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# BATMAN

With  
ROBIN  
THE BOY WONDER

HERE IS THE STORY OF HOW BATMAN AND ROBIN PENETRATED THE THICK JUNGLE AND TREACHEROUS BOG OF THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES, TO FIGHT MEN MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE REPTILES OF THE SWAMPS! AND HERE ALSO, IS THE HEART-WARMING TALE OF AN OLD SEMINOLE INDIAN WHO FOUND NEW PRIDE AND COURAGE-- AS HE FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH THEM, TO SOLVE...

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IN A SEMINOLE VILLAGE DEEP IN THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES, YOUNGSTERS CROWD EAGERLY ABOUT A CAMPFIRE...

TELL US ABOUT JOE OSCEOLA AND **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

WHAT? AGAIN? YOU NEVER TIRE OF THE STORY-- AND NO WONDER, FOR IT IS INDEED A GREAT ADVENTURE!

I'LL TELL YOU THE STORY AS T'WAS TOLD TO ME BY JOE OSCEOLA, WHO IS OUR COUSIN AND LIVES IN THE NEIGHBORING VILLAGE...



"ONE DAY, OLD JOE -- FOR SO ALL CALL HIM -- WAS DEEP IN THE SWAMP, SETTING HIS TRAP FOR THE LONG-TUSKED WILD BOAR..."

"SUDDENLY, SWIFT AS WATER MOCCASINS, TWO PALEFACES SPRANG FROM THE BRUSH AND SEIZED OLD JOE..."



"THEN, LIKE STRIKING HAWKS, ANOTHER PAIR APPEARED AND POUNCED UPON THE WICKED ONES..."

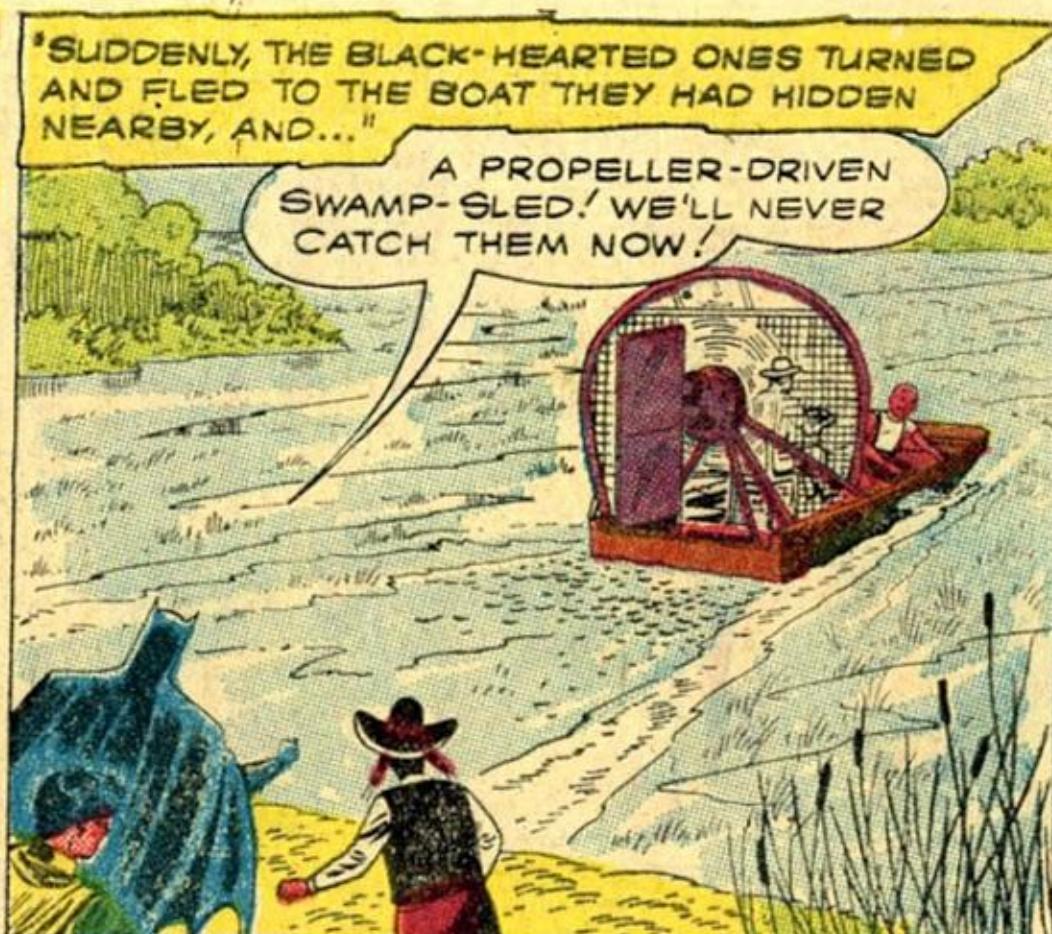
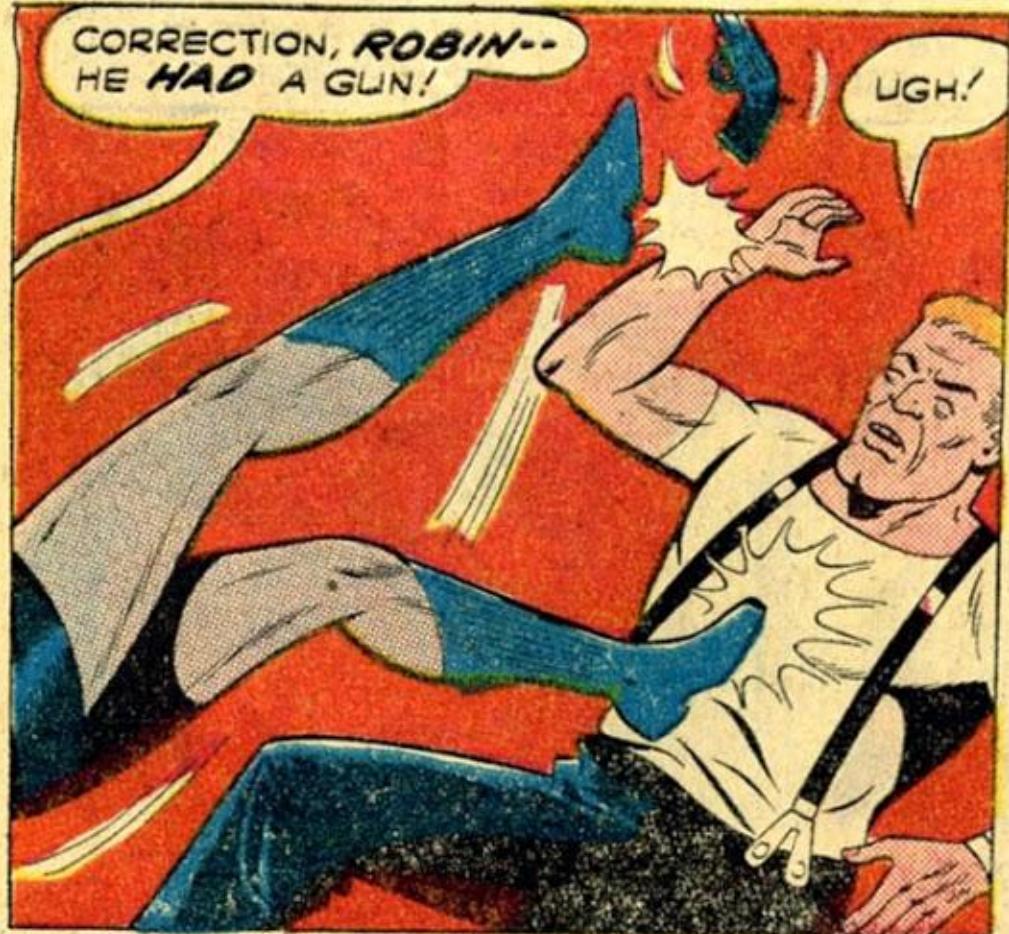
YOU HEARD WHAT THE MAN SAID -- LET HIM GO!

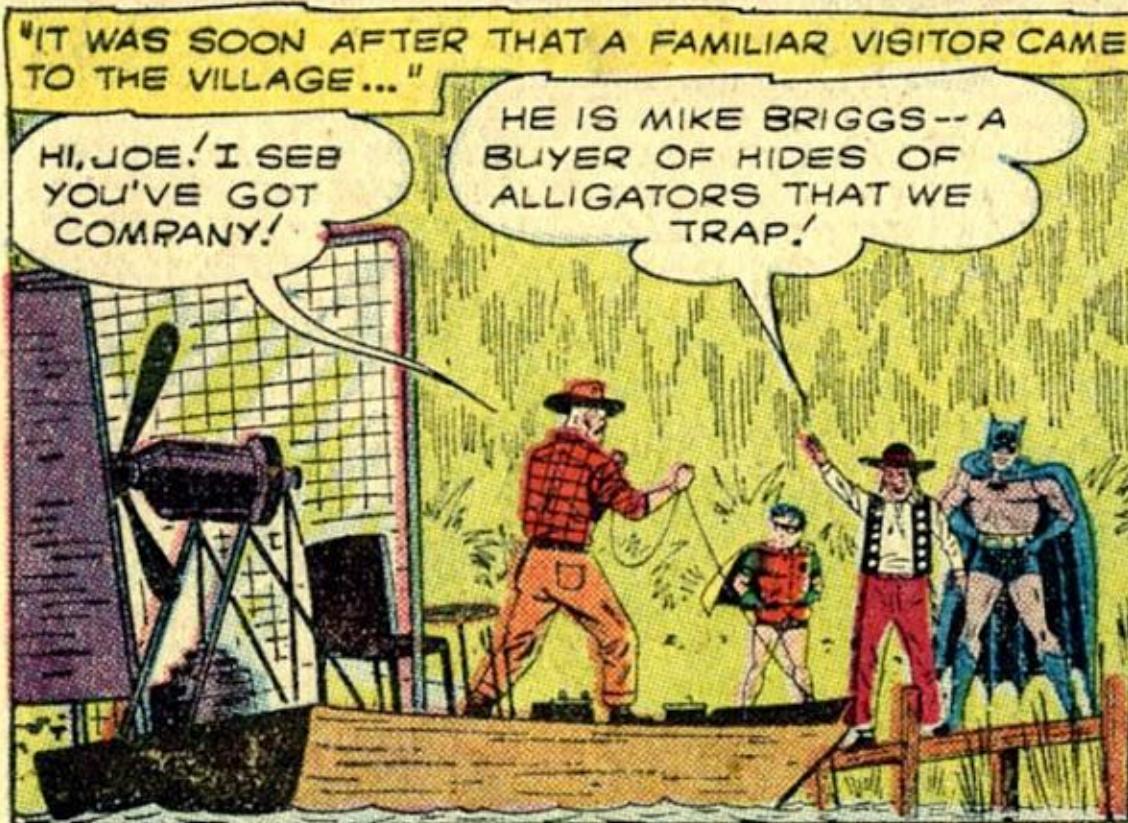
ULP! **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

"AND INDEED IT WAS MIGHTY **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, THE BOY WONDER, WHOSE EXPLOITS ARE KNOWN EVEN TO US WHO LIVE IN THE DEEP CYPRESS SWAMPS..."

BATMAN -- HE'S GOT A GUN! LOOK OUT!







# BATMAN



"FLOATING SILENTLY AS LEAVES UPON WATER, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** FOLLOWED HIM INTO THE DARK GLADES..."

THERE HE GOES--PASSING THE LUMBER MILL RAILS!



"BUT, AS THEIR DUGOUT FOLLOWED, TWO ROPES, LIKE TREACHEROUS SNAKES, DROPPED..."

WHAT....???

GOT 'EM! BRIGGS LED HIM RIGHT TO US -- JUST LIKE HE SAID HE WOULD!



"AND SO IT WAS THAT **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** WERE CAPTURED AND TIED TO TWO LOGS ON THE MILL FLAT CAR..."

SO YOU **DELIBERATELY** DROPPED THAT REMARK ABOUT JOE BEING ATTACKED -- KNOWING I'D BECOME SUSPICIOUS AND FOLLOW YOU!

SURE, SMART, EH? WHEN MY BOYS TOLD ME ABOUT YOU BEING HERE, I KNEW I'D HAVE TO GET YOU OUT OF THE WAY BEFORE I COULD GRAB OLD JOE!



"MEANWHILE, AS TIME PASSED AND **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** DID NOT RETURN..."

SOMETHING IS WRONG! SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED TO MY FRIENDS! I MUST GO TO THEM!



"OLD, HIS EYES WERE, BUT STILL KEEN, AND VERY SHORTLY OLD JOE SAW THE CAPTURED PAIR..."

WHAT CAN I DO?

I AM TOO OLD TO FIGHT THE WICKED ONES! BUT LIKE THE OLD PANTHER WHO MUST USE HIS CUNNING INSTEAD OF STRENGTH, SO MUST I USE MINE!

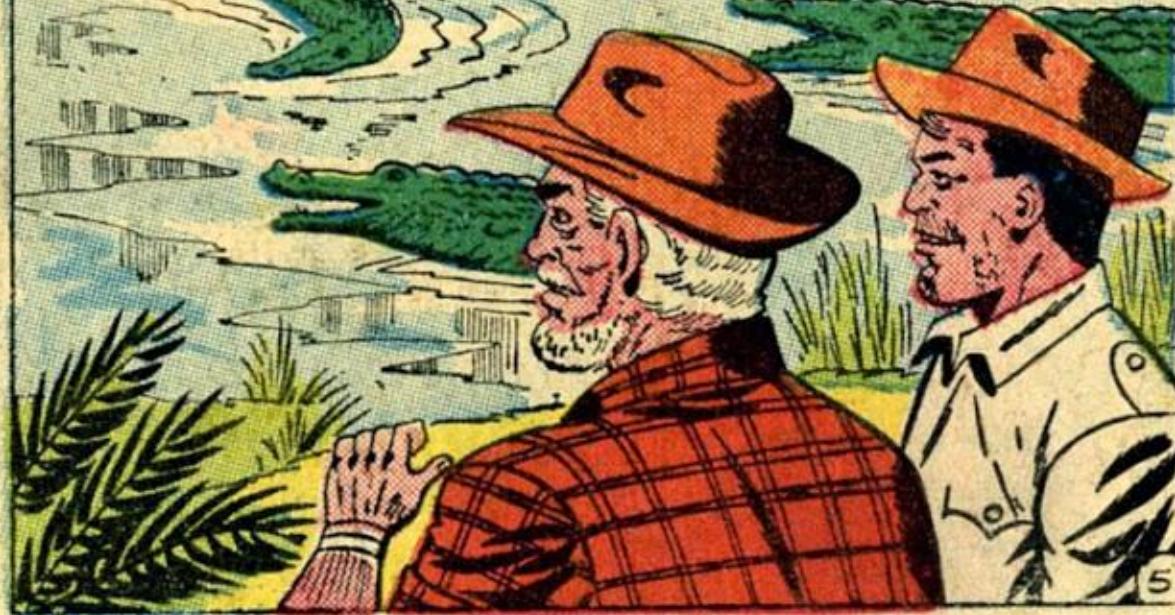


"SOON AFTER, A FAMILIAR CALL OF THE GLADES WAS HEARD..."

ONE ALLIGATOR CALLING TO OTHERS!

YEAH--AND LOOK AT 'EM GO!

NUNGH-  
N-U-N-G-H!



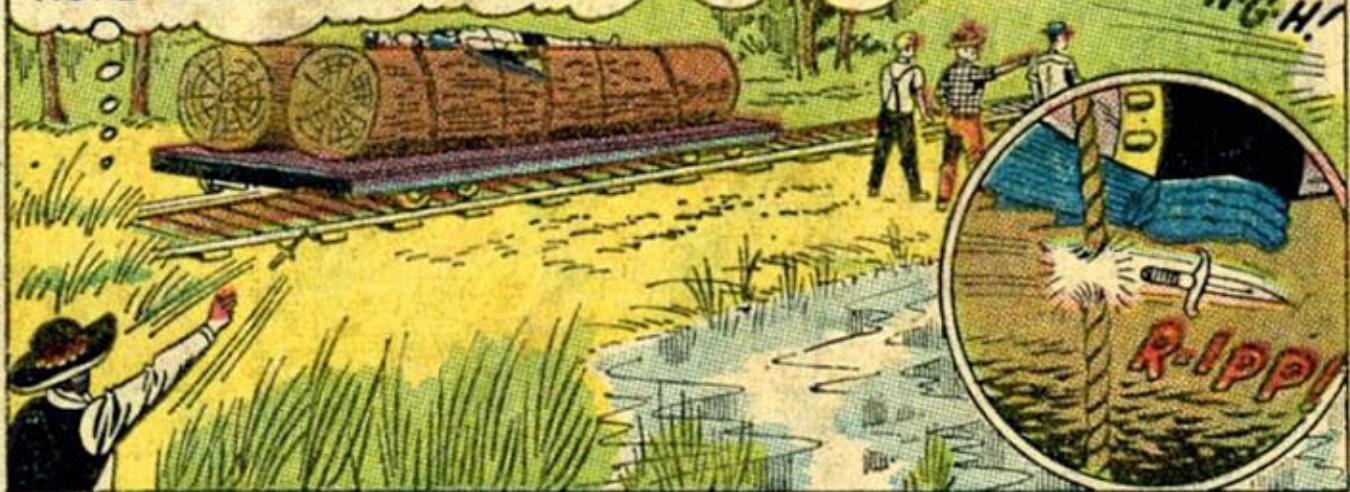
## BATMAN

"BUT IT WAS REALLY OLD JOE WHO SOUNDED THE CALL-- FOR THIS IS A TRICK KNOWN TO SEMINOLE TRAPPERS WHO USE IT TO ATTRACT ALLIGATORS..."



"AND WHILE THE VILLIANS' ATTENTION WAS UPON THE 'GATORS, OLD JOE THREW HIS HUNTING KNIFE HARD AND TRUE-- CLOSE TO THE ROPE BINDING BATMAN'S HANDS..."

