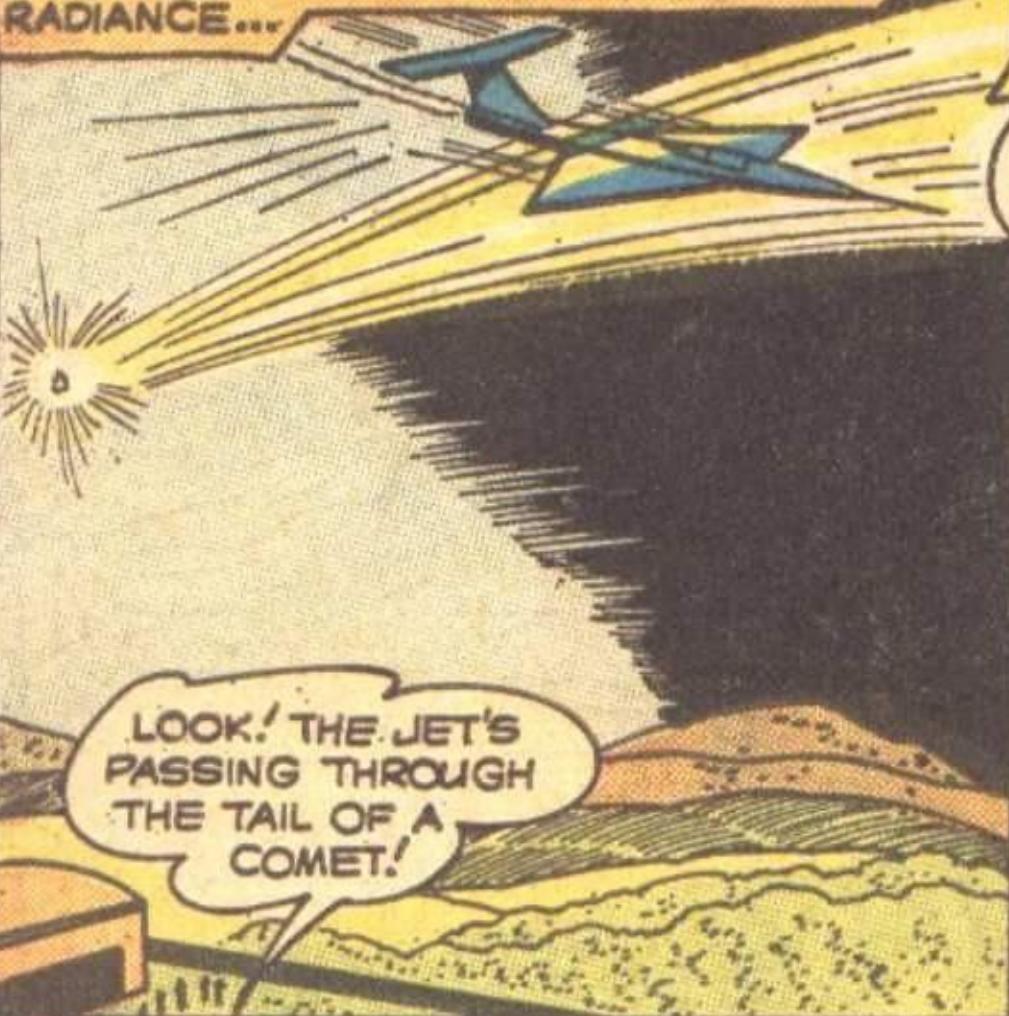


IN THE BAT-CAVE UNDER THE WAYNE MANSION, BRUCE WAYNE AND YOUNG DICK GRAYSON DON THEIR ACTION GARB...

PEOPLE THINK WE'RE AWAY ON VACATION, DICK--SO THEY WON'T REALIZE THAT AS BATMAN AND ROBIN WE'RE ACTUALLY DOING IMPORTANT WORK FOR AN AIRCRAFT COMPANY!



SUDDENLY, ANOTHER SPACE TRAVELLER BATHES THE JET IN ITS EBRIE YELLOW RADIANCE...



BUT AFTER A QUICK CHECK...

THE MACHINE'S SILENT, BATMAN! THAT MEANS YOU'RE NOT RADIOACTIVE! BUT WE'D BETTER GET TO THE LAB AND LET OUR SCIENTISTS TEST THAT GLOW!



HOURS LATER, ROBIN AND AIRCRAFT OFFICIALS WATCH BATMAN ROCKET INTO THE STRATOSPHERE...

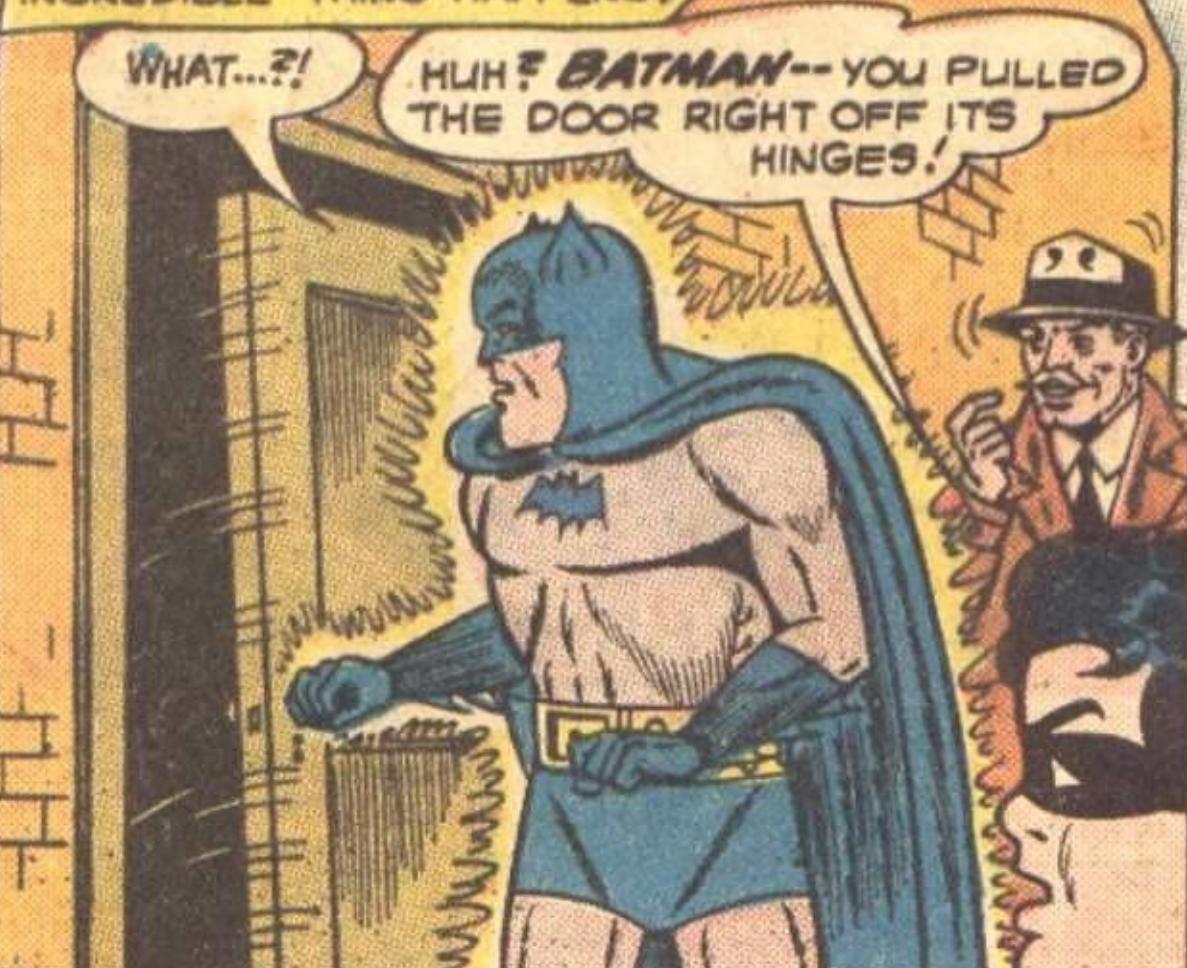


THE TEST FLIGHT COMPLETED, BATMAN SHORTLY STEPS FROM THE JET...

BATMAN'S GLOWING LIKE THAT COMET! SOMEHOW, IT Affected HIM!

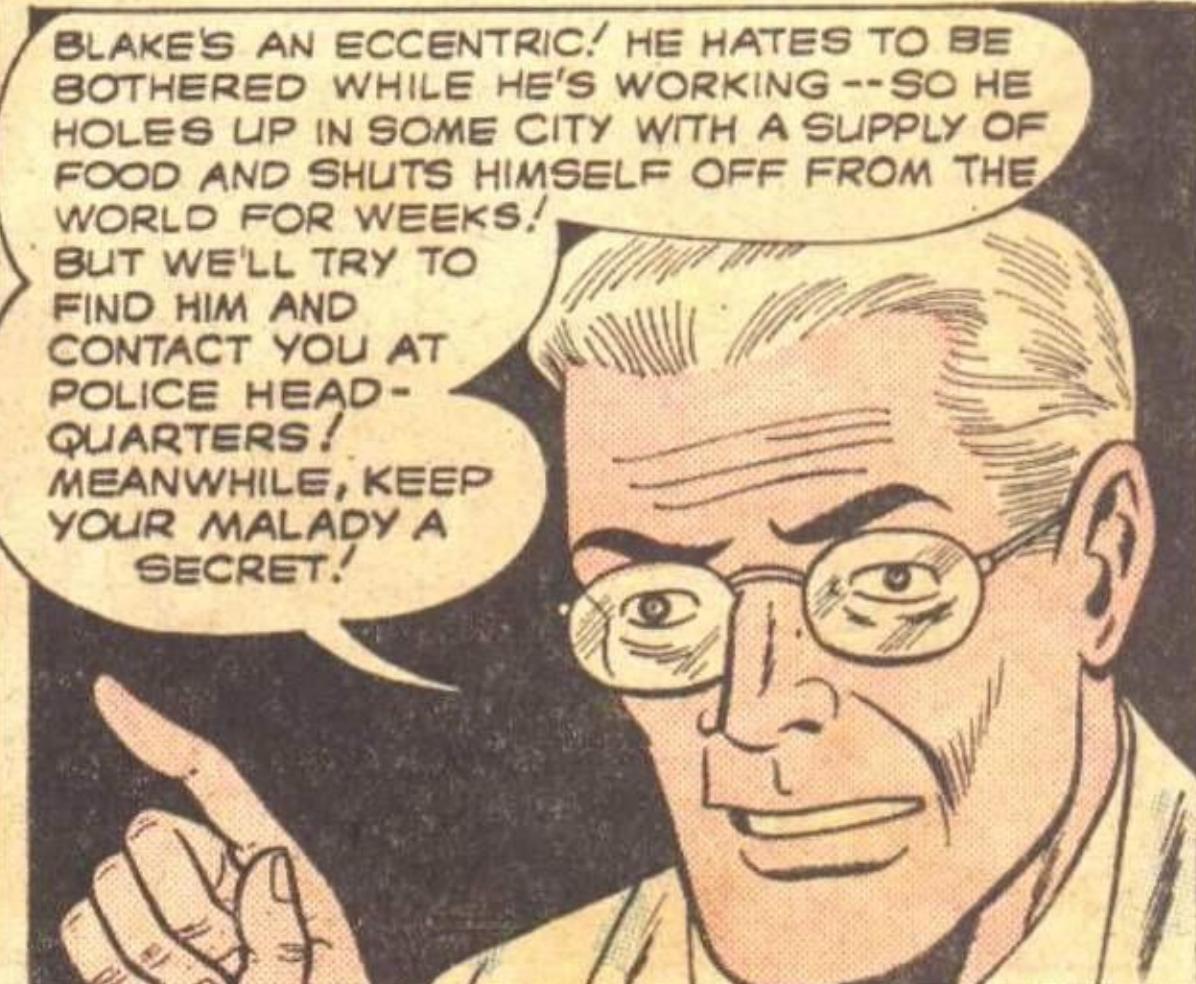
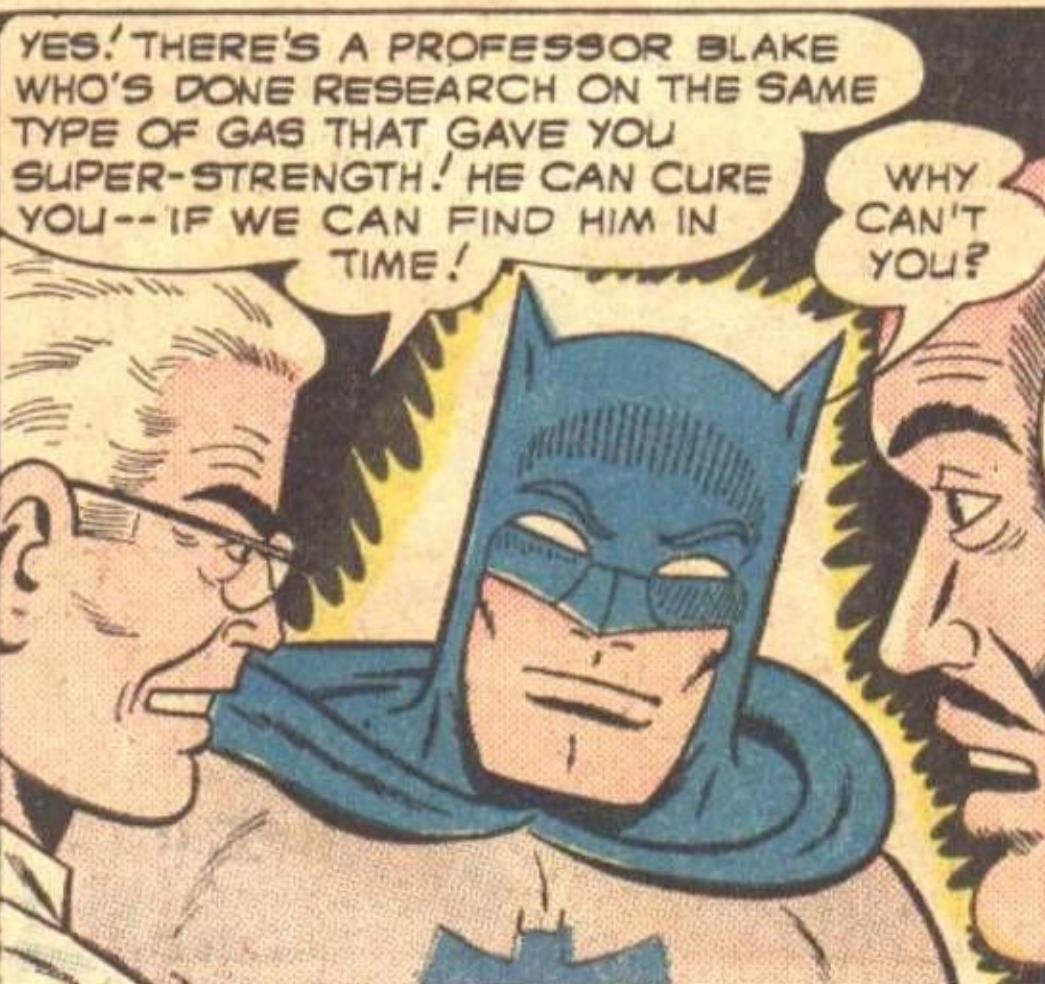
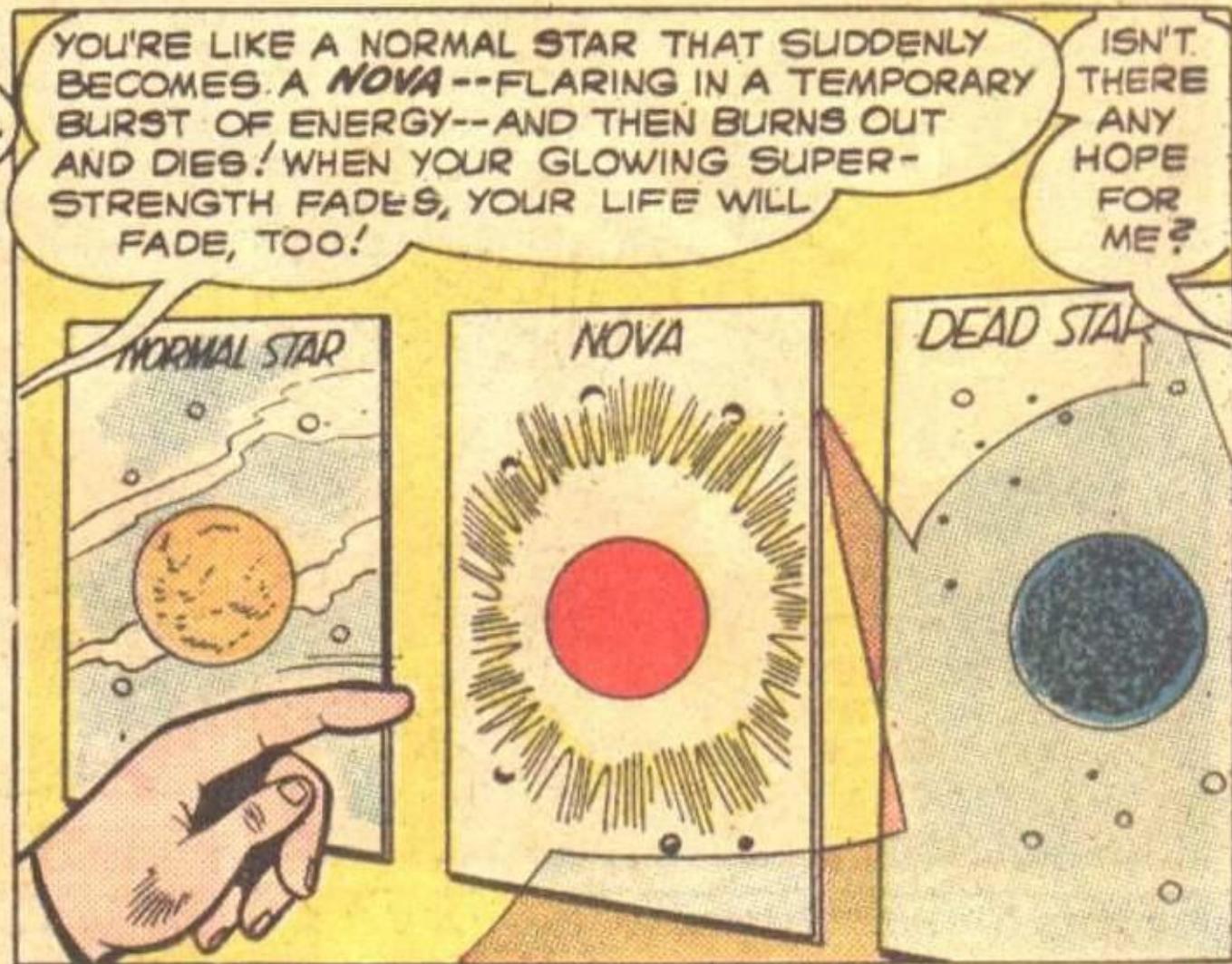


AS BATMAN PULLS ON THE LAB'S DOORKNOB, AN INCREDIBLE THING HAPPENS!





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;SOB: BATMAN--  
GEE--WHAT IF THEY  
DON'T FIND  
PROFESSOR  
BLAKE IN TIME...?  
;SOB:

THEY SAY THE  
BEST CURE FOR  
WORRY IS WORK--  
SO LET'S GO  
BACK TO GOTHAM  
CITY AND GO ON  
OUR PATROL AS IF  
NOTHING  
HAPPENED!

HOURS LATER, BATMAN'S PREDICAMENT IS FORGOTTEN  
AS...

BANK  
BANDITS!  
LET'S GET  
'EM!

BANG BANG

GOTHAM  
BANK

STAY BACK, ROBIN!  
I WANT TO GIVE THIS SUPER-  
STRENGTH OF MINE SOME  
EXERCISE--AND PUT A SCARE  
INTO THE UNDERWORLD!

A MOMENT LATER, A GLOWING FIGURE BRAZENLY DEFIES THE ONCOMING SEDAN!

IT'S BATMAN--  
AND HE'S  
SHINING!

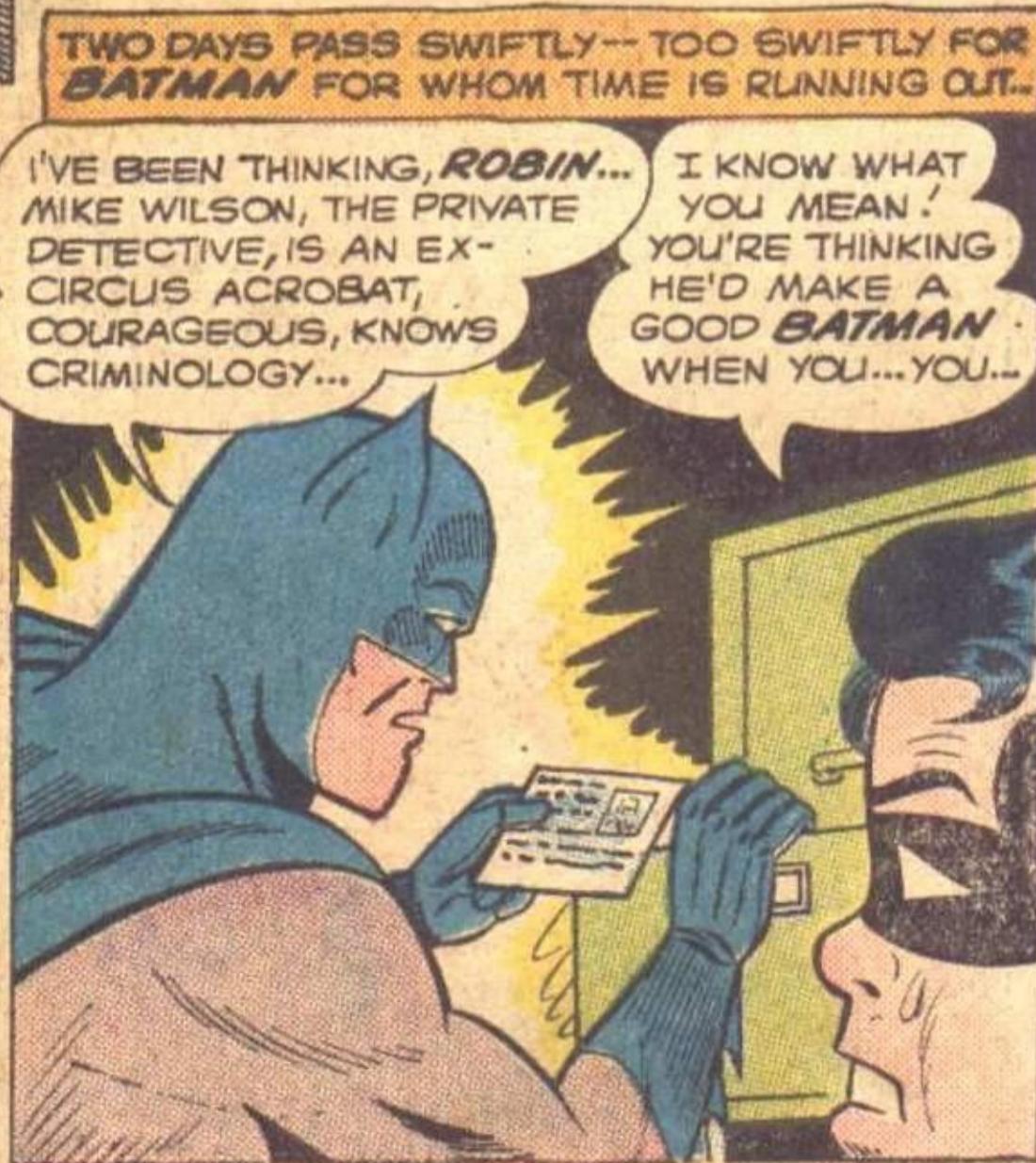
YOW! IT AIN'T POSSIBLE! HE--HE  
STOPPED THE CAR WITH HIS  
BARE HANDS!

THEN LEAPING ATOP THE CAR, BATMAN PEELS  
OFF THE SEDAN ROOF...

R-R-I-I-P



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NO, BATMAN--;SOB;  
I'LL NEVER WORK  
WITH ANYONE ELSE!  
;SOB; THERE'LL  
NEVER BE  
ANOTHER  
**BATMAN**  
FOR ME! ;SOB;

ALL RIGHT,  
**ROBIN**-- I'M  
SORRY I  
BROUGHT UP  
THE SUBJECT!  
COME ON--WE  
HAVE A  
PATROL TO MAKE!

LATER...  
NO CRIME  
ANYWHERE. YOUR  
SUPER-STRENGTH MUST'VE  
SCARED EVERY CROOK INTO  
HIDING!

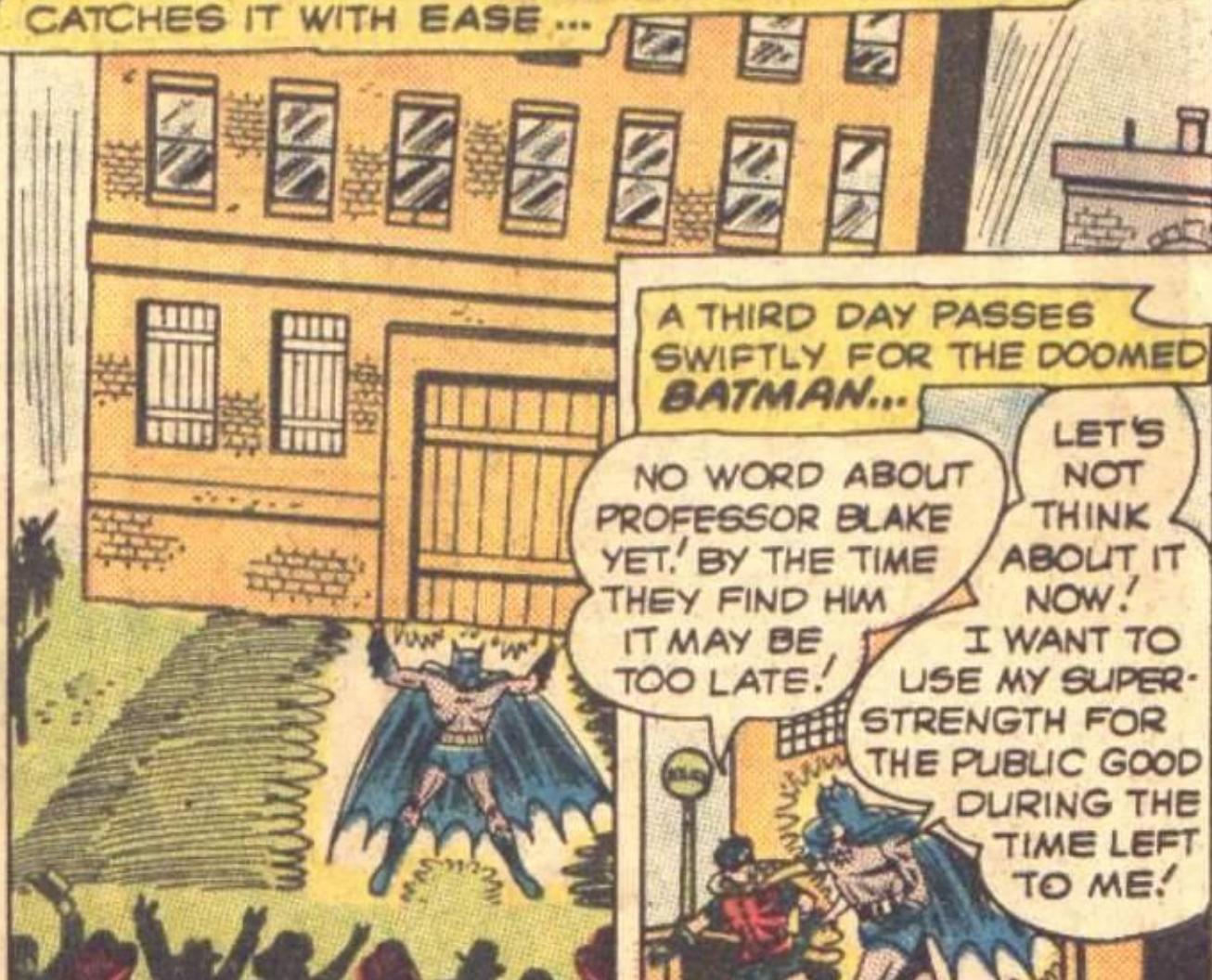
IN THAT CASE, I'LL USE  
MY SUPER-STRENGTH IN  
OTHER WAYS -- SUCH AS  
TAKING CARE OF THAT  
ABANDONED BURNING  
BUILDING BEFORE THE  
FIRE SPREADS TO OTHER  
BUILDINGS!

WITH ONE QUICK MOTION, **BATMAN**  
LIFTS THE BLAZING STRUCTURE  
AND HURLS IT SKYWARD...

UP, UP IT SOARS, BEYOND THE ATMOSPHERE WHERE  
THE LACK OF OXYGEN SWIFTLY SMOOTHERS THE  
FLAMES...



AND WHEN IT PLUMMETS EARTHWARD, **BATMAN**  
CATCHES IT WITH EASE ...



A THIRD DAY PASSES  
SWIFTLY FOR THE DOOMED  
**BATMAN**...

NO WORD ABOUT  
PROFESSOR BLAKE  
YET. BY THE TIME  
THEY FIND HIM  
IT MAY BE  
TOO LATE!

LET'S  
NOT  
THINK  
ABOUT IT  
NOW!

I WANT TO  
USE MY SUPER-  
STRENGTH FOR  
THE PUBLIC GOOD  
DURING THE  
TIME LEFT  
TO ME!



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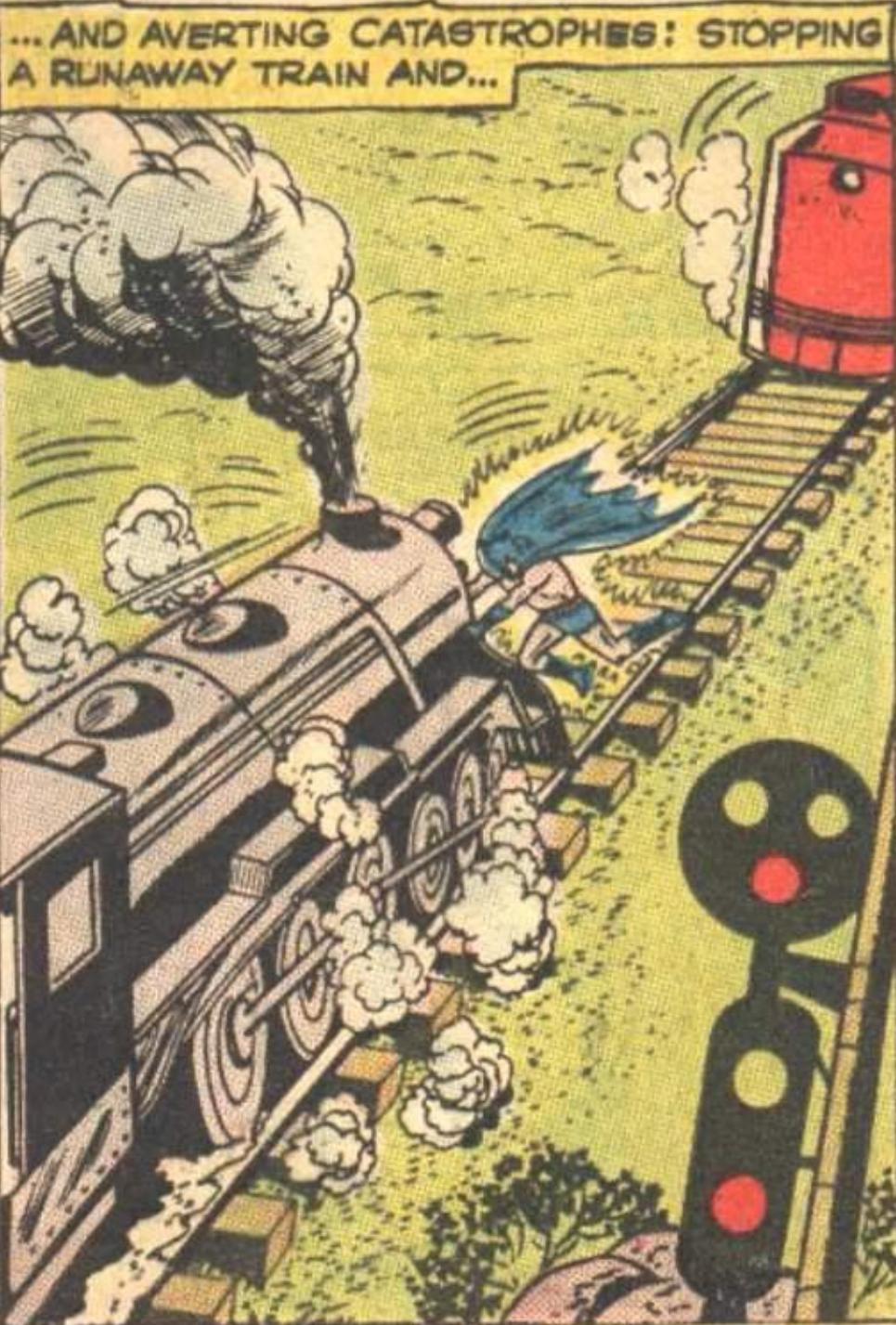
THUS, BATMAN EMPLOYS HIS SUPER-STRENGTH ON SUCH PROJECTS AS CLEARING LAND FOR A NEW HIGHWAY...



...DREDGING AN AREA FOR A NEW COMMUNITY POOL IN THE TENEMENT DISTRICT...



...AND AVERTING CATASTROPHES: STOPPING A RUNAWAY TRAIN AND...



...HAULING A SINKING FREIGHTER OFF A DANGEROUS REEF...



MEANWHILE, IN THE HIDEOUT OF CRIME-BOSS "BIG JOE" FOSTER...



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PETE, I WANT YOU TO SNOOP AROUND EAGLE AIRCRAFT! MAYBE YOU CAN FIND OUT SOMETHING THAT'LL CLEAR UP THIS MYSTERY!

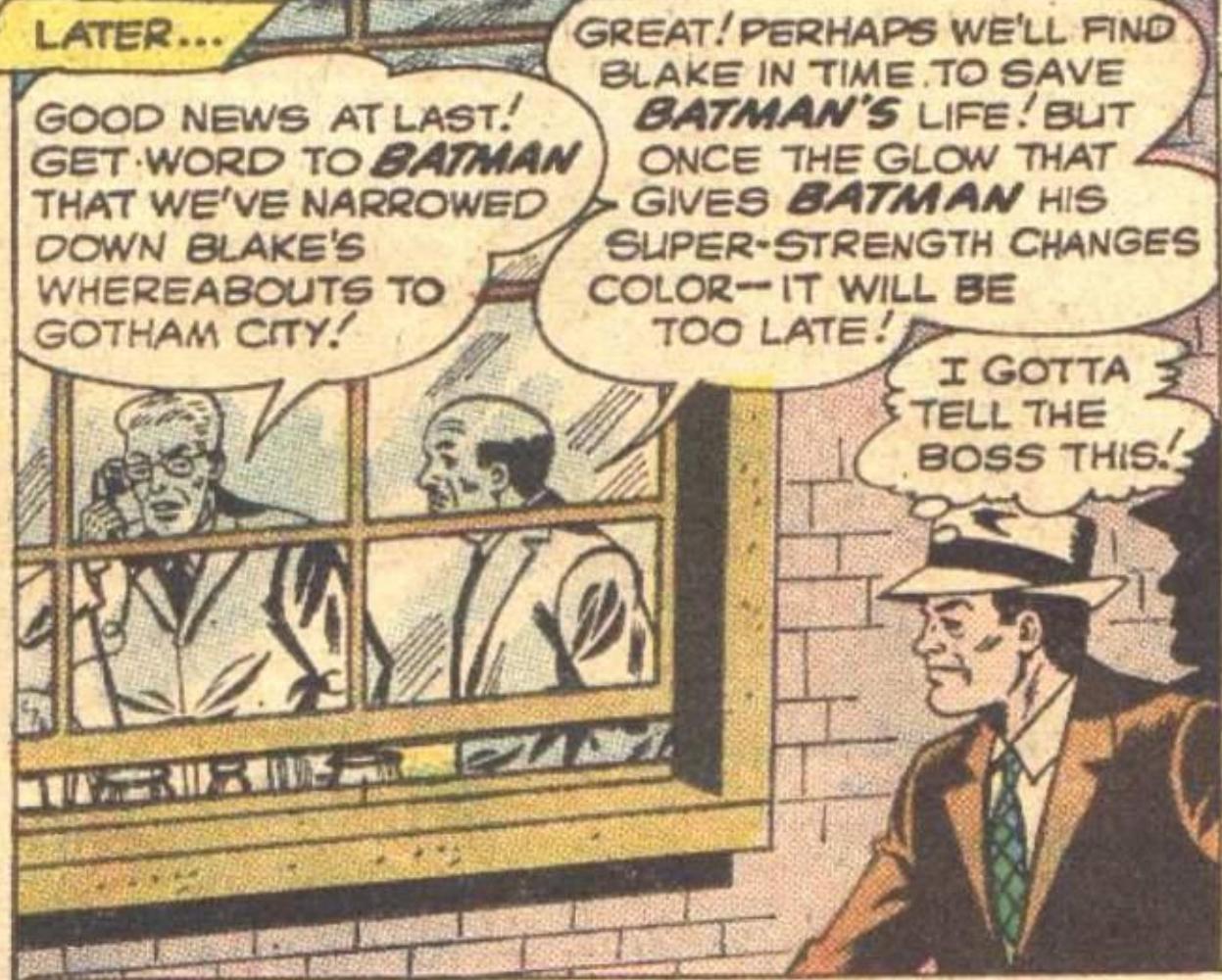
OKAY, BOSS!

LATER...

GOOD NEWS AT LAST! GET WORD TO **BATMAN** THAT WE'VE NARROWED DOWN BLAKE'S WHEREABOUTS TO GOTHAM CITY!

GREAT! PERHAPS WE'LL FIND BLAKE IN TIME TO SAVE **BATMAN'S** LIFE! BUT ONCE THE GLOW THAT GIVES **BATMAN** HIS SUPER-STRENGTH CHANGES COLOR—IT WILL BE TOO LATE!

I GOTTA TELL THE BOSS THIS!



SHORTLY...

HMM! SO THIS IS THE ONE GUY THAT CAN SAVE **BATMAN'S** LIFE, EH? HEY-- NOW I REMEMBER WHERE I SAW THIS PROFESSOR BLAKE BEFORE! THERE WAS AN EMPTY BASEMENT FLAT ON FRONT STREET...

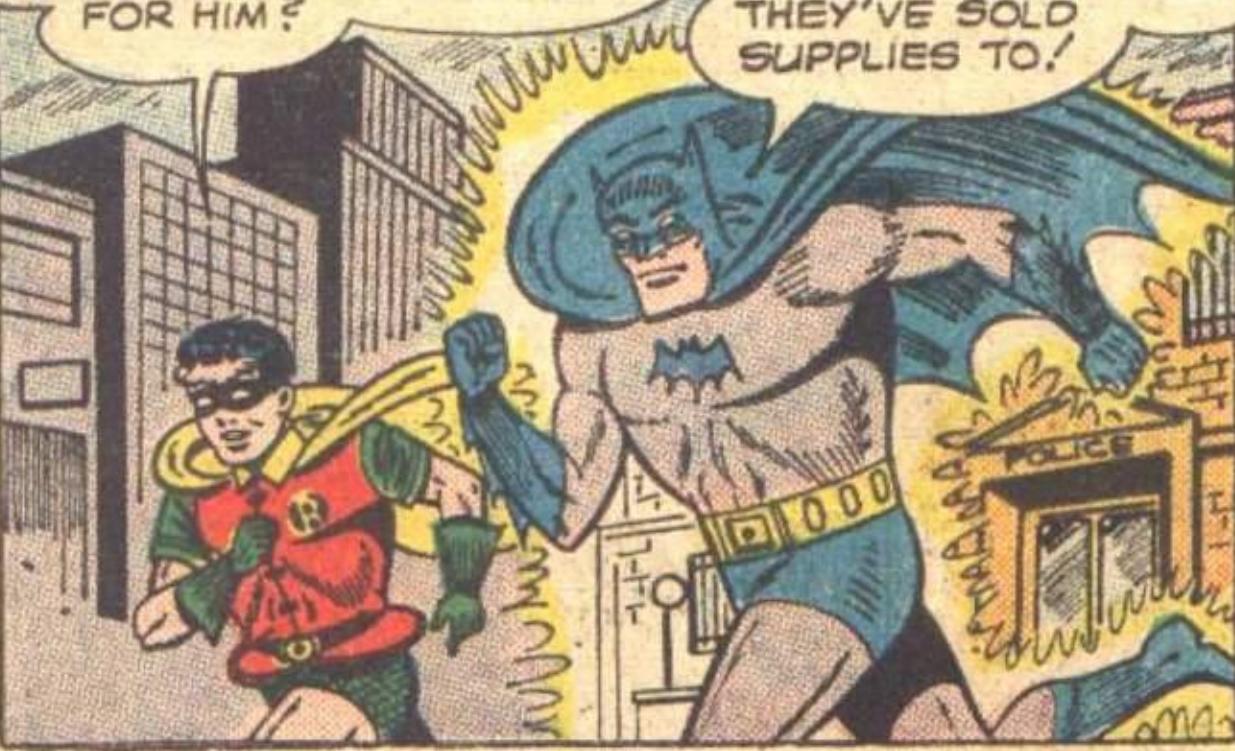
...SO I FIGURED IT'D BE A GOOD SPOT FOR A HIDEOUT FOR OUR MOB--BUT TWO WEEKS AGO IT WAS RENTED TO THIS BLAKE, WHO CALLED HIMSELF HENRY JONES! CALL THE BOYS, PETE--WE'VE GOT A JOB TO DO!



NEWS OF BLAKE SWIFTLY IS RELAYED TO **BATMAN** AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

NOW THAT WE KNOW BLAKE IS SOMEWHERE IN GOTHAM CITY, HOW DO WE START LOOKING FOR HIM?

FIRST, WE'LL CONTACT ALL THE CHEMICAL HOUSES FOR THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS THEY'VE SOLD SUPPLIES TO!



THEN **BATMAN** QUERIES DEALERS IN LABORATORY EQUIPMENT...

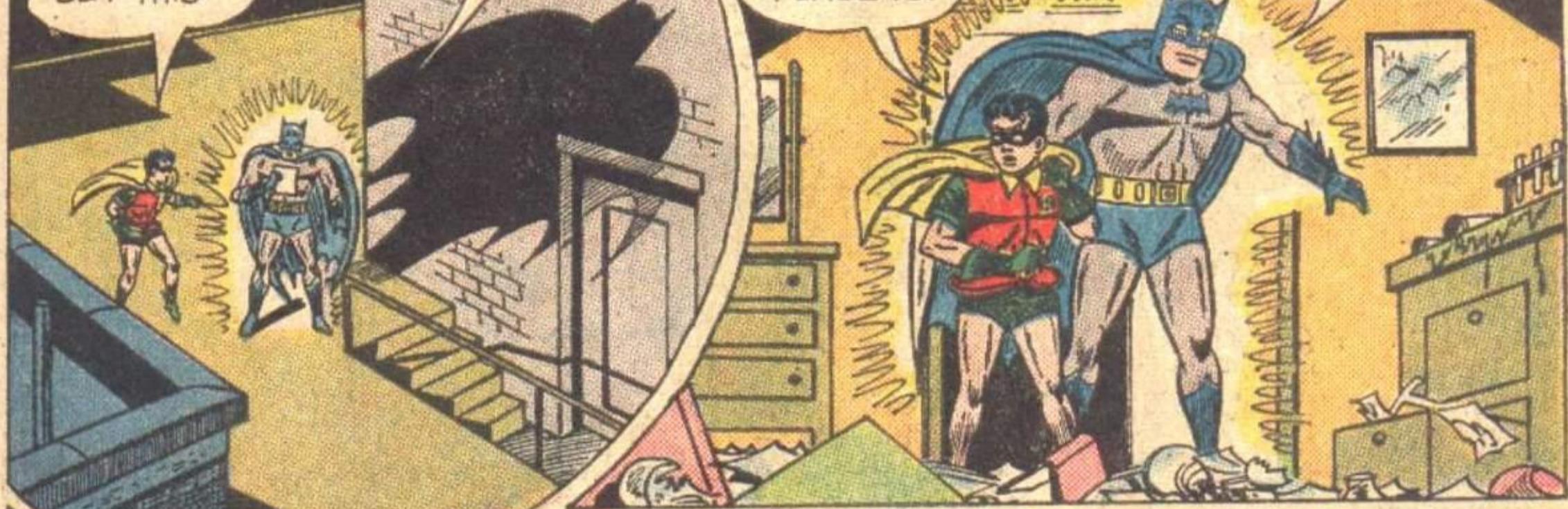
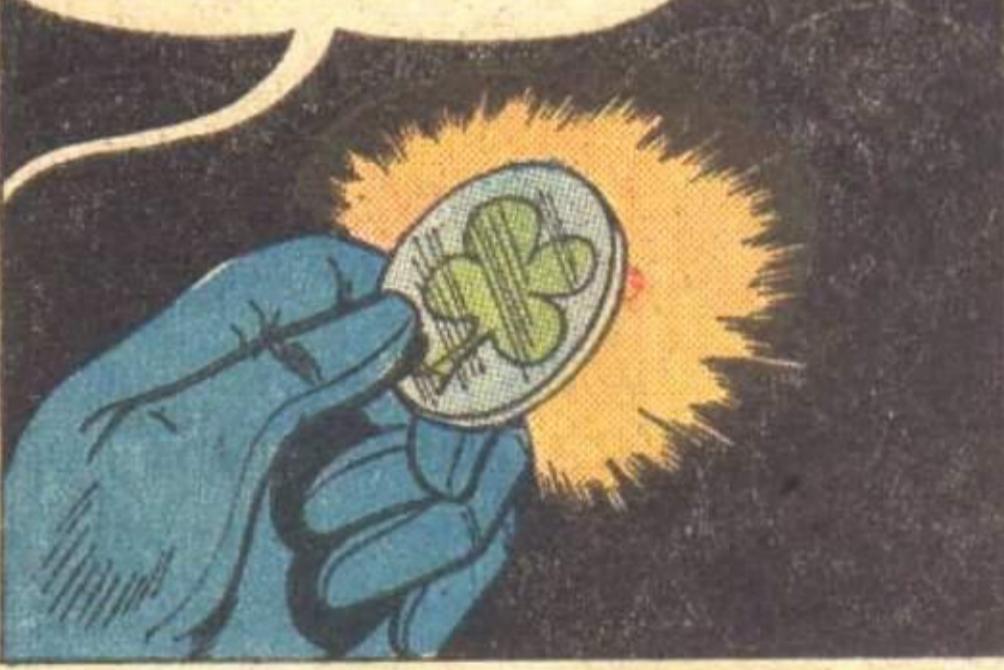
HERE YOU ARE, **BATMAN**--A LIST OF ALL OUR CUSTOMERS DOING PRIVATE RESEARCH!



SOMETIME LATER ...

WE'VE CHECKED  
ALL THE NAMES  
BUT THIS--IT'S THE LAST  
ONE -- AND MY  
LAST CHANCE!

ON ENTERING THE BASEMENT FLAT...

GOLLY! WHAT A  
MESS THIS  
PLACE IS!THERE'S BEEN A  
STRUGGLE HERE!LOOK--THAT  
PHOTOGRAPH  
OF BLAKE!IT'S CLEAR NOW!  
SOMEHOW, THE UNDER-  
WORLD LEARNED ABOUT  
BLAKE AND TOOK HIM  
AWAY--TO PREVENT HIM  
FROM SAVING MY LIFE!  
BLAKE WAS MY LAST HOPE--  
AND NOW HE'S GONE!SUDDENLY, BATMAN STOOPS TO  
RETRIEVE AN OBJECT FROM THE FLOOR ...A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER--A GOOD LUCK  
PIECE! FROM OUR KNOWLEDGE OF  
BLAKE, WE KNOW HE'S NOT SUPERSTITIOUS,  
SO IT MUST HAVE FALLEN FROM ONE OF  
THE CRIMINALS' POCKETS!LATER, THE BAT-CAVE CRIMINAL FILE YIELDS  
A CLUE...HE COULD BE  
OUR MAN!

PETE KULIK  
HT. 5FT. 10 WT. 180  
MEMBER OF  
"BIG JOE" FOSTER  
MOB.  
SUPERSTITIOUS--  
CARRIES 4-LEAF  
CLOVER.  
FREQUENTS GOTHAM  
STEAK HOUSE.

THAT NIGHT, AS PETE EMERGES FROM THE  
RESTAURANT...BATMAN AND ROBIN--  
AFTER SOMEONE!Gotham  
Steak  
HouseGET BACK,  
BATMAN--  
OR I'LL  
SHOOT!



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BUT BATMAN'S STEELY FINGERS REACH OUT...



AFTER WHICH HE BINDS HIS QUARRY WITH A STANCHION...



SUDDENLY, ROBIN CRIES OUT...

BATMAN-- THE COLOR OF YOUR GLOW-- IS CHANGING-- TO GREEN!



BATMAN STAGGERS, HIS MIGHTY FRAME SAGS...

I--I'M GETTING WEAK! ROBIN-- I'M AFRAID THIS IS THE END...

OH, NO-- NO...



;SOB; BATMAN'S GONE!  
;SOB; IF ONLY WE COULD HAVE FOUND PROFESSOR BLAKE IN TIME...;SOB;

GEE!  
BATMAN'S  
DEAD! I  
GOTTA TELL  
THE BOSS!



SOON AFTER...

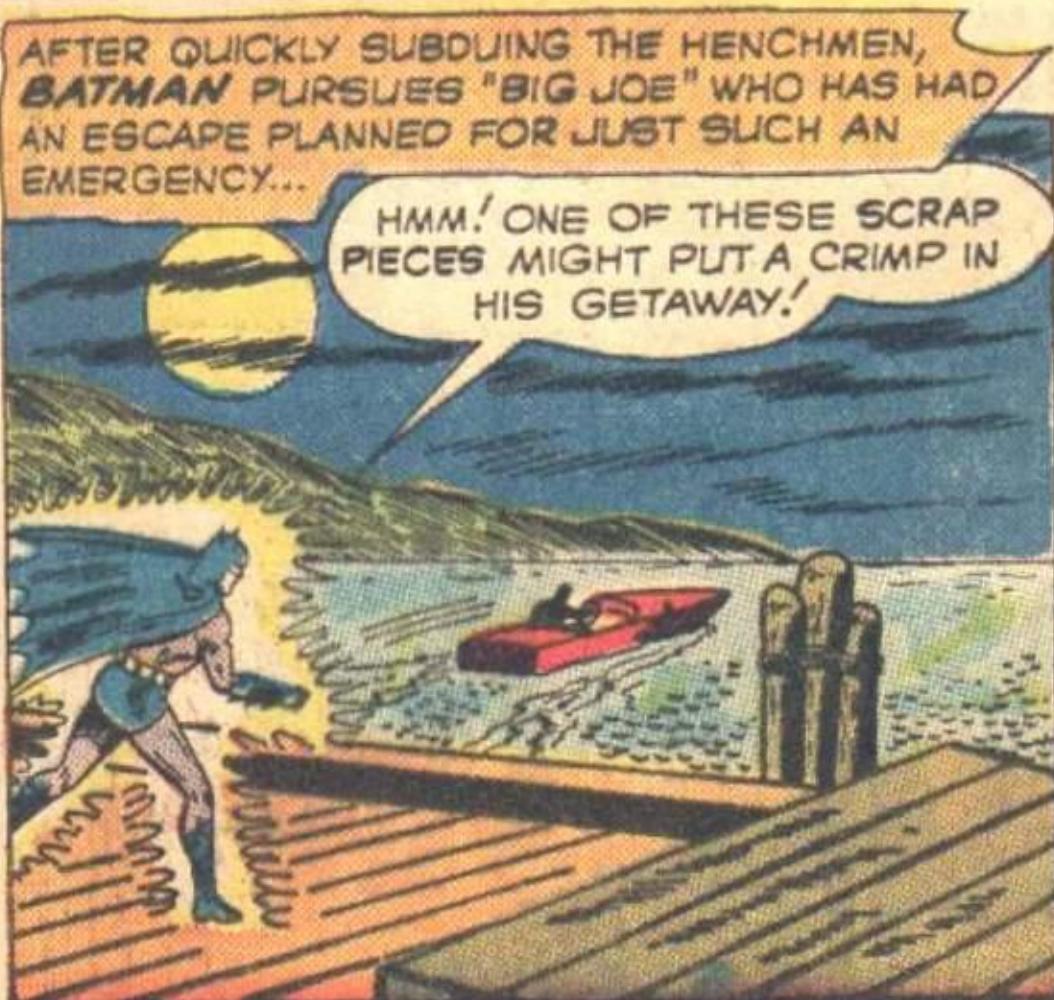
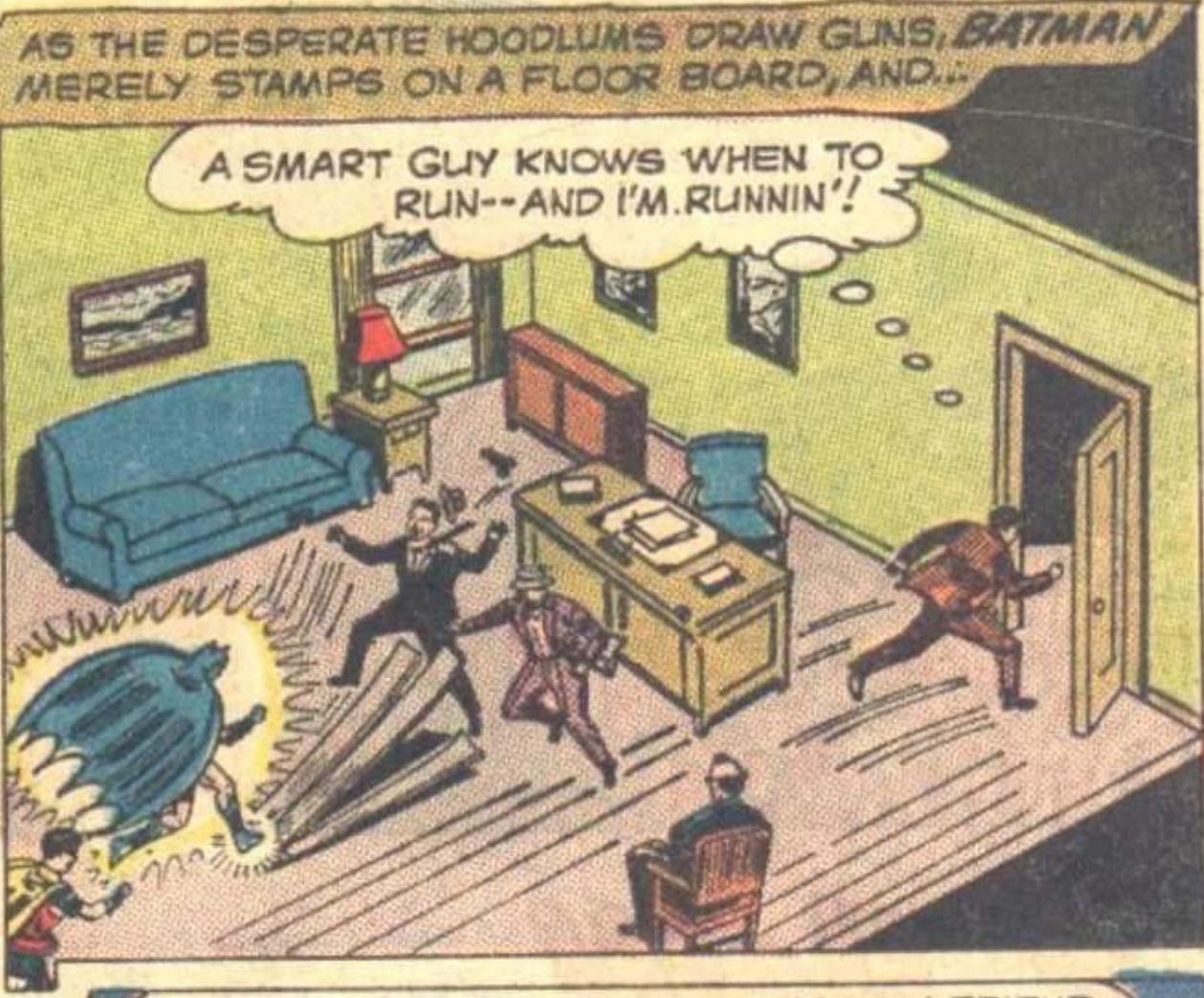
YOU FOOL! DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO COME HERE? YOU COULD HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED BY BATMAN!

