



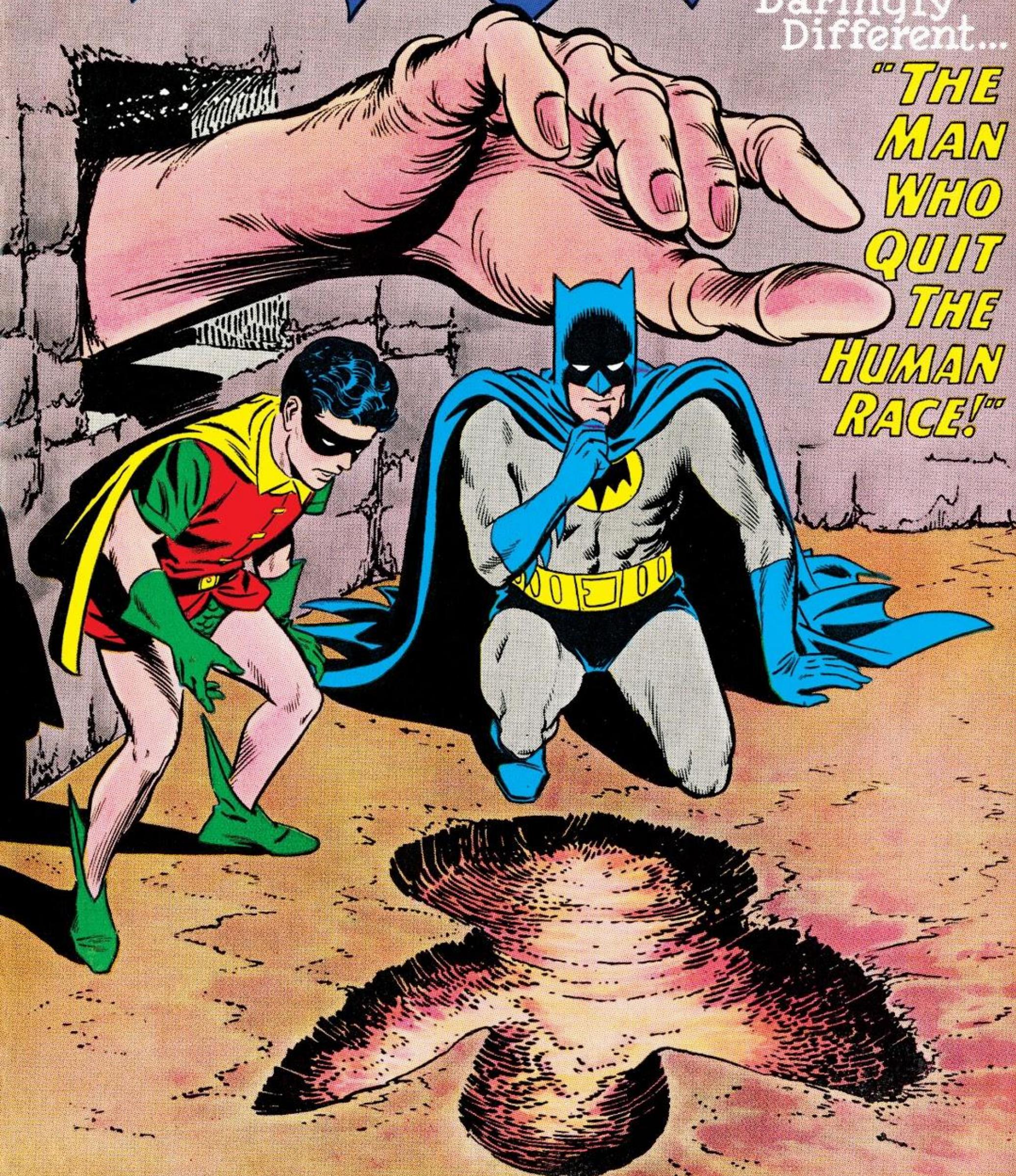
# BATMAN

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"THE  
MAN  
WHO  
QUIT  
THE  
HUMAN  
RACE!"



ONE MAN AGAINST THE HUMAN RACE--  
AND THE ODDS WERE ALL STACKED  
IN THE MAN'S FAVOR! ONLY HE  
WASN'T A MAN... ANY LONGER! HE  
HAD TURNED INTO A **MUTANT**--  
A "FUTURE-MAN"--WITH AN INTENSE  
CONTEMPT FOR INFERIOR HUMANS--  
AND **BATMAN** IN PARTICULAR!

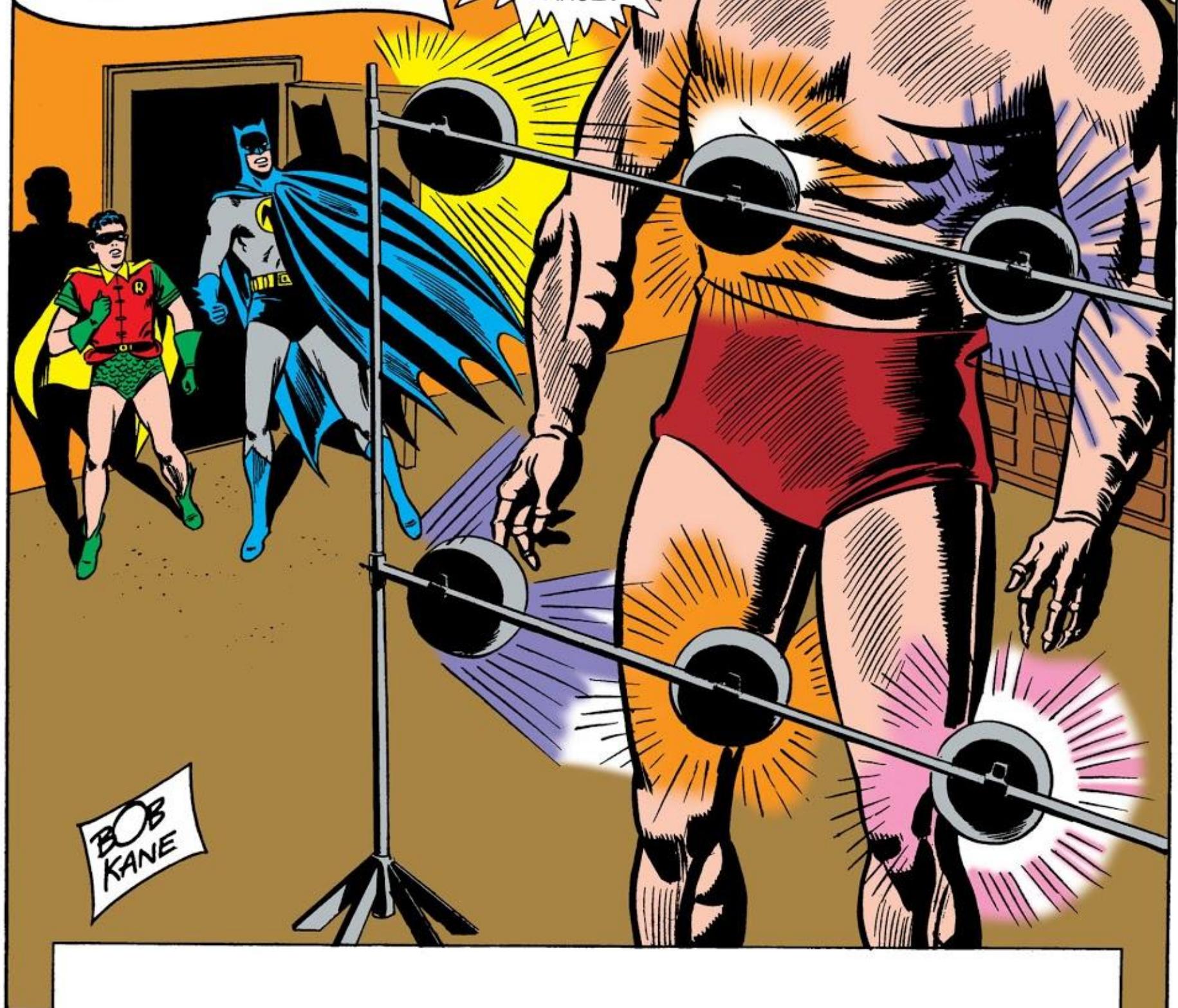
# THE MAN WHO **QUIT** THE **HUMAN RACE!**

# **BATMAN**

WITH  
**ROBIN**

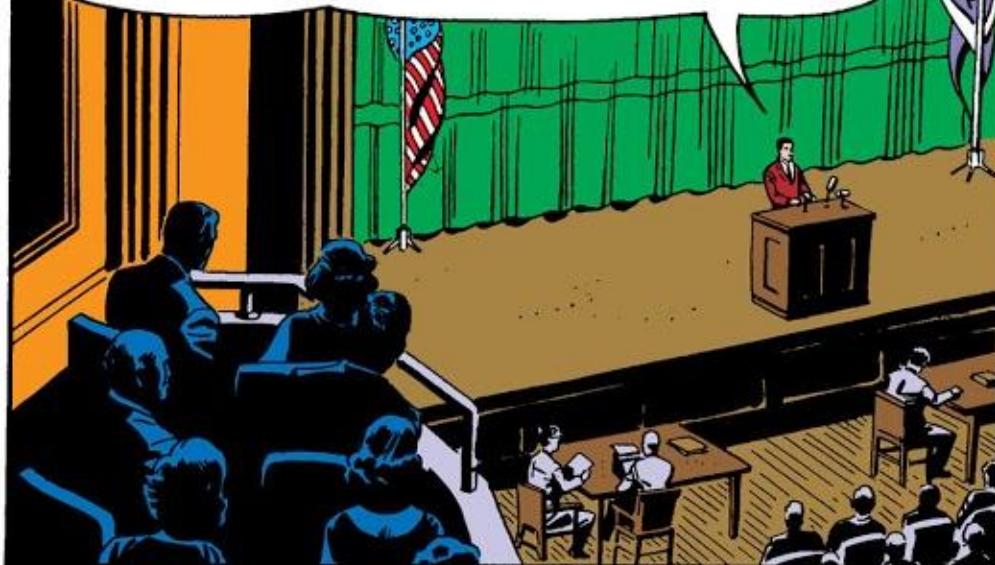
-THE BOY WONDER-

AS SOON AS THIS  
LIGHT PENETRATES  
MY ALTERED  
BODY, **BATMAN**--  
I'LL BECOME AN  
INVULNERABLE  
MUTANT! THEN  
NOTHING ON EARTH  
WILL STOP ME  
FROM OVER-  
WHELMING THE  
ENTIRE HUMAN  
RACE!



AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE,  
GOVERNOR ANDREW WARNER MAKES A GRIM  
STATEMENT...

I HAVE CONVENED BOTH THE  
HOUSE AND THE SENATE TO ANNOUNCE THAT--  
BECAUSE OF URGENT PERSONAL REASONS--  
I AM TENDERING MY RESIGNATION AS  
GOVERNOR, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!



AS THE ROOM ERUPTS WITH BUZZING  
SOUNDS, HE TURNS AND...

WHAT I DID NOT-- COULD NOT-- TELL  
THEM AT THIS TIME IS THAT I AM  
QUITTING THE HUMAN RACE  
AS WELL!



A DOOR IN THE GREAT BUILDING SWINGS OPEN TO HIS HAND...

THE DIE HAS BEEN CAST, **BATMAN**! SOON I SHALL  
NO LONGER BE A HUMAN BEING! THIS IS THE WAY  
WE AGREED IT SHOULD BE. I'M READY FOR--  
THE NEXT STEP!



SIDE BY SIDE, GOVERNOR WARNER AND  
**BATMAN**, WITH **ROBIN** AT THEIR HEELS,  
WALK TOWARD THE WAITING **BATPLANE**...

