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BATMAN

Now it Can
Be Told!

The 100
SECRETS OF
BATMAN'S
SILKEN CORD!

AN AMAZING
DRAMA THAT
ROCKED
GOTHAM CITY...

"The
Mystery
Rope!"



LEAVE IT TO

Binky

LOST--A FREE EDUCATION!

HOW COME YOU WEREN'T IN SCHOOL TODAY, TIM?

I WAS BUSY LINING UP A JOB FOR MYSELF. I'M GONNA QUIT SCHOOL, BINKY!

HECK, I WANT TO MAKE SOME MONEY NOW AND HAVE A GOOD TIME INSTEAD OF GETTING SOME MORE BOOK KNOWLEDGE.

YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE, TIM. YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF AND TO THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU TO CONTINUE IN SCHOOL...

SAWYER'S GROCERY STORE

YOU'RE THROWING AWAY A WONDERFUL FREE EDUCATION THAT MANY PEOPLE TODAY WOULD GIVE THEIR EYE-TEETH TO HAVE.

YOU'RE NOT KIDDING, BINKY...

LOOK AT ME! I HAD THE SAME IDEA FIVE YEARS AGO. SO I GOT A JOB WITH SAWYER'S AND WAS ON TOP OF THE WORLD.

AND WHAT HAPPENED? ALL MY CLASSMATES WHO FINISHED SCHOOL HAVE GOOD JOBS WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCEMENT--AND I'M STILL AN ERRAND BOY AT SAWYER'S, WITH NO PLACE TO GO!

NOW I'VE GOT TO GO BACK TO NIGHT SCHOOL TO CATCH UP. DON'T BE A CHUMP, TIM! GO BACK TO SCHOOL!

WELL... MAYBE I OUGHT TO THINK IT OVER!

YES, EVERYBODY SHOULD THINK IT OVER--AND REMEMBER THAT EDUCATION IS MORE THAN PUTTING LEARNING INTO YOUR HEAD. IT MAKES A BETTER PERSON OF YOU--A MORE USEFUL CITIZEN, ABLE TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEMS IN LIFE YOU'LL BE FACED WITH!

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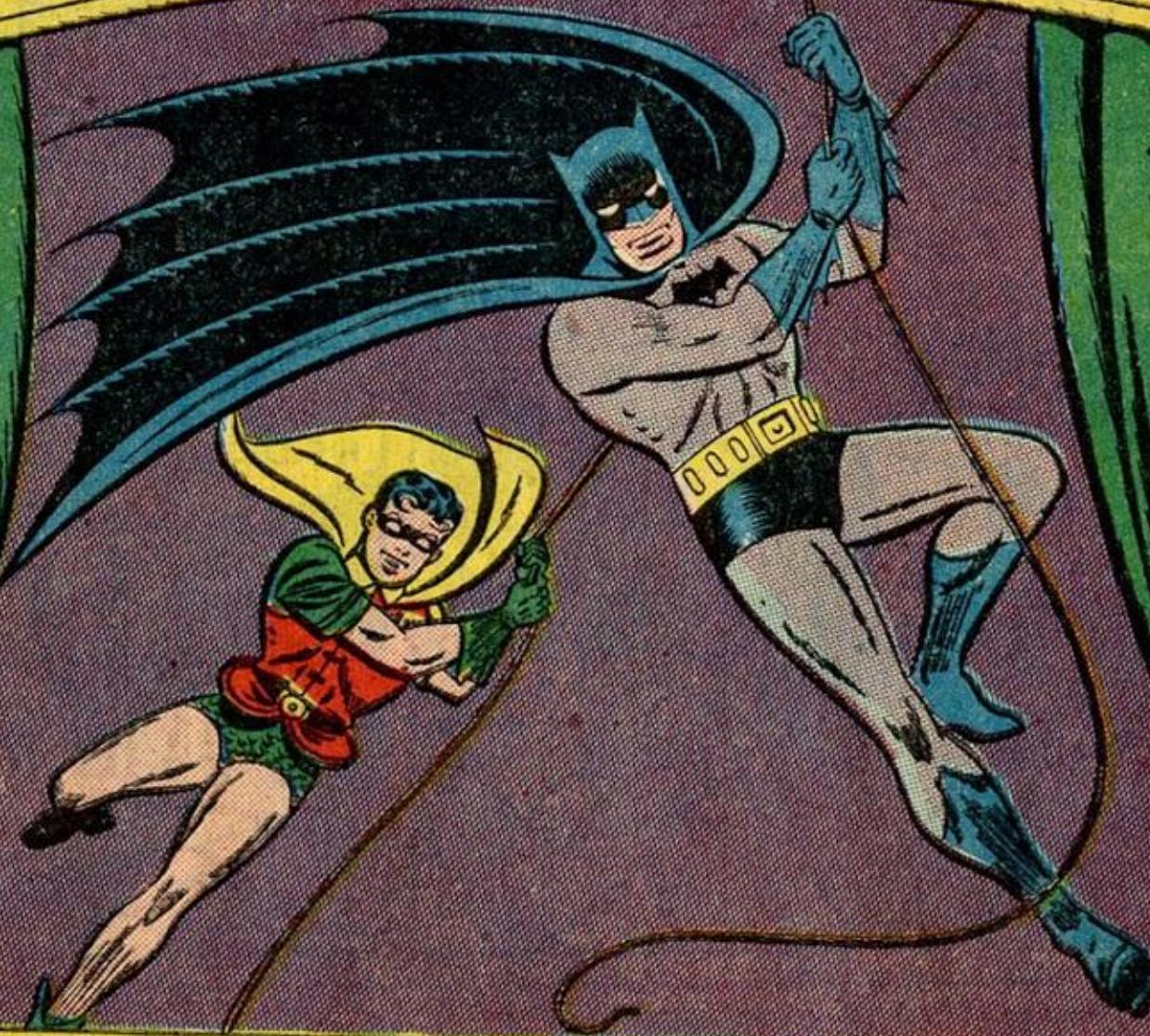


BATMAN



BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-



YOU'VE PROBABLY ACCEPTED THE EXISTENCE OF SILKEN STRANDS THAT BATMAN AND ROBIN USE SO SKILLFULLY IN SOARING FROM ROOFTOP TO ROOFTOP. BUT DID YOU EVER REALIZE THAT THE DYNAMIC DUO HAD NOT ONE BUT SEVERAL TYPES OF THESE SO-CALLED "TRAVELING-CORDS"-- EACH TO SUIT A DIFFERENT PURPOSE? AND DO YOU KNOW THE THRILLING STORIES BEHIND THESE INTERESTING ACCESSORIES USED AGAINST CRIME? IF YOU DON'T--YOU'RE IN FOR A TREAT--A SPELL-BINDING ADVENTURE IN SUSPENSE AND EXCITEMENT THAT'S ALL TIED UP IN ...

THE MYSTERY Rope!

BOB KANE

ONE NIGHT, IN THE GOTHAM CITY HOME OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE, AND HIS WARD DICK GRAYSON, WHO ARE SECRETLY **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN THE BOY WONDER**...

WHAT HAVE YOU THERE, BRUCE?

THIS IS FIBER V, DICK--THE NEWEST SYNTHETIC TEXTILE. I WANT TO TEST IT FOR POSSIBLE USE AS ONE OF OUR "TRAVELING CORDS"...

ABRUPTLY...

OH-OH! LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL HAVE TO POSTPONE THE TEST. THERE GOES THE **BAT-SIGNAL** AGAIN!

RIGHT! LET'S GO! TIME FOR US TO CHANGE INTO **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

AND LATER, IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

TWO THINGS, **BATMAN**! FIRST--WE'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT JINX BOLEY HAS ESCAPED FROM JAIL AND IS HEADED THIS WAY...

JINX BOLEY! I REMEMBER--I SENT HIM UP... A CONFIRMED JEWEL THIEF!

AS I RECALL, JINX IS VERY SUPERSTITIOUS, PARTICULARLY ABOUT NUMBERS. HE CONSIDERED "7"--OR ANYTHING THAT ADDED UP TO IT-- HIS LUCKY NUMBER.

PRECISELY! JINX ESCAPED AT 7 P.M. LAST NIGHT-- THE 7TH DAY OF THE 7TH MONTH! AND WE CAN EXPECT TROUBLE FROM HIM SOON!

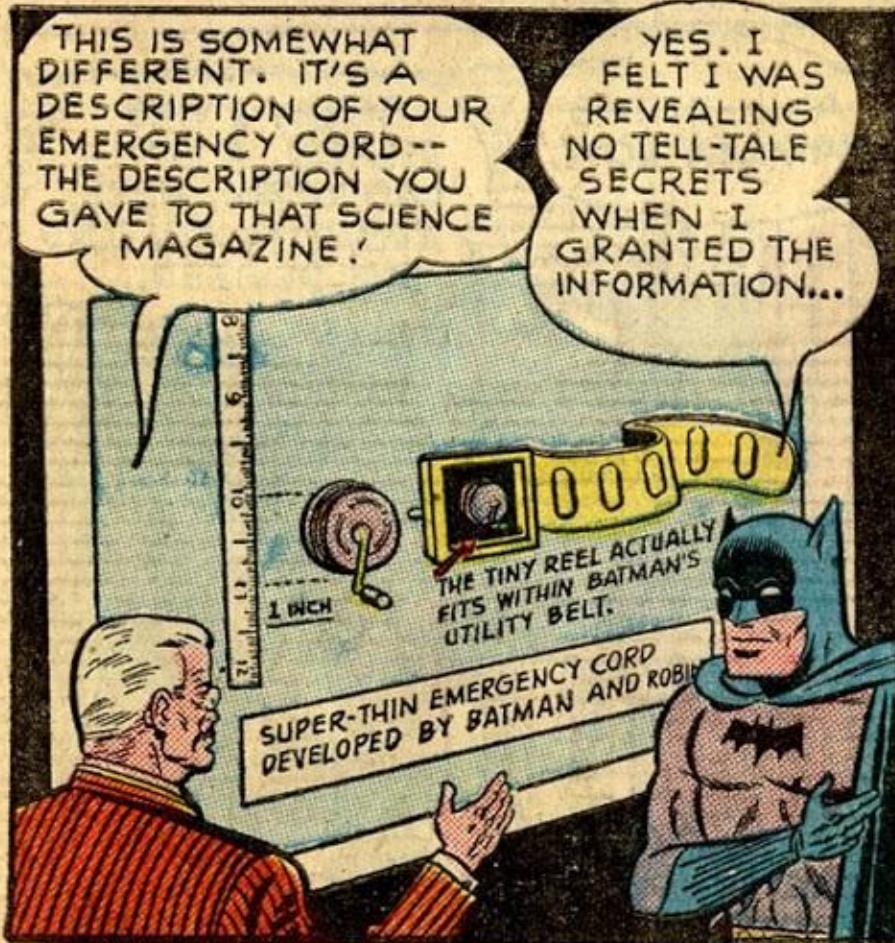
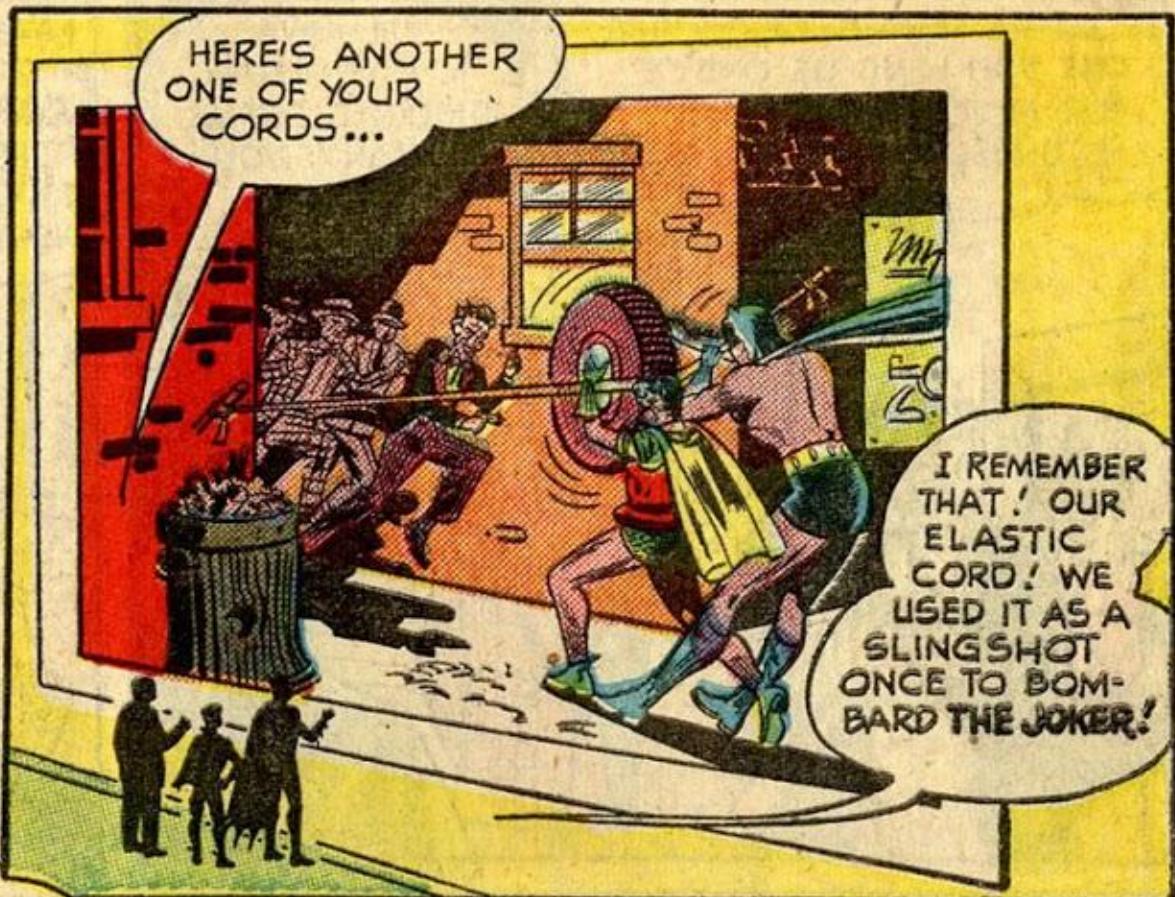
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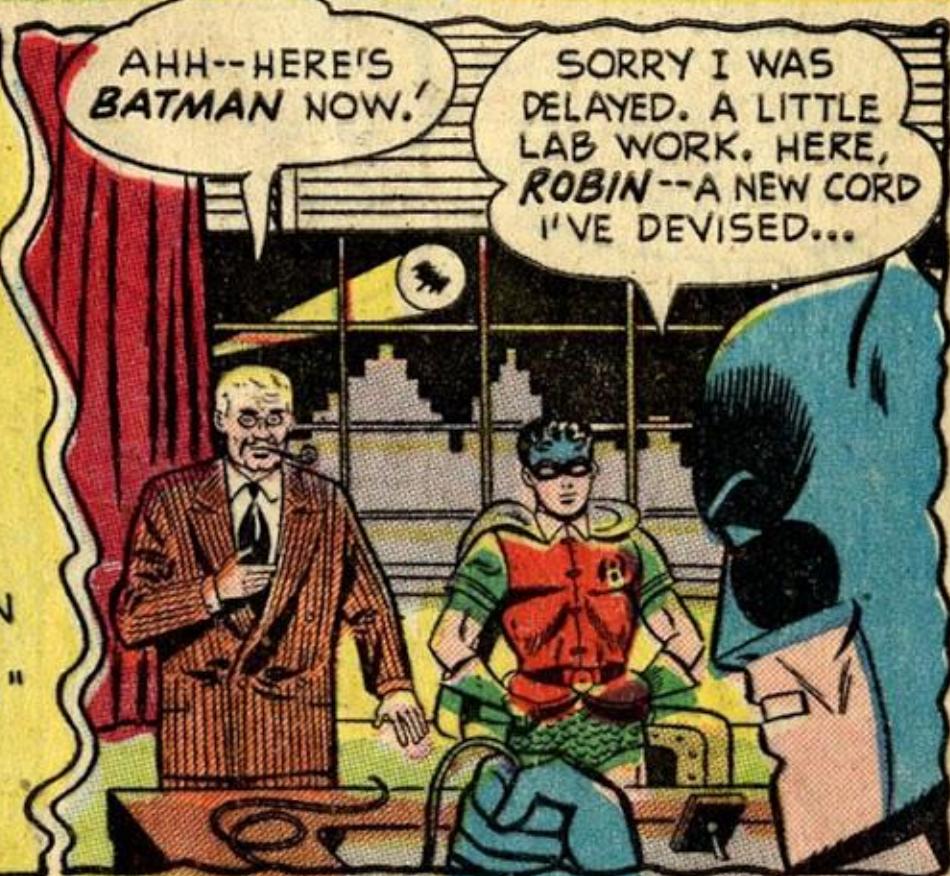
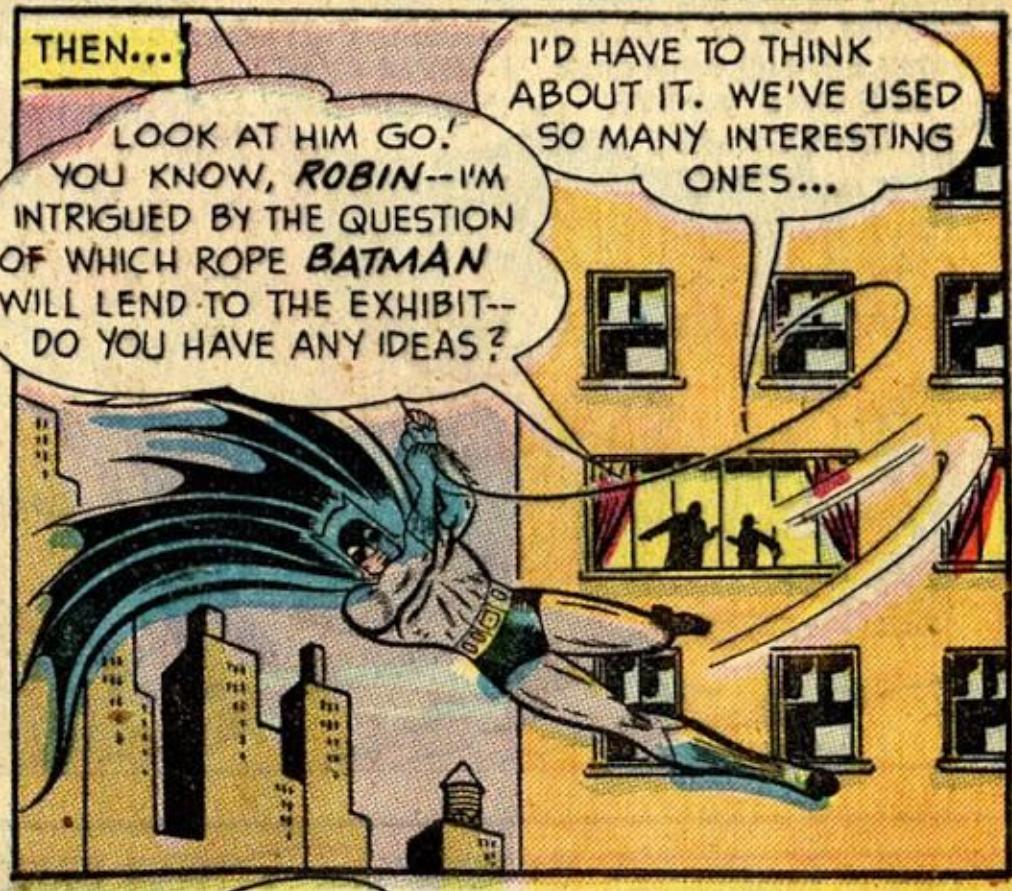
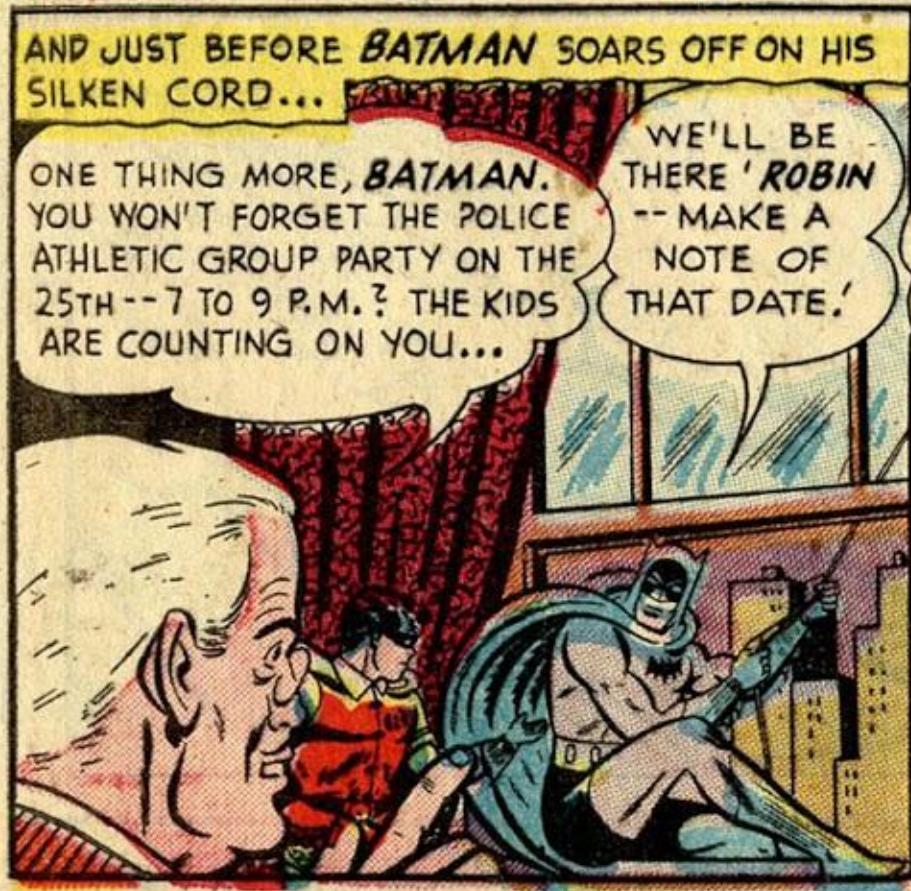
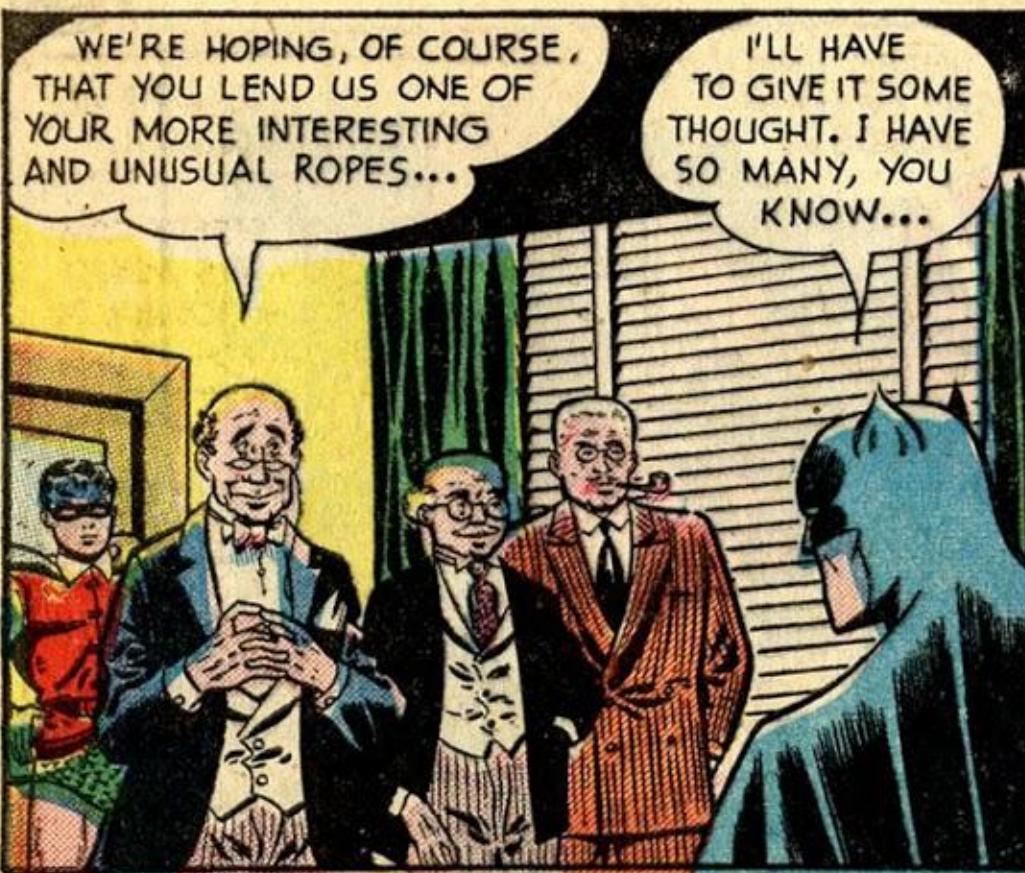
JULY
8th

THEN, AS GORDON ESCORTS THE DYNAMIC DUO TO HIS SPECIAL POLICE LIMOUSINE...

THE SECOND ITEM HAS TO DO WITH A REQUEST MADE BY THE GOTHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY. PERHAPS I CAN EXPLAIN IT BETTER IF WE GO TO THEIR OFFICES...

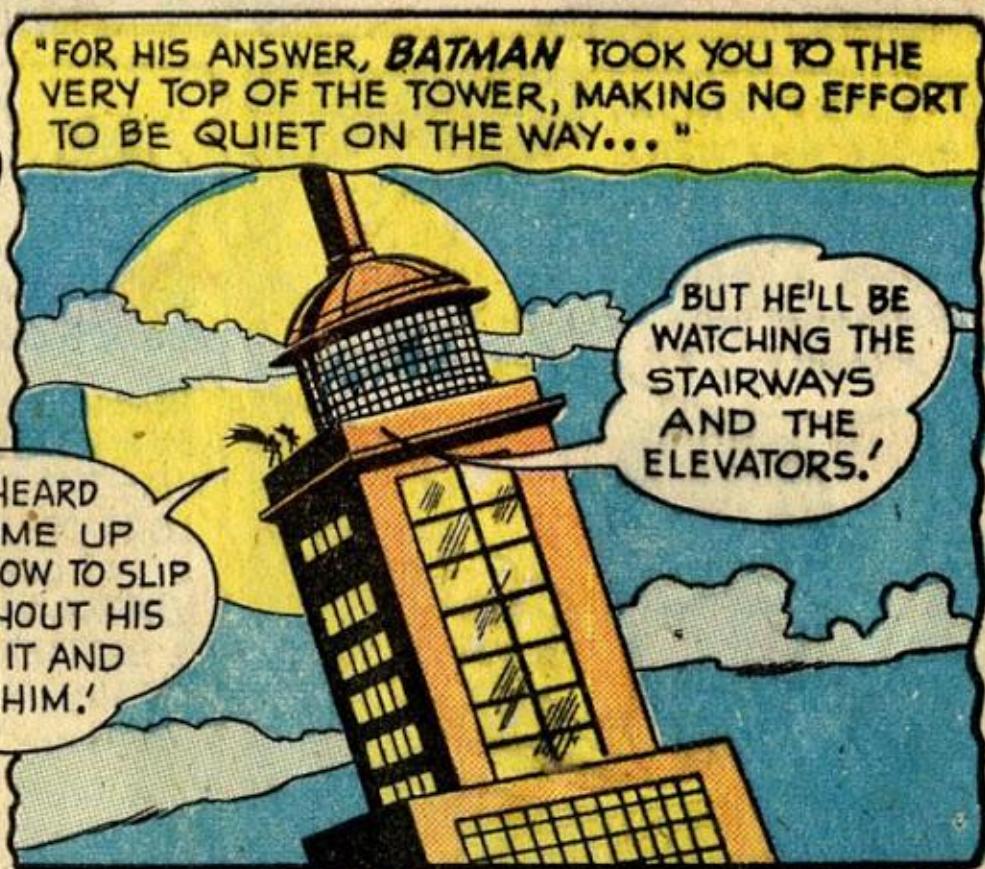
SOON AFTER... THE SOCIETY IS READYING ITS ANNUAL EXHIBIT. IT HAS REQUESTED THAT YOU LEND IT ONE OF **BATMAN'S** FAMOUS "TRAVELING CORDS" TO BE THE FEATURED DISPLAY...



