

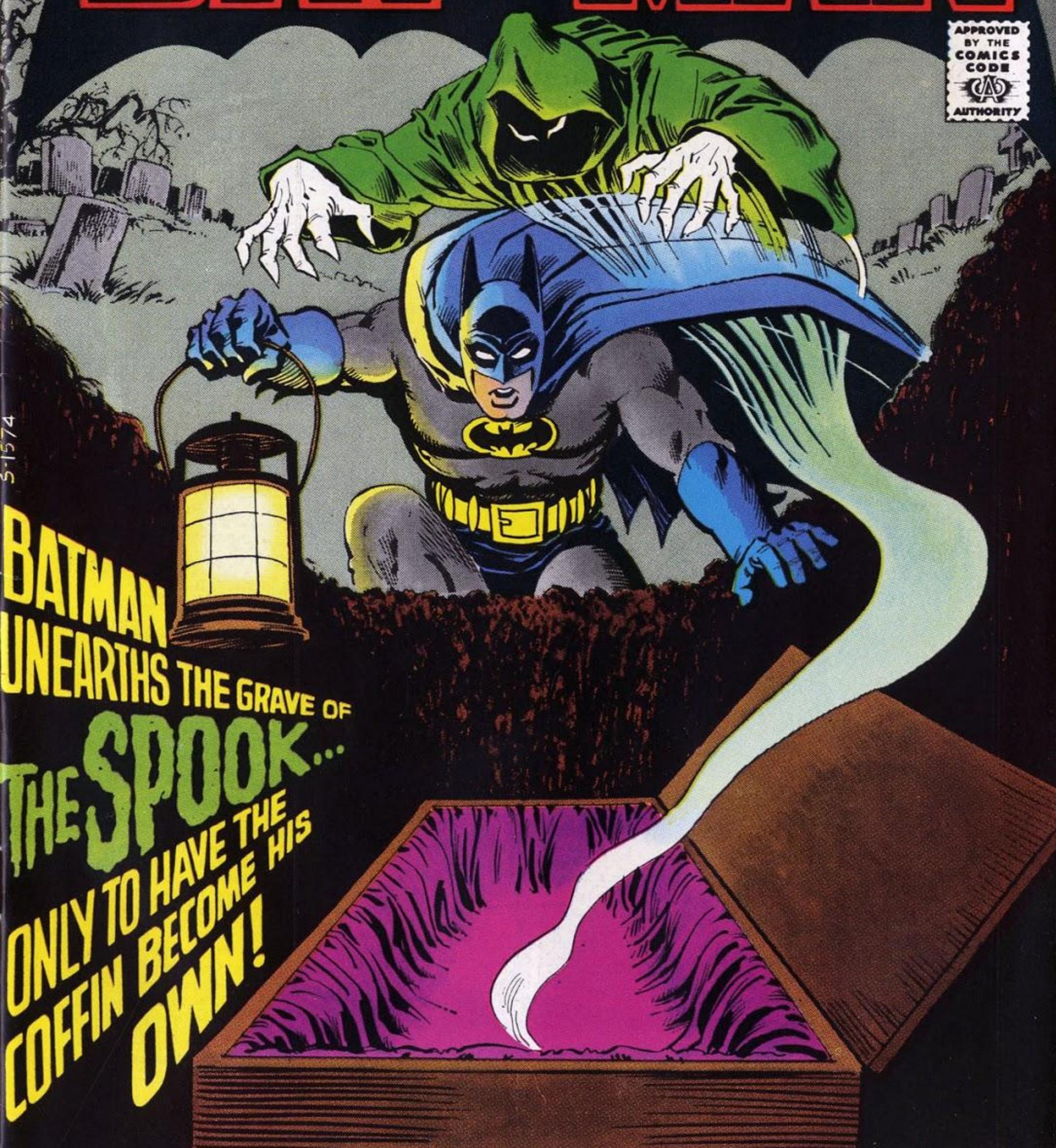
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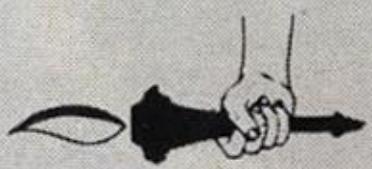
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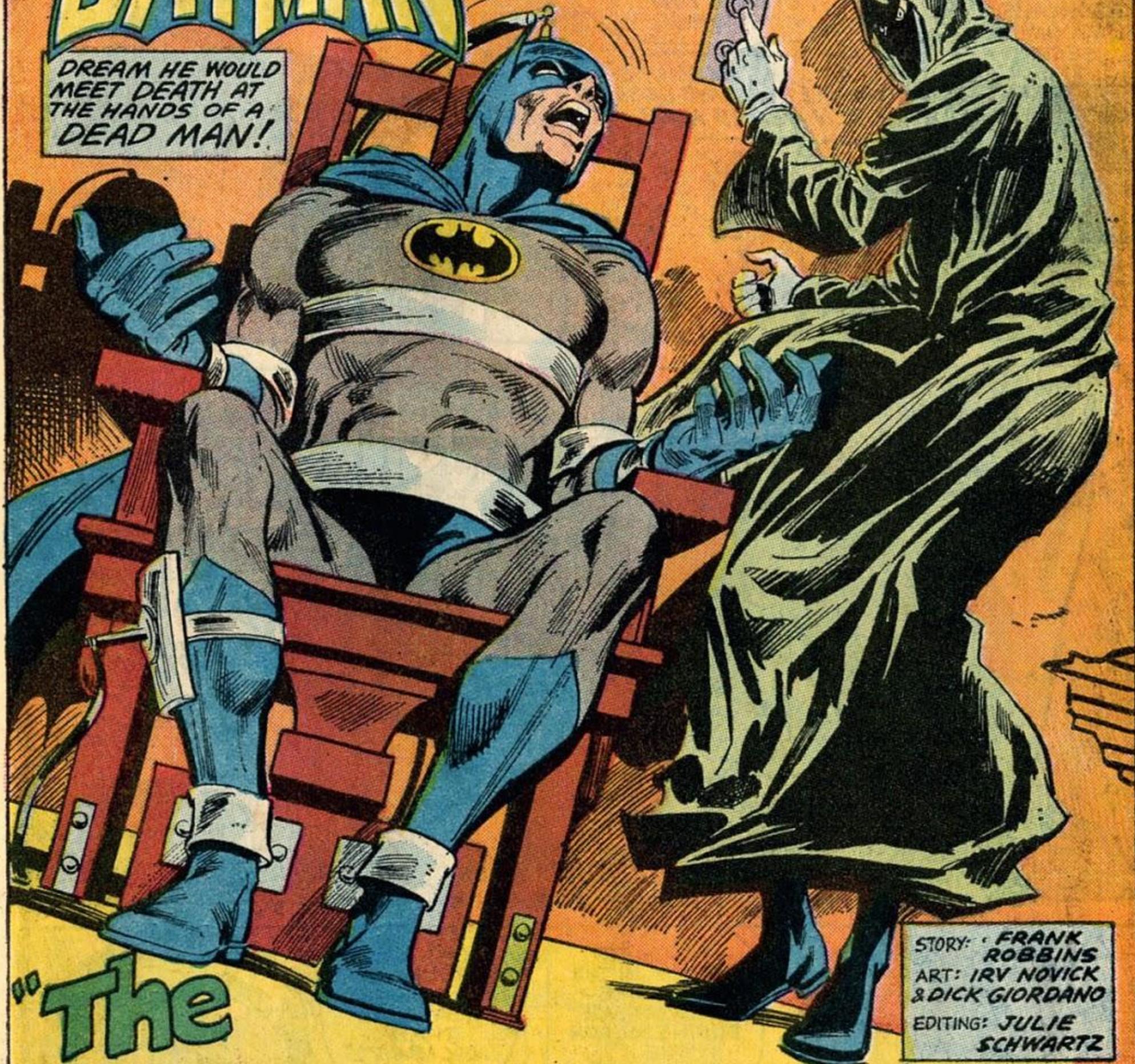
NEVER IN HIS WILDEST NIGHTMARES
DID

THE BATMAN

DREAM HE WOULD
MEET DEATH AT
THE HANDS OF A
DEAD MAN!

YOU'RE DYING TO
FIND OUT HOW I
"DIED" IN THE
ELECTRIC CHAIR,
BATMAN...?

FIND OUT NOW-
THE HARD
WAY!



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"The

SPOOK'S MASTER STROKE!"

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AT LONG LAST,
AFTER A BAFFLING
SERIES OF
INcredible
ESCAPES, THE
SPOOK HAS
BEEN CAPTURED
BY THE
BATMAN AND
LOCKED UP IN
GOTHAM'S NEW
MAXIMUM-
SECURITY
PRISON!

