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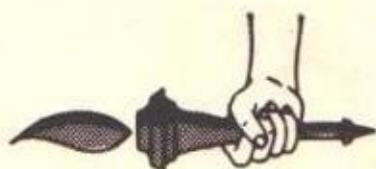
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EVENING AT THE LAVISH PENTHOUSE OF
MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE--

I SAY, MASTER BRUCE...
COULD YOU BE SO
KIND AS TO GIVE
ME ASSISTANCE?

UMMM...NO
RETURN ADDRESS!
NO INDICATION
OF WHAT'S INSIDE!

ALLOW ME
TO UTILIZE MY
CROWBAR, SIR!



THIS RATHER
UNWIELDY PARCEL
JUST ARRIVED BY
MESSENGER!



SURE,
ALFRED!



A MOMENT... THERE!
THE LID IS FREE!



GOOD...
LORD!
IT'S A...
DEAD
BODY!

YES...
DEAD
AND
HIDEOUSLY
DEFORMED!



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A MOMENT OF NUMBING SHOCK--THEN BRUCE STRIPS OFF HIS OUTER GARMENTS TO REVEAL THE GARB OF THE DREAD

BATMAN

FOR WITH CHILL CERTAINTY HE KNOWS THERE IS A DIRE CHALLENGE CONFRONTING HIM IN...

SWAMP SINISTER

AS WAYNE, I'M NOT LIKELY TO BE RECEIVING BODIES! I HAVE A HUNCH THE COFFIN WAS SOMEHOW MEANT FOR THE BATMAN!

FIRST, WE'LL TAKE IT DOWN OUR PRIVATE ELEVATOR TO THE CAR--THEN BRING IT TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS!

NEXT, I'LL BEGIN SEARCHING FOR CLUES TO WHOM-EVER SENT IT--

NO NEED FOR THAT, DETECTIVE! I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR MACABRE GIFT! I FELT IT WOULD CAPTURE YOUR ATTENTION--AS INDEED IT DID!

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RĀ'S AL GHŪL!

ONCE AGAIN, I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY, DETECTIVE!* HOWEVER, I HAVE NOT COME TO PAY A SOCIAL CALL...

--NO, I HAVE URGENT NEED OF YOUR MOST EXCELLENT SERVICES!

*NOTE: HOW THE MYSTERIOUS RĀ'S AL GHŪL MET THE BATMAN AND DISCOVERED HIS DUAL IDENTITY WAS REVEALED IN THE JUNE, 1971 BATMAN!

LOOK UPON THE TWISTED DEATH-MASK OF THIS PERSON--UNTIL RECENTLY, ONE OF MY...AH... EMPLOYEES!

SHOULD YOU FAIL IN THE TASK I AM ABOUT TO SET YOU, THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE WILL PERISH SIMILARLY!

YOU'D BETTER TELL THE STORY FROM THE BEGINNING--!

"...A LABORATORY DEVOTED TO SEEKING CERTAIN USEFUL COMPOUNDS! ONE SUCH COMPOUND HAD RECENTLY BEEN PERFECTED..."
THE EVENTS HAVE THEIR START IN A LABORATORY I MAINTAIN IN A MOUNTAIN RETREAT...

"--AND I DISCOVERED THE TECHNICIAN RESPONSIBLE FOR PACKAGING IT IN THE ACT OF STEALING IT...!"

AH, MY DEAR STRISS! DOUBTLESS, YOU PLAN TO SELL THE CONTENTS OF THE VIAL BENEATH YOUR JACKET... TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER?

YOU'VE FOUND ME OUT, MASTER--!

BUT YOU SHALL NOT STOP ME!

STRIKE HIM, POLARD!

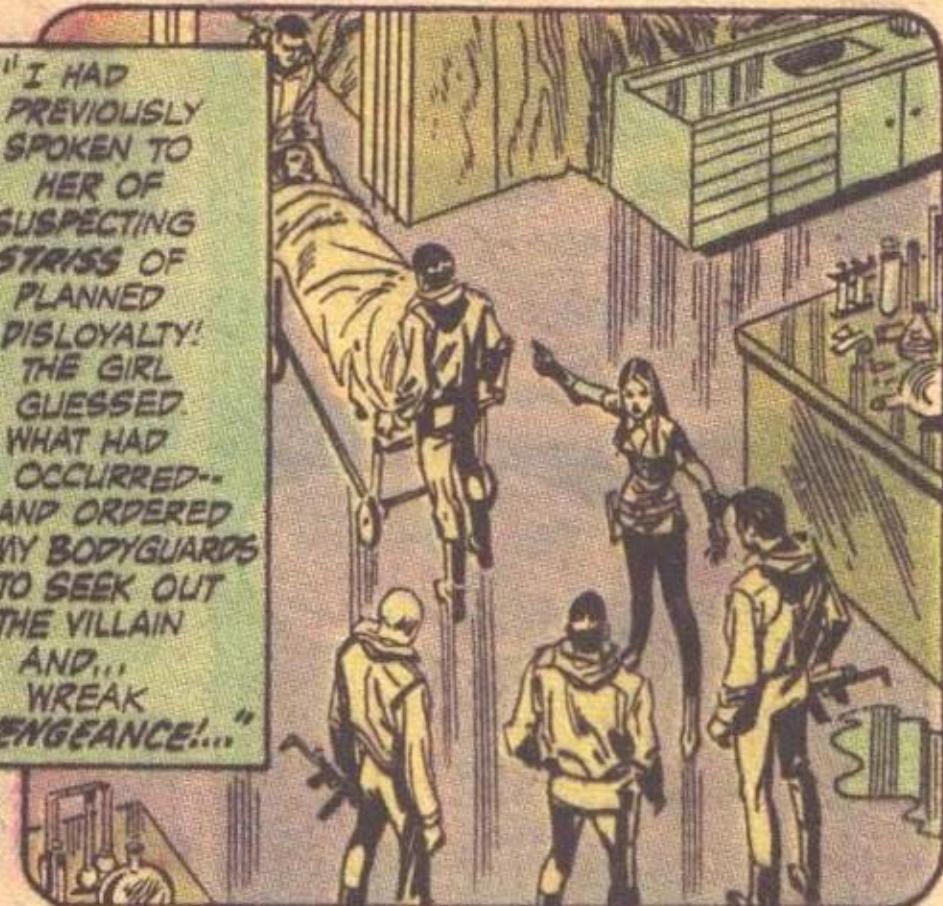
YES, UNKNOWN TO ME, THE TREACHEROUS STRISS HAD A CONFEDERATE--POLARD!

HE DEALT ME A HORRIBLE BLOW, AND TOGETHER THEY ESCAPED--OR SO THEY THOUGHT!

"MOMENTS LATER, MY DAUGHTER--TALIA--
DISCOVERED ME! THE BLOW TO THE SKULL HAD
STOPPED MY HEART--SHE COULD DETECT
NO SIGN OF LIFE WITHIN MY BEING..."



"I HAD PREVIOUSLY SPOKEN TO HER OF SUSPECTING STRISS OF PLANNED DISLOYALTY! THE GIRL GUESSED WHAT HAD OCCURRED-- AND ORDERED MY BODYGUARDS TO SEEK OUT THE VILLAIN AND... WREAK VENGEANCE!"

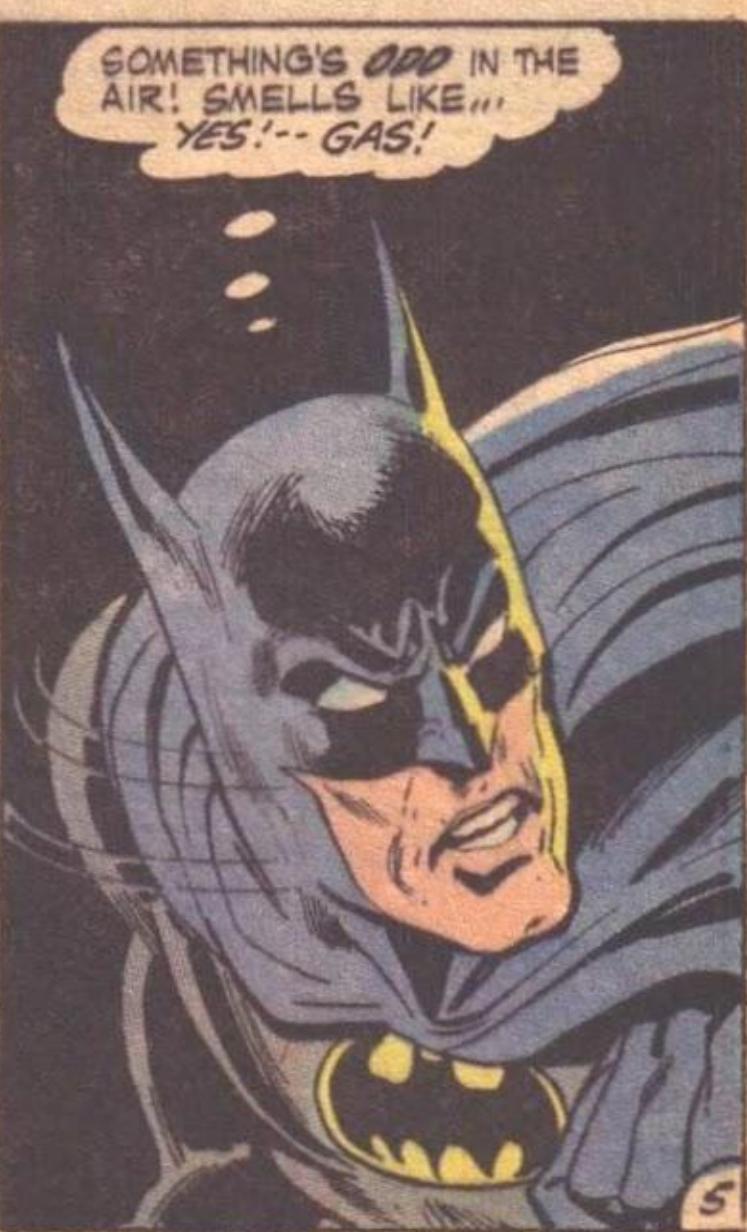


"HOWEVER, MY PERSONAL PHYSICIANS WERE ABLE TO REVIVE ME, AS THEY HAVE SO OFTEN BEFORE! YES, IT WAS NOT THE FIRST TIME I HAD TASTED DEATH..."





NOW YOU UNDERSTAND
WHY I NEED YOU! UNLESS
YOU FIND STRISS BEFORE
TALIA DOES, THE
CHEMICAL MAY BE
LOOSED--AND DEATH
WILL STALK THE LAND!



WITHOUT BREAKING STRIDE, THE CAPED CRUSADER REACHES INTO HIS UTILITY BELT AND FITS A TINY EFFICIENT GAS-MASK INTO PLACE...

THE GATE IS WIDE OPEN... SOMETHING LONDON WOULD NEVER ALLOW!

AND I CAN GLIMPSE SOMEONE ON GUARD JUST INSIDE THE GROUNDS!

AS I GUESSED--A GUN-TOTING CHARACTER! GOT TO MOVE FAST-- AND HOPE MY SUDDEN APPEARANCE MESSES HIS AIM!

THIS IS THE BATMAN--NO ONE IS FASTER, NOR MORE SWIFT... FOR NO ONE HATES EVIL IN ALL ITS FORMS SO FIERCELY--

BRATT

MOMENTS LATER...

THE REPORT OF THE GUN CAME FROM NEAR HEAR...

BEHOLD! OUR COMPANION HAS BEEN FELLED!

COULD HIS GAS-MASK HAVE LEAKED?

PERHAPS! THE FLUMES WE USED TO IMMOBILIZE THE AMERICAN'S HENCHMEN ARE INDEED POWERFUL!

**What would you call a game with pitchers,
hitters, runners, outs, base hits, double plays,
home runs and a . . . chain?**



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You'd call it

SKITTLE BASEBALL.

'Cause that's what it is. Skittle Baseball is just like baseball, only you play it the Skittle way. One player pitches the ball. The other player tries to hit it into the outfield for a single, or double or homer or maybe an out. Skittle

Baseball. It takes big league skill to win. From AURORA. Where fun is the name of the game.

AURORA

NO' MATTER!
OUR WORK IS
FINISHED!

MMMF

LET US RETURN
TO OUR LATE
MASTER'S
CHAMBERS AND
AWAIT FURTHER--
EH?

--EH??

SHOTT

THE GUYS I KAYOED
WERE WEARING RA'S
AL GHUL'S INSIGNIA--
THE DEMON'S HEAD!

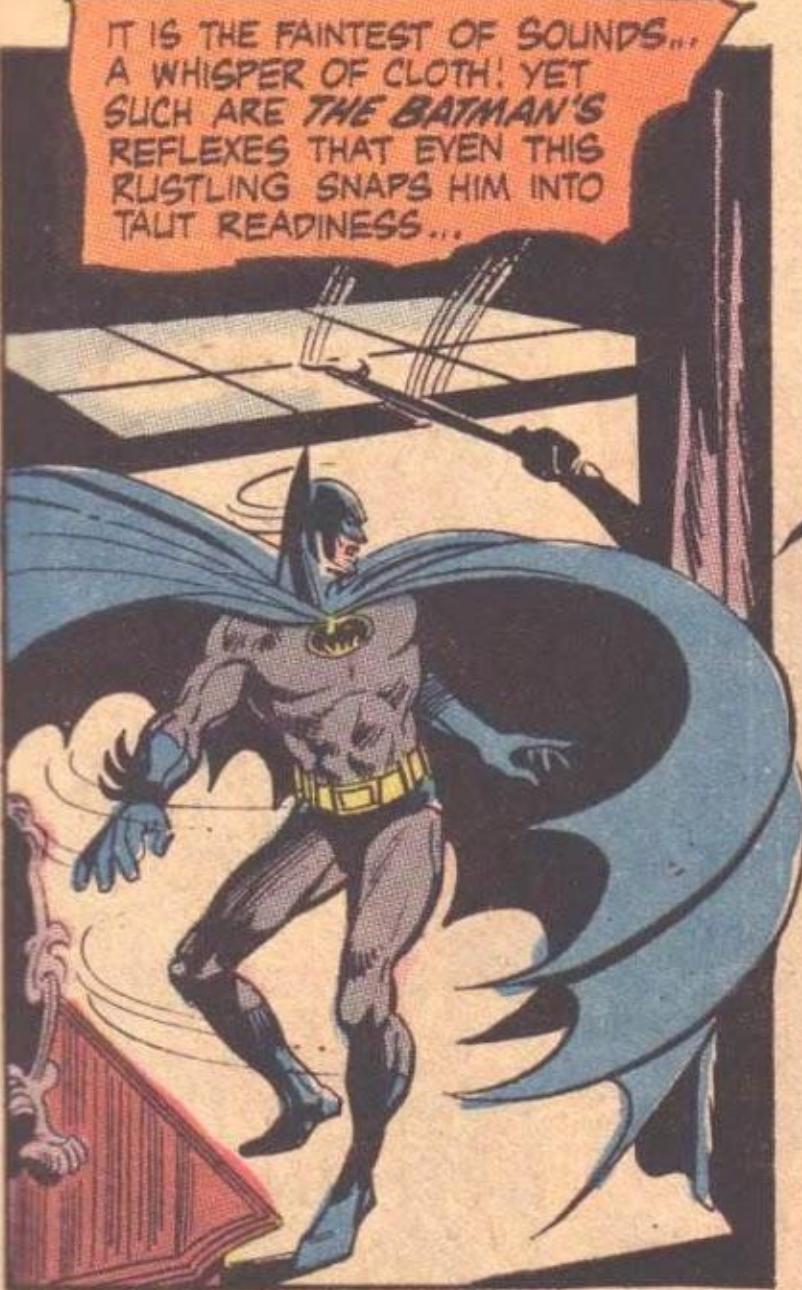
TALIA
PROBABLY SENT
THEM... SHE'S
BEATEN ME! BUT
THEY MAY HAVE
LEFT A CLUE OF
SOME SORT IN
THE HOUSE!

