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BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

IMAGINE A CRIMINAL WHO HAS THE FANTASTIC ABILITY TO CHANGE HIS PHYSICAL STRUCTURE AS HE WISHES! IMAGINE A MAN WHO CAN CHANGE TO GOLD--TO COPPER--TO LEAD--TO CARBON--TO ANY OF THE ELEMENTS, AND USE HIS POWER FOR CRIME! THIS IS THE MENACE BATMAN AND ROBIN FACED IN...

the VILLAIN OF 100 ELEMENTS

BOB KANE

UHH--MY EYES...
C-CAN'T SEE!

HA, HA! THE GLARE
OF LIGHT, REFLECTED
FROM MY DIAMOND
BODY, WILL KEEP YOU
HELPLESS WHILE I
MAKE MY ESCAPE!

WE'RE ALL
BLINDED!



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IN THE SECRET BAT-CAVE, BELOW THEIR MANSION, WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, DON THE GARB OF THAT FAMED CRIME-FIGHTING TEAM—BATMAN AND ROBIN!

TONIGHT, OUR OLD FRIEND, PROFESSOR HIGGINS, IS GOING TO SHOW US THE NEW INVENTION HE'S BEEN WORKING ON!



LATER, AS THEY APPROACH THE PROFESSOR'S NEARBY LABORATORY...



NEXT MOMENT...



THAT'S JOHN DOLAN -- THE PROFESSOR'S ASSISTANT!

QUICK--LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO PROFESSOR HIGGINS!



INSIDE, THEY FIND THE PROFESSOR UNCONSCIOUS-- AND, WHEN THEY REVIVE HIM...

PROFESSOR, WHAT HAPPENED? WAS IT DOLAN WHO SLUGGED YOU?

Y-YES... AND IT'S ALL MY FAULT! YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH A MACHINE THAT CAN ALTER THE MOLECULAR STRUCTURES OF ELEMENTS...



"DOLAN WAS THE ONE WHO OPERATED THE MACHINE--AND TONIGHT, HE MADE A STARTLING DISCOVERY..."

PROFESSOR, THE MACHINE IS FAULTY! THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A LEAK FROM ITS POWER SOURCE FOR WEEKS!

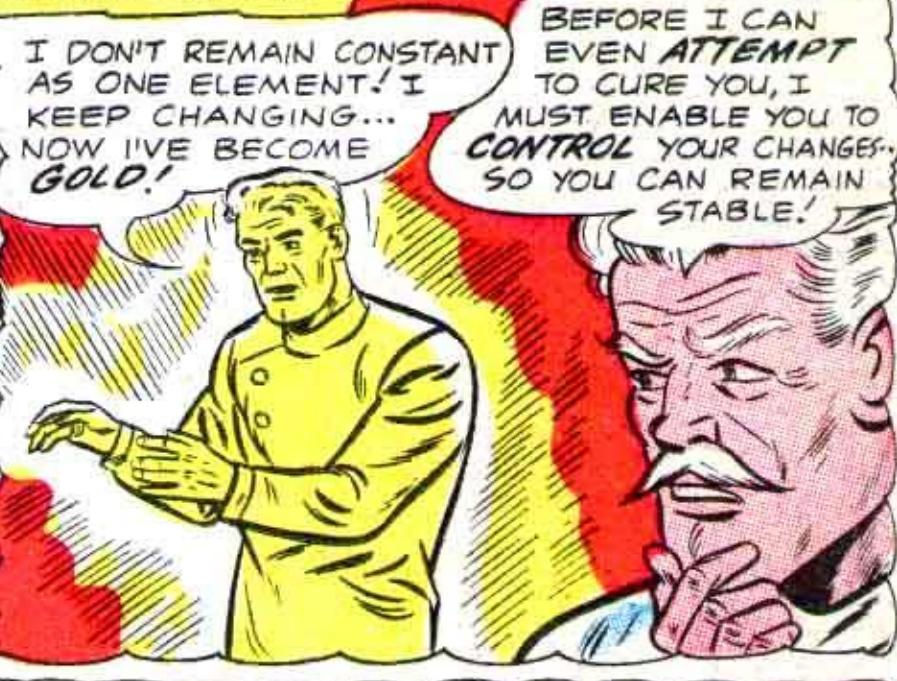


WHAT?? THAT MEANS--YOU'VE BEEN SUBJECTED TO POWER FROM THE ELEMENT- CONVERTER ALL THIS TIME! IT MAY HAVE AFFECTED YOU!

"AT THAT INSTANT, AS IF TO CONFIRM MY FEARS..."



"MINUTES PASSED--AND THEN HE BEGAN TO CHANGE AGAIN!"



"SWIFTLY, I IMPROVISED A CONTROL BELT FROM PARTS OF THE MACHINE..."

IT WORKS!... IT CAN CONTROL THE ALTERING OF ELEMENTS! WHY--WITH THIS BELT, I'M INVINCIBLE! WITH MY POWER, I CAN SEIZE WEALTH--AND NO ONE CAN EVER STOP ME!

GREAT SCOTT! ALL THAT STRANGE POWER HE'S ABSORBED OVER THE WEEKS... IT'S AFFECTED HIS MIND--MADE HIM CRIMINALLY INSANE!



DOLAN--YOU MUST STAY HERE! YOU MUST HELP ME WORK ON A MACHINE THAT CAN CURE YOU!

CURE ME? OH, NO!... I WON'T GIVE UP THIS POWER! DON'T TRY TO STOP ME!



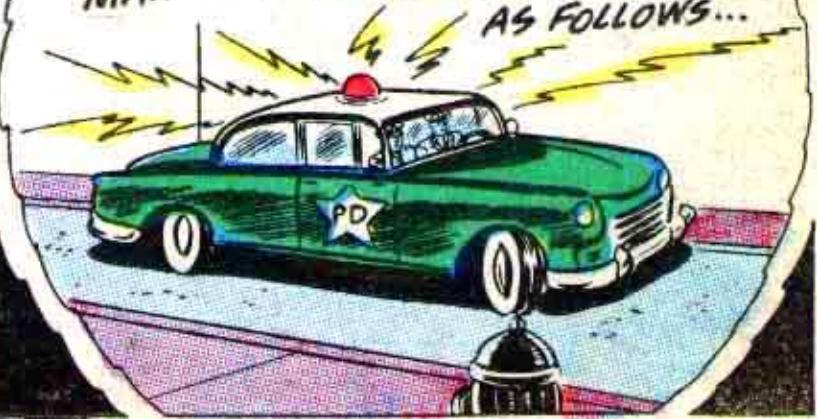
THEN HE CLUBBED ME DOWN! BATMAN, DOLAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN A DECENT FELLOW--BUT NOW HE'S A MENACE! HE MUST BE CAPTURED AND CURED!

RIGHT...WE'LL NOTIFY THE POLICE AT ONCE!



SOON AFTER, AN ALL-POINTS BULLETIN ALERTS THE AUTHORITIES TO THE DANGEROUS FUGITIVE...

CALLING ALL CARS! BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR JOHN DOLAN! APPROACH WITH CAUTION! THIS MAN IS DANGEROUS! DESCRIPTION AS FOLLOWS...



HOURS PASS--AND, MEANWHILE, DOLAN RECRUITS TWO JACKALS OF THE UNDERWORLD...

IF YOU'VE GOT SUCH TREMENDOUS POWER, HOW COME YOU NEED US TO WORK WITH YOU?

EVEN A KING NEEDS A ROYAL GUARD! YOU CAN HELP CARRY AWAY LOOT! LITTLE BY LITTLE, OUR GROUP SHALL EXPAND...

...UNTIL ALL THE UNDERWORLD WILL BOW BEFORE ME! EVENTUALLY, EVERY CRIMINAL IN THE WORLD WILL BOW BEFORE ME--THE ELEMENTAL MAN!

GEE...A KING OF THE UNDERWORLD! AND THE FUNNY THING IS--HE CAN DO IT!



THE FOLLOWING DAY, AT A NEWLY ERECTED LUXURY HOTEL, A BEAUTY CONTEST IS HELD IN THE POOL...

SOME PUBLICITY STUNT FOR THIS HOTEL!

YEAH! IMAGINE--THE WINNER OF THE CONTEST GETS \$50,000 IN CASH!



AT THAT MOMENT, IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS, COMMISSIONER GORDON GETS A CALL FROM AN ALERT CITIZEN...

A WOMAN SAYS SHE JUST SAW DOLAN AND TWO MASKED MEN SNEAKING THROUGH A SIDE ENTRANCE INTO THE GOTHAM HOTEL!

SO--HE'S STARTED! MAYBE I CAN GET THERE IN TIME TO TALK SENSE TO HIM! COME ON, ROBIN!



BUT EVEN AS THE DUO RACES TO THE RESCUE, THE ELEMENTAL MAN TOUCHES A SERIES OF BUTTONS ON HIS BELT'S CONTROL PANEL, AND...

NOW I'LL CHANGE INTO ANOTHER ELEMENT-- SODIUM!



KNOWING THAT SODIUM CAUSES A VIOLENT CHEMICAL REACTION IN WATER, HE DIPS A FOOT INTO THE POOL SO THAT...



BUT AS THE BANDITS SEIZE THE MONEY, A FIGURE SUDDENLY APPEARS AND BOUNDS FORWARD ...



AT THE SAME TIME, A CLOAKED FORM BLOCKS OFF THE ELEMENTAL MAN...

ALL RIGHT, DOLAN--BE SENSIBLE! GO BACK TO THE LAB! LET PROFESSOR HIGGINS TEST YOU... MAYBE HE CAN FIND A WAY TO CURE YOU!

NO, BATMAN... I LIKE HAVING MY POWER! NOW GET OUT OF MY WAY! I DON'T WANT TO HARM YOU-- BUT I WILL IF I HAVE TO!

IN THAT CASE, I'VE NO CHOICE BUT TO ARREST YOU!

YOU FOOL... I WARNED YOU!



OW! MY FIST!

HA, HA! I'VE JUST CHANGED MYSELF INTO ANOTHER ELEMENT--IRON!



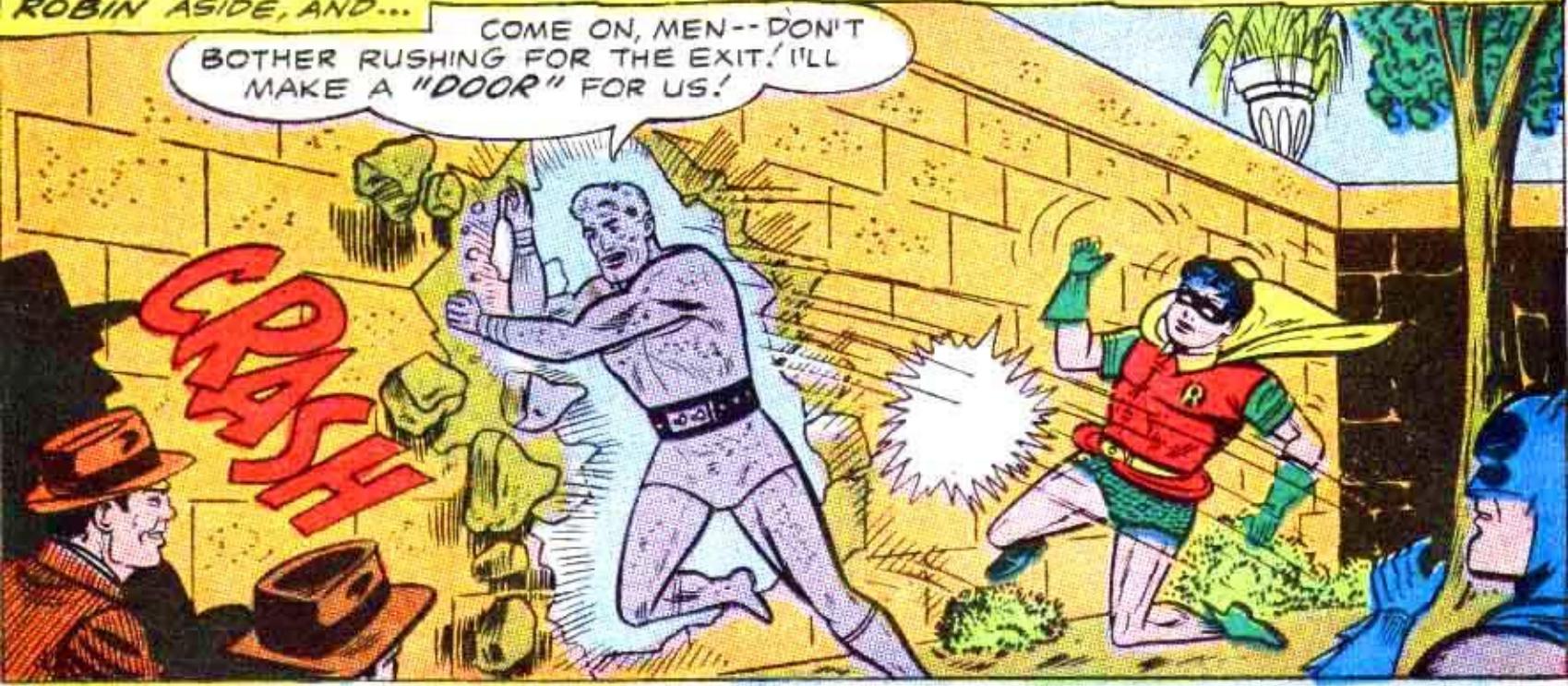
OOF!

YOUR BLOWS CAN'T BOther ME--BUT JUST A SLIGHT TAP OF MY HAND CAN CERTAINLY BOther YOU!



THEN, WITH THE IMPACT OF AN EXPRESS TRAIN, THE ELEMENTAL MAN BRUSHES ROBIN ASIDE, AND...

COME ON, MEN--DON'T BOTHER RUSHING FOR THE EXIT! I'LL MAKE A "DOOR" FOR US!



FOLLOWING THE SPECTACULAR ESCAPE...

HOW'S YOUR HAND, BATMAN?

A LITTLE STIFF--BUT OKAY! DOLAN'S TAKEN HIS FIRST STEP TO CRIME ... I'M AFRAID WE'RE UP AGAINST THE MOST DANGEROUS, MOST BIZARRE VILLAIN WE'VE EVER FOUGHT!



AFTERWARD, IN THE LAB OF PROFESSOR HIGGINS...

PROFESSOR, YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING--ANYTHING-- BEFORE DOLAN'S MIND GETS WORSE!

I'VE BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH A NEW MACHINE-- A MACHINE THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO DRAIN THE POWER FROM DOLAN! LET'S HOPE IT WORKS!



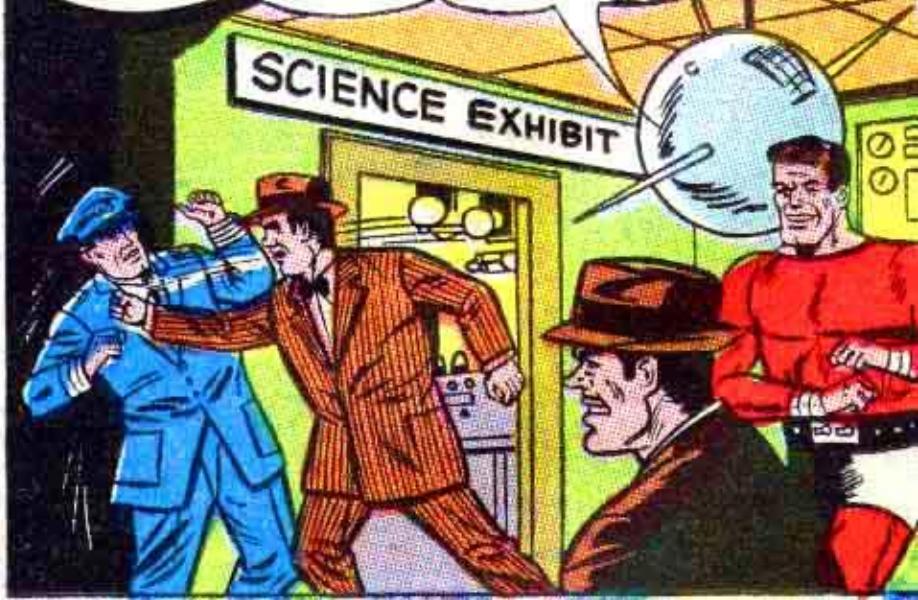
NEXT DAY, IN HIS HIDEOUT, THE ELEMENTAL MAN CAREFULLY SCANS THE NEWSPAPERS FOR POSSIBLE PLACES OF CRIME...

HMM-- HERE'S SOMETHING... THE NEW EXHIBIT AT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE JUST RECEIVED A FORTUNE IN RADIUM! BOYS, THAT'S OUR NEXT JOB!



THAT NIGHT, IN THE DESERTED MUSEUM...

THAT'S IT, BOYS... TIE UP THE GUARD, AND I'LL DO THE REST!



AGAIN, THE ELEMENTAL MAN TOUCHES HIS BELT-CONTROL PANEL--AND INSTANTLY TURNS INTO...

LEAD!... AND SINCE LEAD IS IMMUNE TO RADIOACTIVE RADIATION, I CAN WALK INTO THIS ROOM WHERE THE RADIUM IS STORED!



THRUSTING THE RADIUM INTO A LEAD-LINED CONTAINER, THE CRIMINAL STARTS HIS GETAWAY, WHEN...

BATMAN AND ROBIN AGAIN! DIDN'T YOU GET WISE YET?... YOU CAN'T STOP ME!

TRUE--WE CAN'T... BUT PERHAPS PROFESSOR HIGGINS CAN!



HIGGINS? SO-- THAT NEWS ITEM WAS JUST A PLANT, TO LURE ME HERE...

YES! IT HAD TO BE HERE, WHERE MY NEW MACHINE WOULD LOOK LIKE PART OF THE EXHIBIT--SO YOU WOULDN'T SUSPECT A TRAP!



NOW, DOLAN, MY MACHINE WILL DRAW OFF YOUR POWER-- AND CURE YOU!



BUT WHEN THE POWER OF THE MACHINE AND THE POWER OF THE ELEMENTAL MAN MEET, A STRANGE REACTION TAKES PLACE...

HA, HA! MY POWER IS TOO STRONG FOR YOUR MACHINE!

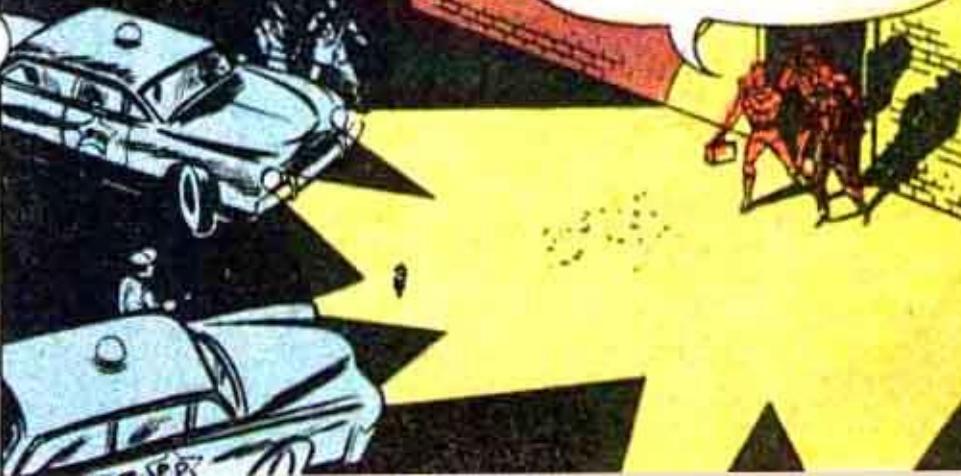
QUICK! EVERYBODY OUT! THE CONDENSER IS GOING TO EXPLODE!



TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE MOMENT, THE CROOKS RUSH OUT--BUT, IN THE MUSEUM YARD...

KEEP THOSE HEADLIGHTS ON THEM! DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY IN THE DARK!

COMMISSIONER GORDON--THE POLICE--TRAPPING US IN THEIR HEADLIGHTS! QUICK, BOYS-- COVER YOUR EYES!



SWIFTLY, THE BIZARRE BANDIT CONVERTS HIMSELF INTO A FORM OF THE ELEMENT CARSON -- A DIAMOND!



WHEN YOU WERE CAUGHT
IN THE MACHINE'S RAY,
IT GAVE YOU A MILD DOSE
OF THE SAME AFFLCTION
AS DOLAN'S!

YOU MEAN--
I'M GOING TO
KEEP
CHANGING
FROM ONE
ELEMENT TO
ANOTHER?



YES... AND I CAN'T EVEN GIVE YOU A
BELT TO CONTROL YOUR POWER, BECAUSE
THE ELEMENTAL MAN'S BELT WAS MADE
FROM PARTS OF MY ORIGINAL
INVENTION-- AND
CAN'T BE
DUPLICATED!



THEN--THIS ALSO MEANS THAT MY
MIND WILL GRADUALLY BECOME
AFFECTED--LIKE DOLAN'S...
AND THAT I'LL TURN
CRIMINAL, TOO!

IN
TIME--
YES!



THUS, RELUCTANTLY, POLICE COMMISSIONER
GORDON IS FORCED TO PERFORM A DUTY,
IMPRISONING BATMAN...

I--I MUST DO THIS, BATMAN!
YOU MAY TURN CRIMINAL
AT ANY TIME! FOR THE
GOOD OF THE PUBLIC,
I--I HAVE TO JAIL
YOU!

I UNDER-
STAND,
COMMISSIONER!



BUT, ONCE ALONE, BEHIND THE SOLID
STEEL DOOR OF HIS SPECIAL CELL...

NOW I'M CHANGING INTO ANOTHER
ELEMENT-- **SULPHUR**! I MUST GET
OUT--**ESCAPE**... AND THERE'S ONLY
ONE WAY! I'LL HAVE TO WAIT--UNTIL I
CHANGE INTO A CERTAIN ELEMENT!



THE HOURS PASS, AND BATMAN CONVERTS
FROM ONE SUBSTANCE TO ANOTHER-- TILL
FINALLY...

AT LAST-- I'VE
BECOME THE
ELEMENT
MERCURY!



SINCE MERCURY IS A LIQUID METAL,
I CAN FLOW OUT OF THE CELL!



SOON AFTER, THE ALERT GOES OUT...

CALLING ALL CARS!
BATMAN HAS
ESCAPED JAIL!
HE MUST BE
RECAPTURED!

IMAGINE --
BATMAN ON
THE LAM! I'D
FEEL AWFUL IF
I WERE THE
ONE WHO HAD
TO ARREST HIM!



NEXT MORNING, ON A SPECIAL TELECAST...

ROBIN, WE HEAR THAT
YOU HAVE JOINED THE
POLICE IN HUNTING
BATMAN? WHY?

I'M DOING IT
BECAUSE, EVEN
THOUGH BATMAN
IS MY BEST FRIEND--
HE IS NOW A PUBLIC
MENACE!



AS PROFESSOR HIGGINS EXPLAINED,
HIS MACHINE'S POWER
AFFECTED DOLAN'S
MIND-- TURNED HIM
INTO A CRIMINAL!
IT'S DONE THE SAME
TO BATMAN!

SO--THAT'S WHY
I BECAME A
CRIMINAL, EH?
WELL--NOW I
CAN UNDERSTAND
WHY BATMAN
BROKE OUT OF
JAIL! HE'S A
CRIMINAL NOW,
TOO!



LATER, AS THE ELEMENTAL MAN
AND HIS HIRELINGS STRIKE AGAIN...

IN MY IRON FORM, I CAN SMASH
RIGHT INTO THIS ART MUSEUM--
AND STEAL THEIR MOST
PRICELESS PAINTING!



BUT, AS THE BANDIT SEIZES THE PAINTING...

I WANT THAT PAINTING FOR
MYSELF... AND DON'T TRY TO
STOP ME! I'M IRON, TOO-- AND
AS STRONG AS YOU ARE!

CHEE!...
BATMAN--
HIJACKING
THE PAINTING
FROM US!



YOU FORGET, BATMAN-- WITH MY BELT,
I CAN CONTROL YOUR CHANGES! I'VE
JUST TURNED YOU INTO CALCIUM --
WHICH IS MUCH SOFTER THAN IRON!
NOW-- HAND BACK THAT PAINTING
OR I'LL CRUSH YOU!



OKAY--YOU WIN! BUT WHY
SHOULD WE FIGHT EACH
OTHER WHEN WE CAN
WORK TOGETHER? DON'T
FORGET, I KNOW WHERE
MANY VALUABLES ARE
STORED -- AND HOW
THEY'RE GUARDED...

TRUE... YOU
COULD
LEAD US TO
PLENTY OF
LOOT, BUT--
HOW DO I
KNOW I CAN
TRUST YOU?



JUST THEN COMES AN URGENT PLEA...
NO, BATMAN!
DON'T JOIN UP
WITH THE
ELEMENTAL
MAN!

ROBIN! HE MUST
HAVE SPOTTED ME
AND TRAILED ME
HERE!

I'LL STOP YOU FROM
BECOMING A CROOK--
EVEN IF I HAVE TO
FIGHT YOU TO
STOP YOU!

OH, YEAH? I'LL SHOW
YOU, YOU LITTLE
BRAT! ELEMENTAL
MAN -- QUICK... TURN
ME BACK TO IRON
SO I CAN SLUG
THIS KID!



THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO TEST
BATMAN! IF HE DOESN'T HIT ROBIN,
THEN I'LL KNOW HE'S ONLY PRETENDING
TO THROW IN WITH ME!



NEXT INSTANT...

THERE, SMALL FRY!...
MAYBE NOW YOU'LL
STOP BOthering
ME!

HE ACTUALLY DID IT!
YESSIR, IT LOOKS
LIKE BATMAN AND
I ARE A TEAM
FROM NOW ON!



LET'S GET STARTED! I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU TO A PLACE WHERE THERE'S A FORTUNE IN DIAMONDS!

OKAY, BATMAN-- LEAD THE WAY!



SOME TIME LATER...

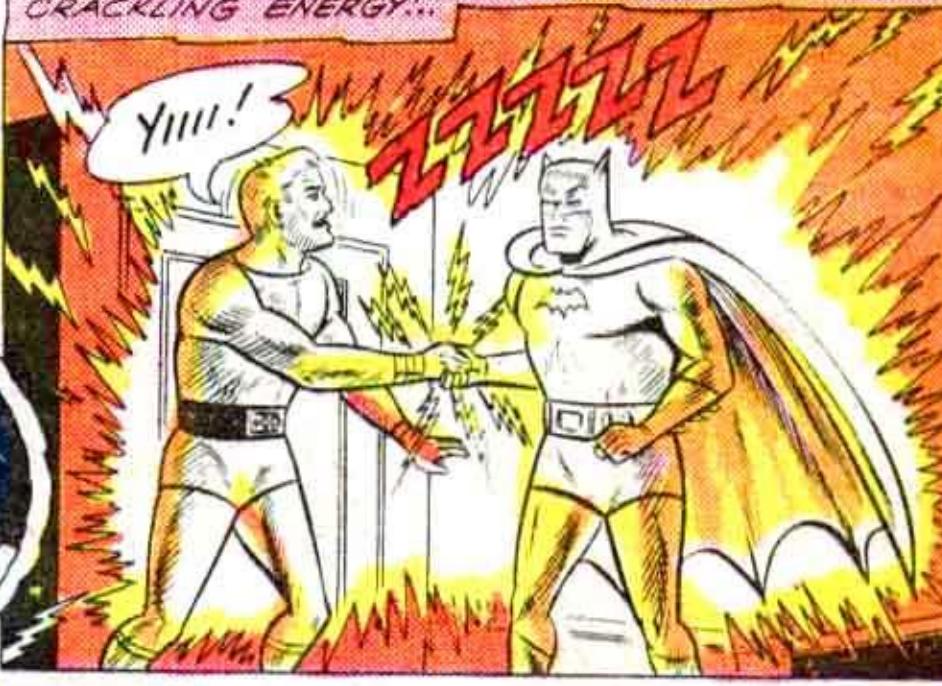
WHY ARE WE GOING THERE BY WAY OF THE ROOF?

BECAUSE THE JEWELRY COMPANY KEEPS ITS STOCK OF DIAMONDS ON THE TOP FLOOR! GIVE ME YOUR HAND-- I'LL HELP YOU UP!



AS THEIR HANDS CLASP-- NEARBY, ANOTHER HAND CLASPS A SWITCH...

INSTANTLY THE FIGURES OF BATMAN AND THE ELEMENTAL MAN ARE TRANSFIXED BY CRACKLING ENERGY!!



AND WHEN THE FORCE EBBS AWAY...

PROFESSOR HIGGINS! YOU WERE HIDING HERE! THE MACHINE-- YOU REBUILT IT!

YES-- THE MACHINE YOU NEARLY DESTROYED BECAUSE YOUR POWER WAS TOO STRONG FOR IT!



BATMAN LATER REALIZED THAT IF HE COULD DRAW OFF SOME OF YOUR POWER, THEN THE MACHINE WOULD BE STRONGER THAN YOU! BECAUSE OF THAT, BATMAN BROKE OUT OF JAIL-- AND CAME TO ME WITH HIS PLAN!



WE ALL PRETENDED THE POWER HAD
ALREADY CHANGED HIM INTO A CRIMINAL
LIKE YOU--SO HE COULD LURE YOU
HERE! WHEN HE GRABBED YOUR
HAND, IT WAS JUST LIKE COMPLETING
AN "ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT"...

NOW YOU'RE BACK TO
NORMAL, DOLAN! YOU NO
LONGER FEEL CRIMINAL!
AND THAT REMINDS ME--
WE'VE SOME UNSETTLED
BUSINESS WITH YOUR
EX-STOOGES!

UHP! WE GOT
SO INTERESTED
IN WHAT WAS
GOIN' ON, WE
FORGOT TO
SCRAM! LET'S
GET OUTA
HERE!

RIGHT! BECAUSE I NEVER
HAD AS MUCH POWER AS
YOU, THE MACHINE EASILY
EXTRACTED MY POWER!
IN TURN, YOUR POWER
FLOWED THROUGH **ME**--
AND FROM ME INTO THE
MACHINE --SO THAT
SOON THE MACHINE
DRAINED US **BOTH**
OF POWER!

IT IS THEN THAT AN EX-CRIMINAL JOINS IN
FIGHTING CRIME!

MAYBE I CAN'T CHANGE
TO IRON ANY MORE--BUT
MY FIST CAN STILL HIT
AS HARD!

SPEAKING OF
CHANGES--LET'S
CHANGE THESE
CROOKS TO
CONVICTS!

AND SO, LATER, AFTER THAT "CHANGE"
HAS BEEN MADE...

NOW IT'S TIME FOR
US TO MAKE **ONE**
MORE CHANGE,
EH, BATMAN?

YES--THE
CHANGE BACK
TO OUR OTHER
IDENTITIES...
BRUCE WAYNE
AND DICK
GRAYSON!

The End



For the **MOST** in **THRILLS**...

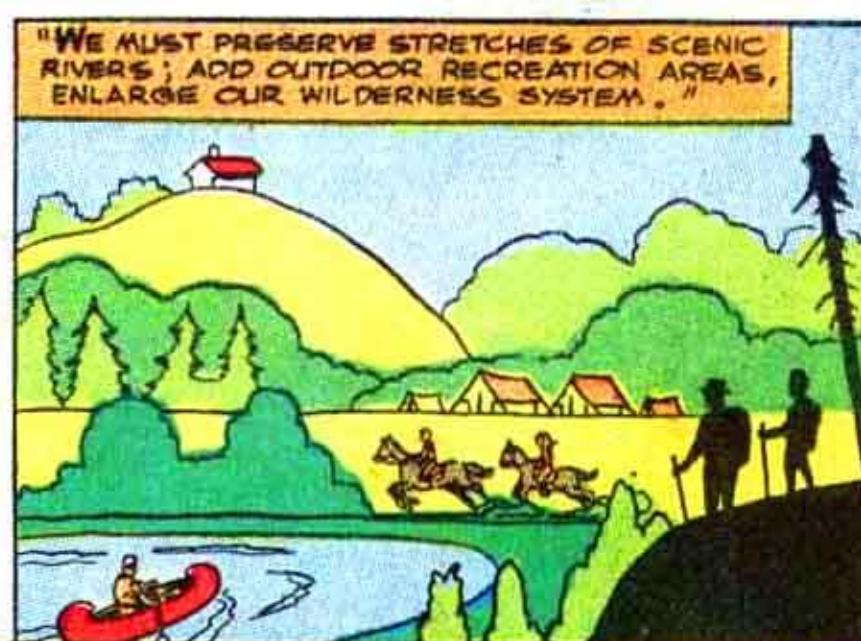
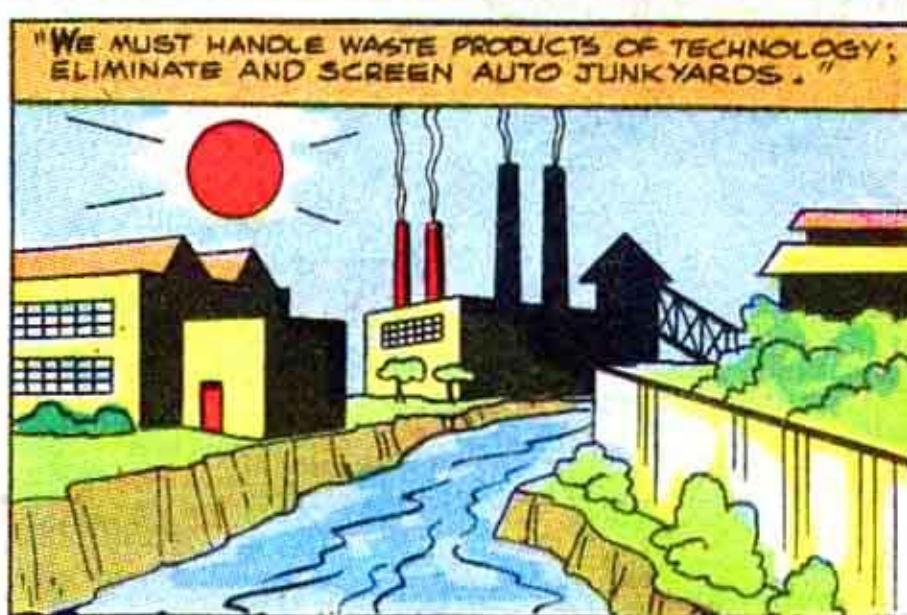
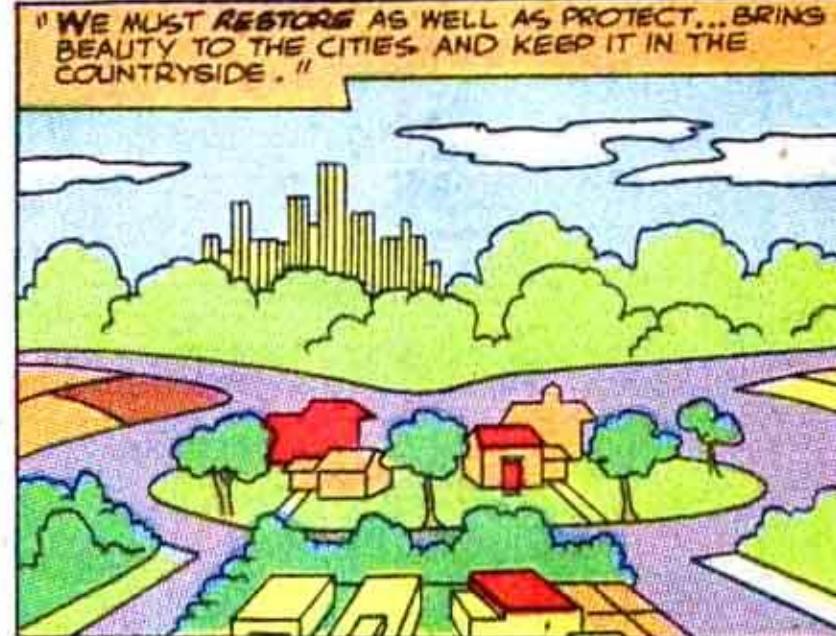
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BATMAN

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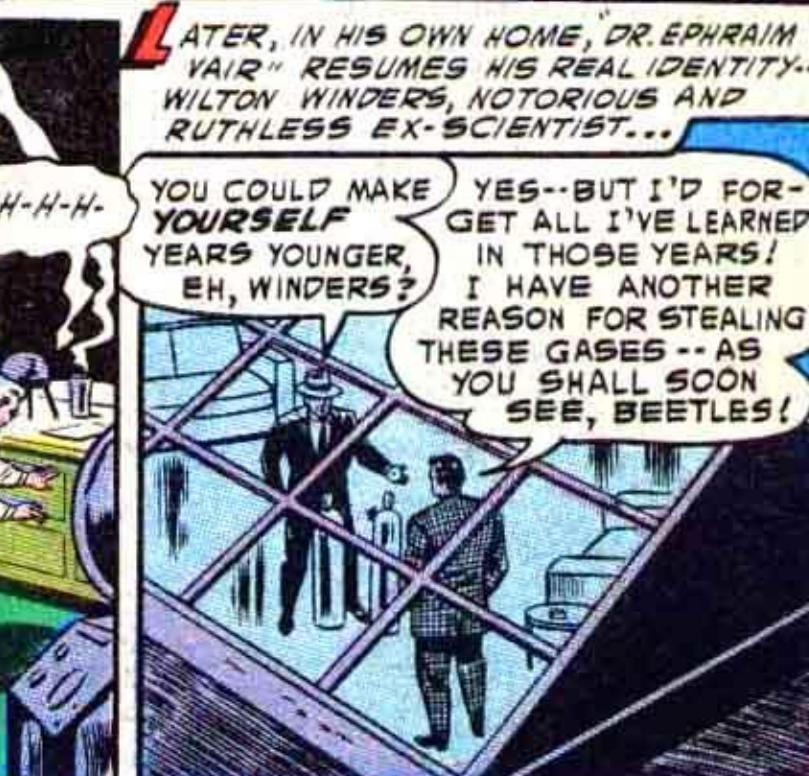


THE MOST TERRIFIC TEAM EVER TO STRIKE TERROR INTO WRONG-DOERS--THAT'S **BATMAN AND ROBIN!** THE MATURE JUDGMENT AND SURPASSING DETECTIVE SKILL OF THE **BATMAN** MAKE HIM A PERFECT PARTNER FOR THE MORE IMPETUOUS, RECKLESS COURAGE OF YOUNG **ROBIN!** BUT WHEN SCIENTIFIC WIZARDRY CAUSES AN INCREDIBLE UP-SET, THE BOY WONDER BECOMES THE MAN, AND THE GREAT DETECTIVE THE BOY, AS YOU SHALL SEE, IN THIS STORY OF...

