

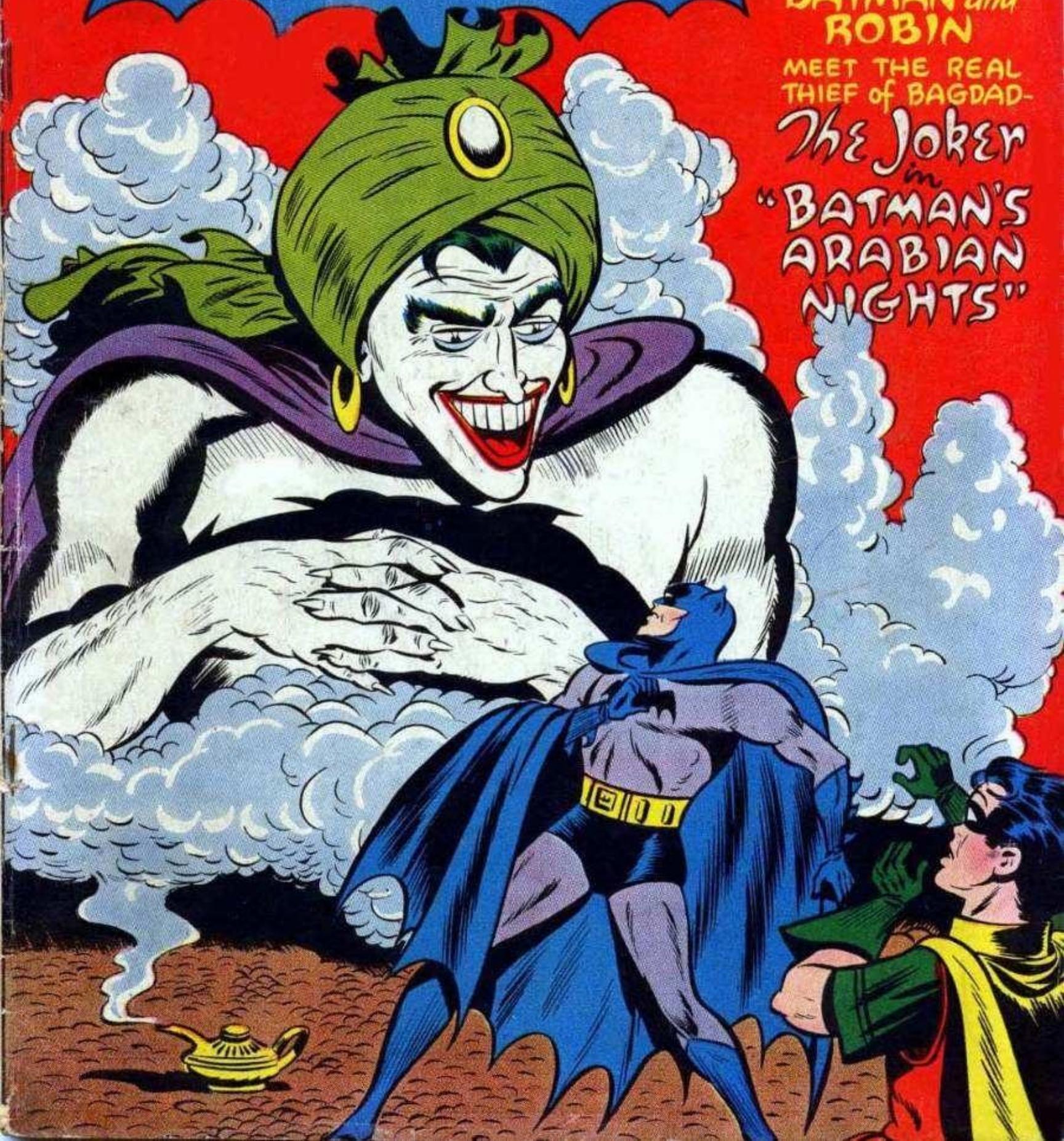
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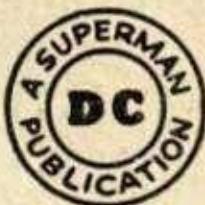
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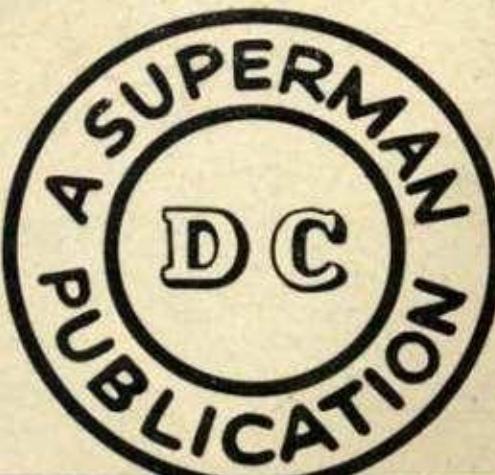
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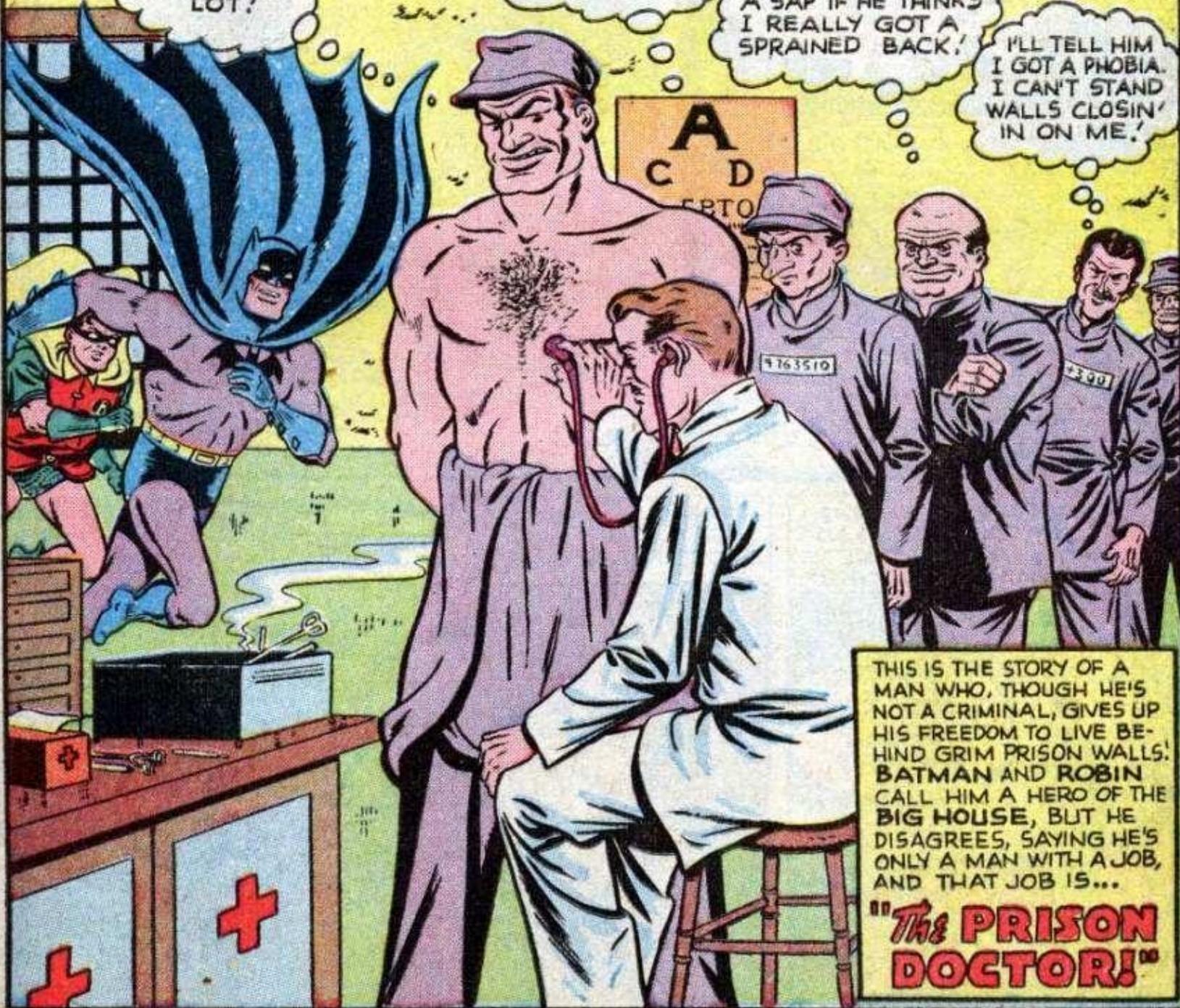
BOB  
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HE KIN BE  
FOOLED! I'LL  
COUGH A  
LOT!

I'LL TELL THE DOC  
MY STOMACH  
CAN'T TAKE  
PRISON FOOD!

THIS CROAKER'S  
A SAP IF HE THINKS  
I REALLY GOT A  
SPRAINED BACK!

I'LL TELL HIM  
I GOT A PHOBIA.  
I CAN'T STAND  
WALLS CLOSIN'  
IN ON ME!



THIS IS THE STORY OF A MAN WHO, THOUGH HE'S NOT A CRIMINAL, GIVES UP HIS FREEDOM TO LIVE BEHIND GRIM PRISON WALLS! BATMAN AND ROBIN CALL HIM A HERO OF THE BIG HOUSE, BUT HE DISAGREES, SAYING HE'S ONLY A MAN WITH A JOB, AND THAT JOB IS...

**"The PRISON DOCTOR!"**

# BATMAN



IN GOTHAM PENITENTIARY,  
THE PRISON PHYSICIAN,  
DR. PAUL TABER, FACES  
AN INVESTIGATION BOARD..

DOCTOR, YOU STAND  
ACCUSED OF A SERIOUS  
CHARGE... OF AIDING  
DANGEROUS CONVICTS  
TO ESCAPE! DO YOU  
DARE DENY IT?

I'D LIKE TO TELL  
YOU MY STORY  
AND THEN YOU  
CAN JUDGE FOR  
YOURSELF!

FIRST OF ALL, I WANT YOU TO  
KNOW I LOVE MY PROFESSION  
AND WOULD DO NOTHING TO  
DISGRACE IT! I'VE ALWAYS  
WANTED TO BE A DOCTOR...

"...EVEN WHEN I WAS A BOY!"

