



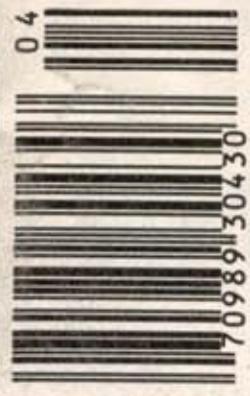
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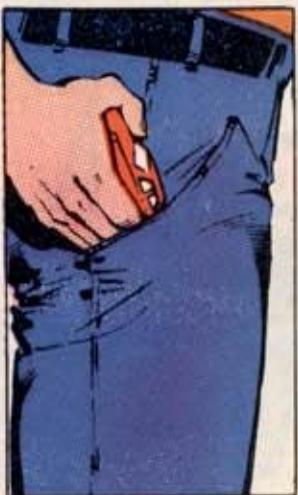


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ORPHANED AS A CHILD WHEN HIS PARENTS WERE KILLED BEFORE HIS EYES, BRUCE WAYNE TRAINED HIMSELF TO WAGE RELENTLESS WAR AGAINST CRIME AS THE DREAD AVENGER OF THE NIGHT...

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...FOR THESE MEMORIES MAY WELL BE ALL SHE HAS LEFT!

**BATMAN CAPTURES CATWOMAN**

CATWOMAN STRIKES AGAIN

FELINE FEMME FOULS UP ROBIN