QUIET AND
DARK... LIKE A
TOMB--

I HOPE THAT'S
NOT A GOOD
DESCRIPTION!

IT IS THE FAIREST OF SOUNDS...
A WHISPER OF CLOTH! YET
SUCH ARE THE BATMAN'S
REFLEXES THAT EVEN THIS
RUSTLING SNAPS HIM INTO
TAUT READINESS...

AND WITH THE AGILITY OF A
PANTHER HE EXECUTES A
PERFECT JUDO-THROW!



THE FIRST GROUP WAS IN THE SERVICE OF STRISS. PROBABLY HOODS HE BOUGHT WITH THE PROMISE OF BIG MONEY!

AND THE SECOND GROUP BELONGED TO TALIA! SHE WAS ALSO TOO LATE!

WAIT! MADAME, YOUR NATIVE LANGUAGE IS FRENCH--?

OUI... I MEAN-- YES!

QUICKLY, THE COWLED AVENGER CALLS HIS BUTLER--ALFRED--AND SNAPS INSTRUCTIONS...

THAT'S ALL I NEED TO KNOW!* SHOW ME A TELEPHONE PLEASE!

*NOTE: DID YOU CATCH THE KEY TO THE MYSTERY, AS DID THE BATMAN?

AND LESS THAN FORTY MINUTES LATER, THE LOYAL SERVANT MEETS HIS EMPLOYER AT GOTHAM AIRPORT...

I CALLED EVERY MARINA IN THE AREA YOU MENTIONED, SIR! A CHAP AT A TOWN NAMED PORT-AU-LAC SAW THE PARTY YOU WANT!

THANKS, ALFRED! SEE YOU SOON-- I HOPE!

THEN, IN RA'S AL GHUL'S PRIVATE JET...

YOU HAVE DEDUCED STRISS' HIDING-PLACE, DETECTIVE?

MAYBE! IT'S WELL-KNOWN THAT LONDON HAS A PRIVATE FALL-OUT SHELTER SOMEPLACE--

YOU HAVE DETERMINED THE LOCATION OF THIS FALL-OUT SHELTER?

--AND IT FIGURES THAT HE HAS HIS HOARD OF MOLYBDENUM-- FIVE THERE!

THE HOUSEKEEPER THOUGHT SHE HEARD SOMEONE MENTION "SMALL STREAM"! BUT IN THE EXCITEMENT SHE DIDN'T REALIZE SHE REALLY HEARD A FRENCH WORD...

...A WORD IN CREOLE-FRENCH THAT MEANS "SMALL STREAM"!... BAYOU!-- LOUISIANA SWAMPS!

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ABOVE--AND THAT'S WHERE I'M GOING!

DOWN THROUGH THE HAZE OF THE FALSE DAWN DRIFT TWO PARACHUTES-- BEARING THE BATMAN AND A SMALL INFLATABLE MOTORBOAT...

ALFRED WAS ABLE TO PINPOINT THE SECTION OF THE BAYOU FOR ME! NOW I'VE GOT TO WING IT!

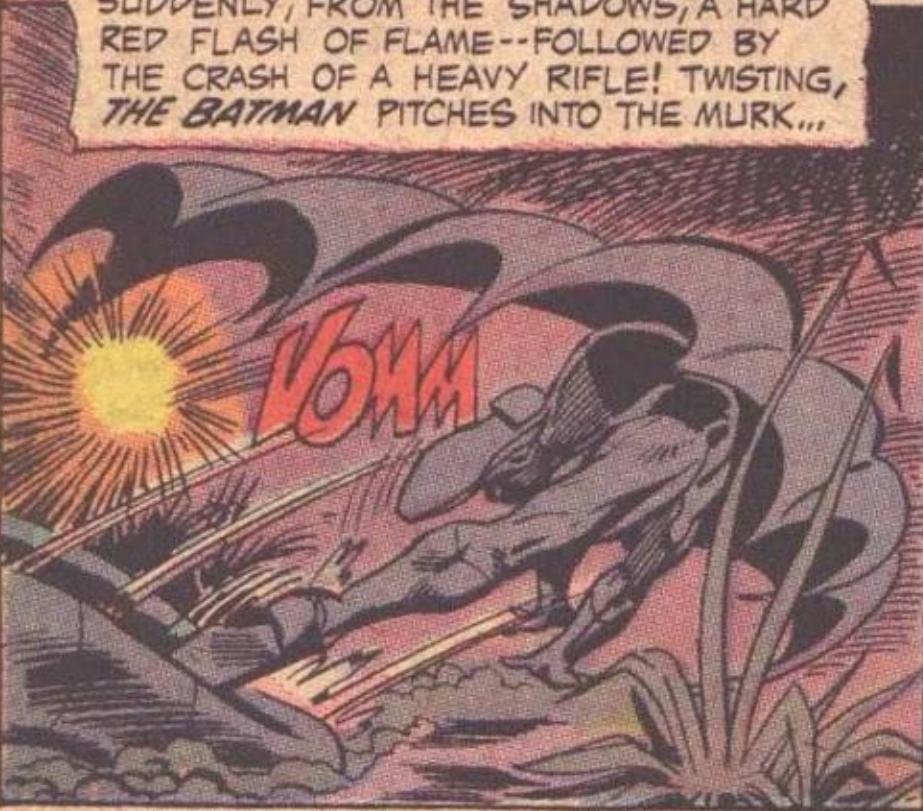
UMMM...I'M IN LUCK!--AN OIL-SLICK ON THE SWAMP-WATER!--A TRAIL TO FOLLOW!

A THOUSAND
EERIE ECHOES...
A THOUSAND
STRANGE SMELLS
AND SHAPES... THE
BATMAN INCHES
THROUGH THE
SWAMP UNTIL...

THE TRAIL ENDS
THERE... LOOKS
LIKE A CABIN!



SUDDENLY, FROM THE SHADOWS, A HARD
RED FLASH OF FLAME--FOLLOWED BY
THE CRASH OF A HEAVY RIFLE! TWISTING,
THE BATMAN PITCHES INTO THE MURK...

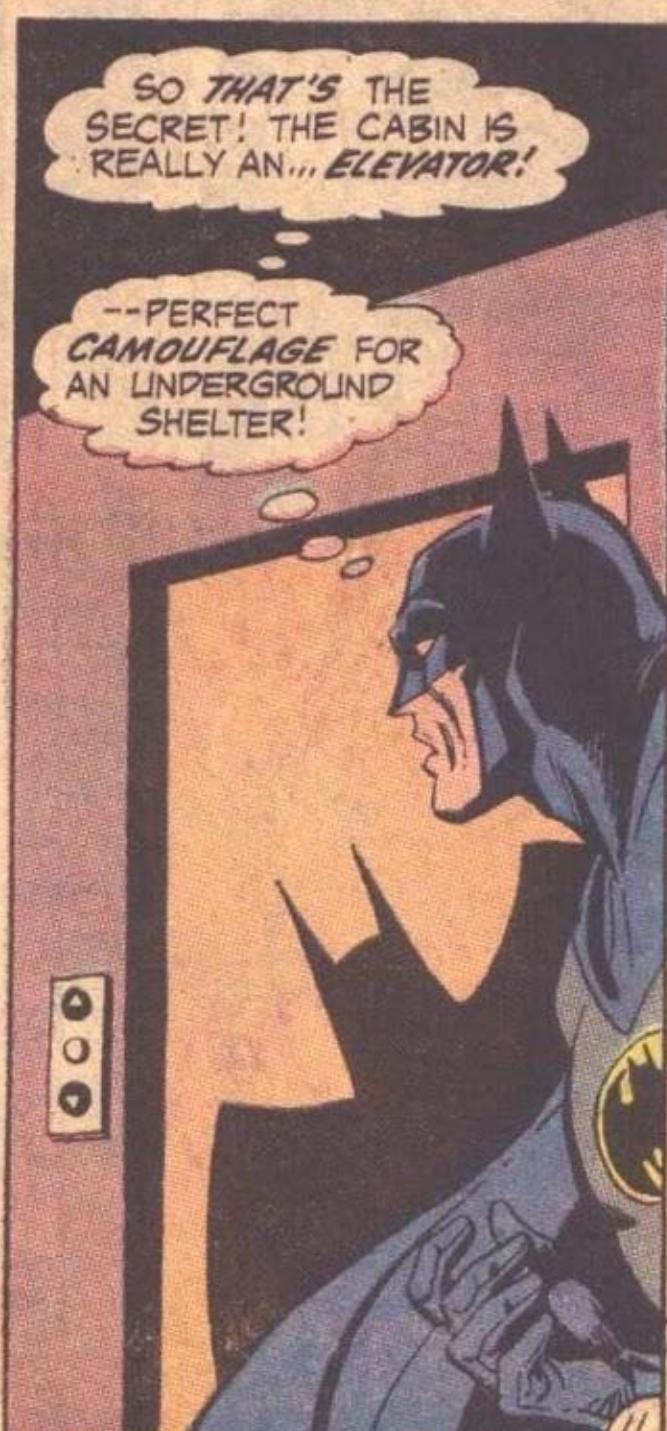


ANOTHER OF RĀ'S'S
MEN! TALIA LEAVES A
LOT OF GUARDS BEHIND!

THIS SHACK MUST
BE LONDON'S HIDE-
OUT! YET... IT DOESN'T
APPEAR TO BE!

SO THAT'S THE
SECRET! THE CABIN IS
REALLY AN... ELEVATOR!

--PERFECT
CAMOUFLAGE FOR
AN UNDERGROUND
SHELTER!



AT THAT INSTANT, A GRIM DRAMA
IS BEING ENACTED BELOW...

YOU MADE A
GOOD RUN, STRISS!
BUT IT'S FINISHED--AND
SO ARE YOU! I'LL
WATCH YOU DIE FOR
WHAT YOU DID TO
MY FATHER!

PLEASE,
MISS...I CAN'T
STAND
BLOODSHED!

SHUT UP,
MISTER LONDON!
THIS IS NONE
OF YOUR
CONCERN!

BEFORE YOU...
SHOOT HIM--
TELL ME!
HOW DID YOU
FIND MY
SHELTER?

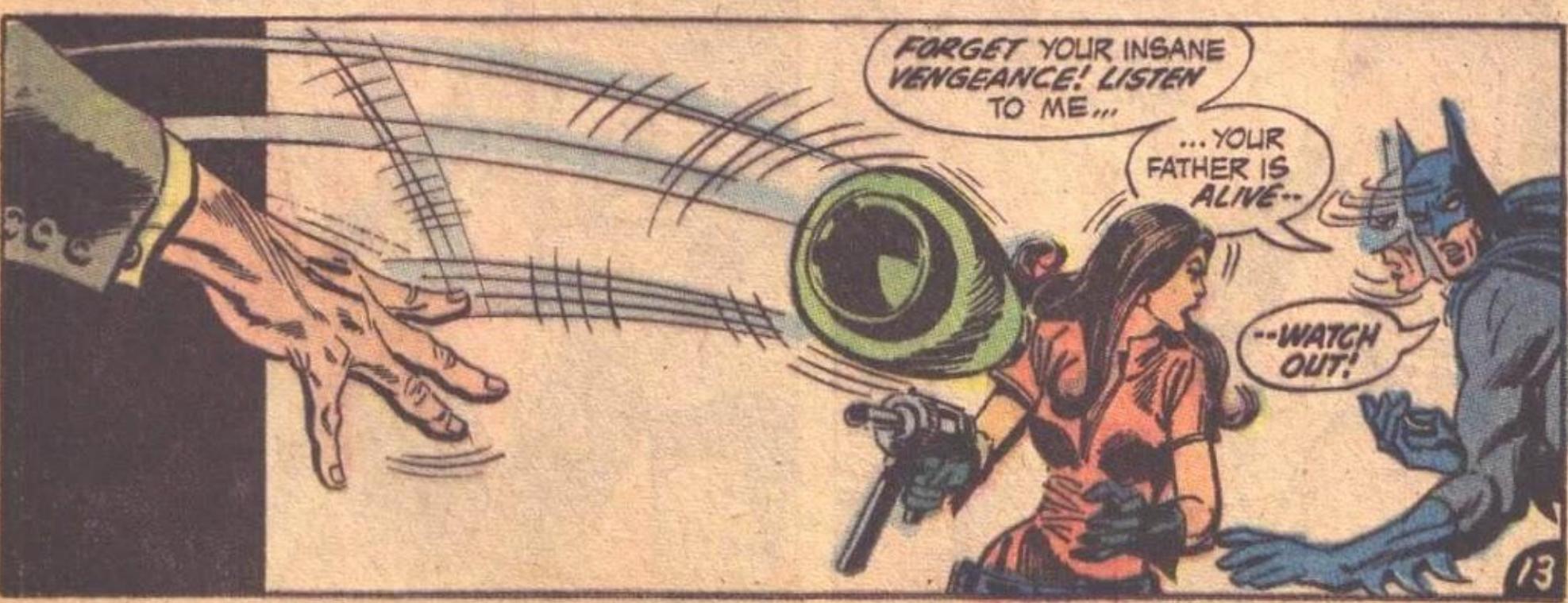
I SENT MEN TO
YOUR MANSION TO
WARN YOU THAT
STRISS MIGHT
ATTEMPT YOUR
CAPTURE! HOW-
EVER, HE ARRIVED
EARLIER--

I'LL HUMOR
YOU!--MY
FATHER'S
ORGANIZATION
KEEPS CLOSE
TRACK OF
THOSE WHO
MAY HAVE
USEFUL ITEMS--
SUCH AS
MOLYBDENUM-
FIVE!