HUH! HE CAN'T BOTHER US NO MORE! HE'S DEAD! I SAW BATMAN DIE WITH MY OWN EYES!





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A QUICK FLIP OF THE WRIST--AND THE MISSILE ARCS OUT LIKE A BOOMERANG... AND LIKE A BOOMERANG, IT FINDS ITS MARK--AND RETURNS TO BATMAN!



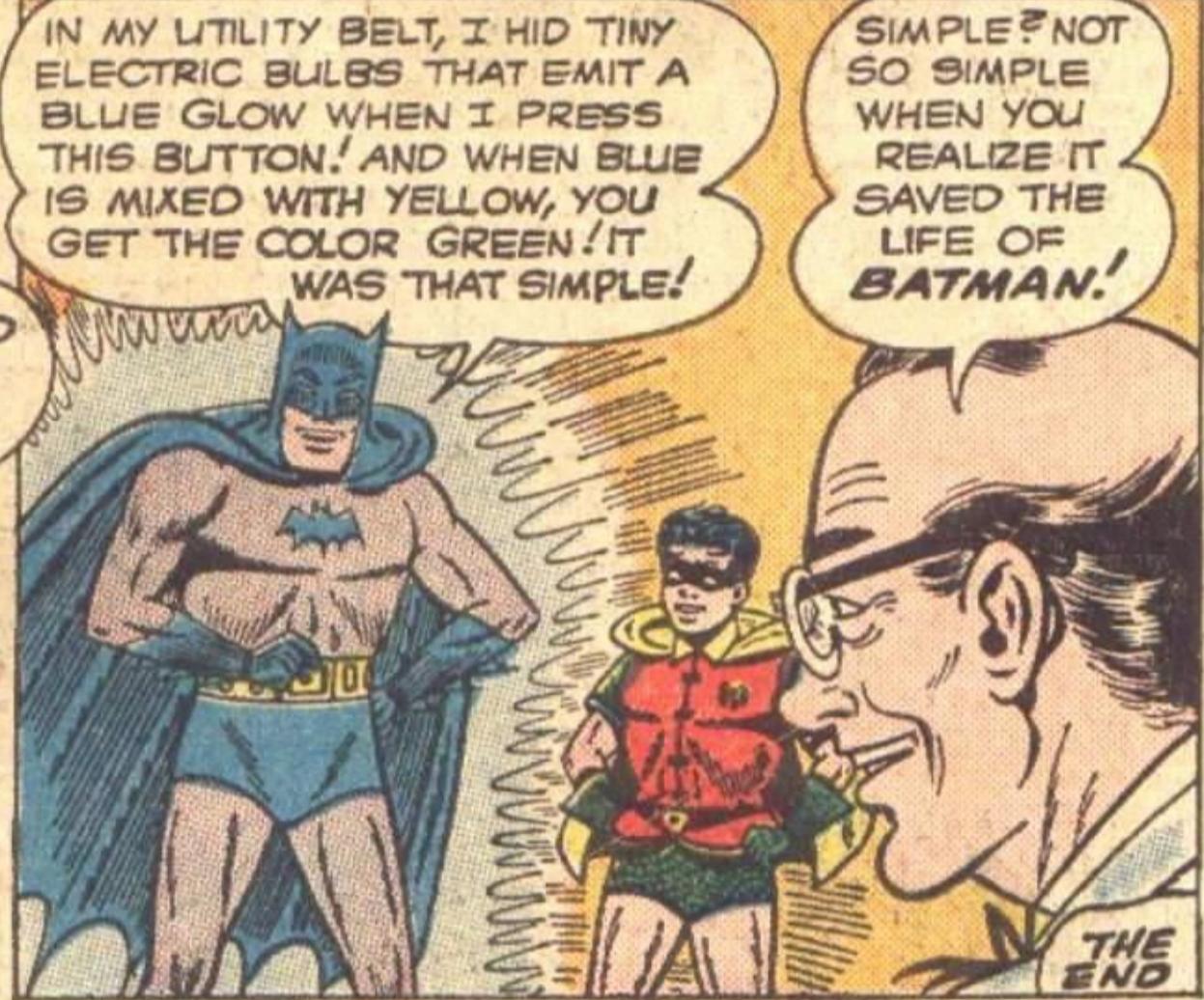
LATER, AFTER BEING TREATED WITH PROFESSOR BLAKE'S SERUM, BATMAN IS HIS NORMAL SELF AGAIN...

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DID NOT DIE WHEN THE GLOW TURNED GREEN!

IT WAS ALL A HOAX! I STAGED THE "ARREST" OF THAT GUNMAN, WHO ACTUALLY WAS A DISGUISED POLICEMAN. THEN I FADED MY "DEATH" SO PETE WOULD LEAD ME TO "BIG JOE'S HIDEOUT!"

IN MY UTILITY BELT, I HID TINY ELECTRIC BULBS THAT EMIT A BLUE GLOW WHEN I PRESS THIS BUTTON! AND WHEN BLUE IS MIXED WITH YELLOW, YOU GET THE COLOR GREEN! IT WAS THAT SIMPLE!

SIMPLE? NOT SO SIMPLE WHEN YOU REALIZE IT SAVED THE LIFE OF BATMAN!



THE END

# Follow the ADVENTURES of BATMAN and ROBIN

In the next issue of



ON SALE JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>

**W**HEN A FANTASTIC ACCIDENT TRANSFORMS THE MIGHTY BATMAN INTO A HUMAN "FISH", APPARENTLY DOOMED TO LIVE IN THE OMINOUS WORLD OF WATER FOREVER, THE DETERMINED CRIME-FIGHTER REFUSES TO RETIRE UNTIL HE CRACKS HIS LAST CASE! AND SO HE DONS A BIZARRE HELMET, TO TRACK DOWN CRIMINALS AS...

# THE MERMAN BATMAN

# BAT-MAN

With ROBIN  
THE BOY WONDER



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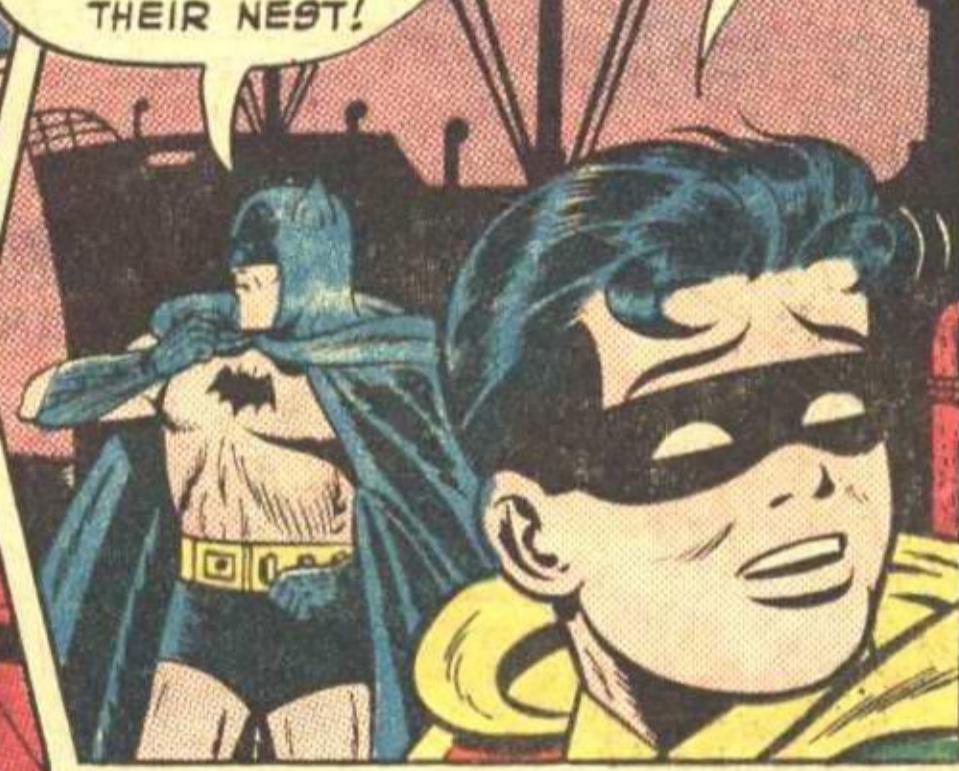
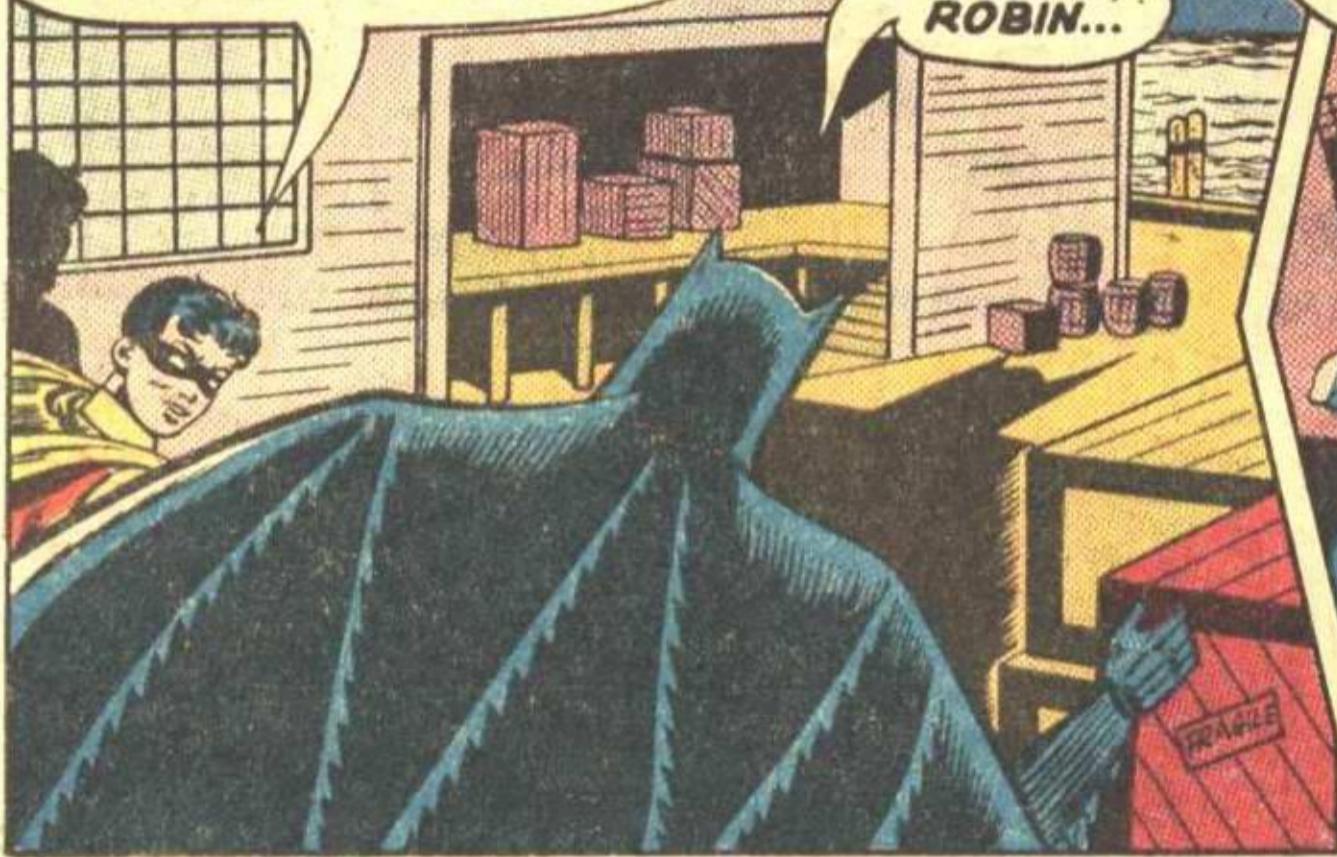
IN GOTHAM CITY'S SPRAWLING WHARF DISTRICT, AN INTENSIVE SEARCH IS UNDERWAY...

NO SIGN OF VINCE KENTON YET, BATMAN! PERHAPS THAT TRUCK DRIVER JUST THOUGHT HE SAW HIM IN THIS AREA!

WE'VE STILL GOT TO RUN DOWN EVERY POSSIBLE LEAD TO THIS BAFFLING MYSTERY, ROBIN...

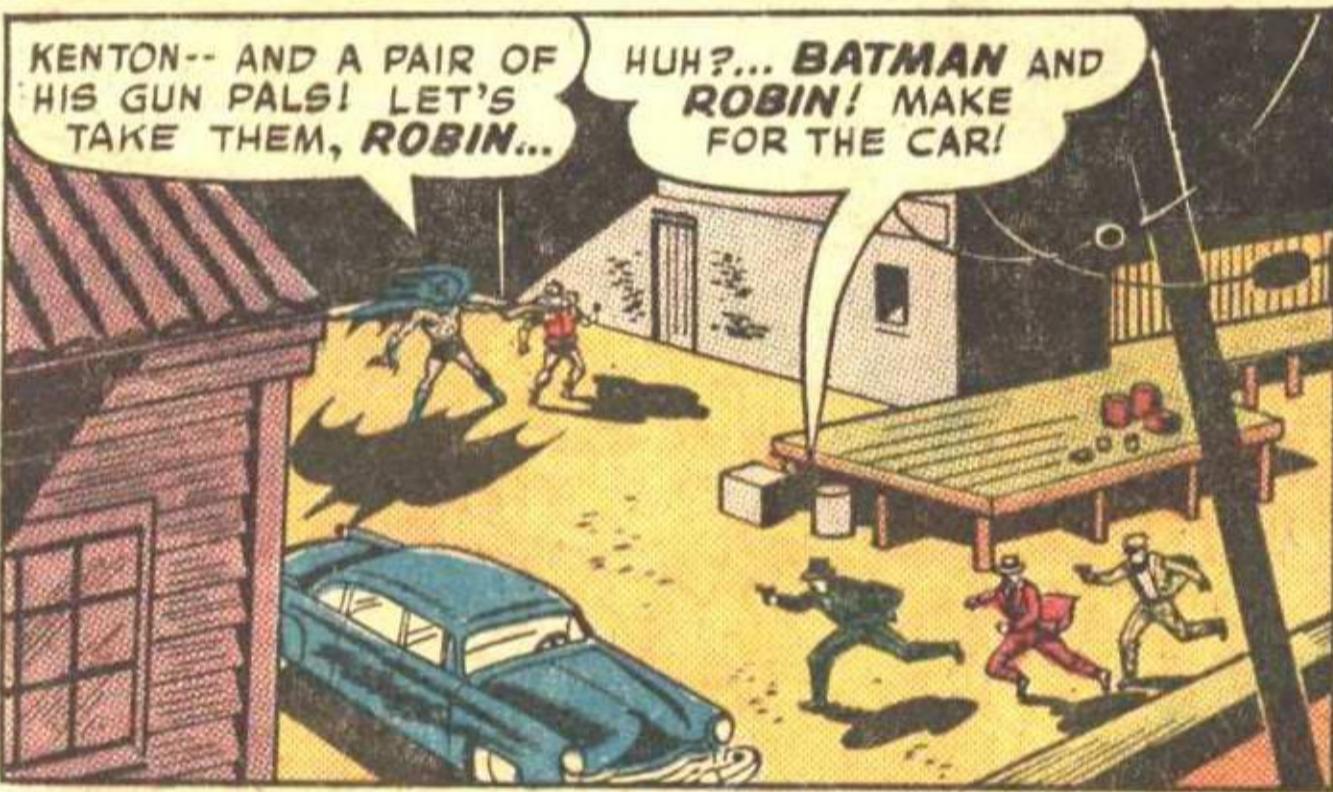
WANTED CRIMINALS IN GOTHAM CITY ARE SOMEHOW DISAPPEARING FROM SIGHT-- AND IT'S UP TO US TO FIND THEIR NEST!

WHEREVER THEY'RE HIDING, THEY-- WAIT! LOOK...



KENTON-- AND A PAIR OF HIS GUN PALS! LET'S TAKE THEM, ROBIN...

HUH?... BATMAN AND ROBIN! MAKE FOR THE CAR!



THE SWIFT, SLEEK BATARANG KNIVES THROUGH THE AIR-- BUT THE FLEEING KENTON SWERVES FROM ITS PATH, AND...



B-BATMAN! HIS WILD SHOT ACCIDENTALLY HIT THE CARGO LINE! WE'RE BEING SWAMPED WITH NETTING!

HURRY, ROBIN-- FIGHT YOUR WAY FREE! WE CAN'T LET THEM OUT OF OUR SIGHT!

BUT PRECIOUS SECONDS ARE LOST AS THE CAPE CRIME-FIGHTERS STRUGGLE WITH THE NET, TILL FINALLY...

NOT A SIGN OF THEM... BUT THEY RAN OFF IN THAT DIRECTION-- AWAY FROM THEIR GETAWAY CAR! THEY MUST BE IN THE WHARF AREA SOMEWHERE!

LOOK, BATMAN-- A PIECE OF THE CALLING CARD THAT KENTON WAS HOLDING WHEN YOUR BATARANG CUT IT IN TWO!

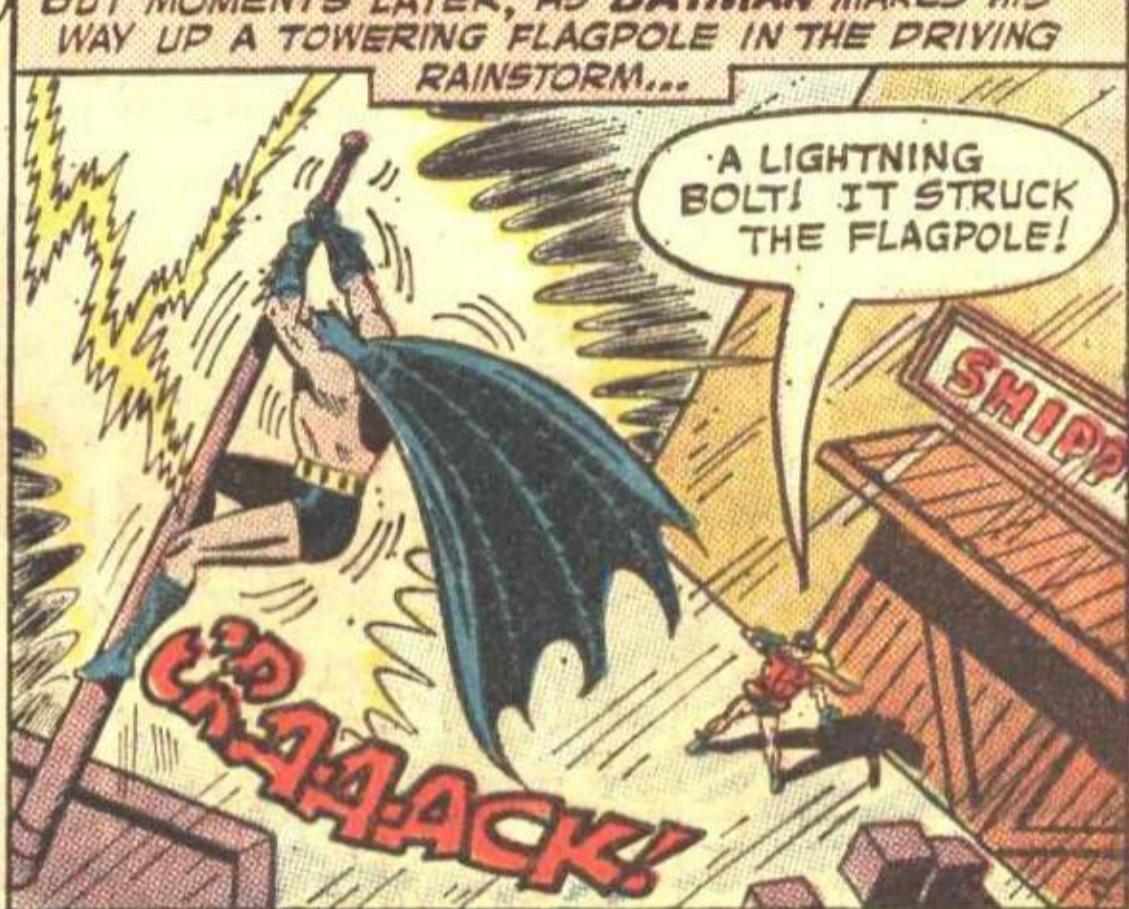


HANG ONTO IT FOR POSSIBLE CLUES, ROBIN! I'M GOING ATOP THIS WAREHOUSE, AND SEE IF I CAN'T PINPOINT THOSE FLEEING CRIMINALS!

I'LL STAND BY!

BUT MOMENTS LATER, AS BATMAN MAKES HIS WAY UP A TOWERING FLAGPOLE IN THE DRIVING RAINSTORM...

A LIGHTNING BOLT! IT STRUCK THE FLAGPOLE!



RACING TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE WAREHOUSE, ROBIN'S EYES REFLECT A GRIM SCENE...

TOO LATE--  
BATMAN'S  
UNDER THE SURFACE! I'VE  
ONLY GOT SECONDS TO  
SAVE HIM NOW...



VAINLY, ROBIN SCOURS THE HARBOR BOTTOM...

THE STRONG UNDERCURRENTS  
MUST HAVE-- TAKEN BATMAN  
OUT TO SEA! HE'S-- BEEN  
UNDER TOO LONG... I'VE--  
LOST HIM!

B-BATMAN... GONE! I'VE  
LOST THE GREATEST FRIEND I  
EVER HAD! HOW-- HOW CAN I  
TELL COMMISSIONER GORDON...  
THE PEOPLE OF GOTHAM CITY?





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SUDDENLY, ROBIN'S UNHAPPY THOUGHTS ARE BROKEN BY...

DA-DIT-DIT-DIT...DIT-DA...DA...  
BATMAN TO ROBIN...  
DO YOU READ ME?

MORSE CODE!...  
COMING IN OVER  
THE BELT RADIO!  
BATMAN'S  
ALIVE!

AND AFTER THE HAPPY YOUNGSTER RECEIVES  
BATMAN'S MESSAGE...

DA-DIT...DA-DA-DA...  
DIT-DA-DA...

GOSH, THOSE ARE SURE  
STRANGE ORDERS! BUT I  
GUESS BATMAN KNOWS WHAT  
HE'S DOING... I'LL LEAVE FOR  
THE BAT-CAVE AT ONCE!

THAT NIGHT, IN THE SILENCE OF THE  
WHARF AREA, A BIZARRE  
SCENE TAKES PLACE...

GOLLY!  
BATMAN  
HAD ME BRING ALL  
THIS BAT-CAVE  
EQUIPMENT HERE,  
TO "SALVAGE" HIM  
IN A WATER-FILLED  
TANK! BUT...  
WHAT'S HAPPENED?

NOW DROP THAT  
SPECIAL VOICE  
AMPLIFIER INTO  
THE TANK, ROBIN...  
IT WILL TRANSMIT  
MY WORDS TO  
YOU BY PICKING  
UP THE VIBRATIONS  
IN MY THROAT!

AND YOU  
CAN  
HEAR ME  
VIA OUR  
RADIO  
EARPHONES!

SURE ENOUGH, AFTER HOOKING UP THE  
UNIQUE DEVICE...  
DON'T PANIC, ROBIN...  
A FANTASTIC THING HAS  
HAPPENED! THAT ACCIDENT  
HAS SOMEHOW TRANSFORMED  
MY PHYSICAL STRUCTURE...

I'VE BECOME A  
HUMAN "FISH"!

I--I DON'T  
KNOW...UNLESS  
IT WAS THE  
COMBINATION  
OF THE  
LIGHTNING  
AND THE  
CHEMICALS  
IN THE  
CAPSULES  
OF MY  
UTILITY  
BELT!

GOSH...WE'D  
BETTER RETURN  
TO THE BAT-CAVE  
AND TRY TO GET  
YOU BACK TO  
NORMAL!

YOU MEAN...  
YOU CAN BREATHE  
THE OXYGEN IN  
THE WATER, BUT  
CAN'T SURVIVE  
ON THE SURFACE?  
BUT...HOW'S SUCH  
A THING  
POSSIBLE?



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RETURNING TO THEIR UNIQUE LAIR, HOWEVER, THE HELPLESS BATMAN MAKES A SHOCKING DECISION...

THERE'S NO TIME TO DEAL WITH MY PROBLEM NOW, ROBIN... IT MAY TAKE MONTHS TO SOLVE! WE'VE GOT TO CRACK THE MISSING CRIMINALS MYSTERY FIRST!

I--GUESS

YOU'RE RIGHT, BATMAN! WELL--OUR ONE AND ONLY LEAD IS THIS PIECE OF KENTON'S CALLING CARD!

UNDoubtedly, KENTON WAS HEADING FOR THE PLACE ON THIS CARD... OTHERWISE, HE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD IT IN HIS HAND, BATMAN!

WITH PENCIL AND PAPER, ROBIN TESTS ONE THEORY...

PERHAPS IT'S THE REAR FENDER OF A FANCY MODEL CAR-- LIKE THIS!

THAT'S POSSIBLE...

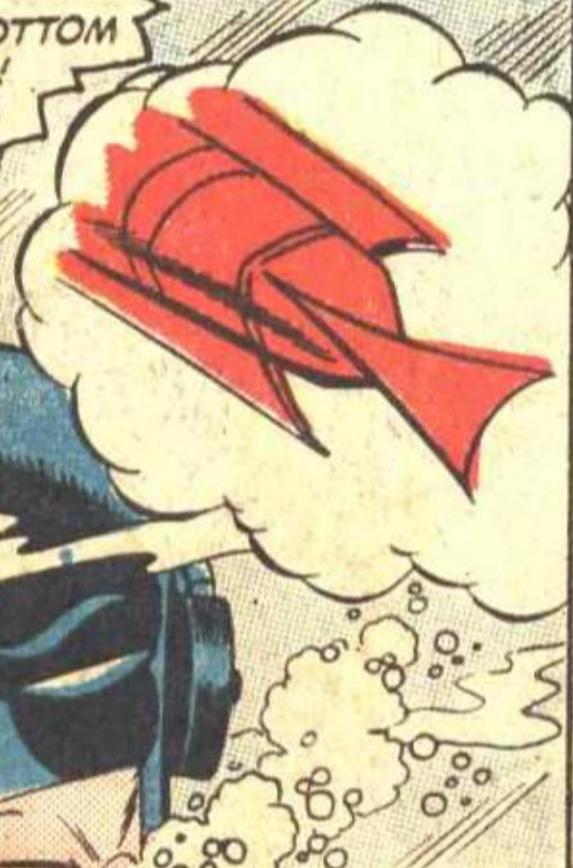
YES... AND THAT PLACE IS A CORPORATION OF SOME KIND! IF WE COULD ONLY IDENTIFY THAT SECTION OF THE TRADEMARK ON THE TORN CARD!

OF COURSE! KENTON WAS IN THE HARBOR AREA... CHANCES ARE, THAT TRADEMARK REPRESENTS AN OUTFIT THAT DEALS WITH THE SEA!

I'LL CHECK ALL CORPORATIONS ALONG THAT LINE, BATMAN!

OR IT MIGHT BE THE BOTTOM SECTION OF A ROCKET! CONFFOUND IT, WHAT A TIME TO BE IN THIS HUMAN "FISH" PREDICAMENT!

I-- WAIT A MINUTE! FISH?



SOME HOURS LATER, WHERE A LIGHT BURNS BRIGHTLY ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE MARINE CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION...

I TELL YOU, SMARTE, BATMAN'S FINISHED! WE SAW THE LIGHTNING HIT HIM BEFORE WE LEFT THE WHARF! NOW, WHAT'S THE SCORE ON THE HIDEOUT?

WELL, AS LONG AS I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BATMAN... DO YOU KNOW WHERE TREASURE ISLAND IS LOCATED?

THERE'S ONLY ONE TIME WHEN YOU CAN ENTER THAT ISLAND, AND--HUH? WHO'S UP THERE IN THE SKYLIGHT?

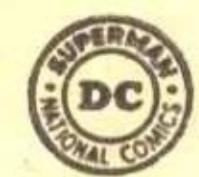
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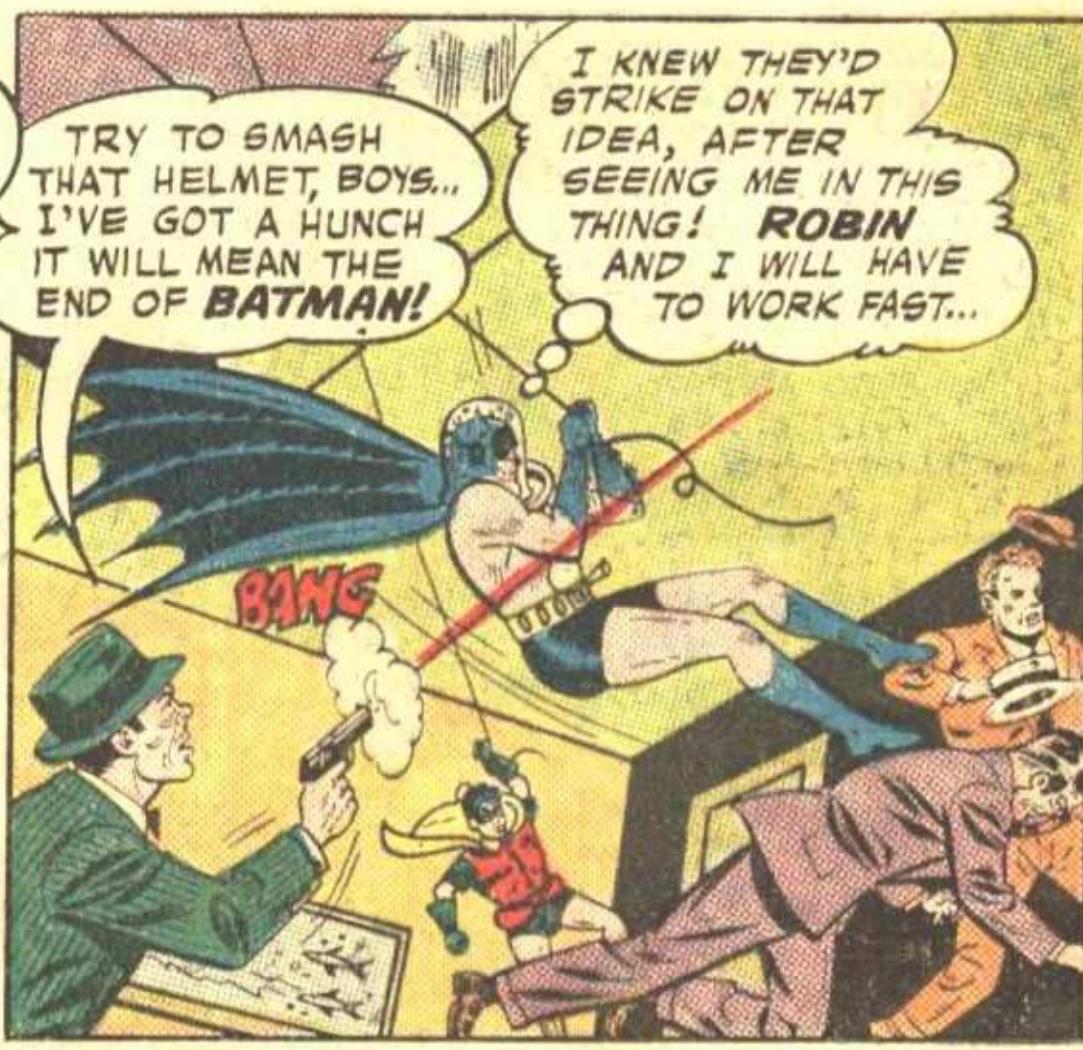
SUDDENLY, FROM ABOVE...

B-BATMAN! AND HE'S WEARING A GLASS HELMET AROUND HIS HEAD... FILLED WITH WATER!

I DON'T GET IT... UNLESS THAT ACCIDENT, BACK AT THE WHARF, HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT!

TRY TO SMASH THAT HELMET, BOYS... I'VE GOT A HUNCH IT WILL MEAN THE END OF BATMAN!

I KNEW THEY'D STRIKE ON THAT IDEA, AFTER SEEING ME IN THIS THING! ROBIN AND I WILL HAVE TO WORK FAST...



LUCKY THIS CORPORATION PRINTED ITS FISH TRADEMARK IN THE TELEPHONE BOOK AD, BATMAN!

I'LL SAY! IT WAS THE ONLY WAY WE COULD PIECE TOGETHER THAT TORN CARD CLUE! NOW, LET'S WRAP UP THESE BOYS...

NOT UNTIL I WRAP THIS OVER THAT GLASS DOME OF YOURS, WISE GUY!

OH, NO--! HE'S SMASHED BATMAN'S PROTECTIVE HELMET!



GASPE, R-ROBIN... CAN'T CHOKES BREATHE! HELP ME!

SO THAT'S IT! BATMAN CAN'T BREATHE UNLESS HE'S IN WATER! HA, HA... THERE ISN'T A DROP IN THE ROOM! HE'S FINISHED, BOYS-- C'MON!

CAN'T PUFF-PUFF LAST MUCH LONGER... NO TIME TO GET GASPE THE SPARE WATER HELMET FROM THE BATMOBILE...

BUT THERE ISN'T ANY SIGN OF WATER NEARBY, BATMAN! WHAT WILL I-- HOLD ON! I'VE GOT IT!



THE ALERT BOY WONDER BOUNDS ATOP A CHAIR, STRIKES A MATCH, AND...

EVEN THIS LITTLE FLAME SHOULD BE HOT ENOUGH TO SET OFF THE CEILING SPRINKLER SYSTEM AND-- AH... THERE IT GOES!

AND AS THE UNIQUE FIRE-SAFETY DEVICE SPLASHES WATER DOWN ON THE FALLEN BATMAN...

IT WORKED! THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM IS FLOODING THE ROOM FAST. BATMAN'S FACE IS ALREADY UNDER WATER! I'LL DASH OUT AND GET THE SPARE HELMET NOW!

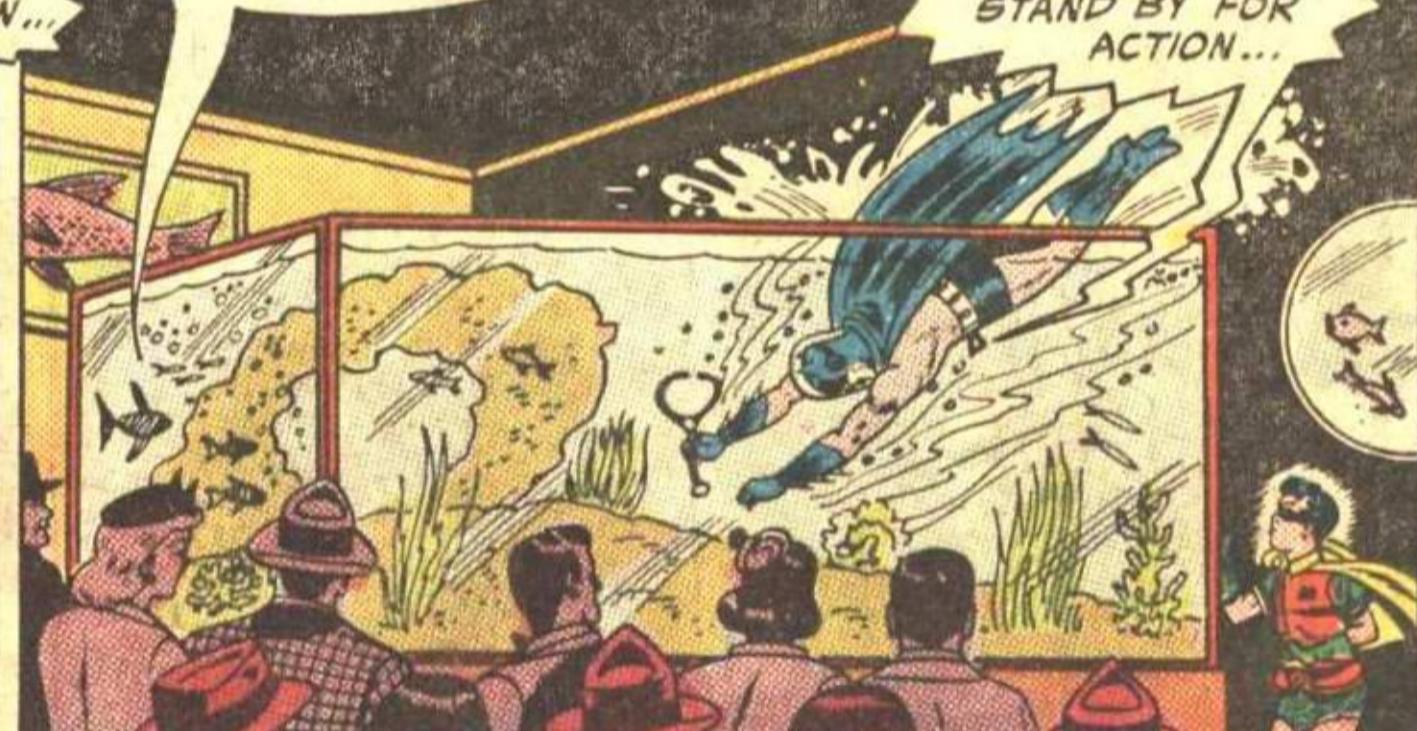


SOON... WHHEWE  
I'M SURE GLAD  
YOU'RE STILL WITH  
US, BATMAN,  
BUT I'M AFRAID  
THE CRIMINALS  
TOOK ADVANTAGE  
OF THE SITUATION  
TO MAKE A CLEAN  
ESCAPE!

NOT QUITE,  
ROBIN--  
BECAUSE I  
HAPPEN TO KNOW  
WHERE THEIR  
SECRET HIDEOUT  
IS NOW! C'MON...

LATER, CROWDS AT GOTHAM CITY'S HUGE NEW AQUARIUM,  
SEAORAMA, ARE STARTLED BY THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF..  
BATMAN-- WEARING SOME  
KIND OF WATER-FILLED  
CONTRAPTION ON  
HIS HEAD!

I'LL GO DOWN AND  
CHECK MY HUNCH,  
ROBIN! YOU  
STAND BY FOR  
ACTION...



DEEP WITHIN THE HUGE TANK, BATMAN  
BRINGS A STRANGE DEVICE INTO PLAY...

HEY, MARTY...  
GOT A  
CIGARETTE?

JUST AS I SUSPECTED,  
ROBIN! I'M PICKING  
UP THEIR VOICES OVER  
THE STETHOSCOPE!  
ASK THE KEEPERS  
TO ROUND UP THE FISH  
IN THE STANDBY TANK,  
AND EMPTY THE  
WATER IN THIS  
ONE!

YEAH...  
HERE!

SHORTLY, AS THE WATER LEVEL FALLS TO THE  
MINIATURE ISLAND INSIDE THE AQUARIUM...

THERE IT IS,  
BATMAN--  
THE LATCH  
OPENING!

ON YOUR TOES,  
ROBIN... WE'RE  
GOING TO SURPRISE  
A PACK OF WANTED  
CRIMINALS!





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THE LATCH FLIPS OPEN-- AND, AS THE PUZZLED CRIMINALS INVESTIGATE...

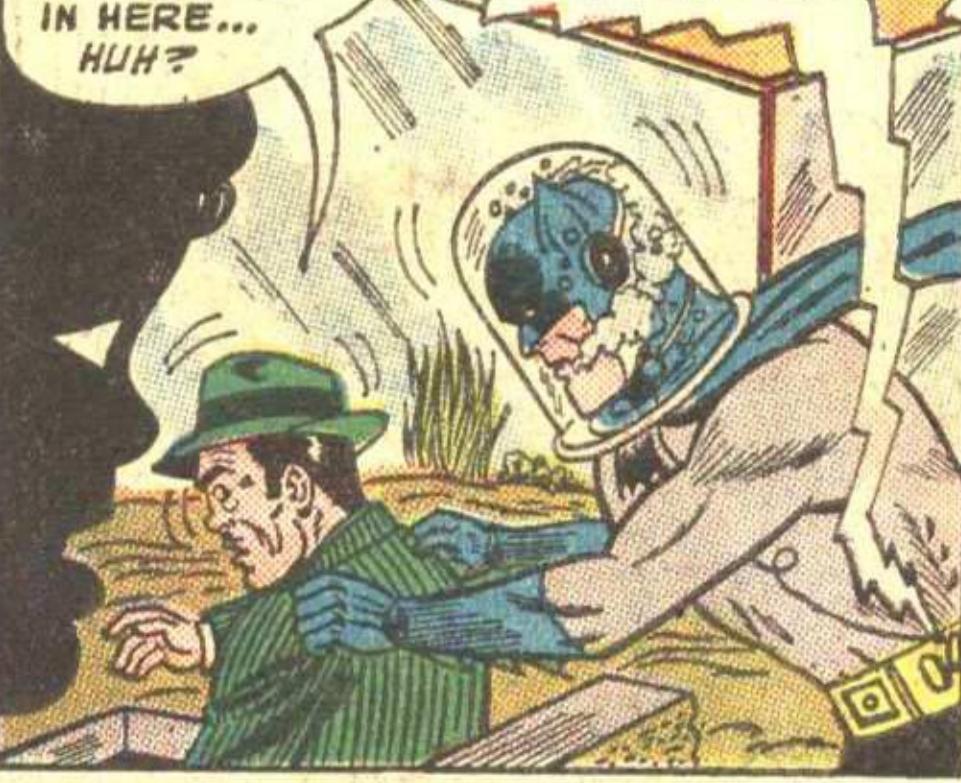
HEY-- WHAT'S UP, SMARTE? WE JUST GOT IN HERE... HUH?

I'LL HANDLE KENTON, ROBIN! YOU TAKE THE NEXT ONE!

AND AS ONE GANGSTER AFTER ANOTHER EXITS FROM THE UNIQUE AQUATIC HIDEOUT...

THIS SCUTTLES THEIR SCHEME FOR KEEPS... COMMISSIONER GORDON WILL BE HERE SOON FOR THE ROUNDUP!

BUT THE POLICE WON'T BE MAKING ANY ARRESTS, BATMAN! REACH!



BUT BEFORE SMARTE CAN FIRE...  
BATMAN'S COLLAPSED! HIS LIFESAVING WATER HELMET HAS SHATTERED AGAIN!

GOOD... IT SAVES ME THE TROUBLE OF SHOOTING HIM! JUST KEEP THE KID AWAY FROM HIM!

GASP! HELP ME!

HA, HA... TRY BEGGING A LITTLE HARDER, BATMAN!

WAIT A MINUTE! SOMETHING STRANGE HAPPENING...



ABRUPTLY...

EE-YOW! Y-YOU'RE ALL RIGHT! BUT HOW...?

YOU FELL FOR MY LITTLE ACT, WHEN I DELIBERATELY SMASHED MY HELMET! I'LL EXPLAIN, ONCE WE'VE TAKEN OVER!

AND SO, FINALLY, WITH THE ENTIRE GANG IN TOW...

GOSH... YOU MEAN YOU FELT YOURSELF RETURNING TO NORMAL, AND COULDN'T BREATHE IN THE WATER-FILLED HELMET, BATMAN?

RIGHT... SO I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION BY PRETENDING TO BE SUFFOCATING IN THE AIR! NOW LET'S PRESENT THESE CRIMINALS TO THE COMMISSIONER!





# BAT-MAN

with  
**ROBIN**  
THE BOY WONDER

OVERNIGHT, EVERYTHING HAD CHANGED FOR BATMAN! ROBIN HAD GROWN UP AND WAS NOW WEARING THE COSTUME OF BATMAN-- AND WORKING WITH ANOTHER YOUNGSTER, A NEW ROBIN, AND GOTHAM CITY HAD CHANGED! IT WAS A WORLD HE NO LONGER KNEW--A WORLD THAT WAS YEARS OLDER--A WORLD THAT DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS A...

## RIP VAN BATMAN

STAY OUT  
OF THIS,  
OLD-TIMER--  
YOU'LL ONLY  
BE IN THE  
WAY!

UH... MY  
MUSCLES ARE SO  
STIFF... I CAN'T  
MAKE IT!

BOB  
KANE

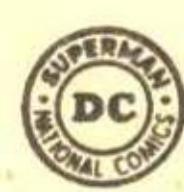
ON THE TRAIL OF A NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL,  
BATMAN AND ROBIN DECIDE ON A  
PLAN OF ACTION...

ROBIN, AL HACKETT  
MAY BE IN EITHER ONE OF TWO PLACES--  
SO WE'LL SPLIT UP! YOU SEARCH HIS  
WATERFRONT HIDEOUT-- WHILE I TRY  
HIS MOUNTAIN LODGE!

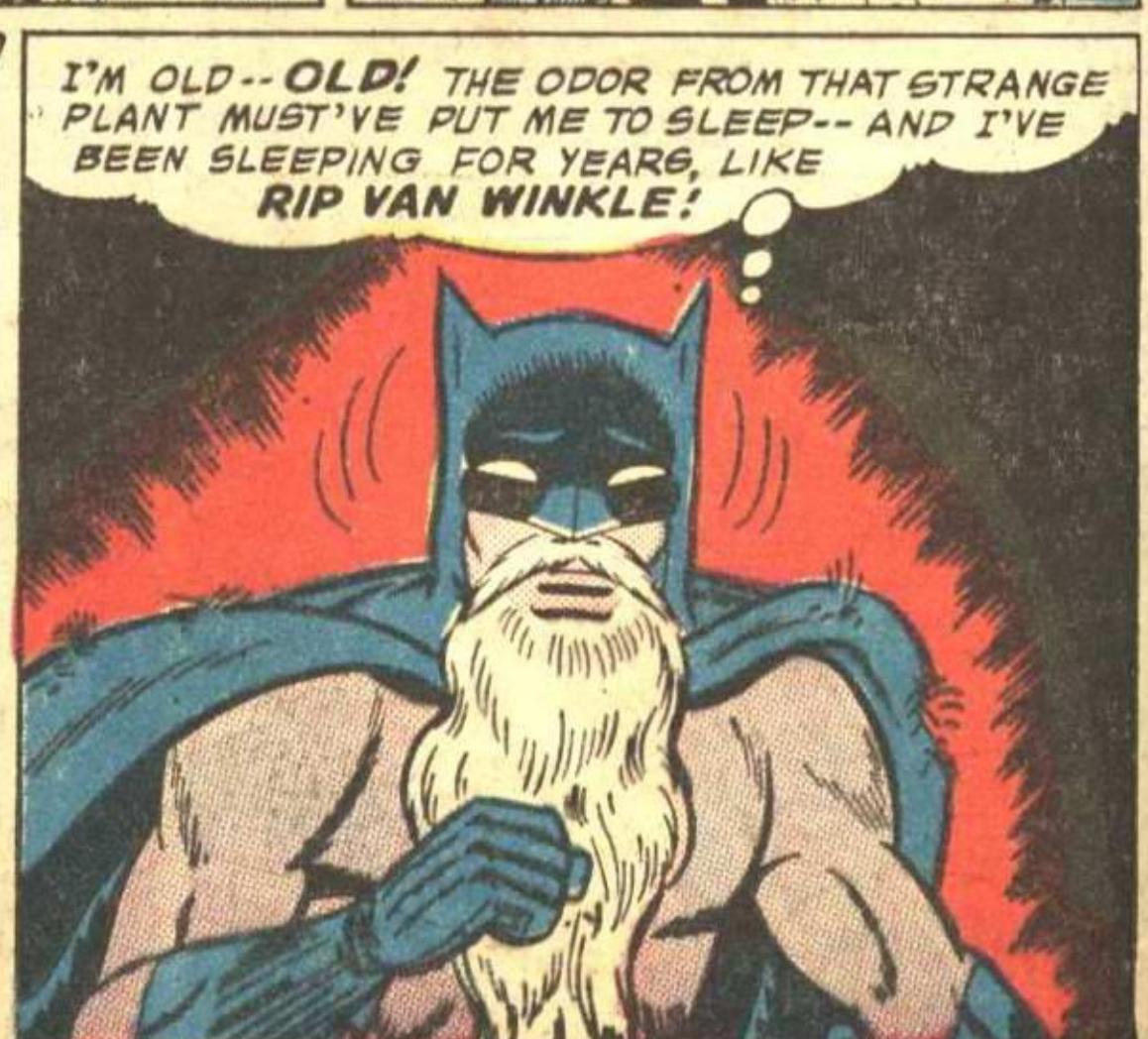
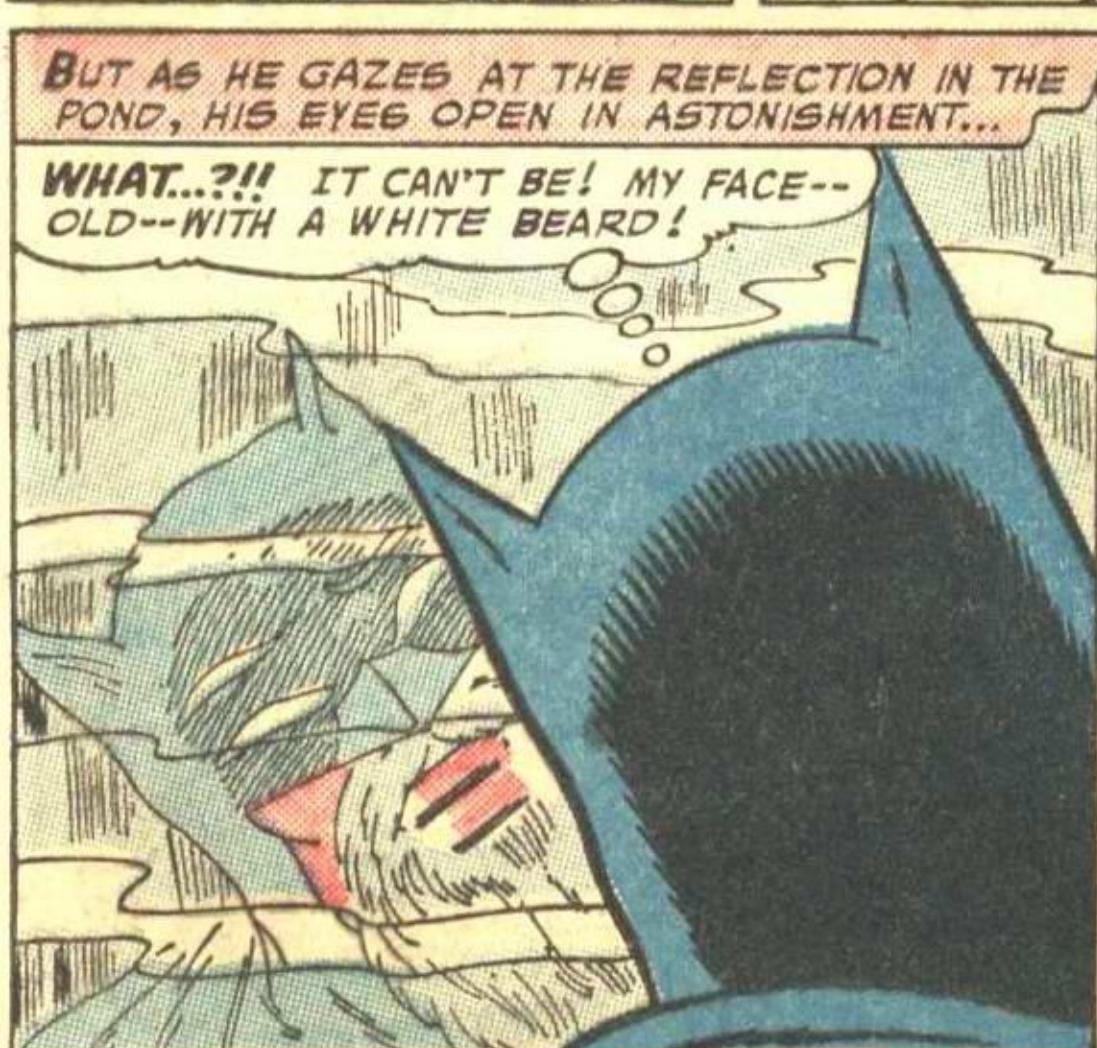
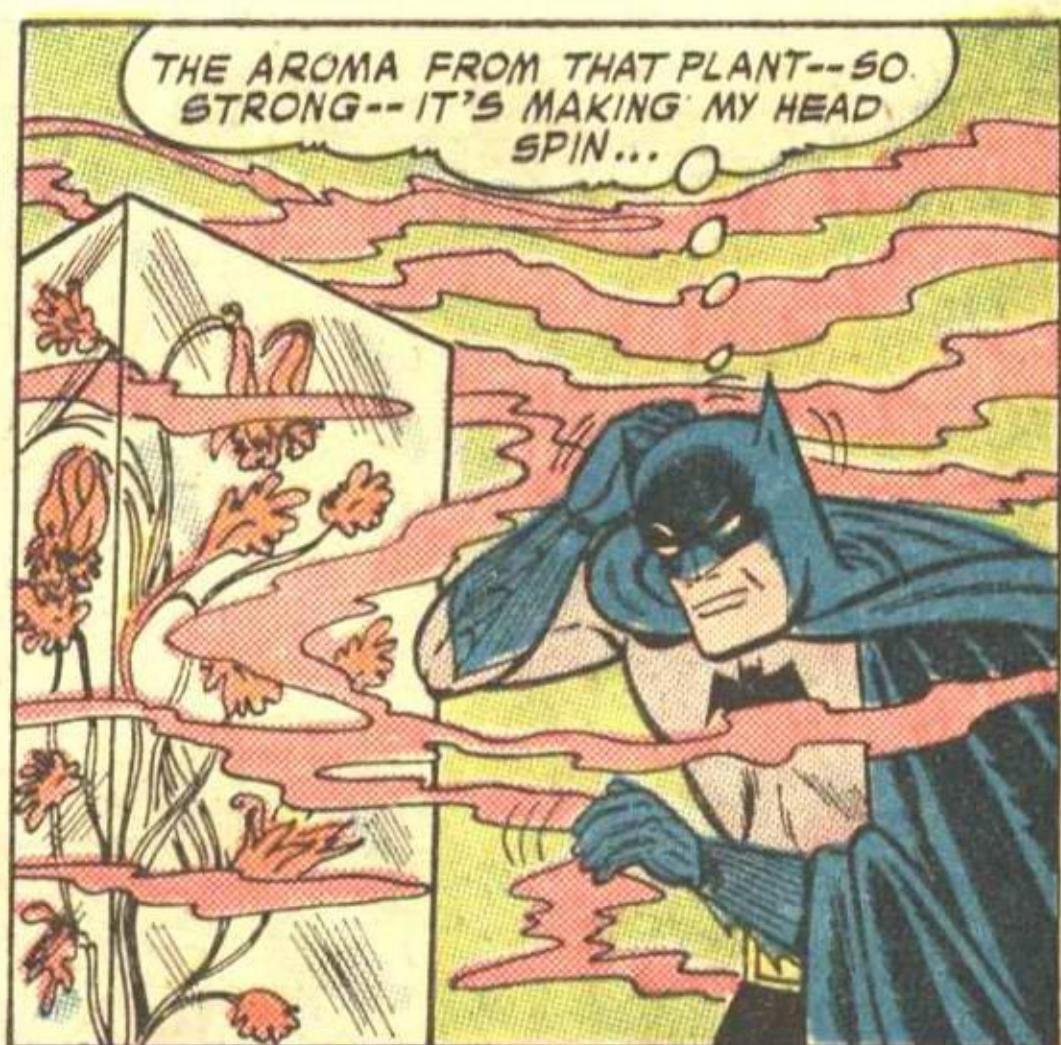
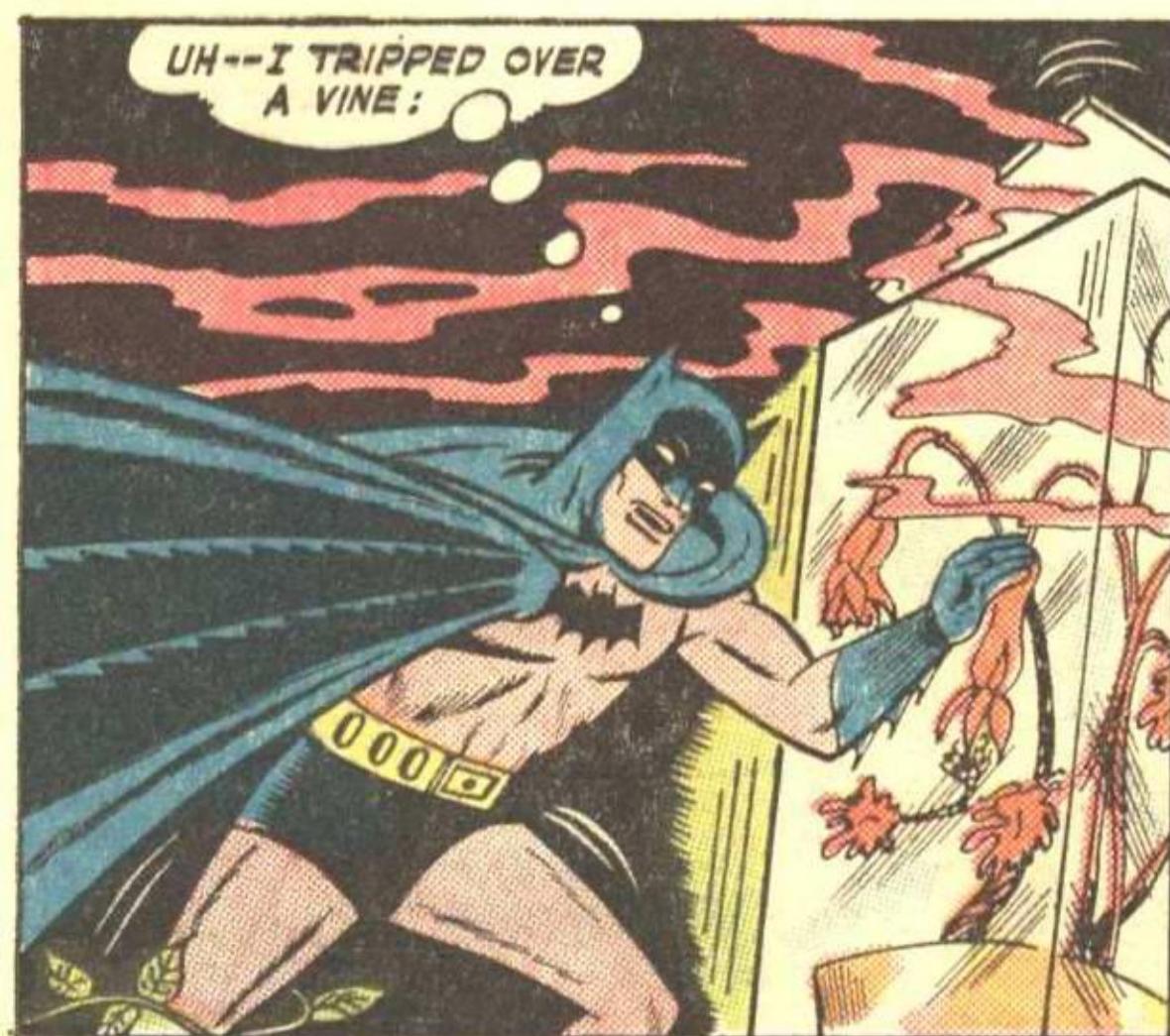
RIGHT!