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COMING and GOING!**

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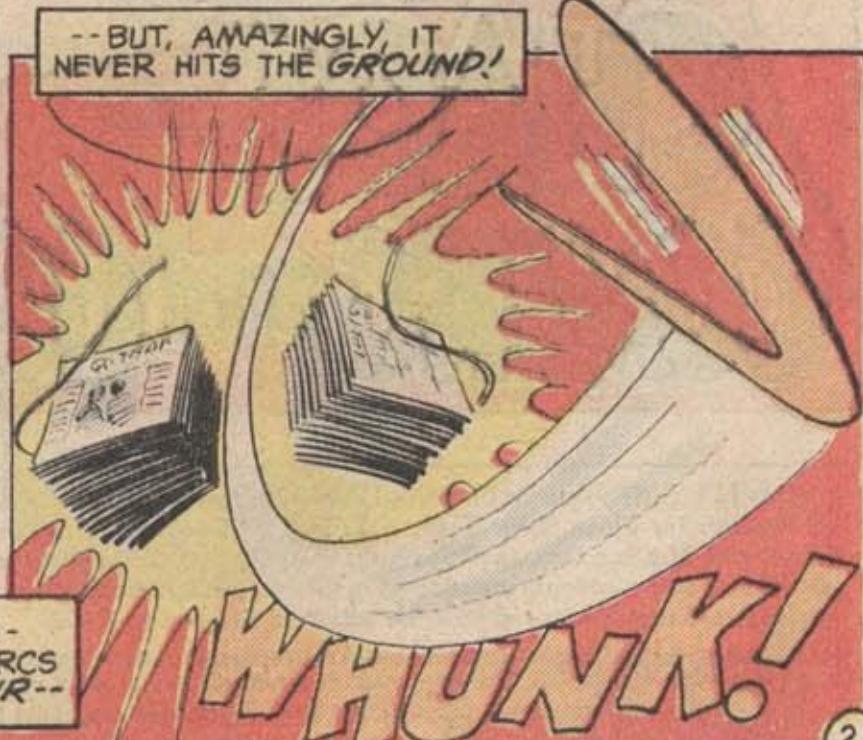
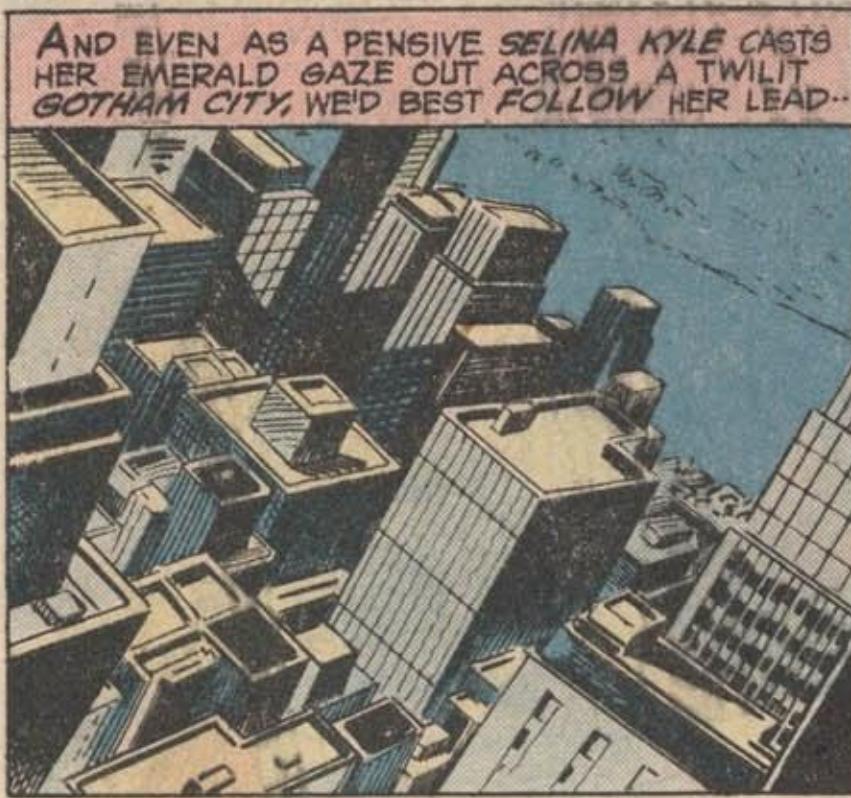
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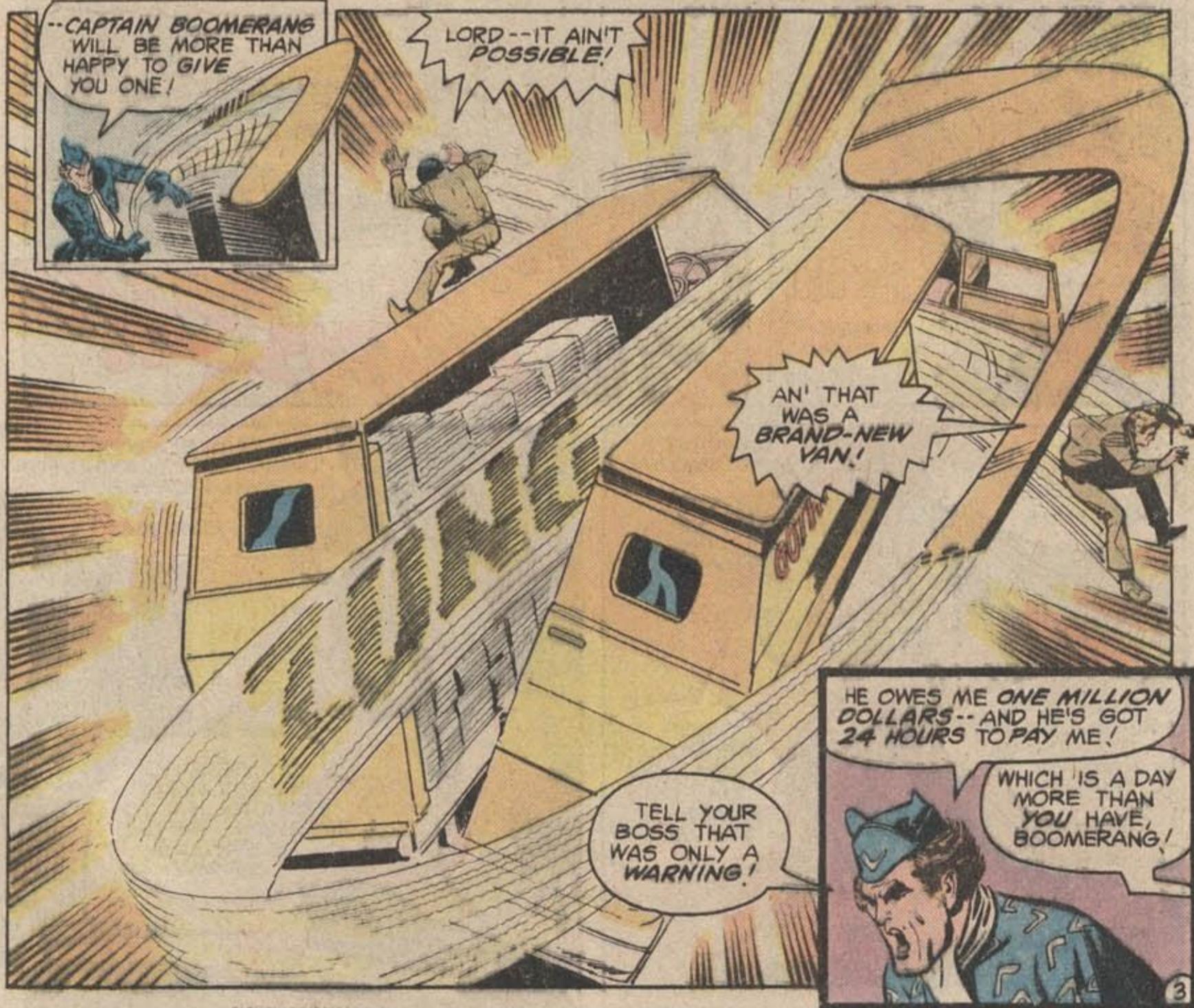
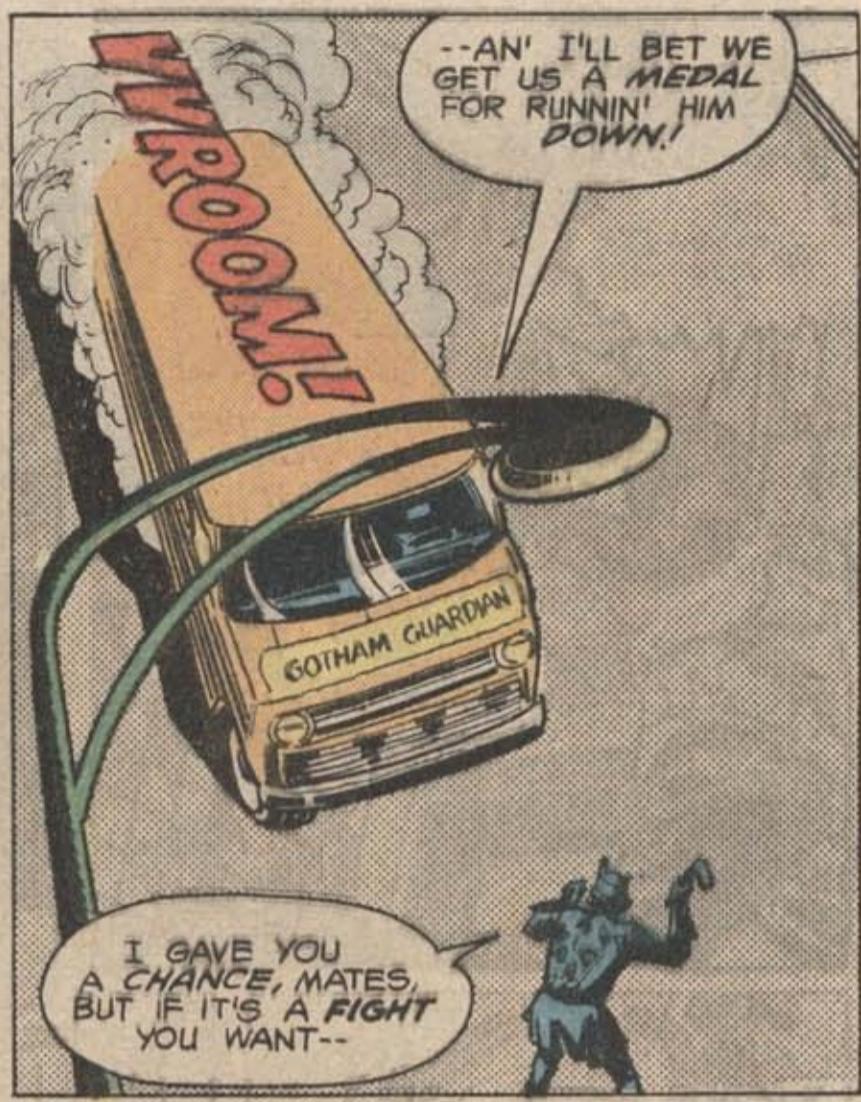
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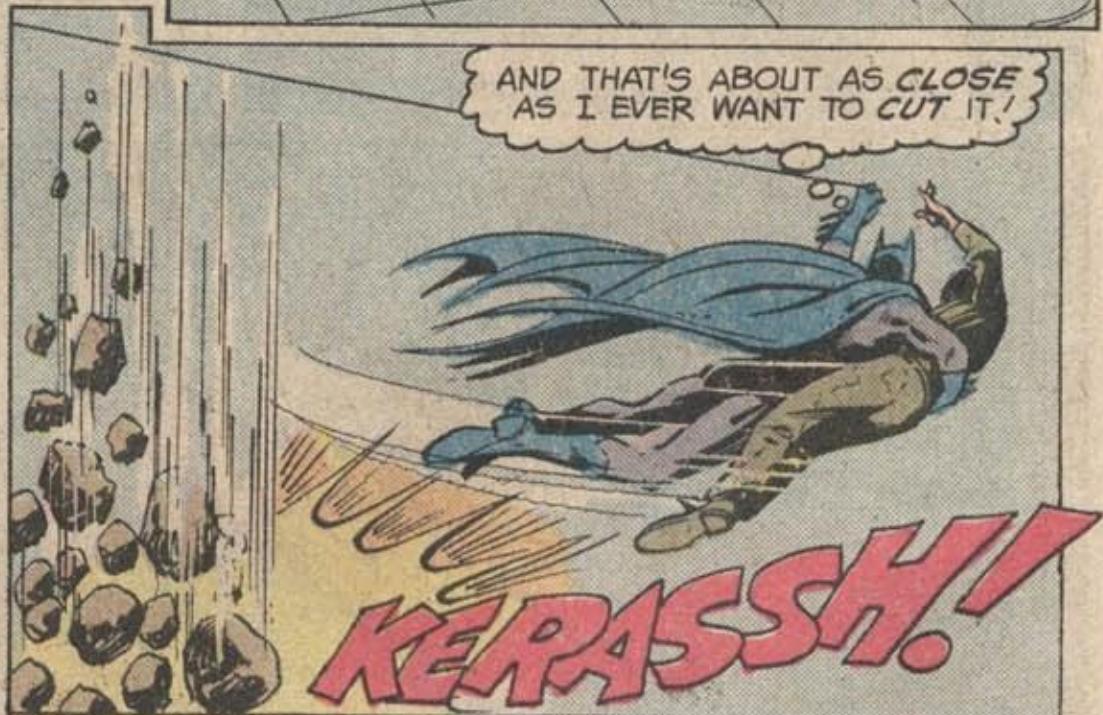
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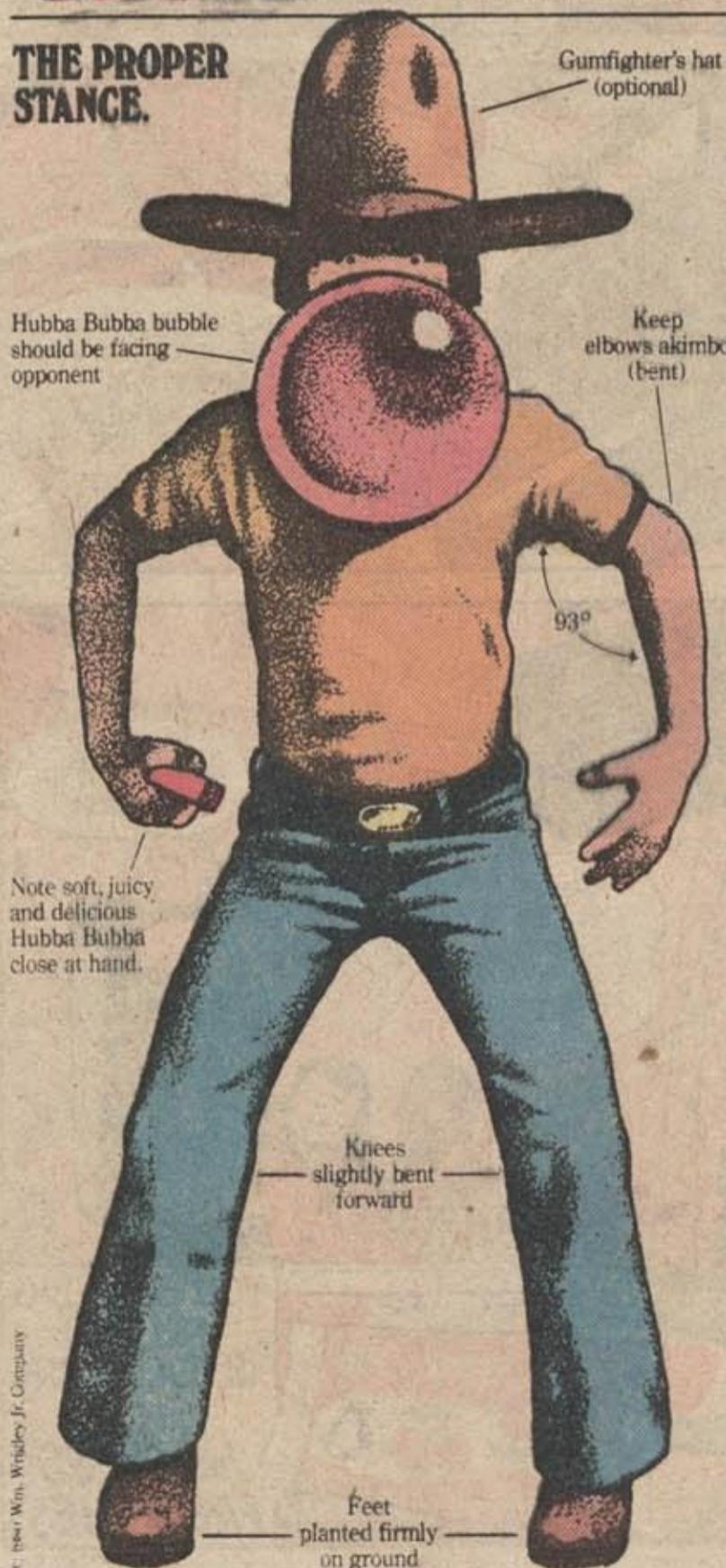


