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BATMAN

FOR 13 JITTERY NIGHTS

THE *BAT-SIGNAL*
BLAZED IN THE SKY...

FOR 13 DESPERATE DAYS

THE *HOT-LINE*
REMAINED UNANSWERED!



WHERE
BATMAN
ARE
ROBIN?

NOT EVEN *THEY* KNOW!

FOR 13 DAYS AND 13 NIGHTS,
NOBODY IN GOTHAM CITY
KNEW THE WHEREABOUTS
OF BATMAN AND ROBIN!
WERE THEY ON A CASE?

BUT WHAT CASE COULD BE
SO IMPORTANT TO KEEP
THE MASKED MAN-
HUNTERS FROM
APPEARING IN PUBLIC?
HAD SOME DISASTER
OVERTAKEN THEM?
WERE THEY TRAPPED?
HELPLESS? DYING?
VICTIMS OF SOME
DIABOLICAL
SCHEME OF
THE UNDER-
WORLD--AND
UNABLE TO SAVE
THEMSELVES?

BATMAN

With ROBIN The Boy Wonder

MYSTERY of the MISSING MANHUNTERS!



BOB
KANE

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WORRIED CREASES FURROW POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON'S BROW AS HE STARES UPWARD AT A BAT-SIGNAL THAT HAS GLITTERED UNANSWERED FOR 13 NIGHTS IN THE SKY ABOVE GOTHAM CITY...

WHERE ARE BATMAN AND ROBIN ? WHERE ? WHERE ?

FOR 13 DAYS IN THE BATCAVE, THE HOT-LINE PHONE GLOWS-- WITH NO RESPONSE...



AND IN THE BATMOBILE, YET ANOTHER HOT-LINE PHONE SCREAMS ITS MESSAGE ! BUT-- NOW-- AT LONG LAST-- AFTER A 13 DAY-AND-NIGHT SILENCE, A FAMILIAR GLOVED HAND REACHES FORWARD...

I'LL TAKE THAT, ROBIN !

BATMAN ! WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO CONTACT YOU FOR ALMOST TWO WEEKS ! WHERE IN BLAZES HAVE YOU BEEN ?

I DON'T KNOW, COMMISSIONER ! I--JUST-- DON'T -- KNOW !



MOMENTS LATER, AS A FINGER STABS THE ELECTRONIC CONTROL BUTTON IN THE CAR, CAMOUFLAGED DOORS OPEN AND THE BATCAVE BECKONS...

THE COMMISSIONER WAS PLENTY SHAKEN UP, ROBIN!

HOLY JITTERS! HE'S SHAKEN UP? HOW ABOUT US? WE WERE THE ONES WHO'VE BEEN "GONE"--AND WE DON'T KNOW WHERE OR WHY!!

OUR CONSCIOUS MINDS DON'T REMEMBER--BUT OUR SUB-CONSCIOUS MINDS DO! WE'RE GOING TO LEARN WHERE WE WERE ROBIN--AND WHAT WE WERE DOING!

I GET IT! YOU'RE GOING TO GO MIND-DIVING!

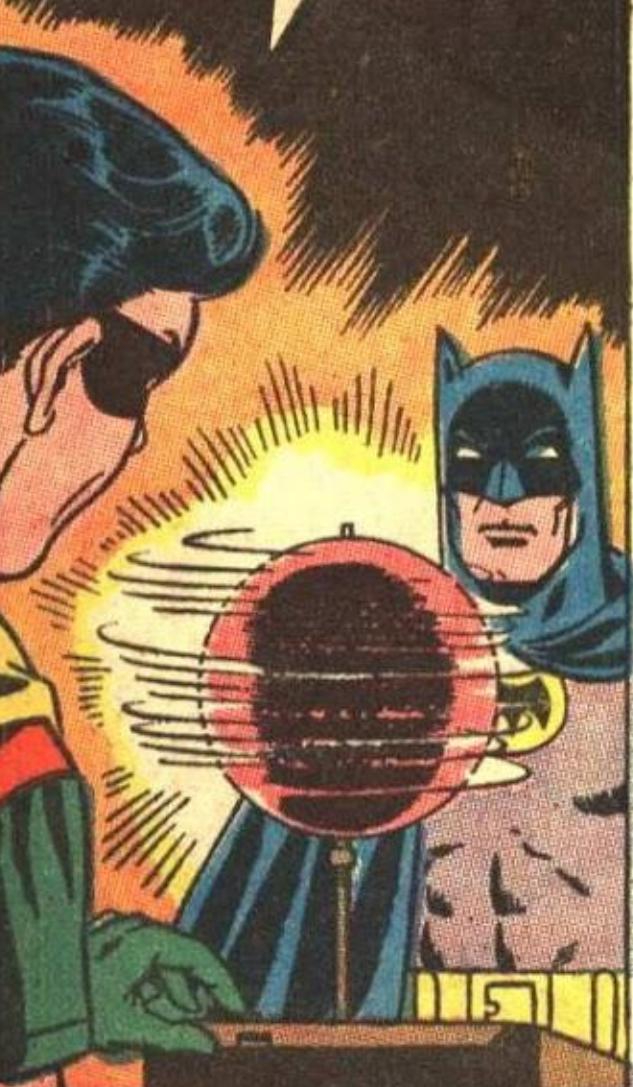


RIGHT! DOC ROBIN WILL HANDLE THIS! JUST RELAX--STARE AT THE DISK-- AND PUT EVERYTHING ELSE OUT OF YOUR MIND--

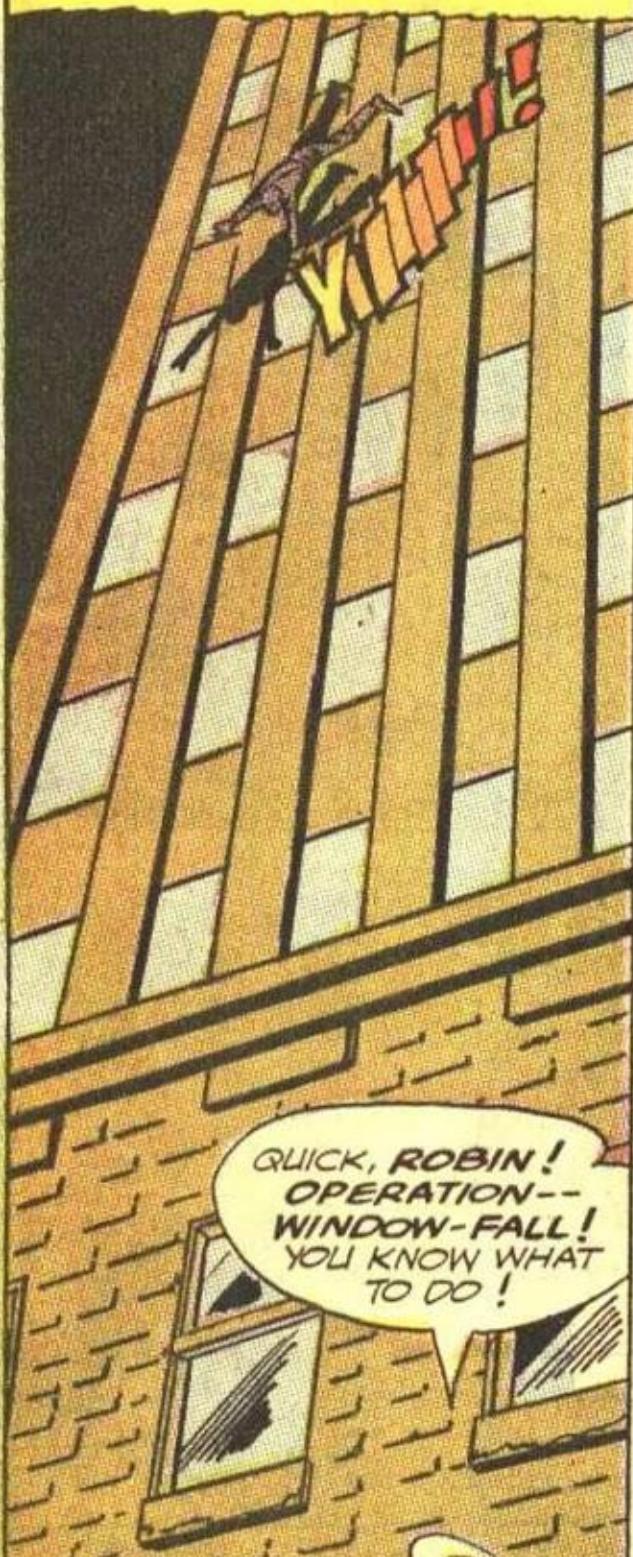
SLEEP, BATMAN, SLEEP.., AND GO BACK IN TIME... BACK, BACK TO THE NIGHT WHEN WE WERE FINISHING UP OUR PATROL...

YES... YES... FINISHING OUR PATROL... I REMEMBER...

"THE NIGHT HAD BEEN QUIET... NO SIGN OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY-- AND THEN LIKE A PISTOL SHOT..."



"OUT FROM AN OPEN WINDOW OF A TALL BUILDING A MAN CAME HURTLING ... "



"MY FEET HIT THE METAL PLATE-FORM OF THE BAT-SPRING EJECTOR IN THE CAR-TRUNK JUST AS YOU PULLED THE LEVER, ROBIN ... "

GOT TO SHOOT MY ARMS FORWARD -- UNLOCK THE SUCTION DISC CLIPS WIRED TO THE UNDER-SIDE OF MY WRISTS ...



"OUT FROM UNDER MY UNIFORM LEAPED POWERFUL GRIPPERS AS THE BAT-SPRING EJECTED ME HIGH ABOVE THE CITY STREETS ... "

GOT TO INTERCEPT HIS FALL!



"I RAMMED THAT WALL JUST AS THE MAN FELL OVER MY SHOULDER! THE GRIPPERS CAUGHT--AND HELD! I CLUNG THERE, EVERY MUSCLE STRUTTED..."

THUNK!