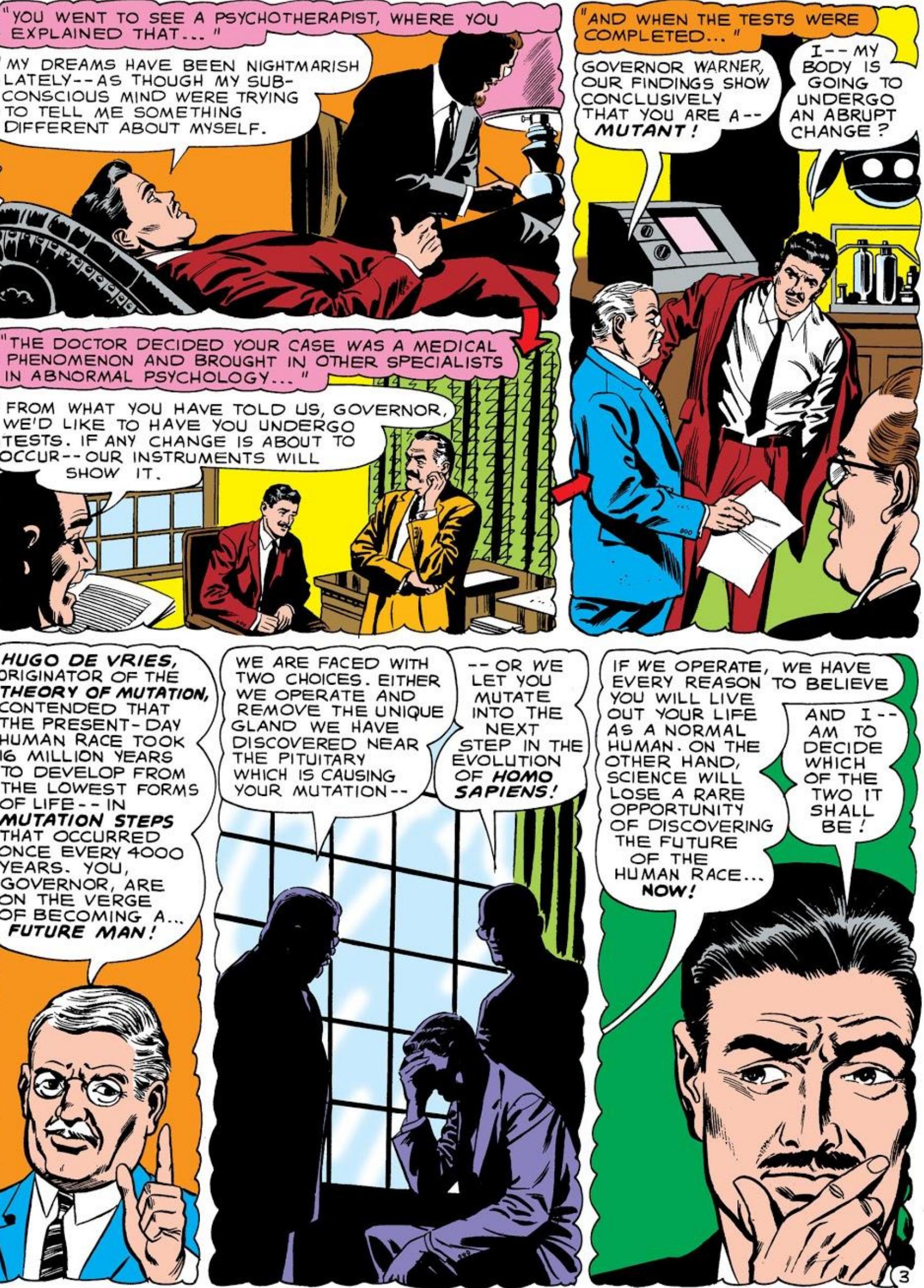
WE FEEL THE DECISION YOU MADE WAS--  
THE BEST ONE POSSIBLE. YOU KNOW  
BETTER THAN ANY OF US THAT YOU  
AREN'T REALLY A -- **HUMAN BEING**!



"LATELY, YOU HAVE HAD A HISTORY OF  
HEADACHES AND MOMENTARY ALTERATIONS  
OF YOUR FACIAL STRUCTURE, AS THOUGH  
YOUR BODY WERE ATTEMPTING TO BREAK  
FREE OF ITS BONDS..."

WHAT CAN BE HAPPENING TO ME?  
AM I THE VICTIM OF A FANTASTIC  
HALLUCINATION OR-- IS IT  
SOMETHING WORSE?





THE **BATPLANE** CIRCLES ABOVE A GREAT RESEARCH CENTER IN AN ISOLATED AREA...

I SENT FOR YOU, **BATMAN**-- AND ASKED IF YOU'D STAND BY IN CASE MY ALTERED BODY-- WHEN IT MUTATED-- SHOULD PROVE DIFFICULT TO HANDLE.



THEY LEAVE THE PLANE AND WALK TOWARD THE BUILDING...

BEFORE THE DAY IS OVER, I'LL KNOW WHETHER I DID THE RIGHT THING.  
AS BRUCE WAYNE, I ROOMED WITH ANDREW WARNER IN COLLEGE. NOW FATE HAS THROWN US TOGETHER AGAIN-- AS **BATMAN** AND GOVERNOR WARNER.



INSIDE THE RESEARCH CENTER...

EVERYTHING IS IN READINESS, GOVERNOR. RIGHT THIS WAY, PLEASE.



GOVERNOR WARNER IS PLACED ON AN OPERATING TABLE AS A BATTERY OF RADIO-ACTIVE RAY-LAMPS ARE BROUGHT INTO POSITION ABOVE HIM...

THE LAMPS WILL HASTEN THE MUTATING FUNCTION OF THE MUTANT-GLAND AT THE BASE OF THE BRAIN. IT'S BEGINNING TO FUNCTION, NOW! SEE-- HIS BODY IS GLOWING!



AS THE BATTERY OF SPECIALISTS HOLDS ITS BREATH-- AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** LEAN FORWARD...

WH-WHAT'S HE GOING TO CHANGE INTO?

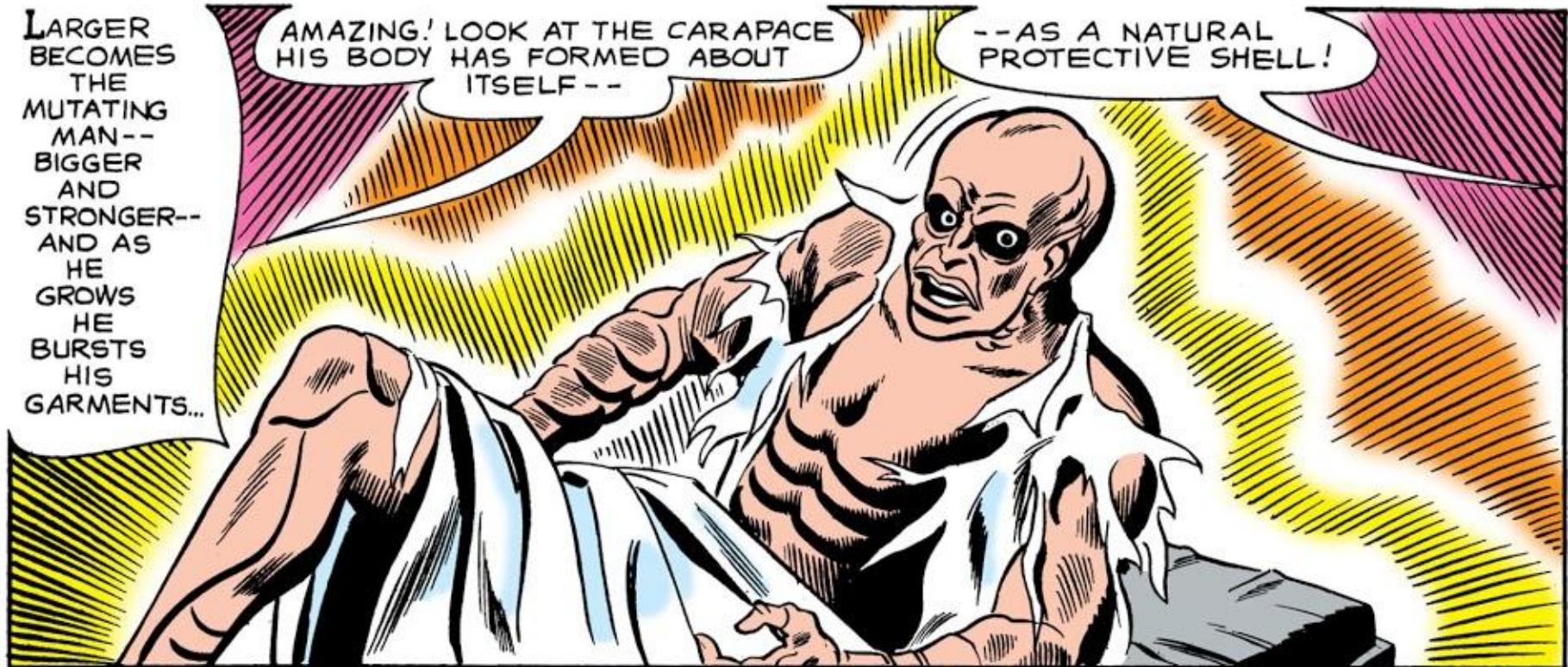
WE'RE WITNESSING A MEDICAL MILESTONE, **ROBIN**!



LARGER BECOMES THE MUTATING MAN-- BIGGER AND STRONGER-- AND AS HE GROWS HE BURSTS HIS GARMENTS...

AMAZING! LOOK AT THE CARAPACE HIS BODY HAS FORMED ABOUT ITSELF --

--AS A NATURAL PROTECTIVE SHELL!



A MIGHTY HAND LIFTS--QUIVERS-- AND THEN HE-WHO-WAS-- ANDREW WARNER SITS UP...

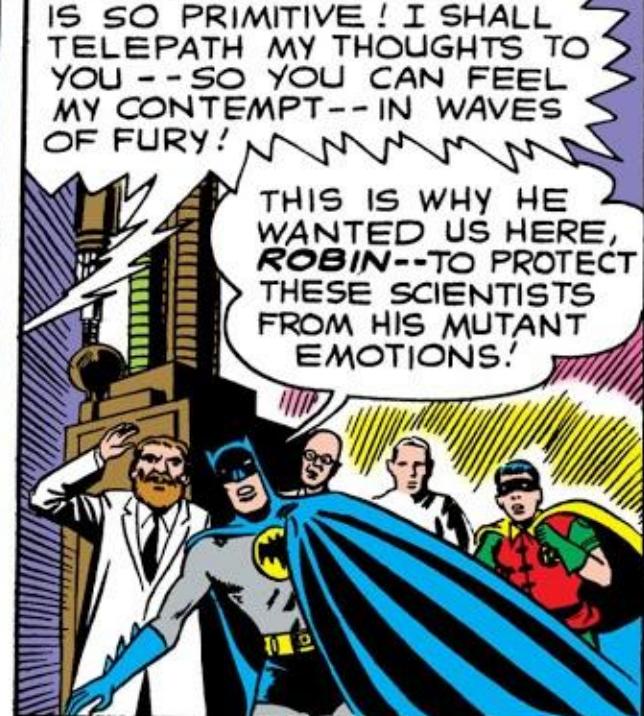
I HAVE -- MUTATED! I AM NO LONGER A MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RACE!

I POSSESS STRANGE AND AWESOME POWERS! AND-- I FIND MYSELF FILLED WITH SHEER CONTEMPT FOR-- MERE MEN! YES--IT WAS AS I FEARED! I FEEL AN URGE IN ME TO-- SUBJUGATE YOU INFERIOR BEINGS!

SUDDENLY THE STRANGE FIGURE STOPS SPEAKING-- BUT NOW THE ONLOOKERS "HEAR" HIS VOICE INSIDE THEIR MINDS...

COMMUNICATING VOCALLY IS SO PRIMITIVE ! I SHALL TELEPATH MY THOUGHTS TO YOU -- SO YOU CAN FEEL MY CONTEMPT-- IN WAVES OF FURY!

