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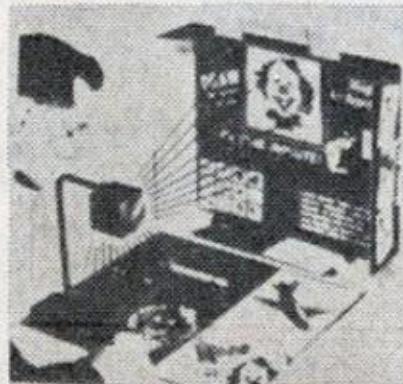
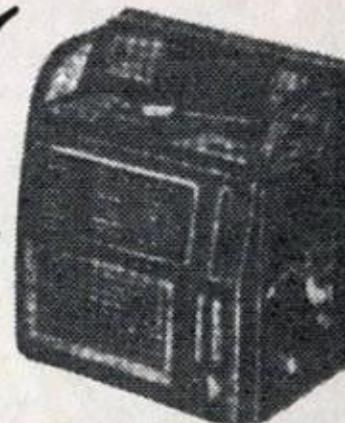
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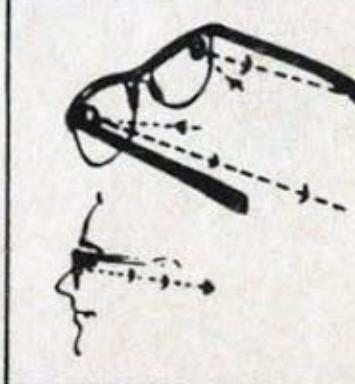
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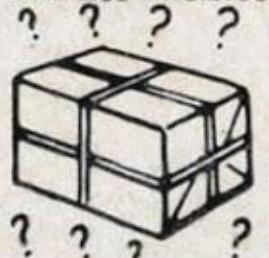
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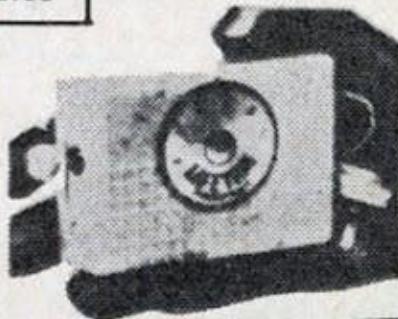
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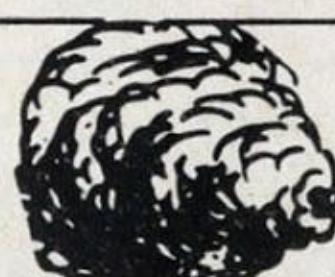
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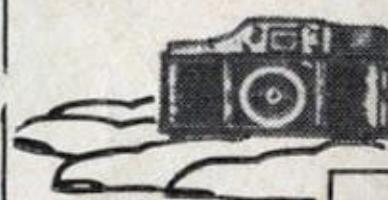
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WITH
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A TENSED FIGURE HUNCHES OVER THE FIRST MORNING PAPERS, ANGRILY GLARING AT THE NEWSPRINT!

THE FOOLS! WHAT DO **THEY** KNOW?
I'LL SHOW **THEM**! MY NAME WILL
LIVE IN THE ANNALS OF MUSIC
WHEN THESE NEWSPAPERS HAVE
CRUMBLED TO DUST!

TIME PASSES, AND A STRANGE SCHEME EVOLVES IN THE TWISTED, BRILLIANT MIND OF A MAN WHO CANNOT STAND FAILURE!



AT LAST I'VE GOT IT ALL
PLANNED! I'LL MAKE MY
MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
MORE FAMOUS THAN
THOSE OF ANY OTHER
VIRTUOSO!

SOME DAYS LATER, AS BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON (THE SECRET IDENTITIES OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**), ATTEND A CONCERT FOR THE GOTHAM CITY BOYS' CLUB...

QUITE A
TUNE,
EH?

YOU THERE!
GET
OUT!

WHO'S THAT
GROTESQUELY
COSTUMED, MASKED
MAN? HE'S NOT
ON THE PROGRAM!
AND WHAT
KIND OF TUNE
IS HE
PLAYING?

THE GARISH FIGURE OBEDIENTLY SCURRIES AWAY, BUT THAT EVENING IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...

WHEW! LOOK AT THIS NOTE I JUST RECEIVED! SET OFF THE **BAT-SIGNAL**! I WANT **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** HERE AT ONCE!

THE TUNE I
PLAYED AT THE
BOYS' CLUB
CONTAINS THE
CLUE TO A
DARING AND
DANGEROUS
THEFT
TOMORROW!

PRESENTLY...

HE MUST BE A FANATICAL EGOIST TRYING TO PROVE HOW CLEVER HE IS! IF WE COULD ONLY FIND SOMEONE WHO KNEW WHAT HE WAS PLAYING!

APPEAL TO EVERY-
ONE IN THE CITY, BY
RADIO AND TELE-
VISION! ONE MEMBER
OF THE AUDIENCE
MAY HAVE RECOGNIZED
THAT ZANY TUNE!



AFTER REPEATED APPEALS, A MEEK, SHY FIGURE SHAMBLES INTO HEADQUARTERS NEXT MORNING, AND...

I AM PROFESSOR OF MUSICOLOGY AMBROSE WEEMS, GENTLEMEN, AUTHOR OF *AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MUSIC*. I WAS PRESENT AT YESTERDAY'S LITTLE CONCERT AND CAN WELL UNDERSTAND YOUR DIFFICULTY IN FINDING ANYONE FAMILIAR WITH THAT TUNE!

DO YOU KNOW?

CERTAINLY! IT WAS CONFUSING BECAUSE IT WAS TWO PIECES-- THE JEWEL SONG FROM FAUST, AND AN ARIA FROM *THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS*, MIXED TOGETHER!

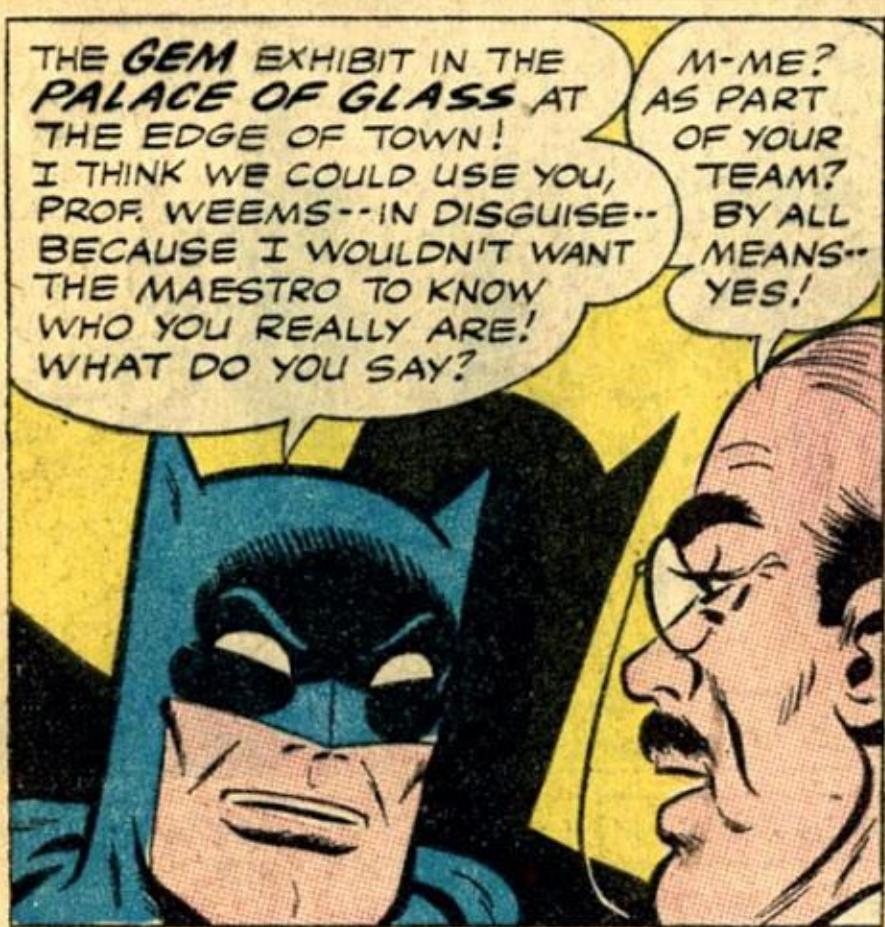
JEWEL SONG... LOOKING GLASS!

A STRANGE COMBINATION-- BUT THERE'S ONE PLACE IT MIGHT DESCRIBE!



THE GEM EXHIBIT IN THE PALACE OF GLASS AT THE EDGE OF TOWN! I THINK WE COULD USE YOU, PROF. WEEMS-- IN DISGUISE-- BECAUSE I WOULDN'T WANT THE MAESTRO TO KNOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE! WHAT DO YOU SAY?

M-ME? AS PART OF YOUR TEAM? BY ALL MEANS-- YES!



SO, SHORTLY AFTERWARD, FOLLOWING A BRIEF STOP AT A COSTUME SHOP...

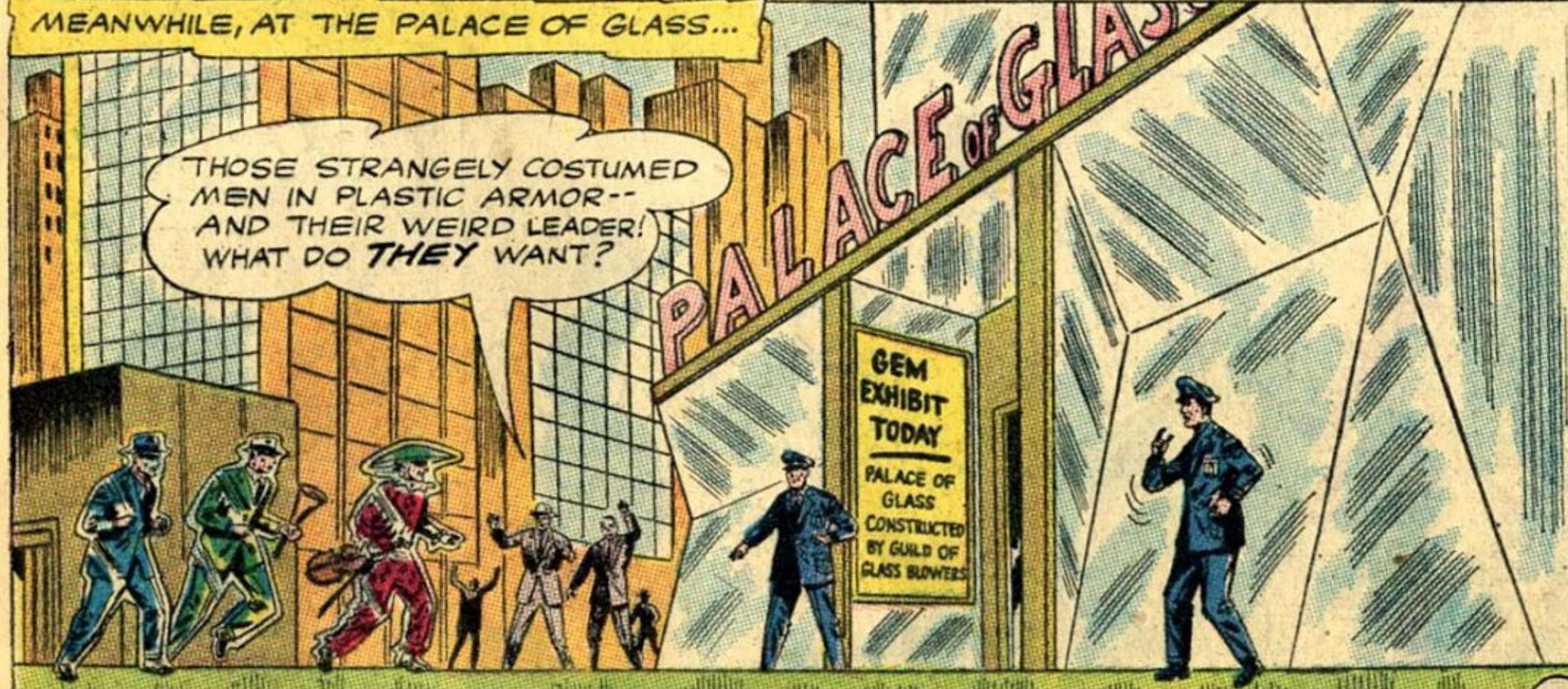
AAAHH-- THE SPARROW-- SUITS MY PERSONALITY PERFECTLY, BATMAN-- BUT WHATEVER TUNE THE MAESTRO CHIRPS, YOU CAN BE SURE, I'LL UNDERSTAND IT!

IT MAY NOT BE NECESSARY, IF WE CAPTURE HIM! BUT WE'LL SEE THAT NO HARM COMES TO YOU, SIR!



MEANWHILE, AT THE PALACE OF GLASS...

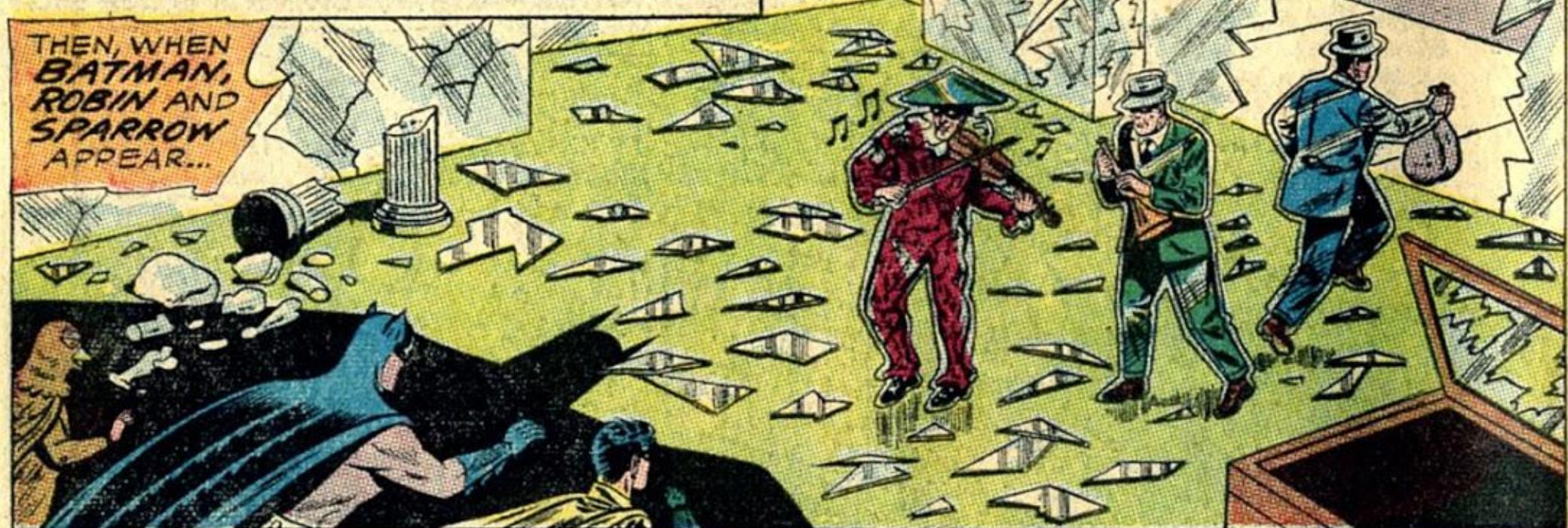
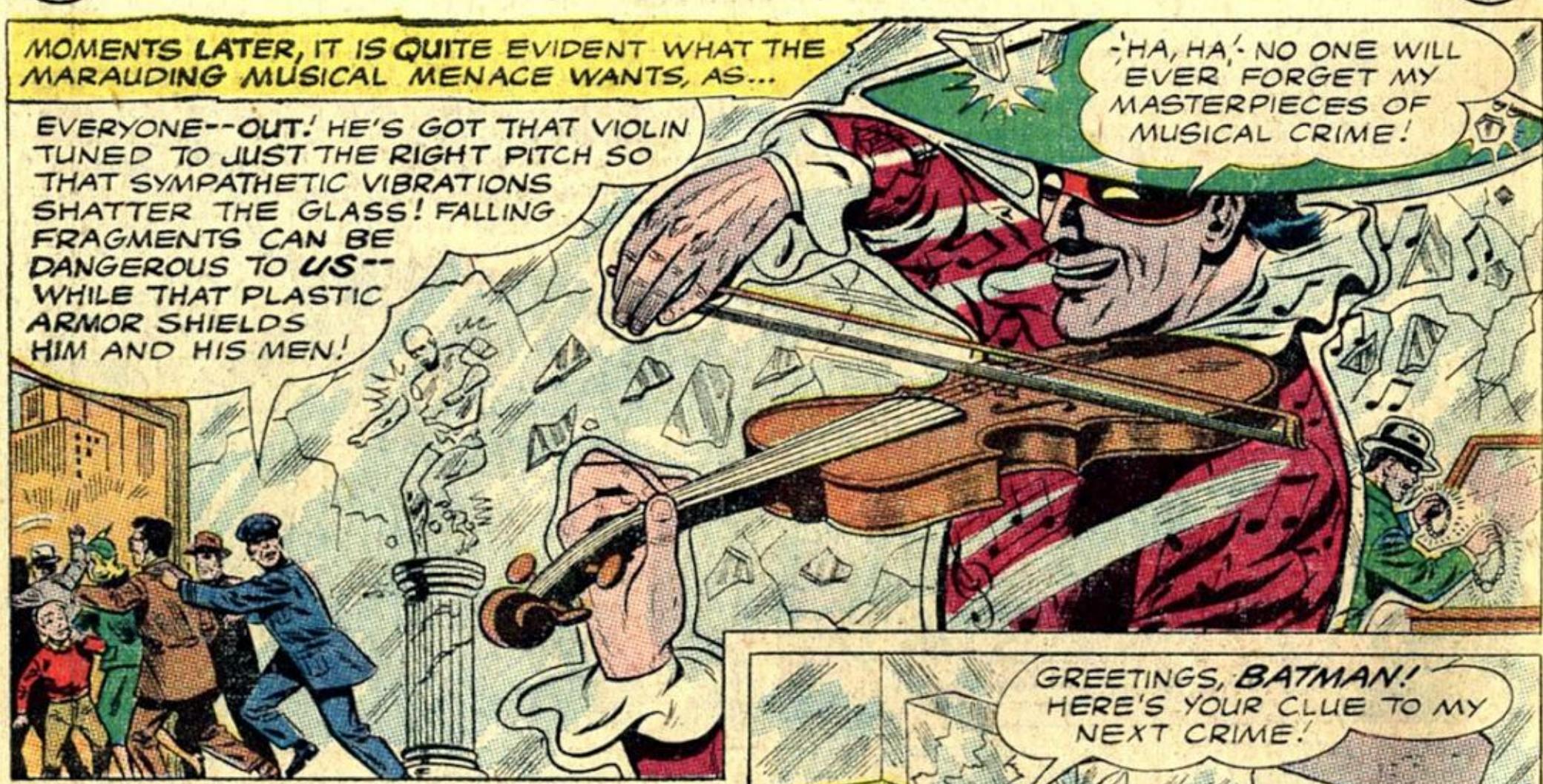
THOSE STRANGELY COSTUMED MEN IN PLASTIC ARMOR-- AND THEIR WEIRD LEADER! WHAT DO THEY WANT?



