

BATMAN

With ROBIN The Boy Wonder

ONCE AGAIN THE PRINCE OF PANIC FRIGHTS INTO GOTHAM CITY WITH THE SPECIFIC GOAL OF HAUNTING BATMAN AND ROBIN RIGHT OUT OF THEIR CRIME-FIGHTING WITS!

THE CAPED CRUSADERS CANNOT EVEN LOOK UPON THE TYRANT OF TERROR NOW WITHOUT TREMBLING WITH FEAR! AND WHEN A HALF-DOZEN SCARECROWS LOOM BEFORE THEM, THEY SET THE STAGE FOR THE DYNAMIC DUO'S DOOM!



BOB
KANE

APPEARING LIKE A HUGE HAYSTACK AGAINST THE GRAYISH WINTER SKY, A BARN-LIKE HAYSTACK RISES IN THE FARMLAND TO THE WEST OF GOTHAM CITY...



INSIDE, WITHIN A DARK, EERIE LOFT STANDS THAT FELON OF FRIGHT-- THE SCARECROW!

I'VE FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH YOU, SCARECROW!



I'M TAKING YOU IN!

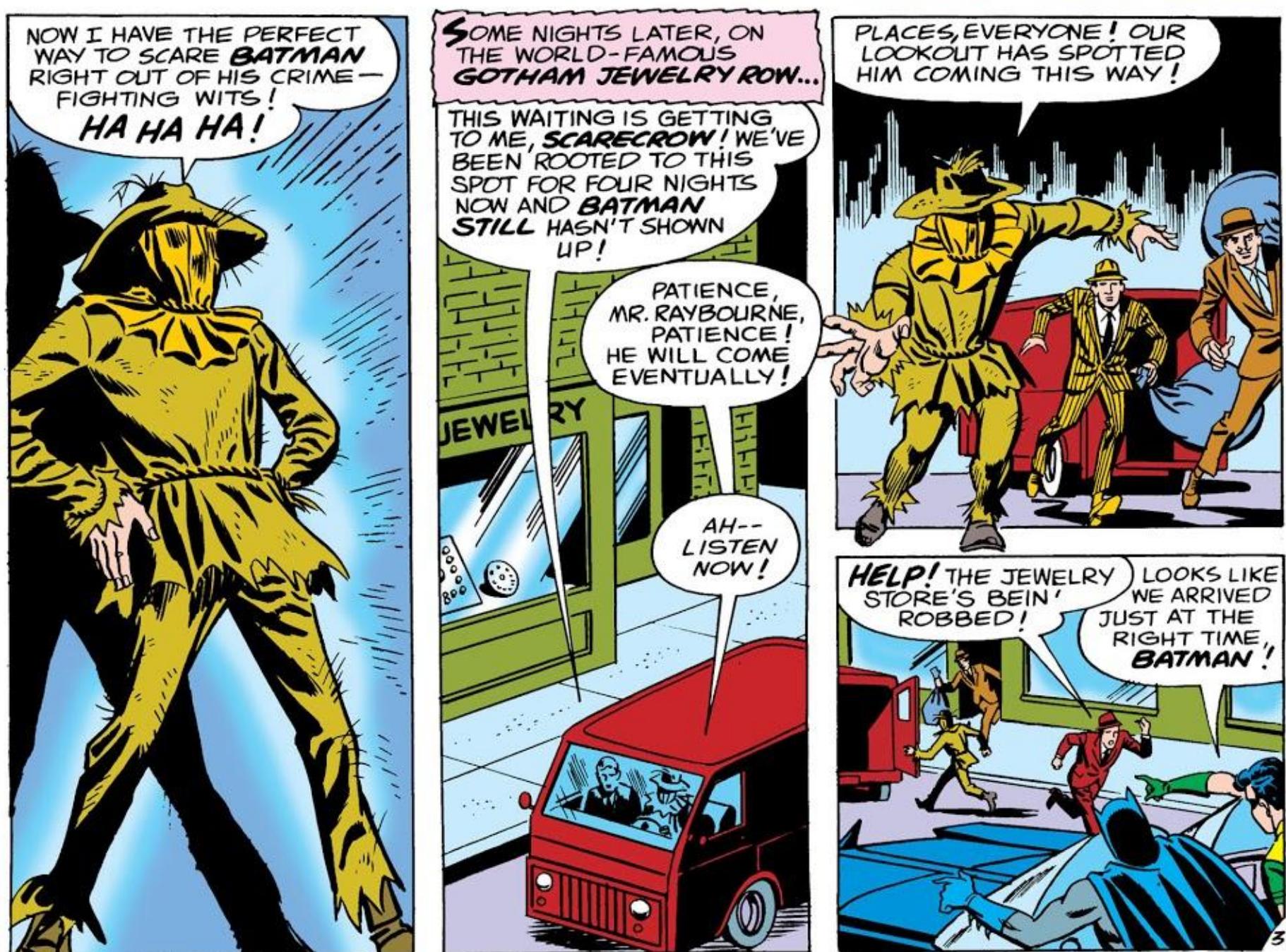
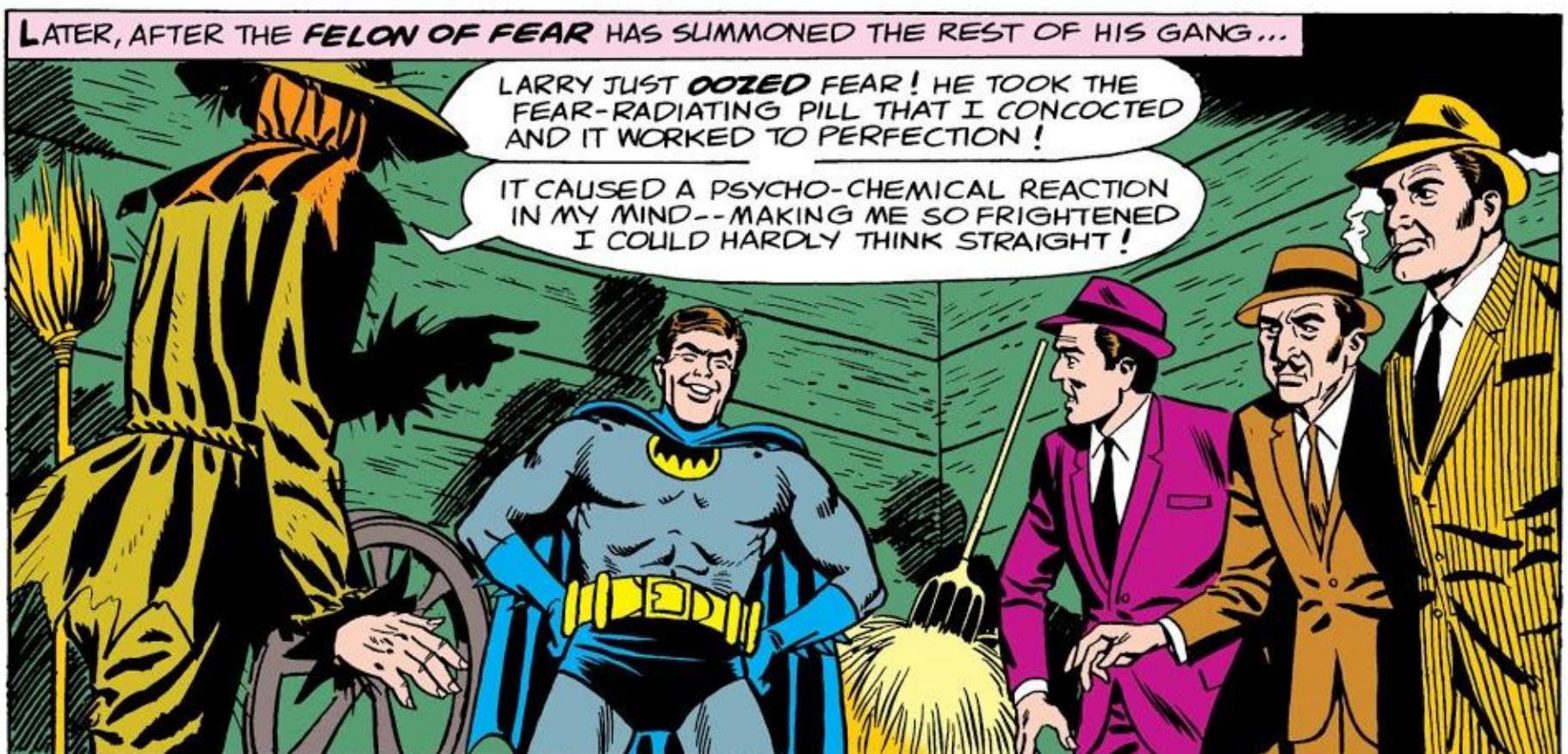