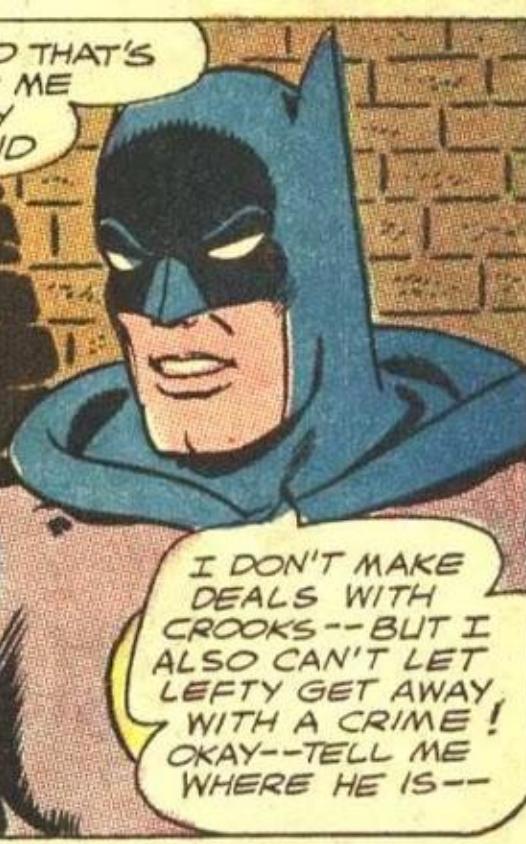
"NEXT MOMENT YOU HURLED THE BATARANG WITH BAT-ROPE ATTACHED AROUND A STANCHION ON THE ROOF..."

"IT WAS CHILD'S PLAY THEN TO ROPE-SLIDE TO THE GROUND WITH MY BURDEN..."

YOU SAVED MY LIFE, BATMAN! SLIPPERY SAM LORENZO WILL NEVER FORGET IT!

MY OWN GANG HAS BEEN HUNTING ME TOO, IT SEEMS! I BEEN SLIPPIN' UP LATELY IN PLANNIN' CRIMES-- SO THE SYNDICATE CHIEFS GAVE MY SECOND BANANA LEFTY WRIGHT THE HIGH-SIGN TO DUMP ME! ONE OF MY OWN BOYS PUSHED ME OUTTA THAT WINDOW!

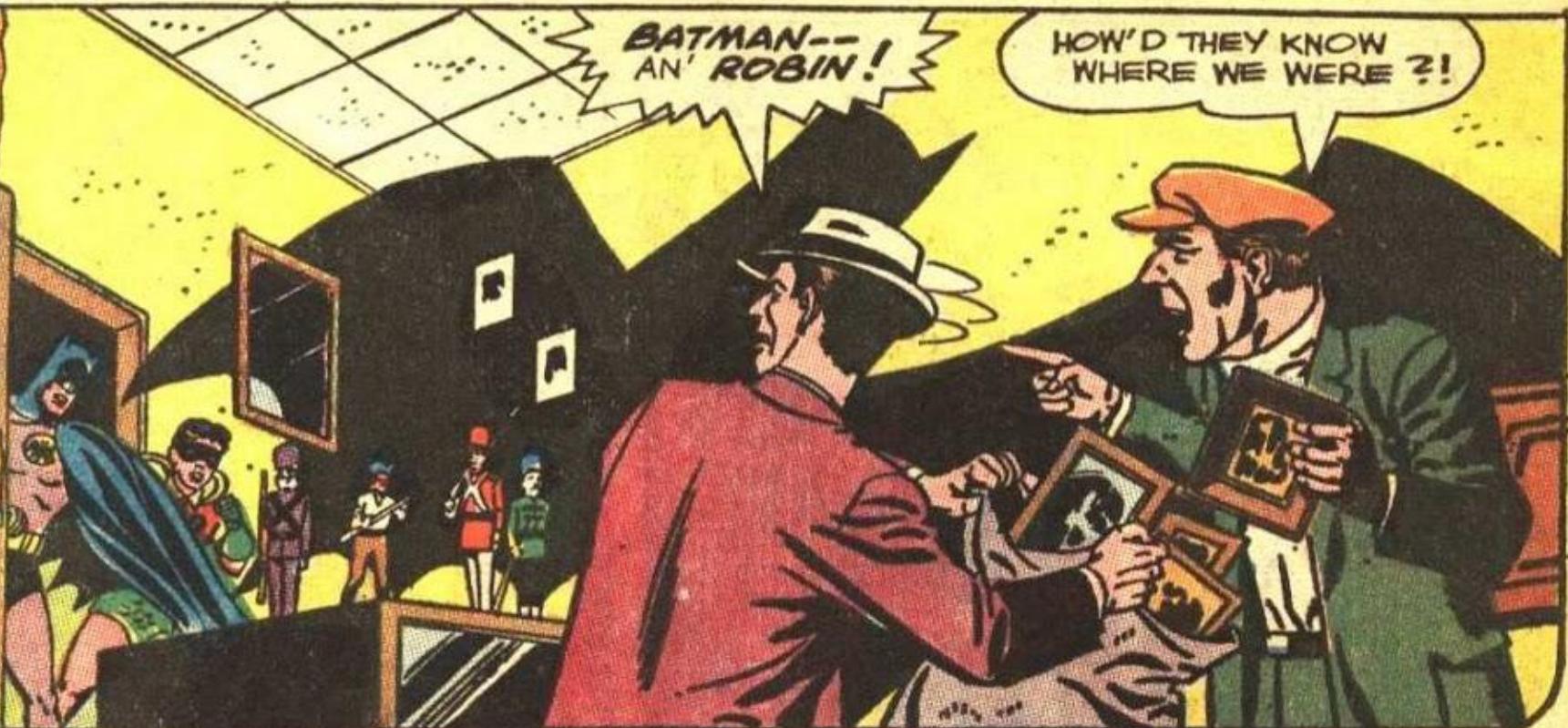
YOU'RE OKAY NOW, LORENZO! COME ON-- WE'LL TAKE YOU TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION AND--



"MOMENTS
LATER,
INSIDE
THE
TEMPLE--
WHERE
LEFTY
WRIGHT
AND HIS
FELLOW
MOBSTERS
WERE
LOOTING
MINIATURE
ART
TREASURES..."

BATMAN--
AN' ROBIN!

HOW'D THEY KNOW
WHERE WE WERE?!



ROBIN AND I HAVE
OUR OWN SPY
SYSTEM!



"I CLEARED THE WAY WITH A
SLAMMING LEAP..."

YOU'RE IN MY WAY--
GET LOST!

WHACK!



RACK UP SOME THRILLS FOR YOURSELF AS BATMAN RACKS UP THESE MEMBERS OF ROBBERY INCORPORATED! STORY CONTINUES ON 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING!

HOLY HOROSCOPE!

The
STARS spell
for

SUPERMAN
and **BATMAN**!



A WEIRD
NEW VILLAIN,
DR. ZODIAC,
USES THE MYSTIC POWER
OF ASTROLOGY TO
PUT THE WHAMMY ON THE
WORLD'S FINEST
TEAM!

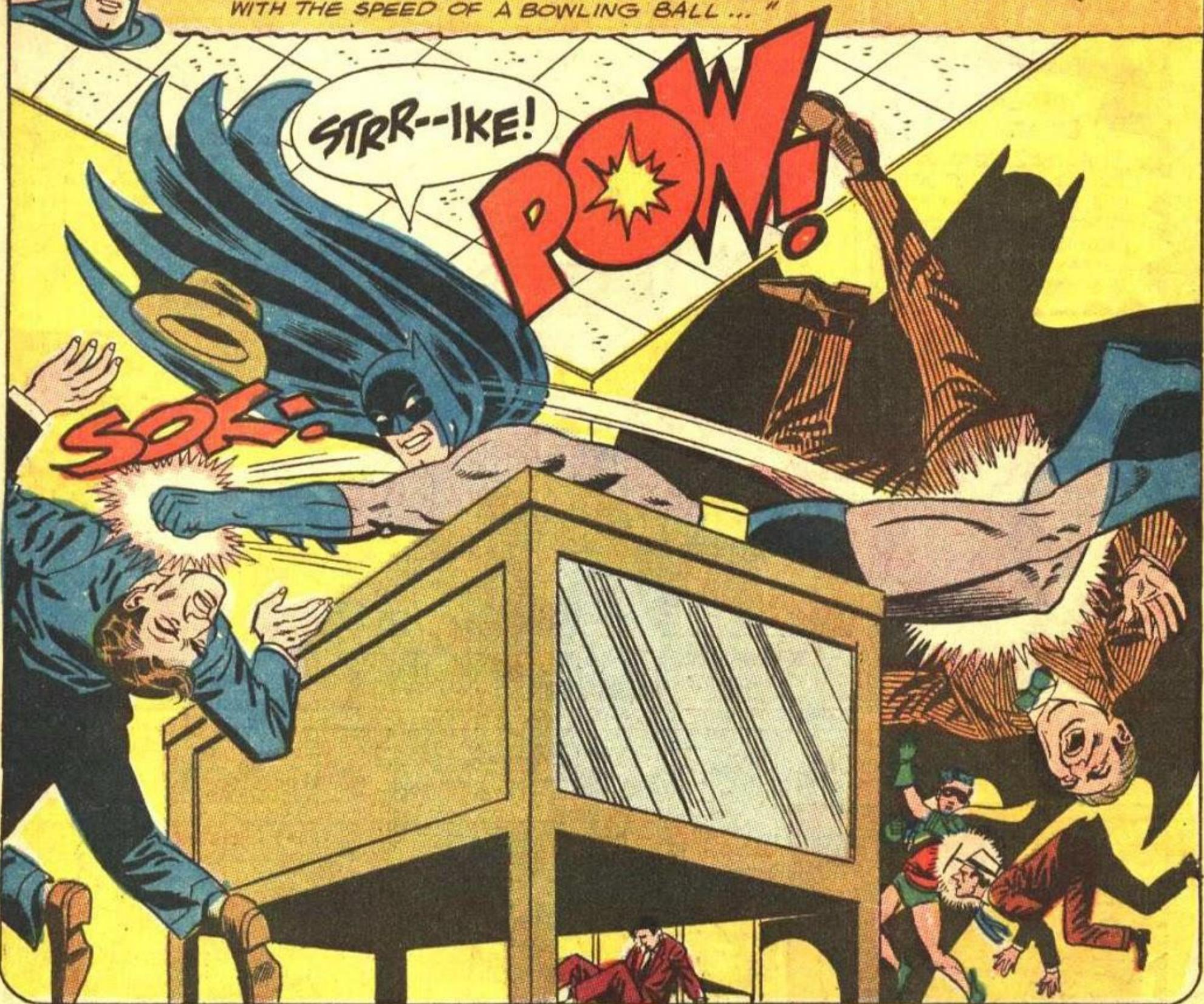


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ON SALE
JULY 26th



"MY BODY HIT THE TOP OF A DISPLAY CASE AND SLID ALONG IT AS IF IT WERE SLIPPERY ICE ! I RAMMED INTO THE HOODLUMS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE COUNTER WITH THE SPEED OF A BOWLING BALL ... "



"OUT OF THE CORNER OF MY EYE I SAW
YOU HIT ANOTHER DISPLAY COUNTER --
AND A MOBSTER'S JAW -- AT THE SAME
TIME..."

YOU READY
TO KNUCKLE
UNDER,
FELLA?