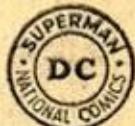




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"IT WAS THEN YOU GOT THE SHOCK OF YOUR LIFE,
ROBIN! BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES, THAT CORD
DISAPPEARED!"

WHY--WHAT HAPPENED
TO THE CORD ??

IT DISINTEGRATED! THAT
CORD WAS CHEMICALLY
TREATED TO DISINTEGRATE
WITHIN 5 MINUTES AFTER
CONTACT WITH AIR. THAT'S
WHY IT HAD A PLASTIC
SEAL ON IT!



YES, I REMEMBER! WE
CORNERED SLADE IN THE
NEXT FEW MINUTES. THAT
ROPE BECAME OUR "SELF-
DISINTEGRATING" CORD.
WE USED IT AGAIN ON
MANY OCCASIONS...

IF I'M
CORRECT,
BATMAN
WILL SUBMIT
IT TO THE
EXHIBIT--
SEALED,
OF COURSE,
AGAINST THE
AIR!



I DON'T KNOW.
WHILE YOU WERE
TALKING, I THOUGHT
OF ANOTHER FAMOUS
ROPE. I BELIEVE
BATMAN MAY WELL
SUBMIT IT.'

WELL--
LET'S
HEAR
YOUR
PREDICTION!

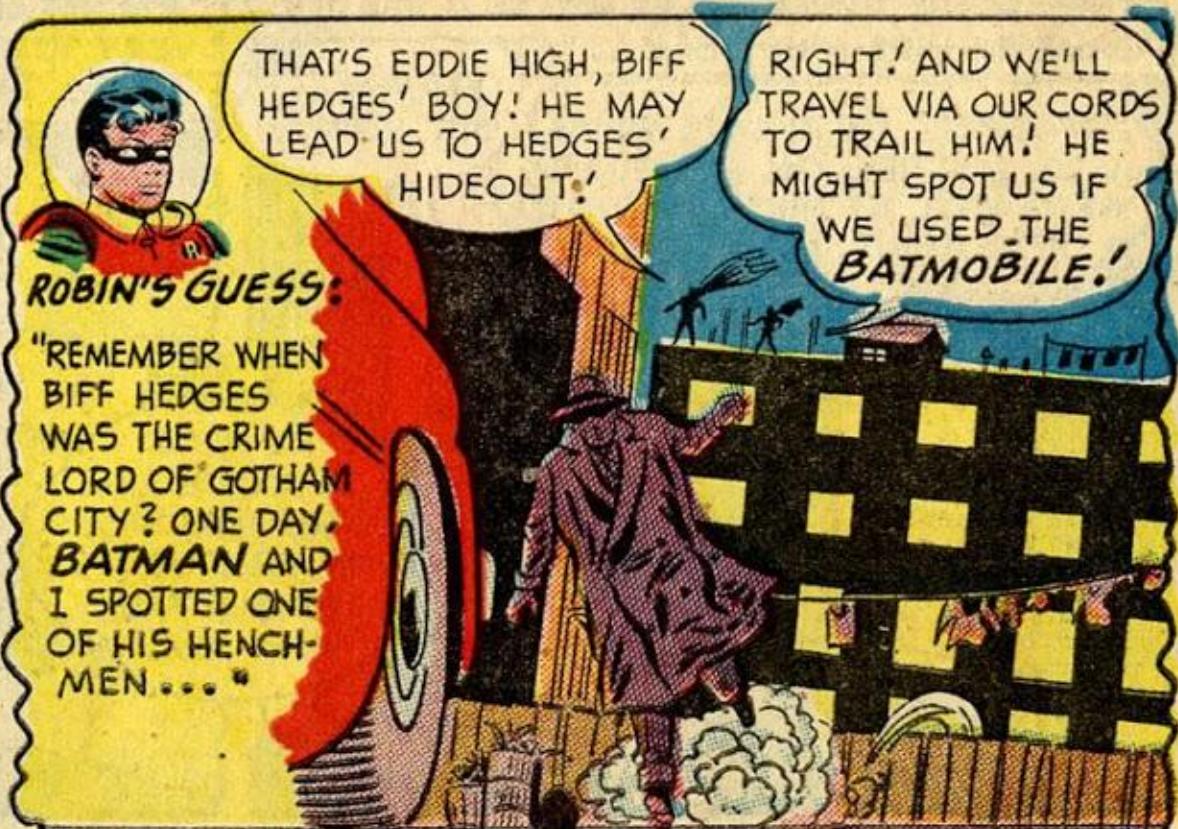


ROBIN'S GUESS:

"REMEMBER WHEN
BIFF HEDGES
WAS THE CRIME
LORD OF GOTHAM
CITY? ONE DAY,
BATMAN AND
I SPOTTED ONE
OF HIS HENCH-
MEN..."

THAT'S EDDIE HIGH, BIFF
HEDGES' BOY! HE MAY
LEAD US TO HEDGES'
HIDEOUT!

RIGHT! AND WE'LL
TRAVEL VIA OUR CORDS
TO TRAIL HIM! HE
MIGHT SPOT US IF
WE USED THE
BATMOBILE!



"USING OUR ROPES, WE TRAILED HIGH TO THE OUT-SKIRTS OF TOWN. BUT SOON IT SEEMED OUR MISSION WAS DOOMED..."

HE'S HEADED FOR THE MOUNTAINS. I DOUBT THAT HEDGES IS HOLED UP THERE!

MAYBE HE SPOTTED US, AND IS LEADING US ON A WILD-GOOSE CHASE!



I THINK YOU'RE
RIGHT, **ROBIN**! HE'S
GOING NOWHERE FAST!
AND SO ARE WE--UNLESS!
WAIT--I'VE GOT AN IDEA!



"MOMENTS LATER, HIGH WAS GREETED WITH A SIGHT THAT DID HIS EVIL HEART GOOD..."

BATMAN'S ROPE BROKE! HE AND ROBIN ARE FALLING INTO THAT POOL! WOW! IT'S A BIG DROP-- THEY COULD BE KILLED!

THEY NEVER CAME UP-- THEY MUST HAVE DROWNED! WAIT TILL THE BOSS SEES THIS!!



"BUT WE WERE FAR FROM BEING DROWNED! IT WAS ALL PART OF BATMAN'S PLAN..."

HIGH DOESN'T KNOW WE WERE USING OUR "HOLLOW ROPE!" WE CUT IT ON PURPOSE--AND NOW CAN USE IT TO BREATHE THROUGH!

HE THINKS WE'VE DROWNED. HE'S SURE TO RUSH TO HEDGES' HIDEOUT NOW!



"EMERGING A FEW MOMENTS LATER, WE SOON PICKED UP HIGH'S TRAIL AND WERE LED DIRECTLY TO HEDGES."

BATMAN AND ROBIN! BUT--IT CAN'T BE! YOU'RE DEAD!

OH, NO--HIGH! YOU AND HEDGES ARE DEAD-- CAUGHT DEAD TO RIGHTS!



SO THAT'S MY GUESS, COMMISSIONER. BATMAN'S CHOICE WILL BE THE "HOLLOW ROPE"!

NOT A BAD GUESS! WELL-- WE'LL SOON SEE!



MEANWHILE, AT JINX BOLEY'S HIDEOUT...

JINX! BATMAN'S BEEN QUESTIONING THE BULLET-PROOF VEST MANUFACTURERS!

THE FOOL! DOES HE THINK I'D BE SO STUPID? I MAKE MY OWN STEEL VESTS! DON'T WORRY-- I'M TOO SMART FOR BATMAN!



WE'VE GOT TO GET MOVING -- MAKE UP FOR ALL THAT LOST TIME I SPENT IN STIR! HMM--I MUST CONSULT MY CHARTS TO FIND THE MOST FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR CRIME!

NEXT MORNING IN THE WAYNE MANSION, AS ALFRED THE BUTLER SERVES BREAKFAST TO DICK...

THE EXHIBIT IS GETTING LOTS OF PUBLICITY! DID THE MASTER TELL YOU WHICH ROPE HE INTENDS TO DONATE?

NO--BUT COMMISSIONER GORDON AND I HAVE MADE OUR GUESSES...

GOTHAM GAZETTE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBITION
BEGINS SEPT. 19TH
OPEN TO PUBLIC 12-8 PM. DAILY
BATMAN'S ROPE TO BE
FEATURED!
PUBLIC INTEREST AROUSED
AS TO WHICH ROPE BATMAN
WILL DONATE FROM HIS
FAMOUS COLLECTION.

AND AFTER ALFRED HAS HEARD THE PREDICTIONS...

I'M AFRAID I MUST DISAGREE. I THINK YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ONE OF BATMAN'S MOST UNUSUAL ROPES.

WHICH ONE WAS THAT, ALFRED?

ALFRED'S GUESS:

"DON'T YOU REMEMBER YOUR MISSION IN THE NEAR EAST, WHEN YOU SMASHED AN INTERNATIONAL COUNTERFEIT RING?"

MY PEOPLE ARE FOREVER BE-HOLDEN TO YOU, BATMAN! HERE IS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION...

WOW! A CORD WOVEN OUT OF STRANDS OF PURE GOLD.

"YES, A GOLDEN CORD! BUT, BACK IN THE STATES, IT WAS NOT HALF AS USEFUL AS IT WAS VALUABLE..."

THIS IS TOO HEAVY TO BE PRACTICAL, BATMAN...

YES, ROBIN--I'M AFRAID IT WON'T HELP US CATCH MEGLI, THE MAD MUSICIAN, WHO'S CURRENTLY ON A RAMPAGE, USING MUSIC FOR CRIME.

"THEN, ONE NIGHT SOON AFTER..."

IT WAS MEGLI, BATMAN-- BUT HE GOT AWAY! AT LEAST HE DIDN'T STEAL ANYTHING, THOUGH!

MEGLI AGAIN! WE'VE GOT TO FIND SOME WAY TO TRAP THAT CRIMINAL, ROBIN!

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MUSICAL BAIT--THAT'S WHAT WE NEED! HMM--THAT GIANT HARP UP THERE! MAYBE WE COULD USE THAT...



"BUT BATMAN SOON GAVE IT REAL VALUE--MADE IT WORTH A HALF-MILLION DOLLARS!"



OUR "GOLDEN CORD" USED AS THESE HARPSTRINGS SHOULD PROVE AN ITEM THAT WILL MAKE OUR FRIEND, MEGLI, CHAMP AT THE BIT!



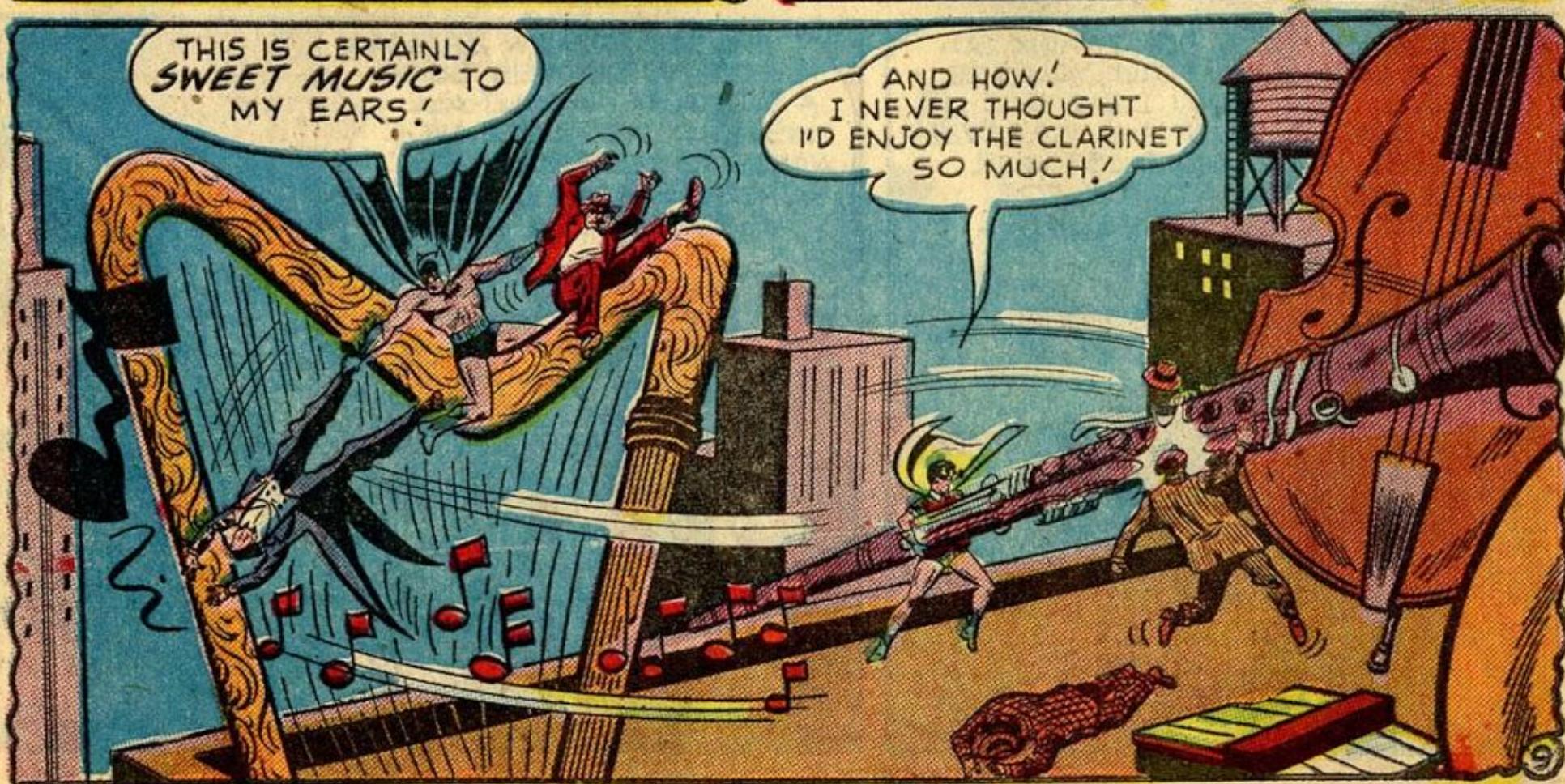
"AS EVENTS PROVED, BATMAN WAS RIGHT! ONLY A FEW NIGHTS LATER WAS THE TRAP SPRUNG ON MEGLI!"

NO YOU DON'T, MEGLI! THAT'S NO WAY TO PLAY A HARP!

THE BATMAN! QUICK--FIGHT THEM OFF!



THIS IS CERTAINLY SWEET MUSIC TO MY EARS!



AND HOW! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D ENJOY THE CLARINET SO MUCH!

MEGLI WAS CAPTURED, THANKS TO THE "GOLDEN CORD". THEN IT WAS RETURNED TO THE BAT-CAVE! I'M POSITIVE BATMAN WILL LEND THAT CORD TO THE EXHIBIT!

COULD BE! IT WOULD BE QUITE AN ATTRACTION...

A FEW DAYS LATER...

BATMAN JUST PHONED! HE'S DECIDED ON HIS ROPE-- HE'S BRINGING IT HERE! WHICH ONE IS IT, ROBIN ??

I REALLY DON'T KNOW! I'M AS ANXIOUS TO LEARN AS THE REST OF YOU!

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...

HERE I AM, GENTLEMEN, AND HERE'S MY ROPE FOR THE EXHIBIT!

WHY--WHY, IT'S NOTHING BUT WIRE-- THE KIND THE LIGHTING COMPANIES USE! ARE YOU FOOLING US, BATMAN?

NO--I'M NOT FOOLING! THIS IS MY DONATION TO THE EXHIBIT!

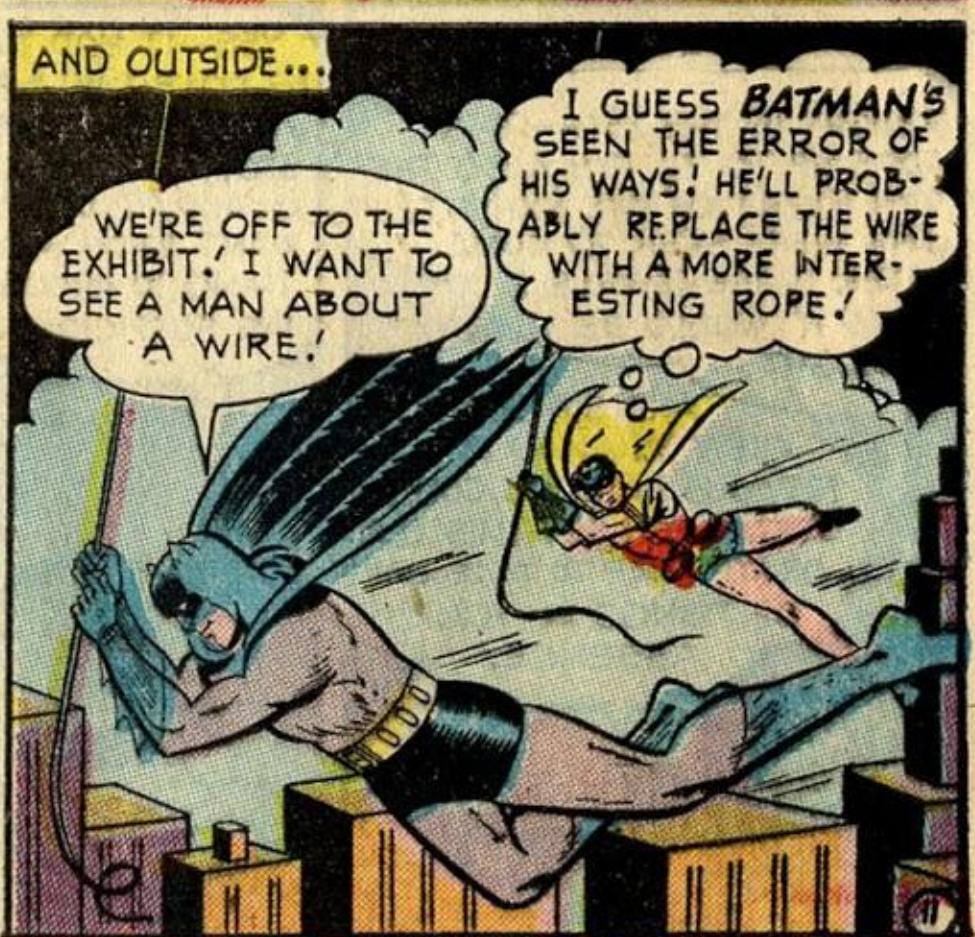
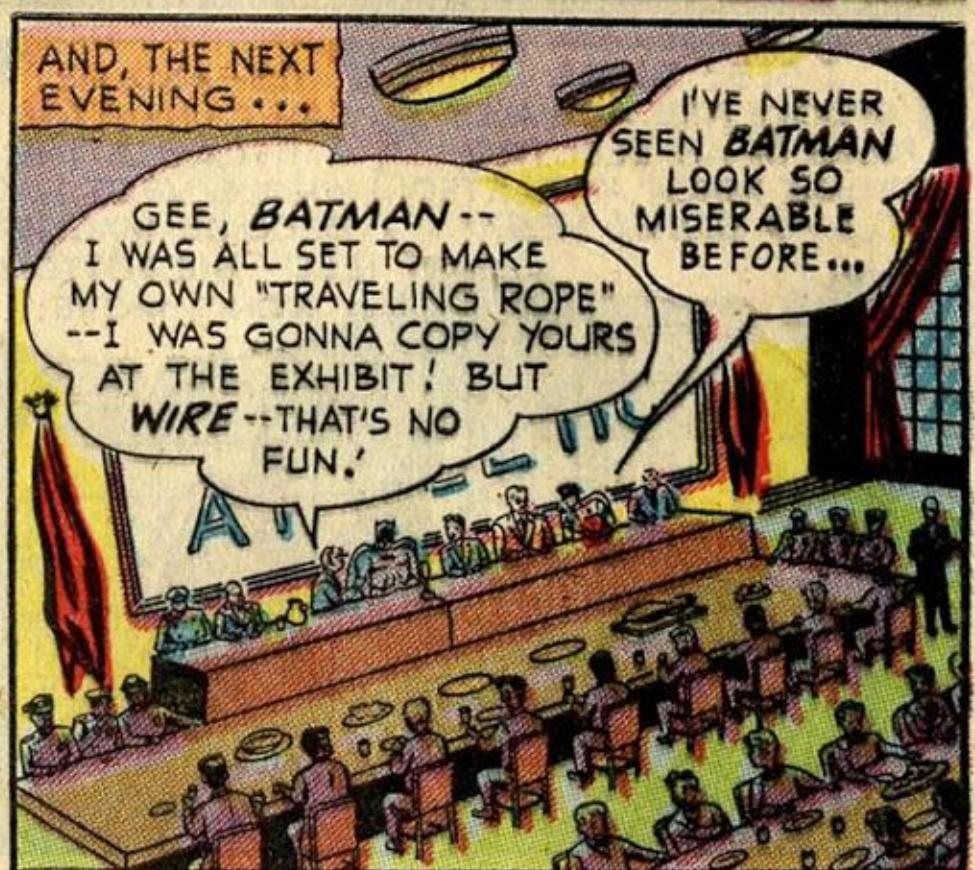
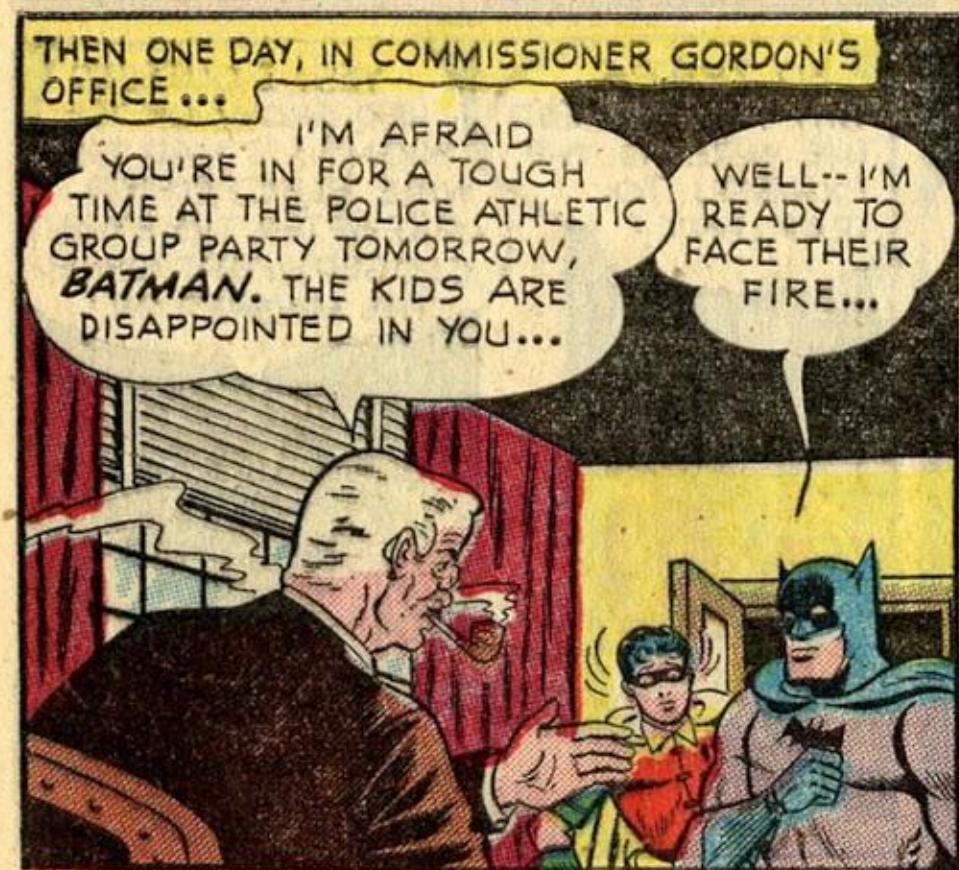
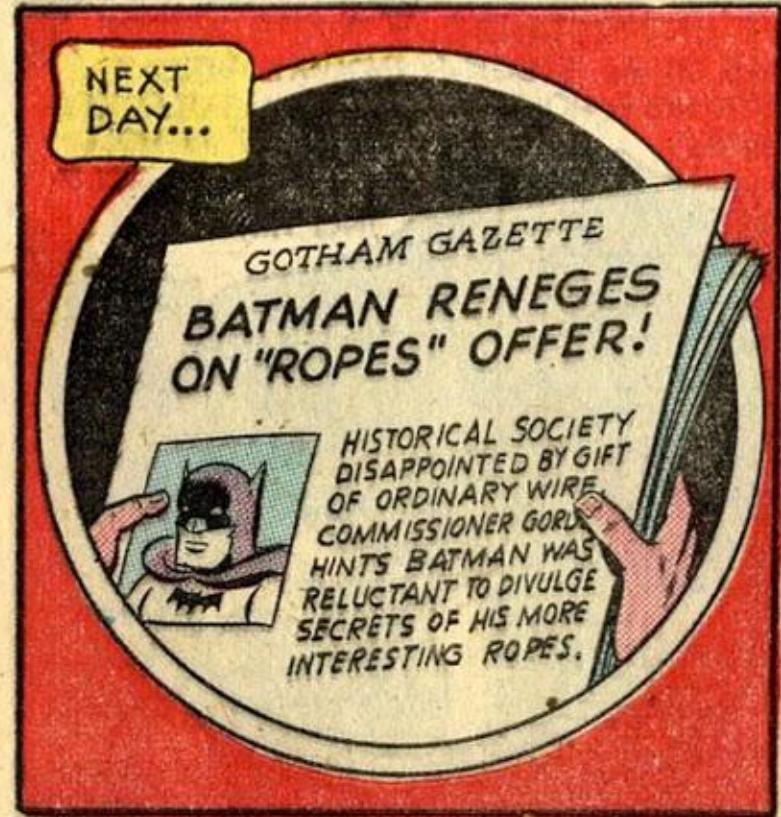
BUT, BATMAN! SURELY YOU MISUNDERSTOOD! THE SOCIETY HOPED YOU'D DONATE ONE OF YOUR MORE UNUSUAL ROPES-- YOU HAVE SO MANY OF THEM!