BUT WHO IS
THE SPOOK...
MAN OR
GHOST?...

...A PUZZLE THAT IS BEING PONDERED
IN POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON'S
OFFICE...

BATMAN, THIS IS GOING TO
SHAKE YOU UP! THE FILE
WE DUG UP ON THE "SPOOK"
AFTER FINGERPRINT
VERIFICATION... REVEALS
HE IS VAL KALIBAN...
A CONVICTED
MURDERER...

...WHO WAS EXECUTED
IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR
TEN YEARS AGO...

"VAL KALIBAN--
OCCUPATION--
ARCHITECTURAL
DRAFTSMAN--
NO PRIOR
CRIMINAL
RECORD..."

...EXECUTED
APRIL 1, 1963,
FOR MURDER
IN GOTHAM'S
DEATH HOUSE!"

CONVICTED FOR KILLING
HIS BOSS, HEAD OF A
LARGE ENGINEERING
FIRM INVOLVED IN CITY
PLANNING!

MOTIVE FOR
MURDER-- UNKNOWN!
HMM...

DOPING IT OUT NOW,
COMMISSIONER, I'D
SAY THAT VAL
KALIBAN'S EMPLOYER
CAUGHT HIM MESSING
AROUND WITH PLANS...

...PLANS
FOR GOTHAM'S
NEW JAIL
SYSTEM!

THAT COULD EXPLAIN
THE SPOOK'S SECRET
PRISON-ESCAPE ROUTES...

...WHICH SET
HIM UP IN THE
"ESCAPE-
INSURANCE"
BUSINESS FOR
THE UNDERWORLD!

RIGHT NOW,
BATMAN, I'VE
GOT A BIGGER
HEADACHE
THAN
KALIBAN'S
PAST!

CAN I
LEGALLY
HOLD A MAN
WHO'S ALREADY
PAID THE
SUPREME
PENALTY?

SUDDENLY, COMMISSIONER GORDON'S DILEMMA BECOMES MEANINGLESS, WHEN, AT GOTHAM'S "ESCAPE-PROOF" PRISON...

HE'S ESCAPED!

GONE! VANISHED --LIKE A GHOST!

AND IN MOMENTS...

THE SPOOK--! HE'S MADE GOOD HIS BOAST... THAT "NO BARS COULD EVER HOLD HIM"!

WH-WHAT?! ARE YOU PLAYING GAMES WITH ME, BATMAN?

UH-UH, COMMISSIONER-- WITH HIM!

AS I WAS SURE HE WOULD!

OR PERHAPS MYSELF-- IF MY PROGRAM FOR THE SPOOK DOESN'T PAY OFF!

YOU SEE, IT'S JUST POSSIBLE THERE'S NO JAIL ANYWHERE HE CAN'T BREAK OUT OF...

...IN WHICH CASE, THERE MAY BE NO WAY WE CAN PUT HIM AWAY FOR KEEPS!

AND UNLESS I GET INSIDE THAT CONNIVING BRAIN-- FIND OUT WHAT MAKES IT TICK-- WE NEVER WILL!



MAKE NO MISTAKE, WE'RE DEALING WITH A MAN-- NOT A "SPOOK" WHO CAN CHEAT EVEN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!

LATER, IN "POTTER'S FIELD",
BURIAL GROUND OF THE
UNCLAIMED...

VAL KALIBAN... 1917-1963—
THAT'S ALL... JUST THE
VITAL FACTS!

GIVING NO
CLUE TO THE
MURDERER
ON THE
LOOSE...

...MASQUERADEING
AS A GHOST—
A "SPOOK"!

LET'S
LAY
THAT
GHOST
TO
REST...
RIGHT
NOW!

COFFIN'S STILL SEALED!
AS IT MUST'VE BEEN TEN
YEARS AGO WHEN TAKEN
FROM THE DEATH HOUSE...

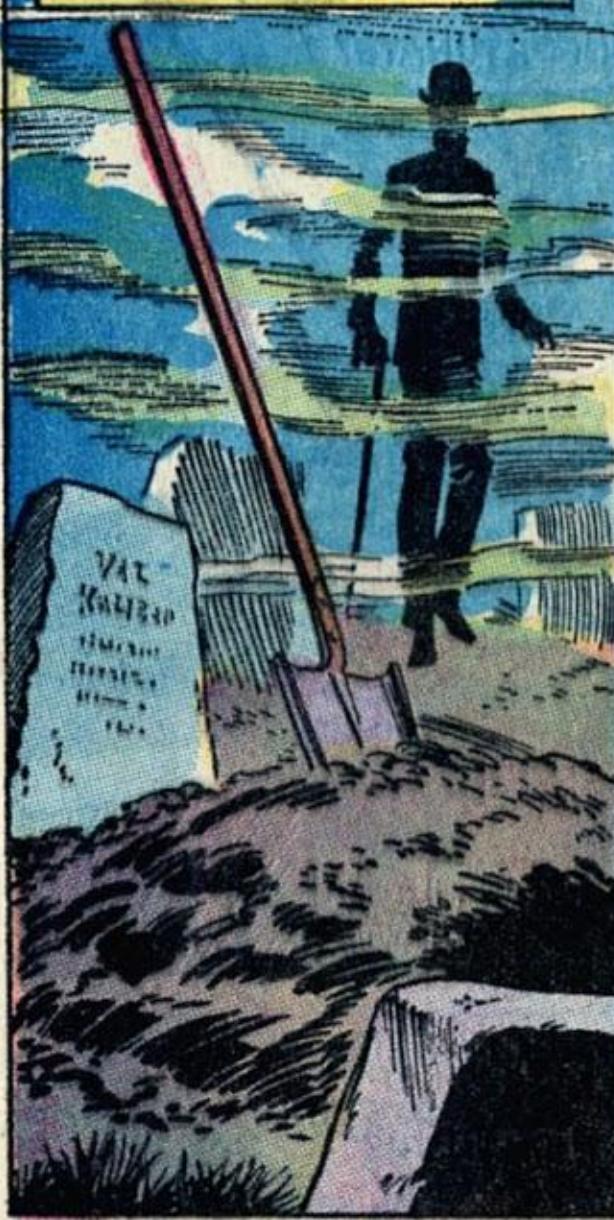
BUT WHO
LIES STRETCHED
OUT IN THERE
NOW?

THE DEVIL! HE WAS
EXPECTING ME...
PREPARED THIS MOCKING
RECEPTION!

WHANG!



WHILE THE SPOOK RE-OPENS SHOP IN GOTHAM, FREE OF THE BATMAN-MENACE... THE DEATHLY QUIET CEMETERY DRAWS A NEW VISITOR...



...A FAMILIAR FIGURE ON A LONELY MISSION, HAS HE COME TO MOURN AT THE NEWLY FILLED GRAVE OF HIS MASTER, OR... TO RE-BURY HIM?



SOON, LABORED BREATHING AND THE STEADY CLUMP OF FRESHLY TURNED EARTH FILL THE NIGHT AIR...



...UNTIL FINALLY...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SIR?

YEAH,
ALFRED...
THIS
MINI-
LUNG
DID THE
JOB!

KEPT ME
FROM
SUFFOCATING...

...PLUS MY SPECIAL
STEEL-LINED "BATMAN"
HOOD-- IT SAVED THE
THICK HEAD OF JASON
BARD!

