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THE MAN WHO SAW
WITH HIS FINGERS!

I'VE GOT BATMAN
DEAD IN MY SIGHTS!



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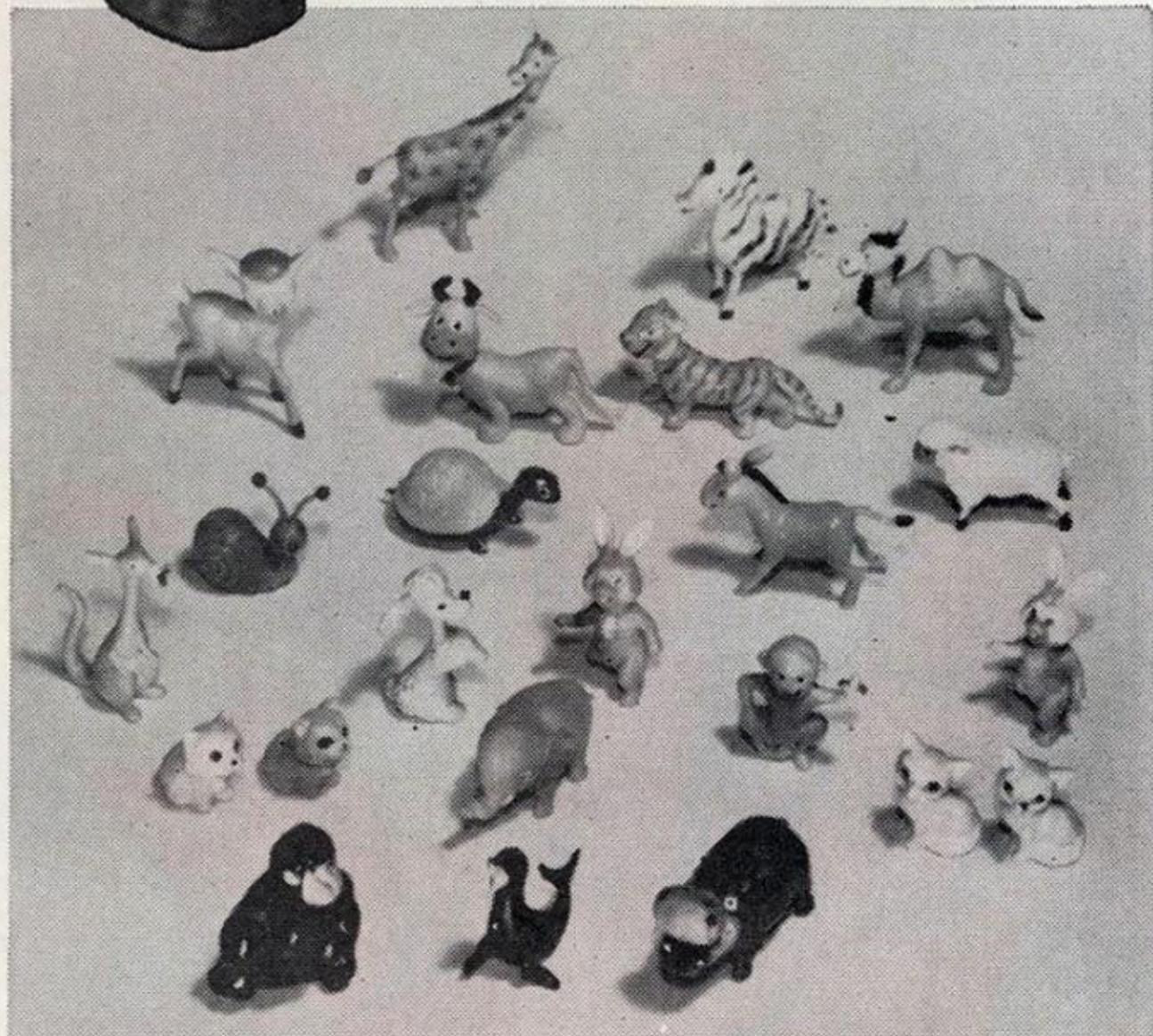
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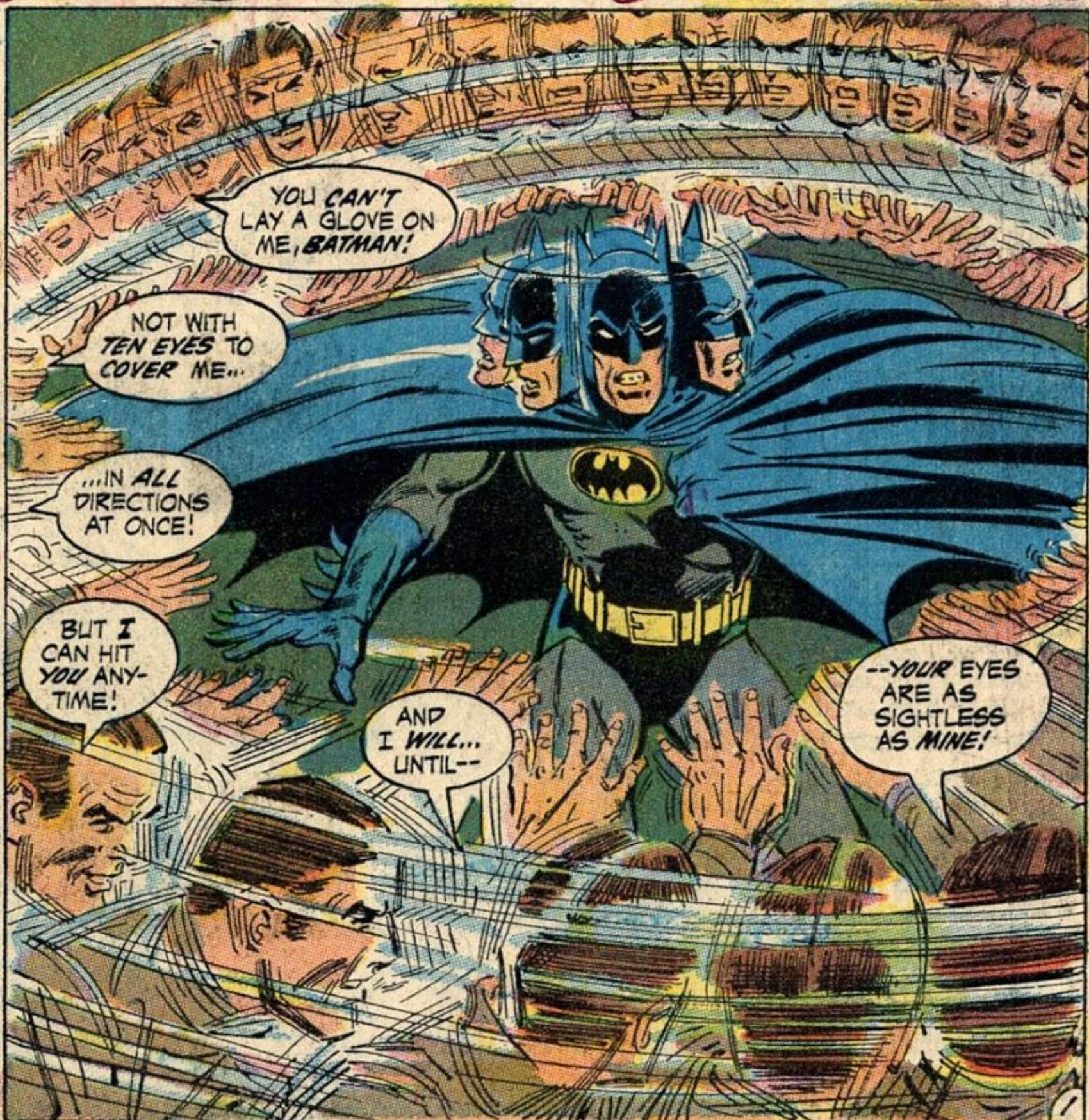
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TO RIGHT A WRONG -- AND...

**THE MAN
WITH TEN EYES...**

...A TORTURED
SOUL DETERMINED
TO WRONG THE
MAN WHO ONCE
SAVED HIS LIFE!

00 **Blind Rage of the Ten-Eyed Man!"**

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SOMEWHERE IN GOTHAM CITY, A MAN STARES BITTERLY AT HIS SIGHTLESS EYES--WITH HIS TEN-EYED FINGERS!...

NEVER TO SEE AGAIN--NORMALLY!



WHILE AT "TEN-EYE" REARDON'S FORMER PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT...

I SEE YOU'VE INSTALLED A NEW STORAGE VAULT, MR. CORBIN!

SORRY I COULDN'T SAVE YOUR OLD ONE--OR THE FURS!

YOU DID ENOUGH, BATMAN--

NEARLY GETTING YOURSELF KILLED--WHEN THOSE CROOKS BLEW UP THE DOOR IN YOUR FACE!



THE BLAST JANGLED MY EYESIGHT--BUT IT BLINDED HIM!

POOR FELLOW ENDED UP WITH AN OPERATION DIVERTING HIS OPTIC NERVES TO THE BRAIN-CENTER CONTROLLING THE SENSOR-CELLS IN HIS FINGERS!

I MUST FIND HIM...

WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, BATMAN...



...FIND MY NIGHT WATCHMAN, TOO! REARDON DISAPPEARED THAT SAME NIGHT--

MAYBE HE'S A CROOK TOO!

I'VE ALREADY CHECKED THAT LEAD OUT!

REARDON NEVER RETURNED TO HIS ROOM!

BUT THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MAKE HIM ONE OF THE GANG! NOT A "SPECIAL-FORCES" VIET-NAM VET--WITH HONORS!

REARDON GETS A MEDICAL PENSION FOR A COMBAT-HEAD INJURY--WHICH COULD ACT UP ON HIM AT ANYTIME, EVEN NOW!

AND IT IS! THAT--AND THE GREATER INJURY HE RECEIVED WHEN, MISTAKING THE BATMAN FOR A CRIMINAL, HE STOPPED THE GOTHAM GOLIATH FROM EXTINGUISHING AN EXPLOSIVE FUSE...

EXHAUSTED, HE FLAILS AROUND IN A TORTURED SLEEP...

NO! NO! YOU DON'T BLOW ME AWAY, CHARLIE-- NOT ALL-SEEING REARDON!

FLASHBACKS OF HIS CLOSE ENCOUNTERS IN THE WAH BUSH BECOME LIVING REALITIES ONCE AGAIN!!!

POW·POW·POW

MERGING AND CHANGING INTO THE UNREAL PHANTASM OF A LIVING NIGHTMARE!!!

ARGH-HHH THE--BATMAN!

--SHOOTING FLAME-THROWER AT ME!

WOOOSH

U.S. AIR

THE NIGHTMARE SHOCKS
"TEN-EYE" BACK INTO A
REALITY OF PANIC...

YAR-R-R-R!
CAN'T SEE!

HE'S
BLINDED
ME--AGAIN!

:WHW:
FORGOT I
HAD THESE
GLOVES ON
SO I COULD
SLEEP!

THERE
ARE NO
EYELIDS
ON--
FINGERS!

I'LL NEVER
GET ANY REAL
SLEEP TILL
THE BATMAN
SUFFERS
LIKE I'M
SUFFERIN'!

BUT HOW--WITH
HIS VISION NORMAL
AGAIN--HE'S
GOT THE
FIGHTIN' EDGE
ON ME!

IF I COULD
ONLY EQUALIZE
THE ODDS--
GET HIM TO
BATTLE ON
MY TERMS...

...ON MY
TERRAIN!

YEAH...HOW I'D
LIKE TO SEE HIM
IN THE 'NAM BUSH--
WITH MY TEN EYES!