LATER, AFTER BATMAN MAKES A VAIN SEARCH OF THE  
LODGE... NOT A CLUE HERE! I MIGHT AS WELL CHECK  
THE GREENHOUSE! HMM! HACKETT CERTAINLY  
COLLECTED A LOT OF EXOTIC PLANTS...





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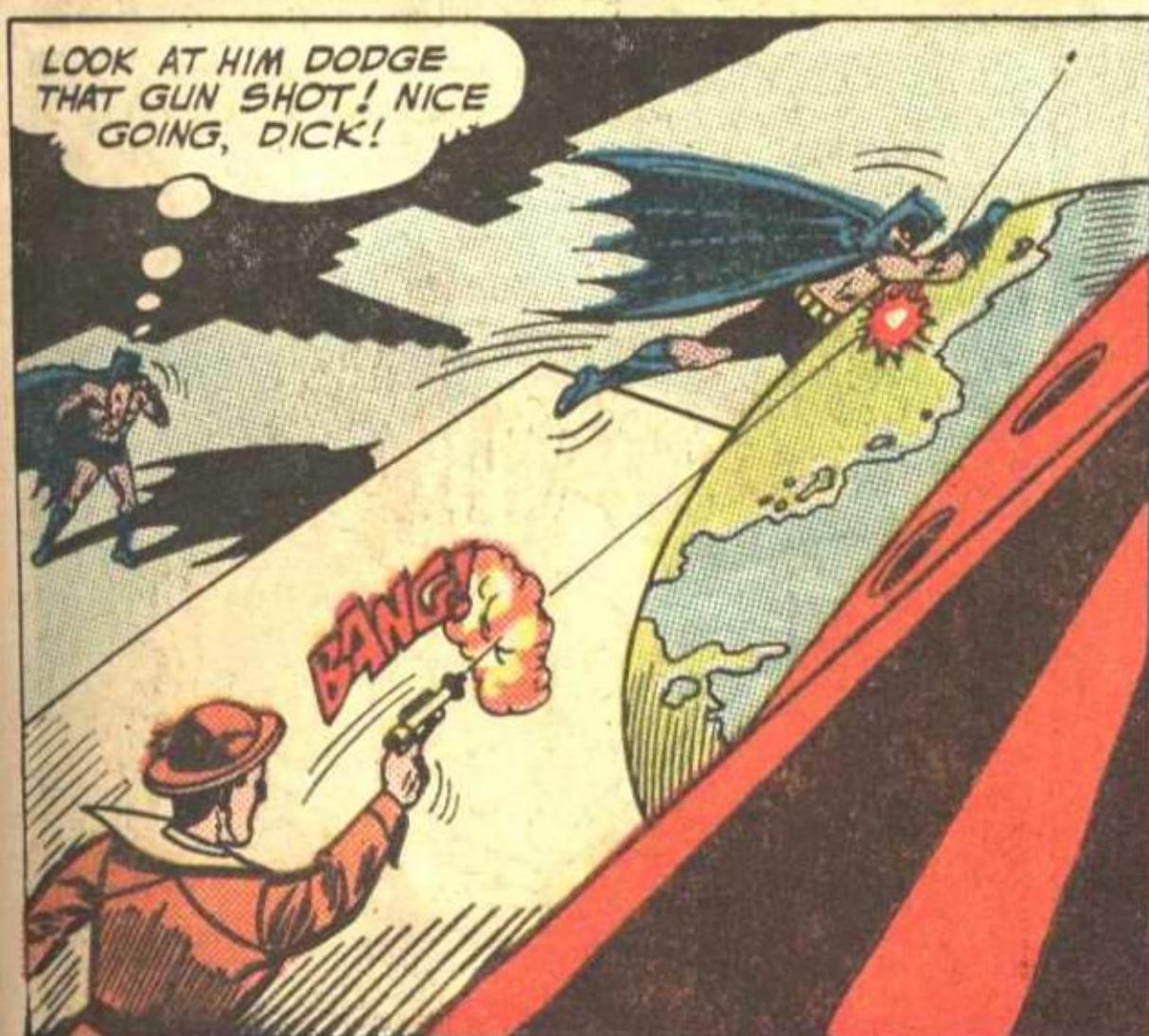
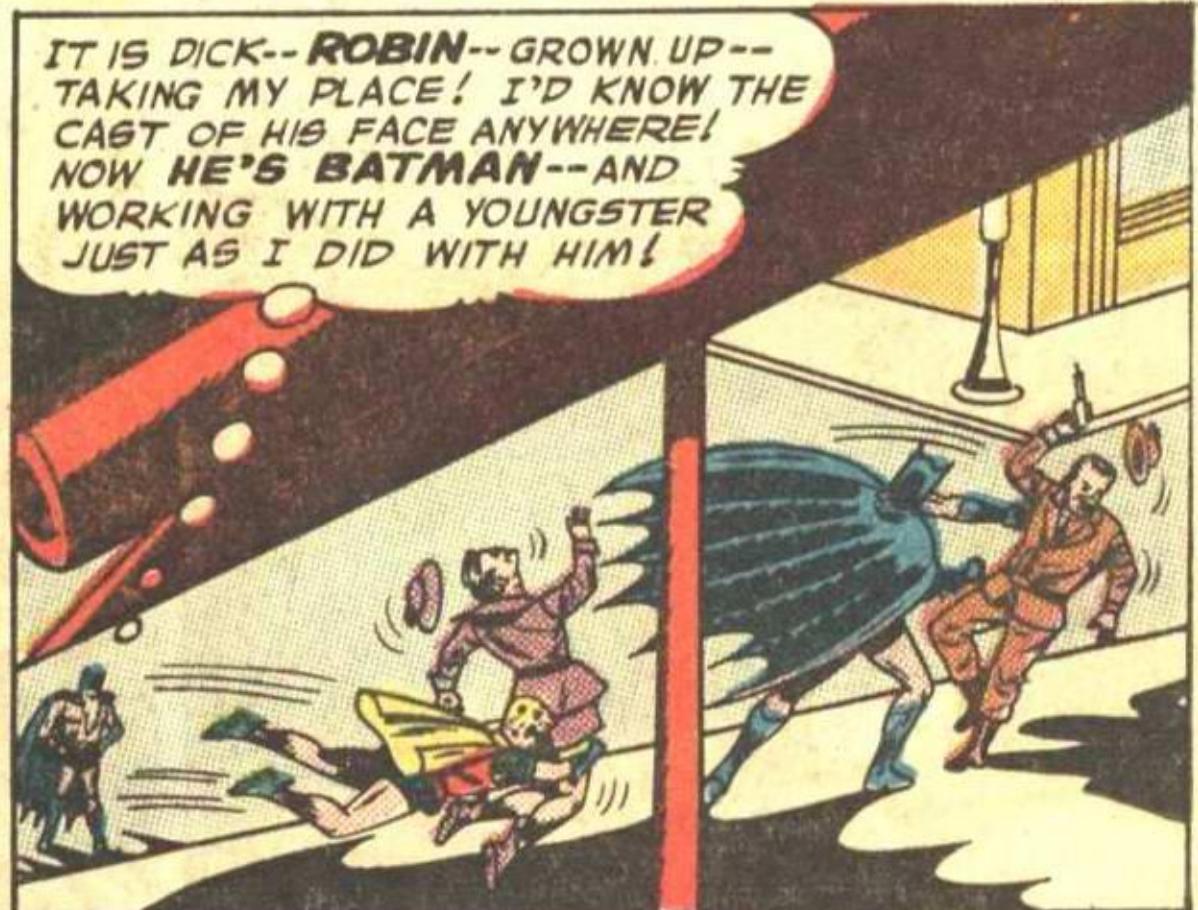
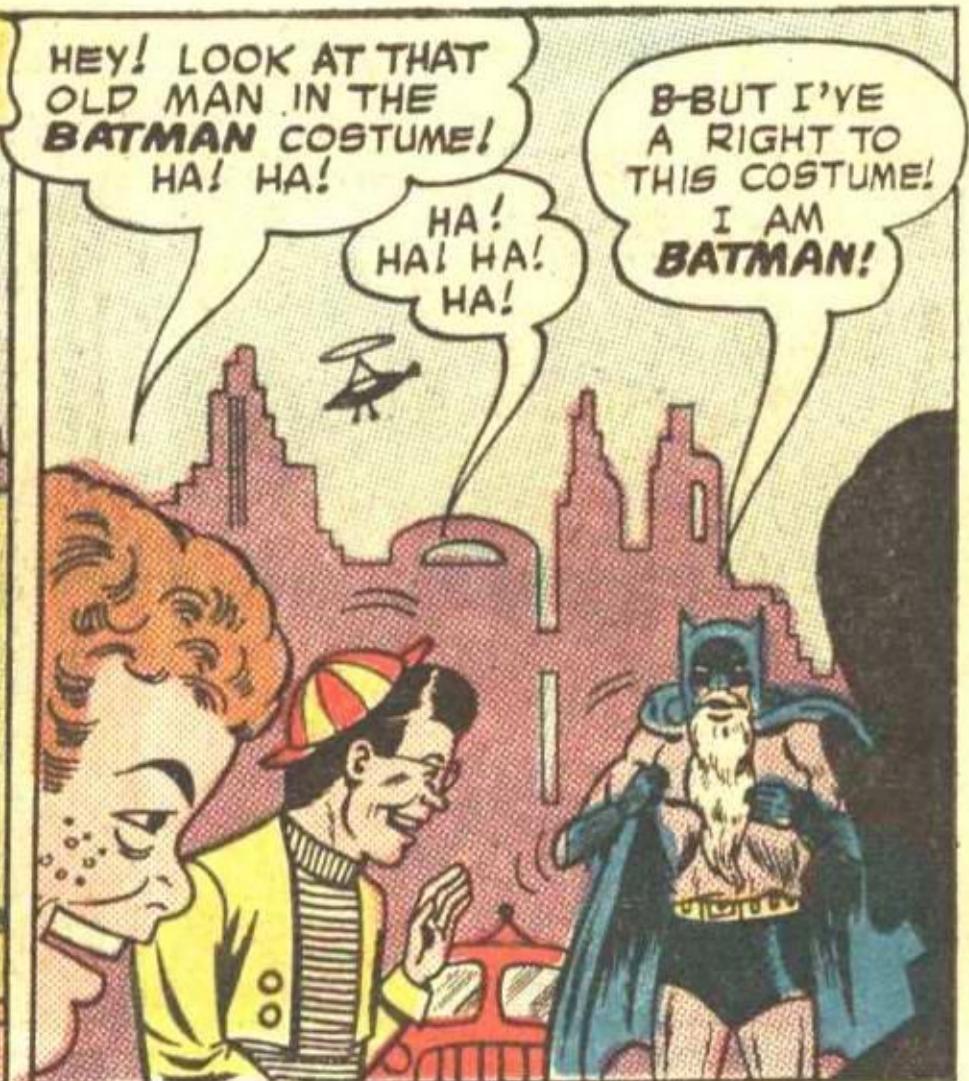
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LATER, THE AGED BATMAN RETURNS TO THE CITY OF HIS PAST TRIUMPHS--BUT IT'S A CITY HE NO LONGER RECOGNIZES... NEW SKYSCRAPERS--NEW LANDMARKS! EVERYTHING'S CHANGED! AND SCIENCE HAS ADVANCED--THEY'VE GOT NEW FLYING VEHICLES...

HEY! LOOK AT THAT OLD MAN IN THE BATMAN COSTUME! HA! HA!

B-BUT I'VE A RIGHT TO THIS COSTUME! I AM BATMAN!



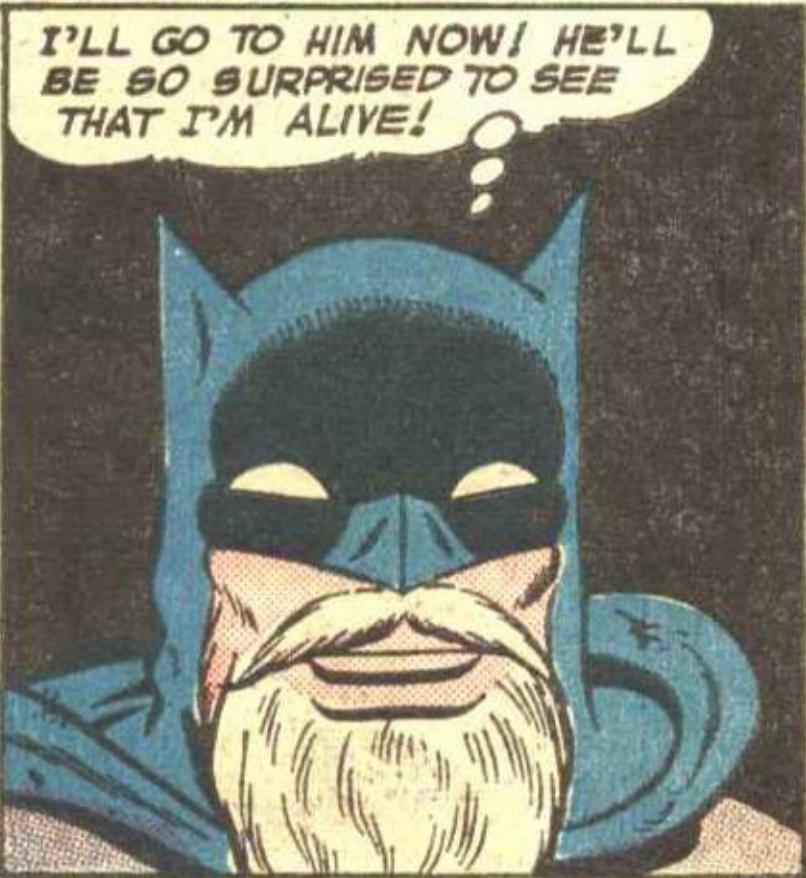


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AS THE PROUD OLD BATMAN  
WATCHES HIS YOUNGER COUNTER-  
PART HANDCUFF THE PRISONERS...

I'LL GO TO HIM NOW! HE'LL  
BE SO SURPRISED TO SEE  
THAT I'M ALIVE!



EAGERLY, HE PUSHES THROUGH THE CROWD...

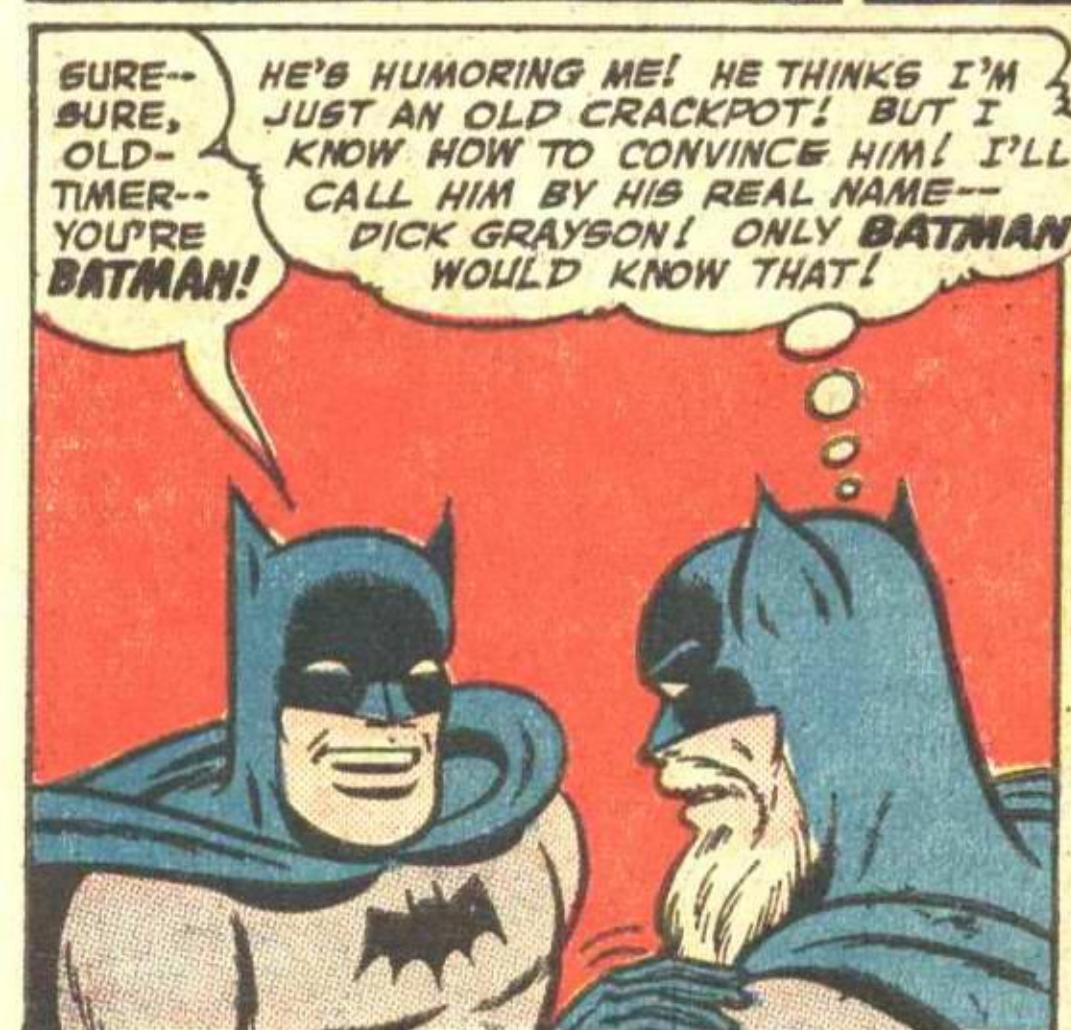
ROBIN-- I'VE COME BACK!  
DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME?  
IT'S ME-- BATMAN!

WHA-AAT?



SURE--  
SURE,  
OLD-  
TIMER--  
YOU'RE  
BATMAN!  
HE'S HUMORING ME! HE THINKS I'M  
JUST AN OLD CRACKPOT! BUT I  
KNOW HOW TO CONVINCE HIM! I'LL  
CALL HIM BY HIS REAL NAME--  
DICK GRAYSON! ONLY BATMAN  
WOULD KNOW THAT!

I CAN'T DO IT IN FRONT OF THIS CROWD! I'LL  
WAIT UNTIL HE'S ALONE-- IN THE BAT-CAVE  
AND ONLY BATMAN WOULD KNOW THE  
SECRET ENTRANCE TO THE BAT-CAVE!



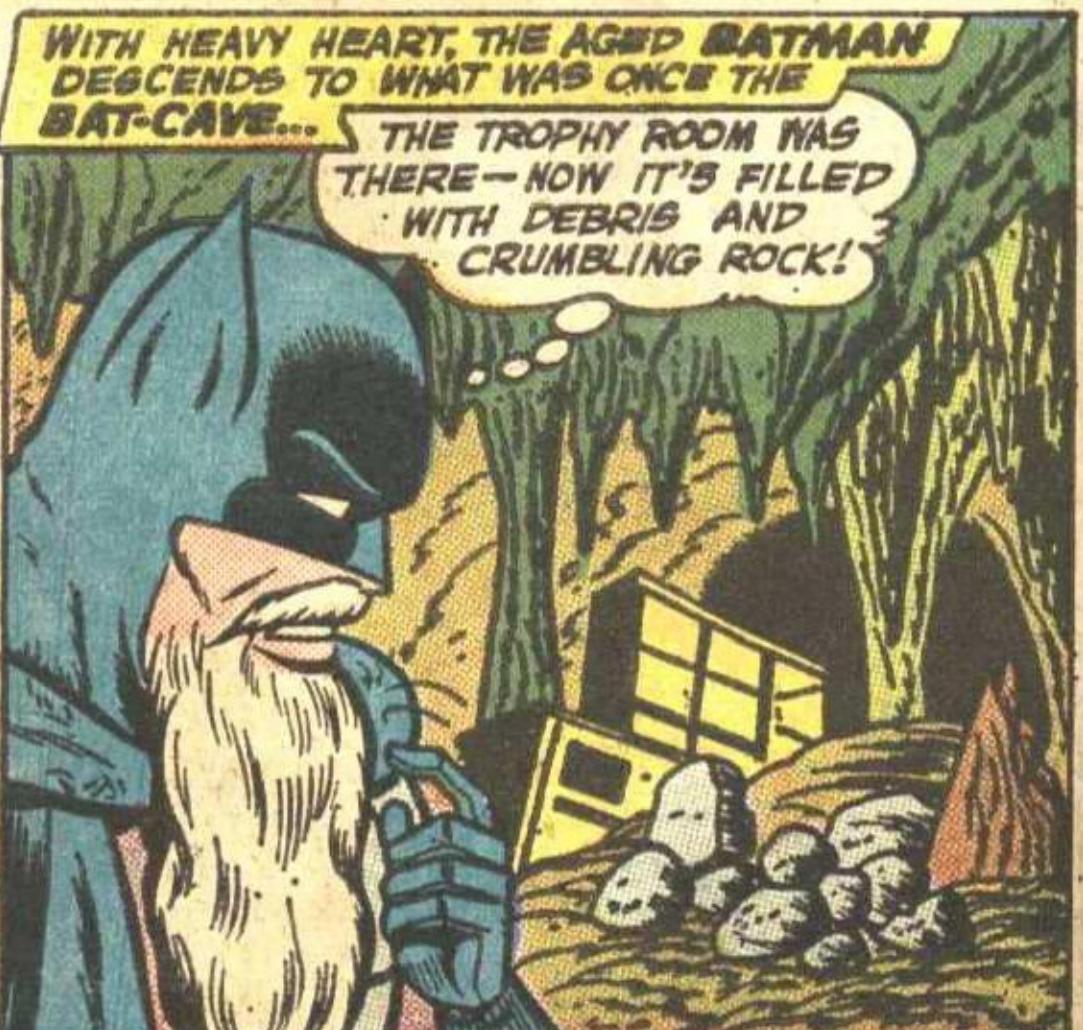
EAGERLY, BATMAN RUSHES TO THE WAYNE  
MANSION, ONLY TO FIND...

IT'S-- IT'S  
A DESERTED  
OLD RUIN  
NOW!



WITH HEAVY HEART, THE AGED BATMAN  
DESCENDS TO WHAT WAS ONCE THE  
BAT-CAVE...

THE TROPHY ROOM WAS  
THERE-- NOW IT'S FILLED  
WITH DEBRIS AND  
CRUMBLING ROCK!



# BATMAN ANNUAL



THIS PLACE PROBABLY BECAME OUTDATED-- SO DICK MOVED TO LARGER HEADQUARTERS! BUT WHERE? HOW CAN I CONTACT HIM? OF COURSE-- I CAN CALL HIM BY MY BELT-RADIO!

NO USE! IT ROTTED OVER THE YEARS! WHAT CAN I DO NOW? WHO WOULD KNOW THAT I'M BATMAN?... POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON-- I'LL TALK TO HIM!

BUT AT HEADQUARTERS...

GORDON? HE RETIRED TEN YEARS AGO TO LIVE IN HAWAII! SAY, HOW COME YOU'RE WEARING THAT BATMAN COSTUME, OLD-TIMER?

NOBODY RECOGNIZES ME!



AS NIGHT FALLS, THE HOMELESS, AGED CRIME-FIGHTER WANDERS THROUGH GOTHAM PARK...

SUDDENLY, AS HE PASSES THE PLANETARIUM...

OKAY! NOW LET'S SHOVE THEM INTO THE BACK ROOM AND START CRACKING THE SAFE HOLDING THOSE JEWELS FOUND ON THE MOON!

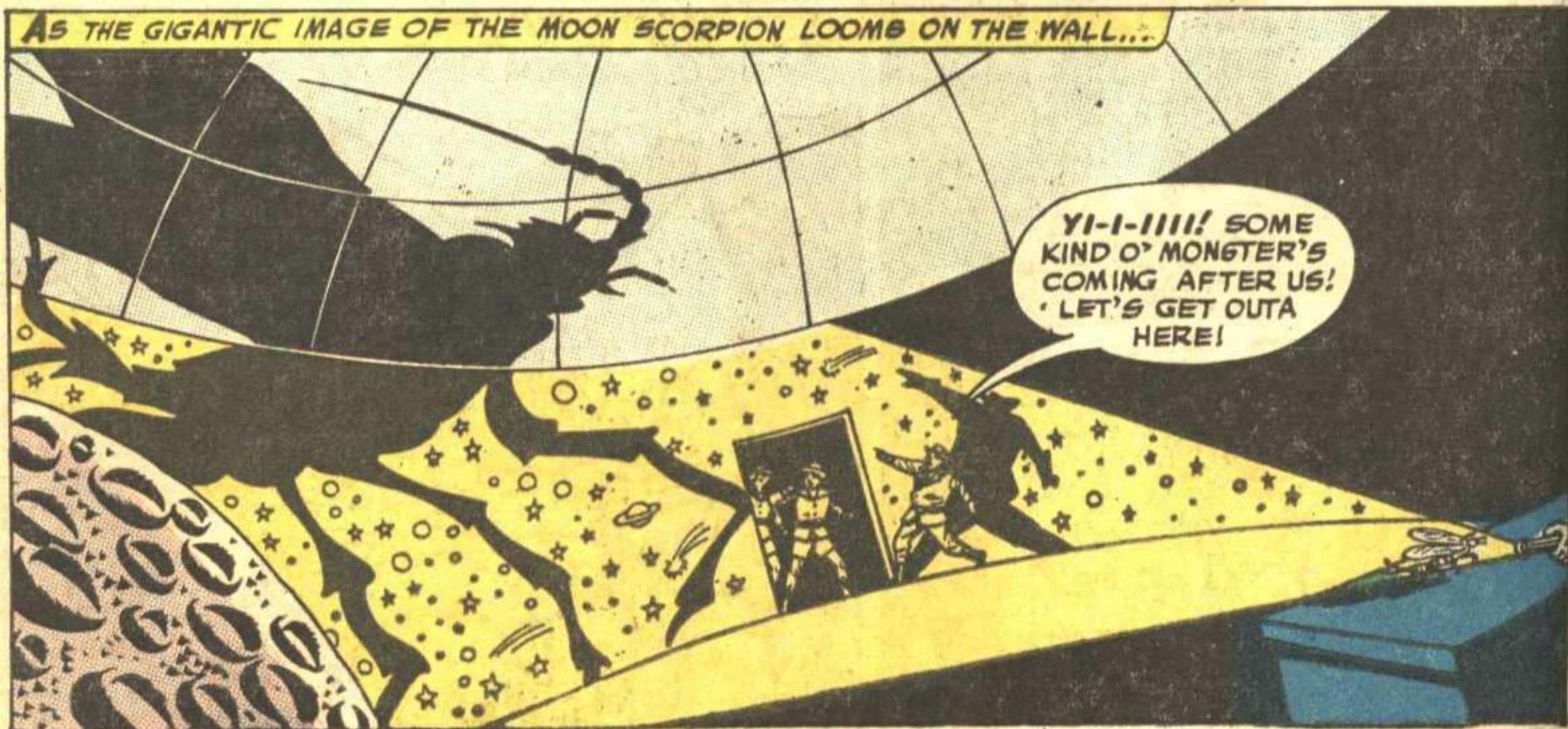
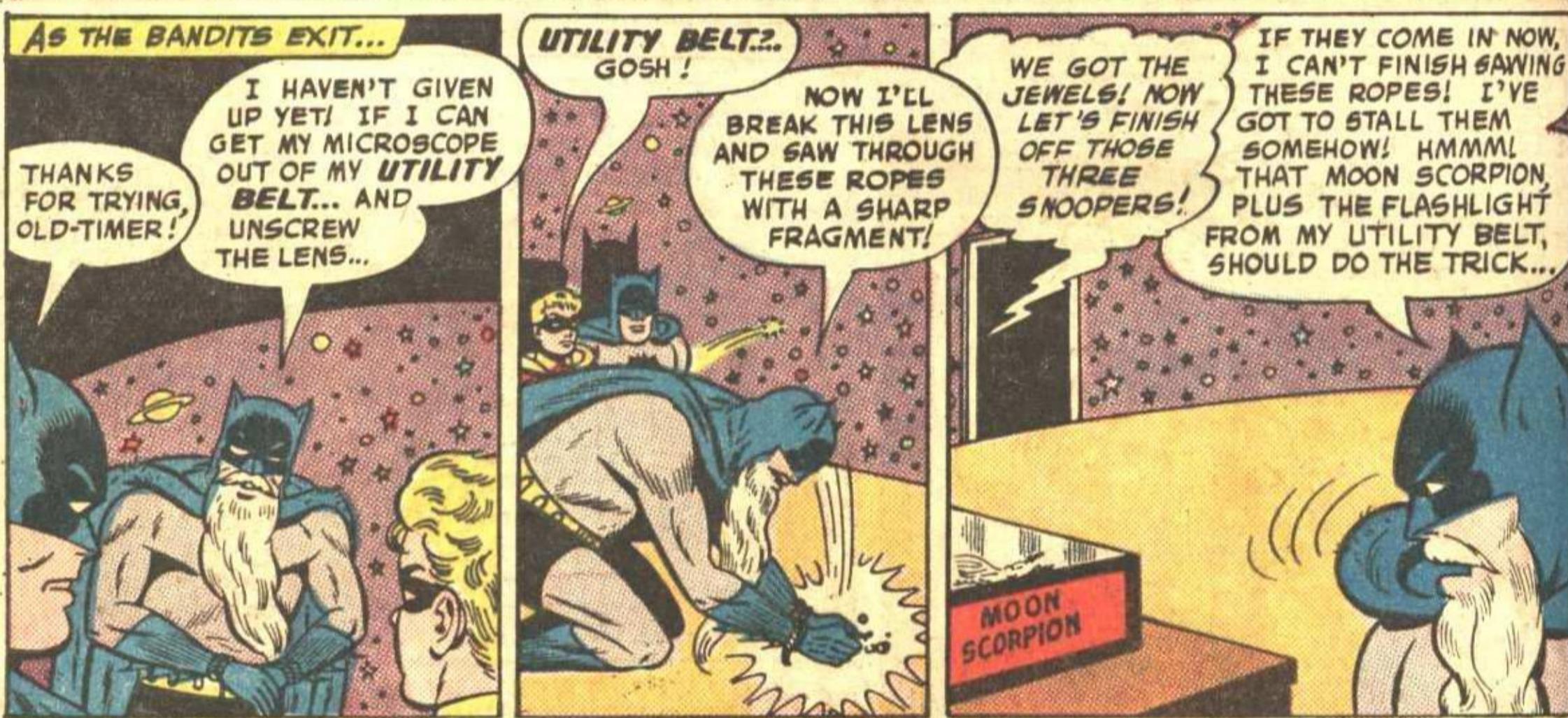
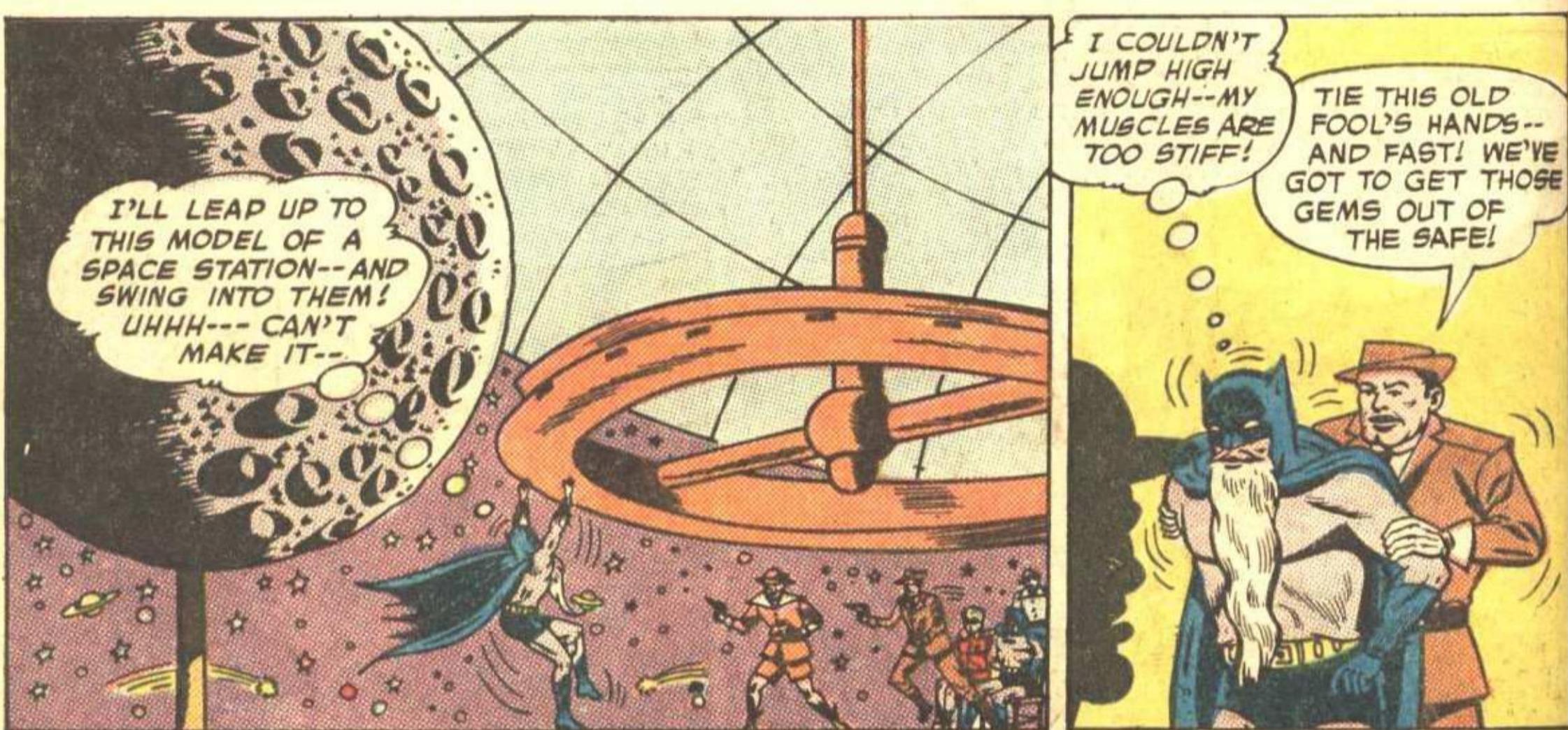


DICK-- AND THE NEW ROBIN-- PRISONERS! NOW'S MY CHANCE TO SHOW WHAT THE ORIGINAL BATMAN CAN DO!

AN OLD GUY-- IN A BATMAN COSTUME! GRAB HIM BEFORE HE RUNS FOR THE POLICE!



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MOMENTS LATER, AFTER THE AGED BATMAN FREES HIMSELF AND THE NEW PAIR...

WHEN I SAW WHAT YOU JUST DID, I KNEW IT WAS REALLY YOU, BRUCE! YOU'RE ALIVE?

YES, DICK! BUT WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT LATER... AFTER WE ROUND UP THOSE THIEVES!

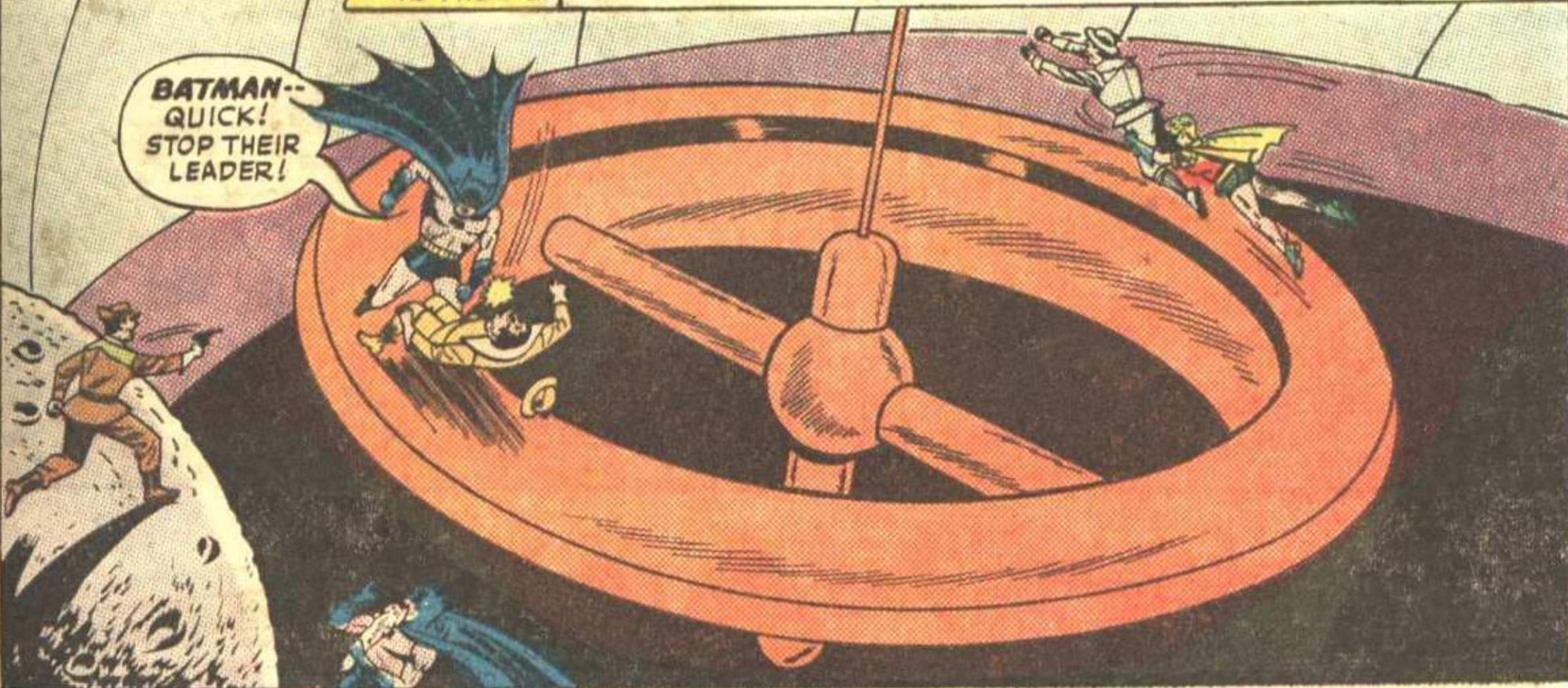
GOLLY! THE ORIGINAL BATMAN HIMSELF! IT'S LIKE LOOKING AT A LEGEND!

AS THE TRIO RUSHES OUT INTO THE HALL--THE CROOKS TURN AROUND AND SPOT THEM.



BUT AS THE ATHLETIC PAIR PURSUDES THE THUGS...

BATMAN--  
QUICK!  
STOP THEIR LEADER!



LATER, AFTER THE BANDITS HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE...

ALL THAT SUDDEN ACTIVITY! I FEEL FAINT...

YOU'RE STILL THE GREATEST BATMAN I EVER-- WHAT'S WRONG?



GRADUALLY, BATMAN SWIMS BACK TO CONSCIOUSNESS—  
IN A FAMILIAR SITE...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? AFTER I  
CAPTURED AL HACKETT AT HIS  
WATERFRONT HIDEOUT, I CAME  
HERE-- AND FOUND YOU  
UNCONSCIOUS!

I'M YOUNG AGAIN, TOO!  
I'M MYSELF AGAIN!

ROBIN!  
DICK! YOU'RE  
STILL A BOY!  
I—I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND!

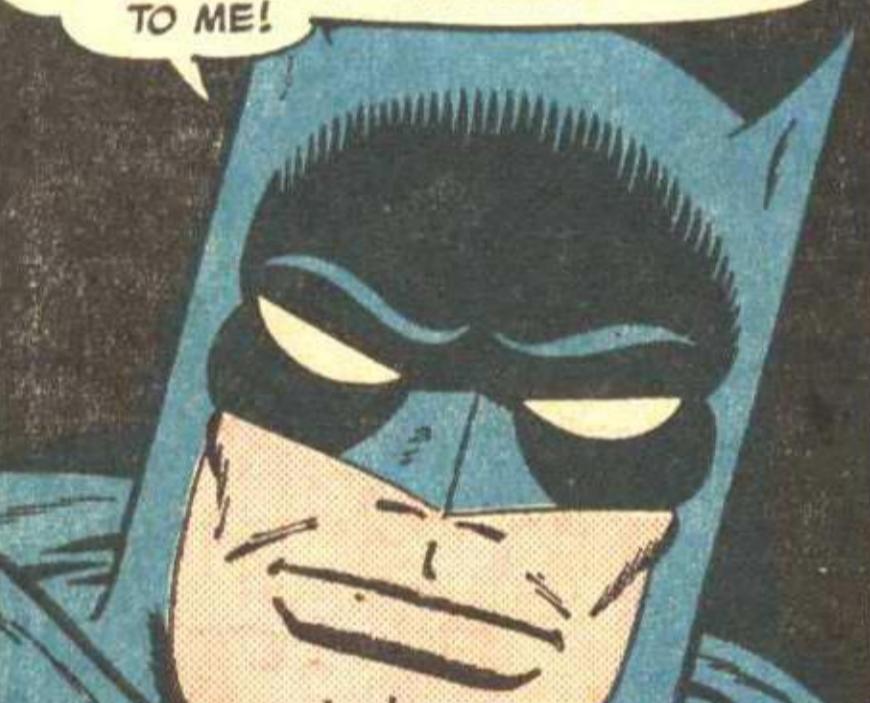


AFTER BATMAN EXPLAINING...

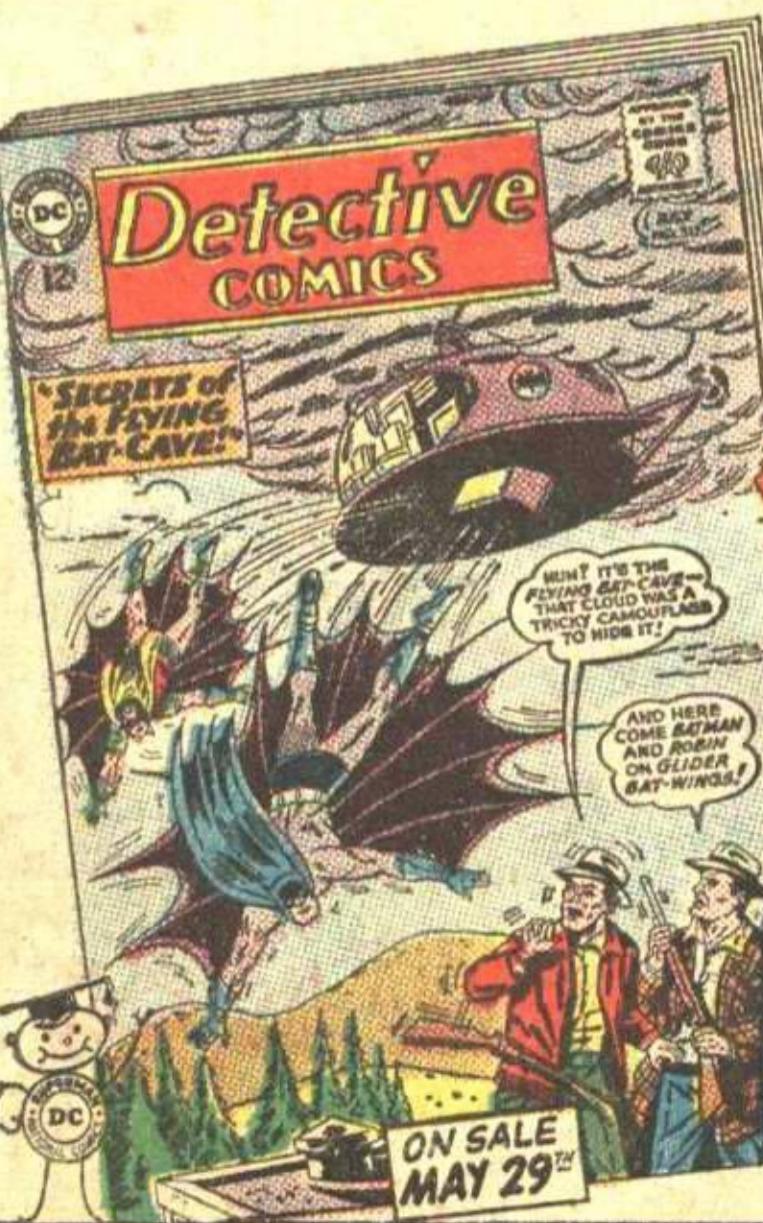
IT MUST'VE BEEN THAT EXOTIC PLANT...  
A RARE TYPE FROM THE AMAZON THAT I  
ONCE READ ABOUT! ITS STRANGE ODOR  
GIVES ONE **HALLUCINATIONS** IF IT'S  
INHALED! THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED  
TO ME!

COME ON, ROBIN!  
I WANT TO USE MY  
MUSCLES  
AGAIN!

HEY--  
WAIT FOR  
ME!



THE END.



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and  
**ROBIN**  
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# BAT-MAN

WITH  
**ROBIN**  
-THE BOY WONDER-

NOW, BATMAN--  
I'LL SHOW YOU  
WHAT I CAN  
REALLY DO  
WITH MY POWER!



CAN YOU IMAGINE  
BATMAN POSSESSING  
A TERRIBLE POWER  
THAT HE CANNOT CONTROL  
A POWER THAT MAKES  
HIM A MENACE EVERY-  
WHERE? CAN YOU  
IMAGINE BATMAN  
AN OUTCAST, SHUNNED  
BY THE VERY PEOPLE  
WHO PITY HIM? INDEED,  
THIS IS THE VERY FATE  
THAT AWAITS THE CAPED  
CRIME-BUSTER, WHEN  
HE BECOMES...

the  
**ZEBRA**  
**BATMAN**



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IN THE SECRET BAT-CAVE, BENEATH THEIR HOME, SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, DON THE FAMED COSTUMES THAT HIDE THEIR TRUE IDENTITIES...

TIME TO BEGIN OUR PATROL, DICK--AS

**BATMAN  
AND  
ROBIN!**

BE READY IN A SECOND, BRUCE!

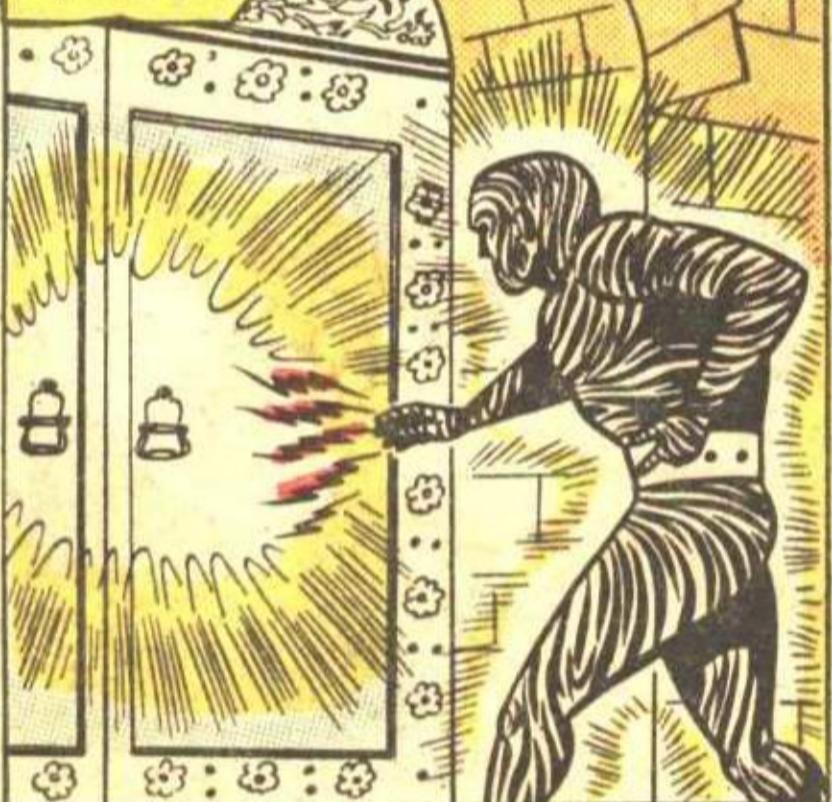


AND ONLY A SHORT WHILE LATER, AS THEY TOUR THE STREETS IN THEIR SLEEK BATMOBILE...

OH, OH... MASKED MEN GETTING OUT IN FRONT OF THE GOTHAM ART MUSEUM! AND ONE OF THEM'S WEARING SOME SORT OF COSTUME WITH WEIRD, GLOWING STRIPES!



THE COSTUMED MAN TOUCHES A BUTTON ON HIS BELT--AND STRANGE EMANATIONS DART FROM HIS FINGERS!