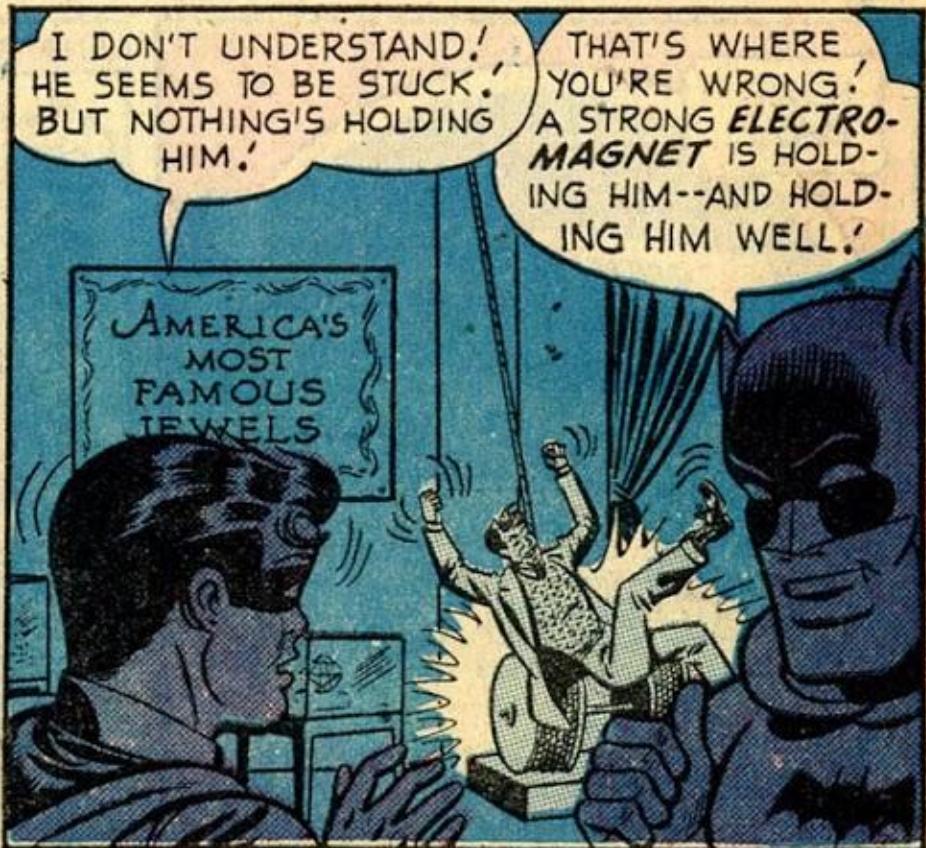
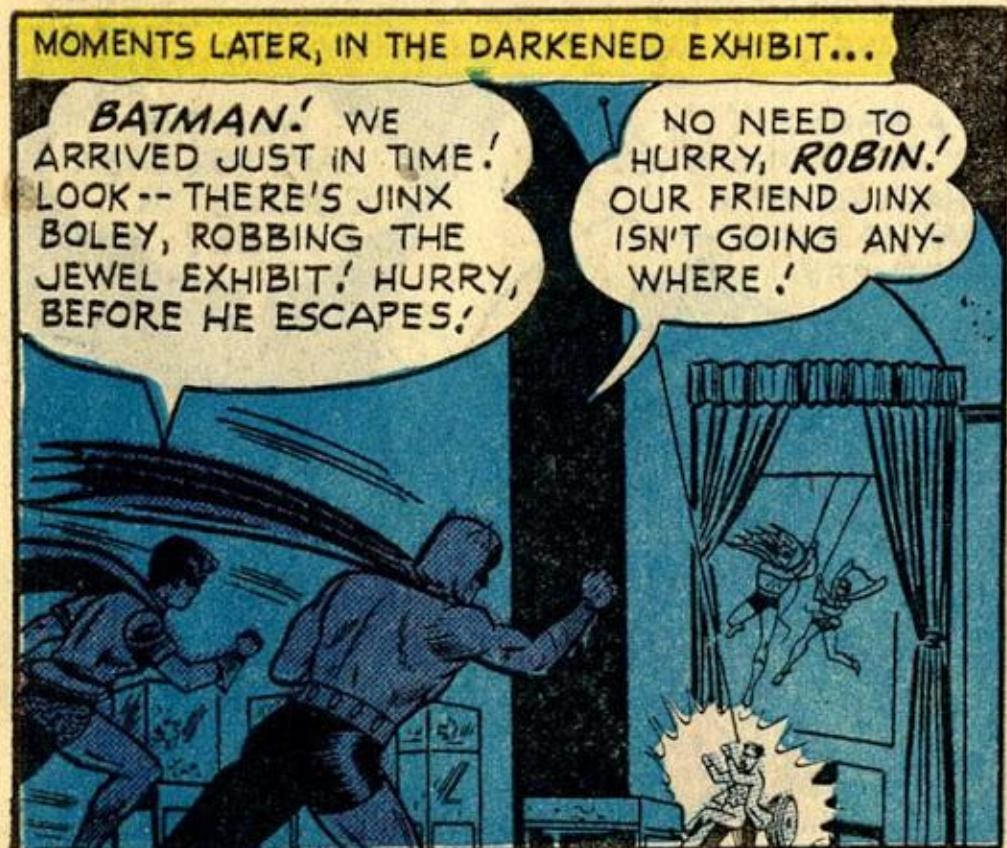
WE GAVE THIS A LOT OF PUBLICITY. THE PUBLIC WILL FEEL THEY'VE BEEN DUPED!

I DON'T THINK SO. WAIT TILL YOU SEE HOW I RIG THIS UP. JUST THE WAY ROBIN AND I USE OUR CORDS FOR TRAVELING...

IF I DIDN'T KNOW BATMAN BETTER, I'D SAY HE'S BEING A BIT STUFFY ABOUT ALL THIS. BUT I SUPPOSE HE WANTS TO KEEP HIS OTHER ROPES AS MUCH A SECRET AS POSSIBLE...

STRANGE THAT BATMAN DIDN'T EVEN CONSULT ME ON THIS!







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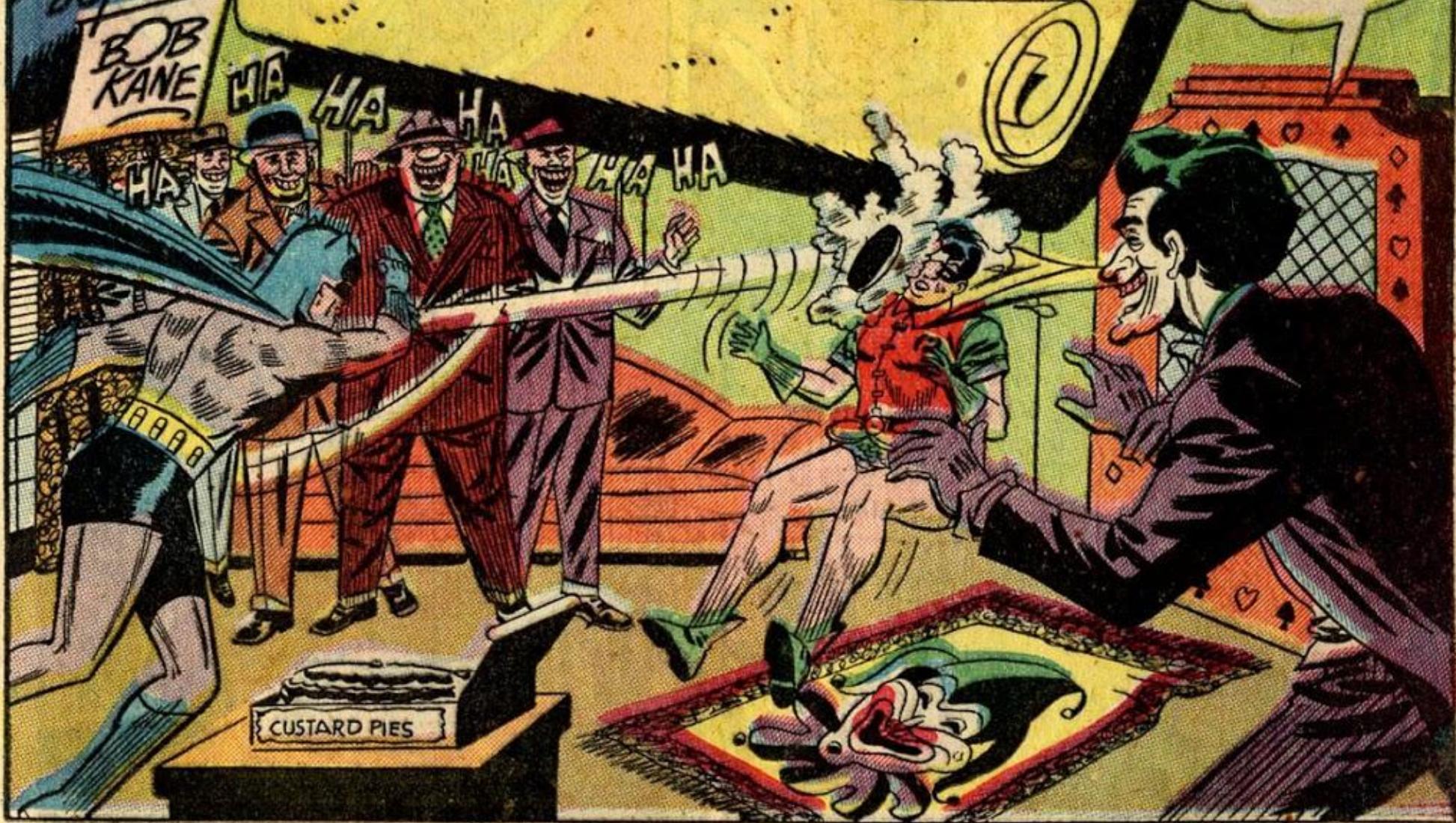
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IT'S NO SECRET, OF COURSE, THAT ALL OF THE GREAT COMEDIANS OF OUR DAY ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS THE MATERIAL SUPPLIED THEM--HUMOR DREAMED UP BY PROFESSIONAL WITS KNOWN TO THE WORLD AS PROFESSIONAL GAG WRITERS! BUT THE ART OF GAG-WRITING TAKES A BRAND-NEW TWIST WHEN THE JOKER DECIDES TO AVAIL HIMSELF OF THE SERVICE! YES--THE CLOWN PRINCE OF CRIME COMES UP WITH A MASTER STROKE--AND BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE ON THE RECEIVING END IN THE STORY CALLED . . .

"THE MAN WHO WROTE THE JOKER'S JOKES!"

YOUR GAG'S NOT FUNNY ENOUGH, BATMAN! YOU'LL HAVE TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING BETTER! HO-HO!





BATMAN



ONE NIGHT, IN THE HIDEOUT OF THE **JOKER**, THAT FANTASTIC CLOWN OF CRIME...

THREE WEEKS... AND NO SUCCESSES! COULD IT BE I'M GOING STALE?

THE BOSS IS IN A BAD WAY! HE HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO DREAM UP A GOOD CRIME LATELY!



TELEVISION, RADIO, MOVIE COMICS -- **BAH!** NONE OF THEM IS MY EQUAL AS A CLOWN--YET **THEY** NEVER SEEM TO RUN OUT OF IDEAS!!



SUDDENLY, A REALIZATION DAWNS ON THE **JOKER**...

OF COURSE! THESE COMICS NEVER RUN OUT OF MATERIAL BECAUSE THEY PAY GOOD MONEY TO **GET IT!** THEY USE **GAG WRITERS!**

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, **JOKER?**

IT'S A SPECIAL PROFESSION--WRITERS WHO DO NOTHING ELSE BUT COIN HUMOR! I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I MEAN TOMORROW! **HA-HA!** IT'S GIVING ME A WONDERFUL IDEA!



NEXT DAY, AS THE **JOKER** AND HIS MEN POSE AS WINDOW WASHERS AT A RADIO STUDIO...

ALL RIGHT--LET'S HEAR THE GAGS YOU'VE GOT FOR MY SHOW NEXT WEEK! C'MON, NOW--I NEED SOME GOOD ONES!

(WHISPER). THAT'S MARV BLACK, THE FAMOUS RADIO COMEDIAN. HE PAYS THOSE WRITERS A FORTUNE TO MAKE HIM SOUND FUNNY ON THE AIR!



WE'VE GOT A BASEBALL ROUTINE FIGURED OUT FOR YOU, MARV--WAIT TILL YOU HEAR IT!

HA-HA! WHAT THESE COMICS DO, I--**THE JOKER**--CAN DO, TOO! I SHALL HIRE **GAG WRITERS** --TO DREAM UP CRIMES FOR ME! **HA-HA!**



SOON, THE WORD SPREADS THROUGH THE UNDERWORLD...

HEY, MUGGSY -- THE JOKER'S LOOKING FER GUYS WHO KIN DREAM UP SCHEMES FOR HIS CRIMES.

SAAY-- THAT'S RIGHT DOWN MY ALLEY! JOKER -- HERE I COME!



LISTEN! THERE'S A FORTUNE WAITIN' FOR THE GUY WHO CAN SUPPLY THE JOKER WITH SOME GOOD CRIME GIMMICKS!

WHAT ARE WE WAITIN' FOR -- LET'S GO!



AND, AT A SPECIAL MEETING PLACE...

I GOT A MILLION OF 'EM, JOKER--A MILLION OF 'EM.'

WAIT! WAIT! I WARN YOU -- PLAIN GAGS AREN'T ENOUGH! I WANT CRIMES THAT WILL MAKE A FOOL OUT OF BATMAN! HA-HA!

GET A LOAD OF WHAT I GOT FOR YA, JOKER.'

MAKE A FOOL OUT OF BATMAN! BOY-- YOU'RE SURE ASKIN' FOR PLENTY, JOKER!

I KNOW IT'S A TOUGH ASSIGNMENT--BUT I'M READY TO PAY HANDSOME-LY FOR MY CRIMES! HA-HA! HO-HO!



THEN, AFTER A LONG WEEDING-OUT PROCESS, THE JOKER SELECTS THREE CRIME GAG WRITERS!

OKAY! YOU THREE HAVE SHOWN ME OUTLINES OF CRIMES CALCULATED TO MAKE A FOOL OUT OF BATMAN! HA-HA! I WANT YOU TO WORK THEM OUT NOW--TO THE LAST DETAIL--I WANT TO START MOVING SOON!

RIGHT, JOKER!



WE'LL TRY YOURS FIRST, DOOLY! HO-HO! JUST THINKING ABOUT IT TICKLES ME! HA-HA! IMAGINE! WE'RE REALLY GOING TO LEAVE BATMAN HOLDING THE BAG!



A WEEK LATER, IN THE HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

OH-OH! I SEE THE PARADE TO THE FAIR HAS ALREADY BEGUN. WHAT DO YOU SAY WE GO OUT AND SEE THE FAIR IN PERSON, DICK?

A WONDERFUL IDEA--LET'S GO!



BUT, ALL AT ONCE...

WAIT A MINUTE! THERE GOES THE **BAT-SIGNAL!** LOOKS LIKE IT CHANGES OUR PLANS!

WELL, THE FAIR CAN WAIT! WE'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO --AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!



SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

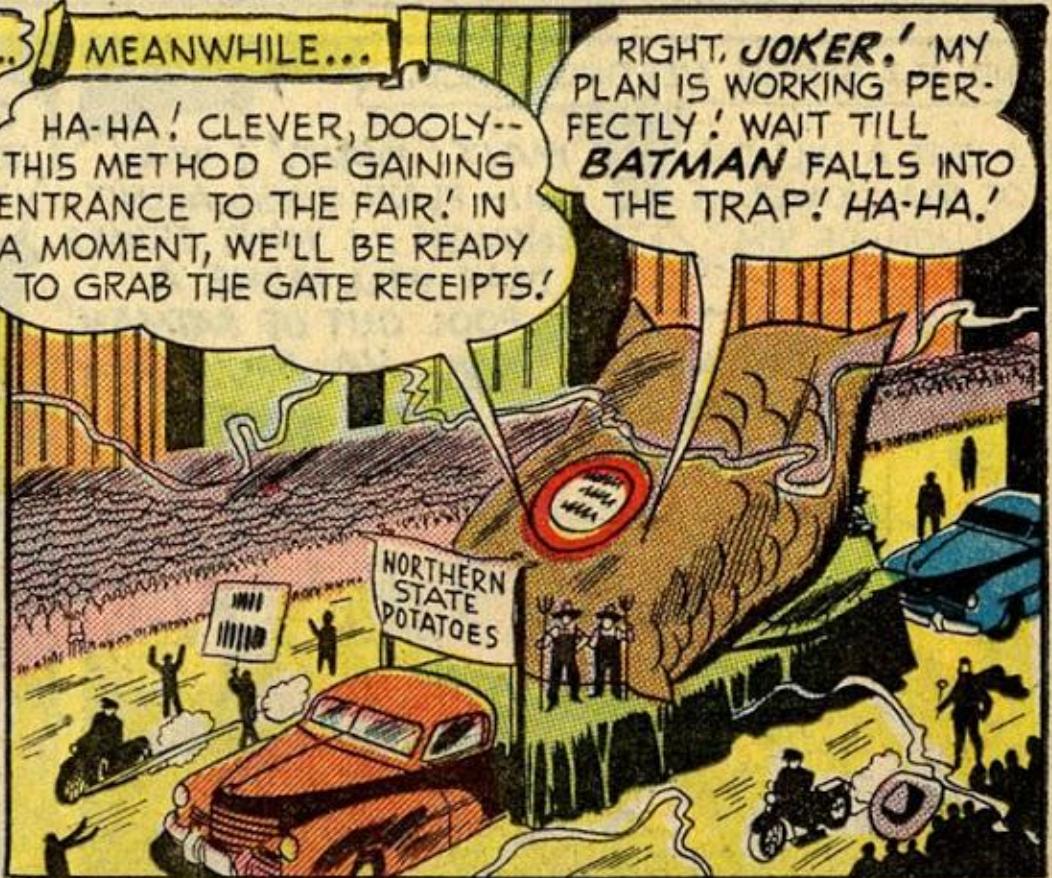
TROUBLE, BOYS! THE **JOKER** AGAIN! HE'S TAUNTING US WITH THREATS TO ROB THE FAIR!

LOOKS LIKE WE'LL SEE THE FAIR AFTER ALL, **ROBIN**!

MEANWHILE...

HA-HA! CLEVER, DOOLY-- THIS METHOD OF GAINING ENTRANCE TO THE FAIR! IN A MOMENT, WE'LL BE READY TO GRAB THE GATE RECEIPTS!

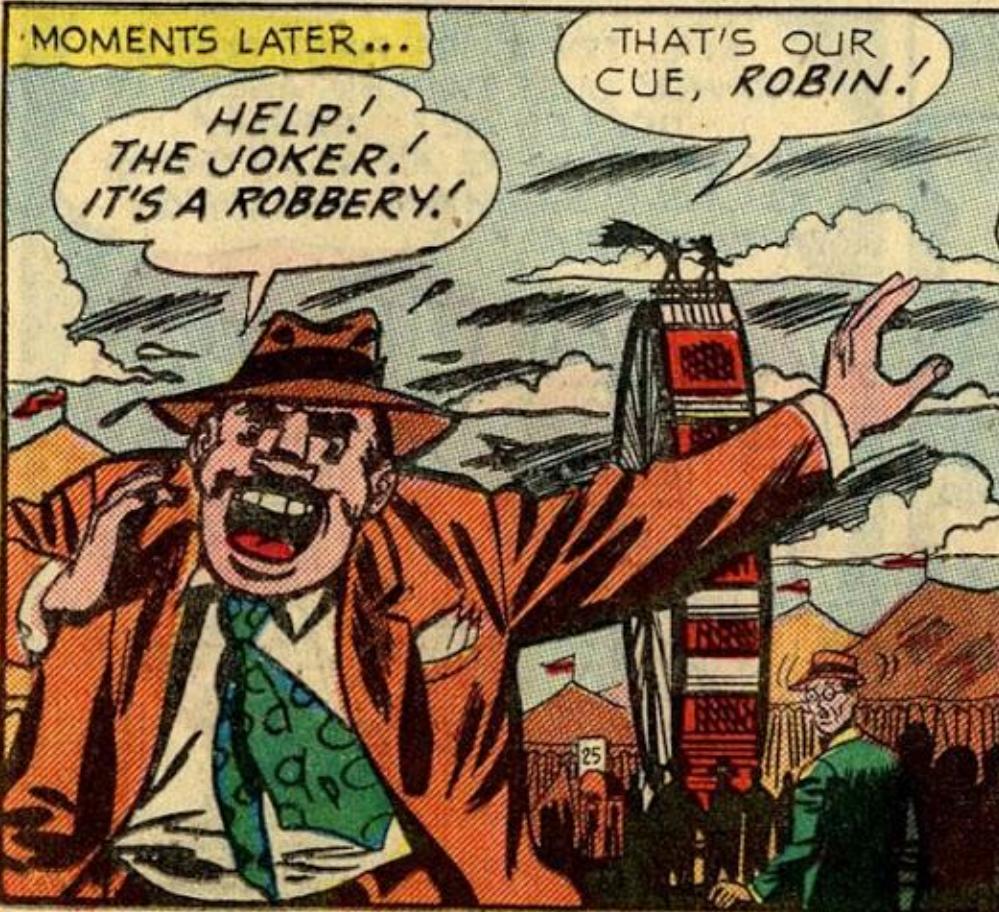
RIGHT, **JOKER**? MY PLAN IS WORKING PERFECTLY! WAIT TILL **BATMAN** FALLS INTO THE TRAP! HA-HA!



MOMENTS LATER...

HELP!
THE JOKER!
IT'S A ROBBERY!

THAT'S OUR CUE, **ROBIN**!



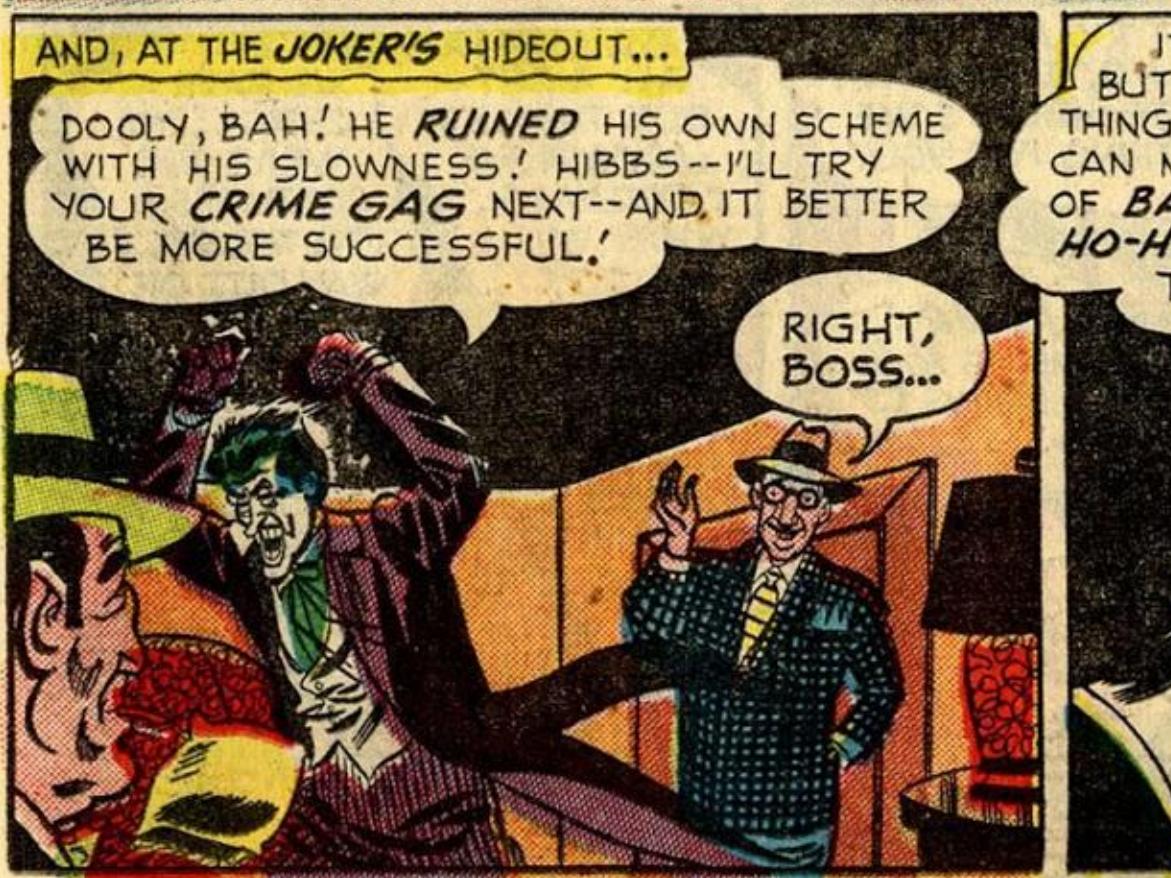
LOOK, **ROBIN**-- THEY'RE TRYING TO HIDE IN THAT BAG ON THE POTATO FLOAT! OR ARE THEY??

THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING STRANGE, THAT'S FOR SURE!





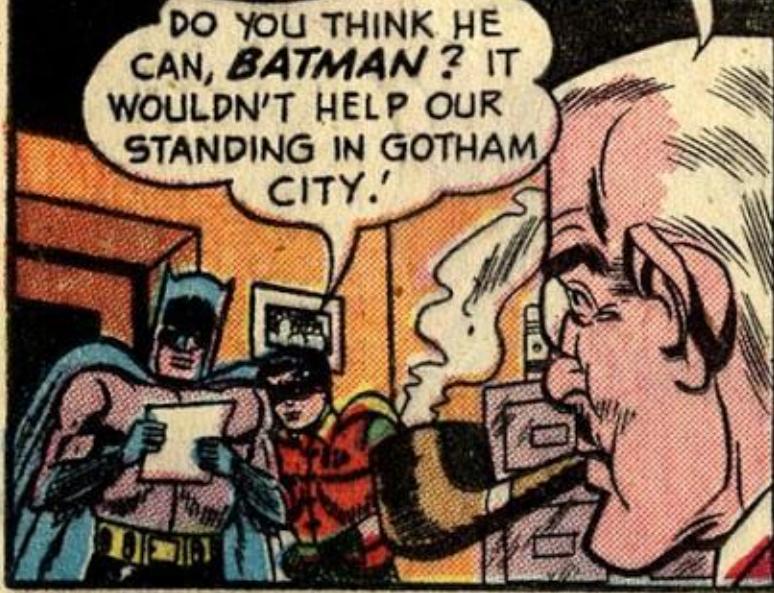
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A FEW DAYS LATER, IN POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...

A NOTE FROM THE JOKER! HE BOASTS HE'S LITERALLY GOING TO MAKE A JACKASS OUT OF YOU!