NO! NO! I--CAN'T STAND IT... ANY LONGER...



T-THERE'S ON-ONLY ONE WAY TO ST-STOP TH-THIS...





WITH FLYING FISTS AND GLIB VOICES THE DYNAMIC DUO LAUNCHES INTO COMBAT...



WHO'S AFRAID
OF Y-Y-YOU,
S-SCARECROW?

UHH--
NO!

M-MUST G-GET
AWAY FROM
H-HIM ...

AAAGHH!
GO AW--UHH!

THEY'RE OUT
COLD!
COLLAPSED
FROM
FRIGHT!
HA HA HA!

NOW'S THE TIME TO
GET RID O' BATMAN
FOREVER!

NO--
STOP!

WHY KILL HIM? BATMAN'S
SO SCARED OF ME NOW,
HE WON'T EVER BOTHER
US AGAIN!

BESIDES, I
LIKE IT MUCH
BETTER THIS
WAY--KNOW-
ING HE'S
COMPLETELY AFRAID
OF
ME!



AFTER THE **NIGHTMARE NEMESIS** HAS VANISHED INTO THE NIGHT...

G-G-GET AWAY FR-FROM M-ME, S-SC-SCARECROW!

I-IT'S OKAY, R-ROBIN-H-H-HE'S G-GONE!

WITH A WATERFALL OF SWEAT ON THEIR FACES AND QUIVERING LIMBS TO RIVAL AN EARTHQUAKE, THE DUO STUMBLERS TOWARD THE **BATMOBILE**...

W-WE B-BETTER GET B-BACK T-TO THE B-BATCAVE!

M-MY HAND--STILL SH-SHAKING!

C-CAN'T FIT THE K-KEY INTO... THE IG-IGNITION...!



AN AGONIZING HALF-HOUR LATER...

WE WERE L-LUCKY TRAFFIC WAS LIGHT! IN HIS C-CONDITION **BATMAN** C-COULD HAVE GOTTEN INTO AN ACCIDENT!