OOH, PAUL.. THAT HURTS!  
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE  
SETTING THAT SPLINT  
RIGHT?

SURE, I READ  
ABOUT IT IN MY  
FIRST-AID  
MANUAL.

"WHEN I FINALLY BECAME AN M.D., THE WAR CAME  
ALONG AND I ENLISTED IN THE MEDICAL CORPS..."

DOC...  
YOU'VE  
BEEN HIT.

UH... JUST A  
FLESH WOUND IN  
THE LEG! JUST HOLD  
ON, SOLDIER... I'LL  
GET YOU TO THE  
AMBULANCE YET!

"I CAME OUT OF SERVICE WITH A  
SLIGHT LIMP. THE VETERANS AD-  
MINISTRATION PLACED ME ON THE  
STAFF OF GOTHAM PRISON..."

I WONDER  
HOW I'M GOING  
TO LIKE BEING  
A PRISON  
DOCTOR?

"A FEW DAYS LATER I  
BEGAN MY NEW LIFE...  
BEHIND PRISON WALLS!"

THERE MUST BE  
ABOUT 300 INMATES  
LINED UP! ARE ALL  
OF THEM SICK?

NO! MOST OF  
THEM ARE FAKING  
AN ILLNESS! THEY  
FIGURE YOU CAN  
BE FOOLED BECAUSE  
IT'S YOUR FIRST  
DAY HERE!

# BATMAN

"I SOON LEARNED TO DIAGNOSE THEIR FAKE ILLNESSES' ...LIKE OPENAIRITIS..."

'COUGH-COUGH! CHEE, DOC, ME LUNGS ARE BAD! MAYBE YOU KIN GET ME A JOB OUTSIDE, DRIVIN' THE WARDEN'S CAR OR WORKIN' IN THE PRISON GARDEN.'

THE MEN WITH OPEN AIR JOBS HAVE EARNED THEM BY GOOD BEHAVIOR! THE MACHINE SHOWS YOUR LUNGS ARE PERFECT!

"THE SYMPTOMS OF THE 'LAZYBONES DISEASE' ARE ALWAYS THE SAME..."

DOC, I THINK I'M PARALYZED! ME BONES ACHE ALL OVER!

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT BLUFFING SO YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORK IN THE MACHINE SHOP?

WISE GUY, HUH! I'LL BREAK YOUR NE...UHH!

THE ONLY BONE THAT WILL HURT YOU IS YOUR JAWBONE!

"THE PHONIES HATED ME, BUT THE REALLY SICK INMATES SHOWED THEIR GRATITUDE, LIKE NO. 63902..."

THESE SOCKS I KNITTED FOR YA ARE ME WAY OF SAYING THANKS, DOC!

"I'VE HAD MY SHARE OF PRISON VIOLENCE, TOO! REMEMBER THE MARCH THIRD JAILBREAK?"

GET DOWN, DOC! ONE OF THOSE SLUGS MIGHT HIT YOU!

I'M USED TO HOT LEAD! NOW KEEP STILL WHILE I FINISH YOUR BANDAGE!

"BUT I GUESS A PRISON DOCTOR'S MOST DISLIKED JOB IS THE FINAL EXAMINATION OF THE CONVICTS WHO HAVE PAID THE SUPREME PENALTY."

I PRONOUNCE THIS MAN DEAD!



# BATMAN

"NOW I WANT YOU TO THINK BACK TO LAST YEAR, AND THE \$483,000 HOLDUP OF THE WHEAT EXCHANGE BANK!"

WE'LL BLAST ANYBODY WHO TRIES TO STOP US.'

"THE VIOLENCE OF THAT ROBBERY SHOCKED THE NATION..."

I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE, BATMAN AND ROBIN! WE'LL NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET IN TRACKING DOWN THOSE RATS!

"EYE-WITNESSES IDENTIFIED THE BANDITS FROM THEIR ROGUES' GALLERY PHOTOGRAPHS."



JOHN "LIPPY" FABIAN  
WANTED FOR ARSON, SLAYING



ARTHUR "BOODLE" BENSON  
WANTED FOR PEDDLING HOT ICE



JEFF "NITRO" BLAKE  
WANTED FOR MURDER OF WAXEY WILLIAMS



NED "WEASEL" HARRIS  
WANTED FOR SMUGGLING RAP

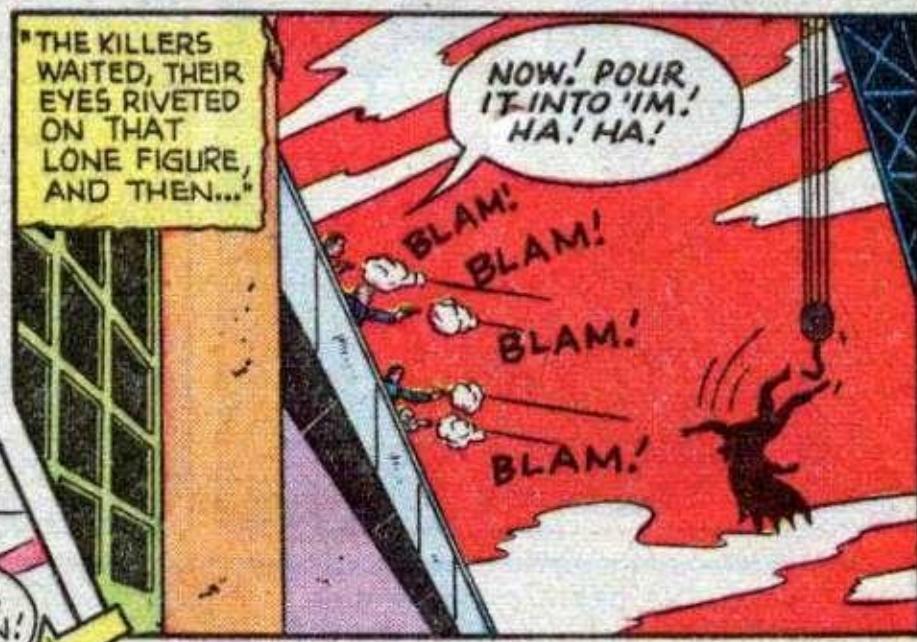
"REMEMBER HOW BATMAN AND ROBIN FINALLY TRAPPED THE KILLERS WHO HAD HIDEN OUT ATOP THE THEN INCOMPLETED GOTHAM DAM?"

BATMAN, I'M AFRAID SOME GOOD POLICEMEN WILL BE KILLED BEFORE WE CAN TAKE THOSE RATS!

WAIT, CHIEF, I'VE GOT AN IDEA! IT'S RISKY, BUT IT'S WORTH TRYING! NOW LISTEN...



# BATMAN



"THAT SURPRISE ATTACK WAS TIMED TO THE SECOND, AND BATMAN AND ROBIN MADE EVERY SECOND COUNT!"

BEFORE YOU TAKE ME, THAT KID'S GONNA STOP LIVIN'!



"THE BANDITS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, BUT THEIR LOOT WAS MISSING..."



"AFTERWARD, THE DEFIANT GANG WAS QUESTIONED UNDER THE WHITE LIGHTS OF THE PRISON LINEUP..."

WHERE DID YOU HIDE THE BANK MONEY?



WE FORGOT! WE GOT SUCH BAD MEMORIES! HA! HA!

"THEY WERE GIVEN A SPEEDY TRIAL, BUT A CLEVER MOUTHPIECE FOUND A LOOPHOLE IN THE LAW AND SAVED THEM FROM THE CHAIR."



# BATMAN

"IN PRISON, THEY DIDN'T BOTHER HIDING THEIR CONTEMPT FOR THE LAW!"

HEY GUARD,  
WANNA BET WE  
CRASH OUTA  
THIS ZOO?

SAVE  
YOUR MONEY!  
YOU'D  
LOSE.

"TWO DAYS LATER, THEY TRIED TO RUSH THE GUARDS DURING A MOVIE SHOW, BUT TEAR GAS STOPPED THEM."

(COUGH)

CAN'T BREATHE!  
(COUGH)

"ANOTHER TIME, THEY TRIED BOARDING THE COAL DELIVERY TRAIN, BUT THE FREIGHT ENTRANCE WAS ALWAYS WATCHED!"

COME OUT  
WITH YOUR  
HANDS UP!

"THEN ONE DAY THREE OF THEM MET IN THE PRISON LIBRARY..."

BOYS, THIS JUG IS  
CRASH-PROOF! BUT  
THERE'S ONE WAY OUT—  
THAT'S WITH A BACK-  
DOOR PAROLE!

A 'BACK-  
DOOR  
PAROLE' IS  
CONVICT  
SLANG FOR  
A  
PRISON  
DEATH  
CERTIFICATE!

"THE NEXT DAY,  
IN THE PRISON  
LAUNDRY..."

OKAY...  
THE GUARD'S  
LOOKIN' THE  
OTHER  
WAY!