IT WAS A
SIMPLE FEMININE
MATTER TO BRIBE
MEMBERS OF YOUR
STAFF AND LEARN
WHERE YOU HAD
BEEN SHIPPING
THE METAL!

ENOUGH IDLE
TALK! PREPARE
YOURSELF,
MURDEROUS
TRAITOR--FOR
YOUR END!

TALIA--
NO!



WITH STUNNING FORCE, THE VASE SMASHES INTO THE LOVELY GIRL, KNOCKING HER BACK, AGAINST THE BATMAN! A MADDENED, HORRIBLY FRIGHTENED STRISS LEAPS FOR HER FALLEN WEAPON--



--SNATCHES IT UP AS HIS CAPE FOE HURTLES ACROSS THE ROOM--

FOOL! YOU CAN'T WIN!

AND I WON'T LOSE!



THE CHAMBER IS FILLED WITH WHINING SLUGS--ONE OF WHICH SHATTERS THE BEAKER FILLED WITH THE DEADLY DRUG--



ABRUPTLY THE STRUGGLE ENDS--! LIKE A RAG DOLL, STRISS TUMBLERS BACKWARD, FLAILING HELPLESSLY--



--HIS HAND TOUCHES
A PUDDLE OF THE SHIMMERING,
DEATH-LADEN LIQUID--

--SPASMS OF AGONY WRENCH HIS BODY--

WH-WHAT'S
HAPPENING TO...
STRISS?

WE CAN DO **NOTHING**
FOR HIM! COME ON--
OR IT WILL HAPPEN
TO US!

LONDON--IS
YOUR CHAMBER
AIR-TIGHT?

ABSOLUTELY!
IT WAS MEANT
TO WITHSTAND
RADIATION!

THANK GOD! MAYBE
NONE OF THE STUFF
WILL ESCAPE!

AND, IN
THE COOL
MORNING
OUTSIDE...

FATHER--!
YOU DID
SURVIVE!

OF COURSE! DON'T
I ALWAYS?

SAVE THE
REUNION!
WE MAY BE
INFECTED!

I FORESAW THE POSSIBILITY,
SO I RADIOED FOR MY
MEDICALLY EQUIPPED
HELICOPTER! YOU WILL
BE WELL-CARED FOR!

FATHER...THE
BATMAN WAS
WONDERFUL...

ORDINARILY, I'D ENJOY
A KISS FROM A BEAUTIFUL
WOMAN; BUT AFTER I'VE
SEEN YOU HUNGRY
TO KILL...

YOU WERE
SHOCKED?
OH, YOU'LL
CHANGE YOUR MIND,
DEAR
BATMAN--I
PROMISE!

AND A PROMISE BY THE LOVELY TALIA IS
NOT ONE TO BE FORGOTTEN! MORE TO
COME SOON!

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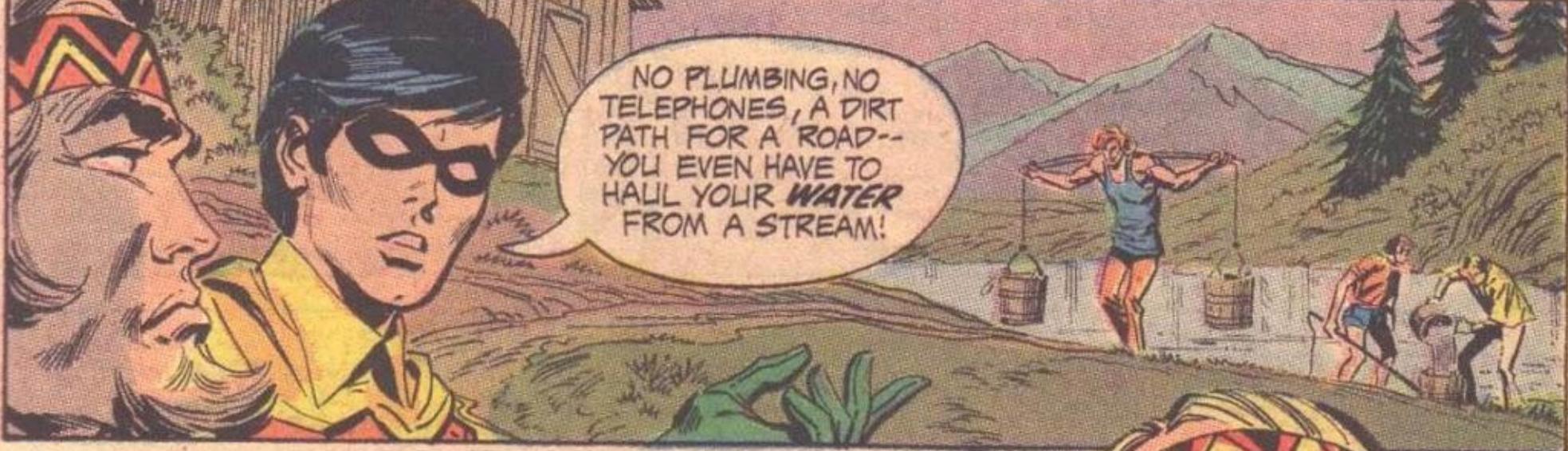
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TO FALL APART AT THE
SLIGHTEST STORM!

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NO PLUMBING, NO
TELEPHONES, A DIRT
PATH FOR A ROAD--
YOU EVEN HAVE TO
HAUL YOUR WATER
FROM A STREAM!



YOU'RE ALMOST TOTALLY
ISOLATED FROM
CIVILIZATION--AND WHAT
FEW NEIGHBORS YOU
HAVE, COMPLETELY
DISTRUST YOU!

HOW CAN YOU
GIVE UP SO MUCH--
FOR SO LITTLE?

ROBIN--
GET OUTA
HERE!
WE DON'T
WANT YOUR
PLASTIC
WORLD!
WE'RE...



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ROBIN!...

MAN, YOU'RE NOT IN
THE SAME WORLD!
THE RULES ARE
DIFFERENT HERE!

BUT THAT DOESN'T
CHANGE THE FACT,
JONATHAN-- THAT
I'VE TRACKED
DOWN TO THIS
COMMUNE-- A
DANGEROUS,
INHUMAN CRIMINAL!

NEAR HUDSON
UNIVERSITY TWO
GUNSHOTS STRUCK
POLICEMAN ROBERT
BEEKER-- YOUR
FATHER, NANCY!

MOREOVER, A
THIRD SHOT WAS
FIRED FROM
OFFICER BEEKER'S
GUN!

THAT BULLET
HASN'T BEEN
FOUND-- TILL
NOW!

A BALLISTICS TEST,
IN THE PORTABLE
LAB OF MY MICRO-BUS
PARKED NEARBY,
SHOWED THAT THE
BULLET NANCY
WEARS AS A
PROTEST-REMINDER--
CAME FROM HER
FATHER'S GUN!

--THE VERY BULLET
THAT CAUSED THE
LIMP IN YOUR
FOOT!

YOU--PAT
WHALON--SHOT
YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S
FATHER!

MAN,
YOU'RE
CRAZY!

I'VE
NEVER
EVEN MET
NANCY'S
OLD MAN!

HE'S MAKING IT UP,
PAT-- JUST TO DEFEND
HIS IMAGE!

C'MON,
LET'S GET
AWAY FROM
HIM!

I'VE GOT
TO BRING HIM
IN TO STAND
TRIAL!

REMEMBER, YOU TOO PASSED
OUR ENTRANCE RITUAL-- AND
CAN JOIN US-- IF YOU
DO SO IN PEACE!

GUESS I
HAVE NO
CHOICE!

NO, ROBIN!
HE'S A MEMBER
OF OUR "FAMILY"--
AND ONLY THE ENTIRE
GROUP CAN DECIDE
WHETHER TO LET YOU
ARREST HIM!

THEN COME
ON-- LET ME
SHOW YOU A
DREAM!

"THIS COUNTRY WAS ORIGINALLY FORMED BY OUTCASTS LIKE US--ENGLISH, RELIGIOUS FUGITIVES... FORCED AFRICAN SLAVES...POOR EUROPEAN IMMIGRANTS..."

"AFTER A FEW YEARS, A REVOLUTION OCCURRED-- AND GUESS WHO WON!"

"OUR REVOLUTION IS ONE OF THE SOUL! WE WISH TO MAKE THE LIFE-SPIRIT OF AMERICA MATCH HER GREAT IDEALS..."

"FORTUNE SMILED ON US IN THE FORM OF A NEARBY, SHOVED-ASIDE INDIAN TRIBE! THEY SHARED MANY TRADITIONS AND TAUGHT US MUCH..."

"THERE'S A REAL COMMUNITY HERE-- ONE EXTENDED FAMILY. WE SHAPE OUR PLACE ON THE LAND TOGETHER..."

"WE'VE DAMMED OUR UNPOLLUTED STREAM FOR DRINKING WATER AND IRRIGATION FOR OUR CROPS..."

"OUR KIDS LEARN HOW TO COPE WITH LIFE BY LIVING IT-- LEARNING FROM THEIR ELDERS 'ON THE JOB'! TIME IS ALSO SET ASIDE TO TEACH THE BASIC '3-R'S' NEEDED TO SURVIVE IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD..."

"THERE WAS EVEN A PURPOSE FOR YOUR 'BATTLING' ME TO ENTER THE COMMUNE! WE'VE RECOGNIZED THAT WE MUST HAVE CAREFUL RITUAL-TRADITIONS, WITHOUT WHICH OUR COMMUNITY CAN GROW NO ROOTS..."

"JUSTICE SURFACES IN MANY WAYS! THOUGH THE ROOTS MAY BE LONGER THAN EXPECTED, IN ALL SOCIETIES DOES IT PREVAIL! WATCH..."

"HA-HA! THAT MAKES US EVEN, ROBIN! YOU LEARN FAST!"

CARE FOR ANOTHER BOUT?

YOU BET-- I'M NOT LETTING YOU OFF THAT EASY!

YOU KNOW--YOU COULD BASH A FEW COPS' HEADS WITH THIS IF YOU WERE ON THE BARRICADES--!"

YOUR FATHER IS A HUMAN BEING, NANI! HE BLEED, TOO, JUST LIKE ALL OF US!

THAT IS NOT THE PURPOSE OF MY SKILL, PAT WHALON!

THIS PLACE IS GETTING TO BE A DRAG! THE REVOLUTION IS OUT IN THE STREETS, BEATING FIRE WITH FIRE!

PAT...PAT... DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS! THE REVOLUTION IS IN YOUR OWN HEAD!

LOOK AROUND YOU! WE'VE ALL WON--WE'RE FREE--AND DOING OUR OWN THING!

SOON AFTER--KARATE INSTRUCTION,
COURTESY, BROWN BELT-HOLDER,
ROBIN!...

THE FIRST PRINCIPLE
OF KARATE IS--IF AT
ALL POSSIBLE--TO
AVOID COMBAT!

ONLY WHEN
COMPLETELY FORCED
TO, DOES ONE FIGHT--
AND THEN WITH THE
LEAST NECESSARY
FORCE TO PROTECT
ONESELF!

THE IDEA IS TO
HIT 'EM HARD AND
WIPE 'EM OUT, SO
THEY WON'T EVEN
KNOW WHAT'S
HAPPENING!

I REMEMBER ONCE
WHEN WE CORNERED
A DEAN...

JUSTICE SURFACES IN MANY
WAYS. THOUGH THE WAY IS
MORE DIFFERENT THAN
ROBIN HAS EVER EXPERI-
ENCED, HE WILL SOON GET
HIS DAY...

PAT WHALON--
THE COMMUNITY
HAS DECIDED TO
HEAR THE CASE
BROTHER
ROBIN BRINGS
AGAINST YOU!

WHAT--?! DON'T
TELL ME YOU
BELIEVE HIM?

FOR SOONER OR LATER THE
COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES INJUSTICE--
AND BEGINS TO CORRECT IT!

WE HAVE NOT
TAKEN SIDES!
WE WISH TO
HEAR BOTH
SIDES--AND
THEN JUDGE!

MEET US
TONIGHT AT THE
COMMUNITY
CAMPFIRE!

NOW—YOURS FROM COLUMBIA—

Any 8 tapes or

three dog night golden biscuits

easy to
be hard
mama
told me
elli's
coming

DUNHILL/ABC

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JIMI HENDRIX The Cry of Love

FREEDOM
STRAIGHT
AHEAD

REPRISE

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BARBRA STREISAND STONEY END

Time And Love
Free The People
If You Could
Read My Mind

COLUMBIA

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THE 5TH DIMENSION LOVE'S LINES, ANGLES AND RHYMES

Time And Love
Guess Who
The Singer

BELL

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DEAN
MARTIN
FOR THE
GOOD
TIMES
PLUS
Marry Me
8 MORE

TOM JONES
I WHO HAVE
NOTHING
PLUS
Daughter of
Darkness
9 MORE

STEPHEN STILL
Love The
One You're
With
9
MORE
ATLANTIC

CARPENTERS
CLOSE TO YOU
PLUS
We've
Only
Just
Begun
10 MORE

JOHNNY
MATHIS
LOVE
STORY
PLUS It's Impossible
My Sweet Lord & MORE

steppenwolf
7
DUNHILL/ABC

LYNN ANDERSON
ROSE
GARDEN
PLUS
Sunday
Morning
Coming
Down
8 MORE

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DELANEY & BONNIE
& FRIENDS
TO BONNIE
FROM DELANEY
Soul Shake
13 MORE

BARBRA STREISAND'S
GREATEST HITS

OTIS REDDING
THE JIMI
HENDRIX
EXPERIENCE
"Live" at The
Monterey
Pop Festival

JAMES
TAYLOR
Sweet
Baby
James

LAWRENCE
WELK
favorites
from the
GOLDEN 60's

The Best of
Peter, Paul
and Mary
TEN YEARS
TOGETHER

NEIL YOUNG
After the Gold Rush

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PERCY FAITH
I THINK I LOVE YOU
PLUS
Theme from "Love Story"
Rose Garden - 8 MORE

THE BEST OF
TOMMY JAMES
& THE SHONDELLS

GARY PUCKETT &
THE UNION GAP'S
GREATEST HITS
Woman, Woman
Young Girl
10 MORE

Burt Bacharach
BUTCH CASSIDY AND
THE SUNDANCE KID
Raindrops
Keep Fallin'
On My Head
Sung by
B.J. THOMAS

THE BEST OF
George Jones
Tell Me
My Lying Eyes
Are Wrong
9 MORE

SIMON &
GARFUNKEL
Bridge Over
Troubled
Water
PLUS
El Condor Pasa
9 MORE

laura nyro
CHRISTMAS
AND THE BEADS
OF SWEAT

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the
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Cash
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Sunday Morning
Coming Down
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ARTHUR FIEDLER
BOSTON POPS
FABULOUS
BROADWAY

IRON BUTTERFLY
In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida

Engelbert
Humperdinck
We Made It
Happen

BLOOD, SWEAT & TEARS
You've Made Me So Happy

RAY
PRICE
FOR THE
GOOD TIMES

Montovani
Today
Leaving
On a
Jet Plane
11 MORE
LONDON

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NATURALLY
ONE MAN BAND

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LEE
LEWIS
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SMASH Feeling - 10 MORE

Aretha Franklin
Spirit in the Dark
PLUS
Don't Play
That Song
10 MORE

MORE OF
THE
BEST OF
BILL
COSBY

SANTANA
COLUMBIA

JIM NABORS
EVERYTHING
IS BEAUTIFUL

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BUDDY MILES
We Got To Live
Together
*
MORE

SERGIO MENDES
& BRASIL '66
GREATEST HITS
Fool on the Hill - 11 MORE

CROSBY, STILLS
NASH & YOUNG
DALLAS TAYLOR
& GREG REEVES
Déja Vu

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SELECTIONS
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or twin-disc
tapes, yet each
double selection
counts as
only one.