MOMENTS LATER, IT IS QUITE EVIDENT WHAT THE MARAUDING MUSICAL MENACE WANTS, AS...

EVERYONE--OUT! HE'S GOT THAT VIOLIN TUNED TO JUST THE RIGHT PITCH SO THAT SYMPATHETIC VIBRATIONS SHATTER THE GLASS! FALLING FRAGMENTS CAN BE DANGEROUS TO US-- WHILE THAT PLASTIC ARMOR SHIELDS HIM AND HIS MEN!

'HA, HA!' NO ONE WILL EVER FORGET MY MASTERPIECES OF MUSICAL CRIME!



THEN, SNATCHING A HORN FROM ONE OF HIS MEN...

'HA, HA! THE MAESTRO GIMMICKED THAT HORN, AND IT'S SO LOUD, IT CAN BLAST THEIR EARDRUMS APART! WE GOT PLUGS IN OUR EARS... BUT THEY BETTER SCREAM FAST, OR ELSE!' OWW! MY EARS!

LATER, AFTER THE MAESTRO'S GETAWAY...

HE USES MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE AND TRICKS TO COMMIT CRIMES AND ESCAPE-- AND TO TAUNT US WITH MUSICAL CLUES!

IT WAS WAGON WHEELS! AND IT SOUNDED SO STRANGE BECAUSE HE PLAYED IT IN FOUR QUARTER TIME!

HMM... THAT SHOULD GIVE US THE VITAL CLUE!



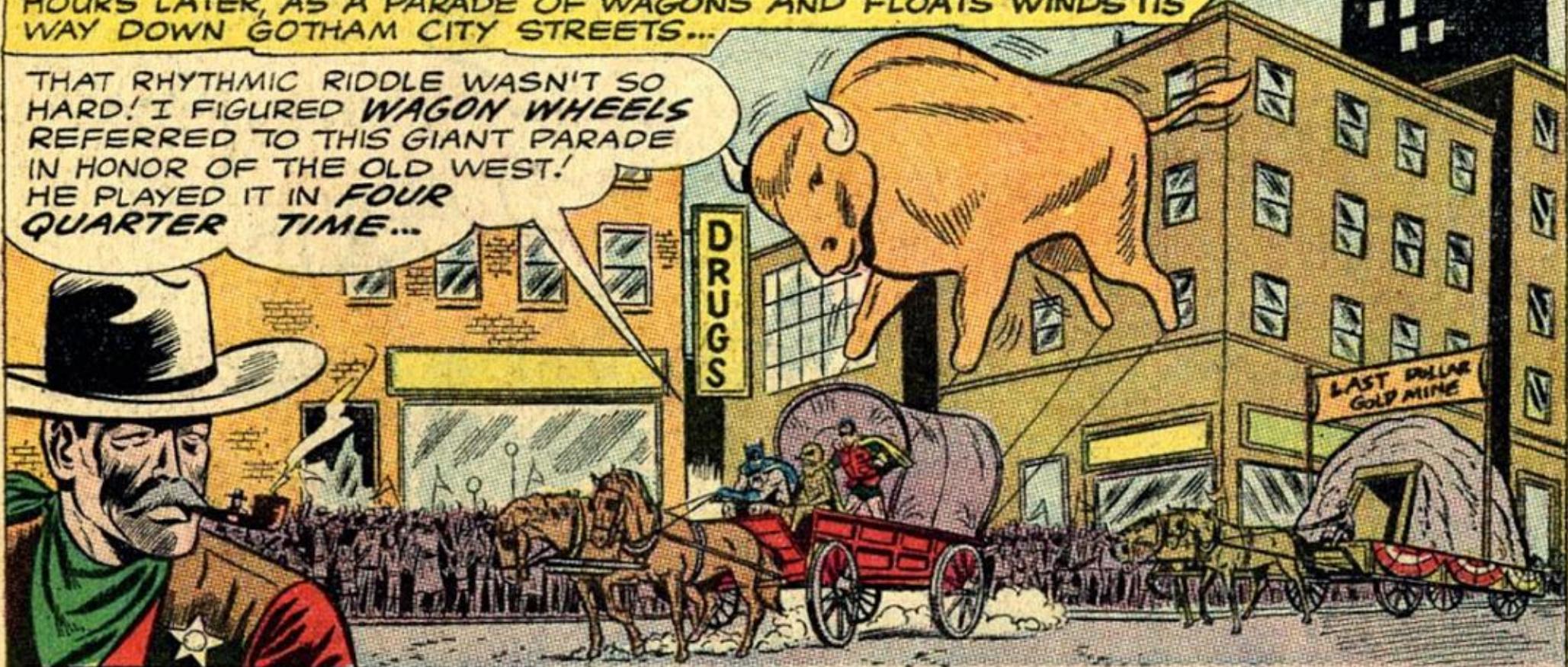


BATMAN



HOURS LATER, AS A PARADE OF WAGONS AND FLOATS WINDS ITS WAY DOWN GOTHAM CITY STREETS...

THAT RHYTHMIC RIDDLE WASN'T SO HARD! I FIGURED *WAGON WHEELS* REFERRED TO THIS GIANT PARADE IN HONOR OF THE OLD WEST! HE PLAYED IT IN *FOUR QUARTER TIME...*



...TO REPRESENT THE *LAST DOLLAR MINE*-- SINCE FOUR QUARTERS IS A DOLLAR! AND THAT FLOAT HAS REAL GOLD ORE ON DISPLAY!

LAST DOLLAR
GOLD MINE

SOMEWHAT LATER, AS THE FLOAT PASSES A REFUGE FOR RETIRED CIRCUS ANIMALS...

THE MAESTRO!
WHAT DOES HE EXPECT TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THAT TRUMPET?



SUDDENLY...

GREAT SCOTT! THAT MUST BE THE TUNE THAT SUMMONED THEM INTO THE ARENA WHEN THEY PERFORMED IN THE CIRCUS! OUR HORSES ARE PANICKING!

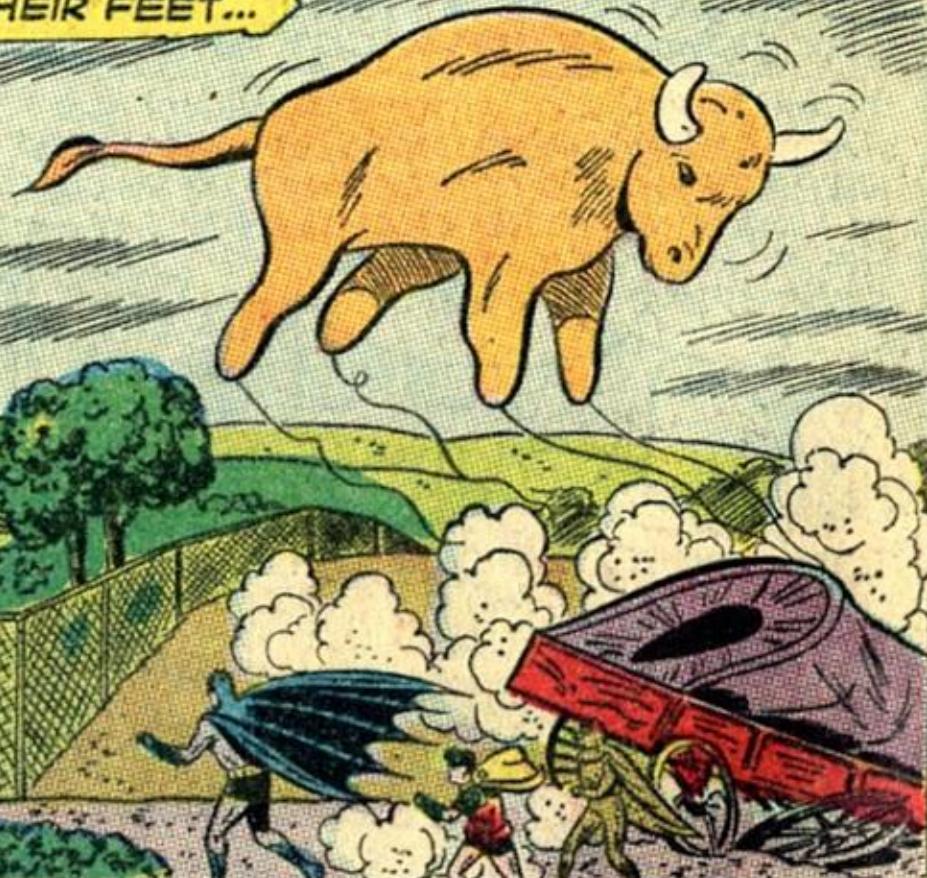


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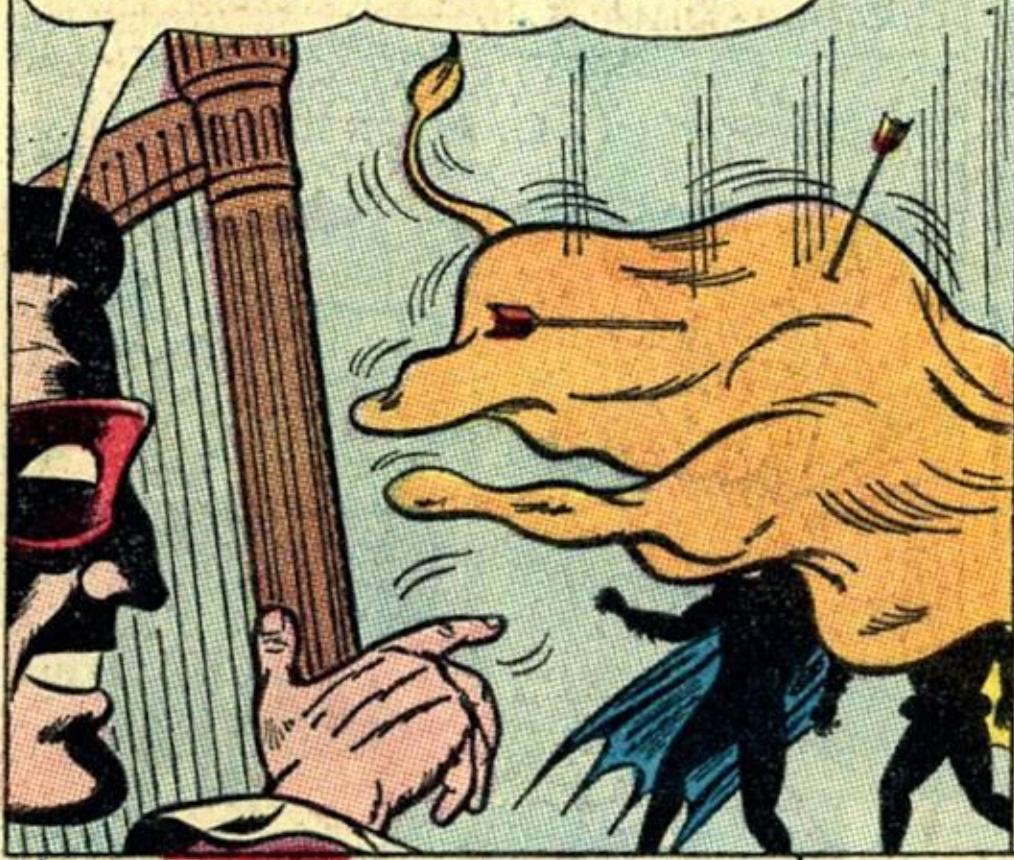


AND, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN STRUGGLE TO THEIR FEET...

TAKE YOUR FULL MEASURE OF GOLD, MY LADS! AS FOR ME, I HATE TO HARP ON THE SUBJECT, BUT...



...I MUST TAKE A *BOW* FOR USING THESE STRINGS AS *BOWS*!



A MOMENT LATER...

AND HERE'S THE MUSICAL CLUE TO MY NEXT CRIME, TO BE COMMITTED TOMORROW!

HONK
HONK



SO, ONCE AGAIN, THE SLIPPERY HOOLIGAN OF HARMONY ELUDES BATMAN, AND...

THAT'S STRANGE! THIS TIME HE DIDN'T GIVE US A MUSICAL CLUE!

YOU'RE WRONG, ROBIN! SEVERAL COMPOSERS HAVE EMPLOYED THE AUTOMOBILE HORN AS AN INSTRUMENT IN MODERN MUSIC! CARPENTER, IN SKYSCRAPERS, AND GERSHWIN IN AMERICAN IN PARIS...



HMM... I'VE GOT A WILD HUNCH! THERE'S A FAMOUS CLUB ATOP GOTHAM CITY'S TALLEST SKYSCRAPER, AND... COME ON! WE'VE GOT OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US!



THAT EVENING, AS MADAME POUSSELLE, FAMOUS SOPRANO, PREPARES TO SING IN THE SKYTOP CLUB...

THOSE HORNS SHOOT REAL BULLETS -- SO NOBODY MOVE!

I CAN'T STAND YOUR VOICE! I CAME FOR THAT FABULOUS NECKLACE YOU'RE WEARING!



BUT STREAMS OF AIR ABRUPTLY SHOOT OUT OF THE ORGAN, AND...

WHEN WE REALIZED THIS WAS THE SCENE OF
YOUR NEXT CRIME, WE CAME EARLY AND
GIMMICKED THE PIANO AND ORGAN!

WHOOSHHH



AS COMMISSIONER GORDON AND HIS MEN
PICK UP THE MUSICAL MISCREANTS...

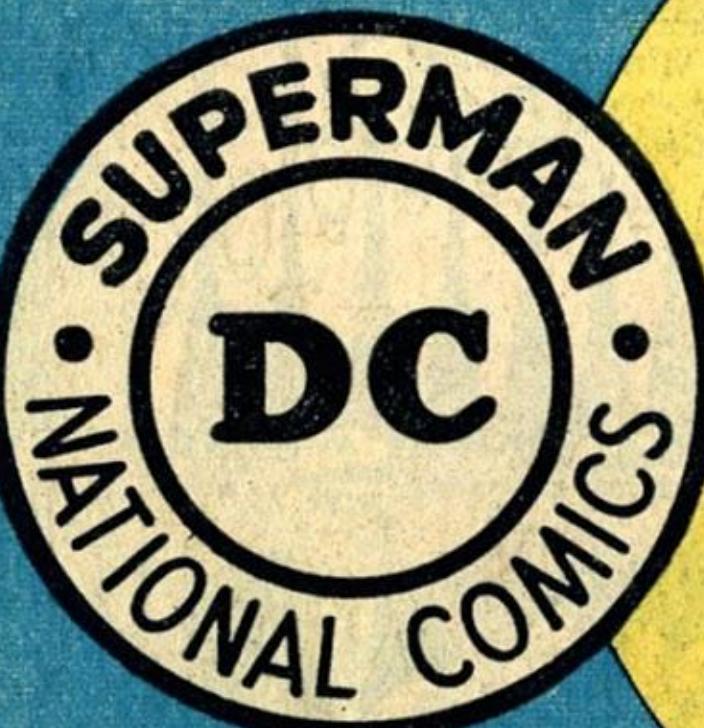
YOUR HUNCH WAS RIGHT, BATMAN!
THERE WAS NO AMERICAN IN PARIS
ON THIS SKYSCRAPER, BUT THERE
WAS A PARISIAN, MADAME POUSSELLE,
IN AMERICA!

LATER...