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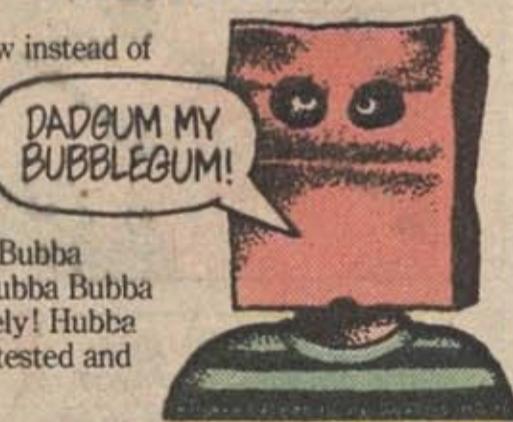


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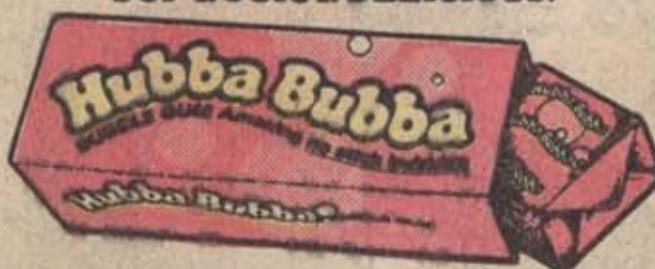
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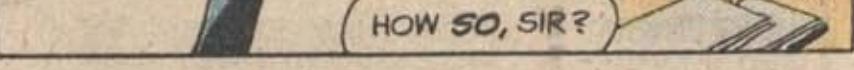
--WHILE ITS ROOF IS CROWNED WITH A PLUSH PENTHOUSE APARTMENT THAT IS HOME TO MILLIONAIRE PHILANTHROPIST BRUCE WAYNE--



--AND THUS, HOME AS WELL TO THE BATMAN!

MAY I INQUIRE AS TO YOUR EVENING, MASTER BRUCE?

NO BUSIER THAN USUAL, ALFRED-- JUST A TOUCH MORE PUZZLING!



HOW SO, SIR?

THE FLASH'S OLD FOE, CAPTAIN BOOMERANG, HAS SUDDENLY SHOWN UP IN TOWN--AND HE'S TRYING TO SHAKE DOWN THE GOTHAM GUARDIAN TO THE TUNE OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS!



THEN WILL YOU BE CALLING IN MASTER FLASH ON THIS ONE, SIR?

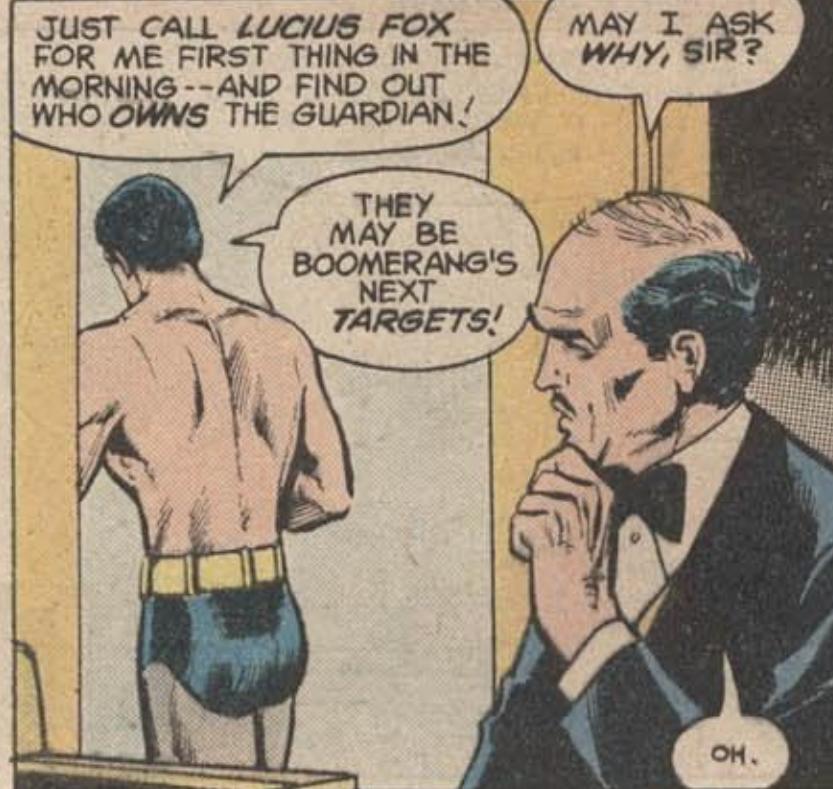
ALFRED, THE NIGHT I CAN'T HANDLE A PUNK LIKE BOOMERANG ALONE IS THE NIGHT I HANG UP MY COWL!

AS YOU PREFER, SIR. I WAS JUST--



I KNOW, OLD FRIEND.. AND I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT.

JUST CALL LUCIUS FOX FOR ME FIRST THING IN THE MORNING--AND FIND OUT WHO OWNS THE GUARDIAN!



MAY I ASK WHY, SIR?

THEY MAY BE BOOMERANG'S NEXT TARGETS!

OH.

POOR MASTER BRUCE... HE LOOKED SO TIRED. HE COULD USE A FEW DAYS' REST!

BUT THERE'S NO REST FOR THE WICKED... OR FOR THE BATMAN!