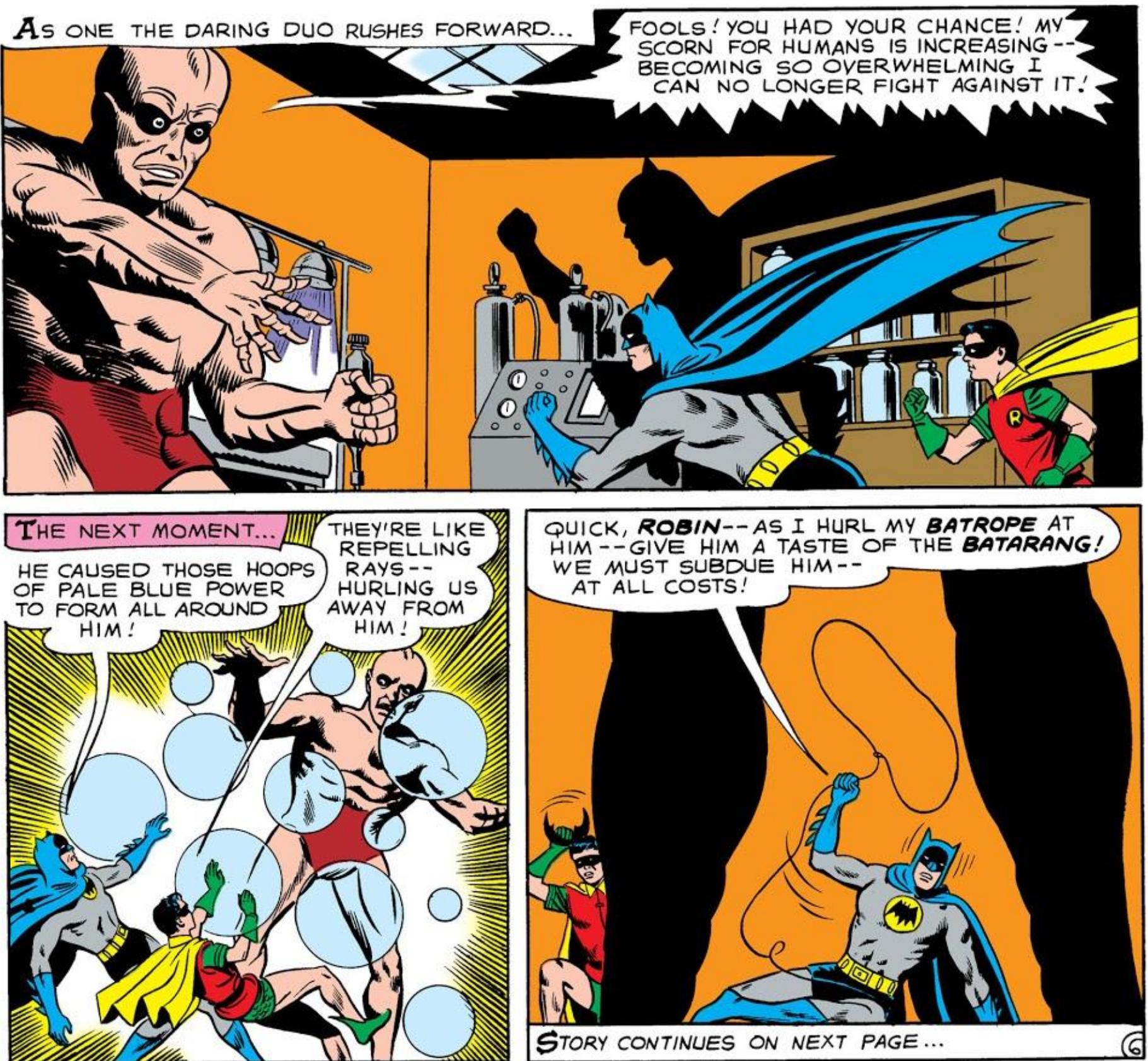
THIS IS WHY HE WANTED US HERE, ROBIN--TO PROTECT THESE SCIENTISTS FROM HIS MUTANT EMOTIONS!



COME ON, ROBIN! WE'VE GOT TO KNOCK HIM OUT-- GET HIM BACK ON THAT TABLE WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME FOR THE DOCTORS TO OPERATE AND GIVE THE GOVERNOR BACK HIS HUMANITY!

WAIT! THERE IS STILL A LITTLE HUMANITY LEFT IN ME SO... I MUST WARN YOU TO FLEE! SAVE YOURSELVES FROM ME! OR-- I SHALL OVERCOME YOU ALL!





# THE MAN WHO QUIT THE HUMAN RACE

PART 2

EVEN AS BATROPE AND BATARANG  
CLEAVE THE AIR ...

NOT QUITE GONE!  
HE'S REAPPEARING--  
TEN FEET  
AWAY!

LOOK!  
HE'S  
GONE!

BEFORE THE INCREDULOUS EYES OF THE  
DYNAMIC DUO, THE MUTATED MAN ONCE MORE  
FADES OUT AND REAPPEARS ON THE LAWN  
OUTSIDE THE BUILDING...

HE'S TELEPORTING  
HIMSELF!

YES! I NEED NOT RUN  
NOR LEAP TO GO WHERE  
I WANT! I CAN TELEPORT  
MYSELF BODILY ACROSS  
SMALL DISTANCES TO GET  
WHERE I'M GOING!

HE'S TRAVELING FASTER--AND FURTHER  
AWAY--APPEARING ON THAT CAR AND ON  
THAT FARAWAY GREEN ROOF! I MUST  
KEEP AFTER HIM--BUT HOW?

THIS INSTRUMENT WILL HELP  
YOU FOLLOW HIM, BATMAN!  
IT'S TUNED TO THE  
PULSATIONS OF THE  
MUTATION GLAND  
IN HIS HEAD!

SWELL!  
THEN WE  
CAN CATCH UP TO  
HIM IN THE  
BATPLANE!

AHEAD OF THE SPEEDING BATPLANE...

THIS NUCLEAR LABORATORY BUILDING  
WILL HAVE ALL I NEED TO COMPLETE  
MY MUTATION. AS SOON AS I BATHE  
IN GAMMA RAYS-- I'LL LOSE  
THE LAST OF MY  
HUMANITY!

NUCLEAR  
LAB B-9  
DANGER

LANDING THE **BATPLANE** IN THE LABORATORY PARKING LOT, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** RACE INTO THE BUILDING...

HE ISN'T FAR AHEAD, **ROBIN!** WE OUGHT TO OVERTAKE HIM VERY SHORTLY!

SURE-- BUT WHEN WE DO-- HE'LL TELEPORT HIMSELF OFF SOMEWHERE ELSE!

NUCLEAR LAB. B-9 DANGER

SEARCHING THROUGH THE LABYRINTHINE WAYS OF THE MIGHTY BUILDING THEY COME UPON A QUEERLY SHAPED FOOTPRINT...

HE'S GROWN EVEN LARGER. LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT PRINT! AND NOTICE ITS STRANGE SHAPE-- LIKE THAT OF A LEAF!

AS THEY STUDY THE LEAF-LIKE FOOTPRINT, THEY FAIL TO SEE...

THERE'S SOMETHING SO STRANGE ABOUT THIS PRINT THAT I'M BEGINNING TO WONDER--

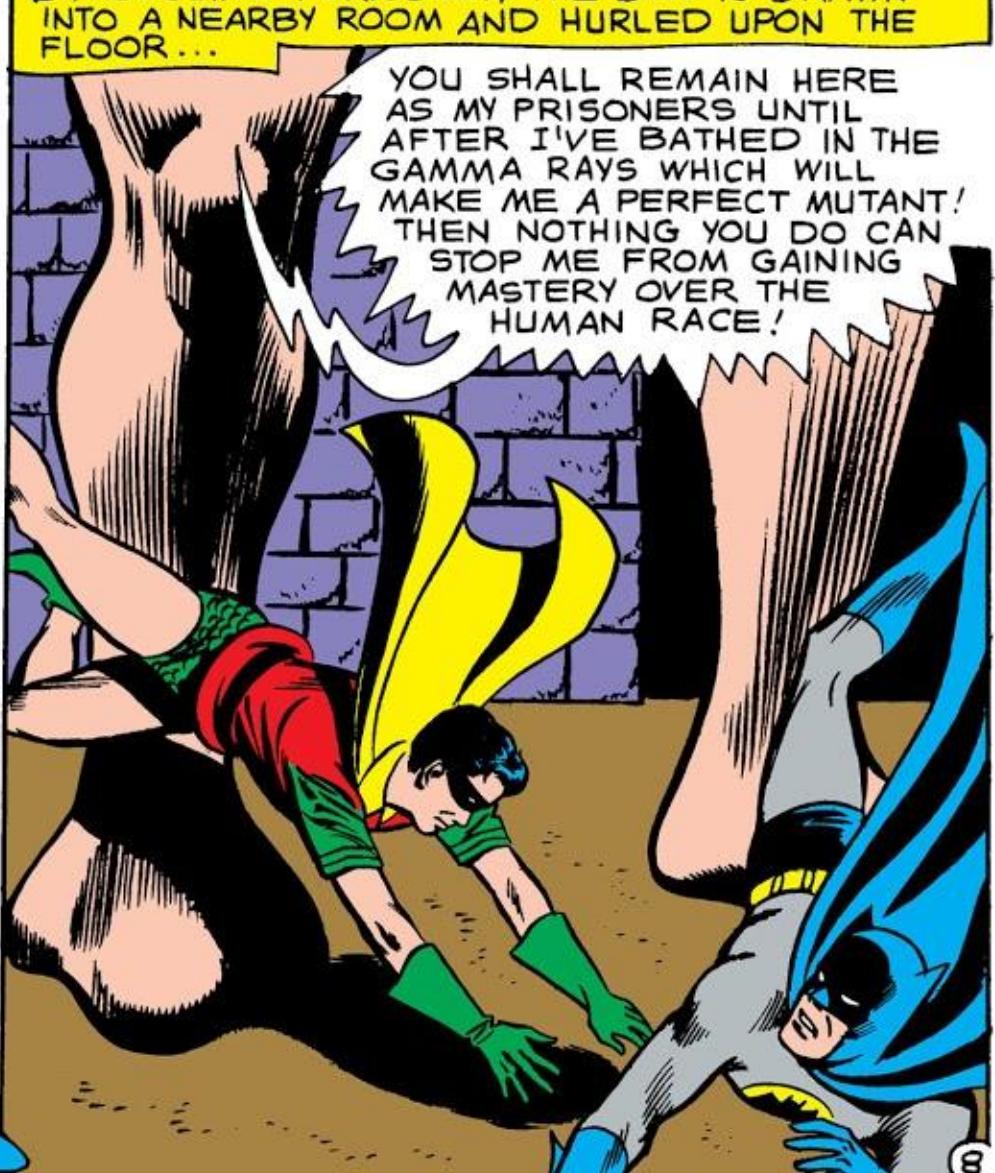


AN INSTANT LATER, MASSIVE FINGERS CLOSE DOWN ABOUT **BATMAN** AND THE **BOY WONDER**...

**BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**-- YOU ARE THE ONLY ENEMIES I NEED FEAR-- SO I'M GOING TO PUT YOU OUT OF THE WAY!

STRUGGLING FURIOUSLY, THE DUO IS DRAWN INTO A NEARBY ROOM AND HURLED UPON THE FLOOR...

YOU SHALL REMAIN HERE AS MY PRISONERS UNTIL AFTER I'VE BATHED IN THE GAMMA RAYS WHICH WILL MAKE ME A PERFECT MUTANT! THEN NOTHING YOU DO CAN STOP ME FROM GAINING MASTERY OVER THE HUMAN RACE!



WITH A BLURRING MOTION OF HIS HUGE HANDS-- CALLING UPON THE EERIE POWERS OF HIS FUTURE BODY-- THE MUTATED MAN BUILDS A WALL OF SHIMMERING AIR ABOUT THE CRIME-FIGHTERS...



WHEN THEY ARE LEFT ALONE, BATMAN CAUTIOUSLY TESTS THE AIRY BARRIER AS DOES HIS YOUNG COMPANION...



THE CRACK CRIME-FIGHTERS HURL THEMSELVES AT THE BARRIER! THEY GO IN JUST SO FAR...



THEN THEY ARE PROPELLED BACKWARD BY THE FURY OF THEIR OWN CHARGE...



YOUR FACE AND ELBOW ARE GOLDEN TOO!



MOMENTS LATER,  
WHEN THE  
GOLD COLORING  
DISAPPEARS ...

HE SAID NO  
"LIVING THING"  
COULD PASS THE  
BARRIER! BUT  
OUR CLOTHES--  
BEING INANIMATE,  
LIFELESS--  
PASSED THROUGH!  
THIS MEANS--IF  
WE COVER ALL  
EXPOSED SKIN  
WE MAY BE ABLE  
TO BREAK  
OUT!

SHORTLY, AFTER ROBIN AIDS  
BATMAN TO SHROUD HIS FEATURES  
IN HIS ENVELOPING CLOAK ...

I'LL AIM YOU  
STRAIGHT  
FOR THE  
BARRIER!

IF I GET OUT--  
I'LL THINK OF A  
WAY TO GET YOU  
FREE TOO!



HEAD DOWN, THE GOTHAM SLEUTH HITS THE  
SHIMMERING LIGHT BARRIER-- AND CRASHES  
THROUGH IT...



OUTSIDE THE BARRIER, HE THRUSTS A BIG CHEST  
THROUGH THE AIR-SCREEN SO THAT ...

I'LL HOLD THE LID  
TIGHTLY ONCE I  
GET INSIDE.