YOU'RE A DOUBLE FAILURE,
CARDINE -- AS A MUSICIAN
AND AS A CROOK! INSTEAD OF
MUSICAL BARS, YOU'LL BE
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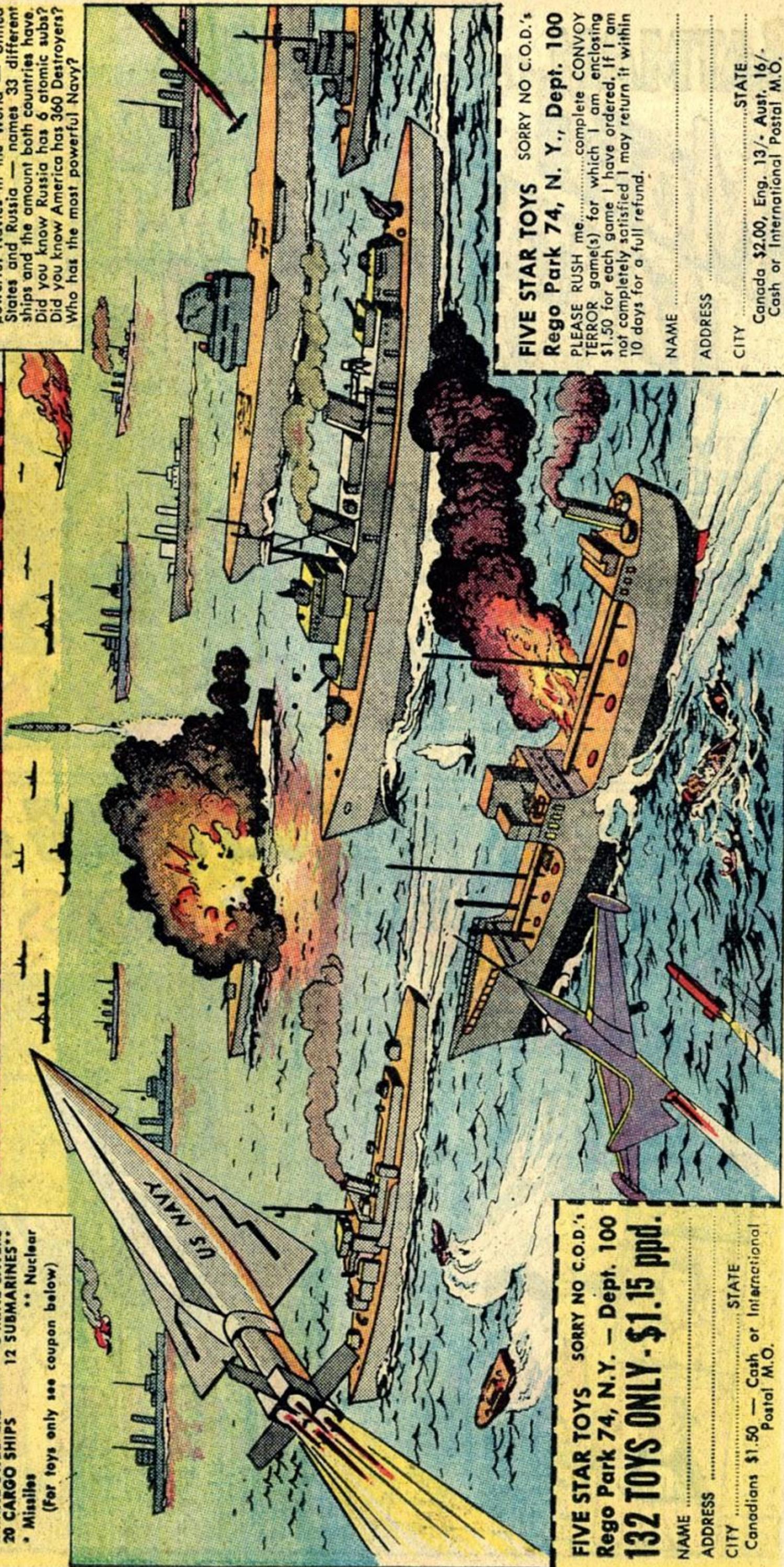


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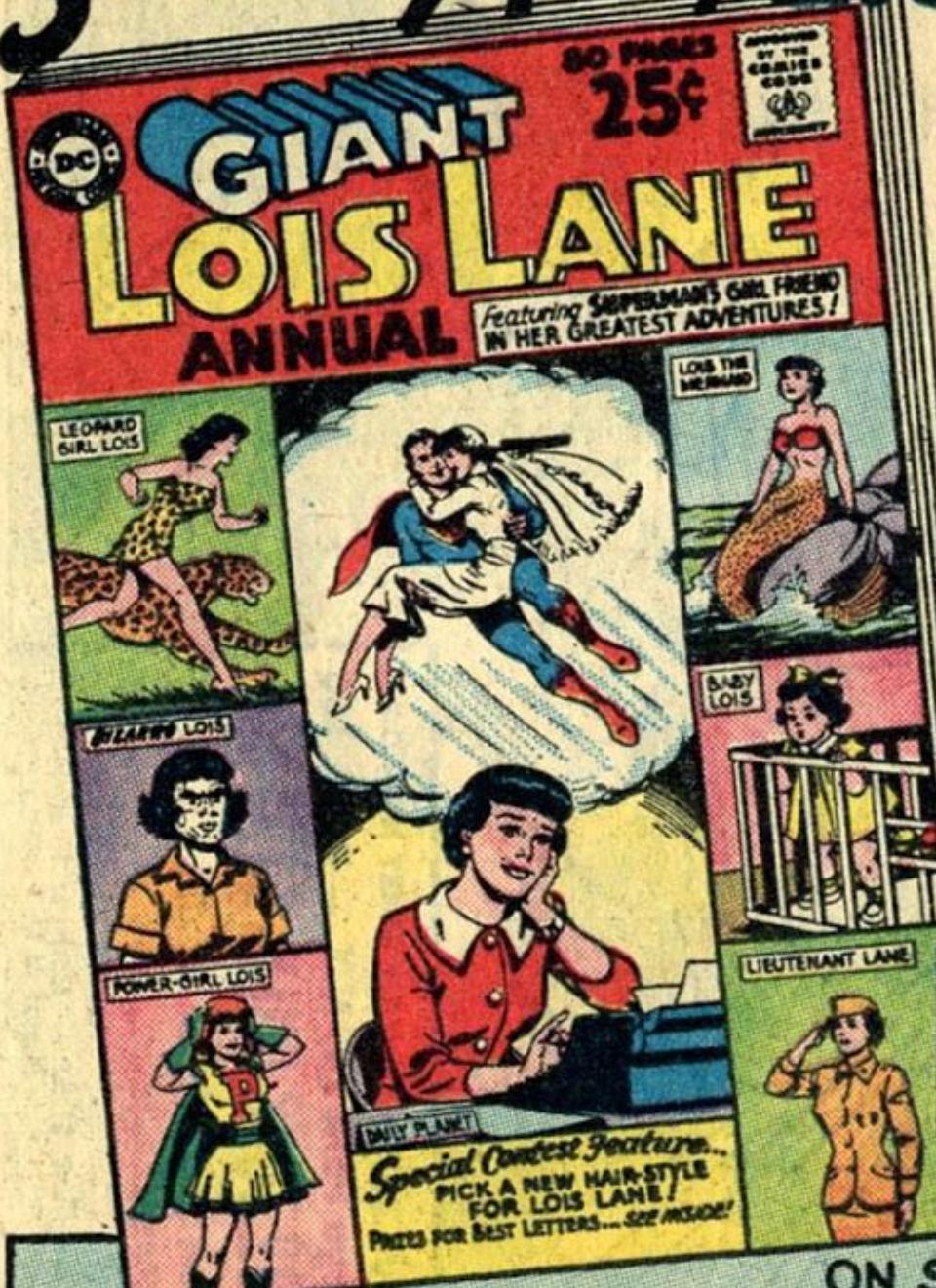
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AND ROBIN INTO THE
TIME-SPACE WARP
WITH THEM!

BIZARRE BOOTY SNATCHED BY VISITORS
FROM DAYS LONG PAST... A PROFESSOR
WHO FEARS THAT HIS EXPERIMENTS
HAVE CAUSED BREACHES IN THE
SPACE-TIME BARRIER... BATMAN
AND ROBIN PULLED INTO THE
MYSTERIOUS UNKNOWN BEHIND THE
SHIMMERING DOOR OF LIGHT! THESE
ARE THE INGREDIENTS COMPRISING
THE STRANGE CASE OF...

the INVADERS from the PAST





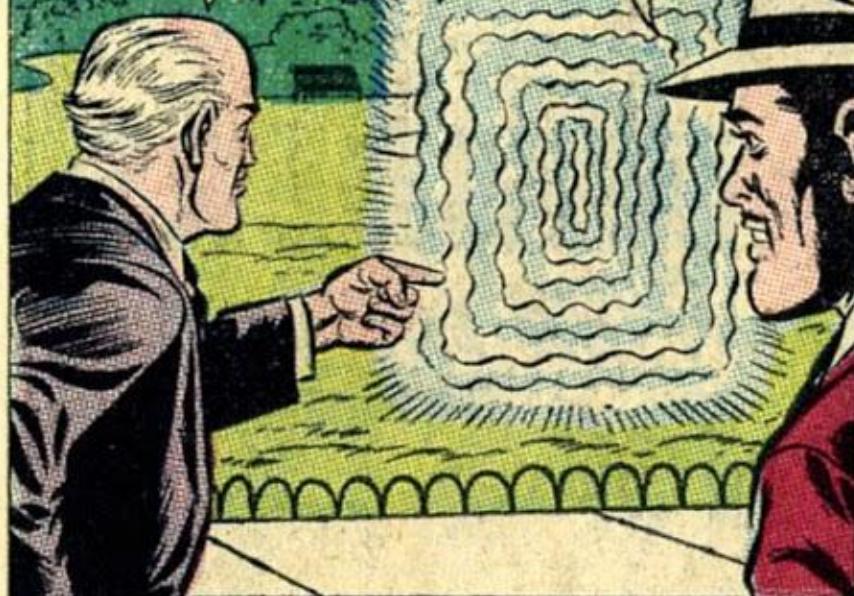
BATMAN



ONE EVENING, AT THE EDGE OF GOTHAM CITY PARK, AS DUSK BLURS THE FADING CITY LIGHT...

WH-WHAT'S THAT STRANGE LIGHT?

I DON'T KNOW--BUT IT SURE LOOKS WEIRD!



THEN, AS THE EERIE GLIMMER DIMS AND BEGINS TO DISAPPEAR...

LOOK! OUT OF NOWHERE, THAT ANCIENT ARCHER POPPED UP!

MUST BE SOME ADVERTISING STUNT... A PRETTY CLEVER ONE, AT THAT!

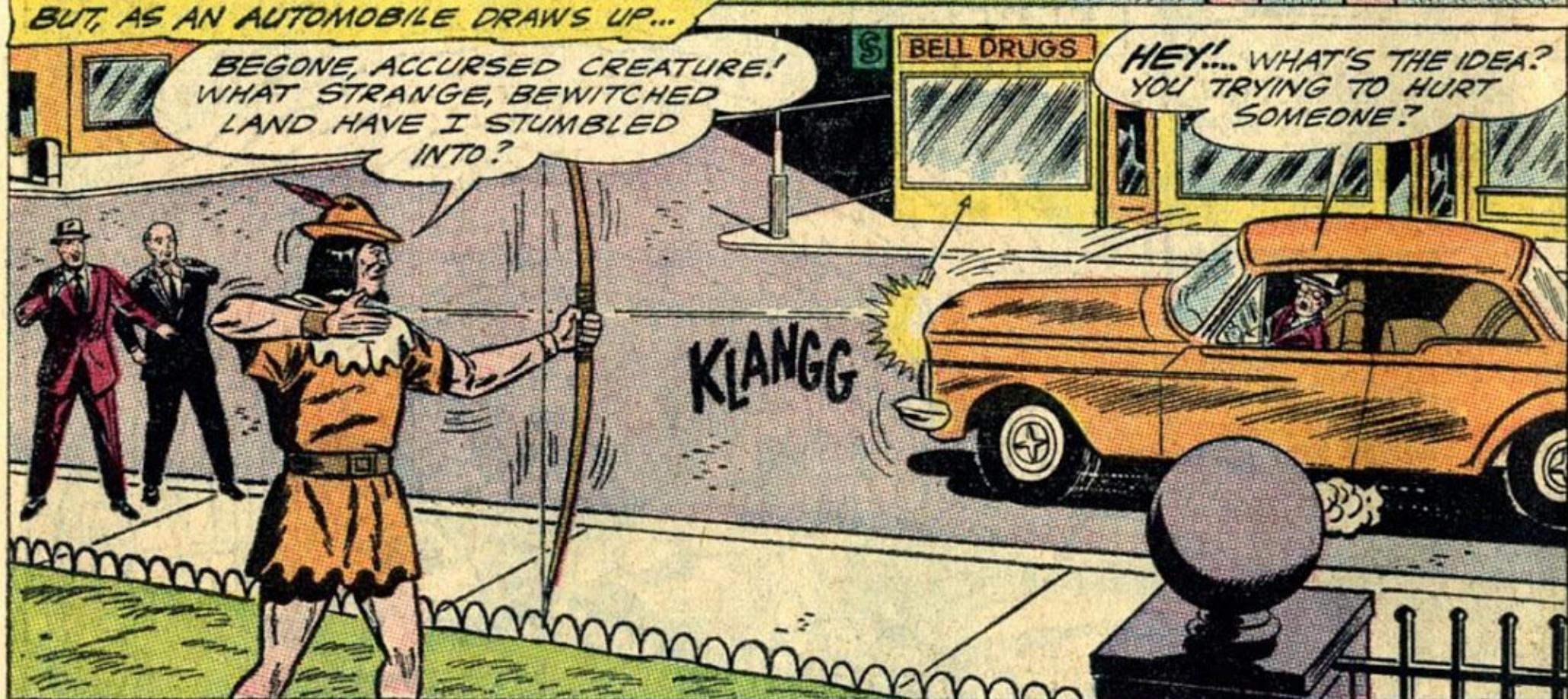


BUT, AS AN AUTOMOBILE DRAWS UP...

BEGONE, ACCURSED CREATURE! WHAT STRANGE, BEWITCHED LAND HAVE I STUMBBLED INTO?

S BELL DRUGS

HEY!... WHAT'S THE IDEA? YOU TRYING TO HURT SOMEONE?



A SHORT WHILE LATER, WHEN A ROUTINE POLICE REPORT DRAWS BATMAN AND ROBIN TO THE SCENE...

...THEN HE TOOK TO HIS HEELS LIKE A SCARED RABBIT, AND DIS- APPEARED BEHIND THAT STRANGE GLIMMER THAT SHOT UP AGAIN!

BUT DON'T WORRY, BATMAN... THIS ISN'T A CASE FOR YOU! TOMORROW, THEY'LL ANNOUNCE SOME KIND OF MOVIE, LIKE THE SAXON ARCHER... OR MAYBE A NEW PRODUCT LIKE ARROW SOAP!

AFTERWARD, HOWEVER, IN THE SECRECY OF THE BAT-CAVE CRIME LAB...

NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, ROBIN... THIS IS A GENUINE ARROW FROM THE 12TH CENTURY! AS FOR THAT WEIRD LIGHT THEY DESCRIBED, IT'S AN UTTER MYSTERY!

THIS SURE LOOKS LIKE THE BEGINNING OF SOMETHING... BUT I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT!



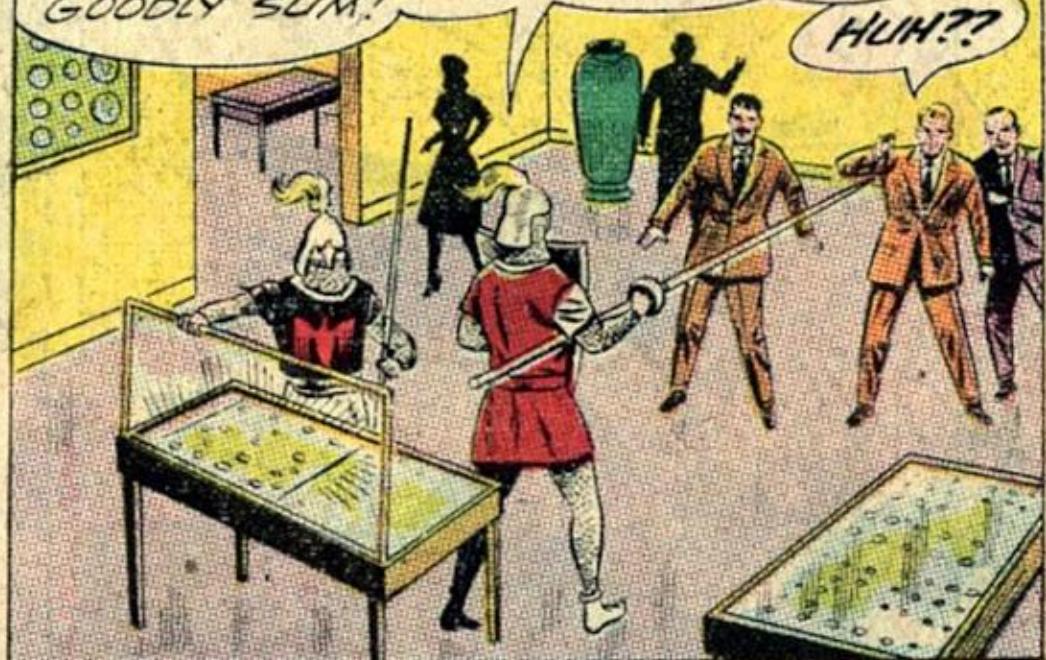
YOU HAVEN'T LONG TO WONDER, ROBIN--FOR THE VERY NEXT DAY, AT AN EXHIBIT OF RARE AND ANCIENT COINS...

HEY!... DIG THAT DUO IN THE CRAZY ARMOR! HA, HA! ARE THEY PART OF THE SHOW?



IN THE NAME OF OUR LIEGE, THE EARL OF GODWIN, WE LAY LEGAL CLAIM TO ALL THE MONIES HERE! TAKE THE GOLDEN COINS, SIR HUBERT... THEY SHOULD MAKE A GOODLY SUM!

HUH??



MINUTES LATER, WHEN THE ARMORED BRIGANDS HAVE FLED...

QUICK-- SOUND THE ALARM! THEY GOT AWAY WITH A FORTUNE!