BUT--TO RIG
THAT--I'LL
NEED "BREAD"!

LATER, AT
THE PERSONNEL
DESK OF A
LARGE AIRLINE...

UNDERSTAND YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR CIVILIAN
SKY-MARSHALS TO
REPLACE YOUR
FEDERAL
TEMPORARIES!

HEH! "LET YOUR
FINGERS DO THE WALKING..."
NOT THROUGH THE
YELLOW PAGES--BUT
THE "WANT ADS"!

TRANS
GLOBE
AIRLINES

THE PERSONNEL INTERVIEW OVER...

HE SURE HAS REFERENCES,
DOC--THE **BEST!** WE NEED
MEN LIKE THIS!

YOU'VE
GOT HIM--
IF HE PASSES
THE
PHYSICAL!

THE EYE-TEST--AS A SEEING FINGER
DEFTLY SUBSTITUTES FOR UNSEEING EYES!

J...Z...L...Q...

FANTASTIC!
YOU'VE READ
THE BOTTOM
LINE OF THE
EYE-CHART!

THEN--THE
READINESS-
ALERT TESTS...
INSIDE THE
MOCK-UP
OF AN
AIRLINER...

WE KNOW FROM
YOUR COMBAT-
RECORD YOU'RE
A SHARPSHOOTER,
REARDON...

BUT YOU DON'T
COLLECT MEDALS
HERE--FOR
SHOOTING INNOCENT
PASSENGERS!

'SPECIALY
SINCE ANY OF THESE
"PASSENGERS" COULD
BE A HIJACKER!

YOU'RE
ON YOUR
OWN NOW,
REARDON!

BE ON THE
ALERT FOR A
"DUMMY"
PULLING
A GUN!

IF "DUMMY" FIRES HIS
BLANKS FIRST, IT'LL COST
YOU YOUR JOB!

TENSE MINUTES OF THE
"CAT-AND-MOUSE GAME"
TICK BY... WHEN SOMETHING
MOVES **BEHIND** TEN-
EYE-- AND...



SOON AFTER,
AS A FLIGHT-
LIST BOUND
FOR TOKYO
PASSES
ELECTRONIC-
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BUT-- AS THE JET UNEVENTFULLY
NEARS ITS DESTINATION...

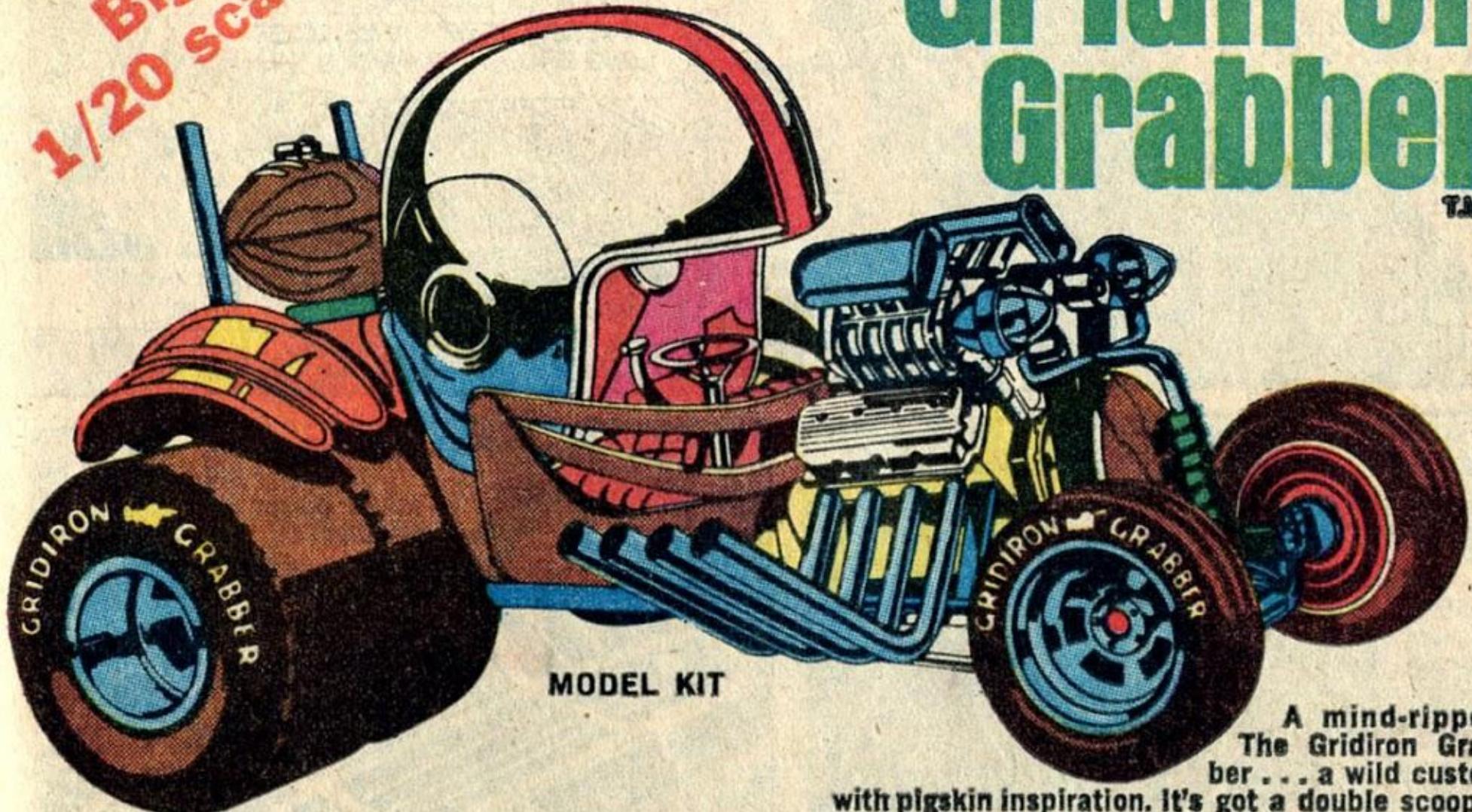


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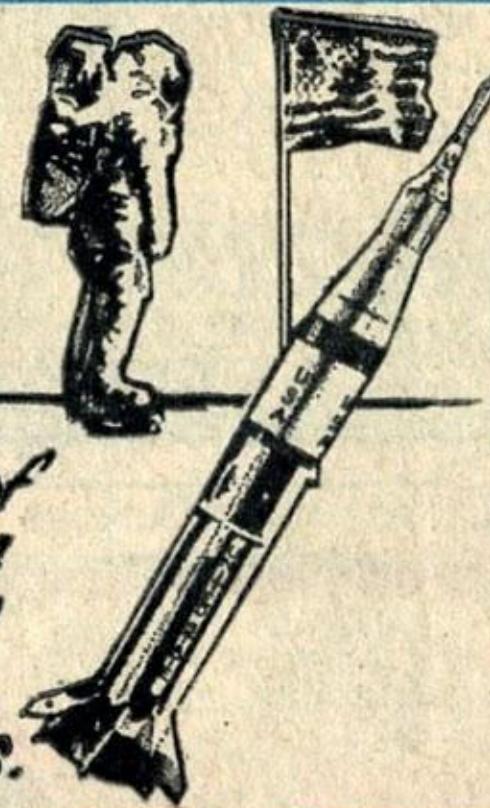
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AFTER ALL--
I'M THE
ONLY ONE
ABOARD
WITH A
GUN!

YOU'LL HEAD FOR THE D.M.Z.*!
THERE'S AN ABANDONED
AIR-FORCE STRIP THERE, JUST
LONG ENOUGH TO HANDLE YOU!

*DEMILITARIZED
ZONE!

SHORTLY--THE WESTERN WORLD IS ROCKED BY A
SHORT-WAVE ULTIMATUM, RELAYED THROUGH THE
ALLIED FAR-EAST COMMAND...

HE'LL NEVER GET
AWAY WITH IT, SIR!

HE HAS, MEL!
HE'S MADE THAT
PERFECTLY CLEAR!

BUT, GENERAL, WE
CAN'T ASK ANY MAN
TO MAKE SUCH A--
SACRIFICE!

WE'VE NO
CHOICE!

NOT WITH THE **BLACKMAILER**
THREATENING TO BLOW UP
A PLANE-LOAD OF
INNOCENT PEOPLE!

I WON'T STAND FOR THIS
FULMINATING FUGITIVE FLIM-
FLAMMING OUR GOVERNMENT
INTO EFFETE OBSCURITY
AS A WORLD POWER...

AH, THERE'S MY
HOT-LINE NOW--I KNEW
HE WOULD COME THROUGH!

AND FROM MIDWAY ACROSS THE PACIFIC...

I ALREADY "GOT THE
MESSAGE", MR. PRESIDENT--
LOUD AND CLEAR!

SINCE THE
HIJACKER INSISTS
ON ME IN EXCHANGE
FOR THE HOSTAGES...

I'M
ON MY
WAY!

"TALKED IN"
BY HIS AS
YET UNKNOWN
NEMESIS,
THE BATMAN
ARRIVES
OVER HIS
OBJECTIVE...

WHY DID THE HIJACKER
GO TO SUCH **INSANE LENGTHS**--
JUST TO TRADE FOR ME?

BATMAN
WHA FLIGHT
271--AWAITING
FINAL
INSTRUCTIONS!

LAND ALONGSIDE
FOR IDENTIFICATION!



AFTER YOU CUT YOUR ENGINES--
GET OUT FOR "VISUAL" INSPECTION!
ADVANCE AND BE RECOGNIZED!

GIVES ORDERS
LIKE A DRILL-
SERGEANT!

A HUSHED SILENCE FALLS
AS THE **BATMAN** ADVANCES...



A SPLIT-SECOND REACTION
FROM THE CAPE CRUSADER...



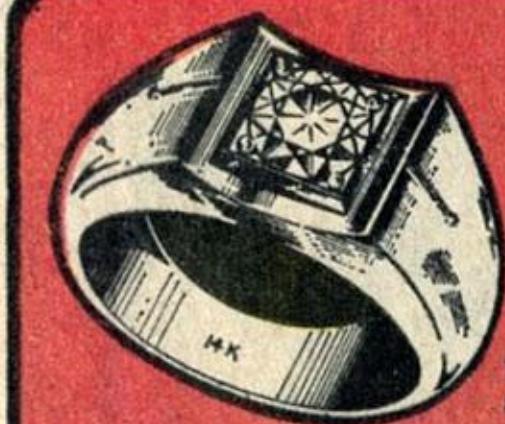
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OUT NOW! ONLY THE
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REACTION SO FAST--
TO SUCH A FAINT
SOUND!