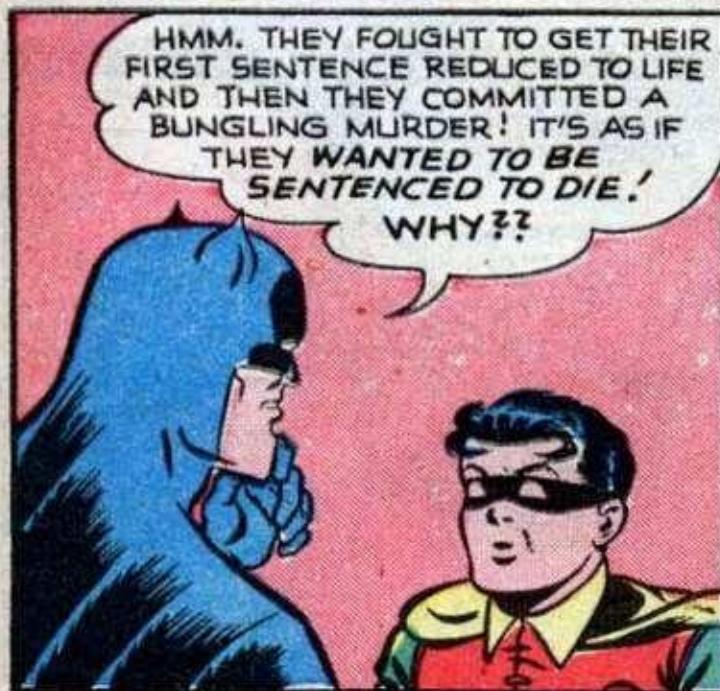
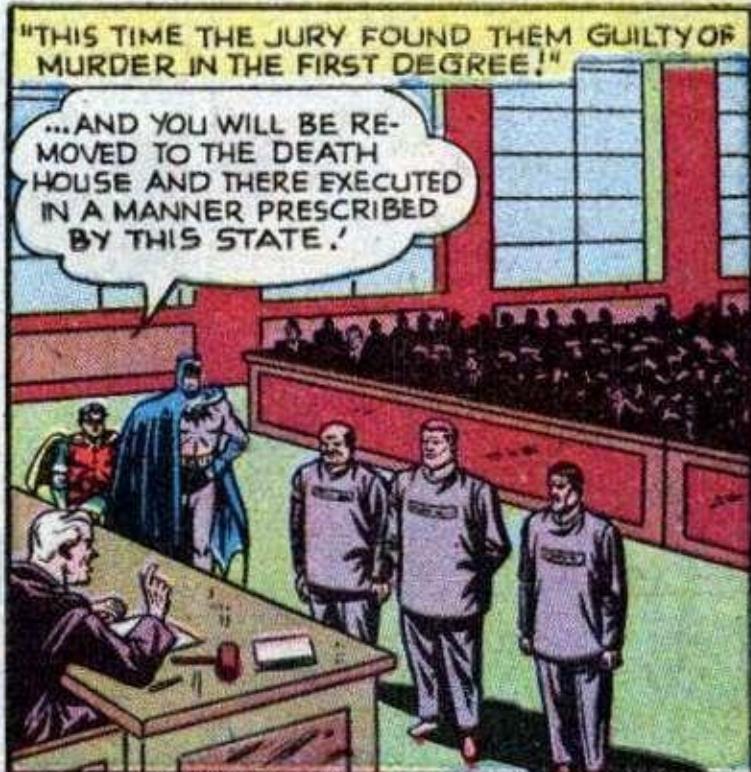
TOO BAD IT  
HAD TO BE WEASEL,  
BUT WE GOTTA  
KILL SOMEBODY!

NO-  
NO!

# BATMAN



# BATMAN





"NITRO SPOKE SOFTLY, PLAYING ON MY EMOTIONS..."

WHY WORK BEHIND PRISON  
WALLS... FOR SMALL CHANGE HMMMM! OKAY..  
..WHERE HALF YOUR  
PATIENTS HATE YOU?  
DON'T BE A CHUMP.

IT'S A DEAL!



"THE NEXT NIGHT, NITRO WAS  
THE FIRST TO GO WALKING DOWN  
THE LONG NARROW CORRIDOR—  
THE LAST MILE!"

"THEY STRAPPED HIM IN... THE LIGHTS DIMMED..."

THAT'S WHAT  
HE THINKS!



"THE LIGHTS WENT  
ON AGAIN, LIKE  
STAGE LIGHTS, AS  
I PLAYED MY PART  
AND SPOKE MY  
LINES..."

I PRONOUNCE  
THIS MAN  
**DEAD!**



"THEN THE WARDEN STEPPED TO THE CHAIR..."

DOCTOR, THIS WIRING  
LOOKS FAULTY! WE'D  
BETTER POSTPONE THE  
EXECUTION OF LIPPY AND  
BOODLE TILL TOMORROW  
AND HAVE THE CHAIR  
FIXED FIRST!



"I WHEELED NITRO INTO THE DESERTED PRISON  
MORGUE..."

WHAT A BREAK! NOW  
WE DON'T HAVE TO SHARE  
THE MONEY WITH LIPPY  
AND BOODLE! HAW!

YEAH! BUT I'VE  
GOT TO SMUGGLE  
YOU OUT OF  
HERE!



# BATMAN

"SOON AFTER I DROVE MY CAR TO THE PRISON GATES."

I HAD A TOUGH DAY, BOYS! I THINK I COULD USE SOME FRESH AIR!

SURE, DOC... THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A RIDE IN THE COUNTRY.'

"LATER, ON THE OPEN ROAD..."

ALL CLEAR! I GOT THIS GUN FOR YOU IN CASE WE RAN INTO TROUBLE WHILE WE'RE DIGGING UP THE MONEY!

THANKS...CHUMP! DID YOU REALLY THINK I'D CUT YOU IN ON THE DOUGH? NOW I GOT IT ALL!

YOU DOUBLECROSSER!

BLAM!

NITRO THEN DROVE TO THE HIDING PLACE  
"THE NEARBY RAILROAD TRACKS!"

GOT IT ALL, NITRO?

HUH? BATMAN!  
DIE, BLAST YOU...  
WHY DON'T YOU DIE?

BLAM!

BLAM!

"TERRIFIED, NITRO LEAPED TOWARD THE STALLED FLATCARS WITH THEIR LOAD OF PIPE KILNS."

I LOOSENERED THE COUPLINGS!  
I'LL ROLL RIGHT OUT OF HERE ON FAST FREIGHT!



"BATMAN MADE HIS JUMP GOOD, BUT, CLATTERING WILDLY DOWNHILL, THE RUNAWAY FLAT-CAR TIPPED OVER AS IT ROUNDED A STEEP BEND!"

LEMMIE GO!  
WE'RE GONNA  
FALL!

YAAA!

"NITRO WASN'T AFRAID AFTER THAT. A MAN ISN'T AFRAID WHEN HE'S UNCONSCIOUS!"

YOU'RE GOING  
BACK-TO WALK  
THAT LAST  
MILE AGAIN!

THAT'S THE STORY, GENTLE MEN: OF COURSE, NEITHER BATMAN NOR I WERE KILLED BECAUSE I'D FILLED THAT GUN WITH **BLANKS**! AND NOW I'LL PRESENT SOMEONE WHO CAN VERIFY MY STATEMENT.'

THE STORY IS TRUE! THE PRISON ELECTRICIAN, THE WARDEN, AND DR. TABER ALL CONTRIVED TO LET NITRO "ESCAPE" SO I COULD TRAIL HIM AND RECOVER THE MONEY!

THE NEXT MOMENT...

HEY, DOC... COME QUICK! NO. 37294 HAD A HEART ATTACK!

EXCUSE ME, FOLKS.. I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO WORK!

QUITE A FELLOW, EH, FOLKS! I TAKE OFF MY COWL TO HIM!

THE  
END



# BATMAN

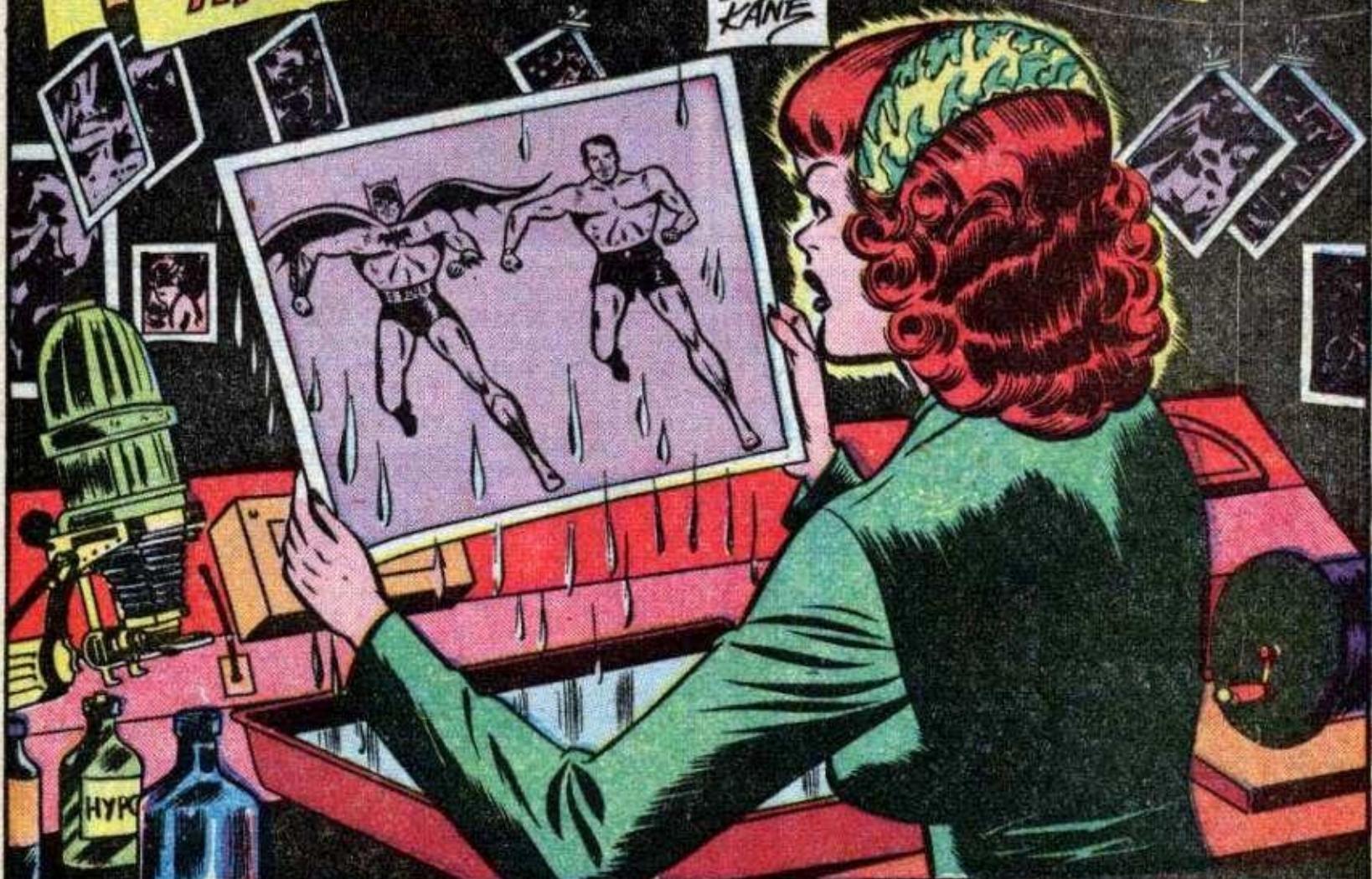
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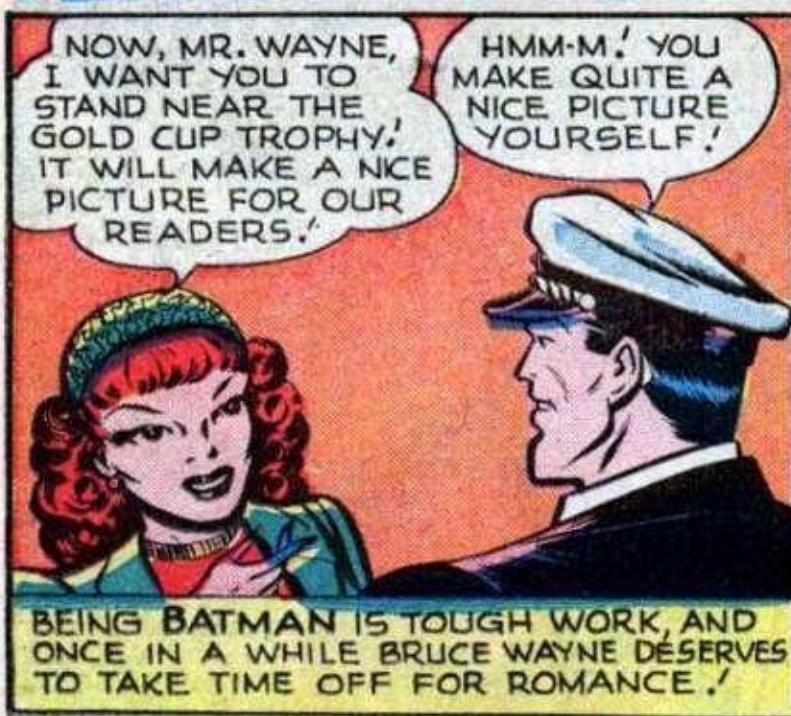
LIGHTS... ACTION... CAMERA!! LET'S FOCUS ON A NEW MENACE IN BATMAN'S LIFE! BUT THIS NEW "MENACE" IS A PRETTY ONE, FOR IT IS VICKI VALE... GIRL PHOTOGRAPHER! VICKI WILL CLIMB THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN... SWIM THE DEEPEST SEAS... JUST TO GET A PICTURE! SO, YOU CAN IMAGINE TO WHAT LENGTHS SHE'LL GO TO GET A PICTURE! PROVING BRUCE WAYNE IS BATMAN! GET SET TO VIEW A SERIES OF ACTION SNAPSHOTS AS BATMAN TRIES TO WALK OUT OF THE PICTURE THAT COULD WELL BE...