BATMAN, JUNIOR AND ROBIN, SENIOR!

BOB KANE

ONE EVENING, IN THE LABORATORY OF DR. RICHARD MARSTEN, FAMED SCIENTIST...



MEANWHILE, IN THE MANSION OF WEALTHY PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

OH-OH-- UP IN THE SKY...
THE BAT-SIGNAL, BRUCE!

LET'S GO, DICK... THE POLICE HAVE ANOTHER CASE FOR US!

ASTILY, THE TWO SHED THEIR EVERYDAY GARMENTS AND DON THE FIGHTING COSTUMES OF...



A QUICK TRIP TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS -- AND AFTERWARDS, IN DR. MARSTEN'S LABORATORY...

HE'S IN A COMA-- WON'T RECOVER CONSCIOUSNESS FOR DAYS! SOMEONE KNOCKED HIM OUT AND STOLE HIS AGE AND YOUTH GASES...

BUT WHO...

THIS CALLING CARD OF A PROFESSOR EPHRAIM VAIR WAS IN HIS POCKET... HE'S THE MAN WE'VE GOT TO FIND!

THERE WAS NO PROFESSOR VAIR LISTED IN THE PHONE BOOK-- SO HE MUST HAVE BEEN A FAKE!

OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO CHECK WITH ALL THE PRINTING SHOPS IN GOTHAM CITY! ONE OF THEM MUST'VE PRINTED UP THOSE PHONY CALLING CARDS!



AND SURE ENOUGH, BEFORE LONG, IN A SMALL DOWNTOWN PRINTING OFFICE...

THAT DESCRIPTION FITS WILTON WINDERS, THE CRIMINAL EX-SCIENTIST!

YES, I PRINTED THOSE CARDS THIS MORNING! PROFESSOR VAIR WAS A BIG GUY, MIDDLE-AGED, WITH BROWN HAIR AND MUSTACHE!



THEN, AS BATMAN QUESTIONS THE PETTY CRIMINAL...

NAW-- I DON'T KNOW WHERE WILTON WINDERS IS! IF YOU WANT HIM, FIND HIM YOURSELF!

I INTEND TO DO JUST THAT!

SWIFTLY, BATMAN TRACKS DOWN A POSSIBLE LEAD...

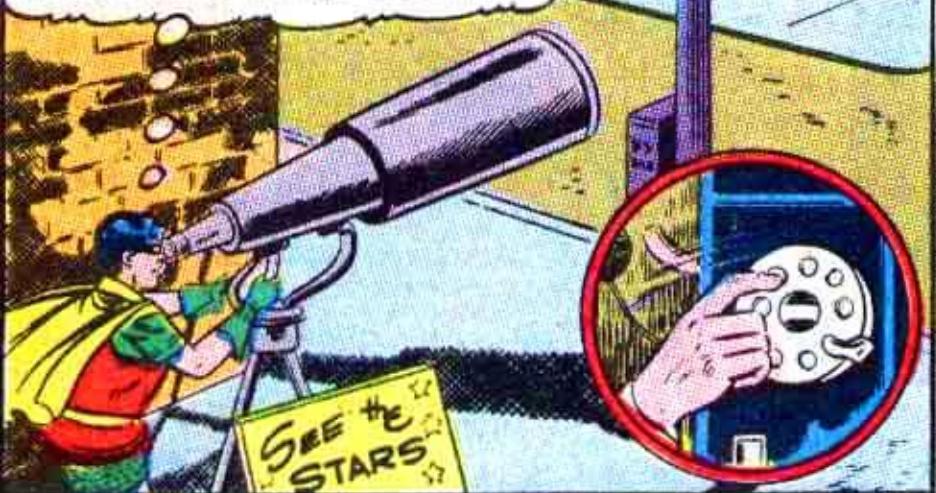
YOU SAY THAT MAN WAS ONE OF WINDERS' SHADY FRIENDS IN THE PAST? BUT EVEN IF HE KNOWS WHERE WINDERS IS, HE WON'T TELL YOU!

HE MAY, ROBIN, WITHOUT INTENDING TO! LISTEN-- HERE'S WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO...



AS THE TWO MEN SEPARATE, ROBIN WATCHES THE CRIMINAL HASTEN DOWN THE STREET, ENTER A DRUG-STORE, AND...

AS BATMAN FIGURED, HE'S HURRYING IN TO TELEPHONE WINDERS AND WARN HIM! WITH THIS TELESCOPE, I CAN SEE WHAT NUMBER HE'S DIALING IN THE BOOTH!



WITHIN MINUTES AFTER THE NUMBER HAS BEEN DIALED, THE DYNAMIC DUO CLOSES IN...

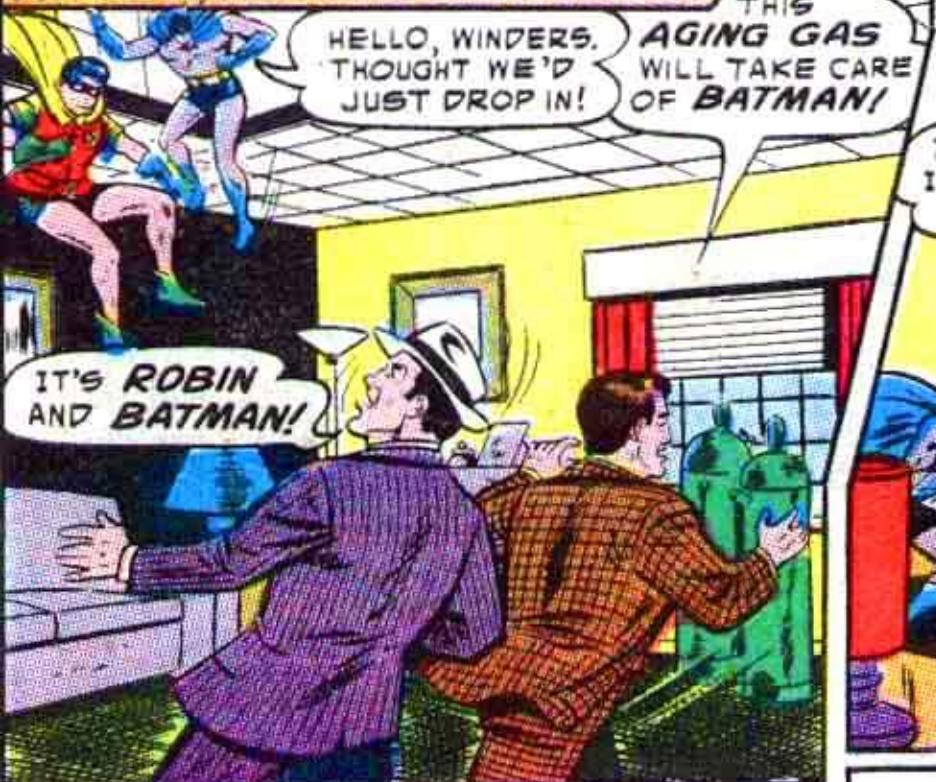
THAT'S HIS PLACE, ON THE TOP FLOOR! SHOULDN'T BE ANY TROUBLE ENTERING THE FRONT WAY!



EASY, ROBIN! YOU FORGET. HE WAS WARNED ABOUT US, AND PROBABLY HAS THE DOOR GUARDED. OUR BEST BET IS TO SWING IN THROUGH HIS SKYLIGHT FROM THAT NEXT HIGHEST ROOF!

ABRUPTLY, IN WINDERS' APARTMENT...

HELLO, WINDERS. THOUGHT WE'D JUST DROP IN! THIS AGING GAS WILL TAKE CARE OF BATMAN!



IT'S ROBIN AND BATMAN!

A SWIFT SIDESTEP, AND BATMAN EASILY CATCHES THE CYLINDER HURLED AT HIM-- BUT THE SHOCK RELEASES A JET OF DR. MARSTEN'S YOUTH GAS FULL IN HIS FACE...



BUT AS ROBIN INSTINCTIVELY MAKES A FLYING LEAP...

YOU MISSED BATMAN. I'LL GET HIM! BUT THIS TANK WILL KNOCK HIM OVER!

I'LL GET HIM! I'LL--UH... THAT GAS...



HA, HA--WAIT TILL THEY WAKE UP!

IT'S THE END OF BATMAN AND ROBIN--AND WE STILL HAVE ENOUGH OF THESE GASES TO CARRY OUT MY PLANS! LET'S GO!



THE END OF BATMAN AND ROBIN? YES, AS THE POWERFUL GASES WORK, IT IS THE END OF THE DUO THE WORLD HAS KNOWN...

...FOR WHEN THEY AWAKEN, THEY FIND THEMSELVES INCREDIBLY TRANSFORMED!

WHY-- WHY-- MY COSTUME SEEMS TOO TIGHT AND SMALL, AND-- AND... BATMAN! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU?

LOOK AT YOURSELF, ROBIN! IN THE MIRROR!

WE'LL FIND WINDERS... HIS STOLEN GASES WILL MAKE US NORMAL AGAIN! BUT FIRST WE'LL RETURN TO THE **BAT-CAVE**! WE'LL FIX THESE COSTUMES WHILE I BRIEF YOU ON THINGS YOU'VE FORGOTTEN!

SWELL-- LET'S GO!

NOT SO FAST! FIRST WE HAVE TO SEARCH FOR ANY CLUES WINDERS MIGHT'VE LEFT! HMM-- ARTICLES HAVE BEEN CUT OUT OF THESE PAPERS... WE'LL TAKE THEM ALONG!

AW, COME ON, ROBIN! OLD NEWSPAPERS IN A WASTEBASKET WON'T TELL US ANYTHING!

STRANGE INDEED IS THE TRANSFORMATION THAT HAS MADE ROBIN THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE TEAM...

WHY DON'T WE JUST HUNT DOWN THIS WINDERS AND GRAB HIM?

WE WILL-- BUT TOO MUCH HASTE WILL GET US NOWHERE!

HE-- HE'S LIKE A BOY NOW, IMPULSIVE AND RECKLESS, AS I ONCE WAS! I'VE GOT TO RESTRAIN HIM THE WAY HE USED TO RESTRAIN ME!

WINDERS' AGING GAS CAUGHT ME... I'M TEN YEARS OLDER-- A GROWN MAN! AND THE YOUTH GAS GOT YOU ACCIDENTALLY, AND MADE YOU TEN YEARS YOUNGER-- A BOY!

AND I CAN'T REMEMBER ALL THE THINGS I LEARNED SINCE I WAS A BOY!

EXT MORNING, IN THE SECRET **BAT-CAVE**, AFTER ALTERING THEIR COSTUMES, THEY STUDY THE NEWSPAPERS CAREFULLY...

THE ARTICLES WINDERS CUT OUT WERE ABOUT JOHN CONKLIN, AUTOMOBILE MAGNATE-- VICTOR VERNE, THE VETERAN MOVIE STAR-- AND OTHER RICH MEN... ALL AGING MEN!

THEN WINDERS IS PLANNING TO SELL THEM YOUTH?

YES, THOSE LOOK LIKE "PROSPECTS" FOR HIS YOUTH GAS! WE'LL CHECK ON THEM, STARTING WITH CONKLIN!

THAT'S WHAT I LIKE--MORE ACTION!



BUT WILTON WINDERS HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO CASH IN ON HIS FANTASTIC POWER, IN THE OFFICE OF A MULTI-MILLIONAIRE AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURER...

YOU CAN MAKE ME YOUNGER? BAH, YOU'RE A FAKE! NOTHING CAN DO THAT!

MAYBE I CAN PROVE IT WITH YOUR OLD PET DOG, MR. CONKLIN!



MOMENTS LATER...

WHY--WHY, YOU DID IT! YOU CAN MAKE ME YOUNG AGAIN-- SO I CAN RUN MY BUSINESS YEARS LONGER!

I WILL--FOR \$100,000! SURELY YOU HAVE THAT MUCH CASH ON HAND!



AND SURE ENOUGH, AFTER APPLYING SOME GAS TO THE AGING MAGNATE...

I'M YEARS YOUNGER... IT WAS WORTH EVERY CENT I PAID YOU!

I'D BETTER LEAVE BEFORE HE FINDS OUT THE CATCH IN IT!



THE "CATCH" TURNS UP SOON ENOUGH, AS JOHN CONKLIN STARTS TOURING HIS FACTORY...

WHY, IT IS YOU, MR. CONKLIN! YOU LOOK SO MUCH YOUNGER, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU!

YES--ER--A SCIENTIFIC MEDICAL TREATMENT DID THAT FOR ME!



SO BY THE TIME ROBIN AND BATMAN ARRIVE...

WHAT'S THIS?? YOU TWO CHANGED COSTUMES? THAT!

ER... YES--FOR A VERY GOOD REASON! BUT WE WANT TO SEE MR. CONKLIN, AT ONCE!





indeed, just as ROBIN feared...



OUTSIDE, SHORTLY AFTERWARD...

OUR BEST BET IS TO SPLIT UP! I'LL WARN VINCENT VERNE, THE MOVIE ACTOR, WHILE YOU WARN THE OTHERS MENTIONED IN THE CLIPPINGS!

GOOD IDEA! I'LL ALSO HAVE COMMISSIONER GORDON ALERT THE WHOLE CITY! BUT BE CAREFUL, BATMAN! REMEMBER NO RECKLESS KID STUFF!

AND AFTER THE TWO HAVE SEPARATED...

COMMISSIONER GORDON? REJUVENATION? ROBIN SPEAKING! I THEN WINDERS WANT A BROADCAST IS USING WARNING ALL GOTHAM THOSE STOLEN CITY THAT THE GASES? ALL REJUVENATION RIGHT, ROBIN-- OFFERED BY WILTON WE'LL GET OUT WINDERS IS DANGEROUS! A CITY-WIDE WARNING!



ODD... ROBIN'S VOICE WAS SO DEEP--ALMOST LIKE A MAN'S VOICE--YET HE SPOKE JUST THE WAY ROBIN DOES! I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

SOUNDS WEIRD, COMMISSIONER!



WINDERS IS INDEED AHEAD OF THE YOUTHFUL BATMAN-- FOR ON THE LOCATION-SET WHERE A SPECTACULAR HISTORICAL FILM IS IN THE MAKING...



MR. VERNE IS IN HIS DRESSING TENT, GETTING READY FOR THE BIG CHARIOT-RACE SCENE!

AS I TOLD YOUR GATE-MAN, THIS IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!

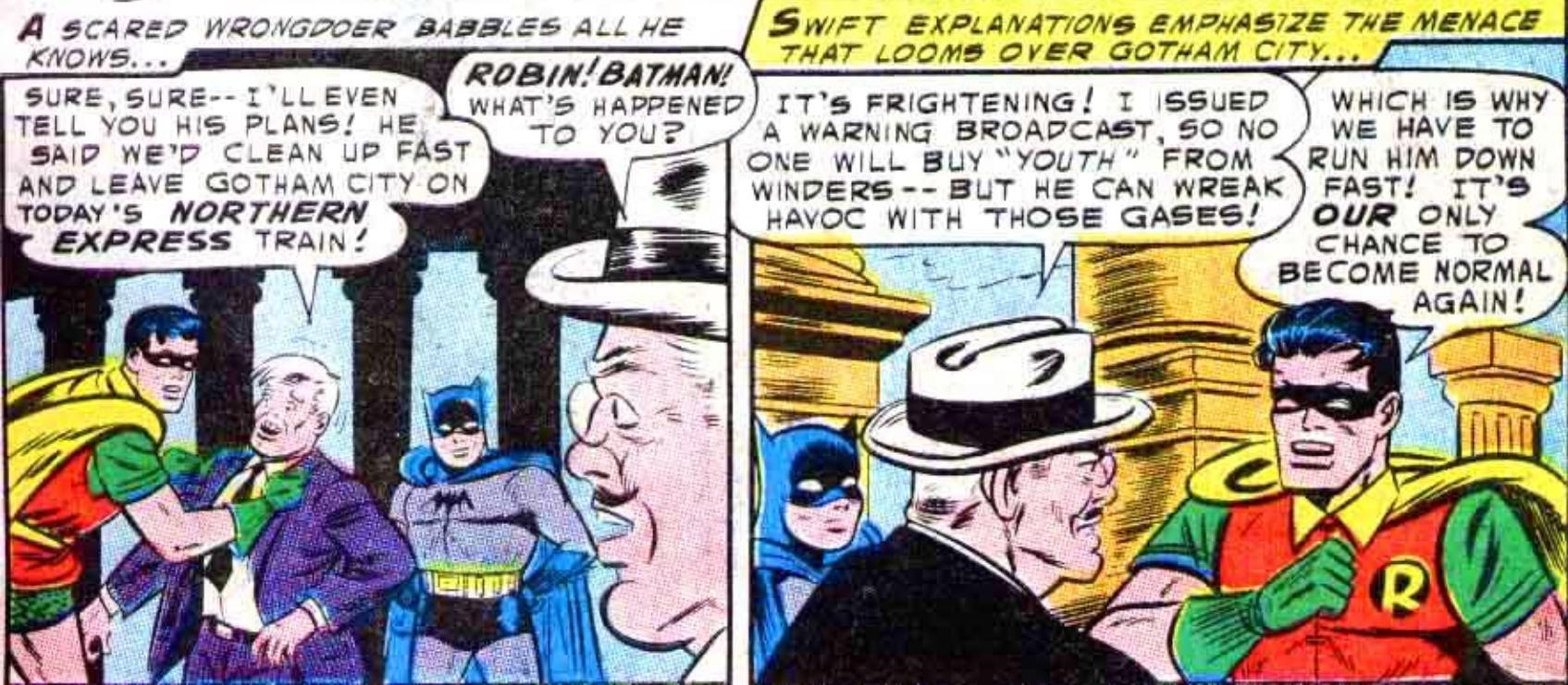
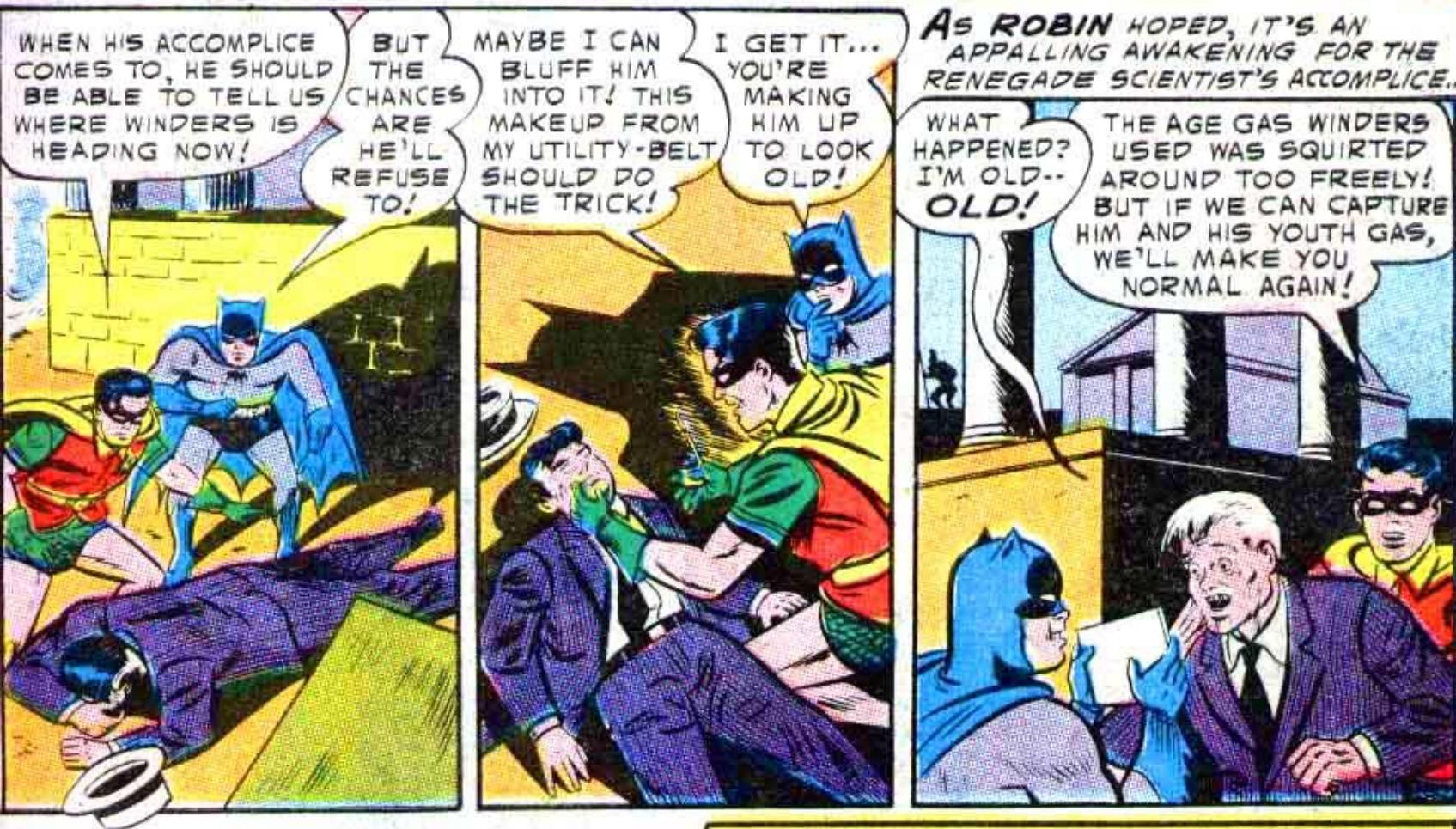
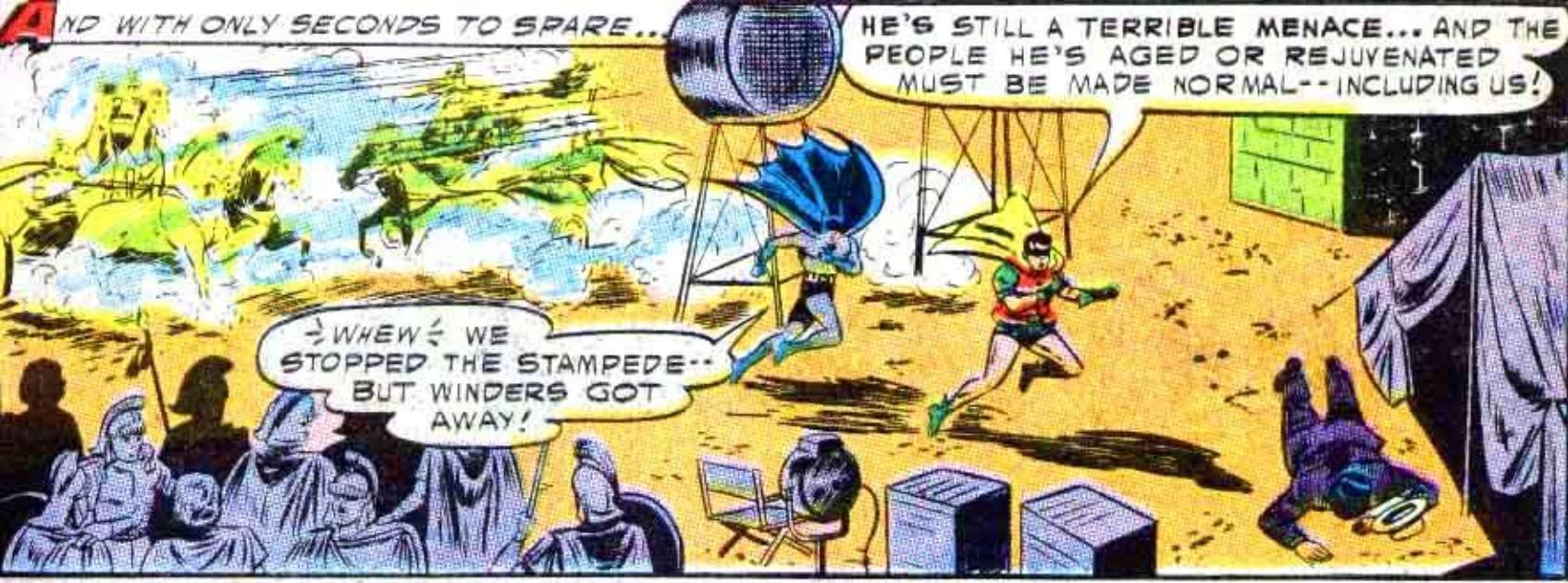
AND IN THE FAMED OLD ACTOR'S TENT...

THAT'S RIGHT... I CAN MAKE YOU YEARS YOUNGER! FOR \$100,000, YOU CAN REMAIN A BIG STAR FOR ANOTHER 20 YEARS!

MAKE ME YEARS YOUNGER? YOU MUST BE CRAZY!







AS THE ALARM FOR A FANTASTIC LAWBREAKER SPREADS, WILTON WINDERS STRIKES BACK WITH HIS INCREDIBLE WEAPONS...

...SIX FEET HIGH, BROWN HAIR, CARRYING TWO SMALL TANKS, URGENTLY WANTED!

WHY, YOU'RE THE MAN I CHOKE! WHAT--? I CHOKE!

YOU'RE NOT STOPPING ME!

WHY--WHAT--I'M YOUNGER! I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO NOW!

LOOK--THERE GOES THE WANTED MAN, RUNNING FROM THAT OFFICER! AFTER HIM!



IT'S WITH AGE, NOT YOUTH, THAT WINDERS STRIKES BACK AGAIN...

LOOK OUT--HE'S USING GAS! TOO LATE-- IT'S GOT US!



BUT AS HE REACHES THE RAILROAD TERMINAL...

BATMAN AND ROBIN! EVEN WITH THEIR CHANGED AGES, THEY WON'T GIVE UP! THAT FOOL BEETLES MUST HAVE SQUEELED... I'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET PAST THEM!



THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY... TO MAKE MYSELF SO OLD, THEY WON'T RECOGNIZE ME! I CAN ALWAYS BECOME YOUNG AGAIN WHEN I'M SAFE!



WITH MY TANKS IN THIS SUITCASE, AND
MY GREAT AGE AND DARK GLASSES,
THEY CAN'T POSSIBLY RECOGNIZE ME!
I CAN WALK TO THE TRAIN NOW!



BUT ROBIN AND BATMAN HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN
THE ONE HUMAN FEATURE THAT NEVER CHANGES...

NORTHERN EXPRESS ABOUT WINDERS! YOU
TO LEAVE ON TRACK 5! I THOUGHT
CAN TELL A MAN AT ANY AGE
BY HIS EARS! HE'D TRY CHANGING HIS AGE TO
EADE US! AFTER HIM!



ALL ABOARD!
I CAN STILL MAKE IT! I'LL
GASPE GIVE THEM THE
SLIP YET GASPE!



BUT AN IRONICAL RETRIBUTION INTERVENES...

I'M TOO OLD TO RUN FAST ENOUGH--
TOO WEAK! MY OWN AGE-DISGUISE
DEFEATED ME! WE'LL MAKE YOU YOUR
OWN AGE AGAIN, WINDERS--
SO YOU CAN SERVE
PLENTY OF YEARS IN
PRISON!



AND SO, AFTER THE AGE AND YOUTH GASES
HAVE RESTORED THE REVERSED DUO TO
NORMAL...

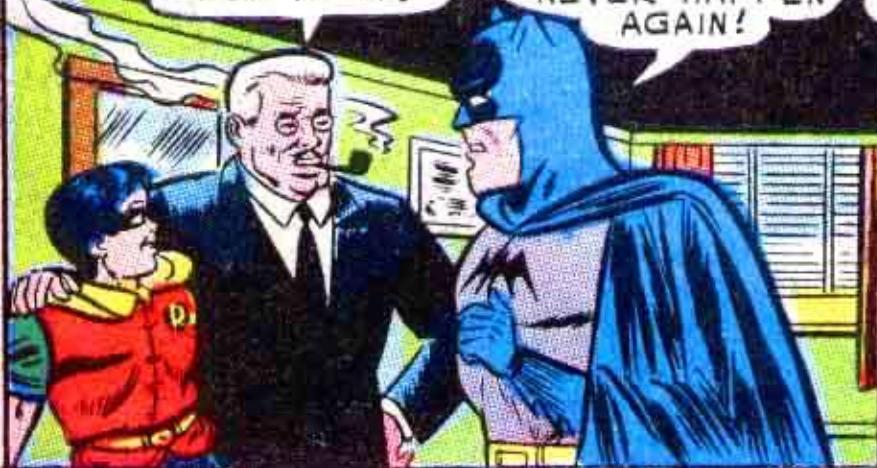
THANK GOODNESS THERE
WAS ENOUGH GAS LEFT
TO MAKE YOU TWO, AS
WELL AS ALL THE OTHER
VICTIMS, YOUR NORMAL
AGE AGAIN!

AND THOUGH PROFESSOR
MARSTEN'S RECOVERING,
IN HIS COMA HE LOST
ALL MEMORY OF
HIS FORMULA--
SO THIS CAN
NEVER HAPPEN
AGAIN!

LATER, ENROUTE HOME...

I'LL DRIVE,
BATMAN,
AND WE'LL--
OOPS! I
FORGOT--
YOU'RE THE
MAN OF THIS
TEAM AGAIN!

AND A GOOP
THING, TOO!
SCHOOL BEGINS
TOMORROW, AND I
WAS AFRAID **BATMAN**
WOULD HAVE TO GO
INSTEAD OF **ROBIN**!



THE END.

GIANT BATMAN



Dear Editor: I've just finished reading the latest GIANT BATMAN. I think "The Joker's Utility Belt" and "The Calendar Man" were terrific. The Sunday Newspaper Syndicated story was excellent. "The Fox, the Shark and the Vulture" and "The Ice Crimes of Mr. Zero" were also very good, but I did not find "Parasols of Plunder" impressive. I think you should include at least one "touching" story in your GIANT BATMAN issues to come.

Gregory Pigna, Plainfield, N.J.

Dear Editor: Being human, I have never seen an 80 page Giant in which I liked every story. But in the latest GIANT BATMAN, you displayed great talent. To start off, "Parasols of Plunder" was enough to make me think that the Penguin was going to reform, though it was too good to be true. "The Fox, Shark and Vulture" was a new villain story. So were "The Ice Crimes of Mr. Zero," and "The Calendar Man." "Caveman at Large" was excellent as well as different. And I was glad to see you didn't go by without a Joker story. To sum up, the Syndicated story was well done. Keep up the good work.

Jeffrey Morgan, Toronto, Canada

Dear Editor: Please have a GIANT BATMAN of the JOKER. We think he's one of the best of Batman's foes.

David Silverman, Wayne Luci, Frank Belmont and others, Lynbrook, N.Y.

(We think the Joker is great, too, but as previously indicated, we think a whole issue might be too monotonous. However, in the next issue, since there has been so much demand for more GIANT BATMAN villains, we'll try to have two Joker stories, one of them a syndicated newspaper story. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: The latest GIANT BATMAN was really great. I have all the 80 page Giants, but the BATMAN ones are the best. My favorite story in this issue was "The Fox, Shark and Vulture." The syndicated newspaper comic strip was excellent. I hope you include this feature in future issues. I'd like to see Catwoman back again, too.

Emil Sestric, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Editor: Thank you for the swell recent issue. I was very happy to see Catwoman featured. How about some more stories on her?

Nils Holman, Austin, Minn.

(We'll certainly have a Catwoman story in the next villain issue, with the Joker and others. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: The Batman 80 page Giant was terrific.

The writing and artwork were superb. The cover was very good—makes you interested in buying it. I thought the last GIANT BATMAN was good, but this issue has the best Batman and Robin stories ever. My ratings on the stories are: First, the newspaper syndicated adventure; second, "The Fox, Shark and Vulture"; third, "Ice Crimes of Mr. Zero." The others were good, but not as super as these three.

Bob Prophit, Fort Madison, Iowa

Dear Editor: GIANT BATMAN No. 17 was terrific. I think "Joker's Utility Belt" was best. It had adventure and humor—two things I like best in a story. Congratulations on another hit.

Louis Morra, N. Attleboro, Mass.

Dear Editor: It indeed is unusual to see for the second time a GIANT BATMAN with the theme, "Batman and Robin's Most Fantastic Foes." The best story was most assuredly the newspaper story featuring the Catwoman. In my opinion, the Princess of Plunder is one of the best foes you have yet dreamed up. Better than the Catman and in some respects the Firefly and Mirror Man, both of whom appeared in an earlier issue. . . . How about an issue featuring the Most Fantastic Traps, and Batman's and Robin's Greatest Cases?

Frank Klein, Webster Groves, Mo.

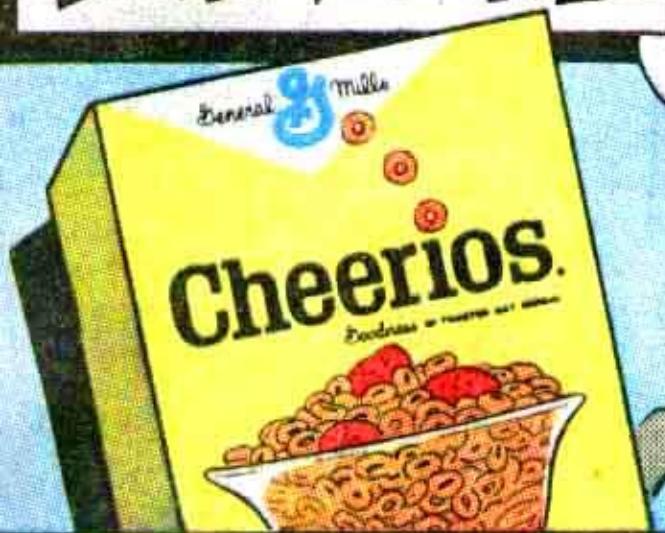
(After the next issue, we might very well have either of the two themes you mention; or possibly a collection of Reader's Choices over the past few years—stories most in demand. We're sorry that limitations of space prevented us from having another newspaper story in this issue, but hope to include one in the future. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: In 80 page Giant No. 5 (GIANT BATMAN No. 8), Frank Taylor of Cleveland, Ohio, wrote in and stated which stories he liked in every annual up to No. 7. I would like to list my favorite stories in my annuals, which include Nos. 2-10: No. 2—The Jungle Batman; No. 3—The Joker's Aces; No. 4—The Vanished Batman; No. 5—Rip Van Batman; No. 6—Murder at Mystery Castle; No. 7—Secret Life of Bat-Hound; No. 8—The Man Who Shadowed Batman; No. 9—The Caveman Batman; No. 10—The Joker's Utility Belt.

Mike Bruss, New Berlin, Wisconsin

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ROCKY and BULLWINKLE

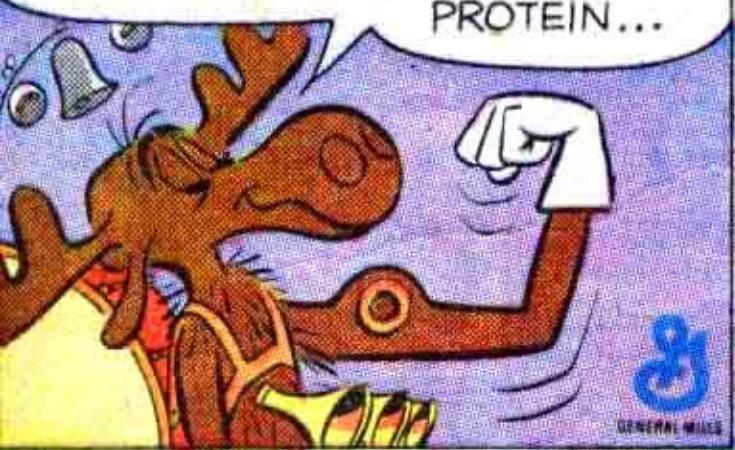


YOU AND
CHEERIOS
REALLY MAKE
SWEET MUSIC
TOGETHER,
BULLWINKLE!

UH-HUH.



CHEERIOS N' MILK GIVE
US PEOPLE MUSCLE-MAKIN'
PROTEIN...