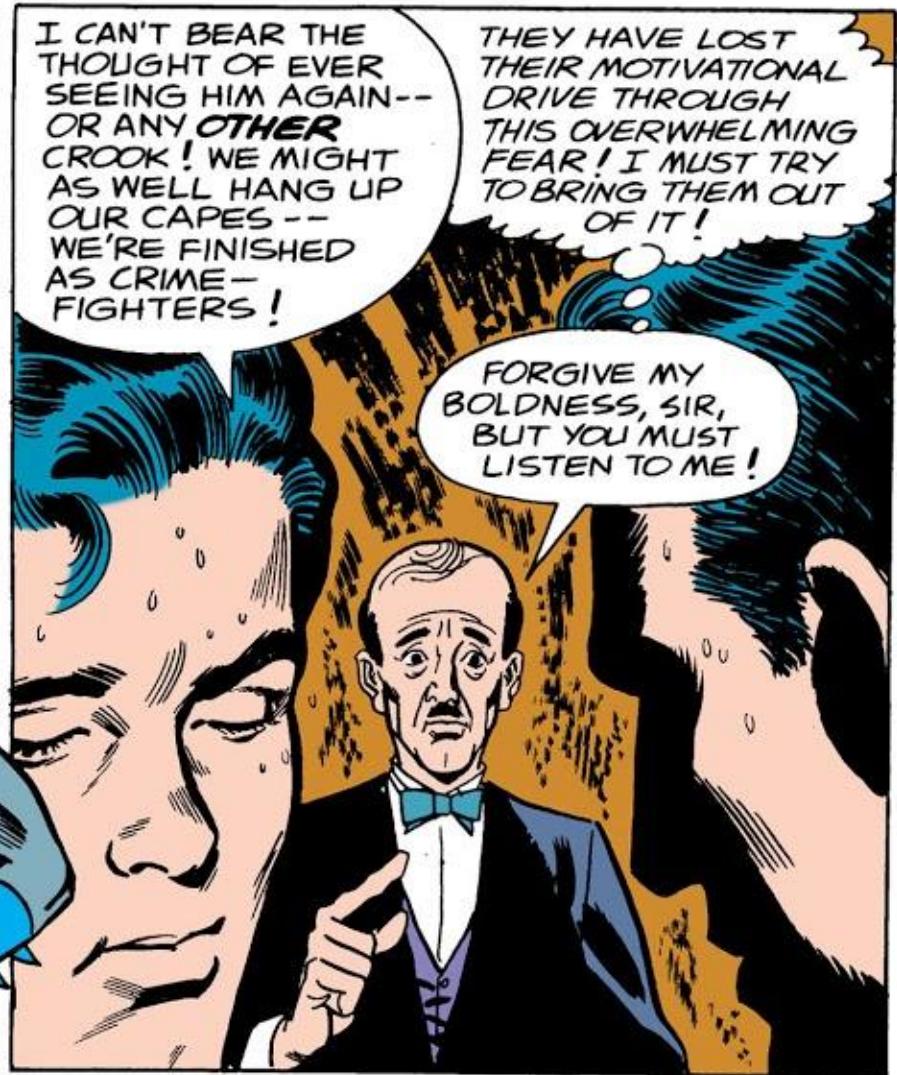
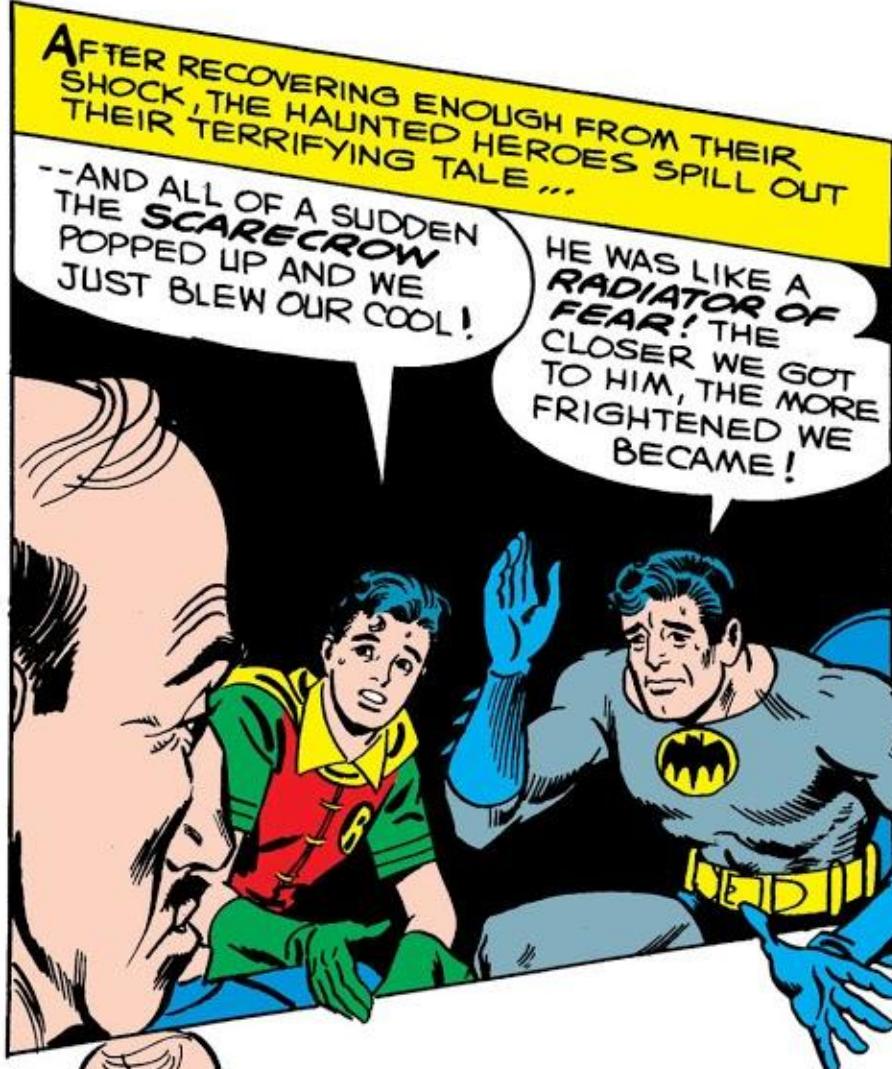