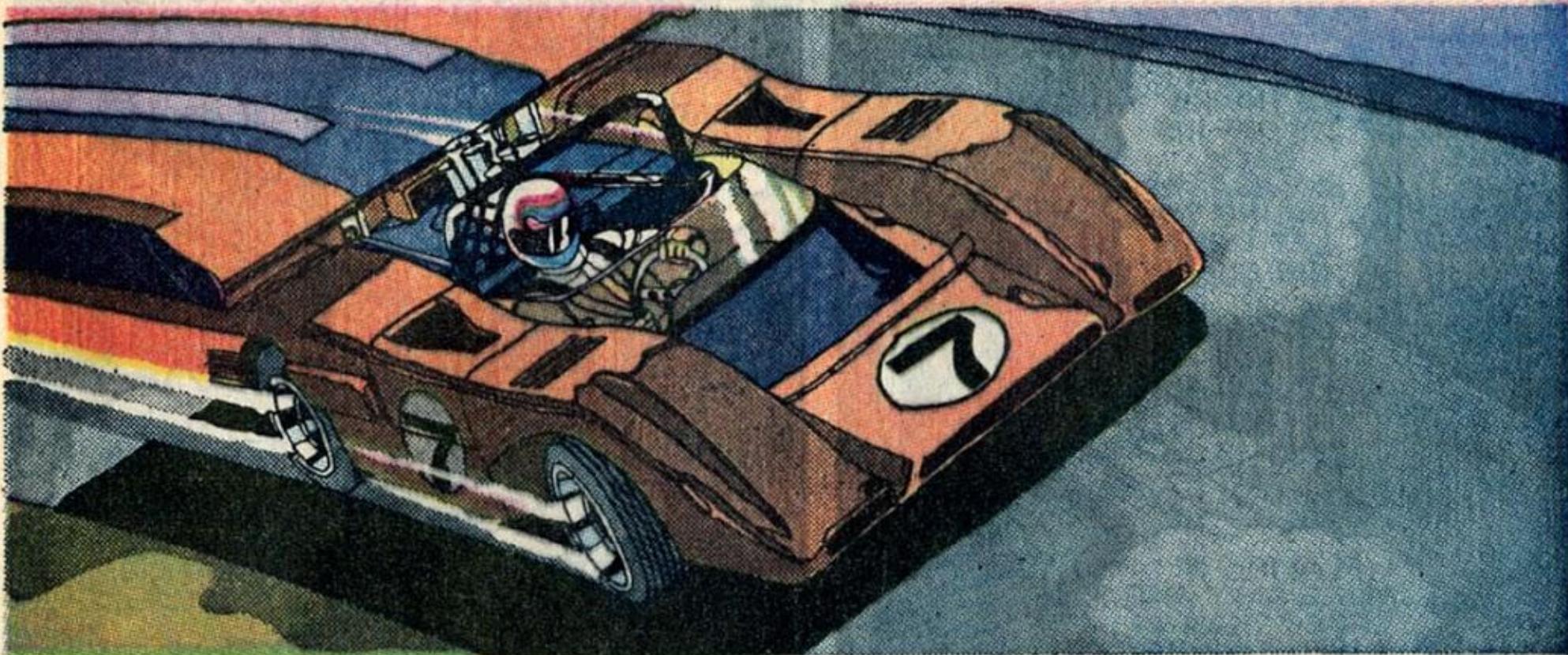
THUNK!
THUNK!

THANKS
FOR
BRINGING
MY CANE,
ALFRED--
DON'T NEED
THIS SPADE
ANY MORE!

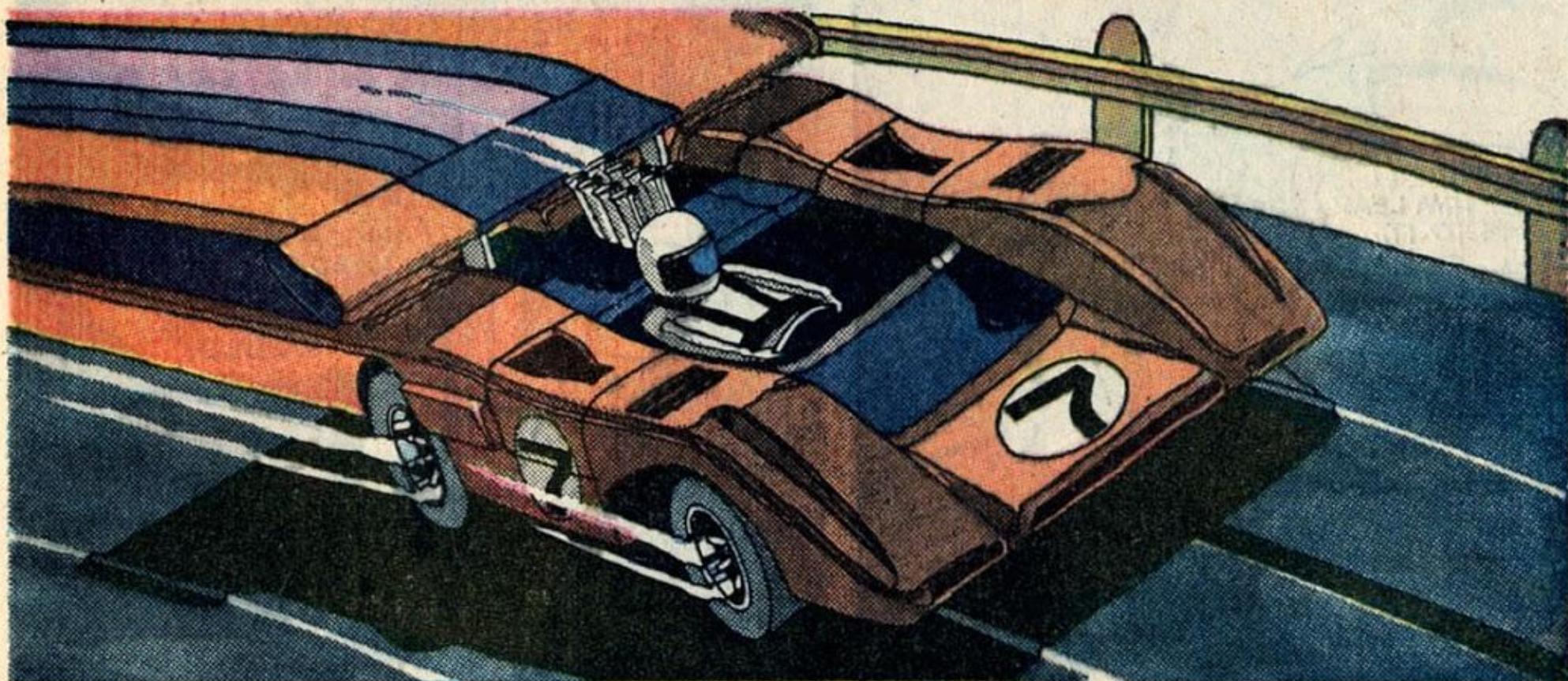
QUIET, MASTER
BARD! IT
SERVED TO
KEEP THE
SPOOK FROM
DETECTING
YOUR TELLTALE
LIMP-- WHEN
YOU BEGAN
THIS
MASQUERADE!



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PUT ON FOR THE EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT OF
THE SPOOK!

BUT
WHAT
PLAN
DOES
THE
REAL
BATMAN
HAVE IN
MIND?...

NOW THAT
HE THINKS
I'M OFF HIS
BACK,
KALIBAN'S
BOUND TO
LET DOWN
HIS GUARD!

GOTHAM SOCIAL CLUB

--PLAYING IT
MORE FAST AND
LOOSE THAN IF
I WERE "ALIVE!"

A SWIFT, SILENT OPENING OF A DOOR...
A FLEETING FIGURE IN THE SHADOWS...
AND ONLY THE WATCHFUL EYE OF THE
BATMAN TO CATCH IT!...

HE'D NEVER RETURN TO
HIS ABANDONED SUBWAY
HIDE-OUT... NOW THAT
IT'S KNOWN TO THE
POLICE!

BUT HE
FIGURES TO
HAVE AN
ALTERNATE
BASE OF
OPERATIONS...
A STAND-BY!

...AND I'LL
LET HIM LEAD
ME TO IT...

...WHERE I
CAN WRAP UP
THIS CASE
ACCORDING
TO PLAN!

WE'RE GETTING
NEAR THE OPEN
WATERFRONT-
BETTER FOLLOW
ON FOOT...

HE CAN'T GO MUCH FURTHER
THIS WAY... WITHOUT
WALKING ON WATER!

WHICH MEANS HE'S
HEADED FOR THE
VERY DESTINATION
I KNEW HE
WOULD!

NEWSPAPERS

BUT A BRIEF SECOND LATER...

WHAA--?! -- HE DID IT
AGAIN! VANISHED--
LIKE THE "GHOST" HE
PRETENDS TO BE!

NEWSPAPERS

SUBWAY

HE WAS HOMING IN
ON THAT ISLAND OUT
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
RIVER...