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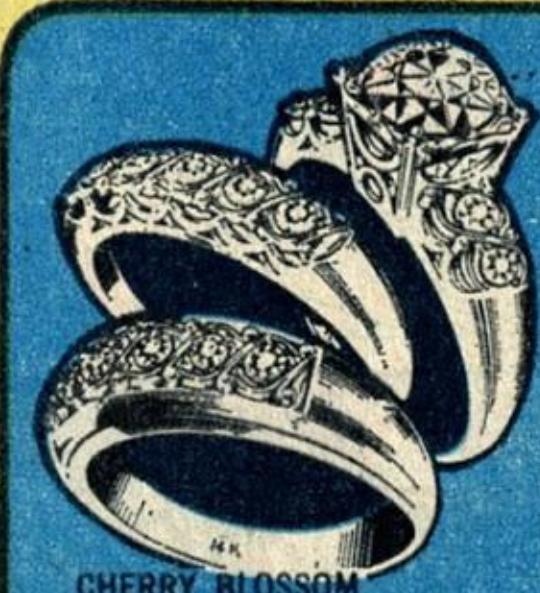
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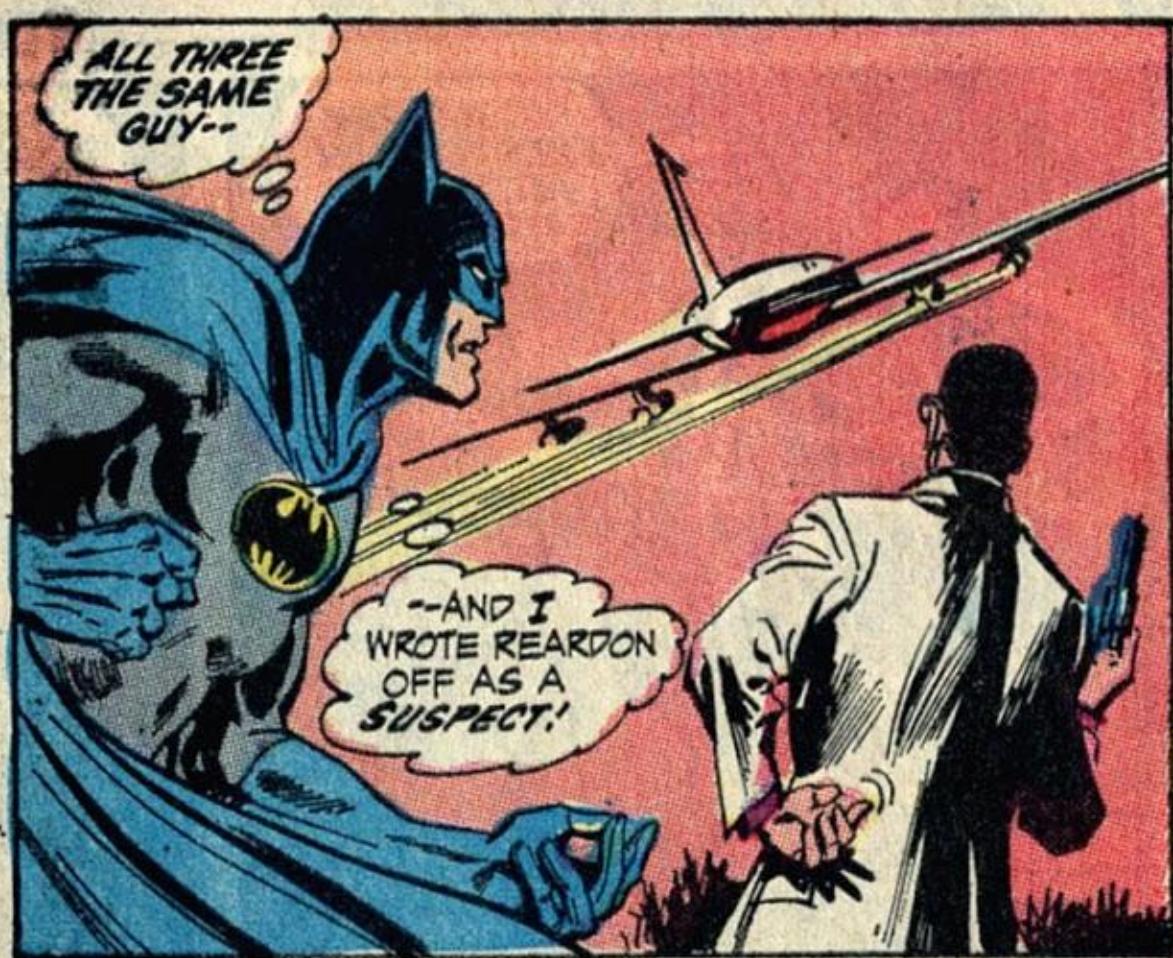
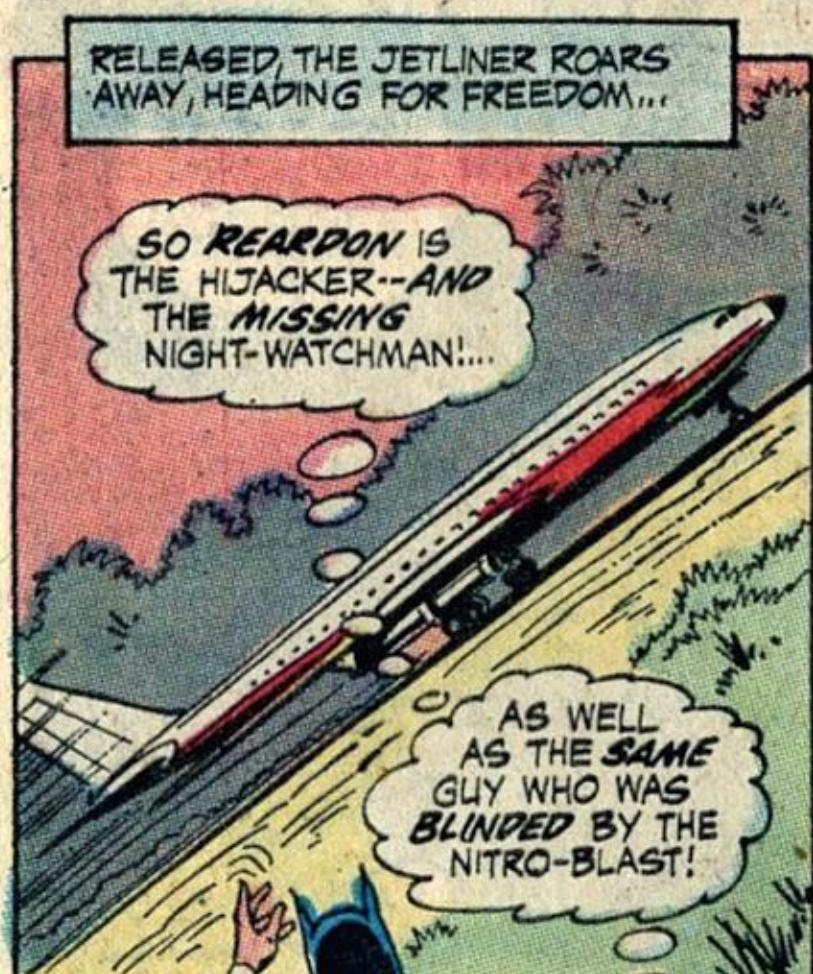
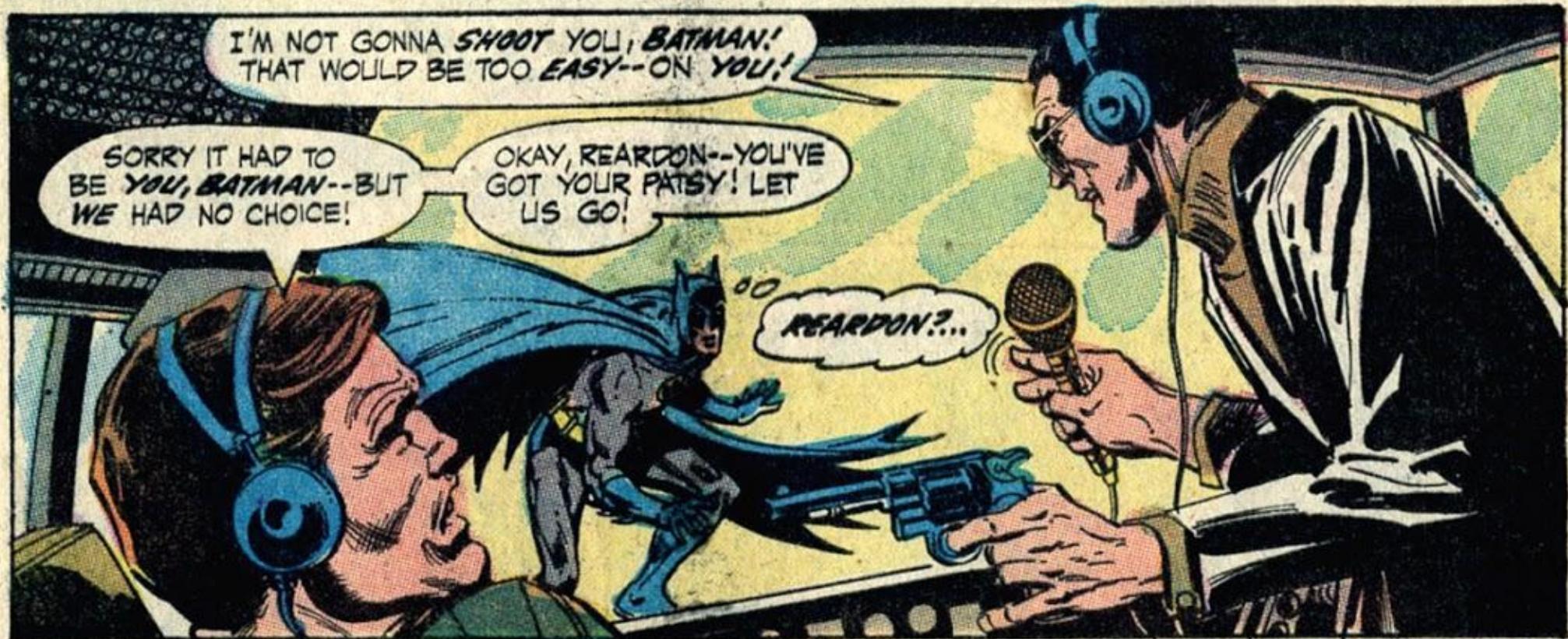
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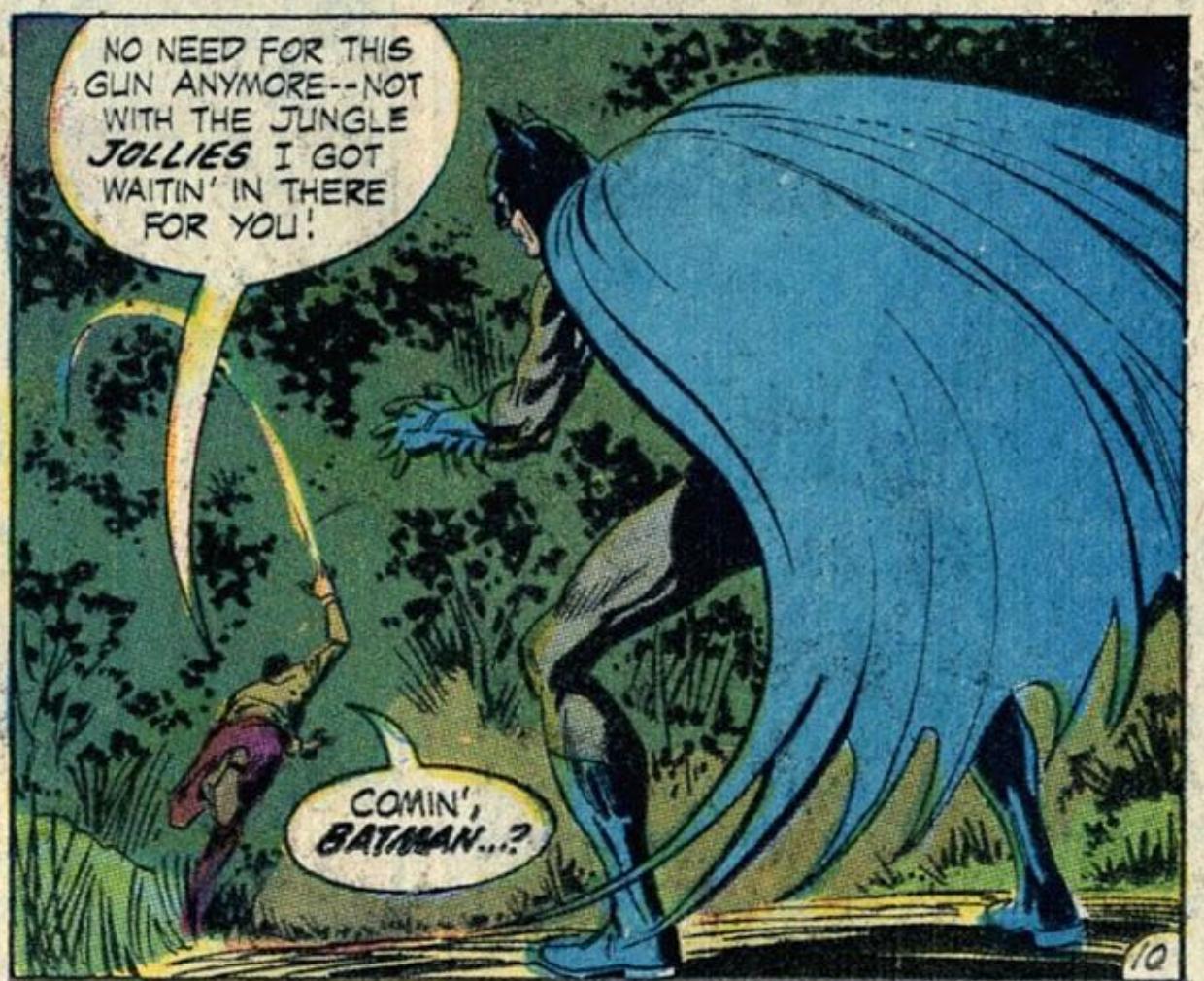
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OKAY! IF THIS
IS THE WAY IT'S
GOT TO BE--EITHER
YOU OR ME!