THEIR ATTENTION IS DIVERTED, SO THEY DO NOT HEAR THE KNIFE HIT THE WOOD-- CLOSE TO THE ROPE BINDING BATMAN!



"THEN, BRAVE OLD JOE BOLTED FROM THE BRUSH..."

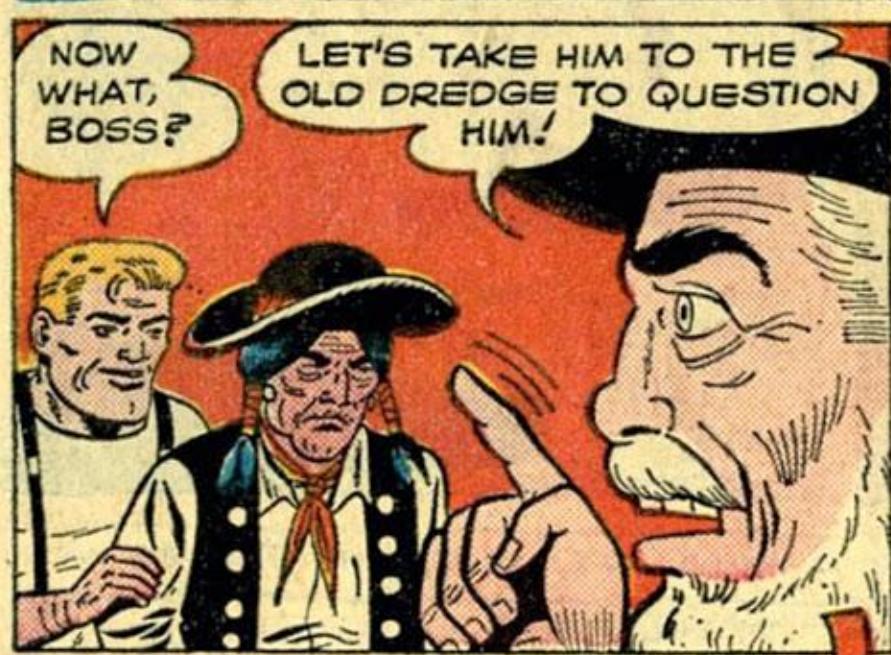
IT'S OLD JOE! GRAB HIM!

HE MUST BE CRAZY, THINKING HE COULD FREE BATMAN AND ROBIN!



NOW WHAT, BOSS?

LET'S TAKE HIM TO THE OLD DREDGE TO QUESTION HIM!



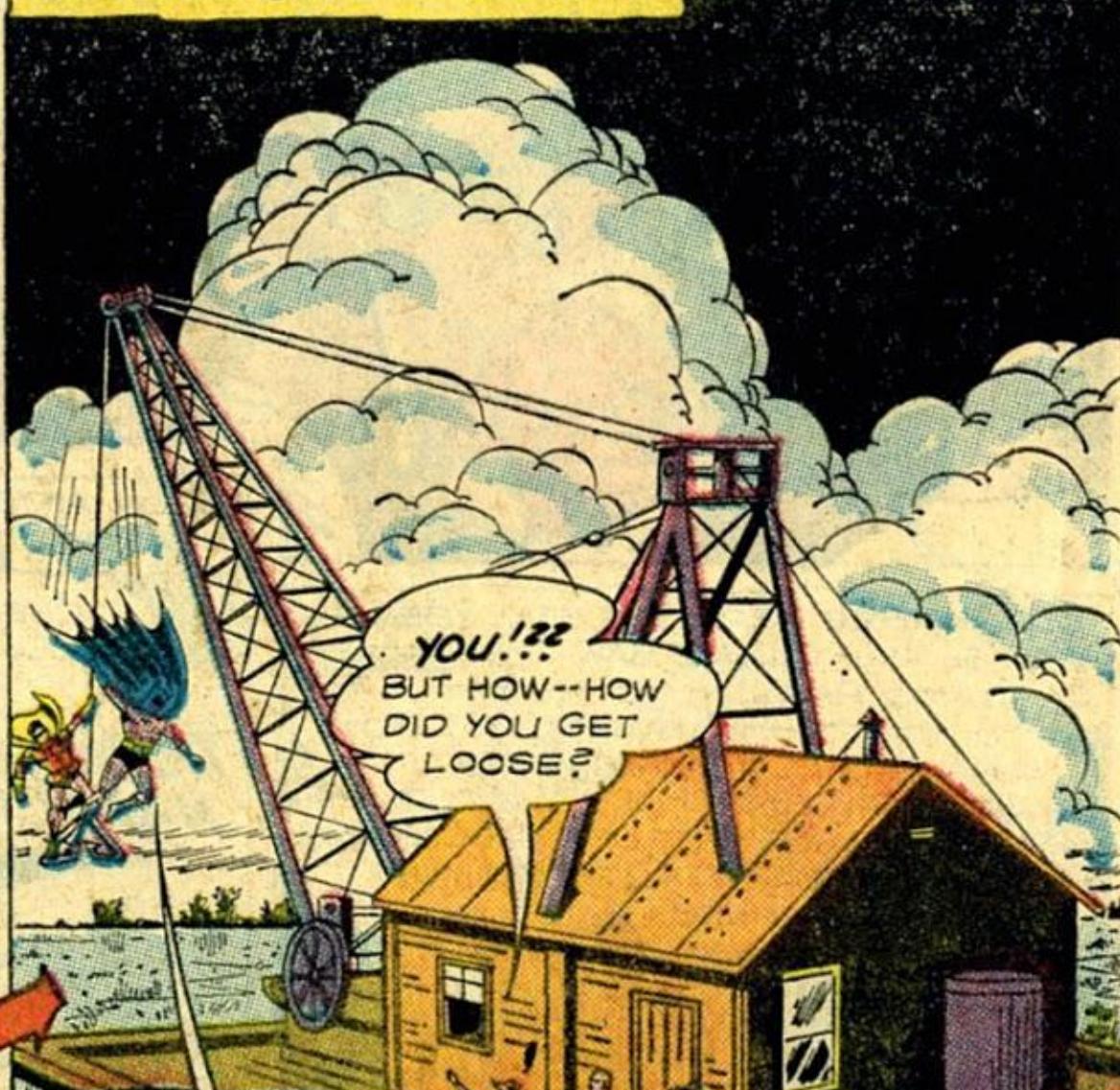
"AND SO THEY TOOK OLD JOE TO THE DREDGE USED BY PALEFACES TO CLEAR THE SWAMP OF THICK WEEDS..."

OKAY, JOE -- WHERE DID YOU FIND THAT OLD WOOD PLANK I SAW IN YOUR HUT WHEN I CAME TO BUY SKINS A WEEK AGO?

AN OLD PLANK? IS THAT ALL YOU WANT?



"SUDDENLY, LIKE AVENGING HAWKS, THE MIGHTY BATMAN AND ROBIN SWOOPED DOWN..."



WITH THE HELP OF A KNIFE JOE THREW! HE LET HIMSELF BE "CAPTURED" SO I COULD CUT THE ROPES WITHOUT BEING SEEN, BY YOU!





# BATMAN



"LIKE THE LIGHTNING THAT STRIKES DOWN THE GREAT CYPRESS TREES, SO DID **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** LASH OUT..."



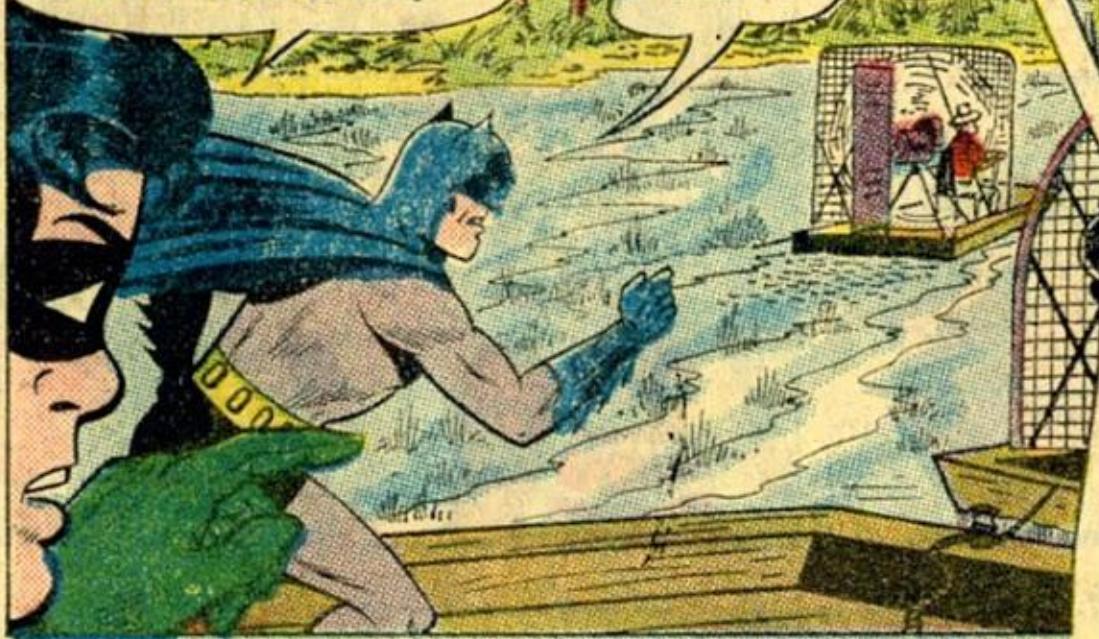
"AND SO GREAT WAS OLD JOE'S EXCITEMENT, THAT HE FORGOT HE WAS OLD AND FOUGHT AS A YOUNG WARRIOR WOULD..."



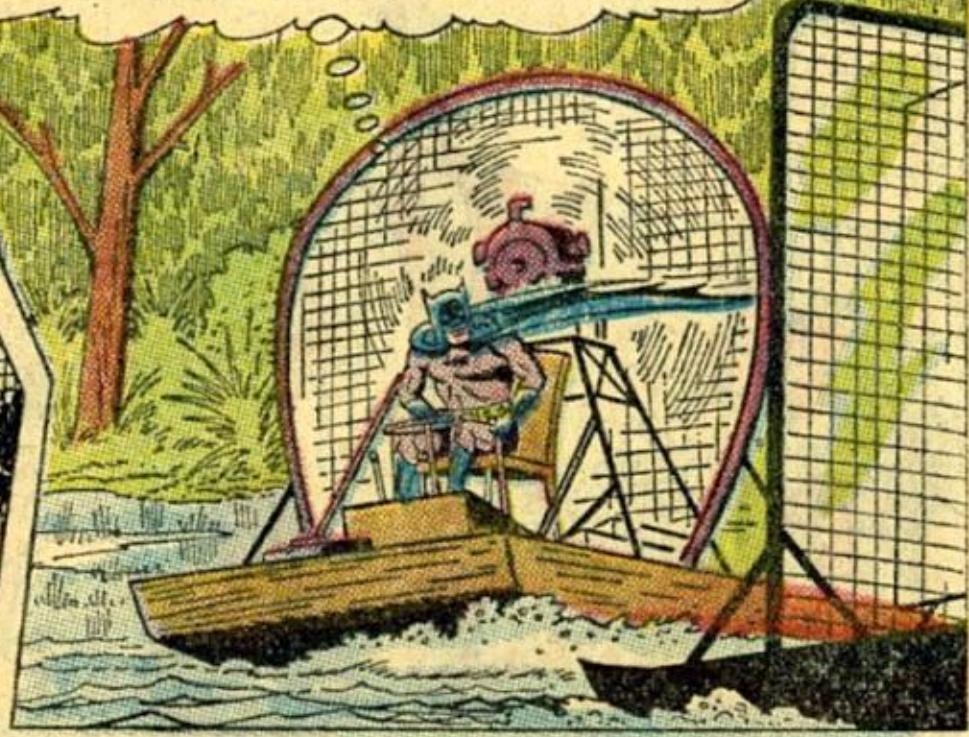
"BUT, LIKE A COWARDLY WOLF, THE LEADER OF THE PACK FLED..."

**BATMAN--THERE GOES BRIGGS!**

HE WON'T GET FAR!  
I'LL USE THAT OTHER SLED!



LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY WAY I CAN STOP THAT SWAMP SLED IS TO...



"AND SO, AFTER THE VILLAINS WERE TAKEN AWAY, **BATMAN** QUESTIONED OLD JOE..."

JOE, WHAT PIECE OF WOOD WAS BRIGGS ASKING YOU ABOUT?

IT IS AN OLD PLANK THAT I FOUND AND USED TO PATCH A HOLE IN MY DUGOUT!"



# BATMAN



"BATMAN THEN OVERTURNED JOE'S DUGOUT, AND ON THE PLANK HE SAW..."

WRITING—SCRATCHED INTO THE WOOD! IT'S IN SPANISH, BUT I CAN TRANSLATE IT!

"LET THIS MARKER TELL WHERE MY MEN AND I CACHED ARMOR AND WEAPONS TO FIGHT OFF POSSIBLE INDIAN ATTACKS IN OUR SEARCH FOR THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH." AND IT'S SIGNED, "PONCE DE LEON!"

DE LEON EXPLORED THIS PART OF FLORIDA FOR THE MYTHICAL FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH!

"THEN OLD JOE GUIDED THE PAIR TO THE PLACE WHERE HE HAD FOUND THE PLANK, AND THERE BATMAN DUG DEEP AND FOUND..."

SPANISH ARMOR! THIS IS WHAT BRIGGS WAS AFTER! HISTORICALLY VALUABLE ARMOR THAT ONCE BELONGED TO PONCE DE LEON! YOU'LL GET A LOT OF MONEY FOR IT, JOE!

NOT FOR ME ALONE! I WILL SHARE MY GOOD FORTUNE WITH MY TRIBE!

AND SO, ALTHOUGH PONCE DE LEON DID NOT FIND THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH, OLD JOE DID--FOR HE GREW PROUD WHEN BATMAN TOLD THE TRIBE HOW JOE'S COURAGE AND CUNNING HELPED CAPTURE THE BAD ONES...

"AND OLD JOE WALKED STRAIGHT AND TALL, AND INDEED SEEMED YOUNGER--FOR HE BECAME A HERO TO THE YOUNG ONES, TELLING THEM OF HIS EXCITING EXPLOIT WITH MIGHTY BATMAN AND ROBIN-- AS I HAVE JUST TOLD YOU!"

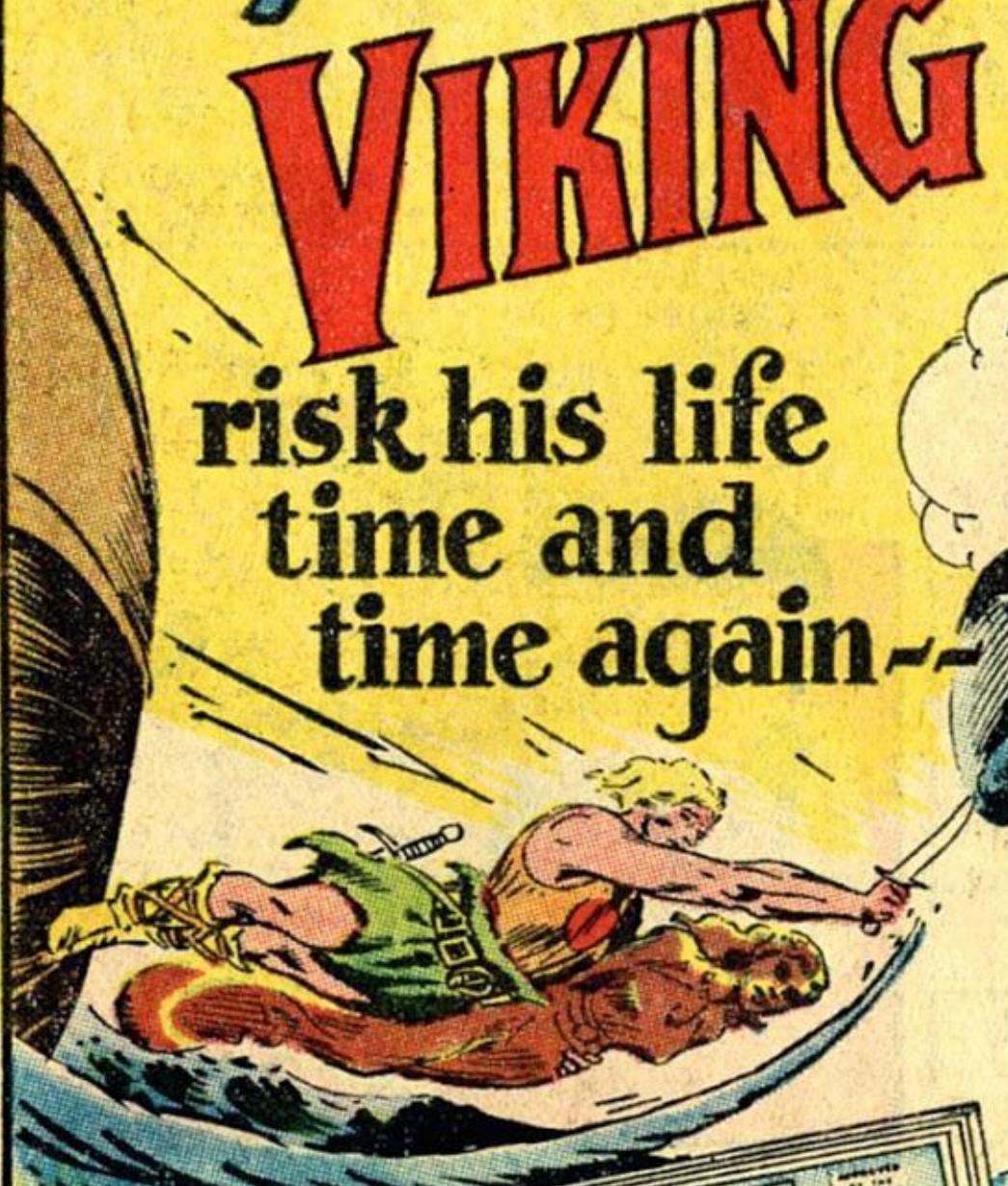


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# What's Your B.Q.?