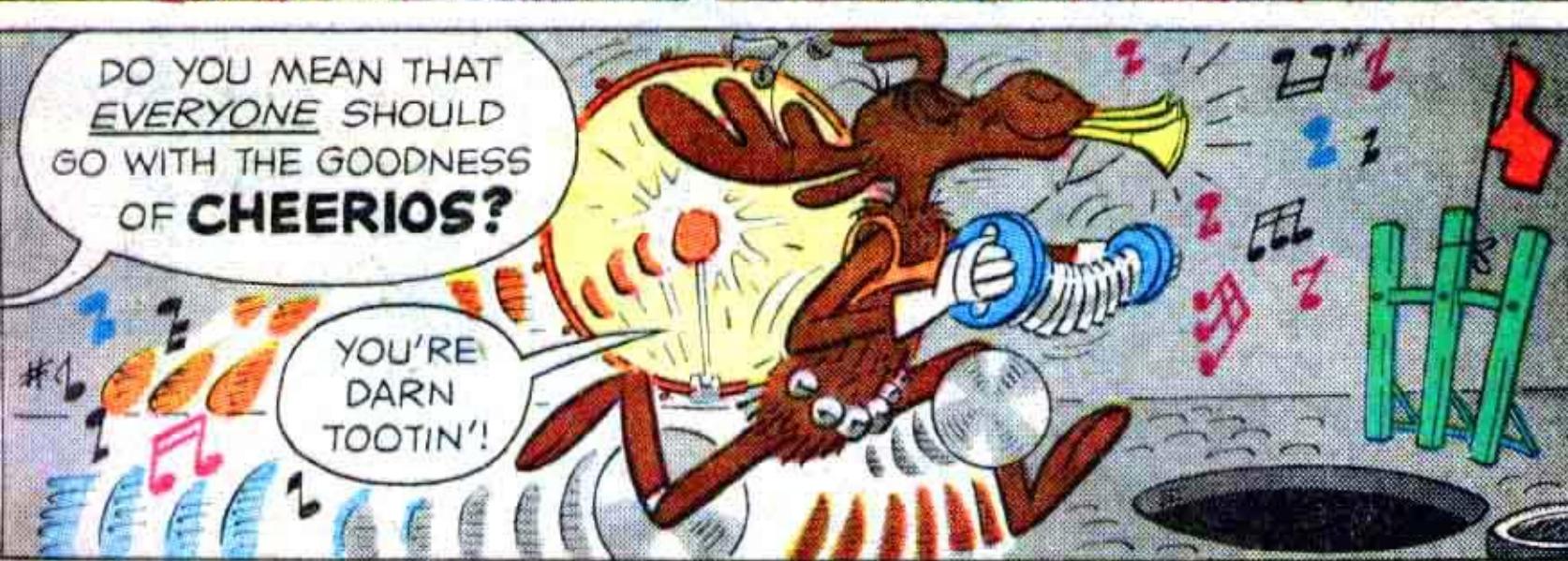


...AND LOTS OF
GO-GO- **GO!**



DO YOU MEAN THAT
EVERYONE SHOULD
GO WITH THE GOODNESS
OF **CHEERIOS**?

YOU'RE
DARN
TOOTIN'!



BUT THEY SHOULD
WATCH WHERE
THEY'RE GOING!



BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

THE TRUTH WAS OUT--THE WORLD AT LAST KNEW THAT ROBIN WAS WORKING WITH A MECHANICAL MAN--A ROBOT BATMAN! BUT WHAT HAD BECOME OF THE REAL CAPED CRIME-FIGHTER? WHY WAS IT NECESSARY TO REPLACE HIM WITH...

BATMAN, ROBOT

BATMAN DIDN'T EVEN WINCE WHEN THAT HEAVY CAMERA-DOLLY HIT HIM! IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT... THAT "BATMAN" IS NOTHING BUT A ROBOT!



PATROLLING THE CITY ALONE, ONE EVENING, BATMAN PAUSES WHEN HE OVERHEARS...

ALL THE SPORTS SHOW'S GATE RECEIPTS WERE IN THE SAFE, BOSS... IT WAS AN EASY JOB! BUT WHEN DO WE DIVIDE THE REST OF OUR LOOT?

IT'S HIDDEN IN A SECRET SPOT... I'LL BE GETTING IT TONIGHT!

THE NIGHT OWL GANG... WE'VE BEEN AFTER THEM FOR WEEKS! TOO BAD ROBIN'S HOME WITH A COLD... I'LL HAVE TO TACKLE THIS JOB MYSELF!

SLIPPING INSIDE, BATMAN LEAPS INTO ACTION!

FIRST TO TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE, WITH THIS ICE-SLED!

EYOWW!



THAT WILD SHOT... IT CLIPPED THE WIRE HOLDING UP THAT PROP SWORDFISH -- AND IT'S PLUNGING DOWN AT ME!



BUT, AFTERWARD, ACTING ON BATMAN'S INFORMATION, THE POLICE ARE QUICK TO BAG ONE FLEEING MEMBER OF THE NIGHT OWL GANG...



SOME DAYS LATER, AS THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTER APPEARS AS A WITNESS AT WEDGE DIXON'S PRE-TRIAL HEARING...



BACK HOME, WEDGE SWIFTLY CONTACTS HIS BOSS BY SHORT-WAVE RADIO...



YOU HEARD THE BOSS, BOYS... WE GOTTA KILL BATMAN!

GULP! H-HOW ARE WE GONNA DO THAT, WEDGE?



THE ANSWER COMES THE FOLLOWING DAY, ON
THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM CITY...

ACCORDING TO THE ANONYMOUS
PHONE CALL AT POLICE
HEADQUARTERS, EDDIE
CHILL IS HIDING IN THIS
PLAYED-OUT OLD MINE!
LET'S GO SEE!

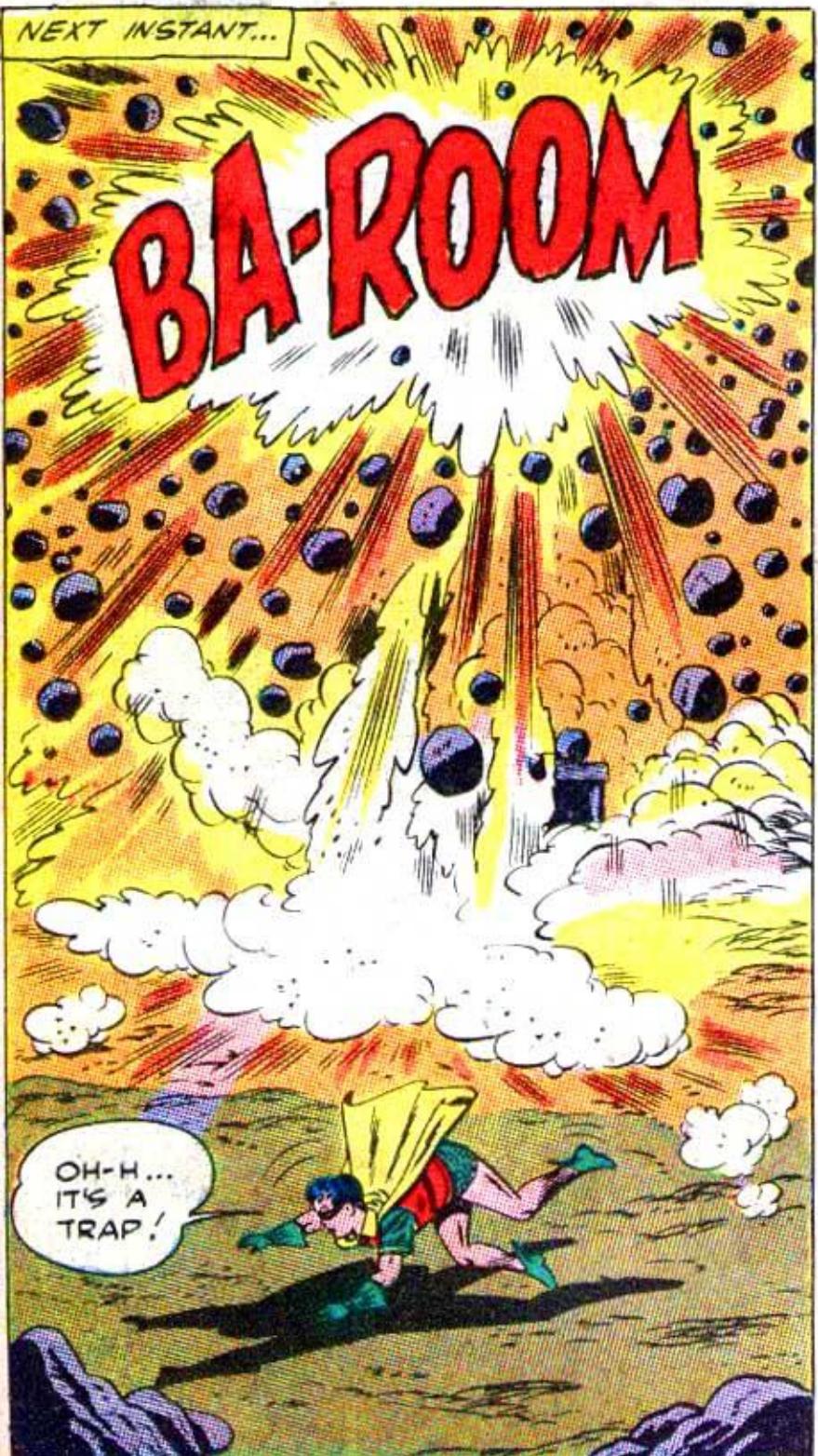
NO, ROBIN--
I'M GOING
IN ALONE! YOU
STAY HERE AND
CUT OFF CHILL,
IN CASE HE
MAKES A BREAK
FOR IT!

BUT AS BATMAN ENTERS THE MINE...

OKAY-- HE'S WAY INSIDE NOW...
TOUCH OFF THE DYNAMITE!



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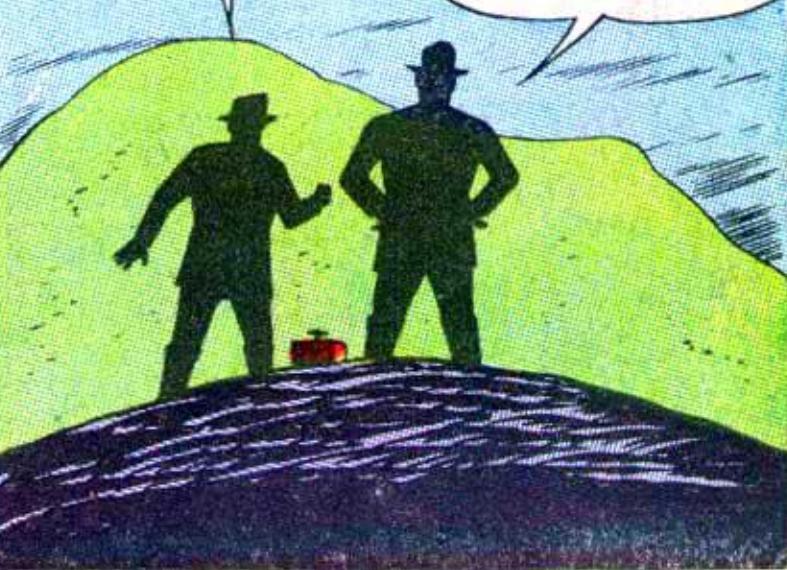


WHEN THE DUST CLEARS...



'HA, HA!' ROBIN WILL
NEVER DIG BATMAN
OUT OF THERE!

AND EVEN IF HE
DID, BATMAN
WOULDN'T BE
ALIVE... NOT WITH
TONS OF ROCK
ON TOP OF HIM!



LATER, WHEN WEDGE RELAYS THE GOOD NEWS...

HE'S DEAD,
BOSS--I'M
SURE OF IT!

BATMAN'S CLEVER--HE'S
GOTTEN OUT OF DEATH-
TRAPS BEFORE! I'M
STAYING HERE UNTIL
I'M POSITIVE HE'S
DEAD! MEANWHILE,
DON'T YOU GUYS PULL
ANY JOBS UNTIL I
SAY SO!

BEFORE LONG, WHISPERS OF BATMAN'S
DEATH INFILTRATE THE UNDERWORLD...

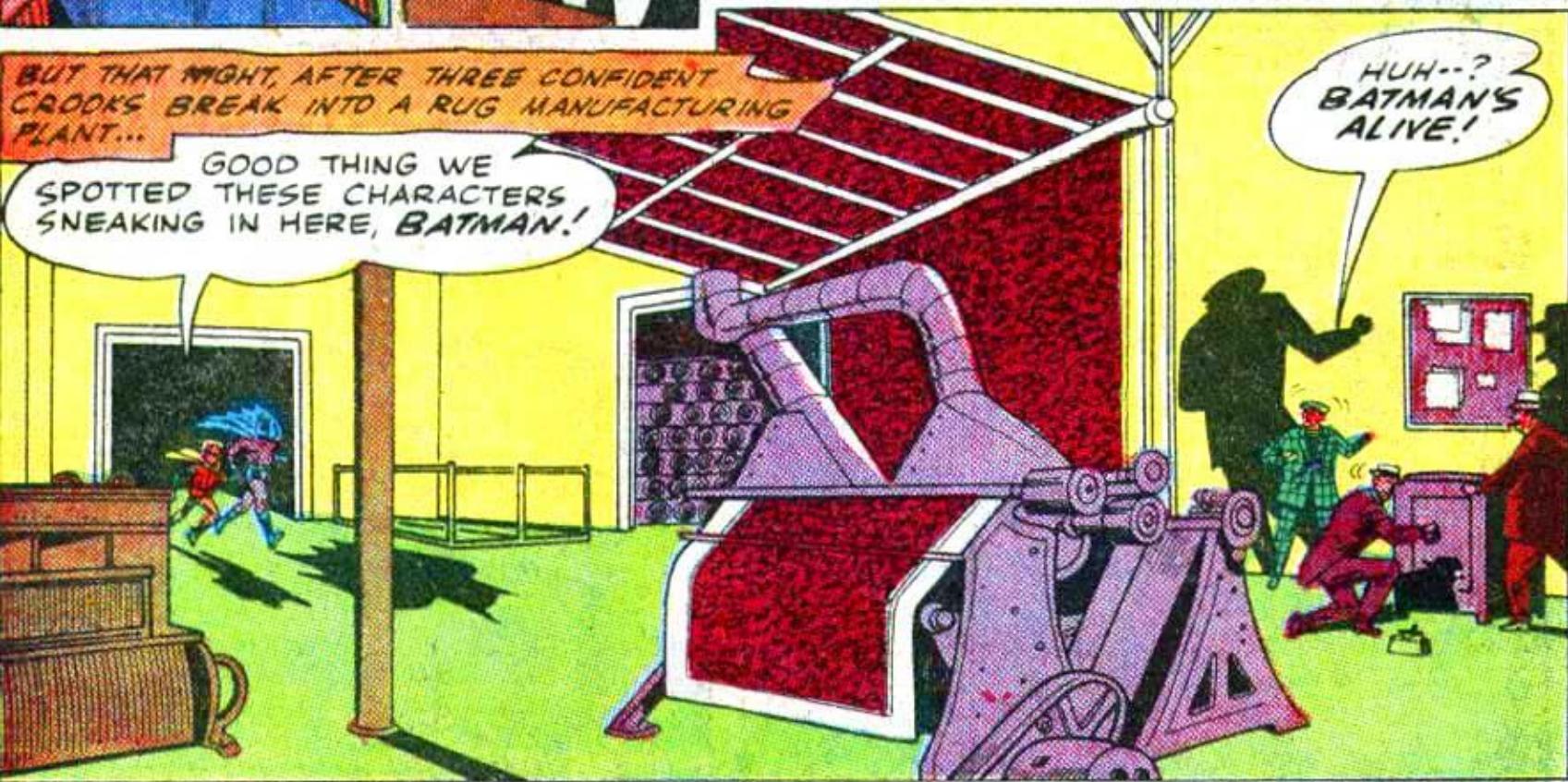
NO NEWSPAPER
REPORTED BATMAN'S
DEATH... ROBIN MUST
BE KEEPING IT A
SECRET!

YEAH, BUT WE
KNOW BETTER! IT'S
TWO DAYS SINCE
BATMAN WAS
LAST SEEN! HE'S
DEAD--AND THAT
MAKES IT EASIER
FOR US TO PULL
SOME JOBS!

BUT THAT NIGHT, AFTER THREE CONFIDENT
CROOKS BREAK INTO A RUG MANUFACTURING
PLANT...

GOOD THING WE
SPOTTED THESE CHARACTERS
SNEAKING IN HERE, BATMAN!

HUH--?
BATMAN'S
ALIVE!



OUCH!...
MY FIST!

YOU CANNOT-
HURT ME!



THEN, AS THE COWLED FIGURE LUMBERS TOWARD
THE OTHERS...

MAYBE THAT DEATH-TRAP
DIDN'T KILL HIM, BUT IT
SURE HURT HIM PLENTY!
LOOK HOW SLOW HE
IS!

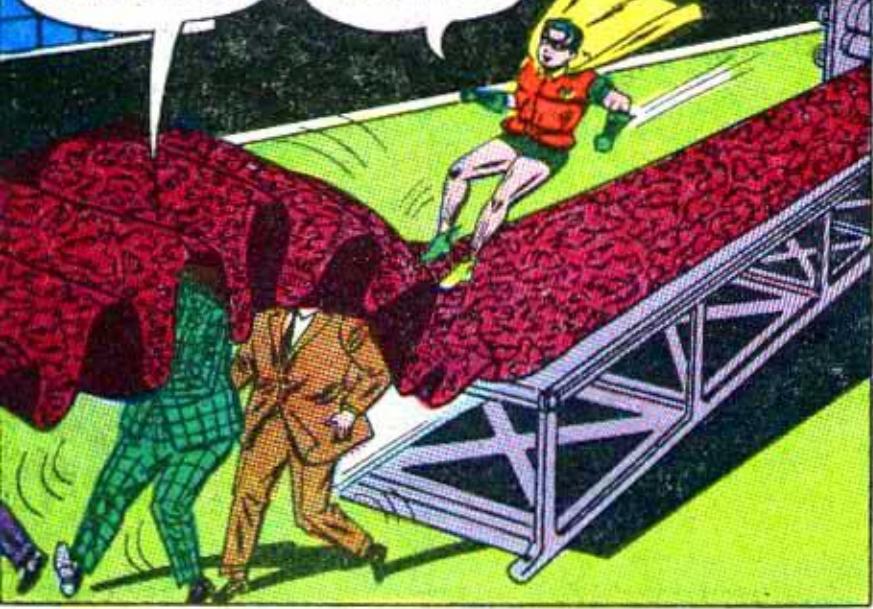
YEAH--HE'S AS
STIFF AS AN
OLD MAN!



BUT ROBIN IS JUST AS NIMBLE-FOOTED AS EVER, AND...

YOW! WHAT HAPPENED?

I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE A FLYING CARPET!



A QUICK "WRAP-UP" FOLLOWS!

THEY ARE CAPTURED-- NOW--ROBIN!

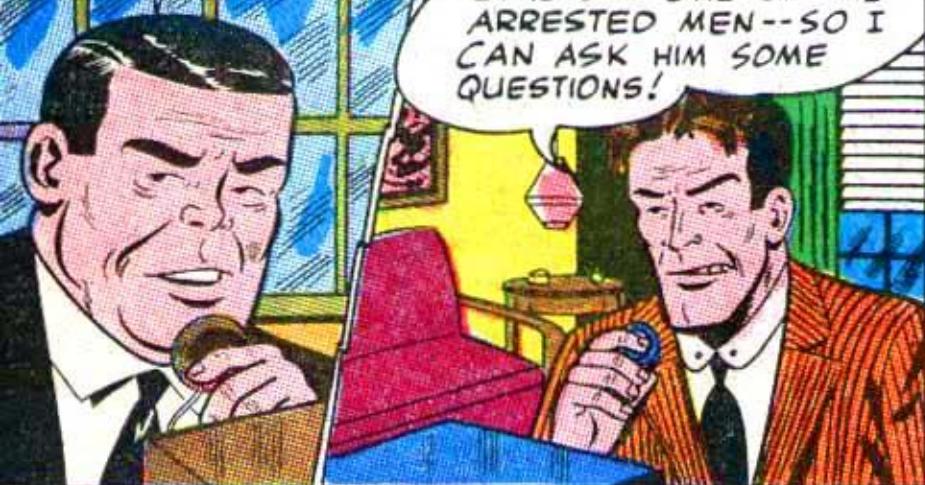
YES, BATMAN... THEY LOOK SNUG AS BUGS IN A RUG!



LATER, WHEN EDDIE CHILL HEARS OF THE CAPTURE ON A NEWS BROADCAST...

SO I WAS RIGHT... BATMAN DIDN'T DIE!

BUT, BOSS, THAT DEATH-TRAP WAS FOOLPROOF! BESIDES, THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT BATMAN! I'M GONNA BAIL OUT ONE OF THE ARRESTED MEN--SO I CAN ASK HIM SOME QUESTIONS!



SOON...

THINK HARD, PETEY-- DID YOU NOTICE ANYTHING DIFFERENT ABOUT BATMAN?

COME TO THINK OF IT, HE WALKED SORTA STIFF AND TALKED FUNNY-- STOPPING BEFORE EACH WORD! ANOTHER THING, HIS FACE NEVER CHANGED EXPRESSION.



...NOT EVEN WHEN I SOCKED HIM! MY FIST STILL HURTS FROM BOUNCING OFF HIM! HE'S GOT A JAW LIKE STEEL!

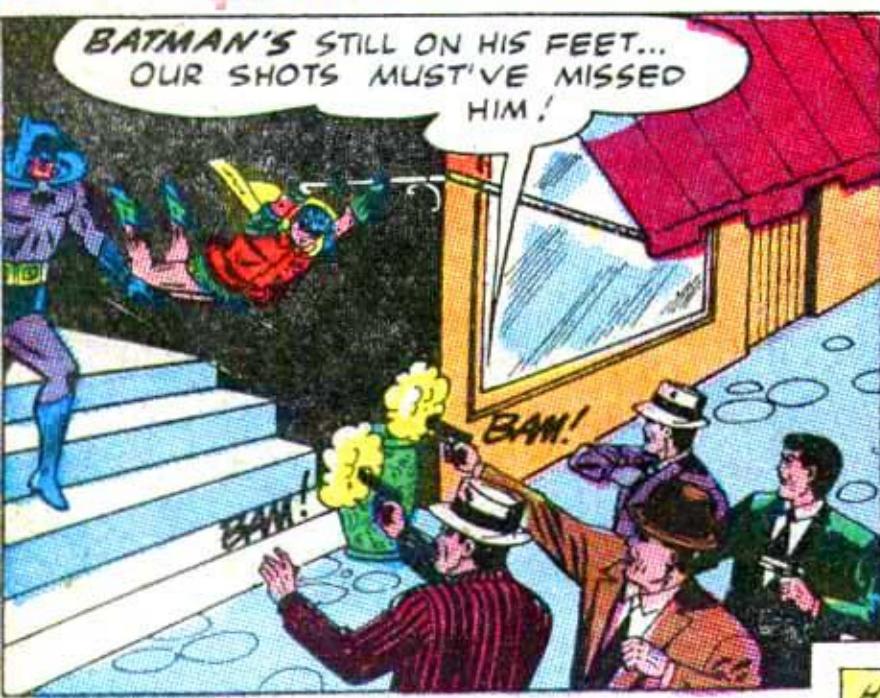
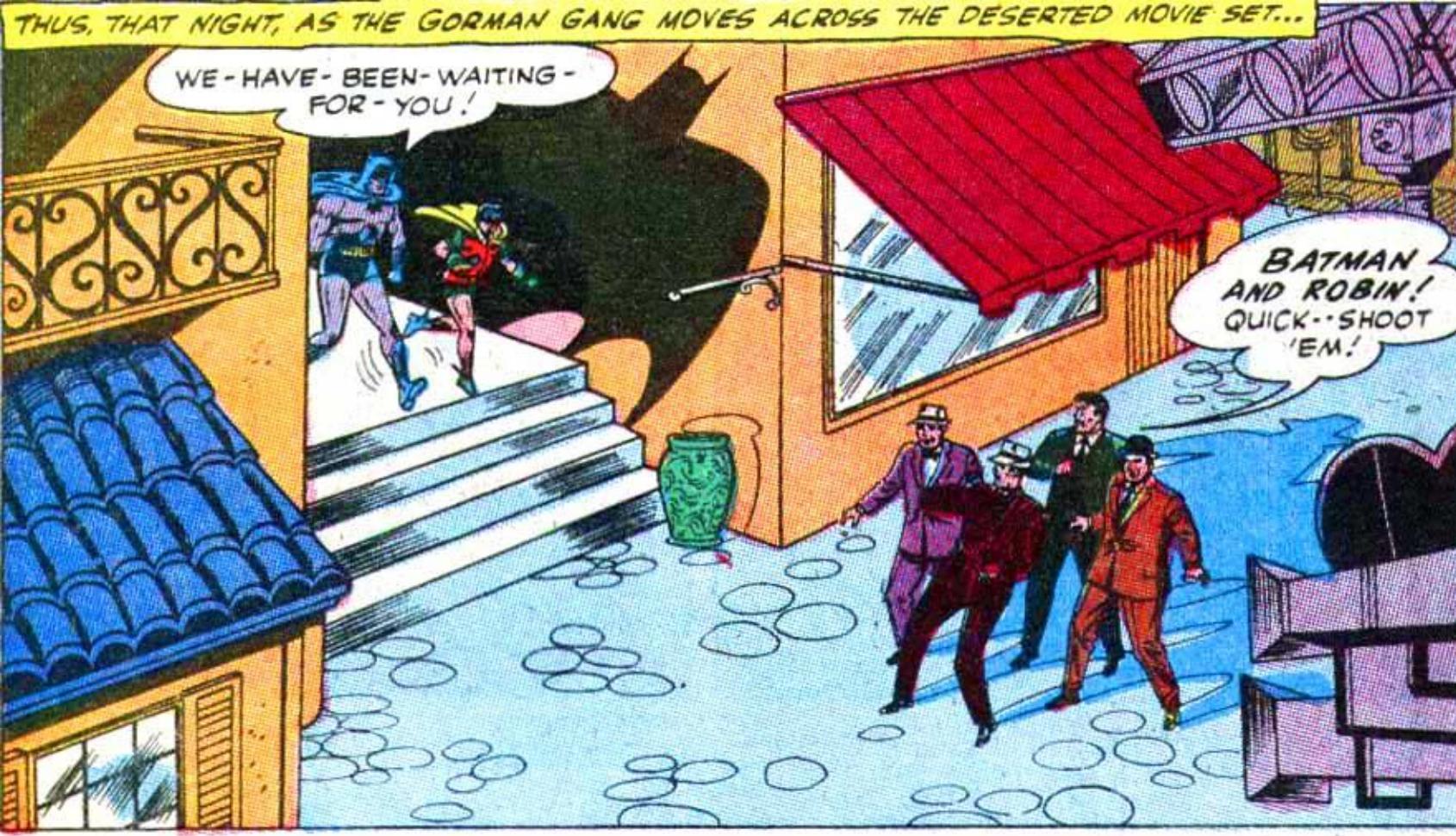
HMM--COULD IT BE...? I KNOW WHERE A RIVAL GANG IS PULLING A JOB TONIGHT! MAYBE I CAN ARRANGE FOR BATMAN TO BE THERE-- SO I CAN WATCH HIM!



DISGUIISING HIS VOICE, WEDGE MAKES AN ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL...

POLICE HEADQUARTERS? THE STUDIO FILMING "CASBAH ROMANCE" IS USING REAL JEWELS TO GET PUBLICITY FOR THE MOVIE... AND THE GORMAN GANG IS GONNA TRY CRACKING THEIR VAULT TONIGHT! SO LONG!

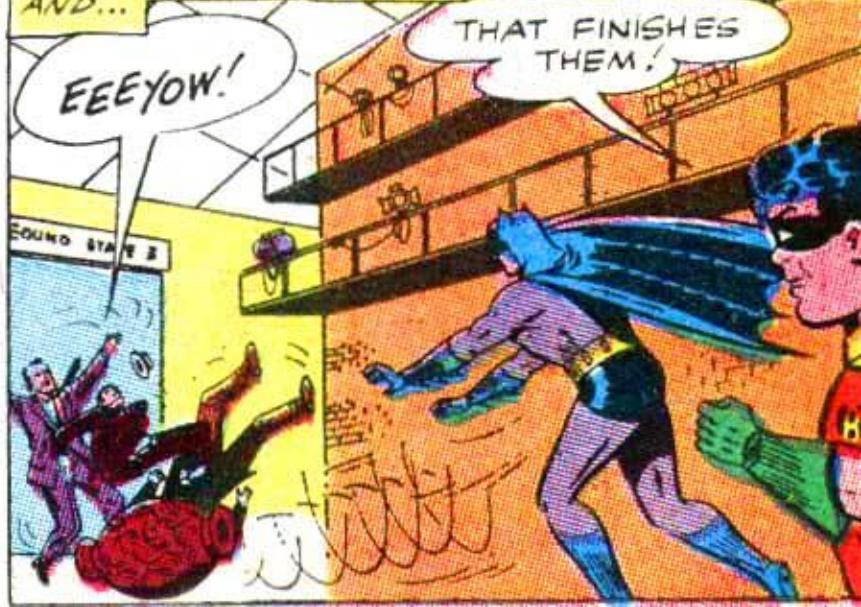




FRANTICALLY, THE BANDIT LEADER SHOVES A
MOVABLE CAMERA AT THE ONCOMING
BATMAN, BUT...



HEFTING A LARGE BRASS JAR, THE CAPED-
CRIME - FIGHTER WHIPS HIS ARM FORWARD.
AND...



MEANWHILE, WHERE WEDGE DIXON HAS BEEN WATCHING FROM CONCEALMENT...

IT'S JUST AS PETEY SAID... THE HALTING SPEECH--THE STIFF WALK... AND HE DIDN'T EVEN WINCE WHEN THAT HEAVY CAMERA-DOLLY HIT HIM! MY SUSPICIONS WERE RIGHT... WAIT'LL I TELL MY LAWYER ABOUT THIS!



NEXT MORNING, AS WEDGE'S TRIAL GETS UNDERWAY...

I BEGIN BY CALLING THE STATE'S STAR WITNESS, WHO ACTUALLY SAW THE ACCUSED AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME! I CALL BATMAN TO THE STAND!



BUT BEFORE THE WITNESS CAN GIVE HIS TESTIMONY...

YOUR HONOR--I QUESTION THE RELIABILITY OF THIS SO-CALLED WITNESS... AND WITH THE COURT'S PERMISSION, I WILL PROVE MY POINT!



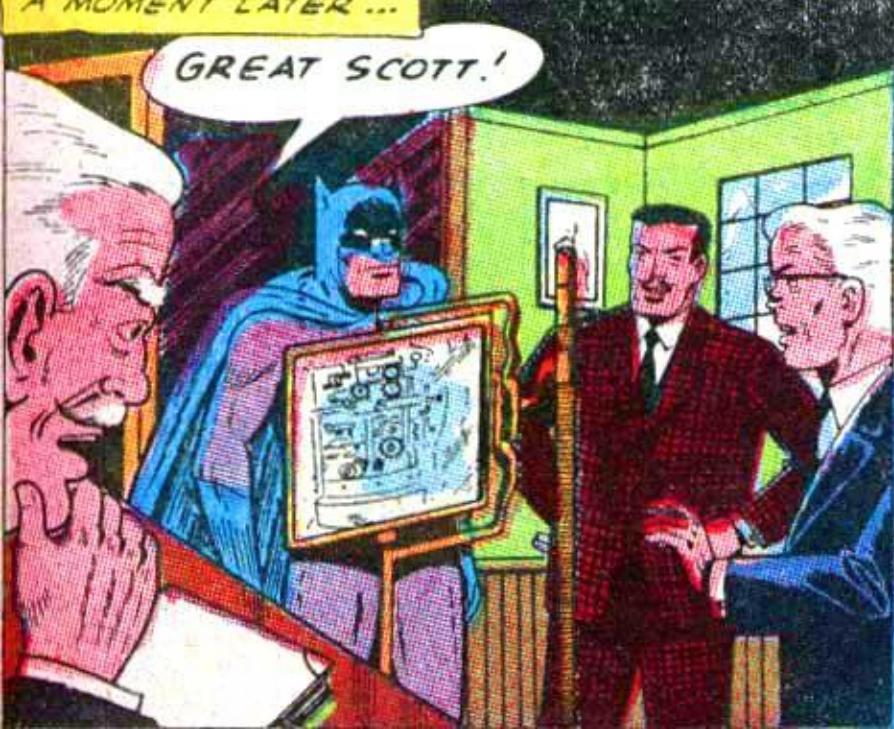
SWIFTLY, WEDGE'S LAWYER HAS AN APPARATUS SET UP RIGHT IN THE COURTROOM...

THIS IS A FLUOROSCOPE MACHINE, WHICH CAN X-RAY THE HUMAN BODY! I NOW WISH TO FLUOROSCOPE THE WITNESS!

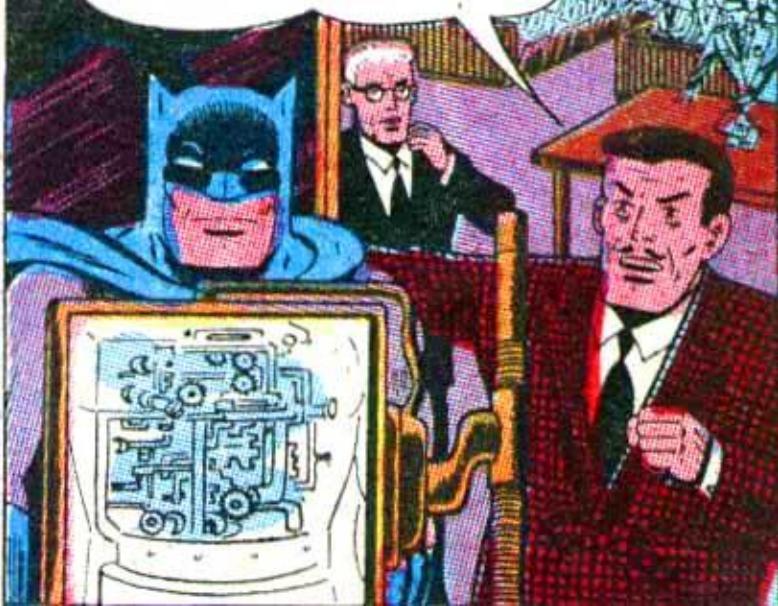


A MOMENT LATER ...

GREAT SCOTT!



THIS PROVES THE WITNESS IS A ROBOT... A ROBOT MASQUERADE AS BATMAN-- BECAUSE THE REAL BATMAN IS DEAD!



SINCE THE STATE'S CHIEF WITNESS CANNOT APPEAR TO TESTIFY, THERE IS NO CASE AGAINST MY CLIENT!

I MUST AGREE! THE COURT HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO DISMISS THE CASE FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE!

WHEN THE COURTROOM IS CLEARED, REPORTERS THROG ABOUT ROBIN AND THE ROBOT-BATMAN...

SADLY, ROBIN TELLS HOW BATMAN WAS LURED INTO THE DEATH-TRAP AND WHAT HAPPENED AFTERWARD...

ROBIN, THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO THE TRUTH! HOW DID BATMAN DIE? HOW DOES THE ROBOT FIGURE IN ALL THIS?

ALL RIGHT-- I'LL TELL YOU...



"I DON'T KNOW HOW I FOUND THE STRENGTH, BUT I MANAGED TO PULL AWAY ENOUGH BOULDERS UNTIL I REACHED BATMAN... BUT I WAS TOO LATE!!"

DON'T WORRY--I'LL GET THESE OFF YOU, BATMAN!

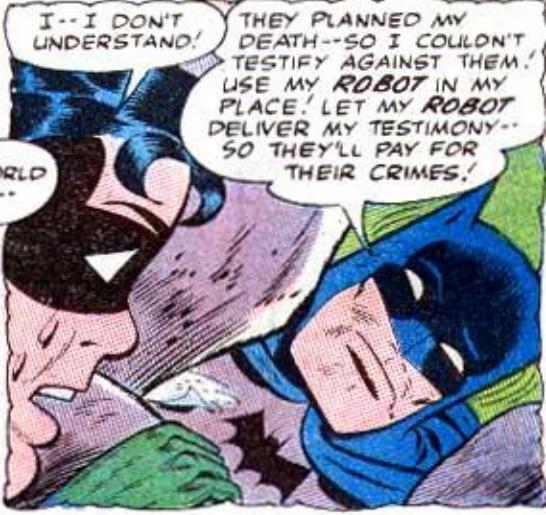
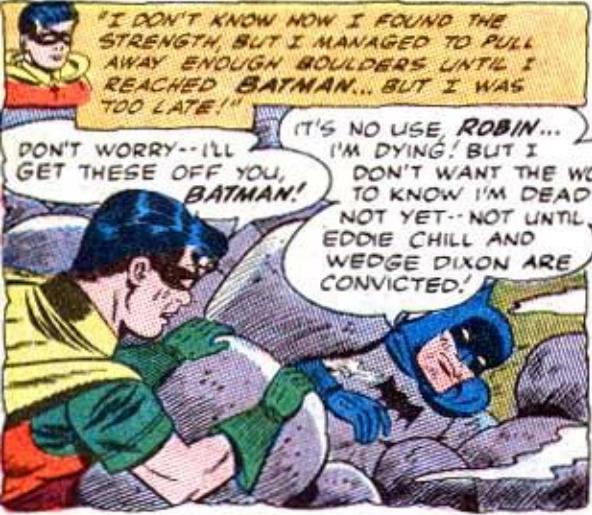
IT'S NO USE, ROBIN...