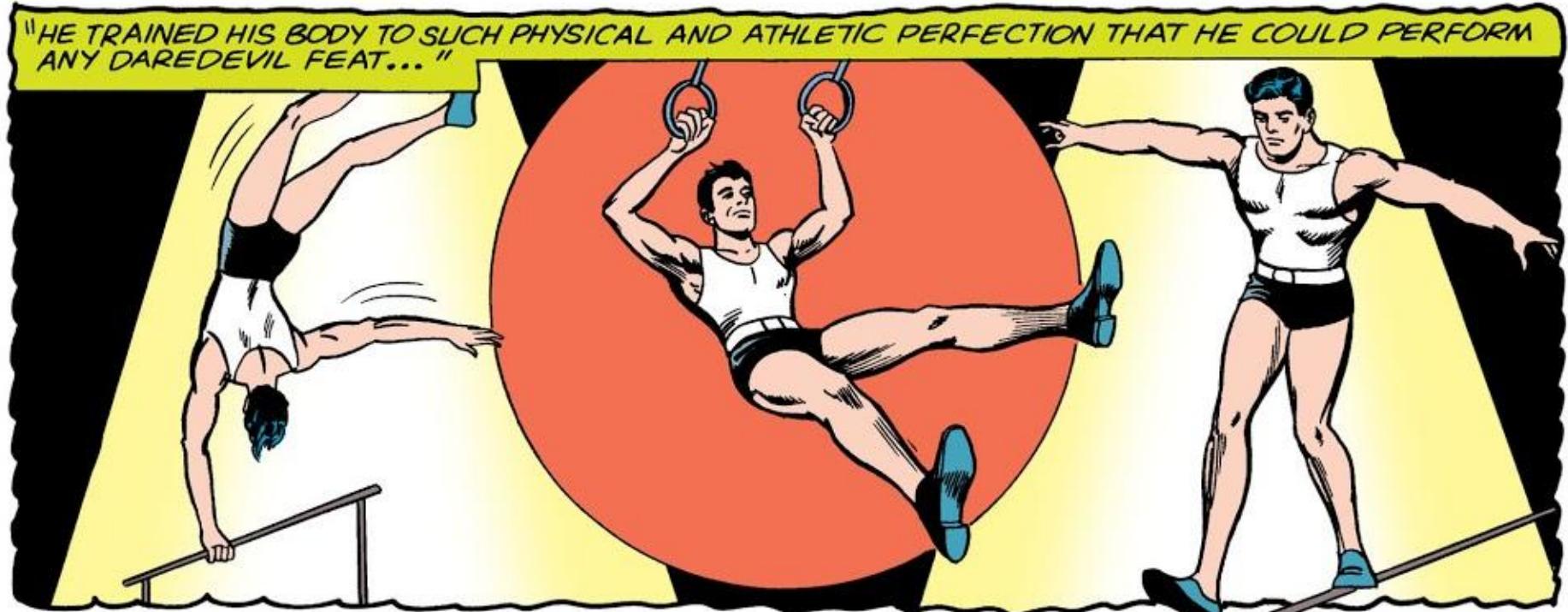
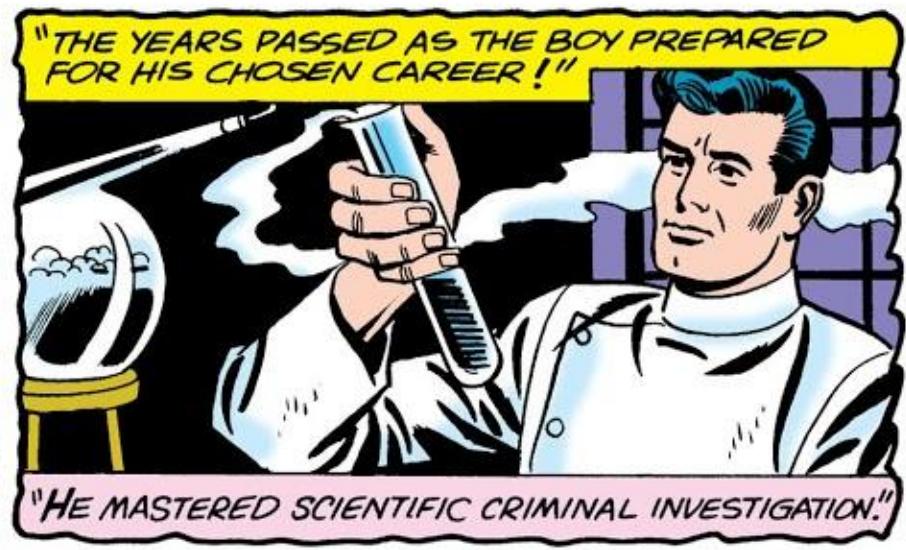
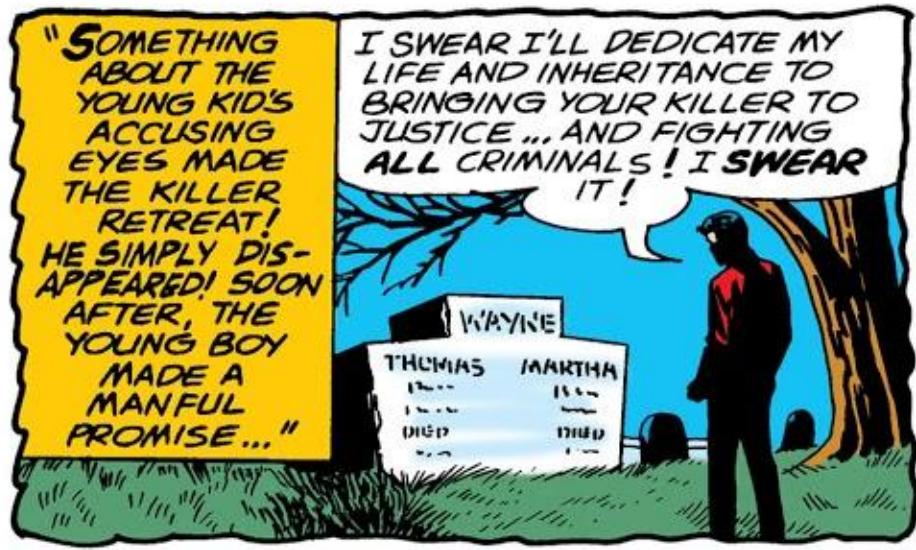
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