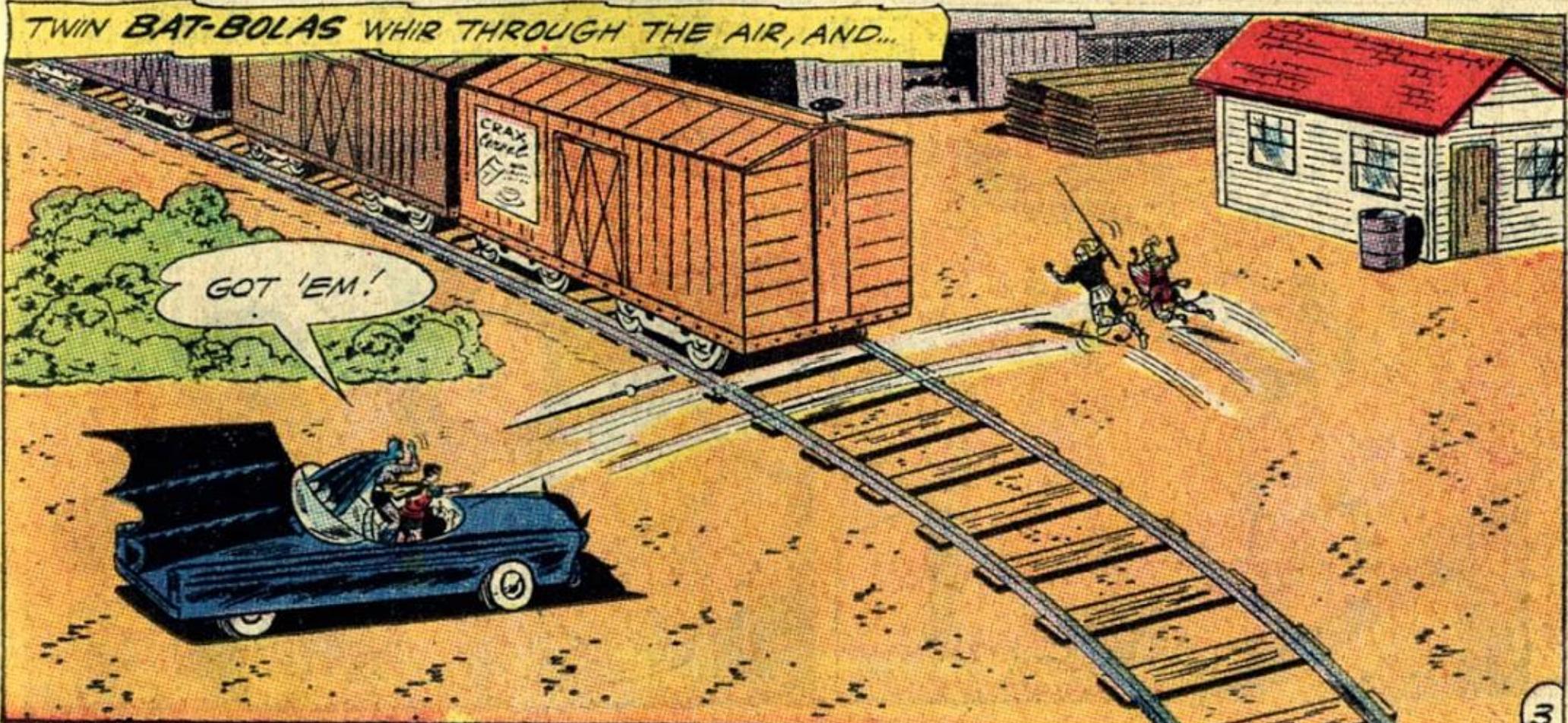
SUMMONED BY THE ALARM, BATMAN AND ROBIN SOON PICK UP THE BANDITS' TRAIL...

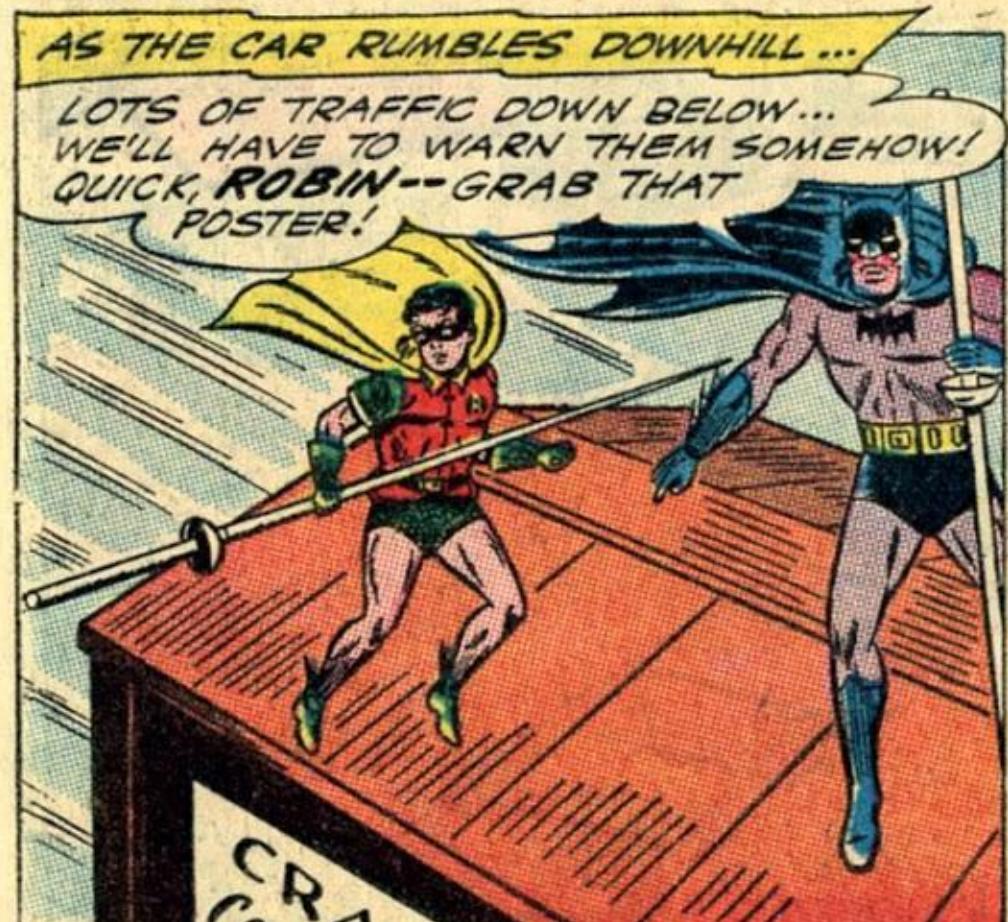
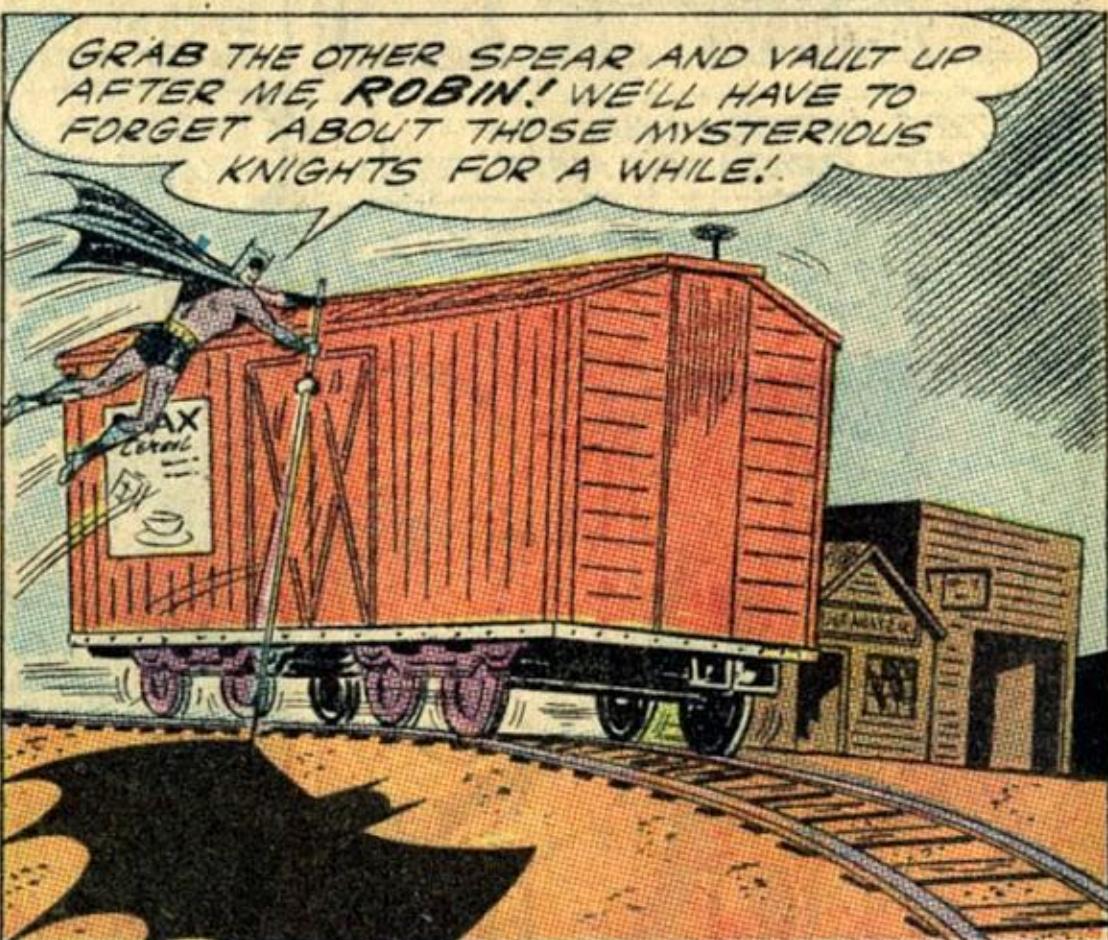
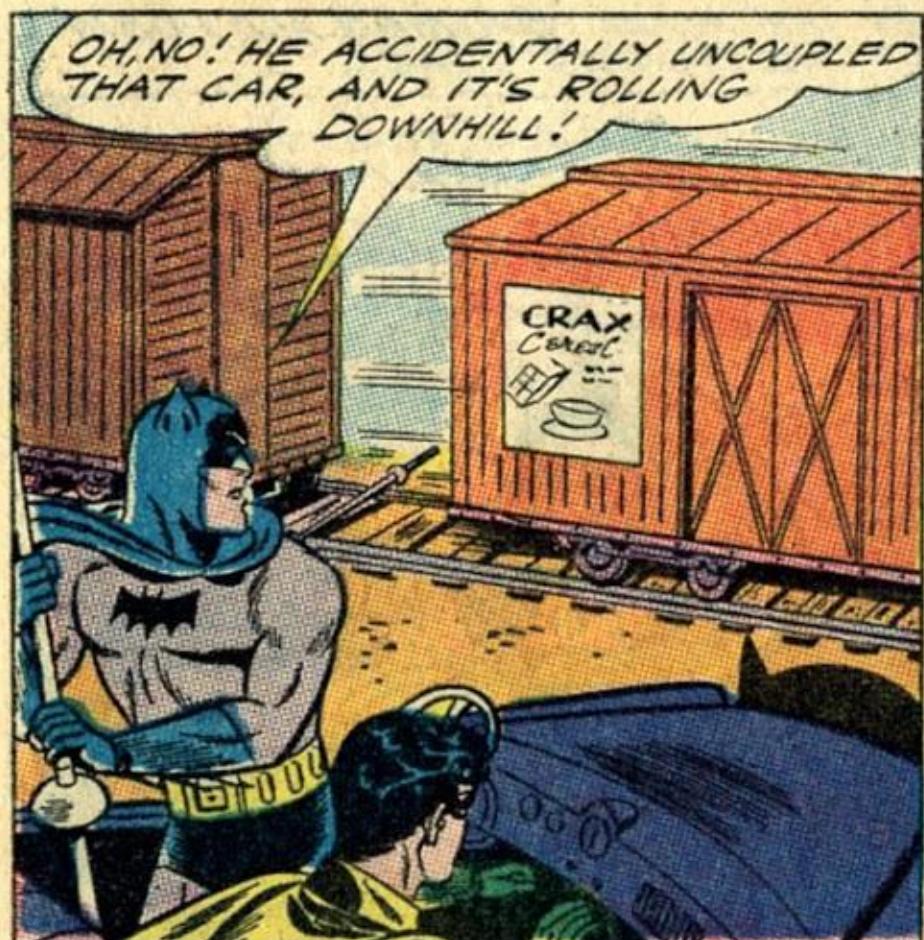
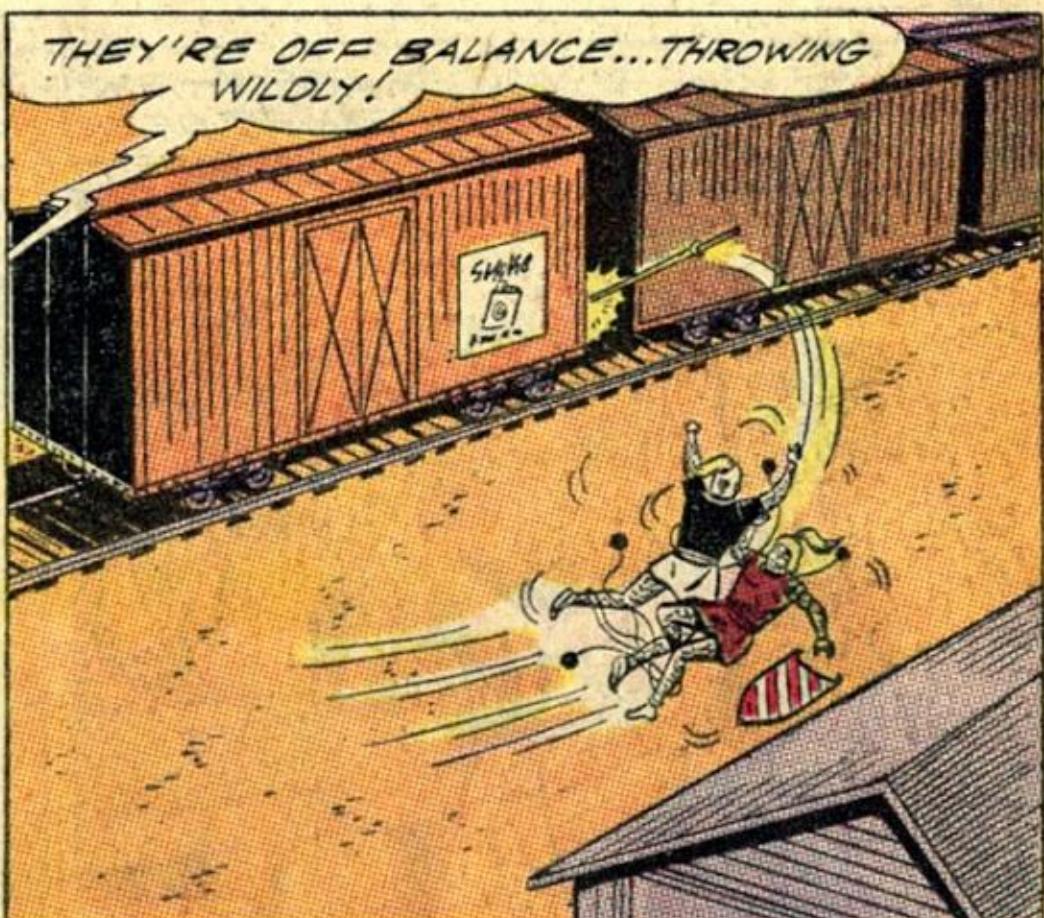
THEY'RE CROSSING THOSE RAILROAD TRACKS! QUICK, ROBIN, YOUR BAT-BOLA!

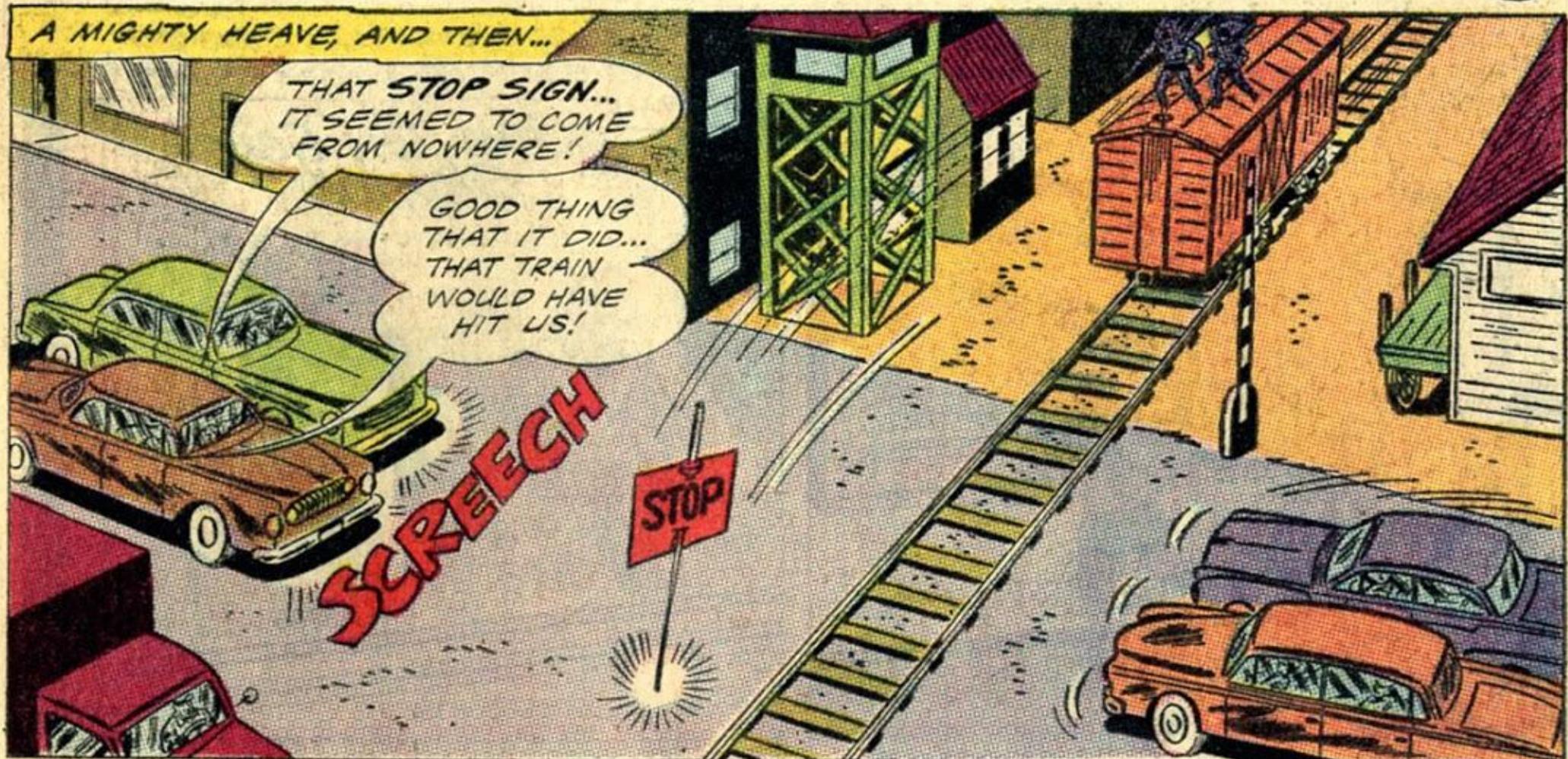


TWIN BAT-BOLAS WHIR THROUGH THE AIR, AND...