I'M DYING! BUT I

DON'T WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW I'M DEAD-- NOT YET--NOT UNTIL EDDIE CHILL AND WEDGE DIXON ARE CONVICTED!

I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

THEY PLANNED MY DEATH--SO I COULDN'T TESTIFY AGAINST THEM! USE MY ROBOT IN MY PLACE! LET MY ROBOT DELIVER MY TESTIMONY-- SO THEY'LL PAY FOR THEIR CRIMES!



G-GOOD-BYE, ROBIN! YOU'VE GOT TO CARRY ON FOR ME! I'M COUNTING -- ON-- YOU ... UHH-HHHH...



I--I LEFT HIM WHERE HE WAS ... COVERED HIM WITH ROCK AGAIN--SO THAT NO ONE WOULD KNOW HIS BURIAL PLACE!

ROBIN--WE'D LIKE TO SEE WHERE HE'S BURIED... PLEASE!



LATER, AT THE MINE ...

HE WAS A GREAT GUY...
THERE'LL NEVER BE
ANOTHER LIKE HIM!

WE'LL START A
CAMPAIGN TO GET A
MEMORIAL ERECTED
HERE WHERE HE'S
BURIED!

SWIFTLY, THE NEWS GOES OUT TO A
SHOCKED PUBLIC...

BATMAN DEAD...
I--I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT!

IT'S AWFUL--
JUST AWFUL!



BUT, ELSEWHERE, THE NEWS IS GREETED WITH JOY--
FOR IT ENABLES EDDIE CHILL TO COME OUT OF
HIDING...

WELCOME BACK,
BOSS! NOW THAT BATMAN
CAN'T TESTIFY AGAINST US,
WE'RE BOTH FREE MEN!

YEAH--WE'VE GOT
NOTHING TO WORRY
ABOUT NOW!

TROUBLE IS, I GOT A TIP
THAT THE COPS ARE
TRYING TO FIND OUT
WHERE YOU HID OUR
LOOT! WE'D BETTER
GET TO IT RIGHT AWAY,
BEFORE THE COPS DO!

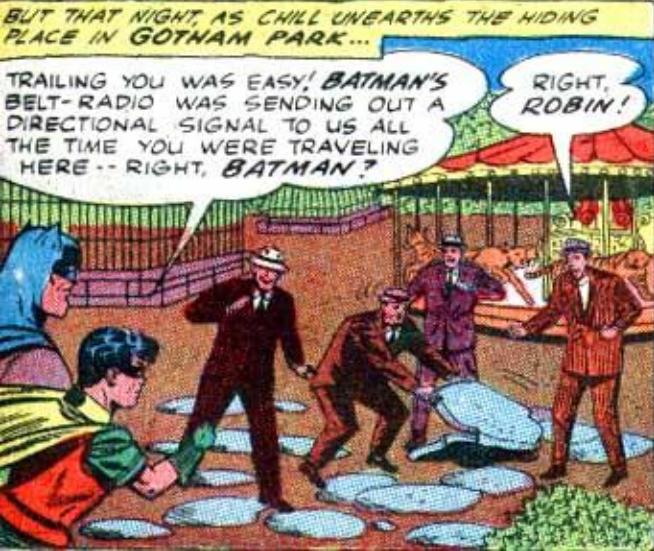
YOU'RE
RIGHT...
WE'LL GO
THERE AS
SOON AS
IT'S DARK!



BUT THAT NIGHT AS CHILL UNEARTHS THE HIDING
PLACE IN GOTHAM PARK...

TRAILING YOU WAS EASY! BATMAN'S
BELT-RADIO WAS SENDING OUT A
DIRECTIONAL SIGNAL TO US ALL
THE TIME YOU WERE TRAVELING
HERE -- RIGHT, BATMAN?

RIGHT,
ROBIN!



YOU... YOU'RE
BATMAN...

YES! YOU'LL FIND
WEDGE WHERE I
LEFT HIM EARLIER--
TIED UP IN THE ALLEY
NEAR HIS
APARTMENT!

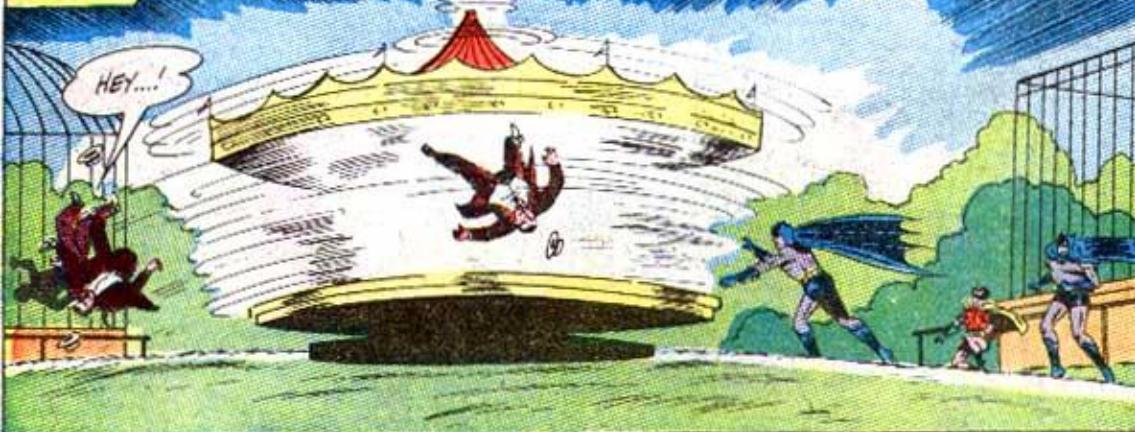
AS BATMAN SHUHS HIS DISGUISE, THE NIGHT OWL GANG LEAPS ABOARD THE DESERTED PARK CAROUSEL, AND...



BUT THE BATMAN-ROBOT LUMBERS FORWARD, IGNORING THE BULLETS THAT CAROM FROM ITS METALLIC BODY...

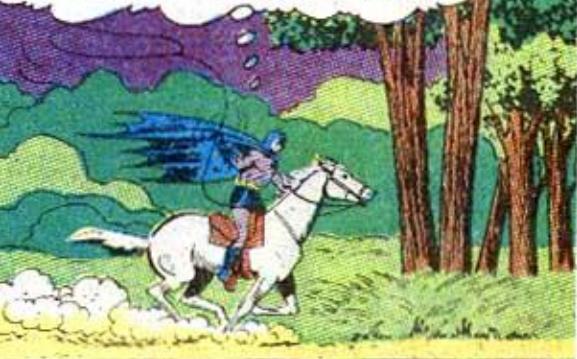


SEIZING THE RIM OF THE CAROUSEL, THE MECHANICAL MAN GIVES IT ONE MIGHTY SHOVE ...



WITH A HORSE FROM THE STABLE, BATMAN GALLOPS IN PURSUIT OF HIS QUARRY...

THIS SHORT-CUT ACROSS THE GROUNDS WILL GET ME RIGHT TO HIM... MY BAT-ROPE WILL DO THE REST!



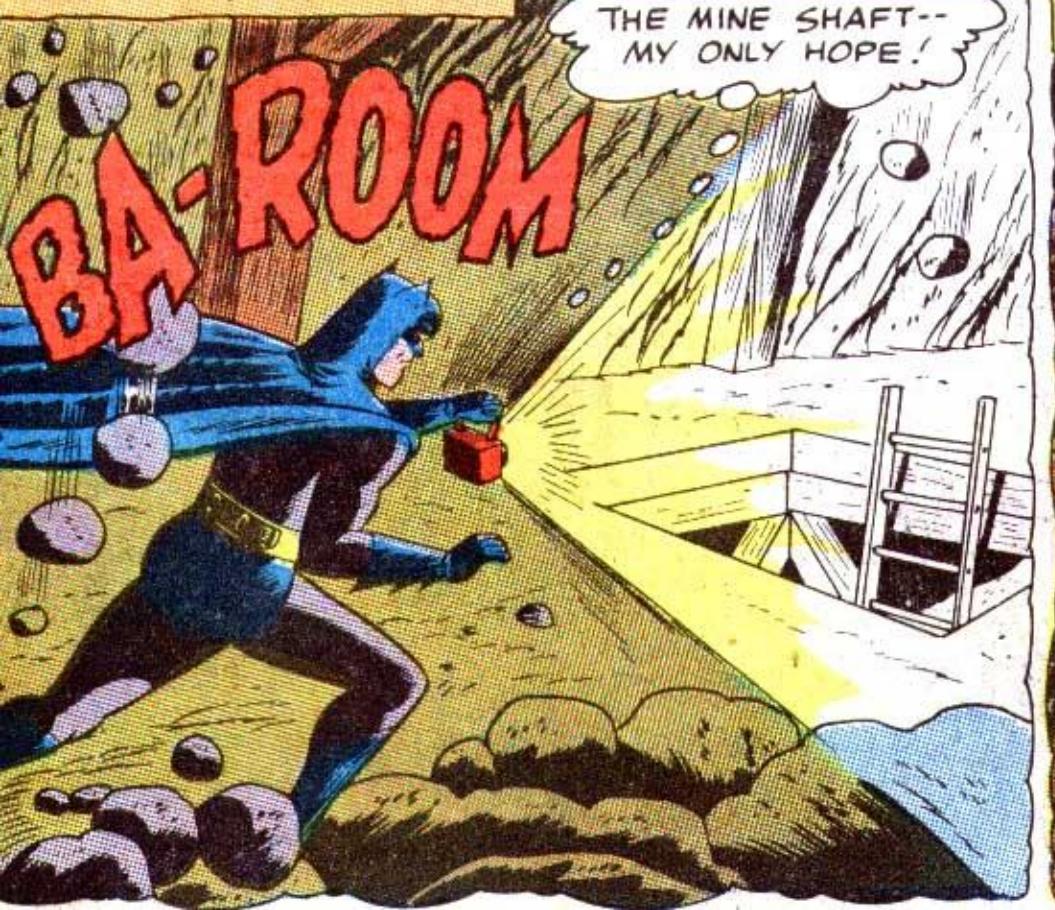
END OF THE LINE CHILL!
NEXT STOP -- STATE
PRISON!



"AS I WALKED DEEPER INTO THE MINE, I
SUDDENLY FRIGHTENED A LITTLE MOUSE--
AND AS HE SCAMPERED AWAY, I
NOTICED..."

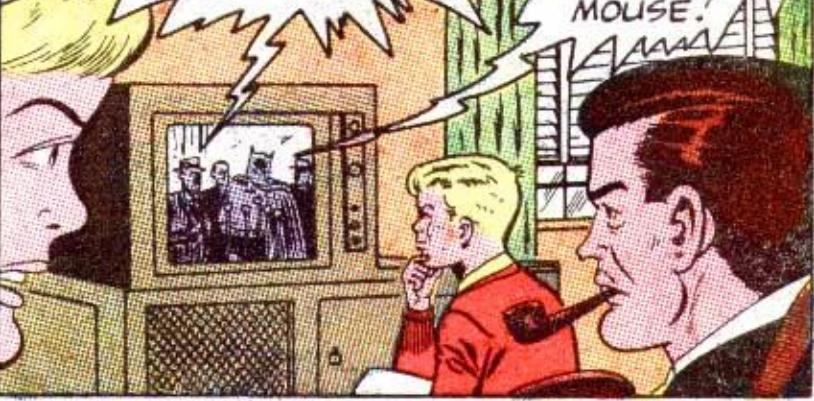


"REALIZING I'D ENTERED A TRAP, I KNEW I'D NEVER
MAKE IT BACK TO THE ENTRANCE IN TIME--SO I
ACTED FAST, JUST AS..."



LATER, AT A SPECIAL TV PRESS CONFERENCE...
NOW, BATMAN, THE NATION
IS WAITING TO HEAR HOW
YOU ESCAPED THE
DEATH-TRAP PLANNED
FOR YOU!

STRANGE TO
TELL--MY
LIFE WAS
SAVED BECAUSE
OF A TINY
MOUSE!



THE MOUSE'S PRINTS AND MINE...
THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES HERE!
THAT MEANS--NOBODY ELSE
HAS ENTERED THIS MINE
RECENTLY!

"DEEP BELOW, I CLUNG TO THE
LADDER--WHILE ABOVE ME, THE
CEILING CRASHED DOWN TO SEAL
THE SHAFT!"



"I DESCENDED THE LADDER AND WALKED THE LOWER LEVEL UNTIL I CAME UPON AN UNDERWATER STREAM..."

IT'S FLOWING TO A RIFT AHEAD... I CAN SEE DAYLIGHT! POOR ROBIN--I'LL BET HE THINKS I'M DEAD... AND SO DO WEDGE DIXON AND EDDIE CHILL! HMM... MAYBE I'LL STAY "DEAD"--SO CHILL WILL THINK IT'S SAFE TO COME OUT OF HIDING!



"BUT AS THE DAYS PASSED, AND CHILL DIDN'T EMERGE..."

HE'S PROBABLY NOT CONVINCED YOU'RE DEAD--THAT'S WHY!

HMM... WHAT IF WE USED MY ROBOT? ITS UNHUMAN MANNER IS SURE TO MAKE WEDGE GUESS IT IS A ROBOT... AND HE'LL EXPOSE IT AT HIS TRIAL! THAT SHOULD CONVINCE CHILL I'M REALLY DEAD!

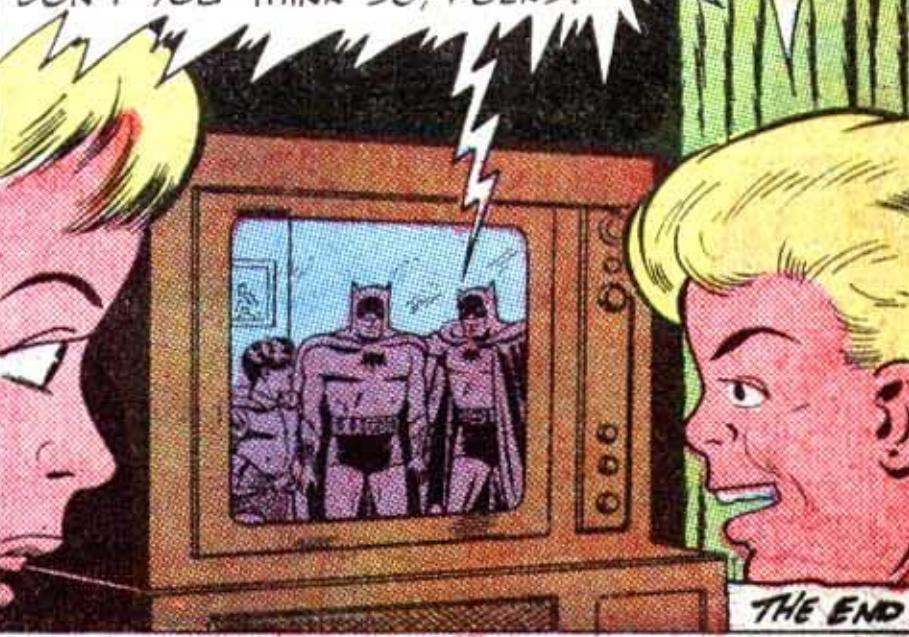


"THE TRICK WORKED--AND WHEN WEDGE WENT TO HIS APARTMENT BUILDING, I WAS WAITING FOR HIM..."

NOW I'LL DISGUISE MYSELF AS WEDGE--AND WHEN CHILL ARRIVES, I'LL GET HIM TO UNCOVER THE LOOT! SINCE HE AND WEDGE CAN'T BE TRIED AGAIN FOR THE SPORTS SHOW ROBBERY, THE LOOT WILL BE ALL THE EVIDENCE NEEDED TO CONVICT THEM OF OTHER ROBBERIES!



THE PLAN WORKED--BUT MUCH CREDIT FOR ITS SUCCESS IS DUE TO THE BATMAN-ROBOT! DON'T YOU THINK SO, FOLKS?



THE END

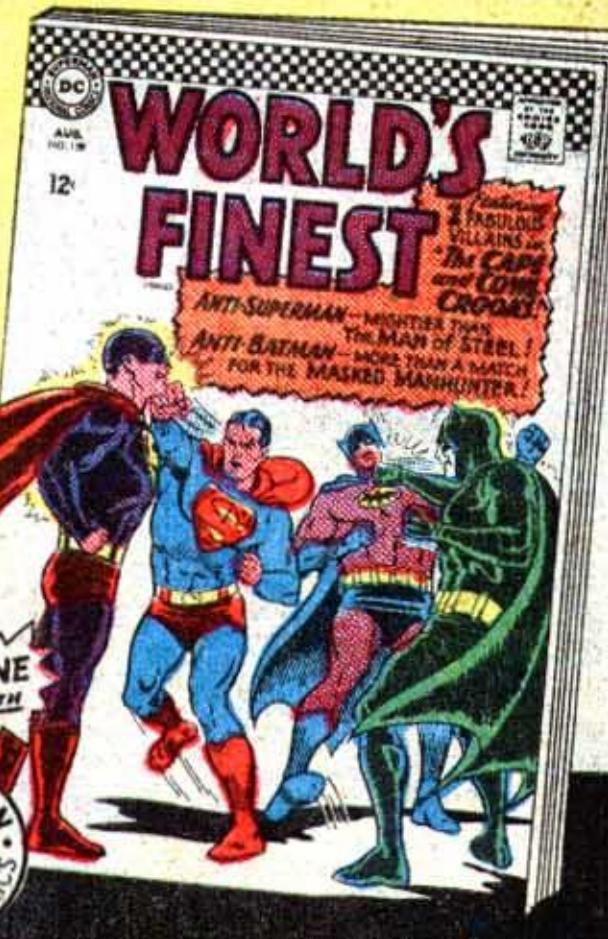
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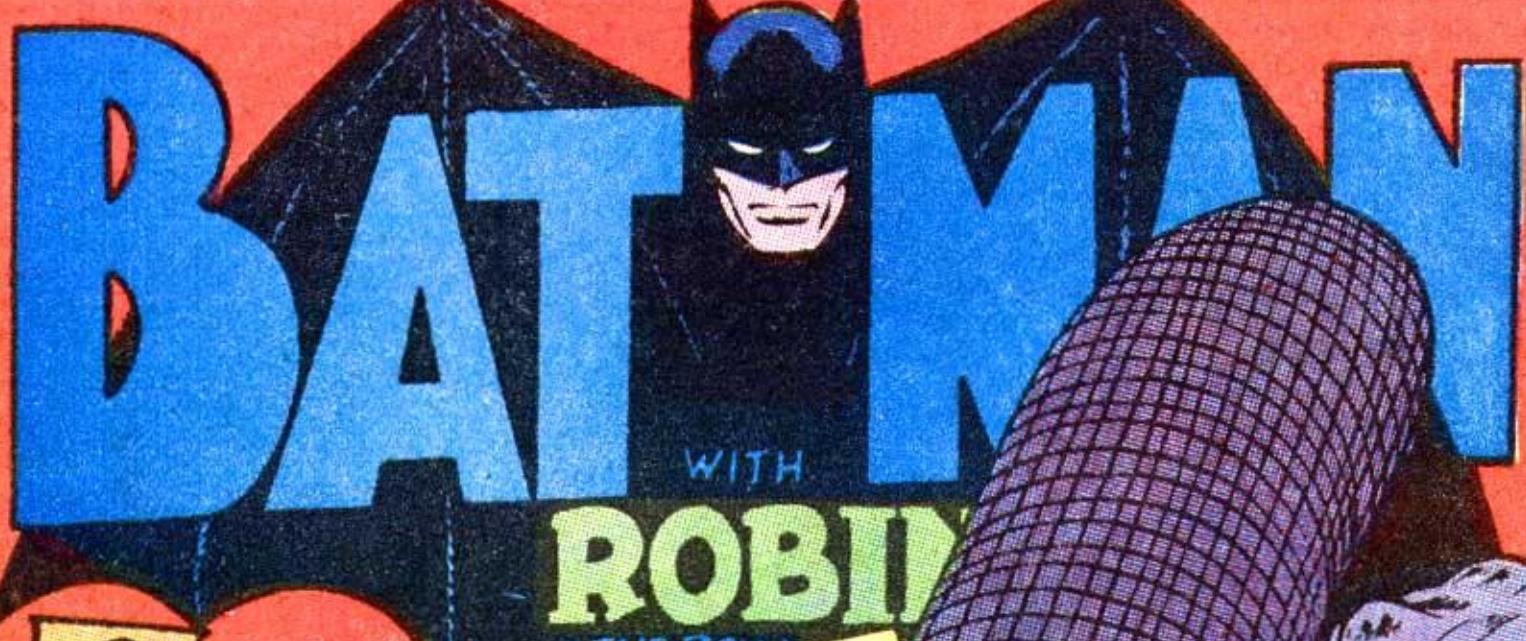
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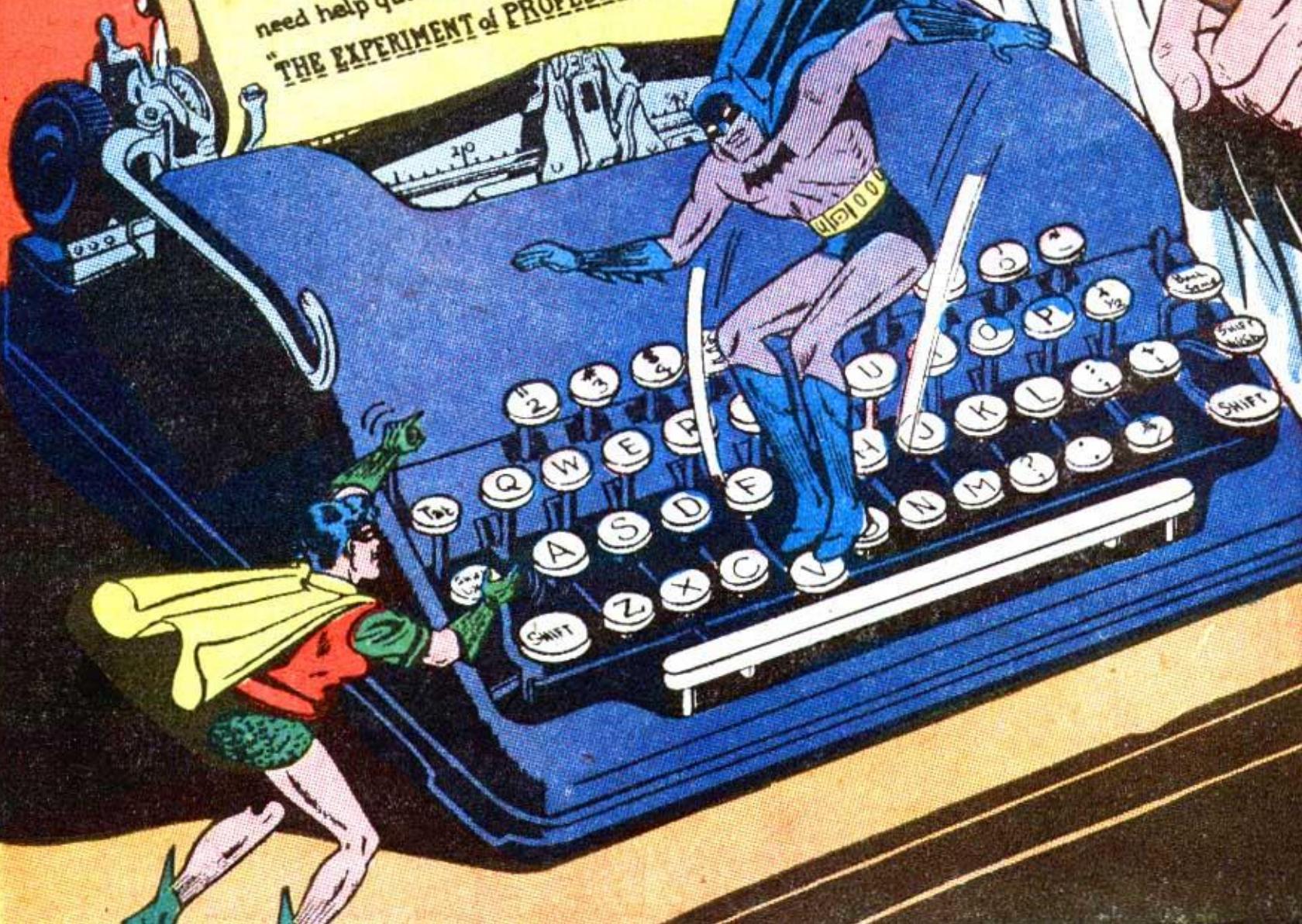
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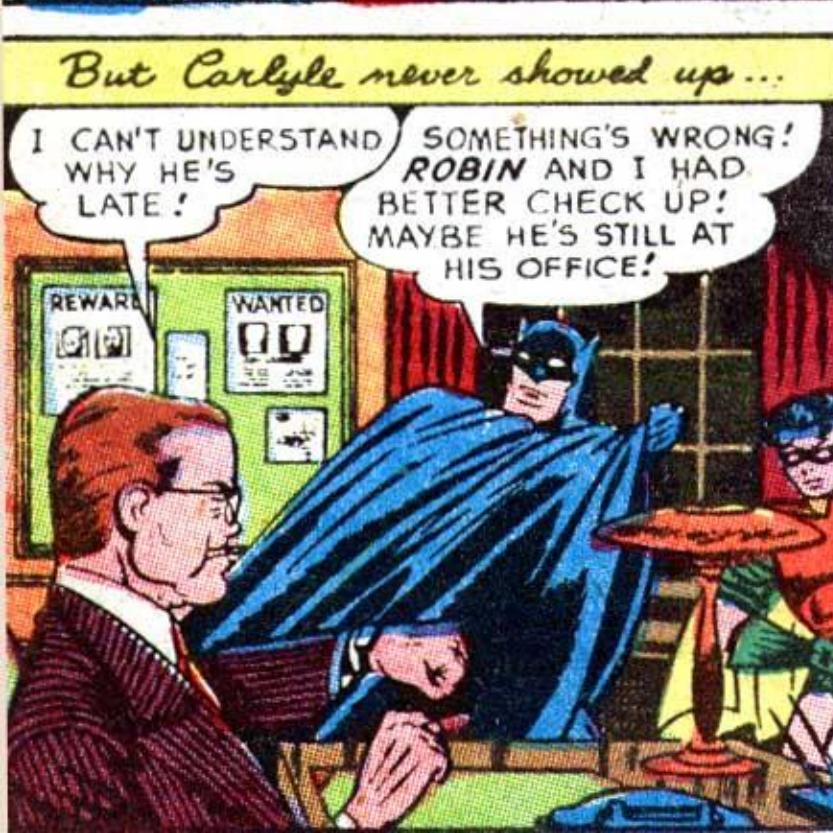
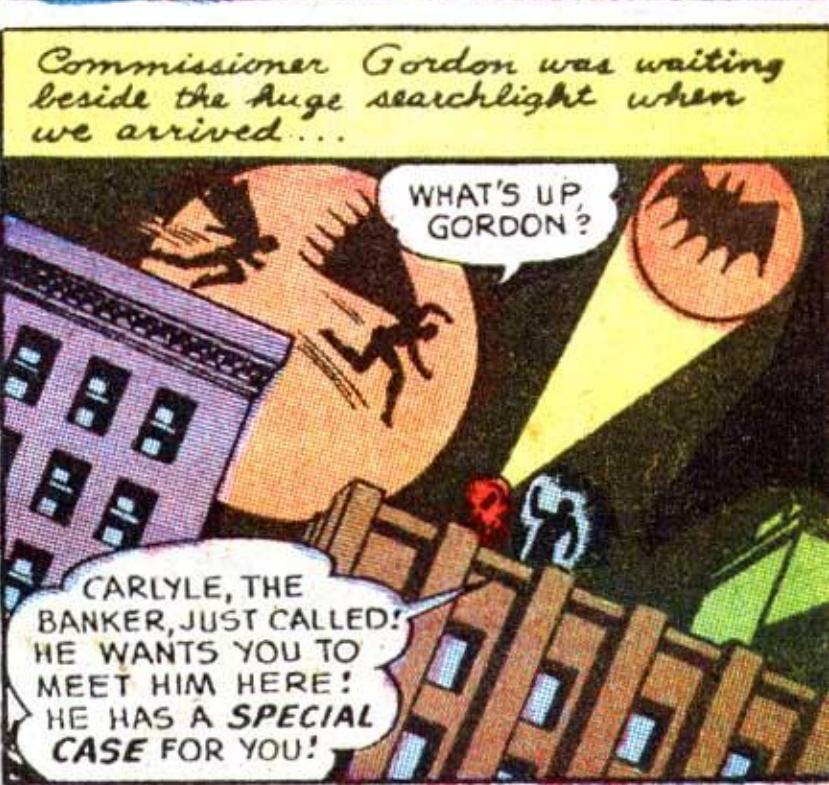
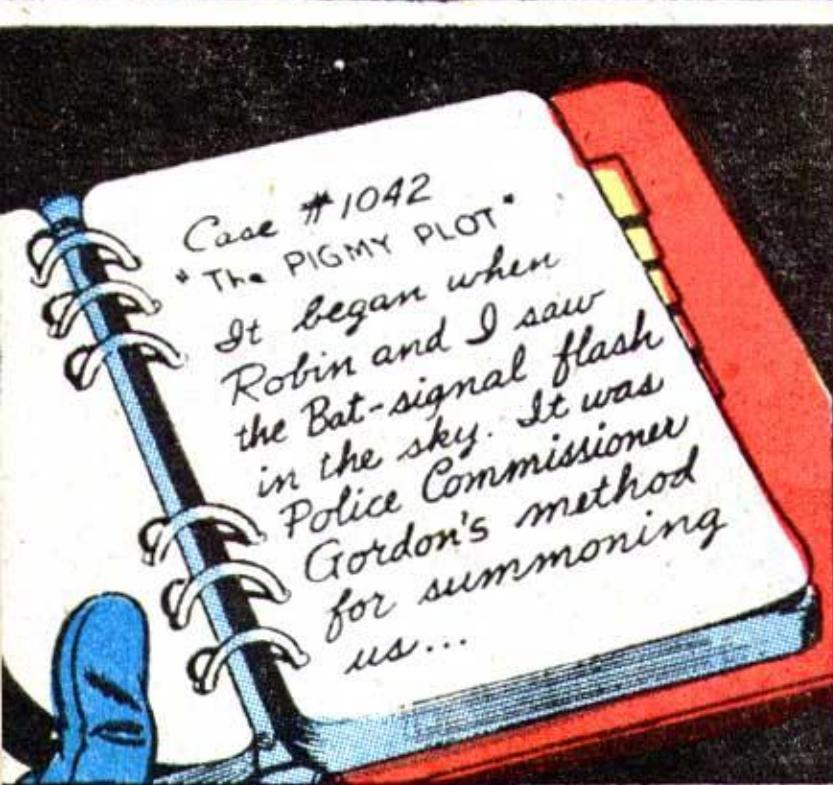
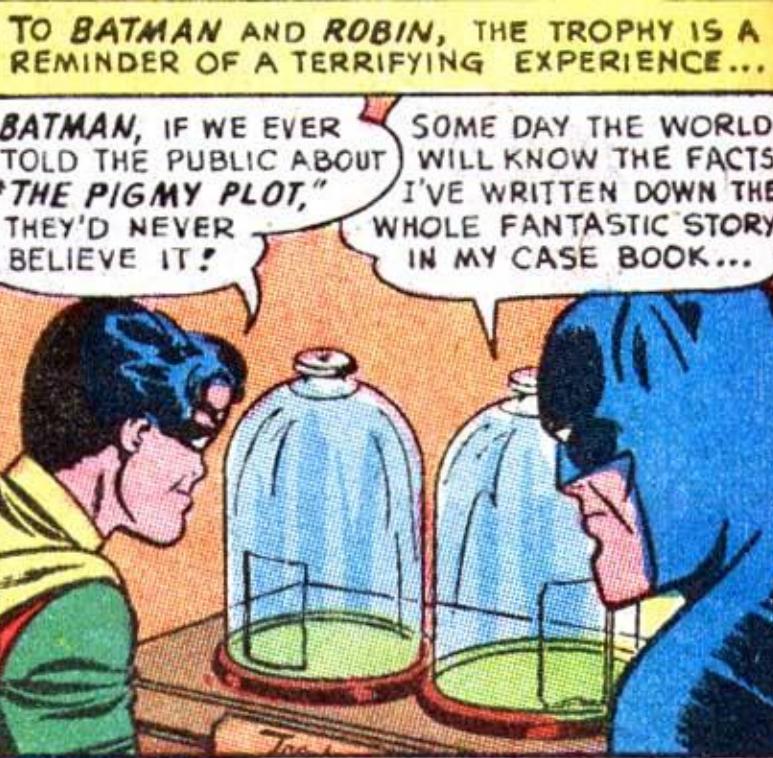
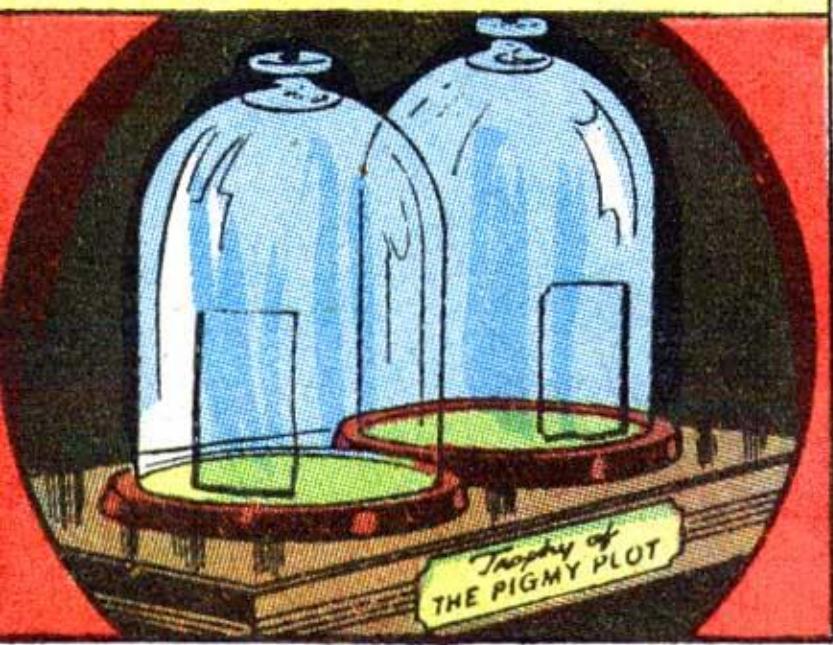
WITH ROBIN

By BOB KANE

SOMEBODY...ANYBODY...GET HELP! HURRY...
BEFORE HE COMES BACK! I'm tapping out this
message by jumping on the typewriter
keys! We've been reduced to this size
by an evil scientist who's got a plan
that is a menace to everyone, including you.
Tell the police that BATMAN and ROBIN
need help quickly to smash...
"THE EXPERIMENT of PROFESSOR ZERO"



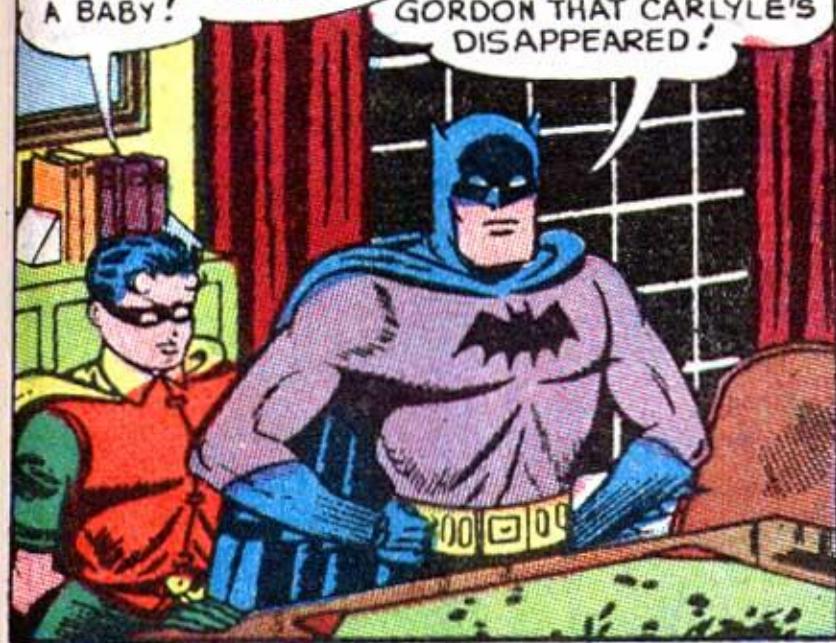
IN THE TROPHY ROOM OF BATMAN AND ROBIN
ARE TWO LARGE BELL JARS, MEMENTOS OF AN
HISTORIC CRIME CASE...



THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN MADE BY A MECHANICAL WALKING DOLL...OR A BABY!

HMM! WE'D BETTER GET BACK TO HEADQUARTERS AND NOTIFY GORDON THAT CARLYLE'S DISAPPEARED!

But upon approaching headquarters, for some unknown reason we staggered weakly.