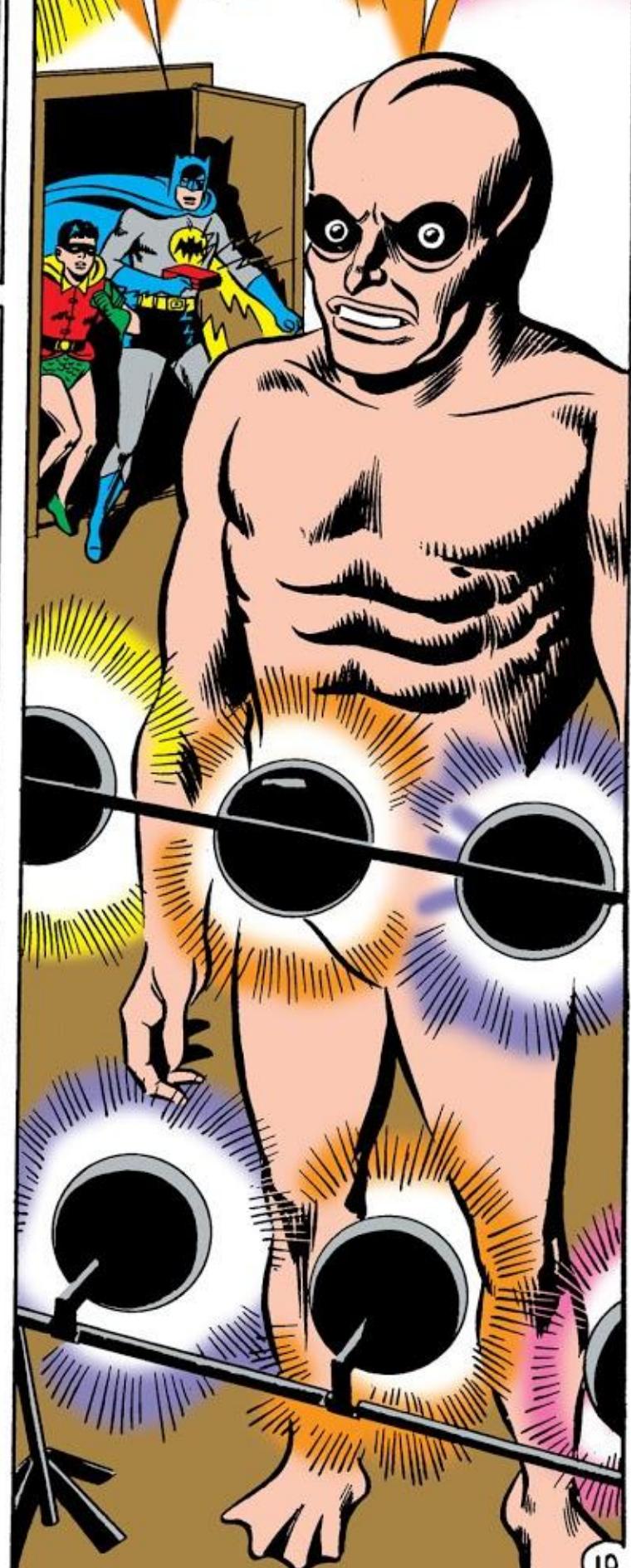
THEN I'LL DRAG YOU OUT--  
SO WE CAN GO AFTER  
GOVERNOR WARNER!



WHEN THE BOY WONDER IS FREE,  
THE DARING DUO RACES THROUGH  
THE CORRIDORS OF THE VAST  
LABORATORY BUILDING UNTIL...

THERE  
HE  
IS--  
BATHING  
IN THOSE  
ODD  
RAYS!  
WHY--?

AS SOON AS THIS LIGHT  
PENETRATES MY BODY--  
I'LL BE A COMPLETE  
AND INVULNERABLE  
MUTANT, WITH NO  
TRACE OF HUMANITY  
LEFT IN ME!



FOR A MOMENT, **BATMAN** STANDS FROZEN IN THOUGHT, THEN ...

OF COURSE! THE LAST FEW TRACES OF HUMANITY IN WARNER HAVE BEEN LEAVING CLUES BEHIND HIM--FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND! BUT UNTIL THIS MOMENT I NEVER REALIZED WHAT THEY MEANT! **GOLD!** **LEAF!** **GREEN!** **LIGHT!**



QUICKLY, THE CAPED CRUSADER TURNS TO ANOTHER CORNER OF THE LABORATORY...

THAT SOUNDS LIKE GIBBERISH TO ME.  
THE GOVERNOR'S MUTANT PART FORBID HIM TO HELP ME-- BUT THE HUMAN PART OF HIS MIND LEFT ME CLUES TELLING ME HOW TO DEFEAT HIM-- WITHOUT THE MUTATED SECTION REVEALING IT!



THE DYNAMIC DUO LIFTS A FRAGILE RECTANGLE OF THINLY BEATEN GOLD LEAF, HOLDING IT BEFORE A POWERFUL SEARCHLIGHT...

HE TELEPORTED ONTO **GREEN** GRASS, A **GREEN** CAR, A **GREEN** ROOF. HIS FOOTPRINT WAS IN THE SHAPE OF A **LEAF**. OUR FACES TURNED **GOLD** WHEN WE CONTACTED HIS AIR-BARRIER! AND, FINALLY, HE EMPHASIZED THAT **LIGHT** WOULD MAKE HIM INVULNERABLE!



THROUGH THE GOLD LEAF THE BRILLIANT LIGHT-BEAM PASSES--CAUSING A GREEN BEAM TO APPEAR AND FALL UPON THE MASSIVE MUTATED MAN ...

YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE AS BRUCE WAYNE, ANDREW WARNER AND I TOOK PART IN A PHYSICS EXPERIMENT IN WHICH-- BY SHINING A BRIGHT LIGHT THROUGH GOLD LEAF--A **GREEN** LIGHT EMERGED!



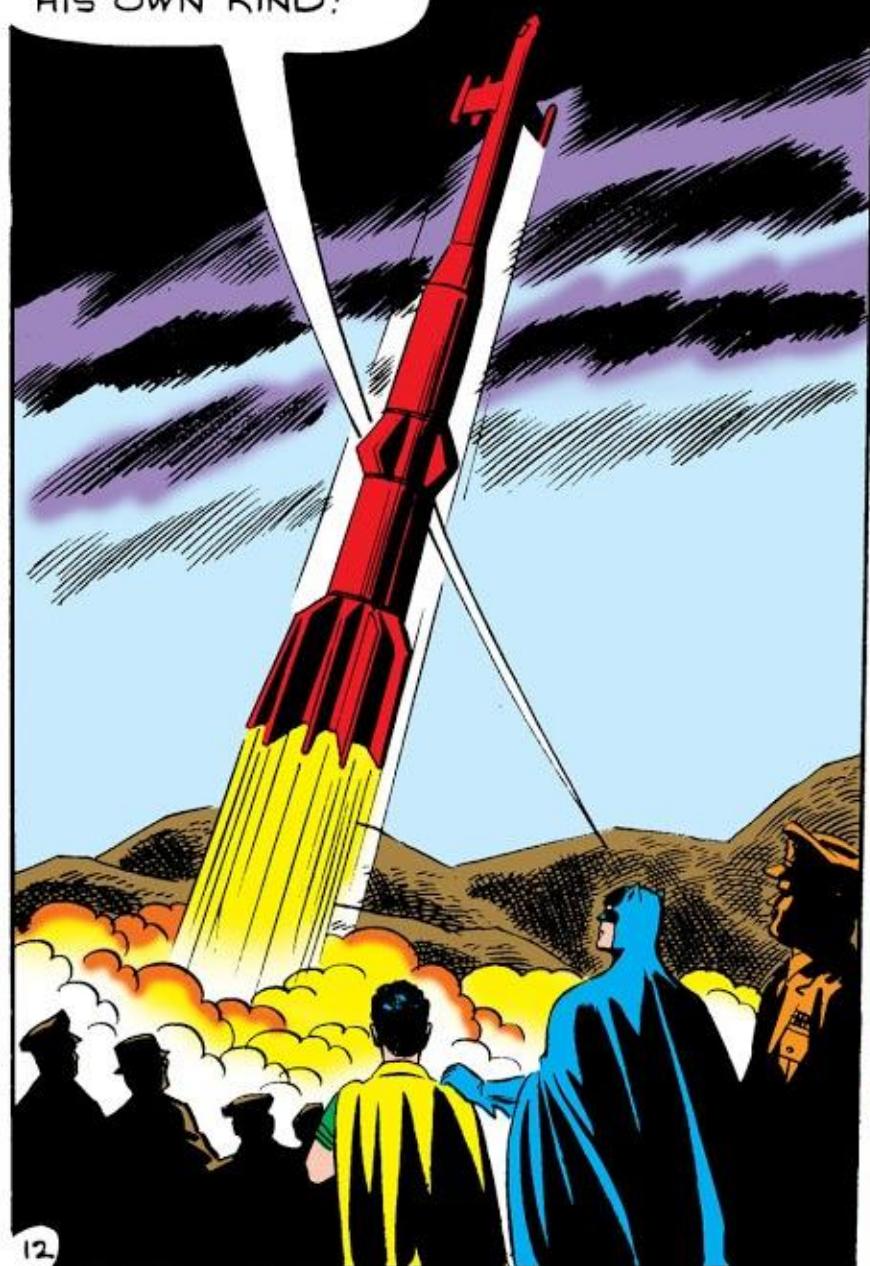
AS THAT VERDANT BRILLIANCE COATS THE FUTURE MAN-- HE COLLAPSES ...

BUT GOVERNOR WARNER DOESN'T KNOW YOU'RE **BRUCE WAYNE**!  
TRUE--BUT AS A **MUTATED MAN** ABLE TO TELEPATH HIS THOUGHTS AND PERHAPS EVEN READ MINDS.. HE SAW THROUGH MY SECRET IDENTITY TO MY TRUE SELF! IT WAS TO **BRUCE WAYNE**-- NOT **BATMAN**--THAT HE ADDRESSED THOSE CLUES!



LATER, AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF MILITARY AUTHORITIES, SCIENTISTS, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, IT IS AGREED TO SHOOT THE MUTATED MAN OUT INTO SPACE...

HE WILL ORBIT ABOUT THE SUN IN HIS STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION UNTIL MANKIND ITSELF HAS EVOLVED TO THE MUTATED STATE HE IS IN! HE WILL AWAKEN IN THE FAR FUTURE --AMONG HIS OWN KIND!



THAT NIGHT, IN THE BRUCE WAYNE MANSION...

BRUCE, DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK THAT MORE MUTANTS MAY APPEAR FROM TIME TO TIME?

YES, BUT NOW WE HAVE A MEANS OF DEFEATING THEM IF THEY DO! WHETHER MEN WILL ALLOW THEIR MUTANTS TO TAKE OVER-- OR WHETHER MANKIND WILL FIGHT TO RULE EARTH-- IS A PROBLEM FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO SOLVE!



ONE LAST QUESTION. WHAT DID HE PLAN TO DO TO US HUMANS?

I DON'T SUPPOSE WE'LL EVER KNOW. WE MUST BE SATISFIED WITH THE FACT THAT WE STOPPED HIM AND LEFT HIM AS OUR HERITAGE TO-- THE FUTURE OF MANKIND!



PATRICIA POWELL WAS THE DAUGHTER OF ONE OF GOTHAM CITY'S FINEST DETECTIVES, AND WAS DETERMINED TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS -- AS A POLICEWOMAN!

BUT SHE SECRETLY FEARED THAT SOMETHING WOULD THROW HER OFF GUARD -- INTERFERE WITH HER WORK-- THREATEN TO MAKE HER A FAILURE! NOW, ON HER VERY FIRST CASE--WITH BATMAN AS A PARTNER--SHE IS ON THE VERGE OF FINDING THE SURPRISING SOLUTION TO...

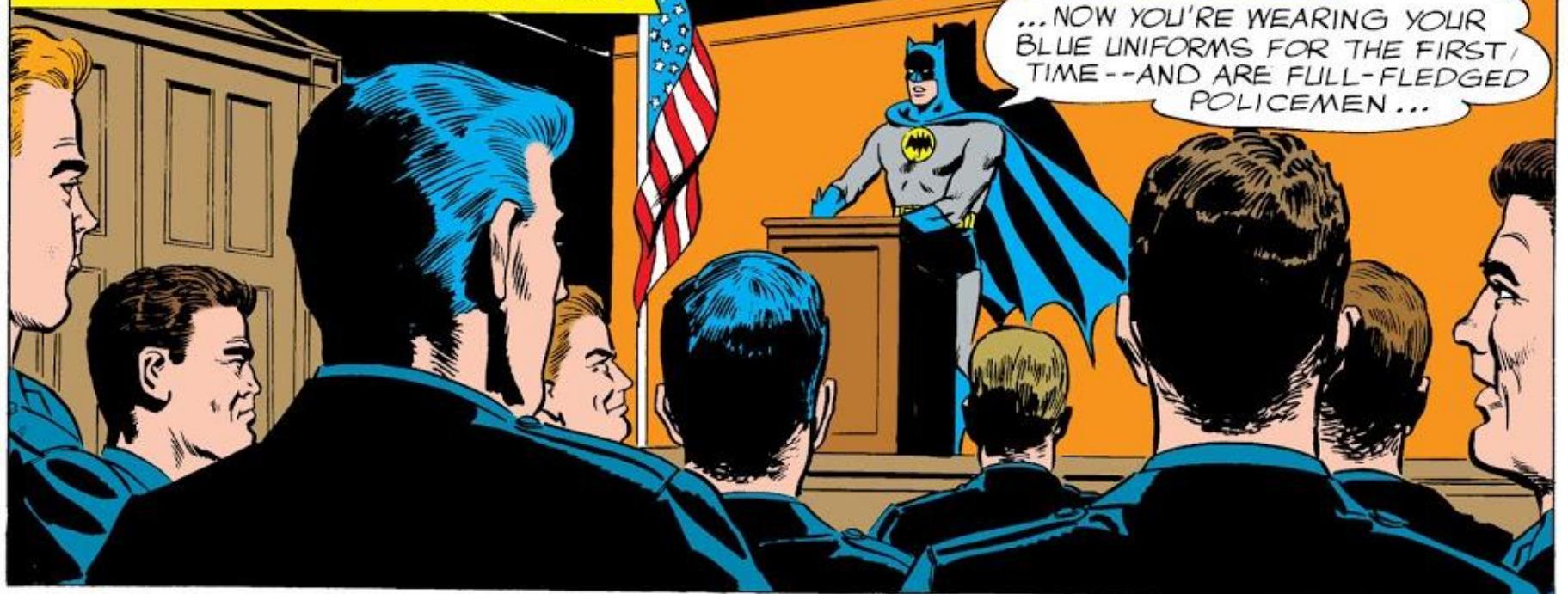
# BATMAN

With ROBIN  
THE BOY WONDER

## THE DILEMMA OF THE DETECTIVE'S DAUGHTER!



THIS IS THE ANNUAL GRADUATION EXERCISES OF GOTHAM CITY'S POLICE ACADEMY, WHERE --AS FITTING-- THE GUEST SPEAKER IS THE WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE --BATMAN!