BROTHERHOOD WEEK (FEB. 15-22) IS A GOOD TIME FOR ALL OF US TO TAKE INVENTORY ON OUR ATTITUDES. HERE'S A SIMPLE WAY TO FIND YOUR BROTHERHOOD SCORE!

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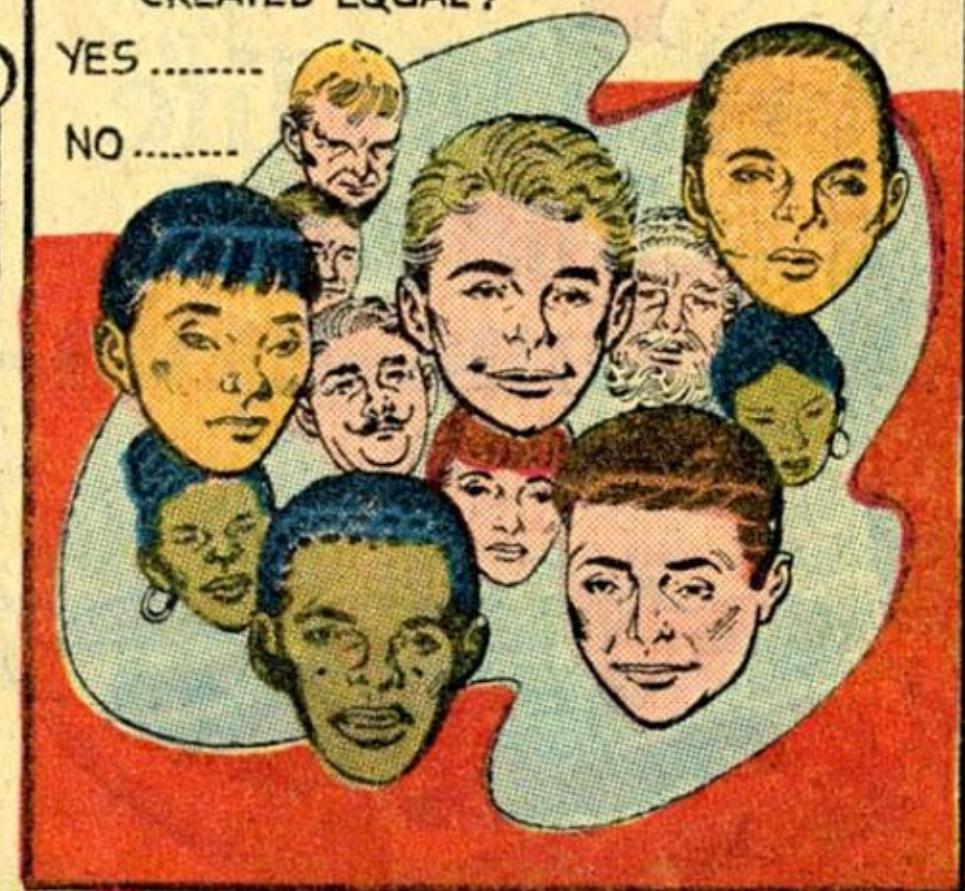
A. CHECK ONE COLUMN FOR EACH ITEM LISTED TO TEST YOUR LIKES AND DISLIKES.

	UGH! DISLIKE	UM! LIKE	SO-SO! LUKEWARM	NO THOUGHT! VACANT
Alligators				
Baptists				
Cabbage				
Catholics				
Detective Stories				
Foreigners				
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B. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL?"

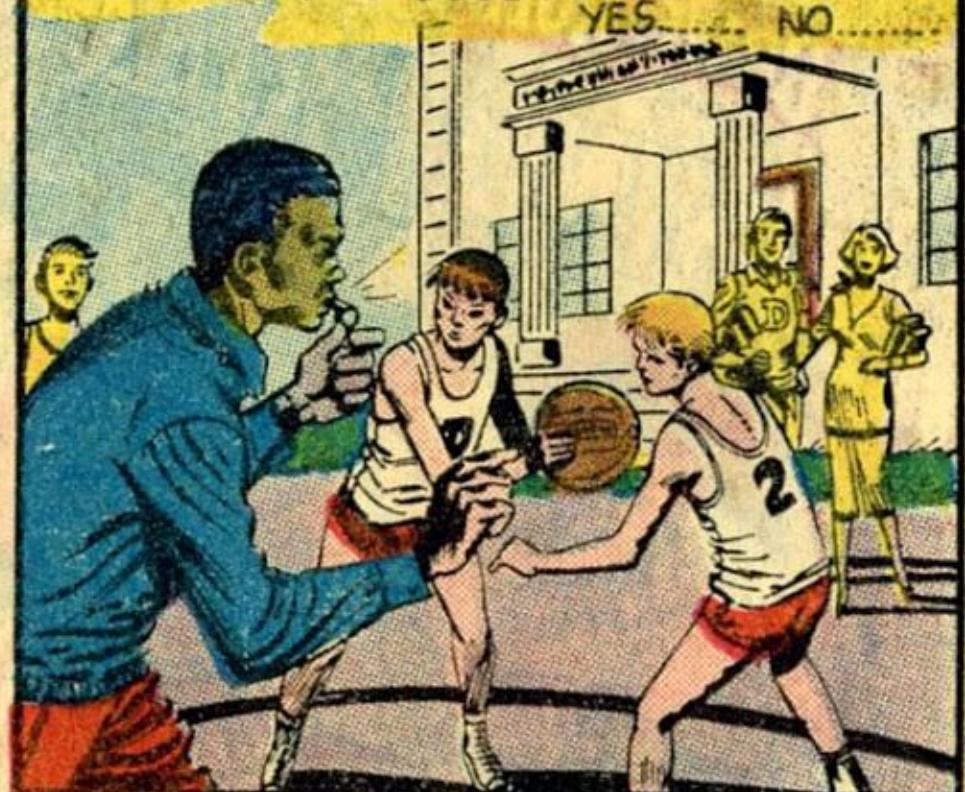
YES .....

NO .....



C. DO YOU THINK ALL YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME CHANCE FOR EDUCATION, SPORTS AND JOBS?

YES .. NO ..



D. WHEN A NEW CHILD COMES TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, DO YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO MAKE HIM FEEL AT HOME?



YES .....

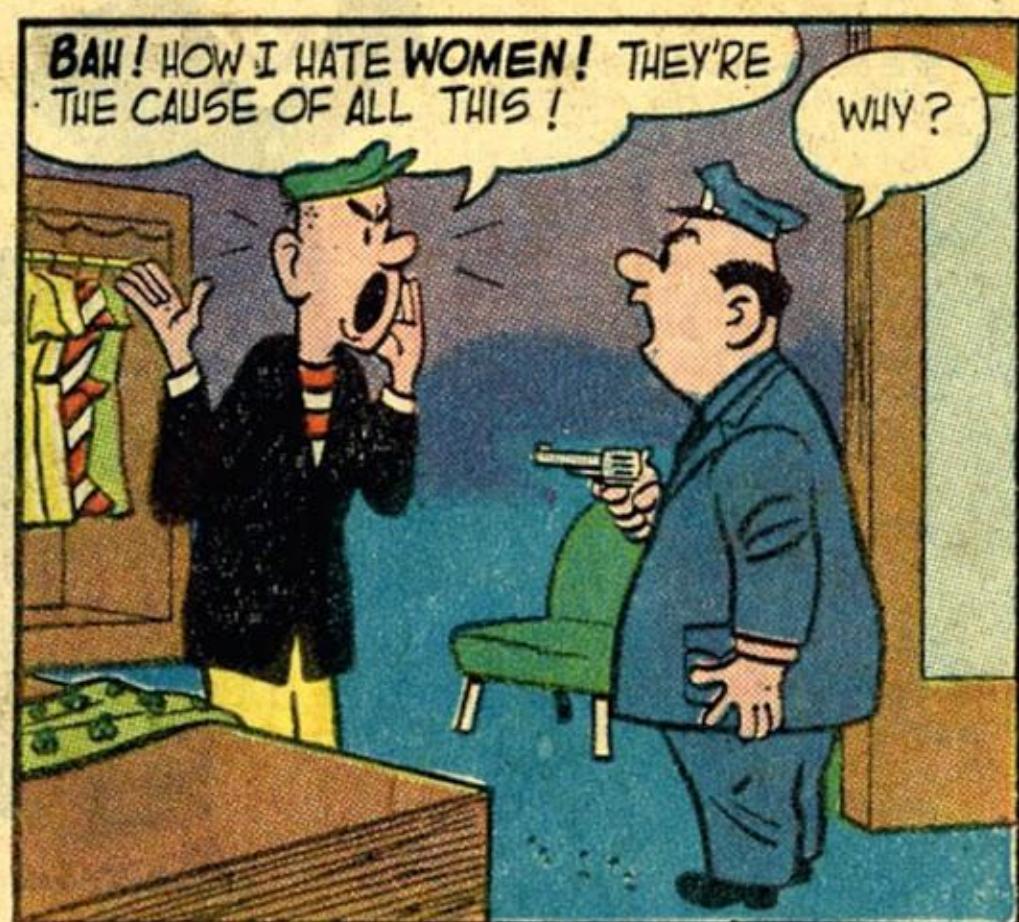
NO .....

HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT IN TEST A? ALL OF US HAVE SOME THINGS WE DON'T LIKE. WHEN THEY'RE VEGETABLES OR INSECTS-- NO ONE CARES! BUT WHEN THEY'RE PEOPLE-- YOU HURT THEM AND CHEAT YOURSELF...

IF YOU SCORED 3 YES ANSWERS ON QUESTIONS B, C AND D-- YOU'RE OKAY! IF YOU DIDN'T-- YOU'D BETTER START THINKING ABOUT IT!



# CASEY THE COP



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# BATMAN

With  
**ROBIN**  
THE BOY WONDER

## HE'S BACK!

YES, THAT MIRTHFUL MENACE WHO MOCKS AT THE LAW IS BACK! ONCE AGAIN, THE **JOKER** RETURNS TO CHALLENGE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** TO A DUEL OF WITS-- AND TO TAUNT THEM WITH HIS GRIM JESTS! HOW **BATMAN** FINALLY GETS THE LAST LAUGH ON THE **CRIME-CLOWN**, YOU WILL READ IN THE UNPREDICTABLE STORY OF...

## The JOKER'S PRACTICAL JOKES!

AS A PASSERBY SAUNTERS NEAR A CONSTRUCTION SITE, HE OVERHEARS A WORKMAN GIVE A CURIOUS ORDER TO AN APPRENTICE...

HEY, KID-- GET ME A LEFT-HANDED MONKEYWRENCH-- AND FAST!

Y-YES,  
SIR!

YOU'LL NEVER REACH THE MOON IN THIS ROCKET SHIP, **JOKER**-- BUT MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU SEE STARS!

GOTHAM  
ARCRAFT

AS THE CREW LAUGHS, THE PASSERBY APPRECIATES THE JOKE --AND NO WONDER, FOR HE IS THAT CLOWN OF CRIME-- THE JOKER!

HA! HA! WHAT A WONDERFUL PRACTICAL JOKE-- SENDING THAT GREEN KID FOR A FICTITIOUS TOOL! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA FOR A SERIES OF CHALLENGING CRIMES THAT SHOULD NETTLE **BATMAN**!



THE NEXT NIGHT, A FAMILIAR EMBLEM APPEARS IN THE SKY...

THE BAT-SIGNAL!  
POLICE HEADQUARTERS IS PAGING US!



SOON AFTER, BATMAN IS HANDED AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO HIM...

BATMAN, EVERY INDUSTRY HAS ITS PRACTICAL JOKES-- AND I SHALL INDUSTRIOUSLY EMPLOY THEM FOR CRIME! MY FIRST CLUE IS-- MY "ANCHOR WATCH"!



I WONDER WHAT KIND OF CASE THEY'VE GOT FOR US THIS TIME?

UH-OH! THE JOKER'S ON THE LOOSE AGAIN-- AND CHALLENGING YOU TO ANOTHER DUEL OF WITS!

HMM! A JOKE SAILORS USUALLY PLAY ON A NEW HAND IS TO TELL HIM TO STAND "ANCHOR WATCH"! ROBIN, LET'S START PATROLLING GOTHAM HARBOR!

AT PIER 14, A DOCKED FREIGHTER UPS ANCHOR, PREPARING TO DEPART, WHEN PASSENGERS OF A NEARBY LINER SUDDENLY SEE...

A WHALE! LOOK! A WHALE!  
IT'S CAUGHT ON THE ANCHOR!



AS PASSENGERS AND CREW THrong THE RAIL...

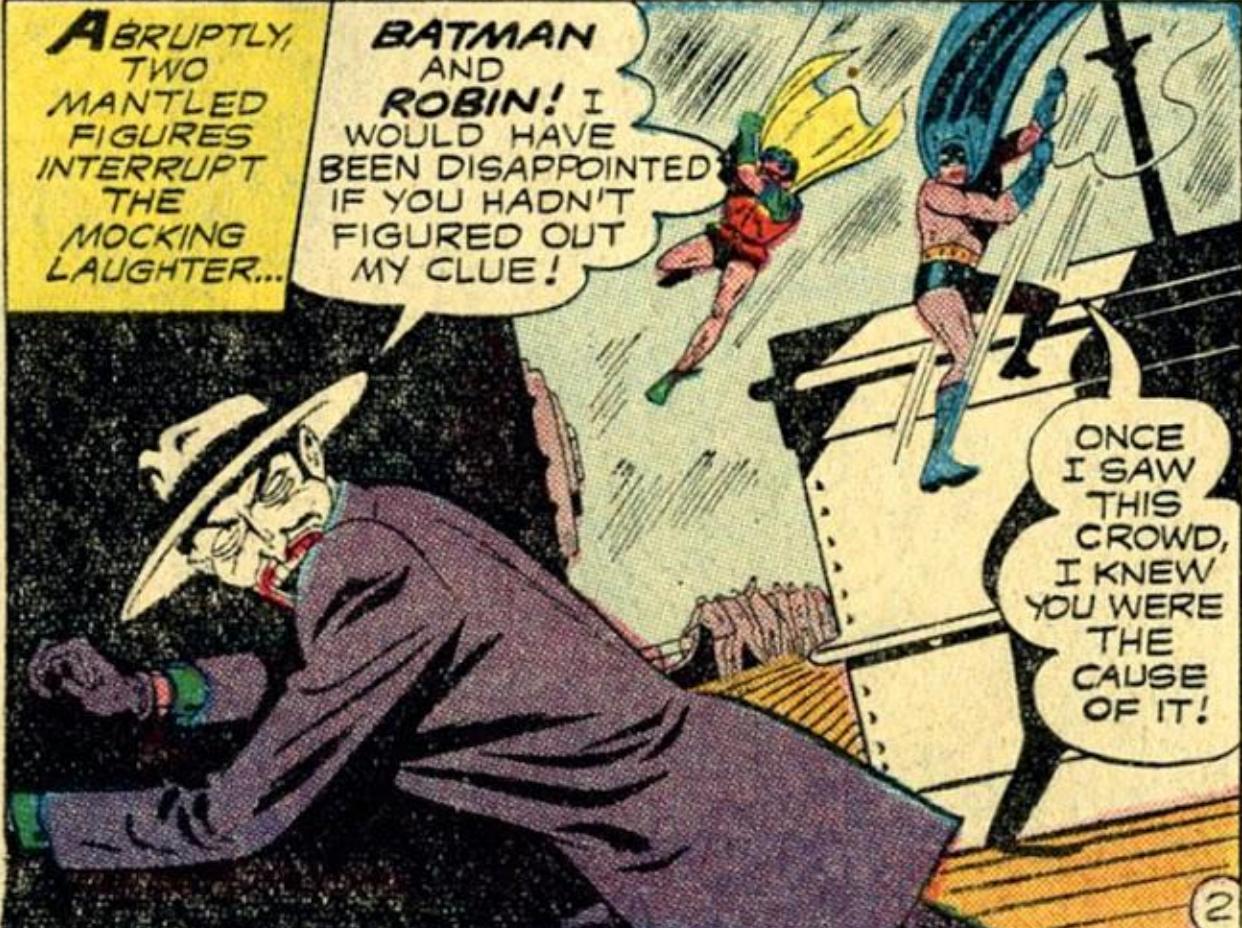
HA, HA? AN "ANCHOR WATCH," INDEED! WHILE THEY WATCH THE ANCHOR WITH THE INFLATED RUBBER "WHALE" I ATTACHED TO IT, I'LL EMPTY THE SHIP'S SAFE!

HA! HA!



ABRUPTLY, TWO MANTLED FIGURES INTERRUPT THE MOCKING LAUGHTER...

BATMAN AND ROBIN! I WOULD HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED IF YOU HADN'T FIGURED OUT MY CLUE!



ONCE I SAW THIS CROWD, I KNEW YOU WERE THE CAUSE OF IT!