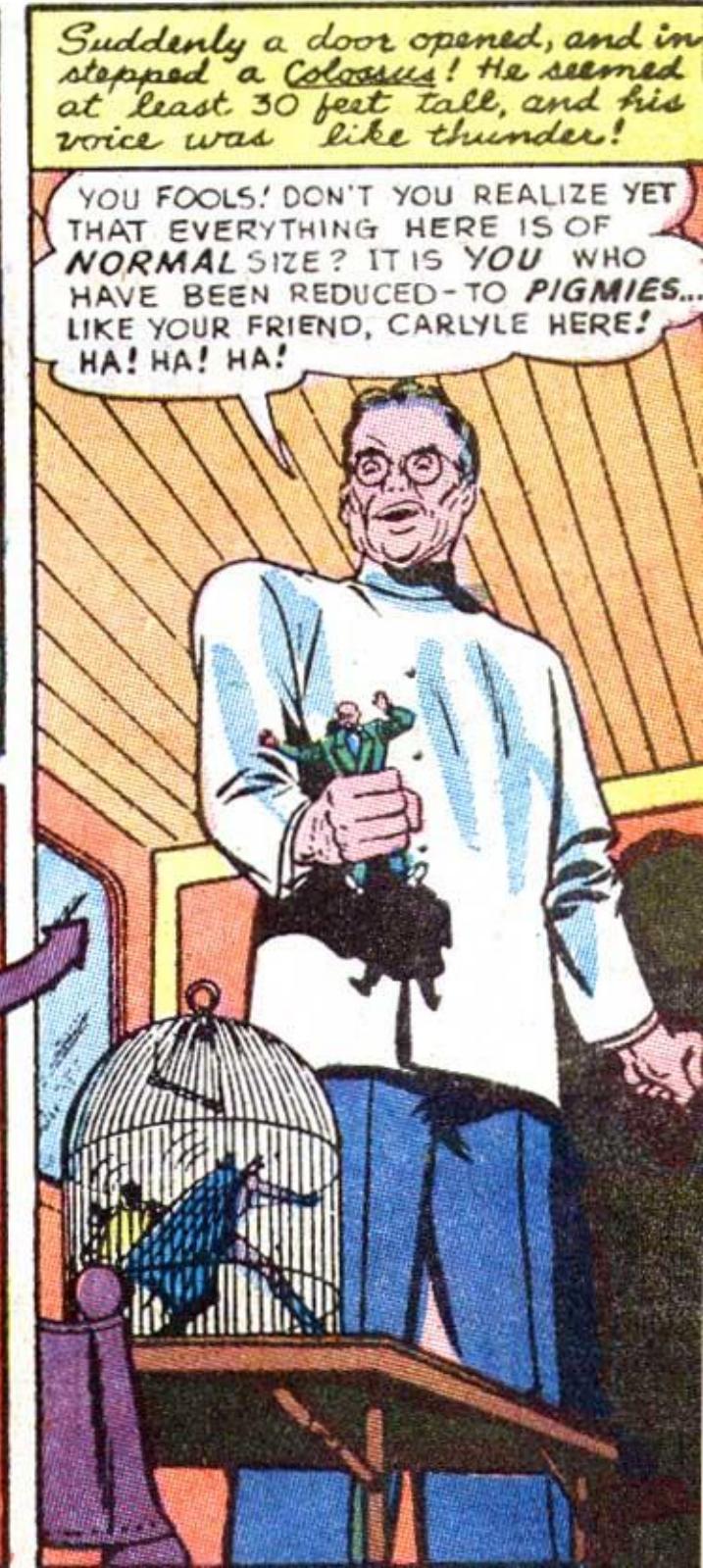
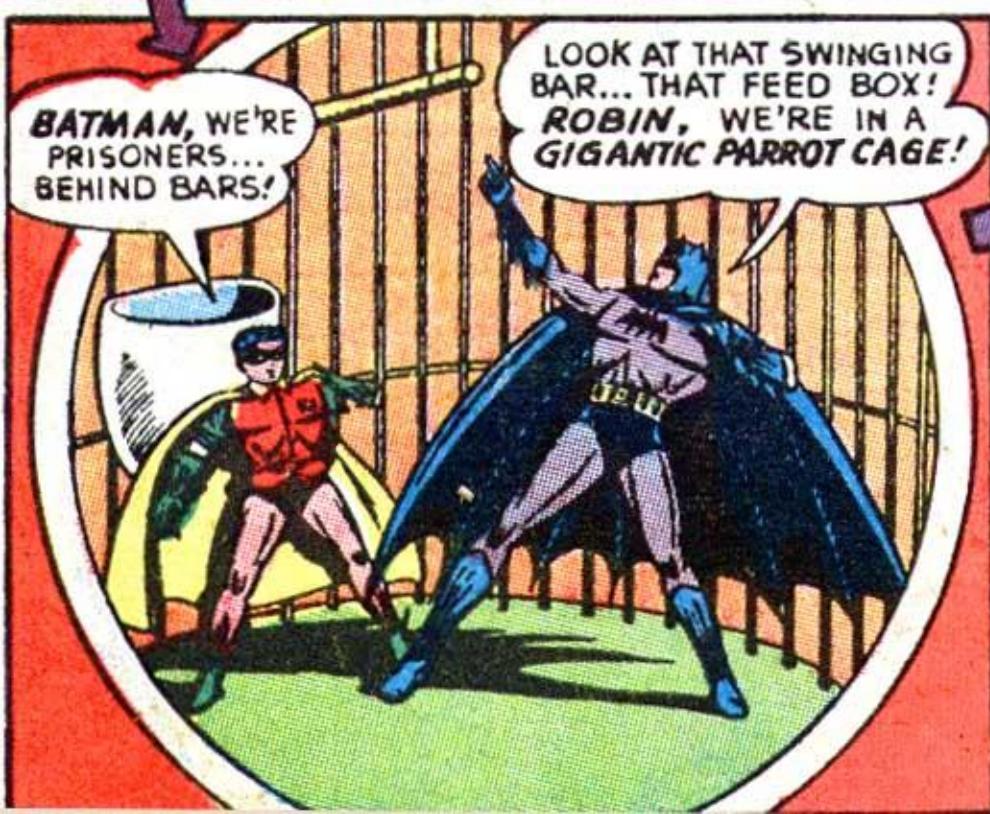


When we awoke, what we saw made our senses reel...



Suddenly a door opened, and in stepped a Colossus! He seemed at least 30 feet tall, and his voice was like thunder!

YOU FOOLS! DON'T YOU REALIZE YET THAT EVERYTHING HERE IS OF NORMAL SIZE? IT IS YOU WHO HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO PIGMIES... LIKE YOUR FRIEND, CARLYLE HERE! HA! HA! HA!



Carlyle was rudely thrust into the parrot cage with us while the colossus walked away with giant strides.

CARLYLE...
WHAT'S
GOING ON?

THAT
MADMAN CALLS
HIMSELF PROFESSOR
ZERO! HE'S DISCOVERED
A WAY TO SHRINK MEN
TO PIGMY SIZE AND
IS USING HIS
DISCOVERY FOR
EXTORTION!

Horrified, Robin and I heard Carlyle explain how he'd received a threatening letter that morning...

Dear Mr. Carlyle:
Unless you pay me \$100,000 you will find yourself reduced to the size of a 9-inch pigmy. I defy you to stop me. You can even go to police headquarters with this note - if you dare.
Professor ZERO

Carlyle said he'd phoned Gordon for our meeting... then, like Robin and me, he staggered weakly as he approached headquarters...

I'M GOING
TO FAINT...
OHHH...

When Carlyle recovered consciousness, he was shrunken to pigmy size! Somehow he made his way back to his office to find Professor Zero waiting!

WELL, ARE YOU
READY TO PAY
THAT \$100,000
NOW — OR
REMAIN TINY
FOREVER?

I'VE
ALREADY NOTIFIED
BATMAN! HE'LL
QUEER YOUR
ROTTEN SCHEME!

Carlyle said Professor Zero angrily cuffed him around the desk -- which explained the inky footprints!

DON'T,
ZERO!
YOU'LL
KILL HIM!

SHUT UP, BEEFY!
NOW WE'VE GOT TO
STOP BATMAN BEFORE
HE RUINS EVERYTHING!

Carlyle couldn't tell us any more because suddenly a huge hand closed like a vice about Robin and me!

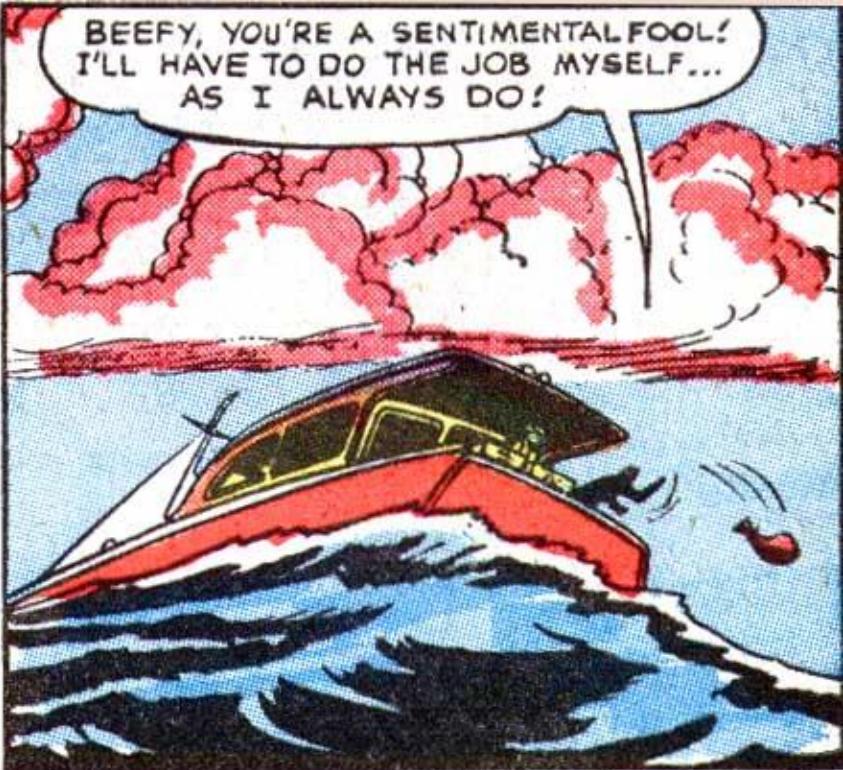
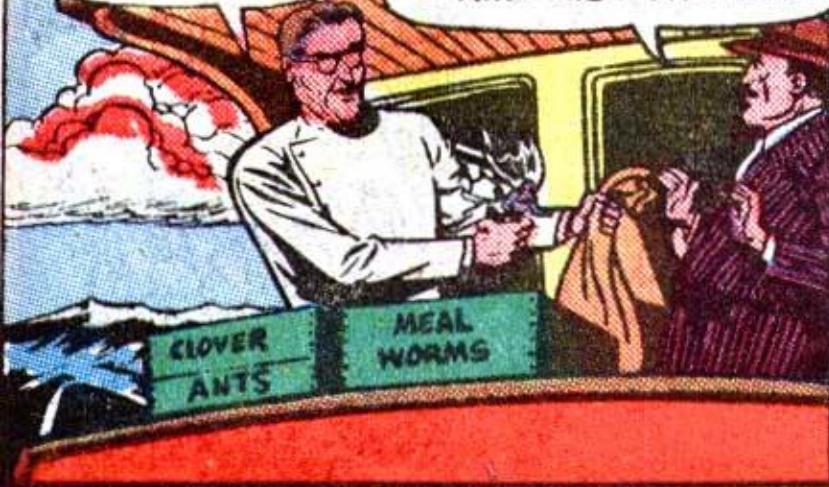
BETTER SAY FAREWELL TO CARLYLE
AND THE WORLD — FOR YOU'LL NEVER
SEE EITHER AGAIN AFTER TODAY!

Presently, on the deck...

BEEFY, THROW THEM OVERBOARD IN THIS SACK! DROWN THEM LIKE KITTENS!

I... I CAN'T, ZERO! IF THEY WERE MY SIZE, I'D DO IT... BUT THEY'RE SO SMALL... I AIN'T GOT THE HEART!

BEEFY, YOU'RE A SENTIMENTAL FOOL! I'LL HAVE TO DO THE JOB MYSELF... AS I ALWAYS DO!



Water began seeping swiftly into our burlap coffin as we sank...

BATMAN, HURRY! MAYBE THE EXPLOSIVE FROM YOUR UTILITY BELT CAN SAVE US!

THE EXPLOSIVE IS SO SMALL NOW IT WOULDN'T HAVE ANY MORE POWER THAN A PISTOL CAP! BUT I'VE HIDDEN SOMETHING I PICKED UP BEFORE...



And then I hacked a hole in the burlap, with the sharp object I found in the parrot cage!

WE'RE LUCKY THE BIRD ONCE HAD A PEDICURE!

IT'S CRAZY... CRAZY! BATMAN AND ROBIN... USING A PARROT CLAW AS A KNIFE!



An old paint brush became our life raft as Batman spread out his cloak for a sail...

WHEN WE LAND WE'LL SEND OUT A POLICE ALARM FOR ZERO!

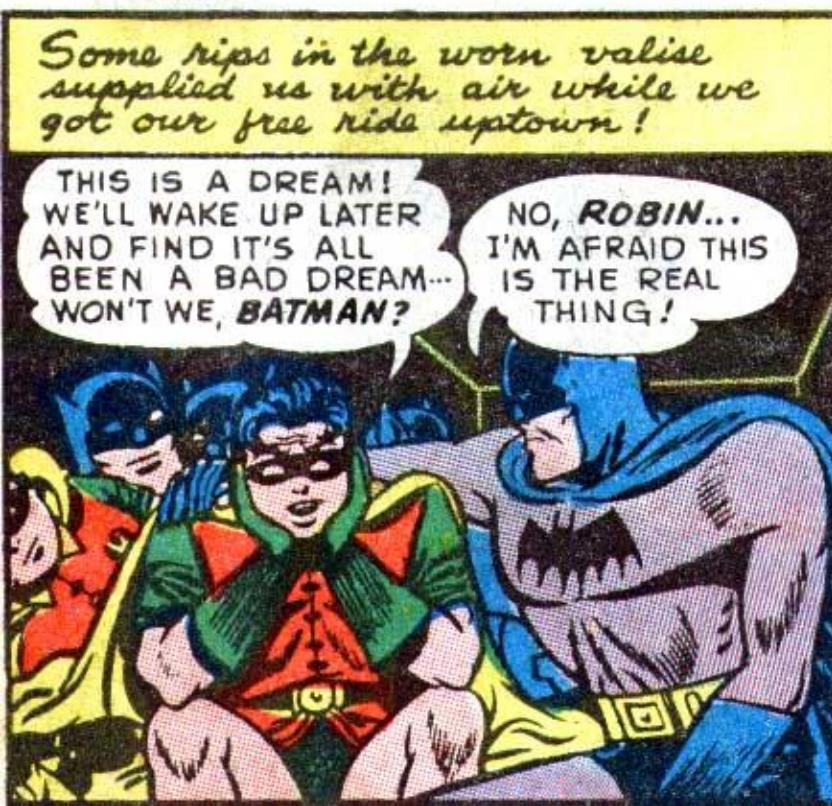
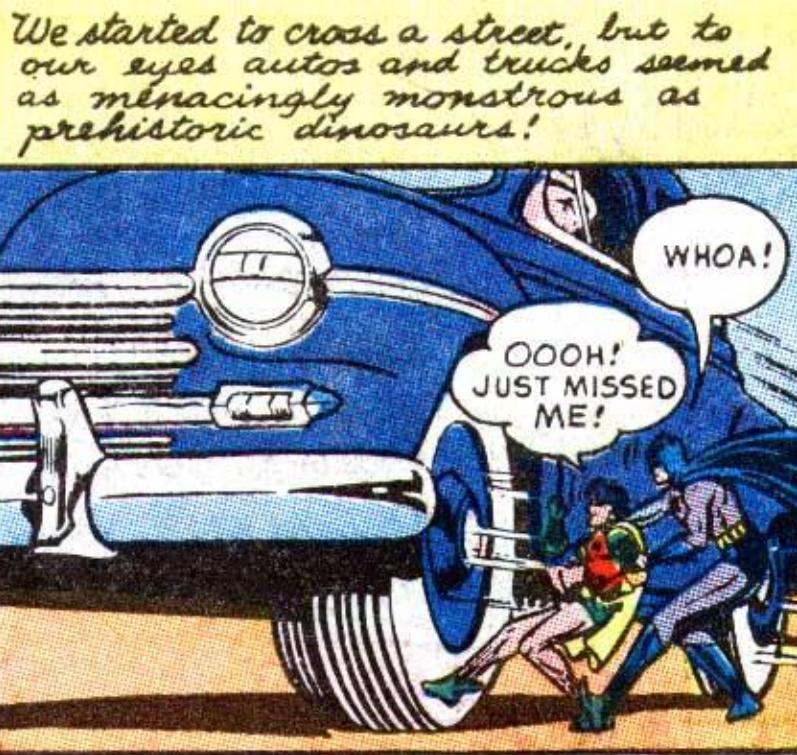
NO... WE CAN'T SHOW OURSELVES! IF CERTAIN GANGSTERS KNEW WE WERE HELPLESSLY SMALL, THEY'D START OPERATING AGAIN! AND WE DON'T WANT ZERO TO KNOW WE'RE ALIVE!



IF WE COULD LOCATE PROFESSOR ZERO'S LABORATORY, WE MIGHT FIND AN ANTIDOTE!

REMEMBER THOSE PACKING CASES ON DECK! THEY WERE MARKED CLOVER... MEAL WORMS! THEY'RE ZOO-PLATE SPECIALS--ANIMAL FOOD!

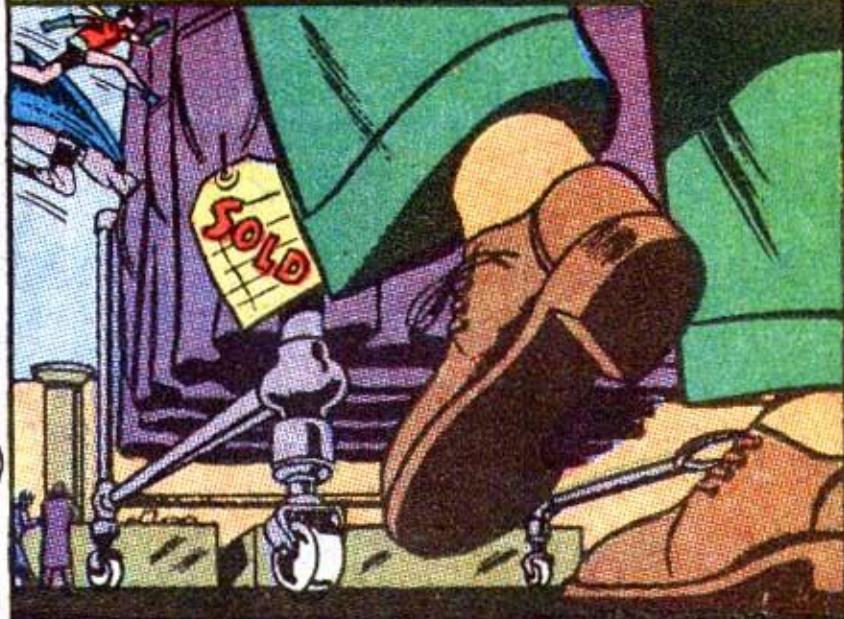




Yes, Robin and I were brought! We joined other purchases as the woman went on a shopping tour in a department store!



As a floor clerk wheeled past a rack of sold coats, we leaped for the large pockets!



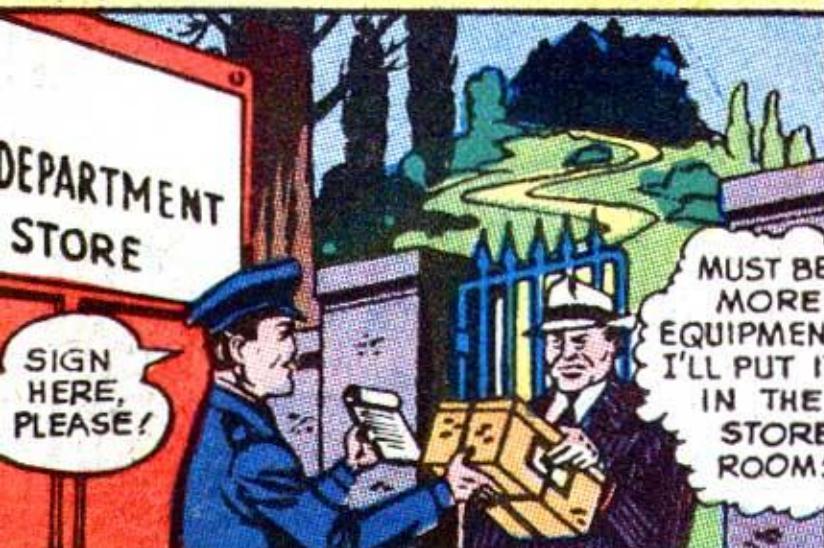
Later, after the coats were delivered to the shipping room, and while the shipping clerks were out to lunch, Robin jumped on the space bar while I hopped on the keys - of a typewriter!



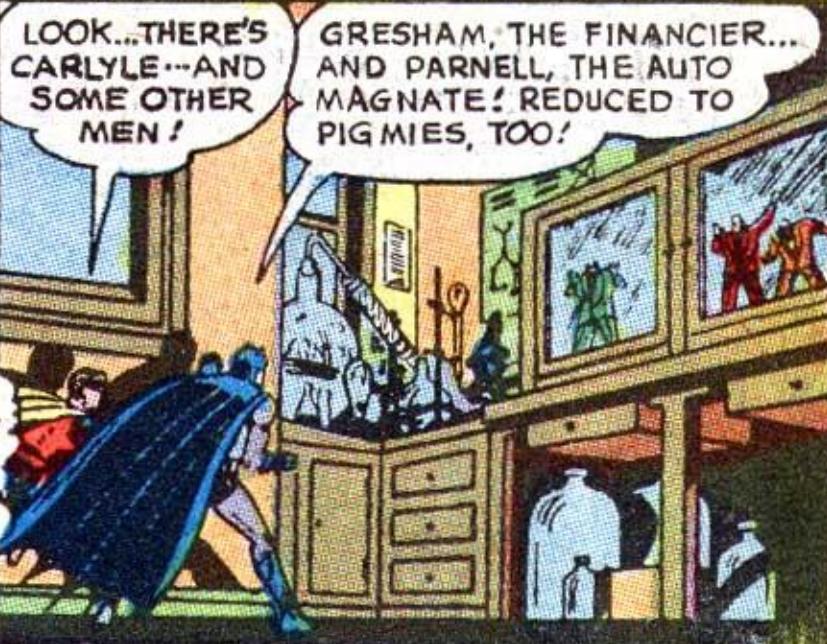
NOW, MAKE SOME AIR HOLES IN THAT EMPTY CONTAINER WHILE I PASTE ON THE LABEL!



Robin and I went out on the next shipment - and were delivered to the gates of Professor Zero's grounds!



Soon after, Robin and I sneaked out of the storeroom... and found the Professor's laboratory!



...SO I REFUSED TO PAY ZERO. HE SAID HE'D GIVE ME EXACTLY **THREE DAYS** TO CHANGE MY MIND!

GRESHAM AND I AGREED TO TURN OVER THE MONEY. HE SAID HE'D KEEP US SMALL FOR **THREE DAYS** — JUST TO KEEP US FROM DOUBLECROSSING HIM WHEN HE RESTORED US!

ZERO KEEPS TAUNTING US—SHOWING US THE **ANTIOOTE** WHICH CAN MAKE US NORMAL AGAIN!

LOOK OUT! HERE HE COMES!

Frantically, we tried to escape! But our tiny legs barely covered any ground...

QUICK, BEEFY! CLUB THEM WITH A CHAIR!

I—I CAN'T, BOSS! NOT WHEN THEY'RE SO SMALL!

I'M TIRED OF YOUR SENTIMENTALITY! I'M A PRACTICAL MAN... AND I LIKE PRACTICAL MEN AROUND ME!

As Beefy crashed to the floor, Prof. Zero thundered after us like an evil giant!

OH, OH! CAN'T GET AWAY, BATMAN!

COME TO THINK OF IT, I'VE GOT A BETTER WAY TO KILL YOU THAN CLUBBING! MUCH MORE SCIENTIFIC!

THE PUMP WILL DRAW THE AIR OUT OF THESE BELL JARS... LEAVING YOU IN A VACUUM! AND THAT MEANS YOU'LL DIE! BATMAN, KEEP STARING AT THE SECOND HAND OF MY WATCH... SO YOU CAN SEE YOUR LIFE TICK AWAY!

Professor Zero left for another room.
I tried to control my growing panic
as the air got thinner ...

IF I COULD ONLY
TIP OVER THE
BELL JAR...

OUTSIDE AIR PRESSURE
KEEPS IT SEALED! IT'S
NO USE!



It was getting harder to breathe!
The ticking of the watch unnerved me!

THAT WATCH IS DRIVING ME
MAD! WAIT... MAYBE IT CAN
SAVE OUR LIVES - IF I CAN
GET THE BACK
OPEN!

TICK!



It was an old-fashioned watch, the
kind that snaps open when the
stem is pressed, and soon ...

THIS WATCH HAS JEWEL
MOVEMENTS... AND JEWELS
CAN CUT GLASS! I'LL
HAVE MYSELF AND ROBIN
FREE IN MINUTES!



Later, after cutting Robin's prison
open ...

YOU GOT
AWAY!
... GOOD!
(GASP)
THE
REDUCING
RAY (GASP)
ON ROOF...
AGH!

SO... THE PROFESSOR
USES A RAY TO
SHRINK HUMANS!
TOO BAD BEEFY
DIED BEFORE
HE COULD
TELL US
MORE!

GOLLY! IF
HE'D ONLY
LASTED
ANOTHER FEW
SECONDS...

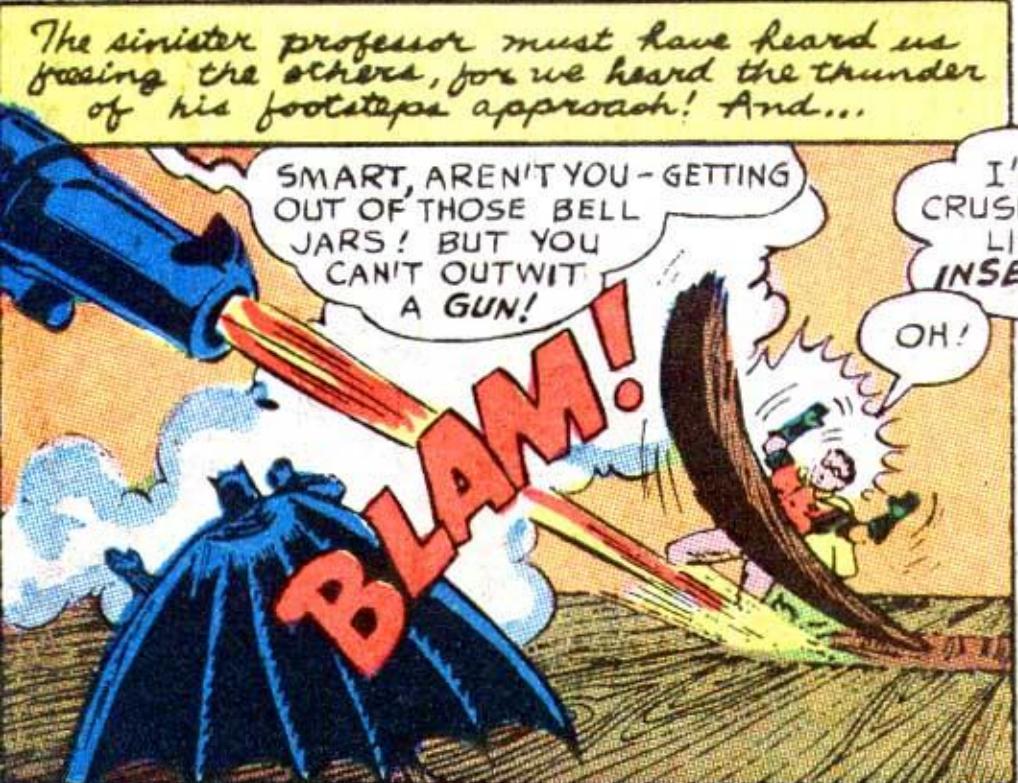


The sinister professor must have heard us
freeing the others, for we heard the thunder
of his footsteps approach! And...

SMART, AREN'T YOU - GETTING
OUT OF THOSE BELL
JARS! BUT YOU
CAN'T OUTWIT
A GUN!

I'LL
CRUSH YOU
LIKE
INSECTS!

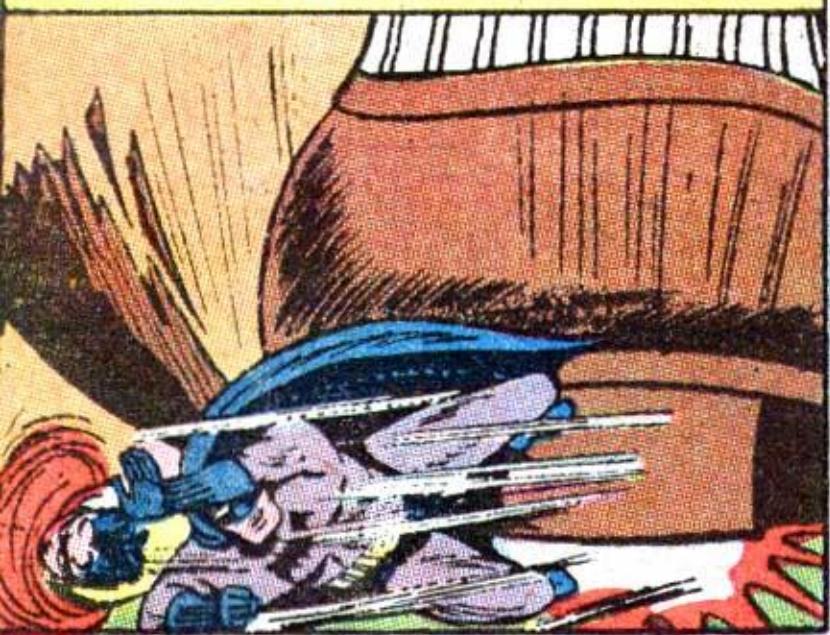
OH!



WHAT
A
NIGHTMARE!



I slammed into Robin, as a split-second later the professor's great shoe stamped down on the floor!



As long as I live, I'll never forget the nightmare scene that followed....



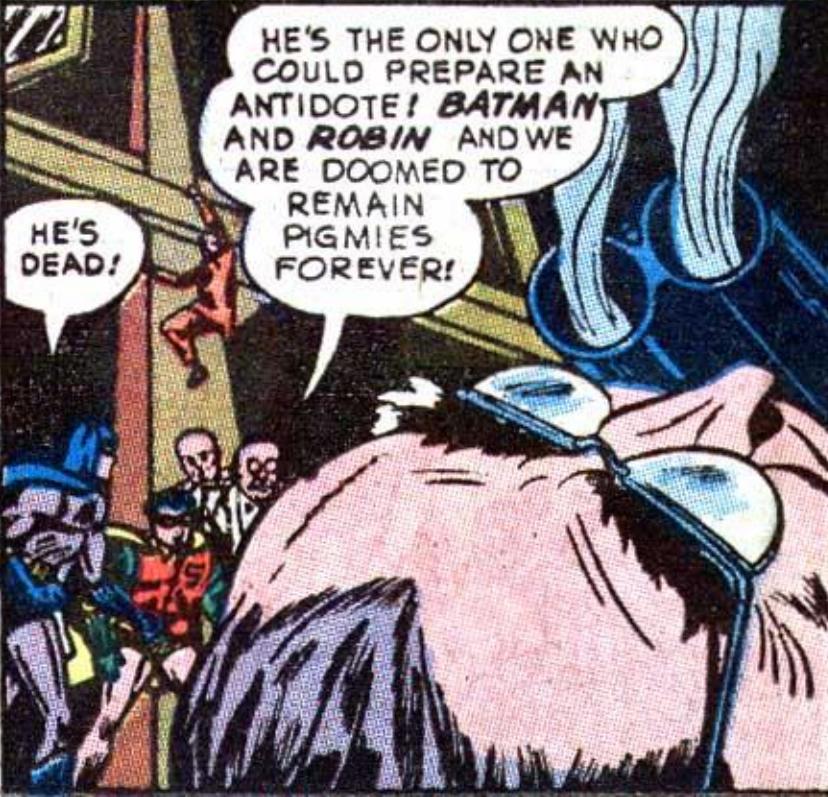
I retreated and the gun barrels were trained on me like twin cannon!

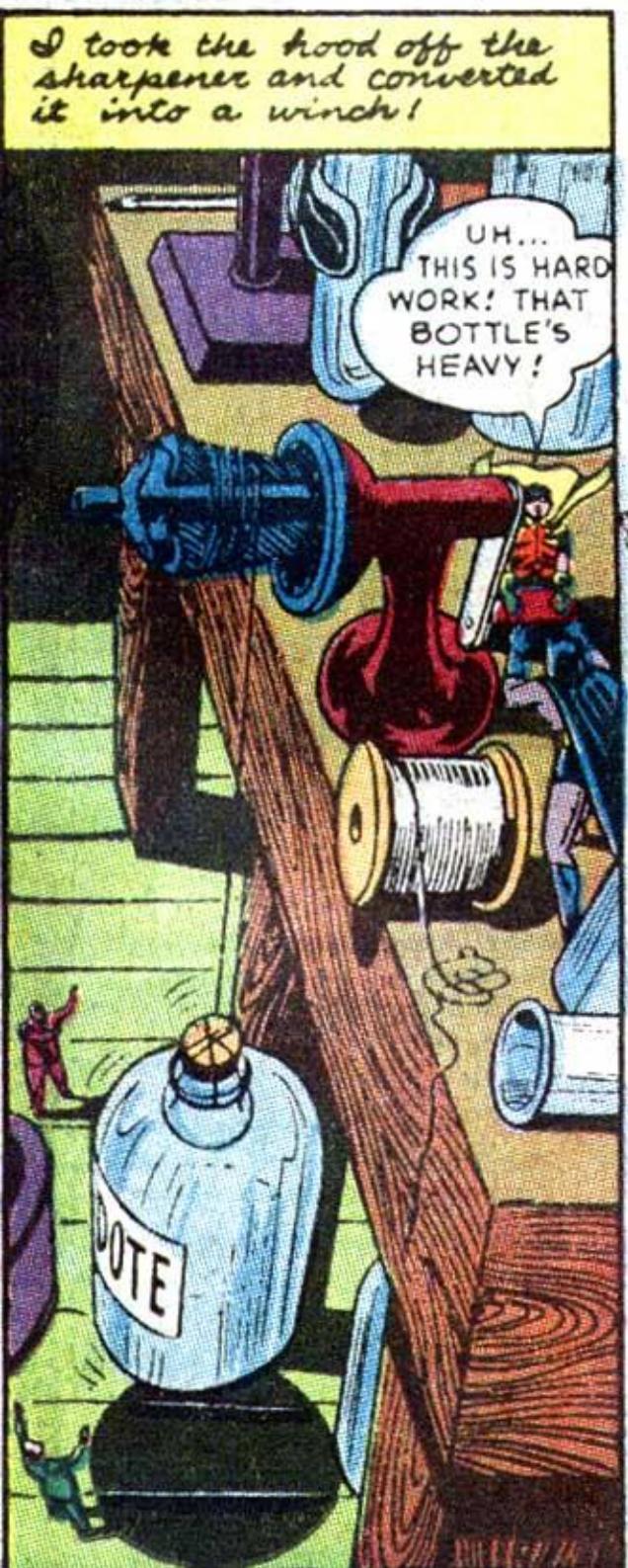
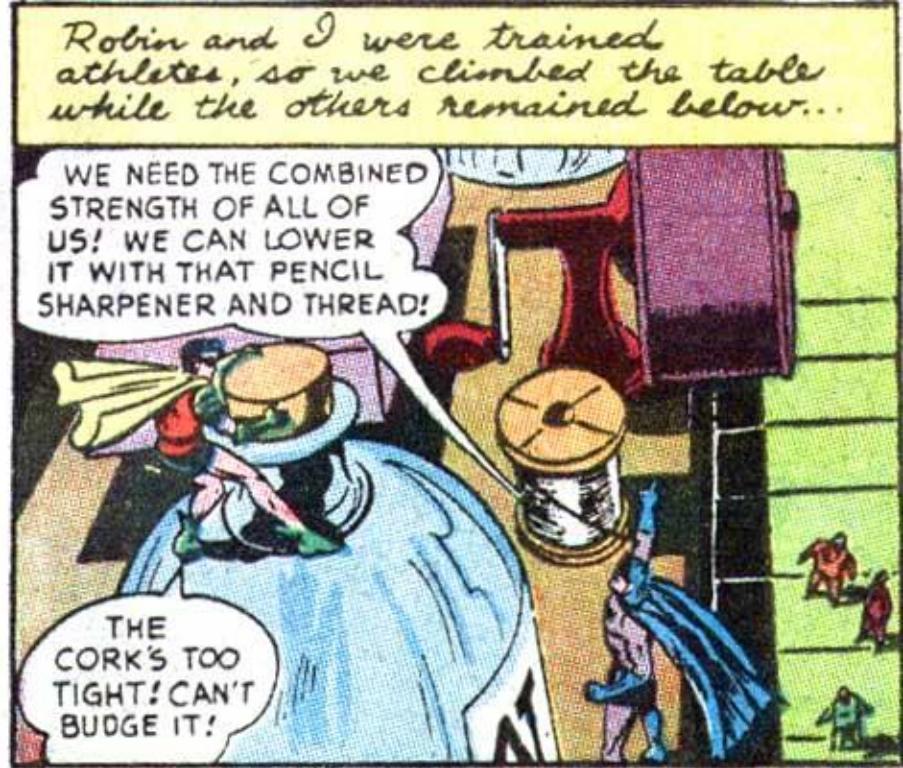


Then I acted — I yanked the fan switch and flipped pepper from the open shaker before its whirling blades!