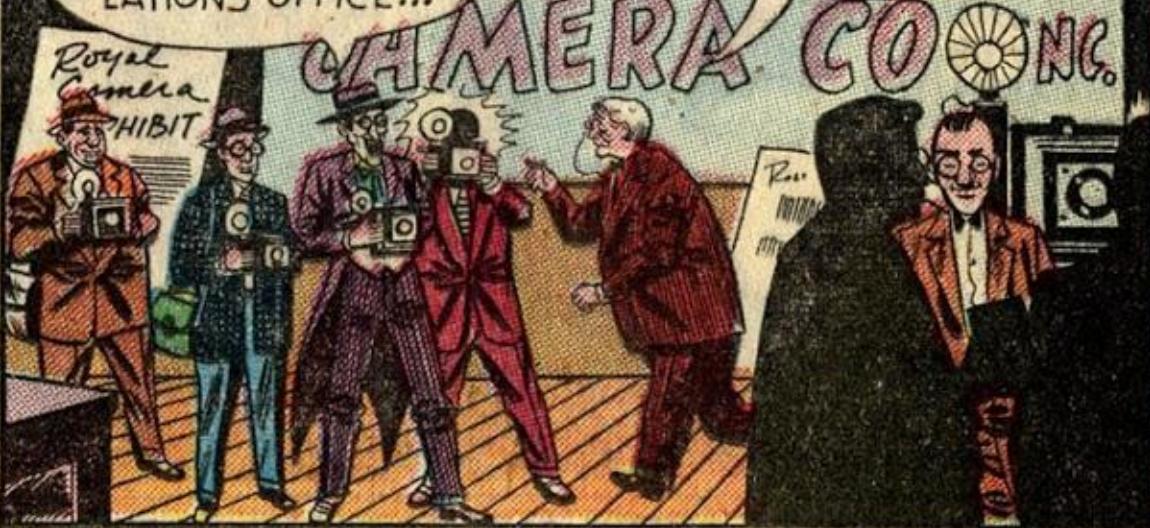
DO YOU THINK HE CAN, BATMAN? IT WOULDN'T HELP OUR STANDING IN GOTHAM CITY!



THAT EVENING, AS OFFICIALS OF THE ROYAL CAMERA CO. HOLD AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN THEIR OFFICES...

HOW ABOUT SOME PICTURES, GENTLEMEN? WE WERE SENT HERE BY THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE...

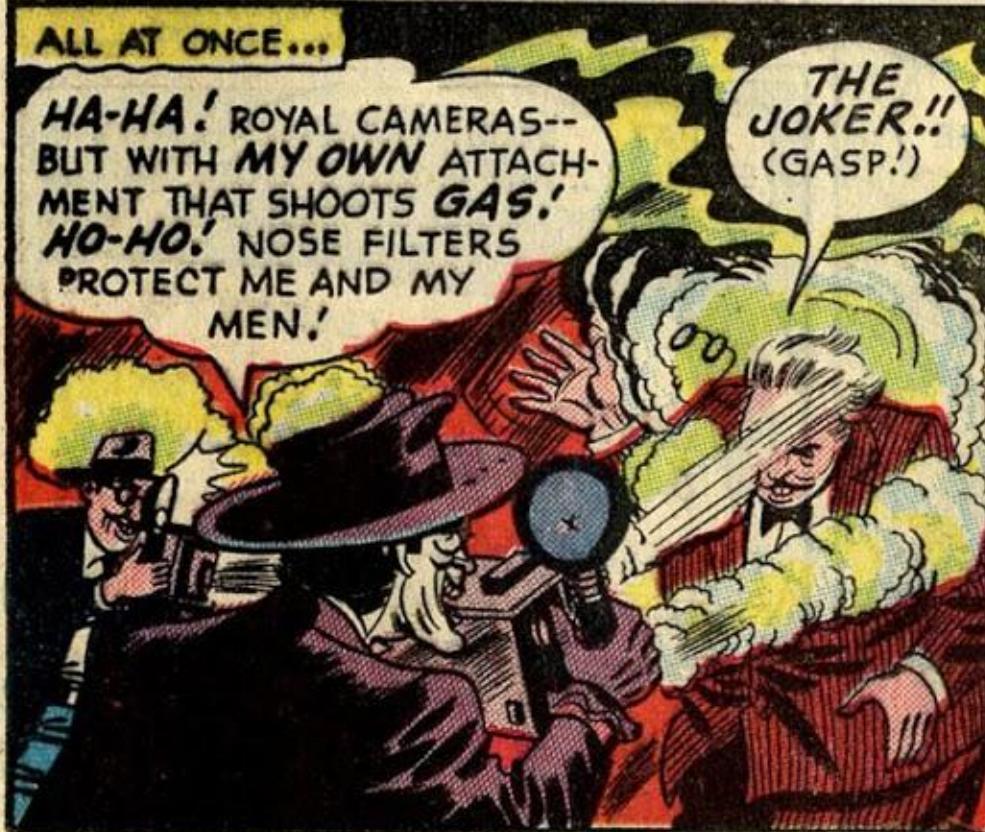
EXCELLENT IDEA! AND I SEE YOU HAVE ROYAL CAMERAS. HA-HA-- MOST FITTING!



ALL AT ONCE...

HA-HA! ROYAL CAMERAS-- BUT WITH MY OWN ATTACHMENT THAT SHOOTS GAS! HO-HO! NOSE FILTERS PROTECT ME AND MY MEN!

THE JOKER!! (GASP!)



THEN, AFTER THE JOKER AND HIS MEN LOOT THE SAFE...

BUT WE GOT THE LOOT! WHY TRIP THE BURGLAR ALARM, JOKER?

LEAVE HIBBS ALONE! THIS IS HIS CRIME SCHEME! HA-HA! WE WANT OUR FRIENDS BATMAN AND ROBIN TO SHOW UP!



THEN, AFTER BATMAN AND ROBIN APPEAR...

LOOK OUT, ROBIN! THIS IS AN INFERNÖ-- THE FILM HAS CAUGHT ON FIRE, AND NOTHING BURNS LIKE FILM!

BUT HOW WILL WE EVER GET OUT??



AM I MAKING IT TOO HOT FOR YOU, BATMAN? HO-HO! I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO FRY-- HERE'S SOME FIREPROOF CLOTHING FOR YOU!

THE JOKER! THIS IS HIS DOING!



IT'S ASBESTOS, ALL RIGHT-- BUT THEY'RE JACKASS COSTUMES! WHAT WILL WE DO?

WE HAVE NO CHOICE! WE WEAR THE COSTUMES-- IT'S THE ONLY WAY OUT OF HERE!



AND AS THE LAWMEN MAKE THEIR WAY OUT OF THE BLAZING BUILDING...

ROBIN, LISTEN! THE JOKER WOULDN'T MISS OUR APPEARANCE IN THESE COSTUMES FOR ANYTHING! KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED WHEN WE GET OUT.

RIGHT!

LOOK! BATMAN AND ROBIN--A COUPLE OF JACKASSES! THE JOKER MADE HIS BOAST GOOD!

ROBIN--I WAS RIGHT! THERE'S THE JOKER--ON THE ROOF ACROSS THE STREET! LET'S MOVE!

MOVING LIKE THE WIND, THE DYNAMIC DUO RACES TO THE ROOF. IN HIS HASTE TO ESCAPE, HIBBS STUMBLES!

TOO LATE TO GET THE JOKER--WE'LL HAVE TO SETTLE FOR THIS CHARACTER!

AND DON'T FORGET THE LOOT! WE'VE SAVED IT AGAIN!

NEXT DAY...

GOTHAM GAZETTE
JOKER MAKES JACKASS OUT OF BATMAN AND ROBIN!

BUT LAWMEN AGAIN HAVE LAST LAUGH BY RECOVERING LOOT OF LATEST THEFT!

AND IN THE JOKER'S HIDEOUT...

JOKER--YOUR THIRD GAG WRITER QUIT--AFTER HE SAW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FIRST TWO!

BAH! RANK AMATEURS--THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE TRUSTED THEM! I NEED A CLEVER IDEA MAN--CLEVER--CLEVER!

ABRUPTLY, AS A FANTASTIC IDEA COMES TO THE HARLEQUIN OF HATE...

I HAVE IT! HO-HO! THE VERY MAN FOR ME! WHO'S MORE CLEVER THAN BATMAN? HO-HO! HE SHALL BE MY GAG WRITER--HO-HO! IMAGINE--BATMAN AS MY IDEA MAN! HO-HO-HO!

HOW IN THE WORLD IS THE BOSS EVER GONNA WORK THAT??

NEXT DAY, A STRANGE AD RUNS IN A GOTHAM CITY PAPER...

NOTICE!!

TO ALL PROSPECTIVE CRIME GAG WRITERS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT WITH THE JOKER:
MY OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT IS NOW WITHDRAWN, BECAUSE THE JOB WILL SOON BE FILLED BY AN EXTREMELY CAPABLE PERSON. THANK YOU FOR SHOWING AN INTEREST IN MY PROJECT--BUT I HAVE FOUND THE IDEAL MAN FOR MY PURPOSES! HIS NAME IS--
BATMAN! HA-HA!
THE JOKER

AND AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

I DON'T LIKE THIS AT ALL! THE **JOKER** APPARENTLY HAS SOMETHING UP HIS SLEEVE IN HIS LATEST CAMPAIGN TO MAKE FOOLS OF YOU!

WELL--SO FAR HE'S FAILED--WE'VE THWARTED HIS CRIMES! MAYBE NEXT TIME WE'LL CATCH HIM AND PUT AN END TO THIS!

A FEW NIGHTS LATER, AT THE GOTHAM STATE FAIR...

THE JOKER,
BATMAN! HE'S GONE INTO THE TUNNEL OF LOVE!

YOU WATCH THE ENTRANCE, ROBIN! I'LL GET OVER TO THE EXIT, AND COME IN THAT WAY. AND BE CAREFUL--THIS COULD BE A TRAP!

MEANWHILE...

HA-HA! I THOUGHT THEY'D SPLIT UP! NOW FOR MY LITTLE GAME--QUICK, I MUST CHANGE MY UNIFORM!

A MOMENT LATER...

Boo-hoo!
Boo-hoo!
MY BALLOON!
THE WIND FLUNG IT AWAY FROM ME, BOO-HOO!
(ROBIN)

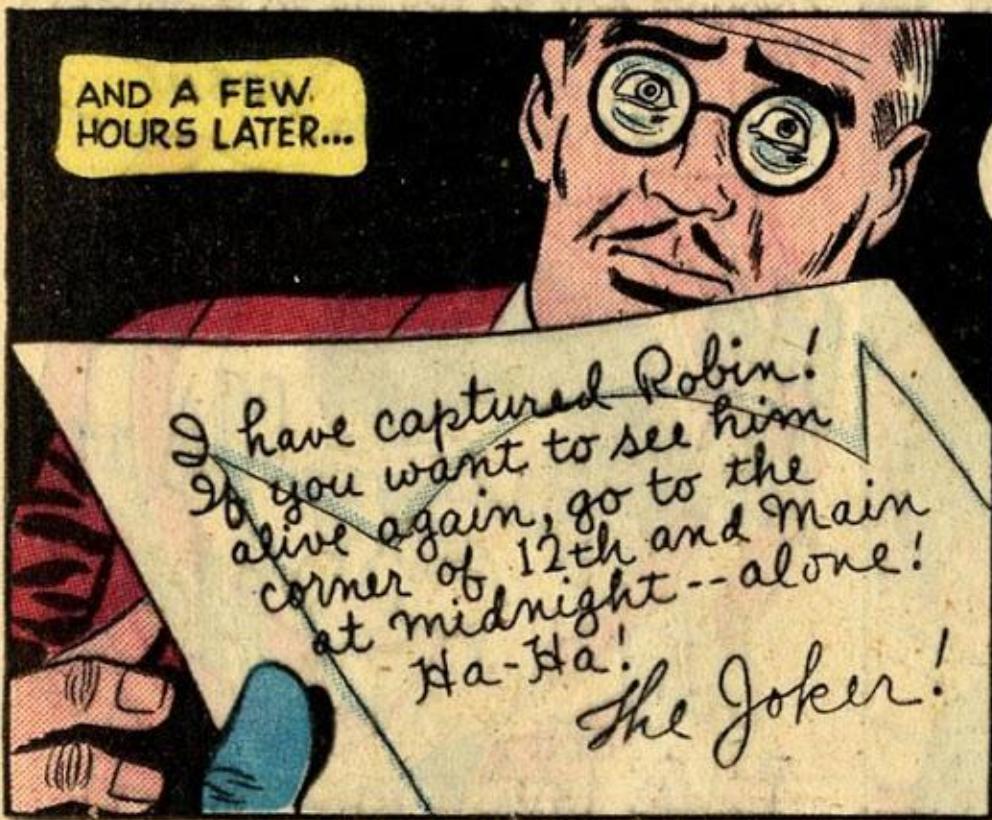
DON'T CRY, BOO-HOO--I'LL GET YOUR BALLOON BACK FOR YOU!

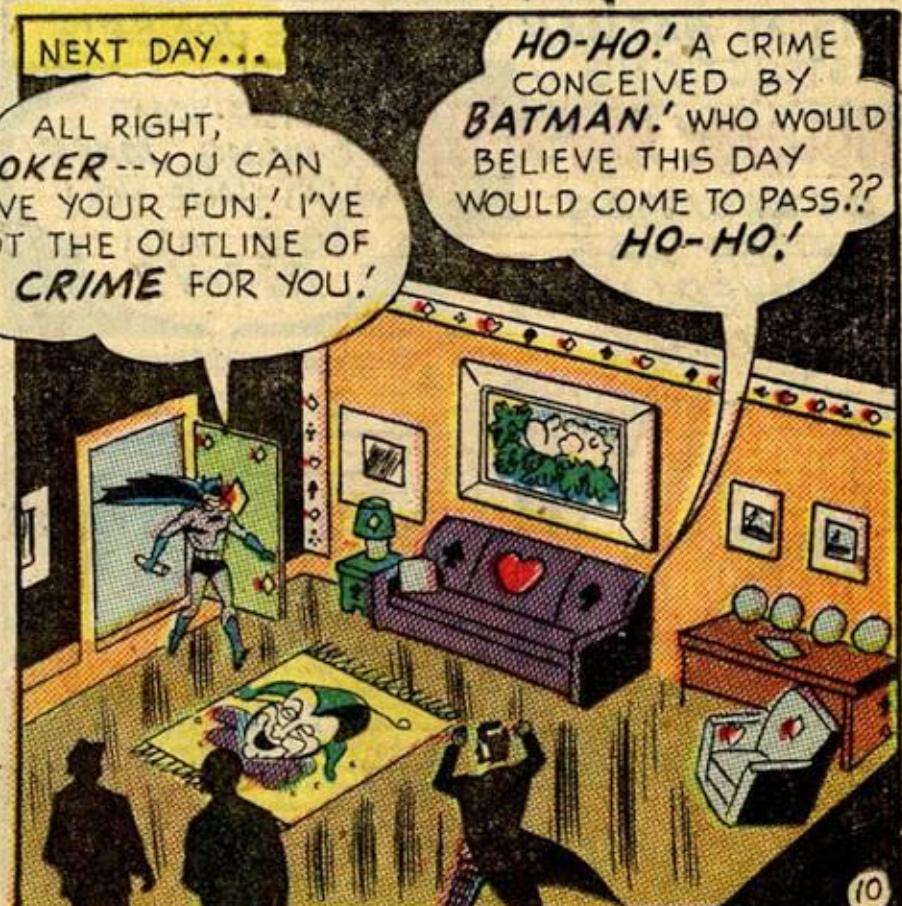
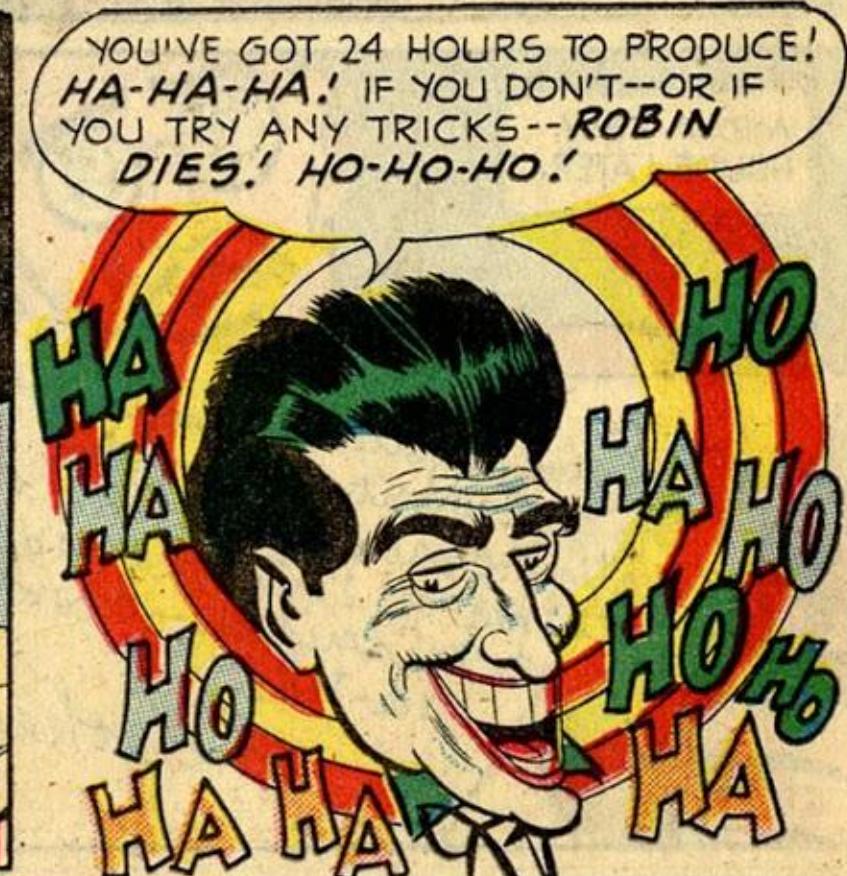
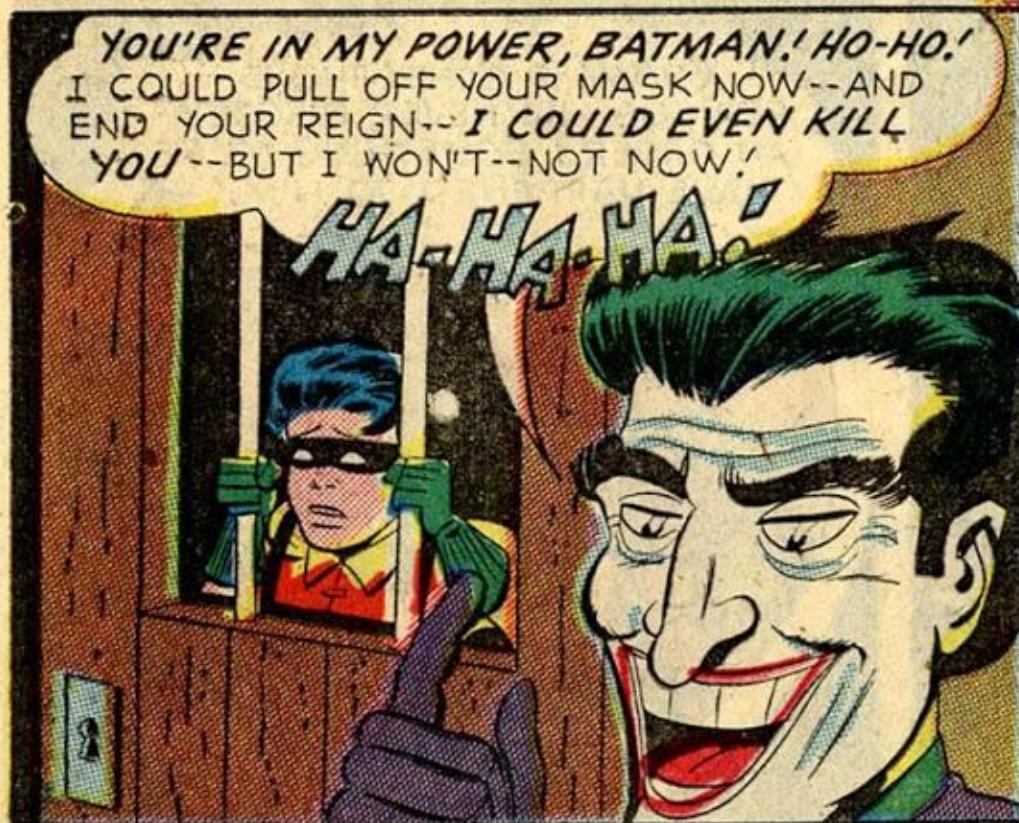
I KNOW HOW THAT POOR KID FEELS--IT'LL ONLY TAKE A SECOND FOR ME TO RETRIEVE HIS BALLOON...

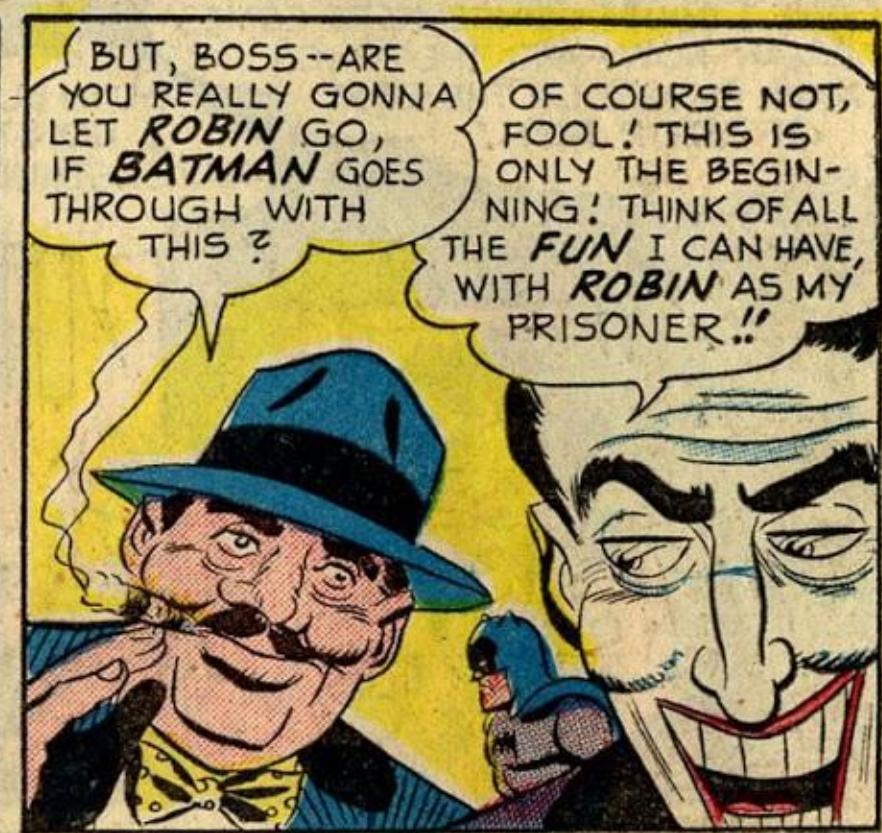
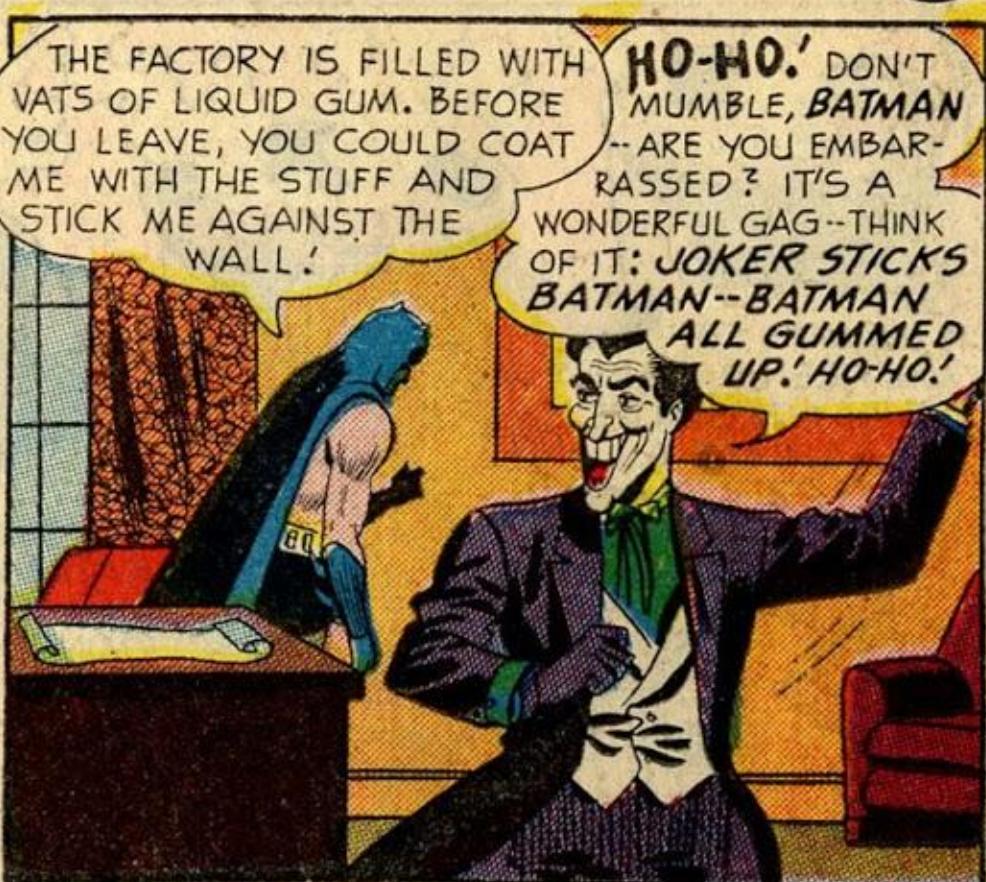
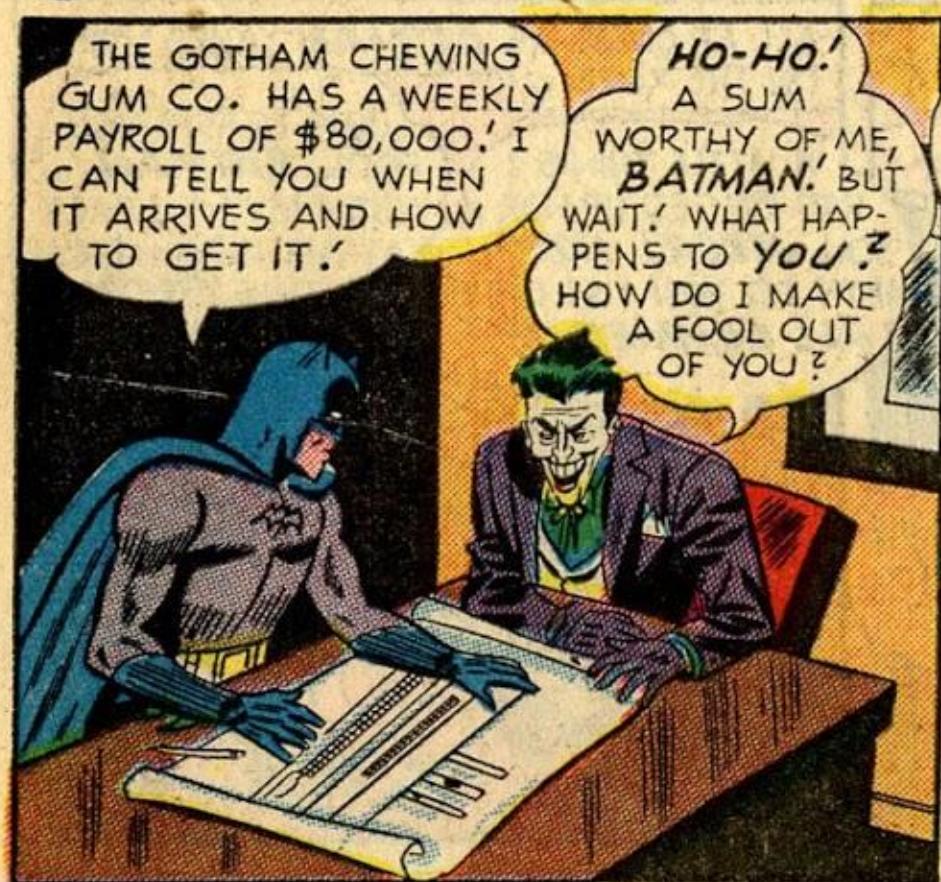
THEN, AS THE BALLOON SCIDS AROUND A CORNER...