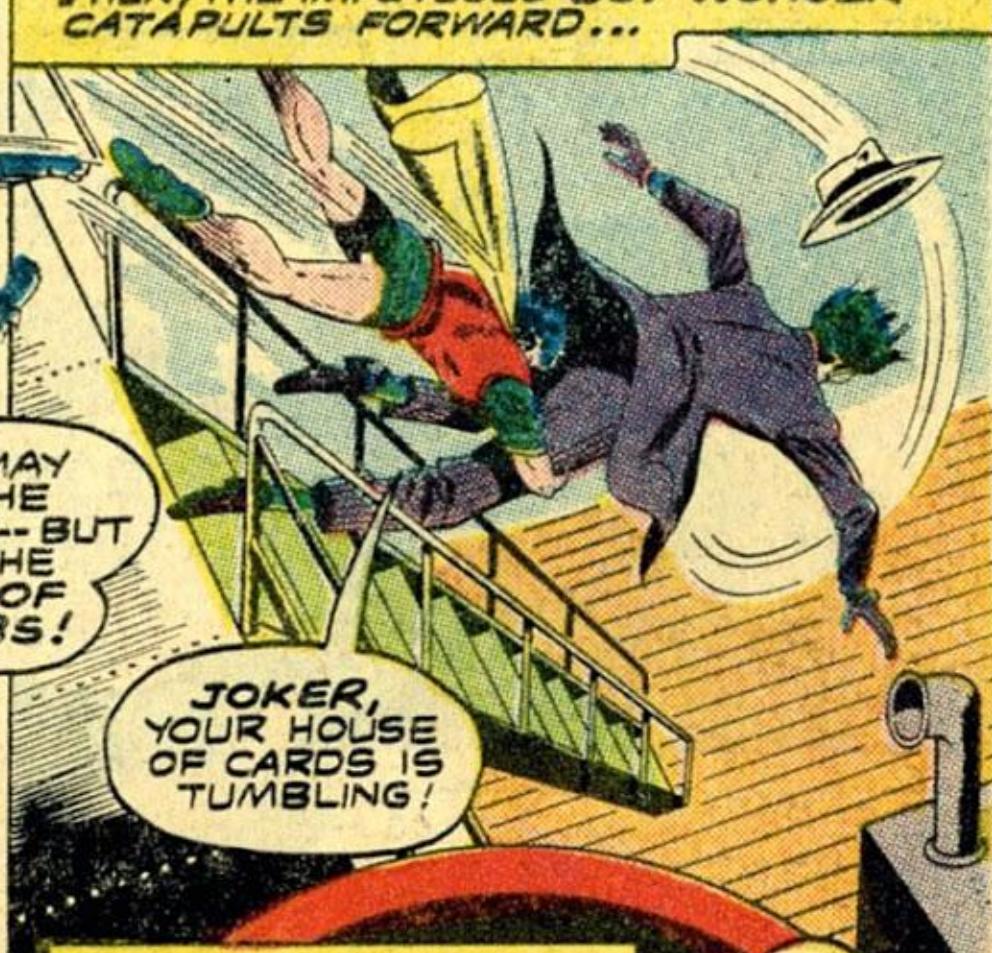
# BATMAN



BATMAN'S HAMMER-LIKE FIST FINDS A TARGET...



THEN, THE IMPETUOUS BOY WONDER CATAPOULTS FORWARD...



BUT AS THE PAIR TUMBLE DOWN THE STEPS, ROBIN'S HEAD SLAMS AGAINST THE DECK...



AS BATMAN PURSUES, THE CRIME-CLOWN TURNS A CORNER AND SWIFTLY DARTS TO A COILED DECK HOSE...

HA! HA! EVEN A HOSE CAN BE USED FOR A PRACTICAL JOKE--WHEN IT'S USED BY THE JOKER! HA! HA!



As WATER PRESSURE UNCOILS THE HOSE, IT LASHES OUT...



NEXT, THE MIRTHFUL MONTEBANK DRAWS A GUN--AND FIRES--BUT NOT AT BATMAN!

GREAT SCOTT! THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THE JOKER WILL DO NEXT!

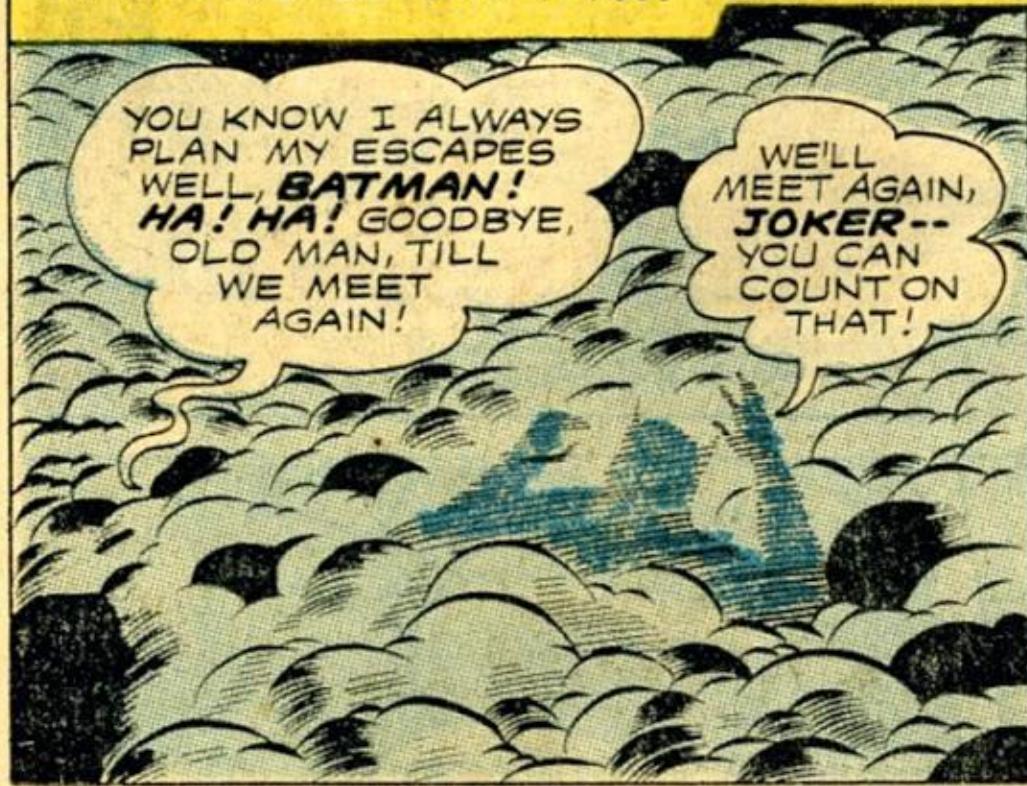


BANG!

BANG!

HE'S FIRED AT THAT FAKE WHALE ON THE ANCHOR!

THE INFLATED RUBBER "WHALE" EXPLODES -- AND EMITS A BLINDING CLOUD OF SMOKE THAT SPREADS SWIFTLY...



LATER, WILD, MOCKING LAUGHTER FILLS THE BIZARRE HIDEOUT OF THE JOKER...



THE NEXT DAY, ANOTHER CHALLENGE FROM THE GRIM JESTER AWAITS BATMAN AT HEADQUARTERS...

SOON AFTER, AS A PAYROLL CAR RIDES THROUGH A MOUNTAIN PASS LEADING TO A NEW ELECTRIC CIRCUIT BREAKER BEING INSTALLED NEAR A DAM...



THE TRUCK PLOWS INTO THE GREAT WEB WHICH ENSNAres IT...

YES--BECAUSE IT'S MADE OF CABLE--CABLE STRETCHED OUT LIKE A WEB! HA! HA! HA!

THE WHEELS ARE SNARED! WE CAN'T MOVE! THE WEB'S TOO STRONG!

AND NOW THIS KNOCKOUT-GAS WILL PUT YOU TO SLEEP FOR TEN MINUTES-- JUST ENOUGH TIME FOR ME TO TRANSFER YOUR PAYROLL TO MY GETAWAY CAR! HA! HA! HA! HA!





# BATMAN



BUT AS THE JOKER'S BIZARRE CAR SPEEDS AWAY, ITS SPEED IS MATCHED BY ANOTHER VEHICLE...

THE BATMOBILE! I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON BATMAN TO ADD SOME EXCITEMENT TO MY PROJECTS!

BREAKING TO A HALT, THE JOKER SWIFTLY CLAMBERS UP THE GREAT CIRCUIT BREAKER AS THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS PURSUE...

A GOOD THING THEY DIDN'T TURN THE ELECTRIC POWER ON HERE YET, OR THIS WOULD BE VERY SHOCKING! HA! HA!

UHHH! BATMAN'S FIST CARRIES ENOUGH SHOCK AS IT IS!

TWISTING FREE, THE JOKER SEIZES A DANGLING CABLE, AND...

BATMAN-- HE'S SWINGING TOWARDS THE DAM!

QUICK, ROBIN-- GRAB ANOTHER CABLE! WE'VE GOT TO CUT HIM OFF!

BUT, EVEN AS THE DYNAMIC DUO COMPLETE THEIR AERIAL PURSUIT, THE CUNNING CRIME-CLOWN ACTS AGAIN...

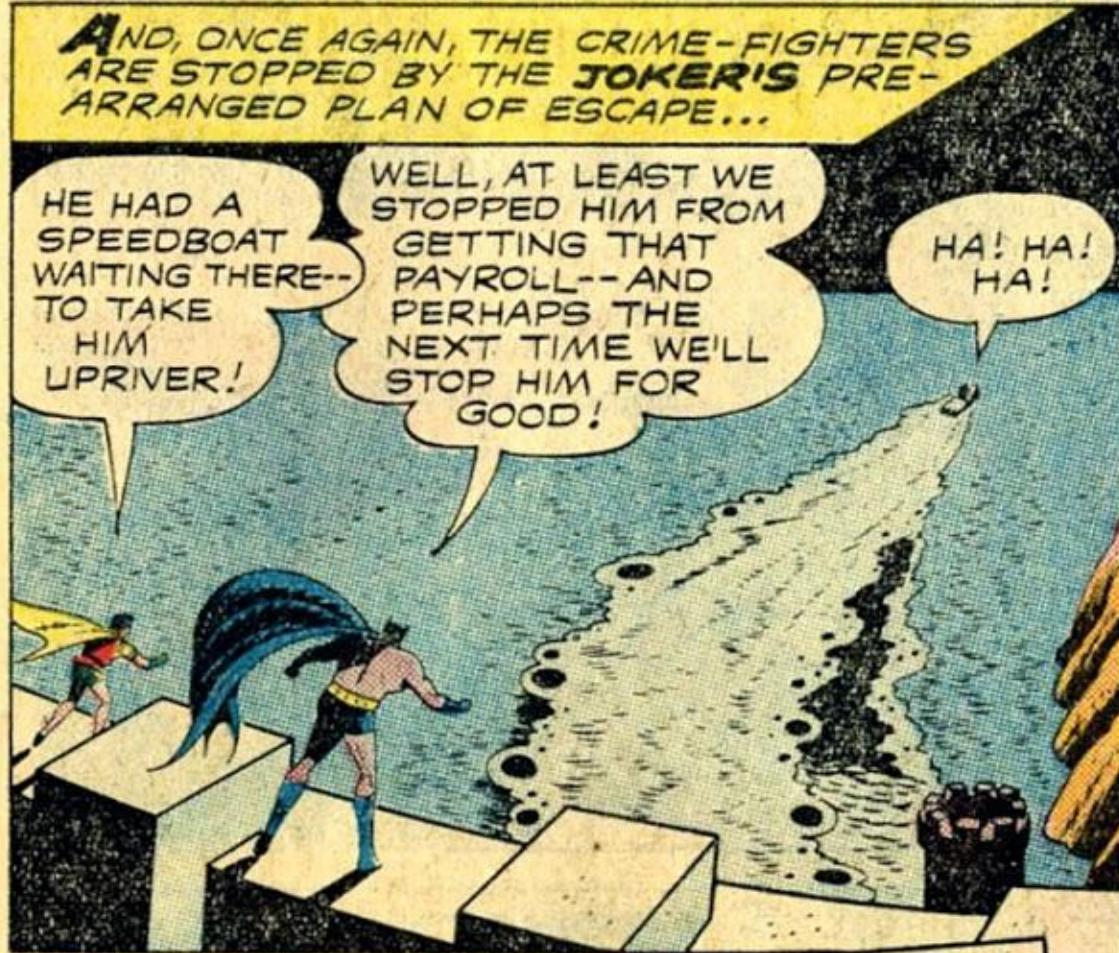
LOOK! HE'S DIVING INTO THE WATER!

AND, ONCE AGAIN, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ARE STOPPED BY THE JOKER'S PRE-ARRANGED PLAN OF ESCAPE...

HE HAD A SPEEDBOAT WAITING THERE-- TO TAKE HIM UP RIVER!

WELL, AT LEAST WE STOPPED HIM FROM GETTING THAT PAYROLL-- AND PERHAPS THE NEXT TIME WE'LL STOP HIM FOR GOOD!

HA! HA!  
HA!



LATER, IN HIS UNIQUE RETREAT, THE GRIM JESTER GLOATS OVER HIS LATEST TRIUMPH...

HA! HA! I DON'T KNOW WHEN I'VE HAD SO MUCH FUN! HA! HA! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TILL BATMAN TRIES TO MAKE SENSE OF MY NEXT CHALLENGE! HA! HA!



AND THE FOLLOWING DAY, BATMAN PONDERS THE NEXT COMMUNICATION...

HERE'S A BRAND-NEW CLUE FOR YOU, BATMAN... "UNOBTAINIUM", GUESS WHAT THAT MEANS!

"UNOBTAINIUM"? THE JOKER'S RIGHT WHEN HE SAID IT'S BRAND-NEW!

"UNOBTAINIUM"? I NEVER HEARD THAT WORD BEFORE!

IT'S A NEWLY COINED WORD, ROBIN, THAT IS USED BY MISSILE-MEN! "UNOBTAINIUM" IS A NON-EXISTENT ROCKET FUEL THAT IS UNOBTAINABLE!



LATER, IN A PLANT THAT MANUFACTURES ROCKET SHIP PARTS, A TINY ARMADA OF TOY ROCKETS SUDDENLY ZOOMS ABOUT WILDLY...



HA! HA! WHILE THEY'RE DODGING THE TOYS I RELEASED, I'LL OBTAIN THE INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS THEY PUT IN THE DRILLS USED TO CUT ROCKET SHIP PARTS!  
HA! HA!



I HAD A HUNCH YOU'D SHOW UP AT THE ONLY ROCKET PLANT IN GOTHAM CITY!

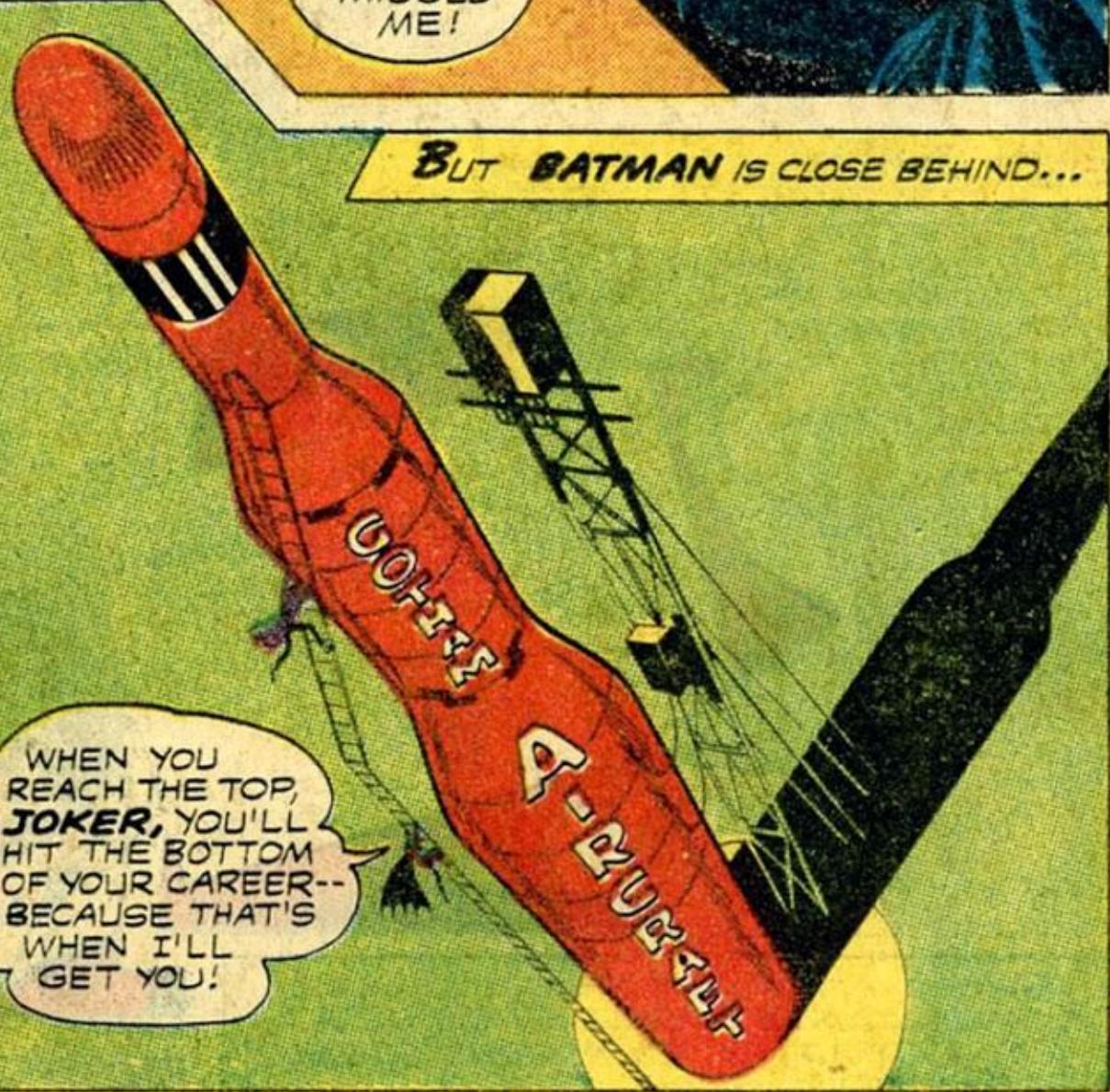
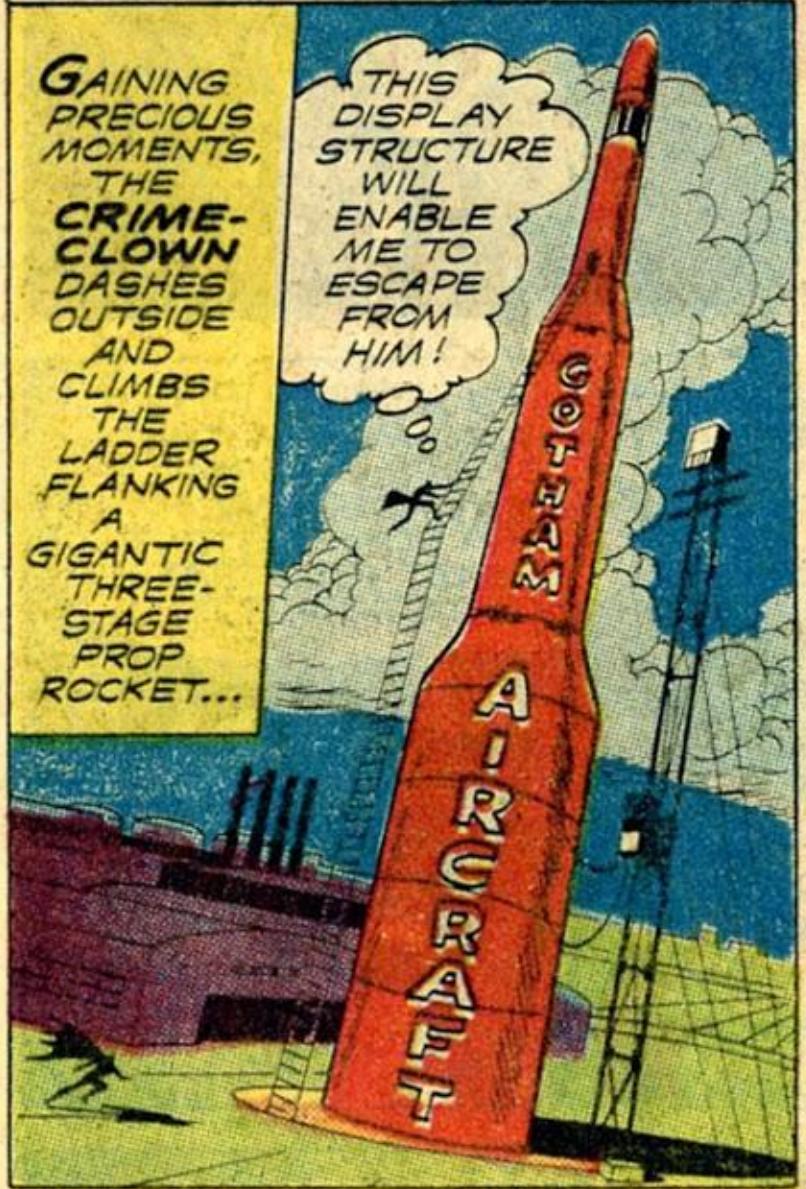
BATMAN! YOU SURPRISE ME! I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D UNDERSTAND MY "UNOBTAINIUM" CLUE!