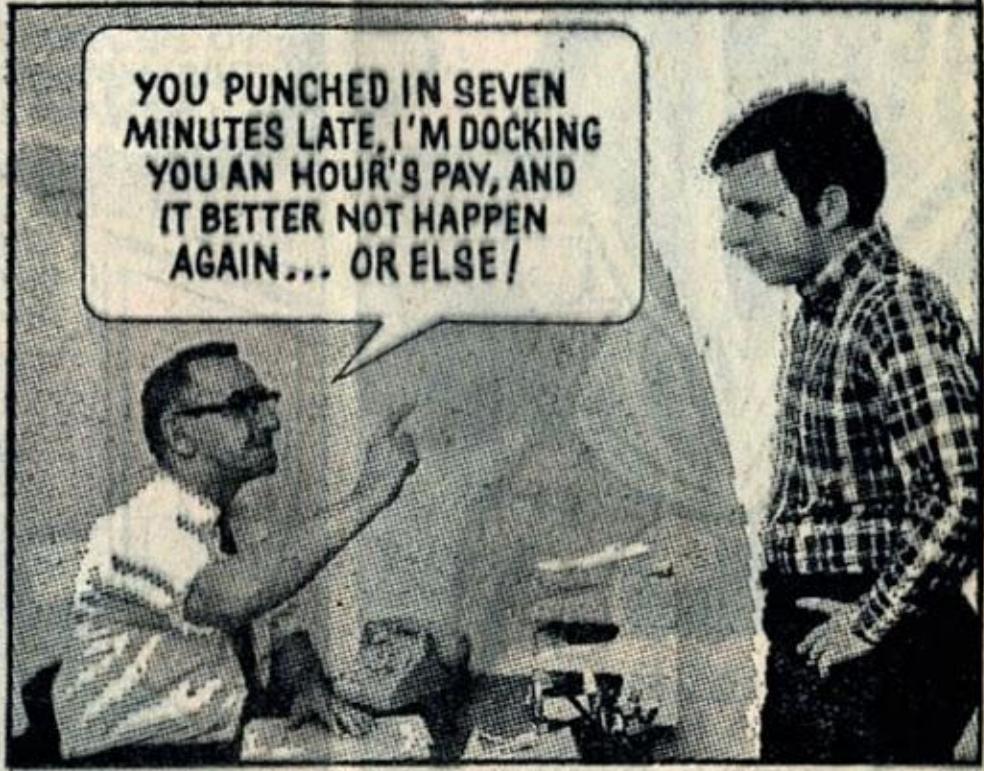
THAT TINY ISLAND...
ABANDONED HOME OF
THE FORMER GOTHAM
"TOMBS"! WHERE
KALIBAN WAS
"EXECUTED"!



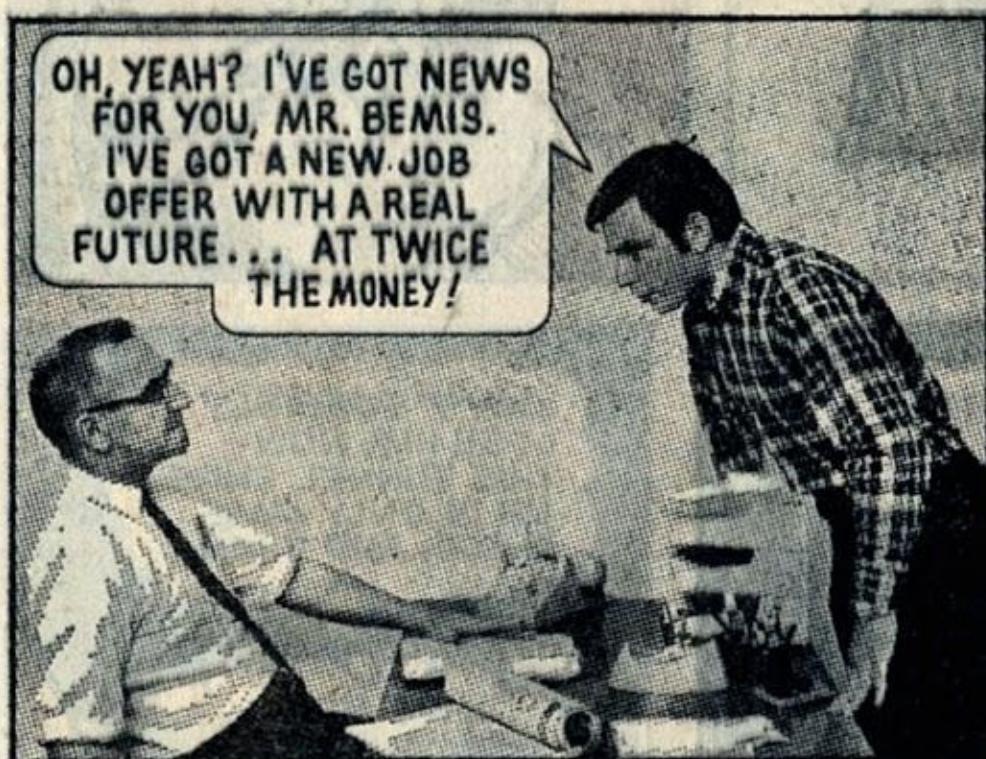
The day Bill told off his boss



GET IN HERE, BILL!
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!



YOU PUNCHED IN SEVEN
MINUTES LATE, I'M DOCKING
YOU AN HOUR'S PAY, AND
IT BETTER NOT HAPPEN
AGAIN... OR ELSE!

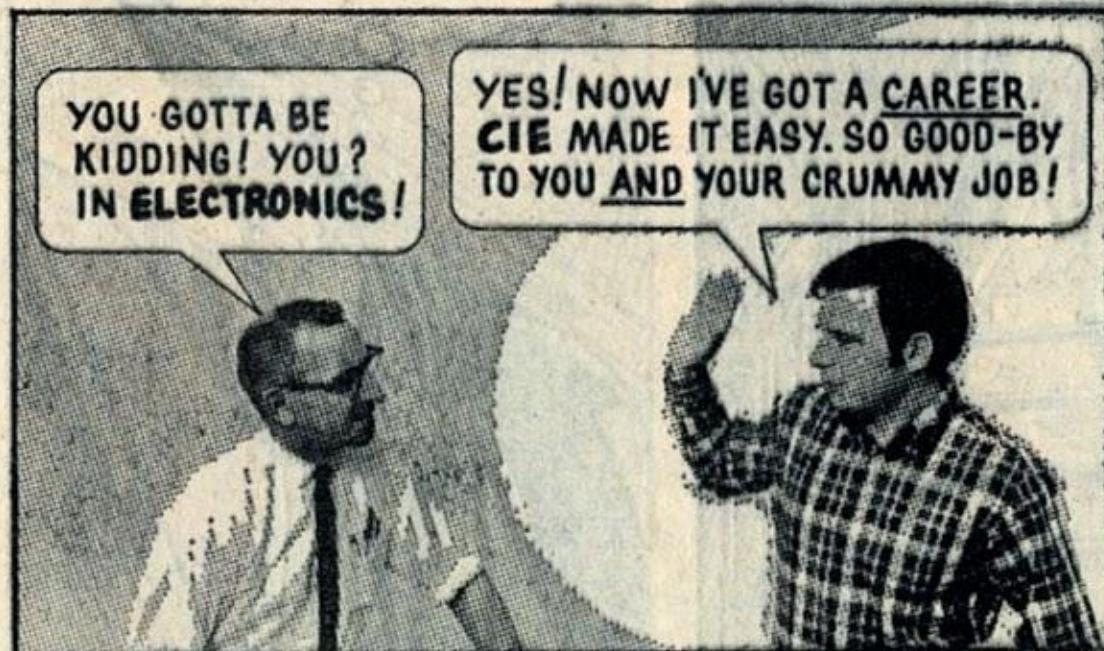


OH, YEAH? I'VE GOT NEWS
FOR YOU, MR. BEMIS.
I'VE GOT A NEW JOB
OFFER WITH A REAL
FUTURE... AT TWICE
THE MONEY!



HAH! ANYBODY'D
BE CRAZY
TO PAY YOU
THAT MUCH!

THAT'S WHAT
YOU THINK!
I'VE BEEN
LEARNING
ELECTRONICS
IN MY SPARE
TIME AT HOME
FROM **CIE**...
AND NOW I CAN
TAKE MY PICK
OF GOOD JOBS!



YOU GOTTA BE
KIDDING! YOU?
IN ELECTRONICS!

YES! NOW I'VE GOT A CAREER.
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IDEAL! A "HAUNTED HOUSE" FOR OUR "SPECTRAL" SPOOK...

...WHERE HE CAN "RATTLE HIS CHAINS" FREELY, WITH NO ONE TO SCARE...

"EXCEPT FRIGHTENED RATS!"

-- AND THOSE THAT PREY ON THEM... WILD DOGS!

THE SNOUT... THEIR MOST SENSITIVE SPOT!

WONG!

POWRRR!

SLOWED 'EM... BUT THAT'S NOT ENOUGH!

NEED SHELTER!

...CLOSE!