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Sing A Mean Tune Kid
Free - 21 MORE
DOUBLE SELECTION

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go with love
PLUS
What the
World Needs
Now Is Love
21 MORE
SCHEPHERD
DOUBLE
SELECTION

GOD
BLESS
AMERICA
SONGS
BY
KATE SMITH
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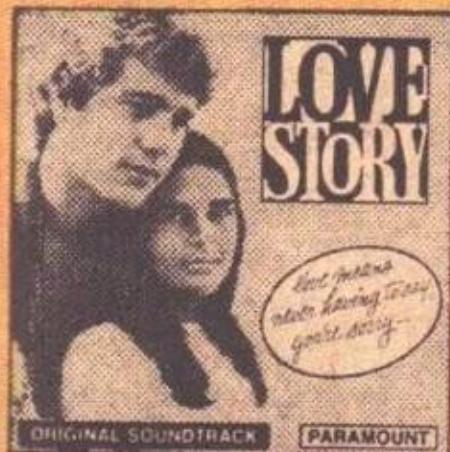
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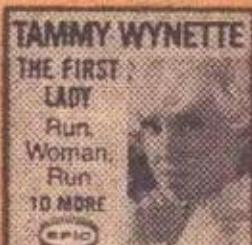
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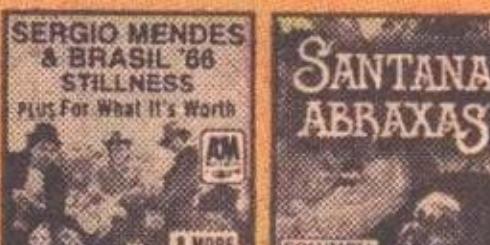
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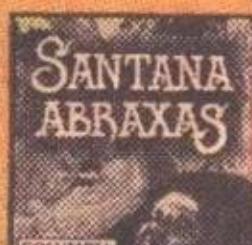
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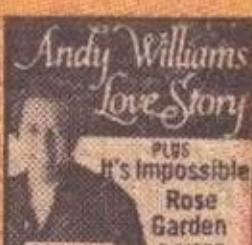
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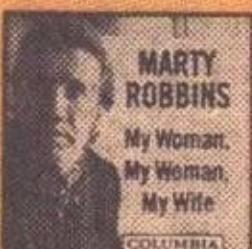
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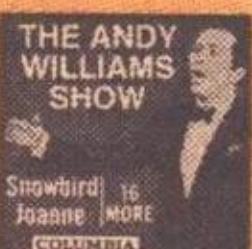
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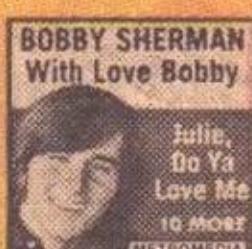
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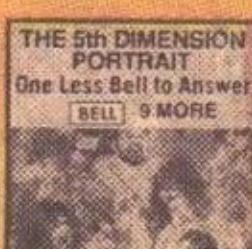
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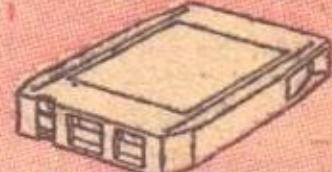
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OR
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OR
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COUPON
TODAY

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Address.....

City.....

State.....

Zip Code.....

Do You Have A Telephone? (check one) YES . . . NO
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OFTEN HAS ROBIN SERVED JUSTICE WITH HIS SKILLS IN COMBAT--BUT IN HIS NEW SURROUNDINGS, SOMETHING MORE IS PUT TO THE TEST...

YOU'RE FREE TO CHOOSE WHAT TO ACCEPT AND REJECT IN THE WORLD OUTSIDE--BUT NOT TO IGNORE IT!

REGARDLESS OF HIS JOB, A MAN WAS VIOLENTLY SHOT!-- YOUR "FAMILY" DOESN'T END AT THE COMMUNE'S BOUNDARIES!

POLICEMAN ROBERT BEEKER IS PART OF IT...AND YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIM!

YOU'VE ALL SEEN PAT WHALON'S TENDENCY TOWARD DESTRUCTION EVEN IN THIS PEACEFUL COMMUNITY!

YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELVES TO ALLOW HIM TO BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL!

AND SO IT GOES, ALL THROUGH THE DARK NIGHT, UNTIL JUST BEFORE DAYBREAK...

THE COMMUNITY HAS AGREED TO ALLOW ROBIN TO PLACE PAT WHALON UNDER ARREST!

WHAT--?

PAT, PLEASE... THAT'S THE DECISION! THE TRIAL WILL PROVE YOU INNOCENT!

SUDDENLY, WITH UNEXPECTED SWIFTNESS...

LOOK! PAT WAS FAKing HIS LIMP! HIS FOOT HAS HEALED!

KEEP BACK, YOU WEAK-KNEES!

SURE, I SHOT NANCY'S OLD MAN--HE WAS ABOUT TO UNCOVER A BOMBING RING I'D HELPED OUT!

YOU'RE ALL LIKE HIM-- AGAINST OUR MOVEMENT!

--AND LIKE HIM, IF YOU'RE NOT WITH US, YOU'VE GOT TO GO!

THEN WITH A DESTRUCTIVE GLEAM IN HIS EYE, PAT WHALON RACES OFF!

HOT-PURSUIT
SECONDS LATER...

THERE HE
IS--HEADING
FOR THE
WOODS!

HE'S STARTING A
BRUSHFIRE! HE
MUST WANT TO
WIPE US ALL OUT!

CRACKLING DRY-
BUSHES SNAP
WITH A DIFFERENT
SOUND NOW...

THE DAWN-
CRACKED MORNING
SKY SUDDENLY
STREAKS WITH A
FIERY HOLOCAUST
OF BRIGHTENING
FLAME...

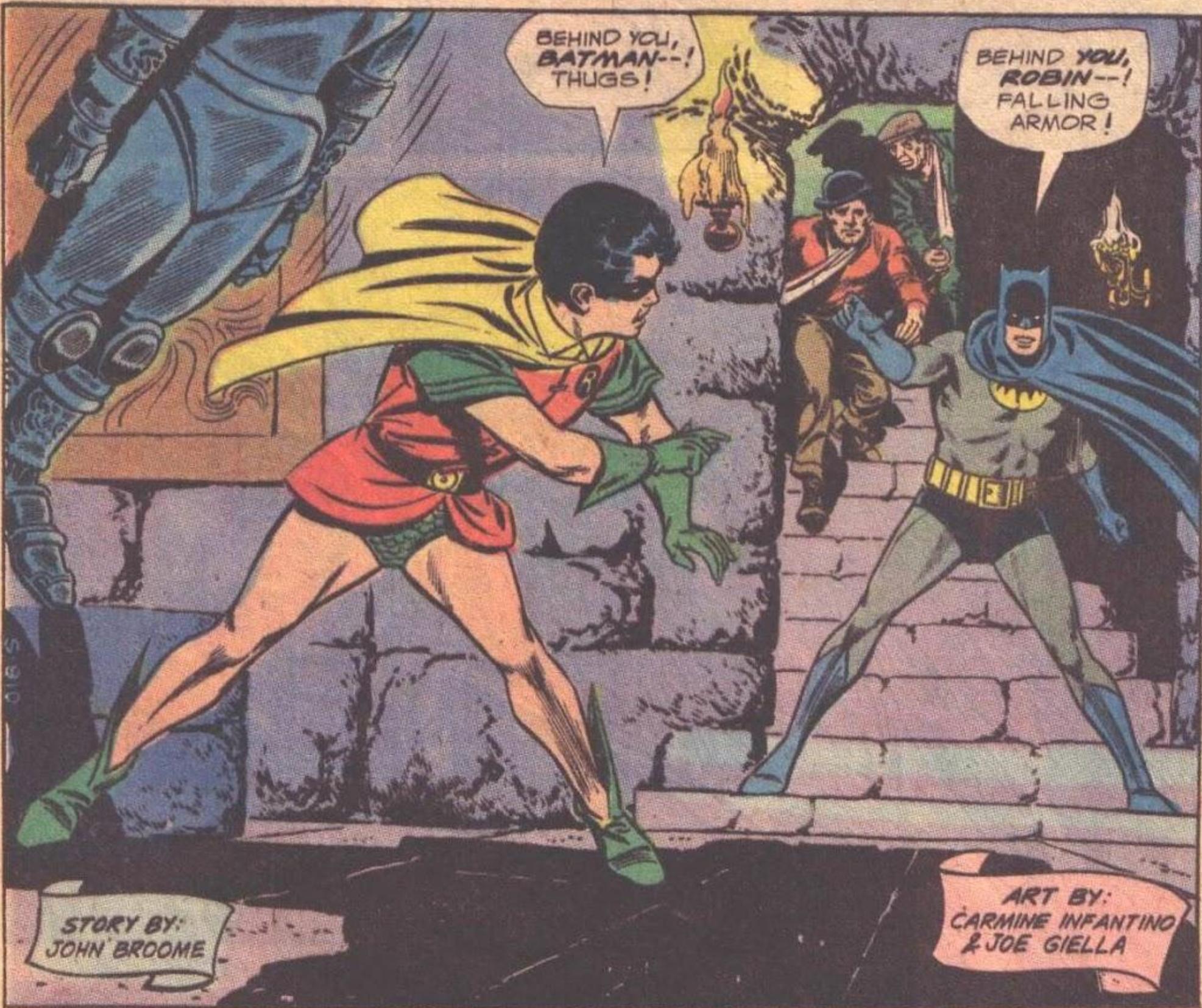
BE HERE FOR NEXT ISSUE'S "RAIN-FIRE!"

BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

FOR THIS ISSUE'S "EXTRA ATTRACTION" WE RETURN TO A NOSTALGIC ERA, WHEN **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** TEAMED UP AS THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS CRIME-FIGHTING DUO... IN --

CASTLE WITH WALL-TO-WALL DANGER!





A BATMAN CLASSIC

AS WEALTHY SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE BREAKFASTS WITH HIS YOUNG WARD DICK GRAYSON...

BRUCE, IT'S THE "HOT-LINE" EXTENSION!*

I'LL TAKE IT, DICK!

RING!



* EDITOR'S NOTE: THE HOT-LINE PROVIDES A DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND BATMAN'S BATCAVE.

BUT WHEN "BATMAN" ANSWERS THE PHONE...

EMERGENCY CALL, COMMISSIONER GORDON?

NOT THIS TIME! I-- er-- JUST WANTED TO ASK YOU A QUESTION! DO YOU REMEMBER A THIEF CALLED PRAGNEL?



FRANK PRAGNEL? HOW COULD I FORGET HIM, COMMISSIONER! HE'S THE ONLY ONE IN THE GANG WHO ELUDDED ME DURING A ONE-MONTH CRIME SPLURGE IN GOTHAM CITY! NEVER COULD FIND A TRACE OF HIM--



THAT'S THE ONE! NOW TELL ME-- HAVE YOU GOT A COPY OF THIS WEEK'S LIFETIME MAGAZINE HANDY?

WHY-- YES!

THE COMMISSIONER SURE IS ACTING STRANGE--AS IF HE'S PLAYING SOME SORT OF JOKE ON ME!



TURN TO PAGE 36... TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THE PHOTOGRAPH...

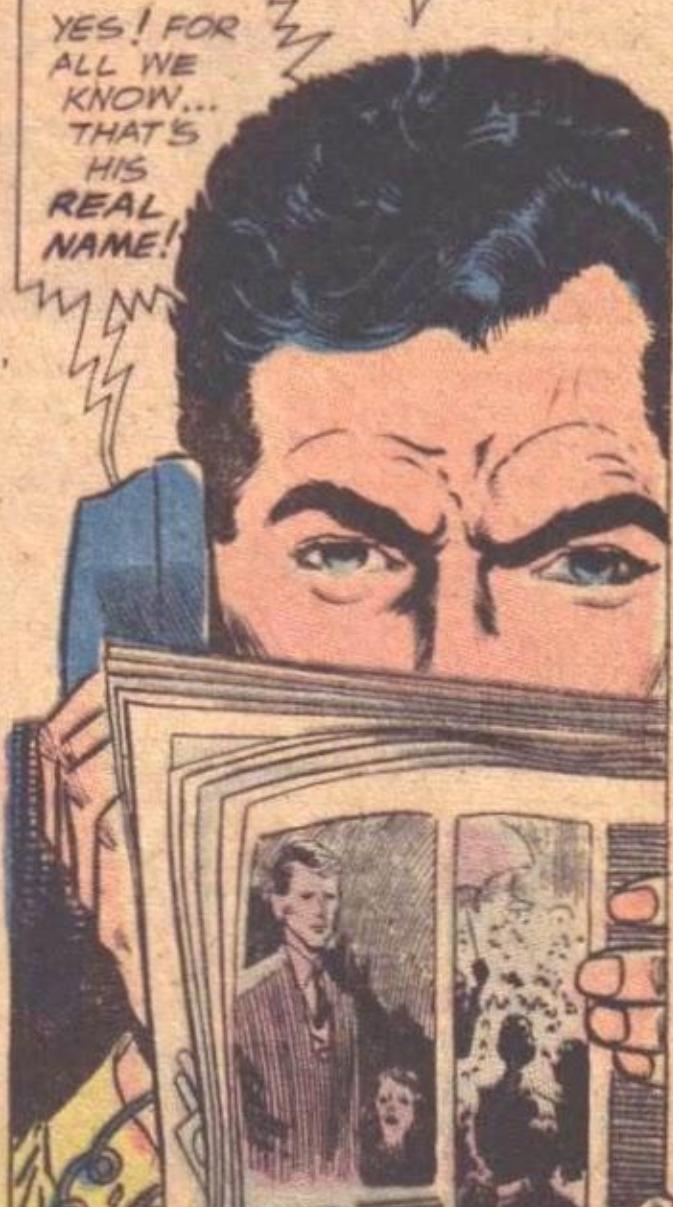
I HAVE IT... oh!?