**"The Scoop of the Century!"**

BOB KANE



# BATMAN

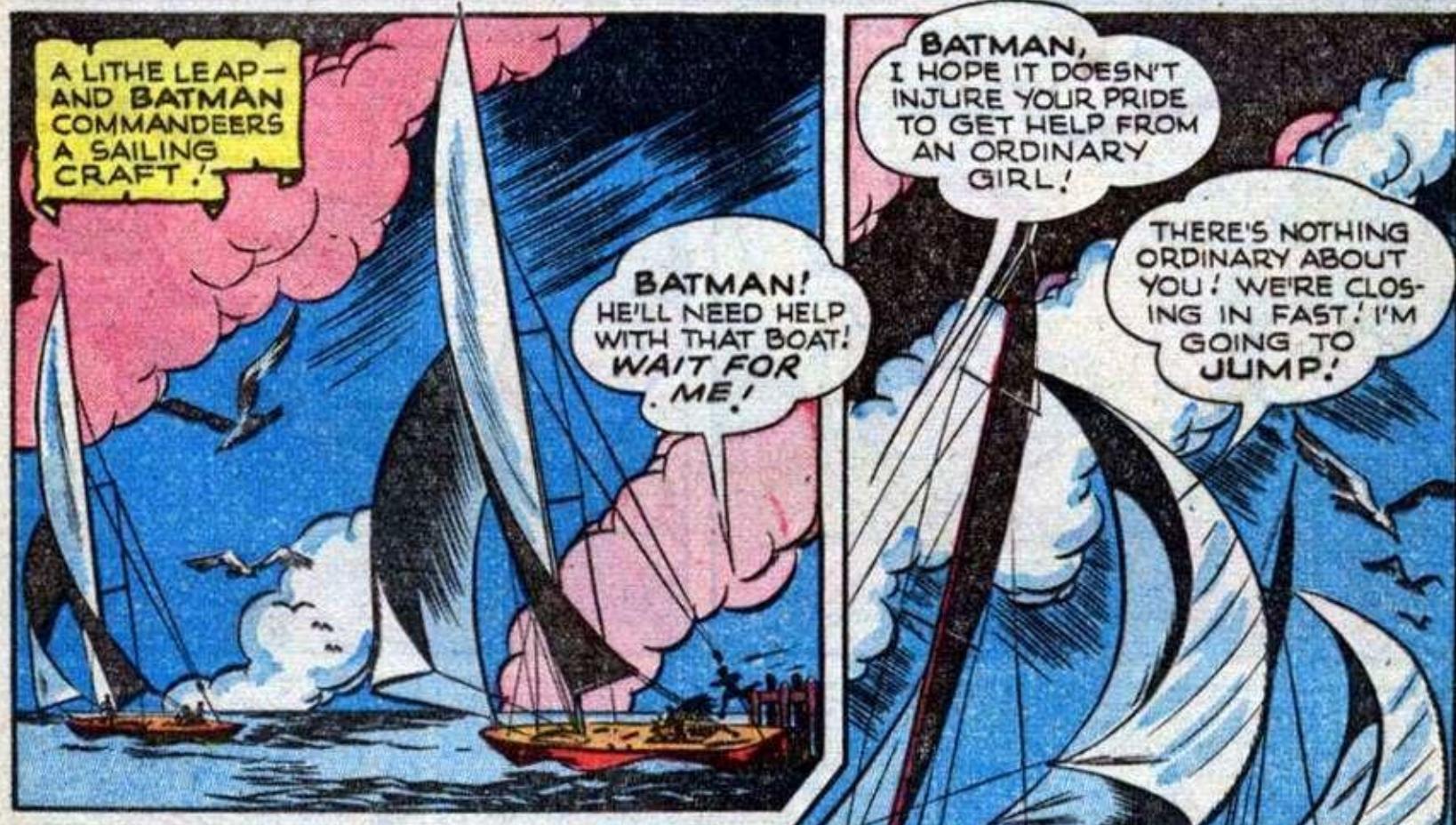


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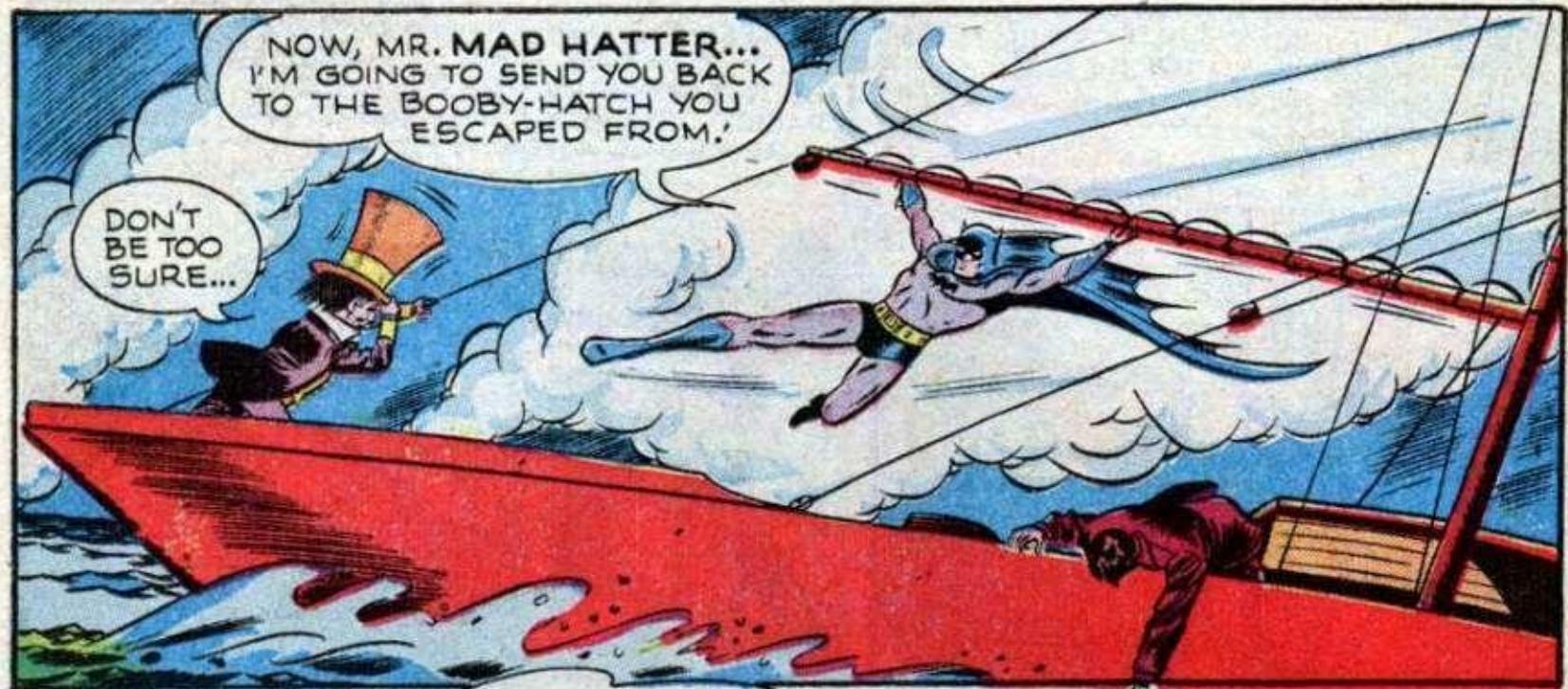


BRUCE'S CHANCE COMES AS ALL RACE TO THE WHARF IN PURSUIT OF THE ESCAPING MAD HATTER...

NOW MISS VICKI VALE WILL GET A PICTURE SHE DIDN'T COUNT ON!



# BATMAN



# BATMAN

THAT NIGHT, VICKI DISCUSSES HER ASSIGNMENT WITH POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON ...

VICKI STARTS HER PICTURE SERIES BY PHOTOGRAPHING THE FAMED SKY SIGNAL THAT BEGINS A NEW CASE!

... SO I'D LIKE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH BATMAN!