THE FOLLOWING MORNING, IN THE MIDTOWN OFFICES OF DOCTOR DOUGLAS DUNDEE...

ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN OF YOUR DIAGNOSIS, DOCTOR?

REGRETTABLY, MS. KYLE... YES.

THE RESULTS OF OUR TESTS ARE IRREFUTABLE--

-- YOU HAVE LESS THAN ONE MONTH TO LIVE!

APPARENTLY, DURING YOUR LENGTHY CAREER AS THE CATWOMAN, YOU CONTRACTED A RARE EXOTIC DISEASE--

-- WHOSE SYMPTOMS ARE VIRTUALLY UNDETECTABLE UNTIL THE ILLNESS REACHES ITS TERMINAL STAGES...

... AS IT HAS WITH YOU!

ISN'T THERE ANY HOPE-- ANY CHANCE THEY MIGHT FIND A CURE?

IRONICALLY ENOUGH, THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS HAD A CURE-- CERTAIN SPECIAL HERBS--

-- BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, THAT SECRET HAS BEEN LOST TO THE AGES!

I'M TRULY SORRY, SELINA, WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW?

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I WON'T DO, DOCTOR-- I WON'T JUST SIT AROUND WAITING!

I DON'T INTEND TO GIVE UP MY LIFE WITHOUT A FIGHT!

AND EVEN AS SELINA KYLE SLAMS THE DOOR BEHIND HER, A SECOND FAMILIAR FIGURE ALSO PONDERS THE INDIGNITIES OF FATE HERE IN THIS LITTLE-USED WAREHOUSE...

LOR', BUT I HATE THIS CRONKY TOWN!

I NEVER WOULD'VE COME HERE FROM CENTRAL CITY IF IT WASN'T FOR MY MILLION QUID!

THAT SWAG WAS MY RETIREMENT FUND--AND I'LL NOT SEE IT STOLEN BY ANY FAST-TALKING, HIGH-LIVING SILVERTAIL!

IT'S REALLY RUM-DOWN-RIGHT IRONIC! THE ONE TIME I PLAY THE GAME BY THEIR RULES--  
--AND IT'S ME WHO GETS TAKEN FOR A SUCKER!

WELL, NOBODY CROSSES "DIGGER" HARKNESS--AND GETS AWAY WITH IT INTACT!



I TOOK THE SIMPLE WEAPON OF THE AUSTRALIAN BUSHMEN-- AND MADE THE USE OF IT AN ART!

I'M A JACK WHO ALWAYS PAYS HIS DEBTS -- AND ALWAYS COLLECTS ON THEM!

THAT FAT SPRUIKER OWES ME, AND HE'S GOING TO PAY ME--  
--ONE WAY OR THE OTHER!



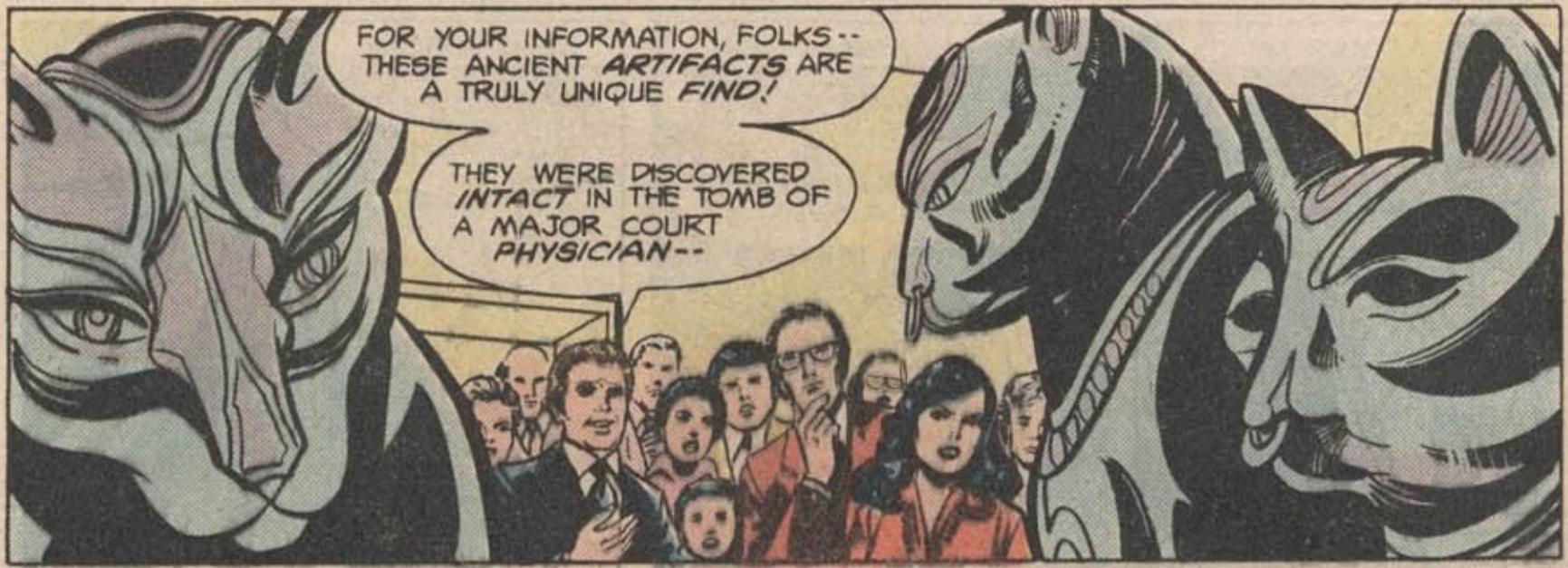
WHILE, A FEW HOURS LATER, AT GOTHAM'S SPRAWLING RIVERSIDE MUSEUM...

PLEASE KEEP TOGETHER, GROUP! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I'LL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM!

DON'T KNOW WHAT BROUGHT ME HERE--EXCEPT THAT I NEEDED THE DISTRACTION--AND THIS EGYPTIAN EXHIBIT IS DEVOTED TO MY FAVORITE SUBJECT...

...CATS!



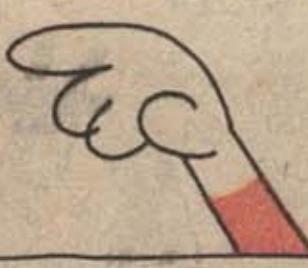


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*Hey Kids, have as much fun  
in Fruit Stripe Land as you do  
chewing Fruit Stripe Gum.*



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**Q:** There are two delicious  
Fruit Stripe Gums to choose from.  
What are they?

**A:** Fruit Stripe  
Regular and  
Bubble Gum.



**Q:** Why do we  
put all those wild,  
colorful, fruity  
stripes on every single  
stick?

**A:** To show you that  
weeee-licious fruity  
Fruit Stripe Flavor.

**Q:** What are the four  
different kinds of big,  
juicy, easy-to-blow  
bubbles?

**A:** Cherry,  
Grape,  
Lemon and  
Bubble Gum.



**Q:** There's a  
whole herd of flavors  
inside every pack.  
How many can  
you find?

**A:** Lemon, Orange,  
Cherry, Lime, Grape  
and Bubble Gum  
flavor, too.

**Q:** What are the four  
different kinds of big,  
juicy, easy-to-blow  
bubbles?



It sure was fun galloping through Fruit Stripe Land with you.

Regular and Bubble Gum

**Fruit Stripe Gum**  
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**Fruit Stripe Fun**



EVENING IN GOTHAM, WHEN THE DUSK HAS FINALLY SETTLED...

COULD YE BE SPARIN' ME A QUARTER NOW, SIR -- JUST TILL ME DOLE COMES THROUGH?

STOP BOTHERIN' ME, YOU OLD BUM--

I TAKE IT BUSINESS HAS BEEN BETTER?

WHO-?!

AH--SO 'TIS YOU, LADDIE! WHAT CAN OL' SHAMROCK DO FOR YE?

I NEED YOUR HELP, IRISH!

CAN YOU OR ONE OF YOUR PANHANDLING CRONIES TELL ME WHERE TO FIND CAPTAIN BOOMERANG?