YOU OUGHTA KNOW,
BATMAN--OUR SPECIAL
FORCES UNITS CACHED
ALL SORTS OF CUTIES
HERE FOR THE V.C.!

ONLY I KNOW
WHERE THEY ARE,
BATMAN--AND
YOU DON'T!

FEVERISH MOMENTS LATER, AS
THE MASKED MANHUNTER
ROUNDS A BEND...

PANT: I'M
OLTA CONDITION!
LET'S CLOSE--
AND FIGHT!

SOMETHING
SNEAKY UP
HIS SLEEVE--
BUT I'LL
BANK ON
MY SPEED
TO BEAT HIM
TO THE
PUNCH!

YEAH,
FIGHT--ON
MY TERMS!

TOO LATE,
THE BATMAN
SPOTS THE
TRAP!

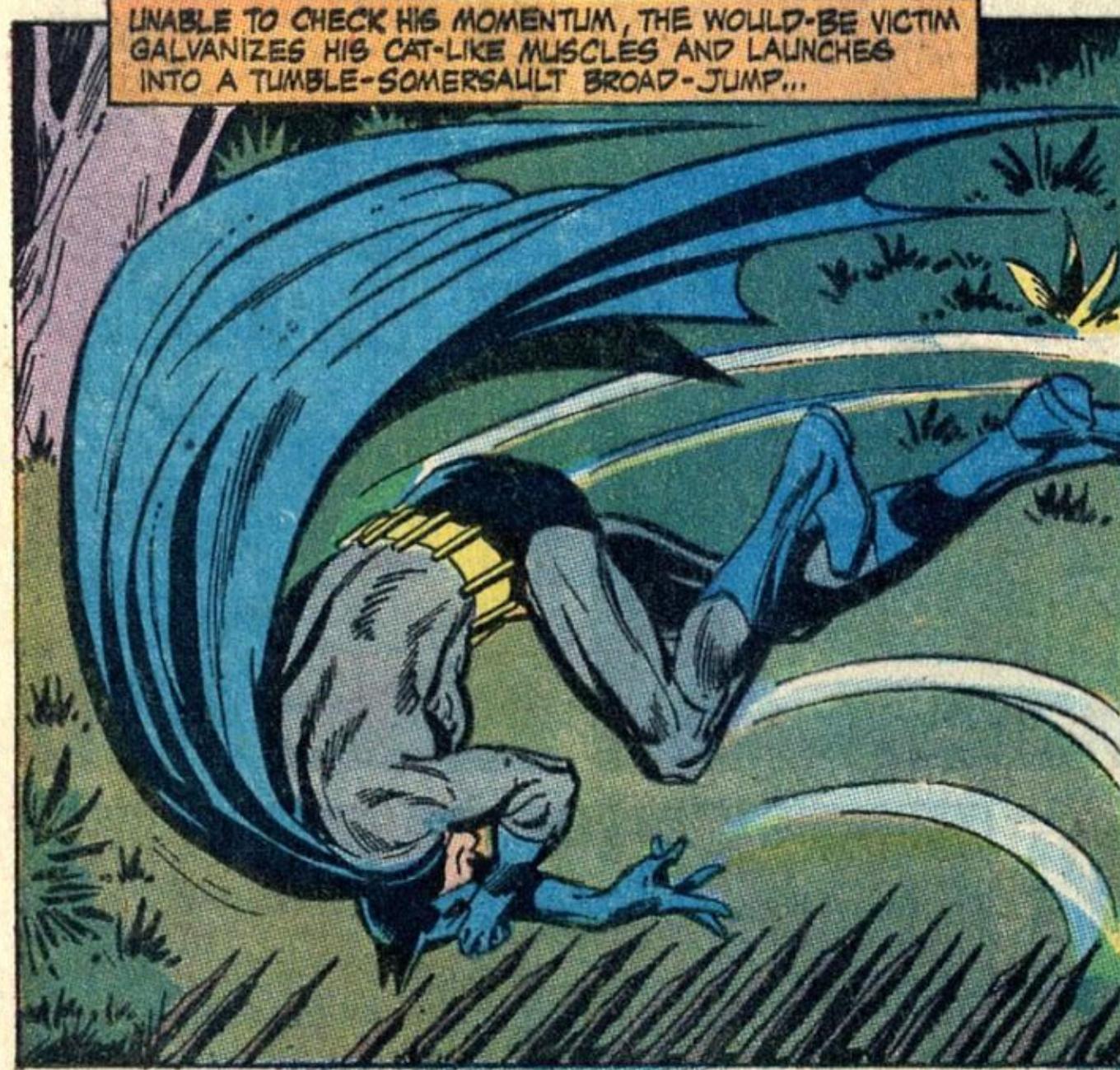
PUNJI
STAKES!*

* SHARPENED
BAMBOO WITH
POISONED TIPS!

UNABLE TO CHECK HIS MOMENTUM, THE WOULD-BE VICTIM GALVANIZES HIS CAT-LIKE MUSCLES AND LAUNCHES INTO A TUMBLE-SOMERSAULT BROAD-JUMP...

AH-HA! I KNEW THAT SIMPLE BOOBY WOULDN'T CATCH YOU-FLAT-FOOTED!

BUT I COULDN'T RESIST SEEIN' THAT STRUNG-OUT LOOK ON YOUR PUSS!



MOMENTS LATER, HIS
DIABOLICAL PREPARATIONS
COMPLETED...

NOT EXPECTING ME
TO STAND PAT--HE'LL
END UP AHEAD OF ME!

A SHREWD SURMISE, AS...

HA! I
FIGURED YOU'D
APE MY
METHOD!

THE OVER-
HEAD TRAIL--
TO GET
AHEAD OF
ME!

YOU FIGURE REAL
GOOD, TEN-EYE--BUT
NOW YOU STAND AND
FIGHT!

EVEN YOU
WON'T RISK
BACKTRACKING
DOWN THAT
"LOADED"
PATH!

RIGHT, BATMAN!
SO I'LL GO YOU
ONE BETTER!

I'LL MEET YOU HALF-
WAY--SO YOU WON'T
THINK THIS STRETCH
IS BOOBIED!

PREPARE,
BATMAN--TO
SEE ME FOR
THE LAST
TIME!

HE KNOWS HE'S NO
MATCH FOR ME--HAND-
TO-HAND!

ESPECIALLY WHEN
THOSE FINGERS ARE
HIS "EYES"--EYES? IS
THAT WHAT HE'S
AIMING HIS VENDETTA AT--

--THE EYES
OF THE
BATMAN?



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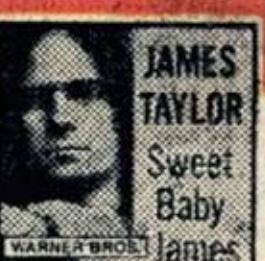
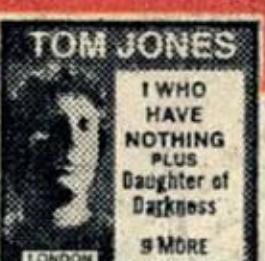
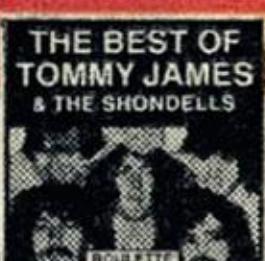
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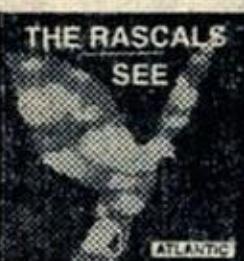
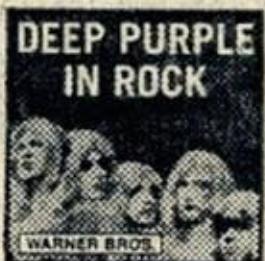
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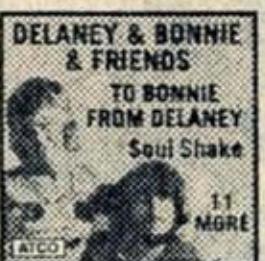
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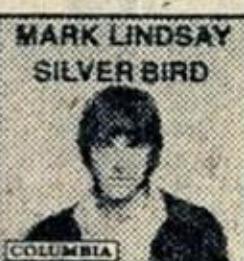
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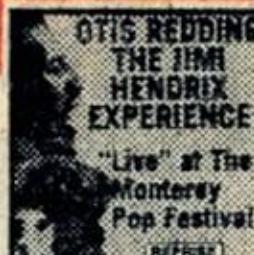
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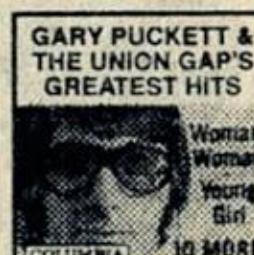
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Aretha Franklin
Spirit in the Dark

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The Byrds
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THEN, AS TEN-EYE'S FULL WEIGHT COMES DOWN ON A CONCEALED DETONATOR...

OBSERVE, BATMAN--
THE FOOT IS QUICKER THAN THE EYE!

INSTANTANEOUSLY, DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF BATMAN...



REACHING
THE BATMAN'S
EYE-LEVEL,
THE OBJECT
BURSTS...

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HA! AN EYE
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REMEMBER,
BATMAN?



SUDDENLY...
FROM
BEHIND...!

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"ALL-SEEING" GUARD, REARDON--
ONCE YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO
SWEAT ME OUT ANYMORE!

OOF!

IN ALMOST POETIC
RETRIBUTION, PEN-
EYE'S HANDS SINK
INTO...

MUD...?!
I'M
B-BLIND!

BUT--
I'M
NOT!

Y-YOU
GOTTA
BE! THAT
FLARE...

THAT... WAS
MY TIP-OFF--
IN ADVANCE!