YOU'RE LUCKY! I WAS JUST GOING TO SUMMON HIM! THAT CONCEITED MAD HATTER SENT THIS HAT HERE AS A CLUE TO HIS NEXT CRIME!



IN ANSWER TO THAT ASTRAL S.O.S. COME BATMAN AND ROBIN!

HOW CAN WE EVER TEACH THESE CRIMINALS THEY CAN'T WIN?

THIS MAD HATTER CHARACTER IS TRYING TO IMITATE THE JOKER AND THE PENGUIN BY SENDING A CLUE IN ADVANCE!

VICKI PROVIDES ONE WAY...

... AND ONCE A PERSON SEES PICTURES OF WHO HE'S UP AGAINST HE'LL HESITATE BEFORE TURNING TO A LIFE OF CRIME!

STOPPING CRIME BEFORE IT STARTS HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY HOPE! OKAY, VICKI.. YOU'RE NOW OUR OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER!



YOU CAN START BY PHOTOGRAPHING OUR FIRST CLUE— EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT WHAT THIS DERBY MEANS!

IF YOU WERE A WOMAN, YOU'D KNOW THAT TYPE OF DERBY IS WORN BY WOMEN HORSE RIDERS.



THE SOCIETY HORSE SHOW OPENS TONIGHT! ROBIN AND I CAN HIDE THERE SOMEPLACE, BUT HOW CAN YOU ARRANGE TO BE THERE?

THAT'S EASY—I'LL ACCEPT A DATE WITH A SOCIAL BUTTERFLY NAMED BRUCE WAYNE! I'LL CALL HIM RIGHT NOW!



INSTANTS LATER,  
THE BATMOBILE  
SPEEDS TO THE  
WAYNE ESTATE...

THE PHONE  
BELL! THAT WOULD  
BE VICKI CALLING!  
I'LL BE ABLE TO  
ANSWER IT—  
JUST IN TIME!



THAT NIGHT, GOTHAM'S SOCIETY TURNS  
OUT TO WATCH THE TRADITIONAL  
HORSE SHOW...

YOU LOOK  
VERY ELEGANT,  
BRUCE... BUT HOW  
DID YOU GET THAT  
CUT ON YOUR  
CHIN?

OH...  
UHH...  
SHAVING!



FIRST EVENT—A YOUNG DEB  
RIDES HER THOROUGHBRED  
OVER A DITCH AND BARJUMP!



SECOND  
EVENT—  
THE  
UNSCHED-  
ULED  
RIDE  
OF THE  
MAD  
HATTER.



THE ANSWER IS THE THIRD EVENT—  
ROBIN'S RIDE!



HOW CAN BRUCE GO INTO ACTION AS  
BATMAN WITH VICKI AT HIS SIDE?

WOW! NOW I'M  
REALLY GOING TO  
CLICK WITH SOME  
PIX!

THE FEMALE CAMERA  
FIEND HAS FORGOTTEN  
ME ALREADY! NOW'S  
MY CHANCE TO DO  
MY SWITCH!



# BATMAN



THE FOURTH  
EVENT— THE  
TIMELY  
ENTRANCE OF  
BATMAN!

I REALLY  
DON'T NEED  
A HORSE FOR  
THIS JUMP! I  
WONDER HOW  
ROBIN IS  
DOING?

THIS BAR  
HELPS IN A  
POLE-VAULT.  
TAKE OFF,  
MISTER... I'M,  
TAKING OVER!

SUDDENLY, DANGER  
MENACES ROBIN  
THE BOY WONDER!

TOO BAD  
YOU MUST DIE—  
AND YOU ARE  
SO YOUNG,  
TOO!

THEN VENGEANCE COMES RIDING  
THROUGH A FLAMING HOOP!

THE FALLEN JUMP BAR  
IS SCOOPED UP— AND  
BECOMES A  
JAVELIN.

BUT THE NIMBLE MAD HATTER  
FLIPS A MATCH AT HIS DIS-  
LODGED HAT...

WHOOSH!!  
MY HEAD NOT  
ONLY CARRIES  
A HAT BUT A  
BRAIN!





INSTANTLY, CLOUDS OF SMOKE ERUPT FROM CHEMICALS SECRETED INSIDE THE TRICK HAT!



WHEN THE SMOKE FINALLY CLEARS...



LATER...

SORRY! I...UH... LEFT TO PHONE THE POLICE!

OH.. I SEE! I WAS BEGINNING TO WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU!



AT HOME, VICKI CONTINUES TO WONDER...

WHY IS IT EVERYTIME BRUCE DISAPPEARS, BATMAN APPEARS? AND THERE'S THAT CUT ON BRUCE'S CHIN... LIKE BATMAN'S. I WONDER IF IT'S POSSIBLE BRUCE'S PLAY-BOY POSE IS JUST AN ACT?



IN THE DARKROOM, VICKI GETS AN IDEA...

HERE'S A CLOSEUP OF BRUCE.. AND ANOTHER OF BATMAN! I'LL PUT ONE NEGATIVE OVER THE OTHER, AND MAKE ONE SUPERIMPOSED PRINT WITH MY ENLARGER!



AND WHEN THE PRINT IS MADE, VICKI HAS THE BREATHTAKING SECRET!

THE TWO HEADS MATCH PERFECTLY! THE SAME SHAPE OF THE MOUTH, THE JAW AND CHIN! BRUCE WAYNE IS BATMAN.



IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN! SOMEBODY WAS CERTAIN TO LEARN BATMAN'S TRUE IDENTITY!

Now, WHAT?

# BATMAN

CARRYING OUT A PLAN, VICKI SPRINKLES A POWDER ON ONE HAND ...

NOW, WITH THIS FLUORESCENT POWDER THAT SHINES ONLY IN THE DARK, I'LL PROVE BRUCE WAYNE IS BATMAN AND GET THE SCOOP OF THE CENTURY!



LATER...  
VICKI MEETS  
BATMAN  
AT POLICE  
HEAD-  
QUARTERS.

ANOTHER HAT CLUE FROM THE MAD HATTER! I'M TAKING IT TO THE BATCAVE FOR A CHEMICAL ANALYSIS! PERHAPS I CAN STOP A ROBBERY BEFORE IT STARTS!



WHAT'S THE IDEA OF THE BLINDFOLD?

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A CHANCE TO PHOTOGRAPH THE BATCAVE, BUT ITS LOCATION MUST REMAIN A SECRET!



THIS IS QUITE A PLACE!

I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND WHILE BATMAN DOES THE ROUTINE EXAMINATION OF THE HAT.



SOON, VICKI STANDS IN AWE INSIDE BATMAN'S UNDERGROUND SANCTUM!

ONE MOMENT, BATMAN! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY ON ONE OF BATMAN'S GLOVES! COULD I... NOW... PLE-EASE?

YOU WOMEN THINK OF THE CRAZIEST TIME TO DO THINGS! HERE... HAVE YOUR FUN!

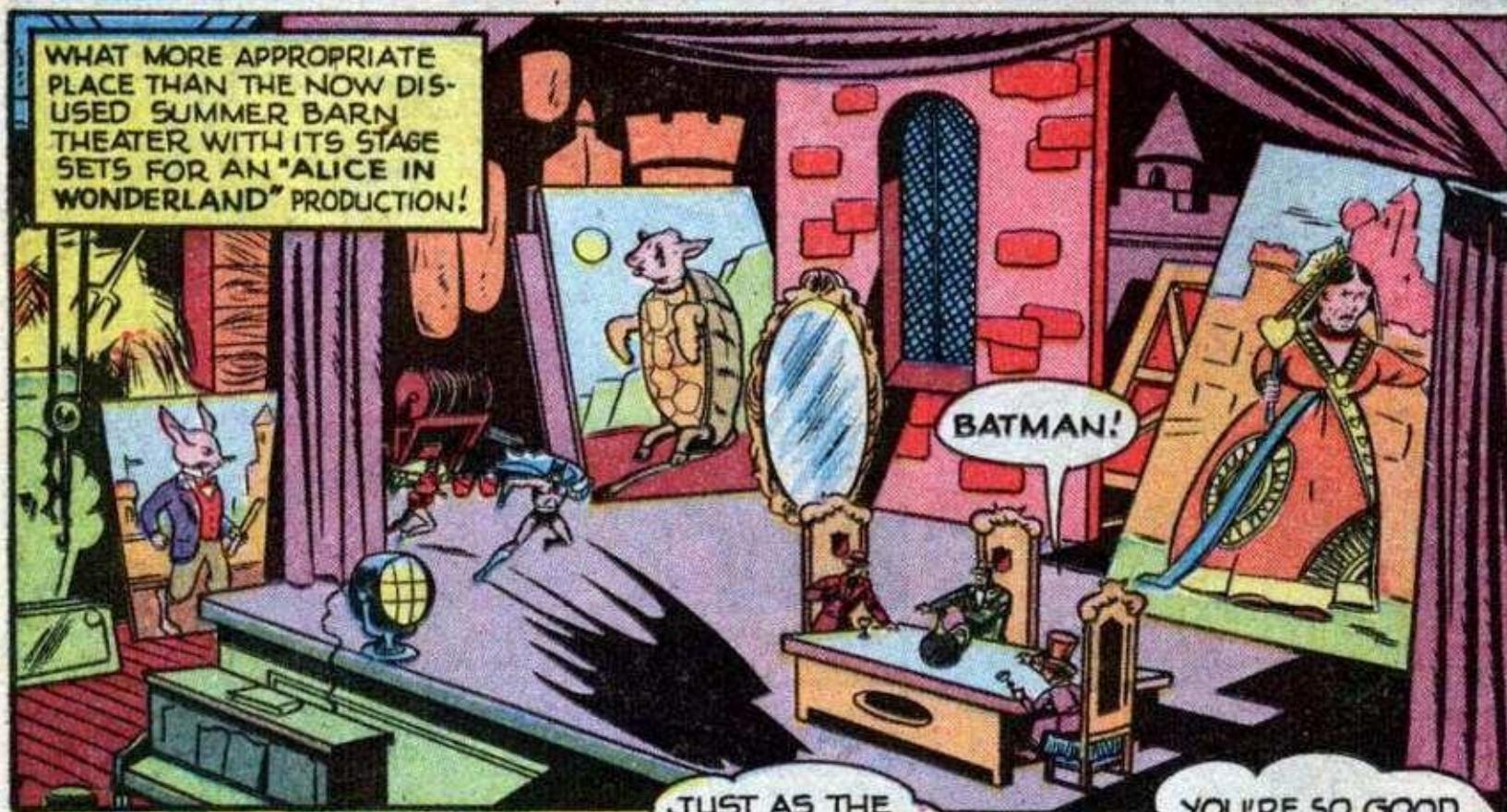
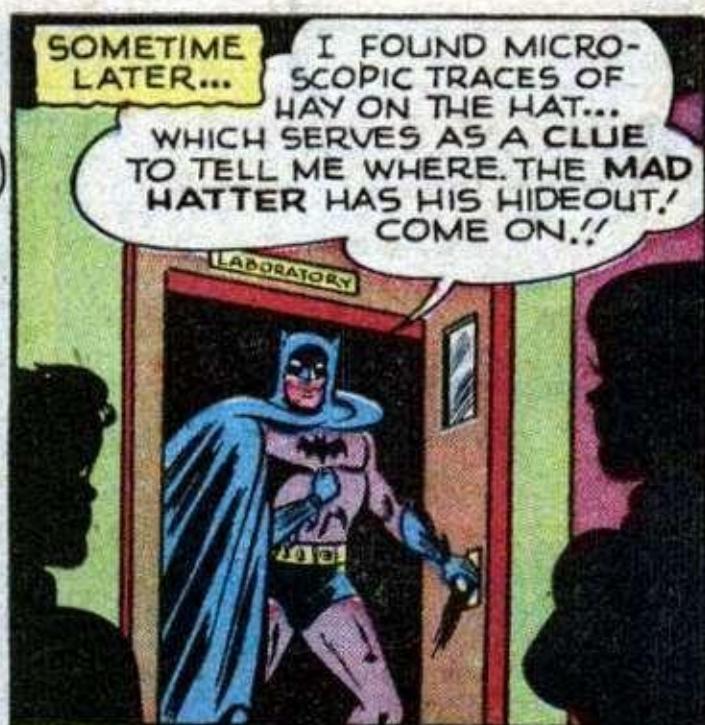