BUT I SAVED THIS ROCKET FOR YOU-- JUST IN CASE YOU DID!



GAINING PRECIOUS MOMENTS, THE CRIME-CLOWN DASHES OUTSIDE AND CLIMBS THE LADDER FLANKING A GIGANTIC THREE-STAGE PROP ROCKET...

THIS DISPLAY STRUCTURE WILL ENABLE ME TO ESCAPE FROM HIM!



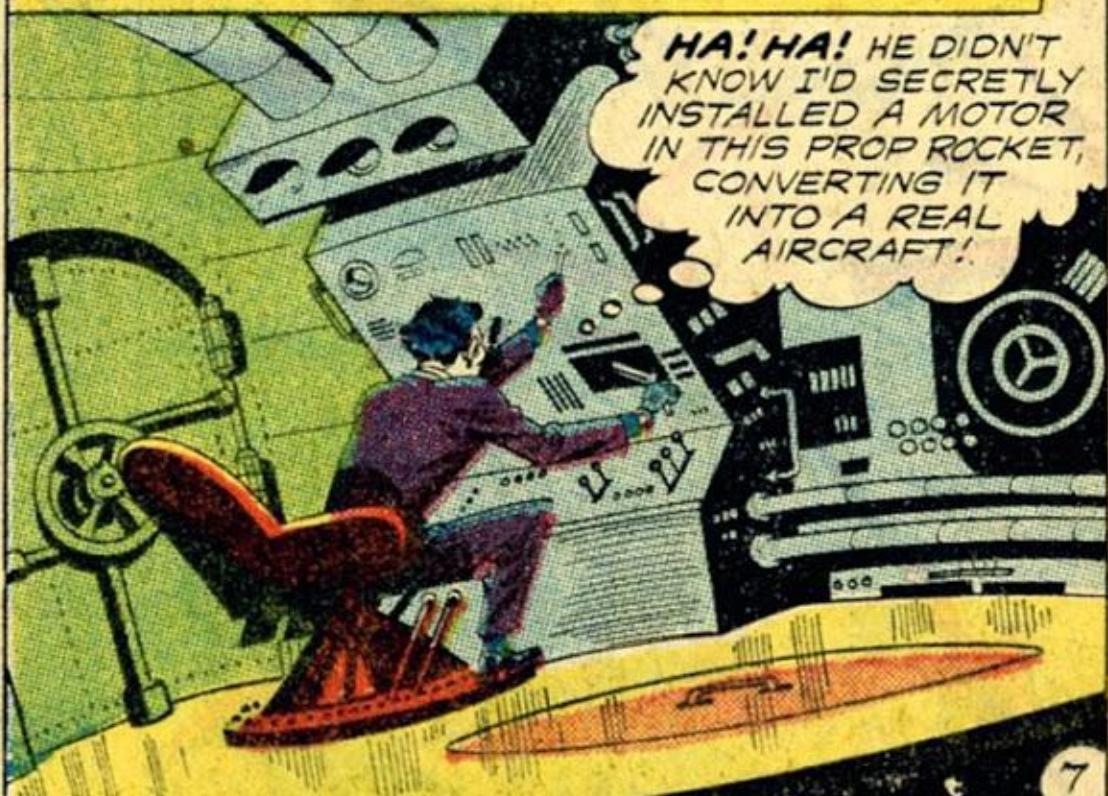
BUT THE JOKER HAS PLANNED AHEAD, FOR WRENCHING OPEN A HATCH...

HA! HA!  
I'VE ANOTHER JOKE IN STORE,  
BATMAN!



AND BOLTING THE DOOR FROM THE INSIDE...

HA! HA! HE DIDN'T KNOW I'D SECRETLY INSTALLED A MOTOR IN THIS PROP ROCKET, CONVERTING IT INTO A REAL AIRCRAFT!



BUT AS THE THIRD-STAGE ROCKET HURTS UPWARD...

IT STOPPED! WHY?  
WHAT HAPPENED? I  
HAD THIS GETAWAY  
PLANNED  
PERFECTLY!



NOT LONG AFTER, WHEN THE JOKER FINDS HIMSELF IN PRISON...

HEY, JOKER--  
THE GUARD WANTS  
TO GIVE YOU A  
SHEEPSKIN!

A SHEEPSKIN?  
I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
IT IS, BUT I'LL  
SEE HIM ABOUT  
IT!



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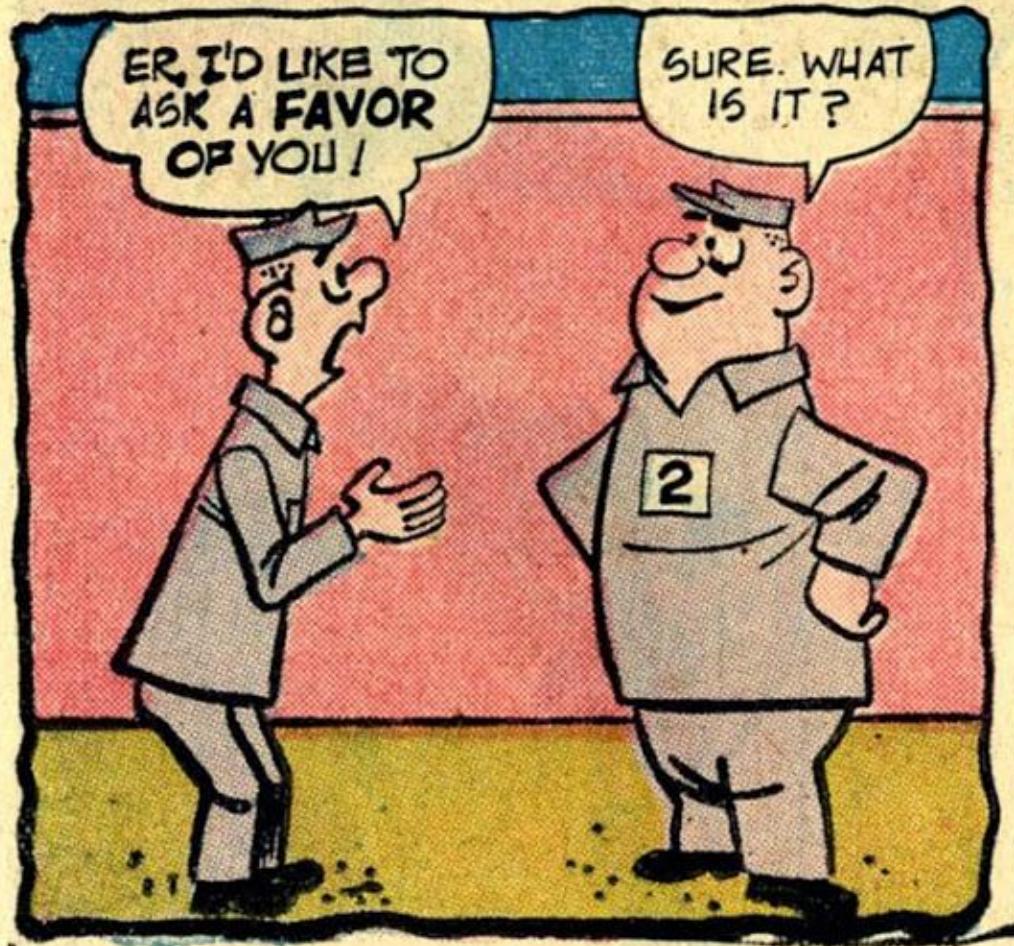
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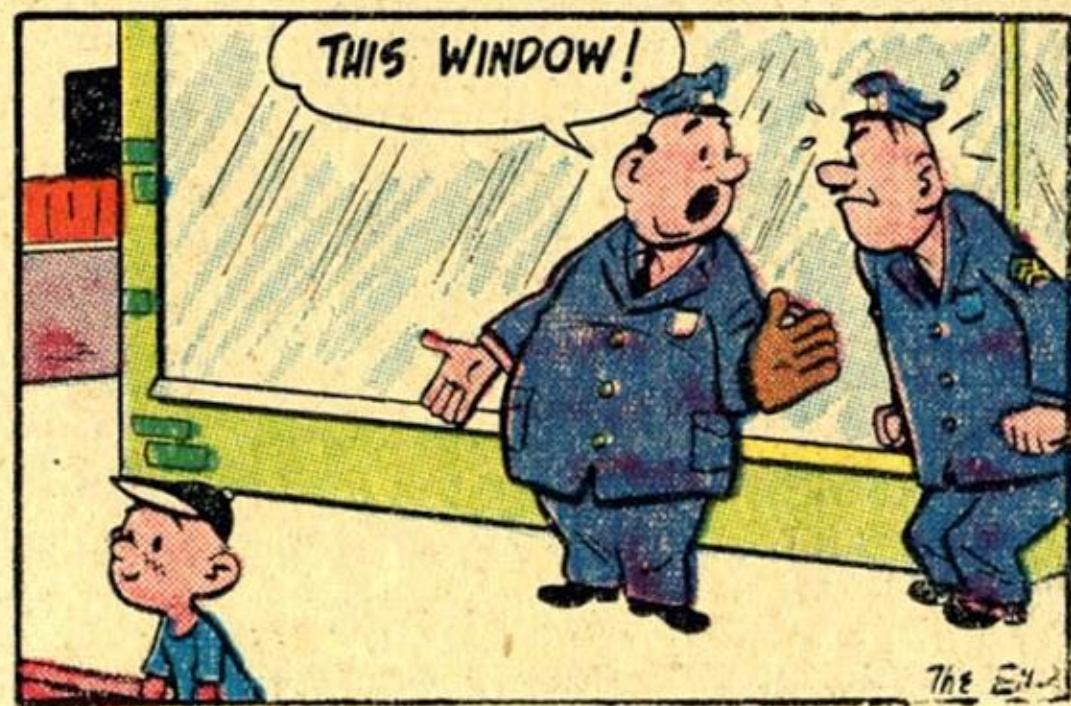
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# CASEY

## THE COP

I'LL PLAY OUT IN THE FIELD, FELLOWS!

AND CASEY! WHAT'S THE IDEA PLAYING BALL WHILE ON DUTY?



# THE TELLTALE LADDER

DETECTIVE-LIEUTENANT Sam Osborne smelled something fishy, but he couldn't quite put his finger on it. There was the ladder, still floating in the swimming pool, and the body of the drowned man, lying on the opposite side, covered with a sheet. Certain elements simply didn't make sense—Osborne had to track them down.

"Did anyone else witness the accident?" he asked of Mr. Arthur Brewer—the Arthur Brewer, famed financial wizard and counsel to a dozen corporations.

"No, Lieutenant," Brewer said politely, "the dead man—my butler—and I were the only ones present on the whole estate. Poor Reeves . . . I warned him to be careful. Couldn't swim a stroke, you know."

"What was he doing up on that ladder?" Osborne asked.

Brewer pointed up at the light bulb hanging from a fixture just overhead. "We were preparing for a party I'm giving tonight. That bulb was out when I tested the pool lights. I asked him to check it."

"That's when he somehow fell off the ladder, eh?"

"So I assume. I was back in the house when I heard Reeves scream. He'd fallen into the deep end here. By the time I arrived to fish him out, it was too late."

As two of Osborne's bathing-suited assistants emerged from the pool, dragging the fatal ladder with them, the detective ordered them to stand it beneath the light bulb which Brewer had just indicated. It was the only one not burning along the side of the pool, Osborne noted, as he climbed up to inspect it. For a long moment, he frowned at the dusty globe, then pulled out a red pencil and drew five circles on the glass surface. Finally, with a handkerchief, he gave it a turn in its socket, and felt his heart jump as the light went on. Quickly, he climbed down.

"Randall," he called to one of the men in

bathing trunks, "go on up there and take a fall into the pool."

The assistant gazed curiously at his boss, but he'd learned long ago never to underestimate Sam Osborne. He did as he was instructed, while the lieutenant watched the ladder go tumbling to the ground. The act was repeated four more times, from different angles, and Osborne's eyes remained glued to the ladder as each time it went hurtling to the concrete. With Randall's final climb, however, Osborne simply gave the ladder a push, and watched it carry his hapless sidekick into the water.

"Sorry I had to do it the hard way," he called out to the startled man—and then, turning to Brewer, "If you were the only other person present, that makes you the murderer. You already admitted no one else was here."

"This is no time for jokes," the financier smiled.

"It's no joke, Brewer. If Reeves had really fallen accidentally, he'd have kicked the ladder back on the concrete, the way Randall just did five times. Only when I pushed him did the ladder go into the pool with him."

Brewer's smile was fast fading, as Osborne next pointed up at the light bulb. "In the dust on that bulb are five finger marks, made by someone who deliberately loosened it, I think. If your prints turn up in those five circles I drew, Brewer, I'll know for sure. Shall I have it checked?"

"Don't bother," Brewer began sobbing. "They're my prints. Reeves knew I'd been gambling heavily—first with my own funds, then with my clients'. Kept losing, you see. Reeves threatened to expose me, if I didn't pay him blackmail money. He deserved to die."

"Mr. Brewer," Osborne replied gravely, leading him toward the squad car, "as a lawyer, you should know that only the judge and jury decide who deserves to die. As a murder defendant, you'll learn that the hard way."



# BAT-MAN

WITH  
**ROBIN**  
-THE BOY WONDER-



CAN YOU IMAGINE BATMAN A HUNTED CRIMINAL? CAN YOU IMAGINE ROBIN AND BAT-HOUND JOINING IN THE POLICE MANHUNT FOR THE CAPTURE OF BATMAN? AND CAN YOU IMAGINE BATMAN TURNING ON ROBIN, THE BOY WHO WAS ONCE HIS BEST FRIEND? YOU'LL ACTUALLY SEE IT ALL HAPPEN IN THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF...

## The FUGITIVE BATMAN



SUMMONED TO HEADQUARTERS, REPORTERS HEAR POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON SPEAK WITH GREAT EMOTION...

I-I'M AFRAID I  
MUST TELL YOU THAT  
**BATMAN** IS WANTED FOR  
A CRIME!

HUH!

**BATMAN?**  
IMPOSSIBLE!  
WHAT CRIME  
DID HE COMMIT?

I CAN'T REVEAL THAT UNTIL **BATMAN'S** TRIAL! **BATMAN** HAS ESCAPED THE POLICE DRAGNET-- SO **ROBIN** IS GOING TO HELP CAPTURE HIM! **ROBIN** KNOWS **BATMAN'S** TRICKS-- HIS POSSIBLE HIDEAWAYS! IF ANYONE CAN TRACK HIM DOWN, **ROBIN** CAN!



# BATMAN



STUNNED REPORTERS REALIZE ROBIN'S TORTURE AS THE BOY SPEAKS...

ROBIN--YOU MEAN YOU'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO HUNT DOWN YOUR BEST FRIEND?

NO MAN IS GREATER THAN THE LAW--NOT EVEN BATMAN! IT IS MY SWORN DUTY TO HELP THE POLICE CAPTURE ANY CRIMINAL--EVEN IF THAT CRIMINAL IS BATMAN!

SOON AFTER, THE INCREDIBLE NEWS SHOCKS THE NATION...

EXTRA! BATMAN WANTED FOR CRIME! EXTRA!

THIS IS TERRIBLE--TERRIBLE!  
I--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!



MEANWHILE, ROBIN GIRDHS HIMSELF FOR HIS GRIM TASK...

WHERE WILL YOU LOOK FOR BATMAN FIRST?

BATMAN HAS OFTEN USED CERTAIN DESERTED BUILDINGS AS EMERGENCY CRIME LABS TO CHECK ON CLUES. WHEN HE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO GO HOME TO THE BAT-CAVE! HE MAY BE HIDING IN ONE OF THOSE...

NIGHTFALL--AND AS THE TENSE YOUNGSTER WARILY APPROACHES A GAUNT BUILDING ON THE EDGE OF TOWN, SUDDENLY...