...AND ARE NO LONGER PROBATIONARIES... RECRUITS--OR, IN ACADEMY JARGON--"PROBIES" OR "BUFFALOES"--SO YOU'LL HAVE MUCH TO DO BESIDES LISTEN TO SPEECHES!

I'LL MAKE THIS BRIEF!

...NOW YOU'RE WEARING YOUR BLUE UNIFORMS FOR THE FIRST TIME--AND ARE FULL-FLEDGED POLICEMEN...



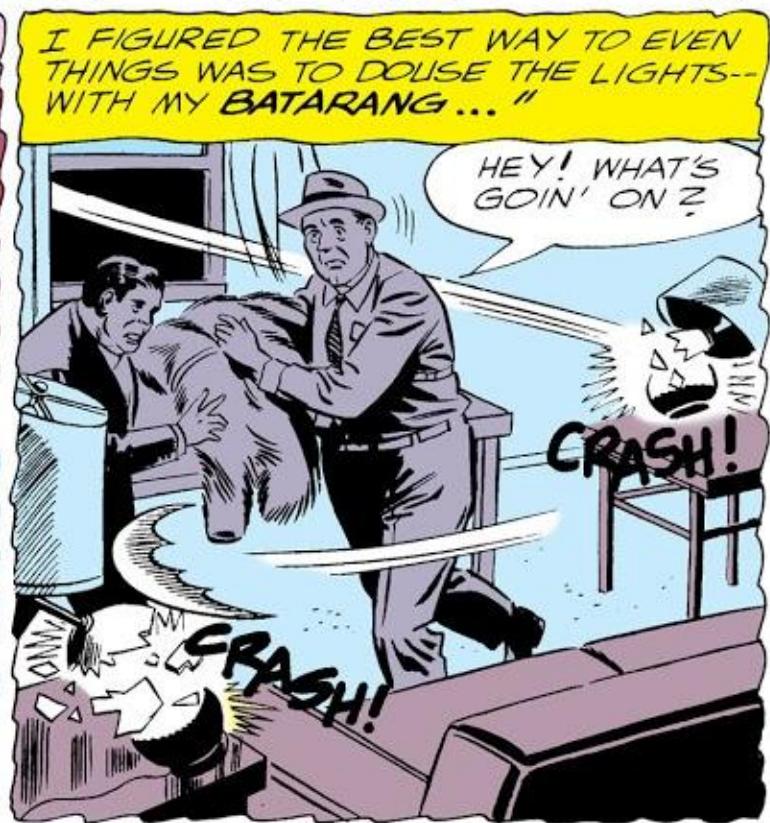
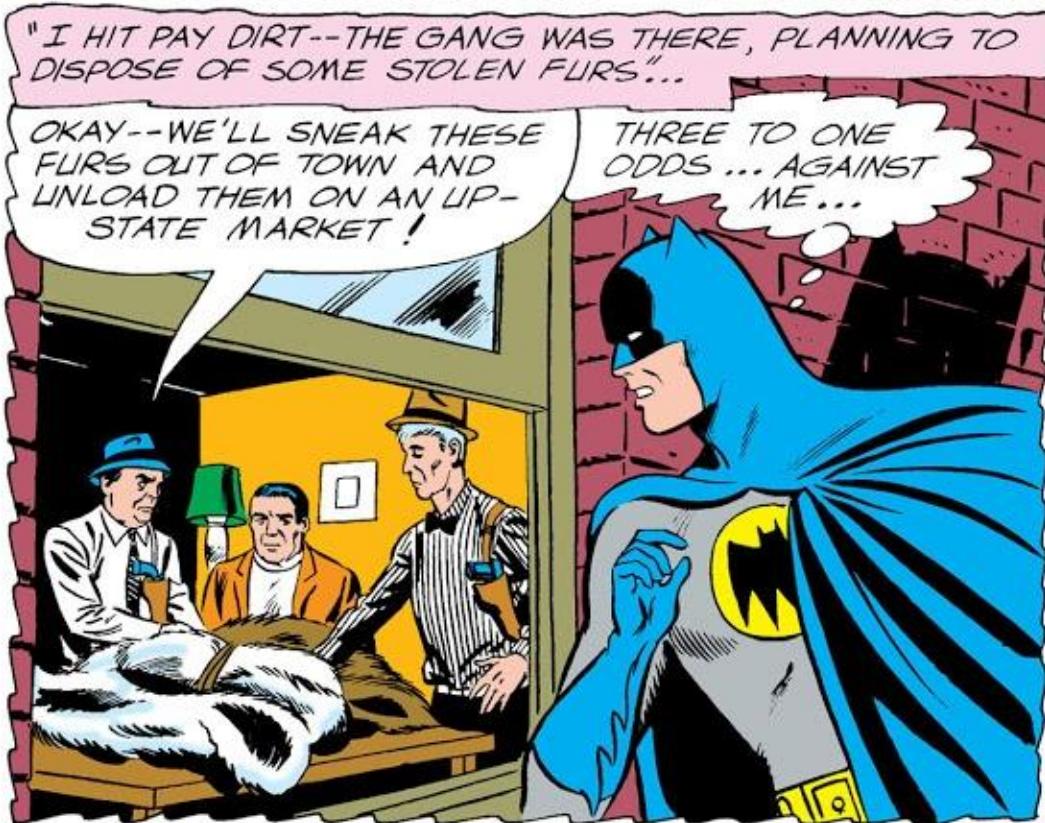
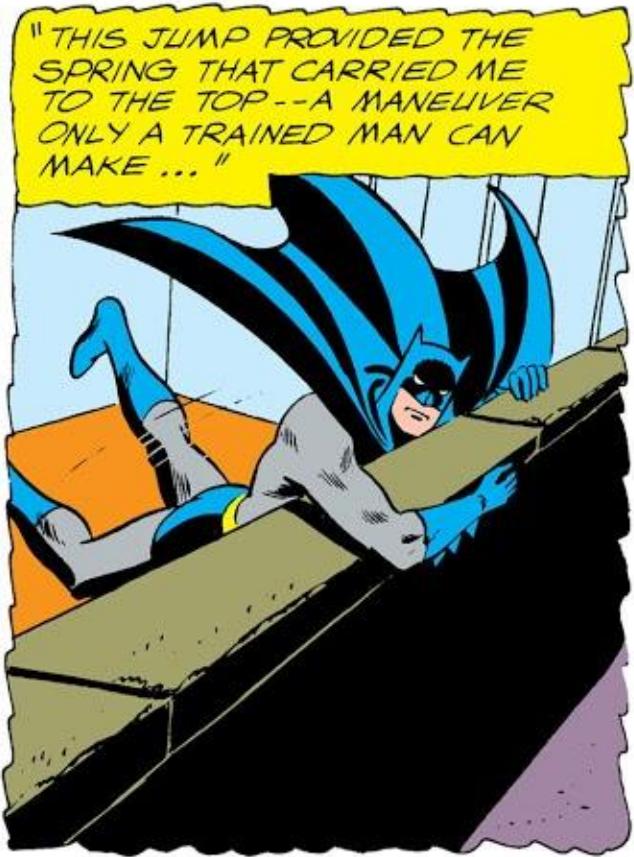
"AS SOMETIMES OCCURS, ROBIN AND I WERE SPLIT UP WHILE CHECKING TWO POSSIBLE HIDE-OUTS OF A HIJACKING GANG, AND I FIRST HAD TO DO SOME ROPE-CLIMBING--AS YOU PRACTICED IN THE GYM..."



I WANT TO STRESS THE VALUE OF YOUR PHYSICAL FITNESS TRAINING, WHICH I CAN BEST DO BY RECOUNTING ONE OF MY OWN CASES!



GOT TO DO THIS THE HARD WAY! I WANT TO TAKE A LOOK FROM OUTSIDE THE WINDOW OF THE ROOM WHERE THE GANG'S SUPPOSED TO BE!



"STUNNED, I HIT THE FLOOR--BUT THANKS TO MY TIP-TOP PHYSICAL CONDITION, I RECOVERED QUICKLY ENOUGH TO MANEUVER MY FEET..."

BATMAN, eh? I'LL FIX YOU--OOOLPS!

BLAM!

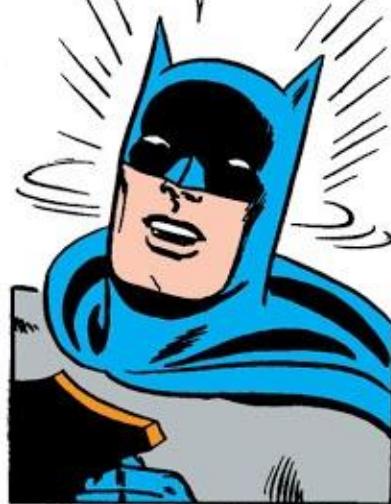
"IN ANOTHER MOMENT, I HAD THEM TRUSSSED UP..."

A NEAT PACKAGE READY FOR DELIVERY TO THE POLICE!

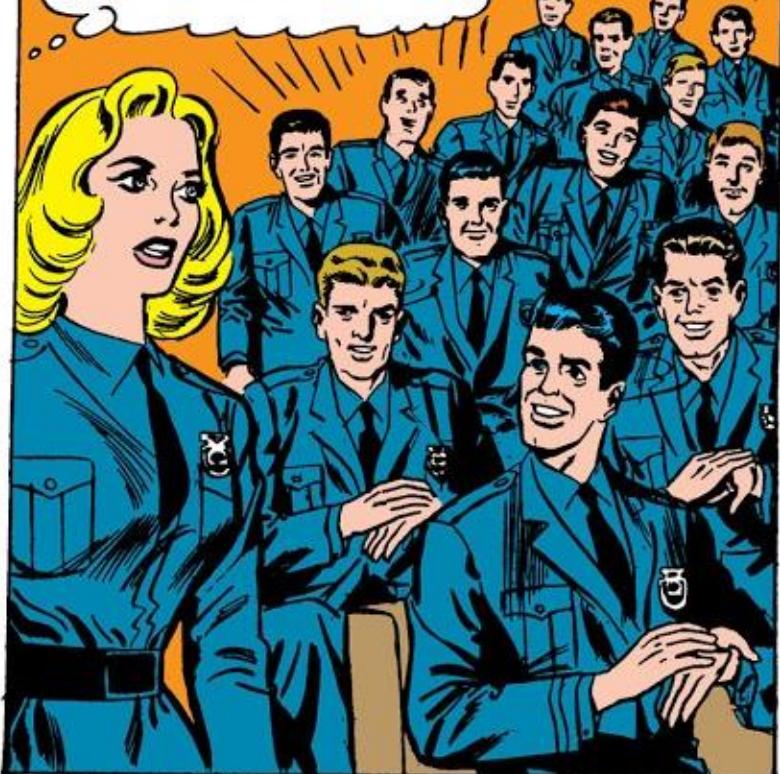
AFTER A ROUND OF LUSTY APPLAUSE PUNCTUATES THE CRIME-FIGHTER'S SPEECH, POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON STEPS FORWARD AND...

NOW, BATMAN, YOU HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF PRESENTING THIS PLAQUE TO THE TRAINEE WHO--FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ACADEMY HISTORY--RANKED FIRST IN ALL FOUR CATEGORIES OF TRAINING--ACADEMIC, PHYSICAL, FIREARMS--AND OVERALL!

AND NOW, WILL PATRICIA POWELL STEP UP HERE, AND...  
**PATRICIA POWELL ?!**



A POLICEWOMAN!



AFTER THE PRESENTATION, AND THE END OF THE CEREMONY...