GOT 'EM!







LATER, WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN RETURN TO THE SCENE OF PURSUIT...

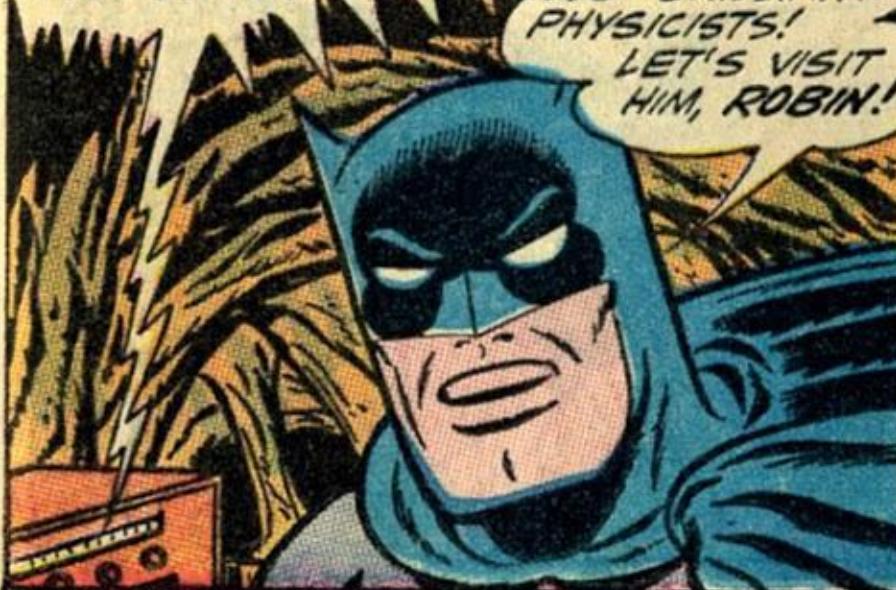
THEY FREED THEMSELVES, SCOOTED UP THAT STREET-- AND WHEN WE TURNED IN AFTER THEM, THEY HAD DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE!

WHEW, THIS MYSTERY IS GETTING WAY OUT OF HAND!



THE KEY TO THIS PERPLEXING SERIES OF EVENTS MAY VERY WELL BE IN THE HANDS OF DOCTOR ALPHEUS ROBERTS, WHO'S BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH TIME-SPACE PROBLEMS!

ONE OF OUR MOST BRILLIANT PHYSICISTS! LET'S VISIT HIM, ROBIN!



LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

THOSE SPEARS ARE NO PHONIES EITHER... THEY COME FROM 15TH CENTURY ENGLAND!

SHH-- THE RADIO...

THIS IS LES, LESLIE, WITH A HOT TIP ABOUT GOTHAM CITY'S VISITORS FROM THE PAST...



SHORTLY, IN THE FAMOUS SCIENTIST'S LAB...

IT'S TRUE... MY UNIQUE EXPERIMENTS MUST HAVE CREATED SEVERAL BREACHES IN THE TIME-SPACE CONTINUUM! YOU MUST HELP PROTECT THE CITY, WHILE I TRY TO CONTROL THESE BREACHES-- OR AT LEAST LEARN WHERE AND WHEN THEY WILL OPEN NEXT!





BATMAN



BUT ALREADY, ANOTHER BREACH HAS APPARENTLY OPENED --FOR AT THIS VERY MOMENT...

"LOOK! MORE WARRIORS FROM THE PAST!"

TON



DARTING INSIDE, THE TWO MONGOL LANCERS SCOOP UP A MASS OF PRECIOUS GEMS...

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BY THE TIME BATMAN AND ROBIN ARRIVE...

IT LOOKED AS IF THEY WERE GOING TO SMASH THE WINDOW WITH THEIR LANCES--BUT, INSTEAD, THEY DASHED INSIDE!

THANKS... THERE THEY GO, ROBIN! AFTER THEM!



AS THE FLEET-FOOTED DUO REACHES ITS PREY, ANGRY WEAPONS FLASH UP...

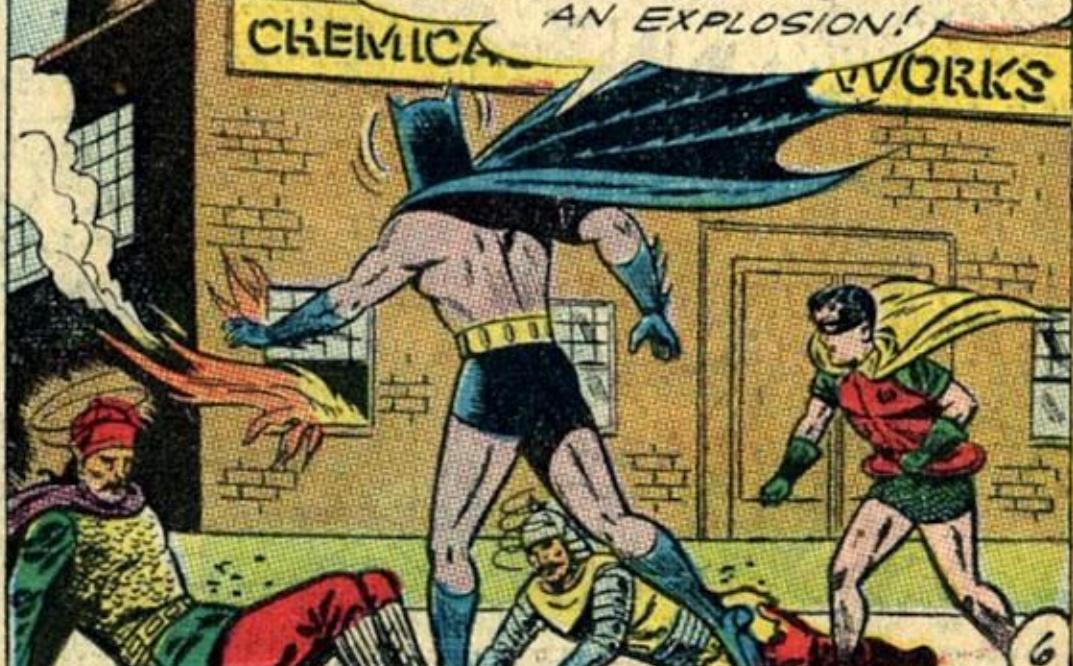


A LITTLE JIU-JITSU, AND WE HAVE THEM!



BUT JUST THEN...

GREAT SCOTT!... FLAMES FROM THAT CHEMICAL PLANT! HURRY, ROBIN-- WE HAVE TO SPREAD AN ALARM AND TRY TO STOP THAT FIRE BEFORE THERE'S AN EXPLOSION!



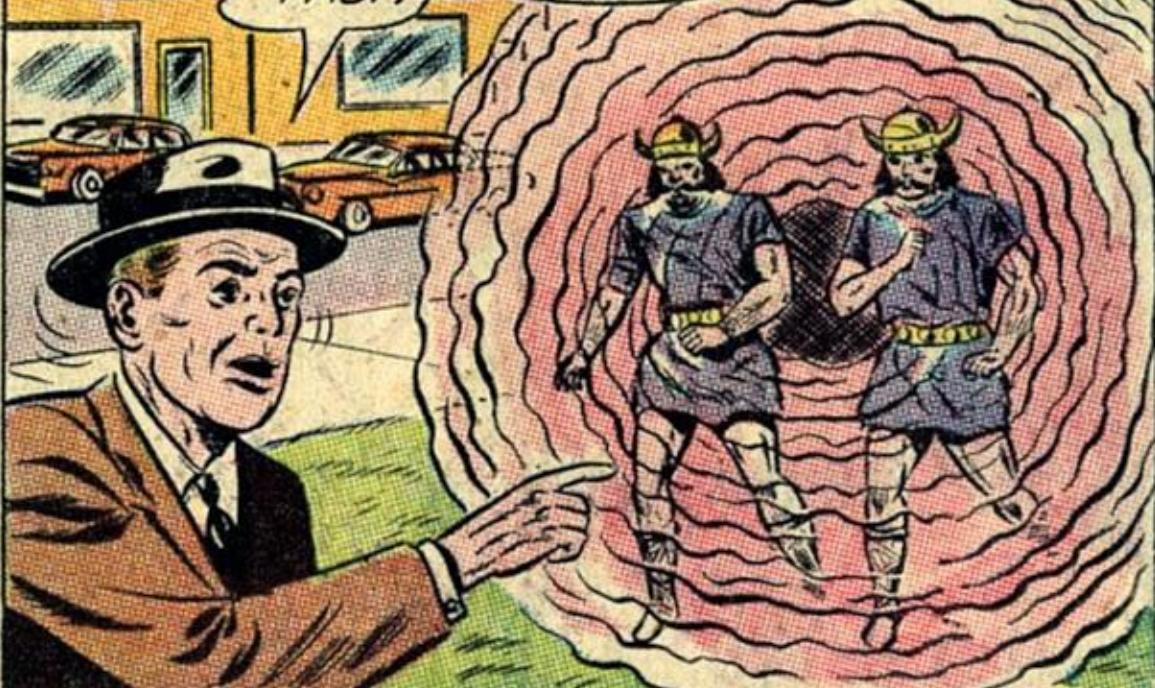
AFTER QUENCHING THE FLAMES, BATMAN AND ROBIN AGAIN HEAR THE STORY OF A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE...

THEY ROUNDED THAT CORNER, AND VANISHED INTO THIN AIR! THEY MUST HAVE FOUND ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE HOLES INTO THE PAST!



AND ONLY A FEW HOURS LATER, AS THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS PATROL THE CITY...

BATMAN! ROBIN! LOOK THERE! ANOTHER OPENING FROM THE PAST!



AS THE PAIR STEPS WARILY FORWARD...

THEY'RE GRABBING BATMAN AND ROBIN...



...AND DRAGGING THEM BACK INTO THE TIME-SPACE BREACH!



THAT NIGHT, IN THE HIDEOUT OF BEN RYDER AND SLICK RONSON, INTERNATIONAL GEM THIEVES...

'HAW! GET A LOAD OF THAT HEADLINE, RONSON'

HERE WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO MAKE PEOPLE BELIEVE THOSE HOLES INTO THE PAST ARE REAL-- AND THEY ACTUALLY ARE REAL!

JOURNAL
BATMAN AND ROBIN SNATCHED INTO PAST

WHAT? ARE THESE MEN BEHIND THE STRANGE CRIMES FROM THE PAST? JUST LISTEN, AS THEY GLOAT...

WE SURE MADE IT LOOK LIKE THE REAL THING! WE PLANNED OUR GETAWAYS PERFECTLY-- FIXING THAT RAILROAD CAR SO THE LEAST SHOCK WOULD BREAK IT LOOSE, AND THROWING THAT FLAME PELLET INTO THE CHEMICAL COMPANY!

YEAH... AND LEAVING BEHIND THOSE GENUINE WEAPONS WE COLLECTED IN EUROPE WAS A POSITIVE STROKE OF GENIUS!

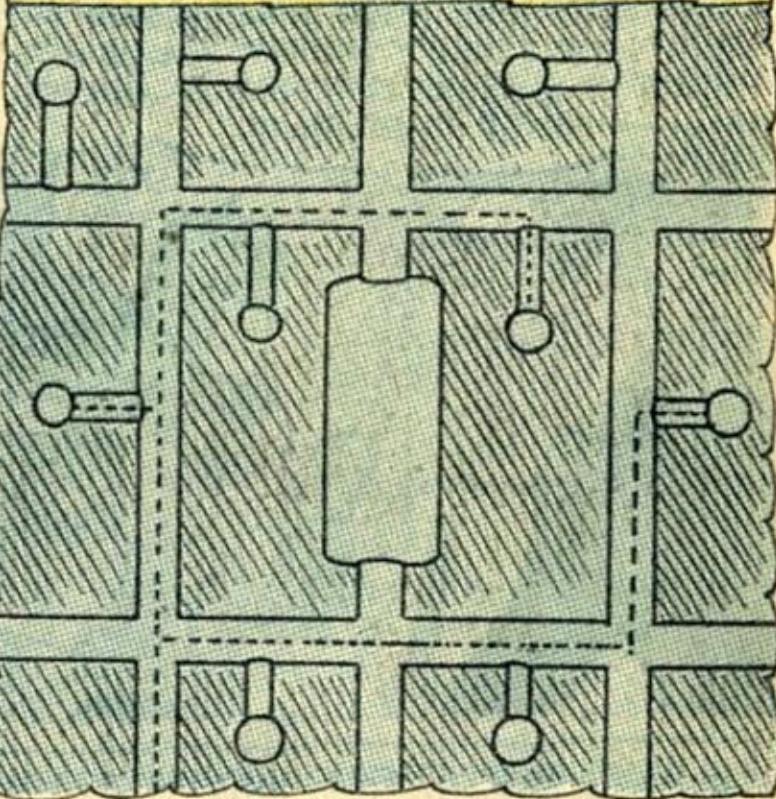


"THE BEST PART, THOUGH, WAS THOSE PHONY BREACHES INTO THE PAST..."

THOSE BRASS PIPES, BURNING GAS, SURE LOOK EERIE FROM A DISTANCE! WHEN I PRESS A BUTTON, A HIDDEN MECHANISM WILL TURN OFF THE GAS AND SINK THE PIPES BACK INTO THE GROUND! THEN I'LL STEP FORWARD!"



"THE MAP WE GOT OF THAT ABANDONED UNDERGROUND RESERVOIR AND WATER SYSTEM SURE HELPED US LOCATE SPOTS WE COULD 'DISAPPEAR' INTO!"



BUT TIPPING OFF THAT RADIO COMMENTATOR ABOUT DOC ROBERTS WAS THE CLINCHER! WHEN THE DOC SAID THAT HE WAS RESPONSIBLE, EVERYONE WAS SURE THE HOLES INTO THE PAST WERE REAL!

YEAH... THAT WAS A REAL WINDFALL, THE NIGHT WE BROKE INTO THE DOC'S LAB!



"WE PLANNED TO ROB THE PLACE-- BUT, WHEN WE OVERHEARD HIM TALKING TO A FRIEND..."

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I'M AFRAID OF... MY EXPERIMENTS MAY OPEN RANDOM HOLES INTO THE CURTAIN THAT SEPARATES US FROM THE PAST!

WHAT AN IDEA THAT GIVES ME! IF WE PRETEND WE'RE FROM THE PAST, WE

CAN PEDDLER WHAT WE STEAL EASILY, BECAUSE THE COPS WON'T BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR OUR LOOT!



THEN, AS THE PAIR CONTINUES TO READ ABOUT BATMAN AND ROBIN...

BUT LOOK AT THIS! IF WE FIND OUT HOW TO CONTROL THOSE BREACHES, WE CAN GO INTO THE PAST AND GET ALL KINDS OF LOOT TO SELL HERE! COPS FROM THE PAST WILL NEVER GET ON OUR TRAILS!

YEAH... LET'S GO, PAL!

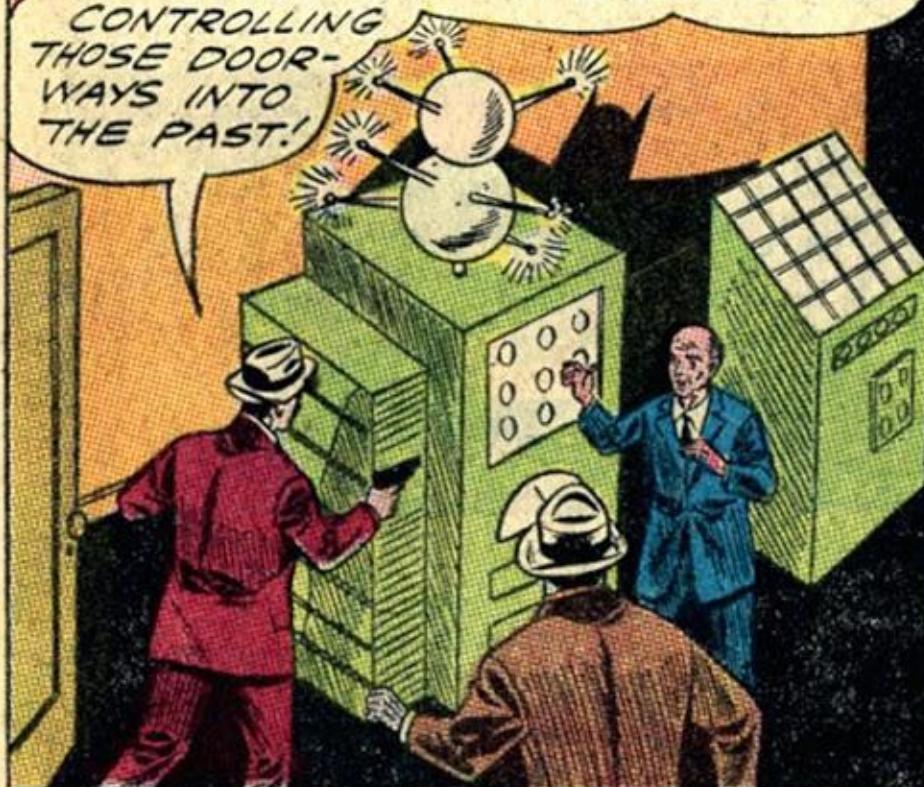
DR. ROBERTS CLAIMS HE CAN NOW OPEN AND CLOSE BREACHES IN TIME-SPACE BARRIER WHEREVER HE WISHES.