TRICKED--BY THE JOKER!

YES! HA-HA! AN EPERSONATOR IN THE TUNNEL--A MIDGET DRESSED UP A KID--AND THIS BALLOON ON THE END OF A STRING! HO-HO! I'VE GOT YOU NOW, ROBIN!

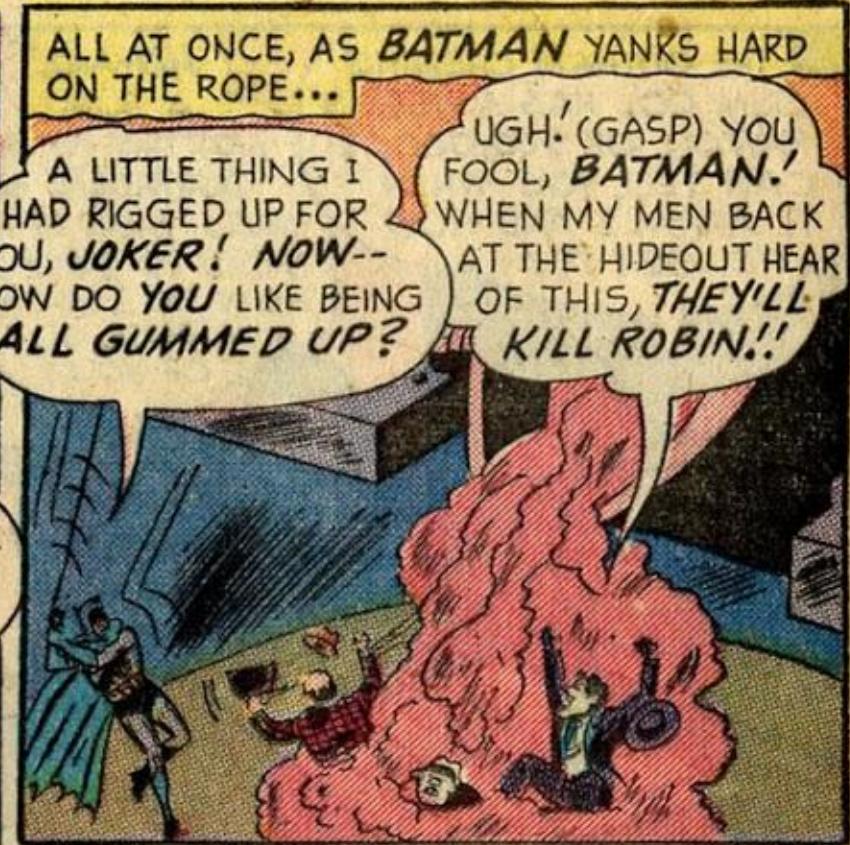








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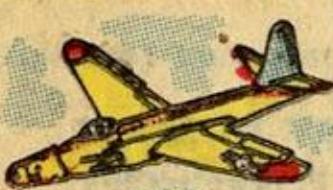
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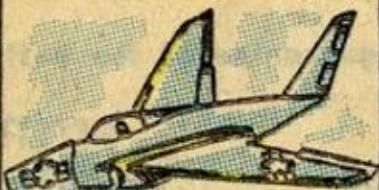


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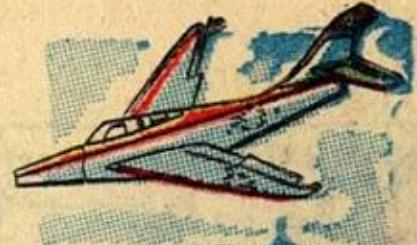
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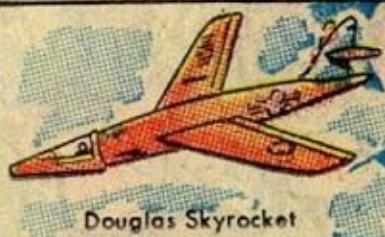
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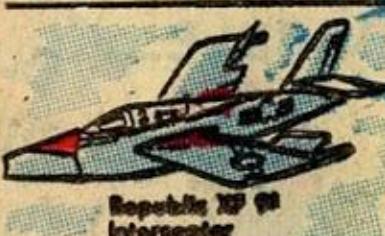
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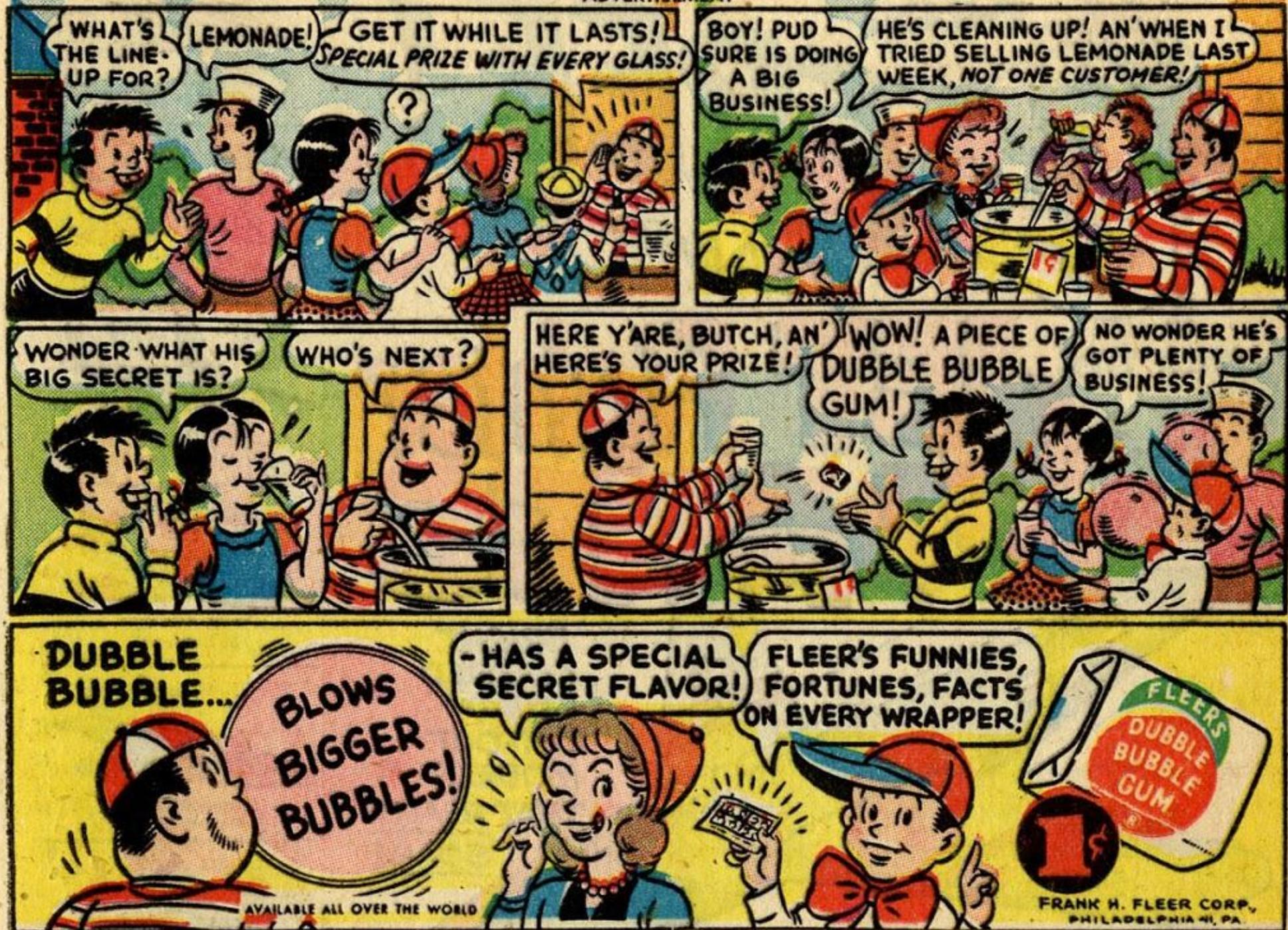
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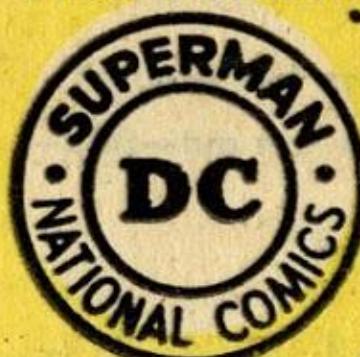
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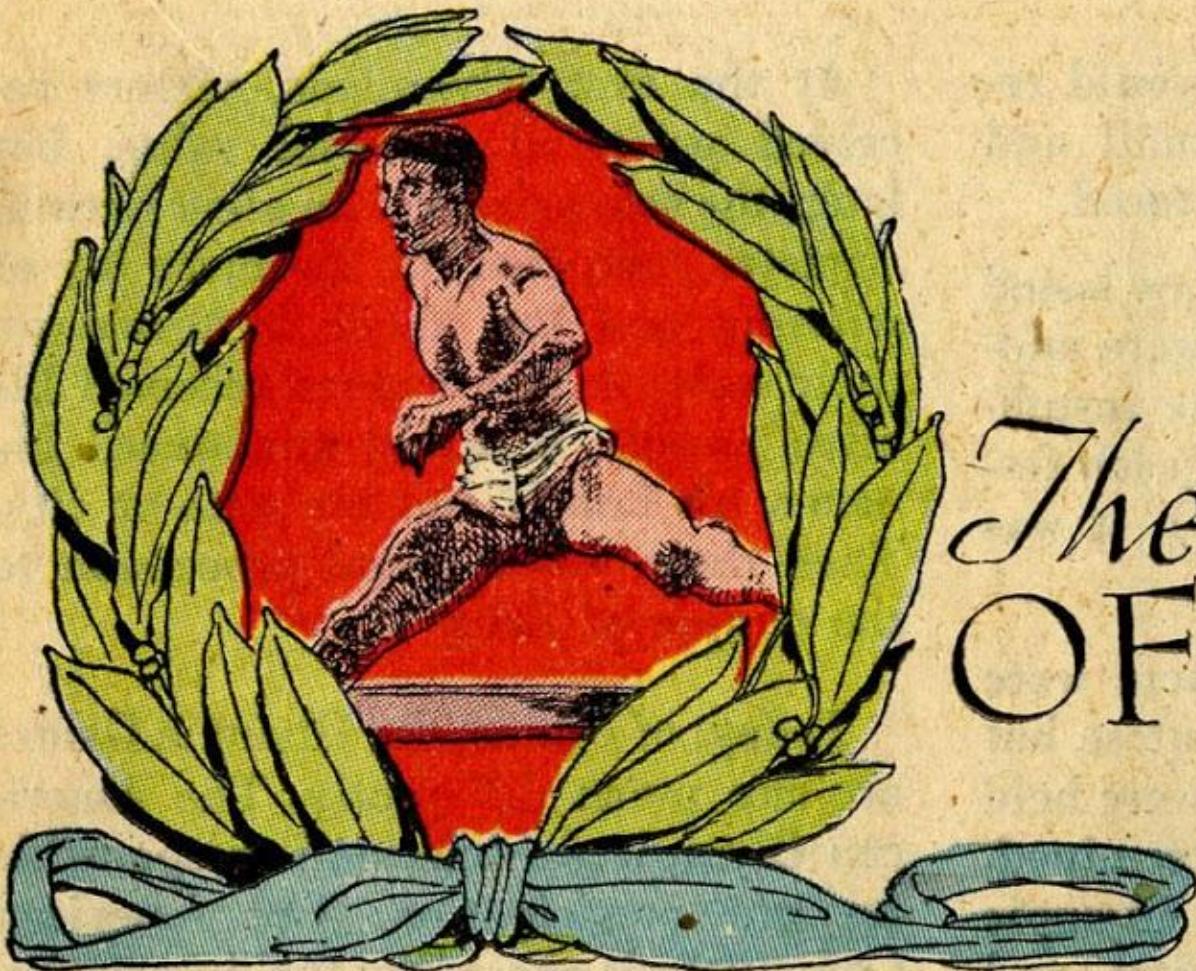
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The KINGS OF SPORT

ALMOST any list of today's public heroes will probably include some great athletes. Few Americans receive more acclaim and affection than that bestowed upon the great figures of the sports world. Just think of all the sporting events that take place in the course of a year. Think of the tremendous interest and enthusiasm that these events provoke in players and spectators alike.

Far back in history, athletic contests stimulated interest and excitement, too. The victorious athlete at the Olympian, an important ancient Grecian festival, received expensive gifts and garlands of flowers after the contest.

In those days, Greece was not really one nation but several small cities and states. Each of these communities sent contestants to the Olympian, and the competition was just as keen then as it is in our modern Olympic Games.

Today's Games, in which all countries compete every four years, were directly inspired by the ancient Olympian games. Their modern revival was

instituted by Baron Pierre de Coubertin in 1894. The installation took place in Athens, Greece in 1896 on the site where the ancient festival had been held. These games have been held every four years since 1900 until 1936, when, because of war, they were postponed until 1948.

In the beginning, the Olympian Games were small and localized. The festival was primarily a religious celebration. Gradually, as its popularity spread and the number of participants increased, it became the most important of all public festivals in ancient Greece.

It is said that Heracles started the custom when he ordered games to be held at Olympus to celebrate a military victory. This custom of celebrating the end of a battle by holding athletic contests is related by Homer, too, but it probably goes back before his time.

Another tale is told about the origin of the games. Once, when the games were no longer held, it is said that an

oracle predicted that Greece would recover from her internal turmoil and trouble if the games were restored.

At first, the Olympian Games lasted only one day, but as contests were added that period of time became insufficient. By the 77th Olympiad (each festival was called an Olympiad), it was increased to five days.

We know that originally there were 24 events in each Olympian contest, but the exact order in which they were held has not been authentically determined. The foot race in the original Olympic Games seems to have come first, and was probably the most important. It was run in heats of four, and consisted of a single lap of the stadium, about 200 yards.

Wrestling, another important event, was highly regarded as a game that demanded a great amount of skill, strength and cleverness. Before the match, wrestlers were coated with oil, then sprinkled with sand, as a protection against bruises.

Then there was boxing. In both boxing and wrestling, skill rather than sheer brute strength was emphasized. The killing of an opponent accidentally brought about a severe penalty. Hence, there were few fatalities. Instead of wearing gloves, boxers wore leather thongs which were bound around their fists and wrists. Ear-guards were also used.

Later, a contest called the Pancratium, a combination of boxing and wrestling was added, and, still later, chariot races entered the lists. Because of the expense involved, only wealthy citizens could participate in this latter contest.

At the first Olympiads, victors received prizes of material value, but later, the sole prize was an olive wreath. Athletes competed for the mere joy of winning and the honor bestowed on their state. As the winner received his olive wreath, a herald announced his name, his family and his state or city. Then there was a grand procession to the temple of Zeus.

Today, of course, the Olympic Games are run much differently. The American Olympic Association is responsible for our participation. The American Committee is chosen by the Association prior to each meeting. Members of this committee are the President of the United States as honorary president, the Secretaries of State, War and the Navy, the American Ambassador to the country where the games are to be held and their Ambassador to this country.

Then, too, there are the honorary and regular officers of the Association and the officers of previous American Olympic Committees. The executive committee is made up of members of the association as well as the public at large. This committee chooses its own active officers who carry out the details of the organization.

Early contests were often marred by quarrels between countries. Also, the number of competitors were limited since they all came from a single area in the Mediterranean. But today, the Olympic Games demonstrate cooperation on an international basis because all nations of the world are represented.

—F. Banks

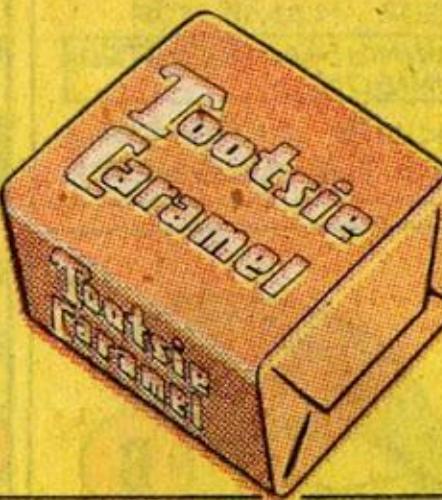
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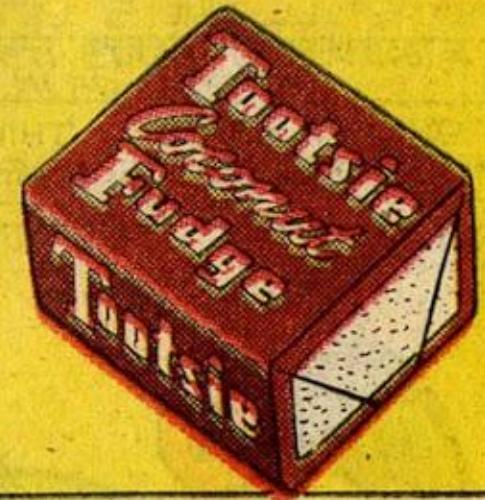
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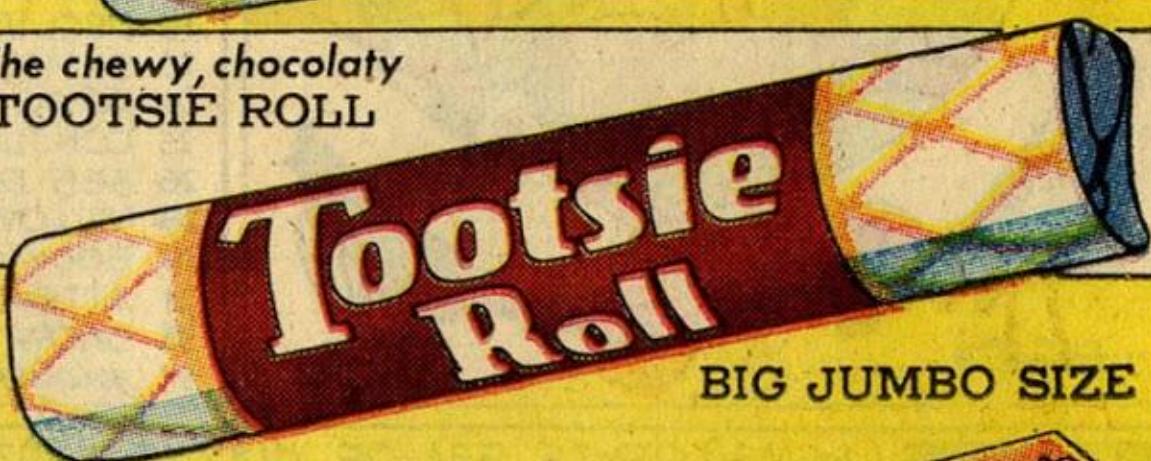


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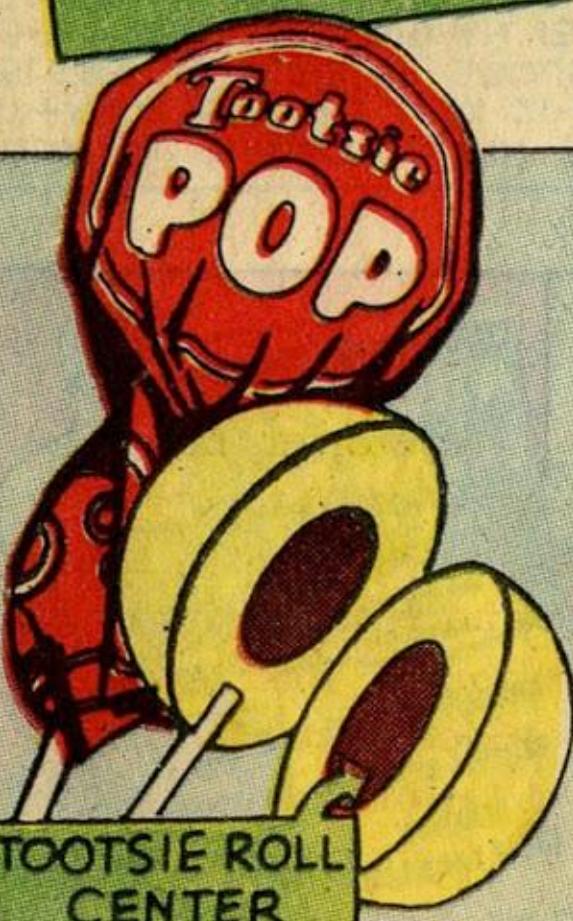
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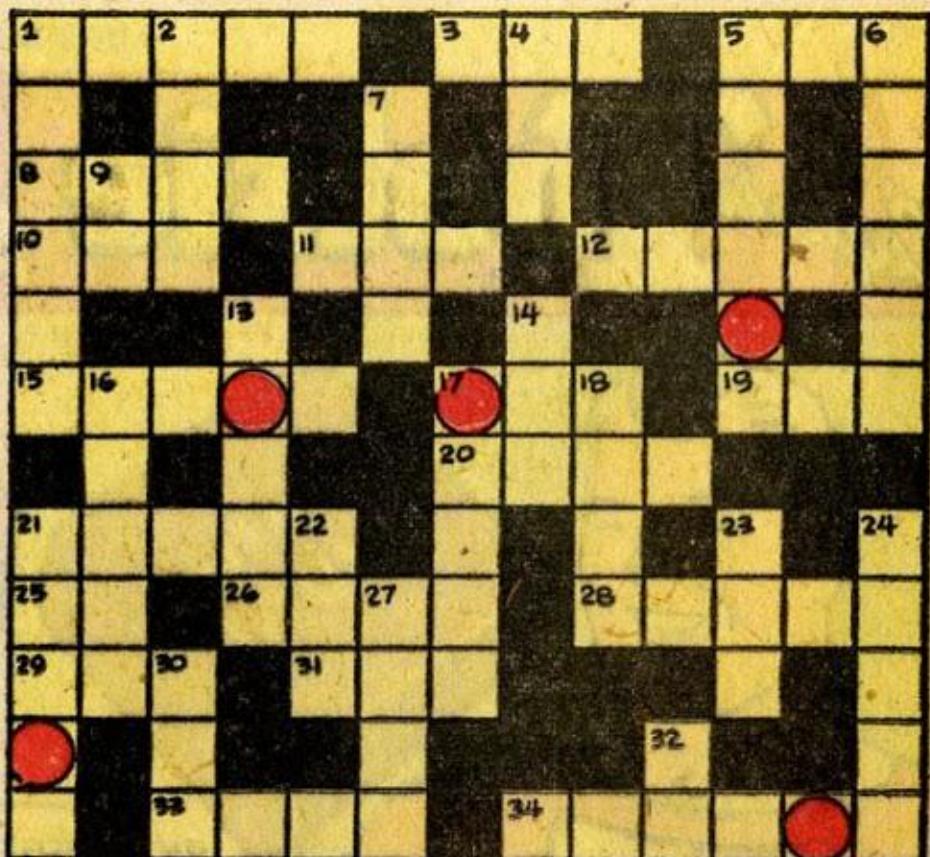
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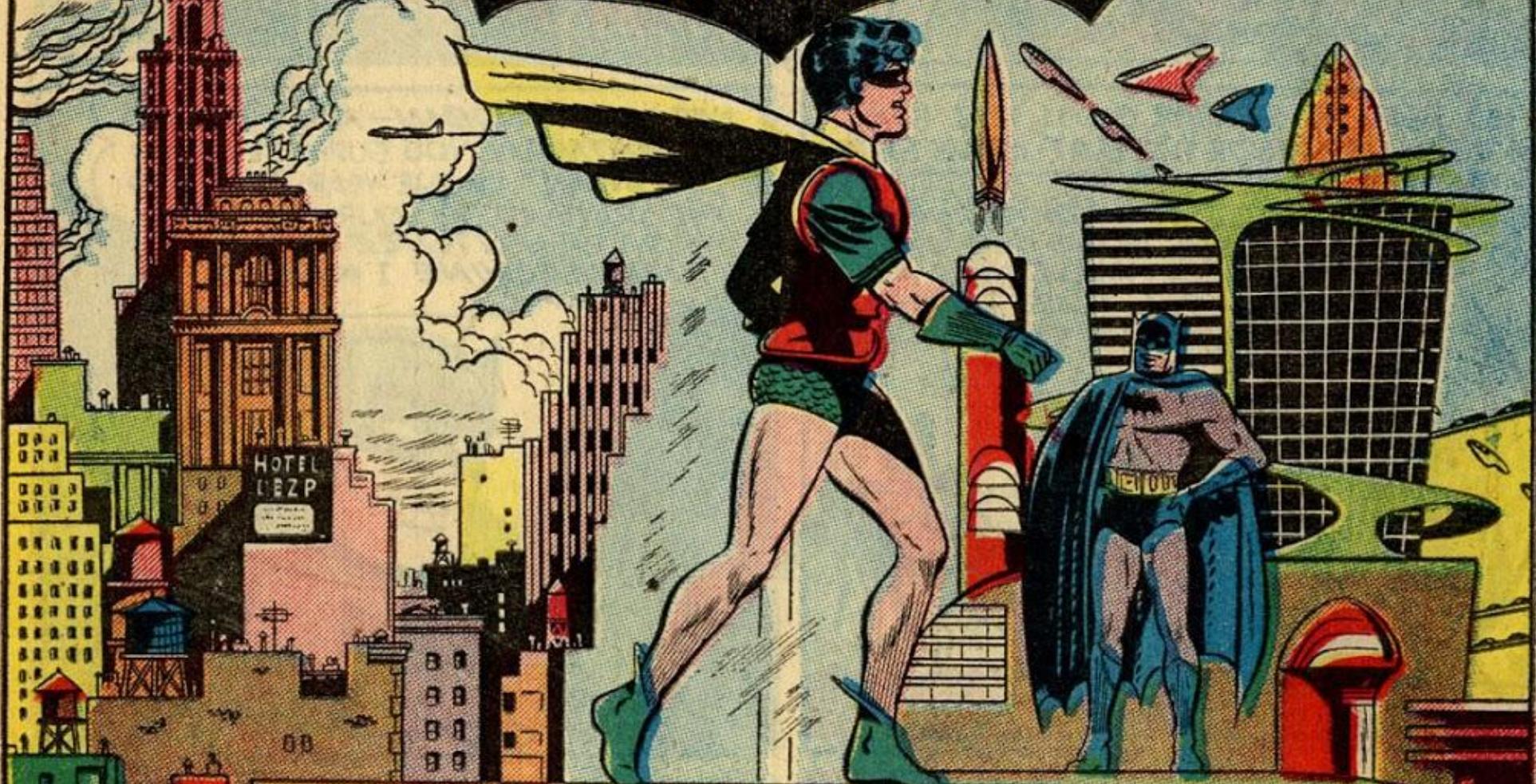


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WITH
ROBIN
- THE BOY WONDER -



ECAN YOU IMAGINE ROBIN WORKING WITH A "BATMAN" OF THE FUTURE? CAN YOU IMAGINE ROBIN, OF THE YEAR 1951, BECOMING THE CRIME-FIGHTING BUDDY OF A "BATMAN" OF THE YEAR 3051? YES, THE INCREDIBLE DOES HAPPEN -- AS 1951 AND 3051 SHAKE HANDS TO BRING A MASTER CRIMINAL OF THE FUTURE TO JUSTICE! A JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE AND TIME ARE AHEAD IN THE AMAZING ADVENTURE OF ...