THE CAPTION UNDER THE PICTURE READS: "A MAN'S CASTLE IS HIS HOME IN ENGLAND... BUT THIS MAN, ALBERT MAUNCH, STROLLS THROUGH HIS ESTATE..."

... ALBERT MAUNCH... THAT'S THE FACE OF PRAGNEL!

YES! FOR ALL WE KNOW... THAT'S HIS REAL NAME!



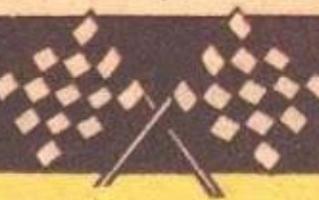


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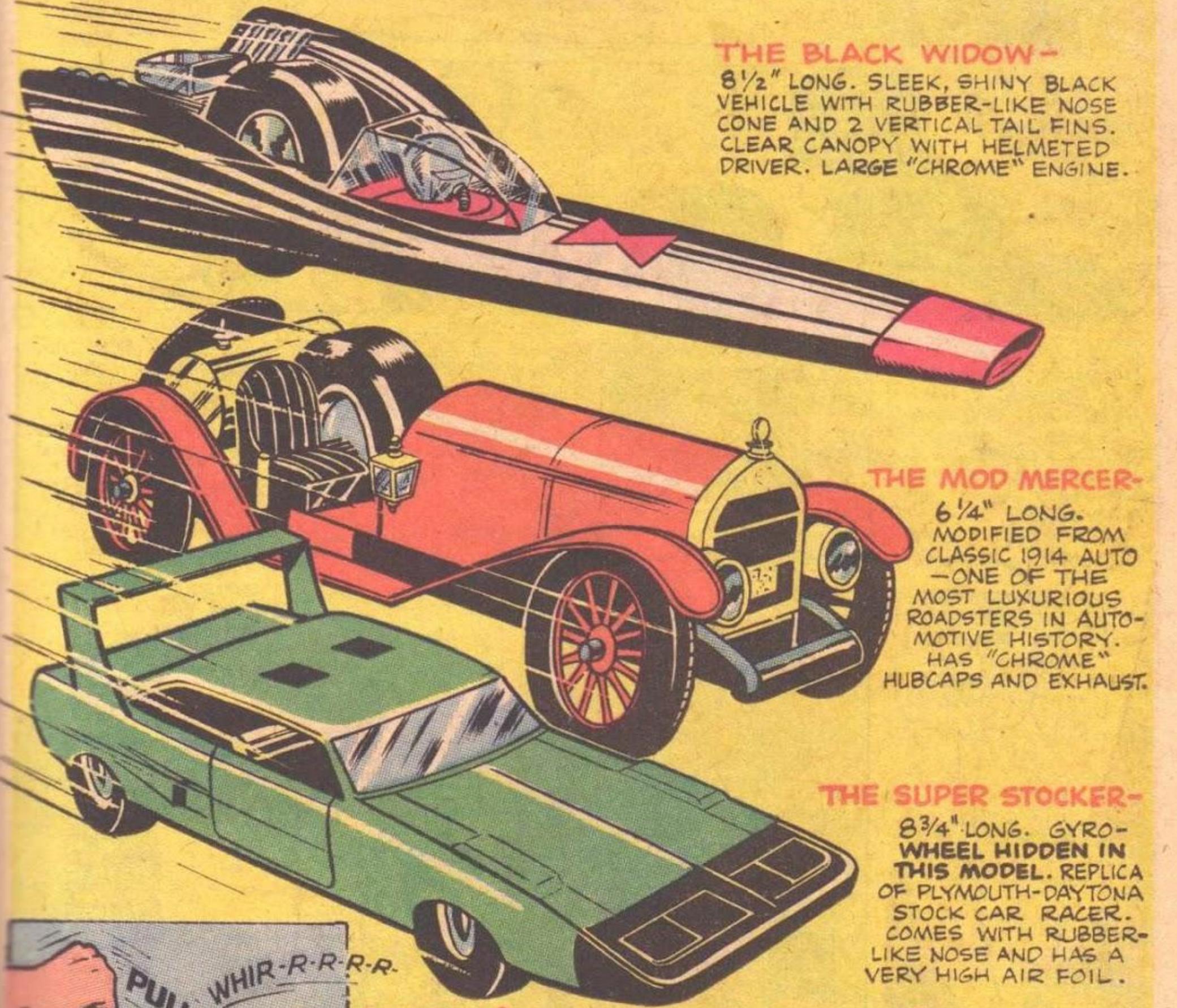
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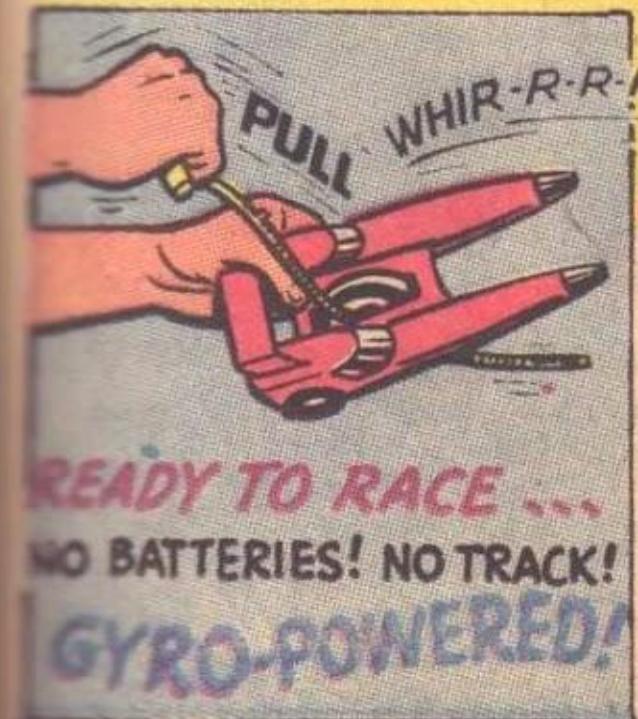
THE MOD MERCER-

6¼" LONG. MODIFIED FROM CLASSIC 1914 AUTO — ONE OF THE MOST LUXURIOUS ROADSTERS IN AUTOMOTIVE HISTORY. HAS "CHROME" HUBCAPS AND EXHAUST.

THE SUPER STOCKER-

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Soon, with
the Batplane
left in a
nearby
meadow...

THERE HE IS, LEADING
THE LIFE OF A
COUNTRY GENTLEMAN.
WHAT A LAUGH!

ON YOUR TOES, ROBIN!
HIS REACTION WILL
DETERMINE OUR
ACTION!

SURPRISED
TO SEE US
HERE, PRAG...

GOOD
GOSH!

BATMAN AND ROBIN! THE
FAMOUS AMERICAN CRIME-
FIGHTERS-- HERE IN
ENGLAND! THIS IS
AN HONOR-- AND A
SURPRISE!

ROBIN, WE'VE MADE A
MISTAKE! IT LOOKED
LIKE PRAGNEL IN THE
PHOTOGRAPH, BUT NOW
I CAN SEE, IT WAS
JUST A CLOSE
RESEMBLANCE!
THIS ISN'T
PRAGNEL AT
ALL!

AS THE COWLED
CRUSADER BRIEFLY
EXPLAINS...

IT'S A CASE OF
MISTAKEN IDENTITY,
MR. MAUNCH! WE
CAME HERE THINKING
YOU WERE SOMEONE
ELSE! NOW THAT
WE'VE FOUND OUT
THE TRUTH, THERE'S
NO POINT IN PRO-
LONGING THIS
INTERVIEW...

WHY ARE
YOU BOTH
STARING
AT ME
LIKE
THAT?

YOU'RE
ABOUT
TO
LEAVE?
BUT
YOU'VE
COME
FROM
SO
FAR...

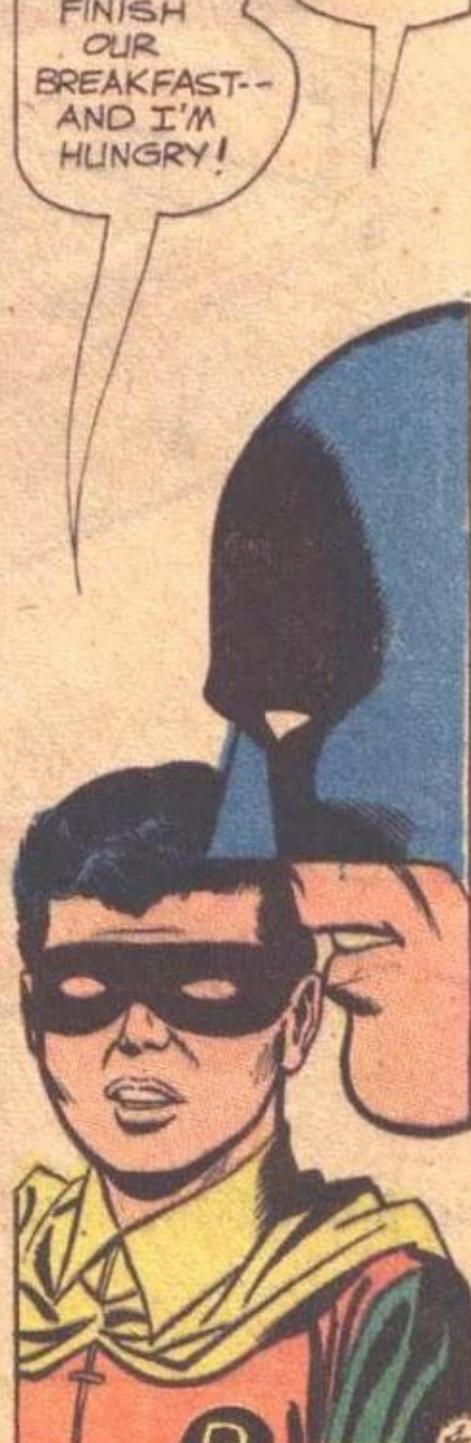
I INSIST YOU BOTH STAY
FOR DINNER! WHEN WORD
GETS ABOUT THAT BAT-
MAN AND ROBIN ARE
GUESTS HERE IN MY
CASTLE, THE ENTIRE
COUNTRYSIDE WILL
BUZZ WITH THE NEWS!

WE REALLY
HAVE TO
GET BACK--

UHM--
THAT
SMELL--
ROAST
BEEF
AND
YORK-
SHIRE
PUDDING...

GOSH,
BATMAN,
COULDN'T
WE STAY
JUST A
FEW HOURS?
WE LEFT
AMERICA
SO FAST,
WE DIDN'T
FINISH
OUR
BREAKFAST--
AND I'M
HUNGRY!

NOW THAT
YOU
MENTION
IT,
ROBIN,
SO AM
I!
OKAY,
WE'LL
STAY!



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A BATMAN CLASSIC



ANCIENT SPEAKING TUBES! I WONDER IF THIS CASTLE HAS ANY OTHER SURPRISES FOR US, ROBIN?

RIGHT NOW, WITH THAT SMELL COMING UP I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING BUT FOOD!

UH? MY FOOT--

THE NEXT INSTANT...

I--I STEPPED ON SOME KIND OF SPRING -- A TRIGGERING DEVICE THAT OPENED THAT TRAPDOOR BELOW-- CAUSING BATMAN TO FALL THROUGH!

BATMAN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? BATMAN...

THE DOOR CLOSED TIGHT! HARD EVEN TO SEE WHERE IT OPENED--!

MEANWHILE BELOW, THE MASKED MANHUNTER IS FALLING HELPLESSLY ...

...TO WHERE?