SO 'TIS THAT RASCAL NOW, IS IT? SURE AN' I HAVEN'T HEARD A WORD, LADDIE--

--BUT WE'LL START LOOKIN' FOR YE!

--OR I'LL CALL A COP!

I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME, IRISH-- SOMETHING'S JUST COME UP!

AH, THE BLESSIN'S OF HONEST HARD WORK! D'YE SEE NOW, LADDIE, WHY I AVOID IT LIKE THE PLAGUE?

I APPRECIATE IT, SHAMROCK! I--

AND TO YOU, SHAMROCK, TAKE CARE.

TOP O' THE EVENIN' TO YE, BATMAN!

AND WHEN THE AMIABLE IRISH DERELICT HAS AMBLED OUT OF SIGHT...

YES, ALFRED-- WHAT IS IT?

MASTER LUCIUS FINALLY UNEARTHED THAT INFORMATION YOU WANTED, SIR!

TECHNICALLY, THE GOTHAM GUARDIAN IS WHOLLY OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE CONNOISSEUR CORPORATION--

--BUT MASTER LUCIUS HAS LEARNED THAT THIS CORPORATION IS ACTUALLY MERELY A PHONY FRONT ORGANIZATION FOR ONE MAN!

AND JUST WHO IS THAT MAN, ALFRED?

YOU WON'T BE PLEASED, SIR!

THE GENTLEMAN IN QUESTION IS -- GREGORIAN FALSTAFF!

WHILE, ACROSS TOWN, IN THE TOWER SUITE OF THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL--

--THE SUBJECT OF THE BATMAN'S UNSETTLING CONVERSATION ENJOYS HIS EVENING'S REPAST...

THAT LEG OF MUTTON LOOKS PARTICULARLY TEMPTING, KARLYLE!

AN EXCELLENT CHOICE, MR. FALSTAFF!

AYE, A FAIR DINKUM CHOICE INDEED-- FOR A LAST MEAL!

WHAT--?!

ZIUP!



IT'S TAKEN ME A LONG TIME TO FIND YOU, MATE-- I'VE COME FOR MY MONEY!

WHOEVER HE IS, KARLYLE-- GET RID OF HIM!!

AS YOU WISH, SIR! IT WILL BE MY PLEASURE!

THAT'S AS CLOSE AS YOU COME, COBBER-- I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU!

YOU'RE KARLYLE KRUGERRAND, THE FAT MAN'S AIDE-DE-CAMP AND BODYGUARD!



WAHAK!  
-- SO YOU'LL FORGIVE ME IF I COSH YOU BEFORE YOU CAN GET THOSE HANDS ON ME!

UUNNNH!!

NOW GET YOUR BIG DUFF OUT OF THAT CHAIR, FAT MAN -- AND' GET ME MY MONEY!

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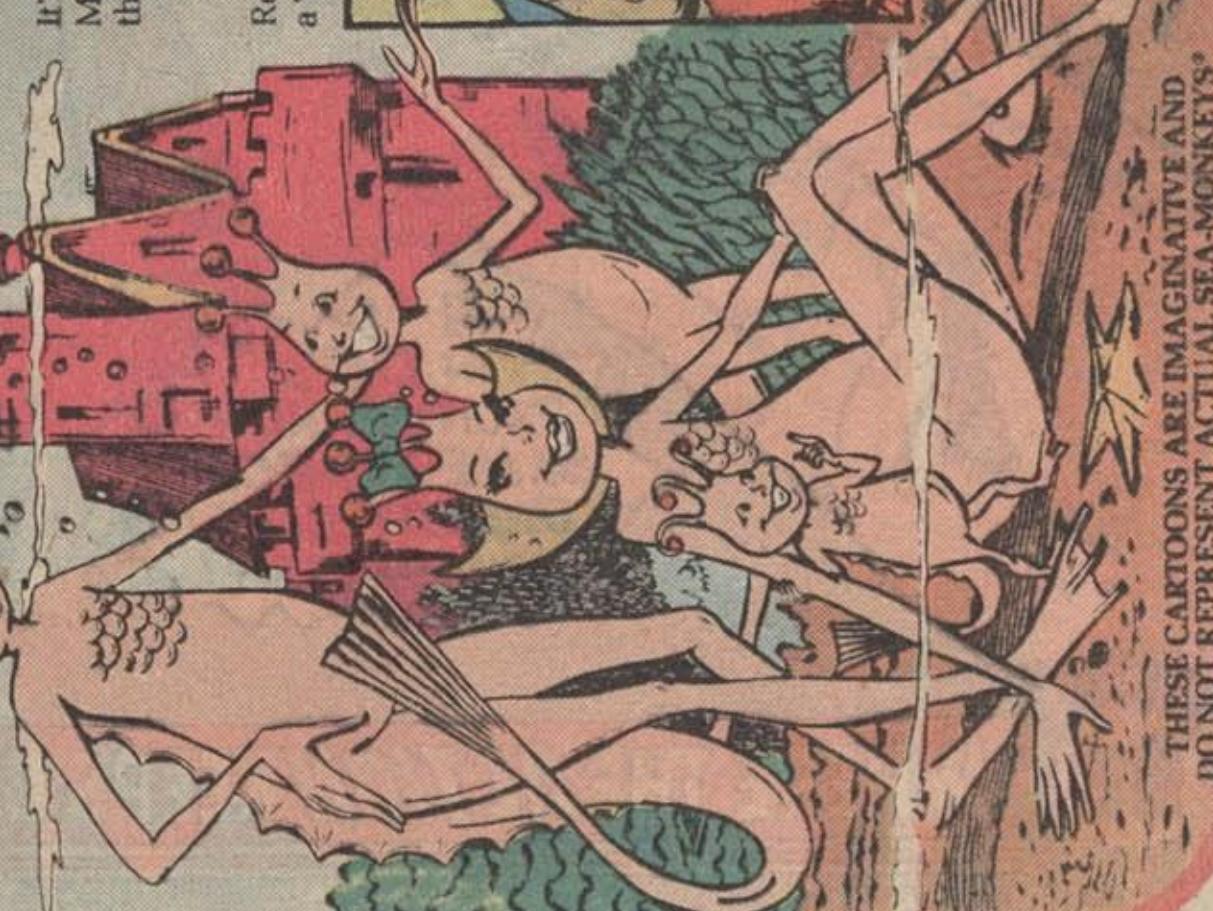


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ME, FALSTAFF! YOU SEPARATED  
ME FROM EVERY CENT I HAD  
IN THIS WORLD--

--AND I WANT  
IT BACK!



NO, NOT PERSONALLY-- BUT  
YOU SOLD SHORT THE STOCK  
I HAD ALL MY RETIREMENT  
SWAG INVESTED IN ...

... AND THE  
BARMY THING  
COLLAPSED!

I-I'M SORRY  
IF YOUR INVESTMENT  
FAILED, BUT THERE'S  
NOTHING I CAN  
DO ABOUT THAT...

--EXCEPT PERHAPS  
TO MAKE GOOD  
YOUR LOSSES!

JUST TELL ME HOW MUCH  
IT WAS, AND I'LL WRITE  
YOU A CHECK FOR THE  
ENTIRE--

WHAT KIND OF  
TWIT DO YOU TAKE  
ME FOR? I WANT IT  
IN CASH, SILVERTAIL--

--AND I WANT  
IT NOW!!

DID YOU HEAR  
ME, FAT MAN?  
I SAID I WANT IT--

--NOW?