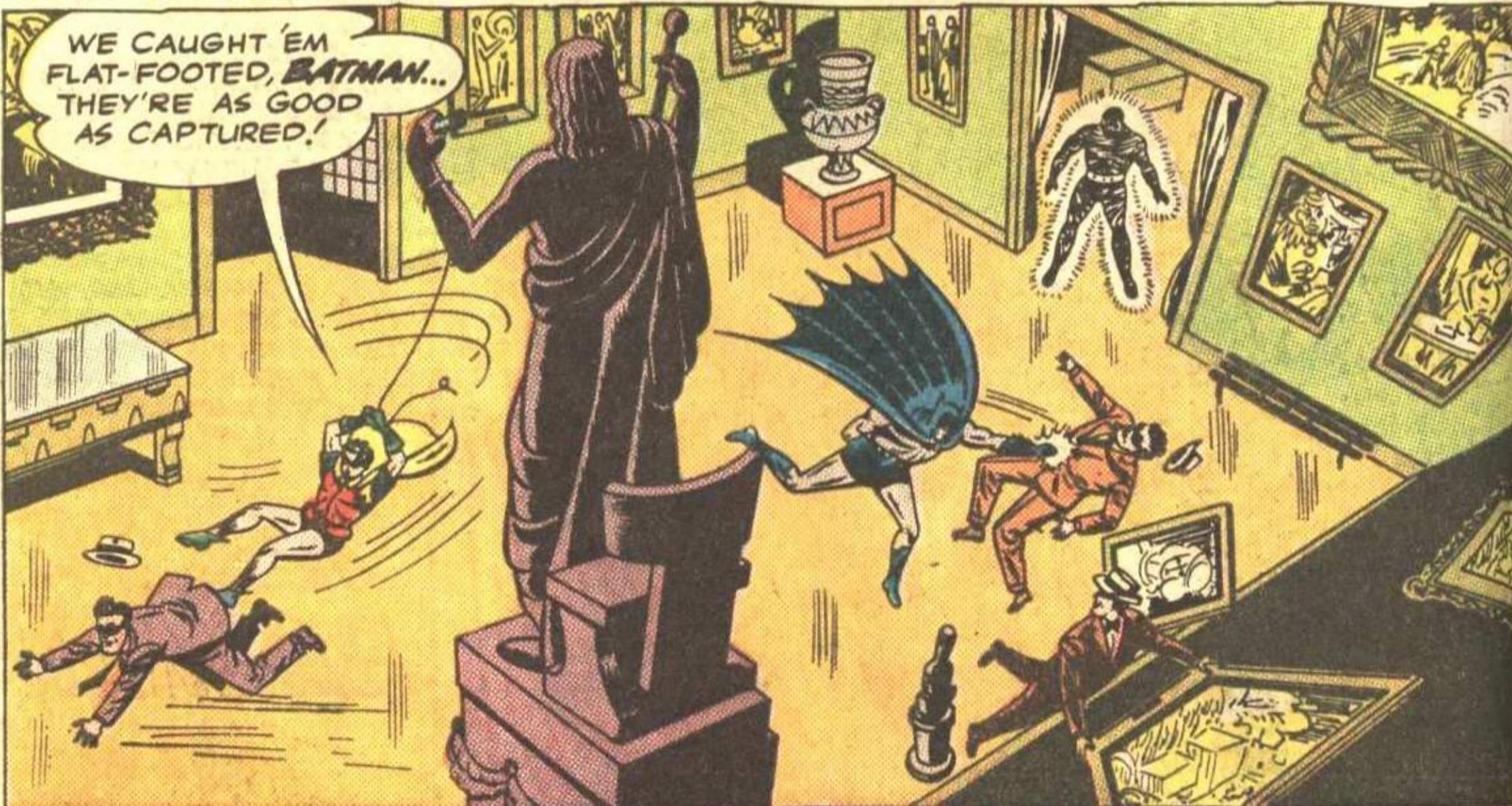
OKAY, BOYS -- NOW LET'S GRAB SOME OF THOSE PRICELESS PAINTINGS INSIDE!

G-GOLLY! HE SENT OUT SOME KIND OF FORCE THAT KNOCKED THE STEEL DOORS APART!



AS THE CROOKS ENTER THE MUSEUM, BATMAN AND ROBIN RACE SWIFTLY TO THE RESCUE...

WE CAUGHT 'EM FLAT-FOOTED, BATMAN... THEY'RE AS GOOD AS CAPTURED!



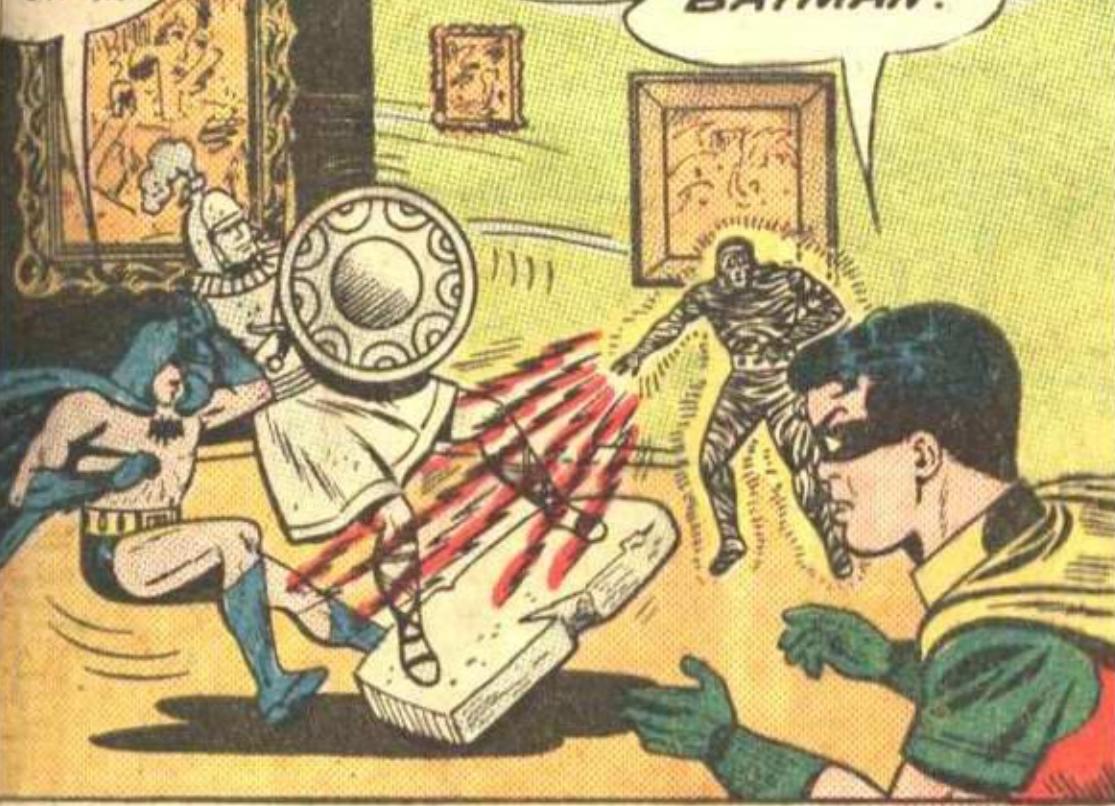
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BUT, SUDDENLY, AS THE STRIPED MAN TOUCHES  
ANOTHER BUTTON...

HE PROPELLED THAT  
SCULPTURE RIGHT INTO  
**BATMAN!**

UHHH!



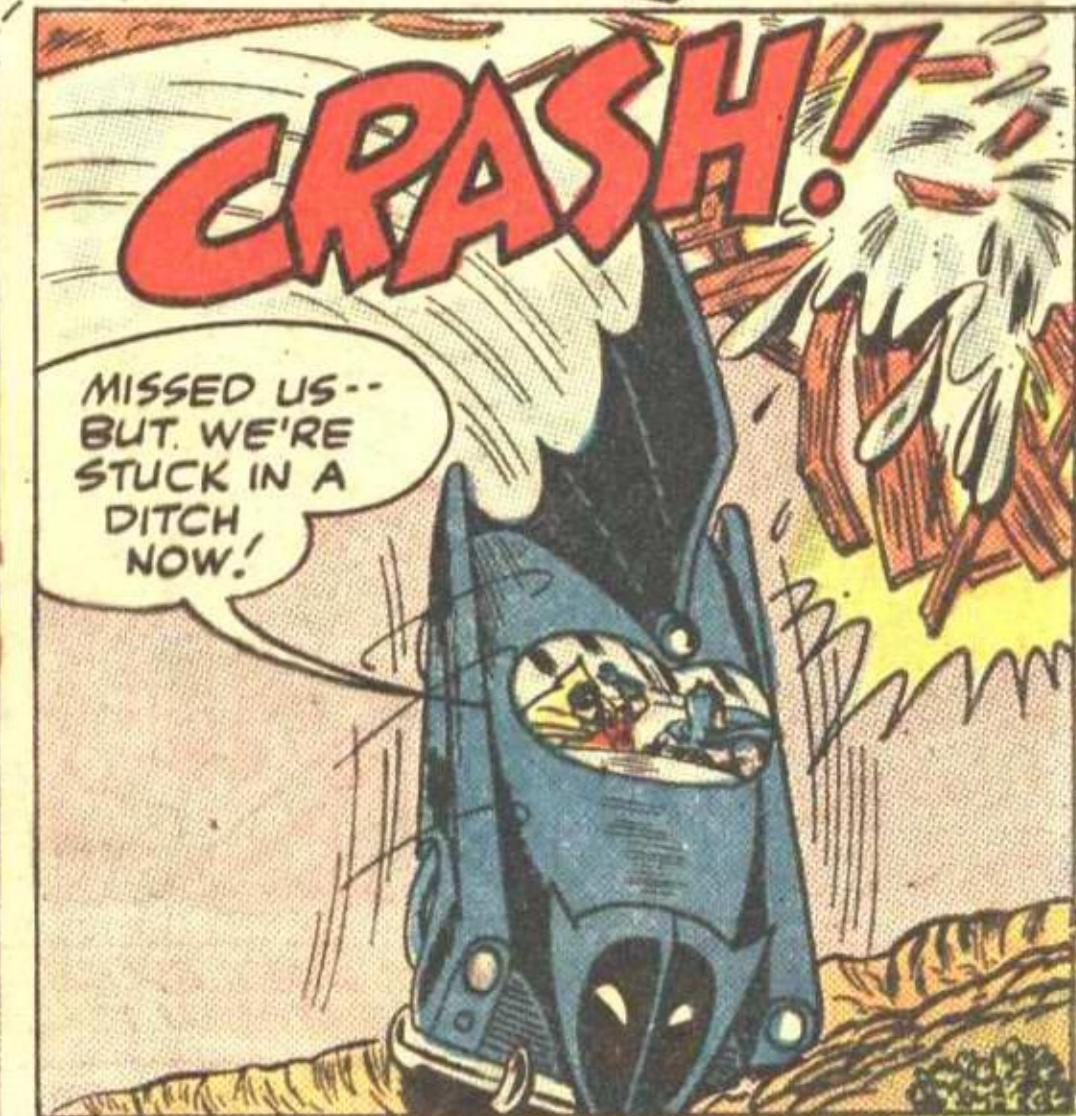
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SETBACK, THE  
BANDITS MAKE THEIR GETAWAY--BUT SOON  
AFTER...

**BATMAN**  
RECOVERED  
FAST, BOSS...HE'S  
CLOSING IN ON US!

HMPH! SOON AS I  
OPEN THE BACK  
WINDOW, I'LL SHOW  
**BATMAN** WHAT MY  
POWER **REALLY**  
CAN DO!



AGAIN THE STRIPED BANDIT PRESSES A BUTTON--  
AND AGAIN A POWERFUL FORCE HITS ITS TARGET!



BATMAN--LOOK  
OUT! THAT WATER  
TANK'S COMING  
DOWN ON US!

WE'LL NEVER GET THAT  
STRIPED CHARACTER  
NOW! WHO IS HE?  
WHAT DO THOSE  
STRIPES MEAN?

I DON'T KNOW,  
ROBIN--BUT WE'D  
BETTER REPORT TO  
POLICE HEADQUARTERS!  
EVERY MAN ON THE  
FORCE WILL HAVE  
TO BE ALERTED!



## BATMAN ANNUAL

BEFORE LONG, HEADLINES BLAZON THE SENSATIONAL NEWS, DUBBING THE BIZARRE CRIMINAL WITH A FITTING NAME...



"YESTERDAY, I THREW A SWITCH ON MY MACHINE -- AND INSTANTLY..."

IT WORKED! MY BODY IS NOW CHARGED WITH ENERGY SO POWERFUL, IT SENDS LINES OF FORCE RIGHT THROUGH MY COSTUME!



IT IS AT THIS VERY MOMENT, IN THE POLICE ROGUES' GALLERY, THAT BATMAN FINDS HIS FIRST LEAD...

EVEN THOUGH HE WAS MASKED, WHEN I HIT ONE CROOK, HIS HAT FELL OFF AND REVEALED THAT TELL-TALE GRAY STREAK IN HIS BLACK HAIR!

JO-JO FORBES IS THE ONLY CROOK IN TOWN WITH THAT STREAK! I'LL HAVE EVERY PATROLMAN ON THE LOOKOUT FOR HIM!



MEANWHILE, IN THE SECRET LABORATORY OF THE ZEBRA-MAN...

HOW COME YOU GOT ALL THOSE POWERS, BOSS?

ALL ENERGY HAS LINES OF FORCE! FOR EXAMPLE, THIS DIAGRAM SHOWS THE FORCE LINES OF A MAGNET! I'VE MADE USE OF LINES OF FORCE IN A MACHINE I INVENTED...



BUT IF I HADN'T PRESSED THIS BUTTON FIRST, AND PUT THE FORCE IN NEUTRAL, EVERYTHING IN THIS ROOM WOULD HAVE BEEN SENT FLYING BACK... BECAUSE WITHOUT THIS BELT, THE POWERFUL FORCE CANNOT BE CONTROLLED!



THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AN ALERT POLICEMAN SUMMONS BATMAN AND ROBIN TO A WATERFRONT DOCK...

THIS MAN SAYS HE SAW JO-JO A LITTLE WHILE AGO!

I RECOGNIZED HIM FROM THE OFFICER'S DESCRIPTION! HE BOUGHT A BOAT FROM ME... BOAT'S NAME IS DOLPHIN!



THE ZEBRA-MAN MUST HAVE HAD JO-JO BUY IT--FOR USE IN HIS NEXT CRIME! ROBIN, WE'D BETTER START SEARCHING THE ENTIRE BAY, IN THE BAT-PLANE!

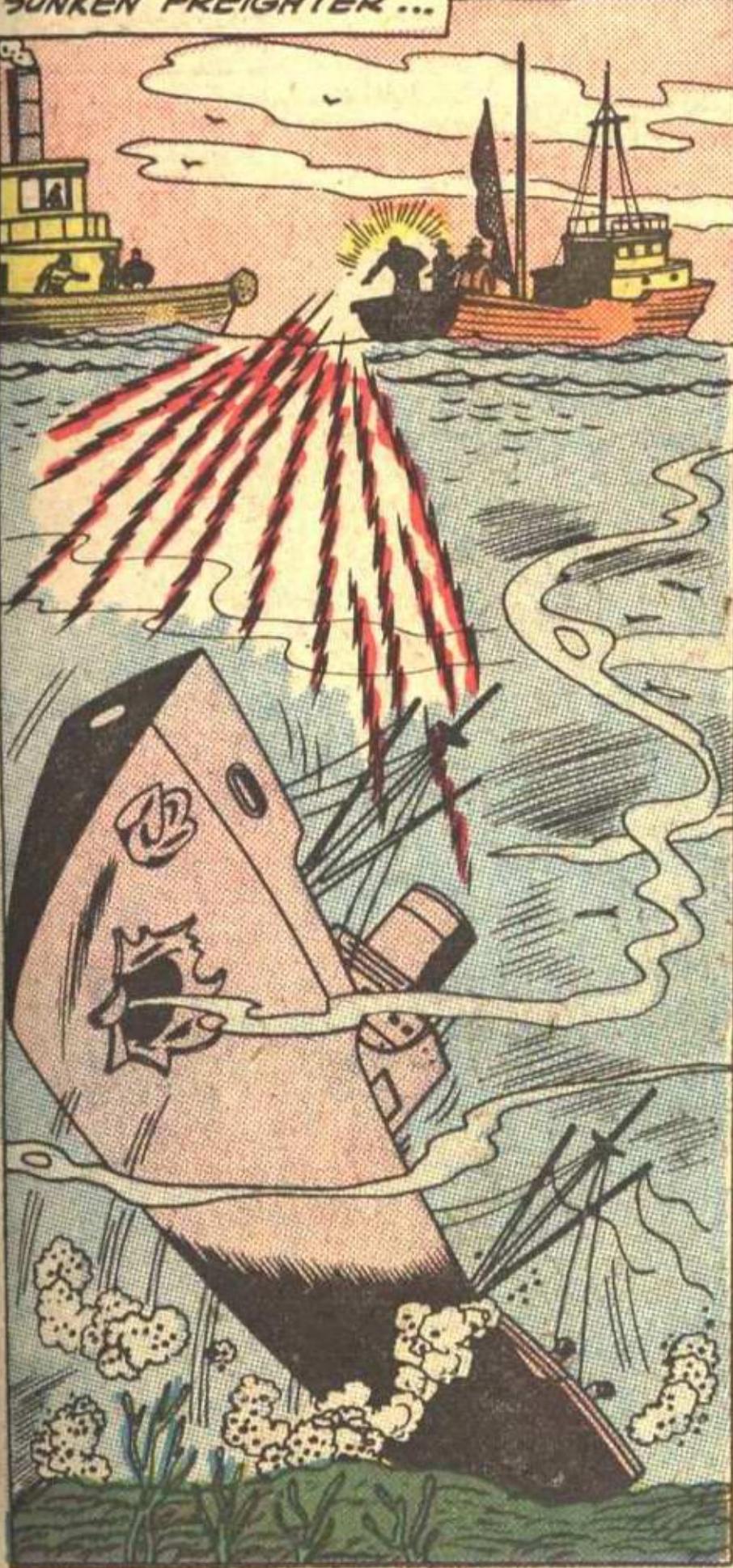


AND WHERE A SALVAGE CREW PREPARES TO RECOVER THE CARGO OF A SUNKEN FREIGHTER...

HOLY SMOKE! LOOK AT THAT STRIPED GUY ON THE DECK... HE'S THE ZEBRA-MAN!



FROM HIS VESSEL, THE ZEBRA-MAN EMITS A POWERFUL MAGNETIC FORCE THAT REACHES DOWN--DOWN TO THE SUNKEN FREIGHTER ...



WITHIN MINUTES...

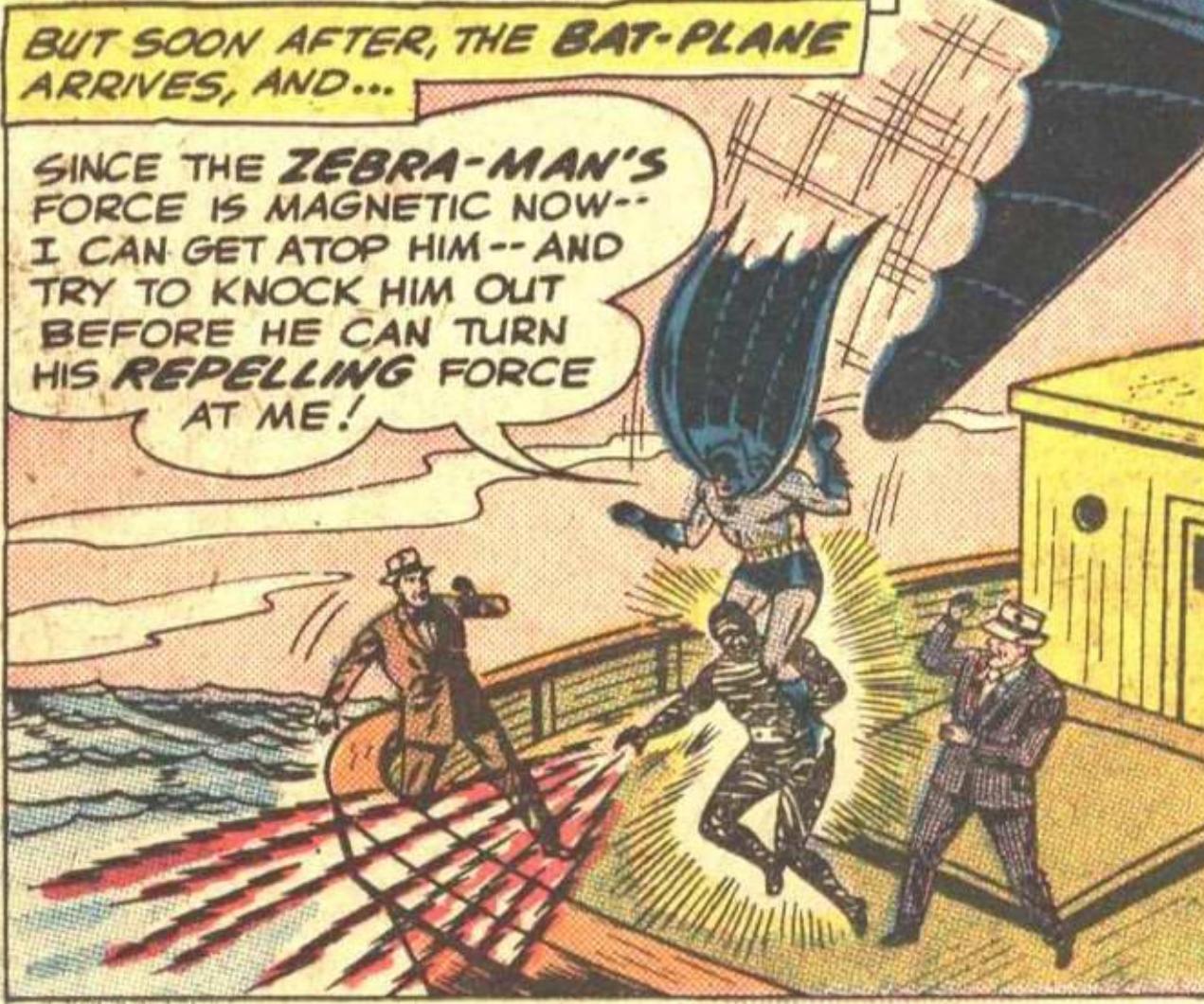
;GULP: H-HE RAISED THE FREIGHTER... AND NOW HE'S TOWING IT ALONG WITH HIS FORCE!



YEAH... STEALING THE GOLD BULLION THAT FREIGHTER WAS CARRYING!

BUT SOON AFTER, THE BAT-PLANE ARRIVES, AND...

SINCE THE ZEBRA-MAN'S FORCE IS MAGNETIC NOW-- I CAN GET ATOP HIM--AND TRY TO KNOCK HIM OUT BEFORE HE CAN TURN HIS REPELLING FORCE AT ME!





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BUT BEFORE BATMAN CAN DELIVER A KNOCKOUT BLOW...

GOT HIM!

'GOOD WORK! STAND CLEAR--I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM NOW!

INSTANTLY, ROBIN BRINGS THE BAT-PLANE DOWN, AND...



SORRY, BATMAN--NO STOWAWAYS ALLOWED ON BOARD... HA-HA!



TURNING HIS FORCE TOWARD THE WATER, THE ZEBRA-MAN CAUSES A MOUNTING TIDAL WAVE THAT RUSHES THE FREIGHTER SKYWARD...

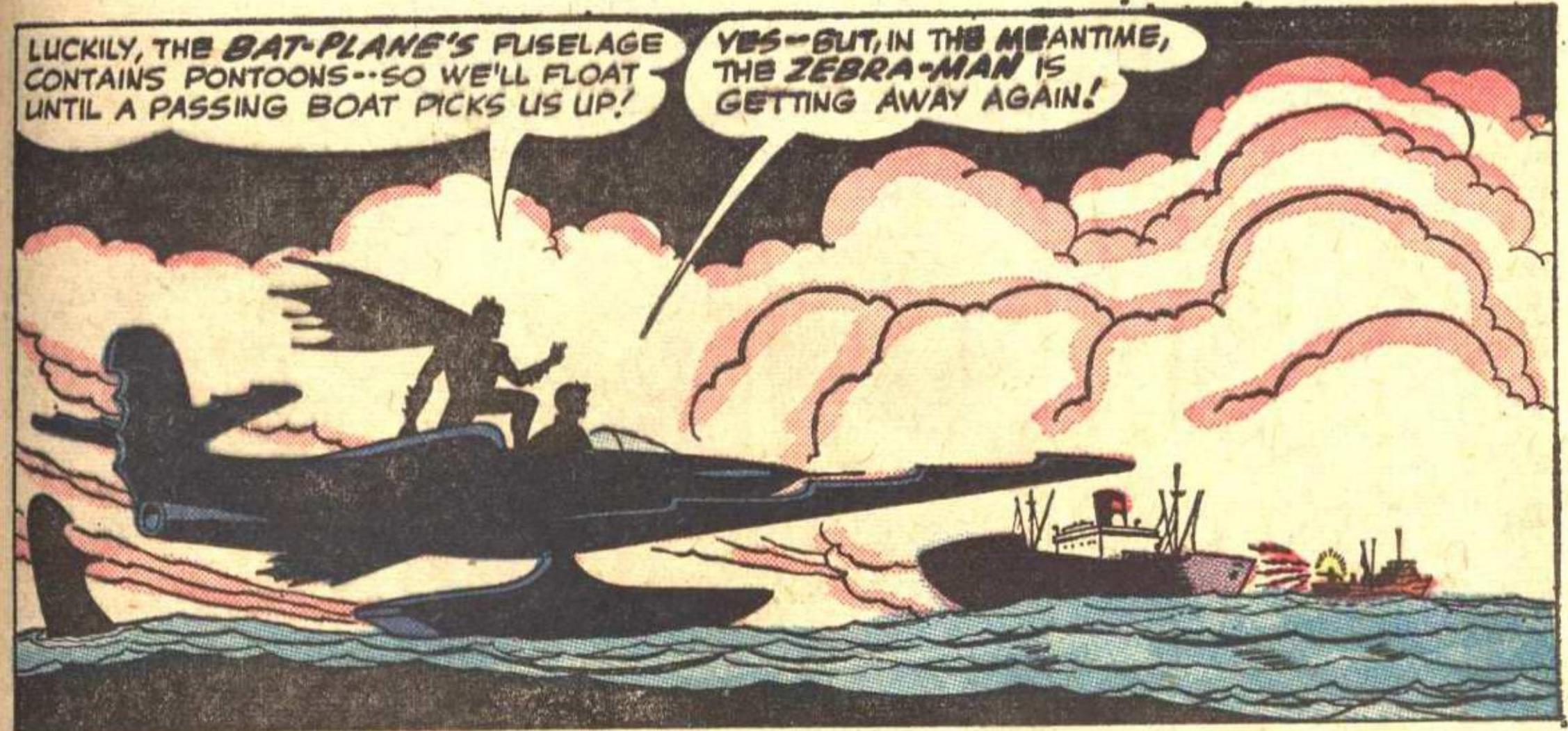


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LUCKILY, THE BAT-PLANE'S FUSELAGE CONTAINS PONTOONS--SO WE'LL FLOAT UNTIL A PASSING BOAT PICKS US UP!

YES--BUT, IN THE MEANTIME, THE ZEBRA-MAN IS GETTING AWAY AGAIN!



INDEED, BY THE TIME BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE RESCUED AND RETURNED TO SHORE...

THE POLICE FOUND THIS BOAT-- THE DOLPHIN--ABANDONED BY THE ZEBRA-MAN! HE MUST'VE TRANSFERRED THE GOLD BULLION FROM THE FREIGHTER TO A GETAWAY TRUCK!

LOOK HERE, ROBIN... SOME MUD-- PROBABLY FROM THE SHOE OF ONE OF THE GANG! LET'S GIVE IT A FAST LAB ANALYSIS!

AFTERWARD, OUTSIDE AN OLD HOUSE ON THE EDGE OF GOTHAM CITY...

OUR LAB ANALYSIS OF THE MUD SHOWED IT CONTAINED SOME SULPHUR--AND THIS IS THE ONLY AREA WHERE SULPHUR IS PRESENT IN THE SOIL!

IF THAT'S THE ZEBRA-MAN'S HIDEOUT, OUR BEST BET IS TO TAKE HIM BY SURPRISE-- AND KAYO HIM FAST!



MOMENTS LATER, TWO HUMAN HURRICANES STORM THE ZEBRA-MAN'S STRONGHOLD...

BATMAN AND ROBIN!

HURRY, ROBIN--GET THE ZEBRA-MAN!

BUT IN TRIPPING, ROBIN'S ELBOW JOGS A SWITCH, AND...

THE MACHINE--BATHING ME IN AN EERIE LIGHT...





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...INFUSING ME WITH LINES OF FORCE!



AND THEN, BECAUSE BATMAN CANNOT CONTROL THAT FORCE...



BECAUSE I WAS IN NEUTRAL, BATMAN'S FORCE EVEN AFFECTED ME! BUT I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT BY TURNING ON MY CHARGE FULL POWER!



THUS, AS BATMAN TRIES TO CLOSE IN ON THE ZEBRA-MAN...



SWIFTLY, THE ZEBRA-MAN RETREATS FROM THE STUNNED BATMAN, AND SOON JOINS HIS ESCAPING HENCHMEN...

WHAT'LL WE DO, NOW THAT BATMAN IS ALSO A ZEBRA-MAN?



AND SO IT IS THAT A HEARTBROKEN YOUNGSTER VIEWS A ZEBRA-BATMAN TRAPPED BY ENERGY...

STAY AWAY, ROBIN... DON'T COME TOO CLOSE OR YOU'LL BE FLUNG BACK LIKE THIS TREE!



I DON'T HAVE ANY CONTROL BELT TO NEUTRALIZE THIS WILD POWER! UNTIL I DO HAVE ONE, I'M A MENACE TO ANYONE WHO COMES NEAR ME!

BUT--GOLLY, BATMAN... WHAT IF YOU NEVER GET TO CONTROL IT?



WHAT, INDEED? IN HIS MIND'S EYE, BATMAN ENVISIONS A TRAGIC FUTURE...

...IN WHICH HE WOULD SLOWLY STARVE TO DEATH--FOR EATING WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE!

IT'S NO USE, ROBIN... I CAN'T EVEN GET NEAR THAT FOOD YOU BROUGHT ME!



EVEN IF HE COULD AGAIN CLOTHE HIMSELF AS BRUCE WAYNE -- A WILD IMPOSSIBILITY...

BRUCE, YOU'RE ZEBRA-STRIPE! SINCE YOU'RE NOT THAT CRIMINAL, THE ZEBRA-MAN, THEN YOU MUST BE ... BATMAN!

EVERYONE WILL REALIZE MY TRUE IDENTITY! MY BATMAN CAREER IS FINISHED!



BUT, WORST OF ALL, BATMAN WOULD BE A DANGER TO EVERYONE AROUND HIM!

ALL THE HAVOC I'M CREATING... I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THE CITY-- TO OPEN COUNTRY!



YES, BATMAN WOULD BE SHUNNED... SHUNNED BY THE VERY PEOPLE WHO SYMPATHIZED WITH HIS PLIGHT!

GOSH, MOMMY, THERE'S BATMAN! CAN I GO OVER AND SAY HELLO TO HIM?

NO, TOMMY--DON'T GO NEAR HIM! NO ONE CAN 'SOB' GO NEAR BATMAN ANY MORE!



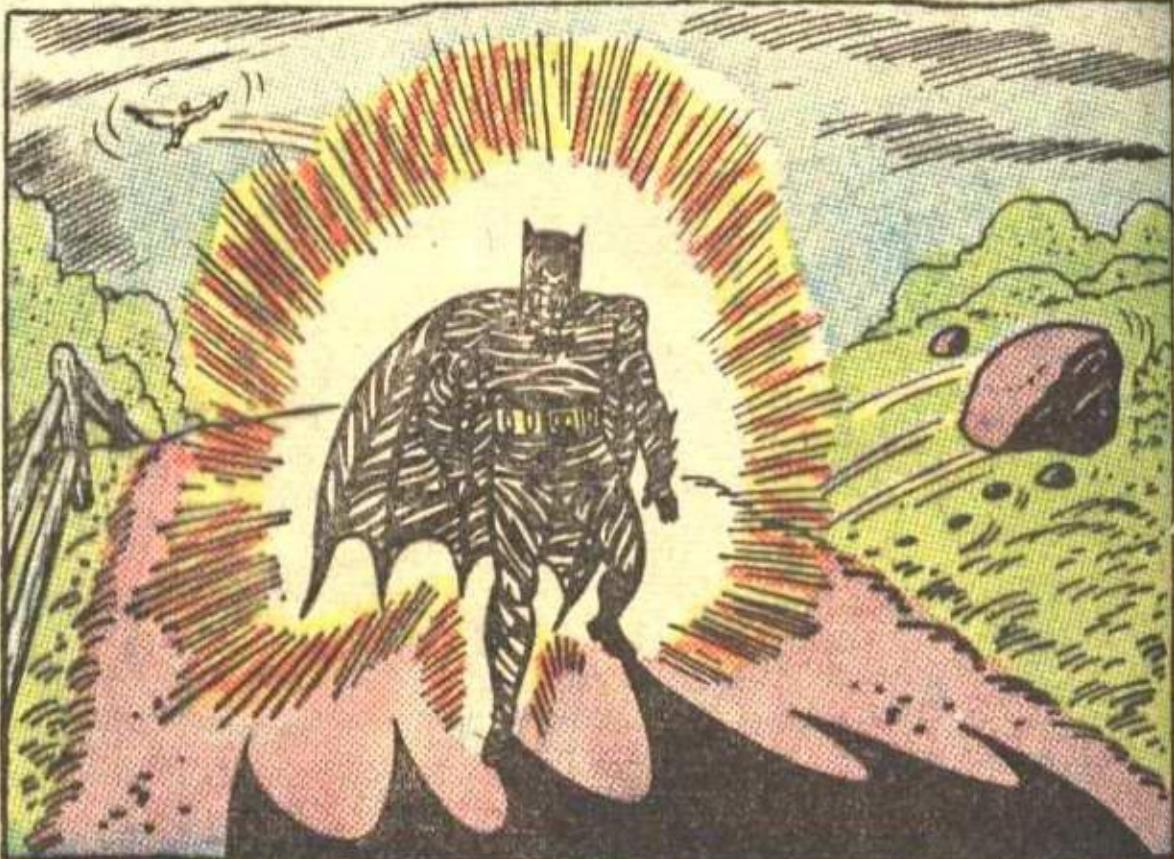
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ALL THIS BATMAN REALIZES AS HE LOOKS SORROWFULLY AT ROBIN, THEN TURNS AWAY...

ROBIN, TRY TO FIND A CLUE IN THE ZEBRA-MAN'S HOUSE... FINISH THE JOB I COULDN'T DO! I CAN'T EVER WORK WITH YOU AGAIN!

NO, BATMAN  
D-DON'T  
SAY  
THAT!

LIKE AN OUTCAST, BATMAN WANDERS OFF ALONE-- ALWAYS CAREFUL TO KEEP HIS TERRIBLE POWER AWAY FROM ANYONE OR ANYTHING NEAR HIM...



DEEP IN THOUGHT, HE DOESN'T NOTICE THAT HE PASSES WITHIN RANGE OF A JUNK YARD, UNTIL...



HURRIEDLY, BATMAN RUSHES BACK TO ROBIN, WHO IS JUST EMERGING FROM THE ZEBRA-MAN'S HIDEOUT...



THE ZEBRA-MAN PROBABLY HAD THIS PLACE CASED! IT COULD BE A PLAN FOR HIS NEXT JOB!

THAT'S PROBABLY IT! ROBIN, HERE'S WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO-- AND FAST-- BEFORE THE ZEBRA-MAN GETS THERE...

ONE HOUR LATER, IN THE GOTHAM STORAGE COMPANY, THE ZEBRA-MAN UNLEASHES HIS INCREDIBLE FORCE AT A VAULT CONTAINING VALUABLE FURS...

SCOOP UP THE FURS, BOYS-- AND LET'S GET TO OUR GETAWAY TRUCK IN THE PARKING YARD!

MAKING US PAINT OUR TRUCK TO LOOK LIKE A COMPANY TRUCK WAS SMART, BOSS! WE'LL ESCAPE BEFORE THE YARD GUARDS EVEN SUSPECT ANYTHING!



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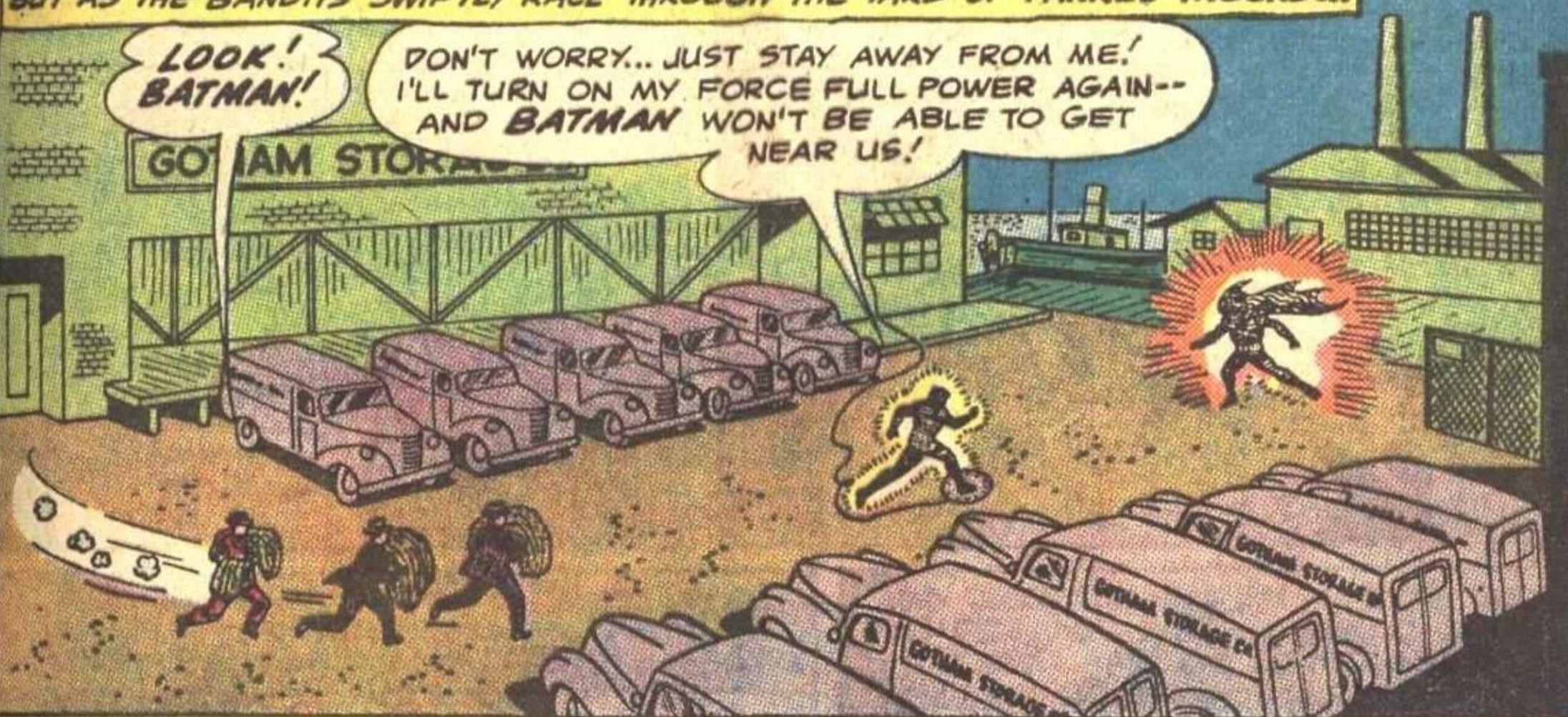


BUT AS THE BANDITS SWIFTLY RACE THROUGH THE YARD OF PARKED TRUCKS...

LOOK!  
BATMAN!

DON'T WORRY... JUST STAY AWAY FROM ME!  
I'LL TURN ON MY FORCE FULL POWER AGAIN--  
AND BATMAN WON'T BE ABLE TO GET  
NEAR US!

GO! AM STORE



BUT TO THE ZEBRA-MAN'S AMAZEMENT, THE EXACT OPPOSITE OCCURS!

HUH? I DON'T UNDERSTAND! BATMAN AND I ARE BEING PULLED TOWARDS EACH OTHER!

AS A WAITING FIST MEETS THE BANDIT'S JAW, BATMAN'S OTHER HAND DEFTLY UNBUCKLES THE ZEBRA-MAN'S CONTROL BELT...

NOW THAT YOUR BELT IS OFF YOU-- SO ARE YOUR FORCE-LINES!



BUT THE ZEBRA-BATMAN STILL RETAINS HIS OWN FORCE--WHICH INSTANTLY REPELS THE BANDITS TO THE WAITING ROBIN AND THE POLICE!

HERE THEY COME--BY SPECIAL DELIVERY!



NEXT, BATMAN CLAMPS THE BELT ABOUT HIS OWN FIGURE, AND...

I'VE WATCHED THE ZEBRA-MAN PRESSING THESE BUTTONS... THIS SHOULD BE THE ONE THAT NEUTRALIZES THE FORCE...



THEN, WITH THE FORCE UNDER CONTROL, THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTER REMOVES THE BELT...

GOSH, BATMAN--  
YOUR FORCE LINES  
ARE DISAPPEARING!

I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND...  
HOW COULD WE BE PULLED  
TOWARDS EACH OTHER--  
WHEN OUR FORCE FIELDS  
SHOULD HAVE  
REPelled  
EACH OTHER?

A LITTLE WHILE AGO, I WAS SURPRISED  
TO FIND MYSELF BEING DRAWN TOWARDS  
A JUNK YARD'S ELECTRO-MAGNET! I  
REALIZED THAT THE ELECTRO-MAGNET'S  
FORCE FIELD WAS OPPOSITE TO MINE,  
BECAUSE OPPOSITE FORCES  
ATTRACT!

THAT GAVE ME AN IDEA! KNOWING YOU  
WERE COMING HERE, I CHARGED THAT  
MANHOLE COVER SO THAT IT WOULD  
REVERSE YOUR FORCE FIELD, MAKING  
IT OPPOSITE TO MINE!

AND SO, LATER, IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT THE  
ZEBRA-MAN SHOULD END UP IN A PLACE  
WHERE STRIPES FALL ACROSS HIS FIGURE...

YES, BATMAN, HE'S STILL GOT  
STRIPES... ONLY THIS TIME,  
THEY'RE FROM PRISON BARS!

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FIRST, I'M  
DRAINING THE COLOR  
OUT OF YOU, THEN YOU  
WILL DISINTEGRATE--  
THIS IS THE END OF  
SUPERMAN, BATMAN  
AND ROBIN!



# BATMAN

WITH  
**ROBIN**  
-THE BOY WONDER-

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

DON'T WORRY, BATMAN--OWLMAN WILL SAVE YOU!

LOOK!  
BATMAN'S GOT A NEW PARTNER!

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

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 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!

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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 BREATHES 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...

THE BAT-SIGNAL!

I'D BETTER GET MY ROBIN GARB ON FAST!



IT WON'T FIT! STAY HOME! DON'T YOU REALIZE IF PEOPLE SEE A SUDDENLY GROWNUP DICK GRAYSON AND A GROWNUP ROBIN THEY'LL CONNECT THE TWO IDENTITIES? AND SINCE YOU'RE MY WARD, PEOPLE WILL REALIZE BRUCE WAYNE IS BATMAN!

I'VE GOT AN IDEA! SINCE I'M A MAN NOW, WHY CAN'T THERE BE TWO OF US--TWO BATMEN?

NO, DICK! YOU MAY LOOK LIKE A MAN, BUT YOU'LL THINK LIKE A BOY, ACT LIKE A BOY! YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF "GROWING" TO DO BEFORE YOU'RE REALLY A MAN!

BUT WHEN BATMAN LEAVES, DICK REACTS LIKE AN IMPULSIVE YOUNGSTER... I'LL SHOW HIM I'M A REAL MAN! THIS OWL COSTUME BRUCE WAS GOING TO WEAR TO THE MASQUERADE BALL NEXT WEEK-- IT'S JUST WHAT I NEED!



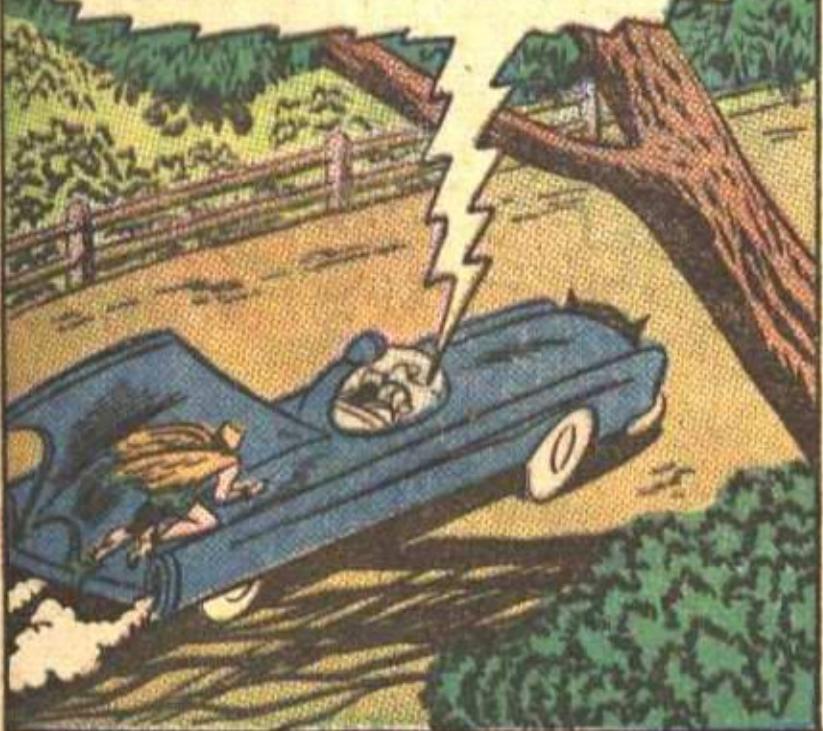


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AS BATMAN HEEDS THE POLICE ALARM,  
HE IS UNAWARE THAT THE BATMOBILE  
CARRIES A STOWAWAY!

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



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!

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

WE'VE GOT THE  
DIAMONDS -- HUNH? --  
BATMAN!

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



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)... TEAR GAS!  
CAN'T SEE! (COUGH)



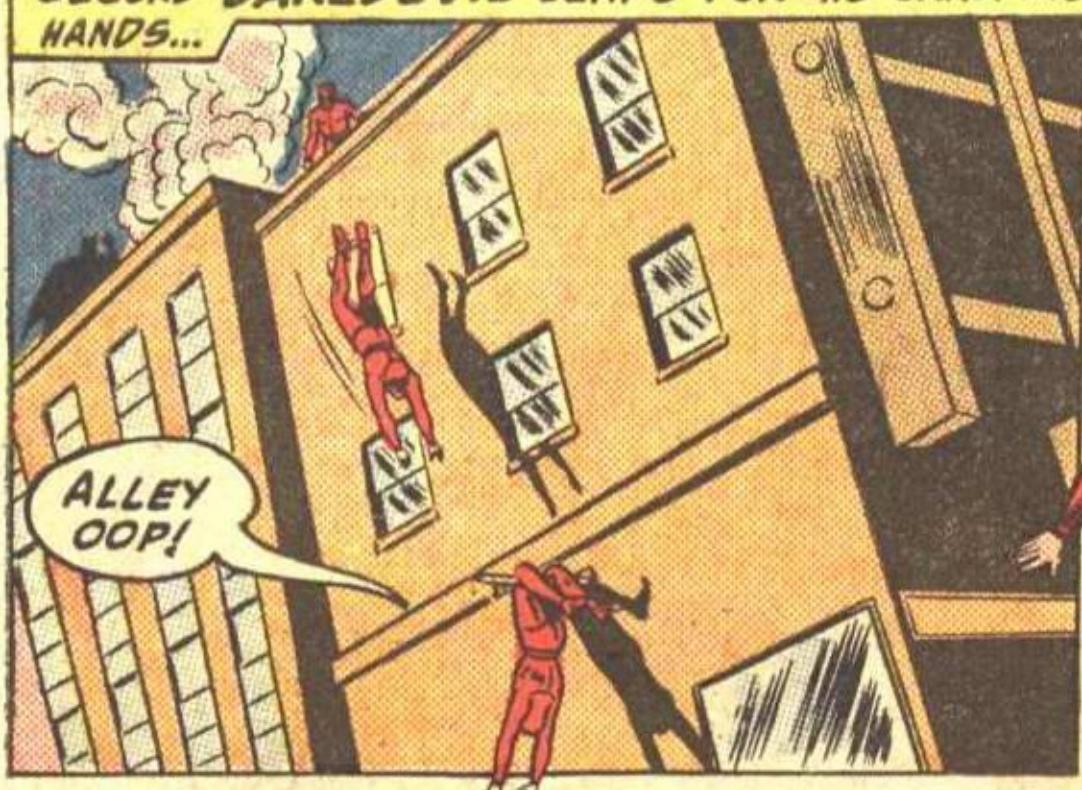
WHILE THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ARE MOMENTARILY  
BLINDED, ONE ACRO-BANDIT DIVES AT A JUTTING  
STEEL BAR THAT ONCE HELD AN ADVERTISING  
SIGN...



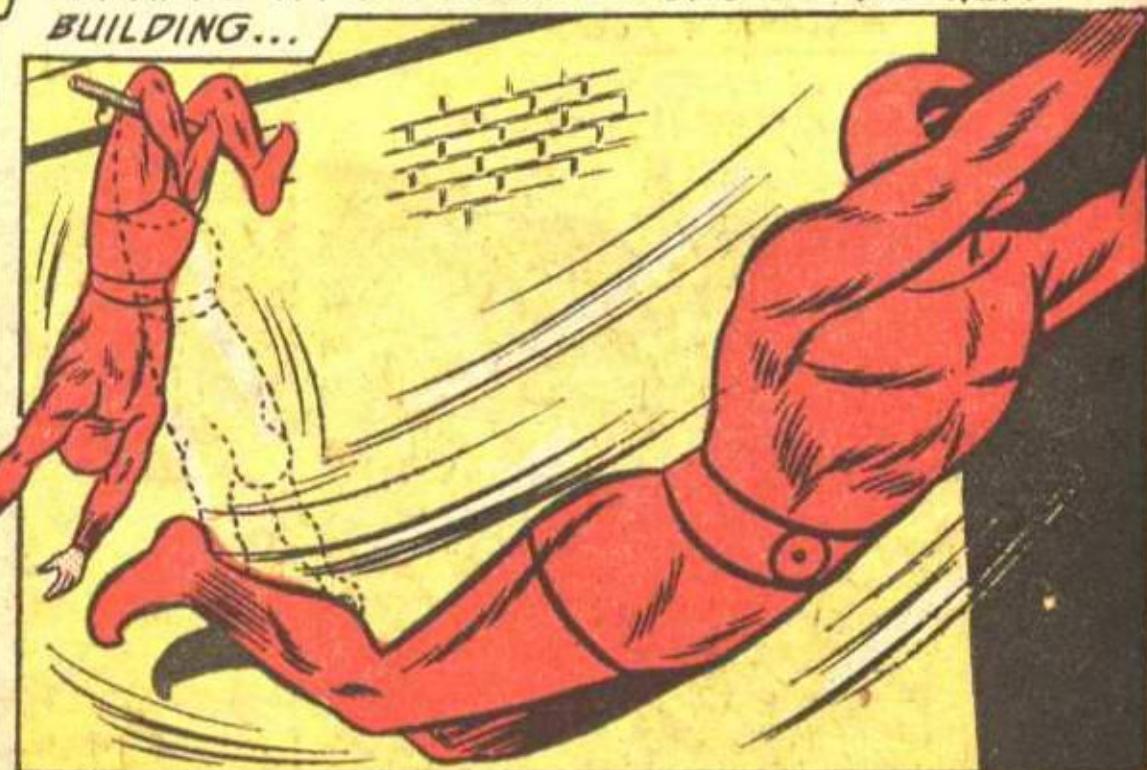
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HOOKING HIS LEGS AROUND IT, HE WAITS AS THE  
SECOND DAREDEVIL LEAPS FOR HIS GRASPING  
HANDS...



THEN HE SWINGS THE SECOND DAREDEVIL  
TOWARDS A FIRE-ESCAPE RUNG ON ANOTHER  
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!

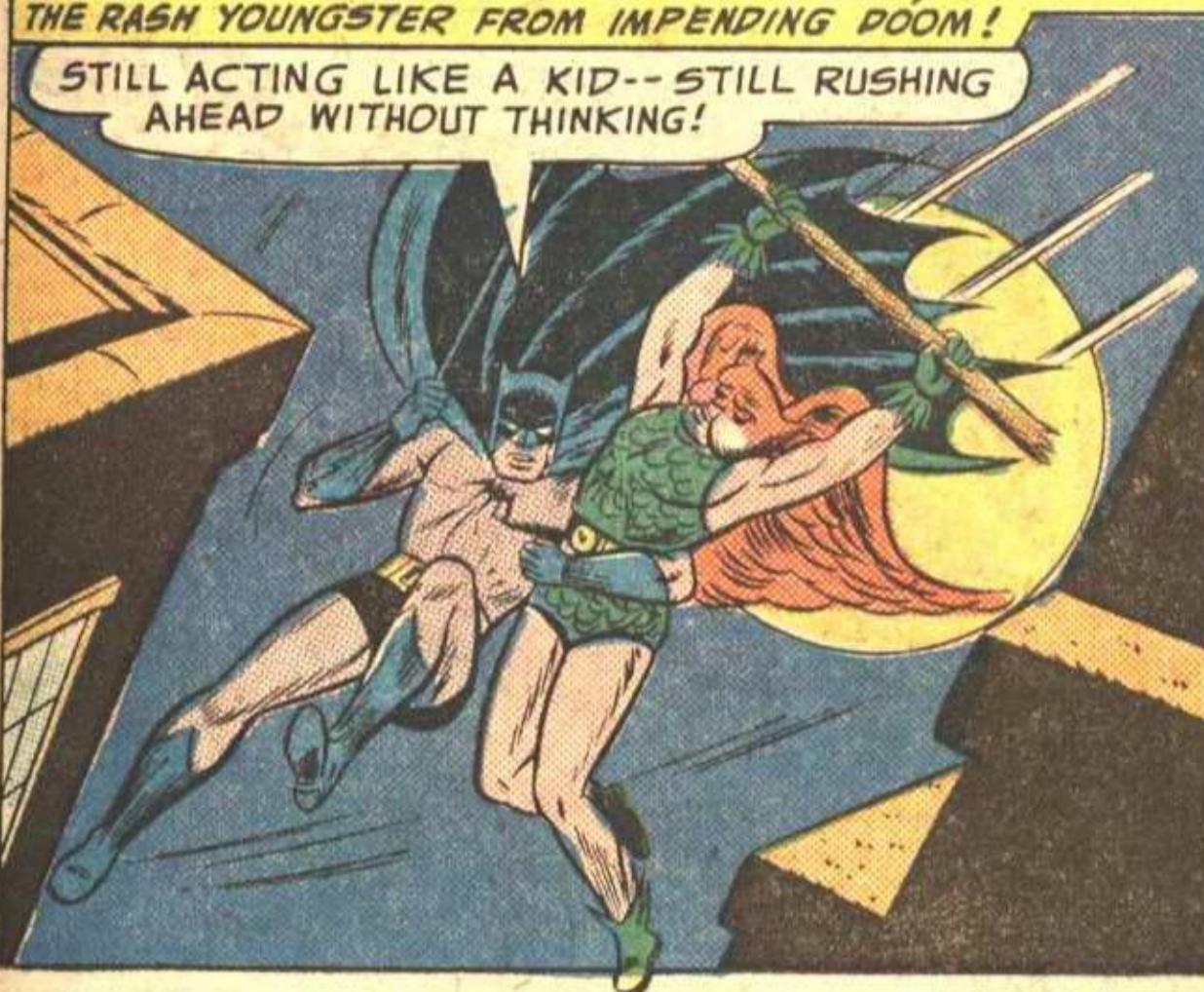


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BUT ALERT BATMAN HAS ALREADY ACTED, AND SNATCHES THE RASH YOUNGSTER FROM IMPENDING DOOM!