SOON...

DON'T MOVE, ROBERTS! WE
WANT YOUR LATEST

DISCOVERY -- THE SECRET OF
CONTROLLING
THOSE DOOR-
WAYS INTO
THE PAST!



BUT SUDDENLY, FROM OUT OF THE SHADOWS...

THOSE STORIES WE PLANTED
IN THE PAPERS GOT QUICK
RESULTS, ALL RIGHT!

BATMAN
AND ROBIN!
W-WE THOUGHT
YOU'D BEEN
SNATCHED INTO
THE TIME-SPACE
WARP!



WE JUST PLAYED THE SAME
GAME YOU DID! THOSE
"WARRIOR'S" WERE POLICE-
MEN, AND THE STRANGE
GLIMMER OF THE "TIME-
SPACE BARRIER" WAS
SODIUM VAPOR ACTIVATED
BY LONG-WAVE
FREQUENCIES!

BUT... HOW
DID YOU KNOW
WE WEREN'T
REALLY
FROM THE
PAST?

YOU WERE ABOUT TO SMASH
THAT JEWELRY STORE
WINDOW WITH YOUR LANCES
BUT SUDDENLY CHANGED
YOUR MINDS! THAT'S
BECAUSE YOU NOTICED
THE SHATTERPROOF
GLASS SIGN, PROVING
THAT THE "MONGOL
WARRIOR'S" COULD
READ ENGLISH!

SO FORGET
THE TIME-
SPACE
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NOW, YOU
CAN START
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Letters to the BAT-CAVE



Dear Editor: BATMAN'S friend, Professor Nichols, is able to send him and ROBIN back into the past, where they have some of their most exciting adventures. How come Professor Nichols keeps his amazing time machine such a deep, dark secret, known only to the crime-fighters? He could become a millionaire if he patented that invention.

Ervin Blake, Grand Rapids, Mich.

(Professor Nichols is first and foremost a scientist. He does not believe man is yet ready for time travel. Thus far, he has limited the use of his invention to BATMAN and ROBIN and his close friends, Bruce Wayne and Dick Grayson.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Is it true that a sunburn once helped BATMAN nab a criminal? Sounds novel—perhaps you could fill me in on the details.

Murray King, Topeka, Kans.

(You're probably referring to a case in which BATMAN was interrogating a number of underworld characters suspected of driving the getaway car after a bold daylight robbery. One of them claimed that he'd been home, sleeping in bed, during the hours of the crime. It was then that BATMAN noticed a new sunburn on this suspect's left arm—the arm which drivers usually rest on the window while riding. The rest of his body was untouched by the sun. Since the robbery had occurred only a few hours earlier, that sunburn clue proved the man was lying, and led BATMAN to track down the evidence that brought him to justice.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: BATMAN, ROBIN and SUPERMAN have locked horns with weird wizards from all parts of our world. How about a story in which they meet somebody like that from another world?

Ludwig Krause, Birmingham, Ala.

(Coming up! You'll be meeting a fantastic character like that—"THE SORCERER FROM THE STARS"—in the AUGUST issue of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, No. 127.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: How come BATMAN and ROBIN don't wear bullet-proof vests?

Vera Lang, Binghamton, N.Y.

(Bullet-proof vests, while affording one form of protection, would hinder the crime-fighters in other ways. One of BATMAN and ROBIN'S greatest weapons is their agility, which would be impeded by such a bulky garment.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Whenever BATMAN or ROBIN use a BATARANG or one of their other large weapons, I can't help wondering where they carry this equipment. You never see it on them until the moment they produce it.

Rod Benson, Racine, Wis.

(Most of the crime-fighters' portable equipment is collapsible—able to be folded or taken apart into units small enough to fit into their utility belts or cape pouches.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I'm sure there are times when BATMAN and ROBIN, in their everyday identities of Bruce Wayne and Dick Grayson, have to transmit crime-fighting information to each other, without arousing the suspicion of other people around them. Do they have some special way of doing this?

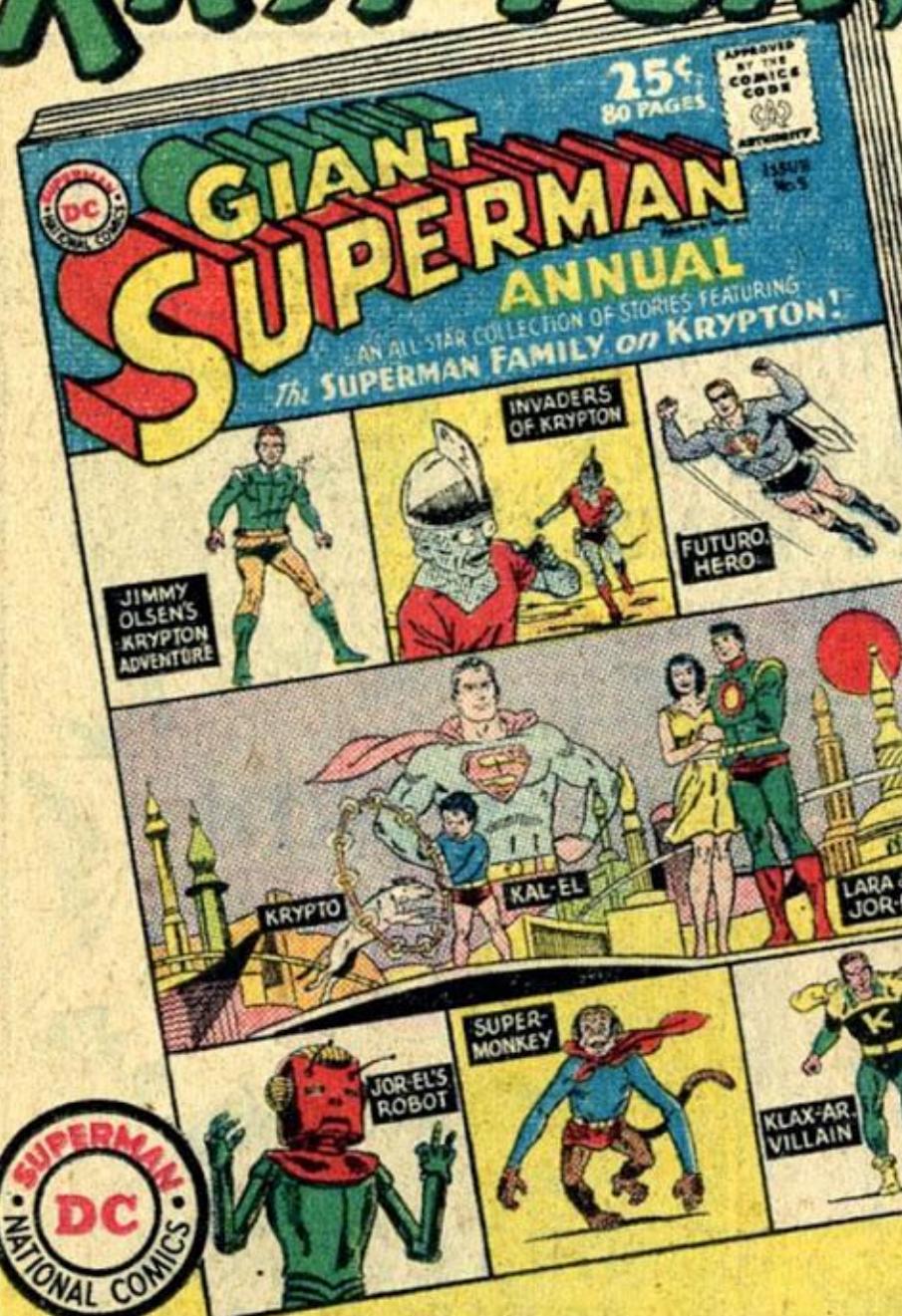
Truman Fitch, Tombstone, Ariz.

(BATMAN and ROBIN, on such occasions, use a secret code which sounds like ordinary conversation to the average person. Similarly, they use special hand signs and facial expressions that appear normal and meaningless to the untrained eye.—Ed.)

Dear Reader: In our last "LETTERS TO THE BAT-CAVE," we promised you the story "ROBIN, THE SUPER BOY WONDER" in this issue of BATMAN COMICS. Unfortunately, certain difficulties forced us to re-schedule this adventure for our next issue (SEPTEMBER, No. 150). We trust you will understand, and—once again—we're sorry.

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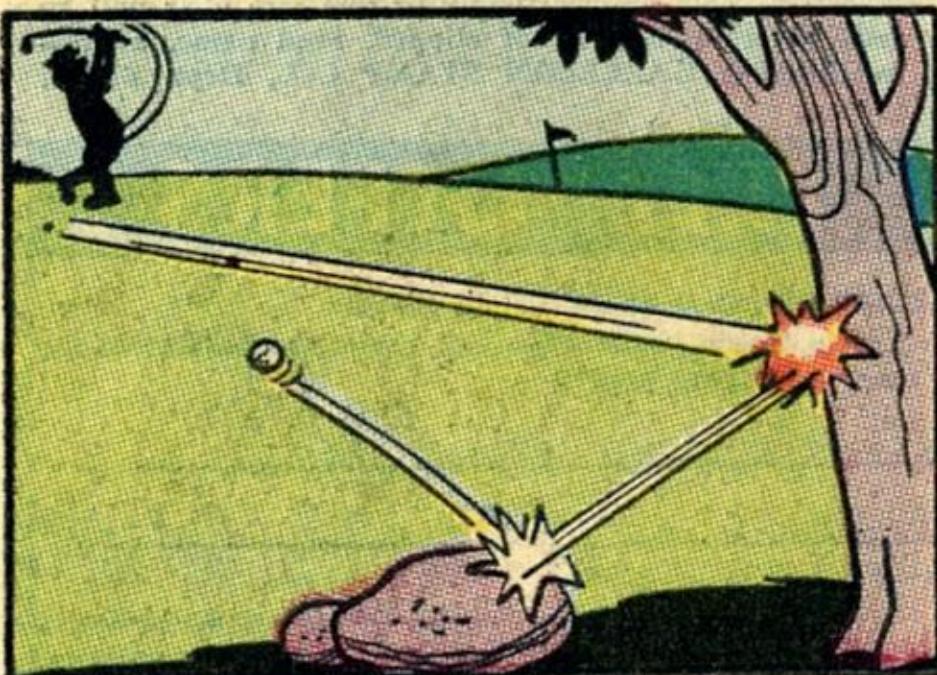
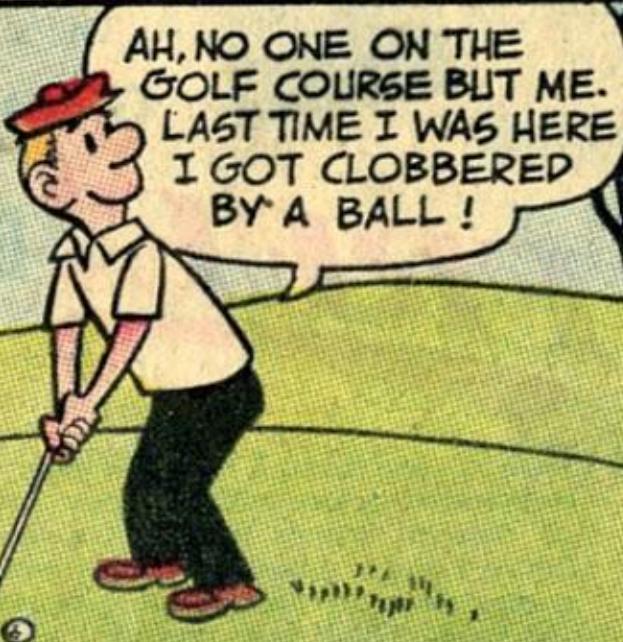
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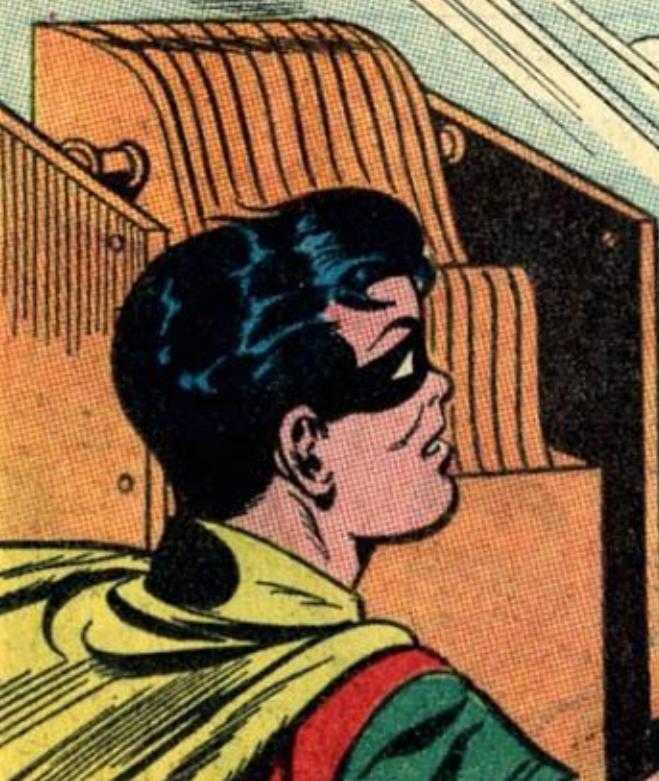
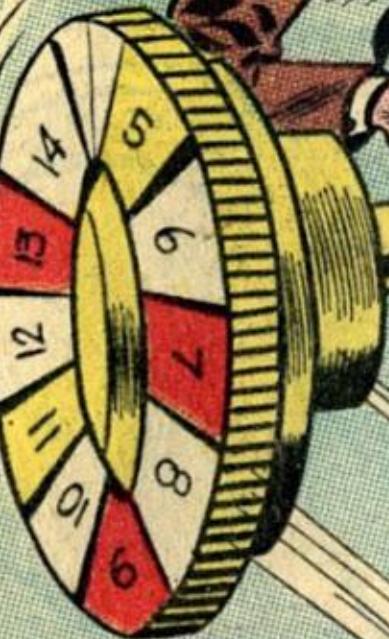
- THE BOY WONDER

IMAGINE YOURSELF SUDDENLY DEVELOPING THE POWER TO READ A CRIMINAL'S MIND! WHAT WOULD YOU DO WHEN YOU SUDDENLY HEARD HIM PLOTTING THE PERFECT CRIME? HOW WOULD YOU GO ABOUT STOPPING HIM, IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW HIS IDENTITY? PERHAPS YOU'LL COME UP WITH THE ANSWER WHEN YOU'VE SEEN HOW...

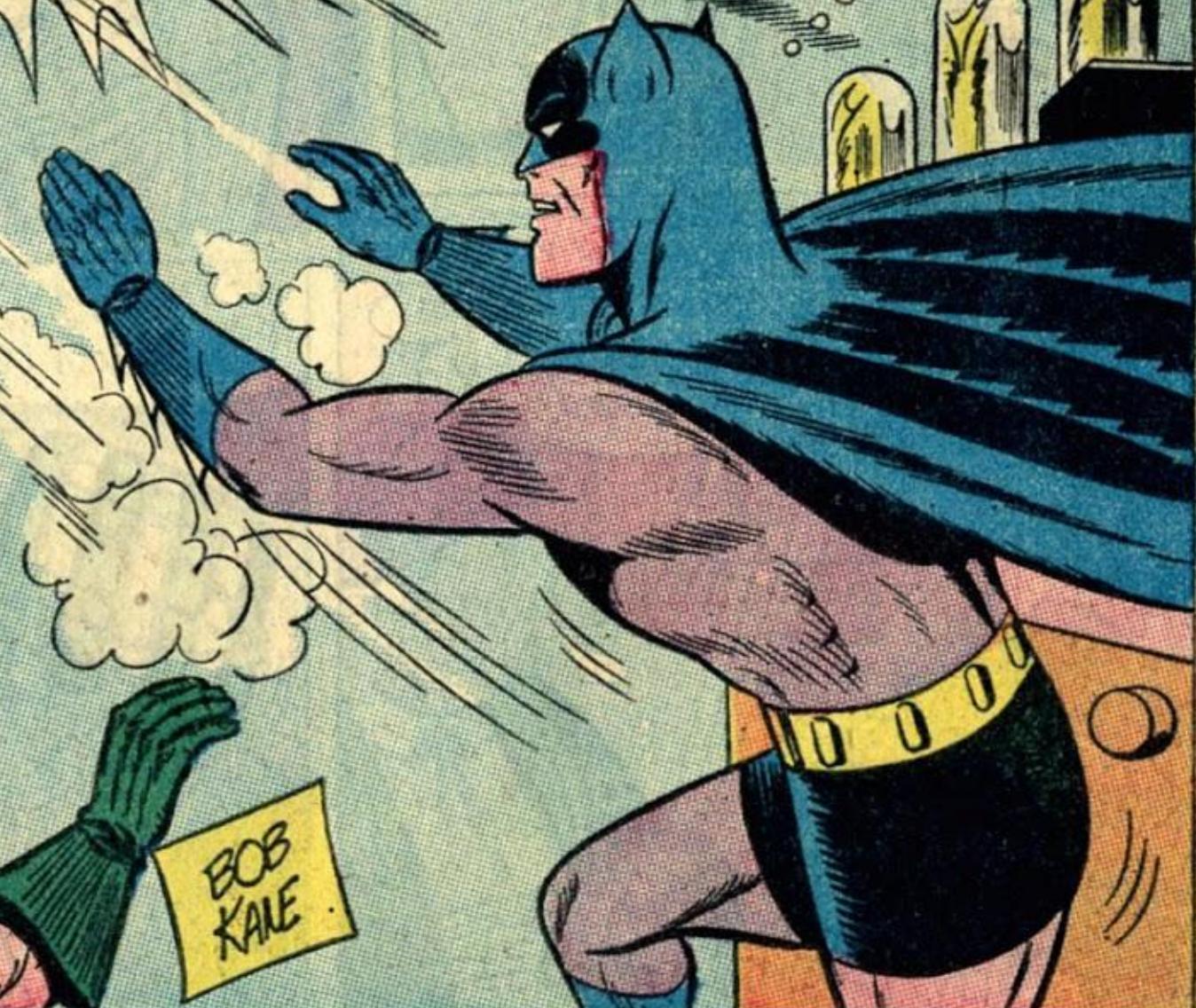
BATMAN TUNES IN ON MURDER

HOW DID
BATMAN KNOW
WE WERE HERE?