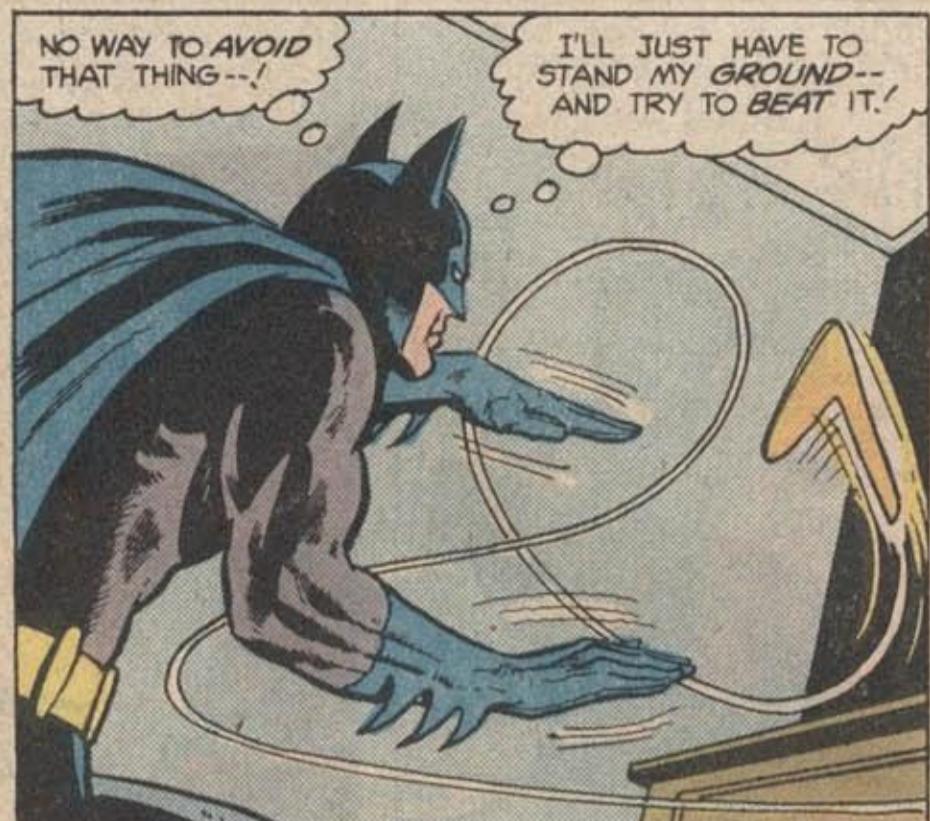
IT'S ABOUT TIME  
YOU LEARNED YOU  
CAN'T ALWAYS HAVE  
EVERYTHING YOU  
WANT IN THIS LIFE,  
BOOMERANG!

YOU AGAIN?!?

WELL, YOU MAY  
HAVE FOUND ME  
AGAIN, BATMAN--

--BUT THAT'S NOT NEARLY  
THE SAME THING AS  
CATCHING ME!

THAT BOOMERANG...  
IT WAS A SMOKE-BOMB!

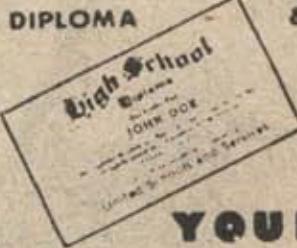


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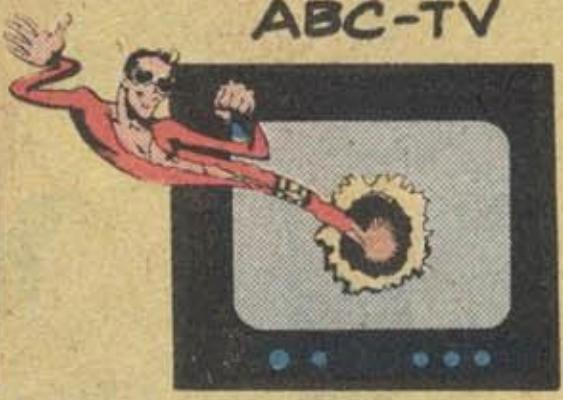
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A LOT MORE ATTRACTIVE TO ME!

I MIGHT JUST  
DECIDE TO MAKE  
GOTHAM MY  
NEW HOME!

YOUR HOME  
IS BEHIND  
BARS,  
BOOMERANG--

--AND THAT'S JUST  
WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

BRAVE TALK FROM  
A DEAD MAN, COBBER!  
WHEN I THROW THIS  
SWITCH, YOU'LL BE  
LAUNCHED INTO THE  
STRATOSPHERE!

BUT YOU  
NEEDN'T  
WORRY ABOUT  
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ASPHYXIATION, MATE--

--BECAUSE THE DOOMERANG  
IS RIGGED TO EXPLODE  
LONG BEFORE THAT CAN  
EVER HAPPEN!

HAVE A NICE TRIP,  
BATMAN -- IF ONLY A  
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WITH A DEAFENING ROAR,  
THE ROCKETS IGNITE,  
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ALL BUT OBSCURE THE  
DOOMERANG ITSELF --

--UNTIL, WITH A SUDDEN  
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NOBODY CROSSES CAPTAIN BOOMERANG AND LIVES TO TELL THE--



--TALE ?!?

IS THAT SO?

NO! IT CAN'T BE! YOU'RE DEAD! YOU MUST BE DEAD!

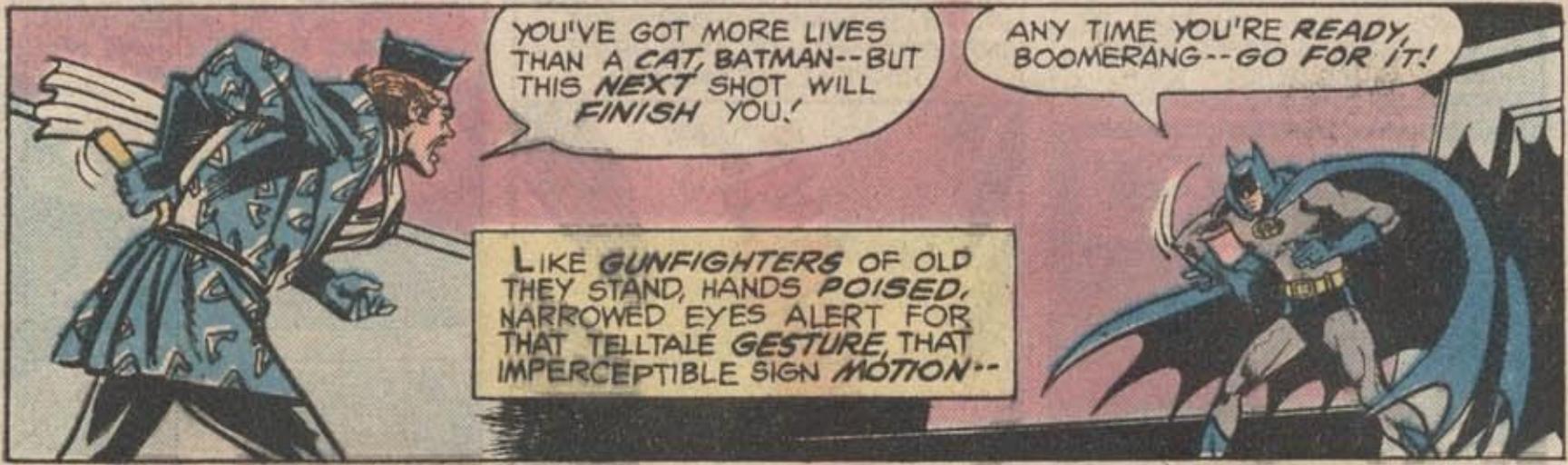
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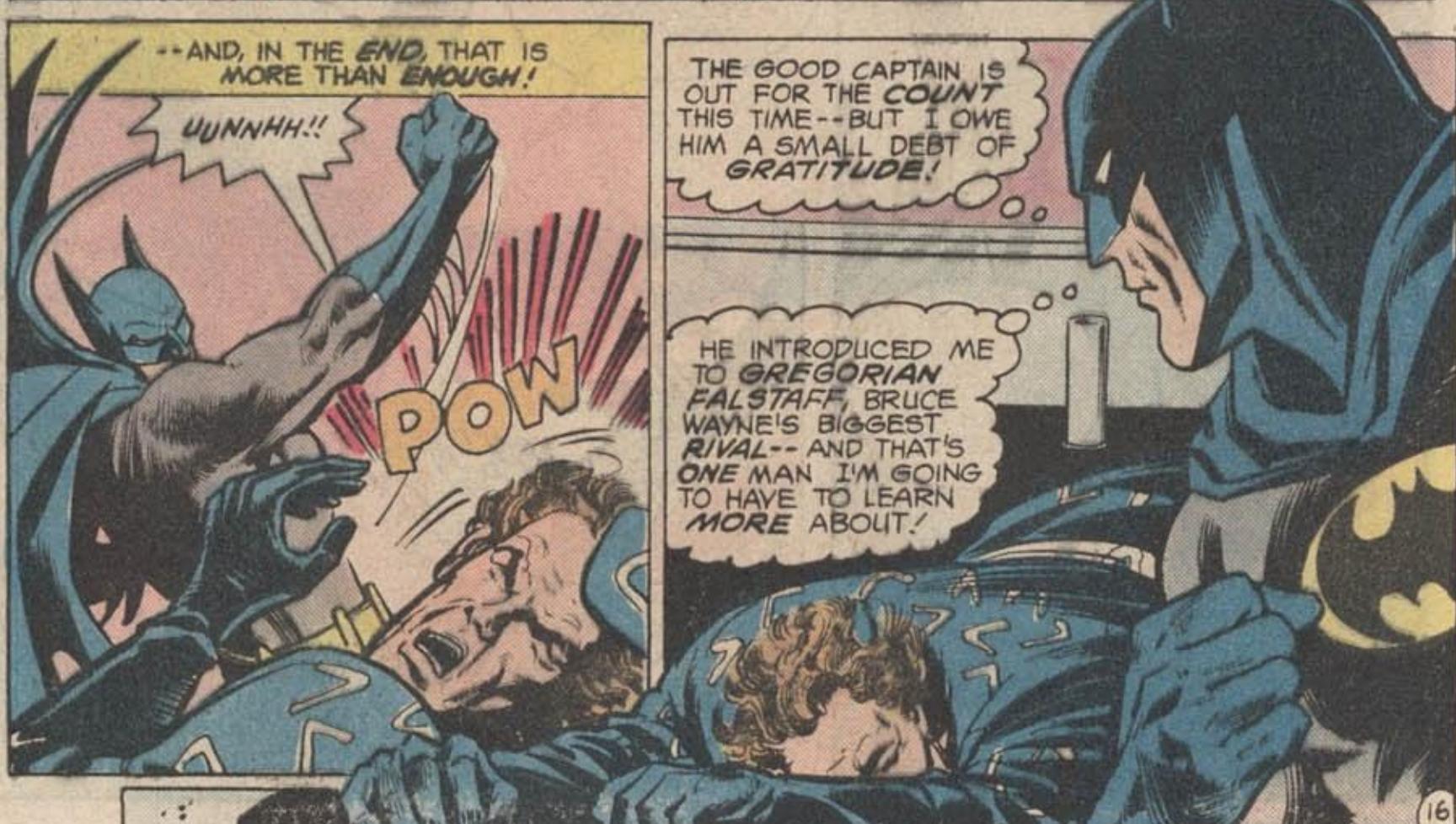
WHILE YOU WERE BUSY TALKING, I MANEUVERED MY BONDS UP AGAINST THE DOOMERANG'S ROCKET-JETS--AND THE IGNITION-FLAMES FREED ME!