BATMAN--HE'S SPOTTED

ME! BATMAN! WAIT! GIVE YOURSELF UP! BATMAN!

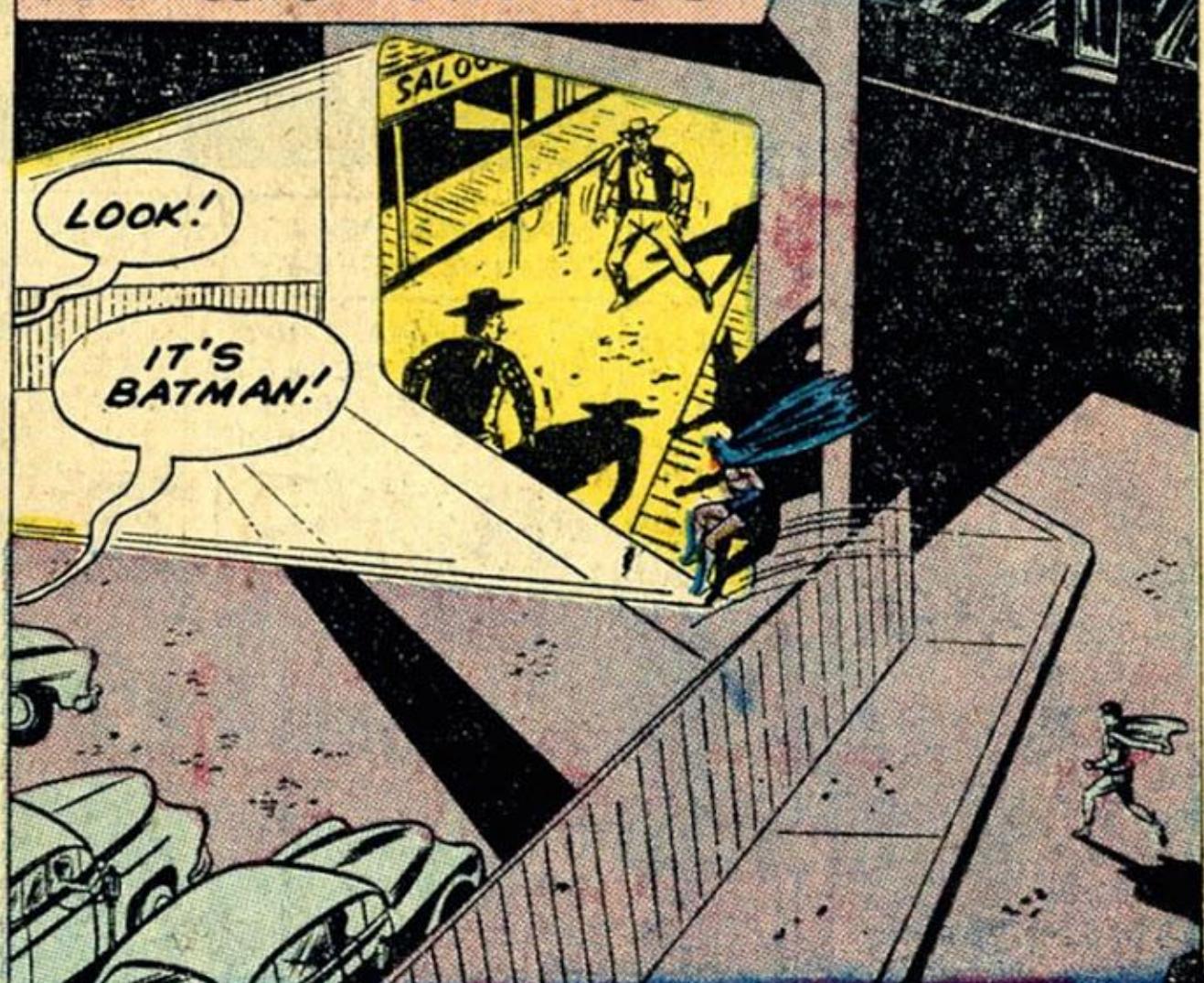


BUT BATMAN DASHES ON, IGNORING THE FRANTIC CRIES OF THE PURSUIVING BOY...

BATMAN! DON'T BE A FOOL! YOU'RE ONLY MAKING THINGS WORSE FOR YOURSELF! BATMAN...

ALIGHTING, BATMAN FINDS HIMSELF ON A STAGE--BEFORE THE SCREEN OF A DRIVE-IN MOVIE...

LOOK!  
IT'S BATMAN!

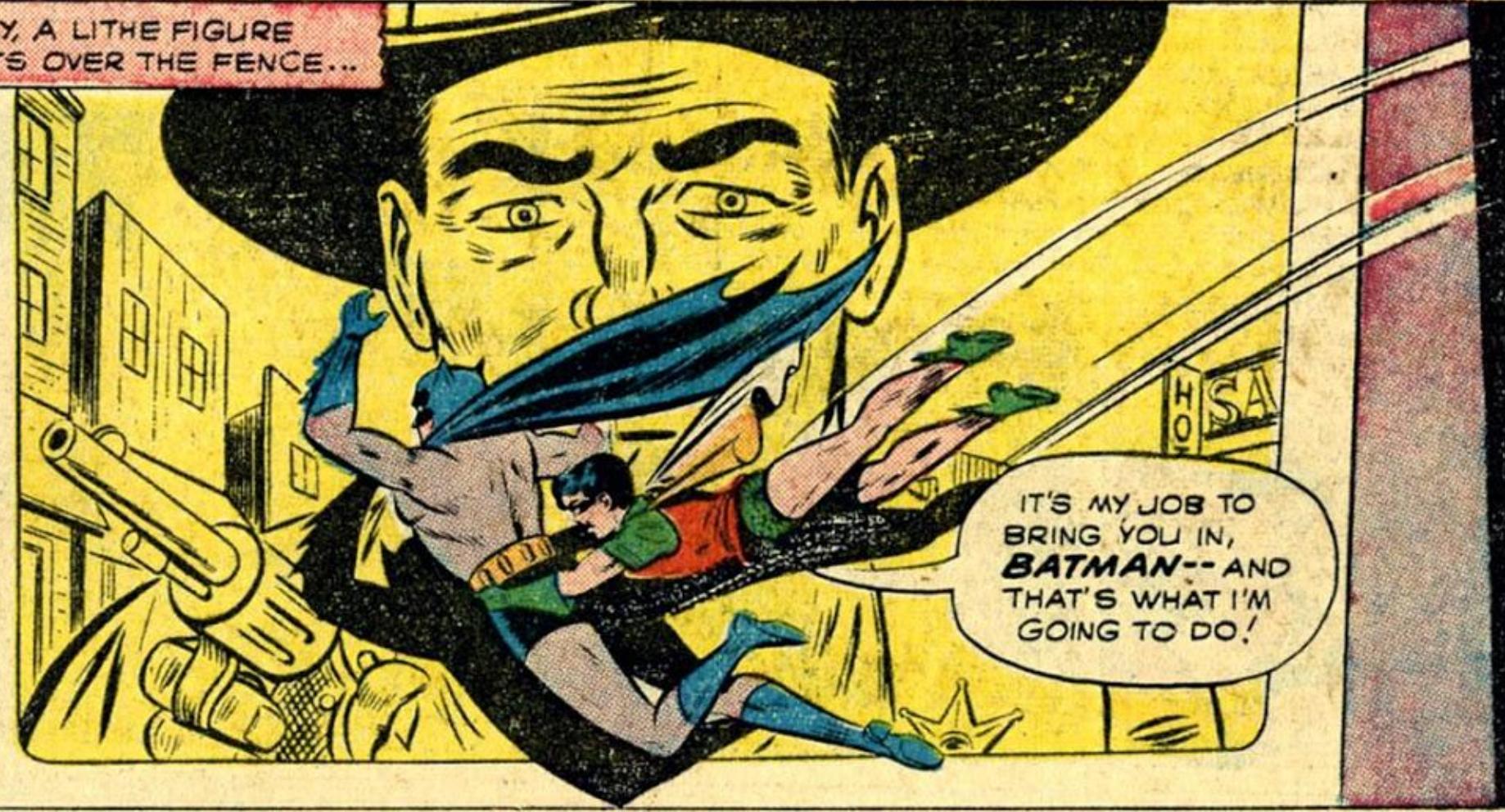




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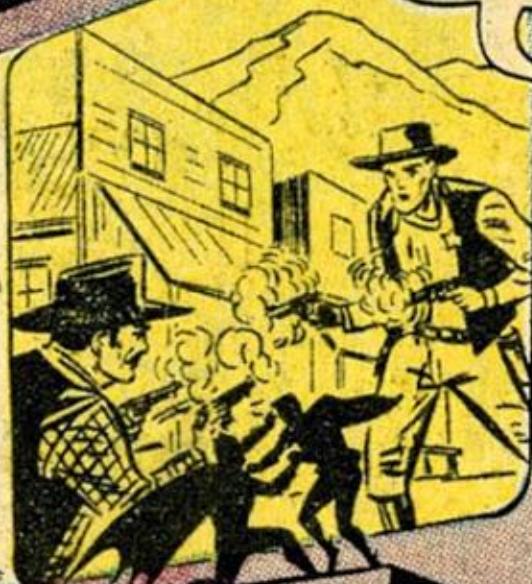
ABRUPTLY, A LITHE FIGURE  
CATAPULTS OVER THE FENCE...



AND NOW THE AUDIENCE VIEWS A SCENE  
THAT IS MORE DRAMATIC THAN THAT SHOWN  
ON THE MOVIE SCREEN!

BATMAN'S FIGHTING  
ROBIN OFF!

HE WON'T LET  
ROBIN ARREST  
HIM!



BATMAN'S  
THROWN  
ROBIN!



THEN, RACING OVER THE TOPS OF THE PARKED CARS,  
BATMAN MAKES A DARING ESCAPE!



SOMETIME LATER, REPORTERS BESIEGE THE  
GRIM BOY WONDER AT HEADQUARTERS...

WHAT WILL YOU DO  
NOW, ROBIN?  
BATMAN'S  
DISAPPEARED!

I'LL FIND HIM--WITH  
SOME HELP! I'M  
GOING TO USE THE  
BAT-HOUND TO  
PICK UP BATMAN'S  
TRAIL!



SOON AFTER, IN THE **BAT-CAVE** UNDER THE WAYNE MANSION...

LUCKILY, OUR FRIEND JOHN WILKER WENT TO EUROPE AND LEFT HIS DOG, **ACE**, WITH US! AS LONG AS **ACE** WEARS THIS MASK, NO ONE WILL KNOW HE'S THE SAME DOG PLACED IN OUR CARE!



LATER, THE FUGITIVE **BATMAN** SEES...

**ROBIN**--  
AND THE  
**BAT-HOUND**!  
I'VE GOT TO  
KEEP RUNNING  
NOW!

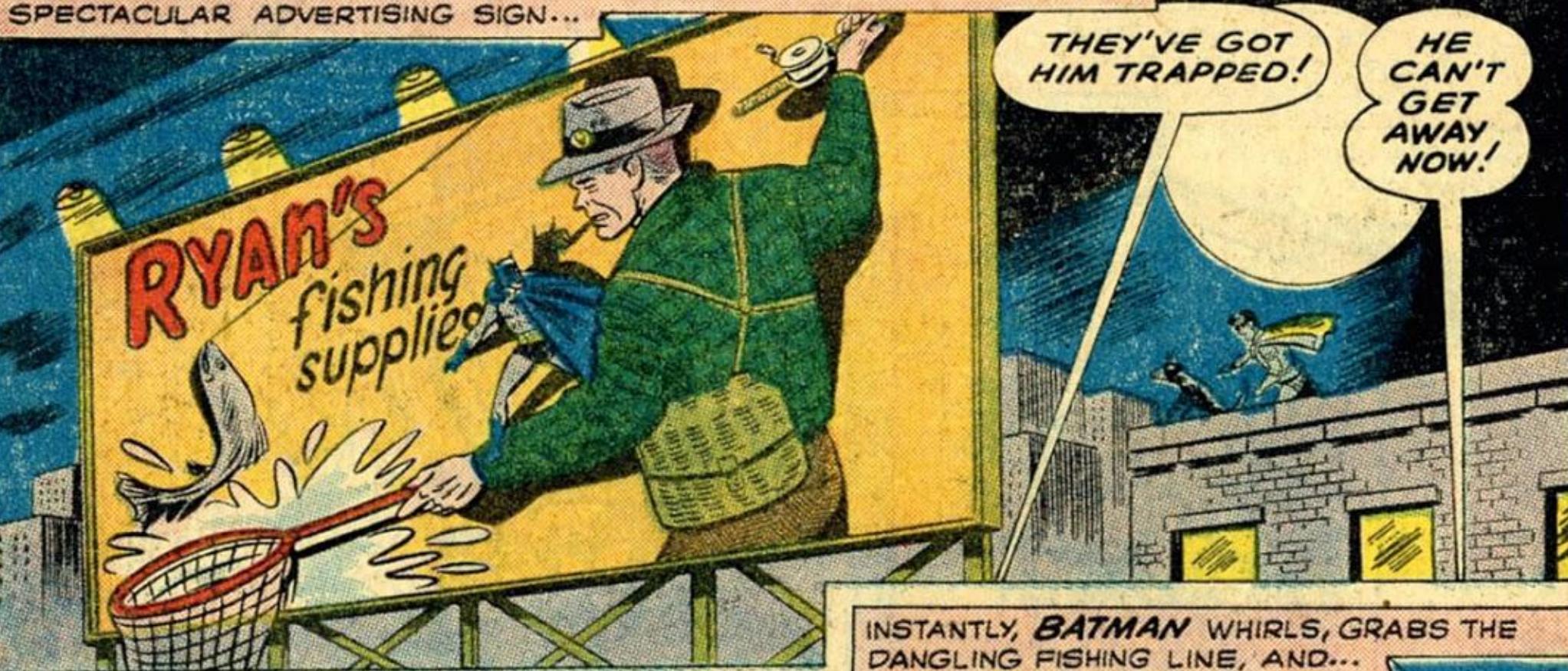
THAT'S IT,  
**BAT-HOUND**--  
KEEP TRAILING  
**BATMAN**!  
WE'VE GOT TO  
TRACK HIM  
DOWN!



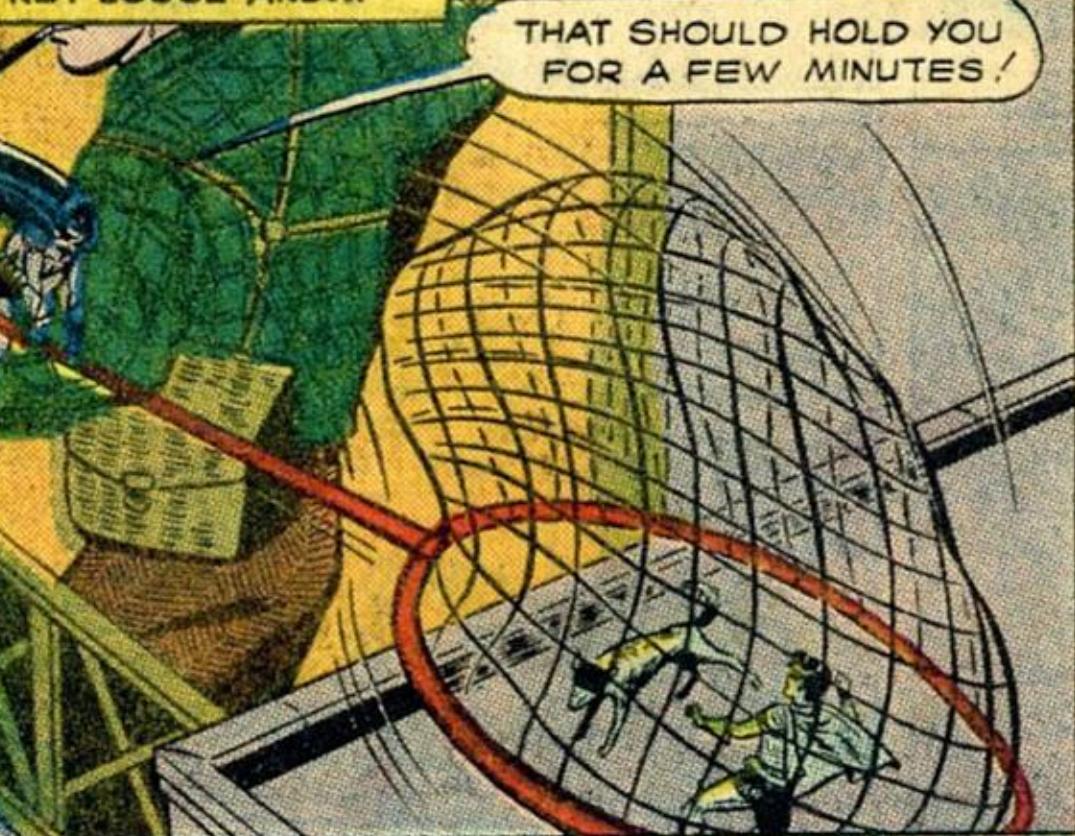
SWIFTLY, THE HUNTED **BATMAN** MAKES FOR A ROOFTOP--BUT **ROBIN** AND **BAT-HOUND** CLOSE IN RELENTLESSLY...



AWED SPECTATORS WATCH THE INEXORABLE MANHUNT THAT LEADS TO A SPECTACULAR ADVERTISING SIGN...