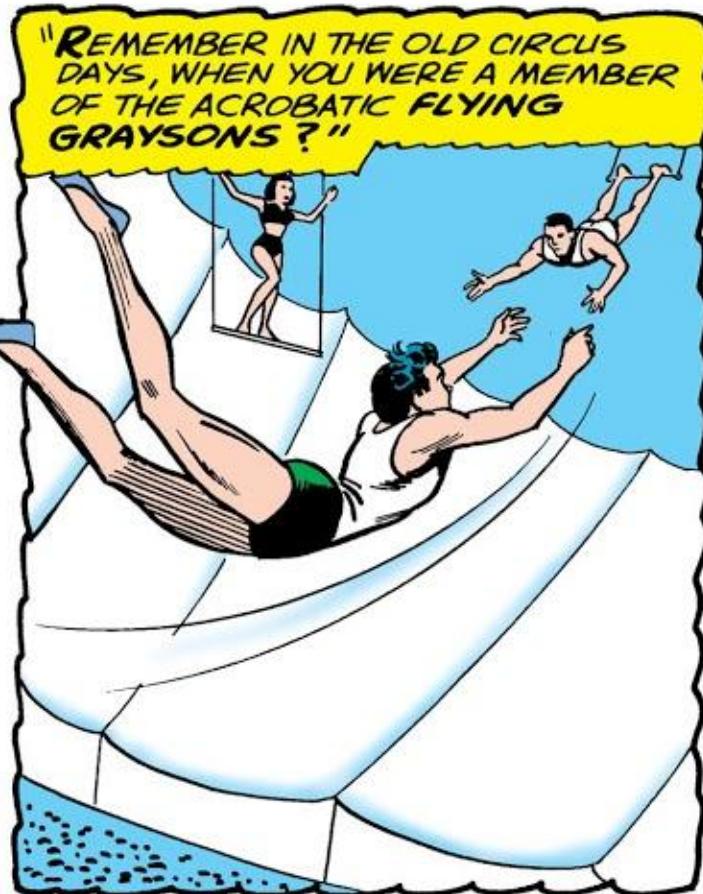
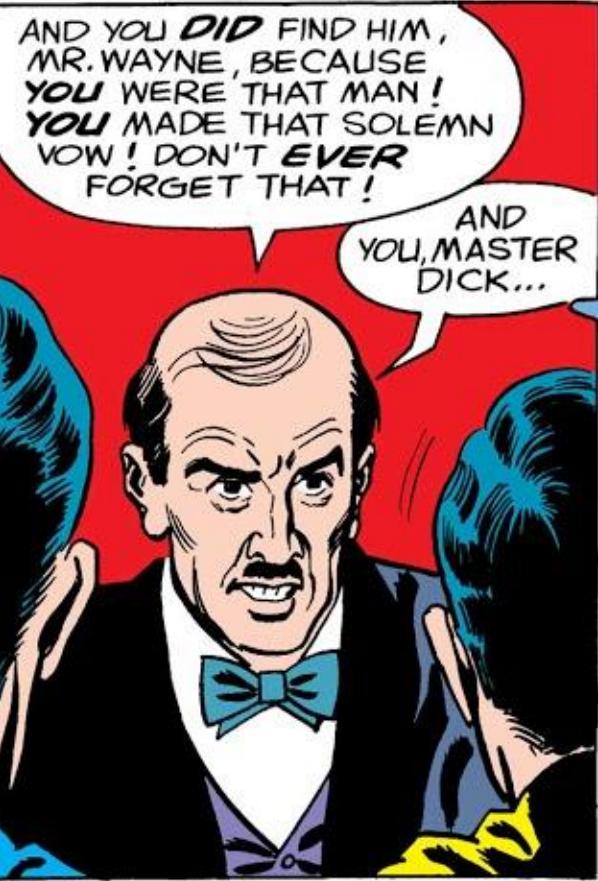
MISTER WAYNE!
MASTER DICK!
WHAT CALAMITY
HAS STRUCK YOU?