SET 'EM UP IN THE
OTHER ALLEY! I'M
BOWLING 'EM OVER
TONIGHT!

POW

THWAAAAPP!



"OUTSIDE THE BUILDING,
SLIPPERY SAM LORENZO
WAS ALL SMILES AS THE
SOUNDS OF BATTLE CAME
CLEARLY TO HIS EARS..."

FEED THE FISTS TO 'EM,
BATMAN AN' ROBIN!
TEACH THOSE
PUNKEROOS
A LESSON!

"SUDDENLY HIS GRIN OF
DELIGHT WAS WIPE FROM
HIS LIPS AS..."

I GOTTA GET OUT OF--
HMM? SLIPPERY SAM--
STILL ALIVE? SO
THAT'S HOW BATMAN
AND ROBIN KNEW
WHERE WE WERE
ROBBING!

LEFTY
WRIGHT!
YOU--
GOT--
AWAY!

I DID--BUT WITHOUT
A GUN! OR YOU
WOULDN'T BE ALIVE
RIGHT NOW! BUT I
CAN PAY YA BACK
FOR SQUEALIN'--
LIKE THIS!



CONTINUED ON 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING.

"LEFTY HAD TIME FOR
JUST ONE BLOW..."

I HEAR BATMAN AN'
ROBIN HIGHBALLIN'
IT THIS WAY! I GOTTA
MAKE SOME TRACKS
OF MY OWN OUTTA
HERE!

"MOMENTS LATER, ROBIN,
YOU BROUGHT SLIPPERY SAM
AROUND..."

Whew!
THAT
AMMONIA'S
PLENTY
POWERFUL!
IT WAS
LEFTY
WHO
BELTED
ME...

POLICE
COMMISSIONER
GORDON?
BATMAN HERE!
SEND SOME
OFFICERS TO
THE TEMPLE OF
TINY TREASURES
TO PICK UP A
PACKAGE OF
NO-GOODS!

"AS I HUNG UP..."

YOU DID YOUR JOB,
BATMAN--I'LL
DO MINE--TELL
YOU ALL YOU WANT
TO KNOW ABOUT
ROBBERY INCOR-
PORATED! NAMES,
DATES, CRIMES--
THE WHOLE SET-UP!
BUT YOU GOT TO
KEEP ME PRO-
TECTED AT
ALL TIMES!

ALL RIGHT,
SAM! ROBIN
AND I WILL
GUARD YOU!
ROBBERY
INCOR-
PORATED
HAS BEEN A
THORN IN
THE SIDE OF
LAW AND
ORDER IN
GOTHAM
CITY LONG
ENOUGH!

"HALF
AN
HOUR
LATER
THE
BAT-
MOBILE
WAS
PARKED
IN A
CAVE
NOT FAR
FROM
THE
SEA,
WHILE
IN A
LARGER
CAVE
ABOVE
IT..."

WE'VE USED THIS CAVE BEFORE, WHICH EXPLAINS
THE LAYOUT! TO MAKE SURE YOU'LL BE
SAFE, EITHER ROBIN OR I WILL BE AT
YOUR SIDE AT ALL TIMES!

I'M REMOVING
THE TRANS-
ISTORIZED
TAPE RECORDER
FROM MY
UTILITY BELT--
SO YOU CAN
START
SINGING--

I'M A MARKED
MAN. THE WORD
CAME DOWN TO
GET ME--SO
I'LL BRING
THE WHOLE
ORGANIZATION
WITH ME WHEN
I GO! THEY
THINK I'M A
HAS-BEEN--
MORE "SLIP
UP" THAN
"SLIPPERY"--
BUT I'LL
SHOW 'EM!

WHILE YOU'RE SPILLING WHAT YOU
KNOW--I'M GOING OUT AFTER LEFTY
WRIGHT! THE SOONER WE PUT HIM BEHIND
BARS, THE SOONER WE CAN GET YOU
OFF OUR HANDS!

"THE BATMOBILE TRUNK HAS A SPECIAL COMPARTMENT CONTAINING MANY AND VARIED DISGUISES. AFTER FIFTEEN MINUTES WITH A MAKE-UP KIT..."

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE GREG THE GYP WAS SEEN AROUND TOWN! I'LL START ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT WHERE TO FIND LEFTY WRIGHT..."



"THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND NIGHTS WERE SPENT IN A FRUITLESS QUEST..."

I'VE HAD NO LUCK AT ALL-- AND WASTED HALF A WEEK! GOT TO START LOOKING ELSEWHERE -- AS SOMEONE ELSE!



"FOR SEVERAL MORE DAYS I MADE THE ROUNDS OF GOTHAM CITY AS TOMMY THE TOUT..."

NO DICE HERE, EITHER! IT'S AS IF LEFTY'D BEEN LEFT AT THE STARTING GATE! BUT HE'S GOT TO BE SOMEWHERE AROUND!



"THE DAYS GREW INTO AN EVEN DOZEN. THEN ONE AFTERNOON, POSING AS CUEBALL CARSON, I STRUCK PAYDIRT..."

--AND WHEN I WAS IN CHI, I TEAMED UP WIT' TH' FATS MARR GANG...

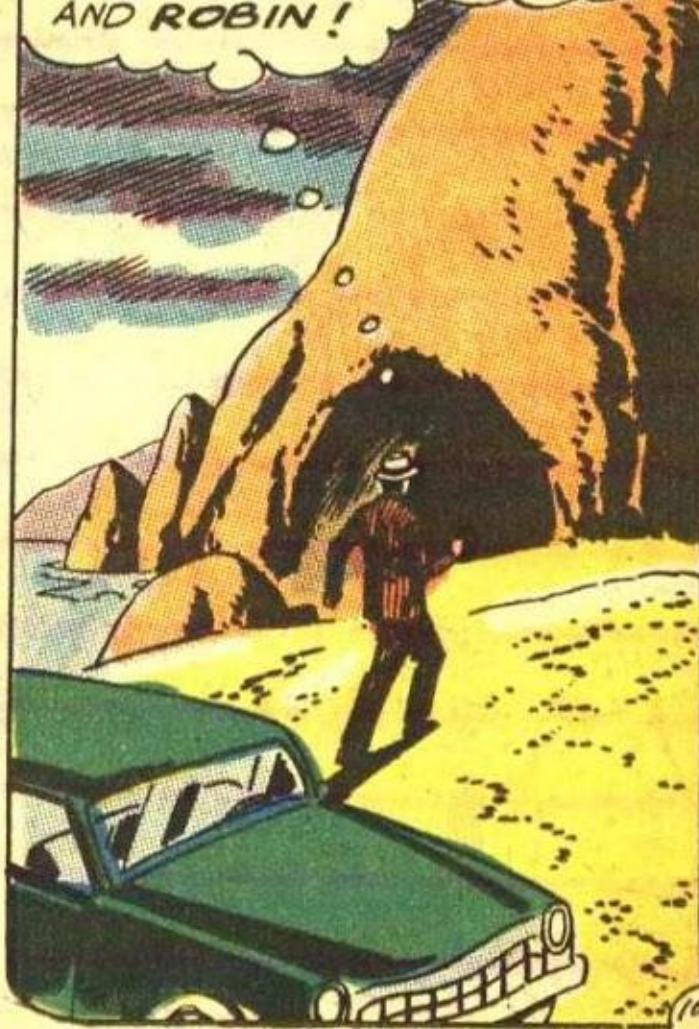


THAT POOL SHARK IS GIVING ME THE FISH-EYE! HE MUST KNOW-- JUST AS I DO-- THAT THERE'S NO FATS MARR GANG IN CHICAGO! THIS IS WHERE THE ACTION IS! I'LL GIVE HIM TIME TO GO TELL LEFTY WRIGHT HIS SUSPICIONS ABOUT ME!



"A LITTLE LATER, AFTER LEAVING THE POOL HALL, AS CUEBALL CARSON I DROVE IN MY RENTED CAR TO THE SEA CAVES..."

LEFTY AND HIS MOB ARE HOT ON MY TRAIL! BUT I'VE GIVEN ROBIN INSTRUCTIONS TO HIDE SLIPPERY SAM -- SO THE ONLY ONES LEFTY AND HIS BOYS WILL FIND HERE-- ARE BATMAN AND ROBIN!



"AND SO--
AS LEFTY
WRIGHT
AND THE
STRONG-
ARM BOYS
OF
ROBBERY
INCOR-
PORATED
SHOWED UP IN
THE
SEA
CAVE..."

THERE THEY ARE! THEY HAVE SLIPPERY SAM STASHED
AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE! GET 'EM!

EASY TO
SAY,
LEFTY!



BUT A TRIFLE DIFFICULT
TO DO! ROBIN AND I ARE
THE ONES WHO DO THE
"GETTING"!



EVEN BATMAN CAN'T
FIGHT BULLETS--



"OUT OF
THE
DIMNESS
OF THE
CAVE YOU
LEAPED,
ROBIN--
CATCHING
BULLETS
ON THE
THICK
WOODEN
SEAT
OF A
CRUDE
CHAIR..."

I'VE NEVER
RUN INTER-
FERENCE TO
A COUPLE
OF BULLETS
BEFORE ...



"NEXT INSTANT..."

HERE GOES
OPERATION
GUN-DROP!

KLONNK!

KLONNK!



SLEEPY BYE,
FELLAS!

KR

UNCHI

ZOK!

"BEHIND
YOU, I
WAS
EXPLODING
IN A
FINAL
FLARE-UP..."

THUNKK!



"I SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST..."

A LEFT AND A RIGHT
FOR--LEFTY WRIGHT!

WAAD

YOU GOT
'EM ALL,
BATMAN!
I SURE
ENJOINED
EVERY
SOCKO
SECOND
OF IT!

I'LL CALL POLICE COMMISSIONER
GORDON NOW ON THE HOT-LINE.
ROBIN! WE HAVEN'T BEEN IN
TOUCH BEFORE BECAUSE I
WANTED TO KEEP SLIPPERY
SAM ALIVE! NOW THAT THE DANGER
HAS BEEN REMOVED, I CAN
TURN HIM OVER TO THE
POLICE...



"AS I LIFTED THE HOT-LINE PHONE.."

OH! ELECTRIC SHOCKS--
SHOOTING THROUGH
US --

UNKNOWN TO THE MASKED MANHUNTER AND
BOY WONDER -- AT THAT MOMENT...

HA! HA! I DIDN'T SLIP UP HERE! WHEN
ROBIN LEFT ME ALONE FOR A FEW MOMENTS,
I RIGGED THE BATMOBILE TO KNOCK
THEM COLD! BEFORE CLEARING OUT OF
HERE, I'LL DESTROY THE TAPE RECORDINGS
I GAVE ROBIN IN WHICH I SPILLED THE
WORKS ABOUT ROBBERY
INCORPORATED!