YOU DIDN'T
NEED TO
PROTECT YOUR
BLIND EYES...

"...BUT YOU DID HAVE TO
HIDE YOUR 'TEN-FINGERED-
EYES' BEHIND YOU! IN
THAT BRIEF INSTANT WHEN
YOU TRIGGERED THE
FLARE--AND BEFORE IT
EXPLODED--YOU WERE
TOTALLY BLIND..."

...BUT I WAS NOT! I'D BEEN
WATCHING YOUR HANDS
ALL ALONG--WAITING FOR
A BETRAYING GESTURE!

AND WHEN
IT CAME--I
COVERED MY
EYES, PROTECTING
THEM!

YOU WERE WRONG,
REARDON--SOMETIMES
THE EYE IS QUICKER
THAN THE FOOT...
OR THE HAND!

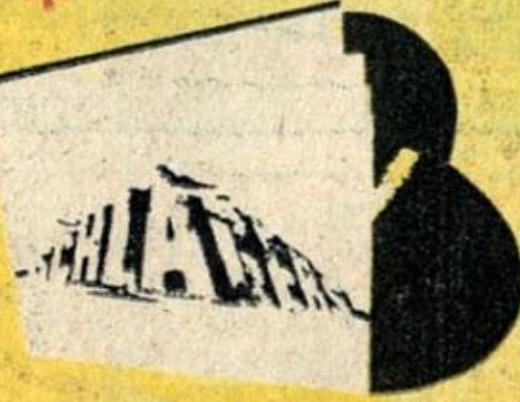
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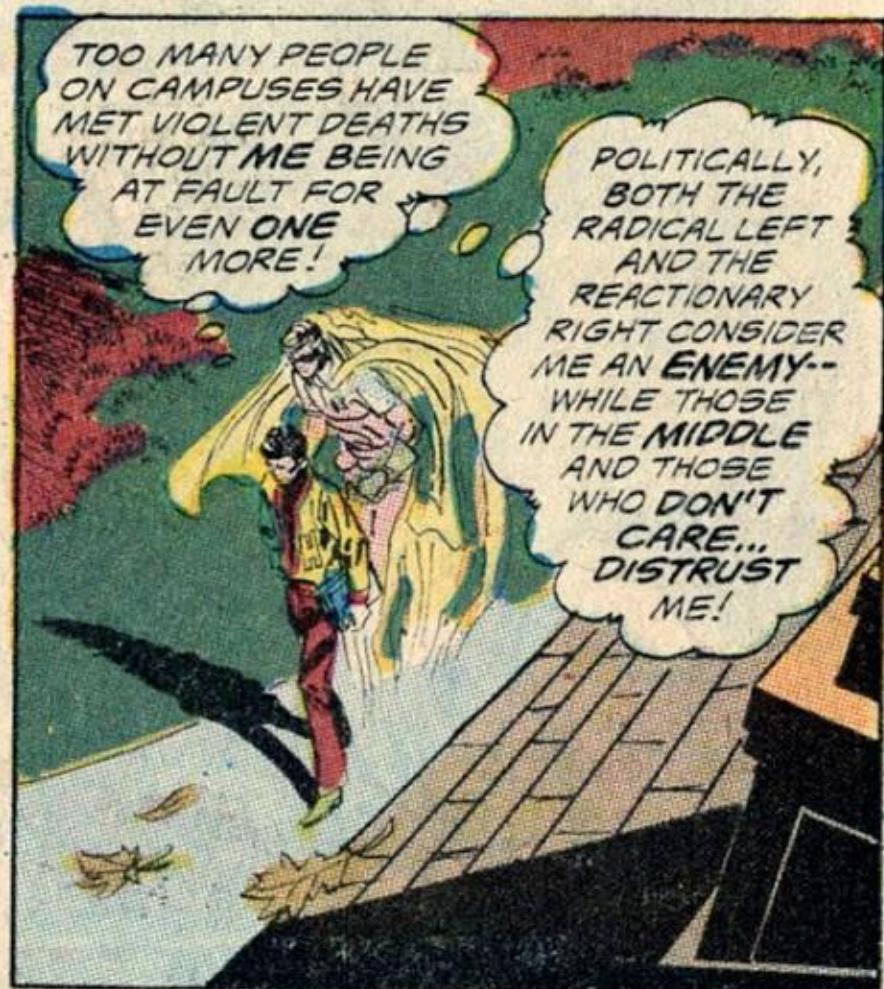
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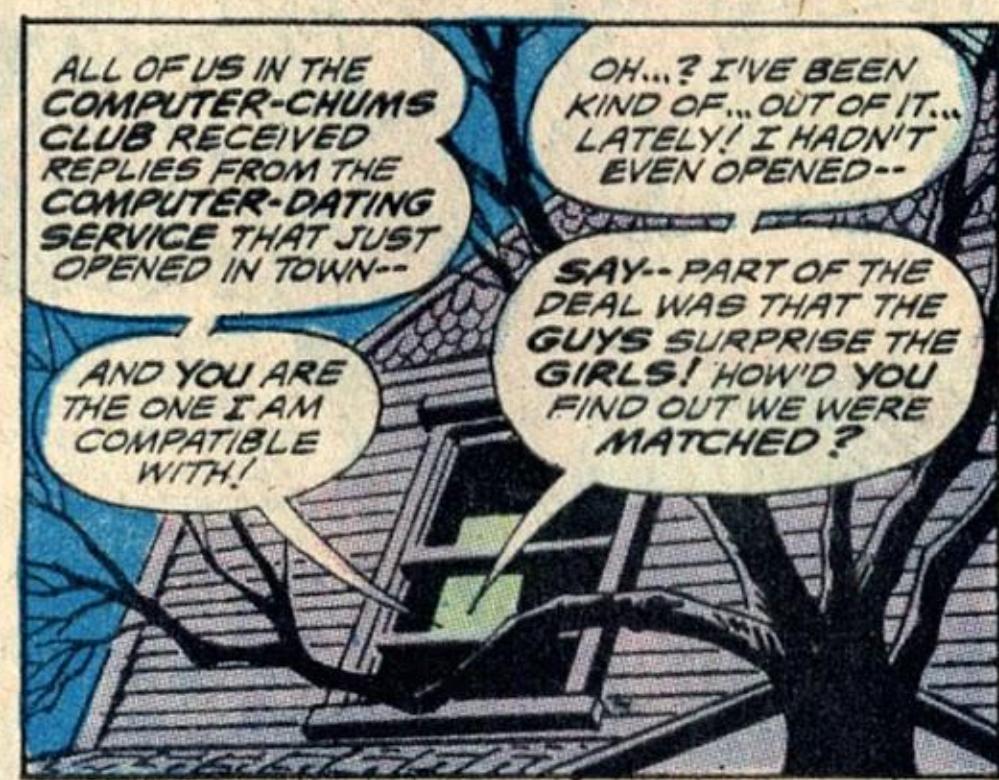