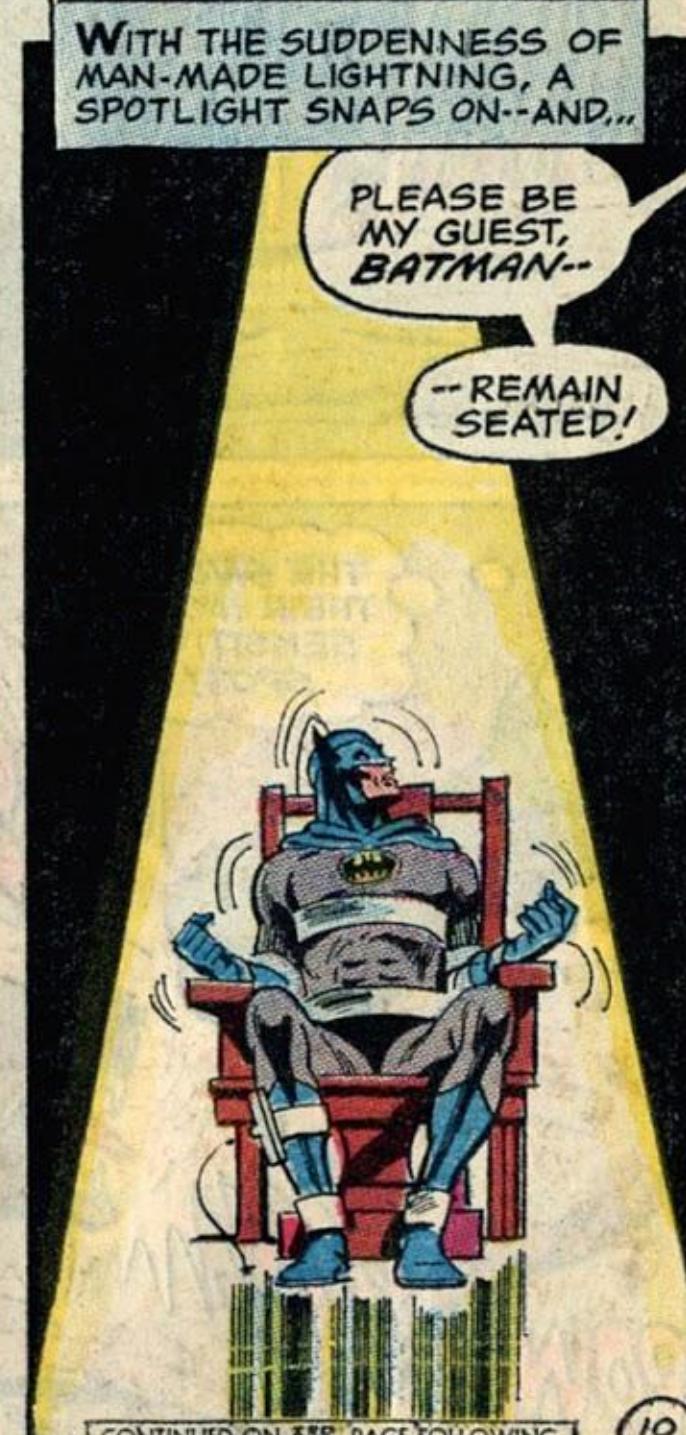
THE SPOOK'S GOT
HIMSELF SOME UGLY
HOUSEHOLD PETS! PLUS
SERVING AS AN EFFECTIVE
SECURITY FORCE!

THEN, MOVING CAUTIOUSLY
INTO THE CELL-BLOCK...

DEATH-ROW! WHERE THE
CONDEMNED KALIBAN
SWEATED IT OUT TEN
YEARS AGO...

...WAITING HIS
WALK DOWN THE
"LAST MILE"!
PLOTTING...
SCHEMING...

...PERFECTING HIS
PLAN TO ESCAPE THE
DOOM BEHIND THIS
GREEN DOOR?



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THAT'S HOW I DID
IT, BATMAN!

YOU'RE CLEVER,
ALL RIGHT-- MUCH
TOO CLEVER...

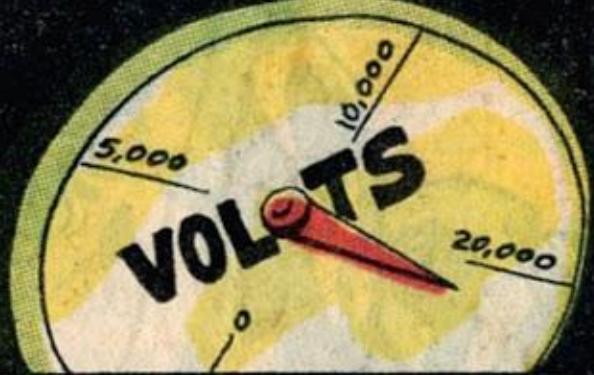
ZZZZT!

...TO
LIVE!

KRA-AK!

THE HIGH-PITCHED WHINE OF THE GENERATOR
RISES TO A SCREAMING CRESCENDO...

DIE! DIE--
WHILE I LIVE
ON AS THE
SPOOK!



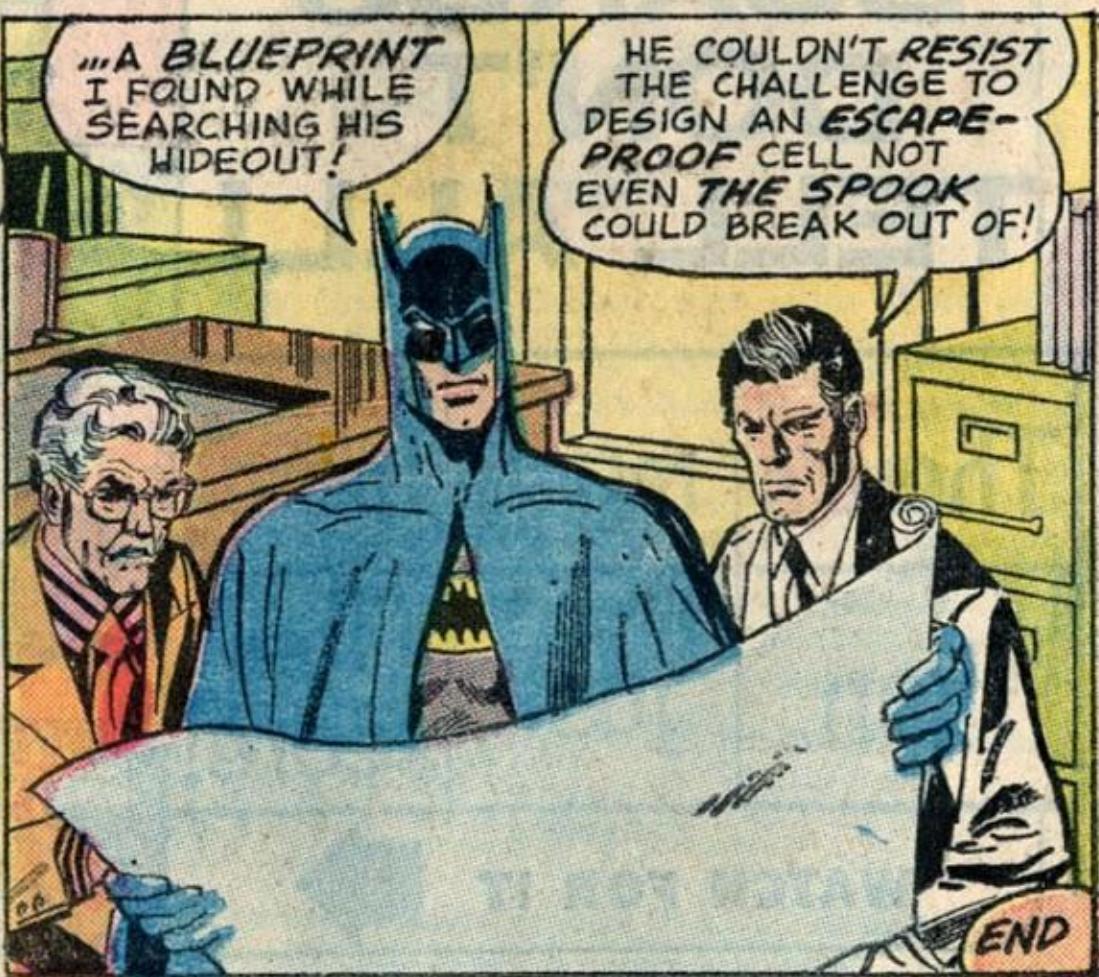
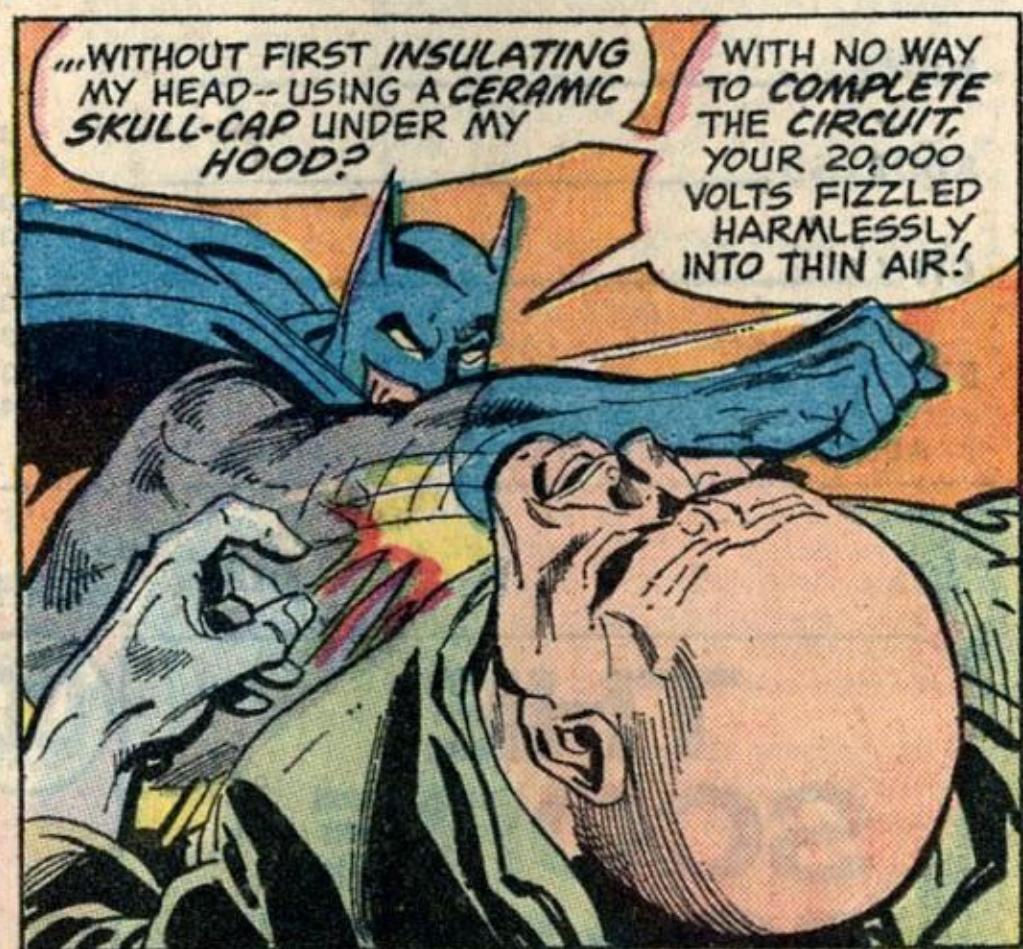
THEN, ABRUPT SILENCE AS
THE POWER IS CUT... THE
EVIL DEED DONE!