THE
S-SCARECROW...
ALFRED!

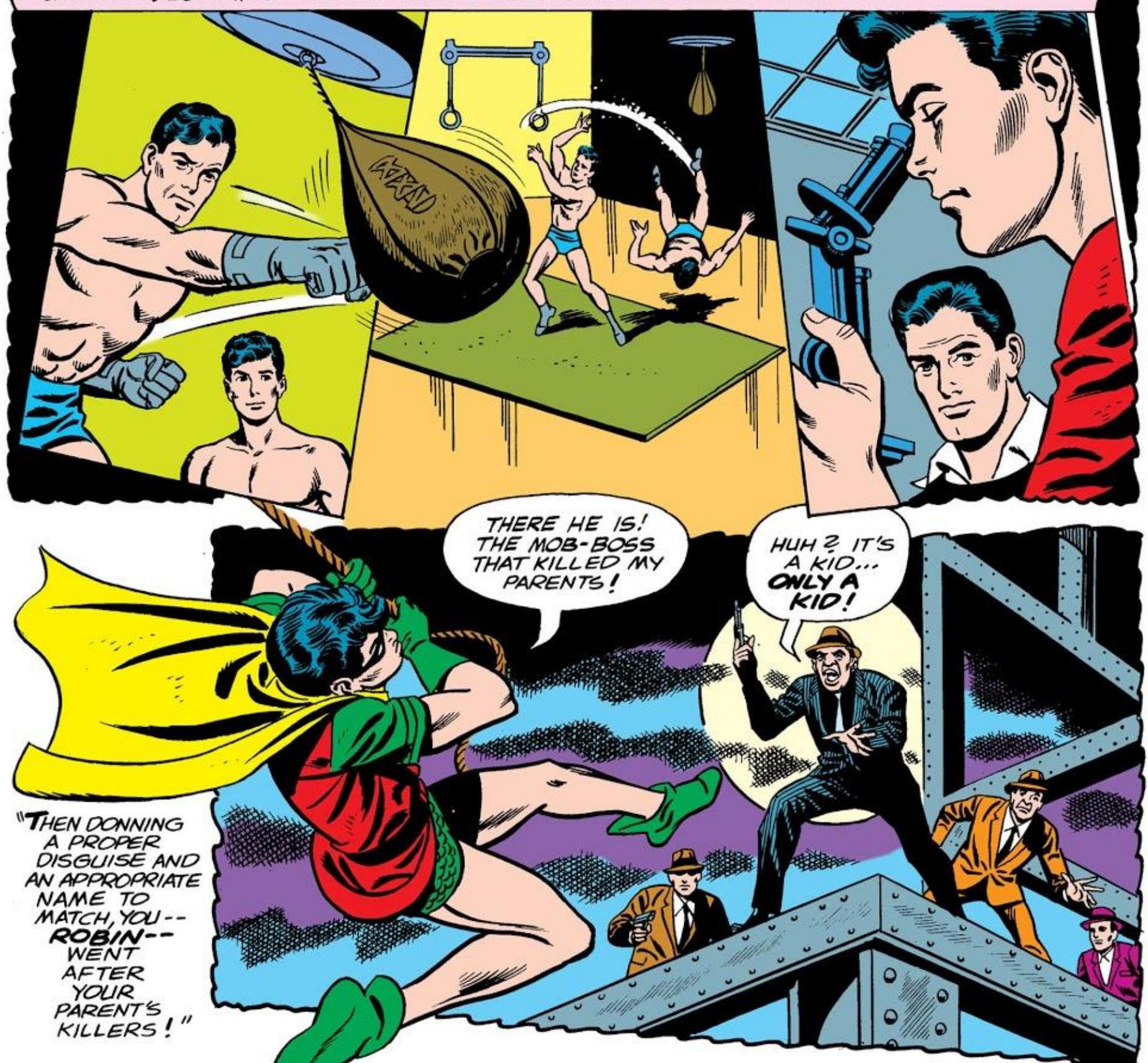








"HOWEVER, YOU PERSUASDED BATMAN TO LET YOU ASSIST HIM IN YOUR PARENTS' MURDERER'S CAPTURE! BUT FIRST YOU HAD TO GO THROUGH A TRAINING PERIOD..."



BUT YOU PROVED YOU WERE MORE THAN A "KID," MASTER DICK! EVIDENCE YOU GATHERED CONVICTED THE MOB!

AND SURELY YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOUR PLEDGE TO FIGHT CRIME AS A MEMORIAL TO YOUR PARENTS?

THEIR FACES ETCHED IN INTENSE CONCENTRATION, THE PAIR REFLECTS THE FAITHFUL BUTLER'S HEAVY WORDS...

THEN...

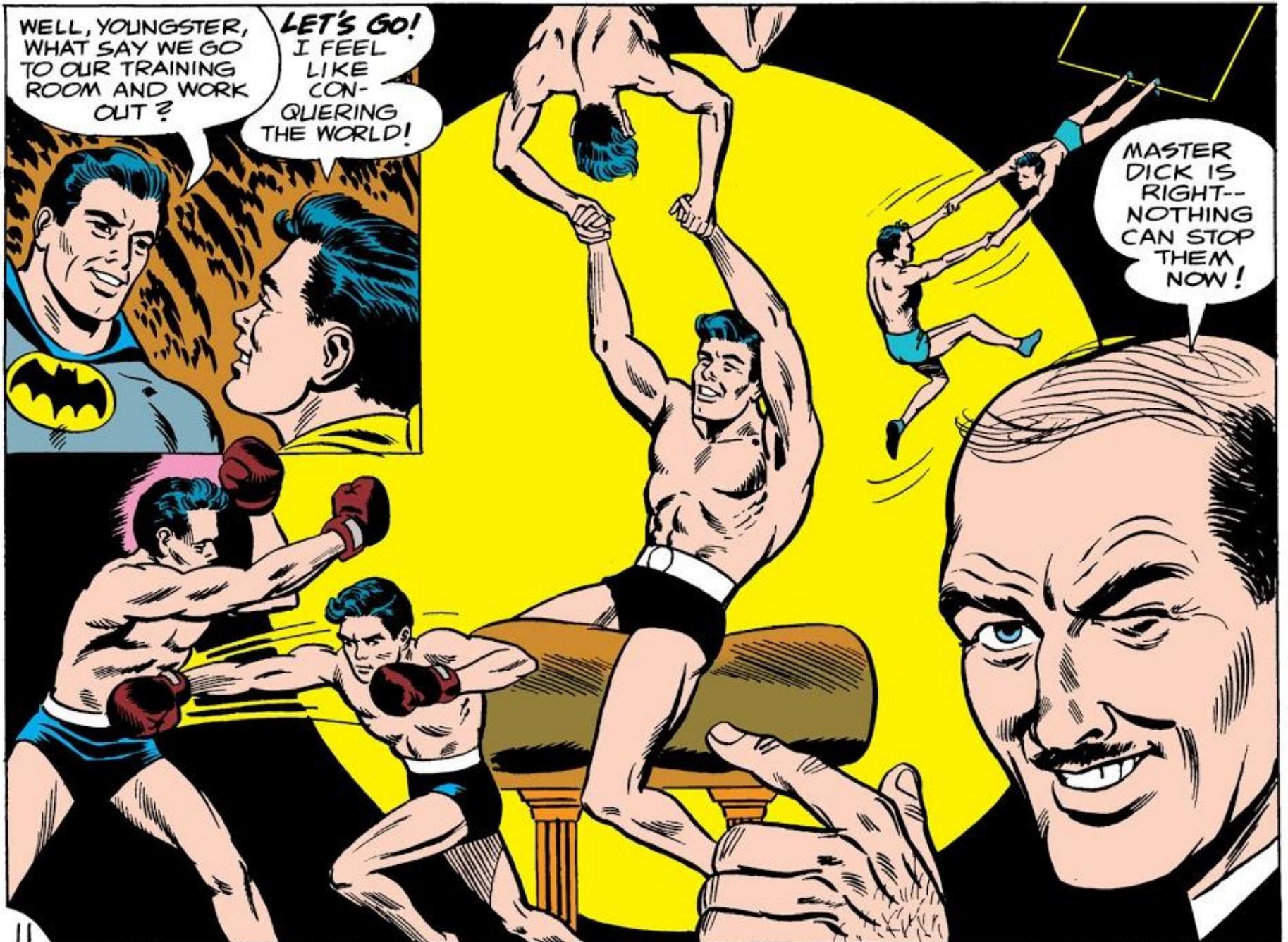
WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH, ALFRED! I GUESS WE HAD LOST SIGHT OF OUR ORIGINAL PURPOSES! WE'RE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR REMINDING US!

WE MAY BECOME AFRAID-- AGAIN-- BUT THAT WON'T STOP US NOW!

WELL, YOUNGSTER,
WHAT SAY WE GO
TO OUR TRAINING
ROOM AND WORK
OUT?