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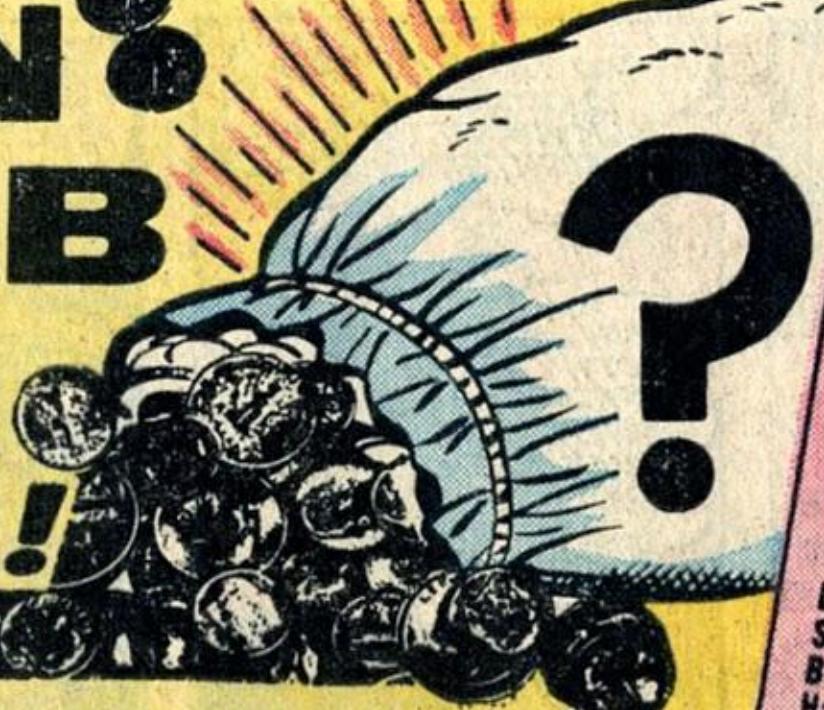
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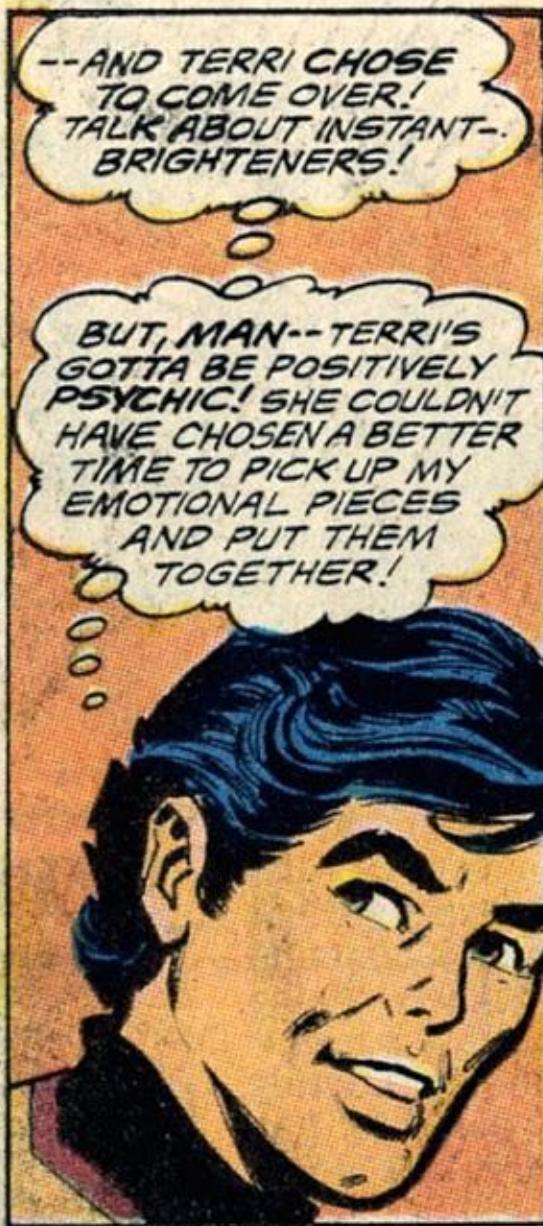
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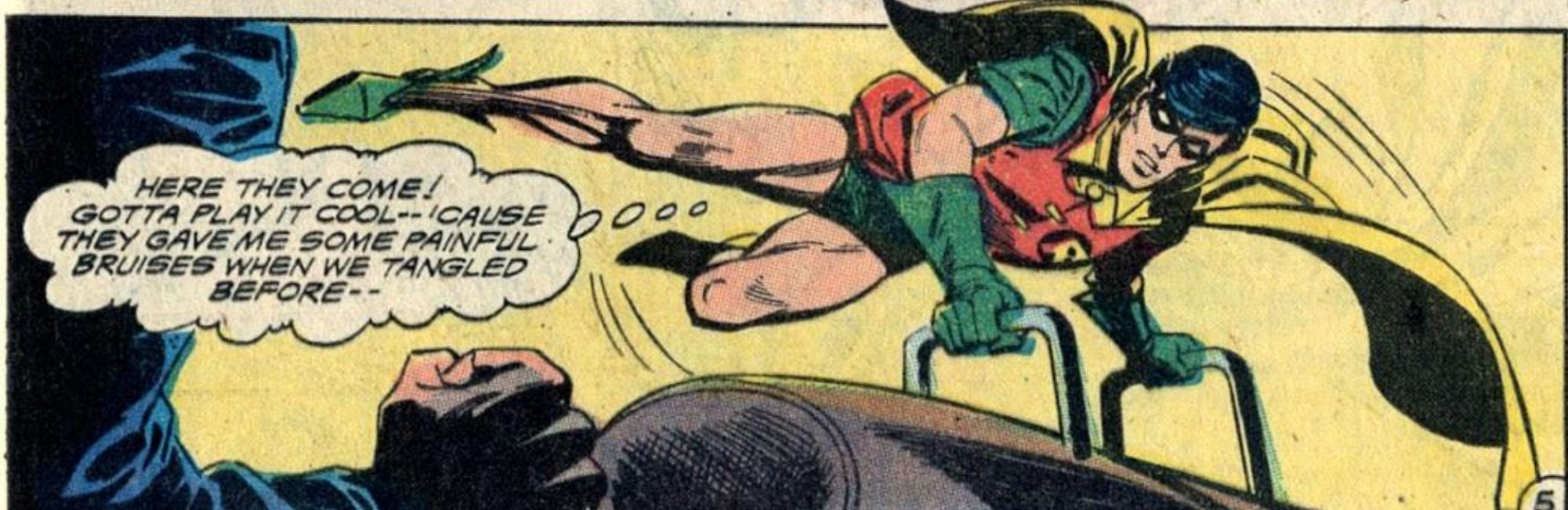
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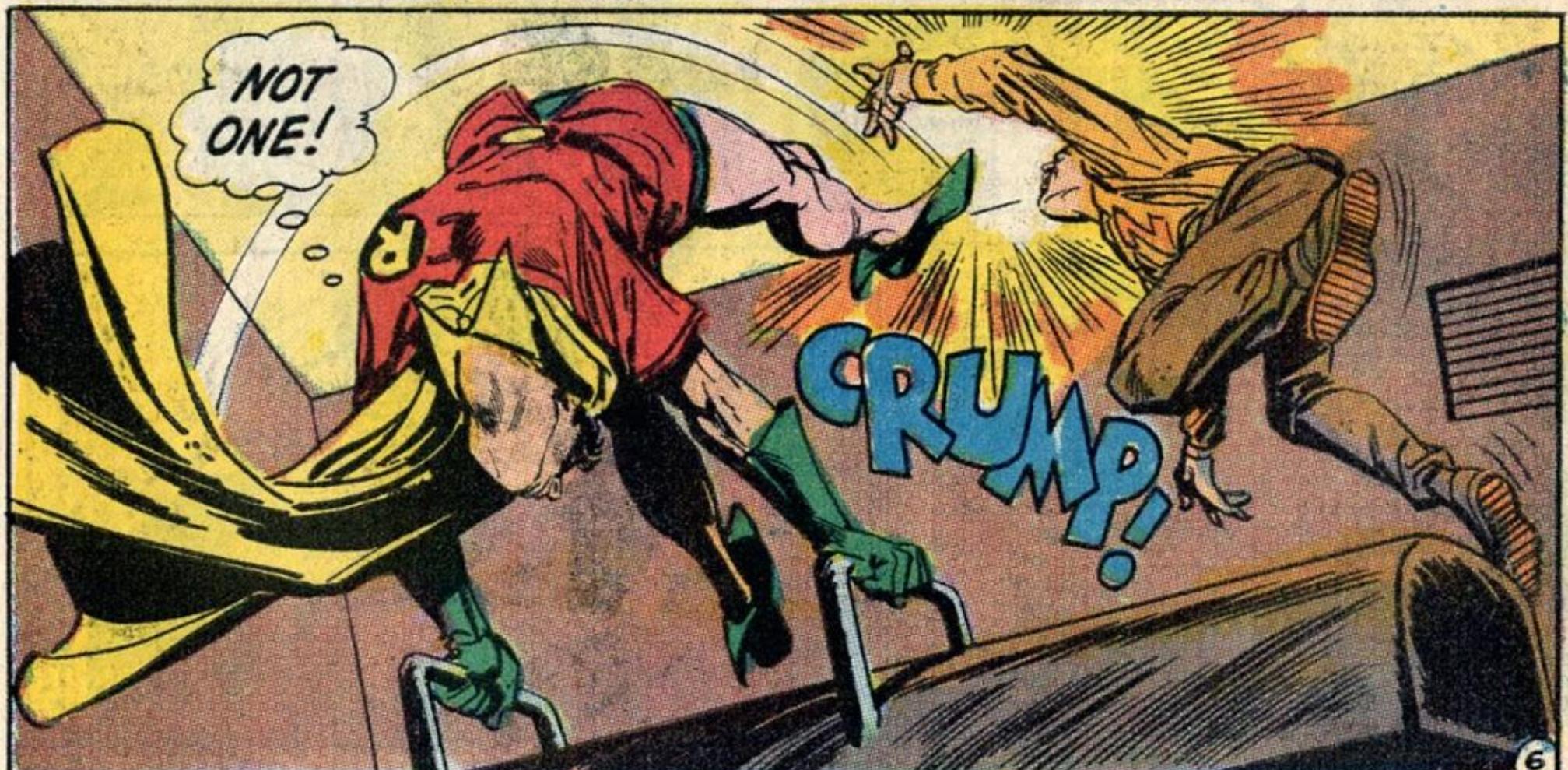
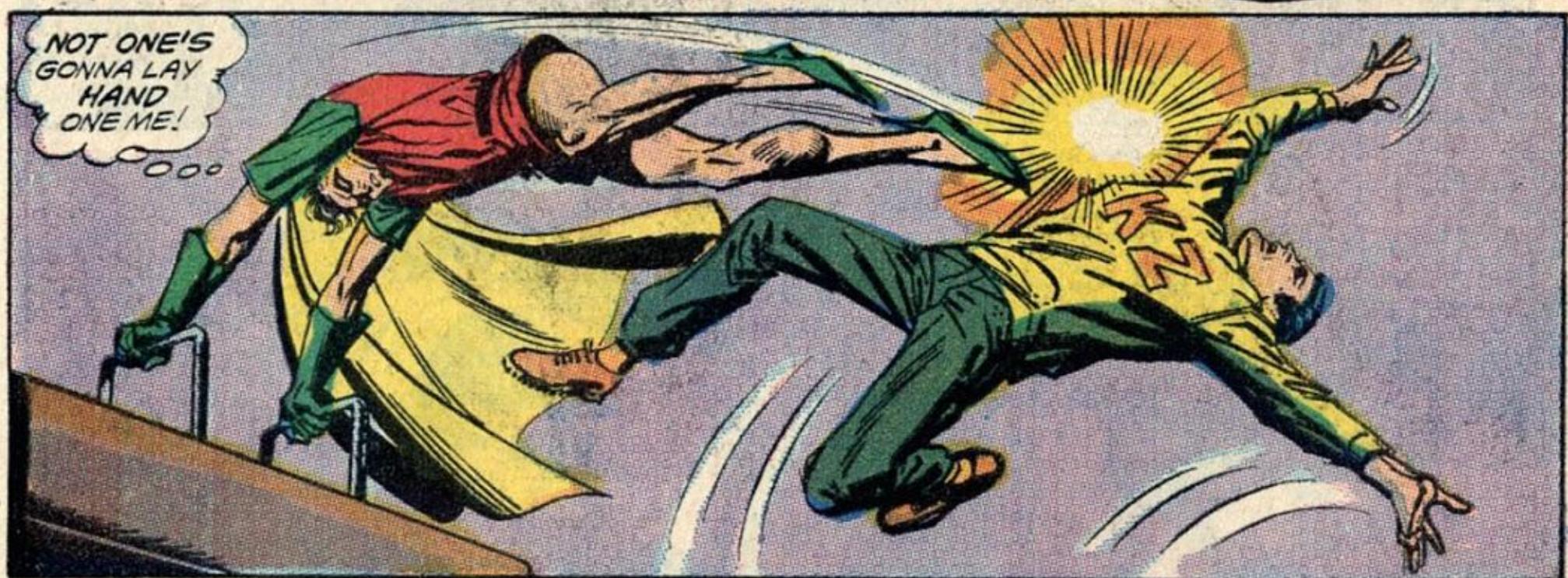
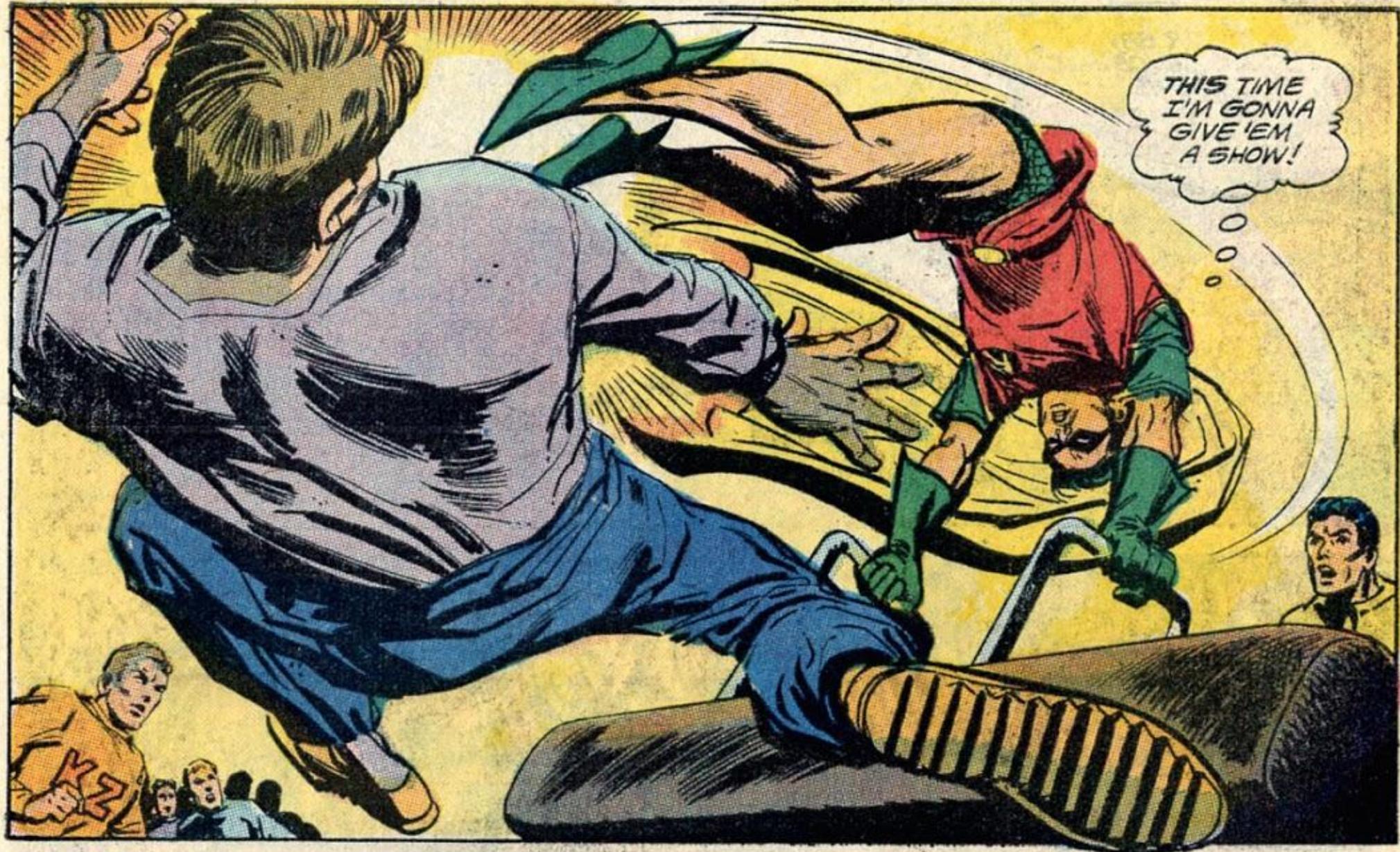
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LATER, WITH THE CRIMINAL STUDENTS BOOKED AT THE JAIL...