ANOTHER SWITCH IS THROWN
...THE ELECTROCUTED BATMAN
IS RELEASED FROM HIS
EARTHLY BONDS...

YOU PLAYED OUR
GAME BRILLIANTLY--
TO THE END!

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I NEVER GOT...





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LETTERS to the BATMAN

in story was equally as bad as the *Batman*. A car with secret components is an old trick. *Robin* tried to hold the tale up, but it just sank into oblivion.

I really am sorry I found this issue to be bad. Sometimes I think we expect too much from you and your staff.

SAL ANTIERI, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

(Please don't hesitate to tell us you expect much (even too much)! The way we look at it, it's a matter of much ado about something!—JS)



Dear Editor:

For once, I told myself that I was going to sit down and write a serious, straightforward letter—so here goes:

Batman #249 has been the best of the bunch since the start of '73. The splash panel for "The Citadel of Crime" overwhelmed me. There stood *The Batman*—like a gallant centurion, fearing nothing or no one. It was a great beginning to a great story. Irv Novick portrayed the Cowled Avenger magnificently. Dick Giordano's inks were perfect, or as near-perfect, as ever.

Frank Robbins wasn't out of the scene either, I may add. The only part of the story that was blown out of proportion was the \$100 check from Bruce Wayne. I can't believe that Marla Manning, no matter how peeved, would publicly humiliate millionaire Bruce Wayne. The part about the two pranksters was believable, since teen-agers will go to any extreme to belittle elders. I'm a teen myself, y'know.

The story improved as it continued. Robbins blended the Bruce Wayne-playboy guise perfectly into the story and brought *The Batman* onto the scene with the same mysterious abruptness that literally strikes fear into the hearts of criminals. The last panel of the story was probably the best—a fitting and comic end.

Brown, McLaughlin, and Maggin weren't in the bullpen either. Elliot scripted a terrific *Robin* tale. I'm glad to see that super-heroes suffer from acne, too. Bravo, Elliot Maggin!

Now, I ask you! Is this a serious enough letter to get printed? Only the *Shadow* knows!

CLINT THOMAS, Oak Hill, W. Va.

(And what the *Shadow* knows will be revealed in next issue's full-length, "Who Knows What Evil . . .?"—JS)



Dear Editor:

"The Citadel of Crime" was quite good, with some nice detective work on *The Batman*'s part. It was an interesting idea for Bruce Wayne to act the "unconcerned slob" to get into the good graces of that club.

"The Case of the Kidnaped Crusader" was excellent; a complete reverse of the *Robin* nonsense Elliot Maggin handed us last issue. Skillful use of continuity here, with the appearance of the consumer crusader, not to mention the brief mention of Clark Kent. Again, a bit of detection, with completely fair clues, and some believable humor. Elliot Maggin is certainly getting *Robin* down pat!

RICHARD MORRISSEY, Framingham, Mass.



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Dear Editor:

Batman #249 was mighty fine. I'm glad you had a lot of Playboy-Bruce Wayne in this issue, because Mr. Novick and Mr. Giordano draw him awfully well! In some panels, blow-ups of Bruce look very attractive. You should show him more often in a tux and tie.

The story itself ("The Citadel of Crime") was one of the better ones with a little irony to pick it up. I smiled at the last panel where Marla Manning admired *The Batman*'s check and put down Bruce Wayne at the same time!

The *Robin* story ("Case of the Kidnaped Crusader") was entertaining; little things like pimples blowing a secret identity can give a person a little laugh, because it sounds so *insane* and yet so *true*. The artwork fascinated me; I loved Frank McLaughlin's inks on Bob Brown's pencils. It gives *Robin* a whole new look and I like it.

Well, all I have left to say is that this issue has gotten my approval (which is pretty good considering I don't exactly love mysteries).

DEBBIE HETHERINGTON, Wallaceburg, Ont.

(Ah! But even life is a sweet mystery!—JS)



Dear Editor:

Quick! Grab Elliot Maggin! Chain him to his typewriter! Shackle him to his chair! Don't let him get away! He's the best thing that's happened to *Robin* since he left for *Gotham U.*!

Mr. Maggin has made *Robin* concerned, aware, and courageous! He's made him human! The biggest improvement is the change in attitude his opponents have undergone. They no longer regard this *Teen Titan* as a mere nuisance. Instead they are now wary, cautious, and downright respectful! And it's about time!

The new team of Brown and McLaughlin has far surpassed expectations. They have given *Robin* that which Novick and Giordano never could—the grace and agility of the master gymnast and acrobat (acrorobin?) that he really is.

MARGIE SPEARS, Hamden, Ct.

(Unfortunately, the *Robin* team of Brown-McLaughlin could only be a one-shot. Last issue was Novick-McLaughlin; this time it's Dillin-Giordano. We'll keep fielding the best team available.—JS)



Dear Editor:

"The Citadel of Crime" had both good and bad qualities. The first couple of pages developed the theme of the story for us. However, the story quickly became boring and tiresome. Frank Robbins is an exceptional writer, but in this story he was below his usual standard of mystery and entertainment. However, I was glad to see more of Bruce Wayne in this story. Frank showed us some of his insight into the elite society that Bruce has to conform to. The *Rob-*

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ACROSS THE **HUDSON UNIVERSITY** CAMPUS...

WASN'T THAT--
SURE! THE BATMAN'S
SIDEKICK HAS
BEEN SEEN
AROUND **NEW
CARTHAGE** A
LOT LATELY!

ROBIN

THE TEEN WONDER

WOW! HE'S HERE...
REALLY HERE--
IN PERSON--

"THE KING FROM CANARSIE!"



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WRITTEN BY:
Elliot Maggin

ART BY:
Dick Dillin and
Dick Giordano

EDITED BY:
Julius Schwartz

DAVY KING
GREW UP AS
A POOR KID
IN THE
CANARSIE
SECTION OF
BROOKLYN...

-HE GOT HIS BIG BREAK
WHEN HE WENT INTO
SHOW BUSINESS...AND
BECAME AN OVERNIGHT
SENSATION!

"BETWEEN ASSIGNMENTS, HE
TRAVELS AROUND THE WORLD
ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED
NATIONS... ENTERTAINING
CHILDREN OF A HUNDRED COUNTRIES..."