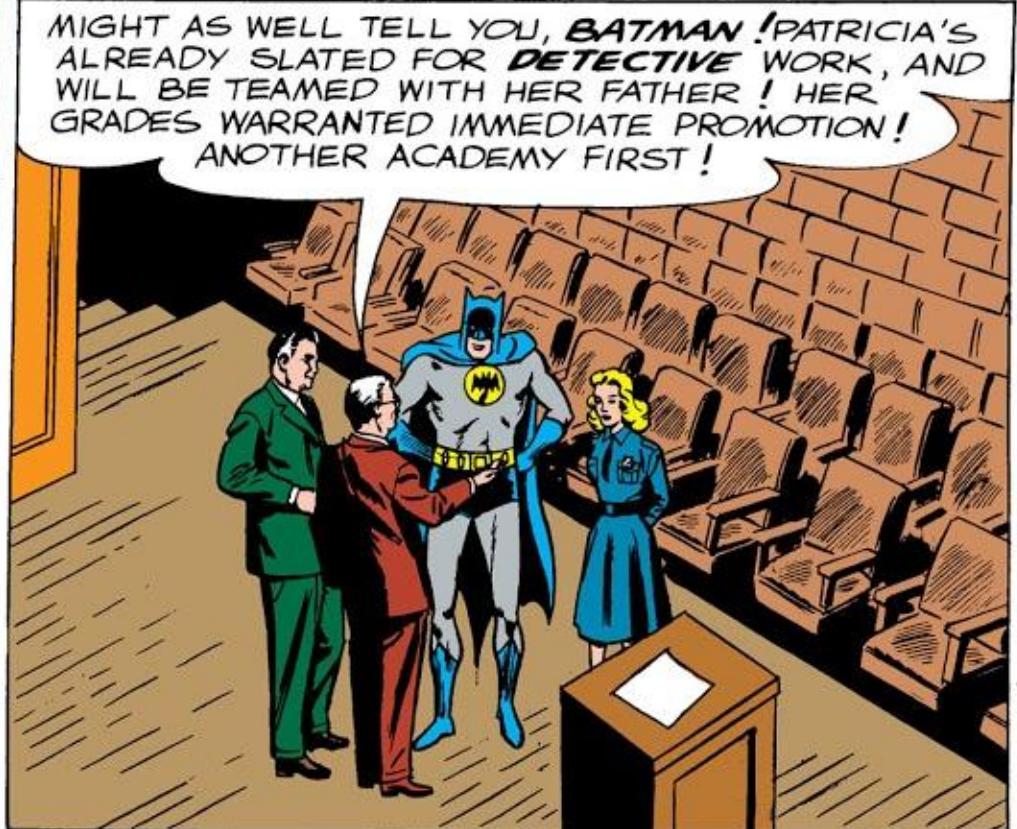
MEET PAT'S FATHER, BATMAN--LT. DETECTIVE MIKE "BULLDOG" POWELL!

YOU COULD'VE KNOCKED ME OVER WITH DANDELION FUZZ WHEN I REALIZED YOUR DAUGHTER WON THE AWARD, LIEUTENANT!



I HAD A HEAD START ON THE OTHERS !  
MY FATHER'S BEEN ON THE FORCE FOR  
25 YEARS ! I'VE ALWAYS IDOLIZED  
HIM , AND I KNEW I'D ONE DAY DO  
SOME KIND OF POLICE WORK !  
I'VE HAD SPECIAL TRAINING  
SINCE A CHILD !

MIGHT AS WELL TELL YOU, **BATMAN** ! PATRICIA'S  
ALREADY SLATED FOR **DETECTIVE** WORK , AND  
WILL BE TEAMED WITH HER FATHER ! HER  
GRADES WARRANTED IMMEDIATE PROMOTION !  
ANOTHER ACADEMY FIRST !



AT SHEER DEDUCTION, SHE'S A WHIZ !  
ALWAYS WAS ! EVEN AS A LITTLE GIRL,  
PAT HAD AMAZING INTUITIVE POWERS --  
AND WAS THE BEST ON THE BLOCK AT  
THE GAME OF HIDE-AND-SEEK !  
SHE **ALWAYS** FOUND HER "MAN" !

WHEN THE OTHERS DEPART, LEAVING PAT TO  
SHOW **BATMAN** AROUND THE ACADEMY...

...THEN DAD SENT ME TO THE BEST OF SCHOOLS,  
TO PREPARE ME FOR POLICE WORK ! WHEN I  
GRADUATED, I TOOK A YEAR OFF FOR A  
KIND OF **FLING** BEFORE ENTERING THE  
ACADEMY...



...AND WAS SCOOPED UP IN THE  
SOCIAL WHIRL ! IT WAS FUN --  
WHILE IT LASTED, BUT NOW I'M  
DOWN TO THE SERIOUS  
BUSINESS OF BEING  
A POLICEWOMAN !

RIGHT  
BETWEEN  
THE  
EYES !  
GOOD  
SHOOTING !

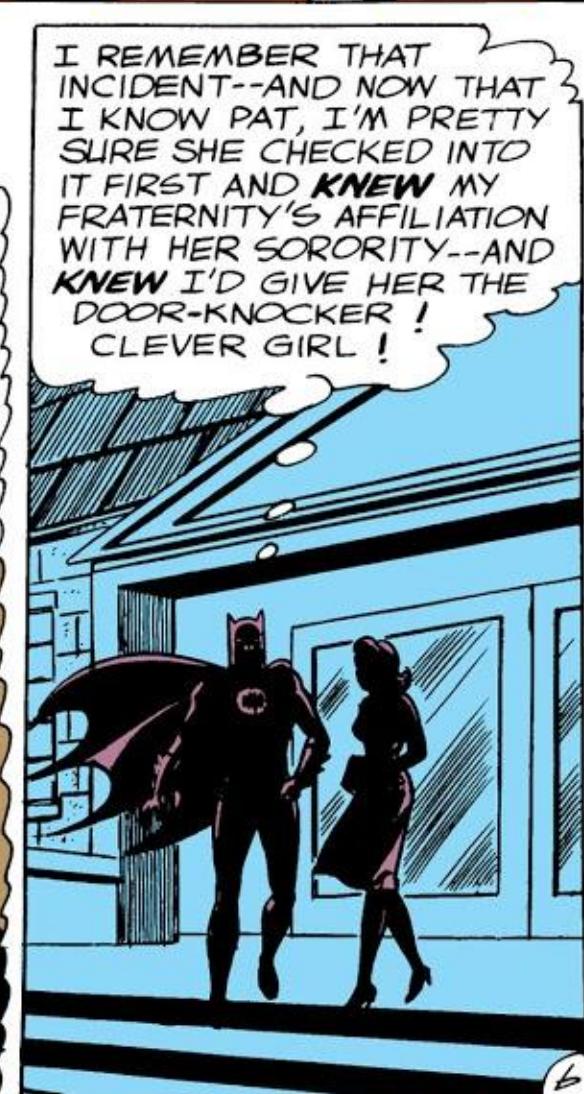
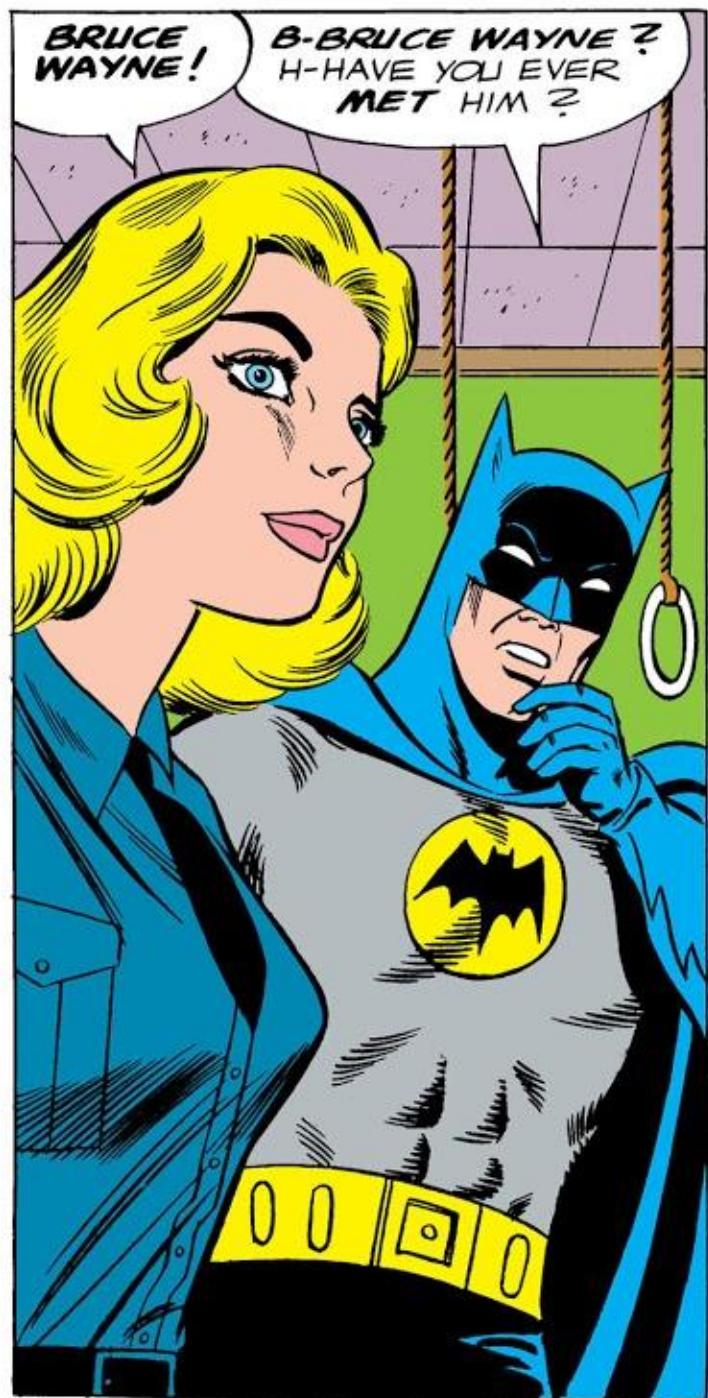
BAM !  
CLANG !

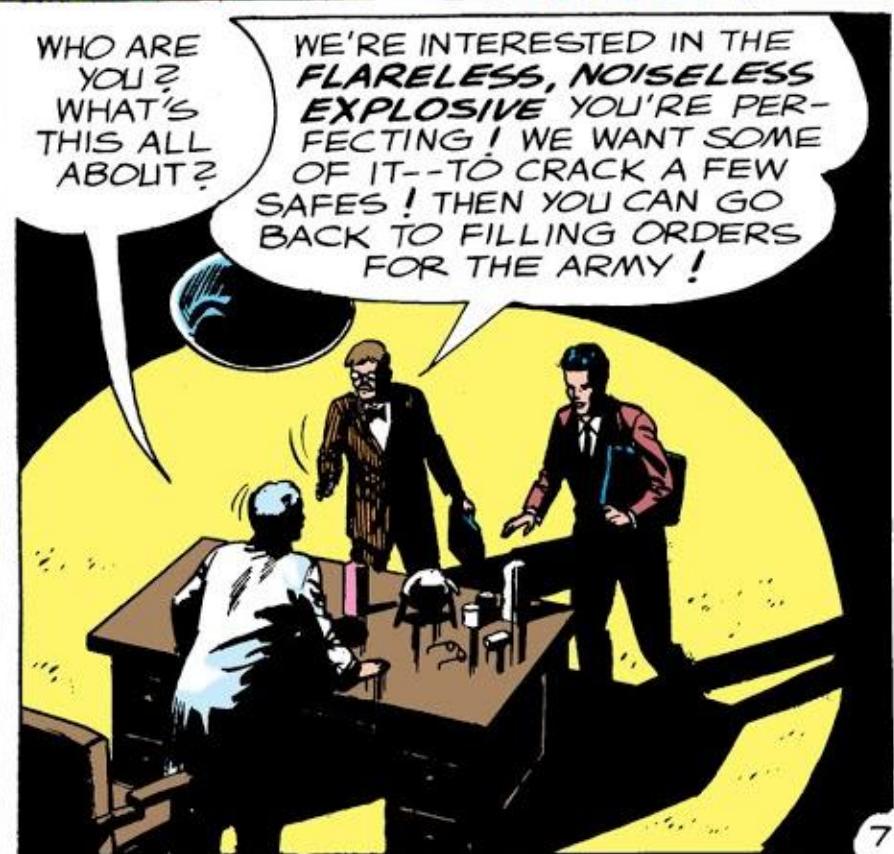
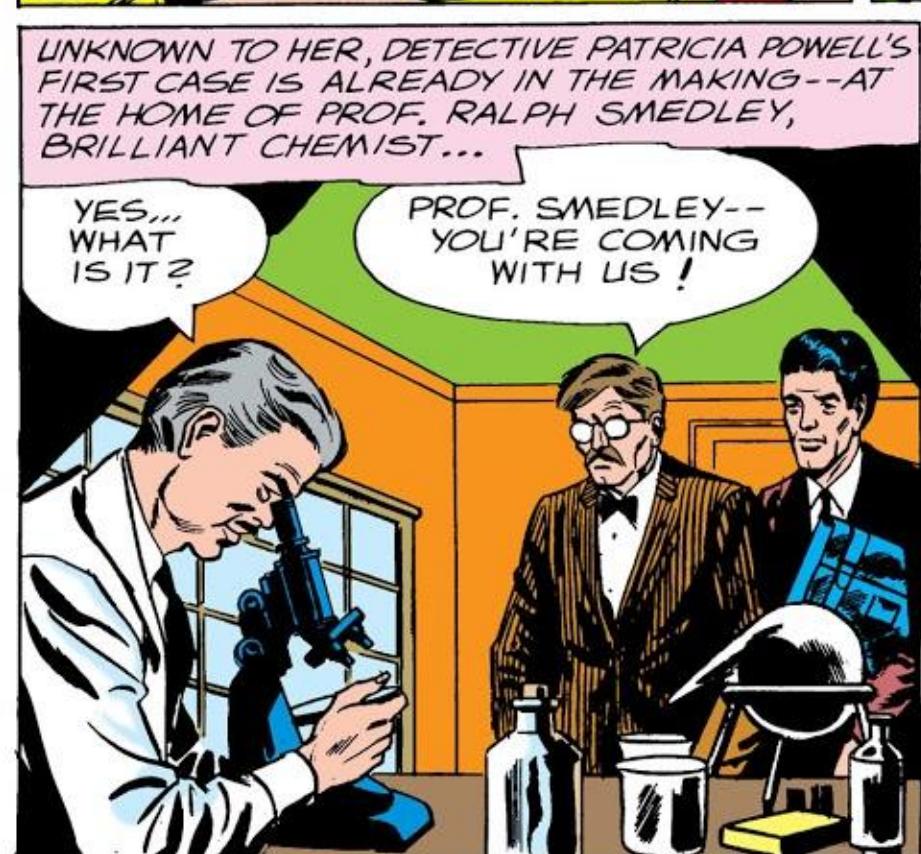