THEN I SIMPLY SLIPPED AWAY UNDER COVER OF ALL THAT SMOKE BEFORE THE DOOMERANG TOOK OFF!





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-- WHERE A DUTIFUL NIGHT WATCHMAN IS MAKING AN UNSETTLING DISCOVERY...

HUH? THERE'S SOMEBODY PROWLIN' AROUND INSIDE THE EGYPTIAN EXHIBIT ROOM!



OKAY, WHOEVER YOU ARE-- HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!

I DON'T WANNA HURT ANYBODY-- BUT I WILL IF YOU FORCE ME TO!



BUT AS THE NERVOUS GUARD CAUTIOUSLY APPROACHES HIS SEEING CAPTIVE, THE SHADOWY FIGURE MOVES WITH PANTHER-LIKE SWIFTNESS--

-- GLEAMING CLAWS SLASHING THROUGH THE DARKNESS!



CRIES! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! BUT THERE AIN'T BUT ONE PERSON WITH THAT KIND OF OUTFIT-- AN' CLAWS TO MATCH!

THE CATWOMAN IS ON THE PROWL AGAIN!!

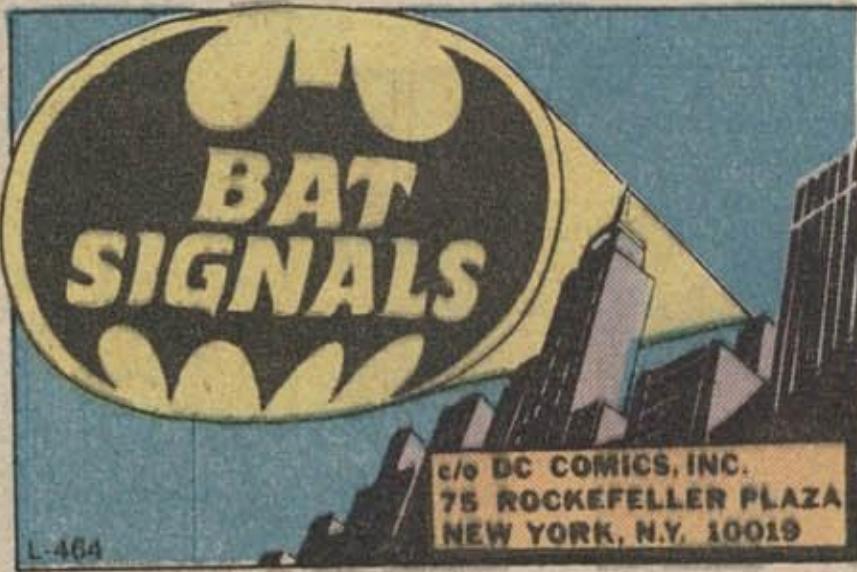


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Dear Paul:

Why did a southpaw Riddler appear in *Batman* #317? Because he was the only Batman villain that was left!

Well, Len Wein hasn't exhausted the seemingly endless supply of Batman foes yet, but he's getting there. But I don't mind a bit—this format is really shaping up. Not only do we see the return of a classic enemy each month, we also get subplots galore. Coupled with Irv Novick's exemplary art, the end result is bound to be sheer excellence.

Now that Robin is not a major part of Batman's adventures anymore, his visits like this and last month's are more than welcome. Perhaps each summer, like the JLA-JSA team-ups, we could see the Dynamic Duo in action again. After all, they are comics' first and best team.

Concerning Selina Kyle: Catwoman has gone sequentially good then evil before, so a Bruce-Selina romance is doomed. It will only be a matter of months before she becomes the Queen of Crime once again, so why toy with our interest? There can't be a wedding in the offing...can there?

Why is a reader of *Batman* like a drunk? Once one partakes of a little Wein, he wants some more!

Mark Lagasse  
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Whatever is in the offing, the truth will out next month...or perhaps the month after at the latest. As you can see, we're coming ever closer to the conclusion of this plotline.—PL

Dear Editor:

Why did the Riddler cross the road? Answer: in order to outwit the Batman. The Result: the Batman never had time to concern himself with the Prince of Puzzlers, so all of his best laid plans went to waste. "The Riddler's 1,001 Clue Caper" was an excellent story and it was a novelty Riddler story in that we were not given constant riddles in which to guess his crimes. By sending the Batman the book, the Riddler hoped to cover every contingency of his crime; and as the Batman stated, it might have worked if not for the fact that he was too busy to concern himself with the book.

I am sure that the Riddlers' ego would be further deflated if he knew that he had to play second fiddle to the Catwoman. It was great to see the public life of Bruce Wayne take precedence over Batman's duties. The fact that he and Robin were able to defeat the Riddler by sheer detective work instead of guess work made this story a further classic.

It was also nice that Len pointed out that, unlike the Joker, the Riddler is not a homicidal maniac and will not kill unless it is totally necessary. There is one point I would like to make, though: I would like to see the Riddler portrayed with a little more hyper-active insanity as Frank Gorshen played the part in the TV series.