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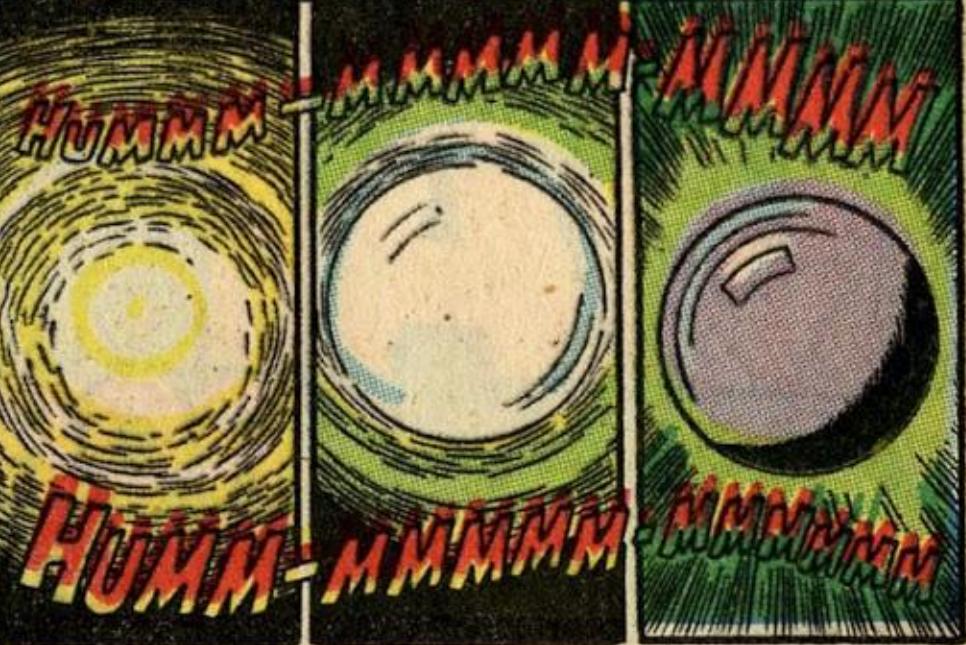
ONE NIGHT IN THE **BAT-CAVE**, AS DICK GRAYSON (**ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER**) CHECKS A SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS WHILE **BATMAN** IS AWAY...

THE INFLATION OF THE RUBBER BALLOON PROVES THAT THIS POISON GIVES OFF A GAS! HMM. STRANGE-- WHERE'S THAT HUMMING SOUND COMING FROM?

HUMMM.
MHHH-
MHHHH



SUDDENLY, **ROBIN'S** ASTONISHED EYES VIEW A SHIMMERING OUTLINE... WHICH TAKES ON FORM AND SHAPE... AND MATERIALIZES AS A GLOBE OF GLEAMING STEEL!



AND FROM THE STRANGE GLOBE THAT HAS MATERIALIZED INSIDE THE **BAT-CAVE** STEPS A FAMILIAR FIGURE!

BATMAN! WHAT IS THIS--SOME NEW MAGICIAN'S ACT YOU'RE TRYING OUT?



NOT MAGIC, **ROBIN**--AND I AM NOT THE **BATMAN** YOU SUPPOSE! I AM "BATMAN" OF THE YEAR 3051, AND I'VE TRAVELED TO YOUR CENTURY FROM THE **FUTURE** IN THE **TIME MACHINE** I INVENTED.



I STUDIED MICRO-FILMS OF YOUR AND **BATMAN'S** EXPLOITS STORED IN OUR MUSEUMS, AND I TRAINED MYSELF AND MY YOUNG NEPHEW TO DUPLICATE THEM--AND THUS ANOTHER "**BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**" TEAM WAS BORN-- IN THE THIRTY-FIRST CENTURY!

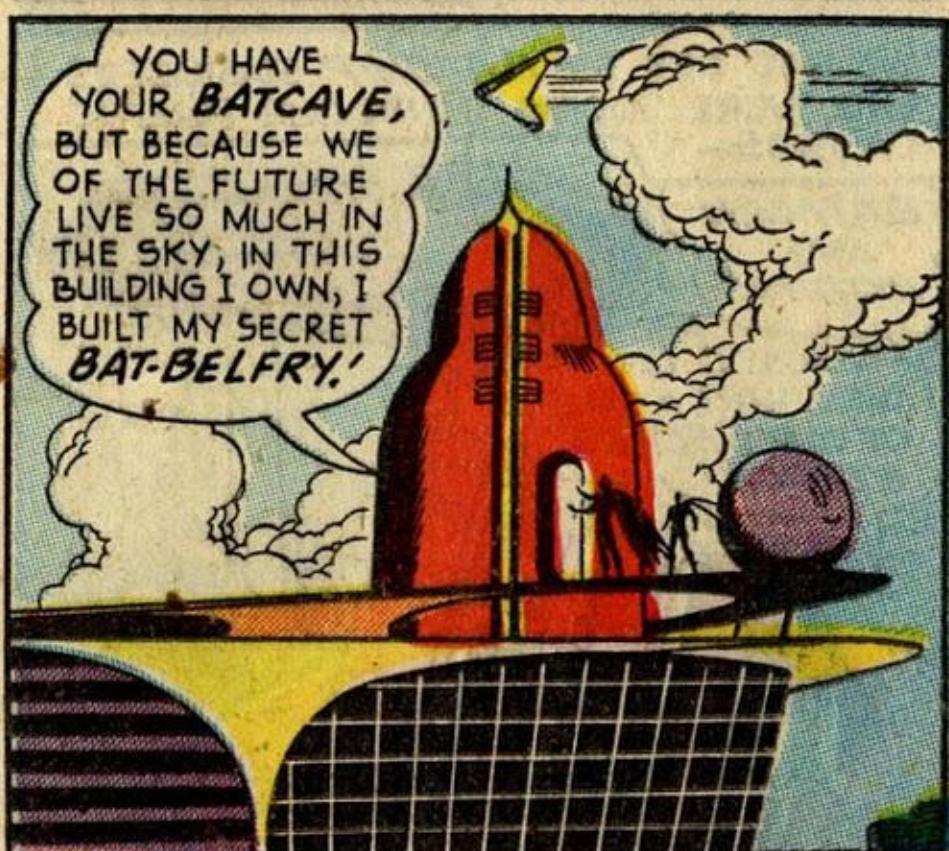
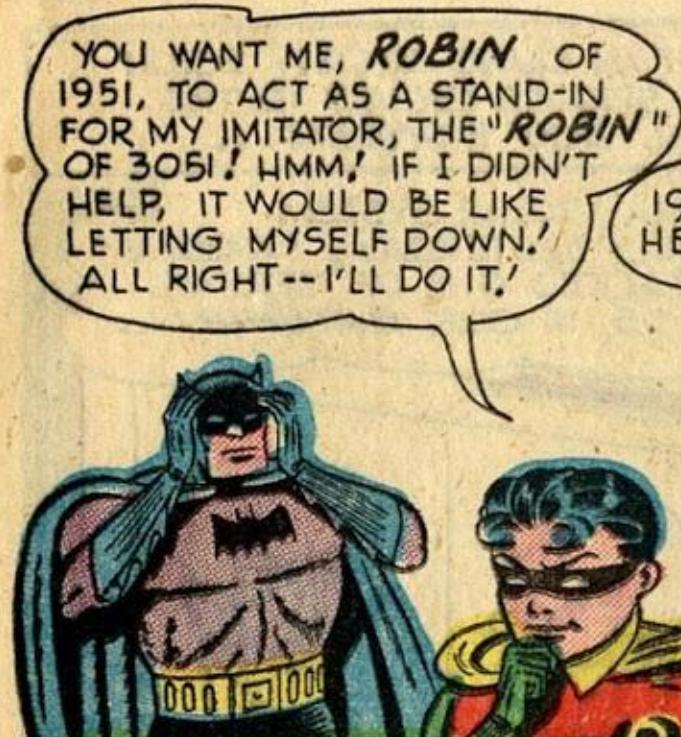


BUT WHY DID YOU TIME TRAVEL HERE?
IN 3051 LIVES A SUPER-CRIMINAL CALLED YERXA! WHILE WE WERE FIGHTING YERXA'S BAND, "**ROBIN**" BROKE A LEG! THERE ISN'T TIME TO TRAIN ANOTHER "**ROBIN**"--SO I'VE COME TO THE ORIGINAL **ROBIN** FOR HELP!

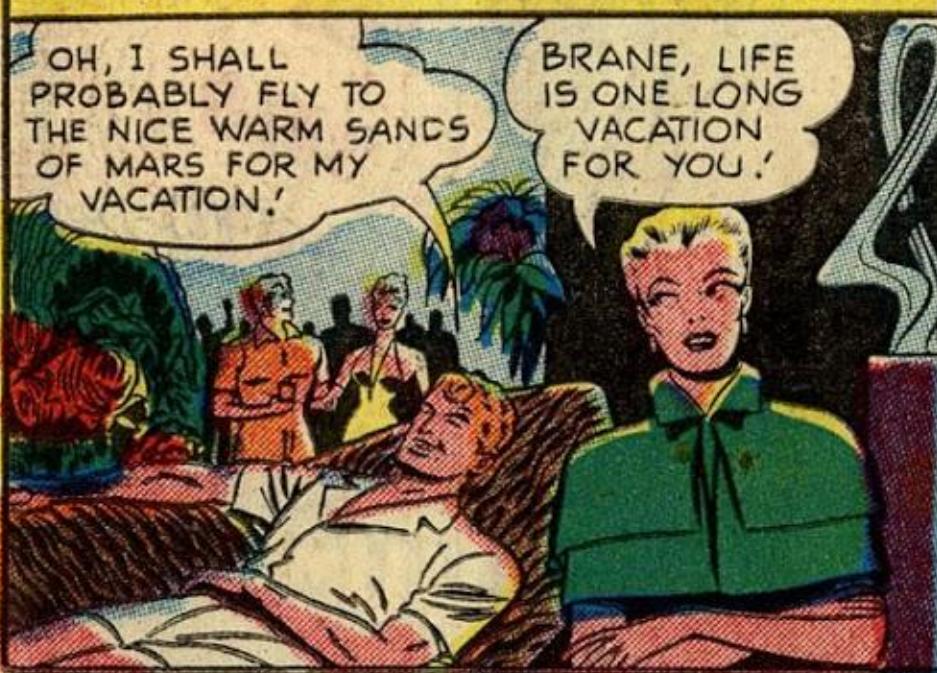




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HE LEARNS THAT, LIKE BRUCE WAYNE, THE FUTURE "BATMAN" ASSUMES THE POSE OF A RICH MAN-ABOUT-TOWN, BRANE TAYLOR, TO COVER UP HIS CRIME-FIGHTING IDENTITY...

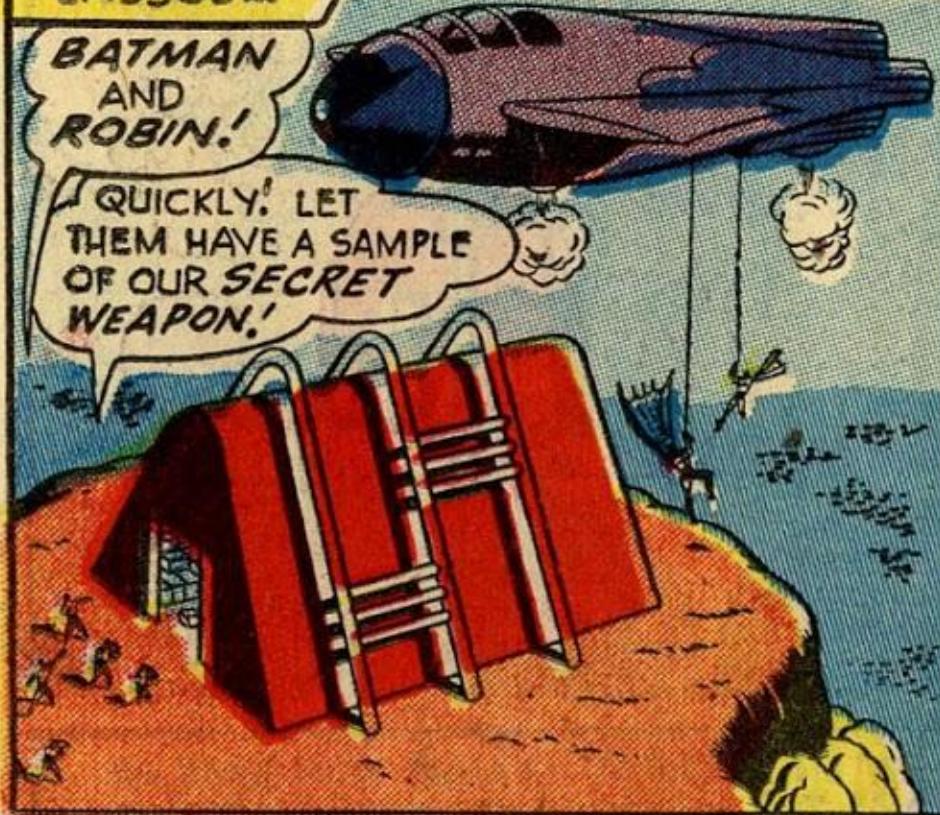


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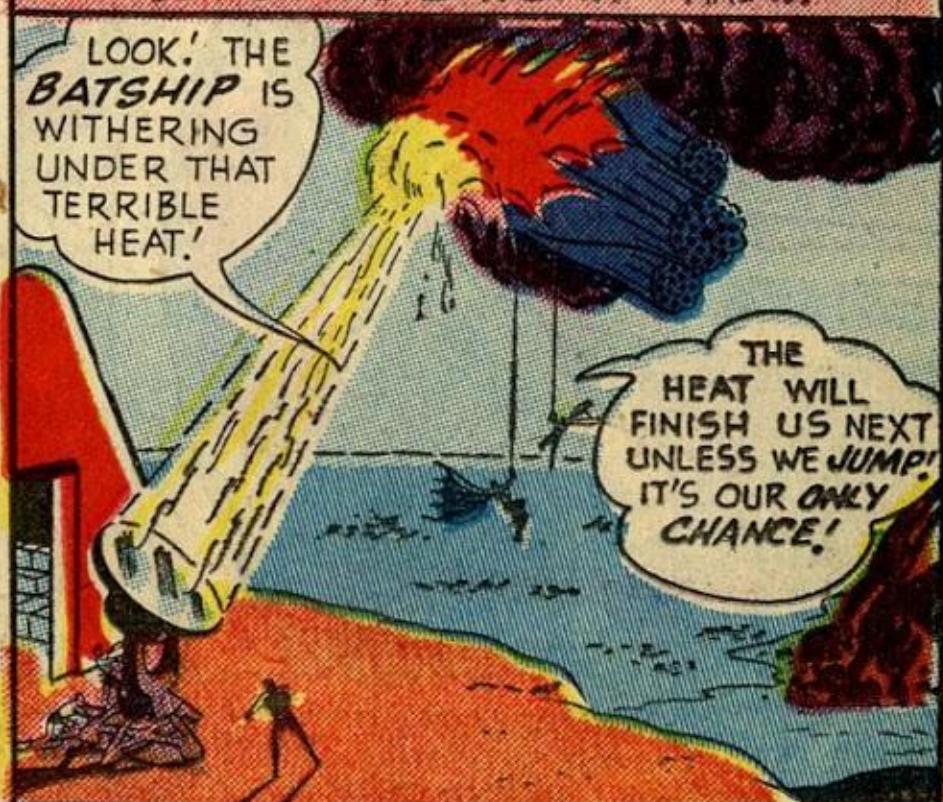
THIS IS YERXA--SOLAR SYSTEM BANDIT! ONLY YESTERDAY, "ROBIN" AND I ATTACKED ONE OF YERXA'S STRONGHOLDS, IN OUR BATSHIP!...



"WE HAD SET THE BATSHIP STABILIZERS AND WERE SLIDING DOWN OUR PLASTIC LASSOS..."



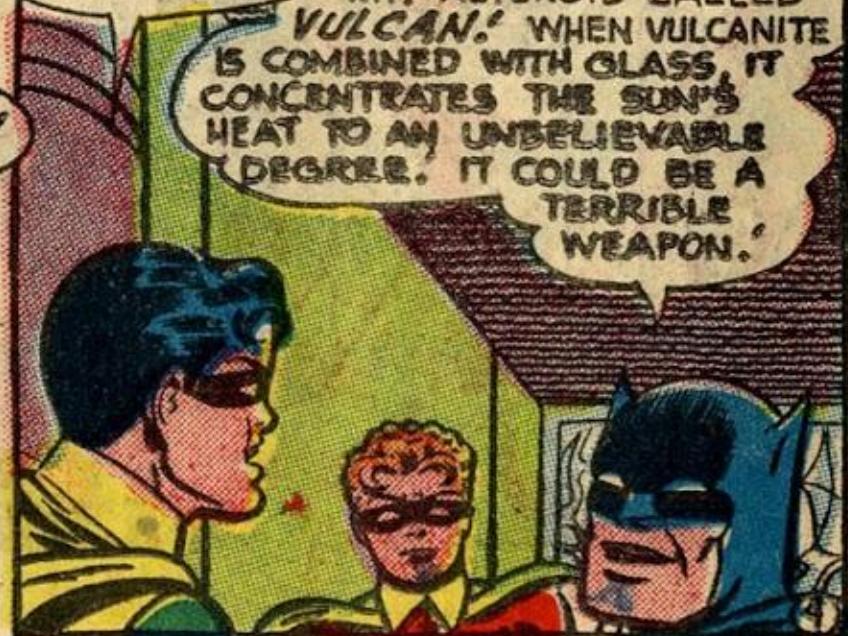
"SUDDENLY, THEY WHEELED OUT A HUGE MIRROR WHICH FOCUSED THE RAYS OF THE SUN ON THE BATSHIP AND..."



"IT WAS A LONG DROP AND THAT IS HOW ROBIN BROKE HIS LEG! YERXA'S MEN ESCAPED, BUT ANOTHER MORE DREADFUL THOUGHT HORRIFIED US!"



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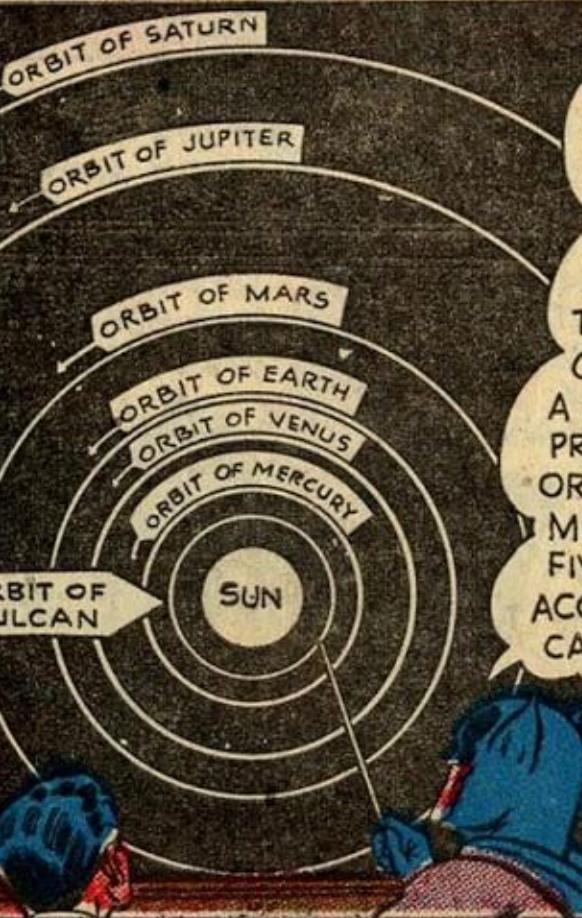
BATMAN



THAT IS WHY, TO KEEP VULCANITE FROM FALLING INTO EVIL HANDS, THE EARTH GOVERNMENT CONTROLS ALL VULCANITE ORE! BUT NOW, YERXA HAS VULCANITE!

SINCE YERXA COULDN'T STEAL IT FROM EARTH VAULTS, HE MUST HAVE SMUGGLED IT OFF VULCAN SOMEHOW! AND THAT'S WHY **YOU** AND I ARE GOING TO JOIN THE *LOST LEGION* ON VULCAN!

WHAT'S THE *LOST LEGION*?



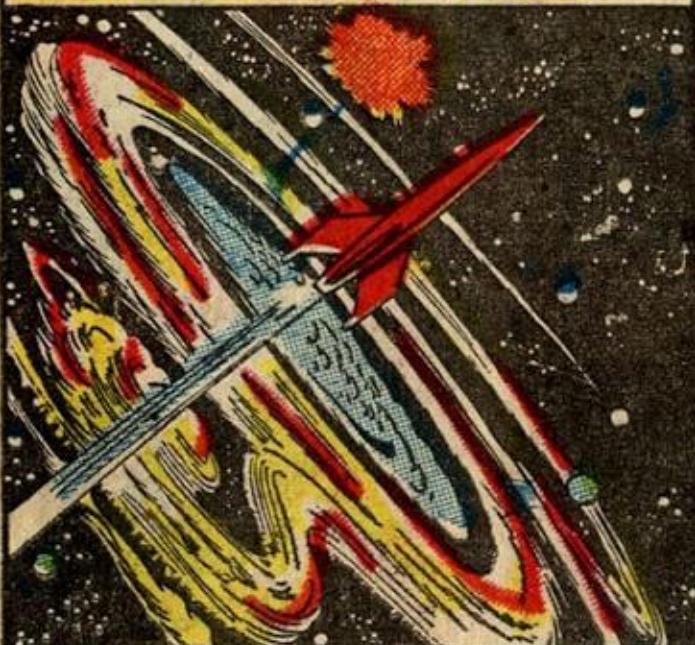
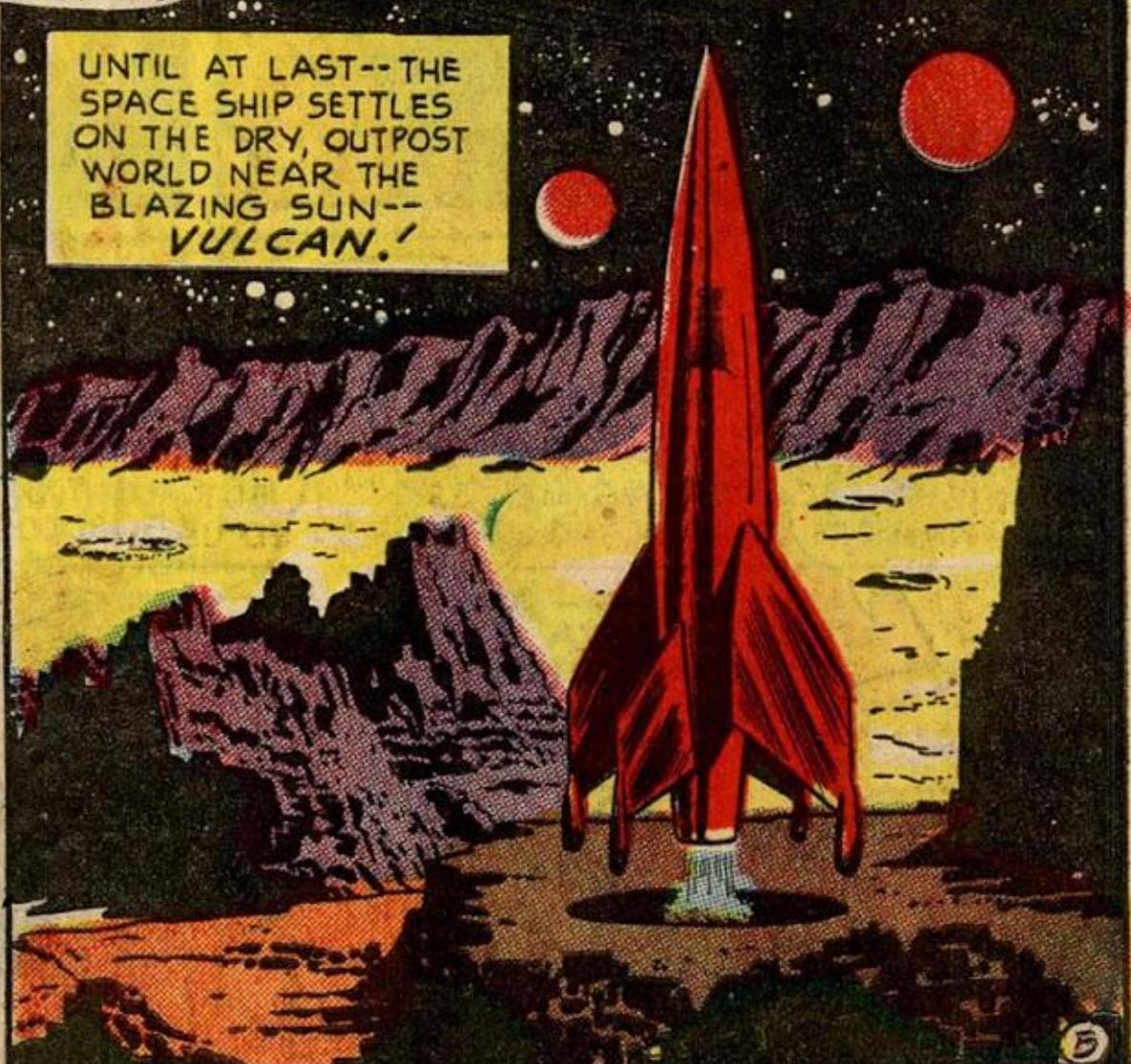
A PLACE HOTTER, DRIER THAN THE SAHARA DESERT! THAT IS VULCAN! IT IS SO UNBEARABLE THAT CONVICTED CRIMINALS ARE GIVEN A CHOICE--LIFE IMPRISONMENT ON EARTH--OR A PARDON AFTER MINING VULCANITE FOR FIVE YEARS! THOSE WHO ACCEPT VULCAN ARE CALLED *THE LOST LEGION*!

TO LEARN HOW YERXA STEALS VULCANITE, THE EARTH POLICE WILL "ARREST" US AND SHIP US TO VULCAN! NOW, KNOWING THAT, DO YOU STILL WANT TO HELP?

I NEVER WENT BACK ON MY WORD YET.

HOURS LATER, ACCORDING TO PLAN, PRISON SPACE SHIP 25 ROCKETS INTO THE INTERSTELLAR VOID, BEARING TWO "PRISONERS" FOR THE *LOST LEGION*!

UNTIL AT LAST--THE SPACE SHIP SETTLES ON THE DRY, OUTPOST WORLD NEAR THE BLAZING SUN--**VULCAN**!