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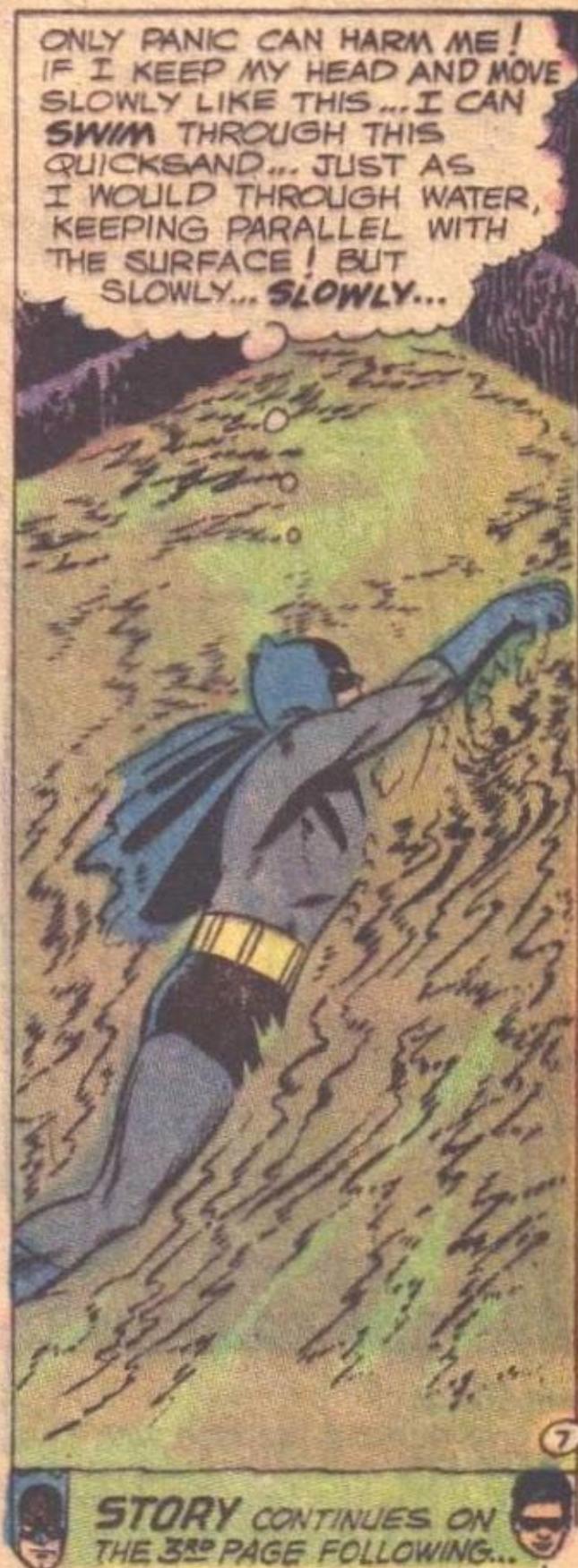
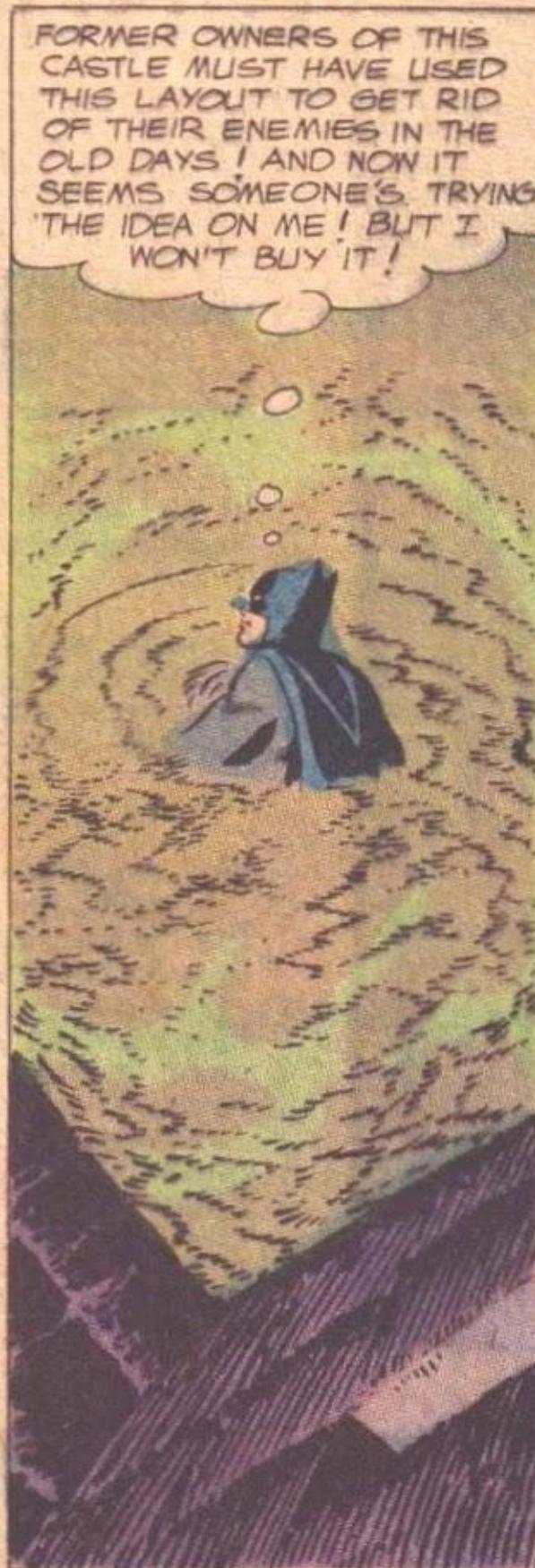
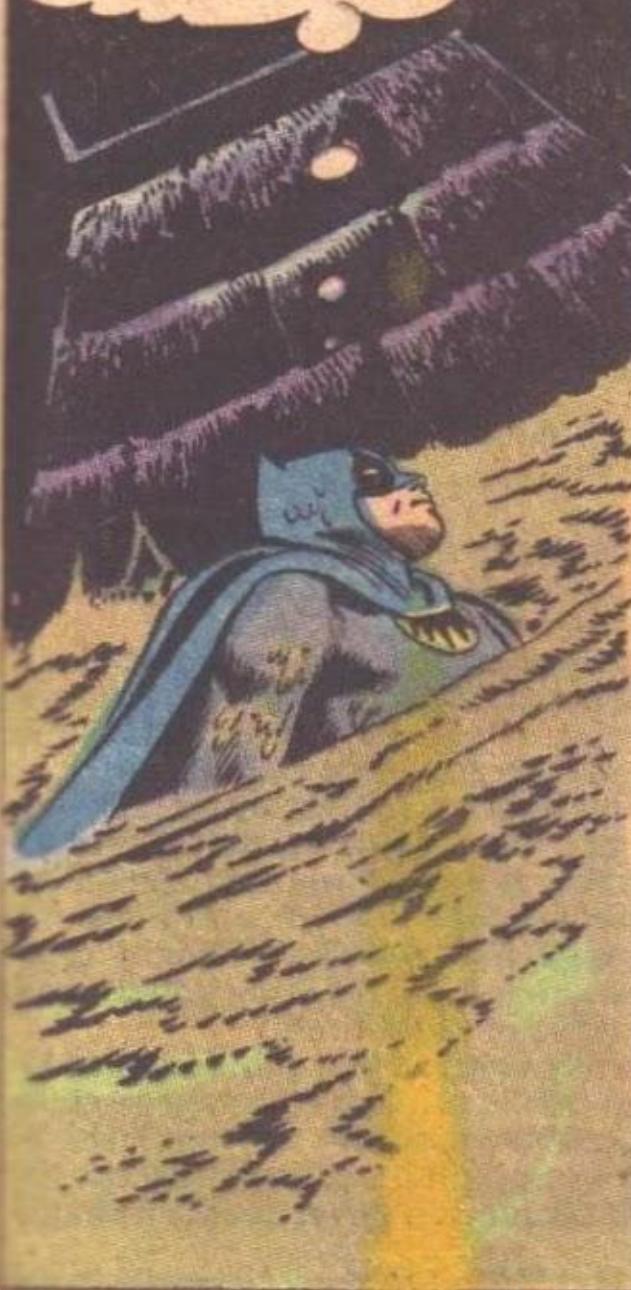


IN THE DIMLY-LIT INTERIOR,
AS BATMAN'S EYES GROW
ACCUSTOMED TO THE WEAK
LIGHT...

I'VE LANDED IN A
BED OF QUICKSAND AT THE
BOTTOM OF THIS PLACE THAT
LOOKS LIKE A DUNGEON!
MUST KEEP MY HEAD...
MUSTN'T MAKE ANY
SUDDEN MOVES... OR
I'LL SINK LOWER!

FORMER OWNERS OF THIS
CASTLE MUST HAVE USED
THIS LAYOUT TO GET RID
OF THEIR ENEMIES IN THE
OLD DAYS! AND NOW IT
SEEMS SOMEONE'S TRYING
THE IDEA ON ME! BUT I
WON'T BUY IT!

ONLY PANIC CAN HARM ME!
IF I KEEP MY HEAD AND MOVE
SLOWLY LIKE THIS... I CAN
SWIM THROUGH THIS
QUICKSAND... JUST AS
I WOULD THROUGH WATER,
KEEPING PARALLEL WITH
THE SURFACE! BUT
SLOWLY... **SLOWLY...**



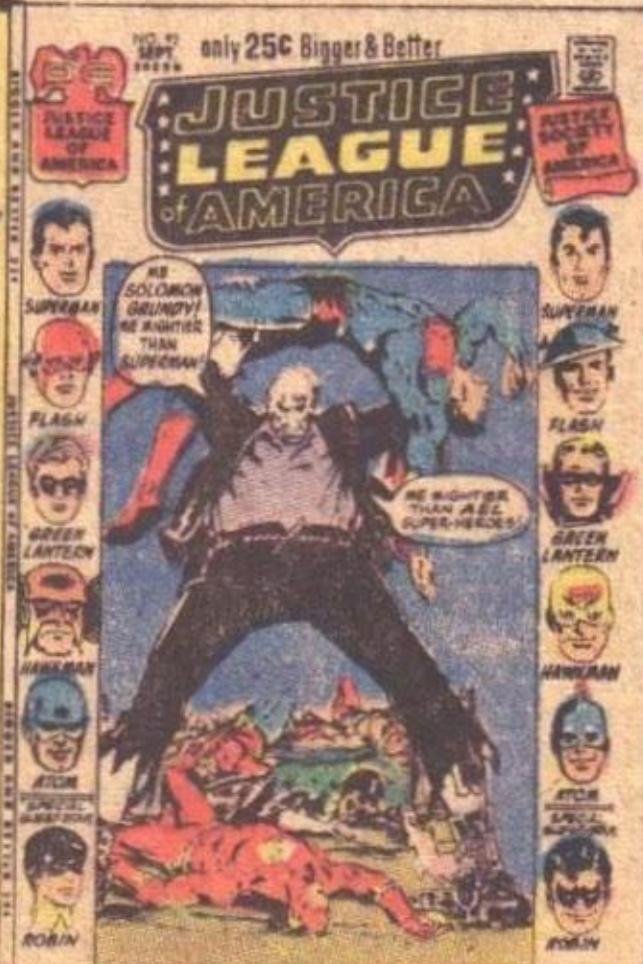
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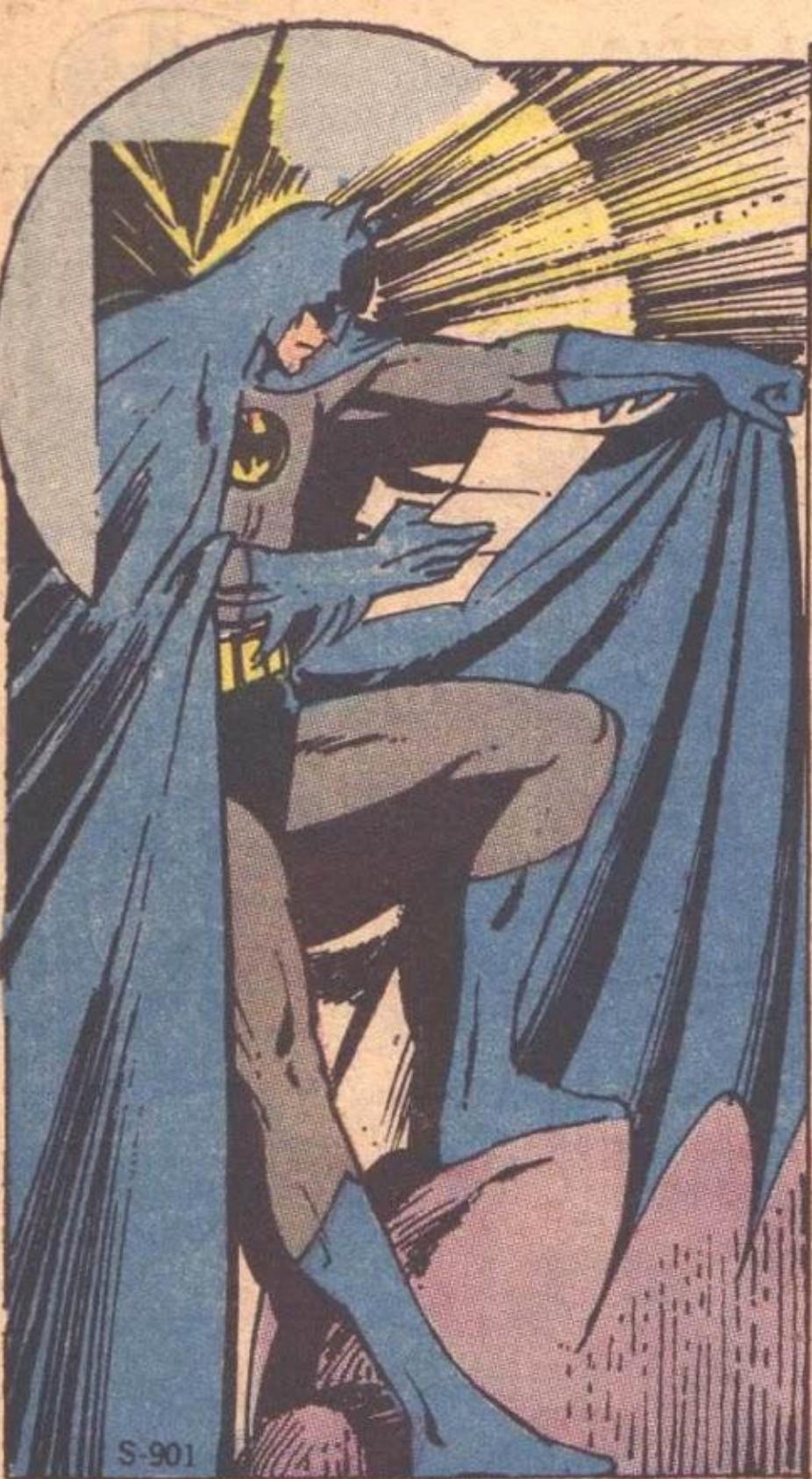
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LETTERS to the BATMAN

barren—there was no jet-starter available, so **Batman** could never have turned up his plane to take off in the last panel.

I think the majority of your readers are not in any position to know anything about aircraft mechanics and they may even have liked the story. I might have liked it, too—IF I hadn't have known better.

I want to thank artist Novick for taking the time to research what he would be drawing so that he produced the only realism in the story. The F-4 didn't act like an F-4 but at least it **looked** like an F-4. If Mr. Robbins was as meticulous in his writing as Mr. Novick was in his art, you, Mr. Schwartz might have gotten a nicer letter from me.

—JIM O'BRIEN, Oberlin, Ohio

(Frankly, we're a know-nothing when it comes to aircraft mechanics . . . so to fill in for us in the answer department we called upon author Robbins himself.—JS)

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Well, Jim O'Brien . . .

Since you're telling me inside-info from behind the "classified-curtain", let me let you in on our **Batman** barracks-room secrets.

First off, if you'd been as observant as you claim I haven't been, you'd have seen that **The Batman's** plane is a two-seater! (Page 10, panel 3). Else he couldn't have taken Reardon back with him!

Second, since **The Batman's** privately built Batjet (patterned after our best, the F-4) has no radio-man navigator, the space normally allotted to bulky electronic equipment is available for extra-fuel capacity, for long-range flight! (P.S. His flight only seemed to take a moment. I don't think you'd want to sweat out five pages of flight-time!)