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...

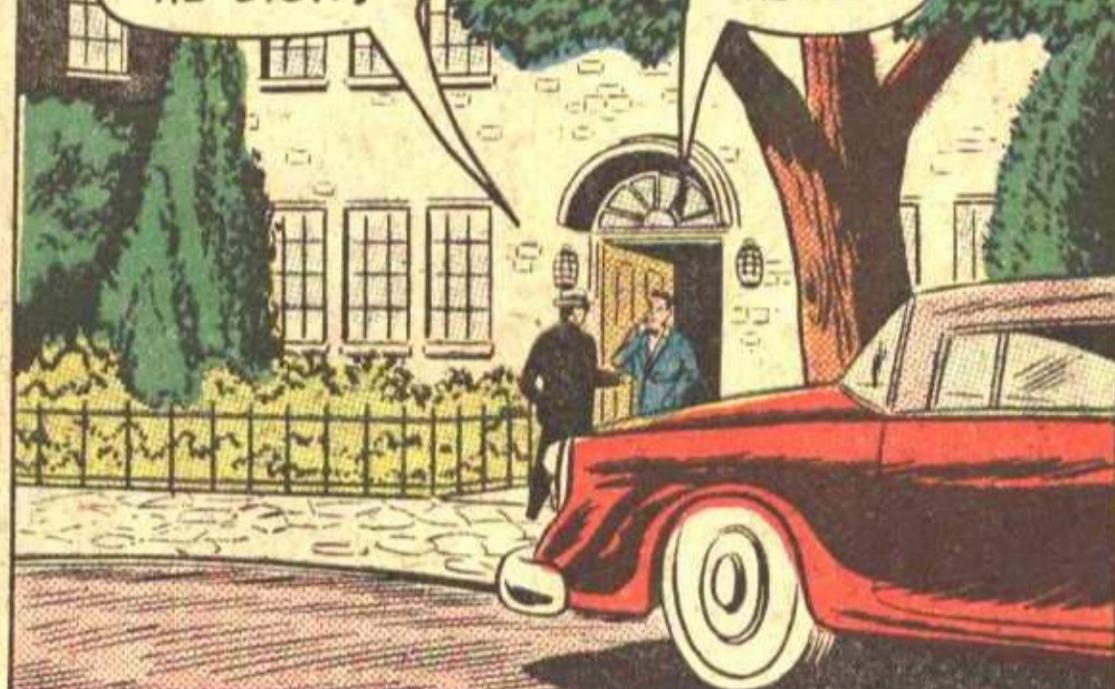
THINGS WEREN'T TOUGH ENOUGH WHEN WE HADDA WORRY ABOUT BATMAN AND A KID...

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!?





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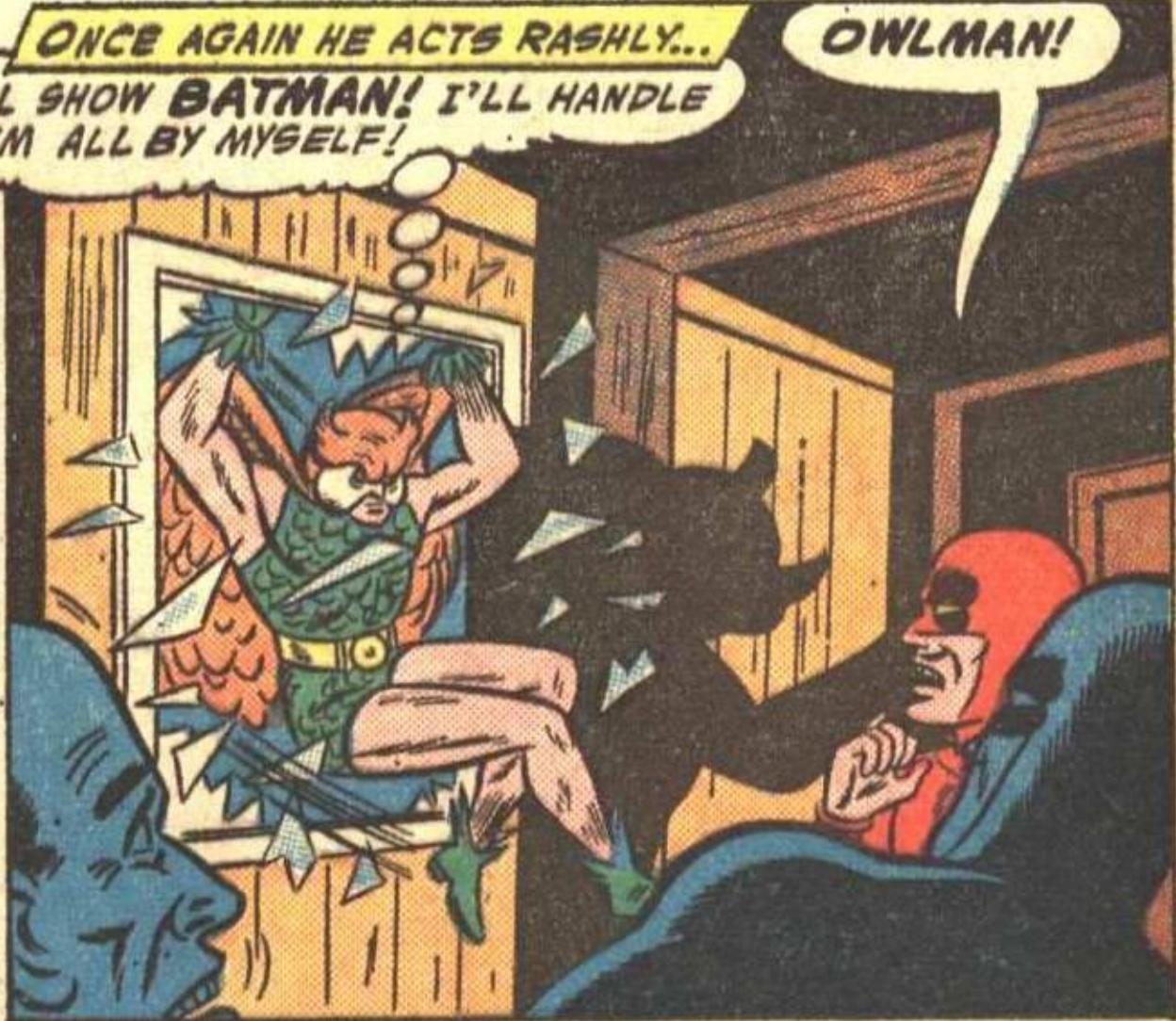


THAT NIGHT, ONCE AGAIN CLAD AS OWLMAN, THE IMPULSIVE BOY SCALES A CRIMINAL HANGOUT...

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!

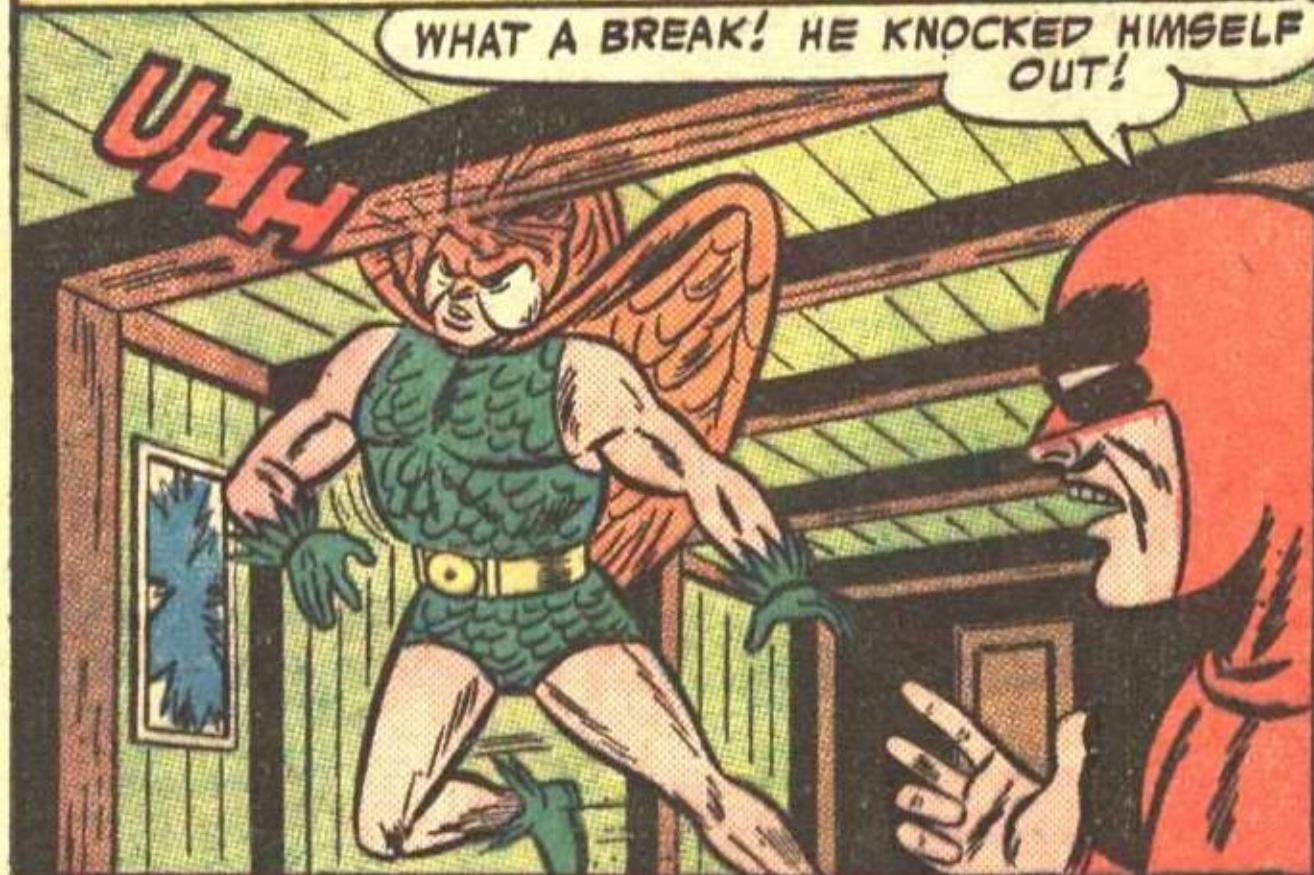
OWLMAN!



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!

LATER...

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 ANNUAL



**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!

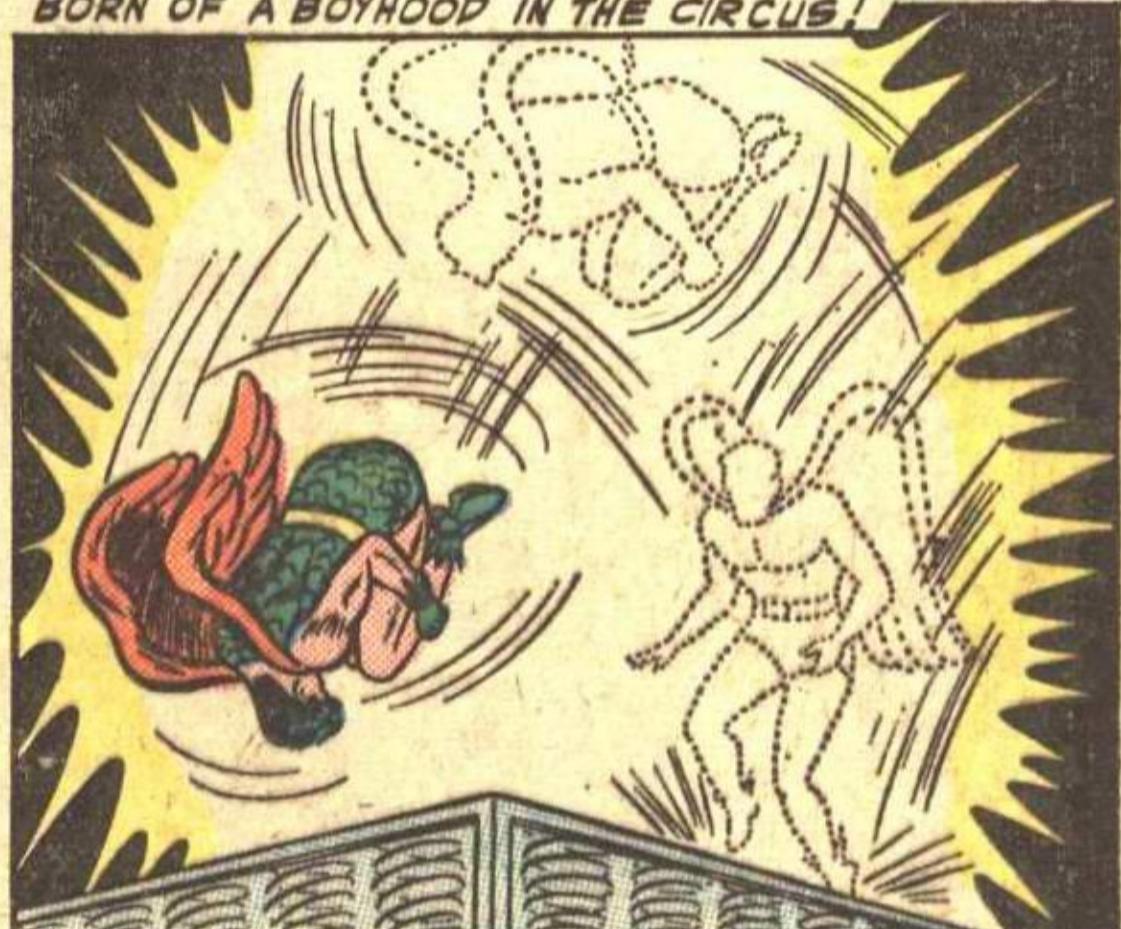
C'MON, PARTNER --  
LET'S SHOW THEM  
HOW A COUPLE OF  
**MEN** CAN FIGHT!



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!



AS FOR BATMAN...

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



# BATMAN ANNUAL



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

**SUPERMAN**

and

**BATMAN**  
AN  
**ROBIN****GOTHAM CITY HALL**IN ONE  
ADVENTURE  
*Together!*

GREAT SCOTT! WHAT A  
MISTAKE I MADE, GIVING  
**BATMAN** SUPER POWERS!  
WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'LL  
DO NEXT UNDER THAT  
MYSTERIOUS  
SPELL?

BATMAN!  
STOP!

I MUST DO  
AS FANGAN  
COMMANDS--  
OR DIE!



FANGAN, THE SORCERER DIED 800 YEARS AGO-- YET HIS STRANGE ENCHANTMENT REACHED THROUGH THE CENTURIES TO STRIKE AT BATMAN! DID SUPERMAN AND ROBIN HELP-- OR MAKE MATTERS WORSE WHEN THEY CAME TO HIS AID WITH A DARING AND DANGEROUS PLAN? SEE FOR YOURSELF WHEN YOU READ...

the **BEWITCHED BATMAN**

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ONE DAY, IN THE METROPOLIS OFFICE OF THE DAILY PLANET, REPORTER CLARK KENT GETS AN URGENT PHONE CALL...

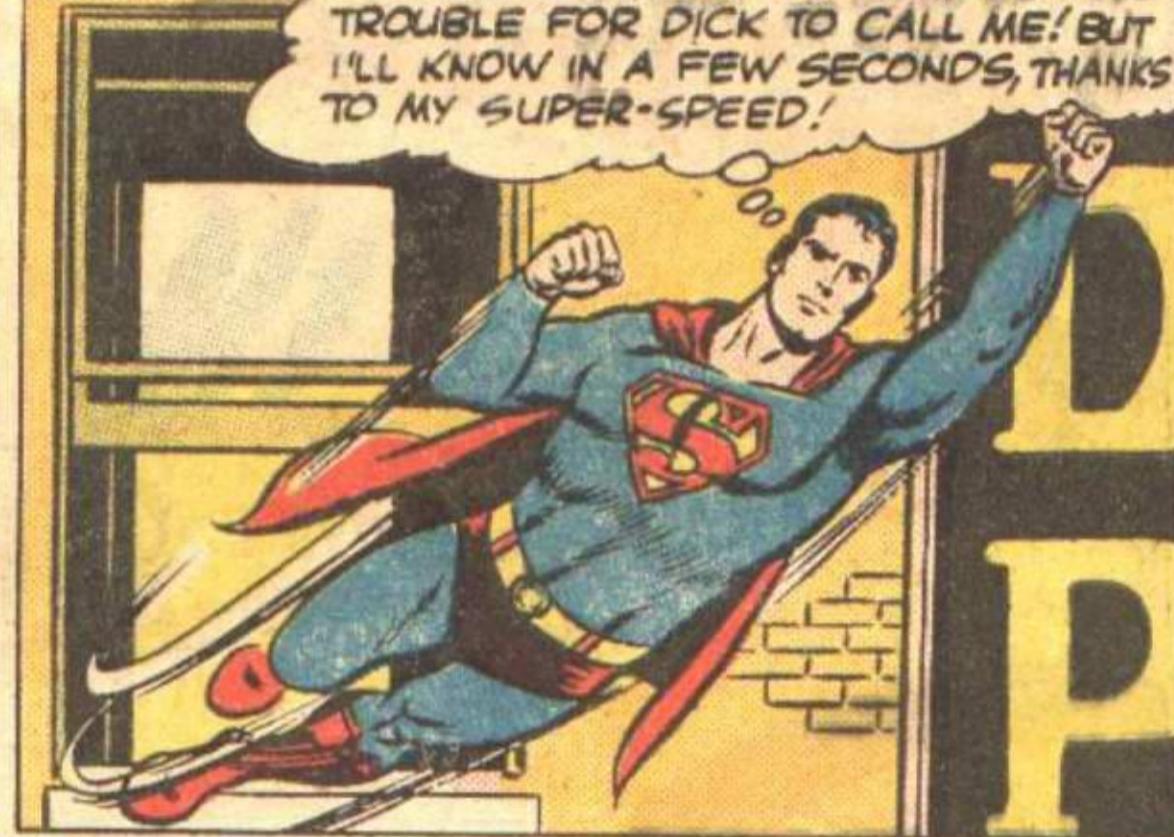
THIS IS DICK GRAYSON CALLING FROM GOTHAM CITY! CAN YOU COME HERE AT ONCE?

WHY-ER-SURE!



IN AN UNOCCUPIED STOCK ROOM, CLARK KENT SWITCHES TO HIS WORLD-FAMOUS IDENTITY OF SUPERMAN, THEN...

IT MUST BE SOME SERIOUS TROUBLE FOR DICK TO CALL ME! BUT I'LL KNOW IN A FEW SECONDS, THANKS TO MY SUPER-SPEED!



PRESENTLY, IN THE WAYNE MANSION, DICK (ALIAS ROBIN THE BOY WONDER) LEADS SUPERMAN THROUGH A SECRET ENTRANCE TO THE BAT-CAVE...

SUPERMAN--  
PREPARE  
FOR A  
SHOCK!



A SHOCK? SUPERMAN IS STUNNED BY THE SIGHT OF HIS ALLY...

LET ME FREE! LET ME FREE AT ONCE OR I... I'LL DIE!

BATMAN! WHY IS HE SHACKLED TO THE WALL?

IT'S AN INCREDIBLE STORY, SUPERMAN! AS YOU KNOW, BATMAN AND I RECENTLY ATTENDED AN INTERNATIONAL POLICE CONVENTION IN ENGLAND!



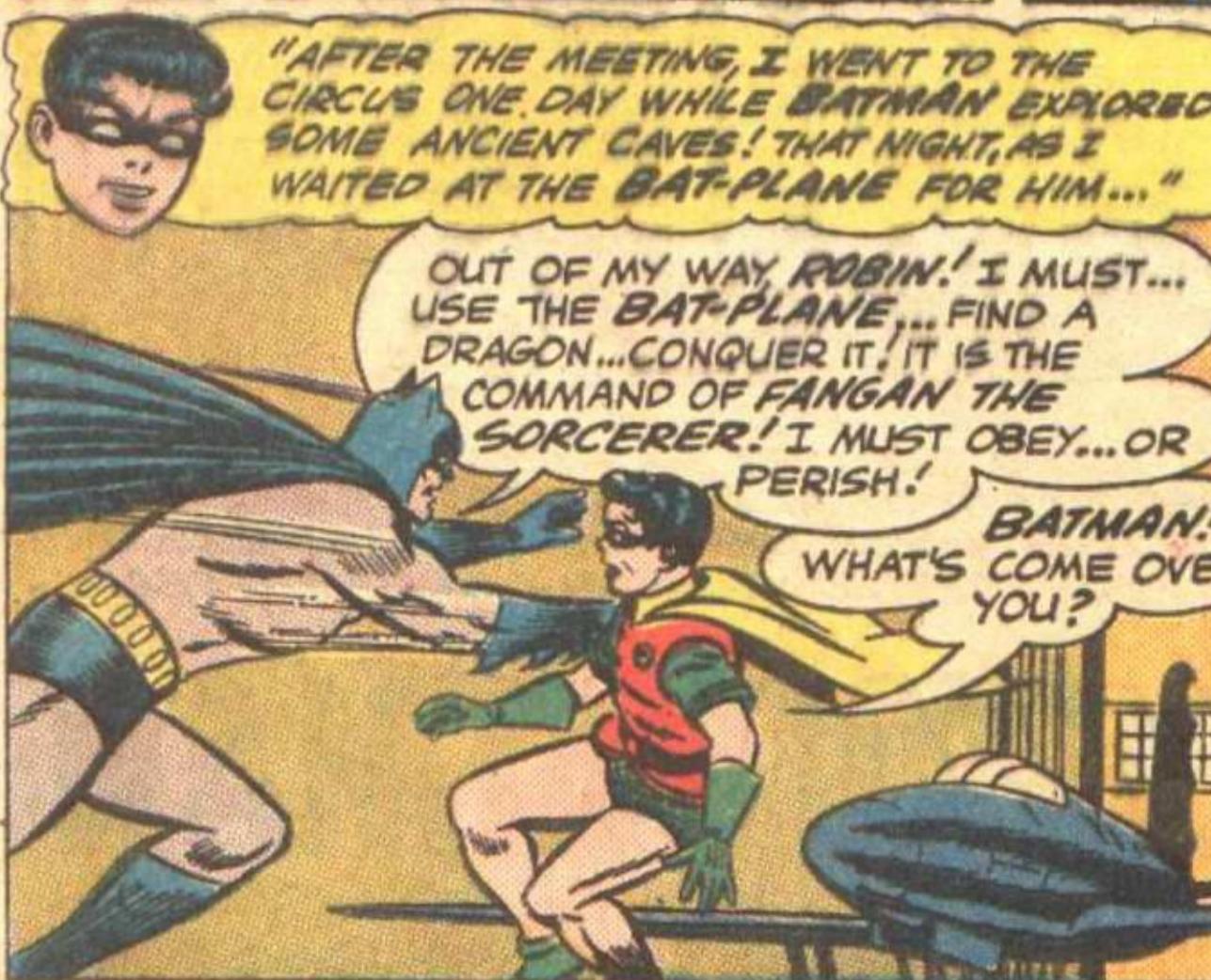
"AFTER THE MEETING, I WENT TO THE CIRCUS ONE DAY WHILE BATMAN EXPLORERED SOME ANCIENT CAVES! THAT NIGHT, AS I WAITED AT THE BAT-PLANE FOR HIM..."

OUT OF MY WAY, ROBIN! I MUST... USE THE BAT-PLANE... FIND A DRAGON... CONQUER IT! IT IS THE COMMAND OF FANGAN THE SORCERER! I MUST OBEY... OR PERISH!

BATMAN!  
WHAT'S COME OVER  
YOU?

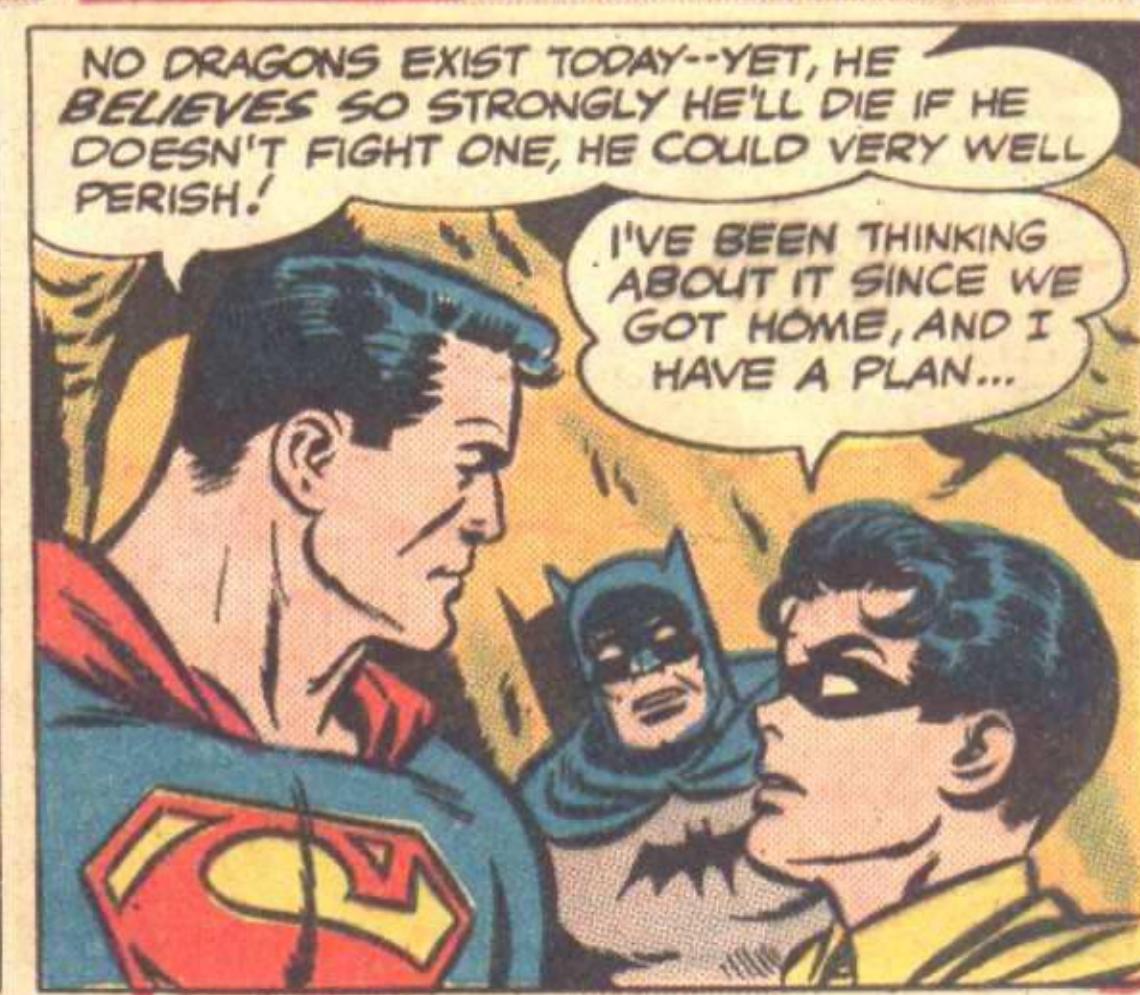
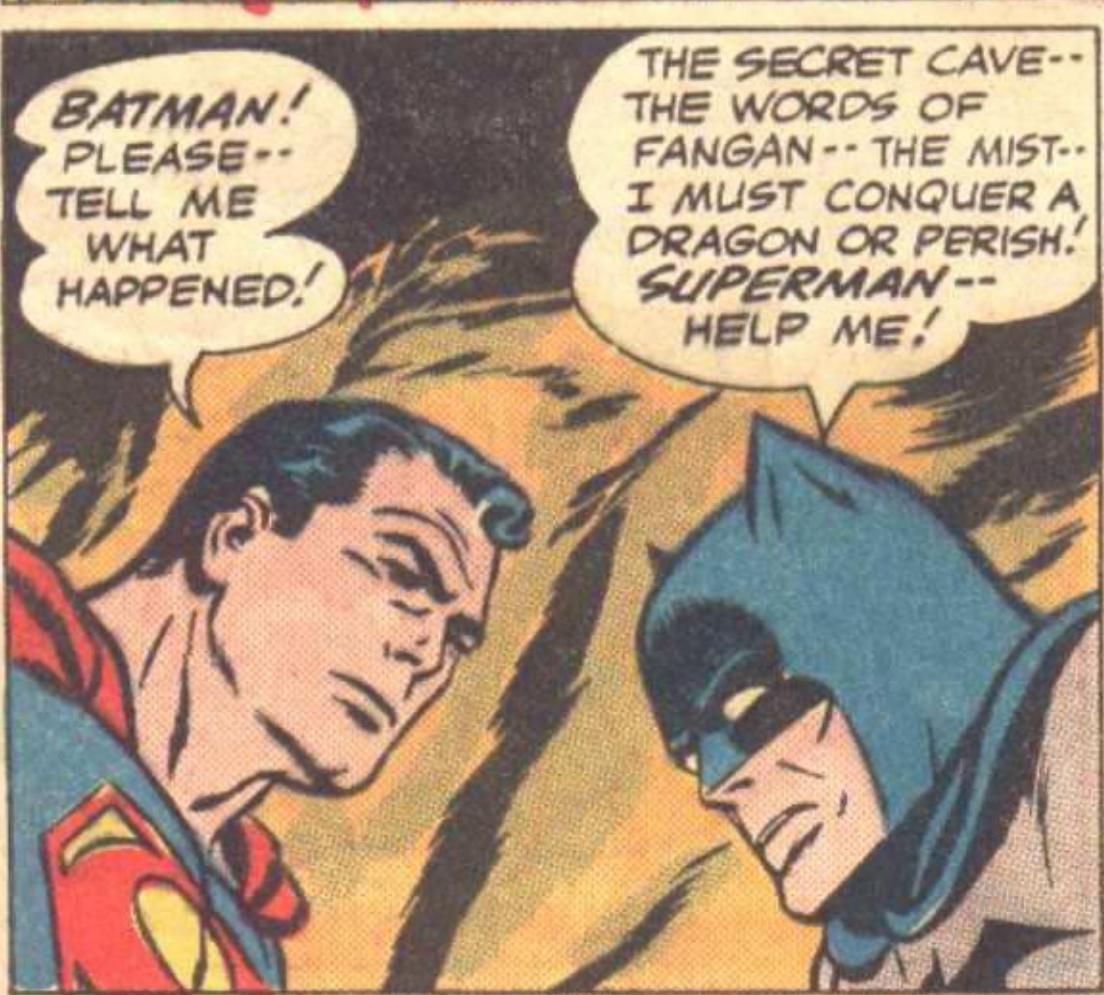
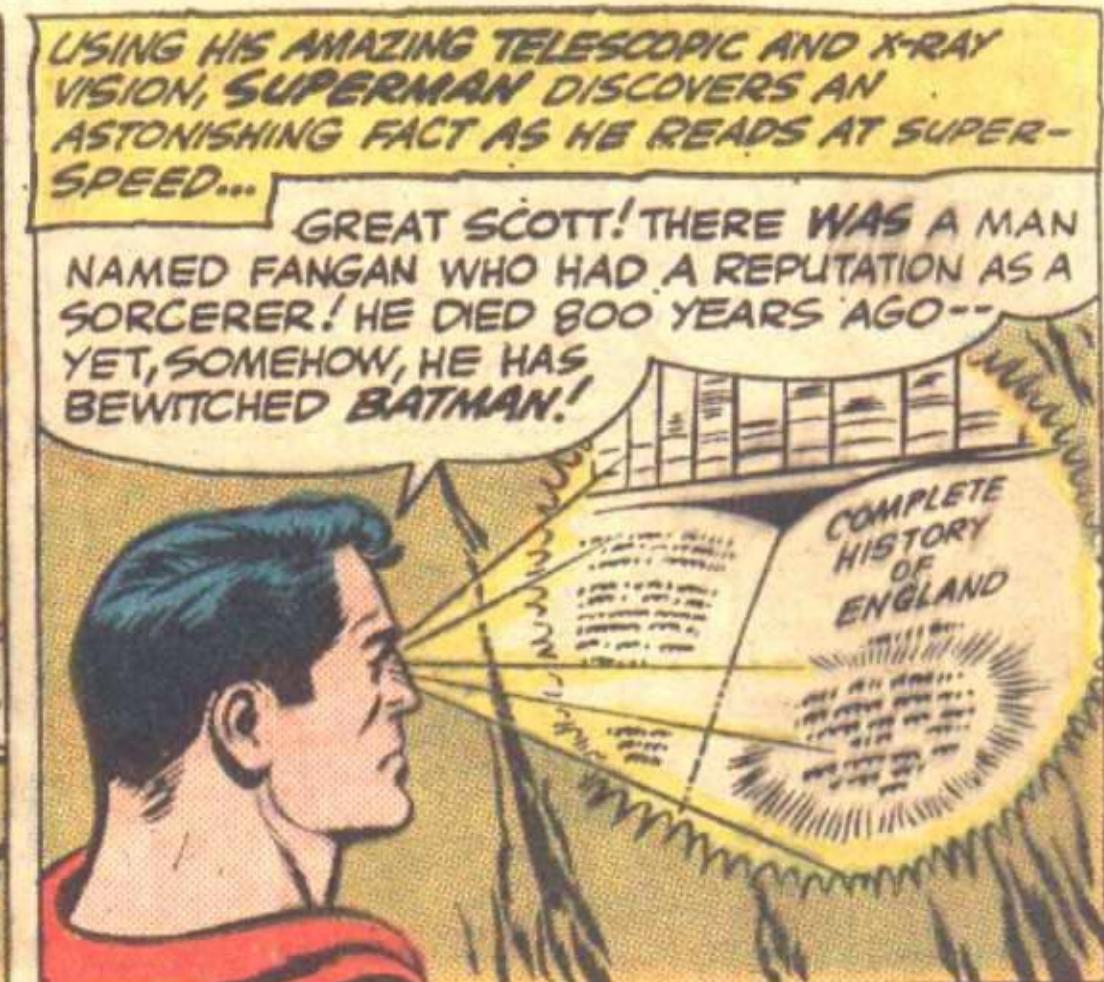
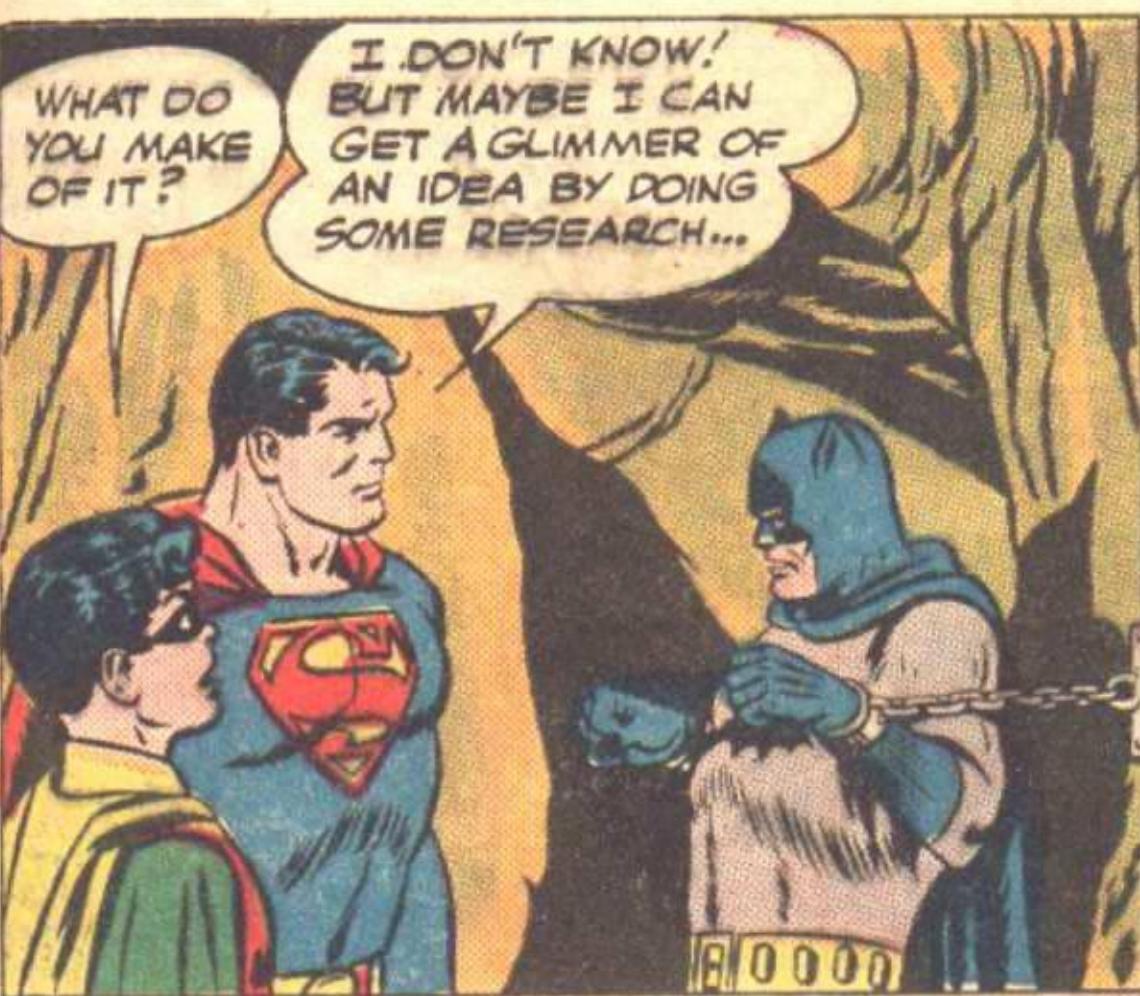
"THERE WAS SOMETHING TERRIBLY WRONG! HE WAS IN NO CONDITION TO FLY SOLO! HE HIT THE GROUND HARD WHEN I TACKLED HIM..."

HE'S OUT COLD!  
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING FOR ME TO DO... BIND HIM,  
RETURN HOME,  
AND CONTACT  
SUPERMAN  
AT ONCE!





# BATMAN ANNUAL





# BATMAN ANNUAL



SOON, INSIDE THE FORTRESS...

THIS RAY WILL GIVE YOU SUPER POWERS AND MAKE YOUR COSTUME INDESTRUCTIBLE FOR ONE DAY, BATMAN! I DAREN'T USE IT TOO OFTEN BECAUSE THE EFFECT WOULD BE HARMFUL!



A LITTLE LATER...

WAIT HERE! I'LL RETURN SOON WITH A DRAGON FOR YOU TO FIGHT, BATMAN!



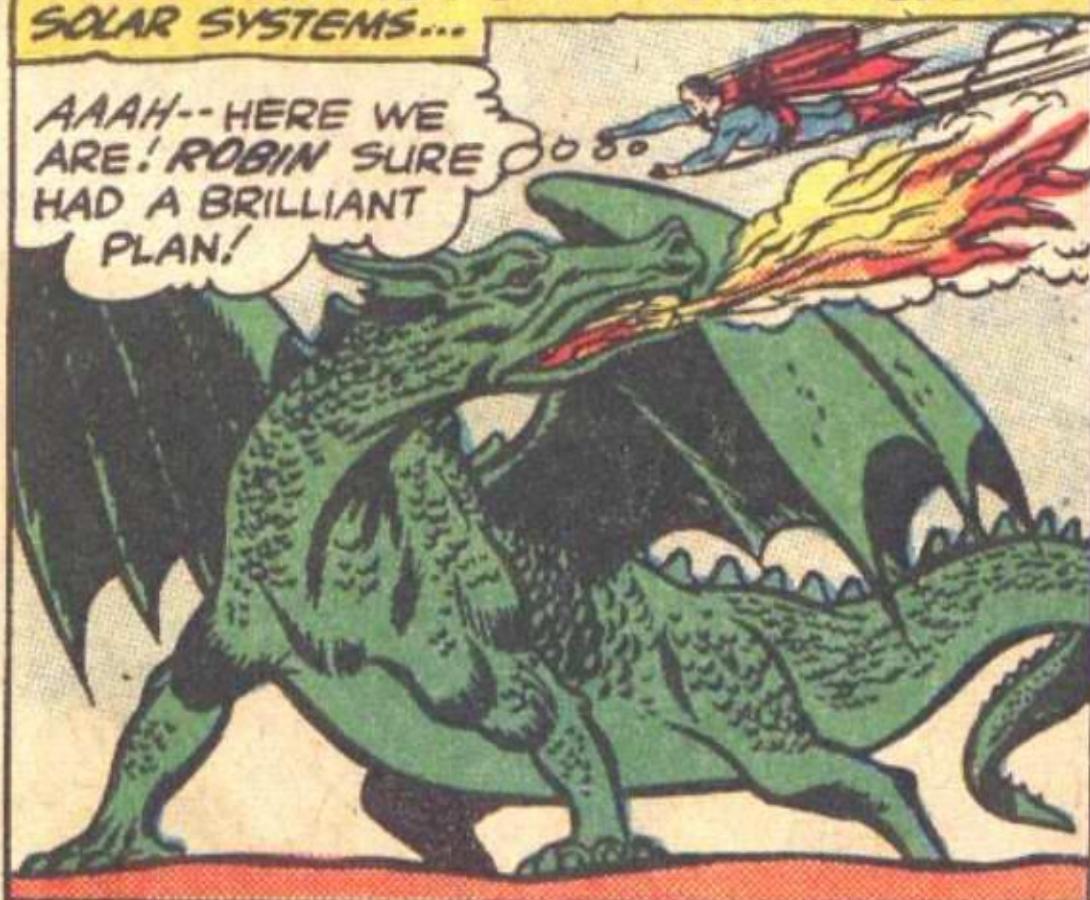
AS ROBIN PUZZLES OVER THIS ENIGMA, SUPERMAN EXPLORES OUTER SPACE ...

NO DRAGON-LIKE ANIMALS ON THIS PLANET! YET THERE ARE SO MANY PLANETS IN INFINITE SPACE, I'M SURE TO FIND ONE EVENTUALLY!



PRESENTLY, AFTER STUDYING HUNDREDS OF SOLAR SYSTEMS...

AAAHH--HERE WE ARE! ROBIN SURE HAD A BRILLIANT PLAN!



MINUTES LATER, ON EARTH ...

HERE, BATMAN! YOU'D BE NO MATCH FOR HIM WITHOUT SUPER POWERS, BUT NOW YOU WON'T BE IN ANY DANGER!

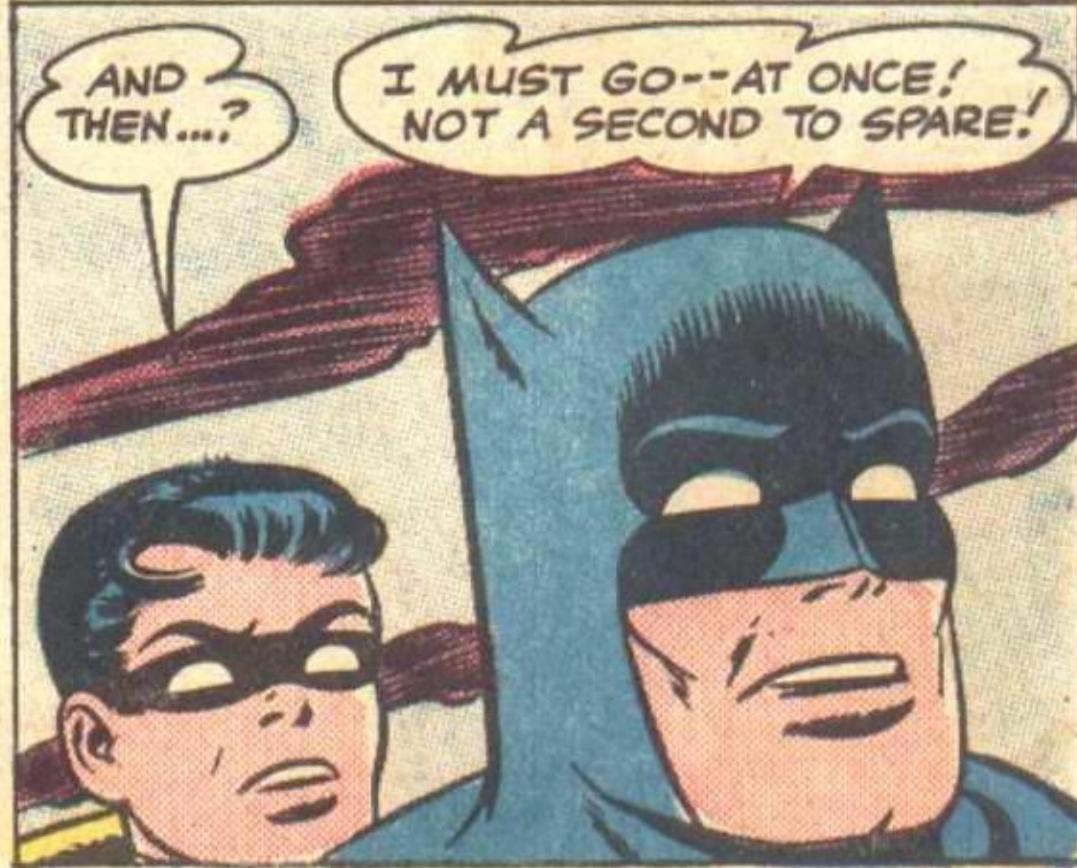
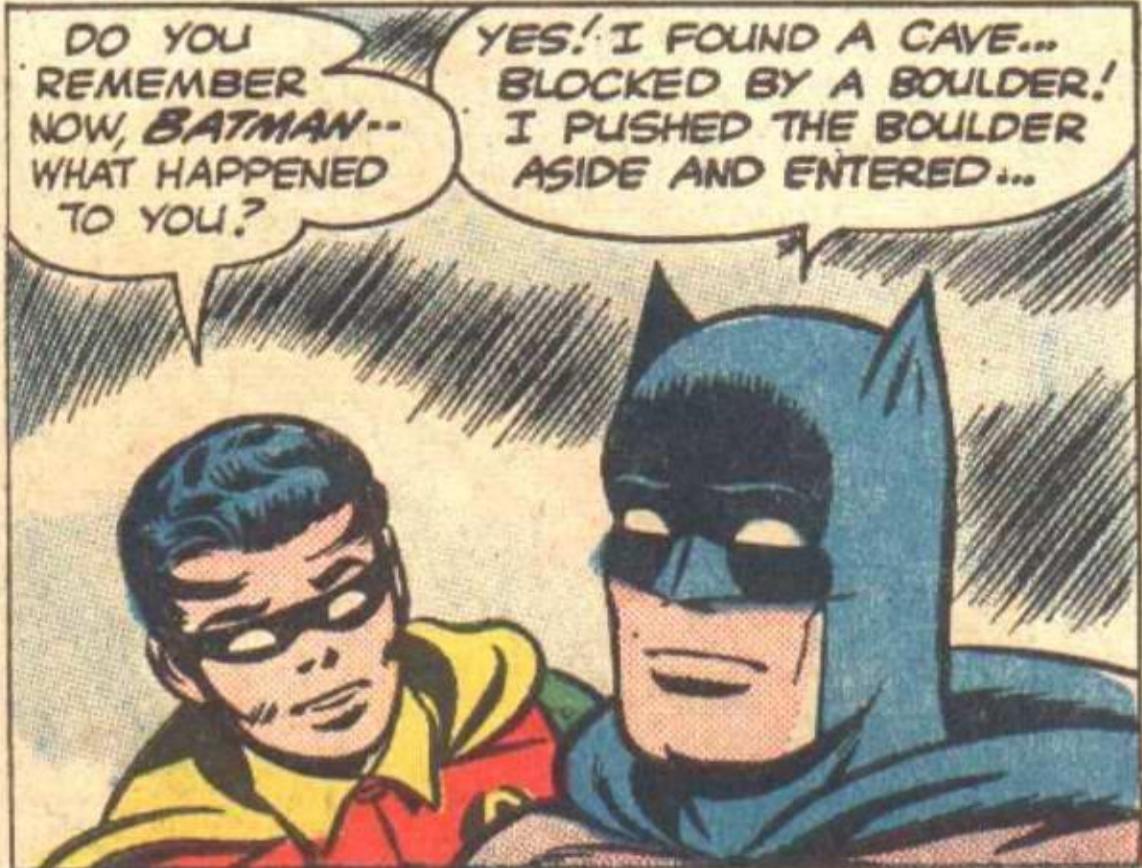
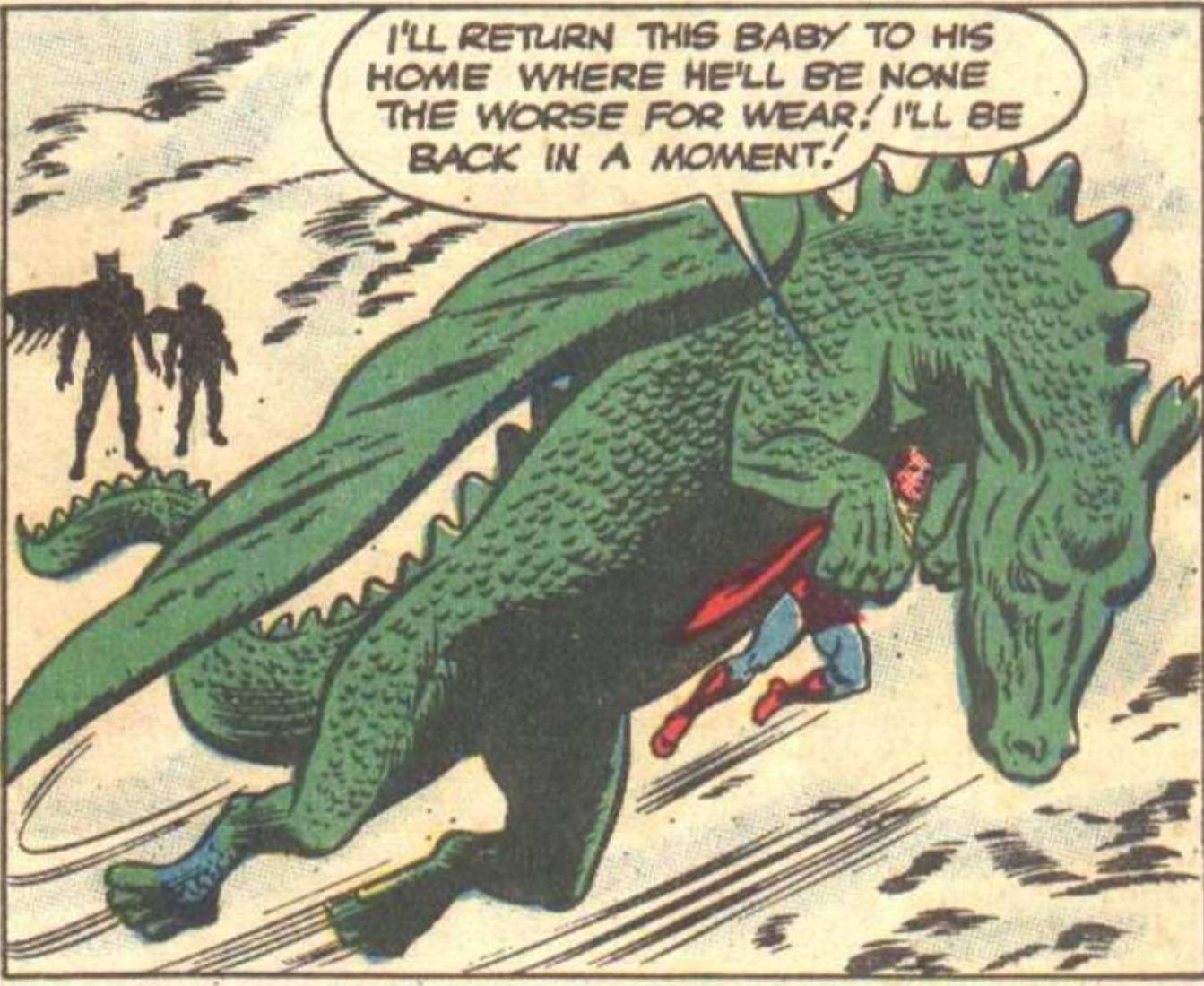
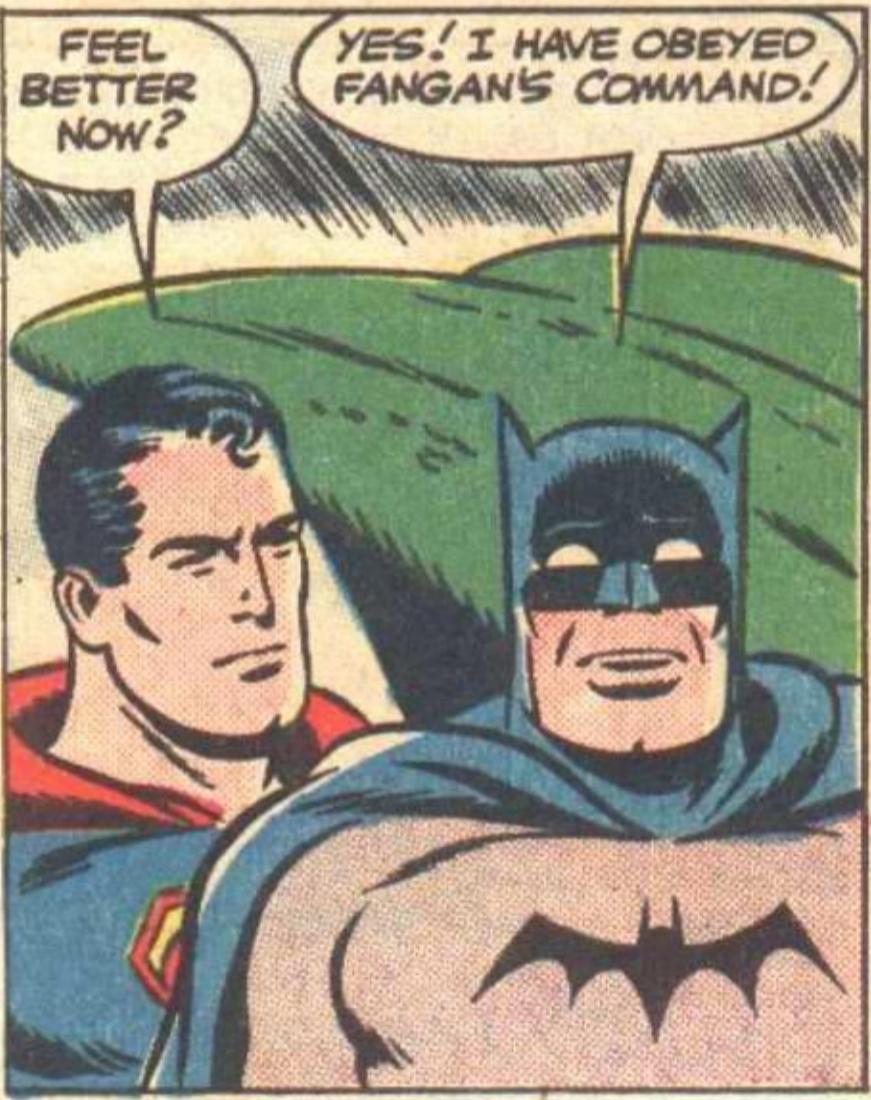
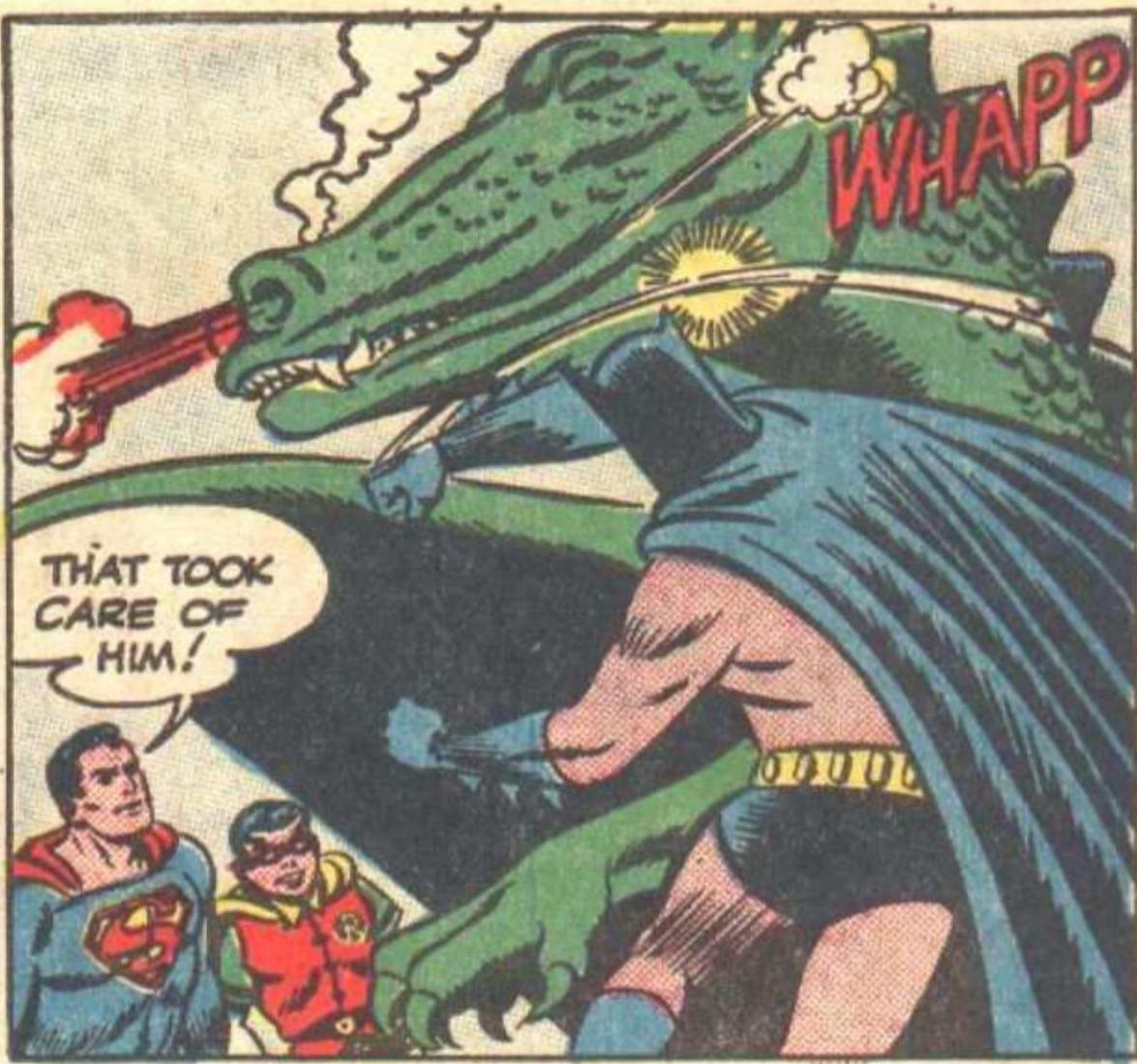
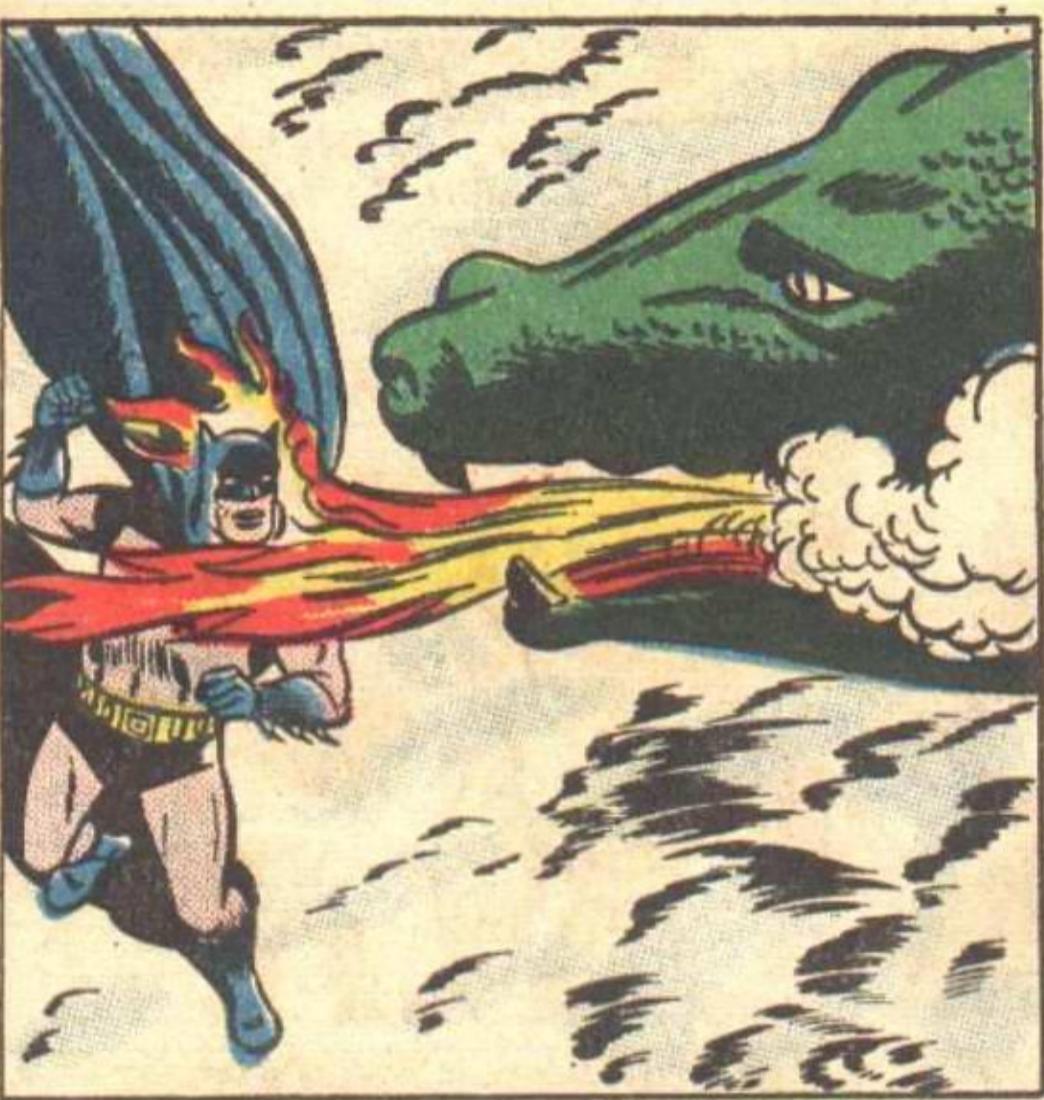


LITHE MUSCLES RIPPLING WITH SUPER STRENGTH, BATMAN LEAPS TO THE ATTACK...