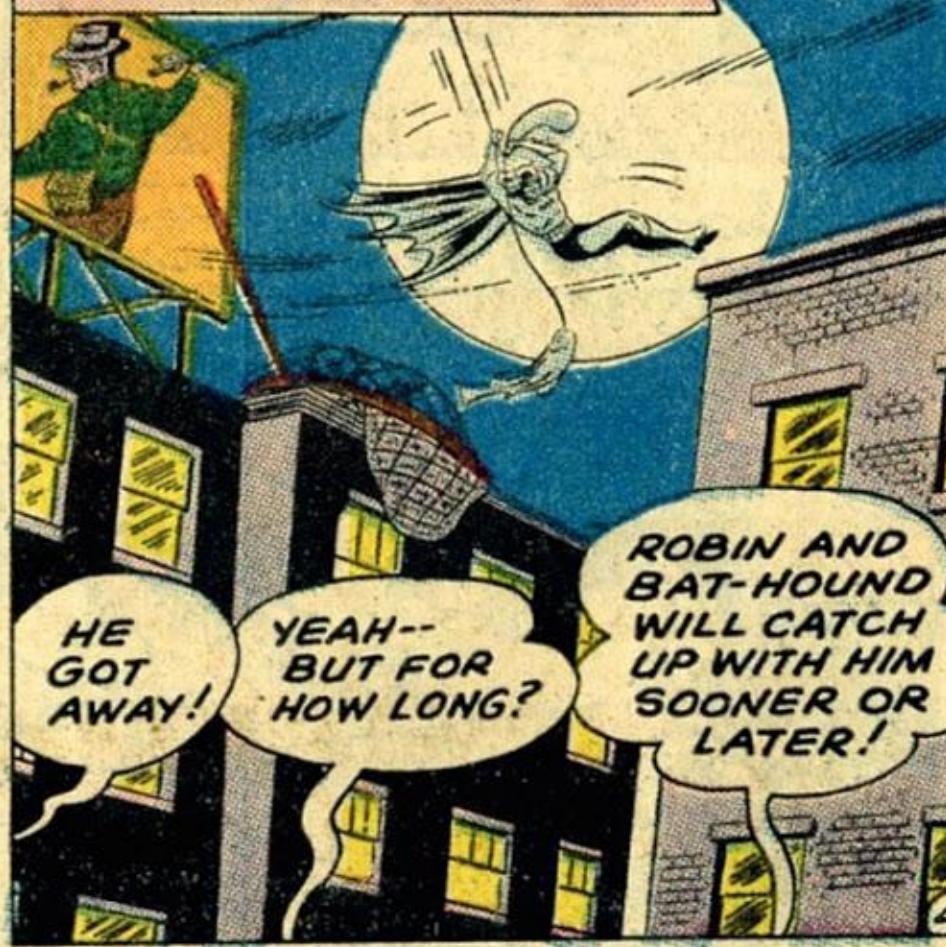


SUDDENLY, **BATMAN** WRENCHES THE GIANT FISHING NET LOOSE AND...



THAT SHOULD HOLD YOU  
FOR A FEW MINUTES!

INSTANTLY, **BATMAN** WHIRLS, GRABS THE DANGLING FISHING LINE, AND...



HE  
GOT  
AWAY!

YEAH--  
BUT FOR  
HOW LONG?

ROBIN AND  
**BAT-HOUND**  
WILL CATCH  
UP WITH HIM  
SOONER OR  
LATER!

## BATMAN

SOON AFTER, THE LATEST NEWS BULLETIN  
BRINGS MOCKING LAUGHTER FROM  
CRIMINALS **BATMAN** ONCE HUNTED...

THOUGH **BATMAN**  
HAS ESCAPED  
AGAIN, **ROBIN** AND  
**BAT-HOUND**  
HAVE NOT GIVEN  
UP THEIR SEARCH  
FOR HIM...

HAW! **BATMAN'S**  
ONE COP WE  
DON'T HAVE TO  
WORRY ABOUT  
ANYMORE!

YEAH -- NOW  
HE'S A CROOK,  
TOO -- JUST  
LIKE US!  
HAW! HAW!

MEANWHILE, A CAPED  
FIGURE DARTS ALONG  
THE SHADOWY  
WATERFRONT...

SWIFTLY, **BATMAN** RUSHES INSIDE  
A BUILDING AND AUDIBLY SIGHS IN  
RELIEF...

“PHEW! THAT WAS  
CLOSE! NOW I CAN  
CATCH MY BREATH  
AND HIDE OUT HERE  
FOR AWHILE!

YOU PICKED  
THE WRONG  
PLACE,  
**BATMAN!**

NIFTY BLAKE!

YEAH! YOU ARRESTED ME LAST  
WEEK, REMEMBER? YOU ACCUSED  
ME OF BEING PART OF THE **RED  
MASK MOB**-- BUT YOU COULDN'T  
PROVE IT, SO THE POLICE LET ME  
GO! NOW I'M GONNA GET EVEN  
AND TURN **YOU** IN!

WAIT, NIFTY-- GIVE ME A BREAK! I'M  
FINISHED AS **BATMAN**! NOW I'M JUST  
A CRIMINAL ON THE RUN! LET ME JOIN  
YOUR GANG! AS **BATMAN**, I'VE GOT  
INSIDE INFORMATION THAT COULD  
HELP  
YOU!

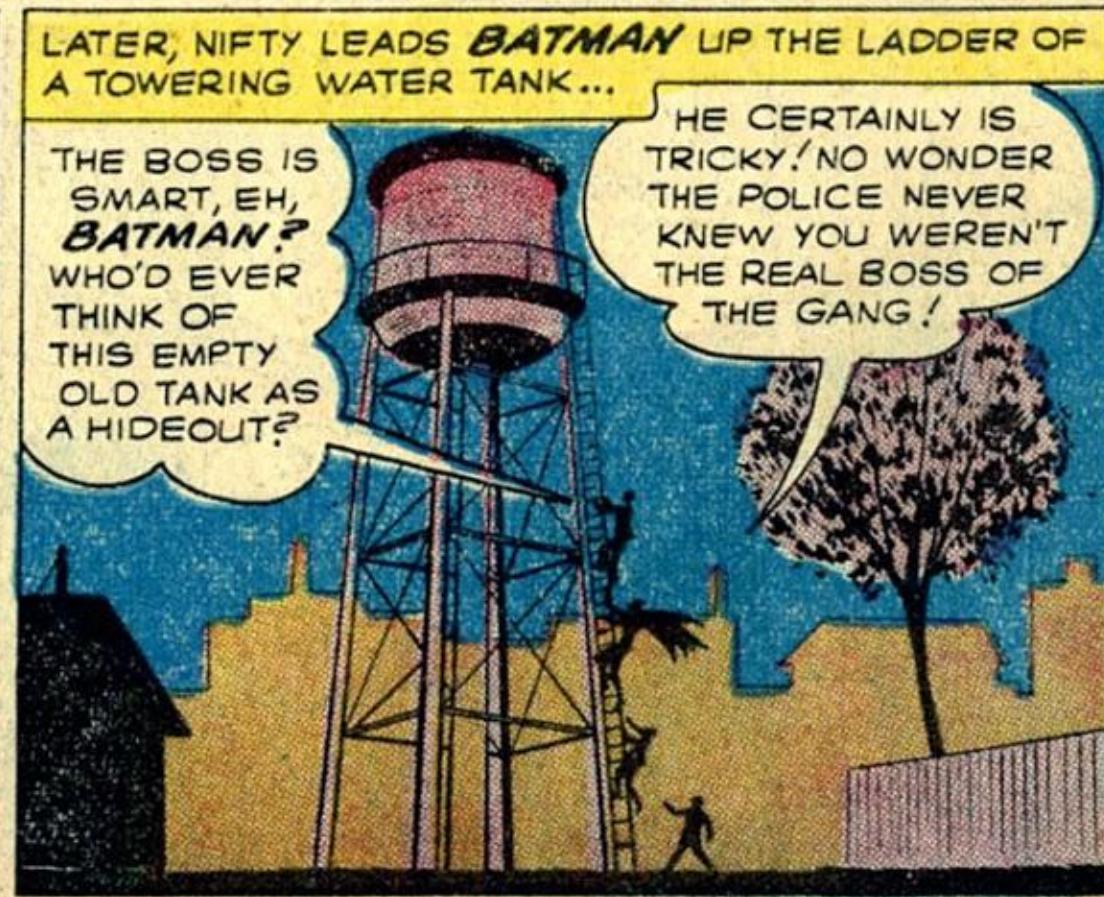
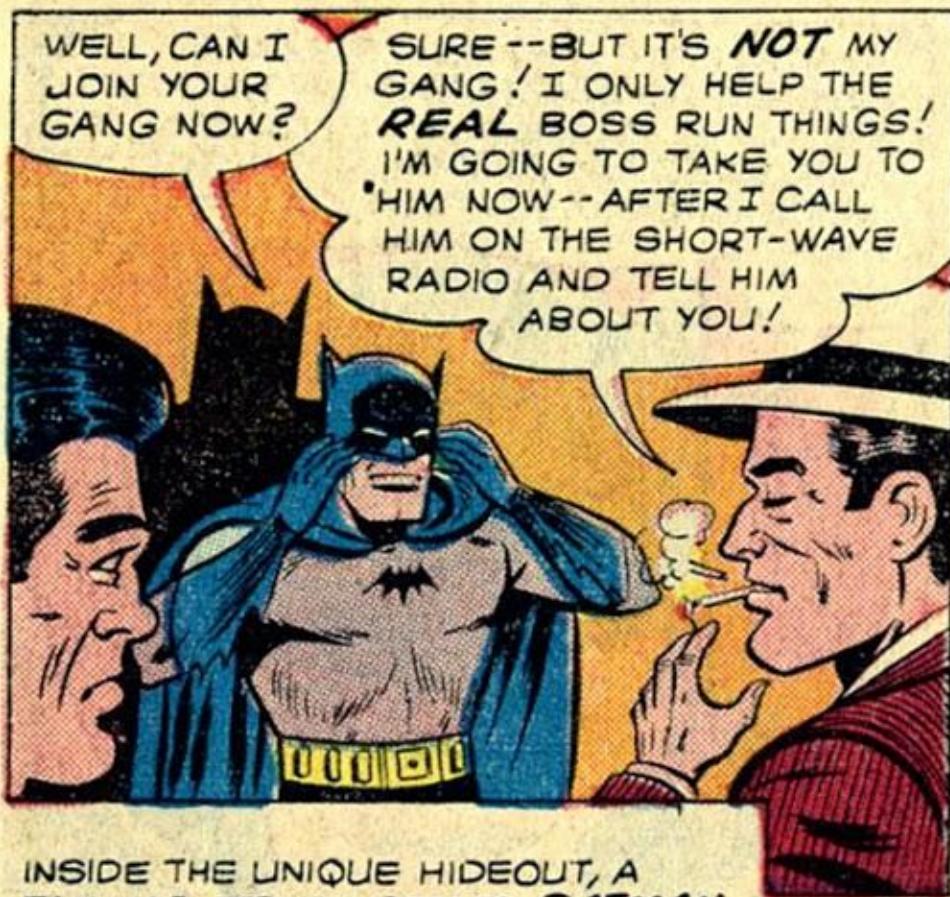
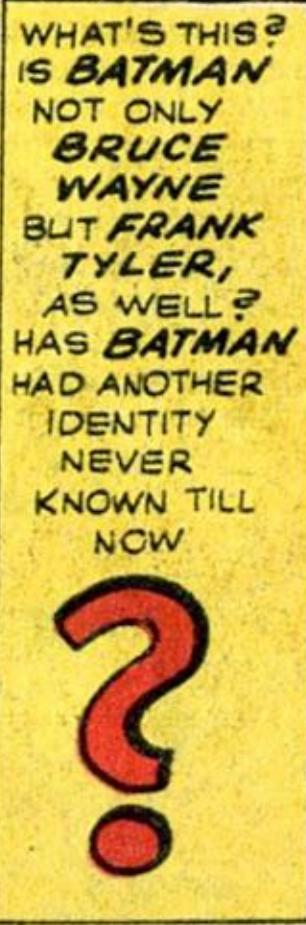
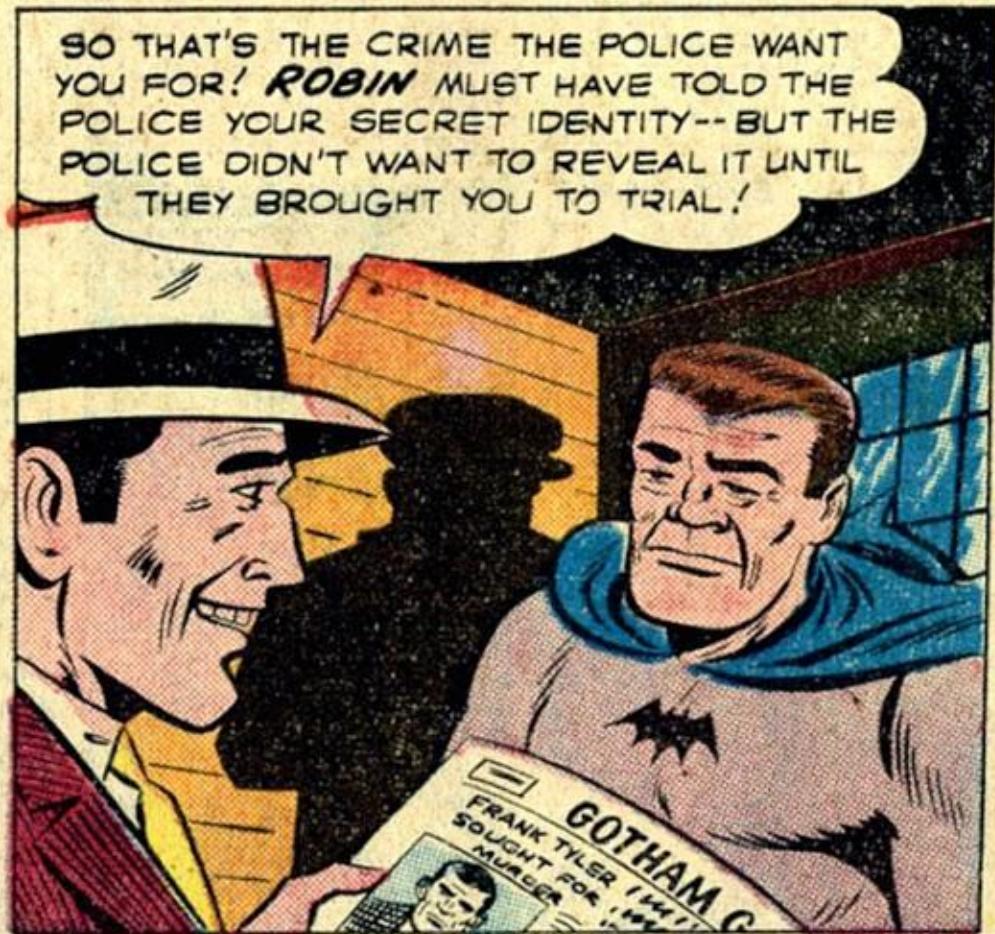
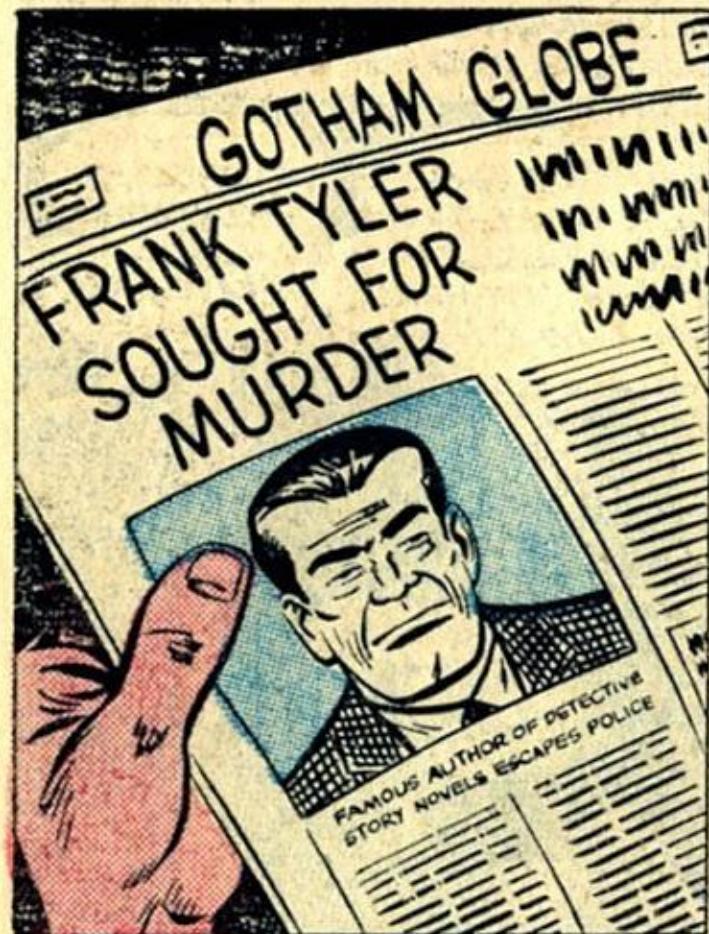
YEAH -- YOU  
COULD  
HELP! BUT  
HOW DO I  
KNOW I  
CAN TRUST  
YOU?

I'LL PROVE IT! ONLY  
**ROBIN** KNOWS MY  
SECRET IDENTITY-- BUT  
NOW THAT I'M FINISHED  
AS **BATMAN**, THERE'S  
NO USE HIDING MY  
IDENTITY ANYMORE! I'LL  
**SHOW YOU MY FACE!**

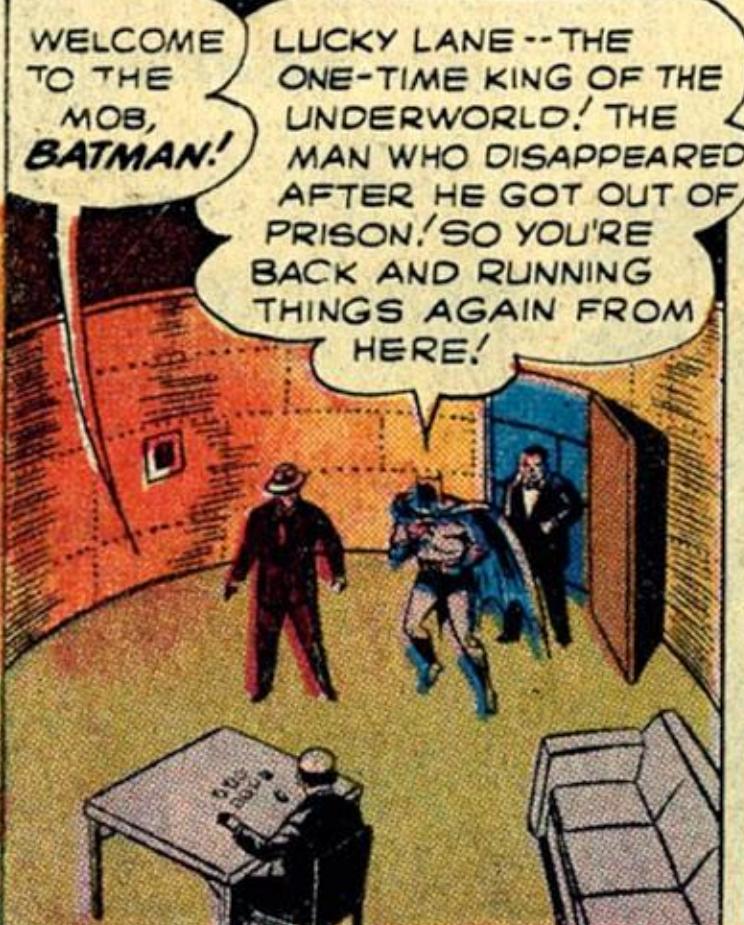
IN ONE DRAMATIC MOVE, **BATMAN** WHIPS OFF HIS  
COWL-- AND STANDS UNMASKED!