ROBIN TIED TOGETHER A COUPLE OF THINGS BY CAPTURING BRUNNER AND HIS BUDDIES!

BRUNNER CONFESSED TO THE POLICE THAT THEY'D JUMPED ROBIN FOR JAILING PHIL'S EX-ROOMMATE, BILL PERKINS,* A FELLOW "BRONCO"!

*IN BATMAN #229.

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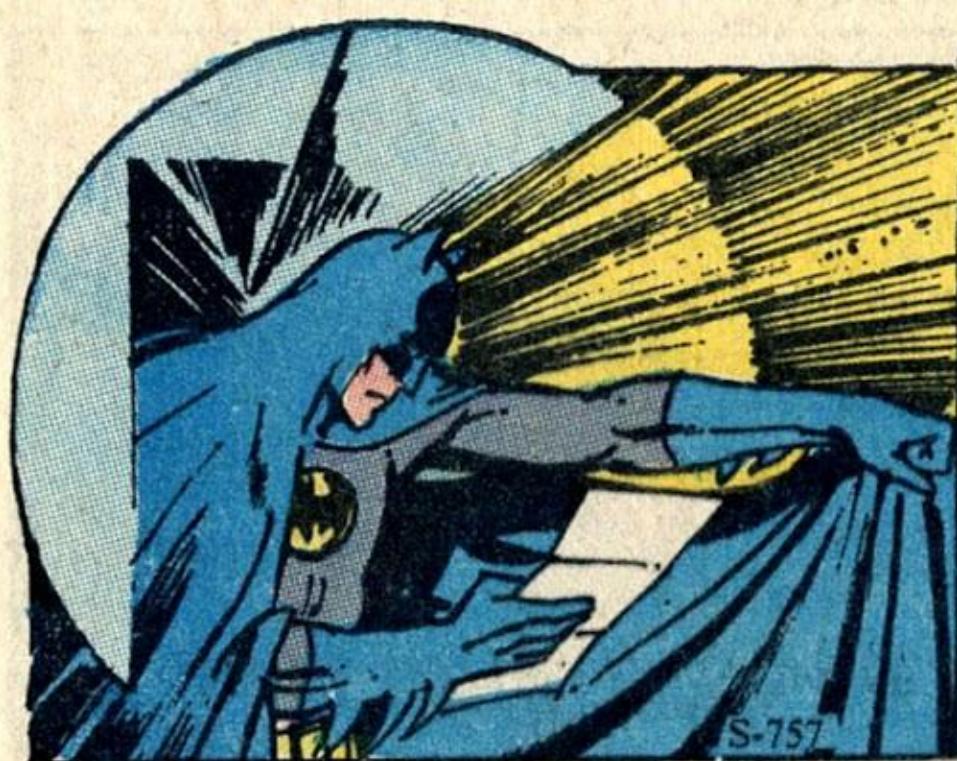
COME ON, TERRI-- WE'VE GOT A DATE TO MAKE UP!

I KNOW!

THE SKIES STILL ECHO WITH CRIES OF SOUTH-WINGING BIRDS, BUT INSTEAD OF HEARD AS AN ESCAPE FROM THE COLD, THEIR CALLS ARE HARKENED AS RINGING ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LIFE-GIVING WARMTH AHEAD! OUR ROBIN IS... SOARING!

The End

THE BATMAN'S CLEANING 'EM UP NOW!



LETTERS to the BATMAN

(1939). That is all that needs to be said from my point of view. I have neglected brow-beating Neal Adams for adapting the cover of *Detective* #31 for his own purposes; and for good reason. This cover was far superior, had more action in the foreground, and was colored better.

—DAVID SIM, Kitchener, Ont., Can.

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Dear Editor:

There was something about this cover that stirred my memory. There it was—the OLD *Batman*, the mysterious *Batman*, staring me right in the face! I bought it immediately and ran home to look through my old *Batman* comics. I looked and looked till I finally found it. The #227 issue of *Batman* was drawn to resemble the #31 issue of *Detective Comics*! You have made me a *Batman* fan again, this time for life. (Please have more covers adapted from old *Batman* covers in the future.)

—DONALD TAYLOR, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Dear Editor:

The cover of *Batman* #227 has my vote as THE best cover of the year. The *Batman* depicted is of the Golden Age. Ever since Bob Kane left the *Batman* art chores, there hasn't been anyone who could capture the real, mysterious *Batman*. But with the coming of Neal Adams, the Golden Age *Batman* lives again! The *Batman* on the cover of #227 has the classic square jaw with the long pointed ears and slanting eyes. He is a man of the night cloaked in dark. He peers down on the helpless mortals as if the spectre of the night. The dark background with the moon and flying bats add to the mood. Congratulations for an artistic masterpiece!

—BOB CUNIGLIO, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Dear Editor:

"Demon of Gothos Mansion" was good, and the eeriness that pervaded the artwork made for a return to the old. Some people might object to your copying an old cover. Not so with me. With this cover, you have finally begun a return to *The Batman* of old, the truly awesome figure who served to throw fear into the souls of those who harm others. A *Batman* with real emotions driven by the need to avenge his parents, driven by the need to fight those who, through either legal or illegal means, destroy their fellow man.

With this issue you have demonstrated the true potential of *The Batman*. More, you have not overdone the supernatural. By that I mean that though it was strongly hinted about (as in the girl whom *Batman* fell in love with, and who resembled the picture of the originally slain girl), it was never actually portrayed as having been truly a spirit. This is good. Never, never should occult things happen to *The Batman* that are explainable only by metaphysical means.

—MATTHEW GRAHAM, Granada Hills, Cal.

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Address communications to LETTERS TO THE BATMAN, National Periodical Publications, 909 Third Ave., New York, N.Y., 10022.

Dear Editor:

What can one say about the cover of *Batman* #227 but fantastic, fantabulous, utterly indescribable, beautifully done, etc., etc.!

I stared at this masterpiece for 15 minutes before opening the magazine to read the terrific tale that appeared between the covers. This cover was probably the best to appear on a comic mag this year. It created the mysterious atmosphere that was found in "The Demon of Gothos Mansion." Fear was created in the eyes of the girl as they were white and the colored part of the eye was not visible. The barely transparent, cloaked figure of *The Batman* was fantastically gloomy and appeared to foretell of his bizarre adventure that would take place within Gothos Mansion and on the grounds of this very mysterious structure. The full moon, of which a third was obscured by the mystifying figure of *The Batman* and the few wings of birds (or bats) winging through the night, gave the reader a foresight into the grotesque happenings of this night.

I wish there was something really terrible about the story itself, as I have yet to write a letter cutting you guys up—but O woe, I cannot, no matter how hard I try, find a fault in "The Demon of Gothos Mansion." Reasons: (1) Irv Novick's and Dick Giordano's fantastic pencils and inks. With this story they reached a new pinnacle of greatness; (2) Denny O'Neil's script further convinces me that he is the best writer in all of comicdom. He created a truly macabre tale which contained both mystery and horror. Truly fantastic was this tale. Exceptional!

Now on to the *Robin* story. I am not a *Robin* booster, but "Help Me—I Think I'm Dead" was pretty good. Mike Friedrich really knows how to pack a good story (at least half a story) into a mere seven pages. The plot was handled well and now here I am trying to figure out how *Robin* will get Stuart out of this mess. I am no master detective, so I'll just sit and wait till the next issue.

—MIKE CHERKAS, Oshawa, Ont., Can.

(More illuminating discussions on the sensational *Batman* cover of #227 in the remaining LOCs.—JS)

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Dear Editor:

The photo-like picture of *Batman* on the cover was fantastic. He hovered over the scene like a demi-god, examining the occurrences, pondering, planning. The sweeping mists gave the reader an instant impression of the story to come—dark, fog-shrouded, mysterious.

Naturally, you will have quite a few letters disagreeing with the cover because it was "misleading". This word is terribly overworked among the letter-writers who prefer a cover which shows action or a good fist-fight. This cover was a return to the Golden Age of Comics for *Batman*.