LET'S GO!
I FEEL
LIKE
CON-
QUERING
THE WORLD!

MASTER
DICK IS
RIGHT--
NOTHING CAN STOP
THEM
NOW!



WITH RENEWED VITALITY, THE CAPED CRUSADER AND TEEN TITAN DEVOTE ALL OF THEIR ENERGIES AND TALENTS TOWARD ONE OBJECTIVE: THE CAPTURE OF THE SCARECROW! ONE NIGHT, NEAR A RARE BOOK STORE ...

THE JOKER'S NOT WHOM WE'RE LOOKING FOR, BUT WE'RE NOT ONES TO PASS UP AN OPPORTUNITY...

HOW'D YOU GUESS WHERE I WOULD STRIKE? I DIDN'T LEAVE A CLUE THIS TIME!

THE JOKE'S ON YOU, JOKER! WE WEREN'T EVEN LOOKING FOR YOU!

HEY, WHAT'S THIS IN HIS HAIR?

TWO RED STRAWS! THE SCARECROW'S CALLING CARDS!

HA, HA! THE JOKE'S ON YOU-- FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF!

WONDER WHERE THE STRAWS CAME FROM-- I NEVER SAW THEM BEFORE!

LIKE BOYS CATCHING BUTTERFLIES IN THE PARK, THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS NET
KILLER MOTH IN MID-CRIME...



NEXT, THE GOTHAM GANGBUSTERS FIND THEMSELVES CHASING A CERTAIN BIRDMAN BANDIT...

WE HUNT FOR A CERTAIN BIRD... AND WIND UP WITH ANOTHER...

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FLY THE COOP THIS TIME, PENGUIN!



PSHAW - MY UNEQUALED UMBRELLA WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LEAD TO YOUR UNDOING, DYNAMIC DUO!

WATCH OUT, ROBIN! THERE'S ALWAYS DANGER WHEN PENGUIN POINTS ONE OF HIS UMBRELLAS!

BUT INSTEAD OF DANGER...

FIVE OF 'EM! THE SCARECROW AGAIN!

EGAD -- BLUE STRAWS?!



IN THE HAYSTACK HIDEOUT OF THE SCARECROW...

"BATMAN GAGS JOKER"--
"KILLER MOTH NETTED"--
"BIRDMAN CAGED"--

I THOUGHT
YOU SAID
BATMAN WOULD BE
OUT OF ACTION AFTER
YOU TOOK CARE OF
HIM, SCARECROW!

YEAH! AND HOW
COME WE'VE BEEN
COOPED UP ALL
THIS TIME? WE'RE
NOT MAKING ANY
DOUGH SITTING
HERE!

PATIENCE, MR. RAYBOURNE,
PATIENCE! APPARENTLY THEY
HAVE TRIED TO RESTORE THEIR
CONFIDENCE BY CAPTURING
OTHER CRIMINALS!

PERSONALLY, I
HAVE NO CONCERN
ABOUT CONFRONTING
THEM AGAIN--AS
SOON AS THEY
INTERPRET THOSE
CLUES I
PLANTED!

I'M BIDING MY
TIME UNTIL
BATMAN
THINKS HE CAN
FACE ME AGAIN!

BUT WE KNOW THAT
BATMAN DOESN'T
KNOW HE CAN'T
POSSIBLY FACE ME
WITHOUT COLLAPSING
FROM FRIGHT!

AND AT THE SAME TIME, IN THE BATCAVE...

THESE STRAWS ARE OBVIOUSLY
SOME CLUE FROM THE SCARECROW
TO WHERE HE'LL APPEAR NEXT!
BUT HOW DID THEY GET ON THE
JOKER, **PENGUIN**, AND
KILLER MOTH?

I WISH
I KNEW!

HMM...TWO RED
STRAWS, FOUR
WHITE ONES, AND
FIVE BLUE...

5 A.M.--AN ELITE FUR COMPANY STORE HAS UNINVITED VISITORS...

WHY'D WE COME HERE, SCARECROW,
INSTEAD OF HITTING A **BANK**
OR SOMETHING?

MINKS ARE JUST AS VALUABLE
AS MONEY--BUT MORE IMPORTANT,
BATMAN IS ALSO HERE!

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"BUNDLE UP
FOR THE WINTER--
BUY A MINK--
ONLY \$999"

"BUY A FUR COAT
FOR YOUR LOVE
ON
VALENTINE'S
DAY"

BREAKING INSIDE...

B-B-BATMAN--
HERE?!

HE'S A FOOL--
HARDY ENOUGH
HERO TO BE HERE,
ALL RIGHT!

HE MIGHT BE
OVER--THERE!

OR OVER
HERE--!

SUDDENLY LIGHT FLOODS THE STORE ...

OR UP
HERE,
SCARECROW!