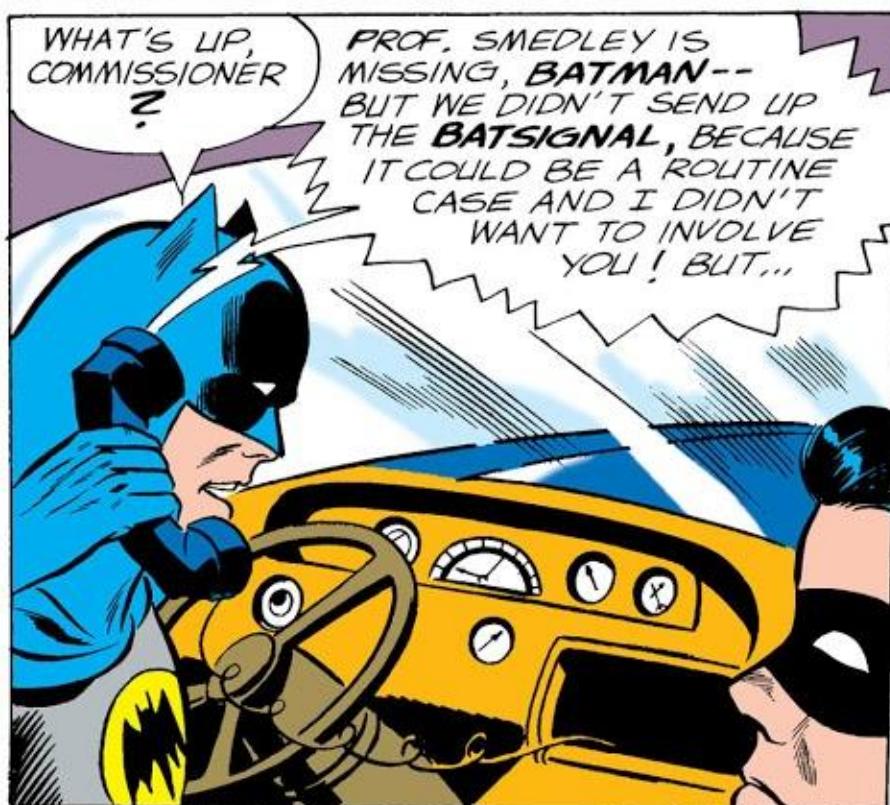
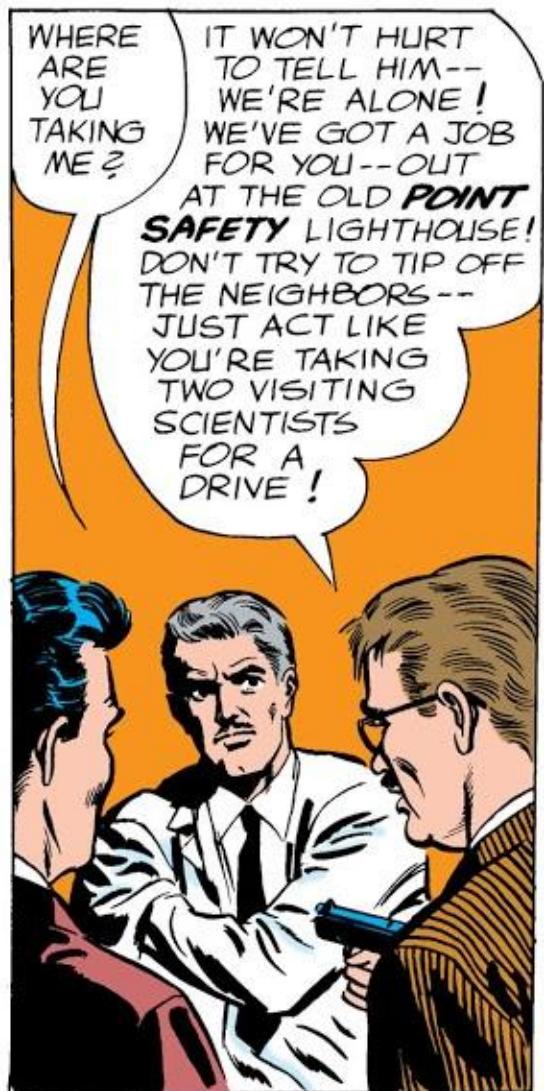
BUT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT SOMETHING,  
**BATMAN** -- SOMETHING THAT  
MIGHT INTERFERE WITH MY WORK !  
YOU SEE -- I'VE GOT A CRUSH ON A  
MAN, AND I HAVE UNEXPECTED  
LAPSES WHERE I CAN THINK OF  
NOTHING  
BUT HIM !

LUCKY  
MAN !  
WHO IS HE ?









MEANWHILE, AT THE NORTHSIDE CHEMICAL PLANT...

NEED MORE MATERIALS FOR THE GOVERNMENT PROJECT YOU'RE WORKING ON, PROF. SMEDLEY ?

YES--LET ME HAVE SOME PLATINUM, SULPHUR, ARGON, IRON, AND TELLURIUM ! I'LL SIGN A VOUCHER FOR THEM !

SHORTLY, THE CAR PULLS AWAY...

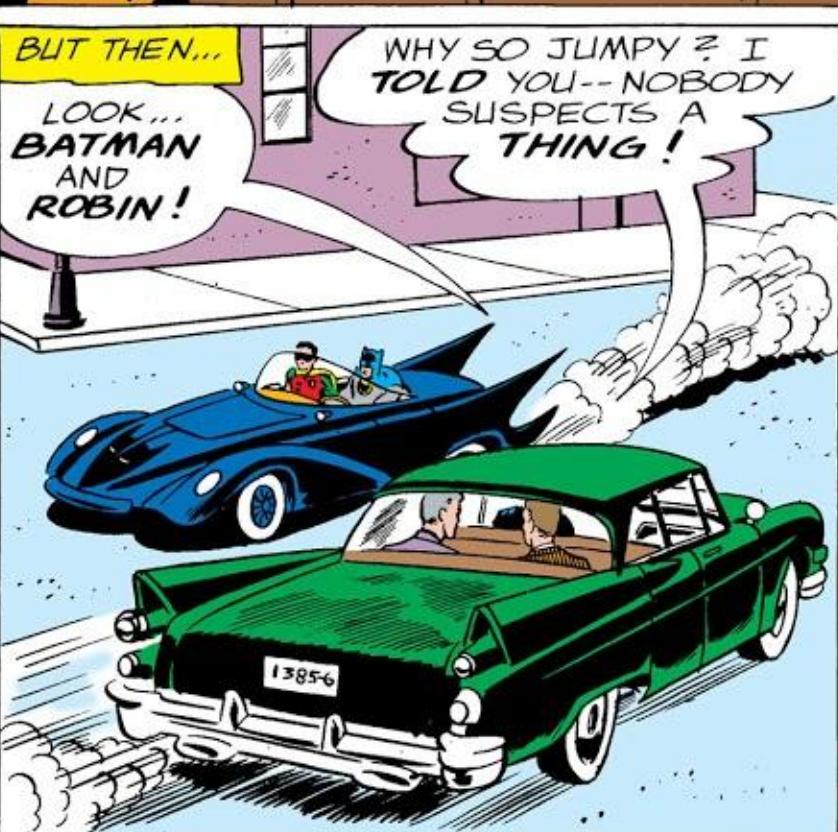
THAT WAS PERFECT ! NOBODY SUSPECTS A THING ! NOW WE'LL HEAD BACK TO POINT SAFETY, WHERE SMEDLEY CAN GO TO WORK !



BUT THEN...

LOOK... BATMAN AND ROBIN !

WHY SO JUMPY ? I TOLD YOU--NOBODY SUSPECTS A THING !



THE BATMOBILE BRAKES TO A SUDDEN STOP, AND...

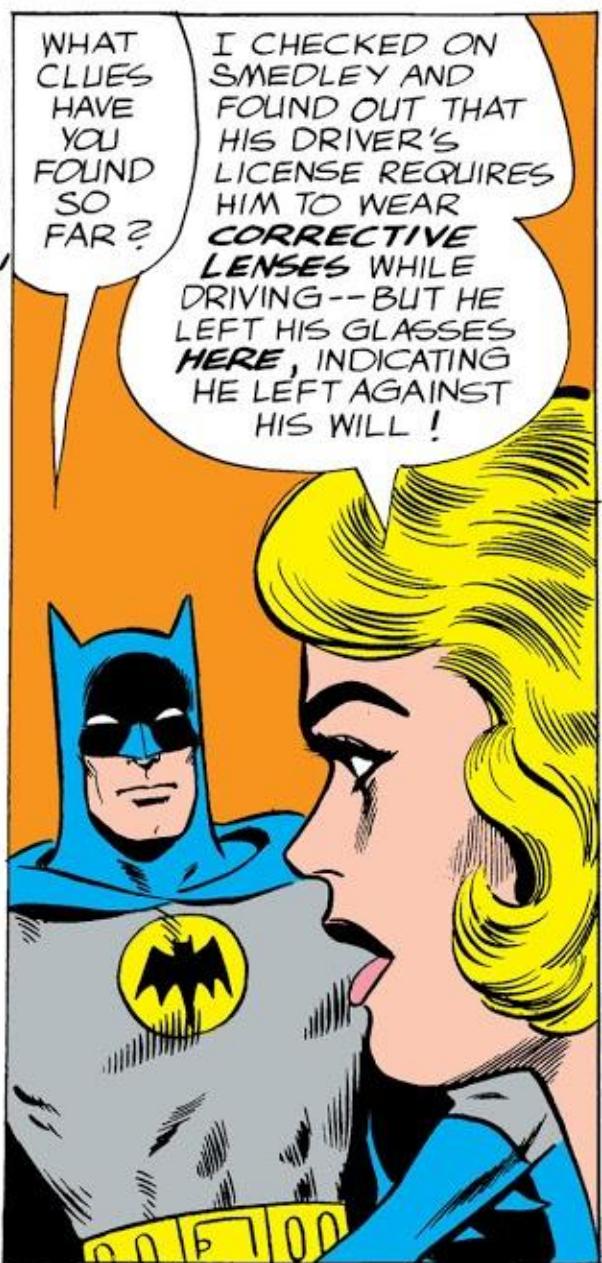
ROBIN ! GET THE COMMISSIONER ON THE HOT-LINE ! TELL HIM WE SPOTTED SMEDLEY IN A CAR LEAVING THE NORTHSIDE CHEMICAL PLANT ! I KNEW HIM FROM PHOTOS IN THE PAPERS !