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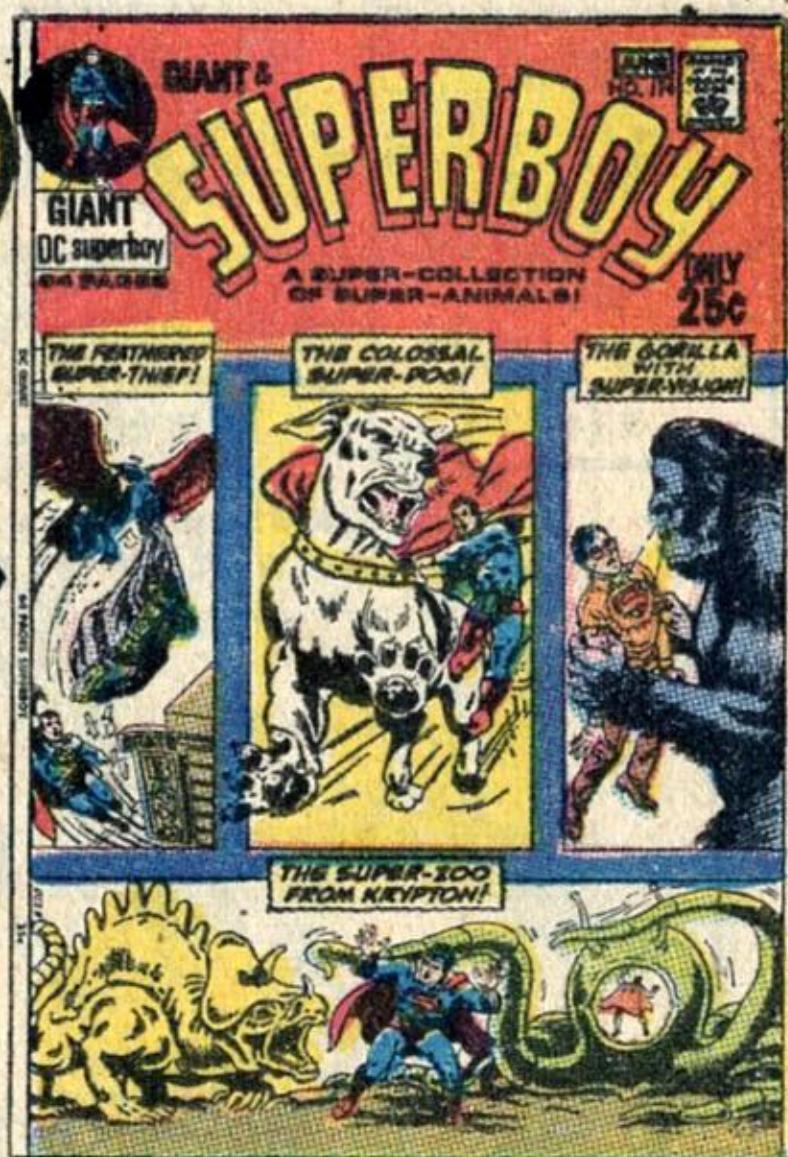
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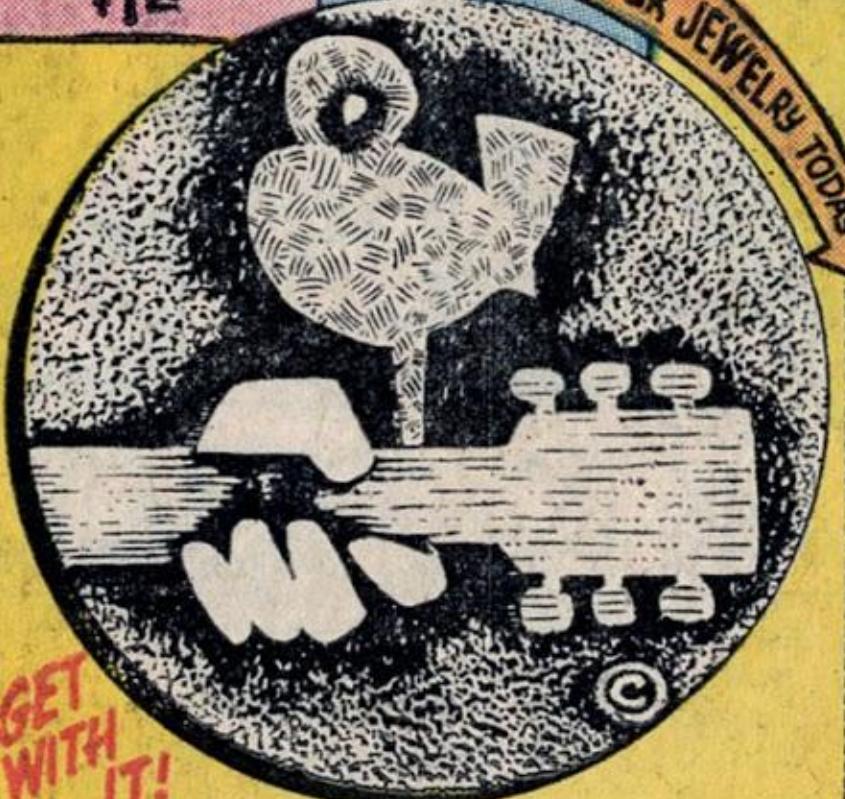
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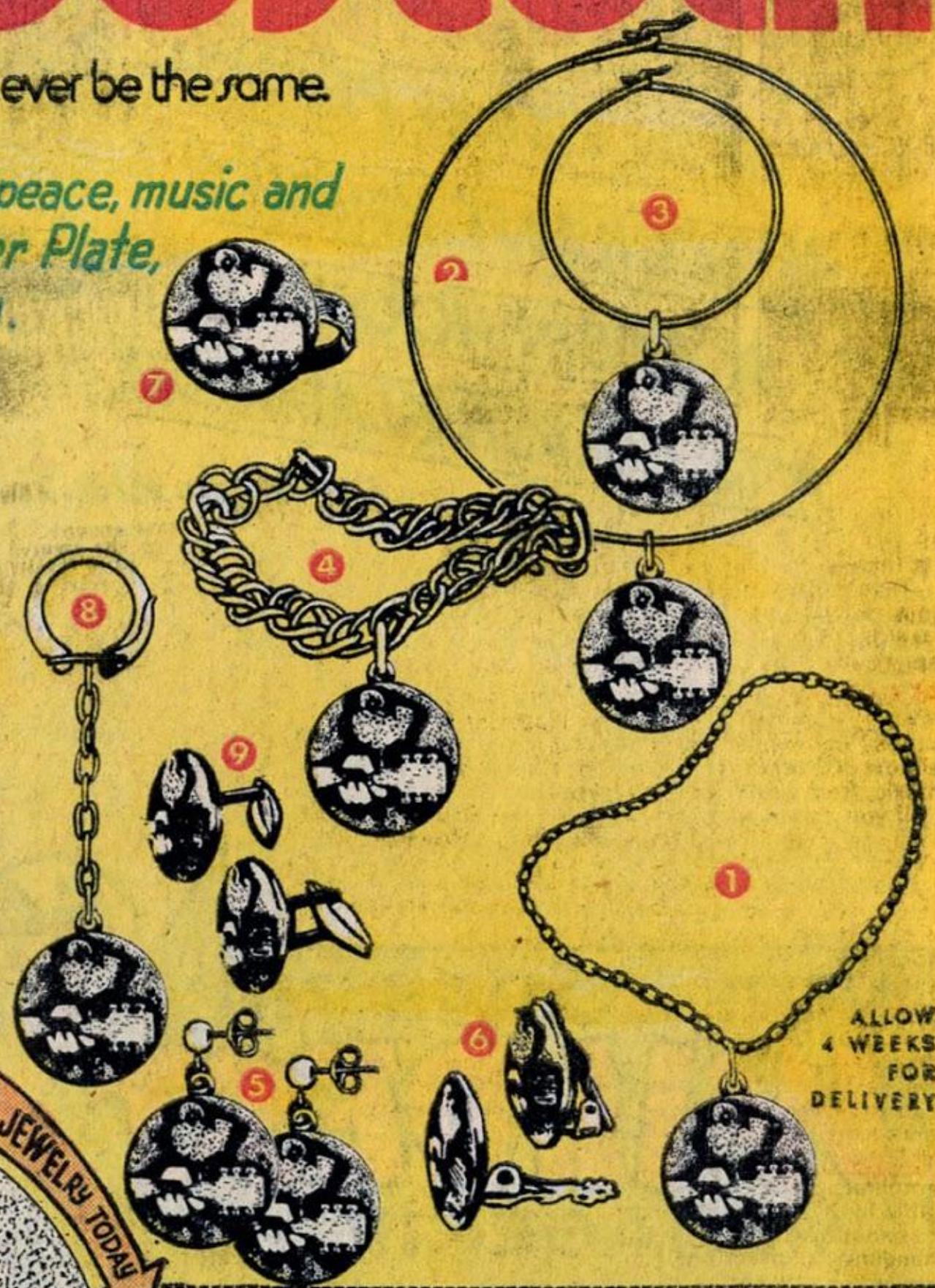
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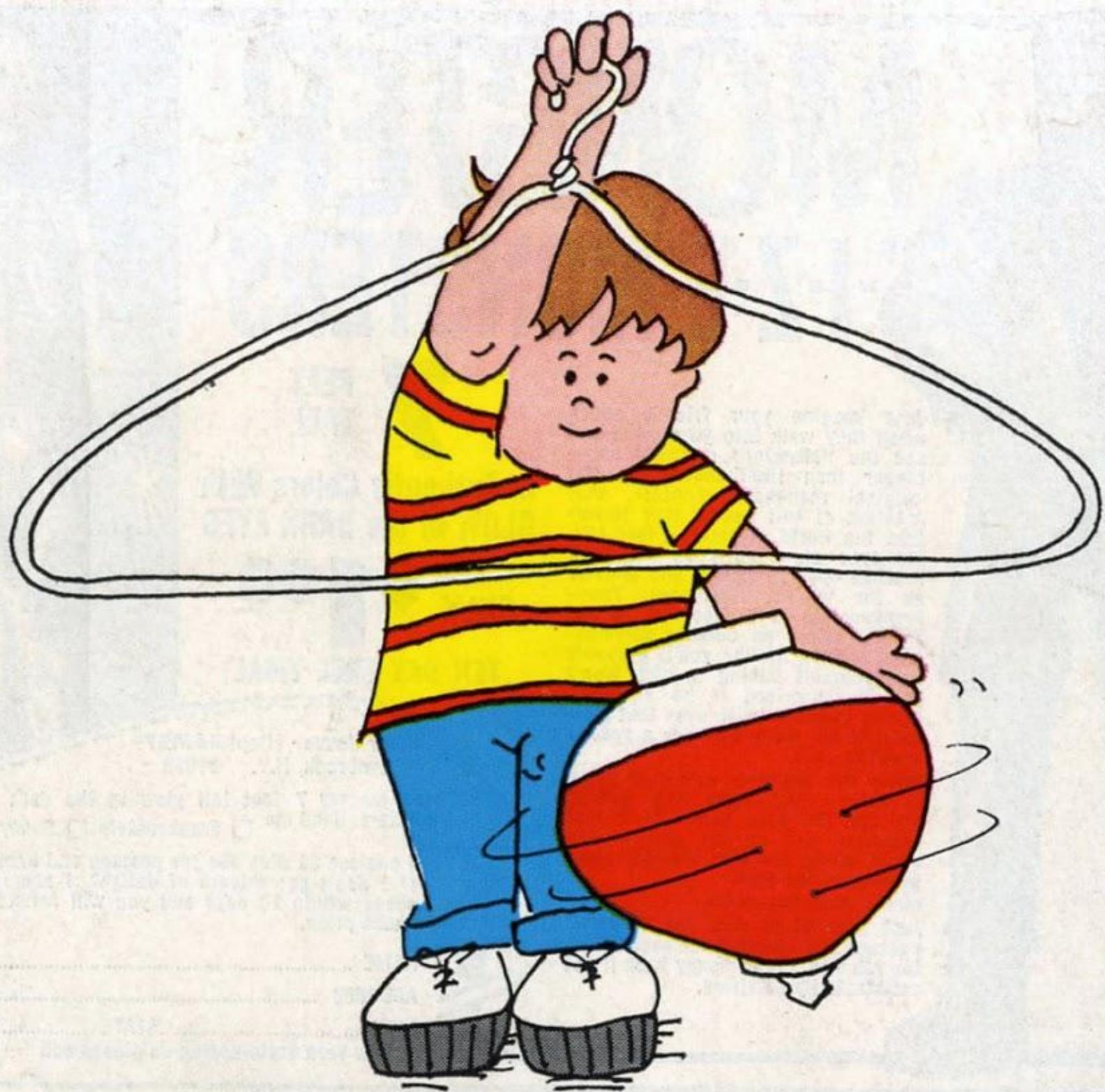
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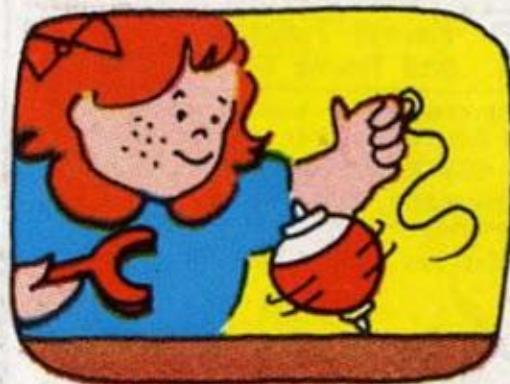
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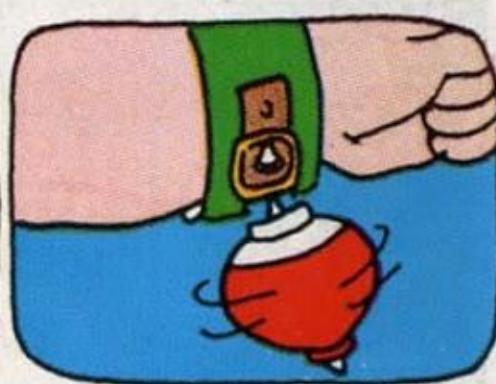
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