"FROM THAT MOMENT--UNTIL NOW --
ROBIN, WE WERE STRICKEN WITH
PARTIAL AMNESIA!"

HAVING SEEN HOW BAT-
MAN USED THE HOT-LINE
PHONE TO CALL FOR THE
POLICE, I USED IT TO
TRIGGER THE ELECTRICITY
SHOOTING ALL THROUGH
THE BATMOBILE! NOW
TO MAKE MY GETAWAY
IN THE RENTED CAR
BATMAN USED AS
CUEBALL CARSON!

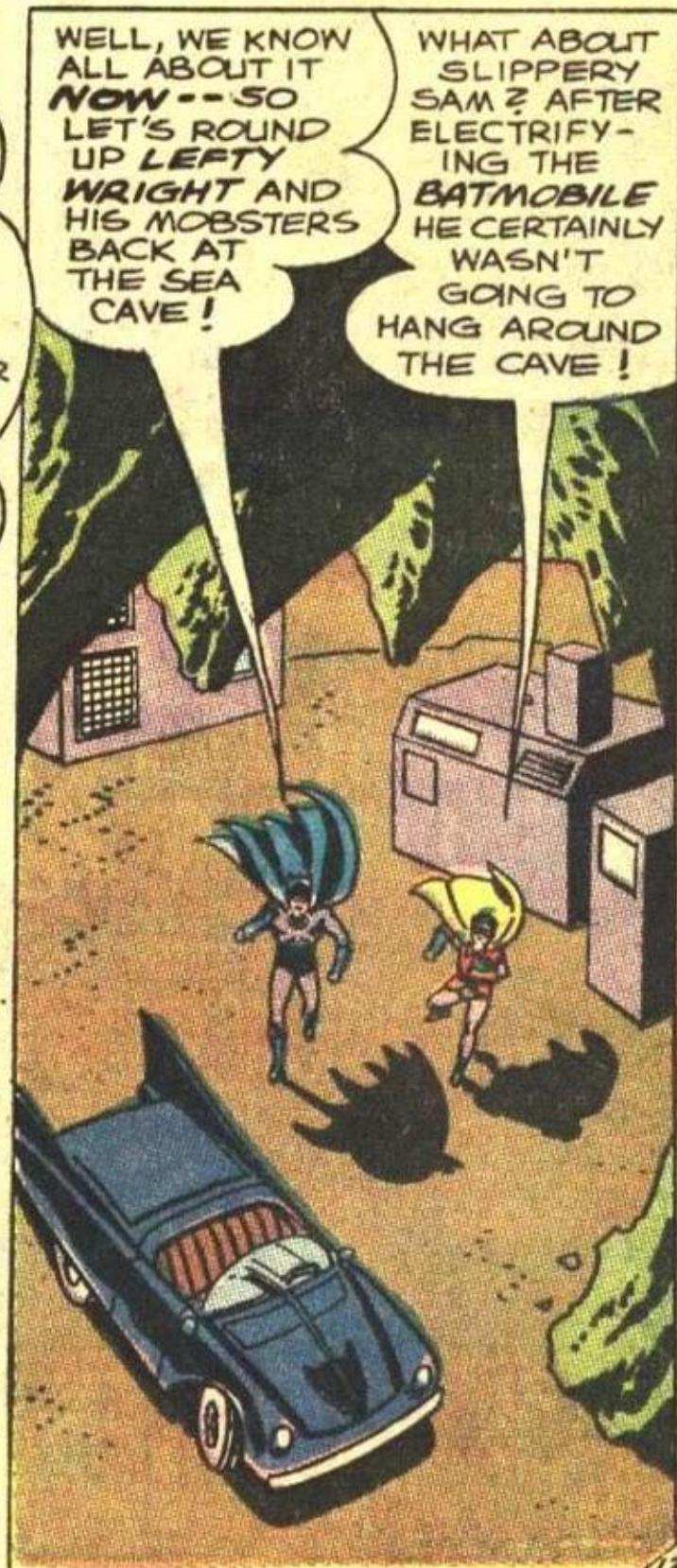
IN THE BATCAVE, AS ROBIN
STOPPED THE ROTATING HYP-
NOTIC DISC...

WE CAN FILL IN
THE REST OUR-
SELVES! WE
CHECKED THE
BATMOBILE--
DISCONNECTED
THE WIRES WITH
WHICH SLIPPERY
SAM ELECTRIFIED
IT--AND DROVE
HOMeward
WHILE YOU
REPAIRED
THE
HOT-LINE
PHONE!

SURE!
AND WHEN
IT RANG
YOU
ANSWERED
IT TO TELL
POLICE
COM-
MISSIONER
GORDON
WE DIDN'T
KNOW
WHERE
WE'D
BEEN!

WELL, WE KNOW
ALL ABOUT IT
NOW-- SO
LET'S ROUND
UP LEFTY
WRIGHT AND
HIS MOBSTERS
BACK AT
THE SEA
CAVE!

WHAT ABOUT
SLIPPERY
SAM? AFTER
ELECTRIFY-
ING THE
BATMOBILE
HE CERTAINLY
WASN'T
GOING TO
HANG AROUND
THE CAVE!



**ROBIN'S QUESTION IS ANSWERED
WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE
ENTRANCE TO THE SEA CAVES...**

BATMAN--
LOOK! SOMEBODY
BOOBY-TRAPPED
THE CAR YOU USED
AS CUEBALL
CARSON!
SLIPPERY SAM
TRIED TO USE
IT TO MAKE HIS
GETAWAY--AND
IT BLEW UP
ON HIM!

**POOR
SAM!**
HE
"SLIPPED
UP" FOR
THE LAST TIME!
LET'S SEE
WHAT LEFTY
WRIGHT
KNOWS
ABOUT
THIS!

I DIDN'T SLIP UP, BATMAN!
BEFORE I WENT INTO THE
CAVE AFTER YOU, I SET
THE BOOBY-TRAP TO GET
YOU! EVEN IF YOU CAP-
TURED ME, I INTENDED
TO WIN OUT BY BLOWING
YOU UP! BUT SLIPPERY
SAM SAVED YOUR LIFE BY
DOUBLE-CROSSING YOU
AND TRYING TO ESCAPE!

**AFTER THE GANG MEMBERS
OF ROBBERY INCORPORATED
HAVE BEEN JAILED...**

I REMEMBER ENOUGH ABOUT
WHAT SLIPPERY SAM
LORENZO PUT ON THOSE
RECORDING TAPES TO
ENABLE US TO PUT THE
FINISHING TOUCHES TO
WHAT'S LEFT OF
**ROBBERY
INCORPORATED!**

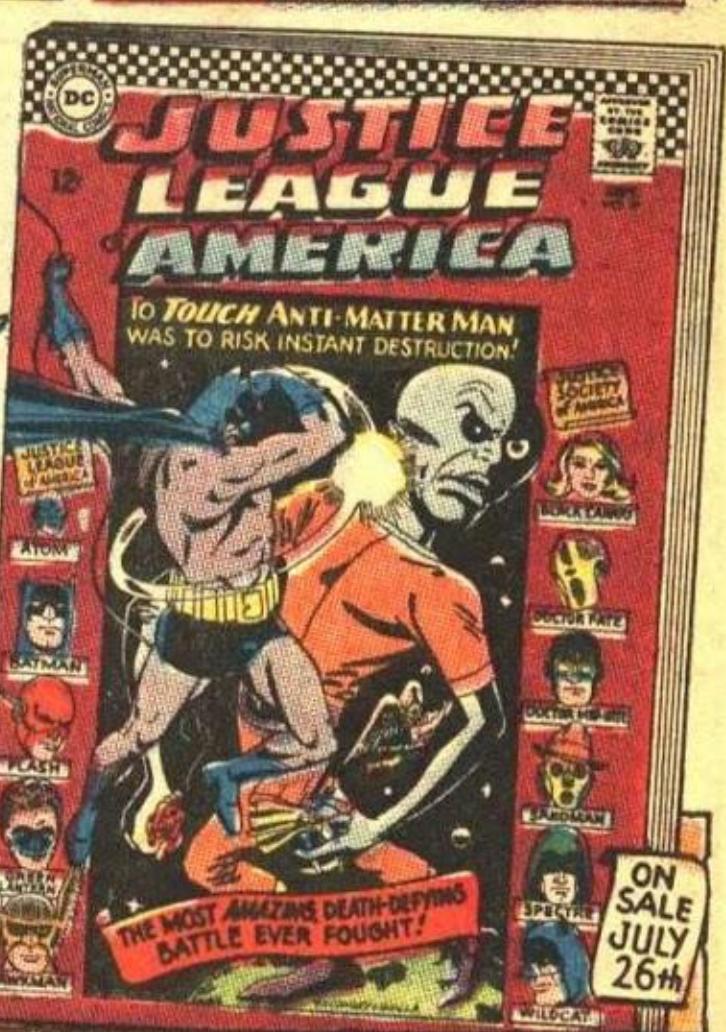


To **TOUCH ANTI-MATTER MAN** was to risk **INSTANT DEATH!**

YET THE
GREATEST SUPER-HEROES
OF TWO EARTHS GRIMLY
FOUGHT A DEATH-DEFYING
BATTLE AGAINST THEIR
FANTASTIC FOE TO SAVE
THE UNIVERSE!

A JUSTICE LEAGUE-
JUSTICE SOCIETY
EPIC IN

DC
NATIONAL COMICS



LETTERS TO THE BATCAVE

Dear Editor: "Death Knocks Three Times," in *Batman* 180, is unequivocally the best *Batman* tale since the new look began two years (has it been that long!) ago. All who partook in bringing this story to the newsstands undoubtedly put their whole heart and soul into the project; and this product does indeed reveal it. It's a minor *Batman* masterpiece.

Beginning with first things first, we have the cover. Beautiful! Simple as that—beautiful! Gil Kane and Murphy Anderson have drawn what to my mind is the finest *Batman* cover since "The Castle With Wall-to-Wall Danger," and that cover I sincerely believe was "un-toppable!" That body of *Robin* hung motionless in the foreground, with the two struggling figures of *Batman* and *Death-Man* in the background, and the entire scene drenched in a pouring thunderstorm straight out of Boris Karloff, captures perfectly the aspect of *Batman* which has been lost for so many years—mystery!

As for the inside artwork, by Bob Kane and Joe Giella, it, too, is good. Bob Kane seems to have taken this story to heart and it really shows in the artwork; never has Kane drawn such free, litheful figures since the very old days.