HOLY SMOKE! SO  
THAT'S WHAT YOU  
REALLY LOOK  
LIKE!

NIFTY, I RECOGNIZE THAT  
FACE! THERE'S A PICTURE  
OF IT IN TODAY'S PAPER!



INSIDE THE UNIQUE HIDEOUT, A FAMILIAR FIGURE GREETS BATMAN...



# BATMAN

AS BATMAN VALIANTLY FIGHTS AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS, SUDDENLY TWO NEWCOMERS BURST IN ON THE BATTLE...

WELL, WELL! JUST IN TIME FOR THE CLEAN-UP!



WITH THE TIDE OF BATTLE TURNED AGAINST THEM, THE HOODLUMS STAMPEDE OUTSIDE THE TANK-- BUT THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ARE RIGHT BEHIND!

BATMAN, LUCKY'S TRYING TO MAKE A GETAWAY!

I'LL TAKE A SHORT-CUT DOWN-- AND HEAD HIM OFF!



IN A SERIES OF DAZZLING SWINGS, THE ACROBATMAN TRAPEZES DOWN THE CROSS-BARS, WHEN...

I'LL PICK OFF BATMAN FROM HERE!



BUT, SWIFT AS A BULLET, BAT-HOUND HURTLES FORWARD...

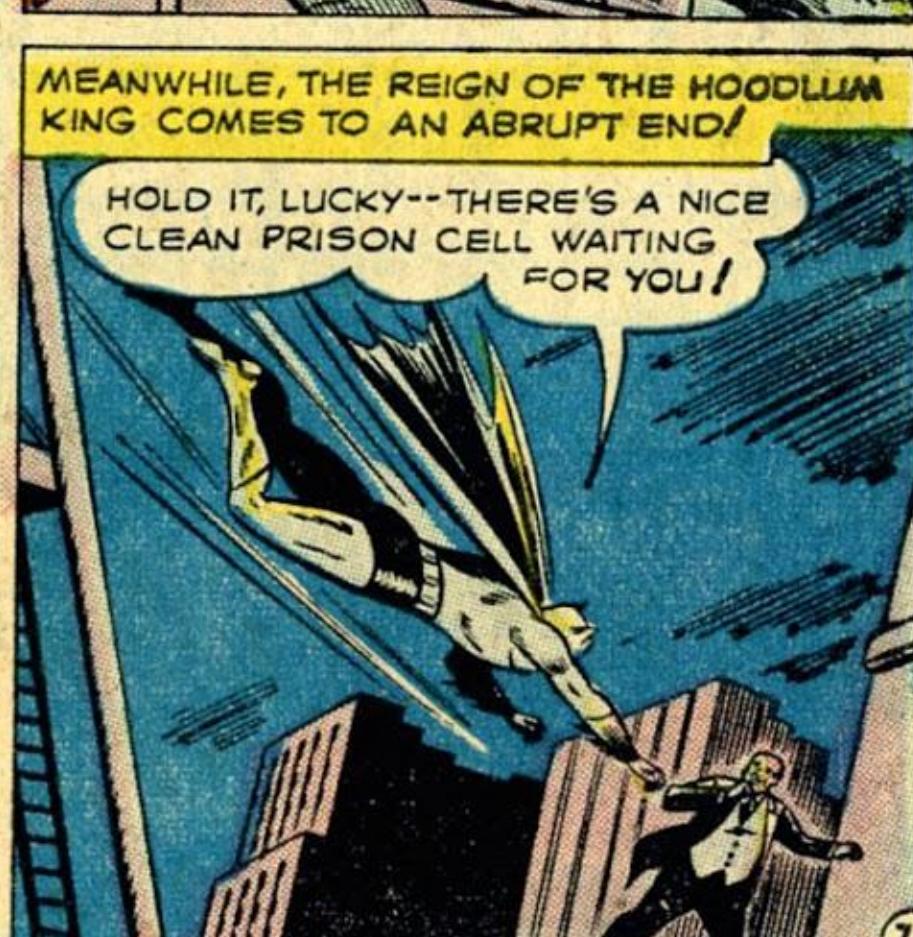
GOOD WORK, BAT-HOUND-- I'LL TAKE OVER NOW!

YI-III!



MEANWHILE, THE REIGN OF THE HOODLUM KING COMES TO AN ABRUPT END!

HOLD IT, LUCKY-- THERE'S A NICE CLEAN PRISON CELL WAITING FOR YOU!





# BATMAN

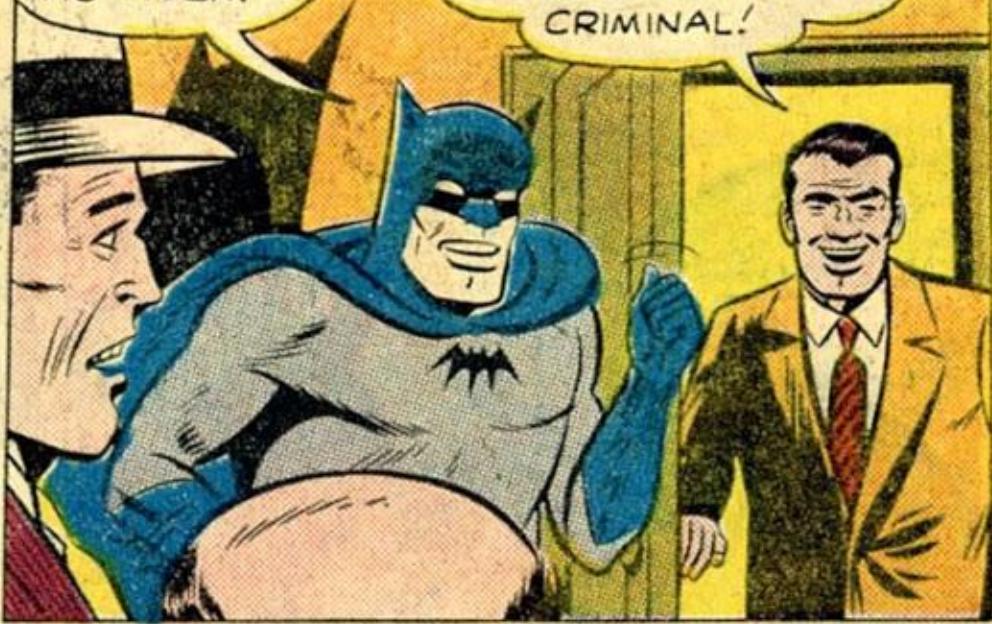


LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

WE'RE FINISHED, **BATMAN**-- BUT SO ARE YOU! I SAW YOUR SECRET IDENTITY! I'LL TELL THE WORLD YOU'RE FRANK TYLER!

THIS IS THE REAL FRANK TYLER! YOU NEVER SAW MY TRUE IDENTITY! I WAS ONLY DISGUISED AS TYLER!

THAT STORY ABOUT ME BEING WANTED FOR MURDER WAS A FAKE! I WAS MERELY HELPING THE POLICE IN **BATMAN'S** PLAN TO CONVINCE YOU HE WAS A WANTED CRIMINAL!

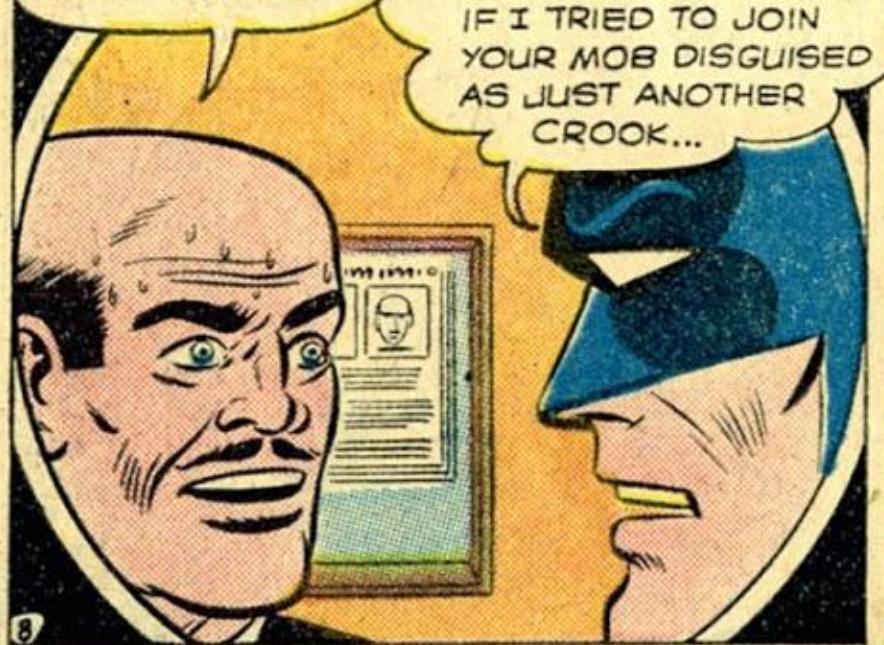


HUH? THEN ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT **ROBIN** AND THE POLICE BEING AFTER YOU WAS JUST A TRICK?

A TRICK TO GET ME INTO THE RED MASK MC'B SO I COULD EXPOSE ITS REAL BOSS! I KNEW YOU'D BE SUSPICIOUS IF I TRIED TO JOIN YOUR MOB DISGUISED AS JUST ANOTHER CROOK...

...BUT YOU'D REALLY BELIEVE **BATMAN** HAD TURNED CRIMINAL IF HE SHOWED YOU HIS "TRUE" IDENTITY! AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THE PLAN WORKED!

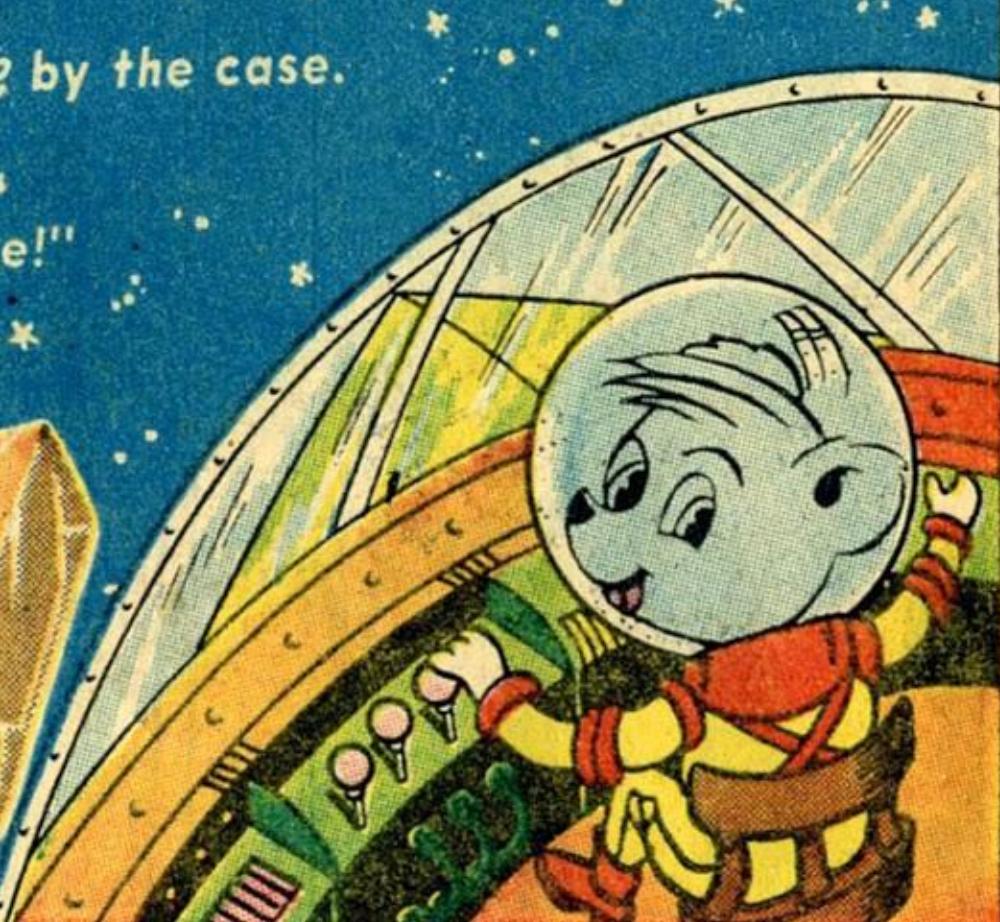
ALL RIGHT, **ROBIN**, LET'S GO HOME! OUR ACT IS OVER-- AND THE CURTAIN'S DOWN-- ON LUCKY LANE!



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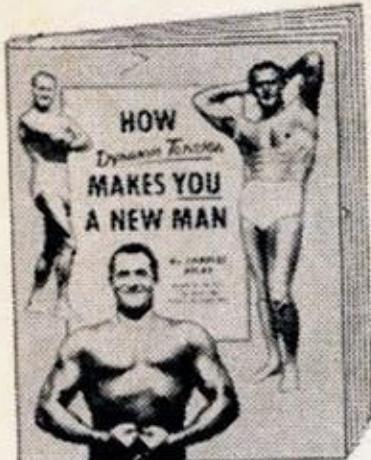
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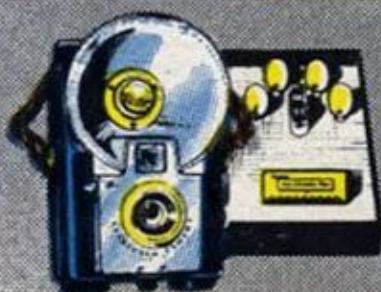
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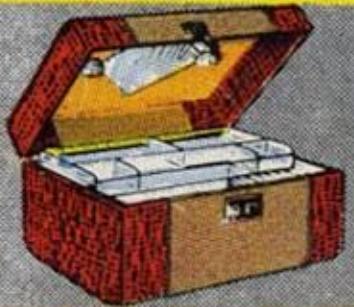
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GIRL'S TRAVEL CASE



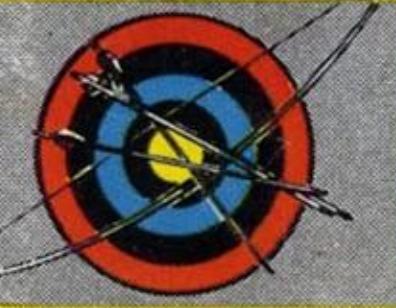
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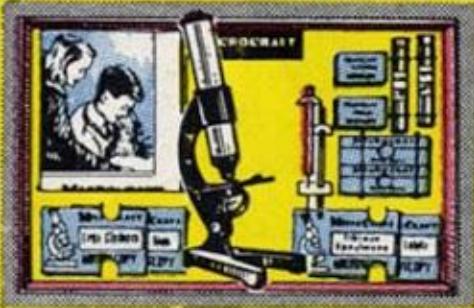
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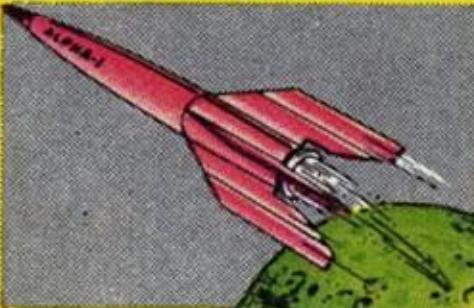
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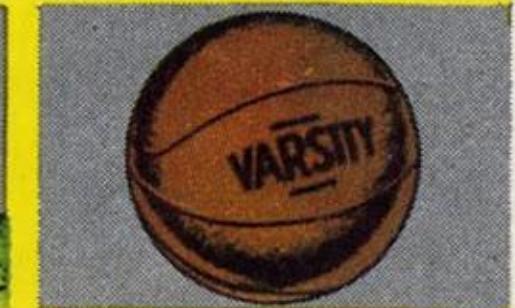
COMPLETE ARCHERY SET



MICROSCOPE SET



FLYING BALLISTIC MISSILE



BASKETBALL AND GOAL



BIG 3 HUNTING SET



3-SPEED PHONOGRAPH



WYATT EARP HOLSTER SET



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Take your choice of a wonderful Parrakeet (the talking bird) or any of these other prizes. They can be yours—quickly, easily. Many prizes shown here and dozens more in our Big Prize Book are given WITHOUT COST for selling just one 48-pack order of American Vegetable and Flower Seeds at 15c a pack. Some of the larger prizes require more sales or extra money as explained in the Big Prize Book.

## SEND NO MONEY, WE TRUST YOU

Everybody wants American Seeds. They're fresh and ready-to-grow. You'll sell them quickly to family, friends and neighbors. Many boys and girls sell their packs in one day. You can, too—and get your prize at once. Or, if you want money instead of a prize, keep \$2.40 for every 48-pack order you sell. Mail coupon today for your first order of American Seeds and Big Prize Book—give the other coupon to a friend.

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