CHANGING
TO DICK
GRAYSON,
THE TEEN
WONDER
PLODS
OFF TO
A CLASS
WHERE...

I HEARD A
RUMOR THAT
DAVY KING
WAS TO BECOME
A STUDENT HERE
IN MID-SEMESTER--

ARE YOU GOING TO
STICK IT OUT HERE
ALL FOUR YEARS,
MR. KING?

WHAT ARE
YOU MAJORING
IN, DAVY?



HOLD IT,
EVERYBODY!
HERE COMES
DICK
GRAYSON!

LOOKS LIKE
HE'S GONNA ASK
DAVY KING
FOR HIS
AUTOGRAPH!

LOOK OUT!
THE DOOR'S
FALLING
OVER!



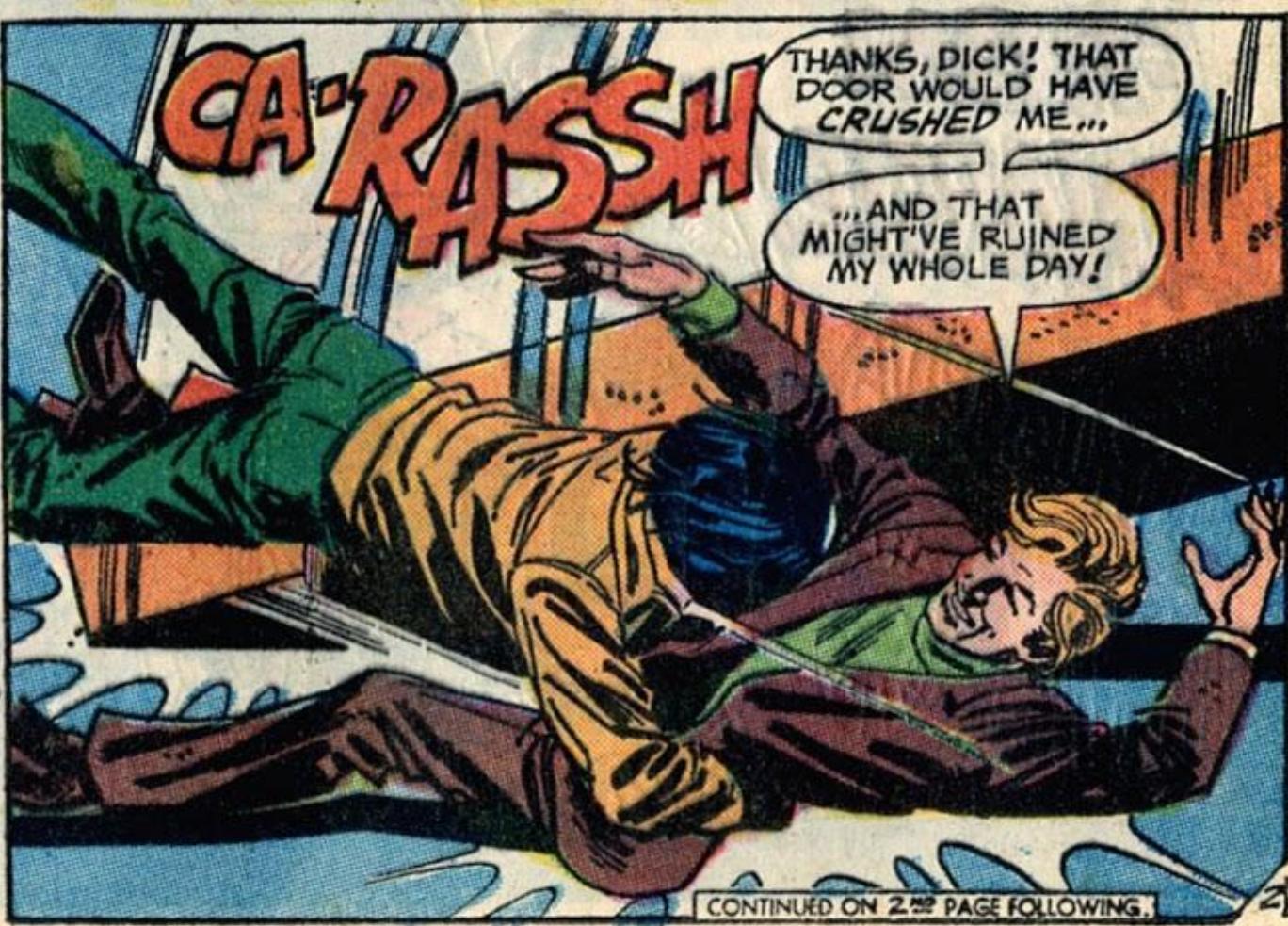
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THANKS, DICK! THAT
DOOR WOULD HAVE
CRUSHED ME...

...AND THAT
MIGHT'VE RUINED
MY WHOLE DAY!

YOU'RE DICK GRAYSON,
THE FELLOW WHO RUNS THAT
RECREATION PROGRAM FOR
THE KIDS AT NEW CARTHAGE?

I WANT TO GET
TOGETHER WITH
YOU LATER AND--



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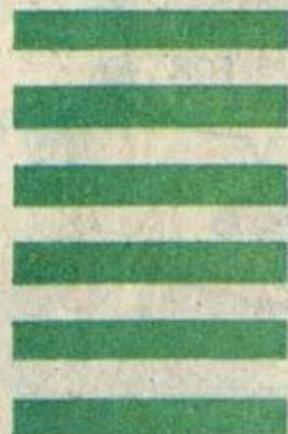
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I HOPE IT ISN'T LONG BEFORE THE STUDENTS GET USED TO SEEING ME AROUND...

I DON'T KNOW... THAT FROSH OVER THERE IS THE GOVERNOR'S DAUGHTER...

...AND EVEN I'M NOT USED TO SEEING HER WALK BY!

WHAT I WANTED TO ASK YOU, DICK, IS WHETHER I COULD VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT WITH THOSE KIDS IN TOWN!

AFTER ALL, I'VE HAD EXPERIENCE WITH ALL KINDS OF KIDS!

THAT'D BE DYNAMITE! WE'LL GO SEE THEM FRIDAY!

BUT OVER THE REST OF THE WEEK, A SERIES OF BIZARRE ACCIDENTS SEEMS TO FOLLOW KING AROUND CAMPUS...

WHW! BARELY SAW THAT IN TIME!
B-BRAKES NOT H-HOLDING! G-GOTTA JUMP!

MAKE IT A HIGH ONE, MR. KING--RIGHT INTO MY OUTSTRETCHED ARM!

MY DORM'S ON FIRE! I'M STARTING TO FEEL LIKE A JINX AROUND HERE!

THUS, ON FRIDAY, IT IS A SHAKEN DAVY KING WHO MEETS DICK GRAYSON AT HIS MICROBUS...

IT'LL BE GOOD TO GET OFF CAMPUS FOR A WHILE!

TRouble HAS BEEN HOUNDING ME... AS IF TELLING ME I DON'T BELONG HERE!

NONSENSE, MR. KING! MEETING THE KIDS IN TOWN WILL DO YOU GOOD...

...NOT TO MENTION THE GOOD YOU'LL DO FOR THEM AND THE RECREATION PROGRAM!

HEY, THERE'S MY PAL, TOMMY DUFFY! HE'LL BE THRILLED TO MEET YOU!



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BEFORE DICK CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE,
THE OLD BUILDING HEAVES, THE EARTH
SCREAMS AS...



IN THE FLASH OF AN EYE, A
HIGH-STRUNG COLLEGE STUDENT
TEARS AT HIS OUTER CLOTHES
AND GRABS THE GLOVES AND
BOOTS IN THE BACK OF THE VAN.



...AND OUT
POURS A
TEEN TITAN...



BUT AS ROBIN ROUNDS THE
BUILDING, A DESPERATELY
FLEEING FIGURE STOPS AND...

HOLD IT,
BIRD-
BOY!

THIS STUFF'LL BLOW
YOU SKY-HIGH IF YOU
COME ANY CLOSER!



STAY
WHERE
YOU
ARE...
WHILE I
MAKE MY
EXIT!

SURE... YOU
HAVE THE
UPPER HAND!

CAREFUL,
DICK... YOU'VE
GOT TO TIME
THIS JUST
RIGHT!

BUT
WITH...



...A
MOVEMENT
SWIFT...



...AS
THOUGHT
ITSELF...





HAVE TO SHIELD HIM FROM THE EXPLOSION!



WITHOUT HIM,
I COULDN'T
MAKE A DIME!

I CAUSED ALL THOSE
ACCIDENTS...TO MAKE
DAVY THINK IT WAS
UNLUCKY FOR HIM
TO GO TO COLLEGE!