Plot-wise the issue was great. At last we have a completely evil villain who kills, and kills in cold blood! This is something else the new *Batman* hasn't seen for ages; and it's so very good to see the veteran crime-fighter in his old element again. The story was so good, I'll even overlook those sequences wherein *Batman* and *Robin* miraculously battle ten armed villains and come out victorious without a scratch on our favorite heroes. The climax was absolutely stunning: the foreboding atmosphere of a graveyard, an exploding thunderstorm, and a classic death for a classic villain.

If I were to name the single most magnificent facet of this entire issue, I would have to dwell on this one point: finally someone is beginning to breathe life into *Batman*; our hero is beginning to be a real, live person with human weaknesses. He isn't entirely indestructible any longer. Bruce's nightmares of *Death-Man*, *Batman*'s getting shot and almost dying at the hands of a villain and being saved only by a chance lightning bolt, and even the totally inane introduction of women, are all steps in the right direction. Keep it up. —Paul Seydor, Imperial, Pa.

(How good it is to hear again from Paul Seydor—one of our demon correspondents of yesteryear! As he said in another part of his long letter, he just had to "take a breather" from his college studies to write us again! More—more—more—Paul! —Editor)

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Dear Editor: I am sorry, but I just was not impressed by "Death Knocks Three Times." The story was, at times, hardly believable, and was, all of the time, most objectionable.

The idea of *Batman*, who has fought countless villains, being so severely affected by the death of one of his macabre foes is simply ridiculous. To have nightmares about him is the height of absurdity. I could understand nightmares about the *Joker*, whom he has fought in countless battles over many years. But why in the world should he be "haunted" by the ghost of a mad kook who skin-grafted a spooky costume to his body and affected an insane, mocking laugh? *Batman*

is tough. He is no novice to a career which often includes deaths. He can accept death! —Irene Vartanoff, Bethesda, Md.

(But not more than once—as contrasted to *Death-Man*'s—three times. And that makes a difference! —Editor)

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Dear Editor: Issue 180 of *Batman* was the swellest I have ever read—its subtle character sketches being finely drawn in a pure Voltarian style. *Batman* and *Robin* were superb. *Robin*'s mention of *Superman* was an excellent use of the technique of allusion, bringing to mind the gallant defenders of both human dignity and the pursuit of happiness. The message of the story is clearly "Persecution doesn't pay!"

Death-Man was a memorable villain and ranks with the greatest villains of history (though short-lived, so to speak). I offer to you, sir, my fondest congratulations upon this masterpiece of contemporary literature.

I, as well as my neighbors, thought it should be included in the *Best Short Stories* anthology for 1966. —Ruth Keady, Walpole, Mass.

(We'll go along with that judgment—except for the fact that "Death Knocks Three Times" happened to be a novel! —Editor)

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Dear Editor: I've really got to hand it to you, and Bob Kane, and whoever else was in on "Death Knocks Three Times!" I don't think I've ever said this of any "new look" *Batman* story, but this is a batmasterpiece.

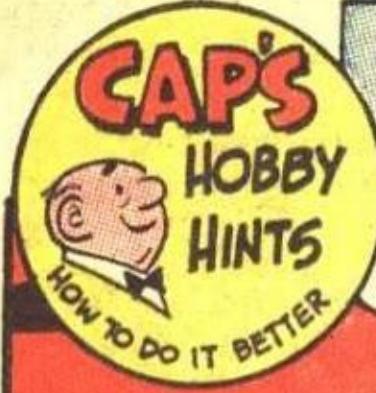
I could say many more particular things I liked: for instance, the use of atmosphere, which I demand in almost all *Batman* stories, the closeness to resemblance of reality (no far-out jazz), the eerie overtones, the suspense, and the wisecracks (e.g. "Looks like our slugs scared the cape off *Batman*!"). The story was great, anyway, despite the gaudy cover.

Here's a novel suggestion. I think this story should be made into a movie, with the regular TV cast and either Boris Karloff or Vincent Price as *Death-Man*. Think of the great entertainment it would be! Think of how it will deter kids from seeing grade Z pix! (And mainly, think of the dough!) The only bad part in it for me will probably be that they won't let me do the screenplay. Oh, well, c'est la vie!

Thanks, as the comics fans say, for a great mag. —Stephen Harrell, Independence, Mo.

(As of this writing, a *Batman* movie is indeed in the works—and while it is not the *Death-Man* story, perhaps some enterprising movie producer will get ideas from your suggestion! —Editor)

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Well, it's time to check the currents and fish for the best in comic-mag adventure, fantasy and laughs. There are some really big ones on the way from DC . . . so watch for 'em and don't let these beauties get away!

It's a great DOUBLE-PLAY when SUPERMAN teams up with SUPER-CLARK KENT! How can both the MAN OF STEEL'S identities exist side by side? And which is the evil one pulling a DOUBLE-CROSS? September ACTION, No. 341, on sale July 28.

Here comes DR. REGULUS, the mad master of sun power, menacing Earth and the LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES! And the one LEGIONNAIRE who can defeat him has AMNESIA and DISAPPEARS! September ADVENTURE, No. 348, on sale July 28.

In the September DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 355, BATMAN clashes with his latest nemesis—the HOODED HANGMAN—and finds his life literally hanging by a thread! HOLY GALLows! Get this terrific issue when it goes on sale July 28!

They were just bundles of straw, but they threatened deadly destruction when they became "THE LIVING SCARECROWS!" Also "FREAK ISLAND" and "THE MAN WITH THE VOICE OF DOOM!" September STRANGE ADVENTURES, No. 192, on sale July 28.

Combat wasn't tough enough to kill either SGT. ROCK of EASY COMPANY or his enemy counterpart—so they staged a private duel—to the death—in "A SLUG FOR A SERGEANT!" October OUR ARMY AT WAR, No. 172, on sale August 2.

SUPERMAN fights a battle royal against the ELEMENT ENEMIES . . . creatures of EARTH, AIR, FIRE and WATER . . . in the October issue of his mag, No. 190. And what's more, he's lost HALF his super-power! It's on sale August 2.

In the October WONDER WOMAN, No. 165, the Amazon's most colorful foe seems torn from the headlines themselves! It's "PERILS OF THE PAPER-MAN!" Plus a bonus thriller—"THE 3 FANTASTIC FACES OF WONDER WOMAN!" On sale August 2.

The crafty cutie you love to hate is back to plague the BLACKHAWKS. It's QUEEN KILLER SHARK with a way-out scheme to wipe out the MAGNIFICENT 7, in the October BLACKHAWK, No. 225, on sale August 4.

The PANTHERS were a cool gang of cats out to make a killing in gems—till the WORLD'S SMALLEST SUPER-HERO turned the heat on them with his fists! "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST-GANG"—November ATOM, No. 27, on sale August 4.

IT ISN'T OFTEN THAT ROBIN GETS THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE OVER FOR AN ABSENT BATMAN, BUT WHEN HIS MENTOR LEAVES HIM ON HIS OWN, THE TEEN-AGE THUNDERBOLT--CHARGED WITH ELECTRIC EXCITEMENT TO SHOW HIS STUFF--TAKES OFF ON A RIOTOUS RIDE THAT TURNS INTO--

BATMAN

Starring
ROBIN THE Boy WONDER

The
BOY
WONDER'S
BOO-BOO
PATROL!

WHEN BATMAN LEFT ME ON MY OWN--I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE OUT SAVING VILANCE--TV'S FAMOUS STUNT GIRL--FROM THESE TRAPS A KILLER HAS SET FOR HER!

BOB
KANE



IN THE BATCAVE, JUST BEFORE A ROUTINE NIGHT PATROL OF GOTHAM CITY...

YOU'LL HAVE TO KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN TONIGHT, **ROBIN!** STAY ALERT! KEEP ON YOUR TOES! TAKE NO UNNECESSARY CHANCES!

HUH? WHAT'S WITH THE LECTURE BIT? AND WHY AREN'T YOU IN YOUR **BATMAN** COSTUME?

BECAUSE AS **BRUCE WAYNE**--HEAD OF THE **ALFRED MEMORIAL FOUNDATION**--I MUST ATTEND A SCIENCE CONVENTION IN **FEDERAL CITY**! THIS MEANS YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN TONIGHT AND THE NEXT COUPLE OF NIGHTS!

THAT SUITS ME! I GET TO DO THE SOLO GO-GO ROUTINE AGAIN!

YOU HAVE TO BE OUR EYES AND EARS--ACT FOR BOTH OF US!

JUST CALL ME **WARY HARRY**! NOBODY PULLS ANY WOOL OVER MY PEEPERS!

AND SO WITH HIS HEART THUMPING EXCITEDLY, EAGER TO DO A FLAWLESS JOB--THE **TEEN-AGE THUNDERBOLT** DRIVES OUT ALONG **GOTHAM PARK** IN THE SUMMER TWILIGHT...

THE ACTION'S BREAKING OUT! THE REAR WHEEL ON THAT GIRL'S MOTORCYCLE IS COMING LOOSE--SHE'S BEING THROWN OFF--!

HIS FOOT HITS THE ACCELERATOR! A POWERFUL MOTOR ROARS WITH ANIMAL-LIKE FURY AS THE **BATMOBILE** SPURTS FORWARD...

GOT TO TURN HER FALL INTO A HAPPY LANDING!

RRRIZZMM

FANCY MEETING YOU HERE--!

BUT...THIS IS NO GRATEFUL, FRIGHTENED
CHICK ROBIN HAS LATCHED ONTO...

YOU--YOU BLUNDERING
FOOL ! YOU RUINED
A "TAKE" FOR MY
STUNT GIRL
TV SHOW !

HUH ? OH, NOW I
RECOGNIZE YOU--
VIOLA LANCE --

CUT!
CUT!



WHEN THE SURPRISED BOY WONDER
BRAKES TO A STOP...

BECAUSE YOU DECIDED TO
PLAY HERO, WE'VE GOT TO
RE-SHOOT THAT STUNT-SCENE !
I PULLED A SWITCH TO MAKE
THE REAR WHEEL COME OFF
AND I WAS PREPARED TO
HANDLE MY FALL WITHOUT
HARM !

OH,
BROTHERRR !
I GAVE IT THE
ROYAL
SNAFU
TREATMENT,
DIDN'T I ?



WITHIN
MOMENTS,
ROBIN
IS
SUR-
ROUNDED
BY A
TV
CREW
AND ITS
RANTING
DIRECTOR...

WHERE'S BATMAN,
JUNIOR ? DOES HE
KNOW YOU'RE
OUT ALONE ?

I WANTED TO MAKE GOOD IN A
BIG WAY--BUT I POPPED THE
GOOF ! NO WONDER THE DIRECTOR'S
GIVING ME THE NEEDLE !



CRESTFALLEN, HE COVERS HIS
EMBARRASSMENT BY LIFTING THE
FALLEN MOTORCYCLE WHEEL ...