THERE! THE POWDER FROM MY HAND IS NOW TRANSFERRED INSIDE THE GLOVE! WHEN BATMAN PUTS ON THE GLOVE AGAIN, HE'LL GET THE POWDER ON HIS HAND!





# BATMAN





BUT IT IS QUICK-WITTED VICKI WHO SAVES THE BATMAN BY CRYING OUT...

OH,  
MAD HATTER  
... HOLD THAT POSE!  
MY READERS WILL  
WANT TO SEE  
YOUR PICTURE!

MY  
PICTURE...??

THE VAIN CRIMINAL INSTINCTIVELY TURNS HIS HEAD FOR THAT INSTANT—AND THAT IS HIS UNDOING!

THANKS FOR THE ASSIST, VICKI! NOW YOU CAN PHOTOGRAPH ANOTHER CRIMINAL WHO DIDN'T WIN!

CLICK!

LATER... AS VICKI HURRIES TO HER MAGAZINE WITH HER SCOOP PICTURES...

THAT SHE IS! WHEN I KEEP MY DATE WITH HER TONIGHT AS BRUCE WAYNE, I'LL BRING HER SOME FLOWERS!

THAT VICKI IS QUITE A GAL!

LATER...

OH, HOW NICE! I'LL PUT THEM IN THAT VASE!

FLOWERS FOR A FAIR LADY!

ABRUPTLY, VICKI TURNS OFF THE LIGHT SWITCH—AND THE ROOM IS PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS!

HMM-M!  
HOW COZY!

DON'T GET SMUG! I JUST WANT TO SEE YOUR RIGHT HAND! IT GLOWS.

OH, THAT? I GUESS MY LEFT HAND GLOWS, TOO!

BUT... HOW... I DON'T UNDERSTAND..??

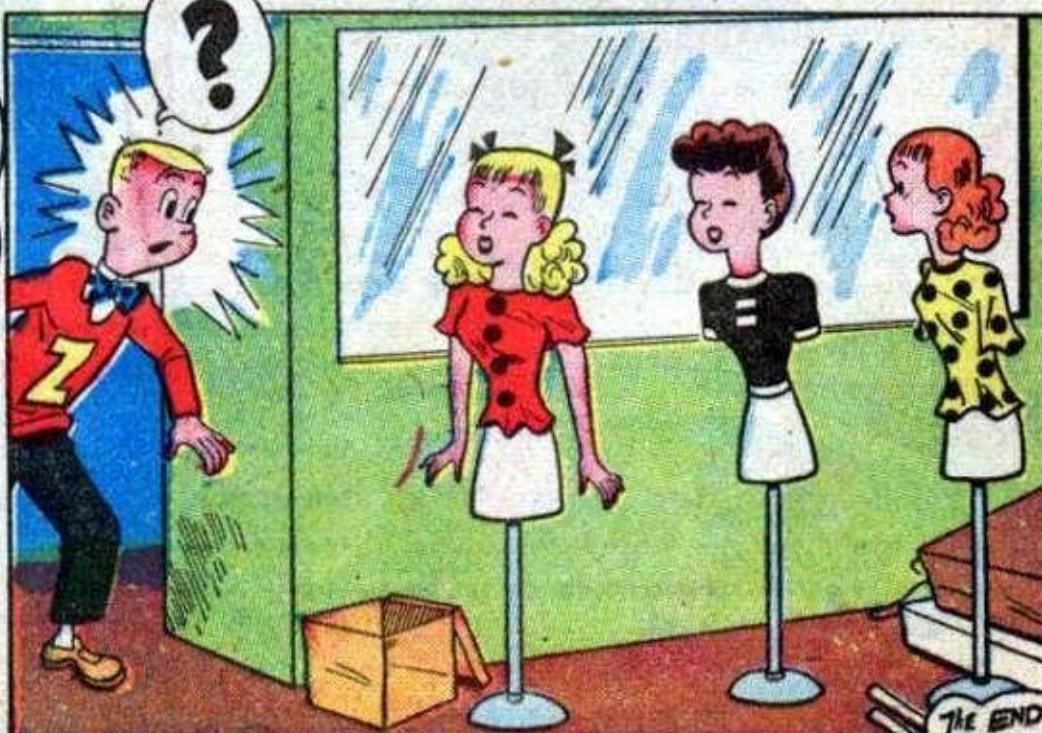
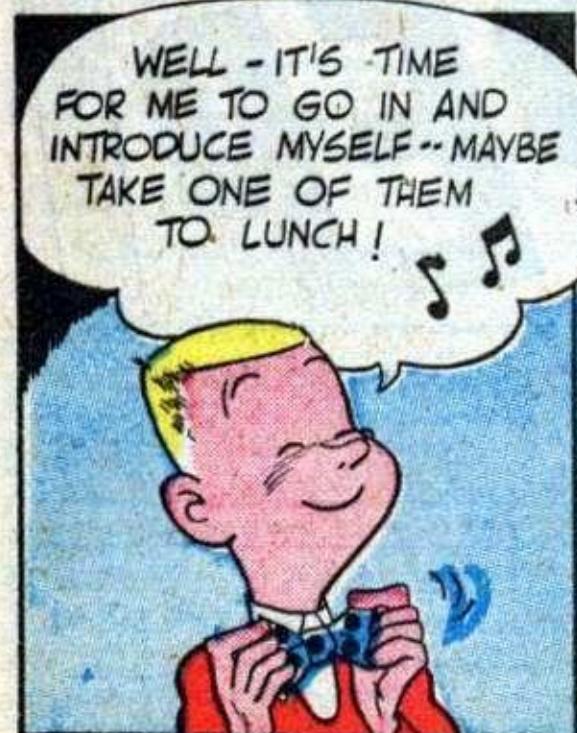
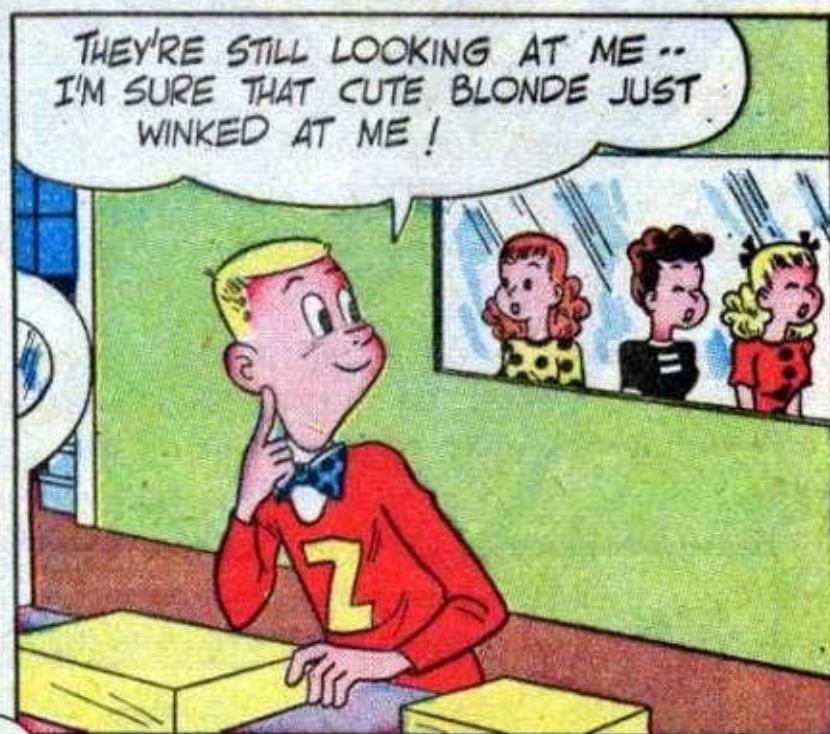
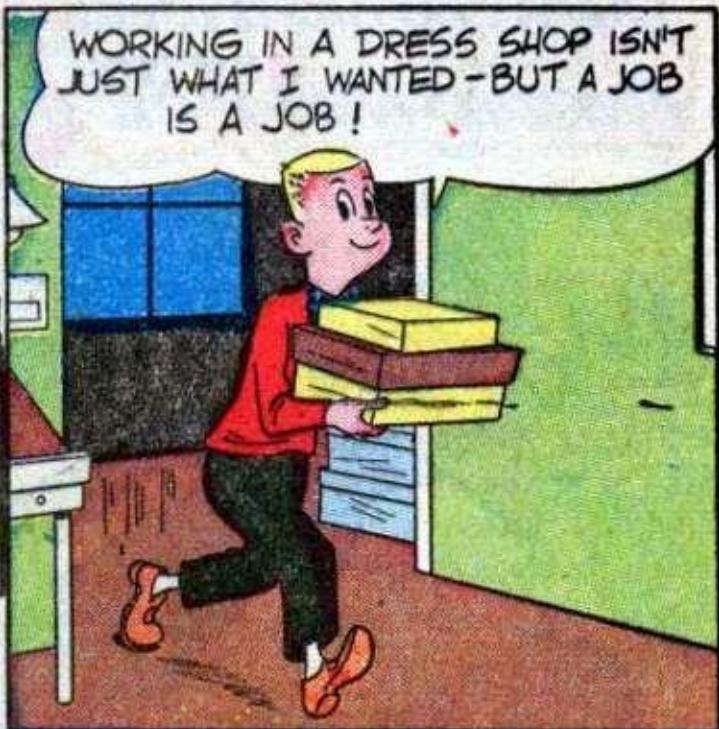


That remains to be seen! Meanwhile, follow the Daring Duo in DETECTIVE COMICS and WORLD'S FINEST COMICS!