Third (and probably first), if you think I'm going to tell our **enemies** in public print exactly how to start a Phantom Jet . . . you've blown your mind! Naturally, **The Batman** has a built-in, concealed back-up starting system for his jet . . . governed by a single ignition key!

Fourth, obviously this kind of Yankee ingenuity is necessary since it is unlikely that this will be the last abandoned airstrip **The Batman** may land on, unaided! Unless . . . he gets your very able talents to assist him wherever he goes!

So—now that I've restored **The Batman's** air of realism to the story, how'd you like it?

—FRANK ROBBINS, New York, N.Y.

(And while we're waiting for this follow-up airmail response, let us tune in on the thought-waves of Mr. Average Critic.—JS)

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Dear Editor:

As long as I'm going to go around slicing up Frank Robbins, I should at least have the decency to let him know when he turns out a winner. **Batman** #231 contained just that in "Blind Rage of the Ten-Eyed Man!"

Everything flowed smoothly from beginning to end with precise movement, intrigue and suspense, rare to his previous stories, with the exception of the **Man-Bat** stories. The art meshed well with the script. Here's hoping Frank makes stories like this one more than occasional flukes!

As for the Robin—"Wiped Out" yarn, it made a very nice wrap-up, cleaning the slate for a new story-line. Unlike what seems to be close to a majority,

Dear Editor:

I have finished the Man with Ten Eyes sequel in **Batman** #231 and have a few comments.

First, I like the new Batmobile. It's better than that heap with the one-way windshield.

And then I saw the new Batplane—it really grabbed me. At first I thought Frank Robbins had a great new innovation, but by the end of his story that feeling had been dashed.

Since I am a four-year veteran of the Marine Corps' Air Wing, I recognized America's fastest line of defense, the F-4 Phantom Jet, immediately. I spent my time working on the Grumman A-6 Intruder, but since F-4 squadrons were stationed on either side of us, I learned something of their operations, if only by watching their flight-line.

First of all, every F-4 I ever saw or heard of was a two-seater—the man in the back operating navigation and communications. Second, an F-4 burns a heck of a lot of fuel. Flying to 'Nam would require several time-consuming fuel stops or in-flight refueling—yet, to me, it is portrayed as being an almost momentary flight. Thirdly, would the Pentagon give even **Batman** a highly classified and confidential jet? Where would it be kept securely? Etc., etc.

Now, for a short lesson in aircraft starting. To start an A-6, you (editorially censored) . . . The F-4 uses this jet-start and I can conceive of no other way to start a jet-plane. Thus, on page ten, with the introduction of an ignition key, the bottom falls out, the reality is gone, the rest of the story is science-fiction and a farce at that. You don't turn on the key and step on the accelerator, man. Also, since the landing field in 'Nam is depicted as being

I find this strip very enjoyable, especially recent episodes. Mike Friedrich is fast becoming one of the field's top scripters. I hope that he won't have Dick's secret identity and relationship to Terri (I like her) mimic that of the Peter Parker-Gwen Stacy relationship.

—JOHN D. WARNER, Santa Cruz, Cal.

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Dear Editor:

"Blind Rage of the Ten-Eyed Man" was another of Frank Robbins' usually fine stories. You have to admire this guy's style. A stickler for details, he doesn't let detail dominate the story.

Reardon (Ten-Eyes) is a welcome change. **Batman** needs some new adversaries in this category. When **Man-Bat** made his debut in **Detective** #400, he showed promise. But in each of his follow-up appearances, he was more limited, until he just wasn't interesting anymore. I expected the same with Ten Eyes: a plot used over and over again, with only small changes in script. So score one for you. Reardon's second appearance was as good as his first. He seems to reflect a touch of the Golden Age in his creation. His personality has been developed just right; his one motivation is to inflict his own punishment on the man he holds responsible for his blindness: **The Batman**. But since this is his **only** reason for being a criminal, it would be wise to drop him for a while, or he'll get stale. But don't let him go—he's good for a couple more appearances. Now if we fanatics could only get you to bring back **Scarecrow**, **Catwoman**, etc.

The **Robin** story was much improved over Part One in the previous issue. Things went so fast it was hard to keep up, but at least it was interesting! Terri Bergstrom is a long-awaited angel of mercy. I don't think I could have stood another of Dick Grayson's crushes on a one-shot character. Besides, Terri's little cryptic statements here and there really have me going. Does she know something Dick doesn't? Or something that Dick doesn't know she knows?

—SCOTT GIBSON, Sterling, Colo.

(All we know is that **Mike Friedrich** better know! —JS)

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Dear Editor:

Since the first story about the Man with Ten Eyes prompted me to write a letter pointing out five things wrong with the tale, I guess it is only fitting that the sequel should result in five more complaints. So here goes:

(1) **Batman**, the great detective, while trying to find Reardon, obviously never looked at a photo of his quarry or he would have recognized him as the Man with Ten Eyes.

(2) Nobody from the airlife seems to question Reardon's credentials or bothers to check up on him before they hire him. If they had, they would have found out that he was wanted in connection with the robbery.

(3) Whoever heard of any pilot being able to land a passenger-jet in the middle of a jungle and then taking off again?

(4) Though I don't think that **Batman** would have jumped in the Batjet and flown away, leaving Reardon alone in the jungle, it seems pretty stupid on the **Caped Crusader's** part to leave the ignition key where Ten Eyes could get it.

(5) And finally, though I don't know much about magnesium flares, it seems to me that the "Bouncing Betty" exploding at such close range should have scorched **Batman's** costume (and **Batman**) a bit.

No doubt we have not seen the last of the Man with Ten Eyes, so rest assured that when he reappears, I'll be back with another five nays. (Ten eyes, five nays. Get it?)

—BOB RAZAKIS, Elmont, N.Y.

Five will get you ten you'll have run out of nay's by

the time a third **Ten-Eyed Man** comes your way.—JS)

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Dear Editor:

Of late, you've been going all out on your **Batman** covers, as evidenced by the current one (#281). It was an intriguing lead-in to a fabulous story.

Frank Robbins was in a terrible slump. Up until "Blind Rage of the Ten-Eyed Man", there'd been only one tale of his in the last two months that was any good. Now Mr. Robbins is back once more on the upward road. This second yarn in the Ten-Eyed Man series has definitely made me hungry for more. Since the chances of seeing more **Man-Bat** tales are nil, I hope you follow up on Ten Eyes again soon.

This tale was succulently spiced by a different setting, surprising plot twists, a highly literate style of writing, and photographic art. The Novick-Giordano team becomes more Adams-like with every issue.

No one can surpass **Mike Friedrich** as a **Robin**-scripter. "Wiped Out" was extremely well-plotted and interestingly written, with a sharp sense of continuity and effective interweaving of plot-lines.

—GERARD TRIANO, Elmont, N.Y.

(If the chances are "nil" (your estimate) for another **Man-Bat** story (we've scheduled "Man-Bat Madness" for the October **Detective**), the chance should be equally good for another Ten Eyes seeing Print.—JS)

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Dear Editor:

In a short five years, the **Batman** of television, caped clown and butt of every bat-joke ever made, has risen above his past standards of excellence. No longer are the stories ridiculous with fantastic scientific gizmos that do everything under the sun. In the past year of **Batman** stories, the readers have seen only a rope and the occasional batarang come out of the utility belt.

But still, jeers will persist as the mere mention of **Batman** to non-readers conjures up ideas of a fat clown that is the sum total of all camp. The movie version was not too bad and helped to round out his following with different personalities. But television was his downfall.

Likewise with **The Batman** whose adventures on the silver screen in 1943 and 1949 are to be admired as good efforts even today, but whose TV series was found wanting.

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I could close this letter by saying, "Don't change **Batman**; just leave him the way he is"—but that would never do. For the way of DC in the seventies is not that of stagnation. With **The Batman**, it has never been that way!

—DAVE SIM, Kitchener, Ont., Can.

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CASTLE WITH WALL-TO-WALL DANGER

PART
2

CAREFULLY, CAUTIOUSLY, THE TRAPPED CRUSADER SWIM-STROKES HIS WAY TO A SHEER BLOCK WALL...

GOT TO USE THE CRACKS BETWEEN THE STONE BLOCKS... TO HAUL MYSELF UP SOMEHOW! THAT SLIT WINDOW--



AS MUSCLES STRAIN MIGHTILY...

THE SAND CLINGS... LIKE LIQUID LEAD! I WEIGH A TON! BUT I'M GETTING UP OUT OF IT... I'M PULLING LOOSE!

AT THE LONE APERTURE, AFTER AN AGONY OF EFFORT...

I CAN JUST BARELY SLIDE THROUGH! *Whew!* ONE INCH NARROWER AND I'D STILL BE IN TROUBLE!

SHORTLY, A REUNION, MARKED BY ROBIN'S HEARTFELT RELIEF AT HIS FRIEND'S SAFETY...

...AND RIGHT AFTER YOU DISAPPEARED I TRIED TO FIND MAUNCH-- TO HELP ME REACH YOU! BUT NO SIGN OF HIM...

HERE HE IS NOW...



WHAT HAPPENED? BATMAN-- IS ANYTHING WRONG?

HE KNOWS SOMETHING HAPPENED--! BUT I CAN'T PIN IT ON HIM YET...





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AFTER THE COWLED CHAMPION HAS REVEALED WHAT TOOK PLACE...

WHY, YES, I KNEW ABOUT THIS ANCIENT DEVICE--BUT IT DIDN'T WORK WHEN I TESTED IT! SOMEONE MUST HAVE FIXED IT--SET IT TO BE TRIPPED AGAIN!

BUT WHO IS THAT SOMEONE?

SHORTLY, AT DINNER, A SUMPTUOUS REPAST...

I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW SORRY I AM FOR WHAT OCCURRED, BATMAN! BUT OF COURSE IT COULD HAVE BEEN AN ACCIDENT!

STRANGE... HOW MUCH HE LOOKS LIKE DRAGNEL!

LATER...

BOY, I FEEL BETTER! I COULD LICK A CASEFUL OF TIGERS NOW! ... BUT YOU DIDN'T SWALLOW MAUNCH'S ACCIDENT-TIDBIT, DID YOU?

NOT QUITE! THAT'S WHY WE'RE NOT LEAVING HERE...

...UNTIL WE GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS MYSTERY! COME ON, LET'S HAVE A LOOK AROUND THE REST OF THIS CASTLE--WITH MR. MAUNCH'S PERMISSION, OF COURSE!

SWELL! I'M READY!

AFTER THE ENGLISH-MAN HAS INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO LET HIS FAMOUS GUESTS EXPLORE THE CASTLE FREELY...

WE'LL START UP-STAIRS! WHOEVER TRIGGERED THAT TRIPPING DEVICE COULD HAVE REACHED IT MOST EASILY FROM UP HERE...

...WITHOUT BEING SEEN... ROBIN! LOOK OUT--!



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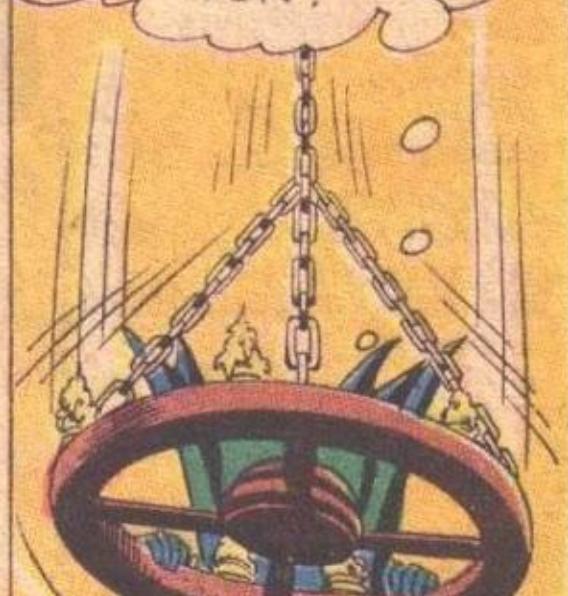


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THAT BATMAN... REALLY FLIES!



THE THIRD ONE GOT AWAY, BATMAN! HE MUST HAVE SLIPPED THROUGH ONE OF THOSE SECRET DOORS THESE CASTLE WALLS SEEM FULL OF!



AFTER THE TWO THUGS HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE LOCAL POLICE, STILL REFUSING TO TALK...

WHERE DID OUR ATTACKERS COME FROM, BATMAN? WHO IS THE TRENCH-COATED MAN? THIS MYSTERY GETS DEEPER EVERY MINUTE!

COULD IT HAVE BEEN MAUNCH? BUT WHY WOULD HE--?



MEANWHILE, IN THE CAVERNOUS DEPTHS OF THE ANCIENT CASTLE...

I'VE GOT TOO MUCH AT STAKE TO LET BATMAN AND ROBIN STOP ME NOW! NEXT TIME WE MEET, I WON'T BUNGLE THE JOB!

I WARN YOU, VINCENT! IF YOU USE THAT GUN YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY!



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ARE YOU SO PROUD OF YOUR LIFE IN AMERICA?

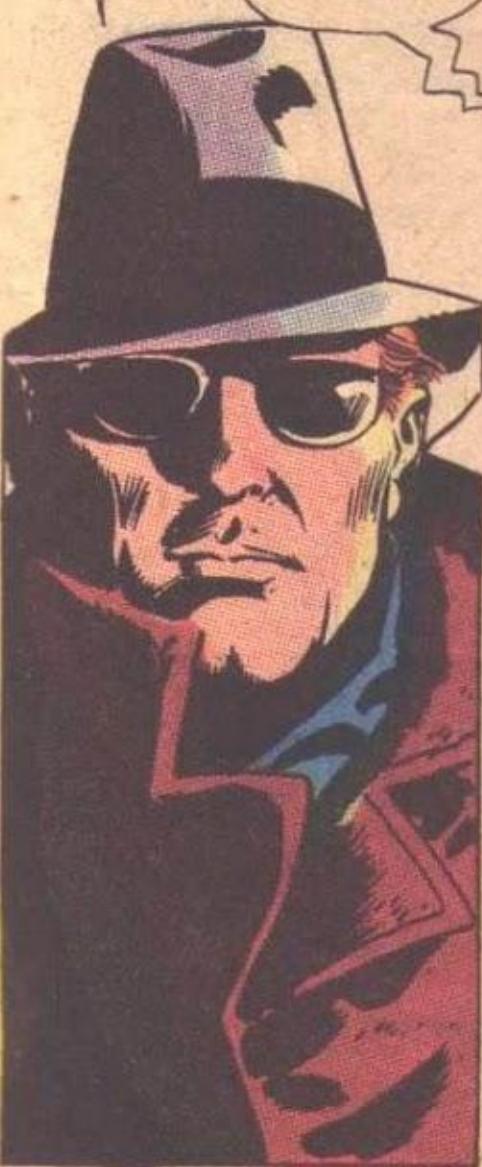
WHAT DID YOU DO THERE BUT ROB AND STEAL? YOU'D BE THERE STILL EXCEPT THAT YOU HEARD I'D BOUGHT THIS OLD, UNUSED CASTLE ...