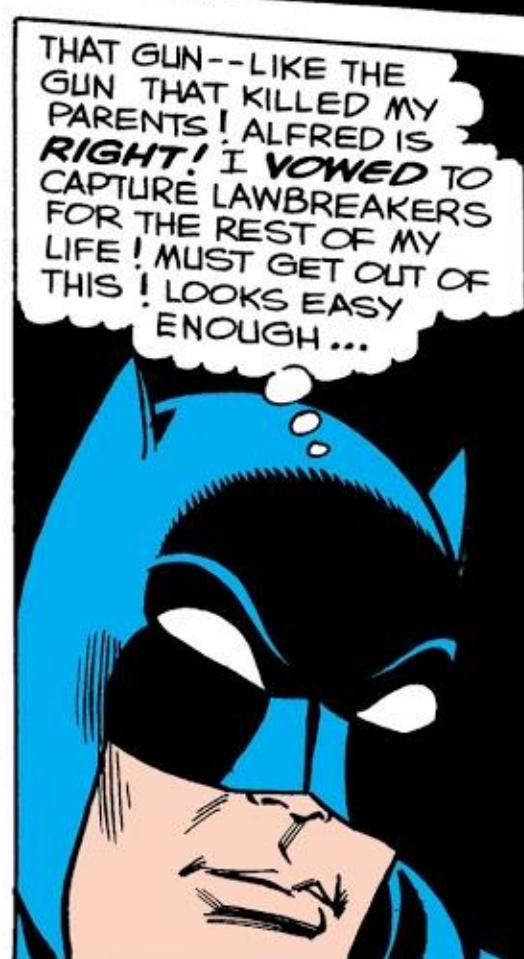
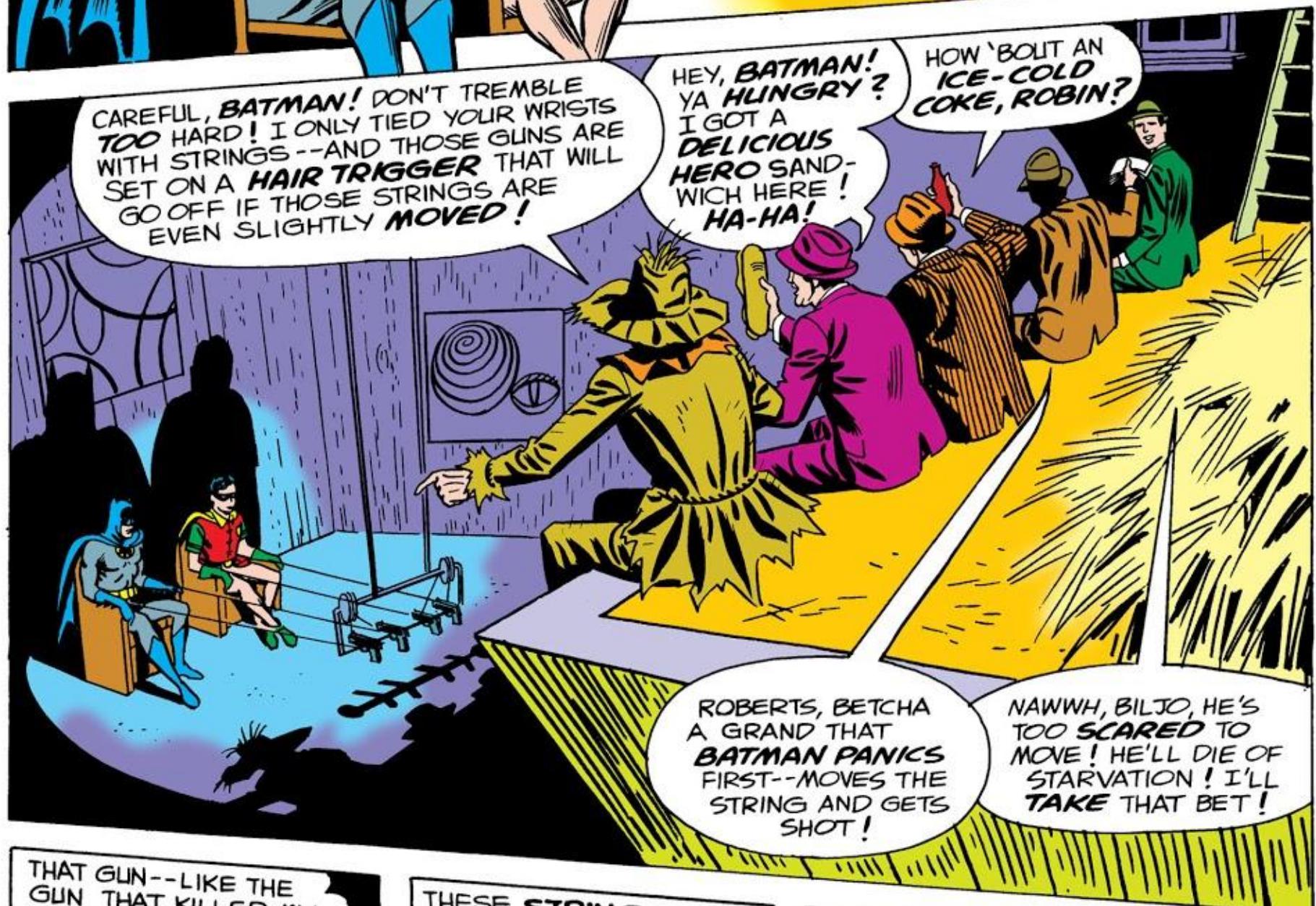
MEANWHILE, THE HARD-PRESSED SCARECROW RACES DOWN A STAIRWAY...



UNDER THE SEEMINGLY ENDLESS ONSLAUGHT OF SIX SCARECROWS, BATMAN AND ROBIN CRUMBLE LIKE PAPER DOLLS...



WHEN THE CRUSADERS COME TO--THEY FACE AN AUTOMATIC FIRING SQUAD IN THE HAYSTACK HIDEOUT...



CAREFUL NOT TO MOVE THEIR WRISTS, THE EVER-RESOURCEFUL TEAMMATES BEND FORWARD AS FAR AS THEY CAN ...

THEN, FLEXING POWERFUL LEG MUSCLES, THEY FLIP THEMSELVES OVER, SIMULTANEOUSLY SNAPPING THEIR WRIST-STRINGS ...





SOMETIME LATER, IN THE BATCAVE TROPHY ROOM...

WHAT SHALL I WRITE ON THE CRIME-FILE CARD FOR THESE STRAWS, **MASTER WAYNE**? I FAIL TO SEE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THEM!

THEY WERE THE CLUES THAT TIPPED US OFF TO THE **SCARECROW'S** FUR STORE ROBBERY!

THE **RED, WHITE, AND BLUE** COLORS SUGGESTED THE COLORS OF THE **FLAG** AND THE **NUMBERS** GAVE US THE ADDRESS --**245 FLAGG STREET!**

THEY WERE A DOUBLE CLUE! THE NUMBERS **2** AND **4** ALSO GAVE US THE **DATE, FEB. 4TH**-- WHILE THE **5** MEANT THE **TIME, 5 O'CLOCK!**

AND ONCE WE KNEW THE TIME AND PLACE--THE STAGE WAS SET TO UP-STAGE THE VILLAIN OF THE DRAMA--THE **SCARECROW!**

THE END