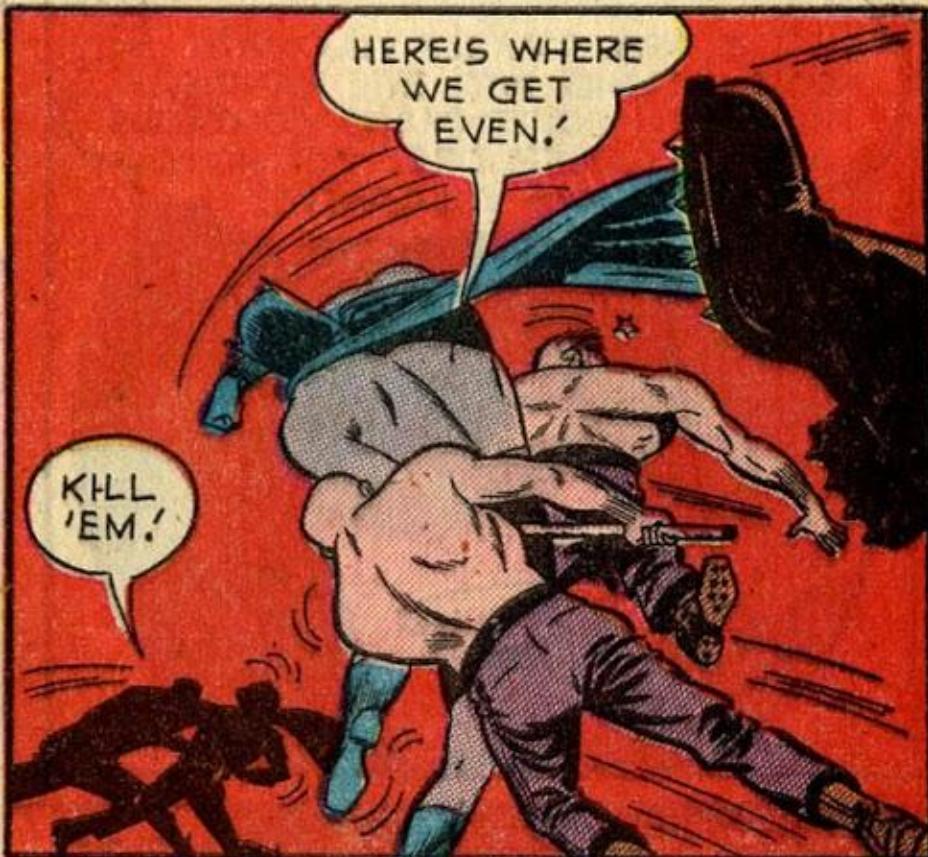
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AS THE PRISON SHIP LANDS ITS PASSENGERS,
LOST LEGIONNAIRES COME UP TO INVESTIGATE...

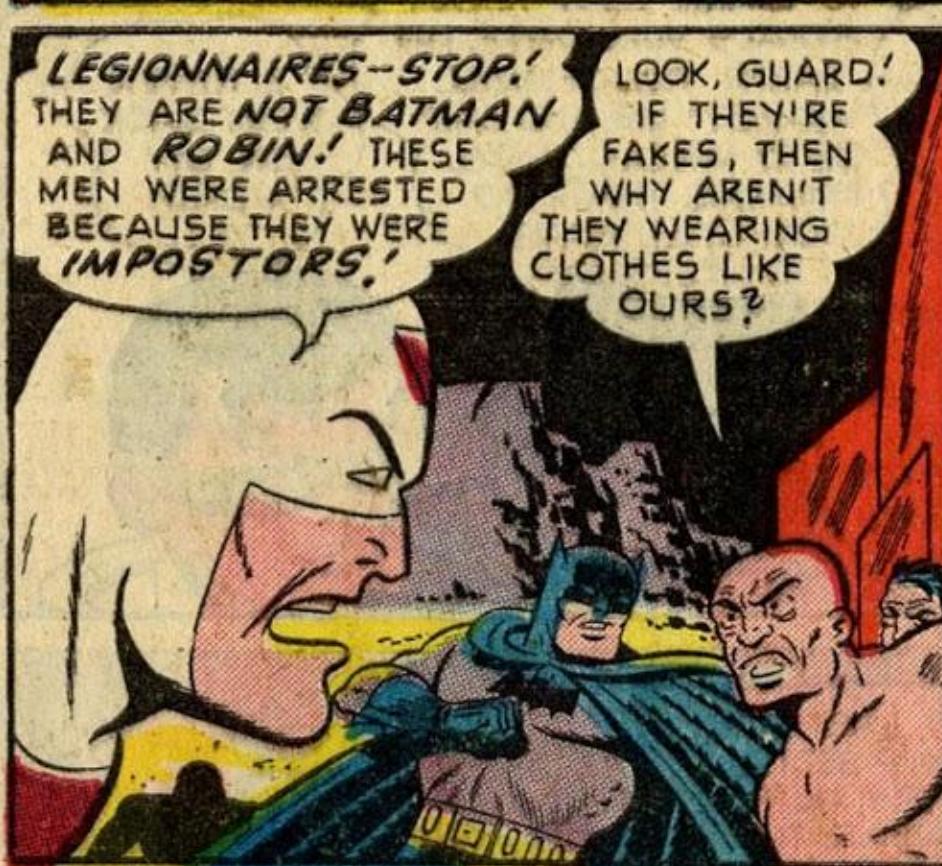
LOOK! BATMAN
AND ROBIN! THEY'RE
THE ONES WHO HAD
ME ARRESTED.

I WOULDN'T COME ON,
BE HERE, MEN--LET'S
BUT FOR THEM!
GIVE THEM A GOING-
OVER!



LEGIONNAIRES—STOP!
THEY ARE NOT BATMAN
AND ROBIN! THESE
MEN WERE ARRESTED
BECAUSE THEY WERE
IMPOSTORS!

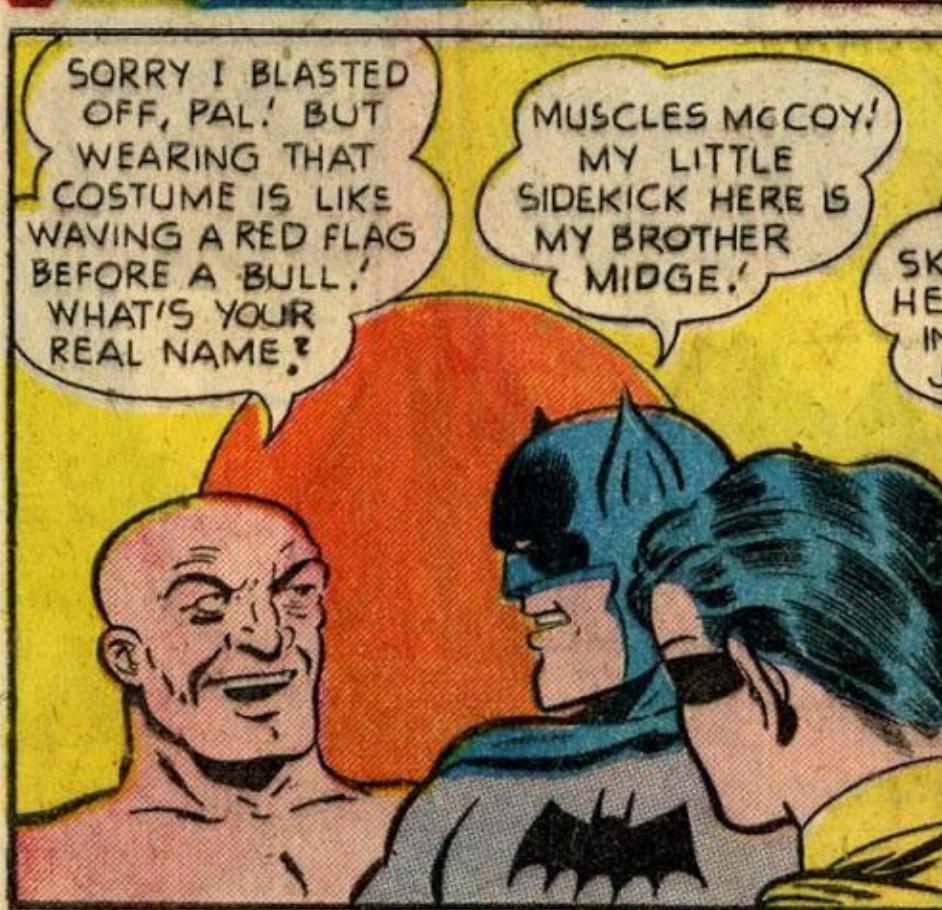
LOOK, GUARD!
IF THEY'RE
FAKES, THEN
WHY AREN'T
THEY WEARING
CLOTHES LIKE
OURS?



SORRY I BLASTED
OFF, PAL! BUT
WEARING THAT
COSTUME IS LIKE
WAVING A RED FLAG
BEFORE A BULL.
WHAT'S YOUR
REAL NAME?

MUSCLES MCCOY!
MY LITTLE
SIDEKICK HERE IS
MY BROTHER
MIDGE!

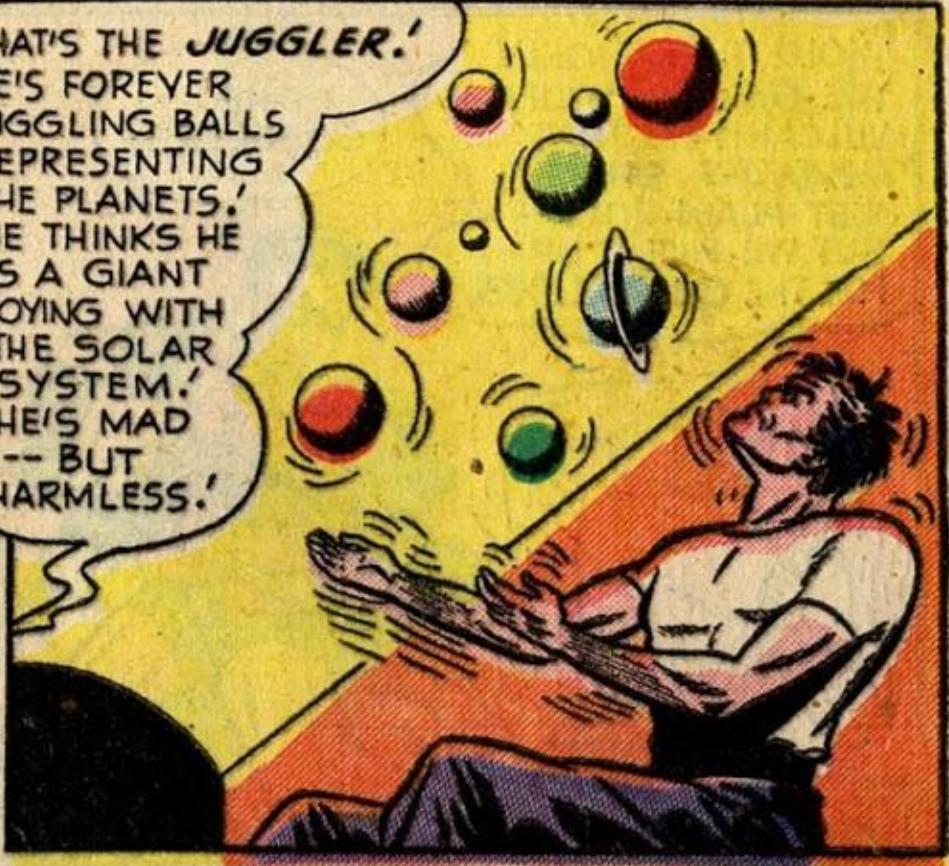
THAT'S GREENIE! HIS
SKIN TURNED COLOR WHEN
HE CAUGHT THE SWAMP FEVER
IN HIS HIDEOUT IN THE
JUNGLES OF VENUS!



THAT'S WILLIE THE WHITTLER! HE'S ALWAYS CARVING OUT THE STRANGE BEASTS HE'S SEEN ON OTHER PLANETS WHEN HE WAS A SPACE PIRATE!



THAT'S THE JUGGLER! HE'S FOREVER JUGGLING BALLS REPRESENTING THE PLANETS! HE THINKS HE IS A GIANT TOYING WITH THE SOLAR SYSTEM! HE'S MAD -- BUT HARMLESS!



YOU'LL MEET THE OTHERS, YOURSELF. WE'LL ALL GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER PRETTY WELL. WE'RE ALL ONE HAPPY FAMILY HERE.

YEAH! COZY, AIN'T IT?

HAW! HAW! HOME SWEET HOME.



THE RIFF-RAFF OF THE NINE PLANETS--KILLERS, THIEVES, BLACKGUARDS, THESE ARE THE STRANGE NEW COMPANIONS FOR THE CRIME-FIGHTERS!

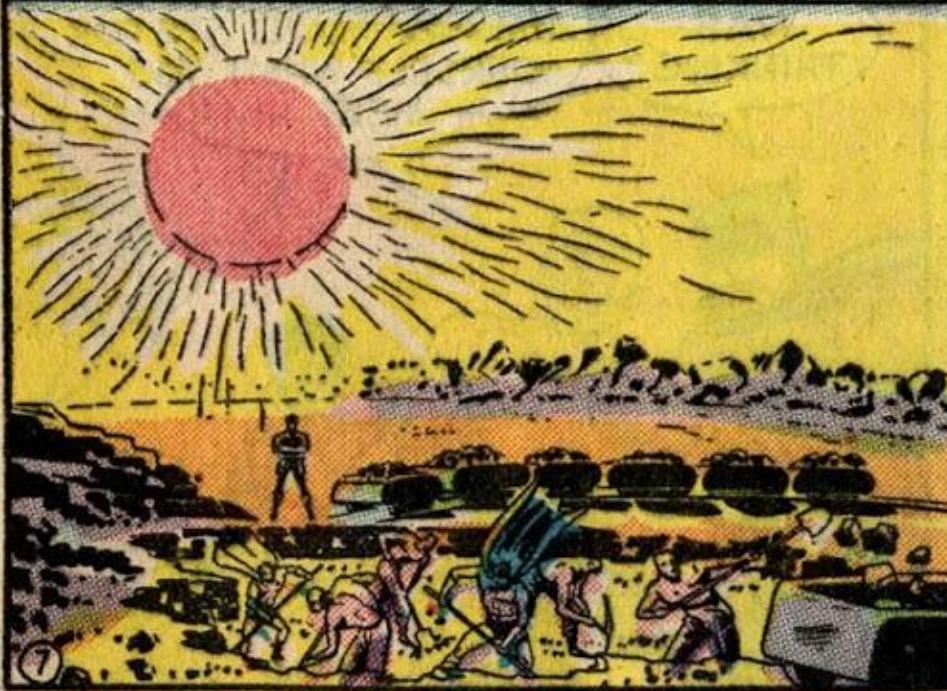
DID I EVER TELL YOU HOW I GOT SIX EARTH POLICE WITH ONE CHARGE FROM MY BLAST-GUN?

I WAS DRILLING INTO THE JUPITER BANK WHEN A ROBOT COP NABBED ME!

I WAS HEAD OF THE MOON SWINDLE--REMEMBER IT?



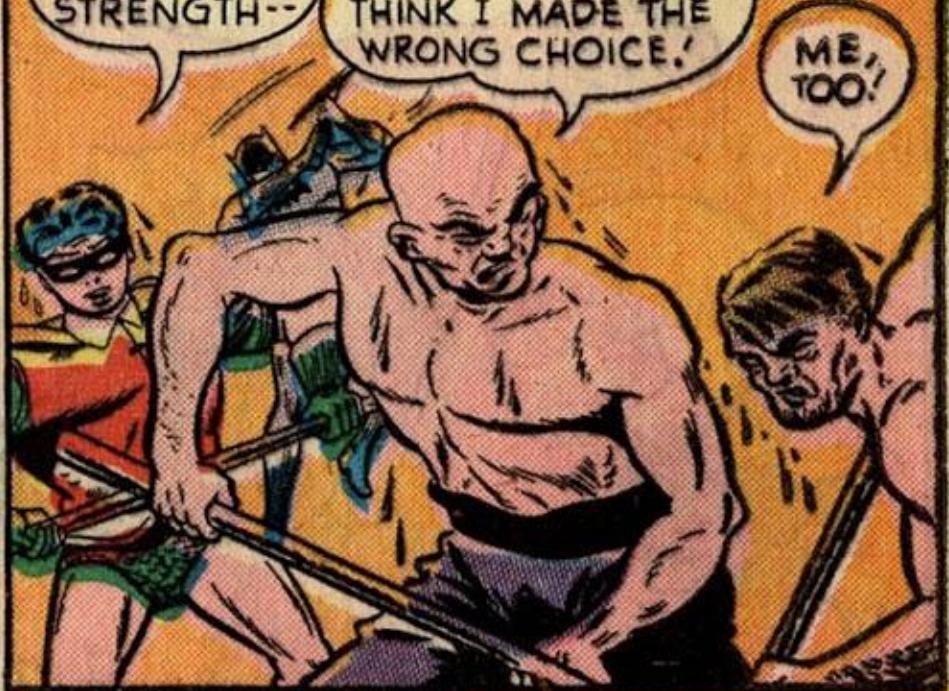
NEXT MORNING, UNDER THE CRUEL SUN, THE **BATMAN** OF THE FUTURE AND THE **ROBIN** OF THE PAST LABOR IN THE MINE PITS OF VULCAN ...

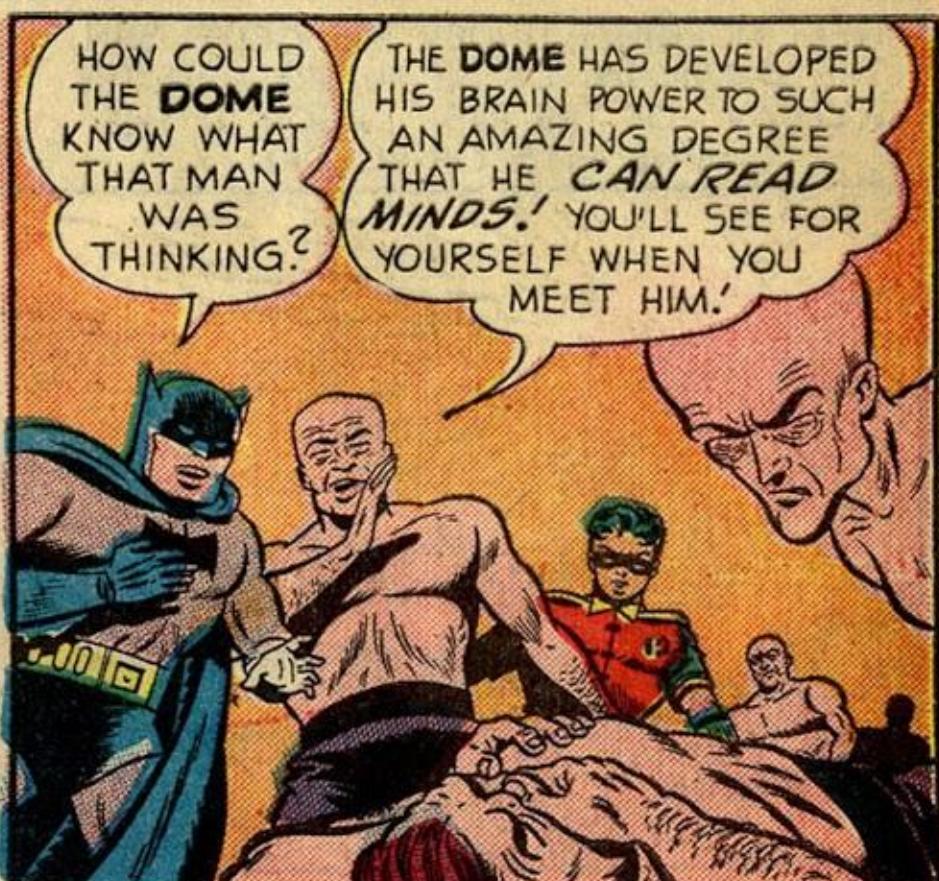


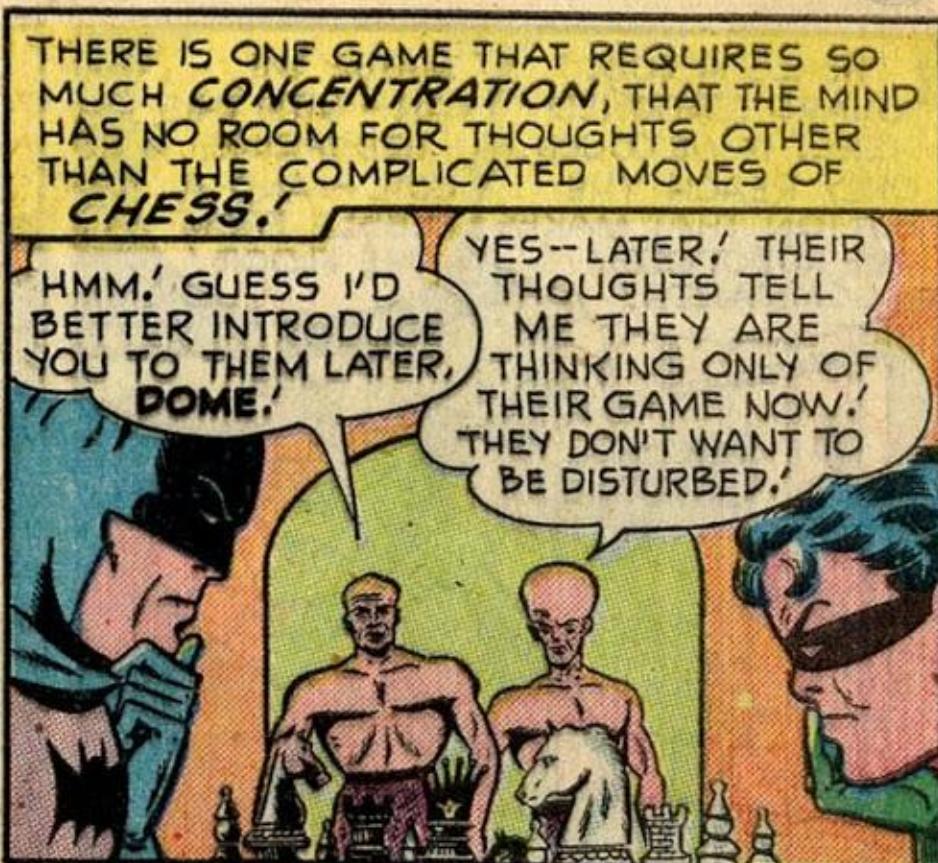
THAT SUN--SO HOT--IT SAPS ALL YOUR STRENGTH--

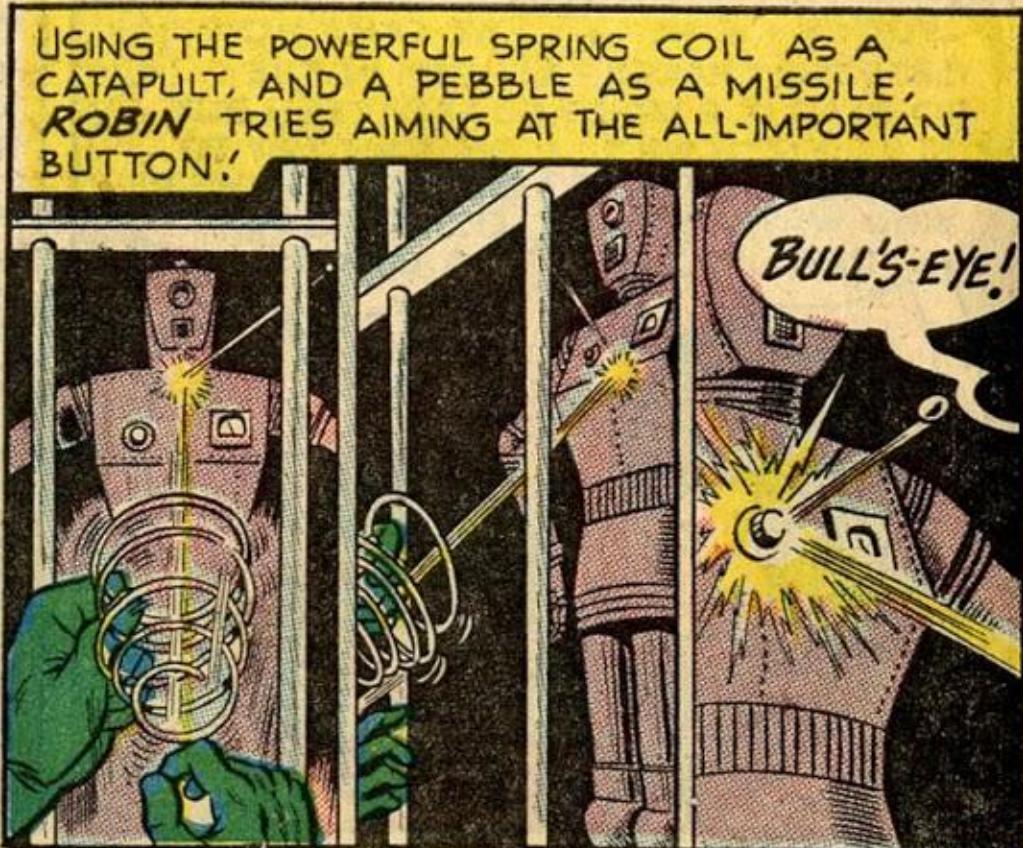
FIVE YEARS ON THIS DEVILISH ROCK--OR LIFE IMPRISONMENT ON EARTH! MANY'S THE TIME I THINK I MADE THE WRONG CHOICE!

ME, TOO!









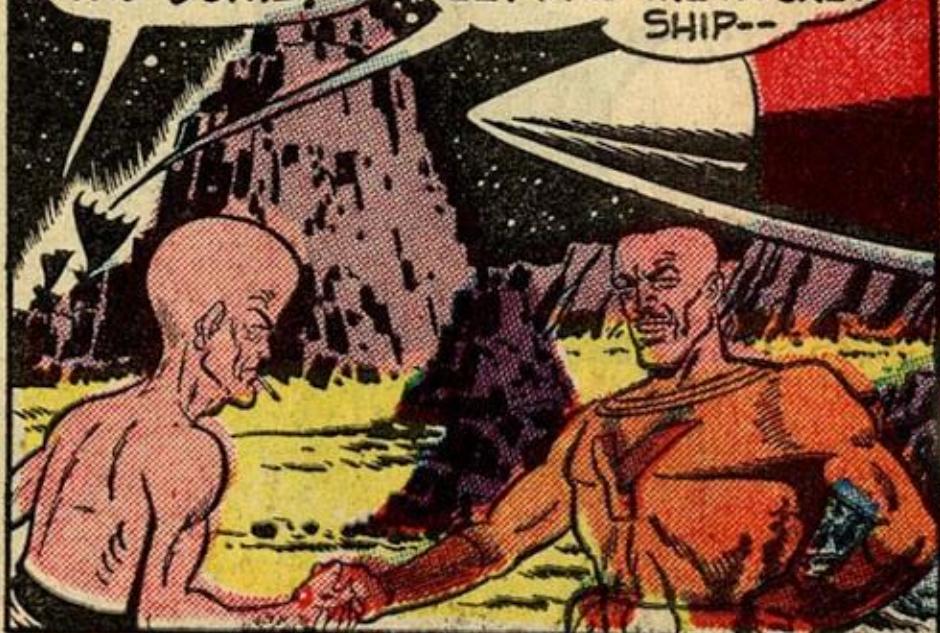
SOMETIME AFTER -- A SLEEK SPACE SHIP PLUMMETS FROM THE SKIES TO LAND QUIETLY ON VULCAN...

YERXA AND HIS BAND! WHAT A MASTERLY SIMPLE SMUGGLING SCHEME! THE PAINTED ROCK, DISCARDED BY THE GOBBLERS, IS MERELY PICKED UP BY THE SCOUNDRELS!