THAT IS, IF NO ONE IN THE CLUBHOUSE WAS HURT!

AND AS THE POLICE EMERGENCY TEAM ARRIVES TO RESCUE THOSE TRAPPED IN THE CLUBHOUSE...

TOMMY! ALL THE KIDS ARE JUST SITTING THERE! WHAT'S GOING ON?

DAVY KING'S A WONDER! HE'S KEPT THEM ALL SO CALM, THEY HARDLY NOTICED THEY'D BEEN TRAPPED!

HE'S BEEN DOING HIS FAMOUS ROUTINE WHERE HE RACES THROUGH THE NAMES OF SUPER-HEROES IN RHYTHM!

THERE'S SUPERMAN, STAR-SPANGLED KID, THE SHINING KNIGHT, SUBMARINER! THE SANDMAN, STARMAN, SUPERGIRL, SKYMAN, SARGON, THE SORCERER...

I THINK I'D BETTER STOP BEFORE THE AUDIENCE BEGINS TO HOWL!

MR. KING, PLEASE DO YOUR IMITATION OF THE GREAT RUSSIAN ACTOR--

YOU MEAN COMRADE YURI POPAGONOVICH...?

AND AS THE KING FROM CANARSIE CONTINUES TO MAKE HIS SPECIAL KIND OF MAGIC...

VUNCE I VAS IN A GREAT RUSSIAN OPERA...

EVERYBODY DIE...

VUNCE I VAS IN A GREAT RUSSIAN TRAGEDY...

EVERYBODY DIE...

VUNCE I VAS IN A GREAT RUSSIAN COMEDY...

EVERYBODY DIE...

...BUT THEY DIE HAPPY!

KORAK, THE KING, COMMANDO YANK, THE COMET, KID ETERNITY!

THE BLACK CANARY, BULLETPROOF, AND BATMAN IN HIS CAPE AND COWL--

BESIDES, IT'S TIME DICK GRAYSON MADE AN APPEARANCE!



BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE DC COMIC WORLD

Let's leave the smog-ridden streets of New York City for a change and travel to a pleasanter place, a small town in Illinois where a new chapter is being added to the story of the one and only *Superman*. Join with me then for a visit to *The Amazing World of Superman* in . . .

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Even people who have never read an issue of *Superman*, or *Action Comics*, or any comics magazine know that Metropolis is the name of the city where the Man of Steel lives. The *Superman* legend has been immortalized in a television series, cartoon shows, movies, and magazines from *Time* to *Gentleman's Quarterly*. So when the quiet midwestern town of Metropolis, Illinois announced last year that it was adopting its most famous citizen as the trademark of a new recreation center, the only thing that surprised me was that they hadn't thought of it sooner!

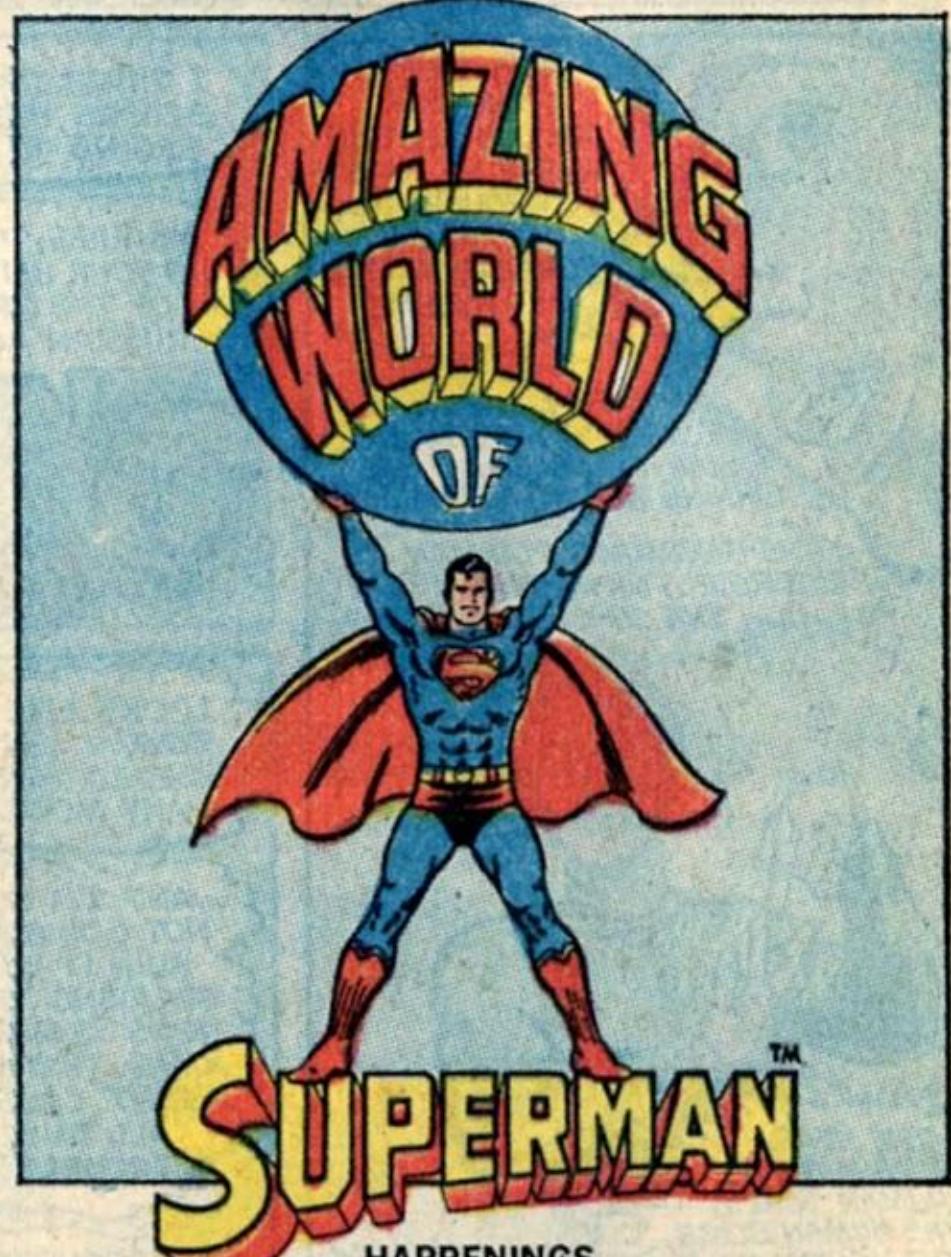
"*The Amazing World Of Superman*" is going to be a very special place when it's completed in a few years. Plans call for a *Superman Museum*, an amusement park (does anyone out there remember a story entitled "Superman In Superman Land" from the nineteen-fifties? Dreams sometimes come true!), and a fantasy world all wrapped into one. On Memorial Day this year it all began with the opening of the new *Superman Exhibition Center*, the cornerstone of the entire operation.

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To celebrate the opening of the Center the people of Metropolis have produced a very special magazine entitled "*The Amazing World of Superman—Metropolis Edition*" for their visitors. It is only available at the center or by mail from them. Its 64 oversized pages are packed with fun and excitement—the origin of *Superman* (a new version by Swan and Anderson, not the one that was reprinted in *Secret Origins #1*), a poster map of Krypton, news-

paper comic strips (from the forties), stories, and articles on the many mediums that *Superman* has appeared in. If you don't think that you can get to Metropolis to pick it up, send \$2.00 plus 40c to cover postage and handling to: Metropolis Recreation, Inc., Post Office Box 809, Metropolis, Illinois 62960, and it'll be delivered to your doorstep by super-mail.

There's going to be a lot happening in Metropolis, so watch this column for more details. Meanwhile, let's go back to the city of New York and the DC offices for a survey of the latest . . .



HAPPENINGS

The Manhunter is coming in *Detective Comics* this summer, just as I promised in *Behind The Scenes #3*, and editor/ writer Archie Goodwin has picked an artist for the strip at long last. The lucky gent is one Walt Simonson, a new artist whose work is also going to be appearing in *Sword of Sorcery*.

To top it all off, the ghostly guardian is returning to the pages of *Adventure Comics*. No, not *Deadman* . . . *The Spectre!* Editor Joe Orlando enjoyed re-reading his origin so much in *Secret Origins #5* that he's launching a *Spectre* series in *Adventure #431*. *Black Orchid* fans shouldn't go into mourning though, as her series will continue to appear in every issue.



Behind The Scenes #1 wasn't on the stands for a week before the letters started to pour in. I promise to answer all the questions that I can next time, and meanwhile I expect to see you all at the New York Comic Art Convention this upcoming July Fourth! Till then, keep reading!

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