BEHOLD, FANGAN! I DO AS YOU COMMANDED!



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THE SECOND COMMAND OF FANGAN... I MUST FULFILL IT AT ONCE! THERE IS BARELY TIME FOR ME TO REACH GOTHAM CITY!

TH-THE SECOND COMMAND? WHAT CAN THAT BE? WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO NOW?



MEANWHILE, IN GOTHAM CITY...

LOOK AT BATMAN WEARING THE CAP AND BELLS OF A JESTER!

WHY IS HE DOING THAT?

I MUST DO AS FANGAN ORDERED-- OR DIE!



BUT, BEFORE DUMPY CAN FLEE...

GREETINGS, HONORED SIR! I AM AT YOUR SERVICE!

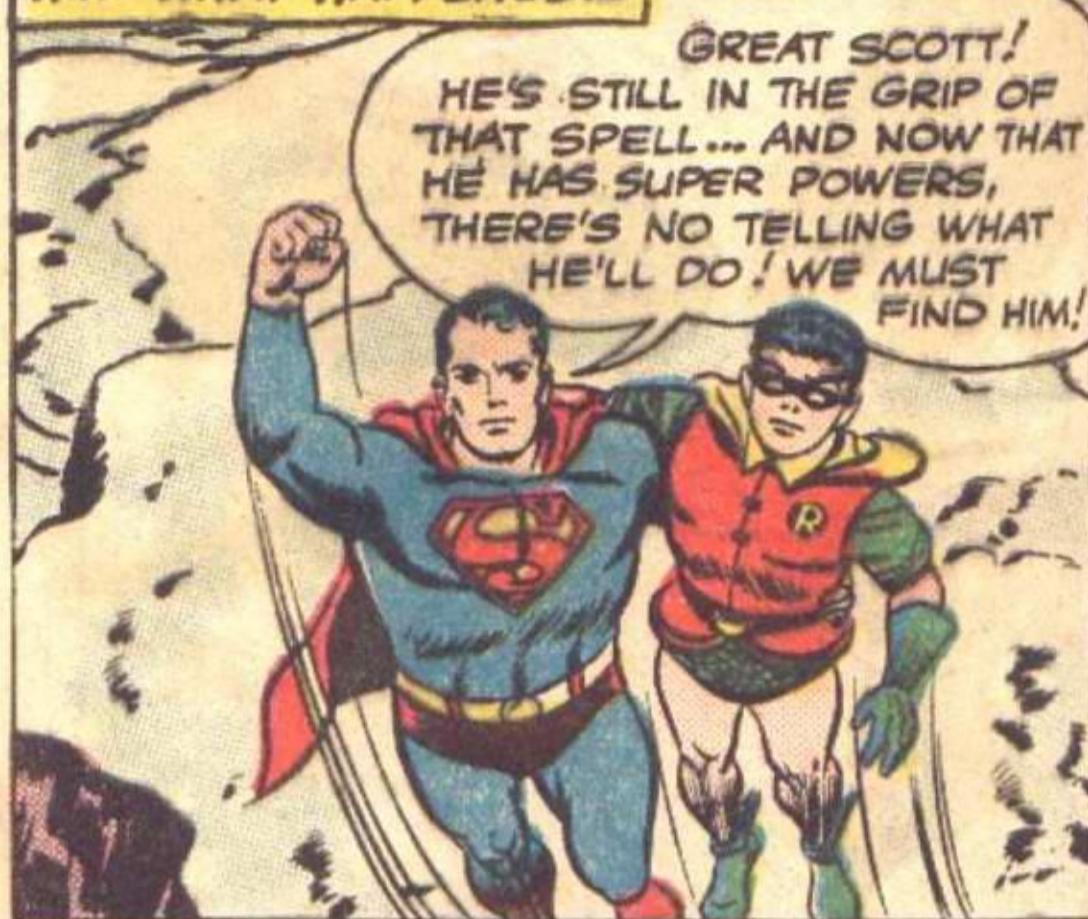
YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE, BATMAN! I ALREADY SERVED TIME FOR MY JOB! I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING! I'M CLEAN! HONEST!



WHEN SUPERMAN RETURNS, ROBIN TELLS HIM WHAT HAPPENED...

GREAT SCOTT!

HE'S STILL IN THE GRIP OF THAT SPELL... AND NOW THAT HE HAS SUPER POWERS, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE'LL DO! WE MUST FIND HIM!



AMONG THE ASTONISHED SPECTATORS IS DUMPY EVANS, A RECENTLY RELEASED PETTY CROOK...

MAYBE HE LOOKS LIKE A JESTER, BUT BATMAN'S NO LAUGHING MATTER TO ME! I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE FAST!



YOU MISTAKE ME, MY NOBLE FRIEND! I WISH TO DO A SERVICE FOR YOU-- NAME ANY DEED YOU WISH, AND IT WILL BE PERFORMED!

YOU DO SOMETHING FOR ME? WHO ARE YOU KIDDING? GO FIGHT CITY HALL!



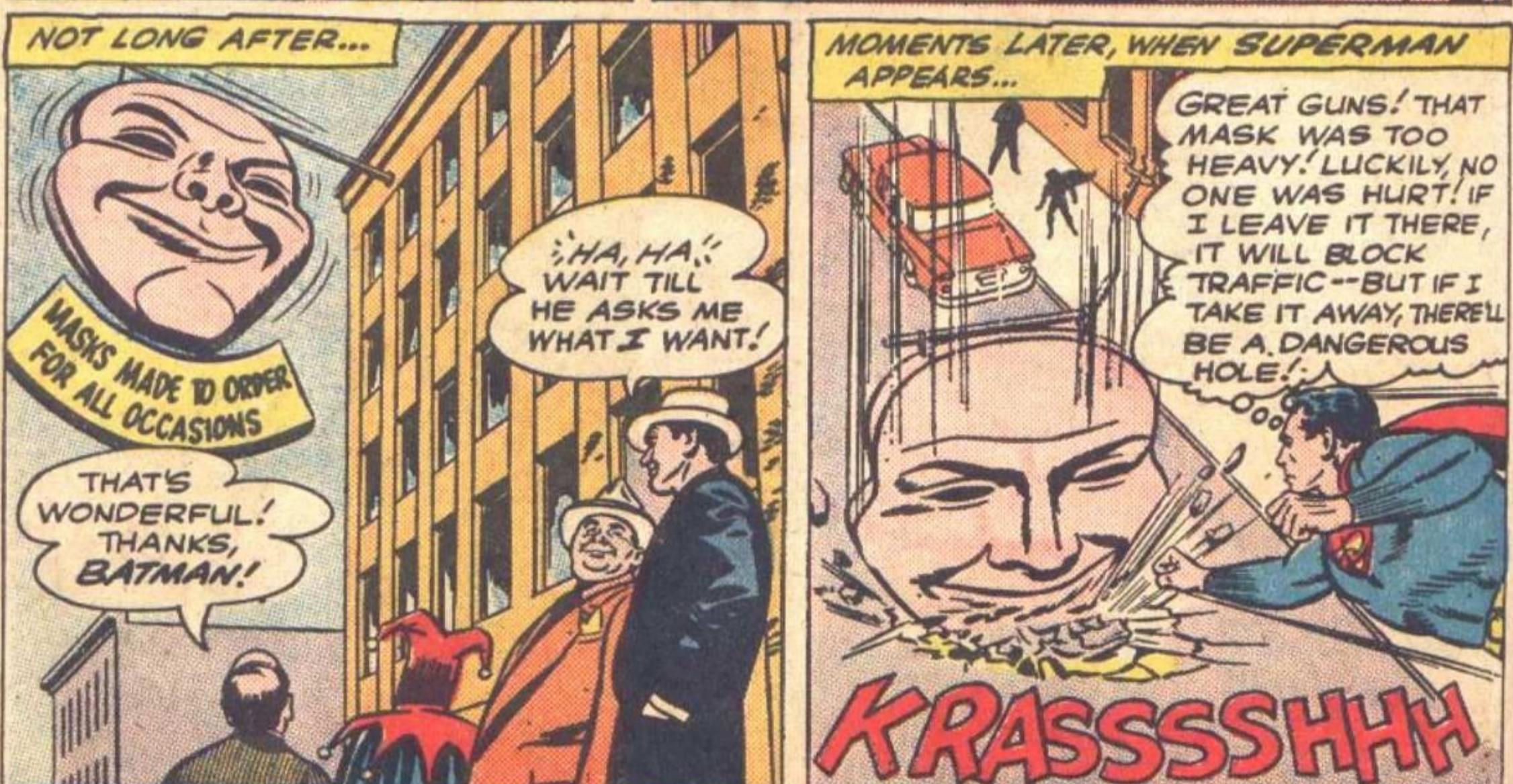


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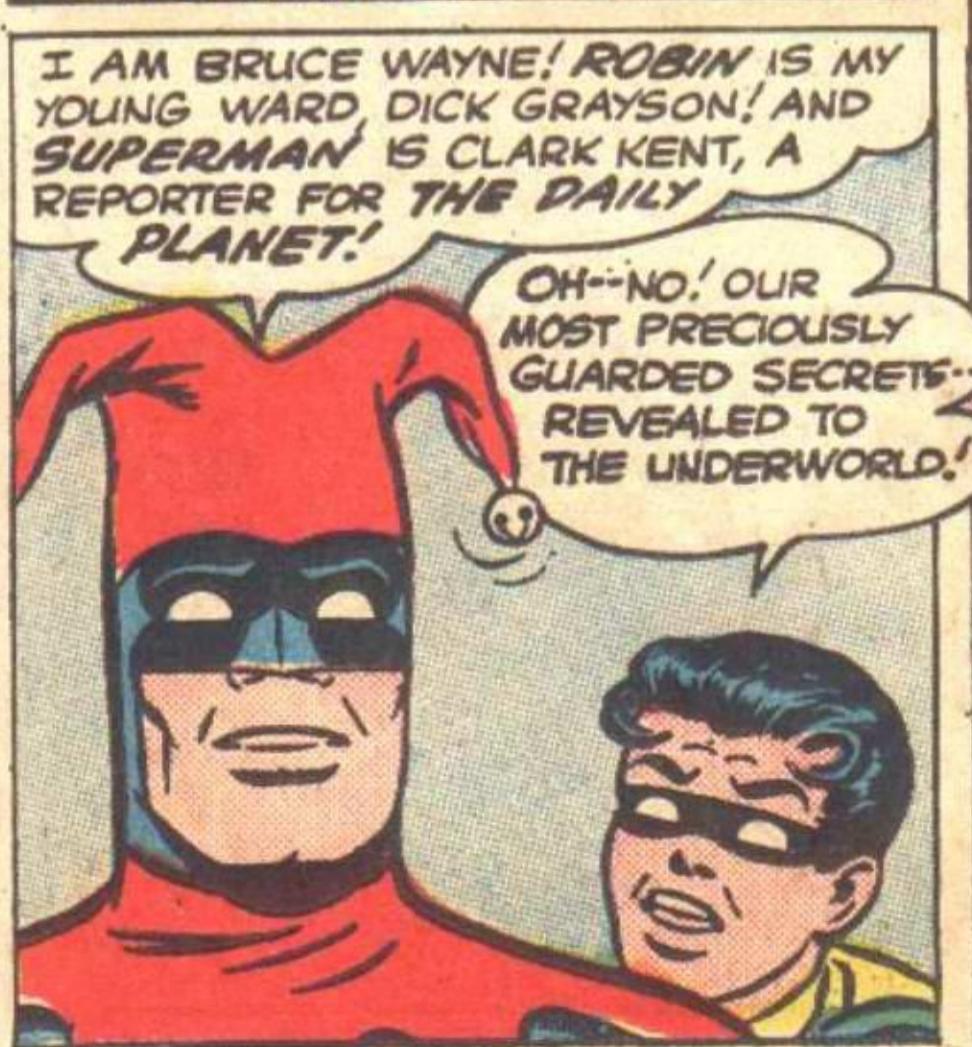
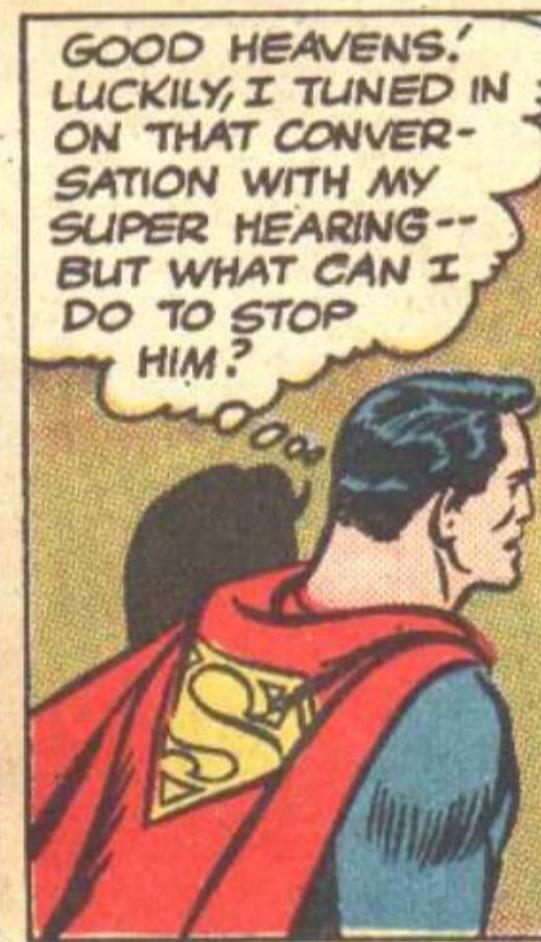
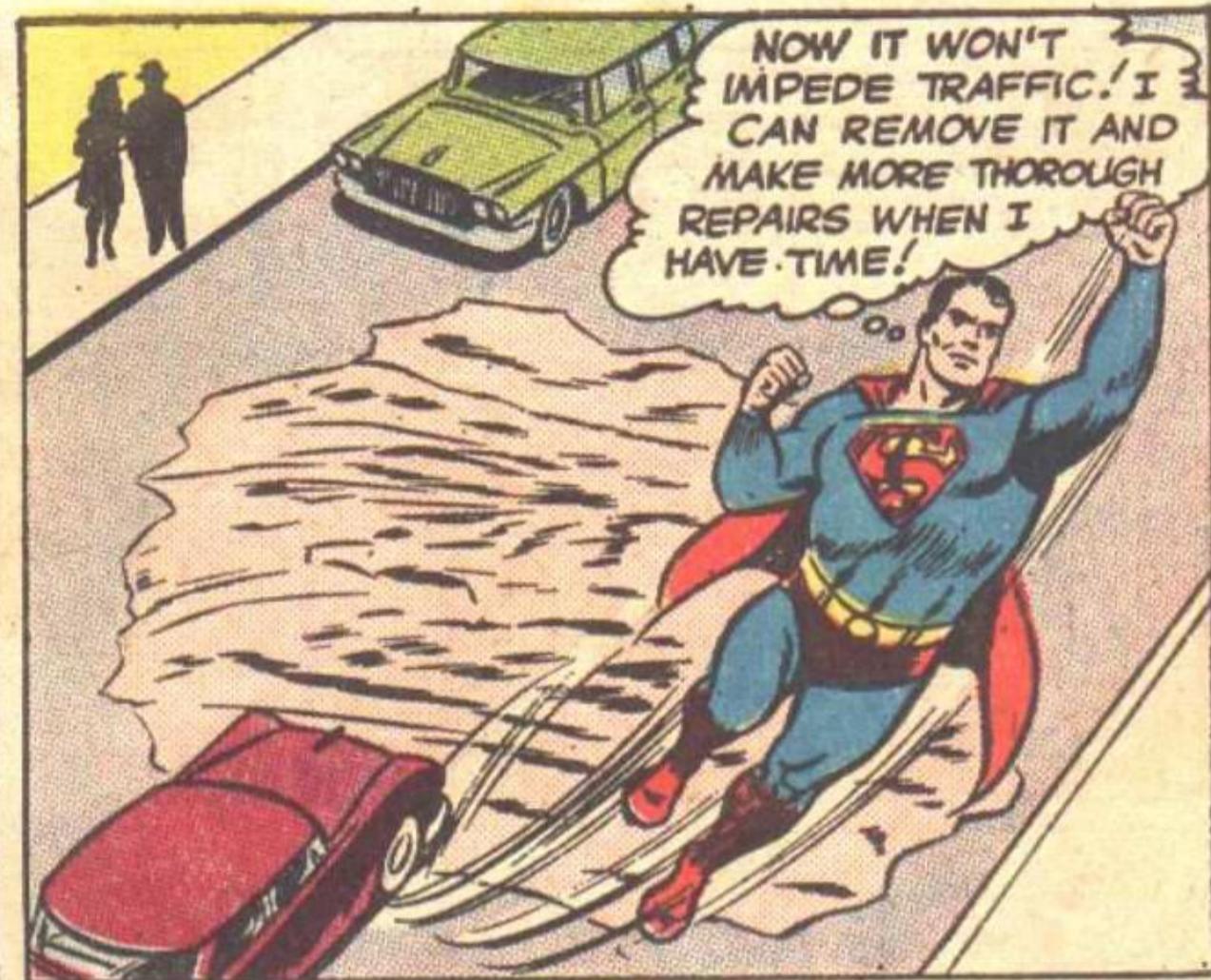




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MOMENTS LATER, AT THE HOUR OF ONE,  
SUPERMAN DELIVERS BEETLES TO THE  
POLICE AND RETURNS!

NOW, BATMAN  
CAN YOU TELL  
US WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO YOU?

YES! AS I PUSHED  
THE BOULDER ASIDE  
AND ENTERED THE  
CAVE, A FLAGON  
CRASHED TO THE CAVERN  
FLOOR! THE CAVE FILLED  
WITH A  
STRANGE  
MIST...

"WHEN IT CLEARED, I SAW THE WRITING ON  
THE WALL!"

THE COMMANDS  
OF FANGAN... I MUST  
OBEY OR DIE!

THOU SHALT DO AS  
FANGAN COMMANDS, OR DIE!

FIRST, THOU WILT CONQUER  
A DRAGON!  
SECOND, GO THOU TO MY  
NATIVE CITY, CLOTHED AS A  
JESTER, AND OFFER THY  
SERVICES TO ALL YOU  
MEET! THOU MUST DO  
WHATEVER THEY REQUEST...  
FROM THE HOUR OF  
NOON TO ONE!  
THIRD THOU WILT  
TELL ME HOW TO  
GROW A TALL

HMM... THERE MUST HAVE BEEN  
A RARE HERB IN THAT FLAGON,  
BALANCED ON THE BOULDER!  
WHEN YOU PUSHED IT ASIDE, THE  
FLAGON FELL AND SHATTERED!  
ITS CONTENTS HAD A HYPNOTIC  
EFFECT-- YOU REALLY BELIEVED  
YOU WOULD DIE IF YOU DIDN'T  
FOLLOW THOSE COMMANDS!

SUDDENLY... SUPERMAN!  
THANK GOODNESS  
I FOUND YOU! A FREAK FOREST  
FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE HILLS--  
ENCIRCLING AN ENTIRE VILLAGE.  
FIREFIGHTERS CAN'T GET  
THROUGH TO RESCUE THE  
TRAPPED INHABITANTS.

I'LL COME  
AT ONCE!

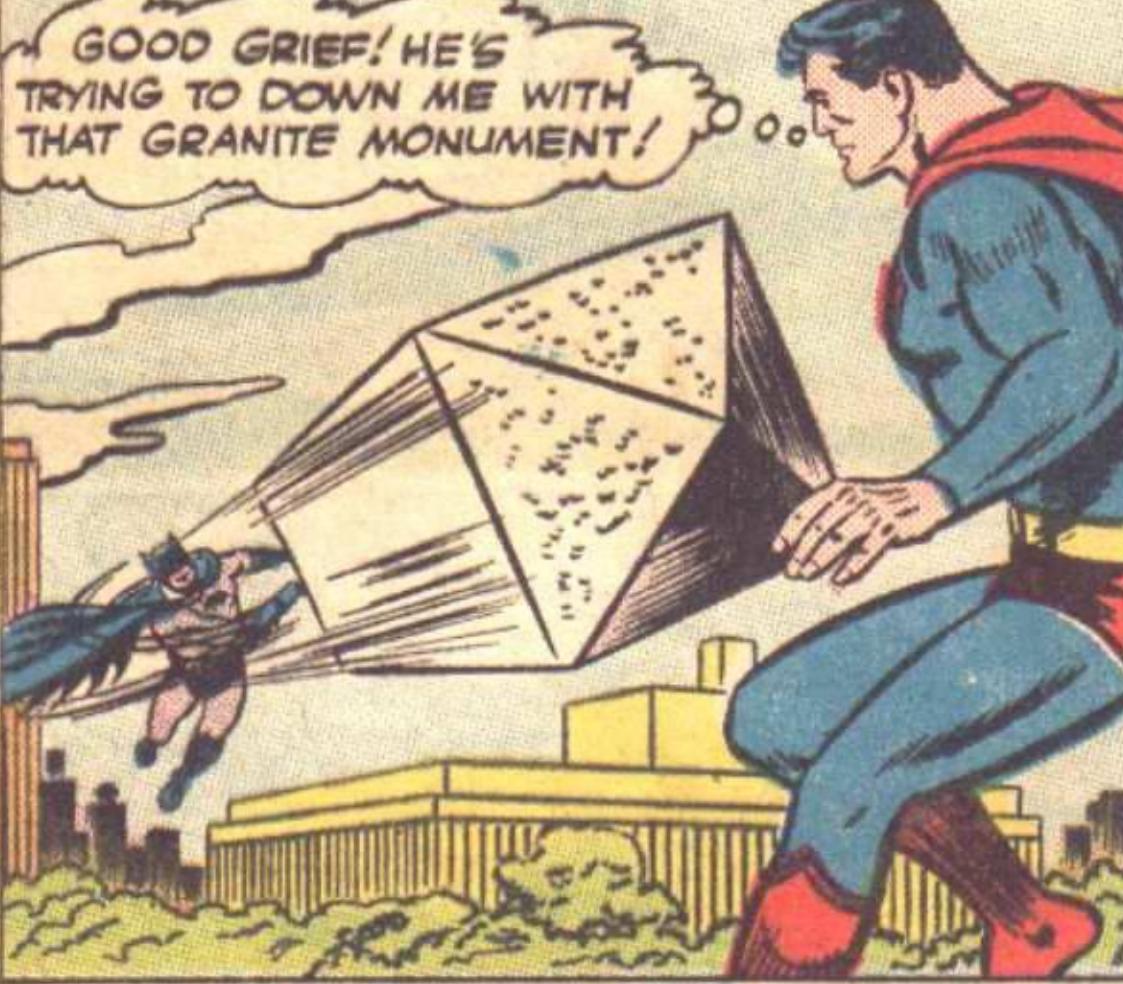
NOW THAT YOU HAVE  
SUPER POWERS, HOW  
ABOUT HELPING ME,  
BATMAN?

NO, I MUST USE  
THEM FOR ANOTHER  
PURPOSE! I NEED  
THEM TO OBEY  
FANGAN'S  
THIRD  
COMMAND!  
I MUST...

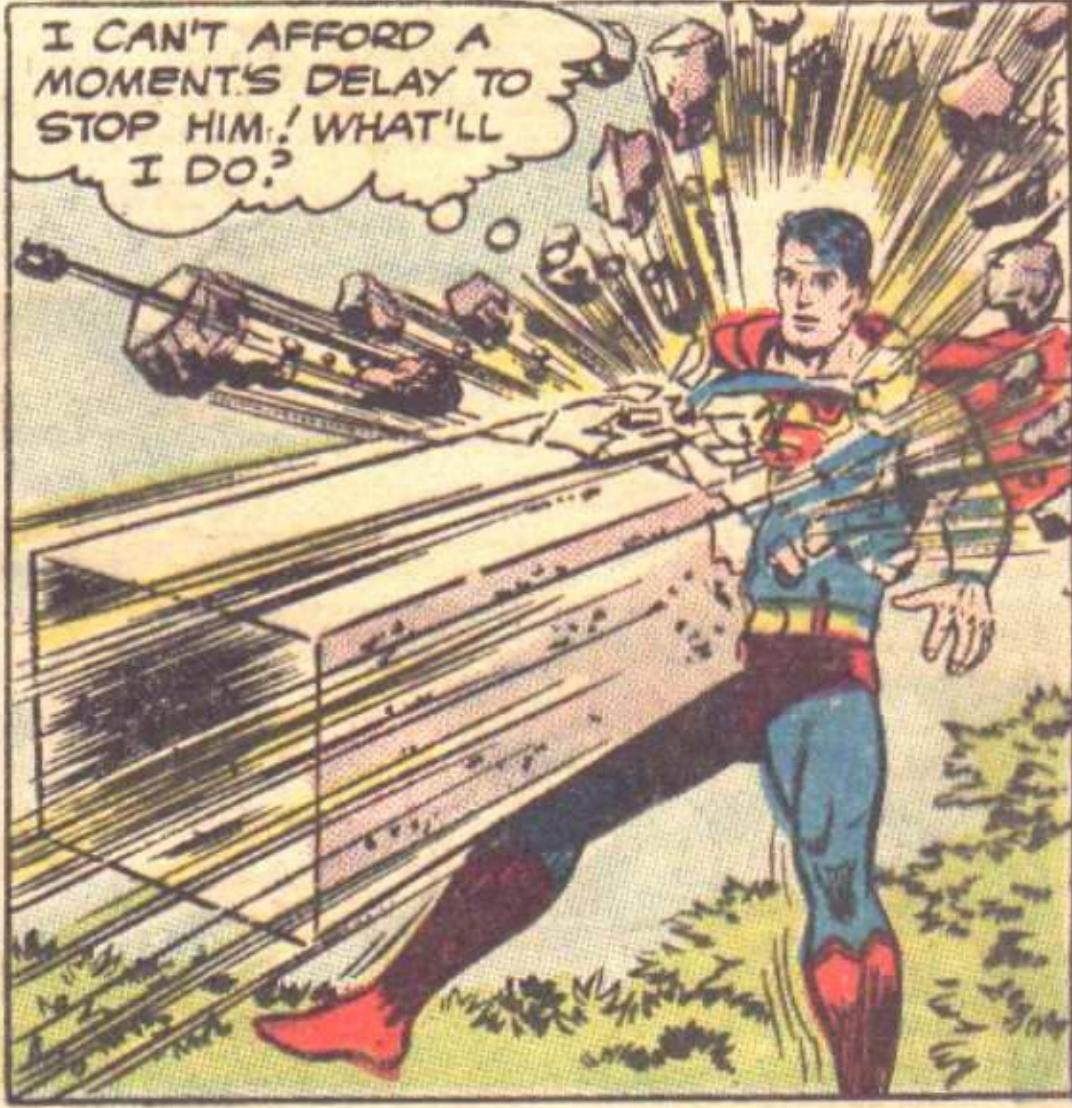
... FIGHT AND OVERPOWER  
THE WORLD'S  
STRONGEST MAN!

THAT'S ME! I'VE NO  
TIME TO ARGUE OR  
FIGHT HIM! I'M NEEDED  
AT THAT VILLAGE AT  
ONCE!

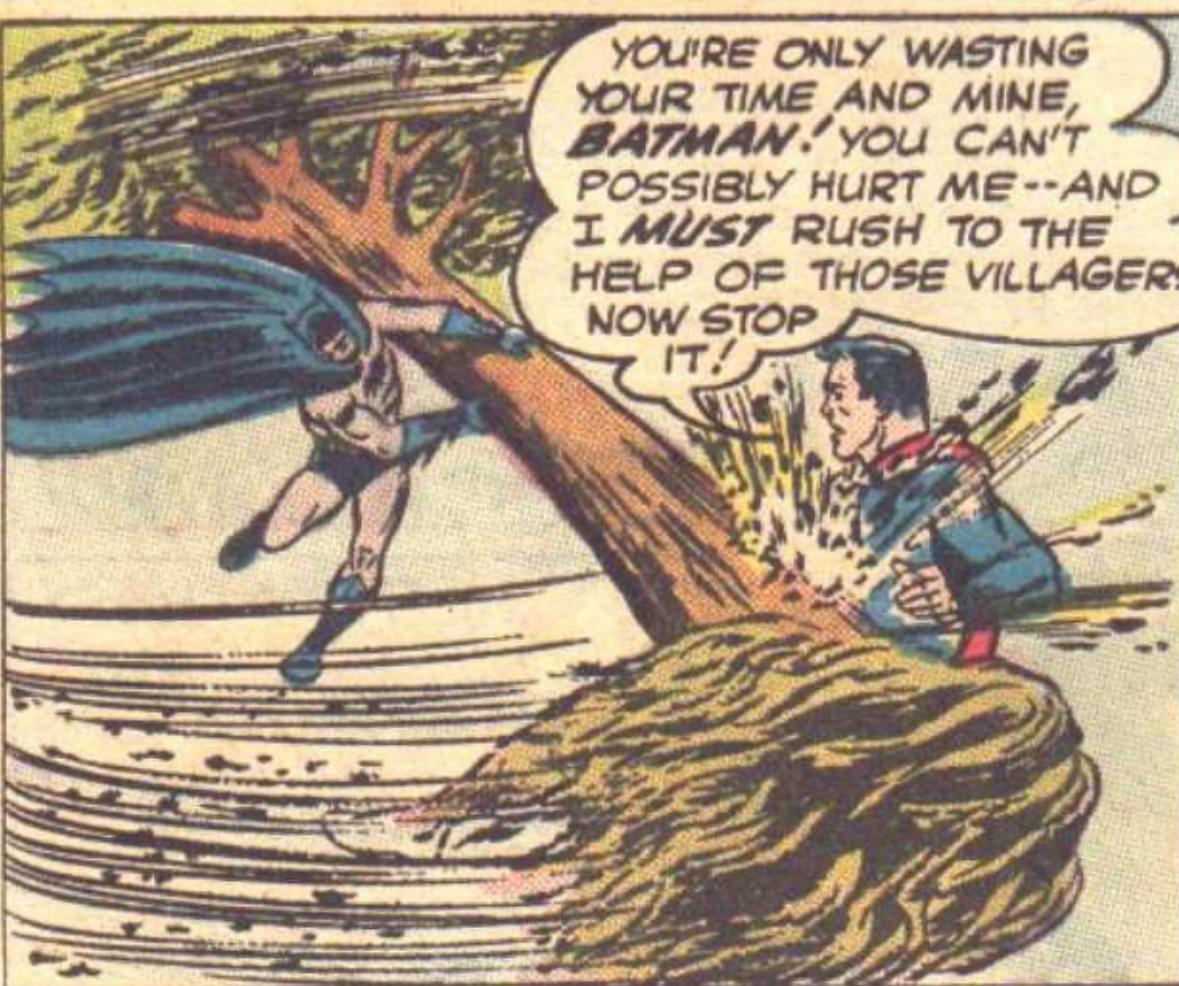
AND AS THE BEWITCHED BATMAN PURSES...



I CAN'T AFFORD A MOMENT'S DELAY TO STOP HIM! WHAT'LL I DO?



YOU'RE ONLY WASTING YOUR TIME AND MINE, BATMAN! YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY HURT ME -- AND I MUST RUSH TO THE HELP OF THOSE VILLAGERS! NOW STOP IT!



BUT IGNORING SUPERMAN'S PLEAS, THE SPELLBOUND BATMAN LASHES OUT AND GRAPPLES WITH HIS FOE...

IT'S LIKE AN IMMOVABLE OBJECT MEETING AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE! NEITHER OF US CAN MAKE ANY PROGRESS!



BUT AS HIS SUPER-POWERED MUSCLES ENABLE BATMAN TO HURL SUPERMAN TOWARDS THE STRATOSPHERE...



ABRUPTLY...





# BATMAN ANNUAL



SECONDS LATER, NEAR THE FLAME-ENCIRCLED VILLAGE...

NO TIME TO RESCUE THE PEOPLE, BUT I CAN FLY OVER THIS RIVER SO FAST, THE VACUUM I CREATE BEHIND WILL DRAW THE RIVER!

SOON...

NOW TO FLY RIGHT THROUGH THE FLAMES TO QUENCH THEM!

HMM... THAT'S WHAT I HOPED HE'D DO WHEN I PRETENDED TO LET MYSELF BE HURLED INTO SPACE! BATMAN CAME TO HIS SENSES AND USED HIS SUPER POWERS TO HANDLE THE EMERGENCY HIMSELF!

THAT NIGHT, IN THE BAT-CAVE, WHEN THE TRIO CELEBRATES BATMAN'S RETURN TO NORMALCY...

I DID SOME SEARCHING WITH MY X-RAY VISION TODAY, AND CAME ACROSS THIS DOCUMENT WRITTEN BY FANGAN! APPARENTLY, HE SET A TRAP FOR A KNIGHT HE HATED! HE WROTE, "I SHALL TELL HIM OF A TREASURE HIDDEN IN THE CAVE, AND...

"...WHEN HE ENTERS..."

HE WILL SEND THIS FLAGON CRASHING TO THE FLOOR!

FUMES FROM THE RARE HERB IT CONTAINS WILL MAKE HIM BELIEVE HE WILL PERISH IF HE DOES NOT FOLLOW MY COMMANDS! THUS, HE WILL HUMBLE HIMSELF AS A JESTER BEFORE HE IS KILLED IN A FIGHT WITH THE WORLD'S STRONGEST MORTAL-- SIR BORS!

THOU SHALT DO AS FANGAN COMMANDS, OR DIE!

FIRST! THOU WILT CONQUER A FLAGON.  
SECOND, GO...OU...  
"AHH!" "Y GLOH 'D... A  
, "GMR, , ID .X. B, TH  
6L, Z, E'S 10 AL: "OU  
MEH THOU , JUST DO  
WHA... JER THE, RE, "E, T...  
FUCH T, T HUJR ,"

HOWEVER, FANGAN DIED BEFORE HE COULD TELL THAT KNIGHT, AND YOU STUMBLED INTO IT--800 YEARS LATER!

IT COULD HAVE BEEN FATAL TO ME--IF I DIDN'T HAVE SUCH SUPER FRIENDS-- AND I MEAN BOTH OF YOU!

# BATMAN

With  
**ROBIN**  
THE BOY WONDER

**T**HE STRANGEST OF ALL DOOMS STRIKES **BATMAN**, AND GIVES HIM A POWER NO HUMAN BEING HAS EVER POSSESSED BEFORE!

BUT IT ALSO GIVES HIM A HANDICAP AT THE VERY TIME WHEN HE AND **ROBIN** FACE A SUPREME STRUGGLE! INDEED, CRIMINALS CHUCKLE WITH DELIGHT WHEN THEY LEARN ABOUT...

## THE PHANTOM BATMAN

ONE FATEFUL NIGHT, AS "SOCIETY PLAYBOY" BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, PREPARE FOR ACTION...



WE'LL START EARLY TONIGHT, DICK... WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE HIDEOUT OF LEN LANDERS' MOB OF THIEVES!

I'M NOT HOPEFUL, BRUCE... THEY'VE STAGED THREE BIG ROBBERIES, AND WE HAVEN'T FOUND THEIR BASE YET!

CHANGING COSTUME IN THE HIDDEN **BAT-CAVE** UNDER THEIR MANSION, THEY BEGIN A GRIM SEARCH AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**...

WE'VE COMBED THIS INDUSTRIAL SECTION. WITHOUT FINDING LANDERS' HIDEOUT!

BATMAN, LOOK! A FIRE--AT THE GOTHAM ELECTRONICS COMPANY!





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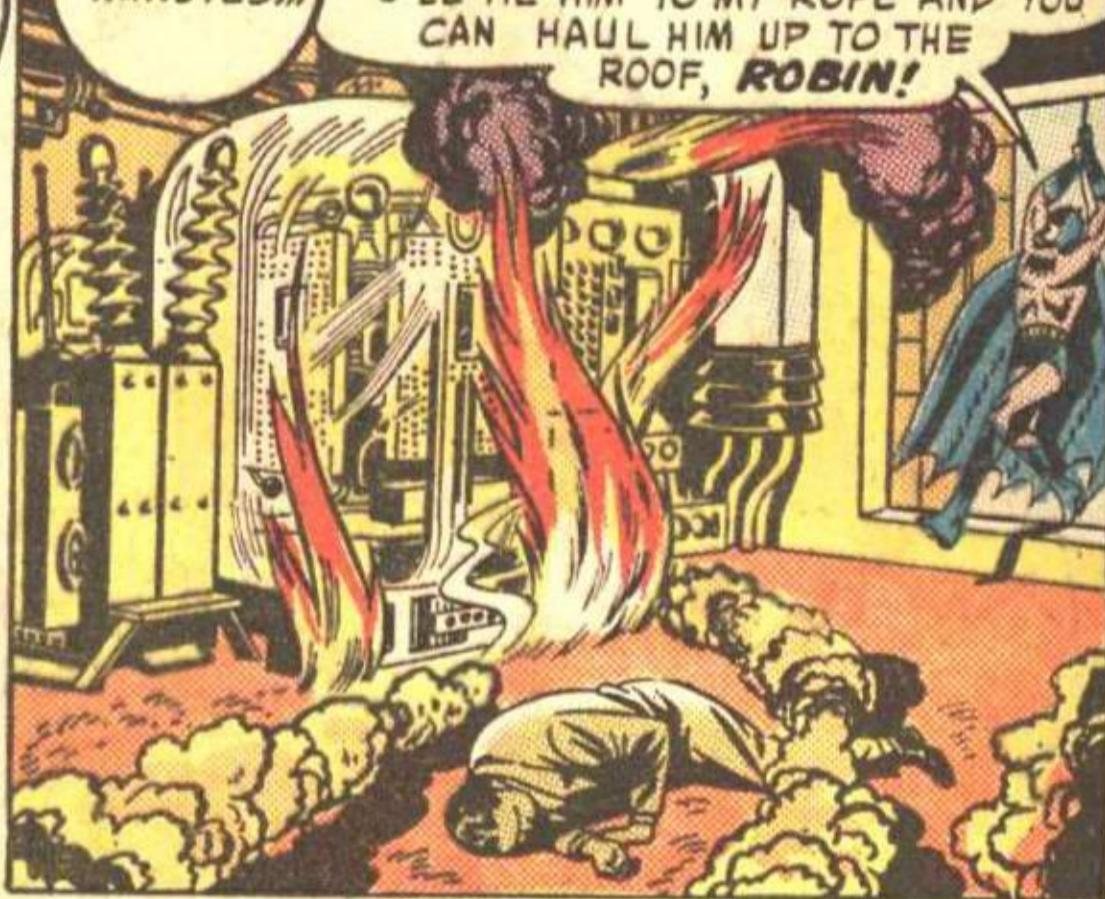
THE MIGHTY BATMOBILE SWIFTLY REACHES THE SCENE...

HURRY, BATMAN! THIS IS OUR BIG EXPERIMENTAL ELECTRONICS LABORATORY-- AND ONE OF OUR MEN IS STILL UP THERE, OVERCOME BY SMOKE!

WE CAN'T GO THROUGH THOSE BLAZING LOWER FLOORS, BUT WE CAN REACH THE ROOF FROM THE NEXT BUILDING! COME ON, ROBIN!

WITHIN MINUTES...

THERE HE IS-- AND THE FIRE'S JUST REACHING THIS FLOOR! I'LL TIE HIM TO MY ROPE AND YOU CAN HAUL HIM UP TO THE ROOF, ROBIN!

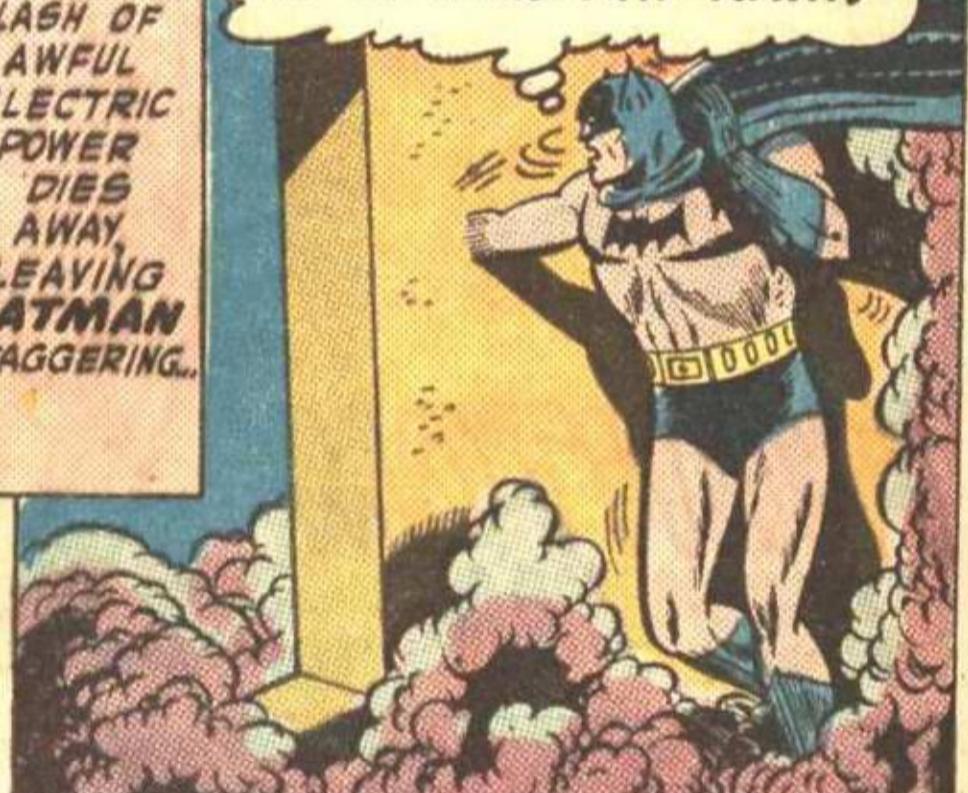
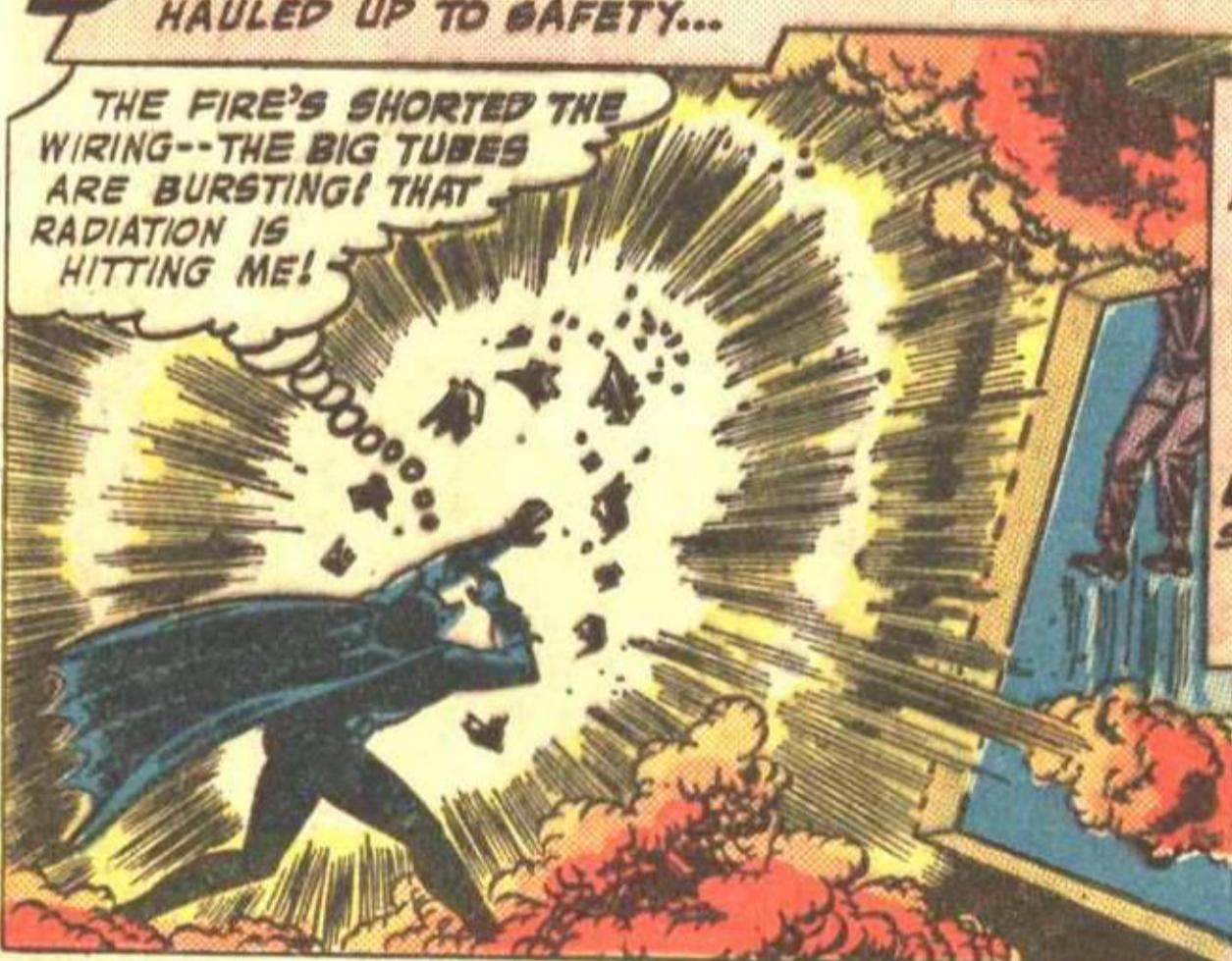


BUT, JUST AS THE UNCONSCIOUS SMOKE-VICTIM IS HAULED UP TO SAFETY...

THE FIRE'S SHORTED THE WIRING-- THE BIG TUBES ARE BURSTING! THAT RADIATION IS HITTING ME!

AS THE FLASH OF AWFUL ELECTRIC POWER DIES AWAY, LEAVING BATMAN STAGGERING...

= WHWEE THAT BLAST OF FORCE DIDN'T SEEM TO HURT ME, BUT... BUT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MY HAND AND ARM?



A ND WHEN A WORRIED ROBIN SLIDES DOWN TO JOIN BATMAN MOMENTS LATER...

I GOT THAT MAN SAFELY INTO THE FIREFIGHTERS' HANDS AND... BATMAN! MY HANDS -- THEY WENT RIGHT THROUGH YOU!

I KNOW... AND I CAN WALK THROUGH SOLID MATTER NOW! THAT FREAK BLAST OF ELECTRIC FORCE MUST HAVE REVERSED THE ATOMS OF MY BODY!

SEE?... EVERY ATOM OF ORDINARY MATTER HAS A POSITIVE ELECTRIC CHARGE AT ITS CENTER-- BUT THAT NEGATIVE ELECTRIC FORCE HAS GIVEN MY ATOMS A NEGATIVE CHARGE!

SO THAT'S WHY YOU CAN PASS THROUGH SOLID OBJECTS! BATMAN, THIS IS TERRIBLE-- UNEARTHLY!





# BATMAN ANNUAL

YOU USE THE ROPE-- I CAN WALK OUT THROUGH A WALL WITHOUT ANYONE SEEING! NO ONE MUST LEARN WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME!

YES-- IF CROOKS LIKE LANDERS DISCOVER YOU CAN'T GRAB OR STOP THEM NOW, THEY'LL REALLY RUN WILD!

AS THE STUNNED DUO RETURNS TO THE BAT-CAVE...

WE MUST TRY TO UNDO WHAT HAPPENED TO ME! I EXAMINED THE WIRING THAT CAUSED THE FREAK FORCE, AND MAYBE WE CAN USE A REVERSED, POSITIVE FORCE TO MAKE ME NORMAL AGAIN!

I'LL GET ALFRED TO HELP ME, SINCE YOU CAN'T HANDLE INSTRUMENTS NOW!

WHEN BATMAN'S LOYAL BUTLER ARRIVES...

YOU LOOK SOLID, SIR, AND I CAN SEE AND HEAR YOU-- YET, YOU'RE NOT THERE! IT'S EXTRAORDINARY YOU DON'T SINK RIGHT THROUGH THE FLOOR!