# JERRY THE JITTERBUG

JERRY  
BOLT-AFF



# BATMAN

WITH  
**ROBIN**

- THE FOX -

OUT OF THE REMOTE PAST, OUT OF THE ARABIAN-NIGHTS CITY OF BAGDAD A THOUSAND YEARS AGO, AN EVIL FACE BRINGS MOCKING MYSTERY TO OUR MODERN DAY - THE FACE OF THAT CLOWN PRINCE OF CRIME, THE JOKER! AND WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN FLASH BACK THROUGH TIME TO SOLVE THAT MYSTERY, THEY FIND AN INCREDIBLE ANSWER AMID THE FANTASTIC WONDERS OF THE FABLED CITY OF HAROUN-AL-RASCHID, DURING THE PERIL-PACKED HOURS OF...

**"BATMAN'S  
ARABIAN  
NIGHTS!"**

BOB  
KANE



SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD DICK GRAYSON ATTEND AN ORIENTAL RUG-AUCTION...

I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING I'D WANT TO BUY, DICK. WE MAY AS WELL GO.

AND NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AN ANTIQUE ARABIAN RUG FROM ANCIENT BAGDAD.

SUDDENLY- A FANTASTIC SURPRISE!

THE RUG IS BADLY WORN, ESPECIALLY THE LOWER HALF, BUT IT'S A RARE, GENUINE ANTIQUE OF A THOUSAND YEARS AGO!

BRUCE, DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE? THAT'S THE JOKER'S FACE ON THE RUG!

SOON, AFTER A SUCCESSFUL BID FOR THE RUG....

HOW COULD THE JOKER'S FACE GET ON A RUG A THOUSAND YEARS OLD?

IT'S A FASCINATING MYSTERY! AND THERE'S ONE WAY TO SOLVE IT- PROF. NICHOLS CAN SEND US BACK TO ANCIENT BAGDAD.

LATER, PROFESSOR NICHOLS ONCE AGAIN WIELDS HIS HYPNOTIC POWERS OF HIS TIME-SCIENCE!

A HURTLING RUSH THROUGH THE CENTURIES, AND THEN SUDDENLY-

THE BAGDAD OF THE ARABIAN NIGHTS. WE'RE THERE!

THIS MUST BE THE BAZAAR OF THE GOLDSMITHS! WE'LL FIND THE RUG BAZAAR AND ASK ABOUT THAT JOKER RUG!

SUDDENLY, CRIES OF WOE ECHO THROUGH THE STREETS...

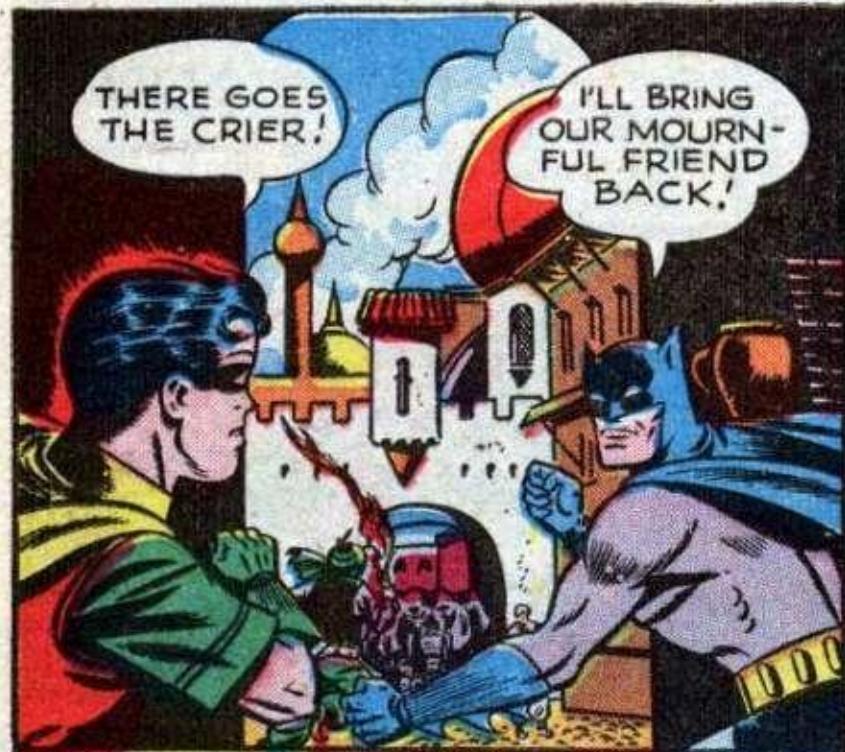
WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT'S ALL THAT SHOUTING ABOUT?

THE CALIPH HAS BEEN KILLED! OUR BELOVED CALIPH IS DEAD!



# BATMAN





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SUDDENLY, THE MAGICIANS CAST OFF DISGUISES AND PRODUCE PRIMITIVE BELLOWS SPRAY-GUNS —



BUT THERE ARE TWO WHO ARE NOT BLINDED.

I GUessed THE TRICK WHEN THEY STOLE THOSE ONIONS, AND MADE THESE GOGGLES TO BE READY FOR IT! HERE'S A PAIR FOR YOU, TOO, ROBIN.'



BUT BEFORE ROBIN CAN TURN...

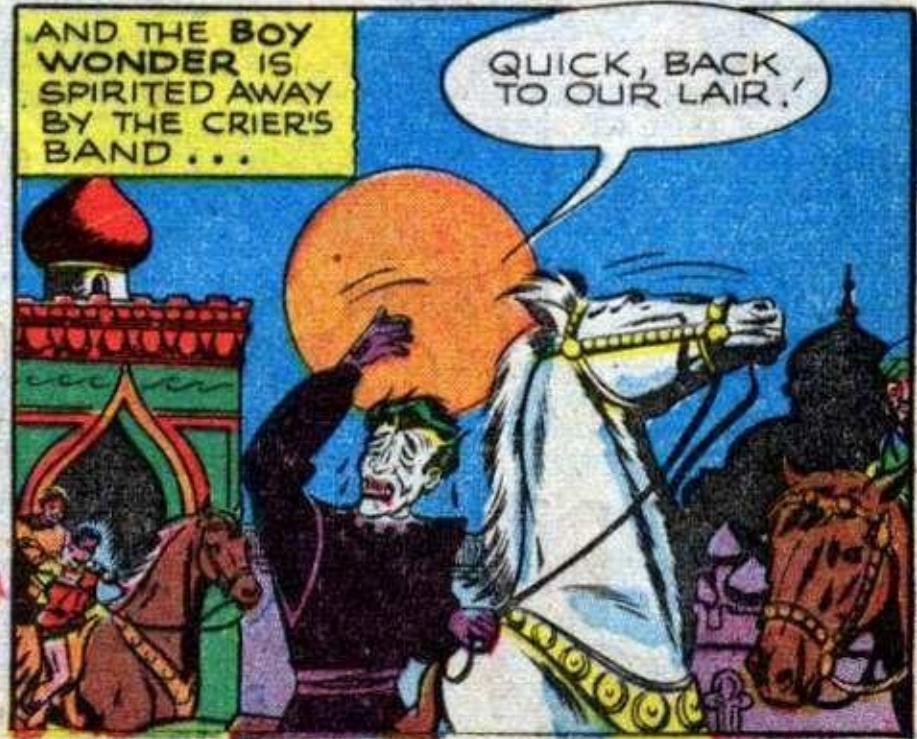
BOO HOO! I'LL HAVE TO KILL THIS POOR LAD UNLESS YOU LET ME AND MY MEN GO!

I'LL HAVE TO DO IT, FOR ROBIN'S SAKE!



AND THE BOY WONDER IS SPIRITED AWAY BY THE CRIER'S BAND ...

QUICK, BACK TO OUR LAIR!





THE RUEFUL ROGUE AND HIS BAND RIDE UP INTO THE HILLS ABOVE BAGDAD!

THE OTHER MASKED STRANGER WILL TRY TO FOLLOW US, CRIER!

HE CAN'T TRAIL US ON THESE ROCKS! BOO HOO! ISN'T IT SAD?

NOW YOU'LL SEE OUR SECRET LAIR! IT BREAKS MY HEART THAT YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE TO TELL ABOUT IT!

WHAT A CRY-BABY!

YELLOW RAYS OF LAMPLIGHT REVEAL THE GLITTERING TREASURE CAVE OF THE CRIER'S BAND!

IT'S VERY SAD! BUT MY NEXT PLAN WILL ENABLE US TO LOOT NOT ONLY THE PALACE BUT ALL BAGDAD!

NO WONDER YOU'RE SOBING THIS TIME, CRIER! WE LOST THE CALIPH'S JEWELS BECAUSE OF THE MASKED STRANGERS!

WHAT'S THE PLAN?