IF THEY ONLY KNEW... I READ THE MIND OF THE UNKNOWN MURDERER WHO SENT THEM!



BOB
KANE



ONE DAY, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN JOIN OTHER GOTHAM CITY CELEBRITIES AT A RECEPTION IN THE JAHARIAN EMBASSY...

THAT'S AN INTERESTING RING, RAJAH! I'M QUITE AN EXPERT ON GEMS, AND I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE QUITE LIKE IT!

PLEASE... TO SLOWLY... SPEAK?



THE RAJAH DOESN'T SPEAK ENGLISH WELL, BATMAN... LET ME ACT AS INTERPRETER!

THANK YOU, AMBASSADOR PLETHI!



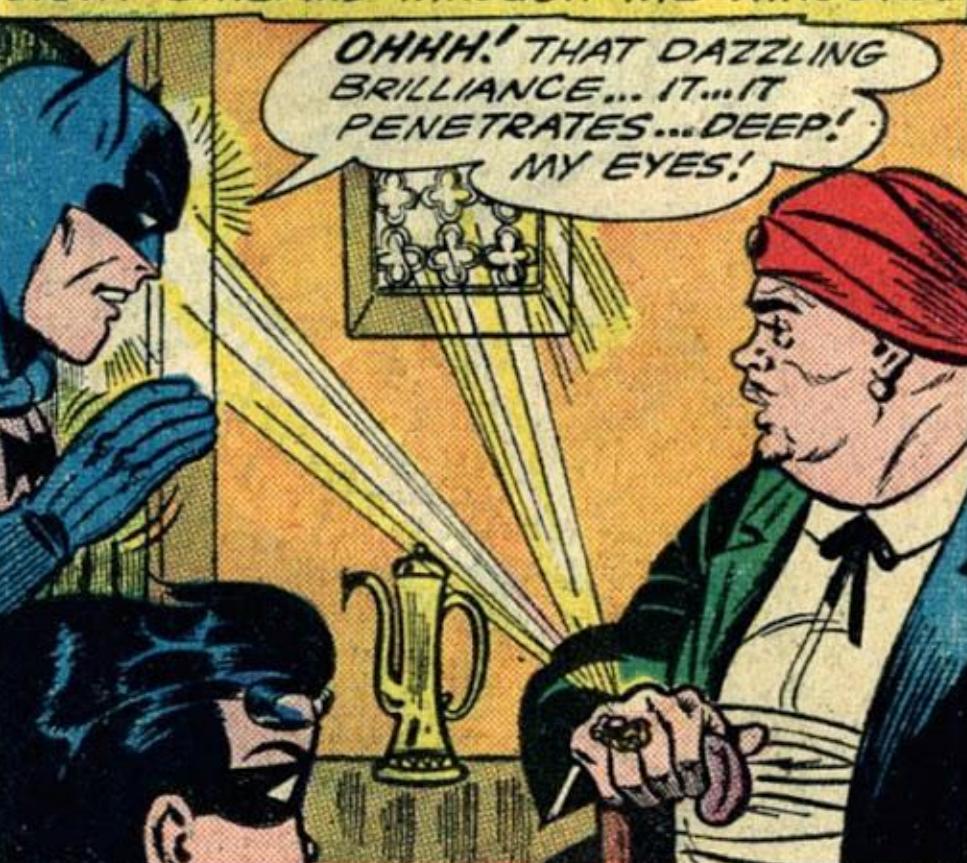
A HALF SERIOUS, HALF MOCKING SMILE LIGHTS THE RAJAH'S FACE AS BATMAN'S QUESTION IS TRANSLATED-- AND THEN...

HIS HIGHNESS SAYS THERE IS NO STONE LIKE THAT IN THE WHOLE WORLD! HIDDEN IN ITS DEPTHS ARE MANY MYSTERIES... ITS RAYS ARE RUMORED TO CONFER OCCULT POWERS ON THOSE WHOM THEY STRIKE!



SUDDENLY, AS A PIERCING SHAFT OF SUN-LIGHT STREAMS THROUGH THE WINDOWS...

OHHHH! THAT DAZZLING BRILLIANCE... IT... IT PENETRATES... DEEP! MY EYES!



IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO? SHALL I SUMMON A DOCTOR?

N-NO... JUST FEEL A LITTLE DIZZY! SH-SHOULD BE OKAY, ONCE I HIT FRESH AIR!



UPON LEAVING THE EMBASSY...

MY HEAD'S CLEARING UP NOW... I'LL BE ALL RIGHT IN A MOMENT! THAT CERTAINLY WAS A STRANGE SHAFT OF SUNLIGHT! SOME UNIQUE SOLAR DISTURBANCE MUST HAVE CAUSED IT!



SUDDENLY, THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTER STANDS STOCK STILL, AS...

WHAT--? I--I SEEM TO BE GETTING A MESSAGE FROM SOMEWHERE... FROM SOMEONE'S MIND!

WE... RID OF... ER FOREVER... FIRST NEED AT RAY... BIT... THEN TO MAY... PERFECT MURDER... AT THREE...



THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE! I'M TUNED IN TO SOMEONE'S THOUGHTS--THE THOUGHTS OF AN UTTER STRANGER, A MURDERER! I DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS, OR WHERE HE IS... ALL I GOT WERE FRAGMENTS OF HIS IDEAS!

GOLLY! COULD THAT RING REALLY HAVE GIVEN YOU OCCULT POWERS?



MAYBE IT DID, WHEN COMBINED WITH THAT FREAK RAY OF SUNLIGHT! SHHHH... LET'S SEE IF I GET MORE!



BUT, AS THE MINUTES PASS...

I GUESS IT WAS JUST ONE STRAY FLASH... WE'LL HAVE TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT A CLUE FROM THE MESSAGE I DID GET! HMM... HE'S PLANNING TO GET SOMETHING SOMEWHERE! "FIRST NEED... AT RAY... BIT!" WHAT COULD THAT MEAN?

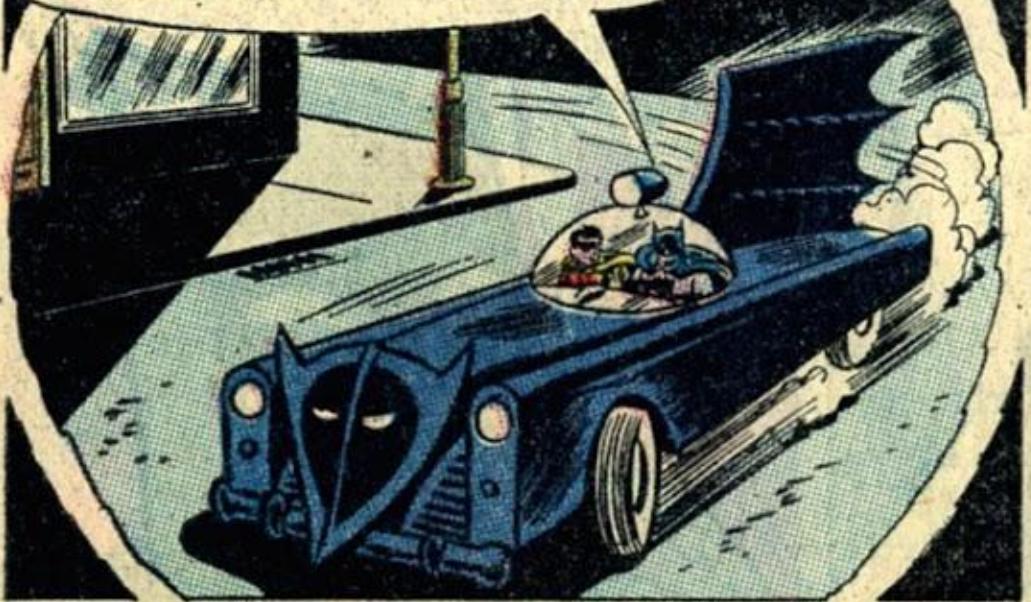


IT COULD BE SOMEONE'S NAME... RAY NESBIT... OR BABBIT!

YES--BUT IN THAT CASE, IT WOULD BE HOPELESS... TOO MANY NAMES WITH THOSE LETTERS! IT COULD ALSO BE X-RAY EXHIBIT, OR-- WAIT! I'M GETTING AN IDEA!



SUPPOSE HE MEANT RADIO EXHIBIT... I HEARD "RAY... BIT!" THE SHOW IS OPENING TOMORROW, BUT IT'S ALL SET UP TODAY! MAYBE HE NEEDS SOMETHING THERE!

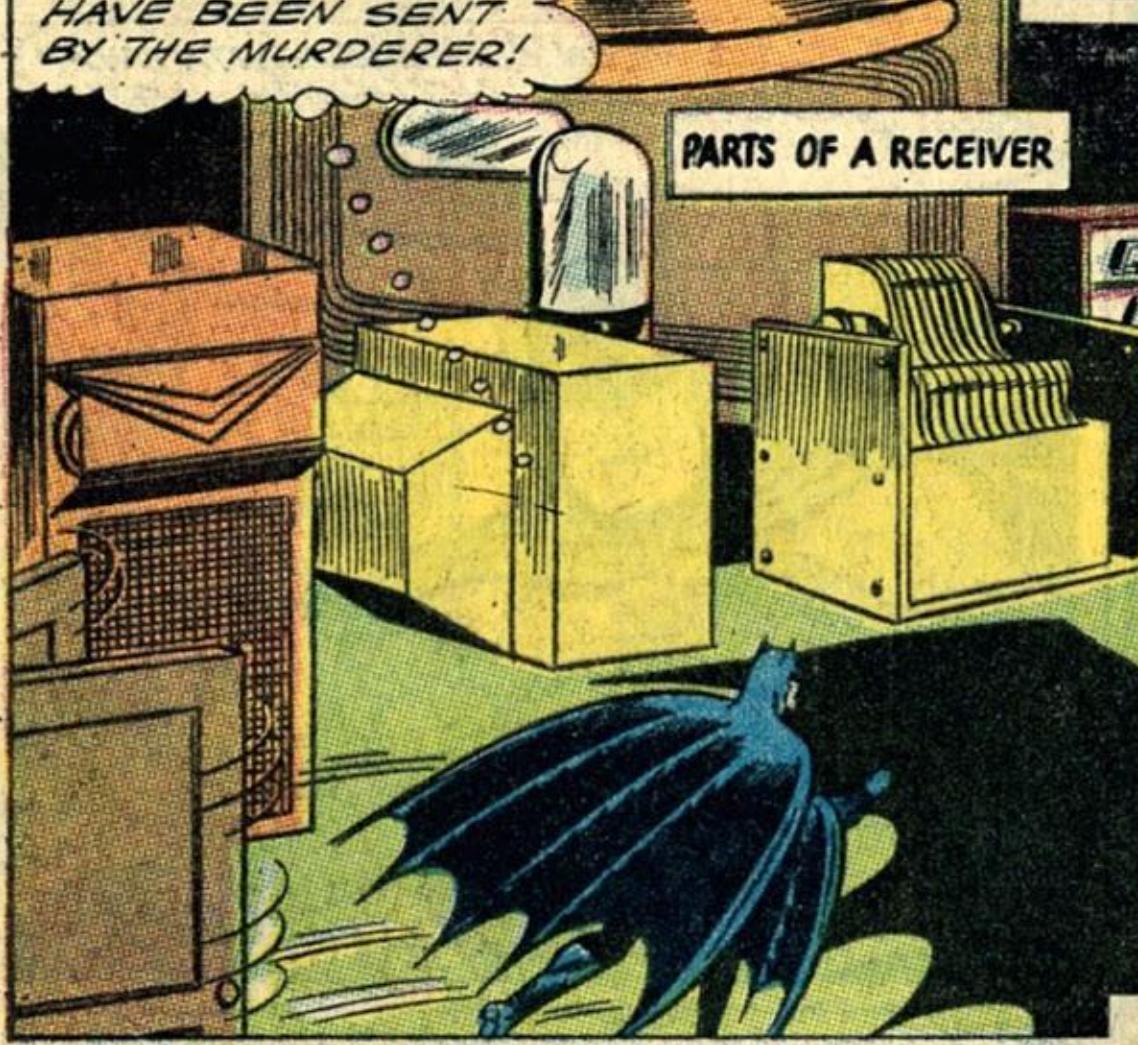


SURE ENOUGH, AS THE BATMOBILE GOES STREAKING TO THE EXHIBIT HALL...

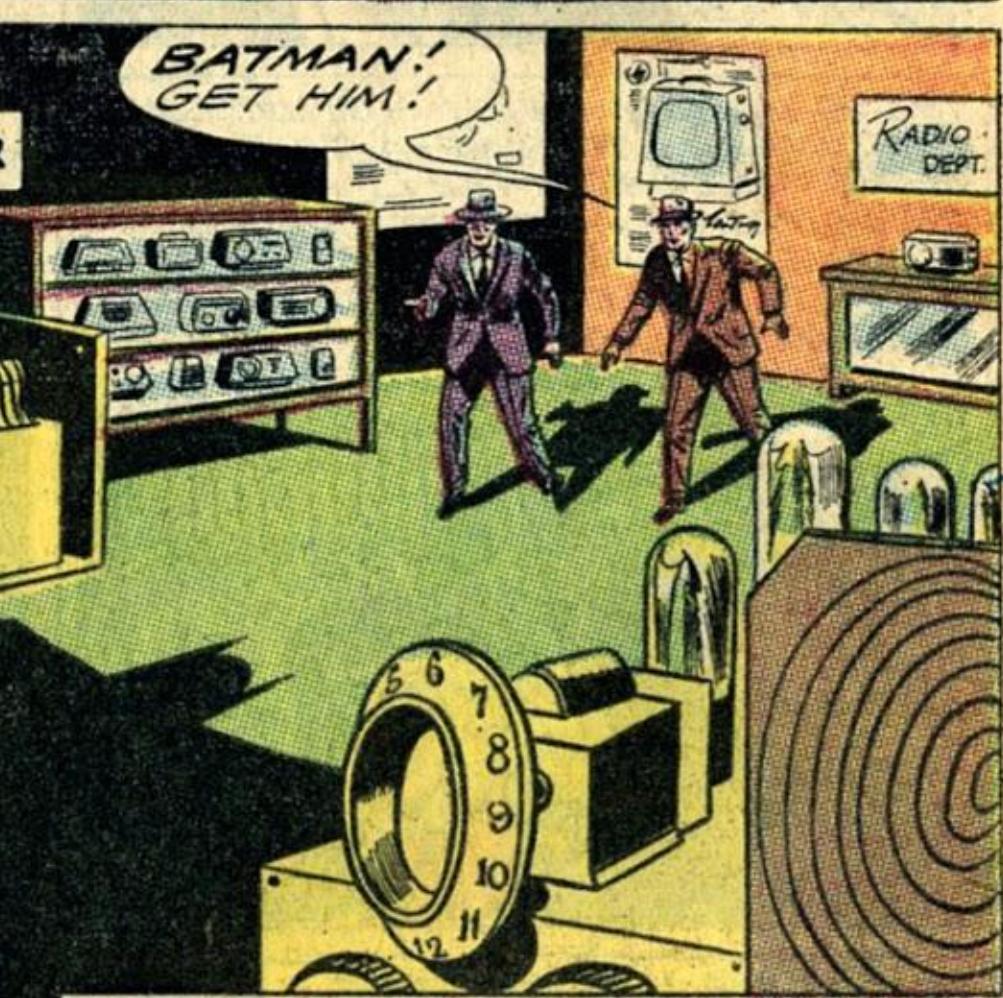
THE GUARD--KNOCKED OUT! TEND TO HIM WHILE I SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING INSIDE!



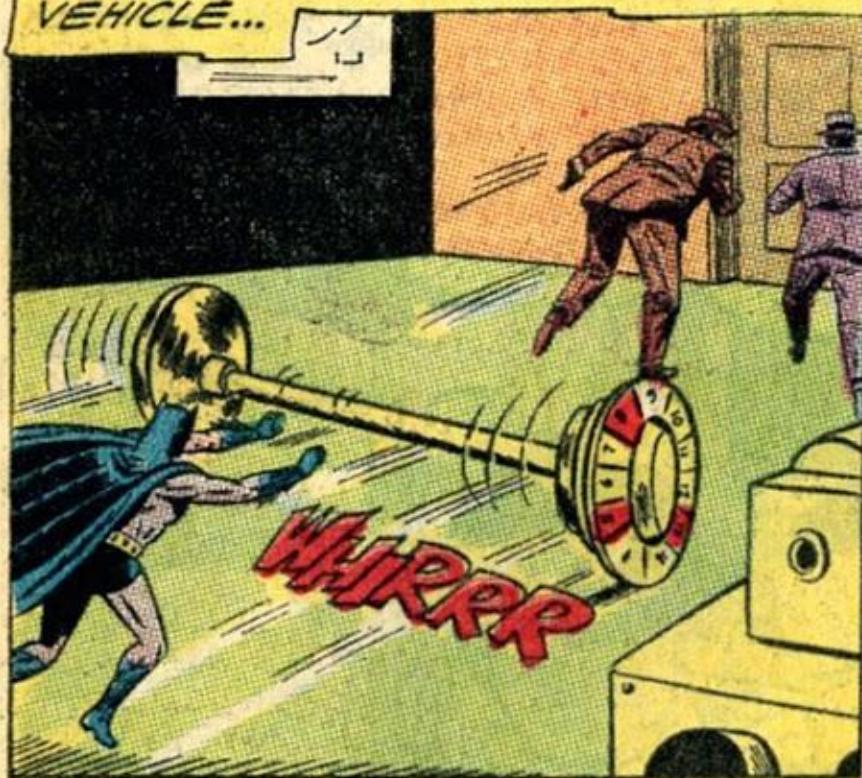
TWO CROOKS--MUST HAVE BEEN SENT BY THE MURDERER!