YOU JUMPED THE
GUN, VI ! YOU SHOULD
HAVE RIDDEN ON
ANOTHER 50 FEET
BEFORE YOU
FREE'D THE
WHEEL !

LEAST I
CAN DO IS
PUT THIS
BACK IN
PLACE...
OH ! OH !

AN AIR-BLISTER ON
THIS TIRE ! IF VI HAD
GONE ANOTHER
50 FEET, THIS TIRE
WOULD HAVE BLOWN
OUT AND DUMPED HER
WHEN SHE WASN'T
EXPECTING IT ! SHE
MIGHT HAVE BEEN--
SERIOUSLY HURT--
EVEN KILLED !

MAYBE I GOOFED--AND
THEN AGAIN MAYBE I
DIDN'T ! IN WHICH CASE,
SOMEBODY'S GOT IT IN
FOR VI LANCE ! BUT WHO--
WHY ? I BETTER DO SOME
LEG-WORK ON THIS
FIRST THING TOMORROW
MORNING !



ANXIOUS TO PROVE
HIMSELF WORTHY
OF HIS MENTOR, THE
BOY WONDER
DOES HIS
INVESTIGATING IN
HIS CIVILIAN
IDENTITY OF DICK
GRAYSON...

MY HUNCH PAID
OFF ! I JUST
LEARNED THAT THE
TV SHOW'S DIRECTOR--
BILL PORTER--
PERSONALLY
INSURED VI
LANCE'S LIFE
FOR ONE MILLION
DOLLARS UNTIL
THE **STUNT GIRL**
SERIES IS COM-
PLETED ! IF VI
DIES--PORTER
CASHES IN !

LATER THAT NIGHT, AS THE **STUNT GIRL TV** CREW IS TAPING ANOTHER
EPISODE AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF PROP BUILDINGS...



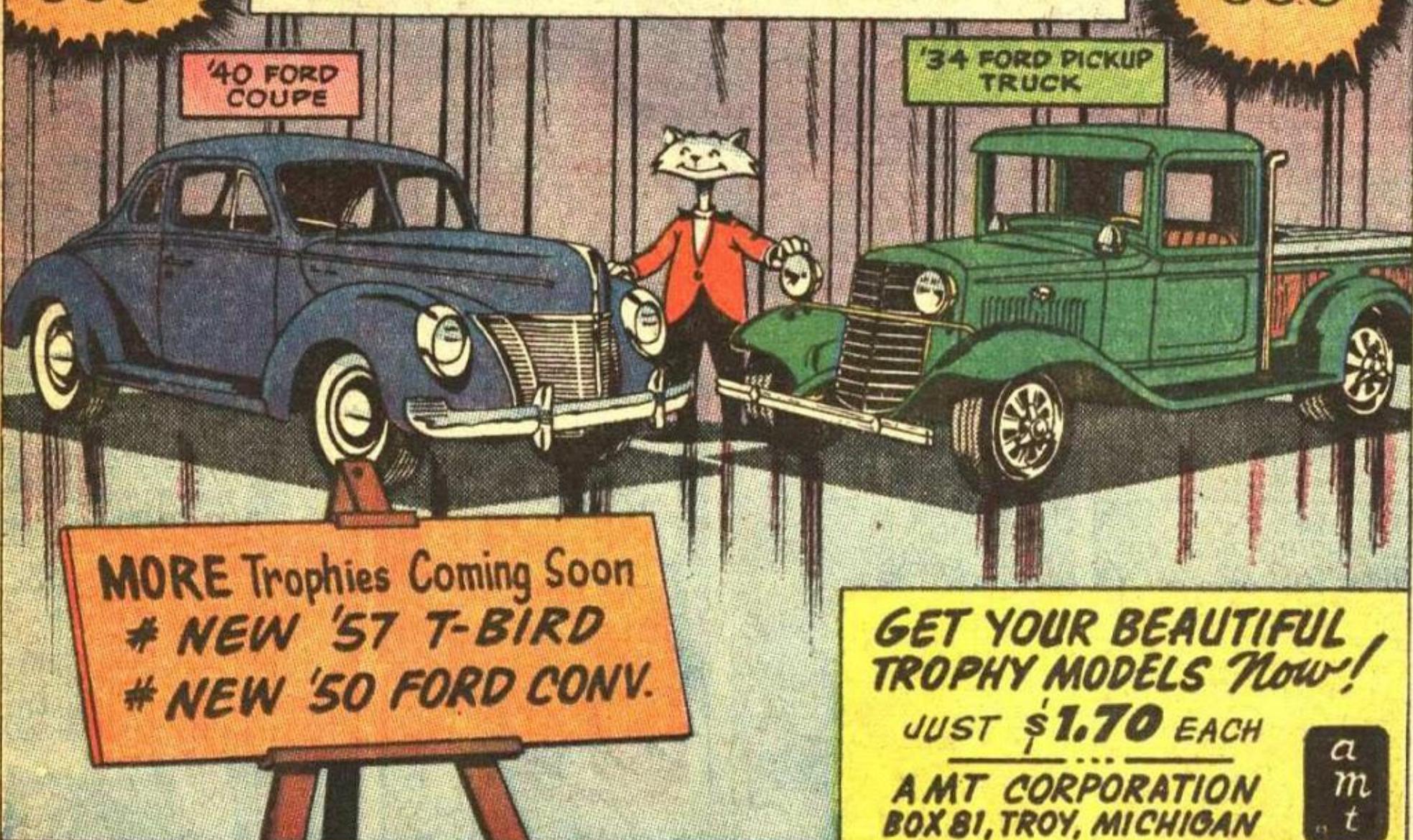
"SHE'S RIGHT OVER THE BURNING
BUILDING NOW AND--**HOLY CALIBER!**
PORTER'S SHOOTING AT HER
BALLOON !!"...

"HIS BULLET WENT RIGHT
THROUGH THE BALLOON !
VI'S FALLING ONTO THE
ROOFTOP..."



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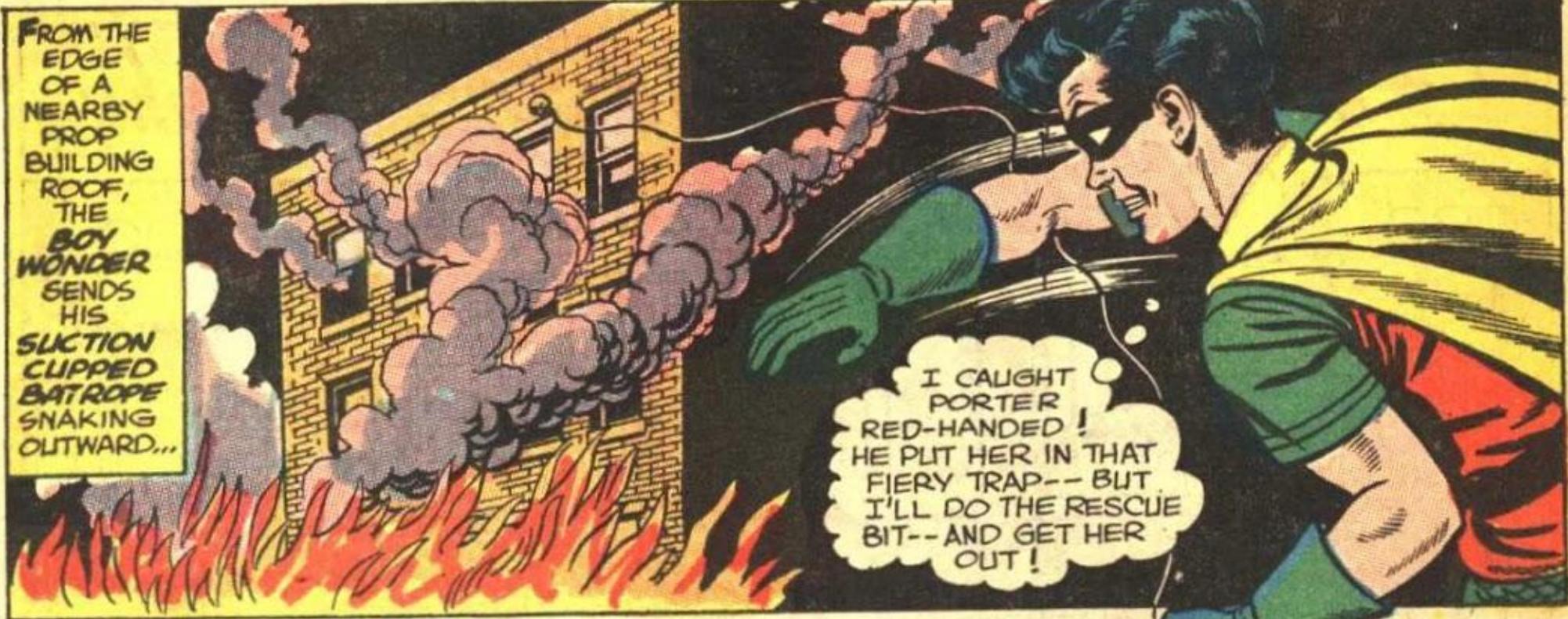
LOIS' SOLDIER SWEETHEART

EXTRA!
WHEN LOIS LOVED CLARK KENT!

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ON SALE JULY 12th

FROM THE
EDGE
OF A
NEARBY
PROP
BUILDING
ROOF,
THE
BOY
WONDER
SENDS
HIS
SUCTION
CLIPPED
BATROPE
SNAKING
OUTWARD...



SWINGING OUT ABOVE
THE DIZZYING HEIGHTS,
HE HURLES TOWARD
THE SMOKE-CHOKED
GIRL ...

SPOTTING THAT
BLISTERED TIRE
SURE LED TO
SOME LIFE-SAVING
DEVELOPMENTS !
BATMAN WILL
BE PROUD OF
ME !



THANKS TO MY
UTILITY BELT,
I CAN USE A
CARBON DIOXIDE
SPRAY TO
SMOTHER THE
WORST OF
THE FLAMES !

SWINGING
OVER THE ROOF
EDGE, HAND-OVER-
HAND HE MOVES
DOWN THE FACE
OF THE BURNING
BUILDING ...

IF IT HADN'T BEEN
FOR THE CHOKING
SMOKE, I'D HAVE
TIMED MY FALL
BETTER ! BUT THE
COLLAPSING
BALLOON CAUGHT
ME BY SURPRISE !



WHEN THEY SAFELY REACH THE GROUND...

GREAT WORK, ROBIN! YOU MADE UP FOR THE MOTORCYCLE BOO-BOO THIS TIME!

VI--WHAT WENT WRONG?

AS IF PORTER DOESN'T KNOW! HE'S SURE PUTTING UP A GOOD ACT! BUT THIS ISN'T THE RIGHT TIME TO CHARGE HIM WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER...