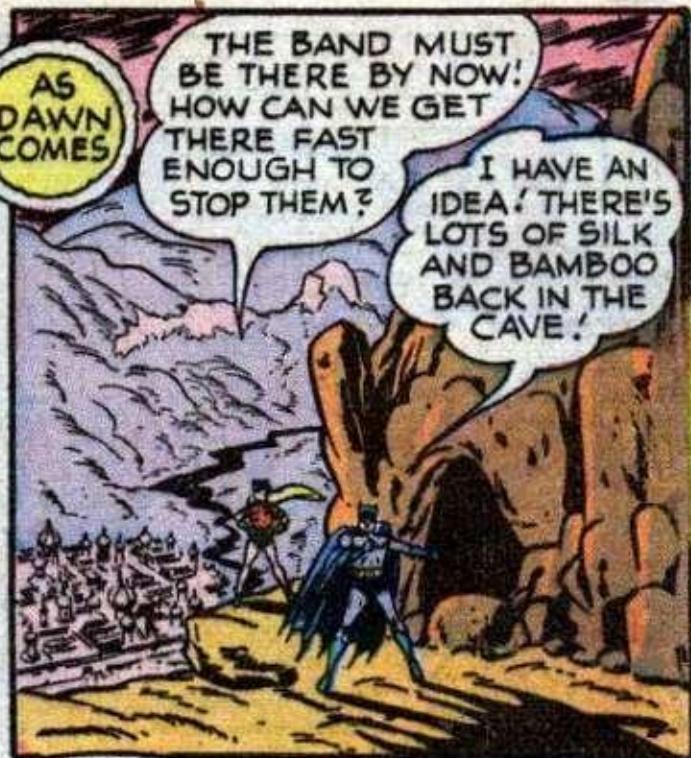
I'LL EXPLAIN IT LATER. MEANWHILE, GATHER UP ALL THE OIL YOU CAN FIND, FOR WE'LL NEED IT TONIGHT!

AS THE BAND MAKES HASTY PREPARATIONS...

EVERYTHING SEEMS SO SAD TO ME! IT'LL BE AWFULLY SAD IF WE HAVE TO KILL YOU AS A HOSTAGE, IN CASE YOUR FRIEND INTERFERES!

DON'T YOU EVER QUIT BLUBBERING?





AND ONCE AGAIN THE WILY CRIER, IN A NEW DISGUISE, WEEPS SO THAT HE CAN REAP...

IT'S A VOLCANIC ERLIPTION! BAGDAD IS DOOMED—  
BOO HOO!

HE'S RIGHT! WE MUST ESCAPE THE CITY AT ONCE!

MY SCHEME IS WORKING BEAUTIFULLY!

BUT, UP IN THE HILLS ABOVE THE CITY, BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE COMPLETED HASTY CONSTRUCTION OF A MAKESHIFT GLIDER!

THE RIVER SEEMS TO BE 'ON FIRE'! IT MUST BE THE CRIER'S TRICK!

WE MUST SWOOP DOWN THERE AT ONCE—BUT THE THIN SILK OF OUR CRUDE GLIDER MAY TEAR UNDER OUR WEIGHT!

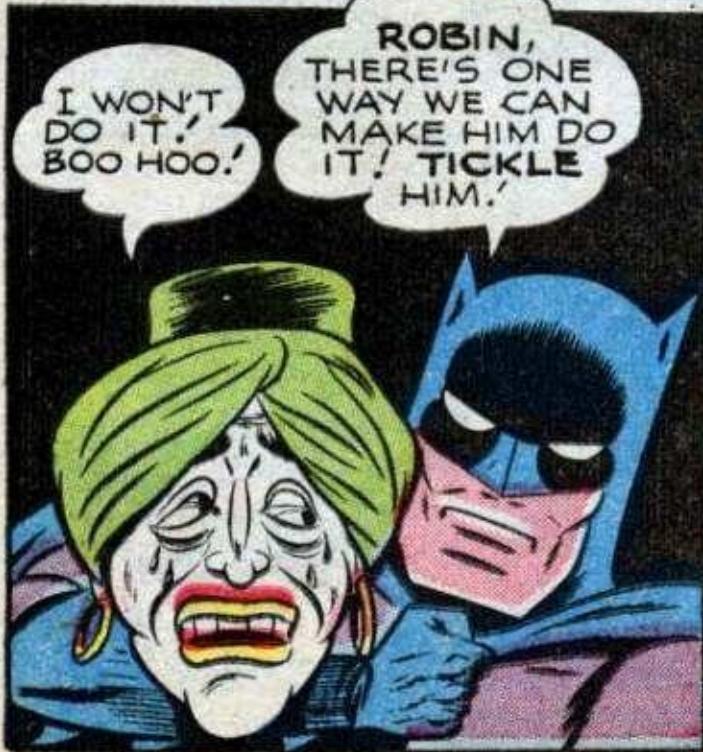
I'VE GOT IT! THIS RUG FROM THE CAVE WILL KEEP US FROM RIPPING THROUGH THE SILK!

ALL RIGHT, LET'S SHOVE OFF!

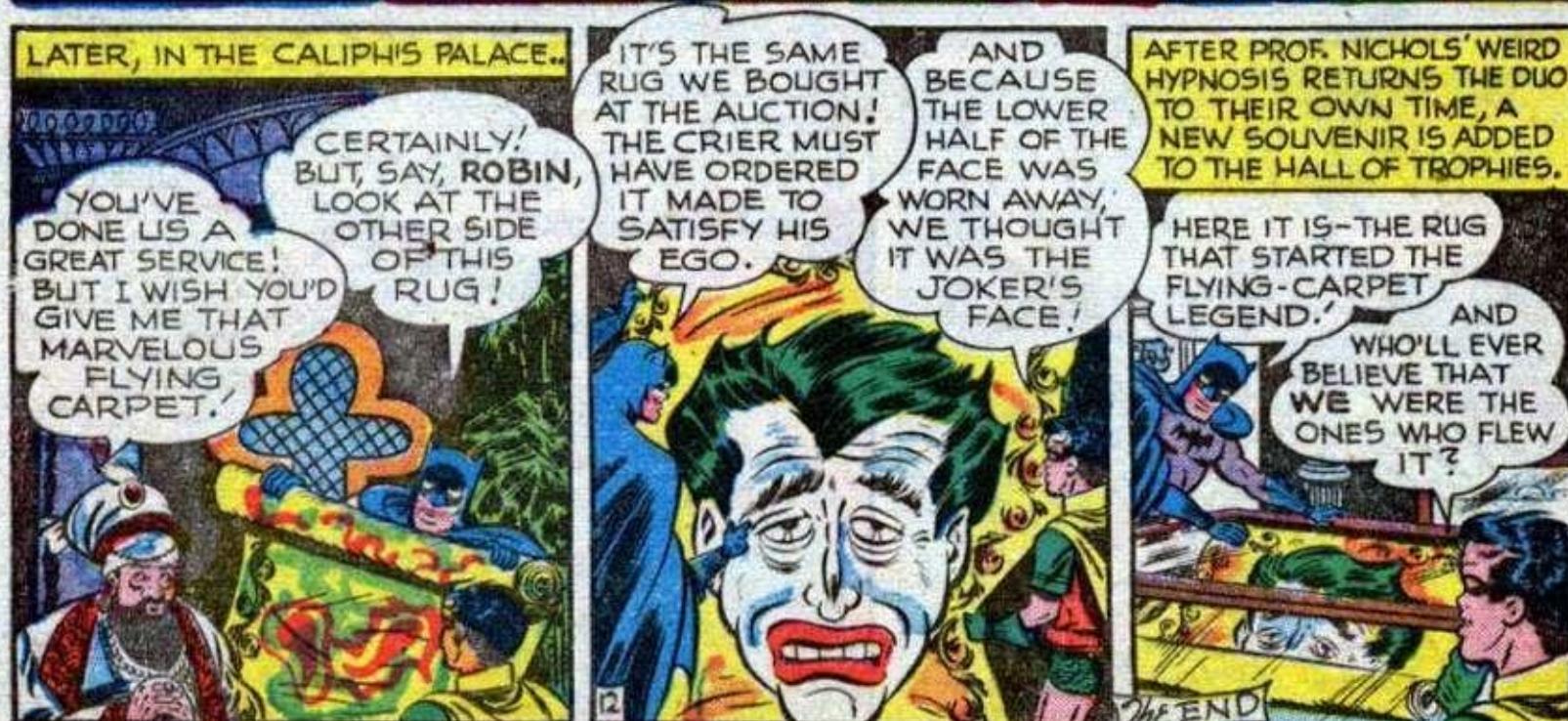
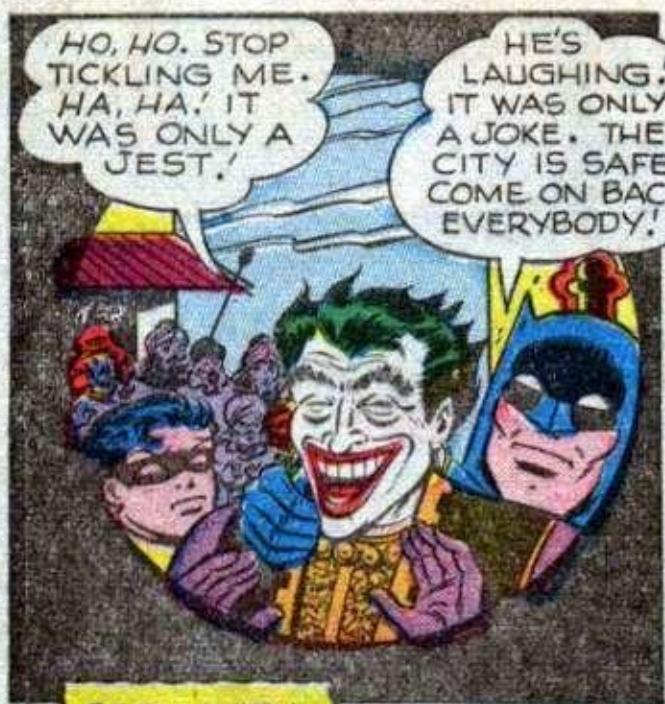
AS THE GLIDER IS LAUNCHED FROM THE CLIFFS, THE SUPERSTITIOUS FOLK OF BAGDAD SIGHT AN INCREDIBLE APPARITION!

A FLYING CARPET! IT'S MAGIC!

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SEE YOUNG ROBIN DO A MAN-SIZE JOB, FIGHTING LAWBREAKERS IN **STAR SPANGLED COMICS**

# OZZIE

...YES, OZZIE, THE AUTOMOBILE  
IS A WONDERFUL MEANS  
OF TRANSPORTATION...

JUST THINK. NOT SO MANY  
YEARS AGO PEOPLE HAD  
TO USE HORSES...

NEXT, CAME THE BICYCLE —  
THEN THE TRAIN AND THE  
AUTOMOBILE...

AND AFTER THE  
AUTOMOBILE  
CAME THE...

THE MOTORCYCLE COP!