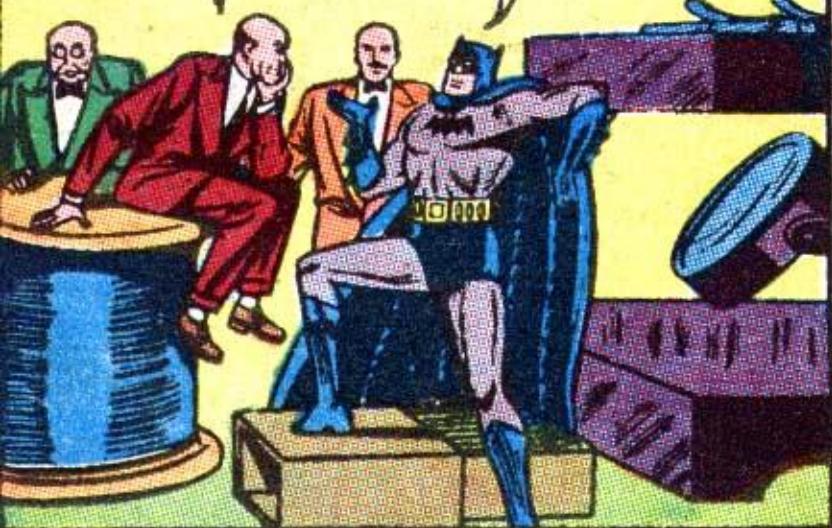
I never expected what happened next! Roaring angrily, the Professor stumbled blindly into a wall — and the shot-gun crashed like a thunderclap!





ZERO WOULD HAVE RETURNED US TO OUR RIGHT SIZE IN THREE DAYS! BUT NOW—

HOW COULD HE? WE KNOW THERE IS **NO** ANTIDOTE! HE WAS GOING TO **PRETEND** TO GIVE YOU AN "ANTIDOTE"!



EXACTLY! THE REDUCING RAY OBVIOUSLY HAS A NORMAL SIZE... **FLAW**—ITS EFFECTS CAN **WITHOUT ZERO?** LAST ONLY THREE DAYS, THEN THEY WEAR OFF! THAT'S WHY ZERO DEMANDED HE BE PAID WITHIN **THREE** DAYS!



My theory proved correct! At the end of three days we were our normal size again, and searching for the hidden pigmy-making machine!

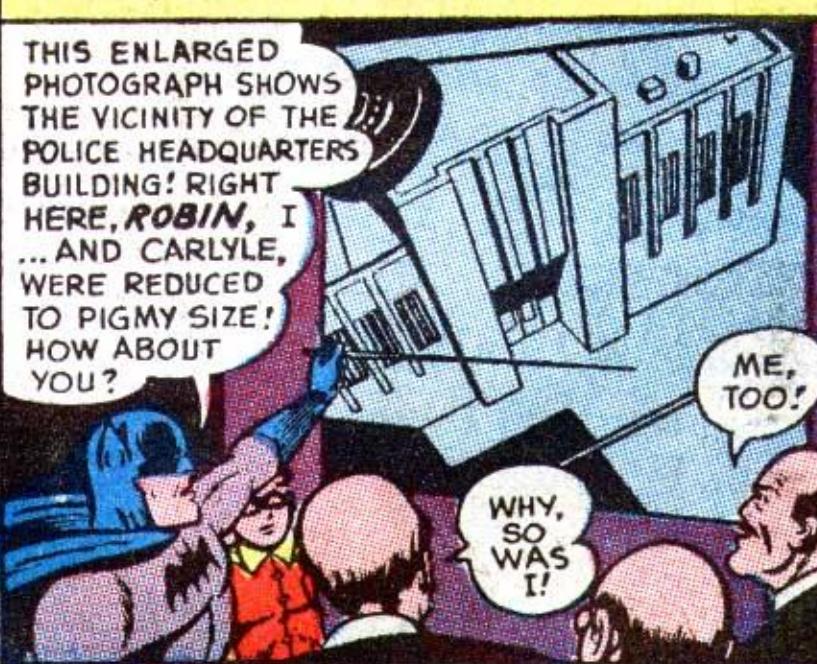
BEEFY SAID THE REDUCING RAY WAS ON A ROOFTOP... BUT WHICH ONE?

WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE MACHINE BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE STUMBLES ON IT AND USES IT FOR EVIL PURPOSES!



Then I remembered something! I made some quick phone calls, and soon...

THIS ENLARGED PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS THE VICINITY OF THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING! RIGHT HERE, **ROBIN**, I ... AND CARLYLE, WERE REDUCED TO PIGMY SIZE! HOW ABOUT YOU?



ME, TOO!

WHY, SO WAS I!

That proved my suspicions! Later, we found the machine, hidden in the one place no one would think of looking for it -- in the Bat-Signal searchlight atop the headquarters roof!

OBVIOUSLY, BEEFY WOULD SNEAK ONTO THE ROOF AND AIM THE RAY FROM HERE! AND BECAUSE THE BLACK LIGHT, WE COULDN'T SEE WHERE IT CAME FROM! VERY CLEVER...



Clever, yes... but no matter how clever a criminal is, he always winds up losing—either his freedom or his life!

That night we smashed the machine and ended forever, the case of...

"THE EXPERIMENT OF PROFESSOR ZERO."

CASE CLOSED

The END

Look What's New on Route '66'

A FULL LOAD OF
AMT '66'S
FOR BOB AND
HIS FRIEND TO
CHOOSE FROM

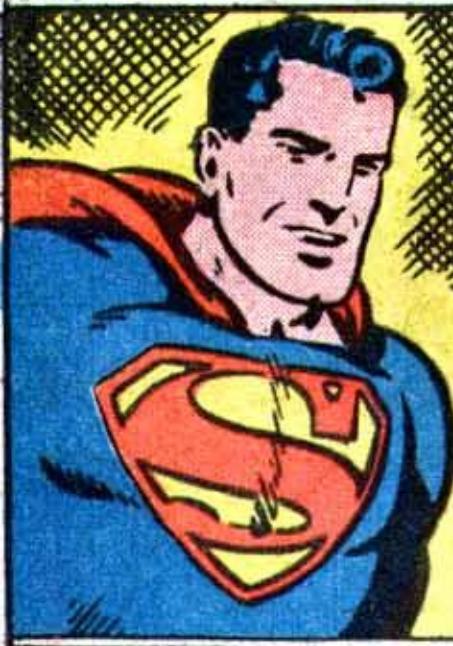
BOB HELPS HIS
FRIEND BUILD
A NEW AMT
CUSTOM MODEL--
THE '66 IMPERIAL
CONVERTIBLE
WITH TRUCK.



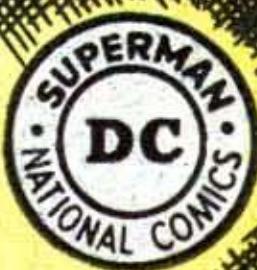
THE BEST '66 MODEL KITS ARE BY AMT.
MUSTANG HARDTOP CONVERTIBLE
THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE
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CORVETTE STING RAY SPORT COUPE
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FITS IN AMT
KITS. GET
YOUR LATEST
MODELS AT
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OR DEPARTMENT
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WITH
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THE BOY WONDER



WHEN A DARK, CAPED FIGURE FLASHES THROUGH GOTHAM CITY, THE CRY ALWAYS GOES UP "IT'S BATMAN!" YES, THE FAMILIAR COSTUME OF THE **BATMAN** IS KNOWN TO EVERYONE... BUT NOW, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, THE GREAT LAWMAN CHANGES HIS UNIFORM, TIME AND AGAIN, FROM ONE COLOR TO ANOTHER, CAUSING A WHOLE CITY TO WONDER WHICH GARB WILL NEXT BE WORN BY...

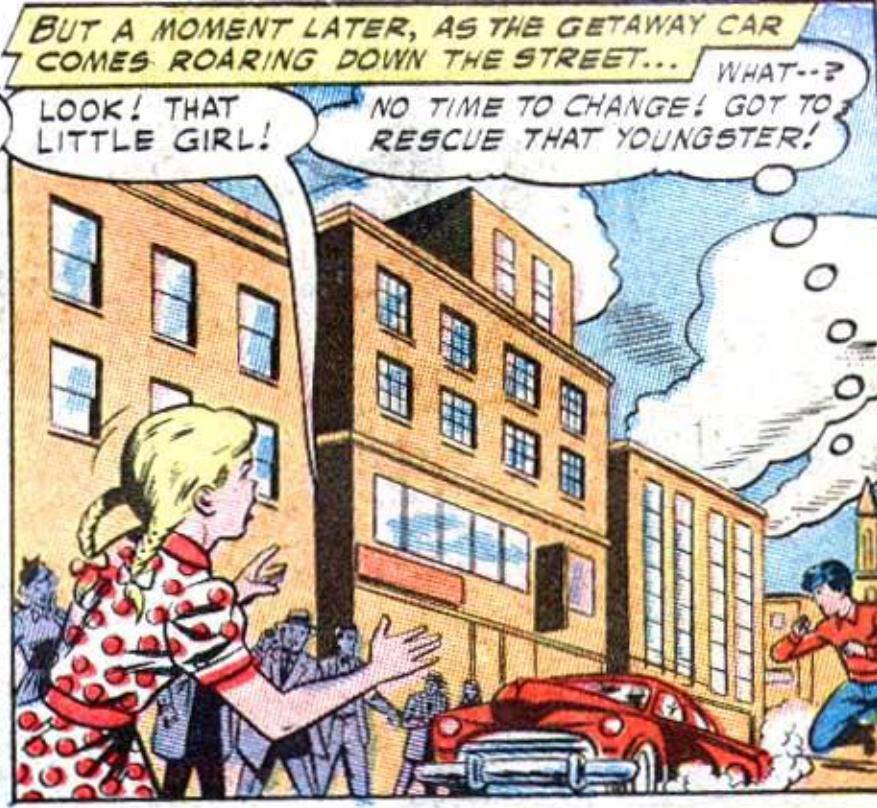
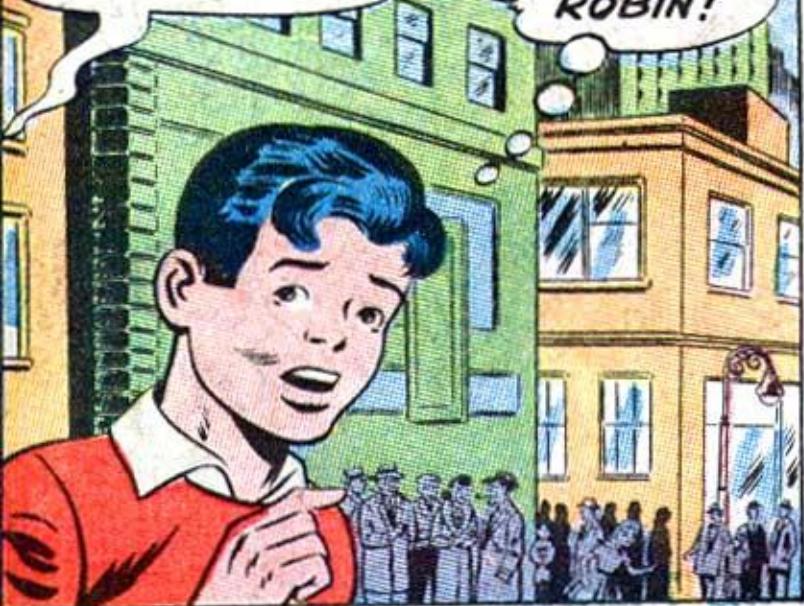
THE **RAINBOW** BATMAN

BOB KANE

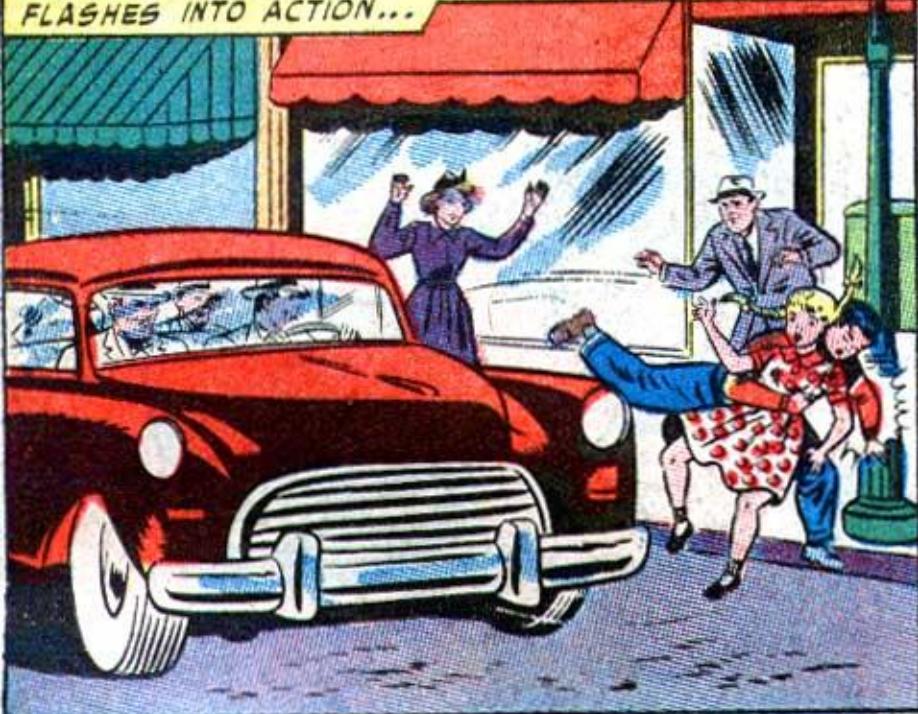
ONE MORNING, AS DICK GRAYSON--SECRETLY
ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER--STROLLS
ALONG A BUSY THOROUGHFARE... OH, OH... MUST
HELP! THIEVES! THEY'RE
GETTING AWAY!

FIND SOME PLACE
TO SWITCH TO
ROBIN!

BUT A MOMENT LATER, AS THE GETAWAY CAR
COMES ROARING DOWN THE STREET... WHAT--?
NO TIME TO CHANGE! GOT TO
RESCUE THAT YOUNGSTER!



WITH PERFECT GRACE AND TIMING, THE BOY WONDER
FLASHES INTO ACTION...



NICE WORK, SON!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I--I'M NOT SURE... I
CRACKED MY ELBOW
AGAINST THIS LAMP-
POST!



SHORTLY, WHEN A DOCTOR ARRIVES...

THE ARM'S NOT BROKEN--BUT
YOU'LL BE UNABLE TO USE IT
FOR A WEEK OR SO!

GOSH...
THAT'S
TOO BAD!

AND AS REPORTERS REACH THE SCENE...

YES, THOSE THIEVES STOLE
ONE OF OUR NEWEST PORT-
ABLE TV CAMERAS, -- THE
ONES USED FOR BROAD-
CASTING SPECIAL
EVENTS!

I SAW THEIR FACES
AND COULD IDENTIFY
THEM! MUST GET
HOME AND TELL
BATMAN!



A WHILE LATER, IN THE MANSION OF DICK'S GUARDIAN, WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE, WHO IS REALLY THE FAMED BATMAN...

...AND THE THIEVES, WHO IT WASN'T STOLE A VALUABLE CAMERA, AS BIG A FEAT AS ALL CHILD BUT FOR A YOUTH-- THAT! MY ARM FULL HERO, DICK GRAYSON! WILL BE ALL HE LOST THE USE OF HIS RIGHT IN A LEFT ARM TEMPORARILY, LITTLE WHILE! BUT SAVED A LIFE!

BUT WHY SHOULD ANYONE STEAL A PORTABLE TV CAMERA? THEY'D HAVE NO USE FOR IT-- AND COULDNT SELL IT! MAYBE THERE MUST BE SOME OTHER MOTIVE!

I CAN SPOT THOSE CROOKS IN OUR CRIME FILE...

BUT, DOWN IN THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE...

I CAN ONLY SEE NO, THEIR PICTURES ONE MOTIVE AREN'T IN OUR FOR STEALING FILE... WE HAVEN'T ANY THAT CAMERA... AS PREPARATION RECORD OF THEM! FOR SOME BIG CRIME, TO BE STAGED WHERE TV CREWS WILL BE WORKING!



AS THE PAIR SWITCHES TO BATMAN AND ROBIN...

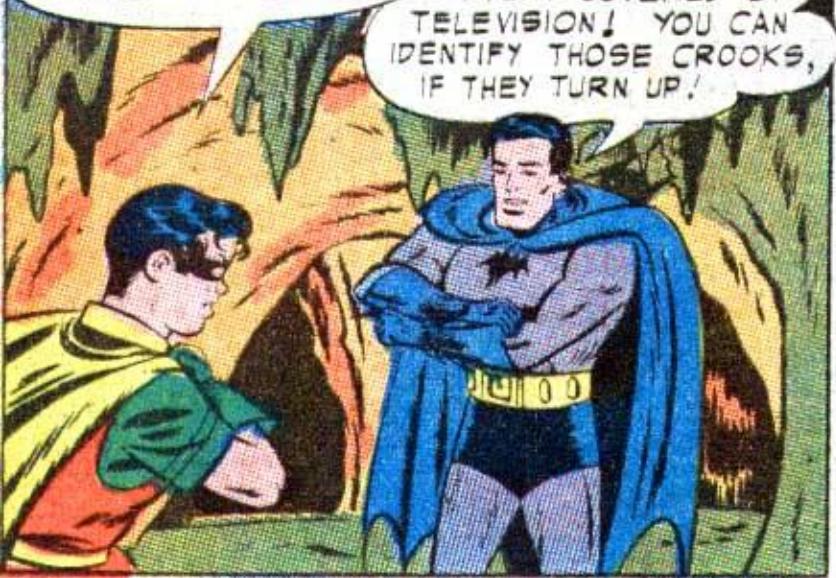
YOU MEAN-- THEY INTEND TO DISGUISE THEMSELVES AS TV CAMERAMEN SO THEY CAN GET CLOSE TO SOMETHING VALUABLE?

THAT'S WHAT I SUSPECT.. AND, FROM NOW ON, WE'RE GOING TO WATCH EVERY BIG EVENT COVERED BY TELEVISION! YOU CAN IDENTIFY THOSE CROOKS, IF THEY TURN UP!

SWIFTLY, BATMAN RELATES A UNIQUE STRATEGY...

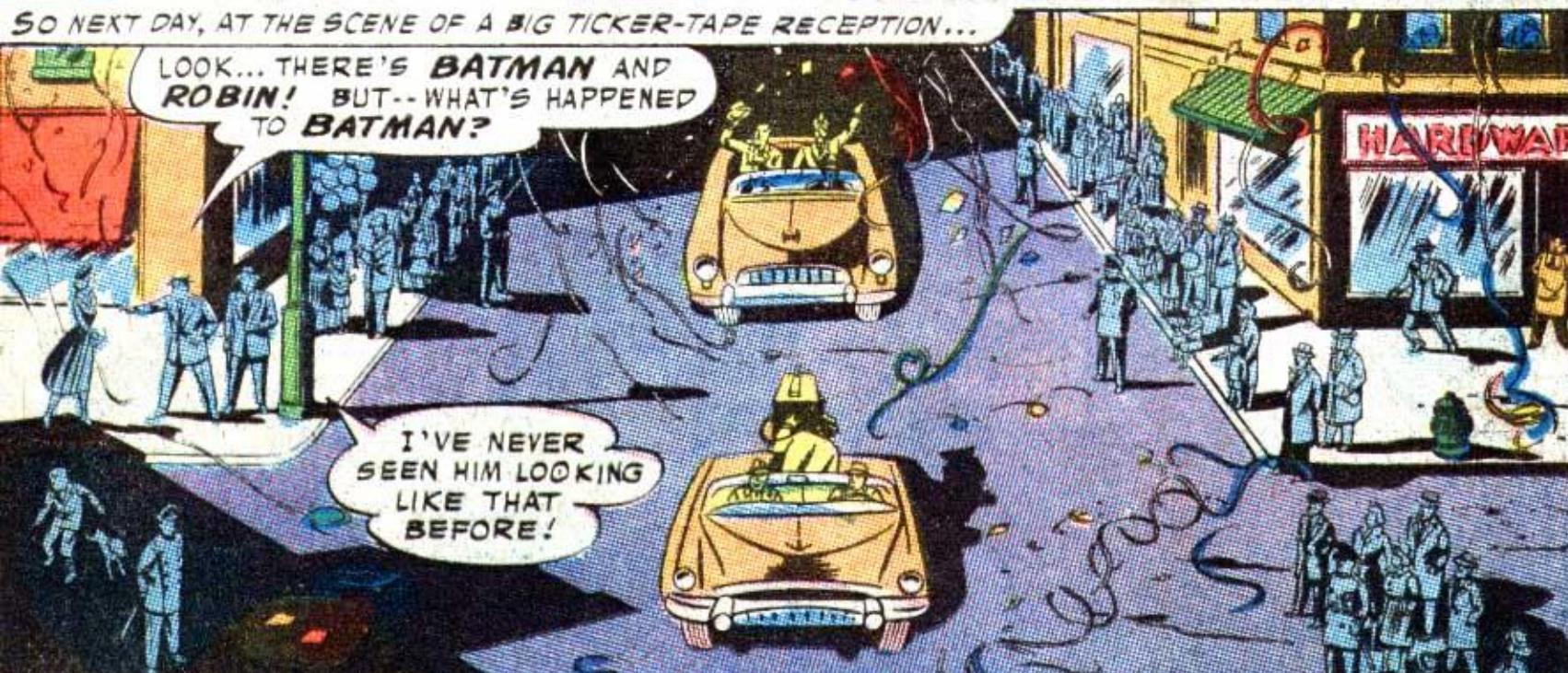
BUT.. YOU'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE!

IN THIS CASE, IT'S NECESSARY! WE'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST, BECAUSE TOMORROW IS WHEN THE BIG OFFICIAL WELCOME TO THE KING OF ZORONIA TAKES PLACE-- AND TV MEN WILL BE THERE!

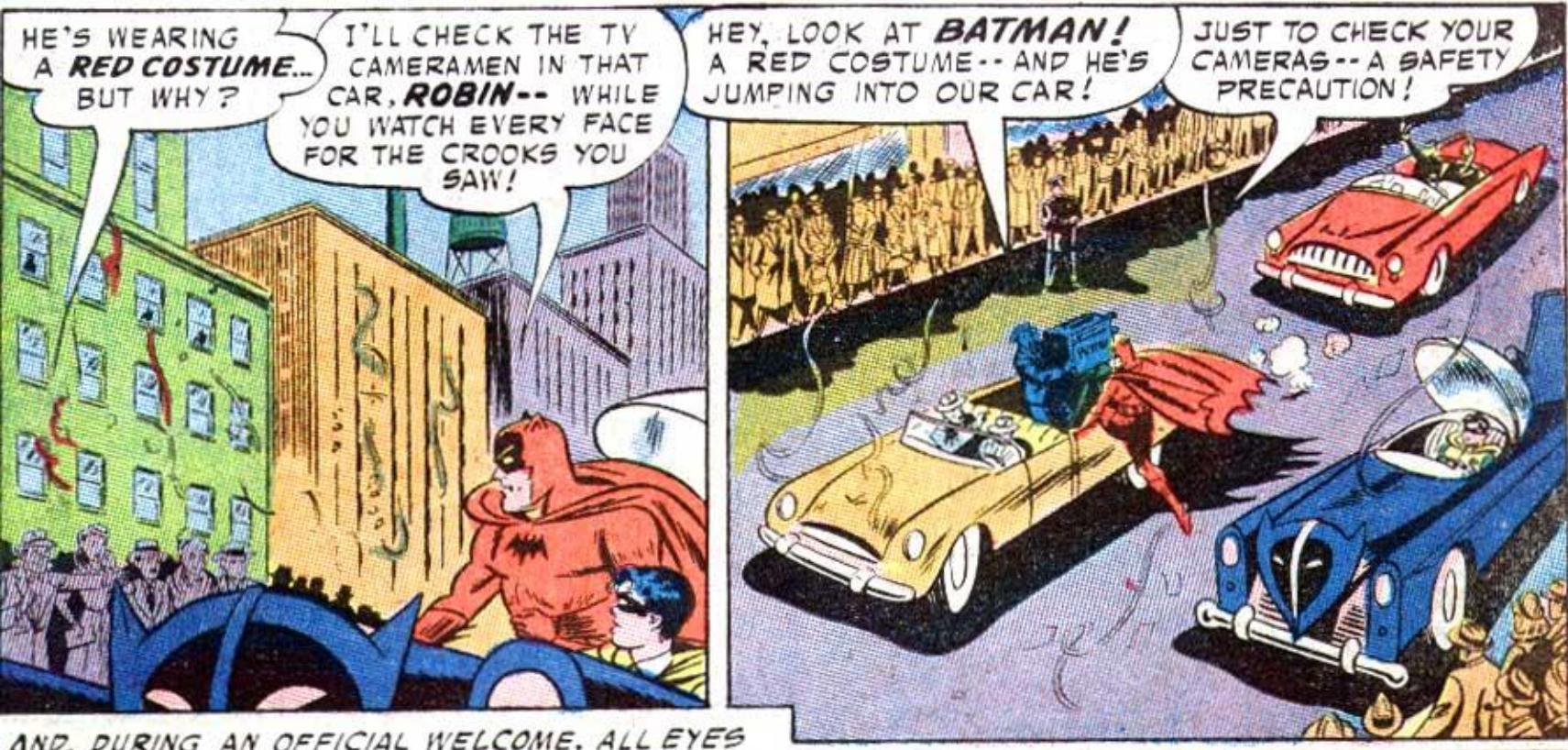


SO NEXT DAY, AT THE SCENE OF A BIG TICKER-TAPE RECEPTION...

LOOK... THERE'S BATMAN AND ROBIN! BUT-- WHAT'S HAPPENED TO BATMAN?



I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM LOOKING LIKE THAT BEFORE!

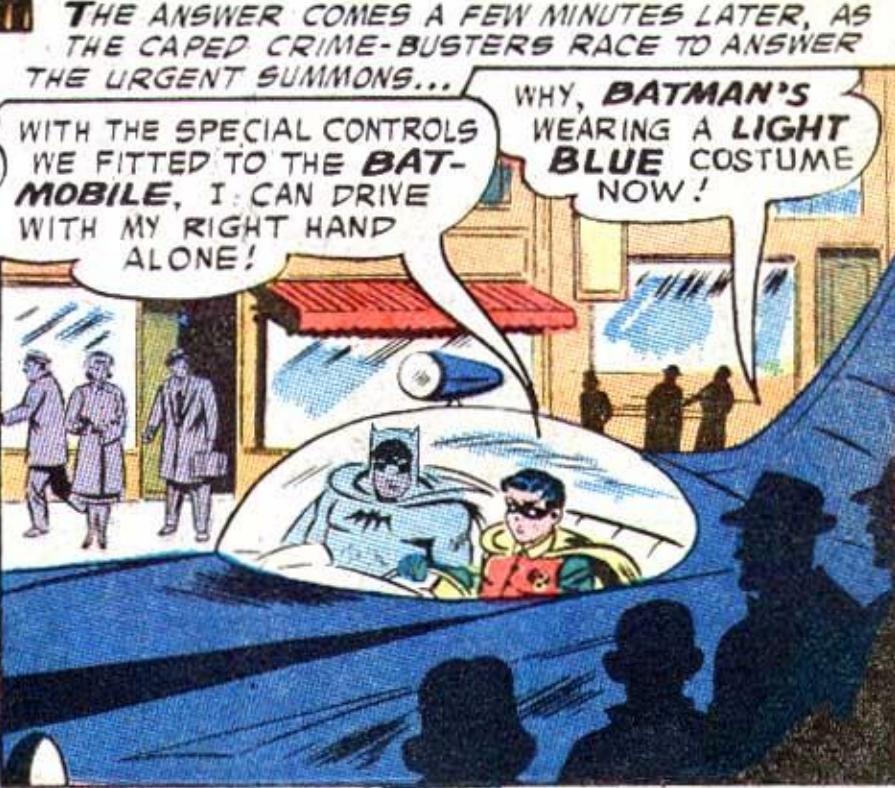


AND, DURING AN OFFICIAL WELCOME, ALL EYES
FOCUS NOT ON THE GUEST, BUT ON BATMAN...

THE THIEVES AREN'T ANYWHERE IN THE CROWD,
BUT THE TV CAMERAMEN, HERE, ALL HAVE PROPER CREDENTIALS--
SO THIS ISN'T WHERE THEY PLAN TO STRIKE! WHEN THE WELCOME
IS OVER, WE CAN LEAVE!

AFTERWARD... WHY WOULD
BATMAN, ALL OF A SUDDEN, WEAR A
RED COSTUME?

HE MUST HAVE SOME
REASON--BUT I CAN'T
FIGURE IT!

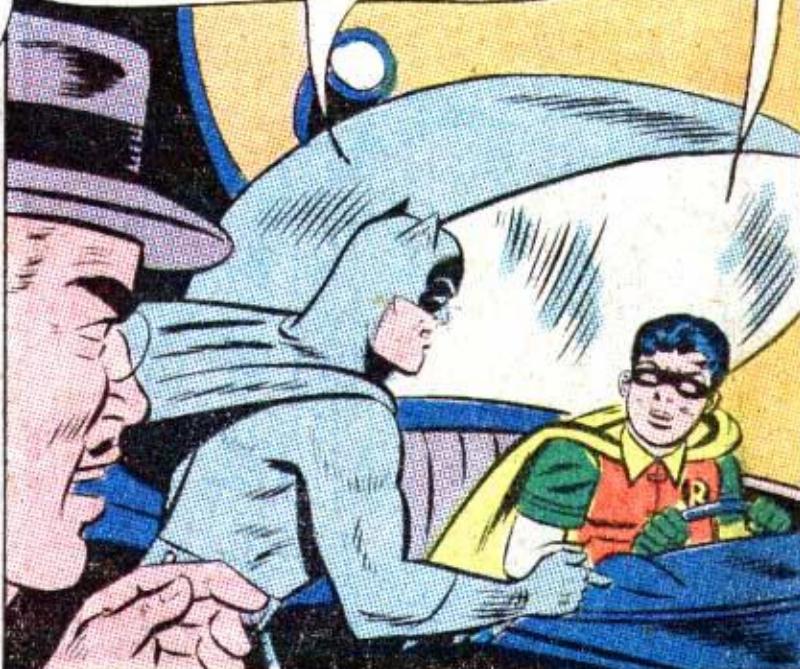
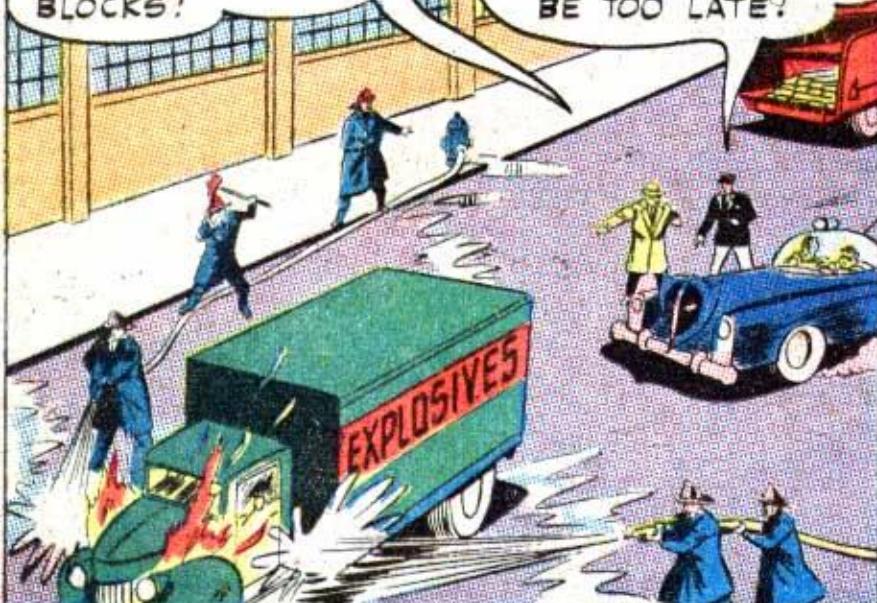


SOON, WHERE POLICE AND FIRE OFFICIALS FACE A TERRIBLE DANGER... THAT EXPLOSIVES TRUCK IS AFIRE! IF IT GOES UP, IT'LL BLAST WHOLE BLOCKS!

MY MEN ARE TRYING TO PUT OUT THE FLAME, BUT IT'S INSIDE THE MOTOR, AND THEY MAY BE TOO LATE!

ONLY ONE WAY TO HANDLE IT, ROBIN... I'LL TAKE THE TRUCK--YOU COVER ME WITH THE BATMOBILE!

I GET IT!



NEXT INSTANT, WITH ALL ATTENTION CENTERED ON THE BRILLIANT BLUE FIGURE...

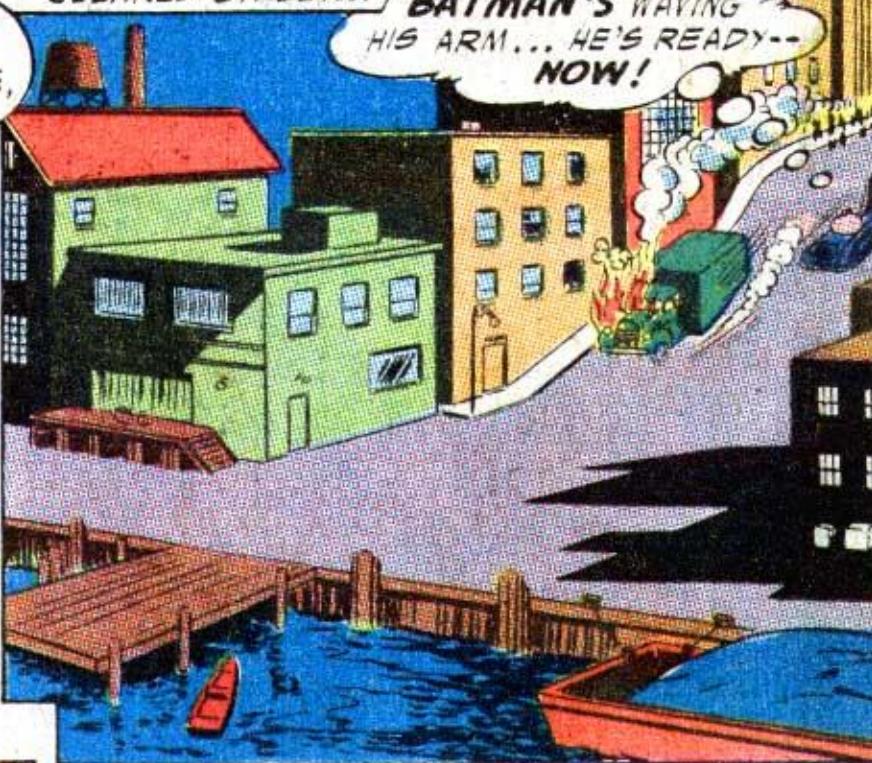
WHAT'S BATMAN DOING? HE WOULDN'T DARE RISK DRIVING THAT TRUCK AWAY!

HE WON'T HAVE TO DRIVE FAR... IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE, COMMISSIONER!

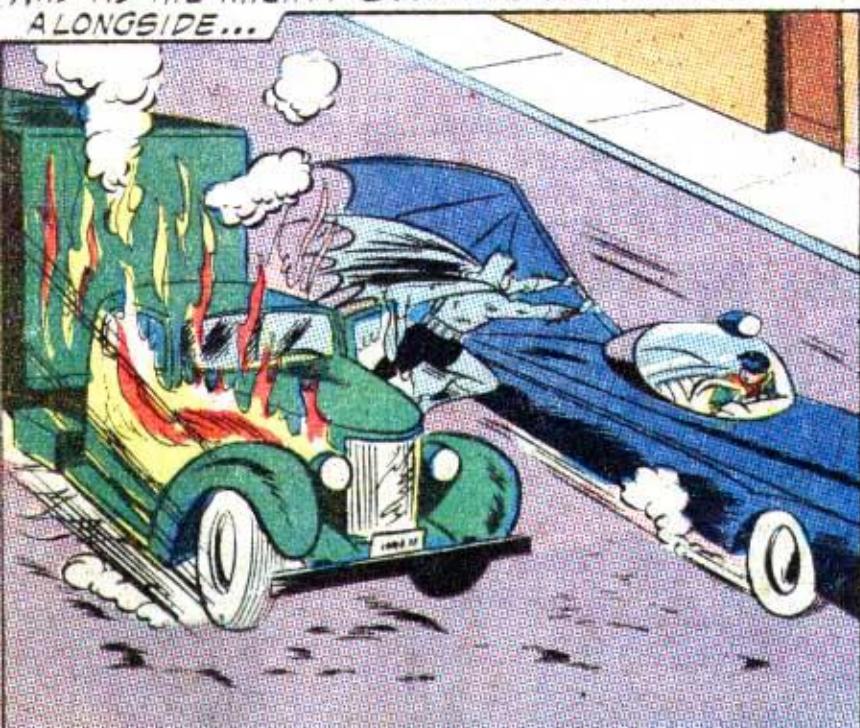


THE DOOM-LADEN TRUCK SPEEDS DOWN A CLEARED STREET...