ROBIN--WILL YOU TAKE VI HOME? I'LL JOIN YOU AS SOON AS I CLEAR UP SOME THINGS HERE--

YES, ROBIN-- PLEASE DO! I'M A LITTLE SHOCKED UP BY WHAT HAPPENED!

HALF AN HOUR LATER, OUTSIDE VI'S APARTMENT...

HERE WE ARE--SAFE AND SOUND!

OH, BEFORE I GO IN--I HAVE TO PICK UP SOME-THING IN THE DRUG STORE ACROSS THE STREET!

WAIT-- I'LL GO WITH YOU...

NO, ROBIN... NO NEED TO BOTHER! YOU'VE DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR ME! THANKS JUST THE SAME!



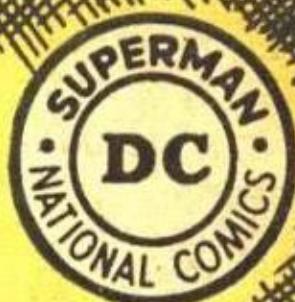
CAR TIRES SCREECH IN THE NIGHT--AS A CAR ROLLS A CORNER AND BARRELS STRAIGHT FOR STUNT GIRL ...

JUMP, VI--JUMP!!

SCREECH!



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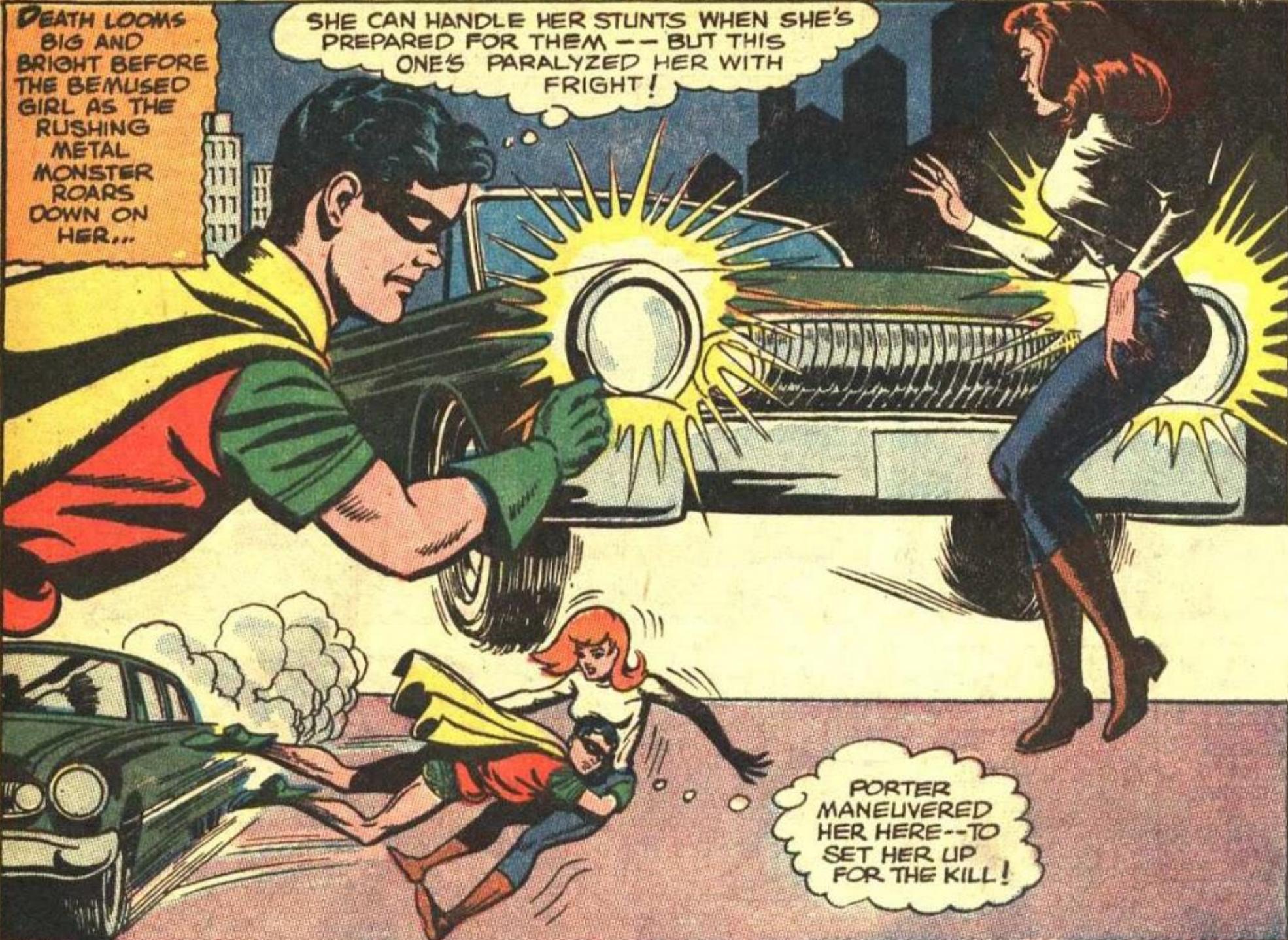
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DEATH LOOMS
BIG AND
BRIGHT BEFORE
THE BEMUSED
GIRL AS THE
RUSHING
METAL
MONSTER
ROARS
DOWN ON
HER...

SHE CAN HANDLE HER STUNTS WHEN SHE'S
PREPARED FOR THEM -- BUT THIS
ONE'S PARALYZED HER WITH
FRIGHT!



THE CAR VEERS
OUT OF CONTROL--
CRASHES AGAINST
A BUILDING WALL...

CRASH!

WHAT BLASTED LUCK TO
RUN INTO ROBIN ON
OUR GETAWAY!

HE'S GOT SOME
SORT OF SIXTH
SENSE! I WOULDN'T
PUT IT PAST HIM TO
KNOW WE JUST
PULLED A JEWEL
ROBBERY!

HE KNOWS... ALL
RIGHT! HE'S
COMING AT US!

I'M
TAKING YOU
BOTH IN FOR--
ATTEMPTED
MURDER!

TWO GUNS APPEAR AND BLAST AWAY...

YOU CAN'T PIN A MURDER
RAP ON US, ROBIN--
WE WERE ONLY MAKING
A ROBBERY GETAWAY!

YOU'RE DEAD
WRONG-- AND
THAT'S THE WAY
YOU'LL END UP
IF YOU TANGLE
WITH US!



BEHIND THE STREET-CLEANING TRUCK, ROBIN'S HAND CLOSES OVER A LEVER...

WHEN I GRAB 'EM, I'LL HAVE THE PROOF I NEED THAT PORTER HIRED 'EM TO RUN DOWN STUNT GIRL!



TWIN BRUSHES DIG INTO A PILE OF DIRT AND DEBRIS-- SHOWERING IT OVER THE GUNMEN...



THROUGH THE SCREEN OF DUST AND HAZE COMES A SOLID FIST...

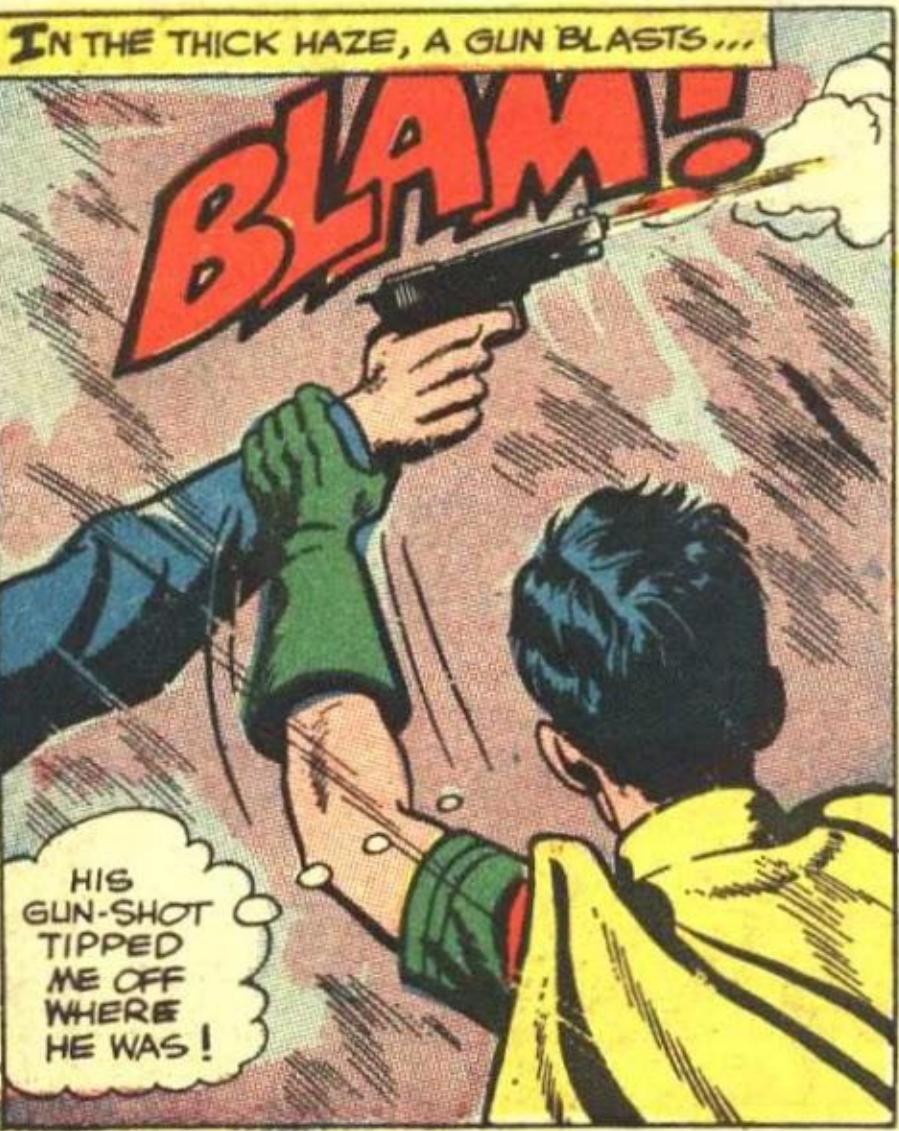
LAY OFF, ROBIN-- WE'LL LET YOU HAVE THE JEWELRY STORE LOOT!

POW!



IN THE THICK HAZE, A GUN BLASTS...

BLAM!



A POWERFUL BODY TENSES --AND THE SECOND HOOD IS HEAVED UP INTO THE AIR...