AND THAT YOU WERE ON THE TRAIL...

...OF A VERY INTERESTING TREASURE HOARD! YES! YOU COULDN'T KEEP INFORMATION LIKE THAT FROM ME, COUSIN! I CAME BACK TO HELP YOU FIND IT--HA-HA! AND I'M VERY CLOSE TO STRIKING PAY-DIRT! I DON'T KNOW HOW BATMAN AND ROBIN TRAILED ME HERE BUT A COUPLE OF GUN-SHOTS WILL SILENCE THEM FOR GOOD!

YOU'RE VILE--EVIL!

CAREFUL! THERE ARE MORE THAN TWO BULLETS IN THIS GUN! JUST KEEP FOLLOWING MY ORDERS, CUZ--IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU ... AND YOUR FAMILY!



ONE MOMENT, THE GREAT HALL ABOVE IS EMPTY EXCEPT FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN! THE NEXT MOMENT...

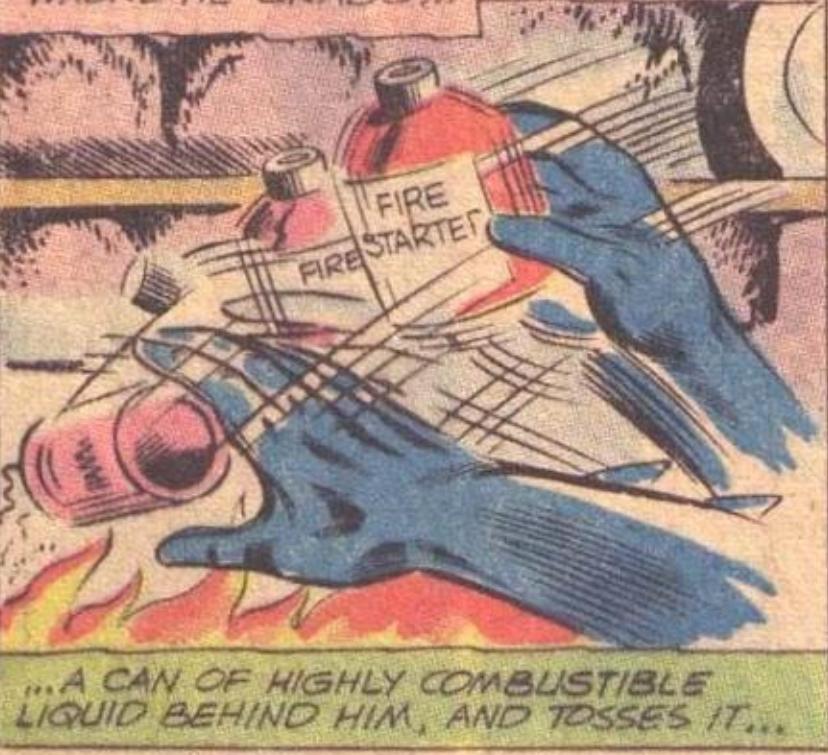
MR. TRENCH-COAT--!

SORRY IN A WAY THIS DUEL HAS TO END! I WAS GETTING A KICK OUT OF IT! BUT THAT'S LIFE, eh? HA, HA...



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THEN FOLLOWS AN ACTION THAT OCCURS
FASTER THAN ONE CAN TELL ABOUT IT!
WITH A WHIPLIKE MOTION, BATMAN'S
ARM GOES UP TOWARD THE MANTLE...
WHERE HE GRABS...



...WITH ALMOST THE SAME MOTION INTO
THE FIRE, AS HE DIVES FORWARD AND
DOWN...



AND IN THE
FOLLOW-UP
MOMENT...

BULLY FOR
YOU,
BATMAN!
LET HIM
HAVE IT!

HUH? I GUESS
MR. MAUNCH IS
ON OUR SIDE,
AFTER ALL!



PRAGNEL!?
HOW ABOUT
THAT! WE'VE
CAPTURED
OUR QUARRY
AFTER ALL!

HIS REAL NAME IS
VINCENT MAUNCH--
MY COUSIN! THAT'S
WHY WE LOOK
ALIKE!

YEARS AGO A BAND
OF NAZIS, FLEEING
GERMANY TOWARD THE
END OF WORLD WAR II,
FLYED HERE TO
ENGLAND--CARRY-
ING WITH THEM A
FORTUNE IN GOLD
FROM THEIR TREASURY!
THE FUGITIVES WERE
SOON CAPTURED,
BUT THE GOLD
WAS NEVER
FOUND!





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I STARTED TO SEARCH FOR THE LOST TREASURE A DECADE AGO ! GRADUALLY THE TRAIL LED ME HERE TO THIS CASTLE ! I MANAGED TO RAISE FUNDS AND BUY IT--IN ORDER TO CONTINUE MY SEARCH ! BUT VINCENT FOUND OUT--AND DECIDED TO REAP THE BENEFIT OF ALL MY EFFORTS !



FROM THE MOMENT OF HIS ARRIVAL HERE WITH HIS TWO HENCHMEN, WE LIVED IN FEAR ! HE KEPT MY WIFE AND CHILDREN LOCKED UP IN THEIR ROOM -- WHILE HE AND THE OTHERS DUG FOR THE GOLD ! THAT'S WHY WHEN YOU ARRIVED HERE, I ASKED YOU TO STAY-- HOPING YOU COULD HELP ME ...



BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU SIMPLY ASK US OUT-RIGHT TO HELP ?

MY COUSIN THREATENED ME THAT IF I DID, MY FAMILY WOULD NEVER LEAVE THEIR LOCKED ROOM ALIVE !



IT JUST STRUCK ME WHAT A CURIOUS TURN THIS CASE TOOK ! WHEN PRAGNEL SAW US, HE MISTAKENLY THOUGHT WE HAD FOLLOWED HIM HERE TO ARREST HIM--SO HE TRIED TO GET RID OF US ! IF HE'D ONLY HELD OFF MAKING A MOVE AGAINST US, WE WOULD HAVE LEFT SOON ENOUGH -- WITHOUT SUSPECTING A THING !

AS MAUNCH'S FAMILY IS RELEASED FROM THE LOCKED ROOM IN ANOTHER WING OF THE CASTLE ...

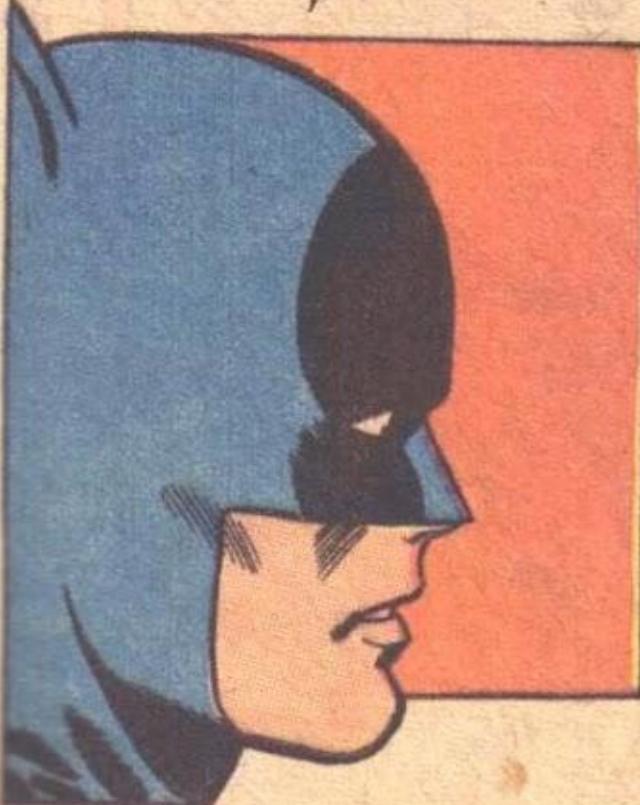
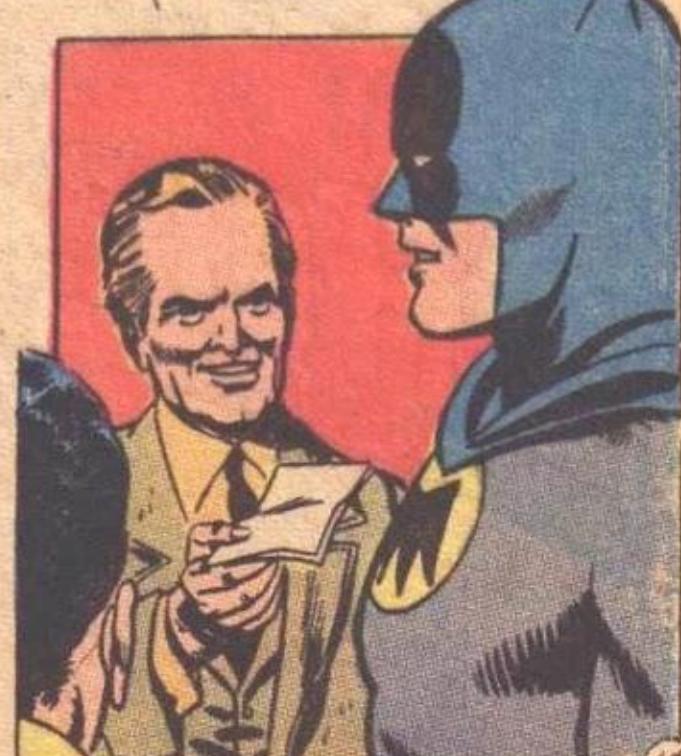
AS THEY SAY IN STORY BOOKS, "ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL !"



IN DUE COURSE, EXTRADITION IS APPROVED...

HERE ARE THE PAPERS TO TAKE "PRAGNEL" BACK TO AMERICA FOR TRIAL ! AND PERMIT ME TO CONGRATULATE YOU, BATMAN AND ROBIN, ON YOUR REMARKABLE DETECTIVE WORK IN THIS CASE !

THANK YOU, INSPECTOR !



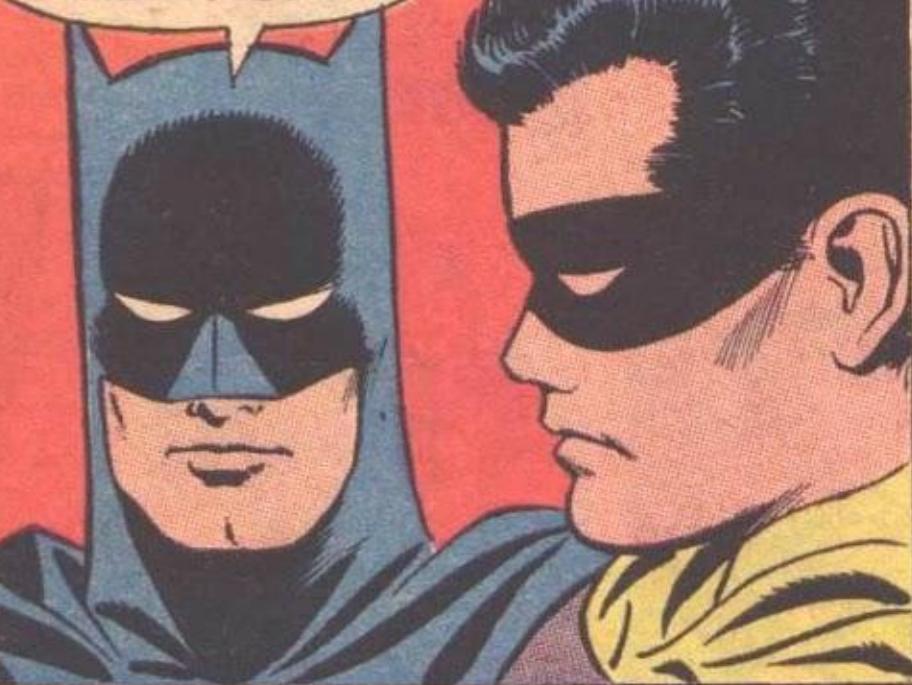
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ODD, ROBIN! WE'VE SELDOM DONE LESS DEDUCTION ON A CASE! IT SEEMS TO ME THAT MAINLY WE HAD TO THINK FAST AND ACT FAST--

HOW TRUE...

...BUT WHO AM I TO ARGUE WITH SCOTLAND YARD?

RIGHT! LET'S GO, PRAGNEL! NEXT STOP-- GOTHAM CITY!



WEEKS LATER...

TREASURE COMES TO
LIGHT IN ENGLAND!
NAZI GOLD LONG
BURIED FOUND!

DICK! MAUNCH FOUND THE TREASURE! AND ACCORDING TO THIS NEWS REPORT HE HAS MADE OUT A CHECK FOR \$50,000 TO BE PAID TO THE FAVORITE CHARITY OF BATMAN AND ROBIN-- IN GRATITUDE FOR WHAT THEY DID FOR HIM AND HIS FAMILY!

GOSH! HE SURE IS A SWELL GUY, BRUCE!

AS DECENT AND HONEST-- AS HIS COUSIN IS DISHONEST! AND WITH PRAGNEL FINALLY IN JAIL, I GUESS THEY BOTH NOW HAVE WHAT THEY DESERVE!

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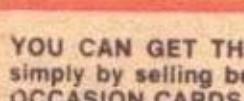
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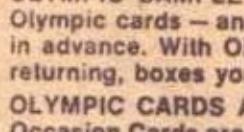
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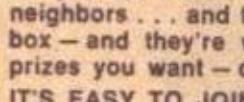
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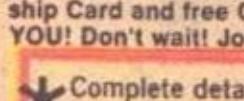
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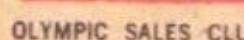
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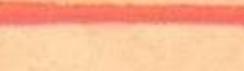
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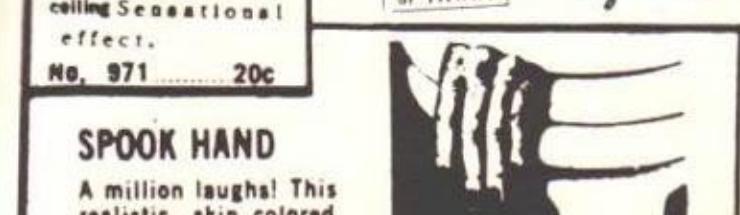
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