THAT'S BECAUSE THE ELECTRIC CHARGE NULLIFIED MY WEIGHT, ALFRED! BUT THE CHARGE DOESN'T AFFECT LIGHT OR SOUND WAVES, SO I CAN SEE, SPEAK AND HEAR!

THIS IS THE HIGHEST-POWER POSITIVE ELECTRIC CHARGE WE CAN PRODUCE! IS IT WORKING ON YOU?

I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING!

IT-- IT DIDN'T CHANGE ME BACK TO NORMAL! NO POWER WE CAN PRODUCE IS STRONG ENOUGH TO MATCH THAT FREAK BLAST OF ENERGY!

THEN YOU'LL STAY LIKE THIS PERMANENTLY? OH, NO, BATMAN!

WE'LL FIND A WAY SOONER OR LATER TO UNDO THIS-- BUT RIGHT NOW, WE'VE GOT TO KEEP AFTER THE LANDERS MOB! UNLESS WE FIND THEM, THEY'LL STRIKE AGAIN!

BUT-- HOW CAN YOU GO INTO ACTION WHEN YOU CAN'T TOUCH OR HOLD ANYONE?

YOU'LL BE MY HANDS, ROBIN... AND DON'T FORGET, MY NEW HANDICAP MAY HELP OUR SEARCH FOR LANDERS' HIDEOUT, NOW THAT I CAN WALK THROUGH WALLS!

THAT'S TRUE-- BUT BE CAREFUL, THEY MUSTN'T LEARN HOW YOU'VE CHANGED!

NEXT MORNING...

IF ONLY WE COULD GET MORE POWER INTO THAT PROJECTOR, IT MIGHT WORK!

FORGET IT, FOR NOW, ROBIN! TAKE ME TO THE NORTH BRIDGE SECTION... THAT'S WHERE LANDERS FORMERLY HUNG OUT, AND I MAY PICK UP A TRAIL TO HIM THERE!

AND AS THE PHANTOM BATMAN BEGINS AN INCREDIBLE SEARCH...

THIS WAS ONE OF LANDERS' FORMER HAUNTS-- I'LL TAKE A LOOK!

WE MUST FIND SOME POWER THAT WILL RETURN BATMAN TO NORMAL... BUT HOW?

JUST THEN...

FLASH! A WORKMAN HAS BEEN TRAPPED BY THE CAVE-IN OF THE NEW SUBWAY TUNNEL!

HEAR THAT, BATMAN? MAYBE, WITH YOUR NEW POWER, YOU COULD HELP!



UPON REACHING THE SCENE OF THE DISASTER...

IT'LL TAKE DAYS TO CLEAR THE CAVE-IN AND LOCATE THE TRAPPED MAN! THEY COULD SAVE HIM ONLY IF THEY KNEW EXACTLY WHERE HE IS!

I'LL HAVE A CLOSER LOOK, COMMISSIONER!



HAVE TO BE CAREFUL... NO ONE--NOT EVEN THE TRAPPED MAN--MUST SEE ME DO THIS!

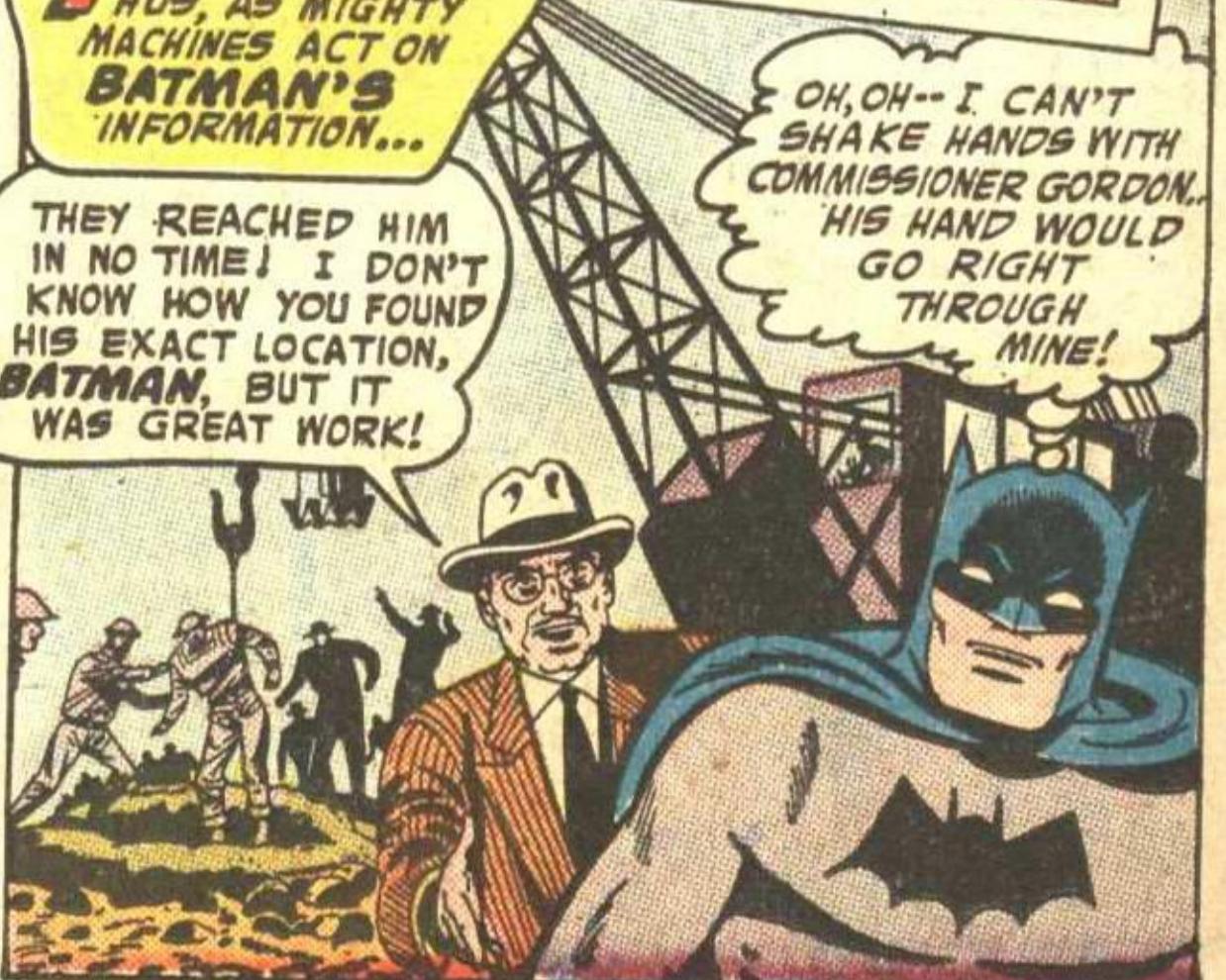


HELP! IT'S NO USE... NO ONE CAN HEAR ME!

I CAN... AND I'LL BE ABLE TO TELL THE OTHERS WHERE HE IS!

THUS, AS MIGHTY MACHINES ACT ON BATMAN'S INFORMATION...

THEY REACHED HIM IN NO TIME! I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU FOUND HIS EXACT LOCATION, BATMAN, BUT IT WAS GREAT WORK!



OH, OH-- I CAN'T SHAKE HANDS WITH COMMISSIONER GORDON. HIS HAND WOULD GO RIGHT THROUGH MINE!



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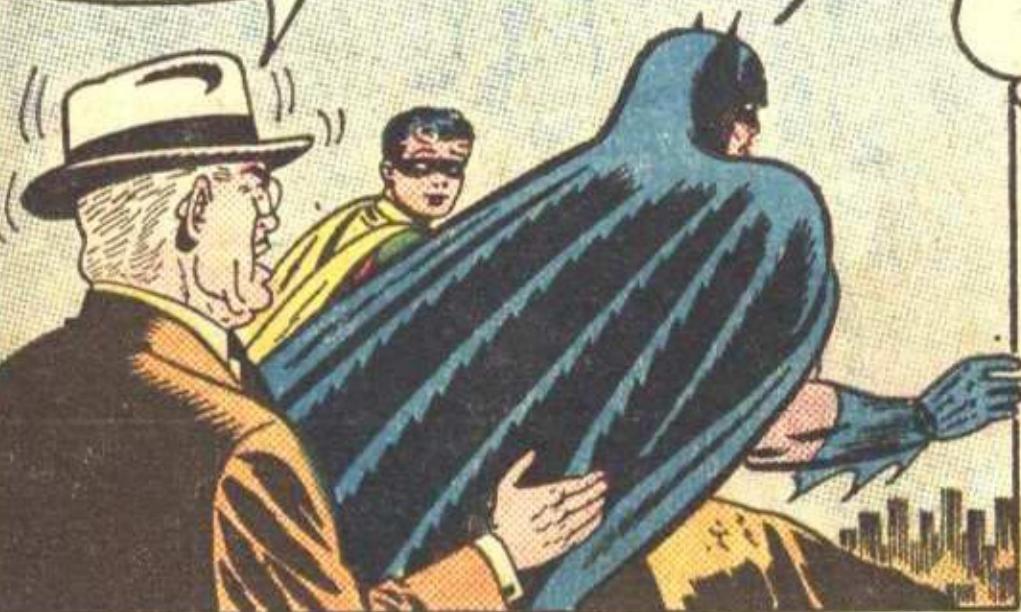
EH--? HAVE I OFFENDED YOU IN SOME WAY, BATMAN?

NO,-- I'M JUST...ER... BUSY, COMMISSIONER! COME ON, ROBIN!

AND AS BATMAN CONTINUES HIS PHANTOM SEARCH FOR A THIEF'S TRAIL...

YEAH, IT COST LANDERS PLENTY FOR THE PLACE-- BUT THAT SHELTER IS WORTH IT!

SHELTER? THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING!



ROBIN-- REMEMBER WHEN SEVERAL RICH MEN HAD AIR-RAID SHELTERS DUG UNDER THEIR MANSIONS? ONE OF THOSE WOULD MAKE AN IDEAL HIDEOUT FOR THIEVES!

I THINK YOU'VE GOT IT, BATMAN! WE'LL CHECK EACH OF THOSE MANSIONS!

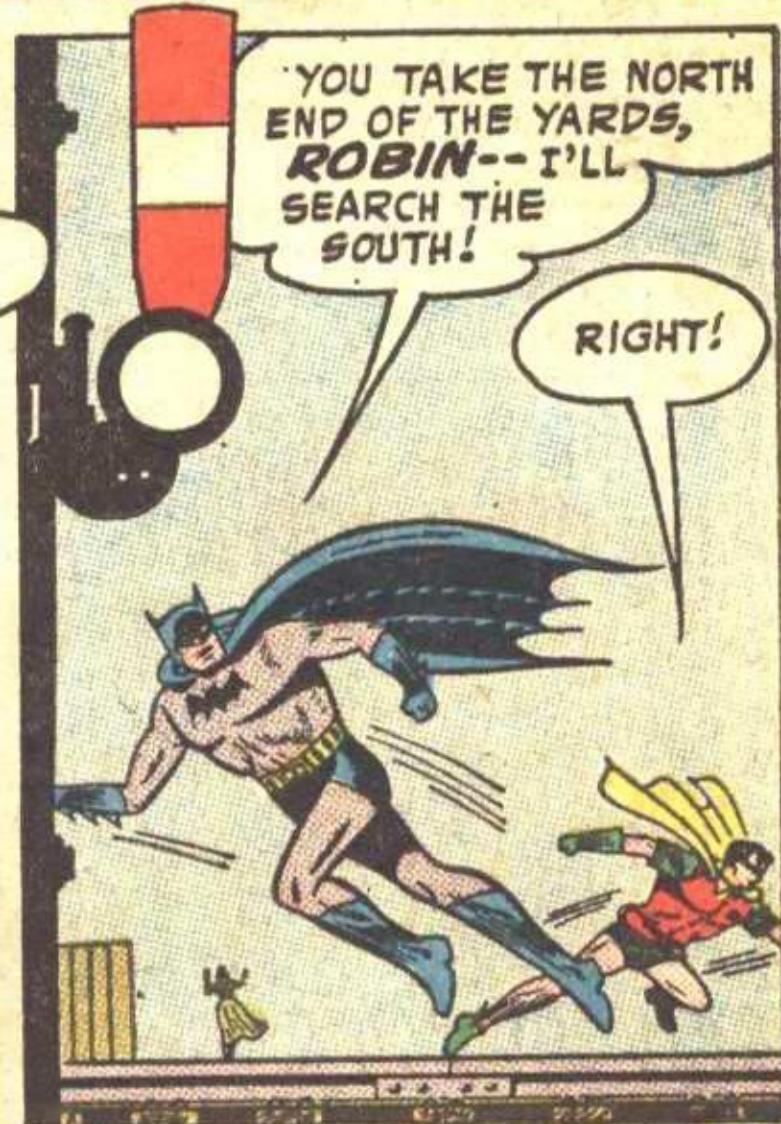
BUT AS THE SEARCH NARROWS DOWN...

WE'VE CHECKED ALL EXCEPT THE DAWSON MANSION AND... WAIT-- PULL UP, ROBIN! THAT WOMAN IS HAILING US!

BATMAN! MY BABY BOY HAS WANDERED OFF... I'M AFRAID HE MAY BE IN THE RAILROAD YARDS!

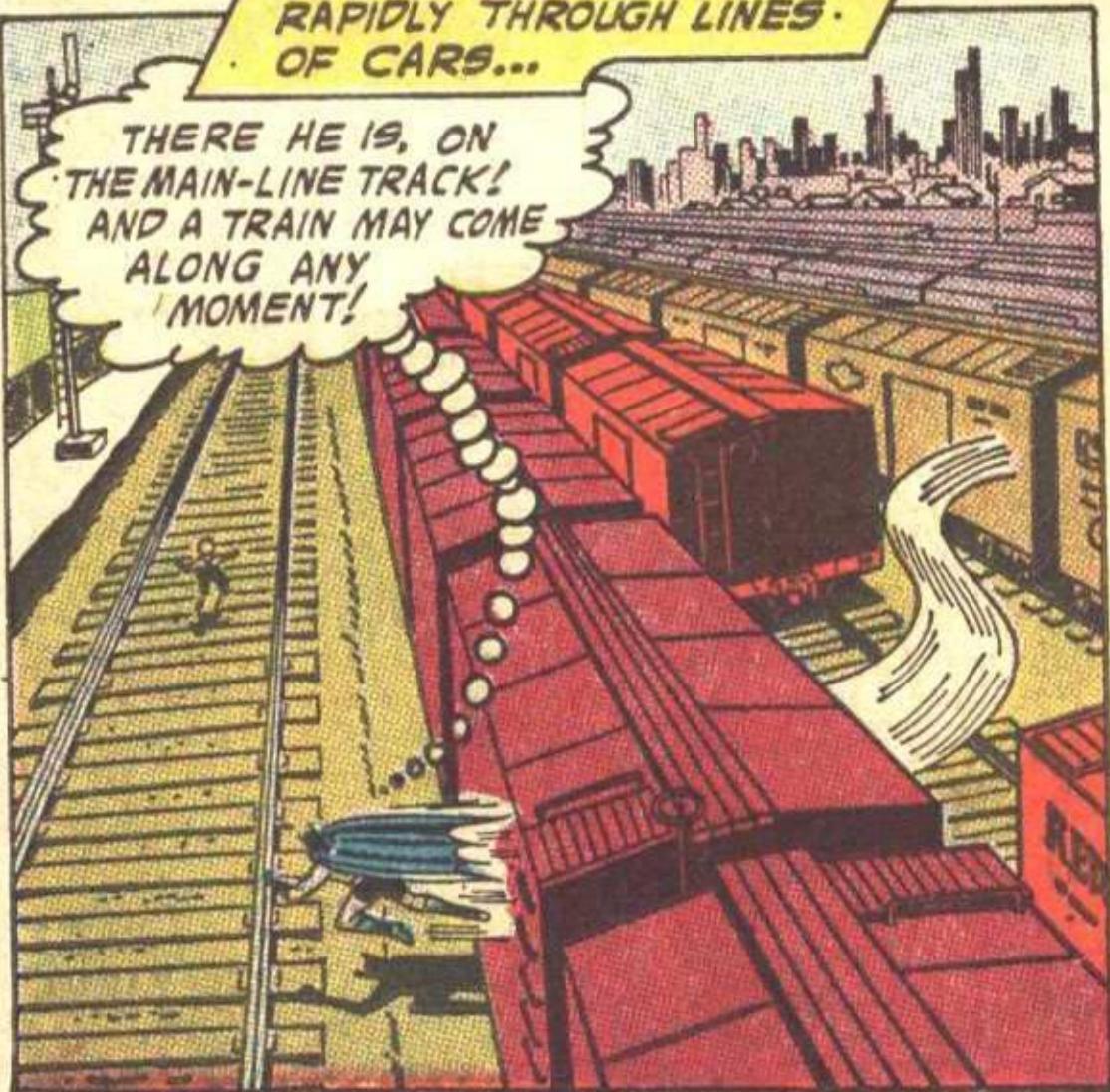
YOU TAKE THE NORTH END OF THE YARDS, ROBIN-- I'LL SEARCH THE SOUTH!

RIGHT!



AS BATMAN RACES RAPIDLY THROUGH LINES OF CARS...

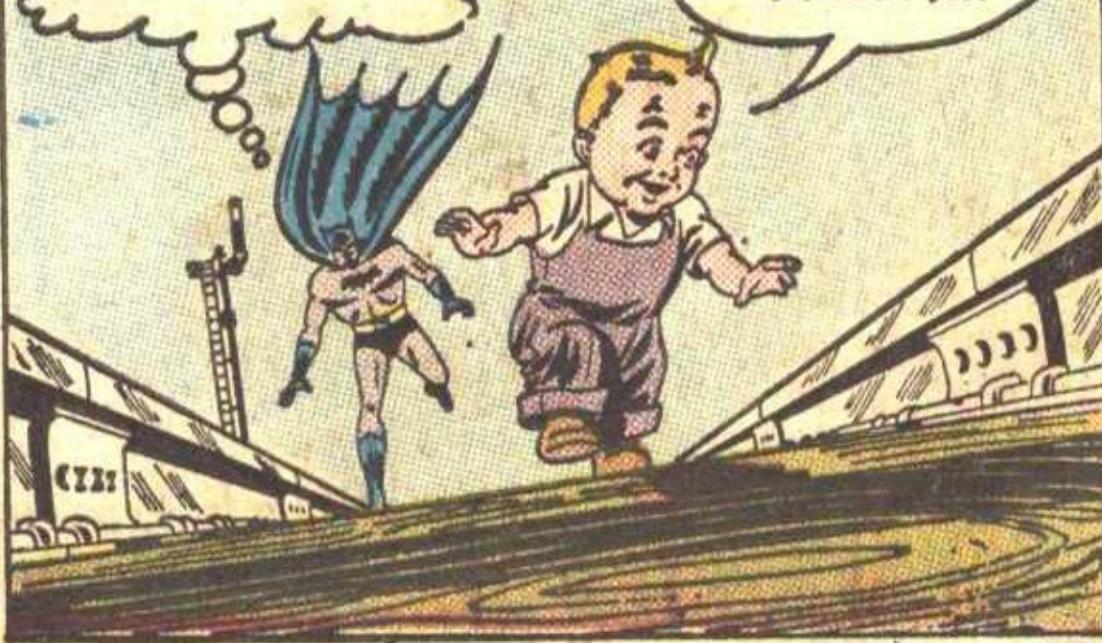
THERE HE IS, ON THE MAIN-LINE TRACK! AND A TRAIN MAY COME ALONG ANY MOMENT!



THE PHANTOM LAWMAN FACES A DIRE PROBLEM...

I CAN'T PICK HIM UP-- CAN'T EVEN TOUCH HIM! AND THE BRIGHT TRACKS FASCINATE HIM... HE'LL STAY RIGHT BETWEEN THEM!

BRIGHT... PRETTY...





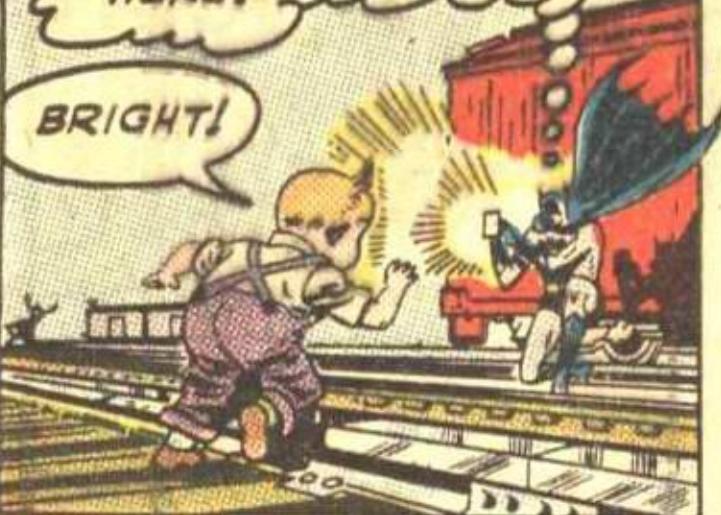
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QUICKLY, BATMAN RESORTS TO A CLEVER STRATEGEM...

SINCE THIS MIRROR, FROM MY UTILITY-BELT, WAS SUBJECTED TO THE SAME ELECTRICAL FORCE, I'M ABLE TO HOLD IT! IT'S LURING HIM OFF THE TRACK-- AND WILL KEEP HIM OFF TILL HIS MOTHER GETS HERE!

BRIGHT!



LATER, AS THE PAIR RESUMES ITS SEARCH...

THIS IS THE DAWSON MANSION-- BUT IT LOOKS EMPTY!

YES-- DAWSON DIED RECENTLY, AND THE PLACE WAS SOLD! IT'S THE AIR-RAID SHELTER UNDERNEATH THAT I WANT TO SEE!



AND, SURE ENOUGH, DOWN BELOW...

THIS IS IT! THERE'S THE LOOT STOLEN BY THE LANDERS RING!

AND NO ONE'S HERE... WE CAN RECOVER THIS LOOT, AND THEN SET A TRAP FOR THEM WHEN THEY RETURN!



BUT THE TRAP HAS ALREADY BEEN SET-- FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN!...

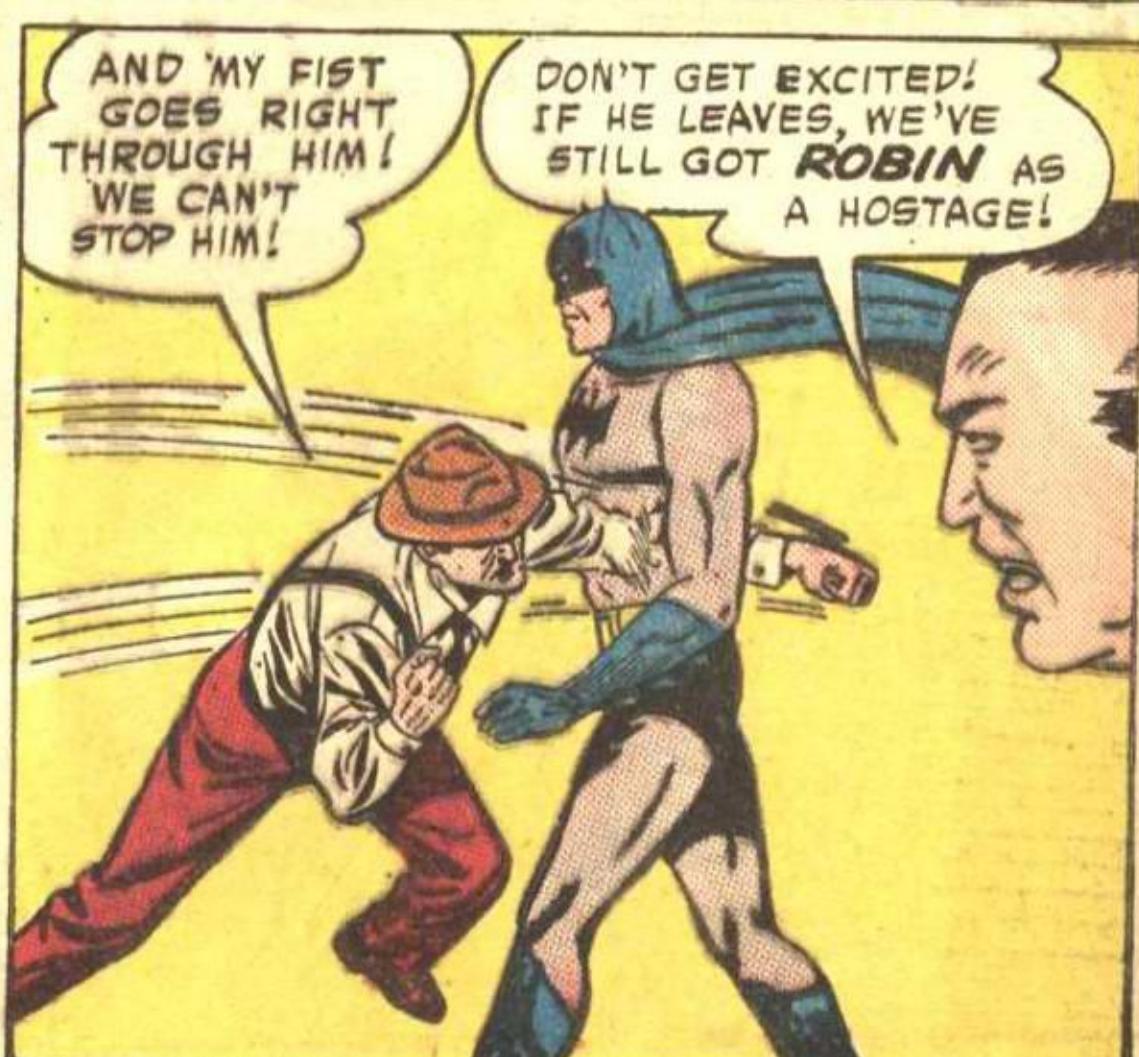
LOOK OUT!

**CLANK!**

TOO LATE! CONCEALED BARS DROPPED FROM ABOVE! THEY HEARD US COMING!

RIGHT, BATMAN-- THE BARS ARE TO PROTECT OUR LOOT, BUT THEY TRAPPED YOU TWO NICELY! AND NOW THAT YOU'RE OUT OF ACTION, WE CAN PULL OUR BIG ROBBERY AT GOTHAM BANK!

BATMAN COULD GET OUT EASILY-- BUT IF HE DID, THEY'D KNOW ABOUT HIS "PHANTOM" CONDITION-- SO HE WON'T!



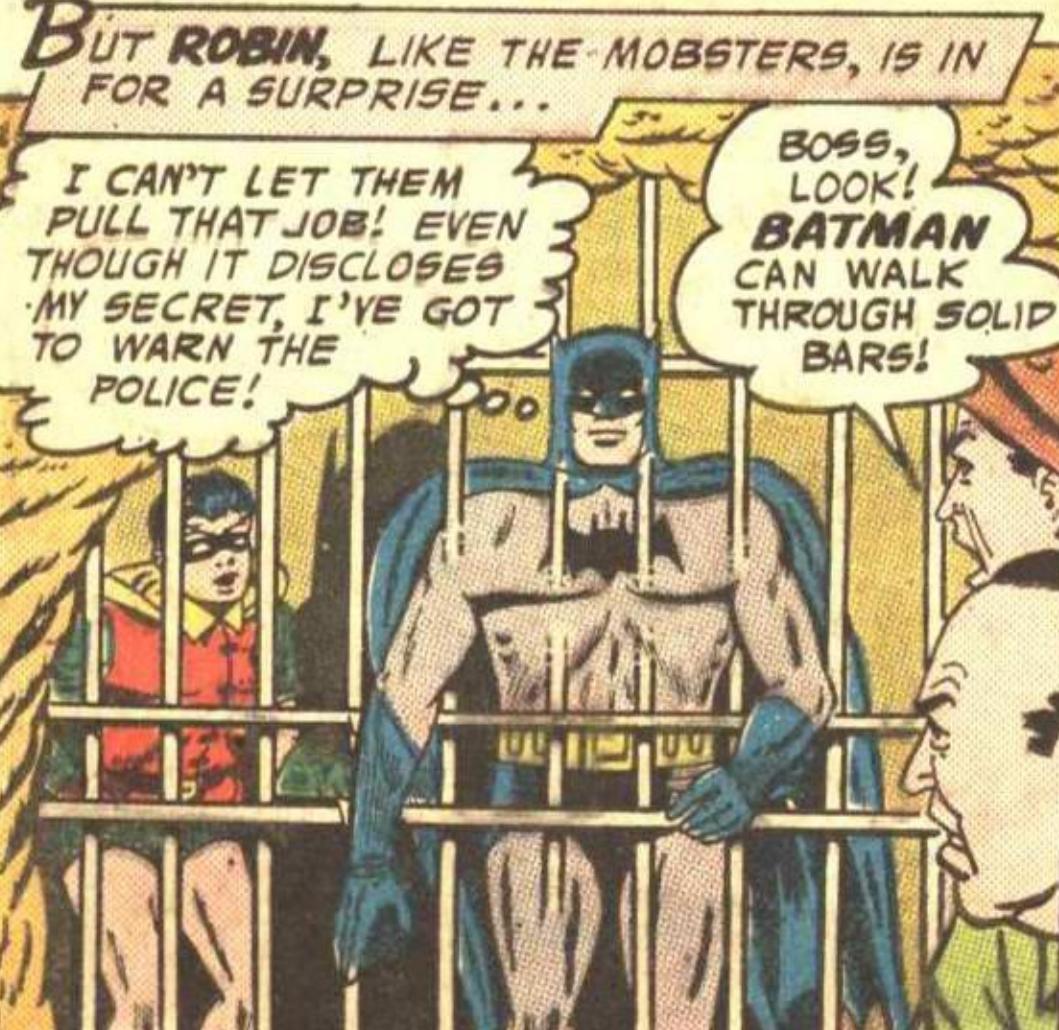
BUT ROBIN, LIKE THE MOBSTERS, IS IN FOR A SURPRISE...

I CAN'T LET THEM PULL THAT JOB! EVEN THOUGH IT DISCLOSES MY SECRET, I'VE GOT TO WARN THE POLICE!

BOSS, LOOK! BATMAN CAN WALK THROUGH SOLID BARS!

AND MY FIST GOES RIGHT THROUGH HIM! WE CAN'T STOP HIM!

DON'T GET EXCITED! IF HE LEAVES, WE'VE STILL GOT ROBIN AS A HOSTAGE!





# BATMAN ANNUAL



H-HE'S GOT  
ME COLD...  
I WOULDN'T  
DARE RISK  
**ROBIN'S**  
SAFETY!

SEE?... THAT  
STOPPED HIM!  
YOU STAY AND  
GUARD **ROBIN**,  
BARNEY... I'LL  
PICK UP THE OTHERS  
AND WE'LL HIT THE  
BANK AS SOON AS  
IT CLOSES!

AND WHEN LANDERS HAS  
DEPARTED...

HA, HA--GUESS  
YOU'RE NOT GOING  
ANYWHERE,  
**BATMAN**...  
AND YOU CAN'T  
EVEN TOUCH  
ME!

ONLY ONE  
CHANCE  
TO GET  
**ROBIN**  
OUT-- IF I  
CAN JUST  
TIP HIM OFF  
TO MY PLAN...

A FEW WHISPERED WORDS, AS  
THE GUARD TURNS HIS  
HEAD, AND...

OF COURSE... SINCE I  
CAN WALK THROUGH  
**BATMAN**, I CAN ALSO  
WALK INTO HIM.  
AND STAY  
THERE!





# BATMAN ANNUAL



PRESIDENTLY, BEHIND THE WAYNE MANSION...

WHILE DOWN IN THE SECRET BAT-CAVE...

ALFRED GOT THE KITE HIGH IN THE AIR, AND BROUGHT ITS FLEXIBLE METAL STRING DOWN THROUGH THE CONCEALED VENTILATION-SHAFT!

CONNECT IT TO THE POWER-LEADS OF THE APPARATUS, THEN MOVE BACK TO A SAFE DISTANCE!

OH, DEAR--  
PEOPLE WILL  
THINK I'M A SILLY  
SORT OF BUTLER  
TO BE FLYING A  
KITE IN A STORM...  
BUT IT'S THE  
MASTER'S  
ORDERS!

NEXT MOMENT, AS LIGHTNING STRIKES THE KITE, SENDING A TREMENDOUS NATURAL ELECTRICAL FORCE DOWN TO THE MACHINE...

CRACK

LATER, AS THE LANDERS MOB MOVES TOWARD A CLOSED BANK...

LOOK, BOSS...  
IT'S BATMAN!  
HE CAME TO STOP US AFTER ALL!

SO WHAT?  
HE CAN'T EVEN TOUCH US! WE CAN IGNORE HIM!

TRY IGNORING THIS, LANDERS!

HUH? HE'S SOLID AGAIN... AND WE LET HIM WALK RIGHT UP TO US! WE'RE SUNK!

AND SO, AFTER DELIVERING THE CRIMINALS TO JAIL...

THE LIGHTNING SHATTERED THE WHOLE APPARATUS--BUT IT DID MAKE YOU NORMAL AGAIN, BY ITS REVERSE ELECTRICAL CHARGE!

AND JUST IN TIME, TOO, ROBIN--BECAUSE WITH MY INABILITY TO TOUCH ANYTHING SOLID, I WAS GETTING REAL HUNGRY!

THE END



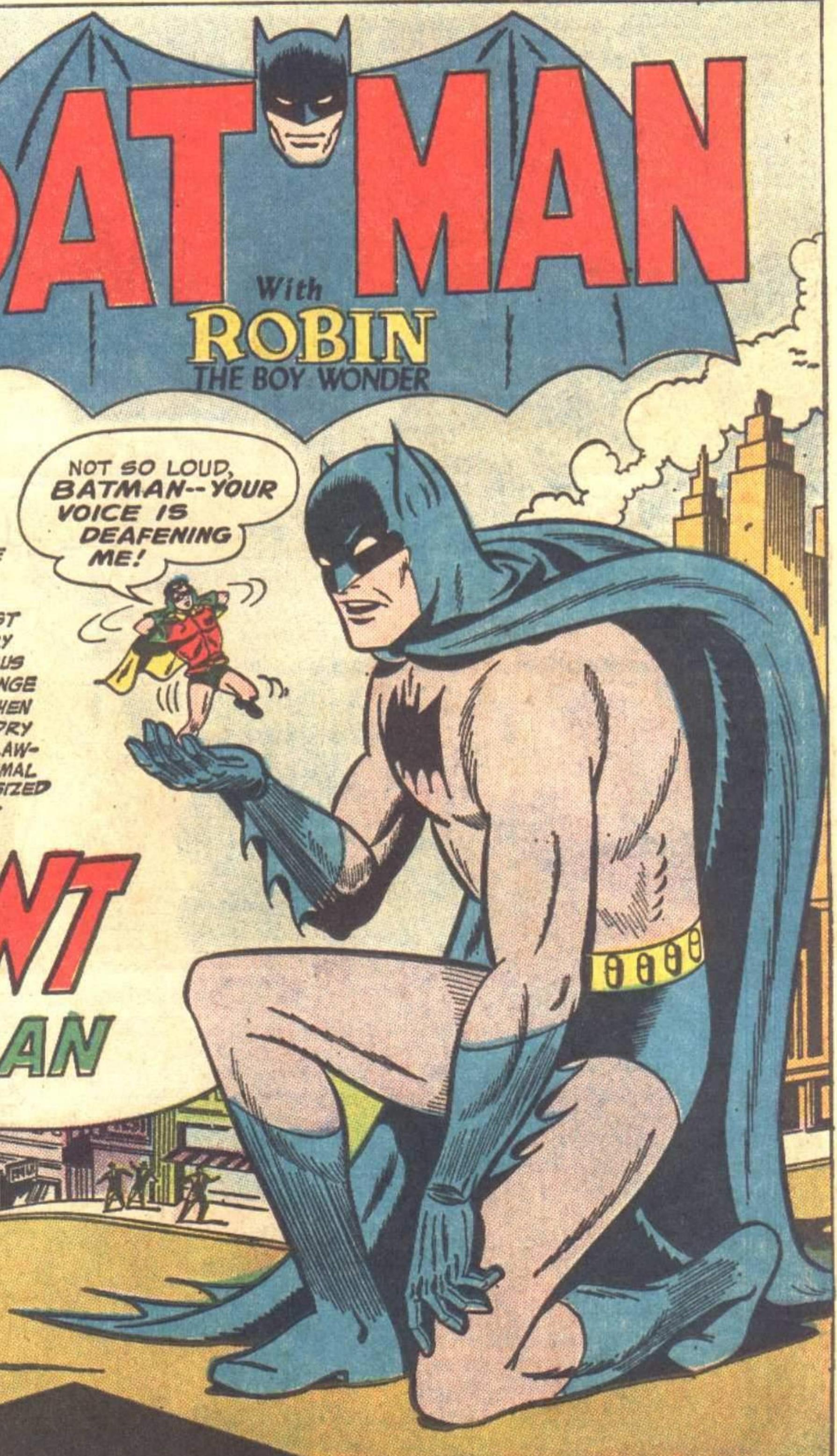
# BATMAN

With  
**ROBIN**  
THE BOY WONDER

**T**HE MIRACULOUS ACHIEVEMENTS OF MODERN-DAY SCIENCE HAVE CHANGED THE WORLD! BUT NOW THE LATEST, GREATEST SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY WORKS A TREMENDOUS AND TERRIFYING CHANGE IN BATMAN! FOR WHEN LABORATORY WIZARDRY MAKES THE GREAT LAW-MAN FIVE TIMES NORMAL SIZE, NEW AND KING-SIZED DANGERS MENACE--

NOT SO LOUD,  
BATMAN--YOUR  
VOICE IS  
DEAFENING  
ME!

*the*  
**GIANT**  
**BATMAN**



# BATMAN ANNUAL

IN A GOTHAM CITY LABORATORY ONE NIGHT, TOP SCIENTISTS AND LAWMEN GATHER FOR A MYSTERIOUS DEMONSTRATION!

BUT, DR. GREGGSON,  
WHY DO YOU WANT THE POLICE AND BATMAN AND ROBIN TO SEE YOUR EXPERIMENT?

BECAUSE MY NEW INVENTION HAS SUCH TERRIFYING POSSIBILITIES I WANT THE LAW TO KNOW ABOUT IT!

MY MAXIMIZER ENLARGES ANY OBJECT BY DRAWING COSMIC ELECTRICITY TO EXPAND ITS ATOMS! MY MINIMIZER DIMINISHES AN OBJECT BY THE REVERSE PROCESS! GIVE ME SOME SMALL OBJECT AND I'LL PROVE IT!

HOW ABOUT THE LITTLE DIAMOND FROM MY RING?

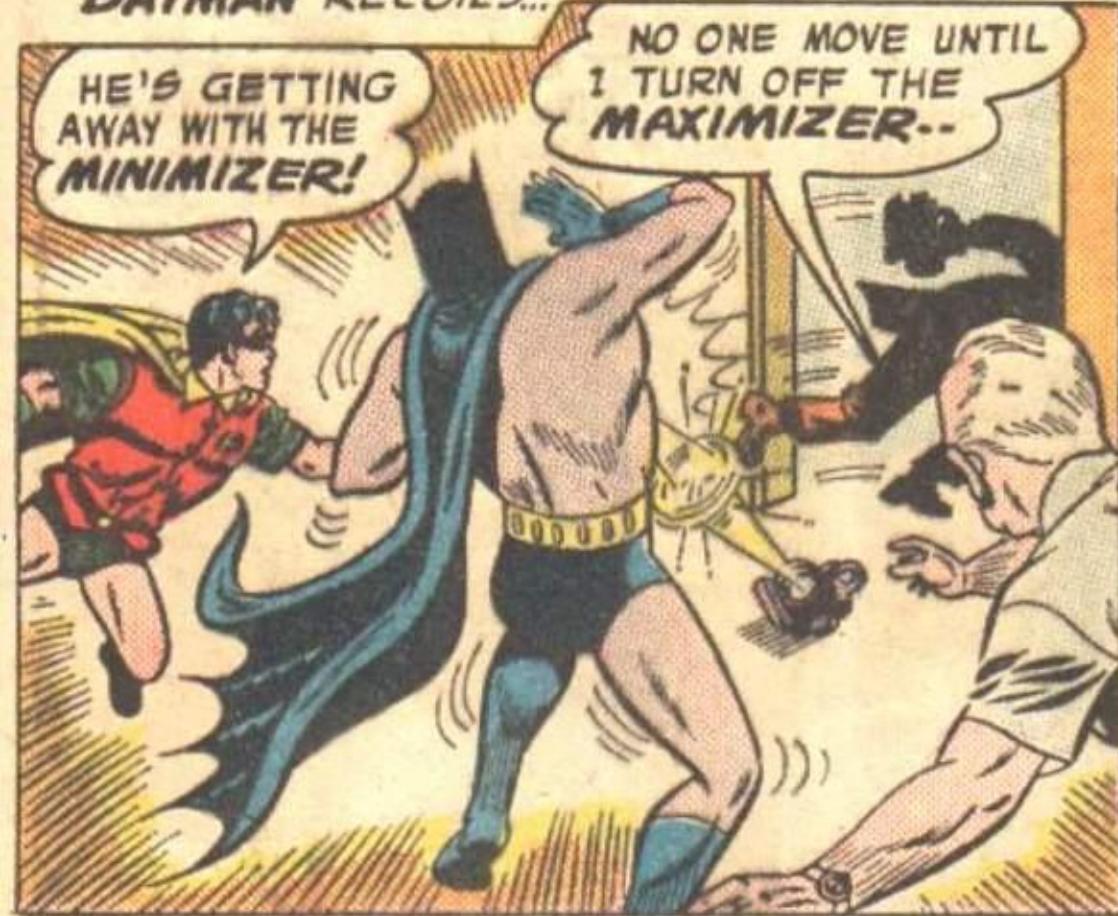




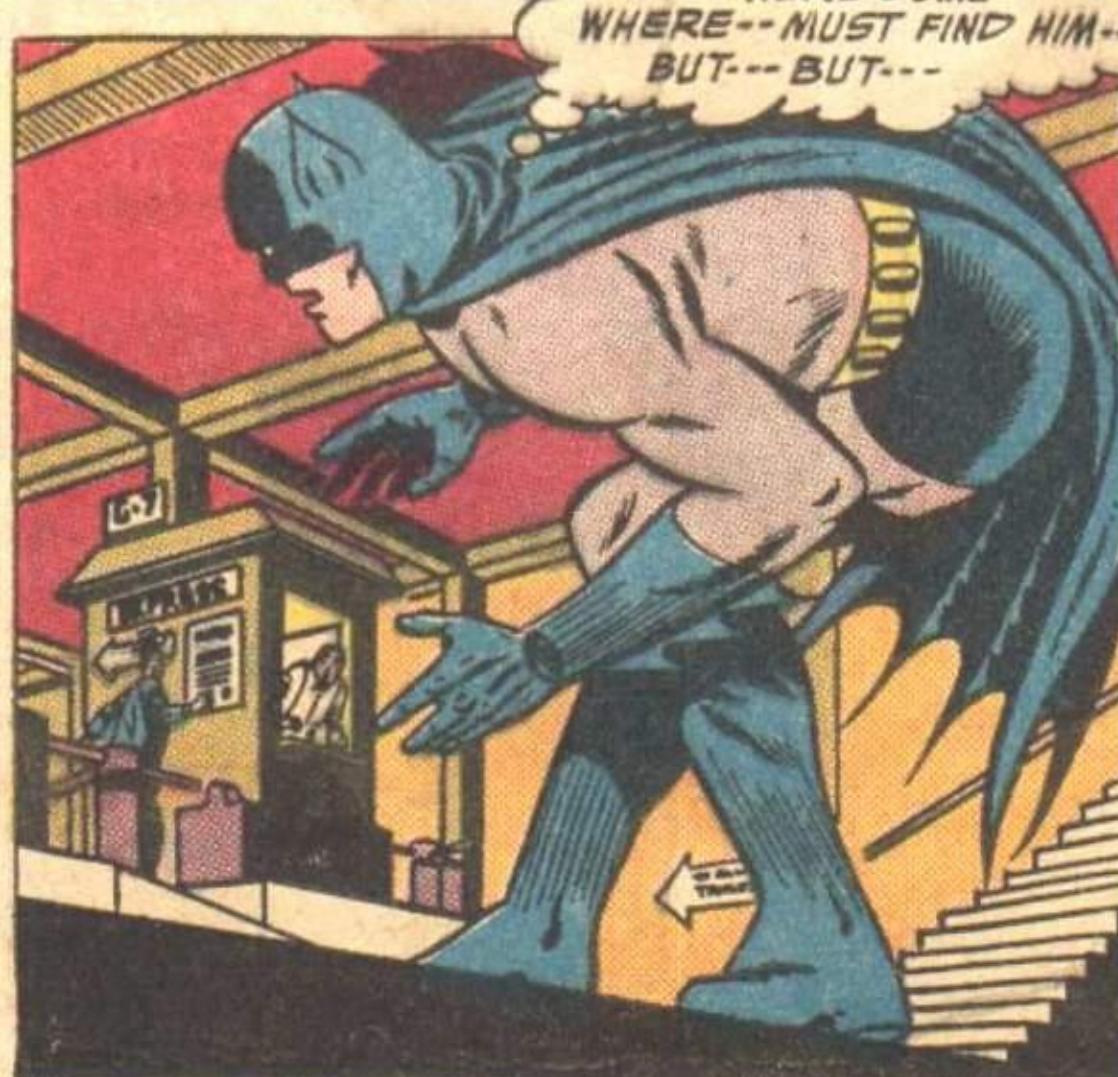
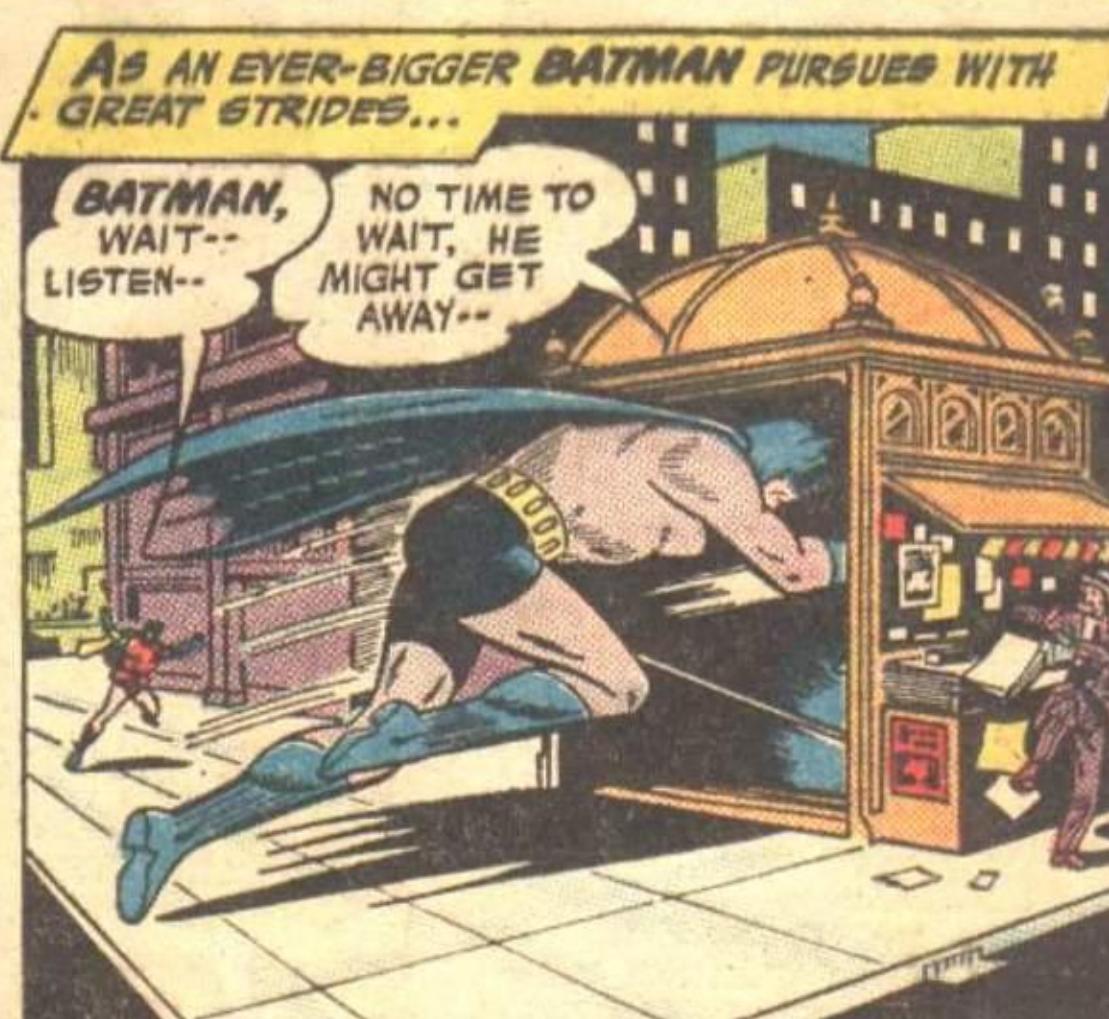
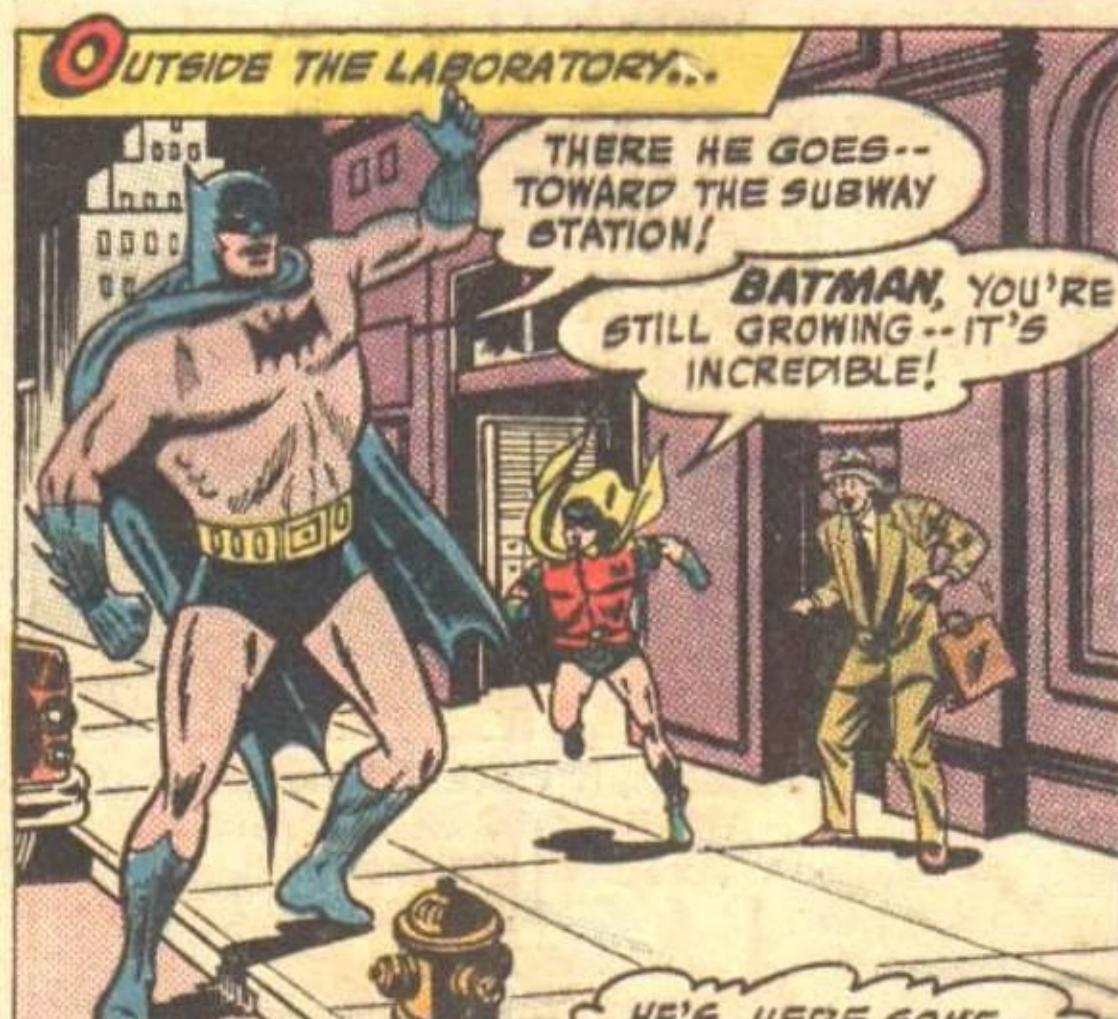
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STUNNED BY THE STRANGE SHOCK OF FORCE,  
BATMAN RECOILS...



BUT AS THE DEVICE IS SWITCHED OFF...





# BATMAN ANNUAL

MOMENTS LATER, AS THE GIANT BATMAN SQUEEZES HIS WAY OUT OF THE SUBWAY ENTRANCE...

BATMAN,  
GET OUT  
QUICK OR  
YOU'LL BE  
STUCK  
TIGHT!

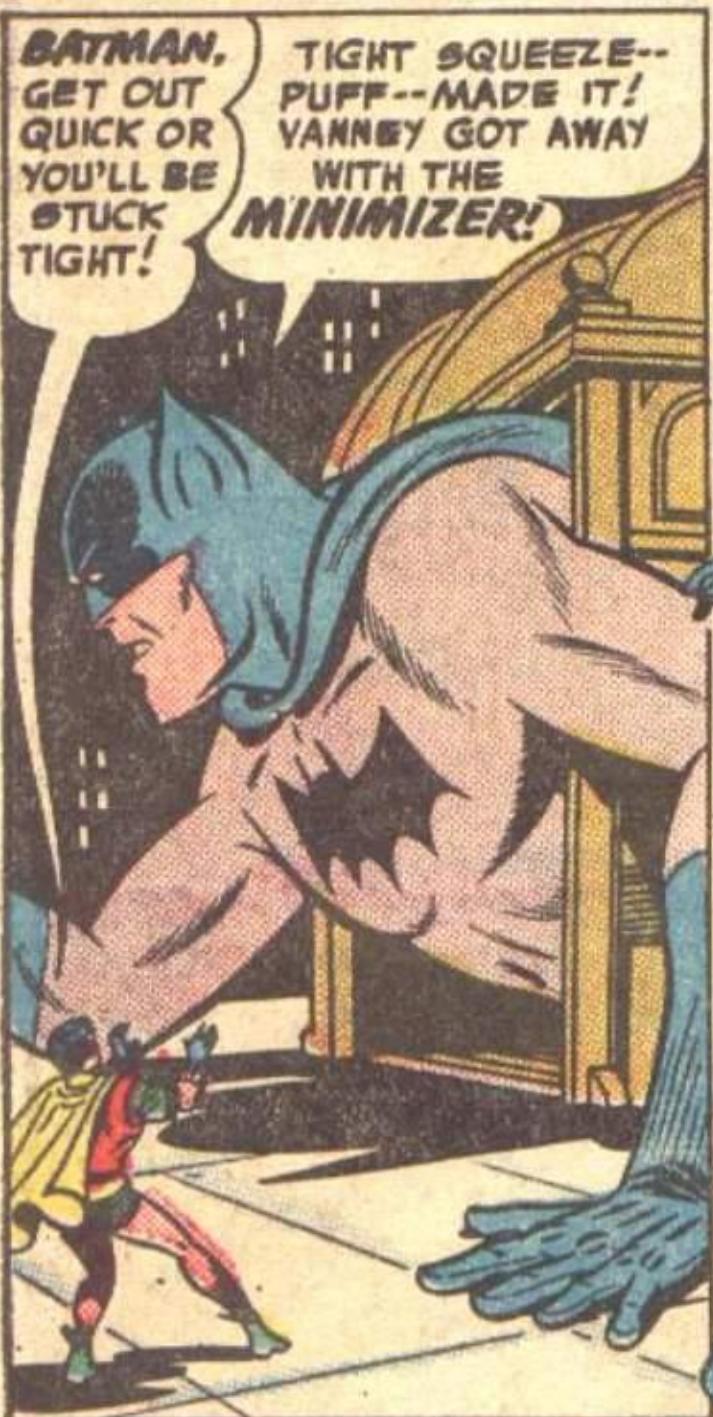
TIGHT SQUEEZE--  
PUFF--MADE IT!  
VANNEY GOT AWAY  
WITH THE  
**MINIMIZER!**

I'VE FINALLY STOPPED GROWING--  
BUT I'M THIRTY FEET HIGH!  
**ROBIN**, I'VE GOT TO GET BACK  
TO NORMAL  
SIZE!