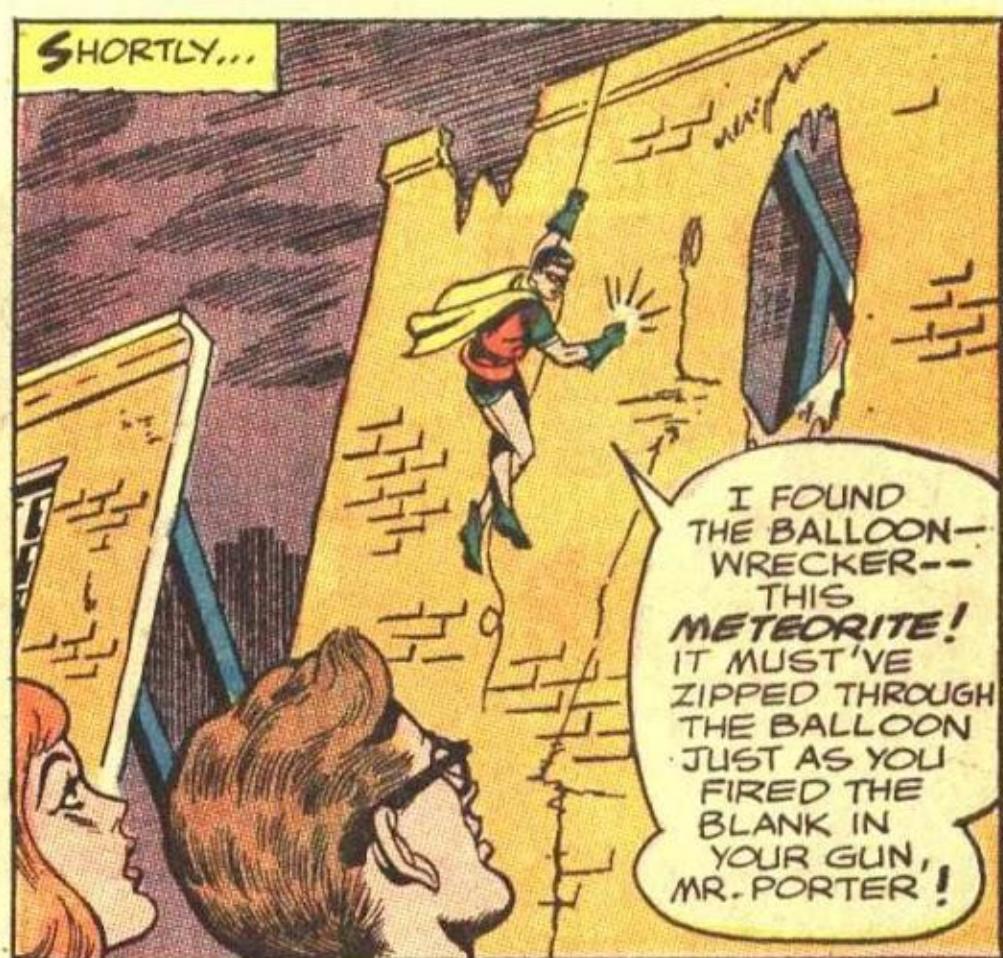
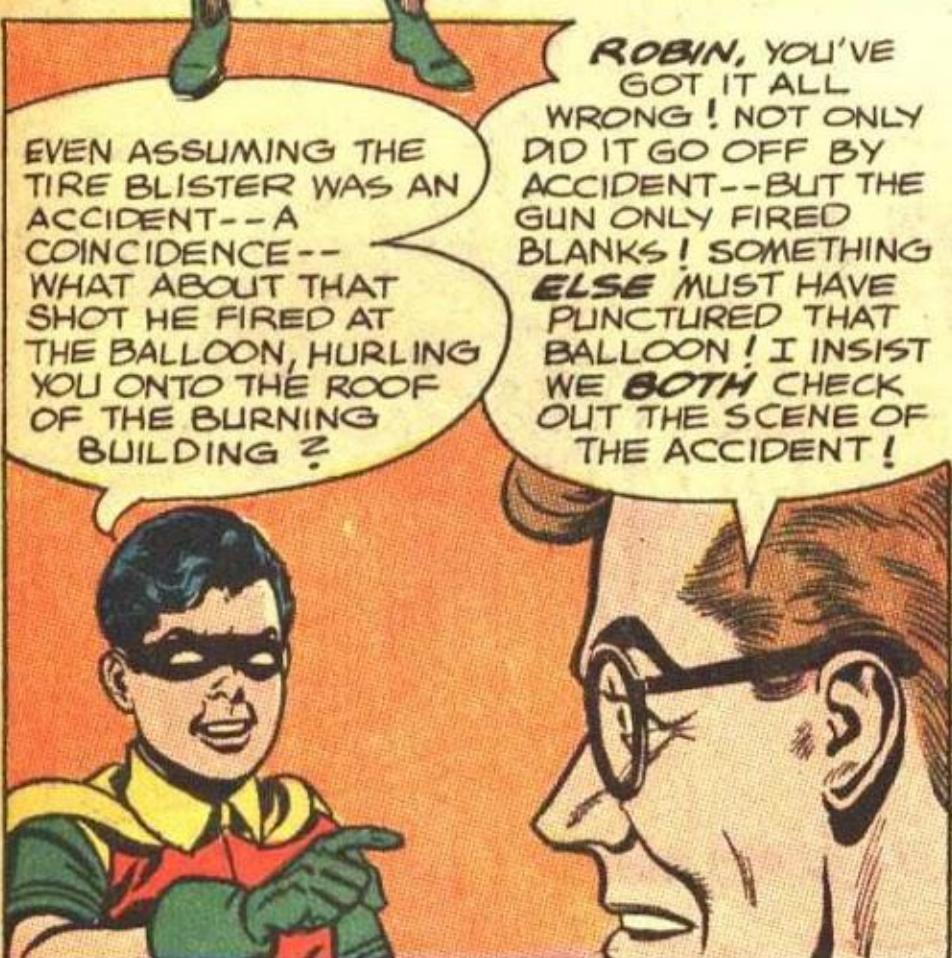
AS ROBIN STANDS OVER THE KAYOED CROOKS...

THEY WERE TELLING THE TRUTH!
BUT--BUT IF I WAS WRONG ABOUT
THEM--I'M STILL RIGHT ABOUT
BILL PORTER!

HONEY,
I JUST
GOT HERE!
WHAT HAP-
PENED?

WATCH HIM, VI! HE'S
TRIED TO KILL YOU
TWICE TO GET THAT
MILLION DOLLARS
YOU'RE INSURED FOR!

BILL? BUT BILL
AND I LOVE
EACH OTHER!
WE'RE ENGAGED
TO BE MARRIED!
HE COULDN'T
POSSIBLY--



THE
GOO-
BOO
WONDER
GETS
ANOTHER
SURPRISE
A LITTLE
LATER
THAT
SAME
NIGHT...

HI, ROBIN! I GOT HOME EARLY AND--
SAYY! YOU LOOK AS IF YOU SWALLOWED
A LEMON! WHAT GIVES?

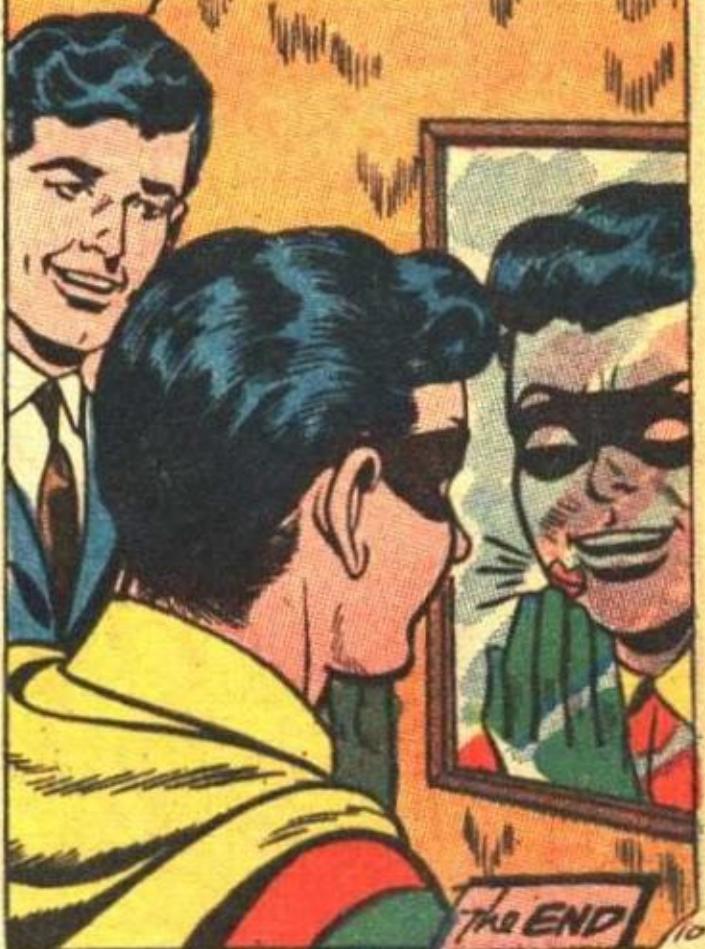
BATMAN--EVER SINCE YOU LEFT, I'VE
BEEN INVOLVED IN A COMEDY OF ERRORS!
I TRIED SO HARD TO MAKE GOOD ON MY
OWN--I COULDN'T SEE STRAIGHT...

THAT WAS YOUR TROUBLE!
YOU WERE SO KEYED UP--
SO ANXIOUS NOT TO MAKE
A MISTAKE--YOUR VERY ANXIETY
MADE YOU "SEE THINGS" IN THE
WRONG PERSPECTIVE! THOUGH
THE LEAD-IN WAS WRONG--
THE OUTCOME WAS RIGHT!
YOU WERE ON HAND TO SAVE
VI LANCE'S LIFE AND CAPTURE
THOSE JEWEL THIEVES!

YOU JUST DIDN'T CARRY
YOUR INVESTIGATION FAR
ENOUGH--OR YOU'D HAVE
DISCOVERED STUNT GIRL
WAS ENGAGED TO MARRY
HER DIRECTOR! Hmmm!
I SEE VI WAS PRETTY
HAPPY ABOUT
THE ROLE
YOU
PLAYED--

HUH?
WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?

MISTAKES LIKE THAT
SHOULD HAPPEN TO
ALL OF US, ROBIN!



STARRING:
DETECTIVE BATMAN
CLASSIC
HOOT GALLONS! BATMAN'S LIFE--HANGING BY A THREAD!

HERE!
TAKE BACK
YOUR CHAMPION,
GOTHAM CITY!
FROM NOW ON,
THE HOODED
HANGMAN
IS TOP MAN
IN TOWN!

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