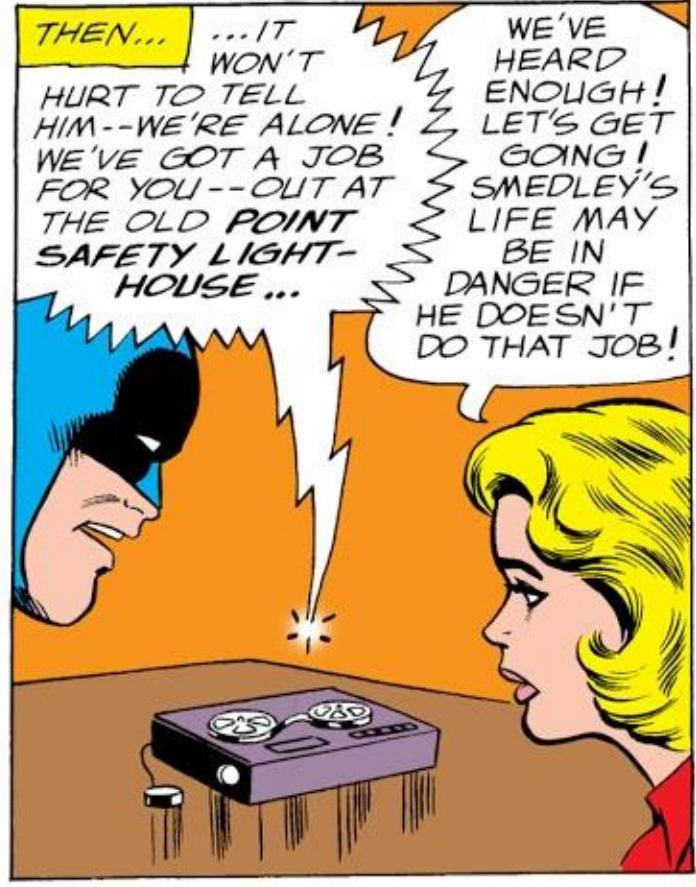


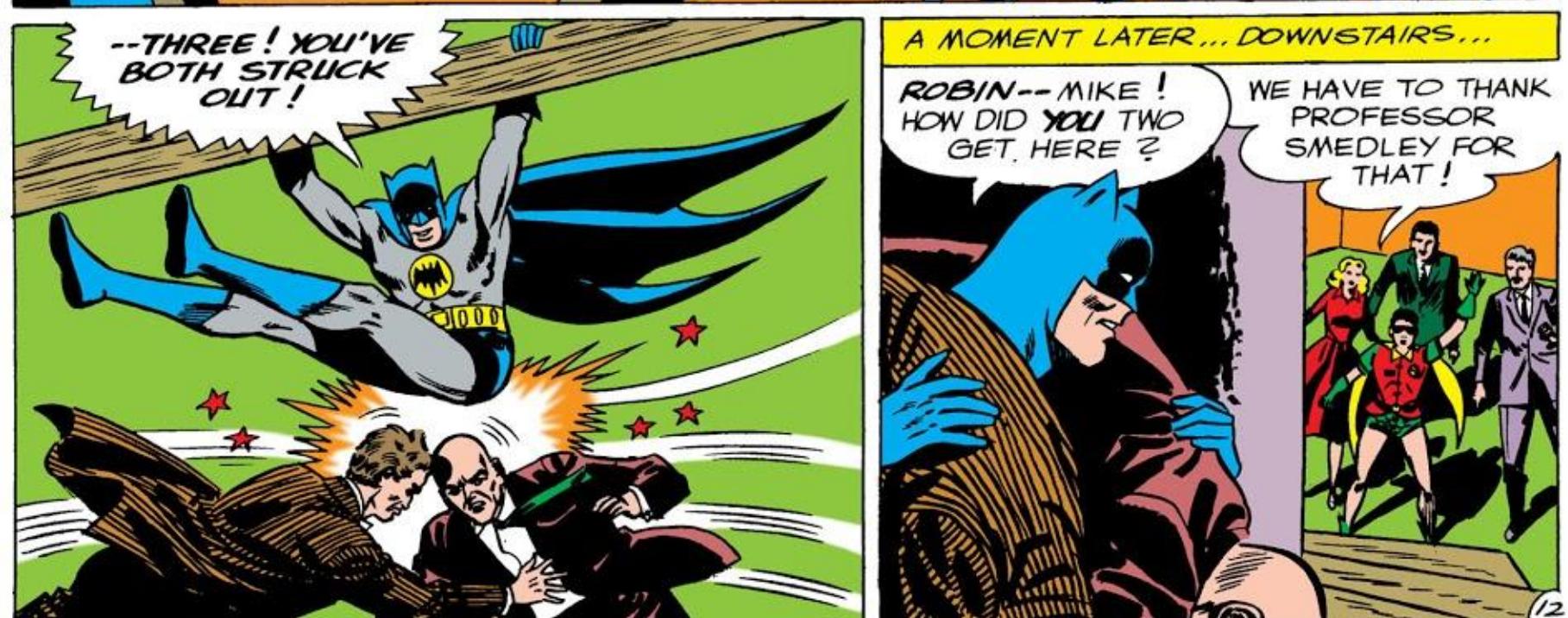
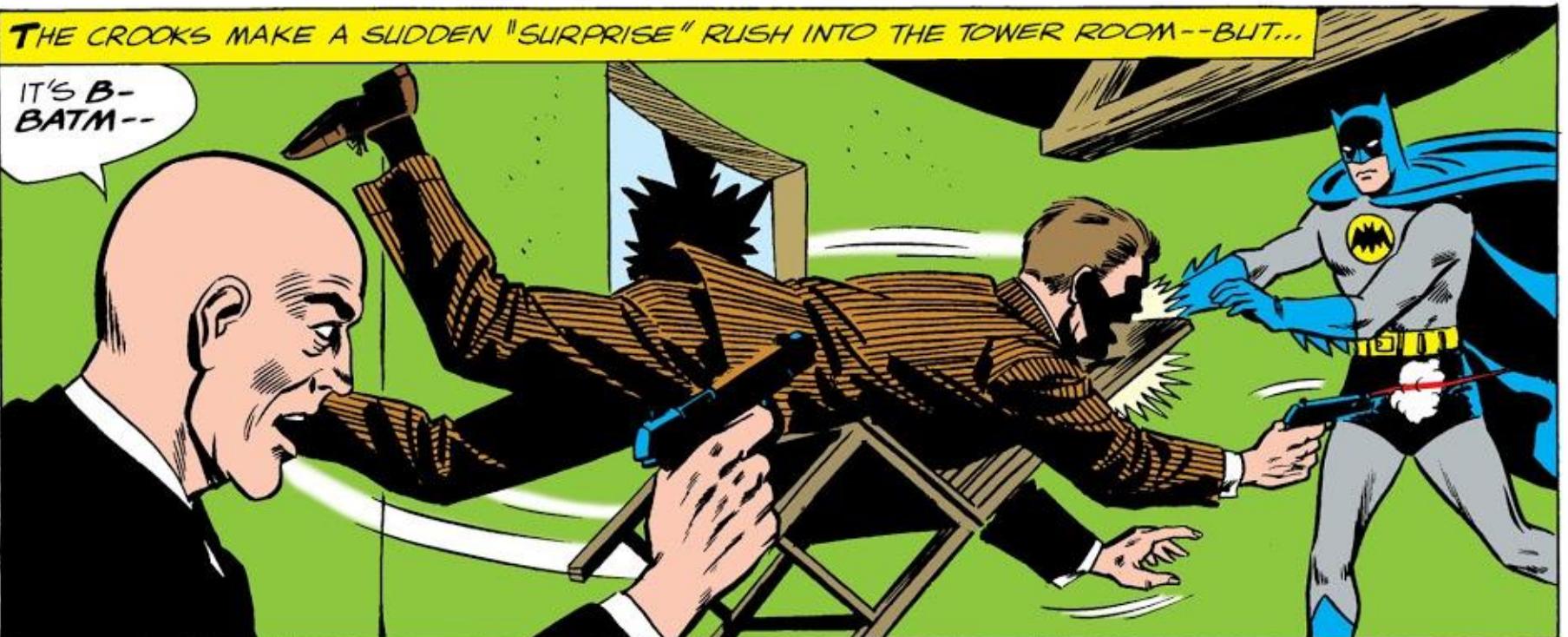
BUT THE FLEEING CAR CROSSES SOME TRAIN TRACKS, JUST AS...

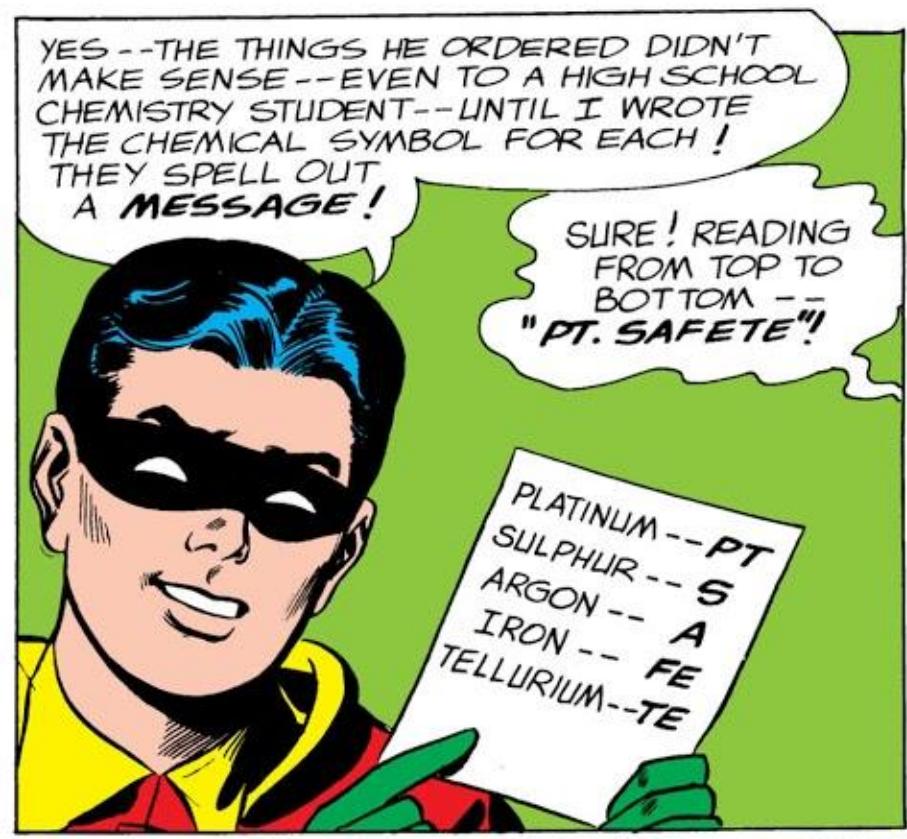
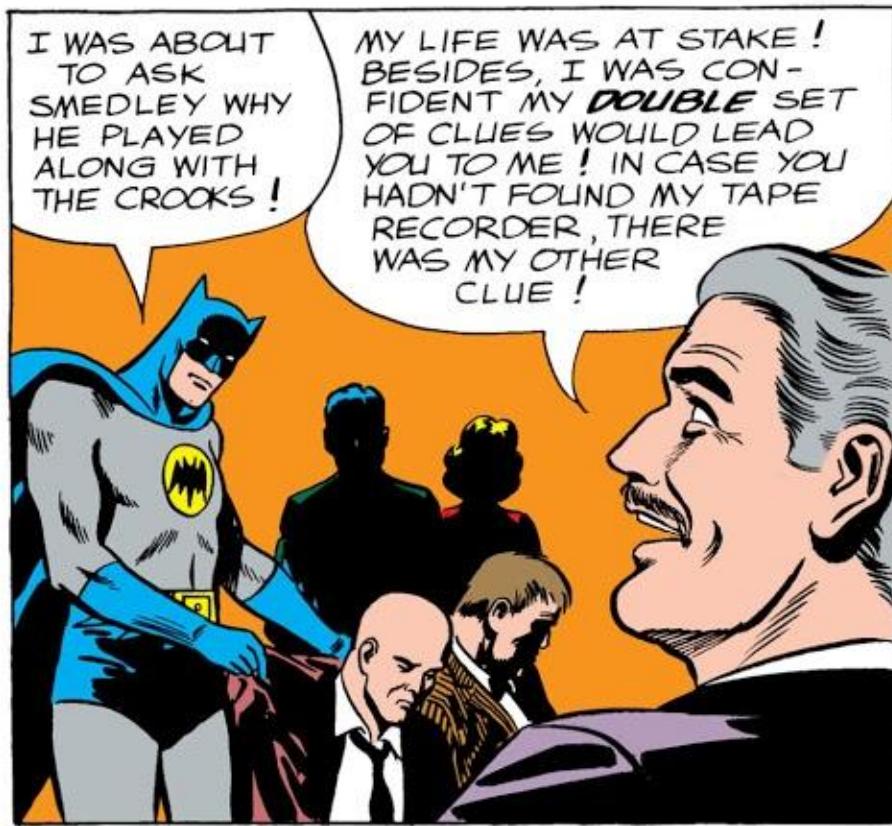
TOUGH BREAK ! THEY GOT AWAY ! GET BACK TO THE CHEMICAL PLANT, ROBIN, AND FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN ! I'LL GO ON TO SMEDLEY'S HOME, AND SEE WHAT'S UP !











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