OH, OH--ALMOST RAN  
INTO THE OVERHEAD  
ELECTRIC  
WIRES!  
HAVE TO  
WATCH  
THAT!

DR.  
GREGGSON  
CAN MAKE  
ANOTHER  
**MINIMIZER**--  
WE'LL GO  
BACK TO HIS  
LABORATORY!

IT'S  
LIKE A  
STRANGE  
DREAM--  
BUT THIS  
IS  
**REAL!**



# BATMAN ANNUAL



WE'D BETTER GET BACK TO THE BAT-CAVE AND PLAN A SEARCH FOR VANNEY!

ALL-- I MEAN-- ALL RIGHT! YOU GO AHEAD IN THE BATMOBILE--I CAN'T RIDE IN IT NOW!

IT IS BATMAN-- BUT HOW DID HE GET SO BIG? HE'S SURE A GIANT NOW-- AND CREATING A TERRIFIC TRAFFIC TANGLE!

I MUST GET OUT BEFORE A BIGGER CROWD GATHERS-- BUT IF I MOVE NOW, I MAY TRAMPLE ON SOMEONE!

AND NOW FOLLOWING LITTLE-USED STREETS, A GIANT, LONELY FIGURE STRIDES THROUGH THE NIGHT!

HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR OVERHEAD WIRES-- MUSTN'T STEP ON ANYONE-- IT'S LIKE A NIGHTMARE!

BUT AS BATMAN STARTS HOMeward...

WHAT IS IT-- A BIG AUTOMATON? A BATMAN-SHAPED MACHINE?

NO, LOOK AT HIS EYES-- HE'S ALIVE! A GIANT BATMAN! LOOK OUT OR HE'LL TRAMPLE US!

BUT AS POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON, AND FIRE TRUCKS ARRIVE...

BATMAN, DR. GREGGSON TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENED-- I'VE GOT EVERY OFFICER LOOKING FOR VANNEY AND THAT PROJECTOR!

I'LL LEAVE NOW, IF YOU'LL HAVE A WAY CLEARED FOR ME!

TO A PETTY THIEF CONTEMPLATING ROBBERY, IT'S LIKE A NIGHTMARE WARNING!

NO-- IT CAN'T BE-- THAT GIANT BATMAN-- IT'S ONLY MY OWN IMAGINATION-- I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE--!



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BUT, AT THE HIDDEN ENTRANCE TO THE BAT-CAVE, ANOTHER PROBLEM!

I CAN'T GET INTO THE BAT-CAVE--I'M TOO BIG!

NO, I MEASURED IT--THERE'S ROOM FOR YOU TO CRAWL IN THROUGH THE TUNNEL!

YOU CAN MAKE IT ALL RIGHT--AND IN THE MAIN HANGAR OF THE BAT-CAVE, YOU'LL HAVE MORE ROOM!

WE'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO LOCATE VANNEY AND THAT MINIMIZER, AT ONCE!

ABRUPTLY, AS BATMAN MAKES A CARELESS MOVE...

LOOK OUT, YOUR FOOT IS OVERTURNING THE BATMOBILE!

SORRY--I FEEL SO CROWDED! AND I'M HUNGRY, TOO--IT SEEMS A BODY THIS BIG NEEDS FOOD OFTEN! HAVE ALFRED BRING ME SOMETHING!

THE LOYAL BUTLER OF BRUCE WAYNE--THE ONLY OTHER PERSON WHO KNOWS HE IS SECRETLY BATMAN--HAS NEVER SEEN HIM LIKE THIS!

ALFRED, ONE TINY SANDWICH WON'T DO FOR ME NOW! OH-SORRY, I RAISED MY VOICE AGAIN--

MASTER GRAYSON--I MEAN, ROBIN--TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU BUT IT STILL FAIR KNOCKS ME SILLY!  
BUT--YOUR SANDWICH, SIR!

LATER, ALFRED PRODUCES A SUPER-MEAL...

JUST COOKING FOR HIM WILL BE A TERRIFIC JOB--BUT I'LL DO IT!

I'M TRAPPED--TRAPPED IN GIANT SIZE! AND I CAN'T BECOME BRUCE WAYNE AGAIN UNTIL I'M NORMAL!

THEN, WE'VE GOT TO GET YOU BACK TO NORMAL BEFORE PEOPLE NOTICE BRUCE WAYNE IS MISSING! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

DON'T WORRY, ALFRED--WE'LL SOON HAVE HIM BACK TO NORMAL SIZE! YOU CAN TAKE THE DISHES--I MEAN, THE BASKETS--AWAY NOW!



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YOU CAN'T SEARCH OUT VANNEY-- HE'D SEE YOU COMING A MILE AWAY! I'LL TRY TO TRAIL HIM DOWN AND GET THAT PROJECTOR!

BUT CALL ME BY BELT-RADIO IF YOU FIND HIM-- HE'S DANGEROUS, ROBIN!

AND AFTER THE BOY WONDER HAS LEFT...



THE BAT-SIGNAL CALLING! I HAVE TO ANSWER, GIANT OR NOT?

BATMAN, YOU'RE BLOCKING TRAFFIC AGAIN-- I THOUGHT ROBIN WOULD ANSWER THE SIGNAL, NOT YOU!

EQUIP ME WITH A POLICE SIREN AND I'LL WEAR IT-- TO WARN TRAFFIC I'M COMING!

PRESENTLY, AFTER A HUGE SIREN IS FITTED TO BATMAN'S BELT...

OUR MEN ARE SEARCHING THE DOCKS FOR THAT SMUGGLING MOB-- MAYBE YOU CAN HELP!

I'LL GET TO THE RIVER FAST!

PULL OVER! IT'S A POLICE CAR OR AMBULANCE-- NO, IT'S BATMAN!

A SCREAMING SIREN WARNS OF THE APPROACH OF THE GIANT BATMAN...

HAVE TO WATCH EVERY STEP-- MUSTN'T HIT A CAR OR TREAD ON ANYONE--



BUT AT THE DOCKS...

THE SMUGGLERS SAW US COMING AND ARE TRYING TO GET AWAY IN THEIR YACHT!

THEY WON'T GET FAR--



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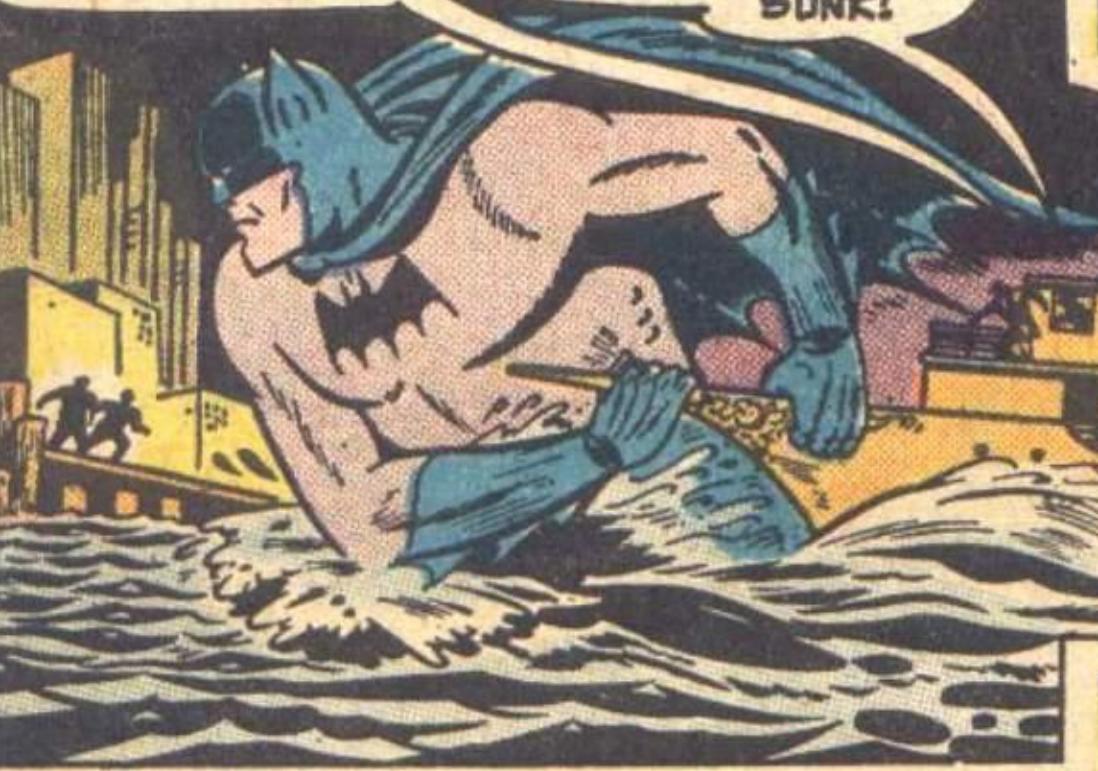
AND WADING SWIFTLY INTO THE RIVER...

RACE THE ENGINES  
FULL SPEED TO BREAK  
HIS HOLD ON US!

IT'S NO USE--HE'S  
STRONGER THAN THE  
ENGINES--WE'RE  
SUNK!

THANKS,  
BATMAN!

GLAD TO HELP--  
BUT I'D BETTER  
WALK ALONG  
LITTLE-USED  
STREETS FROM  
NOW ON,  
TO AVOID  
TRAFFIC!



BATMAN,  
ROBIN  
CALLING! I  
SPOTTED  
VANNEY,  
BUT  
BEFORE  
I COULD  
GET BACK  
TO THE BAT-  
MOBILE HE  
DROVE AWAY--  
HEADING  
TOWARD  
GOTHAM  
BRIDGE!

I'LL BE THERE  
IN MINUTES!

I THOUGHT  
IT WAS A  
NEW COLOSSAL  
STATUE--BUT  
IT'S  
BATMAN!

LOOK AT  
HIS EYES--HE'S  
SCANNING EVERY  
CAR THAT GOES  
UNDERNEATH  
HIM!

AND PRESENTLY, AT THE APPROACH TO THE  
GREAT BRIDGE...



THE AWESOME SPECTACLE OF A  
TOWERING BATMAN  
STUNS THE FUGITIVE CRIMINAL...

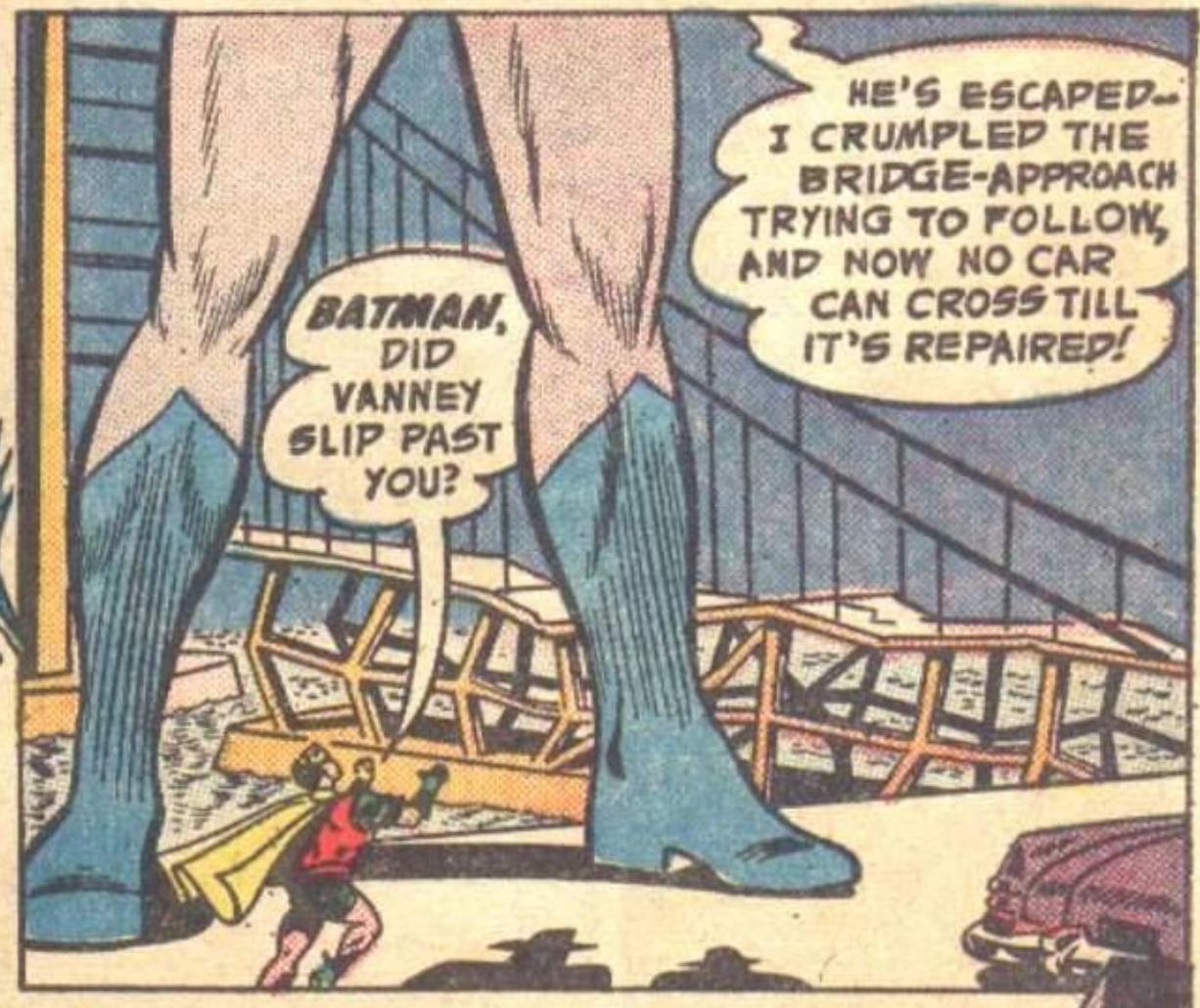
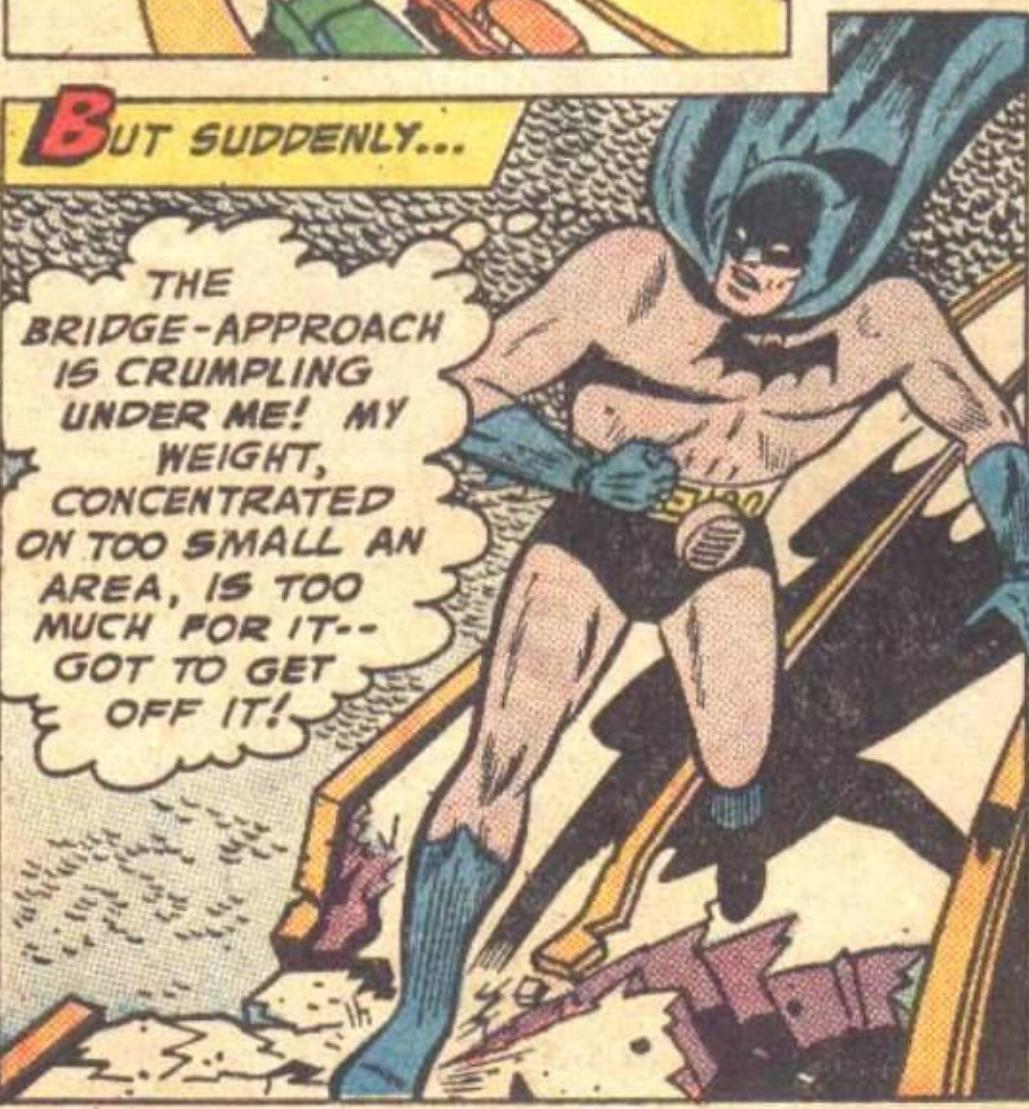
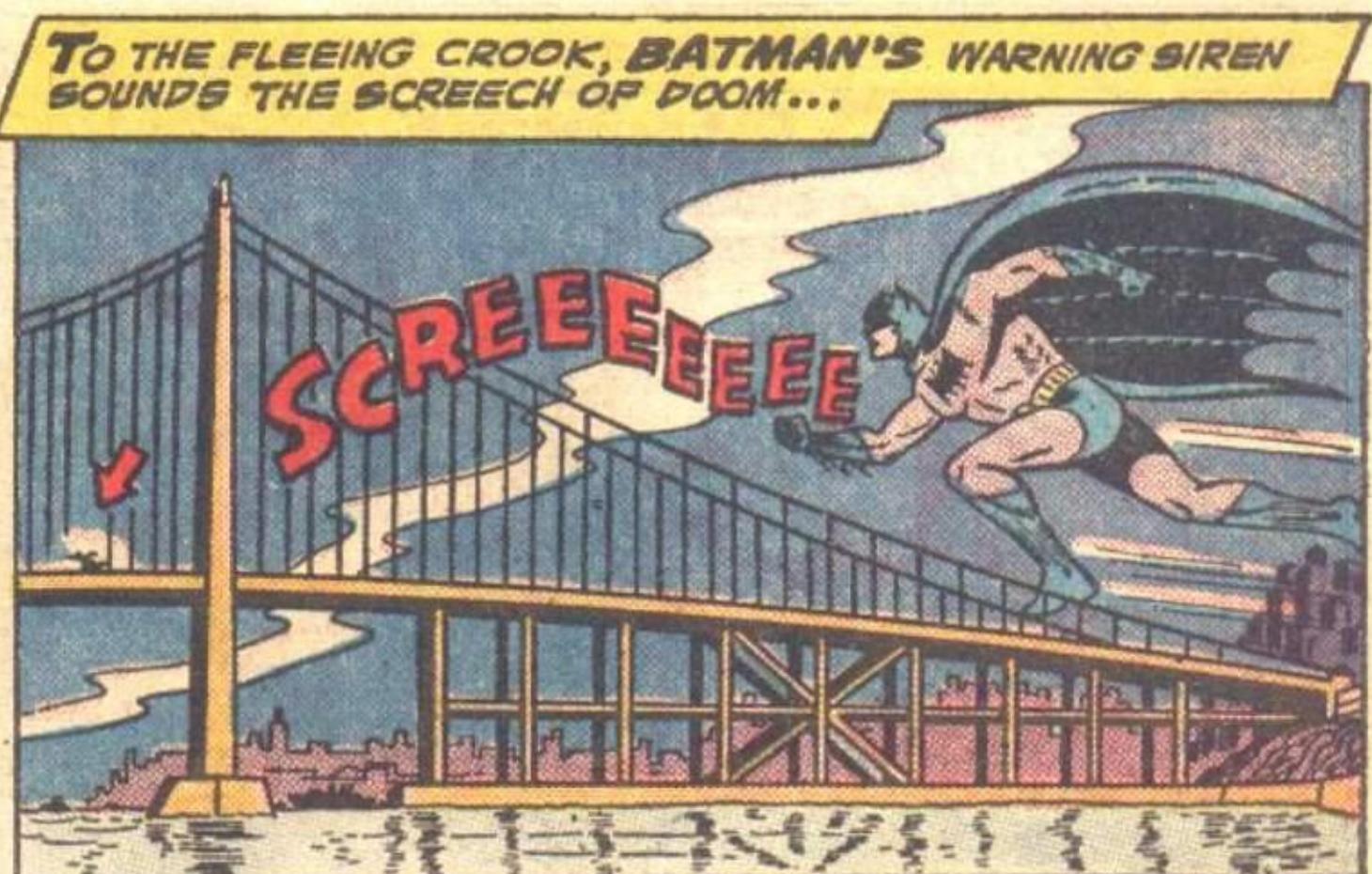
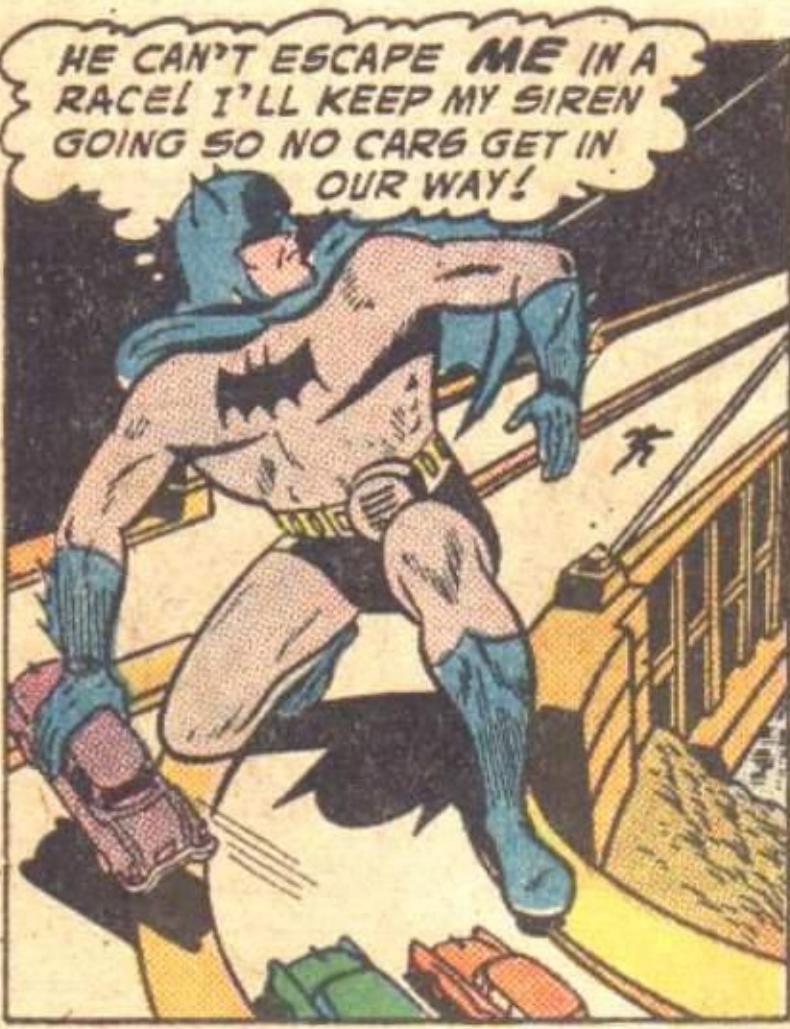
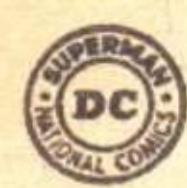
Brakes  
squeal,  
and  
the  
next  
moment...

THERE HE GOES!  
BUT THE CAR HE  
ABANDONED IS BLOCKING  
ALL TRAFFIC--I'LL FIX  
THAT AND THEN RUN  
HIM DOWN!



BATMAN--  
LOOKING  
FOR ME!

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AND THAT NIGHT, IN THE  
BAT-CAVE...

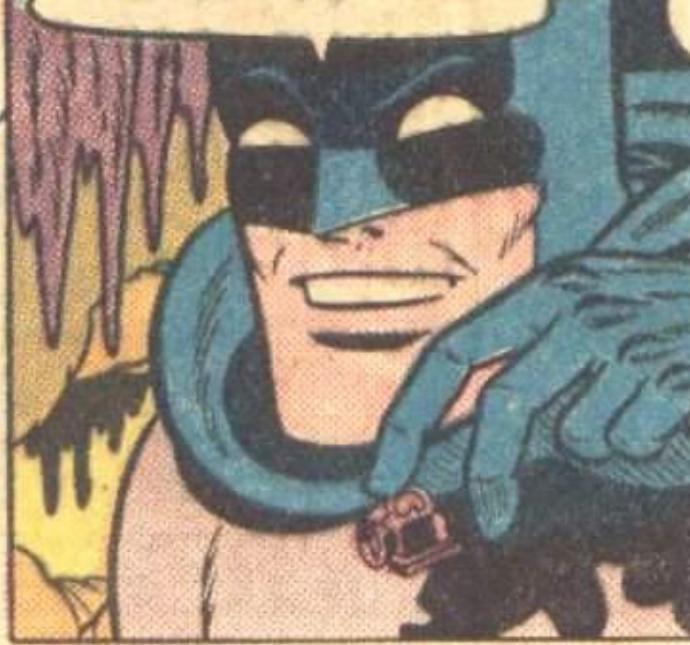
WITHOUT THAT  
MINIMIZER  
THAT VANNEY  
HAS, I'LL NEVER  
BE NORMAL  
AGAIN! AND AS  
SOON AS BRUCE  
WAYNE IS  
MISSED, OUR  
IDENTITY-SECRET  
WILL BE OUT,  
TOO!

BATMAN,  
AS MUCH AS  
YOU WANT THE  
MINIMIZER,  
VANNEY  
WANTS THE  
MAXIMIZER  
THAT YOU  
HAVE--IT  
COULD MAKE  
HIM RICH!

I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN--  
INSTEAD OF CHASING  
VANNEY WE CAN SET A  
TRAP FOR HIM WITH THIS  
MAXIMIZER AS THE  
BAIT! HM, I SEE HOW  
WE CAN DO THAT--

THROUGH THE NIGHT HOURS, A  
GIANT BATMAN AND HIS  
TINY PARTNER PREPARE  
THEIR PLAN!

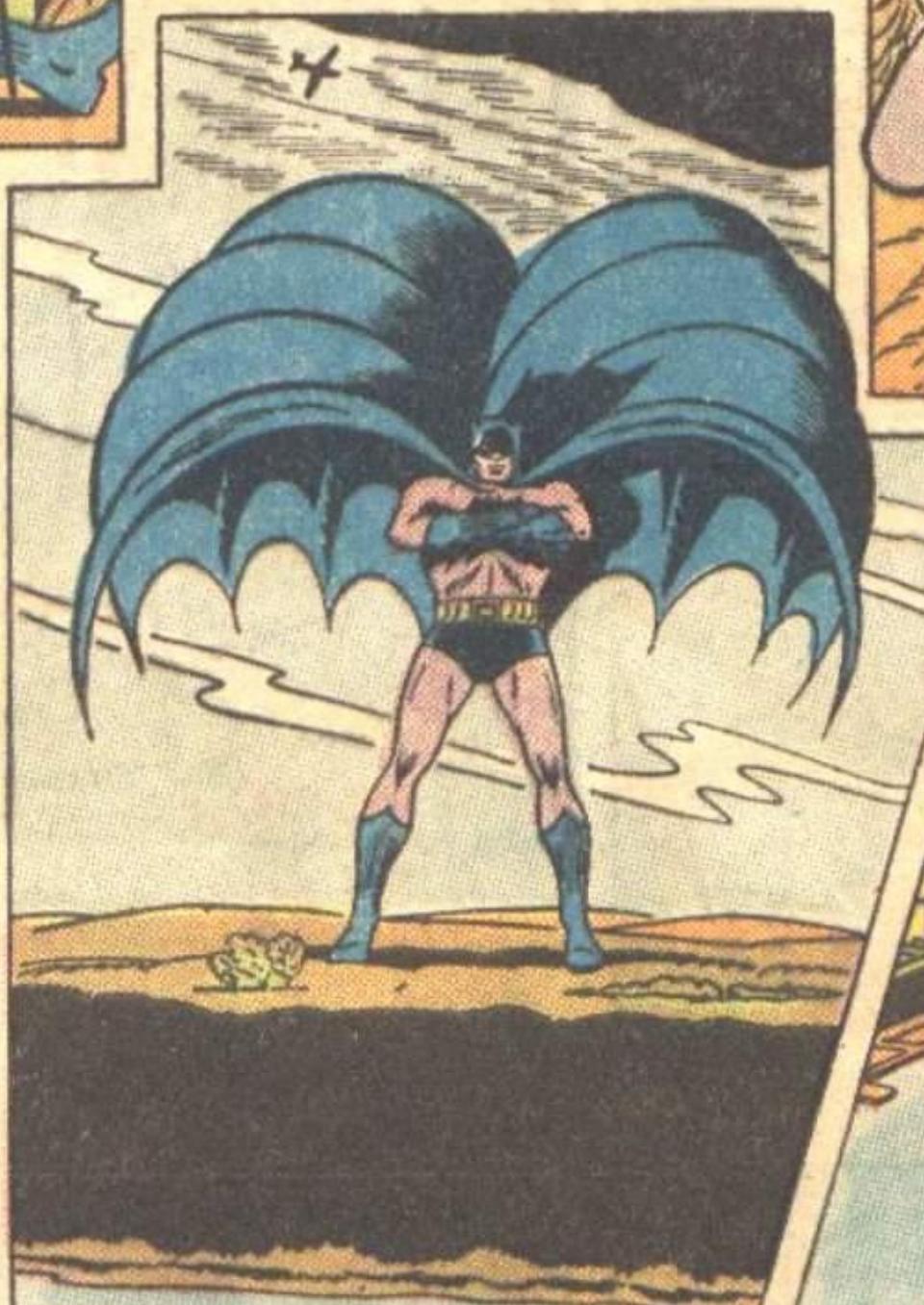
WE'LL NEED  
MORE HEAVY  
STEEL SHEETS,  
ROBIN--!



NEXT MORNING IN  
GOTHAM CITY...

SEEMS  
FUNNY TO  
THINK WE'LL  
NEVER SEE  
BATMAN  
AGAIN!

LOOK!  
LOOK  
THERE--ON  
THE CLIFFS  
ACROSS THE  
RIVER!



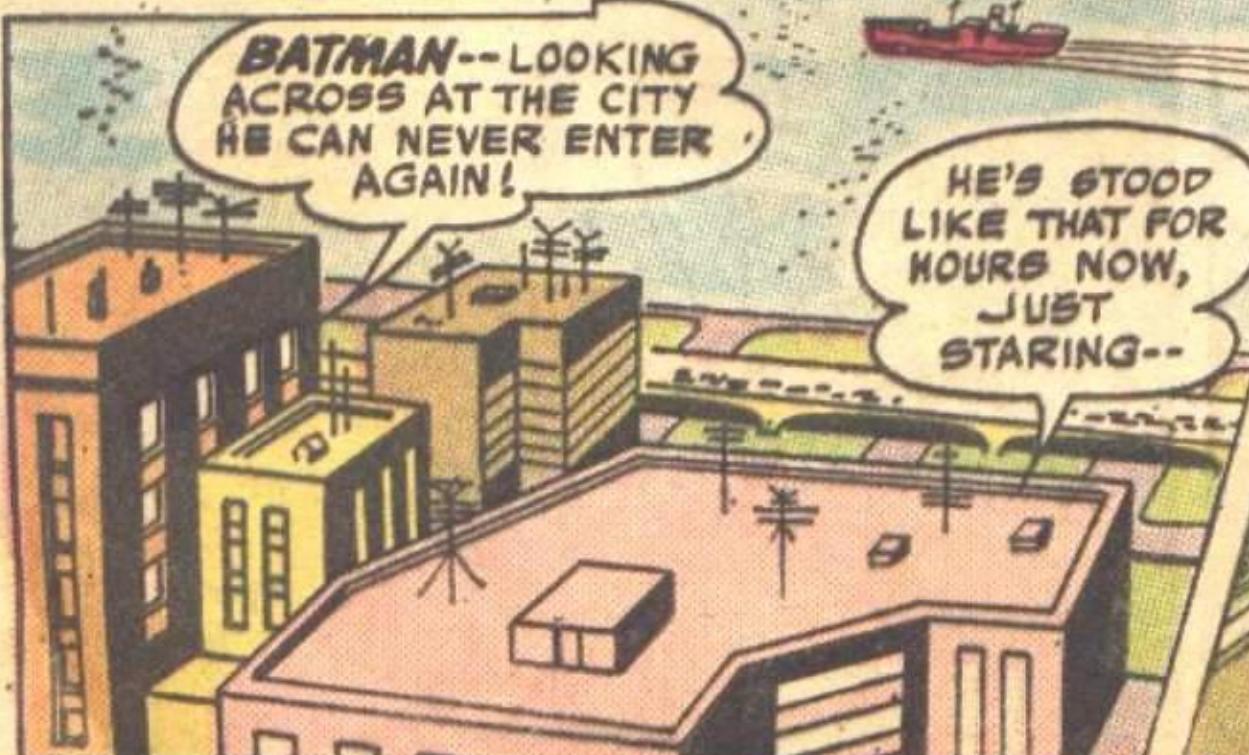
BUT THEN, OUT OF THE  
SKY THERE SWOOPS...

LOOK--THAT  
PLANE IS  
ATTACKING  
BATMAN!



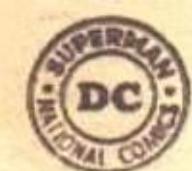
BATMAN-- LOOKING  
ACROSS AT THE CITY  
HE CAN NEVER ENTER  
AGAIN!

HE'S STOOD  
LIKE THAT FOR  
HOURS NOW,  
JUST  
STARING--



I'LL  
BLAST  
HIM AND  
THEN LAND  
AND GRAB  
THE  
MAXIMIZER  
OFF HIM-- IT'S  
THE ONLY SAFE  
WAY TO ATTACK  
A GIANT LIKE  
THAT!

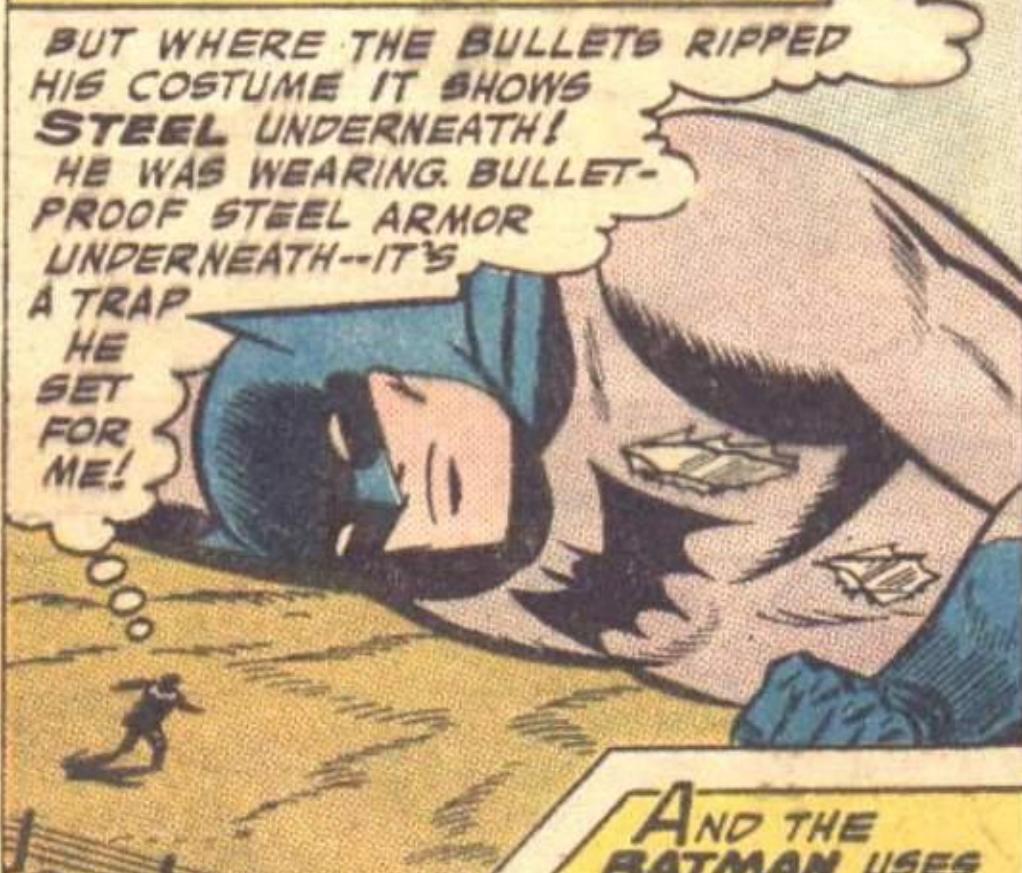
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THE GIANT LAWMAN GRABS VAINLY  
AT THE MENACE FROM THE SKY!



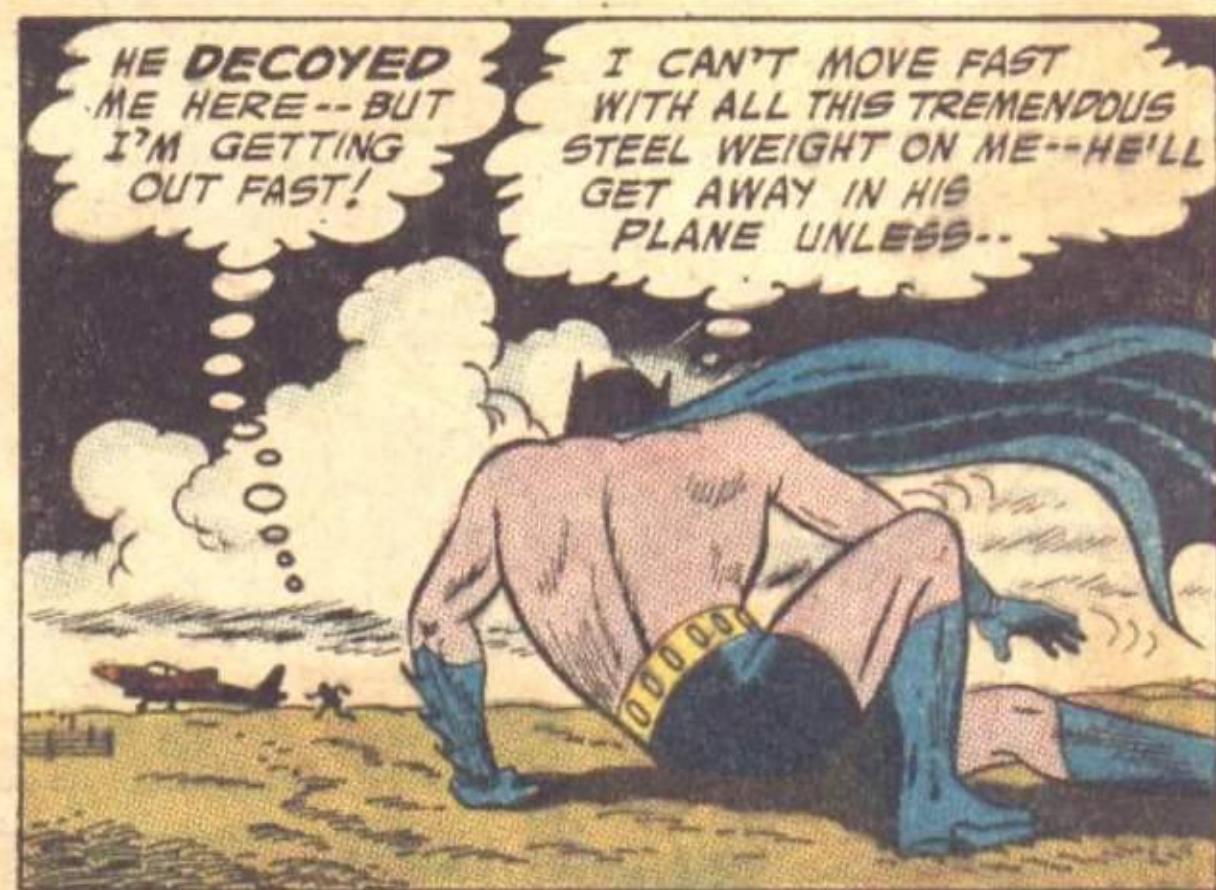
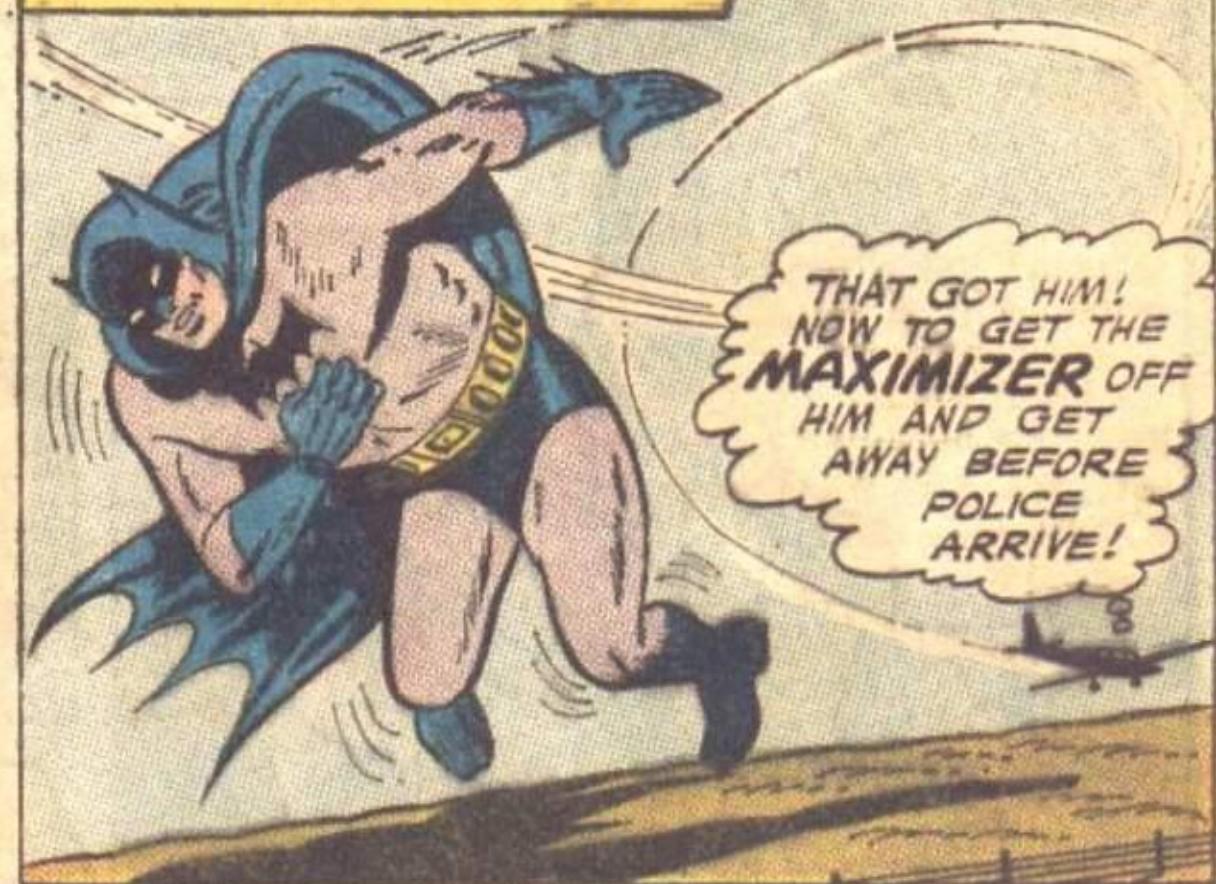
BUT AS VANNEY LANDS AND STARTS  
TOWARD THE FALLEN GIANT...



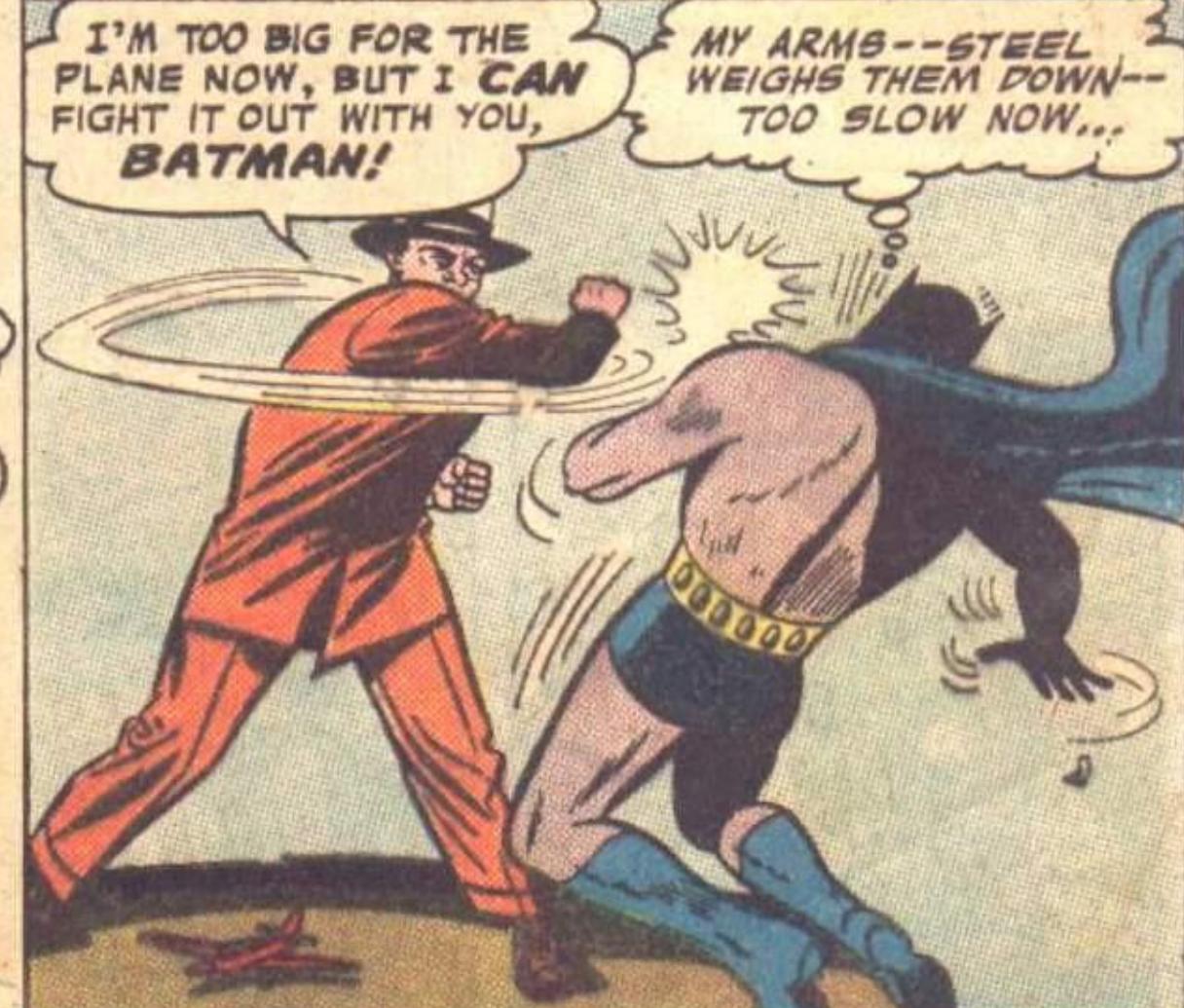
AND THE  
BATMAN USES  
THE ONE RESOURCE  
LEFT HIM!

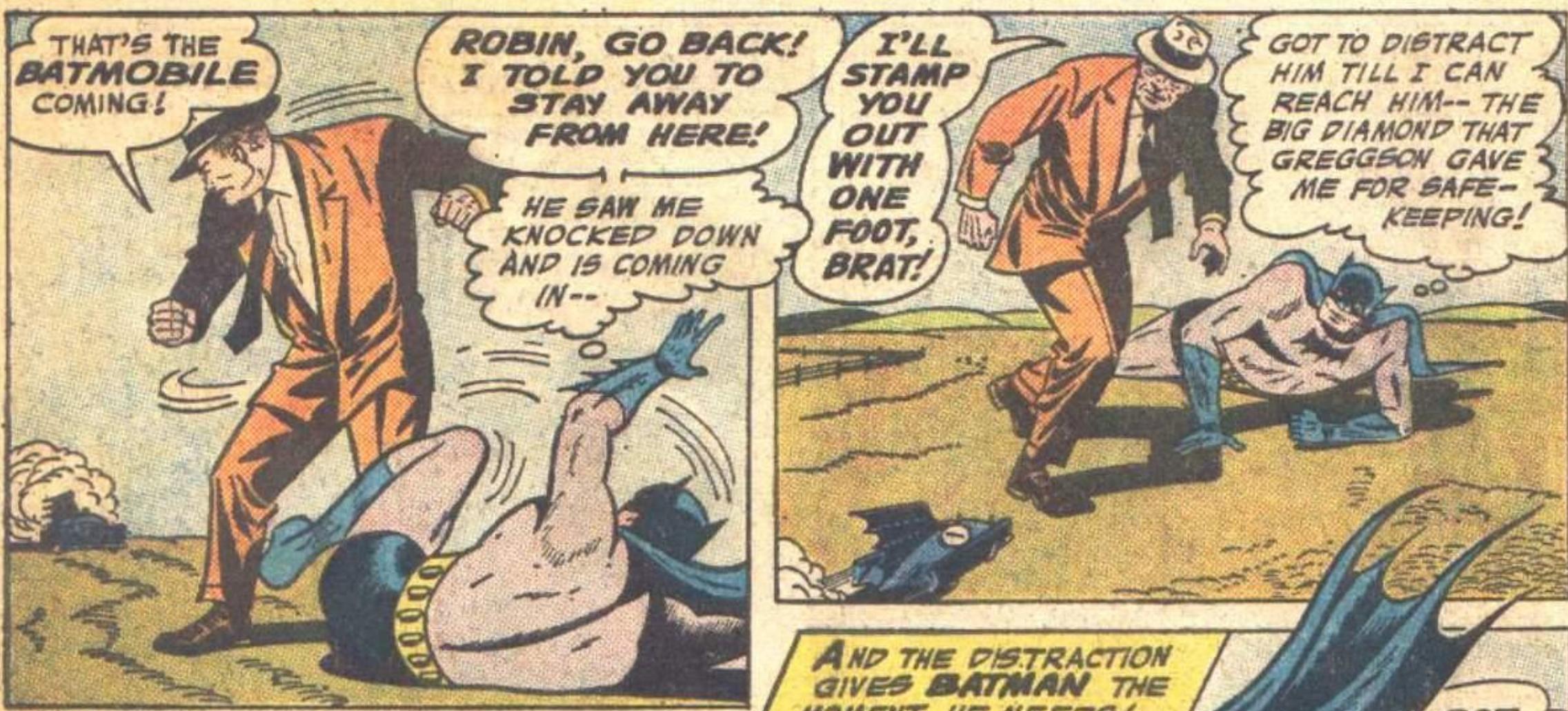
MY ONLY CHANCE--THE  
MAXIMIZER WILL MAKE  
HIM SO BIG HE WON'T BE  
ABLE TO ESCAPE IN THE  
PLANE! GOT TO REACH  
HIM BEFORE HE  
GROWS FULL GIANT SIZE--

THEN, AS A STORM OF BULLETS RAINS AT THE  
COLOSSAL BATMAN...



BUT BY THE TIME BATMAN, ENCUMBERED  
BY HEAVY ARMOR, REACHES VANNEY...





**A** HUGE DIAMOND IS A POTENT DISTRACTION-- TO A CROOK!

THAT'S THE DIAMOND THAT  
WAS MADE HUGE IN THE  
LABORATORY -- WORTH  
A FORTUNE --

**AND THE DISTRACTION  
GIVES BATMAN THE  
MOMENT HE NEEDS!**

GOT

**HIM! MY  
WEIGHT  
WILL HOLD HIM  
DOWN TILL YOU  
CAN TAKE THE  
MINIMIZER OFF  
HIM AND  
USE IT.  
ROBIN!**

**WHAT--  
OOF!**

**SOON, A NORMAL-SIZED  
CAPTOR AND CAPTIVE GREET  
THE POLICE AND DR. GREGGSON!**

LATER, ANOTHER HOMECOMING  
IN THE **BAT-CAVE**...

**WITHIN MOMENTS, WHEN  
ROBIN SECURES THE  
MINIMIZER...**

**THEY'RE STARTING TO  
GET SMALLER--  
SMALLER!**

AS I FEARED--THE HEAVY  
USE OF THE MAXIMIZER  
AND MINIMIZER HAS  
EXHAUSTED THEIR  
IRREPLACEABLE  
POWER ELEMENTS!  
THEY'RE BURNED  
OUT!

I'M  
GLAD  
THAT CAN'T  
HAPPEN AGAIN,  
THEN!

THE PROJECTORS MAY  
BE USELESS NOW,  
BUT THEY'RE NICE  
TROPHIES OF  
ONE OF OUR  
BIGGEST  
CASES!

**ROBIN,**  
**PLEASE--**  
**DO ME A**  
**FAVOR AND**  
**DON'T USE THAT**  
**WORD "BIG"**  
**RIGHT NOW!**



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