THERE'S THE LEGIONNAIRE WHO PAINTED THE VULCANITE -- **THE DOME!**

WE MUST STOP YERXA NOW! IF WE COULD ONLY DISTRACT HIS CREW WE COULD GET INTO THE ROCKET SHIP--



SUDDENLY, ROBIN HOLDS UP SOMETHING...

A CHILD'S BALLOON!

CHILDREN OF 3051 HAVE ADVANCED TOYS, BUT I'VE SEEN BALLOONS IN OUR MUSEUMS!

I'D POCKETED IT WHEN YOUR TIME MACHINE MATERIALIZED IN THE BAT-CAVE! "BATMAN," WITH LUCK, THIS ORDINARY BALLOON FROM MY WORLD OF THE PAST-- MAY SAVE YOUR WORLD OF THE FUTURE.



MOMENTS LATER, ALL THE BANDITS TURN THEIR EYES UPON AN EERIE, DISEMBODIED "HEAD" FLOATING SKYWARD...

LOOK!
A HEAD--
WITH NO
BODY--
FLOATING
ABOVE
US!



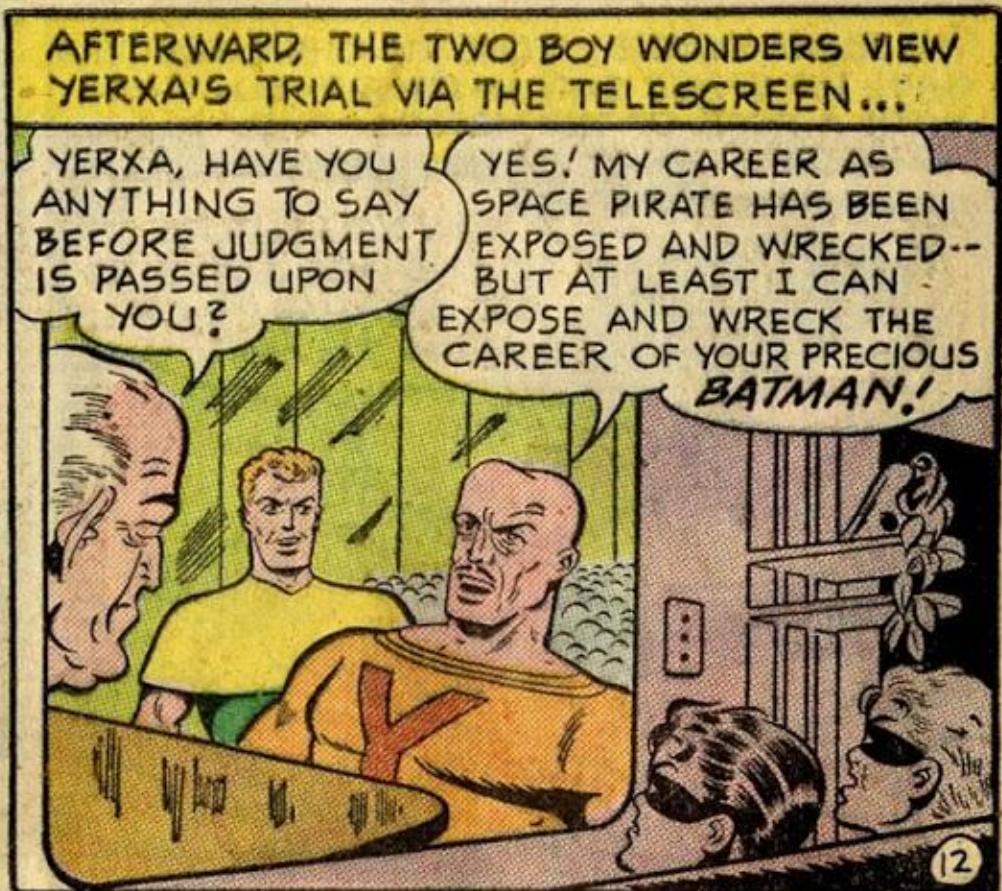
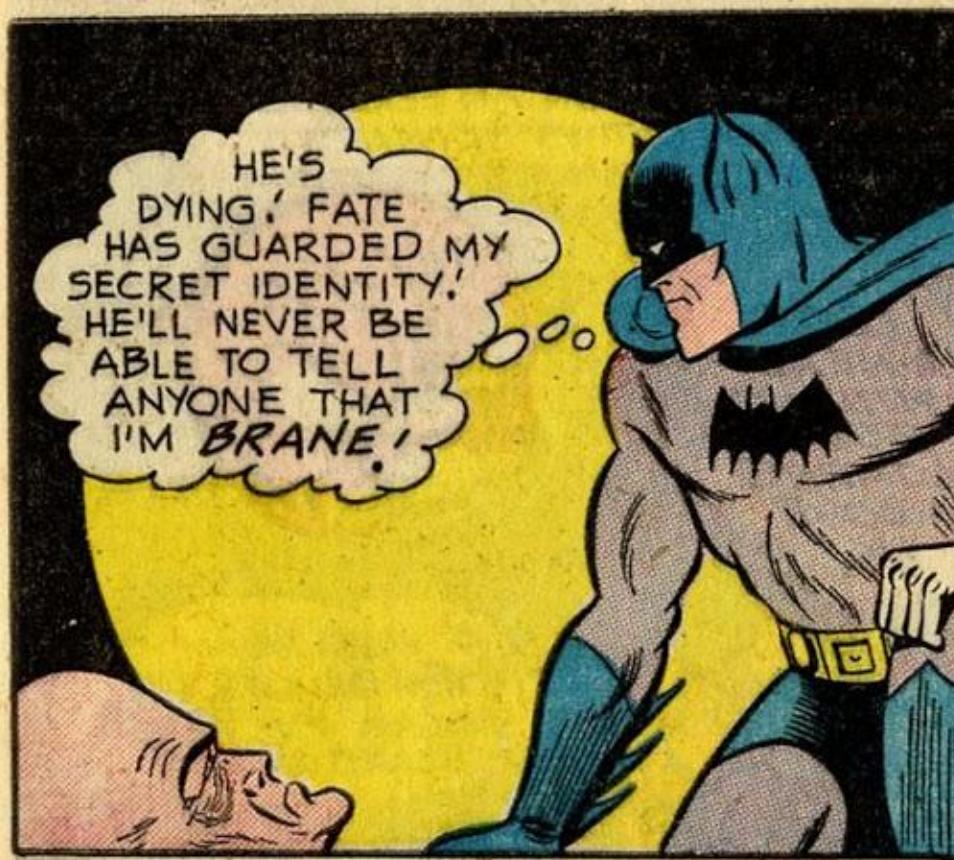
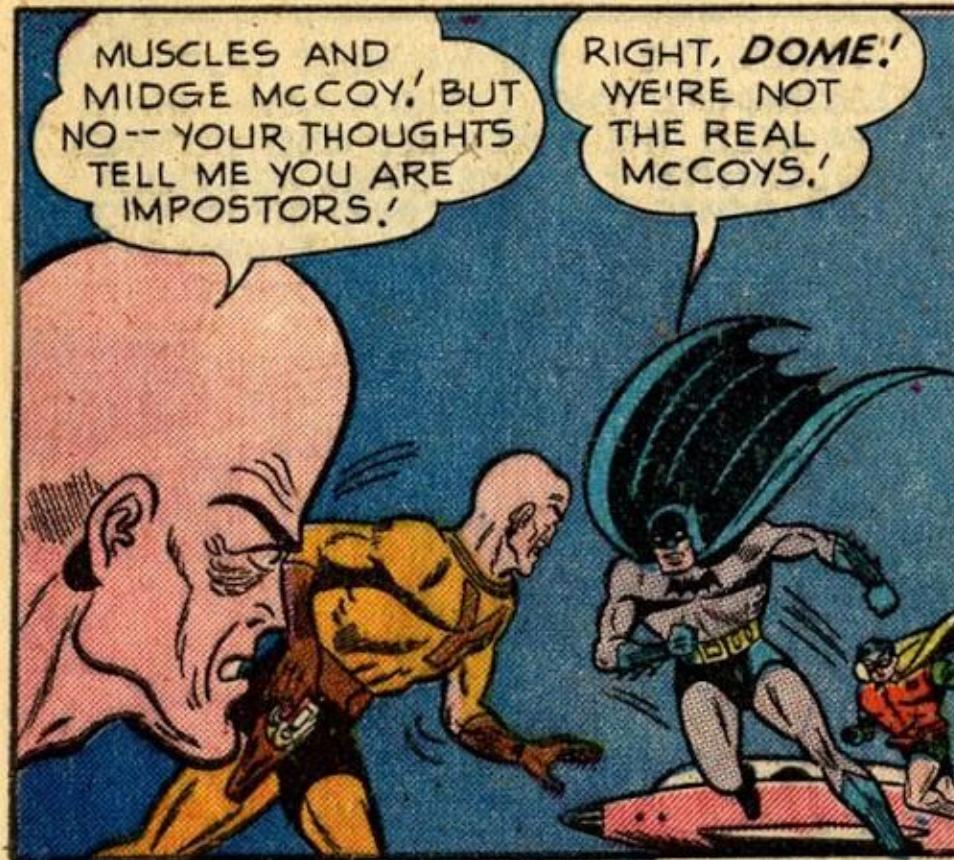
THE RUSE WORKS-- FOR THE CRIME-FIGHTERS GAIN THE SPACE SHIP UNOBSERVED. THEN, WITH A ROAR OF THE MOTORS-- THEY ATTACK!

NOW YOU FUTURE FELONS ARE GOING TO SEE ANOTHER TRICK FROM THE PAST--



--OLD-FASHIONED WILD WEST STEER-ROPING!





YOU NEVER KNEW IT, BUT THE **DOME** LIVED ON FOR A FEW MOMENTS -- AND BEFORE HE DIED HE REVEALED THE SECRET IDENTITY OF BATMAN! YOU, BRANE TAYLOR, WHO POSES AS A WEALTHY SOCIALITE... YOU ARE BATMAN!

THE **DOME** NEVER MADE A MISTAKE! YOUR MIND TOLD HIM YOU ARE **BATMAN**! YOU CAN'T DENY IT, CAN YOU? WELL, BRANE -- SPEAK UP!

I--I--



NOW THE COURTROOM IS A BEDLAM OF EXCITED VOICES! VAINLY, THE JUDGE POUNDS HIS GAVEL TO RESTORE ORDER...

SILENCE -- OR I MUST CLEAR THE COURTROOM!

BATMAN IS BRANE TAYLOR!

WHO'D HAVE BELIEVED IT!

BRANE HASN'T DENIED IT YET!



FINALLY, MINUTES LATER, WHEN ORDER IS RESTORED-- SUDDENLY A BREATHTAKING FIGURE CATAPOULTS INTO VIEW!



LANDING LITELY, THE COWLED FIGURE FACES YERXA.

WELL, YERXA, NOW ARE YOU SO POSITIVE BRANE TAYLOR IS ME?

I--I--MUST HAVE MADE A MISTAKE -- THAT IS, THE **DOME** WAS MISTAKEN -- I--I--



SO, BRANE TAYLOR'S IDENTITY IS SECURE, BUT LATER, AN EXPLANATION CLEARS UP EVERYTHING...

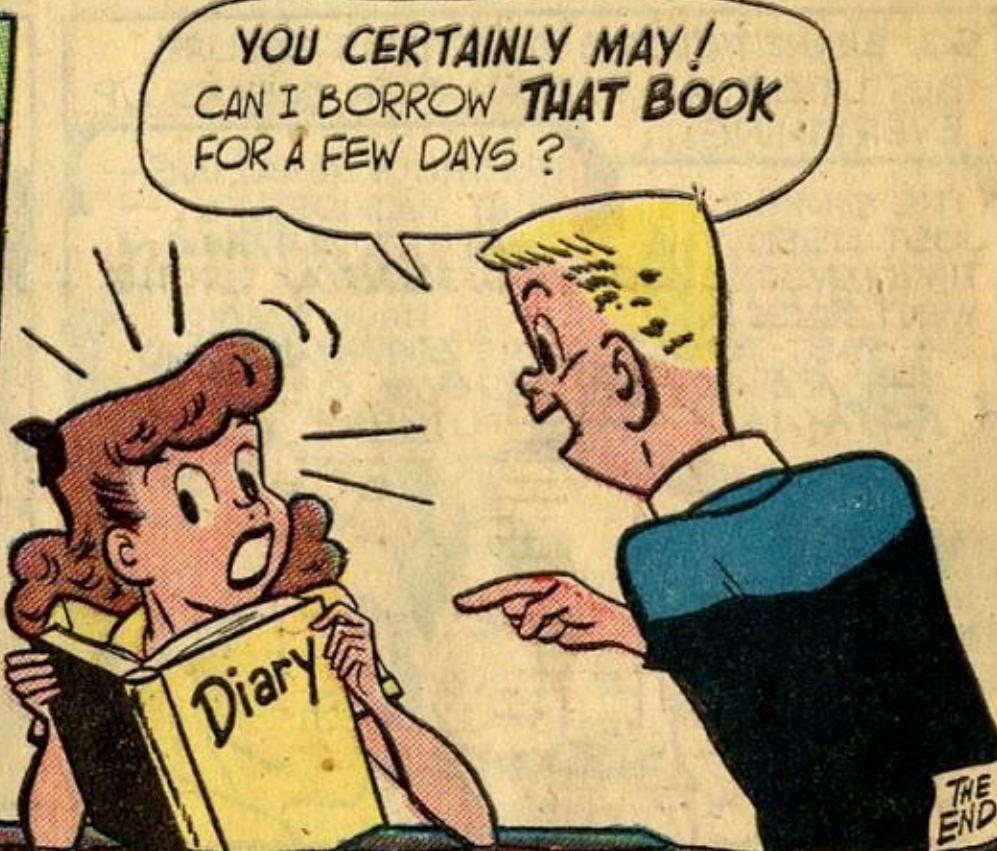
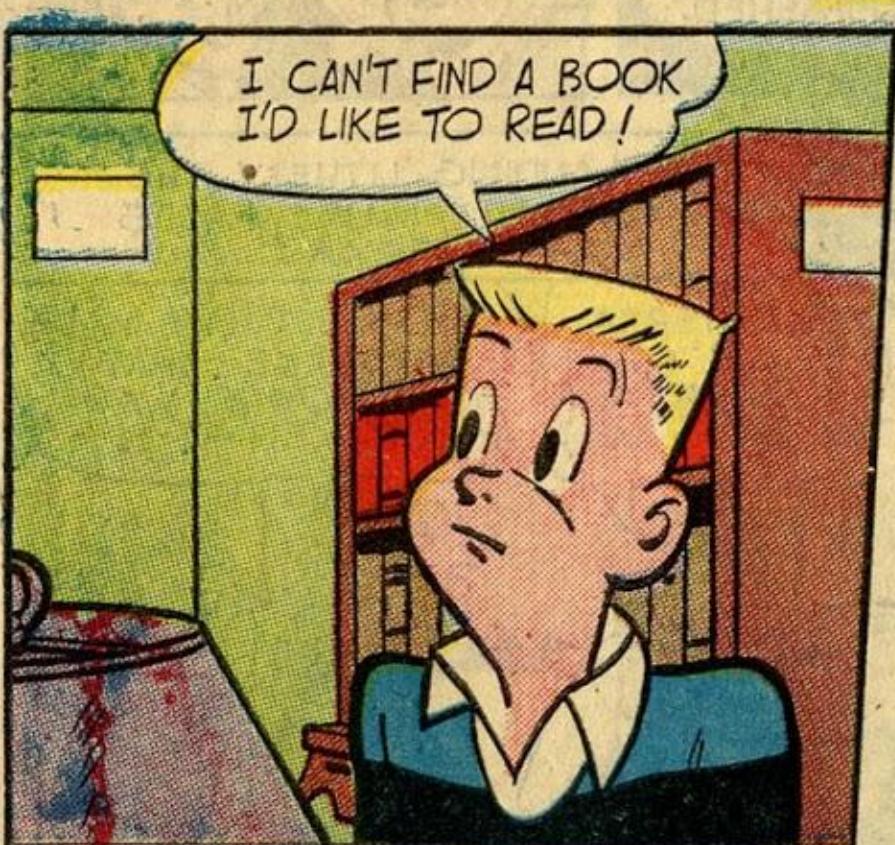
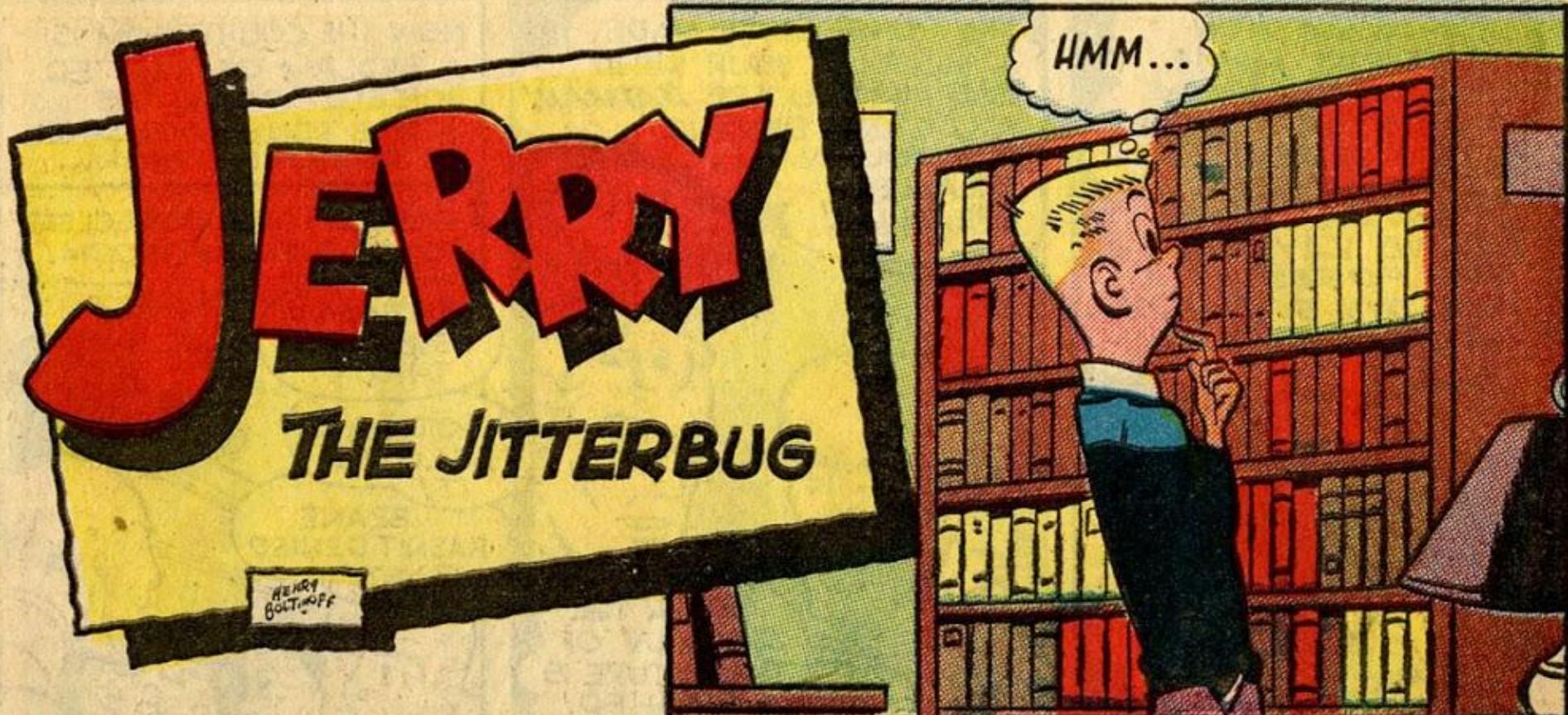
IT'S SIMPLE! I JUST USED THE TIME MACHINE AND WENT BACK INTO THE PAST TO GET THE REAL BATMAN!

IT'S TRULY AMAZING-- AND WONDERFUL-- THAT THE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** OF THE PAST HAVE SAVED THE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** OF THE FUTURE!



AND PRESENTLY, THE PAST AND THE FUTURE SHAKE HANDS AND SAY FAREWELL...





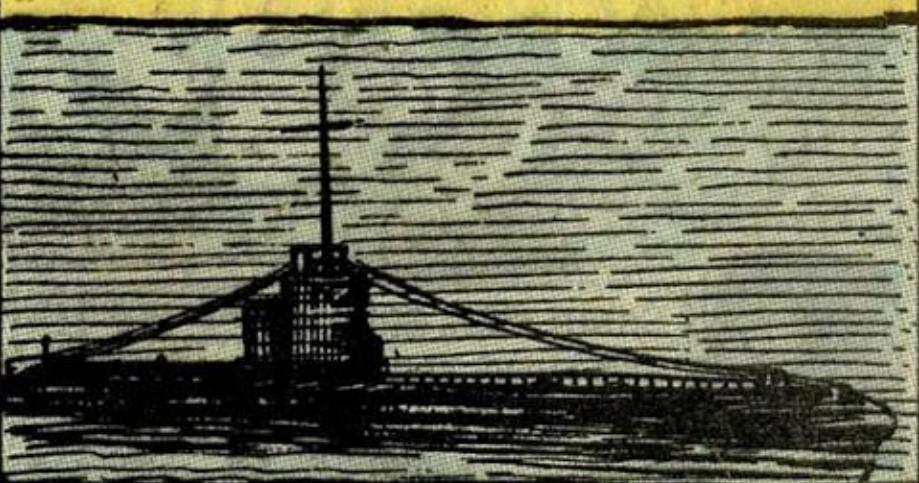
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IS IT TRUE THAT MUSIC CAN CHARM SNAKES?



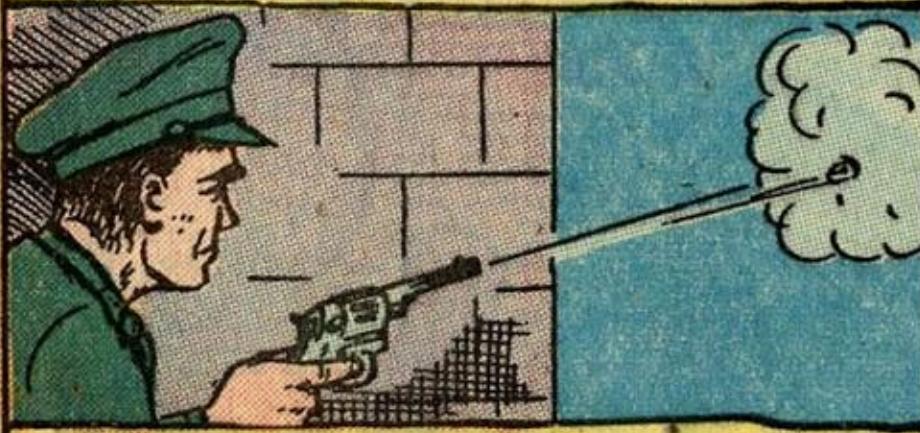
THIS IS A FALLACY....
SINCE SNAKES CANNOT HEAR!

WOULD A SUBMARINE CRUISING 60 FEET BELOW THE SURFACE BE
AFFECTED BY A TERRIFIC STORM?



NO....BECAUSE A STORM AFFECTS
MERELY THE SURFACE OF THE OCEAN!

IN FIRING A GUN.... WHICH COMES OUT FIRST....THE BULLET OR THE NOISE?



THE BULLET! THE NOISE IS CAUSED
BY THE EXPLODING CHARGE
DISTURBING THE AIR AFTER THE
BULLET LEAVES THE GUN!

WHO ORIGINATED CHEESE?



THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS WERE
THE FIRST TO MAKE CHEESE... MORE
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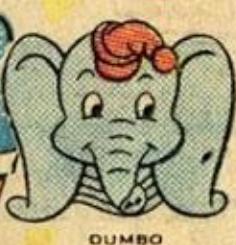
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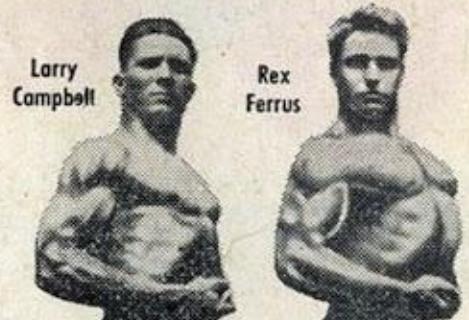
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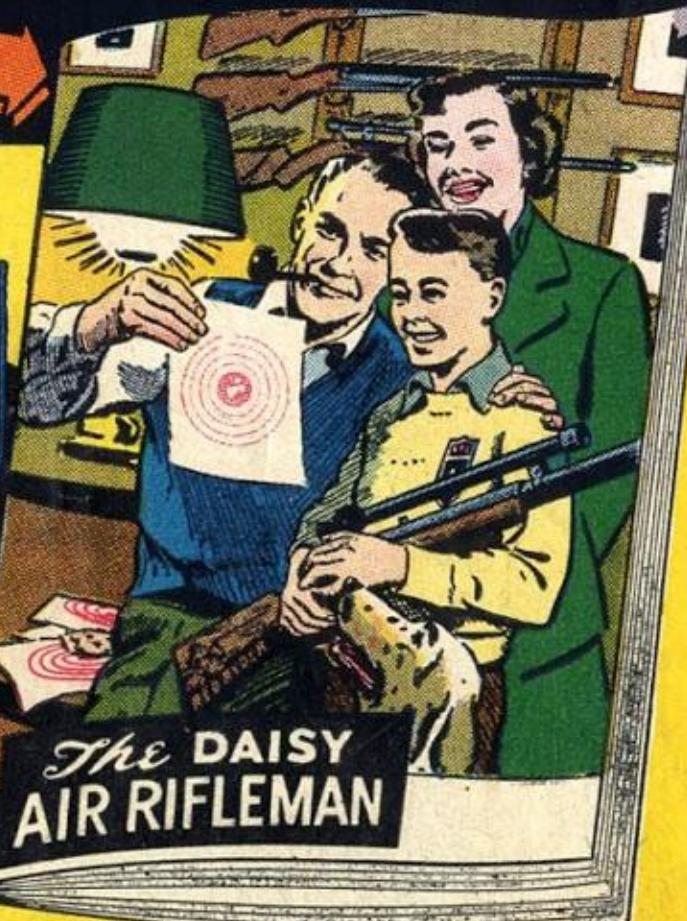
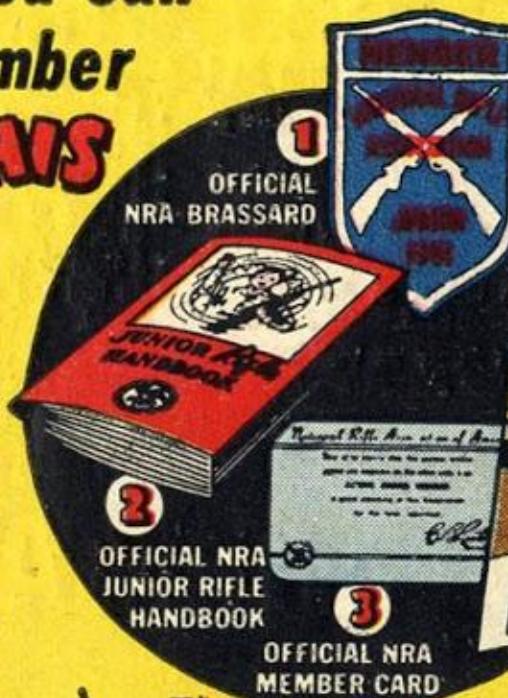
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