BATMAN'S WAVING HIS ARM... HE'S READY-- NOW!



AND AS THE MIGHTY BATMOBILE ROARS ALONGSIDE...

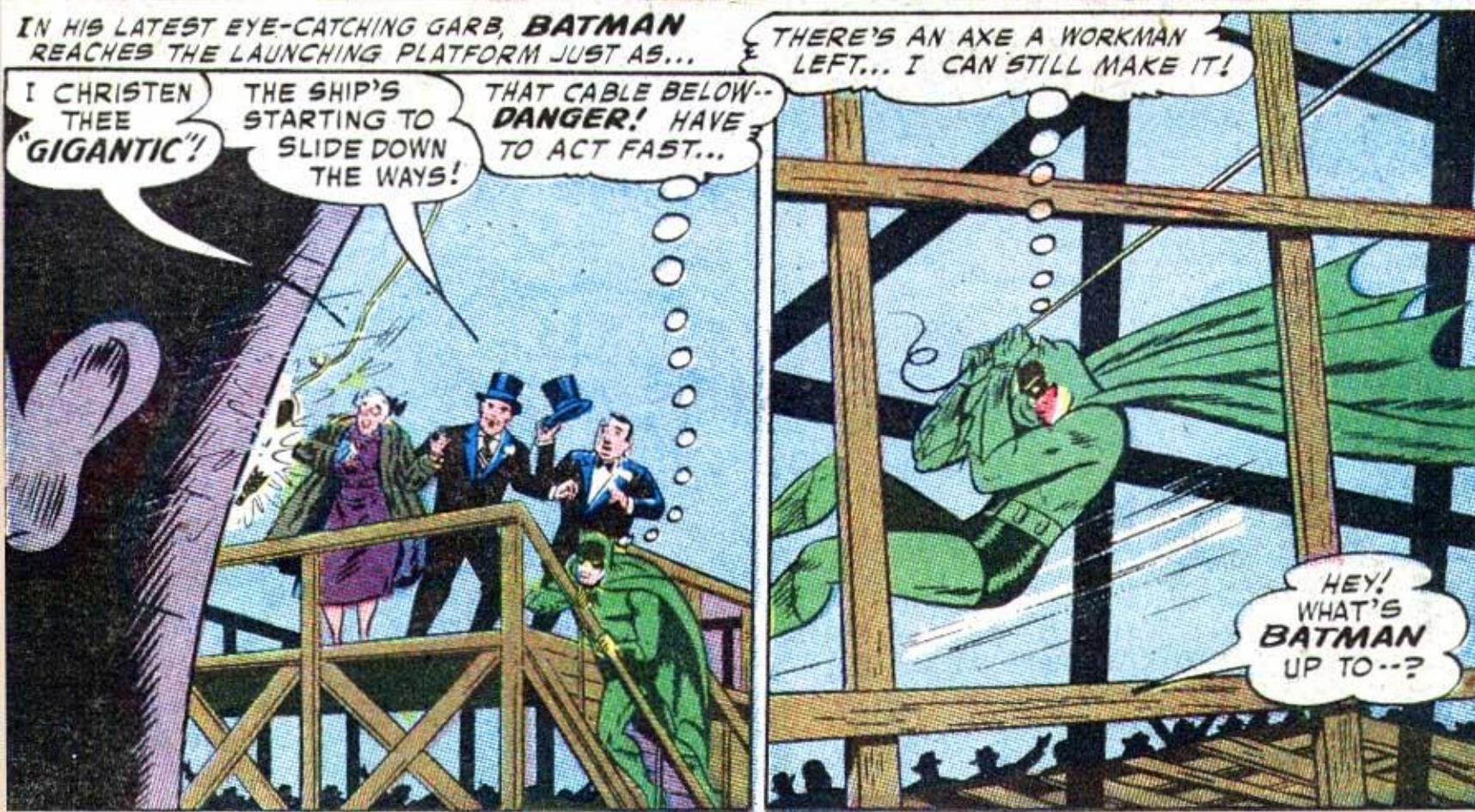


...A POTENTIAL DISASTER VANISHES! BATMAN DROVE THE TRUCK INTO THE RIVER, TO DOUSE THE FIRE! IT CAN BE PULLED OUT SAFELY LATER!

WOW! HE WAITED TILL THE LAST MOMENT BEFORE HE JUMPED!







KEEN EYES HAVE GLIMPSED A HIDDEN MENACE...

THAT CABLE -- CONCEALED BY LITTER UNTIL NOW... AS THE SHIP SLIDES DOWN, IT'LL PULL OVER THE WHOLE PLATFORM!



AN AXE WHIRLS AND BITES IN THE NICK OF TIME...



THEN, AS A GRATEFUL CROWD SURROUNDS BATMAN...

YOUR PROMPT ACTION SAVED US A BAD ACCIDENT, BATMAN. WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING?

WE'LL TRY TO FIND THAT OUT NEXT!



LATER... AGAIN, I CHECKED EVERY PERSON HERE TODAY-- AND DIDN'T SEE ANY OF THE THIEVES WE'RE AFTER!

BUT THEY'D BEEN HERE-- AND HAD FIXED THAT HIDDEN CABLE TO GET US!



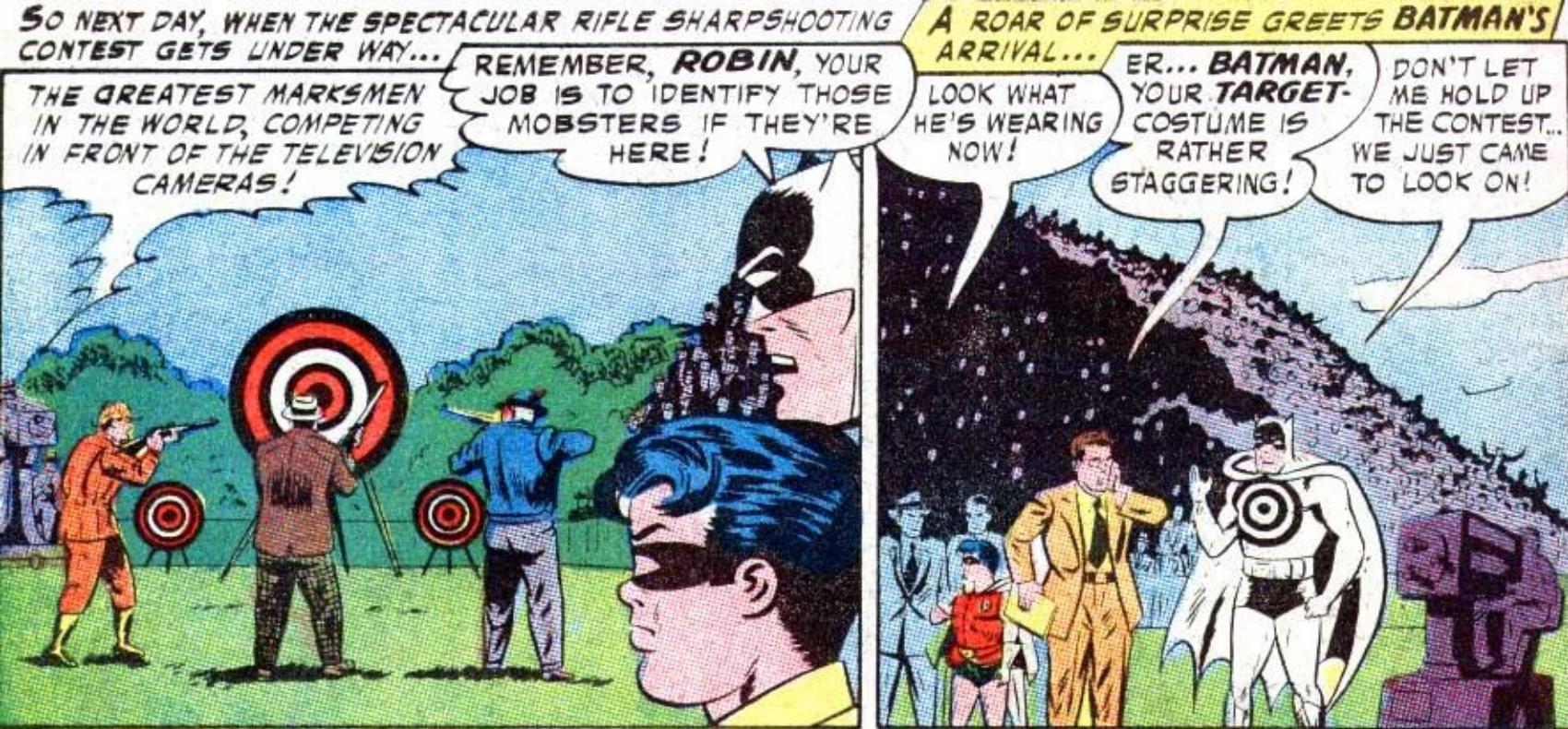
THEY MUST KNOW, FROM THE WAY WE WATCH EVERY EVENT COVERED BY TV CAMERAMEN, THAT WE'RE AFTER THEM... SO THEY TRIED THIS SABOTAGE, TO PUT US OUT OF THE WAY BEFORE THEY STRIKE!

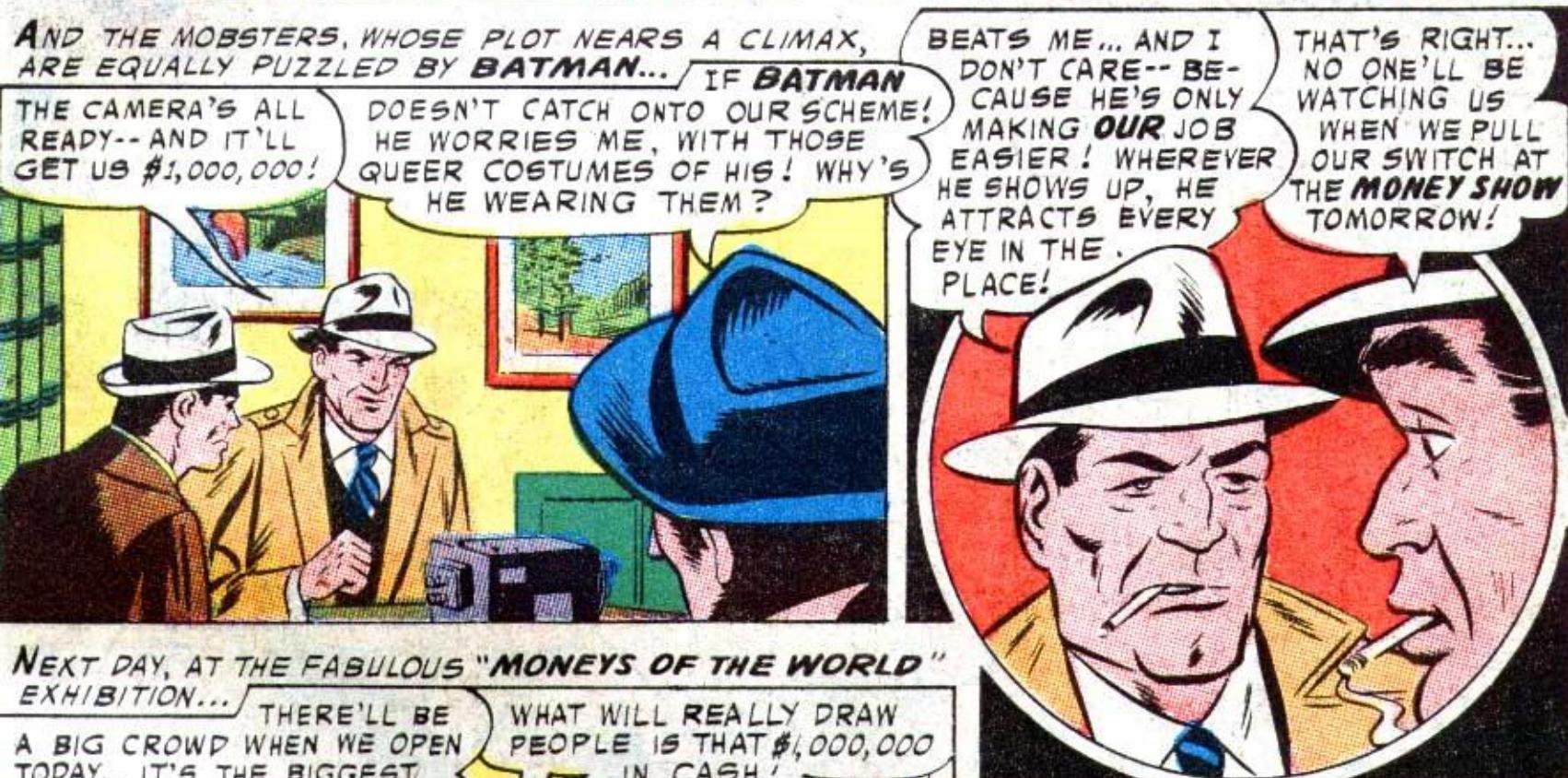
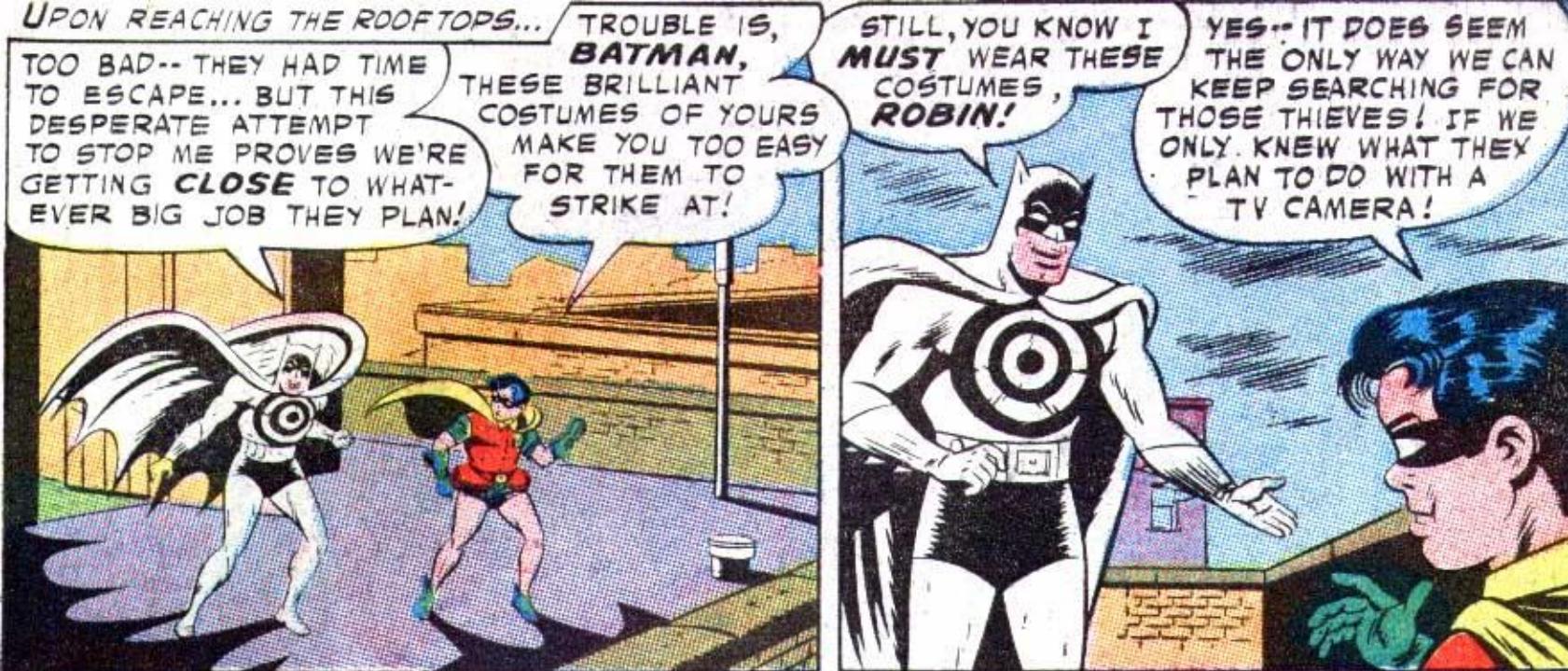
IT LOOKS THAT WAY--AND I DON'T LIKE IT!

YOU'RE PLANNING TO COVER THE BIG SHARPSHOOTING CONTEST IN GOTHAM STADIUM TOMORROW! SUPPOSE THEY STRIKE AT YOU THERE?

IT COULD BE DANGEROUS, ALL RIGHT-- BUT WE'VE GOT TO LOOK FOR THEM THERE, TOO, AND WE'LL TAKE PRECAUTIONS!







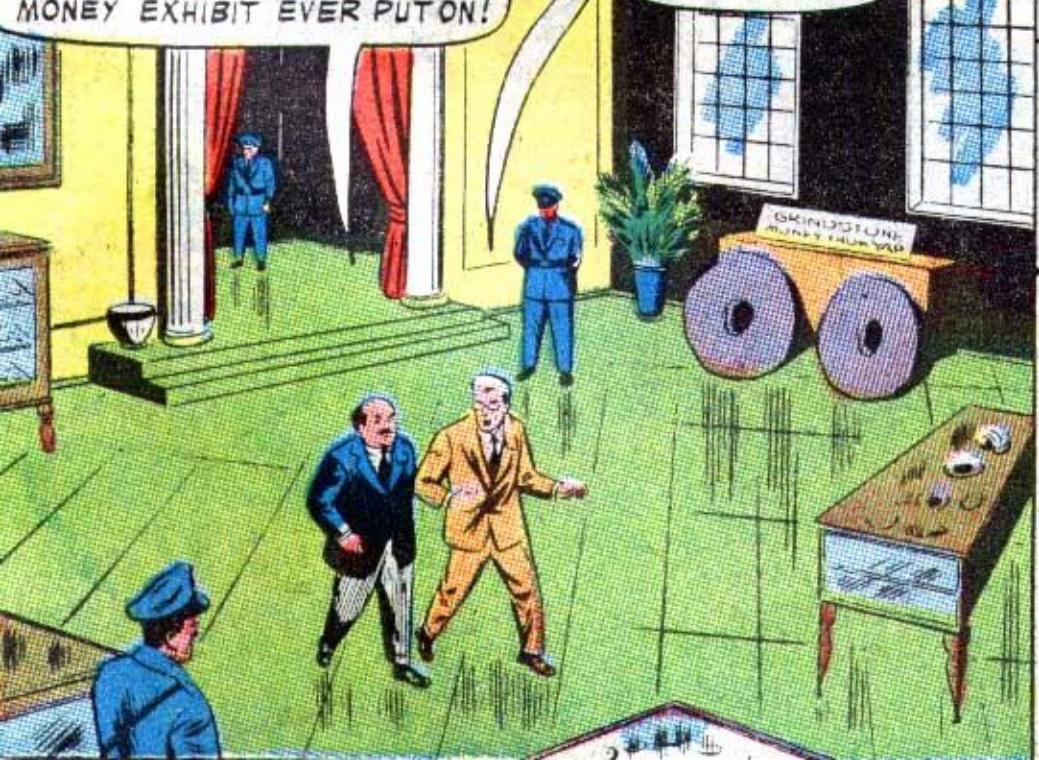
NEXT DAY, AT THE FABULOUS "MONEYS OF THE WORLD" EXHIBITION...

THERE'LL BE A BIG CROWD WHEN WE OPEN TODAY... IT'S THE BIGGEST MONEY EXHIBIT EVER PUT ON!

WHAT WILL REALLY DRAW PEOPLE IS THAT \$1,000,000 IN CASH!

EVERYONE WANTS TO SEE ALL THAT MONEY IN ACTUAL CASH-- AND WITH ALL THESE GUARDS, IT'LL BE SAFE!

ESPECIALLY SINCE BATMAN AND ROBIN WILL ALSO BE HERE WHEN WE OPEN! WONDER WHAT COLOR COSTUME BATMAN WILL WEAR THIS TIME?



TO THAT QUESTION, THERE'S MORE THAN ONE ANSWER!...

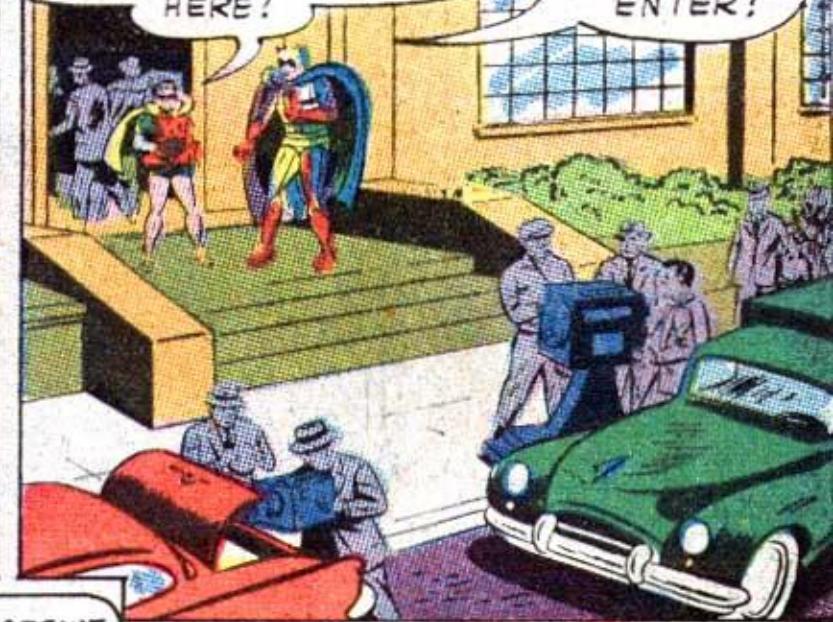
A RAINBOW COSTUME! I GIVE UP-- I CAN'T SEE WHY ON EARTH HE'D WEAR SUCH THINGS!

NOBODY CAN SEE WHY... BUT WHO CARES, AS LONG AS HE GUARDS OUR EXHIBIT?

A LITTLE LATER, AS TY NEWSCASTERS ARRIVE FOR THE OPENING...

WE'LL GO INSIDE-- KEEP WATCHING, AS THE CROWDS ENTER!

EVERY ONE OF THOSE CAMERAMEN IS ACCREDITED... NO SIGN OF THE THIEVES HERE!



AND FINALLY, ROBIN'S VIGILANCE PAYS OFF... HE DOESN'T HAVE THE CAMERA NOW, BUT I'LL GRAB HIM ANYHOW!

BATMAN, THERE'S ONE OF THEM! NO DOUBT ABOUT IT-- HE'S ONE OF THE THIEVES WHO STOLE THE CAMERA!

IN AN INSTANT, BATMAN BECOMES A RAINBOW OF DAZZLING ACTION...

I... OOF!



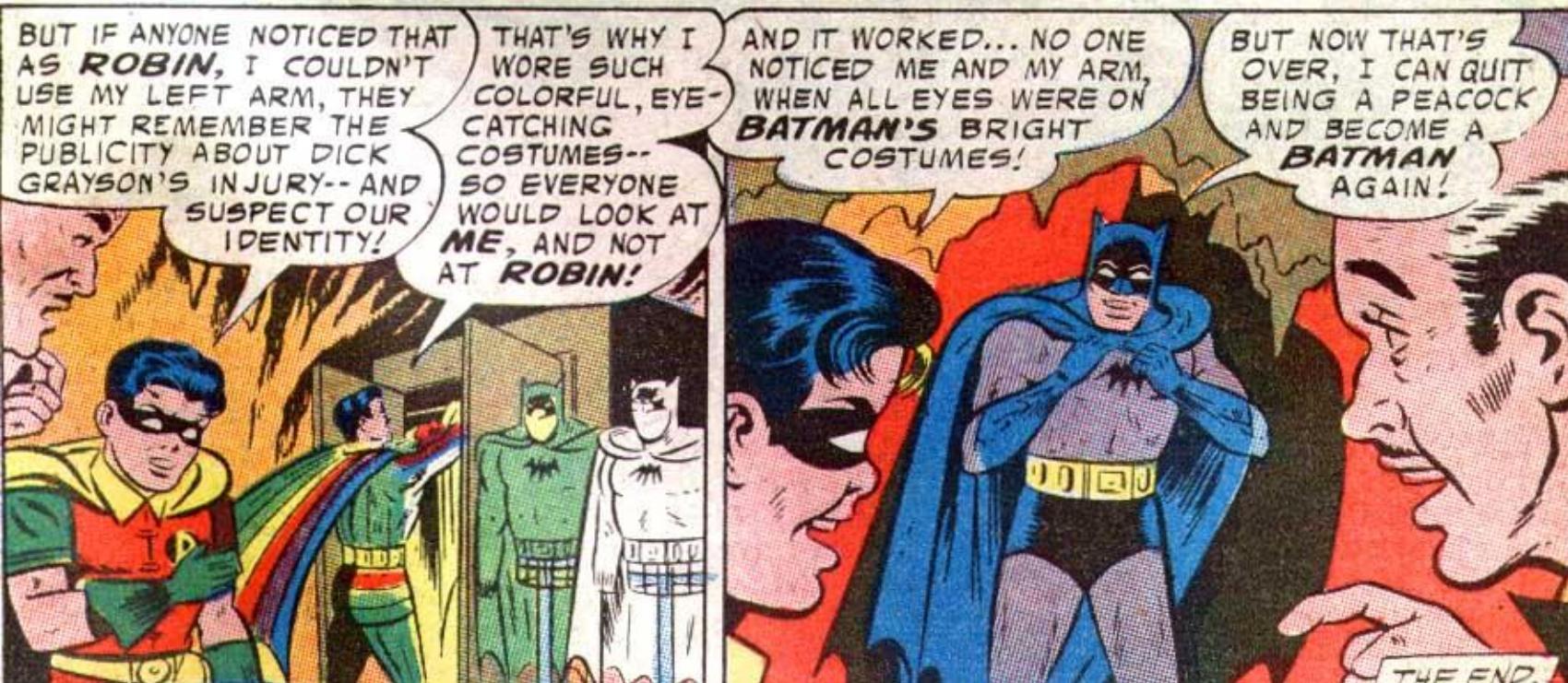
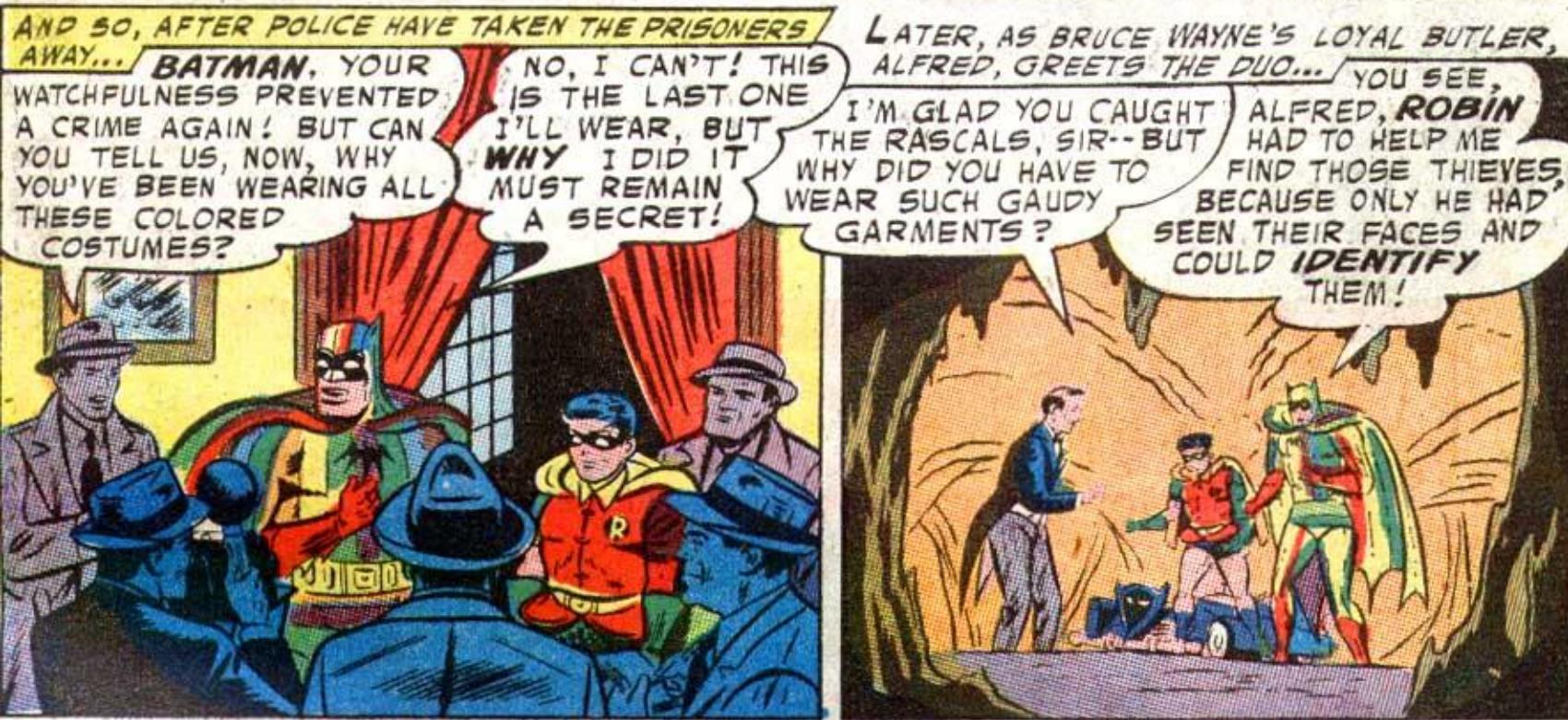
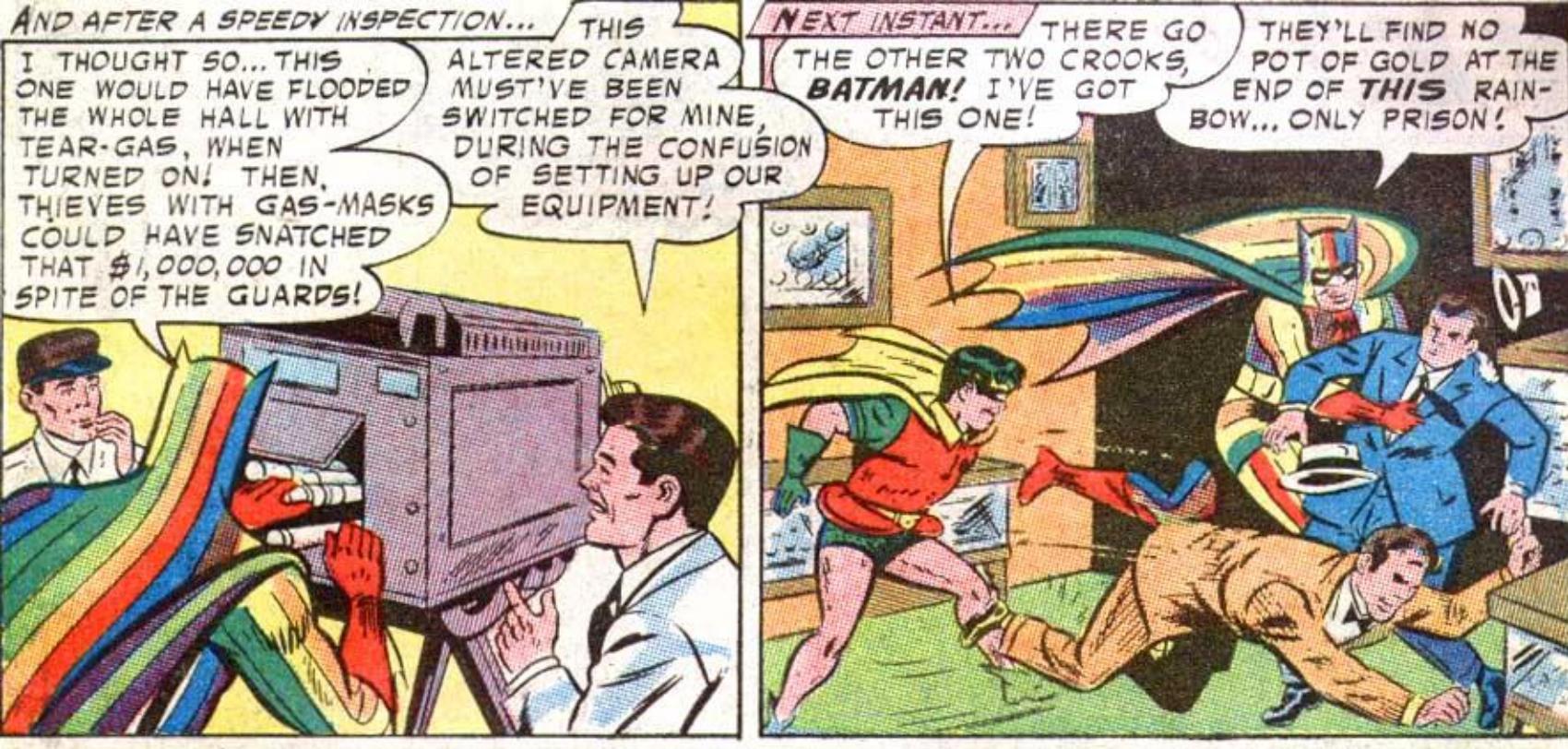
BUT SEARCH OF A CAPTURED THIEF DISCLOSES...

A GAS-MASK! IS THAT ALL HE WAS REACHING FOR?

GREAT SCOTT! DON'T YOU SEE, ROBIN?... THAT'S THE ANSWER TO THE WHOLE MYSTERY!



DON'T TURN ON YOUR CAMERAS! ONE OF THEM IS BOOBY-TRAPPED!



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- DISAPPEARING HANDKERCHIEF
- THE KNOT THAT UNTIES ITSELF
- THE DISAPPEARING COIN
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ANYONE... 6 TO 60... CAN PERFORM THESE FEATS OF MAGIC... ONCE YOU KNOW THEIR SECRETS!

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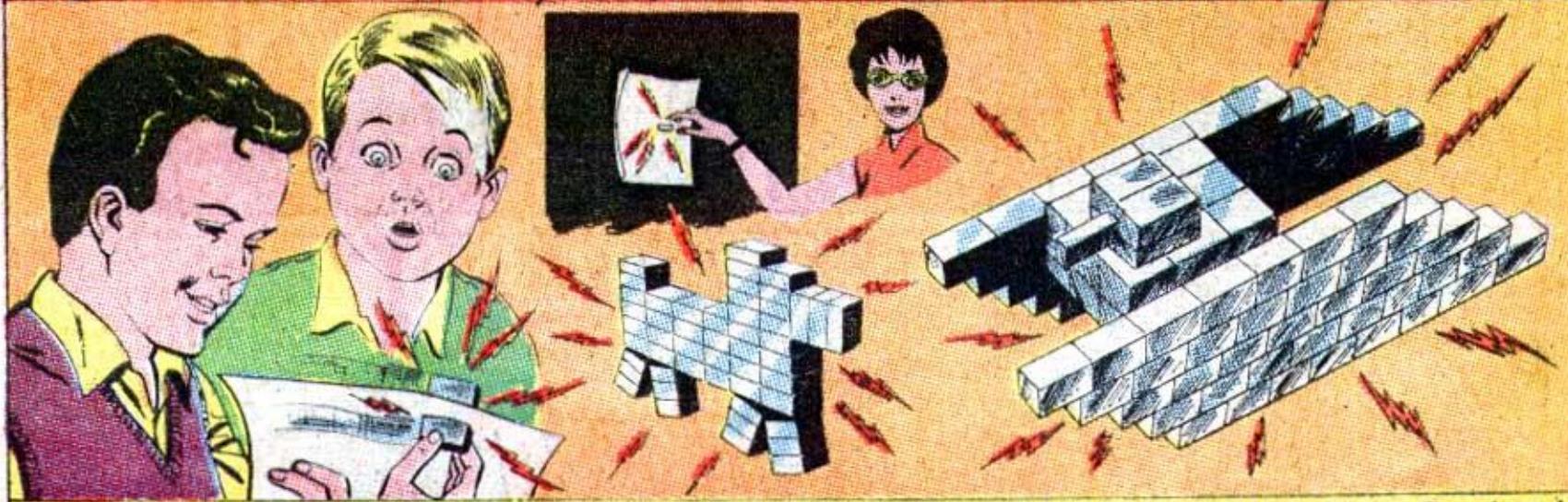
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BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN

-THE BOY WONDER-

C'MON,
YOU LITTLE
PUNK—
DANCE!
HO, HO,
HO!

WOW!
BATMAN--
WHATTA HAUL
YOU MADE
TODAY! YOU'RE
SURE THE **NEW**
JOKER OF
GOTHAM
CITY!

EVERYBODY KNOWS **BATMAN**,
FAMED LAWMAN OF GOTHAM CITY!
AND HIS ARCH-RIVAL, THE **JOKER**,
THE HARLEQUIN OF HATE! SO WE
WON'T TELL YOU MUCH MORE THAN
THIS: IMAGINE WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN THEY TRADE PLACES--
WHEN **BATMAN** TAKES OVER
THE **JOKER'S** CRIMINAL DOMAIN
WHILE THE CRIME-CLOWN STARTS
UPHOLDING LAW AND ORDER!!
FOR ONE OF THE MOST SENSATIONAL
STORIES YOU EVER READ, START
RIGHT NOW ON—

"The
JOKER
BATMAN!"