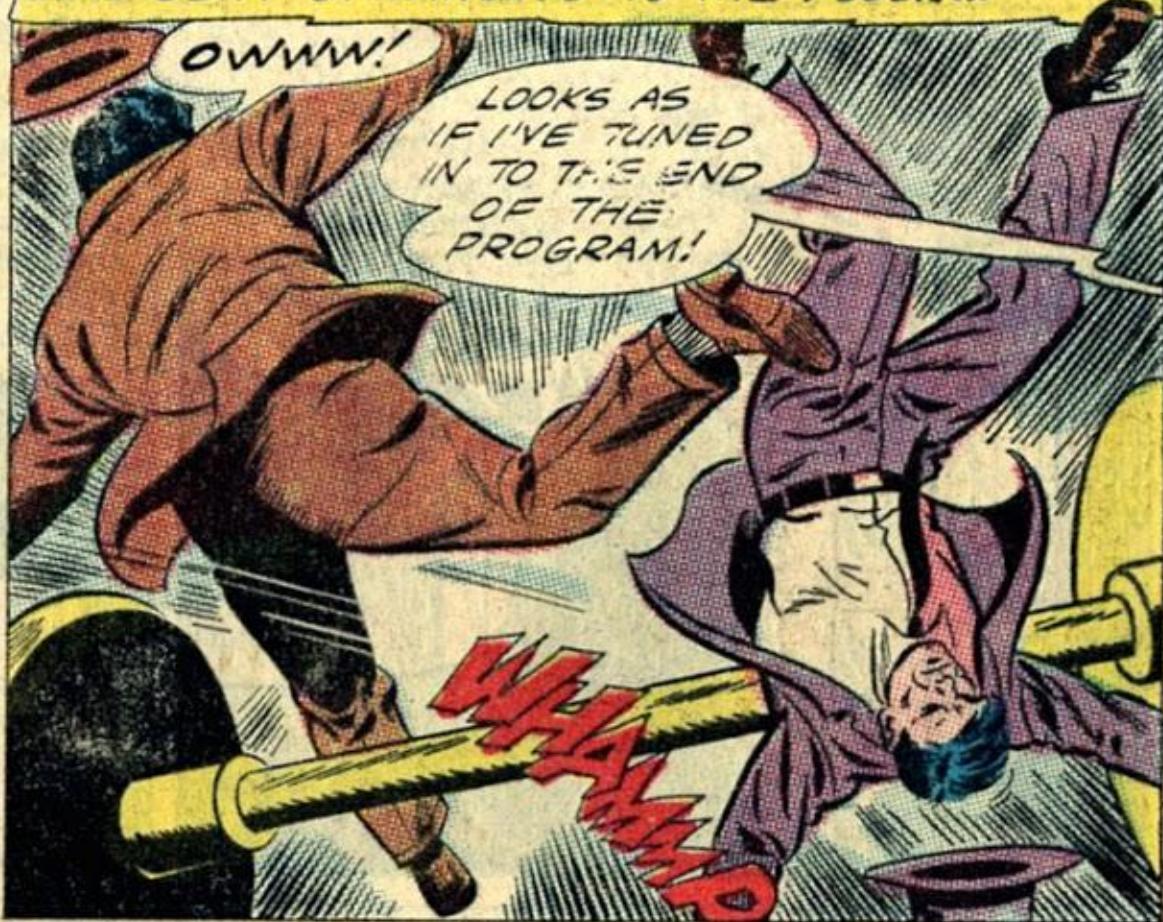
BATMAN! GET HIM!



SPEEDILY ASSEMBLING THE GIANT COMPONENTS, BATMAN LAUNCHES A STRANGE TWO-WHEELED VEHICLE...



...AND SECONDS LATER, THE FLEEING CROOKS ARE SENT SPRAWLING TO THE FLOOR...



BUT AS BATMAN SCRAMBLES FORWARD...



A WELL-PLACED BULLET SEVERS THE OVERHEAD WIRE, AND...



A MOMENT LATER, AS ROBIN RACES IN...

FROM HERE, IT'S JUST A SHORT HOP TO THE HAT!

OOF! MUST GET BATMAN OUT OF THERE BEFORE HE SMOOTHERS!



BATMAN



BY THE TIME HE CAN PRY UP THE SPEAKER...

NO SIGN OF THEM... THEY MUST HAVE REACHED THEIR CAR AND SPED AWAY!

NOTHING MUCH FOR US TO DO NOW-- EXCEPT SEE WHAT THEY WANTED HERE! THEY STOLE SOMETHING IN THE LEFT FRONT SECTION OF THE EXHIBIT... THAT MIGHT GIVE US A CLUE!

SHORTLY, AFTER A THOROUGH SEARCH...

I WISH I KNEW WHY THEY NEED THAT FOR THE PERFECT CRIME! WHEN THOSE CROOKS GOT AWAY, THE THREAD THAT MIGHT HAVE LED US TO THE UNKNOWN KILLER SNAPPED! NOW WE HAVE NOTHING TO GO BY!

HMM... WHEN THEY BOWLED ME OVER, ONE OF THEM SAID SOMETHING ABOUT A HAT NEAR HERE!



A HAT? THAT MAKES SENSE, TOGETHER WITH A FRAGMENT OF THOSE THOUGHTS I RECEIVED! QUICK-- FOLLOW ME!



ONCE MORE, THE BATMOBILE ROARS THROUGH CITY STREETS, UNTIL...

REMEMBER-- THAT THOUGHT WAVE SAID, "THEN TO MAY!" IT MUST HAVE BEEN "THEN TO MAYOR'S!" THE NEW CITY HALL HAS BEEN NICKNAMED THE TOP HAT... YOU CAN SEE WHY!



MINUTES LATER AS BATMAN AND ROBIN RACE IN...

UP HERE, BATMAN! THE MAYOR'S OFFICE!



IT'S ABOUT TIME SOMEONE GOT HERE! I SAW THOSE CROOKS COME IN, AND THEY PUSHED ME ASIDE! I RE-ENTERED WHEN THEY LEFT, AND I'M SURE THEY DIDN'T TAKE A THING! BUT-- LOOK OUTSIDE... THEIR GETAWAY CAR IS PASSING BELOW!



A DARING LEAP BRINGS THE DUO DOWN ON THE FLEEING VEHICLE...



BUT, INSIDE...

LUCKY, WE HAD THE CAR GIMMICKED UP! THIS LEVER WILL FLOOD THE EXHAUST WITH SPECIAL CHEMICALS, WHILE WE PUT ON GAS MASKS AND GET AWAY...



BATMAN AND ROBIN WILL BE HELPLESSLY BLINDED BY THAT SMOKE FOR A FEW MINUTES!

CAN'T 'COUGH-COUGH,' SEE...



PRESENTLY, WHEN THE THICK FUMES HAVE DISAPPEARED...

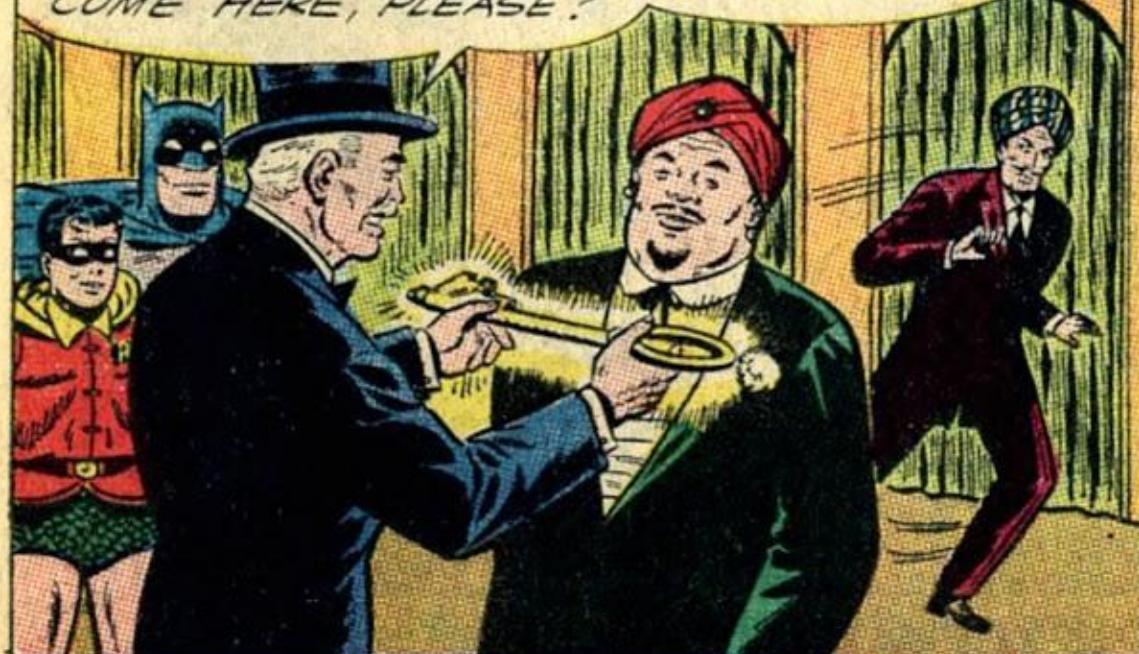
I GUESS THAT'S THE END OF OUR HOPES!

ON THE CONTRARY! I KNOW EXACTLY WHO THE WOULD-BE MURDERER IS, THE IDENTITY OF HIS VICTIM, AND THE METHOD HE PLANS TO USE! A FEW WORDS WITH THE MAYOR, AND WE'LL BE READY TO SPRING A SURPRISE!



LATER, AT THE JAHARIAN EMBASSY, A SOLEMN CEREMONY OCCURS...

IN HONOR OF YOUR VISIT, I HEREBY PRESENT YOU WITH THE KEY TO OUR CITY, RAJAH! AND NOW, AMBASSADOR PLETHI, WILL YOU COME HERE, PLEASE?



IN DEEP GRATITUDE FOR YOUR EXCELLENT WORK AS HIS REPRESENTATIVE, THE RAJAH WISHES TO TRANSFER THIS TO YOU, HIS LOYAL AND OBEDIENT SERVANT! HE SENT ME A NOTE THIS MORNING, REQUESTING THAT I CONFER THIS HONOR ON YOU!

M-ME?



FOR A BRIEF MOMENT, THE AMBASSADOR LOOKS WILDLY ABOUT, AND THEN...

I... I CAN'T STAY! IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT... STATE BUSINESS!

BUSINESS--MURDER! THERE'S A TINY RADIO RECEIVER IN THAT KEY, WHICH YOU HAD CONNECTED TO A POWERFUL EXPLOSIVE! ANY MINUTE NOW, ONE OF YOUR MEN WILL TRANSMIT AN IMPULSE INTENDED TO DETONATE IT AND BLOW THE RAJAH TO SMITHEREENS!

HIS HIRELINGS STOLE THE RECEIVER, PUT IT AND THE EXPLOSIVE IN A REPLICA OF THE KEY, AND SUBSTITUTED IT FOR THE REAL ONE! I GUessed THE VICTIM AND METHOD WHEN I NOTICED THE KEY IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE!

WHEN I REALIZED THE RAJAH WAS TO BE THE VICTIM, I KNEW THE KILLER HAD TO BE ONE OF HIS SUBJECTS, FOR "RID OF... ER" COULD ONLY MEAN "RID OF OUR LEADER." PLETHI HAD ARRANGED IN ADVANCE THAT THE KEY WOULD BE CONFERRED AT THREE O'CLOCK!

LATER, AFTER THE AMBASSADOR HAS REVEALED THE WHEREABOUTS OF HIS ACCOMPLICES TO POLICE...

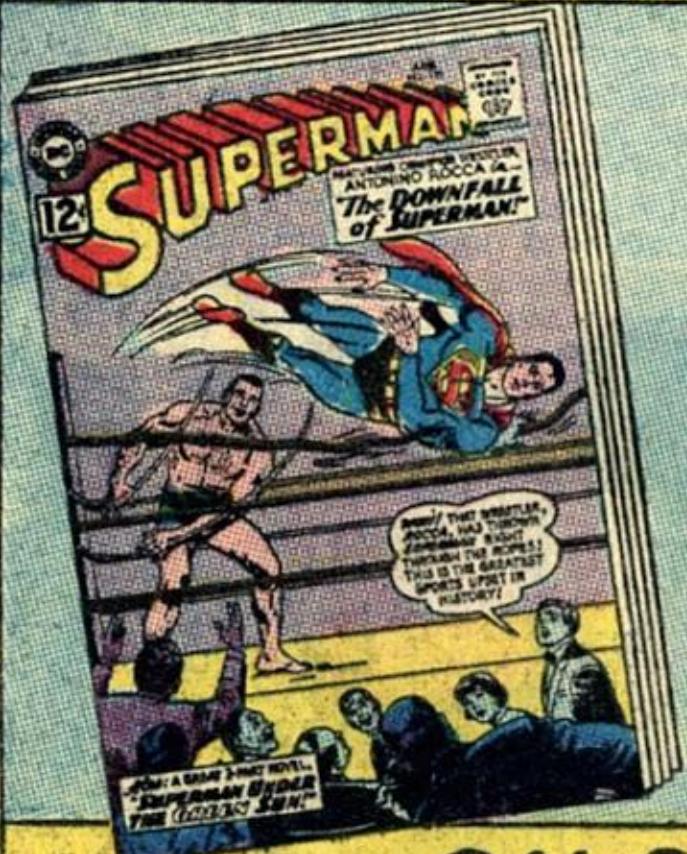
YOU... TAKE... THIS! THANK... YOU!

I THINK YOU'D BETTER KEEP IT, RAJAH! IT SAVED YOUR LIFE ONCE... AND WHO KNOWS-- IT MAY, SOMEHOW, AGAIN!

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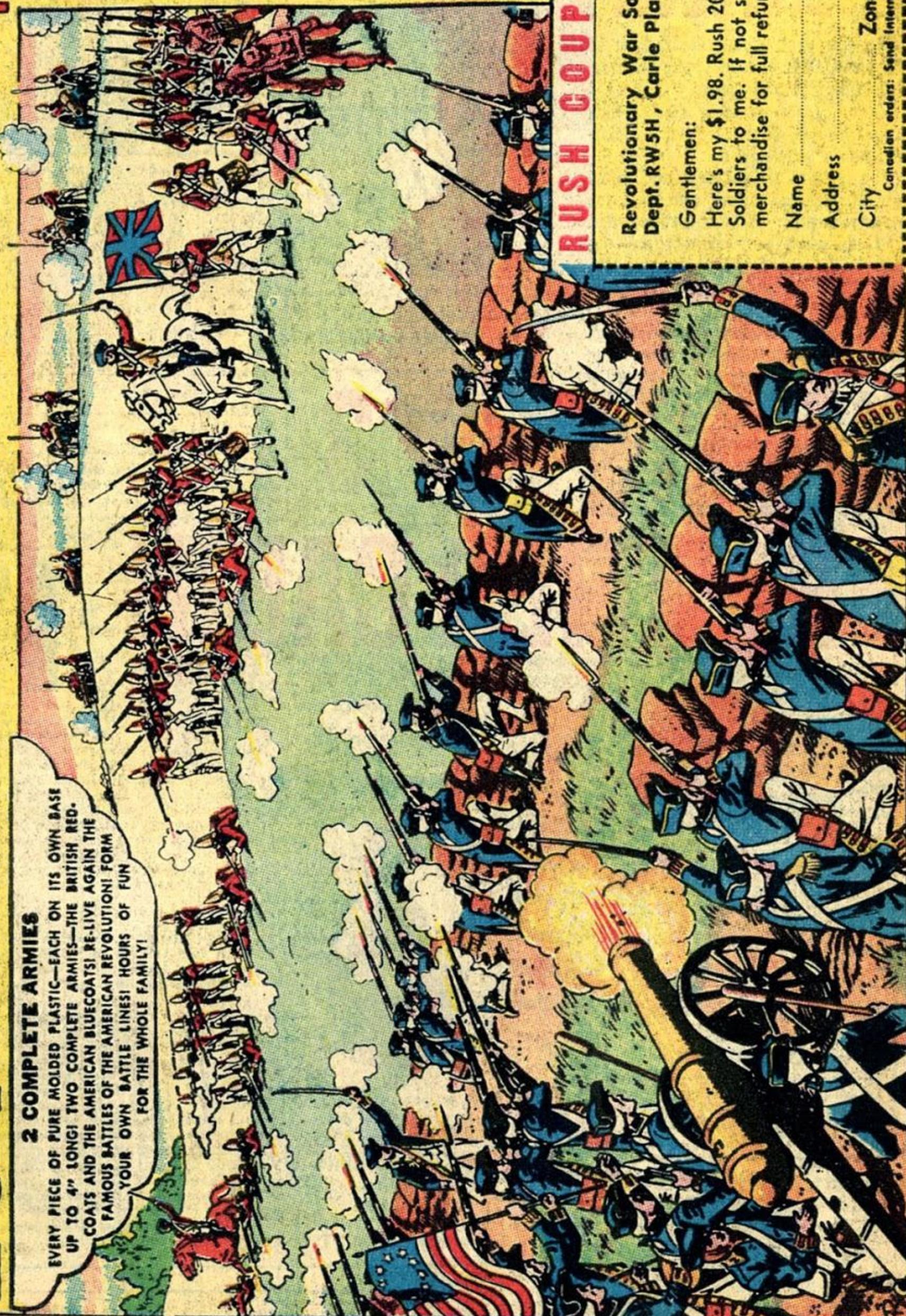
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