Kent A Phenix  
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*NEXT MONTH: The Crimes Of The Catwoman? or the answer to the most-asked letter column question: "Where is all this leading to?" Be here and find out!—Paul Levitz*

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Dear Len,

The next time that you have a compulsion to write a Riddler story, take a leaf from the late Bill Finger.

In *BATMAN* #317, you struggled to tie together a few timeworn riddles involved in the solution to a simple gun-smuggling crime-drama, when you really could have taxed the faculties of Batman and Robin by consulting the local library as to books on riddles, enigmas, etc., weird enough to both entertain and inform the readers.

Did you know that ostriches emit a sound like a roaring lion when aroused? I never knew this until I happened to read an old Penguin story where the felon had Robin secreted behind a blind, while trying to convince Batman that a lion menaced the boy.

I owe this fact and my enjoyment of that story to Bill Finger's flair for research.

How about some?

Jeffrey Lowndes  
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We've done a few stories around obscure information and locales, and our various writers, Len included, have certainly also done their homework. But if it's a pure research story you're looking for, like some of the Batman tales of the 50's, we suggest you check out the new series of *Tales of Gotham City* occasionally in *DETECTIVE COMICS*. Some of the upcoming episodes were tailored with that fit in mind.—PL

# THE DC FEATURE PAGE

Q: Who are you?—Christopher Becker. A: I was Bob Rozakis the last time I looked! Q: Where does the *Crumblor* keep his crumbling hand when he isn't using it?—Pete Nyblom. A: In his pocket? Q: Would *Superman* have powers under a blue sun?—Darren Alley. A: Yes, since it is hotter than a yellow sun. Q: When will I receive my DC Super-Star Society membership kit?—Russel Woodworth. A: The plans for the Society have been shelved and all money sent in has been returned. Watch our magazines for an announcement concerning plans to go ahead with it. Q: What comic did *Metamorpho* first appear in?—Jeff Rush. A: He debuted in *BRAVE & BOLD* #57. Q: Why was *Supergirl* sent to Earth?—John Canteleiro. A: Because meteorites smashed through the lead shielding of Argo City and exposed its inhabitants to deadly anti-kryptonite. Q: Will the *Martian Manhunter* be appearing in *JUSTICE LEAGUE* again?—James Wood. A: J'onn J'onzz will be turning up in *JLA* before you know it! Q: Will there ever be a comic about the *Adult Legion of Super-Heroes*?—Jeffrey Armstrong. A: I doubt they'd get their own title, but such a tale might appear now that the *LEGION* has its own book. Q: Have Perry White and Commissioner Gordon ever met?—Mark Lagasse. A: Yes.



Q: Was *Mirror Master* ever a hero?—John Wallen. A: No, he began his career as a super-villain in *FLASH* #105, the first issue featuring the Earth-1 speedster. Q: If the sand-creature from Quarrm took  $\frac{1}{3}$  of *Superman's* powers, is *Supergirl* now stronger than her cousin?—Rocco Galante and Joe Reagan. A: No, *Superman* would be stronger without super-powers, so he is stronger than *Supergirl*.

Q: How do you determine how many issues are in a "volume"?—Paige Vogele. A: We assign a new volume number at the beginning of each calendar year. The number of issues in a volume is determined by the frequency of the book. Q: How about a rundown of artists and writers who have appeared in your stories?—Jonathan Locke and Gary Wind. A: Cary Bates met *The Flash* in *FLASH* #228, then went with Elliot S! Maggin into *JLA* #'s 123 and 124. Len Wein, Gerry Conway and Steve Englehart were in *JLA* #103. Bob Haney, Jim Aparo and Murray Boltinoff joined *Batman* and *Sgt. Rock* in *BRAVE & BOLD* #124. And Bob Rozakis, Al Milgrom, Jack Harris, Mike Golden and Bob Smith were among those who met *Bat-Mite* in *DETECTIVE* #481.

Q: How did Kandor get to Earth anyway?—James Leonard. A: It was stolen by *Brainiac* before Krypton exploded, then rescued by *Superman* when he defeated the space villain. With no planet to return the city to, *Superman* put it in his Fortress of Solitude.

Q: Do you answer all the questions we send in?—Steven Robertson. A: I try to answer as many as possible, but there are many repetitions, so if you don't see your question answered, check other issues where someone else may have asked the same question.

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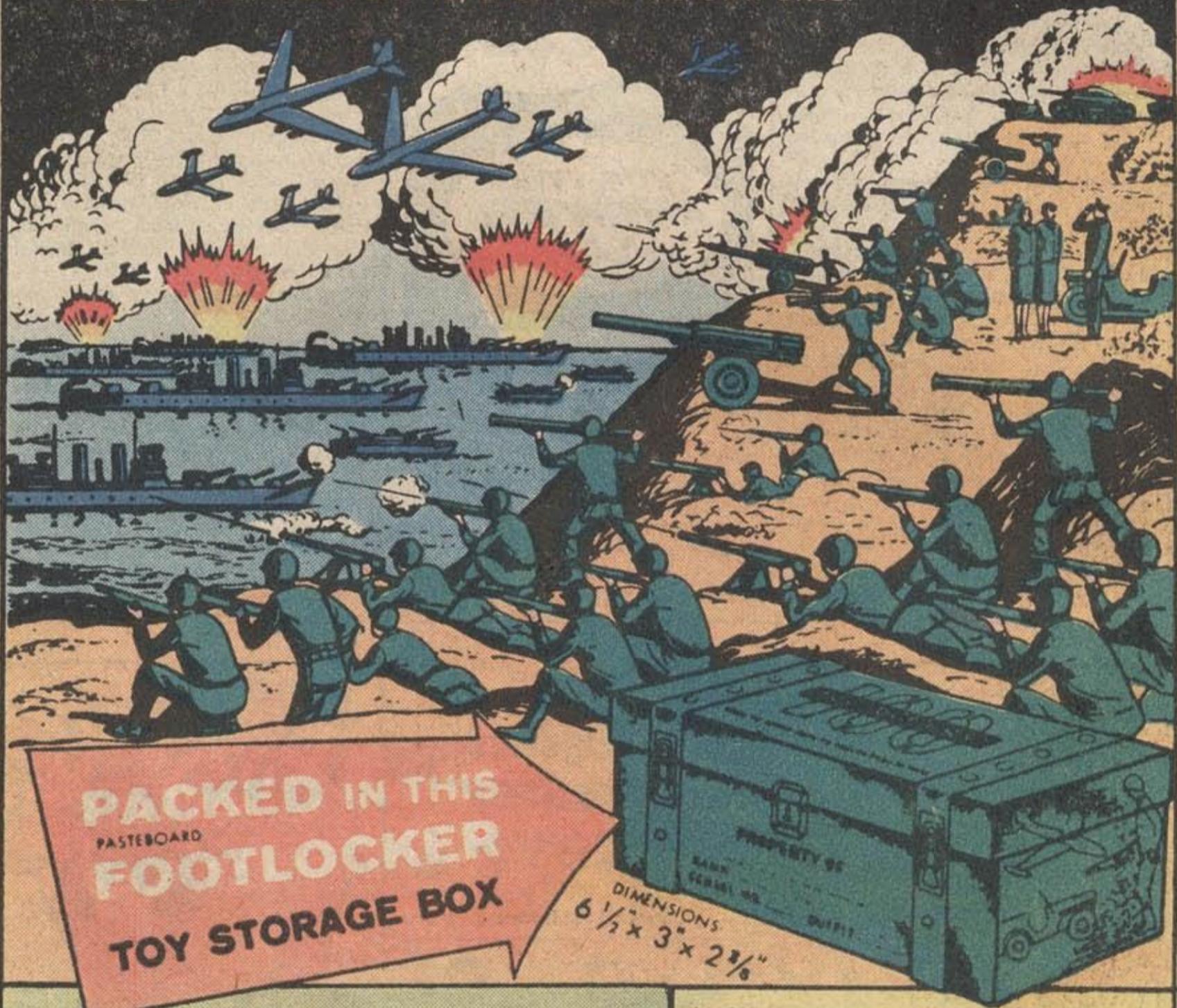
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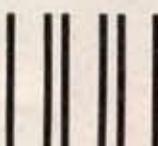
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