BOB
KANE

ONE DAY, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, CROWL THROUGH GOTHAM CITY IN A ROUTINE PATROL...

ROBIN--LOOK! HE JOKER'S AR! WONDER WHAT HE'S DING IN THERE? WE'D BETTER GO SEE! EVEN THOUGH THE JOKER HAS SERVED OUT HIS PRISON TERM AND IS NOW A FREE MAN, HE BEARS WATCHING!

ALL AT ONCE...

WOW, THERE YOU ARE, JOKER! IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'D LIKE TO HAVE A FEW WORDS WITH YOU!

SOON AFTER...

WE'LL SPLIT UP HERE! SHOULD YOU LOCATE THE JOKER, CONTACT ME VIA YOUR BELT RADIO!



MEANWHILE...

THERE'S A FORTUNE IN RADIUM SOMEWHERE IN THIS BUILDING! OUR JOB TODAY IS TO LOCATE IT!



HA-HA! SORRY, BATMAN--I'M NOT IN A VERY TALKATIVE MOOD TODAY! COME ON, MEN--LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

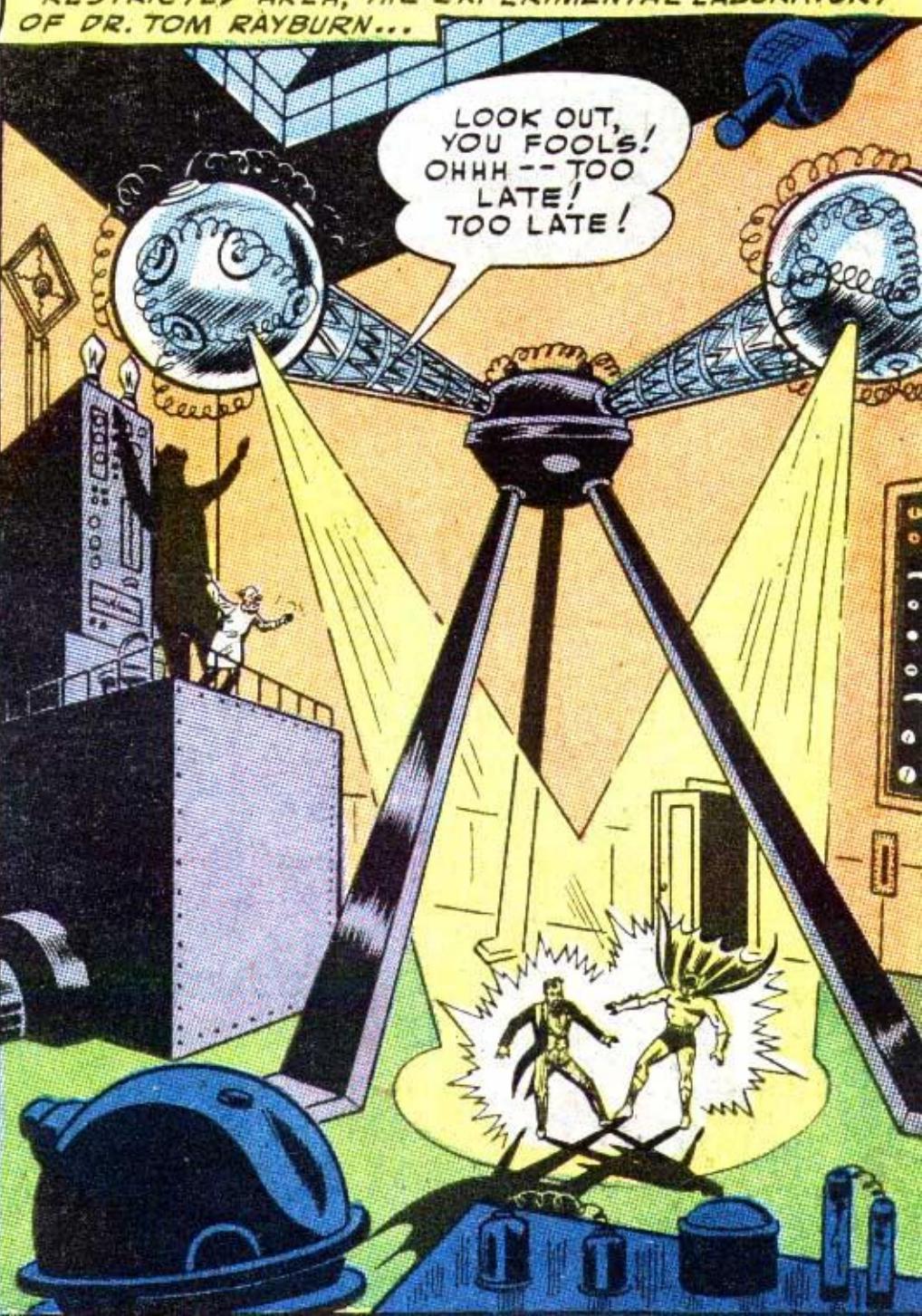


AND AS BATMAN PURSUDES THE INFAMOUS CLOWN OF CRIME...

A-HA! THIS IS LIKE THE GOOD OLD DAYS! NOTHING GIVES ME AS MUCH FUN AS PLAYING CAT-AND-MOUSE WITH BATMAN!



BUT SO INTENT ON THE CHASE ARE BATMAN AND THE JOKER, THEY FAIL TO REALIZE THEY'VE ENTERED A RESTRICTED AREA, THE EXPERIMENTAL LABORATORY OF DR. TOM RAYBURN...



WHEN THE BLINDING FLASH SUBSIDES, TWO INERT FORMS LIE ON THE FLOOR! AND WHEN ROBIN APPEARS ON THE SCENE...

IS HE...
IS HE...
DEAD???

WHY--WHY--NO!
AMAZING! NO HUMAN BEINGS WERE EVER SUBJECTED TO THE SMASHING FORCE OF THE **EPSILON RAYS** BEFORE! THEY WERE CONSIDERED DEADLY! AND YET-- THESE MEN LIVE!



IT'S A MODERN MIRACLE! THESE MEN WERE BARELY STUNNED! THEY'LL BE STIRRING IN A MOMENT! IMAGINE IT!
HIT BY THE **EPSILON RAYS**, AND NOTHING HAPPENED TO EITHER OF THEM!



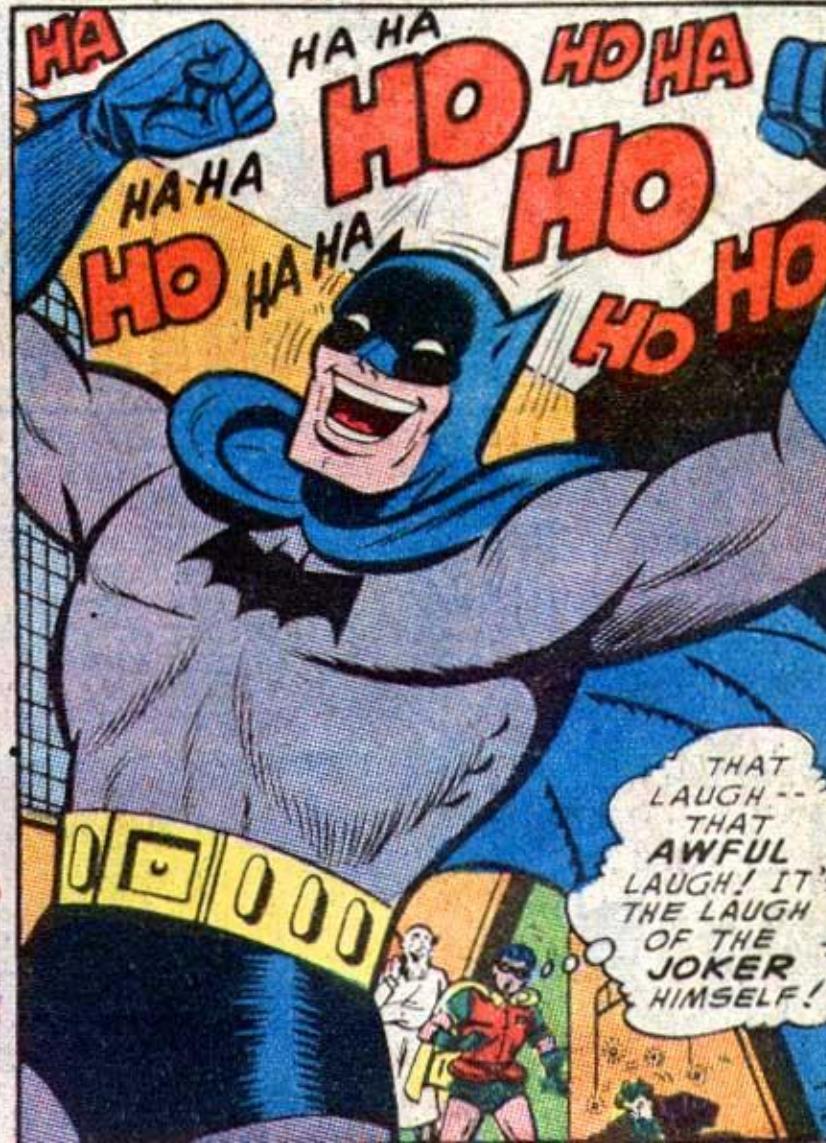
BUT IS THE LEARNED DR. RAYBURN CORRECT? IS EVERYTHING THE SAME AS BEFORE? WATCH--AS BATMAN REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...



LOOK OUT! YOU ALMOST HA, HA! IT WOULD SET MY BEARD ON FIRE!
HAVE SERVED YOU RIGHT! YOU TURNED THE HEAT ON ME!



HE USED
THE BATARANG
TO SMASH THE
RAY MACHINE!
WHAT'S
HAPPENED TO
BATMAN???



THAT LAUGH--
THAT AWFUL
LAUGH! IT'S
THE LAUGH
OF THE
JOKER
HIMSELF!

AND BEFORE THE BADLY-SHAKEN **ROBIN** CAN RECOVER FROM HIS SHOCK, ANOTHER SURPRISE GREETES HIM!

ROBIN!
ROBIN--ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

AM I DREAMING ???
THE **JOKER** NEVER SHOWED SUCH CONCERN FOR ME BEFORE!

WELL, NO USE CRYING OVER SPILLED MILK!
LET'S GET TO HEADQUARTERS AND FILE A REPORT, **ROBIN**!

IT'S CRAZY!
BATMAN ACTS LIKE THE **JOKER**-- AND THE **JOKER** ACTS LIKE **BATMAN**!

DOCTOR, CAN I SEE YOU ALONE FOR A MOMENT?



AND SHORTLY AFTERWARD IN THE PRIVACY OF DR. RAYBURN'S OFFICE...

A STRANGE CASE--BUT THEN, WE WERE DEALING WITH STRANGE AND POWERFUL FORCES! YES-- IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE THAT A **TRANSFER OF PERSONALITIES** HAS TAKEN PLACE -- ALL EVIDENCE POINTS TO IT!



THAT MEANS THAT THE **BATMAN** BRAIN, THE **BATMAN** SOUL, AND THE **BATMAN** PERSONALITY ARE CLOAKED WITHIN THE BODY OF THE **JOKER**! AND THE REVERSE IS EQUALLY TRUE-- THE BODY OF **BATMAN** ACTUALLY CONTAINS THE MAN WE KNOW AS THE **JOKER**!

BUT THIS IS TERRIBLE! HOW CAN WE HELP **BATMAN** BECOME HIS NORMAL SELF AGAIN?



THE SCIENTIST TALKS--AND **ROBIN** LISTENS.
LATER, WHEN THE WHOLE INCREDIBLE STORY HAS BEEN TOLD TO COMMISSIONER GORDON...

GOOD GRIEF!
WHAT A FIX!
AND YOU SAY OUR ONLY CHANCE IS THAT ANOTHER BLAST OF THE EPSILON RAY WILL RE-TRANSFER THEIR PERSONALITIES?

YES! BUT DR. RAYBURN MUST FIRST REPAIR HIS EQUIPMENT-- AND I MUST SECURE FOR HIM A SUPPLY OF ISOTOPES BY SCOURING ATOMIC LABS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY! I'M FLYING TO DENVER TONIGHT!



GO AHEAD, **ROBIN**--AND GOOD LUCK!
MEANWHILE, WE MUST KEEP THIS NEWS SECRET AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, LEST IT ENCOURAGE THE UNDERWORLD AND PANIC THE PUBLIC!



THAT NIGHT IN A DINGY UNDERWORLD BAR...

THEN...

SAY--WHAT KIND OF A GAG IS
THIS? THAT'S NOT **BATMAN**--
THAT'S THE **JOKER**, WEARIN' A
BATMAN UNIFORM FOR
LAUGHS, OR SOMETHIN'!

HEY, LOOK! **BATMAN'S**
BECOME ONE OF THE
BOYS! HE'S PASSING
OUT FREE SMOKES!

ALL RIGHT, BOYS--
I'M CELEBRATING!
CIGARS
ON ME! □ THANKS,
DAD

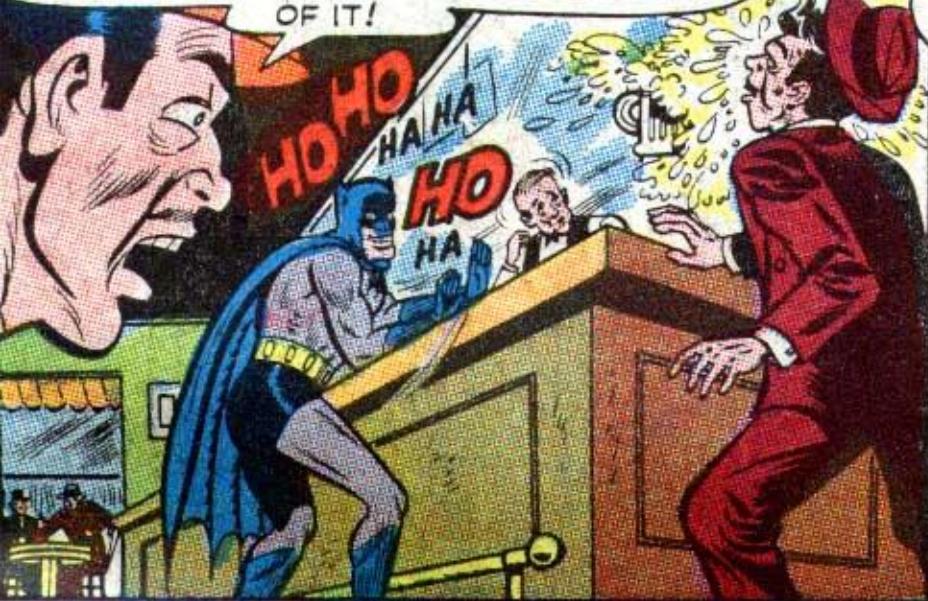
THANKS,
BATMAN!
YOU'RE OKAY,
PAL!



YOU'RE WRONG, KID--THE **JOKER** NEVER HAD
THEM MUSCLES! THAT'S **BATMAN**, ALL RIGHT--
AND I THINK HE'S OFF HIS ROCKER-- AND
NOW'S THE TIME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF IT! 

HEY, **BATMAN**-- YOU'RE
AMONG FRIENDS, HAVIN' A
GOOD TIME! LET'S HAVE
SOME **REAL** FUN--LET'S
SEE WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE
BEHIND THAT MASK!!!

HA! IF THEY
ONLY KNEW
I'M REALLY
THE JOKER
INSIDE BATMAN'S
BODY!



HMM--HE'S
GIVEN ME AN IDEA! EVERY CROOK IN THE WORLD IS JUST ITCHING TO SEE MY FACE! WHY NOT MAKE 'EM PAY FOR IT--AND PAY PLENTY? ENOUGH FOR ME TO RETIRE ON!

ALL RIGHT, MY FRIEND--TELL YOU WHAT:
PASS THE WORD ALONG THE UNDER-
WORLD--TELL THE BOYS TO GET
UP THE DOUGH! FOR
ONE MILLION BUCKS--
CASH ON THE LINE--
I'LL TAKE OFF
THIS MASK--AND
THAT'S A PROMISE--
A BATMAN

HOW!
DIDJA HEAR
THAT???
BATMÁN
NEVER GOES
BACK ON HIS
WORD!

PROMISE! HA-HA-HA-HA! WURV:
C'MON---
LET'S START
THE COLLECTION!



**NEXT MORNING, NEWSPAPERS BLAZE
WITH HEADLINES THAT SHOCK THE WORLD...**

GOTHAM GAZETTE

BATMAN SELLS OUT! LAWMAN OFFERS TO REVEAL IDENTITY FOR \$1,000,000⁰⁰! SECRET INVESTIGATION NEWSPAPER



BATMAN HOBNOBS
WITH CROOKS HE
ONCE DETESTED!
OBSERVERS FEAR
LAWMAN HAS
GONE MAD!

MEANWHILE, IN
DOWNTOWN
GOTHAM CITY...

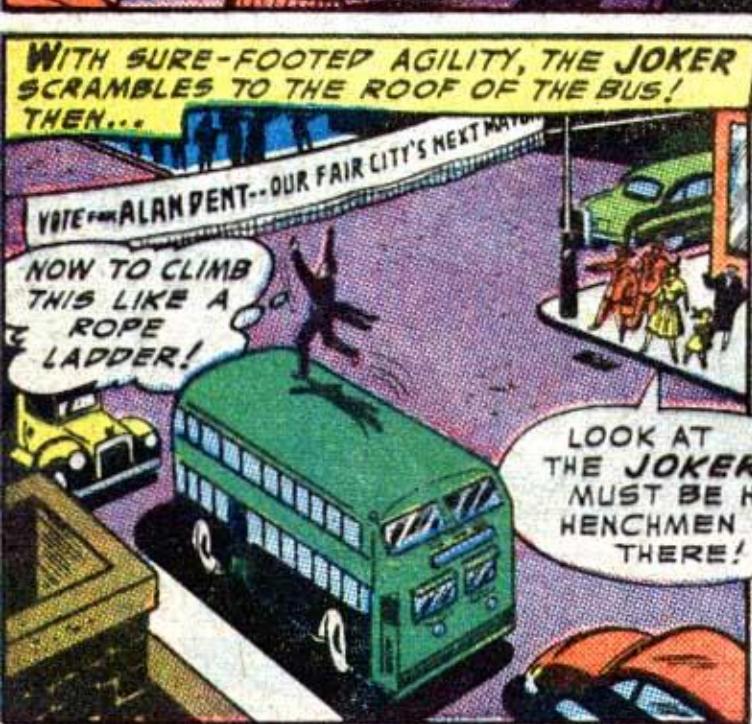
HELP! POLICE! PAYROLL
ROBBERS! THEY'VE BLOCKED
THE ELEVATORS AND STAIRS!

VOTE FOR ALAN DENT--OUR FAIR CITY'S NEXT MAYOR

HMM!
LOOKS LIKE
THAT SIGN
IS THE QUICKEST
WAY UP! AND
THAT BUS IS
THE QUICKEST
WAY UP TO
THE SIGN!



WITH SURE-FOOTED AGILITY, THE JOKER
SCRAMBLES TO THE ROOF OF THE BUS!
THEN...



MOMENTS LATER...



AND AS THE JOKER QUICKLY MAKES HIS WAY
INTO THE BESIEGED OFFICE...

HEY, JOKER!! YOU
GONE LOCO???

YOU MUST BE LOCO
TO THINK YOU CAN BRIBE
ME! I'M BRINGING YOU
ALL INTO HEADQUARTERS!



SOON AFTER...

HERE THEY ARE,
OFFICERS -- ALL
READY FOR A NICE
COZY CELL! YOU'LL
FIND THE PAYROLL
INTACT UPSTAIRS!

WELL, NOW I'VE SEEN
EVERYTHING! IMAGINE
THE JOKER ON THE
SIDE OF THE LAW! THE
WORLD GETS CRAZIER
EVERY DAY!



AND AS WORD REACHES ROBIN
ACROSS THE CONTINENT...

HERE'S THE LATEST IN THE
BATMAN-JOKER MIX-UP!
THE JOKER HAS TURNED
LAWMAN AND IS STARTING
A WAR AGAINST CROOKS!
HE HOPES TO WORK CLOSELY
WITH ROBIN!

THEN, FOR A MOMENT, THE
DISTRAUGHT LAD ALLOWS
HIS MIND TO WANDER BACK
TO HAPPIER DAYS...

LOOKS LIKE OUR
GOLF MATCH IS
OFF, DICK!
THERE'S THE
BAT-SIGNAL
CALLING US TO DUTY
AS **BATMAN**
AND **ROBIN**!

AND
JUST WHEN
SOCIALITE
BRUCE WAYNE
WAS GOING TO
BE TROUNCED
BY HIS WARD,
DICK GRAYSON!

ALL AT ONCE ANOTHER VISION
CROWDS OUT THE FIRST...

C'MON, KID--
READY FOR
ANOTHER GAME
OF GOLF???

NO! NO! IT MUST
NEVER HAPPEN!
I'VE GOT TO
LOCATE THOSE
EPSILON ISOTOPES
QUICKLY!



MEANWHILE, BACK IN GOTHAM CITY, THE DAZED
POPULACE REELS BEFORE THE LIGHTNING
ATTACKS OF THE BATMAN-TURNED-JOKER...

THIS IS THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE
SEASON! EVERY BLUEBLOOD IN
TOWN IS HERE!

HA-HA! BLUEBLOODS, EH?? WAIT TILL THEY
GET A DOSE OF SOME OF THESE CHEMICALS
I FOUND IN THIS WONDERFUL BELT OF MINE!
THEN THEY'LL REALLY BE
BLUEBLOODS! HA-HA!



MOMENTS LATER, AS **BATMAN'S**
CHEMICALS ACT!

WHY--IT'S SUDDENLY
TURNED TO ICE!
BRRR! I'M
F-F-FREEZING!
AND C-C-AN'T
GET OUT! L-L-LOOK!
B-B-BATMAN
D-D-DID IT!

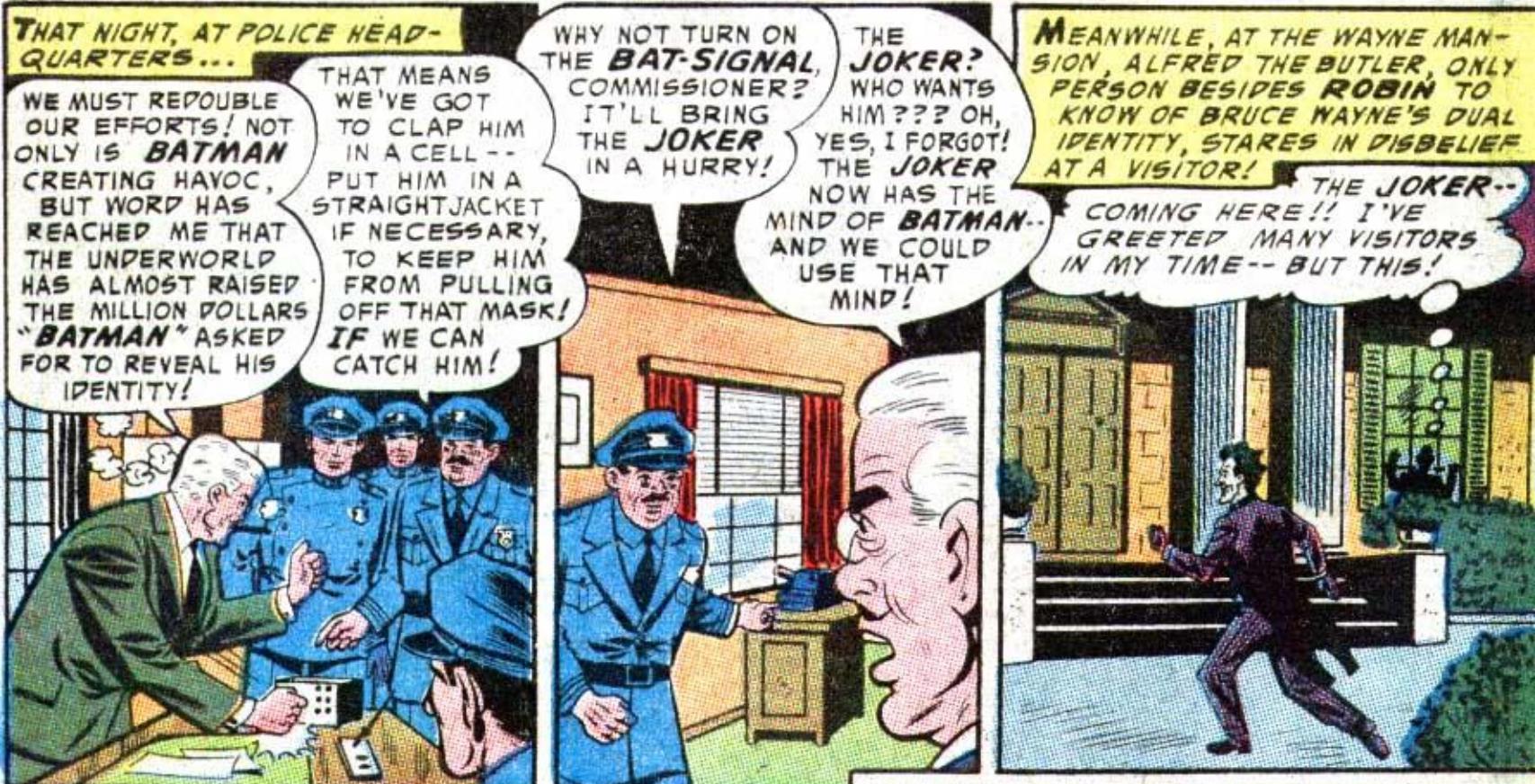
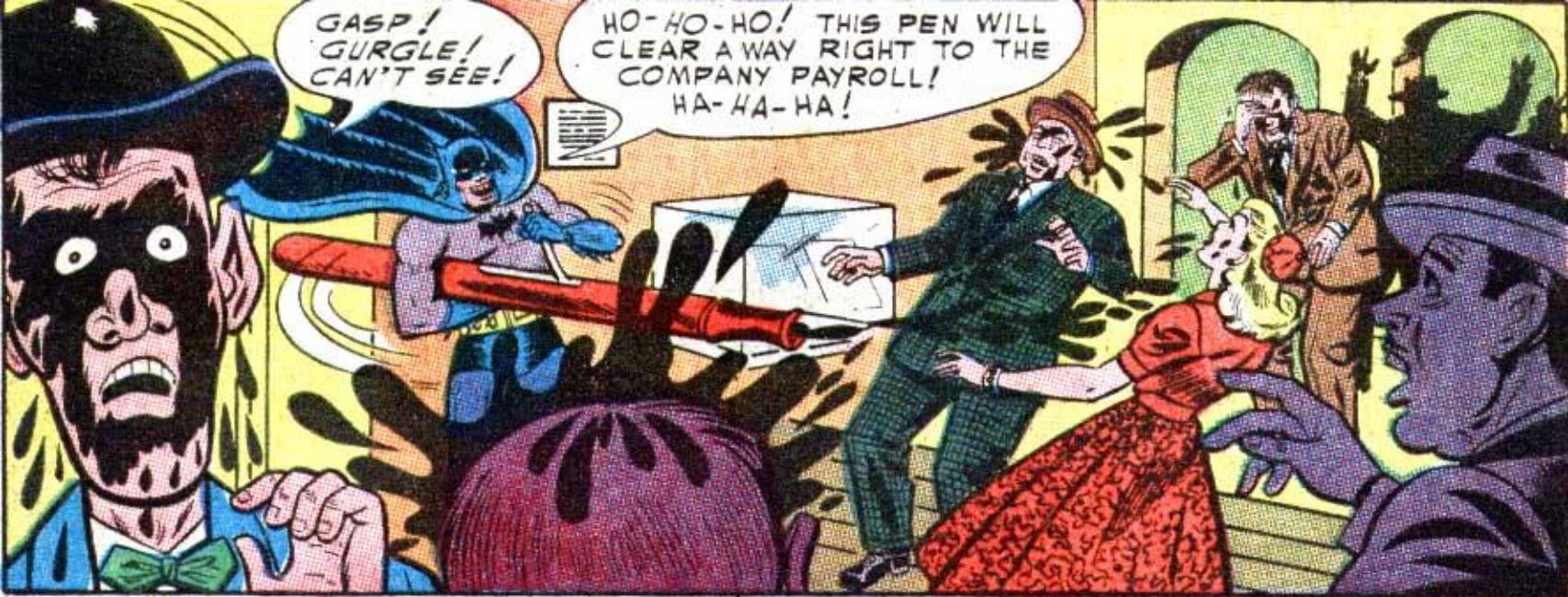
HA-HA-HA-HA!
NOW YOUR BLOOD
WILL SURELY RUN
BLUE! AND I'VE
TRAPPED YOU, WHILE
I RELIEVE YOUR
CLOTHES IN THE
CABANA OF ALL
JEWELRY AND
CASH! HO-HO-HO!

AND ON ANOTHER OCCASION...

HA-HA! THIS SILKEN CORD IS
TERRIFIC! I CAN FORGET
ABOUT USING DOORS! AND
NOW TO WRITE A NEW CRIME
CHAPTER, WITH THE JANeway
PEN! HO-HO!



WATCH
How EASILY THE
JANeway
PEN LOADS!
SEE ITS BARREL
FILL
WITH
INK ON ONE THRUST
OF THE
PLUNGER



SOON AFTER...

I'M WORKING
ON THE CASE,
COMMISSIONER!
I'VE GOT A
LEAD THAT MAY
PAN OUT!

SOMEBODY
PINCH ME--SO
I'LL KNOW I'M
NOT DREAMING
THAT THAT'S
THE JOKER
FLYING THE
BATPLANE!

NEXT DAY...

TINY HARPER'S RECORD
SHOWS HIS HIDEOUTS
WERE ALWAYS NEAR
A BOWLING ALLEY--
HE LOVES THE GAME!
I'LL JUST CHECK
ALL OF THEM!



AND THEN, AN HOUR LATER, AS THE
"JOKER'S" THOROUGHNESS IS
REWARDED!

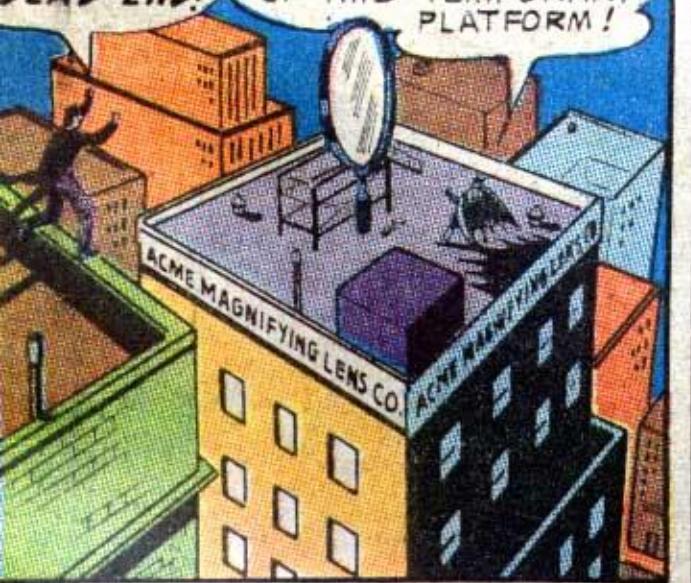
YOU CAN STOP
LAUGHING NOW,
BATMAN--I
MEAN **JOKER**.
I'M ON MY WAY TO
GRAB YOU!



A WILD CHASE FOLLOWS, ACROSS THE
CITY'S ROOFTOPS! THEN, ATOP
THE BUILDING OF THE ACME
MAGNIFYING LENS COMPANY...

YOU'RE
TRAPPED
NOW,
BATMAN!
THAT'S A
DEAD-END!

MAYBE! BUT I'LL STILL
HAVE THE LAST LAUGH--
THANKS TO THE WORK-
MEN WHO POLISH THIS
LENS, AND WHO SET
UP THIS TEMPORARY
PLATFORM!



I GET A
MILLION BUCKS FROM
MY UNDERWORLD PALS FOR
TAKING OFF MY MASK, **JOKER**!
AND I'M GOING TO GIVE THEM
THEIR MONEY'S WORTH! WITH
THIS MAGNIFYING GLASS,
THE WHOLE CITY CAN
SEE WHAT'S GOING
ON! HO-HO-HO!

HO!



I CAN NEVER
GET UP THERE IN
TIME TO STOP HIM!
AND EVEN IF I
HAD A ROCK, I
COULDN'T BREAK
THAT LENS--IT'S
MUCH TOO THICK!
WHAT TO DO?



SUDDENLY, A DESPERATE IDEA COMES TO THE JOKER!

HA-HA-HA! I'M TOYING WITH YOU! IN A MOMENT, I'LL YANK OFF MY MASK AND THE WHOLE CITY WILL KNOW BATMAN'S IDENTITY! HA, HA!

BUT BEFORE BATMAN CAN MAKE A MOVE, THE JOKER GRABS THE BOTTLE OF MILK AND FLINGS IT WITH UNERRING AIM TOWARD THE MAGNIFYING LENS!

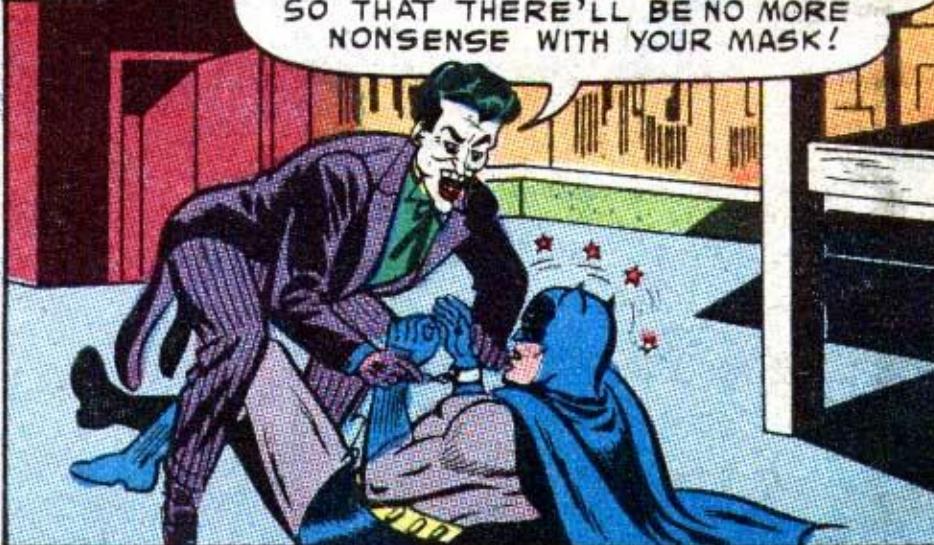
TOO LATE, "BATMAN"! NOW NO ONE CAN SEE YOUR ACT! AND THERE'S NO USE CRYING OVER SPILLED MILK!

CONFOUND HIM! THE GLASS IS COMPLETELY OPAQUE!

ONE OF THE WORKMEN LEFT PART OF HIS LUNCH-- IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE!



STUNNED BY THE TURN OF EVENTS, BATMAN STUMBLES ON THE RICKETY PLATFORM AND CRASHES DOWN THE STEPS, A DEFEATED PRISONER!



AND THAT NIGHT, AS ROBIN RETURNS TO GOTHAM CITY...

NOW LET'S KEEP OUR FINGERS CROSSED AND HOPE FOR THE BEST!

AND HOW!

SOON AFTER...

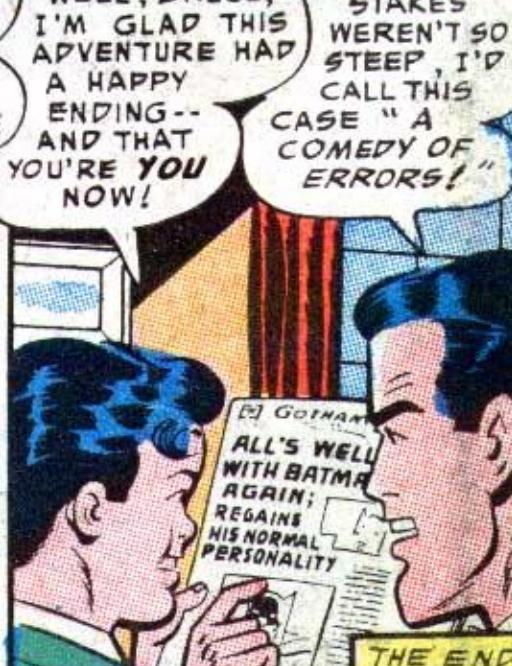
ROBIN-- WHAT IS THIS? WHAT ARE THESE HANDCUFFS DOING ON ME?

SUCCESS, ROBIN! HE'S THE REAL BATMAN AGAIN! AND HE WON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING OF HIS CRAZY LIFE IN THE JOKER'S OUTER SHELL!

NEXT DAY...

WELL, BRUCE, I'M GLAD THIS ADVENTURE HAD A HAPPY ENDING-- AND THAT YOU'RE YOU NOW!

RIGHT, DICK! AND IF THE STAKES WEREN'T SO STEEP, I'D CALL THIS CASE "A COMEDY OF ERRORS!"



THE END